Climate Change & Greenhouse Gases: Causes, Effects, and Solutions

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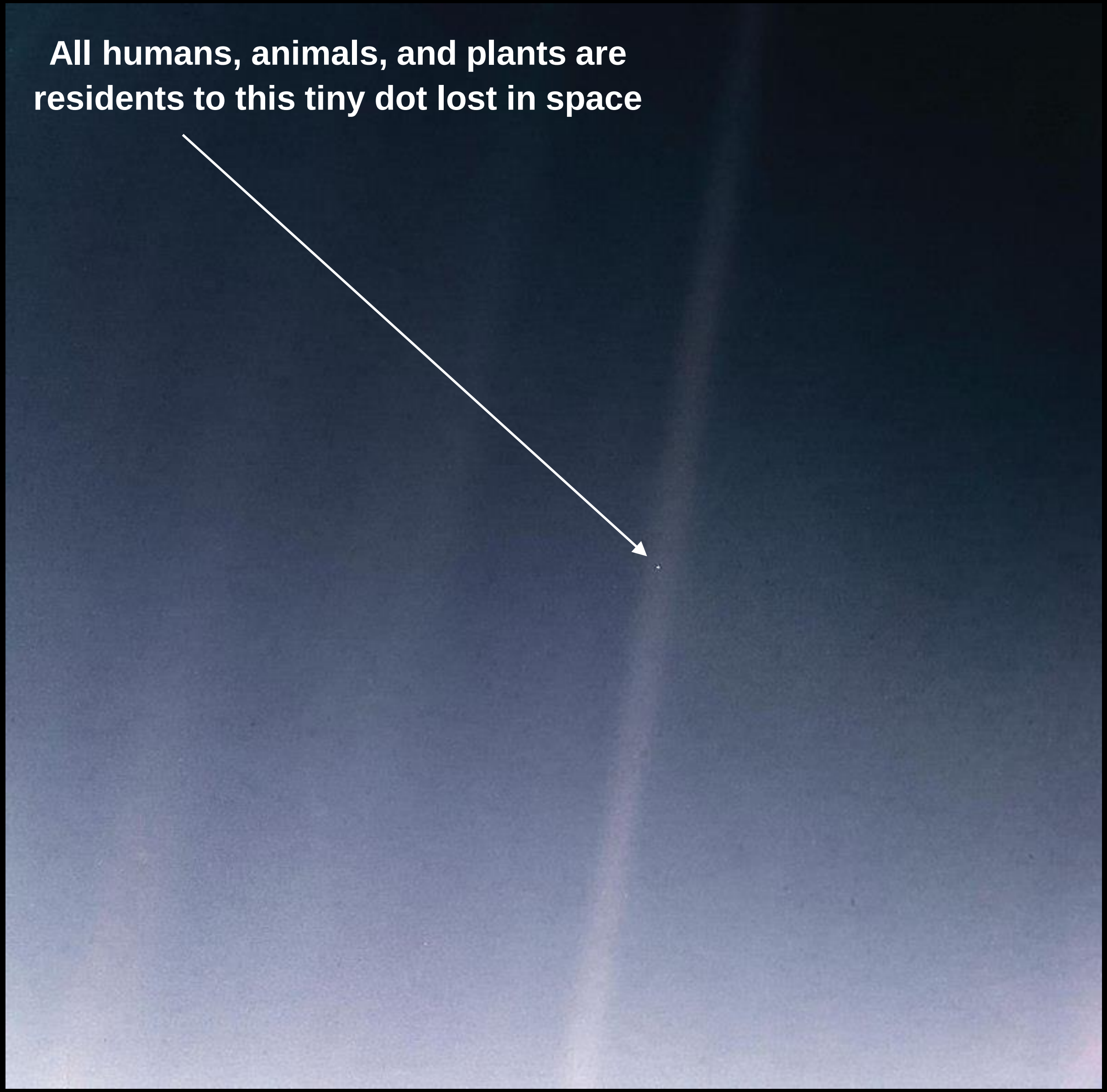
What is it about? Our Home Planet!

Photographic image of the Earth from 29000 km distance
taken by the crew of Apollo 17 on December 7th, 1972: „Blue Marble“

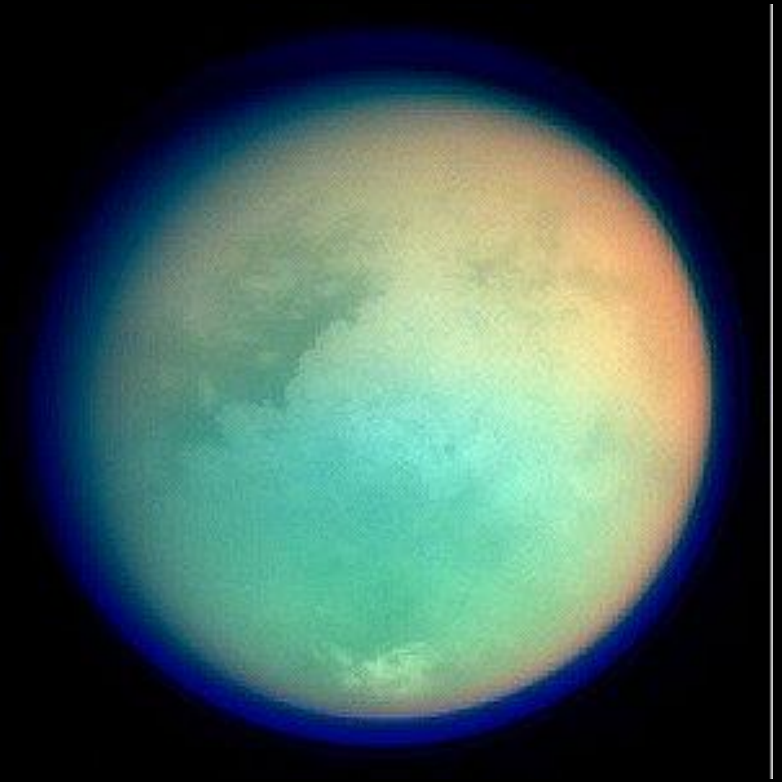


Photographic image of the Earth from 40.5 AU (6.1 bill. km, 1/1500 ly)
distance taken by Voyager 1 on February 14th, 1990: „Blue Dot“

What is it about? Impact Factors on Climate!

Earth photographed from the Saturn orbit

Titan: Largest Moon of Saturn (d ~ 5150 km)



Earth

Distance to sun	$149.6{\cdot}10^6$ km (1 AU)
Ground pressure	1 bar (N_2, O_2, Ar)
Greenhouse effect	255 K → 288 K (13%)

Titan

Distance to sun	$1.428{\cdot}10^9$ km (9.546 AU)
Ground pressure	1.5 bar (N_2, O_2, Ar?)
Greenhouse effect	82 K → 94 K (15%)

Outline

1. **Challenges of the 21st century**
2. **The earth's climate and the global energy balance**
3. **Global energy generation**
4. **Solar energy generation**
5. **Water splitting**
6. **Outlook**
7. **Literature**

1. Challenges of the 21st century

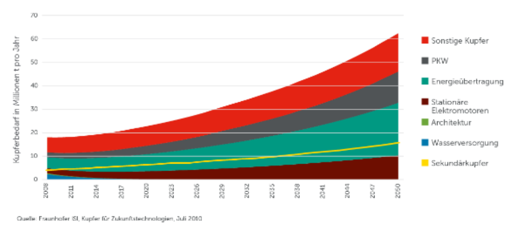
- **Emission of climate-active trace gases and climate change**
    - **CO_2 neutral energy economy: PV, wind → H_2, PtG, LNG, battery storage**
    - **CO_2 capture: $1.0 \cdot 10^{12}$ t CO_2 by 2100 for 2° target (SdW 08/19) → geochemistry?**
    - **New forms of mobility: electric and hybrid drives, artificial fuels**




- **(Micro)plastic and nutrient input into the biosphere**
    - **Threats to marine & terrestrial food chains**
    - **Threat to biodiversity (6th mass extinction)**
    - **Expansion of dead zones due to eutrophication**

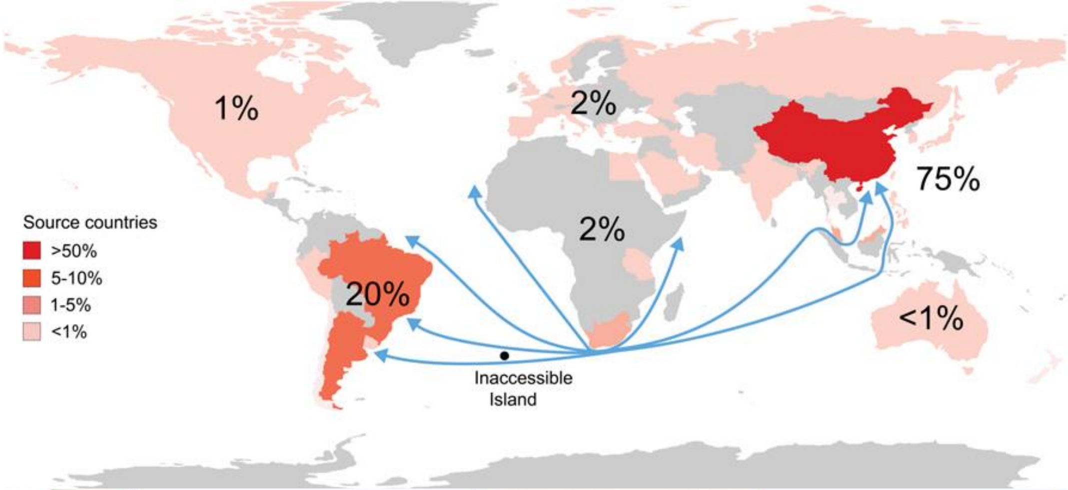
- **Increasing land and water consumption**
    - **Threats to food and drinking water security**
    - **Loss of arable land**
    - **Evaporation of inland waters**

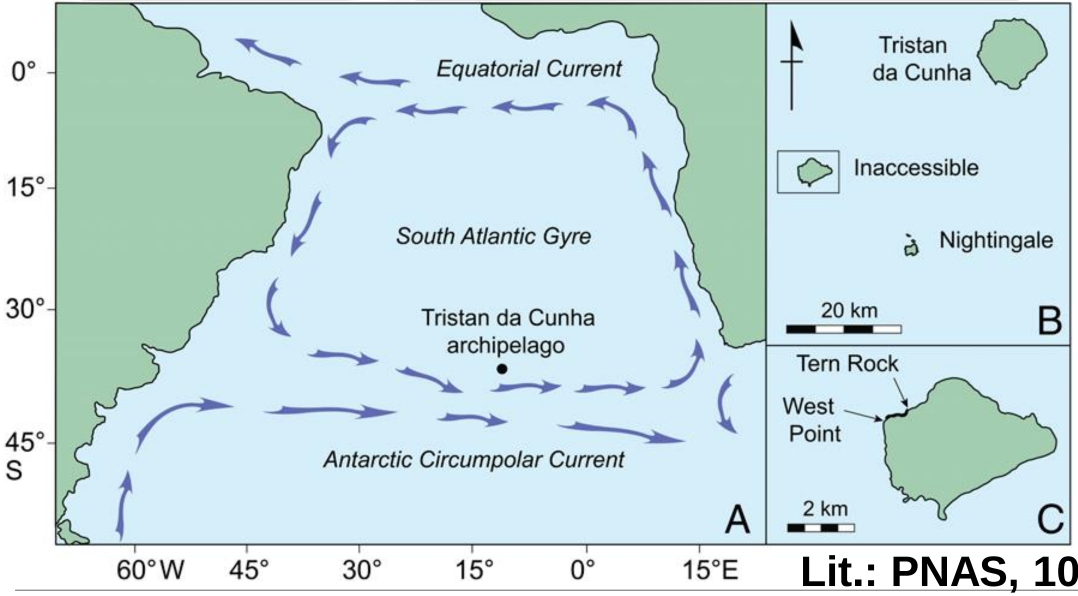
- **Rising demand for raw materials threatens resources & expansion of renewable energy sources**
    - **Strategic metals: Li, Co, Cu, Ga, Ge, In, rare earth metals, W, Ir, Bi, ...**
    - **Plastic crisis: microplastic formation, recycling rate, critical additives and markers**
    - **Quartz crisis: extreme increase in demand for building materials**
    - **Phosphate crisis: mines in North Africa facing exploitation, peak around 2030!**
    - **Iridium crisis: water treatment by electrochlorination increases demand & price strongly**

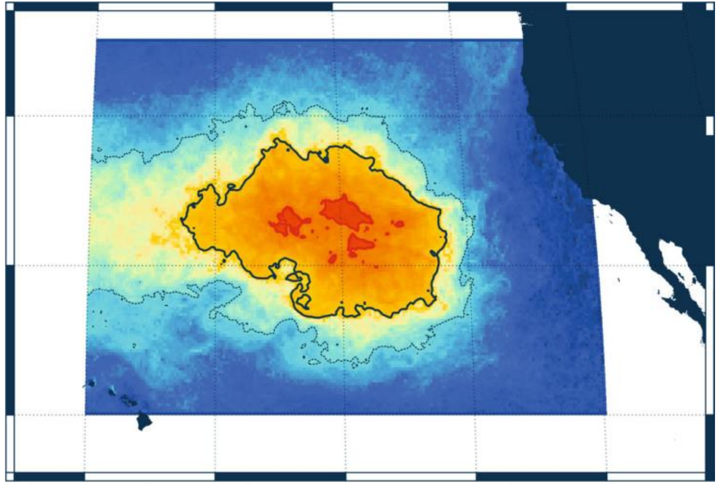

Geschätzter Kupferverbrauch bis 2050

Quelle: Fraunhofer ISI, Kupfer für Zukunftstechnologien, Juli 2010

Trend: Increasing input of plastic into the biosphere







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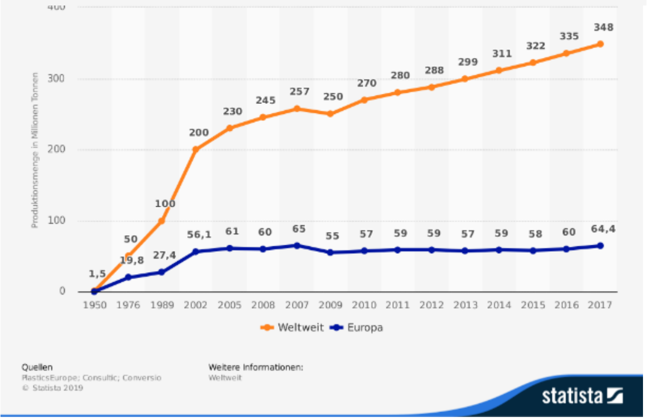
Great Pacific Garbage Patch

Source: BBC

Global and European production volume of plastics in the years from 1950 to 2017 (in tons)



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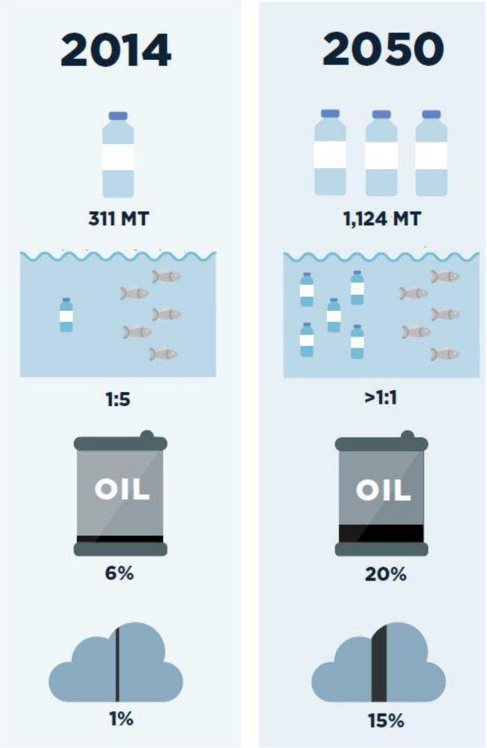
Trend: Increasing input of plastic into the biosphere

Size	Amount
Global cumulative product volume	9 x 1012 kg
Emission rate	3.1 %
Plastic in environment (cumulative, global)	279 x 109 kg
Plastic in the environment per person	37 kg/ cap
of which degradable in 100 years (50%)	18.5 kg /cap
of which degradable in 1000 years (50%)	18.5 kg/cap
Degrations rate (100a)	185 g/(cap a)
Degrations rate (1000a)	18.5 g/cap a)
Plastic degradation rate per year	204 g/ (cap a)
Current plastic input	5400 g/(cap a)
Degradation to maintain current plastic level	Factor 27

Source: Fraunhofer UMSICHT, Oberhausen, Germany



Plastics production

Plastics to fish ratio (in weight)

Global oil consumption for plastics production

Share of CO_2 emissions

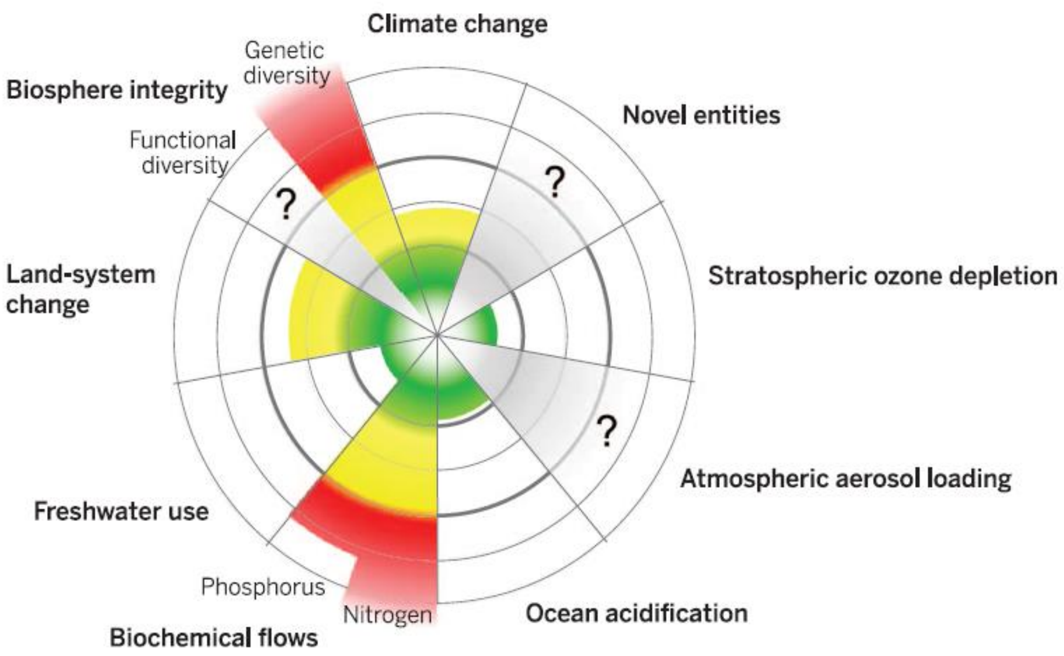
Source: Ellen MacArthur Foundation

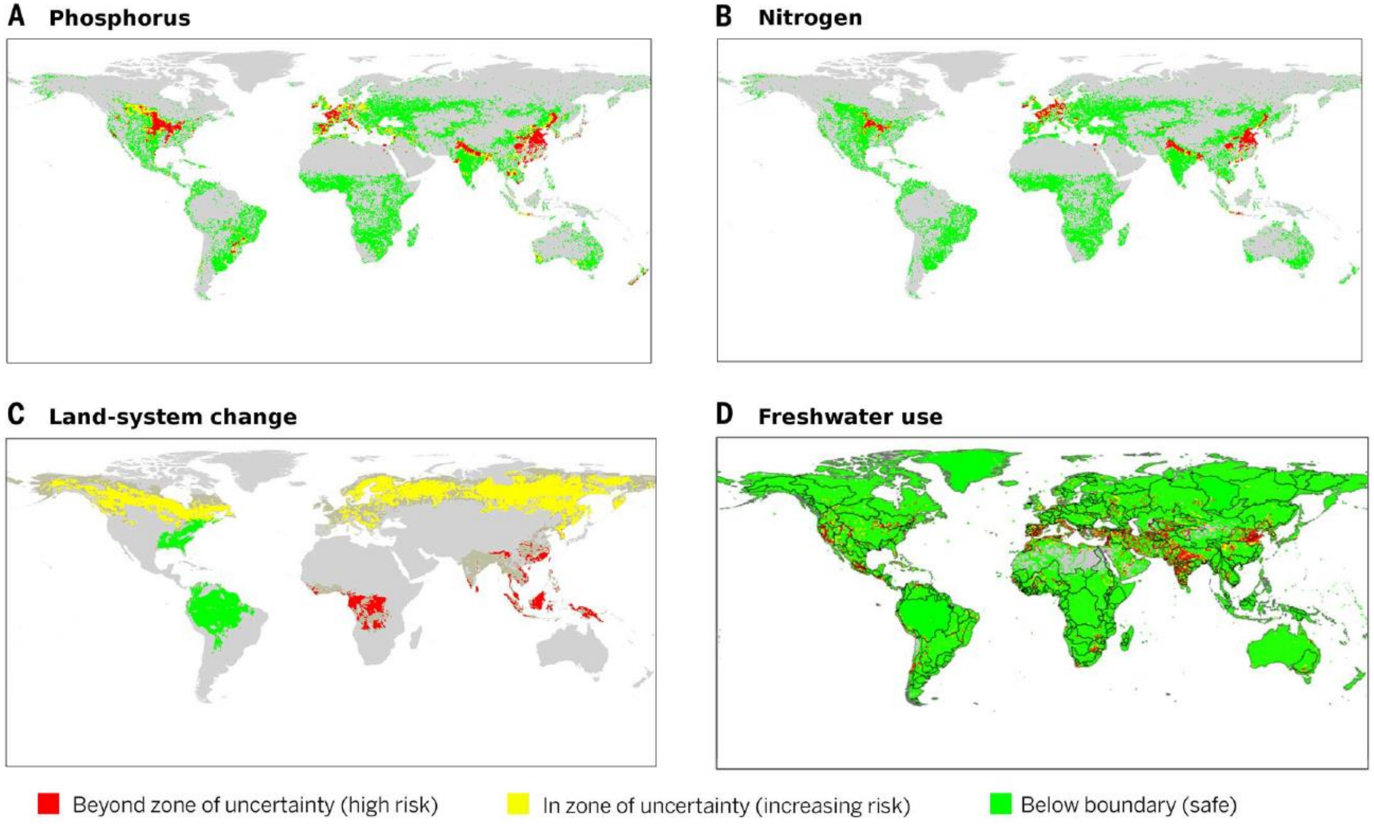
Input of plastic waste into the sea must be reduced 27fold to stabilize current plastic content:

1. **Process technology: recycling and prevention of microplastic formation**
2. **Plastics technology: biopolymers and biodegradable plastics**

Trend: Increasing input of phosphate and nitrate

Planetary boundaries as a guide to human development on our home planet



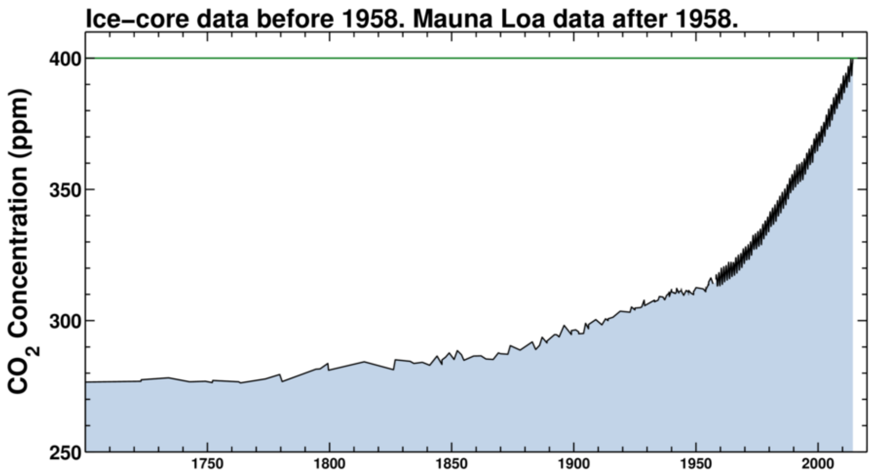


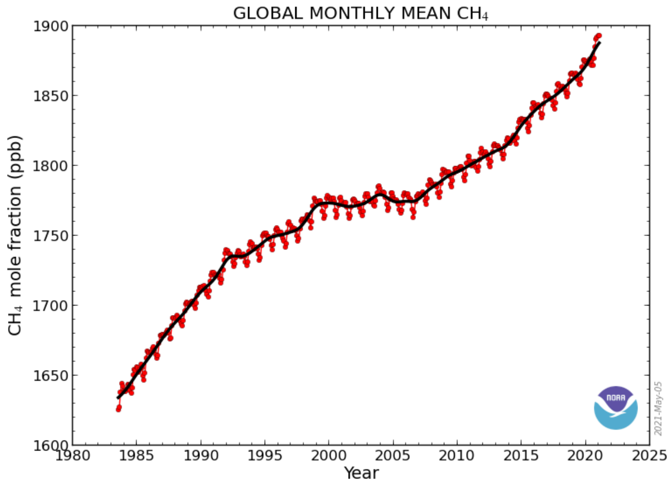
Source: W. Steffen, Science, January 2015

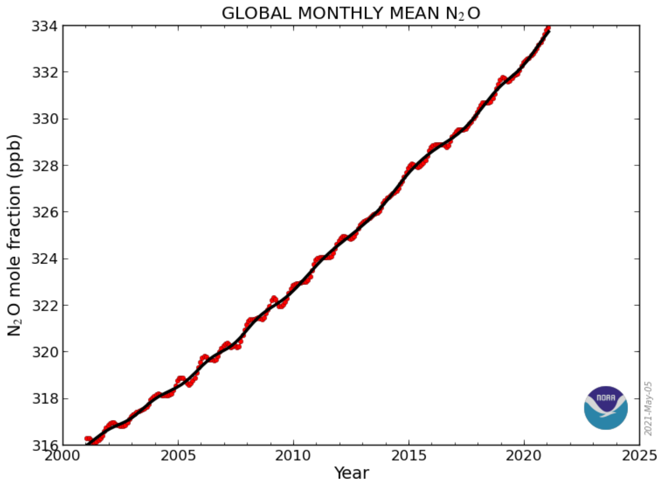
Planetary boundaries are already being breached regionally in phosphate and nitrate inputs and in the decline of genetic diversity → 8 billion people: Excretion ~ 3 million t phosphate per year

Trend: Rising emission of trace gases

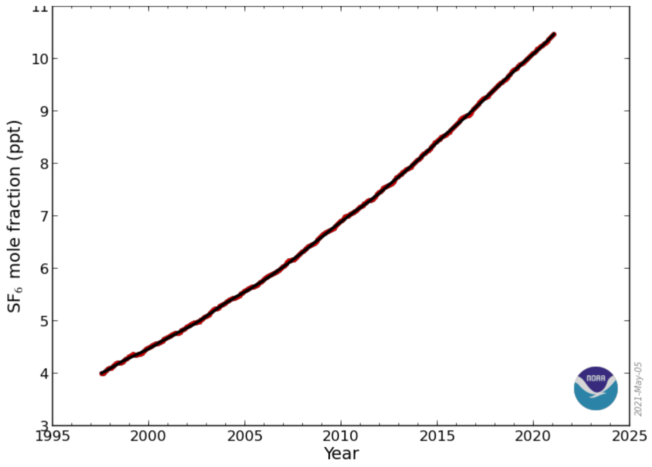
Major trace gases are CO_2, CH_4, N_2O, SF_6 (Source: Mauna Loa, Hawaii, https://gml.noaa.gov/ccgg/trends)







Greenhouse gas	Atmospheric concentration Y2023	GTP (100 years)
CO_2	422 ppm	1
CH_4	1925 ppb	23
N_2O	336 ppb	300
CF_2Cl_2 (CFC-12)	~ 500 ppt	10720
$CFCl_3$ (CFC-11)	~ 220 ppt	3100
CF_4	~ 90 ppt	9560
SF_6	11.2 ppt	22450



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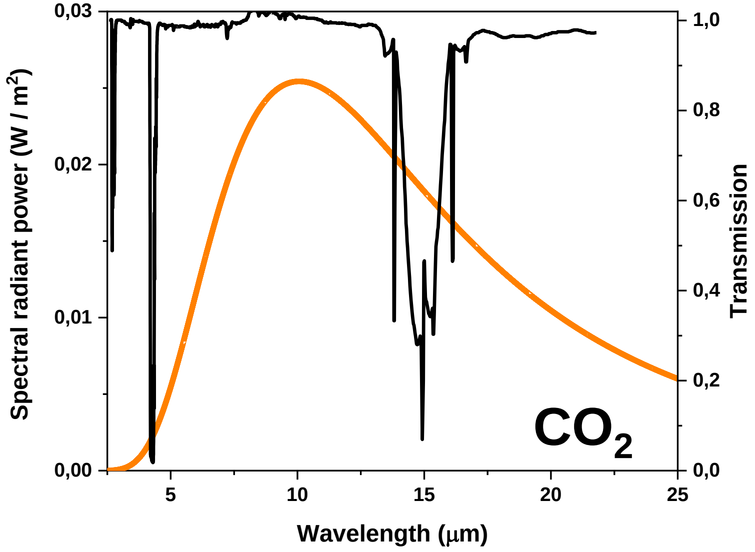
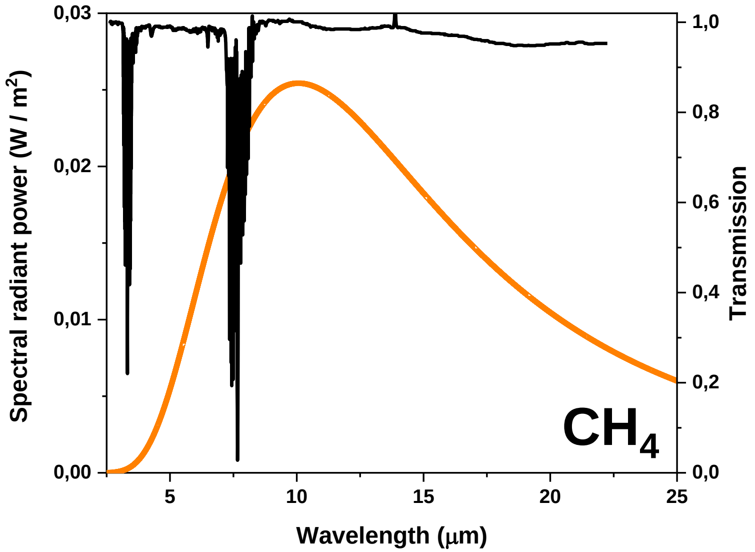
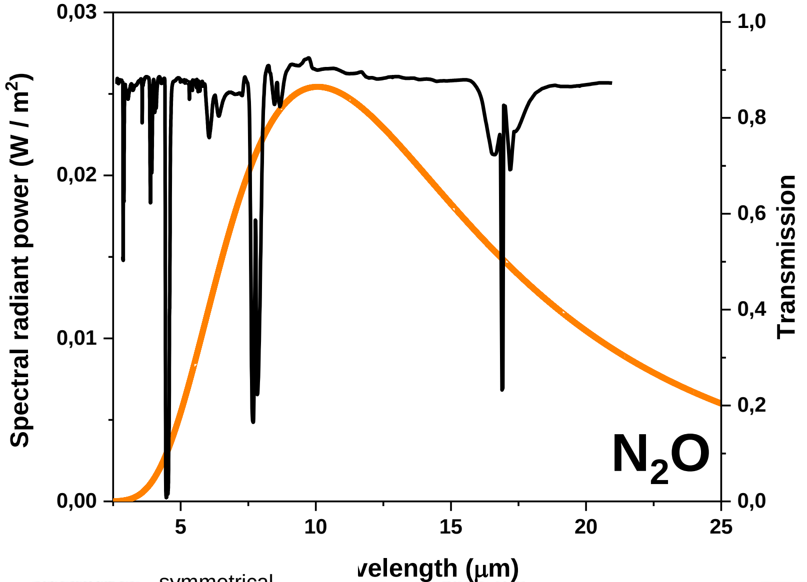
The greenhouse gas potential depends on the absorption spectrum of the trace gases and the average global temperature of the earth's surface ($T_{effective}$ ~ 288 K = 15 °C ~ Planck spectrum)





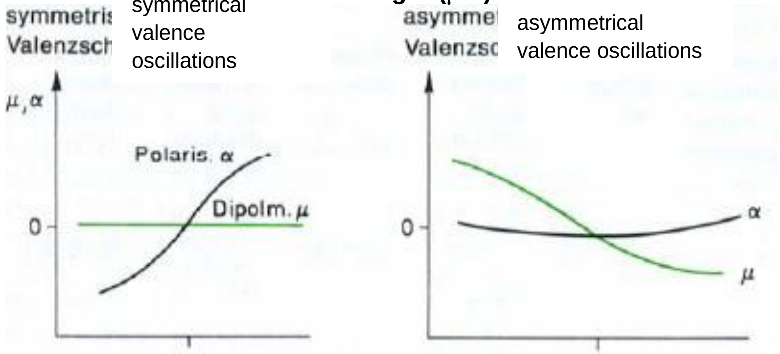


CO_2 normal vibrations → change of dipole moment µ or polarisibility α:

δ = 667 cm^{-1} (14.993 µm) IR active

ν_s = 1338 cm^{-1} (7.747 µm) IR inactive (Raman active)

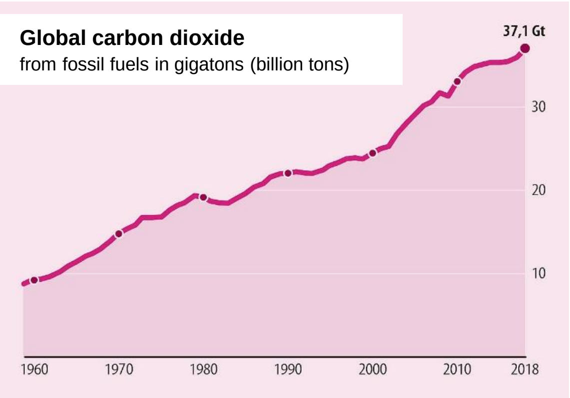
ν_{as} = 2349 cm^{-1} (4.257 µm) IR active


symmetrical valence oscillations

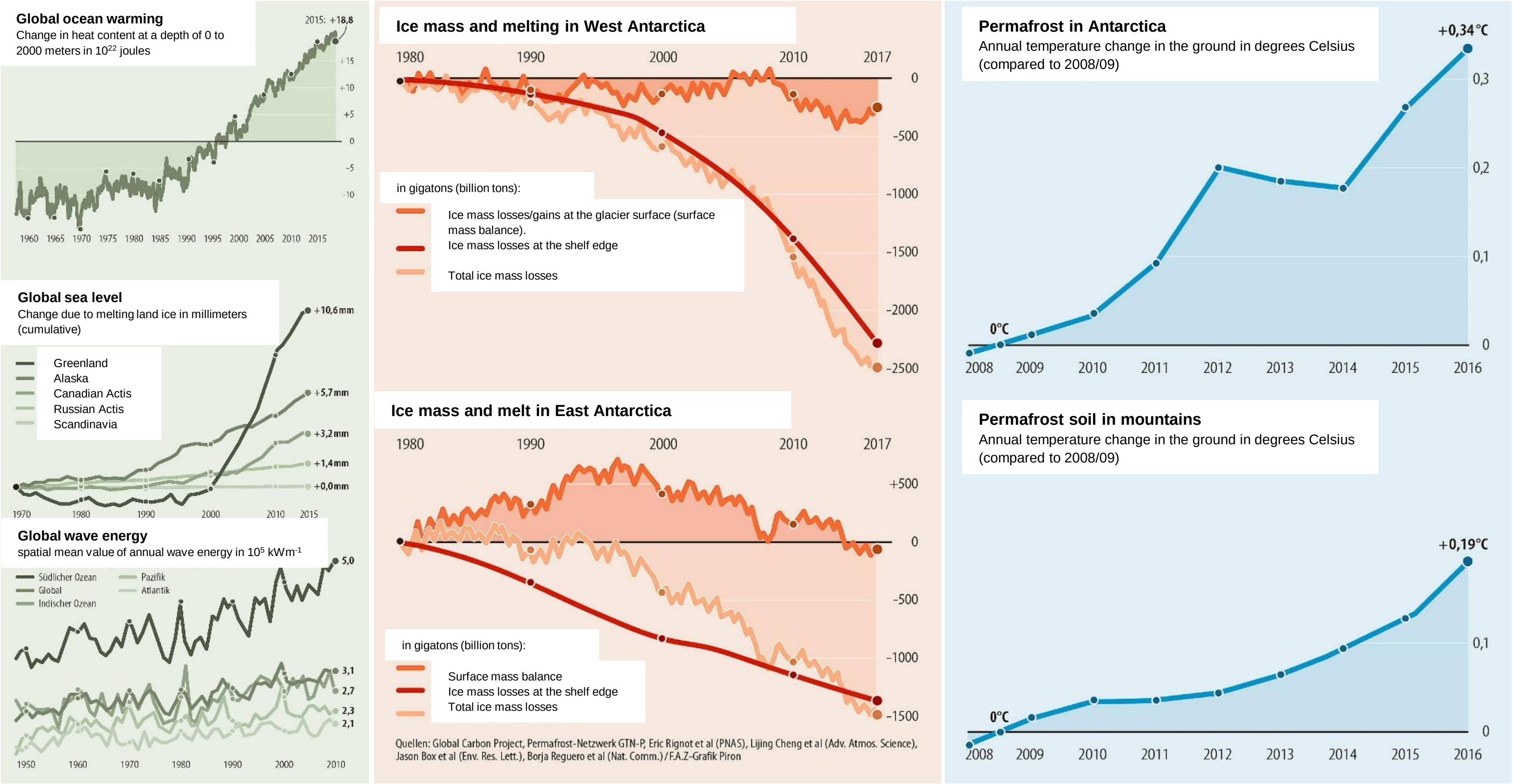
asymmetrical valence oscillations

Trend: Rising emission of trace gases

Installed climate protection measures insufficient to limit global temperature rise to 2 K!



Global carbon dioxide
from fossil fuels in gigatons (billion tons)



Global ocean warming
Change in heat content at a depth of 0 to 2000 meters in 10^{22} joules

Global sea level
Change due to melting land ice in millimeters (cumulative)

Global wave energy
spatial mean value of annual wave energy in 10^5 kWm^{-1}

Ice mass and melting in West Antarctica

in gigatons (billion tons):

- Ice mass losses/gains at the glacier surface (surface mass balance).
- Ice mass losses at the shelf edge
- Total ice mass losses

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Quellen: Global Carbon Project, Permafrost-Netzwerk GTN-P, Eric Rignot et al (PNAS), Lijing Cheng et al (Adv. Atmos. Science), Jason Box et al (Env. Res. Lett.), Borja Reguero et al (Nat. Comm.) / F.A.Z.-Grafik Piron

Permafrost in Antarctica
Annual temperature change in the ground in degrees Celsius (compared to 2008/09)

Permafrost soil in mountains
Annual temperature change in the ground in degrees Celsius (compared to 2008/09)

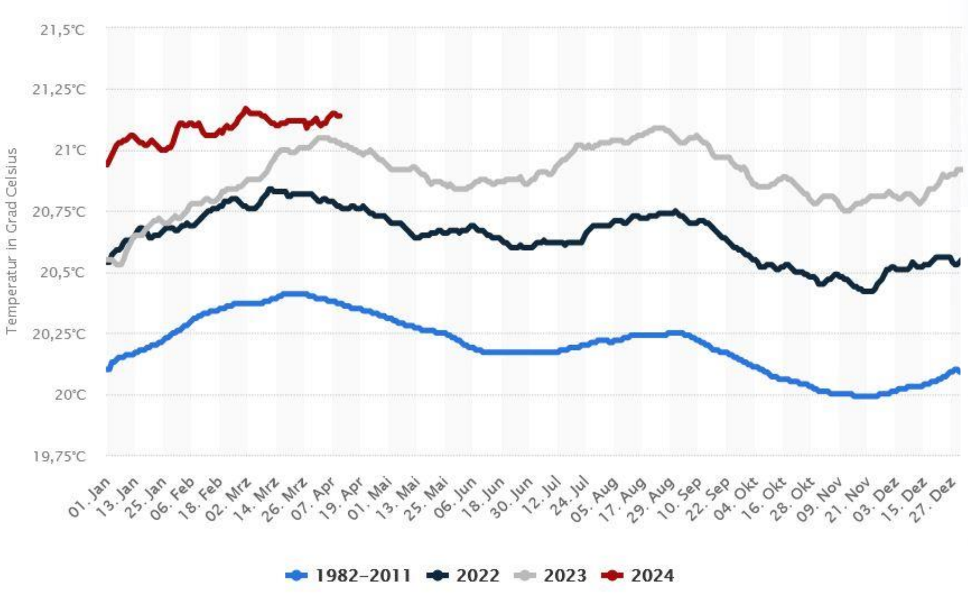
Consequences

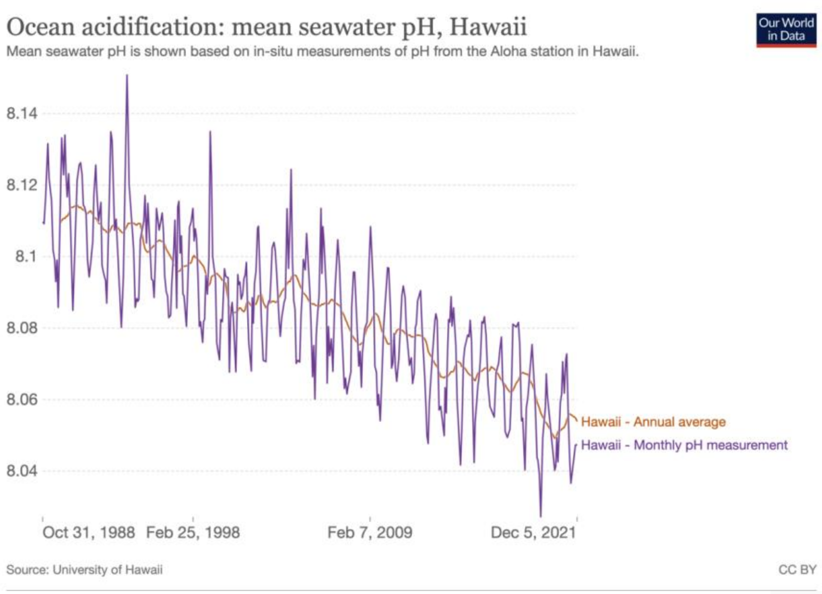
- Melting of ice and glaciers
- Decrease of fresh water reservoirs
- Secondary release of CH_4
- Sea level rise
- Change of thermohaline oceanic currents

Situation 2018: Global emission of 37.1 Gt CO_2, Compare Permian-Triassic boundary: 2.6 Gt CO_2 per year (factor 14 less)

Trend: Rising emission of trace gases

Impact on Oceans: Sea level and temperature rise as well as water acidification




Ocean acidification: mean seawater pH, Hawaii

Mean seawater pH is shown based on in-situ measurements of pH from the Aloha station in Hawaii.

Source: University of Hawaii

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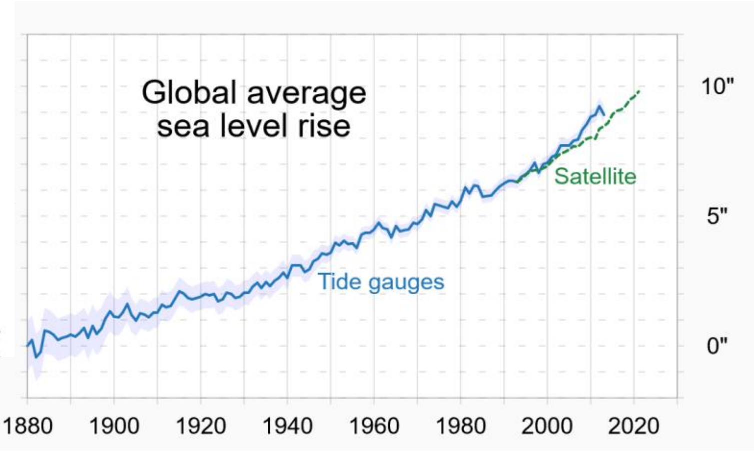


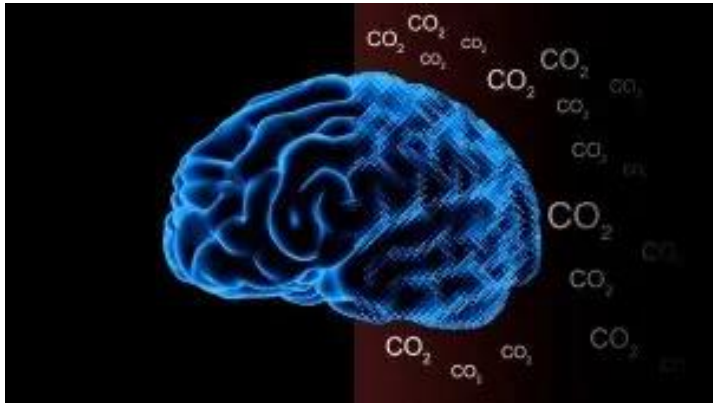
Situation 2024: Strongest temperature rise since measurements has been started! **Source: Wikipedia**

Trend: Rising emission of trace gases

Installed climate protection measures insufficient to avert considerable damage to the biosphere

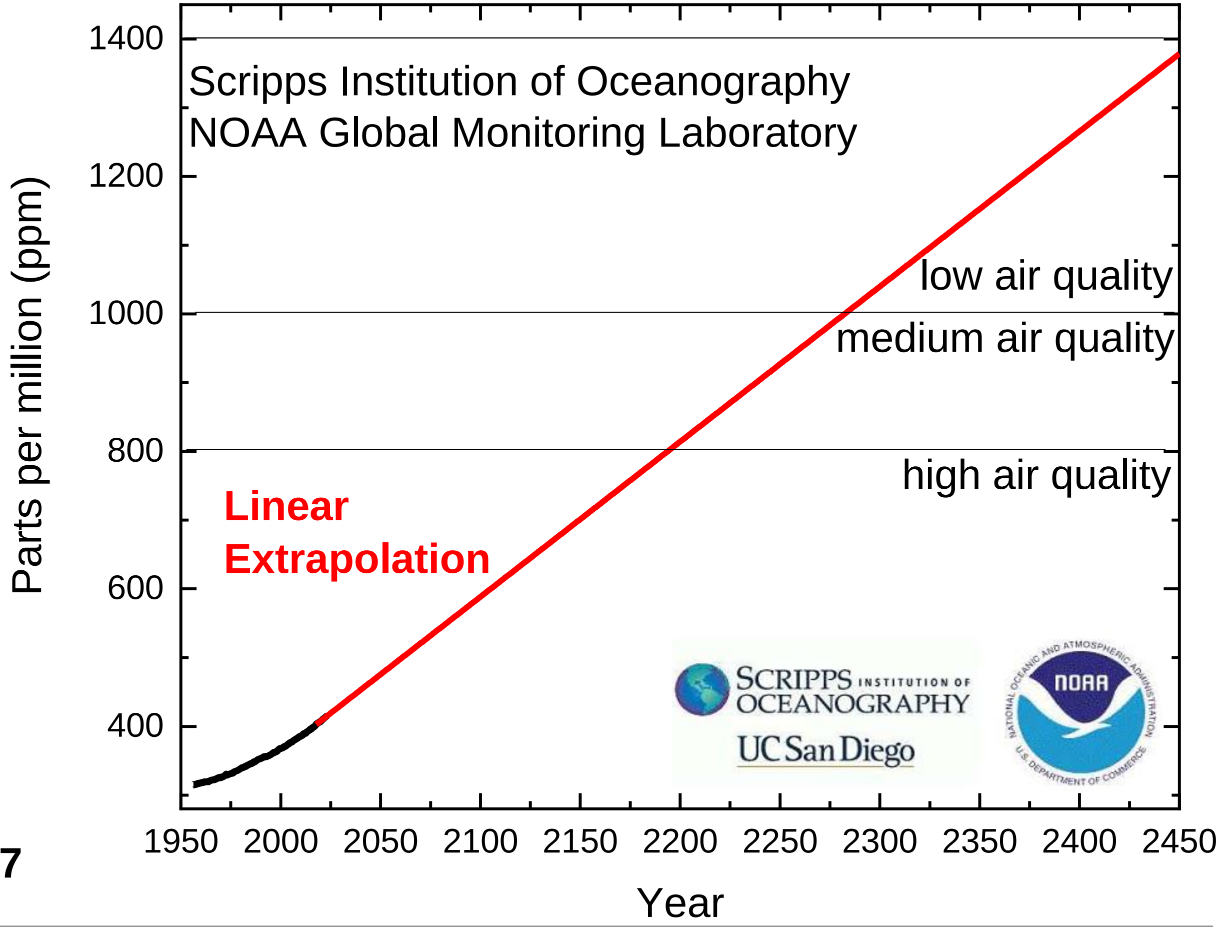
Consequences for the biosphere

- **Extinction of species**
- **Increase in sugar content of crops**
- **pH-value reduction of the oceans**
- **Increase of dead zones in the oceans**
- **Decrease in brain power (~ 50% at 1400 ppm)**
- **Behavioral changes?**



Lit.: Environmental Health Perspectives 120 (2012) 1671-1677

Atmospheric CO_2 at Mauna Loa Observatory



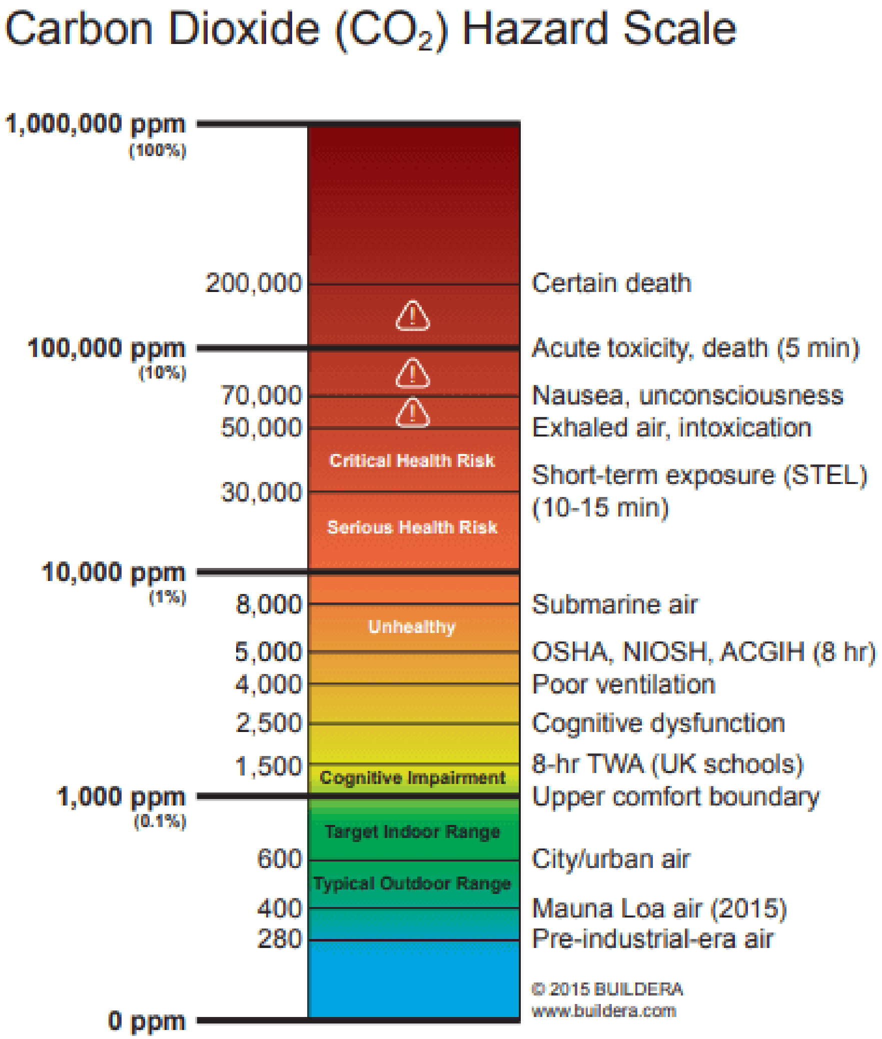
Trend: Rising emission of trace gases

Secondary effect: Increase of indoor or inner-city concentration and thus decrease in human productivity

Germany: MAK value CO_2 is 9100 mg/m³ (~ 5000 ppm)

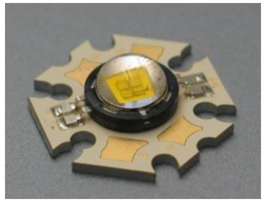
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Recommendation: 40,000 ppm

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standard is 5000 ppm as an 8-hour time-weighted average (TWA) concentration



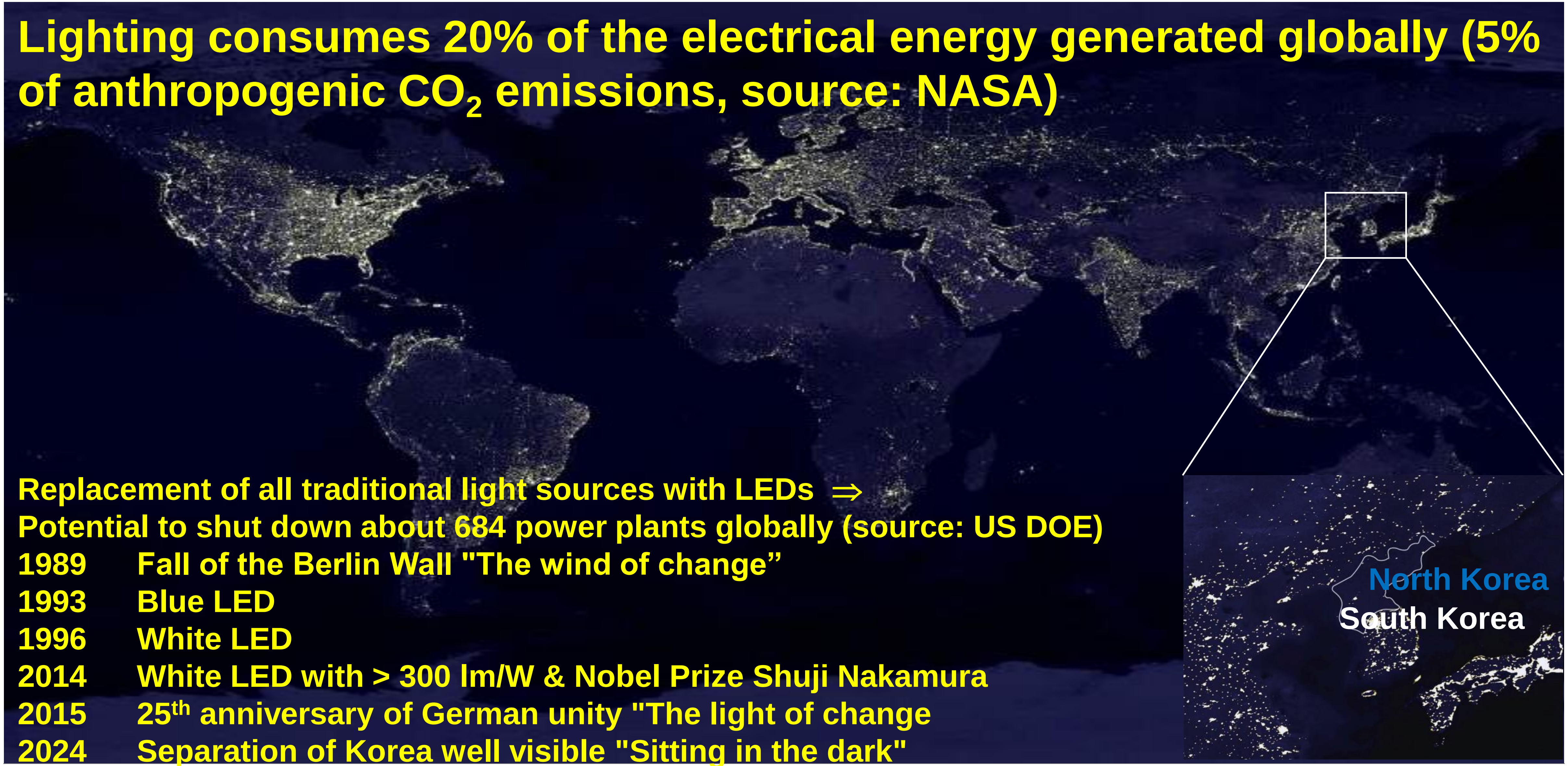
Source: https://www.osha.gov/publications/hib19960605

Origin of anthropogenic emission of trace gases



CO_2	Fraction	Potential counter measures
• Lighting	(5%)	LED technology
• Transportation	(~ 25%)	New drives and fuels
• Buildings	(6%)	Insulation
• Information technology	(2-3%)	Server architecture, use of PV
• Steel production	(5%)	H_2 as a reducing agent
• Cement production	(6-7%)	Reduction of cement clinker content in concrete
• Ammonia synthesis	(1-2%)	N_2 hydrogenation by steam, N_2 photolysis
• Chlor-alkali electrolysis	(~1%)	Conversion to membrane process, heat recovery..
CH_4/N_2O		
• Agriculture & livestock		Reduction of meat and fertilizer consumption
• HNO_3 and nylon production		Optimization of the Ostwald process
SF_6/NF_3		
• Electrical engineering		Alternative insulator gases, optimization of processes for production of screens & solar cells

Lighting consumes 20% of the electrical energy generated globally (5% of anthropogenic CO_2 emissions, source: NASA)



Replacement of all traditional light sources with LEDs ⇒
Potential to shut down about 684 power plants globally (source: US DOE)

1989	**Fall of the Berlin Wall "The wind of change”**
1993	**Blue LED**
1996	**White LED**
2014	**White LED with > 300 lm/W & Nobel Prize Shuji Nakamura**
2015	**25th anniversary of German unity "The light of change**
2024	**Separation of Korea well visible "Sitting in the dark"**

But: Rebound effects ↔ Technology advances

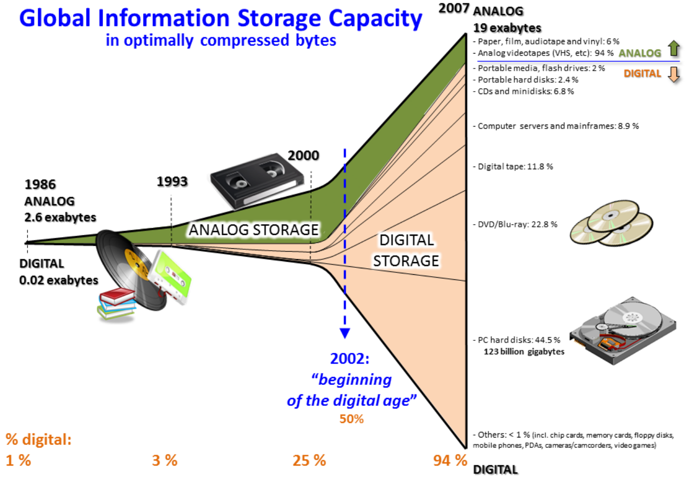
"Rebound effect" (rebound effect) using the example of data storage and transmission

1455	**Gutenberg Bible: First book printed with movable Pb types**
1815	**Fresnel and the wave nature of light**
1865	**Maxwell and the electromagnetic waves**
1915	**General relativity - light in space and time**
1945	**Z4 by Konrad Zuse (2200 relays)**
1965	**Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)** **& Technology of optical fibers**
1989	**Birth of the WWW**
2002	**Beginning of the digital age**
2007	**~ 300 exabytes (EB) stored**
2010	**50 Gbps transmission (through four lasers)**
2014	**Data transmission rate > 100 Gbps**
2015	**"International Year of Light" (IYL), > 1 zettabyte (ZB)**
2018	**4-5 ZB stored, 294 billion mails and 230 million tweets/day**
2020	**~ 44 ZB stored**
2030	**Internet ~ 21% of projected electricity demand (Lit.: Nature 561 (2018) 163)**

Energy consumption / bit ↓

Efficiency ↑

Limit: $E_{bit,min} = \ln(2) \cdot k_B \cdot T$



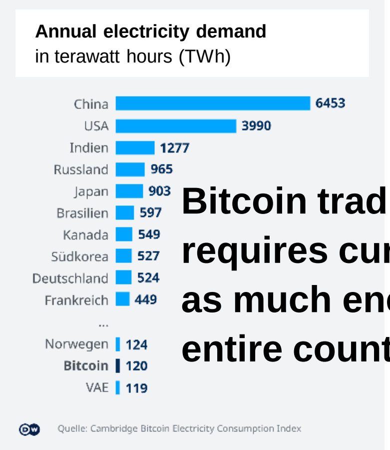
Source: Hilbert, M., & López, P. (2011). The World's Technological Capacity to Store, Communicate, and Compute Information. *Science*, 332(6025), 60 –65. http://www.martinhilbert.net/WorldInfoCapacity.html

Data volume ↑↑

IT ↔ Energy savings urgently needed

CO_2 emissions from IT services are rising relentlessly and sometimes exponentially….

2018	547 EBs stored in data centers	294 billion e-mails per day
2021	1327 EBs stored in data centers	320 billion e-mails per day



Quelle: Cambridge Bitcoin Electricity Consumption Index

Bitcoin trading currently requires currently about as much energy as the entire country of Norway

CO_2 balance of IT services		36 billion t CO_2 in 2019
1 e-mail	~ 1 g CO_2	320,000 t CO_2 per day in 2021 = 117 mill. t CO_2 in 2021
1 Bitcoin transaction	~ 453,000 credit card transfer	190,000 t CO_2 per day in 2018 = 69 mill. t CO_2 in 2018
1 Google query	~ 0.2 g CO_2	
1 h video streaming	~ 150 g CO_2 (UHD: 4K resolution)	
For comparison		
1 km train travel	~ 32 g CO_2	
1 km driving a car	~ 147 g CO_2	
1 km flying	~ 380 g CO_2 (Retour flight: Germany to Chile ~ 25,000 km ~ 9.5 t CO_2)	

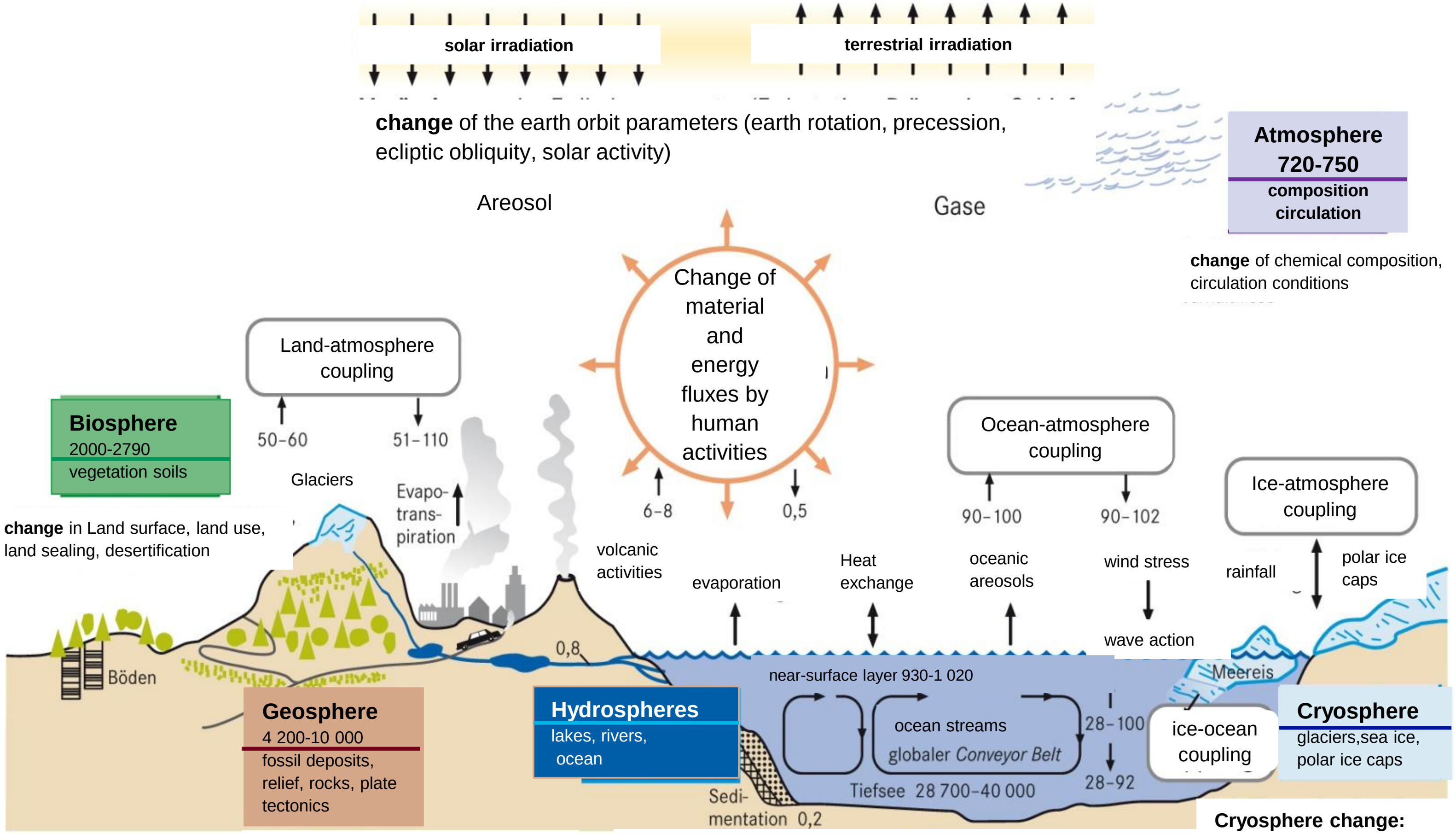
2. The earth's climate and the global energy balance

Definition climate

"Climate is the statistical behavior of the atmosphere that is characteristic of a relatively large temporal scale“

Lit.:

Hantel et al. 1987 nach EMEIS 2000, S. 55



change of the earth orbit parameters (earth rotation, precession, ecliptic obliquity, solar activity)

change of chemical composition, circulation conditions

change in Land surface, land use, land sealing, desertification

change of ablation conditions

ocean change: sea level fluctuations, circulation, chemical composition, salinity, ocean basins, surface temperature

Cryosphere change: glaciers, ice breakups, flow dynamics

Aus Gebhardt/Glaser/Radtke/Reuber: *Geographie*. 1. Aufl., © 2007 Elsevier GmbH

Schematic representation of the Earth's climate system.

Lit.: Casper 2007 after draft of R. Glaser and H. Saurer, modified after IPCC 2001

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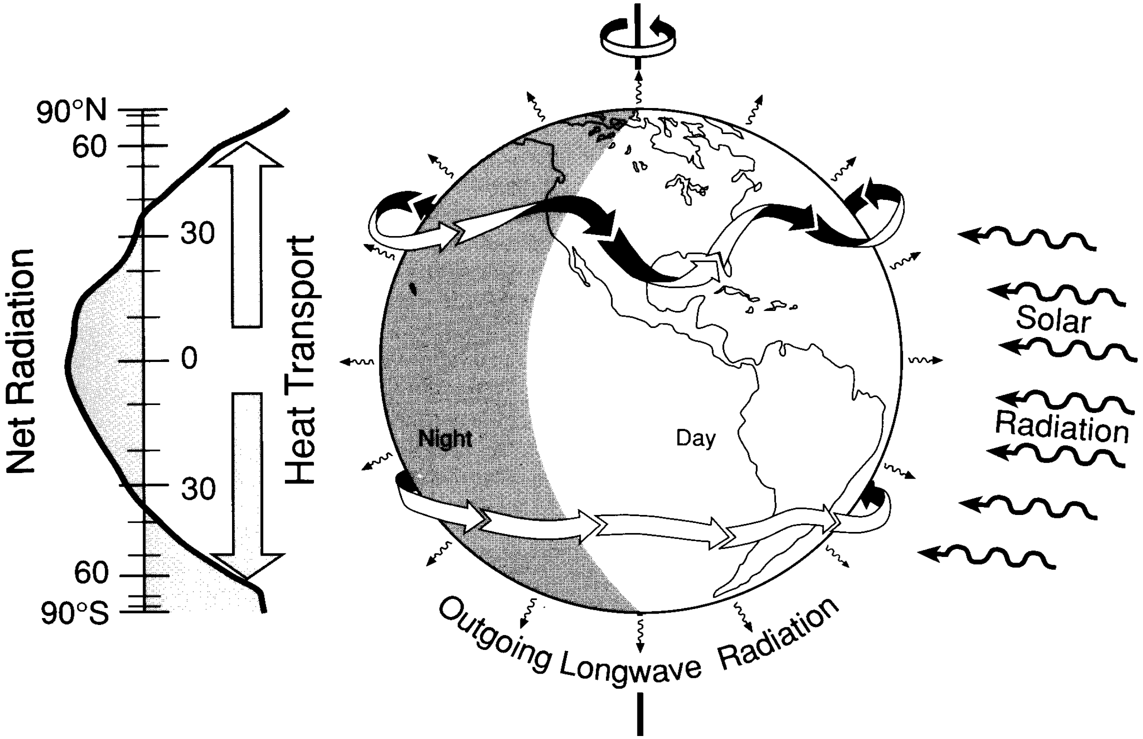
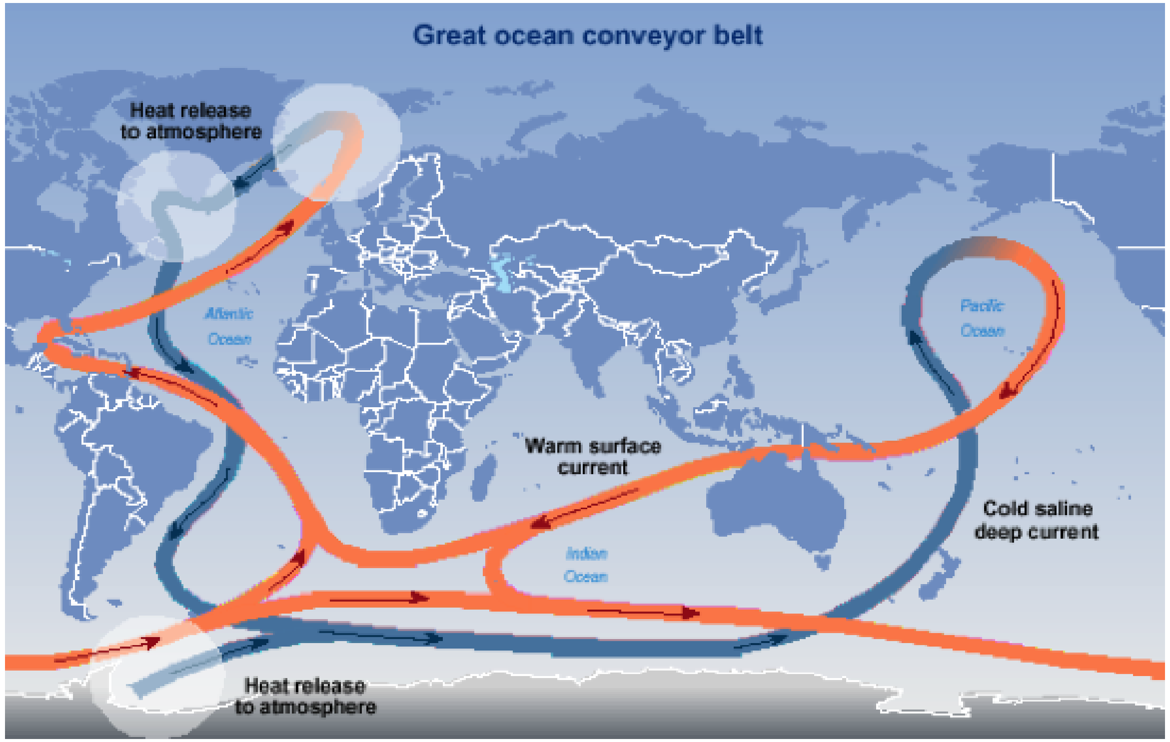
Global heat transport ~ from the tropics to the poles

37° N - 37° S: net irradiation (UV-VIS-IR) ↔ > 37° N/S: net irradiation (IR)





Heat transport drivers: Earth rotation, seasons, salinity and temperature differences of seawater

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Composition of the earth's atmosphere

- **Atmosphere = Gaseous air envelope of celestial bodies, which is gravitationally bound**
- **Total mass: $5.13 \cdot 10^{18}$ kg = $5.13 \cdot 10^{15}$ t**
  = 5.13 Petatons (Pt)
- **Main constituents**

Main constituents	Vol %	Mass %
– Nitrogen	78.08	75.52
– Oxygen	20.94	23.14
– Argon	0.93	1.29

- **Water vapor (up to 4%!)**
- **Aerosols, water droplets and ice crystals**
- **Trace gases**

Trace gases (IR active)

- **Carbon dioxide CO_2**
- **Carbon monoxide CO**
- **Methane CH_4**
- **Terpenes and isoprenes C_xH_y**
- **Ammonia NH_3**
- **Nitrogen oxides NO_x**
- **Nitrous oxide N_2O**
- **Sulfur dioxide SO_2**
- **Methyl chloride CH_3Cl**
- **Methyl bromide CH_3Br**
- **Ozone O_3**
- **Sulfur hexafluoride SF_6**
- **Nitrogen trifluoride NF_3**
- **CFCs: CCl_mF_{4-m} & $C_2Cl_mF_{6-m}$ with $m > 0$**

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Structure of the earth's atmosphere

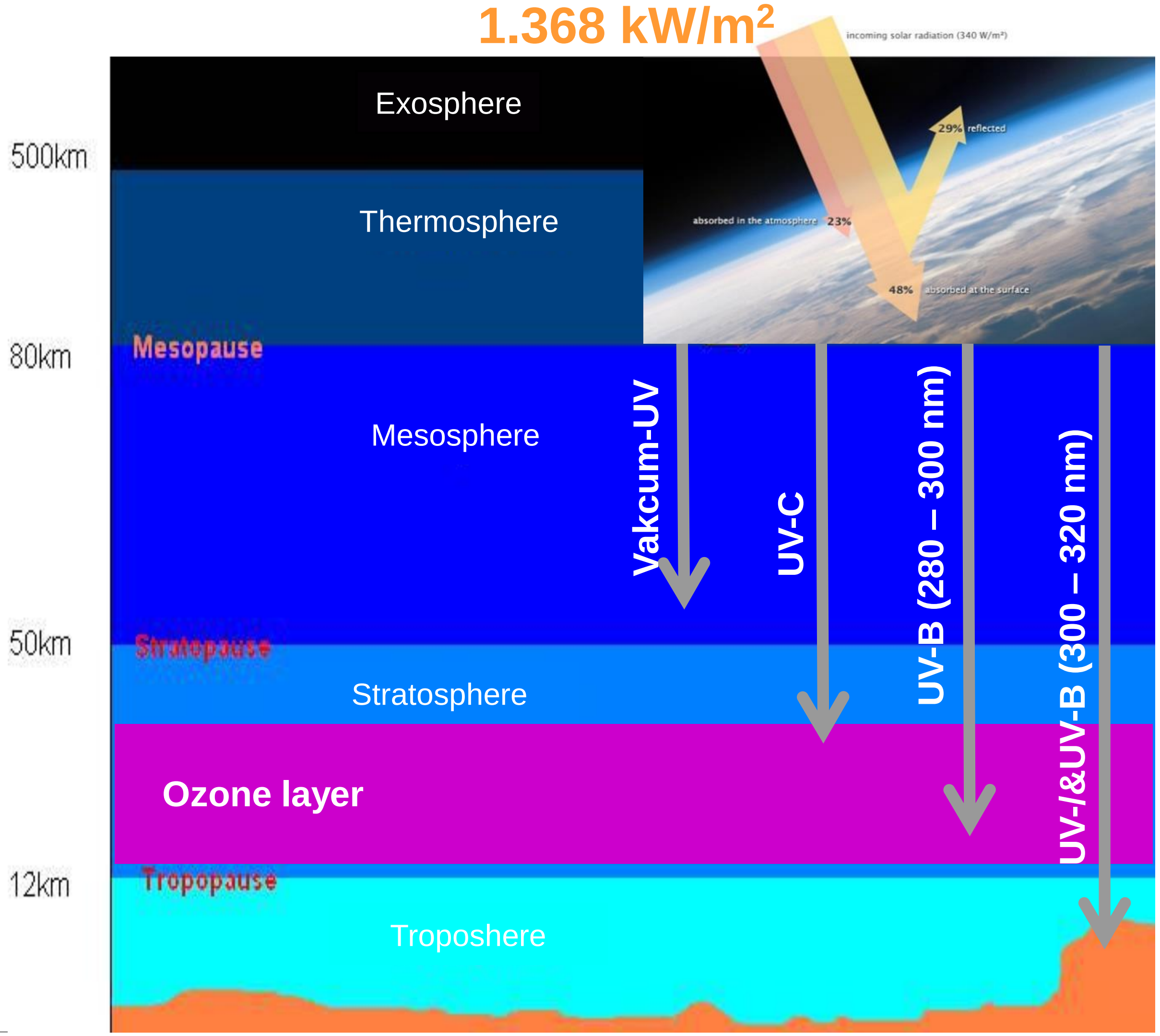
$O = 510 \cdot 10^{12}\ m^2$, $m = 10.076\ kg/m^2$
→ $p = F/A = 101.325\ Pa\ (N/m^2)$

Vacuum-UV (< 200 nm, Anteil < 0,1%)
Photolysis of water, nitrogen, oxygen, ...
Ozone formation, NO_x formation

UV-C and UV-B (200 – 320 nm, around ~ 0.1%)
Ozone splitting

UV-A (320 – 400 nm, around ~ 5%)
Tropospheric ozone formation (via NO_x)

VIS and NIR (> 400 nm ~ 95%)
Warming of the atmosphere and earth's surface



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Climate factors, history and reconstruction

„Since the Earth has existed, that is, for about 4.6 billion years, the climate has been changing, and in different ways and for different reasons“

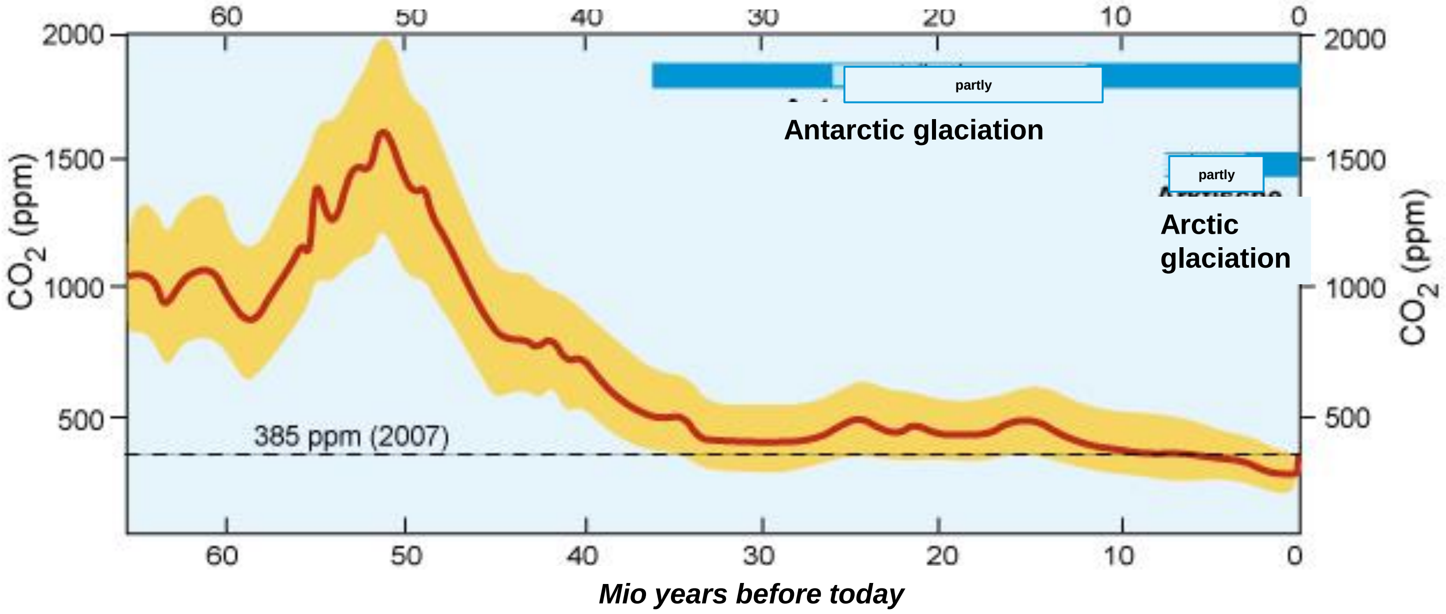
Lit.: C.-D. Schönewiese in Gebhardt et al. 2007, p. 246

The earth is since approximately 35 million years in an ice age

Climate factors

1. **Astrophysical**
2. **Terrestrial (geophysical)**
3. **Biogenic**
4. **Anthropogenic**

Cenozoic CO_2 concentration



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Climate factors

1. Astrophysical impact

a) Sun
b) Earth's orbital parameters
c) Tidal effects
d) Impacts
e) Supernovae/Gamma-ray flashes
f) Close encounters with celestial objects

2. The earth's climate and the global energy balance

Climate factors

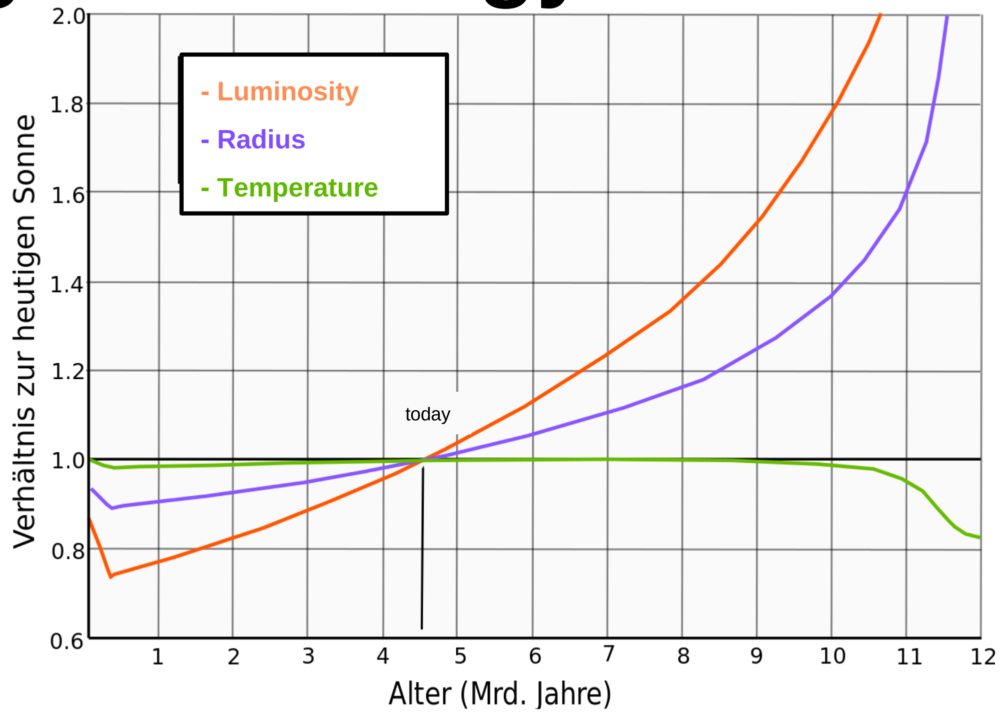
1a) Sun

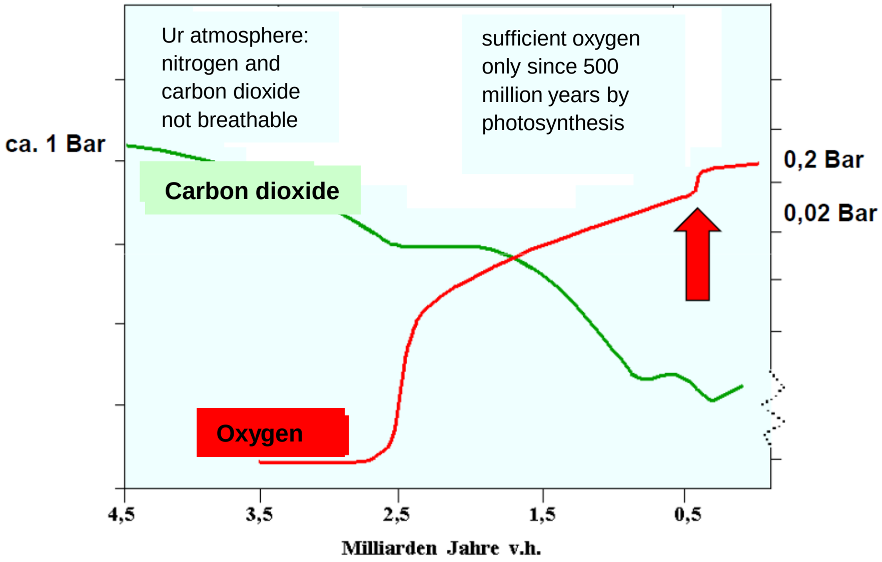
Continuous increase in luminosity $L_\odot$

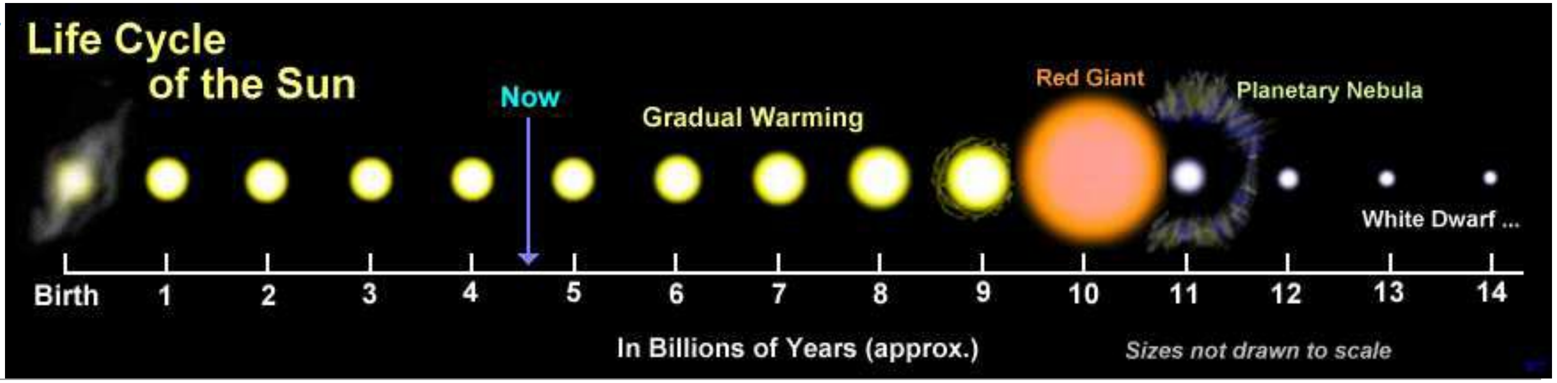
→ 25-30% in the past 4.6 billion years

→ in 1 billion years by addit. 10%: T_E increases to 261 K

→ 550 million years ago “cambric explosion of life”







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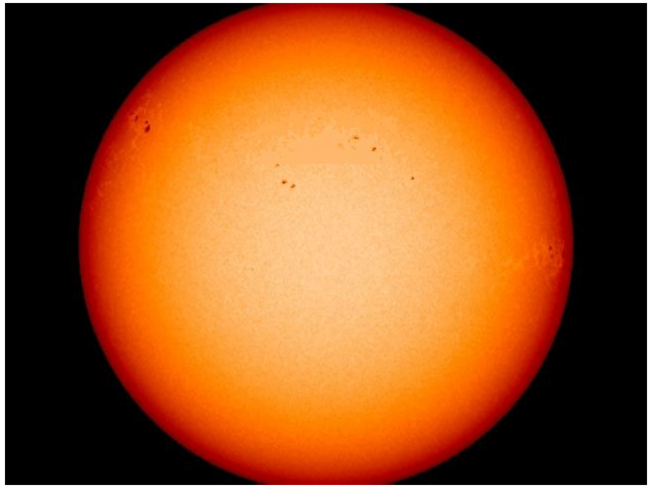
Climate factors

1a) Sun

Present luminosity $L_\odot$

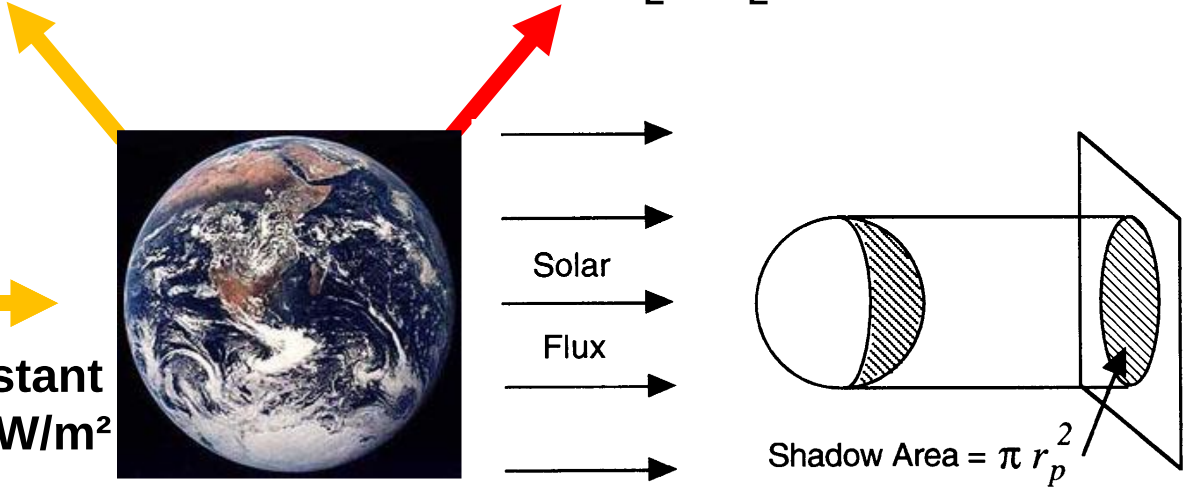


Radiation flux density
$= L_\odot / 4\pi r_\odot^2$
$6.4 \cdot 10^7$ W/m²

Center $T \sim 1.5 \cdot 10^7$ K
Surface $T \sim 5780$ K
Luminosity $L_\odot = 4\pi r_{\text{Earth orbit}}^2 S_0 = 3.85 \cdot 10^{26}$ W

Albedo $a_{\text{Earth}} = 29\%$
(Whiteness)

σT_E^4, $T_E = 255$ K



Solar constant
$S_0 = 1368$ W/m²

Absorbed solar radiation : $E = S_0(1-a_{\text{earth}})\pi r_{\text{earth}}^2 = 1.74 \cdot 10^{17}$ W

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Climate factors

1a) Sun

Absorbed solar radiation $S_0(1-a_{Earth})\pi r_{Earth}^2$ **with** **Albedo $a_{Erde} = 0.29$**

Longwave radiation $\sigma T_{Erde}^4\, 4\pi r_{Erde}^2$ **with** **$\sigma = 5.670\cdot10^{-8}\ Wm^{-2}K^{-4}$**
(Stefan-Boltzmann constant)

Global energy balance: insolation = radiation

$$S_0(1-a_{Earth})\pi r_{Earth}^2 = \sigma T_{Earth}^4 \cdot 4\pi r_{Earth}^2$$

$$S_0/4(1-a_{Earth}) = \sigma T_{Earth}^4$$

$$T_{Earth} = (S_0(1-a_{Earth})/4\sigma)^{1/4} = T_E = \sqrt[4]{\frac{(1368\ \mathrm{Wm}^{-2}/4)(1-0.29)}{5.67\times10^{-8}\ \mathrm{Wm}^{-2}\mathrm{K}^{-4}}} = 255\ \mathrm{K}\ (-18\ °\mathrm{C})$$

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Climate factors

1a) Sun

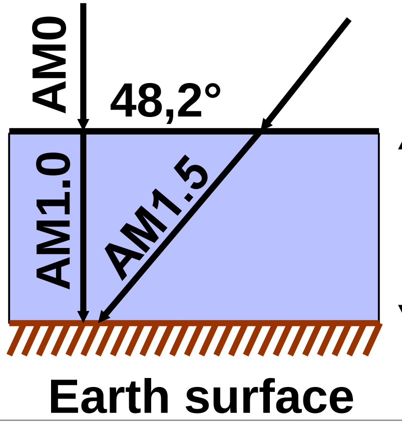
Spectrum ~ Black-Body (BB) or Planck radiation

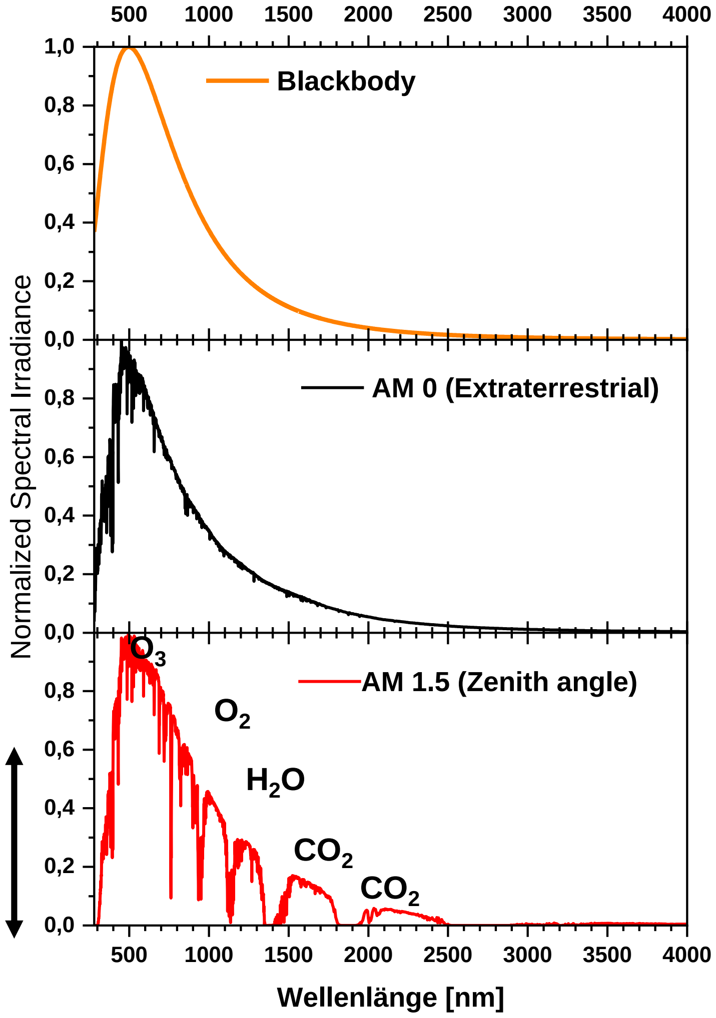
Stefan-Boltzmann law: $E_{BB} = \sigma T^4$ mit $\sigma = 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8}\ \mathrm{Wm^{-2}K^{-4}}$

$6.4 \cdot 10^7\ \mathrm{W/m^2} = 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8}\ \mathrm{Wm^{-2}K^{-4}} \cdot T_{Photosphere}$

$\Rightarrow\ T_{Photosphere} =$
$(6.4 \cdot 10^7\ \mathrm{W/m^2} / 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8}\ \mathrm{Wm^{-2}K^{-4}})^{1/4} = 5796\ \mathrm{K}$

Airmass AM0: Spectrum of the photosphere
BB spectrum including Fraunhofer absorption lines
Airmass AM1.0: Spectrum at sea level





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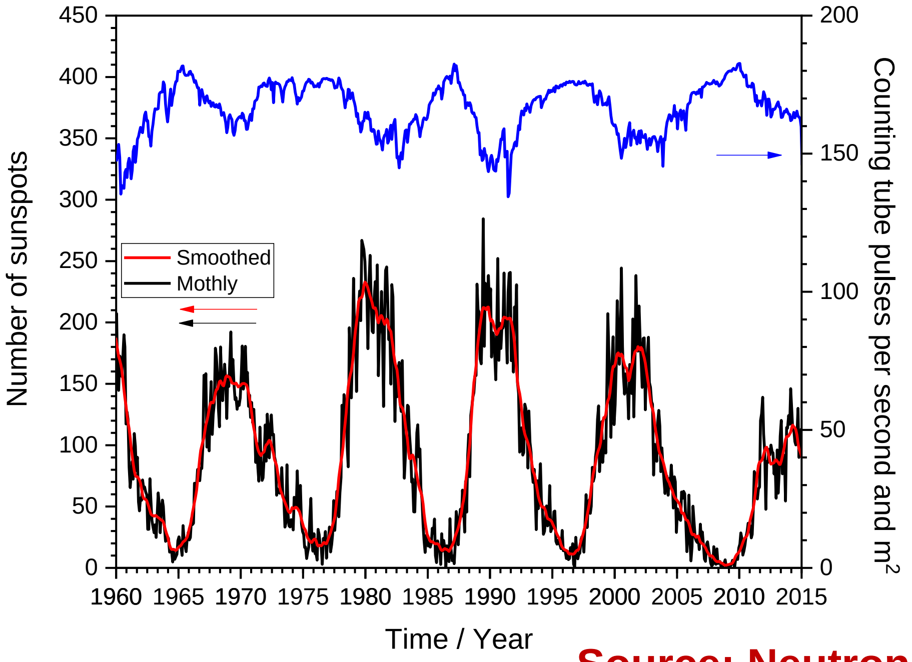
Climate factors

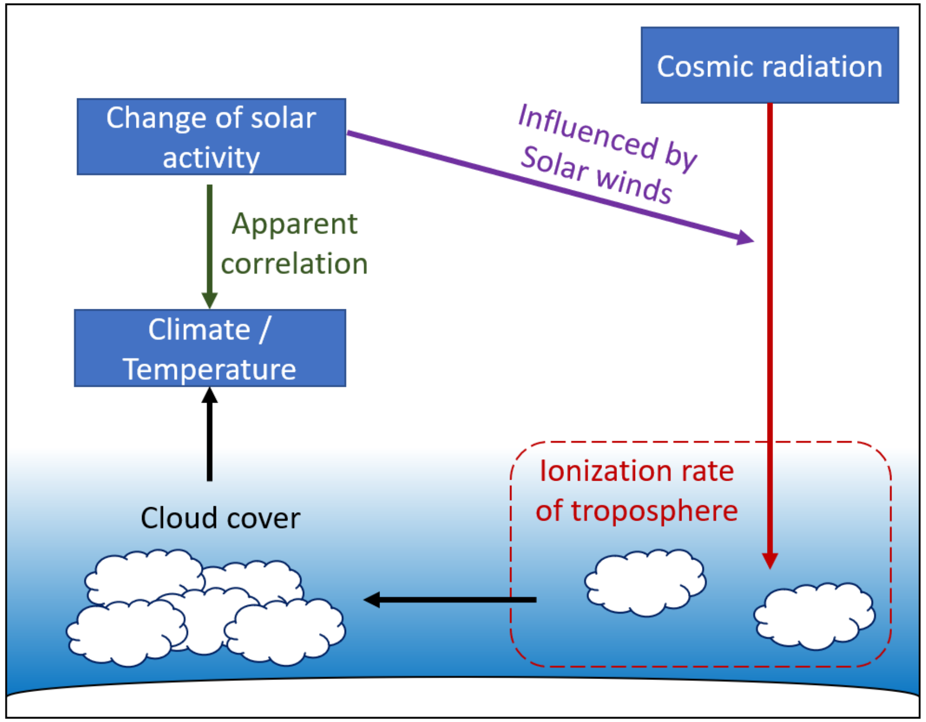
1a) Sun

Solar wind ↔ Cosmic rays → Cloud formation and albedo



Source: Neutron monitor CAU Kiel, Germany

Source: Dr. Jan-Niklas Keil



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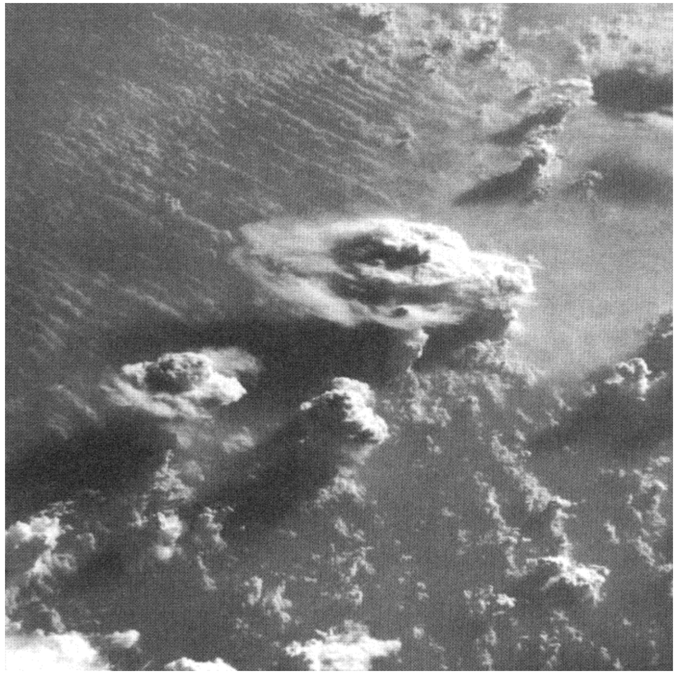
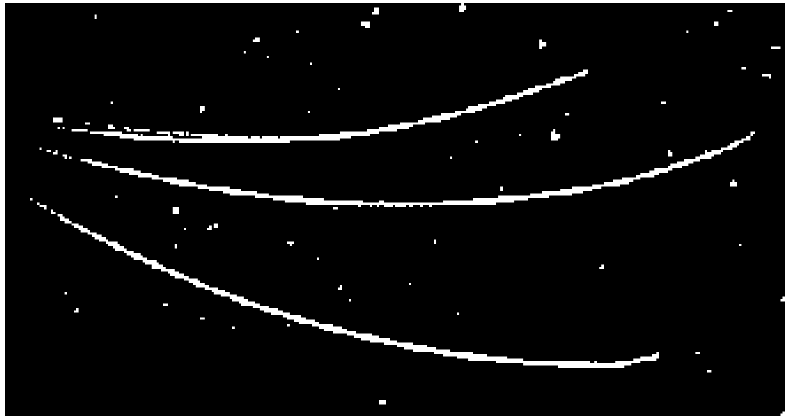
Climate factors

1a) Sun

Solar wind → Cloud formation: Result of atmospheric convection and cosmic radiation





Top: Cloud chamber image showing three particle tracks; Left: Cumulonimbus clouds over Zaire, photographed from the Shuttle of NASA, April 1983
(Picture 1.1 from Hartmann, 1994)

Clouds

- transport heat and moisture vertically (by convection) up to the tropopause
- influence radiation pattern in the atmosphere can balance positive radiation (~100 Wm^{-2}) on the ground
- have complex three-dimensional structure
- cast shadows or increase global albedo

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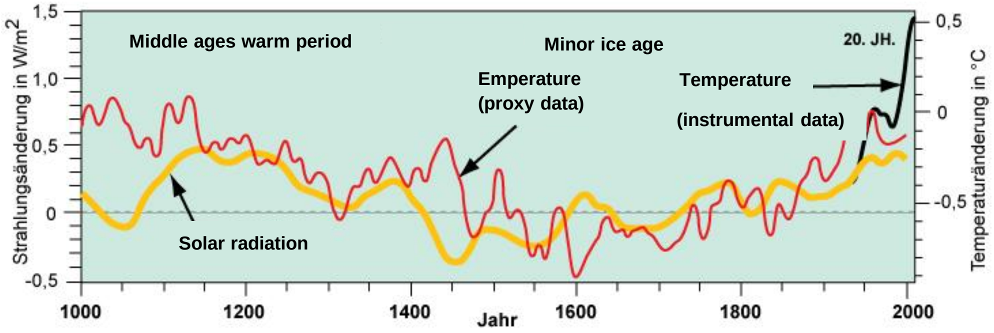
Climate factors

1a) Sun



Some sunspot cycles

- Schwabe 11 a (tidal effect of Venus, Earth & Jupiter)
- Gleisberg 70 - 100 a
- Eddy 800 - 1200 a
- Bray-Hallstatt 2100 - 2500 a

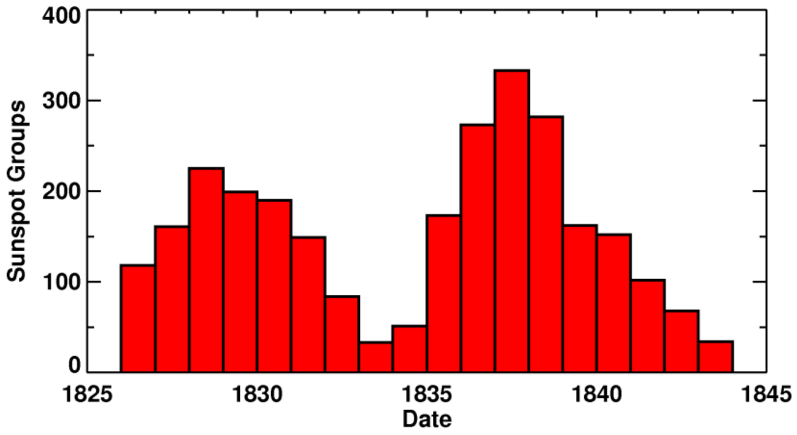
Cause: Planetary modulation of solar activity?

Discovery by Heinrich Schwabe, amateur astronomer in Dessau in 1844, winter 1979, 1990, 2001, 2012, 2023?

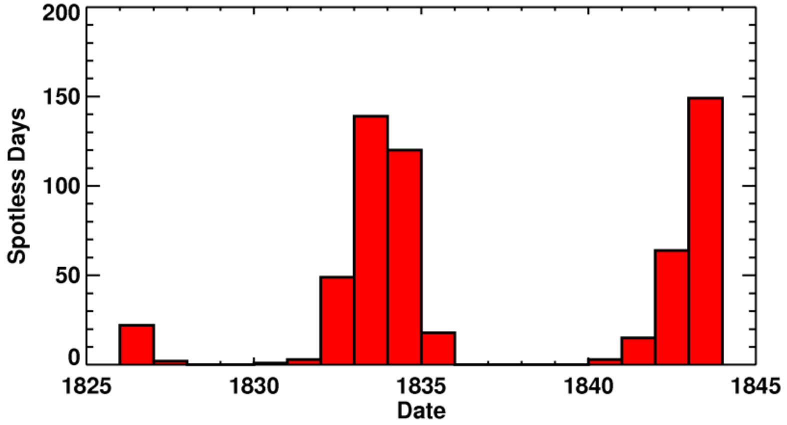
Number of sunspots and sunspot groups and number of days without sunspots follows several cycles

Maunder Minimum, ca. 1645 - 1715 (little ice age)

Schwabe's data from 1826 to 1843



Number of sunspot groups/year



Number of days without spots

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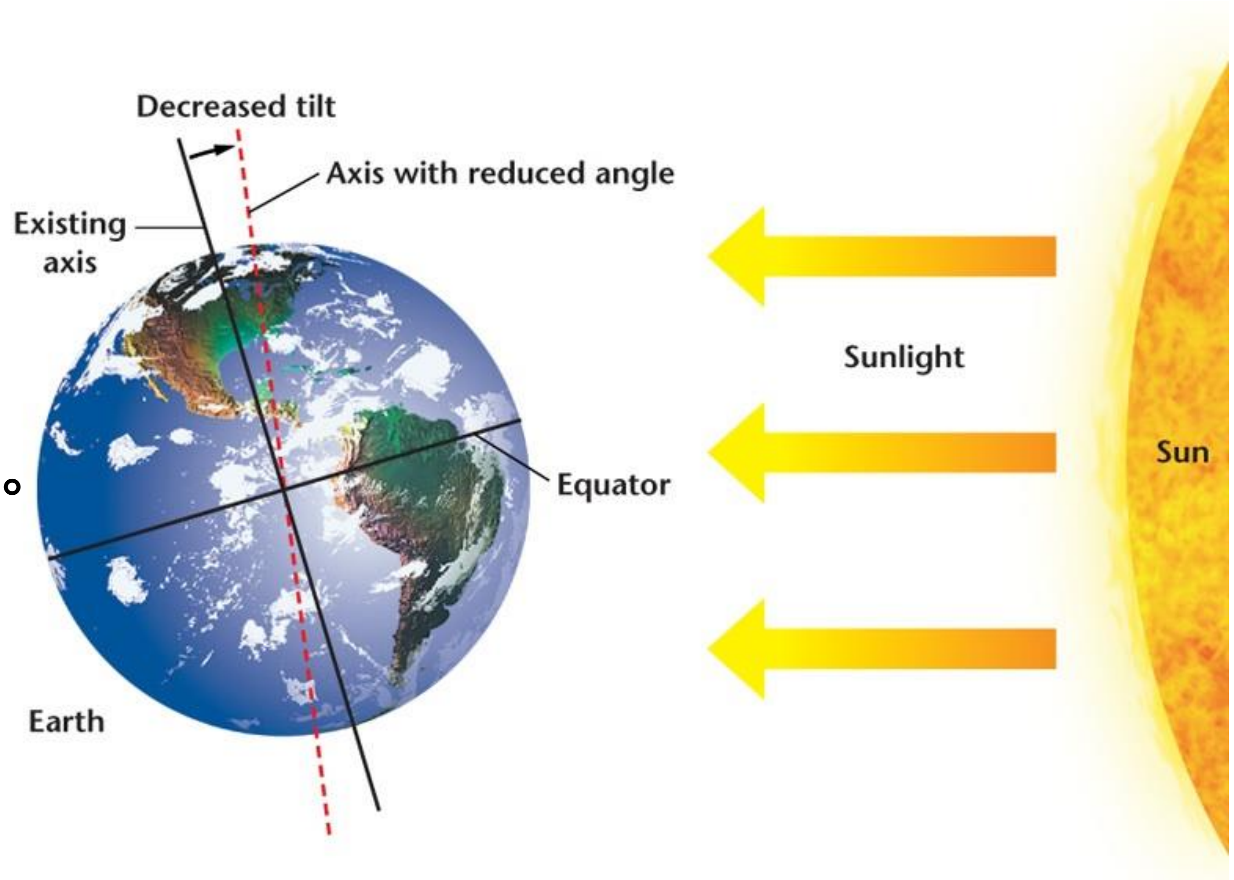
Climate factors

1b) Earth orbit parameters

Obliquity ε (period ~ 41,000 a)

The inclination of the earth axis against the ecliptic varies cyclically between 22.0° and 24.3°



Current inclination of the earth axis: 23.45°
In the year 2200: 23.41°

Cause: Gravitational interaction with the other 7 planets, especially Jupiter

$\varepsilon = (23.4392911111 - 0.0130041667 \cdot T - 0.000000164 \cdot T^2 + 0.0000005036 \cdot T^3)°$ **with T = time in Julian centuries since J2000.0**

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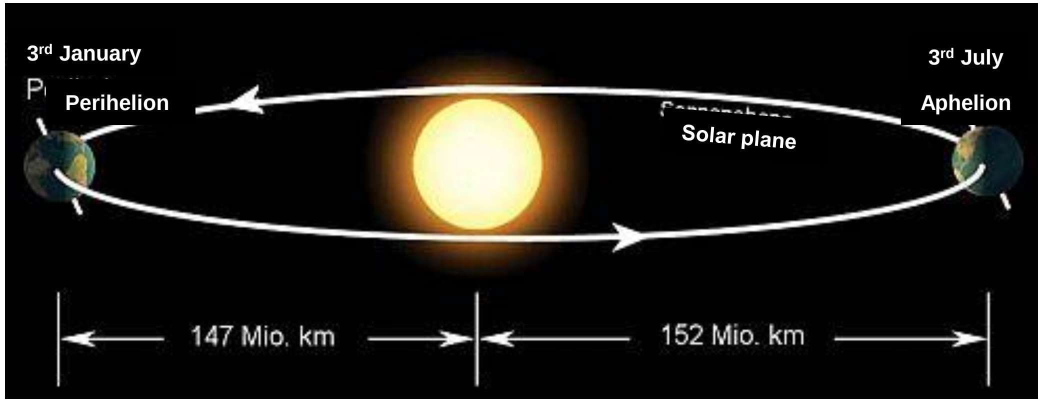
1b) Earth orbit parameters

Eccentricity e (period ~ 100 ka) **1st law of planet motion by Johannes Kepler (1571 - 1630)**

The eccentricity of the Earth's orbit changes over a period of about 100.000 years from a nearly perfect circular orbit to an elliptical orbit and back to a circular orbit. At maximum eccentricity, the distance of the Earth from the Sun varies by 18.5 million kilometers (currently only 4.9 million kilometers)



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1b) Earth orbit parameters

Eccentricity e: Influence on the solar constant S0 of the solar planets (green: "habitable zone")

Planet	Perihelion and Aphelion Distance in astronomical units (AU)	Solar radiation (solar constant) maximum and minimum (W/m²)	(1 AU = 149.6 Mio. km) Remarks
Mercury	0.3075 – 0.4667	14,446 – 6,272	Bound rotation
Venus	0.7184 – 0.7282	2,647 – 2,576	Greenhouse gases CO_2 and H_2O determine habitability
Earth	0.9833 – 1.017	1,413 – 1,321	
Mars	1.382 – 1.666	715 – 492	
Jupiter	4.950 – 5.458	55.8 – 45.9	Gas giants
Saturn	9.048 – 10.12	16.7 – 13.4	
Uranus	18.38 – 20.08	4.04 – 3.39	Ice giants
Neptune	29.77 – 30.44	1.54 – 1.47	

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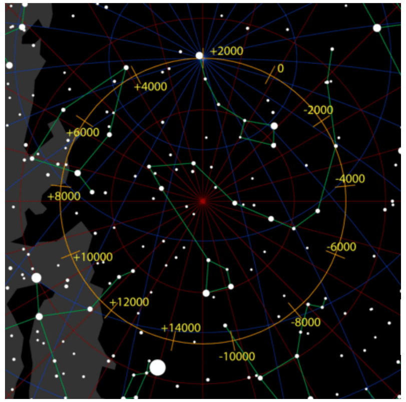
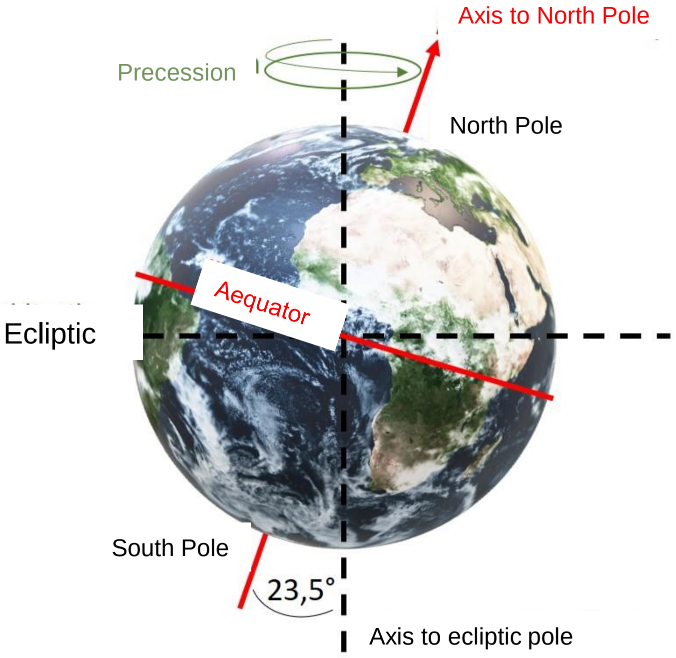
1b) Earth orbit parameters

Precession (period 25,780 a) + Nutation (18.6 a)





The gyroscopic motion or precession has the consequence that the distance between earth and sun (actual mean distance 149,597,870 km) changes gradually in a certain season.

Thus, in the northern hemisphere, the Earth currently reaches its closest point to the Sun in its orbit (the perihelion) in winter (on January 4th with 147,099,600 km near the Sun) and its farthest point from the Sun (the aphelion with 152,096,200 km far from the Sun) on July 04th

→ Today: Milder and shorter winters and cooler and longer summers in the northern hemisphere

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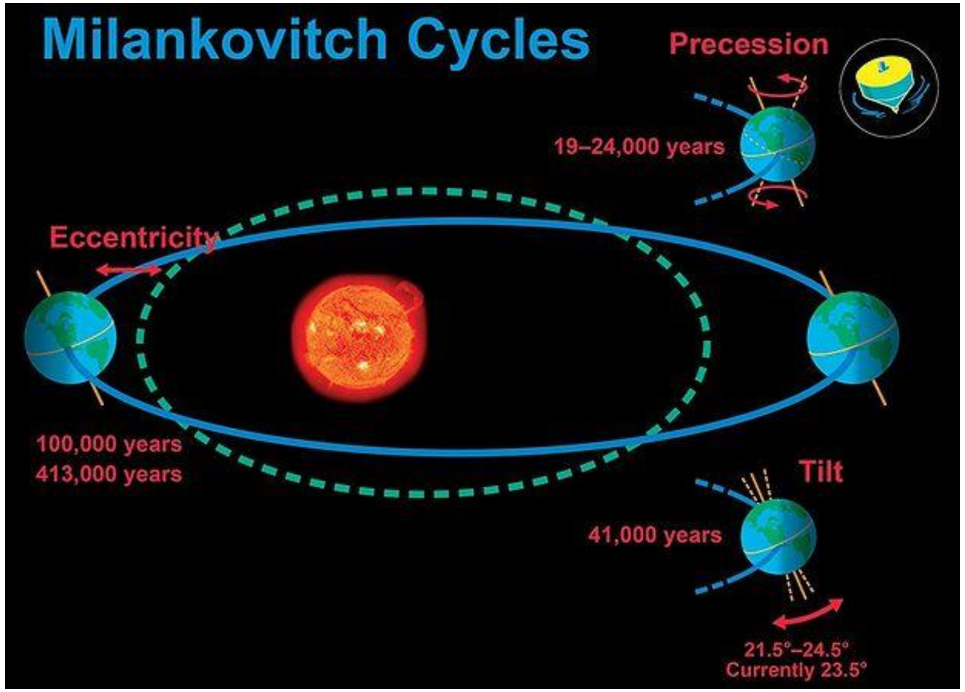
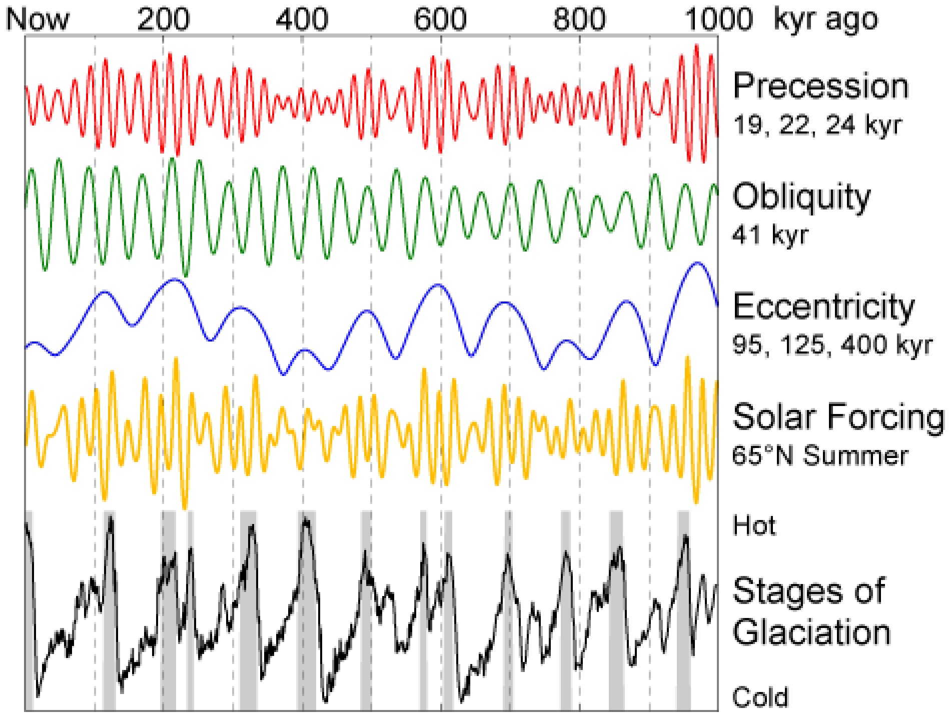
1b) Earth orbit parameters in the sum, i.e. precession, obliquity and eccentricity as well as perihelion rotation (today: perihelion ~ 147.1 million km, on 04.01 of a year), result in cyclic variation of the irradiation on the northern and southern hemisphere of the earth





Source: Milutan Milankovic (1879 – 1958) about 1920

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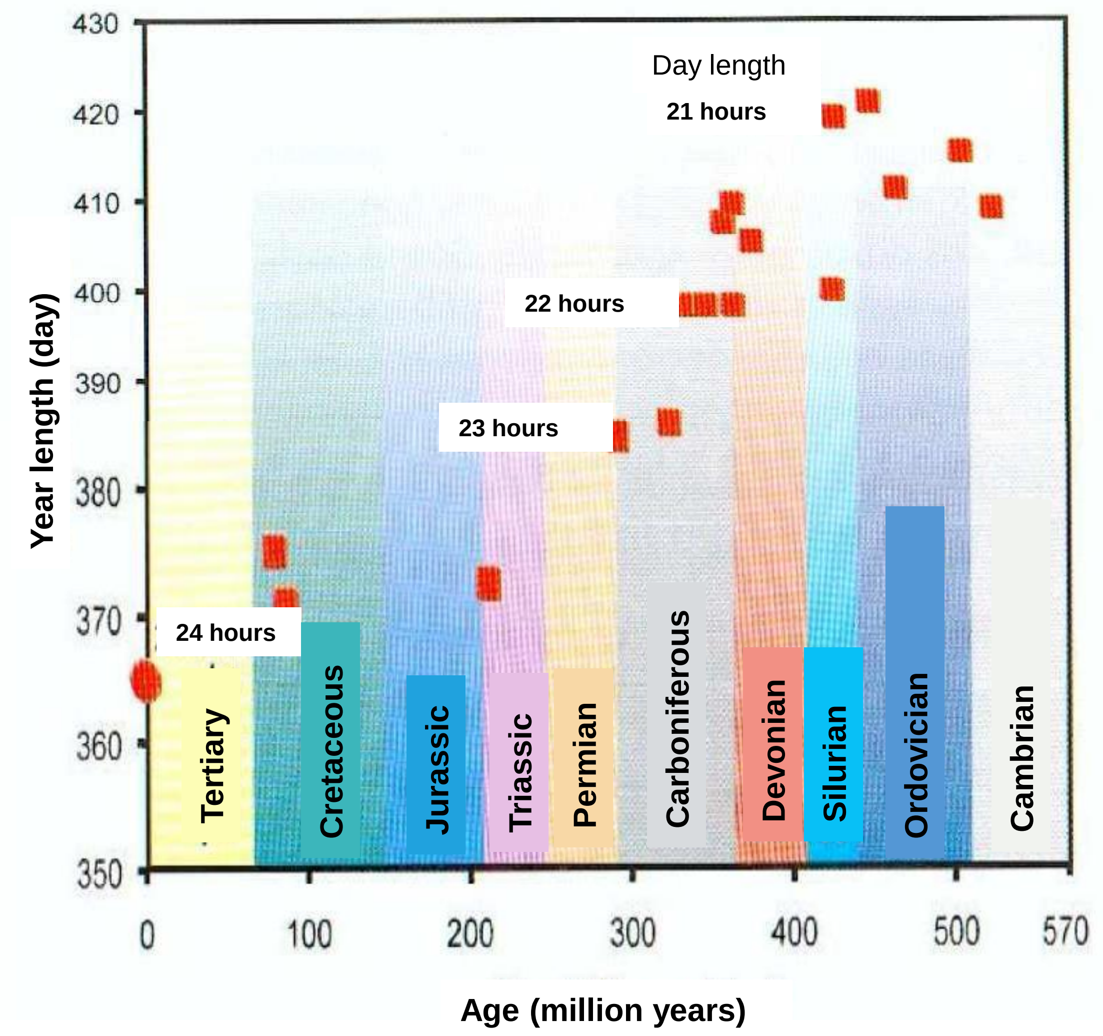
Climate factors

1c) Tidal effects

Cause: Interaction with moon and sun

Consequences
Bound rotation earth-moon
Increase of day length (2 ms/100 a)
Increase of the distance earth-moon (3.8 cm/a)
Increase of distance earth-sun (15 cm/a)
Tidal range (oceans + earth crust!)

Absorbed tidal energy = 94 x 10^{18} J/a (94 EJ/a)



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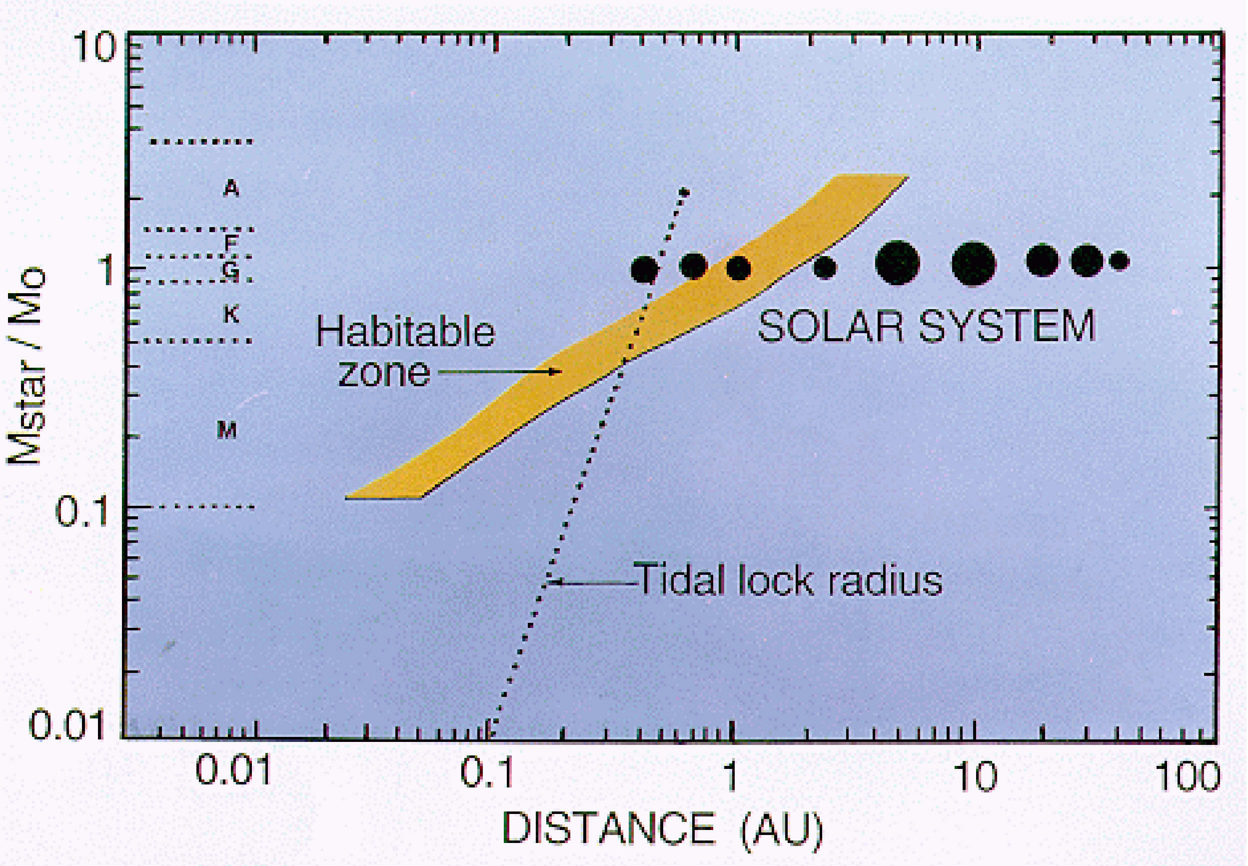
1c) Tidal effects: Causes the presence of a lock radius in any (exo)planetary system

Solar system

- **Mercury: Tidal locking → 3:2 resonance**
- **Earth: No tidal locking → moderate rotation**

Other systems comprising exoplanets

- **Habitable planets around M stars are likely tidal locked**
- **Unlocked habitable planets solely around stars from spectral class K onwards**



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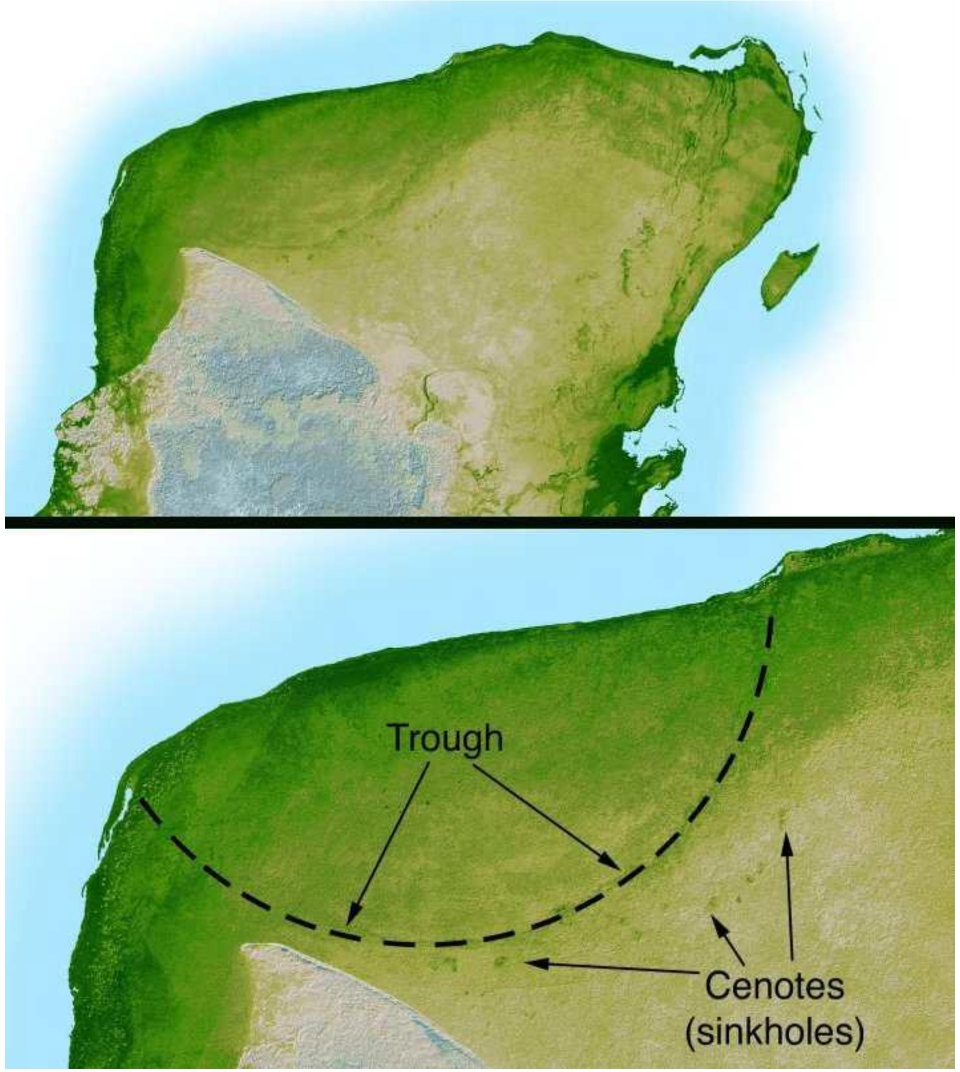
1d) Meteor impacts

High altitude radar image of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. Faintly visible Chicxulub crater.
(Source: Wikipedia)



66,040 Million years ago: K/T boundary Lit.: Science 208 (1980) 1095 > 1000 km^3 ejecta (proven by Iridium anomaly)	> 100 Gt TNT
15 Mill. years ago: Nördlinger Ries, Germany	24 Gt TNT
50,000 years ago: Barringer crater, AZ, USA	15 Mt TNT
1908 Tunguska-Event, Sibiria	4-5 Mt TNT
1994 Shoemaker-Levy-9, Jupiter, south. Hemi.	650 Gt TNT
2013 Chelyabinsk explosion, Ural	500 kt TNT

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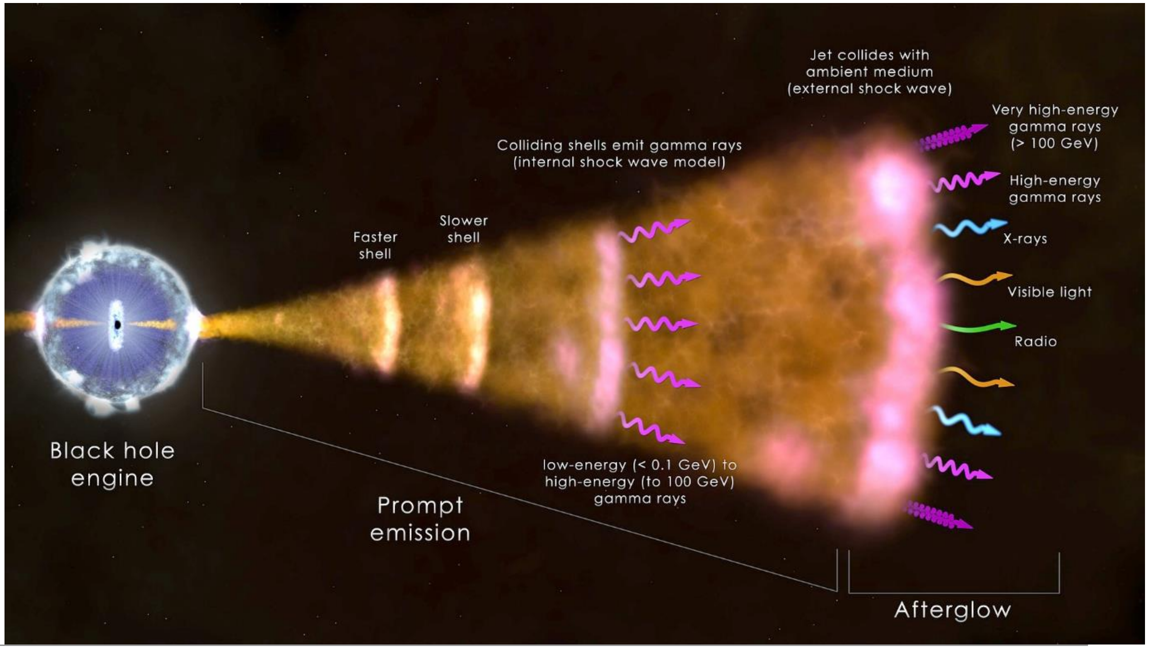
Climate factors

1e) Supernovae (SN) & Gamma Ray Flashes (GRF)

Supernovae ⇒ Increase in cosmic rays ⇒ Ionization of Earth's atmosphere ⇒ increase in cloud formation ⇒ Increase in albedo a and cooling

2.2 million years ago:
SN in the "vicinity" of the earth led to the formation of ^{60}Fe, found in Fe_3O_4 as part of sediments at the ground of the Pacific Ocean

Next candidate in our cosmic "vicinity" to may cause GRF
Betelgeuse (α Orionis), a red supergiant star
Distance: 500 - 700 light years
Radius: 617 million km (~ almost radius of Jupiter's orbit)



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1e) Supernovae (SN) & Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs)

October 09th, 2022: Brightest Of All Time “The BOAT” → GRB from a distance of 2.4 billion light-years

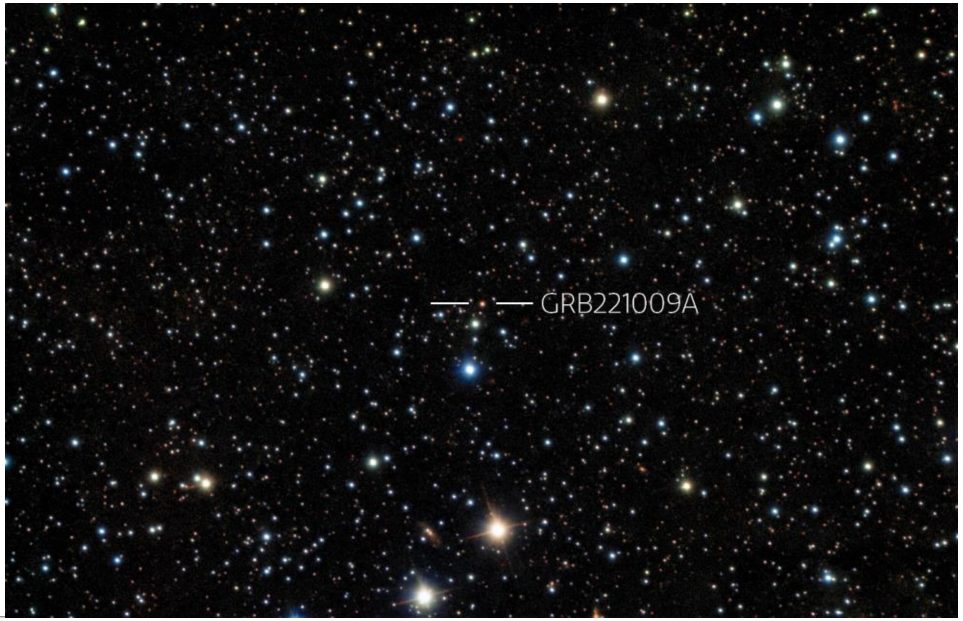
Duration 10 hours after detection by SWIFT observatory and Fermi-Gamma-Ray space telescope

Peak flux: $3.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$ Wcm^{-2}

Peak irradiation Earth: $3.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$ Wcm^{-2} πr^2 ~ 4 GW

Peak intensity GRB 221009A > 10^{40} W

Photon energy up to 18 TeV



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2. Terrestric (geophysical) impact

a) Albedo
b) Magnetic field
c) Plate tectonics
d) Volcanism
e) Silicate-carbonate cycle

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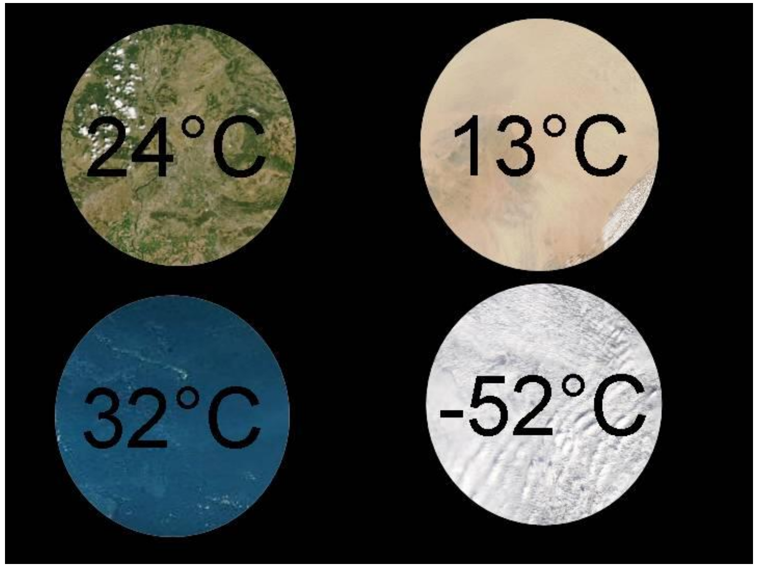
Climate factors

2a) Albedo a

Earth completely covered with

Forest Desert
Water Ice



Surface	Albedo a	Absorption (1-a)
Snow	0.9 – 1.0	0.0 – 0.1
Salt surface	0.57 – 0.65	0.35 – 0.43
Forest	0.06 – 0.18	0.82 – 0.94
Desert	0.06 – 0.09	0.91 – 0.94
Ocean	0.06 – 0.08	0.92 – 0.94

Planet	Distance from Sun [km]	Albedo	Effective Temperature [K]	Real Temperature [K]	ΔT [K]
Mercury*	5.79×10^7	0.12	434	~ 440	-
Venus	1.08×10^8	0.75	232	737	500
Earth	1.5×10^8	0.30	255	288	33
Mars*	2.28×10^8	0.15	217	210-218	-
Jupiter	7.79×10^8	0.73	85	165	80
Saturn	1.43×10^9	0.34	81	134	53
Uranus	2.87×10^9	0.30	59	76	17
Neptune	4.5×10^9	0.29	47	72	25
Pluto	5.91×10^9	0.50	37	44	7
Moon	1.5×10^8	0.11	271	-123 – 380	-

*no Atmosphere

modified after Jacob, Wikipedia

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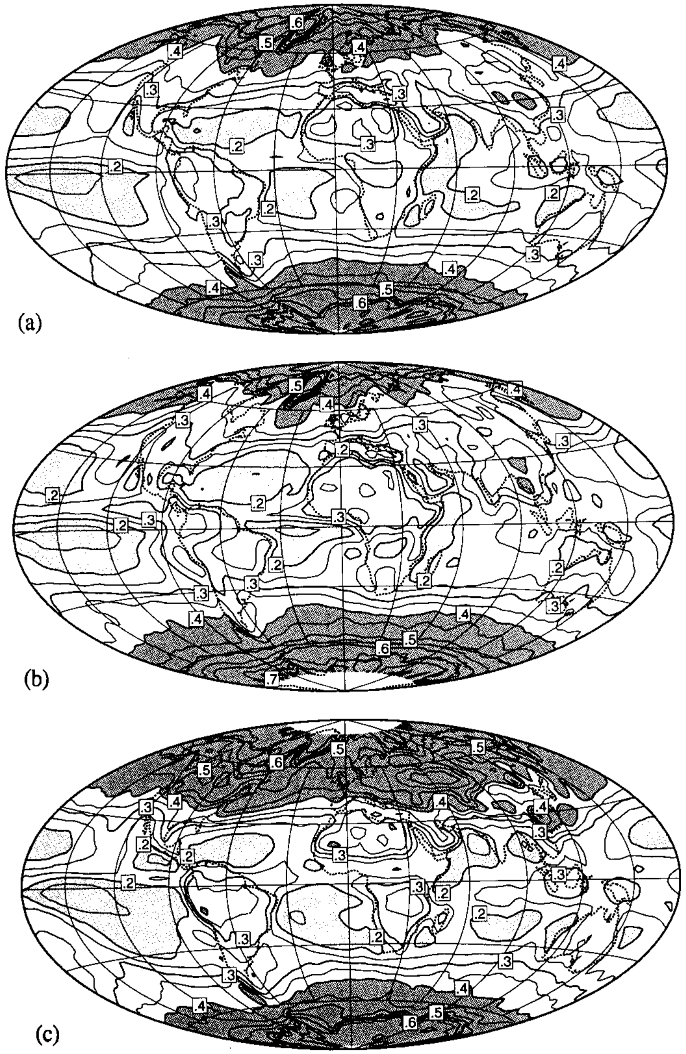
2a) Albedo: Spatial and temporal dependence

World maps of planetary albedo in the areal hammer projection in the

(a) annual mean
(b) northern summer (June - July - August)
(c) northern winter (December - January - February)

The isoline distance is 0.05
Values greater than 0.4 are dark shaded
Values smaller than 0.2 are light shaded
(Figure 2.9 from Hartmann, 1994)



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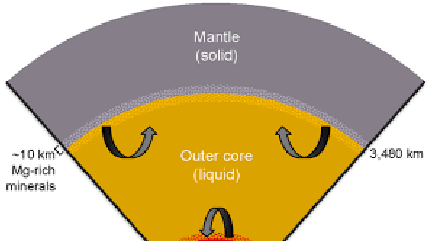
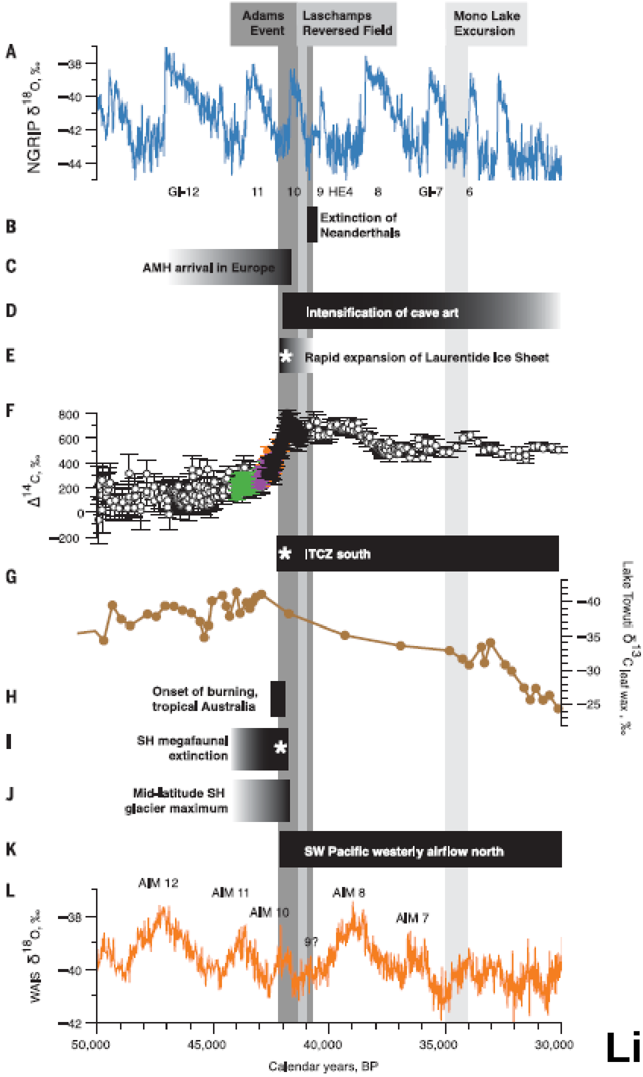
2b) Magnetic field pole jumps

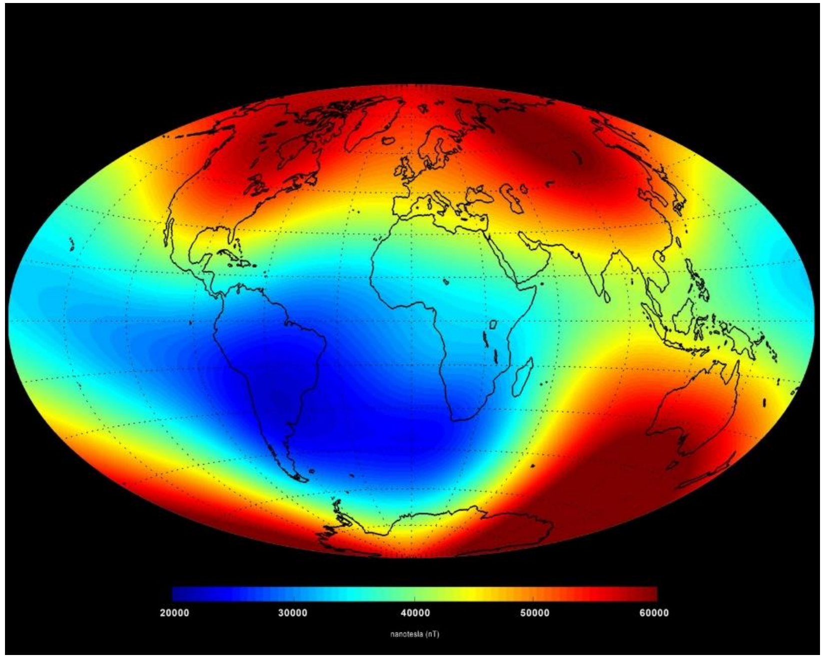
Last pole jump
about 42,000 years ago



Decrease of the magnetic field strength of to about 28% of the original value

Consequences
Mass extinction in Australia
Increase of glaciation in North America
Increase of UV radiation
Invention of cave painting?





Spatial distribution of magnetic field strength in nT (in blue South Atlantic anomaly)

Lit: Cooper et al., Science 371 (2021) 811

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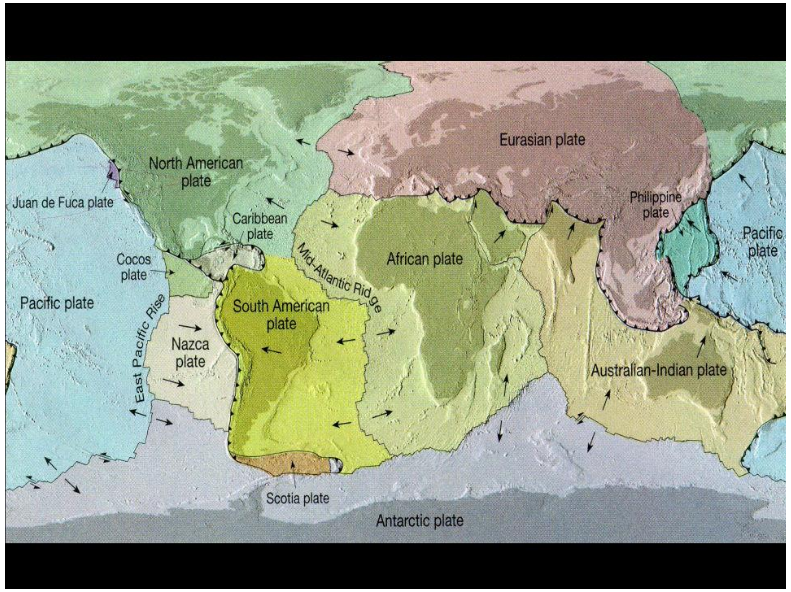
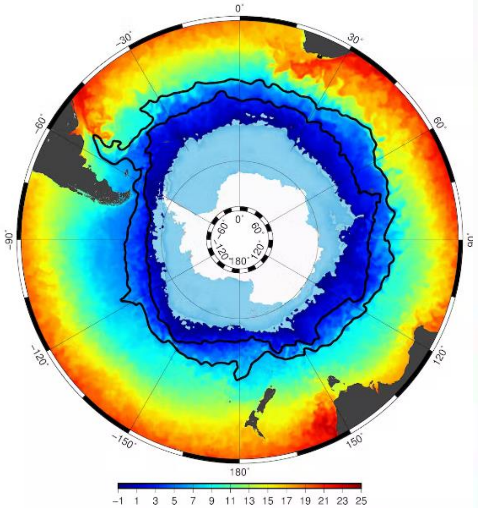
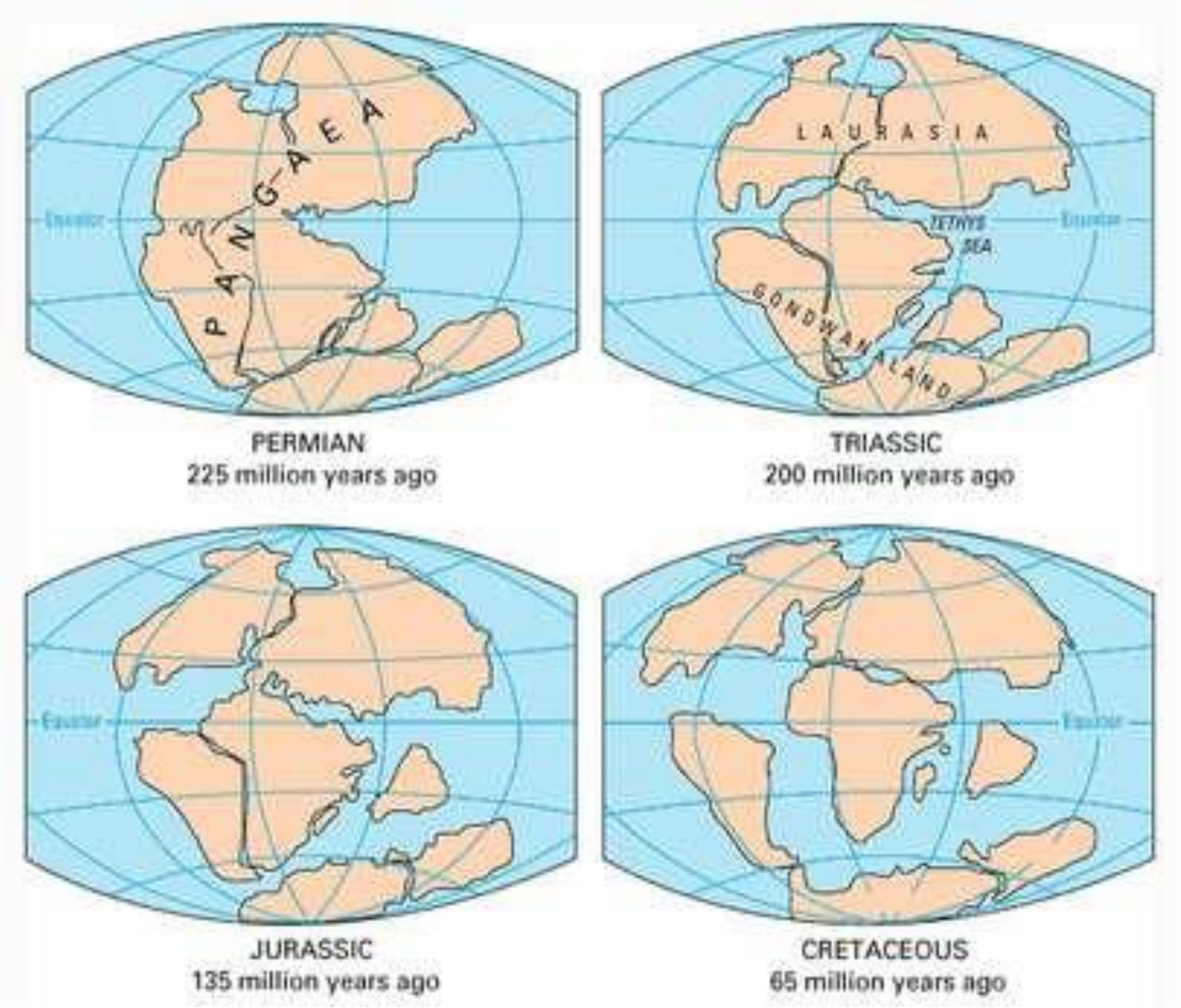
2c) Plate tectonics (Alfred Wegener 1880 - 1930)





Ocean Surface Temperature (degC) 06/11/2018

Glaciation of the Antarctic as a result of the formation of the circumpolar current about 5 million years ago



PERMIAN
225 million years ago

TRIASSIC
200 million years ago

JURASSIC
135 million years ago

CRETACEOUS
65 million years ago

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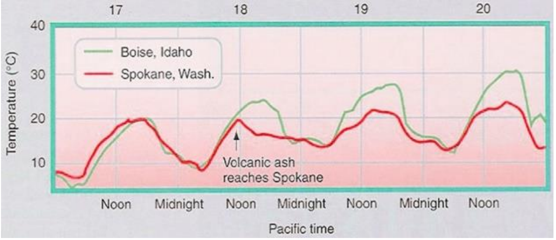
2d) Volcanism

1815	**Tambora, Indonesia**	**150 km³ of ejecta**
	The year without summer 1816 frosts in Europe & NA	
1883	**Krakatoa, Indonesia**	**20 km³ of ejecta**
1980	**Mt. St. Helens, WA, USA**	**< 1 km³ of ejecta**
1991	**Pinatubo, Philippines**	**10 km³ of ejecta**



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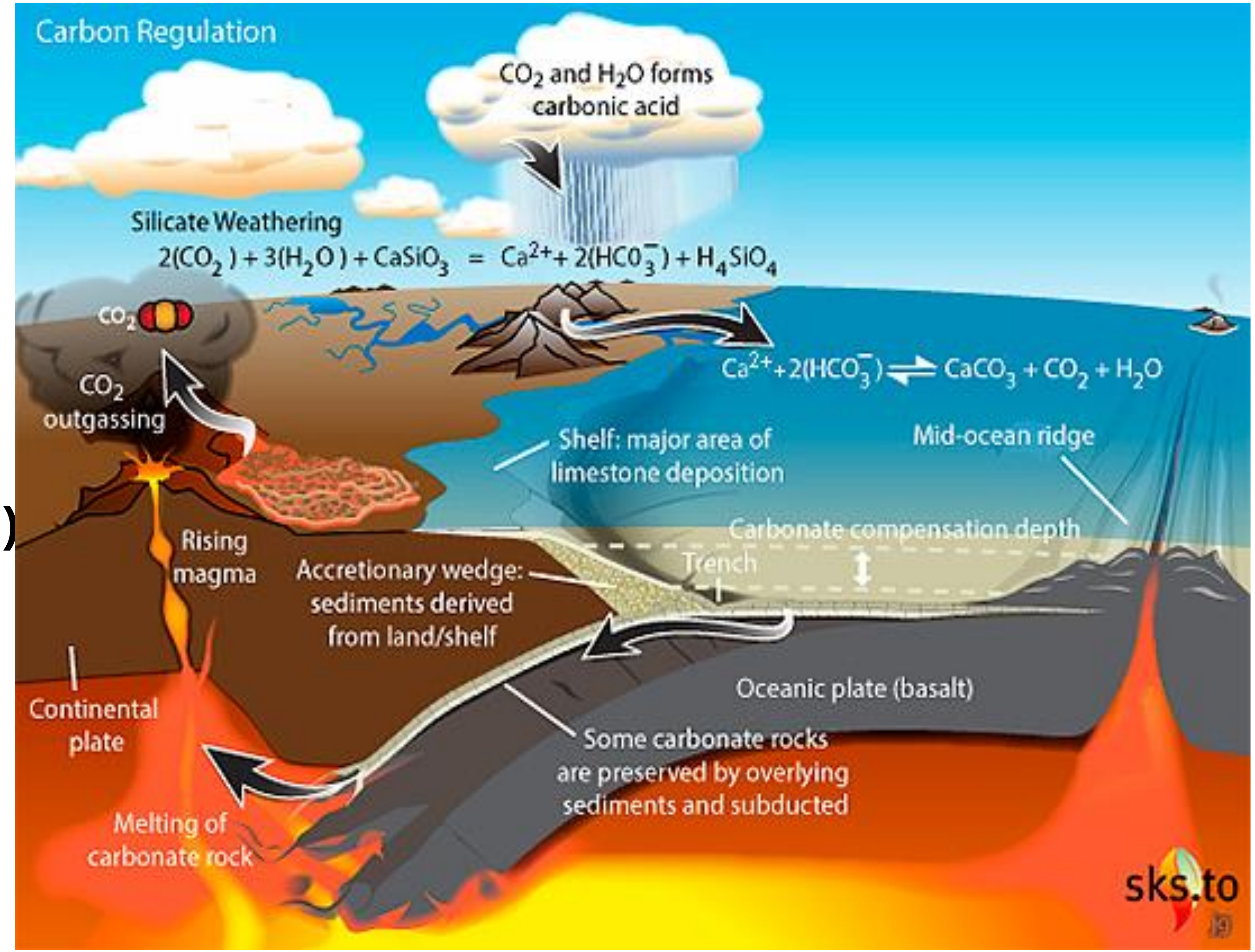
2e) Silicate-carbonate cycle: long-term regulation of the atm. CO_2 concentration



<u>**High global temperature**</u>

High evaporation and erosion

$CO_2(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow H_2CO_3(aq)$

- **Precipitation : $CaSiO_3(s) + 2\ H_2CO_3(aq)$
  $\rightarrow Ca^{2+} + 2\ HCO_3^- + H_2O + SiO_2\downarrow$
  $Ca(HCO_3)_2 \rightarrow CaCO_3\downarrow + H_2O + CO_2$**
- **Subduction of carbonate sediments**
- **CO_2 emission by volcanoes**

Complete CO_2 exchange ~ 500,000 a

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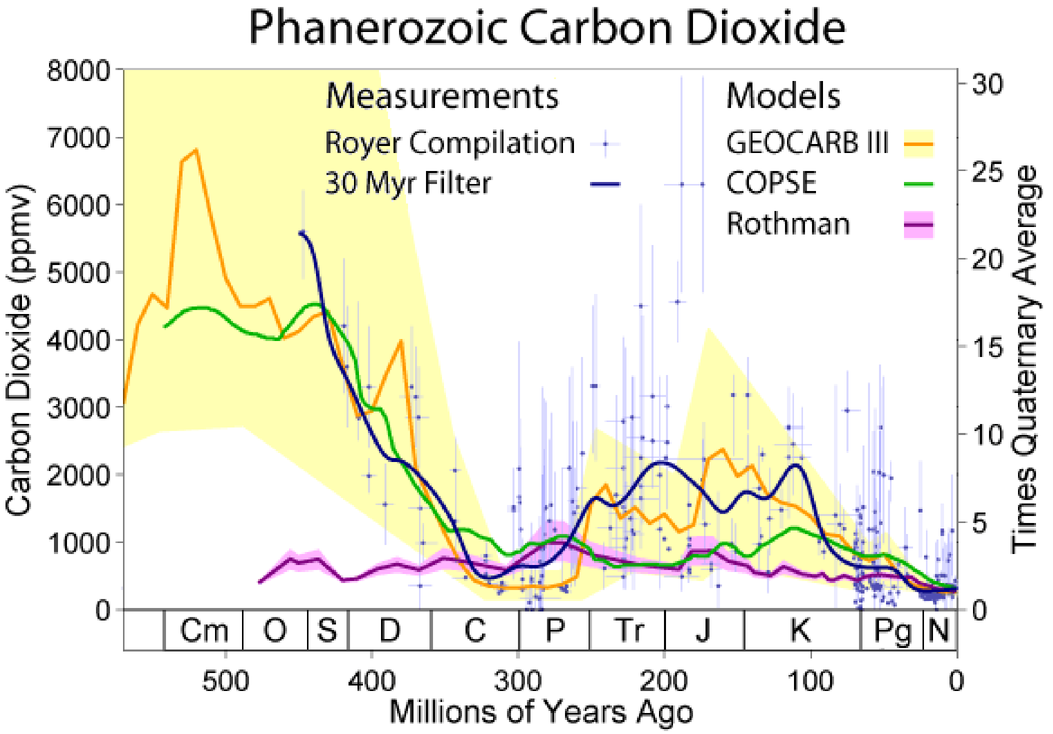
2e) Silicate-carbonate cycle: long-term regulation of the atm. CO_2 concentration (prehistoric)

	CO_2(g) [Vol.-%]	pH(Rain)	Year / Epoch
•	**0.0280**	**5.64**	**ca. 1750**
•	**0.0317**	**5.62**	**1960**
•	**0.0339**	**5.60**	**1980**
•	**0.0370**	**5.58**	**2000**
•	**0.0400**	**5.57**	**2015**
•	**0.0420**	**5.55**	**2022**
•	**0.2**	**5.22**	**Jurassic**
•	**0.7**	**4.94**	**Cambrian**
•	**1.0**	**4.87**	
•	**2.0**	**4.72**	
•	**5.0**	**4.52**	**Archaean**



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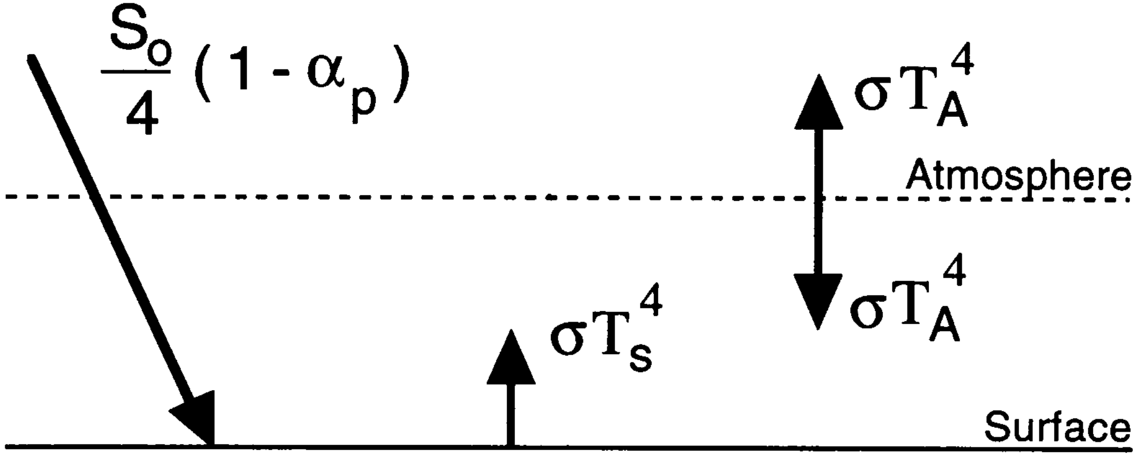
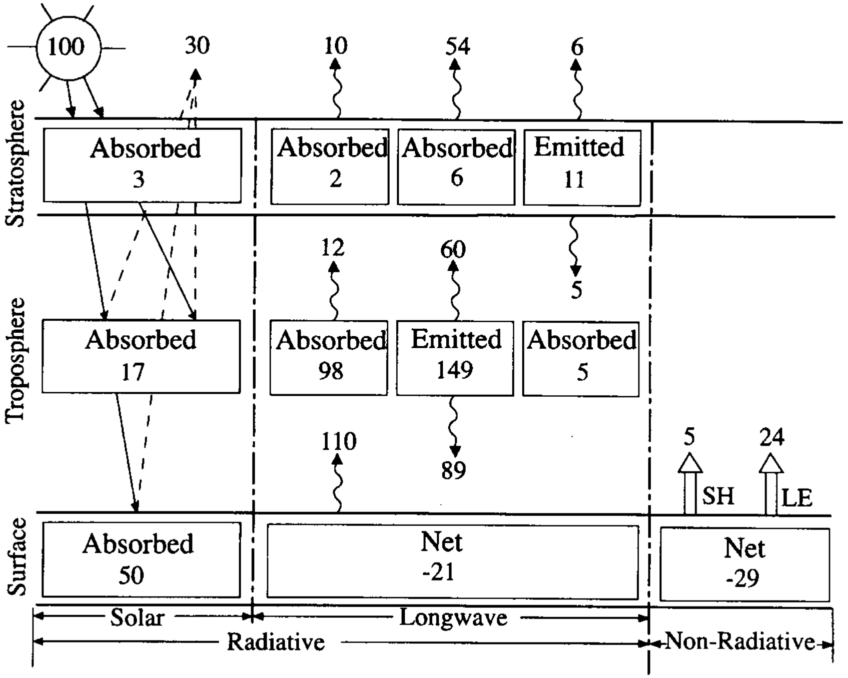
2e) Silicate-carbonate cycle: greenhouse effect due to CO_2 etc.





Assumption: atmosphere transmitting shortwave radiation,
but completely absorbs longwave radiation (e = 1) → T_{real} = 288 K (+15 °C) → ΔT = 33 K

$S_0/4(1-a_{Earth}) = \sigma T_A^4 = \sigma T_E^4$ mit T_A = atmospheric temperature and TE = surface temperature.
Energy balance for the Earth's surface: $S_0/4(1-a_{Earth}) + \sigma T_A^4 = \sigma T_S^4 \Rightarrow \sigma T_S^4 = 2\sigma T_E^4$

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3. Biogenic impact

a) Forestation
b) Phytoplankton
c) Peatlands

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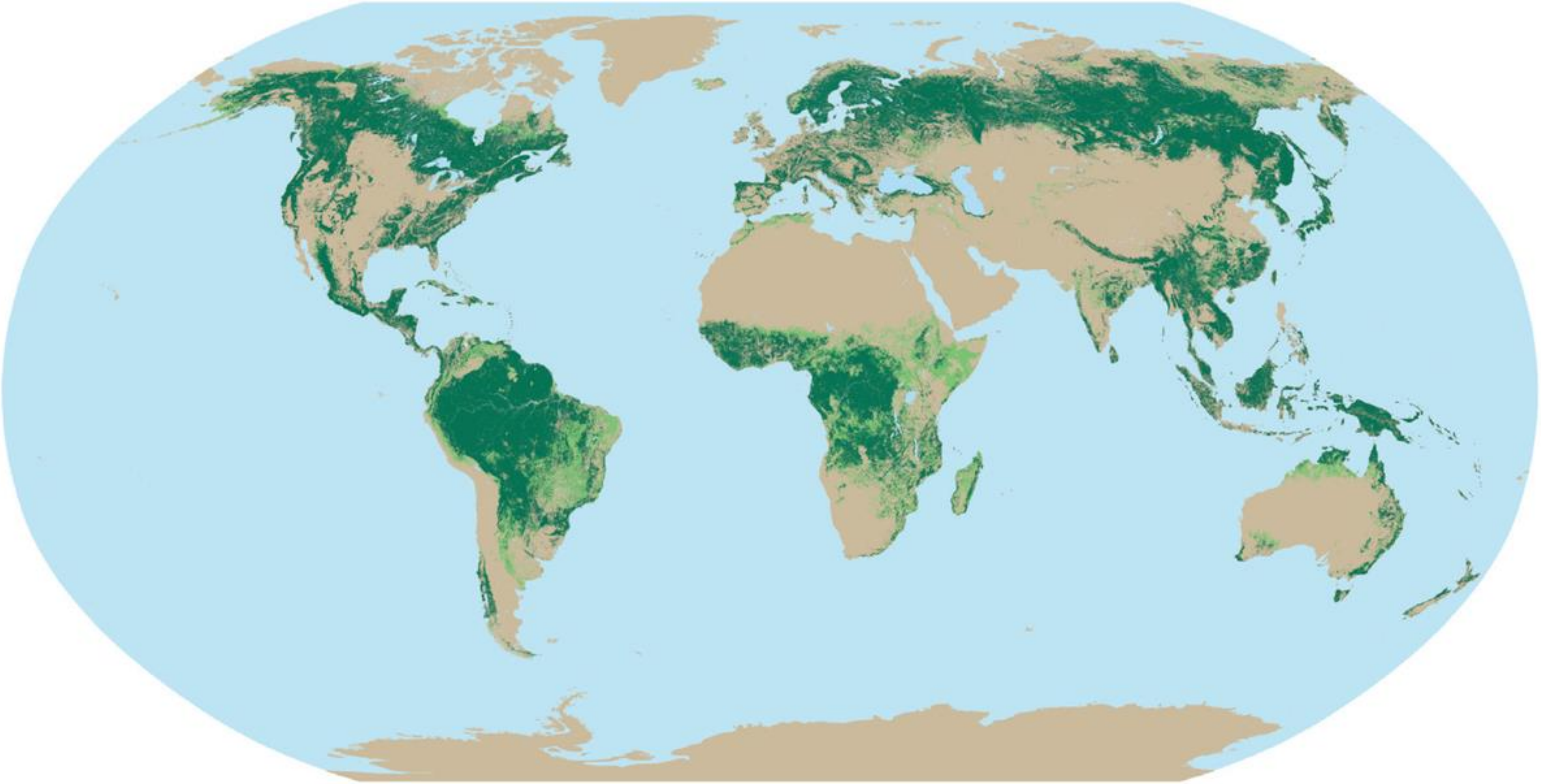
3a) Forestation

- **Today: 40 million km^2 almost 25% of the land area (168 million km^2)**
- **In the past 8000 years, about 50% of the forests have been cleared**
- **Deforestation currently releases 1.6 Gt C/a or 5.9 Gt CO_2/a**
- **Since 1850, about 20% of total anthropogenic CO_2 emissions**



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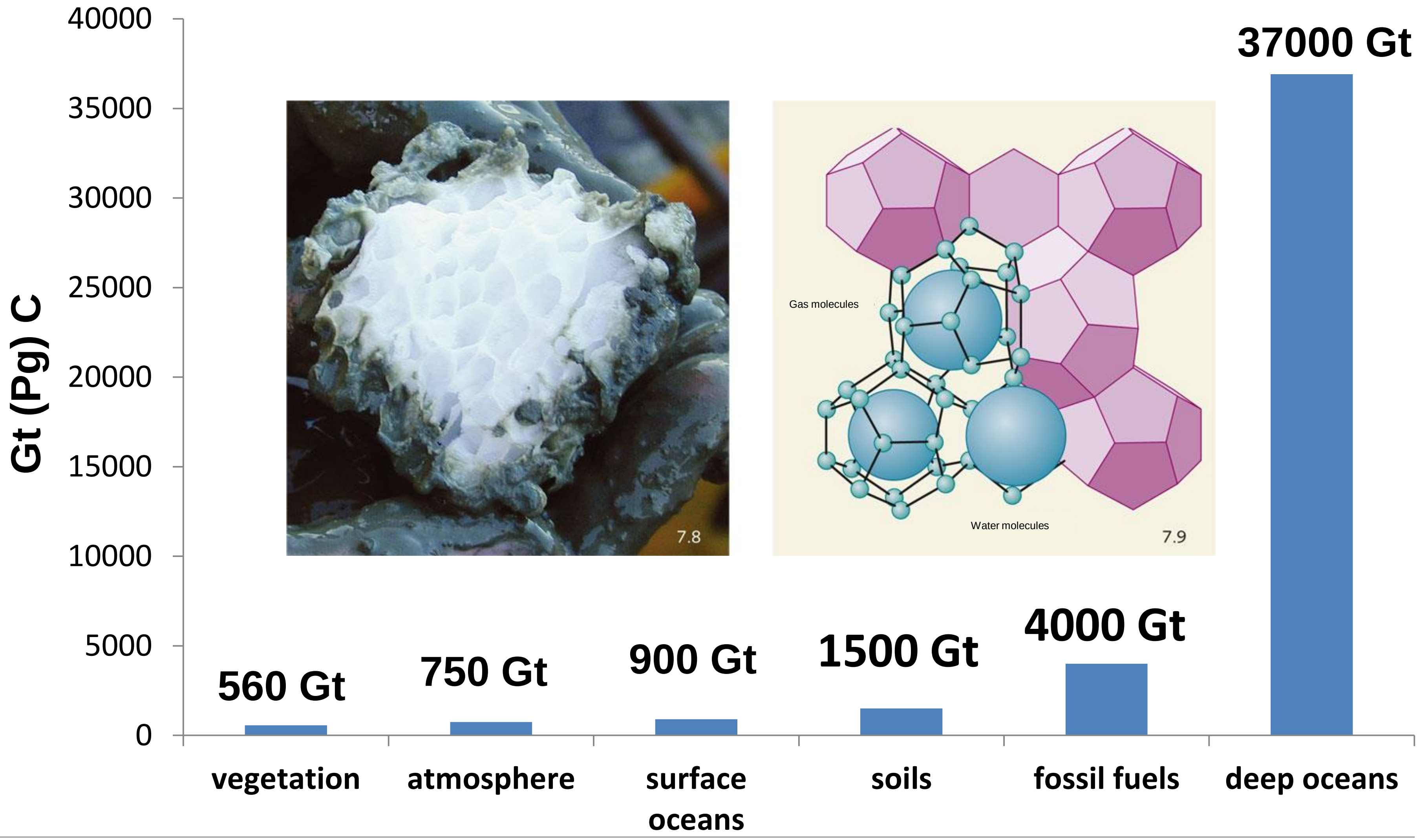
3a) Forestation

Vegetation & Forest serve as carbon storage

But: The majority of all carbon is stored in fossil fuels and bound as methane hydrate on the ocean floor



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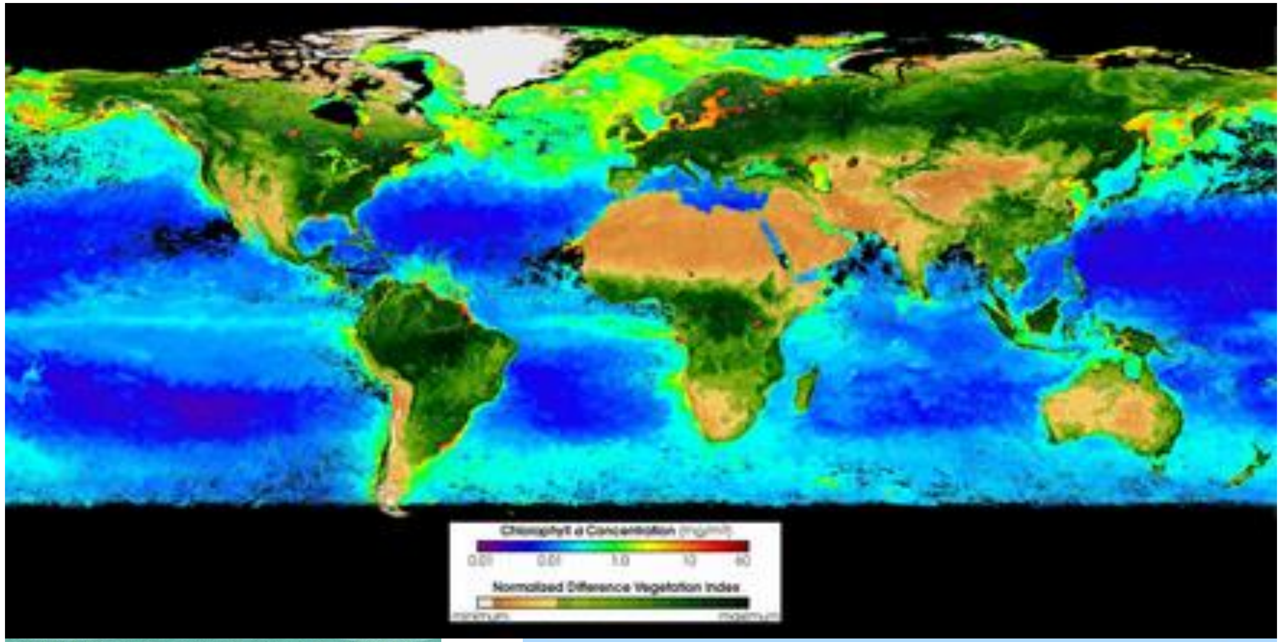
3b) Phytoplankton

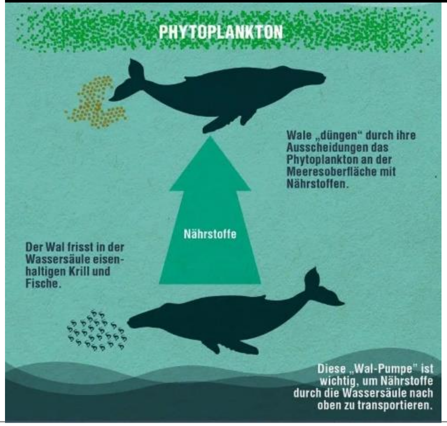
High concentration due to

- Cold currents: Polar regions
- Fe^{2+} → "whale pump" and river deltas

Effect of phytoplankton

- CO_2 consumption + O_2 emission
- Aerosols according to Claw hypothesis: Phytoplankton → CH_3-S-CH_3 (Dimethyl sulphide, DMS) → SO_2 → SO_4^{2-} → aerosols → clouds (negative feedback)

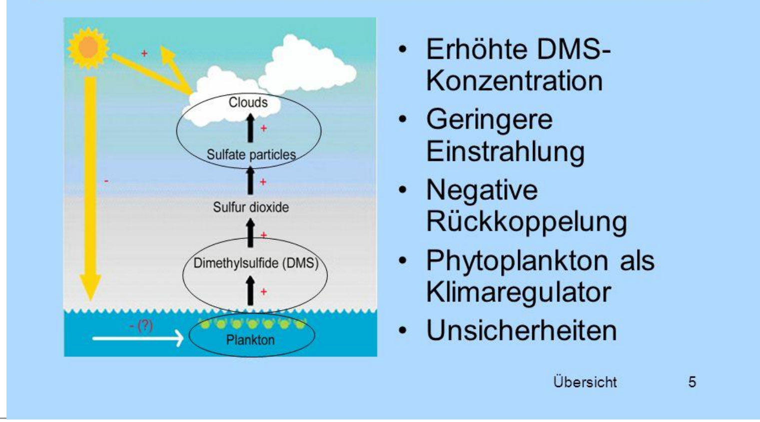




Wale „düngen“ durch ihre Ausscheidungen das Phytoplankton an der Meeresoberfläche mit Nährstoffen.

Der Wal frisst in der Wassersäule eisenhaltigen Krill und Fische.

Diese „Wal-Pumpe“ ist wichtig, um Nährstoffe durch die Wassersäule nach oben zu transportieren.



- Erhöhte DMS-Konzentration
- Geringere Einstrahlung
- Negative Rückkoppelung
- Phytoplankton als Klimaregulator
- Unsicherheiten

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3c) Peatlands

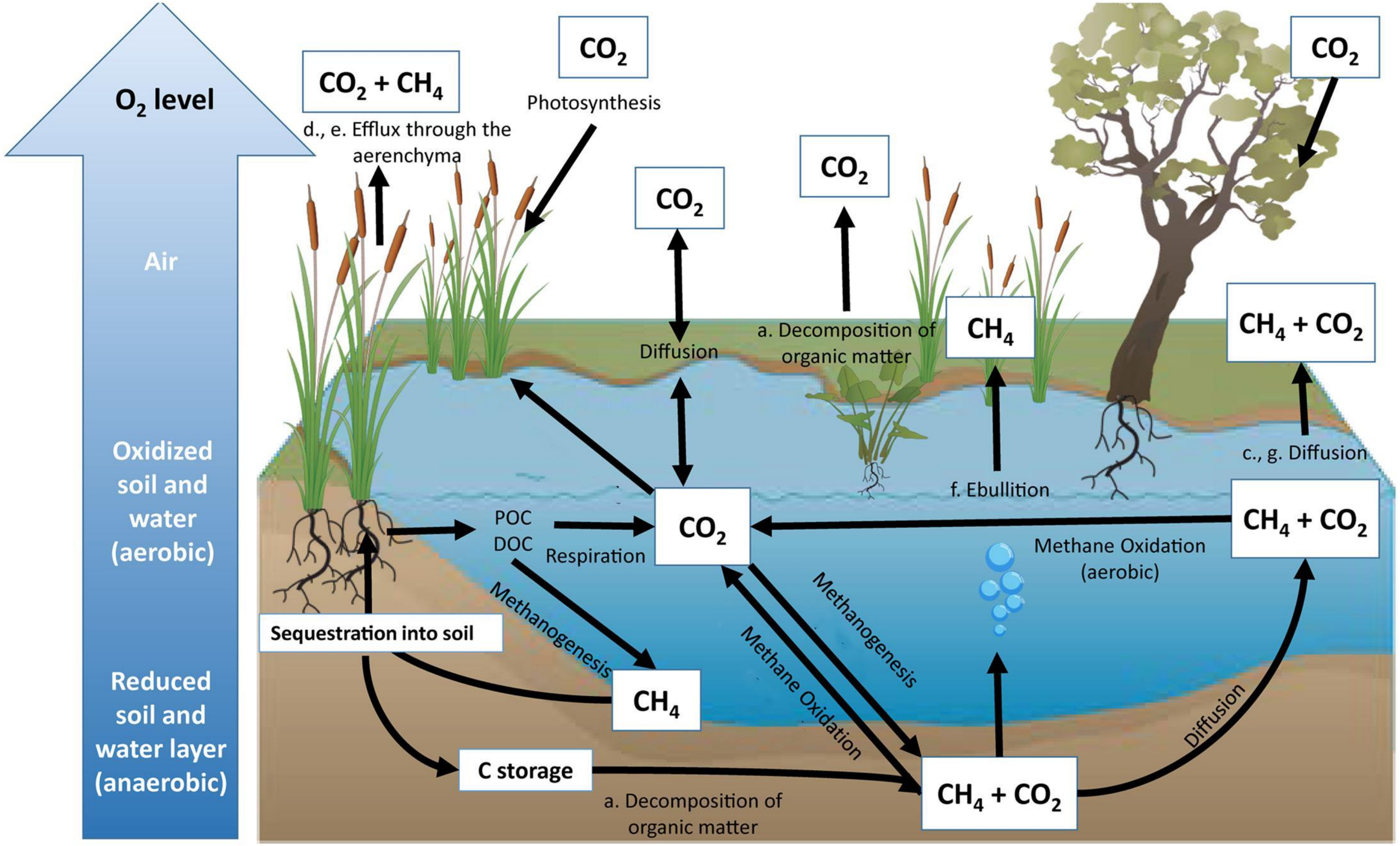
Humid: CO_2 / CH_4 consumer

Dry: CO_2 / CH_4 emitter

Extent: ~ 3% Earth surface

Storage capacity:
~ 30% of the earth's
Carbon

Risk: Drought!



Lit.: K.E. Limpert et al., Frontiers in Env. Sci. 8 (2020) 8

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3c) Peatlands

For Germany
The peatlands store as much
as much carbon as in the forest
Stored

	System	Trace emission			Climate effectiveness
	Effectiveness 100 a	CO_2-C 1 (Kg C ha^{-1} a^{-1})	CH_4-C 7,63 (Kg C ha^{-1} a^{-1})	N_2O-N 133 (Kg N ha^{-1} a^{-1})	CO_2-C equivalent (Kg CO_2-C equ ha^{-1} a^{-1})
Lowland Peatland	natural (Rzecin)	-2000	120	0.1	-1070
	near-natural (boreal)	-490	120	0.112	442
	near-natural (Temperate)	-400	142		685
	drained forest	400	1	1.05	547
	grassland	4120	0.4	5.05	4795
	arable land	4090	-0.2	11.61	5633
Highland Peatland	near-natural (boreal)	-200	37.5	0	87
	near-natural (Temperate)	710	174	-0.0112	618
	drained forest	1100	20	0.04	1258
	grassland	2350	2	0.1	2379
	arable land	4400	0	0	4400
	Peat cutting	1750	17.25	0.4	1935

Global 2015
Intact peatlands: -0.36 Gt C
Non-intact peatlands: +1.5 Gt C

Source: https://www.lubw.baden-wuerttemberg.de/klimawandel-und-anpassung/moorboeden

On average 700 tons of CO_2 stored per ha

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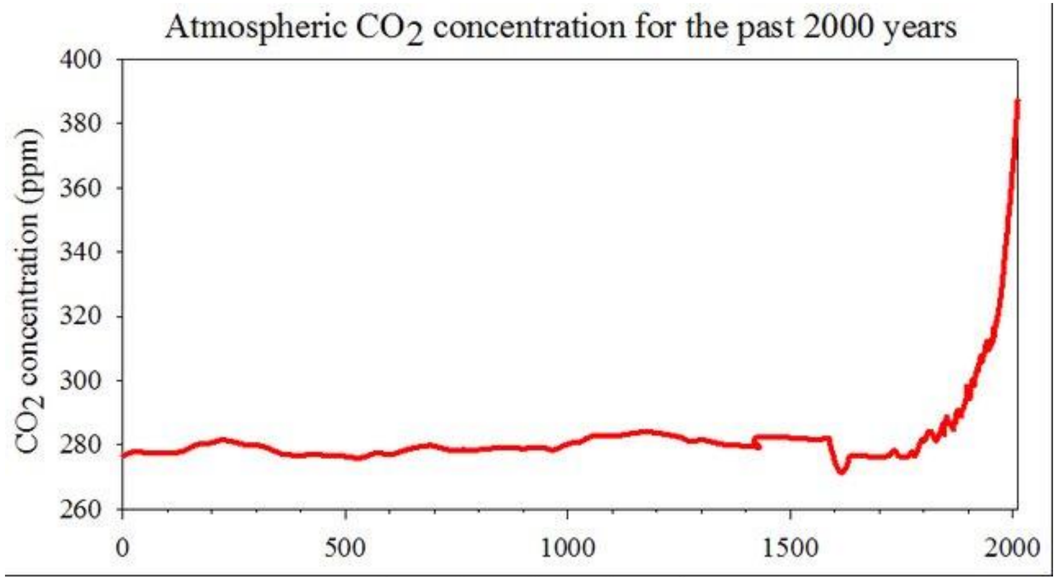
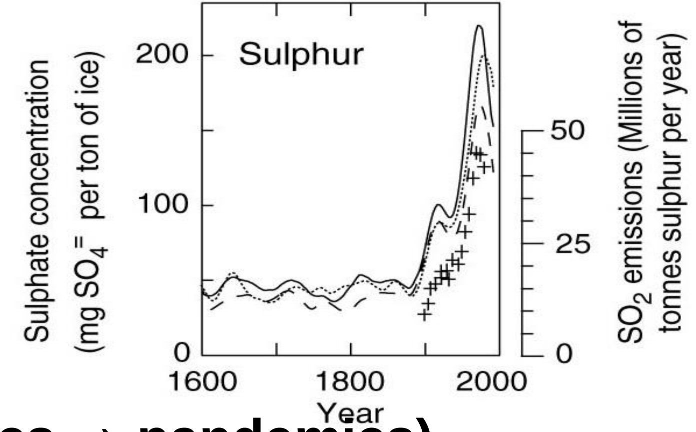
4. Anthropogenic impact (since romain empire)

- **a) CO_2 emission rate↑ by fossil fuels, deforestation**
- **b) Sulfate aerosol emission**
- **c) Black carbon on snow**
- **d) Tropospheric ozone**
- **e) CH_4 emission from livestock, rice cultivation, waste dumps, natural gas production (leakages)**
- **f) N_2O emission from fertilization, deforestation, biomass burning**
- **g) Emission of fluorine compounds: HFC, SF_6, NF_3, CF_4**
- **h) Building development and urban climate**
- **i) Drainage of peatlands**
- **j) Lead emission: formation of aerosols and clouds**
- **k) CO_2 emission rate↓ by globalisation of diseases (epidemics → pandemics)**





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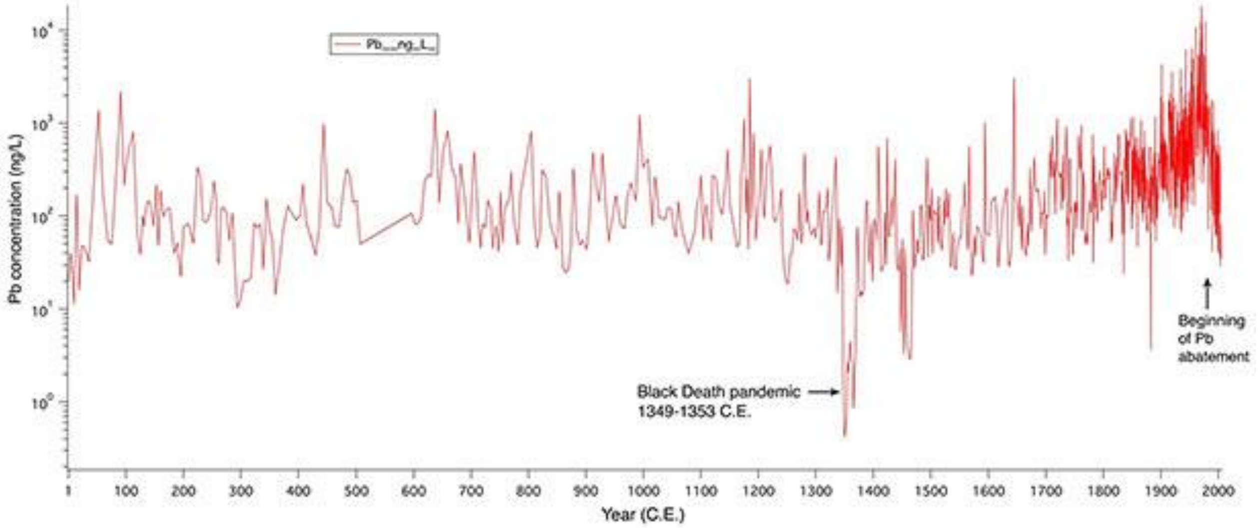
4a) Anthropogenic influences: Effect of lead emissions on concentrations in breathable air



Causes of the decrease of Pb concentration in air

1350 Plague epidemic

1460 Further epidemic

1885 World economic crisis

Consequences of increased Pb conc. in air:

- **Increased aerosol formation: Clouds (albedo)**
- **neurotoxic effects**
- **hypertonia (today 8-11 ppm Pb in the skeleton)**

1966: $102 \cdot 10^3$ t Pb aerosol northern hemisphere
200 ng Pb per kg snow (Greenland)

Lit.: Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta 33 (1969) 1247

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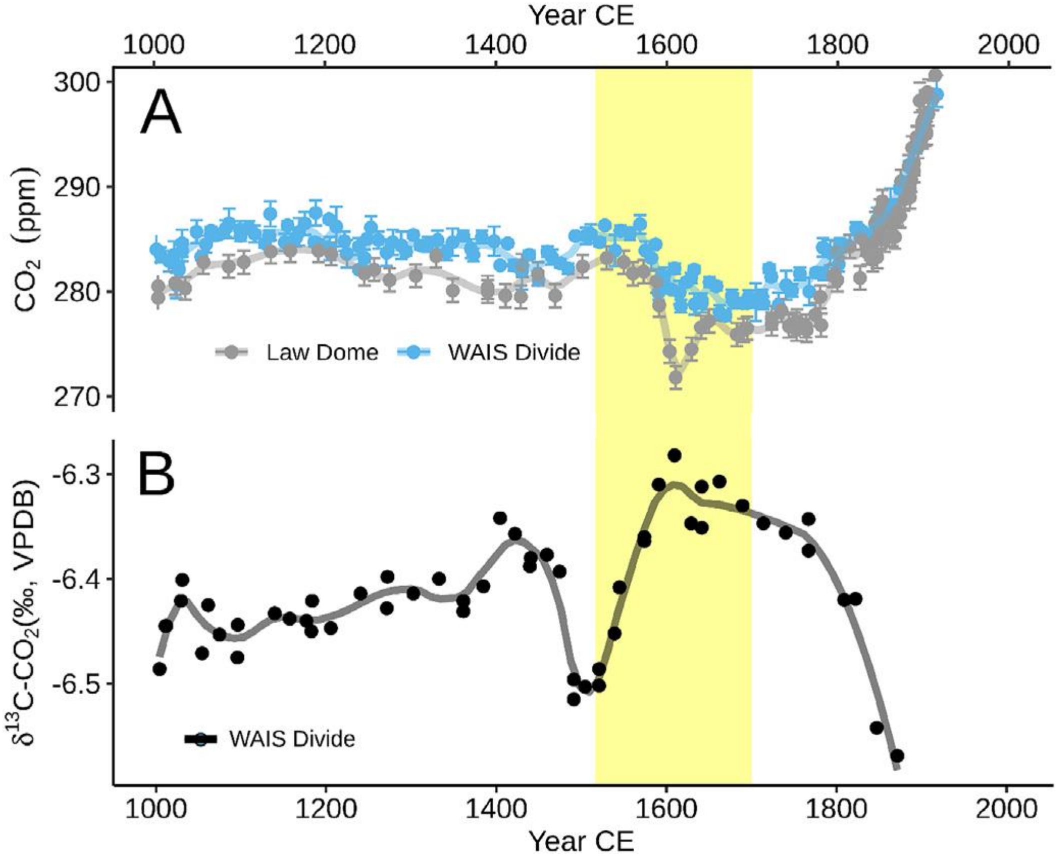
4k) Anthropogenic influences: CO_2 emission rate↓ by epidemics due to migration

1492	**Arrival of Europeans in Latin America**
1500 - 1600	**55 Mill. indigenous people died due to European epidemics** **→ Secondary succession of rain forest on 56 mill. hectares of farmland**
1610	**7-10 ppm decline in atmospheric CO_2 concentration**
1650 - 1850	**Additional global cooling by 0.15 K** **„Little ice age“ → hunger in Europe**



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Summary of climate factors

ATMOSPHERE	OCEAN	LAND
SURFACE	PHYSICS	Above-Ground Biomass
Precipitation	Ocean Surface Heat Flux	Albedo
Pressure	Sea Ice	Anthropogenic Greenhouse Gas Fluxes
Surface Radiation Budget	Sea Level	Anthropogenic Water Use
Surface Wind Speed and Direction	Sea State	Fire
Temperature	Sea Surface Salinity	Fraction of Absorbed Photosynthetically Active Radiation (FAPAR)
Water Vapour	Sea Surface Temperature	
UPPER-ATMOSPHERE	Subsurface Currents	Glaciers
Earth Radiation Budget	Subsurface Salinity	Groundwater
Lightning	Subsurface Temperature	Ice Sheets and Ice Shelves
Temperature	Surface Currents	Lakes
Water Vapour	Surface Stress	Land Cover
Wind Speed and Direction	BIOGEOCHEMISTRY	Land Surface Temperature
COMPOSITION	Inorganic Carbon	Latent and Sensible Heat Fluxes
Aerosols Properties	Nitrous Oxide	Leaf Area Index
Carbon Dioxide, Methane and other Greenhouse Gases	Nutrients	Permafrost
	Ocean Colour	River Discharge
Cloud Properties	Oxygen	Snow
Ozone	Transient Tracers	Soil Carbon
Precursors	BIOLOGY/ECOSYSTEMS	
	Marine Habitat Properties	Soil Moisture
	Plankton	

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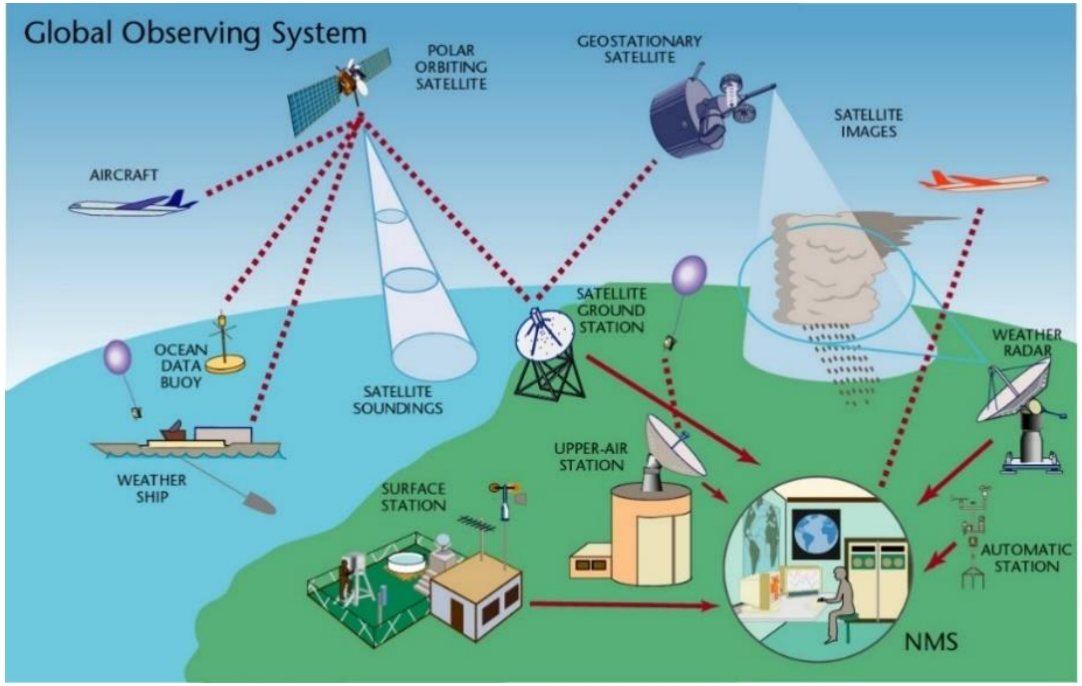
Climate reconstruction ⇒ Measurement techniques

- **Earth-orbiting satellites, remote meteorological stations, and ocean buoys are used to monitor present-day weather and climate**

- **Paleoclimatology data from natural sources like ice cores, tree rings, corals, and ocean and lake sediments**

- **Isotope analysis of water: $H_2^{18}O$ enriches in the liquid phase, i.e.$^{16}O/^{18}O$ ratio of water is temperature dependent**

⇒ Determination of ^{18}O in foraminifere, mollusca, and $CaCO_3$ sediments



Source: WMO: https://public.wmo.int/en/programmes/global-observing-system

Photo credit: Ludovic Brucker

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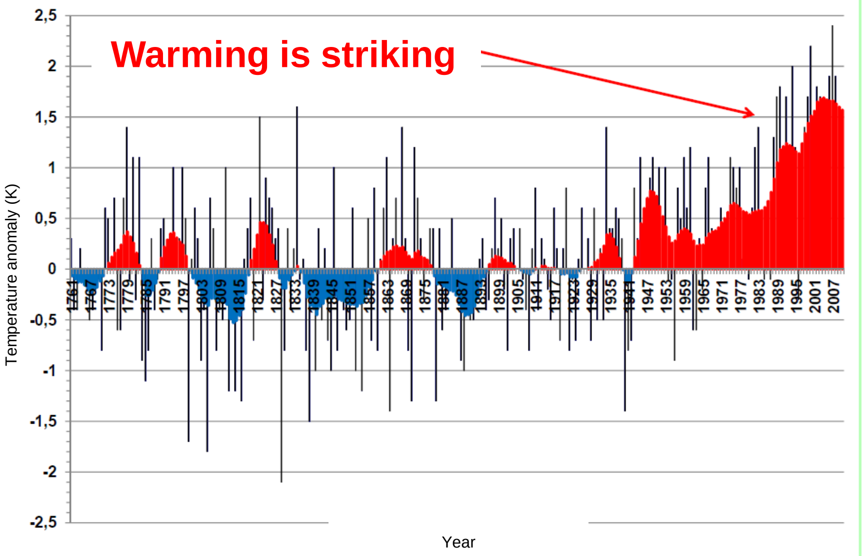
Climate reconstruction ⇒ Time scales

Mechanism	time scale [years]
• Solar radiation	
Fusion power	10^9
Orbital parameters	10^4 - 10^6
Sunspot cycles	10 - 1000
• Albedo of the Earth All	All
• Plate tectonics	
Mountain building, continental drift, ocean currents	10^6 - 10^8
• Greenhouse effect	All
CO_2, CH_4, H_2O, N_2O, CF_4, NF_3, SF_6, FCKW, …	
• Aerosols	
Volcanoes, air pollution	1 - 10
• Land use	1 - 100

„Baur“ temperature series for Central Europe 1761 - 2010



Warming is striking

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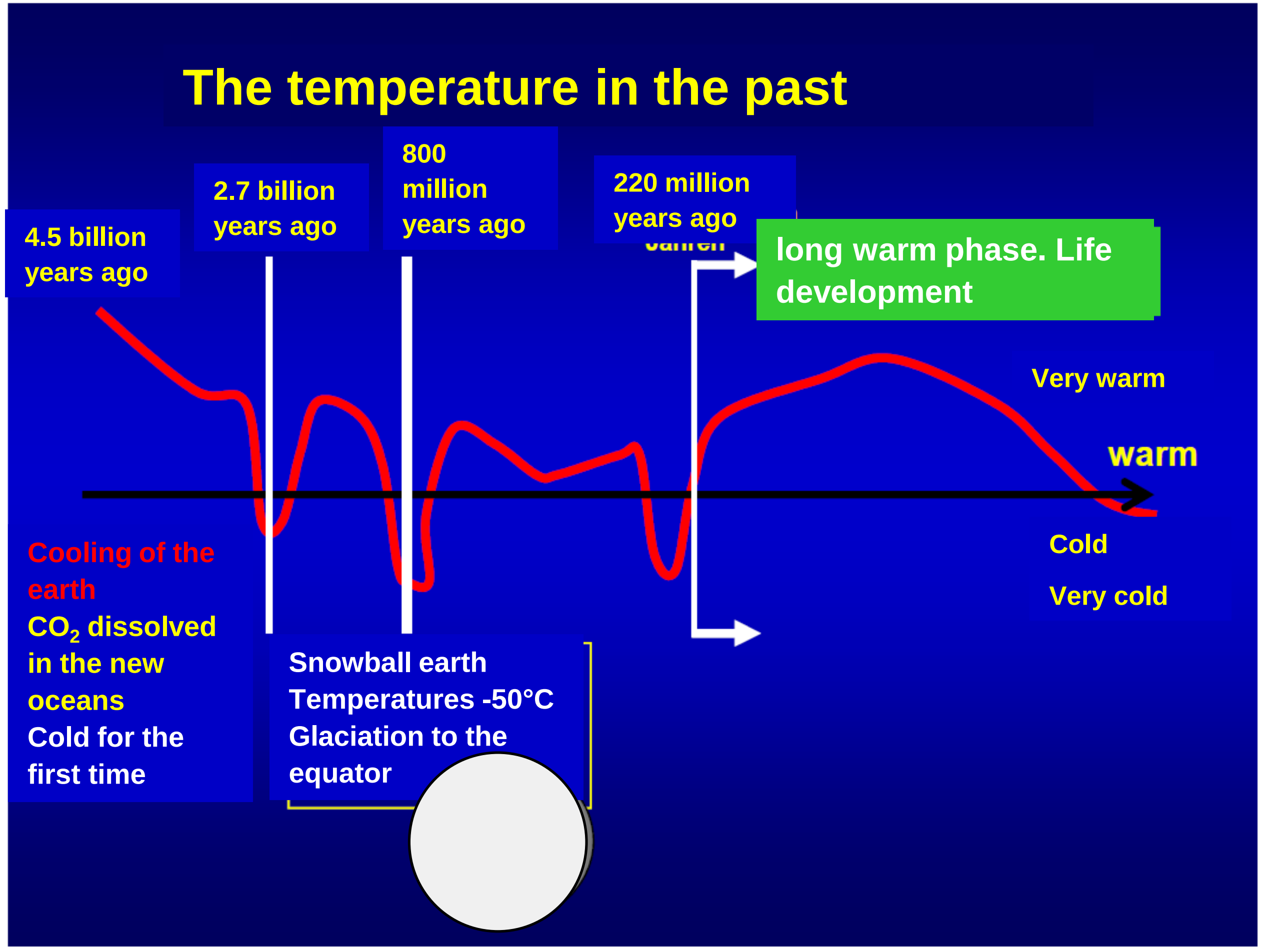
Climate reconstruction: long and short term.....



The temperature in the past

4.5 billion years ago

2.7 billion years ago

800 million years ago

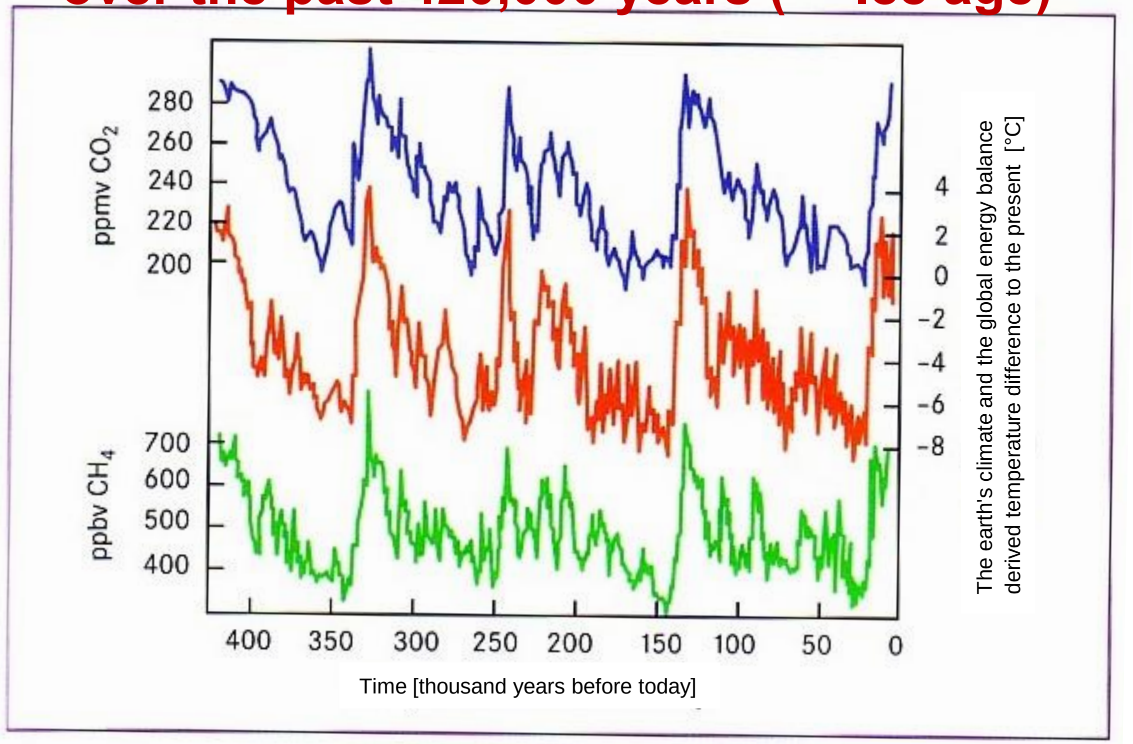
220 million years ago

long warm phase. Life development

Cooling of the earth
CO_2 dissolved in the new oceans
Cold for the first time

Snowball earth
Temperatures -50°C
Glaciation to the equator

CO_2, CH_4, and temperature fluctuations over the past 420,000 years (→ Ice age)



Atmospheric composition reconstructed from ice cores of the Antarctic spherical composition of the last 420.000 years Source: Mauser 2007 in Gebhardt et al., S. 969)

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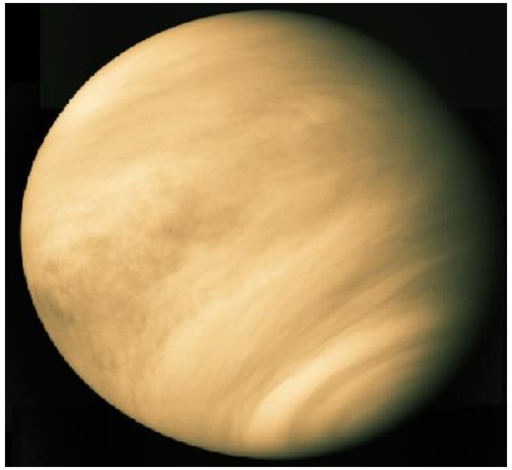
Comparison of the terrestrial solar planets in the "habitable" zone of the solar system

Venus



2.61 kW/m^2
Albedo = 0.76 → $T_E = 232$ K
96% CO_2 + 3% N_2 + SO_2 + H_2O + Ar (ppms)

93 bar → $T_{real} = 740$ K
715 Mio. years ago: strong CO_2 increase (earlier: $T_{real} \sim 323$ K!)

Earth

1.37 kW/m^2
Albedo = 0.29 → $T_E = 255$ K
78% N_2 + 21% O_2 + 0.9% Ar + CO_2 + H_2O + CH_4 (ppms)

1 bar → $T_{real} = 288$ K
Biology: $H_2O(l)$ is solvent and H_2 source
$H_2O \rightarrow 4\,H^+$ (ATP) + $4\,e^-$ (NADH) + $O_2\uparrow$

Mars

0.59 kW/m^2
Albedo = 0.15 → $T_E = 213$ K
95% CO_2 + 3% N_2 + 1.5% Ar + H_2O (ppms)

5.6 mbar → $T_{real} = 225$ K

Note: Ar origins from ^{40}K decay

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Far future (10^6 - 10^9 years) of the earth climate

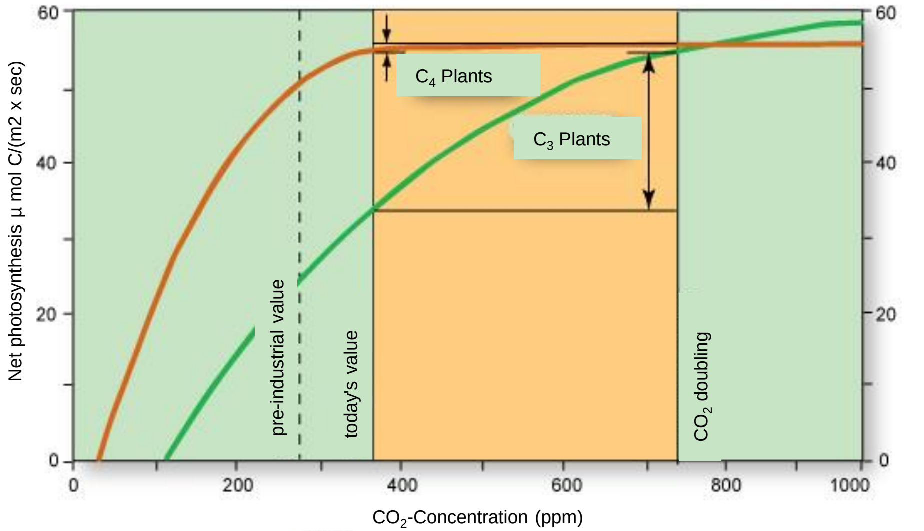
- Development of a CO_2 deficit
  - Biosphere will continue to remove CO_2 from the atmosphere as a reservoir and consumer.
  - Plate tectonics as driver of silicate-carbonate cycle will slow, causing CO_2 consumption to exceed replenishment.
  - Biological limit of photosynthesis at about 25 ppm CO_2 (→ C_4 plants)

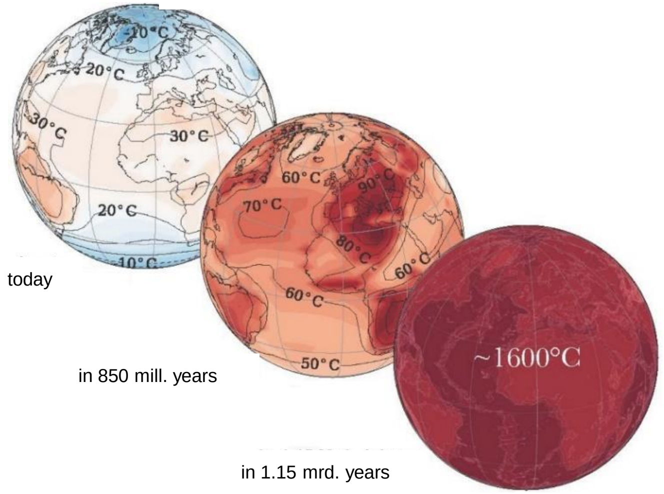
- Further increase of solar radiation intensity

- Loss of the hydrosphere (oceans)

- Fission of carbonate rocks:
  $(Mg,Ca)CO_3 \rightarrow (Mg,Ca)O + CO_2$

The response of C3 and C4 plants to an increase in the CO2 content of the atmosphere





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Nuclear energy

- Nuclear fusion: ^{1}H, ^{4}He ↓ Solar energy ↓ Radiation, heat
- Nuclear fission: ^{238}U, ^{232}Th, ^{40}K ↓ Geothermal energy ↓ Heat, plate tectonics

Gravitational energy

- Collapse (gas, dust, stars) ↓ Star/planet formation, SNe ↓ Heat, gravitational waves
- Tides ↓ angular momentum loss ↓ (latent) heat

Radiation, heat

↓ Photosynthesis

Fats, carbohydrates, proteins → Short-term carbon storage (biomass)

↓ Pressure and temperature

Coal, oil, gas, methane hydrate → long-term carbon storage (fossil fuels)

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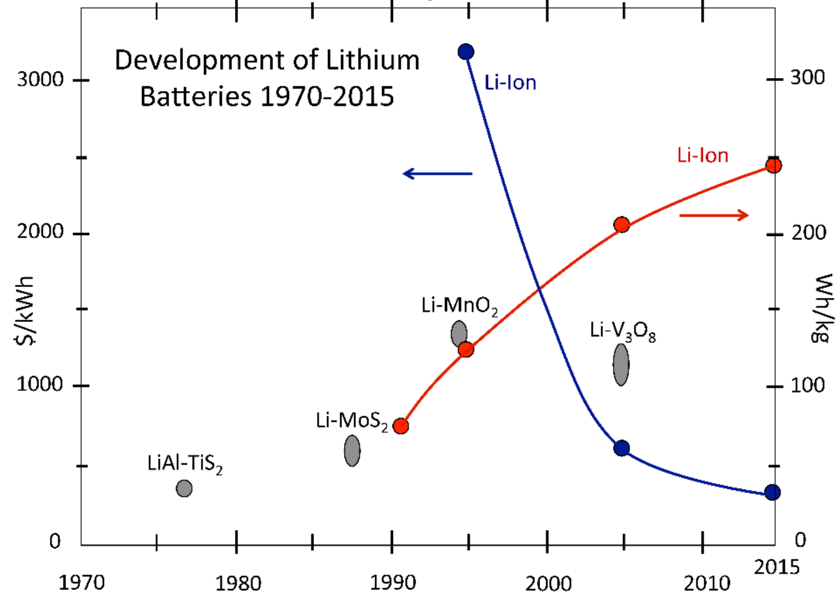
Technical energy storage options

(Li-) batteries	~1 MJ/kg	vehicles
Ammonia	23 MJ/kg	marine
Ethanol	27 MJ/kg	vehicles
H_2 fuel cell	60 MJ/kg	vehicles
H_2 oxyhydrogen	120 MJ/kg	space travel
H_2 nuclear fusion	72 TJ/kg	fusion power plants?
Antimatter annih.	90 PJ/kg	“Science Fiction”

For comparison: Fossil fuels

Hard coal	34 MJ/kg	Coal-fired power plants
Gasoline	40-42 MJ/kg	Vehicles
Diesel	42-43 MJ/kg	vehicles/railways
Kerosene	43 MJ/kg	Aviation

Lit.: Crabtree, Kocs, Trahey, MRS Bulletin, Dec 2015



Decentralized & mobile batteries, NH_3, H_2, EtOH

Decentralized & stationary batteries, CH_4, MeOH, EtOH

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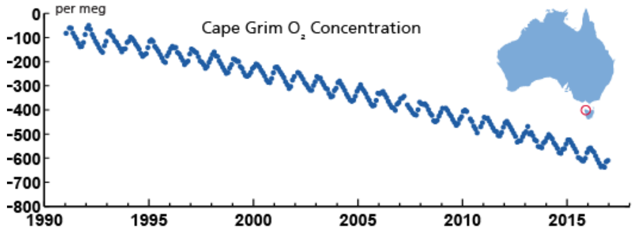
Problem of burning fossil carbon reservoirs

Primordial CO_2 ($1.47{\cdot}10^9$ t) → O_2 (sediments:Fe^{2+} 10^{-7} mol/l in ocean with $1.332{\cdot}10^{21}$ l water)

→ 4 $Fe(OH_3)\downarrow$ ($1.42{\cdot}10^{10}$ t) + C ($4.0{\cdot}10^8$ t) ⇒ negligible!

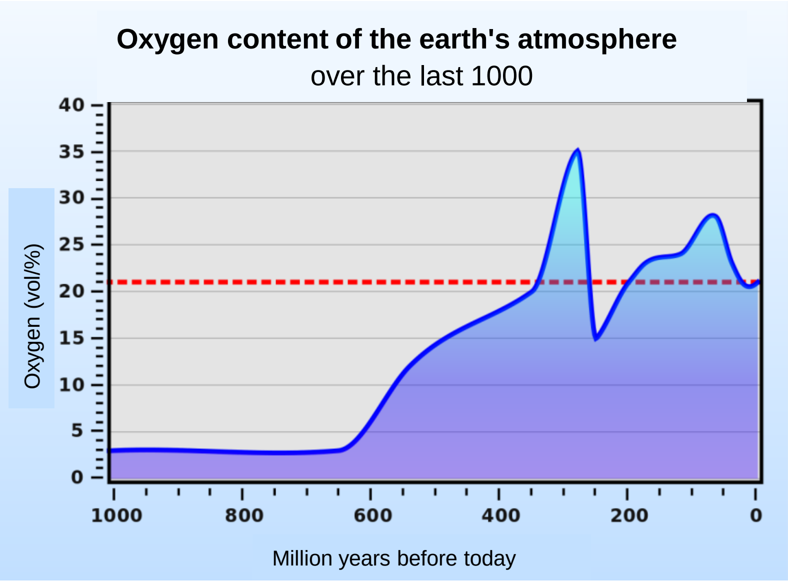
Primordial CO_2 ($1.64{\cdot}10^{15}$ t) → O_2 (atmosphere: $1.19{\cdot}10^{15}$ t) + C ($0.45{\cdot}10^{15}$ t)



CO_2 emission 2021 ~ 36.3 Gt:

- **Since 1985 O_2 concentration decreased by 600 ppm (Cape Grim)**
- **Continue like this?: In about 45.000 years all atmospheric oxygen would be consumed**
- **Consequence: Reductive atmosphere + oceans with pH << 7!**

End of the biosphere as we know it....



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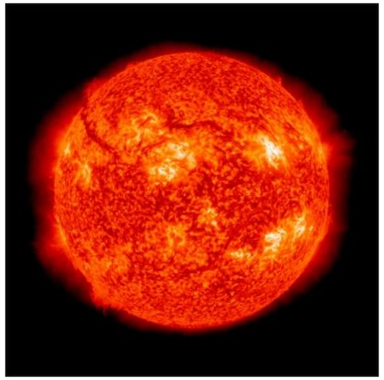
Future options (excluding fossil fuels) for meeting anthropogenic energy demand.



Sun

Moon

Earth

- Solar radiation:UV/Vis and IR
- Wind
- Water cycle
- Ocean currents
- Waves
- Biomass

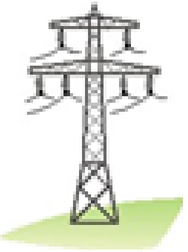
- Tidal range

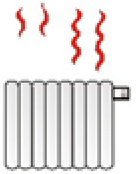
- Geothermal Energy

- Photovoltaics
- Solar collectors
- Solar ovens
- Wind turbines
- Wave power plants
- Hydroelectric power plants
- Biogas plants

- Tidal power plants

- Heat pumps
- Geothermal power plants





Geothermal energy (internal heat) = $996 \cdot 10^{18}$ J/a = 996 EJ/a

Source: Volker Quaschning, Regenerative Energiesysteme, 6. Auflage, Hanser Verlag , München, 2009

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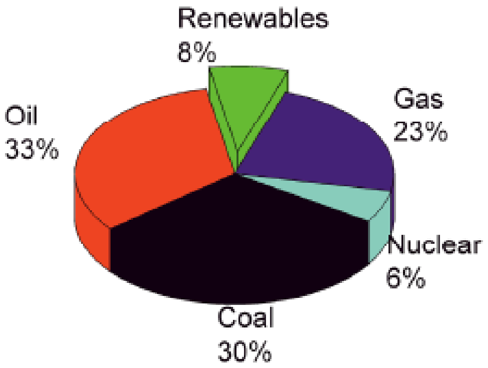
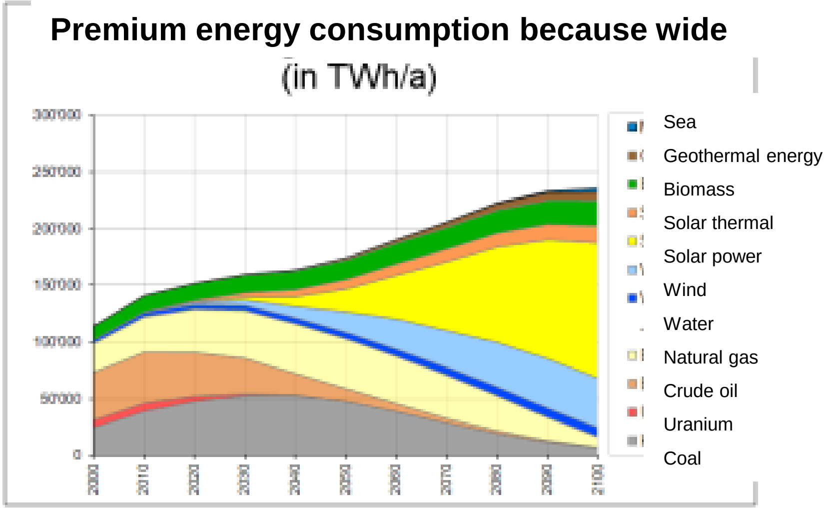
Global anthropogenic energy demand in the 21st century

Year	Inst. power	Energy demand
Y2010	**14 TW**	**123,000 TWh/a**
Y2050	**20 TW**	**176,000 TWh/a**
Y2100	**34 TW**	**299,000 TWh/a**





Potential of CO_2 free energy sources

Water	**1-2 TW**
Biomass	**5-7 TW**
Wind	**14 TW**

Solar 100.000 TW = 880 million TWh/a (3000 times the projected Y2100 consumption)

Global annual photosynthetically produced biomass($CO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow (CH_2O)_x + O_2$)

~ $3.0{\cdot}10^{21}$ J   95 TW ~ 836.000 TWh ~ 700 Gt biomass ~ 105 Gt C

biomass total   ~ 560 Gt C/a (Wikipedia)

Photosynthesis based on [Mn_4Ca] clusters

Ergo: The global energy consumption can be covered in the long term only by solar energy (PV, PS)

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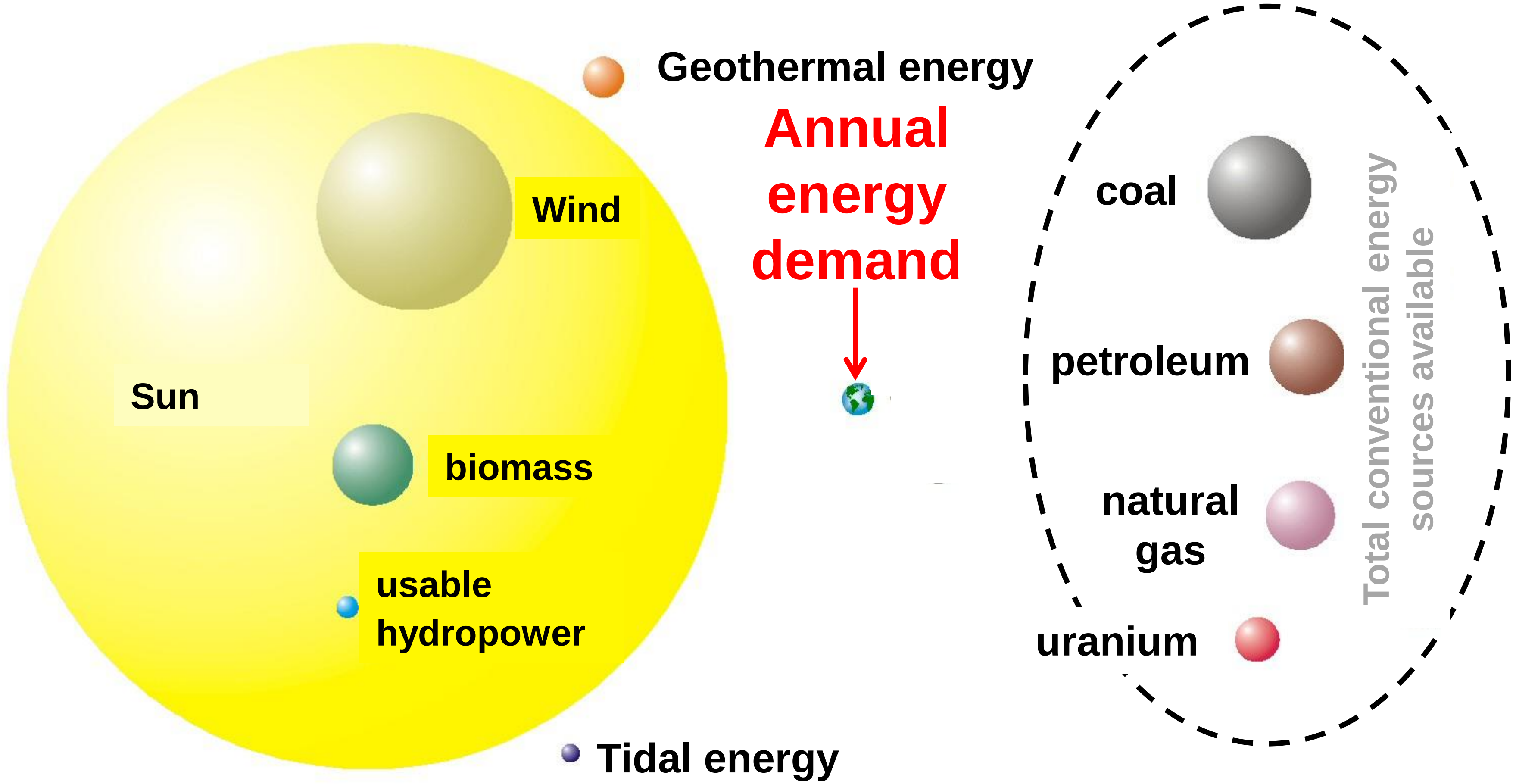
Global anthropogenic energy demand in the 21st century

Annual energy supply



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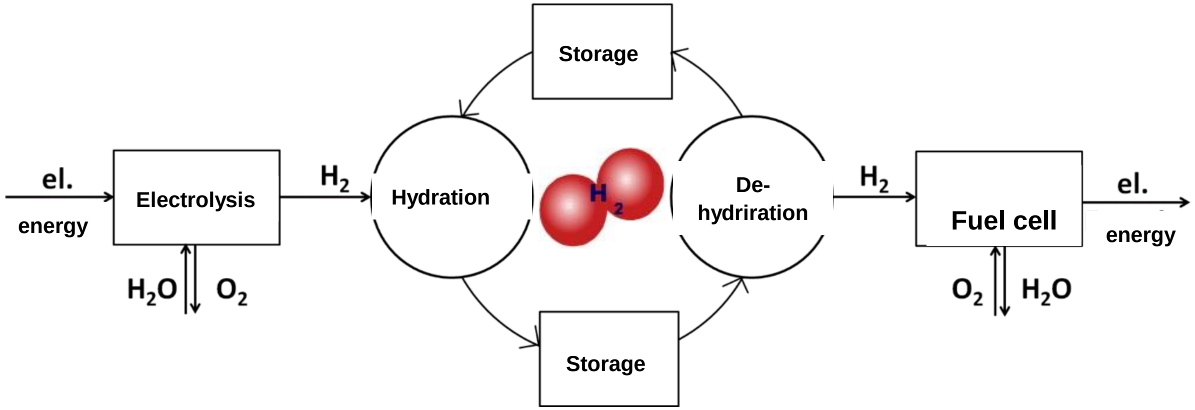
Globally generated altern. Energy (2016) 80.5·10^{18} J   Total demand (2014) ~ 574·10^{18} J (Wikipedia)

– Biomass	56.5·10^{18} J
– Hydroelectric power	14.6·10^{18} J
– Geothermal	3.37·10^{18} J
– Photovoltaics (PV)	1.18·10^{18} J
– Solar thermal power	1.41·10^{18} J
– Wind power	3.45·10^{18} J
– Tidal power	0.004·10^{18} J



Functional materials for a green or sustainable energy economy require metallic raw materials

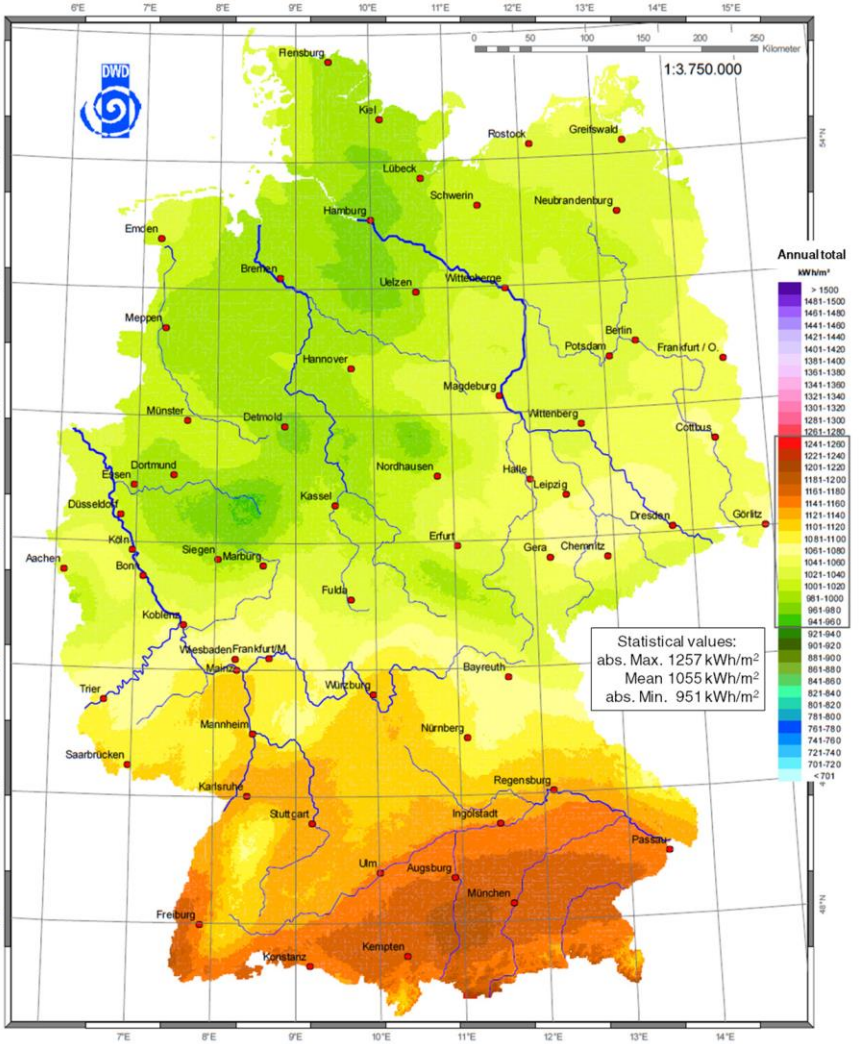
– Magnetics	$SrFe_{12}O_{19}$, $SmCo_5$, Sm_2Co_{17}, $Nd_2Fe_{12}B$
– PV materials	Si, CdTe, GaAs, $Cu(In,Ga)S_2$, perovskites $APbX_3$
– Electrocatalysts	Co, Ni, Cu, Pd, Rh, Pt, Ir
– Photocatalysts	TiO_2, $SrTiO_3$, $(Na,K)TaO_3$:La, (Cd,Zn)S, $K_3Ta_3B_2O_{12}$, GaN:Zn,O
– Fuel cells	ZrO_2:Y(Ca,Sc), $BaZrO_3$:Y, CeO_2:Gd, $LaGaO_3$
– Battery materials	Li_2CO_3, cobaltates, carbon, …..
– Alternative fuels	H_2, CH_4, LPG, MeOH, EtOH, Mg, Al, dibenzyltoluene, N-ethylcarbazole

3. Global energy production

Area required for the consumption of Germany (~ 360,000 km²)

Biogas	**45000 km²**	**~ 12.5%**
Wind energy	**7200 km²** **(area between masts can be used for agriculture or similar)**	**~ 2%**
Photovoltaic	**1800 km²**	**~ 0.5%**
Total area of streets	**15800 km²**	**~ 4.4%**

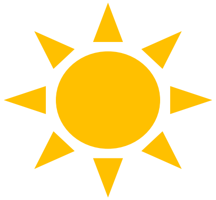
Consequently:
Solely PV can cover the energy demand of whole Germany as well as of the whole world without creating major conflicts for land use



Statistical values:
abs. Max. 1257 kWh/m²
Mean 1055 kWh/m²
abs. Min. 951 kWh/m²

3. Global energy production

Photosynthesis in green plants



Light energy → **Chemical energy**

~ 1 kW/m²

$$6\,CO_2 + 6\,H_2O \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6\,O_2$$

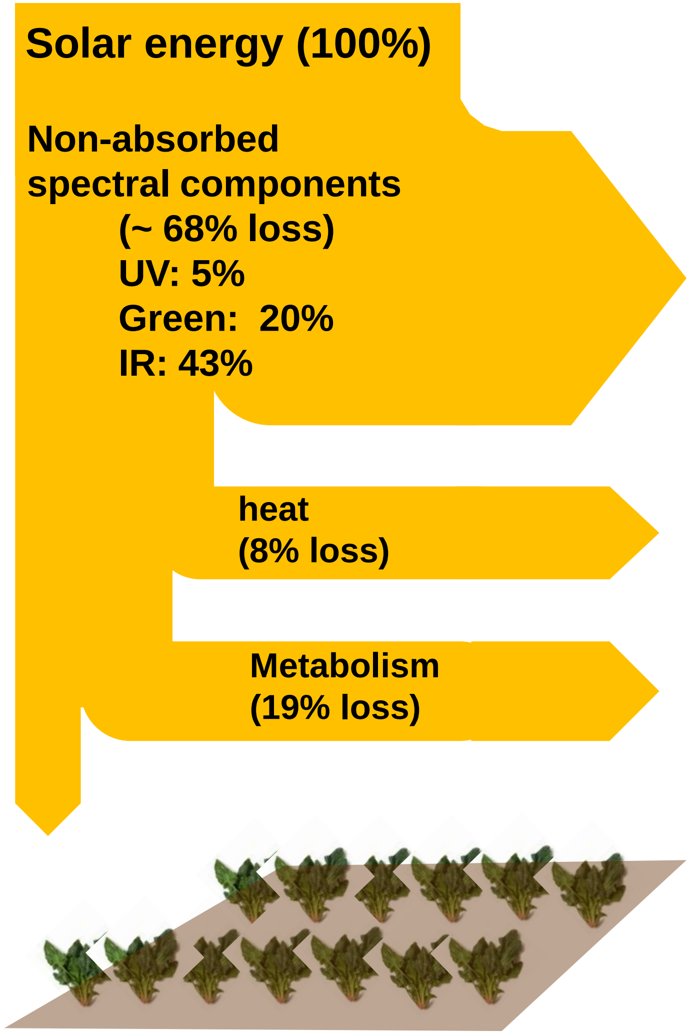
$$\Delta G^0 = 2872\ \text{kJ/mol}$$

η = 100%: 1.25 mol or 225 g biomass/m²h

η = 5%: 0.063 mol oder 11.3 g biomass/m²h

Cultivated cropland

- → **~ 650 g biomass/m²a (Wikipedia)**
- → **0.074 g biomass/m²h**
- → **0.020 mg biomass/m²s**
- → **η ~ 0.03% (Biomass energy production)**



Solar energy (100%)

Non-absorbed spectral components
(~ 68% loss)
UV: 5%
Green: 20%
IR: 43%

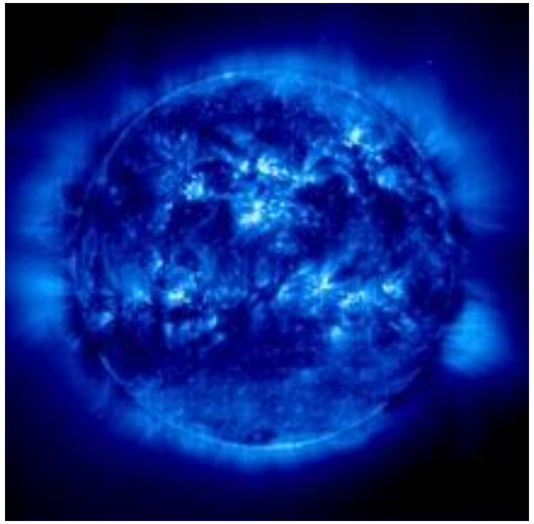
heat
(8% loss)

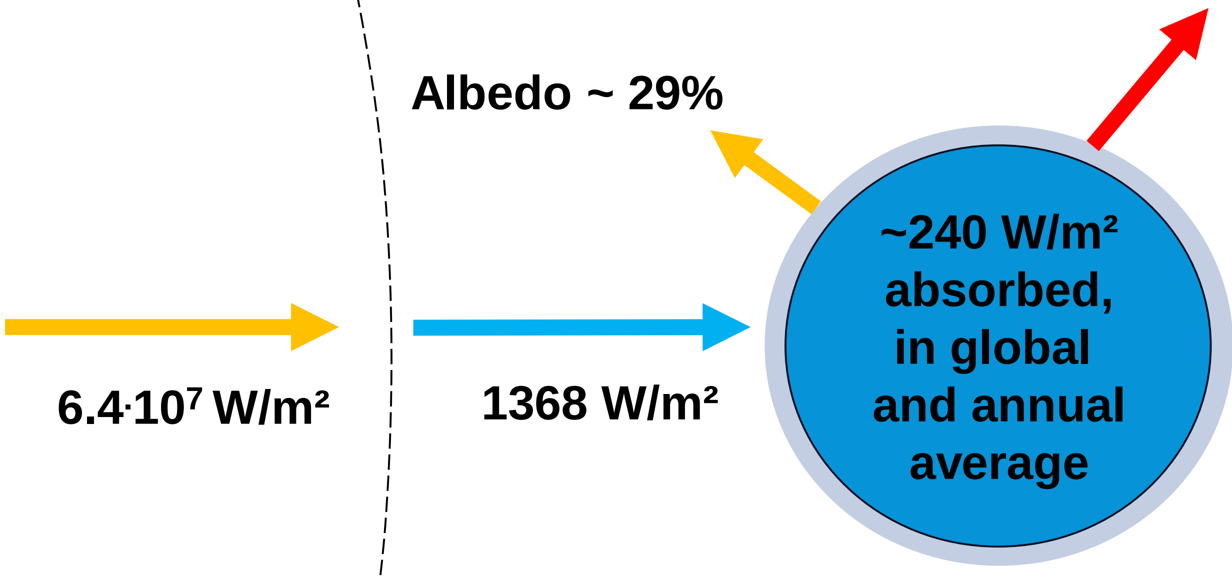
Metabolism
(19% loss)

4. Solar power generation

Sun: $d_{equatorial}$ = 1.39 Mill. km

Surface $T_{Surface}$ ~ 5780 K





Earth: $d_{equatorial}$ = 12,756 km

σT_E^4, T_E = 255 K

Albedo ~ 29%

$6.4 \cdot 10^7$ W/m²

1368 W/m²

~240 W/m² absorbed, in global and annual average

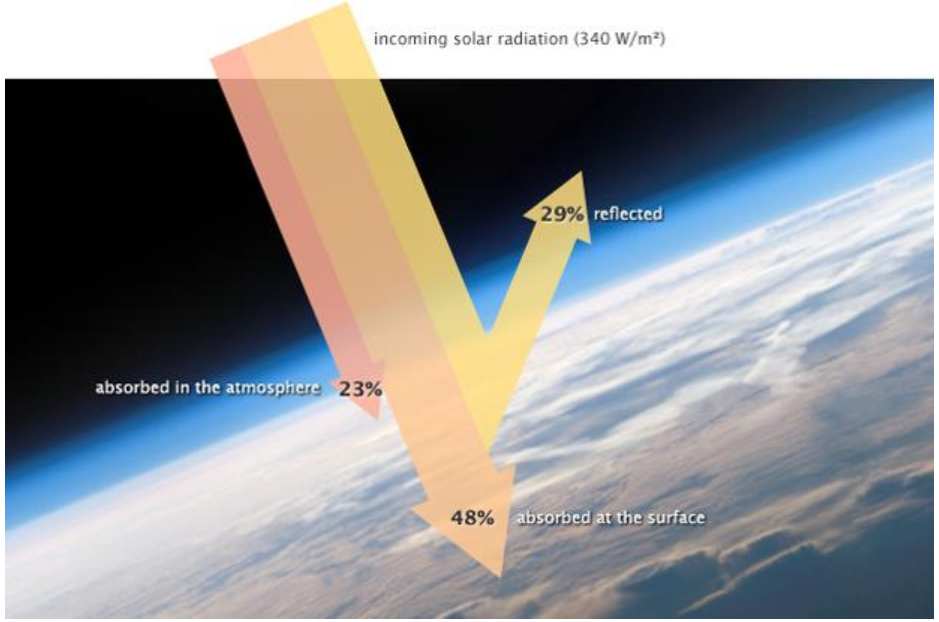
Radiant flux	**$3.85 \cdot 10^{26}$ W**	**$1.40 \cdot 10^{17}$ W**
Radiant flux density	**$6.4 \cdot 10^7$ W/m^2**	**240 W/m^2**
Energy flux per day	**$3.3 \cdot 10^{31}$ J/d**	**$1.20 \cdot 10^{22}$ J/d**
Energy flux per year	**$1.24 \cdot 10^{34}$ J/a**	**$4.4 \cdot 10^{24}$ J/a**

By comparison, global energy consumption by humans in 2015 was $5.2 \cdot 10^{20}$ J/a ~ 15% of biomass

4. Solar power generation: Global radiation

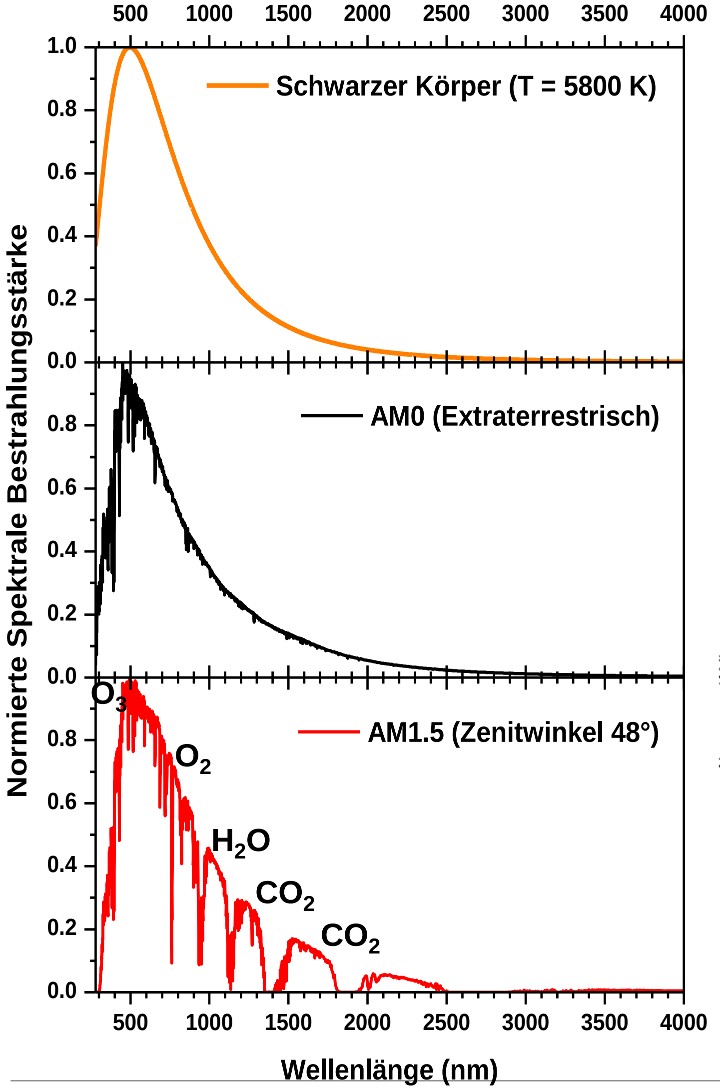
Extraterrestrial solar constant $E_s \sim 1368\ \mathrm{W/m^2}$

(Circular area πr^2 / surface area $4\pi r^2 = ¼$)

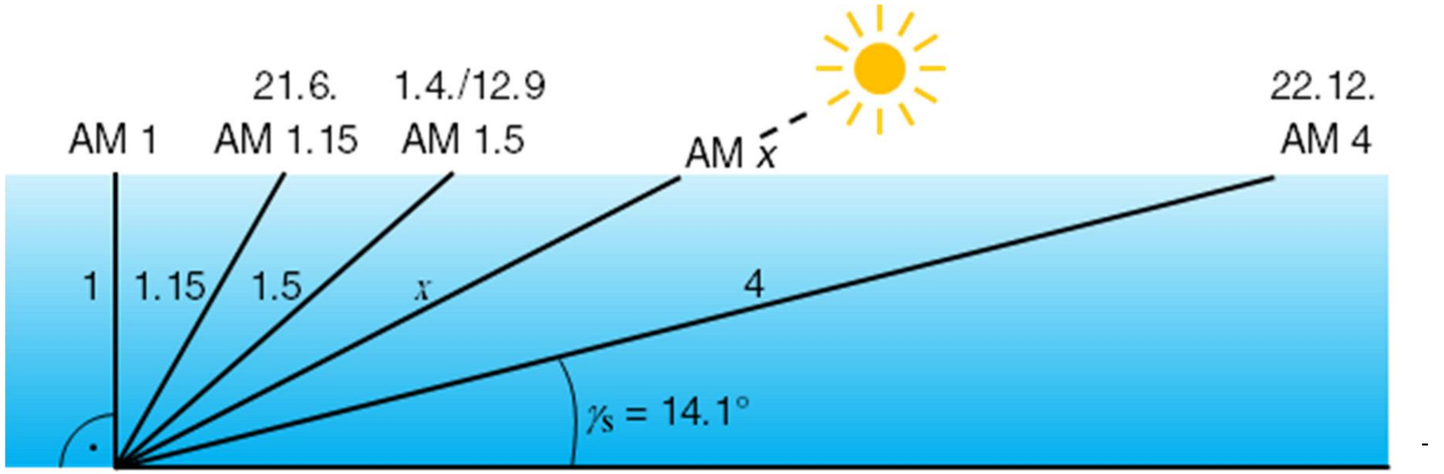


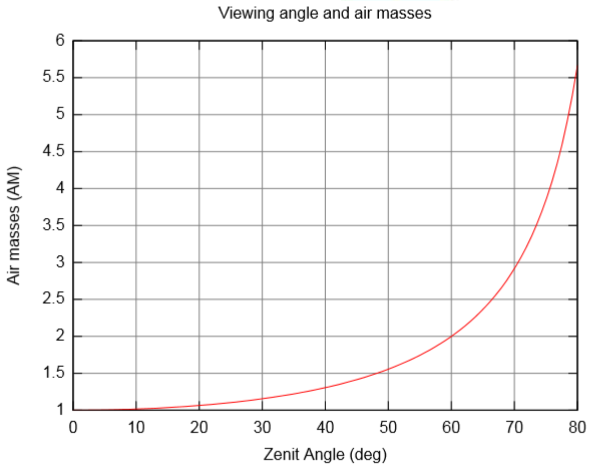
Incident solar radiation:	**$E_s/4 = 342\ \mathrm{W/m^2}$**
Reflected by clouds Atmosphere & surface	**99 W/m^2 (Albedo ~ 0.29)**
Absorbed by Earth's surface	**164 W/m^2**
Absorbed by atmosphere	**79 W/m^2**
Effects of global radiation:	**surface warming, melting/sublimation of ice and snow, water evaporation → wind, clouds and currents Photosynthesis → biomass production ~ $3.0 \cdot 10^{21}$ J**

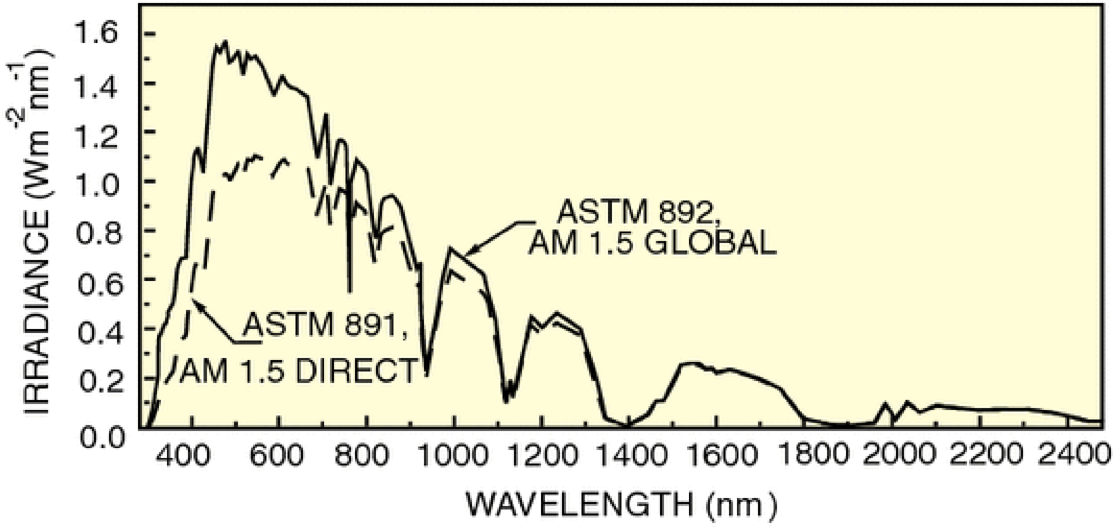
4. Solar power generation: Global radiation



Standard spectra







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4. Solar power generation: Global radiation

Standard spectra in numbers

Irradiation situation	Standard	Irradiance (Wm^{-2})		
		Total	250 - 2500 nm	250 - 1100 nm (~ Si PV)
	WMO Spectrum	1368		
AM 0	ASTM E 490	1353	1302.6	1006.9
AM 1	CIE Publication 85, Table 2		969.7	779.4
AM 1,5 D	ASTM E 891	768.3	756.5	584.7
AM 1,5 G	ASTM E 892	963.8	951.5	768.6
AM 1,5 G	CEI/IEC* 904-3	1000	987.2	797.5

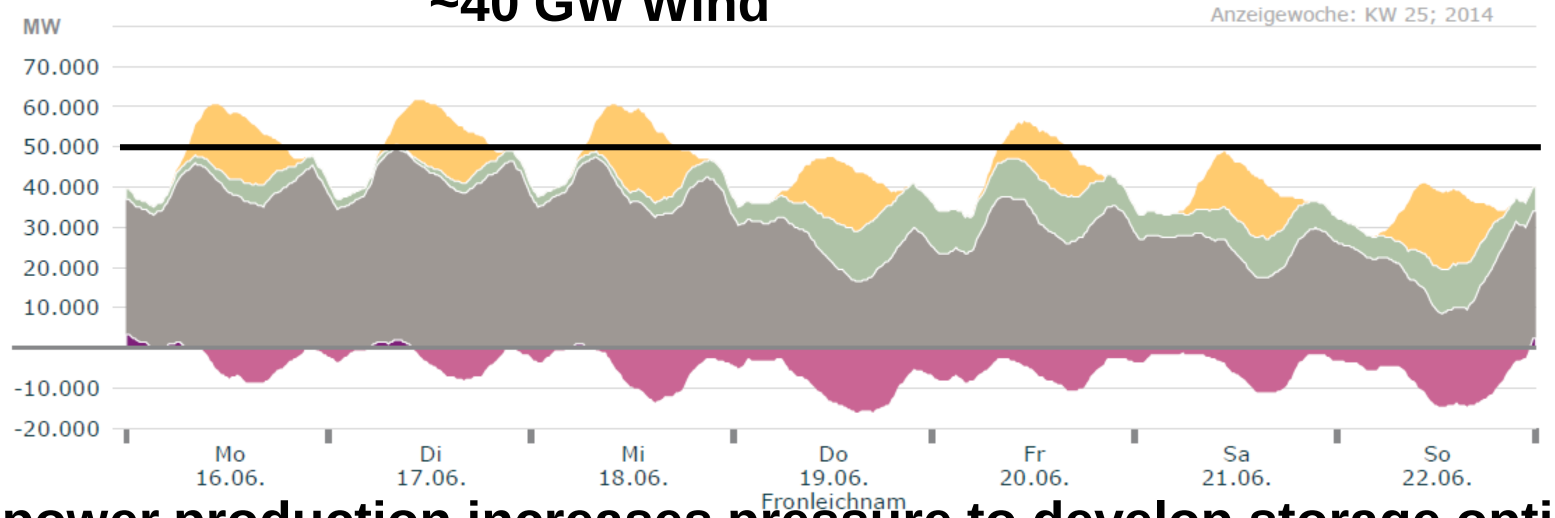
< 400 nm	400 – 500 nm	500 – 600 nm	600 – 700 nm	> 700 nm
37.8 W/m^2	130.4 W/m^2	144.6 W/m^2	134.0 W/m^2	26.2 W/m^2
5.3%	18.2%	20.2%	18.7%	37.6%

4. Solar power generation: Global radiation

Solar and wind energy production in Germany and worldwide is growing continuously

Situation in Germany

Year	Installed "peak" capacity
2011	18 GW Solar
	28 GW Wind
2014	36 GW Solar
	34 GW Wind
2020	~50 GW Solar
	~40 GW Wind



Potential „Cut-off“

Excess solar power production increases pressure to develop storage options

4. Solar power generation: Options

For conversion

→ Thermal processes → High-temperature chemistry
→ Quantum processes

Photochemistry

Photovoltaics

Homogeneous

Heterogeneous

Semiconductors: Si, $Cu(In,Ga)S_2$,
Perovskites $APbX_3$

Dye cells (Graetzel cells)
Organic / Polymer Solar Cells

- Photosynthesis
- Metal complexes
- Metal clusters
- Metal colloids
- Biochemical inspired approaches

Stability problems

- Si µ-wires
- Manganates: $Ca_2Mn_3O_8$
- intermetallics: $TiSi_2$
- Glass
- Ceramics

Ceramics are stable

Only Si is stable in the long term

4. Solar power generation: Established solutions

For conversion

•	**Solar thermal**	**Light → thermal energy**	**Solar collectors**
•	**Photovoltaics (PV)**	**Light → electrical energy**	**Solar cells**
•	**Photosynthesis**	**Light → chemical energy**	**Plants**

Light reaction:

Homogeneous photolysis of water $2\ H_2O \rightarrow O_2\uparrow + 4\ H^+ + 4\ e^-$

↓ ↘

ATP NADPH

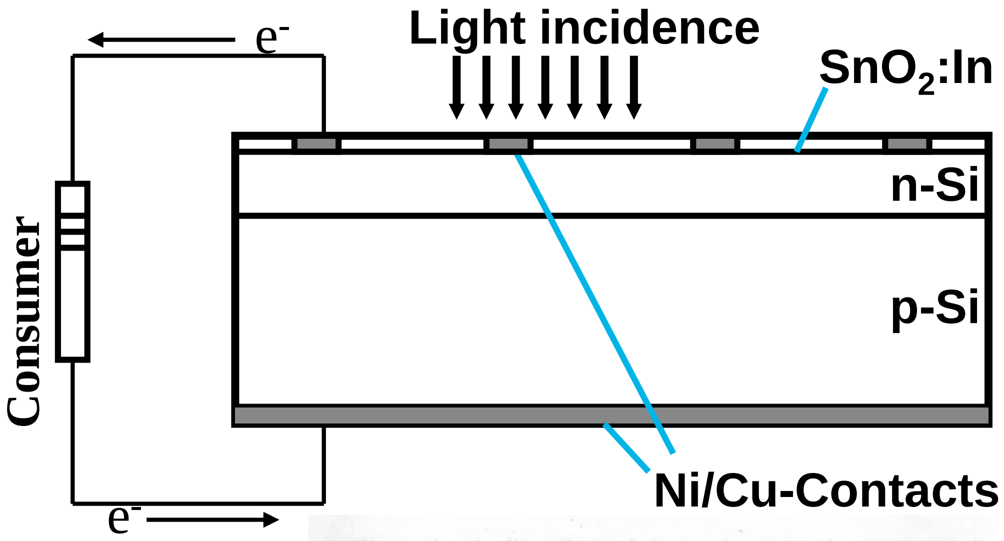
Dark reaction:

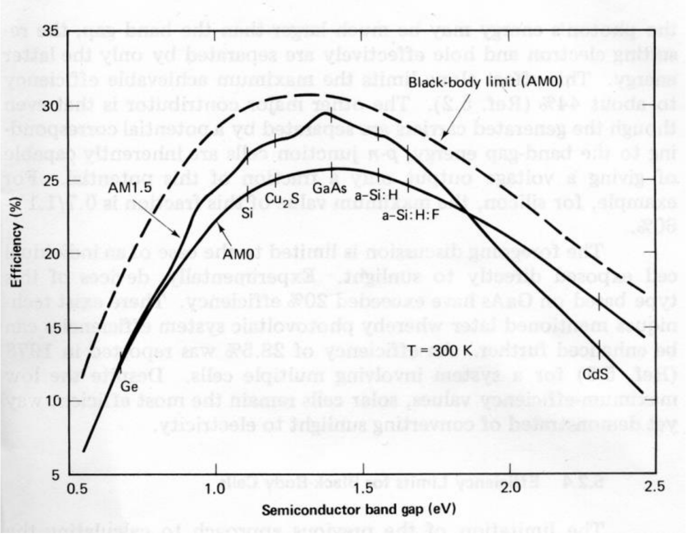
Synthesis of carbohydrates: $CO_2 + 2\ H^+ + 2\ NADPH \rightarrow (CH_2O)_x + H_2O + 2\ NADP^+$

4. Solar power generation: Photovoltaics

Design and efficiency of semiconductor solar cells

Semiconductor material	Band gap [eV]
CdS	2.2
a-Si:H,F	1.7
a-Si:H	1.6
$CuInS_2$	1.5
GaAs	1.4
Cu_2S	1.2
c-Si	1.107
Ge	0.6





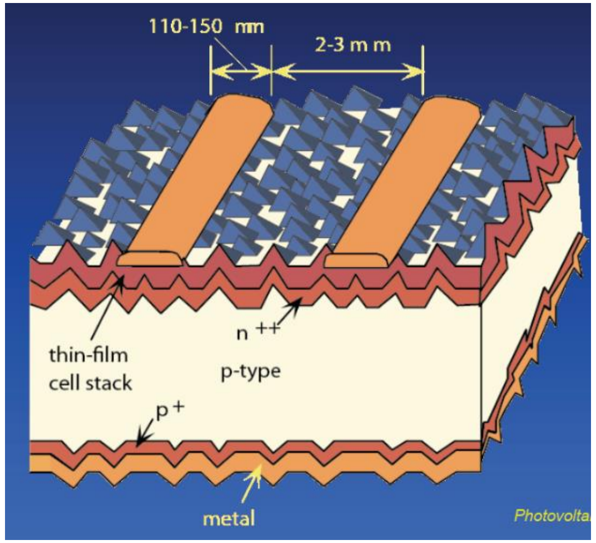
Optimal materials have a band gap of 1.0 to 1.5 eV (800 - 1250 nm): GaAs, a- or c-Si

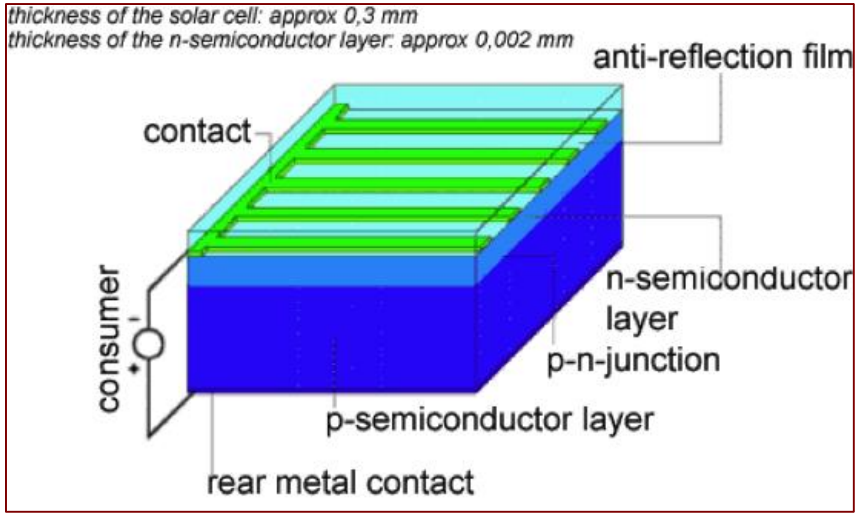
Shockley-Queisser efficiency limit for solar cells ~ 30%.

4. Solar power generation: Photovoltaics

Solar cells from 1954 to today....

First practicable photovoltaic cell:
Chapin, Fuller and Pearson demonstrate a Si cell with an efficiency of about 6% at Bell Laboratories in 1954



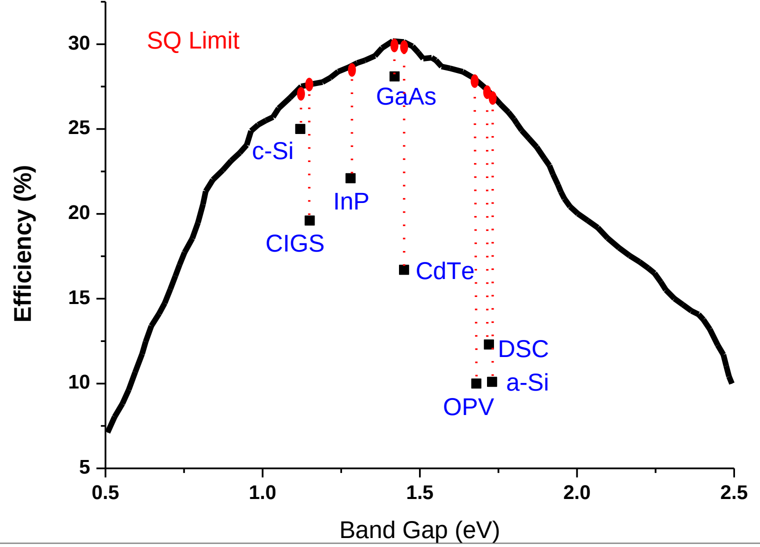


thickness of the solar cell: approx 0,3 mm
thickness of the n-semiconductor layer: approx 0,002 mm

4. Solar power generation: Photovoltaics

Solar cell generations by material		**Efficiency η**
Si-cells, amorphous, polycrystalline, monocrystalline	**1st generation solar cells**	**8%, 15 - 22%**
Thin film) CdTe, GaAs, $Cu(In,Ga)(S,Se)_2$	**2nd generation solar cells**	**12 - 25%**
Dye cells, organic and perovskite cells	**3rd generation solar cells**	**2 - 3%**

Main problem: Shockley-Queisser* (SQ) limit → PV efficiency < 30% !



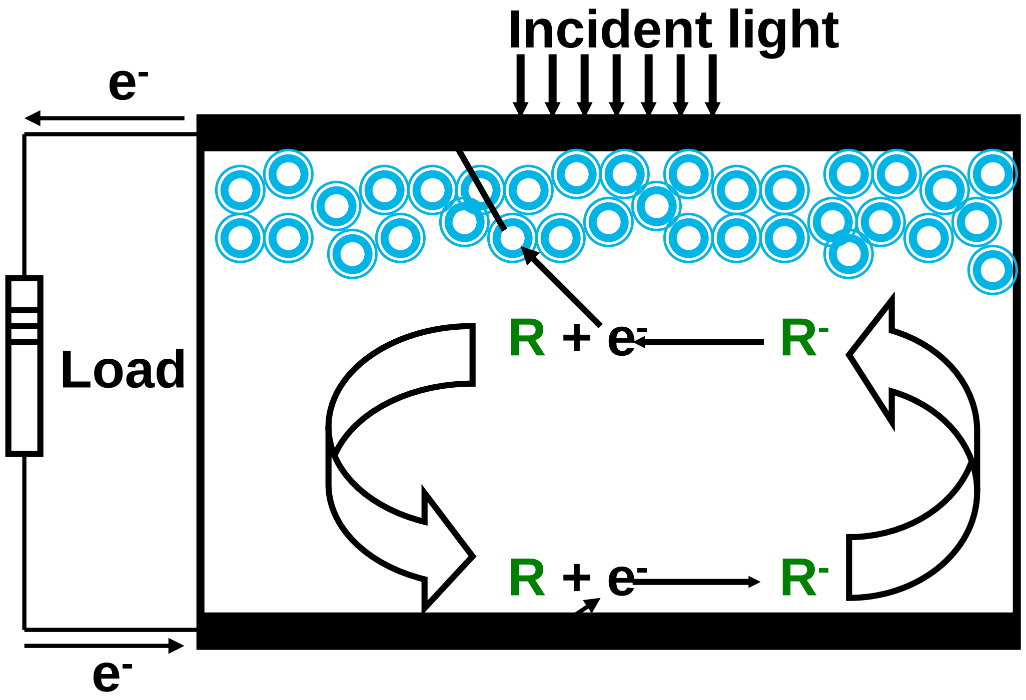
Optimal band gap : 1.34 eV ~ GaAs η ~ 25%

Lit.:

- **M.B. Prince, JAP 26 (1955) 534**
- **J. Loferski, JAP 27 (1956) 777**
- ***W. Shockley, H.J. Queisser, JAP 32 (1961) 510**

4. Solar power generation: Photovoltaics

Solar cells (Grätzel cells)



Glass substrate with SnO_2:F (0.5 µm)

TiO_2-nanoparticle membrane (5 - 10 µm)

Electrolyte solution with redox mediator

Glass substrate with SnO_2:F (0.5 µm) & Pt coating (2 µm)

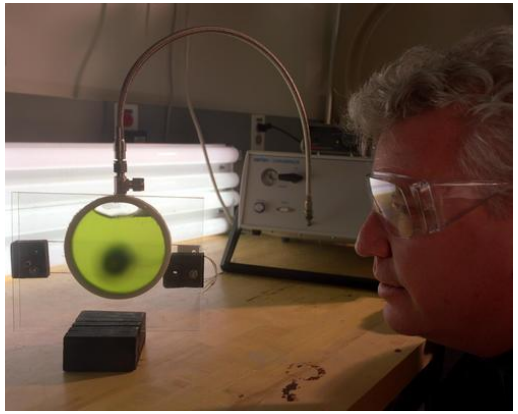
TiO_2 is the ideal catalyst for charge separation, but absorbs only UV radiation

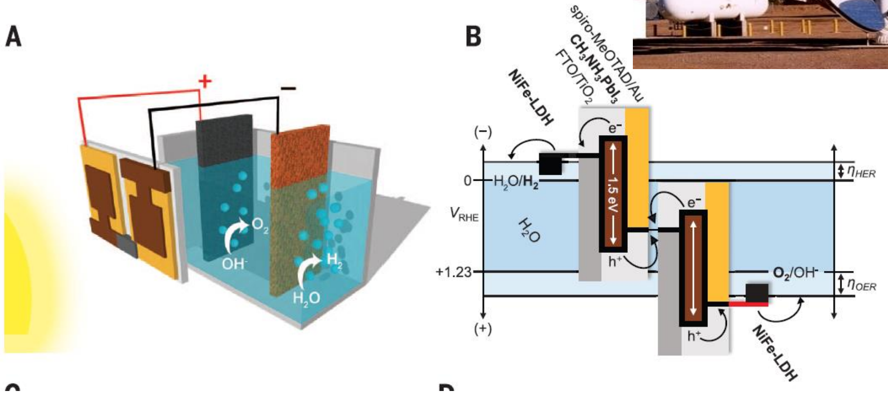
→ Sensitization required

5. Water splitting

Ways to split water according to 2 $H_2O(g) \rightarrow O_2(g) + 2 H_2(g)$

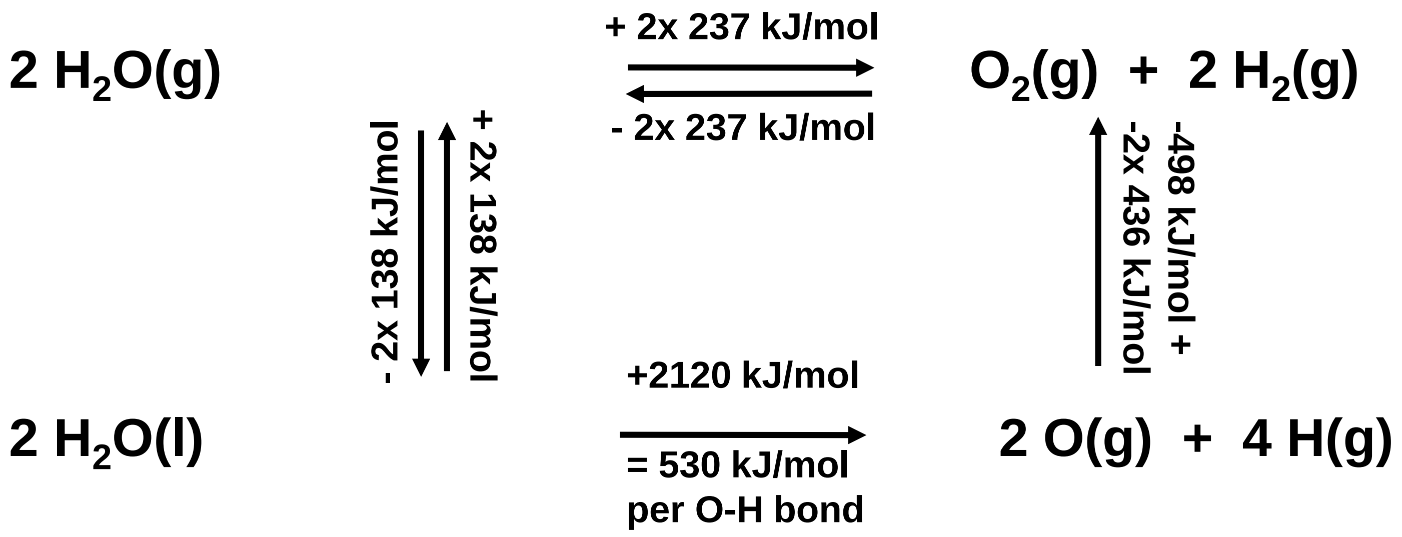
- Photosynthesis
  - Plants (fast growing)
  - (micro)algae
- Electrolysis
- Thermolysis
- Plasmalysis
- Sonolysis
- Photolysis
- Photocatalysis





5. Water splitting

Energy balance



$2\ H_2O(g)$ $\xrightarrow{+\ 2x\ 237\ kJ/mol}$ / $\xleftarrow[-\ 2x\ 237\ kJ/mol]{}$ $O_2(g)\ +\ 2\ H_2(g)$

- 2x 138 kJ/mol ↓ ↑ + 2x 138 kJ/mol

-498 kJ/mol + -2x 436 kJ/mol ↑

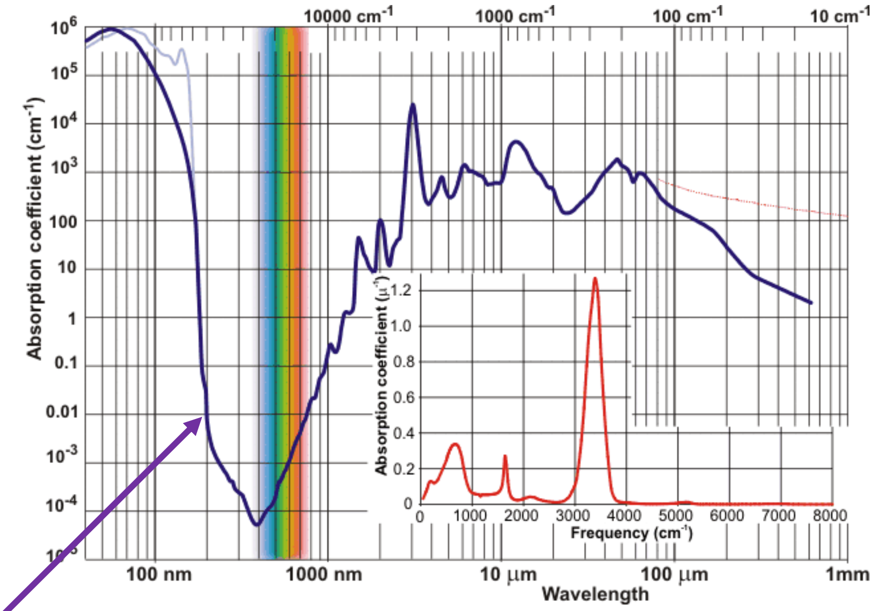
$2\ H_2O(l)$ $\xrightarrow{+2120\ kJ/mol}$ $2\ O(g)\ +\ 4\ H(g)$

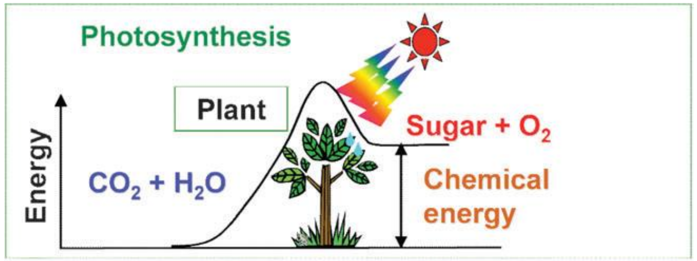
= 530 kJ/mol per O-H bond

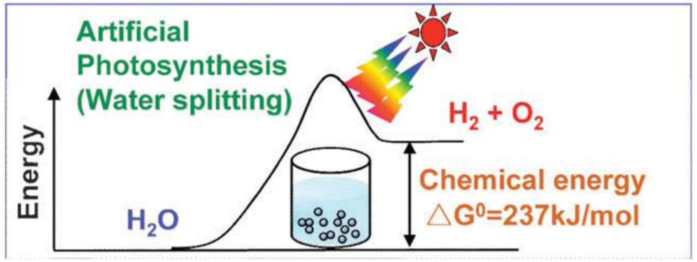
Photolysis of water without photocatalyst:

Requires VUV or EUV radiation (< 200 nm)

→ Strato-/mesosphere or VUV radiation sources



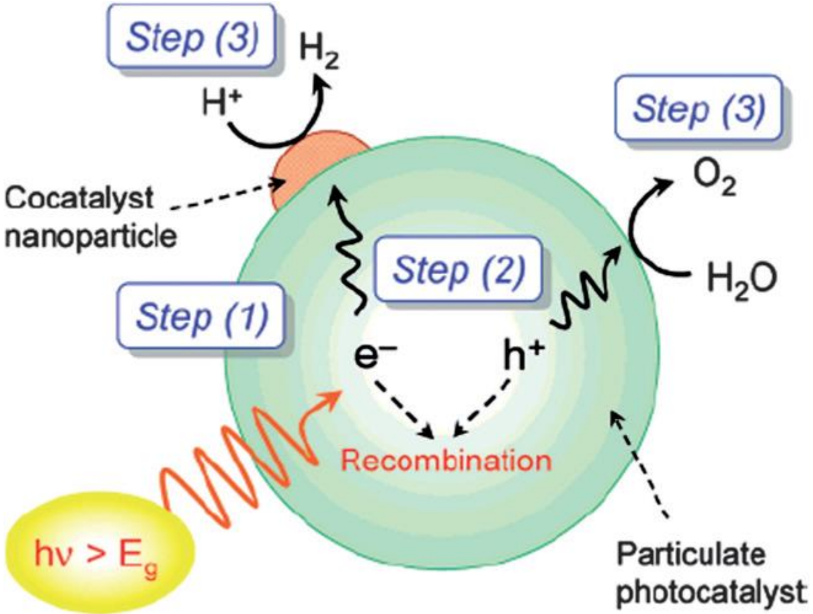


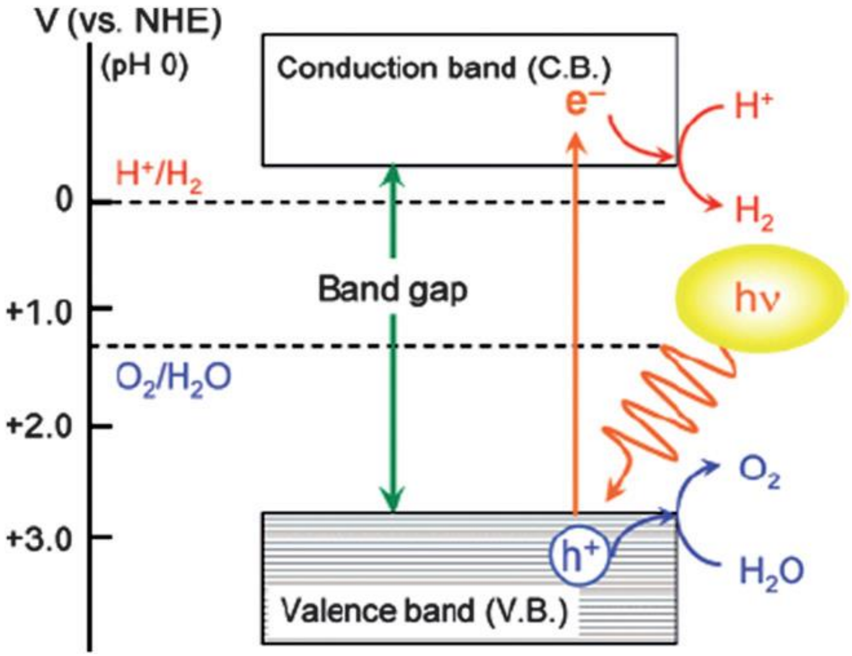


5. Water splitting

By photocatalysis with semiconductors

- **First system by A. Fujishima und K. Honda (Nature 238 (1972) 38)**
  → TiO_2 with Pt as co-catalyst
- **Water splitting possible from about 1000 nm (1.23 eV), but in real systems the voltage is higher > ~1.8 V (overvoltage)**

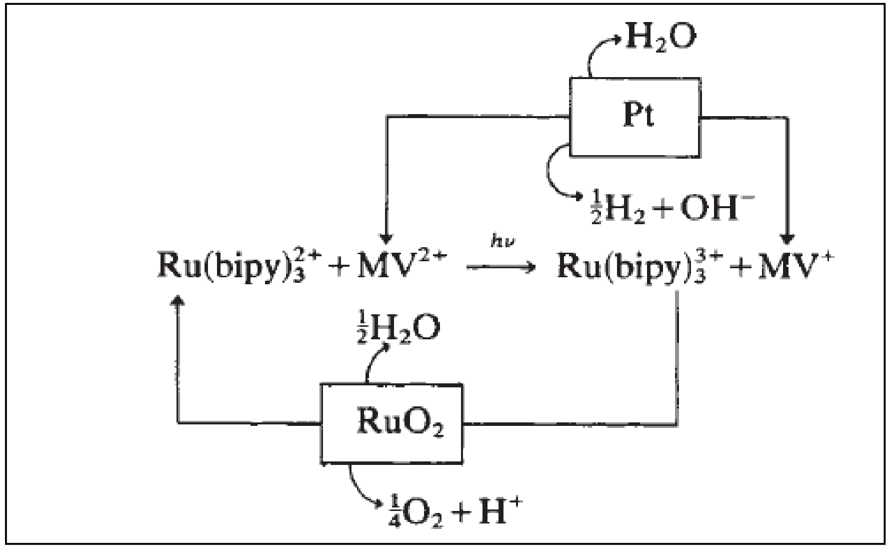


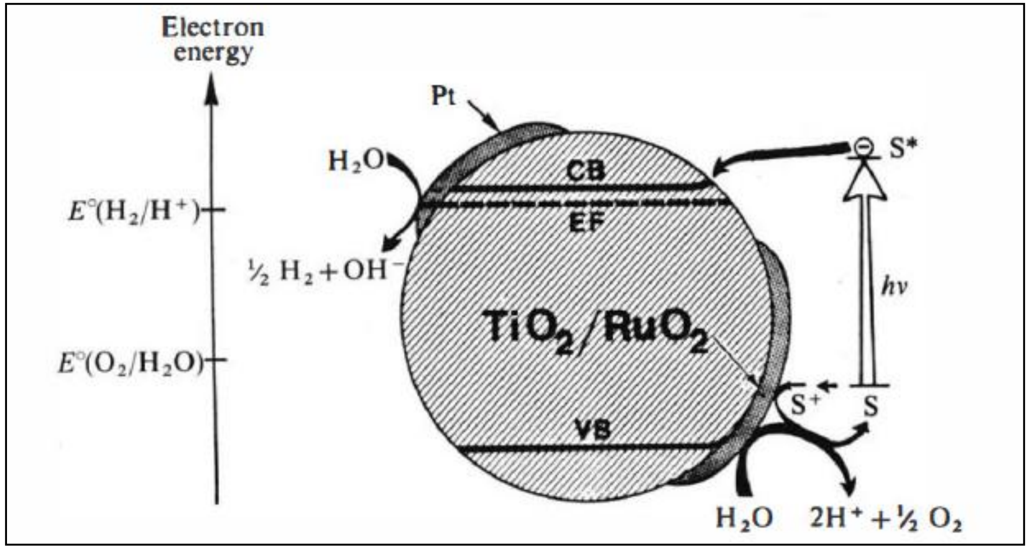


5. Water splitting

By photocatalysis with semiconductor and a sensitizer

- **First system with a sensitizer by Michael Graetzel (Nature 289 (1981) 158)**
  → TiO_2 with Pt and RuO_2 as co-catalysts and $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ and methyl viologen as sensitizers (antennas)
- **Synthesis of Pt nanoparticles starting from H_2PtCl_6 and citrate**





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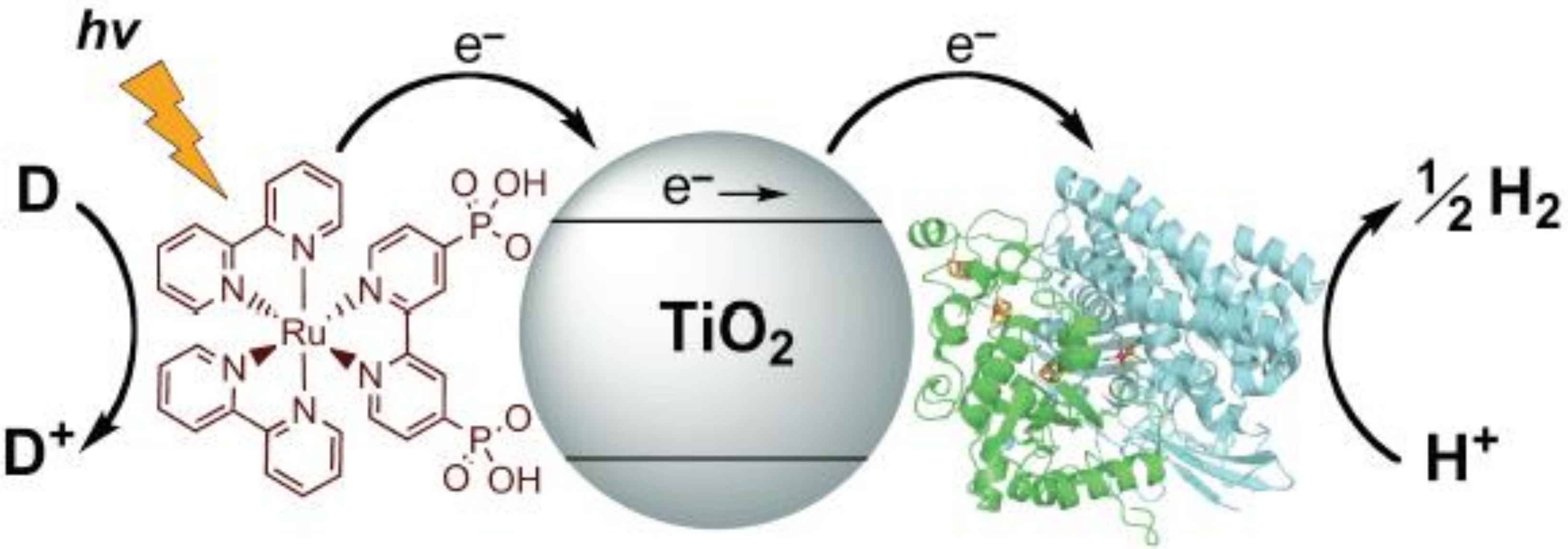
By photocatalysis with complexes and enzymes



Schematic of light-induced H_2 production with D [NiFeSe]-H bound to TiO_2 nanoparticles sensitized with a Ru^{2+} complex in the presence of an electron donor D as a "sacrificial cathode"

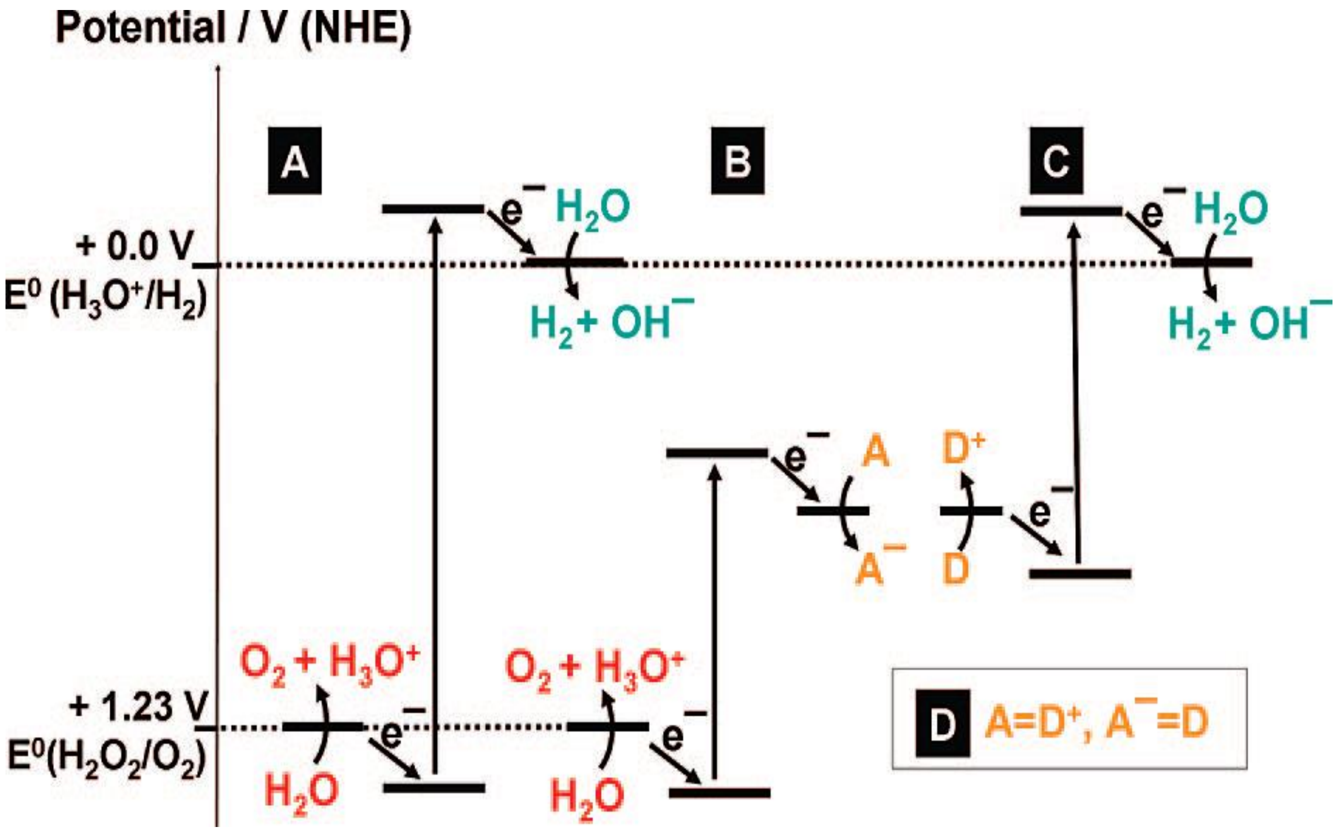
Absorption of light (λ > 420 nm) excites the photosensitizer $[Ru(bipy)_3]^{2+}$ which injects electrons intoTiO_2

Lit.: F.A. Armstrong, E. Reisner et al., Chemical Society Reviews 108 (2008) 2439

5. Water splitting

Photocatalytic processes with semiconductors - options

- **A: Simple semiconductor**
- **B: Simple semiconductor**
  with an electron acceptor→ O_2
- **C: Simple semiconductor**
  with one electrondonor→ H_2
- **D: Combination of B and C (tandem cell)**



Problem: Powder in solution → Oxyhydrogen formation (explosive gas)

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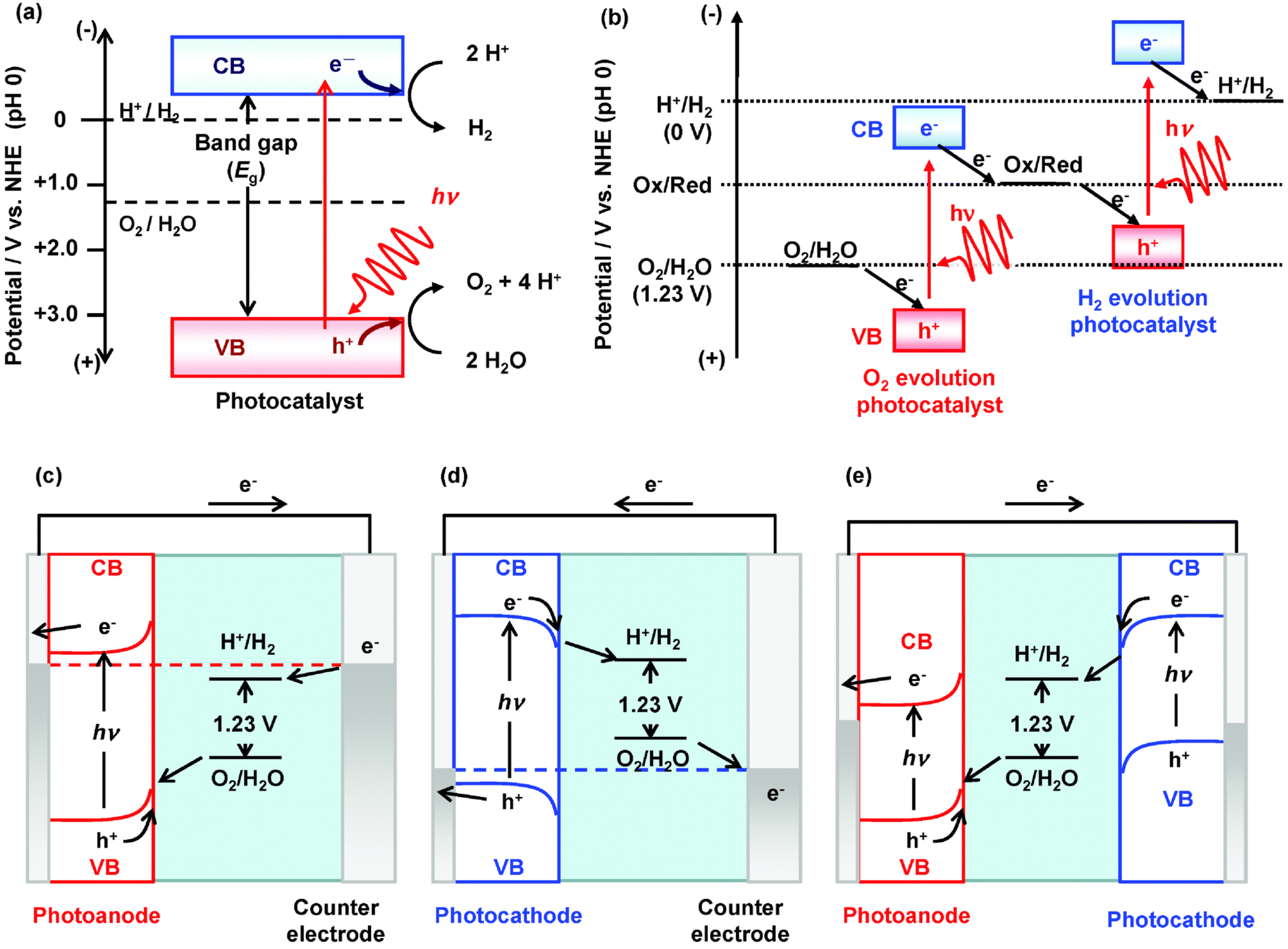
Photocatalytic processes with semiconductors - options



5. Water splitting: Materials

Requirements for a suitable photocatalyst

- **Stability (lifetime)**
  The most photochemically stable semiconductors in aqueous solution are oxides, but their band gaps are either too large for efficient light absorption (~3.0 eV), or their semiconductor characteristics are poor.

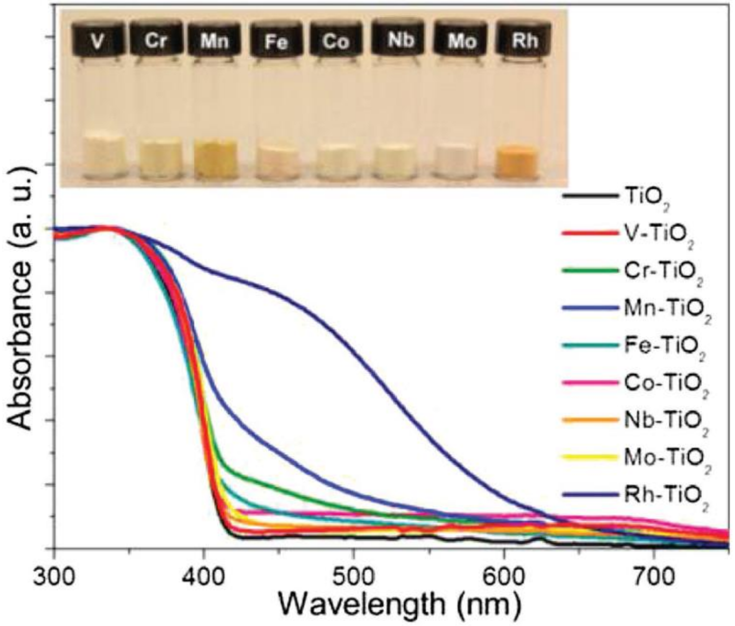
- **Efficiency (band gap)**
  For reasonable solar efficiencies, the band gap must be less than 2.2 eV, unfortunately, most useful semiconductors with band gaps in this range are photochemically unstable in water.

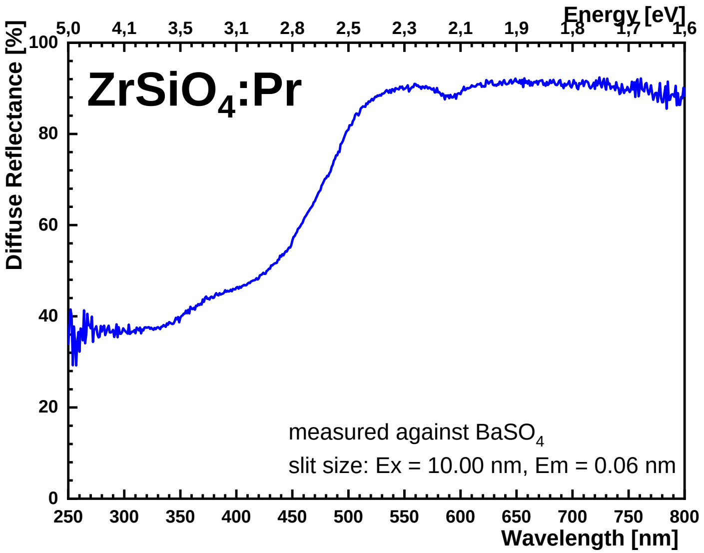
- **Energetics (redox potentials)**
  In contrast to metal electrodes, semiconductor electrodes in contact with liquid electrolytes have fixed energy levels where the charge carriers enter the solution. So even though a semiconductor electrode may generate sufficient energy to effect an electrochemical reaction, the energetic position of the band edges may prevent it from doing so. For spontaneous water splitting, the oxygen and hydrogen reactions must lie between the valence and conduction band edges, and this is almost never the case.

5. Water splitting: Materials

Photocatalysts with high stability?

Material	Band gap [eV]	Color
$ZrSiO_4$	6.5	white
ZrO_2	5.0	white
$CaWO_4$	4.1	white
ZnS	3.8	white
$KTaO_3$	3.4	white
ZnO	3.3	white
$SrTiO_3$	3.2	white
TiO_2	3.0	white
CeO_2	2.8	yellow
WO_3	2.7	yellow
$BiVO_4$	2.4-2.5	yellow
CdS	2.3	orange
Fe_2O_3	2.0	red
InN	1.9	red





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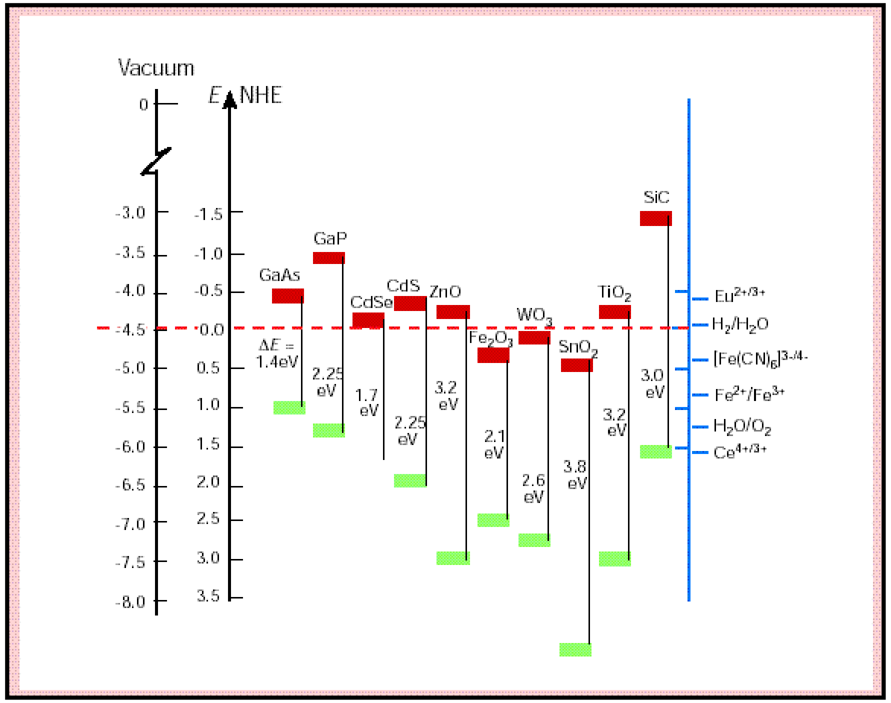
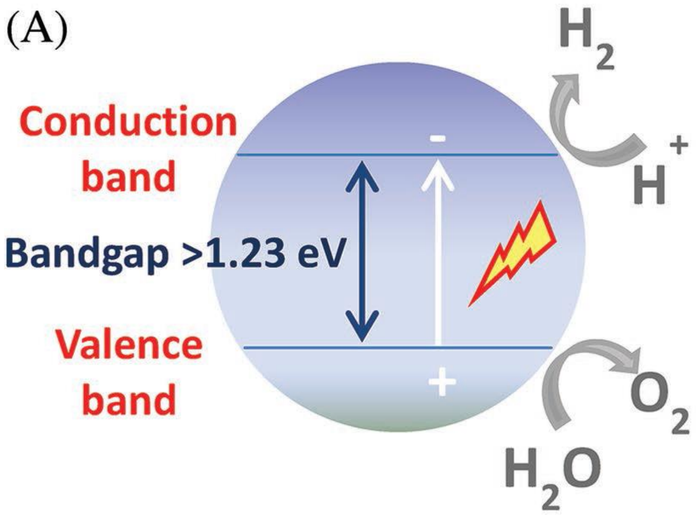
Doping with Ce^{3+}, Pr^{3+}, Tb^{3+} → MMCT in the visible

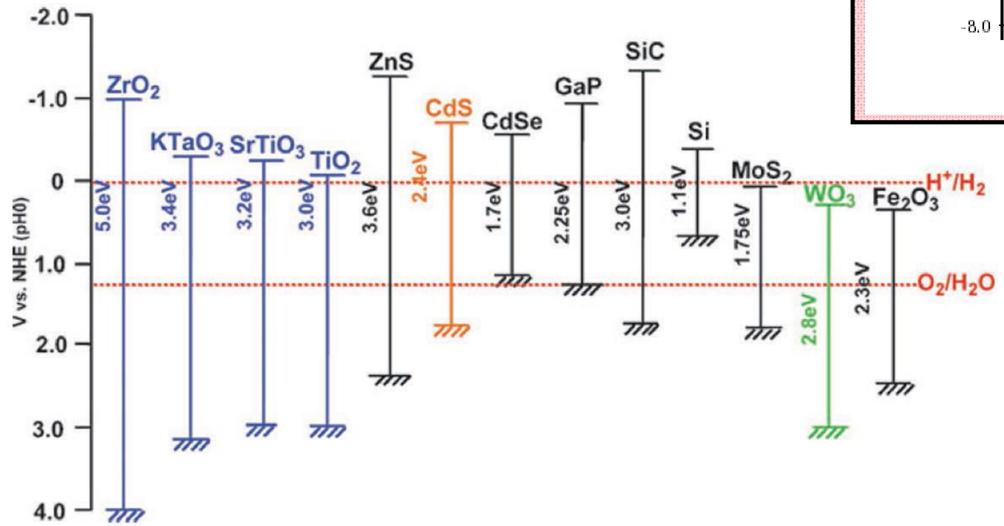
5. Water splitting: Materials

Photocatalysts: Efficiency and energetics

Band gap	**2.0 – 3.0 eV**
VB	**~ -6.0 V below the vacuum level**
CB	**~ -4.0 V below the vacuum level**

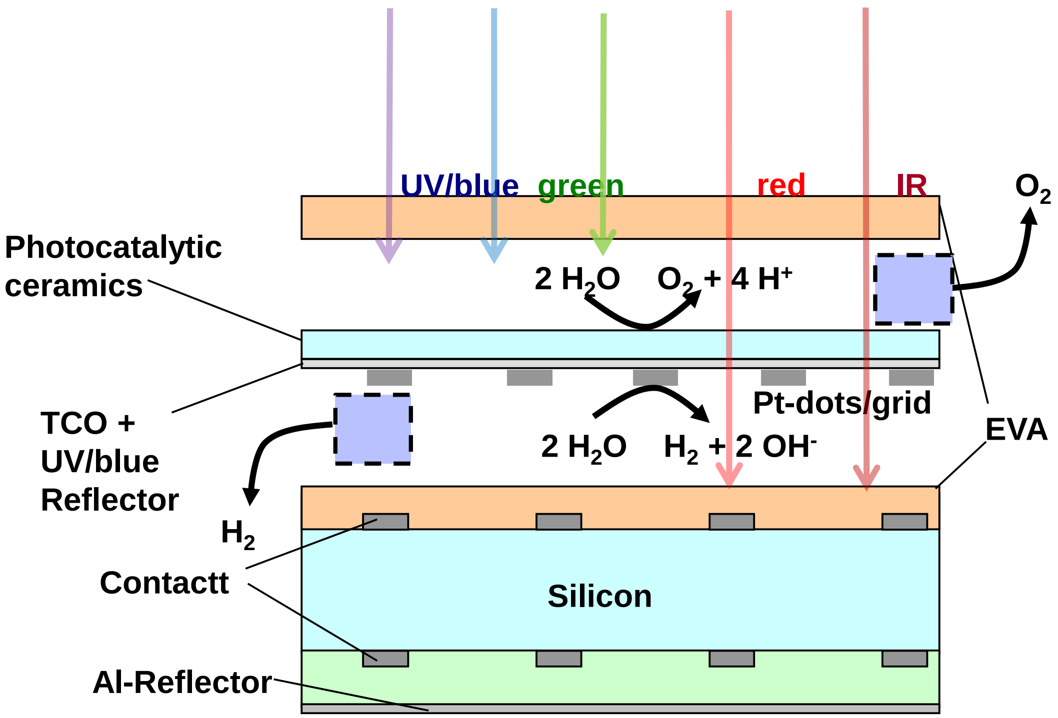






5. Water splitting: Vision

Development of a tandem cell combining PV and other options!



<u>Options</u>

a) Cooling water	cooling of the PV cell
b) TiO_2 + water	H_2O purification H_2O disinfection
c) Photocatalyst a	$2\ H_2O \rightarrow 2\ H_2 + O_2$
d) + photocatalyst b	$4\ H_2 + CO_2 \rightarrow CH_4 + 2\ H_2O$
e) Down-Konverter	PV efficiency↑
f) UV/Blau filter	PV lifetime↑

Lit.: T. Jüstel et al., German Patent Application, Energy Conversion System, DE102014107268

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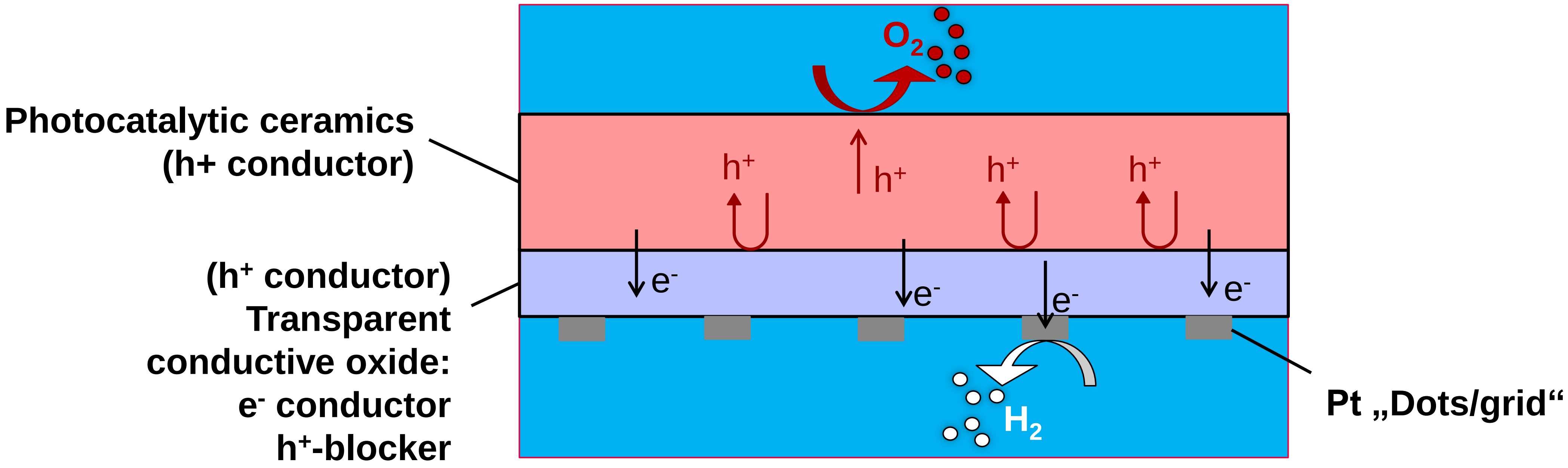
5. Water splitting: Vision

Development of a photocatalytic cell with electron and hole conductors for H_2/O_2 separation.



Photocatalytic ceramics (h+ conductor)

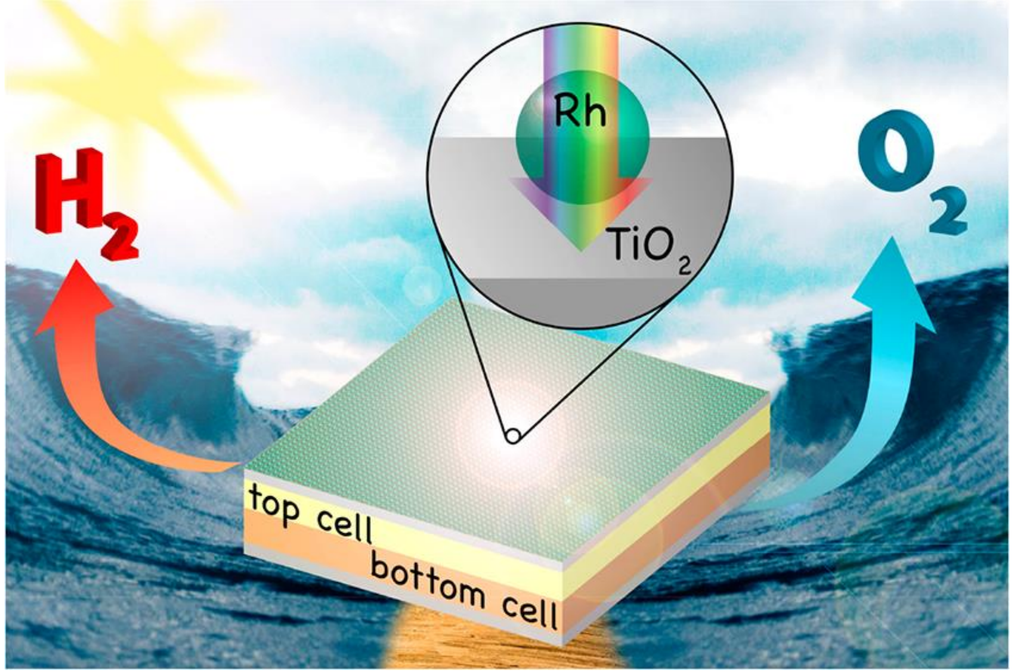
(h^+ conductor) Transparent conductive oxide: e^- conductor h^+-blocker

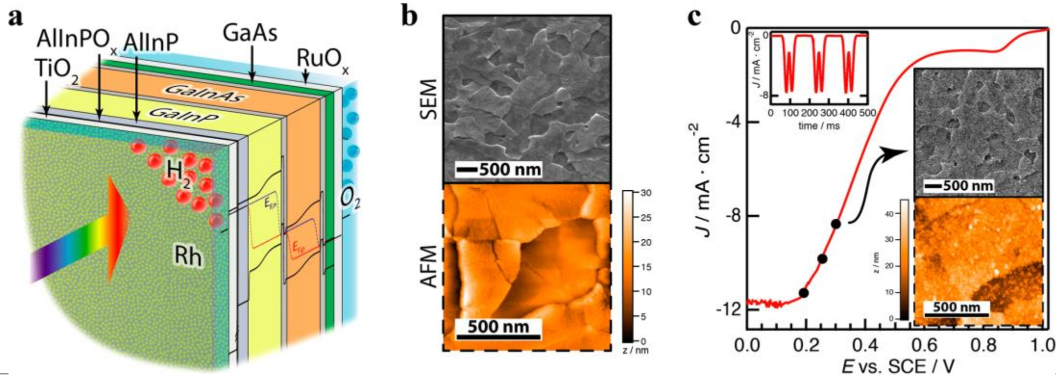
Pt „Dots/grid“

5. Water splitting: State of the art

Recent success

- Charge separation and e^- / h^+ conduction by epitaxially deposited AlInP, AlInPO layers
- Rh on TiO_2 as photocathode
- RuO_x on GaAs as photoanode
- Problem: Formation of a pH gradient





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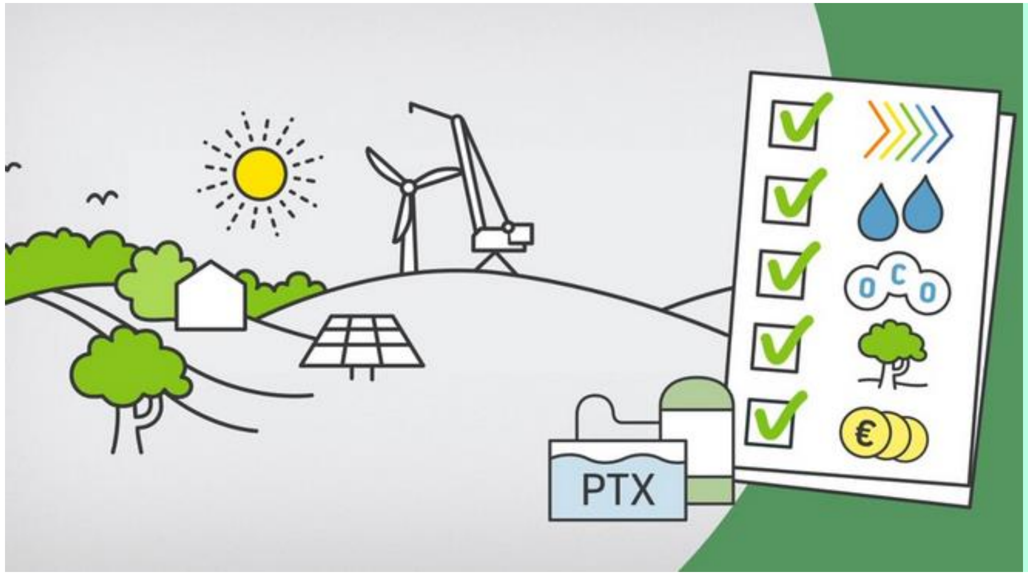
5. Water splitting: Significance?

- **Hydrogen has the highest mass-specific energy density (calorific value) of all fuels at 33.3 kWh/kg, 700 billion m³ of hydrogen are now produced worldwide annually via steam reforming from methane**
- **Engineering science is working on Power-to-X (PTX) with hydrogen as reactant**
- **Important!: Electricity from new green power plants, no water shortage at the site, CO_2 from biomass Renewable raw materials (NAWARO), ecological land use and local value creation**

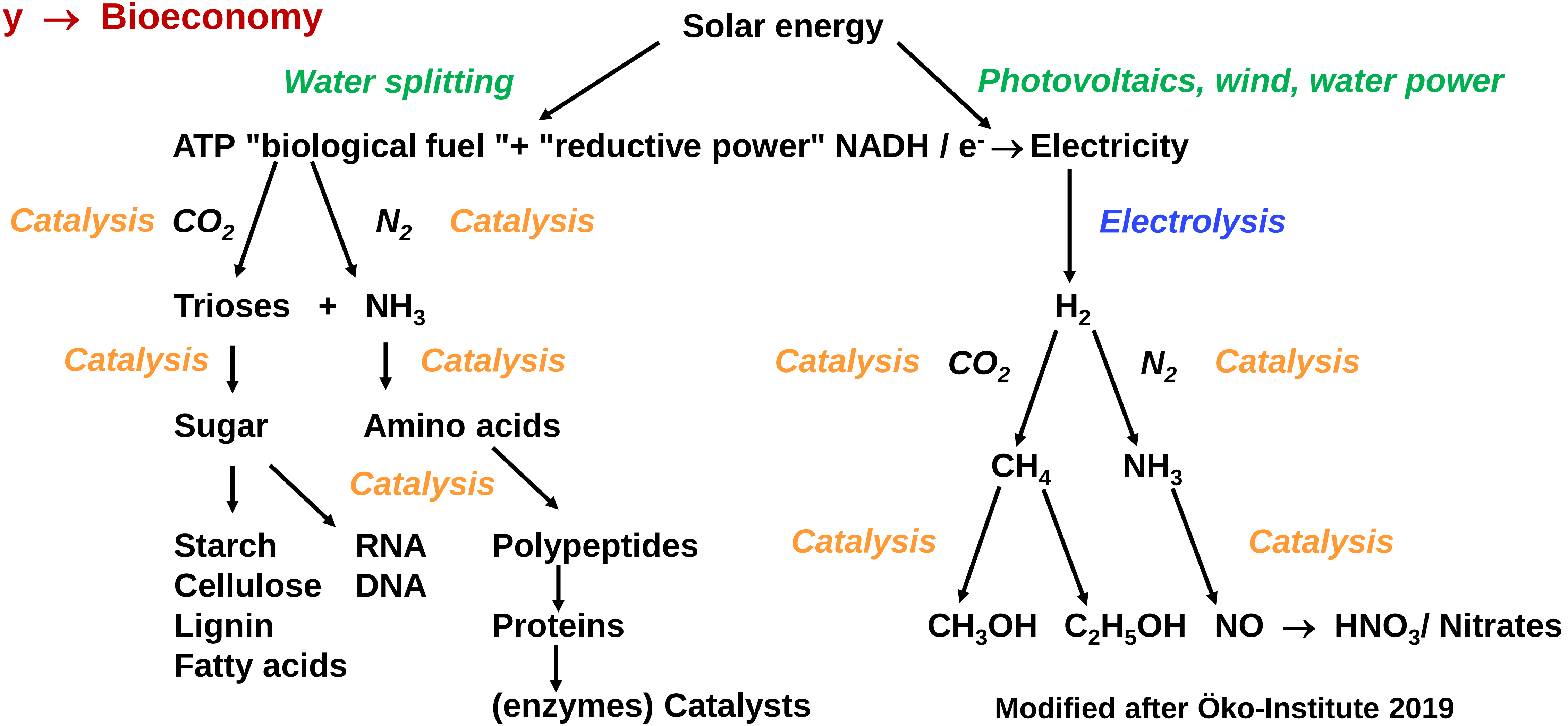


- ✓ **1 m³ hydrogen at normal pressure requires electrical energy of 4.3 - 4.9 kWh.**
- ✓ **Compared to the hydrogen heating value, about one third of the electrical energy is lost in this process.**
- ✓ **Favorites for hydrogen storage are LOHCs (Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carriers), primarily dibenzyl toluene (DBT).**

Source: Prof. Jochen Fricke, Cluster Energietechnik, October 2018

6. Outlook

Biology → Bioeconomy



Solar energy

Water splitting

Photovoltaics, wind, water power

ATP "biological fuel "+ "reductive power" NADH / e^- → Electricity

Catalysis *CO_2*

N_2 *Catalysis*

Electrolysis

Trioses + NH_3

H_2

Catalysis

Catalysis

Catalysis *CO_2*

N_2 *Catalysis*

Sugar

Amino acids

Catalysis

CH_4 NH_3

Starch
Cellulose
Lignin
Fatty acids

RNA
DNA

Polypeptides

Proteins

(enzymes) Catalysts

Catalysis

Catalysis

CH_3OH C_2H_5OH NO → HNO_3/ Nitrates

Modified after Öko-Institute 2019

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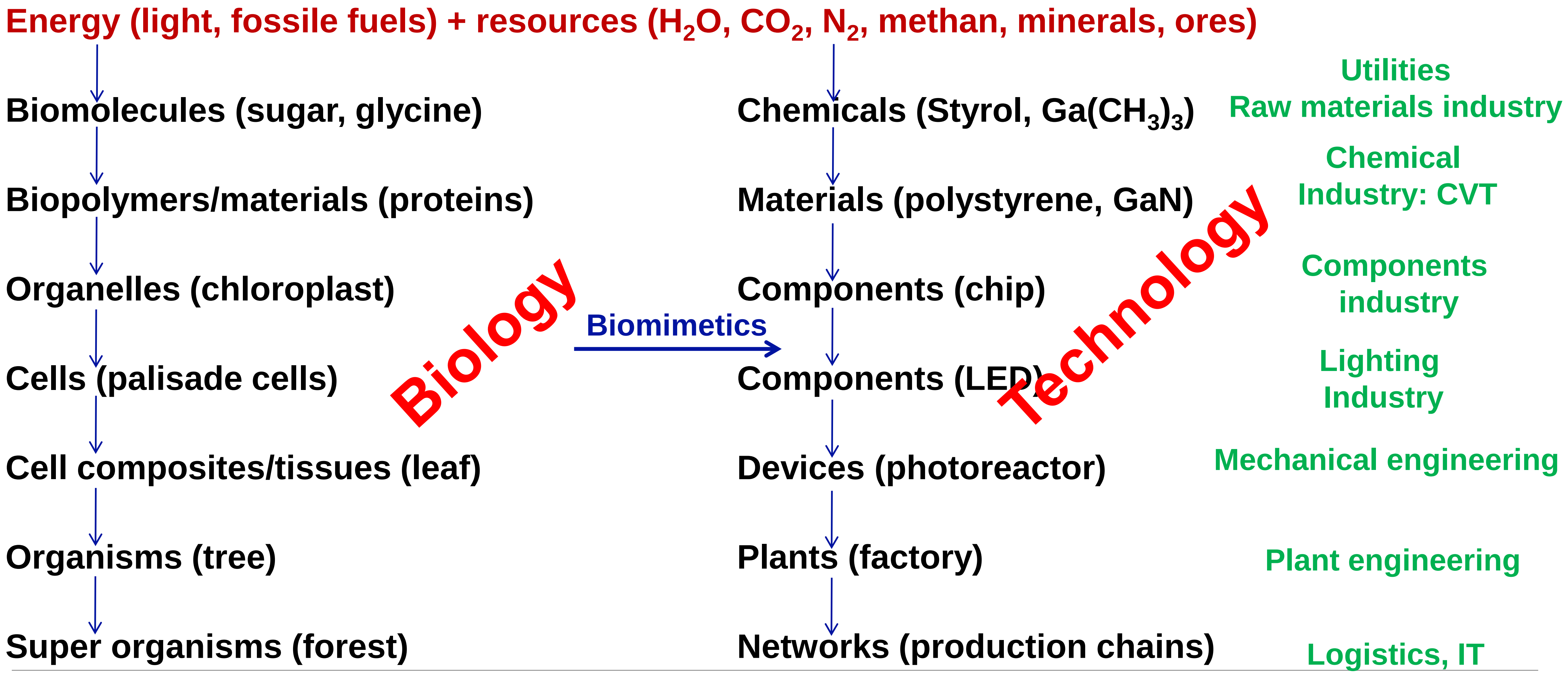

Energy (light, fossile fuels) + resources (H_2O, CO_2, N_2, methan, minerals, ores)

Biomolecules (sugar, glycine)	Chemicals (Styrol, $Ga(CH_3)_3$)	Utilities Raw materials industry
Biopolymers/materials (proteins)	Materials (polystyrene, GaN)	Chemical Industry: CVT
Organelles (chloroplast)	Components (chip)	Components industry
Cells (palisade cells)	Components (LED)	Lighting Industry
Cell composites/tissues (leaf)	Devices (photoreactor)	Mechanical engineering
Organisms (tree)	Plants (factory)	Plant engineering
Super organisms (forest)	Networks (production chains)	Logistics, IT

6. Outlook: New fuels

- **Globally, shipping is responsible for emitting about 1 billion tons of CO_2 per year, which is almost 3% of total man-made CO_2 emissions**
- **Shipping also causes about 15% of global nitrogen oxide emissions and 13% of sulfur dioxide emissions, and the trend continues to rise**
- **Greta Thunberg 2019 sailed a sailing yacht across the Atlantic to the climate summit**
- **Engineering scientists working with ammonia (NH_3) as fuel, global NH_3 production 2021 ~ 150 million t**

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Time horizon
2022 Sport yachts → 2026 Car ferries
→ 2030 1st AIDA cruise ship

- ✓ **NH_3: Chemically bound hydrogen, burns without CO_2 emission to N_2 and H_2O**
- ✓ **Much lower pressure at RT (9 bar, 20 °C) than H_2 (700-1000 bar, 20 °C)**
- ✓ **Heating value of ammonia is 5.2 kWh/kg (~ 50% of gasoline, diesel,....)**
- ✓ **Heating value of NH_3 is 2.6 times higher than that of Liquid Organic Hydro Carbons (e.g. DBT)**

Source: Prof. Dr. Jochen Fricke, Cluster Energietechnik (Status: October 2018)

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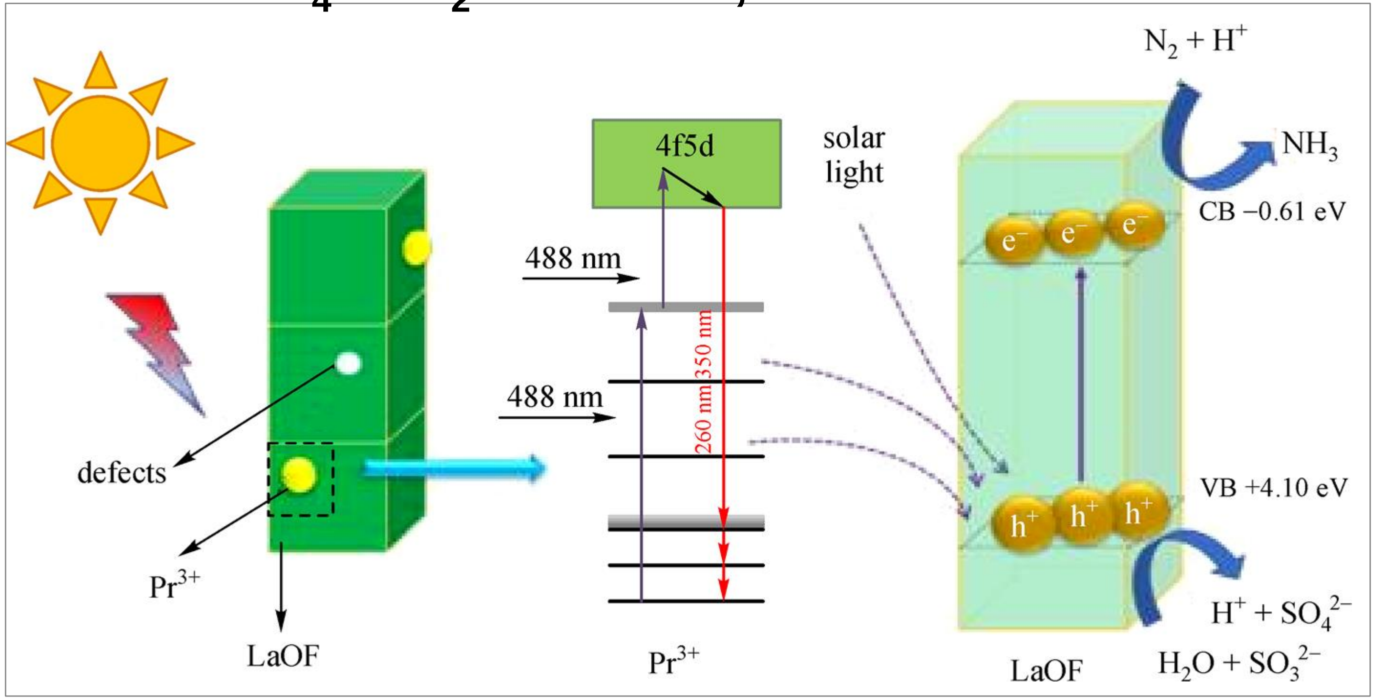
6. Outlook: Ammonia synthesis

Pathways to ammonia NH_3

- **Haber-Bosch (α-Fe)** **$N_2 + 3 H_2 \leftrightarrows 2 NH_3$** **450 - 550 °C, 250 - 350 bar**
- **V-nitrogenases (Fe^{n+})** **$2 N_2 + 14 H^+ + 12 e^- \leftrightarrows 2 NH_4^+ + 3 H_2$** **RT, 1 bar**
- **Mo-nitrogenases (Fe^{n+})** **$2 N_2 + 10 H^+ + 8 e^- \leftrightarrows 2 NH_4^+ + H_2$** **RT, 1 bar**

- **Heterogeneous photocatalysis up-conversion induced photoionization using doped semiconductor materials such as LaOF**

$$e^- + N_2 \longrightarrow (N_2)^-$$
$$(N_2)^- + H_2O \longrightarrow OH^- + N_2H$$
$$2 N_2H \longrightarrow N_2H_2 + N_2$$
$$2 N_2H_2 \longrightarrow N_2H_4 + N_2$$
$$3 N_2H_4 \longrightarrow 4 NH_3 + N_2$$



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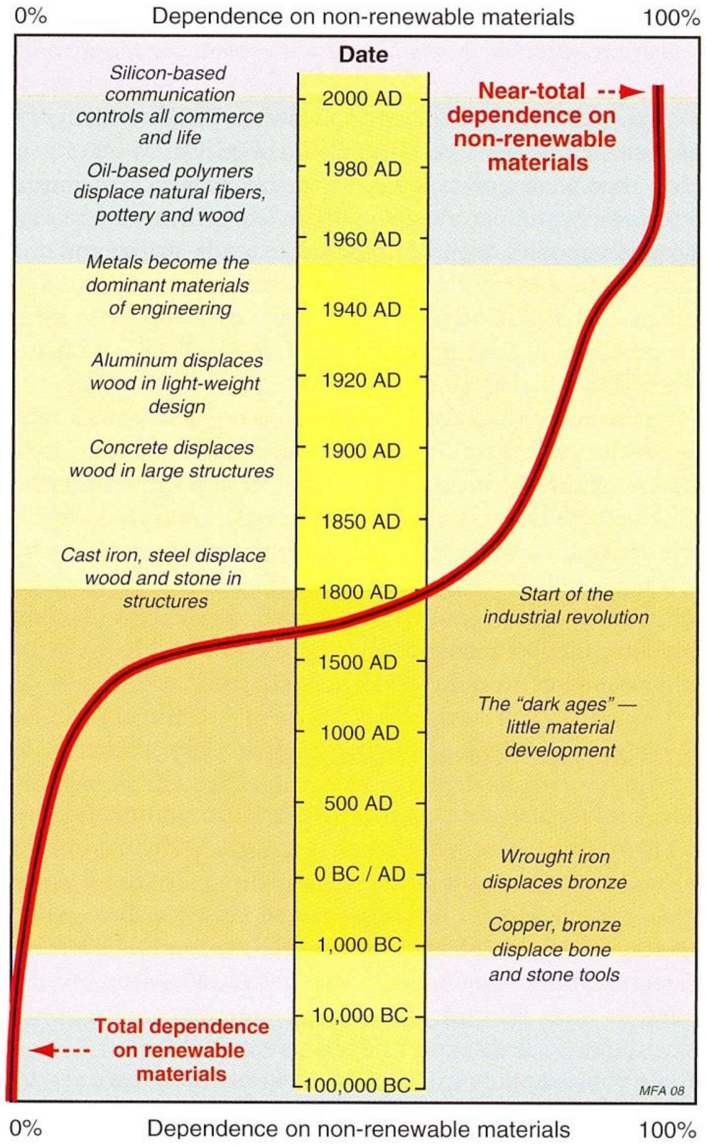
6. Outlook

Recycling: Global dependence on raw materials (non-renewable)

- Until about the year 1000 BCE
  → only regenerative materials
  used Recycling rate almost 100%
- 1000 BCE - 1000 CE
  → weak increase in the use of
  non-regenerative materials
- after 1000 (especially after 1500)
  → strong increase in the use of
  non-regenerative materials
- since about 1960
  → de facto 100% dependence on non-regenerable materials recycling rate < 10%



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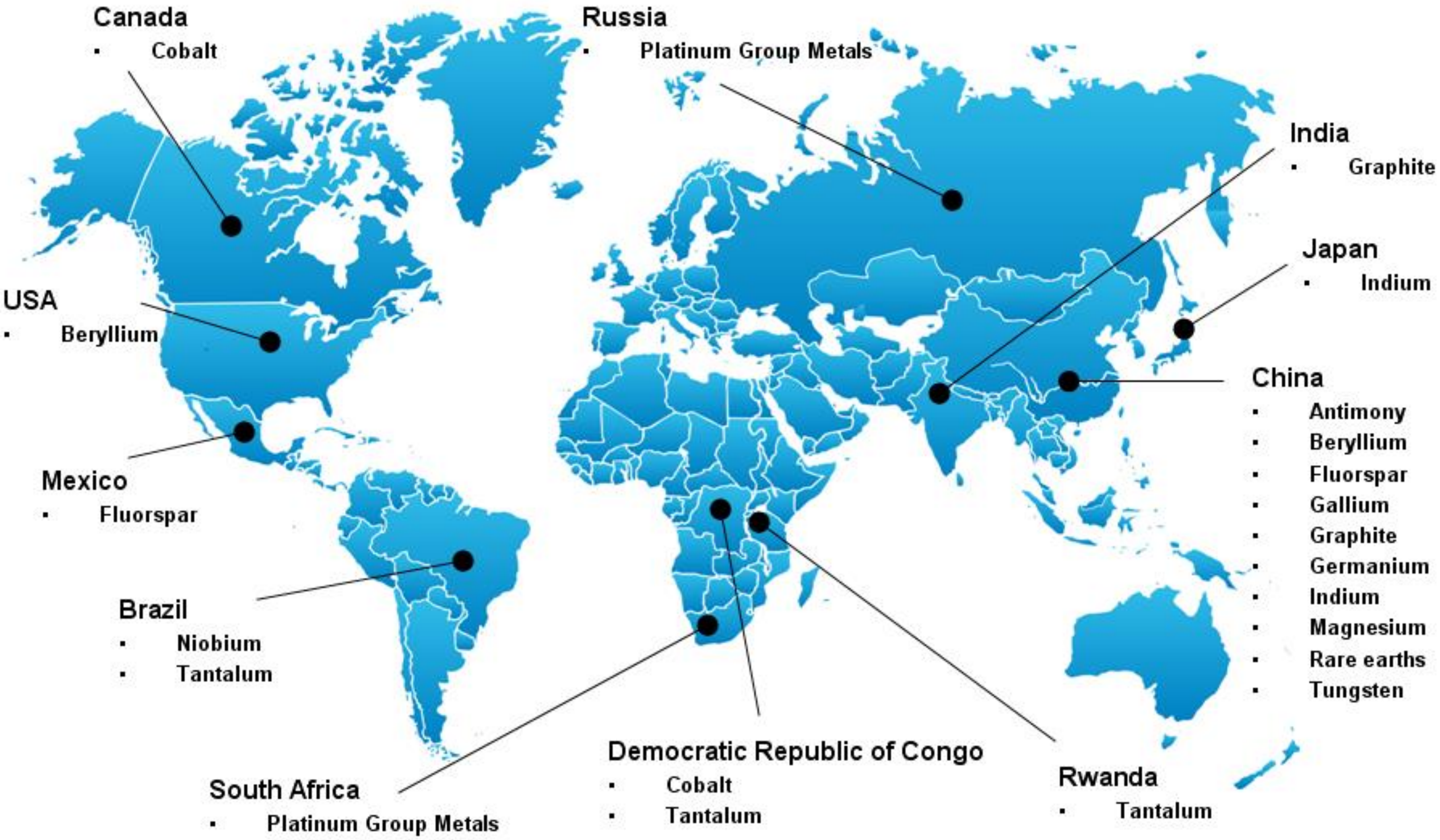

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6. Outlook

Recycling: Pressure to act

Pollution of the atmosphere

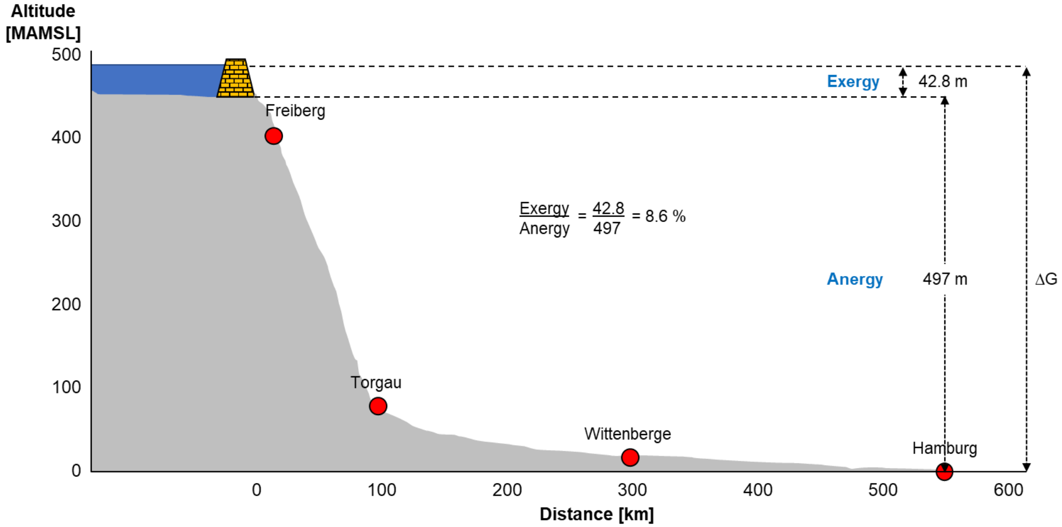
  - **Climate-active greenhouse gases: CO_2, CH_4, N_2O, SF_6, NF_3, FKW, and so on**
  - **Aerosols and dust (“metals”, e.g. Pb or Hg)**
  - **Acid rain: NO_x, SO_2, HCl**

- **Pollution of the hydrosphere**
  - **Micro- and nanoplastics**
  - **Metals (Cu, Cd, Hg, Sn, ...), nitrate and phosphate**
  - **Micropollutants: Hormones, drugs, cosmetics, radioactive substances, ...**

- **Pollution of the pedosphere**
  - **"Organic" waste**
  - **Micro- and nanoplastics**
  - **Metals: Cr, Ni, Zn, As, Cd, Hg, Tl, Pb, ...**

6. Outlook

Recycling: Challenges



Use of energy or raw materials (exergy / anergy):

a) Energy source → utilization → heat
b) Deposit(fuels/ore) → utilization → dissipation

Ergo: strong increase of entropy due to dissipation of Concentration gradients or dilution in the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere or pedosphere.

Example: Natural gas reservoir → natural gas (CH_4: 75% C) → CO_2/N_2/Ar-exhaust (5% C) → CO_2 in air (420 ppm CO_2 ~ 115 ppm C) ⇒ Dilution by a factor of 7000!

Lit.: M. Bertau, T. Jüstel, R. Pöttgen, C.A. Strassert, Chemical products: Gradients, energy balances, entropy in Appl. Inorg. Chem., De Gruyter (2022)

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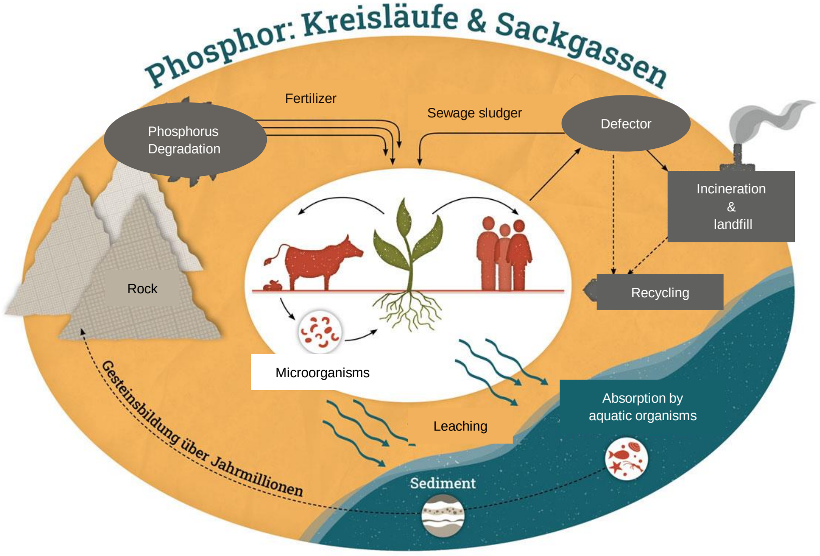
Recycling: The Phosphorus/Phosphate Challenge



Options for sewage sludge treatment

Crystallization or precipitation from (sewage) sludge water with

- with Mg^{2+} / $NH_4^+ \rightarrow (NH_4)MgPO_4 \cdot 6H_2O\downarrow$ (Struvit)
- with $Ca^{2+} \rightarrow CaHPO_4\downarrow$

- Thermochemical digestion
  - Incineration → Phosphate-containing slag (Ca-Si mixed phosphate)
  - Incineration → Phosphate-containing biochar (Ca-Si mixed phosphate)
  - Acid digestion of sewage sludge ash
  - $\rightarrow H_3PO_4$
- Thermochemical digestion of sewage sludge ash
  - with alkali salt → $CaHPO_4$, P_4 or H_3PO_4

6. Outlook: The Anthropocene

Observations

- **Climate change (see above)**
- **Species decline**
- **Land consumption**
- **Resource depletion**
- **Micro pollutants in drinking water**
- **Micro pollutants in food**
- **"Rebound" effects**

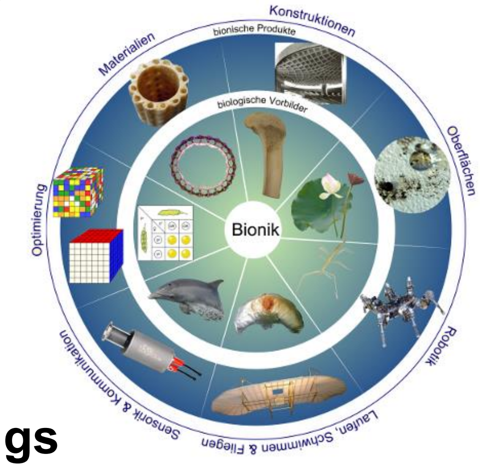
Source: https://www.swr.de/swraktuell/rheinland-pfalz/daten-wald-rheinland-pfalz-100.html

6. Outlook: The Anthropocene

Humans shape the environment: Green Evolution or Bioeconomy (BMBF: National strategy)

Selected topics

Metal recycling by biochemistry	Bacterio-, phyto- and proteinomining of the about 50 metals in use
Antifouling coatings without copper	Echinodermata as a model, but spines made of minerals!
Reduction of land consumption	Urban (indoor) farming in the vertical: PV, LED, and robotics
Current less long-term data storage	DNA in glass ceramics
Energy generation	Artificial photosynthesis (see above)
Recyclable fibers	Spider silk from bioprocess engineering
Microplastic "Challenge"	Microbial enzymes, e.g. PETases
Functional textiles without fluorine (PFAS) chemistry	Bird feather instead of fluorine, “gecko” coatings
CO_2 sink	Whale protection → "whale pump" → $c(Fe^{2+})_{surface}\uparrow \rightarrow CO_2\downarrow$
Post-Antibiotic Age	Skin- and eye-safe “deep UV-C" emitters or up-converters
(Quantum) sensor technology	Coleoptera as smoke detectors (black pine fruit beetle), NV diamond



6. Outlook: The Anthropocene

Today's crisis is not a CO_2 or temperature crisis but more an entropy crisis

We are creating too much entropy globally by exploiting resources or deposits of fossil fuels and ores, today especially rare earths and other non-ferrous metals like Li, Co, Ni, Cu, Ga, Ge, In, Sn, and W, and dissipating the waste products in soils, waters and the atmosphere

- **From the entropy point of view: it is not a global solution to cover the earth with asphalt, concrete slabs and towers, because they are expensive, represent a high manufacturing cost and a poor entropy balance, much worse than trees or wooden buildings**

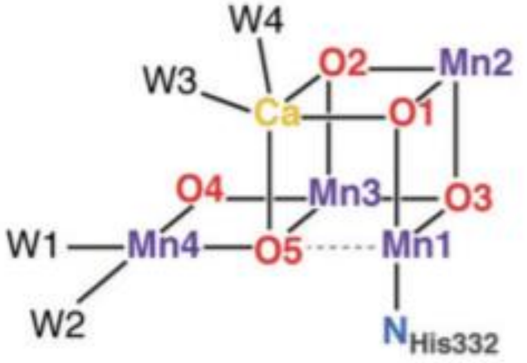
- **Because of the entropy balance and for economical as well as aesthetical reasons, there are some recommendations. Reasons some recommendations result:**
  - **Development of artificial photosynthesis and use of hydrogen as an energy carrier.**
  - **Stop the clearing of forests & primeval forests**
  - **Introduction of an innovative forestry, land and sea economy**
  - **Development of real green technologies based on closed cycles**

Solutions: Technical water splitting, reforestation and use of algae fields, wood architecture, ...

6. Outlook: The Anthropocene

Today's crisis is not the first CO_2 and temperature crisis, because about 2 - 3 billion years ago planet Earth was already in a similar environmental crisis (H_2S consumed by archaea)

- **Evolutionary way out: invention of CO_2 using species → first algae & then plants transformed sunlight + CO_2 by photosynthesis into solid usable materials (biomass), which after use were converted by pressure and temperature to natural gas, coal, petroleum and methane hydrate → decrease of atmospheric CO_2 concentration incl. cooling.**



- **Ergo: Photosynthesis has already proven once that one can produce cheap & environmentally friendly energy and at the same time reduce entropy by building up carbon deposits:**

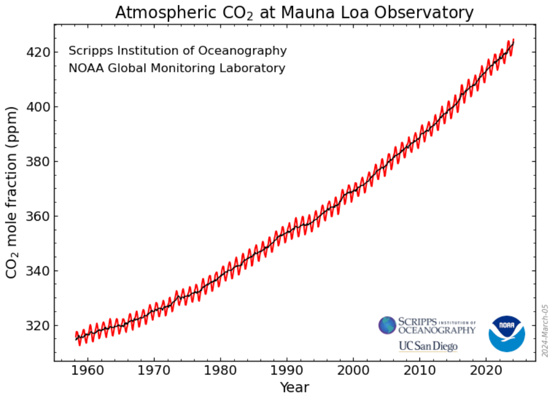
- **$x\ CO_2 + y\ H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{Photocatalyst } [CaMn_4]^{n+}]{\text{Light}} x\ O_2\uparrow + C_x(H_2O)_y$ (Energy source) → Carbon deposits + y $H_2O\uparrow$**
  → Entropy export from the Earth's envelope/biosphere by IR radiation

6. Outlook: Its Time to Act

Urgent need for the reduction of atmospheric concentration of CO_2 and other greenhouse gases

Increase used area	Light reaction	Dark reaction to generate storable fuels
plant trees or foster algae growth	$2\ H_2O \rightarrow 4\ H^+ + 4\ e^- + O_2\uparrow$	$x\ ATP + 12\ NADPH + 6\ CO_2 + 12\ H^+$ $\rightarrow x\ ADP + 12\ NADP^+ + C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6\ H_2O$
(org.) photovoltaics	electrolysis of water → H_2	$H_2 + CO_2 \rightarrow$ HCOOH (methanol)
photocatalysis	photolysis of water → H_2	$3\ H_2 + N_2 \rightarrow 2\ NH_3$ (ammonia)

Date	Daily CO_2
April 2013	398 ppm
April 2022	420 ppm
April 2023	423 ppm
April 2024	427 ppm

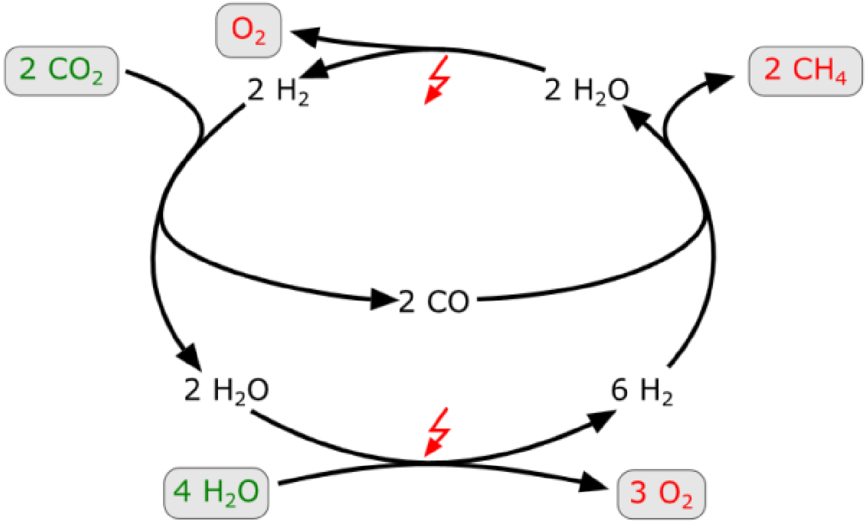


Keeling curve today → annual growth rate↑

6. Outlook: Its Time to Act

Establish bioeconomy to enable long-term survival of humanity on planet Earth

- Increase of power density & yield of alternative energy sources (geothermal, solar, wind and water)
- Hydrogen technology: Storage & distribution systems, fuel cells, electrical engines
- Power to gas: Conversion of electrical energy to H_2 and then methane, ethane, propane, butane
- Photochemistry, in particular photocatalytic H_2O cleavage or CO_2 sequestration and towards high value organic compounds
- Biodegradable and bioactive materials, especially polymers
- Materials for photocatalytic purification processes
- Technologies for safe food, pharmaceuticals & water
- Anticounter feiting to enhance product safety
- Antimicrobial materials for the post antibiotics age
- Reduction of energy consumption of data storage
- Green mining: Phago-, phyto-, proteino-, or bacteriomining
- Green chemistry: Chemistry in bioreactors with microorganisms, photochemistry including solar chemistry, sustainable chemical processes without toxic solvents
- Green farming: (Vertical) urban indoor farming to save water and without herbicides and insecticides
- Green mobility: Renewable fuels from CO_2 for automotive and aircrafts



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Planet Earth:
“I have Homo Sapiens”

Planet Venus: “Do not worry this will pass by”

Don't mow the meadows

Appendix

Causes of Extinction of a Species

- *habitat fragmentation*
- global change (climate, atmosphere composition, dust, radioactive background)
- natural disasters (impacts, eruptions, earthquakes, wildfire, hurricanes, floods)
- overexploitation of resources (especially sweet water, phosphate)
- evolutionary changes in their members
  - genetic inbreeding
  - poor reproduction (not valid for humans)
  - decline in population numbers (not yet valid for humans)

Appendix

Some Physical Units and Constants

1 pc = parsec = 206,265 AU = 3.086 $\times 10^{12}$ km = 3.26156 ly

1 AU = 149.6$\times 10^{6}$ km

$M_{\odot}$ = solar mass = 1.98855$\times 10^{30}$ kg = 1048 Jupiter masses = 332950 Earth masses

$L_{\odot}$ = solar luminosity = 3.90$\times 10^{33}$ erg s^{-1} = 3.846$\times 10^{26}$ W

1 eV = 1.6022$\times 10^{-12}$ erg = 1.6022$\times 10^{-19}$ J

1 Å = 10^{-8} cm = 10^{-10} m = 100 pm

1 Jansky = 10^{-23} erg $s^{-1} cm^{-2}$ Hz^{-1}

1 Rayleigh = 10^{6} photons s^{-1} cm^{-2} $(4\pi$ sr$)^{-1}$

1 Debye = 10^{-18} esu cm

1 esu = 3.33564$\times 10^{-10}$ C

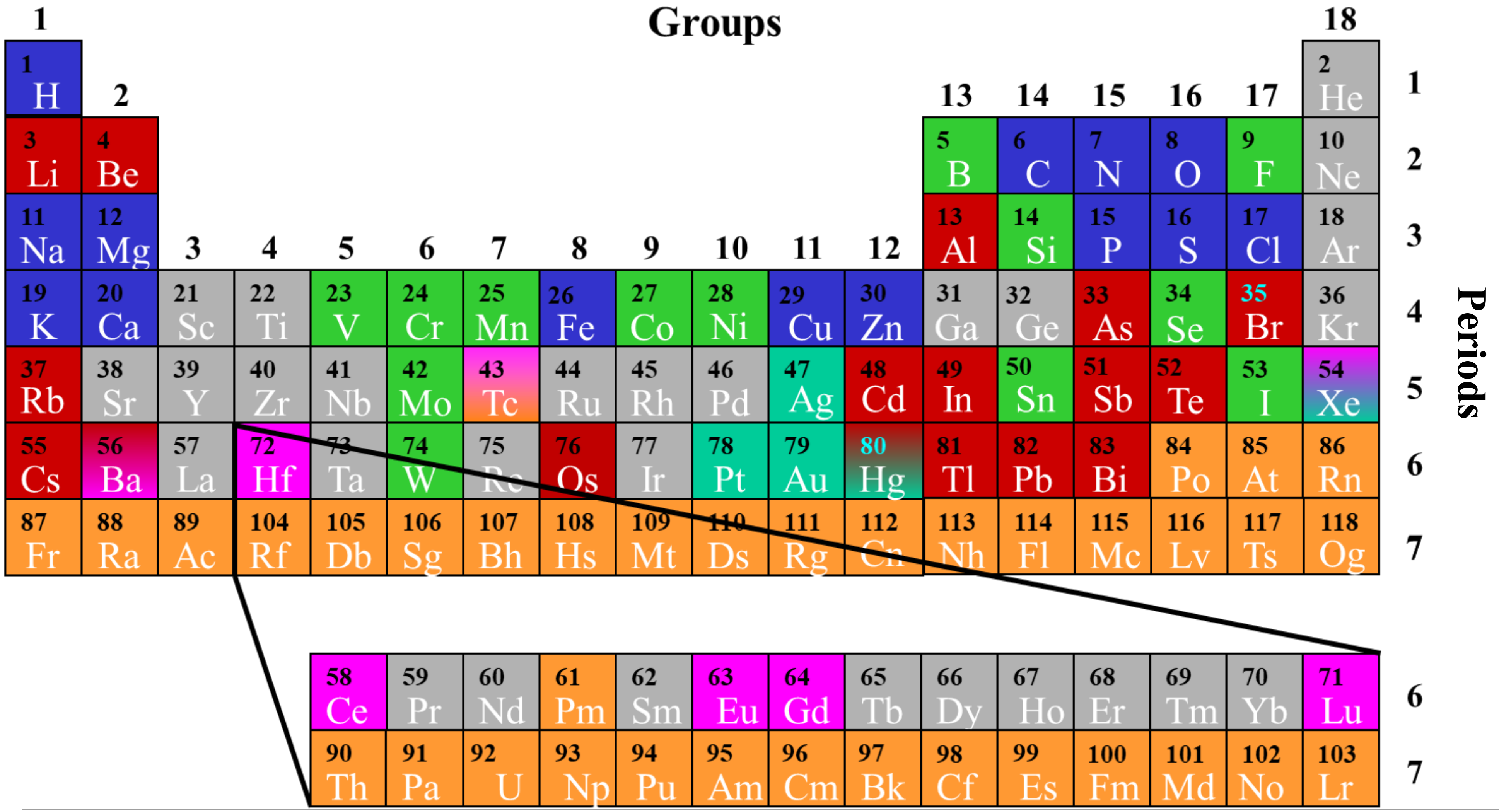
1 kcal/mol = 4.184 kJ/mol = = 6.947$\times 10^{-14}$ erg $atom^{-1}$

Hubble constant H_0 = 70.1 km s^{-1} Mpc^{-1}

Planck constant h = 6.626075$\times 10^{-34}$ Js = 4.135669$\times 10^{-15}$ eVs

Appendix

The Periodic Table of Elements for Biochemistry



Groups

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Periods
1 H																	2 He	1
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	2
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	3
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	4
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	5
55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	6
87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og	7
			58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu		6
			90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr		7

In larger amounts required

Trace elements

Toxic

Pharmacologic use

Radioactive

Diagnostic use