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Terrestrial biosphere changes over the last 120 kyr and their impact on ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$

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Abstract

A new global synthesis and biomization of long (> 40 kyr) pollen-data records is presented, and used with simulations from the HadCM3 and FAMOUS climate models to analyse the dynamics of the global terrestrial biosphere and carbon storage over the last glacial–interglacial cycle. Global modelled (BIOME4) biome distributions over time generally agree well with those inferred from pollen data. The two climate models show good agreement in global net primary productivity (NPP). NPP is strongly influenced by atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations through CO₂ fertilization. The combined effects of modelled changes in vegetation and (via a simple model) soil carbon result in a global terrestrial carbon storage at the Last Glacial Maximum that is 210–470 PgC less than in pre-industrial time. Without the contribution from exposed glacial continental shelves the reduction would be larger, 330–960 PgC. Other intervals of low terrestrial carbon storage include stadial intervals at 108 and 85 kaBP, and between 60 and 65 kaBP during Marine Isotope Stage 4. Terrestrial carbon storage, determined by the balance of global NPP and decomposition, influences the stable carbon isotope composition ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$) of seawater because terrestrial organic carbon is depleted in ¹³C. Using a simple carbon-isotope mass balance equation we find agreement in trends between modelled ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ based on modelled land carbon storage, and palaeo-archives of ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, confirming that terrestrial carbon storage variations may be important drivers of ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ changes.

1 Introduction

The terrestrial biosphere (vegetation and soil) is estimated to contain around 2000 Pg C (Prentice et al., 2001) plus a similar quantity stored in peatlands and permafrost (Ciais et al., 2014). Variations in global climate on multi-millennial time scales have caused substantial changes to the terrestrial carbon pools. Quasi-periodic variations in the Earth's orbital configuration (axial tilt with a ~ 41 kyr period, precession with ~ 19

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and 23 kyr periods, and eccentricity with ~ 100 kyr and longer periods) result in small variations in the seasonal and latitudinal distribution of insolation (Berger, 1978). These are amplified by feedback mechanisms such that for the last ~ 0.8 million years long glacial periods have been punctuated by short interglacials on roughly a 100 kyr cycle.

5 Glacial periods are associated with low atmospheric CO_2 concentrations, lowered sea level and extensive continental ice-sheets; interglacial periods are associated with high (similar to pre-industrial) CO_2 concentrations, high sea level and reduced ice-sheets (Petit et al., 1999; Peltier et al., 2004).

During glacial–interglacial cycles the productivity and size of the terrestrial biosphere are influenced by orbitally forced climatic changes and atmospheric CO_2 concentrations. Expansion of ice-sheets during glacial periods caused a significant loss of land area available for colonization, but this was largely compensated by the exposure of continental shelves due to lower sea level. During the last glacial period the terrestrial biosphere was significantly reduced as forests contracted. It has been

10 estimated that the terrestrial biosphere contained 300 to 700 PgC less carbon during the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM; 21 kaBP) compared with pre-industrial times (Bird et al., 1994; Ciais et al., 2011; Crowley et al., 1995; Duplessy et al., 1988; Gosling and Holden, 2011; Köhler and Fischer, 2004; Prentice et al., 2011). As first noted by Shackleton et al. (1977), the oceanic inventory of ^{13}C is influenced by terrestrial

15 carbon storage because terrestrial organic carbon has a negative signature, due to isotopic discrimination during photosynthesis. Many of the estimates of the reduction in terrestrial carbon storage at the LGM have therefore been based on the observed LGM lowering of deep-ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$. A reduction in the terrestrial biosphere of this size would have contributed a large amount of CO_2 to the atmosphere, although ocean

20 carbonate compensation would have reduced the expected CO_2 increase to 15 ppm over about 5 to 10 kyr (Sigman and Boyle, 2000).

Many palaeoclimate data and modelling studies have focused on the contrasts between the LGM, the mid-Holocene (6 kaBP) and the pre-industrial period. The BIOME 6000 project (<http://www.bridge.bris.ac.uk/resources/Databases/>

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BIOMES_data) synthesized palaeovegetation records from many sites to provide global datasets for the LGM and mid-Holocene. Data syntheses are valuable in allowing researchers to see the global picture from scattered, individual records, and to enable model-data comparisons. The data can be viewed through the prism of

5 a global, physically based model that allows the point-wise data to be joined together in a coherent way. There are continuous, multi-millennial palaeoenvironmental records that stretch much further back in time than the LGM but they have not previously been brought together in a global synthesis. These records can provide a global picture of transient change in the biosphere and the climate system. Here we have synthesized

10 and biomized (Prentice et al., 1996) a number of these records, providing a new dataset of land biosphere change that covers the last glacial–interglacial cycle.

To improve understanding of land biosphere interactions with the ocean-atmospheric reservoir, we have modelled the terrestrial biosphere for the last 120 kyr (e.g. from the previous – Eemian – interglacial to the pre-industrial period). We present quantitative

15 estimates of changes in the terrestrial biosphere reconstructed from two atmosphere–ocean general circulation model (AOGCM) simulations over the last glacial cycle. We evaluate biome reconstructions based on these climate model outputs using our new biomized synthesis of terrestrial pollen data records, focusing on the pre-industrial period, 6 kaBP (mid-Holocene), 21 kaBP (LGM), 54 kaBP (a relatively warm interval

20 in the last glacial period), 64 kaBP, (a relatively cool interval in the glacial period), 84 kaBP (the early part of the glacial cycle), and 120 kaBP (the Eemian interglacial). We assess the contribution of terrestrial biosphere and carbon storage changes to deep ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ over the last 120 kyr by means of a comparison with deep ocean benthic foraminiferal carbon isotope records, representative for the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of dissolved

25 inorganic carbon of deep water.

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2 Methods

2.1 Biomization

Biomization assigns pollen taxa to one or more plant functional types (PFTs) based on basic biological and climatological ranges. The PFTs are assigned to their respective biomes and affinity scores are calculated for each biome (sum of the square roots of pollen percentages contributed by the PFTs in each biome). This method was first developed for Europe (Prentice et al., 1996) and versions of it have been applied to most regions of the world (Jolly et al., 1998; Elenga et al., 2000; Takahara et al., 1999; Tarasov et al., 2000; Thompson and Anderson, 2000; Williams et al., 2000; Pickett et al., 2004; Marchant et al., 2009). We apply these regional PFT schemes (Table 1) to pollen records that generally extend > 40 kyr, assigning the pollen data to megabiomes (tropical forest, warm temperate forest, boreal forest, savannah/dry woodland, grassland/dry shrubland, desert and tundra) as defined by Harrison and Prentice (2003), in order to harmonize regional variations in PFT to biome assignments and to allow globally consistent model-data comparisons.

Table 2 lists the pollen records used. Biomization matrices and megabiome score data can be found in the Supplement. For taxa with no PFT listing, the family PFT was used if part of the regional biomization scheme. Plant taxonomy was checked using www.itis.gov, www.tropicos.org, and the African Pollen Database. Pollen taxa can be assigned to more than one PFT either because they include several species in the genus or family, with different ecologies, or because they comprise species that can adopt different habitats in different environments.

Age models provided with the individual records were used. However, in cases where radiocarbon ages were only provided for specific depths (e.g. Mfabeni, CUX), linear interpolations between dates were used to estimate ages for the remaining depths. Some age models may be less certain, especially at sites which experience variable sedimentation rates and/or erosion. To aid comparison, for several Southern European sites (e.g. Italy and Greece) it has been assumed that vegetation changes occurred

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synchronously within the age uncertainties of their respective chronologies, for which there is evidence (e.g. Tzedakis et al., 2004b).

2.2 Model simulations

Global reconstructions of vegetation changes over the last glacial cycle were produced using a vegetation model forced offline using previously published simulations from two AOGCMs. By using two models we could test the robustness of the reconstructions to different climate forcings.

2.2.1 HadCM3

HadCM3 is a general circulation model, consisting of coupled atmospheric model, ocean, and sea ice models (Gordon et al., 2000; Pope et al., 2000). The resolution of the atmospheric model is 2.5° in latitude by 3.75° in longitude by 19 unequally spaced levels in the vertical. The resolution of the ocean is 1.25° by 1.25° with 20 unequally spaced layers in the ocean extending to a depth of 5200 m. The model contains a range of parameterisations, including a detailed radiation scheme that can represent the effects of minor trace gases (Edwards and Slingo, 1996). The land surface scheme used is the Met Office Surface Exchange Scheme 1 (MOSES1; Cox et al., 1999). In this version of the model, interactive vegetation is not included. The ocean model uses the Gent–McWilliams mixing scheme (Gent and McWilliams, 1990), and sea ice is a thermodynamic scheme with parameterisation of ice-drift and leads (Cattle and Crossley, 1995).

Multiple “snap-shot” simulations covering the last 120 kyr have been performed with HadCM3. The boundary conditions and set-up of the original set of simulations have been previously documented in detail in Singarayer and Valdes (2010). The snap-shots were done at intervals of every 1 ka between the pre-industrial (PI) and LGM (21 ka BP), every 2 ka between the LGM and 80 ka BP, and every 4 ka between 80 and 120 ka BP. Boundary conditions are variable between snap-shots but constant for each

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simulation. Orbital parameters are taken from Berger and Loutre (1991). Atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ were taken from Vostok (Petit et al., 1999) and CH₄, and N₂O were taken from EPICA (Spahni et al., 2005; Loulergue et al., 2008), all on the EDC3 timescale (Parrenin et al., 2007). The prescription of ice-sheets was achieved with ICE-5G (Peltier (2004) for 0–21 ka BP, and extrapolated beyond 21–120 ka BP using the method described in Eriksson et al. (2012). The simulations were each spun up from the end of previous runs described in Singarayer and Valdes (2010) to adjust to the modified ice-sheet boundary conditions for 470 years. The climate averages described hereafter are of years 470–499. The climate averages were subsequently used to drive the BIOME4 biogeochemistry-biogeography model in order to simulate glacial terrestrial ecosystem changes.

2.2.2 FAMOUS

FAMOUS (Smith, 2012) is an Earth System Model, derived from HadCM3. It is run at approximately half the spatial resolution of HadCM3 to reduce the computational expense associated with atmosphere–ocean GCM simulations without fundamentally sacrificing the range of climate system feedbacks of which it is capable. Pre-industrial control simulations of FAMOUS have both an equilibrium climate and global climate sensitivity similar to that of HadCM3. A suite of transient FAMOUS simulations of the last glacial cycle, conducted with specified atmospheric CO₂, ice-sheets and changes in solar insolation resulting from variation in the Earth’s orbit, compare well with the NGRIP, EPICA and MARGO proxy reconstructions of glacial surface temperatures (Smith and Gregory, 2012). Although of a lower spatial resolution than HadCM3, these FAMOUS simulations have the benefit of being transient, and representing low-frequency variability within the climate system, as well as using more physically justified ice-sheet extents before the LGM. For the present study, we use the most realistically-forced simulation of the Smith and Gregory (2012) suite (experiment ALL-ZH), forced with Northern Hemisphere ice-sheets derived from Zweck and Huybrechts (2005), atmospheric CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O concentrations from EPICA and orbital forcing from

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Berger (1978). To allow the transient experiments to be conducted in a tractable amount of time, these forcings were all “accelerated” by a factor of ten, so that the 120 kyr of climate are simulated in 12 model kyr – this method has been shown to have little effect on the surface climate (Timm and Timmerman, 2007; Ganapolski et al., 2010) although it does distort the response of the deep ocean. In addition, we did not include changes in sea level, Antarctic ice volume, or meltwater from ice-sheets to enable the smooth operation of the transient simulations. The impact on the terrestrial carbon budget of ignoring the continental shelves exposed by lower sea-levels will be discussed later; the latter two approximations are unlikely to have an impact over the timescales considered here. Although within the published capabilities of the model, interactive vegetation was not used during this simulation.

2.2.3 BIOME4

BIOME4 (Kaplan et al., 2003) is a biogeochemistry–biogeography model that predicts the global vegetation distribution based on monthly mean temperature, precipitation and sunshine fraction, as well as information on soil texture, depth and atmospheric CO₂. It derives a seasonal maximum leaf area index that maximises NPP for a given PFT by simulating canopy conductance, photosynthesis, respiration and phenological state. Model gridboxes are then assigned biome types based on a set of rules that use dominant and sub-dominant PFTs, as well as environmental limits. Reconstructions of glacial climate states were obtained by adjusting the HadCM3 and FAMOUS simulations to compensate for their individual pre-industrial climate biases in surface temperature and precipitation on monthly timescales. Climate model anomalies were superimposed on the Leemans and Cramer (1991) observed climatology (Kaplan et al., 2003). These reconstructions were then used to force the BIOME4 model. This process allows us to correct for known errors in the climates of HadCM3 and FAMOUS and produce more accurate results from BIOME4, although the method assumes that the model’s modern-day errors are systematically present, unchanged over ice-free regions, throughout the whole glacial cycle. Soil properties on exposed

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shelves are extrapolated from the nearest pre-industrial land points. There is no special correction for the input climate model temperatures over this exposed land, which results in a slightly subdued seasonal cycle at these points (due to smaller inter-seasonal variation of ocean temperatures). BIOME4 was forced with appropriate CO₂ levels for each time slice simulation (same as used to force the climate model), derived from the ice core records, as described in Sects. 2.2.1 and 2.2.2. As well as affecting productivity, the lower CO₂ concentrations found during the last glacial favour the growth of plants that use the C₄ photosynthetic pathway (Ehleringer et al., 1997), which can affect the distribution of biomes as well. All other BIOME4 parameters as well as soil characteristics were held constant at pre-industrial values.

3 Results

In this section, the results of both the pollen-based biomization for individual regions and the biome reconstructions based on the GCM climate simulations will be outlined. To limit the length of the paper, only main results are covered; the full synthesis dataset and model-based reconstructions are available from the authors.

3.1 Biomization

This method translates fossil pollen assemblages into a form that allows direct data-model comparison and allows the reconstruction of past vegetation conditions.

3.1.1 North America

Two regional PFT schemes were used for sites from North America: the scheme of Williams et al. (2000) for northern and eastern North America and the scheme of Thompson and Anderson (2000) for the western USA. No weighting was applied to trees and shrub pollen data as proposed by Thompson and Anderson (2000) to be able to reconstruct woodland, forest and desert biomes. All biomization matrices and

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scores for individual sites, as well as explanatory files can be found in the Supplement. The Arctic Baffin Island sites (Amarok and Brother of Fog) have highest affinity scores for tundra during the ice-free Holocene and last interglacial.

At Lake Tulane (Florida) the grassland and dry shrubland biome has the highest affinity scores for the last 52 kyr, apart from two short intervals (~ 14.5 to 15.5 ka and ~ 36.5 to 37.5 ka) where warm-temperate forest and temperate forest have highest scores. According to Williams et al. (2000), present day, 6 kaBP, and LGM records of most of Florida and the Southwest of America should be characterized by highest affinity scores for the warm-temperate forest biome (Williams et al., 2000). The discrepancy of our biomization results with those of the regional biomization results of Williams et al. (2000) is due to high percentages of *Quercus*, *Pinus* undiff (both are in the grassland and dry shrubland and warm-temperate forest biomes), and Cyperaceae and Poaceae that contribute to highest affinity scores of the grassland and shrubland biome.

In Northwest America pollen data from San Felipe (16 to 47 ka), Potato Lake (last 35 ka), and Bear Lake (last 150 kyr) all show highest scores for the grassland and dry shrubland biome. Potato Lake is currently situated within a forest (Anderson, 1993). In our biomizations *Pinus* pollen equally contribute to scores of boreal forest, temperate forest, warm-temperate forest and the grassland and dry shrubland biomes. In addition, high contributions of Poaceae occur so that the grassland and dry shrubland biome has highest affinity scores throughout the last 35 kyr. At Carp Lake the Holocene is characterized by alternating highest affinity scores between the temperate forest and grassland and dry shrubland biomes whereas during the glacial the grassland and dry shrubland biome attains highest affinity scores. The age model of Carp Lake suggests this record goes back to the Eemian, and if so, then last interglacial climate was lacking the alternation between the temperate forest and grassland and dry shrubland biomes as was the case during the late Holocene. Recent biomizations at Carp Lake and Bear Lake are similar to modern biome observations (Thompson and Anderson, 2000) and those of the LGM also compare well.

3.1.2 Latin America

The regional biomization scheme of Marchant et al. (2009) was used for Latin American locations. Eleven sites from Central and South America are considered here covering a latitudinal gradient of 49° (from 20 to -29°) and an elevation range of 3900m (from 5 110–4010 m.a.s.l. (above sea level)) (Table 2). Five of the sites are from relatively low elevations (< 1500 m.a.s.l.), from north to south these are: Lago Quexil and Petén-Itzá in Guatamala and Salitre, and Colonia and Cambara in South East Brazil. The high elevation records (> 1500 m.a.s.l.), with the exception of the most northerly site in Mexico (Lake Patzcuaro), are distributed along the Andean chain: Ciudad Universitaria X (Colombia), Laguna Junin (Peru), Lake Titicaca (Bolivia/Peru) and Salar de Uyuni 10 (Bolivia).

The five lowland sites indicate the persistence of forest biomes for much of the last 130 kyr (Fig. 2). In Central America the Lago Quexil record stretches back to 36 kaBP and has highest affinity scores for the warm-temperate forest biome during the early 15 Holocene. During glacial times the temperate forest biome dominates, intercalated with mainly the grassland and dry shrubland and desert biomes during the LGM and last deglaciation. At Lago Petén-Itzá (also Guatamala) highest affinity scores for the warm-temperate forest biome are recorded for the last 86 kyr. The Salitre and Colonia records are the only Latin American sites that fall within the tropical forest biome 20 today. The majority of the Salitre record shows high affinities for tropical forest from ~ 64 kaBP to modern; apart from an interval coinciding with the Younger Dryas which displays highest affinity scores for the warm-temperate forest biome. The southern most Brazilian record, at Colonia, has highest affinity scores for tropical forest for the last 40 kyr, except between 28 and 21 kaBP (~ coincident with the LGM) when scores 25 were highest for the warm-temperate forest biome. Between 120 and 40 kaBP highest affinity scores alternate between the tropical forest and warm-temperate forest biome at Colonia. To the south, at Cambara (Brazil), highest affinity scores are found for warm-temperate forest during the Holocene and between 38 and 29 kaBP, whilst during the

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interval in between they alternate between warm temperate forest and grassland and dry shrubland.

Apart from Laguna Junin, higher elevation sites (> 1500 m: Lake Patzcuaro, Titicaca, Uyuni, and CUX) do not show a strong glacial–interglacial cycling in their affinity scores; 5 Mexican site Lake Patzcuaro (2240 m) and Colombian site CUX (2560 m) have highest affinity scores mainly for warm-temperate forest over the last 35 kyr, although they alternate between warm-temperate forest and temperate forest during the Holocene and at CUX also during the LGM. Lake Patzcuaro and CUX biomization results for the Holocene, 6 kaBP and LGM compare well with those derived by Marchant et al. (2009). 10 At Uyuni (3643 m) highest affinity scores are for temperate forest and grassland and dry shrubland between 108 and 18 kaBP. At Titicaca (3810 m) high affinity scores are found for temperate forest over the last 130 kyr, apart from during the previous interglacial (Eemian) when highest affinity scores for the desert biome occur. Finally at Ljunin highest affinity scores alternate between warm-temperate forest and temperate 15 forest during the Holocene and temperate forest and grassland and dry shrubland during the glacial.

3.1.3 Africa

For the biomization of African pollen records the scheme of Elenga et al. (2004) was applied. What is specifically different from Southern European biomizations is that 20 Cyperaceae is not included as this taxon generally occurs in high abundances in association with wetland environments where it represents a local signal (Elenga et al., 2004). It is noted that most African sites are from highland or mountain settings, with the exception of Mfabeni (11 m.a.s.l.).

At the mountain site Kashiru swamp in Burundi the Holocene is characterized by an 25 alternation of highest affinity scores for tropical forest, warm temperate forest and the grassland and dry shrubland biomes. During most of the glacial, scores are highest for the grassland and dry shrubland biome, preceded by an interval where warm temperate forest showed highest scores. Highest affinity scores for tropical forest and warm

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forest were found during the Holocene at the Rusaka Burundi mountain site, whereas those of the last glacial again had highest scores for grassland and dry shrubland biome. At the Rwanda Kamiranzovy site the grassland and dry shrubland biome displayed highest scores during the last glacial (from ~ 30 kaBP) and deglaciation, occasionally alternating with the warm temperate forest biome. In Uganda at the low mountain site Albert F (619 m) the Holocene and potentially Bølling Allerød is dominated by highest affinity scores for tropical forest, whereas the Younger Dryas and last glacial show highest affinity scores for the grassland and dry shrubland biome. In the higher-elevation Ugandan mountain site Mubwindi swamp (2150 m), the Holocene pollen record shows alternating highest affinity scores between tropical forest and the grassland and dry shrubland biome, whereas the glacial situation is similar to the Albert F site (e.g. dominated by highest scores for the grassland and dry shrubland biome). In South Africa, the Mfabeni Swamp record shows highest affinity scores for the grassland and dry shrubland biome for the last 46 kyr years occasionally, alternated with the savanna and dry woodland biome, and tropical forest during the late Holocene. At the Deva Deva Swamp in the Uluguru Mountains highest affinity scores are for grassland and dry shrubland for the last ~ 48 kyr. At Saltpan the grassland and dry shrubland biome dominates throughout the succession, including the Holocene and glacial. At Lake Tritrivakely (Madagascar) the grassland and dry shrubland biome dominates, apart from between 3 and 0.6 kaBP when the tropical forest biome dominates. Our results compare well with those of Elenga et al. (2004) who show a LGM reduction in tropical rainforest and lowering of mountain vegetations zones in major parts of Africa.

3.1.4 Europe

For European pollen records three biomization methods were used that are region specific. For Southern Europe the biomization scheme of Elenga et al. (2004) was used, where Cyperaceae is included in the biomization as it can occur as “upland” species characteristic of tundra. For sites from the Alps the biomization scheme of

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Prentice et al. (1992) was used, and for Northern European records the biomization scheme of Tarasov et al. (2000).

In Southern Europe at the four Italian sites (Monticchio, Lago di Vico, Lagaccione and Valle di Castiglione) the Holocene and last interglacial show highest affinity scores for warm temperate forest and temperate forest. During most of the glacial and also cold interglacial substages the grassland and dry shrubland biome has highest affinity scores, whereas during warmer interstadial intervals of the last glacial the temperate forest biome had highest affinity scores again. At Tenaghi Phillipon and Ioannina a similar biome sequence may be observed, with highest affinity scores for temperate forest and warm temperate forest during interglacials. During the last glacial and last interglacial cool substages the grassland and dry shrubland biome showed highest affinity scores at Tenaghi Phillipon. At Ioannina the LGM and last glacial cool stadial intervals have highest affinity scores for grassland and dry shrubland, whereas affinity scores of glacial interstadial periods are highest for temperate forest. Our biomization results for Southern European sites agree well with those of Elenga et al. (2004) who also found a shift to dryer grassland and dry shrubland biomes.

All four alpine sites are from altitudes between 570 and 670 m and for all four sites the last interglacial period was characterized by having highest scores for the temperate forest biome. At FÜRAMOOS the last glacial (note hiatus between 15 and 41 kaBP) showed highest affinity scores for the tundra biome, whilst during the Holocene the temperate forest biome shows highest affinity scores.

Most Northern European sites are mainly represented for the last interglacial period, apart from Horoszki Duze in Poland. At most sites the temperate forest biome and boreal forest biome show highest affinity scores during the last interglacial (Eemian), whereas cool substages and early glacial (Butovka, Horoszki Duze) show high affinity scores for the grass and dry shrubland biome. These results compare well with Prentice et al. (2000), who suggest a southward displacement of the Northern Hemisphere forest biomes and more extensive tundra and steppe like vegetation during the LGM.

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the area of land available to vegetation expands and contracts with falling and rising sea level in HadCM3 but remains unchanged in FAMOUS. Inclusion of changing land exposure with sea level therefore allows for significant additional vegetation changes and represents a potentially major factor in the global carbon budget. This difference will be discussed further later.

Because of its lower resolution, FAMOUS does not represent geographic variation at the same scale as HadCM3. This not only affects the areal extent of individual biomes, but also altitude changes, which can have a significant effect on the local climate and resulting biome affinity.

Full details of the climates produced by FAMOUS and HadCM3 in these simulations can be found in Smith and Gregory (2012) and Singarayer and Valdes (2010). In general, land surfaces in HadCM3 simulations are a degree or so colder than in FAMOUS. This difference in temperature is attributed mainly to differences in surface height and ice-sheet ice extent. FAMOUS model results are also, on average, slightly drier compared with those of HadCM3. This is related to the model resolution, with HadCM3 showing much more regional variation (some areas become wetter and some drier), whilst FAMOUS produces a more spatially uniform drying as the climate cools. A notable exception to this general difference is in northwestern Europe, where FAMOUS more closely reproduces the temperatures reconstructed from Greenland ice-cores (Masson-Delmotte et al., 2005), compared to which the HadCM3 simulations used here have a significant warm bias. Millennial scale cooling events and effects of ice-raftering are not features of our model runs, which present a relatively temporally smoothed simulation of the last glacial cycle.

3.3 Data-model comparison

We present here an overview of the vegetation reconstructions for the glacial cycle produced by the climate anomalies from HadCM3 and FAMOUS. We focus on specific periods, since reviewing every detail present in this comparison is unfeasible. We thus compared the modelled reconstructions with the dominant megabiome derived pollen-

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based biomizations and each other, restricting our description of the results to major areas of agreement and disagreement. Maps of the dominant megabiomes produced by BIOME4 using the climate anomalies from HadCM3 and FAMOUS for these periods can be seen in Fig. 2.

The pre-industrial period serves as a test-bed to identify biases inherent in our model setup, before climate anomalies have been added. The 6 kaBP mid-Holocene period represents an orbital and ice-sheet configuration favouring generally warm Northern Hemisphere climate (Berger and Loutre, 1991). The LGM simulation at 21 kaBP is at the height of the last glacial cycle, when ice-sheets were at their fullest extent, orbital insolation seasonality was similar to present and CO₂ was at its lowest concentration (~ 185 ppm), and the resulting climate was cold and dry in most regions. These three time periods form the basis of the standard PMIP2 simulations and were used in the BIOME 6000 project. The 54 kaBP interval is representative of peak warm conditions during Marine Isotope Stage 3 (MIS 3), where both the model climates and some proxy evidence suggest relatively warm conditions, at least for Europe (Voelker et al., 2002). This period had temporarily higher levels of greenhouse gases, an orbital configuration that favours warmer northern-hemisphere summers, and Northern Hemisphere ice sheet volume roughly half that of the LGM. The time slice 64 kaBP represents MIS 4 when both greenhouse gases and northern-hemisphere insolation were lower, and Northern Hemisphere ice volume was two-thirds higher than at 54 kaBP resulting in significantly cooler global climate. 84 kaBP is representative of stadial conditions of the early part of the glacial (at the end of MIS 5), after both global temperatures and atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ have fallen significantly and the Laurentide ice-sheet has expanded to a significant size but before the Fennoscandian ice-sheet can have a major influence on climate. The 84 kaBP period can be compared with the Eemian (120 kaBP, the earliest climate simulation used here), which represents the end of the last interglacial warmth (MIS 5e), before glacial inception. The Eemian period (120 kaBP) differs from the pre-industrial mainly in insolation. The earlier parts of the Eemian (e.g. 125 kaBP) are often studied due to their additional warmth and

sea level compared to the Holocene (Dutton and Lambeck, 2012), but 120 kaBP is the oldest point for which both FAMOUS and HadCM3 climates were available.

3.3.1 Pre-industrial

BIOME4 is forced using anomalies from pre-industrial climate produced by HadCM3 and FAMOUS. Differences between our pre-industrial megabiome reconstructions only arise from the way the pre-industrial climate forcing has been interpolated onto the model grids. Differences between the model- and pollen-based reconstructions for this period highlight biases that are not to do with the climates of HadCM3 and FAMOUS, but are inherent to BIOME4, the pollen-based reconstruction method, or simply the limitations of the models' geographical resolution.

Although few of the long pollen records synthesised in this study extend to the modern period and their geographical coverage is sparse, comparison with previous high-resolution biomizations (see Table 1 for details; these studies include the sites synthesised here amongst many others) show that they are generally representative of the regionally dominant biome. The biomized records of Carp Lake and Lake Tulane in North America are exceptions, showing dry grassland conditions rather than the forests (conifer and warm-mixed, respectively) that are more typical of their regions (Williams et al., 2000).

There is generally very good agreement between the BIOME4 output for this period and the high-resolution biomization studies. A notable exception, common to both models, can be seen in the south-west US being misclassified compared to the regional biomization of Thompson and Anderson (2000). The open conifer woodland they assign to sites in this region appears to be sparsely distributed (their Fig. 2) amongst larger areas likely to favour grassland and desert, and thus may be unrepresentative of areas on the scale of the climate model gridboxes. The limitations of HadCM3 and FAMOUS's spatial resolution appear most evident in South America, where the topographically-influenced mix of forest and grassland biomes found by Marchant et al. (2009) cannot be correctly reproduced, with disagreement at the grid-box scale between FAMOUS

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and HadCM3. Eurasia is generally well reproduced, although the Asian boreal forest does not extend far enough north, and overruns what should be a broad band of steppe around 50° N on its southern boundary. Australia, with a strong gradient in climate from the coasts to the continental areas also shows the influence of the coarse model resolutions, with the translation to the FAMOUS grid more accurately reproducing the southern woodlands but neither model reproducing the full extent of the desert interior. Both Australian records are from the eastern coastal ranges; there are no long continuous records in the interior because of the very dry conditions. Overall, this comparison gives reasonable support to our working hypothesis that BIOME4, operating on the relatively coarse climate model grids we use here, is capable of producing a realistic reconstruction of global biomes.

3.3.2 6 ka BP mid-Holocene

For both the mid-Holocene and LGM periods, the high resolution biomizations of the BIOME6000 project (see Table 1) provide a better base for comparison of our model results than the relatively sparse, long time-series pollen records synthesised in this study. A common thread in the BIOME 6000 studies is the global similarity between the reconstructions for 6 kaBP and the pre-industrial, and this is, by and large, also the message of our BIOME4 reconstructions using both FAMOUS and HadCM3 climate anomalies. A greening on the northern boundary of the central Africa vegetation band is the most notable difference compared to the pre-industrial in the regional biomizations (Jolly et al., 1998), which is also suggested by the long central African pollen records synthesised here. Both climate model-based reconstructions show grassland on the borders of pre-industrial desert areas in North Africa, although the additional precipitation in both models is too weak, and is held a little too far to the south to "green" the desert more fully. FAMOUS shows a limited reduction in the central African tropical forest area than the HadCM3 based reconstruction, agreeing better with the regional biome reconstructions. Both models predict similar patterns and changes in precipitation for this period, but the magnitude of the rainfall in FAMOUS is

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slightly lower. The reduction in forest biomes at the tip of South Africa in the FAMOUS reconstruction has some support from Jolly et al. (1998), although BIOME4 on the FAMOUS grid initially overestimates forest in this area.

The model-based reconstructions show limited changes elsewhere too. In North America, FAMOUS's wetter anomalies produce more woodland in the west compared to the pre-industrial, which HadCM3 does not. This is not a widespread difference shown in the regional biomization, although individual sites do change. Marchant et al. (2009) suggest drier biomes than the pre-industrial for some northern sites in Latin America, agreeing with FAMOUS but not HadCM3. For Eurasia and into China, Prentice (1996), Tarasov et al. (2000) and Yu et al. (2000) all suggest greater areas of warmer forest biomes to the north and west across the whole continent, with less tundra in the north. Neither model-based reconstruction shows these differences, however, with some additional grassland at the expense of forest on the southern boundary in HadCM3, and FAMOUS predicting more tundra in the north. Although both models produce warmer summers for this period, in line with the increased seasonal insolation from the obliquity of the Earth's orbit at this time, the colder winters they also predict for Eurasia skew annual average temperatures to a mild cooling which appears to be preventing the additional forest growth to the north and west seen in the pollen-based reconstructions.

20 3.3.3 21 ka BP (Last Glacial Maximum)

For the LGM, both models and data-based reconstructions predict a global increase in grasslands at the expense of forest, with more tundra in northern Eurasia and desert area in the tropics than during the Holocene. Along with the cooler, drier climate, lower levels of atmospheric CO₂ also favour larger areas of these biomes. Our long pollen records do not have sufficient spatial coverage to fully describe these differences, showing only smaller areas of forest biomes in southern Europe, central Africa and Australia, but there is again good general agreement between the two different model reconstructions and the regional biomizations of the BIOME6000 project.

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The model grids do not seem to have sufficient resolution to reproduce much of the band of tundra directly around the Laurentide ice-sheet, but the forest biomes they show for North America are largely supported by Williams et al. (2000). However, Thompson and Anderson (2000) suggest larger areas of the open-conifer biome in the southwestern US than in the Holocene that the models again do not show. Both models predict a smaller Amazon rainforest area. Marchant et al. (2009) suggest that the Holocene rainforest was preceded by cooler forest biomes, whereas both models produce a climate that favours grasslands. Marchant et al. (2009) also provide evidence for cool, dry grasslands in the south of the continent; FAMOUS follows this climatic trend but suggests desert or tundra conditions, whilst HadCM3 shows a smaller area of the desert biome. For Africa, Elenga et al. (2000) show widespread grassland areas where the Holocene has forest, with which the models agree, and dry woodland in the southeast, with which the models do not agree; they appear to be too cold to retain this biome. Elenga et al. (2000) also shows increased grassland area in southern Europe, which is not strongly indicated by the models having some degree of forest cover here.

The large areas of tundra shown by Tarasov et al. (2000) in northern Eurasia to the east of the Fennoscandian ice-sheet are well reproduced by the models, although HadCM3's slightly wetter conditions produce more of the boreal forest in the centre of the continent. The generally smaller amounts of forest cover in Europe in FAMOUS agree with the distribution of tree populations in Europe at the LGM proposed by Tzedakis et al. (2013) better than those from HadCM3, possibly due to HadCM3's warm bias at the glacial maximum. Both models agree with the smaller areas of tropical forest in China and southeast Asia reconstructed by Yu et al. (2000) and Pickett et al. (2004) compared to the Holocene, but have too much forest area in China compared to the biomization of Yu et al. (2000). Neither model reproduces the reconstructed areas of xerophytic biomes in south Australia, or the tropical forest in the north (Pickett et al., 2004).

3.3.4 54 ka BP (Marine Isotope Stage 3)

There are fewer published biomization results for periods before the LGM, so our model-data comparison is restricted to the biomization results at sites synthesised in this paper. Of these sites, only two sites show a different megabiome affiliation with respect to the LGM: in South America Uyuni shows highest affinity scores for the forest biome, and in Australia, Caledonian Fen shows highest affinity scores for the dry woodland biome (both sites show highest affinity score for grassland during the LGM). Overall, the few sites where data are available show little differences compared with the LGM. This is perhaps a surprise given the evidence that this was a relatively warm interval in the glacial, in Europe at least (Voelker et al., 2002). The similar biome assignments are supported by the model simulations in that, although relatively warm compared to the LGM, the model-based reconstructions for 54 kaBP are similar to LGM biomizations at the pollen sites in the Americas, most of southern Europe (apart from Ioannina where the data show highest affinity scores for temperate forest) and east Africa.

In other parts of the world, the biomes simulated at 54 kaBP by the model do differ from those of the LGM. Both model simulations show increased vegetation in Europe and central Eurasia due to the smaller Fennoscandian ice-sheet as well as reduced desert areas in North Africa and Australia, generally reflecting a warmer and wetter climate under higher CO₂ availability. The models disagree on climates and impact on the vegetation in several areas in this period. These include differences related to prescribed ice-sheets, particularly in North America where the ice-sheet configuration in FAMOUS shows a realistic two-dome pattern. Further afield, HadCM3 model has significantly more tropical rainforest, especially in Latin America, and predicts widespread boreal forest cover right across Eurasia. FAMOUS, however, reproduces a more limited vegetation extent, with more grassland in central Eurasia. The differences in the tropics appear to be linked to a wetter climate in HadCM3, possibly due to a stronger response to precessional forcing, whilst the west and

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interior of northern Eurasia is cooler in FAMOUS, with a greater influence from the Fennoscandian ice-sheet.

3.3.5 64 ka BP (Marine Isotope Stage 4)

There are only a few differences between biomized records at the LGM, 54 kaBP, and 64 kaBP (Fig. 2). Apart from one southern European site (Ioannina), which has a highest affiliation with grassland (compared with temperate forest during the LGM), the pollen biome affiliations are much the same as at the LGM for the sites presented here. The two sites in northern Australasia show a highest affiliation with the warm-temperate forest biome during this period, compared with tropical forest at 54 kaBP, however affinity scores between the two types are close, so this is unlikely to be related to different climates. The model-based reconstructions support this as they also do not show major differences at the pollen sites.

Both model-based biome reconstructions are, in general, similar to those reproduced for 54 kyr. The climate of 64 kyr simulated in HadCM3 is cooler and drier than for 54 kyr, producing larger areas of tundra in north and east Eurasia and patchy tropical forests. There is less difference between 64 and 54 kyr in the FAMOUS reconstructions, which simulates a cooler climate at 54 kyr compared to HadCM3, so the FAMOUS and HadCM3 biome reconstructions agree better in this earlier period. North American vegetation distributions primarily differ between the models in this period due to the different configurations of the Laurentide ice-sheet imposed on the models.

3.3.6 84 ka BP (Marine Isotope Stage 5b)

The pollen-based biomization for 84 kaBP clearly reflects the warmer and wetter conditions with more CO₂ available than at 64 kaBP, especially in Europe, with the majority of sites showing highest affinity scores for the temperate forest biomes. Sites in other parts of the world show similar affinity scores to the 64 kaBP timeslice, although they are sparse and it is less clear whether they reflect widespread climatic conditions.

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The model-based reconstructions reflect the warmer European climate resulting from the small Fennoscandian ice-sheet, with FAMOUS showing some European forest cover, and HadCM3 extending Eurasian vegetation up to the Arctic coast. The HadCM3-based reconstruction shows more of this vegetation to be grassland rather than forest, probably a result of a slightly cooler climate in the model. Around the southern European pollen sites themselves, however, HadCM3 shows little differences and FAMOUS predicts dry woodlands, perhaps a result of poorly modelled Mediterranean storm-tracks that would bring moisture inland.

Although there are still differences in the configuration of the Laurentide ice-sheet between the models, both now reproduce dry vegetation types in Midwest America and significant boreal forest further north. Both models show significantly smaller desert areas in North Africa and forest in the tropical belt than at 64 ka BP, reflecting significant precipitation and higher CO₂ levels here, although both also show a dry anomaly over Latin America that reduces vegetation, especially in the HadCM3 reconstruction. Because of increased rainfall in Australia, HadCM3 simulations show a smaller desert compared with 54 ka BP.

3.3.7 120 ka BP (last interglacial period, Marine Isotope Stage 5e)

This time-slice represents the previous interglacial, and should have the smallest anomalies from the pre-industrial control climate of the models. The pollen-based biomization shows widespread forest cover for Eurasia, with the only other difference from both the 84 ka BP period and the pre-industrial control being Lake Titicaca, which has the highest affinity toward desert for this period. The affinity scores for temperate forest are almost as high for this site, and neither climate model has the resolution to reproduce the local climate for this altitude well, although both do reflect dry conditions near the coast here, possibly as a result of regional climate feedbacks (Bush et al., 2010).

The models do indeed produce relatively small climate anomalies and vegetation in line with the pre-industrial control and each other. Both models produce widespread

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forest cover north of 40N, much as for the pre-industrial climate, although FAMOUS is slightly too wet over North America to produce mid-west grasslands as in HadCM3. Both models increase the extent of their tropical forests, although FAMOUS has a relative dry anomaly over central Africa, with less tropical forest than for the pre-industrial or HadCM3, which once again appears to have a stronger response to precessional forcing.

4 Global terrestrial vegetation changes

The general agreement of the modelling results above across the two climate models and the pollen-based synthesis provides confidence in our global biome reconstructions for the last glacial cycle, although with qualifications as described above. Quantitative estimates of changes in the global terrestrial biosphere and the glacial carbon cycle can thus be drawn from our reconstructions.

4.1 Biome areas

Whilst there is general agreement between the biome reconstructions from the FAMOUS and HadCM3 climate anomalies, there are also areas and periods with significant regional differences. A clearer picture of their overall effect on the global biosphere can be seen by using the global total areas of each megabiome for the two models (Fig. 3). Cooler temperatures, reduced moisture, and lower levels of CO₂ through the glacial result in a general reduction of forest biomes and increases in grassland, desert, and tundra. Lower levels of atmospheric CO₂ also preferentially favour plants using the C4 photosynthetic pathway (Ehleringer et al., 1997), contributing to the expansion of the grassland and desert biomes during the glacial. The changes in atmospheric CO₂ levels through the glacial cycle are common to all the BIOME4 runs, so CO₂ fertilisation effects and C3/C4 competition are not responsible for differences in vegetation response between the FAMOUS-

and HadCM3-forced simulation. FAMOUS predicts consistently lower areas of warm-temperate and boreal forest than HadCM3, and higher amounts of grassland and desert. FAMOUS also neglects the additional area of land available to HadCM3 as continental shelves are exposed, although some of this additional land is occupied by the Northern Hemisphere ice-sheets in HadCM3. The global total areas highlight a significant oscillation in the areas of the different megabiomes of ~ 20 kyr in length – this is particularly notable between 60 and 120 ka BP in the grassland megabiome and results from the 23 kyr cycle in the precession of the Earth's orbit. The precession cycle exerts a significant influence on the seasonality of the climate, as noted in tropical precipitation records (e.g. the East Asian monsoon; Wang et al., 2008). Such variations are not explicitly evident in the dominant megabiome types at any of the pollen sites, but the precession oscillation does appear in the individual biome affinity scores of several sites (Fig. 4), lending support to this feature of the model reconstructions.

4.2 Net primary productivity

Net primary productivity (NPP) is the net flux of carbon into green plants (in this case terrestrial plants) due to photosynthesis, after accounting for plant respiration. Global NPP derived from our BIOME4 reconstructions for the PI is ~ 70 to 75 PgCyr^{-1} . This is somewhat higher than previously estimated present-day range of $46\text{--}62 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$ (Tinker and Ineson, 1990; Nemani et al., 2003). Recent estimates using eddy covariance flux data estimate global NPP as $\sim 62 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$ (assuming 50% carbon use efficiency to convert from GPP to NPP; Beer et al., 2010).

Some other model estimates for the PI are also lower (e.g. Prentice et al., 2011: 59.2 PgCyr^{-1}). As mentioned in Sect. 3.3.1, BIOME4 is driven solely by an observational climate dataset due to the anomaly approach used to reduce the impact of climate model biases (see methods Sect. 2.1.3). Therefore, any overestimate in NPP is not a result of the climate model but possibly due to biases in the vegetation model, and/or biases in the observational climatology used to drive the model, and low spatial resolution used. For example, the lower resolution topography does not

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represent mountainous regions such as the Andes well nor its topographically-induced variation in vegetation (see Sect. 3.3.1), which may positively skew NPP values. The model may also overestimate NPP compared to observationally based techniques for the modern or pre-industrial partly because it does not contain any representation of non-climatically induced changes, e.g. cultivation or land degradation.

In the LGM simulations global NPP declines to $\sim 42 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$ in FAMOUS and 48 PgCyr^{-1} in HadCM3. While these are also higher than some other model-based estimates of $28\text{--}40 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$ (e.g. François et al., 1999; 2002), the relative decrease in the LGM in our models to approximately two-thirds of PI is consistent with several previous studies. A calculation based primarily on isotopic evidence has produced an even lower estimate of LGM NPP of $20 \pm 10 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$ (Ciais et al., 2011); with LGM primary productivity approximately 50% lower than their PI estimate.

The PI-LGM difference is greater in FAMOUS than in HadCM3 (Fig. 5a) primarily due to the fact that HadCM3's glacial land area increases as sea-level lowers, enabling additional NPP on continental shelf regions, whereas FAMOUS land area remains the same. This is demonstrated by recalculating global NPP for HadCM3 neglecting exposed shelf regions (HadCM3_NS), which then matches the values from FAMOUS (Fig. 5a, green line). The effect of vegetating continental shelves on global NPP is small in comparison to the overall decrease during the glacial period; NPP reduction at the LGM is 40% for HadCM3_NS and 35% for HadCM3_S compared to the PI. Further analysis with HadCM3 suggests that CO_2 fertilization and CO_2 forcing of climate are the main driving forces of the glacial NPP decrease – both of these factors are included in our model setups. By comparison, the impact of large continental ice-sheets reducing the land surface area available for primary production is negligible, as these high-latitude areas only contribute a small fraction of global NPP in any case; if the area covered in ice at the LGM is excluded from NPP calculations of the PI, global NPP only decreases by a maximum of $\sim 5 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$.

Some differences in the timing of some events between the HadCM3 and FAMOUS-forced runs are apparent, especially in the earlier half of the simulation. These phase

by dividing modern carbon storage by the model's reconstructed modern NPP, using carbon storage values for each megabiome from Prentice et al. (2001).

The differences in modern NPP by biome between HadCM3 and FAMOUS (related to resolution differences between HadCM3 and FAMOUS) result in differences in $\tau_{\text{biome}}^{\text{v}}$ and $\tau_{\text{biome}}^{\text{s}}$ values used to calculate carbon storage, and hence different sensitivities to changes in NPP. During the interglacials FAMOUS and HadCM3 estimate high terrestrial carbon storage: 2100 PgC during the pre-industrial period and 2000 PgC during the last interglacial (Fig. 5b). However, entering the glacial, FAMOUS predicted larger carbon storage decreases than HadCM3. During the LGM, the terrestrial carbon reduction of 800 PgC is nearly twice as large in FAMOUS compared with HadCM3_S (470 PgC). Roughly one third of the difference between FAMOUS and HadCM3 results from the increase in continental shelf area in HadCM3 that are not included in FAMOUS. The other two thirds results from the wetter and warmer climate in glacial HadCM3 than FAMOUS. This enables a greater retention of forest biomes, in particular warm temperate and boreal forest (Figs. 2 and 3).

Both HadCM3 and FAMOUS give Holocene total terrestrial carbon storage estimates similar to previous studies including Ciais et al.'s (2011) estimates for the active land biosphere. The reduction in carbon storage at the LGM compared to pre-industrial time according to HadCM3 is within the range given previously, whereas the estimate from FAMOUS is larger than most estimates, but more similar to Ciais et al.'s estimated (2011) decrease for the active terrestrial biosphere.

Closer examination of the trends during the last glacial cycle reveals that modelled terrestrial carbon storage (Fig. 5b) displays a greater level of periodicity on the ~ 23 kyr time-scale than NPP (Fig. 5a), in both FAMOUS and HadCM3 for the early glacial. The prevalence of a ~ 23 kyr cycle relates to the precession of the Earth's orbit, changing the seasonality of climate. For the biome scores this periodicity is particularly notable between 60 and 120 ka BP (when eccentricity modulation of precession is largest) in the grassland and temperate forest megabiome areas (Fig. 3). The largest impact is from the extent to which Northern Hemisphere mid-latitudes are forested (temperate

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forest vs. grassland). This variation at 23 kyr periodicity is more evident in FAMOUS than HadCM3, even though both models drive similar sized periodical changes in megabiome coverage. In HadCM3, slightly wetter glacial conditions result in greater overall forested areas; a decline in temperate and tropical forest is compensated for by an increase in warm-temperate and boreal forest (Fig. 3). FAMOUS, on the other hand, shows declines in all forest types through the glacial. This drives a greater glacial decline in FAMOUS carbon storage, as well as slightly larger precessional variation in carbon storage, because other forest types are not compensating periodicities in grassland variation, as they do in HadCM3.

The first large-scale reduction in terrestrial carbon storage occurs shortly after the previous interglacial, where both models (including HadCM3_S) show a 500 PgC decrease (Fig. 5). Predicted sizes of the terrestrial biosphere then vary around a 1800 PgC mean by about ± 100 PgC for HadCM3_S and _NS, whereas FAMOUS shows another large decrease at ~ 65 ka BP by another 500 PgC, providing terrestrial carbon storage estimates in MIS 4 that are similar to the LGM.

4.4 Implications for ocean carbon

Changes in ocean carbon storage have been calculated here by combining the modelled changes in terrestrial biosphere carbon storage with changes in atmospheric carbon dioxide recorded in ice cores. The decrease in atmospheric carbon between the PI and LGM is approximately 180 PgC (Barnola et al., 1987) which when added to the decrease in terrestrial carbon storage, equates to an increase in total ocean carbon storage of 1050 PgC for FAMOUS and 650 PgC for HadCM3_S.

Globally decreased LGM deep ocean stable carbon isotope ratios ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$), as recorded by benthic foraminifera at -0.3 to -0.4% , suggests that global LGM terrestrial carbon storage was decreased by 500 to 700 Pg compared with the PI (assuming vegetation and soil $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of -25%) (e.g. Broecker and Peng, 1993; Duplessy et al., 1988; Bird et al., 1996; Kaplan et al., 2002; Beerling et al., 1999). A more recent estimate derived from a compilation of 133 ocean cores is $-0.34 \pm 0.13\%$ (Ciais

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et al., 2011). An ensemble of ocean circulation model simulations suggests a similar decrease of $-0.31 \pm 0.2\%$ (Tagliabue et al., 2009).

Using our modelled glacial–interglacial terrestrial carbon storage changes the above approach may be inverted to estimate global ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ changes over the same time period. The mass balance approach of Bird et al. (1996) was followed to estimate ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ at any point from 120 kaBP to the PI. Using the modelled terrestrial biosphere carbon mass and that of the atmosphere (from the ice core record), contributions to global ocean mass changes were estimated. First, changes in total terrestrial biosphere $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ were estimated by multiplying the terrestrial carbon storage calculated at each grid point (described above in Sect. 3.4.3) by the model output $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ for each grid cell. These were then averaged to produce a global biosphere $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (Fig. 6a). We then assumed a constant atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$. Ice core records suggest variations between -6.5 to -7% but the time period covered only extends to the LGM (Leuenberger et al., 1992; Lourantou et al., 2010; Schmitt et al., 2012), so we did not estimate $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values between 22 and 120 kaBP and instead kept all values at -6.5% . Sensitivity tests (not shown) demonstrated that the calculated $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ocean changes would not change significantly whether constant or varying atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ was used (the maximum difference at LGM was 2% on total ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ depending on whether -6.5 or -7% was assumed). Combining calculated terrestrial and atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and assuming total isotopic mass balance over time, total ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ was calculated for the last 120 kyr (Fig. 6b).

The modelled terrestrial biosphere $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (Fig. 6a) displays the largest increase during the LGM when atmospheric CO_2 was at its lowest concentrations, due to changes in C_4 vegetation input (C_4 vegetation discriminates against ^{13}C less than C_3 vegetation when carbon is incorporated by photosynthesis). Consequently, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ increases (becomes less negative) when C_4 vegetation is more prevalent. The differences in biome area between FAMOUS and HadCM3 driven output (Fig. 3), in particular warm temperate and boreal forest coverage, do not result in large differences

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in terrestrial biosphere $\delta^{13}\text{C}$. The extent of C_4 type vegetation is similar between the models and differences in other biomes have little impact on overall isotopic signature.

The reconstructed total ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of the two models mimics the trends in total terrestrial carbon storage; when carbon storage is reduced, ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ decreases and when carbon storage is increased, ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ increases (Figs. 5 and 6). The total ocean LGM to PI change in $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ as estimated using this method is -0.34% for HadCM3_S and -0.65% for FAMOUS (Fig. 6b). The additional exposed continental shelf areas available in HadCM3 account for only a small proportion of the difference between the two (compare HadCM3_S and HadCM3_NS in Fig. 6b). Even though FAMOUS and HadCM3 display similar trends in terrestrial biosphere $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, the larger decrease in terrestrial carbon from FAMOUS results in almost double the change in ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$. The predicted PI to LGM decrease in total ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ from HadCM3 is similar to that inferred e.g. by Ciais et al. (2011) and Tagliabue et al. (2009) whereas FAMOUS seems to be outside the range of recent estimates.

Recently compiled deep ocean records of Oliver et al. (2010), covering the last glacial cycle, display similar trends to our modelled ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ over the entire glacial cycle (Fig. 6b and c). The absolute magnitude of glacial–interglacial variation in HadCM3 is closer to that in the reconstructions, whereas FAMOUS variation is nearly twice the magnitude. However, the temporal variation in FAMOUS has some features that are more similar to the data compilation, such as lighter values in MIS 4 that are similar to the LGM values (Fig. 6b and c). The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ excursion of deep Pacific $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ records ~ 64 kaBP (coincident with Marine Isotope Stage 4 or the early Wisconsin glacial advance) is as large as, or larger than that of the LGM (Oliver et al., 2010), and is not notable in the HadCM3 derived estimates. The very low deep Pacific values might not be completely due to changes in terrestrial carbon storage and perhaps partly relate to reorganisation of water masses and/or ocean productivity (Kohfeld et al., 2005; Leduc et al., 2010). Most longer benthic foraminiferal $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ records show even lower values during the penultimate glaciation, as part of a longer timescale trend in increasing ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ since ca. 250 kaBP (Hoogakker et al., 2006; Piotrowski et al.,

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2009; Oliver et al., 2010), which is not captured here. This may be related to longer-term carbon reservoirs changes that may be linked to changes in ocean ventilation and/or productivity (Wang et al., 2001; Hoogakker et al., 2006; Rickaby et al., 2007), not represented in our modelling approach.

5 While the distribution of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in oceans is affected by several factors such as reorganisation of water masses (especially in the North Atlantic), ocean productivity and export (Brovkin et al., 2002; Kohfeld and Ridgwell, 2009) and nutrient utilisation, the modelled results presented here suggest that the large-scale trends in ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ are dominated by terrestrial carbon storage variation, as Shackleton (1977) first
10 proposed.

5 Conclusions

We have used a new global synthesis and biomization of long pollen records in conjunction with model simulations to analyse the sensitivity of the global terrestrial biosphere to climate change over the last glacial–interglacial cycle. Model output and
15 biomized pollen data generally agree, lending confidence to our global-scale analysis of the carbon cycle derived from the model simulations. We used the models to estimate changes in global terrestrial net primary production and carbon storage. Carbon storage variations have a strong 23 kyr (precessional) cycle in the first half of the glacial cycle in particular. Estimates of global carbon storage by HadCM3 at the
20 LGM are ~ 470 PgC below modern levels if the contribution of exposed continental shelves and their colonisation are taken into account. Estimates of global carbon storage reduction are significantly greater if continental shelf exposure is not included, with FAMOUS showing the largest changes. Other intervals of significant reductions in terrestrial carbon storage include stadial conditions ~ 115 and 85 kaBP and between
25 60 and 65 kaBP during Marine Isotope Stage 4. Comparison of modelled ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, using output of HadCM3 and FAMOUS, and compiled palaeo-archives of ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ suggest a dominant role of terrestrial carbon storage changes in driving ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$

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changes. Modelled ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ changes derived with FAMOUS are larger because of larger simulated changes in terrestrial carbon storage. The differences in terrestrial carbon storage between the models in turn derive from differences in the variability of ice-sheet prescription (Fig. 3) and regional climate biases, where HadCM3 is generally
5 wetter and slightly warmer in the glacial than FAMOUS, which means productivity and extent of warm temperate and boreal forests does not decrease as it does into the glacial in FAMOUS.

Existing data coverage is still low, and so there are still large areas of uncertainty in our knowledge of the palaeo-Earth system. Better spatial and temporal coverage for all
10 parts of the globe, especially lowland areas, is required, and for this we need data from new sites incorporated into global datasets that are easily accessible by the scientific community.

The synthesised biomized dataset presented in this paper can be downloaded as supplementary material to this paper, or may be obtained by contacting the authors.

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Table 2. Details of the locations of pollen-data records synthesised in this study.

	Core	Latitude	Longitude	A.S.L. (m)	Age ~ (ka BP)	Reference	Biomization reference
North America							
Canada (short)	Brother-of-Fog	67.18	-63.25	380	Last interglacial	Frechette et al. (2006)	Williams et al. (2000)
Canada (short)	Amarok	66.27	-65.75	848	Holocene and last interglacial	Frechette et al. (2006)	Williams et al. (2000)
USA	Carp Lake	45.92	-120.88	714	0 to ca 130	Whitlock and Bartlein (1997)	Thompson and Anderson (2000)
USA	Bear Lake	41.95	-111.31	1805	0 to 150	Jiménez-Moreno et al. (2007)	Thompson and Anderson (2000)
USA	Potato lake	34.4	-111.3	2222	2 to ca 35	Anderson et al. (1993)	Thompson and Anderson (2000)
USA	San Felipe	.31	-115.25	400	16 to 42	Lozano-Garcia et al. (2002)	Thompson and Anderson (2000)
USA	Lake Tulane	27.59	-81.50	36	0 to 52	Grimm et al. (2006)	Williams et al. (2000)
Latin America							
Mexico	Lake Patzcuaro	19.58	-101.58	2044	3 to 44	Watts and Bradbury (1982)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Guatemala	Lake Petén-Itzá	16.92	-89.83	110	0-86	Correa-Metrio et al. (2012)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Colombia	Ciudad Universitaria X Laguna Junin	-4.75	-74.18	2560	0 to 35	van der Hammen and González (1960)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Peru	Lake Titicaca	-11.00	-76.18	4100	0 to 36 (LAPD1?)	Hansen et al. (1984)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Peru/Bolivia	Lake Titicaca	-15.9	-69.10	3810	3-370 (shown until 140)	Gosling et al. (2008); Hanselman et al. (2011); Fritz et al. (2007)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Guatemala	Lago Quexil	16.92	-89.88	110	9 to 36	Leyden (1984); Leyden et al. (1993, 1994)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Brazil	Salitre	-19.00	-46.77	970	2 to 50 (LAPD1)	Ledru (1992, 1993); Ledru et al. (1994, 1996)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Brazil	Colonia	-23.87	-46.71	900	0 to 120	Ledru et al. (2009)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Brazil	Cambara	-29.05	-50.10	1040	0 to 38	Behling et al. (2004)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Peru/Bolivia	Lake Titicaca	~ -16 to -17.5	~ -68.5 to -70	3810	3-138	Hanselman et al. (2011); Fritz et al. (2007)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Bolivia	Uyuni	-20.00	-68.00	653	17 to 108	Chepstow Lusty et al. (2005)	Marchant et al. (2009)

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Table 2. Continued.

	Core	Latitude	Longitude	A.S.L. (m)	Age ~ (ka BP)	Reference	Biomization reference
Europe							
Russia	Butovka	55.17	36.42	198	Holocene, early glacial and Eemian	Borisova (2005)	Tarasov et al. (2000)
Russia	Ilinskoye	53	37	167	early glacial and Eemian	Grichuk et al. (1983); Velichko et al. (2005)	Tarasov et al. (2000)
Poland	Horoszki Duze	52.27	23		~ 75 to Eemian		Tarasov et al. (2000)
Germany	Klinge	51.75	14.51	80	early glacial, Eemian and Saalian (penultimate glacial)	Novenko et al. (2008)	Tarasov et al. (2000)
Germany	Füramoos	47.59	9.53	662	0 to 120	Muller et al. (2003)	Prentice et al. (1992)
Germany	Jammertal	48.10	9.73	578	Eemian	Muller (2000)	Prentice et al. (1992)
Germany	Samerberg	47.75	12.2	595	Eemian and early Würmian	Grüger (1979a, b)	Prentice et al. (1992)
Germany	Wurzach	47.93	9.89	650	Eemian and early Würmian	Grüger and Schreiner (1993)	Prentice et al. (1992)
Italy	Lagaccione	42.57	11.85	355	0 to 100	Magri (1999)	Elenga et al. (2004)
Italy	Lago di Vico	42.32	12.17	510	0 to 90	Magri and Sadori (1999)	Elenga et al. (2004)
Italy	Valle di Castiglione	41.89	12.75	44	0 to 120	Magri and Tzedakis (2000)	Elenga et al. (2004)
Italy	Monticchio	40.94	15.60	656	0 to 120	Allen et al. (1999)	Elenga et al. (2004)
Greece	Ioannina	39.76	20.73	470	0 to 120	Tzedakis et al. (2002, 2004a)	Elenga et al. (2004)
Greece	Tenaghi Philippon	41.17	24.30	40	0 to 120	Wijmstra (1969); Wijmstra and Smith (1976); Tzedakis et al. (2006)	Elenga et al. (2004)
Africa							
Uganda	ALBERT-F	1.52	30.57	619	0 to 30	Beuning et al. (1997)	Jolly et al. (1998)
Uganda	Mubwindi swamp3	-1.08	29.46	2150	0 to 40	Marchant et al. (1997)	Jolly et al. (1998)
Rwanda	Kamiranzovy swamp 1	-2.47	29.12	1950	13 to 40	Bonnefille and Chalieu (2000)	Jolly et al. (1998)
Burundi	Rusaka	-3.43	29.61	2070	0 to 47	Bonnefille and Chalieu (2000)	Jolly et al. (1998)
Burundi	Kashiru Swamp A1	-3.45	29.53	2240	0 to 40	Bonnefille and Chalieu (2000)	Jolly et al. (1998)
Burundi	Kashiru Swamp A3	-3.45	29.53	2240	0 to 40	Bonnefille and Chalieu (2000)	Jolly et al. (1998)
Tanzania	Uluguru	-7.08	37.62	2600	0 to > 45	Finch et al. (2009)	Jolly et al. (1998)
Madagascar	Lake Tritrivakely	-19.78	46.92	1778	0 to 40	Gasse and Van Campo (1998)	Jolly et al. (1998)
South Africa	Tswaing (Saltpan) Crater	-25.57	28.07	1100	0 to 120 (although after 35 probably less secure based)	Scott (1988b); Partridge et al. (1993); Scott (1999a, b)	Jolly et al. (1998)
South Africa	Mfabeni swamp	-28.13	32.52	11	0 to 43	Finch and Hill (2008)	Jolly et al. (1998)

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Table 2. Continued.

Core	Latitude	Longitude	A.S.L. (m)	Age ~ (ka BP)	Reference	Biomization reference	
Australasia							
Russia	Lake Baikal	53.95	108.9		114–130	–	
Japan	Lake Biwa	35	135	85.6	0–120	Nakagawa et al. (2008)	Takahara et al. (1999)
Japan	Lake Suigetsu	35.58	135.88	~ 0	0–120	Nakagawa (2008)	Takahara et al. (1999)
Thailand	Khorat Plateau	17	103	~ 180	0–40	Penny (2001)	Pickett et al. (2004)
Australia	Lynch's Crater	-17.37	145.7	760	0–120	Kershaw (1986)	Pickett et al. (2004)
New Caledonia	Xero Wapo	-22.28	166.97	220	0–120	Stevenson and Hope (2005)	Pickett et al. (2004)
Australia	Caldeonia fen	-37.33	146.73	1280	0–120	Kershaw et al. (2007)	Pickett et al. (2004)
New Zealand	Okarito	-43.24	170.22	70	0–120	Vandergoes et al. (2005)	Pickett et al. (2004)

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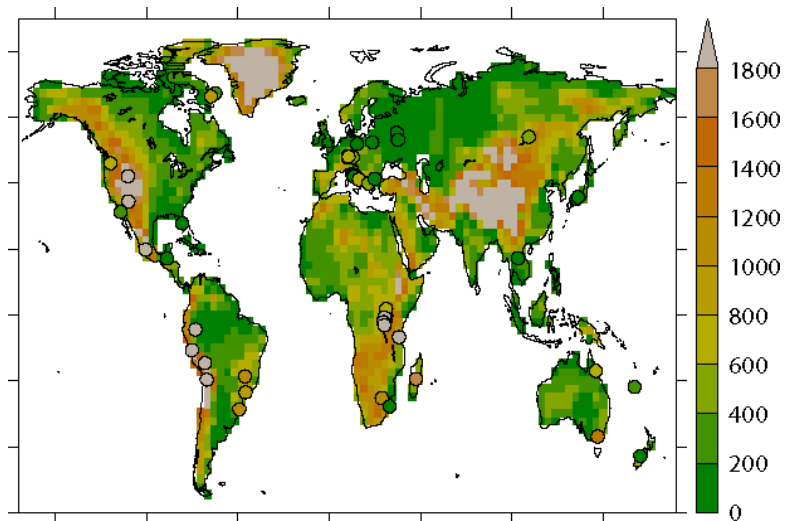


Figure 1. Locations and altitudes of pollen records superimposed on pre-industrial HadCM3 orography (m).

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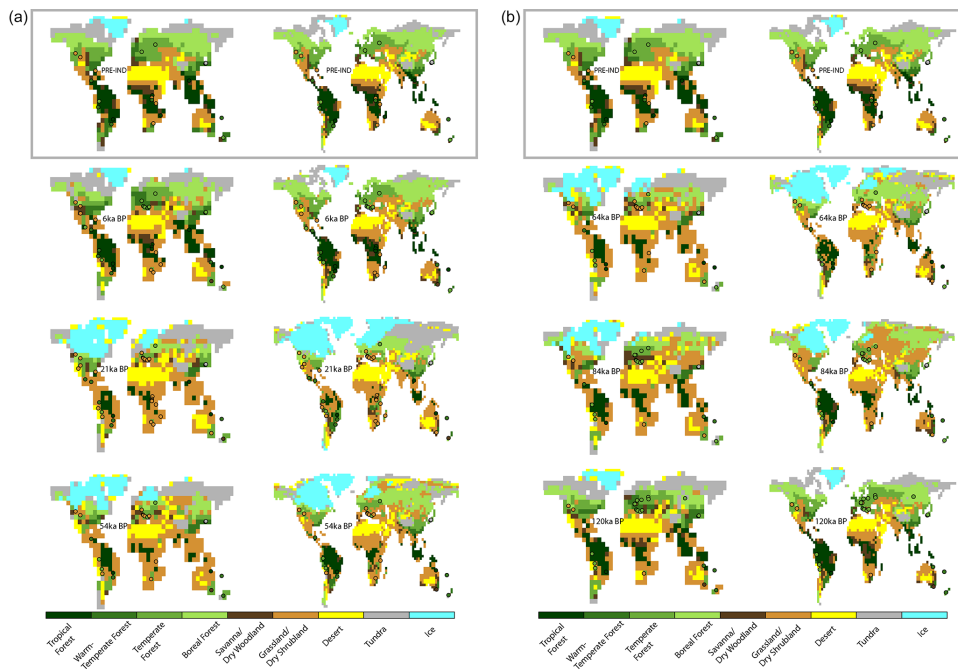


Figure 2. Biome reconstructions from FAMOUS and HadCM3 climates for selected marine isotope stages (denoted in ka BP). The biome with the highest affinity score for each site in our synthesis where there is pollen during this stage is superimposed.

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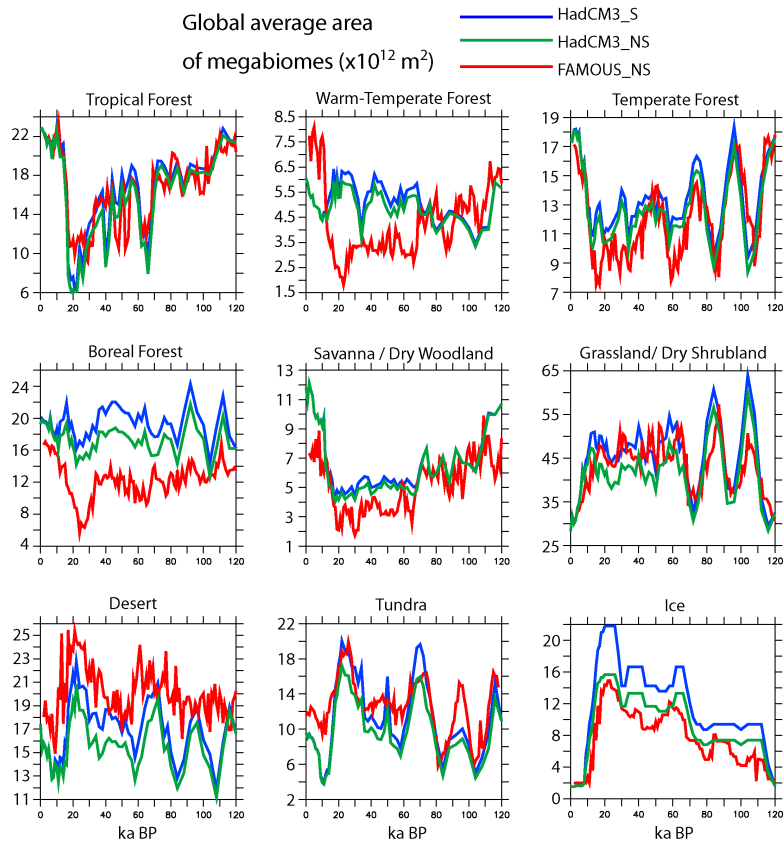


Figure 3. Global area coverage of megabiome types in the model reconstructions.

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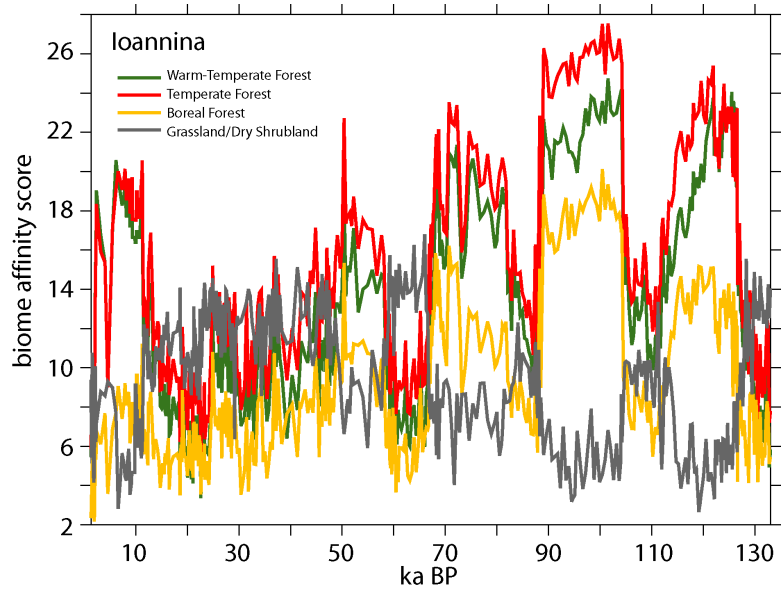


Figure 4. Affinity scores for the 4 dominant biome types at the Ioannina site (20.73° E, 39.76° N) from Greece.

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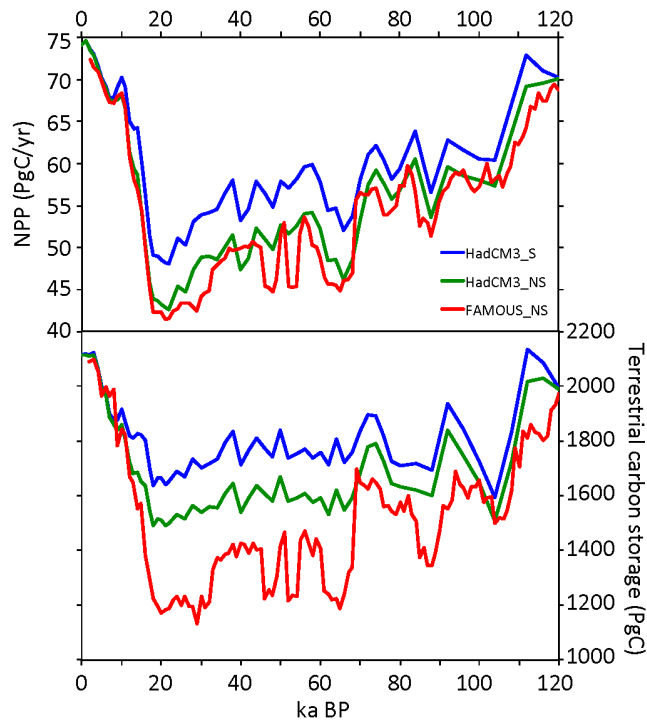


Figure 5. Net Primary Production and carbon storage throughout the last glacial cycle derived from the model-based biome reconstructions. HadCM3_S includes the additional influence of land exposed by sea-level changes, HadCM3_NS and FAMOUS_NS do not.

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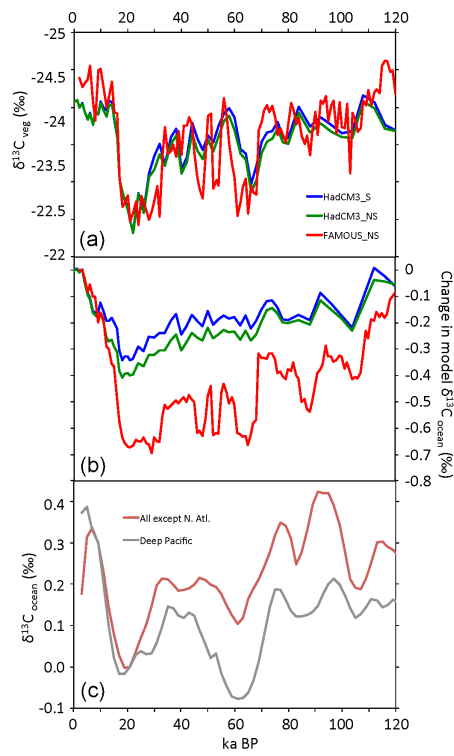


Figure 6. (a) Modelled $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ for terrestrial biosphere; (b) change in modelled total ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, (c) benthic foraminifera deep ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ compiled by Oliver et al. (2010).