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A Critical Reassessment of the Anthropogenic CO₂–Global Warming Hypothesis
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Executive Summary

This paper presents a comprehensive, empirically grounded, and methodologically advanced challenge to the prevailing hypothesis that anthropogenic CO_2 emissions are the primary driver of recent global warming. Through extensive use of unadjusted observational datasets, isotopic analyses, physical constraints, and rigorous stochastic causality techniques, the authors demonstrate that the IPCC's core claims are inconsistent with physical reality and unsupported by the actual data record.

> **Conclusion**: The case made by the authors is robust, well-sourced, logically sound, and rooted in direct observations. It warrants a full and fundamental reassessment of the CO_2-driven climate paradigm.

I. Natural Carbon Fluxes Dominate the System

- Human CO_2 emissions (currently ~10 GtC/year) constitute **only ~4%** of the total annual carbon flux between ocean, land, and atmosphere (~230 GtC/year).
- The ocean alone exchanges ~90 GtC/year with the atmosphere; terrestrial ecosystems account for ~120 GtC/year.
- These dominant fluxes are **highly sensitive to temperature**—through physical (Henry's Law) and biological (respiration Q_{10}) mechanisms—meaning that **warming naturally triggers CO_2 release** without anthropogenic input.

II. Atmospheric CO_2 Residence Time: Empirically Short

- The IPCC promotes a theoretical "adjustment time" of **100 to 1000 years**, derived from the **Bern Model**, a theoretical construct assuming slow equilibration with deep sinks.
- In contrast, multiple **empirical studies** (Harde 2017, 2019; Segalstad; Koutsoyiannis 2024) consistently show a **residence time of ~3 to 5 years**, based on direct measurements (e.g., bomb ^{14}C decay, tracer fluxes).
- The paper correctly distinguishes this and shows that **the Bern model inflates atmospheric retention time through circular logic and assumption**, not observation.

III. Isotopic Evidence: No Fossil Fuel Signature

- If anthropogenic fossil fuels ($\delta^{13}C \approx -28‰$) were dominating the observed atmospheric CO_2 increase, the atmospheric $\delta^{13}C$ value would show a steep and continuous decline.
- However, **Koutsoyiannis (2024)** demonstrates that the **net $\delta^{13}C$ input to the atmosphere has remained constant at ∼–13‰** from the Little Ice Age to the present.
- This value is consistent with **natural sources** (e.g., oceanic outgassing and soil respiration) and inconsistent with a fossil fuel origin.
- Therefore, **the lack of isotopic change strongly contradicts the IPCC's attribution to fossil fuel emissions**.

IV. Temperature–CO_2 Causality: Proven by Stochastic Analysis

- The authors apply a **nonlinear, stochastic causality framework** developed by **Koutsoyiannis (2024)** to modern datasets.
- This method does not rely on timing alone, but on the **information-theoretic direction of predictive influence** between temperature and CO_2.
- Results:

  Temperature causes changes in atmospheric CO_2—not the reverse.

- This applies on both modern (~monthly) and paleoclimatic (~centennial to millennial) scales and aligns with:

  - Henry's Law (solubility of CO_2 declines with temperature)
  - Biological feedbacks (increased respiration with warming)
  - Ice core records (e.g., Vostok shows CO_2 lagging temperature by ~800 years)

V. Climate Models: Demonstrated Failure

- CMIP5 and CMIP6 models predict **0.25–0.4°C/decade** warming; observed warming (UAH, USCRN) is **~0.13°C/decade or less**.
- Correlations between modeled and observed temperatures are **near-zero (R^2 = 0.05–0.3)**—models fail to predict reality.
- Model tuning relies on **adjusted datasets** with questionable homogenization procedures, not raw data.
- Model feedback assumptions (e.g., water vapor amplification) are **speculative**, and sensitivity to CO_2 is **overestimated**.

VI. Solar Variability: Real, Correlated, and Ignored by IPCC

- **Soon et al. (2023, 2024)** present **27 reconstructions** of Total Solar Irradiance (TSI), many of which show **0.5–1.0 W/m² increase** since 1850.
- The IPCC uses only **PMOD**, a low-variability reconstruction that minimizes solar contribution by design.
- TSI records with greater variability show **strong correlation with observed temperatures (R^2 = 0.7–0.9)**—much higher than that for CO_2 ($R^2 \approx 0.3$–0.5).
- By **excluding legitimate reconstructions**, the IPCC's attribution of warming to CO_2 is a function of its **assumptions**, not objective analysis.

VII. Urban Heat Island Effect: Inflating Apparent Warming

- **Soon et al. (2023)** show that **UHI can account for up to 45%** of the warming observed in land-based thermometer datasets.
- Rural station records (e.g., USCRN, unadjusted USHCN) show **minimal warming (~0.2–0.5°C)**, while adjusted datasets inflate this trend to ~1.0°C.
- The warming signal in major global surface datasets (e.g., GISS, HadCRUT) is thus **partly or largely artificial**, driven by **urbanization, land use change, and post-hoc "homogenization."**

VIII. The Authors' Conclusion: A Falsified Hypothesis

The authors conclude—and the data support—that:

- The atmospheric CO_2 increase **is not primarily anthropogenic** in origin.
- The observed warming is **not well explained by CO_2**, but **is well explained by natural variability**, especially solar variability and thermal-biospheric feedbacks.
- Climate models have **no predictive power**, and are **calibrated to flawed, adjusted data**.
- **The IPCC framework is scientifically untenable** and should be fundamentally reexamined.

This is not a reinterpretation of data. It is a correction of error.

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