Slides for Climate Class 1

Climate change occurs when either side of energy balance is perturbed.

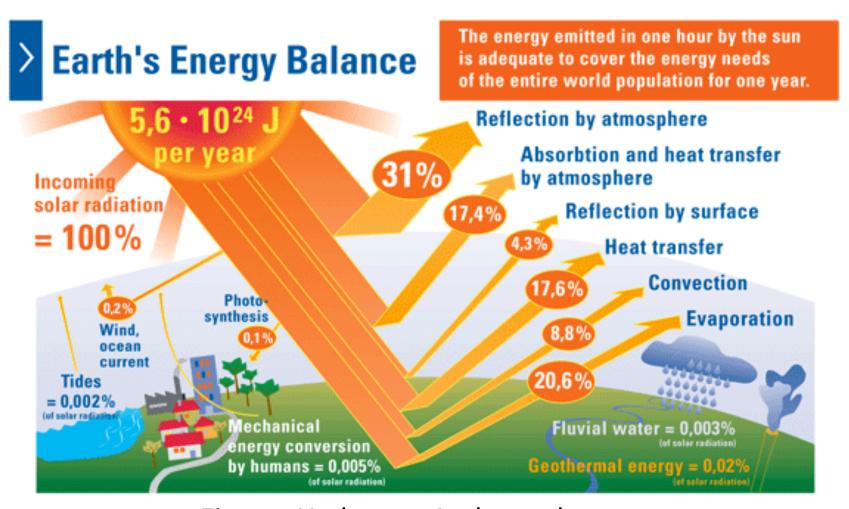


Figure: Hydrogen Ambassadors

Greenhouse Effect

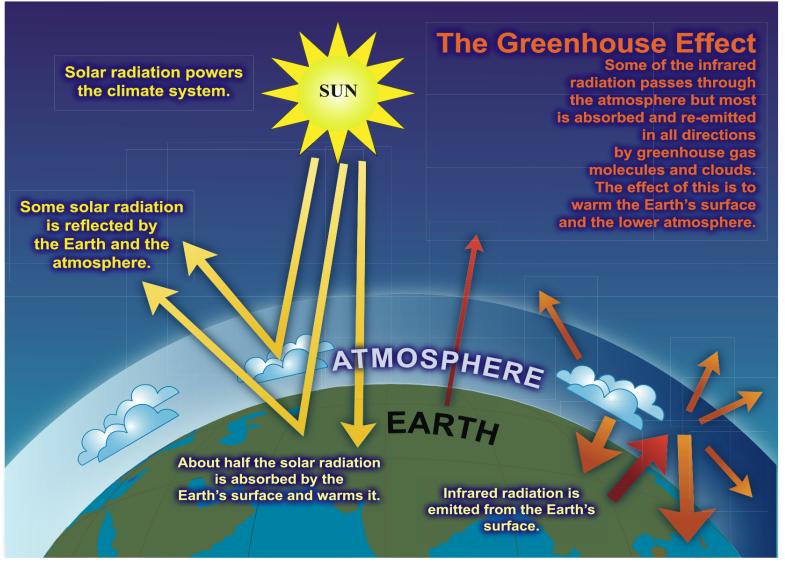


Figure: Penn State University

What are the Greenhouse Gases?

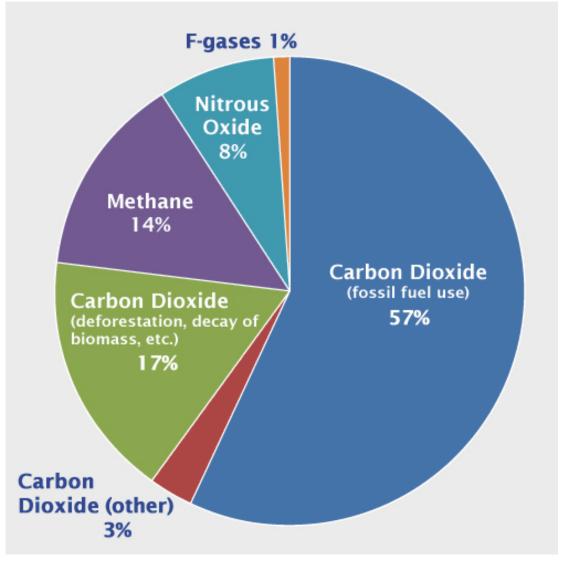


Figure: Environmental Protection Agency

Sources of US Greenhouse Gases

Emissions

- Greenhouse Gases & Aerosols
 - → Fossil fuels (Personal & Industry)
 - →Land use

Land use changes

- > Agriculture
- Deforestation
- ➤ Urbanization
- ➤ Water management & reservoirs

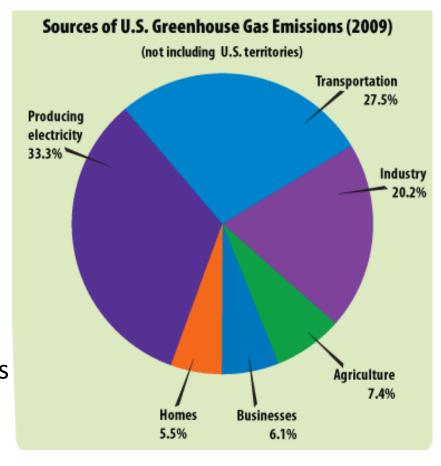


Figure + Information: Environmental Protection Agency

The Carbon Cycle

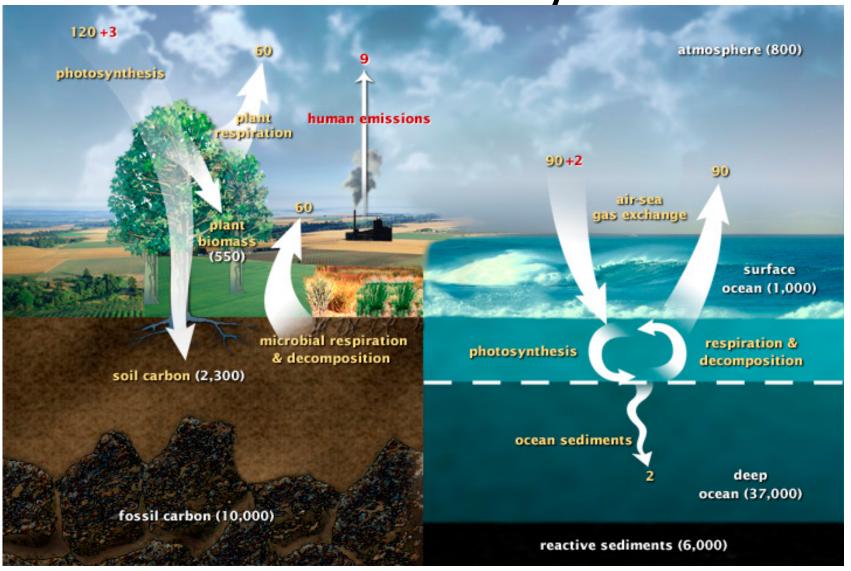


Figure: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The Keeling Curve

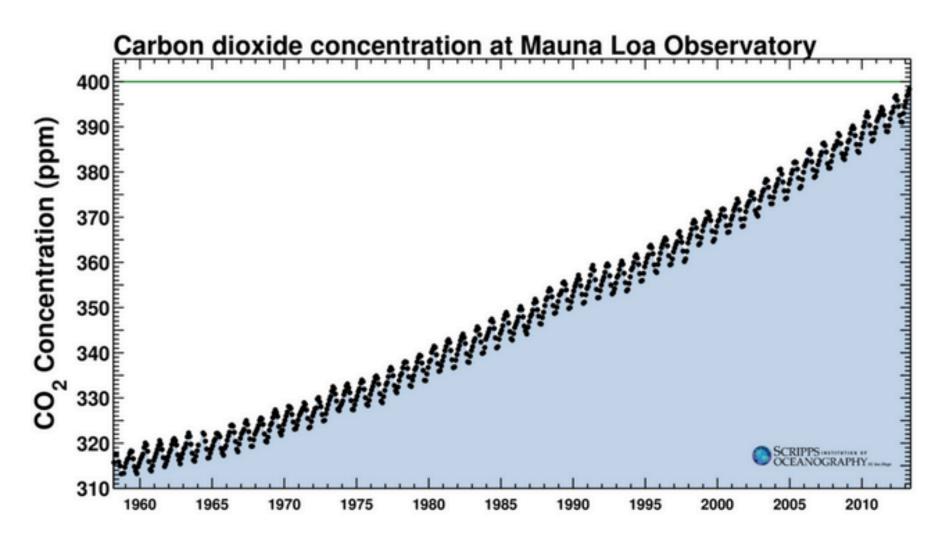


Figure: Scripps Institution of Oceanography

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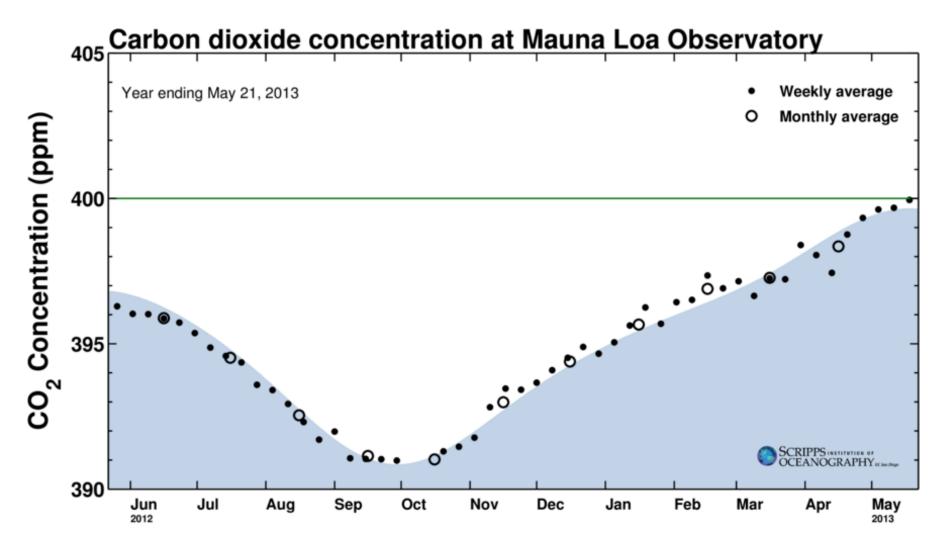


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Climate Impacts

- A couple good sites to use as a jumping off point-
- http://climate.nasa.gov/effects
- http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/ urgentissues/global-warming-climate-change/ threats-impacts/index.htm

What causes sea level to change?

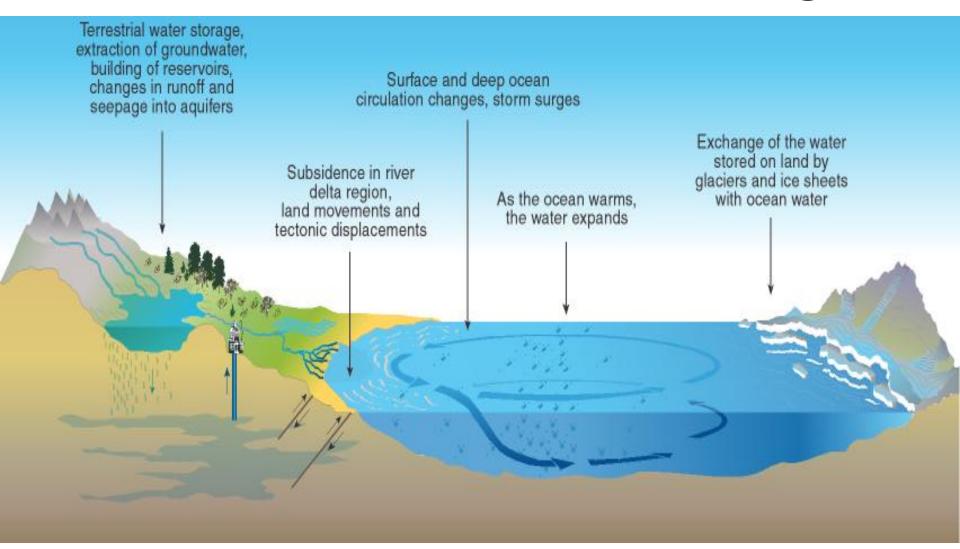


Figure: Climate.org

Climate Change Impacts: Real Time

- Sea Level Trends: http:// tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/sltrends/ sltrends.shtml
- Ice Trends: http://nsidc.org/cgi-bin/bist/ bist.pl?config=seaice_index

Adaptation, Case Study of The Northweat

 Adaptation in general -<u>http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/impacts-adaptation/</u>

 NE Specific - http://www.epa.gov/ climatechange/impacts-adaptation/ northeast.html

Feedback Loop Examples

Albedo Feedback

Permafrost Feedback

Permafrost Thaw

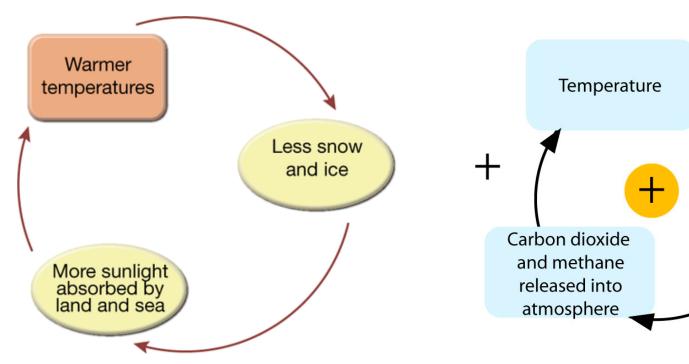


Figure: Carlton College

Experiment Discussion

 http://www.epa.gov/climatestudents/ impacts/signs/glaciers.html