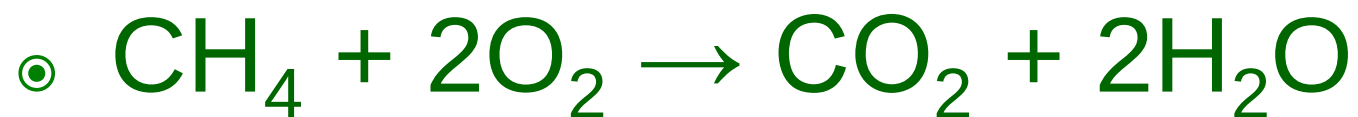


FOSSIL FUELS ARE THEY DINOSAURS?

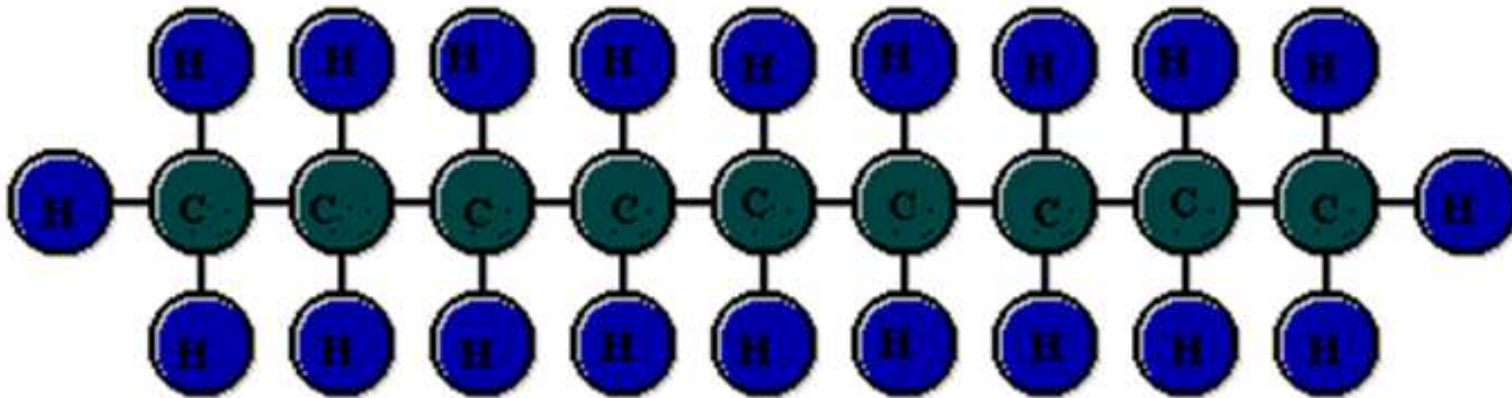
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COMBUSTION



HYDROCARBONS

- Mainly Carbon and Hydrogen
- Also others like Oxygen and Sulphur



HYDROCARBONS

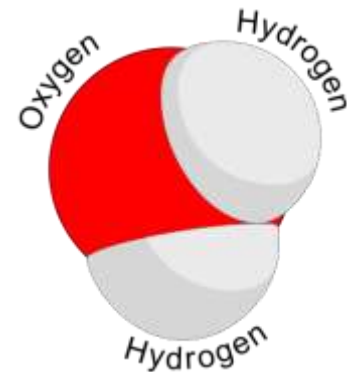
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1 H Hydrogen 1.00794	Atomic # Symbol Name Atomic Mass C Solid Hg Liquid H Gas Rf Unknown Metals Alkali metals Alkaline earth metals Lanthanoids Actinoids Transition metals Poor metals Nonmetals Other nonmetals Noble gases																2 He Helium 4.002602									
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012182											5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.007	8 O Oxygen 15.999	9 F Fluorine 18.998	10 Ne Neon 20.1797									
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87 Fr Francium (223)	88 Ra Radium (226)	89-103										104 Rf Rutherfordium (261)	105 Db Dubnium (262)	106 Sg Seaborgium (266)	107 Bh Bohrium (264)	108 Hs Hassium (277)	109 Mt Meitnerium (268)	110 Ds Darmstadtium (271)	111 Rg Roentgenium (272)	112 Uub Ununbium (285)	113 Uut Ununtrium (284)	114 Uuq Ununquadium (289)	115 Uup Ununpentium (288)	116 Uuh Ununhexium (292)	117 Uus Ununseptium (294)	118 Uuo Ununoctium (294)

For elements with no stable isotopes, the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life is in parentheses.

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HYDROGEN



HINDENBURG



CARBON



IDENTIFY THE HYDROCARBONS

- ◉ A Used engine oil
- ◉ B New engine oil
- ◉ C Peat
- ◉ D Tar
- ◉ E Charcoal
- ◉ F Coke
- ◉ G Anthracite
- ◉ H Coal

EXAMPLES ARE!



Coal

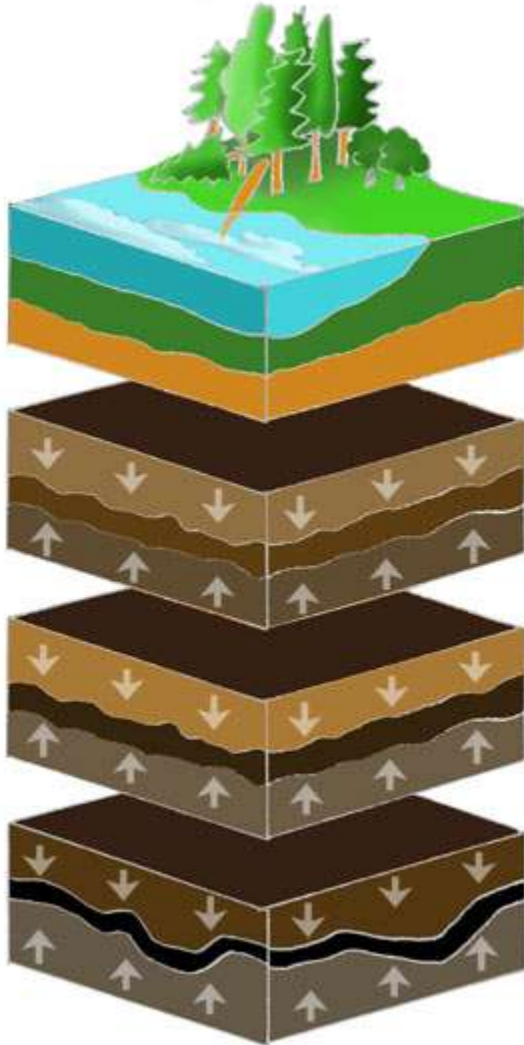


Natural Gas



Oil

FORMATION OF COAL



HUGE FORESTS GREW AROUND
300 MILLION YEARS AGO
COVERING MOST OF THE EARTH

THE VEGETATION DIES AND
FORMS PEAT

THE PEAT IS COMPRESSED BETWEEN
SEDIMENT LAYERS TO FORM LIGNITE

FURTHER COMPRESSION
FORMS BITUMINOUS AND
SUBBITUMINOUS COAL

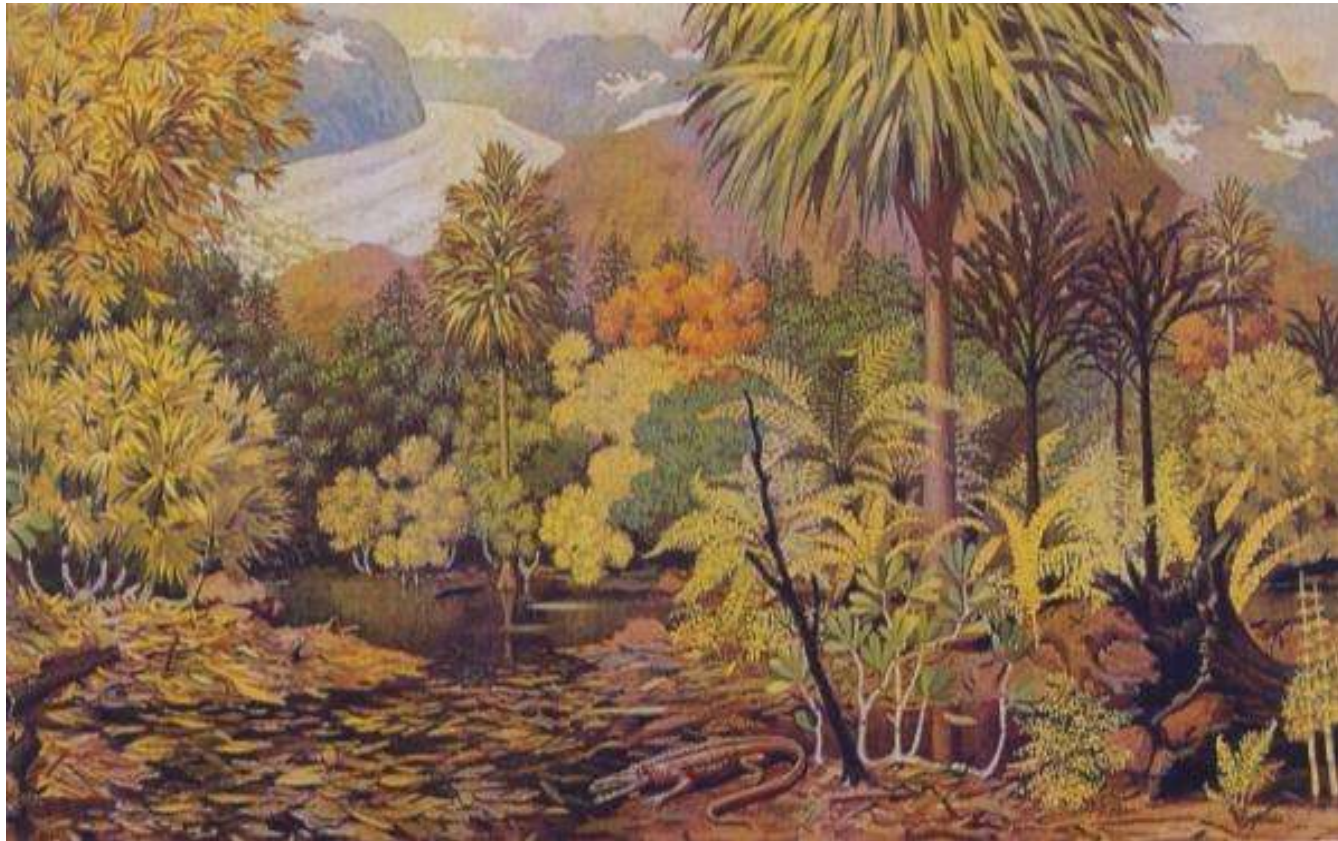
EVENTUALLY ANTHRACITE FORMS

FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- Rotting plant material becomes peat.
- Peat is buried and subject to high pressures and temperatures.
- Peat becomes lignite.
- Lignite becomes bituminous coal.
- Bituminous coal becomes anthracite.

HOW IS COAL FORMED

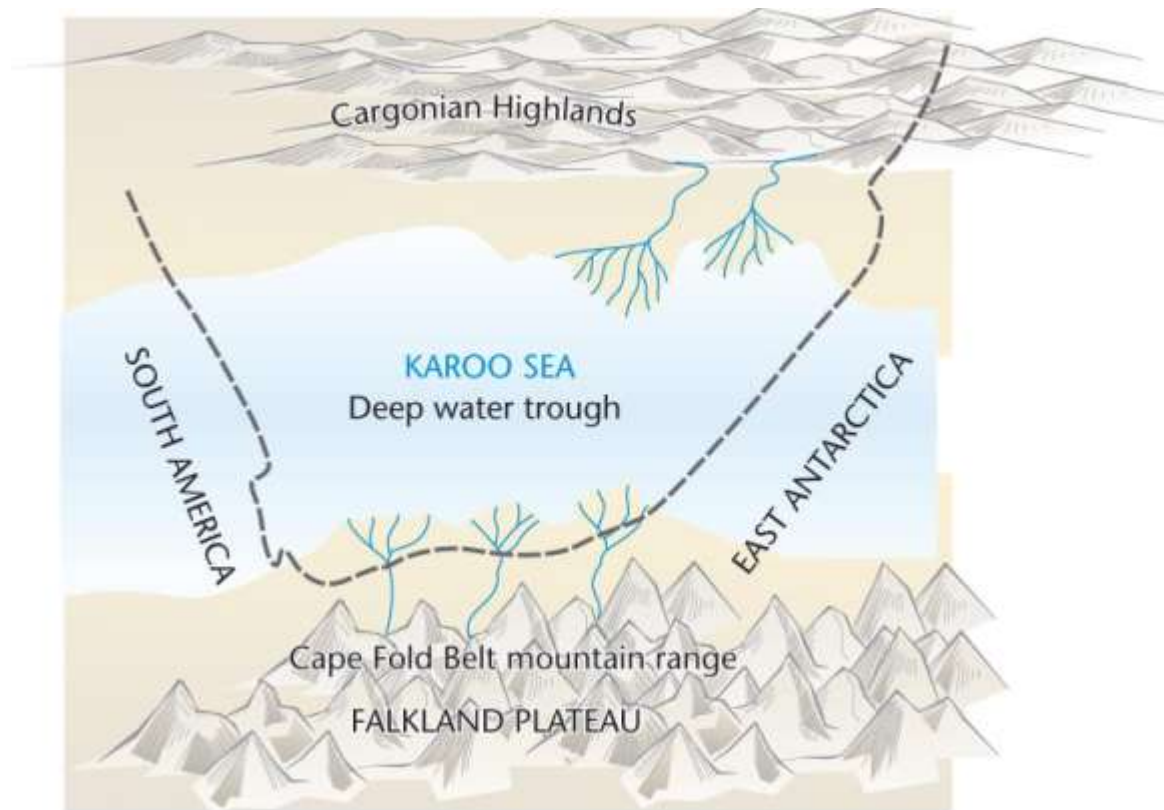
260 million years ago South Africa was covered with vast swamps



MODERN SWAMPS



WHERE WERE THEY FOUND?



PRESERVED AS FOSSILS



Ferns



Glossopteris



Horse tails

PEAT



Swamp



Peat bog



Peat piled for burning

FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- Over millions of years plants in the coal swamps died and were buried underwater with no oxygen.
- The dead plant material did not decompose forming peat.
- Burial of the peat created heat and pressure resulting in the peat being turned into coal.
- In South Africa peat is found in wetlands where it is protected.
- In the Northern Hemisphere peat is more common.
- Peat can be burned or used as a potting soil, it is also used to grow mushrooms.

LIGNITE

Lignite



Lignite Burning Power Station

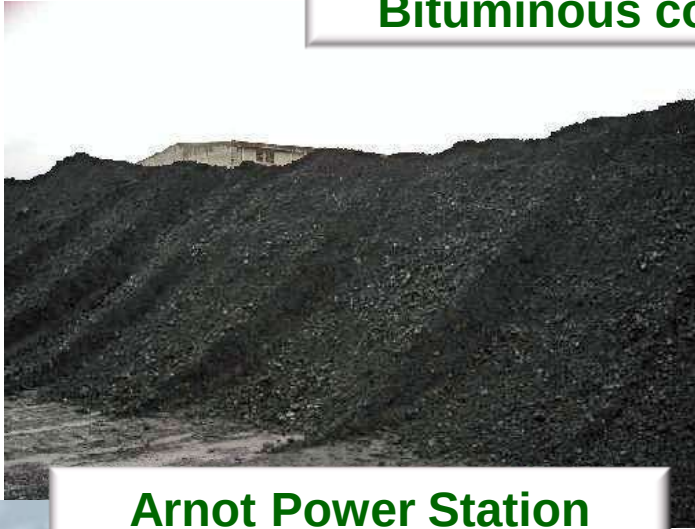


FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- ◉ Lignite or brown coal forms when peat is altered by relatively low temperatures and pressures over a long period of time.
- ◉ Lignite may still contain unaltered plant material.
- ◉ Fresh Lignite has a high moisture content (up to 66%) and a relatively low carbon content (20 – 35 %).
- ◉ Lignite contains many substances (volatiles) which turn into gas or smoke when burnt.
- ◉ We do not burn lignite in South Africa, but in other parts of the world it is burned in power stations.

BITUMINOUS COAL

Bituminous coal



Arnot Power Station



FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- ◉ Bituminous coal is formed when lignite is subject to high pressures and temperatures.
- ◉ Bitumen is a type a sticky black tar-like substance.
- ◉ Bituminous coal is 60% to 80% carbon, together with substances like water, hydrogen and sulphur.
- ◉ Bituminous coal is the most common type of coal in South Africa. It is used for heating, cooking and in power stations.
- ◉ The high sulphur content of this coal can cause acid rain. Power stations need to “scrub” their waste gases to get rid of the sulphur.

ANTHRACITE

Anthracite



Clean burning



FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

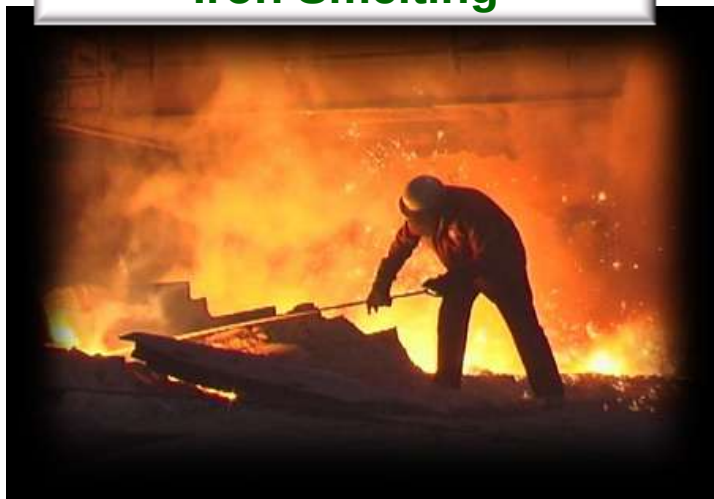
- ◉ Anthracite is formed when bituminous coal is subject to temperatures of between 150°C and 200°C .
- ◉ Anthracite is a type of metamorphic rock.
- ◉ It is harder and shinier than ordinary coal.
- ◉ Anthracite contains between 92 and 98% carbon. It produces hardly any smoke and can burn for days (unlike ordinary coal which burns out in hours).
- ◉ Anthracite is too expensive for power stations and is preferred for domestic heating and cooking because it is clean burning.

COKE (FUEL)

Coke



Iron Smelting

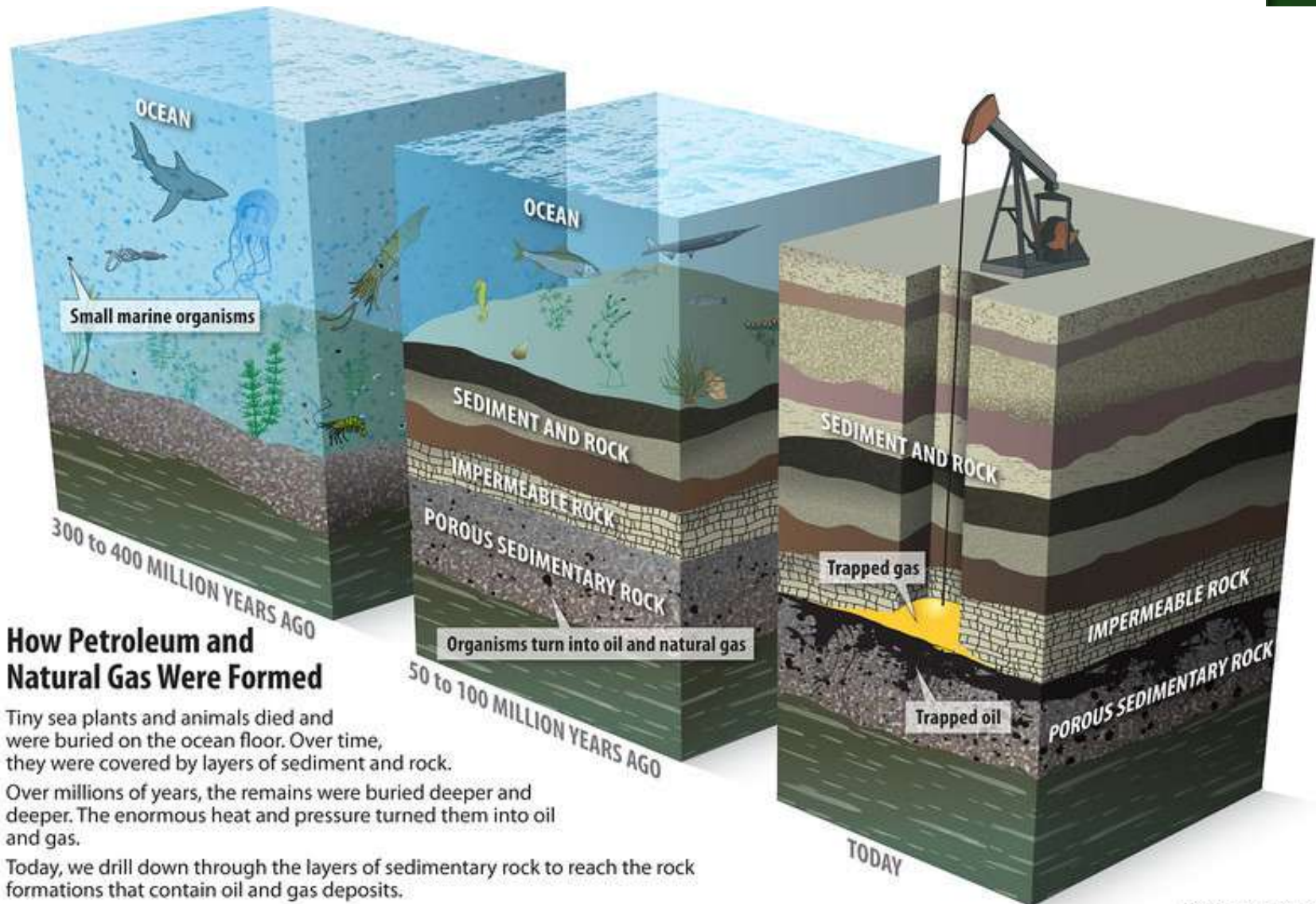


FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- Coke is formed by heating low Sulphur bituminous coal in the absence of air at a temperature as high as 2000°C
- Coke burns cleanly at high temperatures
- Coke is specially useful in furnaces in the iron industry where it is used to reduce iron ore (Fe_2O_3) into iron.



OIL AND GAS FORMATION



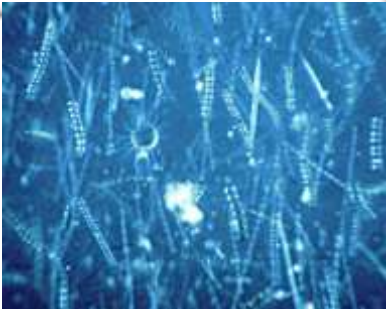
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OIL AND GAS

The Ocean



Plankton



Diatoms



FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- Oil is formed from fossilized plankton.
- A drop of Ocean water contain thousands upon thousands of tiny creatures called plankton which include:
 - Protists (e.g. copepods and algae including diatoms).
 - Larvae of jellyfish, starfish, sea-cucumbers and other animals.
- These tiny creatures die and form a thick sludge on the bottom of the ocean.
- Diatoms- can form a thick clay called diatomite which is used in toothpaste.
- The dead plankton sludge is buried and heated to form oil and gas.

DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS

Drilling on land



Oil pump



A floating oil platform

FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- Huge drilling rigs that can drill through thousands of metres of sediments are needed to drill for oil.
- The drill rigs can be found on land or on floating platforms at sea.
- Once the drillers have found oil they pump it out with special pumps

CRUDE OIL

An oil gusher



FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- Oil pumped straight out of the ground is called **crude oil**.
- Crude oil is a smelly mixture of tar, oil, benzene and other substances including sulphur.
- When an oil drill strikes oil the crude oil may come gushing out, this is called a blowout and can be very dangerous.

NATURAL GAS



METHANE



OIL REFINERY

Oil refinery

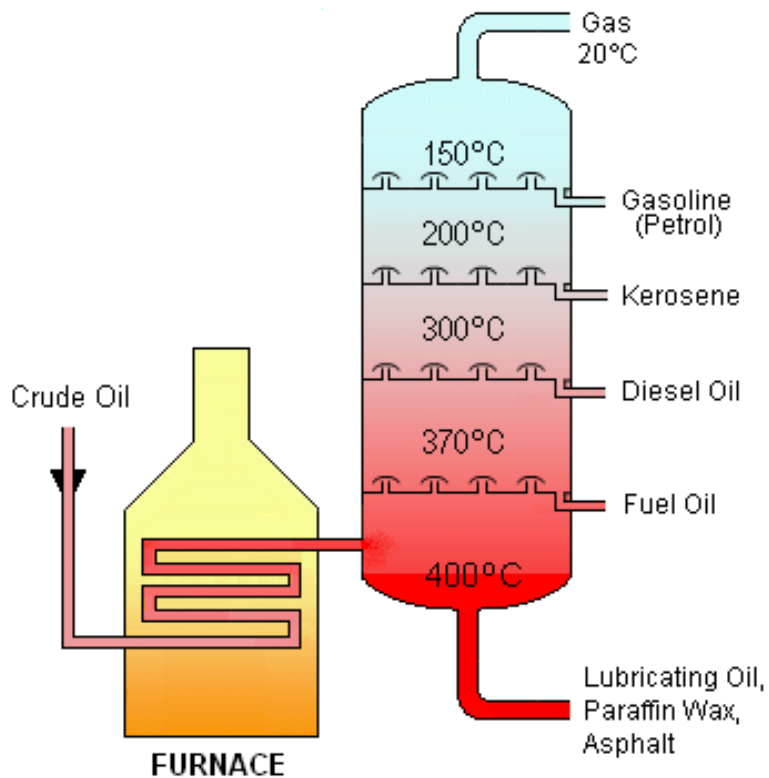


FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- ◉ An oil refinery is a huge factory where crude oil is converted into other products like:
 - Tar (Bitumen)
 - Wax
 - Diesel
 - Petrol
 - Motor car oil
 - Gas
- ◉ The crude oil here comes from the Engen refinery in Durban

OIL REFINERY

Fractional Distillation



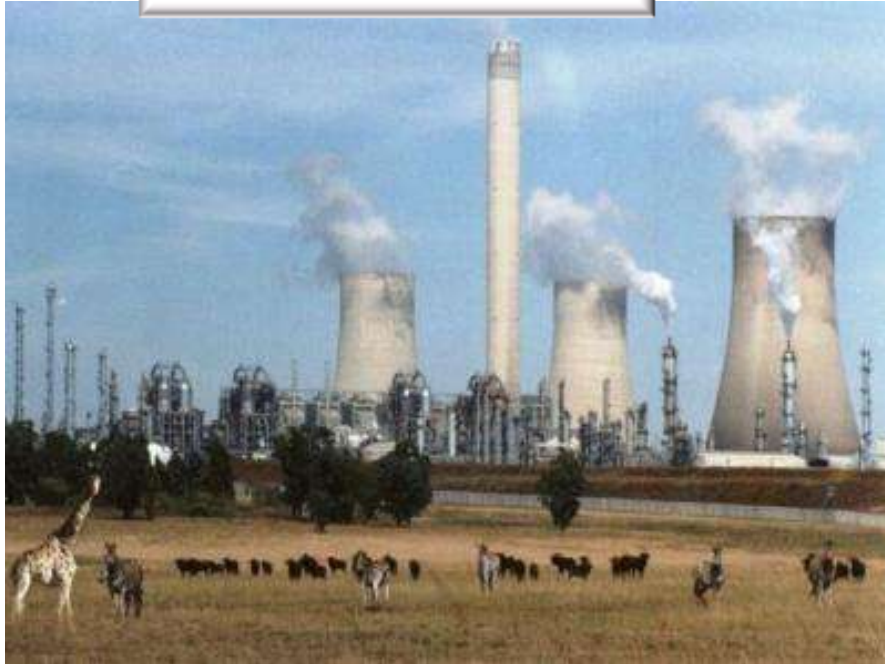
FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

● In an oil refinery a huge fractional distillation column is used to separate the crude oil into different parts:

- At lower temperatures (20°C) gas (LPG) separates.
- At 150°C petrol forms.
- Next at 200°C paraffin (kerosene) separates.
- At 300°C Diesel forms.
- At 370°C motor car oil separates.
- At 400°C Wax and road tar separate out.
- The products of crude oil can be turned in many types of chemicals and plastics.

SASOL

Sasol Plant



FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- ◉ Since 1955 Sasol has had a factory that can turn coal into oil.
- ◉ Coal is heated with oxygen and steam under pressure to make carbon monoxide, hydrogen and methane gas.
- ◉ The gases are passed over an iron based catalyst to create:
 - LPG (Liquid Petroleum Gas), petrol, diesel, paraffin, motor car oil, waxes, alcohol and acetone
- ◉ Sasol can also turn natural gas into fuels.
- ◉ Using natural gas and coal as a starting point Sasol produces over 30 types of chemical and
- ◉ many types of plastic.

IDENTIFY THE HYDROCARBONS

⦿ A

⦿ B

⦿ C

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NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES



NONRENEWABLE AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES

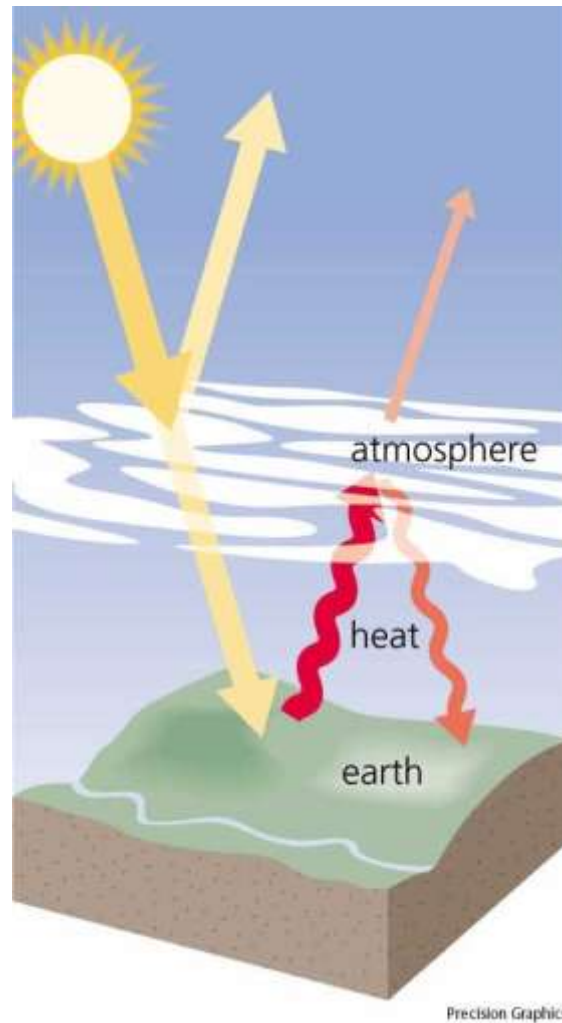
FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- Fossil fuels are non-renewable resources.
- They took millions of years to form and once we have used them up they will be gone.

It has been estimated that we have 35 years of oil left, 37 years of gas left and 105 years of coal.

Calculating how long it will take to use up reserves of fossil fuel is complex because new reserves are being found as are new ways of extracting it

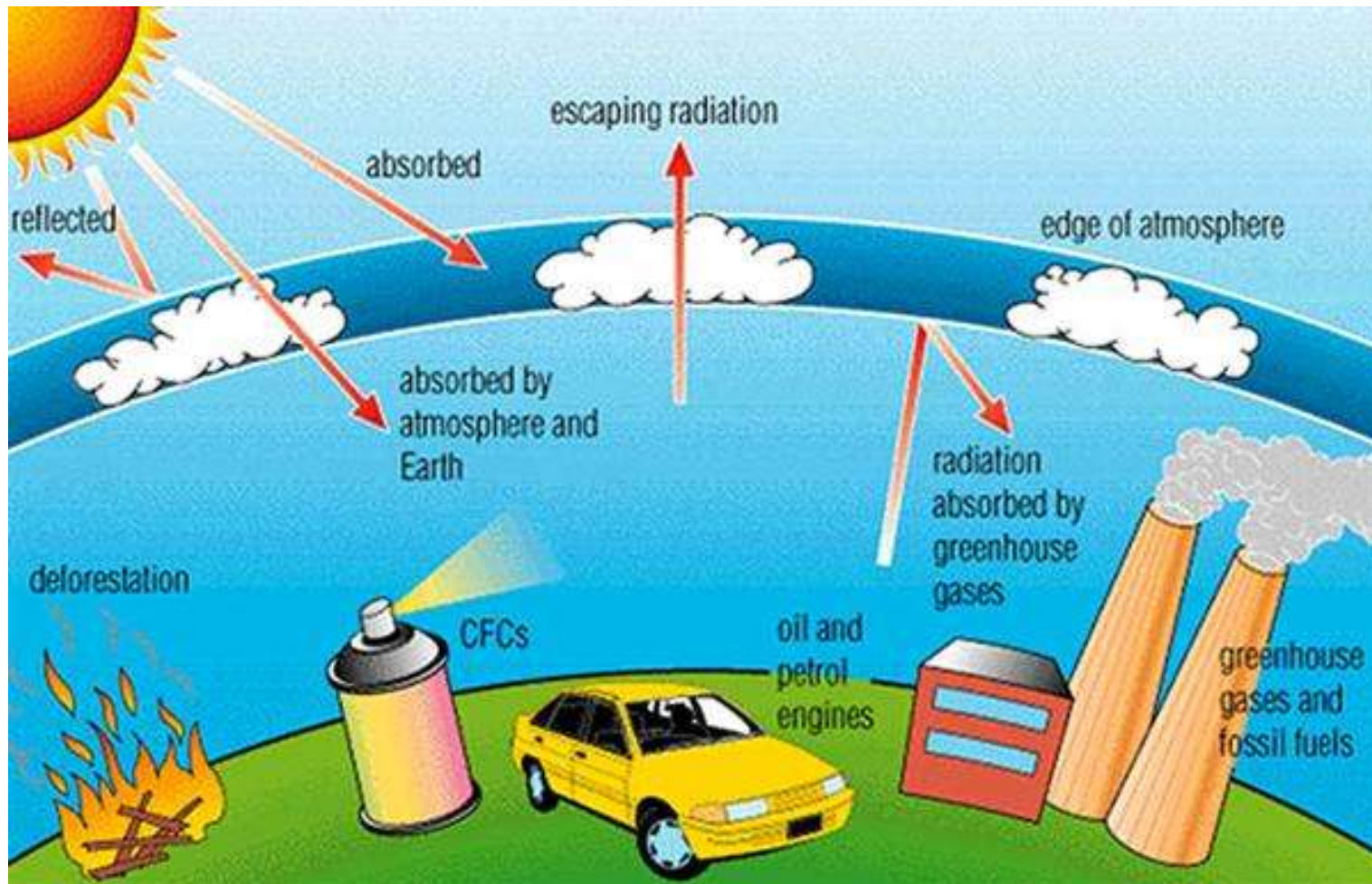
THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT



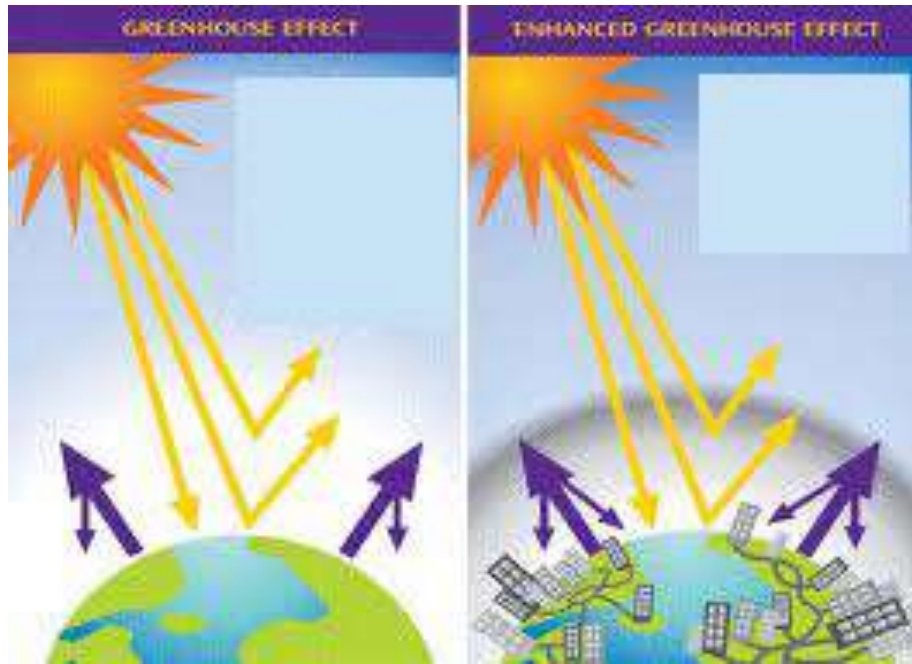
THE MOON



EFFECT OF METHANE AND CO₂



FOSSIL FUELS AND THE ENVIRONMENT



FOSSIL FUEL FACTS

- ◉ In 2006 humans produced **29,195.42** million metric tons of carbon dioxide from use of fossil fuels.
- ◉ It took millions of years for nature to take carbon dioxide out of the air and to store it in the Earth in the form of fossil fuels.
- ◉ Humans are releasing it back into the air in only a few hundred years.
- ◉ Increased concentrations of carbon dioxide together with other gases like methane are responsible for enhancing global warming.
- ◉ Burning of fossil fuels produces many other pollutants.

BEFORE GLOBAL WARMING

CO₂

CO₂

15.5 °C

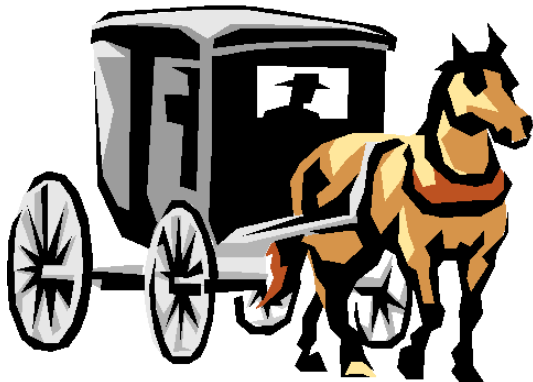
CO₂

Cool

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂



WITH GLOBAL WARMING

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂

CO₂

16.5 °C

CO₂

Warm

CO₂

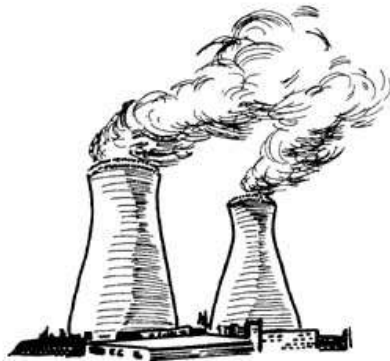
CO₂

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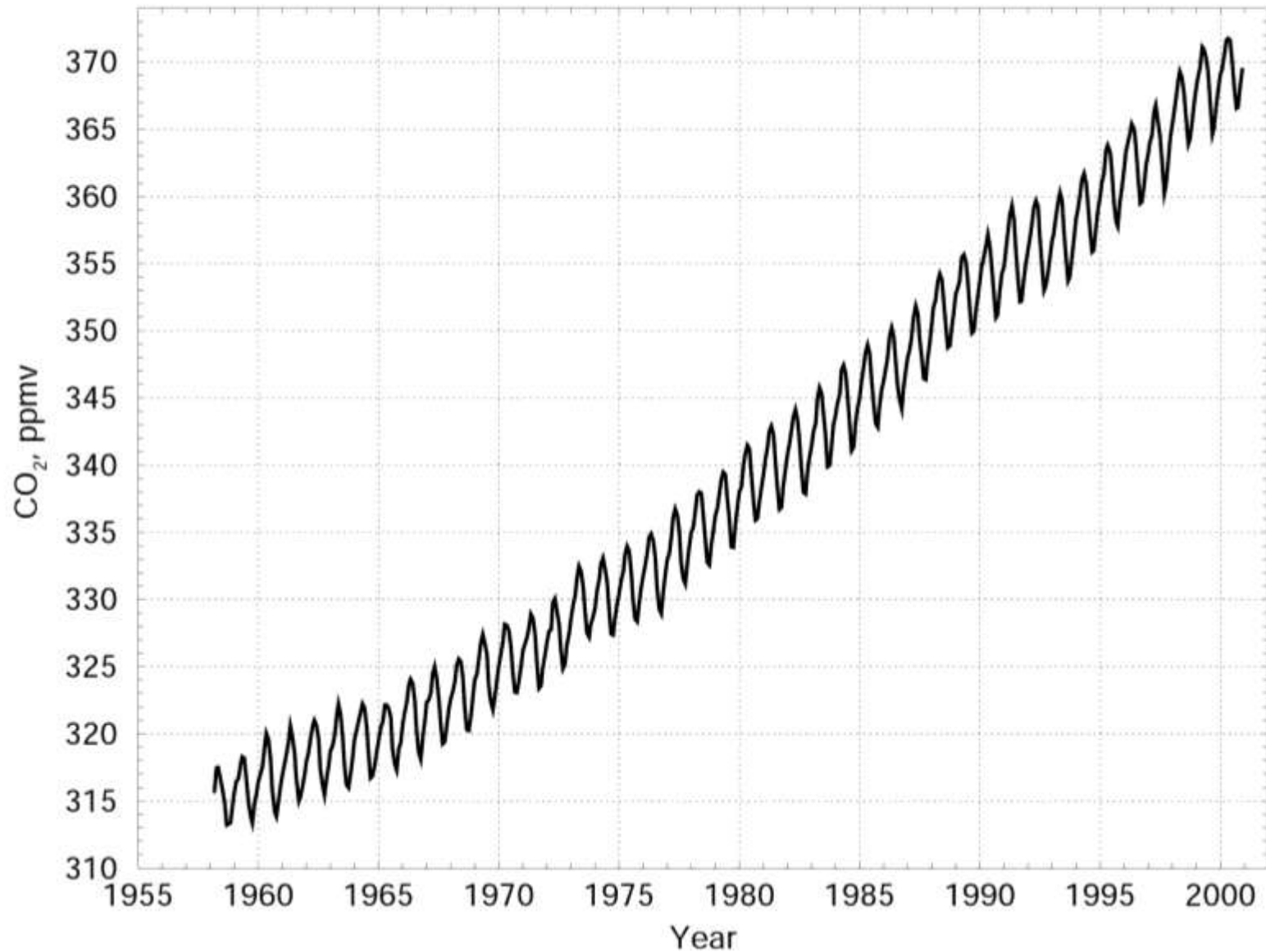
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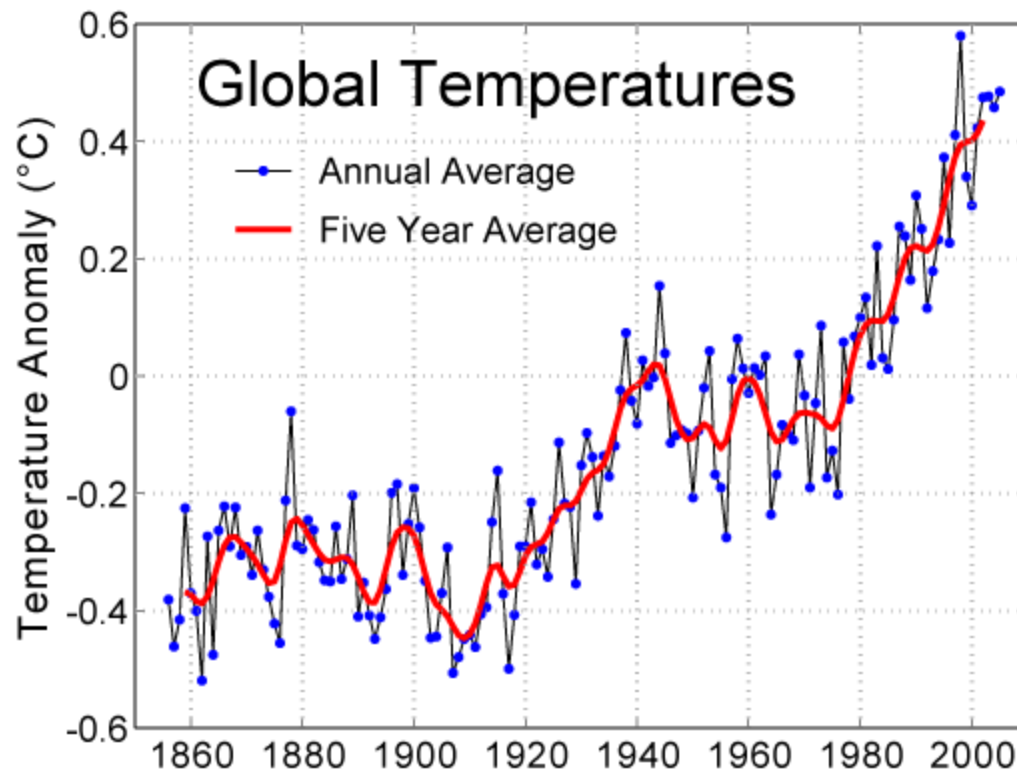
CO₂



Carbon Dioxide at Mauna Loa, Hawaii



INCREASE IN TEMPERATURE



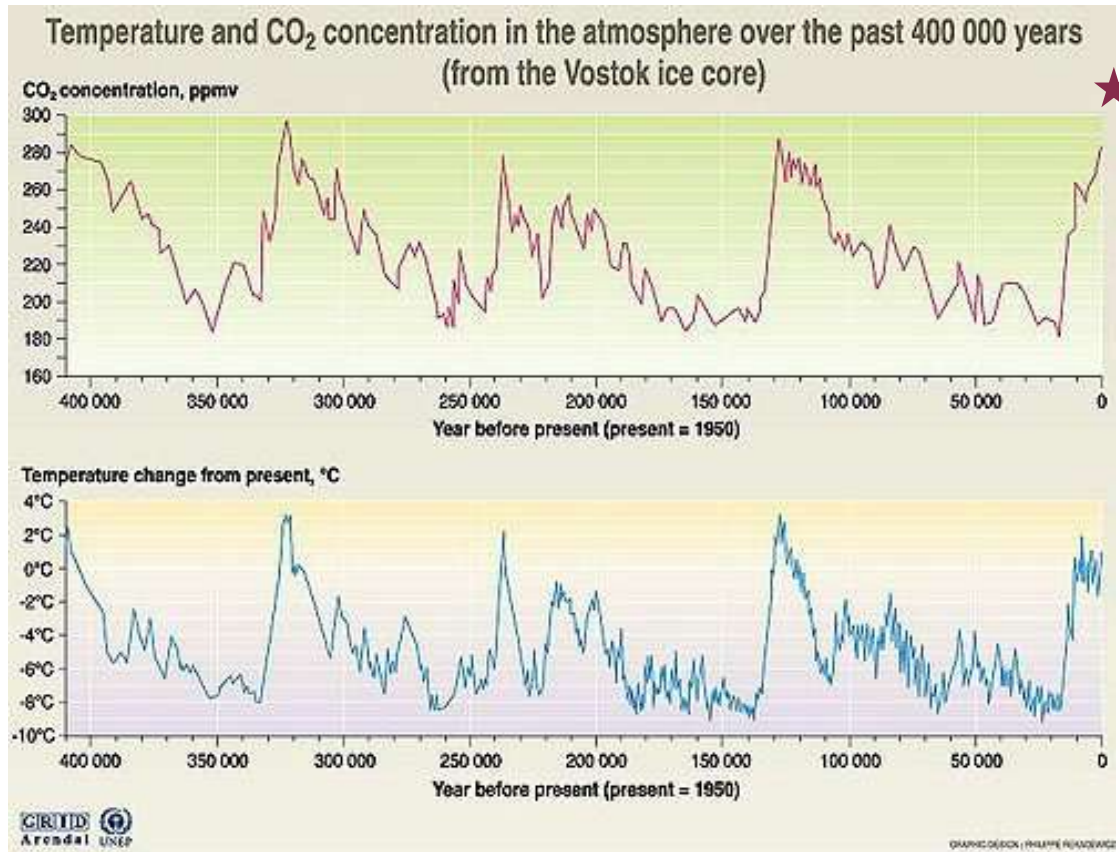
DRILLING IN THE ICE



VOSTOK ICE CORE



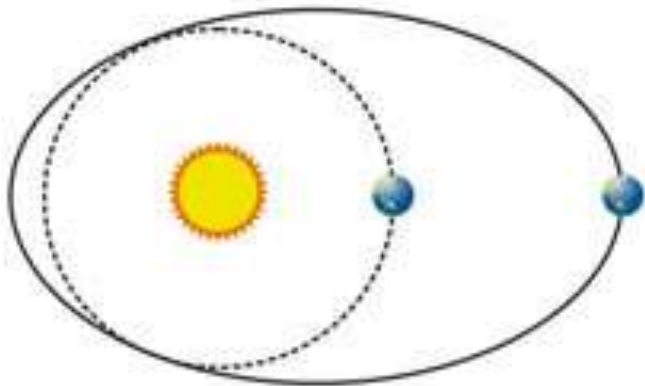
CO₂ AND TEMP 400 000 YEARS



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MELANKOVITCH CYCLES

Milankovitch Cycles



Eccentricity

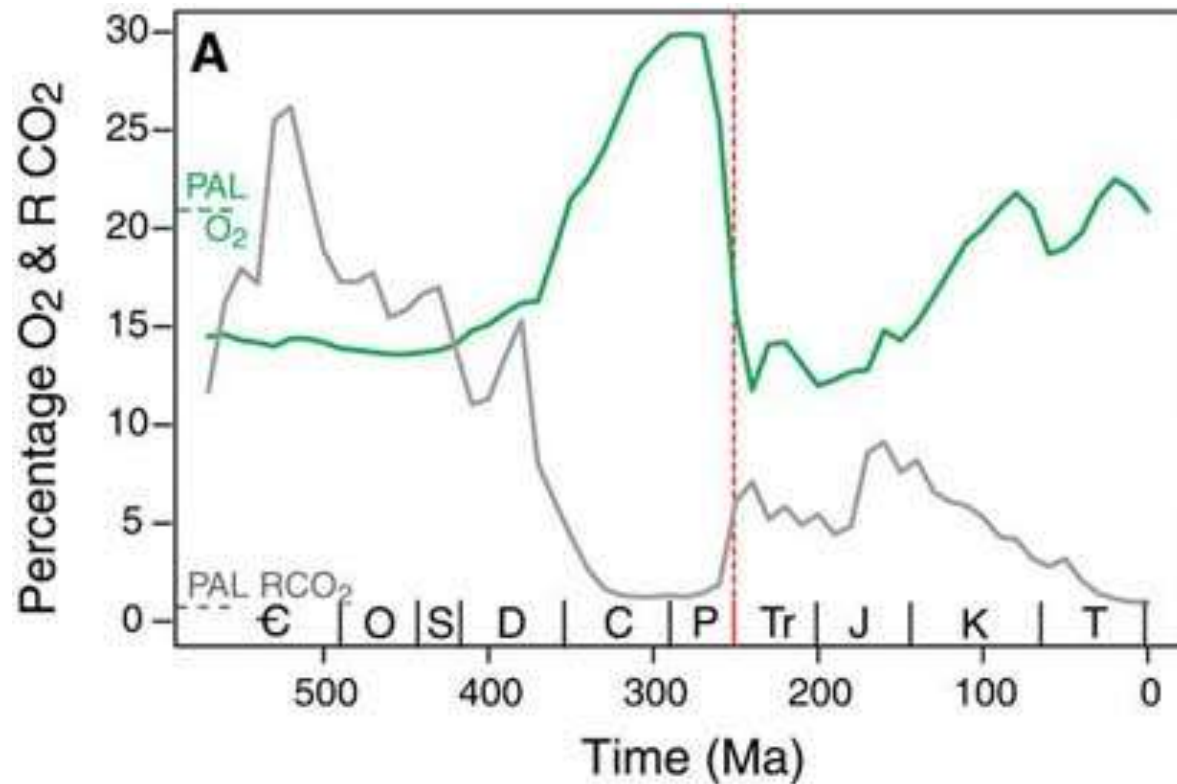


Obliquity



Precession

% OF O₂ AND CO₂ OVER TIME



EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Melting Ice
Caps
High Sea levels
More extreme
weather:

- Hurricanes
- Droughts
- Storms



Sustainable/small carbon footprint

Practical

Not Practical

Not sustainable/ big carbon footprint





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WARM YOUR LIFE

























