



Figure 3.4 Global average sea level since 1850. The solid blue line is estimated from coastal and island tide gauges and the red line is sea level measured by satellite altimeters. From 1900 to 2000 the average rate of rise was about 1.7 mm/yr, increasing through this period. Since 1993 the rate of rise measured by satellite altimeters has been about 3.2 mm/yr and from tide gauges about 3.0 mm/yr.