

#### Climate change,

CO<sub>2</sub> emission trends and mitigation portfolio

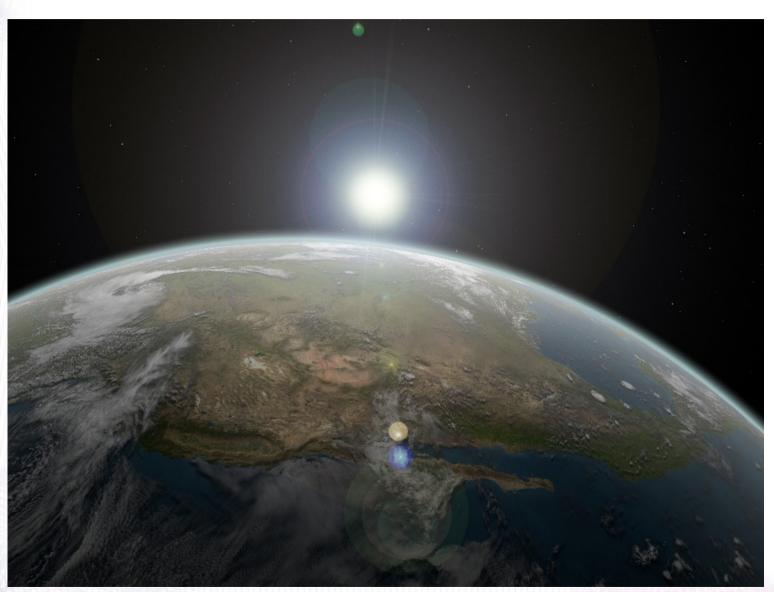
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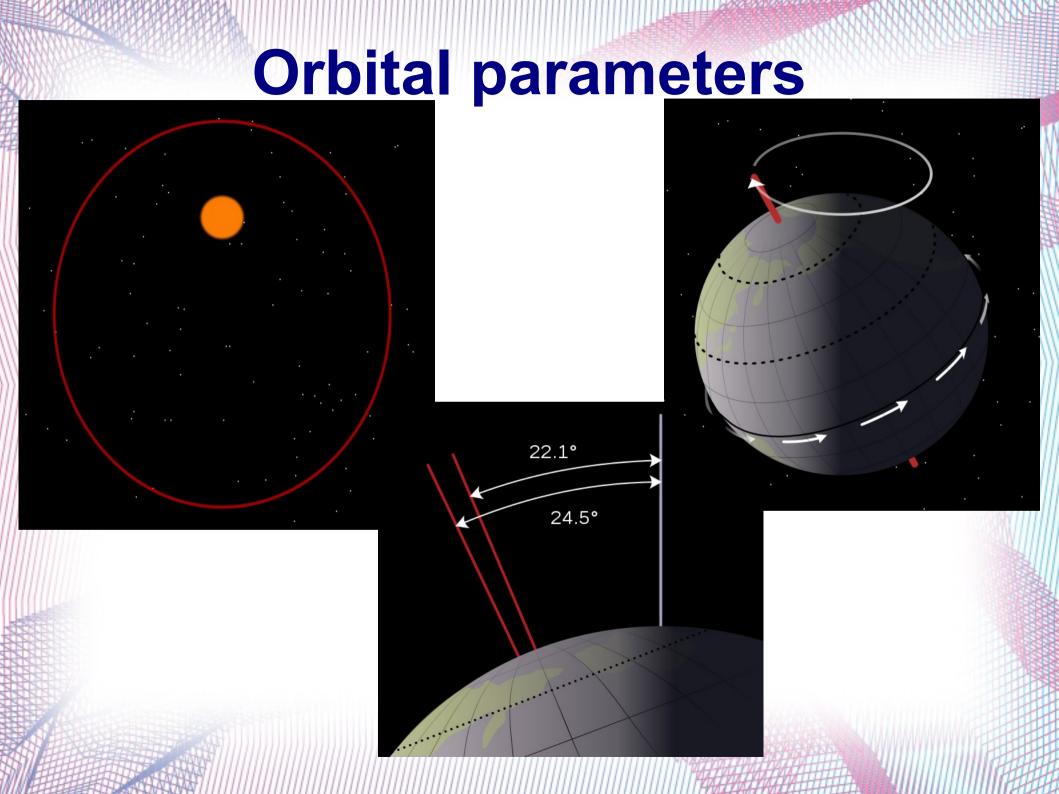
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"CO2 Capture and Storage - Response to Climate Change"

#### Sun → Earth

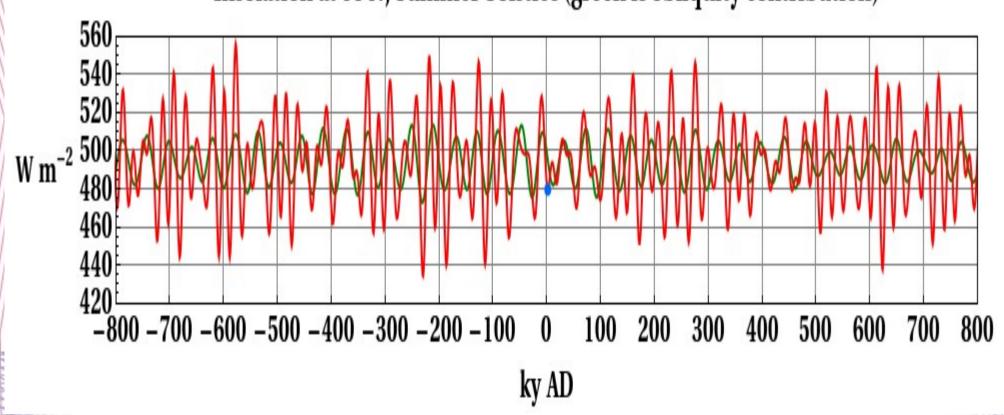


1366 W/m<sup>2</sup>

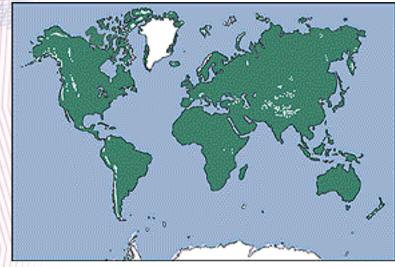


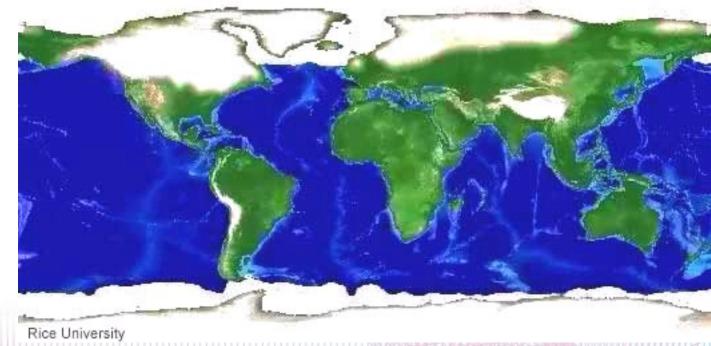
#### Milankovitch cycles





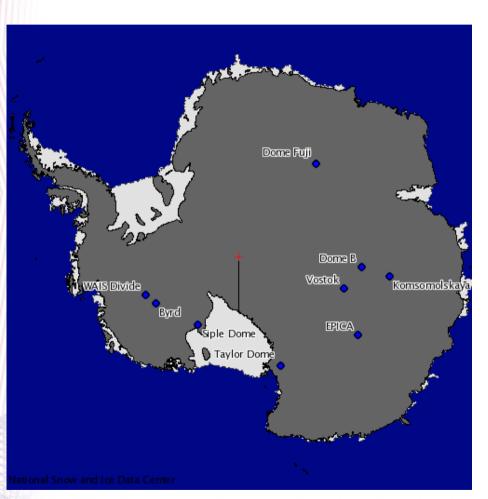
#### Ice ages





≈ 20 ky BP

#### Climate records in ice cores



Dome B: Dome B Ice Core

Location: 77.0833°S, 94.9167°E

Depth: 780 m

 EPICA Dome C: European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica

 Location: 75.1°S, 123.35°E (Concordia Station, Dome C)

Depth: 3270 m

Drilled: 1996-2004

• Timespan: ~890,000 years

Vostok: Vostok Station

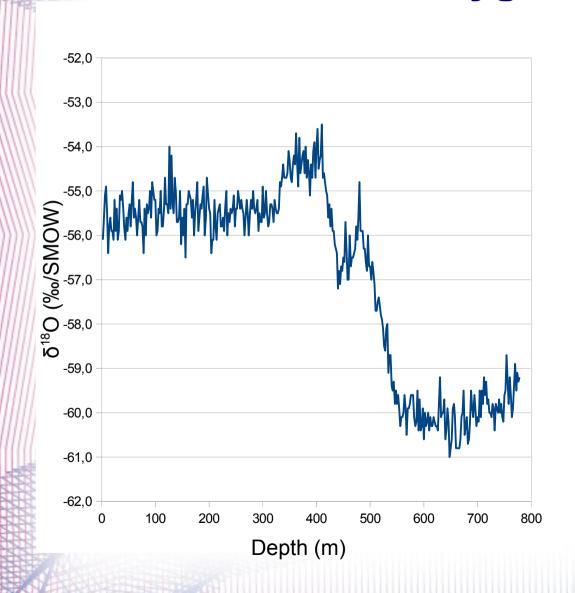
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Depth: 3623 m

Drilled: 1993-1998

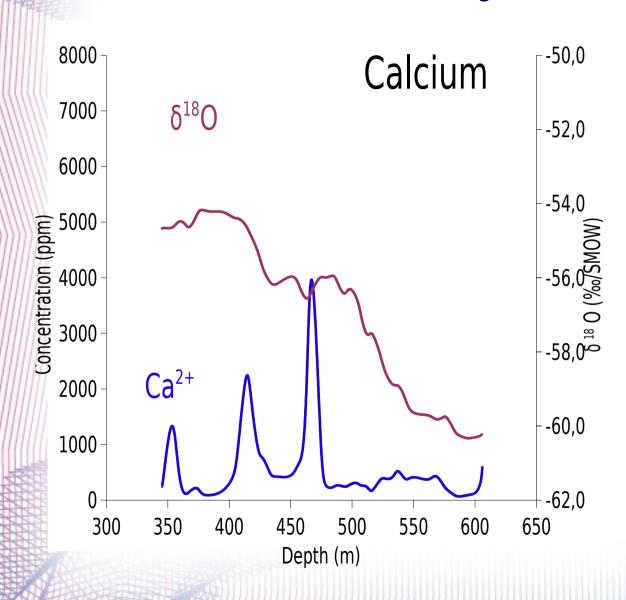
Timespan: ~420,000 years (4 glacial cycles)

## Dome B ↔ Inst. of Geology at TUT oxygen-18



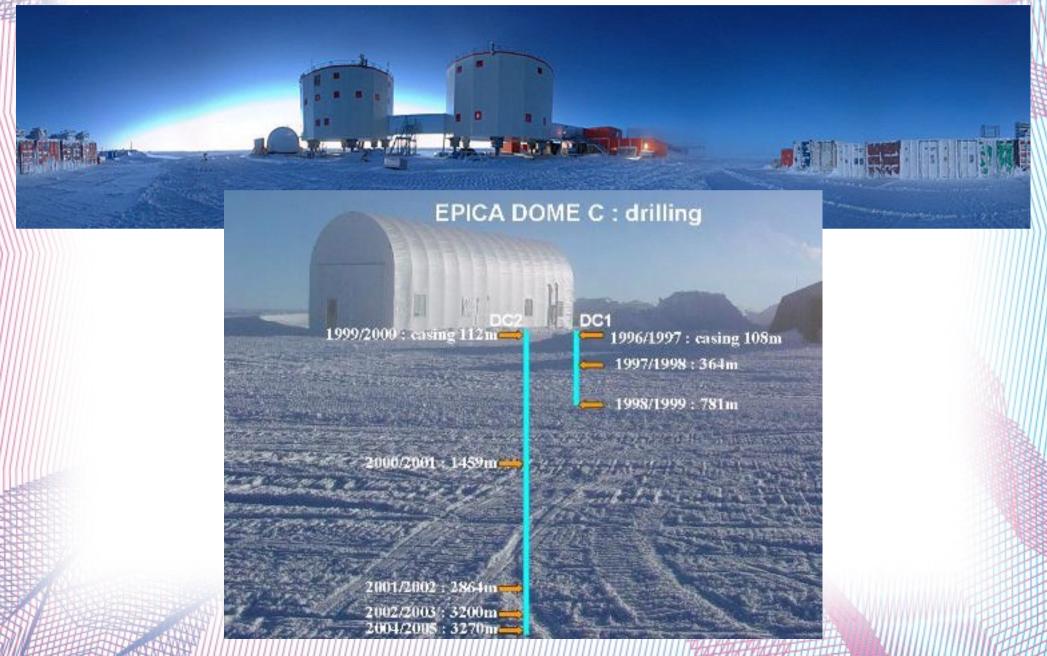
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### **Dome B** ↔ Inst. of Geology at TUT major ions

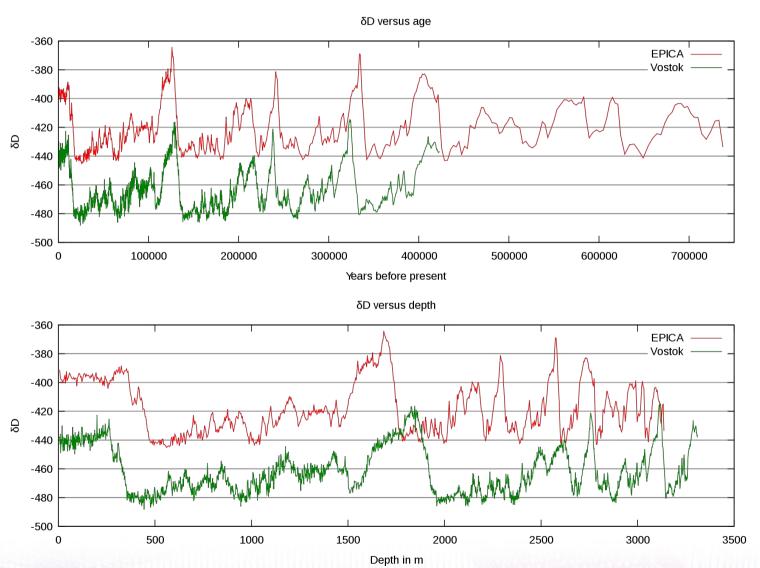


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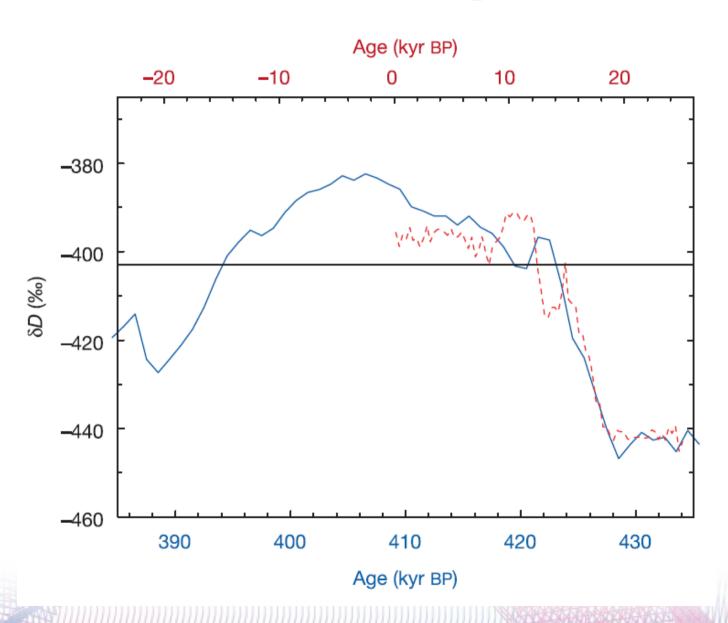
#### Concordia Station, Dome C



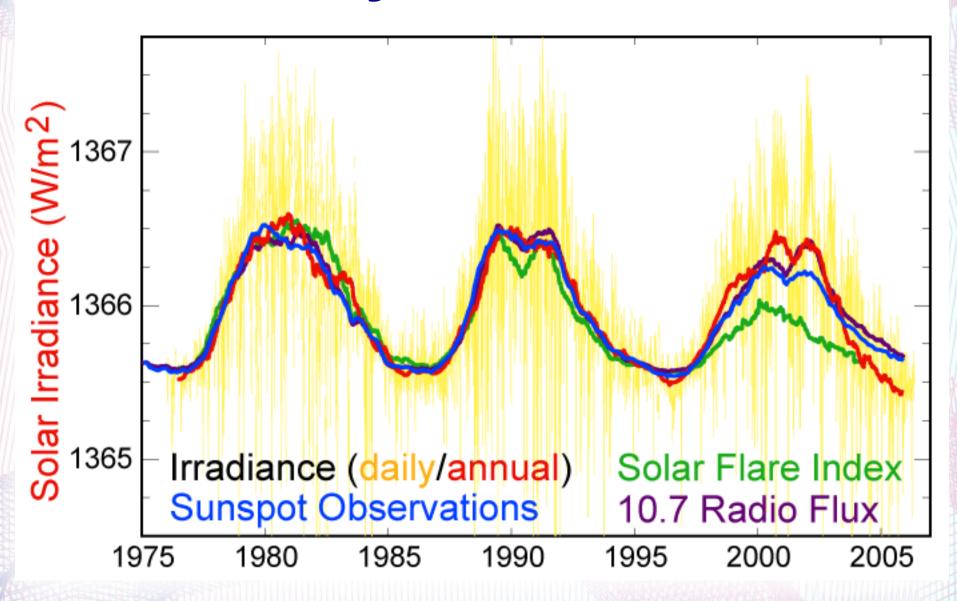
## Climate records in ice cores Dome C vs Vostok



#### Present vs past

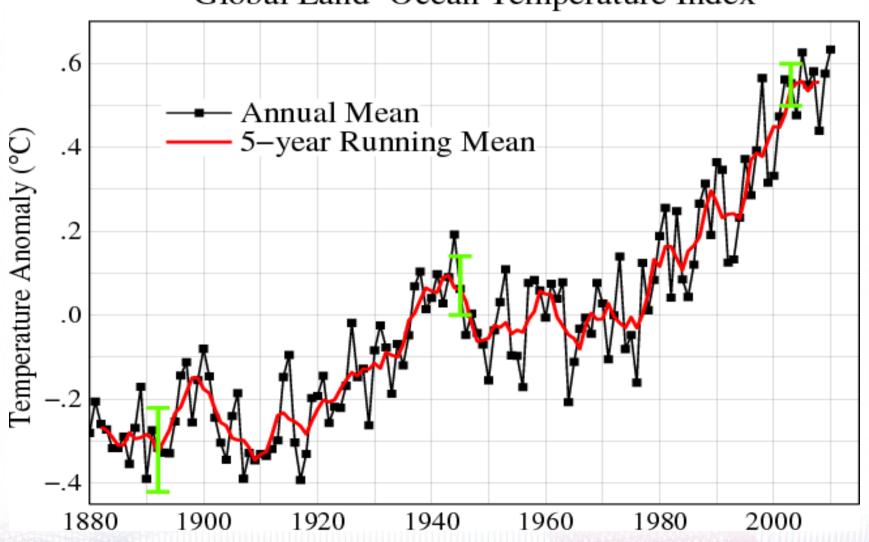


#### Solar cycle variations

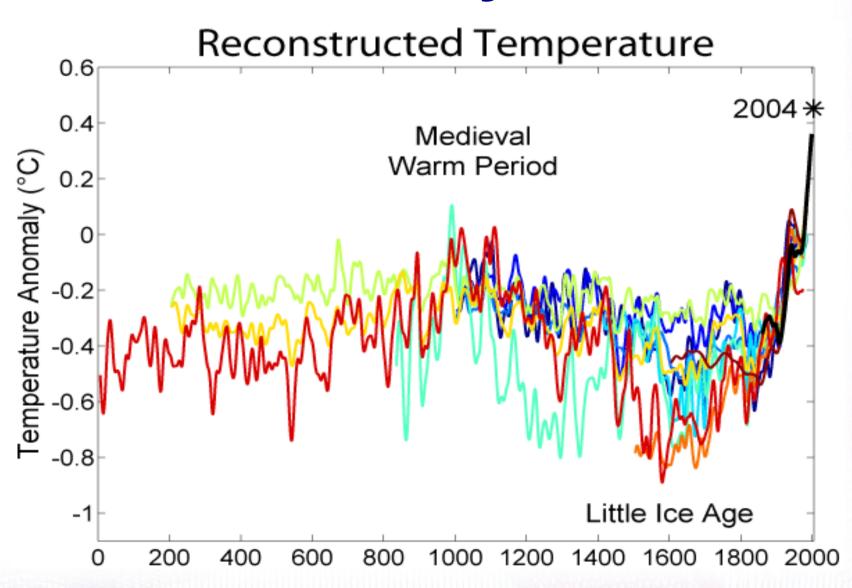


## Recent global temperature change

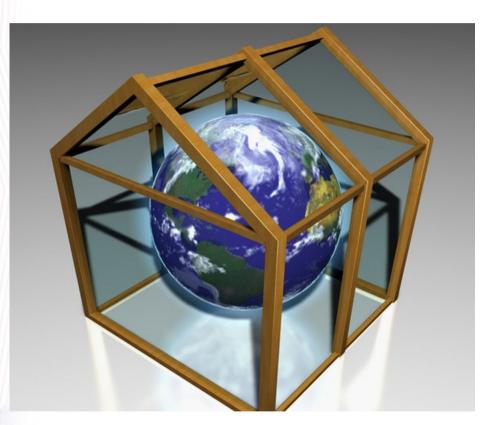
Global Land-Ocean Temperature Index



#### Last 2000 years

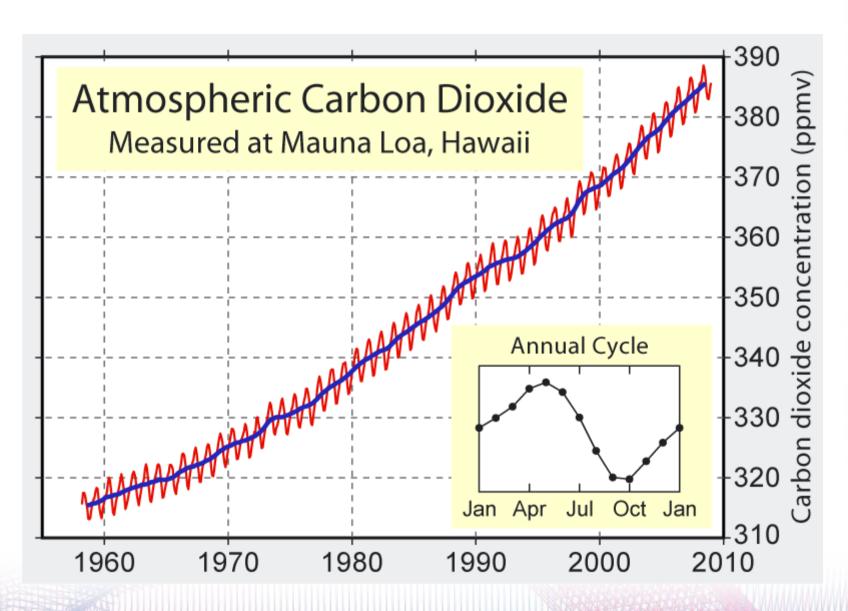


#### Earth atmosphere - greenhouse

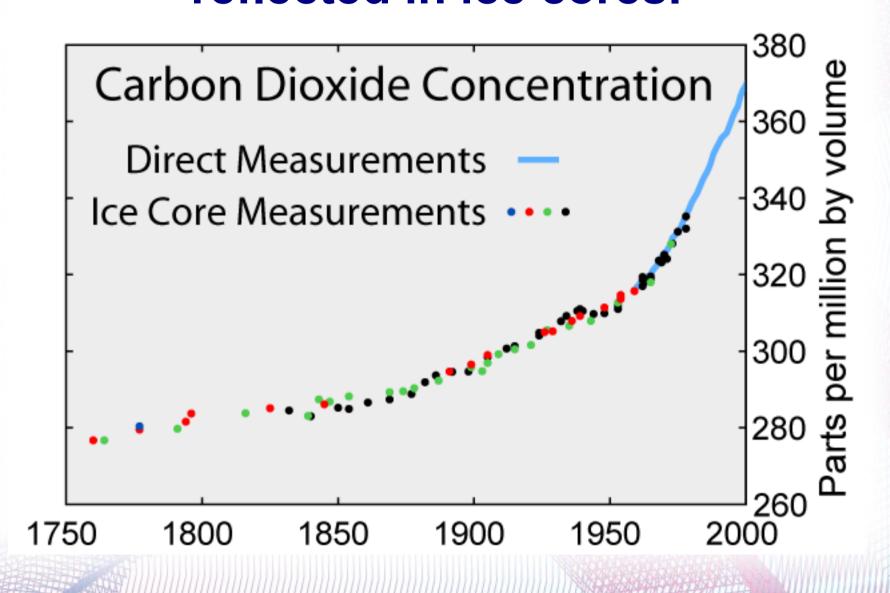


- + 33°C
- greenhouse gases
- $H_20 \rightarrow 36-70 \%$
- $CO_2 \rightarrow 9-26 \%$
- $CH_4 \rightarrow 4-9 \%$
- $\bullet$  O<sub>3</sub>  $\rightarrow$  3–7 %

#### **Keeling Curve**

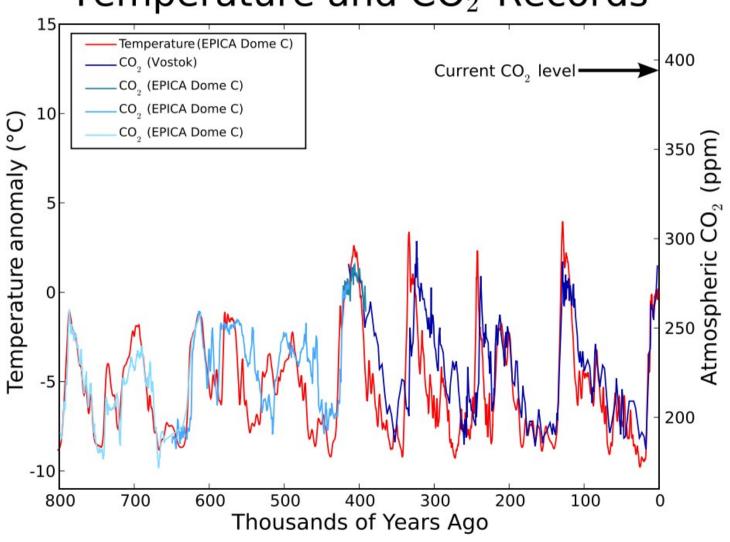


# Increasing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels as measured in the atmosphere and reflected in ice cores.

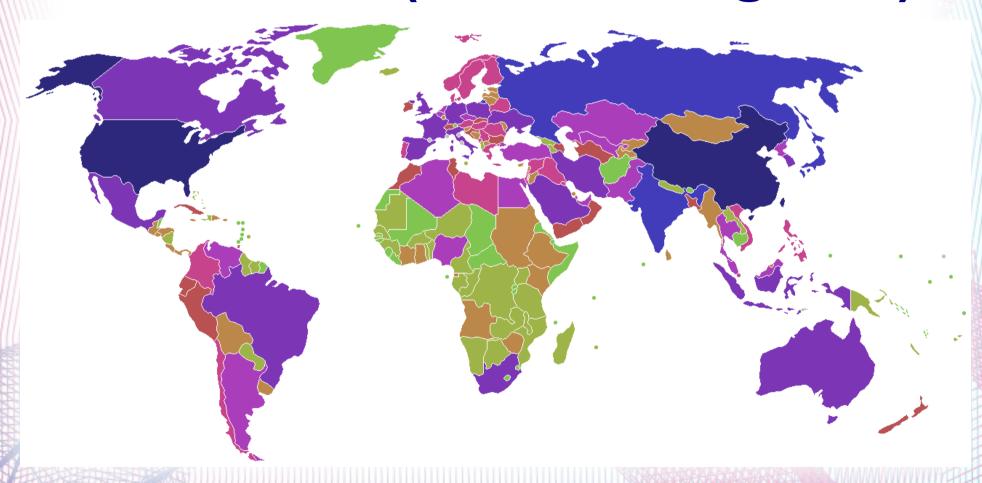


#### CO<sub>2</sub> 0.8 million year record

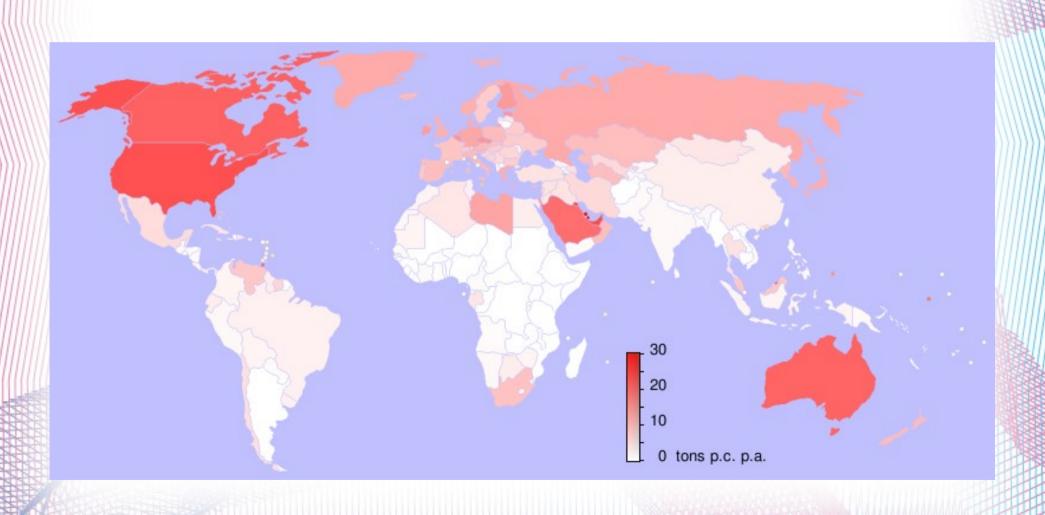




# Countries by carbon dioxide emissions via the burning of fossil fuels (blue the highest).



# List of countries by carbon dioxide emissions per capita

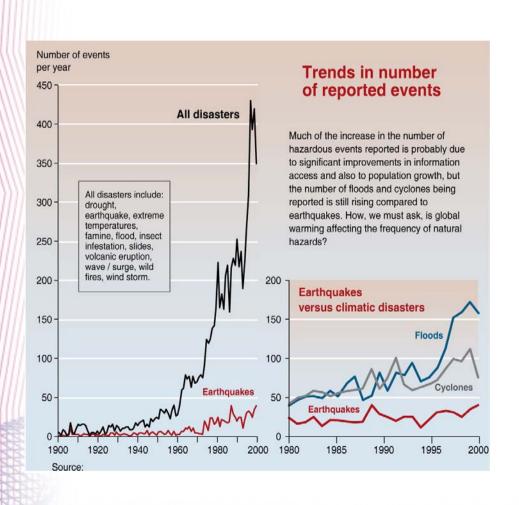


#### Climate change mitigation

- Alternative energy sources
- Renewable energy
- Nuclear power
- Carbon intensity of fossil fuels
- Energy efficiency and conservation
- Transport
- Urban planning
- Building design
- Reforestation and avoided deforestation

- Geoengineering
- Greenhouse gas remediation
- Biomass
- Carbon air capture
- Carbon capture and storage
- Societal controls
- Population
- Non-CO2 greenhouse gases

#### **Costs & benefits**



- Stern Review
- at a maximum of
   550ppm CO<sub>2</sub> by 2050
- cutting emissions to three quarters of 2007 levels
- costs would be in the range 1.0 to +3.5% of GDP

#### Is it really warming?

- are asking several "climate sceptic" websites like ICECAP - http://icecap.us/
- FAQ: Skeptic Arguments and What the Science Says -
- http://www.skepticalscience.com/argument.php
- FAQ: How to Talk to a Climate Sceptic -
- http://www.realclimate.org/

#### Thank you for your attention!