

# Klima 2.0

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## 1 Prologue

Klima 2.0 is an autonomous, rules-based coordination protocol designed to support the retirement of carbon credits through continuous and transparent execution terms.

It is not a financial product, investment vehicle, or asset management system, but a piece of market infrastructure that enables carbon supply and retirement demand to interact under predefined conditions.

The protocol operates through a dual-token architecture that facilitates coordination without discretionary control: **kVCM** functions as the internal unit of account and pricing reference for protocol-facilitated carbon retirement, while **K2** provides signalling inputs related to capacity. Together, these tokens inform protocol parameters through deterministic smart-contract logic. This architecture enables the protocol to:

- define execution rates and intake eligibility for carbon credits against transparent, predefined rules;
- make acquired credits available exclusively for irreversible retirement;
- coordinate liquidity provision and participation incentives required for continuous operation.

Participant actions such as locking tokens, signalling preferences, or providing liquidity serve inputs into a coordination mechanism that adjusts protocol parameters within predefined bounds. These inputs do not confer ownership rights, redemption rights, or claims on protocol-held carbon, nor do they constitute discretionary management of assets.

The protocol consists of three interdependent functional layers:

- a carbon inventory layer that holds credits solely for the purpose of facilitating retirement;
- a liquidity layer that supports access and withdrawal from the system through external markets; and
- a coordination layer that aggregates participant signals to inform protocol parameters.

These layers are designed to operate together as a self-contained system, adjusting to observable supply and retirement demand without reliance on external oracles, manual intervention, or fee-extractive intermediaries.

Klima 2.0 abstracts complex carbon market interactions into a transparent and auditable execution framework, enabling participants to interact with carbon retirement infrastructure directly, programmatically, and on equal terms.

Any economic effects arising from protocol activity result from predefined rules and market interaction, rather than from asset ownership, portfolio management, or profit extraction.

## 2 Klima 2.0

KlimaDAO launched in 2021 on the Polygon blockchain as an early experiment in applying tokenisation and onchain liquidity to voluntary carbon markets. The initial design centred on the KLIMA token and a treasury-based mechanism intended to bootstrap liquidity and participation in a nascent onchain carbon ecosystem.

That first iteration played a meaningful role in demonstrating that carbon credits could be represented, transferred, and retired using blockchain infrastructure. It also catalysed the development of a broader ecosystem of tools and services, including integrations with multiple carbon registries, marketplaces and point-of-sale interfaces, APIs for third-party applications, and direct onchain issuance by project developers.

Over time, it became clear that the original architecture was not well suited to serving large-scale, enterprise carbon buyers or to supporting continuous, rules-based market operation without manual

intervention. In particular, treasury-centric designs introduced complexity, opacity, and governance challenges that limited scalability and operational clarity.

Klima 2.0 is a ground-up redesign informed by these lessons. Rather than relying on treasury management or discretionary allocation, the new protocol is structured as neutral, non-extractive market infrastructure focused exclusively on facilitating carbon retirement through transparent pricing, programmatic settlement, and open participation.

The Klima 2.0 protocol replaces treasury-backed mechanisms with a rules-based coordination model that uses protocol-native tokens to parameterise execution rates, intake capacity, and participation incentives. Carbon credits handled by the protocol are acquired solely to fulfil retirement demand and are not held, traded, or managed for financial gain.

This shift reflects a deliberate move away from capital-centric designs toward infrastructure that prioritises auditability, predictability, and long-term operational resilience. Klima 2.0 is intended to function as a shared execution layer for carbon markets, enabling suppliers, buyers, and integrators to interact under predefined conditions without reliance on discretionary intermediaries.

## 2.1 High-Level Architecture

Klima 2.0 operates using two protocol-native tokens, **kVCM** and **K2**, which together enable rules-based coordination and participation within the system. These tokens do not confer ownership rights, redemption rights, or claims on protocol-handled carbon, and do not represent investment interests.

The **kVCM** and **K2** tokens are used in three interdependent functional layers that together support continuous, non-discretionary operation:

### 1. Carbon Inventory Layer:

- Accumulates carbon credits by minting **kVCM**.
- Sells carbon retirement certificates by burning **kVCM**.
- Sets carbon execution rates based on predefined rules.

Carbon credits handled by the protocol cannot be withdrawn, transferred, or resold. They may only be retired.

### 2. Liquidity Layer:

- **kVCM** and **K2** token holders are able to pair their tokens together (or, in the case of **kVCM**, with USDC) in a standard liquidity pool to provide liquidity and generate fees on trades executed through the pool.
- Liquidity providers may stake their liquidity provider tokens for a fixed time period of their choice, making them eligible to receive a share of the **kVCM** and **K2** incentives.

### 3. Coordination Layer:

- **kVCM** holders may **time-lock** their **kVCM** for a fixed time period of their choice, making them eligible to receive **kVCM** base accrual, **K2** incentives, and to allocate their **kVCM** to carbon classes – which increases the weight of these carbon classes in the inventory.

- **K2** holders may **user-lock** their **K2** for at least 48 hours, making them eligible to receive **kVCM** and **K2** incentives, and to allocate their **K2** to carbon classes – which reduces the difference between the execution terms on carbon intake and retirements for these carbon classes.
- Time-locked **kVCM** holders participate in protocol coordination alongside liquidity providers with liquidity staked in the **kVCM/K2** liquidity pool.

These layers operate together as a self-contained system that responds only to its own observable state, without reliance on external oracles or centralised intervention.

## 2.2 Carbon Inventory

The protocol’s carbon inventory accumulates and retires carbon. It is driven by parameters determined by its rules-based smart contracts, and user activities.

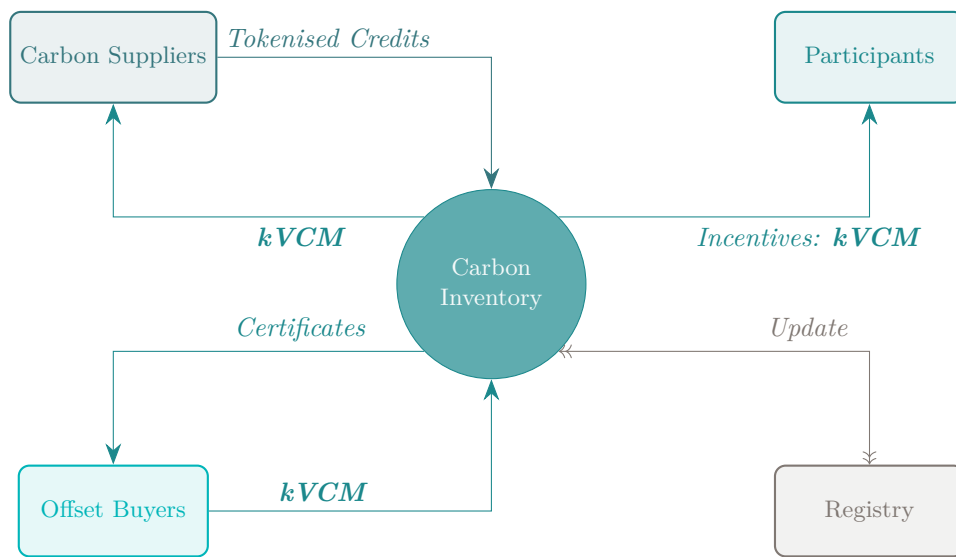


Figure 1: Klima 2.0 Carbon Inventory.

Carbon credits are acquired from suppliers, and consumed by retirement buyers. Carbon credits are grouped by predefined classifications called **carbon classes**.

Aggregate token holder allocations collectively set the parameters for the execution rates of **each class**, for both suppliers and retirees, by defining:

- Inventory weighting.
- Capacity.

Thus the Protocol is driven in response to its own native token allocations, acting as rules-based carbon market infrastructure to connect available supply with retirement demand. It is able to do so without using oracles or external inputs, and without discretionary allocation, resale, or optimisation of inventory.

## 2.3 Tokens

Locking or staking the protocol's tokens allows participants to signal preferences within the system, and may make them eligible to receive protocol incentives.

Holding or locking protocol tokens does not represent ownership of protocol carbon assets, profit participation, or direct exposure to carbon price movements.

Together, **kVCM** and **K2** enable the protocol to operate as neutral, non-extractive infrastructure, coordinating participation and execution without discretionary management.

### 2.3.1 kVCM

**kVCM** is the protocol's primary utility token. Its supply is not capped: it grows when new carbon is supplied to the protocol, and contracts when it is retired.

- When **time-locked**:
  - It may be allocated to carbon classes for inventory weighting.
  - It receives **kVCM** base accrual and **K2** incentives.
  - In aggregate, time-locks determine the rate of incentive issuance.
- **Transactional** usage:
  - **Mint**: when suppliers deliver carbon to the protocol.
  - **Burn**: when credits are retired from the protocol.
- When **staked** in liquidity pools it is also eligible for **kVCM** and **K2** incentives, based on the duration of the stake and the position's relative share of the pool.

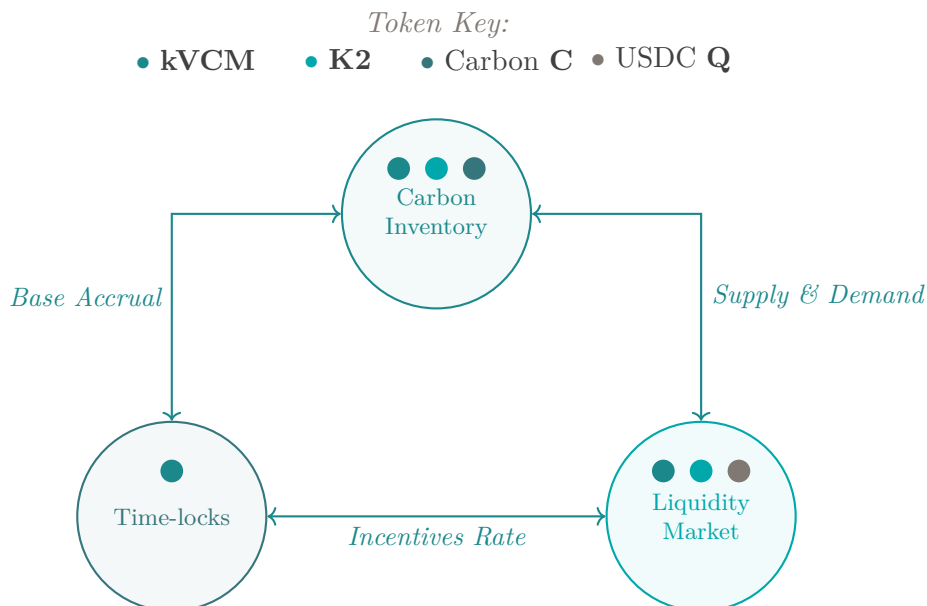


Figure 2: Token utility.

### 2.3.2 K2

**K2** is a fixed-supply token distributed programmatically over time.

- When **user-locked**:
  - It may be allocated to carbon classes to reduce the difference between execution terms on carbon intake and retirements.
  - It receives **kVCM** and **K2** incentives.
  - In aggregate, user-locks influence the rates of incentive issuance.
- When **staked** in the **kVCM/K2** liquidity pool it is also eligible for **kVCM** and **K2** incentives, based on the duration of the stake and the position's relative share of the pool.

### 2.3.3 Utility Functions

The **kVCM** token has two utility functions which are not independent:

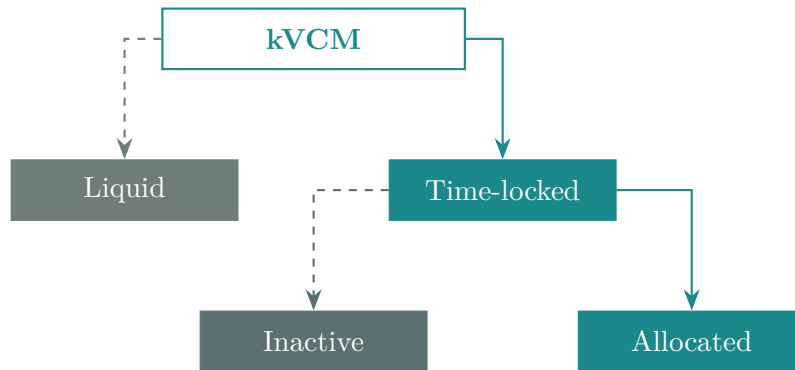


Figure 3: **kVCM** utility functions.

1. **Time lock**: The **kVCM** token is locked for a specific period of time which determines a **kVCM** ‘base accrual’ rate. This cannot be amended.
2. **Execution rate allocation**: Collective signalling of carbon classes via **kVCM** allocations determines the protocol’s execution rate for carbon intake and retirement, expressed in **kVCM** units. These parameters govern how the protocol issues or burns **kVCM** when carbon is supplied or retired. Allocations may be updated over time.

The **K2** token also has two utility functions:

1. **User lock**: The **K2** token remains locked for at least 24 hours.
2. **Capacity allocation**: Collective selection of carbon classes via **K2** allocations determines the protocol’s execution capacity for carbon intake and retirement operations for a given class. Higher capacity allocations increase the system’s ability to process additional carbon activity without materially altering the execution rate, as defined by **kVCM** allocations.

Both tokens support the operation of the infrastructure, with **kVCM** informing execution rates, and the **K2** token modulating capacity.

### 2.3.4 Base Accrual and Incentives

The protocol issues tokens to participants who provide services necessary for system operation.

#### 1. **kVCM Base Accrual**

A base accrual of **kVCM** tokens is continuously emitted to:

- Time-locked **kVCM**.

#### 2. **kVCM Incentives**

**kVCM** incentives are continuously emitted to:

- User-locked **K2**.
- Both **kVCM** and **K2** liquidity providers.

The number of **kVCM** tokens emitted as **kVCM** incentives is proportional to (but never higher than) the number of **kVCM** tokens emitted as base accrual.

#### 3. **K2 Incentives**

Depending on overall system balances, the supply of **K2** tokens is programatically allocated at various rates to:

- Time-locked **kVCM**.
- User-locked **K2**.
- Both **kVCM** and **K2** liquidity providers.

### 2.3.5 Token Initialisation

There is an initial issuance of tokens at the genesis of Klima 2.0. All future emissions are distributed autonomously via carbon swaps and incentives.

| Token       | Supply      | Notes   |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| <b>kVCM</b> | 20 million  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supply expands and contracts programmatically in response to carbon intake and retirement activity.</li><li>• New tokens are emitted continuously as base accrual and incentives.</li><li>• A portion of the initial supply is allocated to existing KLIMA holders.</li></ul> |
| <b>K2</b>   | 100 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fixed supply.</li><li>• Distributed programmatically over time, with a portion allocated to existing KLIMA holders.</li></ul>   |

Table 1: Token Summary

## 2.4 Participants

### 1. Carbon Suppliers & Retirees

Participants may supply or retire eligible, tokenised carbon credits to the protocol at quoted execution rates. Supplied credits are handled solely for retirement and cannot be withdrawn, transferred, resold or otherwise arbitrated.

**Carbon inventory:** Indicative execution rates for suppliers and retirees are continuously updated based on protocol state.

### 2. Liquidity Providers

Participants may provide liquidity in supported token pairs to facilitate entry and exit from the system. Liquidity provision supports continuous execution and is incentivised according to predefined protocol rules.

**Staked liquidity:** Protocol incentives may be issued for participants providing liquidity to support system operation.

### 3. Coordinators

Participants may influence execution conditions by allocating **kVCM** and **K2** tokens within predefined protocol parameters.

**Time locks & user locks:** Protocol incentives may be issued for those contributing activities that coordinate the protocol and signal long-term participation.

## 2.5 Protocol Design Principles

### 1. Infrastructure, Not Extraction:

Klima 2.0 is designed as shared market infrastructure rather than an extractive financial product. The protocol does not charge fees, take hidden spreads, or operate profit-taking mechanisms for any sponsor, foundation, or investor. All protocol behaviour is rules-based and applies uniformly to all participants, with no privileged economic positions or revenue capture layers.

**Design intent:** Reduce opaque intermediation and hidden margins common in carbon markets, not replace them with a new rent-seeking intermediary.

### 2. Consumption-only Carbon Access:

Carbon credits handled by the protocol are not exposed for resale, speculation, or secondary trading. Once accepted by the protocol, credits may only be accessed for irreversible retirement through protocol-defined processes.

**Design intent:** Align the system with carbon's end use (retirement), rather than treating credits as financial instruments.

### 3. Coordination Through Signalling:

Protocol tokens do not represent ownership of carbon, claims on protocol-held assets, or entitlement to surplus value. Instead, tokens function as signalling and coordination inputs that influence protocol parameters (such as execution conditions and capacity) within predefined bounds.

**Design intent:** Enable decentralised coordination in a complex and competitive environment.



#### 4. Autonomous, Rules-based Operation

All protocol behaviour is governed by deterministic smart contracts. Once deployed, the system operates autonomously and does not rely on discretionary decisions by any individual, committee, or organisation.

**Design intent:** Build a trustless, auditable system, that is not based on subjective, opaque intervention.

#### 5. Equal Access and Uniform Treatment

All participants interact with the protocol on identical terms. There are no side agreements, preferential execution paths, differentiated rights, or bespoke economic arrangements. Protocol rules apply uniformly to all users, including the protocol’s creators and affiliated entities.

**Design intent:** Ensure credibility, neutrality, and resistance to capture.

#### 6. Market-driven Outcomes, Not Managed returns

Any economic effects associated with protocol participation arise solely from predefined rules and participant interaction with the system. The protocol does not manage assets on behalf of users, target returns, or seek to optimise outcomes for any class of participant.

**Design intent:** Enable transparent market coordination without positioning the protocol as an asset manager or investment vehicle

### 3 Core Protocol Mechanics

From this section we refer to **kVCM** tokens as **A**, **K2** tokens as **G**, **USDC** tokens as **Q**, carbon credits as **C**, and carbon retirement certificates as **C\***.

Three types of mechanics enable the Klima Protocol to find equilibrium through continuous, rule-based feedback mechanisms representing system state (supply, demand, coordinator allocations). There is no centralised management entity with discretionary powers, or fees that can be turned on.

1. **Time-locking mechanics:** **A** token holders can time-lock their tokens until a set date to have the ability to select carbon classes for inventory weighting.
  - The collective time locks define the base accrual curve.
2. **Carbon inventory mechanics:** the protocol swaps **A** for carbon credits **C** (in) or carbon retirement certificates **C\*** (out).
  - Both allocations of time-locked **A** tokens and user-locked **G** tokens are used in the protocol: allocations of **A** determine the execution rates of carbon, and allocations of **G** determine capacity.
3. **Liquidity mechanics:** External liquidity pools enable conversion between **kVCM** and supported settlement assets. Liquidity provision supports system availability and may make participants eligible for protocol incentives.
  - $\overline{AG}$  liquidity pool: Native token swap **A** and **G**.
  - $\overline{AQ}$  liquidity pool: The asset token **A** with **USDC Q**.

The Klima system enables each participant to contribute to various aspects of the model, according to their own interests and preferences. This, in conjunction with the autonomous model, enables the protocol to fulfill continuous carbon retirement activity within the carbon markets.

### 3.1 Time-locking Mechanics

Time-locking **A** tokens represents a commitment to protocol participation for a fixed duration. Lock durations are standardised at 90 days increments and expire on a rolling schedule. There are always 40 durations, extending out to approximately 10 years.

- **Discount curve:** Aggregate time-locking determines the shape of the discount curve of the **A** token.
- **Incentives:** Time-locked **A** tokens receive base accrual. Base accrual is calculated daily based on time-locked positions.
- **Locks:** Time-locked tokens and any associated base accrual are released only upon time-lock expiration. Early exit is not possible.

**G** tokens are not involved in the time-locking mechanics. The discount curve is agnostic to carbon class although only time-locked **A** token holders can allocate their token to carbon classes for inventory weighting.

#### 3.1.1 Base Accrual

Defining:

- $S$ : Total time-locked **A** tokens expressed as a proportion of the outstanding supply of **A**.
- $S_t$ : Total **A** tokens time-locked in bucket  $t$ , expressed as a proportion of the outstanding supply of **A**, where  $\sum S_t = S$ , and  $t$  is the index of standard durations  $t \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 40\}$ .
- $E_t$ : Duration expressed in years.

Calculating curve parameters  $D$  and  $C$ :

$$D = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{t=1}^{40} S_t E_t \quad (1)$$

$$C = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{t=1}^{40} S_t E_t^2 \quad (2)$$

The shape of the base accrual curve is produced:

$$\gamma_t = \max \left( \frac{E_t}{D} - \frac{E_t^2}{2C}, 0 \right) \quad (3)$$

Normalising  $\gamma_t$  to  $\hat{\gamma}_t$ :

$$\hat{\gamma}_t = \frac{\gamma_t}{\sum_{t=1}^{40} \gamma_t} \quad (4)$$

With the cumulative sum of the normalised values expressed as  $\Gamma_t$ :

$$\Gamma_t = \sum_{i=1}^t \hat{\gamma}_i \quad \text{for } t = 1, \dots, 40 \quad (5)$$

The base accrual curve  $Z_t$  is solved:

$$Z_t = (1 - S) \frac{\Gamma_t}{E_t} \quad (6)$$

Whereupon, the discount rate  $B_t$  that forms the discount curve is derived:

$$B_t = \exp(-Z_t E_t) \quad (7)$$

The accrual of time-locked **A** tokens is calculated daily and added to the locked balance, hence the daily accrual for each duration is calculated:

$$Y_t = \exp\left(\frac{Z_t}{365}\right) - 1 \quad (8)$$

Hence, any time-locked **A** stake  $S_t$  will increase daily by  $\Delta S_t$ :

$$\Delta S_t = S_t Y_t \quad (9)$$

With the total **A** tokens created on a daily basis, or ‘growth’, as

$$R = \sum_{t=1}^{40} \Delta S_t \quad (10)$$

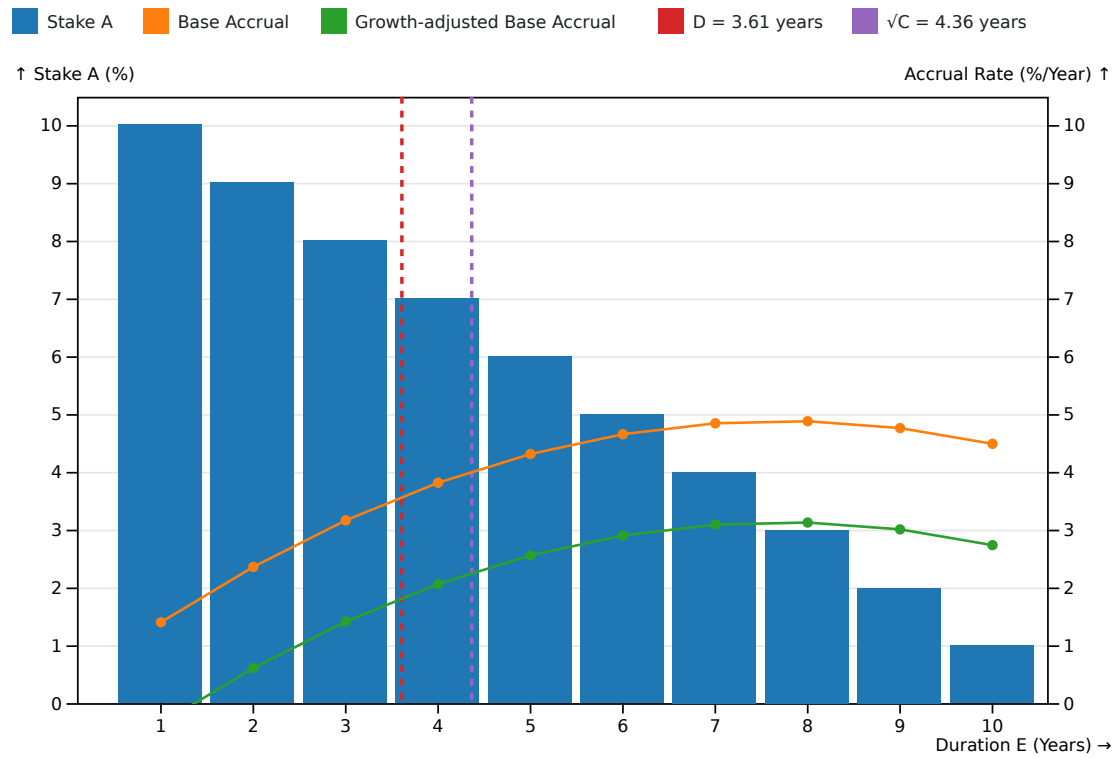
For visualising the sensitivity of overall **A** base accrual with respect to staking and duration, Figure 5 assumes a single duration over the staking range to provide an approximation of growth  $\Delta S \approx Z S$ .

### 3.1.2 Protocol Coordination Voting Power

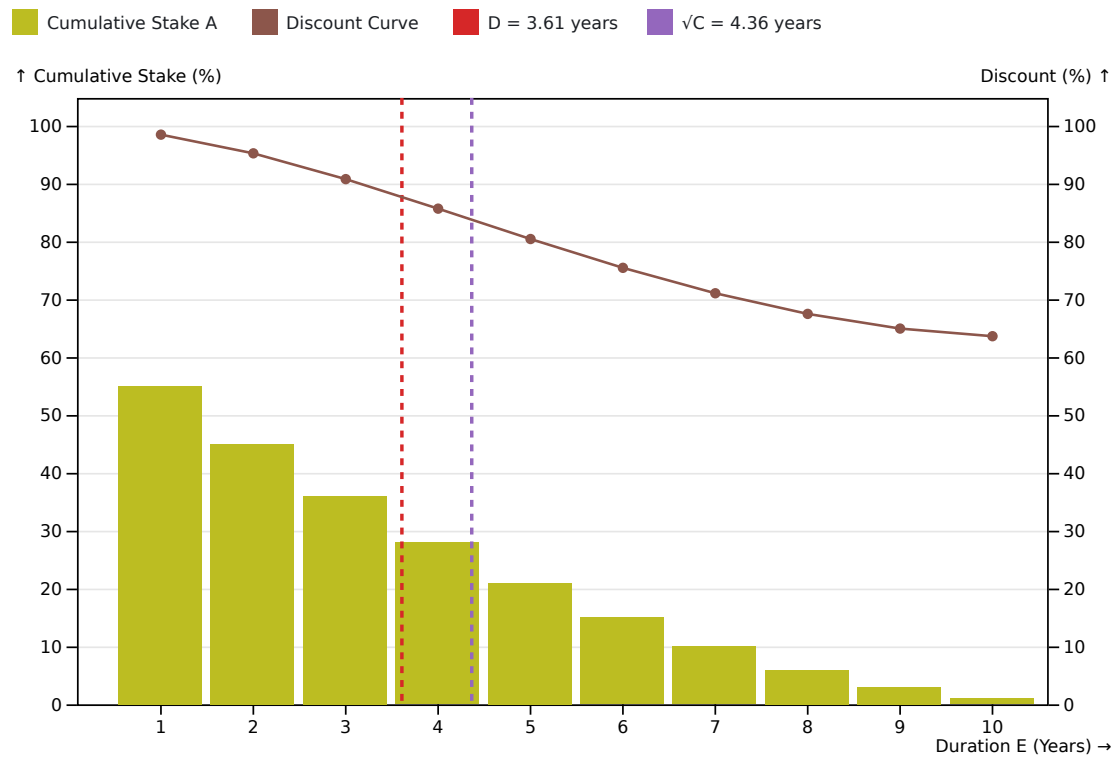
Protocol coordination voting power can be derived from two participation cohorts:

1. Time-locked **A** tokens:  $S_t$
2. Staked liquidity in the **A-G** pair  $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$  (see Section 3.3), defined here as  $A_{Gt}$ , representing the quantity of **A** tokens held in the liquidity pool expressed as a proportion of circulating supply.

Voting power is allocated by lock or stake duration, and applied to the respective balance of **A** tokens:



(a) Base accrual (Total Stake = 55.00%, Growth = 1.75%/Year).



(b) Discount rates.

Figure 4: Example of base accrual.

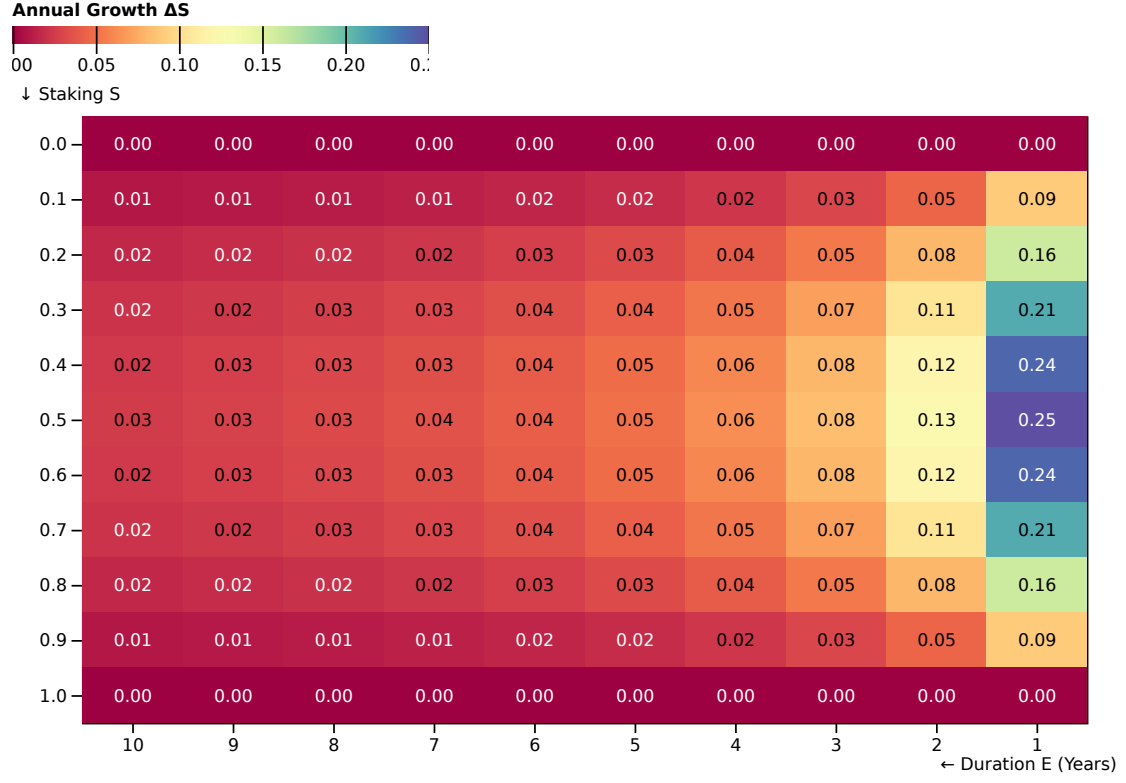


Figure 5: **A** annual growth rate  $\Delta S$  from base accrual.

1. Voting weights for time-locked **A** tokens  $v_t$ :

$$v_t = Z_t S_t \quad (11)$$

2. Voting weights for staked liquidity  $w_t$ :

$$w_t = Z_t A_{Gt} \quad (12)$$

3. Voting power for time-locked **A** tokens  $V_t$ :

$$V_t = \frac{v_t}{\sum_{j=1}^{40} (v_j + 2w_j)} \quad (13)$$

4. Voting power for staked liquidity  $W_t$ :

$$W_t = \frac{w_t}{\sum_{j=1}^{40} \left( \frac{1}{2} v_j + w_j \right)} \quad (14)$$

## 3.2 Carbon Inventory Mechanics

The carbon inventory layer ultimately swaps carbon through a set of smart contracts, driven by carbon supply, demand, and user inputs. The combined allocations of **A** and **G** tokens creates a dynamic real-time execution rate curve for each carbon class.

### 3.2.1 Carbon Supply

*User swaps carbon credits for **A** tokens.*

#### 3.2.1.1 Existing Carbon in the Inventory

For execution terms, both **A** tokens and **G** tokens may be allocated to specific carbon classes  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and these are independent allocations between the two tokens.

For a carbon class quantity to be supplied to the protocol, it must have a strictly positive quantity of **A** tokens allocated to that carbon class, otherwise there is no defined rate, and the carbon cannot be swapped.

Defining:

- $C_i$ : Total tonnes of carbon class  $i$  currently held in the inventory.
- $A_i$ : **A** tokens allocated to carbon class  $i$  expressed as a proportion of the outstanding supply of **A** tokens, where  $\sum A_i = A$ .
- $G_i$ : **G** tokens allocated to carbon class  $i$  expressed as a proportion of the outstanding supply of **G** Tokens.

Where  $\Delta C_i$  is expressed as the relative increment to its respective pool balance, the amount of **A** tokens issued for carbon,  $\Delta A$ , expressed as a proportion of current supply, is determined as:

$$\ln(1 + \Delta A) = \left( A_i - \frac{A_i^2 (1 - G_i)^2}{2} \right) \ln(1 + \Delta C_i) \quad (15)$$

Denoting the expression on the right hand side of Equation 15 as RHS:

$$\Delta A = \exp(\text{RHS}) - 1 \quad (16)$$

Finally,  $\Delta A$  is applied to the outstanding supply of **A** to solve for token quantities.

Figure 8 illustrates the **G** token's capacity to maintain the initial execution terms of the **A** token. The data has been normalised in Figure 9 to  $\Delta C_i A_i$ .

Noting that the sensitivity to  $G_i$  increases as  $A_i$  increases and the effects become more pronounced as  $\Delta C_i$  increases.

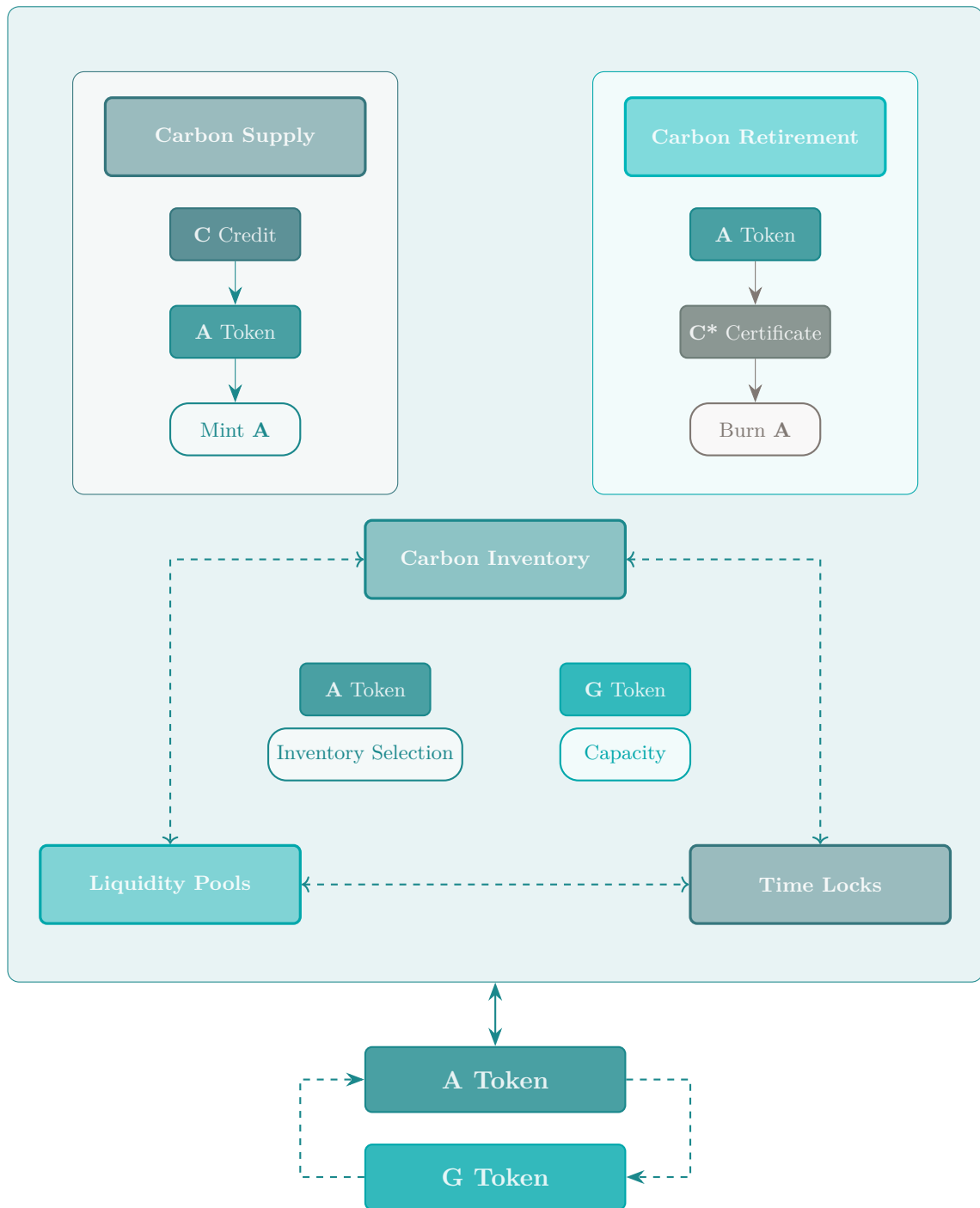


Figure 6: Klima 2.0 carbon inventory mechanics.

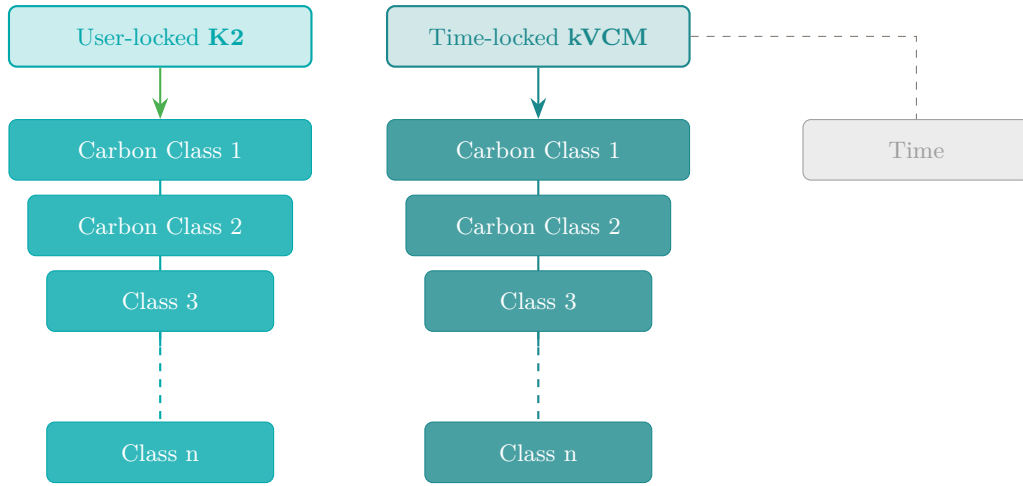


Figure 7: Token staking class structure.

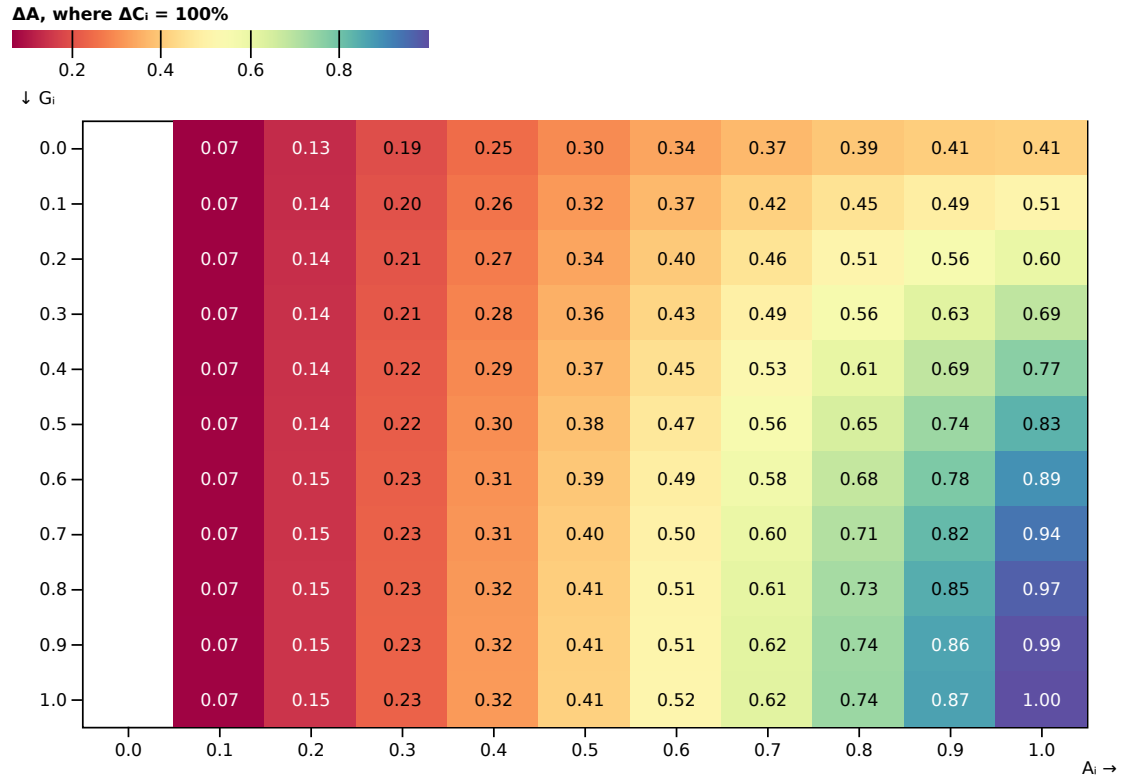


Figure 8:  $A$  price curves ( $\Delta A$ ).



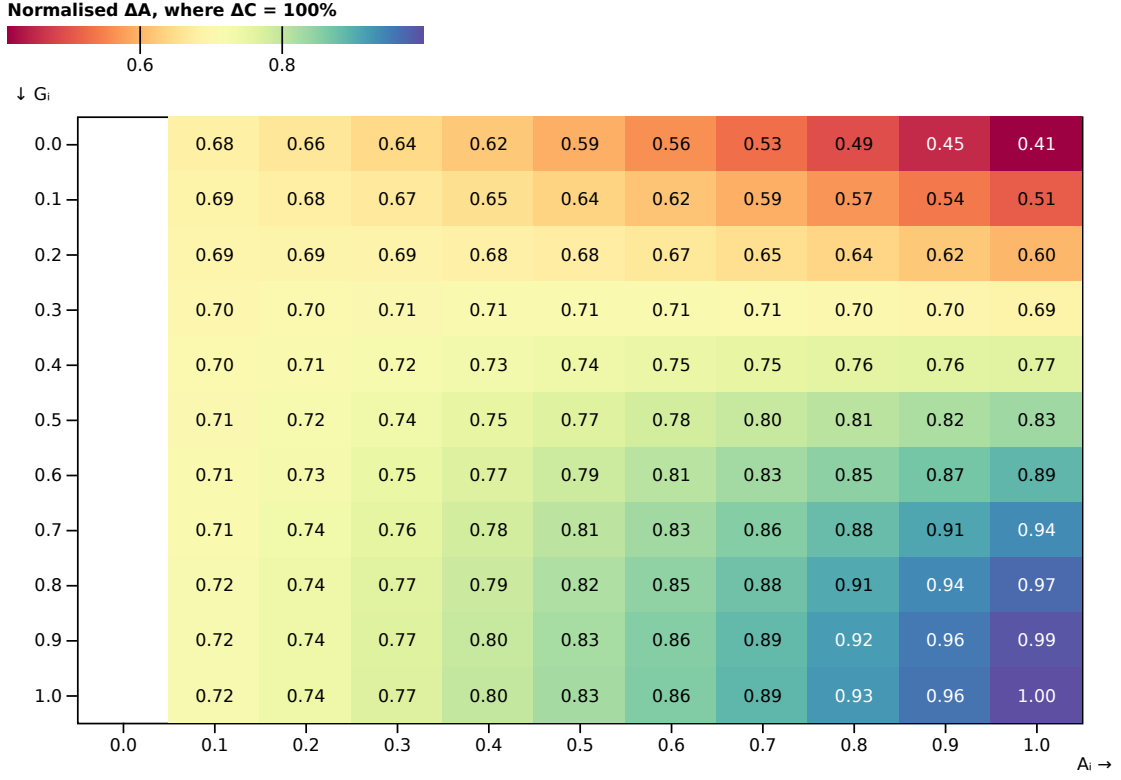


Figure 9: Normalised  $\mathbf{A}$  price curves.

### 3.2.1.2 Zero Carbon Scenario

There are circumstances when there is zero carbon held in the inventory for a particular class, i.e.  $C_i = 0$ , which invalidates the calculation of  $\Delta C_i$  and a different approach is required.

Taking  $\Delta C_\emptyset$  as the tonnes of carbon tokens (implying an existing balance of 1 tonne) to be supplied for any carbon class that has a strictly positive  $\mathbf{A}$  allocation  $A_\emptyset$ , together with  $\mathbf{G}$  allocation  $G_\emptyset$ :

$$\Delta A = \frac{\Delta C_\emptyset}{1 + \Delta C_\emptyset} \left( A_\emptyset - \frac{A_\emptyset^2(1 - G_\emptyset)^2}{2} \right)^2 \quad (17)$$

### 3.2.2 Carbon Credit Retirements

*User swaps  $\mathbf{A}$  tokens for carbon retirement certificates.*

#### 3.2.2.1 Weighted Carbon Class

For retiring carbon that is *weighted*, that is for which there is a strictly positive  $\mathbf{A}$  token allocation, an  $\mathbf{A}$  token holder can extract the carbon class retirement certificate of their choice  $C_i$ :

$$\ln(1 + \Delta C_i) = \frac{-\ln(1 + \Delta A)}{A_i + \frac{1}{2}A_i^2(1 - G_i)^2} \quad (18)$$

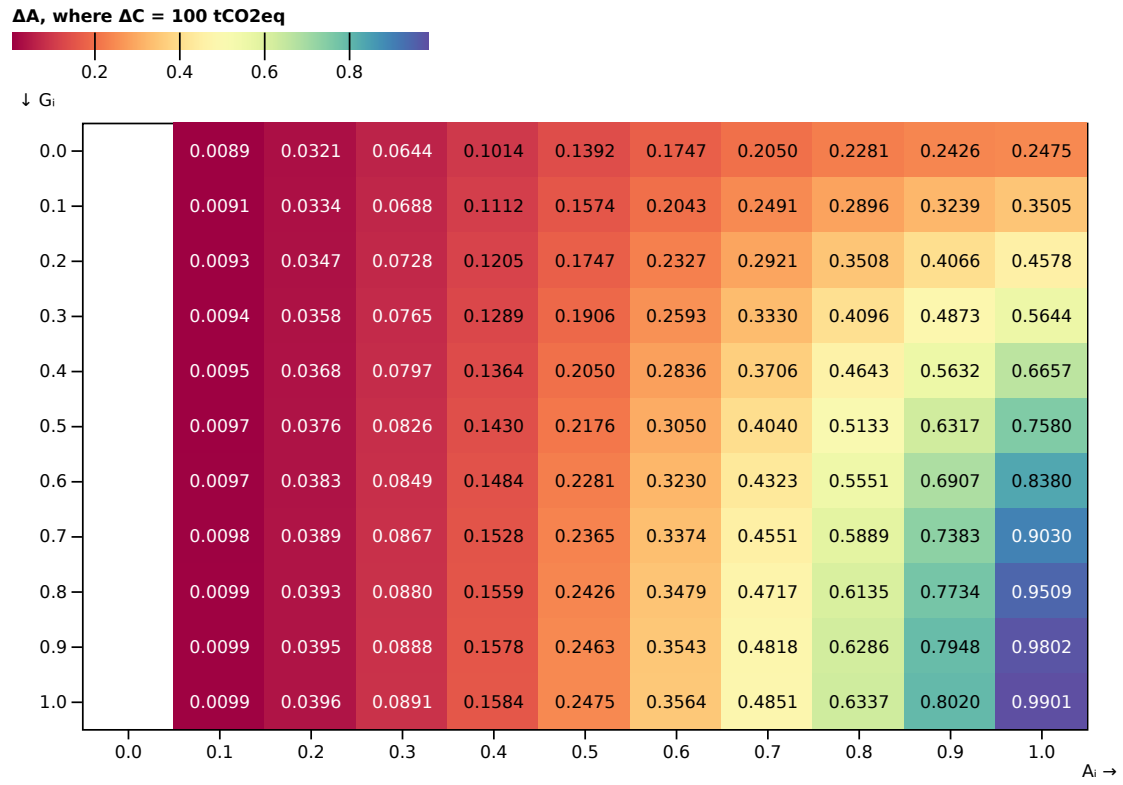


Figure 10: **A** price curves ( $\Delta A$ ) in the zero carbon scenario.

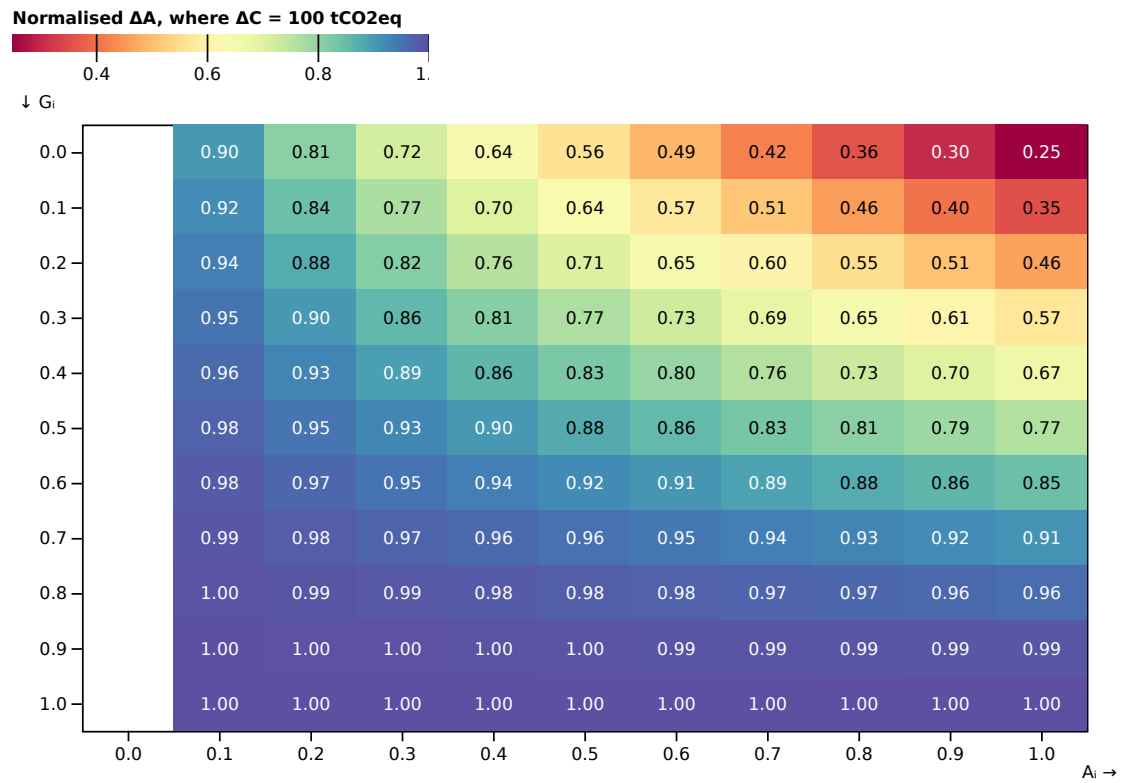


Figure 11: Normalised **A** price curves in the zero carbon scenario.

As before, denoting the expression on the right hand side of Equation 18 as RHS:

$$\Delta C_i = \exp(\text{RHS}) - 1 \quad (19)$$

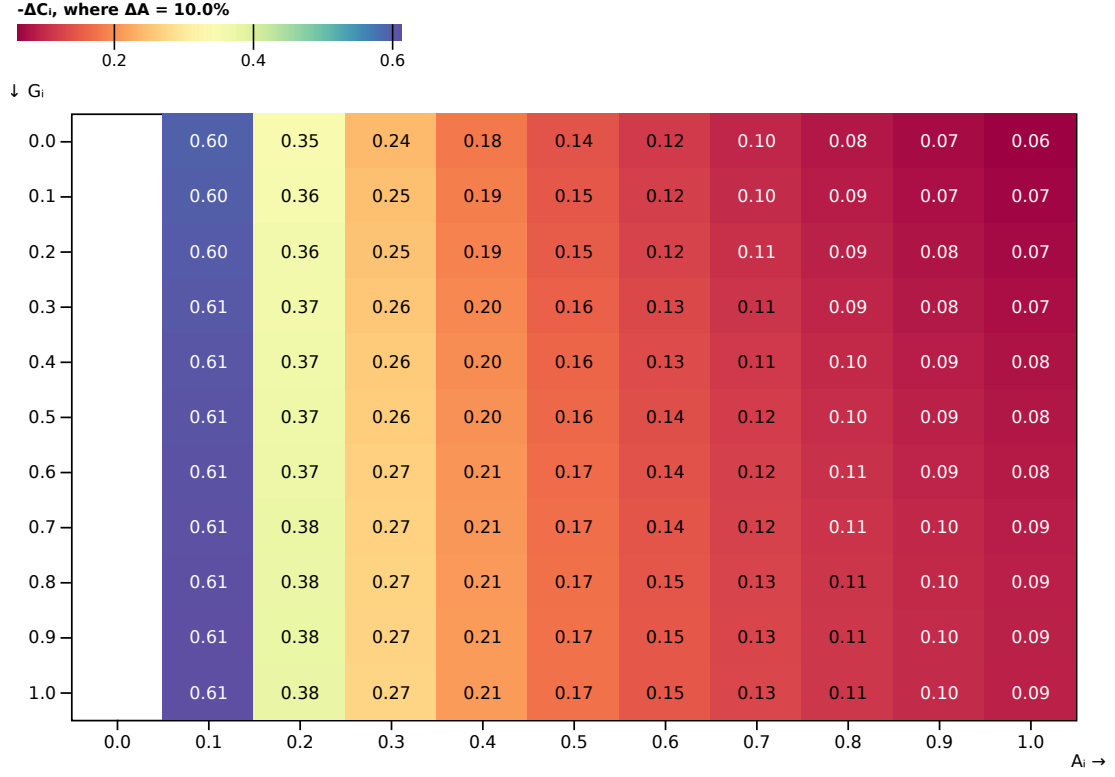


Figure 12: Proportion of carbon retired.

Figure 12 shows the cost of carbon increasing with  $A_i$  and decreasing on  $G_i$ .

### 3.2.2.2 Unweighted Carbon Class

A retirement certificate for a carbon class with a zero  $\mathbf{A}$  allocation cannot be extracted from the inventory by swapping in  $\mathbf{A}$  tokens.

### 3.2.2.3 Round Trip Difference

Any difference between the  $\mathbf{A}$  tokens issued in connection with carbon intake and the  $\mathbf{A}$  tokens burned in connection with retirement is reflected solely as a change in the circulating supply of  $\mathbf{A}$  tokens, according to the above protocol rules. No margin, profit, or financial surplus is retained or extracted by any entity.

Figure 13 below shows the difference captured on a ‘round trip’ by the system where  $\varepsilon$  is the proportion retained:

Figure 14 shows the component difference contributions on a carbon supply and purchase round trip of a carbon retirement certificate.

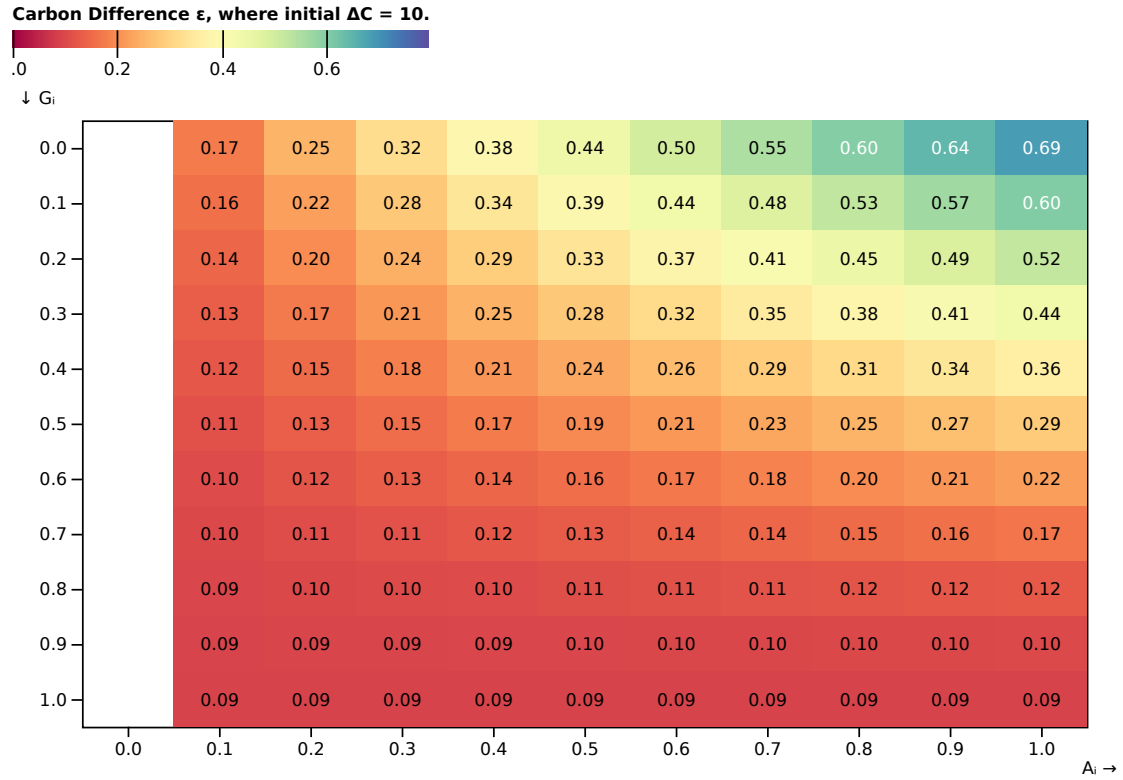


Figure 13: Carbon ‘difference’.

### 3.3 Liquidity Mechanics

Both **A** and **G** tokens can be used for providing liquidity.

There are two core liquidity pools:

1. An AMM 50:50 pairing of **A** and **G** tokens: pool  $\overline{AG}$ .
2. A hard currency USDC denoted as **Q** paired with **A**: pool  $\overline{AQ}$ .

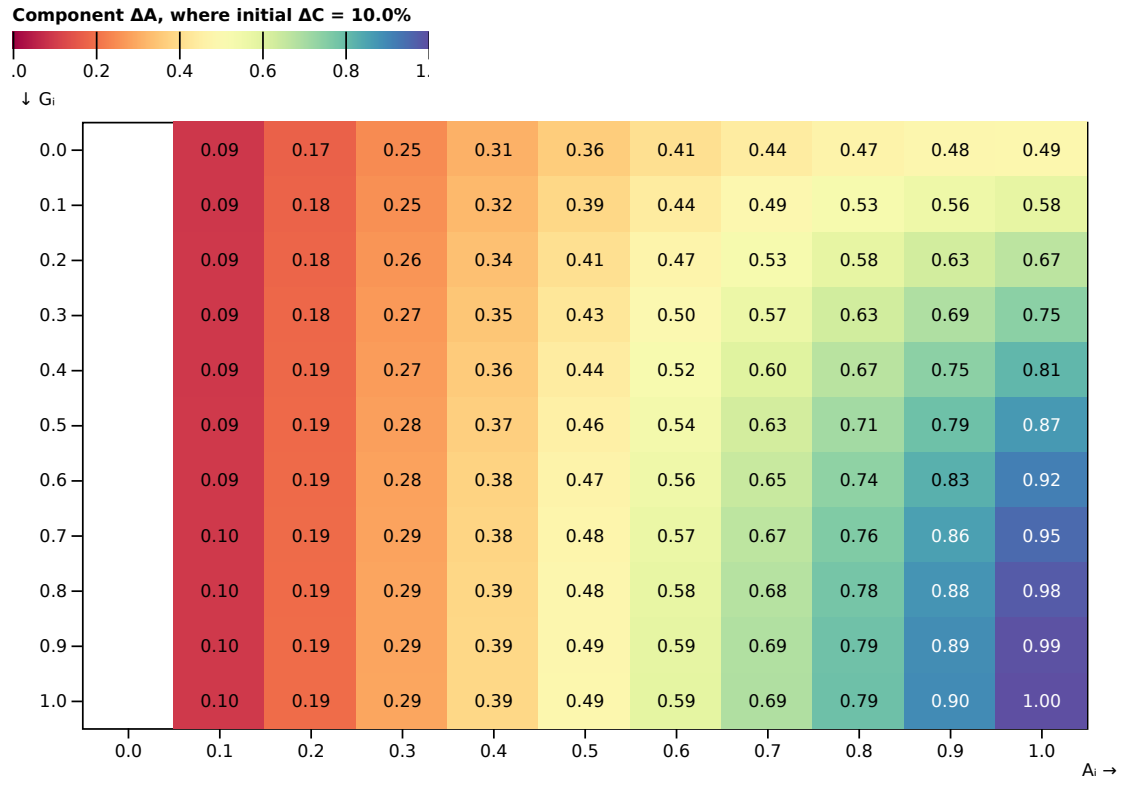
#### 3.3.1 Liquidity Fees

The  $\overline{AQ}$  pool will have its own set of fees in the standard way.<sup>1</sup>

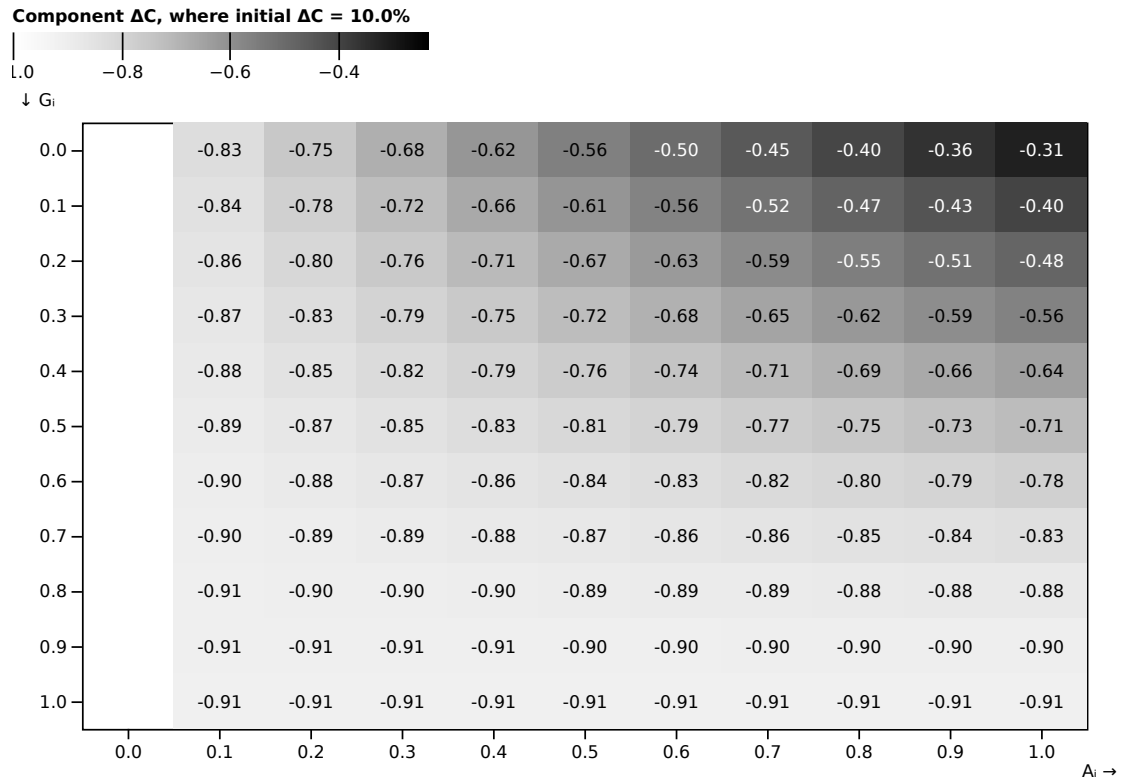
The  $\overline{AG}$  pool has different economics as the assets are highly correlated since they represent the same economy. For this reason, the fees are extremely low.

By staking liquidity (liquidity provider tokens) to the **standard durations**, both pools may receive a distribution of **A** tokens determined from Section 3.3.2 below. This is an additional primary issuance to the Base Accrual already discussed.

<sup>1</sup>Note the development of liquidity pool pricing functionality may be applicable.



(a) Carbon ‘difference’ component  $\Delta A$ .



(b) Carbon ‘difference’ component  $\Delta C$ .

Figure 14: Carbon ‘difference’ components.

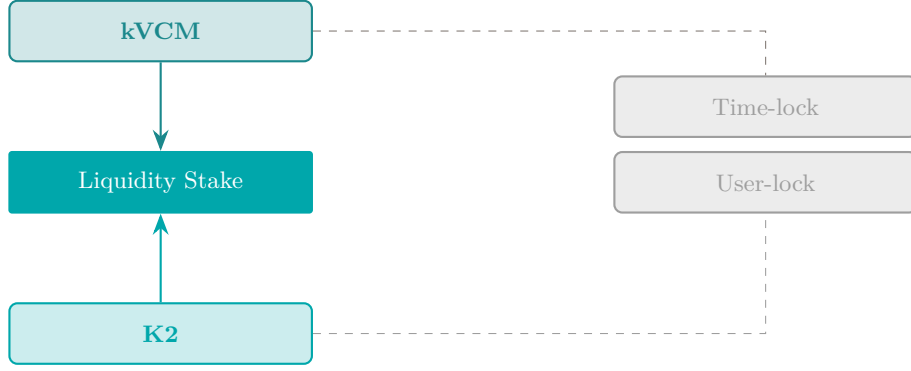


Figure 15: Token liquidity and execution structure.

### 3.3.2 kVCM Incentives

In addition to the base accrual mechanism, **kVCM** incentives are distributed to user-locked **G** token holders and staked liquidity providers of **A** and **G** tokens.

As we have seen, a higher **G** token allocation  $G_i$  for a carbon class increases the protocol's capacity to process additional carbon activity without materially altering the execution rate. As a consequence, the relationship between the carbon class selected under  $G_i$  and the **A** strengthens. If we consider  $G_i$  as an estimate of residual or idiosyncratic sensitivity in the carbon class, we can calculate an inventory beta  $\beta$  from the implied betas of each carbon class  $i$ .

$$\beta = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i - A_i (1 - G_i)^2} \quad (20)$$

The inventory  $\beta$  determines a sensitivity factor for the liquidity pools of **A**.

For intuition, the map in Figure 16 shows the various outputs of the function per carbon class.

The table and figure below show an example of the effects on  $\beta$  of allocating large  $G_i$  values to small  $A_i$  values where the shift in  $G_i$  results in a lower  $\beta$  (0.27 from 0.55) with no change to total **G** and **A** allocations.

| Class               | 1        | 2        | 3      | 4      | $\beta$ |
|---------------------|----------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| $A_i$               | 0.50     | 0.20     | 0.10   | 0.05   |         |
| Initial $G_i$       | 0.30     | 0.10     | 0.05   | 0.01   |         |
| Initial $\beta_i^2$ | 0.2550   | 0.0380   | 0.0098 | 0.0010 | 0.5511  |
| New $G_i$           | 0.01     | 0.05     | 0.10   | 0.30   |         |
| New $\beta_i^2$     | 0.0100   | 0.0195   | 0.0190 | 0.0255 | 0.2719  |
| $\Delta G_i$        | (0.29)   | (0.05)   | 0.05   | 0.29   |         |
| $\Delta \beta_i^2$  | (0.2451) | (0.0185) | 0.0092 | 0.0245 |         |

Table 2: Effect on  $\beta$  from outsized **G** allocation.

Figure 17 shows the effect of **G** allocation on  $\beta$  as a function of **A** allocation; that is to say that a large  $G_i$  stake on a small  $A_i$  stake has limited effects (notwithstanding other consequential factors).

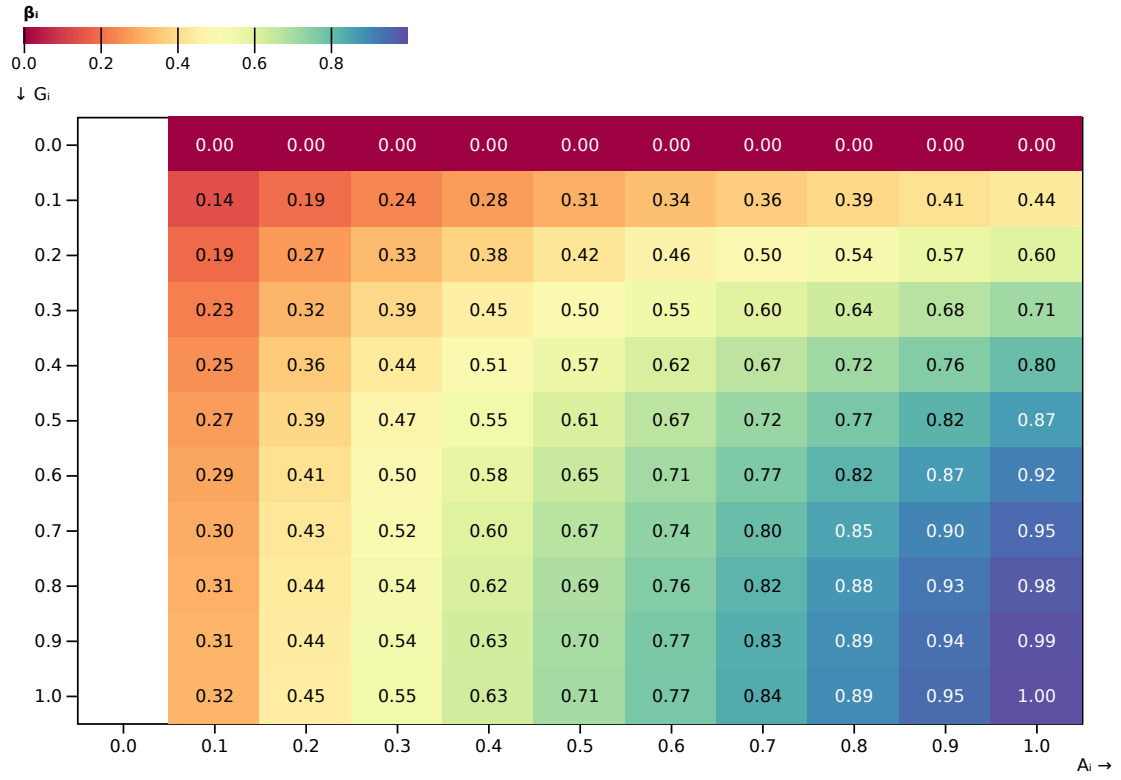


Figure 16: Range of  $\beta_i$ .

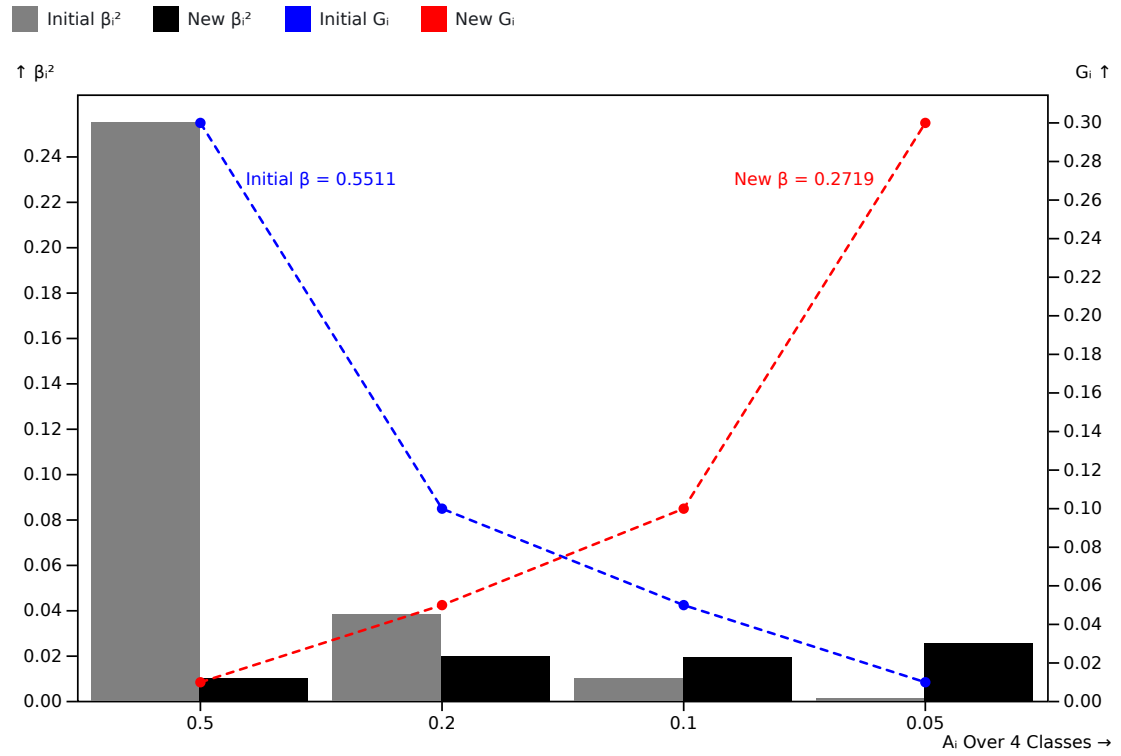


Figure 17: Example of  $\mathbf{G}$  allocation on  $\beta$ .

### 3.3.3 Allocation of kVCM incentives

The full issuance of **A** tokens is depicted below, including now the **A** incentives for the liquidity pools.

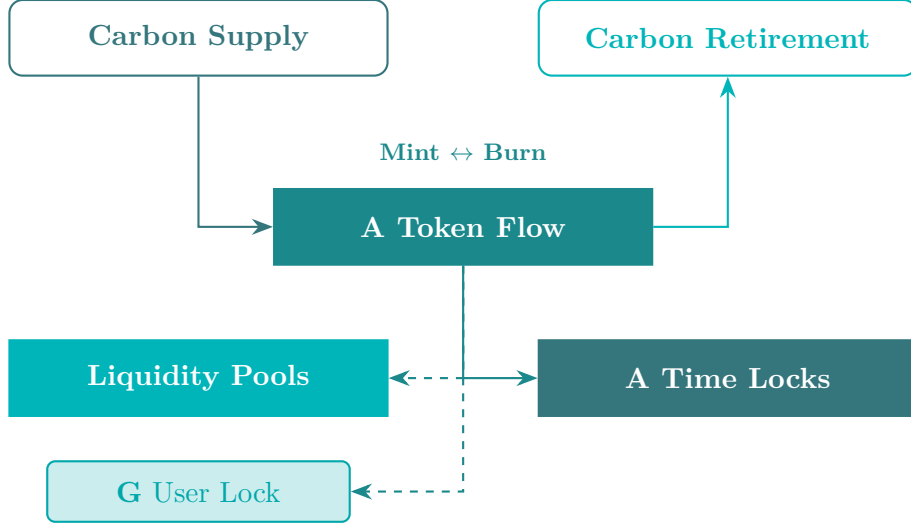


Figure 18: **A** token flow structure.

### 3.3.4 Share of kVCM incentives

The **kVCM** incentives are shared between user-locked **G** tokens,  $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$ , and  $\overline{\mathbf{AQ}}$  pools, with shares  $\lambda_{GG}$ ,  $\lambda_G$ , and  $\lambda_Q$  respectively.

Defining:

- $G_G$ : Total **G** tokens in the  $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$  pool, expressed as a proportion of the outstanding supply of **G**.
- $A_G$ : Total **A** tokens in the  $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$  pool, expressed as a proportion of the outstanding supply of **A**.
- $A_Q$ : Total **A** tokens in the  $\overline{\mathbf{AQ}}$  pool, expressed as a proportion of the outstanding supply of **A**.

The allocation to user-locked **G** tokens,  $\lambda_{GG}$ :

$$\lambda_{GG} = \frac{1 - A_Q}{1 + \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n G_i}{G_G} \right)^2} \quad (21)$$

Noting the relationship between  $G$  and  $\beta$ , and particularly if  $G = 0$ ,  $\beta = 0$ .

The residual share,  $1 - \lambda_{GG}$ , is split between the liquidity pools:

$$\lambda_G = (1 - \lambda_{GG}) \frac{2A_G}{2A_G + A_Q\sqrt{2}} \quad (22)$$

For completeness:

$$\lambda_Q = 1 - \lambda_{GG} - \lambda_G \quad (23)$$



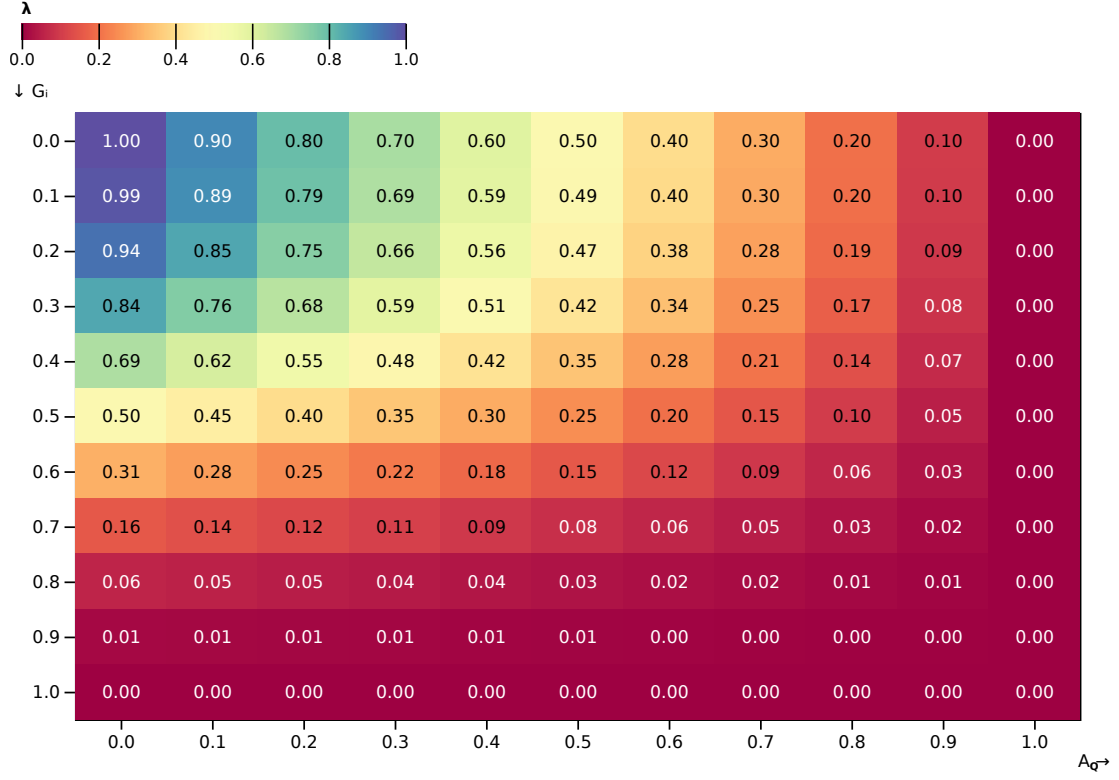


Figure 19:  $\mathbf{G}$  stake allocation (assuming  $G_G = 1 - G_i$ ).

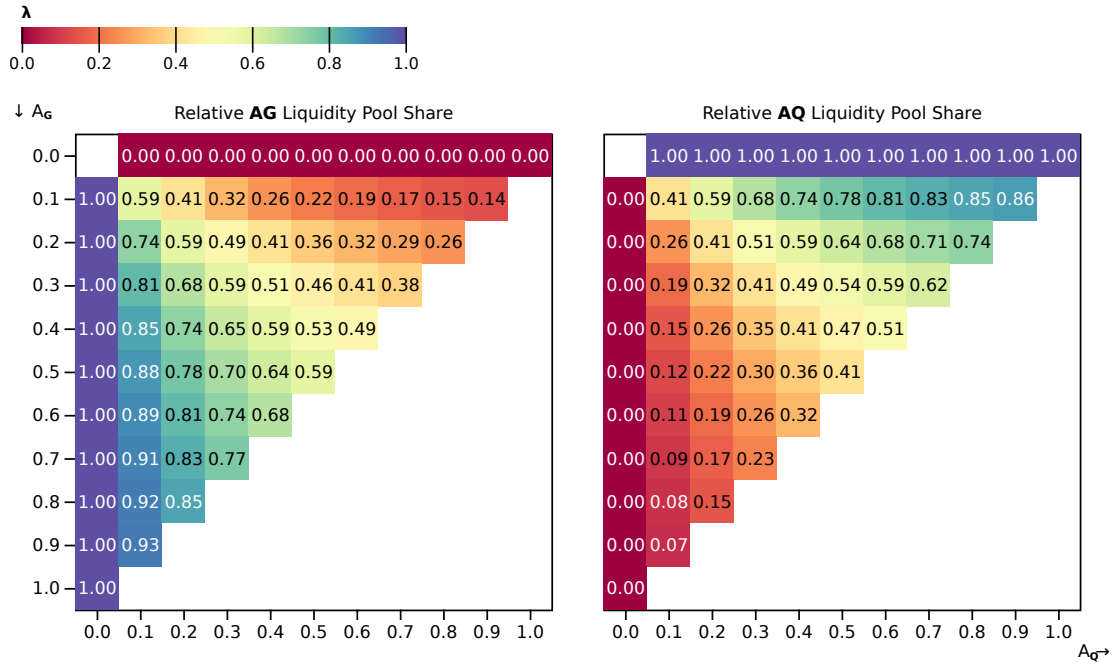


Figure 20: Liquidity pool split  $\lambda_G, \lambda_Q$ .

### 3.3.5 kVCM Incentives Distribution

For  $\lambda_{GG}$ ,  $\lambda_G$ ,  $\lambda_Q$  we apply  $\beta$ :

$$\Lambda_X = \lambda_X \beta, \quad \text{for } X \in \{GG, G, Q\} \quad (24)$$

Taking  $b$  as a discount parameter:

$$b = \frac{\sum_1^{40} Z_t S_t B_t}{\sum_1^{40} Z_t S_t} \quad (25)$$

The total **kVCM** incentive tokens  $R_\lambda$ :

$$R_\lambda = b R (\Lambda_{GG} + \Lambda_G + \Lambda_Q) \quad (26)$$

The allocations of  $R_\lambda$  are pro-rata to  $\Lambda_{GG}$ ,  $\Lambda_G$ ,  $\Lambda_Q$ , and thereafter:

1. Locked **G**:  $\Lambda_{GG}$  in proportion to **G**.
2. Locked  $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$ ,  $\overline{\mathbf{AQ}}$  tokens are allocated a weighting  $G_t$ ,  $Q_t$  depending on their time bucket  $t$ :

$$G_t = \frac{Z_t L_{Gt} B_t}{\sum Z_t L_{Gt} B_t} \quad (27)$$

$$Q_t = \frac{Z_t L_{Qt} B_t}{\sum Z_t L_{Qt} B_t} \quad (28)$$

Where  $L_{Gt}$ ,  $L_{Qt}$  are the proportion of all liquidity locked in each time bucket for  $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{AQ}}$  respectively.

Thereafter each time bucket allocation is proportionate to staked liquidity provider token holdings.

## 4 Klima 2.0 Token Distribution

### 4.1 Planned Allocations

| Cohort        | Proportion    | Quantity (m) |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Klima Holders | 87.5%         | 17.5         |
| DAO/Treasury  | 10.0%         | 2.0          |
| 01X           | 2.5%          | 0.5          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>20.0</b>  |

Table 3: **kVCM** token.

| Cohort                         | Proportion    | Quantity (m) | Liquidity                                      |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Klima Holders                  | 40.0%         | 40.0         | Logistic Vesting 48 months                     |
| Ecosystem Grant                | 5.0%          | 5.0          | Logistic Vesting 48 months                     |
| Programmatic Incentives        | 40.0%         | 40.0         | Incentive Curve                                |
| pKlima Holders                 | 3.0%          | 3.0          | Logistic Vesting 48 months                     |
| DAO/Treasury                   | 4.5%          | 4.5          | 24 month locked LP of $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$ |
| 01X                            | 2.5%          | 2.5          | 24 month locked LP of $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$ |
| Product Design and Development | 5.0%          | 5.0          | Logistic Vesting 48 months                     |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0</b> |  |

Table 4: **K2** token.

## 4.2 Programmatic Incentive Curve

The incentive issuance is built on a logistic function,  $P$ , to generate total proportion of supply in issue. It is calibrated from the initial issuance at TGE  $P_0$  and the inflection point time  $T$  where 50% of  $\mathbf{G}$  token incentives have been released.

Setting  $x_0$  from the initial supply parameter:

$$x_0 = \ln \left( \frac{P_0}{1 - P_0} \right) \quad (29)$$

With  $x_t$  at time point  $t \in (0, \infty)$ :

$$x_t = x_0 \left( 1 - \frac{t}{T} \right) \quad (30)$$

Giving supply function  $P(t)$  as:

$$P(t) = \frac{\exp(x_t)}{\exp(x_t) + 1} \quad (31)$$

$P_0$  set at 7% and  $T$  at 24 months:

## 4.3 Share of K2 Incentives

The **relative utilisation** measurement factor  $v$  is calculated as follows.

Defining initially:

- $G$ : Total  $\mathbf{G}$  tokens staked expressed as a proportion of the circulating supply,  $G \in [0, 1]$ .
- $L$ : Total  $\mathbf{G}$  tokens held in the  $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$  pool expressed as a proportion of circulating supply,  $L \in (0, 1]$ .

■ Incentives ■ Klima Holders ■ Product Design ■ Ecosystem Grant ■ DAO/Treasury ■ pKlima Holders

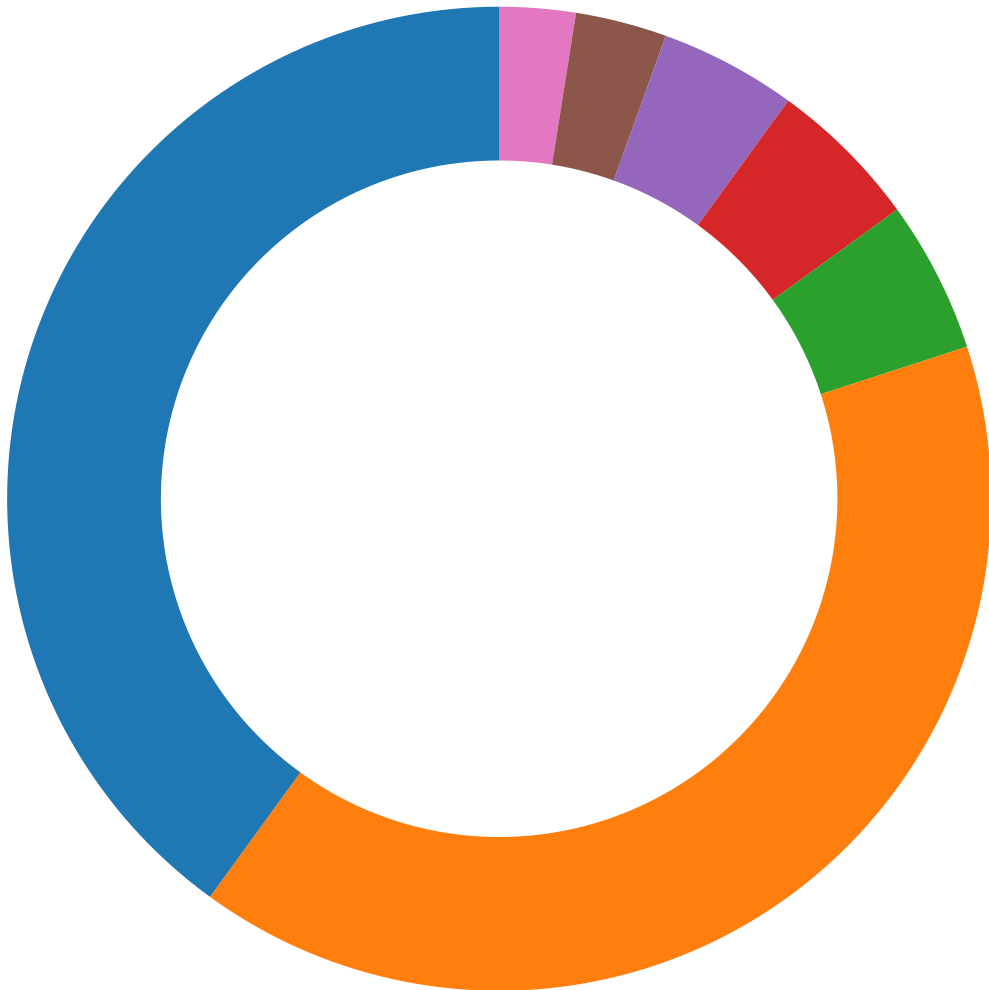


Figure 21: **K2** token allocations.

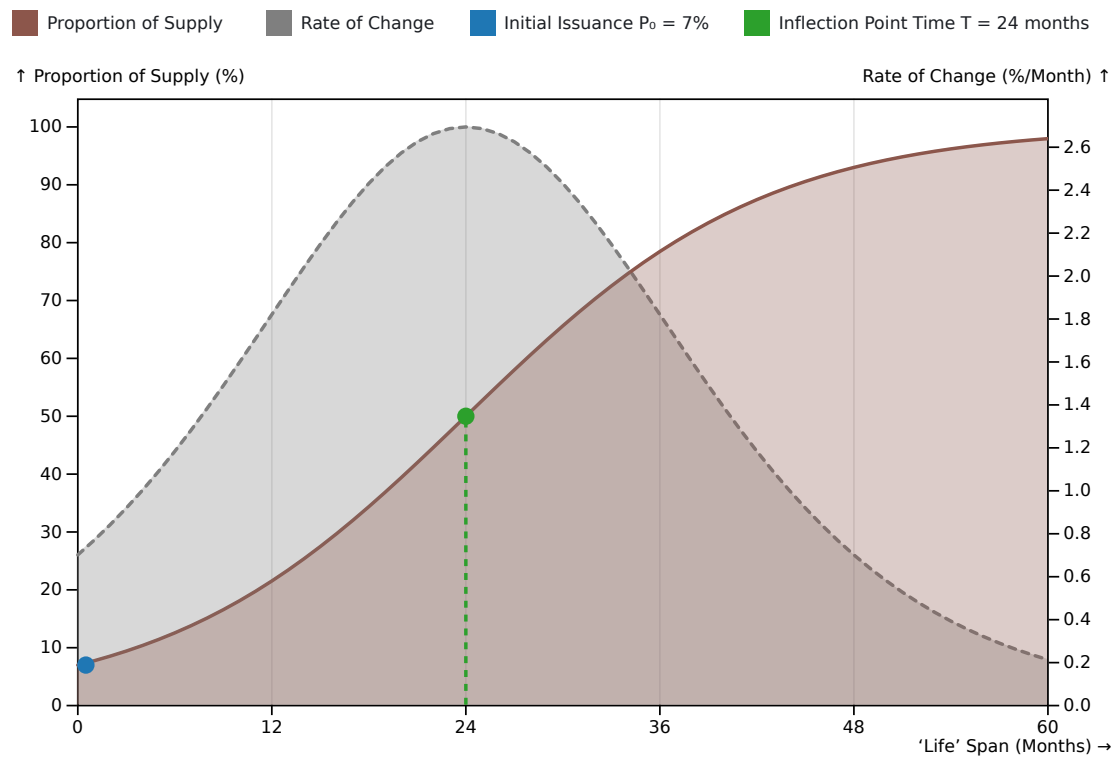


Figure 22: Incentive Issuance

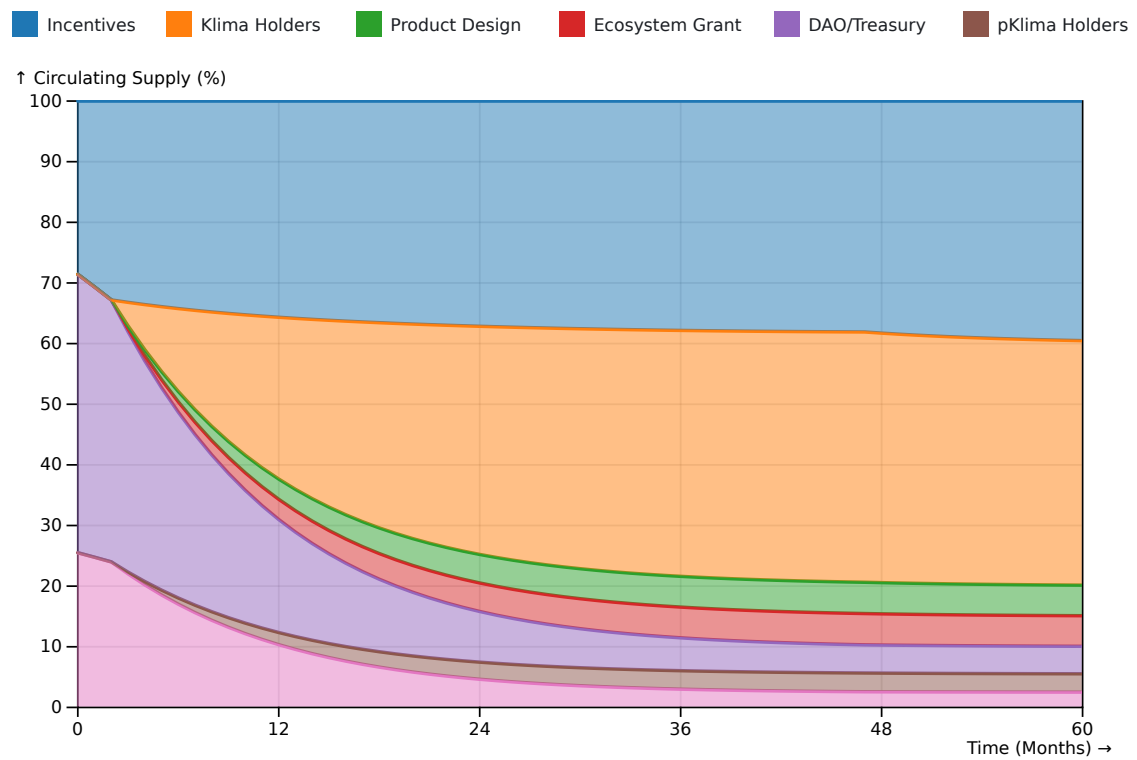
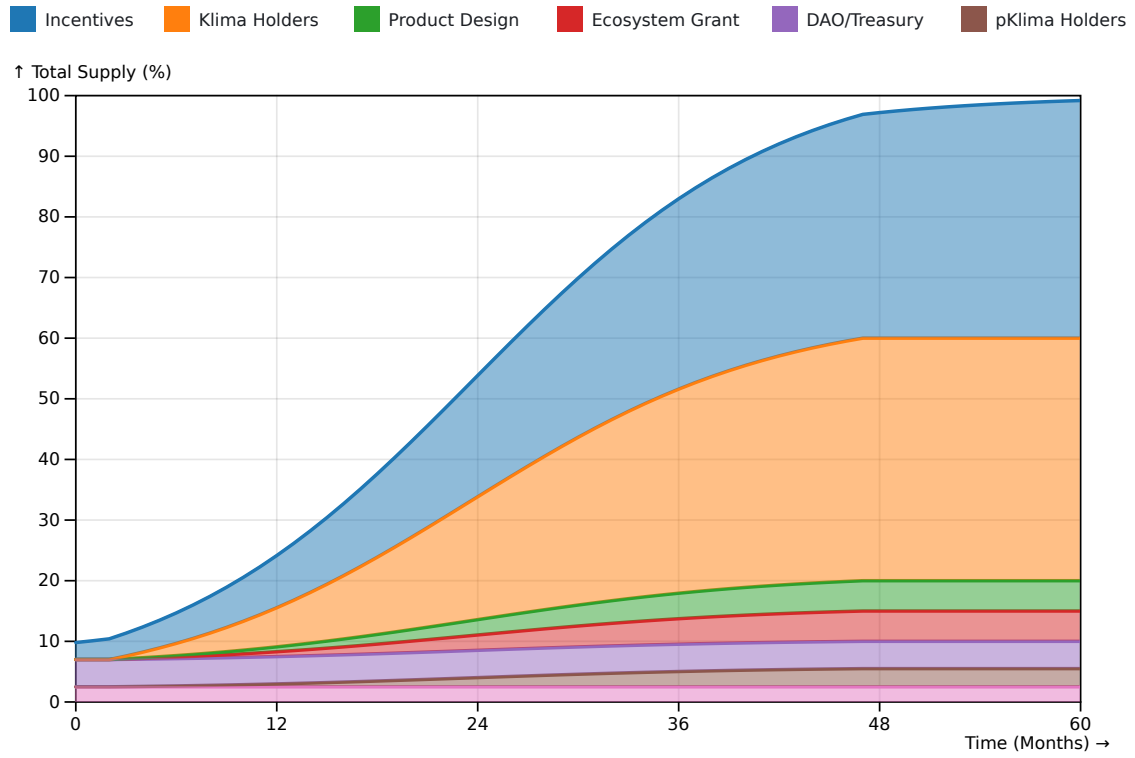
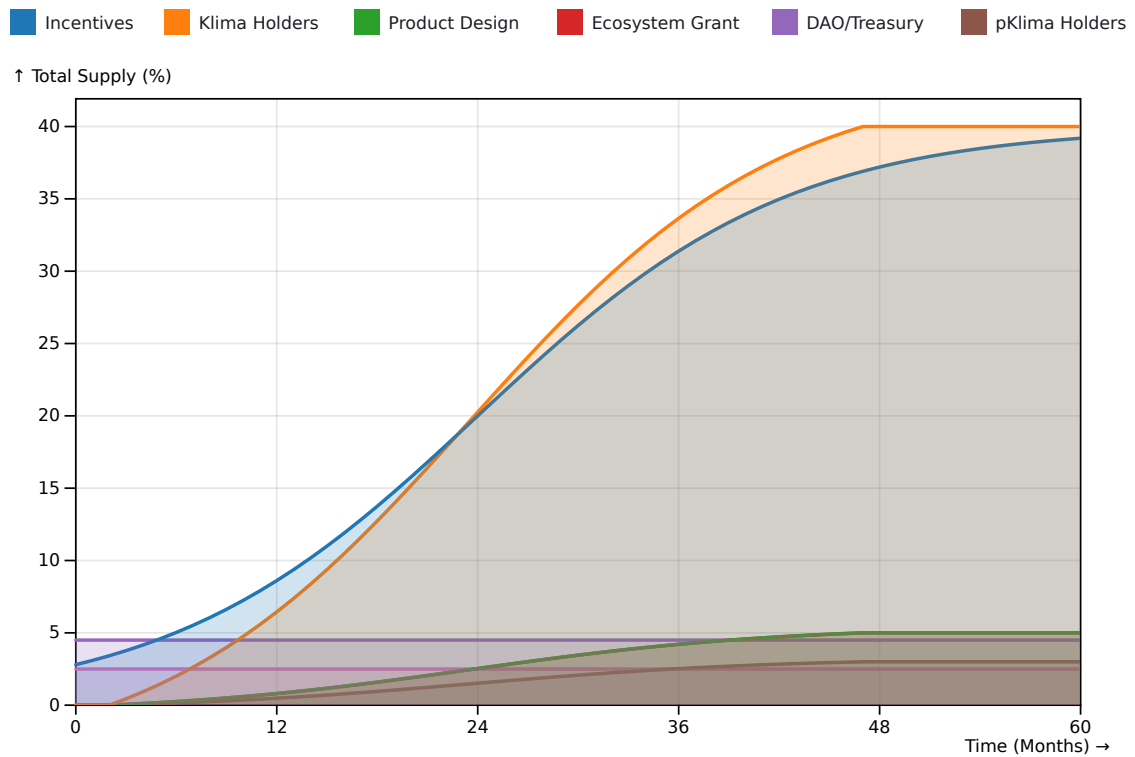


Figure 23: **K2** token circulating supply over time.



(a) Total supply (stacked).



(b) Total supply (unstacked).

Figure 24: **K2** token total supply over time.

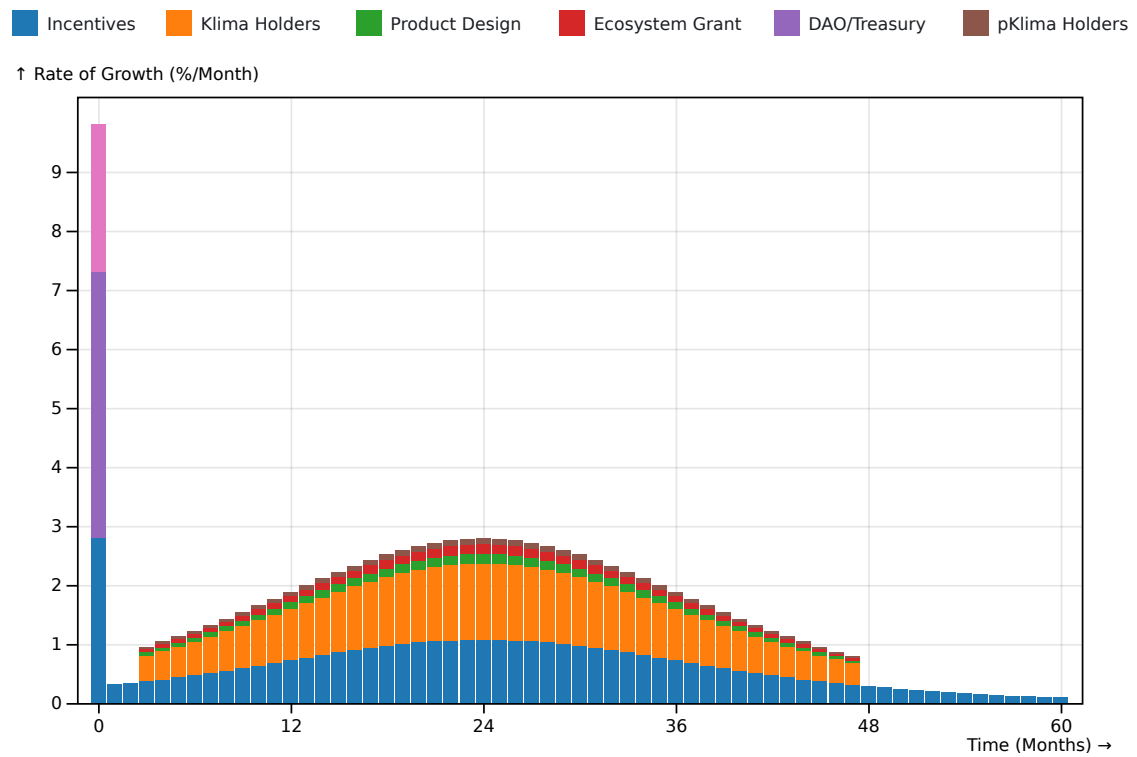


Figure 25: **K2** supply differential (stacked).

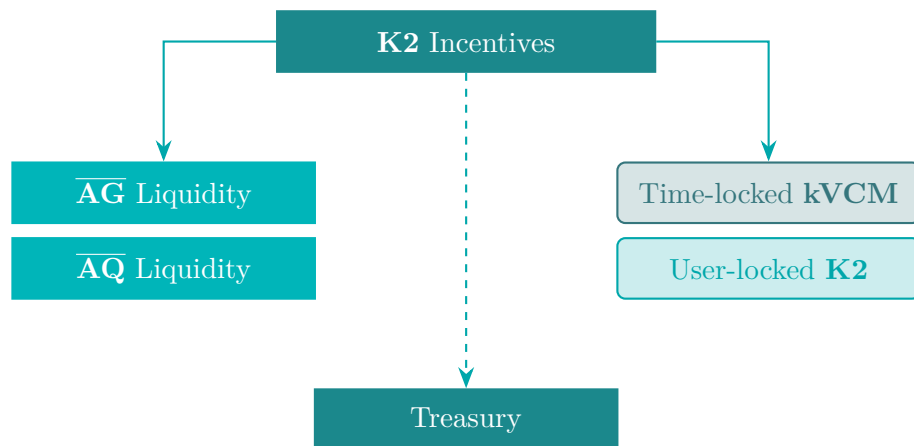


Figure 26: **K2** token incentive distribution structure.

Where  $v = 0$  if  $G + L = 0$ , otherwise:

$$v = \left( \frac{2GL}{G^2 + L^2} \right)^2 \quad (32)$$

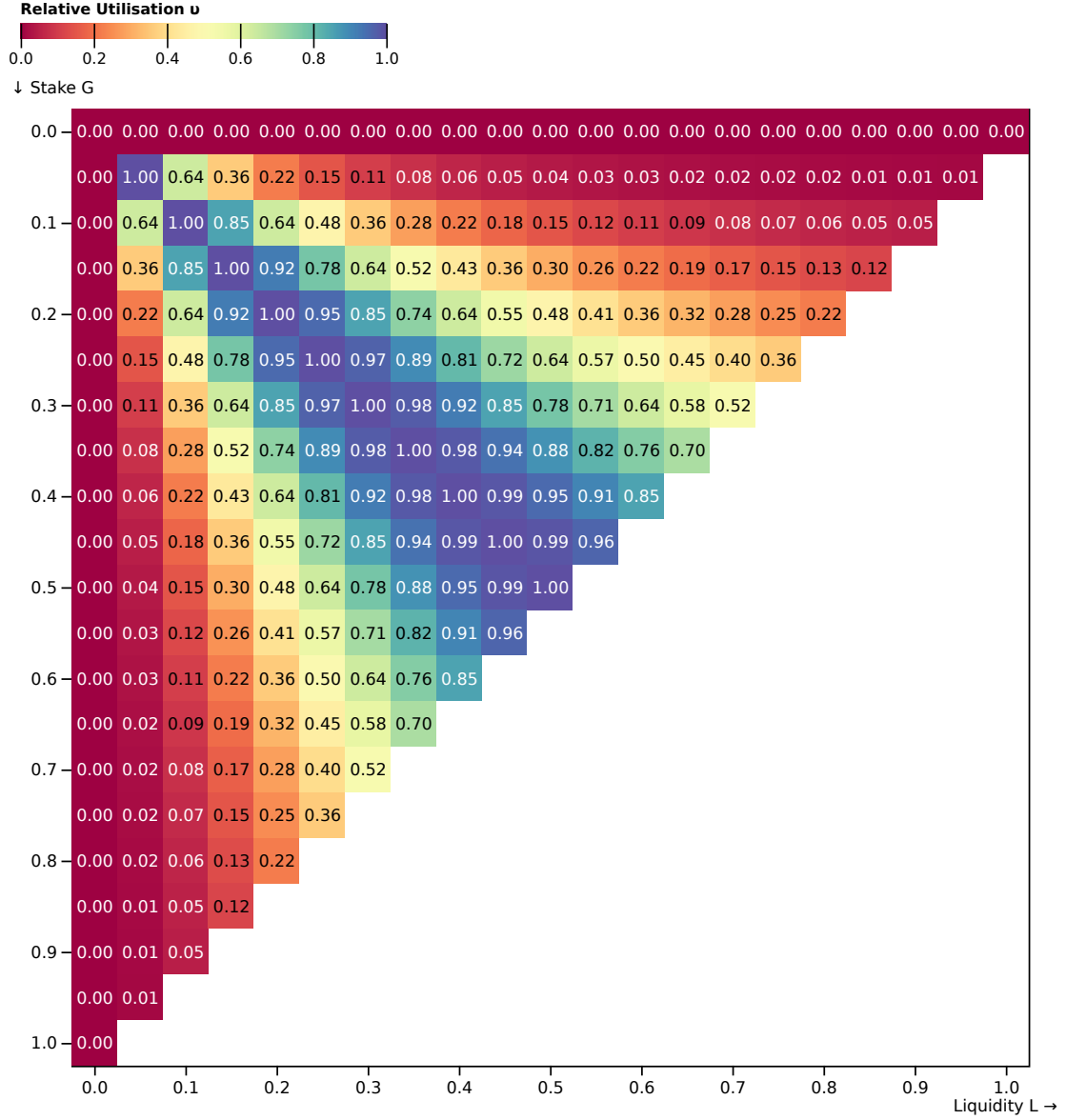


Figure 27: Upsilon  $v$  range of values.

The **absolute utilisation** parameter  $\eta$  is defined as  $\eta = 0$  if  $G + L = 0$ , otherwise:

$$\eta = \frac{2GL}{G(1 - G) + L(1 - L)} \quad (33)$$

Incentives  $I$  are allocated as follows:



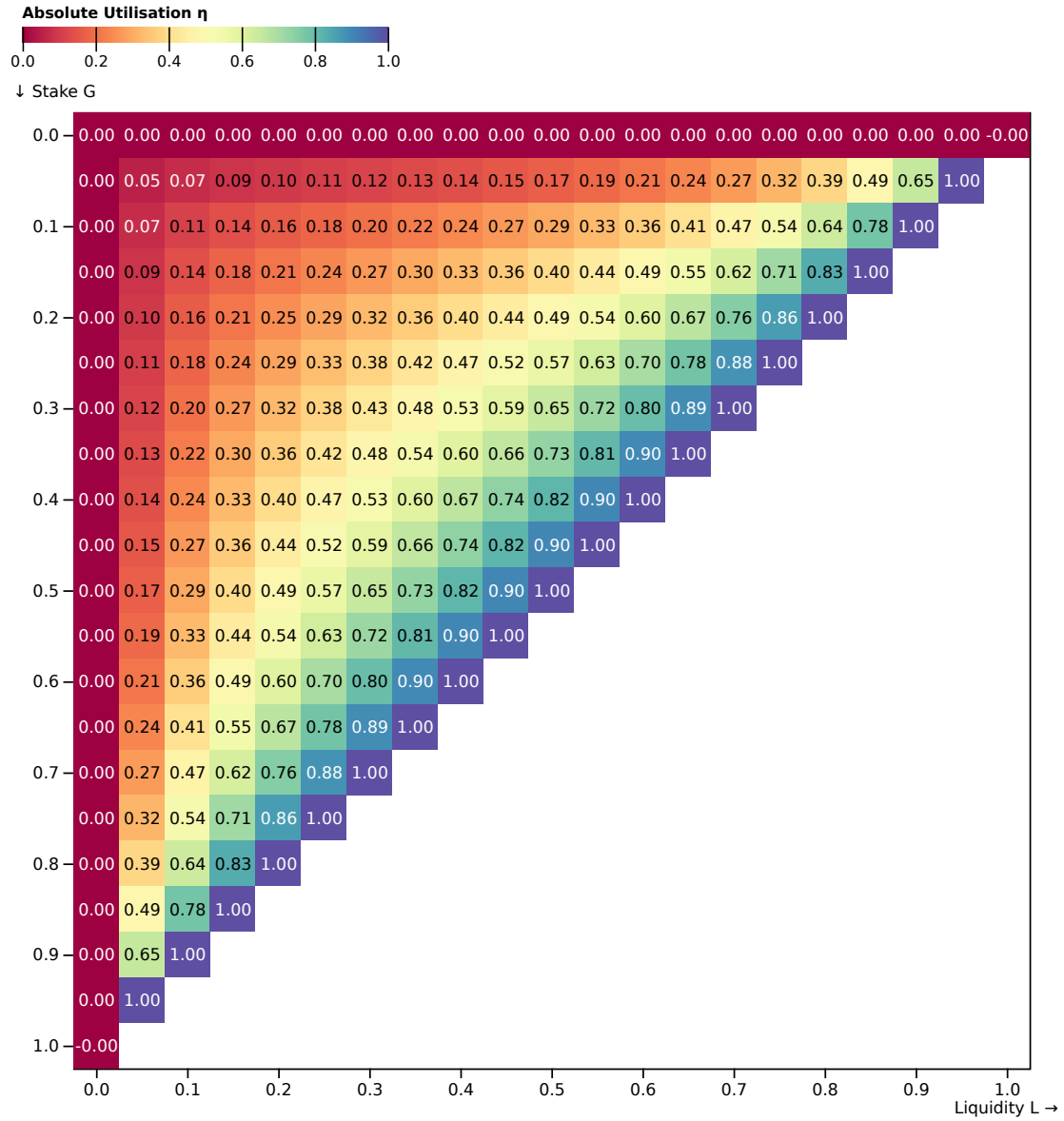


Figure 28: Eta  $\eta$  range of values.

### 4.3.1 Treasury

The allocation to the Treasury  $I_T$  is the imbalance generated from  $v$ :

$$I_T = 1 - v \eta \quad (34)$$

### 4.3.2 Post Treasury

The residual post-treasury allocation is shared four ways within 2 buckets:

1. Time-locked **A** & user-locked **G** tokens

Where  $S$  is the proportion of time-locked **A** tokens (as defined previously in Section 3.1.1):

1. Time-locked **A**,  $I_S$ :

$$I_S = S \frac{L^2}{G^2 + L^2} \quad (35)$$

2. User-locked **G**,  $I_G$ :

$$I_G = (1 - S) \frac{L^2}{G^2 + L^2} \quad (36)$$

2. Liquidity

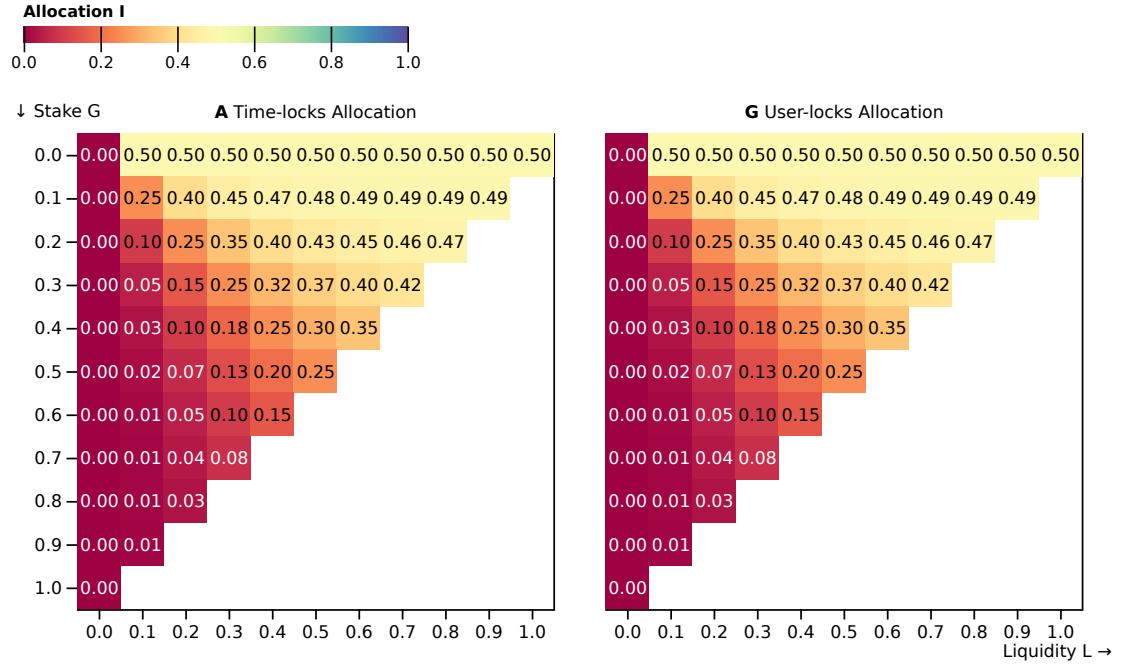
With  $\lambda_G$ ,  $\lambda_Q$ ,  $\lambda_{GG}$  as defined in Section 3.3.4:

3.  $\overline{\mathbf{AG}}$  pool  $I_{AG}$ :

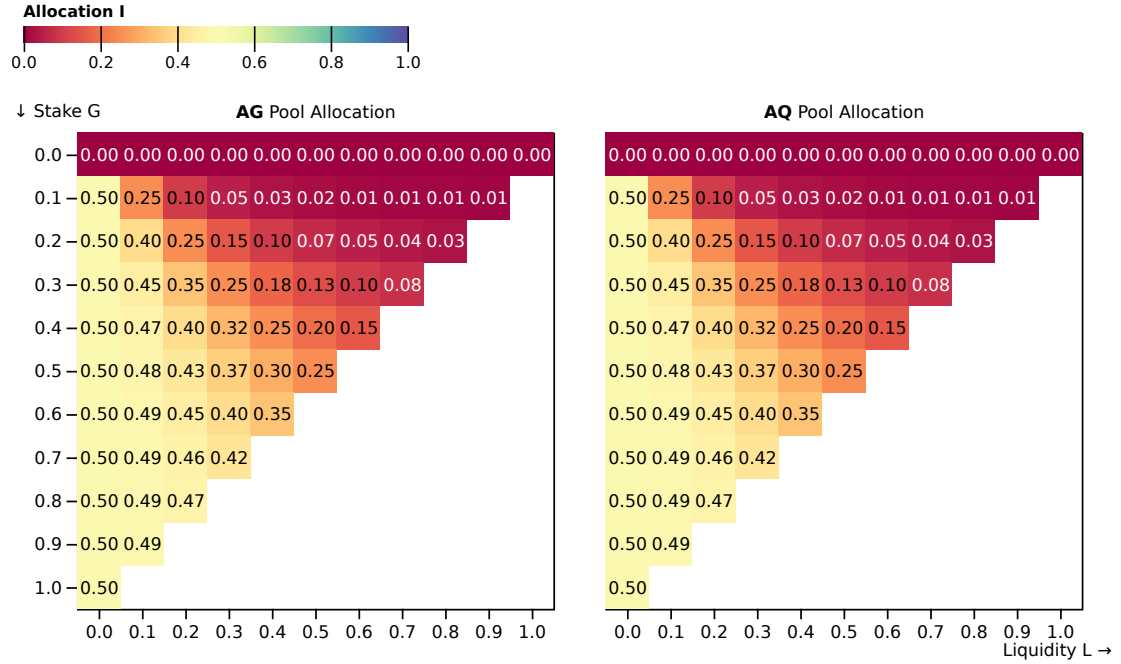
$$I_{AG} = \frac{\lambda_G}{1 - \lambda_{GG}} \frac{G^2}{G^2 + L^2} \quad (37)$$

4.  $\overline{\mathbf{AQ}}$  pool  $I_{AQ}$ :

$$I_{AQ} = \frac{\lambda_Q}{1 - \lambda_{GG}} \frac{G^2}{G^2 + L^2} \quad (38)$$



(a) Time-locked **A** and user-locked **G** allocations.



(b) Liquidity pools allocations

Figure 29: Share of non-treasury incentives  $I_S$ ,  $I_G$ ,  $I_{AG}$  and  $I_{AQ}$ .

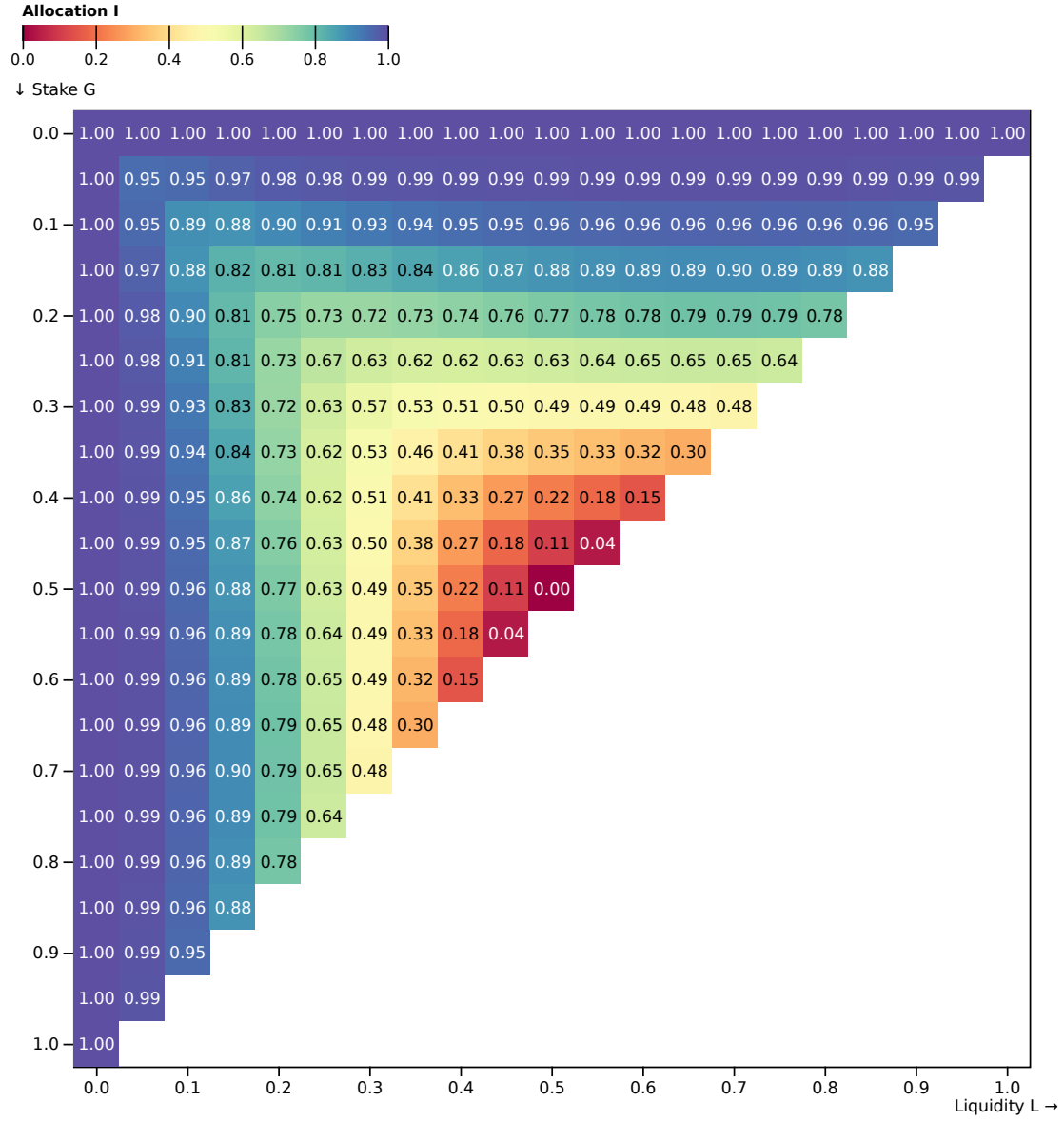


Figure 30: Treasury incentives  $I_T$ .