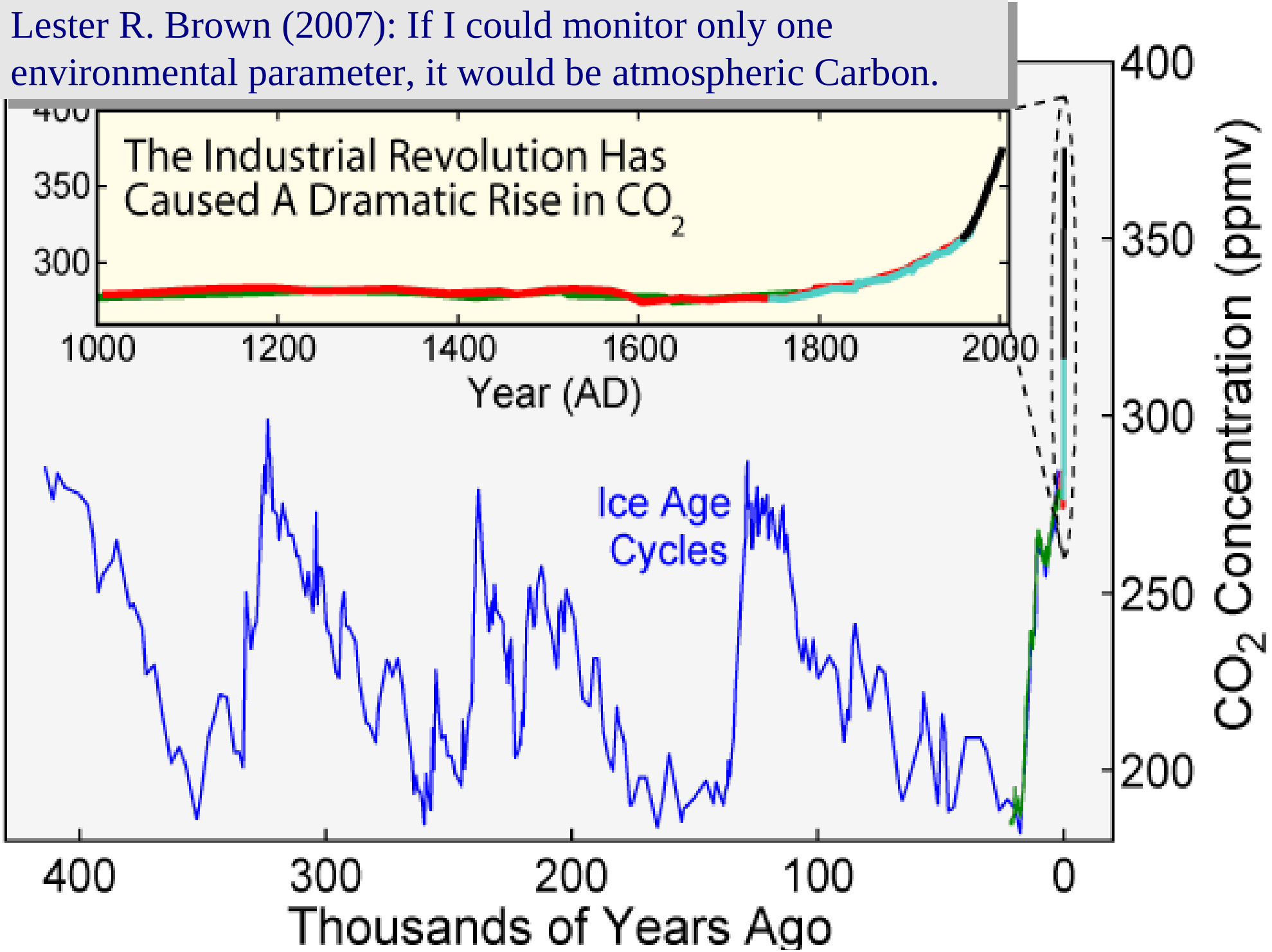Lester R. Brown (2007): If I could monitor only one environmental parameter, it would be atmospheric Carbon.