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Sea-Air CO₂ Fluxes and Implications

Message from the Guest Editor

Carbon dioxide (CO2) is one of the main greenhouse gases and is emitted into the atmosphere primarily via the burning of fossil fuels and land use changes. Additionally, the division of carbon dioxide, both natural and anthropogenic, among the atmosphere, land, and the ocean, is known to be sensitive to climate variability. The growth in atmospheric CO2 is dampened by the land biosphere and ocean. However, the uptake of excess CO2 by the ocean is lowering the seawater pH, a process known as ocean acidification. At present, there are several key questions to be answered concerning the ocean-atmosphere exchange of CO2, including the processes controlling seasonal to decadal variability in its fluxes, the feedback between the ocean CO2 sink and other climate change processes, the role of biological processes, and the quantification of the fluxes in the land-ocean continuum. This Special Issue of Atmosphere is dedicated to papers addressing oceanatmosphere CO2 fluxes via observations, remote sensing and modelling studies, as well as the application of novel observing tools, platforms and future climate scenarios.

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