

# Supporting Information for "Sources of uncertainty in regional and global terrestrial CO<sub>2</sub>-exchange estimates"

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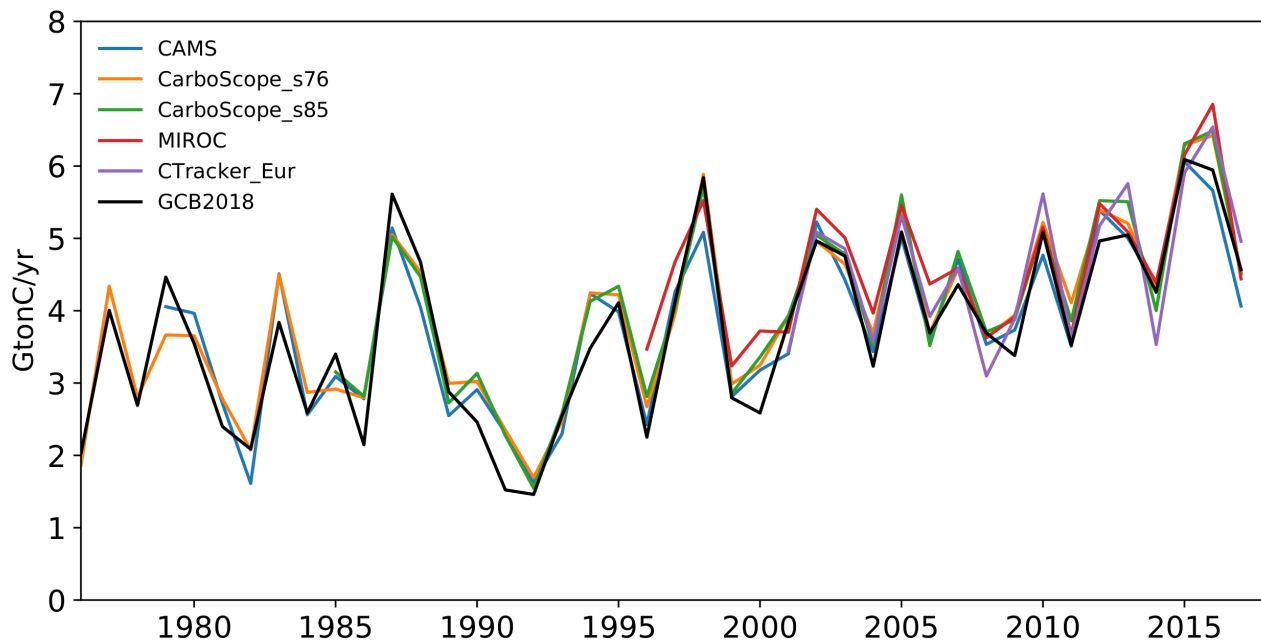
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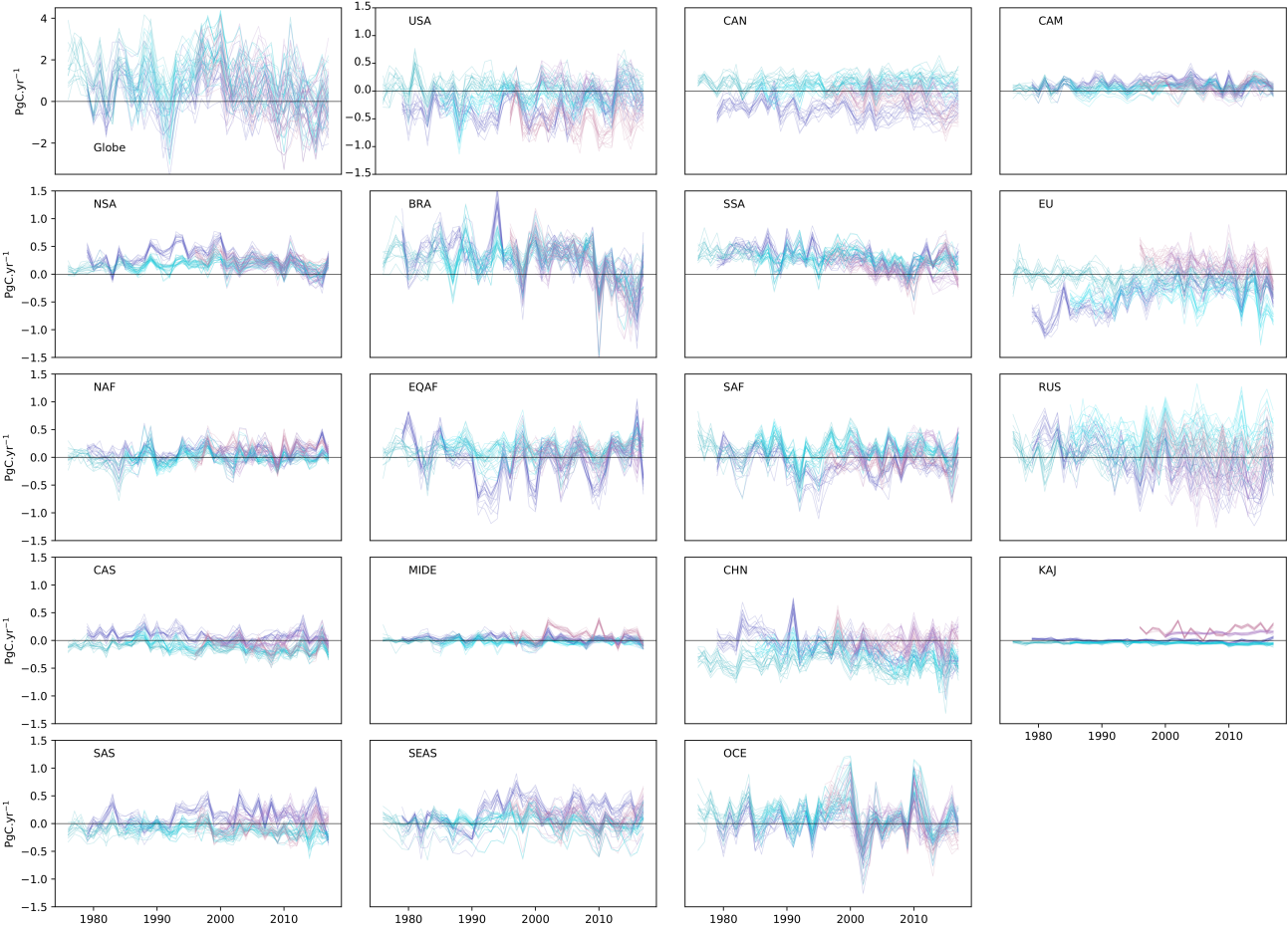
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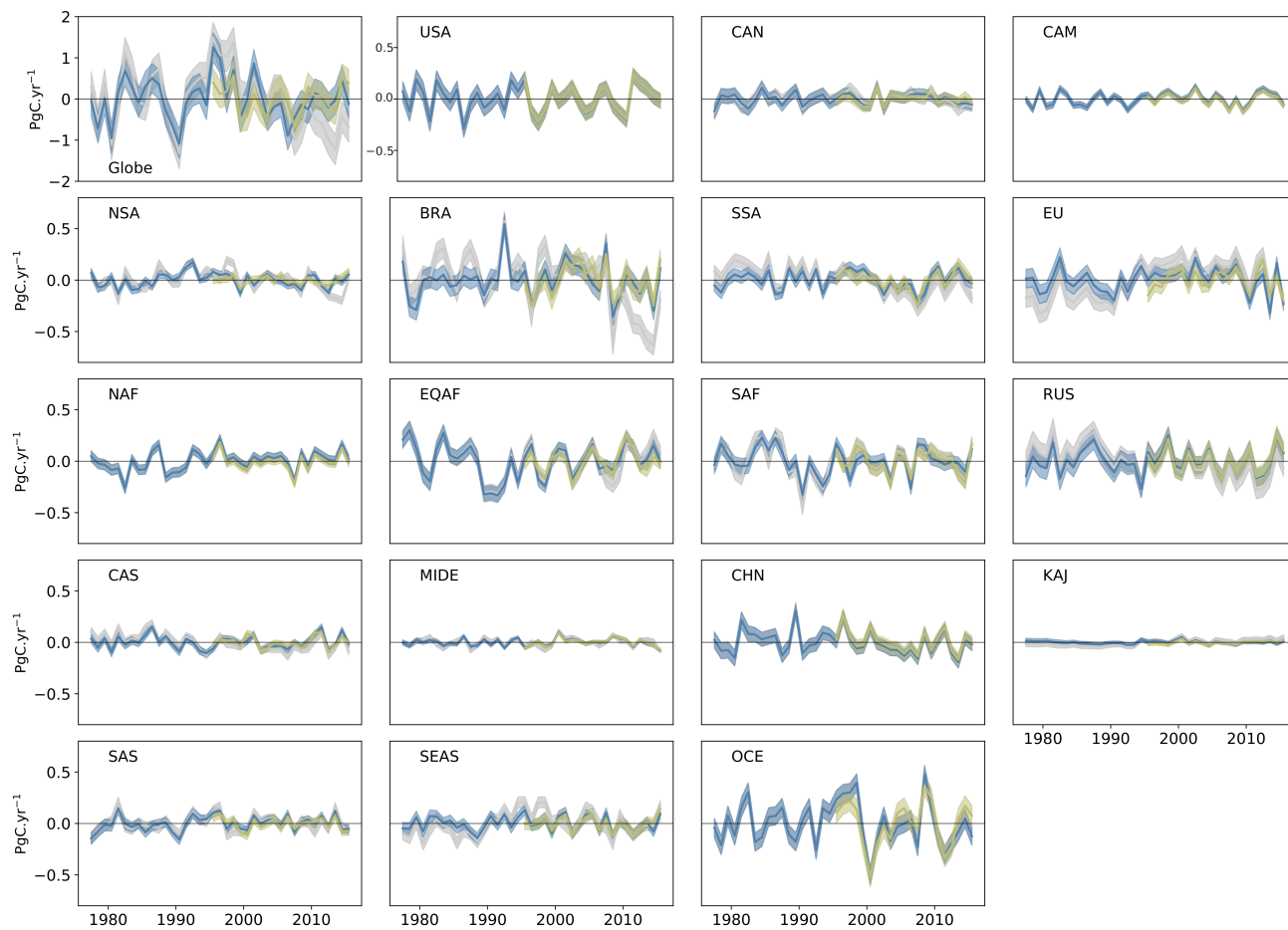
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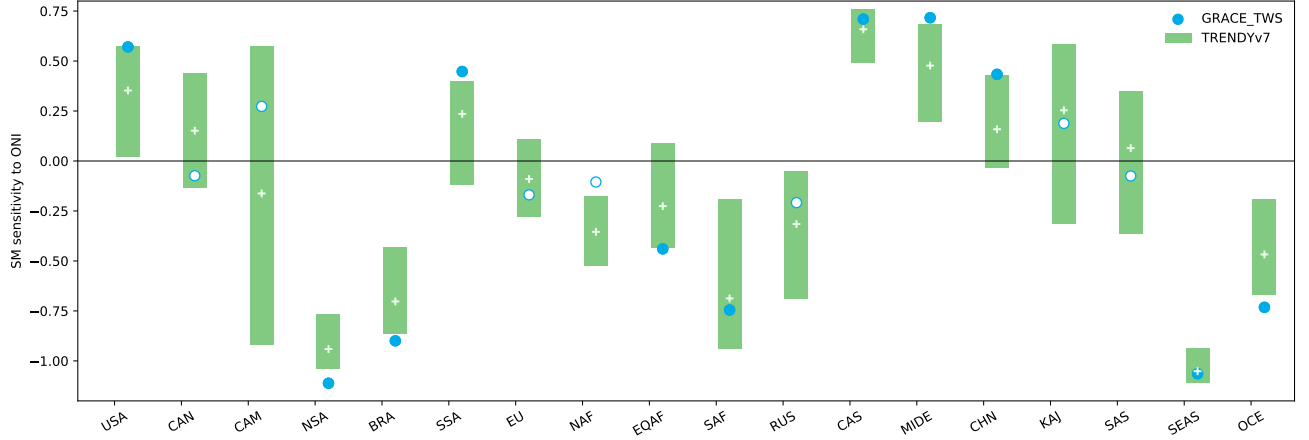
**Figure S1.** Comparison of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> growth-rate ( $G_{ATM}$ ) from GCB2018 (black) and from each of the five inversions used in this study.



**Figure S2.** Regional estimates of  $D$  for the  $5 \text{ inversions} \times 16 \text{ DGVMs}$  ensemble. Each color indicates one inversion as in Fig. 1.

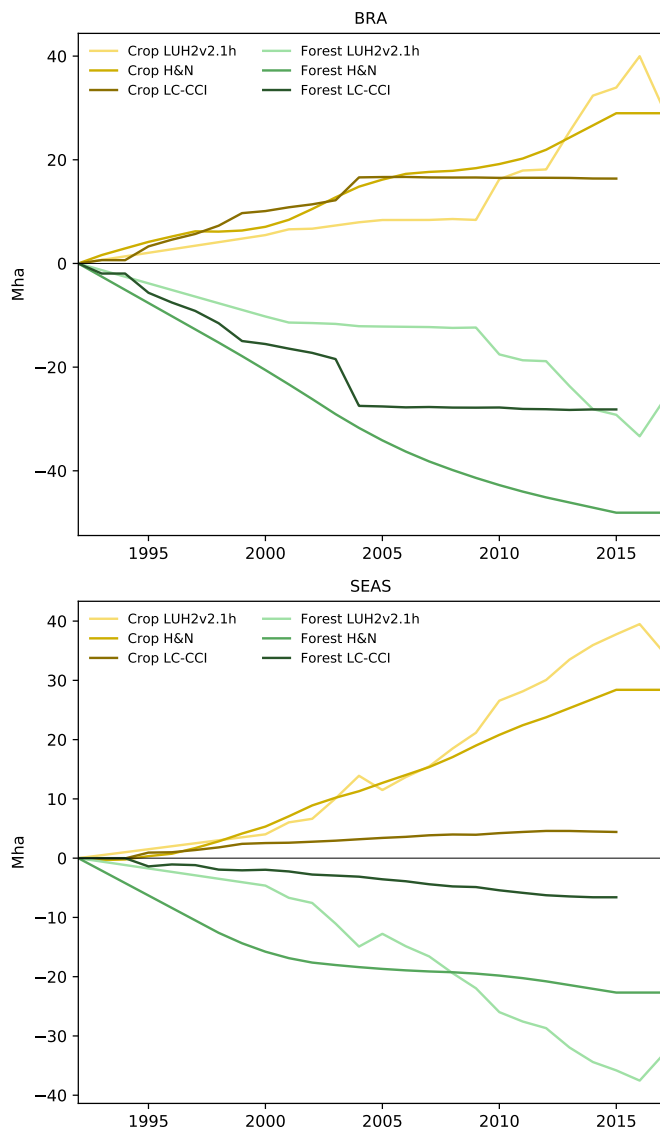


**Figure S3.** Residuals of the different LME fits:  $LME_{RE}$  between 1979-2017 in grey,  $LME_{FE}$  without fire between 1979-2017 in blue and  $LME_{FE}$  with fire, fit for 1997-2017 in yellow.



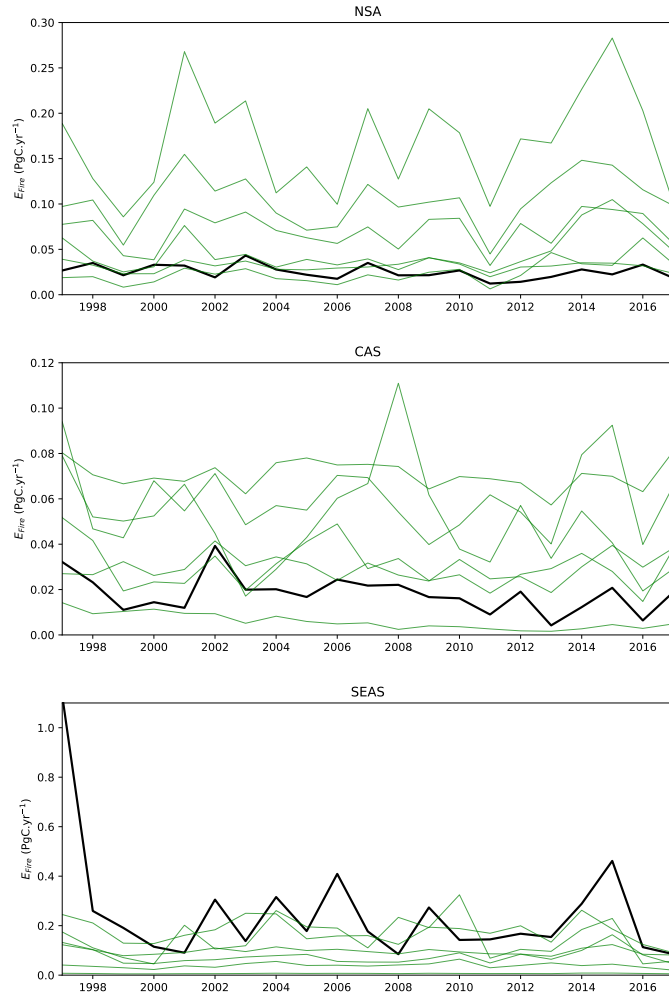
**Figure S4.** Sensitivity of total water storage from GRACE total water storage (TWS) reconstruction to ONI (blue circles) and the sensitivity of simulated soil moisture from DGVMs to ONI. For comparability with Fig. 5, the time-series of both total water storage and simulated soil-moisture have been normalised. The full circles indicate those regions where the sensitivity of TWS to ONI is significant ( $p - value < 0.05$ ), and the open circles indicate non-significant values.

According to Fig. 4, ONI has significant effects on  $D$  in NSA, BRA, SAF and SEAS (negative) and CAS, MIDE and SAS (positive). In NSA, BRA, SEAS, and CAS the DGVM spread is small and the DGVM ensemble mean (MEM) is close to the value of the sensitivity of TWS to ONI. In SAF, the MME is close to the TWS-ONI sensitivity value, but the DGVMs show large spread in their estimates. In MIDE, DGVMs underestimate the sensitivity of soil water to ONI and how a wide range, but GRACE TWS does not show a significant relationship. Both GRACE TWS and MEM SM show a non-significant sensitivity of water-availability to ONI in SAS.



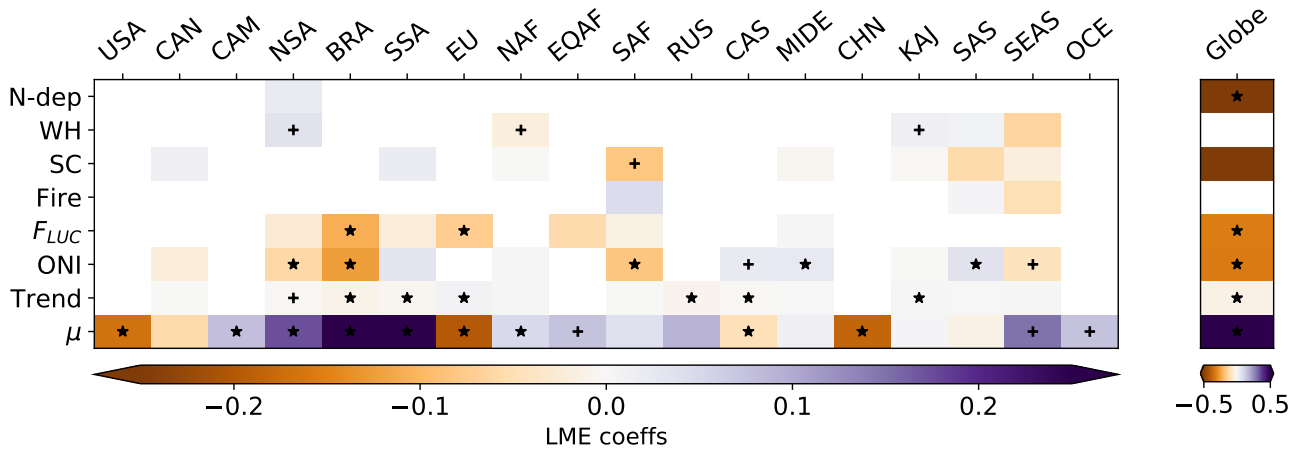
**Figure S5.** Changes in cropland and forest extent between 1979 and 2015/2017 from HN2017 (adapted from (FAO, 2015; FAOSTAT, 2015)), LUH2v2.1h (Hurtt et al., 2017) and ESA-CCI Land-Cover .





**Figure S6.** Temporal variability of  $E_{fire}$  from GFED4.1s (black lines) and simulated by DGVMs (green lines) for the three regions where fires have significant effects in  $D$ .

1979-2017



**Figure S7.** Coefficients of the LME model fit with fixed effects including, in addition to those in Fig. 4, the processes included or not in DGVMs (Table 1): fire, shifting cultivation (SC), wood-harvest (WH) and N-deposition (N-dep).

**Table S1.** Regional and global bias ( $\mu$ ) estimated for the LME fit to different subsets of DGVMs, compared to the full ensemble. The asterisks indicate those values where the bias for the model sub-set is significantly different from that of the full ensemble, given its uncertainty.

<b>Region</b>	<b>All DGVMs</b>	<b>Fire only</b>	<b>SC only</b>	<b>WH only</b>	<b>N-dep. only</b>
<b>USA</b>	-0.17±0.03	-0.16	-0.15	-0.15	-0.17
<b>CAN</b>	-0.05±0.02	-0.05	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05
<b>CAM</b>	0.08±0.02	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08
<b>NSA</b>	0.21±0.01	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.21
<b>BRA</b>	0.26±0.04	0.29	0.25	0.26	0.26
<b>SSA</b>	0.26±0.02	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.26
<b>EU</b>	-0.20±0.03	-0.20	-0.20	-0.19	-0.20
<b>NAF</b>	0.04±0.02	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
<b>EQAF</b>	0.07±0.03	0.06	0.03*	0.05	0.07
<b>SAF</b>	0.03±0.03	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.03
<b>RUS</b>	0.09±0.05	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.09
<b>CAS</b>	-0.05±0.01	-0.05	-0.05	-0.04	-0.05
<b>MIDE</b>	0.013±0.007	0.016	0.011	0.011	0.013
<b>CHN</b>	-0.18±0.02	-0.18	-0.19	-0.18	-0.18
<b>KAJ</b>	0.013±0.004	0.014	0.019*	0.019*	0.014
<b>SAS</b>	-0.02±0.02	-0.03	-0.05*	-0.03	-0.02
<b>SEAS</b>	0.07±0.03	0.05	0.02*	0.05	0.07
<b>OCE</b>	0.08±0.04	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08
<b>Globe</b>	0.68±0.18	0.62	0.45*	0.66	0.68