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ABSTRACT

Time series of sea-level rise are fitted by a sinusoid of period ~60 years, confirming the cycle reported for the global mean temperature of the earth. This cycle appears in phase with the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO). The last maximum of the sinusoid coincides with the temperature plateau observed since the end of the 20th century. The onset of declining phase of AMO, the recent excess of the global sea ice area anomaly and the negative slope of global mean temperature measured by satellite from 2002 to 2015, all these indicators sign for the onset of the declining phase of the 60-year cycle. Once this cycle is subtracted from observations, the transient climate response is revised downwards consistent with latest observations, with latest evaluations based on atmospheric infrared absorption and with a general tendency of published climate sensitivity. The enhancement of the amplitude of the CO₂ seasonal oscillations which is found up to 71% faster than the atmospheric CO₂ increase, focus on earth greening and benefit for crops yields of the supplementary photosynthesis, further minimizing the consequences of the tiny anthropogenic contribution to warming.

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Tiny warming of residual anthropogenic CO₂

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The residual fraction of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions which has not been captured by carbon sinks and remains in the atmosphere, is estimated by two independent experimental methods which support each other: the ¹³C/¹²C ratio and the temperature-independent fraction of $d(\text{CO}_2)/dt$ on a yearly scale after subtraction of annual fluctuations the amplitude ratio of which reaches a factor as large as 7. The anthropogenic fraction is then used to evaluate the additional warming by analysis of its spectral contribution to the outgoing long-wavelength radiation (OLR) measured by infrared spectrometers embarked in satellites looking down. The anthropogenic CO₂ additional warming extrapolated in 2100 is found lower than 0.1°C in the absence of feedbacks. The global temperature data are fitted with an oscillation of period 60 years added to a linear contribution. The data which support the 60-year cycle are summarized, in particular sea surface temperatures and sea level rise measured either by tide gauge or by satellite altimetry. The tiny anthropogenic warming appears consistent with the absence of any detectable change of slope of the 130-year-long linear contribution to the temperature data before and after the onset of large CO₂ emissions.

Two publications included in a list that reaches **2,532** “skeptical” papers published in peer-reviewed literature, listed by *popularartechology.net* and *notrickzone.com*

Magnitude of anthropogenic CO₂ warming toned down

Natural climate variability more efficient than anthropogenic CO₂ warming

- To be compared to **2,458** papers found in Web of knowledge by crossing

[Anthropogenic] AND [Greenhouse OR CO₂] AND [Warming]

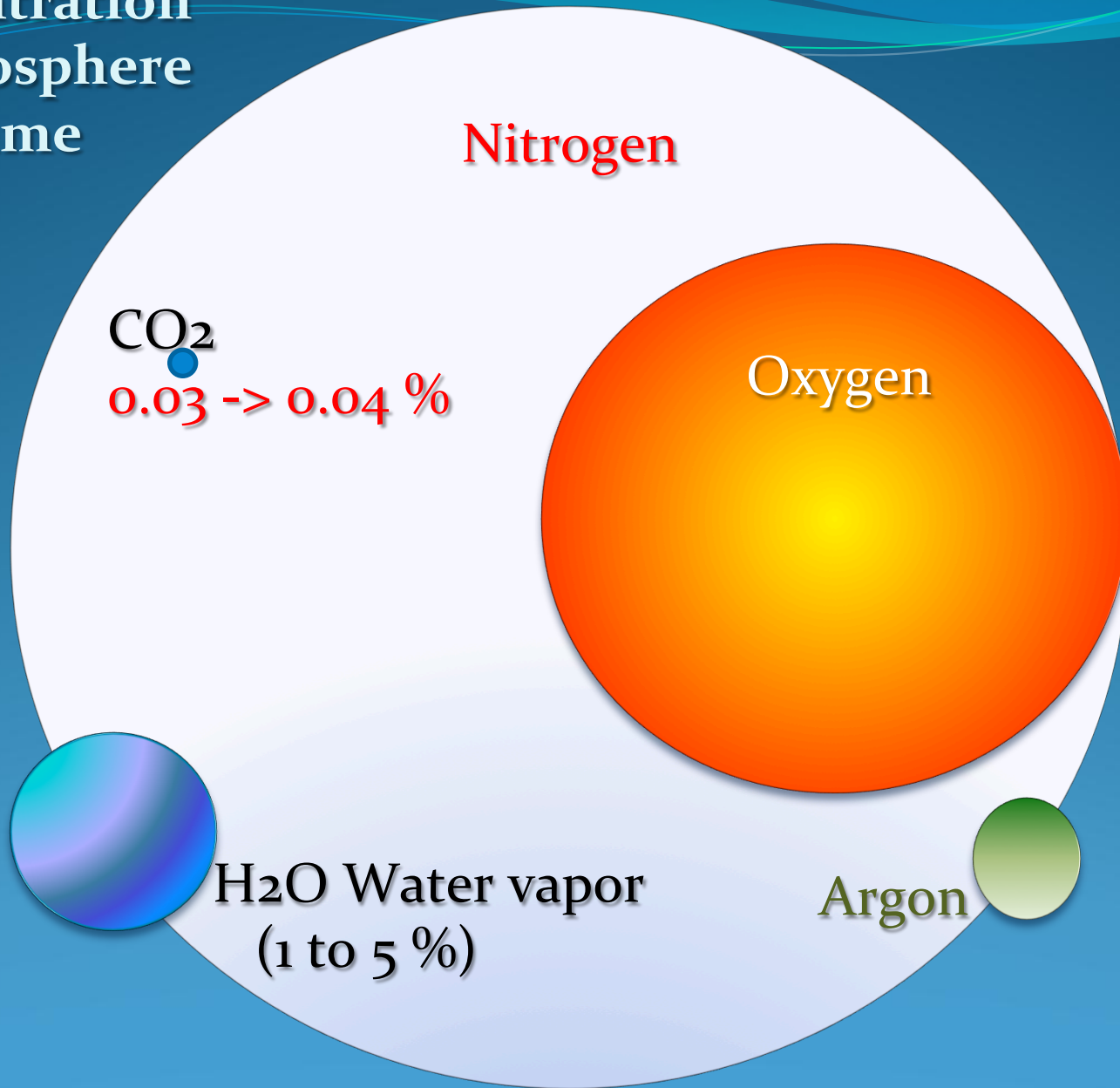
- **2016-2017: 900** “skeptical” compared to **363** AGW

- Change of paradigm?



- **Drop of climate sensitivity (Earth warming in case of CO₂ doubling) in latest published scientific literature**
- **Expert Reviewer criticism of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) AR5 report**
- **Natural variability**
- **Benefit of CO₂: Earth greening and increase of crops yields**

Concentration in atmosphere by volume



Nitrogen

CO₂
0.03 -> 0.04 %

Oxygen

H₂O Water vapor
(1 to 5 %)

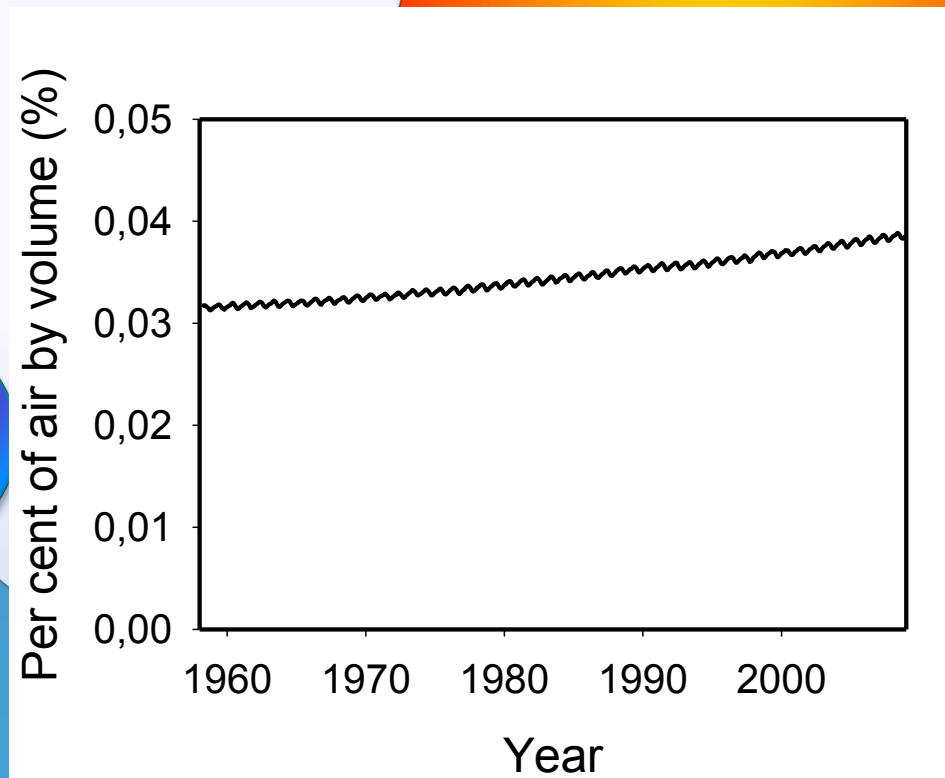
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Impact on climate of European policies of reduction of emissions evaluated with the TCR climate sensitivity of IPCC AR5

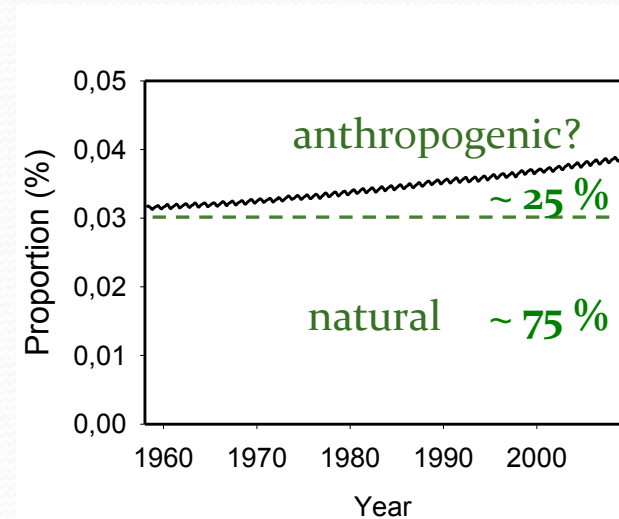
concentration has doubled in a scenario of concentration increasing at 1% per year. The transient climate response is *likely* in the range of **1.0°C to 2.5°C** (*high confidence*) and *extremely unlikely* greater than 3°C. {Box 12.2}

European climate package
(~ 20 % of European budget)
Since 2009, till 2020:

- Reduce CO₂ emissions by 20 %

20 % x 25 % x 11 % x 1-2.5°C

= **0.005-0.01°C of warming avoided...**



Temperature projections of IPCC AR5

Uncertainty: $4.8 - 0.3 = 4.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ larger than the target of 2°C of COPxx

Table SPM.2 | Projected change in global mean surface air temperature and global mean sea level rise for the mid- and late 21st century relative to the reference period of 1986–2005. {12.4; Table 12.2, Table 13.5}

		2046–2065		2081–2100	
Scenario		Mean	Likely range ^c	Mean	Likely range ^c
Global Mean Surface Temperature Change ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) ^a	RCP2.6	1.0	0.4 to 1.6	1.0	0.3 to 1.7
	RCP4.5	1.4	0.9 to 2.0	1.8	1.1 to 2.6
	RCP6.0	1.3	0.8 to 1.8	2.2	1.4 to 3.1
	RCP8.5	2.0	1.4 to 2.6	3.7	2.6 to 4.8

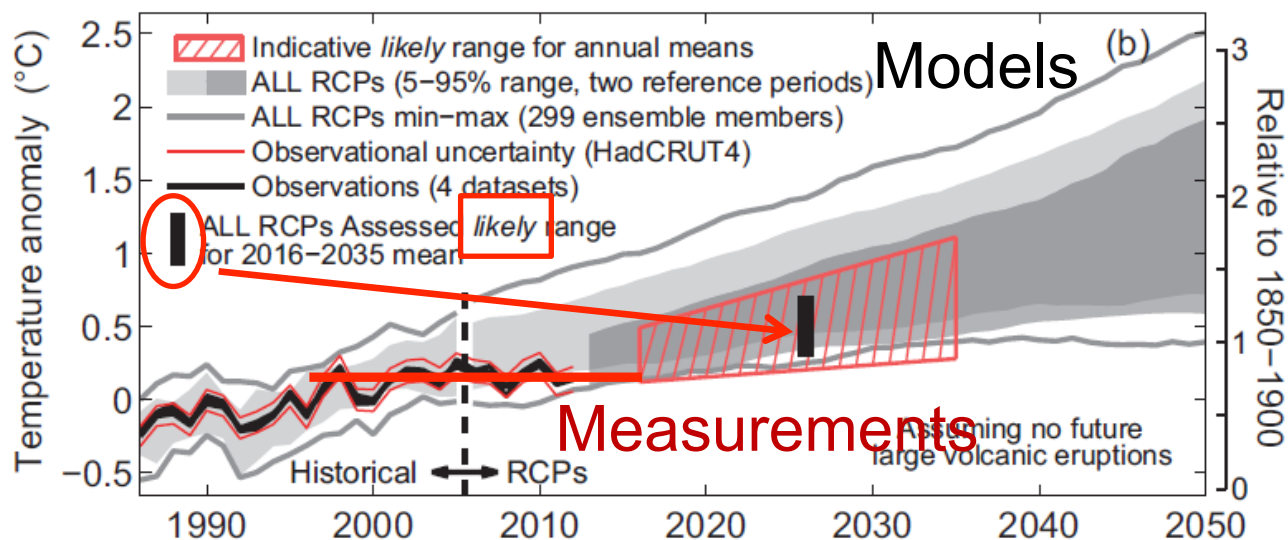
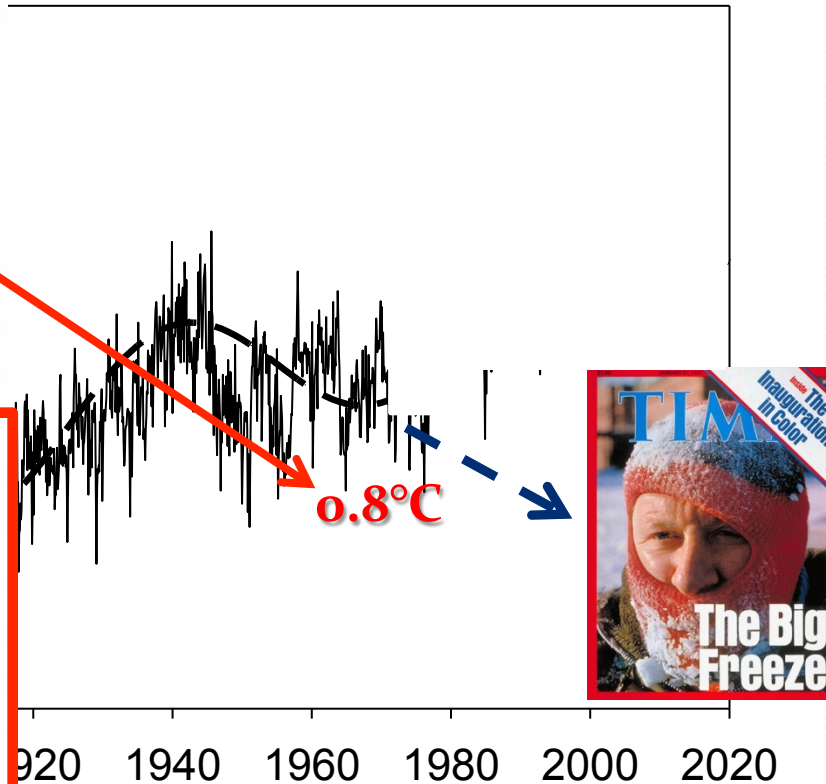


Fig. 11.25b of IPCC AR5

Models essentially play with two tunable knobs
aerosols ↘ « climate sensitivity » ↗

The 15- μm CO₂ band saturates

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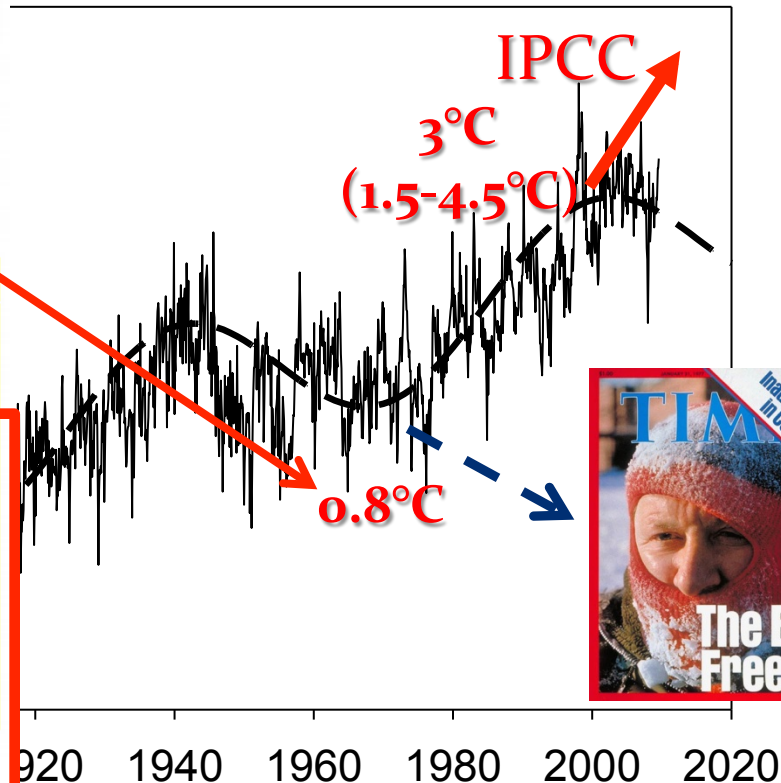


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Are models **validated** by observations?

Not during the last century where the 1915-1945 increase is missed...

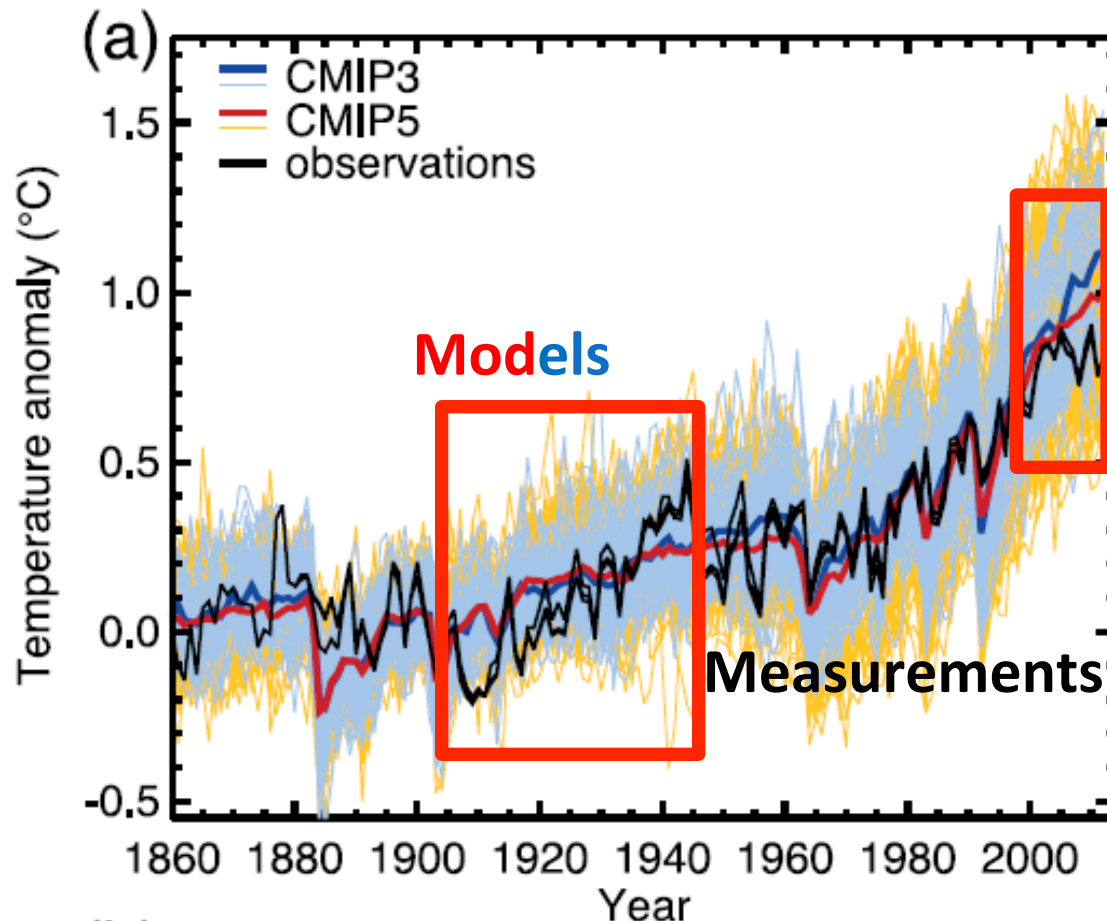


Figure TS.9(a) of IPCC AR5

Models diverge from measurements

Models rule out each other

Consensus?

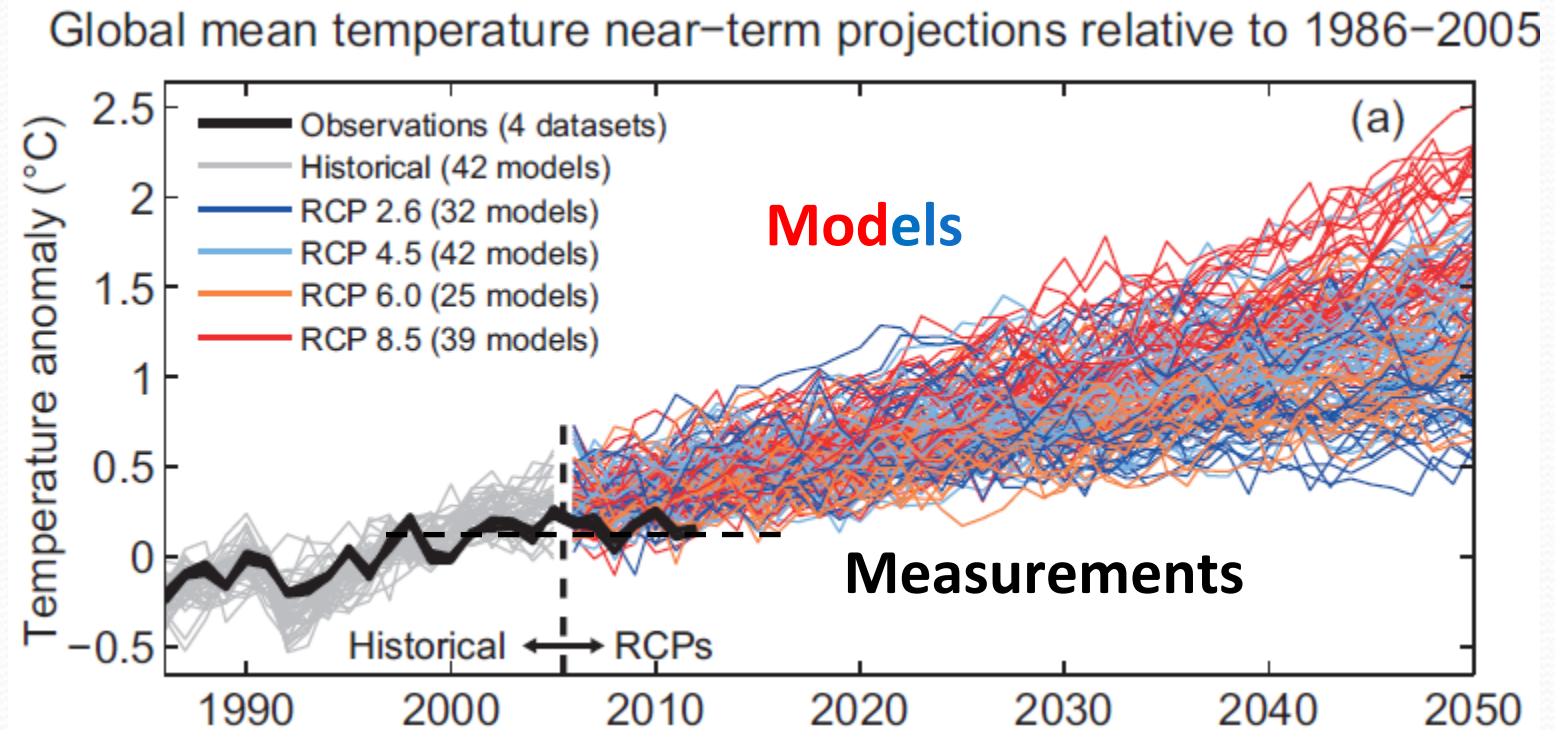


Figure TS.14(a) of IPCC AR5

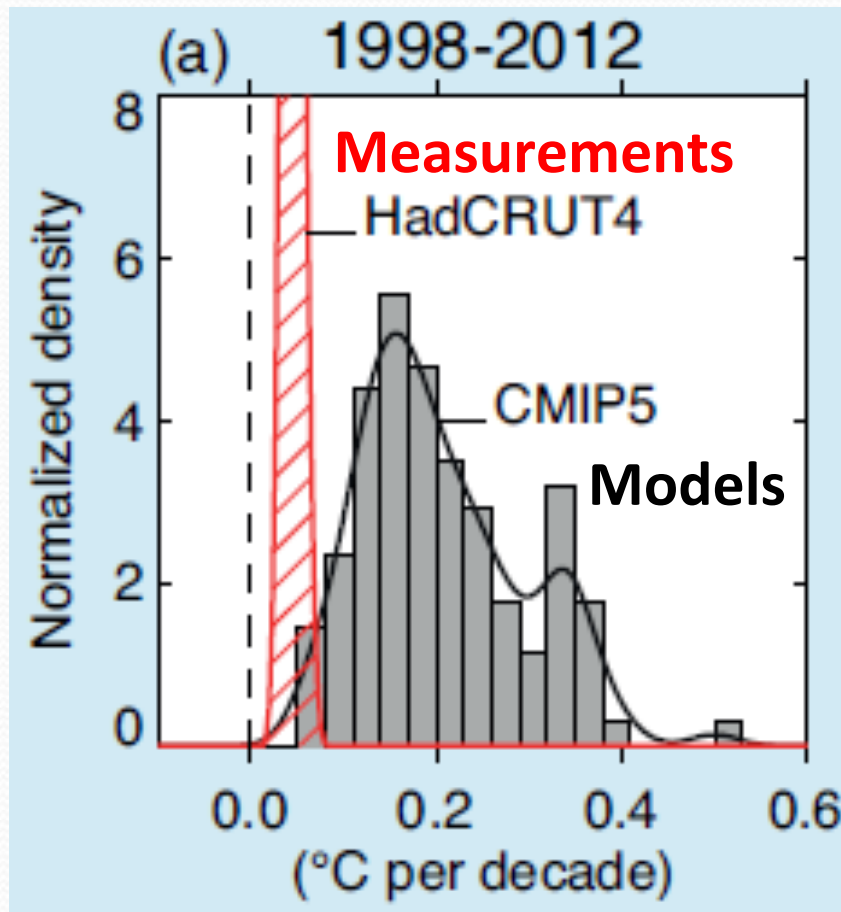


Figure 1(a) of Box TS₃ of IPCC AR₅

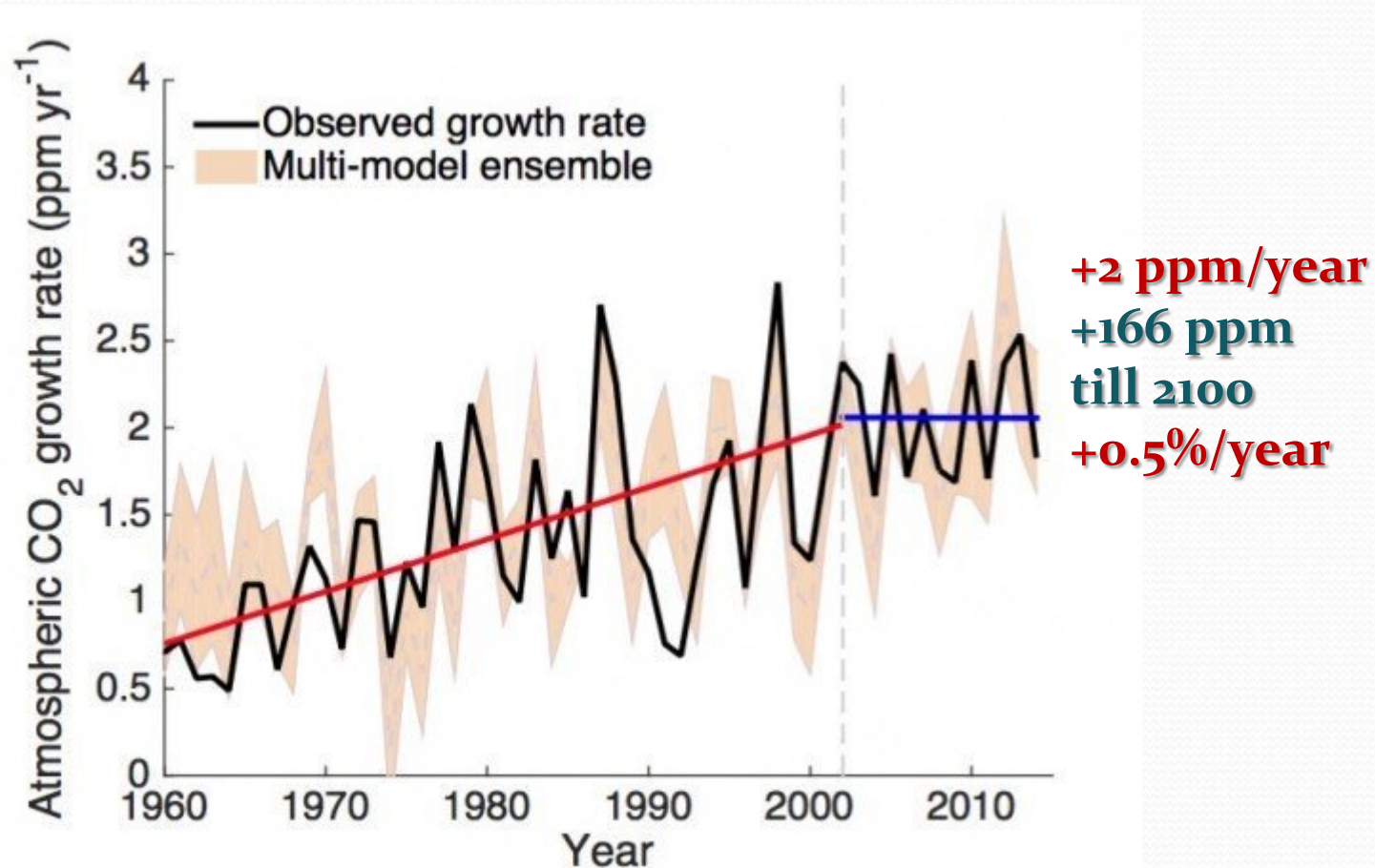
The « pause » in warming is shown by IPCC AR₅ itself

No significant warming in a period corresponding to almost **1/3 of total emissions** since the beginning of the industrial era

Models run **2 to 10 times too hot**

Climate alarmism is not validated

Average increase of CO₂ in air : 2 ppm/year

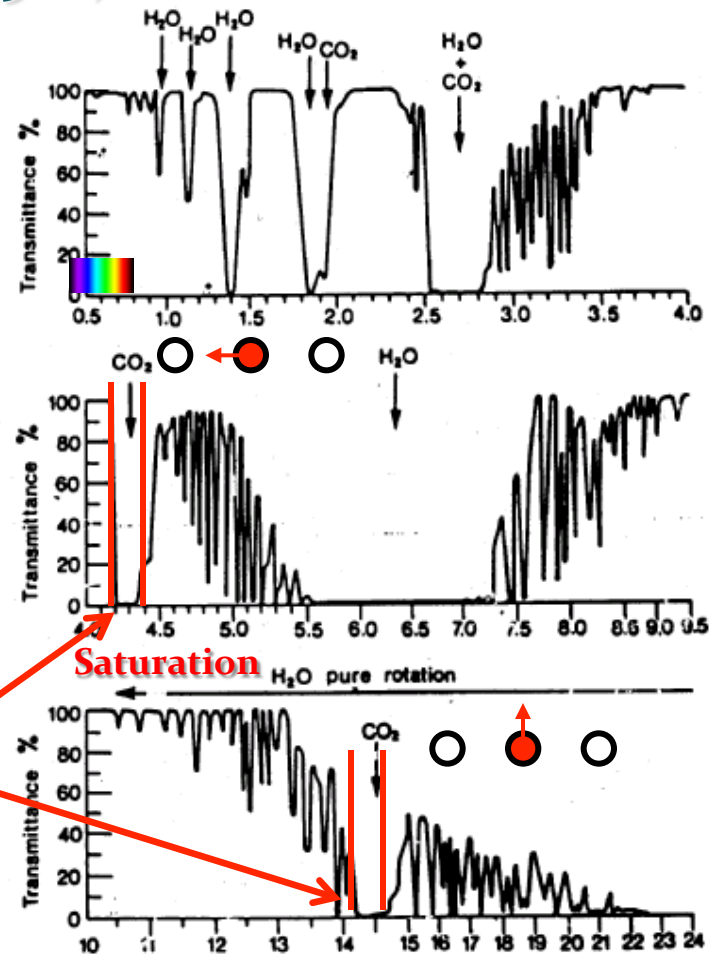


CO₂ greenhouse effect is so efficient that it is (almost) **saturated**
(Angström 1900)



Both atomic vibrations of the CO₂ molecule **absorb at 20 et 70 THz** the thermal radiation emitted by the Earth at both these frequencies

1 THz = 1000 billions of oscillations per second



Continuation of rainbow beyond red in the infrared wavelengths (Farmer 1974)

CO₂ greenhouse effect (almost) « saturates »

Harde (2014), Kissin (2015), Abbott & Marohasy (2017), Ollila (2017):
climate sensitivity: **0.6°C**

Radiative forcing $\Delta F = 2.2 \text{ W/m}^2$

+ 2 ppm CO₂/year

By differentiating the Stefan Boltzmann equation $\sigma T^4 = F_{\text{OLR}}$

$$4 \Delta T/T = \Delta F/F$$

$$\Delta T = T/4 \times \Delta F/F$$

$$\Delta T = 288/4 \times 2.2 \times \text{LN}(566/400)/238.5$$

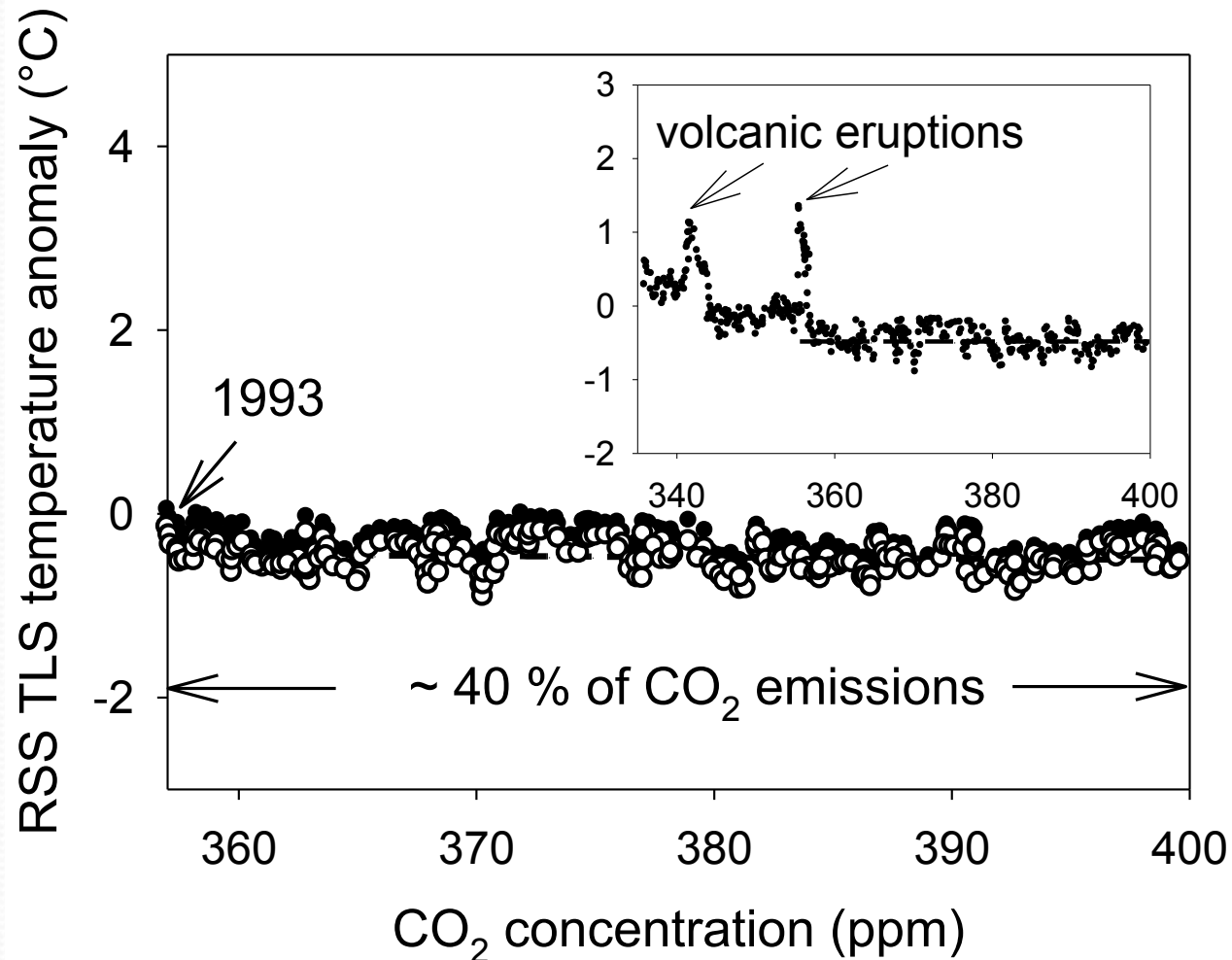
$$\Delta T = \mathbf{+0.2^\circ\text{C in 2100}}$$

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Rasool and Schneider, Science 1971

Climate sensitivity $\leq 0.6^{\circ}\text{C}$ is confirmed by « hiatus » since 1993

~ 40 % of all CO_2 emitted since 1900 had **NO IMPACT** on temperature measured independently by satellites in the low stratosphere (~ 17 km) Remote Sensing System (o) and UAH (●)

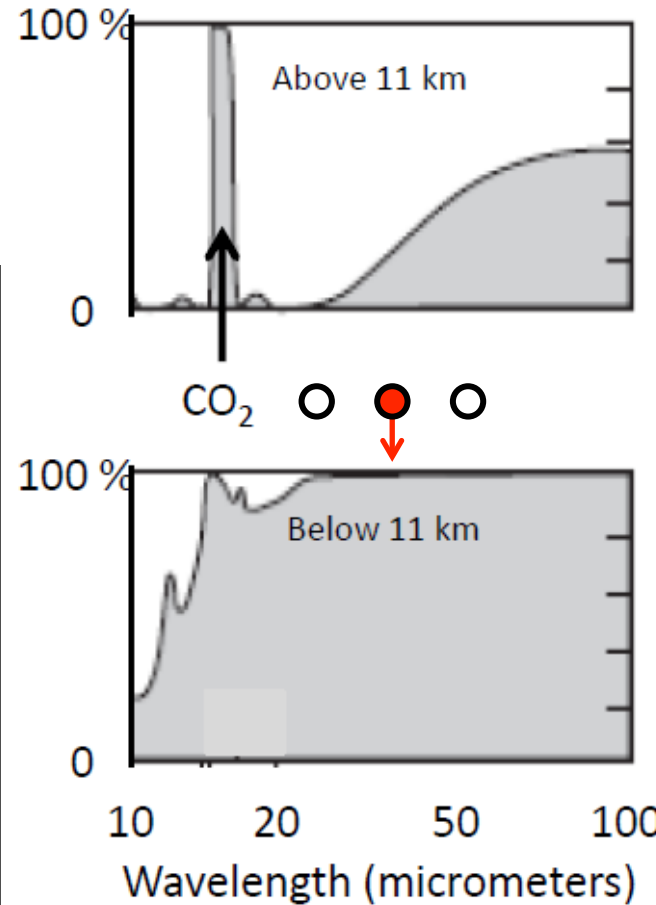


Theory of Greenhouse effect in the Glossary of IPCC AR5

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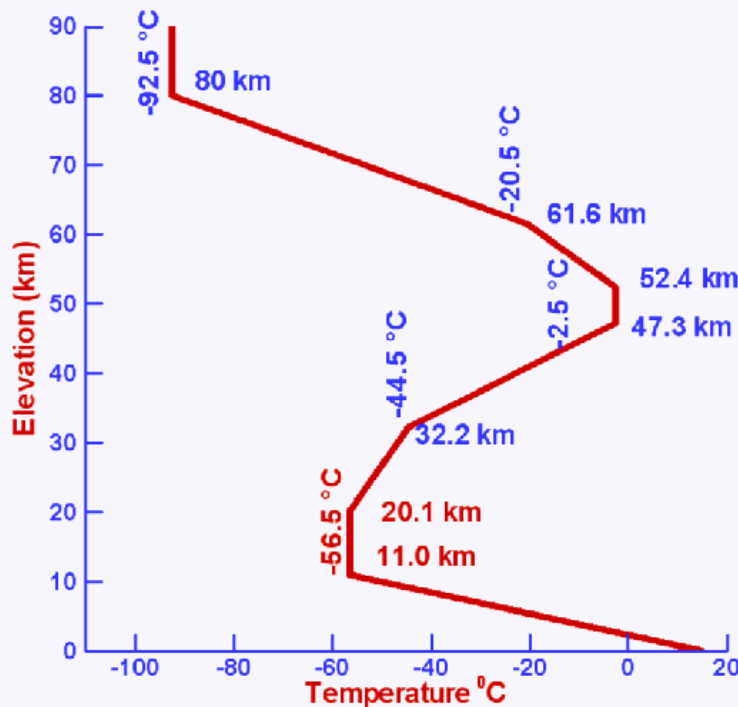
Actually above 11 km, where CO₂ absorption is still 100 %, there is no decrease of temperature and, therefore, no weakening of emission

Saturation confirmed



Infrared absorption of atmosphere adapted from Fig. 8.1 of Salby (2012)

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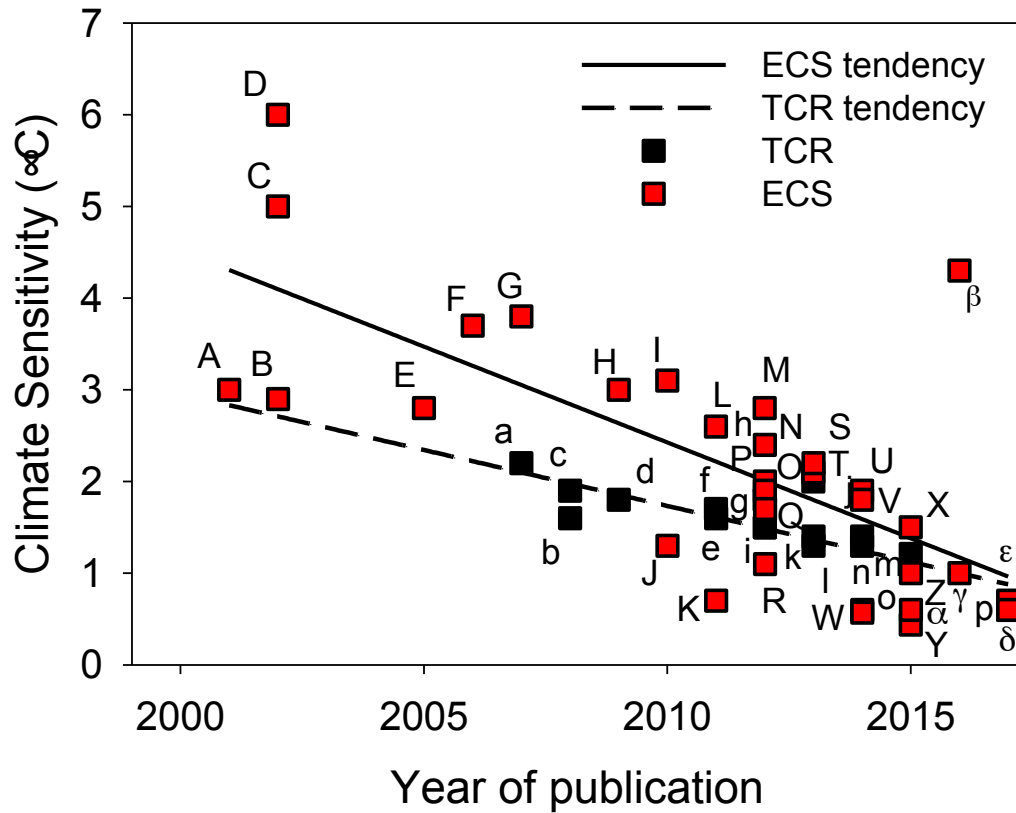


In peer-reviewed literature, cooling of climate sensitivity by 10 %/year!

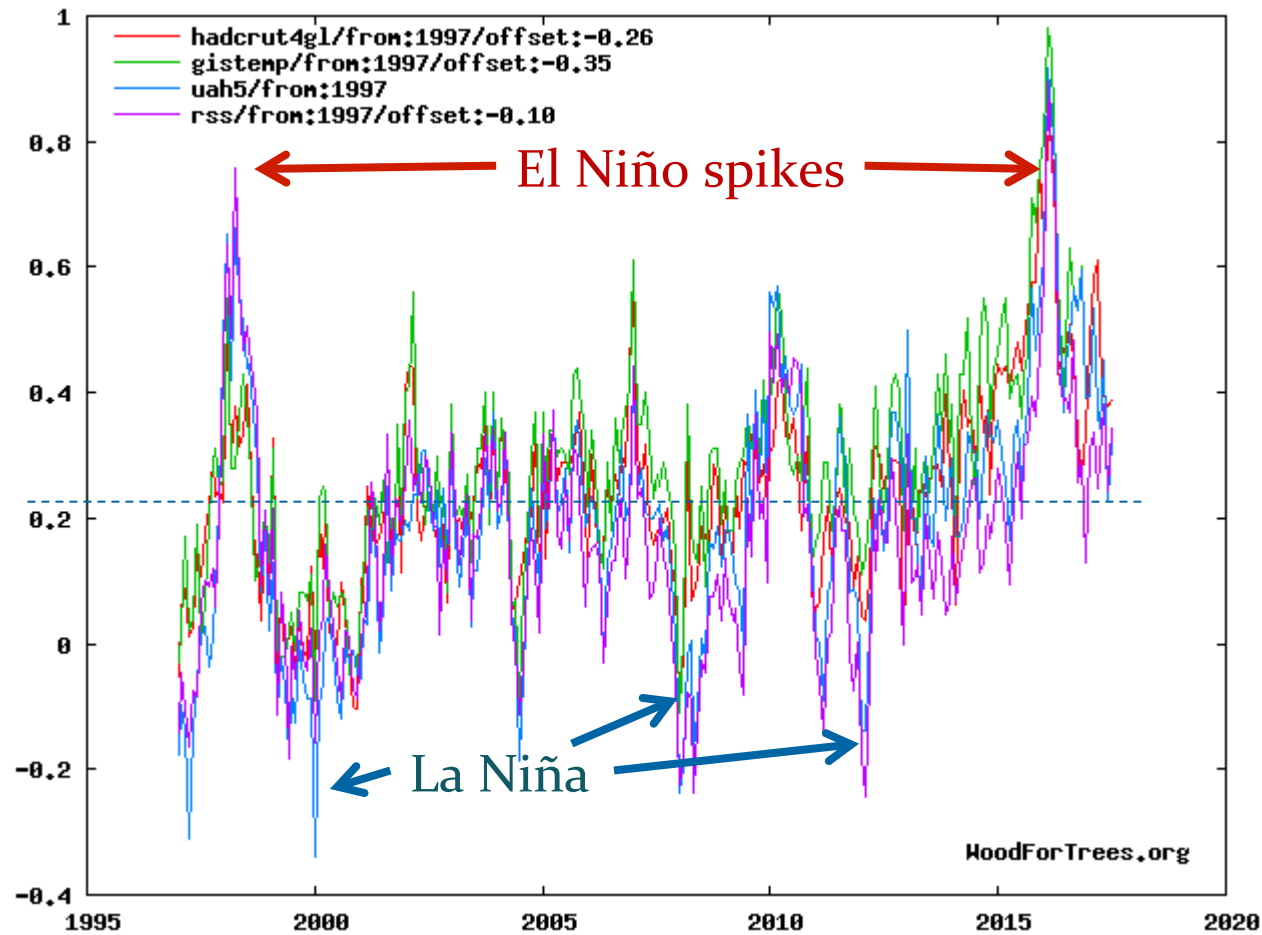
(warming in case of CO₂ doubling) published in peer-reviewed journals

TCR : Transient climate response ECS : Equilibrium climate sensitivity

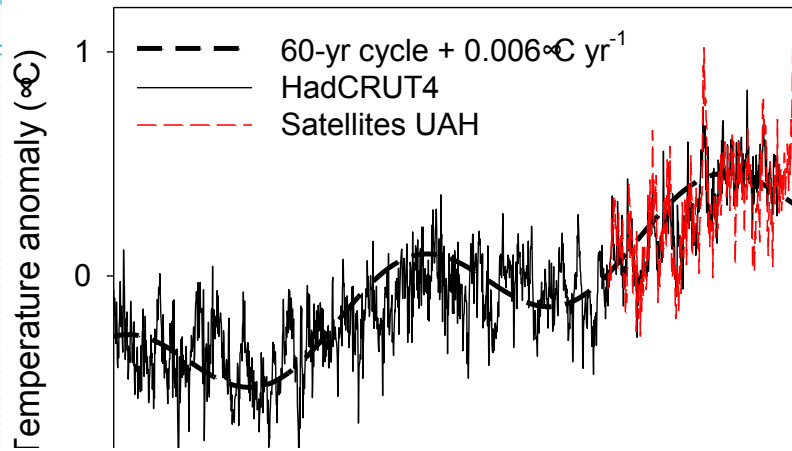
Is it the « alternative » definition of « consensus »?



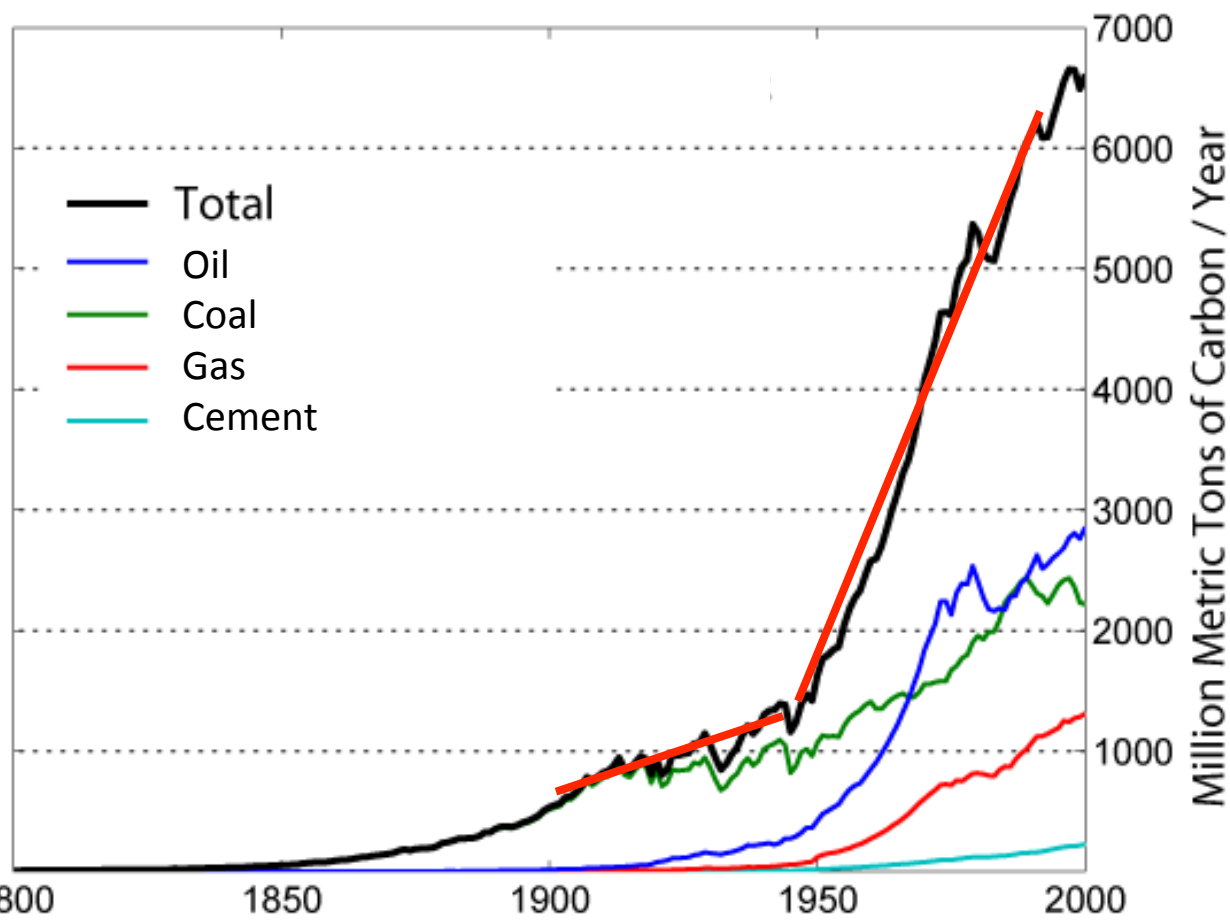
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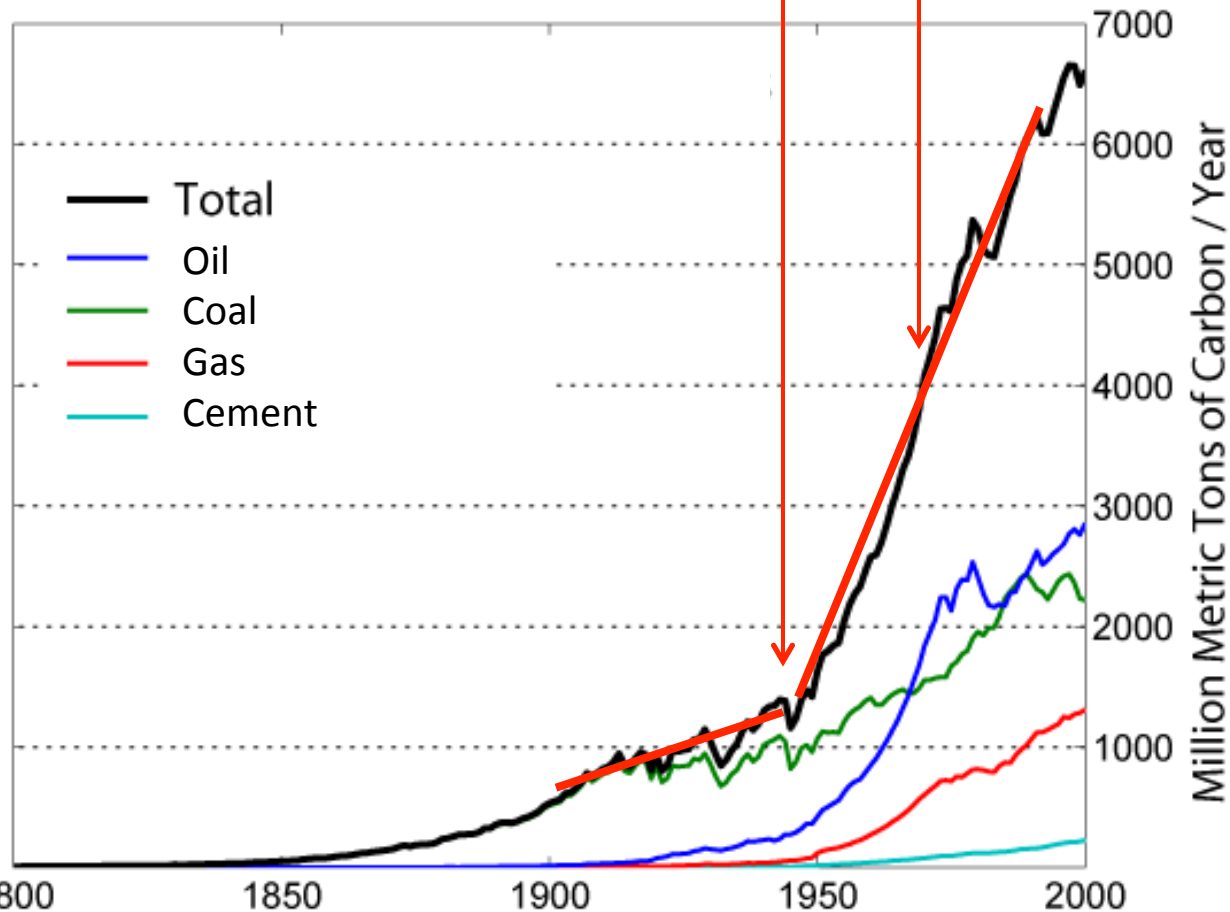
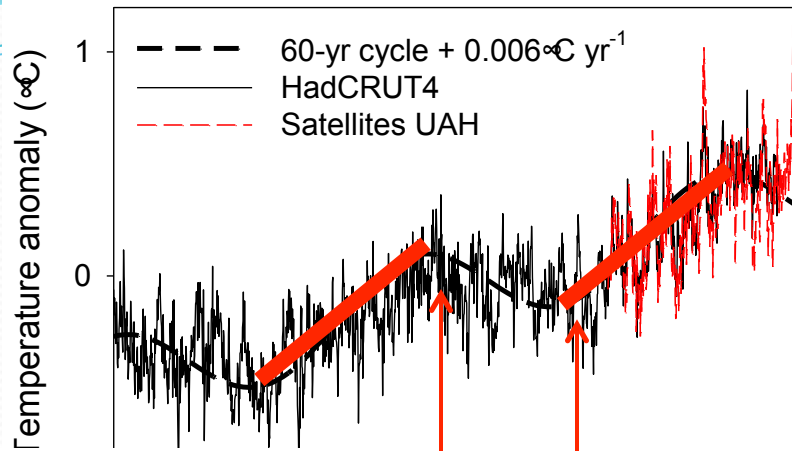


Average weighted temperature of the Earth given by captors or satellites is essentially flat for ~ 20 years, except natural fluctuations



Correlation?

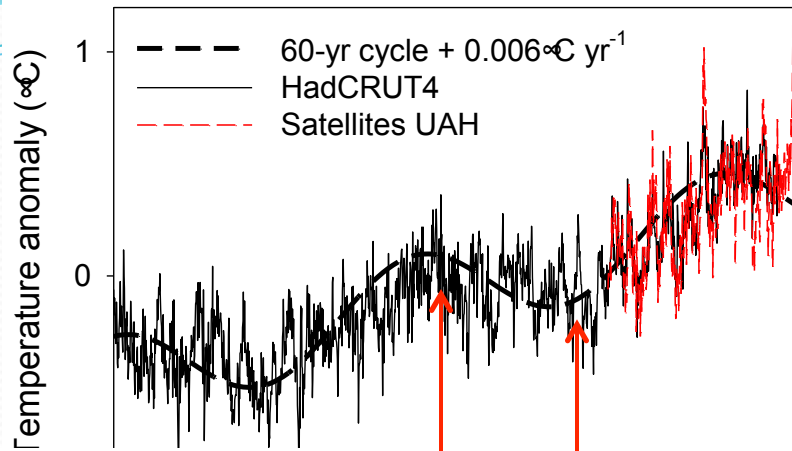




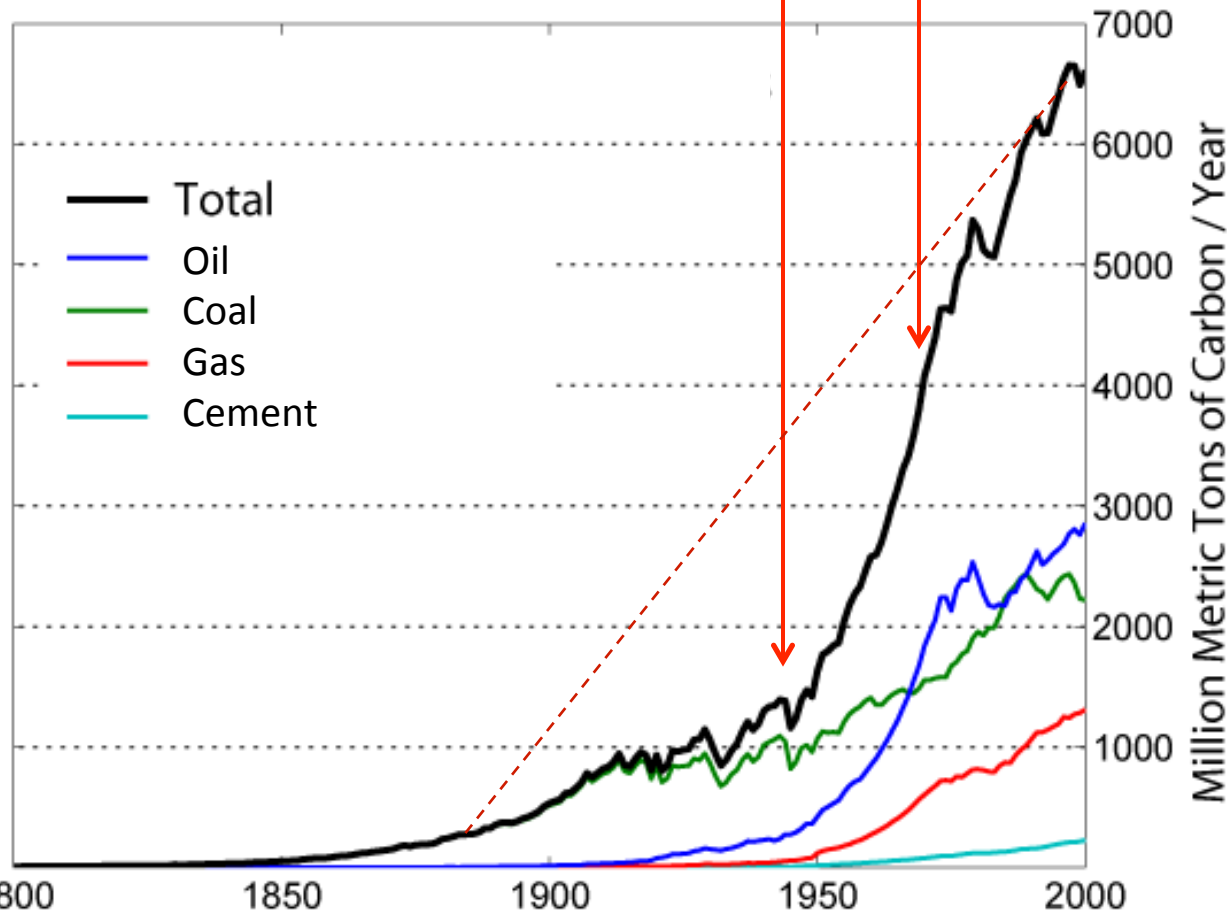
No evidence of correlation of mean Earth temperature (climate) and CO₂ (energy)

Two 30-year temperature increases with the same amplitude unrelated to x6 CO₂ increase in the meantime

In between, 30-year **cooling** unrelated to CO₂ acceleration

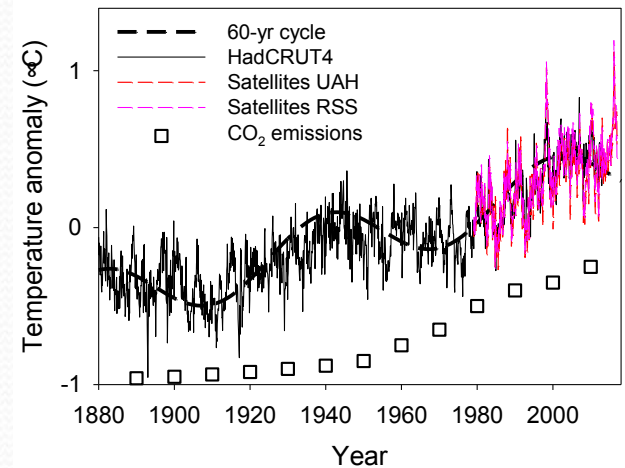
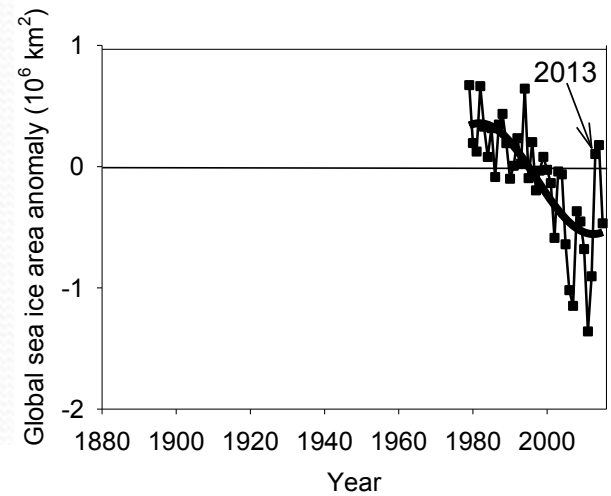
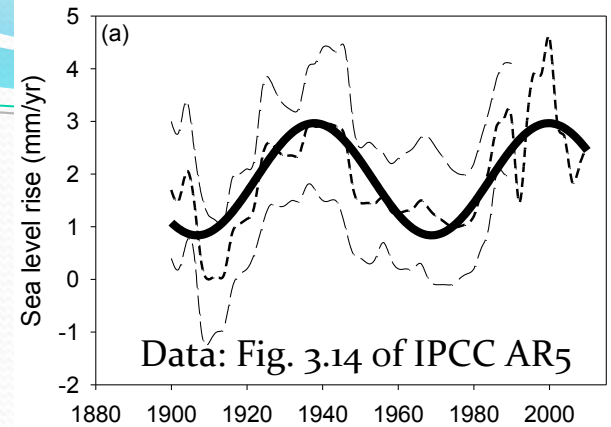


**Good fit with a
~ 60-year cycle**

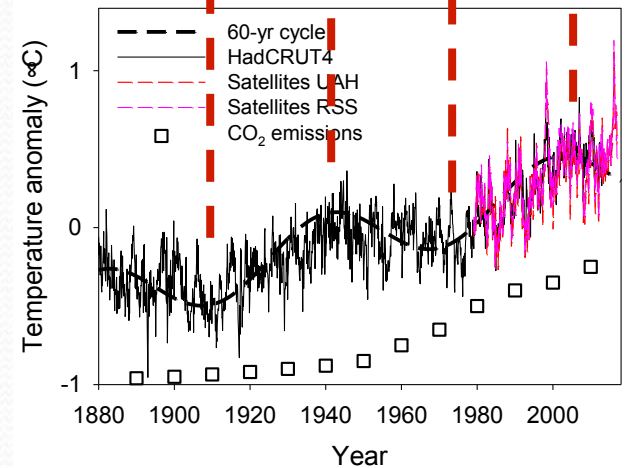
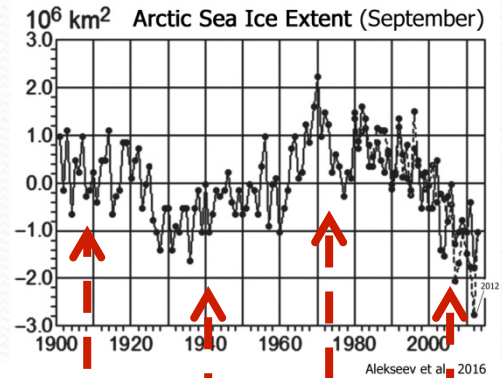
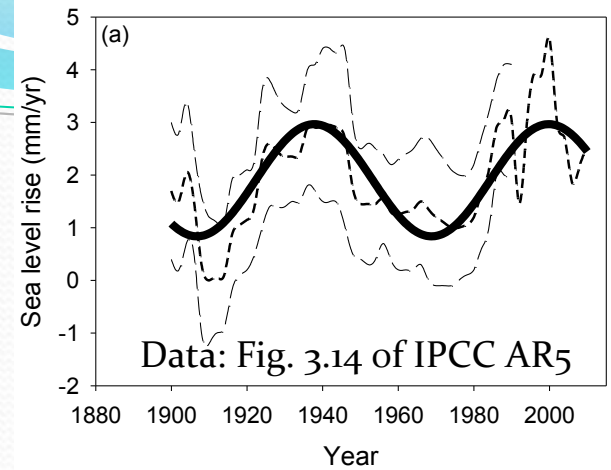


**No change of slope
around ~ 1945 of the
0.006°C/yr linear
addition to the
~ 60-yr cycle**

The ~ 60-year cycle fits other climate sentinels

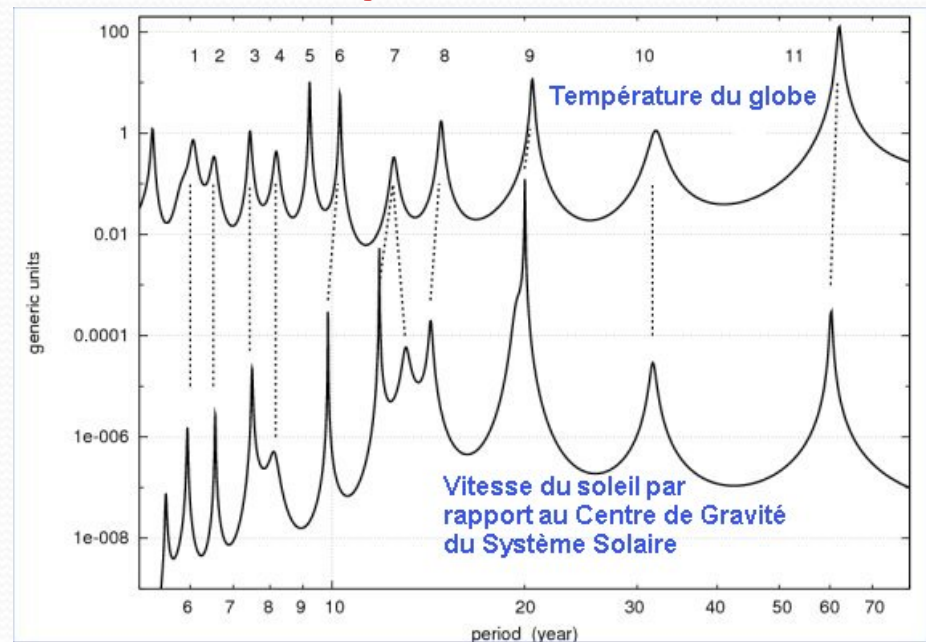


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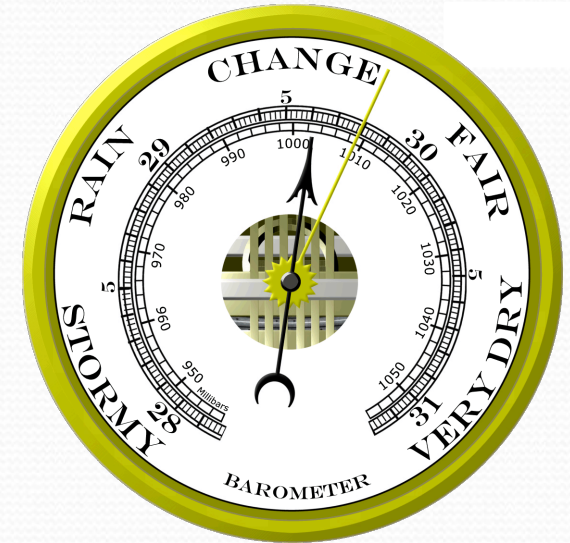
Not a scoop: 60-year cycle reported in many peer-reviewed papers

- Schlesinger and Ramankutty 1994, **cycle related to Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation**
- Ogurtsov *et al* 2002,
- Klyashtorin and Lyubushin 2003,
- Loehle 2004,
- Zhen-Shan and Xian 2007,
- Carvalho *et al* 2007,
- Swanson and Tsonis 2009,
- Scafetta 2009, 2016, **cycle possibly related to planetary “tides” of sun**
- Akasofu 2010,
- D’Aleo and Easterbrook 2010,
- Loehle and Scafetta 2011,
- Humlum *et al* 2011,
- Chambers *et al* 2012,
- Lüdecke *et al* 2013,
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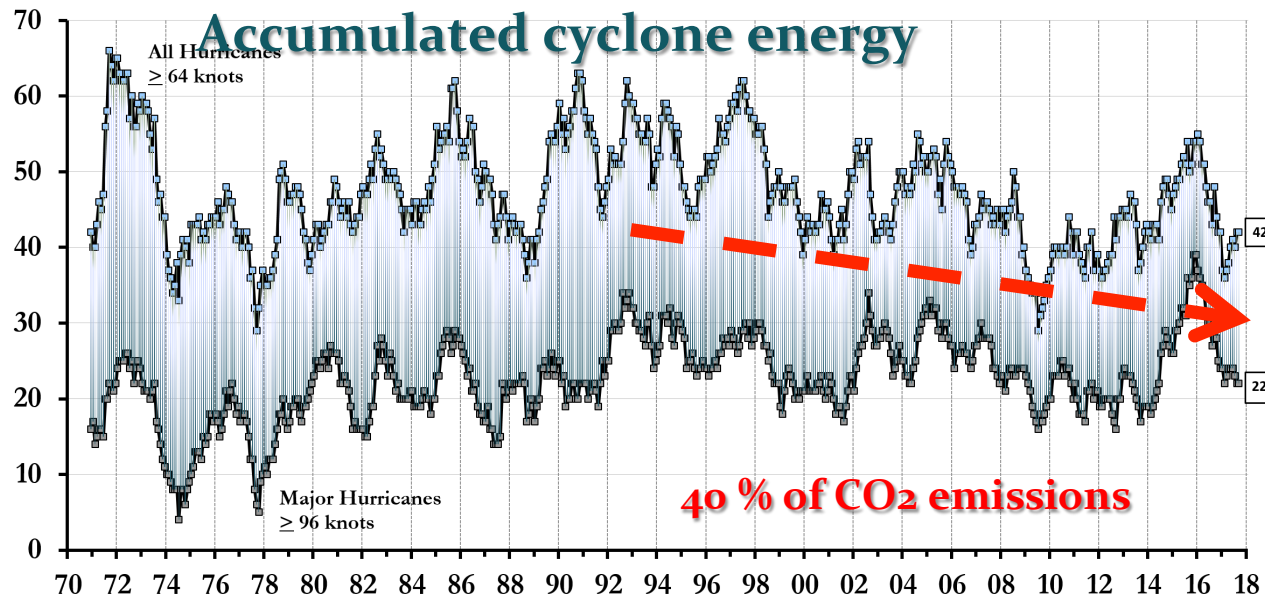


Confusion between barometer and thermometer

For lack of observational evidence of significant warming, the « global warming » wording has been replaced by climate disruption related to **extreme meteorological phenomena**, brandished as an emotionally claimed « proof » of the effect of the demonized CO₂ which has nothing to do with them as confirmed by IPCC itself.



Global Hurricane Frequency -- Dr. Ryan N. Maue -- Updated September 30, 2017 -- 12 month running sums



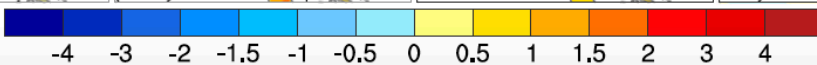
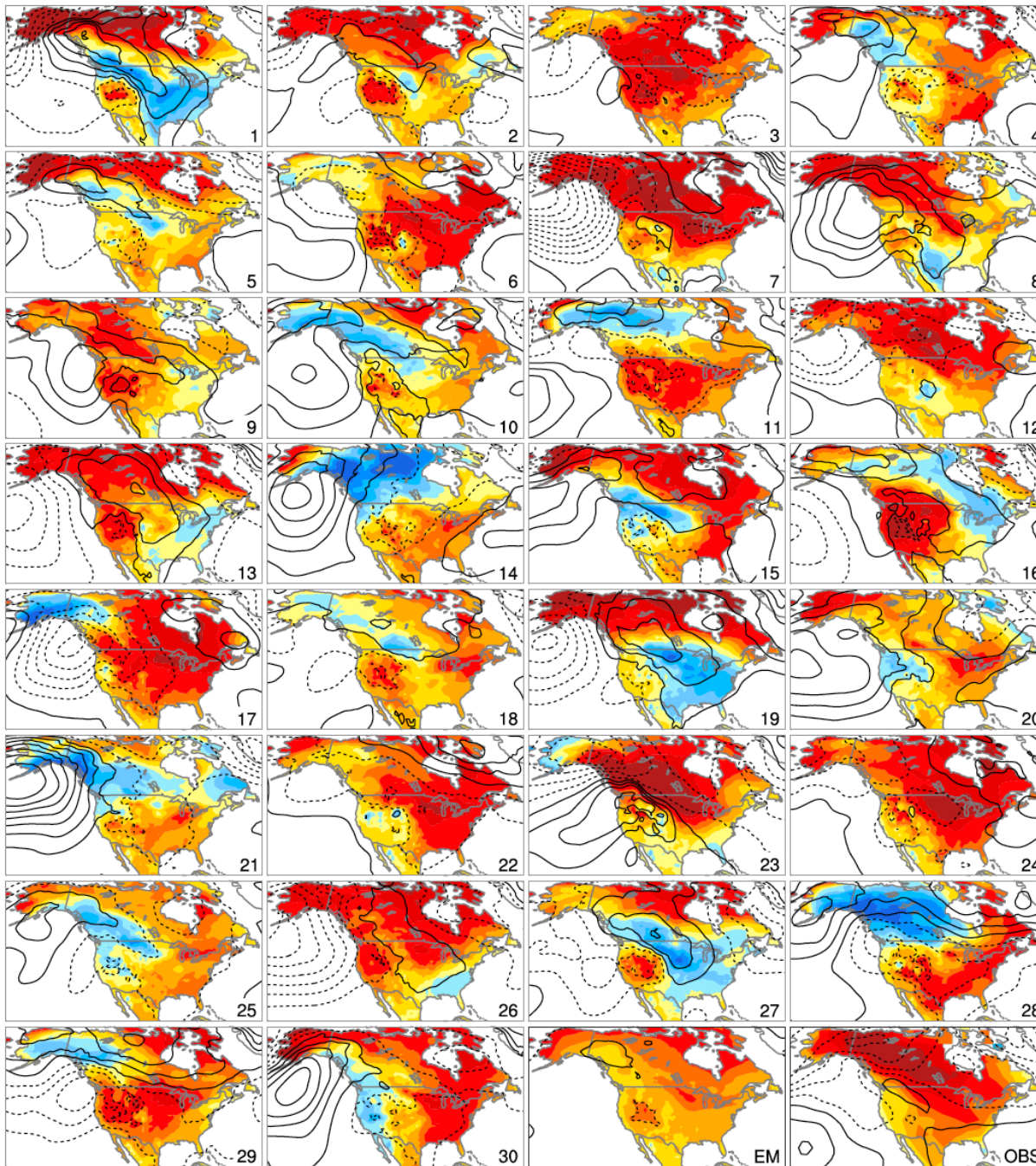
Chaos dominates climate

NCAR's Large Ensemble reveals **staggering** climate variability

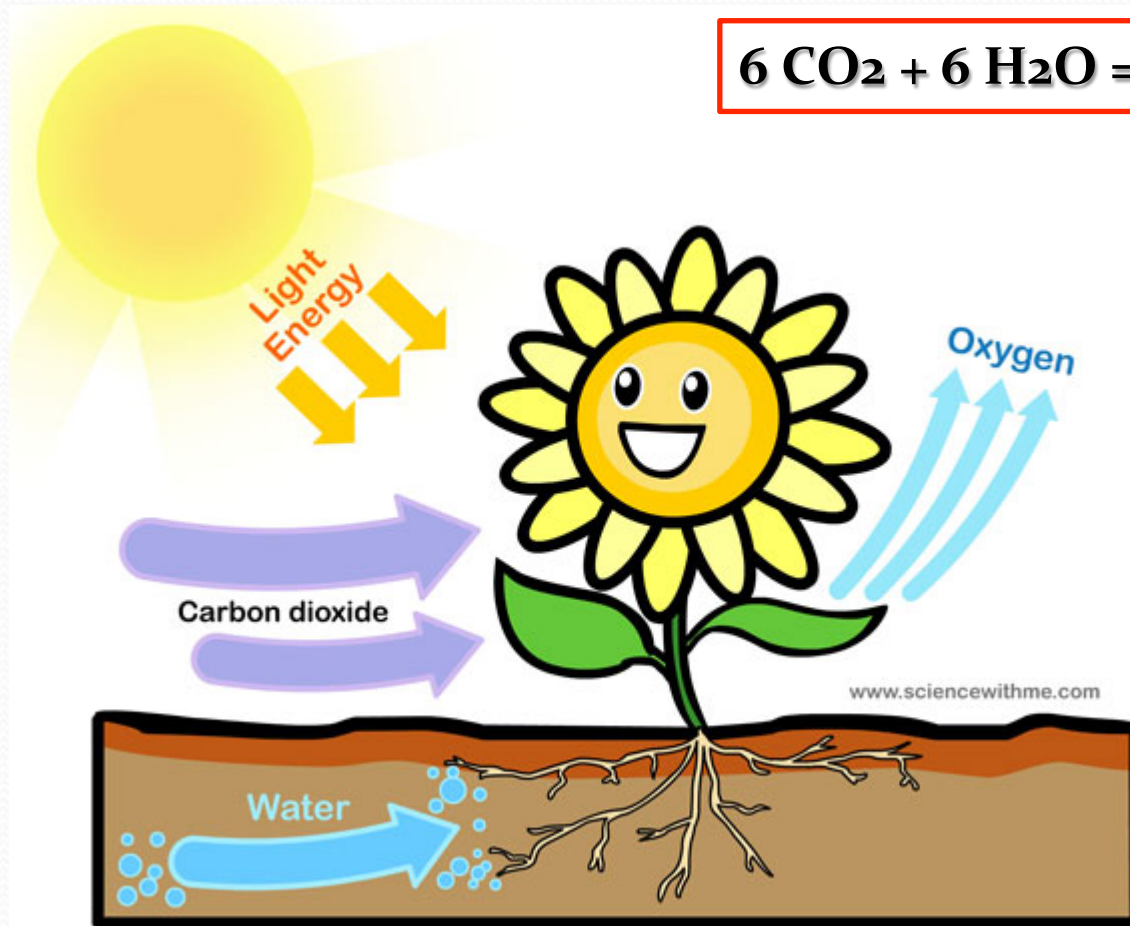
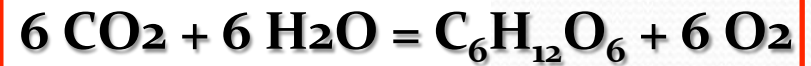
The model's starting conditions were modified so slightly by *adjusting the global atmospheric temperature by less than one-trillionth of one degree*

Validation of climate chaos theory by Edward Lorenz

These strong variations have nothing to do with **CO₂ which is same in each run**



CO₂ is the gas of LIFE, thanks to photosynthesis



In a greenhouse, increased CO₂ concentration is beneficial to plant growth



385 ppm



535 ppm

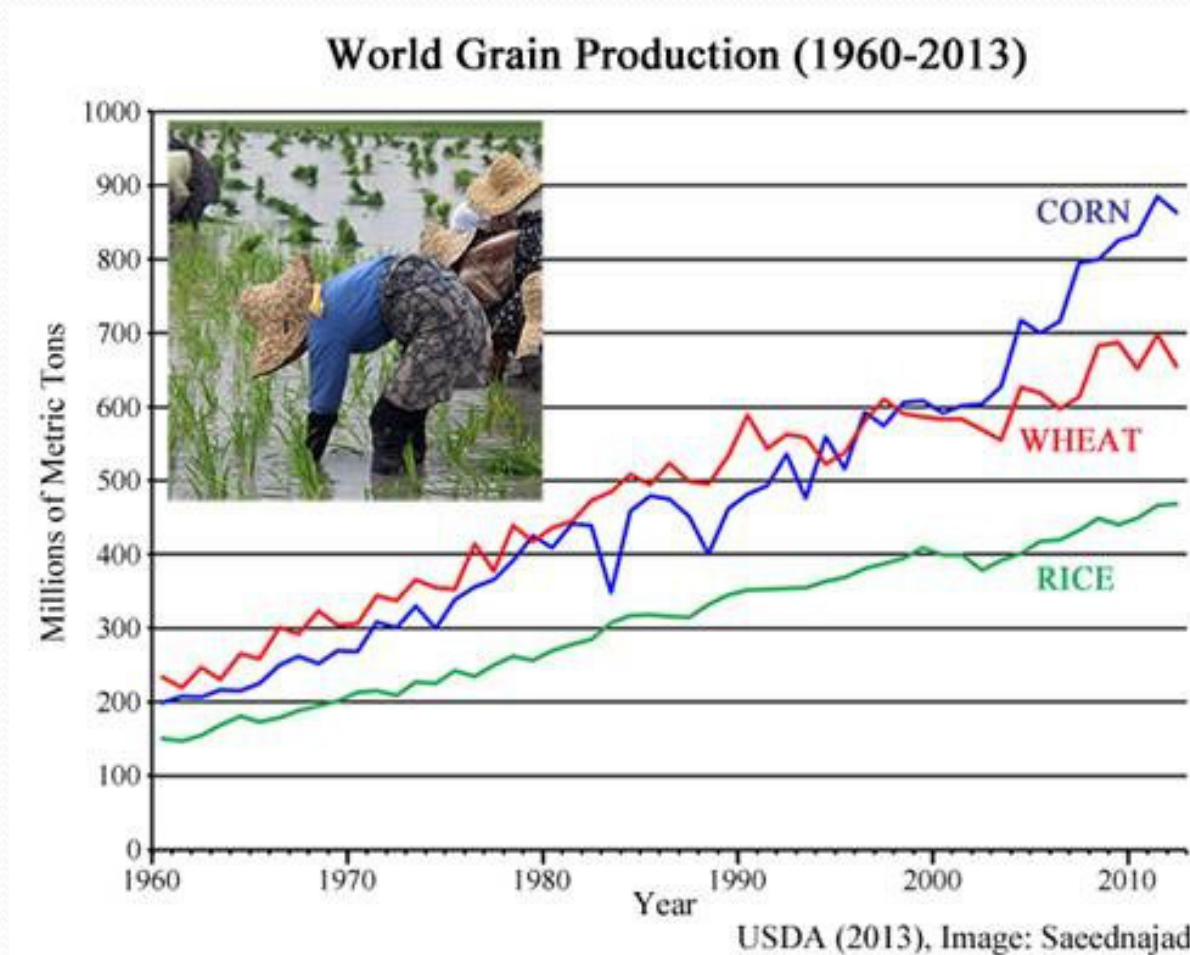


685 ppm



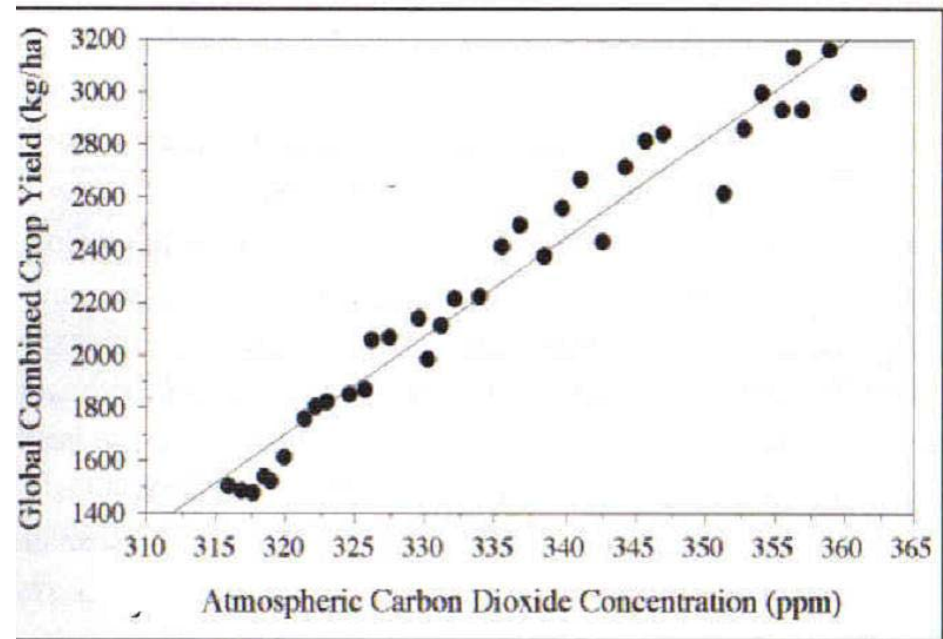
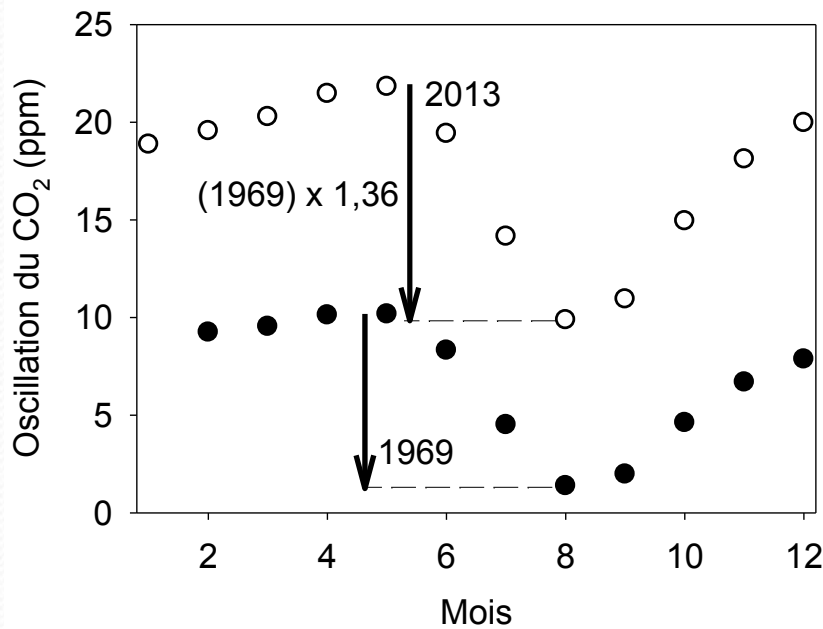
835 ppm

Increased CO₂ concentration improves crop yields: benefit of **3000 billions euros since 1961** C. Idso (2013)



**An increased concentration of CO₂ – essential and irreplaceable for plant feeding – favors crop yield:
Seasonal drop at La Jola increased 71 % more rapidly than CO₂ itself!**

**« Equivalent of a 6th green continent of 18 millions km² »
Zhu *et al* Nature Climate Change (2016)**



Blick 2009

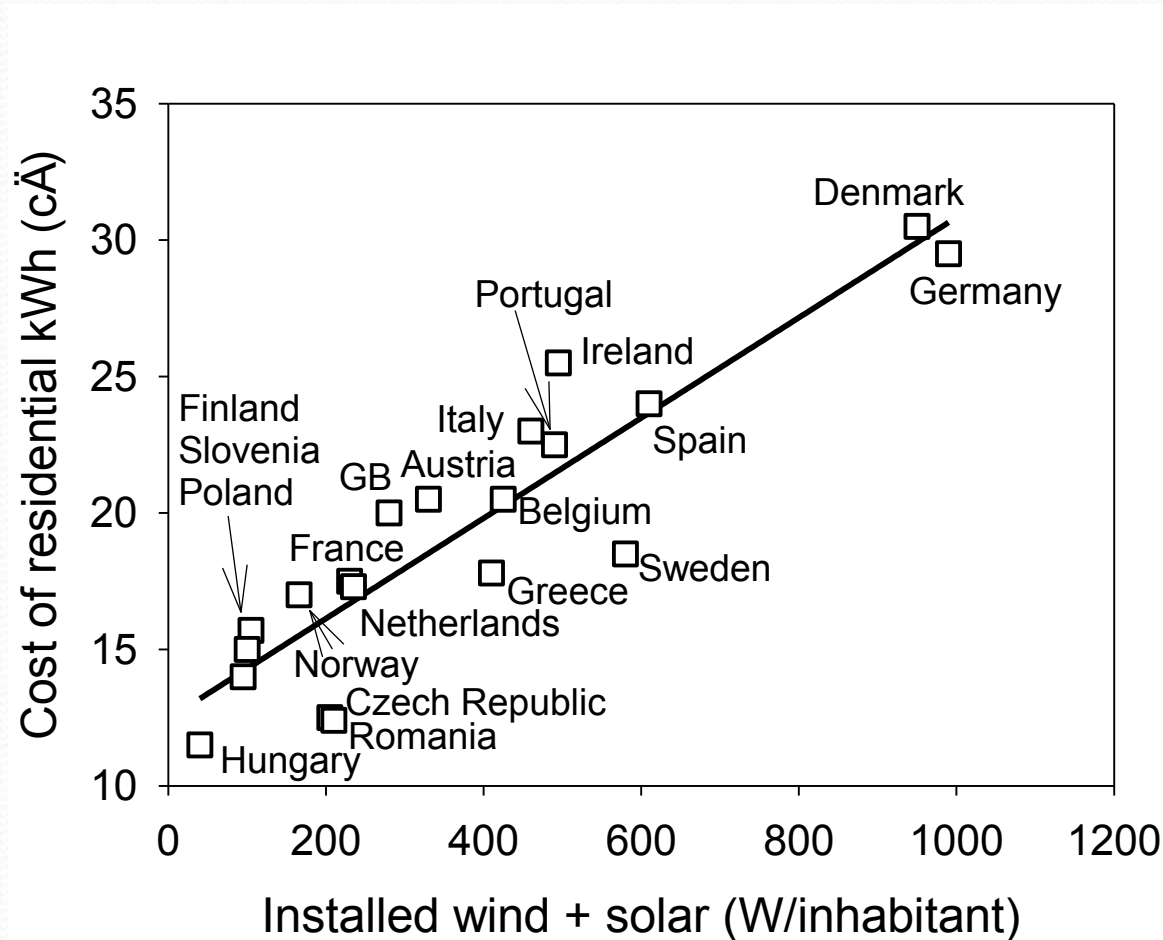
Confusion of CO₂, gas of Life on Earth and pollutants emitted by burning biomass

- True pollutants are smoke, acrolein, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (**biomass**), small particles
- Responsible for **4.3 millions of premature deaths per year** (WHO)
- « Dirty cooking »: third cause of diseases in the world (mainly women and children) behind heart diseases and cerebrovascular diseases



Will this problem of dirty cooking be suppressed with more expensive intermittent energy?

(Source: Eurostat in 2015)



Earth is growing greener

The 0.01 % increase of CO₂ has helped boost green foliage, plankton, nutritive plants and crops yields

Climate does change in particular with alternative periods of warming and cooling every 30 years

The anthropogenic contributions appears tiny, well below dangerous levels

It would be wise to consume fossil fuels moderately to let an heritage to our great children other than an abyssal debt

Towards a change of paradigm? “Benefit of carbon” to be recognized?
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