

# Energia y Cambio Climatico

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## IPCC 4th Assessment Report

- Warming of the climate system is unequivocal
- The warmth of the last half century is unusual in at least the previous 1300 years
- Most of the observed increase in globally averaged temperatures since the mid-20th century is *very likely* due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations
- Anthropogenic warming would continue for centuries, even if greenhouse gas concentrations were to be stabilized



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report

800+ contributing authors

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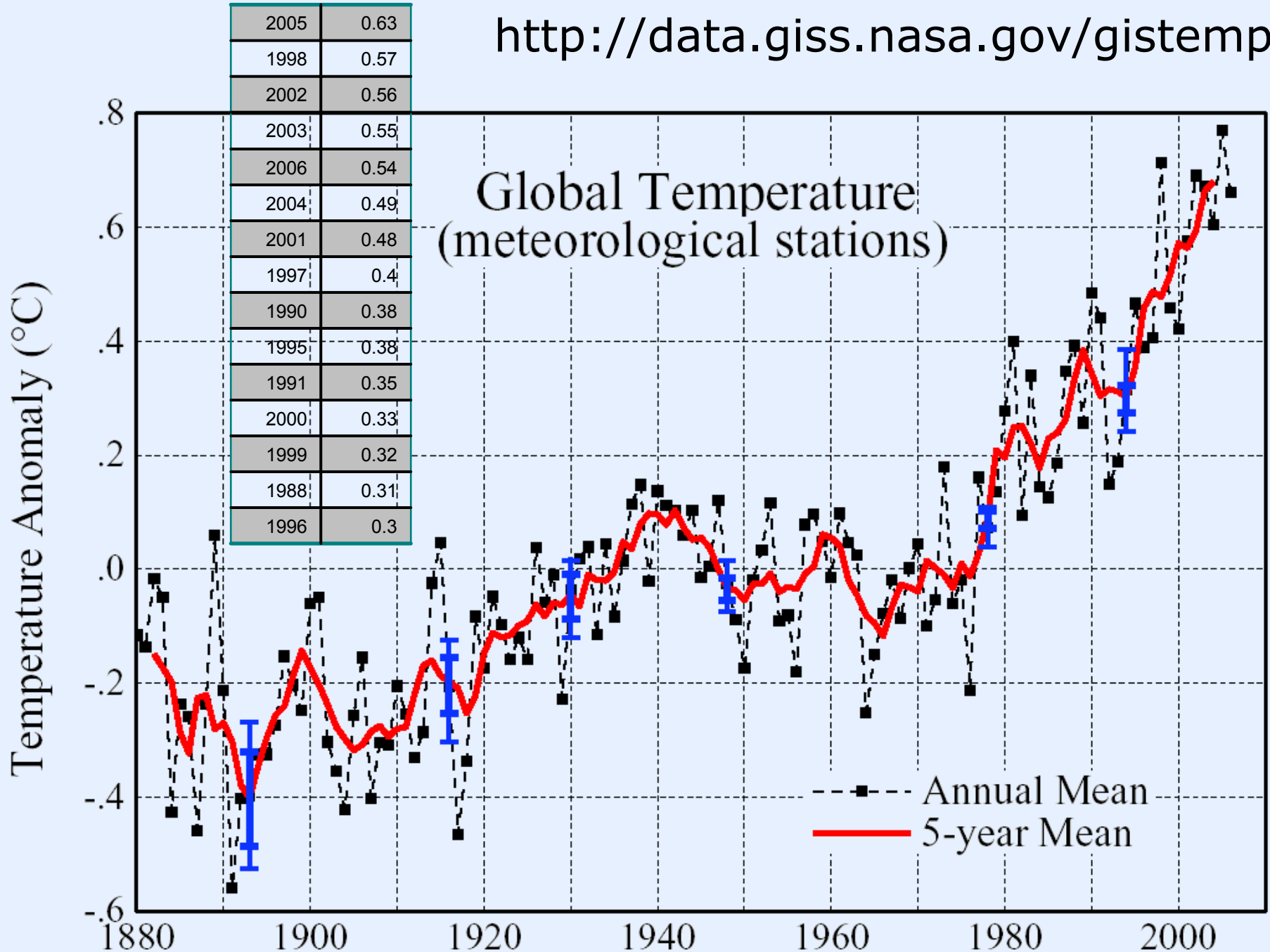
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4 volumes

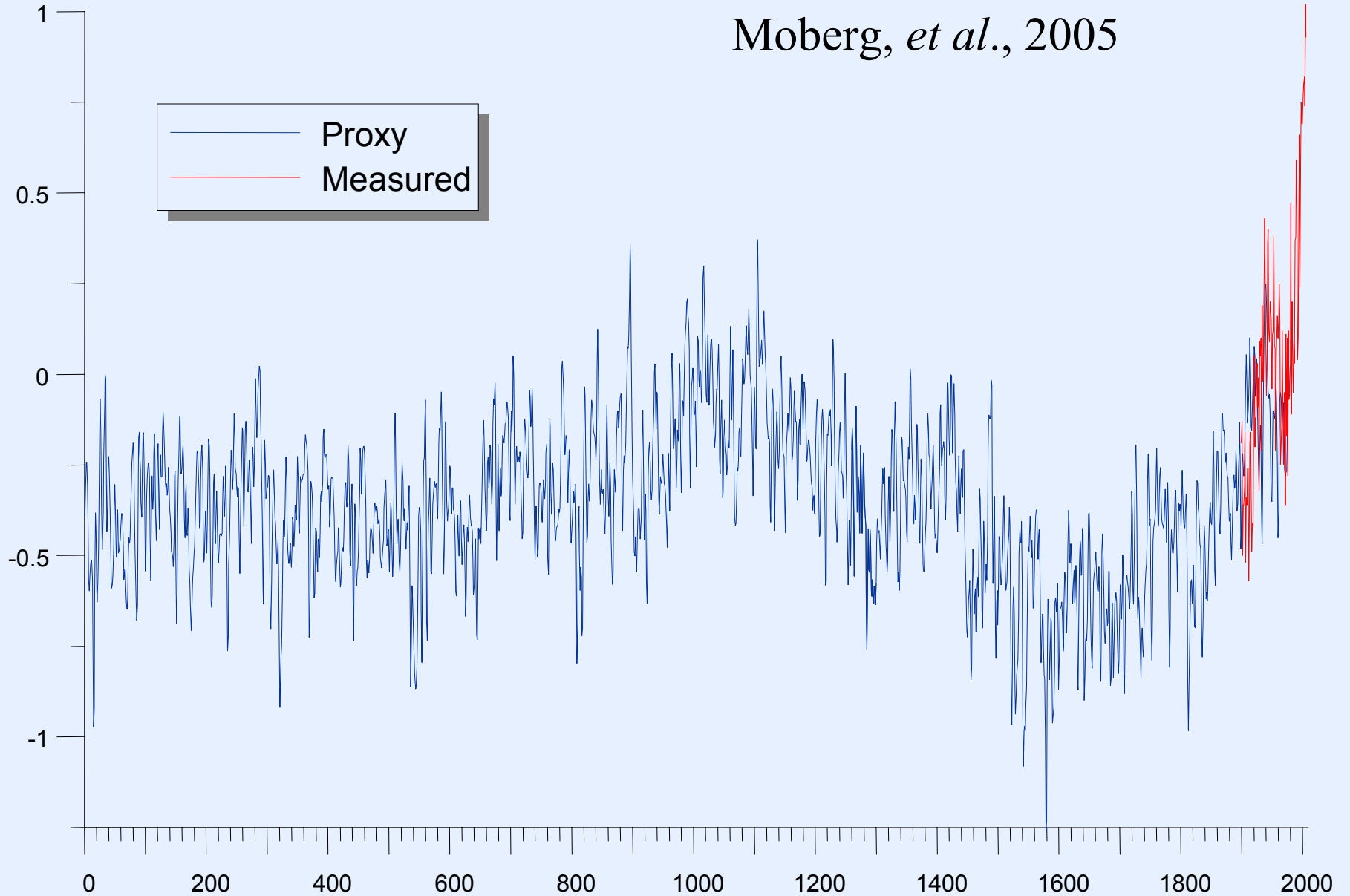
**Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis -  
Summary for Policymakers, February 2, 2007**

<http://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/>

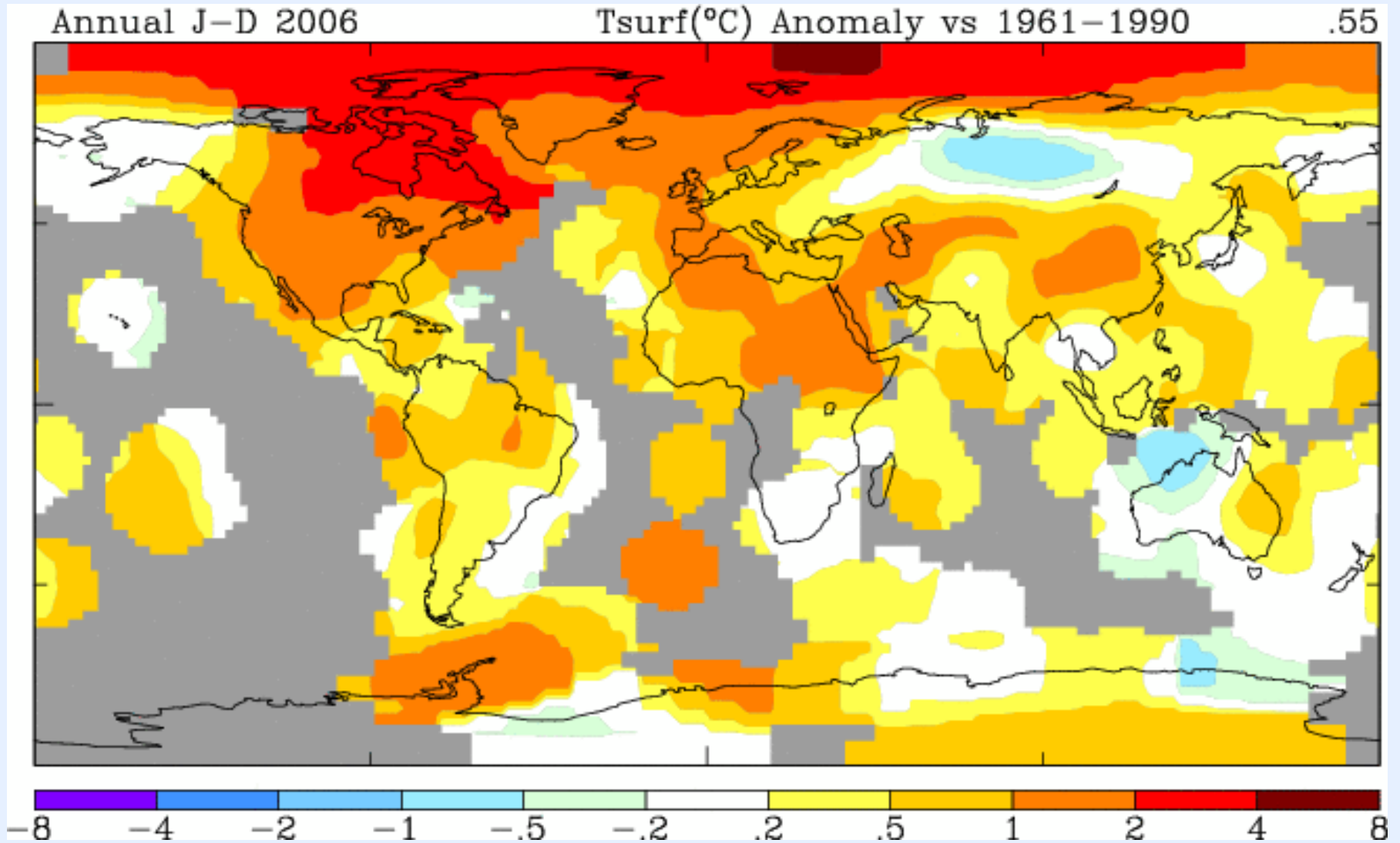


# Northern Hemisphere temperature, past 1000 years

Moberg, *et al.*, 2005

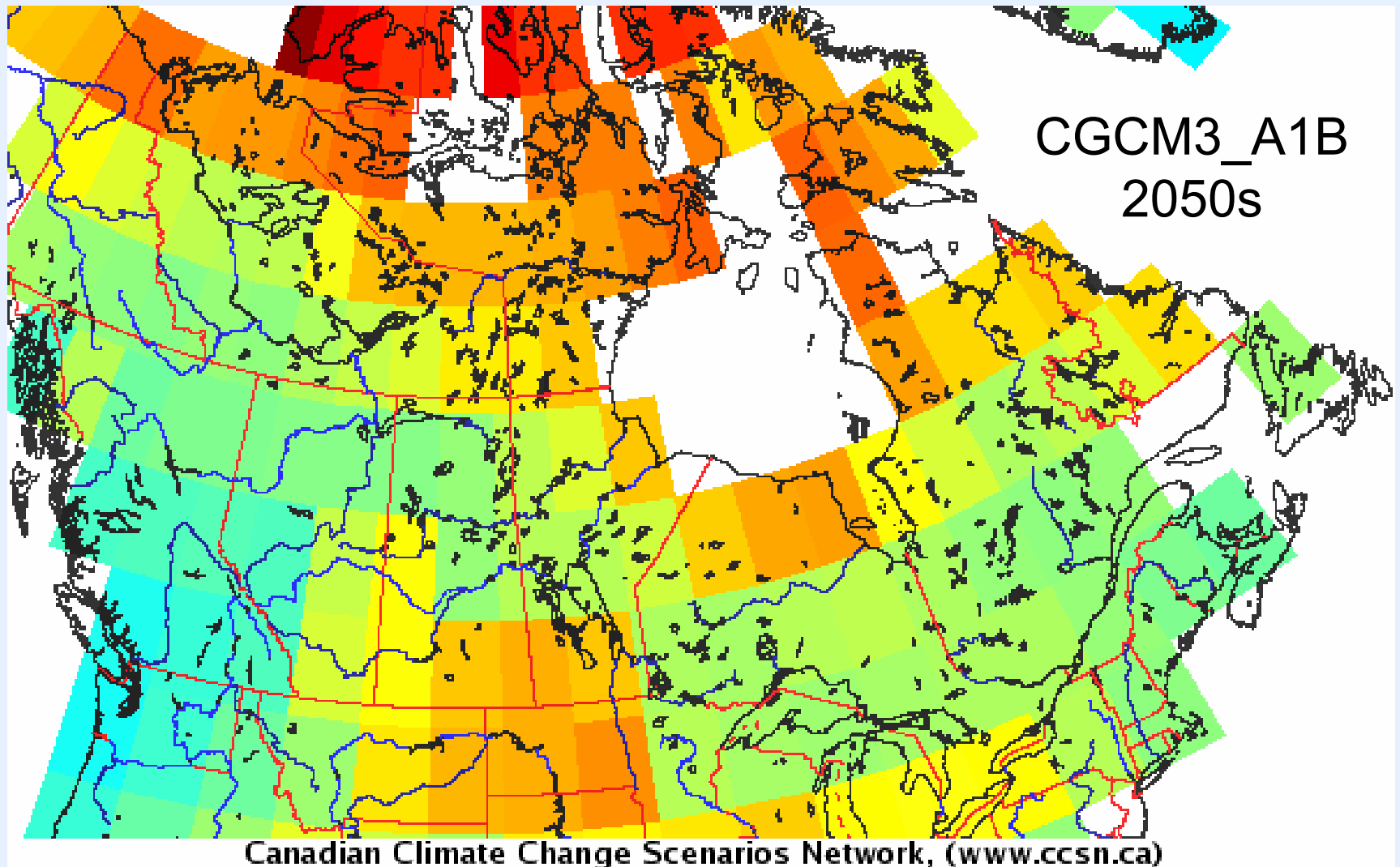


# 2006 Temperatures: Departures from Normal (1961-90)



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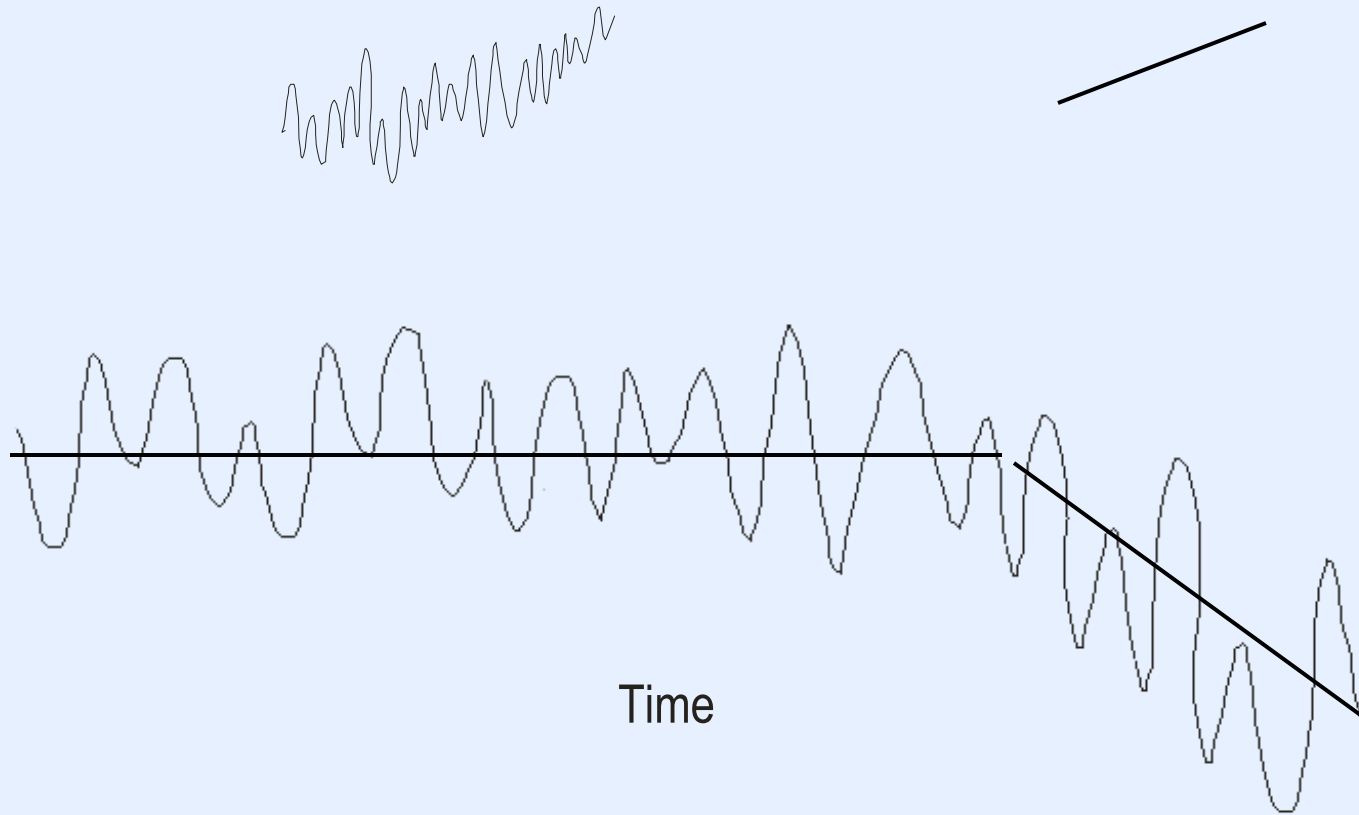
# Mean annual temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C) 2050s vs 1961-90)



# Trend (change) versus Variability

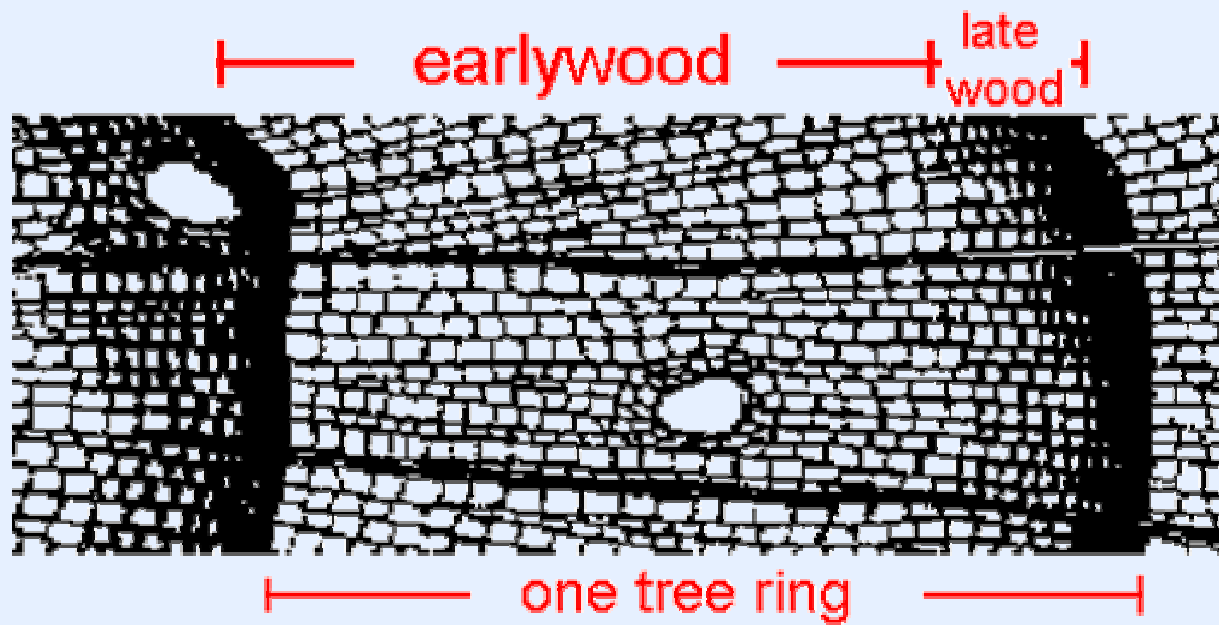
Climatic variability

Climatic change

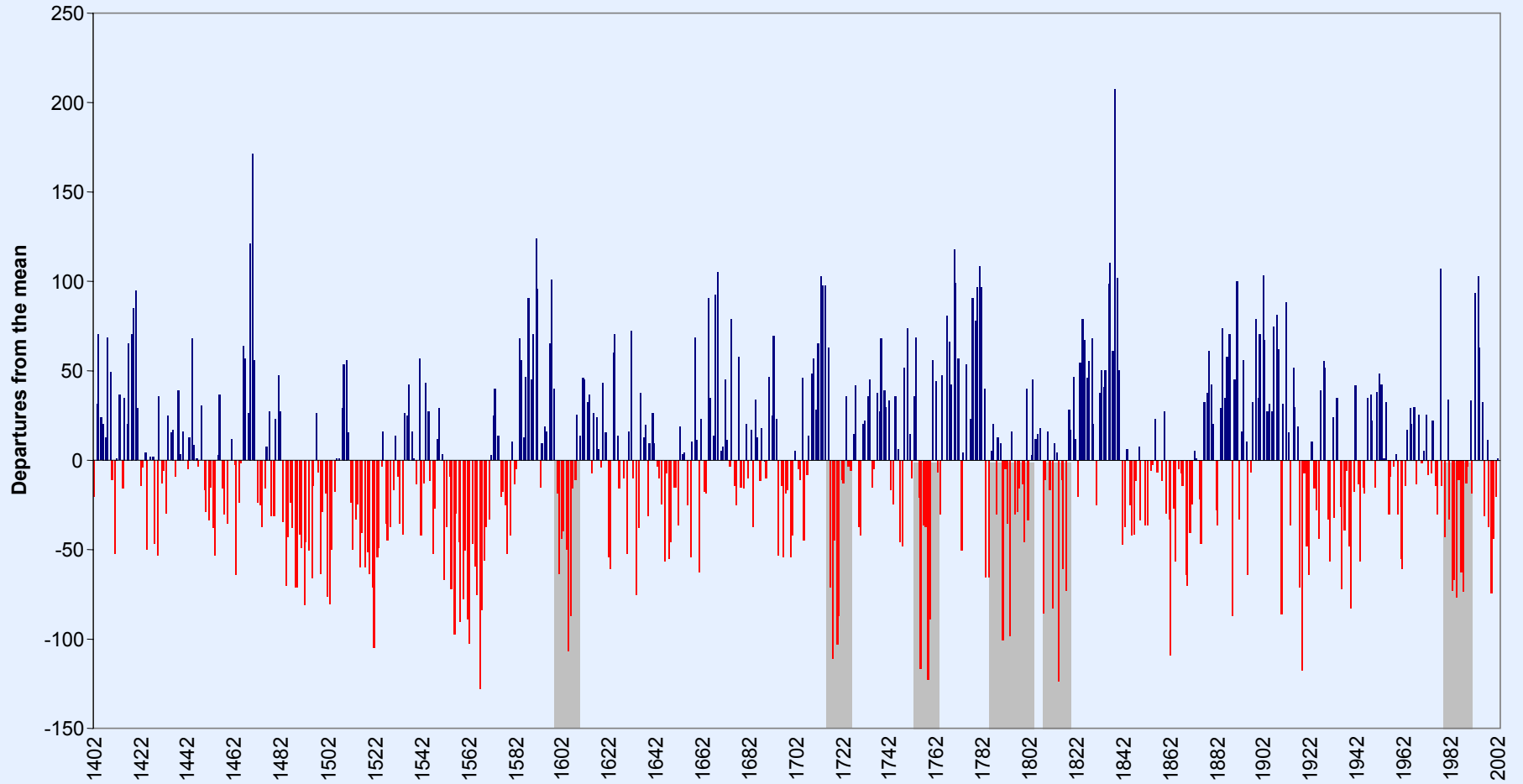






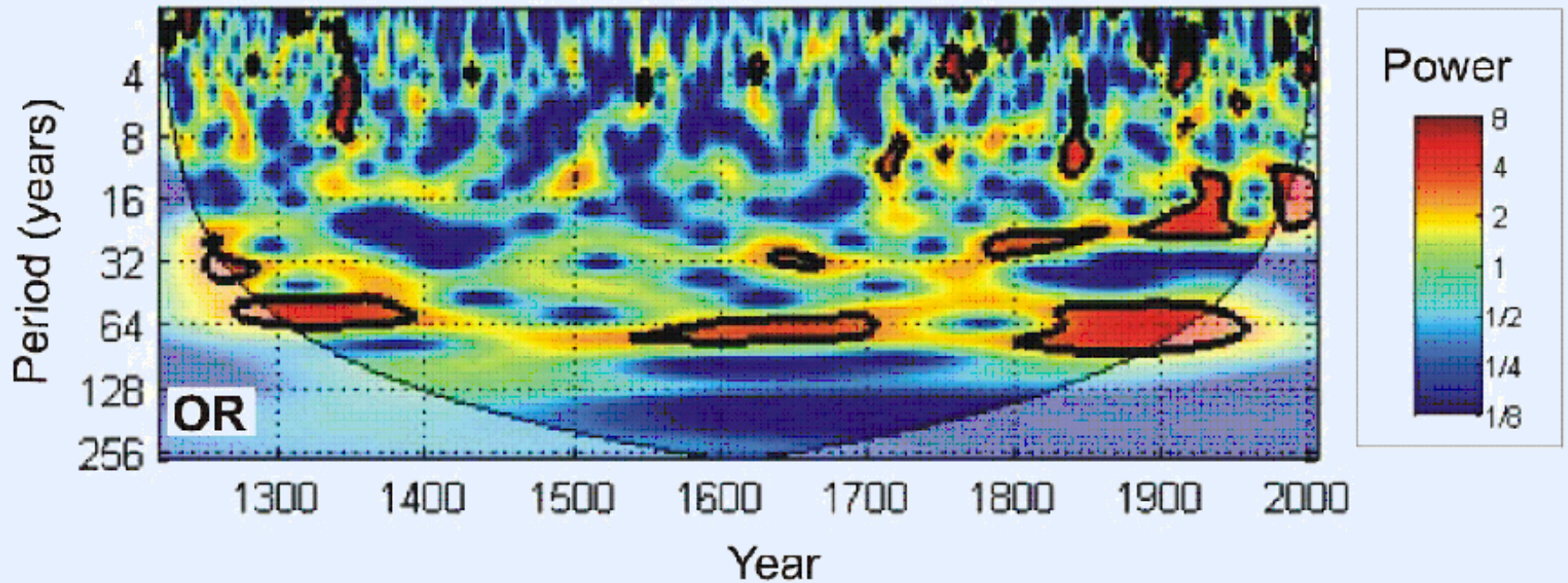


# South Saskatchewan River at Medicine Hat, Alberta, 1402-2004



# Wavelet power spectrum

*Pinus flexilis*





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3<sup>th</sup> Progress Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dendrochronological  
Collection: Concluding the  
fieldwork**

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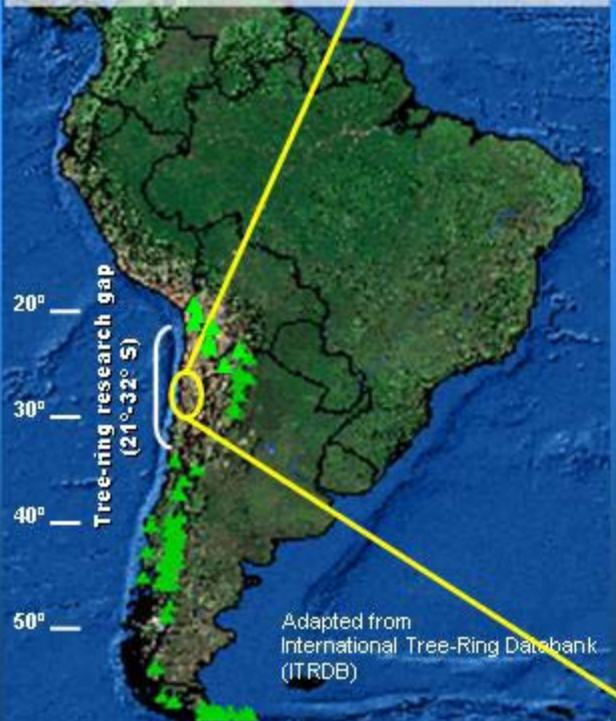
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Valdivia, May 2006

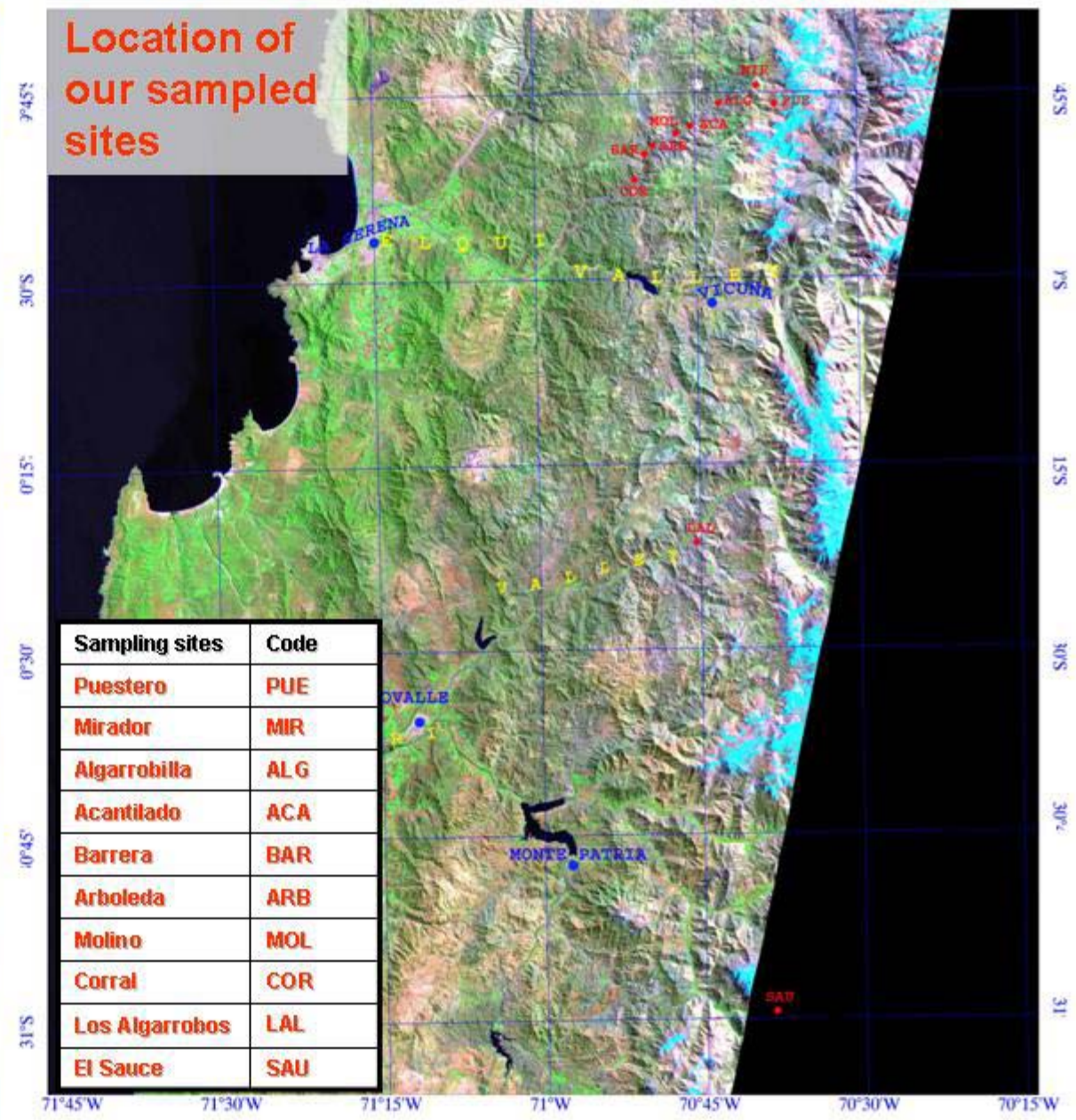
# Dendrochronological coverage and climate forcings in the Western Americas



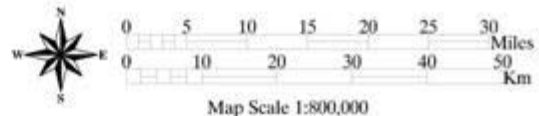
## South American Tree-Ring Network



## Location of our sampled sites



Sampling sites	Code
Puestero	PUE
Mirador	MIR
Algarrobilla	ALG
Acantilado	ACA
Barrera	BAR
Arboleda	ARB
Molino	MOL
Corral	COR
Los Algarrobos	LAL
El Sauce	SAU



# Sampling sites

No.	Site	Area	Latitude (South)	Altitude (m a.s.l.)	Species	No. Trees	No. Cores	No. Cross-sections	Total
1	Puestero	Elqui basin	29° 45'	2553	<i>Fabiana imbricata</i>	15	-	24	<b>24</b>
2	Mirador	Elqui basin	29° 44'	2137	<i>Proustia cuneifolia</i>	15	-	22	<b>22</b>
3	Algarrobilla	Elqui basin	29° 45'	1449	<i>Balsamocarpon brevifolium</i>	10	-	13	<b>13</b>
4	Acantilado	Elqui basin	29° 47'	1239	<i>Proustia ilicifolia</i>	20	-	21	<b>21</b>
5	Barrera	Elqui basin	29° 49'	900	<i>Geoffroea decorticans</i>	7	8	-	<b>8</b>
6	Arboleda	Elqui basin	29° 49'	966	<i>Geoffroea decorticans</i>	8	8	-	<b>8</b>
7	Molino	Elqui basin	29° 48'	1120	<i>Prosopis chilensis</i>	16	13	15	<b>28</b>
8	Corral	Elqui basin	29° 51'	750	<i>Prosopis chilensis</i>	15	15	22	<b>37</b>
9	Los Algarrobos	Limarí basin	30° 21'	1014-1040	<i>Prosopis chilensis</i>	16	8	11	<b>19</b>
10	El Sauce	Limarí basin	30° 59'	1638-1725	<i>Kageneckia angustifolia</i>	25	7	25	<b>32</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>147</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>212</b>

**We collected a total of 212 samples from 7 species and 10 sites covering the western Andean slope Ranging from 29° 44' to 30° 59' S and 750 to 1725 m a.s.l.**

# *Kageneckia's* site

Sampling of living branches to solve crossdating problems found in the last decades



Sampling of old dead wood to extend the chronology into the past decades





# Wood and Tree-rings

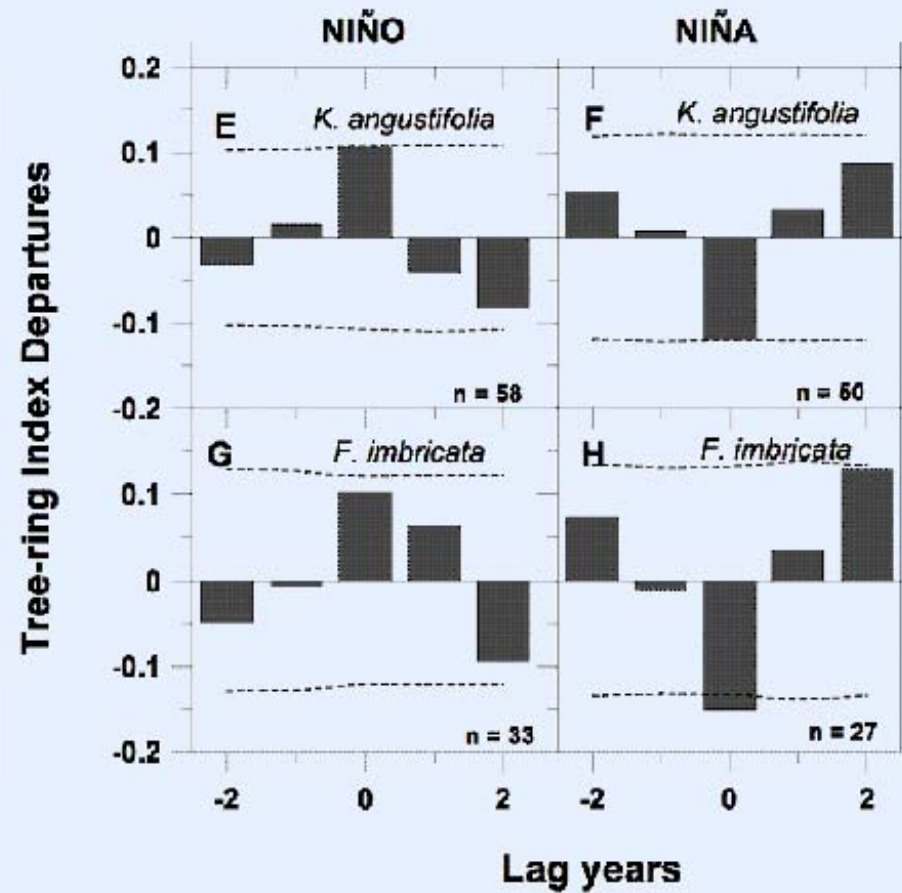
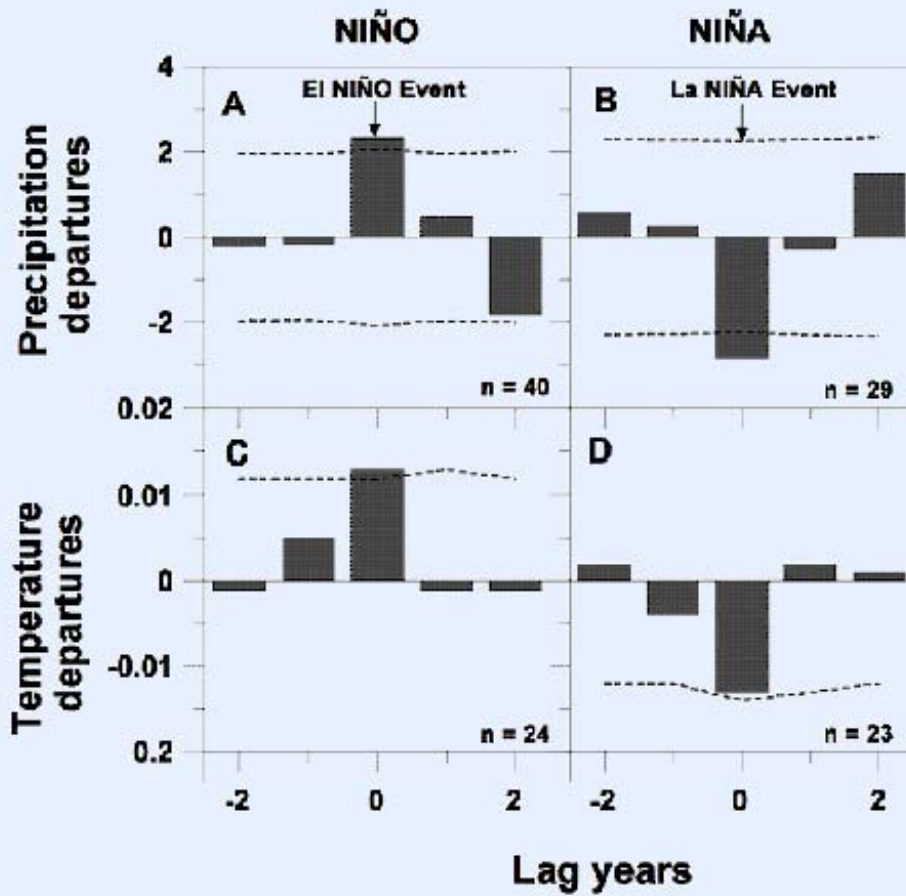
*Kageneckia angustifolia*  
(Pulpica – Small tree)



Annual ring

Ring definition: Good  
Dating difficulty: Moderate  
Lifespan: ~130 yr

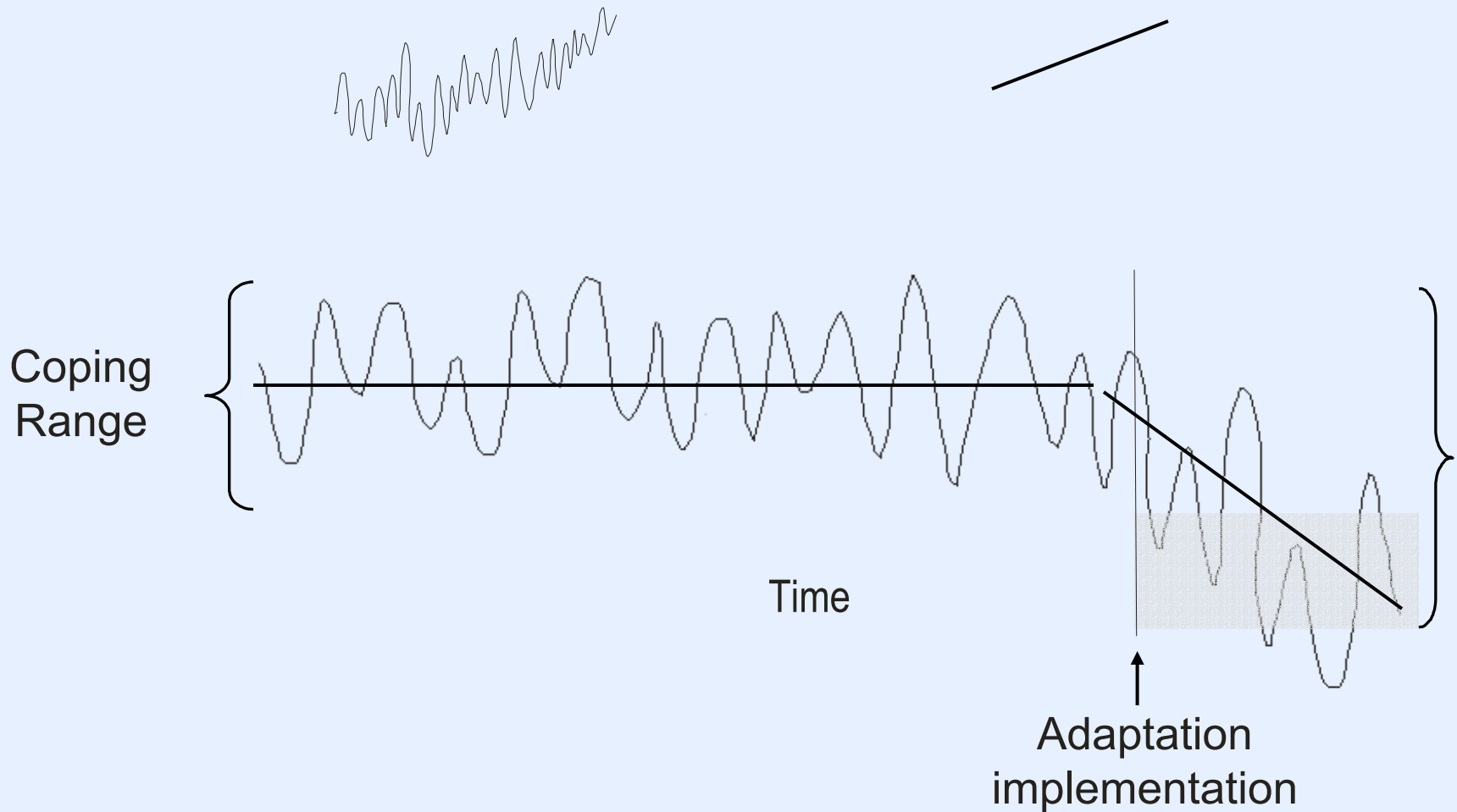
# Region IV Dendrochronology – ENSO signal



# Trend (change) versus Variability

Climatic variability

Climatic change



# Canadian National Assessment –fall, 2007

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## Canadian Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Assessment The Assessment Outline

The key sections of the Assessment are described below:

### Synthesis Report

A concise overview of what climate change means for Canada. The report will highlight key findings, and discuss commonalities and differences among the regions. It will serve as both an executive summary and a value-added synthesis of the entire Assessment.

### Section 1: Introduction/Overview

An introduction to the Assessment, emphasizing its goals and purposes, as well as the importance of understanding vulnerability.

### Section 2: Climate and Climate Change in Canada

An overview of the importance of climate and climate change to Canada, with discussion of climatic, social and economic trends that affect exposure to climate. Will also outline future projections for Canada.

### Section 3: Regional Chapters

The main content of the Assessment, these chapters will focus on current regional sensitivities and future vulnerabilities to climate and climate change. Case studies will be an important component of these chapters.

The regional chapters are:

- Atlantic Canada
- Quebec
- Ontario
- Prairies ←
- British Columbia
- The North

### Section 4: Canada in an International Context

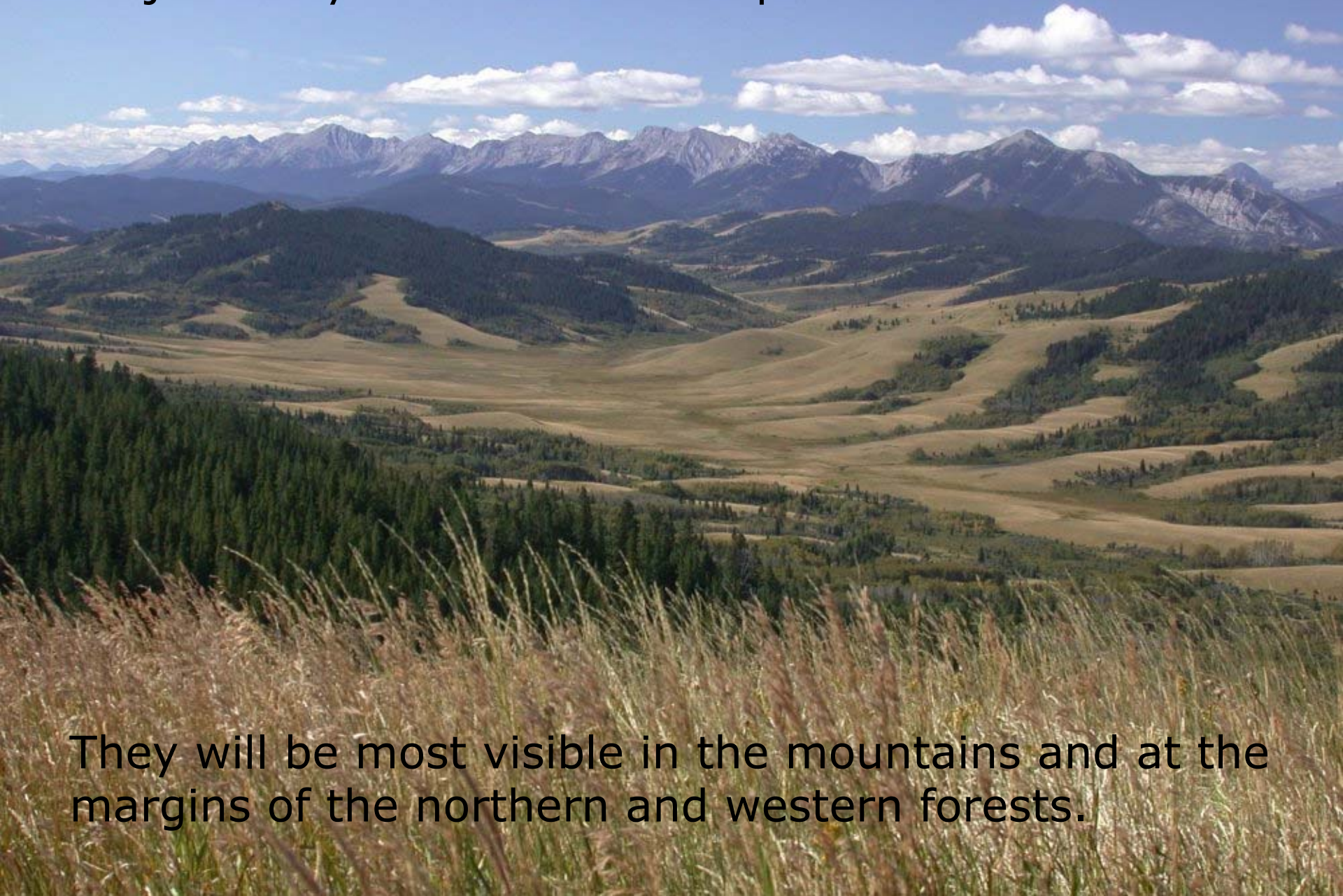
A broader perspective on climate change impacts and adaptation, which discusses climate change impacts and adaptation with respect to continental effects, oceans, global issues, and Canada's international obligations.

### Section 5: Impacts and Adaptation Research- Capacity, Tools and Moving Forward

An examination of the present state of impacts and adaptation research in Canada, future directions and needs, and moving research to action.

[http://www.adaptation.nrcan.gc.ca/assess\\_e.php](http://www.adaptation.nrcan.gc.ca/assess_e.php)

Major ecosystem shifts are expected



They will be most visible in the mountains and at the margins of the northern and western forests.

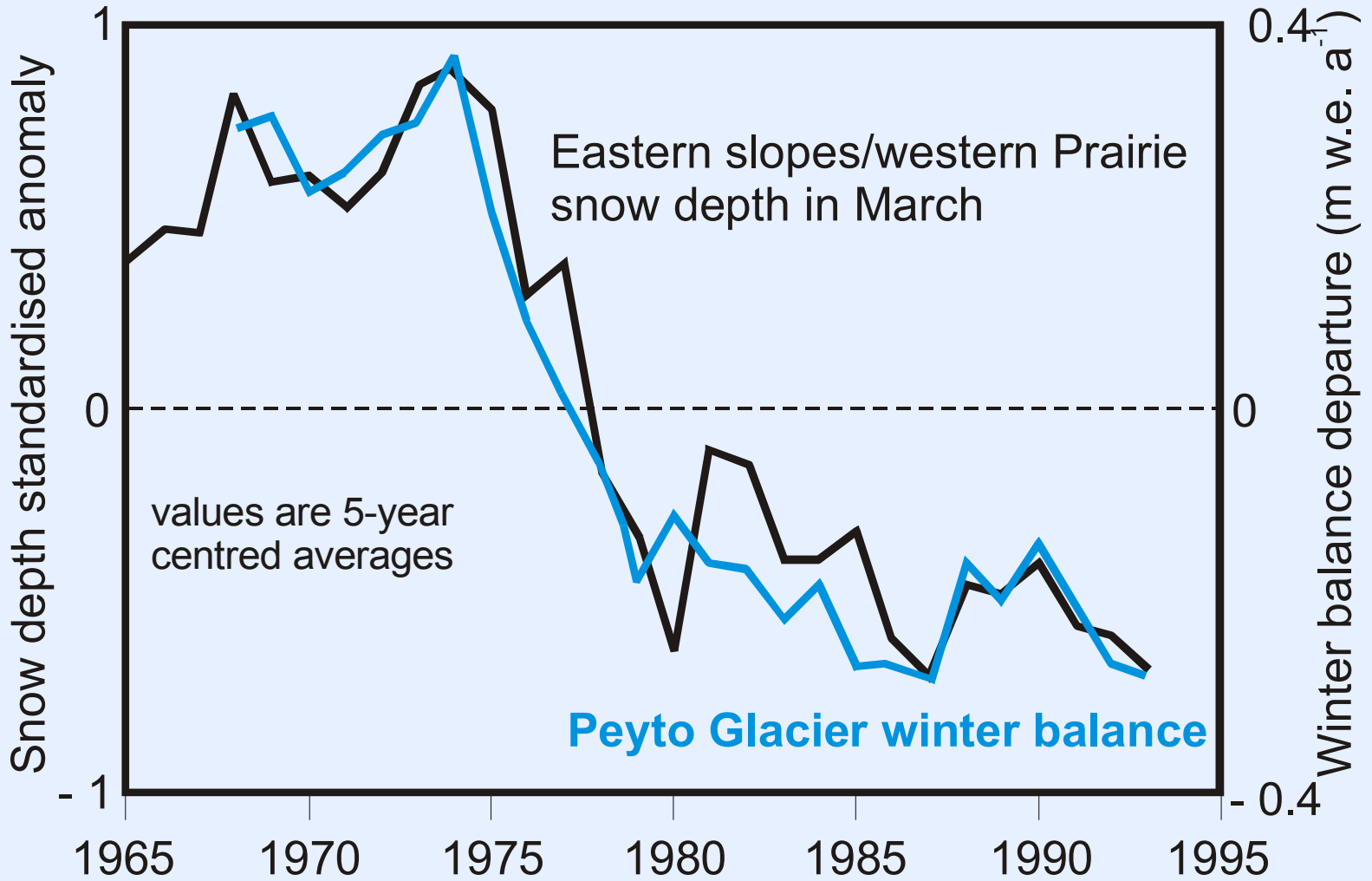
There will be greater variation from season to season and year to year



Both drought and unusually wet years could occur with greater frequency and severity

*There are advantages and disadvantages to a shorter winter*



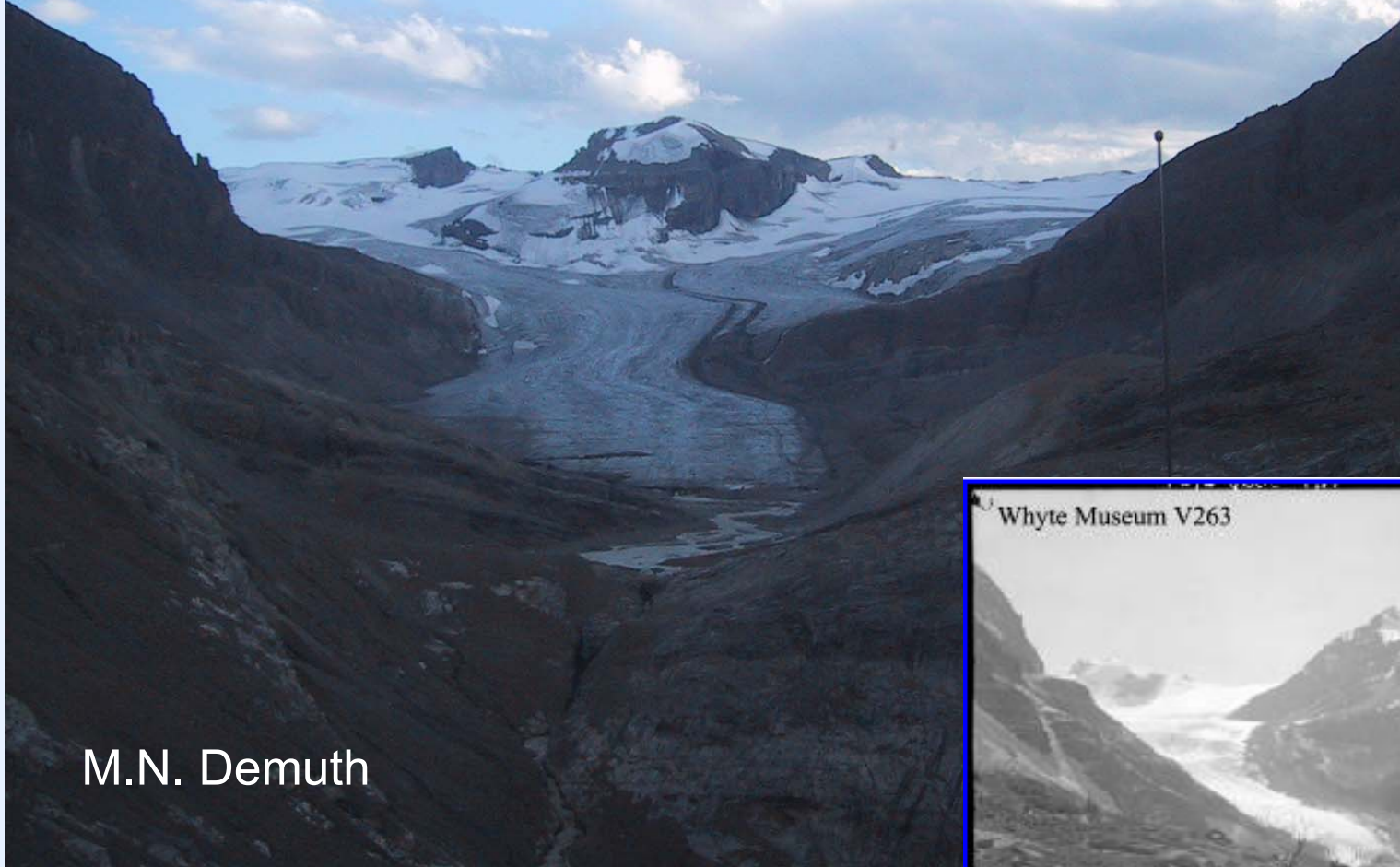


Demuth and Pietroniro, 2001



# Peyto Glacier

2006



M.N. Demuth



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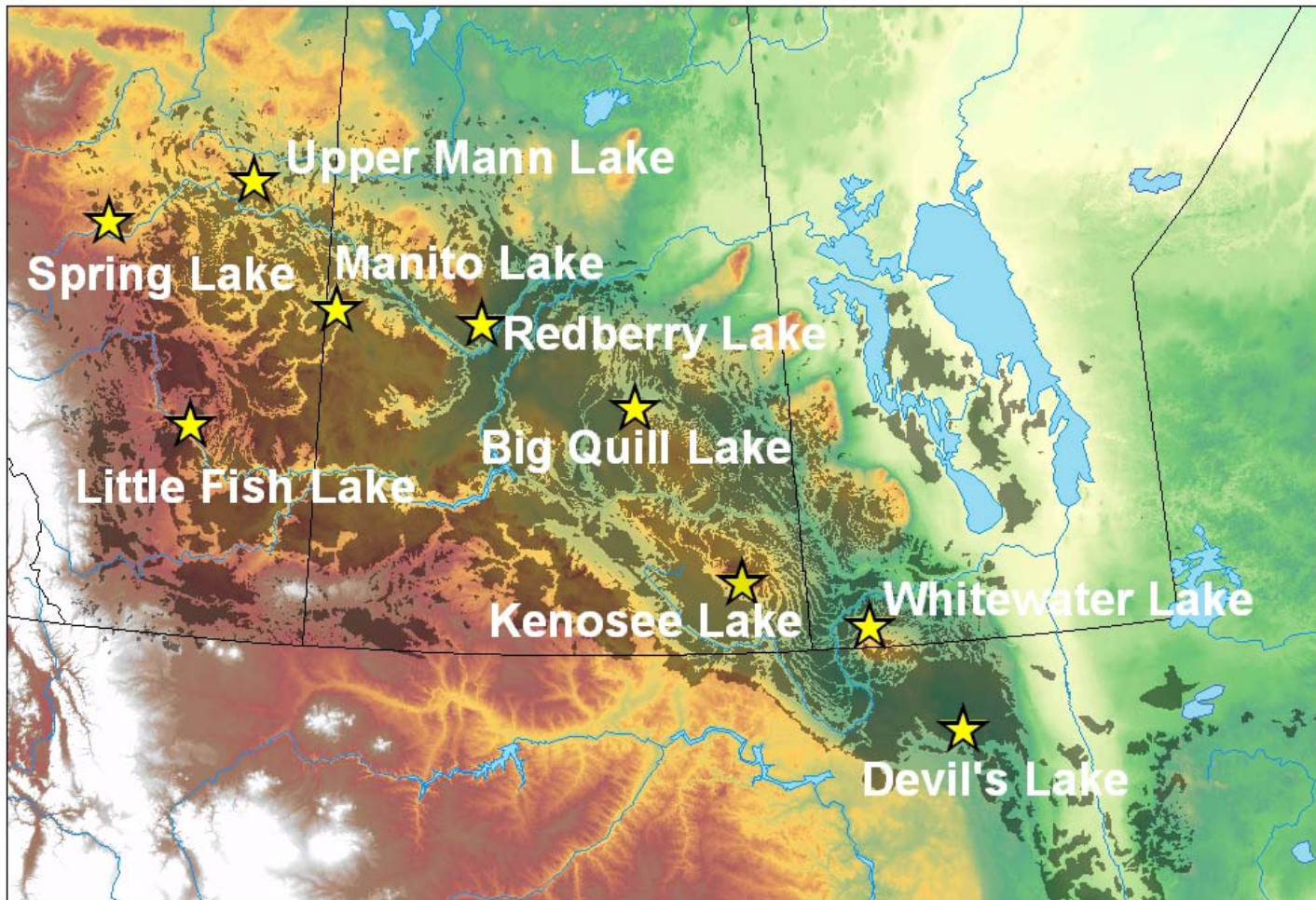
1917

slightly to significantly less surface and soil water

one of the most certain  
projections is that extra water  
will be available in winter and  
spring and summers generally  
will be drier



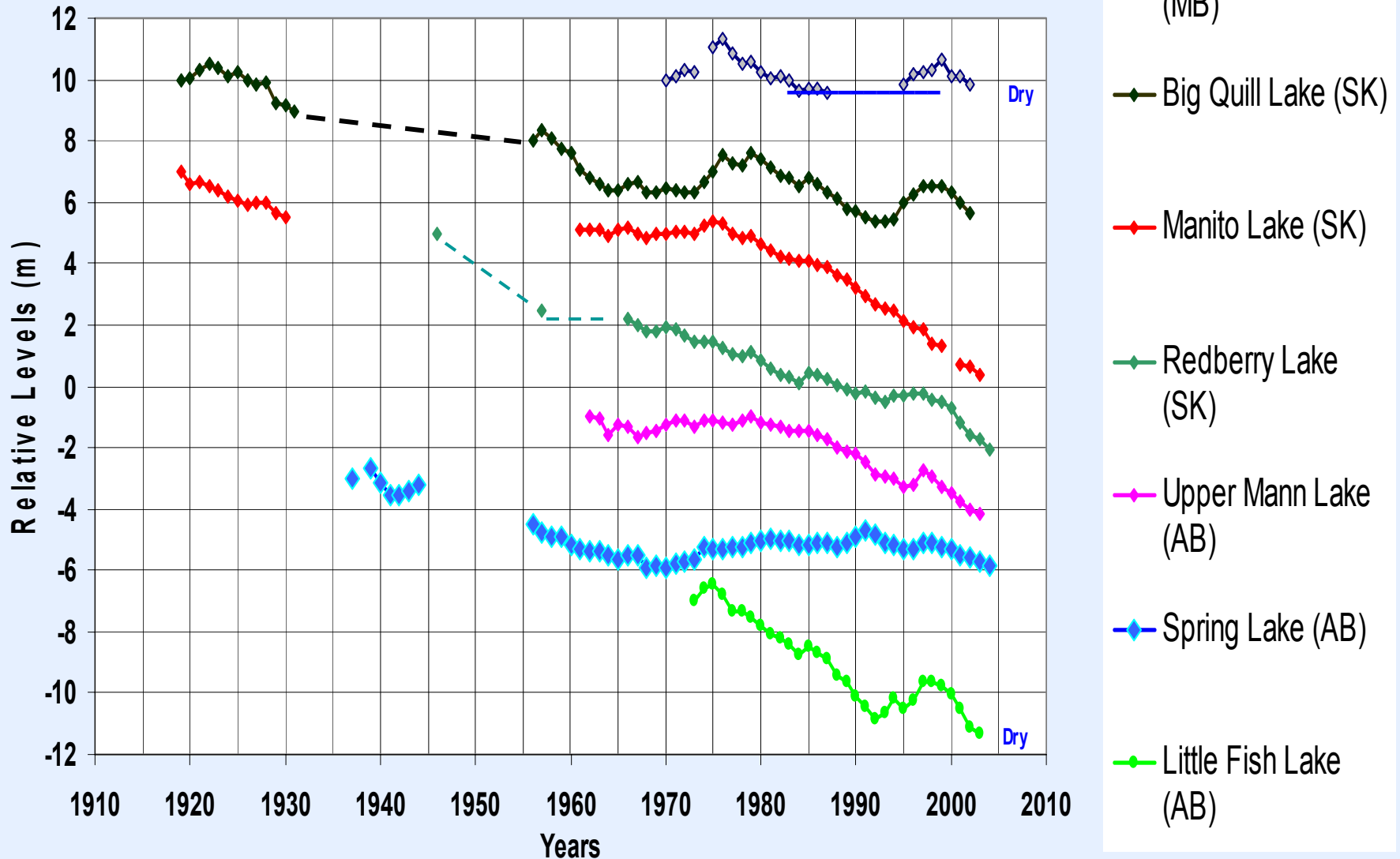
# Closed-basin Prairie Lakes



van der Kamp *et al.*)

# Closed-basin prairie lakes

Water level changes, 1918-2004 (van der Kamp *et al.*)



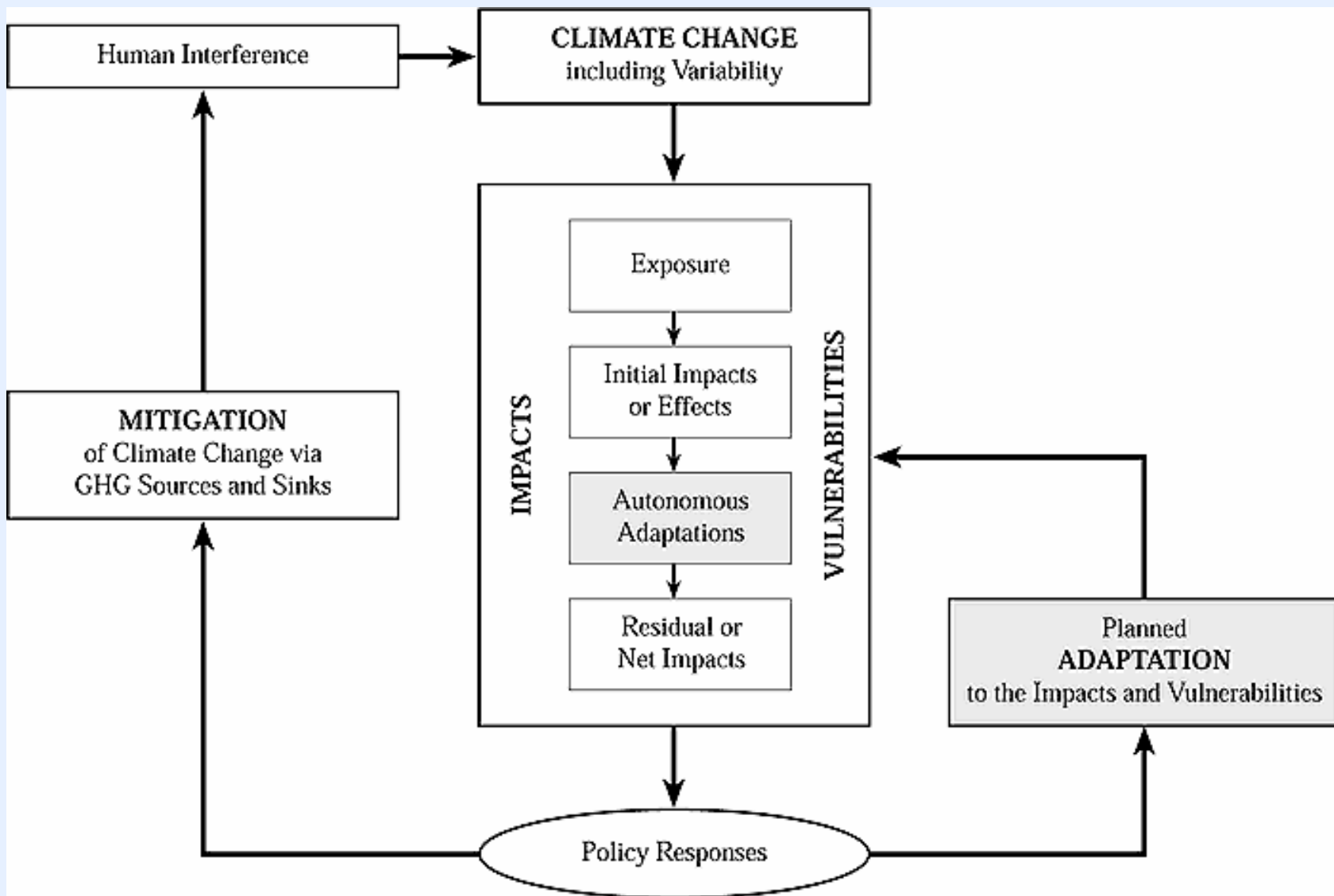
Most impacts are adverse because economies and activities are not adapted to change



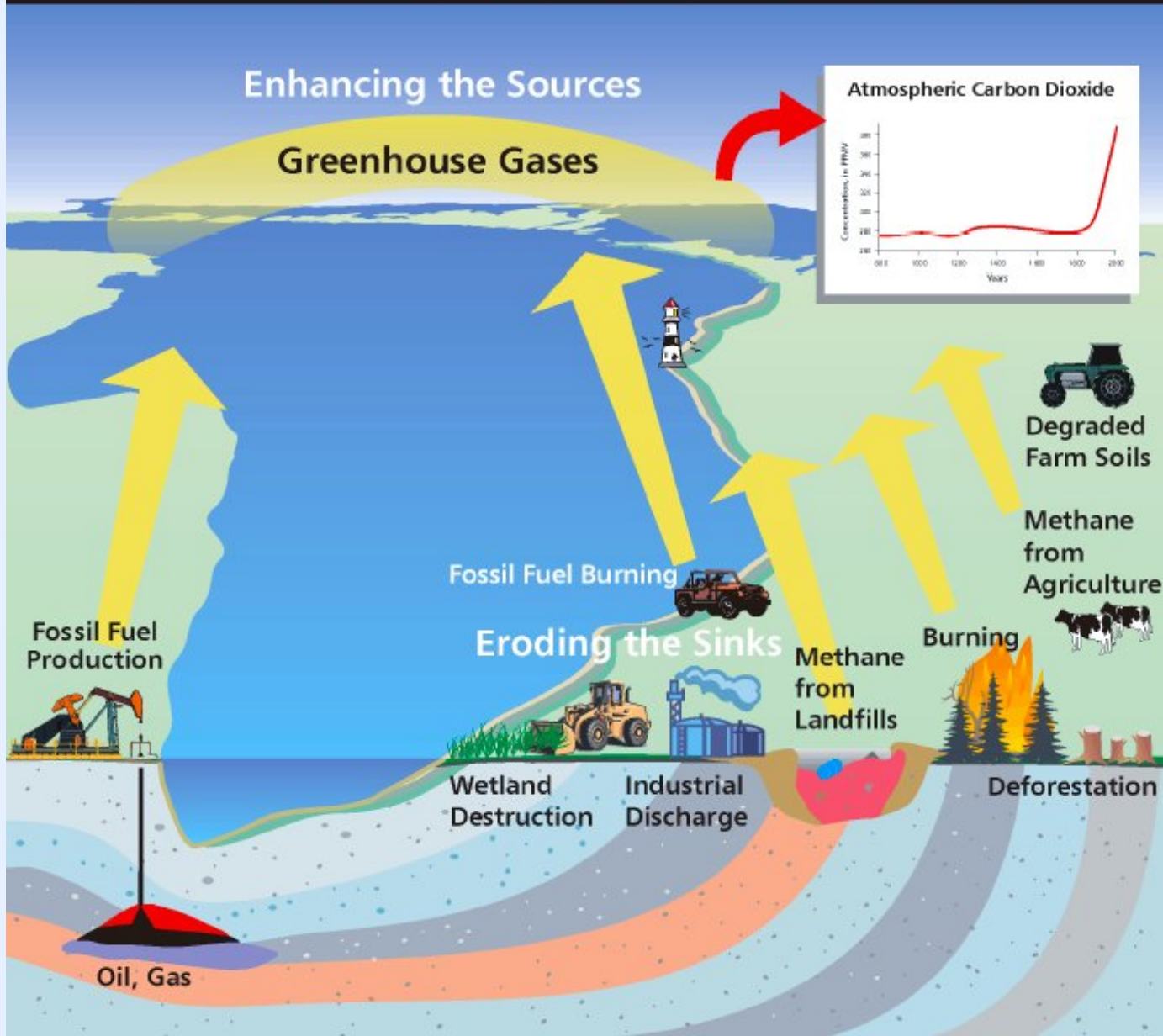
The impacts of climate change will depend on how well we adapt and how much adaptation is required



# Policy Responses



# Impacts from People and their Activities





# CO2 Capture issues

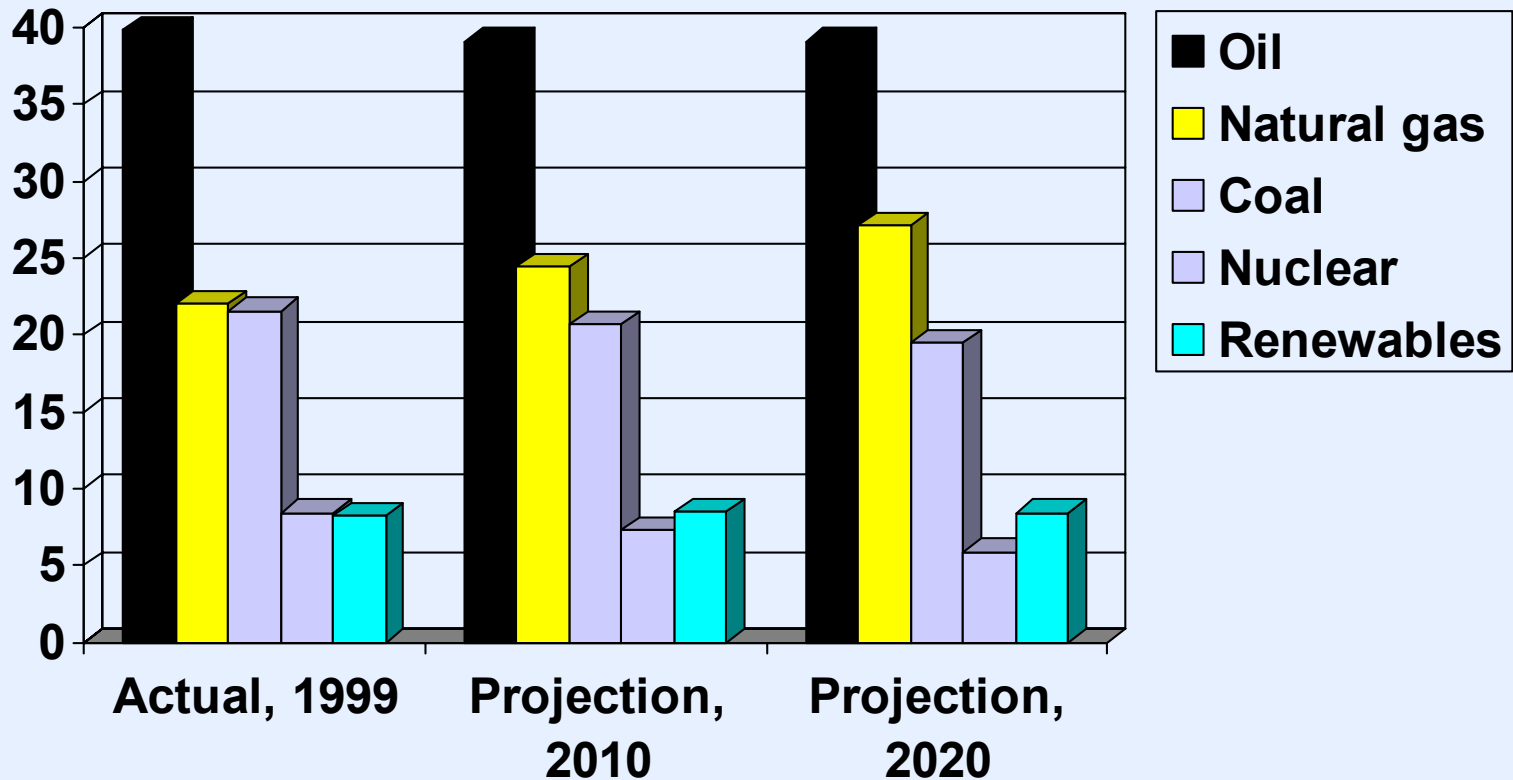
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- Global warming – Green house gas emissions.
- Kyoto global protocol to control Green house gas emissions
- Canada signatory to Kyoto
- Carbon Credit economy
- Governments introducing tax, tariffs and funding initiatives.
- Industry reacting, carbon liability impact statement, demands by Shareholders.

# World energy consumption shares by fuel types

(Energy Information Administration, 2001)



# The Technology Challenge

Stabilising Greenhouse Gas Concentrations in the Atmosphere

## Different

- regions
- markets
- scale-up requirements
- infrastructures
- resources
- preferences
- technology timing



Vehicles: Efficiency, Bio-fuels, Hydrogen Fuel Cells



Renewable Energy Technologies



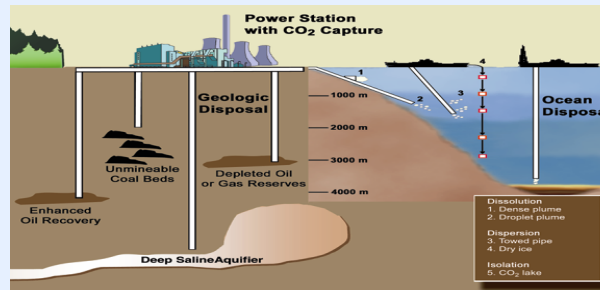
Zero Net Emission Bldgs., Industrial Efficiency, CHP



Bio-Fuels and Power



Nuclear Power Generation IV

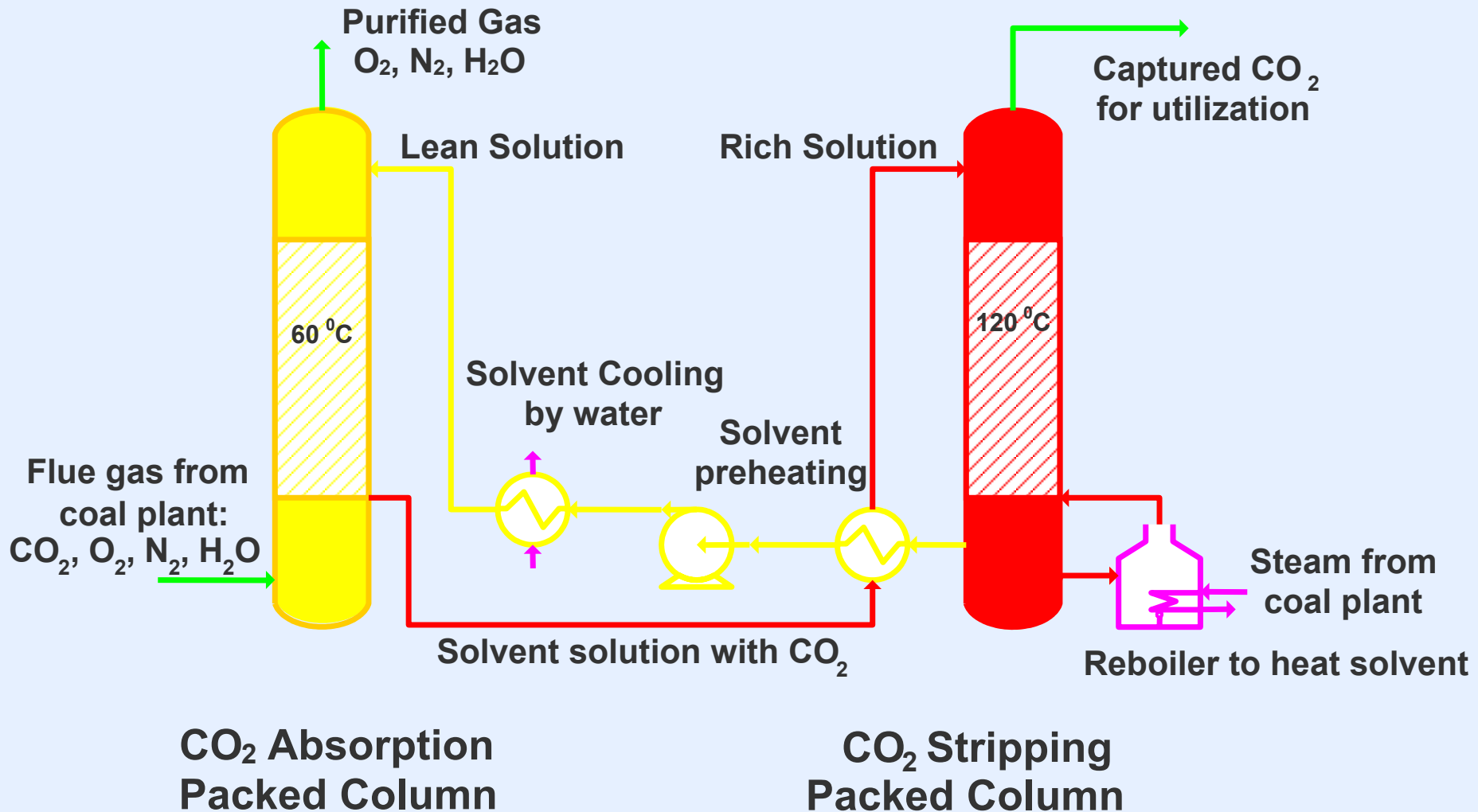


Carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>) Sequestration



Advanced Power Grids

# CO<sub>2</sub> Removal Process



# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Facility in Operation in Saskatchewan

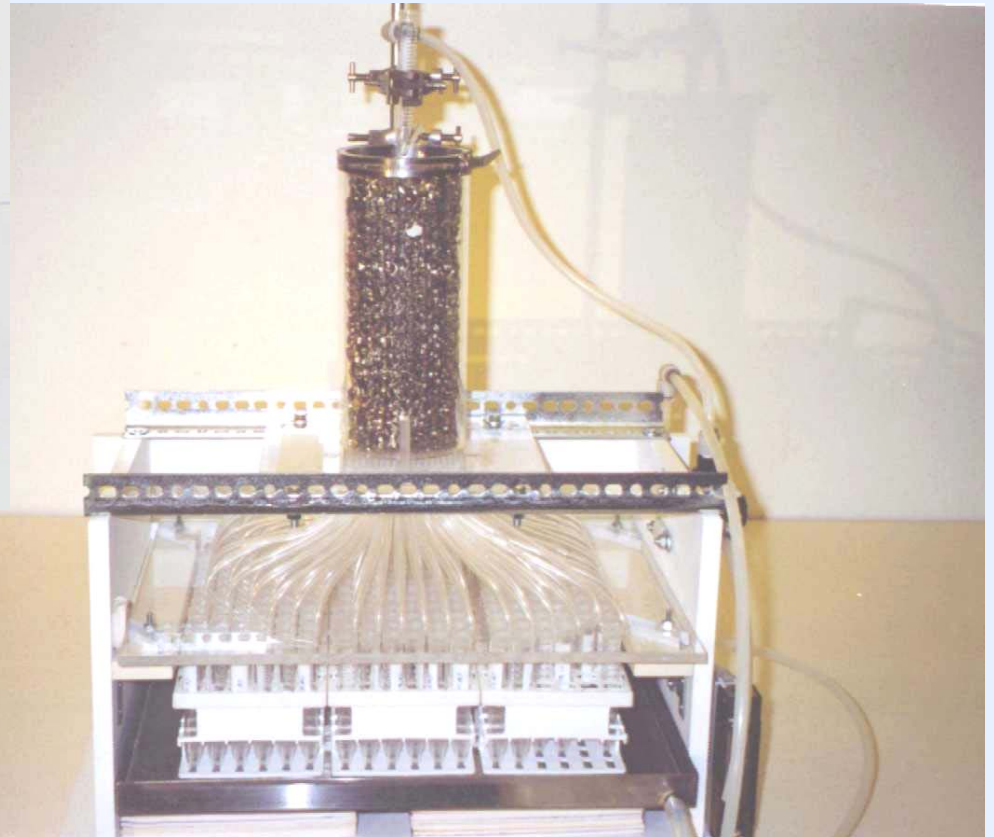
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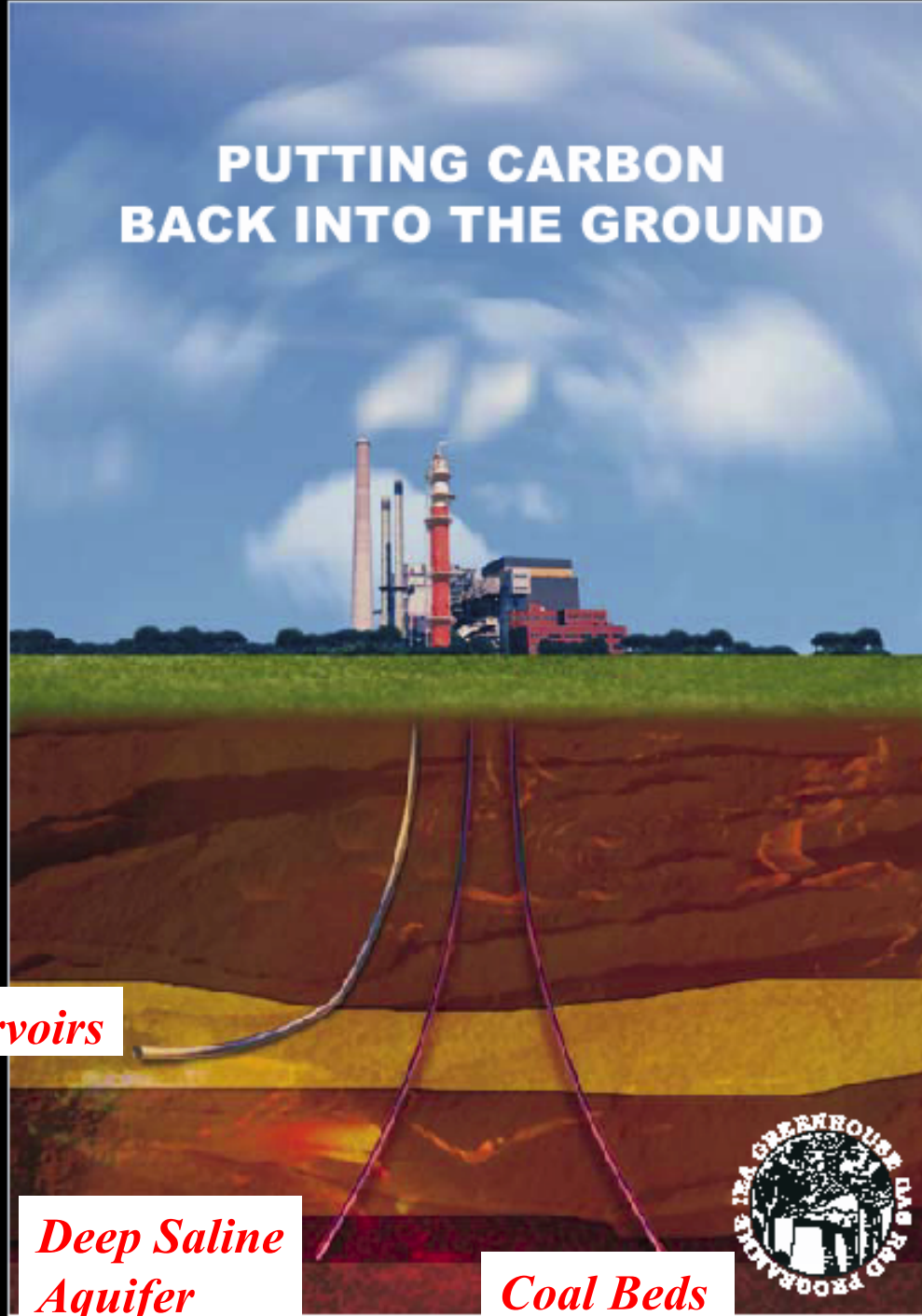
**Boundary Dam Pilot Plant**

**International Test Centre for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture (ITC)  
Petroleum Technology Research Centre (PTRC)**

# Structured packing testing unit



# PUTTING CARBON BACK INTO THE GROUND



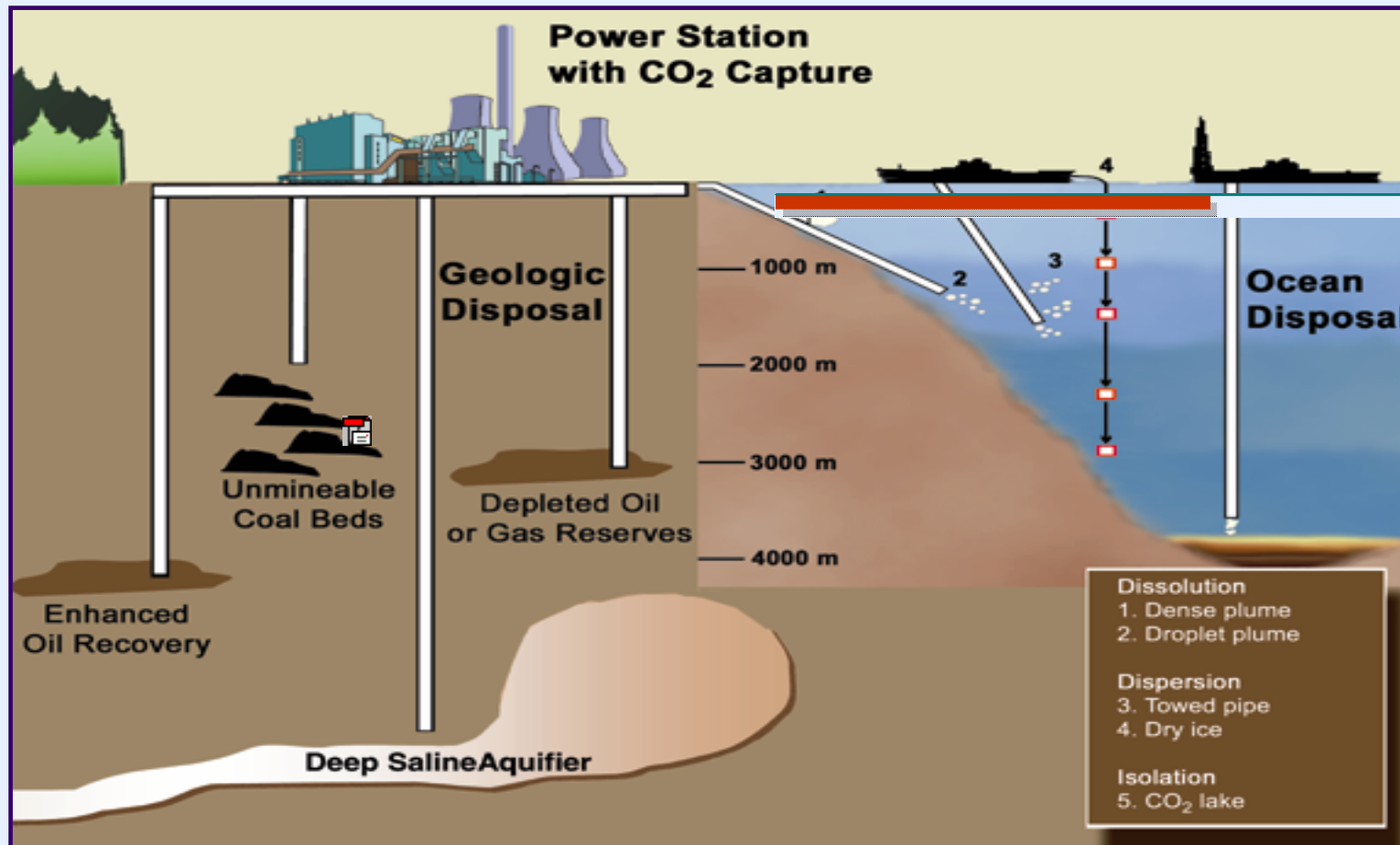
*Oil Reservoirs*

*Deep Saline  
Aquifer*

*Coal Beds*

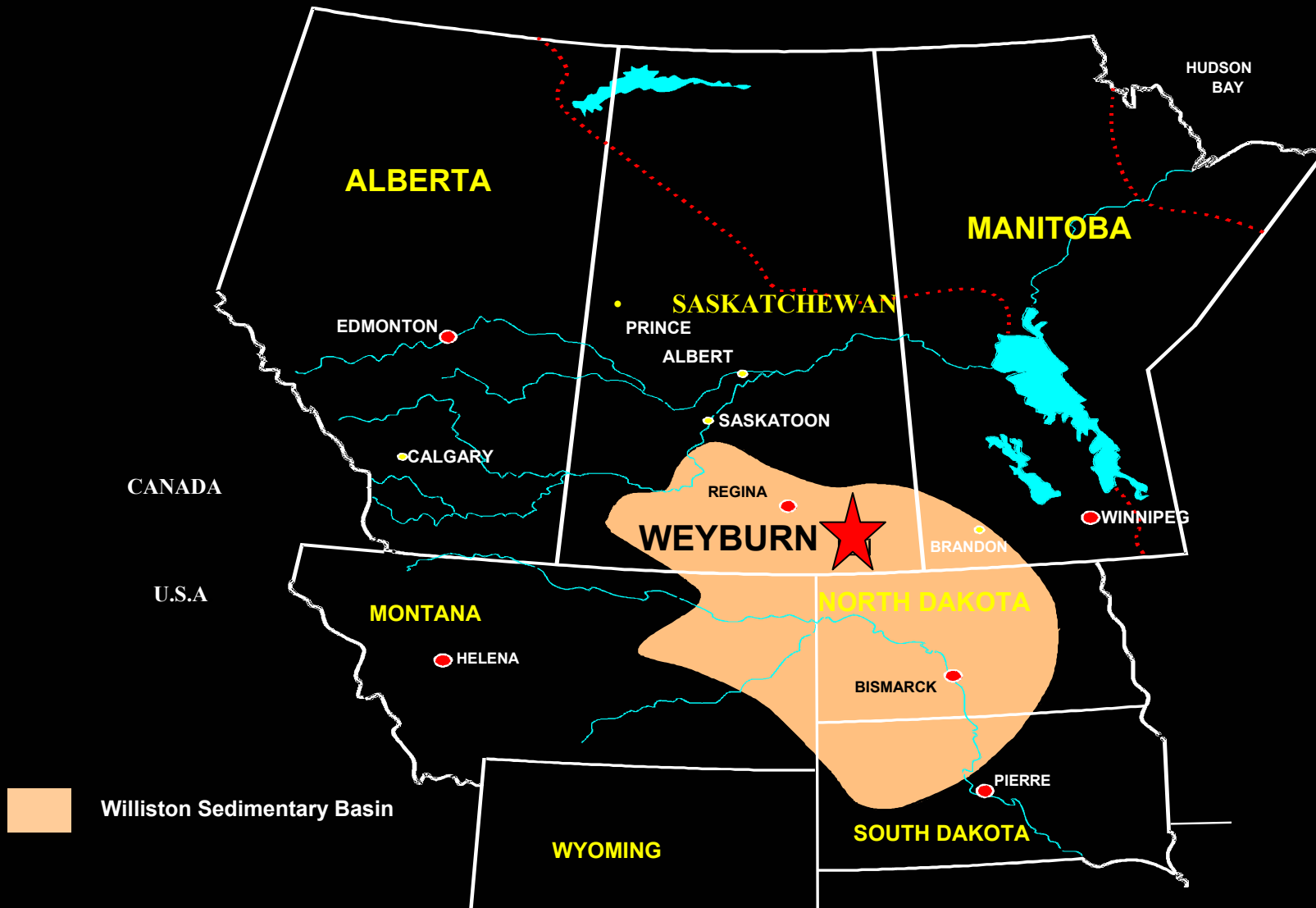


# Carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>) Storage Model



“Sequestration”





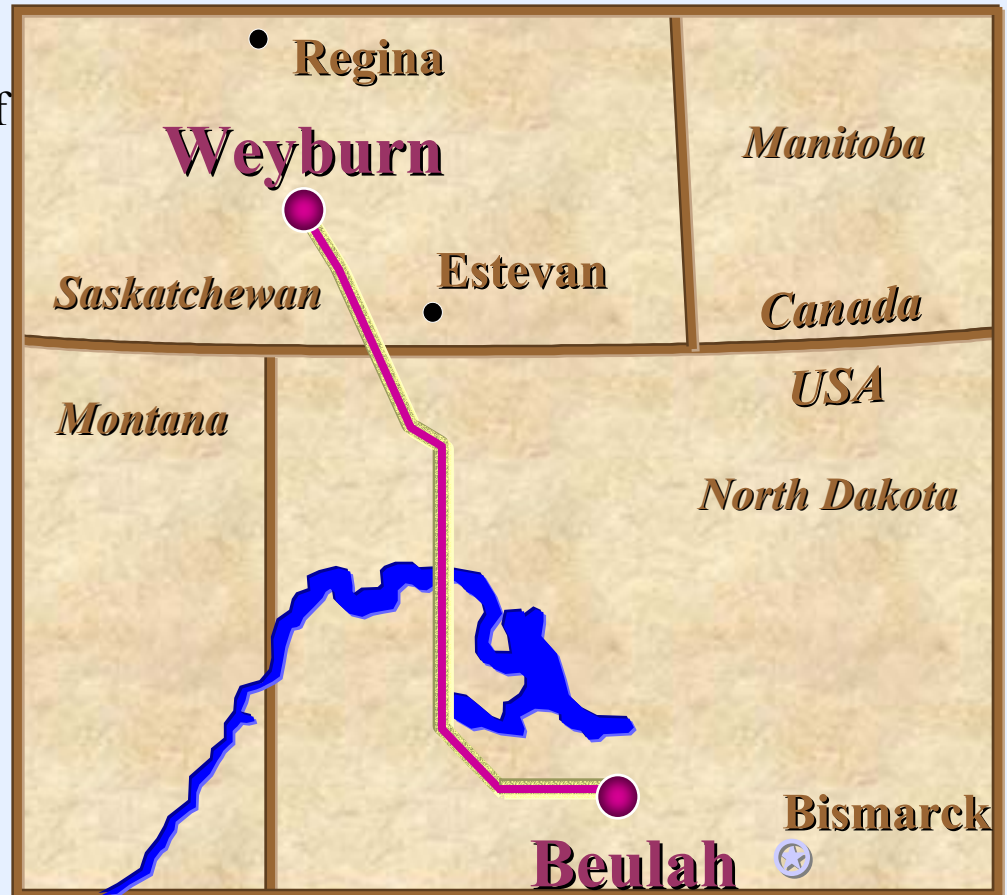
**Weyburn Unit:**

**Field Size: 70 sq. miles**  
**Oil Recovered: 370 million bbls**

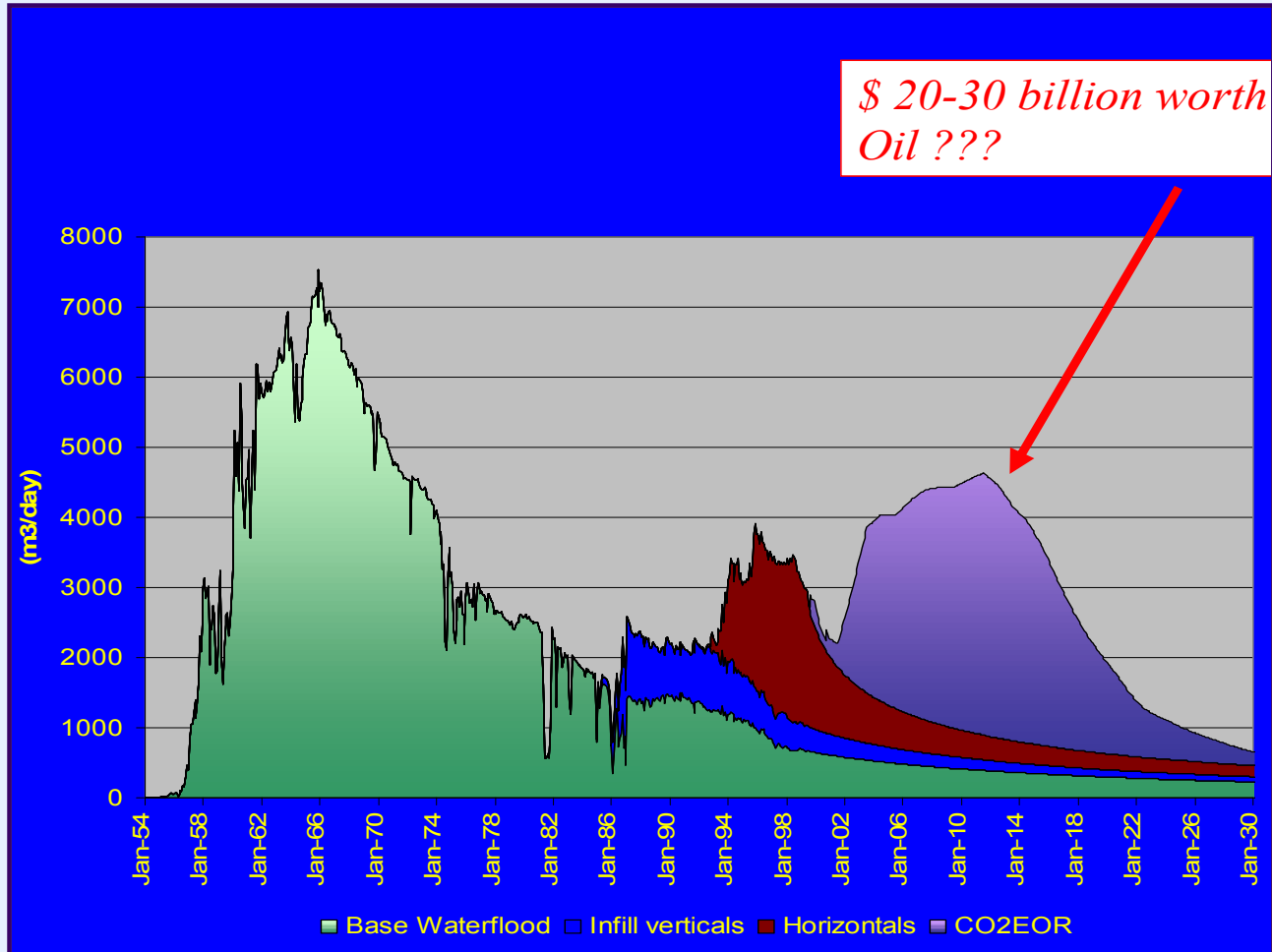
**OOIP: 1.4 billion bbls**  
**CO2 IR: 130 million bbls**

# Weyburn Field CO<sub>2</sub> Source

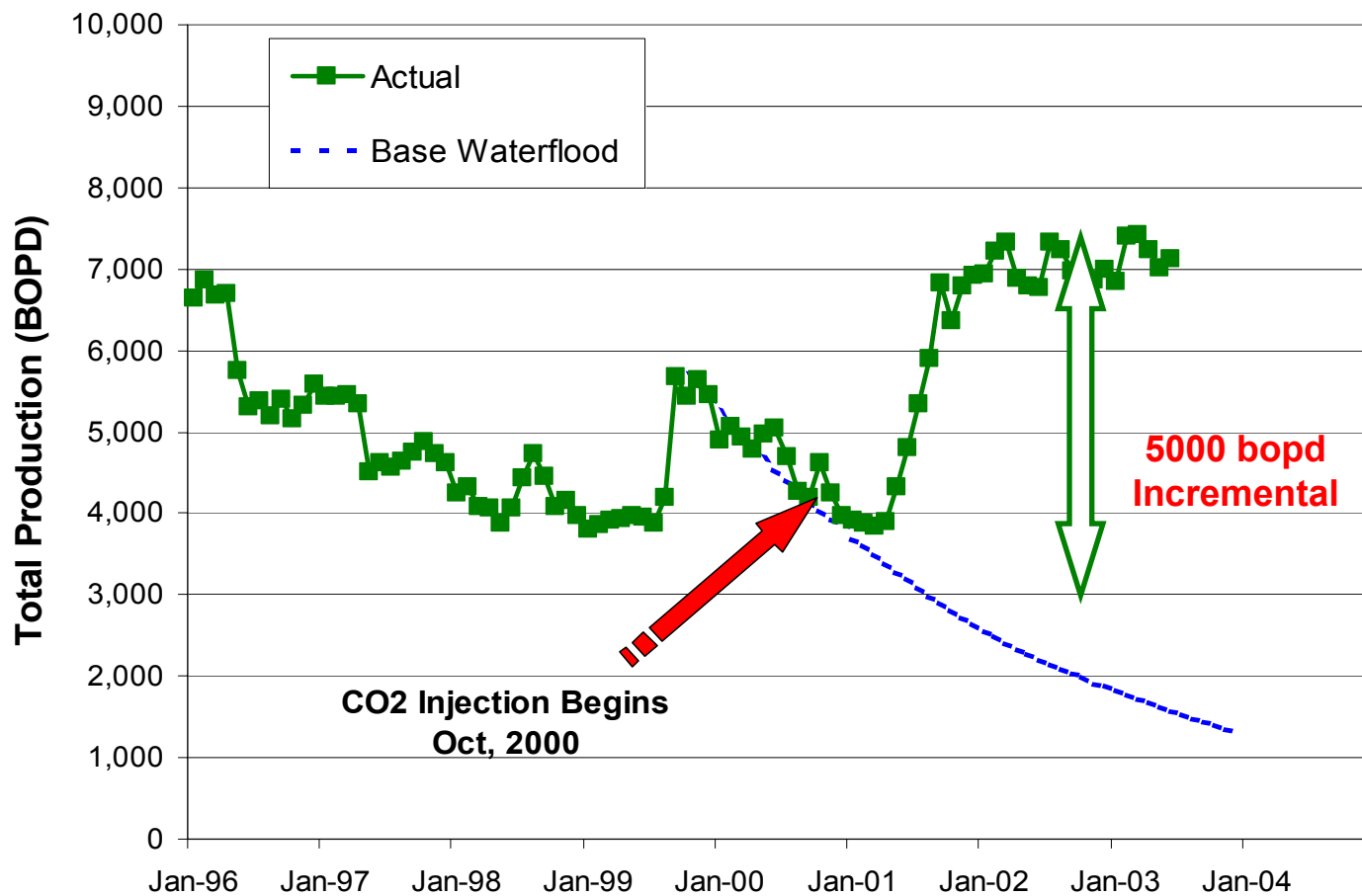
- Dakota Gasification Company
- 250 mmscfd CO<sub>2</sub> by-product of coal (lignite) gasification
- 95 mmscfd (5000 tonnes/day) contracted and injected at Weyburn
- CO<sub>2</sub> purity 95%
- EnCana currently injects 120 mmscfd (i.e. 21% recycle)



# CO<sub>2</sub> Application for Enhanced Oil Recovery (Weyburn Field)



# Weyburn CO<sub>2</sub> Project – Phase 1



# CO<sub>2</sub> Injection well

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# Adaptation

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The degree to which adjustments are possible in practices, processes, or structures of systems to projected or actual changes of climate (IPCC, 2001).



# Centre for Young Farmers and Sustainable Agriculture

## Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable agriculture refers to an agricultural production and distribution system that:

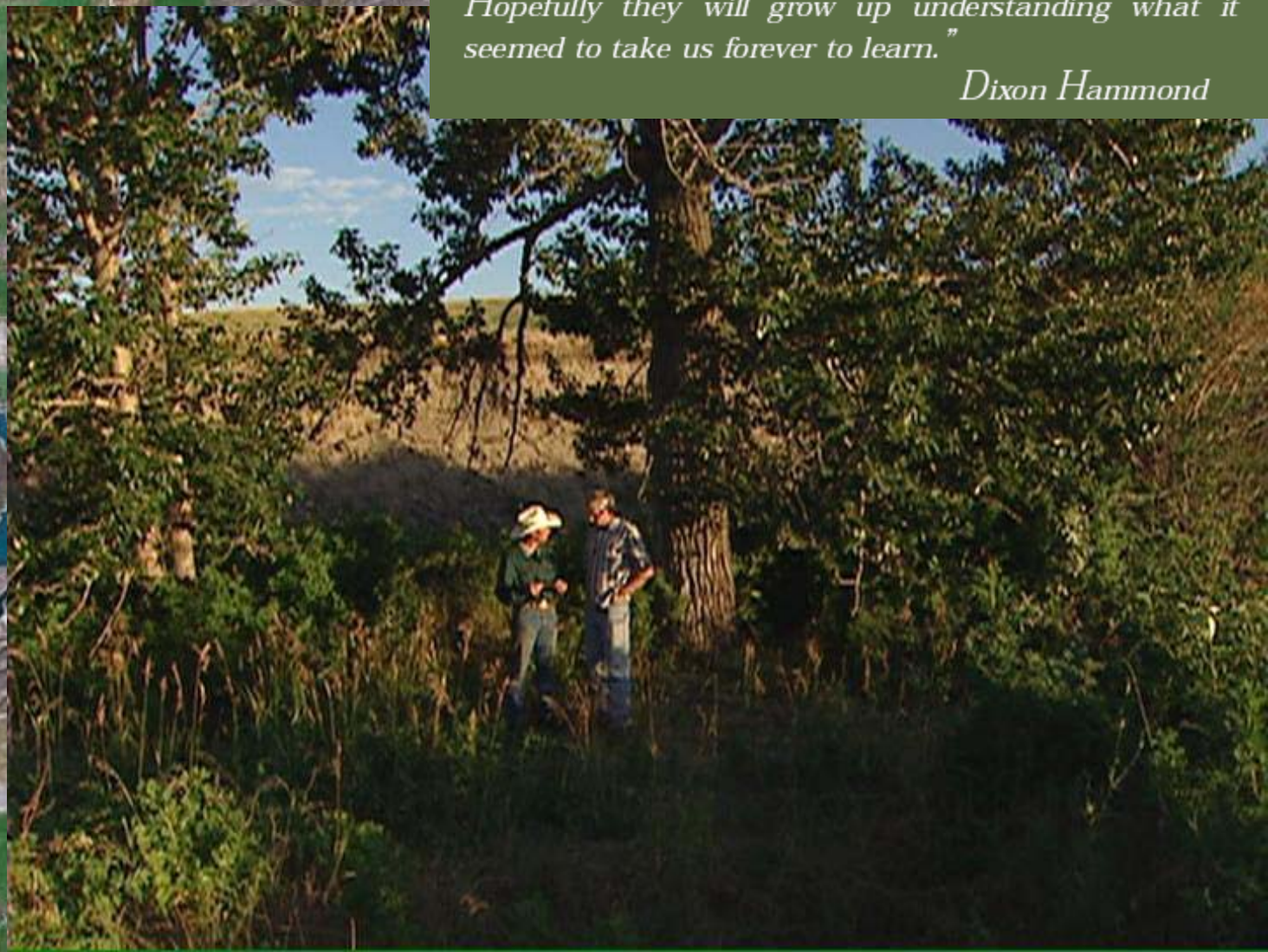
- Achieves the **integration** of natural biological cycles and controls,
- Protects and renews **soil** fertility and the natural resource base,
- Optimizes the management and use of **on-farm** resources,
- **Reduces** the use of nonrenewable resources and purchased production inputs,
- Provides an adequate and dependable farm **income**,
- Promotes **opportunity** in family farming and farm communities, and
- **Minimizes** adverse impacts on health, safety, wildlife, water quality and the environment

To achieve sustainable agriculture we must deal both with issues involving environmental impacts as well as productivity of the land. Any program to successfully develop a system of sustainable agriculture must have farmer involvement at all stages of its development, and must look at a farming system as a whole, not just at individual elements.

# *Beaver Creek Watershed Group*

*"We are really the ones who manage the land every day and the positive actions we take today will ensure that our children have healthy riparian areas and clean water. Hopefully they will grow up understanding what it seemed to take us forever to learn."*

*Dixon Hammond*



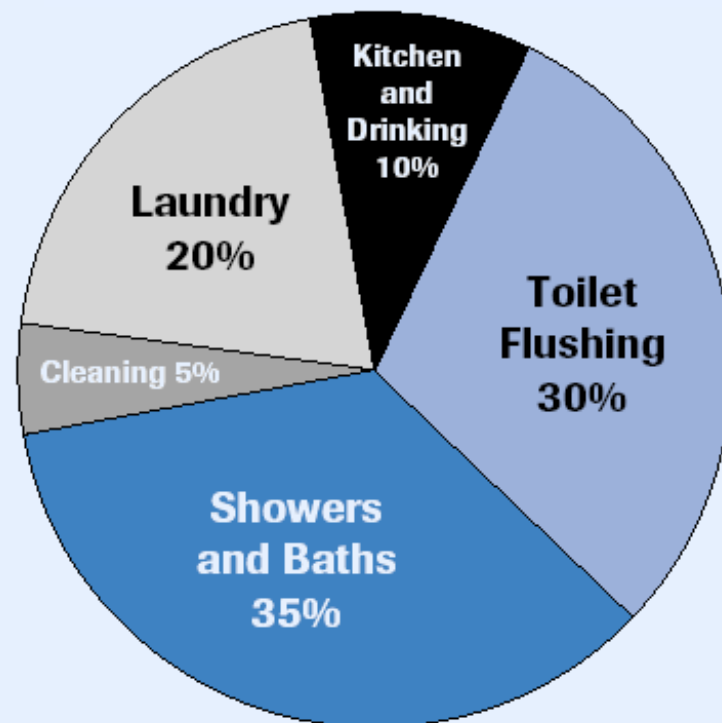


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The Water Conservation Program was established in 1988 to reduce water consumption in the city and delay the need for a \$40 million expansion of the water treatment plant. Each summer, when demand for water is highest, the program sponsors a public awareness campaign. During other times in the year, the City offers an informative display at the Home and Garden Show, **free xeriscape workshops** and water conservation tips on water bills.

The program has been successful. Since the late 1980's average day water consumption has been reduced by 20%, and peak day water use is down by 25%.





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