

Concentration of Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide at 500 and 700 Millibars¹

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- Weather reconnaissance flights over North Pacific and Arctic from 1958 to 1961
- More than 1000 valid CO₂ measurements from flasks
- Planes flew along constant pressure surfaces of 500 or 700 mb.

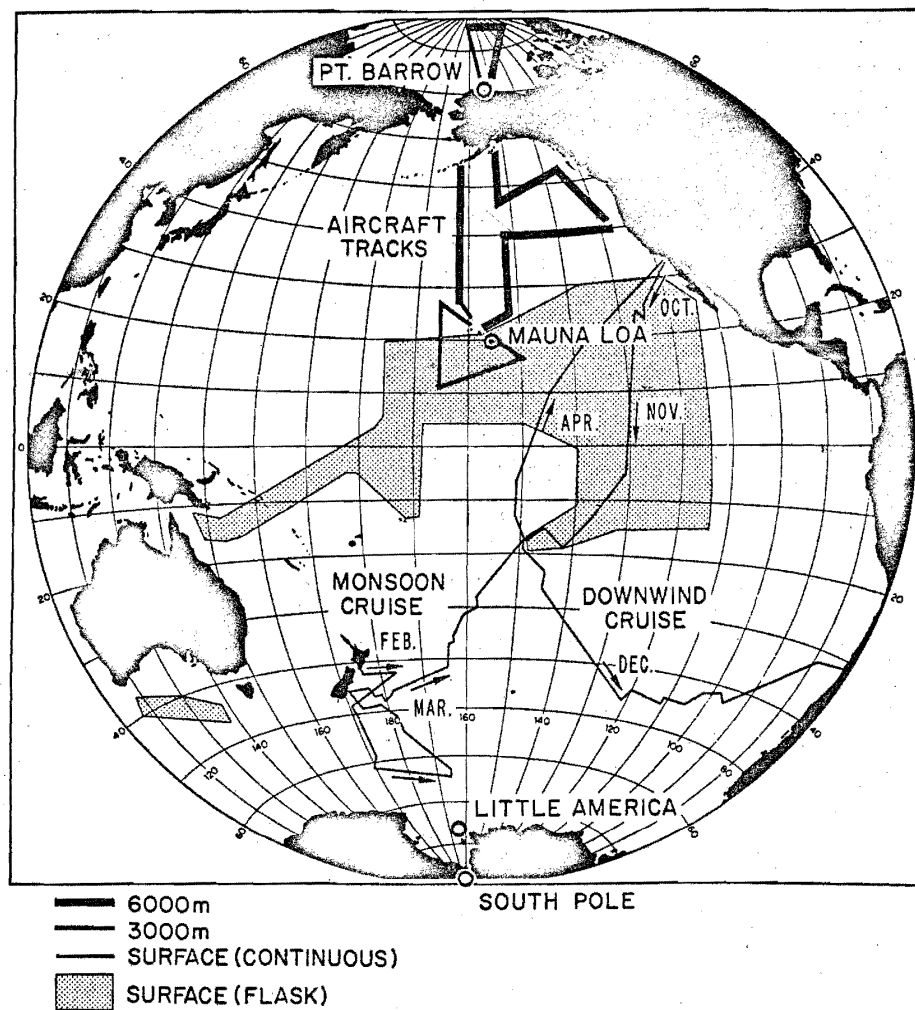
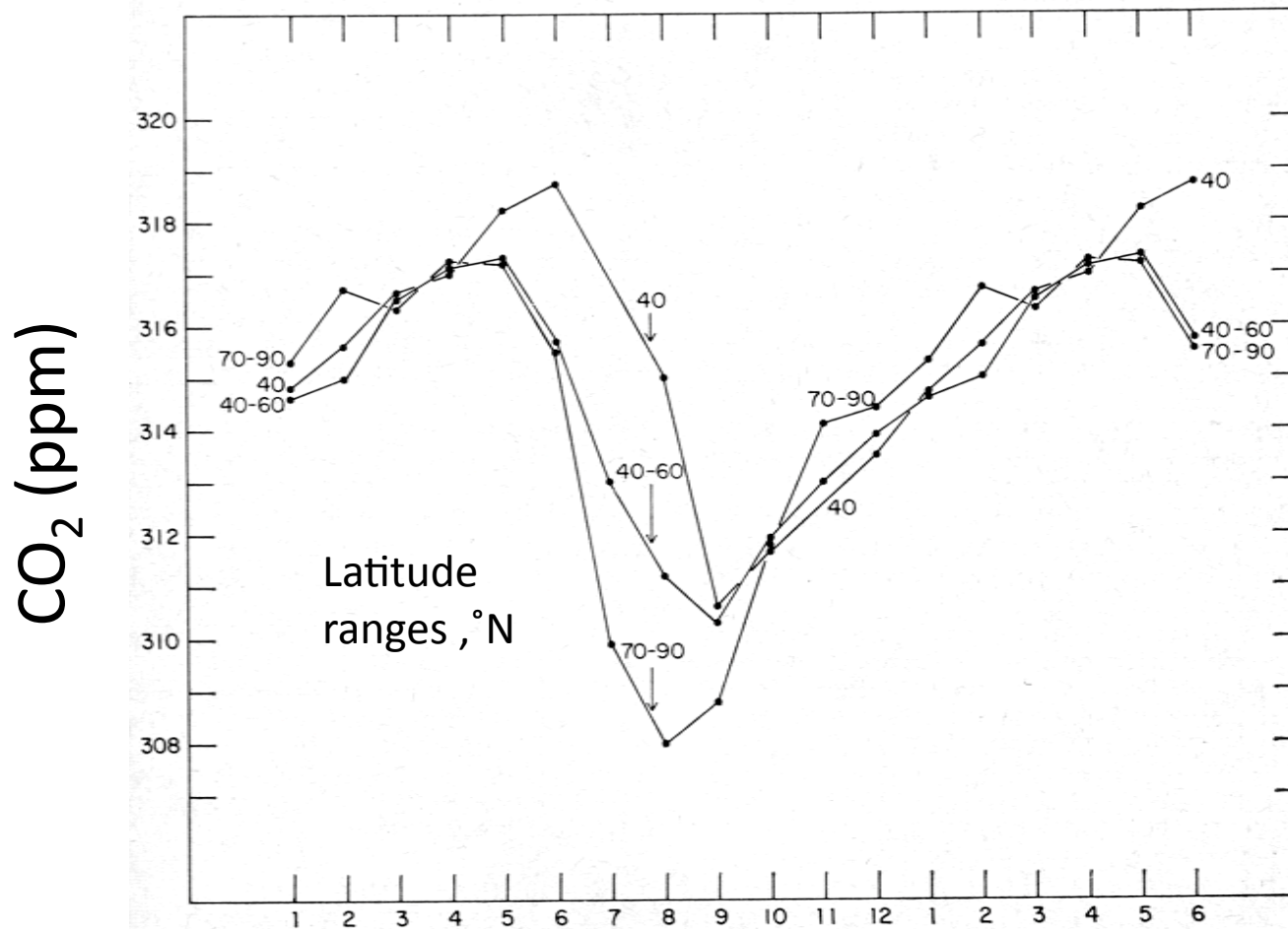


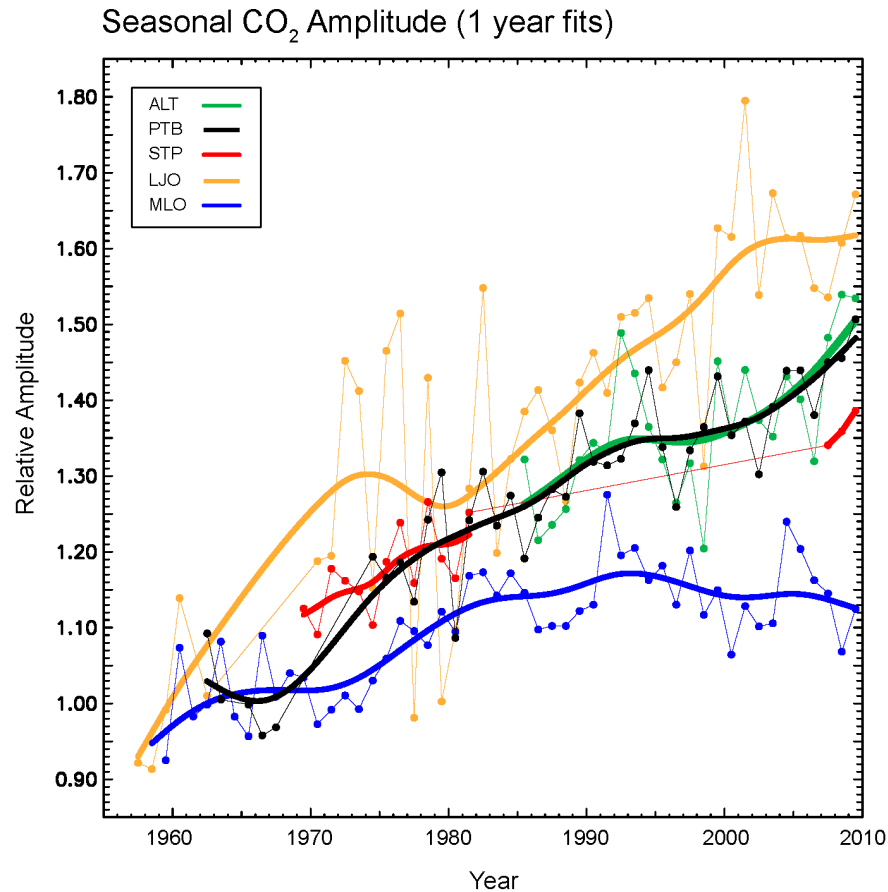
Fig. 1. Location of stations and tracks for sampling atmospheric CO₂. Location for surface flask sampling, except Downwind and Monsoon cruises, is highly generalized. Indian Ocean is not shown.

Coverage adequate for resolving average seasonal cycles



Climatological month

Goal: Use IGY/HIPPO comparison to resolve change seasonal CO₂ amplitude over 50 years



Unclear if large increases seen at Barrow and La Jolla are "representative"