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Introduction to Climatology

for experts on climate analysis information

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Variabilities

basic states

1. Introduction : Climate and Climate System

Weather and Climate

Weather

Weather describes short term natural events - such as fog, rain, snow, blizzards, wind and thunder storms, tropical cyclones, etc. - in a specific place and time.

What is Climate?

Climate, sometimes understood as the "average weather," is defined as the measurement of the mean and variability of relevant quantities of certain variables (such as temperature, precipitation or wind) over a period of time, ranging from months to thousands or millions of years. Climate in a wider sense is the state, including a statistical description, of the climate system.

https://public.wmo.int/en/our-mandate/weather https://public.wmo.int/en/about-us/frequently-asked-questions/climate

Climate and Climate System

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What is the Climate System?

The climate system consists of five major components: the atmosphere the hydrosphere, the cryosphere, land surface, and the biosphere.

The climate system is continually changing due to the interactions between the components as well as external factors such as volcanic eruptions or solar variations and human-induced factors such as changes to the atmosphere and changes in land use.

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Climate System



These components interact on various spatial and temporal scales through the exchanges of heat, momentum, radiation, water and other materials.

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Climate System



FAQ 1.2, Figure 1. Schematic view of the components of the climate system, their processes and interactions.

Climate System has many Compositions, and is a very complex system !

The Climate System is described using science

- The climate system is described by an equation system consisting of <u>fluid dynamics</u>, <u>radiation transfer</u>, <u>turbulence</u>, <u>dry/moist convection</u>..., and the interactions among components.
 - Current climate models are collections of our understandings of the climate system.
- Building simpler approximation systems by selecting important processes and reducing spatiotemporal dimensions has helped to <u>elucidate the essence of the</u> <u>climate system.</u>
 - For example, wave dynamics inherent in the system also serves as a powerful concept.

The purpose of this lecture

- To know how climate is formed and its variability is caused
- By using these simpler approximation systems, simple images and powerful tools to explain some of the basic concepts of climatology

2. Global Mean Temperature and Radiative Balance

• 0 / 1 dimension (spatial and temporal average)

Circulation (horizontal movement) is not included.

 Basically <u>only the radiation process is considered</u>, whereas the concept of convection are handled in a very simple form.

0-dimensional average Temperature (almost equilibrium state)



Earth's temperature from space

obtained by the radiative energy balance

Solar



Something is wrong

Absorption of solar radiation and Emission of the earth



. (a) Spectral distribution of long-wave emission from blackbodies at 6000 K and 255 K, corresponding to the mean emitting temperatures of the Sun and Earth, respectively, and (b) percentage of atmospheric absorption for radiation passing from the top of the atmosphere to the surface. Notice the comparatively weak absorption of the solar spectrum and the region of weak absorption from 8 to 12 μ m in the long-wave spectrum [from *MacCracken and Luther*, 1985].

A simple Model of Green House Effect



A simple Model of Green House Effect



Summary : Global Mean Surface Temperature

- The global mean surface temperature can be obtained close to reality by using a very simple system.
- In the system, consideration should be given to solar radiation, earth radiation, planetary albedo, and an atmosphere whose absorption rate depends on wavelength.
- Remark: If you set ε larger, you can get larger Ts. It corresponds to the global warming.



Radiative Equilibrium and Radiative-Convective Equilibrium

vertical (one dimensional) radiative transfer model

the effect of Convection

Thermal Equilibrium of the Atmosphere with a Convective Adjustment

2021 Nobel Prize in Physics

SYUKURO MANABE AND ROBERT F. STRICKLER

General Circulation Research Laboratory, U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.



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 Smagorinsky, J., S. Manabe, and J.L. Holloway, Jr., Numerical Results from a Nine-Level Ge i 19 December 1963, in revised form 13 April 1964)

Dr. Manabe's Selected Publications https://scholar.princeton.edu/manabe/pubs The 1st one of the list is this paper

Radiative Equilibrium and Radiative-Convective Equilibrium



Radiative heating tends to create vertical instability between heated ground and cooled atmosphere. ⇒ To obtain realistic vertical temperature profile, it is necessary to introduce the effect of convection

Radiation Equilibrium Only ⇒ with dry adiabatic adjustment (10K/km) or with critical convective lapse rage (6.5K/km)

Radiative-Convective Equilibrium - Effect of greenhouse gases -



- H₂O is the strongest greenhouse gas.
- O₃ heating is required to represent the realistic temperature profile in the stratosphere.

 35° N in 15th Apr, No cloud, surface albedo = 0.102

Energy Budget - vertical heat transport -



In the real climate system, the surface of the earth is heated by 105W by radiation. Atmosphere is just as cooled.

Vertical instability is eliminated by vertical heat transport in convective and turbulence processes.

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Summary : Radiative-Convective Equilibrium

- The vertical one-dimensional temperature profile can be reproduced fairly well by the radiation transfer equation in the atmosphere containing greenhouse gases, with the effect of convection (turbulence) simply.
- It is suggested that water vapor is the strongest greenhouse effect gas.
- In order to reproduce the peak temperature of the stratosphere, it is necessary to consider solar radiation absorption by ozone.

3. Annual Mean Circulation and Horizontal Heating Contrast

Circulation (motion) is introduced in this section.

Horizontal heat transport associated with circulations in the atmosphere and ocean reduces horizontal heat imbalance due to radiation.

The main topics are the latitudinal circulations due to North-South energy imbalance.

Remark:

The large-scale circulation structure in the longitude direction is limited. Because the rotation period (1day) is shorter than the time scale of radiation (O(10days)), Exception is Walker circulation, and we will be back on the topic of El Nino.



Latitudinal heating contrast of Annual mean radiation balance



Energy transport by the atmosphere and ocean

Integration from the South Pole of Net radiation absorbed in the Earth



Trenberth and Caron (2001)

Observed atmospheric general circulation



Energy and Momentum transport by atmospheric general circulation



Summary : Elimination of Horizontal Heating/Momentum Imbalance

- Net radiation is positive at low latitudes, while negative at high latitudes.
- This imbalance is compensated for by heat transport by atmospheric and ocean circulation, and atmospheric heat transport is larger than ocean one.
- At low latitudes, the contribution of transport by the Hadley circulation is dominant,
- while at medium and high latitudes, the contribution of transport by waves is dominant.
- The circulation also transports momentum.
- The latitudinal transport of heat and momentum has a great influence on the distribution of the mean state.

4. Seasonal Change and Heat Capacity



Viewed in the present, the tilted of the axis remains fixed in spa course of the year. These chan of the seasons. The Earth's orb in the Earth's orbit help explain

The differences in <u>heat capacity</u> among the ocean, the land and the atmosphere are important. They give great characteristics to seasonal changes.

Seasonal Change of Solar Insolation and Temperature



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Heat Capacity of atmosphere and ocean

	Atmosphere	Ocean
Density	1.2-1.3kgm ⁻³	10 ³ kgm ⁻³ / atm. x 800
Mass(per 1 m ²)	(Top ~ Surface) 10 ⁴ kgm ⁻²	(Surface ~10m depth) 10 ⁴ kgm ⁻²
Specific heat	10 ³ Jkg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹	4×10^{3} Jkg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ / atm. x 4
Heat capacity (per 1 m ²)	(Top ~ Surface) 10 ⁷ JK ⁻¹ m ⁻²	(Surface ~ 2.5m depth) 10 ⁷ JK ⁻¹ m ⁻²
Heat capacity of the atmosphere is the same		

Jan-Jul contrast of surface temperature [°C]





The heat capacity of land is much smaller than that of ocean.

Larger temperature contrast over lands Winter: land temp. < ocean temp. Summer: land temp. > ocean temp.

Monsoon circulation



Higher temperature due to smaller heat capacity

Lower temperature due to larger heat capacity

the summer hemisphere

Monsoon circulation







A concentrated subtropical rainfall forms a typical summer monsoon

- 1. an upper-level anti-cyclonic circulation,
- 2. a monsoon trough
- 3. a low-level jet
- 4. a subtropical rainfall band expanding north eastward
- extensive downward motions causing dry region in the north westward

in the northern hemisphere

Role of orography on climate



Mountains also have impacts on not only the time-averaged atmospheric circulation, but also seasonal changes in local climate through thermal and dynamical processes.

thermal effects

dynamical effect

Kutzbach et al. (1993) J.Geology

Role of orography on climate



Mountains would be responsible for the real world climate of humid summer and somewhat cold winter in the eastern parts of the continents.

Summary : Seasonal Change and Heat Capacity

- Due to the orbital elements of the earth, seasonal changes in shortwave radiation occur, which leads to seasonal changes.
- In seasonal changes, the magnitude of heat capacity has a great influence on the amplitude and spatial distribution of changes in physical quantities.
- The characteristic monsoon circulation is created mainly by the difference in heat capacity between land and ocean.
- Mountains also have impacts on seasonal changes through thermal and dynamical processes.
5. Introduction of Variabilities

Characteristics of Variabilities

- Origin
- Time Scale

Powerful Tool for understanding Variabilities

- Waves
 - ✓ IGW (Inertial Gravity Waves)
 - ✓ Rossby Wave

Origin of variabilities

Natural origin

external: land-sea distribution, orography, solar constant, orbital variations, volcano internal: internal mode, air-sea interaction, ...

Anthropogenic origin

emission of greenhouse gases, destruction of ozone layer, land surface modification,,, (main factors of current climate changes)

Time scales of climate variabilities

Days to intra-seasonal variability
 Blocking, Quasi-stationary Rossby wave
 Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO)

Seasonal to interannual climate variability El Nino/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) monsoon variability modes of variability (NAO, PNA, WP patterns)

- Decadal to interdecadal climate variability : O(10yr)
- Ocean thermohaline circulation : O(4000yr)
- Glacial and interglacial, and more

N.B. climate system is not in equilibrium

Waves as introduction of GFD

"Wave" is a powerful tool for describing and predicting time evolution. It is inherent in the system of GFD.

For example, when you throw a stone into a calm water surface, waves (anomaly of height and velocity on the surface) are created. If you look at the initial state, you may predict/imagin the time progress of the anomaly, by using "waves dynamics".

Waves: shallow water linear equations in rotating system

 West/eastward IGWs (Inertial gravity waves) and Rossby waves exist as normal modes.

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ight) = 0, \ &rac{\partial u}{\partial t} - fv = -grac{\partial h}{\partial x} - bu, \ &rac{\partial v}{\partial t} + fu = -grac{\partial h}{\partial y} - bv. \end{aligned}$$

 In the equatorial β plane(f = βy), Kelvin waves and mixed Rossby gravity waves also exist. (Matsuno (1966), Gill(1980))



Waves: linear primitive equation model

 By means of vertical normal modes, a multi-level primitive equation model can be reduced to sets of shallow water equations characterized by various equivalent depths.

✓ Therefore, IGWs and Rossby waves exist in the system.

Remark: In the real world, latent heating exists. We sometimes have to consider modulation. The phase speed in the real world is slower than that of theory.

Waves: Rossby waves

- Climate often deals with large-scale phenomena, where Rossby waves, also known as planetary waves, are often important.
- The phase velocity of Rossby waves is negative (westward) regardless of wavelength, but the group velocity (velocity of wave packet) is positive (eastward) for short wavelengths waves.
- If the flow velocity in the base field cancels with the phase velocity, the effective phase velocity becomes zero (stationary wave).

6. Intra-seasonal to Interannual Variability



Quasi-stationary Rossby waves

Rossby waves are

- large scale waves in the atmosphere and ocean.
- obey the conservation law of potential vorticity.
- are dispersive and propagate westward (longer wave is faster).
- are stationary if phase speed is the same as westerly wind which advects the waves.
- Group velocity of stationary Rossby wave packet is eastward.
- Stationary Rossby wave packet tends to propagate trapped by Jet streams.



2005/1/26-1/30

Blocking over the North Atlantic and Rossby wave trains along the Asian jet

5-day mean stream function anomalies at 200hPa 2005.1.18-1.18 - 1.22





1.20 - 1.24 80N · 60N 40N · 20N EQ-205 40S-60S -80S-6ÓE 30E 30W 9ÔE 120E 150E 180 150W 120W 9ÓW 60W 0 300 vect_min=40 -70 -50 15 70 -30 -15 50 30







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1.24 - 1.28



1.25 - 1.29



1.26 - 1.30



1.27 - 1.31

$$1.28 - 2.1$$



1.29 - 2.2



$$1.31 - 2.4$$



2.2 - 2.6



Blocking over the North Atlantic and Rossby wave trains along the Asian jet

Time cross section of stream function anomalies at 200hPa x-axis : distance along the red line from a base point (60W,60N)



1.27 - 2.2

Decay of Blocking due to Rossby wave radiation



Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) and equatorial waves

Multi-scale clouds in the tropics





Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) from MTSAT JMA at 00 UTC Oct. 5, 2005

In the tropics, Heavy precipitation -> Deep cloud -> Low cloud-top temperature -> Low OLR

Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO)



A broad area of active cloud and rainfall propagates eastwards around the equator at intervals of between about 30-60 days.

Wheeler and Hendon(2004)



Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO)



Interannual Variability El Niño and Southern Oscillation (ENSO)



El Niño/La Niña is important !!

- Predominant inter-annual climate variability
- 2. Big Impact on the world climate
- 3. Predictable with one or two seasons lead time

Sea surface temperature (SST)



1-month mean sea surface temperature observed in July 2005 when the conditions in the equatorial Pacific Ocean stayed close to normal.

Atmosphere-ocean interaction during El Niño



Atmosphere-ocean interaction during La Niña





Statistical relationship between NINO.3 and atmospheric circulation fields in DJF









Velocity Potential at 200hPa



Contours show atmospheric circulation anomalies when normalized NINO.3 is+1.0 Shadings show correlation coefficients.

Stream Function at 850hPa


Some simple solutions for heat-induced tropical circulation

Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society Volume 106, Issue 449, July 1980, Pages: 447–462, A. E. Gill

Symmetric Heating Anomaly

about the equator



Lingering impacts of ENSO through change in SST in Tropical Indian Ocean (TIO)

SST in TIO tends to raise associated with El Nino with one-season lag



Fig. 1. Correlation of tropical Indian Ocean (40-100°E, 20°S-20°N) SST (solid) with the Nino3.4 (170°W-120°W, 5°S-5°N) SST index for Nov(0)-Dec(0)-Jan(1). Numerals in parentheses denote years relative to El Nino: 0 for its developing and 1 for decay year. The dashed curve is the Nino3.4 SST auto-correlation as a function of lag. The black triangle denotes Dec(0), the peak phase of ENSO.

Warm SST in TIO has impact on atmospheric circulation in Asia Pacific region in JJA



Precipitation anomaly (mm/month)

El Niño Modoki & CP El Niño

Nature,2009 The El Niño with a difference

Karumuri Ashok and Toshio Yamagata



Figure 2 | Anomalous conditions in the tropical Pacific. a, An El Niño event is produced when the easterly winds weaken; sometimes, in the west, westerlies prevail. This condition is categorized by warmer than normal sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the east of the ocean, and is associated with alterations in the thermocline and in the atmospheric circulation that make the east wetter and the west drier. b, An El Niño Modoki event is an anomalous condition of a distinctly different kind. The warmest SSTs occur in the central Pacific, flanked by colder waters to the east and west, and are associated with distinct patterns of atmospheric convection. c, d, The opposite (La Niña) phases of the El Niño and El Niño Modoki respectively. Yeh *et al.*³ argue that the increasing frequency of the Modoki condition is due to anthropogenic warming, and that these events in the central Pacific will occur more frequently if global warming increases.

Nature,2009

El Niño in a changing climate

Sang-Wook Yeh¹, Jong-Seong Kug¹, Boris Dewitte², Min-Ho Kwon³, Ben P. Kirtman⁴ & Fei-Fei Jir



Figure 1 | Deviations of mean SST for the two characteristics of El Niño from the 1854-2006 climatology. a, The EP-El Niño; b, the CP-El Niño. The contour interval is 0.2 °C and shading denotes a statistical confidence at 95% confidence level based on a Student's *t*-test. c, The zonal structure for the composite EP-El Niño (thin line) and CP-El Niño (thick line) averaged over 2 °N to 2 °S.

ENSO-Monsoon relation

Severe droughts in India have always been accompanied by El Niño events. SST anomalies in the central equatorial Pacific are more effective in focusing drought-producing subsidence over India.



Plot of standardized, all-India summer [June to September (JJAS)] monsoon rainfall and summer NINO3 anomaly index. Severe drought and drought-free years during El Niño events (standardized NINO3 anomalies > 1) are shown in red and green, respectively.

Kumar et al.(2006)



(A) Composite SST difference pattern between severe drought (shaded) and drought-free El Niño years. Composite SST anomaly patterns of drought-free years are shown as contours. (B) Composite difference pattern between severe drought and drought-free years of velocity potential (contours) and rainfall (shaded). (C) PDF of all-India summer monsoon rainfall from severe-drought (red curve) and drought-free (blue curve) years associated with El Nino occurrence and from the non-ENSO years (green curve). SST and velocity potential composite differences are based on 1950 to 2004, rainfall composites are based on 1979 to 2004, and PDFs are based on 1873 to 2004.

A dipole mode in the tropical Indian Ocean



Figure 2 A composite dipole mode event. a-d, Evolution of composite SST and surface wind anomalies from May–June (a) to Nov–Dec (d). The statistical significance of the

analysed anomalies were estimated by the two-tailed *t*-test. Ano exceeding 90% significance are indicated by shading and bold



Figure 1 Dipole mode and El Niño events since 1958. Plotted in blue, the dipole mode index (DMI) exhibits a pattern of evolution distinctly different from that of the El Niño, which is represented by the Nino3 sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies (black line). On the other hand, equatorial zonal wind anomalies U_{eq} (plotted in red) coevolves with the DMI. All the three time series have been normalized by their respective standard deviations. We have removed variability with periods of 7 years or longer, based on harmonic analysis, from all the data sets used in this analysis. In addition, we have smoothed the time series using a 5-month running mean.

Saji et al., Nature 1999

Figure 4 Rainfall shifts northwest of the OTCZ during dipole mode events. The map correlates the DMI and rainfall to illustrate these shifts. The areas within the white curve exceed the 90% level of confidence for non-zero correlation (using a two-tailed *t* test).



Indian Ocean Dipole mode

Possible Impacts of Indian Ocean Dipole model events on global climate



Fig. 1. Composite OND rain anomaly over Africa for (a) 19 IOD events, (b) 11 ENSO-independent IOD events, (c) 20 ENSO events and (d) 12 IOD-independent ENSO events. The composite anomaly was normalized by the standard deviation of rain during OND. Contours given at ±1, ±2, etc.



Fig. 21. Partial correlation of land and sea-surface temperature on DMI independent of Nino3 during JJASO

Saji et al.(2003)

Decadal Oscillation



Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)



T900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020

Trenberth and Fasullo (2013)

SST pattern regressed on PDO index

PDO index (from JMA website)

(from JMA website)

PDO and local climate



Global Warming Slowdown and PDO



Phases of global warming slowdown ("hiatus") correspond to the negative phase of PDO index

Global warming slowdown and PDO/IPO



Annual Global Mean Surface Temperature (GMST) anomalies relative to a 1961–1990 climatology from the latest version of the three combined Land-Surface Air Temperature (LSAT) and Sea Surface Temperature (SST) datasets (HadCRUT4, GISS and NCDC MLOST).

IPCC AR5 (2014)



Five CCSM4 21st century simulations with RCP4.5 (uniform increase in GHGs, no volcanoes):

Composites of decades with near-zero warming trend (hiatus decades) and decades with rapid global warming (accelerated warming decades) show opposite phases of the IPO in the Pacific

(hiatus=linear trend of global T <-0.10K/decade; 8 hiatus decades Accelerated=linear trend of global T>+0.41K/decade; 7 accelerated warming decades)

Meehl et al. (2013)

IPO in positive phase → Accelerated warming decades
IPO in negative phase → Hiatus decades

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Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO)



SST anomalies averaged in North Atalntic after removed linear trend. From JMA-HP







Fig. 1. (**A**) Shown are 21-year sliding standardized means of Indian summer monsoon rainfall (thin line) and June to August (JJA) NINO3 SST anomalies (thin dashed line) during 1856–1997. The corresponding solid lines represent the smoothed values (smoothing is done by fitting a polynomial). The sign of NINO3 SST is reversed to facilitate direct comparison. (**B**) Shown are 21-year sliding correlations between Indian summer monsoon rainfall and NINO3 SST anomalies (JJA) during 1856–1997. The horizontal line shows the 5% significance level.

On the Weakening Relationship Between the Indian Monsoon and ENSO

K. Krishna Kumar, 1*† Balaji Rajagopalan, 2 Mark A. Cane² 1999

Global Warming

Boundary Condition Problem
✓ External Anthropogenic Forcing

Changes in greenhouse gases



Example: MRI Earth System Model



Each component can be coupled with different resolutions

Historical Global Warming Experiments

Radiative forcing is the difference between insolation (sunlight) absorbed by the Earth and energy radiated back to space.



Model Experiments



Radiative Forcing

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WGI_AR5_FigSPM-5

Future Scenarios

Radiative Forcing

CO2 and Emisson



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Summary

- The global climate system consists of atmosphere including its composition and circulation, the ocean, hydrosphere, land surface, biosphere, snow and ice, solar and volcanic activities. These components interact on various spatial and temporal scales through the exchanges of heat, momentum, radiation, water and other materials.
- We have used science, especially physics, to describe the concepts of the climate system and to predict the behavior.
- Climate variability refers to variations in the mean state and other statistics of the climate on all spatial and temporal scales beyond that of individual weather events. Climate variability may be due to natural internal processes within the climate system (internal variability), or to variations in natural or anthropogenic external forcing.
- Experts of climate services must learn climate system, causes, impacts, and predicatbility of climate variability in various spatial and temporal scales.