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# The Earth's Energy Balance





Light is most concentrated from an overhead source

Light hitting at an angle is less concentrated

# **Annual Average Insolation**



Arctic Circle (66.5° N) ----Tropic of Cancer (23.5° N) ----Equator ----

Orbit

Tropic of Capricorn (23.5° S) -

Vernal Equinox March 21–22 Incoming solar energy equal in both hemispheres

Summer Solstice June 21–22 Incoming solar energy greatest in Northern Hemisphere Sun

Earth

Autumnal in S Equinox Hen September 22–23 Incoming solar energy equal in both hemispheres

Winter Solstice December 21–22 Incoming solar energy greatest in Southern Hemisphere

231/2°





### Wien's Law

 $\lambda_{\rm m}$  (µm) = 2897 / T

 $\lambda_m \equiv$  wavelength of maximum intensity; the higher the temperature, the shorter the wavelength & the more intense the light

Wilhelm Wien (1864-1928)





# **Solar Radiation Spectrum**





**Important Radiation Laws & Concepts** 

# $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{\sigma} \times \mathbf{T}^4$

Jožef Stefan (1835-1893)



Ludwig Boltzmann (1844-1906)







### Radiation

### Conduction

Convection



### **Important Radiation Laws & Concepts**

#### **Net radiation**

Rn = incoming - outgoing $Rn = (1 - \alpha)I_s + E_L \sigma T^4(surface) - \sigma T^4(sky)$ 



α is *albedo*, which is the reflectivity of a surface

fresh snow has a high albedo (0.9)dark forest has a low albedo (0.05 - 0.15)light colored soils are in between (0.4 - 0.5)mean albedo for earth  $\approx 0.36$ 





### $\beta = H / \lambda E$



 $\beta = 10 / 1 = 10$ 

 $\beta = 10 / 100 = 0.1$ 



# The Greenhouse Effect

Some solar radiation is reflected by the Earth and the atmosphere Some of the infrared radiation passes through the atmosphere, and some is absorbed and re-emitted in all directions by greenhouse gas molecules. The effect of this is to warm the Earth's surface and the lower atmosphere.

Infrared radiation is emitted from the Earth's Surface



#### John Tyndall

#### Svante Arrhenius



Solar radiation passes through the clear atmosphere

Most radiation is absorbed by the Earth's surface and warms it

### **Pollution is the Primary Cause**

The "Greenhouse gases" (e.g., carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, CFC's) trap heat in the earth's atmosphere.



Solar energy passes through

Radiant heat is trapped



Science understood since 1859 - John Tyndall



# Greenhouse Gases

- ★ Water vapor (H<sub>2</sub>O)
- **\*** Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- **\*** Methane ( $CH_4$ )
- **\*** Other Direct
  - Nitrous oxide  $(N_2O)$
  - Fluorocarbons
- **\*** Other Indirect
  - Carbon monoxide (CO)
  - Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)



- **\***Most abundant and important GHG
- Keeps earth warm enough for liquid water to form
- Varies in concentration in the lower atmosphere from nearly 0% to 4%
- \*Not considered important in anthropogenic climate change
  - Naturally correcting

# Greenhouse Gases – CO<sub>2</sub>

- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> most important GHG
  - 0.038% (380 ppm)
- **\*** Largest emission of GHG in US (82% of all GHGs)
  - Fossil fuel emission is only significant source of "non-natural" CO<sub>2</sub>
- Projected to grow to to 0.06% (600 ppm) by 2050
- **\*** Sinks:
  - Sedimentary rock "Lithification"
    - Very slow, not relevant to current climate change
  - Ocean
    - 52X as much C as atmosphere; 19X as much as soils + biosphere
    - Marine phytoplankton
  - Soils humus
  - Biosphere actively growing vegetation (esp. forests)
    - 30% of earth is land, 30% of land is forests (9% of earth)
    - Most important are tropical forests

# **Greenhouse Gases – CH**<sub>4</sub>

Until recently it was assumed to play a minor role

Concentration is 1.7 ppm (0.00017%)

10X more efficient than CO<sub>2</sub> as a GHG
Increased greatly since Industrial Revolution

Around 0.8 ppm for 160,000 years prior

X Net emissions of CH<sub>4</sub>
Methane hydrates



Global Warming Art

Table Credit: Rohli & Vega Climatology, 2008

#### Global Trends in Major Greenhouse Gases to 1/2003



Global trends in major long-lived greenhouse gases through the year 2002. These five gases account for about 97% of the direct climate forcing by long-lived greenhouse gas increases since 1750. The remaining 3% is contributed by an assortment of 10 minor halogen gases, mainly HCFC-22, CFC-113 and CCI.

Image Credit: Robert A. Rohde, Global Warming Art

#### **Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector**



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#### **Partition of Anthropogenic Carbon Emissions into Sinks**

#### [2000-2006]

#### 45% of all CO<sub>2</sub> emissions accumulated in the atmosphere



#### The Airborne Fraction

The fraction of the annual anthropogenic emissions that remains in the atmosphere

#### 55% were removed by natural sinks









Canadell et al. 2007, PNAS

#### Human and Natural Drivers of Climate Change

PCC - WGI

#### **Radiative Forcing Components**

1.6 W m<sup>-2</sup> warms like 1.6 Xmas tree lights over every m<sup>2</sup> on Earth.

Carbon dioxide is causing the bulk of the forcing, and it lives a long time in our atmosphere so every year of emission means commitments to climate change for future generations.



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### The Greenhouse Model

http://ccl.northwestern.edu/netlogo/models/ClimateChange



The Greenhouse Model is not a climate model; it is an energy balance model.