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Threats of Climate Change on Medicinal Plants

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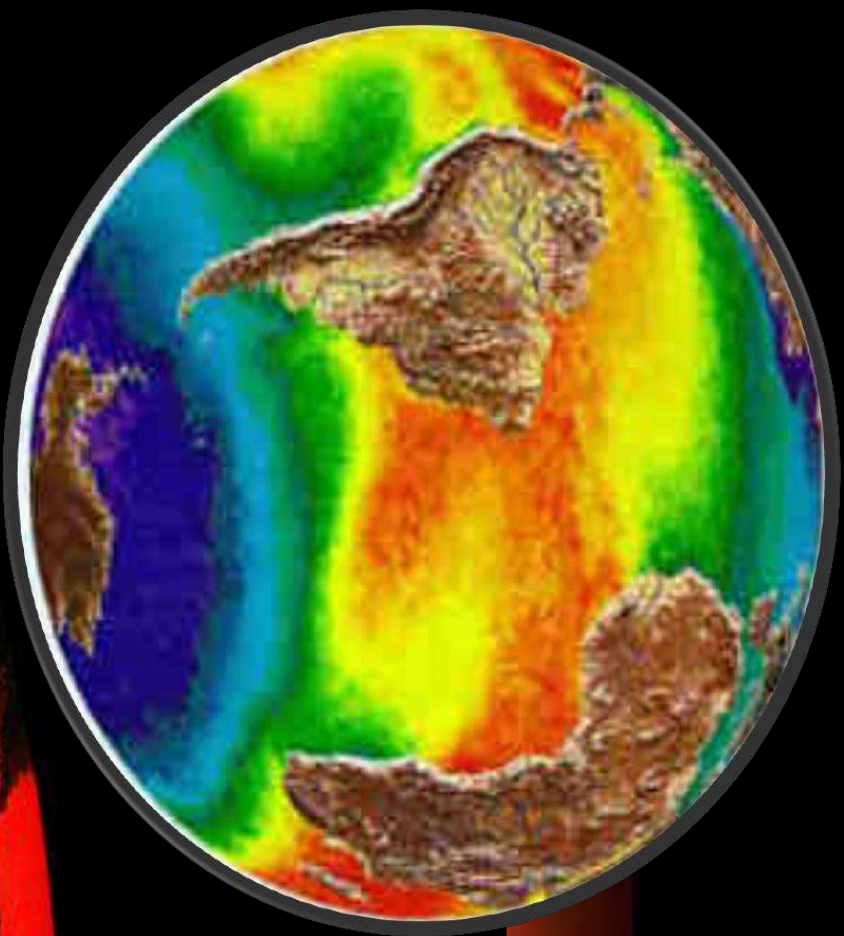
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CLIMATE CHANGE



GLOBAL THREAT



CLIMATE CHANGE

Disaster.....
Hunger.....
Diseases.....



Climate Change

- Warming is decreasing frost, snow and ice cover.
- Rain may increase in some areas, particularly high latitudes, but decrease in others
- More frequent wildfires
- Longer periods of drought in some regions
- Floods in other regions
- Increase in the number, duration and intensity of tropical storms

CLIMATE CHANGE

GLOBAL WARMING



THE GREATEST GLOBAL THREAT



The Greenhouse effect

A T M O S P H E R E



Net incoming solar radiation:
240 Watt per m²

Some solar radiation is reflected by the atmosphere and earth's surface
Outgoing solar radiation:
103 Watt per m²

Some of the infrared radiation passes through the atmosphere and is lost in space
Net outgoing infrared radiation:
240 Watt per m²

G R E E N H O U S E G A S E S

Solar radiation passes through the clear atmosphere.
Incoming solar radiation:
343 Watt per m²

Some of the infrared radiation is absorbed and re-emitted by the greenhouse gas molecules. The direct effect is the warming of the earth's surface and the troposphere.

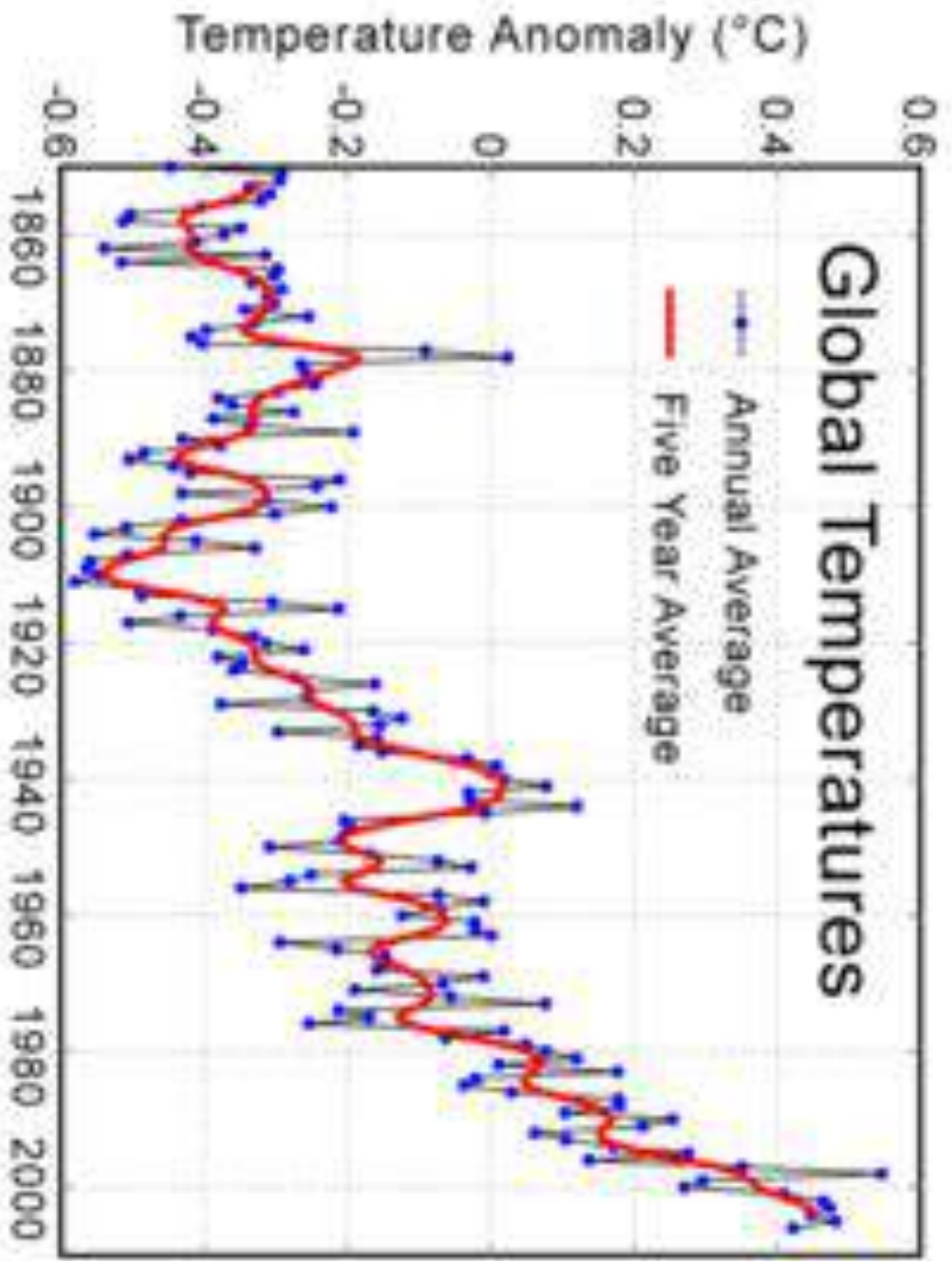
Surface gains more heat and infrared radiation is emitted again

Solar energy is absorbed by the earth's surface and warms it...
168 Watt per m²

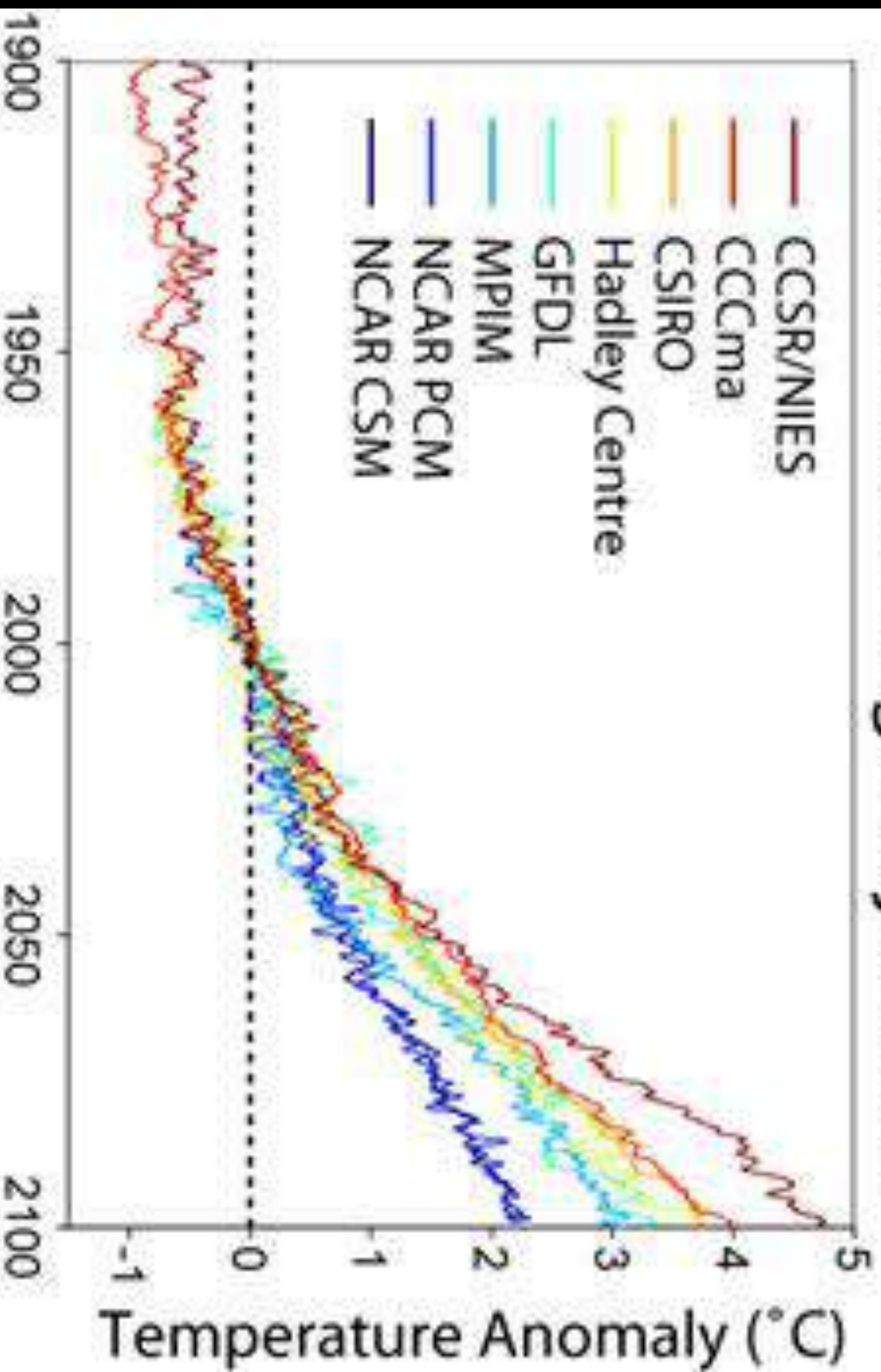
... and is converted into heat causing the emission of longwave (infrared) radiation back to the atmosphere

E A R T H

Global Temperatures



Global Warming Projections

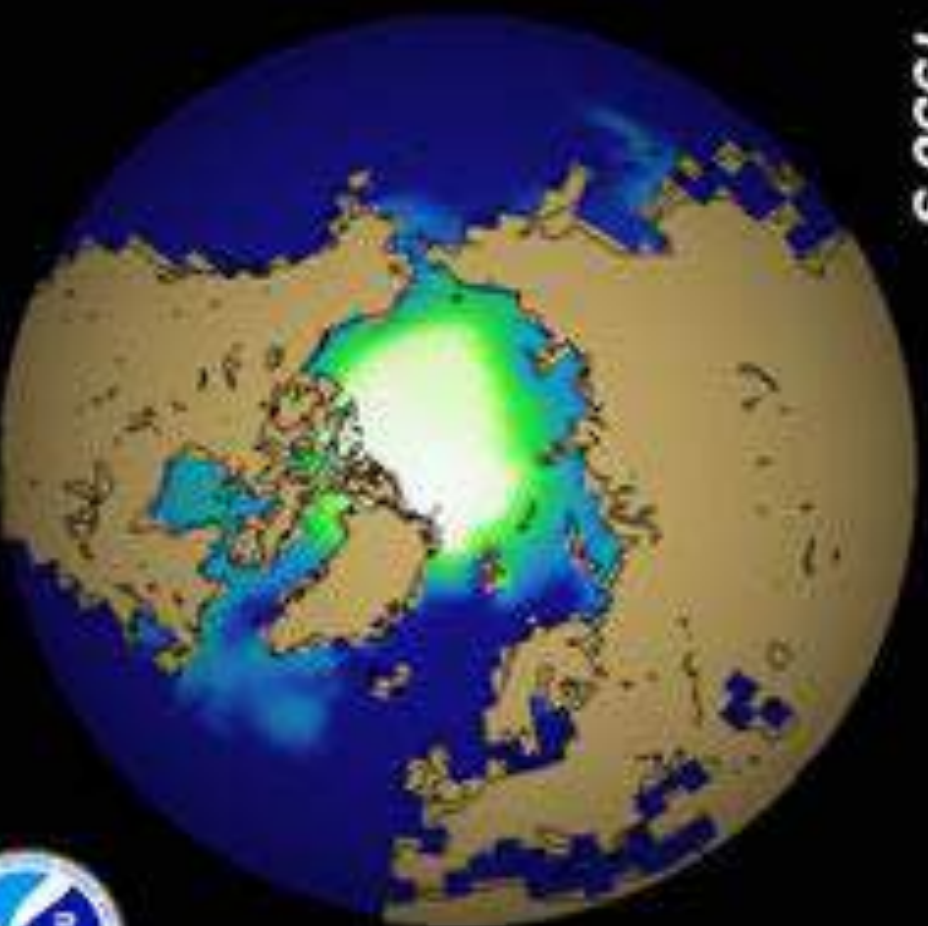


Climate Change

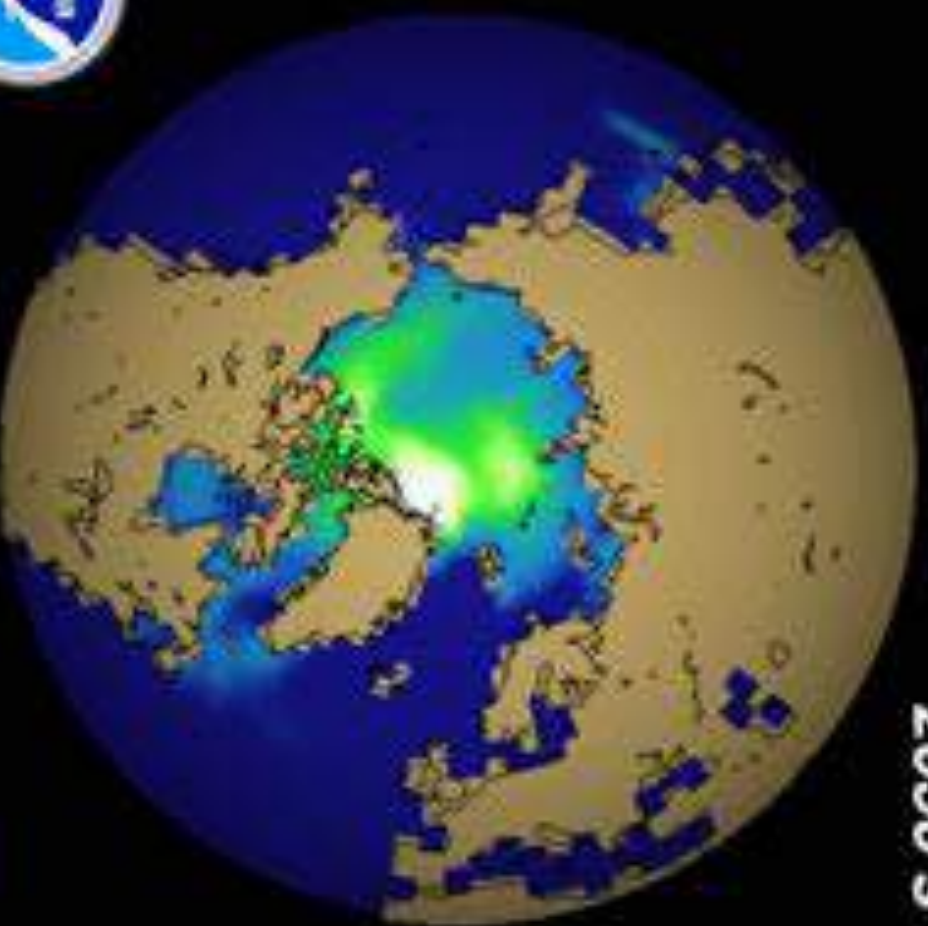
- Increasing of global temperature:
 - Now ca. 0.6°C greater than pre-industrially
 - est. 2100: 1.4° C to 5.8° C greater
 - 4.2°C greater towards the end of the 21st century

Sea Ice Thickness (10-year average)

1950's



2050's



100% of
1955 volume



54% of
1955 volume



Arctic Sea Ice

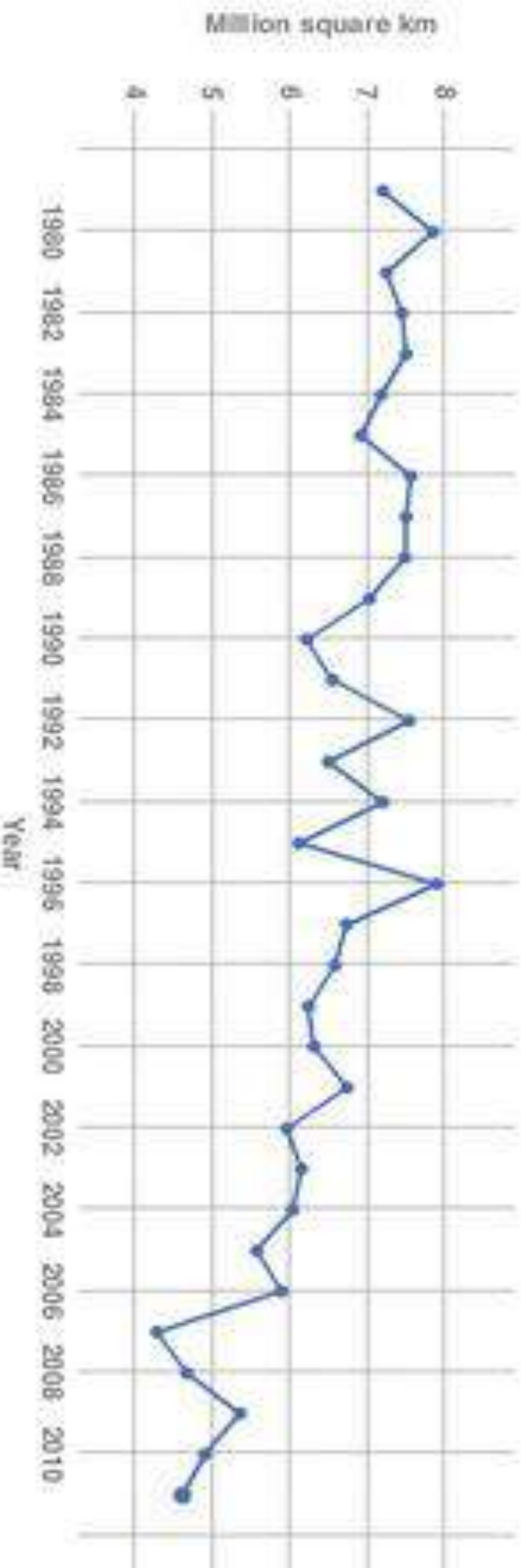
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AVERAGE SEPTEMBER EXTENT

Data source: Satellite observations

Credit: NSIDC



Sea Level

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Data updated 3:30:12

GROUND DATA: 1870-2000

RATE OF CHANGE

↑ 1.70 mm^a

SATELLITE DATA: 1993-PRESENT **RATE OF CHANGE**

↑ 3.17 mm

Data source: Coastal tide gauge records.

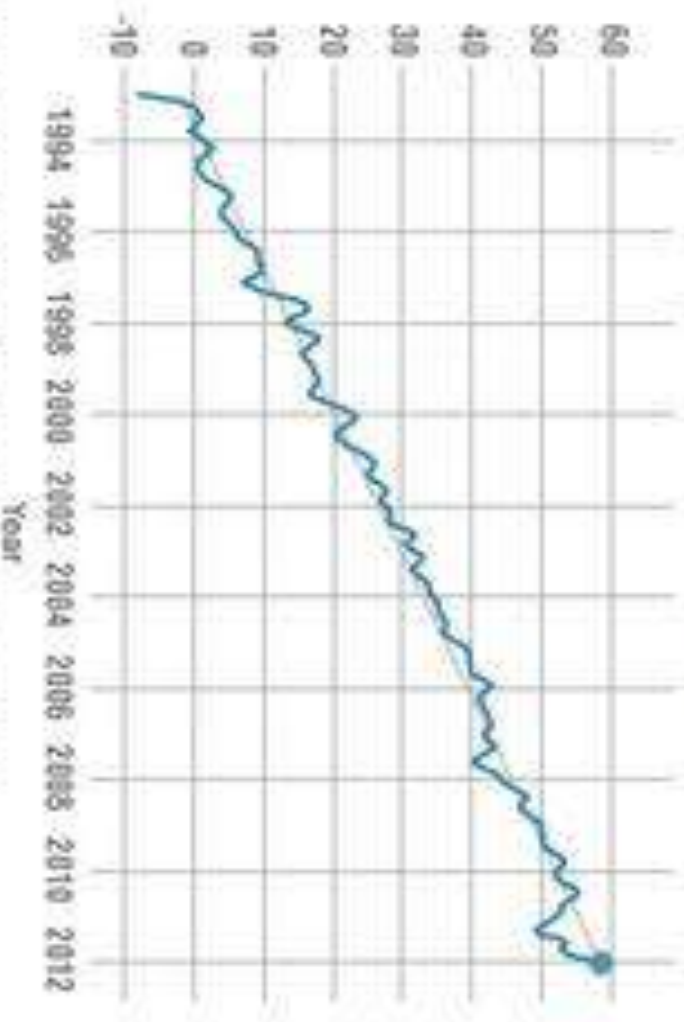
Credit: CSIRO

Data source: Satellite sea level observations.

Credit: CLS/CSRS/ERSS

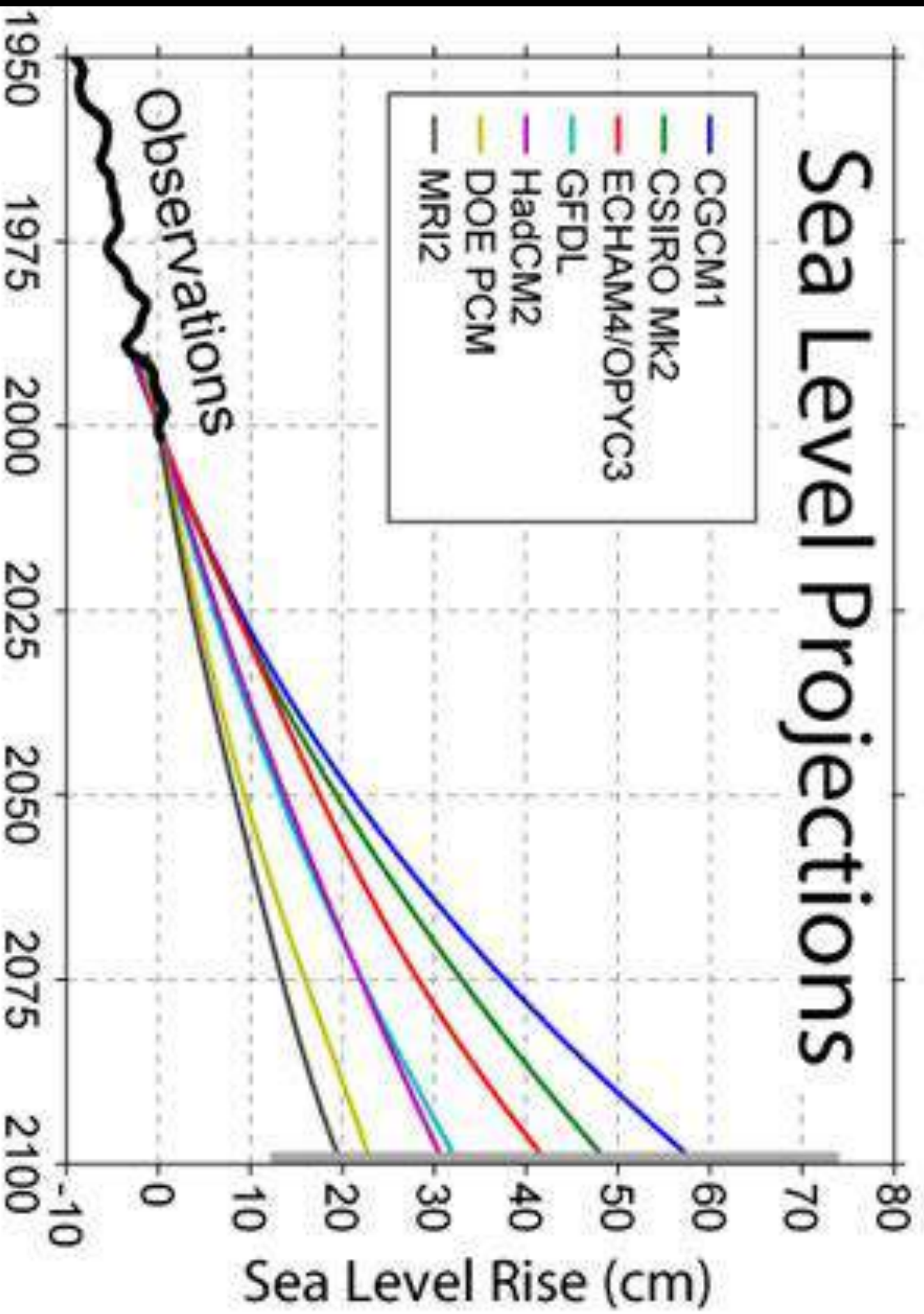


^aestimate for 20th century



Inverse barometer applied and seasonal signals removed

Sea Level Projections

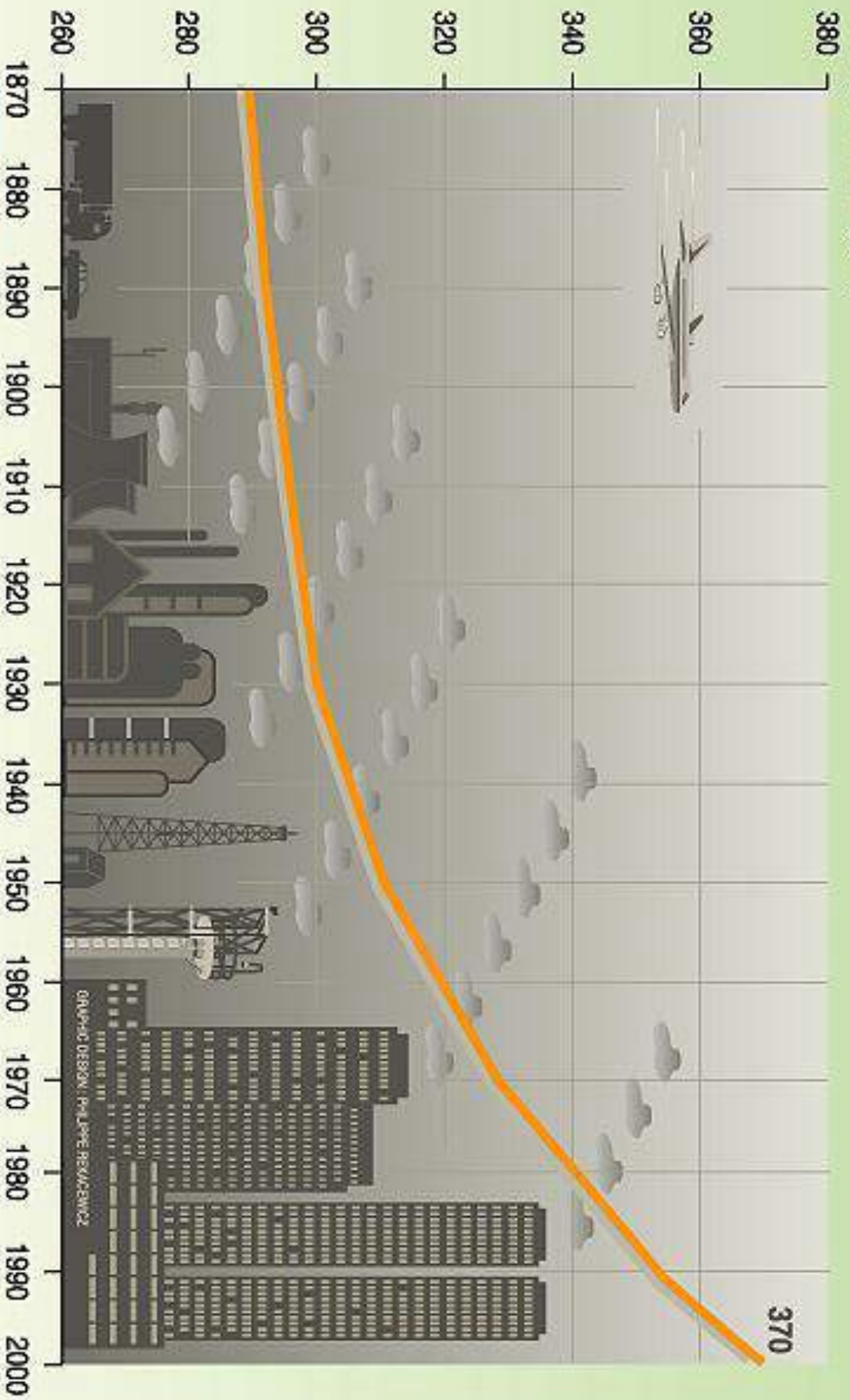


Climate Change

- Increasing of CO₂ level in the atmosphere
 - CO₂ pre-industrial was ca. 280 $\mu\text{l l}^{-1}$
 - Now 376 $\mu\text{l l}^{-1}$
 - Est. 21--: 700 $\mu\text{l l}^{-1}$

Global atmospheric concentration of CO₂

Parts per million (ppm)



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Arendal UNIP

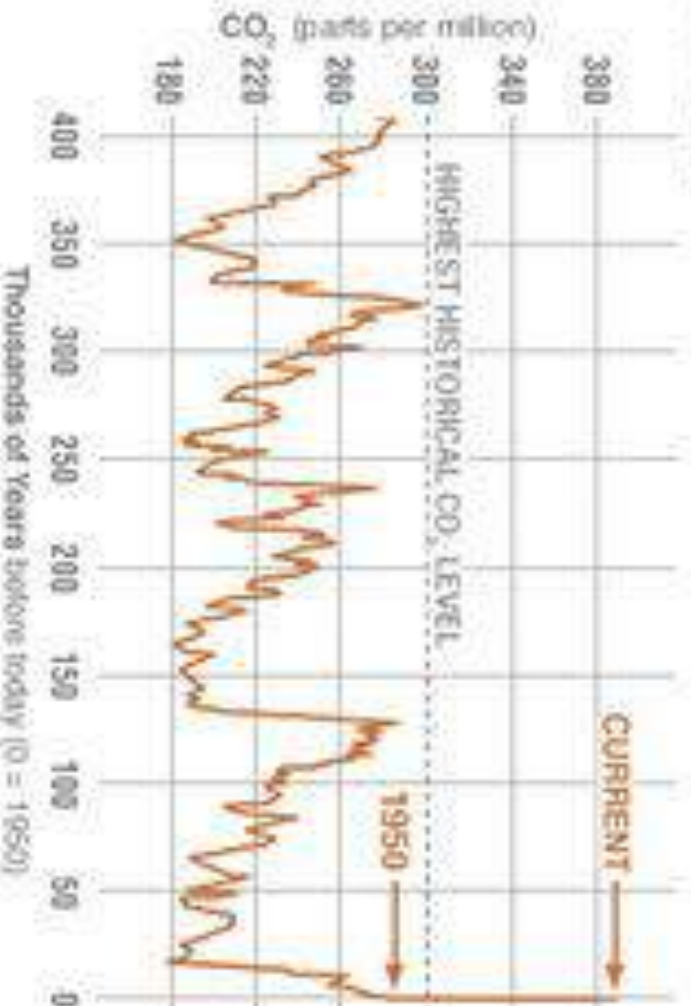
Carbon Dioxide Concentration

Data updated 03.30.12

PROXY (INDIRECT) MEASUREMENTS

Data source: Reconstruction from ice cores

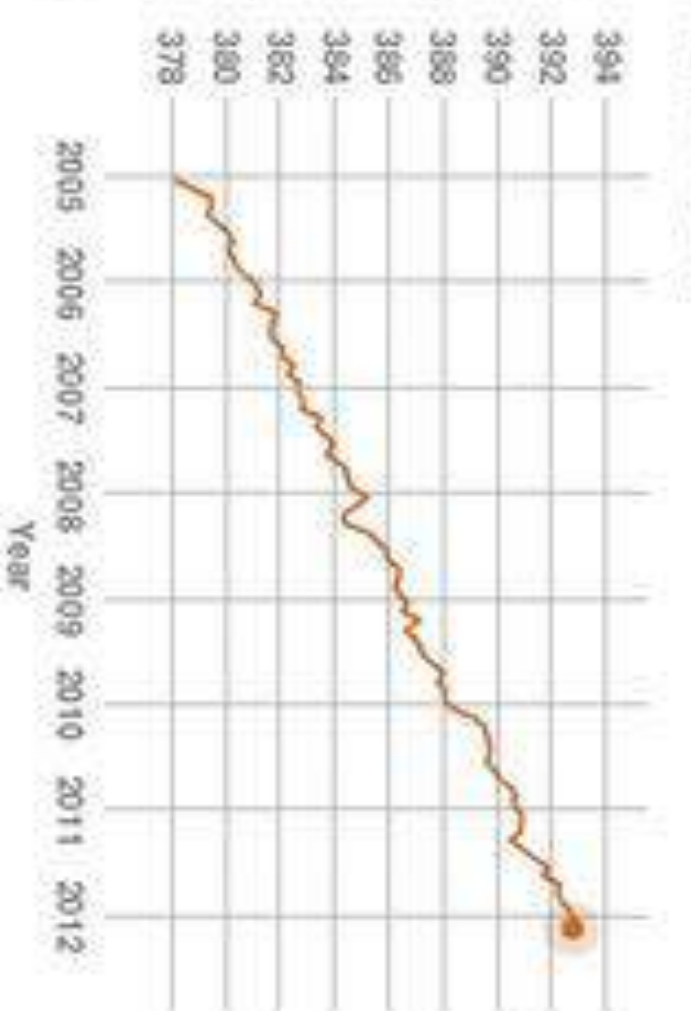
Credit: NOAA



DIRECT MEASUREMENTS: 2005-PRESENT

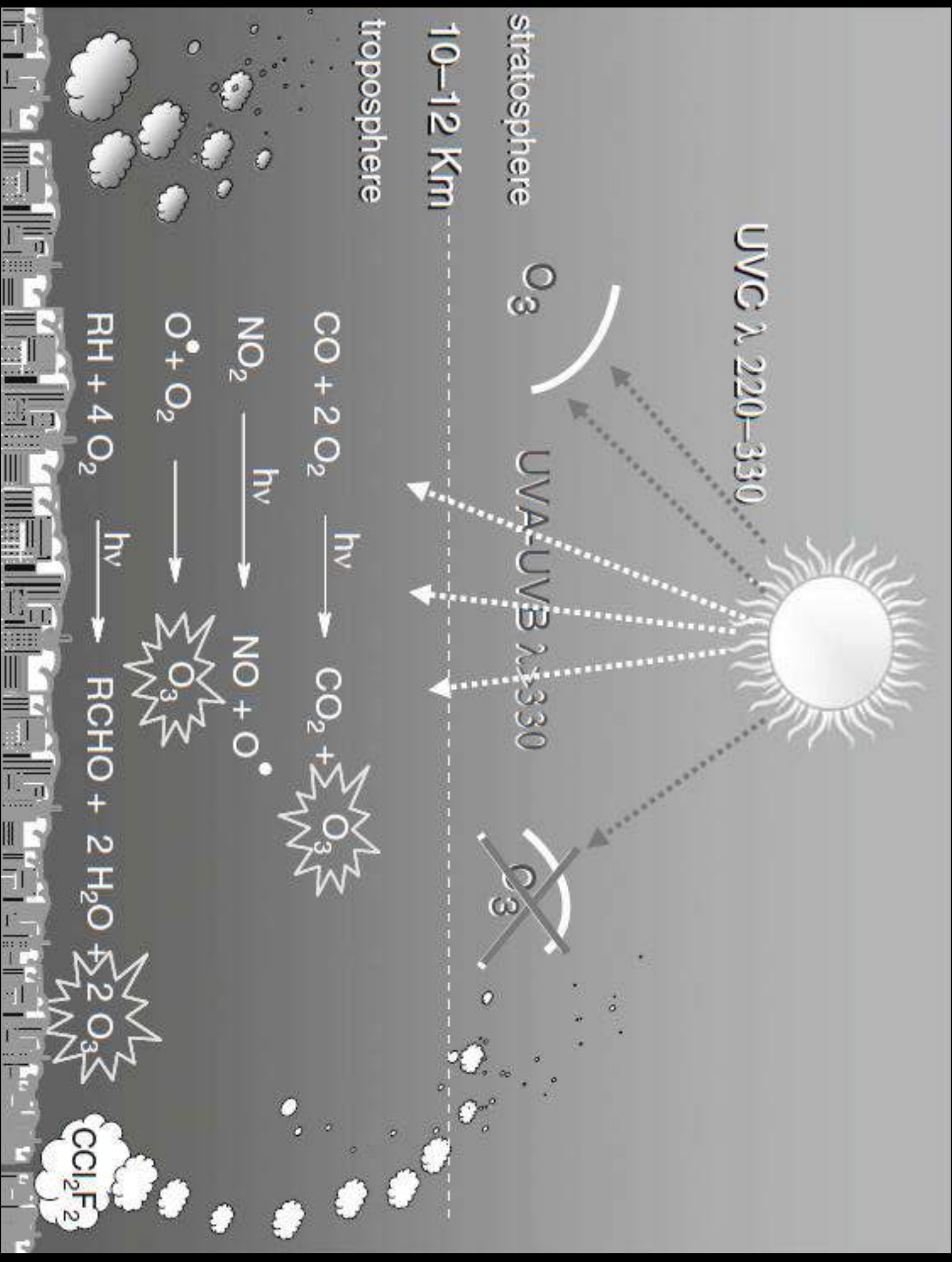
Data source: Monthly measurements (corrected for average seasonal cycle). Credit: NOAA

Credit: NOAA



Climate Change

- Tropospheric (lower-atmosphere) concentrations of O₃ have increased by 20 – 50% (average, 38%) since the pre-industrial era (Denman et al., 2007)



UVC λ 220–330



O_3

UVA–UVB λ > 330



10–12 Km

stratosphere

troposphere



A globally coherent fingerprint of climate change impacts across natural systems

Camille Parmesan* & Gary Yohe (Nature 421, 2003)

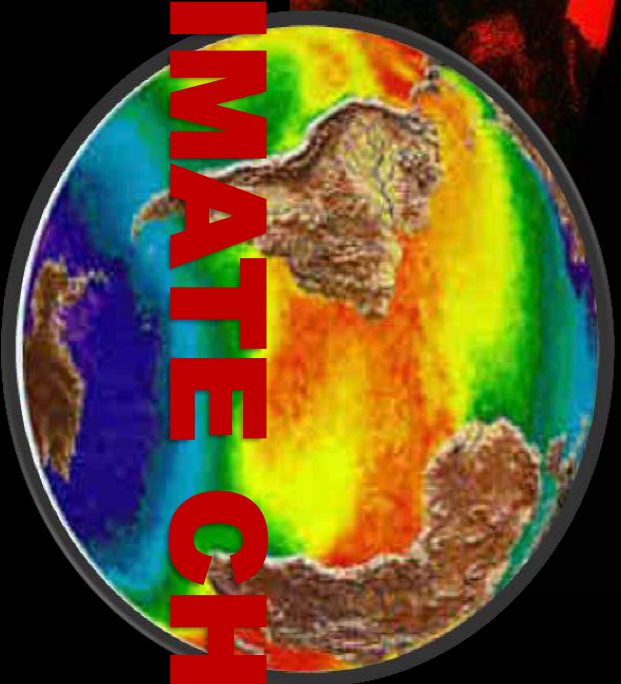
- Meta analysis on diverse species: more than 1,700 species
- Phenological (timing) shifts, range boundary shifts, and community studies on species abundances



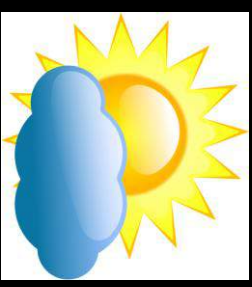
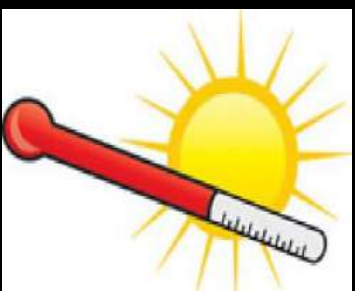
‘very high confidence conclusion’

climate change

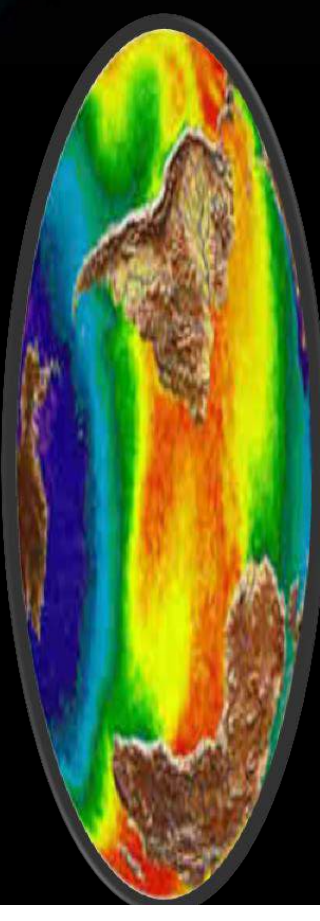
is already affecting living systems



CLIMATE CHANGE



RESPIRATION & PHOTOSYNTHESIS



PHOTOSYNTHESIS



**Health/
Sturdiness**

Reproduction

**Primary
Metabolism**

**Secondary
Metabolism**

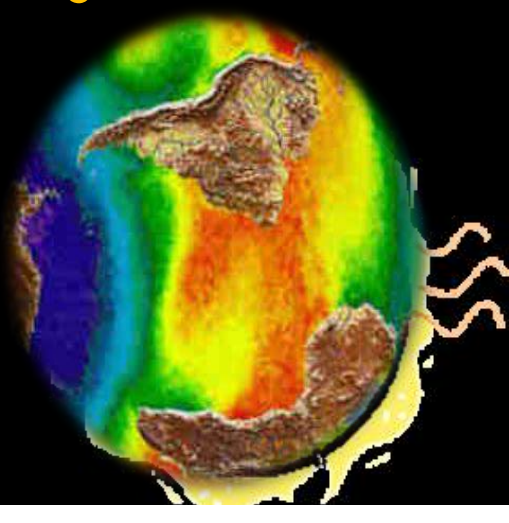
Plant's response to climate change

Migration

Adaption

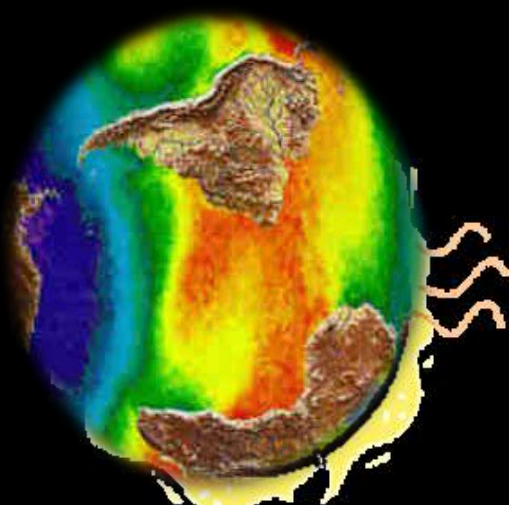
Extinct

Climate change reduce biodiversity of medicinal plants



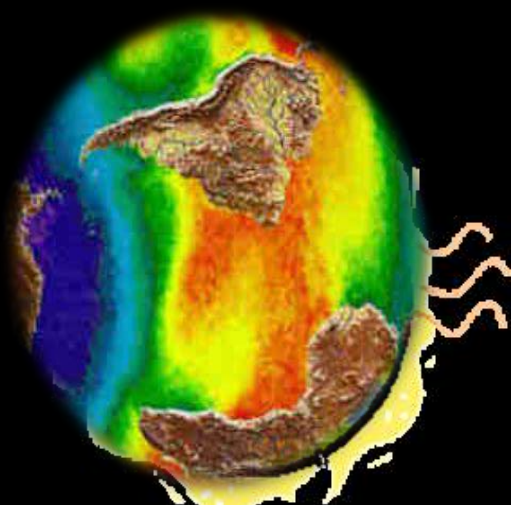
- Species with long life cycles and/or slow dispersal are particularly vulnerable
- Isolated or disjunct species are particularly vulnerable, as they may have 'nowhere to go'
→ Arctic and alpine species, and Island endemics

Climate change reduce biodiversity of medicinal plants



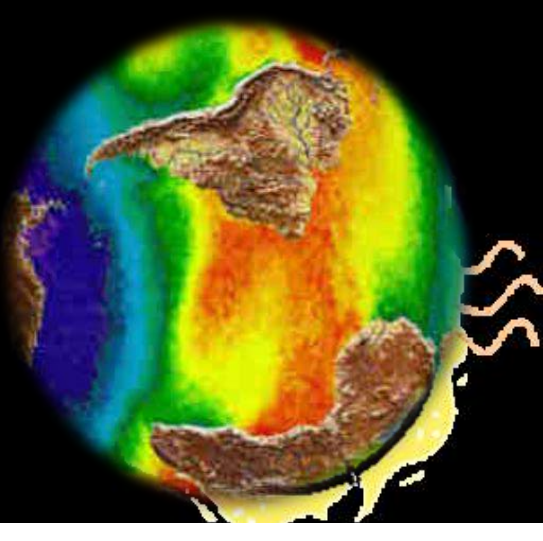
- Some **plant communities** or **species** associations may be lost as species move and adapt at different rates.
- Many **plant communities** act as 'sinks' (store carbon), which helps to offset carbon emissions. However, over the next 70 years, the effects of climate change on plants mean many **terrestrial sinks** may become **sources**

Climate change reduce biodiversity of medicinal plants



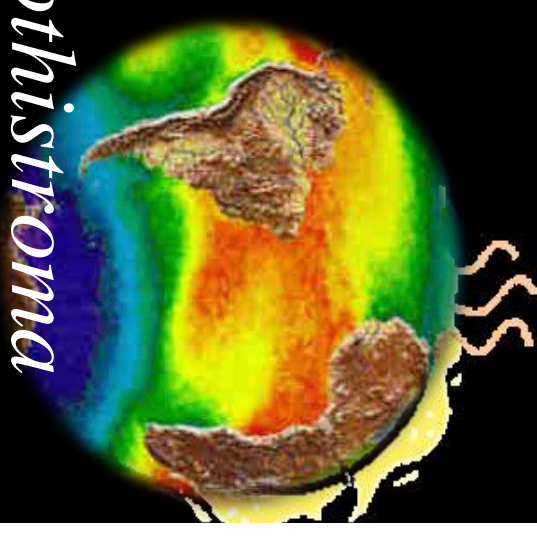
- **Increased invasions** by alien species may occur, as conditions become more suitable for exotic species whilst native species become less well suited to their environment (for example, *Bromus* is more invasive in wet years (Smith et al, 2000)).

Climate change affect the plant's pests & diseases

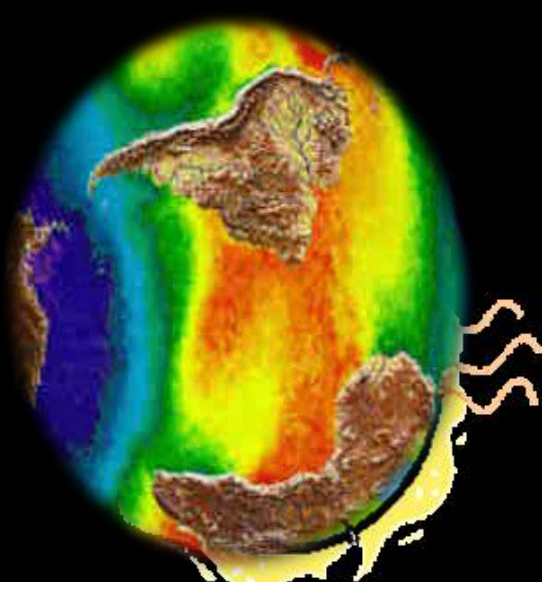


- Elevated concentration of CO₂ altered the expression of three soybean diseases, namely downy mildew (*Peronospora manshurica*), brown spots (*Septoria glycines*) and sudden death syndrome (*Fusarium virguliforme*)
- Increased resistance to powdery mildew (*Blumeria graminis*) in barley

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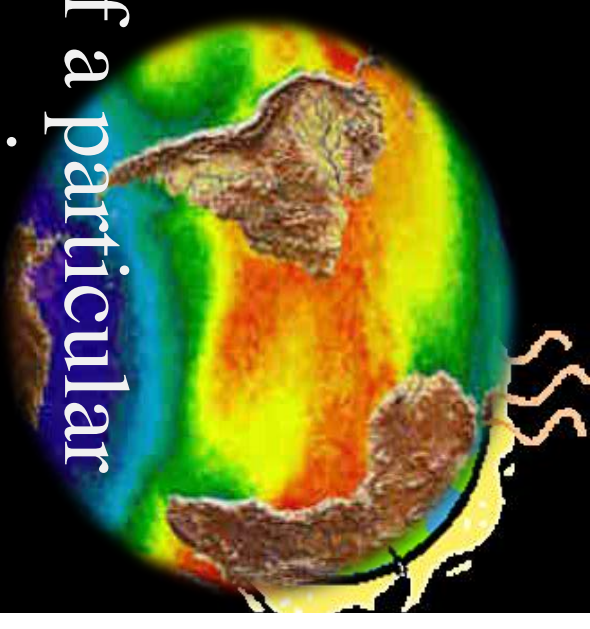


- In North America, needle blight (*Dothistroma septosporum*) is reported to be spreading northwards with increasing temperature and precipitation
- Higher threat of late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) and sheath blight (*Rhizoctonia solani*) disease on potato
- Higher risk of blast (*Pyricularia oryzae*) disease in rice



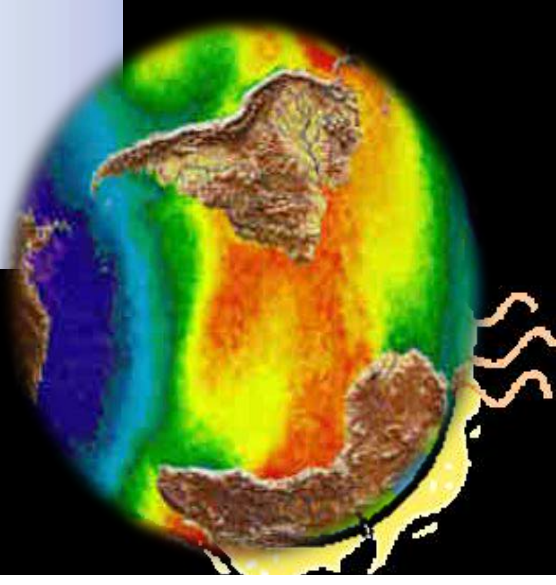
Climate change may change
plant genetic → as adaptive response

Attunement to climate change

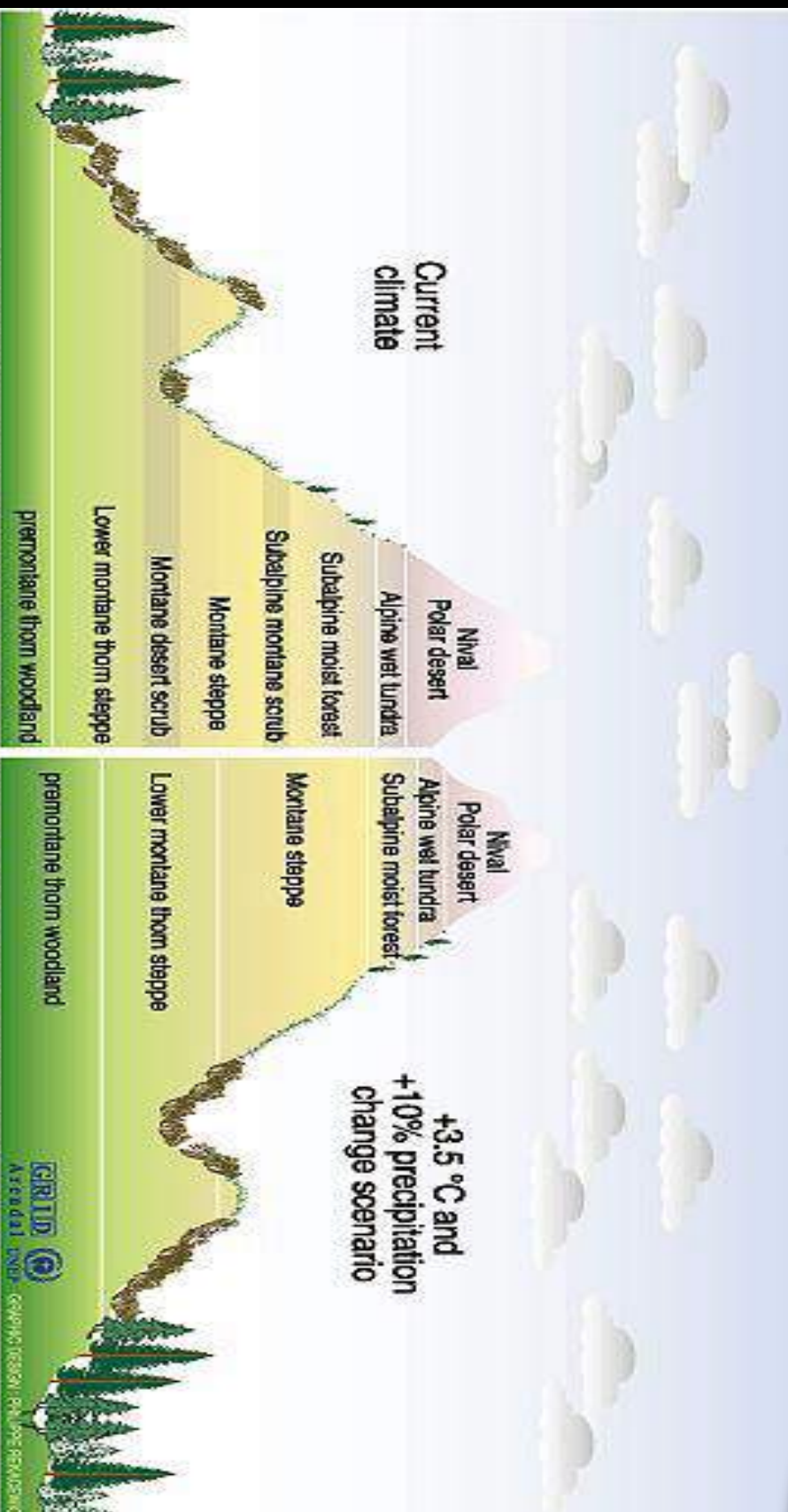


- **Phenotypic plasticity**: the capacity of a particular genotype to produce varied phenotypes in response to different environments
- **Dispersal of seed & pollen**: dispersal processes can create a shift in gene frequencies and introduce novel genotypes from different populations
- **Genetic change**: creating novel genes by mutatio

Climate change influences the shift in species distribution



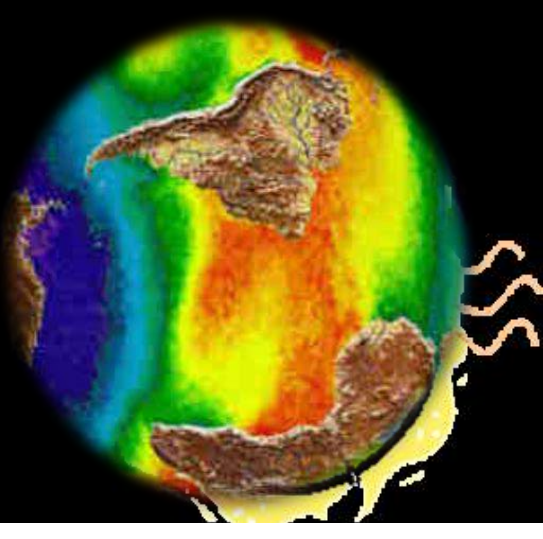
Impact on mountain vegetation zones



Sources: Martin Beniston, Mountain environments in changing climates, Paulslidge, London, 1994; Climate change 1995, Impacts, adaptations and migration of climate change, contribution of working group 2 to the second assessment report of the Intergovernmental panel on climate change (IPCC), UNEP and WMO, Cambridge press university, 1996.



Climate change altered the plant phenology

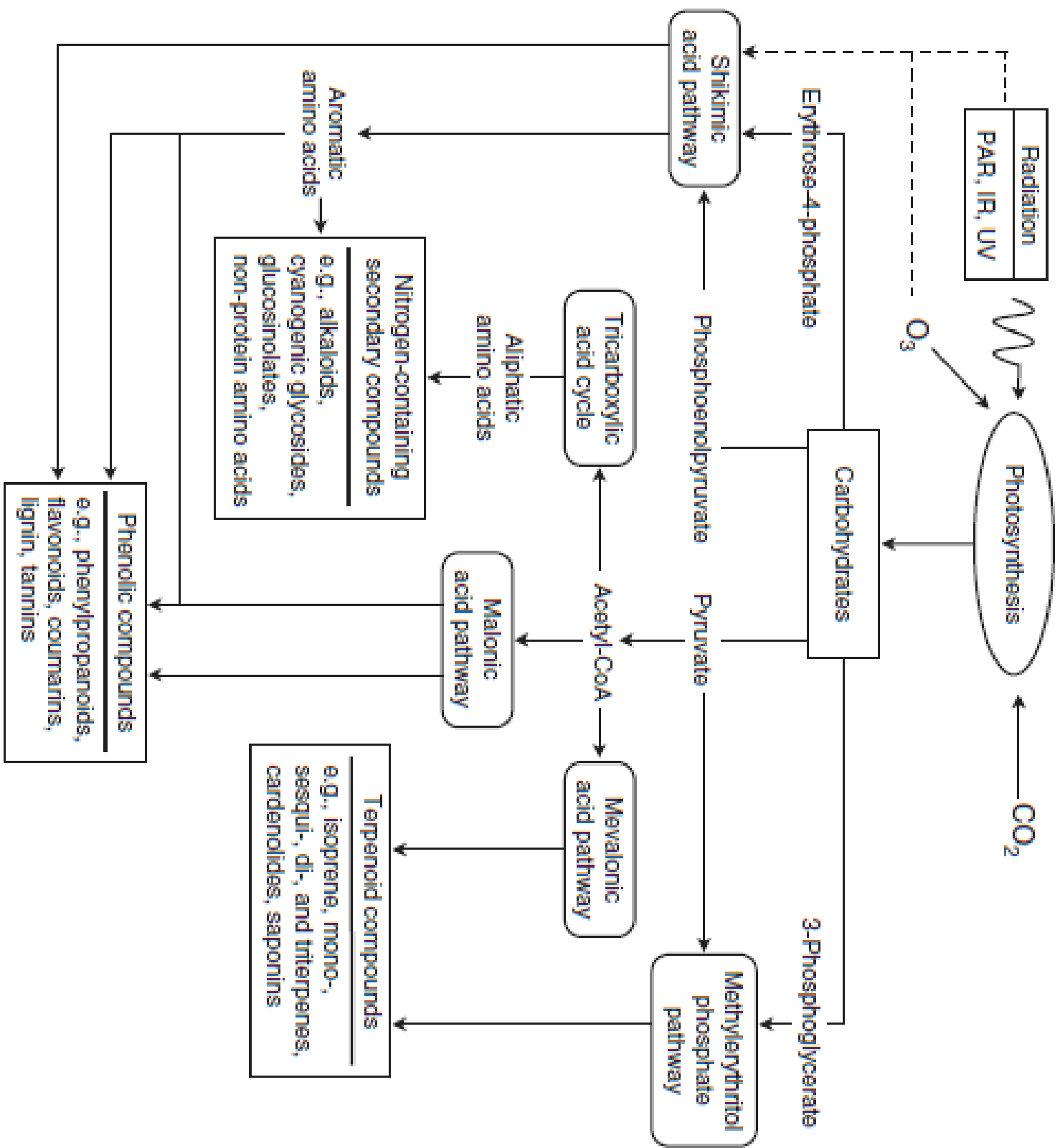




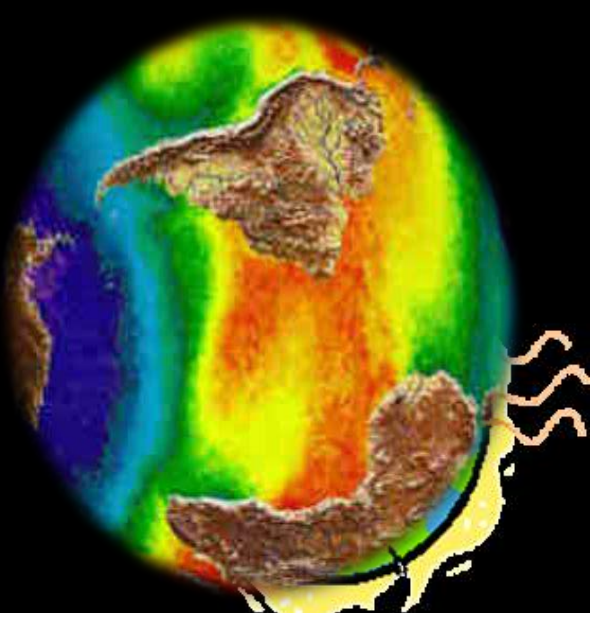
*Climate change affects the production
of secondary metabolites*



atropine	<i>Atropa belladonna</i>
codeine	<i>Papaver somniferum</i>
cocaine	<i>Erythroxylon coca</i>
ephedrine	<i>Ephedra sinica</i>
digoxin	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
quinine	<i>Cinchona officinalis</i>
colchicine	<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>
scopolamine	<i>Datura fastuosa</i>
reserpine	<i>Rauwolfia serpentina</i>
capsaicin	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>
salicylin	<i>Salix purpurea</i>
vincristine	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>
taxol	<i>Taxus brevifolia</i>
curcumin	<i>Curcuma domestica</i>

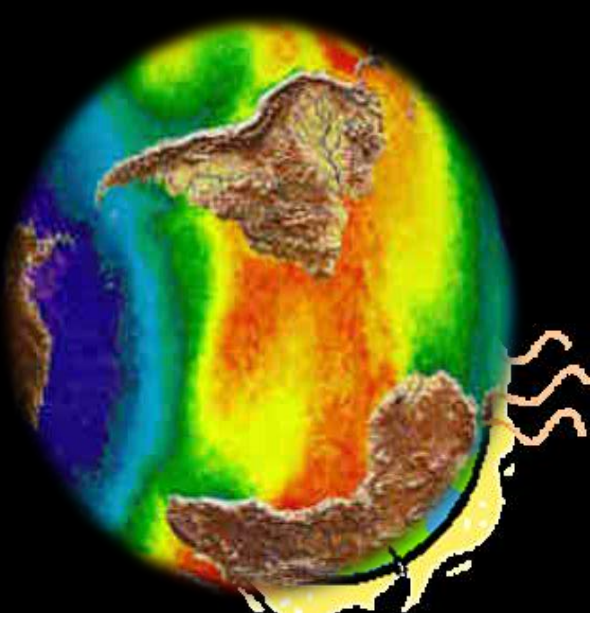


Effect of CO₂ level on the production of secondary metabolites



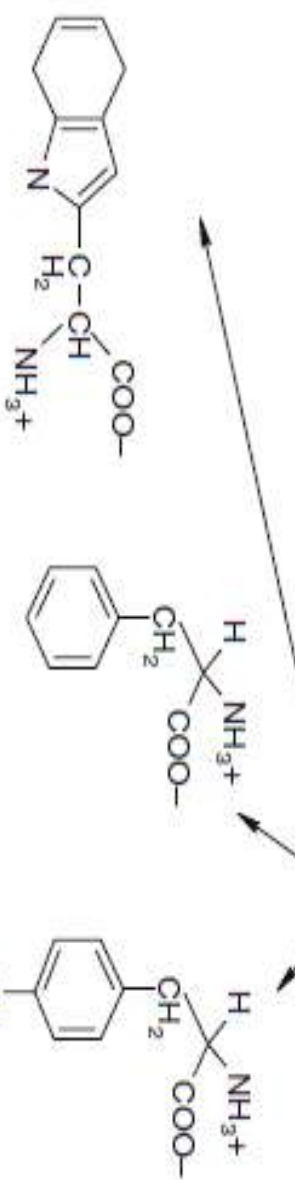
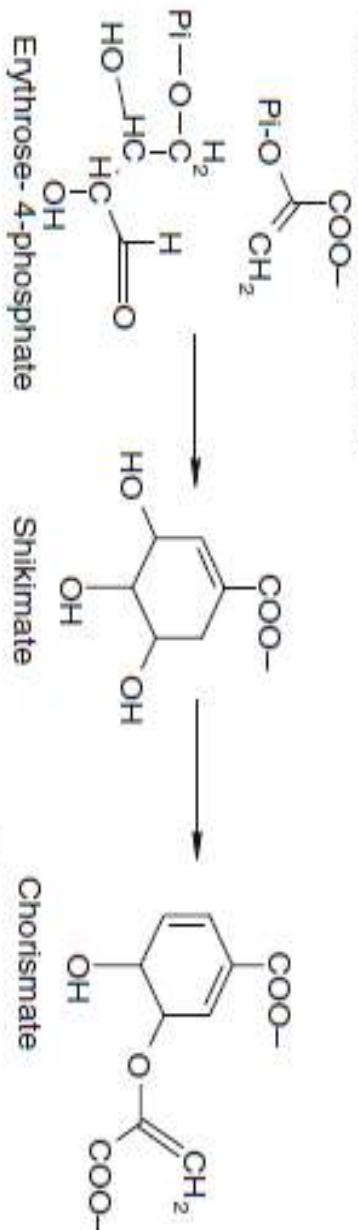
- Responses are species-specific & PSM-specific
- Responses could be physiologically & short-term) or genetically & permanently

Effect of O₃ level on the production of secondary metabolites



- Ozone contributes to oxidative stress and proliferation of oxygen radicals → leads to the up-regulation of genes and enzymes associated with the shikimate-phenylpropanoid pathway

Phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP)



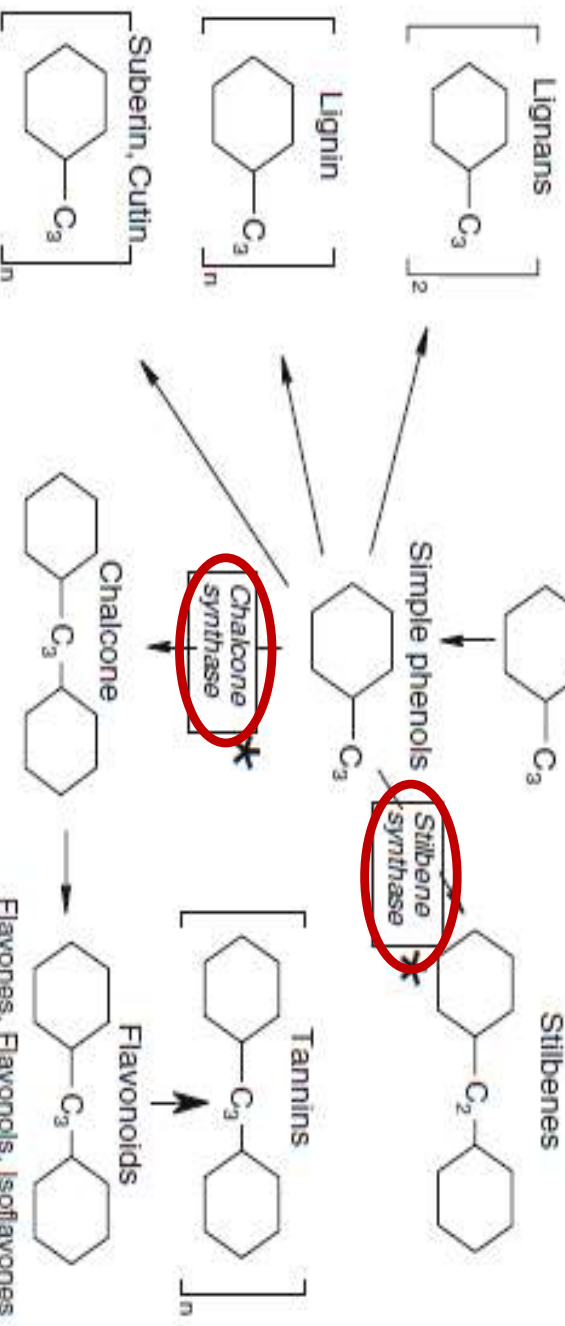
PAL *

Cinnamic acid

Simple phenols

Stilbene synthase *

Chalcone synthase *



PHENYLALANINE

GENERAL
PHENYLPROPANOID PATHWAY

Phenylalanine
ammonylase (PAL⁺)

CINNAMIC ACID

BENZOIC ACID

SALICILIC ACID

Benzoic acid-2-
hydroxylase⁺

Cinnamate -
4-hydroxylase
(C4H)

P-COUMARIC ACID

FERULIC ACID

SINAPIC ACID

Coumarate -3-
hydroxylase
(C3H)

COMT

4-Coumarate:
CoA ligase
(4CL)

Caffeic acid-O-
methyl/trans-
ferase (COMT)

4CL

4CL

P-COUMAROYL-CoA

FERULOYL-CoA

SINAPOYL-CoA

Cinnamoyl:
CoA reductase
(CCR)

CCR

CCR

P-COUMARALDEHYDE

CONIFERYLALDEHYDE

SINAPALDEHYDE

Cinnamyl
alcohol dehydro-
genase (CAD⁺)

CAD⁺

CAD⁺

P-COUMARYL ALCOHOL

CONIFERYL ALCOHOL

SINAPYL ALCOHOL

monolignols

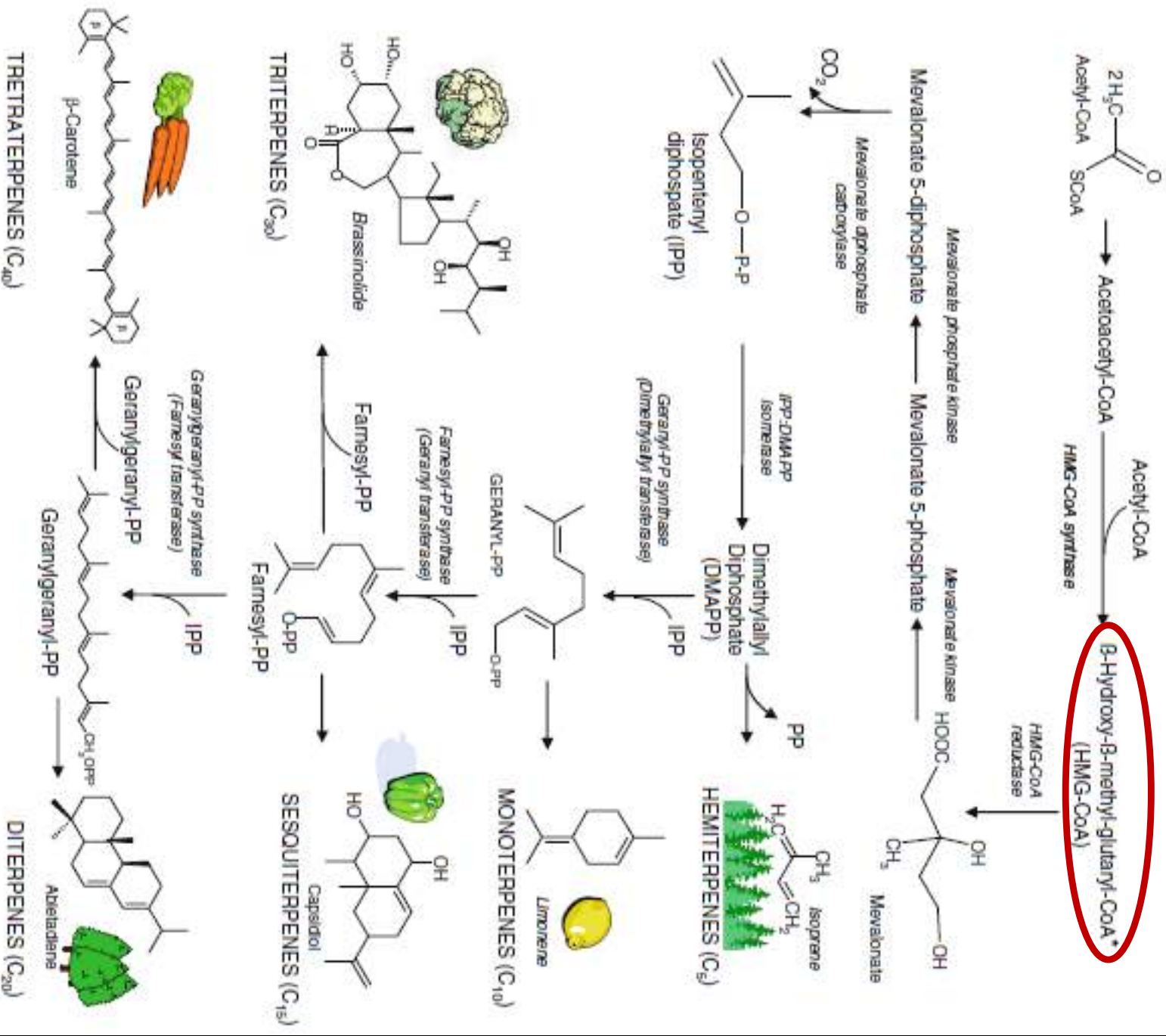
P-HYDROXYPHENYL [H] UNIT

GUAIACYL [G] UNIT

SYRINGYL [S] UNIT

lignin





Plant response to climate change varies with topography, interactions with neighbors, and ecotype

Pierre Liancourt et al, Univ. Pennsylvania

Journal of Ecology 94(2), 2013

- *Festuca lenensis*
- Three-years experiment set in the Mongolian steppe
- Manipulated temperature and water
- Controlling for topographic variation, plant–plant interactions, and ecotypic differentiation

Plant response to climate change varies with topography, interactions with neighbors, and ecotype

- Plant survival and growth responses to a warmer, drier climate varied within the landscape.
- Response to simulated increased precipitation occurred only in the absence of neighbors, demonstrating that **plant–plant interactions can supersede the effects of climate change**.
- Response of this species to increased precipitation was ecotype specific, with water addition benefiting only the least stress-tolerant ecotype from the lower slope origin

Plant response to climate change varies with topography, interactions with neighbors, and ecotype

- *F. lenensis* also showed evidence of local adaptation in populations that were only 300 m apart:
 - Individuals from the steep and dry upper slope showed a higher stress/drought tolerance, whereas
 - Individuals from the more productive lower slope showed a higher biomass production and a greater ability to cope with competition.

Conclusions

- Climate change threatens medicinal plants in various aspects:
 - Extinction → Biodiversity reduction
 - Health & Sturdiness
 - Pests and diseases
 - Physiological conditions
 - Reduction in production of secondary metabolites
 - Genetic modification

Recommendations



- Seed conservation → Seed Bank
- Developing plants that accommodate/tolerate climate change → genetic engineering (e.g. analyzing genome of heat and drought resistant)
- Tissue culture techniques for producing secondary metabolites → biotransformation technology



Recommendations

- Study the potential and real threats of climate change on medicinal plants





Thank You
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