Agenda

The grand picture (Sustainability @ "Anthropocene")

- Human habitat and resources.
- Sustainability of Human Activity & Life on Earth, Limit to growth, Club of Rome, Socio-economic/ecological network.
- Finite resources: arable land and water for food production, materials for fabrication & construction, fuels for machinery & transportation, Human eco-footprint, choices, and dilemmas,
- Energy utilization and environment, Energy consumption and human development Direct & external costs of energy use, Planetary climate, greenhouse effect.
- Stated (aspirational) and actual public policies, mitigation vs. adaptation to environmental & resource challenges.



PLANETARY CLIMATE TRENDS AND CAUSATION

Ancient and Modern Recent Sea Level Trends



Are anthropogenic influences

dominant for environmental/

climate trends?

Sea levels since last glacial minimum. Rise ΔH =+125 m until 6000 BCE, then constant. (uncertainty ΔH =±10m)

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Earth In Solar System

Energy transfer Sun → Planets via emission and absorption of **electromagnetic radiation**



Earth is a spinning gyro with an (approximately) **space-fixed orientation now towards North Star**. Axis precesses and wobbles with 10ka-100ka periods.

Now: Axis misalignment with normal to plane of orbit (ecliptic) about Sun (23.5^o).

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Climate "Forcing" Categories

Paleoclimatology achieved via study of Antarctic and Greenland ice cores, geological sedimentation, tree rings, coral reefs, records, ...

Recent past via human records, oral history, temperature records

Now: various geophysical measurements on land and sea, e.g., remote satellite sensing.

- Climate forcing := change imposed on Earth's surface energy balance/climate due to
 - 1) External causes (solar radiation influx):
 - a) changes in Earth orbital eccentricity ($\Delta e \sim (0.01-0.2)\%$, T_{ecc} $\sim 110,000$ a),
 - b) orbital precession (T ~ 20,000 a)
 - c) obliquity ($\Delta \theta = \pm 1^{\circ}$, T_{obl} ~ 40,000 a) of rotational axis.
 - d) Solar activity, sunspots ($T_{Sol} \sim (9-14)$ a)
 - e) Impact of meteorites, asteroids.

2) Internal causes:

- a) Volcanic eruptions producing aerosols.
- b) Changes in oceanic currents.
- c) Changes in ice and cloud coverage (albedo).
- d) Human induced changes (emission of greenhouse gases, tropospheric aerosols, CFCs and HCFCs producing "ozone hole", deforestation).

Correlate terrestrial observations with characteristic *t*-dependencies of potential causes

Elimination of Extra-Terrestrial Effects



Modeling of influences of peculiarities of Earth planetary orbit and orientation (Milankovich cycles) on solar insolation gives somewhat irregular long-time pattern, approximately accurate (Ice Ages). Predicts no 11-year cycle.



Average temperature trend = superposition of insolation variation (11-year sunspot cycle) on steadily increasing temperature function T(t) not seen in upper atmosphere.

"Black Body" Radiations: Sun and Earth



Solar radiation incidence during summer on northern hemisphere

Earth is also an approximately a "black body," but with a low temperature $T=255 \text{ K} (-18^{\circ}C).$

Role of atmosphere \rightarrow raises ambient temperature ("good" greenhouse effect).

 $h = 6.625 \cdot 10^{-34} J \cdot s$ Planck's constant $k = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-34} J \cdot s$ Boltzmann's constant $c = 2.998 \cdot 10^8 m/s$ speed of light sr = steradians = unit of angular $acceptance \Delta\Omega = Area/4\pi \cdot distance^2$ Except for occasional flares (outbursts/mass ejections), the Sun emits **thermal radiation** like any "black body" at the same temperature *T*.

Planck's Radiation Law \Im "Radiance" for light of wave length λ emitted in random directions:

$$R(\lambda,T) = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \left[\frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} \right] \left(\frac{W}{m^3 \cdot sr} \right)$$

Stephan – Boltzmann Radiation Law Total power flux emitted $F = \int R(\lambda, T) \cdot d\lambda = \sigma \cdot T^4 \ (W/m^2)$ $SB - constant : \sigma = 5.670 \cdot 10^{-8} \ (W/K^4m^2)$



 $R_{S} = 6.96 \cdot 10^{5} km$ $\pi R_{S} = 6.09 \cdot 10^{12} km^{2}$



Thermal "Black Body" Radiation: Random Particle Motion



WAVELENGTH µm

Solar Insolation on Earth

Solar Constant S

Earth area $A_E = 5.1 \times 10^8 \ km^2$ exposed to Sun = disk of area $A_{R_{SE}} = \pi R_E^2 = \frac{1}{4} A_E$ $S \cdot A_{R_{SE}} = \sigma \cdot T_S^4 \cdot (4\pi R_S^2) \cdot \left(\frac{A_{R_{SE}}}{4\pi R_{SE}^2}\right)$ $S = \sigma \cdot T_S^4 \cdot \left(\frac{R_S^2}{R_{SE}^2}\right) \approx 1.370 \ kW/m^2$ Time averaged over spinning earth $A_E = 4 A_E$

Time averaged over spinning earth $A_E = 4 A_{R_{SE}}$ $S_{effective} = S/4 = 0.343 kW/m^2$

Albedo $\alpha = reflectivity, \ \alpha_E \approx 0.3 \ (expt.)$ \rightarrow mean power absorbed by Earth's surface $S'_{eff} = (1 - \alpha) \cdot S/4 = 0.240 \, kW/m^2$ $T_E^{theo} = 255 \, K \ (= -18^0 \, C) \ T_E^{actual} = 288 K (+15^0 \, C)$ (More sophisticated models for Earth

energy balance are available)



Effect of solar irradiation on Earth surface is non-cumulative, nonlinear, possibly unstable. System of several negative and positive feed-back effects. Possible: Thermal equilibrium ?

Selective Filter Effect of Atmosphere



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Near-Surface Energy Equilibration (Clean Atmosphere)



In actual calculations, atmosphere divided into layers, consider also clouds, dust, etc. Albedos of clouds, ocean, ice can be taken from measurement.

Greenhouse Effect

Solar radiation absorbed by the atmosphere is not totally lost to space. Relaxation into IR thermal kinetic spectrum of atmospheric particles. Most of the atmosphere's energy content is radiated back to Earth surface.

In equilibrium *influx* = *outflux*

1) Earth surface + atmosphere receive Power density=S(1-a)/4.

IR radiation from surface is absorbed by atmosphere, heating it up.

2) Atmosphere radiates P=S(1-a)/4 at low T back into space and at higher T toward surface, heating the surface in addition to direct insolation.

Solve numerically consistently in iteration. \rightarrow T_E = 283 K (+10^oC) See, e.g., F. P. J. Valero et al., J. GEOPHYS. RES., 105, 4743 (2000)

Simple Greenhouse Model



Radiative Forcing Produces Linear Correlation T_0 - $\rho(CO_2)$

Atmospheric Perturbations (adding GHG) produce changes in heat absorption $f \rightarrow f + \Delta f$ $\Delta f \propto \Delta \rho_{CO_2}$

→ Forcing = ΔF = change in power flux outgoing from Earth surface (reflects surface T_0).

Check with simple GH model if: disregard absorption by atmosphere $\Delta T_0 = \lambda \cdot \Delta f$

$$\int_{1}^{3} \frac{\Lambda T(^{9}C)}{(T-T_{ref})} \propto \rho(CO_{2})$$

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For a fixed T_0 , perturbation Δf changes the emitted power flux by

$$\Delta F \coloneqq \Delta F_{out} = \left[1 - \left(f + \Delta f\right)/2\right] \cdot \sigma \cdot T_0^4 - \left[1 - f/2\right] \cdot \sigma \cdot T_0^4 = \frac{-\Delta f}{2} \cdot \sigma \cdot T_0^4 \qquad \rightarrow \underline{\Delta F_{in} \propto +\Delta f}$$

$$T_0 = ??? \rightarrow Equilibration of the same absorbed solar flux : T_0 \rightarrow T_0' = T_0 + \Delta T_0$$

$$Due \text{ to } \Delta f$$

$$F = \left(S/4\right)\left(1 - \alpha\right) = \left[\left(1 - f/2\right) \cdot \sigma \cdot T_0^4\right] = \left[1 - \left(f + \Delta f\right)/2\right] \cdot \sigma \cdot \left[T_0 + \Delta T_0\right]^4\right]$$

$$\left[T_0 + \Delta T_0\right]^4 \approx T_0^4 \cdot \left[1 + \Delta T_0/T_0\right]^4 \approx T_0^4 + 4T_0^4 \left(\Delta T_0/T_0\right) \qquad \text{for } \Delta T_0/T_0 \ll 1$$

$$\text{Linear in } \Delta f$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta T_0 \approx \frac{T_0}{8(1 - f/2)} \cdot \Delta f = \frac{1}{4(1 - f/2)\sigma T_0^3} \cdot \Delta F = :\lambda \cdot \Delta F$$

$$\Box \Delta T_0 \propto \Delta f \propto \Delta \rho_{CO_2}$$

Increasing GHG concentration \rightarrow increases absorption of surface radiation \rightarrow increases surface temperature T_0

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Selective Absorption of Atmospheric GHG



Scattered radiation is not fully available for warming Earth surface. \rightarrow T_E < 255K

Absorption of radiation in atmosphere → equilibrates → radiates back to space and to Earth surface.

 CO_2 absorbs efficiently @ maximum of the Earth' surface spectrum; N_2O and CH_4 absorb in atmospheric escape hole for radiation.

GHG concentrations on the rise during the last century.

Adapted fro F.W. Taylor, ECP.



 $\rightarrow Absorbance: Log_{10}\left(\frac{I_0}{I_t}\right) = \mu \cdot x = \varepsilon \cdot x \cdot c \quad \text{Units of } \mu \text{ and } \varepsilon \text{ depend on unit of } c.$

Specific for absorber material, depends on internal structure, electric dipole moment. Otherwise, $\mu \neq 0$ only for ionized ideal gas.

Climate Models: Geographic Resolution



Global Warming Potentials: Data

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Methane *	CH4	12±3	56	21	6.5	
Nitrous oxide	N ₂ O	120	280	310	170	
HFC-23	CHF3	264	9100	11700	9800	
HFC-32	CH2F2	5.6	2100	650	200	
HFC-41	CH3F	3.7	490	150	45	
HFC-43-10mee	C5H2F10	17.1	3000	1300	400	
HFC-125	C2HF5	32.6	4600	2800	920	
HFC-134	C2H2F4	10.6	2900	1000	310	
HFC-134a	CH2FCF3	14.6	3400	1300	420	
HFC-152a	C2H4F2	1.5	460	140	42	
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Perfluoroethane	C2F6	10000	6200	9200	14000	Climate Change
Perfluoropropane	C3F8	2600	4800	7000	10100	
Perfluorobutane	C4F10	2600	4800	7000	10100 n	ittp://unfccc.int/gng_data/ite ns/3825.php
Perfluorocyclobutane	c-C4F8	3200	6000	8700	12700	
Perfluoropentane	C5F12	4100	5100	7500	11000	
Perfluorohexane	C6F14	3200	5000	7400	10700	

Global Warming Potential (GWP)



US GHG Emission Sources (2010)



Note: All emission estimates from the Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2010. **Electricity** (40% of total CO_2 , 33% of GHG emission) via combustion of fossil fuels. Coal produces more CO_2 than oil or natural gas.

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Anthropogenic Influences: Global Climate

Many correlations exist between human caused pollution and global climate parameters: To what extent are there **causal relationships** ?

→ Quantitative agreement between observation and robust physical models
 → Absence of plausible competing scenarios



Projections for CO₂ Emissions



Possible Climate Futures



Correlated with scenarios of constant, decreased or increased emissions of greenhouse gases.

Changing climate \rightarrow changes in frequency, intensity, spatial extent, duration, timing of extreme weather and climate events, even produces unprecedented extreme weather and climate events. (NAS report).

Examples: Extensive heat waves and droughts, super-storms/hurricanes, extreme downpours, flash flooding, coastal flooding due to rising sea levels, atmospheric rain channels, troughs,.... Global: stopping the Gulf Stream.

 $\Delta T \leq 2^{\circ}C$ until 2050 are relatively well manageable.

Larger temperature increases (4⁰-6⁰) are likely catastrophic.

By themselves, anecdotal (individual) weather events do not make a case for climate change. \rightarrow Need systematic statistics over extended period to discover abnormalities and an understanding within a comprehensive overall picture (model of Earth).

Summary Findings (2017, edited). Projections \rightarrow 2100, Different polit. scenarios:

Global climate is changing, apparent in a wide range of observations. The climate change of the past 150 years is due largely to human activities (burning of fossil fuels).
 Extreme weather and climate events have increased in recent decades; evidence is mounting for human activities as dominant cause (More recently "high confidence"_).
 Human-induced part of climate change will accelerate significantly if emissions of heat-trapping gases continue to increase.

4) Impacts of climate change, evident in many sectors, become increasingly challenging.

5) Threats to human health and well-being from extreme weather events, wildfire, dangerous air quality, diseases transmitted by insects, food, and water, and threats to mental health.

6) Infrastructure is adversely affected by climate change: sea level rise, storm surge, heavy downpours, extreme heat.

7) Lower reliability of water supplies, affecting ecosystems and livelihoods in many regions: US Southwest, Great Plains, Southeast, Caribbean and Pacific islands, including the state of Hawaii.

8) Adverse impacts to crops and livestock over the next 100 years, increasing disruptions from extreme heat, drought, and heavy downpours.

9) Natural ecosystems directly affected, changes in biodiversity and location of species.

10) Life in the oceans is changing as ocean waters become warmer and more acidic.

11) Planning for adaptation (address and prepare for impacts) and mitigation (reduce emissions) is increasing, but progress with implementation is limited.

 \rightarrow 12) Large-scale human migration

End: Global Climate

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