GEF4400 "The Earth System"

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- **Lecture/ interactive seminar/ field excursion**
  Teaching language: English
  Time and location: Monday 12:15-14:00
  Thursday 14:15-16:00, CIENS Glasshallen 2.
- **Study program**
  Master of meteorology and oceanography
  PhD course for meteorology and oceanography students
- **Credits and conditions:**
  The successful completion of the course includes an **oral presentation (weight 50%)**, a **successful completion of the Andøya field excursion** (mandatory), a **field report**, as well as a final **oral examination (50%)**. Student presentations will be part of the course.

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Changed GEF4400/9400 time schedule during November 2015:

Mo. 02.11.15: 10:00-12:30, Wed 04.11.15 10:15-12:00

Mo. 09.11.15: 10:00-12:30, Wed 11.11.15 10:15-12:00

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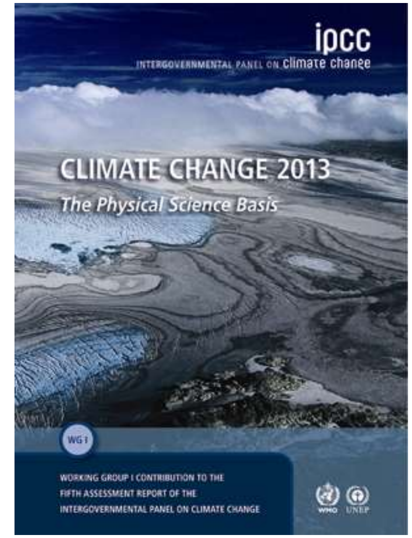
IPCC Chapter 6: **Carbon and other biogeochemical cycles**



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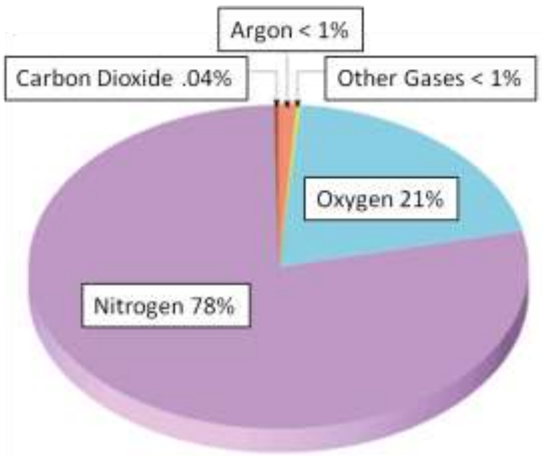
Carbon dioxide (CO_2) in the atmosphere

Background

Content of air

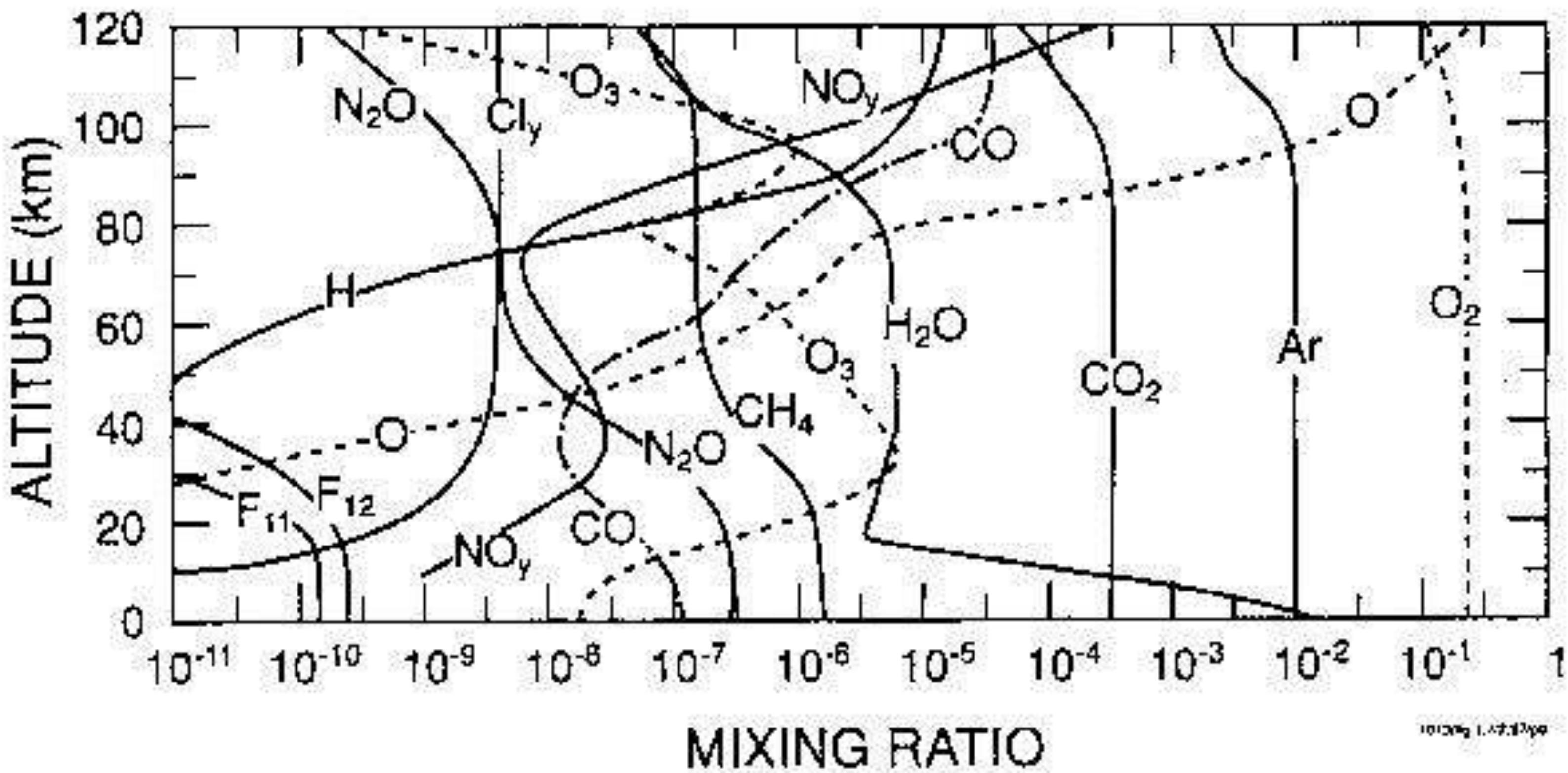
Percent of volume (%)

Nitrogen N_2	78
Oxygen O_2	21
Inert gases (Ar)	0.9
	99.9



Carbon dioxide CO_2	0.04, varying
Ozone O_3	0.00005, varying
Water vapour H_2O	highly varying
+ other trace gases	

Background



Typical vertical distribution of chemical species within the air [Brasseur, 1999].

Mixing ratios of trace gases

1 ppm (1 part per million) 1 particle CO_2 per 10^6 particles air
1 ppb (1 part per billion): 1 particle CO_2 per 10^9 particles air
1 ppt (1 part per trillion): 1 particle CO_2 per 10^{12} particles air

“v”: per volume
“m”: per mass

Mixing ratio is a relative unit → taking the air density into account

Absolute unit: concentration of a trace gas (e.g. given in mPa, nbar, Dobson units for ozone)

Carbon dioxide

Molecular formula	CO_2
Molar mass	44.010 g/mol
Appearance	colorless, odorless gas
	(gas at 1 atm and 0 °C; 1 atm =1013.25 hPa)
	(solid at 1 atm and −78.5 °C)
	(liquid at 56 atm and 20 °C)
Dipole moment	zero
Molecular shape	linear
Spectral data	UV, IR

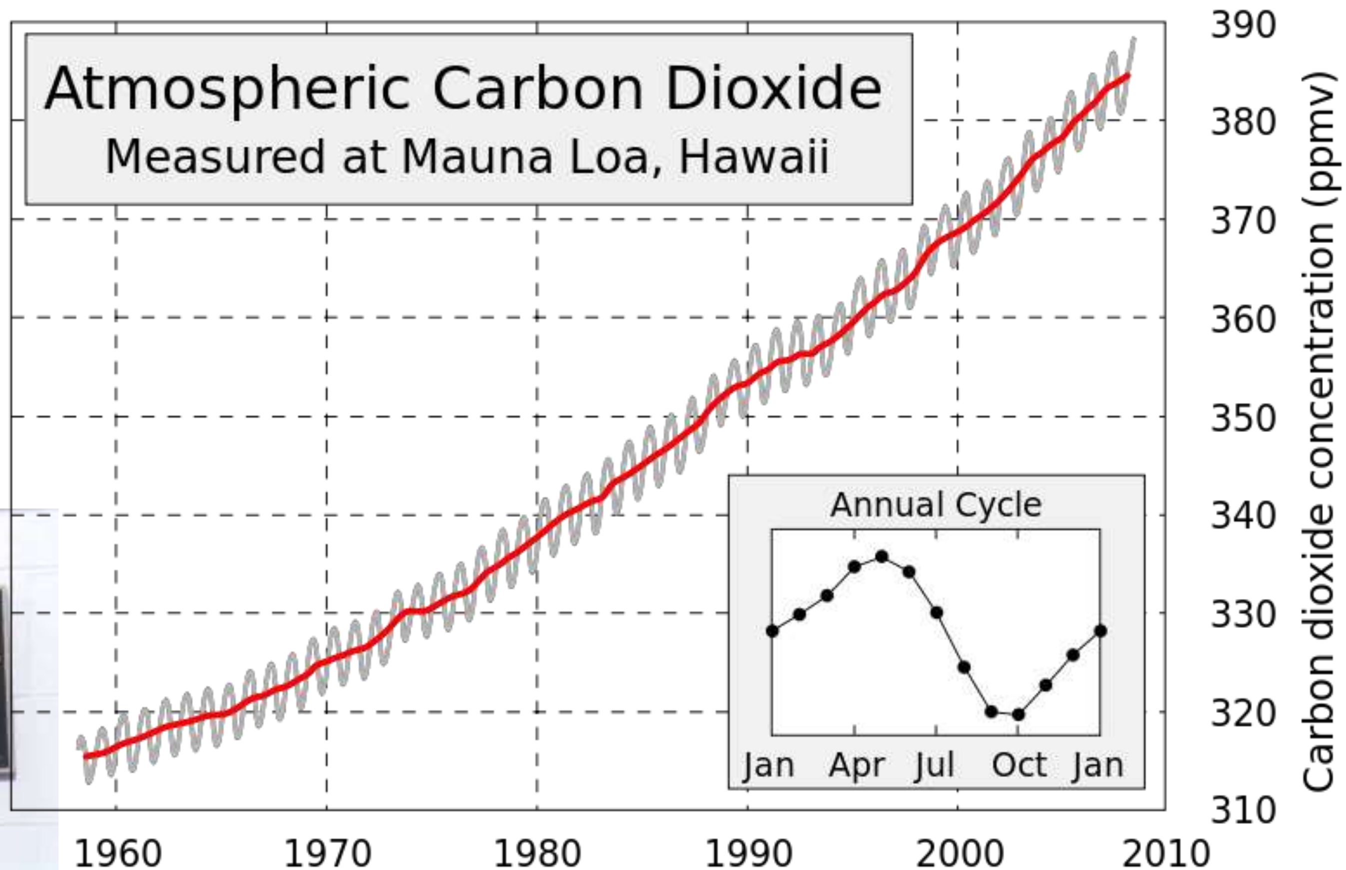
CO_2: **trace gas, 0.0398%** concentration of the atmosphere,
sources and sinks are at the surface, uniform distribution up to 90 km.

Sources: combustion of fossil fuels, burning of vegetable matter, chemical processes, respiration, volcanoes , geothermal processes, dissolution of carbonates in crustal rocks.

Sinks: ocean, sediments, biosphere(photosynthesis)

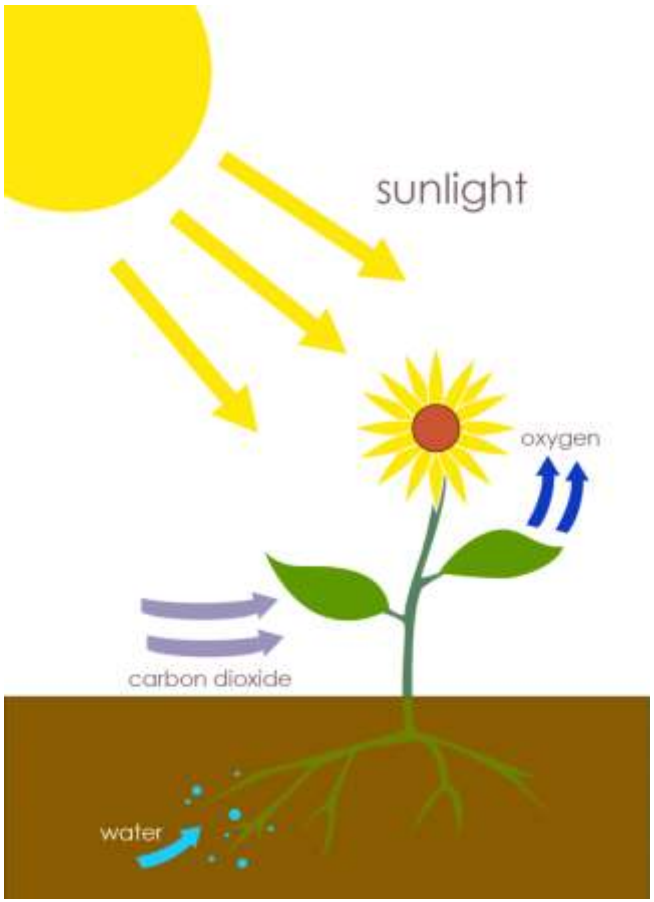
Background

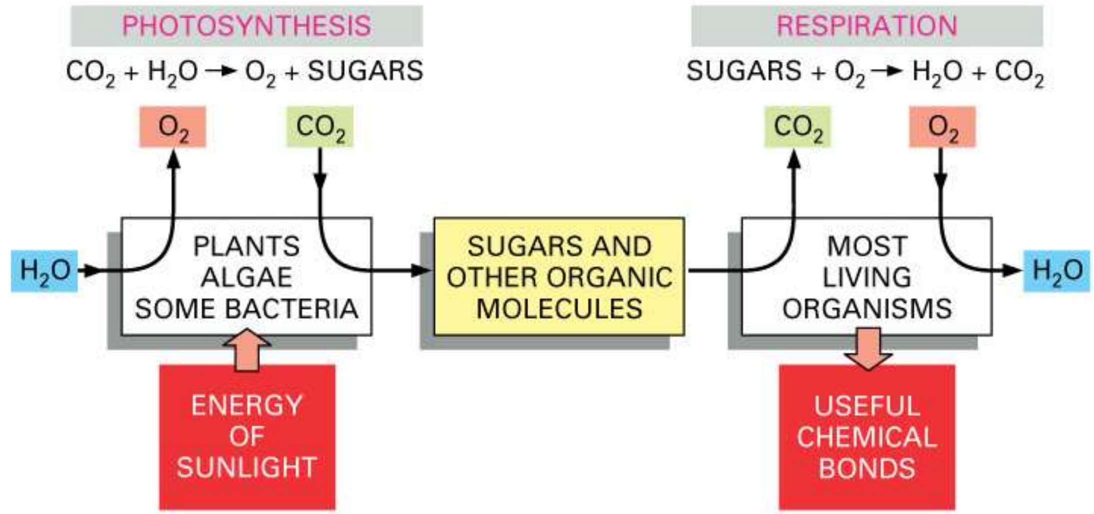
Mauna loa curve (Keeling curve)



Charles D. Keeling
1928-2005

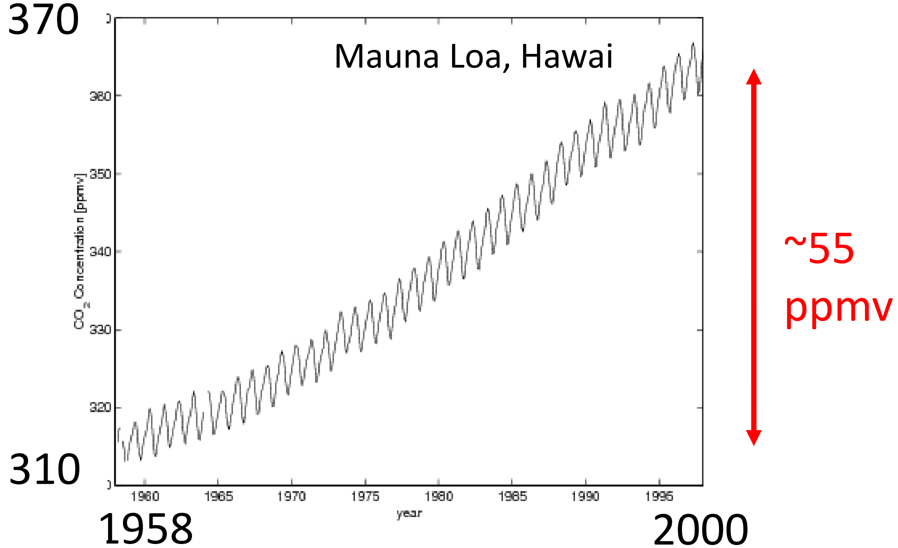
Photosynthesis + Respiration

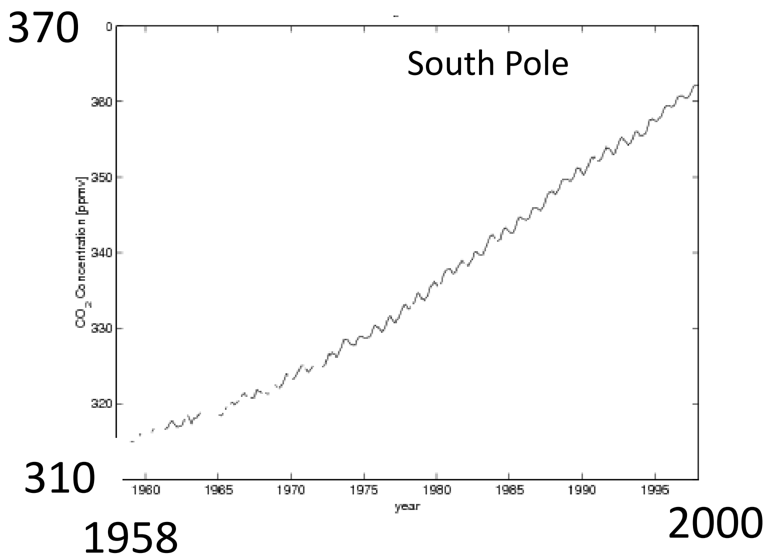


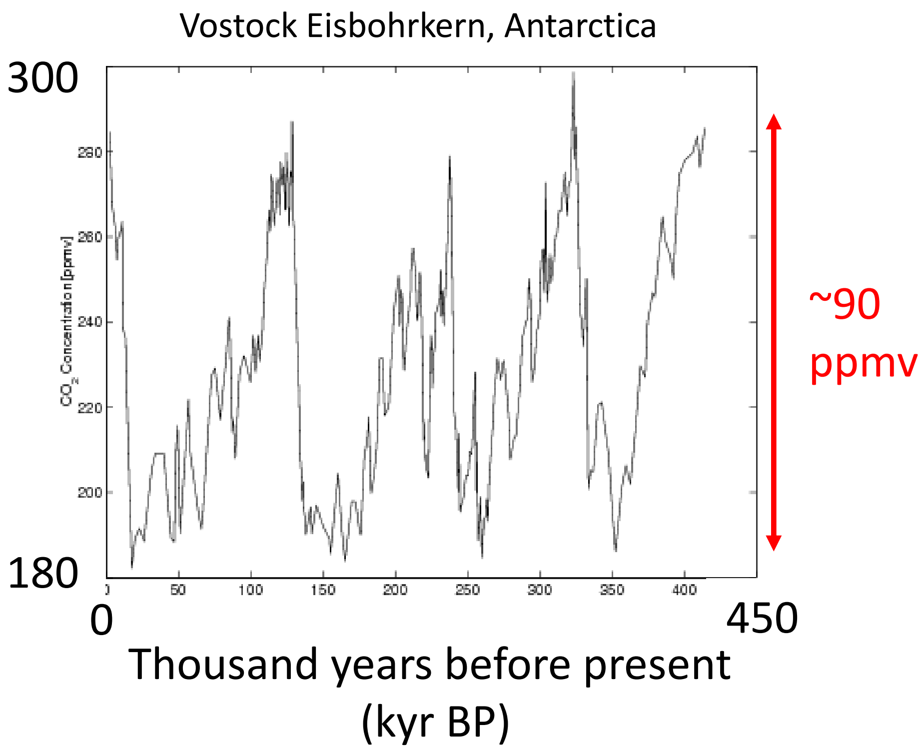


$$\underset{\text{Carbon dioxide}}{6CO_2} + \underset{\text{Water}}{6H_2O} \xrightarrow{\text{Light}} \underset{\text{Sugar}}{C_6H_{12}O_6} + \underset{\text{Oxygen}}{6O_2}$$

Past and present CO_2 mixing ratio (ppmv)







(Macke, 2004)

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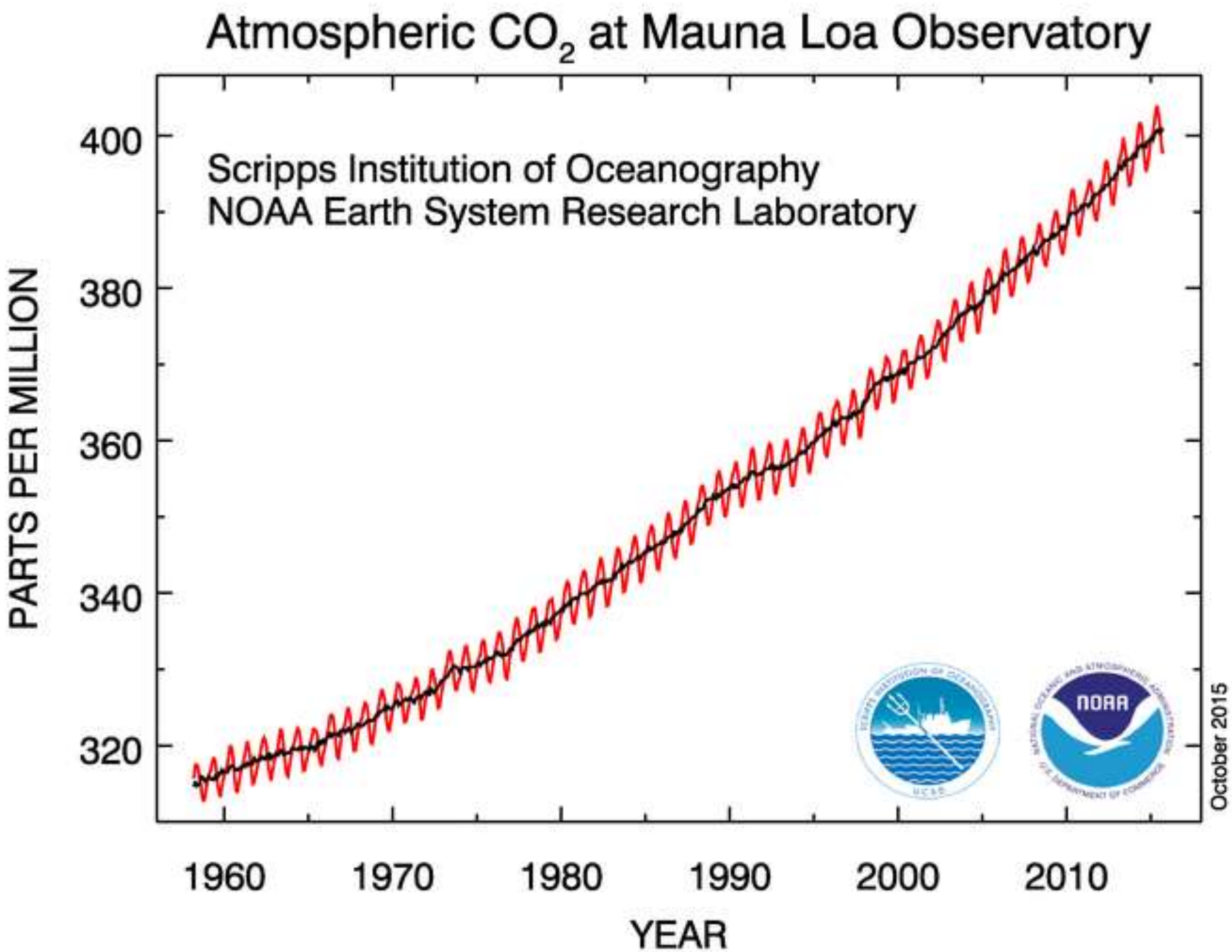

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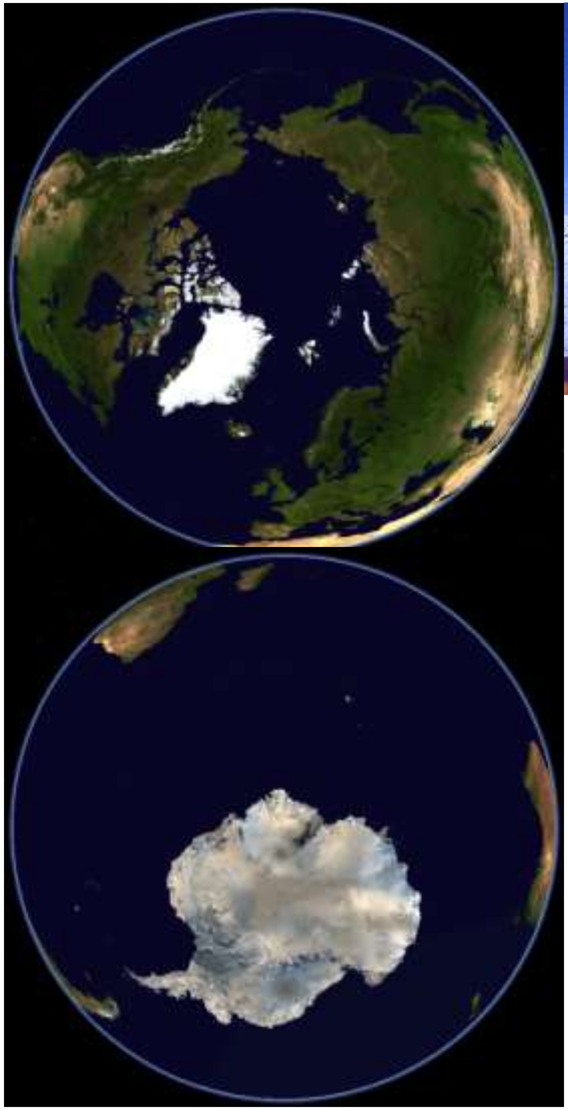
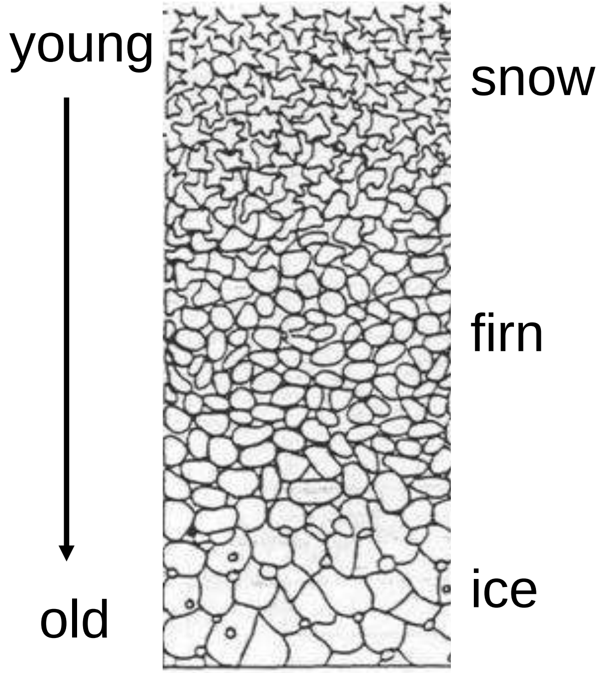
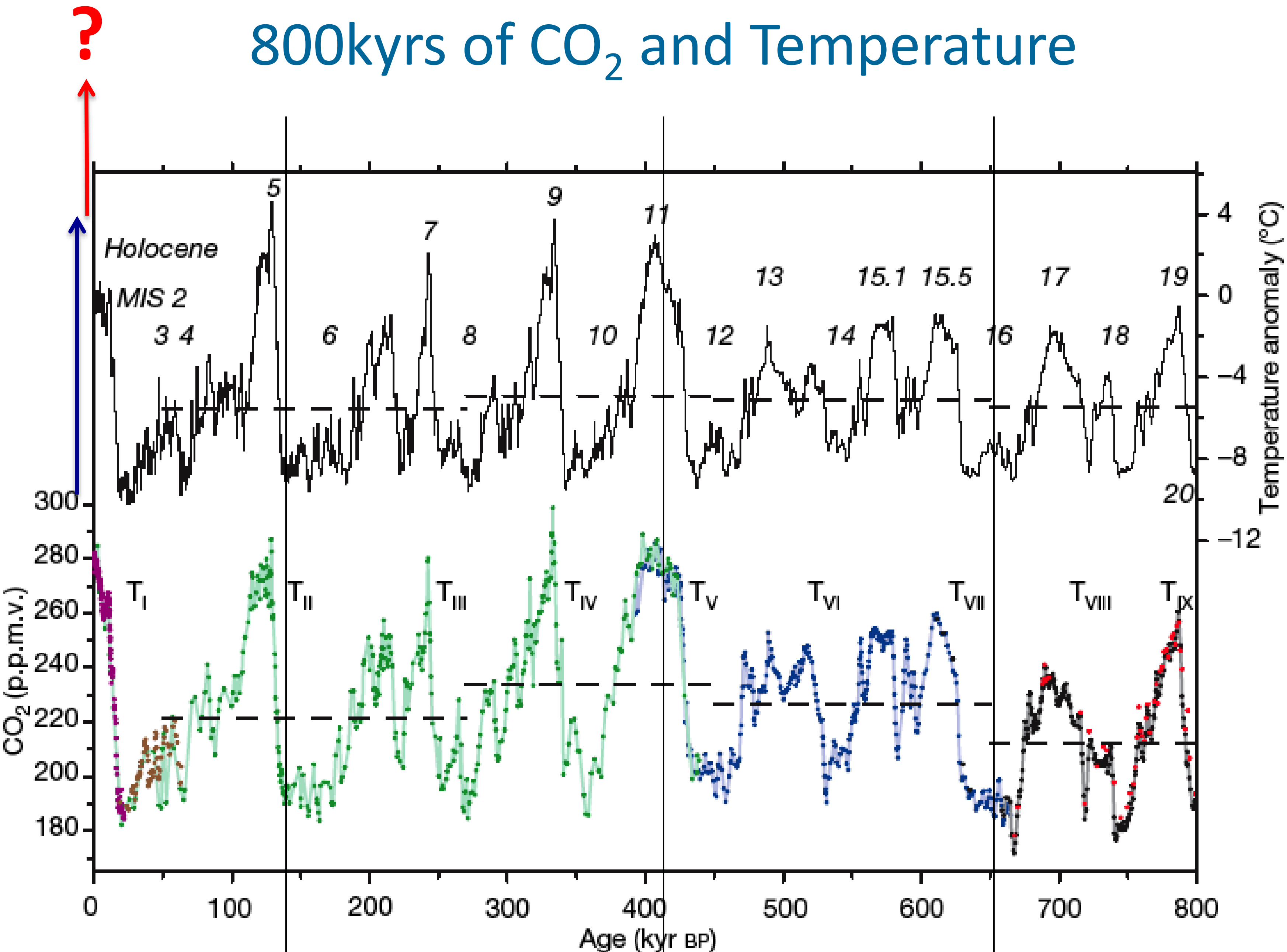
Ice cores as climate archives





800kyrs of CO_2 and Temperature



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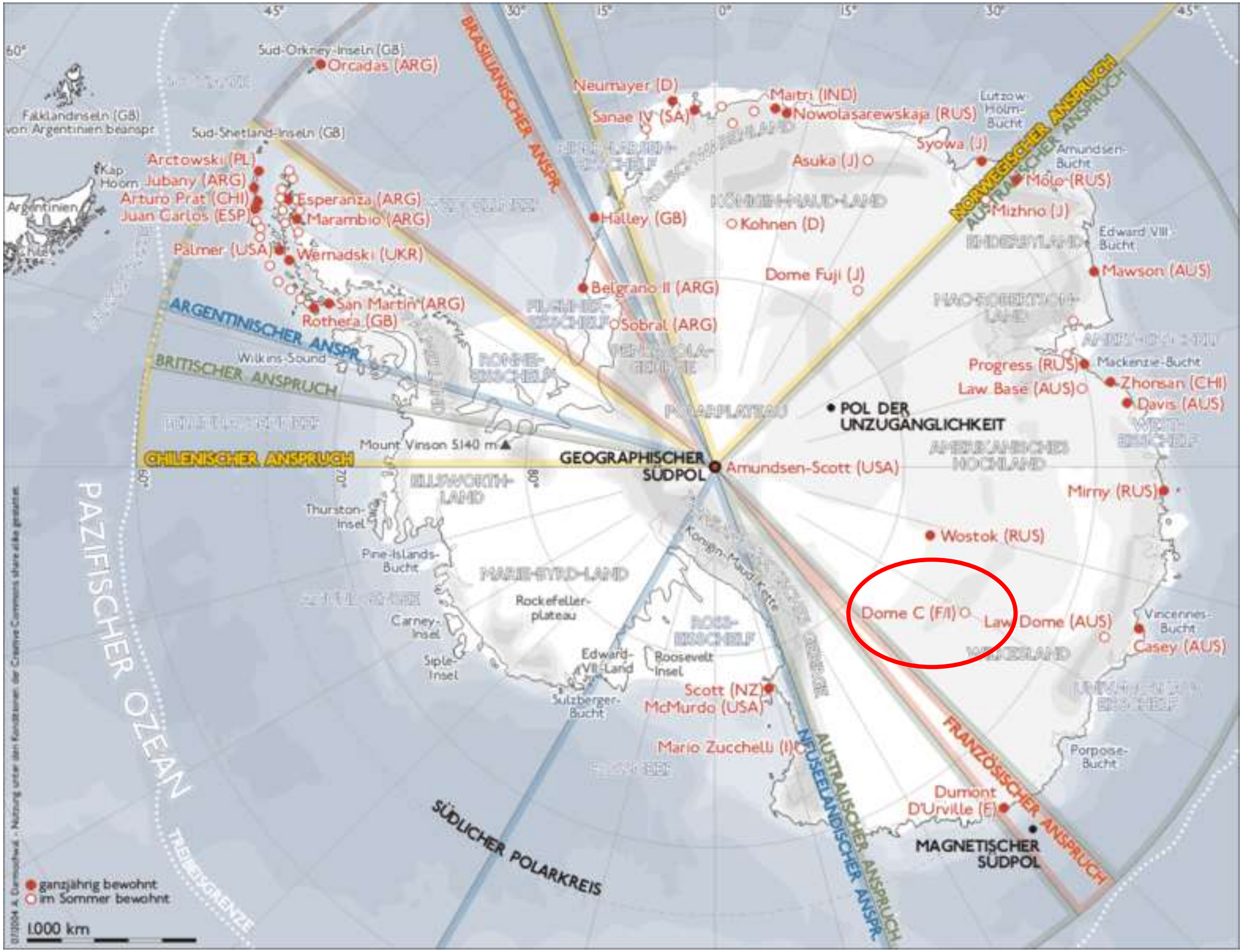
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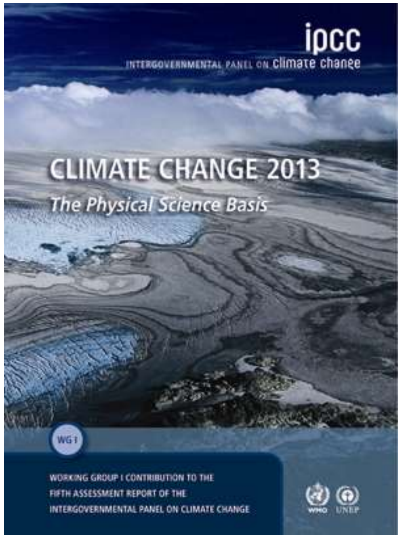

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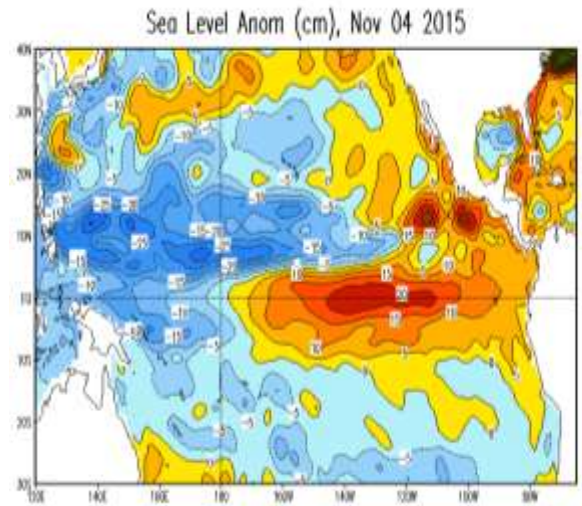
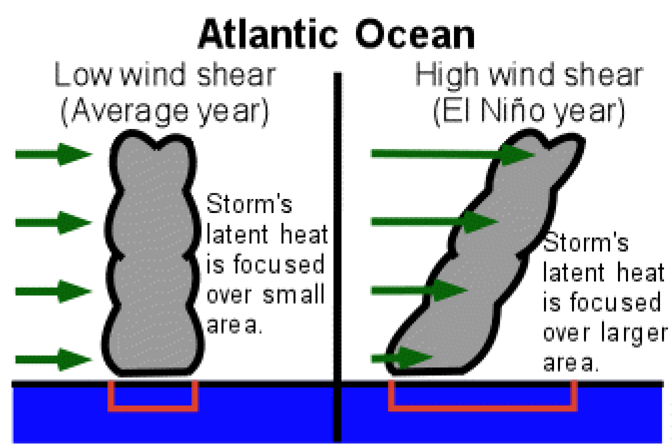
Questions

- El Nino SLH anomaly between East and West Pacific? > 20 to 50 cm



- to respire, see-saw (in air pressure)
- Hurricane increase during El Nino?

	Atlantic		Eastern Pacific	
	Average	El Niño Avg.	Average	El Niño Avg.
Named storms	9.4	7.1	16,7	17.6
Hurricanes	5.8	4.0	9.8	10.0
Intense Hurricanes	2.5	1.5	4.8	5.5



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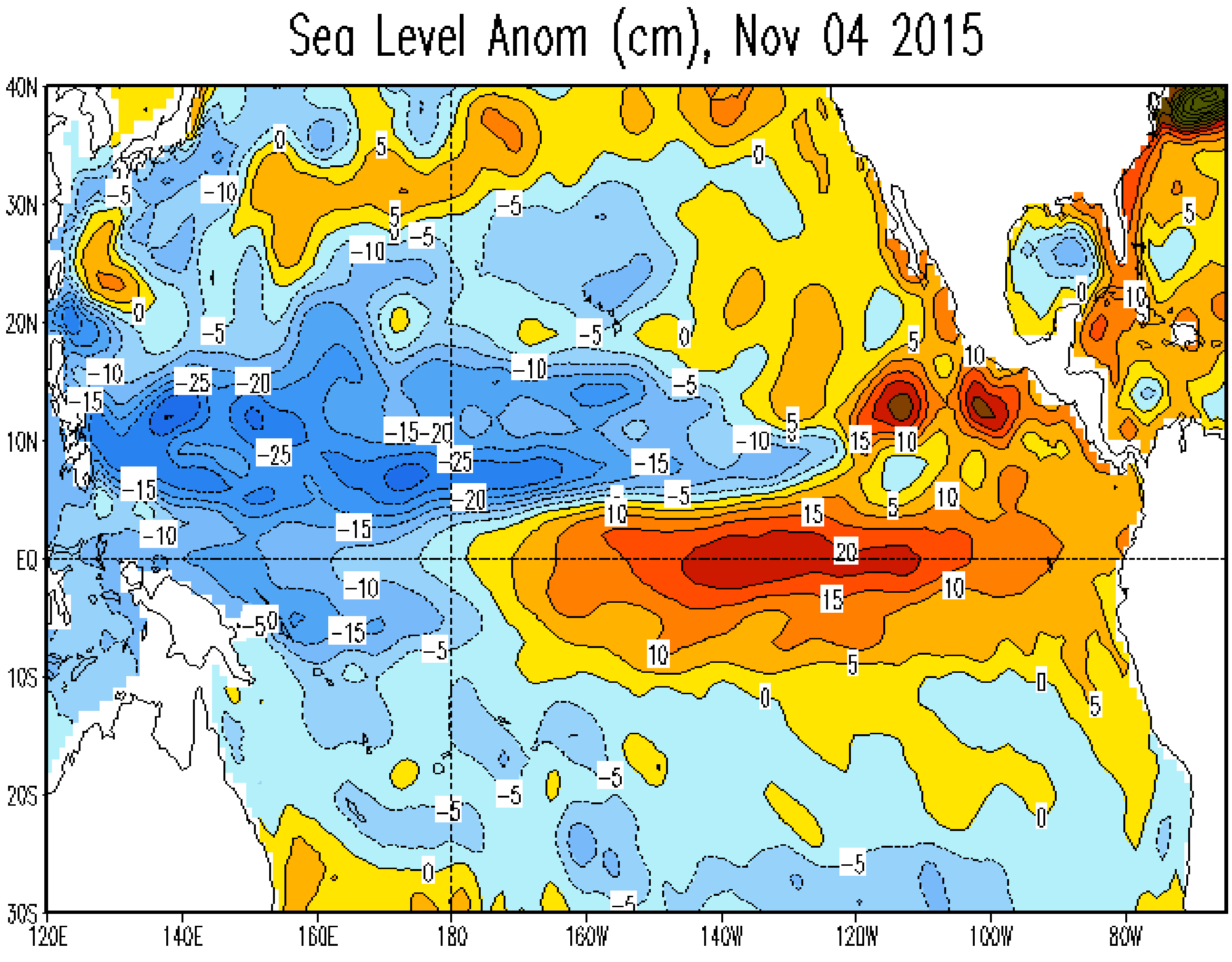
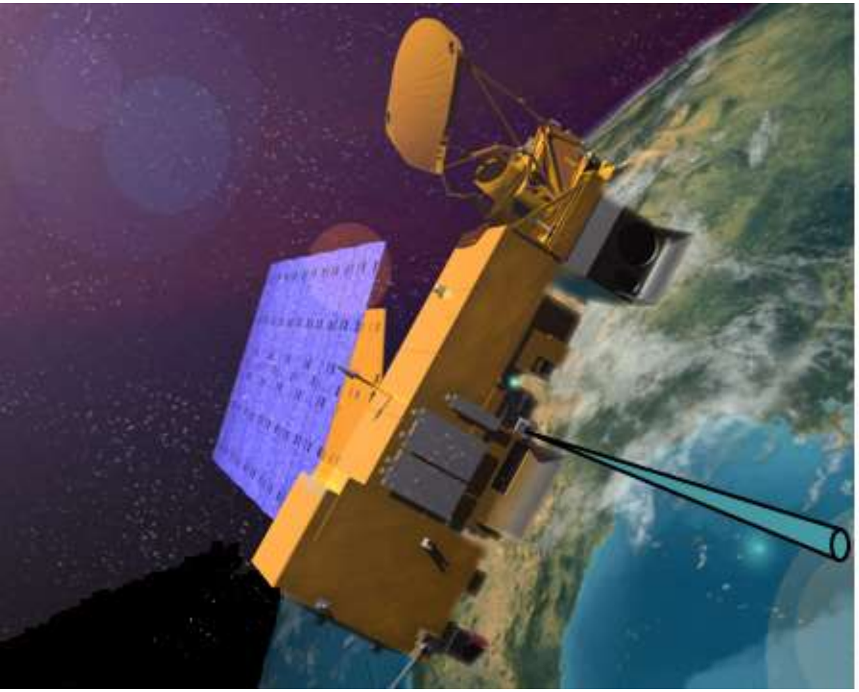
SLH anomalies (cm) Nov, 04, 2015



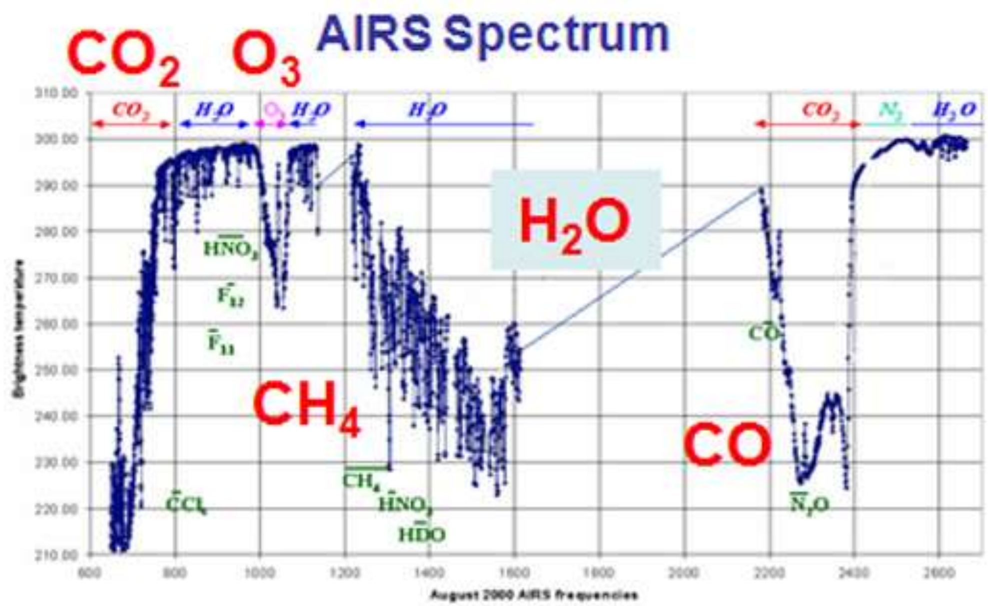
NCEP-CPC

Carbon dioxide (CO_2) in the atmosphere

The Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS) instrument



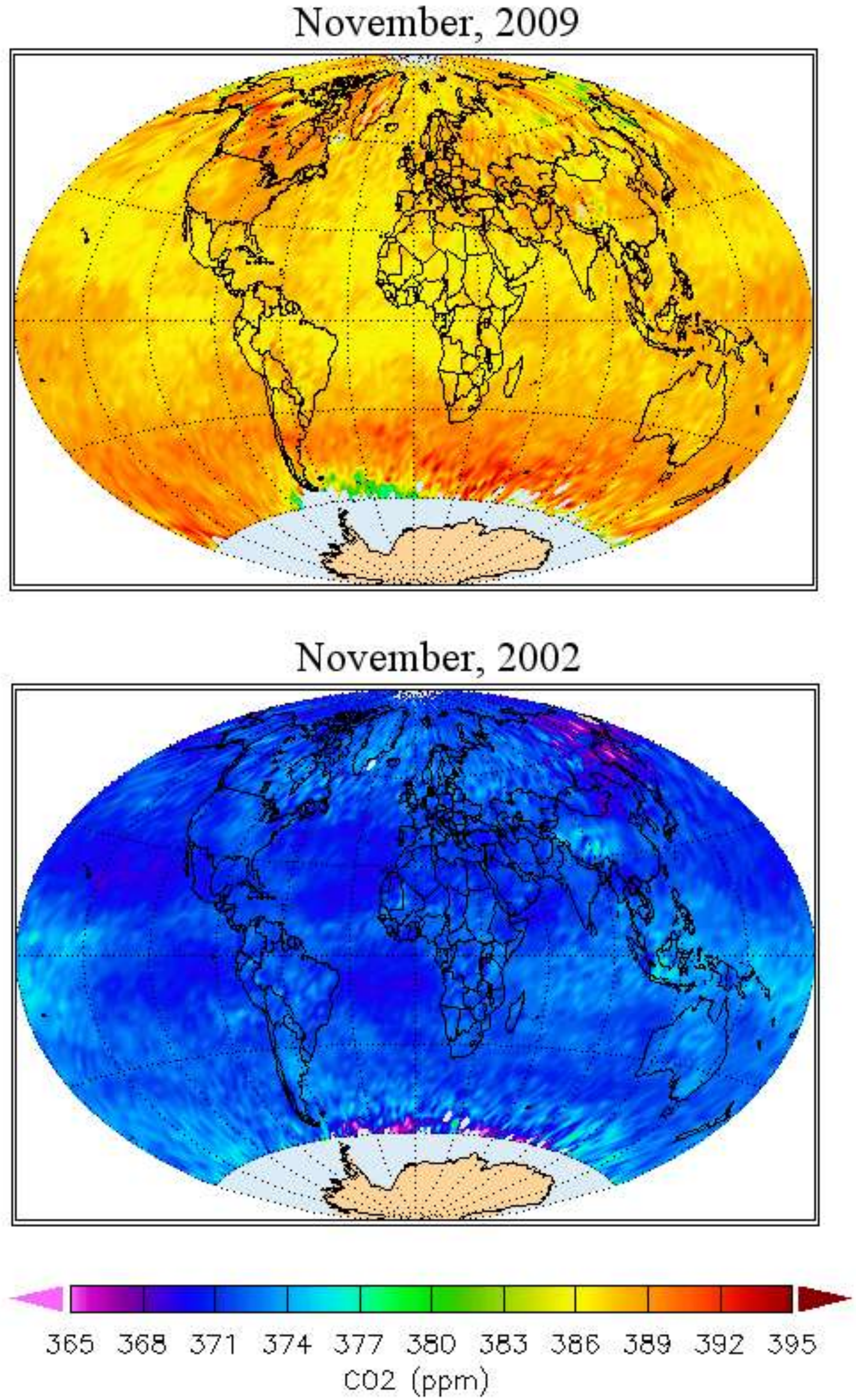
on NASA's Aqua satellite



- Launched on May 4, 2002,
- still operational (http://airs.jpl.nasa.gov/data/near-real-time)
- cross-track scanning instrument,
- scan mirror rotates around an axis along the line of flight and directs infrared energy from the Earth into the instrument,
- ground scan ~800 km from either side.

CO_2 Increase

+17 ppm/7 years



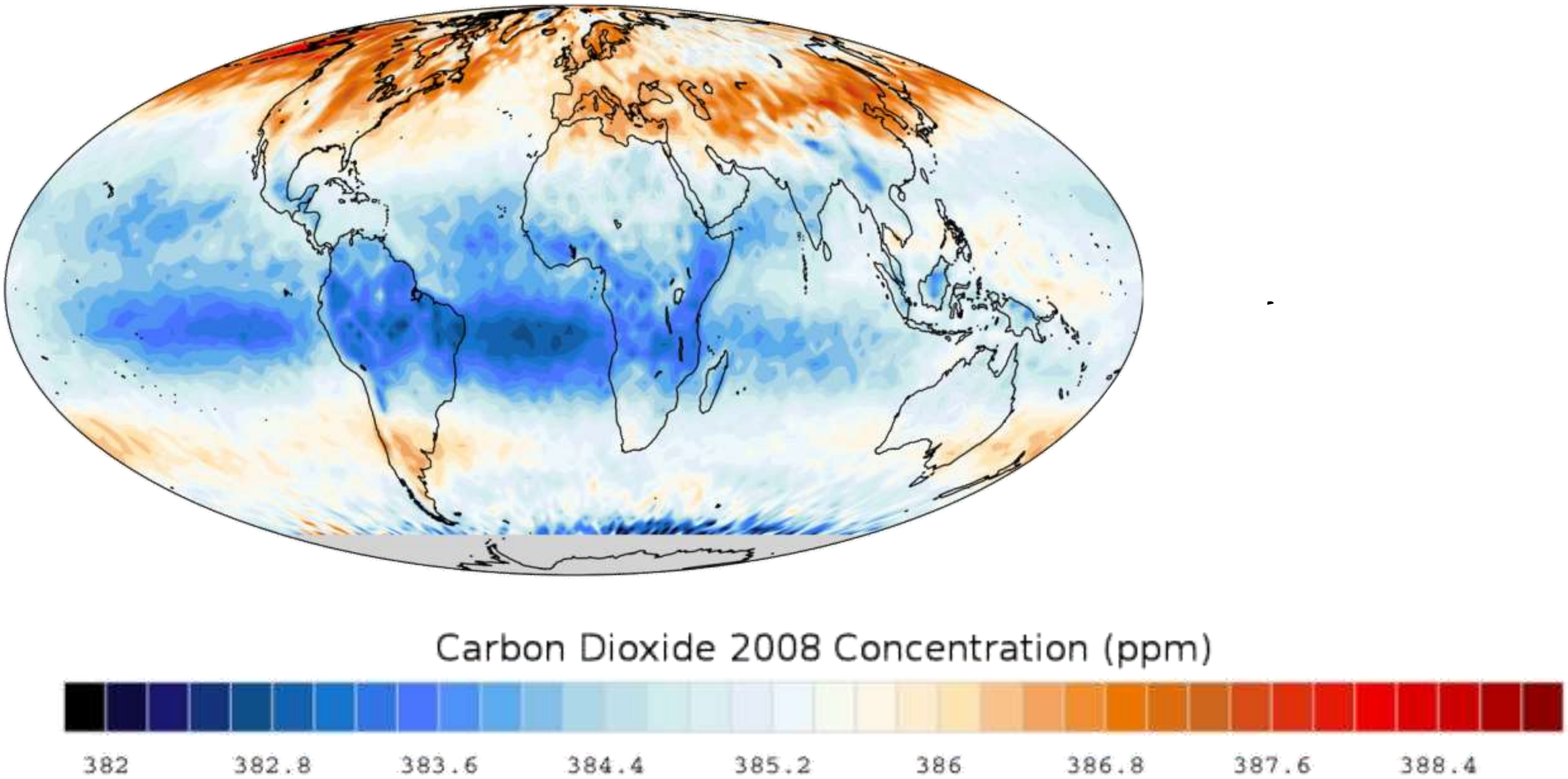
Global averaged annual mean
Marine station data:
-2002: 372 ppm
-2009: 386 ppm
-2014: 397 ppm

(www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/)

http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/AIRS

CO_2 seasonal and hemispheric variations

CO_2 mid-troposphere (3-7 km) AIRS instrument
Annual mean 2008



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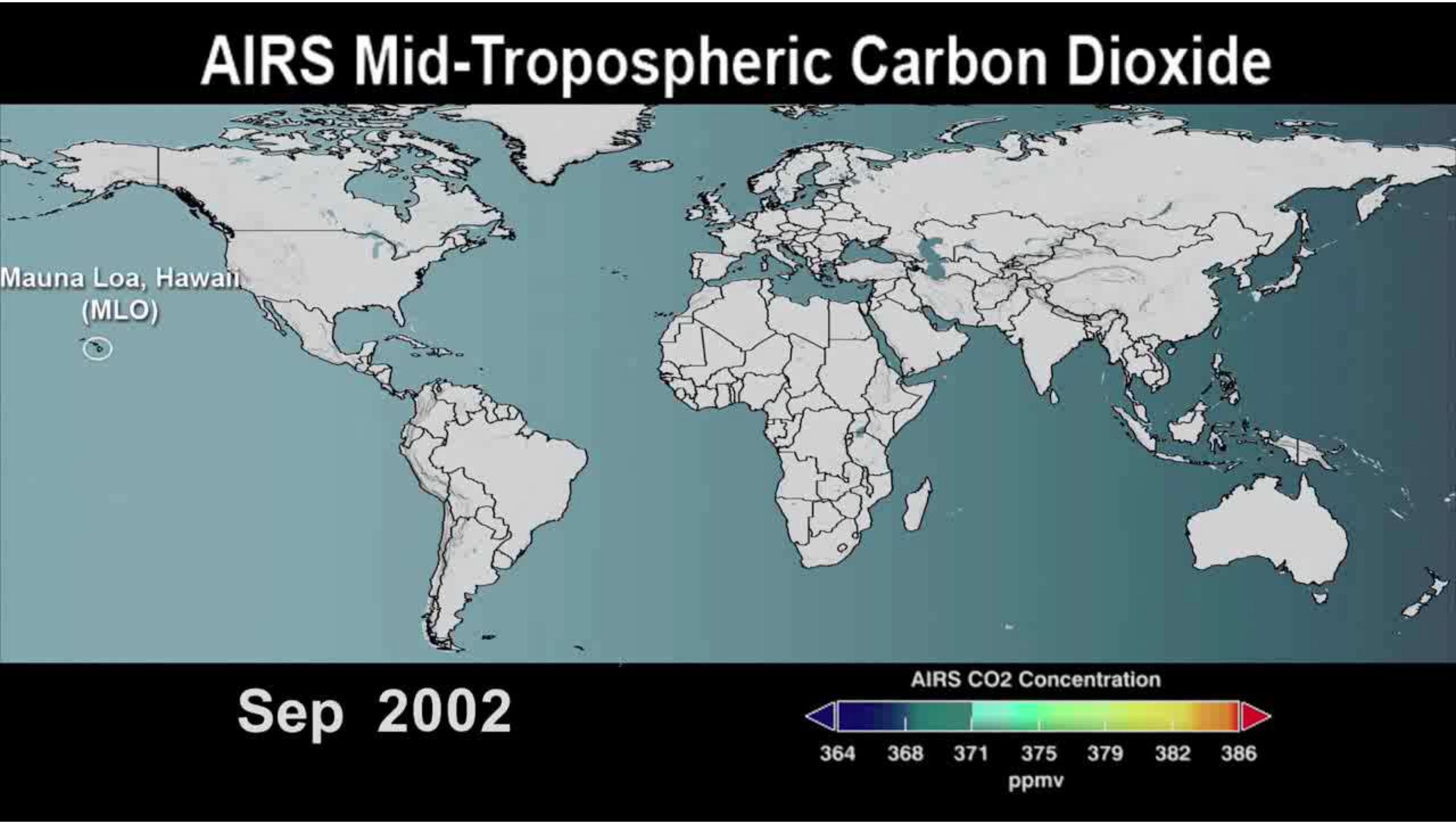
→ seasonal cycle in CO_2 uptake by vegetation
→ maximum in NH due to more emitters and higher fraction of vegetation

CO_2: Sept 2002 - July 2008



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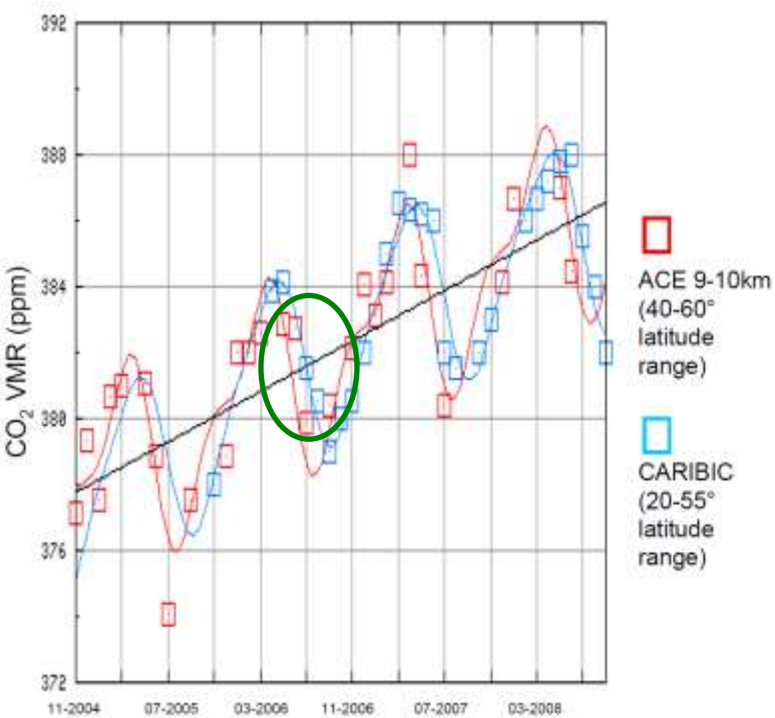
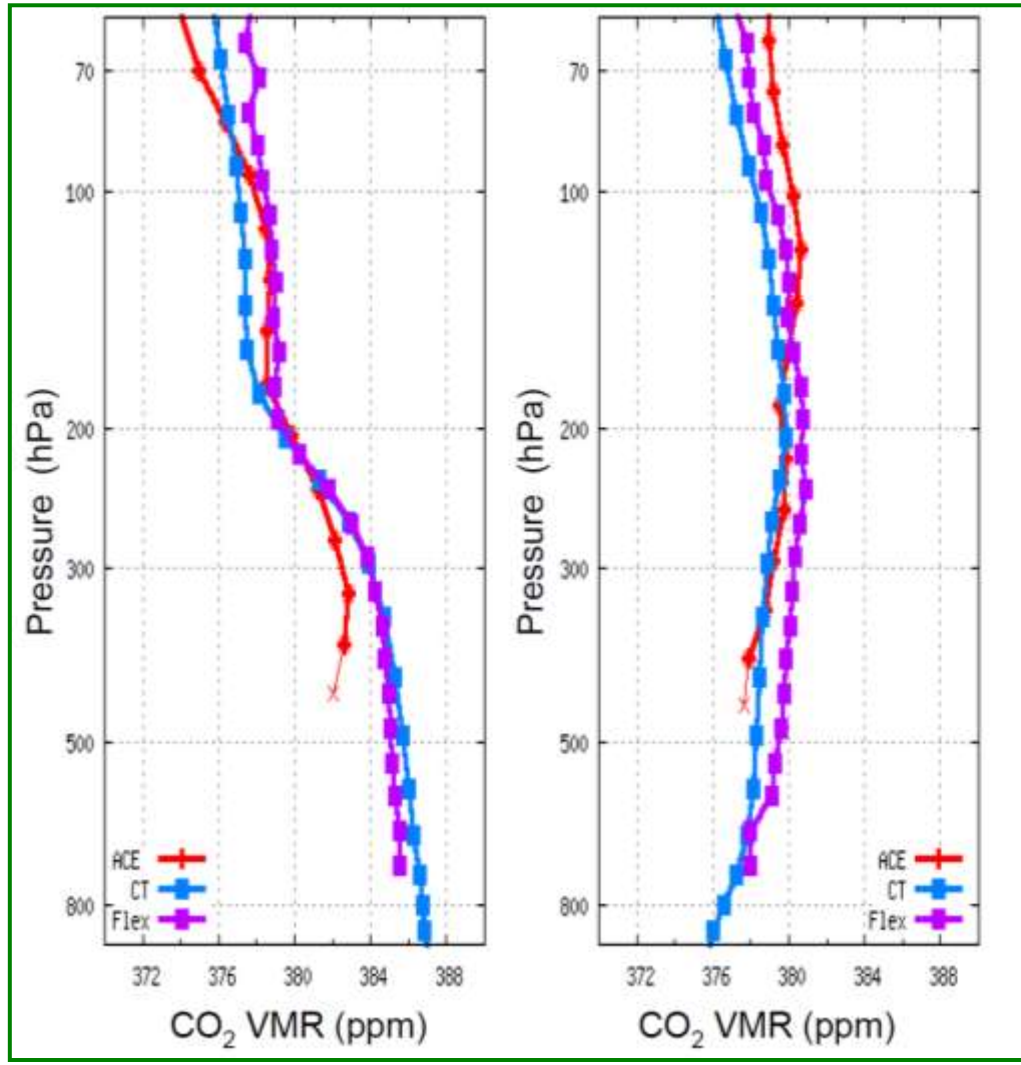
CO_2 as a time distribution tracer - troposphere



11-2004 07-2008

- ACE: Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment (satellite)
- CARIBIC (aircraft)
- CT: Carbon Tracker (model)
- FLEXPART (model)

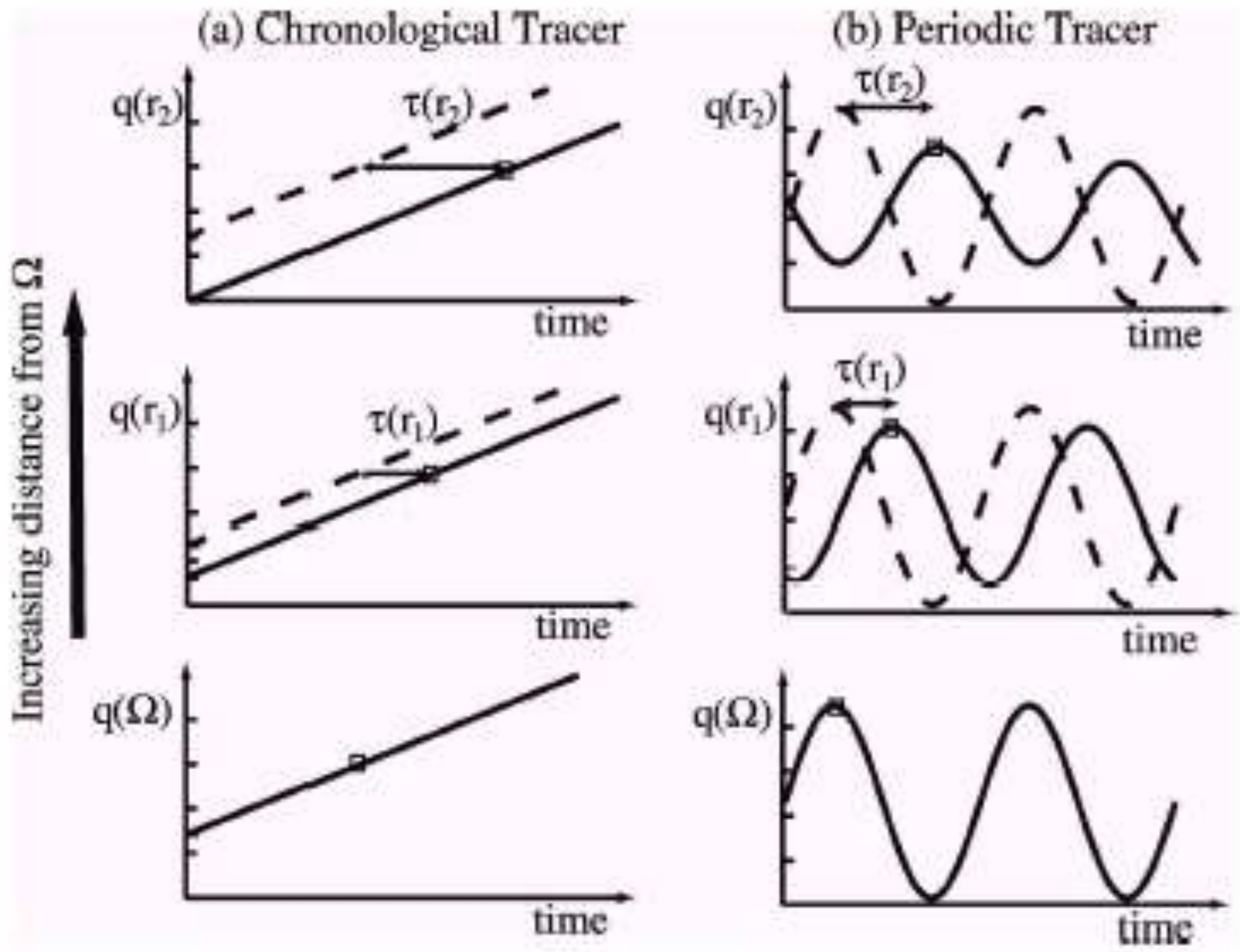
May 2006 July 2006



Foucher et al 2011 ACP

Tracer-distribution in the stratosphere

Increasing distance of the tropical tropopause



[Waugh et al., GR 2002]

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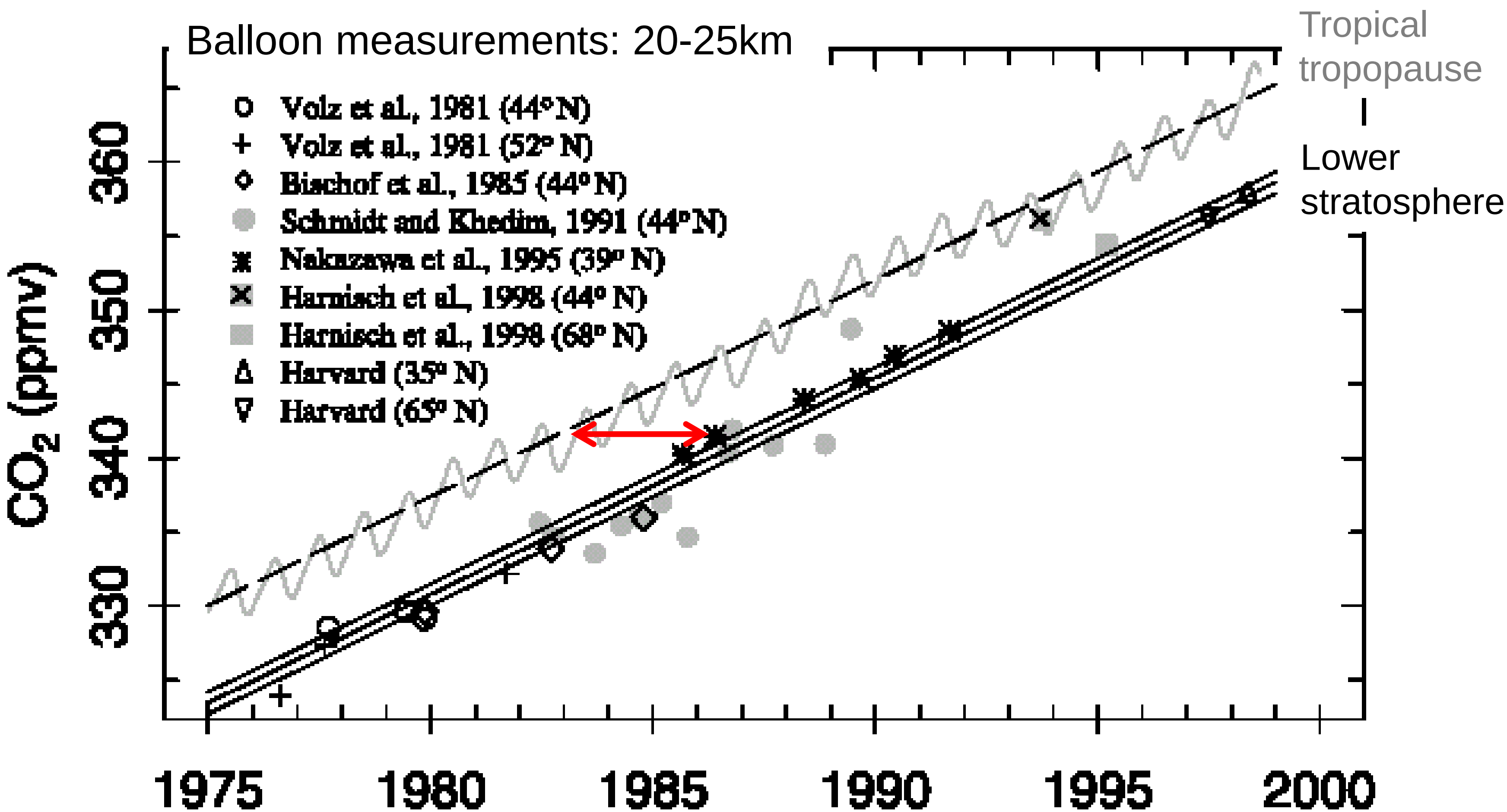

The transport from the tropical tropopause towards mid-latitudes, at 20-25 km altitude takes more than 4 years.

Andrews et al. (2001)

Carbon Cycle

Gas		Mixing ratio in ppm	Residence Time	Increase in % per year
Carbon dioxide	CO_2	398	5 – 200 a	0,4
Methane	CH_4	1.8	12 a	1,5
Carbon monoxide	CO	0.05 – 0.2	60 – 180 d	
Chlorofluorocarbon	CFC	10^{-3}	70 – 100 a	

+ many more Halocarbons

Greenhouse Gas Concentrations

GAS	Pre-1750 tropospheric concentration[1]	Recent tropospheric concentration[2]	GWP*(100-yr time horizon)	Atmospheric lifetime[4] (years)	Increased radiative forcing [5] (W/m^2)
Mixing ratios in parts per million (ppm)					
Carbon dioxide (CO_2)	280[6]	384.8[7]	**1**	~ 100[4]	1.66
Mixing ratios in parts per billion (ppb)					
Methane (CH_4)	700[8]	1865[9]/1741[9]	**25**	12[4]	0.48
Nitrous oxide (N_2O)	270[10]	322[9]/321[9]	**298**	114[4]	0.16
Tropospheric ozone (O_3)	25[1]	34[4,1]	n.a.[4]	hours-days	0.35[4]

*Global Warming Potential is the ratio of the radiative forcing of a trace gas relative to that of CO_2.

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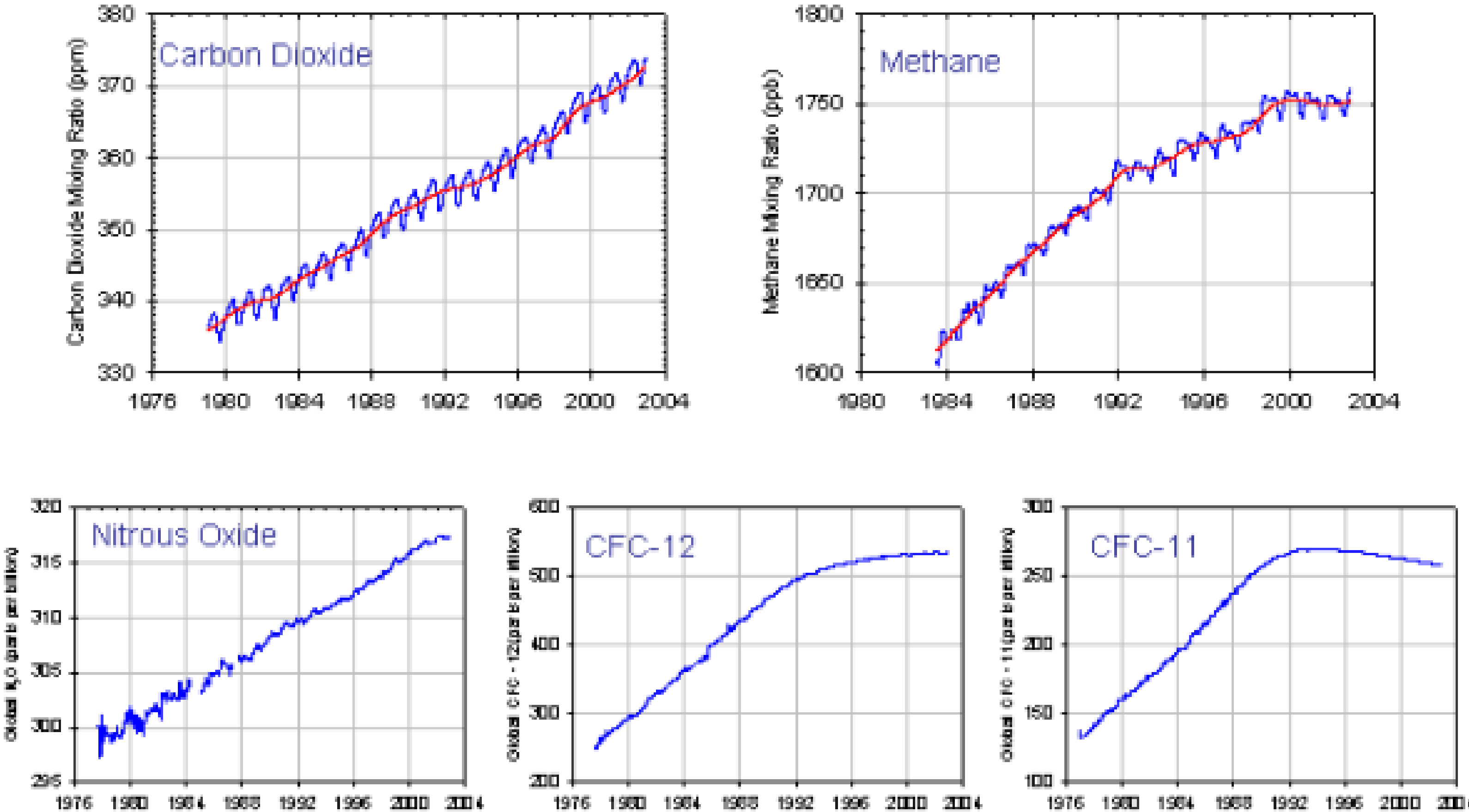
Global Trends in Major Greenhouse Gases to 1/2003



Global trends in major long-lived greenhouse gases through the year 2002. These five gases account for about 97% of the direct climate forcing by long-lived greenhouse gas increases since 1750. The remaining 3% is contributed by an assortment of 10 minor halogen gases, mainly HCFC-22, CFC-113 and CCl_4.

IPCC-AR models: WMGHG

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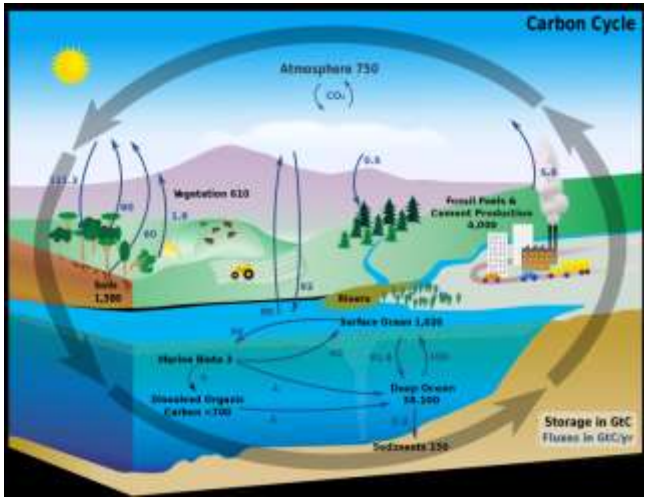
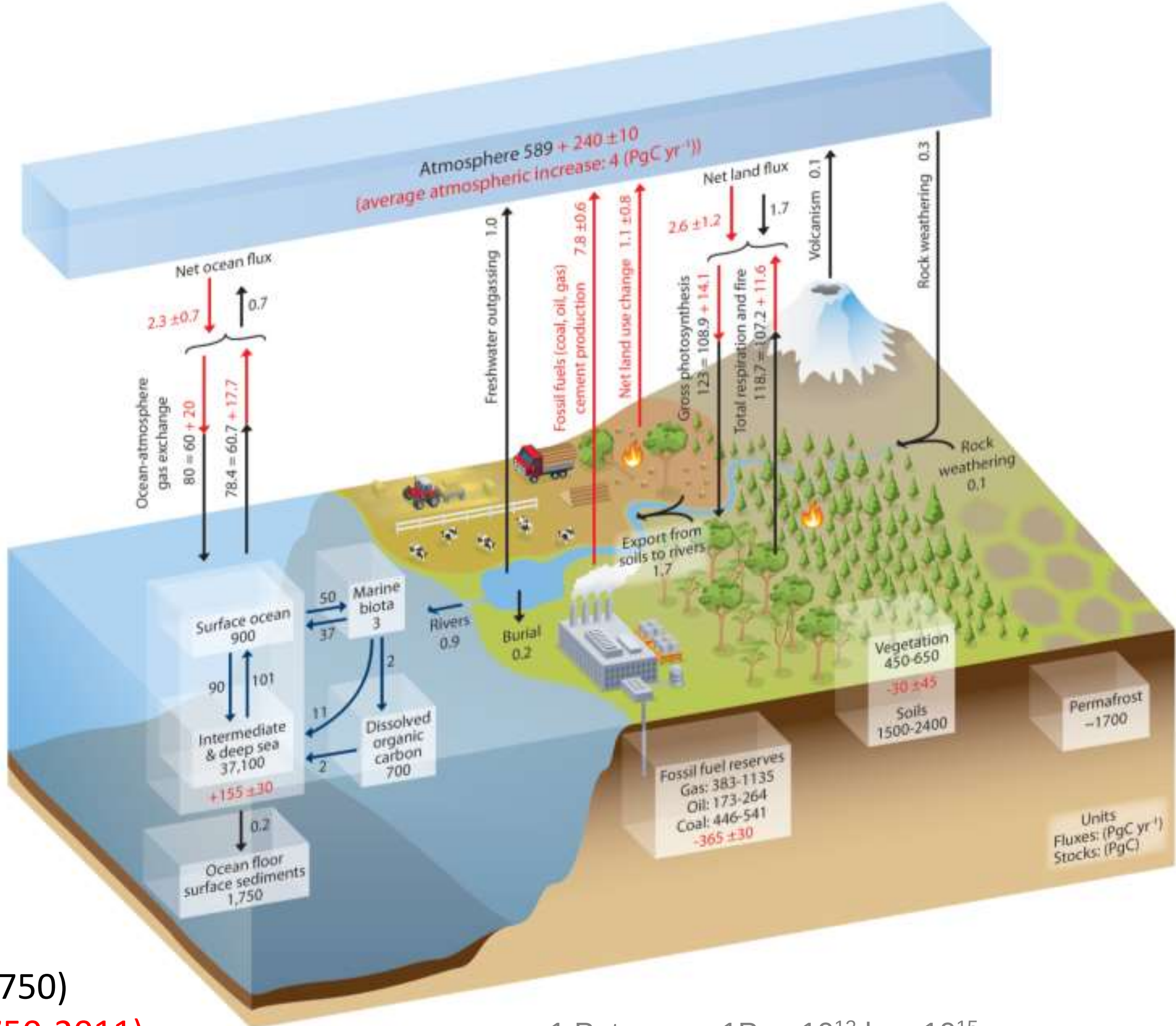
The Carbon Cycle in the IPCC FAR

- Introduction: Carbon Cycle *(Section 6.1)*



Global Carbon Cycle



→ Fluxes: PgC yr^{-1}

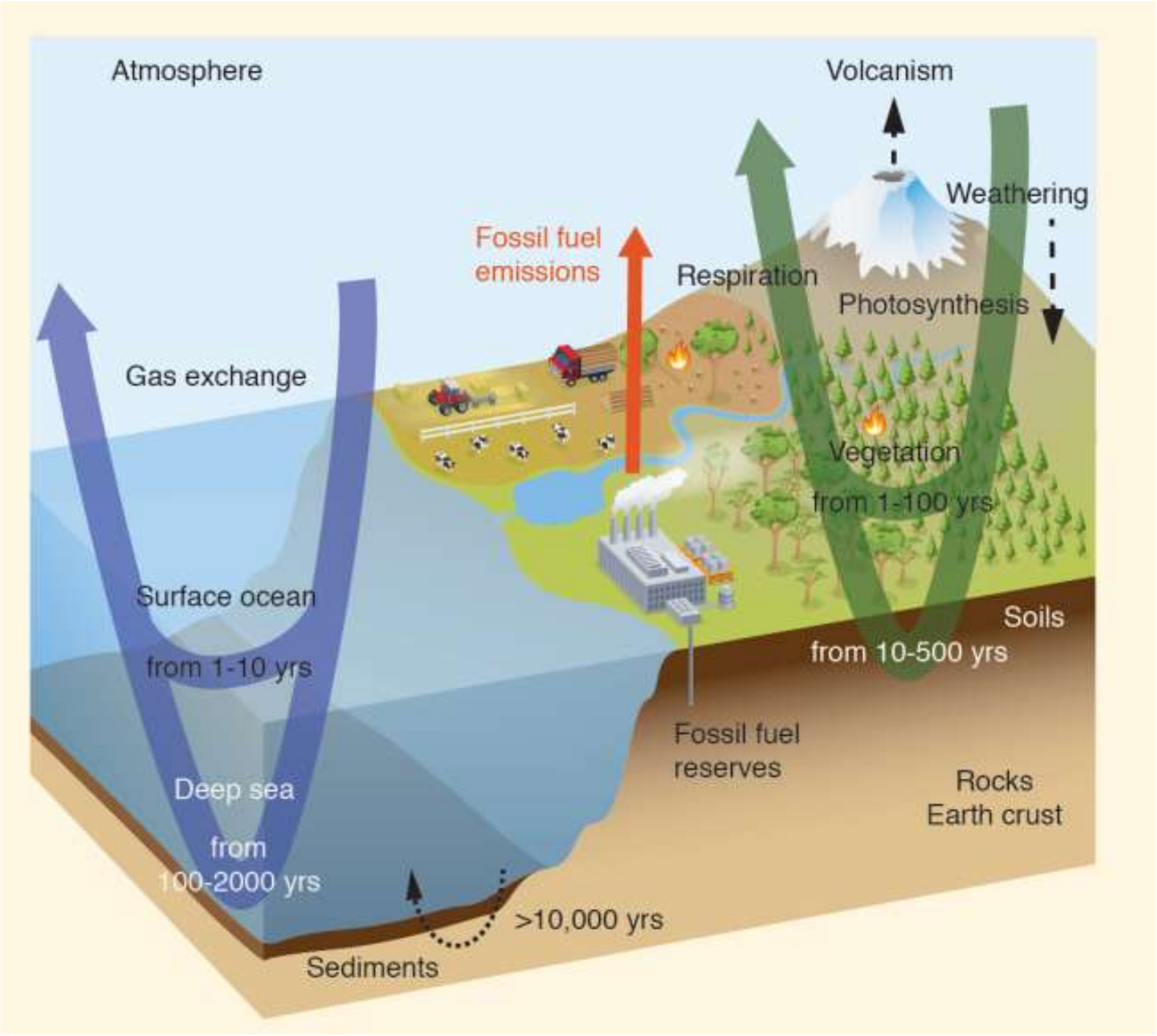
Stocks: Pg C

--pre-industrial (pre 1750)

--industrial period (1750-2011)

1 Petagram: 1Pg= 10^{12} kg= 10^{15} g

Global Carbon Cycle - turn over times scales



Box 6.1 | Multiple Residence Times for an Excess of Carbon Dioxide Emitted in the Atmosphere

Box 6.1, Table 1 | The main natural processes that remove CO_2 consecutive to a large emission pulse to the atmosphere, their atmospheric CO_2 adjustment time scales, and main (bio)chemical reactions involved.

Processes	Time scale (years)	Reactions
Land uptake: Photosynthesis–respiration	$1–10^2$	$6CO_2 + 6H_2O + \text{photons} \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$ $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \rightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O + \text{heat}$
Ocean invasion: Seawater buffer	$10–10^3$	$CO_2 + CO_3^{2-} + H_2O \rightleftharpoons 2HCO_3^-$
Reaction with calcium carbonate	$10^3–10^4$	$CO_2 + CaCO_3 + H_2O \rightarrow Ca^{2+} + 2HCO_3^-$
Silicate weathering	$10^4–10^6$	$CO_2 + CaSiO_3 \rightarrow CaCO_3 + SiO_2$

$C_6H_{12}O_6$: Sugar
$CaCO_3$:Calcium carbonate
Dissolved carbon dioxide: $CO_{2(aq)}$
Bicarbonate HCO_3^-
Carbonate ion: CO_3^{2-}
Calcium inosilicate mineral (limestone): $CaSiO_3$
Silicon dioxide (quartz): SiO_2

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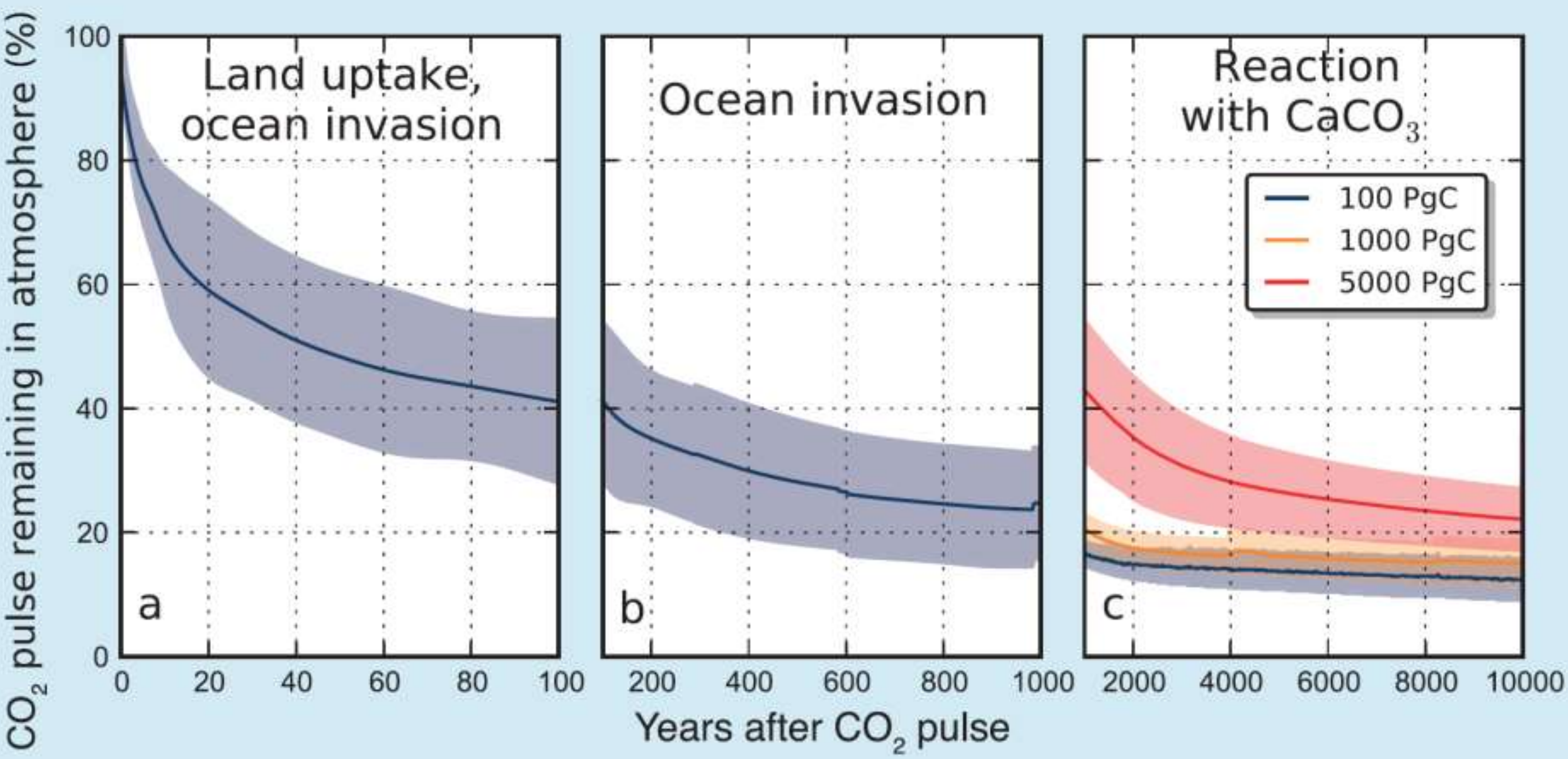


Concept of a single, characteristic atmospheric lifetime is not applicable to CO_2 (→Chapter 8).

Atmospheric CO_2 adjustment to anthropogenic carbon emissions

Phase 1:

-**Within decades**, about 1/3 to 1/2 half of anthropogenic CO2 goes into land and ocean, while the rest stays in the atmosphere.

-**Within centuries**, most of the anthropogenic CO2 will be in the form of additional dissolved inorganic carbon in the ocean, decreasing ocean pH.

-**Within 1 kyr**, the remaining atmospheric fraction of the CO2 emissions is between 15 and 40%, depending on the amount of carbon released. (>Carbonate buffer capacity of ocean decreases with higher CO2 >larger cumulative emissions >higher remaining atmospheric fraction.)

Phase 2:

-Within **several 1 kyr**, ocean pH will be restored by reaction of ocean dissolved CO2 and calcium carbonate (CaCO3) of sea floor sediments, partly replenishing the buffer capacity of the ocean and further drawing down atmospheric CO2 as a new balance is re-established between CaCO3 sedimentation in the ocean and terrestrial weathering.
- Atmospheric CO2 fraction down to 10 to 25% after about 10 kyr.

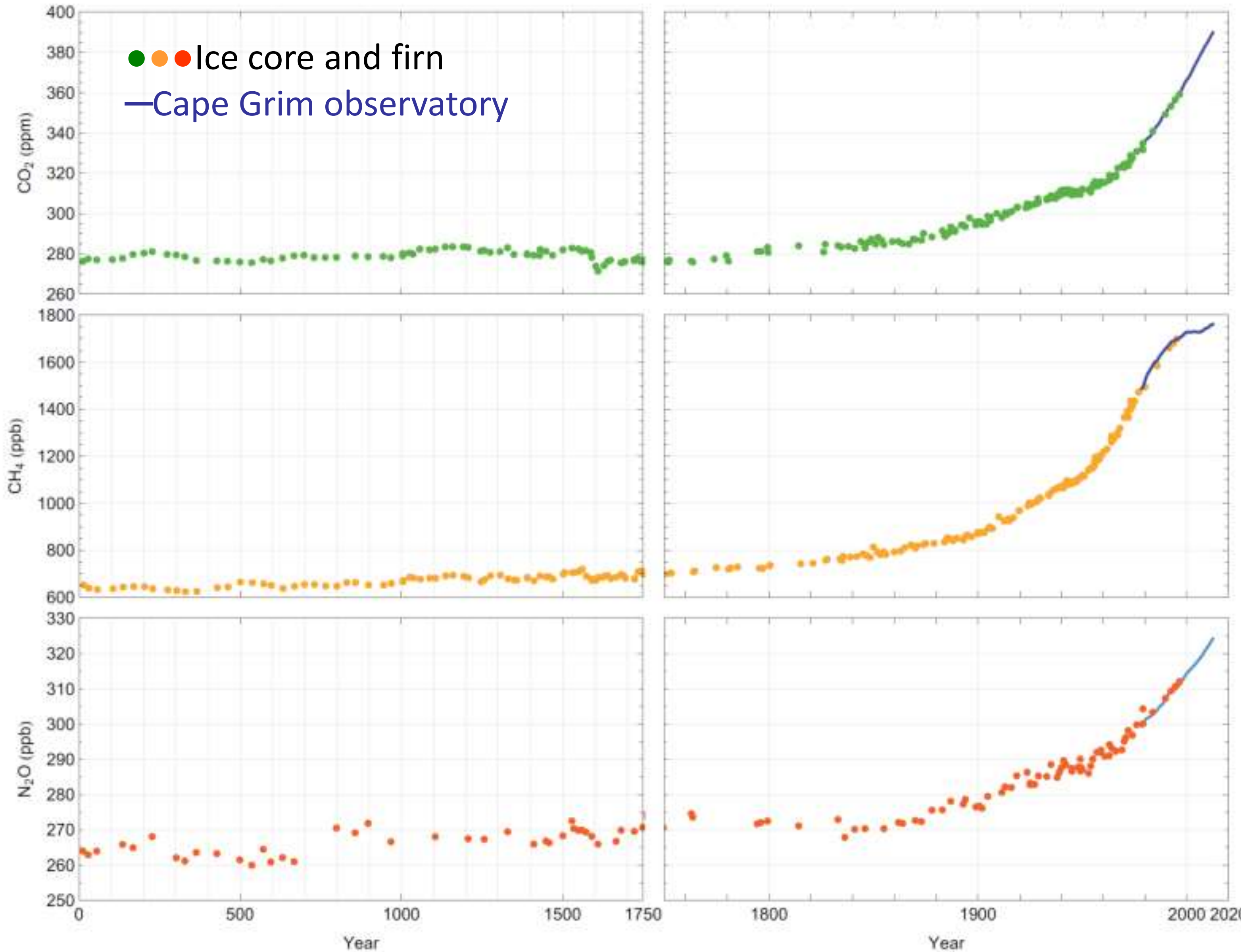
Phase 3:

-Within **several 100 kyr**, rest of emitted CO2 will be removed from atmosphere by silicate weathering (very slow process of CO2 reaction with calcium silicate (CaSiO3) and other minerals of igneous rocks).

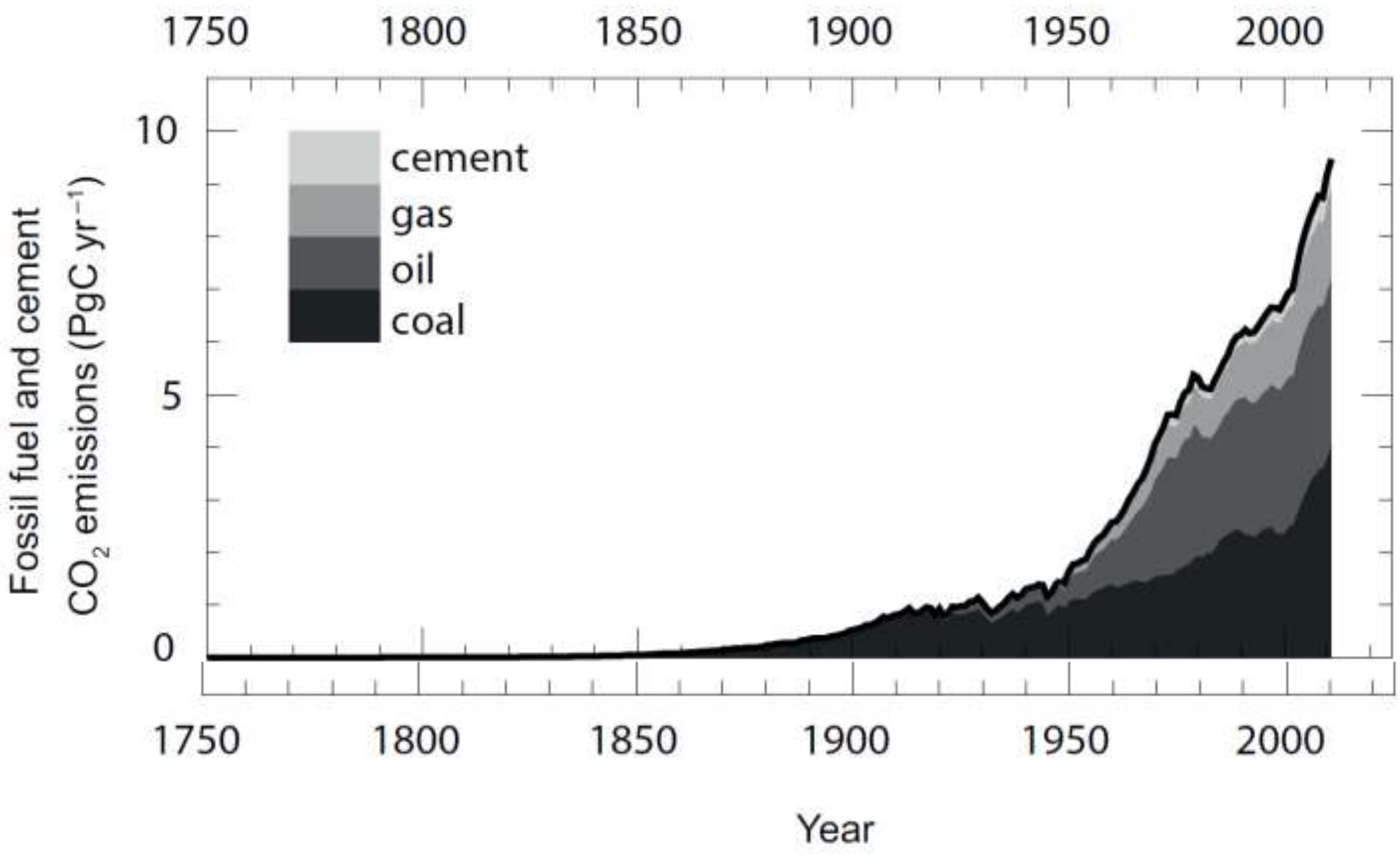
The Carbon Cycle in the IPCC FAR

- Evolution of biogeochemical cycles since industrial era *(Section 6.3)*

Atmospheric CO_2, CH_4, N_2O pre-industrial era



Anthropogenic CO_2 emissions



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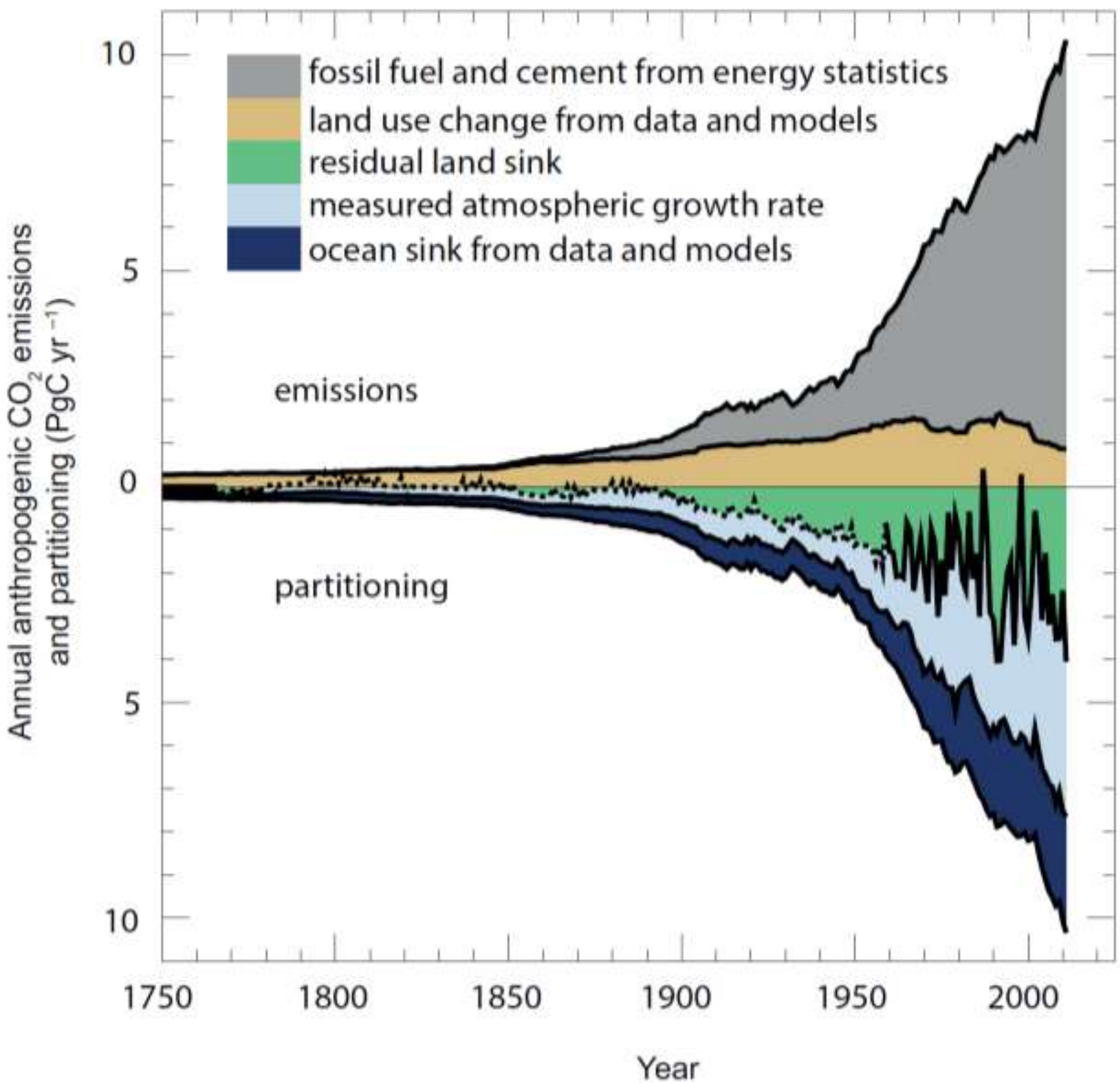
Anthropogenic CO_2 emissions and partitioning



Global anthropogenic CO_2 budget – time evolution

Table 6.1 | Global anthropogenic CO_2 budget, accumulated since the Industrial Revolution (onset in 1750) and averaged over the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, as well as the last 10 years until 2011. By convention, a negative ocean or land to atmosphere CO_2 flux is equivalent to a gain of carbon by these reservoirs. The table does not include natural exchanges (e.g., rivers, weathering) between reservoirs. The uncertainty range of 90% confidence interval presented here differs from how uncertainties were reported in AR4 (68%).

	1750–2011 Cumulative PgC	1980–1989 $PgC\ yr^{-1}$	1990–1999 $PgC\ yr^{-1}$	2000–2009 $PgC\ yr^{-1}$	2002–2011 $PgC\ yr^{-1}$
Atmospheric increase[a]	240 ± 10[f]	3.4 ± 0.2	3.1 ± 0.2	4.0 ± 0.2	4.3 ± 0.2
Fossil fuel combustion and cement production[b]	375 ± 30[f]	5.5 ± 0.4	6.4 ± 0.5	7.8 ± 0.6	8.3 ± 0.7
Ocean-to-atmosphere flux[c]	–155 ± 30[f]	–2.0 ± 0.7	–2.2 ± 0.7	–2.3 ± 0.7	–2.4 ± 0.7
Land-to-atmosphere flux *Partitioned as follows*	30 ± 45[f]	–0.1 ± 0.8	–1.1 ± 0.9	–1.5 ± 0.9	–1.6 ± 1.0
Net land use change[d]	180 ± 80[f,g]	1.4 ± 0.8	1.5 ± 0.8	1.1 ± 0.8	0.9 ± 0.8
Residual land sink[e]	–160 ± 90[f]	–1.5 ± 1.1	–2.6 ± 1.2	–2.6 ± 1.2	–2.5 ± 1.3

- Varying atmospheric CO2 sources growth; mainly increasing since the last three decades.
- Ocean CO2 sink is also slightly increasing.

Carbon Dioxide from Fossil Fuel Combustion

This video shows the accumulation of carbon dioxide (CO_2) in the atmosphere from the burning of coal, oil, and natural gas (fossil fuels) over a two-year time period (2011-2012). The video begins with a map of the world with no fossil fuel CO_2. As time progresses the viewer watches the global accumulation of CO_2 emissions from all fossil fuel sources. Large emitters such as Eastern Asia, Western Europe, and the North East of North America stand out. By the end of 2012, the entire Northern Hemisphere is red, illustrating a total accumulation of about 9 to 10 ppm of CO_2.

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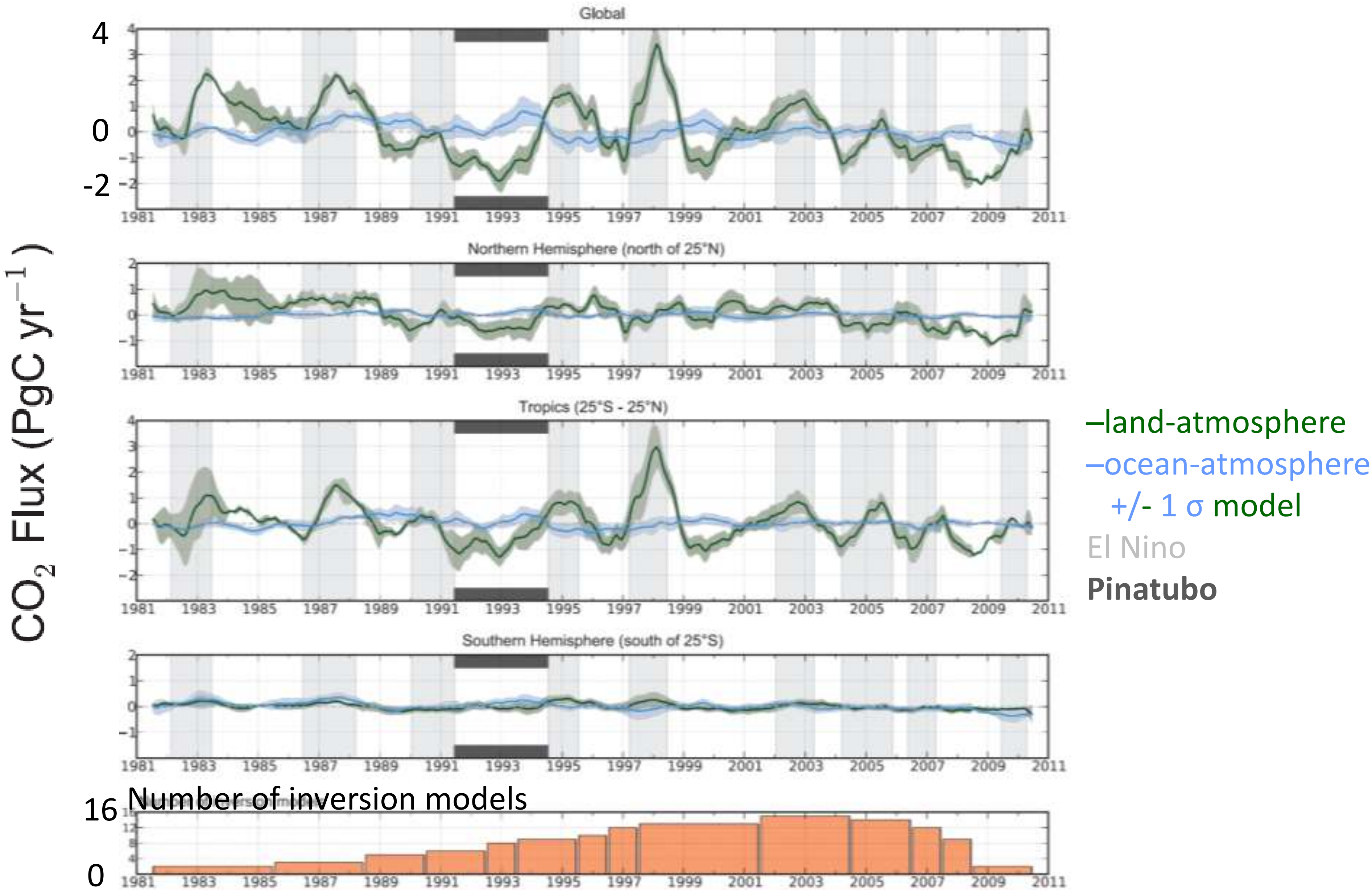
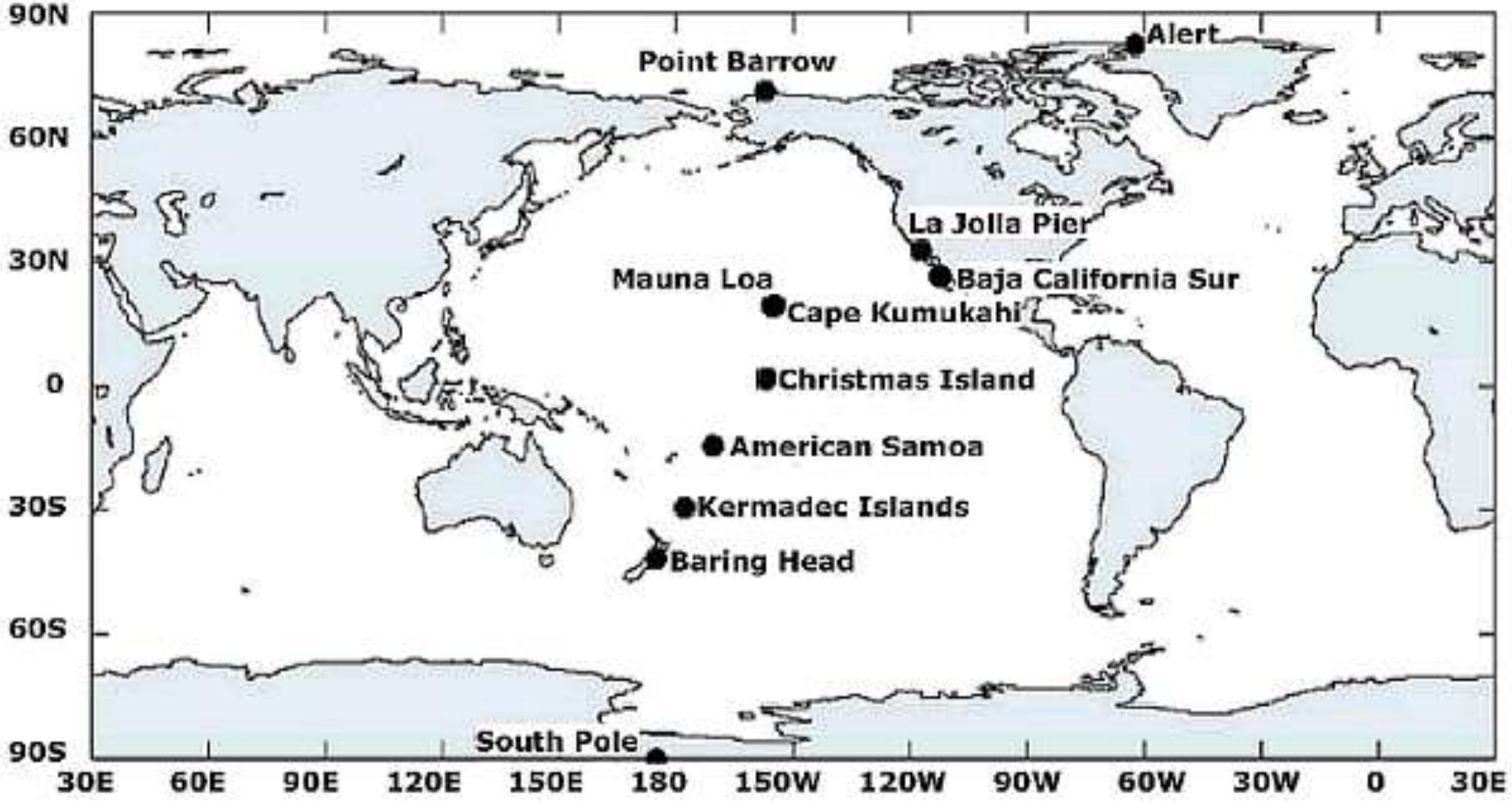
CO_2 flux anomalies – inversion modeling

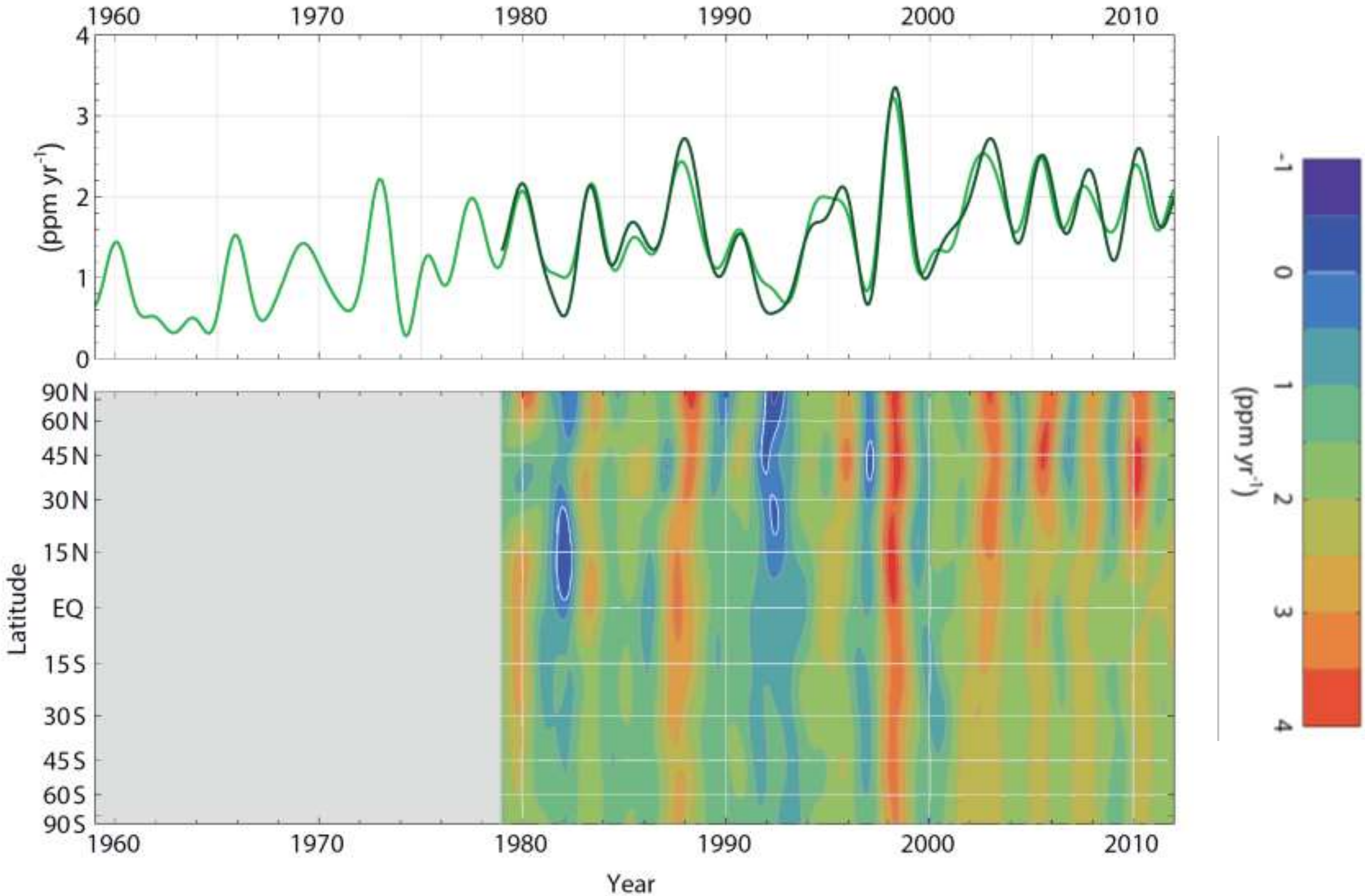


Atmospheric CO_2 Records from monitoring sites of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO)



Atmospheric CO_2 growth rate [ppm/yr]

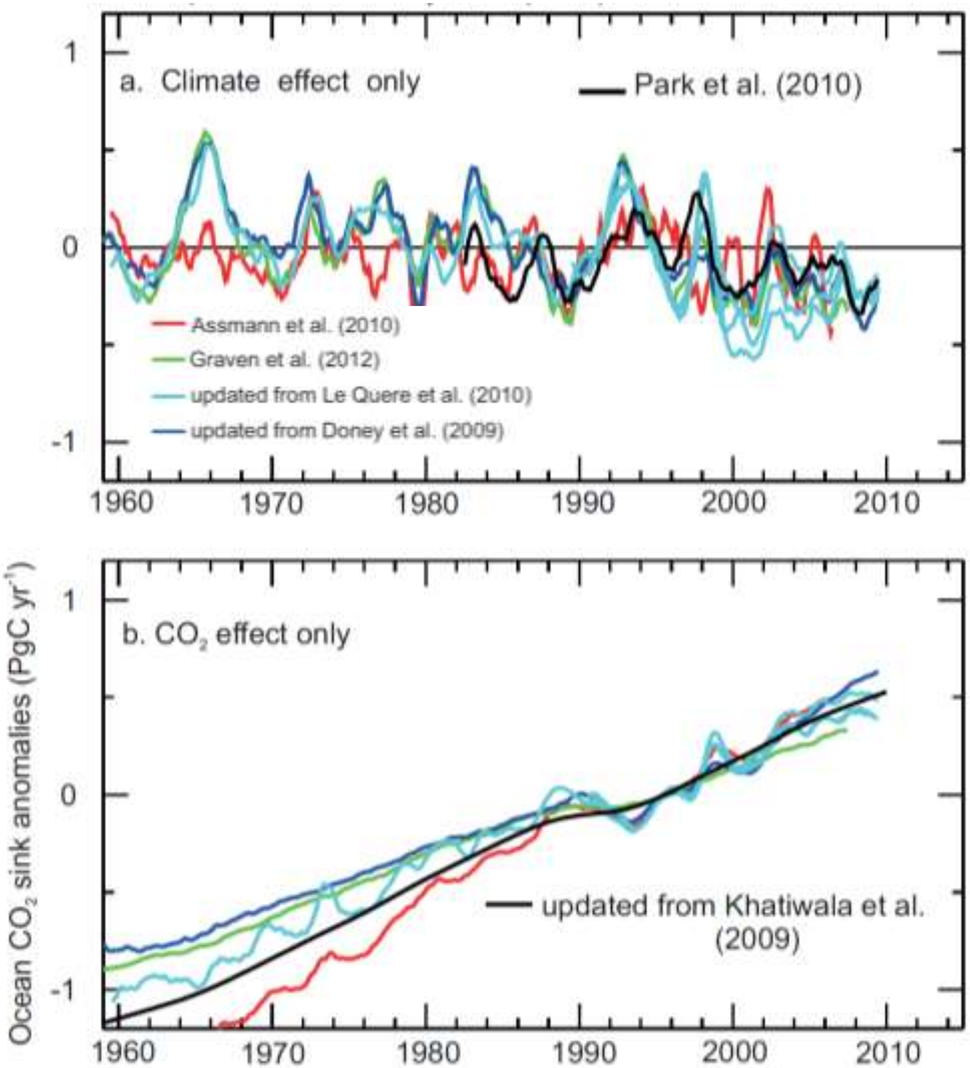
- SIO and NOAO GMD marine observations

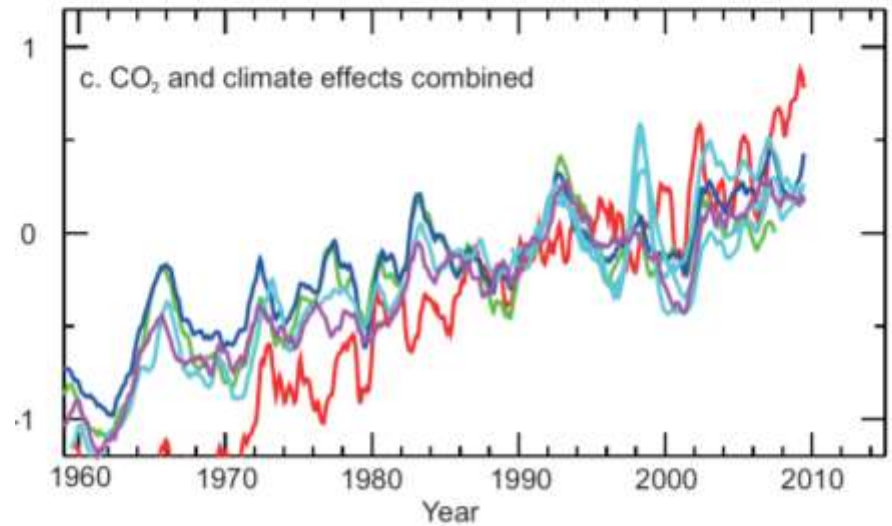


NOAA GMD: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Global Monitoring Division

Ocean CO_2 flux variations - temporal

Anomalous CO_2 ocean-to-atmosphere fluxes wrt 1990-2000 avgs





---- Ocean models

-- Indirect methods based on observations

-Low interannual variability.

-Ocean takes up more CO_2 during El Nino due to the suppression of CO_2 ota fluxes over the East Pacific upwelling.

Ocean inorganic carbon storage – regional changes

Section	Time	Storage Rate (mol C m^{-2} yr^{-1})	Data Source
Global average (used in Table 6.1)	2007–2008	0.5 ± 0.2	Khatiwala et al. (2009)
Pacific Ocean			
Section along 30°S	1992–2003	1.0 ± 0.4	Murata et al. (2007)
N of 50°S, 120°W to 180°W	1974–1996	0.9 ± 0.3	Peng et al. (2003)
154°W, 20°N to 50°S	1991–2006	0.6 ± 0.1	Sabine et al. (2008)
140°E to 170°W, 45°S to 65°S	1968–1991/1996	0.4 ± 0.2	Matear and McNeil (2003)
149° W, 4°S to 10°N	1993–2005	0.3 ± 0.1	Murata et al. (2009)
149° W, 24°N to 30°N	1993–2005	0.6 ± 0.2	Murata et al. (2009)
Northeast Pacific	1973–1991	1.3 ± 0.5	Peng et al. (2003)
~160°E, ~45°N	1997–2008	0.4 ± 0.1	Wakita et al. (2010)
North of 20°N	1994–2004/2005	0.4 ± 0.2	Sabine et al. (2008)
150°W, 20°S to 20°N	1991/1992–2006	0.3 ± 0.1	Sabine et al. (2008)
Indian Ocean			
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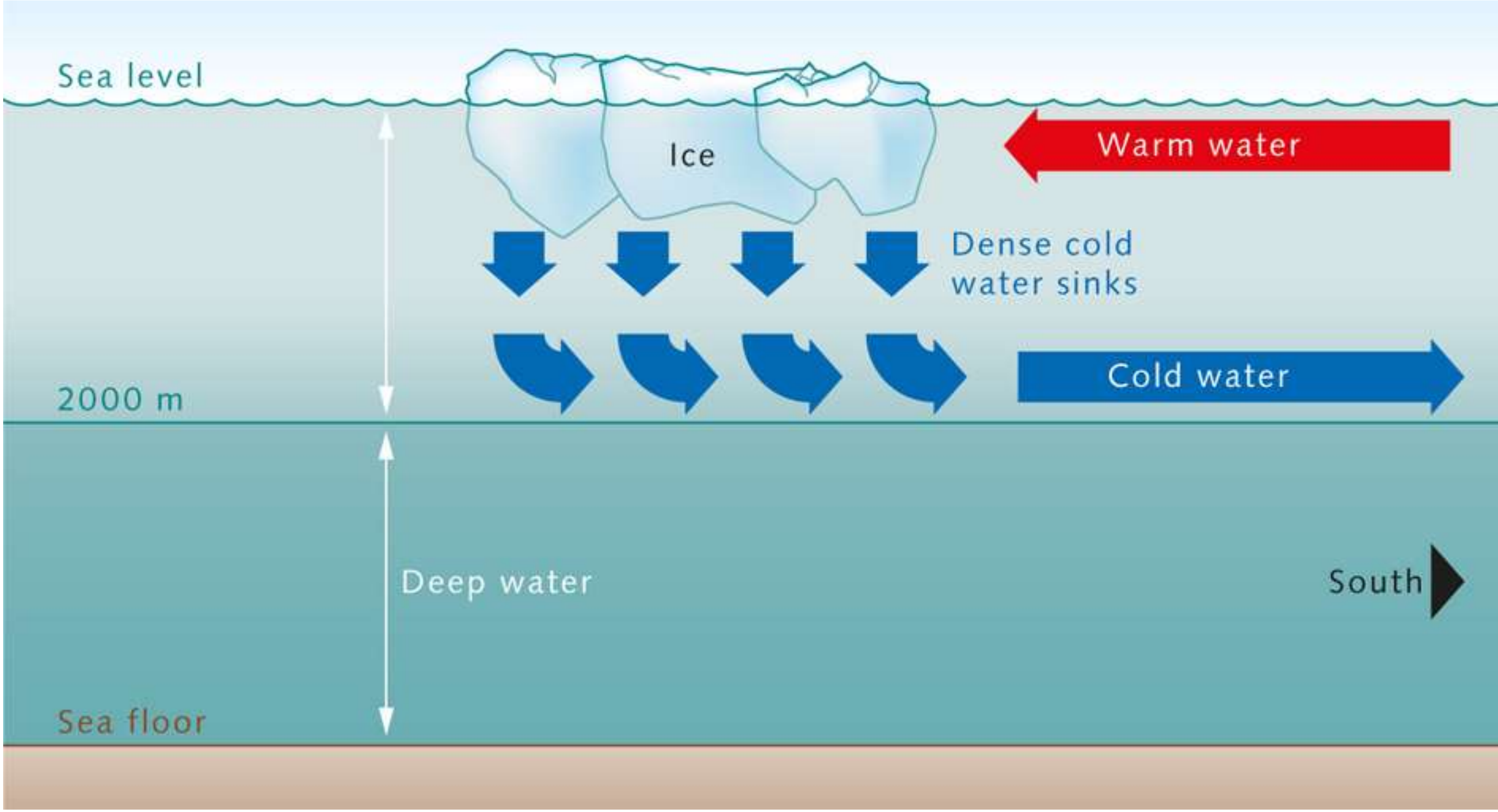
1 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlantic Ocean			
Section along 30°S	1992/1993–2003	0.6 ± 0.1	Murata et al. (2010)
~30°W, 56°S to 15°S	1989–2005	0.8	Wanninkhof et al. (2010)
20°W, 64°N to 15°N	1993–2003	0.6	Wanninkhof et al. (2010)
~25°W, 15°N to 15°S	1993–2003	0.2	Wanninkhof et al. (2010)
40°N to 65°N	1981–1997/1999	2.2 ± 0.7	Friis et al. (2005)
20°N to 40°N	1981–2004	1.2 ± 0.3	Tanhua et al. (2007)
Nordic Seas	1981–2002/2003	0.9 ± 0.2	Olsen et al. (2006)
Sub-decadal variations			
Irminger Sea	1981–1991	0.6 ± 0.4	Pérez et al. (2008)
Irminger Sea	1991–1996	2.3 ± 0.6	Pérez et al. (2008)
Irminger Sea	1997–2006	0.8 ± 0.2	Pérez et al. (2008)

Anthropogenic Carbon uptake is observed to be larger over the high latitude oceans because of the more vigorous convection there.

Table 6.5 | Regional rates of change in inorganic carbon storage from shipboard repeated hydrographic cross sections.

Ocean convection



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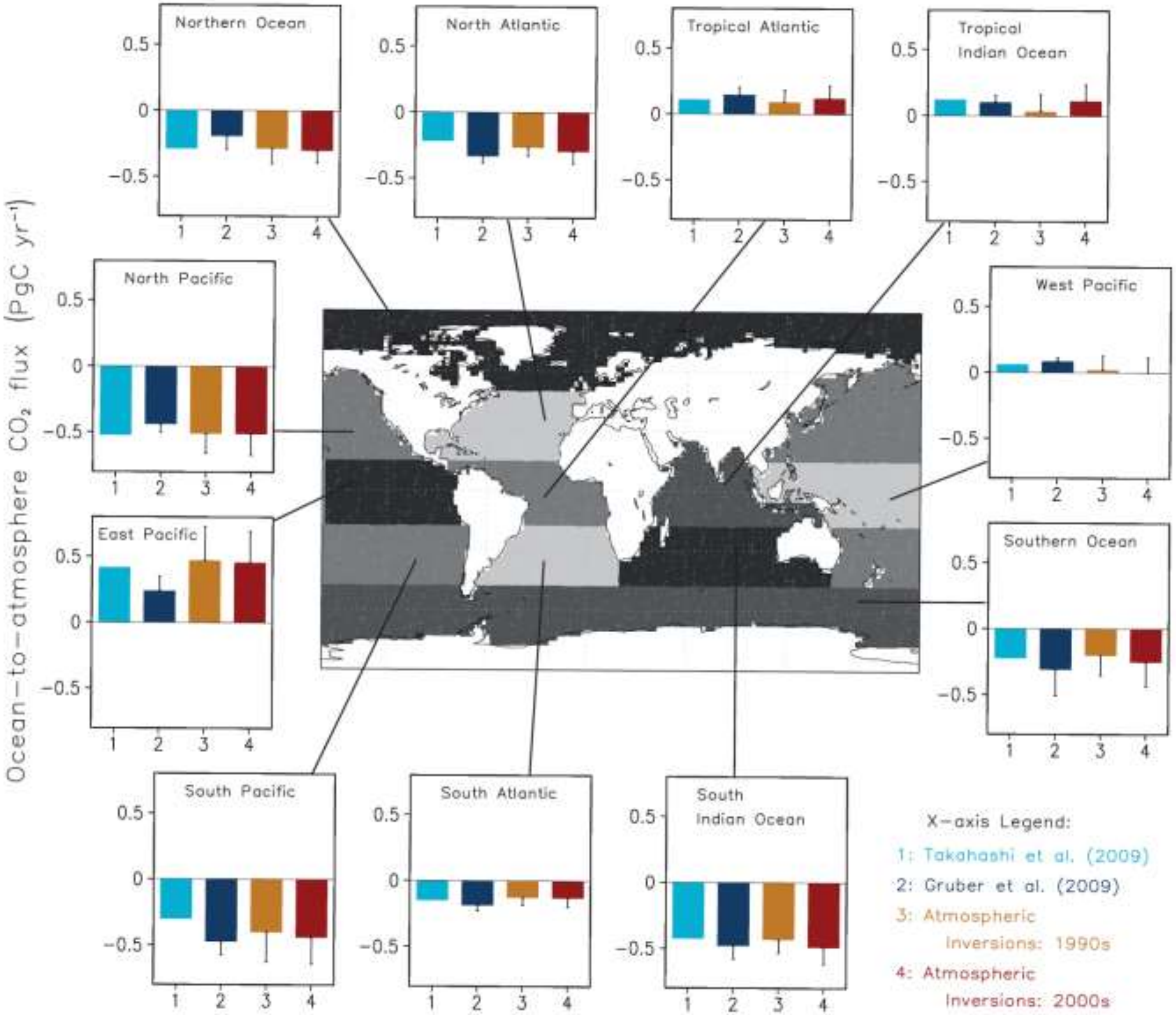
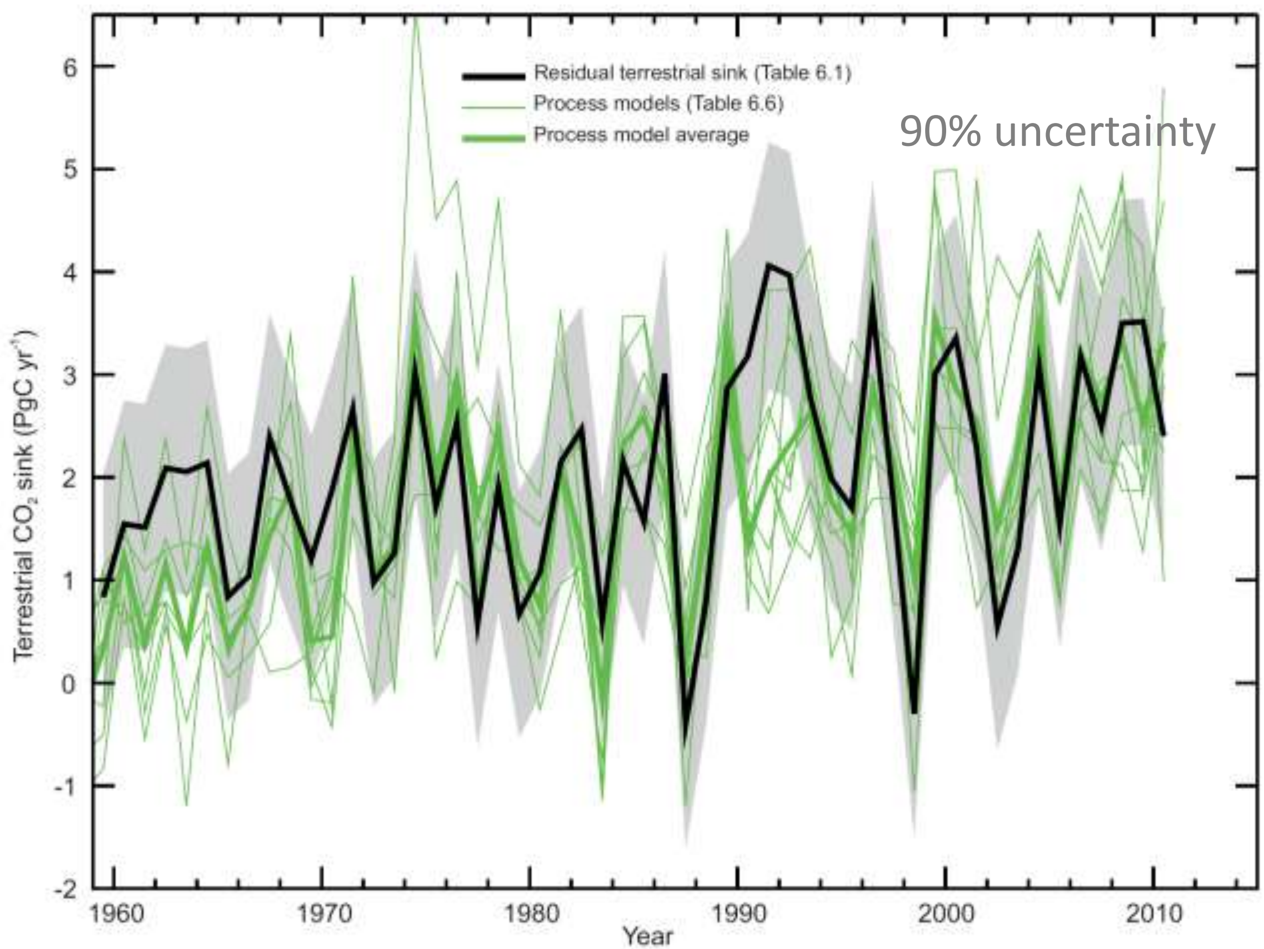
Decadal oceanic CO_2 fluxes

2000s-1990s



Terrestrial CO_2 sink – temporal

models wo land use change



- Large interannual variability; large uncertainties.
- Tropical land ecosystems dominate global CO_2 variability.
- During El Nino/La Nina enhanced land CO_2 source/sink.
- ENSO-Volcanic Index time series explains 75% of the observed variability.

Box 6.3 | The Carbon Dioxide Fertilisation Effect

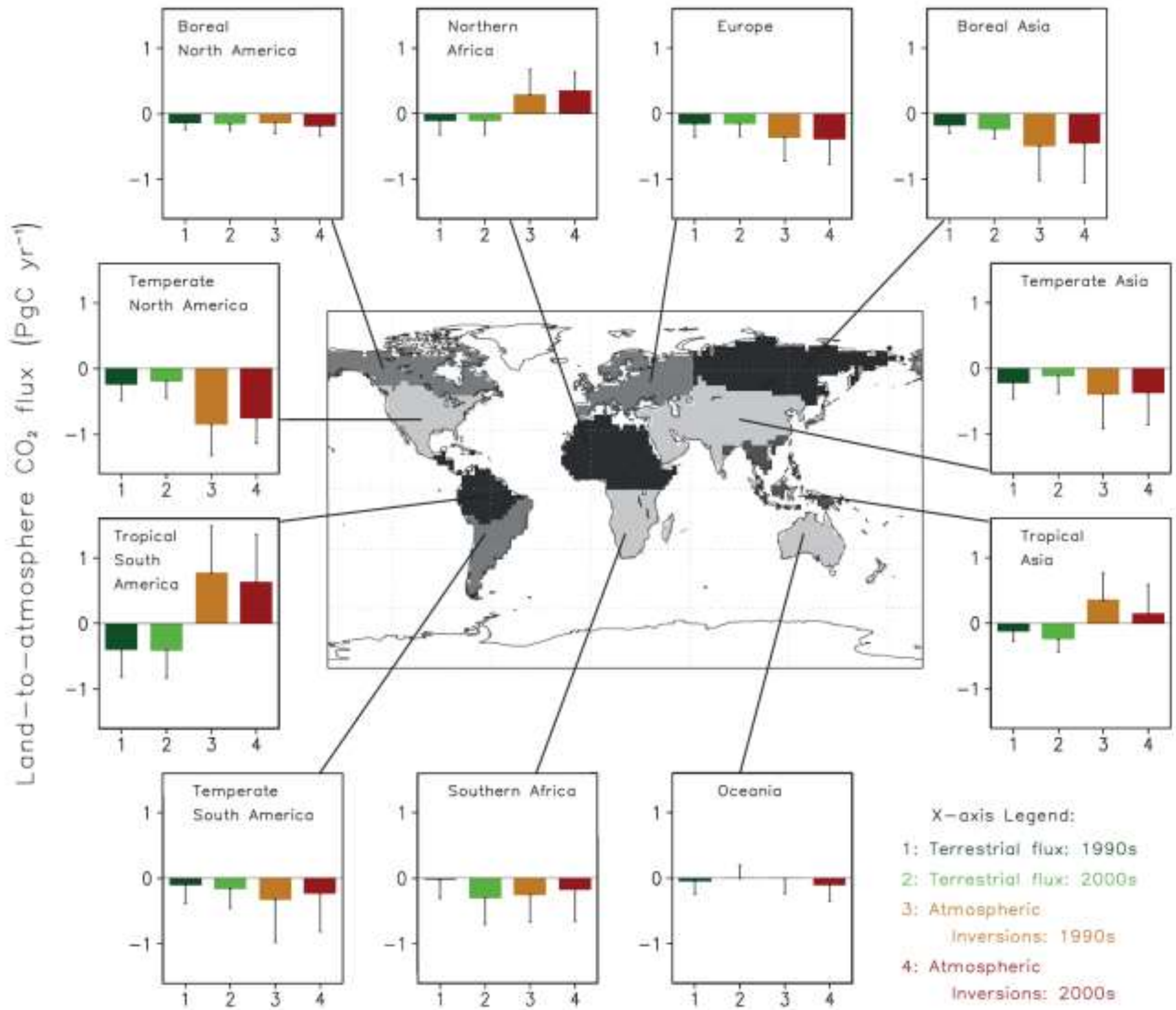
Elevated atmospheric CO_2 concentrations lead to higher leaf photosynthesis and reduced canopy transpiration, which in turn lead to increased plant water use efficiency and reduced fluxes of surface latent heat. The increase in leaf photosynthesis with rising CO_2, the so-called CO_2 fertilisation effect, plays a dominant role in terrestrial biogeochemical models to explain the global land carbon sink (Sitch et al., 2008), yet it is one of most unconstrained process in those models.

Field experiments provide a direct evidence of increased photosynthesis rates and water use efficiency (plant carbon gains per unit of water loss from transpiration) in plants growing under elevated CO_2. These physiological changes translate into a broad range of higher plant carbon accumulation in more than two-thirds of the experiments and with increased net primary productivity (NPP) of about 20 to 25% at double CO_2 from pre-industrial concentrations (Ainsworth and Long, 2004; Luo et al., 2004, 2006; Nowak et al., 2004; Norby et al., 2005;Canadell et al., 2007a; Denman et al., 2007; Ainsworth et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2012a). Since the AR4, new evidence is available from long-term Free-air CO_2 Enrichment (FACE) experiments in temperate ecosystems showing the capacity of ecosystems exposed to elevated CO_2 to sustain higher rates of carbon accumulation over multiple years (Liberloo et al., 2009; McCarthy et al., 2010; Aranjuelo et al., 2011; Dawes et al., 2011; Lee et al., 2011; Zak et al., 2011). However, FACE experiments also show the diminishing or lack of CO_2 fertilisation effect in some ecosystems and for some plant species (Dukes et al., 2005; Adair et al., 2009; Bader et al., 2009; Norby et al., 2010; Newingham et al., 2013). This lack of response occurs despite increased water use efficiency, also confirmed with tree ring evidence (Gedalof and Berg, 2010; Peñuelas et al., 2011).

Nutrient limitation is hypothesized as primary cause for reduced or lack of CO_2 fertilisation effect observed on NPP in some experiments (Luo et al., 2004; Dukes et al., 2005; Finzi et al., 2007; Norby et al., 2010). Nitrogen and phosphorus are *very likely* to play the most important role in this limitation of the CO_2 fertilisation effect on NPP, with nitrogen limitation prevalent in temperate and boreal ecosystems, and phosphorus limitation in the tropics (Luo et al., 2004; Vitousek et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2010a; Goll et al., 2012). Micronutrients interact in diverse ways with other nutrients in constraining NPP such as molybdenum and phosphorus in the tropics (Wurzburger et al., 2012). Thus, with *high confidence*, the CO_2 fertilisation effect will lead to enhanced NPP, but significant uncertainties remain on the magnitude of this effect, given the lack of experiments outside of temperate climates.

Decadal terrestrial CO_2 fluxes - regional

2000s-1990s



Regional CO_2 budgets

Table 6.6 | Regional CO_2 budgets using top-down estimates (atmospheric inversions) and bottom-up estimates (inventory data, biogeochemical modelling, eddy-covariance), excluding fossil fuel emissions. A positive sign indicates a flux from the atmosphere to the land (i.e., a land sink).

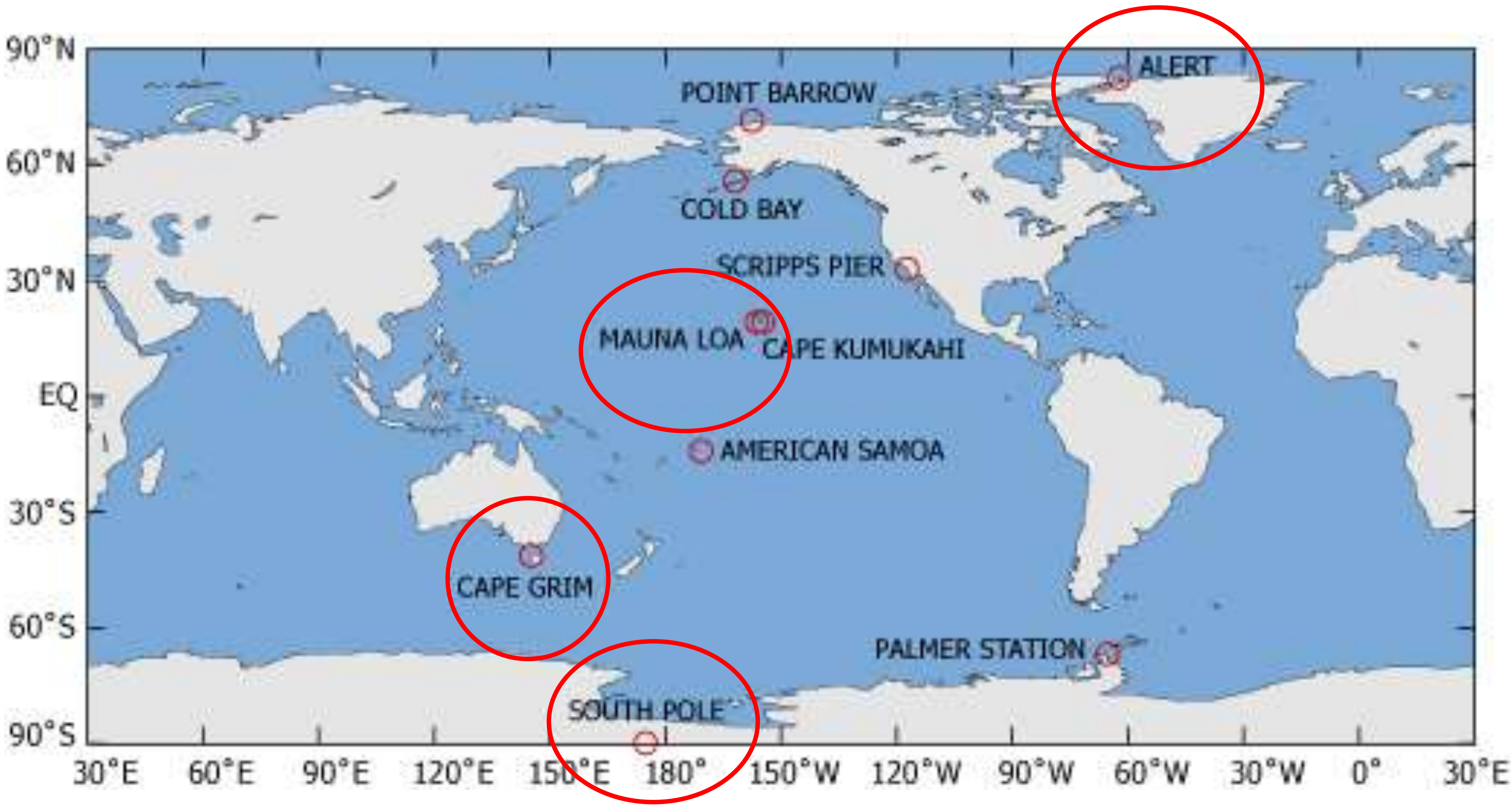
Region	CO_2 Sink ($PgC\ yr^{-1}$)	Uncertainty[a]	Period	Reference
Artic Tundra	0.1	±0.3[b]	2000–2006	McGuire et al. (2012)
Australia	0.04	±0.03	1990–2009	Haverd et al. (2013)
East Asia	0.25	±0.1	1990–2009	Piao et al. (2012)
Europe	0.9	±0.2	2001–2005	Luyssaert et al. (2012)
North America	0.6	±0.02	2000–2005	King et al. (2012)
Russian Federation	0.6	–0.3 to –1.3	1990–2007	Dolman et al. (2012)
South Asia	0.15	±0.24	2000–2009	Patra et al. (2013)
South America	–0.3	±0.3	2000–2005	Gloor et al. (2012)

Notes:

[a] One standard deviation from mean unless indicated otherwise.

[b] Based on range provided.

Scripps O_2 Program



MLO: Mauna Loa Observatory SPO: South Pole Observatory
ALT: Alert NH CGO: Cape Grim Observatory

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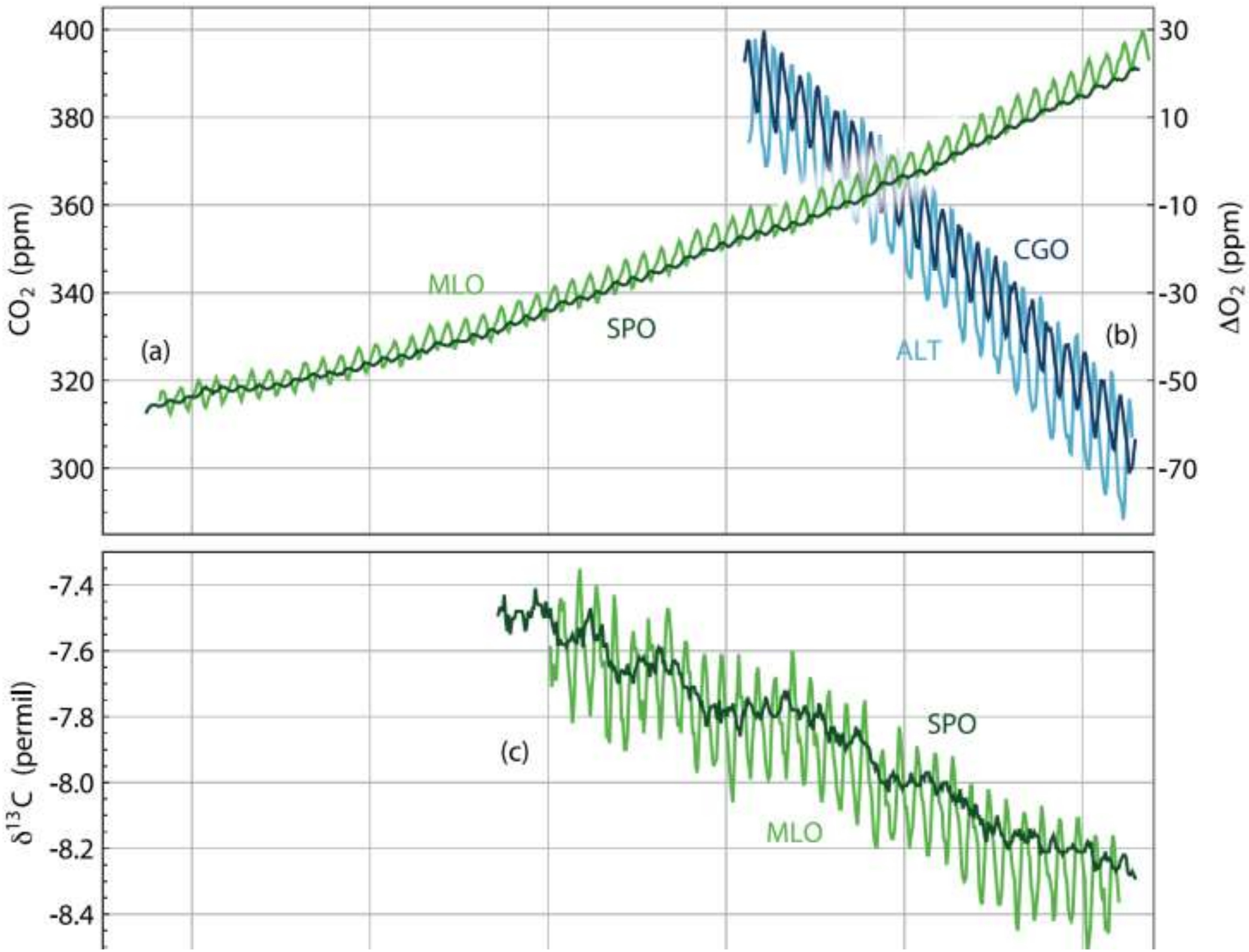
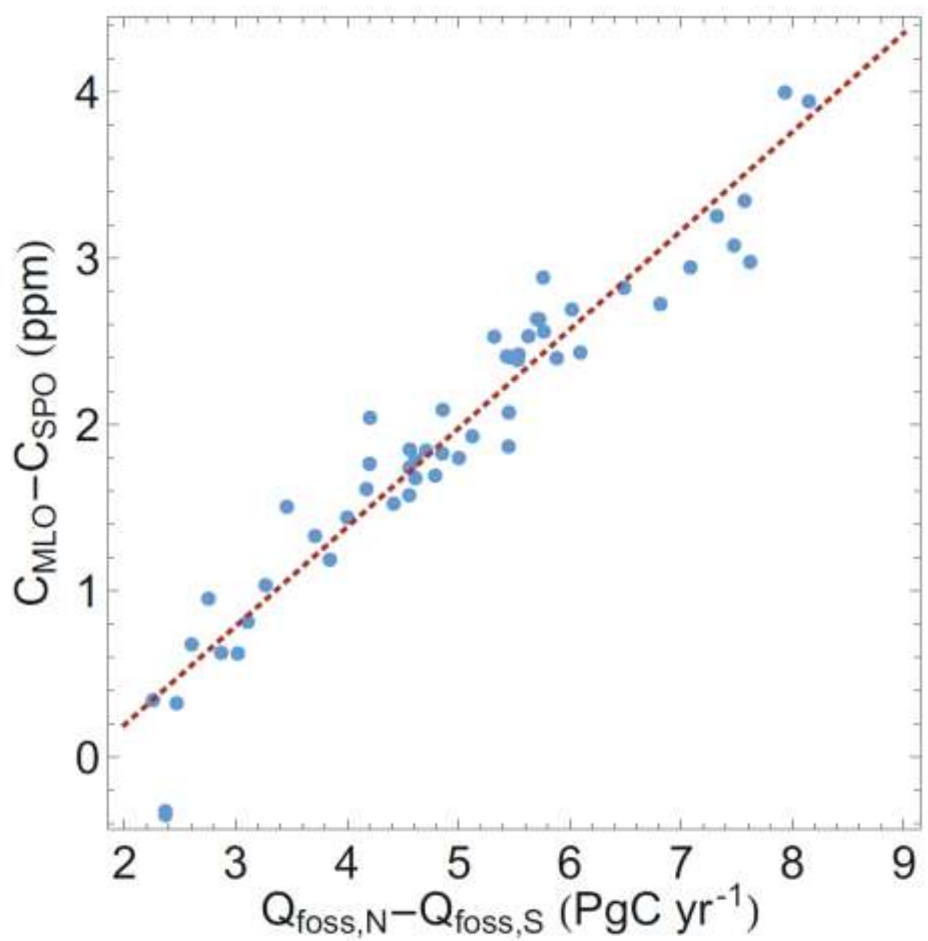
Atmospheric concentrations of CO_2, O_2, $^{13}C/^{12}C$ stable isotope ratio in CO_2



CO_2 from fossil fuels and from land biosphere has a lower 13C/12C stable isotope ratio than the CO_2 in the atmosphere.

>decreasing trend in atmospheric 13C/12C ratio of atmospheric CO_2 concentration.

Atmospheric CO_2 concentrations [ppm] versus fossil fuel combustion emissions [PgC/yr]: NH-SH differences



Fossil fuel CO_2 emissions take place mainly in industrialised countries (NH).

>Atmospheric CO_2 concentrations are higher in the NH than for the SH.

>Atmosphere CO_2 concentration diff follows linearly fossil fuel combustion emissions gradient.

Summary

“With a **very high confidence**, the increase in **CO_2 emissions** from **fossil fuel burning** and those arising from **land use change** are the **dominant cause** of the observed **increase in atmospheric CO_2** concentration. Several lines of evidence support this conclusion:

- The **observed decrease** in **atmospheric O_2** content over past two decades and the **lower O_2 content in** the **northern compared to** the **SH** are **consistent with** the **burning** of **fossil fuels**.
- **CO_2** from **fossil fuels** and from the **land biosphere** has a **lower 13C/12C stable isotope ratio** than the CO_2 in the atmosphere. This induces a **decreasing** temporal **trend** in the **atmospheric 13C/12C ratio** of **atmospheric CO_2 concentration** as well as, on annual average, slightly lower 13C/12C values in the NH (Figure 6.3). These signals are measured.
- Most of the fossil fuel CO_2 emissions take place in the industrialised countries north of the equator. Consistent with this, on annual average, **atmospheric CO_2 measurement stations** in the **NH** record **increasingly higher CO_2 concentrations than stations in the SH**, as witnessed by the observations from Mauna Loa, Hawaii, and the South Pole.”

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All the data is shown in billion tonnes CO_2 ($GtCO_2$)

1 Gigatonne (Gt) = 1 billion tonnes = 1×10^{15}g = 1 Petagram (Pg)

1 kg carbon (C) = 3.664 kg carbon dioxide (CO_2)

1 GtC = 3.664 billion tonnes CO_2 = 3.664 $GtCO_2$

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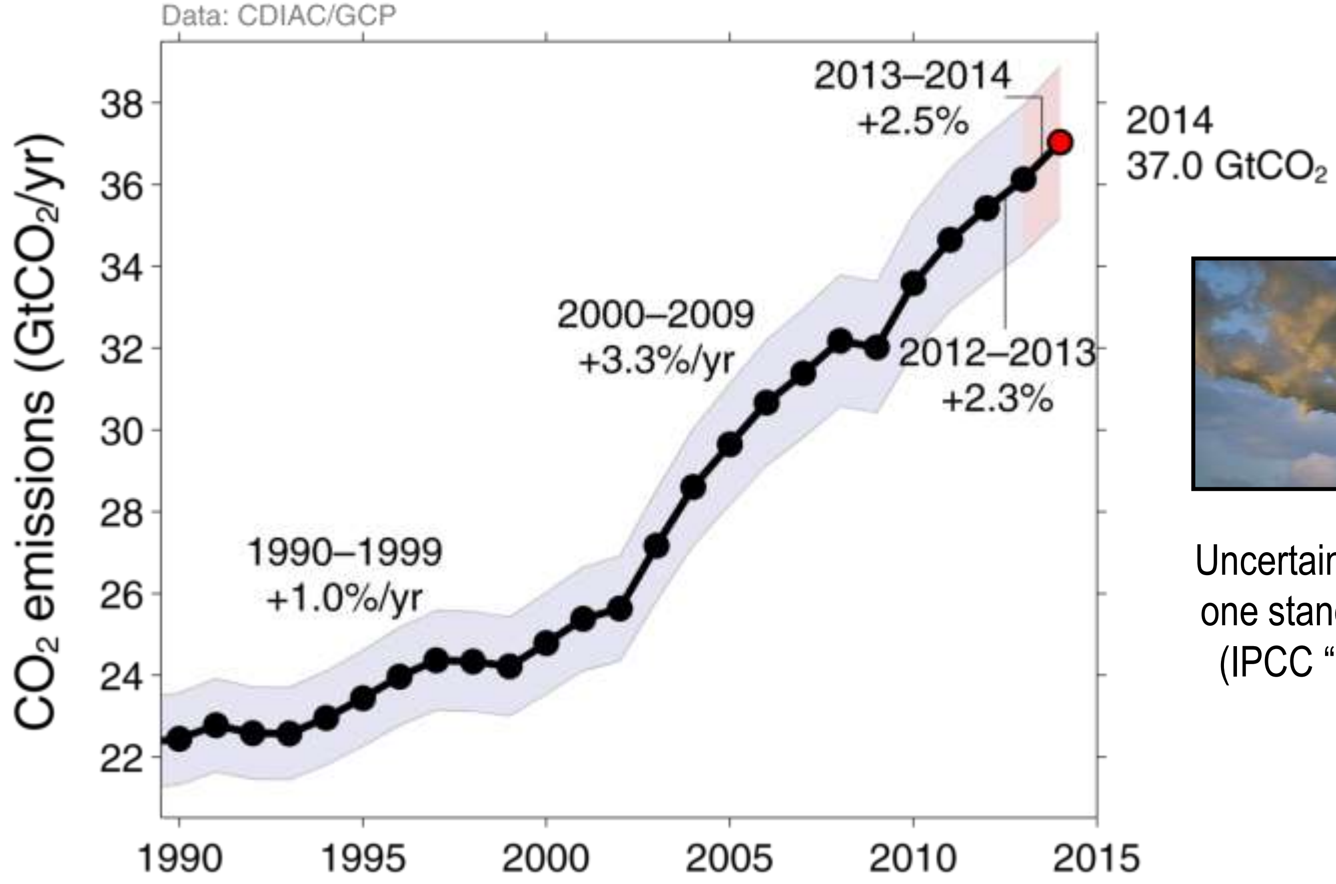
Fossil Fuel and Cement Emissions

Global fossil fuel and cement emissions: 36.1 ± 1.8 $GtCO_2$ in 2013, 61% over 1990

● Projection for 2014 : 37.0 ± 1.9 $GtCO_2$, 65% over 1990



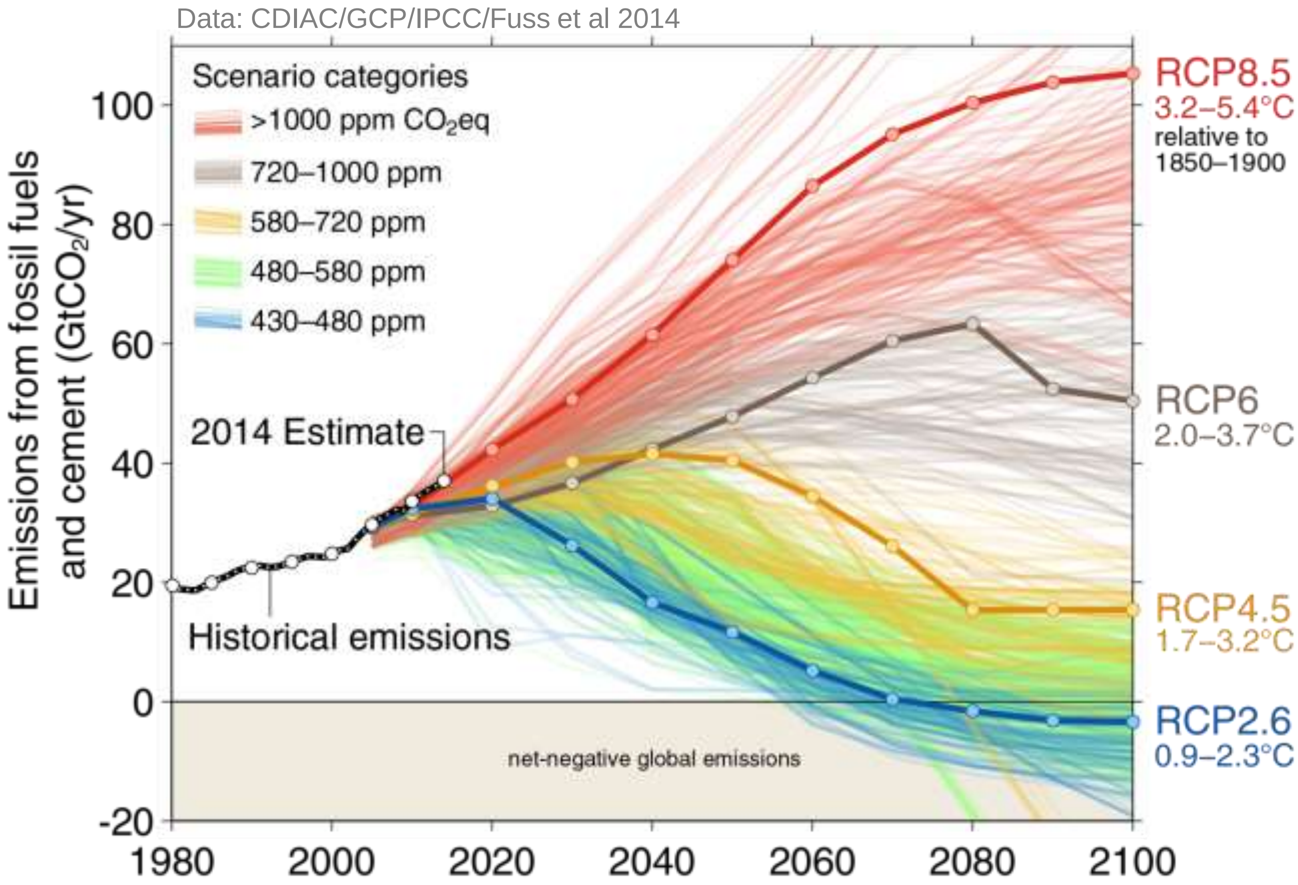
Uncertainty is ±5% for one standard deviation (IPCC "likely" range)

Estimates for 2011, 2012, and 2013 are preliminary

Source: CDIAC; Le Quéré et al 2014; Global Carbon Budget 2014

Observed Emissions and Emissions Scenarios

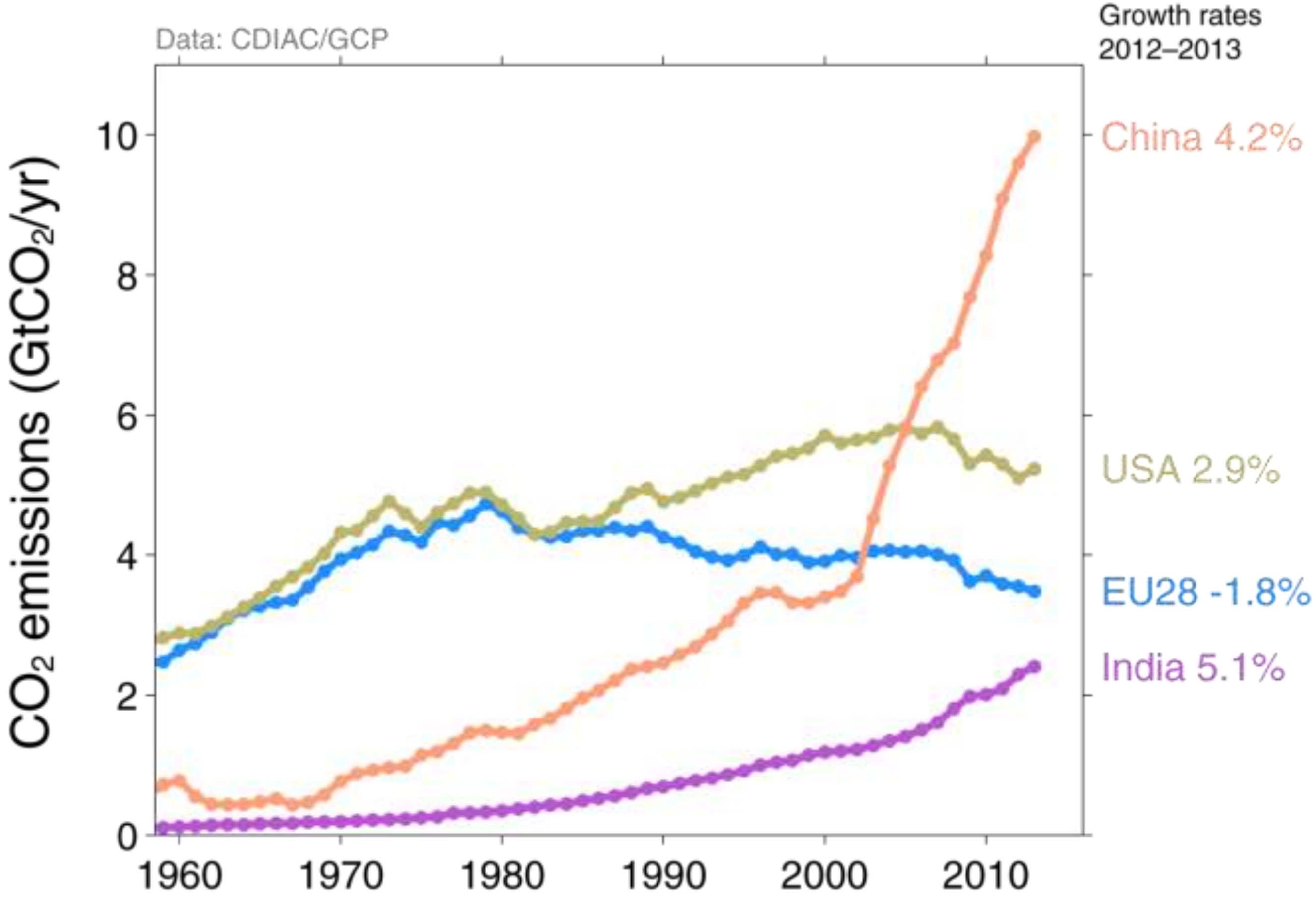
Emissions are on track for 3.2–5.4ºC "likely" increase in temperature above pre-industrial
Large and sustained mitigation is required to keep below 2ºC



Over 1000 scenarios from the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report are shown
Source: Fuss et al 2014; CDIAC; Global Carbon Budget 2014

Top Fossil Fuel Emitters (Absolute)

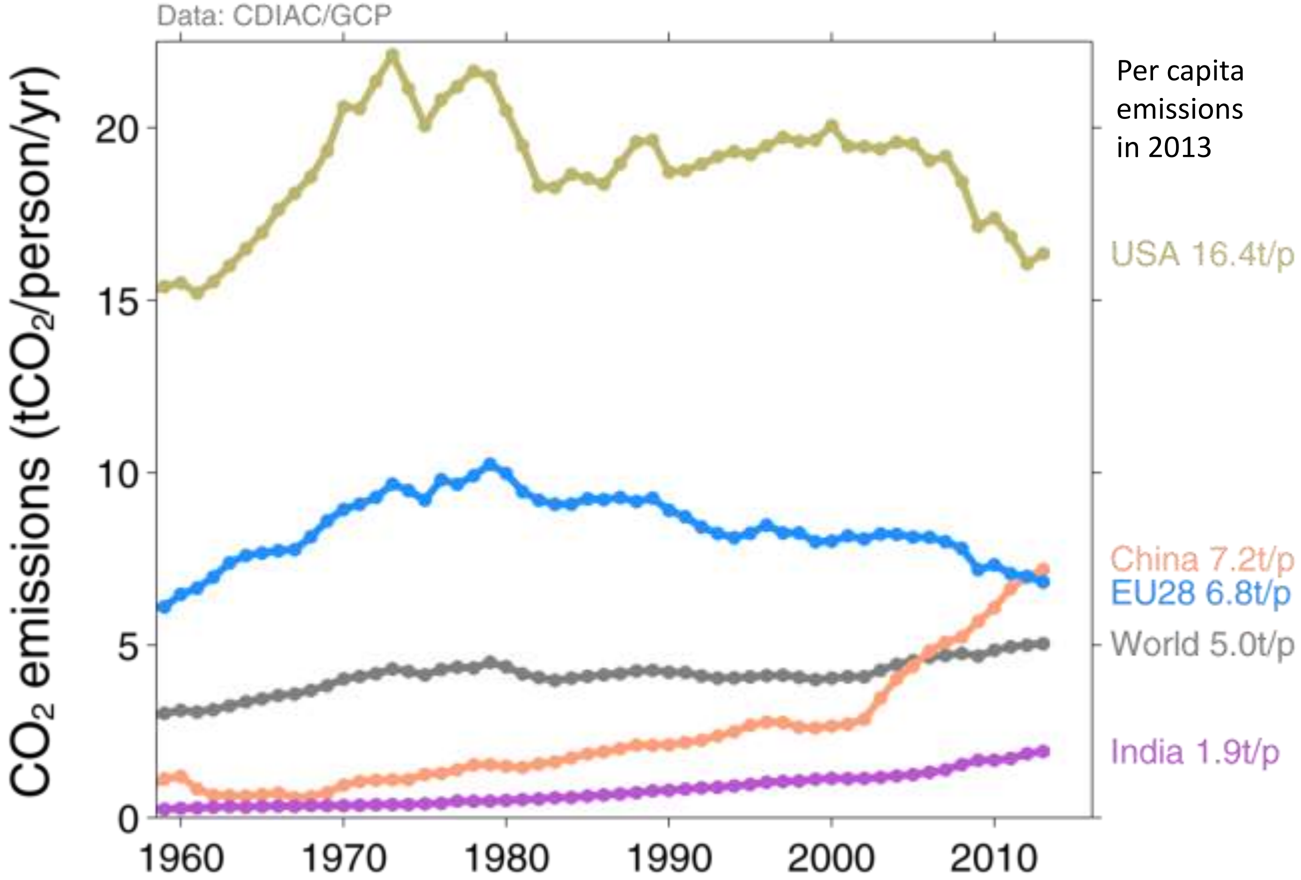
The top four emitters in 2013 covered 58% of global emissions
China (28%), United States (14%), EU28 (10%), India (7%)



Bunkers fuel used for international transport is 3% of global emissions
Statistical differences between the global estimates and sum of national totals is 3% of global emissions
Source: CDIAC; Le Quéré et al 2014; Global Carbon Budget 2014

Top Fossil Fuel Emitters (Per Capita)

China's per capita emissions have passed the EU28 and are 45% above the global average



Source: CDIAC; Le Quéré et al 2014; Global Carbon Budget 2014

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Closing the Carbon Budget

Fate of Anthropogenic CO_2 Emissions (2004-2013 average)

32.4 ± 1.6 $GtCO_2$/yr 91%

3.3 ± 1.8 $GtCO_2$/yr 9%

+

15.8 ± 0.4 $GtCO_2$/yr

44%

10.6 ± 2.9 $GtCO_2$/yr

29%

Calculated as the residual of all other flux components

26%

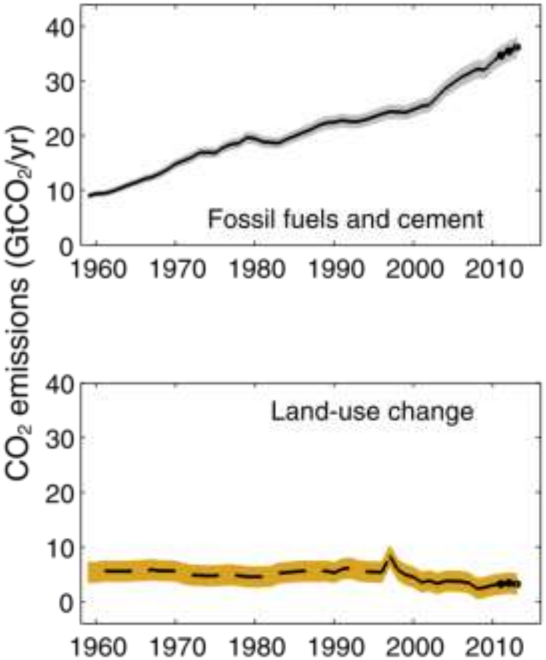
9.4 ± 1.8 $GtCO_2$/yr

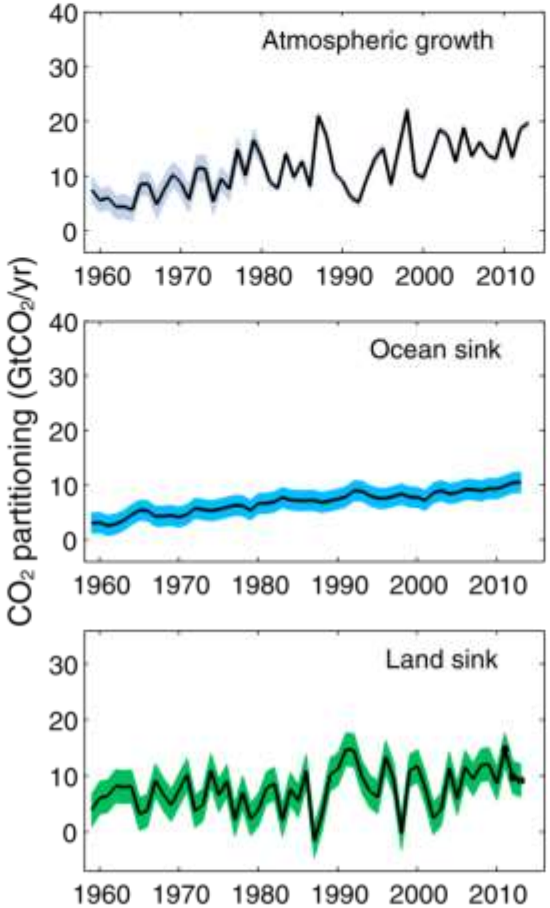
Source: CDIAC; NOAA-ESRL; Houghton et al 2012; Giglio et al 2013; Le Quéré et al 2014; Global Carbon Budget 2014

Changes in the Budget over Time

The sinks have continued to grow with increasing emissions, but climate change will affect carbon cycle processes in a way that will exacerbate the increase of CO_2 in the atmosphere

Data: GCP





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