

We are in a CO₂ drought – Not much time left for life on planet Earth

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Abstract

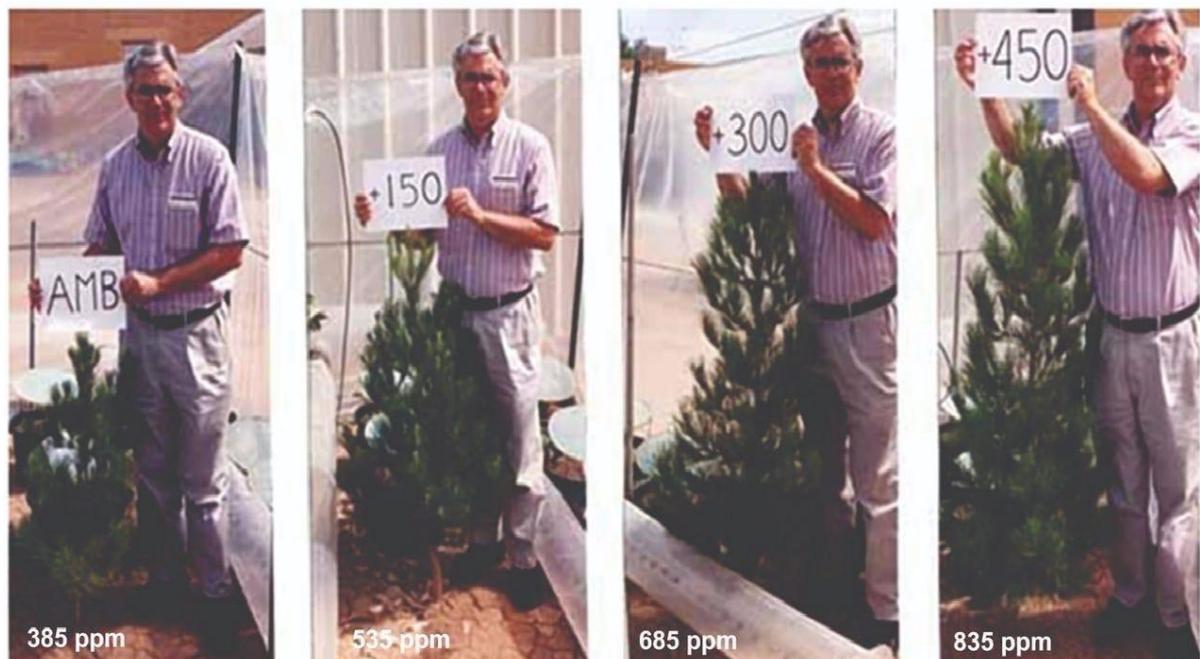
At the current permanent sequestration rate of CO₂ into Limestone, all life of all forms on planet Earth could be extinct in as short as 42,222 years as we run out of CO₂.

The circle of life on planet Earth

Oxygen O₂, Carbon Dioxide CO₂, water H₂O and Sun light form the circle of life on our planet Earth. All of our food comes either directly or indirectly from plants. All the protein grain crops we eat directly. Cattle eat grass and we eat cattle. All our food is processed CO₂. Without plants there is no life of any form on Earth.

When plants grow they are fed with water. They breath in CO₂ and, through a process of photosynthesis with the Sun, they breath out O₂. Animals and humans breath in that O₂ and breath out CO₂. We humans breath out 40,000 ppm of CO₂. Plants need a minimum of 150ppm of CO₂ to grow.ⁱ The more CO₂ they get the less water they need and *visa versa*.ⁱⁱ Commercial greenhouses up the amount of CO₂ in the greenhouse to 1,000 – 2,000 ppm for optimal plant growth.ⁱⁱⁱ

The effect of increasing levels of atmospheric CO₂ on plant growth. The numbers are additional CO₂ above ambient, and total atmospheric CO₂, suggesting relative CO₂ starvation from right to left.



Atmospheric CO₂ is an essential plant fertilizer, delivered free daily to every plant on earth and is not a toxin. At levels

The numbers in the photo's indicate the amount of additional CO₂ that has been introduced into the atmosphere, and the numbers below the total atmospheric CO₂ content in parts per million

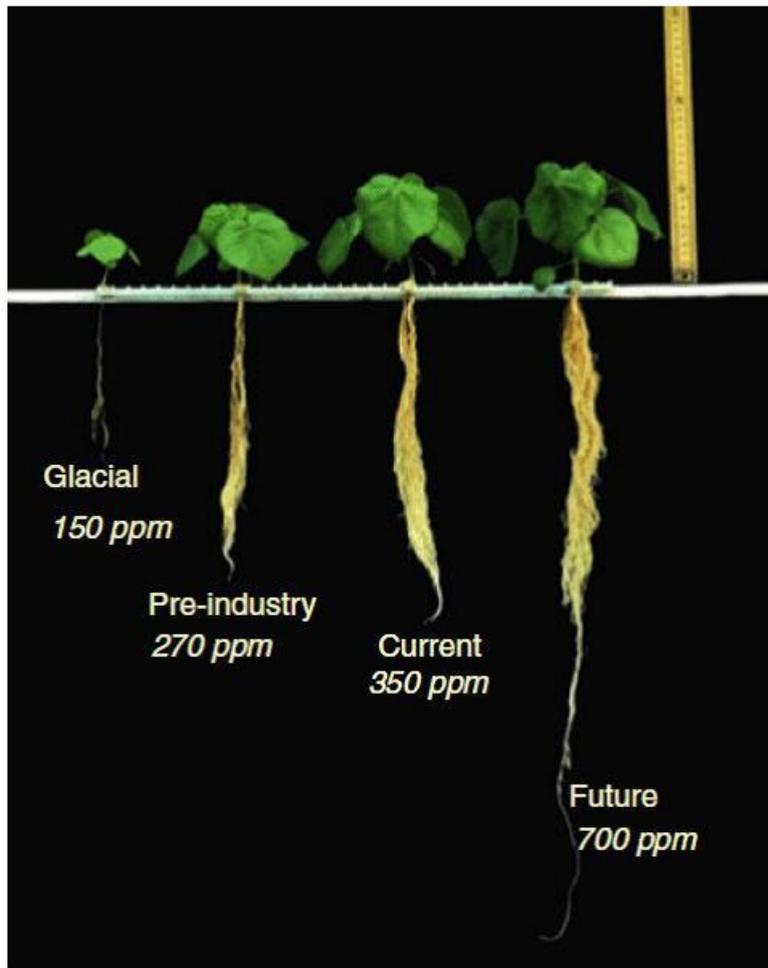
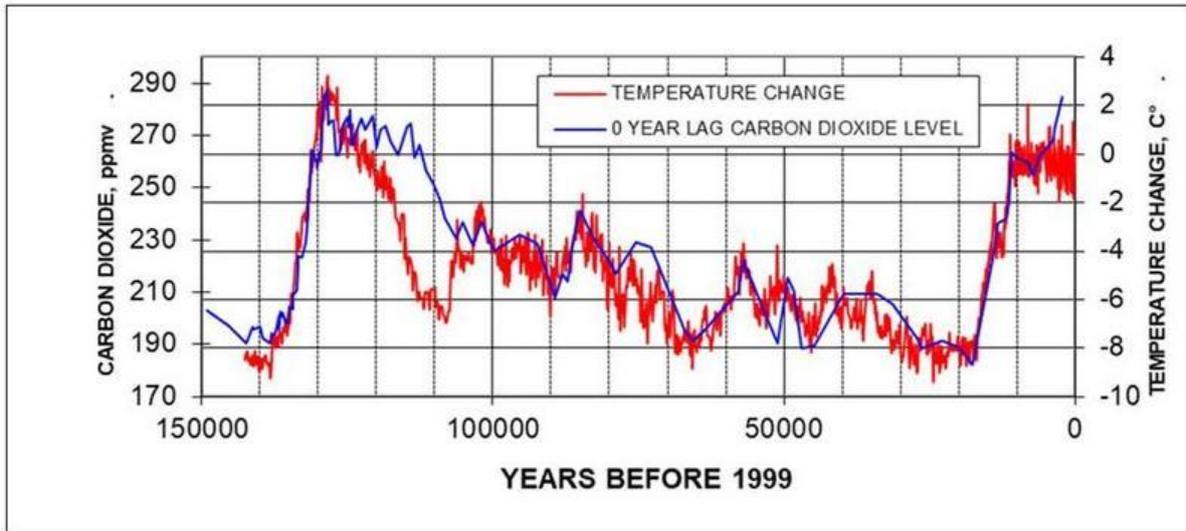


Fig. 15 from the review by Gerhart and Ward 2010

Without CO₂ we are all extinct.

Sequestration

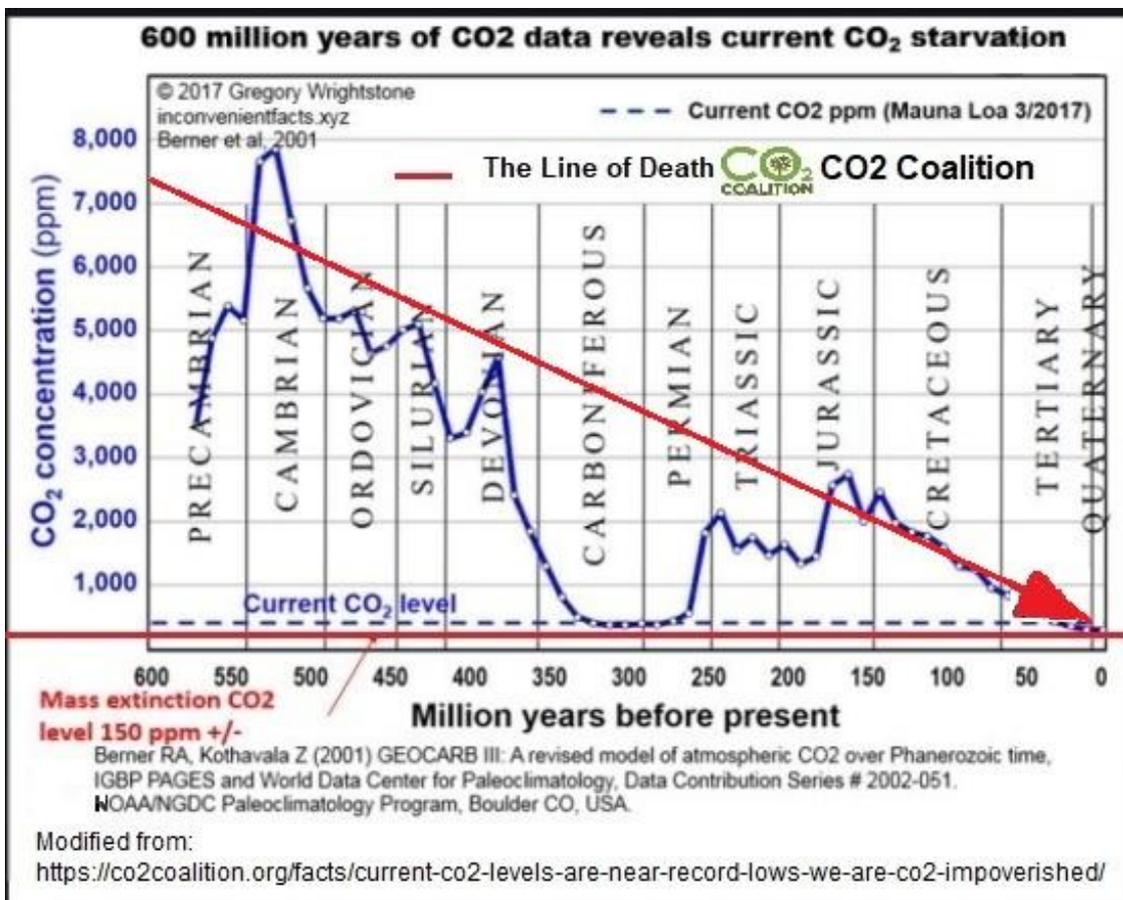
During ice ages the cold oceans sequester CO₂ out of the atmosphere and into the oceans.^{iv} During the last ice age which ended just 12,000 years ago, CO₂ dropped to 180 ppm. Plants do not grow with CO₂ at 150 ppm or less. There is evidence of plant stress during this last ice age period.^v All our food comes from plants. Without CO₂ there will be no plants and therefore no life on planet Earth at all. We were a mere 30 ppm short of the total extinction of all life on Earth.



CO₂ & T from Vostok data

Pangburn 2008

Further, CO₂ is outgassed back into the atmosphere during interglacial warm periods. But it is also sequestered out of the oceans and into limestone. This is a permanent sequestration out of the ocean/atmosphere system. CO₂ has been gradually taken out of the system for the past 500 mil years. We are now in a severe CO₂ drought. We are only a few more ice ages away from there being not enough CO₂ to sustain life on Earth when all life will go extinct.



Types of Limestone

There are two different types of limestone. Biological Limestone where organisms capable of forming calcium carbonate, crushed coral, shells and skeletons, can thrive and easily extract the needed ingredients from ocean water. Coral reefs become limestone the moment that the living polyp builds the calcium carbonate chamber in which it lives. And Chemical Limestone formed from the weathering materials of calcium carbonate and calcium from limestone and igneous rock. The materials in biological limestone already contain carbon in the form of calcium carbonate CaCO_3 .- The weathering products of igneous rocks capture carbon by reactions with seawater and ground waters to form limestone. The capture of the CO_3 ion is the main process, and that comes from the breakdown of carbonic acid. Weathered limestone contains some carbon as CO_3 and captures CO_2 from the ocean. Most limestone is biological and comes from coral reefs. Chemical limestones *are thought to be less abundant than biological limestones.*^{vi} *Of the two chemical types marine water oolites are the dominate deposit and account for 1/3 of the total carbonate record the other 2/3 is biological.*^{vii}

Most Limestone is essentially what used to be coral reefs.^{viii} The term ‘sand’ means a clastic (broken reef debris) grain size of about 0.1mm to 1mm. Most sandstones consist of quartzose clastic material, but some limestones are also composed of sand-sized grains of carbonate; these latter rocks are called calcarenites.^{ix} When defining limestone and sandstone, the scientists at the time decided that all rocks containing Calcium Carbonate CaCO_3 were classified as limestone.^x Then there is sedimentary limestone formed from Urey’s reaction which is both a recycling of limestone previously sequestered from the atmosphere along with the weathering components of igneous rocks.

Coral is an animal. It’s food source is algae called zooxanthellae which lives in the tissues of coral. The algae use *sunlight and carbon dioxide* (from the ocean waters) *to make sugars in the process of photosynthesis which make up 98 per cent of the food for the coral.*^{xi} Limestone masses accumulate from coralline debris in mainly shallow waters in all oceans of the world, and are transformed by time and by plate tectonic processes into major outcrops on land and in the highest of mountains.

For a geology lesson on the make up and formation of limestone from a geologist, see the following short video.^{xii}

“Guadalupe Mountains in West Texas, which is another 270 million year old limestone formation. It’s an ancient coral reef which is thousands of feet thick. As sea levels rose, the coral reef grew with it. . . . Coral reefs adjust to whatever the current sea level is. The sea levels have always been moving up and down so long as there has been oceans on the Earth. Yet coral reefs have thrived and prospered despite changes in sea level, changes in temperature and changes in atmospheric carbon dioxide.”

Below is another example of an ancient coral reef, the Winjana Gorge in the Canning Basin of Western Australia.



Note the classic buildup of a reef complex. There is the active reef core where much of the coralline activity takes place; basinwards one gets an active erosional foreslope of coarse clastic material (broken reef debris) cemented by secondary calcite; these deposits extend further into the basin and gradually become laminated muddy limestones. Behind the reef core one gets more laminated limey rocks – back-reef finer grained limestones comprised of limey silts and mud.^{xiii}

Tony Heller makes the distinction between Earth and Venus. Venus has 96% CO₂ in it's atmosphere. Earth has the equivalent amount of CO₂ in limestone and carbonate rocks. The difference between the two planets is that Earth has 71% oceans with lots of water. That allows coral reefs and shellfish to grow and extract CO₂ into what ultimately becomes limestone. Without oceans, Earth would still have 95% atmospheric CO₂.

Limestone can be found 8,000 feet up the Grand Canyon and also at the top of Mt Everest.

“As two crustal plates collide, heavier rock is pushed back down into the earth's mantle at the point of contact. Meanwhile, lighter rock such as limestone and sandstone is pushed upward to form the towering mountains. At the tops of the highest peaks, like that of Mount Everest, it is possible to find 400-million-year-old fossils of sea creatures and shells that were deposited at the bottom of shallow tropical seas. Now the fossils are exposed at the roof of the world, over 25,000 feet above sea level.

The peak of Mount Everest is made up of rock that was once submerged beneath the Tethys Sea, an open waterway that existed between the Indian subcontinent and Asia over 400 million years ago.^{xiv}

{E.g. There is 75,428 to 114,286 times more CO₂ in carbonate rock in the Earth's crust than in the atmosphere}

“carbonate weathering . . . of continental surfaces consumes 0.3 Gt yr⁻¹ of atmospheric carbon.”^{xxi} [Emphasis added]

Limestone and sandstone form 1% of the Earth's crust with limestone being 0.25% and sandstone being 0.75%. The thickness of the Earth's crust varies with different reference sites but averaging them comes to a global average of 20 Kms thick. If you were to uniformly distribute all the limestone and sandstone evenly over Earth's surface it would be 200 metres thick with limestone being 50 metres thick.

Carbon, in all its forms, is only 0.03% of the Earth's crust^{xxii} which, if you spread that evenly over the Earth's surface would only be 6 metres thick.

Contained in all the limestone is calcite or calcium carbonate CaCO₃, which came out of the atmosphere as CO₂ millions of years ago. There are many geochemistry equations involved with all these processes.^{xxiii}

Igneous rocks

Igneous rock is formed through the cooling and solidification of magma or lava.

Igneous and metamorphic rocks make up 90–95% of the top 16 kilometres (9.9 mi) of the Earth's crust by volume.^{xxiv} Igneous rocks form about 15% of the Earth's current land surface.^{xxv} Most of the Earth's oceanic crust is made of igneous rock.

There are relatively few minerals that are important in the formation of common igneous rocks, because the magma from which the minerals crystallize is rich in only certain elements: silicon, oxygen, aluminium, sodium, potassium, calcium, iron, and magnesium. These are the elements that combine to form the silicate minerals, which account for over ninety percent of all igneous rocks.^{xxvi}

The weathering question

Weathering of limestone and igneous rocks breaks the rock down into soluble calcium bicarbonate which is transported by the river systems back into the oceans. Some atmospheric carbon dioxide reacts with this and it ultimately forms sedimentary layers on the sea floor to form sedimentary limestone.

A particularly important form of dissolution is carbonate dissolution, in which atmospheric carbon dioxide enhances solution weathering. Carbonate dissolution affects rocks containing calcium carbonate, such as limestone and chalk. It takes place when rainwater combines with carbon dioxide to form

carbonic acid, a weak acid, which dissolves calcium carbonate (limestone) and forms soluble calcium bicarbonate.^{xxvii}

This source of limestone is nothing much more than recycling of limestone that has already been sequestered out of the system. There is a small amount of extra atmospheric CO₂ added to it. It is certainly not the major source of limestone on Earth.

The IPCC have just 0.15% of CO₂ being sequestered out of the atmosphere into weathering of carbonate rocks, which is quite minuscule,^{xxviii} and all is transported by rivers into the oceans to reform once again as limestone.

A portion of this 0.15% reacts with the calcium from the weathering of igneous rock which captures CO₂ dissolved in the rivers and oceans. This forms into limestone in the oceans.

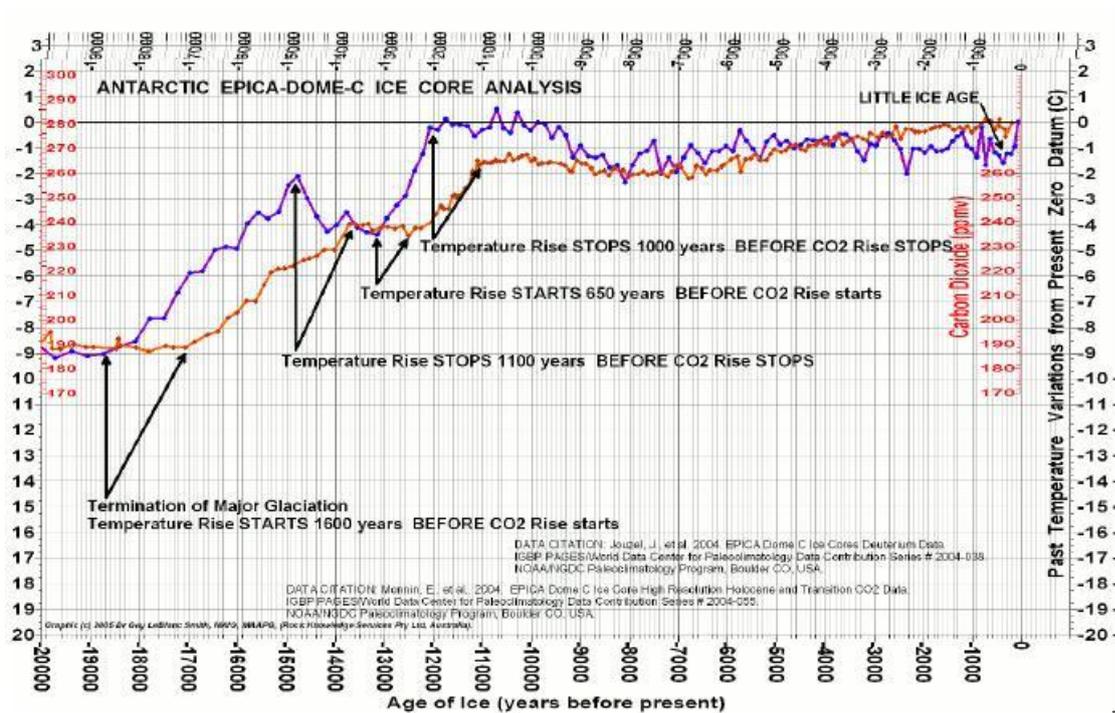
The permanent sequestration of CO₂ out of the ocean/atmosphere system via the weathering of igneous rocks into sedimentary limestone plays a reasonably significant role in the total permanent sequestration.

The mantle and core will continue to release CO₂ via volcanoes, as it has done so since the beginning of planet Earth. But if you look at the concentration of atmospheric CO₂ over geological timescale chart above, volcanic emissions have never been enough to prevent the decline of CO₂ over time meaning the permanent sequestration via coral into limestone and weathering of igneous rocks into limestone by far outweighs volcanic release back into the system.

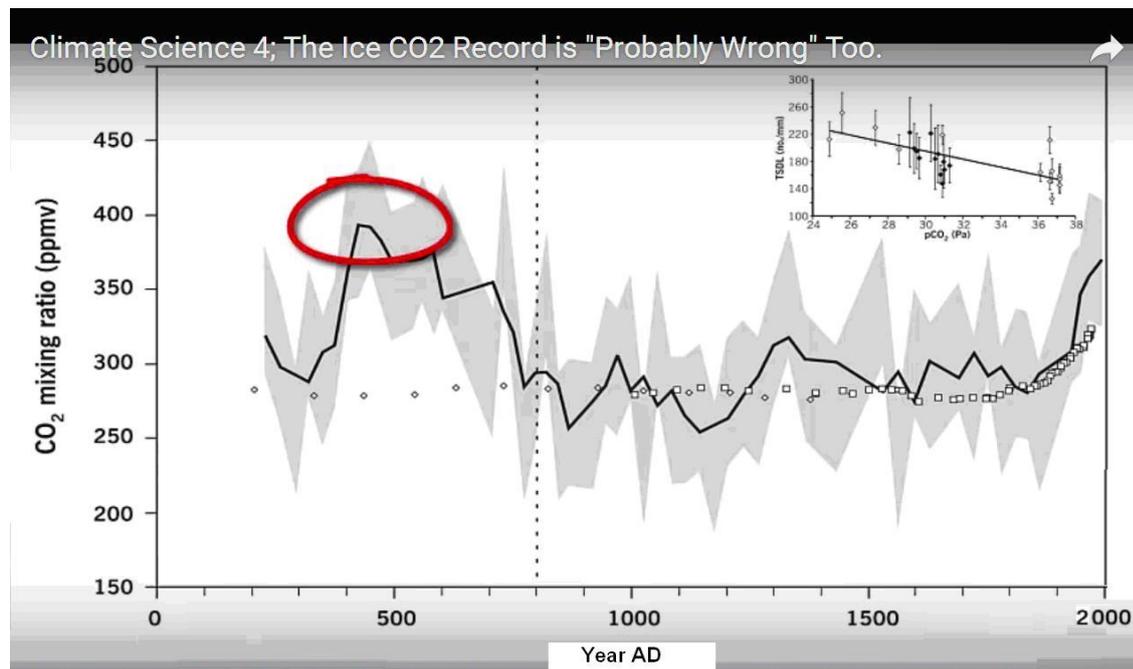
Not much time left

Our Sun has been burning for approximately 4.5 billion years and still has approximately another 4.5 billion years to go. Human civilization will not last that long. At the current rate that CO₂ is being sequestered into limestone we will be lucky to last another 2 to 3 ice ages, 200,000 to 300,000 years before all the CO₂ will be sequestered out of the ocean/atmosphere system, atmospheric levels will drop below 150 ppm and all life on Earth above sea level will be extinct. Life below sea level will go on for another few hundred thousand years before all the oceans stocks have been sequestered into limestone and then all sea life will also go extinct.

If you look at the concentration of atmospheric CO₂ over geological timescales chart above and extend that down trend line, it has almost passed the 150 ppm level. We were a mere 30 ppm short of that level in the last ice age. However we may have been given a reprieve. The warm oceans are currently outgassing and forming a new higher equilibrium with the atmosphere. That should be sufficient to see us through the next ice age. That is not a guarantee though. There is always the error of mixing proxy with measured data. Ice core proxy data shows CO₂ levels during the current Holocene not rising above 300 ppm until the 20th century.



From a study of stomatal frequency in fossil leaves, CO₂ levels were shown to be as high as 500 ppm during the current Holocene.^{xxix}



Reconstructed CO₂ mixing ratios based on stomatal frequency counts on *Tsuga heterophylla* needles for A.D. 800–2000. Black line connects means of 3–5 needles per sample; thick white line shows three-point moving average. Gray area indicates confidence interval of ± 1 root mean standard error. White squares—CO₂ data from Law Dome ice core (Etheridge et al., 1996); white diamonds—CO₂ data from Taylor Dome ice core (Indermühle et al., 1999).

Kouwenberg et al 2004

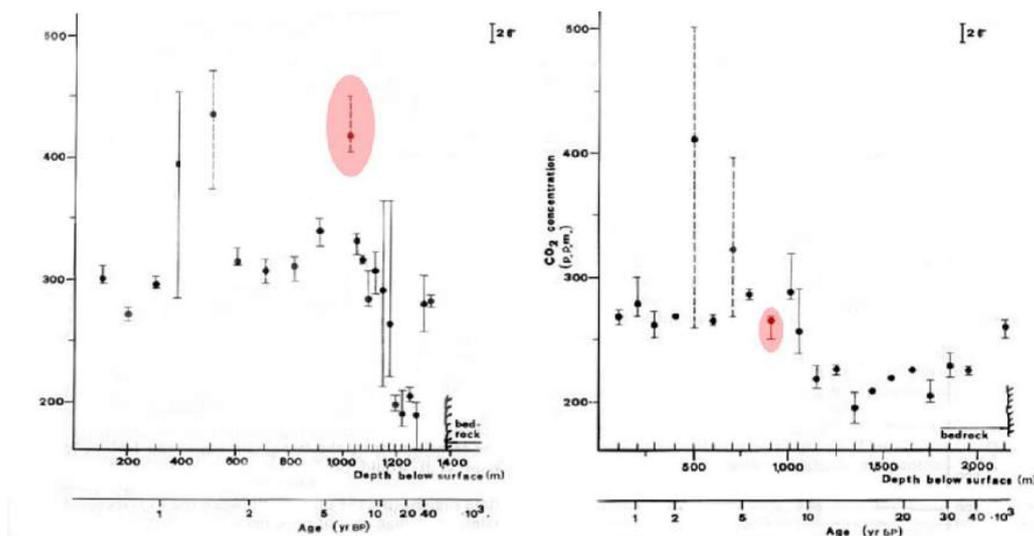


Figure 74. CO₂ concentrations in the bubbles and total carbonate content of: a, the Camp Century core; b, the Byrd core. The CO₂ concentrations are presented with the lowest, highest and median values for each depth. The dashed lines indicate depths where drill fluid was observed in the large sample. Maximum CO₂ values of 500 ppm (~300 years) for the Byrd Core. Modified after: Fig.1 in (Neftel, 1982) with anomalies as pink ellipses ~7,000-year BP added.

Poyet, P., 2021. The Rational Climate e-Book Ch. 2.4.5

Referring to the last ice age and Holocene periods, Dr Robert Ian Holmes says:

Why does the plant stomata record show a highly variable record for atmospheric CO₂, ranging by 250ppm, when at the same time the ice core record for the same period shows a monotonic record varying by just 20ppm?

He puts the variance down to the Knudsen diffusion effect. And cites *Kowalewski et al 2006*,^{xxx} *Johnsen et al 2001* & *Jaworowski et al 1992*.

Now this is when the pressure in there to diffusion happens in the ice. So above a pressure of 300 bar this diffusion may significantly effect the CO₂ record contained in the ice. Effectively minimising variations by reducing maximums and the minimums. So the dissociation pressure for CO₂ may be set as low as 5 bar say Jaworowski 1992.^{xxxi} Very important questions are raised here whether the ice core record for CO₂ mirrors the true variability and the true maximums of historical atmospheric CO₂ levels.

Holmes says: *the ice core record for CO₂ is almost certainly wrong.*

If Poyet's calculations are correct, the time for that extinction event could be even shorter. There are 38,000 Gt-C in the ocean reservoir. Poyet calculates that the weathering of continental surfaces consumes 0.3 Gt yr⁻¹ of atmospheric carbon. To that we need to add the sequestration into coral which is 2/3 of the total 0.6 Gt yr⁻¹ making a total of 0.9 Gt yr⁻¹. Dividing that into the 38,000 Gt-C in the ocean we get just 42,222 years left before all the ocean CO₂ reservoir is used up.

All of this means that it is entirely possible we could drop down below 150 ppm in CO₂ concentrations during this coming ice age. Our time left on planet Earth could be very short, less than 1 ice age. Dr Robert Fagan is more conservative. He has a depletion rate for CO₂ at 4ppm/million years. At that rate we have 100 million years left.^{xxxii} Javier Vinós says:^{xxxiii}

Continental silicate weathering by CO₂ is a process dependent among other things on temperature. If the planet's temperature decreases, silicate weathering rate slows down leading to CO₂ accumulation

The solution

The only way to avert life extinction is to process all that limestone and get the CO₂ back into the atmosphere. We would have to do it on a much larger scale than we are currently doing it though. Total human CO₂ emissions into the atmosphere from making cement from limestone and burning fossil fuels are just 4%-6% of the total emissions.^{xxxiv} The oceans are outgassing at a much faster rate than that.^{xxxv} Once the next ice age sets in and the cold oceans sequesters the CO₂ back into the oceans and further into limestone, that will likely be at a faster rate than 4%-6% We would not be able to keep up. We would need to up that rate of emission to save life on planet Earth.

Strange as it may seem we have people who are trying to bury CO₂ underground and remove it from the atmosphere. They seem hell bent on fast tracking the extinction of life on Earth.

We have enough Oxygen

One final point. Some of the residents of planet Earth are concerned that the removal of forests reduces the rate that CO₂ is changed back to O₂. Plus burning fossil fuels and manufacturing cement is increasing the rate O₂ is changed back to CO₂. I.e. They are concerned we will run out of O₂ to breath while at the same time concerned that increasing CO₂ is causing some sort of damage to the climate system.

Firstly, fossil fuels contain no CO₂, they only contain carbon C. When burnt, the C reacts with the O₂ in the air to produce CO₂. Burning CO₂ reduces the amount of oxygen in the air.

Cement on the other hand is made from limestone. Limestone contains calcite or calcium carbonate CaCO₃. CO₂ is a by product of cement manufacturing from Limestone in a chemical process and is released to the atmosphere during that process. Cement manufacturing does not use any atmospheric oxygen.

Over the past 500 mil years O₂ levels have overall gradually risen and ranged between approx 12%-25%. At 21% now it is close to it's 500 mil year all time high. At the same time, however, CO₂ concentrations have steadily fallen from several thousand ppm to just 180ppm 20,000 years ago during the last ice age. Whilst we need O₂ to

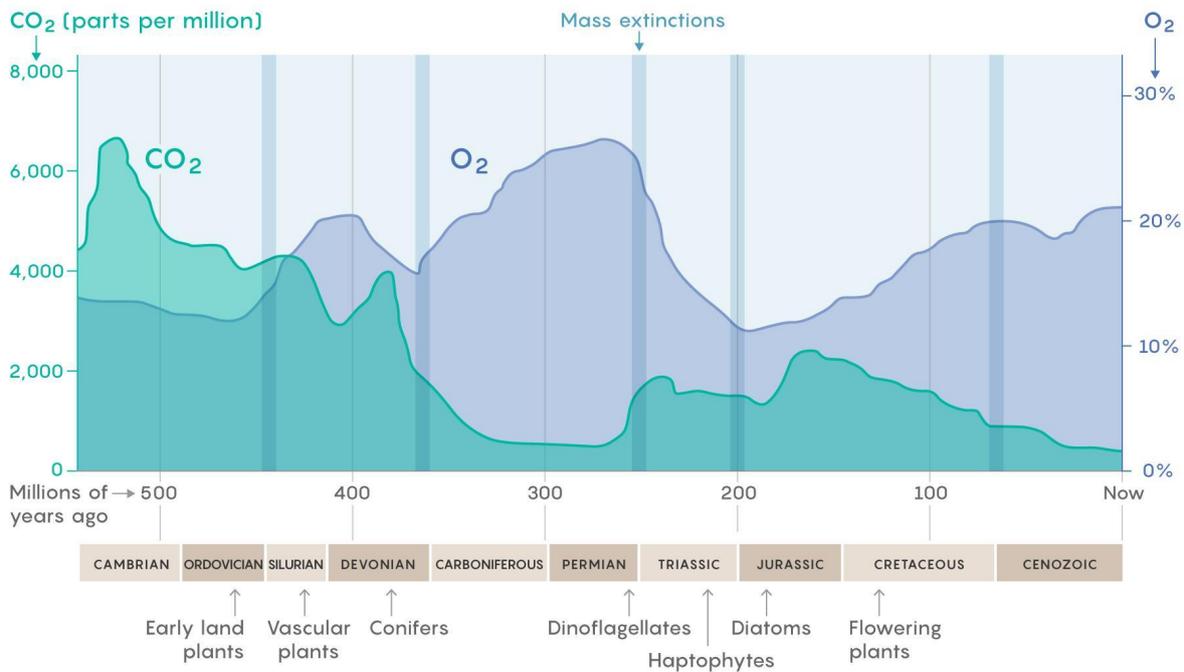
breath, we also need CO₂ for photosynthesis for food production. All our food comes from plants. Plants do not grow without CO₂.

Dinosaurs lived between about 245 and 66 million years ago when O₂ was 12%-18% and CO₂ was 1,000ppm-2,000ppm. There was enough O₂ for them to breath and plenty of CO₂ for plant growth which they needed for food.

Humans can breath at 10,000 feet where O₂ is 14.3%^{xxxvi}

Altitude (Feet)	Altitude (Meters)	O ₂ Monitor Reading	Effective Oxygen Percentage	Similar Location
Sea Level	Sea Level	20.9%	20.9%	Hypoxico HQ - New York, NY
10,000	3048	14.3%	14.3%	Leadville, CO (10,200 ft. - 3109m)

Atmospheric Concentration of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide



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CO₂ emissions from burning fossil fuels, and hence, the reduction of O₂ in the atmosphere, is only a few percent of total CO₂ emissions. O₂ levels are up near their all time highs over the past 500 mil years. The small amount of O₂ used to burn fossil fuels is not going to make a huge difference to total atmospheric levels. Carbon is only 0.03% of Earth's crust. However we are all but totally out of CO₂ to grow our food crops. We are at an historic 500 mil year low. We are in a severe CO₂ drought. The small amount of CO₂ we are currently emitting is no where near enough. We need way way more. Burning all the fossil fuels will not be enough and make little difference to Earth's atmospheric oxygen levels. There is not enough stored carbon in fossil fuels in the Earth to be able to restore atmospheric and ocean CO₂ levels back to normality.

We need to process the CO₂ out of limestone. That does not reduce O₂ in the atmosphere and will mean stockpiling cement.

CO₂ has zero effect on the climate system

But to say that CO₂ is causing some sort of damage to the climate system is hysterics.

CO₂ has zero effect on the climate. No one has ever provided any scientific proof that it does. They only have theories. There are zero scientific papers in the empirical records that show, from observations based on experiment, CO₂ has a warming effect on Earth. There are experiments that show the contrary. The following papers explain why CO₂ has zero effect on climate.^{xxxviii}

If you were to excite almost every CO₂ molecule in the atmosphere with IR Radiation you do not generate enough energy to boil a kettle. There is not enough energy in all CO₂ molecules to provide any warming effect at all to the Earth.^{xxxix} In any event, the warming of the CO₂ molecules in the atmospheric is energy the Earth's surface gave up to the molecules. In giving up that energy the Earth's surface cooled creating a balance. There is no net extra warming and no new heat.^{xl}

The only thing that keeps this CO₂ warming scare alive is climate models. These are more appropriately called mathematical illusions. They are all unverified and unvalidated. They are all based on false assumptions namely that CO₂ has a radiative forcing effect. No one has ever measured this mythical warming of the Earth from radiation from a couple of CO₂ molecules. There are just two scientific papers in the empirical records where there was an attempt to measure this mythical warming. They measured zero.^{xli} These experiments show from measurements that there is zero radiative forcing effect from radiation from atmospheric molecules including water vapor. If the warming from radiation from these molecules is zero, it follows that the radiation forcing effect can only be zero. Despite all of this the mathematical illusions continue to falsely assume CO₂ has a radiative forcing value.

Conclusion

The Earth is in a severe CO₂ drought. Almost all the CO₂ that was ever present in our atmosphere has been permanently sequestered out into limestone. We are a miniscule amount short of not having enough to sustain any form of life on Earth.

There can be no concern with CO₂ levels until they reach toxic levels and that is very high. Considering the US military allow extended life in submarines with CO₂ levels at 7,000 ppm. The International Space Station is 5,000 ppm. Humans exhale 40,000 ppm from our lungs. It is 20,000 ppm inside a bike helmet. 4,000 ppm has never prevented the Earth from plunging into an ice age.

We are at the end of this interglacial warm period and about to enter the next ice age. During the last ice age the north pole ice cap extended down to London. New York

was under a kilometer of ice. Canada and Russia were under a number of kilometers of ice. Most of the world's arable land was under ice. We had almost no humans then. We now have close to 10 billion people to feed. The cold oceans will sequester most of the CO₂ out of the atmosphere. There will be very little land to grow food crops for all those people and little CO₂ for photosynthesis.

We need O₂ and CO₂. What is the best ratio? 15%-20% for O₂ and 1,000-2,000 ppm for CO₂ seems reasonable and sensible.

The Earth is currently in a severe CO₂ drought. Getting CO₂ back up to 2000ppm will make almost zero difference to oxygen levels and make no difference to the Earth's climate. But it will extend life on our planet.

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Everything you need to know about this sedimentary rock

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Louise Helen Kellogg; Donald L. Turcotte; Harsha Lokavarapu

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By Anne Marie Helmenstine, Ph.D. February 18, 2020

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- Colder ocean waters accept more CO₂ into solution; warmer ocean waters release CO₂ as CO₂ is less soluble in cooler waters.
 - Calcium carbonate occurs dissolved in seawater and fresh waters.
 - Calcium derives from the weathering of Ca-bearing minerals in rocks, like [plagioclase](#), and it is present in water as Ca²⁺ ions.
 - Atmospheric CO₂ dissolves in water producing H₂CO₃ (carbonic acid), a weak acid, following the reaction:
$$\text{CO}_2(\text{gas}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{liquid}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$$
 - H₂CO₃ dissociates in water as carbonate [CO₃²⁻] and bicarbonate [HCO₃⁻] ions:
 - $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^-$ and $\text{HCO}_3^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{2-}$
 - The precipitation of calcium carbonate [CaCO₃] from water is, hence, balanced by the reaction: $\text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{HCO}_3^- \rightleftharpoons \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$
[Calcite](#) is slightly soluble in water, where it dissociates to Ca²⁺ and (CO₃)²⁻, following the reaction:
$$\text{Ca}^{2+} + (\text{CO}_3)^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{CaCO}_3$$

The dissolution of carbonates is favoured by low temperature, high pressure, or high amounts of CO₂ dissolved in water. On the other hand, high temperatures, low pressures, or any process leading to a decrease of dissolved CO₂ favour the precipitation of carbonates from water. In nature, the balance between

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