

AT 753
Spring 2024
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Required text: None

Useful texts for own library: Piexoto and Oort, 1992
Liou, 1992

Course Outline

Week 1

Jan. 15 – CSU Closed (MLK day)

Jan. 17 – Lecture 1: Introduction to Water and Energy budgets. Homework: Find a recent news story related to water and climate or if you cannot find one, simply google “Water and Climate” and come to Friday’s class prepared to share. Also download *IPCC Assessment Report 6 – The Physical Science Basis/Summary for Policymakers* and skim for statements on Water and Energy.

Jan. 19 – Lecture 2: Review of Radiation and Radiative Fluxes

Week 2

Jan. 22 – Lecture 3: Radiative Flux Observations. Read *Dines, 1917: The heat balance of the Atmosphere*

Jan. 24 – Lecture 4: An historical perspective of the water and energy budgets.

Jan. 26 – No class. National Academy of Sciences meeting in Irvine.

Week 3

Jan. 29 – No class. AMS meeting

Jan. 31 – No Class AMS meeting

Feb. 2 – No Class AMS meeting – unless everyone is back by then. We could replace one of the makeup classes the following week

Week 4

Feb. 5 – Student-led discussion of *Dines, 1917: The heat balance of the Atmosphere*.

Feb. 6 – Lecture 5: Water as a greenhouse gas

Feb. 7 – Lecture 6: Water vapor measurements. Read *VonderHaar, 2012: Weather and climate analyses using improved global water vapor observations & Schröder, 2019: The GEWEX Water Vapor Assessment: Overview and Introduction to Results and Recommendations*

Feb. 9 – Student led review of: *Kiehl and Trenberth, 1997: The Earth’s Annual Global Mean Energy Budget, and its update, Trenberth, Fassulo and Kiehl, 2009: Earth’s Global Energy Budget.* [Pay attention to water vapor]

Week 5

Feb. 12 – Lecture 7: Evaporation. Read *Lewis, 1995: The Story behind the Bowen Ratio*

Feb. 14 – Lecture 8: Evaporation over oceans

Feb. 16 – Student led review of: *Seager et al., 2003: Why is there an Evaporation Minimum at the Equator?*

Week 6

Feb. 19– Lecture 9: Evaporation over land

Feb. 21 – Student led review of: *Ohmura & Wild, 2002: Is the Hydrologic Cycle Accelerating?*

Feb. 23 – Lecture 10: Soil Moisture and soil moisture feedback

Week 7

Feb. 26 – Lecture 11: Review of how well do we know water vapor, evapotranspiration and the transport of heat and water vapor?

Feb. 28 – No class. GPM event at NASA/review panel

Mar. 1 – Lecture 12: Clear sky radiation. *Read Ramanathan and Collins, 1991: Thermodynamic regulation of ocean warming by Cirrus.*

Week 8

Mar. 4 – Lecture 13: Clouds and Radiation

Mar. 6 – Student led discussion - *Ramanathan and Collins, 1991: Thermodynamic regulation of ocean warming by Cirrus.*

Mar. 8 – Lecture 14: Makeup Cloud Climate Feedbacks. *Read Lindzen et al., 2001: Does the Earth have an Adaptive Infrared Iris?*

Spring break

Week 9

Mar. 18 – Lecture 15: The Iris hypothesis

Mar. 20 – Student led discussions – *Rebuttals on Iris Hypothesis and comments on rebuttals (see reading list)*

Mar. 22 – Lecture 16: Precipitation – Measurement options

Week 10

Mar. 25 – Lecture 17: Microwave remote sensing of Precipitation and latent Heating

Mar. 27 – Student led discussion: *Schlosser and Houser, 2007: Assessing a Satellite-Era of the Global Water Cycle.*

Mar. 29 – Student led discussion: *Wentz et al., 2007: How much more rain will global warming bring?*

Week 11

Apr. 1 – Student led discussion: *Trenberth, 2011. Changes in precipitation with climate change.*

Apr. 3 – Lecture 20: Radiative/Convective equilibrium

Apr. 5 – Lecture 19: The GEWEX Integrated Product - lessons learned

Week 12

Apr. 8 – Lecture 20: Trends in regional precipitation

Apr. 10 – Student led discussion – *Muller, C. J., P. O’Gorman, 2011: An energetic perspective on the regional response of precipitation to climate change*

Apr. 12 – Lecture 21: Constraining the global energy balance. *Read: Held and Soden ’06: Robust Responses of the Hydrological Cycle to Global Warming*

Week 13

Apr. 15 – Lecture 22: MJO and self similar tropical precipitation regimes

Apr. 17 – Student led discussion - *Stephens et al., 2004: Observational Evidence for the Mutual Regulation of the Tropical Hydrologic Cycle and Tropical Sea Surface Temperature.*

Apr. 19 – EGU (no class)

Week 14

Apr. 22 – Lecture 23: Aerosols/Cloud/precipitation interactions. *Read: Stier et al., 2022: Multifaceted Aerosol effects on Precipitation.*

Apr. 24 – Student led discussion - *Koren et al., 2012. Aerosol-induced intensification of rain from the tropics to the mid-latitudes.*

Apr. 27 – Lecture 28: Linking Radiation, the hydrologic cycle and climate change. *Read Allen and Ingram, 2002. Constraints on future changes in climate and the hydrologic cycle*

Week 15

April 29 – Lecture 30: Detour - Connecting the Carbon Cycle to the W&E cycles.

May 1 & 3 – Connecting W&E Cycle to own research. Student presentations of self-selected papers.

Books:

Peixoto, José P. and Abraham H. Oort, 1992: *Physics of Climate*, Springer Verlag, New York, NY, 520 p.

Liou, K. N. 1992: *Radiation and Cloud Processes in the Atmosphere: Theory, Observation, and Modeling*, Oxford University Press, New York, NY, 487 pp.

Papers (in order of appearance)

IPCC AR6 Synthesis Report. Climate Change 2021. The Physical Science Basis. Summary for Policymakers
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Schröder, M. M. Lockhoff, L. Shi, et al., 2019: The GEWEX Water Vapor Assessment: Overview and Introduction to Results and Recommendations. *Remote Sens.*, **11**, 251. doi:10.3390/rs11030251

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Lewis, J. M., 1995: The Story Behind the Bowen Ratio. *Bull. Amer. Met. Soc.*, **76**, 2433-2442

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- Trenberth, K. 2011: Changes in precipitation with climate Change. *Clim. Res.*, **47**, 123–138
- Muller, C. J., P. . O’Gorman, 2011: An energetic perspective on the regional response of precipitation to climate change. *Nature Climate Change*, **1**, 266-271.
- Held, I. M., and B. J. Soden, 2006: Robust Responses of the Hydrological Cycle to Global Warming. *J. Clim.*, **19**, 5686-5699.
- Stephens, Graeme L., Peter J. Webster, Richard H. Johnson, Richard Engelen, and Tristan L'Ecuyer, 2004: Observational evidence for the mutual regulation of the tropical hydrological cycle and tropical sea surface temperatures, *J. Climate*, **17**, 2213–2224.
- Stier, P., S. C. van den Heever, M. Christensen et al., 2022: Multifaceted aerosol effects on precipitation. *Nat. Geosci.*, (submitted)
- Koren, I., O. Altaratz, L. A. Remer, G. Feingold, J. Vanderlei Martins, and R. H., Heiblum, 2012: Aerosol-induced intensification of rain from the tropics to the mid-latitudes, *Nature Geoscience*, **5**, 118 - 122.

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- Halstead Harrison, 2002: Supplement to Comments on “Does the Earth Have an Adaptive Infrared Iris?” *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, Volume 83, Issue 4 (April 2002) pp. 598–598
- Richard S. Lindzen, Ming-Dah Chou, and Arthur Y. Hou, 2002: Comment on "No Evidence for Iris". *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, Volume 83, Issue 9 (September 2002) pp. 1345–1349
- Bing Lin, Bruce A. Wielicki, Lin H. Chambers, Yongxiang Hu, and Kuan-Man Xu, 2002: The Iris Hypothesis: A Negative or Positive Cloud Feedback? *Journal of*

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Ming-Dah Chou, Richard S. Lindzen, and Arthur Y. Hou, 2002: Comments on “The Iris Hypothesis: A Negative or Positive Cloud Feedback?” *Journal of Climate*, Volume 15, Issue 18 (September 2002) pp. 2713–2715

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