# Can albedo change offset the climate benefit of carbon sequestrating practices?

## Albedi

## & Climate Change Mitigation

Soil organic carbon sequestration Radiative forcing Cropland

CH4 Biochemical effects

Cooling effects

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Flux tower

AFOLU Albedo

Biophysical effects

Transpiration

Carbon balance

Greenhouse gases emissions

Remote sensing

N20 Evaporation

Climate Change Mitigation

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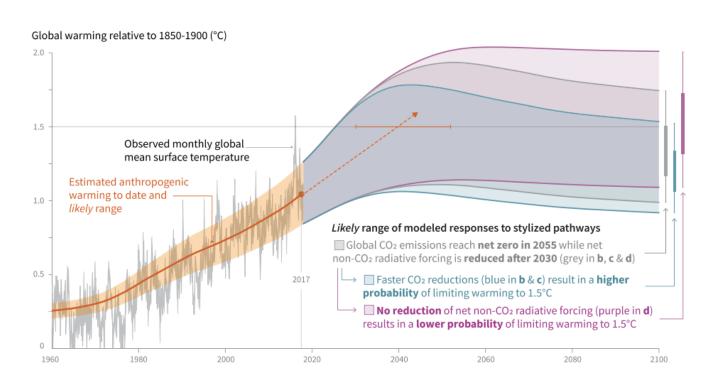


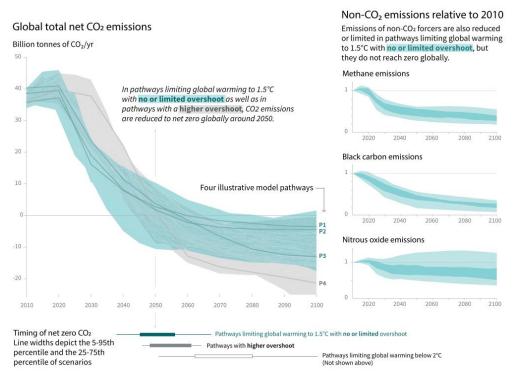






• The 2015 Paris Agreement of the UNFCCC aims to hold the rise in global average temperatures by 2100 to "well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels".



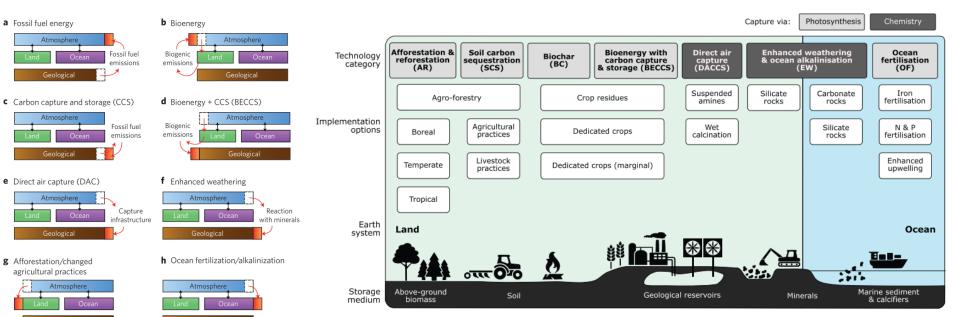


IPCC 2018, SR1.5

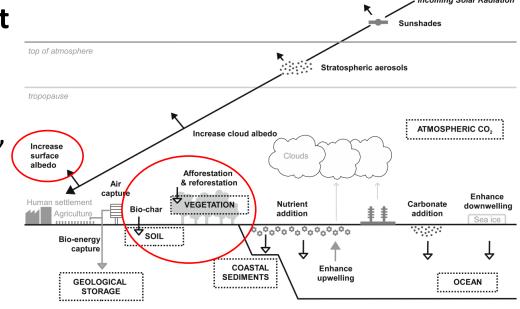
• Remaining carbon budget of 420-570 GtCO<sub>2</sub> for a 66% probability of limiting warming to  $1.5^{\circ}$ C. This remaining budget is being depleted by current emissions of  $42 \pm 3$  GtCO<sub>2</sub> per year (IPCC 2018, SR1.5).

- Integrated assessment pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require rapid and farreaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure (including transport and buildings), and industrial systems (IPCC 2018, SR1.5). Decarbonizing the economy.
- All pathways that limit global warming to 1.5°C project the use of carbon dioxide removal (CDR) on the order of 100–1000 GtCO<sub>2</sub> over the 21st century. CDR would be used to compensate for residual emissions and, in most cases, achieve net negative emissions to return global warming to 1.5°C following a peak (IPCC 2018, SR1.5).

Negative Emissions Technologies (NETs)



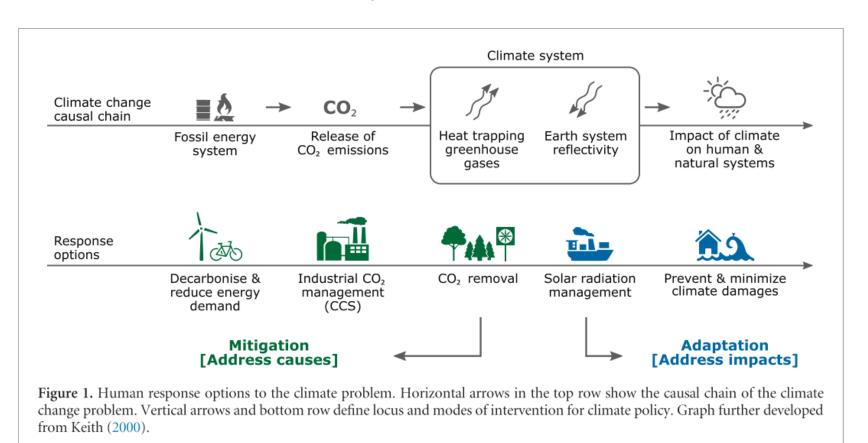
- Climate **geoengineering**: solar radiation management (SRM) or carbon dioxide removal (CDR)
- SRM measures are not included integrated assessment pathways (IPCC 2018, SR1.5). Large uncertainties and knowledge gaps, substantial risks and institutional and social constraints to deployment related to governance, ethics, and impacts on sustainable development
- CDR addresses the cause rather than simply the consequence of GHG emissions. Also helps directly mitigate ocean acidification and its potential marine ecological impacts (Ridgwell et al., 2012 *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A*)



Vaughan and Lenton 2011, Climatic Change

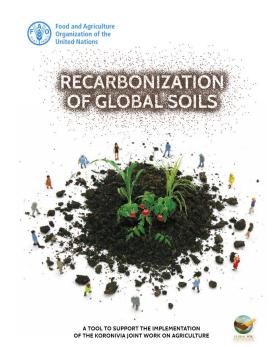
• CDR and SRM are not mutually exclusive of each other, potential for synergies, but also tradeoffs. Especially for land-based NETs, natural climate solutions and surface albedo management (Singarayer and Davies-Barnard 2012 *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A*)

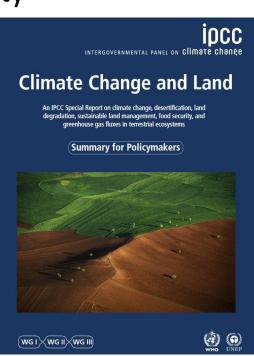
Regional land radiative management and cropland albedo management can be an effective measure for temperature mitigation, especially for hot extremes (Davin et al., 2014 PNAS; Wilhem et al., 2015 J Geophys Res Atmos; Seneviratne et al., 2018 Nature Geoscience; Seneviratne et al., 2018 Phil Trans R Soc A).

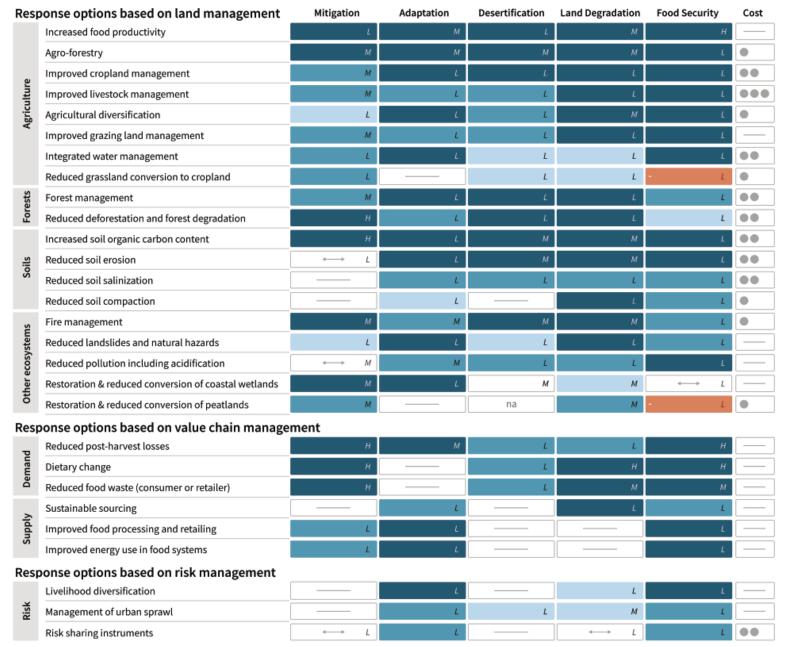


- Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) responsible for 23% of total anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions (2007-2016) (IPCC 2019, SRCCL).
- Since the pre-industrial period, the land surface air temperature has risen nearly twice as much as the global average temperature (IPCC 2019, SRCCL).
- Many land-related responses that contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation can also combat desertification and land degradation and enhance food security

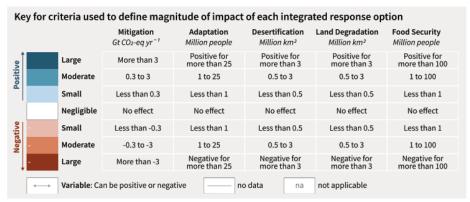
- 4 per Thousand Initiative, Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture, FAO RECSOIL...
- → Critical role of land use and land management for climate change mitigation





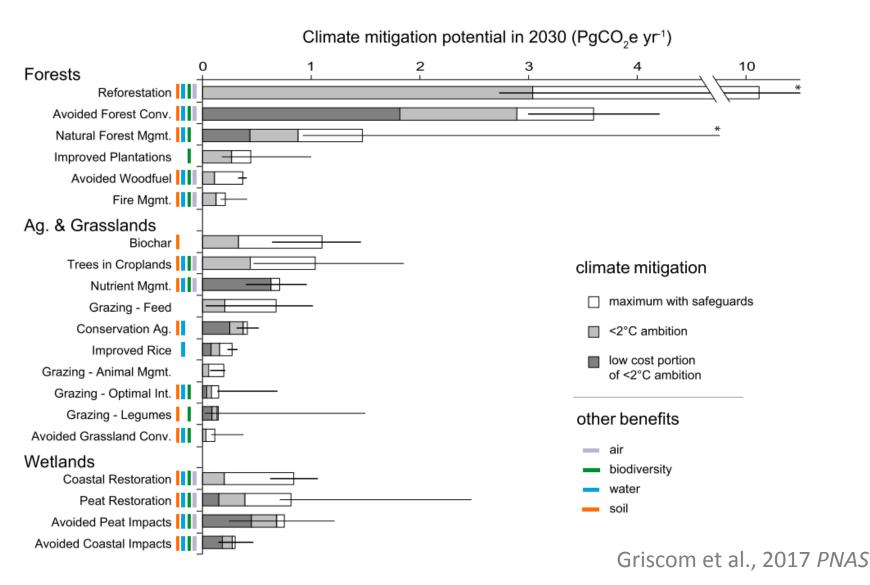


Potential global contribution of response options to mitigation, adaptation, combating desertification and land degradation, and enhancing food security

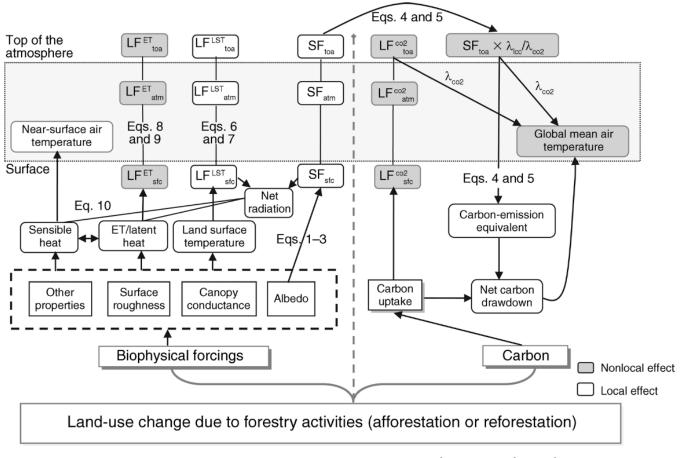


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H High confidence M Medium confidence L Low confidence
Cost range See technical caption for cost ranges in US\$ tCO <sub>2</sub> e <sup>-1</sup> or US\$ ha <sup>-1</sup> .
High cost  Medium cost  Low cost  no data

The maximum potential of NCS—when constrained by food security, fiber security, and biodiversity conservation—is 23.8 petagrams of  $CO_2$  equivalent (PgCO<sub>2</sub>e) y<sup>-1</sup> (95% Cl 20.3–37.4).



→ Can climate change mitigation only be achieved through biochemical effects of carbon sequestrating practices? What about biophysical effects? Are they important/relevant? Is surface albedo management only about climate change adaptation?



SF: Shortwave radiative forcing

LF: Longwave radiative forcing

ET: Evapotranspiration

Zhao and Jackson 2014, Ecological Monographs

• Highly complex – radiative budget & water cycle

- Increased climate benefit due to biophysical effects for reduced tillage and irrigation (Lobell et al., 2006 *Geophysical Research Letters*), cover crops (Carrer et al., 2018 *Environmental Research Letters*).
- Others reported total or partial offset of climate benefit due to biophysical effects, for forests/afforestation (Betts 2000 Nature; Luyssaert al., 2018 Nature), biochar (Bozzi et al., 2015 Environmental Research Letters)
- A same practice can have opposite biophysical effects depending on soil type, latitude, etc. Hirsch et al., (2018) Global Change Biology found that conservation agriculture (CA) generally contributes to local cooling (~1°C) of hot temperature extremes in mid-latitude regions, while over tropical locations CA contributes to local warming (~1°C): changes in the partitioning of evapotranspiration between soil evaporation and transpiration are critical for the sign of the temperature change

#### The workshop – keynote speakers



**Ryan BRIGHT** (NIBIO)



**Eric CESCHIA** (INRAe/CESBIO)



**Philippe CIAIS** (LSCE)



**Edouard DAVIN** (ETHZ)



**Morgan FERLICOQ** (CESBIO)



**Lorenzo GENESIO** (IBE-CNR)



**Emanuele LUGATO** (JRC)



**Sebastiaan LUYSSAERT** (VU Amsterdam)



Jean-Louis ROUJEAN Sonia SENEVIRATNE (CNRS)



(ETHZ)



**Petra SIEBER** (SLU)



**Aude VALADE** (CIRAD)

#### The workshop – program

#### • 5 keynotes each half day.

#### Can albedo change offset the climate benefit of carbon sequestrating practices?

**3 December 2020:** How to measure albedo change and related biophysical effects? How to compare biochemical and biophysical effects of carbon sequestrating practices? How to compute radiative forcing of land use and management? Methodological aspects

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Schedule	Title	Speaker	
13:30-13:40	Welcome and Introduction	Rémi CARDINAEL (CIRAD)	
13:40-13:50	Presentation of the CLAND Convergence Institute	Philippe CIAIS (LSCE)	
13:50-14:00	Presentation of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases	Hayden MONTGOMERY (GRA)	
14:00-14:10	Presentation of the 4 per Thousand Initiative	Paul LUU (4P1000)	
14:10-14:50	Biophysical land-use-climate interactions in low-emissions scenarios	Sonia SENEVIRATNE (ETHZ)	
14:50-15:30	A review of CO2-equivalent metrics for surface albedo change in land management contexts	Ryan BRIGHT (NIBIO)	
15:30-15:45	Break		
15:45-16:25	Prioritizing conservation and restoration based on the overall climatic value of forests	Edouard DAVIN (ETHZ)	
16:25-17:05	Crops, albedo and climate impact from a life cycle perspective	Petra SIEBER (SLU)	
17:05-17:45	Land surface albedo at high spatial resolution from a merging of Sentinel-2 and Landsat-8 data; analysis of times series at landscape scale and validation	Jean-Louis ROUJEAN (CNRS)	

<b>4 December 2020:</b> Land use and management, albedo, carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation			
8:30-8:40	Welcome and Introduction	Rémi CARDINAEL (CIRAD)	
8:40-9:20	Shall we consider biogeochemical and biogeophysical effects to prioritize changes in cropland management in a perspective of climate change mitigation?	Eric CESCHIA (CESBIO), Morgan FERLICOQ (CESBIO)	
9:20-10:00	A (pale) green revolution for the 'Green deal'	Emanuele LUGATO (JRC)	
10:00-10:40	Biochar and albedo: facts and perspectives	Lorenzo GENESIO (CNR)	
10:40-10:55	Break		
10:55-11:35	Global biophysical climate change induced by bioenergy crop plantation	Philippe CIAIS (LSCE)	
11:35-12:15	Forest management cools the Earth! Did it? Will it?	Sebastiaan LUYSSAERT (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Aude VALADE (CIRAD)	
12:15-12:30	Workshop wrap-up		

• 30 minutes talk + 10 minutes questions. Questions can be sent in the chat. A Google Doc will be shared for un-answered questions.

#### Who is organizing?









Previous workshop organized by CLAND:



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RESEARCH REVIEW



### Can N<sub>2</sub>O emissions offset the benefits from soil organic carbon storage?

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#### **Short presentation of CIRAD**





### A French public research organization with an international vocation

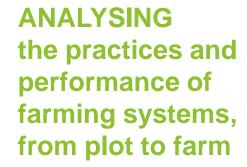
- CIRAD is the French agricultural research and international cooperation organization working for the sustainable development of tropical and Mediterranean regions
- A staff of 1650 including 800 researchers
- 6 key thematic fields: Biodiversity, Integrated health approach, Agroecological transitions,
   Territories, Food systems, Climate change

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development agricultural local know-how supply chains family farming forests animal health biomass climate ecosystems territories change plant health landscapes food public policy genome security biodiversity health emerging diseases agro-ecology
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#### **Short presentation of CIRAD**

#### Three scientific departments

UNDERSTANDING biological systems, from molecule to ecosystem



SUPPORTING players in rural areas, from a local to a global level





**Biological Systems Department (BIOS)** 

11 research units

**Tropical Production and Processing Systems Department (PERSYST)** 

12 research units

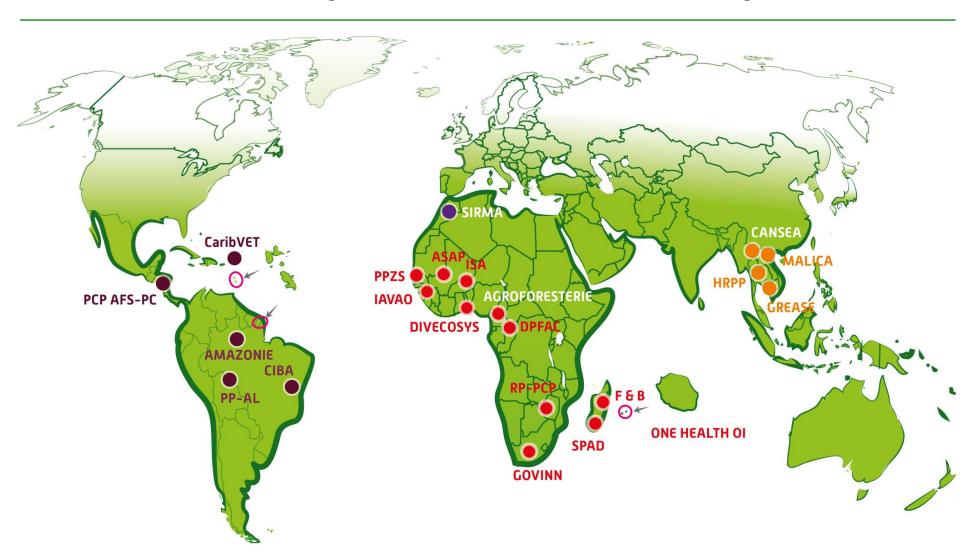
Environment and Societies Department (ES)

10 research units

#### **Short presentation of CIRAD**

#### 22 platforms in partnership for research and training

**350** researchers assigned abroad and in the French overseas regions



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