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Dear Alberto Reyes,

Thank you for handling our manuscript and the invitation to resubmit it after minor revisions. We have carefully taken all comments by the two reviewers into consideration and incorporated the changes as outlined in the replies. We have also taken up your suggestion and slightly extended the discussion of evidence for past thaw vs persistence. We hope that this aligns with what you had in mind.

Please see the track-change version as well as the previous replies for the point-by-point responses and all changes made to the manuscript.

We look forward to your decision and the potential publication of our article in CP.

Kind regards,

Jan Nitzbon (on behalf of all authors)