

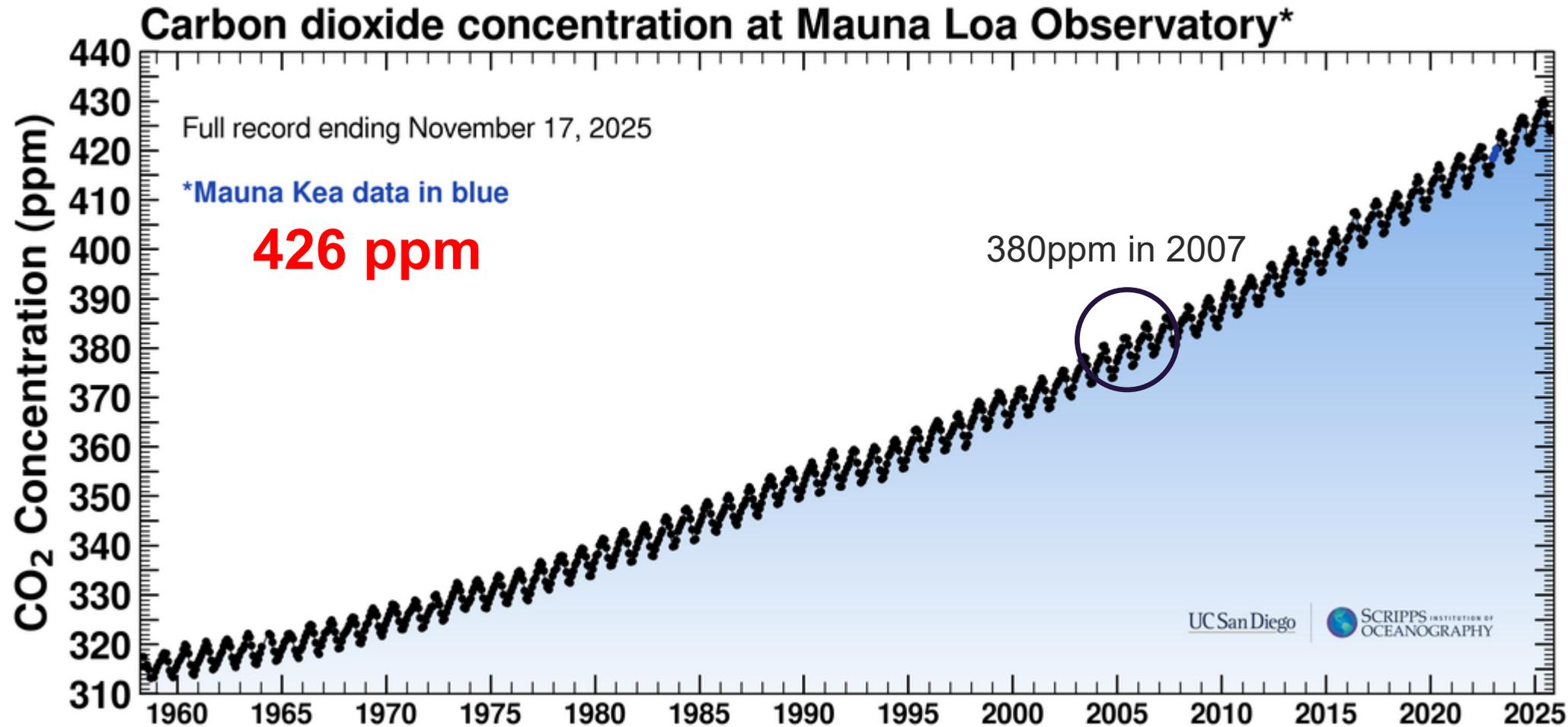
# Vision of the ICP

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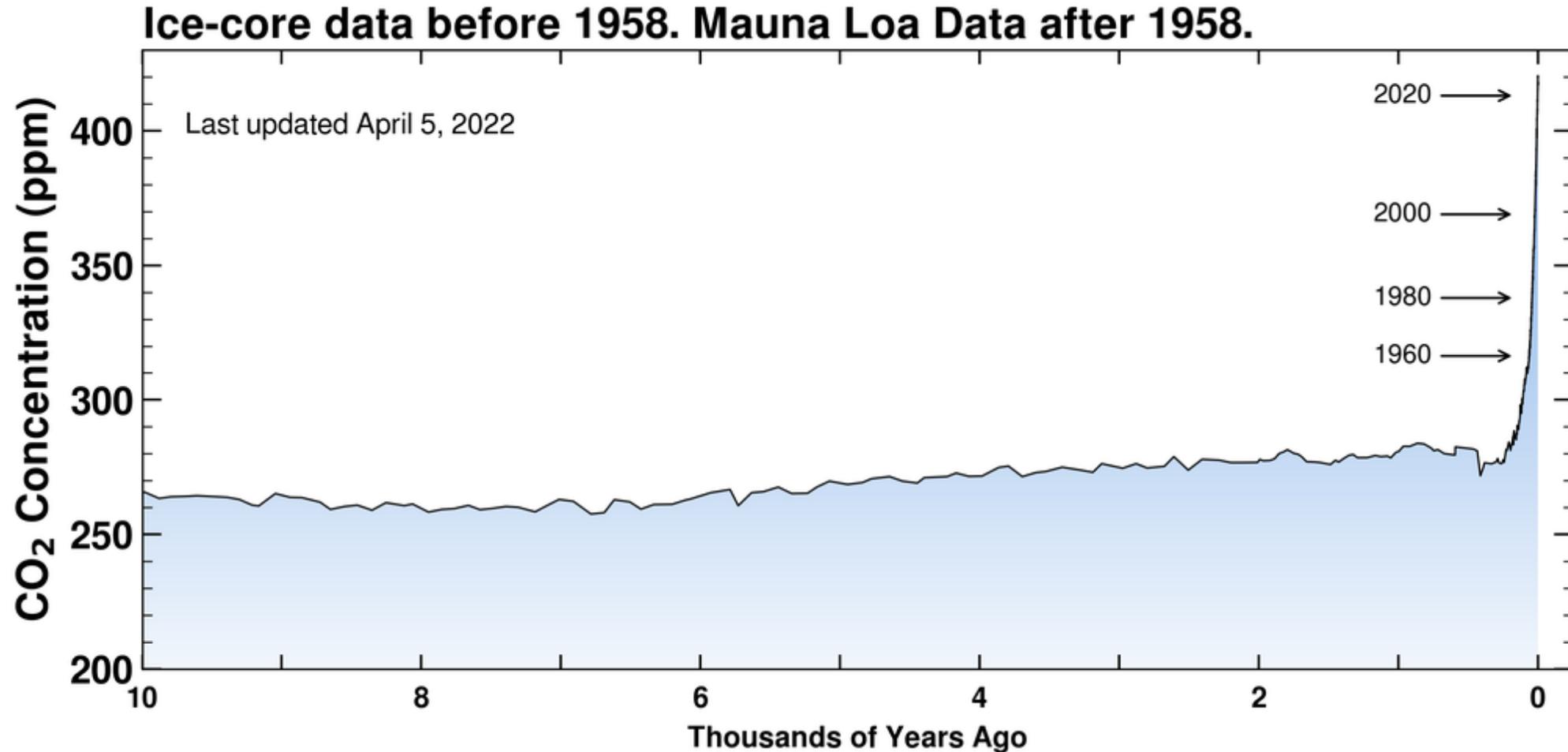
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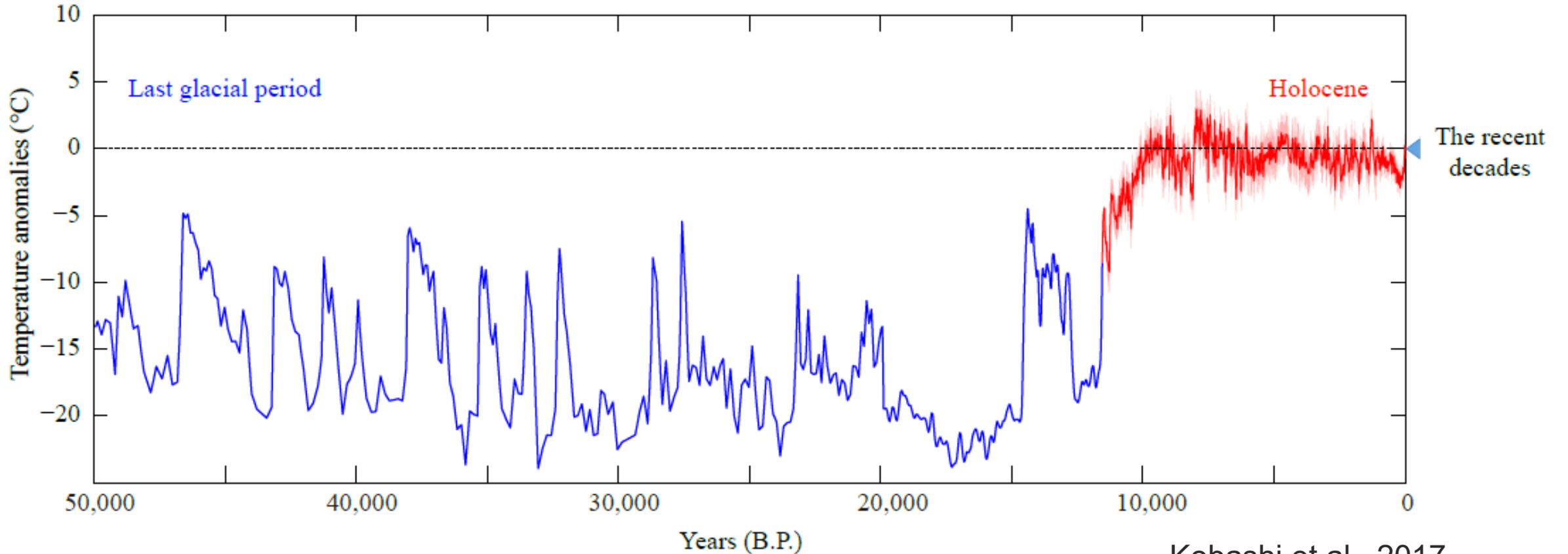
## Keeling Curb



No signs of decrease!



- Over the last 10,000 years, prior to the Industrial Revolution, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations ranged between 260 and 280 ppm.
- This period represents approximately 500 human generations with each generation around 20 years.



On the left, the blue line shows the highly unstable climate of the last glacial period. On the right, the red line is the high-precision Holocene temperature reconstruction using argon and nitrogen isotopes from Greenland ice cores. The key point is this: **human civilization emerged entirely within this stable red band**. Today, however, we are moving outside that stability. This is the core of the climate crisis.

# A new proposal “Neo-Holocene”: A Civilizational Leap Toward Planetary Balance

- Humanity stands at a threshold, needing a new direction beyond industrial modernity.
- We must ask fundamental questions about the purpose of life and our role within the Earth system.
- From deeper understanding through repeated inquiry — practical decisions, such as where and how to deploy renewable energy, become clear and naturally align with true sustainability.

Redefining Our Era

# From Anthropocene to Neo-Holocene

## Anthropocene: The Age of Destabilization

The current epoch, marked by human-induced planetary disruption, climate volatility, biodiversity collapse, and profound separation between humanity and nature.

- Extractive economic models
- Technological advancement divorced from ecological consequences
- Culture of domination and limitless growth

## Neo-Holocene: The Age of Synchronization

A proposed new phase of civilization in which humanity consciously redesigns its technological, economic, and cultural systems to realign with Earth system stability.

- Integration of innovation with ecological interdependence
- Long-term planetary balance as a guiding principle
- Science reoriented toward regeneration and resilience
- Mature coexistence rather than exploitation

Neo-Holocene does not reject modern science or technological progress. Instead, it represents an evolutionary maturation—a shift from viewing Earth as a resource base to recognizing it as a living system of which we are an interdependent part.

# ICP: A Platform for Civilizational Inquiry

Within this transformative framework, the Institute or Initiative for Climate and People (ICP) serves as a conceptual and collaborative space to redefine long-term sustainability—not only in environmental terms, but as a profound civilizational inquiry into purpose, meaning, and direction.



What is the purpose of development?

Moving beyond GDP growth to ask what human flourishing truly means in a finite world.



What are the aims of life?

Exploring existential questions about human existence within planetary boundaries and ecological relationships.



How do we coevolve with Earth?

Designing systems that align human creativity with the regenerative rhythms of the biosphere.

ICP is a place,

where we collectively discuss, define, and design the trajectory of human–nature coevolution — not only for the next 100 years, but for 1,000 and 10,000 years of the **Neo-Holocene**.