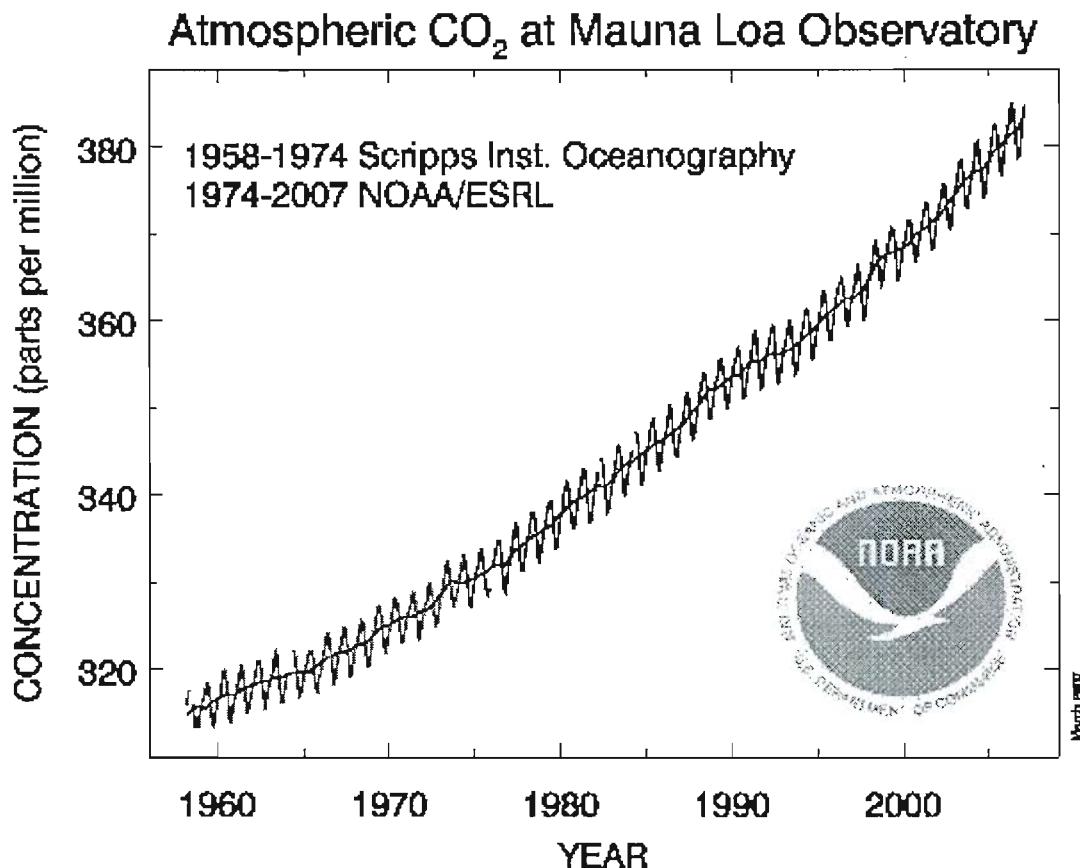


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### Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide - Mauna Loa



#### Monthly mean atmospheric carbon dioxide at Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii

The carbon dioxide data, measured as the mole fraction in dry air, on Mauna Loa constitute the longest record of direct measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. They were started by C. David Keeling of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in March of 1958 at a facility of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Keeling, 1976). NOAA started its own CO<sub>2</sub> measurements in May of 1974, and they have run in parallel with those made by Scripps since then (Thoning, 1989). The Scripps data are

in blue, the NOAA data in red. The black curve represents the seasonally corrected data smoothed with a 6-month window (Thoning, 1989). Data are reported as a dry mole fraction defined as the number of molecules of carbon dioxide divided by the number of molecules of dry air multiplied by one million (ppm). Click for recent trends in carbon dioxide at **Mauna Loa, Hawaii** and from the **global network**.

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Data from March 1958 to April 1974 are from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) and were obtained from the Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC).

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