

Supplementary Online Material

Organic carbon dynamics after additions of pyrogenic organic matter and crop residues over seven years

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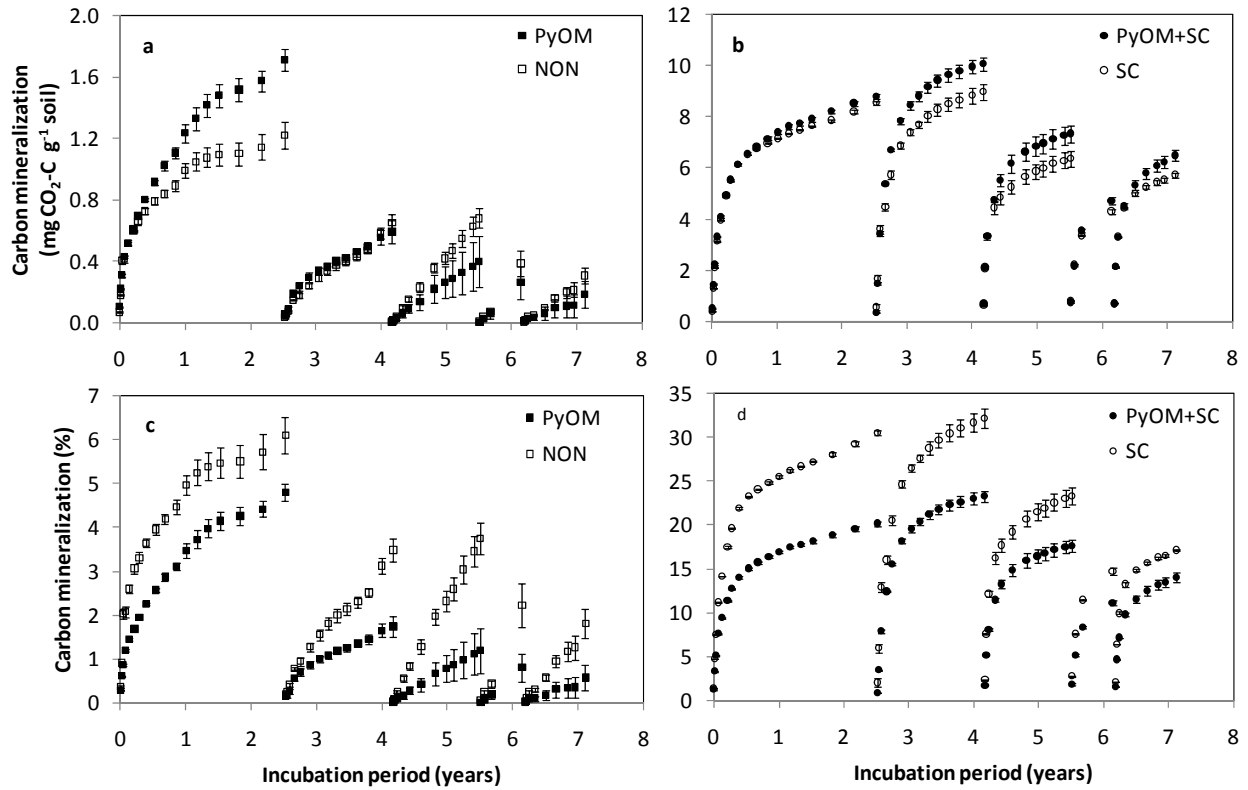
Supplementary Online Table S1.

Pool sizes and their mineralization rate constants estimated after each sugarcane addition and/or disturbance during the incubation period (n=3). After the first disturbance, the shape of the cumulative CO₂ release curves without sugarcane additions did not follow an exponential trend (Supplementary Online Fig. S1). As a result, RMSE of the double-exponential regression models were very high and parameters were not estimated for those two treatments. The number of data points collected during the fourth sugarcane addition and/or disturbance was insufficient to fit a two-compartment model.

Constant	SC addition	Duration (days)	Easily mineralizable pool‡				Persistent pool‡			
			PyOM†	PyOM+SC	SC	NON	PyOM	PyOM+SC	SC	NON
Size (X) (mg g ⁻¹)	1	920	0.33 _B ^c	3.96 _B ^b	4.76 _A ^a	0.40 _B ^c	1.49 _A ^c	4.78 _A ^a	4.01 _B ^b	0.84 _A ^d
	2	602	ne	4.89 _A ^a	2.97 _B ^b	ne	ne	5.29 _A ^a	6.01 _A ^a	ne
	3	487	ne	3.05 _A ^a	3.63 _A ^a	ne	ne	4.31 _A ^a	2.95 _A ^a	ne
	5	340	ne	2.63 _A ^a	2.58 _A ^a	ne	ne	3.87 _A ^a	3.08 _A ^a	ne
Rate (k) (year ⁻¹)	1	920	55.6 _A ^a	18.6 _A ^b	12.1 _A ^c	44.2 _A ^a	0.94 _B ^a	1.30 _B ^a	0.92 _B ^a	1.24 _B ^a
	2	602	ne	13.6 _A ^b	34.5 _A ^a	ne	ne	2.12 _B ^a	2.62 _B ^a	ne
	3	487	ne	73.0 _A ^a	35.2 _A ^a	ne	ne	2.94 _B ^a	1.96 _B ^a	ne
	5	340	ne	70.4 _A ^a	90.7 _A ^a	ne	ne	3.88 _B ^a	5.45 _B ^a	ne

† ne – not estimated because data did not follow exponential pattern.

‡ In a given row, values within one pool with the same superscript letters, and values within one treatment with the same subscript letters are not significantly different at p<0.05.



Supplementary Online Fig. S1. Cumulative C mineralized (a and b) after each sugarcane addition (or disturbance) and C mineralized as a proportion of initial OC present (c and d) at each addition of either PyOM (PyOM), sugarcane (SC), the combination of PyOM and sugarcane (PyOM+SC) and no additions (NON) during the incubation period. Note the differences in scales of the y-axes (means and standard errors; n=3).