

# MATHEMATICAL GEOSCIENCE.

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LECTURE 1a

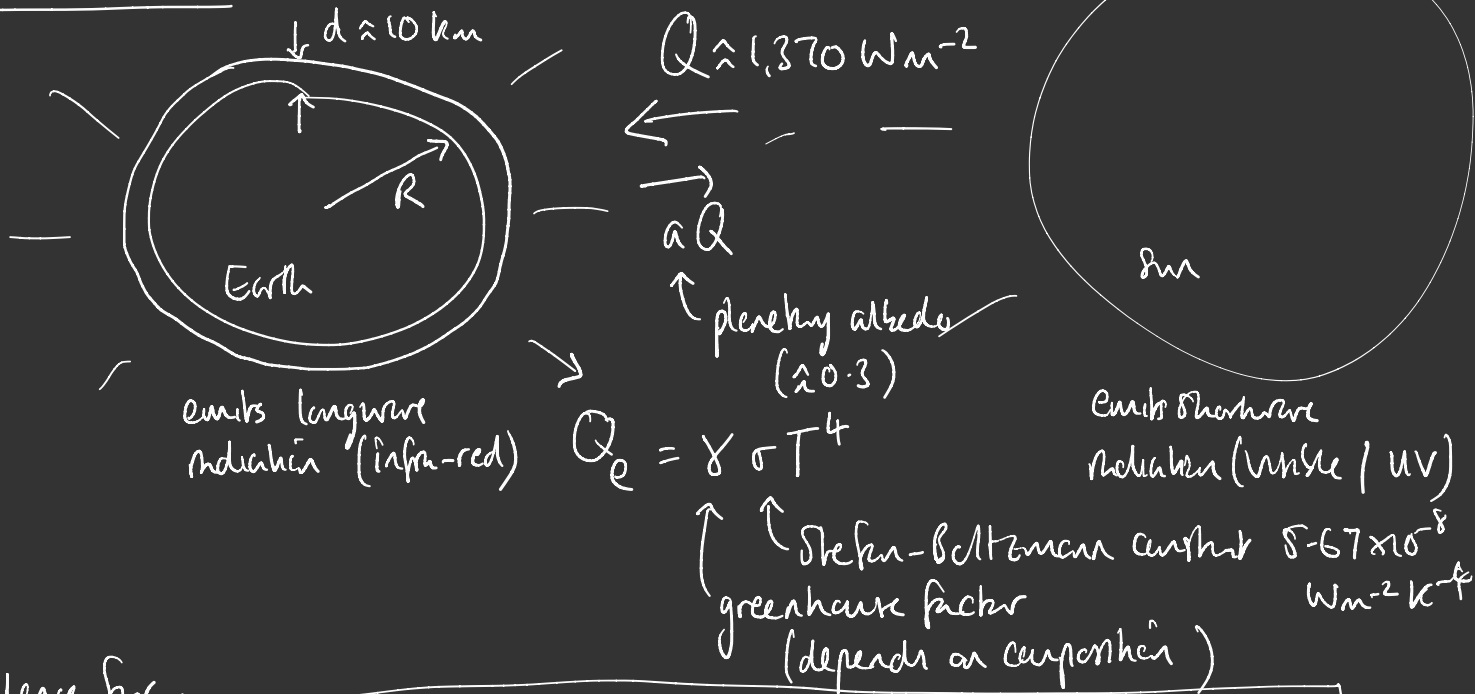
Introduction & Radiative balance

1. CLIMATE

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# Radföhre balance



Energy balance for atmosphere

$$\frac{d}{dt} (4\pi R^2 d \rho c_p T) = \pi R^2 (1 - \alpha) Q - 4\pi R^2 \gamma \sigma T^4$$

$$C \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{4} (1-a) Q - \gamma_{\sigma} T^4$$

$$C = \rho c_p d \approx 10^7 \text{ J m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

heat capacity of atmosphere

Steady state  $T_0 = \left[ \frac{(1-a)Q}{4\gamma_{\sigma}} \right]^{1/4}$

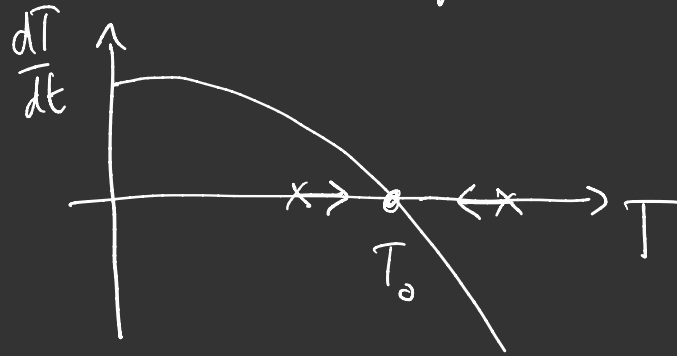
For Earth, with  $\gamma = 1$  (no greenhouse effect),  $T_0 \approx 255 \text{ K}$  ( $273 \text{ K} \approx 0 \text{ C}$ )

observed temp  $\approx 288 \text{ K} \Rightarrow$  greenhouse factor  $\gamma \approx 0.61$  currently.

For Venus, observed temp  $\approx 740 \text{ K} \Rightarrow$  greenhouse factor  $\gamma \approx 0.91$   
ie. strong greenhouse effect.

The steady state is stable. Two ways to see this:

- graphical



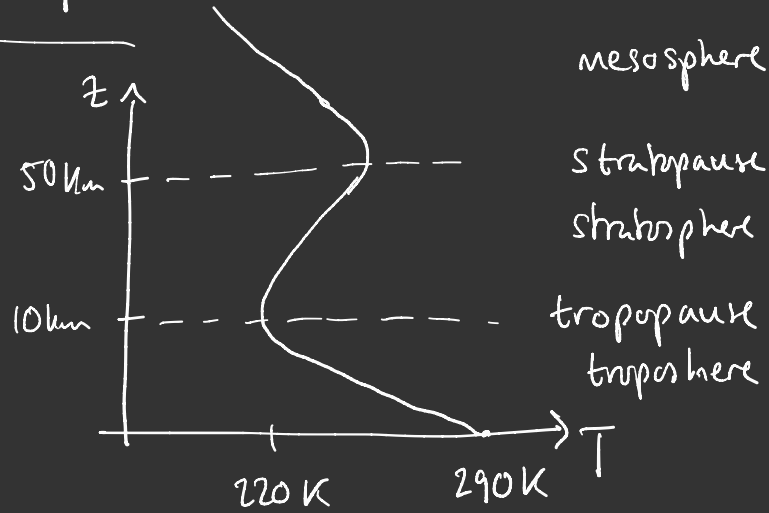
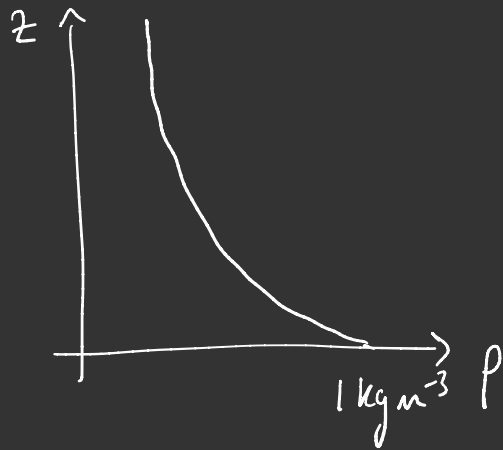
- linear stability - write  $T = T_0 + T'$   $|T'| \ll T_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow C \frac{dT'}{dt} &= \frac{1}{4} (1-a) Q - \gamma \sigma (T_0 + T')^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1-a) Q - \gamma \sigma T_0^4 - 4\gamma \sigma T_0^3 T' + \text{h.o.t.} \end{aligned}$$

$$T' \propto e^{-t/t_0} \quad \text{where } t_0 = \frac{C}{4\gamma \sigma T_0^3} \approx 30 \text{ days.}$$

# Lecture 1b

# Vertical structure of the atmosphere



Why? Ideal gas law  $p = \rho \frac{RT}{M_a}$

$R \approx 8.3 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

$M_a \approx 29 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg mol}^{-1}$

Hydrostatic equilibrium  $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$  (vertical force balance)

Treat  $T \hat{=} T_0$  as constant  $\Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dz} = -\frac{M_a g}{RT_0} p \Rightarrow p = p_0 e^{-z/H}$   $H = \frac{RT_0}{M_a g} \approx 8 \text{ km}$

Energy eqn

$$\rho c_p \frac{dT}{Dt} - \frac{Dp}{Dt} = \cancel{\nabla \cdot (k \nabla T)} - \cancel{\nabla \cdot \underline{q}}$$

↑  
adiabatic term
↑  
conduction
↑  
radiation

$\left( \frac{DT}{Dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla T \right)$   
 material derivative

In troposphere, convection causes vertical advection to dominate

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\rho c_p \frac{dT}{dz} - \frac{dp}{dz} \approx 0} \quad \text{adiabatic approximation}$$

+ hydrostatic  $\Rightarrow \frac{dT}{dz} = -\frac{g}{c_p} =: -\Gamma_d$ , the lapse rate  $\approx 10 \text{ K km}^{-1}$

(this ignores water vapor & condensation - see later)



## Lecture 2a

Two-stream approximation

Last time: steady radiation balance

$$\frac{1}{4}(1-a)Q = \underbrace{\gamma}_{\approx} \sigma T_s^4 = \sigma T_e^4 \quad \text{where } T_e = \gamma^{1/4} T_s \text{ is the 'effective emitting temperature'}$$

Now: determine  $\gamma$  by modelling longwave radiation within the atmosphere.

we'll assume a 'grey atmosphere', i.e. absorption is independent of frequency.

Define radiative intensity  $I(\underline{x}, \hat{\underline{s}})$

radiative transfer equation (RTE)

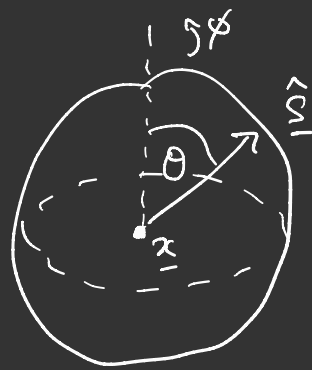
$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial s} = -\kappa \rho (I - B)$$

emission intensity

$$B = \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi}$$

density

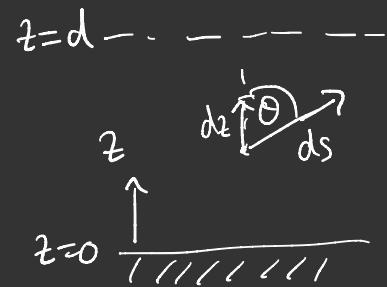
absorption coefficient (depends on concentration  $\text{CO}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{CH}_4, \dots$ )



$$\hat{\underline{s}} = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial s} = \hat{\underline{s}} \cdot \nabla I \right)$$

We assume a one-dimensional atmosphere, so  $I(z, \theta)$ .



$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial I}{\partial s} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -\kappa \rho (I - \beta)$$

$$\text{for } z \in [0, d] \\ \theta \in [0, \pi]$$

$$(\text{note } I = I(z, \theta), \beta = \beta(z), \kappa(z), \rho(z))$$

Average intensity over all upwards / downwards directions,  $I_+$  /  $I_-$

$$I_+(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} I(z, \theta) \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi = \int_0^1 I \, d\mu \quad \begin{array}{l} \mu = \cos \theta \\ d\mu = -\sin \theta \, d\theta \end{array}$$

$$I_-(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} I(z, \theta) \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi = \int_{-1}^0 I \, d\mu$$

Also define the total upwards / downwards fluxes,  $F_+$  /  $F_-$

$$F_+(z) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} I(z, \theta) \cos \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi = 2\pi \int_0^1 I \mu \, d\mu \approx \pi I_+ \quad \swarrow \text{approx.}$$

$$F_-(z) = - \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} I(z, \theta) \cos \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi = -2\pi \int_{-1}^0 I \mu \, d\mu \approx \pi I_-$$

Next, re-write RTE  $\mu \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -\kappa\rho(I - B)$ .

Integrate  $\int_0^1 d\mu$  &  $\int_{-1}^0 d\mu$ , using the same approx. ( $\int_0^1 I \mu d\mu \approx \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 I d\mu$ )

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{dI_+}{dz} = -\kappa\rho (I_+ - B) \quad -\frac{1}{2} \frac{dI_-}{dz} = -\kappa\rho (I_- - B) \right]$$

This is the two-stream approximation.

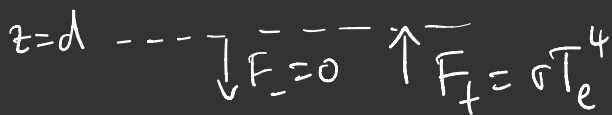
Lecture 2b

We assume local radiative equilibrium (each point re-emits all the radiation that it absorbs)

$$\beta = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} I(z, \vartheta) \sin \vartheta d\vartheta d\varphi = \frac{1}{2} (I_+ + I_-)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI_+}{dz} = -\kappa \rho (I_+ - I_-) = \frac{dI_-}{dz} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\left. \frac{dF_+}{dz} = \frac{dF_-}{dz} = -\kappa \rho (F_+ - F_-) \right\}$$


$z=d$  

At  $z=0$ ,  $F_+ = \sigma T_s^4$  (Stefan-Boltzmann)

At  $z=d$ ,  $F_- = 0$  (no incoming longwave radiation)

$\uparrow F_+ = \sigma T_s^4$

$F_+ = \sigma T_e^4$  (defines  $T_e$ )

$z=0$  



Note  $\frac{dF_+}{dz} = \frac{dF_-}{dz} \Rightarrow (F_+ - F_-)$  is independent of  $z$ , so  $F_+ - F_- = \sigma T_e^4$

so  $\frac{dF_-}{dz} = -k\rho \sigma T_e^4$  with  $F_- = 0$  at  $z=d$

$\Rightarrow F_- = \sigma T_e^4 \int_z^d k\rho dz = \sigma T_e^4 \tau$ , where  $\tau = \int_z^d k\rho dz$   
is the optical depth.

so  $F_+ = \sigma T_e^4 (1 + \tau)$

so, at  $z=0$ ,  $\sigma T_s^4 = \sigma T_e^4 (1 + \tau_s)$  where  $\tau_s = \int_0^d k\rho dz$   
is the optical thickness of  
the atmosphere

So, we find  $\gamma = \frac{T_e^4}{T_s^4} = \frac{1}{1 + \tau_s}$  is the greenhouse factor

## Lecture 3a

Runaway greenhouse effect.

Water vapor is a powerful greenhouse gas. It exerts a positive feedback:

more vapor  $\rightarrow$  stronger greenhouse effect  $\rightarrow$  higher temperatures  $\rightarrow$  more evaporation  

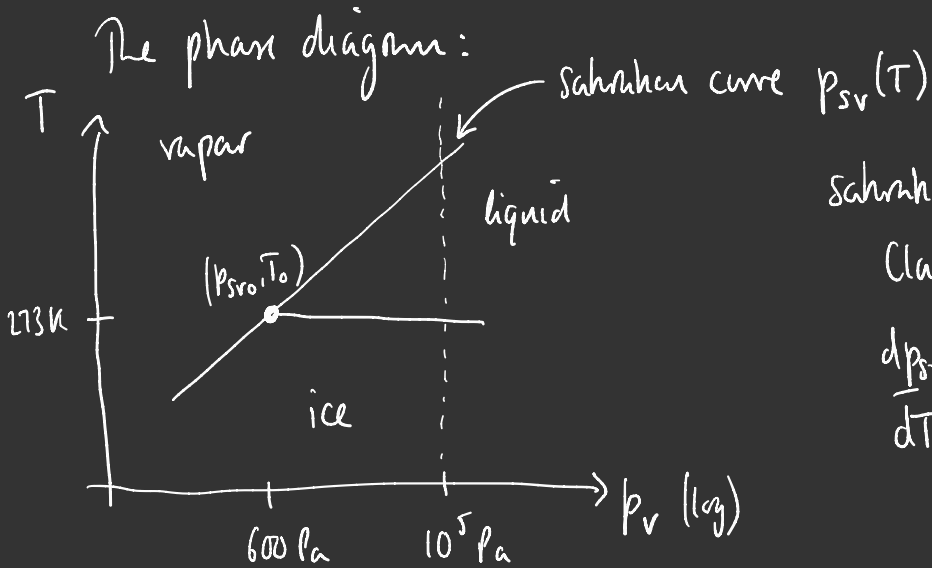

On Earth, this is limited by cloud formation (clouds = condensed water droplets in suspension) and rainfall. On Venus, clouds don't form  $\Rightarrow$  runaway greenhouse effect.  
(Clouds also increase the albedo,  $\rightarrow$  negative feedback)

The amount of vapor is described with the density  $\rho_v$ , and the partial pressure  $p_v$ , related by the ideal gas law:

$$p_v = \frac{\rho_v R T}{M_v}$$

$R$  = gas constant

$M_v$  = molecular weight ( $18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg mol}^{-1}$ )



Saturation curve is described by the Clausius-Clapeyron equation

$$\frac{dp_{sv}}{dT} = \frac{p_{sv} L}{T^2}$$

$$= \frac{M_v L}{R} \frac{p_{sv}}{T^2}$$

$L = \text{latent heat of condensation}$   
 $\approx 2.5 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \log \left( \frac{p_{sv}}{p_{sv0}} \right) = \frac{M_v L}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T_0} - \frac{1}{T} \right) \approx \frac{M_v L}{T_0^2} (T - T_0) \quad (*) \quad \text{for } |T - T_0| \ll T_0$$

As atmosphere forced (through mechanism),  $p_v$  (and  $p_r$ ) increased. That causes  $T$  to increase too, since  $T = \left[ \frac{Q(1-\alpha)}{4\gamma\sigma} \right]^{1/4}$  with  $\gamma = \gamma(p_v)$  according to radiative balance.

We assume that initially  $p_v < p_{sv}(T)$ . Does the atmosphere reach saturation?

For illustration, suppose  $\gamma = K/p_v = \frac{KR}{M_v} \frac{T}{p_v} \Rightarrow$  
$$T = \left[ \frac{(1-\alpha)QM_v}{4\sigma KR} \right]^{1/5} p_v^{4/5}$$

The runaway greenhouse effect occurs if this radiative balance curve  $T(p_v)$  stays above the saturation curve  $p_{sv}(T)$  (⊕)

Lechre 3b

Write  $\theta = \frac{T}{T_0}$  &  $\xi = \frac{1}{5} \log\left(\frac{p_v}{p_{sv0}}\right)$ . Then radiative balance  $\Rightarrow$

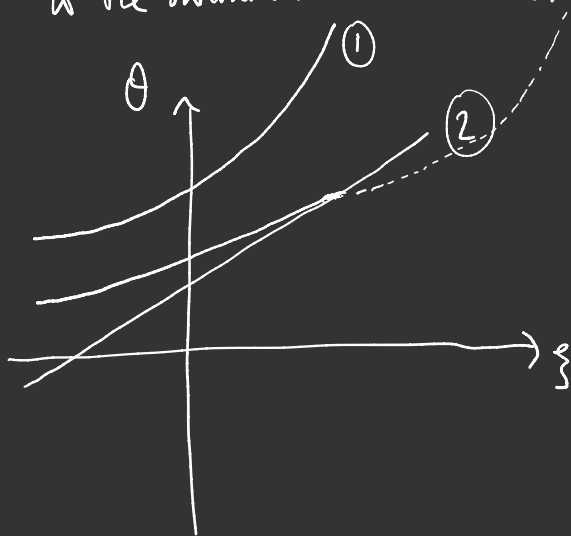
$$\theta = \beta e^{\xi} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } \beta = \left[ \frac{(1-a) Q M_v p_{sv0}}{4\sigma K R T_0^5} \right]^{1/5}$$

& The saturation curve becomes

$$\theta = 1 + \alpha \xi \quad (2)$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \frac{5 R T_0}{M_v L}$$



The lines will not intersect ( $\Rightarrow$  runaway) if

$\beta > \beta_c$ , where  $\beta_c$  is the critical value at which the two curves meet tangentially.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta e^{\xi} &= 1 + \alpha \xi \\ \beta e^{\xi} &= \alpha \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\xi = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_c = \alpha e^{(1-\alpha)/\alpha}$$

On Venus,  $\beta > \beta_c$ . On Earth,  $\beta < \beta_c$ .

## The wet adiabatic lapse rate

Recall that  $T(z)$  in the atmosphere was determined from the energy eqn.

Accounting for the latent heat release by condensation, this becomes

$$\rho c_p \frac{dT}{dz} - \frac{dp}{dz} + \rho L \frac{dm}{dz} \approx 0, \quad \text{where } m = \frac{p_v}{p} \text{ is the moisture content.}$$

If atmosphere is saturated, then

$$m = \frac{p_v}{p} = \frac{M_v}{M_a} \frac{p_v}{p} = \frac{M_v}{M_a} \frac{p_{sv}}{p}$$

↑ ideal gas law          ↑ saturation  $p_v = p_{sv}(T)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dm}{dz} = \frac{M_v}{M_a} \left[ \frac{dp_{sv}}{dT} \frac{dT}{dz} \frac{1}{p} - \frac{p_{sv}}{p^2} \frac{dp}{dz} \right] = \frac{M_v}{M_a} \left[ \frac{p_v L}{T p} \frac{dT}{dz} - \frac{p_{sv}}{p^2} \frac{dp}{dz} \right]$$

↑  
Clausius-Clapeyron



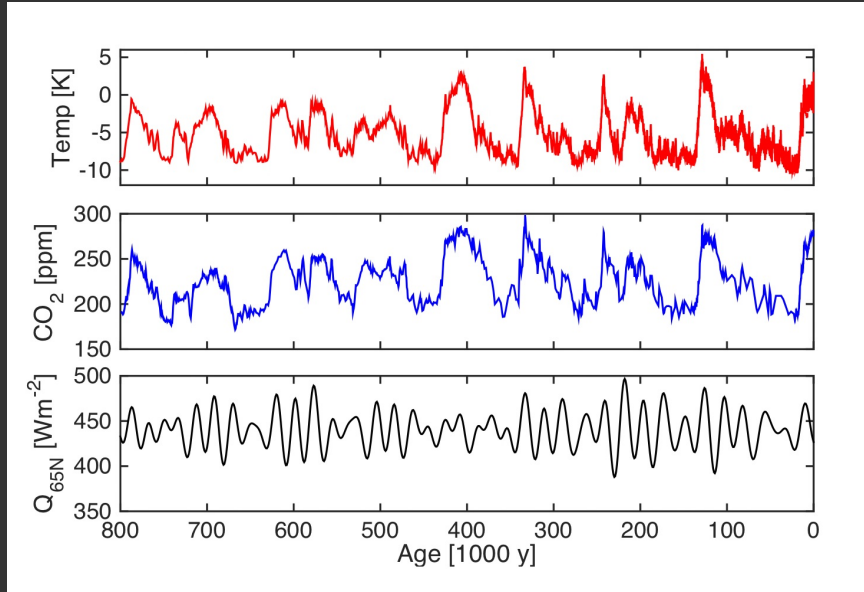
Inserting into the energy eqn & using  $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$ , gives

$$\frac{dT}{dz} = - \frac{c_p}{g} \frac{1 + \frac{\text{Pr}L}{p}}{1 + \frac{\text{Pr}L}{p} \frac{M_v}{M_a} \frac{L}{c_p T}} = - \Gamma_w \approx -6 \text{ K km}^{-1} \text{ for typical values of } \text{Pr}, p, T.$$

Lecture 4a

Ice-albedo feedback.

Ice-core  
records

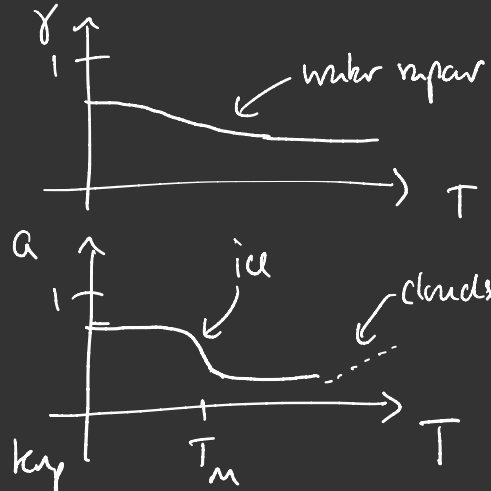


Over the last 2-5 My (the Pleistocene) there has been a succession of ice ages, recently with period  $\sim 100$  ky. The last glacial maximum (LGM) was  $\sim 18$  ky ago, and sea level was  $\sim 130$  m lower than today.

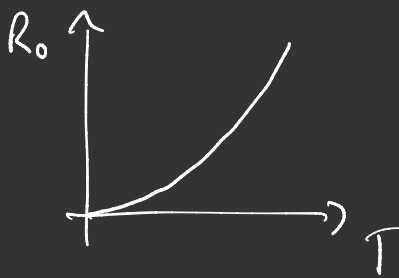
Recall the global energy balance model:

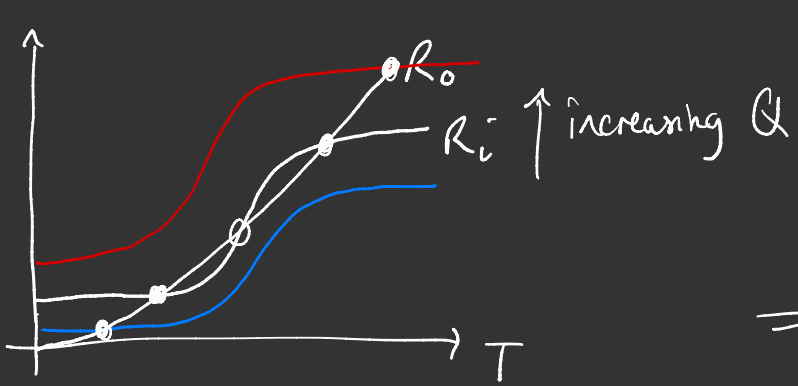
$$C \frac{dT}{dt} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} Q (1-a)}_{R_i} - \underbrace{\gamma \sigma T^4}_{R_o}$$

Both  $\gamma$  and  $a$  can vary with temperature

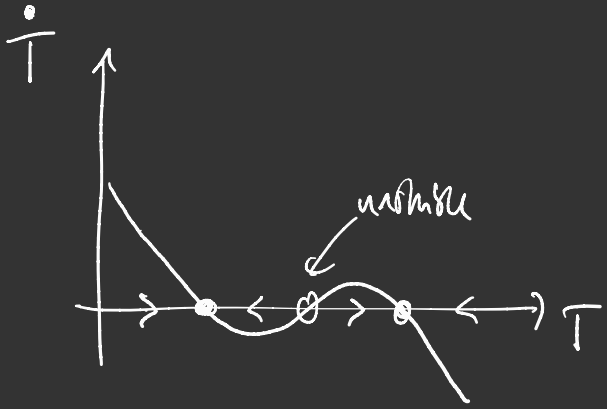
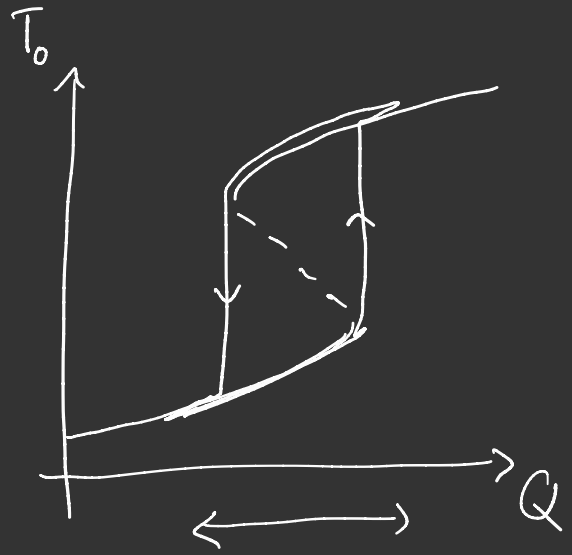


So both incoming and outgoing molecules vary with temp





$\Rightarrow$



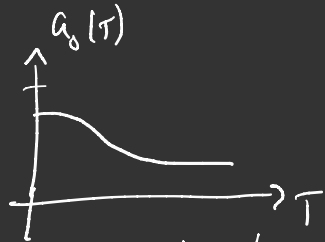
Milanković theory - variations in Earth's orbit cause changes in  $Q$  that result in appearance/disappearance of different equilibrium temperatures.

Lecture 4b

The model just studied assumed  $a$  to be an instantaneous function of  $T$ . In fact, the growth of ice sheets takes millennia.

A better model is: 
$$C \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{4} Q (1-a) - \gamma_{\sigma} T^4$$

$$t_i \frac{da}{dt} = a_0(T) - a$$



where  $a_0(T)$  is the 'equilibrium' albedo, and  $t_i$  is the timescale on which  $a$  evolves ( $t_i \approx 10^4$  y)

Non-dimensionalise:  $T = [T] \hat{T}$ ,  $t = [t] \hat{t}$ ,  $Q = [Q] \hat{Q}$

$[T] = \left( \frac{[Q]}{4\gamma_{\sigma}} \right)^{1/4}$        $[t] = t_i$        $[Q] = 1370 \text{ W m}^{-2}$

$\hat{a}_0(\hat{T}) = a_0([T] \hat{T})$

$$\frac{C [T]}{[t]} \frac{d\hat{T}}{d\hat{t}} = \frac{1}{4} [Q] \hat{Q} (1-a) - \gamma_{\sigma} [T]^4 \hat{T}^4, \quad \left( \frac{t_i}{[t]} \right) \frac{da}{d\hat{t}} = \hat{a}_0(\hat{T}) - a$$

⇒

$$\varepsilon \frac{dT}{dt} = Q(1-a) - T^4$$

$$\frac{da}{dt} = a_0(T) - a$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{4C(T)}{[Q](t)} = \frac{C}{\sigma \varepsilon [T]^3 (t)}$$

$$\approx \frac{4 \cdot 10^7 \cdot 290}{1.370 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^{11}}$$

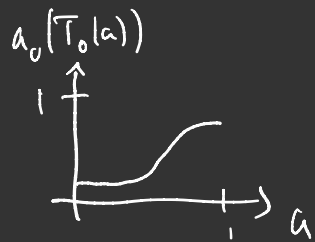
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 ~~$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{s}$~~

$$\approx \frac{10^{10}}{5 \cdot 10^{14}} \approx 2 \times 10^{-5} \ll 1$$

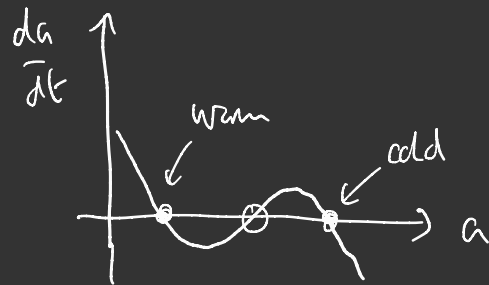
$\varepsilon \ll 1 \Rightarrow$  temperature is quasi-static  $T = T_0(a) = [Q(1-a)]^{1/4}$

$a$  evolves according to

$$\frac{da}{dt} = a_0(T_0(a)) - a$$



Then has multiple steady states, as before





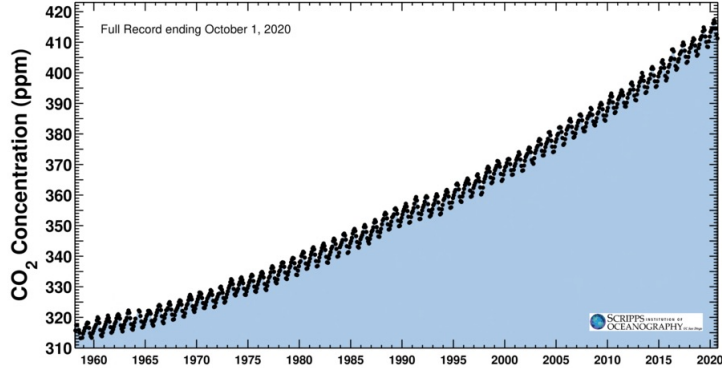
## Lecture 5a

### The Carbon Cycle

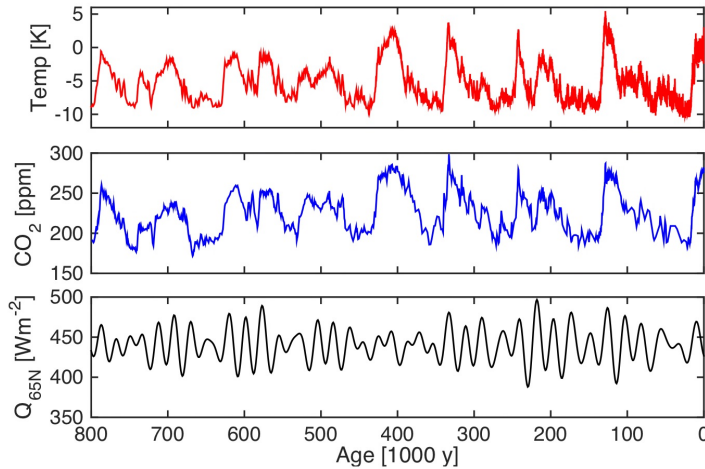
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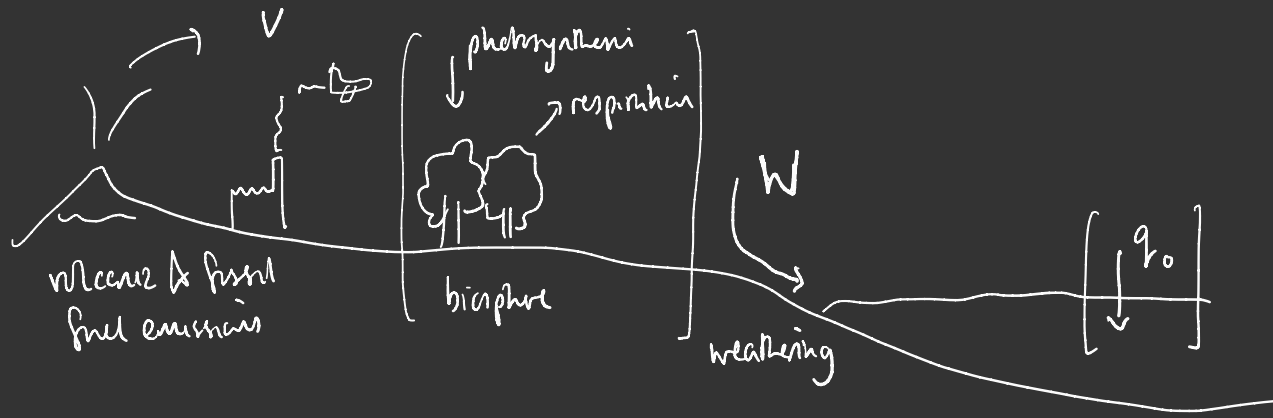
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### Carbon dioxide concentration at Mauna Loa Observatory



ice core records →





Atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$ : 
$$\frac{dm_{\text{CO}_2}}{dt} = V - W$$

$V$  is the volcanic & fossil fuel emissions ( $V \approx 0.3 \text{ Gt y}^{-1}$  pre-industrial  
 $\approx 30 \text{ Gt y}^{-1}$  current day)

$W$  is the weathering rate ( $\text{CO}_2$  dissolves in rain water, reacts with silicate rocks in the crust, and runs off to the ocean)

We want to relate  $m_{\text{CO}_2}$  to the partial pressure  $p_{\text{CO}_2}$  at the Earth's surface.

$$m_{\text{CO}_2} = m \left( \frac{p_{\text{CO}_2}}{P} \right) = m \frac{M_{\text{CO}_2}}{M_a} \frac{p_{\text{CO}_2}}{P} = \frac{M_{\text{CO}_2} A_E}{M_a g} p_{\text{CO}_2}$$

↑  
total mass of atmosphere

at the Earth's surface, hydrostatic balance  $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g \Rightarrow p = \int_0^d \rho g dz = \frac{m g}{A_E}$   
area of Earth's surface.

We have an empirical expression for the weathering rate

$$W = W_0 \left( \frac{p_{\text{CO}_2}}{p_0} \right)^m \exp \left( \frac{T - T_0}{\Delta T_c} \right) \quad \text{where } W_0, p_0, T_0, \Delta T_c, m \text{ are constants.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{M_{\text{CO}_2} A_E}{M_a g} \frac{dp_{\text{CO}_2}}{dt} = v - W_0 \left( \frac{p_{\text{CO}_2}}{p_0} \right)^M \exp \left( \frac{T - T_0}{\Delta T_c} \right) \quad (3)$$

For fixed  $v$  &  $T$ , this shows that  $p_{\text{CO}_2}$  adjusts to an equilibrium in which weathering balances emissions.

Combine with the ice-albedo model from last lecture, and let  $\gamma = \gamma_0 - \gamma_1 p_{\text{CO}_2}$ ,

$$C \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{4} (1-a) Q - (\gamma_0 - \gamma_1 p_{\text{CO}_2}) \sigma T^4 \quad (1)$$

$$t_i \frac{da}{dt} = a_0(T) - a \quad (2)$$

This is a 3-dimensional dynamical system. Simplify by non-dimensionalizing.

## Lecture 5b

To scale the model, with  $T = T_0 + \Delta T_c \theta$ ,  $p_{\text{CO}_2} = p_0 \hat{p}$ ,  $t = t_c \hat{t}$

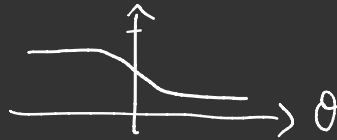
$\Rightarrow$  (dropping hat)

$$(1) \quad \Sigma \frac{d\theta}{dt} = (1-a)q - (1-\nu\lambda p) \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\nu\theta\right)^4$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{C\Delta T_c}{t_c \sigma \gamma_0 T_0^4} \quad \nu = \frac{4\Delta T_c}{T_0}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{da}{dt} = B(\theta) - a \quad B(\theta) = a_0(T + \Delta T_c \theta)$$

$$q = \frac{Q}{4\sigma \gamma_0 T_0^4} \quad \lambda = \frac{\gamma_1 p_0}{\gamma_0 \nu}$$



$$(3) \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{dp}{dt} = 1 - w p^\mu e^\theta$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\nu M_a g t_c}{M_{\text{CO}_2} A_E p_0} \quad w = \frac{W_0}{\nu}$$

Using typical values (see online notes), with  $\nu = 3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg y}^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-6}, \quad \nu \approx 0.18, \quad q = 1.4, \quad \lambda \approx 0.25, \quad \alpha \approx 1.1, \quad w \approx 1$$

Make use of  $\varepsilon \ll 1$ ,  $\nu \ll 1$  (expand in small  $\nu$ , neglect  $\varepsilon$ )

$$(1) \Rightarrow 0 \approx (1-a)q^{-1} + \nu\lambda p - \nu\theta$$

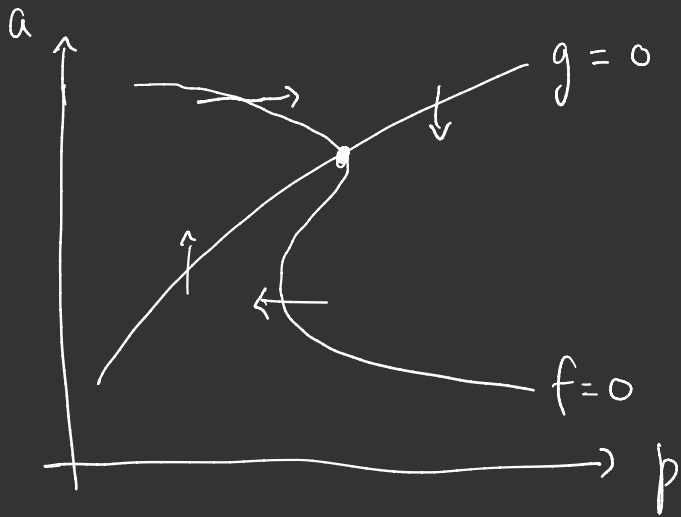
$$\Rightarrow \theta = \lambda p + \frac{q(1-a)-1}{\nu} =: \Theta(a, p) \quad \text{quasi-steady temperature.}$$

(2) & (3) become a two-dimensional dynamical system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{a} &= \beta(\Theta(a, p)) - a && =: f(a, p) \\ \dot{p} &= \alpha(1 - wp^M e^{\Theta(a, p)}) && =: g(a, p) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

This can be analyzed using phase plane methods, eg. steady states, nullclines, stability states, periodic solutions. (see problem sheet)

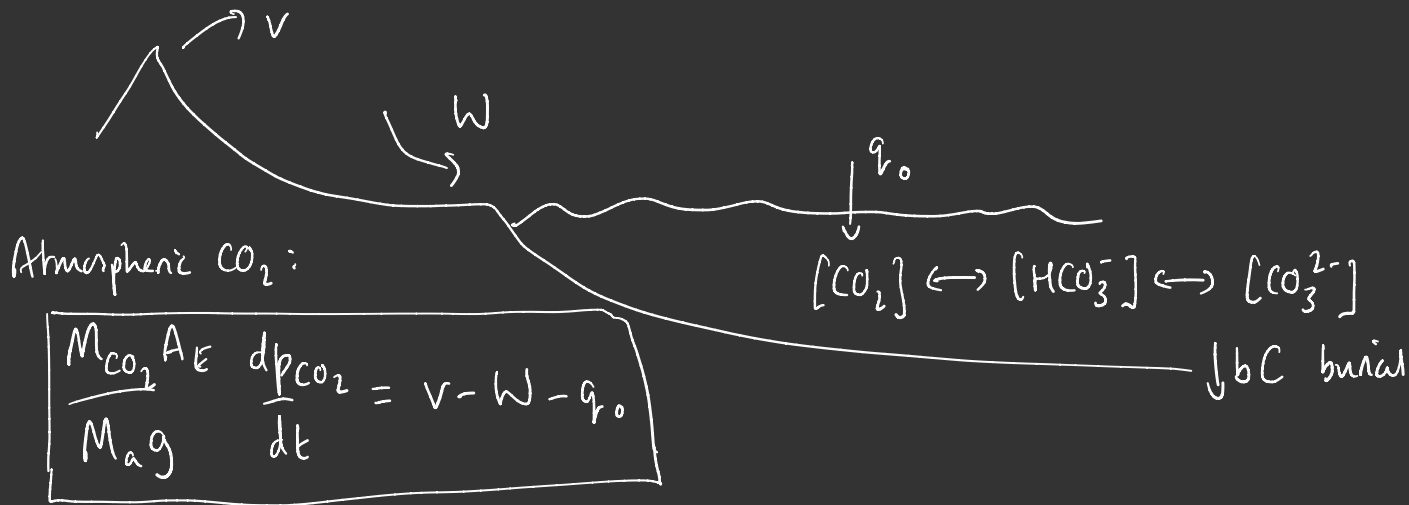




There is a possibility of limit cycles  
(even with fixed  $q$ )

Lecture 6a

Ocean carbon



$q_o$  is the exchange flux with the ocean, depends on  $p_{\text{CO}_2}$  and the concentration of dissolved  $\text{CO}_2$  in the ocean,  $[\text{CO}_2]$  (where  $[\ ] = \text{concentration, mol kg}^{-1}$ ).

$$q_o = h \left( p_{\text{CO}_2} - \frac{[\text{CO}_2]}{K_H} \right)$$

$K_H = \text{solubility (decreases with increasing temp)}$

$h = \text{transfer coefficient}$

Dissolved  $\text{CO}_2$  rapidly reacts with water to form bicarbonate and carbonate ions,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  &  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ .

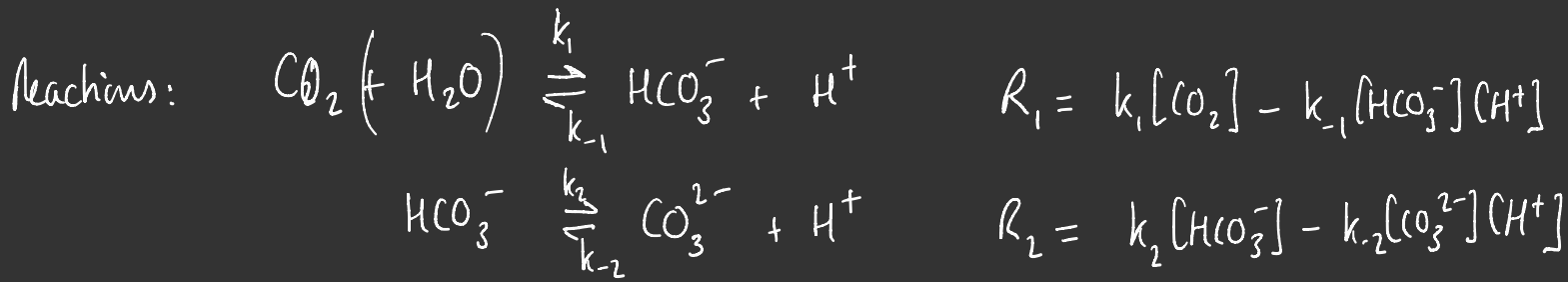
So we must conserve the total dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC)

$$C = [\text{CO}_2] + [\text{HCO}_3^-] + [\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$$

$$\rho_0 V_0 \frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{q_0 + W}{M_{\text{CO}_2}} - bC$$

mass of ocean

Next: relate  $[\text{CO}_2]$  to  $C$



Rapid reaction  $\Rightarrow$  equilibrium  $[\text{HCO}_3^-] = \frac{K_1[\text{CO}_2]}{[\text{H}^+]}$   $K_1 = \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$

$[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] = \frac{K_2[\text{HCO}_3^-]}{[\text{H}^+]}$   $K_2 = \frac{k_2}{k_{-2}} \approx 9.1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$

$$C = [\text{CO}_2] + [\text{HCO}_3^-] + [\text{CO}_3^{2-}] = \left( 1 + \frac{K_1}{[\text{H}^+]} + \frac{K_1 K_2}{[\text{H}^+]^2} \right) [\text{CO}_2]$$

$\Rightarrow$  Exchange flux  $q_{\text{ex}} = h \left( p_{\text{CO}_2} - \frac{C}{K} \right)$  where  $K = K_H \left( 1 + \frac{K_1}{[\text{H}^+]} + \frac{K_1 K_2}{[\text{H}^+]^2} \right)$

$\approx 200$

## Lecture 6b

$$\frac{M_{\text{CO}_2} A_E}{M_a g} \frac{dp_{\text{CO}_2}}{dt} = v - W - h \left( p_{\text{CO}_2} - \frac{C}{K} \right)$$

$$M_{\text{CO}_2} \rho_0 V_0 \frac{dC}{dt} = W + h \left( p_{\text{CO}_2} - \frac{C}{K} \right) - M_{\text{CO}_2} b C$$

Timescales:  $t_p = \frac{M_{\text{CO}_2} A_E}{M_a g h} \approx 100 \text{ y}$  .  $t_C = \frac{\rho_0 V_0}{b} \approx 10^5 \text{ y}$

Non-dimensionalize:  $t = t_p \hat{t}$ ,  $W = W_0 \hat{W}$ ,  $v = W_0 \hat{v}$ ,  $C = \frac{W_0}{M_{\text{CO}_2} b} \hat{C}$ ,  $p_{\text{CO}_2} = \frac{W_0}{M_{\text{CO}_2} b K} \hat{p}$

$\Rightarrow$  (dropping hats)

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{v}{\alpha} + \frac{W}{\alpha} - p + C$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{dC}{dt} = W + \alpha(p - C) - C$$

$$\alpha = \frac{h}{M_{\text{CO}_2} b K}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{t_p}{t_C} \ll 1$$

Suppose initially in steady state with  $v = v_1$  (pre-industrial), then suddenly increase to

$$v_2 > v_1.$$

Initial condition:  $C = C_0 = v_1$ ,  $p = p_0 = \frac{v_1}{\alpha} + \frac{W}{\alpha} + C_0$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{v}{\alpha} + \frac{W}{\alpha} - p + C$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{dC}{dt} = W + \alpha(p - C) - C$$

$O(1)$  timescale:  $\frac{dC}{dt} \approx 0 \Rightarrow C = C_0$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} \approx \frac{v_2}{\alpha} + \frac{W}{\alpha} - p + C_0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{v_2}{\alpha} + \frac{W}{\alpha} + C_0 + \left( p_0 - \frac{v_2}{\alpha} - \frac{W}{\alpha} - C_0 \right) e^{-t}$$

$O(\frac{1}{\varepsilon})$  timescale:  $0 \approx \frac{v_2}{\alpha} + \frac{W}{\alpha} - p + C \Rightarrow p = \frac{v_2}{\alpha} + \frac{W}{\alpha} + C$  (quasi-steady)

$$t = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \tau$$

$$\frac{dC}{d\tau} \approx v_2 - C \Rightarrow C = v_2 + (C_0 - v_2) e^{-\tau}$$





Currently (century timescale) increased  $v$  causing  $p_{CO_2}$  to increase, and increase transfer to the ocean.



Larger term (many millennia), the ocean carbon concentration increases significantly.

$\longleftrightarrow$   
 $O(1)$

$\longleftarrow \longrightarrow$   
 $O(v_2)$

Ocean acidification  $[H^+]$  is related to the pH of the ocean ( $pH = -\log_{10}([H^+]) \approx 8.2$ )

There is no reason to assume that is fixed (as assumed above). In fact, it is better to assume that there is conservation of total alkalinity

$$A = 2[CO_3^{2-}] + [HCO_3^-]$$

If we revert the equilibrium reaction & assume  $K_2 \ll K_1$ , then we find

$$[H^+] \approx K_2 \frac{2C-A}{A-C}, \quad [CO_2] \approx \frac{K_2}{K_1} \frac{(2C-A)^2}{A-C} \quad (\text{currently } \frac{C}{A} \approx 0.85)$$

As  $C$  increases,  $[H^+]$  increases (ocean acidification), and  $[CO_2]$  increases more than linearly with  $C$ .