



Budyko's Energy Balance Model

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Budyko's Model


Conservation of Energy

temperature change ~ energy in - energy out

↙ ↘
 short wave energy from the Sun long wave energy from the Earth

Everything else is detail.

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Dynamical Models

	Model	Equilibrium
Perfectly Thermally Conducting Black Body	$R \frac{dT}{dt} = Q - \sigma T^4$	$T = (Q/\sigma)^{1/4}$
Plus Albedo	$R \frac{dT}{dt} = Q(1-\alpha) - \sigma T^4$	$T = ((1-\alpha)Q/\sigma)^{1/4}$
Switch to Surface Temperature	$R \frac{dT}{dt} = Q(1-\alpha) - (A+BT)$	$T = ((1-\alpha)Q - A)/B$
Dependence on Latitude	$R \frac{\partial T(y,t)}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1-\alpha) - (A+BT(y,t))$	$T(y) = ((1-\alpha)Qs(y) - A)/B$

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Dynamical Models


Add Heat Transport $R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1-\alpha) - (A+BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$

global mean temperature $\bar{T}(t) = \int_0^1 T(y,t) dy$

Second Law of Thermodynamics:
 Energy travels from hot places to cold places.

Equilibrium temperature profile?

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Budyko's Equation


$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \underbrace{Qs(y)}_{\text{insolation}} (1 - \underbrace{\alpha(y)}_{\text{albedo}}) - \underbrace{(A+BT)}_{\text{OLR}} + C \underbrace{(\bar{T} - T)}_{\text{heat transport}}$$

surface temperature $\bar{T} = \int_0^1 T(y) dy$
 sin(latitude)

Symmetry assumption: $0 \leq y = \sin(\text{latitude}) \leq 1$

Chylek and Coakley's quadratic approximation:
 $s(y) \approx 1 - 0.241(3y^2 - 1)$

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Budyko's Equilibrium

$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - (A+BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$$

albedo depends on latitude

equilibrium solution: $T = T^*(y)$

$$Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - (A+BT^*(y)) + C(\bar{T} - T^*(y)) = 0$$

Integrate:

$$\int_0^1 (Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - (A+BT^*(y)) + C(\bar{T} - T^*(y))) dy = 0$$

$$\underbrace{Q \int_0^1 s(y) dy}_1 - \underbrace{Q \int_0^1 s(y) \alpha(y) dy}_\bar{\alpha} - \underbrace{A \int_0^1 dy}_1 - \underbrace{B \int_0^1 T^*(y) dy}_\bar{T} + C \left(\int_0^1 \bar{T} dy - \int_0^1 T^*(y) dy \right) = 0$$

$$Q(1 - \bar{\alpha}) - (A + B\bar{T}) = 0$$

equilibrium global mean temperature $\bar{T}^* = \frac{1}{B}(Q(1 - \bar{\alpha}) - A)$

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Budyko's Equilibrium

$Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - (A + BT^*(y)) + C(\bar{T} - T^*(y)) = 0$

Global mean temperature at equilibrium:
 $\bar{T} = \frac{1}{B} (Q(1 - \bar{\alpha}) - A)$ $(\bar{\alpha} = \int_0^1 \alpha(y)s(y)dy)$

Solve for $T^*(y)$.
 $Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - A + C\bar{T} = BT^*(y) + CT^*(y) = (B + C)T^*(y)$
 $T^*(y) = \frac{1}{B + C} (Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - A + C\bar{T})$

Equilibrium temperature profile:
 $T^*(y) = \frac{1}{B + C} (Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - A + C\bar{T})$

where $\bar{T} = \frac{1}{B} (Q(1 - \bar{\alpha}) - A)$ and $\bar{\alpha} = \int_0^1 \alpha(y)s(y)dy$

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Budyko's Equilibrium

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$C = 3.04$
 $\alpha(y) = 0.32$: ice free
 $\alpha(y) = 0.62$: snowball (constant albedo)

temperature (Celsius)

sin(latitude)

ice free
 snowball
 ice free (C=0)
 snowball (C=0)

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Budyko's Model
Budyko's Equilibrium

temperature (Celsius)

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ice won't melt (no exit from snowball)

ice will form (icecap)

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Budyko's Model
Ice Albedo Feedback

temperature warms
 ice melts
 albedo decreases
 more sunlight absorbed
 temperature warms
 REPEAT

Why would it stop?

Warmer temperatures
 Less snow and ice
 More sunlight absorbed by land and sea

<http://www.i-fink.com/melting-polar-ice/>

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M. I. Budyko, "The effect of solar radiation variations on the climate of the Earth," *Tellus XXI*, 611-619, 1969.

http://www.inenco.org/index_principals.html

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Ice Albedo Feedback


Why would it stop?
Budyko's Equation

surface temperature
 $R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - (A + BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$

heat capacity insolation albedo OLR heat transport

sin(latitude) $\bar{T} = \int_0^1 T(y)dy$

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Ice Albedo Feedback

What if the albedo is not constant?

Ice Line Assumption: There is a single ice line at $y=\eta$ between the equator and the pole. The albedo is α_1 below the ice line and α_2 above it.

$$\alpha(y, \eta) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1 & y < \eta \\ \alpha_2 & y > \eta \end{cases}$$

Equilibrium condition:


$$Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y, \eta)) - (A + BT_\eta^*(y)) + C(\bar{T} - T_\eta^*(y)) = 0$$

Equilibrium solution:

$$T_\eta^*(y) = \frac{1}{B+C} (Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y, \eta)) - A + C\bar{T}_\eta^*)$$

where $\bar{T}_\eta^* = \frac{1}{B} (Q(1 - \bar{\alpha}(\eta)) - A)$ ($\bar{\alpha}(\eta) = \int_0^\eta \alpha(y, \eta) s(y) dy$)

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albedo:

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global albedo:

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$$S(\eta) = \int_0^\eta s(y) dy, \quad 1 - S(\eta) = \int_\eta^1 s(y) dy, \quad \text{since } 1 = \int_0^1 s(y) dy$$


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Chylek & Coakley

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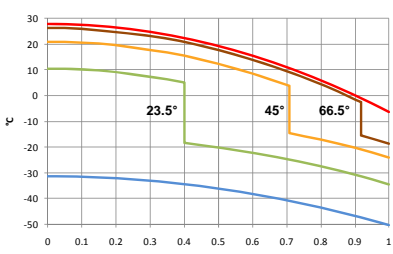
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Ice Albedo Feedback

$$T_\eta^*(y) = \frac{1}{B+C} (Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y, \eta)) - A + C\bar{T}_\eta^*)$$


For each fixed η , there is an equilibrium solution for Budyko's equation

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Budyko's Model

Dynamics

$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - (A + BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$$

Let X be the space of functions where T lives. (e.g. $L^1([0,1])$)

Let

$$L: X \rightarrow X: LT = C\bar{T} - (B+C)T,$$

$$f(y) = Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - A$$


Budyko's equation can be written as a linear vector field on X :

$$R \frac{dT}{dt} = f + LT$$

The operator L has only point spectrum, with all eigenvalues negative. Therefore, all solutions are stable. True for any albedo function.

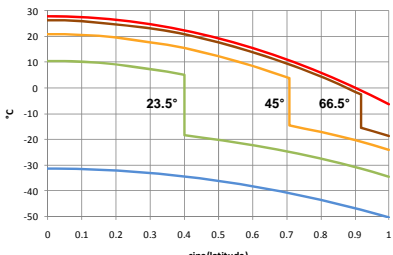
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Budyko's Model


Ice Albedo Feedback

$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y)) - (A + BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$$


For each fixed η , there is a **globally stable** equilibrium solution for Budyko's equation.

How to pick one?

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Ice Albedo Feedback


Summary

If we artificially hold the ice line at a fixed latitude, then the surface temperature will come to an equilibrium.

However, if the temperature is high, we would expect ice to melt and the ice line to retreat to higher latitudes. If the temperature is low, we would expect ice to form and the ice line to advance to lower latitudes.

How to model this expectation?

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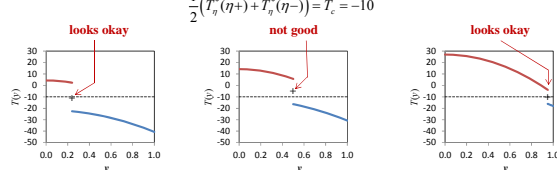
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For each fixed η , there is a stable equilibrium solution for Budyko's equation.

Standard assumption: Permanent ice forms if the annual average temperature is below $T_c = -10^\circ\text{C}$ and melts if the annual average temperature is above T_c .

Additional condition: The average temperature across the ice boundary is the critical temperature T_c .

$$\frac{1}{2}(T_\eta^*(\eta^+) + T_\eta^*(\eta^-)) = T_c = -10$$


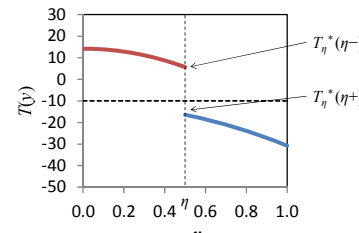
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ice line condition: $\frac{1}{2}(T_\eta^*(\eta^+) + T_\eta^*(\eta^-)) = T_c = -10$



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$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y, \eta)) - (A + BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$$

Equilibrium: $T_\eta^*(y) = \frac{1}{B+C}(Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y, \eta)) - A + CT_\eta^*)$

Ice line condition: $\frac{1}{2}(T_\eta^*(\eta^+) + T_\eta^*(\eta^-)) = T_c = -10$


Albedo: $\alpha(y, \eta) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1 = 0.32, & y < \eta \\ \alpha_2 = 0.62, & y > \eta \end{cases} \quad \alpha(\eta^-, \eta) = \alpha_1, \quad \alpha(\eta^+, \eta) = \alpha_2$

$$T_\eta^*(\eta^+) = \frac{1}{B+C}(Qs(\eta)(1 - \alpha_1) - A + CT_\eta^*) \quad T_\eta^*(\eta^-) = \frac{1}{B+C}(Qs(\eta)(1 - \alpha_2) - A + CT_\eta^*)$$

Ice line condition: $\frac{1}{2}(T_\eta^*(\eta^+) + T_\eta^*(\eta^-)) = \frac{1}{B+C}(Qs(\eta)(1 - \alpha_0) - A + CT_\eta^*) = T_c = -10$

where: $\alpha_0 = \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{2} = 0.47$

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Ice line condition: $\frac{1}{B+C}(Qs(\eta)(1 - \alpha_0) - A + CT_\eta^*) = T_c = -10$

Rewrite: $h(\eta) = \frac{1}{B+C}(Qs(\eta)(1 - \alpha_0) - A + CT_\eta^*) - T_c = 0$


Recall equilibrium GMT: $\bar{T}_\eta = \frac{1}{B}(Q(1 - \bar{\alpha}(\eta)) - A)$

Recall average albedo: $\bar{\alpha}(\eta) = \int_0^\eta \alpha(y, \eta) s(y) dy = \alpha_1 - (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) S(\eta) = 0.62 - 0.3S(\eta)$

where: $S(\eta) = \int_0^\eta s(y) dy = \eta - 0.241(\eta^3 - \eta)$

$$h(\eta) = \frac{Q}{B+C} \left(s(\eta)(1 - \alpha_0) + \frac{C}{B}(1 - \alpha_2 + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)S(\eta)) \right) - \frac{A}{B} - T_c = 0$$

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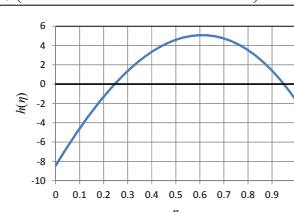
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Ice Albedo Feedback

$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1 - \alpha(y, \eta)) - (A + BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$$

The additional condition: $\frac{1}{2}(T_\eta^*(\eta^+) + T_\eta^*(\eta^-)) = T_c = -10$

can be written: $h(\eta) \equiv \frac{Q}{B+C} \left(s(\eta)(1 - \alpha_0) + \frac{C}{B}(1 - \alpha_2 + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)S(\eta)) \right) - \frac{A}{B} - T_c = 0$



Two equilibria (zeros of h) satisfy the additional condition.

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Equilibrium temperature profiles

$$T_{\eta}^*(y) = \frac{1}{B+C} (Qs(y)(1-\alpha(y,\eta)) - A + C\bar{T}_{\eta}^*)$$

Temperature (°C) vs sin(latitude)

Legend: ice free (orange), snowball (cyan), small cap (red), big cap (purple)

Interesting Solutions:

- small cap
- large cap
- ice free
- snowball

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Dynamics of the Ice Line

$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1-\alpha(y,\eta)) - (A+BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$$

Idea:

If the average temperature across the ice line is above the critical temperature, some ice will melt, moving the ice line toward the pole. If it is below the critical temperature, the ice will advance toward the equator.

stationary ice melts stationary

Widiasih's equation:

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \varepsilon(T(\eta) - T_c)$$

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Dynamics of the Ice Line

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \varepsilon(T(\eta) - T_c)$$

State space: $[0, 1] \times X$

$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1-\alpha(y,\eta)) - (A+BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$$

Widiasih's Theorem. For sufficiently small ε , the system has an attracting invariant curve given by the graph of a function $\Phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$. On this curve, the dynamics are approximated by the equation

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \varepsilon h(\eta)$$

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unstable stable

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Budyko-Widiasih Model

Temperature profiles

$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \varepsilon h(\eta)$

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Summary

surface temperature

$$R \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Qs(y)(1-\alpha(y)) - (A+BT) + C(\bar{T} - T)$$

heat capacity insolation albedo OLR heat transport

reduces to

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \varepsilon h(\eta)$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \varepsilon h(\eta) = \varepsilon \left(\frac{Q}{B+C} (s(\eta)(1-\alpha_0) + \frac{C}{B}(1-\alpha_2 + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)S(\eta))) - \frac{A}{B} - T_c \right)$$

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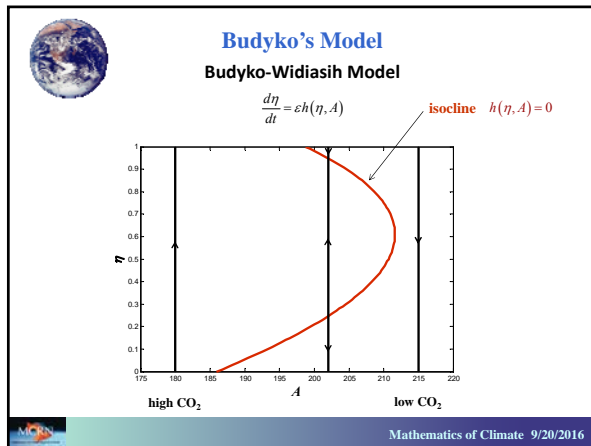
What about the greenhouse effect?

$A+BT$ is the outgoing long wave radiation. This term decreases if the greenhouse gases increase.

We view A as a parameter.

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \varepsilon h(\eta, A)$$

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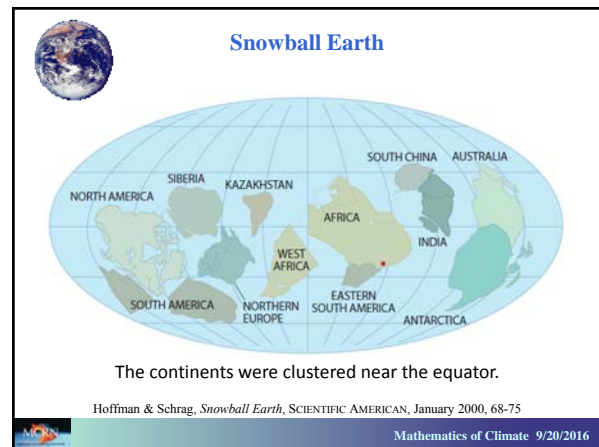
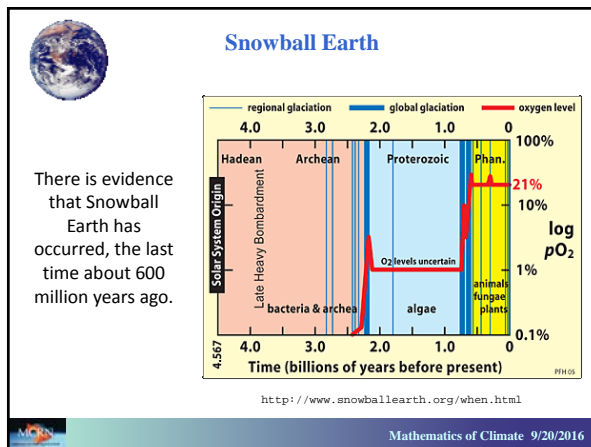
Snowball Earth

Is it possible for Earth to become completely covered in ice? (Snowball Earth)

Did it ever happen?

<http://www.astrobio.net/topic/solar-system/earth/new-information-about-snowball-earth-period/>

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Snowball Earth

"Ice-rafted debris" occurred in ocean sediments near the equator, indicating large equatorial glaciers calving icebergs.

Hoffman & Schrag, *Snowball Earth*, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, January 2000, 68-75


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Snowball Earth

Large limestone deposits "cap carbonates" are found immediately above the glacial debris, indicating a rapid warming period following the snowball.

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Snowball Earth


Idea:

When the Earth is mostly ice-covered, silicate weathering slows down, but volcanic activity stays the same, allowing for a build-up of CO₂ in the atmosphere.

When the Earth is mostly ice-free, silicate weathering speeds up, drawing down the CO₂ in the atmosphere.



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Budyko-Widiasih Model

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \varepsilon h(\eta, A)$$

What if A is a dynamical variable?

Simple equation:


$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \tilde{\varepsilon}(\eta - \eta_c)$$

$0 < \tilde{\varepsilon} \ll \varepsilon \ll 1$

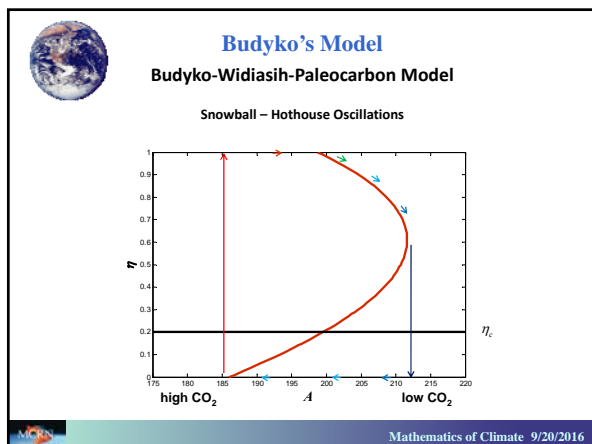
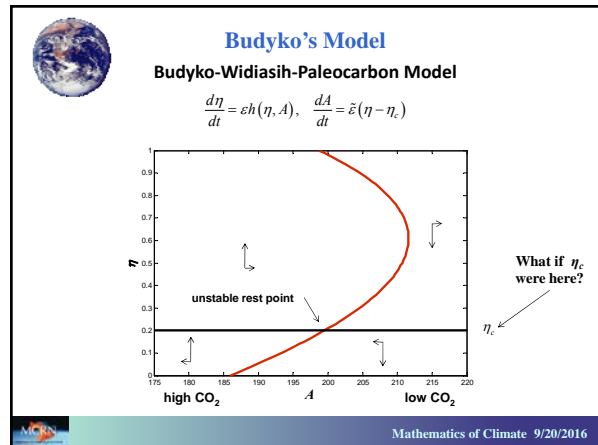
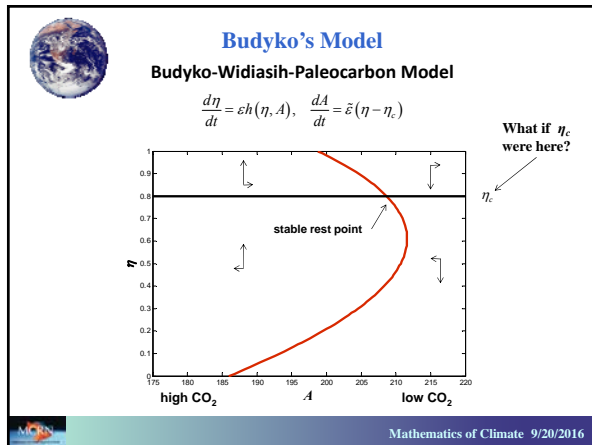

← **MCRN Paleocarbon equation (silicate weathering)**

New system:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dt} &= \tilde{\varepsilon}(\eta - \eta_c) \\ \frac{d\eta}{dt} &= \varepsilon h(\eta, A) \end{aligned}$$

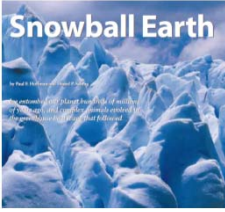


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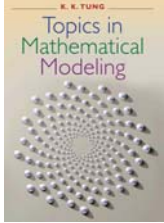



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