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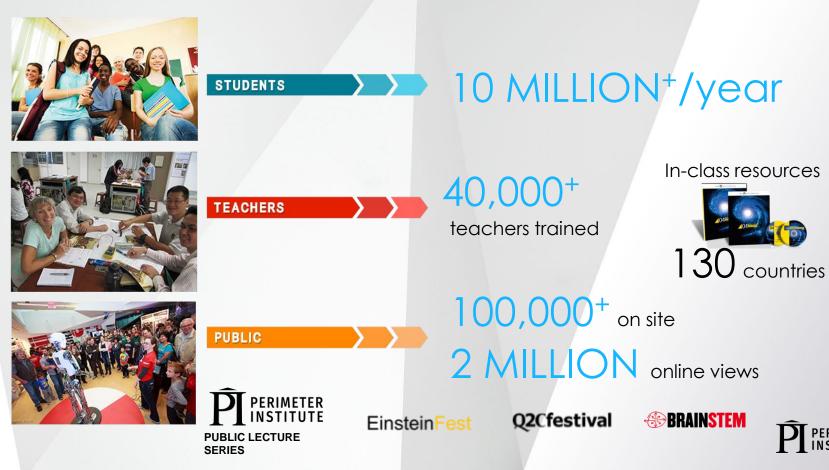
1-day workshops (online)



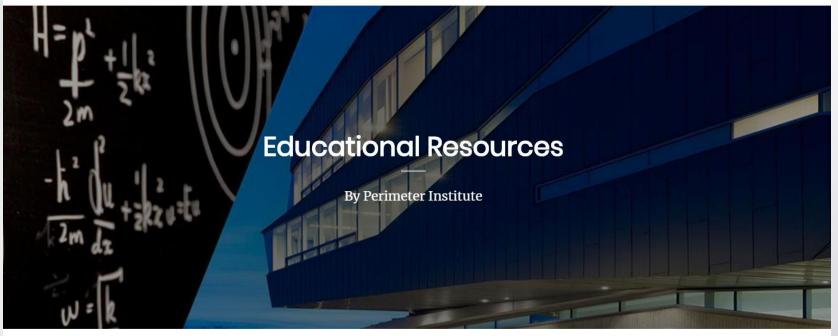
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Climate Change: Evidence, Effects, and Actions

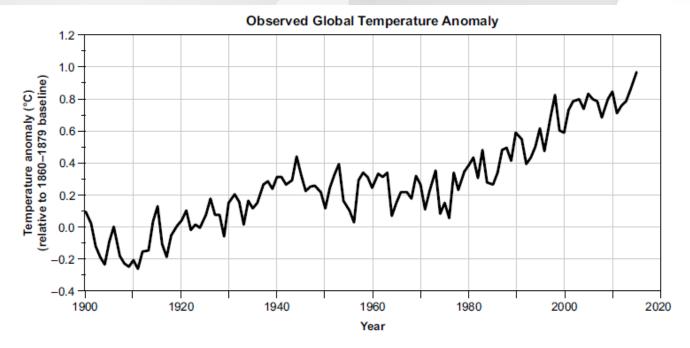
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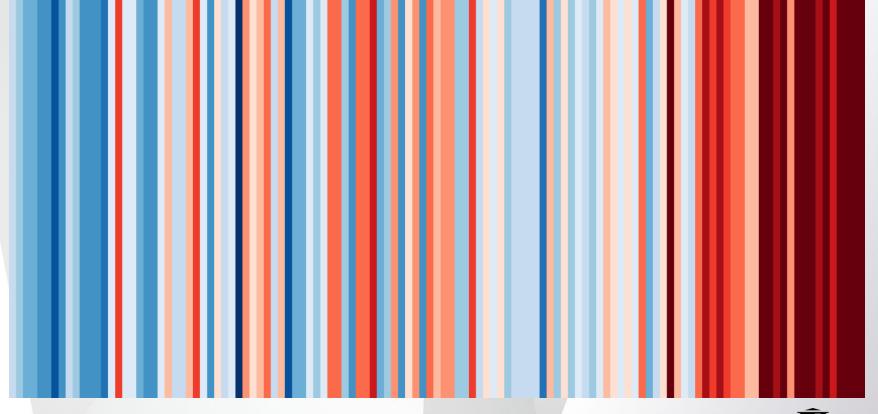
Earth is getting warmer



Source: NASA GISS

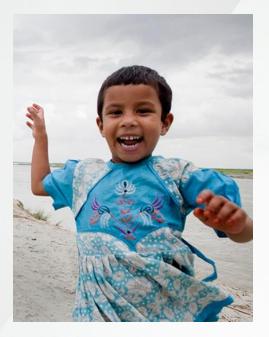


Greece (1901 - 2021)





A few degrees may not seem like much...

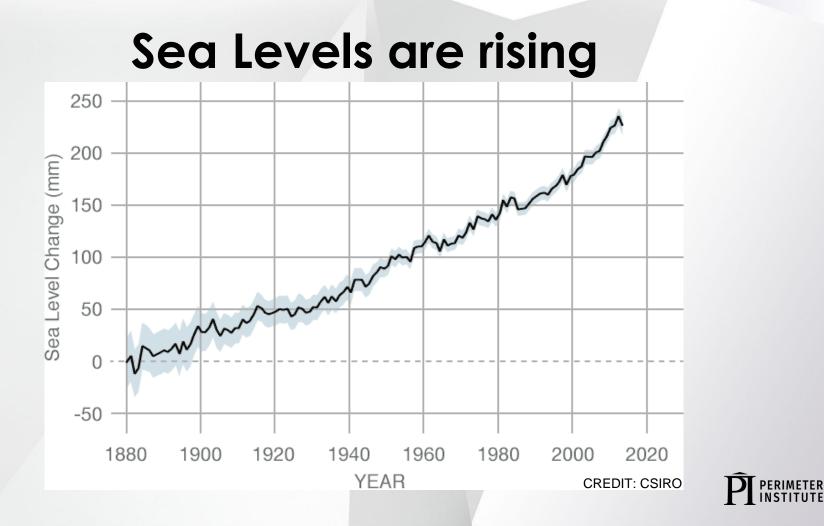




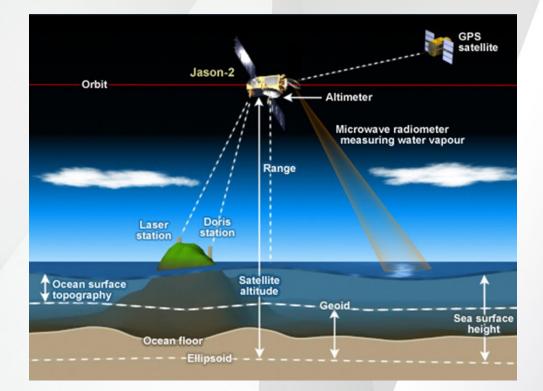
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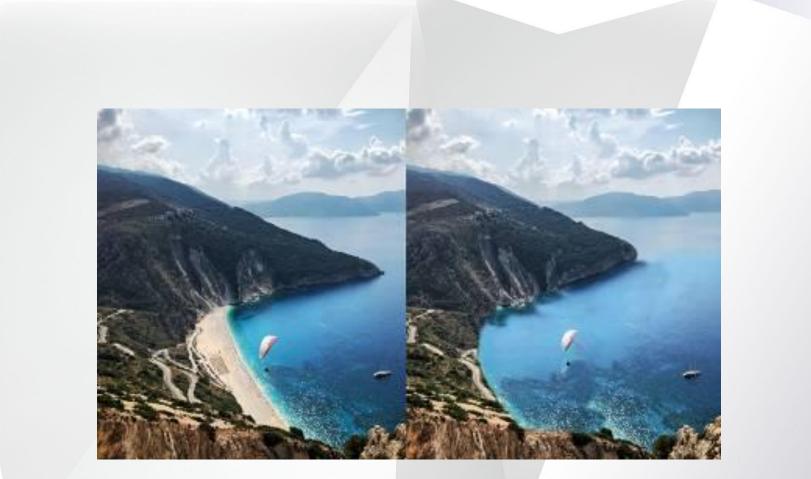
 $37^{\circ}C = healthy$



Satellite Altimetry: Measuring Sea Level



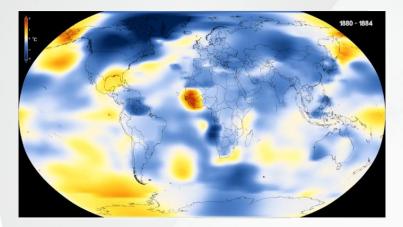


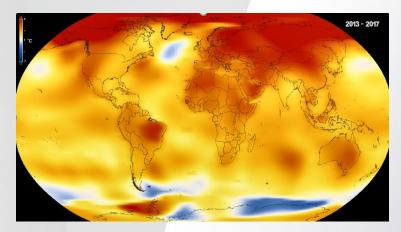


Myrtos Beach now and by 2100



The question is: Why?





1880

2017

And what can we do about it?

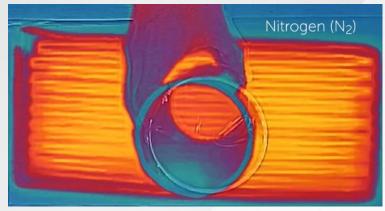


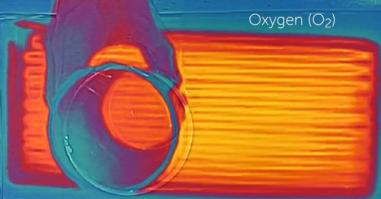
A Climate Change demo

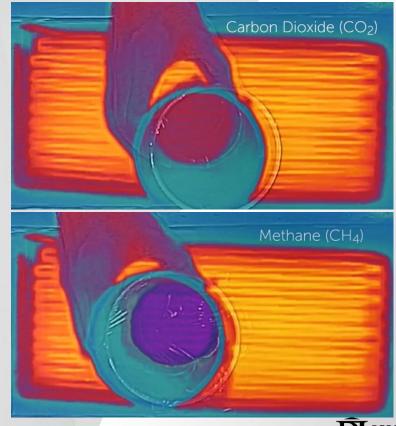




Which gases are transparent to infrared radiation?









Keeling Curve https://keelingcurve.ucsd.edu/

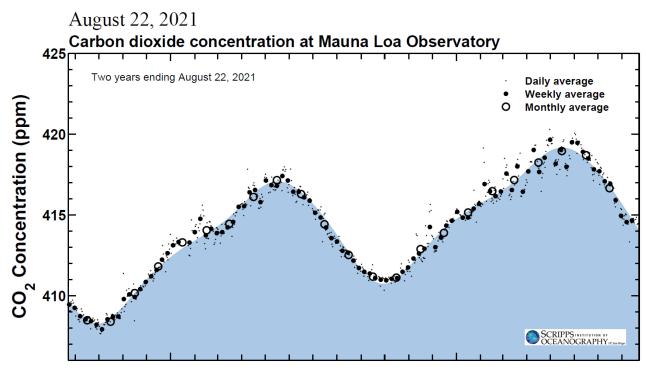
 Measurement of the concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere

Continuous record at Mauna Loa since 1958

Latest CO₂ reading: 420.10 ppm (May 4, 2022)



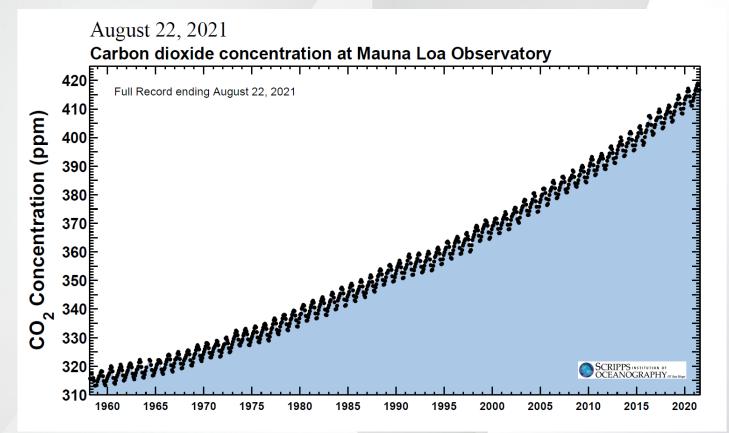
Last two years



Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug 2019 2021

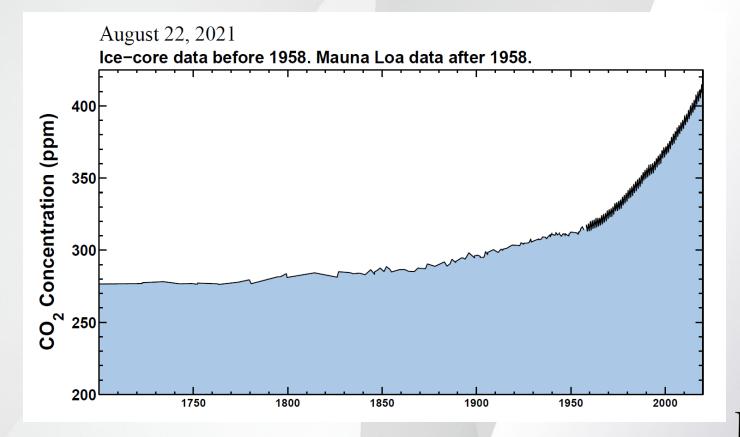


Full record

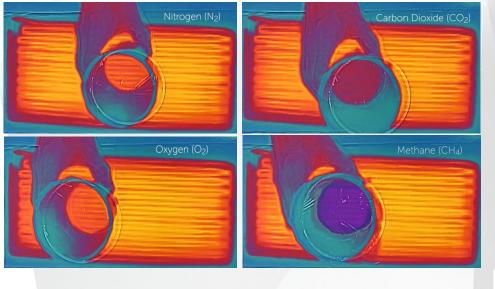




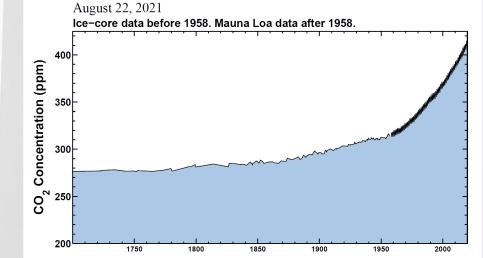
1700 - present







Greenhouse gases, like CO_2 and methane, absorb infrared radiation.



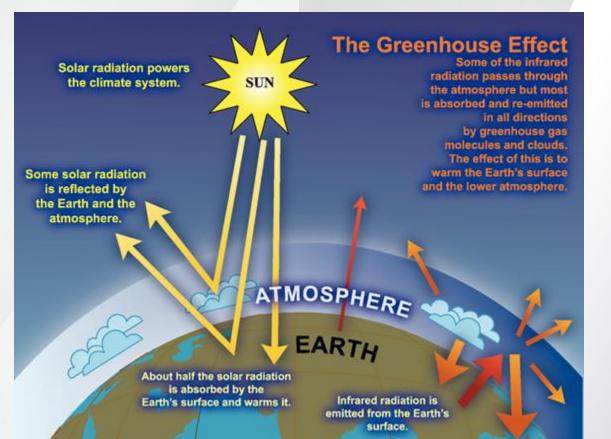
CO₂ levels have been increasing since industrial revolution

How do these observations relate to the Earth?

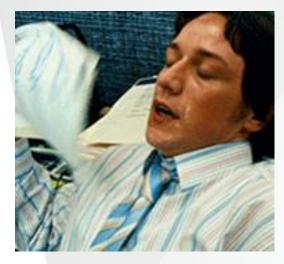




Earth's atmosphere traps heat







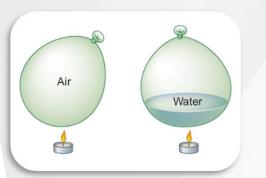
Heat

- Predict
- Observe
- Explain
- Apply





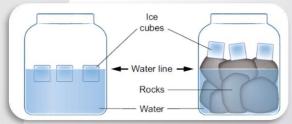
Predict and Explain





What will happen to the balloons?

What will happen when water heats up?



What will happen when ice melts?

Discuss with your neighbour



Observe and Explain





Balloon filled with air



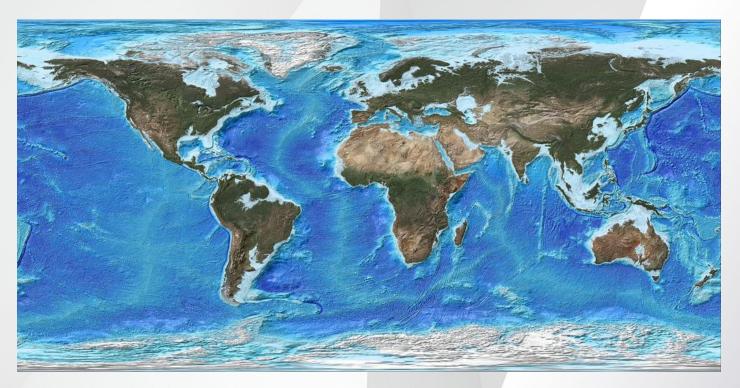


Balloon with water





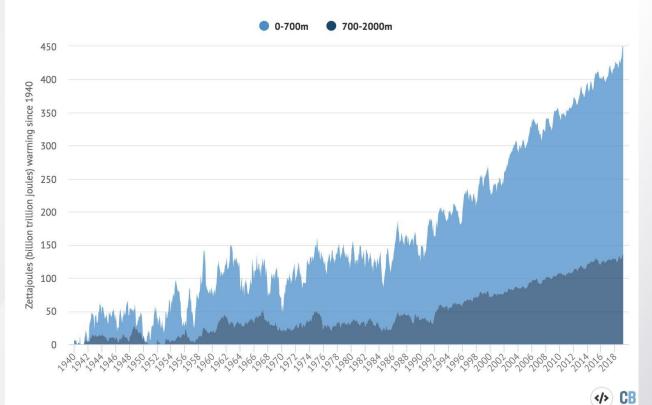
Apply: 70% of the Earth is covered by water





Oceans are hotter

Global ocean heat content



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Observe and Explain





What happens when water heats up?





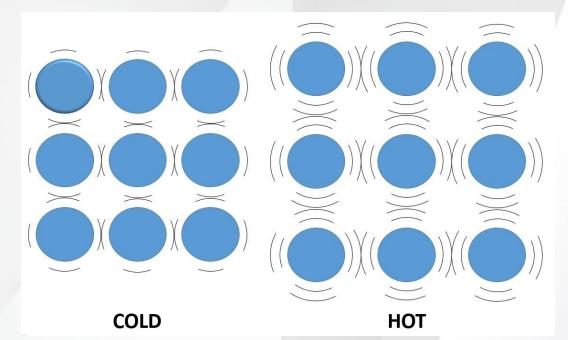
How does this relate to the Earth?





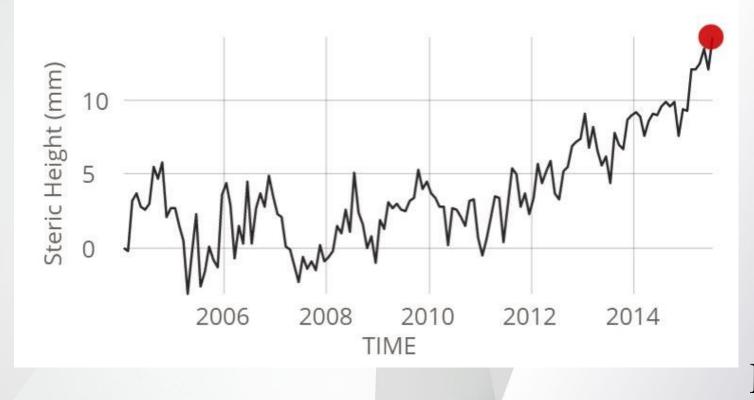


Thermal Expansion of Water



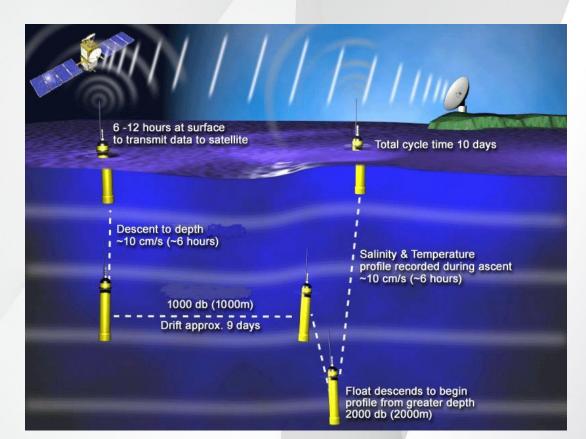


Apply: Measuring the Ocean's Volume



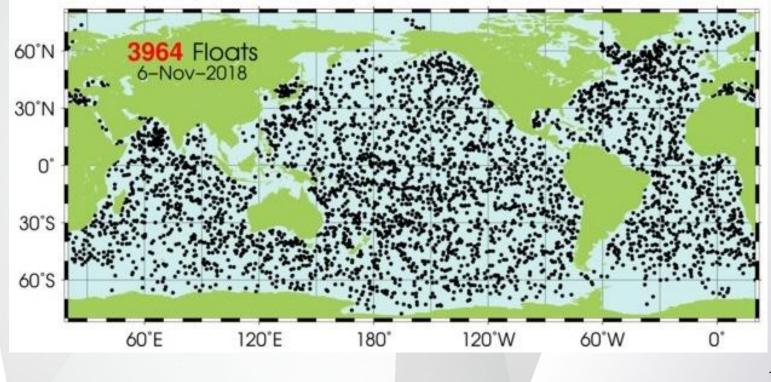
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ARGO: Measuring the Ocean's Volume



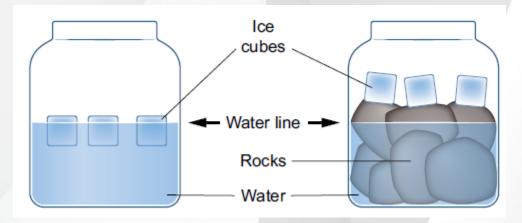


ARGO: Measuring the Ocean's Volume



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Observe and Explain





Where does the melting ice go?





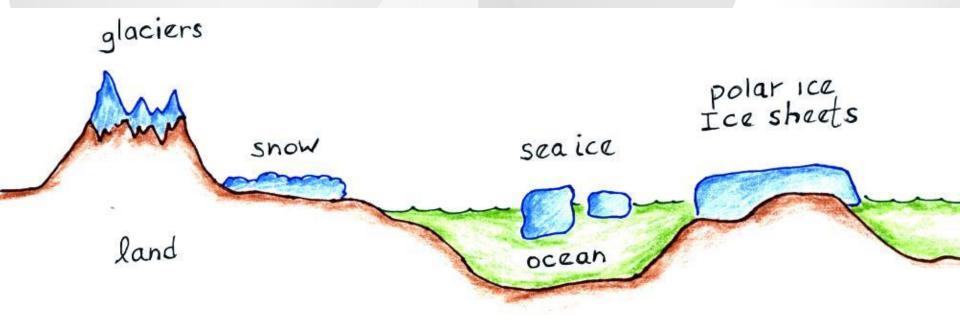
How does this relate to the Earth?







Apply: Land Ice vs Sea Ice





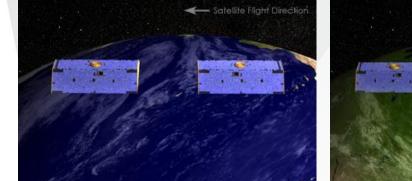


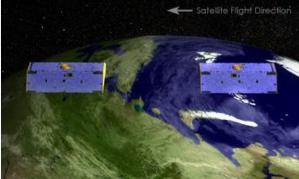


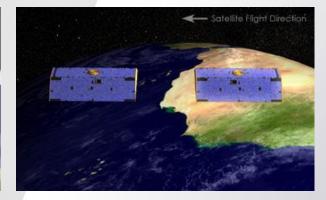
A melting iceberg does not cause a direct change in sea level A melting glacier adds water to the ocean and causes a direct change in sea level



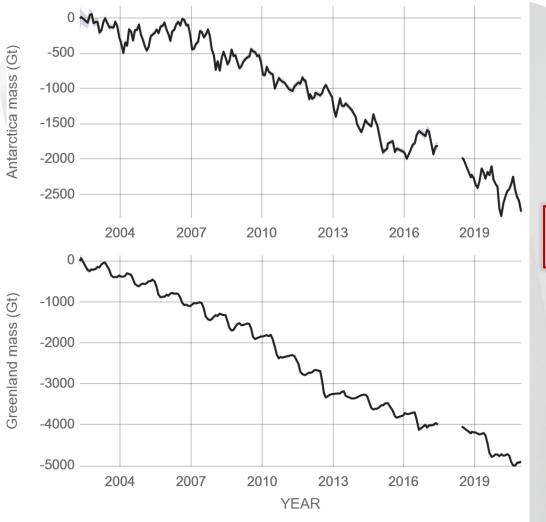
GRACE: Measuring Land Ice Mass











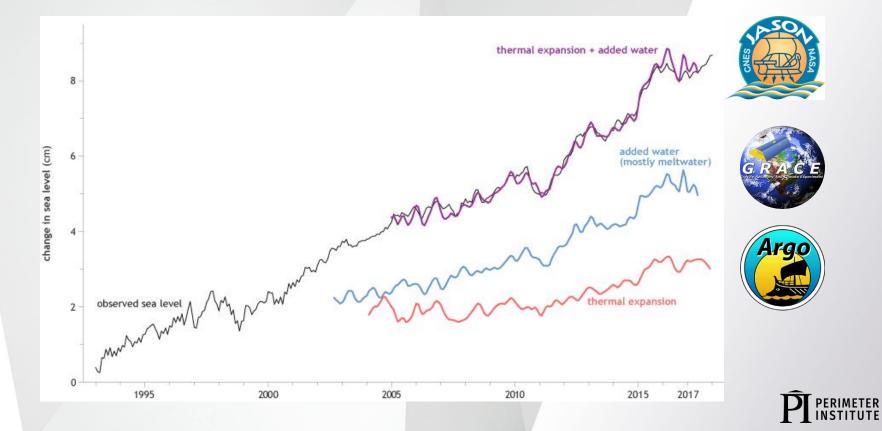
Antarctica ice mass is decreasing at 150 Gt per year

> 420 Gt per year!

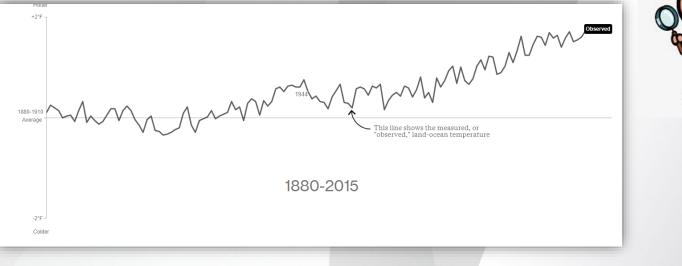
Greenland ice mass is decreasing at 278 Gt per year



Sea Level Budget



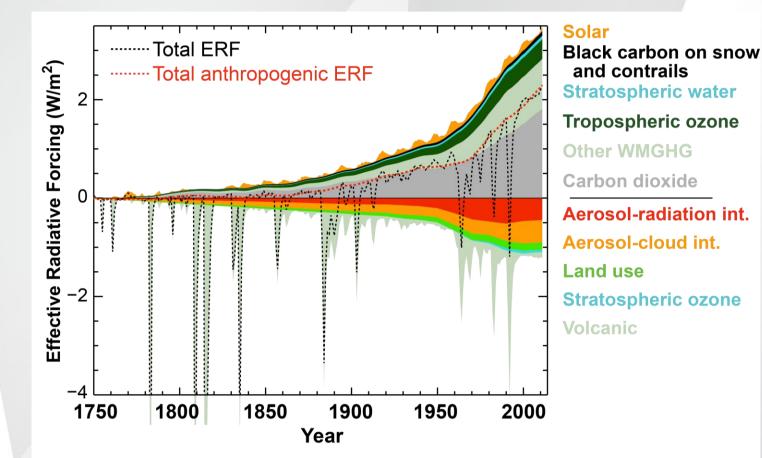
What's causing the warming?







Forcing factors



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Climate Change

It's real...

It's us...



It's serious...

And the window of time to prevent dangerous impacts is closing fast.

Katharine Hayhoe, Texas Tech



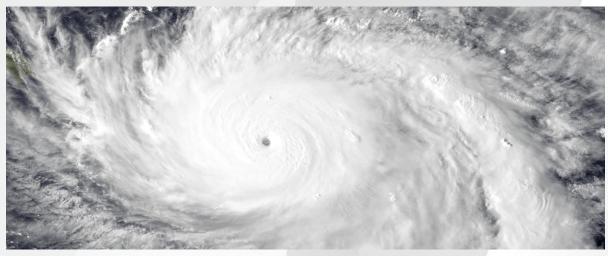
Flooding and drought

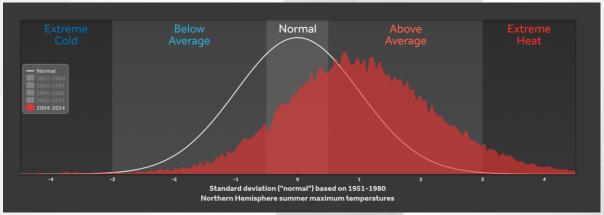






Wetter hurricanes and hotter heat waves







Intense wildfires and thawing permafrost



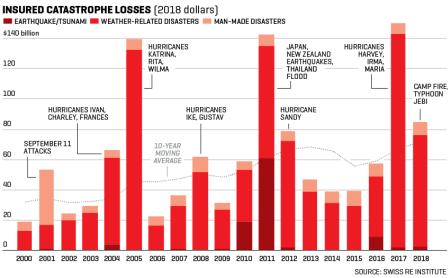


Shifting ecosystems and spreading disease





Economic costs and social costs







This summer...







Germany

France

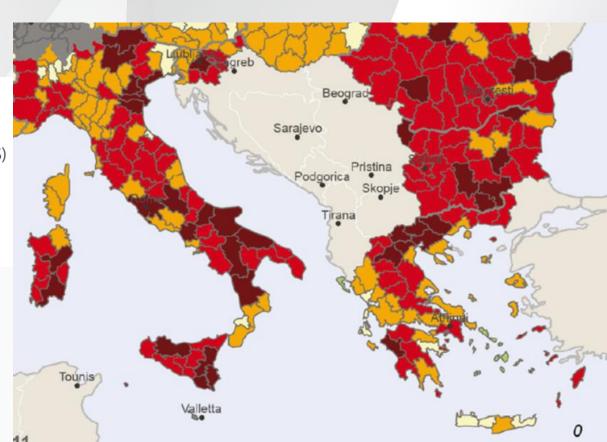
China



Greece is vulnerable

Potential vulnerability to climate change

Highest negative impact (0.5 - 1.0)
Medium negative impact (0.3 - <0.5)
Low negative impact (0.1 - <0.3)
Zero/Marginal impact (-0.1 - <0.1)
Small positive impact (-0.1 - -0.25)



HUMANITY'S GREATEST CHALLENGE IS ALSO OUR GREATEST OPPORTUNITY

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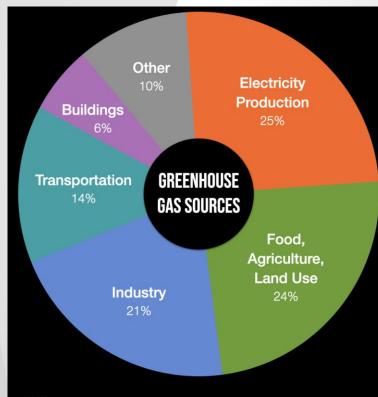
"We basically have three choices: mitigation, adaptation, and suffering. We're going to do some of each. The question is what the mix is going to be. The more mitigation we do, the less adaptation will be required and the less suffering there will be."

- John Holdren (climate expert)



Mitigation: Sources and Sinks

- Reducing GHGs at the source
 - Renewables
 - Plant-based diet
 - EVs
- Enhancing carbon sinks
 - Reforestation
 - Carbon Capture and Sequestration
 - Direct Air Capture



Project Drawdown Top 10

2.0°C by 2100	1.5°C by 2100
Reduced Food Waste	Onshore Wind Turbines
Health and Education for Girls/Women	Utility-Scale Solar Photovoltaics
Plant-Rich Diets	Reduced Food Waste
Refrigerant Management	Plant-Rich Diets
Tropical Forest Restoration	Health and Education for Girls/Women
Onshore Wind Turbines	Tropical Forest Restoration
Alternative Refrigerants	Improved Clean Cookstoves
Utility-Scale Solar Photovoltaics	Distributed Solar Photovoltaics
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Adaptation

Adjusting to the current and future effects of climate change.





Recognize that this is a complex issue

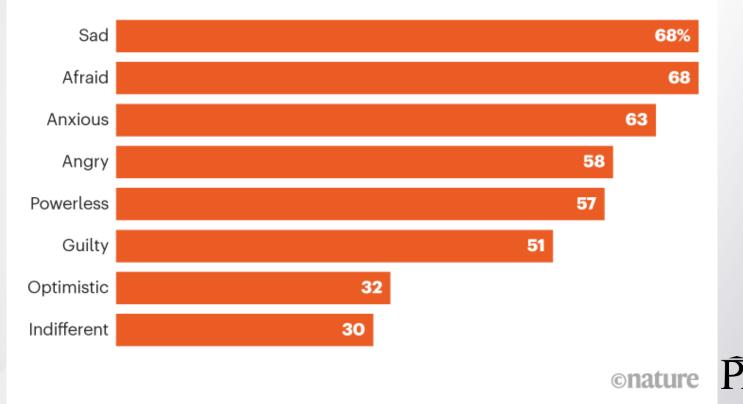
- Inter-generational conflict
- Inequality
- Hopelessness
- Shame
- Anxiety





Climate Anxiety

Climate change makes me feel...



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What good will personal actions do?



PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH!

ACTION IS HOPE. THERE IS NO HOPE WITHOUT ACTION.

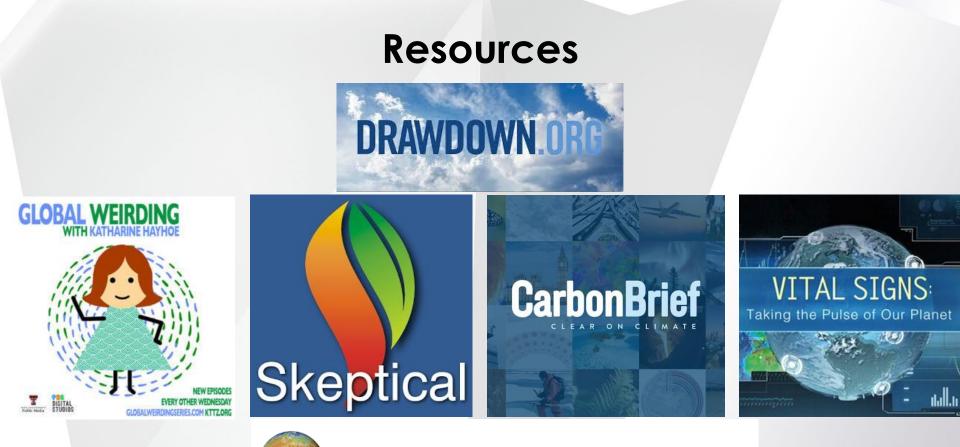
- RAY BRADBURY



Simple actions you can take:

- Talk about Climate Change
- Reduce your own personal footprint
 - Transportation and energy choices
 - Dietary choices
 - Consumer habits
- Lobby for systemic change
 - Political, social, economic







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