

Suggestions for revision or reasons for rejection (will be published if the paper is accepted for final publication)

I find the manuscript improved in the second round of submission. However, there are still major revisions necessary. But the only new analysis that I suggest is a supplementary table or figure showing changes in major ozone precursor emissions throughout the time period analyzed. The other major revisions I suggest involve word-choice, organization, and clarity of the manuscript, which I think need substantial improvement before publication. I would like to see more discussion of the calibration of the ozone damage parameterization discussed and model evaluation of the high vs. low ozone sensitivity simulations in the main text (especially in regards to the implications of the model evaluation for the investigation here), as they are central to the novelty of the study and thus its findings. I also think the authors need to describe supplemental material and findings in the main text; not only refer the readers to them without context.

We would like to thank the reviewer for their detailed reading of the manuscript and suggestions for edits to improve the manuscript. We hope that the reviewer will find the manuscript much improved again. We have provided the additional figure in the SI (figure S5) showing the trend in precursor emissions of CH₄, NO_x, NMVOC and Isoprene from 1900 to 2050 over Europe. The remaining revisions were largely to do with word-choice, organisation and clarity, and we hope we have sufficiently improved this. We have moved a lot of information from the SI to the main text to help with clarity, and to ensure some of the key points, such as the model evaluation, are discussed in the main text instead of the SI. We address the comments line by line below.

To help readers, I encourage the authors to name their sensitivity simulations and refer to their sensitivity simulations by these names, as opposed to saying things like "the CO₂ only run", or "O₃ and CO₂ simulations", "varying CO₂ and O₃ together", as these phrases are rather ambiguous.

We have hopefully clarified this. We call our simulations O₃, CO₂ and CO₂+O₃ and we now refer to our simulations using these names.

Line by line comments:

Line 31: I disagree that the "impact of the gas on European vegetation and the land carbon sink is largely unknown" - the authors show in their discussion of the literature that there is a substantial amount of work on this. I urge the authors to motivate their work in a way that complements the previous work.

We have removed this sentence and replaced it with the following to clarify the motivation behind our work and its novelty (Lines 33 to 40):

"Studying the impact of O₃ on European vegetation at the regional scale is important for gaining greater understanding of the impact of O₃ on the land carbon sink at large spatial scales. In this work we take a regional approach and update the JULES land-surface model using new measurements specifically for European vegetation. Given the importance of stomatal conductance in determining the flux of O₃ into plants, we implement an alternative stomatal closure parameterization and account for diurnal variations in O₃ concentration in our simulations. We conduct our analysis specifically for the European region to quantify the impact of tropospheric O₃, and its interaction with CO₂, on gross primary productivity (GPP) and land carbon storage across Europe."

Line 35: I don't think the authors can call their new stomatal conductance parameterization "an improved" one. I would suggest finding another way to describe it.

We have changed this to describe it as the following (Line 37):

"an alternative stomatal closure parameterization".

Line 41: Where is this discussed in the paper?

We have removed this sentence.

Line 82: Please cite papers showing that ozone damage is "key" take into account

We have changed key to important, and have added two references here (Line 83/84):

(Le Quéré et al., 2016;Sitch et al., 2015).

Line 98-101: Please clarify the relevance of this text to the analysis

The text in this paragraph is discussing the observed changes in O₃ concentration through the 20th century. The text in these two lines is discussing future O₃ concentrations - they will depend on emissions of O₃ precursors, of which intercontinental transport is an important factor, and climate change which may increase the occurrence of peak O₃ episodes, and the emission of O₃ precursors isoprene and NO_x.

Lines 107-108: The authors should revise their phrasing here.

This has been amended to read (Line 108):

“ Intercontinental transport means future O₃ concentrations in Europe will be partly dependent on how O₃ precursor emissions evolve globally.”

Line 118: A paper that examines the ozone budget and source/sink terms would be more appropriate to reference here. Fowler et al. (2009) can be the citation for “primarily uptake by ... vegetation”, but these papers don't show that it's an important sink. Admittedly it's hard to find papers with the surface ozone budget, but there are many papers that examine the parts of the tropospheric ozone budget.

We moved the Fowler et al., references and added the Young et al., 2013 and Wild 2007 reference (Line 120 - 121):

“Dry deposition of O₃ to terrestrial surfaces, primarily uptake by stomata on plant foliage and deposition on external surfaces of vegetation (Fowler et al., 2001;Fowler et al., 2009), is a large sink for ground level O₃ (Wild, 2007; Young et al., 2013).”

Line 131-132: Instead of saying “future concentrations of ozone predicted for 2050”, the authors should give the concentration, as these numbers are highly dependent on emission scenario and not necessarily generalizable to a given year.

This paragraph has been updated to add specific O₃ concentrations (Line 131 - 148):

“The response of plants to O₃ is very wide ranging as reported in the literature from different field studies. The Wittig et al. (2007) meta-analysis of temperate and boreal tree species showed future concentrations of O₃ predicted for 2050 significantly reduced leaf level light saturated net photosynthetic uptake (-19%, range: -3% to -28% at a mean O₃ concentration of 85 ppb) and g_s (-10%, range: +5% to -23% at a mean O₃ concentration of 91 ppb) in both broadleaf and needle leaf tree species. In the Feng et al. (2008) meta-analysis of wheat, projected O₃ concentrations for the future reduced aboveground biomass (-18% at a mean O₃ concentration of 70 ppb) photosynthetic rate (-20% at a mean O₃ concentration of 73 ppb) and g_s (-22% at a mean O₃ concentration of 79 ppb). One of few long-term field based O₃ exposure studies (AspenFACE) showed that after 11 years of exposing mature trees to elevated O₃ concentrations (mean O₃ concentration of 46 ppb), O₃ decreased ecosystem carbon content (-9%), and decreased NPP (-10%), although the O₃ effect decreased through time (Talhelm et al., 2014). Zak et al. (2011) showed this was partly due to a shift in community structure as O₃-tolerant species, competitively inferior in low O₃ environments, out competed O₃-sensitive species. GPP was reduced (-12% to -19%) at two Mediterranean ecosystems exposed to high ambient O₃ concentrations (ranging between 20 to 72 ppb across sites and through the year) studied by Fares et al. (2013). Biomass of mature beech trees was reduced (-44%) after 8 years of exposure to elevated O₃ (~150 ppb) (Matyssek et al., 2010a). After 5 years of O₃ exposure (ambient +20 to +40 ppb) in a semi-natural grassland, annual biomass production was reduced (-23%), and in a Mediterranean annual pasture O₃ exposure significantly reduced total aboveground biomass (up to -25%) (Calvete-Sogo et al., 2014).”

Line 150: What are the “new measurements”? The g₁ parameter? g₁ can't be measured, only inferred. Please revise.

Here we are referring to the data we use to calibrate JULES for plant sensitivity to O₃ uptake. This wasn't clear in the text so we have revised accordingly (Line 154 to 157):

“Here we take a regional approach and take advantage of the latest measurements showing changes in plant productivity with exposure to O₃ specifically for a range of European vegetation from different regions (CLRTAP 2017) with which to calibrate the JULES model for plant sensitivity to O₃, and conduct a dedicated analysis for the European region.”

Line 151: “conduct a dedicated analysis” has little meaning. Please revise.

This has been changed to (Line 157):

“and conduct our analysis specifically for the European region.”

Line 157-158: I would cut everything in this sentence starting with “such that” because I think that it implies independent responses.

This has been removed.

Line 169-170: Here the phrase about not including stomatal sluggishness is a bit awkward.

This phrase has been removed (Line 173):

“This model is based on the optimal theory of stomatal behaviour and has the following advantages over the current JULES g_s formulation of Jacobs (1994):.....”

Line 167-176: This is a rather technical paragraph for the introduction. I wonder if the authors could illustrate the novelty of the study without as much jargon.

We have revised this paragraph to remove the jargon (Line 172 - 178):

“Given the critical role g_s plays in the uptake of both CO₂ and O₃, we use an alternative representation and parameterisation of g_s in JULES by implementing the Medlyn *et al.* (2011) g_s formulation. This model is based on the optimal theory of stomatal behaviour and has advantages over the current JULES g_s formulation of Jacobs (1994) including i) a single parameter (g_1) compared to two parameters in Jacobs (1994), ii) the g_1 parameter is related to the water-use strategy of vegetation and is easier to parameterise with commonly measured leaf or canopy level observations of photosynthesis, g_s and humidity, and (iii) values of g_1 are available for many different plant functional types (PFTs) derived from a global data set of leaf-level measurements (Lin *et al.*, 2015).“

Line 183: “look at the interaction between O₃ and CO₂” is ambiguous. Same thing for Lines 196-197, and other points in the text. Please revise.

This has been revised to the following (Line 185):

“.....to investigate the impact of both O₃ and CO₂ on plant water-use and carbon uptake.”

Line 183-185: As discussed below, I don't think this is a reason for why this study is novel, and urge the authors to cut this from the introduction.

This has been removed.

Line 189: I'm not certain how the high and low ozone sensitivity simulations represent the large variation within and between species specifically, rather than just the large uncertainty in the ozone response generally. Please clarify that for both the high and low sensitivity simulations, there is a distinction between the sensitivities of crops vs. grasslands. What about forests?

This paragraph has been clarified (Line 186 - 193):

“In this work, the JULES model is re-calibrated using the latest observations of vegetation sensitivity to O₃, with the addition of a separate parameterisation for temperate/boreal regions versus the Mediterranean. The O₃ sensitivity of each PFT in JULES was re-calibrated for both a high and low sensitivity to account for

uncertainty in the O₃ response, in part due to the observed variation in O₃ sensitivity between species. This includes O₃ sensitivities for agricultural crops (wheat – high sensitivity) versus natural grassland (low sensitivity), with separate sensitivities for Mediterranean grasslands. For forests JULES is parameterised with O₃ sensitivities for broadleaf and needle leaf trees (both high and low O₃ sensitivity), with separate sensitivities (high and low) for Mediterranean broadleaf species.”

Line 193-6: Please clarify here that the authors are forcing with daily ozone concentrations that are scaled to a diurnal cycle. The authors’ phrasing implies that hourly concentrations are archived and used to force the model.

The phrasing has been amended here (Line 196 - 197):

“JULES is forced with spatially varying daily O₃ concentrations from a high resolution atmospheric chemistry model for Europe that are disaggregated to hourly concentrations,.....”

Line 199-201: The authors should also note here that not using coupled chemistry and climate also creates additional uncertainty.

A sentence has been added (Line 204 -205):

“In addition, using uncoupled chemistry and climate is a further source of uncertainty.”

Line 216: The order of the supplemental figures should reflect the order that they are mentioned in the main text

This has been changed.

Line 226: Lombardozzi and colleagues’s work shows that there are separate impacts of ozone on stomatal vs. photosynthesis. This merits mention, as this is how ozone damage is configured in one of the only other land surface models with ozone damage. Ozone damage is also a function of cumulative ozone exposure, rather than an instantaneous effect. Please comment on this.

We have amended this paragraph as follows to mention other models that include O₃ damage and discuss O₃ damage as a function of cumulative O₃ exposure (Line 227 - 240):

“To simulate the effects of O₃ deposition on vegetation productivity and water use, JULES uses the flux-gradient approach of Sitch *et al.*, (2007), modified to include non-stomatal deposition following Tuovinen *et al.* (2009). A similar approach is taken by Franz *et al.* (2017) in the OCN model, however plant O₃ damage is a function of accumulated O₃ exposure over time. In JULES, plant O₃ damage is instantaneous, the degree to which photosynthesis and g_s are modified at each time step with O₃ exposure having already been calibrated against observations of the change in plant productivity with cumulative O₃ exposure for each PFT (i.e. O₃ dose-response functions described later). JULES uses a coupled model of g_s and photosynthesis, the potential net photosynthetic rate (A_p , mol CO₂ m⁻² s⁻¹) is modified by an 'O₃ uptake' factor (F , the fractional reduction in photosynthesis), so that the actual net photosynthesis (A_{net} , mol CO₂ m⁻² s⁻¹) is given by equation 1 (Clark *et al.*, 2011, Sitch *et al.*, 2007). Because of the relationship between these two fluxes, the direct effect of O₃ damage on photosynthetic rate also leads to a reduction in g_s . An alternative approach was taken by Lombardozzi *et al.* (2012) in the CLM model where photosynthesis and g_s are decoupled, so that O₃ exposure affects carbon assimilation and transpiration independently. In JULES, changes in atmospheric CO₂ concentration also affect photosynthetic rate and g_s , consequently the interaction between changing concentrations of both CO₂ and O₃ is allowed for.”

Line 247-249: Nonstomatal conductances are highly variable and substantially larger than this single prescribed value on average across sites. Including this term as 0.04 cm/s should only decrease stomatal uptake by a very small amount. I disagree that this adds any value to the authors’ study.

Non-stomatal resistances are highly variable and uncertain. This was discussed extensively for the original EMEP formulation in Emberson *et al.* (2000), where the choice of $g_{ext} = 0.04$ cm/s was explained, and EMEP

has so far retained the same choice due to the uncertainties of alternative formulations (e.g. Tuovinen et al., 2009). As a first approach in JULES, for this work we followed the same approach to add a term for non-stomatal deposition of O₃. We appreciate there are more complex processes involved, and this is an area for development within JULES. However, for this work it represents a significant step on from previous studies with JULES where non-stomatal conductance wasn't considered, and as such it requires mentioning here. The O₃ forcing we use is at canopy height from the EMEP model which includes many of the complex processes in the resistance network already.

Emberson, L., Simpson, D., Tuovinen, J.-P., Ashmore, M. & Cambridge, H. Towards a model of ozone deposition and stomatal uptake over Europe The Norwegian Meteorological Institute, Oslo, Norway, The Norwegian Meteorological Institute, Oslo, Norway, 2000

Tuovinen, J.-P., Emberson, L., and Simpson, D.: Modelling ozone fluxes to forests for risk assessment: status and prospects, *Annals of Forest Science*, 66, 1-14, 2009.

Line 253: How are leaf dimensions defined?

Leaf dimensions are defined per PFT, this has been added to the text as follows (Line 263 - 264):

“*L_d* is the cross-wind leaf dimension (m) defined per PFT as 0.05 for trees, 0.02 for grasses (C₃ and C₄) and 0.04 for shrubs,”

Line 262: What about the resistance to turbulence in the canopy? This is highly uncertain, but can be substantial. Could it be that too much ozone is getting deep into the canopy?

JULES uses an O₃ concentration at reference level, this does not change with depth into the canopy due to changes in turbulence and mixing. This is something that needs consideration for development within JULES as it is possible that leaves at the bottom of the canopy will see too much O₃. But currently, because this process is highly uncertain, in JULES the simplest approach is taken whereby each layer of the canopy has the same O₃ concentration and the uptake of O₃ is dependent on the rate of stomatal conductance at that canopy layer, which does vary with depth into the canopy depending on light and Nitrogen availability. This would not be an issue for short vegetation such as grasslands and crops which are the dominant land cover in our study, but may be more significant for forests. However, some studies show minimal vertical O₃ concentration gradients within forest canopies. For example, Karlsson et al (2006) found daytime mean O₃ of 34.5 ppb at 13m, and 33.1 ppb at 3m, in an 18-20m tall Norway Spruce forest. The 13m values were just 4% lower than measurements made at 13m in clearing, suggesting rather uniform conditions. The same study reported a 6% difference in O₃ between 10m and 20m observations in a separate 20-25m Norway spruce site. Reactions with biogenic VOC emissions can also reduce O₃ in the canopy, but even at a chemically very reactive oak forest in the USA, O₃ concentrations gradients within the upper canopy were small (Fuentes et al, 2007).

Karlsson, P., Hansson, M., Hoglund, H.-O. & Pleijel, H. Ozone concentration gradients and wind conditions in Norway spruce (*Picea abies*) forests in Sweden *Atmos. Environ.*, 2006, 40, 1610-1618.

Fuentes, J. D., Wang, D., Bowling, D. R., Potosnak, M., Monson, R. K., Goliff, W. S. & Stockwell, W. R. Biogenic hydrocarbon chemistry within and above a mixed deciduous forest *J. Atmos. Chem.*, 2007, 56, 165-185.

Line 270-273: I'm finding this hard to follow, especially because how the authors refer to the sensitivity simulations is "high/low plant ozone sensitivity". I understand that within each sensitivity simulation there are variations among land cover types in terms of the degree of the sensitivity to ozone applied. Further, ozone "dose-response functions" is never defined. Again, it seems like this calibration is a fundamental part of the authors' analysis. I would suggest that some supplemental material is moved to the main text and cleaned up so the methods are very clear.

Line 286-9: What observations? I am certain FO₃crit cannot be measured, only inferred. Cumulative ozone uptake over what time period?

To address both points above (Line 270 to 289), we have amended section 2.2 (Calibration of O₃ uptake model) to improve clarity and have moved information for the SI into the main text (Line 277 - 352):

“Here we use the latest literature on flux based O₃ dose-response relationships derived from observed field data across Europe (CLRTAP, 2017) to determine the key PFT-specific O₃ sensitivity parameters in JULES (a and $F_{O_{3crit}}$). Synthesis of information expressed as O₃ flux based dose-response relationships derived from field experiments is carried out by The United Nations Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP Convention), this information is then used as a policy tool to inform emission reduction strategies in Europe to improve air quality (CLRTAP, 2017; Mills et al., 2011a). Derivation of O₃ flux based dose-response relationships for different vegetation types uses the accumulated stomatal O₃ flux above a threshold (often referred to as the phytotoxic O₃ dose above a threshold of ‘y’ i.e. POD_y) as the dose metric, and the percentage change in biomass as the response metric (Emberson et al., 2007; Karlsson et al., 2007). We use these observation based O₃ dose-response relationships to calibrate each JULES PFT for sensitivity to O₃ using available relationships for the closest matching vegetation type. For JULES, $F_{O_{3crit}}$ is the threshold for O₃ damage, and values for this parameter are taken from the O₃ dose-response relationships as the POD_y value. The actual sensitivity to O₃ is determined by the slope of the O₃ dose-response relationship, i.e. how much biomass changes with accumulated stomatal uptake of O₃ above the damage threshold, this relates to the parameter a in JULES. The parameter ‘ a ’ is a PFT-specific parameter representing the fractional reduction of photosynthesis with O₃ uptake by leaves. Values for this parameter are found for each PFT by running JULES with different values of ‘ a ’, which alter the instantaneous photosynthetic rate, but then calculating the accumulated stomatal flux of O₃ and resulting change in productivity over the same period, until the slope of this relationship produced by the JULES simulations matches that of the O₃ dose-response relationships derived from observations. Essentially we calibrate each JULES PFT for sensitivity to O₃ by reproducing the observed O₃ dose-response relationships.

Each PFT was calibrated for a high and low plant O₃ sensitivity to account for uncertainty in the sensitivity of different plant species to O₃, using the approach of Sitch *et al.*, (2007). Therefore, when using our results to assess the impact of O₃ at the land surface, we are able to provide a range in our estimates to help address some of the uncertainty in the O₃ response of different vegetation types. In addition, where possible owing to available data, a distinction was made for Mediterranean regions. This was because the work of B ker et al. (2015) showed that different O₃ dose-response relationships are needed to describe the O₃ sensitivity of dominant Mediterranean trees. For the C₃ herbaceous PFT, the dominant land cover type across the European domain in this study (Fig. S1), the high plant O₃ sensitivity was calibrated against observations for wheat to give a representation of agricultural regions and wheat is one of the most sensitive grasses to O₃ (Fig. S2, Table S1). For the low plant O₃ sensitivity JULES was calibrated against the dose-response function for natural grassland to give a representation of natural grassland and this vegetation has a much lower sensitivity to O₃ damage, for the Mediterranean region we used a function for Mediterranean natural grasslands, all taken from CLRTAP (2017) (Fig. S2, Table S1). Tree/shrub PFTs were calibrated against observed O₃ dose-response functions for the high plant O₃ sensitivity: broadleaf trees (temperate/boreal) = Birch/Beech dose-response relationship, broadleaf trees (Mediterranean) = deciduous oaks dose-response relationship, needle leaf trees = Norway spruce dose-response relationship, shrubs = Birch/Beech dose-response relationship, all from CLRTAP (2017) (Fig. S2, Table S1). Data on O₃ dose-response relationships for different vegetation types is very limited, therefore for the low plant O₃ sensitivity calibration for trees/shrubs we assumed a 20% decrease in sensitivity to O₃ based on the difference in sensitivity between high and low sensitive tree species in the Karlsson et al. (2007) study. Due to limitations in data availability, the shrub parameterisation uses the observed dose-response functions for broadleaf trees. Similarly, the parameterisation for C₄ herbaceous uses the observed dose-responses for C₃ herbaceous, however the fractional cover of C₄ herbs across Europe is low (Fig. S1), so this assumption affects a very small percentage of land cover.

To calibrate the JULES O₃ uptake model, JULES was run across Europe forced using the WFDEI observational climate dataset (Weedon, 2013) at 0.5° X 0.5° spatial and three hour temporal resolution. JULES uses interpolation to disaggregate the forcing data down from 3 hours to an hourly model time step. The model was spun-up over the period 1979 to 1999 with a fixed atmospheric CO₂ concentration of 368.33 ppm (1999 value from Mauna Loa observations, (Tans and Keeling)). Zero tropospheric ozone concentration was assumed for the control simulation, for the simulations with O₃, spin-up used spatially explicit fields of present day O₃

concentration produced using the UK Chemistry and Aerosol (UKCA) model with standard chemistry from the run evaluated by O'Connor et al. (2014). A fixed land cover map was used based on IGBP (International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme) land cover classes (IGBP-DIS), therefore as the vegetation distribution was fixed and the calibration was not looking at carbon stores, a short spin-up was adequate to equilibrate soil temperature and soil moisture. JULES was then run for the year 2000 with a corresponding CO₂ concentration of 369.52 ppm (from Mauna Loa observations, (Tans and Keeling)) and monthly fields of spatially explicit tropospheric O₃ (O'Connor et al., 2014) as necessary.

Calibration was performed using four simulations: with i) zero tropospheric O₃ concentration, this was the control simulation (control), ii) tropospheric O₃ at current ambient concentration (O₃), iii) ambient +20 ppb (O₃+20) and iv) ambient +40 ppb (O₃+40). The different O₃ simulations (i.e. O₃, O₃+20 and O₃+40) were used to capture the range of O₃ conditions in the data used to derive the observed O₃ dose-response relationships used here for calibration, often data were used from experiments using artificially manipulated conditions of ambient + 40 ppb O₃ for example. For each JULES O₃ simulation, the value of F_{O_3crit} was taken from the vegetation specific O₃ dose-response relationship as the threshold O₃ concentration above which damage to vegetation occurs. An initial estimate of the parameter 'a' was used, then for each PFT and each simulation, hourly estimates of NPP (our proxy for biomass – although not identical they are related) and O₃ uptake in excess of F_{O_3crit} were accumulated over a PFT dependent accumulation period. The accumulation periods were ~6 months for broadleaf trees and shrubs, all year for needle leaf trees, and ~3 months for herbaceous species, through the growing season, following guidelines in CLRTAP (2017). Additionally, in accordance with the methods used in the CLRTAP (2017) that describe how the O₃ dose-response relationships are derived from observations, we use the stomatal O₃ flux per projected leaf area to top canopy sunlit leaves. The percentage change in total NPP was calculated for each O₃ simulation and plotted against the cumulative uptake of O₃ over the PFT-specific accumulation period. The linear regression of this relationship was calculated, and slope and intercept compared against the slope and intercept of the observed dose-response relationships. Values of the parameter 'a' were adjusted, and the procedure repeated until the linear regression through the simulation points matched that of the observations (Fig. S2, Table S1)."

Line 317-324: This discussion seems out-of-place here. It might be more appropriate in the conclusions w.r.t. the "next steps", please revise.

This has been moved, and is a new paragraph in section 4.3 (Line 879 - 887):

"In this work we implement the stomatal closure proposed in Medlyn et al., (2011), this uses the parameter g_l . Hoshika et al. (2013) show a significant difference in the g_l parameter (higher in elevated O₃ compared to ambient) in Siebold's beech in June of their experiment. However, this is only at the start of the growing season, further measurements show no difference in this parameter between O₃ treatments. Quantifying an O₃ effect directly on g_l would require a detailed meta-analysis of empirical data on photosynthesis and g_s for different PFTs, which is currently lacking in the literature. With such information, here we take an empirical approach to modelling plant O₃ damage, essentially by applying a reduction factor to the simulated plant photosynthesis based on observations of whole plant losses of biomass with O₃ exposure, for which there is a lot more available data (e.g. CLRTAP, 2017)."

Line 324-325. Please include more details in the main text as to why the author would go to the supplemental for this analysis.

We have amended the main text as follows, and moved information from the SI into the main text (Line 382 - 401):

"The impact of g_s model formulation (JAC versus MED) on simulated water, O₃, carbon and energy fluxes is compared for two contrasting grid points - wet (low soil moisture stress) and dry (high soil moisture stress) in the European domain. JULES was spun-up for 20 years (1979-1999) at two grid points in central Europe representing a wet (low soil moisture stress, lat: 48.25; lon: 5.25) and a dry site (high soil moisture stress, lat:

38.25; lon: -7.75). The modelled soil moisture stress factor (fsmc) at the wet site ranged from 0.8 to 1.0 over the year 2000 (1.0 indicates no soil moisture stress), and at the dry site fsmc steadily declined from 0.8 at the start of the year to 0.25 by the end of the summer. The WFDEI meteorological forcing dataset was used (Weedon, 2013), along with atmospheric CO₂ concentration for the year 1999 (368.33 ppm), and either no O₃ (i.e. the O₃ damage model was switched off) for the control simulations, or spatially explicit fields of present day O₃ concentration produced using the UK Chemistry and Aerosol (UKCA) model from the run evaluated by O'Connor et al. (2014) for the simulations with O₃. Following the spin-up period, JULES was run for one year (2000) with corresponding atmospheric CO₂ concentration, and tropospheric O₃ concentrations as described above. The control and ozone simulations were performed for both JAC and MED model formulations. Land cover for the spin-up and main run was fixed at 20% for each PFT. For the simulations including O₃ damage, the high plant O₃ sensitivity parameterisation was used. The difference between these simulations was used to assess the impact of gs model formulation on the leaf level fluxes of carbon and water. We calculate and report in the main manuscript (results section 3.1), the difference in mean annual water-use that results from the above simulations using the different gs models. For each day of the simulation we calculate the percentage difference in water-use between the two simulations, we then calculate the mean and standard deviation over the year to give the annual mean leaf-level water-use.”

Line 326: Please briefly state the results of the FLUXNET model evaluation in the main text. Also, the text in the supplemental says that there are large improvements in the seasonal cycle. Large seems like a stretch - instead I would quantify the changes in the RMSE.

We have moved the results of the Fluxnet model evaluation from the SI to the main text (results section 3.1). We quantify the changes in RMSE (Line 554 - 572).

“Site level evaluation of the seasonal cycles of latent and sensible heat with both JAC and MED models compared to FLUXNET observations showed in general, the MED model improved the seasonal cycle of both fluxes (lower RMSE), but the magnitude of this varied from site to site (Fig. S12). At the deciduous broadleaf site, US-UMB, MED resulted in improvements of the simulated seasonal cycle particularly in the summer months for both fluxes (RMSE decreased from 42.7/31.5 to 38.5/28.0 W/m² for latent/sensible heat respectively). At the second deciduous broadleaf site IT-CA1 however, there was almost no difference between the two g_s models. Both evergreen needle leaf forest sites (FI-Hyy and DE-Tha) saw improvements in the simulated seasonal cycles of latent and sensible heat with the MED model, primarily as a result of lower latent heat flux in the spring and summer months, and higher sensible heat flux over the same period. At FI-Hyy, RMSE decreased from 10.1/7.4 to 6.7/6.7 W/m² for latent/sensible heat respectively, and at DE-Tha, RMSE decreased from 16.0/11.9 to 10.5/10.6 W/m² for latent/sensible heat respectively. With the MED model the monthly mean latent heat flux was improved at the C₃ grass site (CH-Cha) as a result of increased flux in the summer months (RMSE decreased from 15.7 to 13.8 W/m²), however there was no improvement in the sensible heat flux and RMSE with MED was increased (from 3.9 to 4.9 W/m²). At the C₄ grass site (US-SRG), small improvements were made in the seasonal cycle of both latent and sensible heat with the MED model. At the deciduous savannah site (CG-Tch) which included a high proportion of shrub PFT in the land cover type used in the site simulation, large improvements in the seasonal cycle of both fluxes were simulated with the MED model, as a result of a decrease in the latent heat flux and an increase in the sensible heat flux (RMSE decreased from 39.5/31.6 to 30.4/24.4 W/m² for latent/sensible heat respectively).”

Line 335: I would urge the authors to stay away from suggesting that their analysis will allow a “full understanding”

This has been changed to “focus on” (Line 417).

Line 345: By “no form of land management”, do the authors mean that there is no harvesting of crops or grazing of grasses? If so, how “big” do crops and grasses get, and what does this mean for their results?

We have modified this paragraph to clarify it (Line 424 - 433):

“JULES was run including dynamic vegetation with a land cover mask giving the fraction of agriculture in each 0.5° x 0.5° grid cell based on the Hurtt et al. (2011) land cover database for the year 2000. This means that whilst the model is allowed to evolve its own vegetation cover, within the agricultural mask only C₃/C₄ herbaceous PFTs are allowed to grow, with no competition from other PFTs. Therefore, through the simulation period, regions of agriculture are maintained as such and not out-competed by forests for example, allowing for

a more accurate representation of the land cover of Europe in the model. No form of land management is simulated (i.e. no crop harvesting, ploughing, rotation or grazing), growth and leaf area index (LAI) are determined by resource availability and phenology. Outside of the agricultural mask, dynamic vegetation means that grid cell PFT coverage and LAI are the result of resource availability, phenology and simulated competition. Across the model domain, simulated mean annual LAI was dominantly within the range of 2 to 5 m²/m² (Fig. S3 and S4).”

We mention the implications of no land management in the model in the discussion section 4.3 (Line 848 - 850):

“Additionally, this version of JULES does not have a crop module; it has no land management practices such as harvesting, ploughing or crop rotation – processes which may have counteracting effects on the land carbon sink.”

Line 347: Does the change follow Hurtt et al. 2011? I would refrain from using the term “little” as this gives the reader little understanding of what is going on. Showing only 2050 is not too helpful.

We have modified this sentence to give more detail on the change in fractional land cover over the simulation period. This change does not follow Hurtt et al., 2011 as we clearly state in the preceding sentences that the model is run with dynamic vegetation so is allowed to evolve its own vegetation cover, but that we apply an agricultural mask to maintain the extent of agricultural regions and these are based on the Hurtt et al., 2011 data for the year 2000 (Line 433 - 437).

“Following a full spin-up period (to ensure equilibrium vegetation, carbon and water states), there was no significant change in the fractional cover of each PFT over the simulation period (1901 - 2050). By 2050, increases in boreal forest cover occurred, but this was less than 2% and limited to very small areas, given this small change we show just the land cover for 2050 in Fig. S1.”

Lines 356-8: Whether emissions or meteorology matters more is going to depend on the emissions and climate variability. Langner et al. (2012b) only examine 1990 onwards and so I don't think the authors can use this work to comment on emissions vs. meteorology in 1900-1959.

We have amended this sentence as follows (Line 446 - 447):

“This procedure introduces some uncertainty of course, although Langner et al. (2012b) show that for the period 1990 to 2100 it is emissions change, rather than meteorological change, that drives modelled ozone concentrations.”

The period 1990-2100 covers a period of 111 years, and a period in which climate-change is likely to show most effects, it therefore seems unlikely that things would be very different over the 60 year period of 1900-1959.

Lines 358-361: I don't really know what this means. The authors should show the trend in emissions of NO_x, methane, and isoprene from 1900-2050 over Europe, which is standard practice in atmospheric chemistry papers, so that readers can fully understand the emission scenarios used, as this is central to the findings.

We didn't show such trends since there are many papers dealing with such emissions, and the focus of this paper is on the carbon sink and impacts at the land surface rather than on atmospheric chemistry. However, we have now added a new Figure, and text (Line 450 - 455):

“The trend in emissions of the major O₃ precursors NO_x, NMVOC and Isoprene are shown from 1900 to 2050 over Europe in Fig. S5. Isoprene emissions are not inputs to the EMEP model, but rather calculated at each time-step using temperature, radiation, and land-cover specific emission factors (Simpson et al., 2012). Changes in the assumed background concentration of CH₄ (from RCP6.0) (van Vuuren et al., 2011) are also shown in Fig. S5. Engardt et al. (2017) show the trend in emissions of SO₂ and NH₃ from 1900 to 2050 over Europe.”

Line 362-3: This is confusing. I would cut this everything after “however”

This has been removed.

Line 367-369: Please clarify how the authors map the ozone concentrations from the land cover categories to the model. What do the differences in ozone concentrations over the different land cover types represent? Differences in dry deposition, BVOC emissions, or just turbulent mixing? Instead of saying “more accurate”, the authors should just say something like ozone concentrations peak during the day so it’s important to take the diurnal cycle into account.

This paragraph has been clarified (Line 458 - 469):

“O₃ concentrations from EMEP MSC-W were calculated at canopy height for two land-cover categories: forest and grassland (Fig. S6 and Fig. S7), which are taken as surrogates for high and low vegetation, respectively. These canopy-height specific concentrations allow for the large gradients in O₃ concentration that can occur in the lowest 10s of metres, giving lower O₃ for grasslands than seen at e.g. 20 m in a forest canopy (Gerosa et al., 2017; Simpson et al., 2012; Tuovinen et al., 2009). These canopy level O₃ concentrations are used as input to JULES, using the EMEP O₃ concentrations for forest for the forest JULES PFTs (broadleaf/needle leaf tree and shrub), and the EMEP O₃ concentrations for grassland for the grass/herbaceous JULES PFTs (C₃ and C₄). This study used daily mean values of tropospheric O₃ concentration from EMEP disaggregated down to the hourly JULES model time-step. The daily mean O₃ forcing was disaggregated to follow a mean diurnal profile of O₃, this was generated from hourly O₃ output from EMEP MSC-W for the two land cover categories (forest and grassland as described above) across the same model domain. O₃ concentrations follow a diurnal cycle and peak during the day, therefore accounting for the diurnal variation in O₃ concentrations allows for a more realistic estimation of O₃ uptake.”

Line 377: Typo

This has been amended.

Lines 381-394: Some of this is incorrect and the discussion is lengthy. I simply wanted the authors to note changes in the seasonal cycle of ozone depend strongly on anthropogenic Nox (not because the timing of emissions during the year, rather nonlinear ozone chemistry), the emissions scenario matters for the results regarding uptake of ozone to vegetation, which it seems like they are getting at eventually. I would cut most of this.

This paragraph has been modified as follows (Line 471 - 483):

“Figure 1 shows large increases in tropospheric O₃ from pre-industrial to present day (2001), this is in line with modelling studies (Young et al., 2013) and site observations (Derwent et al., 2008; Logan et al., 2012; Parrish et al., 2012), and is predominantly a result of increasing anthropogenic emissions (Young et al., 2013). Figures S6 and S7 show this large increase in ground-level O₃ concentrations from 1901 to 2001 occurs in all seasons. Present day O₃ concentration show a strong seasonal cycle, with a spring/summer peak in concentrations in the mid-latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere (Derwent et al., 2008; Parrish et al., 2012; Vingarzan, 2004). Seasonal cycles have been changing over the past decades however, attributed to changes in NO_x and other emissions, as well as changes in transport patterns (Parrish et al., 2013). These changes will likely continue in future as emissions and meteorological factors impact photo-chemical ozone production and transport patterns. Indeed, the O₃ concentrations used in the simulations in this study show increased O₃ levels in winter and in some regions in autumn and spring in 2050 compared to present day, this may be due to reduced titration of O₃ by NO as a result of reduced NO_x emissions in the future (Royal Society, 2008). Summer O₃ concentrations are lower in 2050 however, compared to 2001. “

Lines 394-397: Jumping from surface ozone seasonality to plant phenology seems erratic. I would suggest moving this discussion elsewhere.

This has been deleted and moved into the discussion section 4.3 (Line 855 - 858).

Line 420: I see that the authors examine ozone impacts on stomatal conductance, which could be

referred to as “plant physiology”, but it doesn’t seem to me like GPP and C sink are “plant physiology” entities.

We have changed this to (Line 505 - 507):

“We use these simulations to investigate the direct effects of changing atmospheric CO₂ and O₃ concentrations, individually and combined, on plant water-use, GPP and the land C sink through the twentieth century and into the future, specifically over three time periods:...”

Line 421-423: The authors should tell the reader why we should go to the supplemental. “for calculation of the effects due to” is vague.

This has been changed to move information from the SI into the main text (Line 508 – 525):

“For each time period we calculate the difference between the decadal means calculated at the start and end of the analysis period for each variable of interest. Therefore our results report the change in GPP, for example, over the analysis period. For each variable analysed (GPP, NPP, vegetation carbon, soil carbon, total land carbon and g_s), we use the mean over 10 years to represent each time period, e.g. the mean over 2040 to 2050 is what we call 2050, 1901 to 1910 is what we refer to as 1901. The difference between the simulations gives the effect of O₃ and CO₂ either separately or in combination over the different time periods. We look at the percentage change due to either O₃ at pre-industrial CO₂ concentration (i.e. without the additional effect of atmospheric CO₂ on stomatal behaviour - O₃ simulation), CO₂ (at fixed pre-industrial O₃ concentration, CO₂ simulation) or the combined effect of both gases (CO₂+O₃ simulation), which is calculated as:

$$100 * (\text{var}[y_1] - \text{var}[y_2]) / \text{var}[y_2] \tag{8}$$

Where var[y_x] represents the variable in time period y, e.g. $100 * (\text{varO}_3[2050] - \text{varO}_3[1901]) / \text{varO}_3[1901]$ gives the O₃ effect (at fixed CO₂) over the full experimental period. The meteorological forcing is prescribed in these simulations and is therefore the same between the model runs. Other climate factors, such as VPD, temperature and soil moisture availability are accounted for in our simulations, but our analysis isolates the effects of O₃, CO₂ and O₃ + CO₂. We also use paired t-test to determine statistically significant differences between the different (high and low) plant O₃ sensitivities.”

Line 435: What is a wet site? Specify in the main text.

This is now specified in the main text (Line 537):

“The impact of g_s model on simulated g_s is shown for the site with low soil moisture stress (wet site, Fig. 2).”

Line 441: Same for dry site.

This has been changed (Line 544):

“This comparison was also done for a dry site (high soil moisture stress)...”

Line 442-5: Why should one wet and one dry site represent the entire domain?

This has been removed.

Line 445-447: It’s not clear what the authors’ point here is. Since the authors’ simulations are uncoupled, it’s an added uncertainty that changing stomatal conductance is going to impact energy partitioning and thus meteorology. Is that all they are trying to get at here?

We simply show here that changes in the stomatal conductance of the model alter the partitioning between the energy fluxes in these uncoupled simulations. We discuss later that potentially this could have impacts on meteorology, but that fully coupled simulations would be necessary to detect these effects (see discussion section 4.1). This is an interesting discussion point and area of future work worth noting.

Line 455-457: Why do the authors show the bottom row? Is it giving more information than the top row? I would understand if the stomatal uptake and ozone damage fed back onto the ozone

concentrations the authors would need the bottom row. As this is not the case, this bottom row should be cut; but I agree that the authors should make this point in the text, which they do. Please clarify in the text what further details are in the supplemental.

The bottom row was simply to show that the different g_s models simulate different rates of g_s for each of the PFTs, and that consequently this affects the flux of O_3 into stomata. We have moved the bottom row of this figure in the SI (Fig. S11).

Line 473: What do the authors conclude about the comparison between the simulations with high and low ozone sensitivity vs the MTE-GPP product?

We have added this paragraph to the discussion section 4.1 (Line 780 - 794):

“We evaluated the JULES O_3 model by comparing modelled GPP against the Jung et al (2011) MTE product. Similar spatial patterns of GPP were simulated by JULES compared to MTE. Zonal means also showed similar patterns of GPP, although JULES under predicted GPP compared to MTE at latitudes $>45^\circ N$ (temperate and boreal regions; all simulations) and over predicted GPP at latitudes $<45^\circ N$ (Mediterranean region; all simulations). The simulations with transient O_3 (i.e. O_3 only and $CO_2 + O_3$) showed large differences in GPP between the high and low plant O_3 sensitivity simulations, this is to be expected given that the high plant O_3 sensitivity simulations were parameterised to be ‘damaged’ more by O_3 , i.e. greater reduction of photosynthesis/ g_s with O_3 exposure compared to the low plant O_3 sensitivity simulations. This difference was largest in the temperate zone, largely because of C_3 grass cover being the dominant land cover here and the difference in the sensitivity to O_3 between the high and low calibrations is significantly larger for C_3 grasses compared to the needle leaf trees that dominate in the boreal region. Additionally, a longer growing season in the temperate region may allow for greater uptake of O_3 into vegetation. C_3 grass is also the dominant land cover in the Mediterranean region with a different calibration used for Mediterranean grasses for the low plant O_3 sensitivity which is less sensitive to O_3 than the temperate C_3 grasses, but high soil moisture stress is common throughout the growing season in the Mediterranean limiting the uptake of O_3 through stomata, which likely diminishes the difference between the high and low calibrations.”

Line 484-5: Please re-phrase so that it is clear that the GPP simulated by the low vs. high ozone sensitivity is significantly different

This has been changed to (Line 601 - 603):

“Over the historical period (1901-2001), O_3 reduced GPP under both the low and high plant O_3 sensitivity parameterizations by -3% to -9% respectively (Table 1), and this difference in simulated GPP was significant ($t=102.2$, $d.f.=6270$, $p<2.2e^{-16}$).”

Lines 483-503: It’s confusing in the text whether the authors are discussing changes in the trend from 1901-2001, or changes in the average, due to ozone. Please revise the text accordingly.

In response to a comment above, in section 2.4.2 we have clarified this, and we state what we report in the results, we move details from the SI to the main text of how we calculate this (Line 505 - 525):

“We use these simulations to investigate the direct effects of changing atmospheric CO_2 and O_3 concentrations, individually and combined, on plant water-use, GPP and the land C sink through the twentieth century and into the future, specifically over three time periods: historical (1901-2001), future (2001-2050) and over the full time series (1901-2050). For each time period we calculate the difference between the decadal means calculated at the start and end of the analysis period for each variable of interest. Therefore our results report the change in GPP, for example, over the analysis period. For each variable analysed (GPP, NPP, vegetation carbon, soil carbon, total land carbon and g_s), we use the mean over 10 years to represent each time period, e.g. the mean over 2040 to 2050 is what we call 2050, 1901 to 1910 is what we refer to as 1901. The difference between the simulations gives the effect of O_3 and CO_2 either separately or in combination over the different time periods. We look at the percentage change due to either O_3 at pre-industrial CO_2 concentration (i.e. without the additional effect of atmospheric CO_2 on stomatal behaviour – O_3 simulation), CO_2 (at fixed pre-industrial O_3 concentration, CO_2 simulation) or the combined effect of both gases (CO_2+O_3 simulation), which is calculated as:

$$100 * (\text{var}[y_1] - \text{var}[y_2]) / \text{var}[y_2] \quad (8)$$

Where $\text{var}[y_x]$ represents the variable in time period y , e.g. $100 * (\text{varO}_3[2050] - \text{varO}_3[1901]) / \text{varO}_3[1901]$ gives the O_3 effect (at fixed CO_2) over the full experimental period. The meteorological forcing is prescribed in these simulations and is therefore the same between the model runs. Other climate factors, such as VPD, temperature and soil moisture availability are accounted for in our simulations, but our analysis isolates the effects of O_3 , CO_2 and $\text{O}_3 + \text{CO}_2$. We also use paired t-test to determine statistically significant differences between the different (high and low) plant O_3 sensitivities.”

Line 516-7: Again, suggesting that the O_3 impact on the land carbon sink is a source of carbon is not really appropriate; re-phrasing would allow for the same take-away

This has been changed to (Line 636 – 638):

“By comparison with one of the largest anthropogenic emissions of carbon for Europe, we show here the effect of O_3 on reducing the size of the European land carbon sink is notable.”

Line 523: Please quantify the “large” spatial variability

Line 527-529: With “therefore”, are the authors suggesting that the decreases in GPP are from springtime increases in temperate/Mediterranean regions are because springtime ozone is increases? Please clarify in the text. What is going on in the boreal region?

Line 529: Ok, so the previous sentences are analysing the simulations without CO_2 fertilization? It would be best to make this clear before this point.

The changes in this paragraph address all three points above (Line 523 to 529).

We have added “as discussed below” in the first sentence because we go on to describe the large spatial variability in the next few sentences. We clarify that the results are referring to the simulations with O_3 only, and that the variability is due to the variability in the O_3 concentration:

“Over the 2001 to 2050 period, region-wide GPP with O_3 only changing (O_3 simulation) increased marginally (+0.1% to +0.2%, high and low plant O_3 sensitivity, Table 1, with a significant difference between the two plant O_3 sensitivities ($t=57$, $d.f.=6270$ $p<2.2e-16$)), although with large spatial variability as discussed below (Fig. 4g & h). Figures S6 and S7 show that despite decreased tropospheric O_3 concentrations by 2050 in summer compared to 2001 levels, all regions are exposed to an increase in O_3 over the wintertime, and some regions of Europe, particularly temperate/Mediterranean experience increases in O_3 concentration in spring and autumn. Therefore, although in the O_3 simulation, overall simulated GPP for Europe shows a small increase, large spatial variability is shown in Fig’s 4g & h because of the variability in O_3 concentration with region and season. Increased GPP (dominantly 10%, but up to 20% in some areas) on 2001 levels is simulated across areas of Europe, however, decreases of up to 21% are simulated in some areas of the Mediterranean, up to 15% in some areas of the boreal region and up to 27% in the temperate zone (Fig. 4g & h). “

Line 533-534: What are the implications of this?

We have changed this sentence as below (Line 658 - 660):

“Nevertheless, although the percentage gain is larger, the absolute value of GPP by 2050 remains lower compared to GPP with CO_2 only changing, highlighting the negative impact of O_3 at the land surface (Table S4).”

Line 567: “Over the Anthropocene” is ambiguous

We have removed the use of the term Anthropocene and refer to it as the full experimental period or give the years 1901 to 2050.

Line 634: The authors’ use of “leaf-level” stomatal conductance in this paragraph is confusing; earlier they define leaf-level stomatal conductance as non-canopy integrated stomatal conductance; is this what they are examining here?

Apologies, we have removed use of the term leaf-level to stop confusion.

Lines 633-648: I would like to see some discussion of the model evaluation of the stomatal conductance models (e.g., FLUXNET). Regarding the last sentence of this paragraph, I would make this statement specific to the uncoupled approach. Higher deposition would reduce ozone concentrations in a coupled chemistry-land study.

We add discussion of the sites-level evaluation of the g_s models here (Line 766 - 769):

“Site-level evaluation of the models against Fluxnet observations showed that in general the MED model improved simulated seasonal cycles of latent and sensible heat. The magnitude of the improvement varied with site, large improvements were seen at the deciduous savanna site, and at the NT sites and BT site (US_UMB) in the spring and summer. However, much smaller improvements were seen at the grass sites.”

We changes the last sentence accordingly (Line 775 - 778):

“Therefore, given that C_3 herbaceous vegetation is the dominant land cover class across the European domain used in this study, this suggests a greater O_3 impact for Europe would be simulated with MED model compared to JAC in our simulations where chemistry is uncoupled from the land surface.”

Lines 649-661: Do the authors have any hypotheses for why their study shows lower impact on GPP, or do the authors think their results are reasonable in comparison to the other work? On that note, I do not see any support for the last sentence of the paragraph. I would encourage the authors to change the phrasing to be more speculative (instead of saying that this is “likely” the result of).

We have amended this paragraph. It is difficult to hypothesis as to why estimates differ between the models and as such we have removed the last sentence (Line 806 - 812):

“Our estimates of changes in current day GPP and NPP are at the lower end of previously modelled estimates. Simulated O_3 impacts will depend in a large part on the scenario of O_3 concentrations used as forcing, meteorological forcing and how sensitive vegetation is parameterised to be to O_3 damage, in addition to the different process representation of O_3 damage in each model. It is therefore difficult to hypothesise as to exactly why modelled estimates differ, but suggests that an ensemble approach to modelling O_3 impacts on the terrestrial biosphere would be beneficial to understand some of these differences and provide estimates of O_3 damage with uncertainties.”

Line 687-691: Using a stomatal conductance parameterization that simulates higher g_s will certainly lead to higher uptake. The higher uptake may decrease ozone concentrations, but the stronger ozone damage may increase ozone concentrations. It’s hard to say which will dominate in the authors’ uncoupled simulations, especially because ozone is fairly well-buffered in models (one sink reduces, another sink kicks in), how the high vs. low ozone sensitivity simulations will be different, and if this high sensitivity study is indeed an “upper bound”.

We have modified this paragraph accordingly and remove the sentences referring to this study as an upper bound (Line 836 - 848):

“We include a representation of agricultural regions through the model calibration against the wheat O_3 sensitivity function (CLRTAP, 2017), and in our simulations the high plant O_3 sensitivity scenario uses this calibration against wheat for all C_3/C_4 land cover which dominates our model domain. Wheat is known to be one of the most O_3 sensitive crop species however, so it is possible that our simulations over-estimate the O_3 impact at the land surface. However, the low plant O_3 sensitivity calibration against natural grasslands provides a counter estimate of the impact of O_3 at the land surface, therefore it is important to consider the range our results provide (i.e. both the high and low plant O_3 sensitivity) as an indicator of the impact of O_3 on the land surface. As with all uncoupled modelling studies, a change in g_s and flux will impact the O_3 concentration itself. Therefore adopting the Medlyn formulation with a higher g_s and subsequently higher O_3 flux for broadleaf and C_3 PFTs (Fig 2) would lead to reduced O_3 concentration, which in turn would act to dampen the effect of higher g_s on O_3 flux, although the higher uptake of O_3 by vegetation may lead to more damage and

increase O₃ concentrations, in an uncoupled chemistry-land modelling system such as this it is not possible to predict which process would dominate.”

Line 711: Typo

This has been changed.

Line 718: Here it is relevant to discuss the findings of Lombardozi that there are separate impacts of ozone on photosynthesis and stomatal conductance

We discuss the modelling approach of Lombardozi and the results at other points in the manuscript, so we prefer not to discuss again here. This paragraph is also discussing O₃ induced sluggish stomatal behaviour observed in plants, whilst Lombardozi et al separate the impacts of O₃ on photosynthesis and stomatal conductance, it is not a representation of sluggish stomatal control.

Line 724: By *g_{max}* are the authors referring to input, or output of the model? If input, I don't think the authors' reasoning makes sense. The parameterizations are different and act to scale stomatal conductance by very different entities.

We have clarified this point below (Line 892 - 896):

“We acknowledge this inconsistency as a caveat of our study, however comparison of *g_{max}* (maximum *g_s*) values from both models (EMEP (*g_{max}* is an input parameter determining the maximum *g_s*) and JULES (*g_{max}* is not used as an input parameter in JULES, instead we calculated *g_{max}* for each PFT taking the mean across the model domain for the year 2001) suggests the differences are small for deciduous forest.....”.

Line 728-730: Ozone deposition can have a substantial impact on surface ozone concentrations (Val Martin et al., 2014). I would not argue this.

Line 730-732: Where is there evidence that stomatal conductance does not influence ozone concentrations above the canopy? I would not argue this. Further, strong vertical mixing above trees means that this is not the limiting factor for deposition – rather stomatal deposition and nonstomatal deposition are.

Line 732-733: Again, where in the literature is there evidence of this?

Line 733-736: I'm not sure what the authors are getting at here.

The points raised concerning lines 728-736 are related, and so we address them as one here. We have re-phrased the text of lines 728-736 to make a clearer distinction between the role of deposition in regional and above-canopy O₃ (Line 898 - 909):

“It should be noted that the role of EMEP in this study is not to provide *g_s*, but to provide O₃ at the top of the vegetation canopy. This firstly entails a calculation of the large-scale ozone concentrations for Europe, which are represented by the gridded values of grid-cell average concentration, and secondly to calculate the vertical gradients between these grid-cell centres (at ca. 45m) and the top of the vegetation canopy. O₃ deposition is important for both steps; it is known to have a substantial impact on the lifetime and concentrations of O₃ in the planetary boundary layer (Garland and Derwent, 1979; Val Martin et al., 2014), and also in determining the local vertical gradients above different land-covers (CLRTAP, 2017; Gerosa et al., 2017; Tuovinen et al., 2009). Vertical gradients between the 45m level and the top of forest canopies tend to be limited (Fuentes et al., 2007; Karlsson et al., 2006) due to the good mixing normally induced by forest roughness. Vertical gradients between 45m and the top of shorter vegetation such as grasslands or crops can be larger however (CLRTAP, 2017; Gerosa et al., 2017). Accounting for such land-cover specific gradient effects has been shown to have large impacts on estimates of O₃ metrics (Simpson et al., 2007).”

1 **Large but decreasing effect of ozone on the European carbon**

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26 **Abstract**

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28 The capacity of the terrestrial biosphere to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change is governed by the ability
29 of vegetation to remove emissions of CO₂ through photosynthesis. Tropospheric O₃, a globally abundant and
30 potent greenhouse gas, is, however, known to damage plants, causing reductions in primary productivity, ~~yet the~~
31 ~~impact of this gas on European vegetation and the land carbon sink is largely unknown~~. Despite emission control
32 policies across Europe, background concentrations of tropospheric O₃ have risen significantly over the last
33 decades due to hemispheric-scale increases in O₃ and its precursors. Therefore, plants are exposed to increasing
34 background concentrations, at levels currently causing chronic damage. ~~Studying the impact of O₃ on European~~
35 ~~vegetation at the regional scale is important for gaining greater understanding of the impact of O₃ on the land~~
36 ~~carbon sink at large spatial scales. In this work we take a regional approach and update the JULES land-surface~~
37 ~~model using new measurements specifically for European vegetation. Given the importance of stomatal~~
38 ~~conductance in determining the flux of O₃ into plants, we implement an alternative stomatal closure~~
39 ~~parameterization and account for diurnal variations in O₃ concentration in our simulations. We conduct our~~
40 ~~analysis specifically for the European region to quantify the impact of tropospheric O₃, and its interaction with~~
41 ~~CO₂, on gross primary productivity (GPP) and land carbon storage across Europe. We use the JULES land surface~~
42 ~~model recalibrated for O₃ impacts on European vegetation, with an improved stomatal conductance~~
43 ~~parameterization, to quantify the impact of tropospheric O₃, and its interaction with CO₂, on gross primary~~
44 ~~productivity (GPP) and land carbon storage across Europe.~~ A factorial set of model experiments showed that
45 tropospheric O₃ can suppress terrestrial carbon uptake across Europe over the period 1901 to 2050. By 2050,
46 simulated GPP was reduced by 4 to 9% due to plant ~~O₃ ozone~~ damage and land carbon storage by 3 to 7%. The
47 combined physiological effects of elevated future CO₂ (acting to reduce stomatal opening) and reductions in O₃
48 concentrations resulted in reduced O₃ damage in the future, ~~contrary to predictions from earlier studies~~. This
49 alleviation of O₃ damage by CO₂ induced stomatal closure was around 1 to 2% for low and high sensitivity
50 respectively (on both land carbon and GPP). Reduced land carbon storage resulted from diminished soil carbon
51 stocks consistent with the reduction in GPP. Regional variations are identified with larger impacts shown for
52 temperate Europe (GPP reduced by 10 to 20%) compared to boreal regions (GPP reduced by 2 to 8%). These
53 results highlight that O₃ damage needs to be considered when predicting GPP and land carbon, and that the effects
54 of O₃ on plant physiology need to be considered in regional land carbon cycle assessments.

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63 1 Introduction

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65 The terrestrial biosphere absorbs around 30% of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions and acts to mitigate climate change
66 Le Quéré et al. (2015). Early estimates of the European carbon balance suggest a terrestrial carbon sink of between
67 135 to 205 TgC yr⁻¹ (Janssens et al., 2003). Schulze et al. (2009) determined a larger carbon sink of 274 TgC yr
68 ⁻¹, and more recent estimates suggest a European terrestrial sink of between 146 to 184 TgC yr⁻¹ (Luyssaert et al.,
69 2012). The carbon sink capacity of land ecosystems is dominated by the ability of vegetation to sequester carbon
70 through photosynthesis and release it back to the atmosphere through respiration. Therefore, any change in the
71 balance of these fluxes will alter ecosystem source-sink behaviour.

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73 In recent decades much attention has focussed on the effects of rising atmospheric CO₂ on vegetation productivity
74 (Ceulemans and Mousseau, 1994;Norby et al., 2005;Norby et al., 1999;Saxe et al., 1998). The Norby et al. (2005)
75 synthesis of Free Air CO₂ Enrichment (FACE) experiments suggests a median stimulation (23 ± 2%) of forest
76 NPP in response to a doubling of CO₂. Similar average increases (20%) were observed for C₃ crops, although this
77 translated into smaller gains in biomass (17%) and crop yields (13%) (Long et al., 2006). Little attention, however,
78 has been given to tropospheric ozone (O₃), a globally abundant air pollutant recognised as one of the most
79 damaging pollutants for forests (Karlsson et al., 2007;Royal-Society, 2008;Simpson et al., 2014b). Tropospheric
80 O₃ is a secondary air pollutant formed by photochemical reactions involving carbon monoxide (CO), volatile
81 organic compounds (VOCs), methane (CH₄) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) from both man-made and natural sources,
82 as well as downward transport from the stratosphere and lightning which is a source of NO_x. The phytotoxic
83 effects of O₃ exposure are shown to decrease vegetation productivity and biomass, with consequences for
84 terrestrial carbon sequestration (Felzer et al., 2004;Loya et al., 2003;Mills et al., 2011b;Sitch et al., 2007). Few
85 studies, however, consider the simultaneous effects of exposure to both gases, and few Earth-system models
86 (ESMs) currently explicitly consider the role of tropospheric O₃ in terrestrial carbon dynamics (IPCC, 2013), both
87 of which are [important](#)key to understanding the carbon sequestration potential of the land-surface, and future
88 carbon dynamics regionally and globally (Le Quéré et al., 2016;Sitch et al., 2015).

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90 Due to increased anthropogenic precursor emissions over the industrial period, background concentrations of
91 ground-level O₃ have risen (Vingarzan, 2004). O₃ levels at the start of the 20th century are estimated to be around
92 10 ppb for the site Montsouris Observatory near Paris, data for Arkona on the Baltic coast increased from ca. 15
93 ppb in the 1950s to 20-27 ppb by the early 1980s, and the Irish coast site Mace Head shows around 40 ppb by the
94 year 2000 (Logan et al., 2012;Parrish et al., 2012). Present day annual average background O₃ concentrations
95 reported in the review of Vingarzan (2004) show O₃ concentrations range between approximately 20 and 45 ppb,
96 with the greatest increase occurring since the 1950s. Trends vary from site to site though, even on a decadal basis
97 (Logan et al., 2012;Simpson et al., 2014b), depending, for example, on local/regional trends in precursor
98 (especially NO_x) emissions, elevation, and exposure to long-range transport. Nevertheless, there is some

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99 indication that background O₃ levels over the mid-latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere have continued to rise at
100 a rate of approximately 0.5–2% per year, although not uniform (Vingarzan, 2004). As a result of controls on
101 precursor emissions in Europe and North America, peak O₃ concentrations in these regions have decreased or
102 stabilised over recent decades (Cooper et al., 2014; Logan et al., 2012; Parrish et al., 2012; Simpson et al., 2014b).
103 Nevertheless, climate change may increase the frequency of weather events conducive to peak O₃ incidents in the
104 future (e.g. summer droughts and heat-waves; e.g., (Sicard et al., 2013)), and may increase biogenic emissions of
105 the O₃-precursors isoprene and NO_x, although such impacts are subject to great uncertainty (Simpson et al.,
106 2014b; Young et al., 2013; Young et al., 2009). Intercontinental transport of air pollution from regions such as Asia
107 that currently have poor emission controls are thought to contribute substantially to rising background O₃
108 concentrations over the last decades (Cooper et al., 2010; Verstraeten et al., 2015). Northern Hemisphere
109 background concentrations of O₃ are now close to established levels for impacts on human health and the terrestrial
110 environment (Royal-Society, 2008). Therefore, although peak O₃ concentrations are in decline across Europe,
111 plants are exposed to increasing background levels, at levels currently causing chronic damage (Mills et al.,
112 2011b). Intercontinental transport means future O₃ concentrations in Europe will be partly dependent on how
113 O₃ precursor emissions evolve globally.

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115 Elevated O₃ concentrations impact agricultural yields and nutritional quality of major crops (Ainsworth et al.,
116 2012; Avnery et al., 2011), with consequences for global food security (Tai et al., 2014). As well as being a
117 significant air pollutant, O₃ is a potent greenhouse gas (Royal-Society, 2008). High levels of O₃ are damaging to
118 ecosystem health and reduce the global land carbon sink (Armeth et al., 2010; Sitch et al., 2007). Reduced uptake
119 of carbon by plant photosynthesis due to O₃ damage allows more CO₂ to remain in the atmosphere. This effect of
120 O₃ on plant physiology represents an additional climate warming to the direct radiative forcing of O₃ (Collins et
121 al., 2010; Sitch et al., 2007), the magnitude of which, however, remains highly uncertain (IPCC, 2013).

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123 Dry deposition of O₃ to terrestrial surfaces, primarily uptake by stomata on plant foliage and deposition on external
124 surfaces of vegetation (Fowler et al., 2001; Fowler et al., 2009), is a large sink for ground level O₃ (Wild,
125 2007; Young et al., 2013) (Wild, 2007) (Fowler et al., 2009; Fowler et al., 2001; Wild, 2007). On entry to sub-
126 stomatal spaces, O₃ reacts with other molecules to form reactive oxygen species (ROS). Plants can tolerate a
127 certain level of O₃ depending on their capacity to scavenge and detoxify the ROS (Ainsworth et al., 2012). Above
128 this critical level, long-term chronic O₃ exposure reduces plant photosynthesis and biomass accumulation
129 (Ainsworth, 2008; Ainsworth et al., 2012; Matyssek et al., 2010a; Wittig et al., 2007; Wittig et al., 2009), either
130 directly through effects on photosynthetic machinery such as reduced Rubisco content (Ainsworth et al.,
131 2012; Wittig et al., 2009) and/or indirectly by reduced stomatal conductance (g_s) (Kitao et al., 2009; Wittig et al.,
132 2007), alters carbon allocation to different pools (Grantz et al., 2006; Wittig et al., 2009), accelerates leaf
133 senescence (Ainsworth, 2008; Nunn et al., 2005; Wittig et al., 2009) and changes plant susceptibility to biotic stress
134 factors (Karnosky et al., 2002; Percy et al., 2002).

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136 The response of plants to O₃ is very wide ranging as reported in the literature from different field studies. The
137 Wittig et al. (2007) meta-analysis of temperate and boreal tree species showed future concentrations of O₃
138 predicted for 2050 significantly reduced leaf level light saturated net photosynthetic uptake (-19%, range: -3% to

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139 -28% at a mean O₃ concentration of 85 ppb) and g_s (-10%, range: +5% to -23% at a mean O₃ concentration of 91
140 ppb) in both broadleaf and needle leaf tree species. In the Feng et al. (2008) meta-analysis of wheat, projected O₃
141 concentrations for the future reduced aboveground biomass (-18% at a mean O₃ concentration of 70 ppb)
142 photosynthetic rate (-20% at a mean O₃ concentration of 73 ppb) and g_s (-22% at a mean O₃ concentration of 79
143 ppb). One of few long-term field based O₃ exposure studies (AspenFACE) showed that after 11 years of exposing
144 mature trees to elevated O₃ concentrations (mean O₃ concentration of 46 ppb), O₃ decreased ecosystem carbon
145 content (-9%), and decreased NPP (-10%), although the O₃ effect decreased through time (Talhelm et al., 2014).
146 Zak et al. (2011) showed this was partly due to a shift in community structure as O₃-tolerant species, competitively
147 inferior in low O₃ environments, out competed O₃-sensitive species. GPP was reduced (-12% to -19%) at two
148 Mediterranean ecosystems exposed to ~~high~~ elevated ambient O₃ concentrations (ranging between 20 to 72 ppb
149 across sites and through the year) studied by Fares et al. (2013). Biomass of mature beech trees was reduced (-
150 44%) after 8 years of exposure to elevated O₃ (~150 ppb) (Matyssek et al., 2010a). After 5 years of O₃ exposure
151 (ambient +20 to +40 ppb) in a semi-natural grassland, annual biomass production was reduced (-23%), and in a
152 Mediterranean annual pasture O₃ exposure significantly reduced total aboveground biomass (up to -25%)
153 (Calvete-Sogo et al., 2014). However, these were empirical studies at individual sites, and these focus on O₃
154 effects on plant physiology and productivity, but do not quantify the impact on the land carbon sink. Modelling
155 studies are needed to scale site observations to the regional and global scales. Models generally suggest that plant
156 productivity and carbon sequestration will decrease with O₃ pollution, though the magnitudes vary. For example,
157 based on a limited dataset to parameterise plant O₃ damage for a global set of plant functional types, Sitch et al.
158 (2007) predicted a decline in global GPP of 14 to 23% by 2100. A second study by Lombardozzi et al. (2015)
159 similarly predicted a 10.8% decrease of global GPP. Here we take a regional approach and take advantage of ~~the~~
160 ~~latest~~ new measurements showing changes in plant productivity with accumulated exposure to O₃ specifically for
161 a range of European vegetation from different regions (CLRTAP 2017) with which to calibrate the JULES model
162 for plant sensitivity to O₃, and conduct ~~our~~ dedicated analysis specifically for the European region.

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164 Understanding the response of plants to elevated tropospheric O₃ is challenged by the large variation in O₃
165 sensitivity both within and between species (Karnosky et al., 2007; Kubiske et al., 2007; Wittig et al., 2009).
166 Additionally, other environmental stresses that affect stomatal behaviour will affect the rate of O₃ uptake and
167 therefore the response to O₃ exposure, such as high temperature, drought and changing concentrations of
168 atmospheric CO₂ (Mills et al., 2016; Fagnano et al., 2009; Kitao et al., 2009; Löw et al., 2006) ~~such that the response~~
169 ~~of vegetation to O₃ is a balance between opposing drivers of stomatal behaviour~~. Increasing concentrations of
170 atmospheric CO₂, for example, are suggested to provide some protection against O₃ damage by causing stomata
171 to close (Harmens et al., 2007; Wittig et al., 2007), however the long-term effects of CO₂ fertilisation on plant
172 growth and carbon storage remain uncertain (Baig et al., 2015; Ciais et al., 2013). Further, in some studies, stomata
173 have been shown to respond sluggishly, losing their responsiveness to environmental stimuli with exposure to O₃
174 which can lead to higher O₃ uptake, increased water-loss and therefore greater vulnerability to environmental
175 stresses such as drought (Mills et al., 2016; Mills et al., 2009; Paoletti and Grulke, 2010; Wilkinson and Davies,
176 2009).

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178 Given the critical role g_s plays in the uptake of both CO_2 and O_3 , we use an alternative representation and
179 parameterisation of g_s in JULES by implementing the Medlyn *et al.* (2011) g_s formulation. [This model is based
180 on the optimal theory of stomatal behaviour, ~~it does not currently include a representation of sluggish stomatal~~
181 ~~control, but it and~~ has the following advantages over the current JULES g_s formulation of Jacobs (1994): including
182 i) a single parameter (g_1) which represents the marginal cost of water use, compared to two parameters in Jacobs
183 (1994) representing the the critical humidity deficit at the leaf surface (d_{crit}) and the e_i/e_a ratio at the leaf critical
184 humidity deficit (f_0) (Clark *et al.*, 2011); ii) the g_1 parameter is related to the water-use strategy of vegetation and
185 is easier to parameterise with commonly measured leaf or canopy level observations of photosynthesis, g_s and
186 humidity. ~~— all variables that are commonly measured;~~ and (iii) values of g_1 are available for many different plant
187 functional types (PFTs) derived from a global data set of leaf-level measurements (Lin *et al.*, 2015).

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189 The main objective of this work is to assess the impact of historical and projected (1901 to 2050) changes in
190 tropospheric O_3 and atmospheric CO_2 concentration on predicted GPP and the land-carbon sink for Europe.
191 These are the two greenhouse gases that directly affect plant photosynthesis and g_s . We use a factorial suite of
192 model experiments, using the Joint UK land environment simulator (JULES) (Best *et al.*, 2011; Clark *et al.*,
193 2011), the land-surface model of the UK Earth System Model (UKESM) (Collins *et al.*, 2011) to simulate plant

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194 O_3 uptake and damage, and to investigate look at the impact of both interaction between O_3 and CO_2 on plant
195 water-use and carbon uptake. In this work, plant O_3 damage in JULES is developed further by introducing a
196 term for dry deposition of O_3 to external plant surfaces, an important sink for tropospheric O_3 that was
197 previously absent from the model. Further, the JULES model is re-calibrated using the latest observations of
198 vegetation sensitivity to O_3 , with the addition of a separate parameterisation for temperate/boreal regions versus
199 the Mediterranean. The plant O_3 sensitivity of each PFT in JULES was re-calibrated for both a high and low
200 plant O_3 sensitivity to account for uncertainty in the O_3 response, in part due to the the large observed variation
201 in O_3 sensitivity within and between species. This includes O_3 separate sensitivities for Mediterranean regions,
202 and for agricultural crops (wheat – high sensitivity) versus natural grassland (low sensitivity), with separate
203 sensitivities for Mediterranean grasslands. For forests JULES is parameterised with O_3 sensitivities for broadleaf
204 and needle leaf trees (with a high and low O_3 sensitivity for both), with separate sensitivities (high and low) for
205 Mediterranean broadleaf species. We make a separate distinction for the Mediterranean region where possible

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206 because the work of Büker *et al.* (2015) showed that different O_3 dose-response relationships are needed to
207 describe the O_3 sensitivity of dominant Mediterranean trees. In addition, we introduce an alternative g_s scheme
208 into JULES as described above. JULES is forced with spatially varying dailyhourly O_3 concentrations from a
209 high resolution atmospheric chemistry model for Europe that are disaggregated to hourly concentrations,
210 therefore our simulations account for diurnal variations in O_3 concentration and O_3 responses allowing for
211 improved more accurate estimations of O_3 uptake by vegetation. We do not attempt to make a full assessment
212 of the carbon cycle of Europe, instead we target O_3 damage, and its interaction with CO_2 , which is currently a
213 missing component in earlier carbon cycle assessments (Le Quéré *et al.*, 2017; Sitch *et al.*, 2015). To this end, we
214 prescribe changing O_3 and CO_2 concentrations from 1901 to 2050, but use a fixed pre-industrial climate. We
215 acknowledge the use of a 'fixed' pre-industrial climate omits the additional uncertainty of the interaction
216 between climate change and g_s which will affect the rate of O_3 uptake and therefore O_3 concentrations. In
217 addition, using uncoupled chemistry and climate is a further source of uncertainty. To understand the impact of

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218 these complex feedback mechanisms is an important area for future work, but in the current study our aim is to
219 isolate the physiological response of plants to both O₃ and CO₂, and determine the sensitivity of predicted GPP
220 and the land carbon sink to this process, as the impact of O₃ on [European vegetation and the land carbon sink](#)
221 currently remains largely unknown [at large spatial scales for Europe](#).

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225 2 Methods

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227 2.1 Representation of O₃ effects in JULES

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229 JULES calculates the land-atmosphere exchanges of heat, energy, mass, momentum and carbon on a sub-daily
230 time step, and includes a dynamic vegetation model (Best et al., 2011; Clark et al., 2011; Cox, 2001). This work
231 uses JULES version 3.3 (<http://www.jchmr.org>) at 0.5° x 0.5° spatial resolution and hourly model time step, the
232 spatial domain is shown in Fig. S5. JULES has a multi-layer canopy radiation interception and photosynthesis
233 scheme (10 layers in this instance) that accounts for direct and diffuse radiation, sun fleck penetration through the
234 canopy, inhibition of leaf respiration in the light and change in photosynthetic capacity with depth into the canopy
235 (Clark et al., 2011; Mercado et al., 2009). Soil water content also affects the rate of photosynthesis and g_s . It is
236 modelled using a dimensionless soil water stress factor, β , which is related to the mean soil water concentration
237 in the root zone, and the soil water contents at the critical and wilting point (Best *et al.*, 2011).

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239 [To simulate the effects of O₃ deposition on vegetation productivity and water use, JULES uses the flux-gradient](#)
240 [approach of Sitch *et al.*, \(2007\), modified to include non-stomatal deposition following Tuovinen *et al.* \(2009\). A](#)
241 [similar approach is taken by Franz *et al.* \(2017\) in the OCN model. however plant O₃ damage is a function of](#)
242 [accumulated O₃ exposure over time. In JULES, plant O₃ damage is instantaneous, the degree to which](#)
243 [photosynthesis and \$g_s\$ are modified at each time step with O₃ exposure having already been calibrated against](#)
244 [observations of the change in plant productivity with cumulative O₃ exposure for each PFT \(i.e. O₃ dose-response](#)
245 [functions described later\). JULES uses a coupled model of \$g_s\$ and photosynthesis, the potential net photosynthetic](#)
246 [rate \(\$A_p\$, mol CO₂ m⁻² s⁻¹\) is modified by an 'O₃ uptake' factor \(\$F\$, the fractional reduction in photosynthesis\), so](#)
247 [that the actual net photosynthesis \(\$A_{net}\$, mol CO₂ m⁻² s⁻¹\) is given by equation 1 \(Clark *et al.*, 2011, Sitch *et al.*,](#)
248 [2007\). Because of the relationship between these two fluxes, the direct effect of O₃ damage on photosynthetic rate](#)
249 [also leads to a reduction in \$g_s\$. An alternative approach was taken by Lombardozzi *et al.* \(2012\) in the CLM model](#)
250 [where photosynthesis and \$g_s\$ are decoupled, so that O₃ exposure affects carbon assimilation and transpiration](#)
251 [independently. In JULES, changes in atmospheric CO₂ concentration also affect photosynthetic rate and \$g_s\$,](#)
252 [consequently the interaction between changing concentrations of both CO₂ and O₃ is allowed for.](#)

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$$254 A_{net} = A_p F \quad (1)$$

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256 The O₃ uptake factor (F) is defined as:

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258 $F = 1 - a * \max[F_{O_3} - F_{O_3crit}, 0.0]$ (2)

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260 F_{O_3} is the instantaneous leaf uptake of O_3 ($\text{nmol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), F_{O_3crit} is a PFT-specific threshold for O_3 damage (nmol
 261 $\text{m}^{-2} \text{PLA s}^{-1}$, projected leaf area), and ‘ a ’ is a PFT-specific parameter representing the fractional reduction of
 262 photosynthesis with O_3 uptake by leaves. Following Tuovinen et al. (2009), the flux of O_3 through stomata, F_{O_3} ,
 263 is represented as follows:

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$$F_{O_3} = O_3 \left(\frac{g_b \left(\frac{g_l}{K_{O_3}} \right)}{g_b + \left(\frac{g_l}{K_{O_3}} \right) + g_{ext}} \right)$$
 (3a)

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267 O_3 is the molar concentration of O_3 at reference (canopy) level (nmol m^{-3}), g_b is the leaf-scale boundary layer
 268 conductance (m s^{-1} , eq 3b), g_l is the leaf conductance for water (m s^{-1}), K_{O_3} accounts for the different diffusivity of
 269 ozone to water vapour and takes a value of 1.51 after Massman (1998), and g_{ext} is the leaf-scale non-stomatal
 270 deposition to external plant surfaces (m s^{-1}) which takes a constant value of 0.0004 m s^{-1} after Tuovinen et al.
 271 (2009). The leaf-level boundary layer conductance (g_b) is calculated as in Tuovinen et al. (2009)

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273 $g_b = \alpha L d^{-1/2} U^{-1/2}$ (3b)

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275 α is a constant ($0.0051 \text{ m s}^{-1/2}$), Ld is the cross-wind leaf dimension (m) defined per PFT as 0.05 for trees, 0.02
 276 for grasses (C_3 and C_4) and 0.04 for shrubs, and U is wind speed at canopy height (m s^{-1}). The rate of O_3 uptake
 277 is dependent on g_s , which is dependent on photosynthetic rate. Given g_s is a linear function of photosynthetic rate
 278 in JULES (Clark et al., 2011), from eq 1 it follows that:

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280 $g_s = g_1 F$ (4)

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282 The O_3 flux to stomata, F_{O_3} , is calculated at leaf level and then scaled to each canopy layer differentiating sunlit
 283 and shaded leaf photosynthesis, and finally summed up to the canopy level. Because the photosynthetic capacity,
 284 photosynthesis and therefore g_s , decline with depth into the canopy, this in turn affects O_3 uptake, with the top leaf
 285 level contributing most to the total O_3 flux and the lowest level contributing least.

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287 **2.2 Calibration of O_3 uptake model**

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289 [Here we use the latest literature on flux based \$O_3\$ dose-response relationships derived from observed field data](#)
 290 [across Europe \(CLRTAP, 2017\) to determine the key PFT-specific \$O_3\$ sensitivity parameters in JULES \(\$a\$ and](#)
 291 [\$F_{O_3crit}\$ \). Synthesis of information expressed as \$O_3\$ flux based dose-response relationships derived from field](#)
 292 [experiments is carried out by The United Nations Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution](#)
 293 [\(CLRTAP Convention\), this information is then used as a policy tool to inform emission reduction strategies in](#)
 294 [Europe to improve air quality \(CLRTAP, 2017; Mills et al., 2011a\). Derivation of \$O_3\$ flux based dose-response](#)
 295 [relationships for different vegetation types uses the accumulated stomatal \$O_3\$ flux above a threshold \(often referred](#)
 296 [to as the phytotoxic \$O_3\$ dose above a threshold of ‘ \$\gamma\$ ’ i.e. \$POD_\gamma\$ \) as the dose metric, and the percentage change in](#)

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297 biomass as the response metric (Emberson et al., 2007; Karlsson et al., 2007). We use these observation based O₃
298 dose-response relationships to calibrate each JULES PFT for sensitivity to O₃ using available relationships for the
299 closest matching vegetation type. For JULES, F_{O_3crit} is the threshold for O₃ damage, and values for this parameter
300 are taken from the O₃ dose-response relationships as the POD_y value. The actual sensitivity to O₃ is determined
301 by the slope of the O₃ dose-response relationship, i.e. how much biomass changes with accumulated stomatal
302 uptake of O₃ above the damage threshold, this relates to the parameter a in JULES. The parameter ' a ' is a PFT-
303 specific parameter representing the fractional reduction of photosynthesis with O₃ uptake by leaves. Values for
304 this parameter are found for each PFT by running JULES with different values of ' a ', which alter the instantaneous
305 photosynthetic rate, but then calculating the accumulated stomatal flux of O₃ and the change in productivity, until
306 the slope of this relationship produced by the JULES simulations matches that of the O₃ dose-response
307 relationships derived from observations. Essentially we calibrate each JULES PFT for sensitivity to O₃ by
308 reproducing the observation-based O₃ dose-response relationships.

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310 Each PFT was calibrated for a high and low plant O₃ sensitivity to account for uncertainty in the sensitivity of
311 different plant species to O₃, using the approach of Sitch *et al.*, (2007). Therefore, when using our results to assess
312 the impact of O₃ at the land surface, we are able to provide a range in our estimates to help address some of the
313 uncertainty in the O₃ response of different vegetation types. In addition, where possible owing to available data,
314 a distinction was made for Mediterranean regions. This was because the work of B ker et al. (2015) showed that
315 different O₃ dose-response relationships are needed to describe the O₃ sensitivity of dominant Mediterranean trees.
316 For the C₃ herbaceous PFT, the dominant land cover type across the European domain in this study (Fig. S1), the
317 high plant O₃ sensitivity was calibrated against observations for wheat to give a representation of agricultural
318 regions and wheat is one of the most sensitive grasses to O₃ (Fig. S2, Table S1). For the low plant O₃ sensitivity
319 JULES was calibrated against the dose-response function for natural grassland to give a representation of natural
320 grassland and this vegetation has a much lower sensitivity to O₃ damage. for the Mediterranean region we used a
321 function for Mediterranean natural grasslands, all taken from CLRTAP (2017) (Fig. S2, Table S1). Tree/shrub
322 PFTs were calibrated against observed O₃ dose-response functions for the high plant O₃ sensitivity: broadleaf
323 trees (temperate/boreal) = Birch/Beech dose-response relationship, broadleaf trees (Mediterranean) = deciduous
324 oaks dose-response relationship, needle leaf trees = Norway spruce dose-response relationship, shrubs =
325 Birch/Beech dose-response relationship, all from CLRTAP (2017) (Fig. S2, Table S1). Data on O₃ dose-response
326 relationships for different vegetation types is very limited, therefore for the low plant O₃ sensitivity calibration for
327 trees/shrubs we assumed a 20% decrease in sensitivity to O₃ based on the difference in sensitivity between high
328 and low sensitive tree species in the Karlsson et al. (2007) study. Due to limitations in data availability, the shrub
329 parameterisation uses the observed dose-response functions for broadleaf trees. Similarly, the parameterisation
330 for C₄ herbaceous uses the observed dose-responses for C₃ herbaceous, however the fractional cover of C₄ herbs
331 across Europe is low (Fig. S1), so this assumption affects a very small percentage of land cover.

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333 To calibrate the JULES O₃ uptake model, JULES was run across Europe forced using the WFDEI observational
334 climate dataset (Weedon, 2013) at 0.5° X 0.5° spatial and three hour temporal resolution. JULES uses interpolation
335 to disaggregate the forcing data down from 3 hours to an hourly model time step. The model was spun-up over
336 the period 1979 to 1999 with a fixed atmospheric CO₂ concentration of 368.33 ppm (1999 value from Mauna Loa

337 [observations, \(Tans and Keeling\)](#). Zero tropospheric ozone concentration was assumed for the control simulation,
338 [for the simulations with O₃, spin-up used spatially explicit fields of present day O₃ concentration produced using](#)
339 [the UK Chemistry and Aerosol \(UKCA\) model with standard chemistry from the run evaluated by O'Connor et](#)
340 [al. \(2014\). A fixed land cover map was used based on IGBP \(International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme\)](#)
341 [land cover classes \(IGBP-DIS\), therefore as the vegetation distribution was fixed and the calibration was not](#)
342 [looking at carbon stores, a short spin-up was adequate to equilibrate soil temperature and soil moisture. JULES](#)
343 [was then run for the year 2000 with a corresponding CO₂ concentration of 369.52 ppm \(from Mauna Loa](#)
344 [observations, \(Tans and Keeling\)\) and monthly fields of spatially explicit tropospheric O₃ \(O'Connor et al., 2014\)](#)
345 [as necessary.](#)

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347 [Calibration was performed using four simulations: with i\) zero tropospheric O₃ concentration, this was the control](#)
348 [simulation \(control\), ii\) tropospheric O₃ at current ambient concentration \(O₃\), iii\) ambient +20 ppb \(O₃+20\) and](#)
349 [iv\) ambient +40 ppb \(O₃+40\). The different O₃ simulations \(i.e. O₃, O₃+20 and O₃+40\) were used to capture the](#)
350 [range of O₃ conditions in the data used in the observation-based O₃ dose-response relationships used in this study](#)
351 [for calibration, often data were from experiments using artificially manipulated conditions of ambient + 40 ppb](#)
352 [O₃ for example. For each JULES O₃ simulation, the value of \$F_{O_3crit}\$ was taken from the vegetation specific O₃](#)
353 [dose-response relationship as the threshold O₃ concentration above which damage to vegetation occurs. An initial](#)
354 [estimate of the parameter 'a' was used, then for each PFT and each simulation, hourly estimates of NPP \(our](#)
355 [proxy for biomass – although not identical they are related\) and O₃ uptake in excess of \$F_{O_3crit}\$ were accumulated](#)
356 [over a PFT dependent accumulation period. The accumulation periods were ~6 months for broadleaf trees and](#)
357 [shrubs, all year for needle leaf trees, and ~3 months for herbaceous species, through the growing season, following](#)
358 [guidelines in CLRTAP \(2017\). Additionally, in accordance with the methods used in the CLRTAP \(2017\) that](#)
359 [describe how the O₃ dose-response relationships are derived from observations, we use the stomatal O₃ flux per](#)
360 [projected leaf area to top canopy sunlit leaves. The percentage change in total NPP was calculated for each O₃](#)
361 [simulation and plotted against the cumulative uptake of O₃ over the PFT-specific accumulation period. The linear](#)
362 [regression of this relationship was calculated, and slope and intercept compared against the slope and intercept of](#)
363 [the observed dose-response relationships. Values of the parameter 'a' were adjusted, and the procedure repeated](#)
364 [until the linear regression through the simulation points matched that of the observations \(Fig. S2, Table S1\).](#)

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366 [Here we use the latest literature on O₃ dose-response relationships derived from observed field data across Europe](#)
367 [\(CLRTAP, 2017\) to determine the key PFT-specific O₃-sensitivity parameters in JULES \(\$a\$ and \$F_{O_3crit}\$ \). Each](#)
368 [JULES PFT \(broadleaf, needle leaf, C₃- and C₄-herbaceous, and shrub\) was calibrated for a high and low plant O₃](#)
369 [sensitivity to account for uncertainty in variation of species sensitivity to O₃, using the approach of Sitch *et al.*,](#)
370 [\(2007\). For the C₃-herbaceous PFT—the dominant land cover type across Europe in this study \(Fig. S1\)—the O₃](#)
371 [sensitivity was calibrated against observations for wheat to give a representation of agricultural regions \(high plant](#)
372 [O₃-sensitivity\), versus natural grassland \(low plant O₃-sensitivity\), with a separate function for Mediterranean](#)
373 [grasslands \(low plant O₃-sensitivity\) \(Table S1 and Figure S2\). Broadleaf tree and shrub PFTs were calibrated](#)
374 [against the birch/beech-observed O₃-dose-response functions for the high plant O₃-sensitivity, with a separate](#)
375 [function for Mediterranean broadleaf trees \(deciduous oaks\), needle leaf trees were calibrated against the function](#)
376 [for Norway spruce, all data for dose-response functions were from CLRTAP \(2017\). The low plant O₃-sensitivity](#)

377 functions for trees/shrubs were calibrated as being 20% less sensitive based on the difference in sensitivity
 378 between high and low sensitive tree species in the Karlsson et al. (2007) study. Due to limitations in data
 379 availability, the parameterisation for C₄ herbaceous uses the observed dose-responses for C₃ herbaceous, however
 380 the fractional cover of C₄ herbs across Europe is low (Fig. S1), so this assumption affects a very small percentage
 381 of land cover.

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 383 To calibrate each JULES PFT for sensitivity to O₃, JULES was run, varying the value of parameter *a*, until model
 384 output of change in NPP with cumulative O₃ exposure matched the observed O₃ dose response functions in
 385 CLRTAP (2017). JULES was run to be as directly comparable as possible to the dose-based O₃ risk indicator used
 386 in CLRTAP (2017), using the O₃ flux per projected leaf area to top canopy sunlit leaves. Values of *F*_{O₃crit} came
 387 from the observations, the parameter '*a*' was modified until the modelled change in response variable with
 388 cumulative uptake of O₃ above the specified threshold matched the observations (see further method details in SI
 389 section S2).

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391 2.3 Representation of stomatal conductance and site level evaluation

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 393 In JULES, *g_s* (m s⁻¹) is represented following the closure proposed by (Jacobs, 1994):

$$395 \quad g_s = 1.6RT_l \frac{A_{net}\beta}{c_a - c_i} \quad (5)$$

396
 397 In this parameterisation, *c_i* is unknown and in the default JULES model is calculated as in equation 6, hereafter
 398 called JAC:

$$400 \quad c_i = (c_a - c_*)f_0 \left(1 - \frac{dq}{dq_{crit}}\right) + c_* \quad (6)$$

401
 402 *β* is a soil moisture stress factor, the factor 1.6 accounts for *g_s* being the conductance for water vapour rather than
 403 CO₂, *R* is the universal gas constant (J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹), *T_l* is the leaf surface temperature (K), *c_a* and *c_i* (both Pa) are the
 404 leaf surface and internal CO₂ partial pressures, respectively, *c** (Pa) is the CO₂ photorespiration compensation
 405 point, *dq* is the humidity deficit at the leaf surface (kg kg⁻¹), *dq_{crit}* (kg kg⁻¹) and *f₀* are PFT specific parameters
 406 representing the critical humidity deficit at the leaf surface, and the leaf internal to atmospheric CO₂ ratio (*c_i/c_a*)
 407 at the leaf specific humidity deficit (Best *et al.* 2011), values are shown in Table S1.

408
 409 In this work, we replace equation 6 with the closure described in Medlyn *et al.* (2011), using the key PFT specific
 410 model parameter *g_l* (kPa^{0.5}), and *dq* is expressed in kPa, shown in eq 7, hereafter called MED:

$$412 \quad c_i = c_a \left(\frac{g_l}{g_l + \sqrt{dq}} \right) \quad (7)$$

413
 414 PFT specific values of the *g_l* parameter were derived for European vegetation from the data base of Lin *et al.*
 415 (2015) and are shown in Table S1. The *g_l* parameter represents the sensitivity of *g_s* to the assimilation rate, i.e.

416 plant water use efficiency, and was derived as in Lin et al. (2015) by fitting the Medlyn *et al.*, (2011) model to
417 observations of g_s , photosynthesis, and VPD, with no g_0 term.

418
419 The impact of g_s model formulation (JAC versus MED) on simulated water, O₃, carbon and energy fluxes is
420 compared for two contrasting grid points - wet (low soil moisture stress) and dry (high soil moisture stress) in the
421 European domain. JULES was spun-up for 20 years (1979-1999) at two grid points in central Europe representing
422 a wet (low soil moisture stress, lat: 48.25; lon:, 5.25) and a dry site (high soil moisture stress, lat: 38.25; lon:, -
423 7.75). The modelled soil moisture stress factor (f_{smc}) at the wet site ranged from 0.8 to 1.0 over the year 2000
424 (1.0 indicates no soil moisture stress), and at the dry site f_{smc} steadily declined from 0.8 at the start of the year to
425 0.25 by the end of the summer. The WFDEI meteorological forcing dataset was used (Weedon, 2013), along with
426 atmospheric CO₂ concentration for the year 1999 (368.33 ppm), and either no O₃ (i.e. the O₃ damage model was
427 switched off) for the control simulations, or spatially explicit fields of present day O₃ concentration produced
428 using the UK Chemistry and Aerosol (UKCA) model from the run evaluated by O'Connor et al. (2014) for the
429 simulations with O₃. Following the spin-up period, JULES was run for one year (2000) with corresponding
430 atmospheric CO₂ concentration, and tropospheric O₃ concentrations as described above. The control and O₃
431 simulations were performed for both JAC and MED model formulations. Land cover for the spin-up and main run
432 was fixed at 20% for each PFT. For the simulations including O₃ damage, the high plant O₃ sensitivity
433 parameterisation was used. The difference between these simulations was used to assess the impact of g_s model
434 formulation on the leaf level fluxes of carbon and water. We calculate and report (results section 3.1) the difference
435 in mean annual water-use that results from the above simulations using the different g_s models. For each day of
436 the simulation we calculate the percentage difference in water-use between the two simulations, we then calculate
437 the mean and standard deviation over the year to give the annual mean leaf-level water-use.

438
439 Site level evaluation of the two g_s models compared to FLUXNET observations was carried out to evaluate the
440 seasonal cycles of latent and sensible heat using the two g_s models JAC and MED compared to observations.
441 Seven Fluxnet towers were selected to represent a range of land cover types as shown in Table S2. JULES was
442 setup for each site using observed site-level hourly meteorology, and the vegetation cover was prescribed
443 according to the fractional covers of the different JULES surface types shown in Table S2. Following a spin-up
444 period, simulations were run at each site for the years shown in Table S2.

446 2.4 Model simulations for Europe

448 2.4.1 Forcing datasets

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450 We used the WATCH meteorological forcing data set (Weedon et al., 2010; Weedon et al., 2011) at 0.5° x 0.5°
451 spatial and three hour temporal resolution for our JULES simulations. JULES interpolates this down to an hourly
452 model time step. For this study, the climate was kept constant by recycling over the period 1901 to 1920, to allow
453 us to focus on fully-understand the impact O₃, CO₂ and their interaction.

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455 JULES was run with prescribed annual mean atmospheric CO₂ concentrations. Pre-industrial global CO₂
456 concentrations (1900 to 1960) were taken from Etheridge et al. (1996), 1960 to 2002 were from Mauna Loa
457 (Keeling and Whorf, 2004), as calculated by the Global Carbon Project (Le Quéré et al., 2016), and 2003-2050
458 were based on the IPCC SRES A1B scenario and were linearly interpolated to gap fill missing years (Fig. 1).

460 JULES was run including dynamic vegetation with a land cover mask giving the fraction of agriculture in each
461 0.5° x 0.5° grid cell based on the Hurtt et al. (2011) land cover database for the year 2000. This means that whilst
462 the model is allowed to evolve its own vegetation cover, within the agricultural mask means that only C₃/C₄
463 herbaceous PFTs are allowed to grow, with no competition from other PFTs. Therefore, through the simulation
464 period, regions of agriculture are maintained as such and not out-competed by forests for example, allowing for a
465 more accurate representation of the land cover of Europe in the model. No form of land management is simulated
466 (i.e. no crop harvesting, ploughing, rotation or grazing), growth and leaf area index (LAI) are determined by
467 resource availability and phenology. Outside of the agricultural mask, By including dynamic vegetation means
468 that grid cell PFT coverage and Leaf Area Index (LAI) is the result of resource availability and phenology
469 and simulated competition. Across the model domain, simulated mean annual LAI was dominantly within the
470 range of 2 to 5 m²/m² (Fig. S3 and S4). Following a full spin-up period (to ensure equilibrium vegetation, carbon
471 and water states), there was no significant change in the fractional cover of each PFT changed little over the
472 simulation period (1901 - 2050). By 2050, increases in boreal forest cover occurred, but this was less than 2%
473 and limited to very small areas, given this small change we show just the land cover for 2050 is shown in Fig.
474 S1.

476 Tropospheric O₃ concentration was produced by the EMEP MSC-W model at 0.5° x 0.5° (Simpson et al., 2012),
477 driven with meteorology from the regional climate model RCA3 (Kjellström et al., 2011; Samuelsson et al., 2011),
478 which provides a downscaling of the ECHAM A1B-r3 (simulation 11 of Kjellström et al., 2011). This setup
479 (EMEP+RCA3) is also used by Langner et al. (2012a), Simpson et al. (2014a), Tuovinen et al. (2013), Franz et
480 al. (2017) and Engardt et al. (2017), where further details and model evaluation can be found. Unfortunately, the
481 3-dimensional RCA3 data needed by the EMEP model was not available prior to 1960, but as in Engardt et al.
482 (2017) the meteorology of 1900-1959 had to be approximated by assigning random years from 1960 to 1969. This
483 procedure introduces some uncertainty of course, although but Langner et al. (2012b) show that for the period
484 1990 to 2100 it is emissions change, rather than meteorological change, that drives modelled O₃ concentrations.
485 The emissions scenarios for 1900-2050 merge data from the International Institute of Applied
486 System Analysis (IIASA) for 2005-2050 (the so-called ECLIPSE 4a scenario), recently revised EMEP data for
487 1990, and a scaling back from 1990 to 1900 using data from Lamarque et al. (2013). The trend in emissions of
488 the major O₃ precursors NO_x, NMVOC and Isoprene are shown from 1900 to 2050 over Europe in Fig. S5.
489 Isoprene emissions are not inputs to the EMEP model, but rather calculated at each time-step using temperature,
490 radiation, and land-cover specific emission factors (Simpson et al., 2012). Changes in the assumed background
491 concentration of CH₄ (from RCP6.0) (van Vuuren et al., 2011) are also shown in Fig. S5. Engardt et al. (2017)
492 show the trend in emissions of SO₂ and NH₃ from 1900 to 2050 over Europe. The EMEP model accounts for
493 changes in BVOC emissions as a result of predicted ambient temperature changes, however as with all uncoupled
494 modelling studies, there is no interaction between changes in leaf-level g_s, BVOCs and O₃ formation.

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496 O₃ concentrations from EMEP MSC-W were calculated at canopy height for two land-cover categories: forest
497 and grassland (Fig. S63 and Fig. S74), which are taken as surrogates for high and low vegetation, respectively.
498 These canopy-height specific concentrations allow for the large gradients in O₃ concentration that can occur in
499 the lowest 10s of metres, giving lower O₃ for grasslands than seen at e.g. 20 m in a forest canopy (Gerosa et al.,
500 2017;Simpson et al., 2012;Tuovinen et al., 2009)(Simpson et al., 2012;Tuovinen et al., 2009). These canopy level
501 O₃ concentrations are used as input to JULES, using the EMEP O₃ concentrations for forest for the forest JULES
502 PFTs (broadleaf/needle leaf tree and shrub), and the EMEP O₃ concentrations for grassland for the
503 grass/herbaceous JULES PFTs (C₃ and C₄). This study used daily mean values of tropospheric O₃ concentration
504 from EMEP disaggregated down to the hourly JULES model time-step. The daily mean O₃ forcing was
505 disaggregated to follow a mean diurnal profile of O₃, this was generated from hourly O₃ output from EMEP MSC-
506 W for the two land cover categories (forest and grassland as described above) across the same model domain.
507 Hourly O₃ concentrations follow a diurnal cycle and peak during the day, therefore accounting for the diurnal
508 variation in O₃ concentrations values allows for a variation in the diurnal response to O₃ exposure resulting in
509 more realistic accurate estimation of O₃ uptake.

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511 Figure 1 shows large increases in tropospheric O₃ from pre-industrial to present day (2001), this is in line with
512 modelling studies (Young et al., 2013) and site observations (Derwent et al., 2008;Logan et al., 2012;Parrish et
513 al., 2012), and is predominantly a result of increasing anthropogenic emissions (Young et al., 2013). Figure's S63
514 and S74 show this large increase in ground-level O₃ concentrations from 1901 to 2001 occurs in all seasons.
515 Present day O₃ concentration show a strong seasonal cycle, with a spring/summer peak in concentrations in the
516 mid-latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere (Derwent et al., 2008;Parrish et al., 2012;Vingarzan, 2004). Seasonal
517 cycles have been changing over the past decades however, attributed to changes in NO_x and other emissions, as
518 well as changes in transport patterns (Parrish et al., 2013). These changes will likely continue in future as
519 emissions and meteorological factors impact photo-chemical O₃ production and transport patterns. Indeed, This
520 is largely related to (Lin et al., 1988) the seasonal cycle of photochemical O₃ production which is highest during
521 periods of high radiation and temperature (Young et al., 2013), although increased stratospheric input is also
522 thought to contribute (Vingarzan, 2004). Anthropogenic emissions, especially NO_x, contribute to the seasonal
523 cycle of O₃ through traffic, energy production and residential heating and cooling demands (Royal Society, 2008).
524 Bioogenic emissions are also seasonal which contributes to the seasonal change in O₃ concentrations (Pacifco et
525 al., 2012;Young et al., 2009), and dry deposition, driven by plant productivity also has a strong seasonal
526 component. How the seasonality of ground level O₃ changes in the future will depend on how these multiple
527 different drivers change and interact. Modelling studies such as Dentener et al. (2006) and Young et al. (2013)
528 suggest that anthropogenic emissions will be the main factor controlling the evolution of future O₃ concentrations,
529 and in the recent study of Young et al., (2013) most scenarios suggest reduced O₃ burden in the future as a result
530 predominantly of reduced precursor emissions. Seasonally, the O₃ concentrations used in the simulations in this
531 study show increased O₃ levels in winter and in some regions in autumn and spring in 2050 compared to present
532 day, this may be due to reduced titration of O₃ by NO as a result of reduced NO_x emissions in the future (Royal
533 Society, 2008). Summer O₃ concentrations are lower in 2050 however, compared to 2001. Our simulations use a
534 fixed climate, so we do not include the effect of climate change on shifting plant phenology. Therefore, our results

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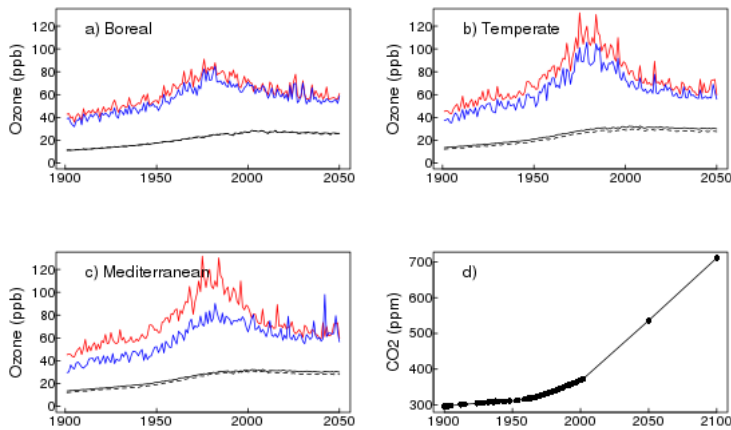
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535 may underestimate plant O₃ damage, since if the growing season started earlier or finished later, plants in some
 536 regions would be exposed to higher O₃ concentrations.

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 540 **Figure 1.** Regional time series of canopy height O₃ (ppb) forcing from EMEP a) to c), and d) global atmospheric
 541 CO₂ (ppm) concentration (this does not vary regionally; black dots show data points, the black line shows
 542 interpolated points). Each panel for the O₃ forcing shows the regional annual average (woody PFTs, black solid
 543 line; herbaceous PFTs, black dashed line) and the annual maximum O₃ concentration above: woody PFTs (red)
 544 and herbaceous PFTs (blue).

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546 2.4.2 Spin up and factorial experiments

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548 JULES was spun-up by recycling the climate from the early part of the twentieth century (1901 to 1920) using
 549 atmospheric CO₂ (296.1 ppm) and O₃ concentrations from 1901 (Fig. S3 & Fig. S4). Model spin-up was 2000
 550 years by which point the carbon pools and fluxes were in steady state with zero mean net land – atmosphere CO₂
 551 flux. We performed the following transient simulations for the period 1901 to 2050 with continued recycling of
 552 the climate as used in the spin-up, for both high and low plant O₃ sensitivities:

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- 554 • **O3** : Fixed 1901 CO₂, Varying O₃
- 555 • **CO2** : Varying CO₂, Fixed 1901 O₃
- 556 • **CO2+O3** : Varying CO₂, Varying O₃

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558 We use these simulations to investigate the direct effects of changing atmospheric CO₂ and O₃ concentrations,
 559 individually and combined, on plant [water-use, GPP and the land C sink physiology](#) through the twentieth century
 560 and into the future, specifically over three time periods: historical (1901-2001), future (2001-2050) and over the
 561 full time series (1901-2050). [For each time period we calculate the difference between the decadal means](#)

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562 calculated at the start and end of the analysis period for each variable of interest. Therefore our results report the
563 change in GPP, for example, over the analysis period. For each variable analysed (GPP, NPP, vegetation carbon,
564 soil carbon, total land carbon and g_s), we use the mean over 10 years to represent each time period, e.g. the mean
565 over 2040 to 2050 is what we call 2050, 1901 to 1910 is what we refer to as 1901. The difference between the
566 simulations gives the effect of O_3 and CO_2 either separately or in combination over the different time periods. We
567 look at the percentage change due to either O_3 at pre-industrial CO_2 concentration (i.e. without the additional
568 effect of atmospheric CO_2 on stomatal behaviour - O_3 simulation), CO_2 (at fixed pre-industrial O_3 concentration,
569 CO_2 simulation) or the combined effect of both gases (CO_2+O_3 simulation), which is calculated as:

$$570 \frac{100 * (var[y_1] - var[y_2])}{var[y_2]} \quad (8)$$

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573 Where $var[y_x]$ represents the variable in time period y , e.g. $100 * (varO_3[2050] - varO_3[1901]) / varO_3[1901]$
574 gives the O_3 effect (at fixed CO_2) over the full experimental period. The meteorological forcing is prescribed in
575 these simulations and is therefore the same between the model runs. Other climate factors, such as VPD,
576 temperature and soil moisture availability are accounted for in our simulations, but our analysis isolates the effects
577 of O_3 , CO_2 and $O_3 + CO_2$. We also use paired t-test to determine statistically significant differences between the
578 different (high and low) plant O_3 sensitivities.

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580 2.4.3 Evaluation

581 To evaluate our JULES simulations we compare mean GPP from 1991 to 2001 for each of the JULES scenarios
582 and both high and low plant O_3 sensitivities against the observation based globally extrapolated Flux Network
583 model tree ensemble (MTE) (Jung et al., 2011). We use paired t-test to determine statistically significant
584 differences in the mean responses.

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586 3 Results

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588 3.1 Impact of g_s model formulation and site level evaluation

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590 The impact of g_s model on simulated g_s is shown for the site with low soil moisture stress (wet site, Fig. 2). For
591 the broadleaf tree and C_3 herbaceous PFT, the MED model simulates a larger conductance compared to the JAC
592 model. In other words, with the MED model these two PFTs are parameterised with a less conservative water use
593 strategy, which, for the grid point shown in Fig. 2, increased the annual mean leaf-level water use by 35% ($\pm 29\%$)
594 and 45% ($\pm 32\%$), respectively. In contrast, the needle leaf tree, C_4 herbaceous and shrub PFTs are parameterised
595 with a more conservative water use strategy with the MED model, and the mean annual g_s was decreased by 13%
596 ($\pm 12\%$), 27% ($\pm 10\%$) and 36% ($\pm 13\%$), respectively, compared to the JAC model. This comparison was also done
597 for a dry site (high soil moisture stress), and similar results were found (Fig. S86), suggesting these results are
598 representative across the domain. The effect of g_s formulation on simulated photosynthesis was much smaller
599 because of the lower sensitivity of the limiting rates of photosynthesis to changes in c_i in the model compared to

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600 the effect of the same change in c_i on modelled g_s (Fig. S97 & S108). Changes in leaf-level g_s impact the
 601 partitioning of simulated energy fluxes. In general, increased g_s results in increased latent heat and thus decreased
 602 sensible heat flux, and vice versa where g_s is decreased (Fig. S97 & S108). Also shown is the effect of the MED
 603 model on O_3 flux into the leaf (Fig. S112 and Fig. S86, bottom panels). For the broadleaf tree and C_3 herbaceous
 604 PFT, the MED model simulates a larger conductance and therefore a greater flux of O_3 through stomata compared
 605 to JAC, and this is indicative of the potential for greater reductions in photosynthesis (Fig. S97 & S108 top row).
 606 The reverse is seen for the needle leaf tree, C_4 herbaceous and shrub PFTs.

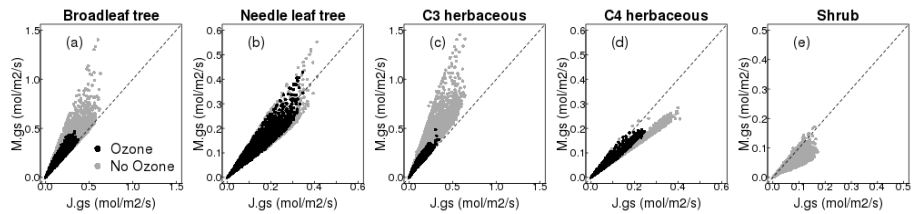
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608 Site level evaluation of the seasonal cycles of latent and sensible heat with both JAC and MED models compared
 609 to FLUXNET observations showed in general, the MED model improved the seasonal cycle of both fluxes (lower
 610 RMSE), but the magnitude of this varied from site to site (Fig. S12). At the deciduous broadleaf site, US-UMB,
 611 MED resulted in improvements of the simulated seasonal cycle particularly in the summer months for both fluxes
 612 (RMSE decreased from 42.7/31.5 to 38.5/28.0 W/m^2 for latent/sensible heat respectively). At the second
 613 deciduous broadleaf site IT-CA1 however, there was almost no difference between the two g_s models. Both
 614 evergreen needle leaf forest sites (FI-Hyy and DE-Tha) saw improvements in the simulated seasonal cycles of
 615 latent and sensible heat with the MED model, primarily as a result of lower latent heat flux in the spring and
 616 summer months, and higher sensible heat flux over the same period. At FI-Hyy, RMSE decreased from 10.1/7.4
 617 to 6.7/6.7 W/m^2 for latent/sensible heat respectively, and at DE-Tha, RMSE decreased from 16.0/11.9 to 10.5/10.6
 618 W/m^2 for latent/sensible heat respectively. With the MED model the monthly mean latent heat flux was improved
 619 at the C_3 grass site (CH-Cha) as a result of increased flux in the summer months (RMSE decreased from 15.7 to
 620 13.8 W/m^2), however there was no improvement in the sensible heat flux and RMSE with MED was increased
 621 (from 3.9 to 4.9 W/m^2). At the C_4 grass site (US-SRG), small improvements were made in the seasonal cycle of
 622 both latent and sensible heat with the MED model. At the deciduous savannah site (CG-Tch) which included a
 623 high proportion of shrub PFT in the land cover type used in the site simulation, large improvements in the seasonal
 624 cycle of both fluxes were simulated with the MED model, as a result of a decrease in the latent heat flux and an
 625 increase in the sensible heat flux (RMSE decreased from 39.5/31.6 to 30.4/24.4 W/m^2 for latent/sensible heat
 626 respectively).

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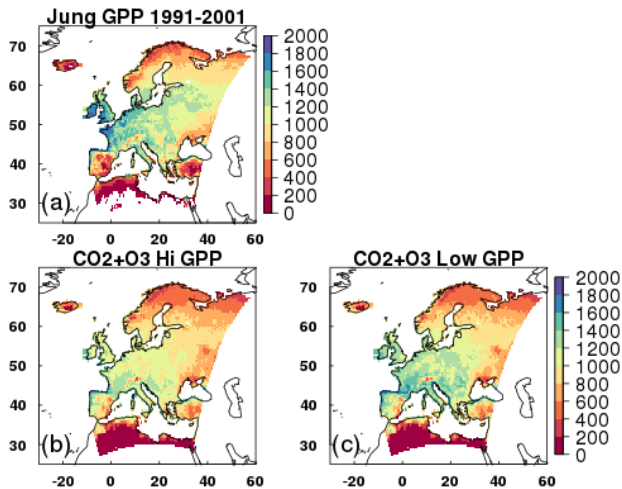


629 **Figure 2.** Comparison of simulated g_s with MED (y axis) versus JAC (x axis) for all five JULES PFTs at one grid
 630 point (lat: 48.25; lon: 5.25) shown are hourly values for the year 2000 (see SI section S3 for further details).

632 **3.2 Evaluation of the JULES O₃ model**

633 For all JULES scenarios similar spatial patterns of GPP are simulated compared to MTE (Fig. 3 and Fig. S130).
634 MTE estimates a mean GPP for present day in Europe of 938 gC m² yr⁻¹ (Fig. 3). JULES tends to under-predict
635 GPP relative to the MTE product, estimates of GPP from JULES with both transient CO₂ and O₃ (CO₂+O₃
636 simulation) gives a mean across Europe of 813 gC m² yr⁻¹ (high plant O₃ sensitivity) to 881 gC m² yr⁻¹ (low plant
637 O₃ sensitivity), both of which are significantly different to the MTE product ($t=27$, $d.f.=5750$, $p<2.2e^{-16}$ (high);
638 $t=4.3$, $d.f.=5750$, $p<1.5e^{-05}$ (low); Fig. 3). Forcing with CO₂ alone (CO₂ simulation fixed 1901 O₃) gives a mean
639 GPP across Europe of 900 to 923 gC m² yr⁻¹ (high and low plant O₃ sensitivity respectively), and O₃ alone (O₃
640 simulation - without the protective effect of CO₂) reduces estimated GPP to 732 to 799 gC m² yr⁻¹ (Fig. S130). At
641 latitudes >45°N JULES has a tendency to under-predict MTE-GPP, and at latitudes <45°N JULES tends to over-
642 predict MTE-GPP (Fig. S144). These regional differences are highlighted in Fig. S152, where in the
643 Mediterranean region, JULES tends to over-predict compared to MTE-GPP, so simulations with O₃ reduce the
644 simulated GPP bringing it closer to MTE. In the temperate region however, JULES tends to under-estimate MTE-
645 GPP, so the addition of O₃ reduces simulated GPP further (Fig. S152). In the boreal region, JULES under-predicts
646 GPP, but to a lesser extent than in the temperate region, and the addition of O₃ has less impact on reducing the
647 GPP further (Fig. S152).

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650 **Figure 3.** Mean GPP (g C m² yr⁻¹) from 1991 to 2001 for a) the observationally based globally extrapolated Flux
651 Network model tree ensemble (MTE) (Jung *et al.*, 2011); b, c) model simulations with transient CO₂ and transient
652 O₃ (CO₂+O₃), high and low plant O₃ sensitivity respectively.

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655 **3.3 European simulations - Historical Period: 1901-2001**

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657 Over the historical period (1901-2001), the physiological effect of O₃ (O₃ simulation) reduced GPP under both
658 the low and high plant O₃ sensitivity parameterizations by (-3% to -9% respectively (Table 1)), for the low and
659 high plant O₃ sensitivity parameterizations, respectively (Table 1). The and this difference in simulated GPP plant
660 O₃ sensitivity was significant ($t=102.2$, $df=6270$, $p<2.2e^{-16}$). Figure 4 highlights regional variations, however,
661 where simulated reductions in GPP are up to 20% across large areas of Europe, and up to 30% in some
662 Mediterranean regions under the high plant O₃ sensitivity. Some Boreal and Mediterranean regions show small
663 increases in GPP over this period, associated with O₃ induced stomatal closure enhancing water availability in
664 these drier regions (Fig. 5). This allows for greater stomatal conductance later in the year when soil moisture may
665 otherwise have been limiting to growth (up to 10%, Fig. 5), and therefore higher GPP, but these regions comprise
666 only a small area of the entire domain. Indeed, over much of the Europe, O₃-induced stomatal closure led to
667 reduced g_s (up to 20%) across large areas of temperate Europe and the Mediterranean, and even greater reductions
668 in some smaller regions of southern Mediterranean (Fig. 6), and these are not associated with notable increases in
669 soil moisture availability (Fig. 5), resulting in depressed GPP over much of Europe as described above. Under the
670 low plant O₃ sensitivity, similar spatial patterns occur, but the magnitude of GPP change (up to -10% across much
671 of Europe) and g_s change (-5% to -10%) are lower compared to the high sensitivity. Over the twentieth century
672 the land carbon sink is suppressed (-2% to -6%, Table 1). Large regional variation is shown in Figure 4, with
673 temperate and Mediterranean Europe seeing a large reduction in land carbon storage, particularly under the high
674 plant O₃ sensitivity (up to -15%).

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676 Combined, the physiological response to changing CO₂ and O₃ concentrations (CO₂+O₃ simulation) results in a
677 net loss of land carbon over the twentieth century under the high plant O₃ sensitivity (-2%, Table 1), dominated
678 by loss of soil carbon (Table S3). This reflects the large increases in tropospheric O₃ concentration observed over
679 this period (Fig. 1). Under the low plant O₃ sensitivity, the land carbon sink has started to recover by 2001 (+1.5%)
680 owing to the recovery of the soil carbon pool beyond 1901 values over this period (Table S3).

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682 To gain perspective on the magnitude of the O₃ induced flux of carbon from the land to the atmosphere we relate
683 changes in total land carbon to carbon emissions from fossil fuel combustion and cement production for the EU-
684 28-plus countries from the data of Boden et al. (2013). We recognise that our simulation domain is slightly larger
685 than the EU28-plus as it includes a small area of western Russia so direct comparisons cannot be made, but this
686 still provides a useful measure of the size of the carbon flux. For the period 1970 to 1979 the simulated loss of
687 carbon from the European terrestrial biosphere due to O₃ effects on vegetation physiology was on average 1.32
688 Pg C (high vegetation sensitivity) and 0.71 Pg C (low vegetation sensitivity) (Table 2). This O₃ induced reduced
689 C uptake of the land surface is equivalent to around 8% to 16% of the emissions of carbon from fossil fuel
690 combustion and cement production over the same period for the EU28-plus countries (Table 2). Currently the
691 emissions data availability goes up to 2011, over the last observable decade (2002 to 2011) the simulated reduction
692 in land carbon due to O₃ loss has declined, but is still equivalent to 2% to 4% of the emissions of carbon from
693 fossil fuels and cement production for the EU28-plus countries (Table 2). By comparison with one of the largest
694 anthropogenic emissions of carbon for Europe, we show here. Therefore, the potential effect of indirect O₃ effect

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on reducing the size of the European land carbon sink is notable, potentially represents a significant source of anthropogenic carbon.

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3.4 European simulations - Future Period: 2001-2050

Over the 2001 to 2050 period, region-wide GPP with O₃ only changing (O₃ simulation) increased marginally (+0.1% to +0.2%, high and low plant O₃ sensitivity, Table 1, with a significant difference between the two plant O₃ sensitivities ($t=57, df=6270 p<2.2e^{-16}$)), although with large spatial variability as discussed below (Fig. 4g & h). Figures S63 and S74 show that despite decreased tropospheric O₃ concentrations by 2050 in summer compared to 2001 levels, all regions are exposed to an increase in O₃ over the wintertime, and some regions of Europe, particularly temperate/Mediterranean experience increases in O₃ concentration in spring and autumn. Therefore, although in the O₃ simulation, overall simulated GPP for Europe shows a small increase, large spatial variability is shown in Fig's 4g & h because of the variability in O₃ concentration with region and season. Increased GPP (dominantly 10%, but up to 20% in some areas) on 2001 levels is simulated across areas of Europe, however, decreases of up to 21% are simulated in some areas of the Mediterranean, up to 15% in some areas of the boreal region and up to 27% in the temperate zone (Fig. 4g & h).

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When O₃ and CO₂ effects are combined (CO₂+O₃ simulation), simulated GPP increases (+15% to +18%, high/low plant O₃ sensitivities respectively, Table 1). This increase is greater than the enhancement simulated when CO₂ affects plant growth independently (CO₂ simulation), because additional O₃ induced stomatal closure increases soil water availability in some regions, which enhances growth more in the CO₂+O₃ and CO₂ simulations, compared to the CO₂ simulation only run. Nevertheless, although the percentage gain is larger, the absolute value of GPP by 2050 remains lower compared in CO₂+O₃ compared to GPP in the CO₂ simulations with CO₂ only changing, highlighting the negative impact of O₃ at the land surface (Table S4).

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Despite small increases in GPP in the O₃ O₃-only simulation, the land carbon sink continues to decline from 2001 levels (-0.7% to -1.6%, low and high plant O₃ sensitivity respectively, Table 1). This is because the soil and vegetation carbon pools continue to lose carbon as they adjust slowly to small changes in input (GPP), i.e. the soil carbon pool is not in equilibrium in 2001, and is declining in response to reduced litter input as a result of 20th C O₃ impacts on GPP. Nevertheless, the negative effect of O₃ on the future land sink is markedly reduced relative to the historical period. Figure 4e & f however highlights regional differences. Boreal regions and parts of central Europe see minimal O₃ damage, whereas some areas of southern and northern Europe see further losses of up to 8% on 2001 levels. The CO₂+O₃ simulation combined O₃ and CO₂ effects are dominated by the physiological effects of changing CO₂, with land carbon sink increases of up to 7% (Table 1).

3.5 European simulations — Full experimental period Anthropocene: 1901-2050

From Over the Anthropocene 1901 to 2050, the O₃ simulation O₃ reduces GPP (-4% to -9%, with a significant difference between the low and high plant O₃ sensitivity ($t=95, df=6270 p<2.2e^{-16}$)) and land carbon storage (-3% to -7%, Table 1, Fig. S13). Regionally, O₃ damage is lowest in the boreal zone, GPP decreases are largely

735 between 5% to 8% / 2% to 4% for the high/low plant O₃ sensitivity respectively, with large areas minimally
 736 affected by O₃ damage (Figure 7), consistent with lower g_s of needle leaf trees that dominate this region, and so
 737 lower O₃ uptake (Fig. S164 & S175). In the temperate region, O₃ damage is extensive with reductions in GPP
 738 dominantly from 10% to 15% for the low and high plant O₃ sensitivity respectively. Across significant areas of
 739 this region reductions in GPP are up to 20% under high plant O₃ sensitivity (Figure 7). In the Mediterranean
 740 region, O₃ damage reduces GPP by 5% to 15% / 3% to 6% for the high/low plant O₃ sensitivity respectively, with
 741 some areas seeing greater losses of up to 20% under the high plant O₃ sensitivity, but this is less extensive than
 742 that seen in the temperate zone (Figure 7). In these drier regions, O₃ induced stomatal closure can increase
 743 available soil moisture (Fig. S164 & S175).

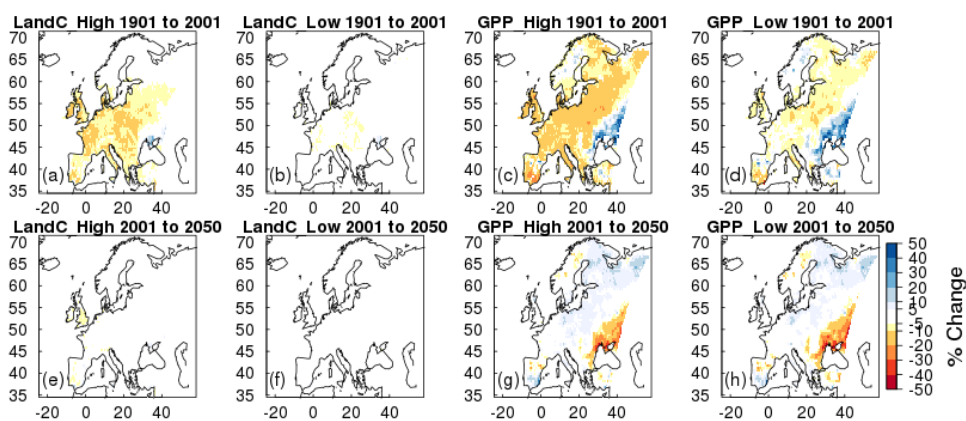
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 745 [The CO₂+O₃ simulation Varying CO₂ and O₃ together](#) shows that CO₂ induced stomatal closure can help alleviate
 746 O₃ damage by reducing the uptake of O₃ (Table S6). In these simulations, CO₂-induced stomatal closure was
 747 found to offset O₃-suppression of GPP, such that GPP by 2050 is 3% to 7% lower due to O₃ exposure ([CO₂+O₃](#)),
 748 rather than 4% to 9% lower in the absence of increasing CO₂ ([O₃ simulation](#), Table S6). Figure 6 shows this
 749 spatially, O₃ damage is reduced when the effect of atmospheric CO₂ on stomatal closure is accounted for, however
 750 despite this, the land carbon sink and GPP remain significantly reduced due to O₃ exposure.

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 752 [From Over the Anthropocene 1901 to 2050, the CO₂+O₃ simulation changing O₃ and CO₂ in tandem](#) results in an
 753 increase in European land carbon uptake (+5% to +9%), and an increase in GPP (+20% to +23%) by 2050 for the
 754 high and low plant O₃ sensitivity, respectively (Table 1). Nevertheless, despite this increase there remains a large
 755 negative impact of O₃ on the European land carbon sink (Fig. S183). By 2050 the simulated enhancement of land
 756 carbon and GPP in response to elevated CO₂ alone ([CO₂ simulation](#)) is reduced by 3% to 6% (land carbon) and
 757 4% to 9% (GPP) for the low and high plant O₃ sensitivity respectively, when O₃ is also accounted for ([CO₂+O₃](#)
 758 [simulation](#), Table 1). This is a large reduction in the ability of the European terrestrial biosphere to sequester
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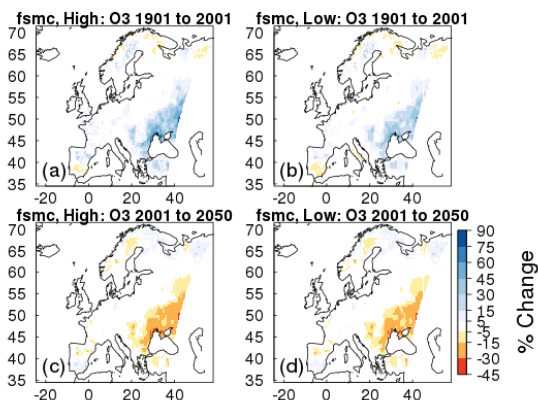
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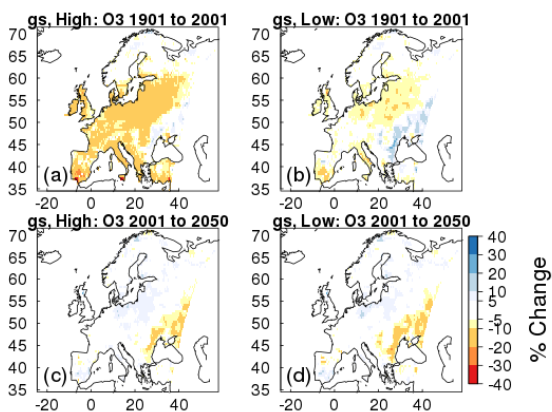


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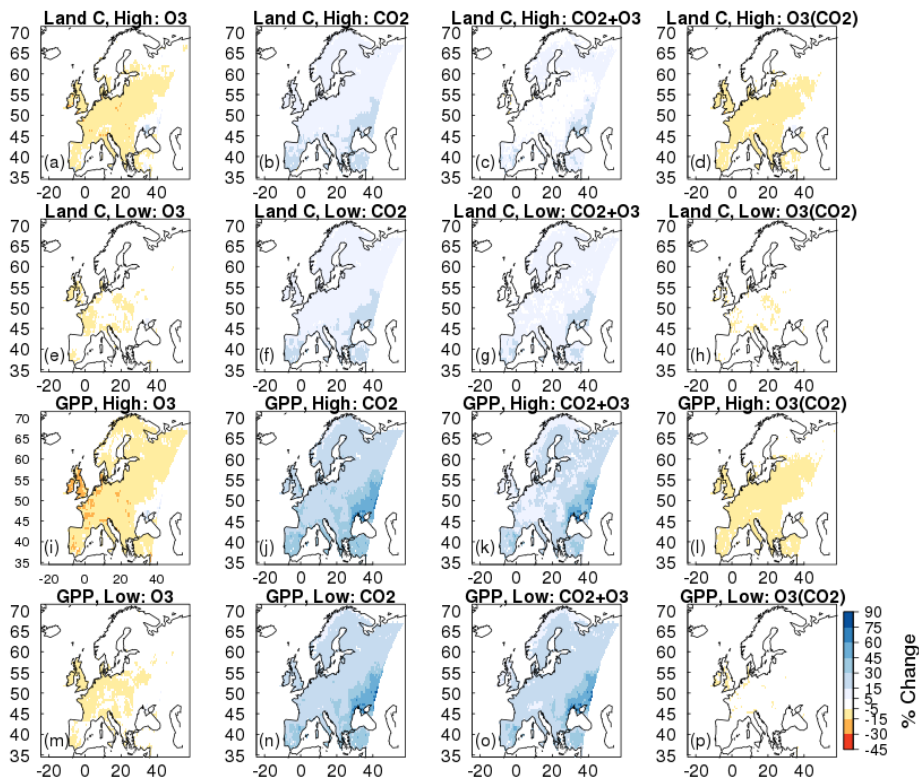
762 **Figure 4.** Simulated percentage change in total carbon stocks (Land C) and gross primary productivity (GPP) due
 763 to O₃ effects at fixed pre-industrial atmospheric CO₂ concentration ([O3 simulation](#)). Changes are shown for the
 764 periods 1901 to 2001, and 2001 to 2050 for the high and low plant O₃ sensitivity.
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 767 **Figure 5.** Simulated percentage change in plant available soil moisture (*fsmc*) due to O₃ effects at fixed pre-
 768 industrial atmospheric CO₂ concentration ([O3 simulation](#)). Changes are shown for the periods 1901 to 2001, and
 769 2001 to 2050 for the high and low plant O₃ sensitivity.
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 772 **Figure 6.** Simulated percentage change in stomatal conductance (*g_s*) due to O₃ effects at fixed pre-industrial
 773 atmospheric CO₂ concentration ([O3 simulation](#)). Changes are shown for the periods 1901 to 2001, and
 774 2001 to 2050 for the high and low plant O₃ sensitivity.
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777 **Figure 7.** Simulated percentage change in total carbon stocks (Land C) and gross primary productivity (GPP) due
 778 to i) (a, e, i, m) O₃ effects at fixed pre-industrial atmospheric CO₂ concentration (O₃ simulation₂), ii) (b, f, j, n)
 779 CO₂ fertilisation at fixed pre-industrial O₃ concentration (CO₂ simulation₂), iii) (c, g, k, o) the interaction between
 780 O₃ and CO₂ effects (CO₂+O₃ simulation₂) iv) (d, h, l, p) O₃ effects with changing atmospheric CO₂
 781 concentration (i.e. O₃ damage accounting for the effect of CO₂ induced stomatal closure; CO₂+O₃ –
 782 CO₂O₃(CO₂)). Changes are depicted for the periods 1901 to 2050 for high and lower ozone plant sensitivity.

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| | High Plant O ₃ Sensitivity | | | | | |
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| | 1901 - 2001 | | 2001 - 2050 | | 1901 - 2050 | |
| | GPP (Pg C yr ⁻¹) | Land C (Pg C) | GPP (Pg C yr ⁻¹) | Land C (Pg C) | GPP (Pg C yr ⁻¹) | Land C (Pg C) |
| Value in 1901: | 9.05 | 167 | - | - | 9.05 | 167 |
| Absolute Change: | | | | | | |
| O₃ | -0.81 | -9.21 | 0.01 | -2.44 | -0.80 | -11.65 |
| CO₂ | 1.16 | 4.24 | 1.42 | 12.98 | 2.58 | 17.22 |
| CO₂ + O₃ | 0.13 | -3.28 | 1.66 | 11.11 | 1.79 | 7.83 |
| % Change: | | | | | | |
| O₃ | -8.95 | -5.51 | 0.12 | -1.55 | -8.84 | -6.98 |
| CO₂ | 12.82 | 2.54 | 13.91 | 7.58 | 28.51 | 10.31 |
| CO₂ + O₃ | 1.44 | -1.96 | 18.08 | 6.79 | 19.78 | 4.69 |
| | Low Plant O ₃ Sensitivity | | | | | |
| | 1901 - 2001 | | 2001 - 2050 | | 1901 - 2050 | |
| | GPP (Pg C yr ⁻¹) | Land C (Pg C) | GPP (Pg C yr ⁻¹) | Land C (Pg C) | GPP (Pg C yr ⁻¹) | Land C (Pg C) |
| Value in 1901: | 9.34 | 167.5 | - | - | 9.34 | 167.5 |
| Absolute Change: | | | | | | |
| O₃ | -0.30 | -3.59 | 0.02 | -1.07 | -0.40 | -4.66 |
| CO₂ | 1.15 | 6.43 | 1.35 | 13.14 | 2.50 | 19.57 |
| CO₂ + O₃ | 0.65 | 2.50 | 1.50 | 12.35 | 2.15 | 14.85 |
| % Change: | | | | | | |
| O₃ | -3.21 | -2.14 | 0.22 | -0.65 | -4.28 | -2.78 |
| CO₂ | 12.31 | 3.84 | 12.87 | 7.55 | 26.77 | 11.68 |
| CO₂ + O₃ | 6.96 | 1.49 | 15.02 | 7.26 | 23.02 | 8.87 |

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791 **Table 1.** Simulated changes in the European land carbon cycle due to changing O₃ and CO₂ concentrations
792 (independently and together). Shown are changes in total carbon stocks (Land C) and gross primary productivity
793 (GPP), over three different periods (historical: 1901 to 2001, future: 2001 to 2050, and [full time](#)
794 [seriesAnthropocene](#): 1901 to 2050). Absolute (top) and relative (bottom) differences are shown. For 2001 to 2050,
795 please refer to Table S4 for the initial value for each run. See the SI for details of the estimation of the O₃ and CO₂
796 effects and their interaction.

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| | Mean (Pg C) | | | | |
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| | 1970-1979 | 1980-1989 | 1990-1999 | 2000-2009 | 2002-2011 |
| Modelled O₃ effect on land C sink : | | | | | |
| Higher sensitivity | -1.32 | -1.01 | -0.97 | -0.53 | -0.50 |
| Low sensitivity | -0.71 | -0.58 | -0.50 | -0.29 | -0.26 |
| Sum of C emissions from fossil fuel combustion and cement production (Pg C) | | | | | |
| | 8.39 | 8.63 | 12.26 | 12.83 | 12.75 |
| C lost from O₃ effect as a % of fossil fuel and cement emissions (%): | | | | | |
| Higher sensitivity | -15.73 | -11.70 | -7.91 | -4.13 | -3.92 |
| Low sensitivity | -8.46 | -6.72 | -4.08 | -2.26 | -2.04 |

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808 **Table 2.** Simulated change in total land carbon due to O₃ damage with changing atmospheric CO₂ concentration
809 for the two vegetation sensitivities. The sum of carbon emissions for each decade from fossil fuel combustion and
810 cement production for the EU-28 countries plus Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Belarus, Serbia,
811 Moldova, Norway, Turkey, Ukraine, Switzerland and Macedonia (EU28-plus) are shown, the data is from Boden
812 *et al.*, 2013. The simulated change in land carbon as a result of O₃ damage is depicted as a percentage of the EU28-
813 plus emissions to demonstrate the magnitude of the additional source of carbon to the atmosphere from plant O₃
814 damage.

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816 4 Discussion

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818 4.1 [Evaluation Comparison of g_s models and JULES O₃ model](#)

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820 Comparison of the new g_s model implemented in this study (MED) with the g_s model currently used as standard
821 in JULES (JAC) revealed large differences in [leaf-level g_s](#) for each PFT, principally as a result of the data-based
822 parameterisation of the new model. [W-Leaf-level](#) water use increased for the broadleaf tree and C₃ herbaceous
823 PFTs using the MED model compared to JAC, but decreased for the needle leaf tree, C₄ herbaceous and shrub
824 PFTs which displayed a more conservative water use strategy compared to [JACthe Jacobs parameterisation](#).
825 These changes are in line with the work of De Kauwe *et al.* (2015) who found a reduction in annual transpiration
826 for evergreen needle leaf, tundra and C₄ grass regions when implementing the Medlyn g_s model into the Australian
827 land surface scheme CABLE. [Site-level evaluation of the models against Fluxnet observations showed that in](#)
828 [general the MED model improved simulated seasonal cycles of latent and sensible heat. The magnitude of the](#)
829 [improvement varied with site, large improvements were seen at the deciduous savanna site, and at the NT sites](#)
830 [and BT site \(US_UMB\) in the spring and summer. However, much smaller improvements were seen at the grass](#)
831 [sites.](#) Changes in [leaf-level g_s](#) in this study resulted in differences in latent and sensible heat fluxes. Changes in
832 the partitioning of energy fluxes at the land surface could have consequences for the intensity of heatwaves (Cruz
833 *et al.*, 2010; Kala *et al.*, 2016), runoff (Betts *et al.*, 2007; Gedney *et al.*, 2006) and rainfall patterns (de Arellano *et*
834 *al.*, 2012), although fully coupled simulations would be necessary to detect these effects. The differences in

835 simulated g_s led to differences in uptake of O_3 between the two models because the ~~leaf level~~ rate of g_s is the
836 predominant determinant of the flux of O_3 through stomata. Higher O_3 uptake is indicative of greater damage.
837 Therefore, given that C_3 herbaceous vegetation is the dominant land cover class across the European domain used
838 in this study, this suggests a greater O_3 impact for Europe would be simulated with MED model compared to JAC
839 in our simulations where chemistry is uncoupled from the land surface.

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841 We evaluated the JULES O_3 model by comparing modelled GPP against the Jung et al (2011) MTE product.
842 Similar spatial patterns of GPP were simulated by JULES compared to MTE. Zonal means also showed similar
843 patterns of GPP, although JULES under predicted GPP compared to MTE at latitudes $>45^\circ N$ (temperate and boreal
844 regions; all simulations) and over predicted GPP at latitudes $<45^\circ N$ (Mediterranean region; all simulations). The
845 simulations with transient O_3 (i.e. O_3 and CO_2+O_3) showed large differences in GPP between the high and low
846 plant O_3 sensitivity simulations, this is to be expected given that the high plant O_3 sensitivity simulations were
847 parameterised to be 'damaged' more by O_3 , i.e. greater reduction of photosynthesis/ g_s with O_3 exposure compared
848 to the low plant O_3 sensitivity simulations. This difference was largest in the temperate zone, largely because of
849 C_3 grass cover being the dominant land cover here and the difference in the sensitivity to O_3 between the high and
850 low calibrations is significantly larger for C_3 grasses compared to the needle leaf trees that dominate in the boreal
851 region. Additionally, a longer growing season in the temperate region may allow for greater uptake of O_3 into
852 vegetation. C_3 grass is also the dominant land cover in the Mediterranean region with a different calibration used
853 for Mediterranean grasses for the low plant O_3 sensitivity which is less sensitive to O_3 than the temperate C_3
854 grasses, but high soil moisture stress is common throughout the growing season in the Mediterranean limiting the
855 uptake of O_3 through stomata, which likely diminishes the difference between the high and low calibrations.

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857 4.2 Lower than expected O_3 damage?

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859 ~~The impact of O_3 on present day European GPP simulated in this study is slightly lower compared to previous~~
860 ~~modelled estimates.~~ Our estimates suggest present day O_3 reduced GPP by 3% to 9% on average across Europe
861 and NPP by 5% to 11% (Table S3). Anav et al. (2011) simulated a 22% reduction of GPP across Europe for 2002
862 using the ORCHIDEE model. Present day O_3 exposure reduced GPP by 10% to 25% in Europe, and 10.8%
863 globally in the study by Lombardozzi et al. (2015) using the Community land model (CLM). O_3 reduced NPP by
864 11.2% in Europe from 1989 to 1995 using the Terrestrial Ecosystem Model (TEM) (Felzer et al., 2005). Globally,
865 concentrations of O_3 predicted for 2100 reduced GPP by 14% to 23% using a former parameterisation of O_3
866 sensitivity in JULES (Sitch et al., 2007). The recent study by Franz et al. (2017) showed mean GPP declined by
867 4.7% over the period 2001 to 2010 using the OCN model over the same European domain ~~used in this study and~~
868 ~~using the same O_3 forcing produced by EMEP MSC-W as used in this study.~~ Our estimates of changes in current
869 day GPP and NPP are at the lower end of previously modelled estimates. Simulated O_3 impacts will depend in a
870 large part on the scenario of O_3 concentrations used as forcing, meteorological forcing and how sensitive
871 vegetation is parameterised to be to O_3 damage, in addition to the different process representation of O_3 damage
872 in each model. It is therefore difficult to hypothesise as to exactly why modelled estimates differ, but suggests

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873 that an ensemble approach to modelling O₃ impacts on the terrestrial biosphere would be beneficial to understand
874 some of these differences and provide estimates of O₃ damage with uncertainties.

875 These similar results are likely the result of using the same domain, and, more importantly, O₃ forcing produced
876 by the same model (EMEP MSC-W).

878 4.3 Impacts of O₃ at the land surface

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880 In this study, O₃ has a detrimental effect on the size of the land carbon sink for Europe. This is primarily through
881 a decrease in the size of the soil carbon pool as a result of reduced litter input to the soil, consistent with reduced
882 GPP/NPP. Field studies show that in some regions of Europe, soil carbon stocks are decreasing (Bellamy et al.,
883 2005;Capriel, 2013;Heikkinen et al., 2013;Sleutel et al., 2003). The study of Bellamy et al. (2005), for example,
884 showed that carbon was lost from soils across England and Wales between 1978 to 2003 at a mean rate of 0.6%
885 per year with little effect of land use on the rate of carbon loss, suggesting a possible link to climate change. It is
886 understood that climate change is likely to affect soil carbon turnover. Increased temperatures increase microbial
887 decomposition activity in the soil, and therefore increase carbon losses through higher rates of respiration (Cox et
888 al., 2000;Friedlingstein et al., 2006;Jones et al., 2003). However, some studies have found that O₃ can decrease
889 soil carbon content. Talhelm et al. (2014), for example, found O₃ reduced carbon content in near surface mineral
890 soil of forest soils exposed to 11 years of O₃ fumigation. Hofmockel et al. (2011) found elevated O₃ reduced the
891 carbon content in more stable soil organic matter pools, and Loya et al. (2003) showed that the fraction of soil
892 carbon formed in forest soils over a 4 year experimental period when fumigated with both CO₂ and O₃ was reduced
893 by 51% compared to the soil fumigated with CO₂ alone. It is agreed that amongst other factors that change with
894 O₃ exposure such as litter quality and composition, reduced litter quantity also has significant detrimental
895 consequences for soil carbon stocks (Andersen, 2003;Lindroth, 2010;Loya et al., 2003). Results from this study
896 therefore suggest that increasing tropospheric O₃ may be a contributing factor to the declining soil carbon stocks
897 observed across Europe as a result of reduced litter input to the soil carbon pool consistent with reduced NPP.

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899 We acknowledge, however, that our model simulations do not include coupling of Nitrogen and Carbon cycles,
900 or land management practices. Although we include a representation of agricultural regions through the model
901 calibration against the wheat O₃ sensitivity function (CLRTAP, 2017), and in our simulations the high plant O₃
902 sensitivity scenario uses this calibration against wheat for all C₃/C₄ land cover which dominates our model domain.
903 Wheat is known to be one of the most O₃ sensitive crop species however, so it is possible that our simulations
904 over-estimate the O₃ impact at the land surface. However, the low plant O₃ sensitivity calibration against natural
905 grasslands provides a counter estimate of the impact of O₃ at the land surface, therefore it is important to consider
906 the range our results provide (i.e. both the high and low plant O₃ sensitivity) as an indicator of the impact of O₃
907 on the land surface. –As with all uncoupled modelling studies, a change in g_s and flux will impact the O₃
908 concentration itself. Therefore adopting the Medlyn formulation with a higher g_s and subsequently higher O₃ flux
909 for broadleaf and C₃ PFTs (Fig 2) would lead to reduced O₃ concentration, which in turn would act to dampen the
910 effect of higher g_s on O₃ flux, although the higher uptake of O₃ by vegetation may lead to more damage and
911 increase O₃ concentrations, in an uncoupled chemistry-land modelling system such as this it is not possible to
912 predict which process would dominate. Essentially this study provides an ‘upper bound’ as in the high plant O₃

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913 ~~sensitivity scenario, all C₃/C₄ fractional cover uses the wheat O₃ sensitivity~~ Additionally, this version of JULES
914 does not have a crop module; it has no land management practices such as harvesting, ploughing or crop rotation
915 – processes which may have counteracting effects on the land carbon sink. Further, without a coupled Carbon and
916 Nitrogen cycle, it is likely that the CO₂ fertilisation response of GPP and the land carbon sink is over estimated in
917 some regions of our simulations since nitrogen availability limits terrestrial carbon sequestration of natural
918 ecosystems in the temperate and boreal zone (Zaehle, 2013). This would have consequences for our modelled O₃
919 impact, particularly into the future where the large CO₂ fertilisation effect was responsible for partly offsetting
920 the negative impact of O₃. Although in our simulations a high fraction of land cover is agricultural which we
921 assume would be optimally fertilised. [Our simulations also use a fixed climate, so we do not include the effect of](#)
922 [climate change on shifting plant phenology. Therefore, our results may underestimate plant O₃ damage, since if](#)
923 [the growing season started earlier or finished later, plants in some regions would be exposed to higher O₃](#)
924 [concentrations.](#) Nevertheless, we emphasise that this study provides a sensitivity assessment of the impact of plant
925 O₃ damage on GPP and the land carbon sink.

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927 Another caveat we fully acknowledge is that at the leaf-level JULES is parameterised to reduce g_s with O₃
928 exposure. Whilst this response is commonly observed (Wittig et al., 2007; Ainsworth et al., 2012), there is evidence
929 to suggest that O₃ impairs stomata in some species, making them non-responsive to environmental stimuli (Hayes
930 et al., 2012; Hoshika et al., 2012a; Mills et al., 2009; Paoletti and Grulke, 2010). In drought conditions the
931 mechanism is thought to involve O₃ stimulated ethylene production which interferes with the stomatal response
932 to ABA signalling (Wilkinson and Davies, 2009; Wilkinson and Davies, 2010). Such stomatal sluggishness can
933 result in higher O₃ uptake and injury, increased water-loss, and therefore greater vulnerability to environmental
934 stresses (Mills et al., 2016). McLaughlin (2007a; 2007b) and Sun et al. (2012) provide evidence of increased
935 transpiration and reduced streamflow in forests at the regional scale in response to ambient levels of O₃, and
936 suggest this could increase the frequency and severity of droughts. Hoshika et al. (2012b) [Hoshika et al. \(2012\)](#)
937 however found that despite sluggish stomatal control in O₃ exposed trees, whole tree water use was lower in these
938 trees because of lower gas exchange and premature leaf shedding of injured leaves. To our knowledge, the study
939 of Hoshika et al. (2015) is the first to include an explicit representation of sluggish stomatal control in a land-
940 atmosphere model, they show that sluggish stomatal behaviour has implications for carbon and water cycling in
941 ecosystems. However, it is by no means a ubiquitous response, and it is not fully understood which species respond
942 this way and under what conditions (Mills et al., 2016; Wittig et al., 2007). Nevertheless, this remains an important
943 area of future work.

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945 [In this work we implement the stomatal closure proposed in Medlyn et al., \(2011\), this uses the parameter \$g_l\$.](#)
946 [Hoshika et al. \(2013\)](#) show a significant difference in the g_l parameter (higher in elevated O₃ compared to ambient)
947 in Siebold's beech in June of their experiment. However, this is only at the start of the growing season, further
948 measurements show no difference in this parameter between O₃ treatments. Quantifying an O₃ effect directly on
949 g_l would require a detailed meta-analysis of empirical data on photosynthesis and g_s for different PFTs, which is
950 currently lacking in the literature. [With such information lacking, here](#) we take an empirical approach to modelling
951 plant O₃ damage, essentially by applying a reduction factor to the simulated plant photosynthesis based on

952 observations of whole plant losses of biomass with accumulated O₃ exposure, for which there is a lot more
953 available data (e.g. CLRTAP, 2017).

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955 The calculation of O₃ deposition in the EMEP model uses the stomatal conductance formulation presented in
956 Emberson et al. (2000;2001), which depends on temperature, light, humidity and soil moisture (commonly
957 referred to as DO₃SE). Because we link two different model systems, the g_s values in the EMEP model differ from
958 those obtained using the Medlyn formulation. We acknowledge this inconsistency as a caveat of our study,
959 however comparison of g_{max} (maximum g_s) values from both models (EMEP (g_{max} is an input parameter
960 determining the maximum g_s) and JULES (g_{max} is not used as an input parameter in JULES, instead we calculated
961 g_{max} for each PFT taking the mean across the model domain for the year 2001) suggests the differences are small
962 for deciduous forest (EMEP 150-200, JULES ~180, all units in mmole O₃/m² (PLA)/s), and C₃/C₄ crops (EMEP
963 270-300, JULES ~260-390 — the dominant land cover in our simulations), but are larger for coniferous forest
964 (EMEP 140-200, JULES ~60-70) and shrubs (EMEP 60-200, JULES 360-390). The role of EMEP in this study
965 is not to provide g_s, however, but to provide O₃ at the top of the vegetation canopy. The main driver of such O₃
966 levels is the regional-scale production and transport of O₃, and the main impact of g_s is in affecting the vertical O₃
967 gradients just above the plant canopy. Differences in g_s are known to have minimal impact on canopy top O₃ for
968 trees, mainly due to the efficient turbulent mixing above tall canopies, but also due to non-stomatal sink processes.
969 For shorter vegetation, substantial O₃ gradients, driven by deposition, occur in the lowest 10s of metres of the
970 atmosphere, and stomatal sinks (as given by g_s) can have a significant role. However, calculations of such
971 gradients made with the EMEP model for CLRTAP (2017) showed that differences amounted to only ca. 10%
972 when comparing O₃ concentrations at 1m height above high g_s crops compared to moderate g_s (g_{max} = 450 and
973 270 mmole O₃/m² (PLA)/s respectively), therefore this uncertainty is small. It should be noted that the role of
974 EMEP in this study is not to provide g_s, but to provide O₃ at the top of the vegetation canopy. This firstly entails
975 a calculation of the large-scale ozone concentrations for Europe, which are represented by the gridded values of
976 grid-cell average concentration, and secondly to calculate the vertical gradients between these grid-cell centres (at
977 ca. 45m) and the top of the vegetation canopy. O₃ deposition is important for both steps: it is known to have a
978 substantial impact on the lifetime and concentrations of O₃ in the planetary boundary layer (Garland and Derwent,
979 1979; Val Martin et al., 2014) (Garland and Derwent, 1979; M. et al., 2014), and also in determining the local
980 vertical gradients above different land-covers (CLRTAP, 2017; Gerosa et al., 2017; Tuovinen et al., 2009). Vertical
981 gradients between the 45m level and the top of forest canopies tend to be limited (Fuentes et al., 2007; Karlsson et
982 al., 2006), due to the good mixing normally induced by forest roughness. Vertical gradients between 45m and the
983 top of shorter vegetation such as grasslands or crops can be larger, however (CLRTAP, 2017; Gerosa et al., 2017).
984 Accounting for such land-cover specific gradient effects has been shown to have large impacts on estimates of O₃
985 metrics (Simpson et al., 2007).

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988 These offline simulations show the sensitivity of GPP and the land carbon sink to tropospheric O₃, suggesting that
989 O₃ is an important predictor of future GPP and the land carbon store across Europe. There are uncertainties in our
990 estimates however from the use of uncoupled tropospheric chemistry, meteorology and stomatal function. For
991 example, increased frequency of drought in the future would reduce stomatal conductance (assuming no sluggish

992 stomatal response) and thus O₃ uptake. Since our offline simulations do not include this feedback it is possible the
993 O₃ effect is over estimated here. Given the complexity of potential interactions and feedbacks it remains difficult
994 to diagnose the importance of individual factors (e.g. the direct physiological response) in a fully coupled
995 simulation. Once the importance of a process is demonstrated offline, it provides evidence of the need to
996 incorporate such process in coupled regional and global simulations.

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998 **4.4 O₃ as a missing component of carbon cycle assessments?**

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1000 Comprehensive analyses of the European carbon balance suggest a large biogenic carbon sink (Janssens et al.,
1001 2003;Luyssaert et al., 2012;Schulze et al., 2009). However, estimates are hampered by large uncertainties in key
1002 components of the land carbon balance, such as estimates of soil carbon gains and losses (Ciais et al.,
1003 2010;Janssens et al., 2003;Schulze et al., 2009;Schulze et al., 2010). We suggest that the effect of O₃ on plant
1004 physiology is a contributing factor to the decline in soil carbon stores observed across Europe, and as such this O₃
1005 effect is a missing component of European carbon cycle assessments. Over the [full experimental period \(1901 to](#)
1006 [2050\)](#)**Anthropocene**, our results show elevated O₃ concentrations reduce the amount of carbon that can be stored
1007 in the soil by 3% to 9% (low and high plant O₃ sensitivity, respectively), which almost completely offsets the
1008 beneficial effects of CO₂ fertilisation on soil carbon storage under the high plant O₃ sensitivity . This would
1009 contribute to a change in the size of a key carbon sink for Europe, and is particularly important when we consider
1010 the evolution of the land carbon sink into the future given the impact of O₃ on soil carbon sequestration and the
1011 high uncertainty of future tropospheric O₃ concentrations. Schulze et al. (2009) and Luyssaert et al. (2012)
1012 extended their analysis of the European carbon balance to include additional non-CO₂ greenhouse gases (CH₄ and
1013 N₂O). Both studies found that emissions of these offset the biogenic carbon sink, reducing the climate mitigation
1014 potential of European ecosystems. This highlights the importance of accounting for all fluxes and stores in
1015 carbon/greenhouse gas balance assessments, of which O₃ and its indirect effect on the CO₂ flux via direct effects
1016 on plant physiology is currently missing.

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1018 **4.5 The interaction between O₃ and CO₂**

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1020 We looked at the interaction between CO₂ and O₃ effects. Our results support the hypothesis that elevated
1021 atmospheric CO₂ provides some protection against O₃ damage because of lower *g_s* that reduces uptake of O₃
1022 through stomata (Harmens et al., 2007;Wittig et al., 2007). In the present study, reductions in GPP and the land
1023 carbon store due to O₃ exposure were lower when simulated with concurrent changes in atmospheric CO₂. Despite
1024 acclimation of photosynthesis after long-term exposure to elevated atmospheric CO₂ of field grown plants
1025 (Ainsworth and Long, 2005;Medlyn et al., 1999), there is no evidence to suggest that *g_s* acclimates (Ainsworth et
1026 al., 2003;Medlyn et al., 2001). This suggests the protective effect of elevated atmospheric CO₂ against O₃ damage
1027 will be sustained in the long term. However, although meta-analysis suggest a general trend of reduced *g_s* with
1028 elevated CO₂ (Ainsworth and Long, 2005;Medlyn et al., 1999), this is not a universal response. Stomatal responses
1029 on exposure to elevated CO₂ with FACE treatment varied with genotype and growth stage in a fast-growing poplar
1030 community (Bernacchi et al., 2003;Tricker et al., 2009). In other mature forest stands, limited stomatal response
1031 to elevated CO₂ was observed after canopy closure (Ellsworth, 1999;Uddling et al., 2009). Also, some studies

1032 found that stomatal responses to CO₂ were significant only under high atmospheric humidity (Cech et al.,
1033 2003;Leuzinger and Körner, 2007;Wullschleger et al., 2002). These examples illustrate that stomatal responses to
1034 elevated atmospheric CO₂ are not universal, and as such the protective effect of CO₂ against O₃ injury cannot be
1035 assumed for all species, at all growth stages under wide ranging environmental conditions.

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1037 **5 Conclusion**

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1039 What is abundantly clear is that plant responses to both CO₂ and O₃ are complicated by a host of factors that are
1040 only partly understood, and it remains difficult to identify general, global patterns given that effects of both gases
1041 on plant communities and ecological interactions are highly context and species specific (Ainsworth and Long,
1042 2005;Fuhrer et al., 2016;Matyssek et al., 2010b). This study quantifies the sensitivity of the land carbon sink for
1043 Europe and GPP to changing concentrations of atmospheric CO₂ and O₃ from 1901 to 2050. We have used a state
1044 of the art land surface model calibrated for European vegetation to give our best estimates of this sensitivity within
1045 the limits of data availability to calibrate the model for O₃ sensitivity, current knowledge and model structure. In
1046 summary, this study has shown that potential gains in terrestrial carbon sequestration over Europe resulting from
1047 elevated CO₂ can be partially offset by concurrent rises in tropospheric O₃ over 1901-2050. Specifically, we have
1048 shown that the negative effect of O₃ on the land carbon sink was greatest over the twentieth century, when O₃
1049 concentrations increased rapidly from pre-industrial levels. Over this period soil carbon stocks were diminished
1050 over agricultural areas, consistent with reduced NPP and litter input. This loss of soil carbon was largely
1051 responsible for the decrease in the size of the land carbon sink over Europe. The O₃ effect on the land carbon store
1052 and flux was reduced into the future as CO₂ concentration rose considerably and changes in O₃ concentration were
1053 less pronounced. However, there remained a large cumulative negative impact on the land carbon sink for Europe
1054 by 2050. The interaction between the two gases was found to reduce O₃ injury owing to reduced stomatal opening
1055 in elevated atmospheric CO₂. However, primary productivity and land carbon storage remained suppressed by
1056 2050 due to plant O₃ damage. Expressed as a percentage of the emissions from fossil fuel and cement production
1057 for the EU28-plus countries, the carbon emissions from O₃-induced plant injury are a source of anthropogenic
1058 carbon previously not accounted for in carbon cycle assessments. Our results demonstrate the sensitivity of
1059 modelled terrestrial carbon dynamics to the direct effect of tropospheric O₃ and its interaction with atmospheric
1060 CO₂ on plant physiology, demonstrating this process is an important predictor of future GPP and trends in the
1061 land-carbon sink. Nevertheless, this process remains largely unconsidered in regional and global climate model
1062 simulations that are used to model carbon sources and sinks and carbon-climate feedbacks.

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1066 **Data availability**

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1068 The JULES model can be downloaded from the Met Office Science Repository Service
1069 (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/jules> - see here for a helpful how to [http://jules.jchmr.org/content/getting-](http://jules.jchmr.org/content/getting-started)
1070 started). Model output data presented in this paper and the exact version of JULES with namelists are available
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1073 **Supplementary Information**

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1077 **Competing Interests**

1078 The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest

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