

## Natural Resources

- water, land, Energy sources (fossil fuels), forests
- must be conserved

### → conventional & non-conventional

|  
mostly non-renewable  
(except maybe hydroelectric)  
↳ coal & petrol - mostly widely used.

|  
Renewable.

### Consumption pattern:

33% petrol, diesel ; 27% coal . 5% nuclear.

→ vs. Canada → 5% of world population - 25% of energy.

### → renewable sources

Solar, wind, biomass, hydro-electric (small), waste to energy

↳ Sunshine  $5-7 \text{ kWh/m}^2$  - diffused energy → distributed

Photovoltaic cells - silicon, Ge - 760%

light → heat energy. (solar, water heater etc.)

Turbines, wind → mechanical

### → Ocean & tidal energy.

1 m high wave on falling → 90 kW energy operations along shores.

→ Geothermal energy - temp & pressure increases as we dig deeper - 75-880°C

→ biomass energy

\* oil & coal formation videos).

\* fractional distillation order.

natural gas  
petrol

## → Land Resources

- provide food, fibre, wood, nuts, biological materials
- soil - mixture of inorganic mat. (rocks & minerals) & organic mat. (dead plants & animals)
- Top Soil → renewable resource.
  - ↳ growing vegetation - fertile
- land degradation - loss of fertility. → long term effects are not good.
  - population, urbanisation, fertilizers & pesticides, damage of top soil, waterlogging, soil erosion
  - + if uncontrolled, then becomes irreversible - desertification
  - saturated, less aeration

## → causes of erosion - water (sometimes wind)

- stages →
- + sheet erosion, rill erosion, gully erosion, stream channels formed.
  - + splash erosion - early stage
  - + bank erosion
  - + canines
  - + alluvial - sediments

(wind)

## + Saltation - suspension - surface sleep.

### How to control erosion?

- conventional no-till farming or no-till farming
- tilling → causes erosion
- contour farming - across slope, not along slope.
- terracing
- Alley cropping (or) Agroforestry. (mix crops)
- wind breaks.

## Water resources

\* pie charts.

- groundwater storage

96% marine - very little is freshwater  
much is locked as ice

less rainfall in catchment area

0.8% only available

x command area.

aquifers - confined by impervious layers.

water shed management

find where water can be stopped to maintain velocity

complications, principles

land utilization, adequate veg.

conserve rainwater, contour farm

drain out excess water - proper V,

human influence issues - quantity, quality. Remedies prevent erosion,

increase groundwater

conserve water

- drip irrigation / sprinkling - efficient irrigation & reduce evaporation.

- install system to capture rain water  
reuse water for irrigation.

- build rain water harvesting system.

Q. Why should Forests be preserved?

① CO<sub>2</sub> sink - absorbs - long term storage

② Helps in condensation of atmospheric moisture

③ acts as a sponge for holding water - prevents recharging aquifer

④ source of timber, diversity etc.

Forest: any area with more than 10% wooded area  
pasture lands -

(see pie chart & graph).

very dense forests - wooded area > 30%, → only 3%.

carbon stock in Indian Forests  
various and in five pools.

(1) Above ground biomass (AGB)

(2) Below ground Biomass (BGB)

Living portion of biomass carbon.

(3) Dead wood

} dead organic matter.

(4) Litter

(5) Soil organic matter (SOM) (Minium)

on burning crops C:N ratio increases.

Report in lecture folder.



Must be conserved, managed - intelligently planned.  
'sustainable harvest'

forest regeneration - ~~slash~~ cultivation (slashing) on North

after few yrs allowing to ~~go~~ regenerate.

14% of forest area under conservation.

Indonesia

rescued - protected forests.

diversity

sequestering carbon emission - global agreement 5%

tribes in Amazon - to monitor changes

→ draft criteria for forest conservation.

conservation of biodiversity → variety in species

Maintenance of productive capacity of forest ecosystem

" of forest w/o health and vitality

" of soil & water resources.

" of forest contribution to global carbon cycle

" enhancement of long term socioeconomic

benefits to meet needs of legal, institutional & economic

framework for forest conservation & sustainable dev.

Forest Rights Act - allows ppl to own land in forest  
for cultivation

## Ecosystem Management.

- Manage across whole landscape, watersheds, regions over ecological time scales.
- depend on scientifically sound, ecologically credible data for decision making.
- human needs.
- biodiversity maintenance
- cooperative institutions.
- stakeholders.

Q. Release of carbon by deforestation & degradation.

- Burning of trees. (wood & leaves)

- Fallen vegetation decays & releases C

- Accumulation of C in soil litter declines, exposed soil dries, C oxidises to CO<sub>2</sub>

- Forest env. is no longer available to store C.

✓ - Coal → combustion - sulphuric oxide.

✓ - Fusion R<sup>h</sup> → Uranium.

✓ - across slope

✓ - CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S,

✓ - p type → p-n junction → n type.

MCA 1. b ✓ 2. a ✓ 3. c X 4. c ✓ 5. a ✓

Lagropel

T/F 1. T ✓ 2. F ✓ 3. F ✓ 4. T ✓ 5. T ✓

↳ solar power is dispersed.

3 groups - 3 levels.

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## BIODIVERSITY

- variety & differences among living organisms from all sources - terrestrial, marine, aquatic ecosystems & ecological complexes of which they are a part.
- 'life on Earth'
- 'totality of genes, species & ecosystems of a region'
- 3.5 million years of evolution → biodiversity.

### Biodiversity

- ① genetic diversity - same genes within one species - variety of versions
- ② species diversity - no. of diff kinds of organisms within individual communities & ecosystem.
- ③ ecological diversity.  $\alpha \beta \gamma$

### Q. Why do we study biodiversity?

- Food: 80k edible plants, 90% present day food crops domesticated from wild. wild crossed with domestic must be maintained.
- \* Analgesic Alkaloids? e.g. Morphine, Periwinkle, childhood leukemia → Madagascar
- Drugs & Meds: 75% population depends on plant extracts.
- \* Basmati rice - grown primarily in Dehradoon, US grown in India since long. claim they breeded.
- Adds ecosystem stability - estimated that 95% pest, disease carrying organisms are controlled by natural predators & competitors. 'pest control'
- \* 1 species per decade extinct decayed. Normal. But last CE, 1k species became extinct
- Fuel: forests - fuel wood, fossil fuels are also product of biodiversity.

→ Social value - plants tulsi, lotus, peepal etc.  
considered holy & sacred.

( Penicillin, developed from Fungus .  
Some Natural Medicinal Products Table 5.2 .

HOT SPOTS of Biodiversity :

Biogeographic region with a significant reservoir of biodiversity that is threatened with destruction.

- endemic (species only available here)

e.g. Bastards - bird only in Kutch .

- 0.5% of plant species - designated as hot spot .

- only 25 such hotspots globally . 2 in India  
Himalaya , Western Ghats ↑

- cover less than 2% land , 50% biodiversity .

The

→ Cambodia , Vietnam , Laos

Thailand , Myanmar , Bhutan

Nepal , far eastern India , extreme southern China .

- lost by mining , dams

Pristine - Indonesia .

- extinction due to human impact

Possible causes - Glaciation , Climate change / possible meteors ,

HIPPO - sixth mass extinction .

Habitat destruction , Invasive species , Pollution ,

Population of humans , Overharvesting ,

Habit destruction - forest , grasslands → savannas .

resource extraction, mining, dams, fishing.  
→ Fragmentation - reduces habitat to small isolated areas, reduces biodiversity - some species require large areas to sustain - bears, etc.

Q. What is biodiversity worth?  
Is conservation necessarily contradictory to good economic sense? Yes.

loss per hectare of pristine forest vs \$ 6k.

Q. Can we afford to restore biodiversity?  
cost of restoration vs destruction.

↳ revenue foregone, same more lose less.

→ Protection

- enough habitats for native species  
regulated zones - interaction less - creates restricted area to be maintained.
- Manage at regional scales large enough to accommodate natural disturbances (fire, wind, climate change etc.)

Development should not be of permanent nature that damages biodiversity.

→ How is biodiversity measured. (stars diagram)

- ① richness - more no. of species
- ② one type of species occupy more - evenness - more spread.

must coexist.

\* Shannon Index OR Shannon Entropy.

quantifies (entropy uncertainty / entropy or degree of surprise) associated with this prediction.

$$H' = - \sum_{i=1}^R p_i \ln p_i$$

$p_i \rightarrow$  proportion of individuals belonging to the  $i^{th}$  species in the dataset of interest.

- \* Simpson's diversity index (D)
- probability that 2 individuals randomly selected will belong to same species.

$$D = \sum \left( \frac{n}{N} \right)^2$$

$$D = \sum \frac{n(n-1)}{N(N-1)}$$

less D, more diversity

when  $D=1 \rightarrow$  no diversity - occupied only by 1 species

- Index of diversity  $1-D$
- Reciprocal.  $\frac{1}{D}$

eg.

W	2	H	8	D	1	Y	1	S	<u>3</u>	15
										$D = \frac{4}{15}$
										$\left(\frac{2}{15}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{8}{15}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{15}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{15}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{15}\right)^2$
										$\frac{4 + 64 + 1 + 1 + 9}{(15)^2} = \frac{79}{225}$

→ London Fog  $\rightarrow$  in winter Dec 5, 1952

- 4000 dead in 3 days; 10k people health problems
- high use of coal  $\text{SO}_2, \text{SO}_3$  on burning coal

Sulphuric acid in air (soot)  
+ fog due to winter (particles)

No wind, trapped  $\rightarrow$  smog

Temperature inversion

- similarly in Delhi but NO<sub>x</sub>, no fog, only smoke less trapped;

## Air Resources

Nitrogen (78.09)

Oxygen (20.96)

Water vapour (0.1)

Argon (0.9)

CO<sub>2</sub> (0.032)

Neon (0.0018)

Helium (0.0005)

Methane (0.0002)

} Major

} Minor

Most comp.

Temp. profile

Troposphere

Mesosphere

Stratosphere

Noposphere

Earth

- Stratosphere - Ozone -  $\rightarrow$  for CFCs  
Temp. & pressure  
using organi distribution.
- Troposphere - most active  
most reactions takes place here - controlling layer.
- Mesosphere - coolest -
- Thermosphere - Temp. rises very fast here.

(Pollution) - affects health or any other process.

→ Air pol. - smoke, haze, dust, odors, corrosive gases, noise, toxic comp

- Sulphur dioxide - eyes & lungs
- fine particulates penetrate
- airborne metals in blood stream.
- Sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, ozone, lead, - conventional / criteria pollutants.
- point source  $\rightarrow$  smokestack; fugitive or non-point source - emissions don't go through smokestack.
- Primary pollutants - harmful when released

Secondary - harmful after they react with other gas

single point substances in air ex. photochemical oxidants &  
can't be identified, distributed

- Studies - South Asia - 3km thick cloud of ash, acids, aerosols, dust, smog over India almost all year
- forest fires, burning agri wastes, increase in use of fossil fuels,  $\rightarrow$  solar energy is cut off by 15%.
- disrupts monsoon patterns, cuts rainfall by 40%  
Pal, Sykes, China west, S. America
- 'Asian Brown Cloud' - Indian Brown clouds.

$\sum \rightarrow$  Volcanic activity, vegetation decay  
Man made

Precip -  $\text{CO}_x, \text{NO}_x, \text{HC}, \text{SO}_x, \text{particulates}$  90%

$\rightarrow$  Particulate matter.

- small solid particulate ( $0.0002 - 500 \mu\text{m}$ ) or liquid droplets - 500-2000 million tons discharge by natural 200-200 " man-made.

$\sum$  - Soot particle pic

$\rightarrow$  Carbon Monoxide (CO)

colorless, odourless, tasteless, injurious to health.

diesel & petroleum engines - 70% emission

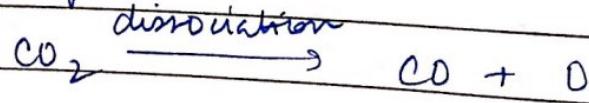
- incomplete combustion of C.



- elevated temp. in industries - blast furnaces.



- High temp.



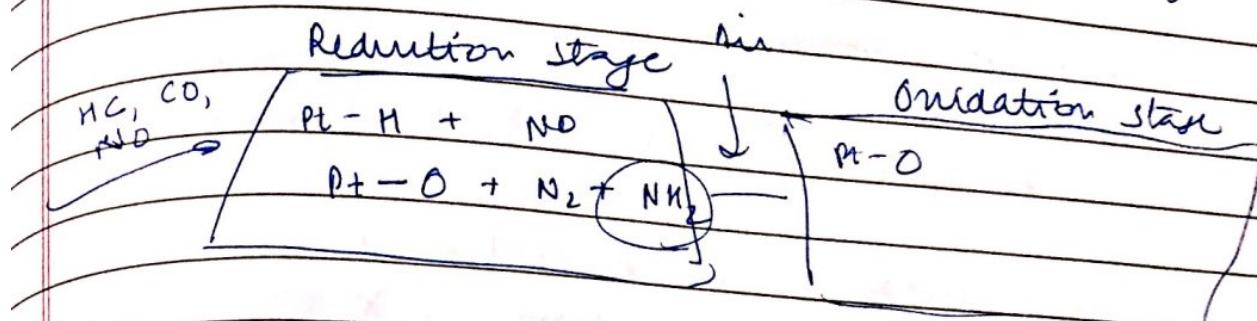
Sinks

- lost in upper atmosphere

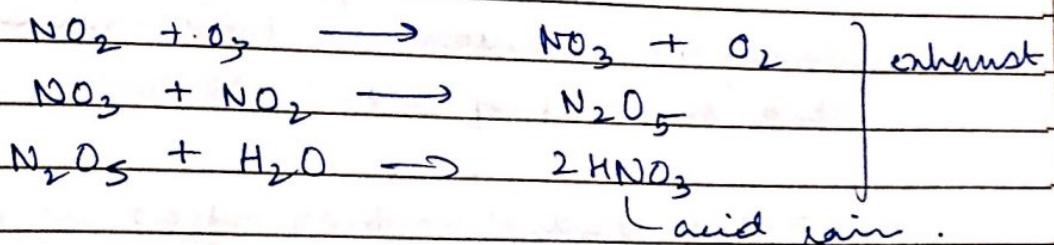
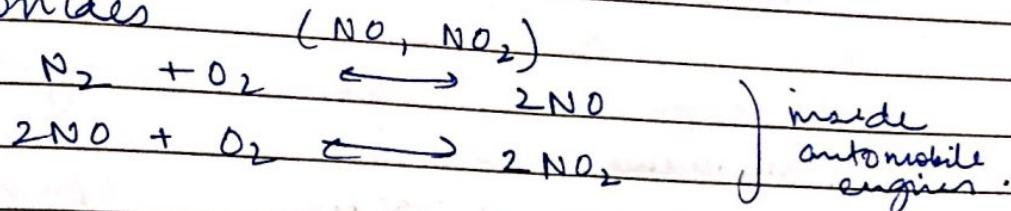
- soil microorganism (2g kg can remove 120 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> from ambient air in 3 hrs)

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Control of CO, HC, NO<sub>x</sub> pollution  
catalytic conversion in combustion engines  
of automobiles.



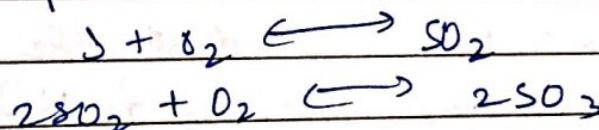
→ Nitrogen oxides



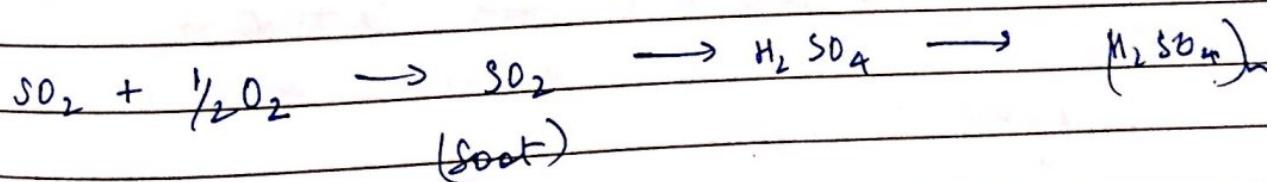
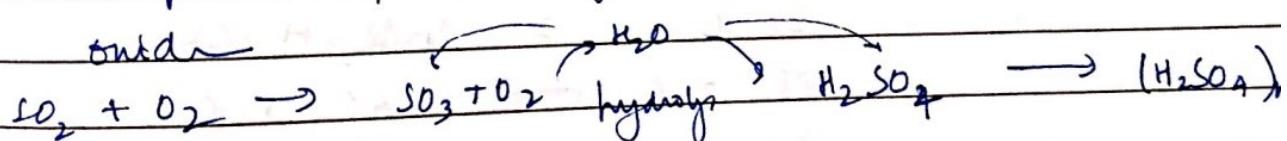
→ Sulphur dioxide

• Volcanic eruption.

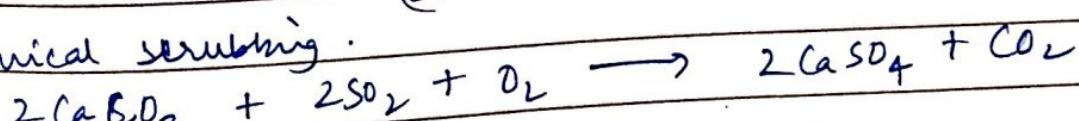
• Coal fired power stations.



Soot particles, containing metal oxides, catalyze the



Chemical scrubbing.

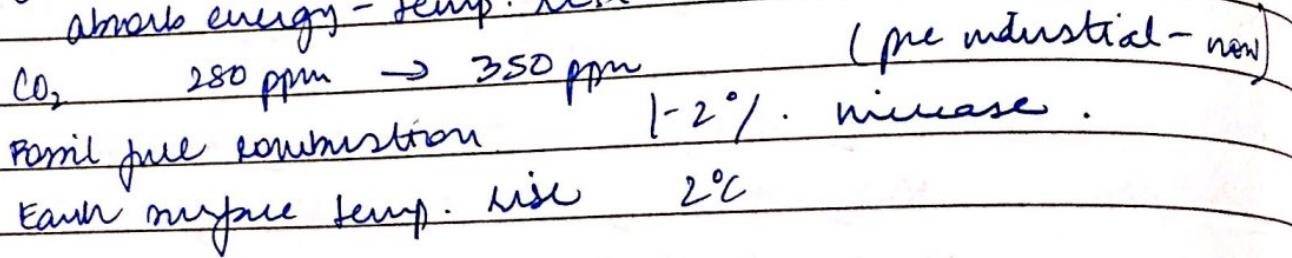


→ moves to control SO<sub>x</sub> pollution.

- Hydrocarbons & photochemical smog
- produced by bacteria - anaerobic decomposition of organic matter.
  - Domestic animals
  - Automobiles
- $$2(\text{CH}_2\text{O}) \xrightarrow{\text{bacteria}} \text{CO}_2 \uparrow + (\text{CH}_2 \uparrow)$$
- chain reaction -  $\text{NO}_2$ , aldehydes,  $\text{RCHO}$  (harmful)  
 $\text{PAN} = \text{peroxy acyl nitrate}$ .
  - photochemical smog - brown hazy fumes.

Greenhouse effect - global warming

absorb energy - temp. rise.

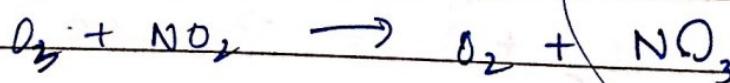


Wheat production badly suffers.

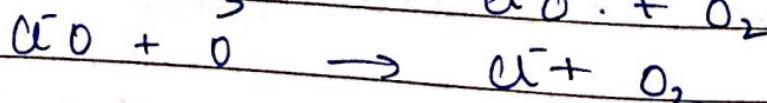
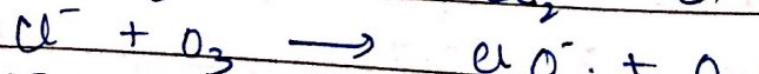
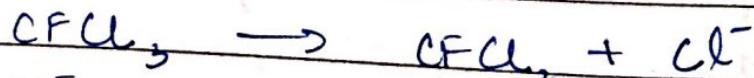
Biological productivity in oceans will fail

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Ozone hole



CFC



Kyoto Treaty

## Air Pollution Control

'Pollution is the solution to pollution'

- reduce, recycle, reuse
- reduce electricity, insulating home & offices, better public transport, alternative energy
- particulate removal → filtering air emissions electrostatic precipitators.
- switch power to low sulphur coal (high sulphur day)
- NO<sub>x</sub> - combustion engines & boilers - carefully controlling limestone by 30%.
- catalytic converter - car - pt-pd, rhodium removes NO<sub>x</sub>, HC, CO
- HC - complete combustion - evaporation control.

✓ clean air legislation - controversial but successful.

• costs of pollution have been absorbed by public,

- putting greater emphasis on pollution prevention rather than control.

- reducing use of fossil fuels.

- improving quality of vehicular fuel

- increasing use of renewable energy

\* odd/even in Delhi.

Trading pollution credits.

cap-and-trade

EPA sets max. emission levels - permitted allotments.

install pollution control equipment or buy someone else's credits → my emission 'credits'

- Air pollution status in India
- Hotspots - Delhi, Ahmedabad 4th most polluted in the world.
- SAFPR continuous monitoring of pollutants.
- Then - most noxious air, Raipur, Sodpur, Bhopal small particulate levels (PM10) 3-4 times the standard of 10 mg per year

[ ] 2. ambient air quality standards in India. (Table)

. The ongoing challenge

- Pollution persists in developing areas.
- Improvement in some places
- Brazil - Valley of Death 20 yrs ago.

### WATER RESOURCES.

- 71% earth covered in water
- 97% of this water in oceans.
- 2.99% of 3% is locked in ice caps.
- only 0.003% of earth's total vol. is available.

→ Water Pollution

Any physical, biological, chemical change in water quality that adversely affects living organisms or makes water unavailable for desired uses can be considered pollution.

→ Symptoms.

- Bad taste
- Unusual growth of aquatic weeds
- Dead fish floating on surface.
- Oil & grease "
- Offensive smells from lakes, rivers, etc.

Water Pollutants : *drainage*

- organic, inorganic, sediments, radioactive materials, thermal pollutants.

→ from factories, agri...  
 → rise in temp.  
 less dissolved  $O_2$

### Water Pollution

Point & Non-point source

(for management)  
 point - easier

E Major components of water pollutants (Table) E 11.3

(PK) BOD (biological Oxygen level)  $\propto$

++ ppm	Human	difficult for ecosystem to survive if remove any level.
25	Large fish	
2-3	Fish	
1	Shrimp	
0.3	zooplankton	

### Groundwater Pollution

(pic)

• Arsenic pollution near West Bengal.

TWO theories -

→ Himalayan headwaters (deltas) - downstream

for years - brought down as sediments.

→ pyrite oxidation hypothesis - coming water

table - arseno-pyrite oxidized in zone of aquifer  
releases - adsorbed into iron hydroxide -  
recharge releases arsenic into ground water

• sewage treatment plant - saving lakh of rupees in D.

• solid waste management - dry leaves - domestic compost,  
fertilizers etc

↓ focus of conventional sewage treatment

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→ 26/3/18 class mixed

- 3E's → course given.
- ✓ EIA - Environment Impact Assessment → project level  
international
- ✗ Strategic Env. Assn. - SEA
- Check dam - beneficiary - downstream - wells recharged
- Evolution of EIA - categorisation
- FAO - group A, B, C categories for field projects.
- Stages in EIA process.
- EIA cycle

• 04.18 Climate Change

explainingclimatechange.ca

- Difference b/w weather & climate — long term average  
short term variable of variable, thousands of years.
- How is this climate change recorded? Where & how is this studied?

ICE CORE - samples in glaciers - have remained undisturbed for long, formed over the years.  
which are the most important variables, critical for understanding climate change?  
→  $\text{CO}_2$   
→ temperature

gaseous remains trapped in glaciers - bubbles.

separate out  $\text{CO}_2$  from other gases  
'gas chromatography'

calculate conc. by volume - 'mass spectroscopy'  
'Isotopic temperature' isotopes.  $\text{O}_{16}$   $\text{O}_{18}$   
 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

↳ mass will change if isotope changes. ↳ Hydrogen - Deuterium may replace at diff. temp.

↳ vapor pressure also changes when decreases - hard to change state ↳ liquid  $\rightarrow$  gas

✓ first conc. of atoms of different mass - less in atom than in the ocean.

isotopic ratio  $O_{18} : O_{16}$

↳ condensation (when falls as rain or snow) can be related to change in temperature.  $\rightarrow$  non-linear relationship

\* graph : Temp vs years.

- ve side anomaly indicating rise in temp.  
 $CO_2$  and Temp - similar behaviour?

\*  $CO_2$  conc increased after 1800s - industrial era  
human induced process.

2) polarity - affinity to attract  $-ve$  ions.

- affects distribution of charges in molecule

perm. dipole  $H_2O \rightarrow$  will absorb infrared radiation in atm and then vibrates/rotates - due to polarity of O.

$N_2 \rightarrow$  no uneven charge distri

temp. dipole  $O_3 \rightarrow$  bent configuration

\* EM spectrum, same  $\lambda$  increased, E decreased.

\* Molecular interaction with radiation:

CFCs will break up when energy applied.

Absorbs - vibrates in infrared.

Rotates - in Microwave.

Breaks into in UV

→  $CO_2, N_2O, H_2O \rightarrow$  greenhouse gases  $O_2, N_2 X$   
absorb radiation

Even though majority of gas on Earth constitutes of  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$  which are not greenhouse, then why is the effect of small amount of greenhouse gases so much?

- 'Collisional heating': graph wavelength vs energy absorption for different gases. Temp. bulb. atm.
- transfer of energy - losses - temp. increases.

- 'Napole Rate & Earth's Radiative Energy Balance'
  - (highest at the bottom)
  - function of height

- All gases are not the same (3 pts)
  - Residence time - how long remains in atm
  - Concentration
  - Region of IR where it absorbs
- Earth's emission spectrum vs gas emission when both are high → high temp.  
CFC has higher potential of making atm. warm.

A)

Climate: A balancing act

'Volcano' ...

'Radiation Balance'

- Outgoing vs incoming - albedo.
- avg. Earth temp. =  $15^\circ$

B)

Impacts of Climate Change

#### 1. Polar Regions.

- eg. PETM caused extreme warming - growth of lush green in the Arctic.
- methane clathrate hydrates → destabilized released due

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- IPCC simulation meire:  
arctic ice caps melting - water level rise  
albedo. increase
- coral reefs:
  - $\text{CaCO}_3$
  - coloured algae-symbiotic - corals
- coral bleaching:
  - polyps unable to survive invertebrates due to temp. change, rejected by coral
- + El Nino & La Niña phenomena - temp. change:
  - temp. change drops down - white
- surface temp. rise
- sea level rise - corals in shallow water only
- extreme weather - Hurricane Katrina
- biodiversity - frog population decrease
  - $\rightarrow$  *Pseudacrisfouquettei*

- f) 1-6 skipped!
- climate feedback loops.
  - Robust cycles cannot withstand forcing changes.  
+ve, -ve looping
    - eg water feedback
      - solid, liq, gas.
  - reinforcing / self-reinforcing interactions - balanced