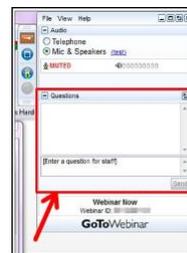




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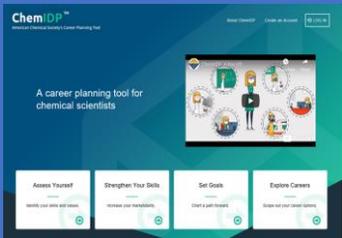
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Thinking in Systems: Designing for Sustainable Use
June 6-8, 2022 / Reston, VA, USA



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New Polymers in Space

Long-Term Exploration Beyond Our Planet



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Moderator: Sadeq Malakooti, NASA John H Glenn Research Center

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What You Will Learn:

- How copoly (carbonate urethane) materials can create reusable materials applications
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How Wildfire Smoke

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- What are the compounds associated in smoke and smoke taint in wine
- How smoke taint compounds end up in wine
- How individuals perceive the aroma and flavor of smoke

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Predicting the Biggest Chemistry Advances of 2022



Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 @ 2-3pm ET
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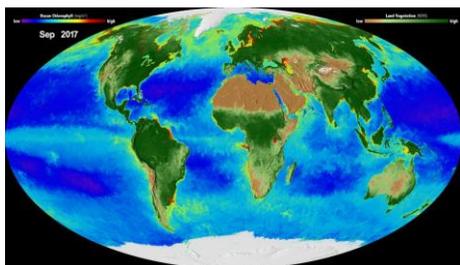
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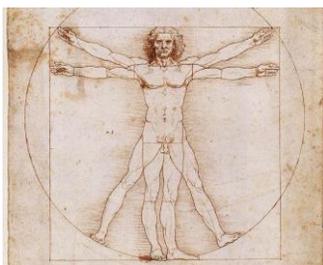
Systems Thinking

Systems thinking is a holistic approach for examining complex, real-world systems, in which the focus is not on the individual components of the system but on the dynamic interrelationships between the components and on the patterns and behaviors that emerge from those interrelationships.

York et al. J. Chem. Educ. 2019, 96, 2742.



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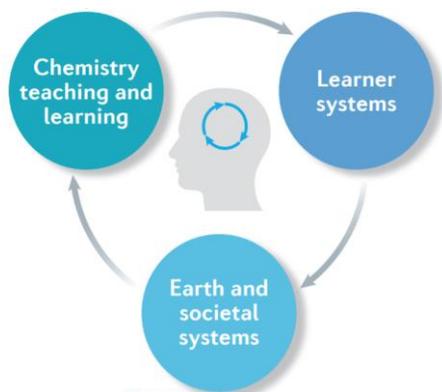
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Systems Thinking in Chemistry Education



Mahaffy et al. Nature Reviews Chemistry, 2018



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Potential benefits for students taking chemistry courses



- Make students aware of chemistry's role and potential role in solving grand societal challenges
- Increase motivation to learn chemistry content
- Better able to see connections between chemistry and other disciplines
- Increased focus on critical thinking and problem solving
- Counterbalance reductionist approaches, which though useful can result in fragmented knowledge that is siloed by discipline

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Systems thinker in chemistry education can:



York, S.; Orgill, M. J. Chem. Educ. 2020, 97, 2114.

- Recognize a system as a whole, not just as a collection of parts.
- Examine the relationships between the parts of a system and how those interconnections lead to cyclic system behaviors.
- Identify variables that cause system behaviors, including unique system-level emergent behaviors.
- Examine how system behaviors change over time.
- Identify interactions between a system and its environment, including the human components of the environment.

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Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



How familiar are you with systems thinking and its use in chemistry education?

- It's new to me
- I have heard of it
- I can describe aspects of it
- I am developing systems thinking oriented learning materials
- I use it in my courses



** If your answer differs greatly from the choices above tell us in the chat!*

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Systems thinking underpins green and sustainable chemistry



Where did the materials come from?

What happens to the waste?

What will happen to the molecule or material at the end of its use?

How much energy is needed? Where does that come from?

What is the toxicity of the chemicals being used, of the products, and of the waste?

Who might be exposed and what steps are being taken to reduce risks?

What is the utility of this molecule or material- practical and/or furthering knowledge?

What are chemistry students being taught and mentored to be concerned about?



<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/chemistry/news/photos#>

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ACS GCI project aims to develop green and sustainable chemistry modules with a systems thinking lens



- ACS GCI is leading a 3-year project for higher-ed general chemistry and organic chemistry instructors to develop modules focused on green and sustainable chemistry and systems thinking for dissemination to the broader community.
- Module developer teams are focusing on individual chemistry topics.
- The idea is to reframe core chemistry topics from a systems thinking and green chemistry perspective rather than introduce extensive “new” material.
- Explicit focus on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDGs) and green and sustainable chemistry.
- Our role is to develop an introductory module for this project.

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Development teams will create modules to benefit students and instructors

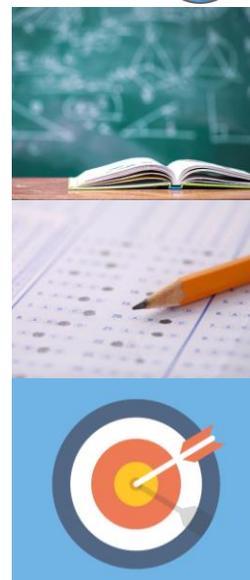


Project overview:

- Each team consists of two instructors and an assessment consultant.
- Teams meet regularly throughout the year to develop module materials, e.g., slides, assignments, activities, and assessments.
- Teams are tasked with developing two modules, each covering one fundamental topic in the chemistry curriculum.

Project goals:

- Teach green and sustainable chemistry design
- Empower students to address important, complex problems
- Encourage interdisciplinary practice
- Foster cross cultural and societal perspectives
- Improve student learning, interest, and retention



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Project has a three-year timeline with several checkpoints



Overall Timeline:

Pilot first modules Fall 2021 / Spring 2022
 Pilot second modules Fall 2022 / Spring 2023

Each module also has its own timeline with checkpoints



Phase I: Development of materials

- Initial plan
- Outline
- LOs
- Summative assessment
- Check ins with assessment consultant
- GCI check in
- Review against rubric
- Revision to pass rubric
- Iterate

Phase II: Piloting

- Implementation notes
- GCI check in

Phase III: Post pilot revisions

- Outline
- More check ins
- Workshop / peer recommendations
- GCI and assessment consultant approval
- Prepare for publication

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The module development page lists all participants



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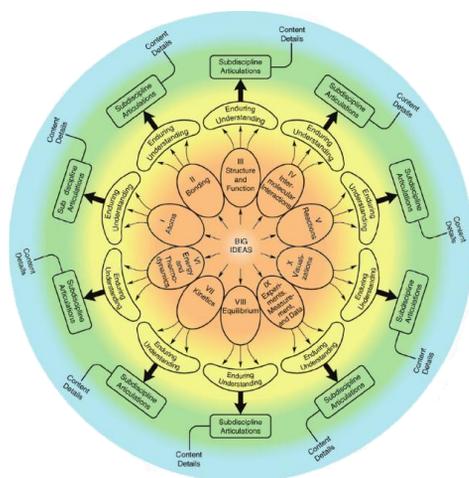
Starting in 2020, the ACS Green Chemistry Institute is initiating a 3-year project to develop green and sustainable chemistry education resources for undergraduate students studying general and organic chemistry. These resources will integrate green and sustainable chemistry using a systems thinking lens and the [U.N. Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) to set the context.

This year, our team has been working to develop a rubric to guide the development and evaluation of the education modules. The rubric

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Connect foundational chemistry concepts to grand challenges



<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

Holme et al. J. Chem. Educ. 2020, 374.
Murphy et al. J Chem. Educ. 2012, 715.

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Green and Sustainable Chemistry Modules in Development



General Chemistry

electronic structure and periodic properties
stoichiometry
intermolecular forces
gas laws
thermochemistry
equilibrium
electrochemistry

Organic Chemistry

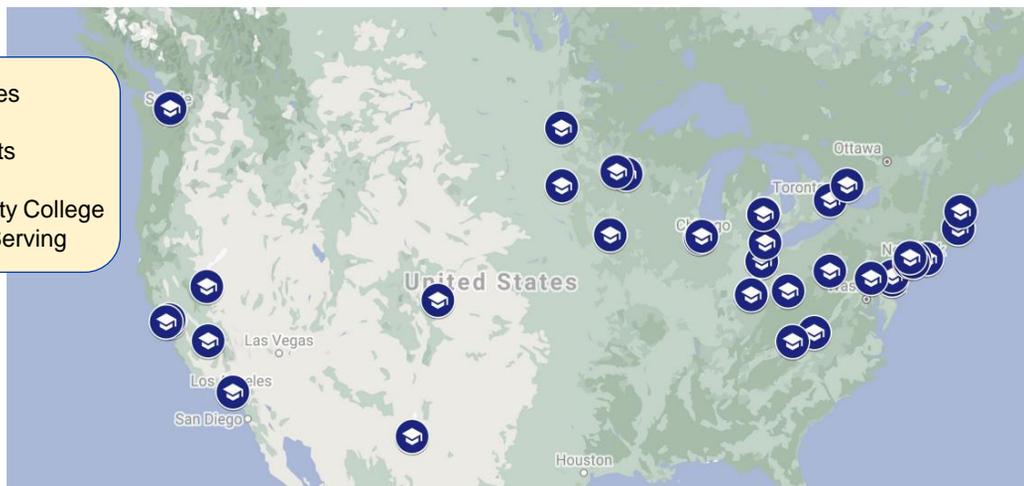
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green chemistry principles in synthetic design
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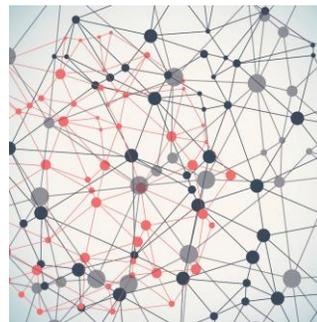


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We were tasked with developing an intro module for the ACS-GCI systems thinking project



- It became apparent early on that instructors and students would want an intro to systems thinking
- **Our module aims to introduce:**
 - The overall concept of systems thinking
 - Key vocabulary
 - Common concepts and visualizations in systems thinking
 - How to apply systems thinking to chemistry topics



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We aim for our module to be useful to a wide variety of classroom settings



- Module is meant to be modular – can be applied to different classes, different points in the semester, and using the most relevant pieces
- Consistently use common terminology – builds the foundation for future systems thinking material
- Mixture of in-class and at-home activities
- Variety of activities – e.g., solo, small group, think-pair-share, guided worksheets, etc.
- Trying to emphasize relevance to chemistry
- Tied into sustainability and UN SDGs
- Connections to other classes (bio, phys, eng)
- Hope students will carry concepts throughout students' academic journeys – Gen Chem, Organic, etc.



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Units in our Introductory Module



1. What are systems and what is a systems thinking approach to complex phenomena?
2. Why is systems thinking valuable in chemistry and in learning chemistry?
3. Spatial and temporal scales and system boundaries
4. Feedback loops
5. Stock-flow diagrams and systems dynamics models
6. Applying systems thinking to grocery bags: identifying environmental impacts and potential leverage points

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Unit 1: What are systems and what is a systems thinking approach to complex phenomena?



Learning Objective:

Define fundamental systems thinking terminology

Match the following terms with the definitions below and rate your level of confidence in your answers

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| A. System | E. Emergent attribute | H. Flux or flow | L. Balancing feedback loop |
| B. Component | F. State | I. Sink | M. Boundary |
| C. Coupling | G. Reinforcing feedback loop | J. Source | |
| D. Stock or reservoir | | K. Perturbation | |

1. _____ A set of elements or parts that is coherently organized and interconnected in a pattern or structure that produces a characteristic set of behaviors, often classified as its “function” or “purpose”
Confidence in this answer: ___ Very high; ___ High; ___ Medium; ___ Low; ___ Very low

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Unit 2: Why is systems thinking valuable in chemistry and in learning chemistry?



Learning Objective:

Discuss how systems thinking guides chemistry in contributing to attaining the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs)



<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

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UNSDG Activity

Example problems from the activity:

- Identify some components in the systems relevant to your assigned UNSDG
- Look at the targets for your assigned UNSDG. List 2-3 products, processes, or innovations that chemistry has contributed or could contribute to help reach targets for this UNSDG.
- Pick one of your answers to question 2 and describe how it connects to the system. Who would chemists need to work with to implement the product, process, or innovation?

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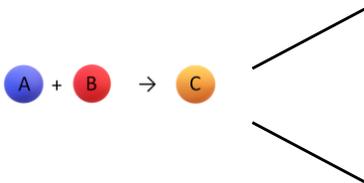
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Unit 3: Spatial and temporal scales and system boundaries



Learning Objectives:

Identify what size and time scale is appropriate for a given problem or system
Identify how size scales apply to different fields in science



Molecules
Chemistry
What chemical reactions are involved in the formation of pollutants?



Fuel injector / cylinder
Physics / engineering
What geometry is best for the fuel nozzle to optimize fuel efficiency?



Engine
Physics / engineering
What temperature minimizes formation of harmful compounds?

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Example Lecture Slide: Why boundaries are important



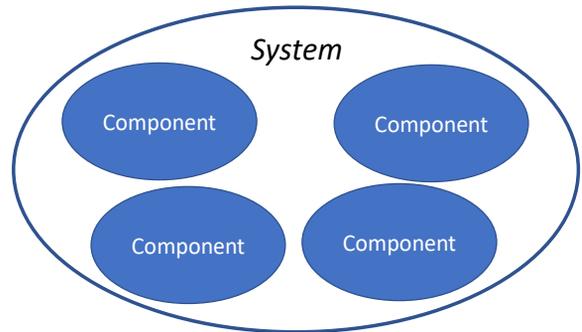
Learning Objectives:

Define system boundaries and explain how to set your system boundaries

When mapping out or diagramming a system, it is often tempting to include every imaginable component – you are modeling a complex topic after all!

However, it's important to define boundaries:

- Can focus on the problem in question
- Helps utilize proper expertise
- Reduces errors
- Saves time / effort
- Helps compartmentalize complex problems



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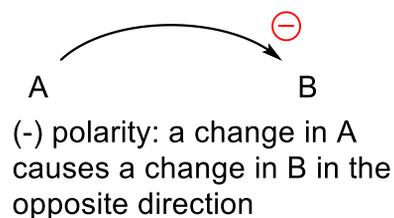
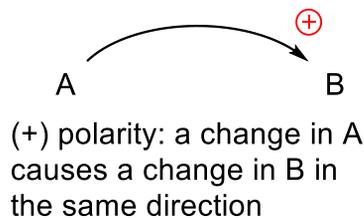
Unit 4: Feedback Loops



Learning Objectives:

Identify a feedback loop as being reinforcing or balancing

Analyze a causal loop diagram, including assigning link polarities



Polarity of linkers in causal loop digrams

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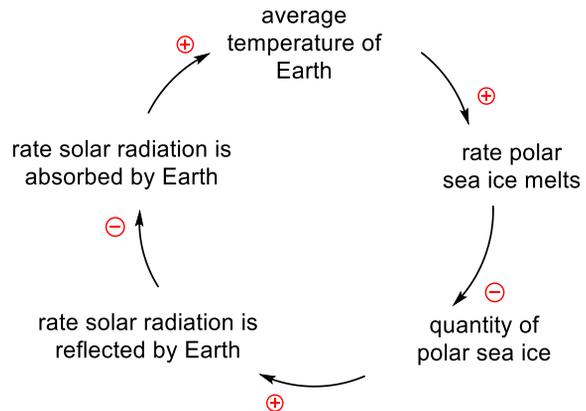


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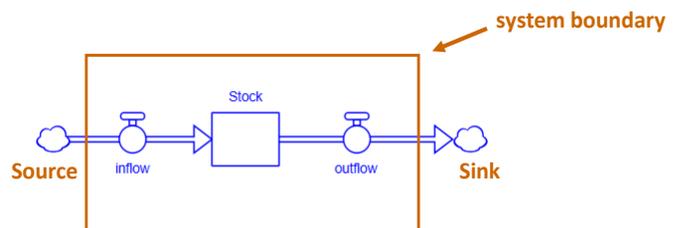
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Unit 5: Stock-flow diagrams and systems dynamics models



Learning Objectives:

Identify stocks and flows in stock-flow diagrams, and identify appropriate units for them



Stock

the amount of mass, material, energy, or information that has accumulated over time

Flow

the rate that matter or energy moves; has units of amount per unit time

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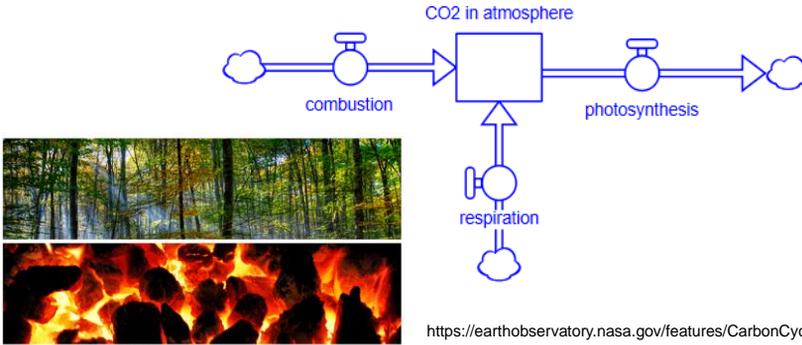
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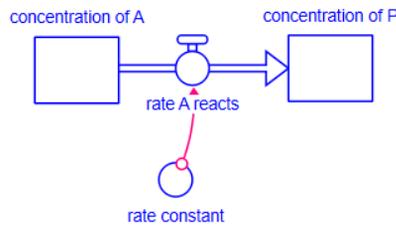
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Explain how the progress of a chemical reaction can be modeled using a systems dynamics model



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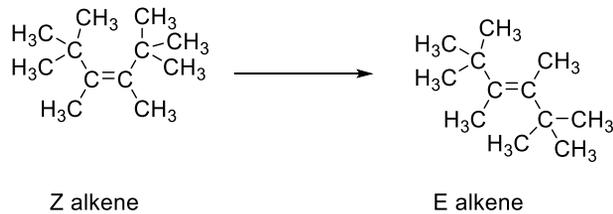
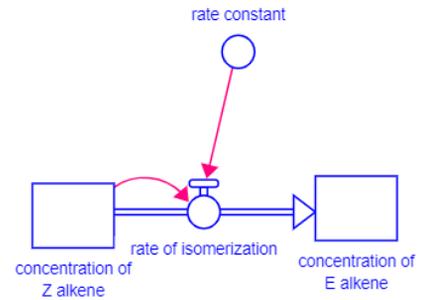
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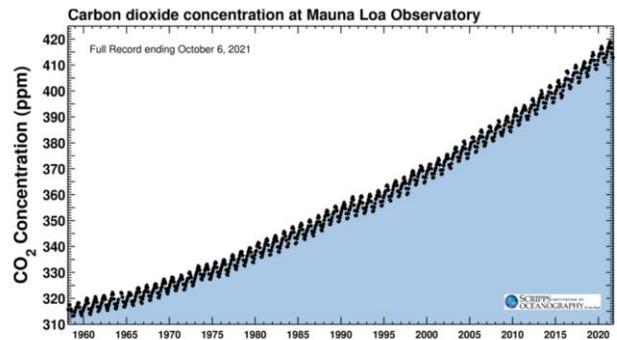
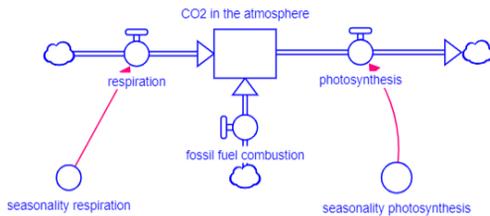
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Unit 6: Applying Systems Thinking to Grocery Bags: Identifying Environmental Impacts and Potential Leverage Points



Learning Objectives:

Apply concepts from these introductory units to analyze the life cycle of three different types of grocery bags.

Identify potential chemical products or processes and changes in individual or societal behavior that could reduce environmental impacts of grocery bags.



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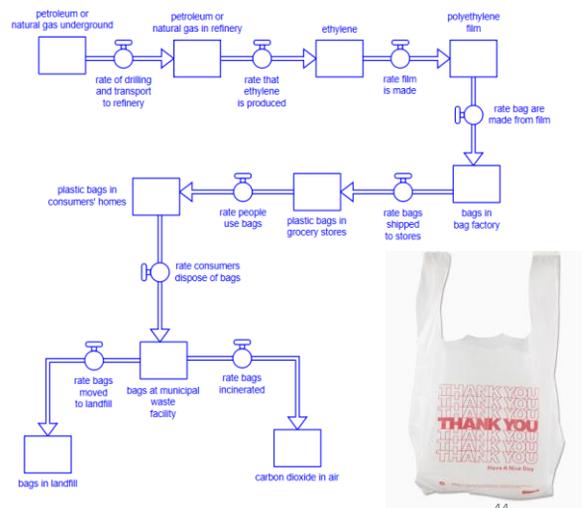
Unit 6: Applying Systems Thinking to Grocery Bags



Energy is used in gathering raw materials, carrying out industrial processes, and transporting goods between locations. Likewise, waste / pollution / greenhouse gases which can affect air and water quality are produced throughout the life cycle.

- Describe how energy is used in three specific steps in the diagram.
- Identify waste / pollution / greenhouse gases produced by three specific steps in the diagram.

Recycling and reusing are not depicted in the diagram. Add stocks and/or flows (i.e., boxes and/or arrows) to show what happens to a bag if it is reused or recycled.

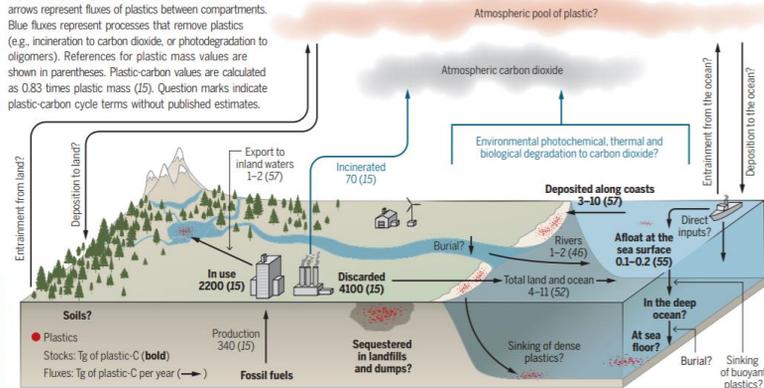


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Unit 6: Applying Systems Thinking to Grocery Bags

Fig. 1. The global plastic-carbon cycle circa 2015. Black arrows represent fluxes of plastics between compartments. Blue fluxes represent processes that remove plastics (e.g., incineration to carbon dioxide, or photodegradation to oligomers). References for plastic mass values are shown in parentheses. Plastic-carbon values are calculated as 0.83 times plastic mass (15). Question marks indicate plastic-carbon cycle terms without published estimates.



Stubbins et al Science 2021, 373, 51.

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Approach to Assessment



Formative assessments: mix of activities using multiple modalities: individual, small group, in class, at home, guided inquiry, self-reflection

Summative assessments: mostly exam questions – MC and free response. Working on “rubric” for answers

Challenges:

- Want to assess learning objectives centered on systems thinking, but do not want to lose sight of chemistry
- Difficult to build assessments when it is unclear when during the semester the module will be used



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Assessment Question Examples

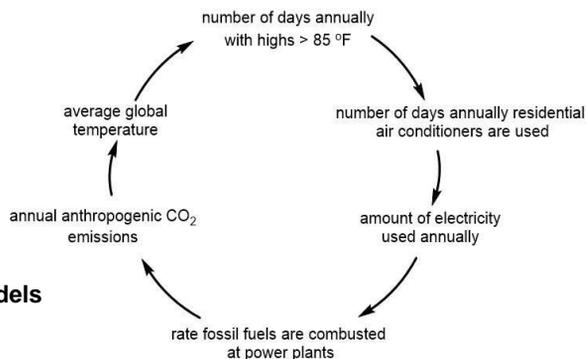


Unit 1: terminology; what is a systems thinking approach

Say that you have a vegetable garden, and the productivity of it is much lower this year than it was last year. Describe a reductionist approach to figuring out why productivity decreased? Describe a systems thinking approach to figuring out why productivity decreased?

Unit 4: feedback loops and causal loop diagrams

Indicate the polarities (plus or minus) for each of the linkers. Explain your reasoning for each. Indicate if this loop is balancing or reinforcing.



Unit 5: stock flow diagrams and systems dynamics models

Label each of the following as a stock or a flow.

- Concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere
- Amount of methane in the Marcellus Shale
- Annual increase in atmospheric CO₂ concentration
- Temperature of a reaction flask

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Piloting of the Module



Connecting chemistry content to global challenges engaged students

Time pressures when adding additional content



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Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



Which do you think is the GREATEST potential benefit of a systems thinking approach in foundational chemistry classes?

- Make students aware of chemistry's role and potential role in solving grand societal challenges
- Increase motivation to learn chemistry content
- Better able to see connections between chemistry and other disciplines
- Increased focus on critical thinking and problem solving
- Other (Let us know more in the questions window!)



** If your answer differs greatly from the choices above tell us in the chat!*

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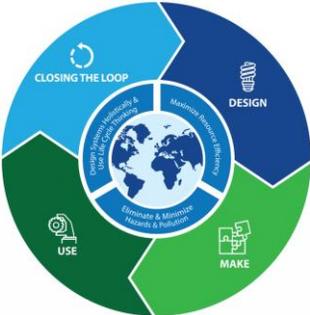


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