

Greenhouse gases in African inland waters

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Lab presentation

- Measurements of greenhouse gases in aquatic environments
- Inland waters, coastal waters, oceanic waters & marine cryosphere
- Versatile, compact and rugged equipment for harsh environments
- Carbon dioxide (CO_2) by infra-red & lazer analysers (Li-Cor & LGR)
- Continuous (surface) and discrete (profiles)
- Methane (CH_4) by gas chromatography (GC) & lazer analyser (LGR)
- Nitrous oxide (N_2O) concentration by GC
- N_2O isotopes by lazer spectrometry (LGR)
- Dimethylsulfide (DMS) by GC



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1) CO₂ in European coastal waters (1996-2001)

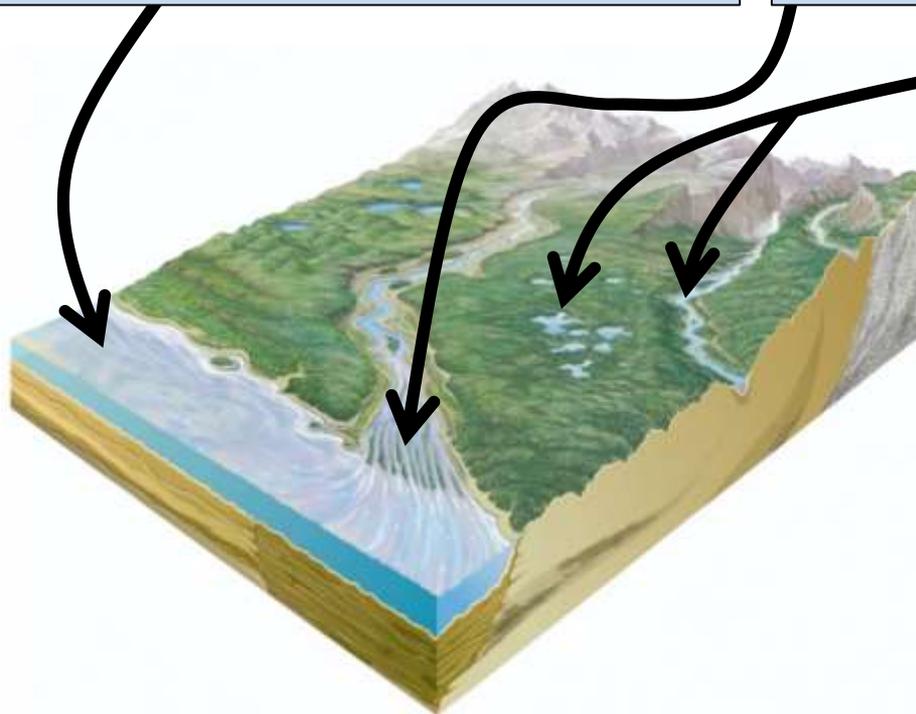
CO₂ fluxes in European continental shelves (North Sea, English Channel, Celtic Sea, Iberian coast)

2) CO₂ in tropical estuaries (2001-2007)

CO₂ data in India, Vietnam, Kenya, and Ivory Coast.

3) CO₂, CH₄ & N₂O in freshwaters (2007-present)

African lakes & rivers



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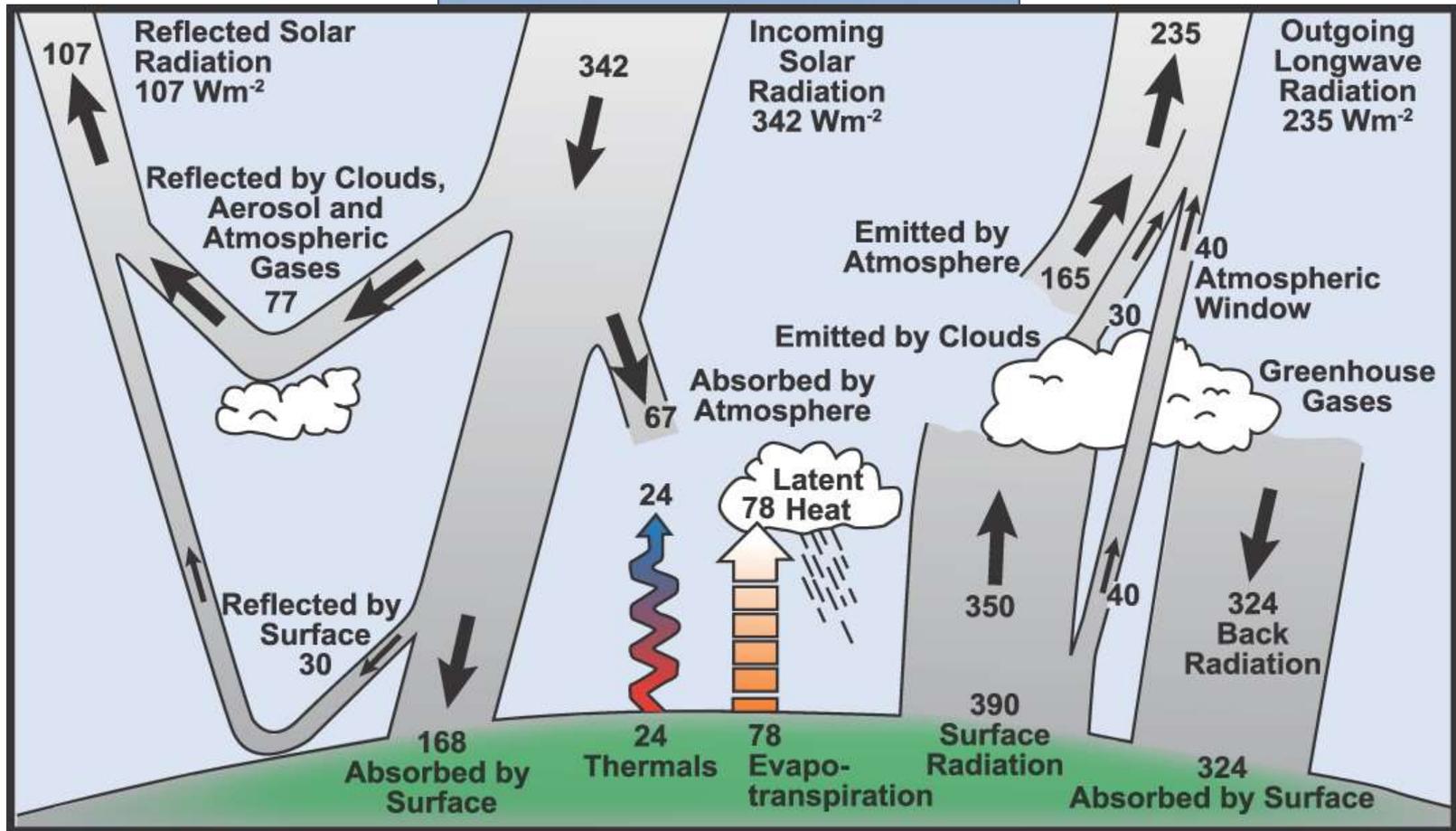
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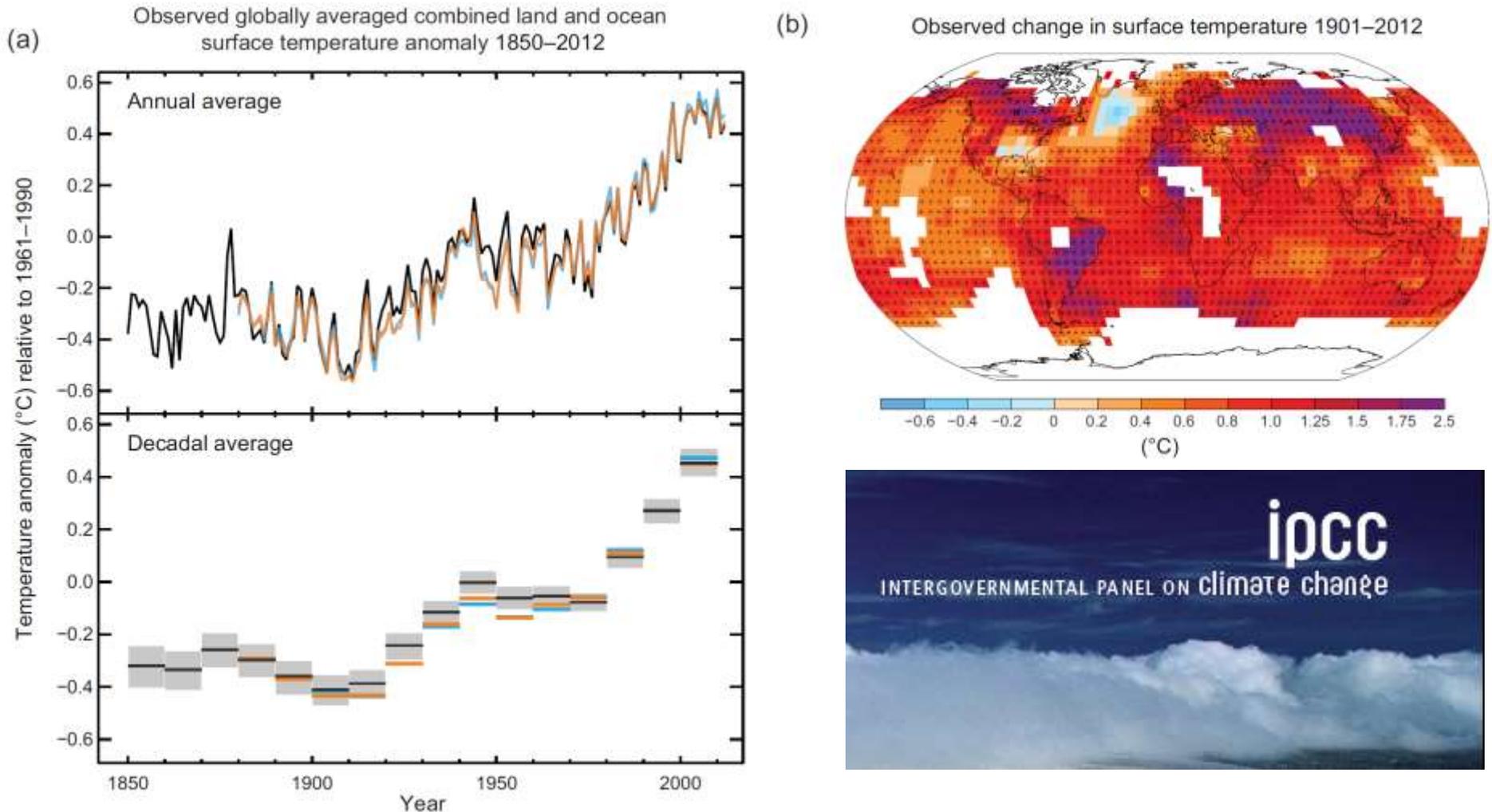


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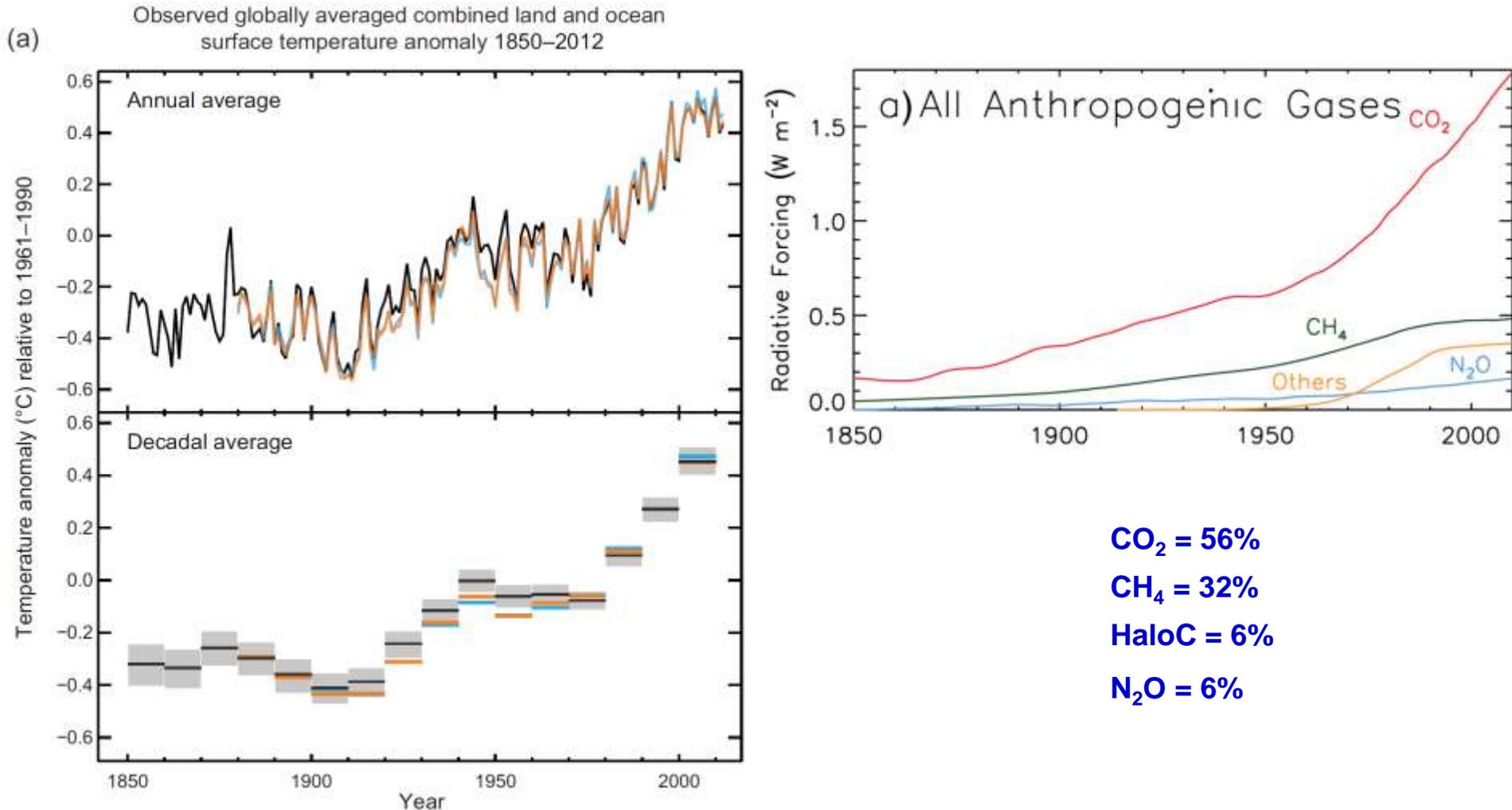


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Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

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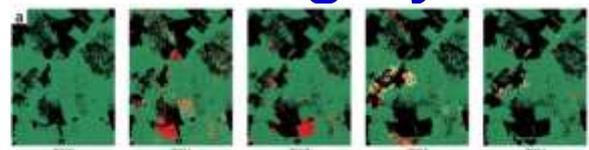
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Framework Convention on
Climate Change

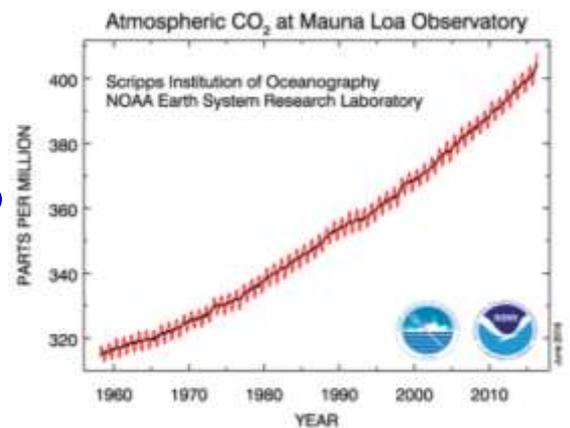
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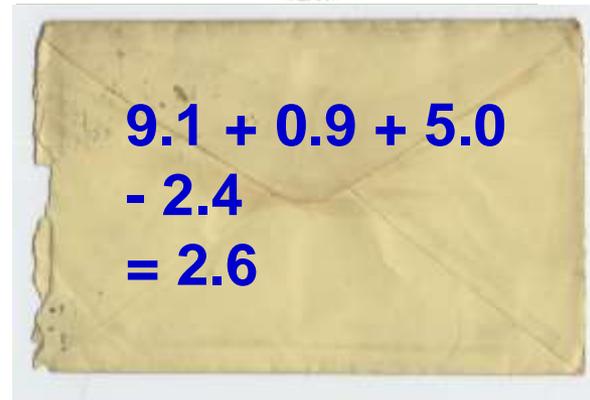
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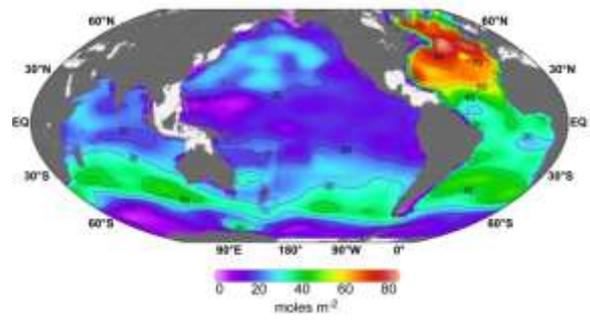


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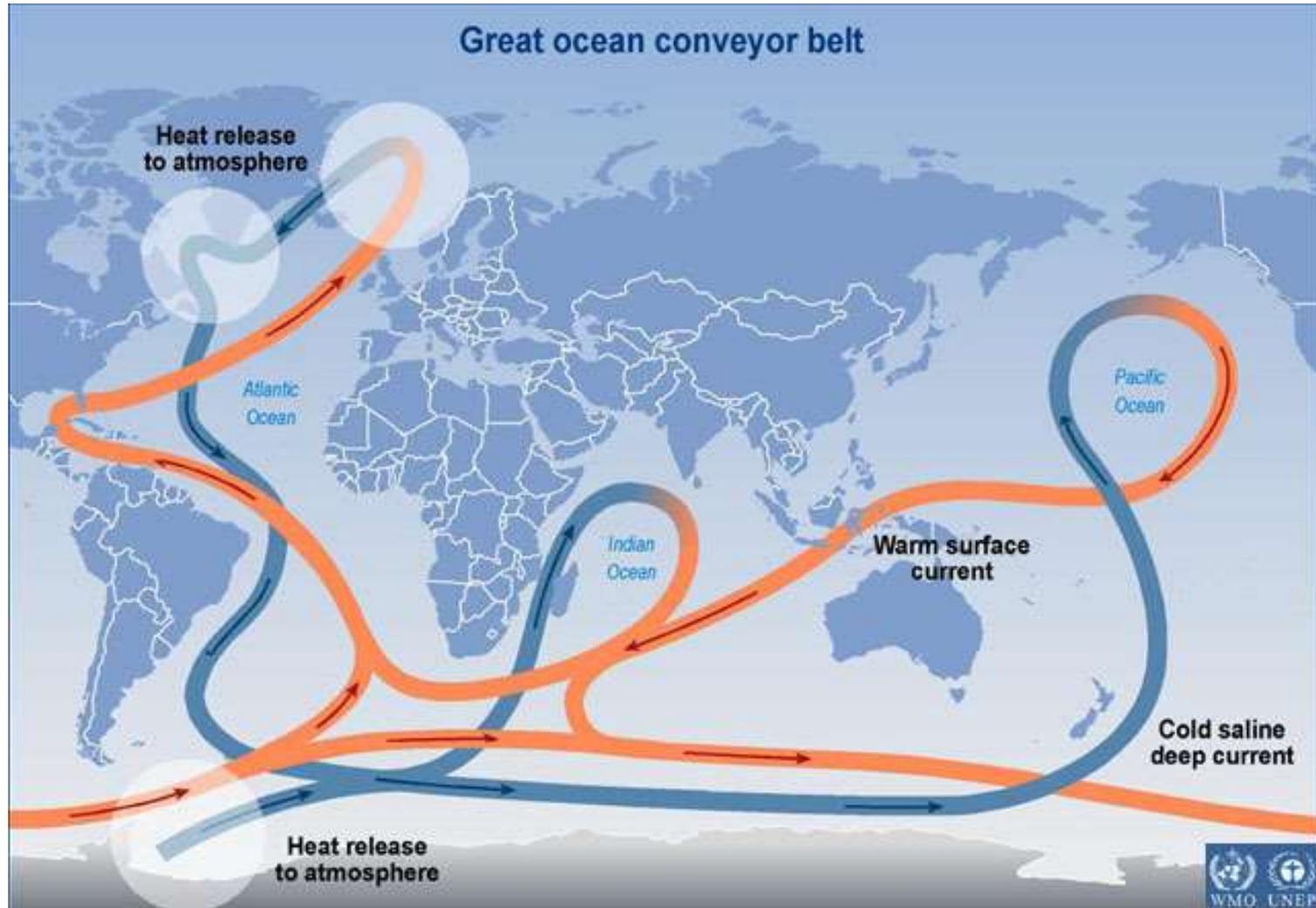


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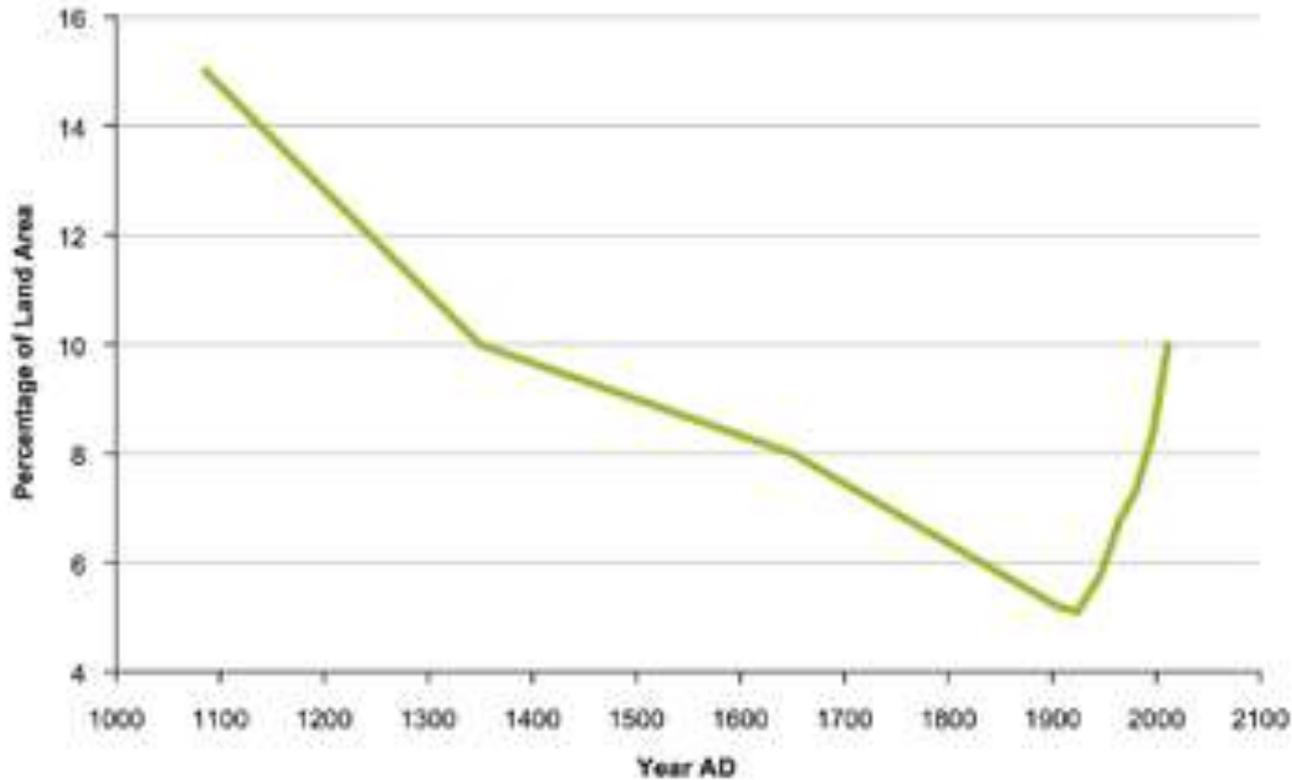
Cold water = absorption of CO_2 (Henry's Law)
= dense (deep-water formation)
= long-term storage (coupled to CaCO_3 dissol.)



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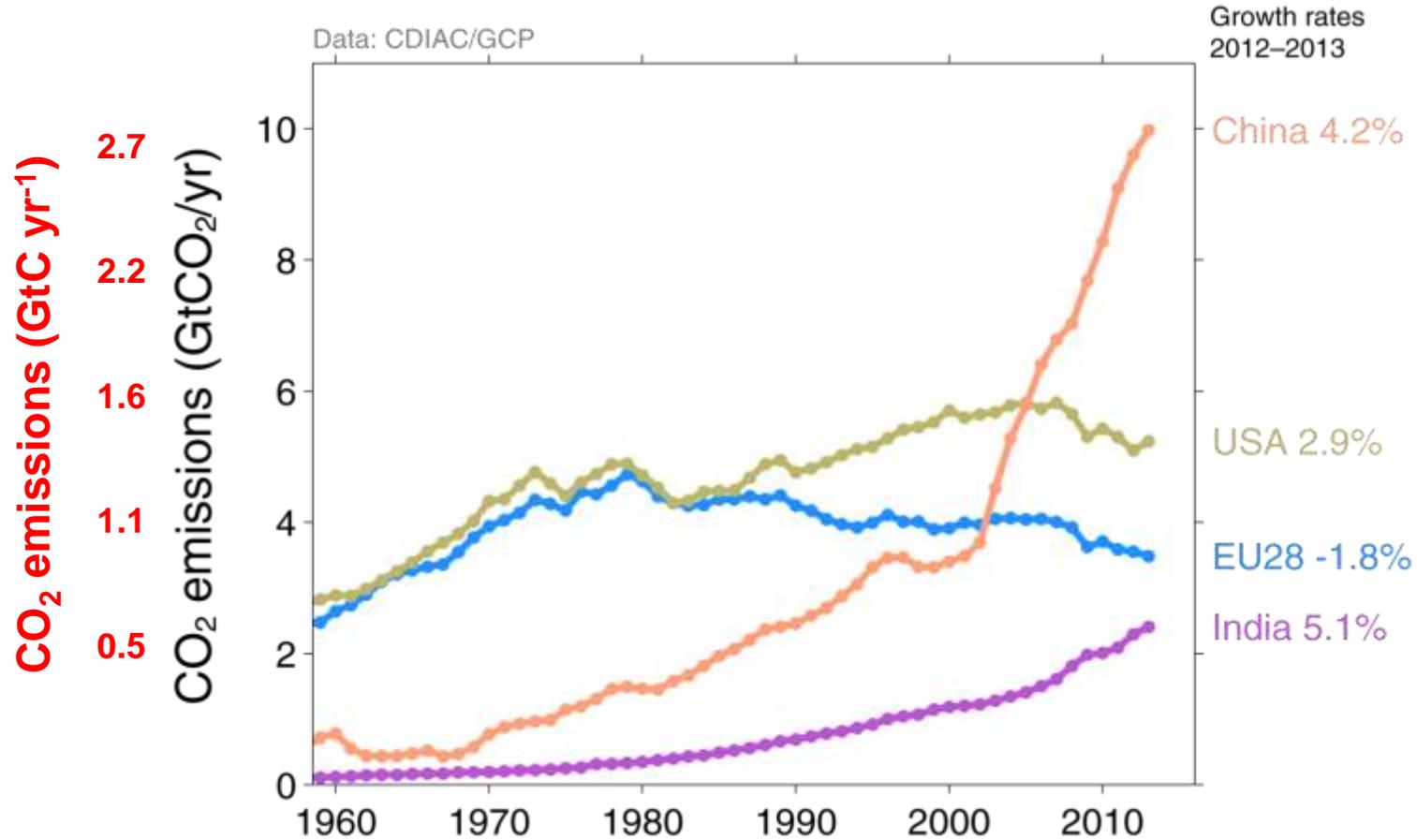
**Why is the terrestrial biosphere a CO₂ sink ?
= reforestation**

Woodland as a percentage of land area in England



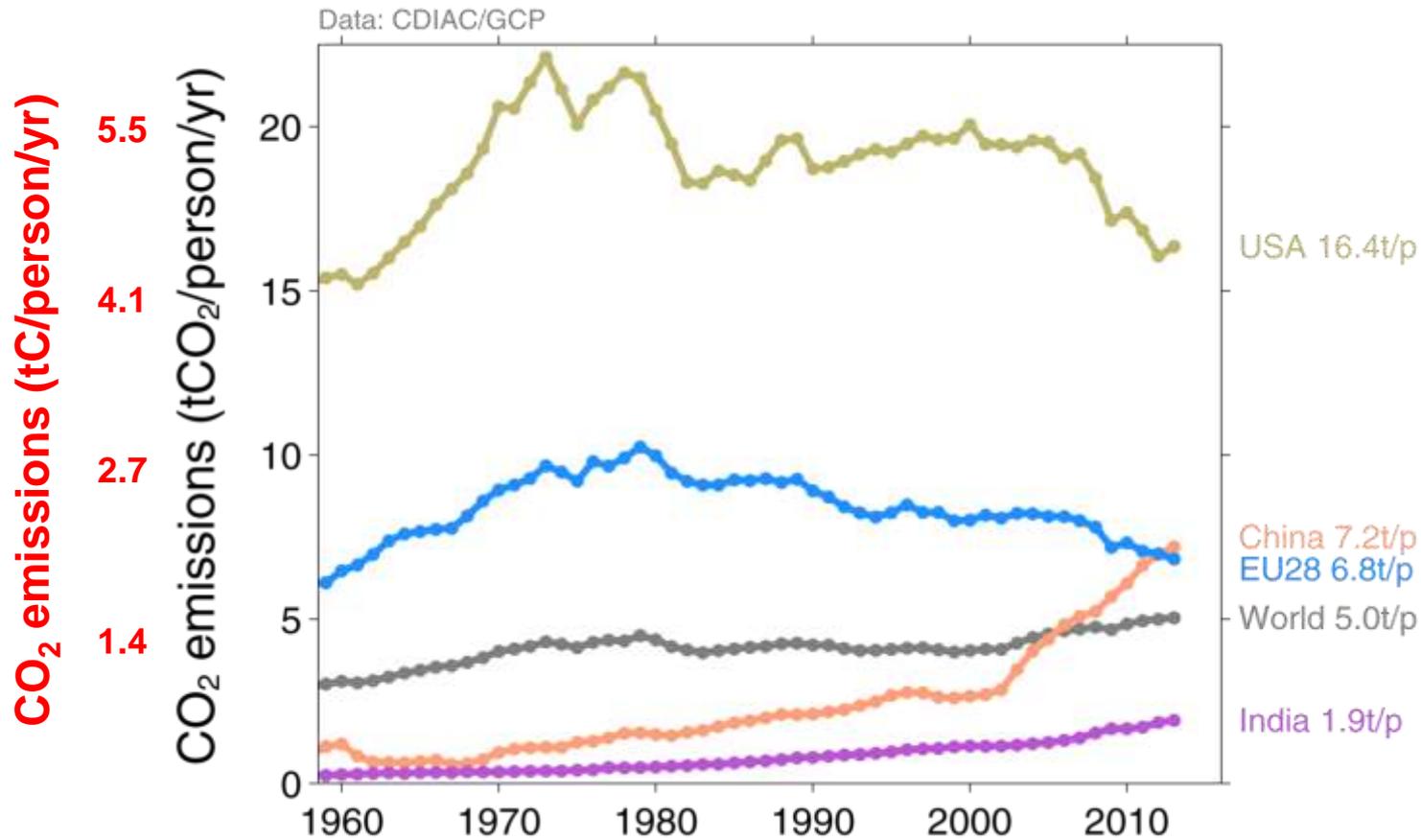
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The top four emitters in 2013 covered 58% of global emissions
China (28%), United States (14%), EU28 (10%), India (7%)



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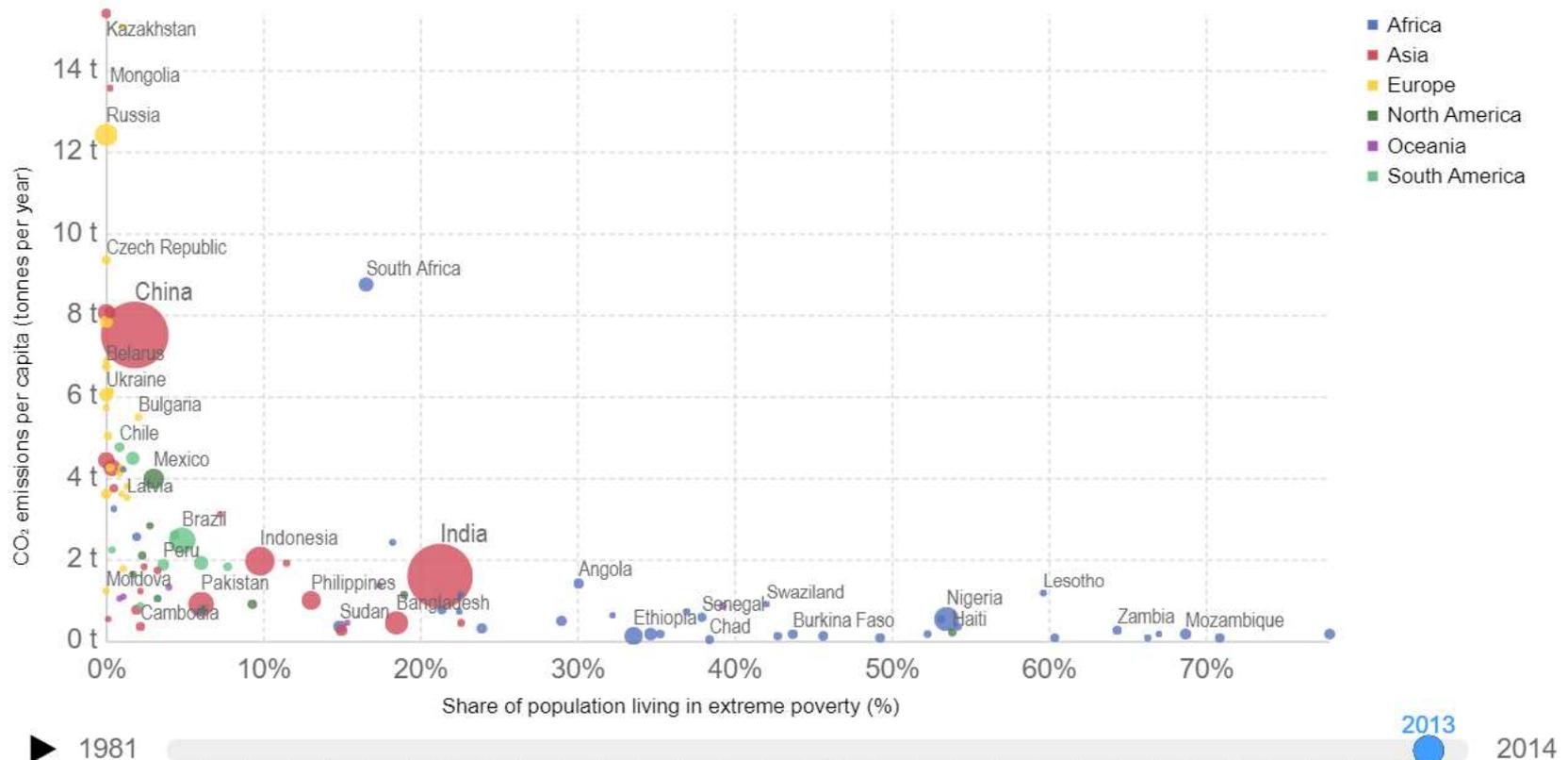
China's per capita emissions have passed the EU28 and are 45% above the global average



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CO₂ emissions per capita vs. the share of people living in extreme poverty, 2013

Average CO₂ emissions per capita are measured in tonnes per year. Extreme poverty is defined as living at a consumption (or income) level below 1.90 "international-\$" per day. International \$ are adjusted for price differences between countries and price changes over time (inflation).



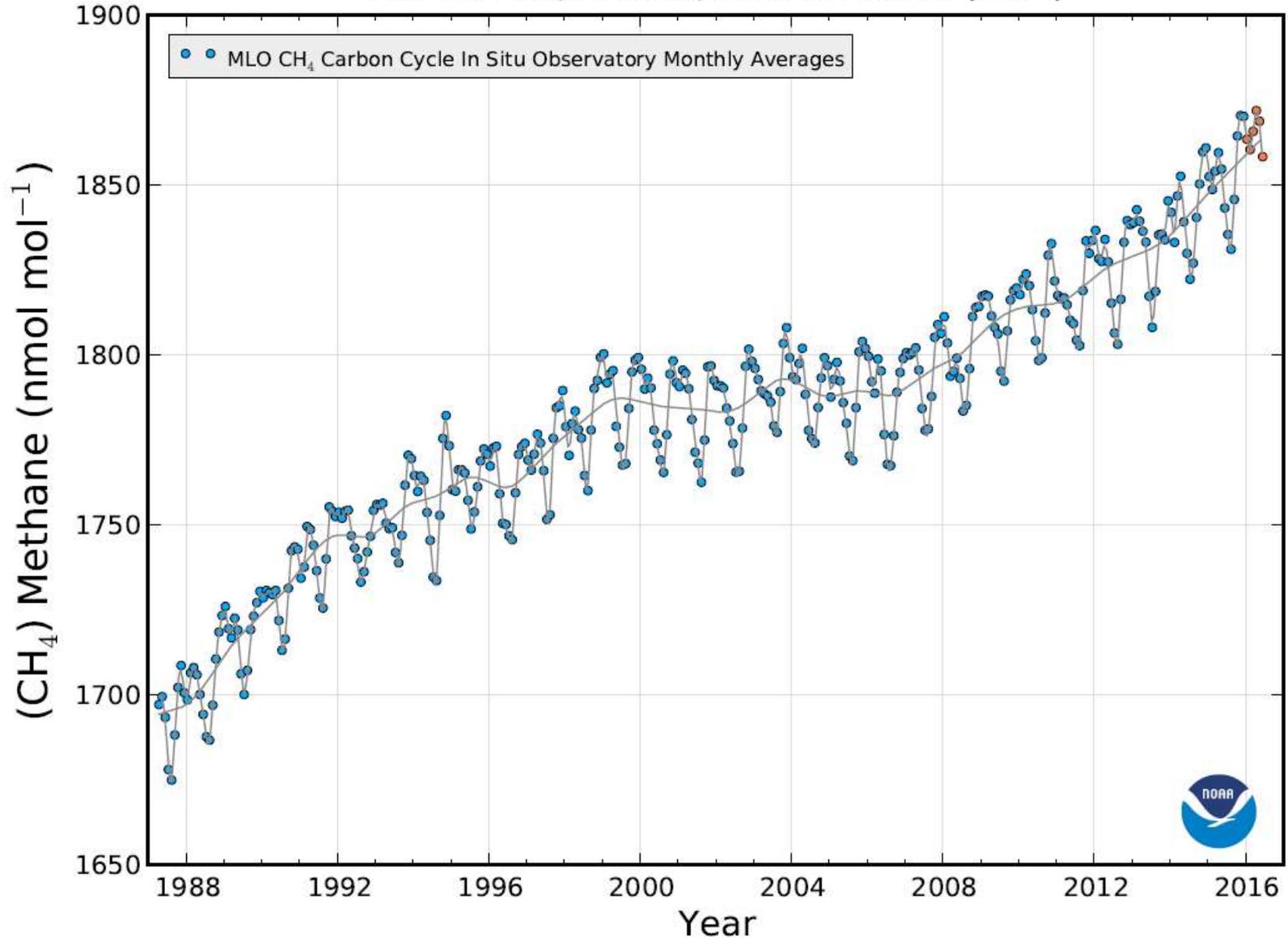
Source: World Bank – WDI: Poverty headcount ratio at \$1.90 a day (2011 PPP) (% of population), CO₂ emissions per capita by nation - CDIAC (2017)
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Methane (CH₄)

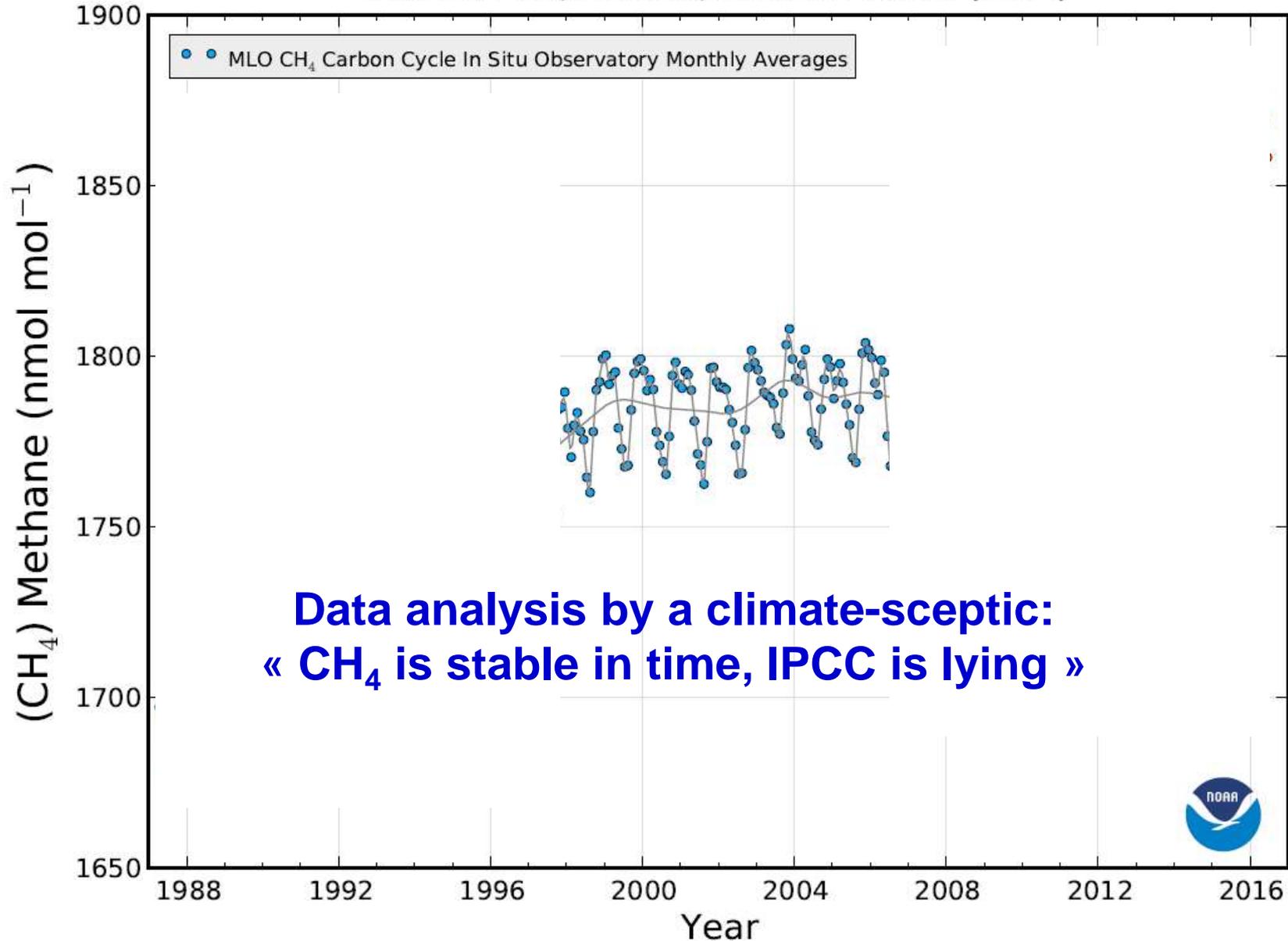
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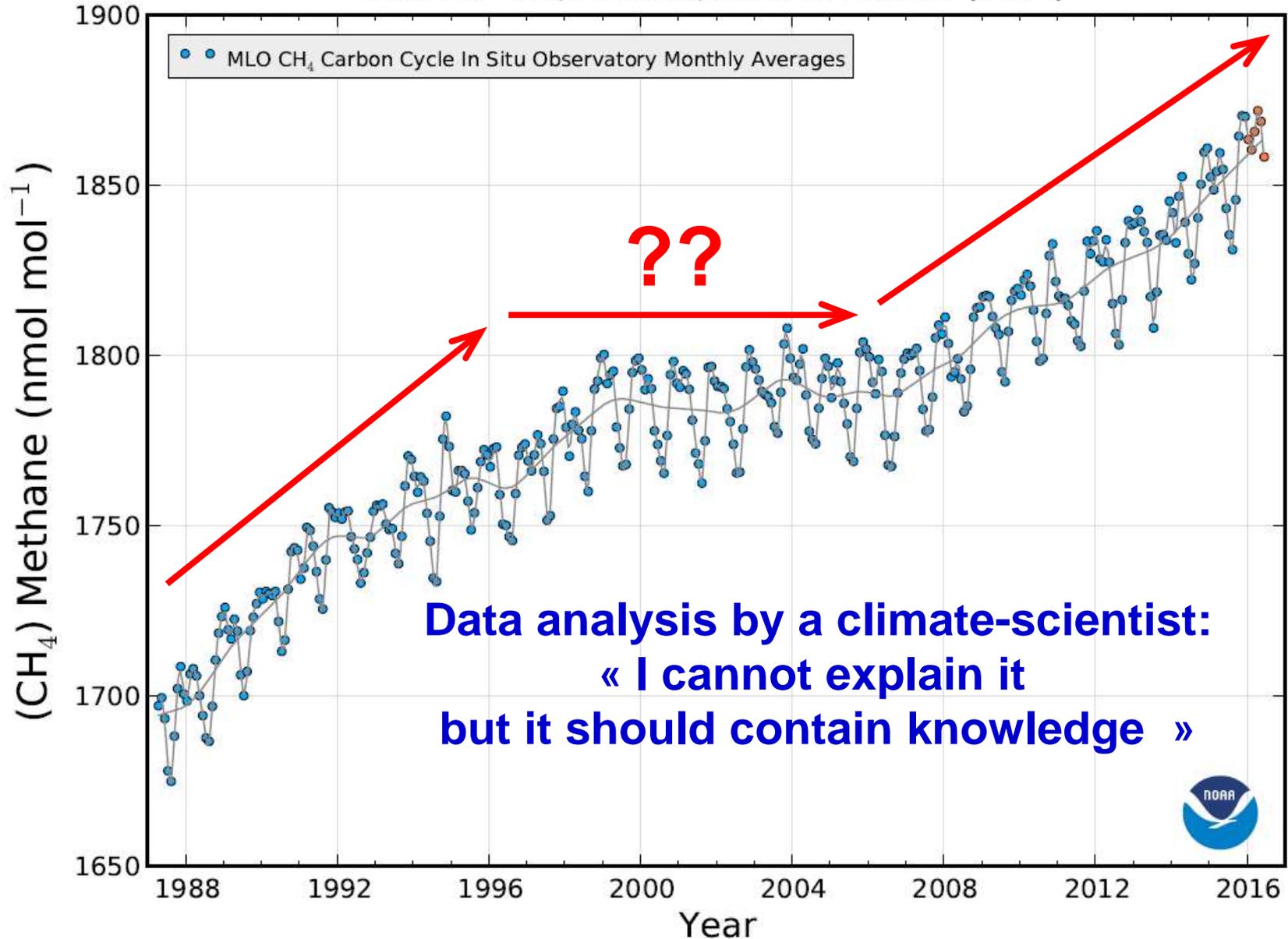
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**Data analysis by a climate-sceptic:
« CH₄ is stable in time, IPCC is lying »**

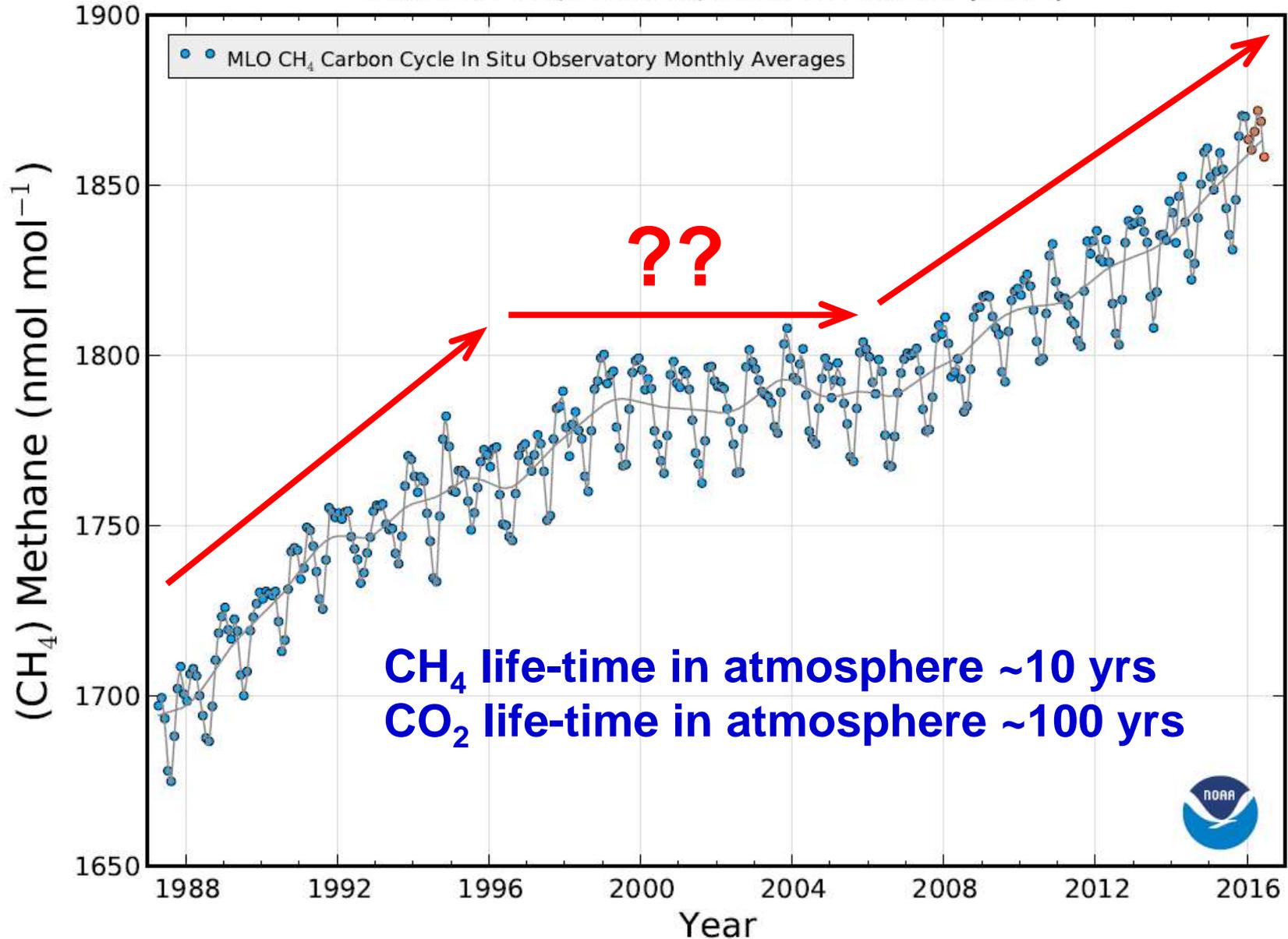
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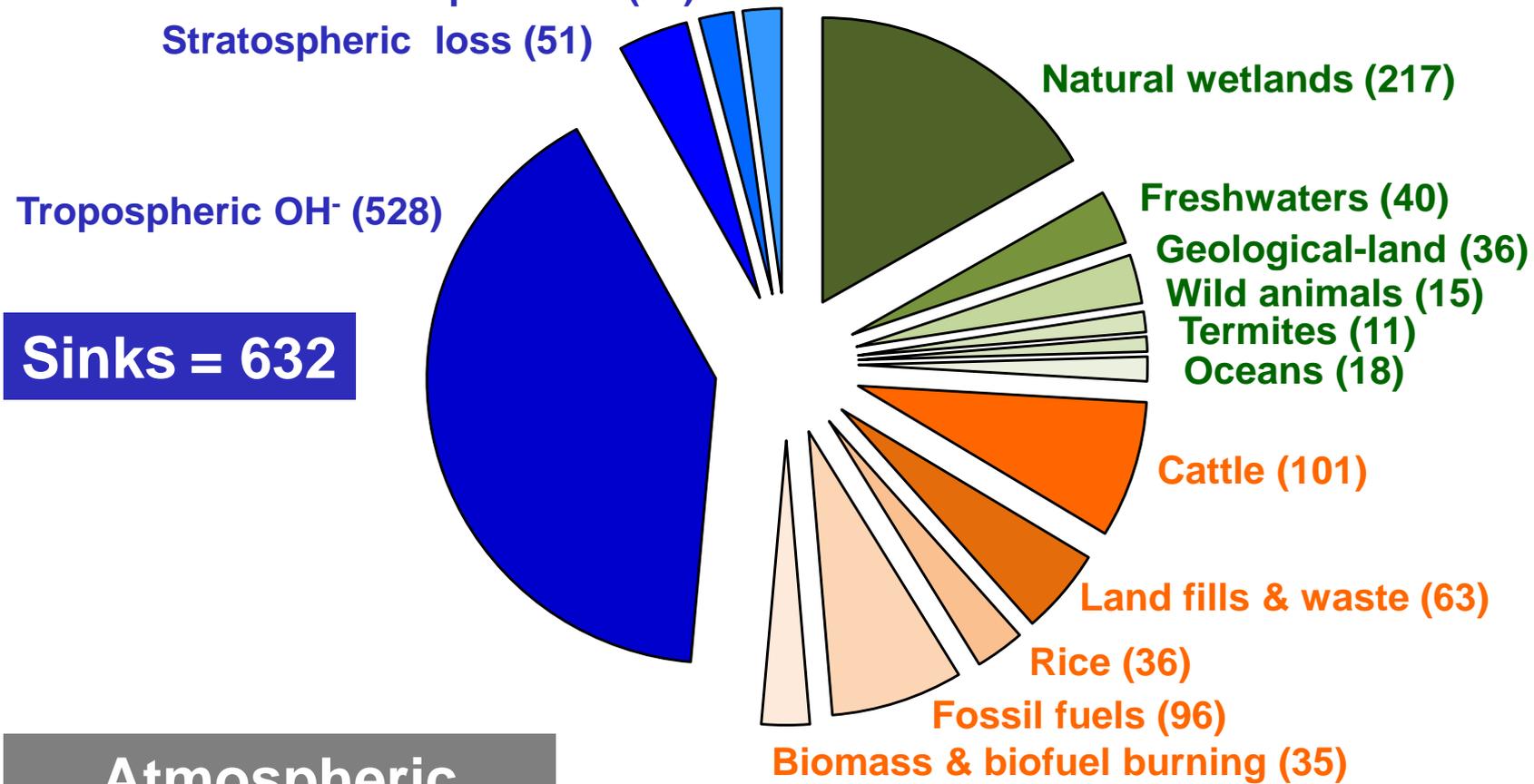
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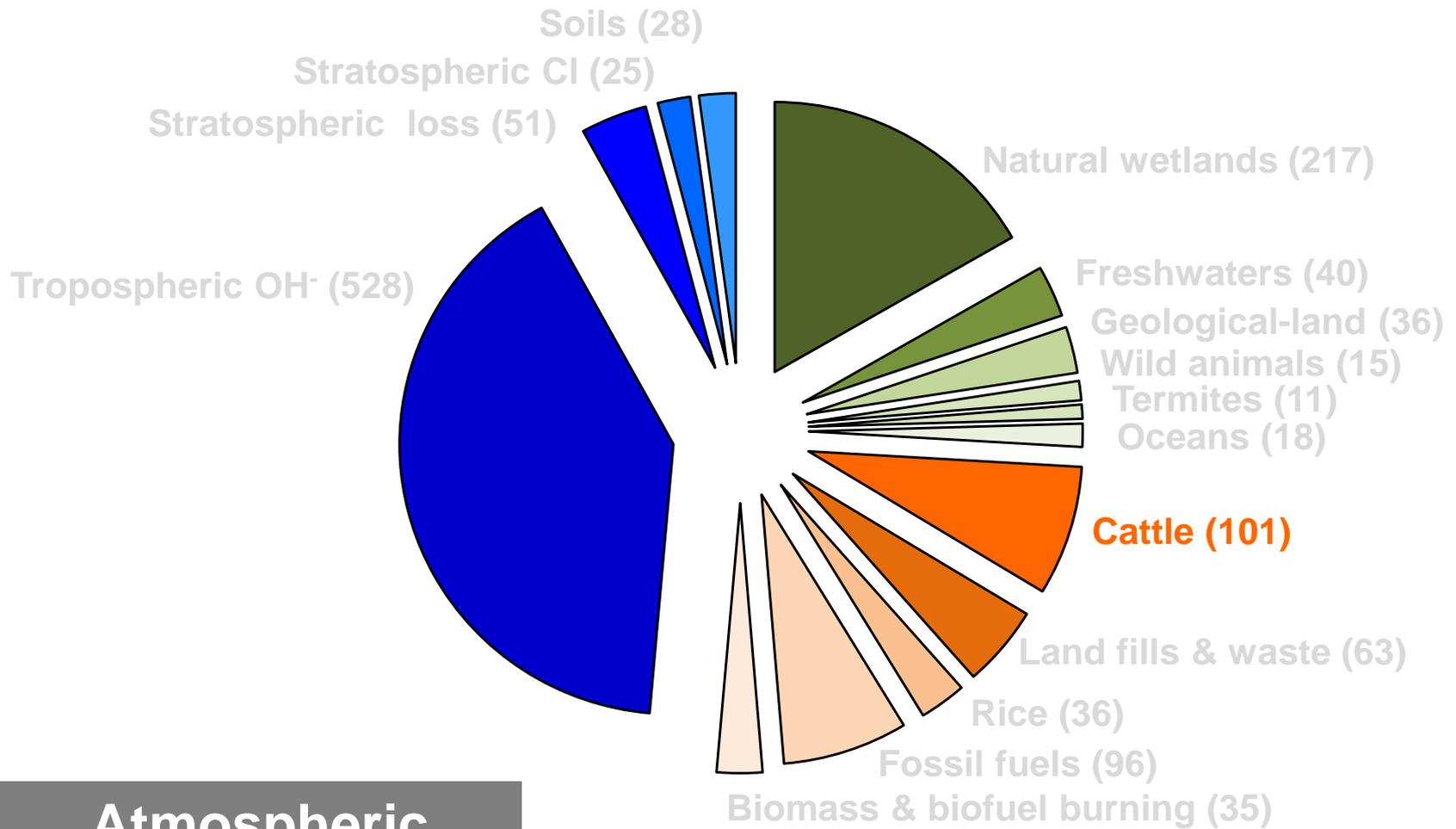
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**Atmospheric
growth (2012) = 12**

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POUR LA PRODUCTION D'UN KILO

 Emissions de gaz à effet de serre
En kg équivalent CO₂

 Quantité d'eau nécessaire
En litres

 Terres nécessaires
En m²

 1 300

 BLÉ
0,28 m²

 2 750

 SOJA
0,23 m²

 3 400

 RIZ
0,41 m²

 8,9

 4 000
VOLAILLE
12 m²

 14,3

 4 900
PORC
17 m²

 41

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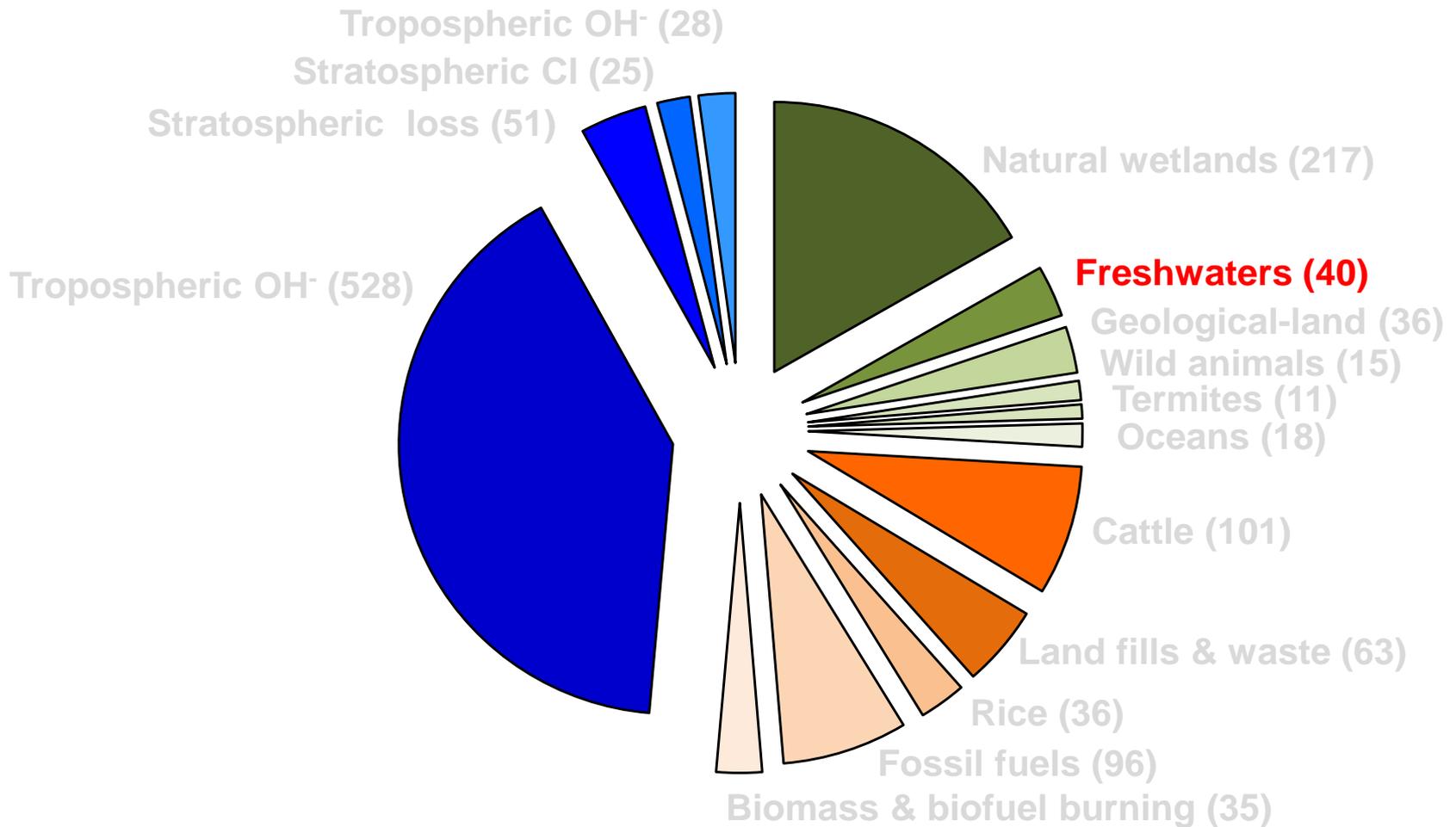
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60 m²

Note : Ces chiffres proviennent de sources différentes et ont parfois été calculés avec des méthodes différentes. Sources : Life Cycle Assessment of Cultured Meat Production, l'Atlas de la viande, Unesco-IHE, FAO

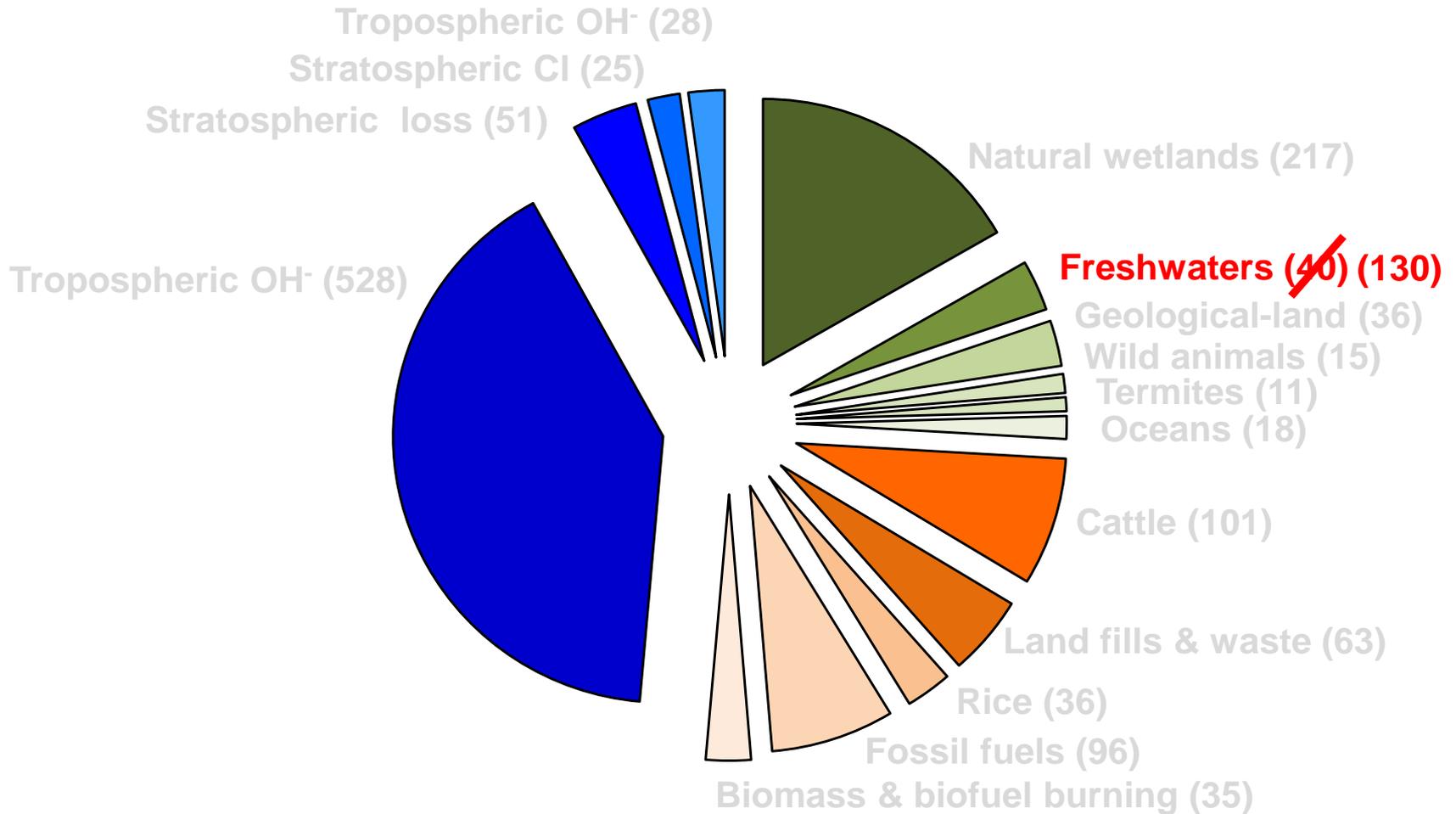
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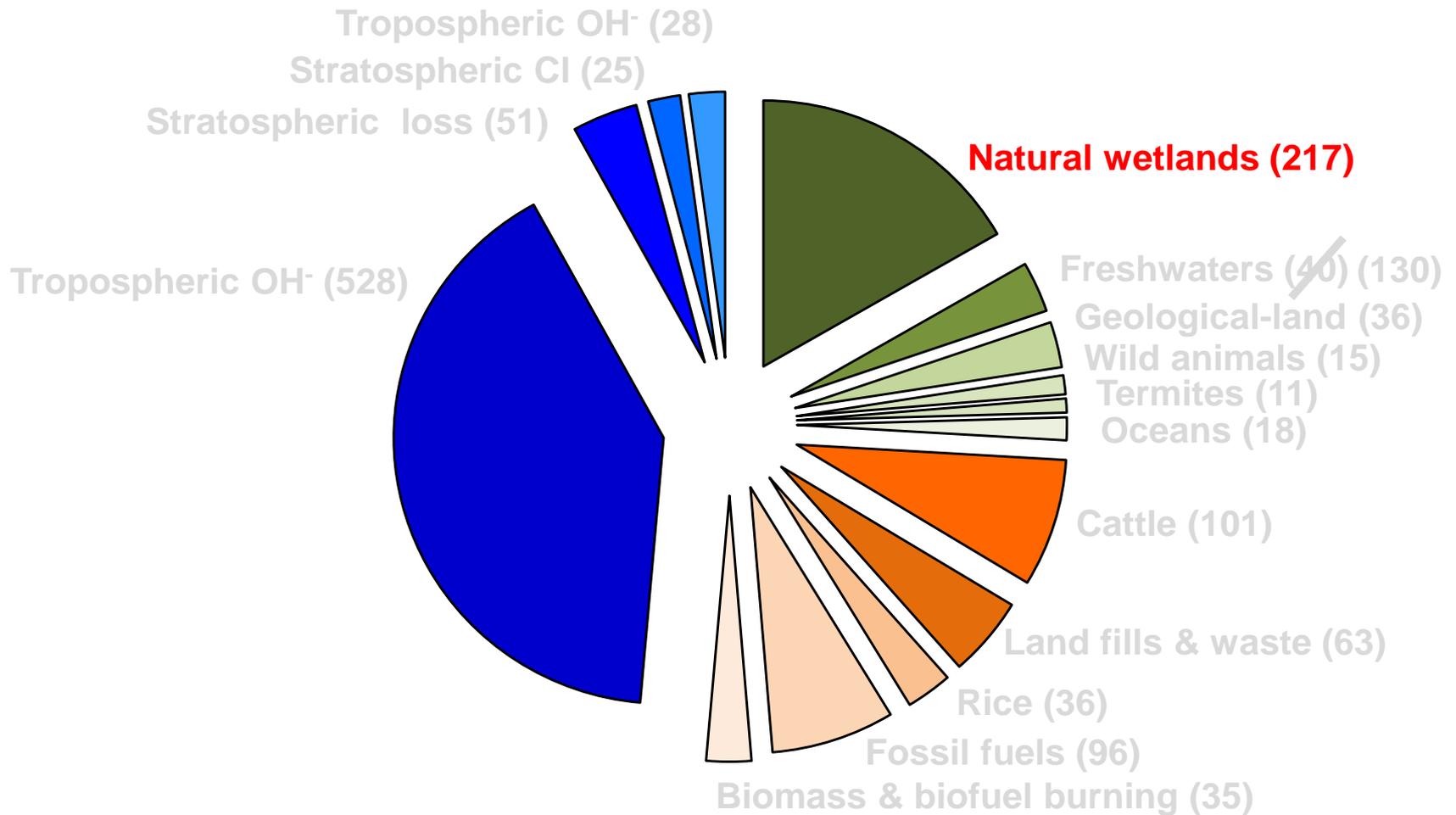
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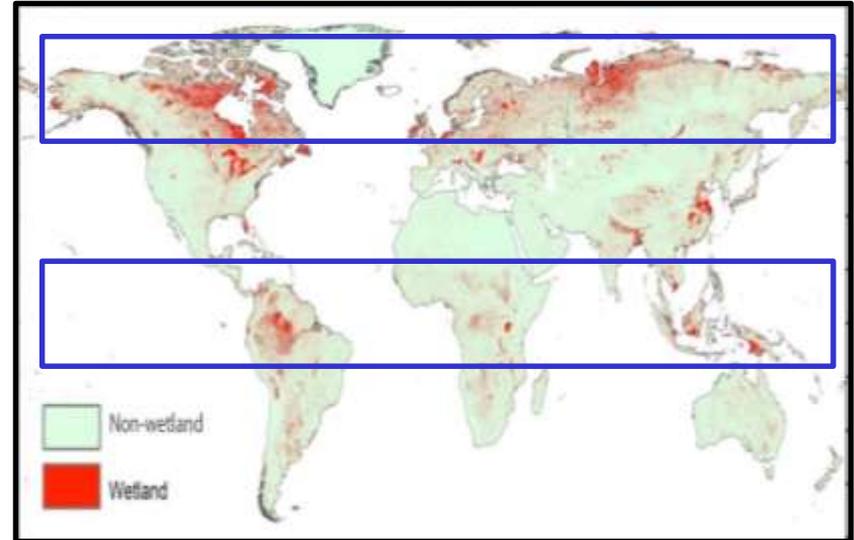
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peatlands



aquatic macrophytes



flooded forest - swamps

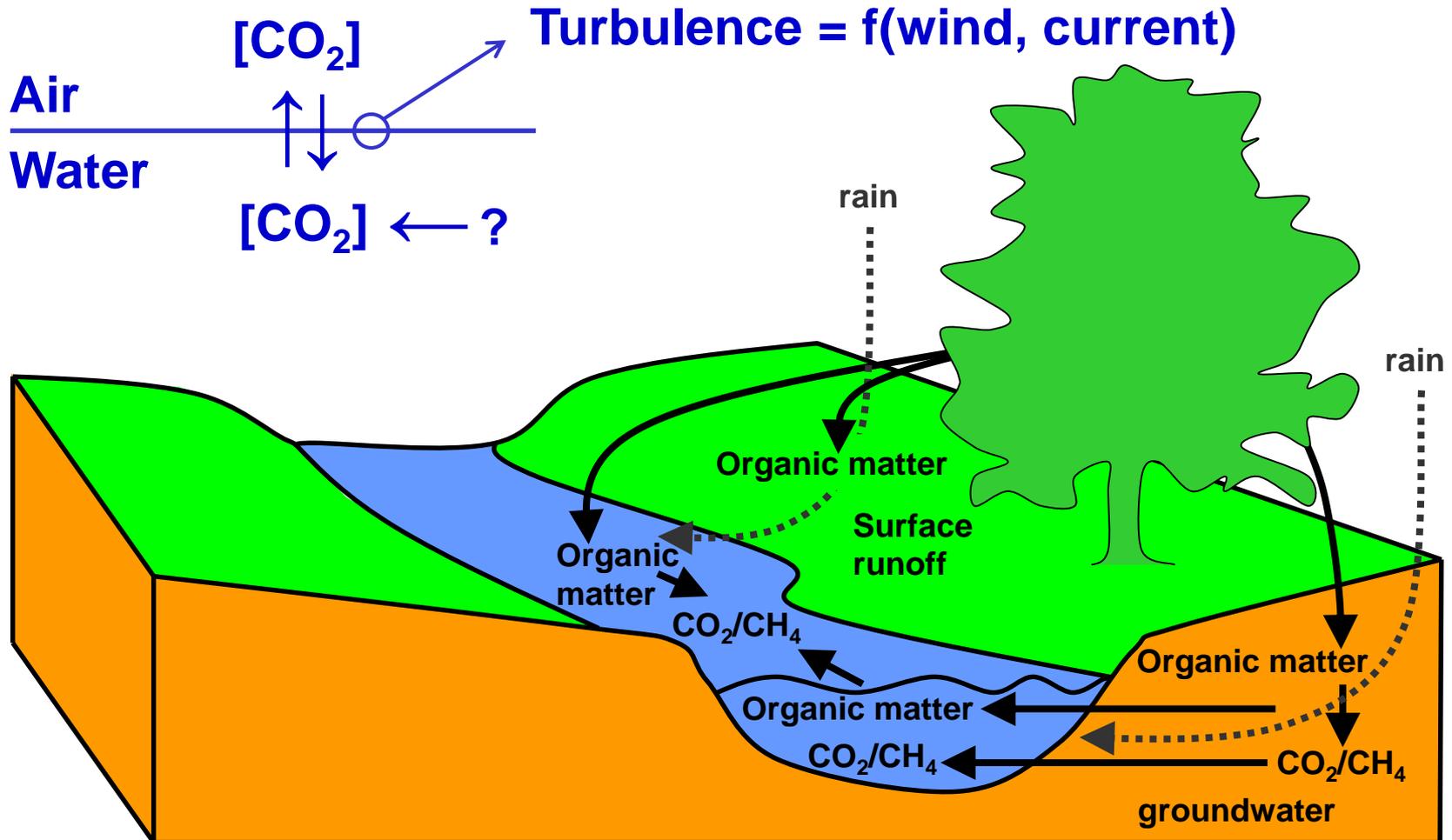


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- CO_2 and CH_4 come from the degradation of organic matter
- Occurs in the river or in soils
- Transport by surface runoff and groundwater



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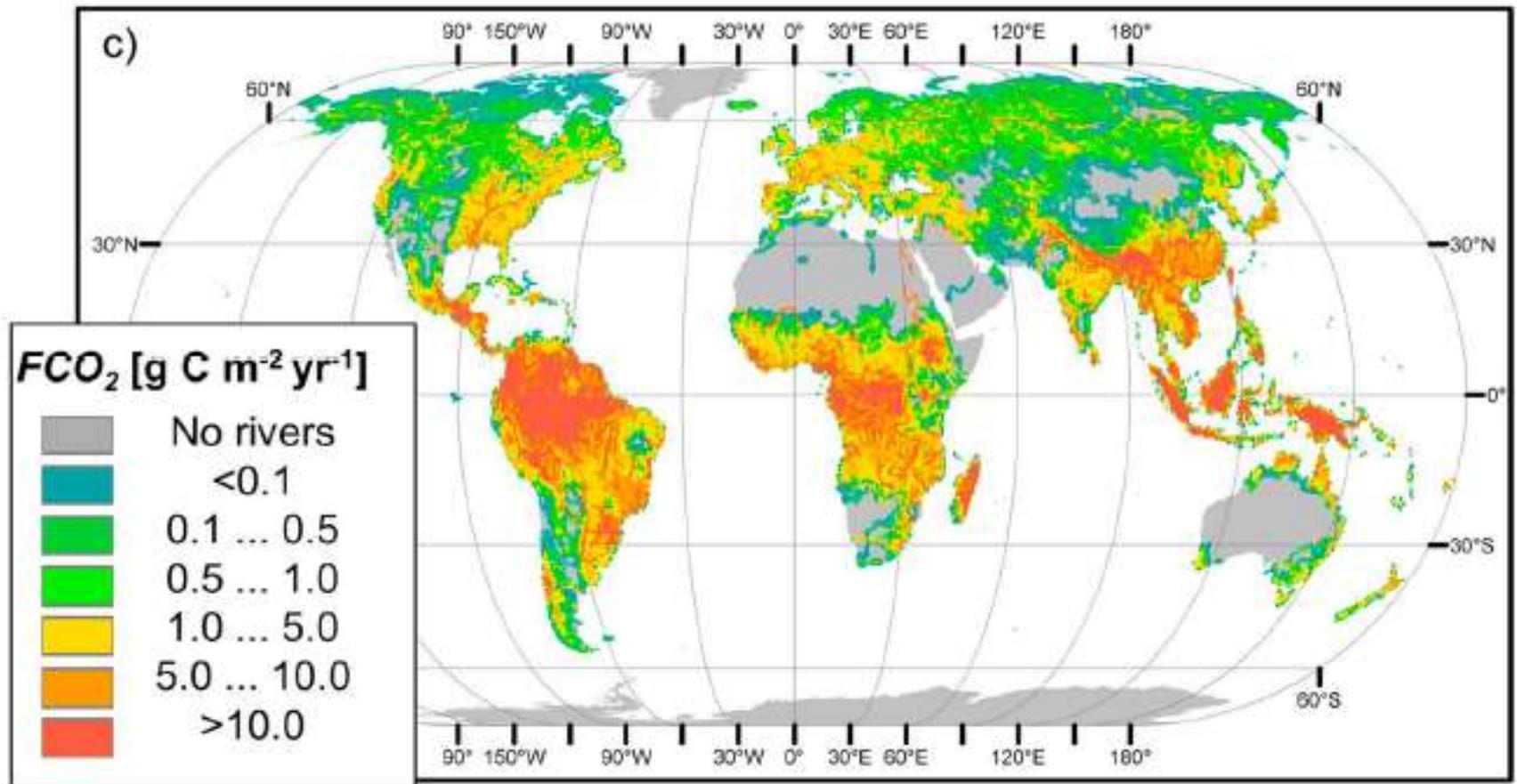


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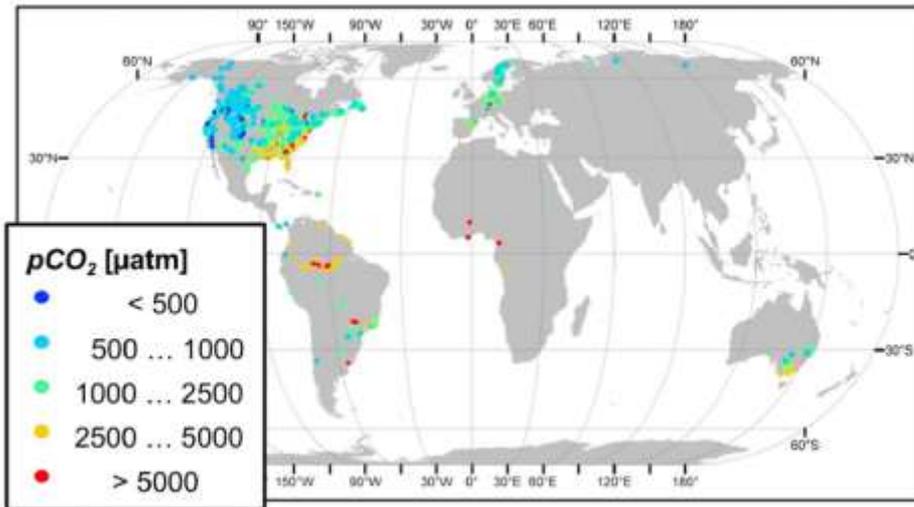
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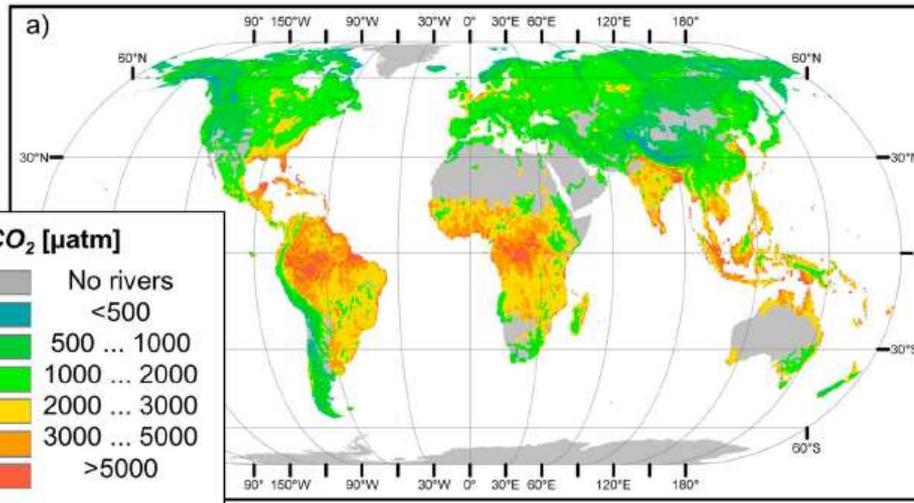
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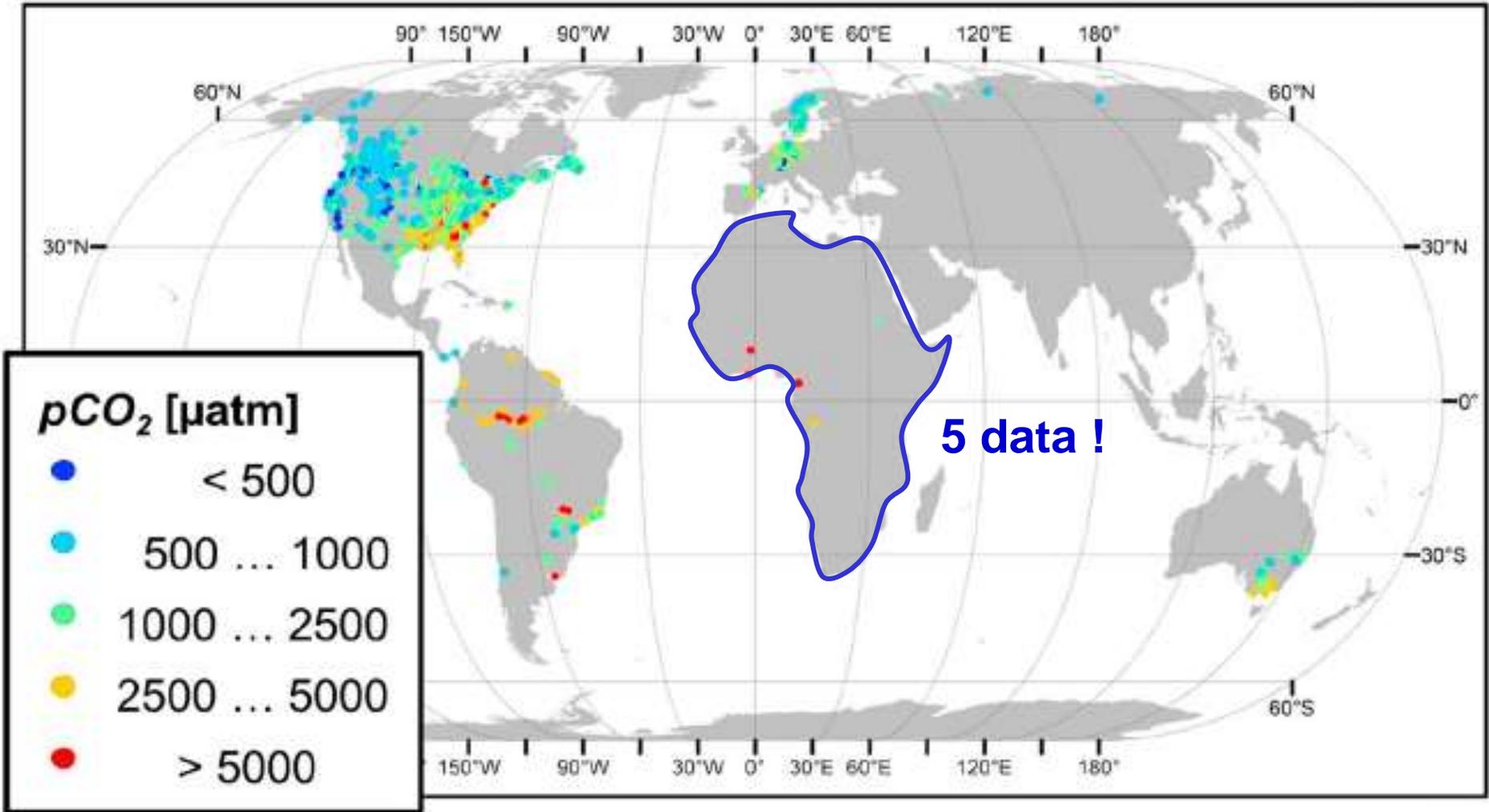


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pCO₂ = f(terrestrial net primary
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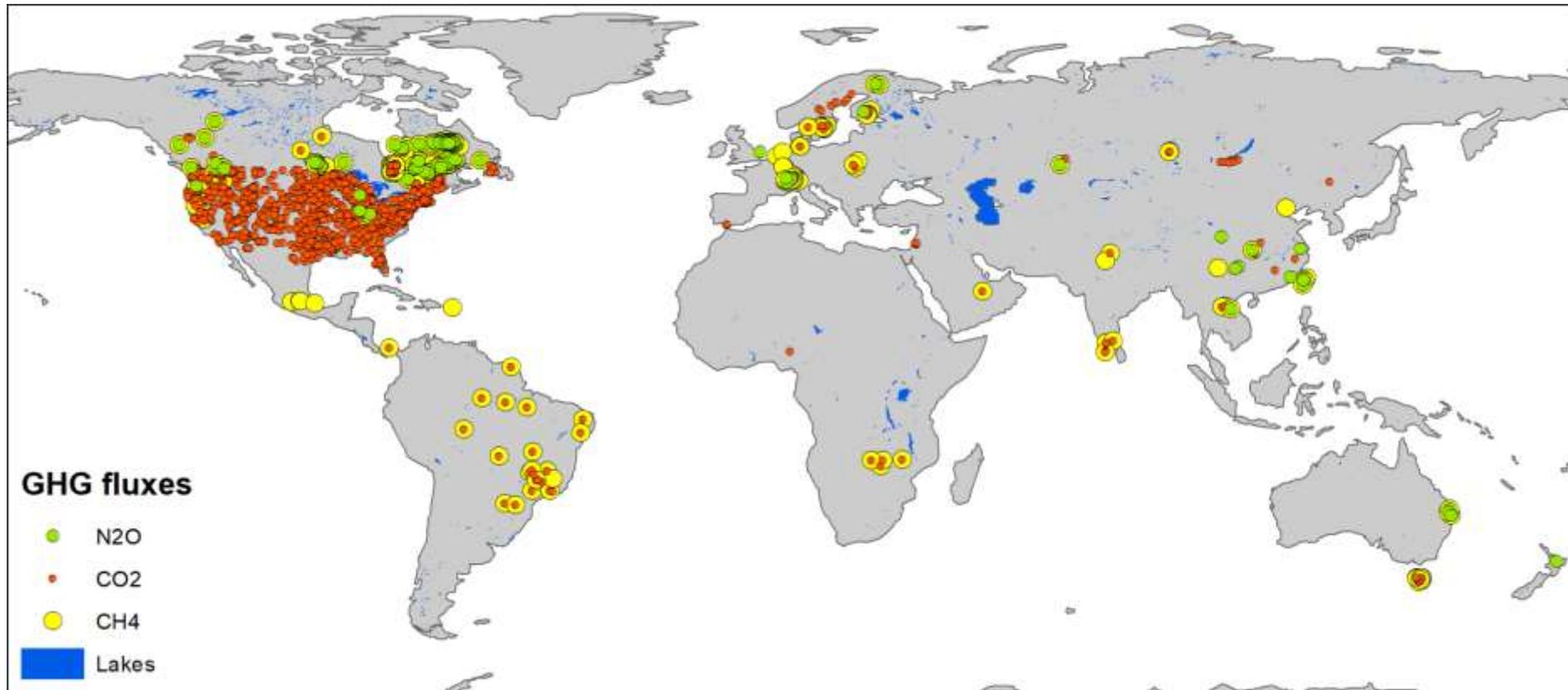
**Global maps of terrestrial net
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GHGs in lakes



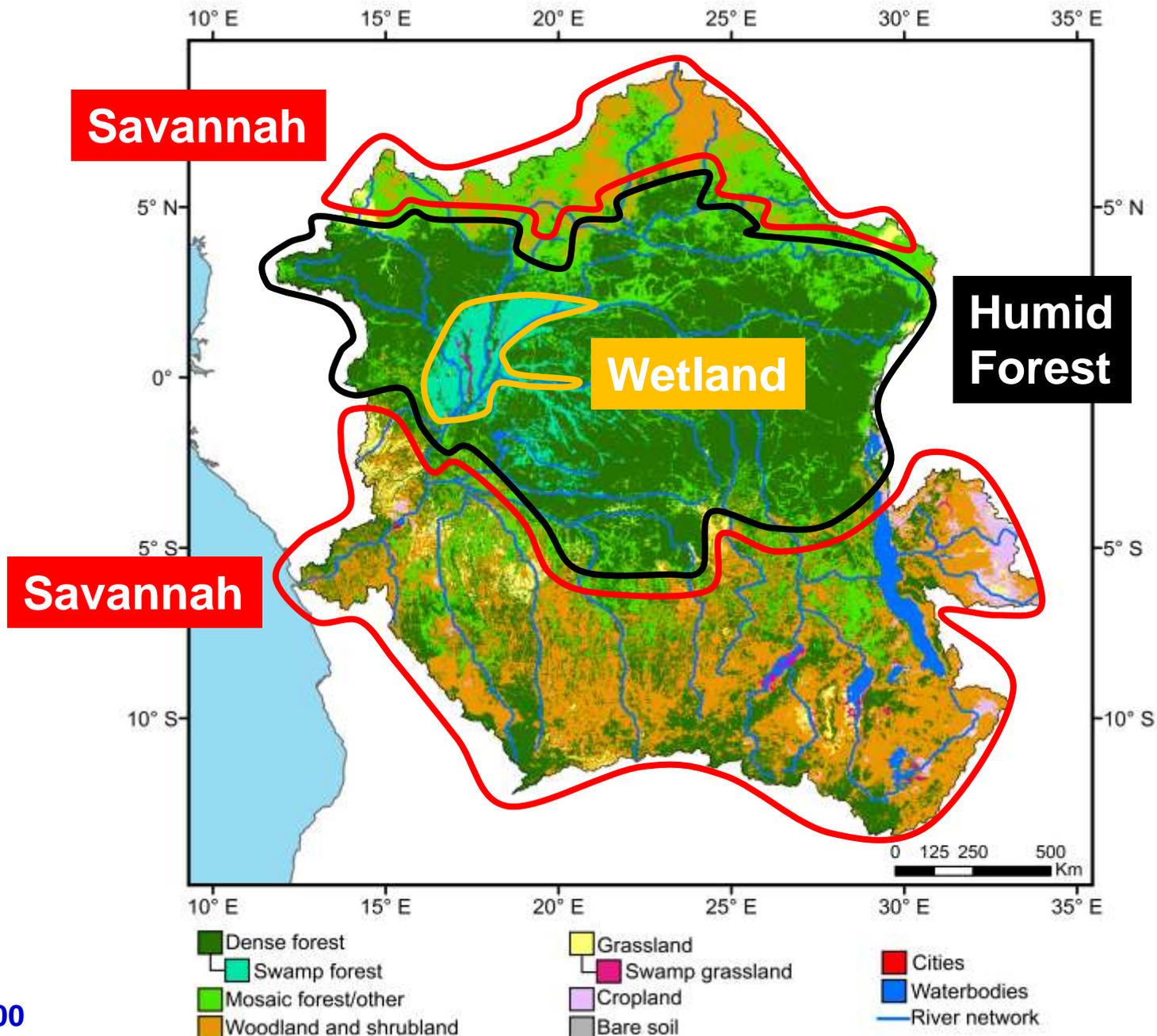
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Congo river

Congo



**Wetland
= flooded forest
(Tributary)**



**Wetland
= floating macrophytes
(Tributary)**



**Wetland
= floating macrophytes
(Congo mainstem)**



Azolla pinnata



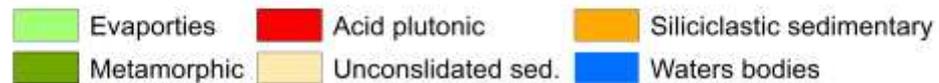
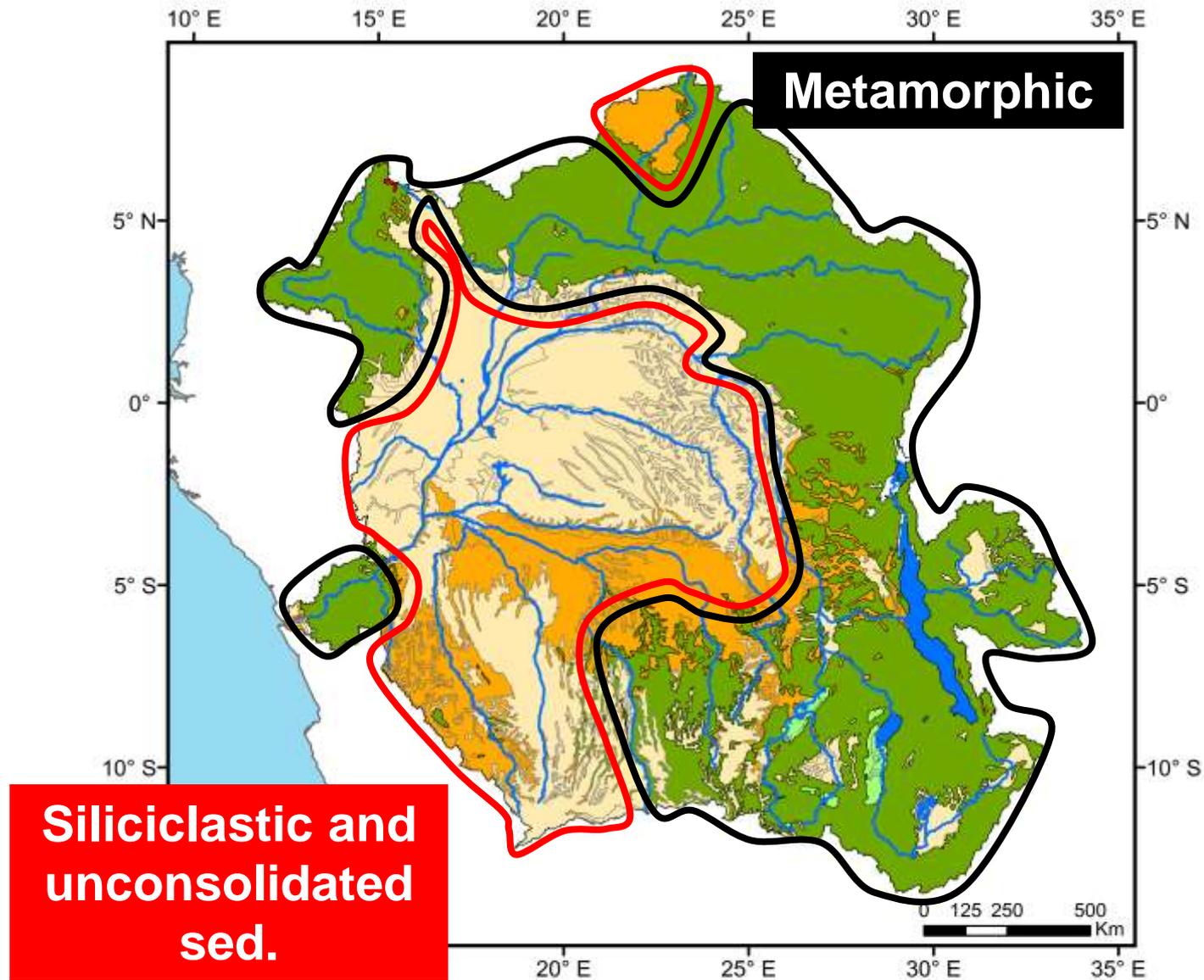
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« water hyacinth »



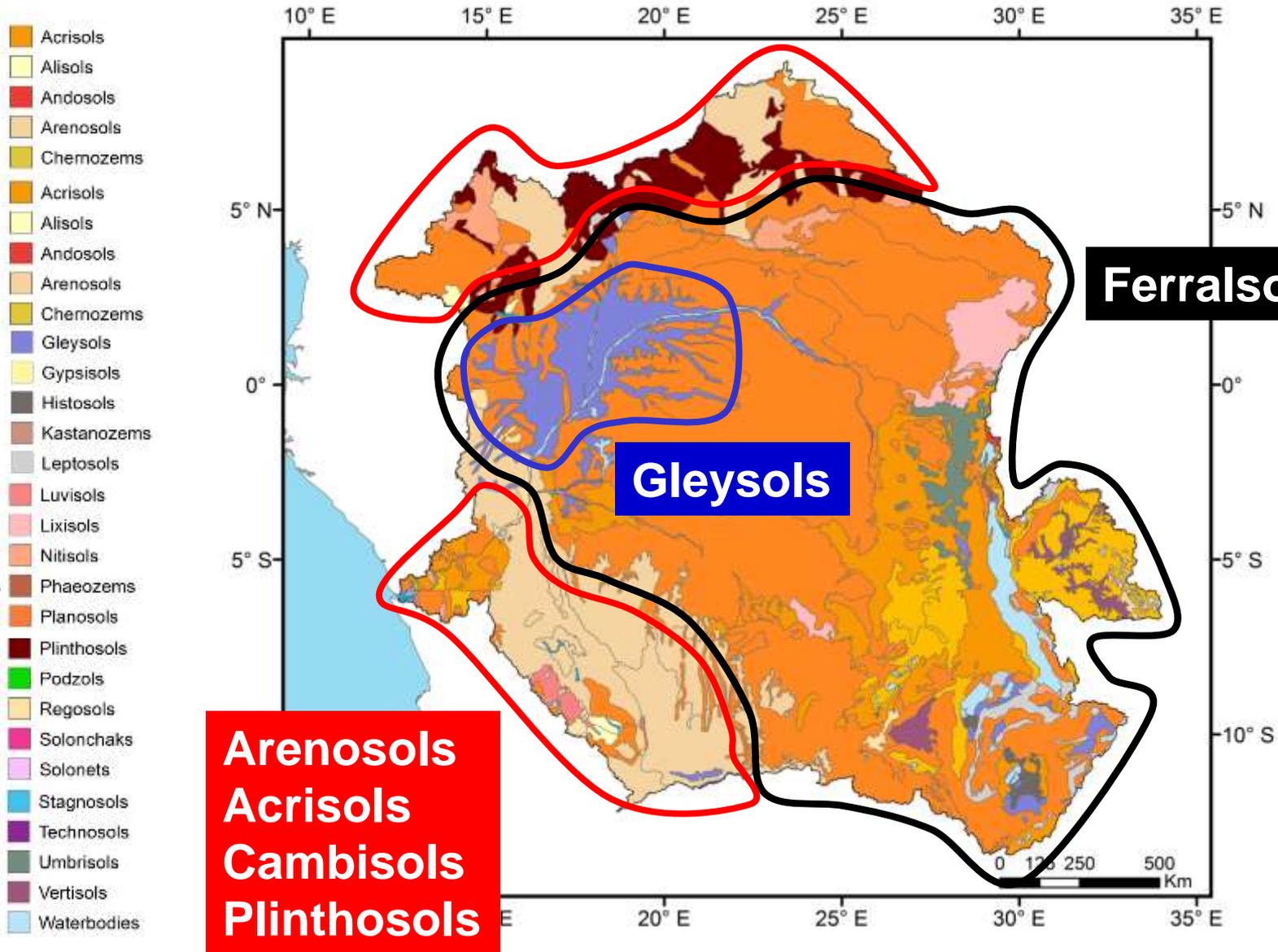
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« Hippo grass »

Salvinia auriculata

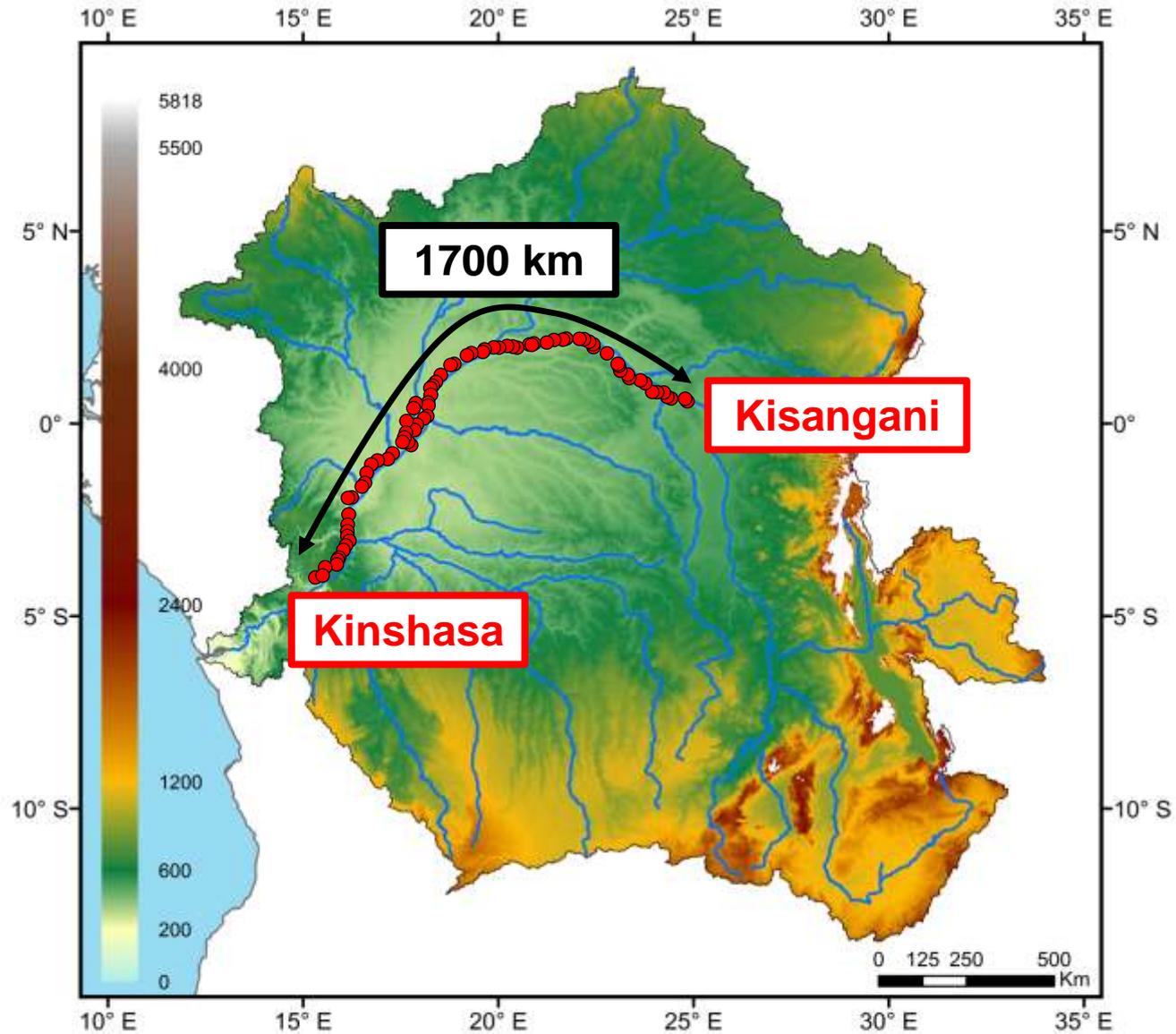
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Liège

Madrid, Espagne

Ajouter une destination

Partir maintenant

OPTIONS

Envoyer l'itinéraire vers votre téléphone

via D933 23 h 30 min
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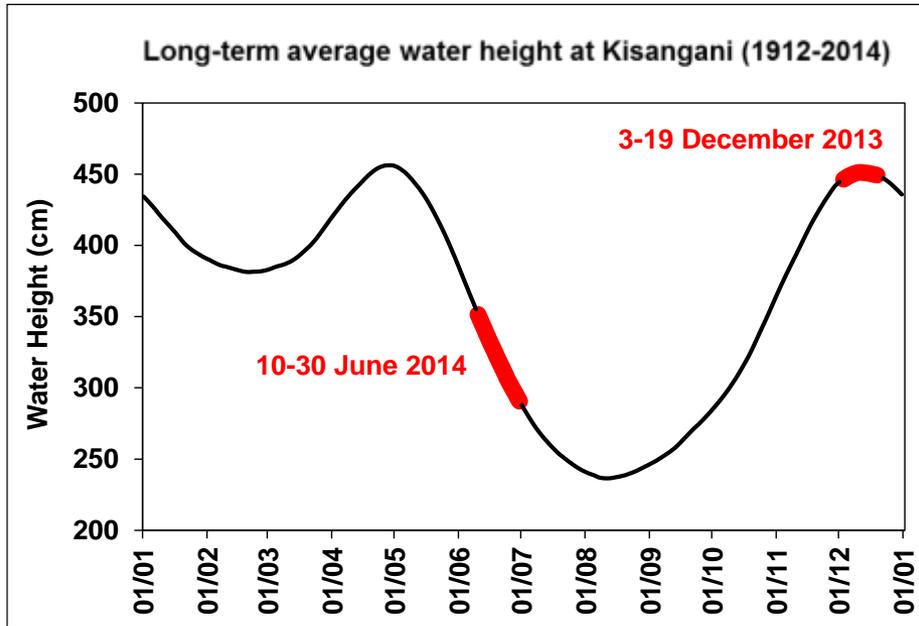
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Cruises & Methods



164 stations
29 variables



> 23,000 continuous measurements
pCO₂, cond, temp, pH, O₂, TSM, cDOM



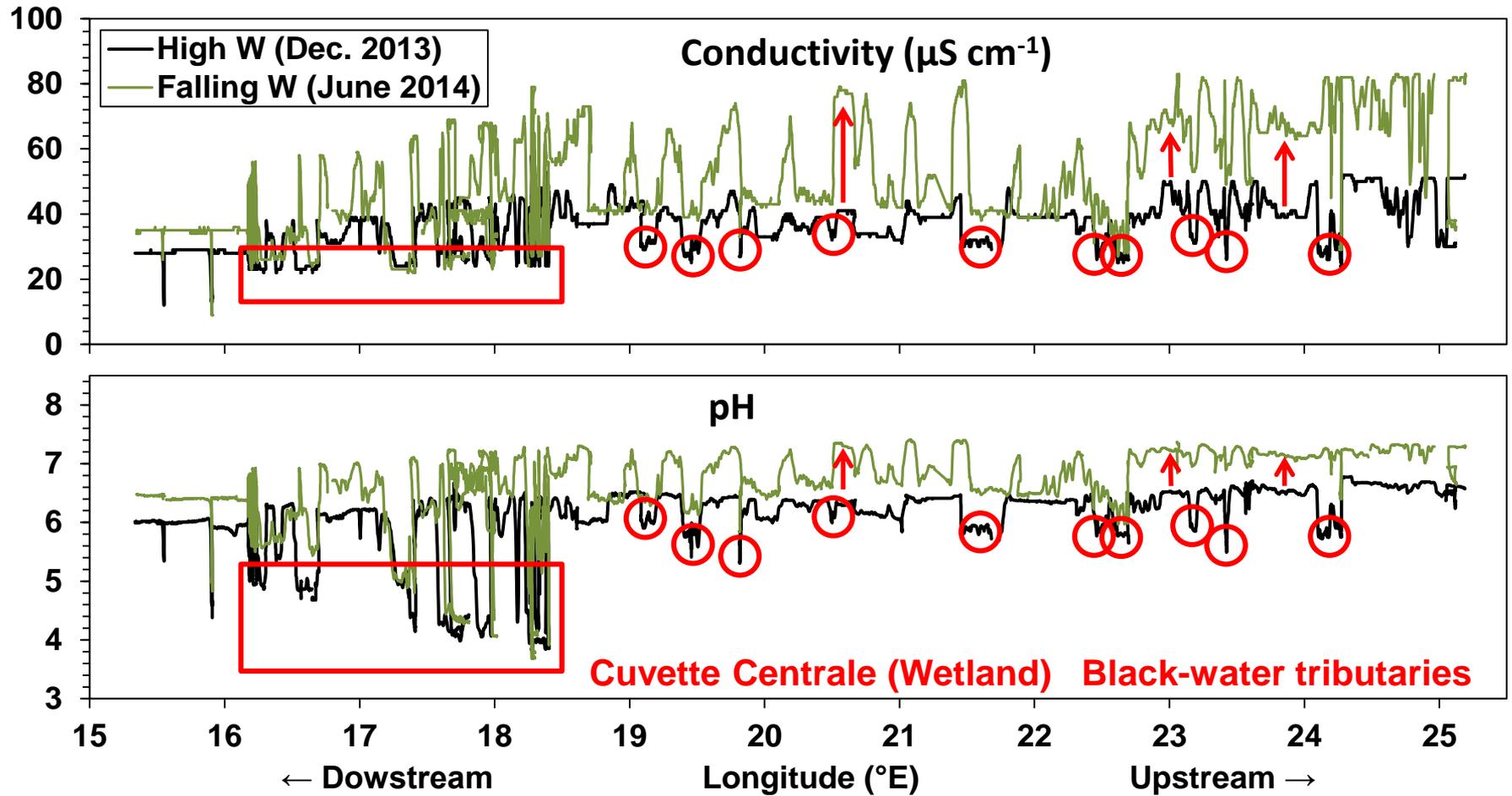
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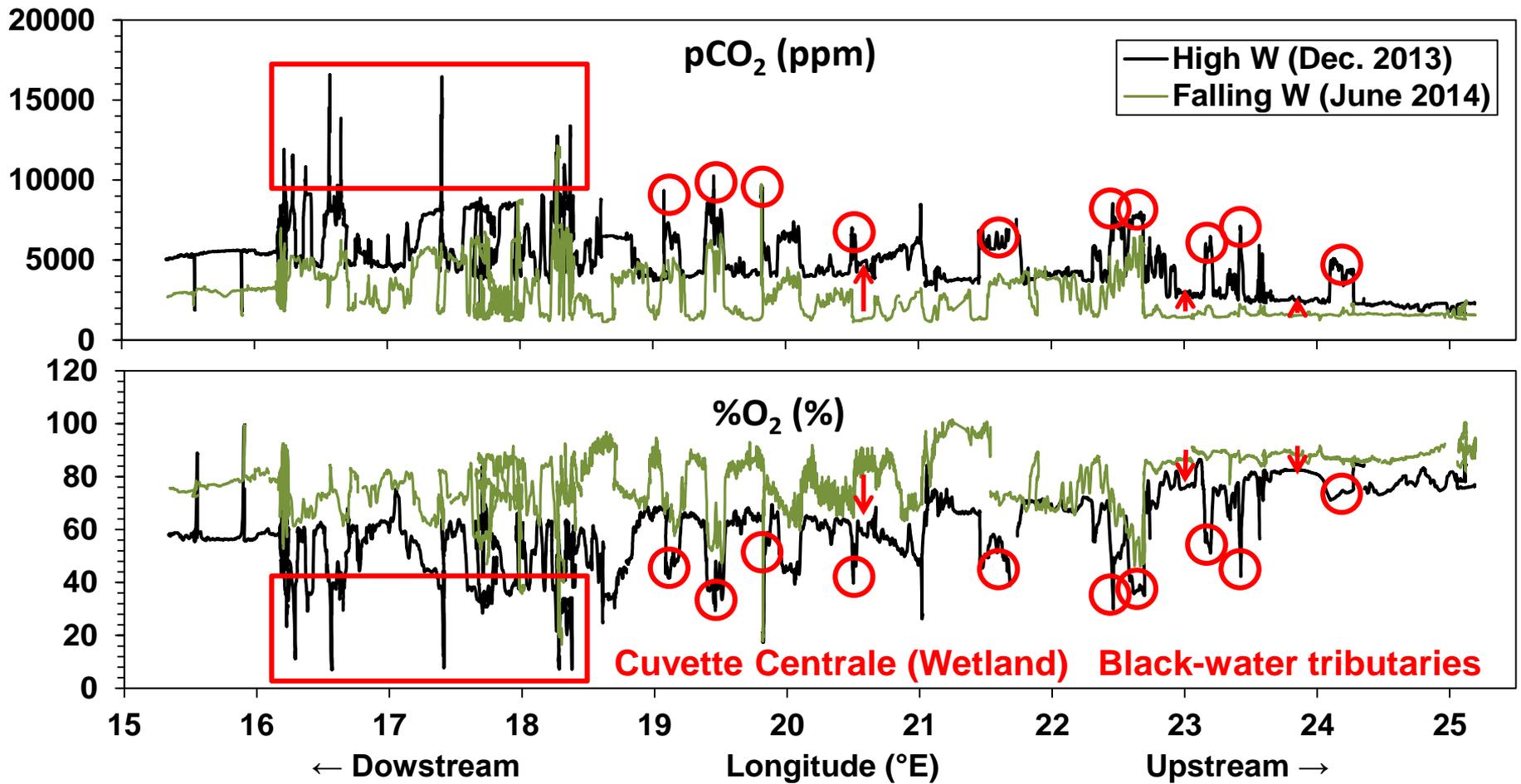
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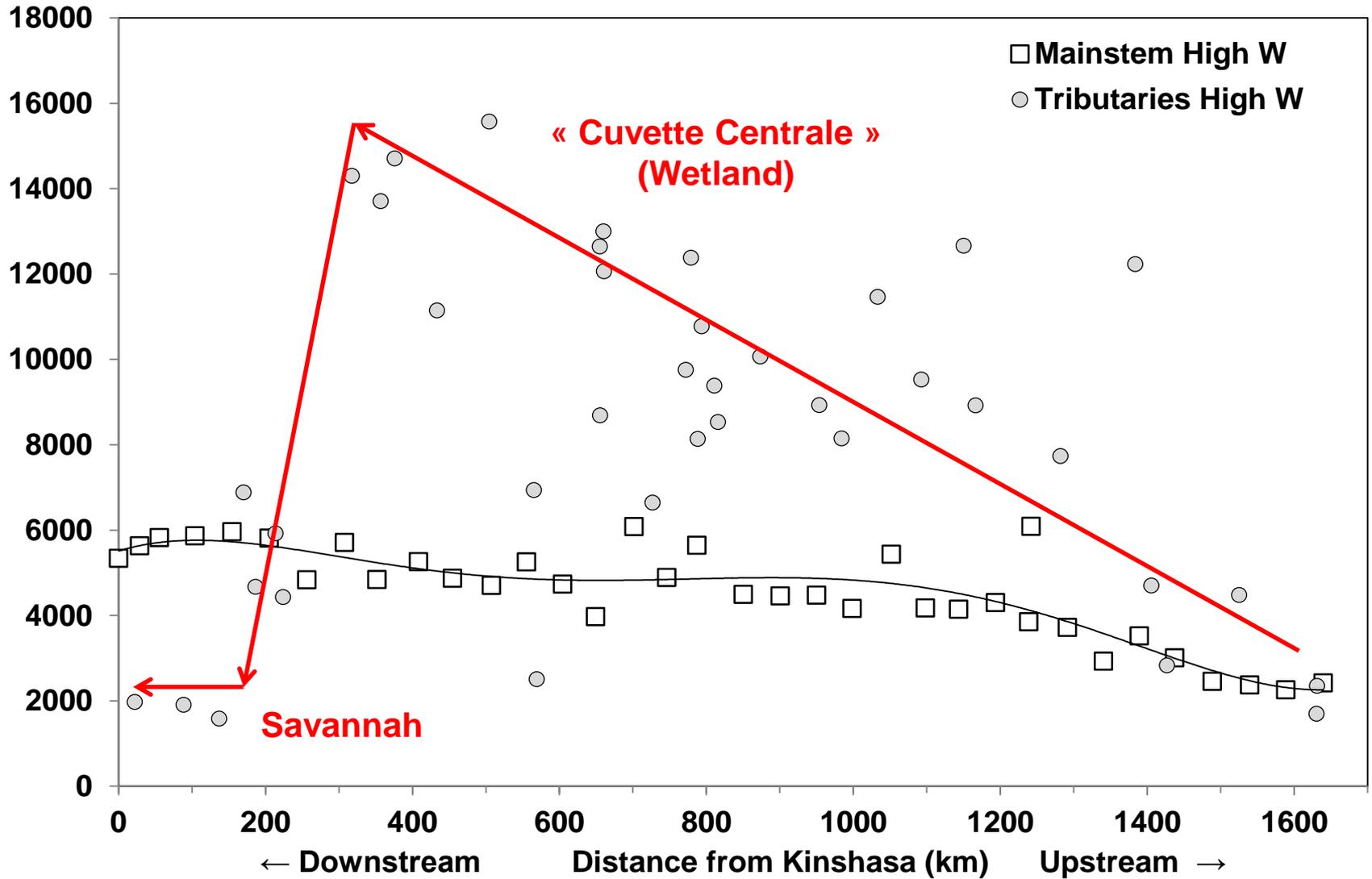


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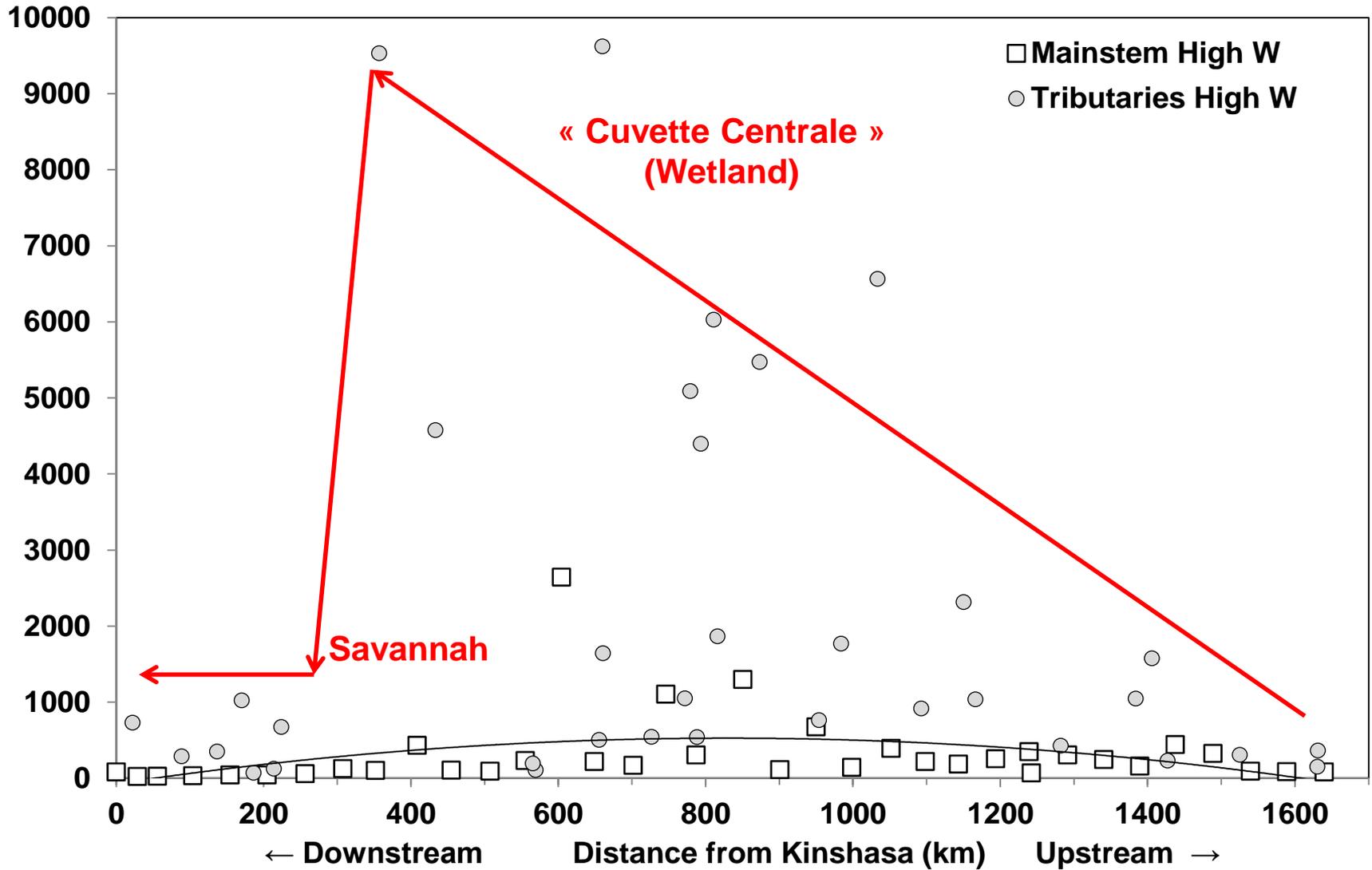
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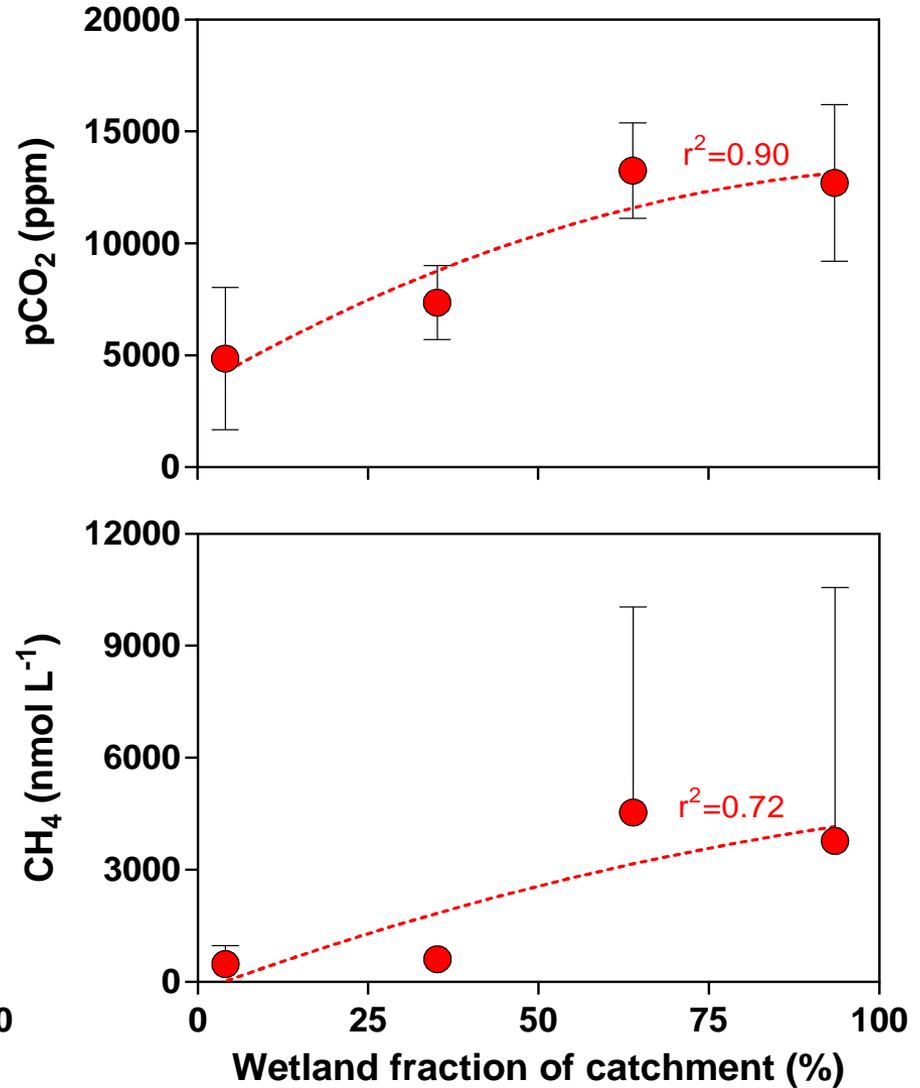
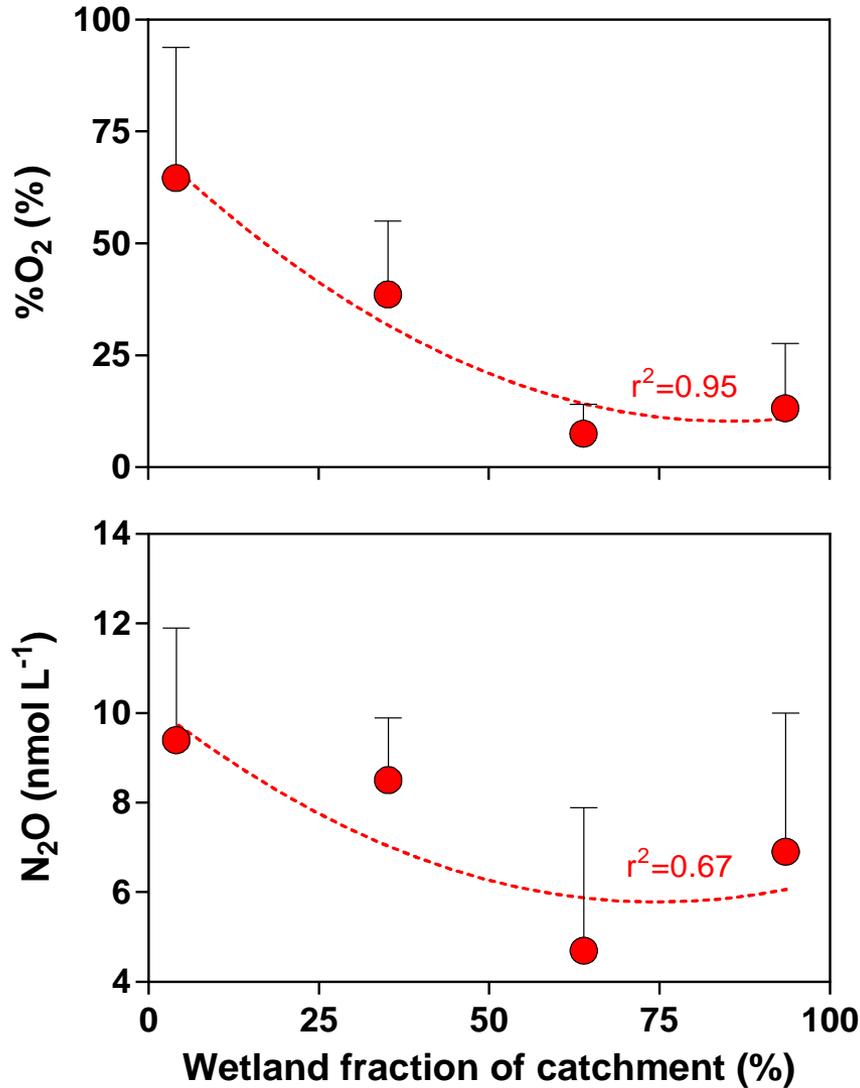
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CH₄ (nmol L⁻¹)



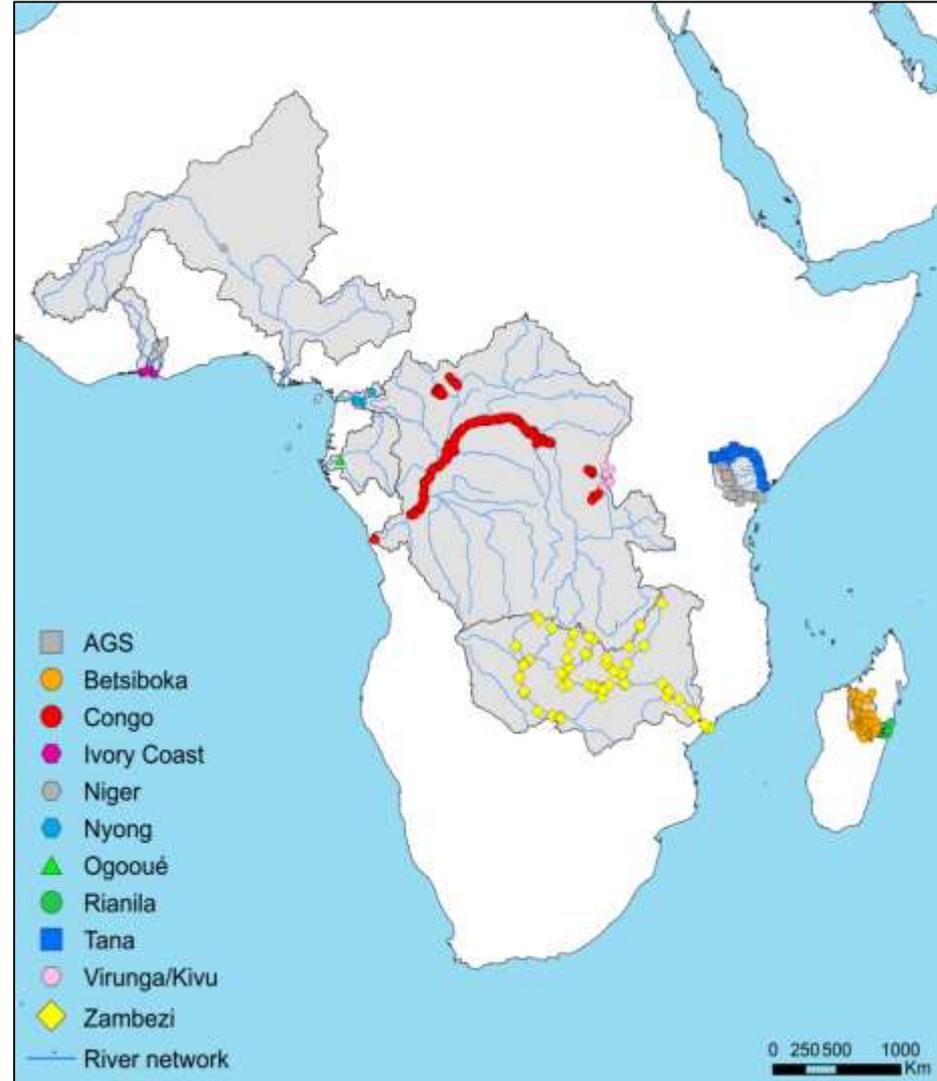
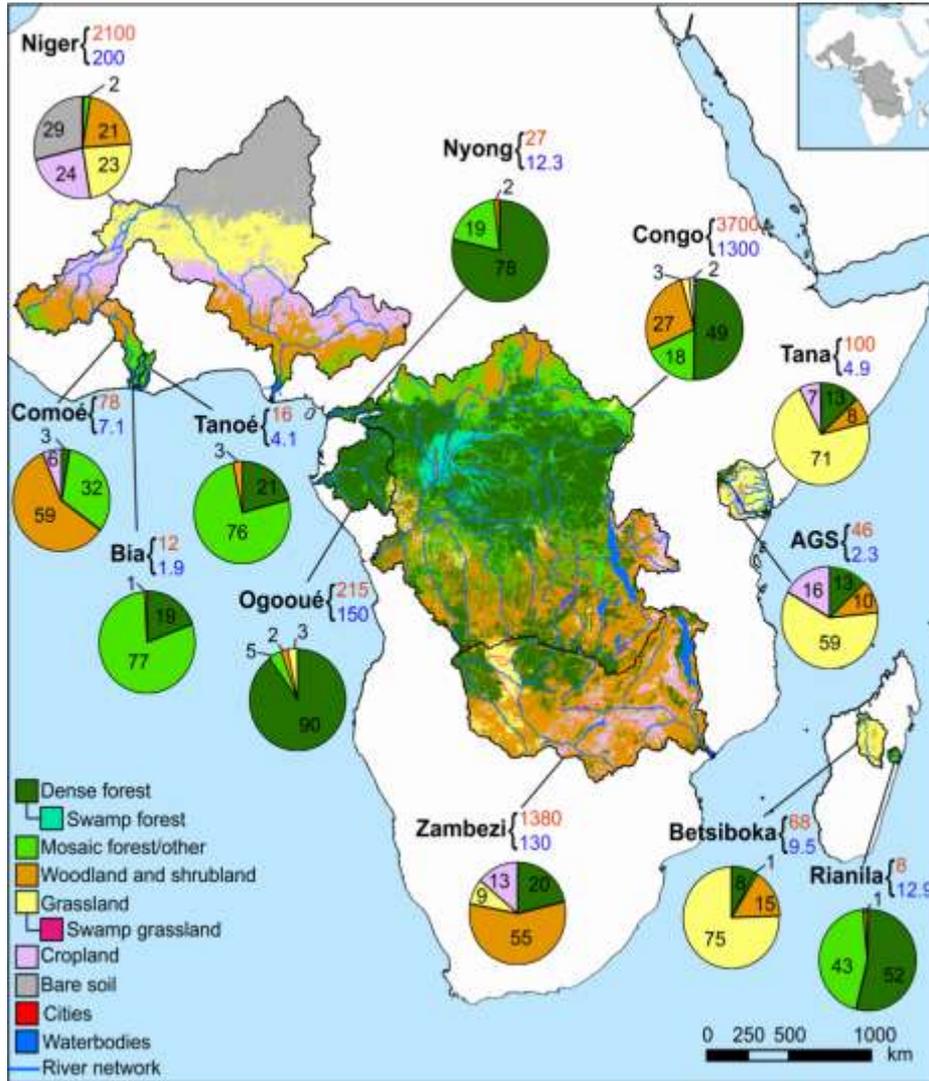
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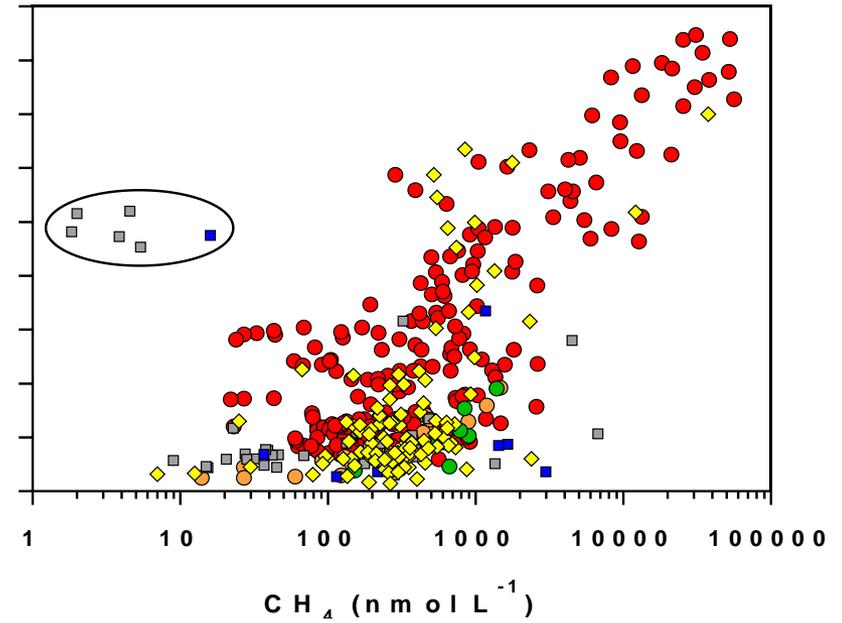
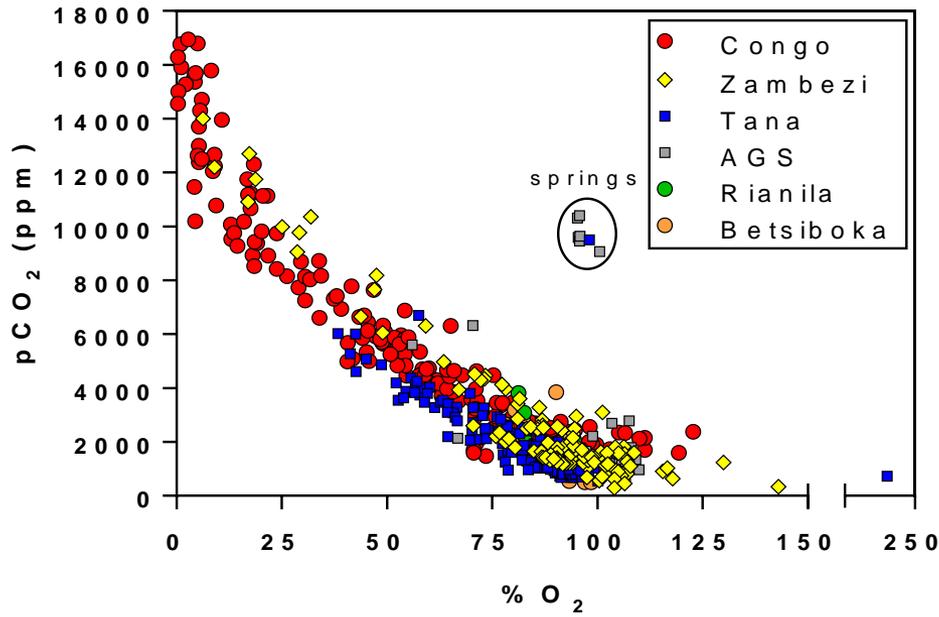


Congo & other African rivers

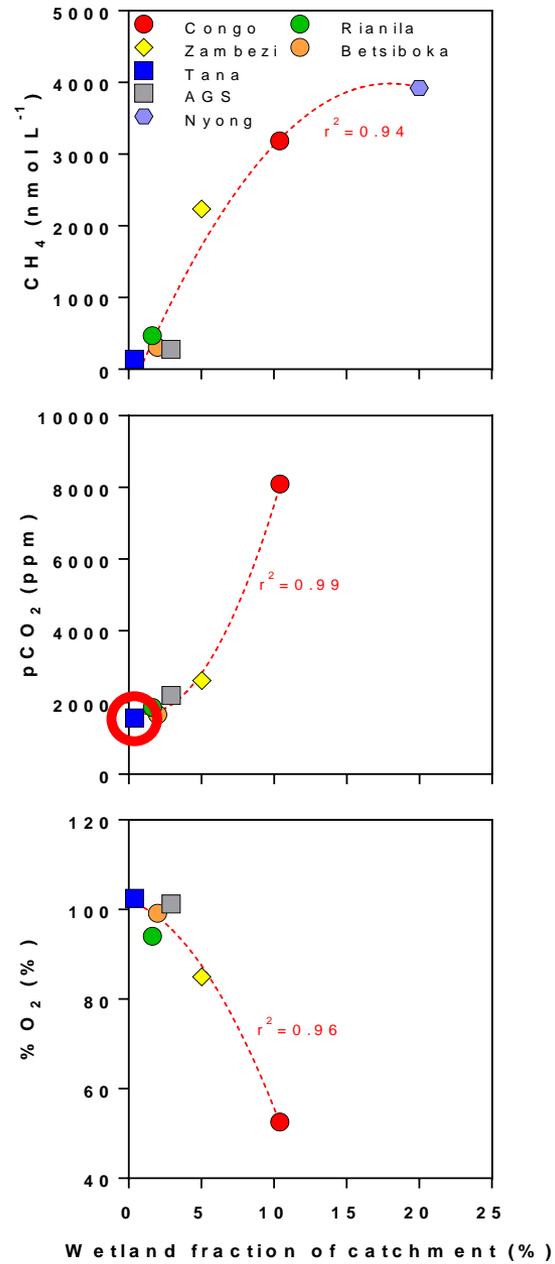
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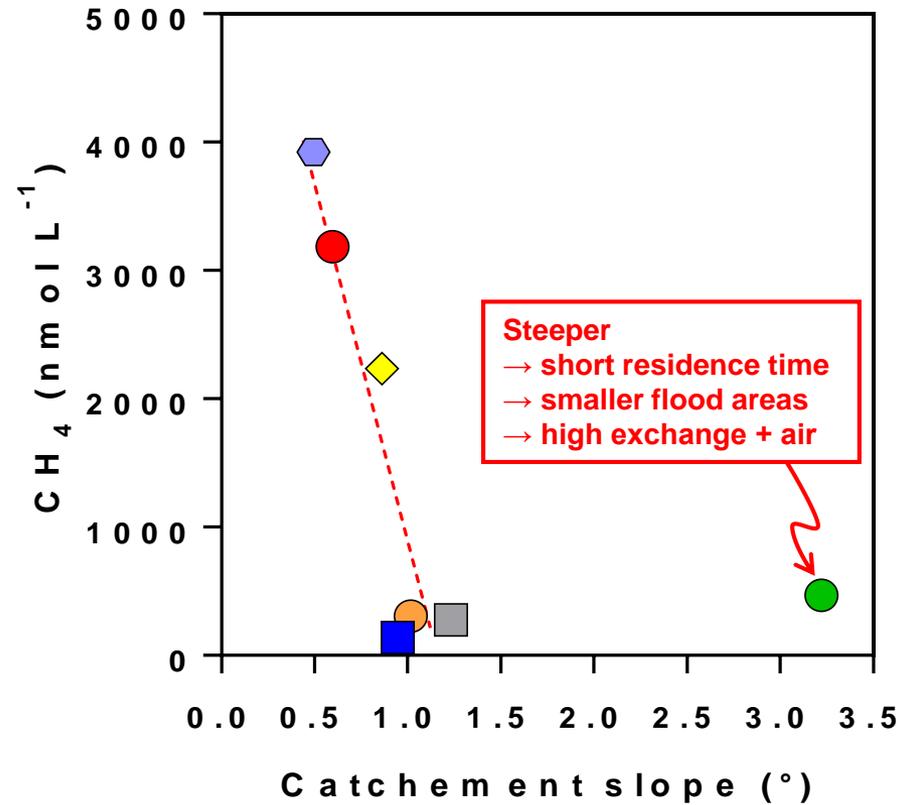
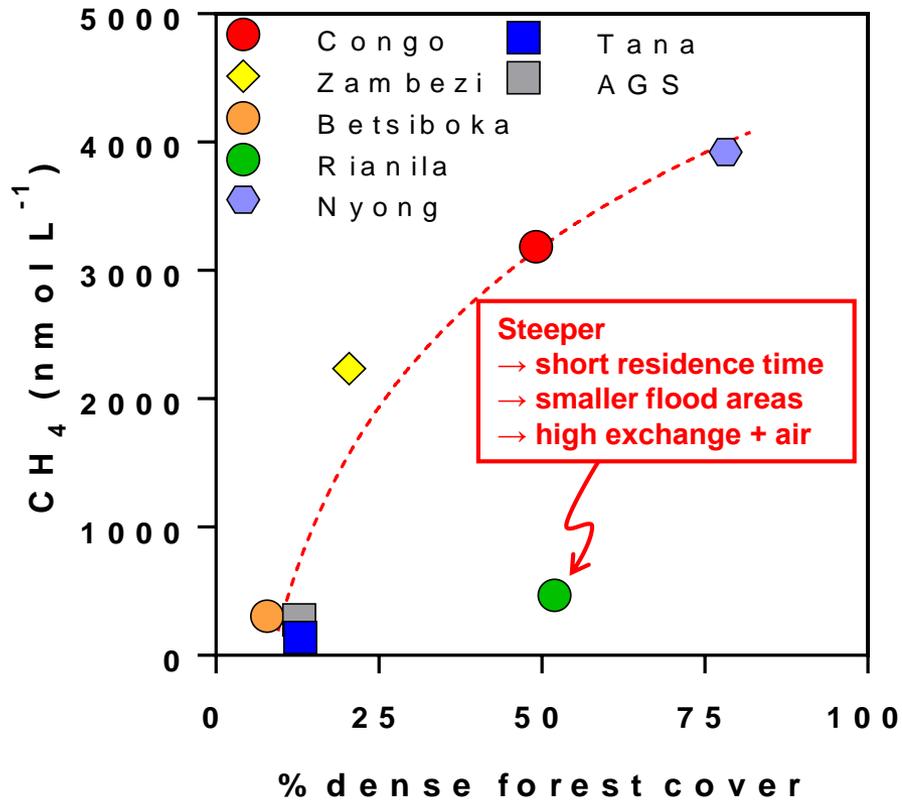
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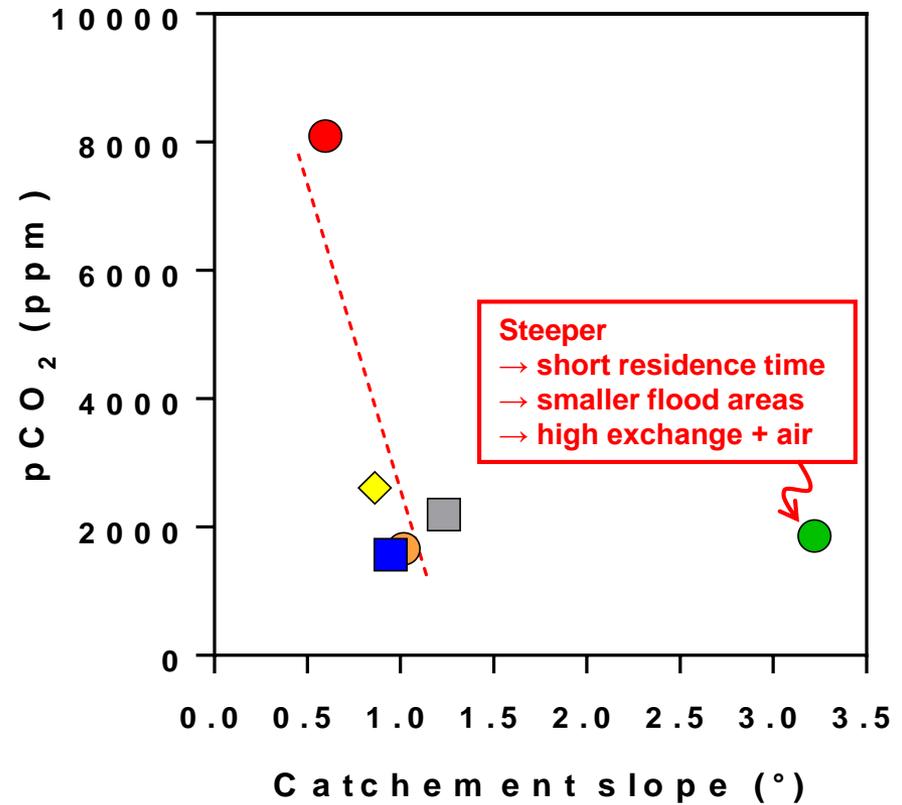
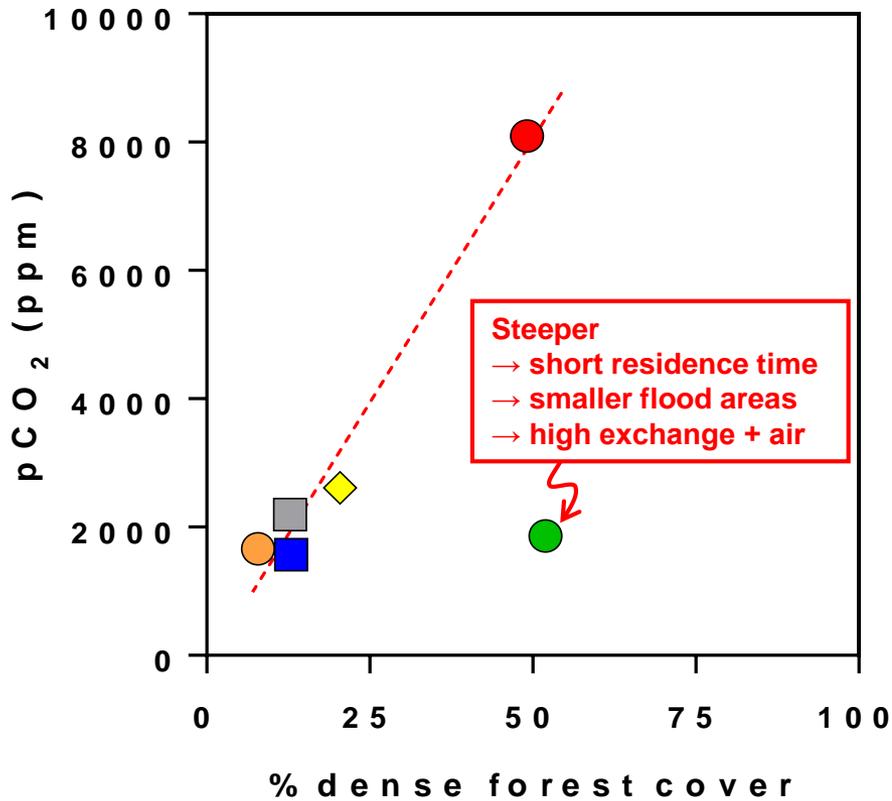
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African rivers/streams

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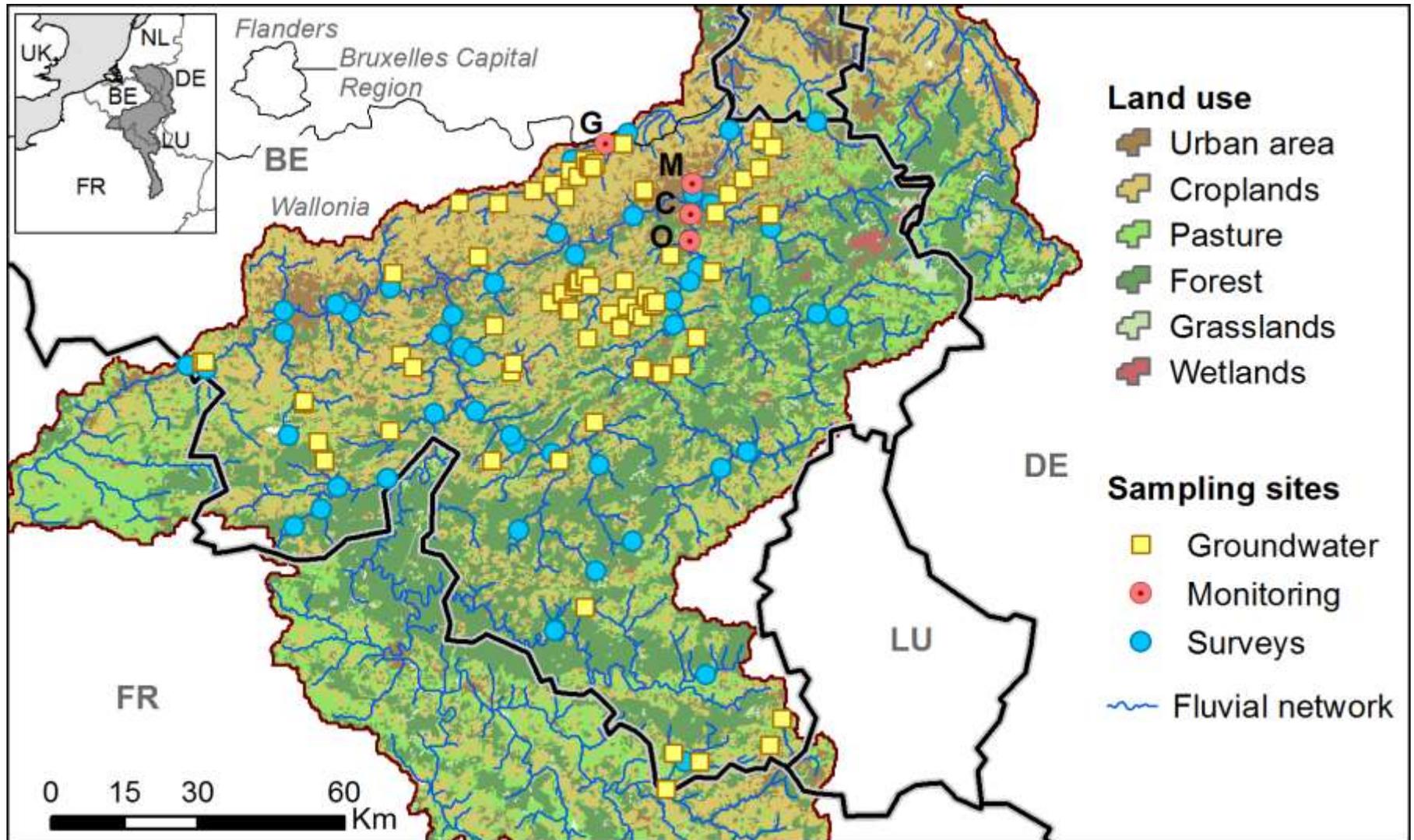
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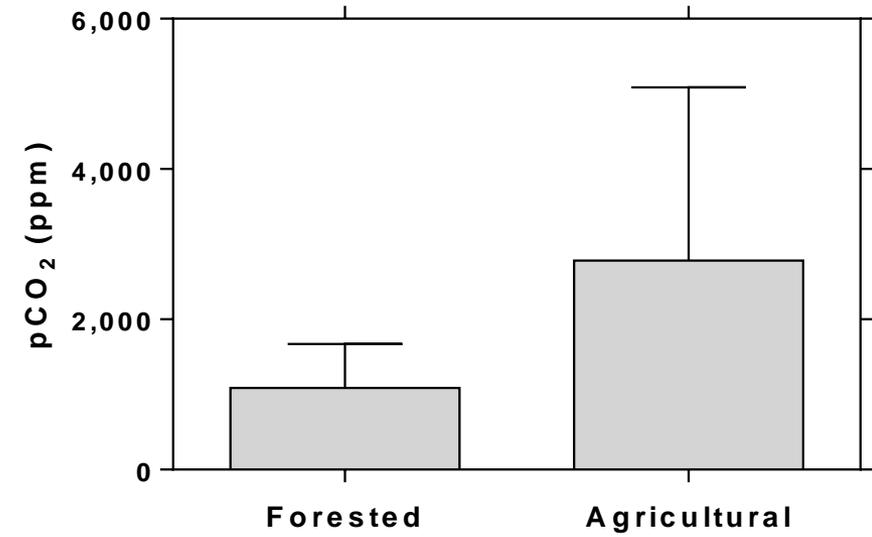
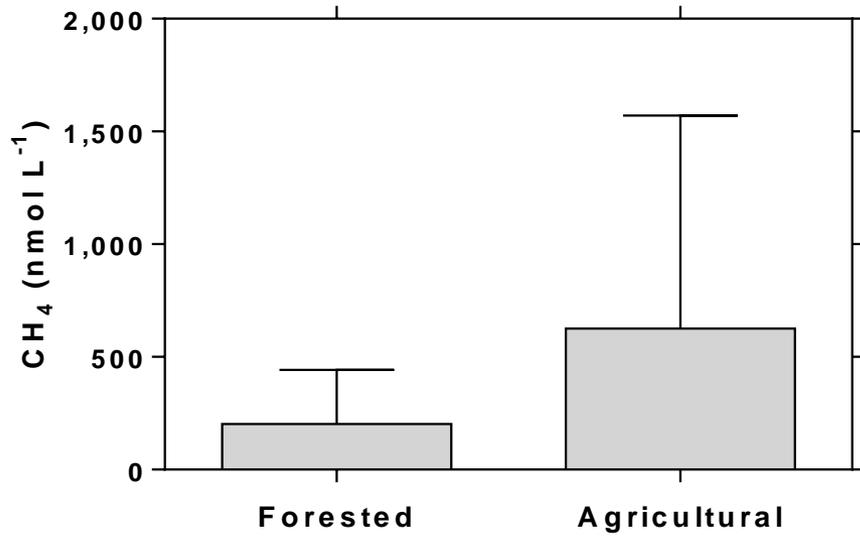
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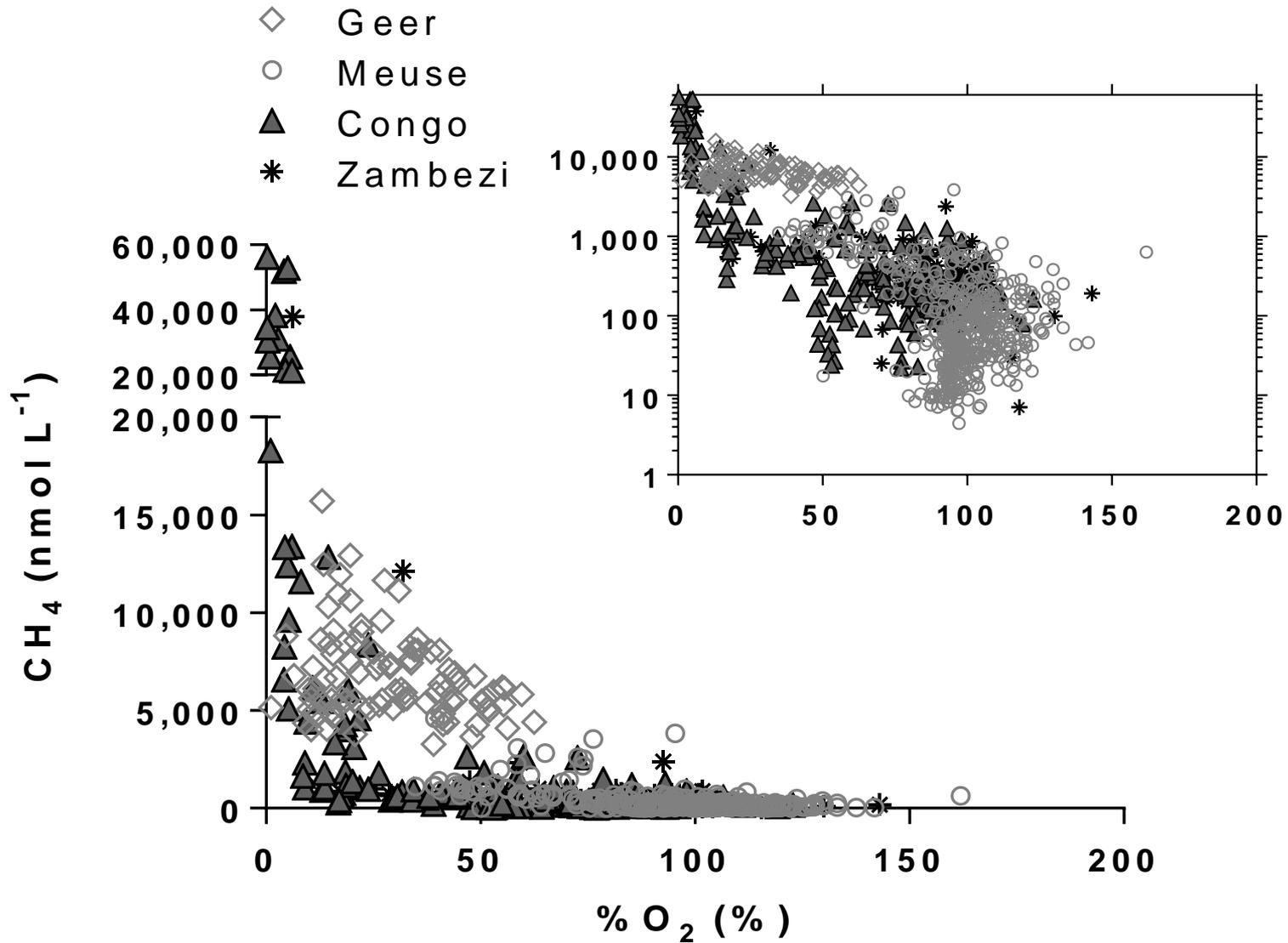
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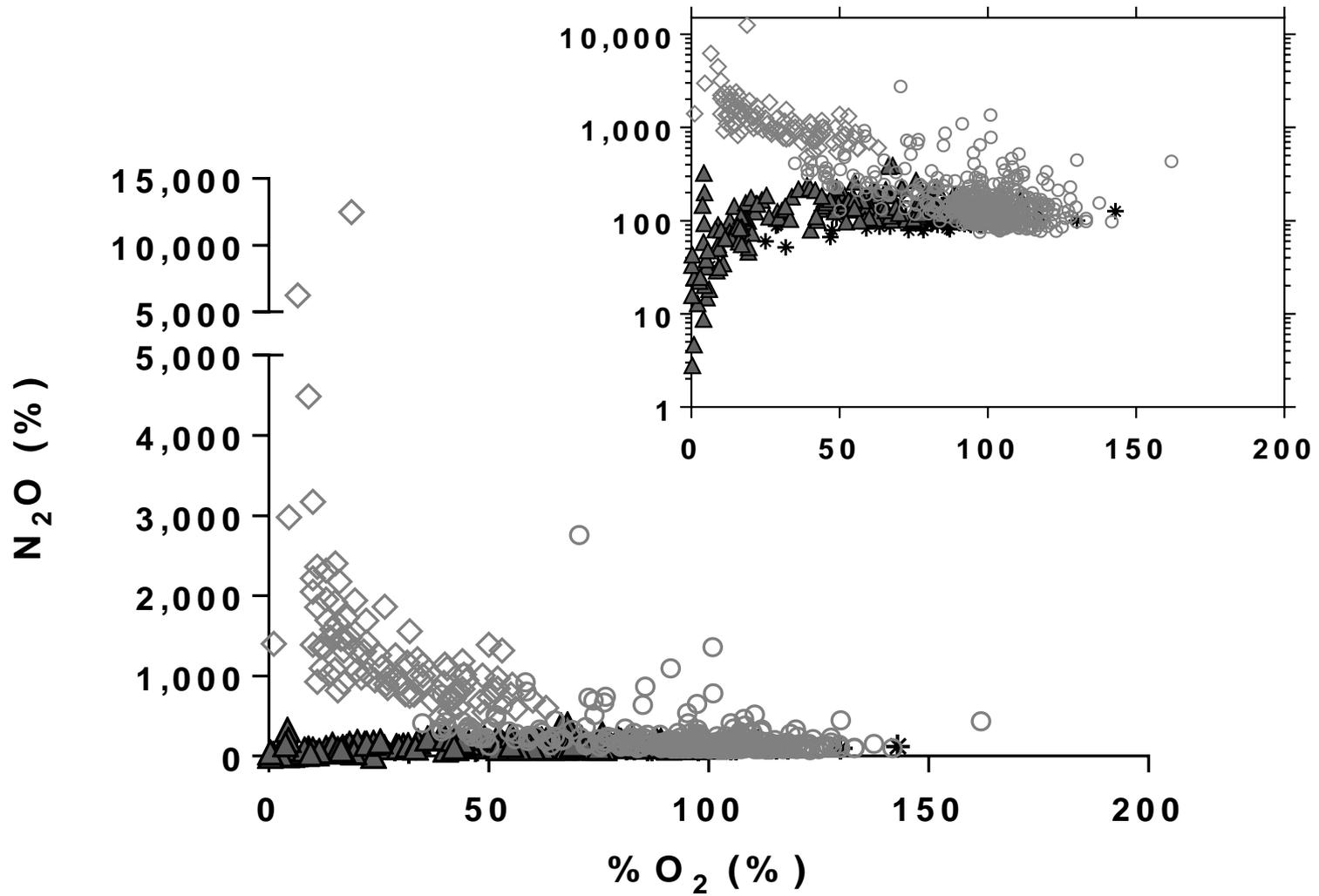
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