Is climate change mitigation enough?

Dr. Sally Soria-Dengg Ludwig-Maximillian University Munich

CHANGING (

SHOULD

#ACTNOW

pril 2024

EGU-GIFT Workshop

The Global Carbon Cycle





Anthropogenic Effects on the Global Carbon Cycle





Data source: Friedlingstein et al. 2022 Global Carbon Budget 2022. Earth System Science Data.



The Carbon Cycle Game

The Carbon Cycle Game



Pre-Industrial Phase	 ATMOSPHERE You have been taken up for photosynthesis by a terrestrial plant. Go to LAND PLANT. You have been taken up for photosynthesis by phytoplankton in the ocean surface. Go to MARINE BIOTA. You diffuse into the surface of the ocean. Go to SURFACE OCEAN. You have a long life-time in the atmosphere. Stay in the ATMOSPHERE. You have been taken up for photosynthesis by a terrestrial plant. Go to LAND PLANT. You have a long life-time in the atmosphere. Stay in the ATMOSPHERE. 	 LAND PLANT 1. The plant that takes you up respires you back into the ATMOSPHERE. 2. The plant that takes you up lives long and you are stored in its wood biomass. Stay in the PLANT. 3. The plant that takes you in is cut and made into firewood. You go back into the ATMOSPHERE. 4. The plant that takes you up dies and begins to decompose. Go to SOILS. 5. The plant that takes you up falls into a swamp and is buried by mud. You become coal. Go to FOSSIL FUELS. 6. The plant that takes you up has fungi in its roots, which fix more carbon into the soil. Go to SOIL. 	 SOIL The soil you are in is undisturbed. You stay for a long time in the SOIL. The organic matter you are a part of is decomposed by bacteria. You are oxidized and emitted back to the ATMOSPHERE. You dissolve into the groundwater, move into a stream and flow into the SURFACE OCEAN. You are incorporated into soil aggregates, which are stable and stored in the deeper soil for a long time. Stay in the SOIL. You dissolve into the groundwater and are re- precipitated into the fractures of a ROCK. You are absorbed by a bacterium, which respires you back into the ATMOSPHERE.
 ROCKS 1. The rocks you are a part of are metamorphosed into marble. Stay in ROCKS. 2. The rocks you are a part of are subducted at a convergence zone. You get trapped in some melt and are erupted from a volcano. Go to the ATMOSPHERE. 3. The rocks you are a part of are buried. Stay at ROCKS. 4. The rocks you are a part of are metamorphosed into marble. Stay in ROCKS. 5. The rocks you are a part of is uplifted in mountains and you are exposed to weathering, erosion and oxidation. Go back to the ATMOSPHERE. 6. The rocks you are a part of are 	 SURFACE OCEAN You are converted by your reaction with seawater to carbonate and taken up by calcifying organisms. Go to MARINE BIOTA. You are carried with cold waters. Cold water can hold you better. Stay in the OCEAN. You react with seawater and form bicarbonate. You cannot escape back to the air. Stay in the OCEAN. The water you are in is transported to the deep. The current carrying you encounters a coastline and you are upwelled to the surface. You can escape back to the ATMOSPHERE. You are transported to the deep ocean and carried with deep currents in the ocean for a long time. Stay in the OCEAN. You are absorbed by a coral polyp, go to MARINE BIOTA. 	 MARINE BIOTA The phytoplankton, which took you up from the air is eaten by fish, which respires you back to the ATMOSPHERE. The organism that you are a part of dies and sinks to the seafloor. You are exposed to heat and pressure and you become FOSSIL FUEL. The organism that you are a part of dies and sinks to the bottom. You become part of the carbonate deposits in the seafloor and later turn to ROCKS. The organism that you are a part of dies in shallow water. As it decomposes, you are released back to the ATMOSPHERE. The organism you are part of dies and clumps with other dead organisms. These sink to the seafloor turn to ROCK after millions of years. The phytoplankton, which took you up respires you back to the ATMOSPHERE 	 FOSSIL FUELS 1. The fossil fuels you are a part of are buried. Stay at FOSSIL FUELS. 2. The fossil fuels you are a part of are buried. Stay at FOSSIL FUELS. 3. The fossil fuels you are a part of are buried. Stay at FOSSIL FUELS. 4. The fossil fuels you are a part of are buried. Stay at FOSSIL FUELS. 5. The fossil fuels you are a part of are buried. Stay at FOSSIL FUELS. 6. You are trapped in a bog and converted to peat. You are harvested to heat homes. You are released into the ATMOSPHERE.

The Carbon Cycle Game



	ATMOSPHERE	LAND PLANT	SOIL
	 You have been taken up for photosynthesis by a terrestrial plant. Go to LAND PLANT. 	1. The plant that takes you in respires you back into the ATMOSPHERE.	 The soil you are in is tilled exposing you to air. You are oxidized. Go back to the ATMOSPHERE.
	2. You have been taken up for photosynthesis by phytoplankton in the ocean surface. Go to	2. The plant that takes you in lives long and you are stored in its woody biomass. Stay in the PLANT .	2. The organic matter you were a part of was decomposed by bacteria. You are oxidized and
	MARINE BIOTA. 3 You diffuse into the surface of the ocean. Go to	3. The plant that takes you in is cut and made into firewood. You go back into the ATMOSPHERE .	emitted back to the ATMOSPHERE .
Industrial Phase	SURFACE OCEAN.	4. The plant that takes you in dies and begins to	stream and flow into the SURFACE OCEAN.
	4. You have a long life-time in the atmosphere. Stay	decompose. Go to SOILS.	4. You are incorporated into soil aggregates, which
	5. You have been photosynthesized by a terrestrial	fire. You go back to the ATMOSPHERE .	time. Stay in the SOIL.
	plant. Go to LAND PLANT.	6. The plant that takes you in is cut down and	5. The soil you are in is eroded. You are exposed to
	 You have a long life-time in the atmosphere. Stay in the ATMOSPHERE. 	ATMOSPHERE.	6. The soil you are in is drained and cultivated. You
			are exposed to air and oxidized. You are released
			into the ATMOSPHERE.
ROCKS	SURFACE OCEAN	MARINE BIOTA	FOSSIL FUELS
1. You are incorporated in a carbonate rock. You	1. You are converted by your reaction with	1. The phytoplankton, which took you up from the	 You are burned to fuel cars. Go to the ATMOSPHERE. The fossil fuels you are a part of are buried. Stay at
the process you are released back to the	organisms. Go to MARINE BIOSPHERE.	the ATMOSPHERE .	FOSSIL FUELS.
ATMOSPHERE.	2. The water carrying you is turning warmer and	2. The organism that you are a part of dies and	3. You are burned to fuel airplanes. Go to the ATMOSPHERE.
2. The rocks you are a part of are subducted at a convergence zone. You get trapped in some melt	warmer. Warm water cannot hold you back. You are outgassed to the ATMOSPHERE .	sinks to the seafloor. You are exposed to heat and pressure and turn, you become FOSSII	4. You are burned to heat houses. Go to the
and are erupted from a volcano. Go to the	3. The water you are in is transported to the deep.	FUEL.	5. You are burned in factories to produce fertilizer,
ATMOSPHERE.	The current carrying you encounters a coastline	3. The organism that you are a part of dies and cinks to the bottom. You become part of the	cement and steel. Go to the ATMOSPHERE.
ROCKS.	escape back to the ATMOSPHERE.	carbonate deposits on the seafloor and later turn	uplifted and exposed. You are oxidized and released
4. You are incorporated in a carbonate rock. Acidic	4. You are transported to the deep ocean and	to ROCKS.	to the ATMOSPHERE.
rain reacts with the rock you are in and you are dissolved releasing you back to the	carried with deep currents for a long time. Stay in the OCEAN	4. The organism that you are a part of dies in shallow water. As it decomposes you diffuse	
ATMOSPHERE.	5. The pH of the water is sinking. Seawater can	back into the ATMOSPHERE.	
5. The rocks you are a part of is uplifted in mountains and you are exposed to weathering	hold less gases. You are outgassed to the	5. The organism incorporates you into its	
erosion and oxidation. Go back to the	6. The water carrying you is turning warmer and	releases CO ₂ . You are released back to the	
ATMOSPHERE.	warmer. Warm water cannot hold	ATMOSPHERE.	
 o. You are incorporated in a carbonate rock. You are mined and calcinated to produce cement. In 		 o. The phytoplankton, which took you respires you back to the ATMOSPHERE. 	
the process you are released back to the			
ATMOSPHERE.			



Sample Results:

CASE 1 : All C atoms start in the atmosphere

CASE 2 : half the C atoms start in the atmosphere the other half as fossil fuel

CASE 1	Atmosphere	Other reservoirs except rocks and fossil fuels	Fossil Fuels
Pre-Industrial	28 <mark>(34%)</mark>	54 <mark>(66%)</mark>	
Industrial	58 <mark>(58%)</mark>	41 <mark>(41%)</mark>	
CASE 2	Atmosphere	Other reservoirs except rocks and fossil fuels	Fossil Fuels
Pre-Industrial	39 <mark>(42%)</mark>	53 <mark>(58%)</mark>	50
Industrial	76 <mark>(52%)</mark>	70 (47%)	9

The proportion of CO₂ emissions taken up by land and ocean carbon sinks is smaller in scenarios with higher cumulative CO₂ emissions

Total cumulative CO_2 emissions taken up by land and oceans (colours) and remaining in the atmosphere (grey) under the five illustrative scenarios from 1850 to 2100

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANES

WMO

GtCO₂ 12000 For scenarios with higher cumulative 10000 CO₂ emissions... 8000 ATMOSPHERE 6000 **ATMOSPHERE** ... the amount of CO₂ emissions taken up by land and ocean 4000 ATMOSPHERE carbon sinks is larger, but more of the emitted OCEAN ATMOSPHERE CO₂ emissions remains ATMOSPHERE 2000 in the atmosphere... OCEAN LAND LAND LAND 0 ...meaning that the proportion MOSPHED TMOSPHE TMOSPHER MOSPHER of CO₂ emissions taken up by land and ocean carbon sinks from the atmosphere 44% 38% 54% is smaller in scenarios with higher CO₂ emissions. SSP1-1.9 SSP1-2.6 SSP2-4.5 SSP3-7.0 SSP5-8.5

Figure SPM.7

Emissions reduction vs. Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR)





Hard-to-abate emissions





Hard-to-abate emissions



Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage (CCS) vs. Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR)





Zero CO_2 Emission No change of CO_2 concentrations in the atmosphere

 $\begin{array}{c} {\sf NETs} \\ {\sf Reduction of CO_2 \ concentrations \ in} \\ {\sf the \ atmosphere} \end{array}$



Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage (CCS) vs. Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR)





Zero CO₂ Emission No change of CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere

NETs Reduction of CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere

Emissions reduction vs. Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR)





CDR Methods: an Overview





Possible Side Effects and Risks





Minx et al., Environ. Res. Lett., 2018; Fuss et al., Environ. Res. Lett., 2018

Possible Side Effects and Risks





Possible Side Effects and Risks







Minx et al., Environ. Res. Lett., 2018; Fuss et al., Environ. Res. Lett., 2018

Emissions reduction vs. CDR







The CDR Simulation Game

CDR Simulation Game Fact Sheets





CDR Simulation Game CDR Portfolio



Line	CDR (Carbon Dioxide Removal) Portfolio							
1	Starting Budget of each Group 800 million Euro							
2	Methods		Affores- tation	BECCS	En- hanced rock weathe- ring	Artificial upwelling		
3	max. Potential (Mt CO ₂ /Year)		2	12	4	10		
4	Cost (Mio €/ Mt CO ₂)		30	160	135	40		
5	Investment (€ Mio)							Sum
6	6 Target amount of CO ₂ to be removed (Mt CO ₂ /year)							Sum
7	7 <u>à</u>	2025-2030 (Phase 1)						Sum (x5)
8	ffectiv 02/yea	2031-2035 (Phase 2)						Sum (x5)
9	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	2036-2040 (Phase 3)						Sum (x5)
10		2041-2045 (Phase 4)						Sum (x5)
11 ^{E 2}	Am re	2046-2050 (Phase 5)						Sum (x5)
12	2 Sum of CO ₂ effectively removed in 25 years (Mt)							Total

Experiments





Kohlendioxid



- H₂O₂ kommt im Boden natürlich vor. Es kann durch Enzyme zu Sauerstoff und Wasser abgebaut werden. Auch Kohlenstoff kann H₂O₂ abbauen.
- Holzasche entsteht durch Verbrennung und Biochar durch Pyrolyse (das Erhitzen organisches Materials unter Ausschluss von Sauerstoff).
- Die meisten Blasen werden bei der Zugabe von H₂O₂ und Essig in der Holzasche gebildet, da ein großer Anteil des Kohlenstoffs in Holzasche als reaktivem Kalziumkarbonat (CaCO₃) vorkommt. In Pflanzenkohle und in Holzspänen ist er in aromatischen Verbindungen festgebunden und reagiert mit H₂O₂ und Essig nicht.
- Holzspäne können durch bakterielle Abbauprozesse abgebaut werden, wobei unter O2-Verbrauch CO2 freigesetzt wird.





- Spaltöffnungen (Stomata) regulieren den Gas- und Wasseraustausch zwischen dem Blatt und der Umgebung.
- Um großen Wasserverlust und Austrocknung während trockenen Perioden zu verhindern, schließen sich mehrere der Stomata.
- Dennoch wird gewährleistet, dass der Gasaustausch weiterhin stattfindet, sodass Photosynthese und Atmung nicht verhindert werden.





5 UGM grob

6 UGM mittel

pH Skala Sauer ----- Basisch

- nach 24 Stunden
- In dem Glas ohne Gesteinsmehl (1) bleibt das Wasser sauer. Auch durch mikrobielle Atmung in der Erde wird mehr CO2 ins Wasser freigegeben.
- Durch Zugabe von Gesteinsmehl (2,3,4) wird das Wasser basisch, und zwar desto mehr je feiner das Gesteinsmehl ist.
- In den Flaschen mit nur Gesteinsmehl (5,6,7) ist das Wasser basischer als in den Flaschen mit Erde. In der Flasche mit feinem Gesteinsmehl (7) ist das saure Wasser gleich nach der Zugabe basisch geworden.
- · Je feiner die Partikel des Gesteinsmehls sind, desto schneller wandelt sich das Wasser in dem Glas von sauer zu basisch. Die feineren Partikel bieten eine größere Oberfläche, die mit CO2 reagieren kann.



https://cloud.geomar.de/s/wN43EBTcBKKpPHi



sdengg@geomar.de Sally.Dengg@lmu.de