

## Responses to Reviewer

We would like to thank the reviewers for their valuable comments and useful suggestions to improve our manuscript. Below are the responses and actions for each comment. To facilitate the identification of individual responses and actions, we have employed the following colour coding strategy. In black are the reviewer's comments. In blue are the author's responses, and in blue italic the new text added to the manuscript.

- The study only uses single years, with little discussion about why this was done or how useful it is (eg, how large is NEE interannual variability). Presumably, these flux sites have data for more years, so why was this not used?

Thank you for raising this question. We certainly need to clarify this aspect in the manuscript. The primary objective of this study is to propose a strategy for spatializing JULES parameters, given that they remain constant in the standard JULES model (they are default values for all regions in the namelist). Rather than providing the NEE for the Amazon, we intend to evaluate the effect of spatialization on the Brazilian Amazon biome. The data coverage in the LBA-ORNL dataset varies greatly across the five flux towers considered in this study. Some towers have a couple of years of intermittent valid measurements (e.g. RJA and K34), while others have several years of quality-assured data (e.g. ATTO and K67). In particular, measurements of within-canopy CO<sub>2</sub> storage were intermittent in some of the towers, and this variable is crucial for ensuring unbiased NEE estimates. Consequently, we selected a single year with high-quality data from each tower to provide similar conditions for model parameter optimization at the different flux sites. We recognize that there is interannual variability in NEE, particularly during droughts (e.g. Botia et al., 2022). To avoid the influence of atypical years on model optimization, years affected by El Niño were avoided. To clarify this point, we have rephrased a couple of sentences in section 2.1.

*"Some of these flux towers are still operational, while others have been discontinued. As such, observations from each tower are available for different periods ranging from 2001 to 2021, sometimes with intermittent measurements." For the current study, data from*

*different years were used in the JULES model calibration (see Table 1), with a complete year being selected that had the most reliable set of observations in terms of both data coverage and quality assurance. Using a single year of data for each site provided similar conditions for model parameter optimization at the different sites. To minimize the influence of atypical conditions reflected in the variability of carbon fluxes, years with extreme dryness or wetness were avoided during the model optimization process. “*

- The organisation of Section 2 is difficult to follow. It would be clearer to put JULES model description (S2.4) before JULES model inputs and ancillary data (S2.2) and JULES model forcing data (S2.3). The resulting description of the model the paper is very short (six sentences and no equations). The authors should bring some relevant information out of the SI and into the main paper. For example, the paragraph at L209 mentions several equations that should be in the main paper, particularly showing how maintenance respiration depends on canopy height, which isn't obvious from Eq 14 in the SI.

We would like to thank you for this suggestion, and we have improved section 2 accordingly. We added a description of the main JULES equations for the calculation of GPP and Reco. Also, we introduced the equation of Shinozaki (1964) describing the respiring stemwood and the relationship between canopy height and stem carbon content. We also reorganized the order of the subsections, following the reviewer's suggestion .

- The authors never mention model initialization or soil moisture spin-up: how was this done? At some points it sounds like the model was run separately for individual months (eg L270) and a full year run was made after the shorter runs (eg L459 "After... the model was run for the entire year"). If so, why was this done and how was the model initialized? The manuscript would benefit from a table describing the set-up for simulations run in this study (eg duration, forcing, parameter source).

We would like to thank you about this suggestion. Despite the relevance of the spin-up technique, in this study we did not adopt this procedure due to the computationally

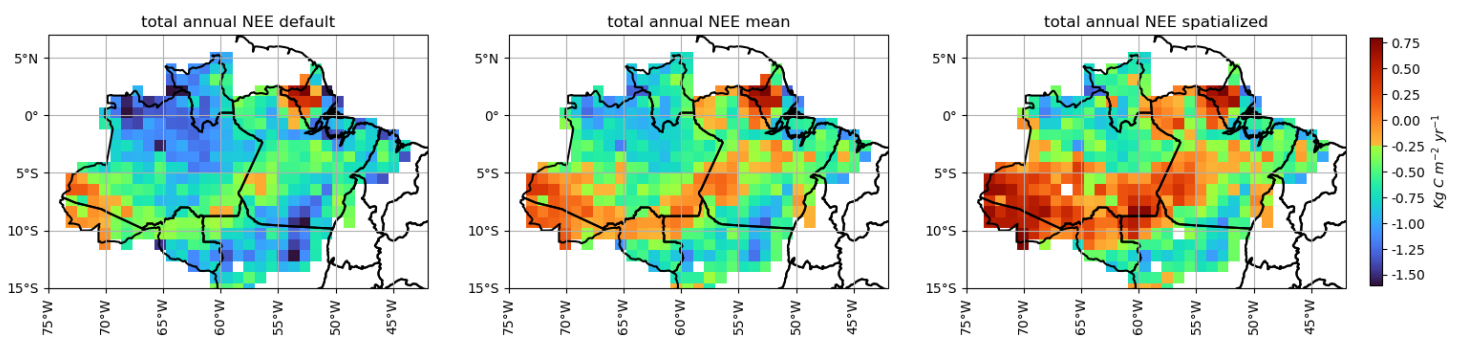
expensive and would be impractical for in the case of this study that we have hundreds of grids points. To reduce the need for spin-up, we considered the strategy adopted by Moreira et al (2013) that utilized to run JULES in the Amazon region and considered to run the model from the start to the end of the simulation period. Regarding soil moisture, we considered the EMBRAPA database (as described in the section 2.3) provided values that is near from the observed data of soil texture, this can reduce uncertainties in relation of the water balance model. In relation to the carbon pool, we not altered during the simulation, and carbon levels varied in accordance with seasonal changes throughout the year. We added the following text in the section 2.5 in JULES procedures.

*"Attaining equilibrium between carbon stocks and humidity via the soil moisture spin-up procedure was a computationally expensive process. For this study, it was difficult to implement because of the large number of grid points required to simulate the Brazilian Amazon region. To initialise the JULES simulations, we adopted the strategy employed by Moreira et al. (2013). We ran JULES from the start to the end of the simulation period. The carbon pool was not altered during the simulation, and carbon levels varied in accordance with seasonal changes throughout the year. Also, we considered the soil texture obtained in the EMBRAPA database (described in the section 2.3) as a source that closely matches with the observed data and this can reduce the uncertainties in the water balance "*

- The authors only quote the annual total NEE for the run using new parameters (-1.34 PgC/y) and not for the runs with default or mean parameters. This seems like an odd omission given that the default parameter run forms a baseline for comparison with other values (eg, TRENDY). I feel that those annual results should be reported and discussed.

We thank you for this suggestion, and we ran JULES for the entire Brazilian Amazon biome in the year of 2021 using the parameters of the default version by Harper et al (2016) and the spatial mean values of the optimized parameters proposed in this study. JULES default estimate a carbon sink of -3.08 Pg C year<sup>-1</sup>, and the version utilizing the mean of the most sensitive parameters optimized reduced the carbon sink to -2.06 Pg C year<sup>-1</sup>. This demonstrates that JULES spatialized reduced the carbon sink in the Brazilian Amazon biome in 56.49 % in relation to the default version and in 34.96 % in relation to

the mean version. Figure A shows NEE simulated using the default, mean and spatialized version of JULES. The spatialized version of JULES resulted in a greater spatial variability in NEE, mainly in areas with annual rainfall lower than 2000 mm, as in the case of the south of the Amazonas and Acre state. In these regions, JULES spatialized simulated a carbon source above  $0.75 \text{ kg C m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$  and in the mean and default version, these regions demonstrated a carbon source between 0 to  $0.25 \text{ kg C m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ . It shows that the spatialized version was able to better represent the water stress, following the approach to spatialize two parameters directly associated with hydric restriction (fd and f0).



**Figure A: NEE accumulated in  $\text{kg C m}^{-2}$  during 2021 in the Brazilian Amazon biome in default, mean and spatialized version.**

The Figure demonstrated in this letter was added separately in the supplementary materials as Figure S5.2 (default version) and Figure S5.3 (mean version). A paragraph regarding the comparison between JULES default, mean and spatialized was added in the text in the section 4.2.

*“In comparison with the annual value obtained by the mean and default versions of JULES (Harper et al., 2016), the default version obtained a carbon sink of  $-3.08 \text{ Pg C}$  per year (see Supplementary Material, Figure S5.2), while the mean version obtained a carbon sink of  $-2.06 \text{ Pg C}$  per year (see Supplementary Material, Figure S5.3). The default version of JULES presented a value similar to that obtained by FluxCom-RS (-*

3.46 Pg C per year), demonstrating that the calibration procedure adopted in this study improved the carbon simulations by JULES despite the lack of FluxCom-RS equations to simulate Reco. Another piece of evidence demonstrating the improvements made by the calibration procedure is that the mean value of the optimised parameters reduced the carbon sink in the Brazilian Amazon biome by 33.12% compared to the default value. The spatialised version of JULES reduced the carbon sink of the Brazilian Amazon biome by 56.49% compared to the default version and by 34.96% compared to the mean version, reaching a value closest to that provided by Trendy-v11 ( $-0.94 \text{ Pg C year}^{-1}$ ) by Chen et al. (2024). This reduction in the carbon sink can mainly be explained by the regions of Acre, as shown in Figures S5.2 and S5.3 for the default and mean versions, respectively. This can be considered the effect of the method of spatialising the sensitivity parameters  $f_0$  and  $f_d$ , which are directly related to water stress (Clark et al., 2011), as characterised in this region. The same aspect can explain why the spatialised version of JULES demonstrated a high carbon source in the south of the Amazonian state ( $>0.50 \text{ kg C m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ ), which the default and mean parametrizations did not capture (between 0 and  $0.25 \text{ kg C m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ ). However, it is worth noting that the state of Amapá demonstrates a carbon source in all three versions of JULES, reaching  $0.75 \text{ kg C m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ . This suggests that the height of the tree canopy in this region contributes to the carbon source.”

- I'm disappointed to see no uncertainties reported in this paper, as they are really required for comparing points estimates. For example, the authors omit the uncertainties when quoting from Chen et al (2024) and from the calculation of their headline NEE value of  $-1.34 \text{ PgC/y}$ . Similarly, I would expect to see uncertainty estimates on the fitted parameter values in Table 4.

We clearly understand your suggestion to report uncertainties in this study. Effectively, every study providing NEE for Amazonas has no reference to rely on. This is an important point that we tried to quantify during the study; however, there are no precise values, despite the few eddy-covariance stations. Even the in-situ data have disagreement compare LBA-ECO with FLUXNET, for the same station, we found disagreement,

mainly based on the way they interpolate the data, and they consider the storage flux and compute respiration. We computed NEE by using the approach of Botía et al (2022), who followed a similar approach as Restrepo-Coupe et al., assuming that nighttime NEE corresponds to nighttime Reco. The only real measurement we can rely is the in-situ station, and we adjusted the model to these variables and spatialized the JULES parameters using the Nelder-Mead method of optimization. This method does not generate uncertainties for the fitted parameters. We selected a minimum and maximum value based on physiological limits of the plant as described in the Table S4.1, and the method selected a value in this range, without demonstrating uncertainty in a confidence level. We introduce in the text a sentence clarifying this limitation in section 2.5.2.

*“Important to mention that the Nelder-Mead method does not generate uncertainties for fitted parameters at a confidence level, being limited to one value in a physiological range that will be our reference to the calibration procedure.”*

Regarding the headline value that we found ( $-1.34 \text{ Pg C year}^{-1}$ ) we do not intend to have these values as the NEE for Amazonia, because they correspond to only one year and there are uncertainties related to the adjustments and the database employed (tree height and LAI). We were not able, due to the computational resources available, to run JULES with uncertainties to provide this sensitive test. However, we have the simulation using the default JULES mode, and the average values of the new parameters to compare with the main simulation. We have added this discussion to the text in section 4.2.

*“The result of  $-1.34 \text{ Pg C per year}$  can be analysed as the result of the spatialisation procedure for 2021 and cannot be considered the absolute value of net ecosystem exchange for the Amazon. The uncertainties of this value can be evaluated by comparing it with the default estimation for the same year, which provides a much larger value. Calculating the Amazon net ecosystem exchange requires the use of different years (El Niño and La Niña years), a more precise ancillary database, and, of course, more eddy covariance stations covering different Brazilian Amazon biomes.”*

- Data and code availability: the results here depend on many JULES input options that it would not make sense to report in the manuscript, but which should be made

available to readers. The minimum I expect these days is for the input namelist files to be made available to readers via Zenodo or similar.

Thank you for the suggestion, we introduced the dataset covering all simulations described and JULES namelists at this link:

[http://ftp.lfa.if.usp.br/ftp/public/LFA\\_Processed\\_Data/articles\\_database/Prudente\\_2025/](http://ftp.lfa.if.usp.br/ftp/public/LFA_Processed_Data/articles_database/Prudente_2025/).

Also we added a new sentence in the Data and code availability section.

*“The dataset covering all simulations described in this report is available at this link:[http://ftp.lfa.if.usp.br/ftp/public/LFA\\_Processed\\_Data/articles\\_database/Prudente\\_2025/](http://ftp.lfa.if.usp.br/ftp/public/LFA_Processed_Data/articles_database/Prudente_2025/). “*

- Generally, the manuscript needs more work for clarity and readability, and typographical mistakes need fixing, particularly in the SI (eg, PFT changes to LFT, changing signs on NEE values, Sitch et al 2022 should be 2024).

We would like to thank you for this suggestion, and we corrected some typographical mistakes in the new version as well as the comments of the other comments.

#### Other comments

- L58 "The model includes up to nine land cover types containing five PFTs". JULES can have any number of tiles/PFTs, but common configurations are five PFTs (HadGEM3), nine PFTs (Harper et al 2016), or 13 PFTs (UKESM1). This line is also inconsistent with the model description in S2.4 (L165) that mentions nine PFTs being used in this study.

Thank you for the suggestion, the version that we utilized to simulate NEE using JULES was v.7.0, in this version has 9 PFTs and 4 non PFT. We introduced in the lines 58- 60 this consideration regarding configurations of PFT in JULES.

*“The model includes different configurations of plant functional types (PFT): five PFTs (HadGEM3, Clark et al., 2012), nine PFTs (Harper et al 2016), or 13 PFTs (UKESM1, Harper et al., 2018)”*

- L97: "The tower K83 was used...". Only later in the paper (L266) is it mentioned that K38 was chosen "at random". The reason for choosing K83 should be mentioned here in the methods S2.1.

Thank you for the suggestion, and we replaced the criteria to select the K83 tower as independent for validation in the section of study area 2.1.

*“The tower K83 was used as an independent tower to validate the models for the spatialization developed in this study. Tower K83 was left out, for means of validation.”*

- Table 3: Four of the sites have  $sm_{crit} > sm_{sat}$ , which is very unusual and possibly inconsistent with other model assumptions. With JULES  $sm_{crit}$  and  $sm_{wilt}$  are usually diagnosed at standard hydraulic pressures (-33 and -1500 kPa respectively) from  $sathh, b, sm_{sat}$  and the hydraulic equation being used. Could the authors explain this apparent discrepancy?

Thank you for this observation, and in fact there is a discrepancy between  $sm_{wilt}$  and  $sm_{crit}$  and others errors. This was a typing error but the values retracting the edaphological data used for simulations in JULES was provided in the new version of Table 3.

- L137: Why did the authors choose to resample from 0.25 to 1.0 degree? The former is a common resolution of land surface modelling (eg ISIMIP) and is inexpensive to compute for a limited region for single years.

We worked with data at various resolutions, including ERA5 at 0.25°, MapBiomass land use data at 30 meters, and ERA5 Land data at 0.1°. One important aspect is that our simulations was made for all Brazilian Amazon biome and this procedure serves to provide the downscale of WRF-GHG with CMIP (Coupled Model Intercomparison Project) data



in the resolution of  $1 \times 1^\circ$ . In view of the future use of this method and the computational limitations to run throughout the Brazilian Amazon biome, we selected this resolution. In view of clarification, we introduce a sentence explaining the resolution of  $0.1^\circ$  in the section 2.4

*“This resolution was proposed in view of the computational limitations to run JULES for the Brazilian Amazon biome. ”*

- L148: "...used to assign a PFT for each model grid...": This description isn't clear. I think from reading later in the paper that the LAI values were simply assigned to the BET-Tr PFT

We utilized the Mapbiomas data as reference to represent the land use in each grid. The question regarding the spatialized method for sensitivity parameters of JULES was used only for Broadleaf Evergreen Tropical Trees (BET-TR) taking into account that the regression models was based only in areas with 100 % of Tropical Trees. However, in areas with agricultural crops or others land use types, we utilized the parameters of Harper et al., (2016). We rephrase the sentence in the section 2.4.

*“MapBiomas data was the reference to run JULES for each PFT represented in each grid (refer to supplementary material, Section 3.1, Table S3.1). All data was resampled to the  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  resolution and utilized in different versions of models approached in this study, as described in Section 2.5.3 “*

- L183: "...fixed with the default values": The default values for the 21 parameter used in the sensitivity analysis should be reported.

We would like to thank you for this suggestion and we introduced a plot describing the NEE simulated in the ATTO tower during the year of 2018 using the parameters of Harper et al., (2016). The plot is in the supplementary material as Figure S2.2 and described in the section 2.5.1.

*“ydefault is the daily value simulated using the default version of JULES default (Figure S2.2)”*

- L185: "Grub's test": Isn't Grubb's test (note the spelling) used to detect outliers from random errors, such as spurious observations? A model doesn't have random errors, so the authors should describe what conditions they are attempting to catch with this test.

We deeply appreciate the notice regarding the misspelling of Grubbs's test and the reference (Grubbs, 1969). Your keen eye for detail is invaluable to us. We will incorporate these corrections in the revised version of the text, ensuring the accuracy and credibility of our work. The  $\Delta var$  (%) values include the expression  $(y_{default\_i})^2$  in the denominator of a fraction. When these values are close to zero,  $\Delta var$  (%) can reach significantly higher magnitudes than the other values, leading to a loss of meaning at this point. To address this issue, we utilized Grubbs's test to identify and exclude these spurious data from our sets of  $\Delta var$  (%) values. In view of clarification in the text, we added to the text in the section 2.5.1.

*“ $\Delta var$  is computed as the sum of the square difference divided by the square root of the number of days analyzed which can generate spurious values with significantly higher magnitudes. To mitigate the impact of these spurious values, we treated them as outliers and applied the Grubbs' test (Grubbs, 1969) with a significance level of 95%, removing days with NEE considered outliers based on the absolute difference between maximum and minimum disturbed values, divided by the NEE before optimization (Harper et al., 2016)”*

- L193: Eq 1 for MAD: This is not the common definition of mean absolute deviation, which is  $SUM(ABS(y_{max\_i} - y_{min\_i}))/N$ . The equation that's written describes a "mean root sum of square deviation", so it's not the RMSD either. Is there a typo in this equation?

We would like to thank for this observation and we replaced the mean absolute deviation to mean root sum of square deviation during the section 2.5.1 also in the Table S2.2 in the Supplementary materials.

*“ NEE calculations was quantified using the mean root sum of square deviation (RMSD,  $g\ C\ m^{-2}\ day^{-1}$ ) (Equation 13)”*

- L211: "...high sensitivity of NEE": Another reason for the sensitivity could be because the roughness length is also linearly related to canopy height, which will affect the carbon fluxes. Can the authors rule out this as a significant factor in the sensitivity?

In fact, besides the Maintenance Respiration is calculated by JULES using canopy height, the roughness length can also explain the high sensitivity of NEE for canopy height. Best et al., (2011) described that JULES calculates the roughness length for momentum based on the canopy height and rate of change of roughness length with vegetation canopy height which is one parameter of JULES that varies for different plant function type and land use. The effect of roughness length in carbon fluxes can be explained by the mechanical turbulence and the capacity to enhance the mixing of air and to facilitate the transfer of gases, including CO<sub>2</sub>, between the land and the atmosphere (Khanna and Medvigy, 2014). We introduced this aspect in the section 2.5.1.

*“Another relevant aspect that explain the high sensitivity of Canht is the linear relation with roughness length (Best et al., 2011), which is important for carbon fluxes estimative by the mechanical turbulence and the capacity to enhance the mixing of air and to facilitate the transfer of gases, including CO<sub>2</sub>, between the land and the atmosphere (Khanna and Medvigy, 2014)”*

- L277: "C4 grass... canopy height": This is a confusing detail to include as no other information about C4 grass is included, and it makes it sound like the authors used the grass height to derive parameters from Eq 5, which I understand was only used for the BET-Tr PFT. Could the authors clarify?

We fixed the canopy height for C<sub>4</sub> grass in 15 cm due to the value utilized in the default version for grassland is 1.26 m and for C<sub>3</sub> grass is 0.76 (Harper et al., 2016). If we simulate JULES using these values canopy height, the carbon sink should be overestimated as the high biomass that these crops would be able to accumulate. Taking into account that

Brazilian pasture in the arc of deforestation is widely used for cattle feed, the value utilized for farmers of cattle entrance in the grassland of *Urochloa Brizantha* cv Marandu is 15 cm.

*“This is necessary in view of avoid overestimative in the carbon sink in this region taking into account that is a option to maintain the grassland in a height typical for the cattle farms of this region”*

- L326: "...not captured by none...": Accidental double negative?

We would like to thank you for this observation and replaced this sentence to *“The seasonality of the carbon fluxes was better represented by JULES optimized utilizing the Nelder-Mead method (Figure 3).*

- L359-367: Is the comparison with C4 grasses in this paragraph relevant to the parameterization fits that are specifically for BET-Tr trees? The fits are over tree heights between 27 and 36 m, so extrapolating down to a different vegetation class with heights of 0.15 m seems to me a poor comparison and not very meaningful.

We recognize this limitation, however, it is important to mention that we have a limited number of Eddy-Covariance available in the Brazilian Amazon biome which that was not found a specific tower to measure C4 pasture in the deforestation arc. The extrapolation to other plant functional type was an alternative to understand the dynamic of JULES main sensitive parameters and a comparison with other studies using JULES for different plant functional type was our reference to validate the vegetation property selected for the regression model. Other strategy was to evaluate the highest  $R^2$  which means that had a linear relation with Canopy Height or LAI. Despite the Canopy height present a low value of  $R^2$  for alpha, the histogram presented in the Figure 4 showed that the range of simulation of this parameter in the deforestation arc is in line that observed by Skillman (2008) (0.05 – 0.06 mol<sup>1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> for Tropical Trees), which gave some confidence to spatialize this parameter. We introduced this topic in the section 3.2.

*“We recognise that these regression models are limited in their ability to represent alpha estimators, despite the values obtained for the Brazilian Amazon biome being in line with those of Skilman (2008).*

- Table 5 and Figure 5: I note that the K83 parameter values are similar to the default values from Table 4 (possibly with the exception of alpha). Presumably that means most of the improvement at K83 in Figure 5 is because of the canopy height value directly, which was prescribed from satellite data. Could the authors elaborate on how much of the model improvement was because of the parameters in Table 5 rather than the prescribed values of canopy height and LAI?

We need to clarify that the canopy height in the tower K83 is the same that was utilized in the spatialized version, taking into account that LAI and Canopy Height were two parameters that was not presented in the regression models because they were collected directly from Global Forest Canopy dataset and ERA 5. Our intention with the validation tower was to test the regressions models developed for four parameters that were estimated with this methodology. In view of clarifying this aspect, we introduced that Canopy Height and LAI values were the same utilized in the Default, Spatialized and VPRM model in the final of the section 2.4.

*“All data was resampled to the  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  resolution and utilized in different versions of models approached in this study, as described in Section 2.5.3”*

- L418: "Table 2": Presumably the authors mean different table?

We would like to thank you for this observation and replaced “Table 2” to “Table 4”.

- L470: Figure 8: Couldn't " $10^{-12}$  Pg C" be simplified to "kg C"? I understand the wish to keep it consistent with other uses of Pg C in the paper, but those are usually area totals, which are not easily compared with these per unit area values anyway.

We would like to thank you for this observation and replaced the unit  $\text{Pg C m}^{-2}$  to  $\text{Kg C m}^{-2}$  in the Figure 8.

- L492: "...water stress and nitrogen...": Perhaps more importantly, JULES accounts for factors such as radiation and humidity, which are strongly connected with the alpha and  $f_0$  parameters, respectively, that the authors show are influential. Could the authors comment on this aspect too?

We would like to thank you for this suggestion and we introduced a sentence about this aspect in the section 4.1. In fact, the aspect that Reco estimate by JULES has more complexity in view of equations that takes into account water stress and nitrogen, the GPP and Reco also performed better than the JULES default version because we spatialized alpha and  $f_0$  parameters which improved GPP and Reco simulations. The description added in the section 4.1. is described:

*"In contrast, JULES estimate GPP and Reco with more sophisticate equations that account for factors such as water stress, nitrogen content in different plant components (Best et al., 2011; Clark et al., 2011) also utilizing equations that can define the energy utilized for photosynthesis as the light-limited rate (equation 3) and the leaf concentration of  $\text{CO}_2$  based on the leaf humidity deficit (equation 5) including in this aspect two sensitivity parameters: alpha and  $f_0$ , that were modified in the spatialized version and can explain the best performance comparing the default version and VPRM model."*

- L508: "-0.205  $\text{Pg C m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ": This should be kg rather than Pg. Also, isn't it unsurprising that the mean NEE for a region (from Lian et al) lies roughly in the middle of the range of extremes of spatially resolved values from this study?

We would like to thank you about this observation and we replaced  $-0.205 \text{ Pg C m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$  to  $-0.205 \text{ kg C m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ . Regarding the question about the mean NEE found in the study of Lian et al (2023) confirms that the range of values that JULES spatialized generate can be approximated to the mean value observed by Lian et al (2023), however, the study realized by the authors did not spatialized to verify zones of sink or source of carbon as our methodology proposed. Due to this fact, the value observed by Lian et al(2013) serves as reference for our

range in JULES spatialized. We introduced a sentence describing this aspect on the section 4.2.

*“The spatialized JULES generated values of NEE between 0.75 and -1.25 Kg C m<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>. This range is according to the observed by Lian et al. (2023), which estimated an average value of NEE in the South America Forest of -0.205 Kg C m<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> using a Random Forest Model applied in a global system. In view of the spatialization procedure adopted in this study, the mean value obtained by Lian et al (2023) in the Amazon biome serves as a appropriated reference for our range spatialized. “*

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