

IMPACT OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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ABSTRACT

A progression of climatic changes has happened all through the Holocene. Indeed, researchers have recorded up to 18 climatic cycles amid this time. Since the Bronze Age (around 3500 BC), it has turned out to be progressively testing to separate "characteristic" climatic patterns from human-impelled consequences for the earth. Milankovitch climate oscillations help define weather sensitivity and verify capability human made weather outcomes. We finish that Earth in the warmest interglacial intervals was much less than 1°C hotter than within the Holocene and that goals of proscribing human prepared warming to 2°C and CO₂ to 450 ppm are recommendation for catastrophe. Polar warmth in prior interglacial's and the Pliocene does not suggest that a enormous cushion remains among today's climate and dangerous warming, instead that Earth these days is poised to experience robust amplifying polar feedbacks in response to moderate extra heating. Melting of ice sheets is nonlinear, spurred by way of amplifying feedbacks. If warming reaches a stage that forces de-glaciation, the charge of sea stage upward thrust will rely on the doubling time for ice sheet mass loss. Gravity satellite statistics, despite the fact that too quick to be conclusive, are regular with a doubling occasion of a decade or less, involving the likelihood of meters sea altitude upward thrust this century. The budding shift to accelerate ice sheet mass loss chains, our conclusion is that Earth's temperature has lower back to as a minimum the Holocene most. Rapid discount of fossil fuel emissions is needed for humanity to reach maintaining a planet akin to the one on which civilization evolved. Key words — Holocene, Melting of ice, altithermal, fossil fuel, catastrophe, Milankovitch cycles.

I. INTRODUCTION

Climate trade is possibly to be the foremost medical, monetary, political and ethical trouble of the 21st century. The fate of humanity and nature may additionally depend on early recognition and know how of human made consequences on the planet's climate [24].



gear for assessing the anticipated climate consequences of opportunity ranges of human made modifications of atmospheric composition includes (i) Earth's paleo-climate history, showing how weather responded in the beyond to modifications of boundary situations including atmospheric composition, (ii) modern observations of climate change, especially worldwide satellite TV for pc observations, coincident with hastily changing human made and herbal climate forcing, and (iii) weather fashions and concept, which aid explanation of comments on all time extents and are useful for projecting destiny weather under opportunity climate forcing eventualities.

This paper emphasizes records provided by using paleo-climate data. Milankovitch weather oscillations, the glacial-interglacial weather swings related to perturbations of Earth's orbit, provide a specific evaluation of balance climate warmth, i.e., the response to modified boundary situations after the surroundings and ocean have sufficient time to restore planetary electricity stability. Implications turn out to be clearer while Pleistocene weather oscillations are regarded within the context of bigger climate inclinations of the Cenozoic age. Ice cores and ocean cores are complementary equipment for understanding, together supplying a more quantitative assessment of the harmful degree of human interference with the atmosphere and weather.

The deep ocean temperature is inferred from a worldwide compilation of oxygen isotopic abundances in ocean deposit foundation [68], with the temperature estimate extracted from oxygen isotopes via the easy approximation [23].

This deep ocean temperature trade is much like global surface temperature exchange, we are able to argue, till the deep ocean temperature procedures the freezing point of ocean water. Therefore overdue Pleistocene glacial interglacial deep ocean temperature modifications are only approximately thirds as big as global imply surface temperature modifications.

In this paper we talk Cenozoic weather trade and its relevance to expertise of human made weather change. We evaluate how Milankovitch weather oscillations provide a specific measure of weather sensitivity to any natural or human made weather forcing. We recapitulate how temperature is extorted from ocean cores to clarify the physical importance of this data report, due to the fact, we can argue, ocean middle Milankovitch statistics have profound implications about the harmful stage of human made interference with international climate. In the end we discuss the temporal response of the climate device to the human made weather forcing.

II. CENOZOIC CLIMATE CHANGE

The Cenozoic period demonstrates the giant scale of normal climate change. Earth turned into so hot in the beginning of Cenozoic that Polar Regions had tropical like conditions certainly; there had been alligators in Alaska [39]. There have been no big ice sheets on the planet, so sea stage became about seventy five meters higher than these days.

Earth has been in an extended time period cooling fashion for the beyond 50 million years. Through approximately 34 Mya (million years in the past) the planet had turn out to be cool sufficient for a



big ice sheet to shape on Antarctica. Ice and snow improved the albedo ('whiteness' or reflectivity) of that continent, an amplifying remarks that contributed to the pointy drop of worldwide temperature at that point. Moderate warming among 30 and 15 Mya was not enough to soften all Antarctic ice. The cooling fashion resumed approximately 15 Mya and increased because the climate became cold enough for ice masses to shape in the Northern Hemisphere and provide their amplifying comments.

The Cenozoic climate adjustments comprise insights and quantitative information relevant to evaluation of human made weather outcomes. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) performs a crucial position in both the long-term climate developments and the short-time period oscillations that had been magnified as the planet have become less warm and the ice sheets larger. Cenozoic climate alternate is mentioned [23] [28] [68], and lots of others. We describe right here implications about the function of CO₂ in weather trade and weather sensitivity.

 CO_2 is the most important forcing that prompted the gradual Cenozoic climate trends over thousands and thousands of years, because the strong Earth (volcanic) supply altered the quantity of CO_2 in floor carbon reservoirs (surroundings, ocean, soil and biosphere). CO_2 is likewise an important aspect inside the quick term climate oscillations which can be so obvious. However, in those glacial interglacial oscillations atmospheric CO_2 operates as comments: general CO_2 inside the surface reservoirs modifications little on those shorter time scales, but the distribution of CO_2 some of the floor reservoirs changes as climate adjustments. As the sea warms, as an example, it liberates CO_2 to the atmosphere, providing a magnifying weather comments that causes similarly warming.

The fact that CO₂ is the dominant motive of lengthy term Cenozoic weather developments is apparent from consideration of Earth's energy price range. Such massive climate adjustments can't end result from redistribution of energy within the climate gadget, as is probably because of modifications of ecosystem or ocean dynamics. Rather a massive international weather forcing is required. The weather forcing should be because of a trade of electricity entering the planet or modifications in the surroundings or on the floor that alter the planet's power budget.

Solar luminosity is growing on long time scales, as our sun is at an early degree of solar evolution, "burning" hydrogen, forming helium through nuclear fusion, slowly getting brighter. The solar brightness accelerated progressively through the Cenozoic, with the aid of about 0.4 percentages consistent with sun physics fashions [51]. Due to the fact Earth absorbs about 240 W/m² of sun power, that brightness boom is a forcing of about 1 W/m². This small linear increase of forcing, with the aid of itself, could have brought about a modest global warming through the Cenozoic period.

Continental locations additionally have an effect on the planet's energy stability, because ocean and continent albedos differ. But, most continents have been close to their gift latitudes at the start of the Cenozoic [5], so this floor climate forcing did not exceed about 1 W/m².



In assessment, atmospheric CO₂ at some stage in the Cenozoic changed from as a minimum one thousand ppm inside the early Cenozoic to as small as one hundred seventy ppm at some point of recent ice a while. The resulting weather forcing, as can be computed correctly for this CO₂ range [] the usage of formulae in table 1 of Hansen et al. (2000), exceeds 10 W/m². Its miles clear that CO₂ became the dominant weather forcing inside the Cenozoic.

Global temperature alternate all through the primary half of the Cenozoic is consistent with expectancies primarily based on expertise of plate tectonics (continental go with the flow). India turned into the simplest land region positioned far from its cutting edge place at the start of the Cenozoic. The Indian plate turned into four nonetheless south of the Equator, but moving northward at a price of approximately 20 cm in keeping with yr [32], a fast continental glide charge. The Indian plate moved in the direction of and through the Tethys Ocean, now the Indian Ocean, which had lengthy been the depocenter for carbonate and organic sediments from foremost global rivers. the total quantity of carbon within the floor carbon reservoirs on long time scales is decided with the aid of the balance among out gassing (through volcanoes and seltzer springs) from the strong Earth and burial returned into Earth's crust [2]. CO₂ out gassing occurs through metamorphism of ocean crust as it is sub ducted below shifting continental plates. Burial is in the main through the chemical weathering of rocks with deposition of carbonates on the ocean ground, however to a less quantity through burial of natural be counted, some of which subsequently can also shape fossil fuels.

Prices of out gassing and burial of CO_2 are each generally 10^{12} - 10^{13} mol C/year [2][13] [59]. The imbalance among out gassing and burial is restrained with the aid of poor feedbacks inside the geochemical carbon cycle [3], but a net natural imbalance of the order of 10^{12} mol C/year can be sustained on long time ranges, as continental drift changes the charge of out gassing. Such an imbalance, after distribution amongst floor reservoirs, is most effective ~ 0.0001 ppm/year of atmospheric CO_2 . That rate is insignificant contrast to the existing human made atmospheric CO_2 increase of \sim 2 ppm/year, but in 1,000,000 years the sort of crustal imbalance alters atmospheric CO_2 by using \sim 100 ppm.

The strong global warming fashion among 60 and 50 My in the past changed into genuinely a consequence of growing atmospheric CO₂, because the Indian plate sub ducted carbonate-wealthy ocean crust even as traversing the Tethys Ocean. The magnitude of the CO₂ source endured to increase until India crashed into Asia and started out pushing up the Himalaya Mountains and Tibetan Plateau. Emissions from this tectonic supply maintain even these days, however the importance of emissions started out decreasing after the Indo-Asian impact and as a consequence the planet cooled. The climate variations between 30 and 15 million years in the past, whilst the scale of the Antarctic ice sheet fluctuated, may additionally had been due to temporal versions of plate tectonics and out gassing fees [45]. Although many mechanisms probably contributed to climate change through the Cenozoic era, it is clean that CO₂ exchange was the dominant reason of



the early warming and the subsequent long-term cooling fashion.

Plate tectonics nowadays is producing fantastically little subduction of carbonate-rich ocean crust [13], constant with low Pleistocene degrees of CO₂ (one hundred seventy-three hundred ppm) and the cool country of the planet, with ice sheets in the polar regions of each hemispheres.

Whether or not Earth could have persisted to cool in the absence of humans, it is uncertain on time scales of tens of millions of years. But that is a scholastic question. The charge of human made alternate of atmospheric CO₂ amount is now numerous orders of magnitude extra than sluggish geological adjustments. People now manipulate atmospheric composition, for higher or worse and truly will hold to do so, as long as the species survives.

The Cenozoic generation contributes to evaluation of the dangerous stage of human interference with climate. However, implications end up clearer after discussion of the correct empirical evaluation of climate sensitivity supplied by way of latest Milankovitch climate oscillations and attention of ability prices of ice sheet disintegration.

III. CLIMATE SENSITIVITY INTERPRETATION

Recent glacial-interglacial weather oscillations precisely outline specific weather sensitivity, yet this fact and its importance aren't fully appreciated. Weather, averaged over some millennia, have to be in near-equilibrium during the last ice age (~20 ky in the past) and inside the current interglacial length prior to advent of considerable human made weather forcing. Any planetary strength imbalance become at maximum a small fraction of one W/m², as proven via thinking about the opposite: an imbalance drawing close 1 W/m² might be sufficient to soften all ice on the earth or alternate ocean temperature a massive amount, contrary to several paleo-climate statistics information.

Variability of solar luminosity on Pleistocene time scales is small. Consequently the modified boundary conditions that maintained observed weather alternate needed to be modifications on earth's floor and modifications of long lived atmospheric components. The principal uncertainty is considered 3.5 W/m² forcing because of surface modifications (ice sheet place, flowers distribution, coastline motion) due to uncertainty in ice sheet sizes [16] [27].

International temperature trade of five \pm 1°C between the ultimate ice age and the Holocene

This empirical climate sensitivity contains all rapid reaction feedbacks inside the real-global weather gadget, which includes adjustments of water vapor, clouds, aerosols, aerosol outcomes on clouds, and sea ice. In evaluation to weather fashions, which might most successful estimated the physical processes and can exclude vital approaches, the empirical result includes all strategies that exist inside the real international – and the physics is precise. Imply a stable weather understanding of 5 or $6.5 \sim 0.75$ °C for each watt of forcing. The fact that ice sheet and greenhouse fuel boundary situations are clearly gradual weather feedbacks is beside the point for the motive of comparing the short-feedback climate sensitivity [16] [35].



The sensitivity 0.75°C per W/m² corresponds to 3°C for doubled CO₂ forcing (4 W/m²). If Earth has been a blackbody without climate feedbacks the equilibrium reaction to 4 W/m² forcing would be about 1.2°C [15] [16]. The water vapor boom and sea ice decrease that accompany international warming can be simulated fairly well with the aid of climate fashions; collectively those two feedbacks about double the blackbody sensitivity. The in addition amplification is the internet impact of all other procedures, with aerosols, clouds, and their interactions probable being the maximum critical of the remaining feedback procedures.

The pragmatic sensitivity 3°C for doubled CO₂ agrees with estimates [6] and modern-day climate fashions. But the empirical result is greater particular, and it consists of all actual-world processes. Moreover, by way of analyzing observed climate alternate over numerous Milankovitch oscillations it is now possible to similarly reduce the uncertainty in this rapid-comments sensitivity.

Atmospheric CO₂ and CH₄ and sea level for the past 800,000 years and ensuing calculated weather forcing. Sea warmness implies the full length of the essential ice sheets, which as a consequence defines the surface albedo forcing as defined [23].

Multiplying the sum of greenhouse fuel and surface albedo forcing via climate sensitivity 0.75°C in line with W/m² yields the predicted temperature. This calculated international temperature deal is contrast with every Dome C Antarctic temperature alternate [31] and global deep ocean temperature trade [68], with temperature extracted from oxygen isotope facts as defined [23].

The estimate of determined global temperature change from the Antarctic ice core assumes worldwide mean temperature trade is half of as big as Antarctic temperature alternate. The estimate of located international temperature alternate primarily based on the global compilation of deep ocean cores assumes that global temperature trade is 1.5 times extra than deep ocean temperature alternate. Those scale elements are selected to yield worldwide temperature exchange of about 5°C between the closing ice age and the Holocene, the excellent documented glacial interglacial climate change.

The best match of calculations and deep ocean temperature for all interglacial intervals, whether or not warmer or cooler than the Holocene, has profound implications about the harmful stage of human made climate alternate. For that reason, we want to summarize how temperature is extorted as of ocean interiors.

IV. DEEP OCEAN TEMPERATURE REPORT

The isotopic composition of shells of microscopic benthic (deep ocean living) animals (foraminifera, or forams) in ocean cores affords data on climate change at some point of the Cenozoic generation. The proportions of the heavy oxygen isotope (¹⁸O) and the common isotope (¹⁶O) in a foram shell depend upon both the temperature where the shell grew and on sea level at that time. Sea degree is a sign of the way a great deal water is stored in continental ice sheets. As ice sheets grow the water molecules final inside the ocean have a better percentage of ¹⁸O, due to the



fact the lighter ¹⁶O evaporates from the sea extra readily and accumulates inside the ice sheets.

In comparison two intense sea warm conditions: (i) 35 My in the past, simply before a massive ice sheet formed on Antarctica, while sea level became for this reason close to its maximum peak (about seventy five m higher than these days), and (ii) 20 ky (thousand years) in the past, over the last ice age, when sea level changed into approximately 180 m lower than at some stage in the almost ice free state at 35 My [23]. Half of the oxygen isotope exchange among those extreme states is understood to be due to the deep ocean temperature trade and half of to the accretion of continental ice. Presumptuous to facilitate the amount of ice will increase monotonically because the planet becomes less warm, the approximation that oxygen isotope changed into due in equal elements to temperature and ice extent for all intermediate climate states among 35 My and the Holocene [23].

In reality, the proportions of the isotope trade due to temperature and ice quantity are greater complicated, e.g., during the last glaciations deep water within the North Atlantic cooled more swiftly compared to the fee at which ice extent accelerated [66]. An evaluation also finds that temperature exchange contributes maximum of the ¹⁸O trade inside the early degrees of ice sheet growth [4], even as ice volume contributes more than 1/2 of the ¹⁸O exchange close to glacial maximum. But, it is found that Pacific deep water temperature exchange numerous in percentage to sea stage exchange [66]. We use a worldwide stack of ocean cores, which would be dominated via the Pacific Ocean, hence lowering the effect of greater complicated variability located within the North Atlantic.

However what is the relation of deep ocean temperature alternate to worldwide imply surface temperature exchange? Deep ocean temperature relies upon on sea floor temperature at high latitudes in iciness, the region and season at which floor water is most dense and sinks to the deep ocean. This leads us to deduce that deep ocean temperature exchange is beneficial approximations of worldwide suggest surface temperature exchange on millennial time scales. This fortuitous end result is a consequence of good sized offset among the two foremost factors that could make temperature exchange on the web sites of deep water formation vary from worldwide imply floor temperature exchange.

First, temperature alternate at high latitudes is amplified relative to worldwide mean temperature trade. However, 2nd, temperature trade is smaller over ocean than over land. Those competing factors notably offset each other. Each of those dispositions (polar temperature exchange amplification and ocean against soil temperature alteration diminution) are present in observational statistics and fashions, and are properly understood.

But what if the place of deep water formation changes as the weather adjustments? As weather becomes less warm and sea ice expands, deep water formation may additionally circulate in the direction of decrease latitudes. Our hobby is more often than not in climates inside the variety from the Holocene toward hotter climates. We use an international set of ocean cores this is dominated by



means of the Pacific, wherein the deep water temperature is determined by way of deep water fashioned across the Antarctic continent. As the climate warms past the Holocene, it isn't probably that the place of deep water would pass substantially toward the Antarctic continent than its miles at present.

But, deep ocean temperature trade will become much less representative of worldwide floor temperature change as the sea temperature tactics the freezing point of water, because the deep ocean temperature is constrained by using the freezing factor while the worldwide imply surface can maintain to cool. Observations are the maximum correct manner to quantify this constraint. We find that the amplitude of new glacial-interglacial deep ocean temperature exchange is simplest about thirds the amplitude of worldwide suggests floor temperature alternate.

V. INTERGLACIAL TEMPERATURES

How heat has been recent interglacial periods relative to the Holocene? Do ice cores or ocean cores yield a higher estimate of worldwide temperature exchange all through those interglacial intervals? Let us first commentary on why those questions are important.

Wide-based totally exams of the damaging stage of world warming, represented by way of the burning ashes [28] [29], have cautioned that primary troubles begin with global warming of 2-3°C relative to international warmness in 2000. Complicated probabilistic analyses [54] determined a median risky threshold of 2.85°C above international temperature in 2000, with the 90 percent confidence variety being 1.45 - 4.65°C. The IPCC analyses contributed to an EU Union choice to assist guidelines aimed at keeping global warming less than 2°C relative to pre-industrial times (1.3°C relative to 2000).

The hotter interglacial era can occupy a key role in discussions approximately the dangerous degree of global warming; because some interglacial within the latest half of the ice core report has been warmer than the Holocene. Most paleo-climate statistics suggest that the interglacial peaking close to 125 ky in the past (Eemian) and 400 ky ago (Holsteinian, Marine Isotope degree eleven) had been the warmest. Sea level in those interglacial intervals was better than these days by approximately 5m, probably more, as mentioned beneath.

The hotter interglacials were a high deliberation in description of the different scenario [17]. It is argued that those interglacial's implied a lower threshold for dangerous global warming [17] than cautioned via the burning residue [28] [29] [54]. thus the opportunity situation become designed to preserve global warming less than 1°C relative to 2000, i.e., less than 1.7°C comparative to preindustrial times. This global warming goal implied a CO₂ target of 450-475 ppm, with the exact CO₂ restriction relying in element on success in controlling different hint gases.

In the end, primarily based on improving and extra comprehensive paleo-climate investigations, in calculation to international remarks of climate consequences happening inside the first decade of the 21st century, we found out that additional international warming of 1°C above the 2000 stage



might push the planet well into the hazardous choice [21] [22] [23]. We accomplished that it will be essential to lessen CO₂ finally to some stage less than 350 ppm to keep away from unacceptable weather outcomes.

However, the want for a CO₂ goal under the cutting-edge CO₂ quantity, and the speedy emissions reduction that one of these goals implies, has now not been identified and acted on via the worldwide political community. For that reason there is an urgency to extract and make apparent the consequences of paleo-climate reports for human made weather change.

Ice core and ocean middle data every have obstacles as a degree of worldwide temperature. Right here we factor out constraints on both facts and hypothesize a cause why those information appear to vary in the course of current interglacial durations.

A. Ice cores

Ice middle temperature analysis makes use of isotopes of ice middle H_2O to determine the temperature while and in which the snowflakes fashioned. We divide the ice core temperature change by two to gain the envisioned worldwide imply temperature exchange, because that factor brings the ice center temperature trade between the Holocene and the remaining ice age into settlement with global temperature statistics to be had for this most latest glacial-interglacial climate exchange. Climate fashions additionally yield polar amplification of surface temperature exchange via approximately a thing of two.

Several modifications to the ice core temperature document had been recommended with the goal of producing a extra homogeneous record6 i.e., a end result that extra exactly defines the surface air temperature alternate at a set location and stuck altitude. However, these changes are too small to take away the discrepancy between worldwide temperatures inferred from ice cores as compared with either ocean core temperature change or our calculations primarily based on greenhouse gas and albedo weather forcing.

The essential difficulty about temperature exchange on top of the ice sheet at some point of the warmest interglacials is whether or not the easy (factor of two) relationship with worldwide mean temperature exchange remains accurate in the course of the warmest interglacials. That simple prescription works well for the Holocene and for all of the glacial-interglacial cycles throughout the early a part of the 800,000 yr file, when the interglacials had been no hotter than the Holocene.

We suggest that the warmest interglacial periods are specific than interglacial inside the length 800,000 to 450,000 ky ago or the pre-business Holocene. We recommend that the warmest interglacials moved right into a regime wherein there was less summer time sea ice across the Antarctic and Greenland land loads, there has been summer season melting on the lowest elevations of the ice sheets, and there was summer season melting at the ice cabinets, which as a consequence largely disappeared. In this regime, we anticipate warming at the pinnacle of the ice sheet to be greater than two times worldwide mean warming. Said differently, even small international



warming above the level of the Holocene, starts off evolved to generate a disproportionate warming on the Antarctic and Greenland ice masses.

Summer liquefying on lower accomplishes of the ice sheets and on ice shelves introduces the "albedo turn" mechanism [21] [22]. This phase alternate of water causes a effective local feedback, which, together with moderate worldwide warming, can considerably growth the period of the soften season. Such expanded summer season melting has an immediate nearby temperature impact, and it will also affect sea stage, on a time scale this is being debated, as discussed under.

We propose that the warmest interglacial in the past 450,000 years had been warm sufficient to carry the "albedo flip" incident addicted to play, whereas interglacial in the former part of the 800,000 years ice core file had been too cool for surface melt at the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets and ice cabinets to be critical. Multiplied floor melting, loss of ice shelves, and reduction of summer time and autumn sea ice across the Antarctic and Greenland continents during the warmest interglacial would have a 12 months-round effect on temperature, because the multiplied region of open water has its biggest impact on surface air temperature in the cool seasons.

Further, we propose that the steadiness of sea degree all through the Holocene is a consequence of the fact that global temperature remained simply beneath the scope necessary instigating the albedo turn mechanism on Greenland and West Antarctica.

One implication of this interpretation is that the arena today is on the verge of a degree of global warming for which the equilibrium surface air temperature response at the ice sheets will exceed the global suggest temperature growth via a whole lot extra than a component of . Underneath we cite empirical proof in guide of this interpretation. First, but, we should speak limitations of ocean core temperatures.

B. Ocean cores

Ocean middle temperatures, whilst used to estimate international temperature exchange, have their own problems. even though ocean middle temperatures are based totally on many web sites round the arena ocean, deep ocean temperature depends specifically on ocean surface temperature at high latitudes wherein deep water paperwork. So we must be worried that places of deep water formation would possibly flow as climate changes. As weather becomes chillier, for example, sea ice expands equator ward and the place of deep water formation might also flow equator ward. Luckily, the climates of most hobbies to us have worldwide temperature starting from that of the Holocene closer to hotter climates. There is little anticipation that the existing locations of deep water formation might pass substantially in reaction to mild extra global warming.

A subsequent difficulty with ocean interior is that deep ocean temperature alternate is limited as ocean water nears its freezing factor. That is why deep ocean temperature exchange between the closing ice age and the Holocene changed into best two-thirds as large as worldwide common floor temperature alternate. however, in the usage of a constant adjustment component (1.5, based at the



range of climates from the ice age to the Holocene, we overstate the magnification at inter-glacial temperatures and play down the exaggeration on the coldest climates, accordingly maximizing the opportunity for the deep ocean temperature to expose (and exaggerate) massive interglacial warmth. but no interglacial warm spikes appear within the ocean center report of temperature trade. A third issue issues the temporal decision of ocean cores. Bio-turbation, blending of ocean sediments by way of worms, smoothes the ocean core information, particularly at locations in which marine sediments build up gradually. But, the period of the interglacial periods of number one problem, the Eemian and Holsteinian, surpassed the resolution of maximum ocean cores.

We finish that ocean cores provide a higher measure of global temperature trade than ice cores all through the ones interglacial intervals that had been hotter than the pre-commercial Holocene.

C. The Holocene

How warm is the sector these days relative to peak Holocene temperature? The Alti-thermal, the time of height Holocene warmth, is commonly positioned at about 8,000 years in the past; however it varies from one region to every other. Our gift interest is in worldwide suggesting temperature, no longer nearby variations.

Earth orbital Milankovitch factors have privileged a cooling trend for the past numerous thousand years, which might be anticipated to begin in the Northern Hemisphere. As an instance, Earth is now closest to the solar in January, which favors heat winters and funky summers in the Northern Hemisphere, as a consequence favoring boom of glaciers and ice caps in the Northern Hemisphere. However, that tendency could be very vulnerable at some stage in the contemporary interglacial length because any other greater slowly varying orbital parameters, the peculiarity of Earth's orbit, happen to be small in the course of this interglacial duration. Therefore paleo-climatologists have debated in recent years whether or not, inside the absence of human beings, a new ice age might have started within the following few thousand years or whether the Holocene interglacial duration would have persisted for another 20,000 years or so till the subsequent time that conditions favor increase of Northern Hemisphere ice. That debate is only educational, as human made weather forcing now dwarf Milankovitch consequences.

Zero temperature is described as suggest for the beyond 10,000 years. The facts are made to approximate international temperature by dividing polar temperatures with the aid of two and multiplying Deep Ocean and tropical ocean blended layer temperature via a thing 1.5. It indicates that worldwide temperature has been extraordinarily stable at some stage in the Holocene.

So how warm is it nowadays relative to peak Holocene warm temperature? For the global deep ocean temperature, makes it clear that the sector did now not cool an awful lot within the Holocene. We conclude that, with the worldwide floor warming of 0.7°C amid 1880 and 2000 [19] [25], worldwide temperature in year 2000 had again, as a minimum, to approximately the Holocene maximum.



D. Holocene versus interglacial periods

How does peak Holocene temperature evaluate with earlier hotter interglacial periods, especially the Eemian and Holsteinian interglacial periods, and with the Pliocene? The temperature curve is based totally on the sea core report, but scaled by using the aspect 1.5, that's the dimensions component relevant to average conditions among the Holocene and the remaining ice age.

One end deserving emphasis is that global suggest temperatures within the Eemian and Holsteinian were less than 1°C hotter than height Holocene global temperature. Therefore, those interglacial periods were additionally less than 1°C warmer than worldwide temperature in year 2000.

It indicates that global temperature inside the early Pliocene, whilst sea stage turned into approximately 25 m better than nowadays [9], turned into best about 1°C warmer than height Holocene temperature, for this reason 1-2°C hotter than current (pre-commercial) Holocene. That conclusion requires a caveat about feasible trade of place of deepwater formation, stronger than the equal caveat in evaluating current interglacial durations. sizable alternate in the location of deep water formation is extra attainable within the Pliocene for the reason that of bigger Arctic heating at that time [11]; also ocean circulation may additionally had been altered within the early Pliocene by using closure of the Panama Seaway, despite the fact that the timing of that closure is controversial [26].

Is such minute Pliocene humid inconsistent with Pliocene research, Interpretation and Synoptic Mapping challenge (PRISM) reconstructions of mid-Pliocene (3-3.3 My in the past) climate [10] [12] international suggest surface temperatures in weather models forced by using PRISM boundary situations yield international warming of approximately 3°C [37] relative to pre-industrialized climate. However, it must be borne in thoughts that "PRISM's intention is a reconstruction of a 'tremendous interglacial', no longer suggest situations" [12], which led to (intentional, as documented) choices of the warmest conditions in a selection of data units that have been not necessarily nicely correlated in time.

Possibly the maximum placing characteristic of Pliocene weather reconstructions is that low latitude ocean temperatures had been very just like temperatures these days. High latitudes were a good deal warmer than nowadays, the ice sheets smaller, and sea level about 25 m elevated [12]. Atmospheric CO₂ quantity inside the Pliocene is poorly acknowledged, however an ordinary assumption, based on a ramification of imprecise proxies, is 380 ppm [48]. It is probably that both increased CO₂ and accelerated pole ward warmness transports by using the sea and surroundings contributed to massive high range warming with little trade at low latitudes, but Pliocene weather has not been well simulated from first principals with the aid of climate models.

We conclude that Pliocene temperatures in all likelihood have been no extra than 1-2°C warmer on worldwide common than top Holocene temperature. And no matter the proper temperatures inside the Pliocene, the acute polar warmth and faded ice sheets are regular with the picture we painted



above. Earth these days, with worldwide temperature having lower back to as a minimum the Holocene maximum, is poised to revel in sturdy magnifying polar feed-backs in response to even humble additional international mean warming.

VI. SEA STAGE

Sea stage upward push potentially units a low restrict on the harmful degree of global warming. Civilization evolved at some stage in a time of unusual sea degree balance. An awful lot of the arena's population and infrastructure is placed close to modern sea degree.

Earth's paleo-climate history suggests that eventual sea stage upward thrust of many meters have to be anticipated with the global warming of at least several stages Celsius this is anticipated underneath business-as-traditional (BAU) weather scenarios [17] [21] [22] [28] [29]. But the threat of sea altitude rise has had little or no impact on international strength and climate guidelines.

The rationales, at least in element, have to be perception that ice sheets respond most effective slowly to climate trade. For this reason the projection of approximately 29 cm (mid-range 20 - 43 cm, full-range 18 - 59 cm) sea level rise via the cease of this century changed into more reassuring than threatening [29].

IPCC projections did no longer include contributions from ice sheet soften, considering the fact that we do not recognize ice sheet physics nicely sufficient. This is affordable, but if ice sheets pose the hazard of sea degree rise a ways exceeding different mechanisms, then it deserves to be the front and center in communiqué with policy-makers. Known the close to unfeasibility of receiving policy-makers to keep in mind distant future results, the realistic question then will become: how a great deal can ice sheets make contributions to sea degree upward thrust on the time scale of a century?

A critical contribution to the sea level dialogue via stating that even a linear relation between worldwide temperature and the cost of sea level upward push, calibrated with twentieth century facts, entails a 21st sea stage rise of about a meter, expected international warming for BAU greenhouse gasoline emissions [47]. Semi-empirical method through adding a speedy response term, projecting sea level upward push via 2100 of 0.75-1.9 m for the whole variety of IPCC climate scenarios [64]. A four – parameter linear response equation to temperature and sea level records for the beyond 2000 years, projecting a sea level rise of 0.9 - 1.3 m by means of 2100 for a center IPCC situation (A1B) [14]. Those projections are characteristically a feature of 3-4 larger than the estimation [29], and therefore they altered perceptions about the capacity significance of human caused sea degree change.

Reviewed projections of sea degree rise via 2100, displaying numerous clustered around 1 m and one outlier at five m, all of which he approximated as linear [1]. The five m estimate is what counseled became feasible [20], given the idea of a regular IPCC's BAU weather forcing situation. Alley's chart is reassuring; building the inspiration of a likely 5 m sea stage rise seems to be a



fantastic outlier, because, further to disagreeing with all other projections, a half-meter sea degree upward push in the next 10 years is preposterous.

However, the essential issue is linearity as opposed to non-linearity. The amplifying feedbacks make ice sheet disintegration always surprisingly non-linear [18] [20]. In a non-linear problem, the maximum applicable range for projecting sea level upward push is the doubling time for the price of mass loss. It is recommended that a 10 - 12 months doubling time changed into potential, pointing out that one of these doubling time from a base of 1 mm consistent with year ice sheet contribution to sea stage in the decade 2005-2015 could result in a cumulative 5 m sea level upward thrust by means of 2095 [20].

Non-linear ice sheet disintegration may be slowed with the aid of bad feedbacks. It is disputed that kinematic constraints make sea degree upward thrust of extra than 2 m this century physically untenable [46], and they contend that this sort of value may want to arise most effective if all variables fast boost up to extraordinarily excessive limits. They finish that extra conceivable but nonetheless multiplied situations may want to cause sea stage rise of eighty cm by means of 2100.

The kinematic constraint may also have relevance to the Greenland ice sheet, even though the assumptions are questionable even for Greenland [46]. They anticipate that ice streams in this century will pour out ice no faster than the fastest rate located in current many years. That assumption is doubtful, given the big weather trade to be able to occur beneath BAU situations, that have a high-quality (warming) weather forcing this is growing at a charge dwarfing any acknowledged herbal forcing. BAU eventualities lead to CO₂ tiers better than any time when you consider that 32 My in the past, while Antarctica glaciated. By using mid-century most of Greenland could be experiencing summer melting in a longer melt season. Additionally some Greenland ice circulate outlets are in valleys with bedrock under sea level. Since the boundary of an ice flow leaves national, glacier side-walls can fall apart, creating a much broader pathway for disgorging ice.

Conversely, the principal fault with the kinematic constriction concept is the geology of Antarctica, where large quantities of the ice sheet are buttressed by using ice cabinets with the intention to no longer continue to exist BAU weather situations. West Antarctica's Pine Island Glacier (PIG) illustrates nonlinear techniques entering play. The floating ice shelf at PIG's terminus has been thinning within the past two many years as the sea around Antarctica warms (Shepherd et al., 2004). As a result the grounding line of the glacier has moved inland by way of 30 km into deeper water, permitting probably unstable ice sheet retreat. PIG's charge of mass loss has elevated almost constantly for the beyond decade [67] and might account for approximately half of the mass lack of the West Antarctic ice sheet, which is of the order of one hundred km³ in line with yr [53].

PIG and neighboring glaciers inside the Amundsen Sea area of West Antarctica, which are also accelerating, incorporate sufficient ice to contribute 1-2 m to sea level. maximum of West Antarctica, with at the least 5 m of sea degree, and approximately a 3rd of East Antarctica, with



some other 15-20 m of sea level, are grounded beneath sea stage. This greater prone ice might also were the supply of the 25 ± 10 m sea stage upward push of the Pliocene [8] [9]. If human made worldwide warming reaches Pliocene ranges this century, as expected under BAU eventualities, those more volumes of ice will genuinely begin to make contributions to sea stage trade. certainly, satellite gravity and radar interferometry statistics reveal that the East Antarctica - Totten Glacier, which facades a large ice mass grounded beneath sea stage, is already beginning to lose mass [49]. Its miles clean that there could be sufficient available ice to produce meters of sea degree upward push this century below BAU greenhouse gas state of affairs. To be had ice is the distinction in the middle of current ice sheet mass and equilibrium ice sheet length for predicted twenty first century worldwide temperature. The question is: how fast will those ices mass be transformed to sea level upward thrust given practical nonlinear physics of ice sheet disintegration?

The most dependable indication of the imminence of meters of sea degree upward push may be provided through empirical estimation of the doubling time for ice sheet collection loss. Mass loss by means of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets could be inferred from satellite measurements of Earth's solemnity area. The most essential curves are the 12-month going for walks manner of the once a year mass exchange of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets, which common out the annual cycle.

those facts statistics are too quick to offer a dependable assessment of the doubling time, however, together with they're, they yield a high-quality healthy doubling time for annual mass lack of five-6 years for each Greenland and Antarctica., constant with the approximate doubling of annual mass loss in the duration 2003-2008. there's giant version amongst opportunity analyses of the gravity area statistics [58], however all analyses have an growing mass loss with time, imparting at least a tentative indication that lengthy-term ice loss mass may be non-linear.

We finish that to be had records for the ice sheet mass trade are regular with our expectation of a non-linear response, but the statistics report is simply too quick and uncertain to permit quantitative evaluation. The opportunity for assessment will unexpectedly improve in coming years if high-precision gravity measurements are persisted.

Eventually, we remark the life of a sturdy negative comments described with the aid of Hansen that comes into play when the rate of sea raise upward push techniques the order of a meter in step with decade[24]. Such an iceberg discharge price temporarily overwhelms greenhouse warming, cooling excessive latitude surroundings and ocean mixed layer underneath current stages. Ice sheet mass loss might also slow in response to this cooling, but, as described qualitatively [24], it will likely be no consolation to humans. More potent storms pushed by using extended latitudinal temperature gradients, blended with meters of sea stage rise, will produce worldwide havoc.



VII. DISCUSSION

Paleo-climate statistics can help monitor possibly outcomes of a given level of worldwide warming. But, we suggest that there were some sizable misinterpretations about the extent of worldwide warming required to initiate massive weather impacts.

Discussions of potential sea degree change often anticipate that previous interglacial periods were a good deal warmer than nowadays. As an instance, from Sea-stage rise and Variability: Synthesis and Outlook for the future [7]. The climatic conditions most much like the ones anticipated in the last component of the twenty first century came about during the last interglacial, approximately 125000 years in the past. At that point, a few paleodata [50] advocate charges of sea-stage rise perhaps as high as 1.6 ± 0.8 m/century and sea level approximately 4-6 m above present-day values [44], with worldwide temperature about $3-5^{\circ}$ C better than nowadays [43]. The final interglacial period, Marine Isotope stage (MIS) 5e, turned into characterized by international suggest surface temperature at the least 2° C hotter than gift [50] [43]. however, the referenced Otto-Bliesner work is a weather version observe and actually the model does no longer simply yield international imply warming of 3-five C, or 2° C, or maybe 1° C [43].

Estimates of temperature inside the Eemian and other periods should be based totally especially on observations. As we display, observations advise that moderate international warming above the Holocene level could have large results at excessive latitudes and on worldwide sea degree.

Milankovitch weather oscillations, the glacial interglacial climate changes determined broadly speaking via perturbations of Earth's orbit approximately the solar, allow extraction of our most correct knowledge of equilibrium climate sensitivity. Paleo-climate facts for adjustments of lengthy-lived greenhouse gases and ice sheet location decide a worldwide climate forcing, from which fast remarks weather sensitivity may be extracted, including the consequences of converting water vapor, clouds, aerosols and sea ice cover. However the modifications of ice sheet vicinity and lengthy-lived greenhouse gases in Milankovitch weather oscillations are themselves slow weather feedbacks in reaction to perturbations of Earth's trajectory that regulate the seasonal and geographical distribution of sunlight. The fact that both rapid and slow weather feedbacks are amplifying feedbacks and substantial in significance account for the remarkably high sensitivity of Earth's climate to the susceptible Milankovitch perturbations. We have mentioned this topic substantially elsewhere [23].

Our discussions here will attention now not on equilibrium climate reaction, but rather the timestructured weather reaction to human made weather forcing. Paleo-climate information consist of no acknowledged analog to the human made weather forcing, which is a robust superb (warming) forcing this is so speedy that the planet is out of power stability nowadays. conversely, paleoclimate information and satellite interpretation together yield precious insights about in all likelihood weather effects.



A. Global temperature in earlier warm periods

Ice cores and ocean cores are treasured complementary assets of climate statistics. It indicates that they offer similar pictures of Milankovitch glacial sequence, with one exemption. Ice cores endorse that the Eemian and Holsteinian interglacial had been warmer than the Holocene via 2°C or more. In assessment, ocean cores suggest that these earlier interglacial had been warmer than the Holocene through at maximum one degree, possibly through handiest tenths of a degree Celsius.

Ocean cores and ice cores are restrained as a measure of global temperature alteration. Ocean cores undergo from haziness in the assistance of ice capacity and temperature. We employ the worldwide stack of ocean cores [68], which gives greatest weight to Pacific Ocean deep water, to limit results of spatial and temporal variability.

Ocean cores have a scientific trouble as a degree of temperature alternate when the deep ocean temperature strategies the freezing point [66]. However, via using the recognized floor temperature change among the ultimate glacial maximum and the Holocene for empirical calibration, we tend to exaggerate the sea core estimate of worldwide floor warming throughout hotter inter-glacials comparative to the Holocene.

Ocean cores and ice cores encompass uncertainty because of variability of dimension vicinity. But, viable adjustments of ice sheet altitude can't account for discrepancies. And the interglacial region of deep water formation around Antarctica, which impacts deep Pacific Ocean temperature, is restricted via the Antarctic geography and is not going to be some distance removed all through barely warmer interglacial periods.

It is presented an unambiguous discrimination among ice and ocean center measures of global temperature trade. Weather sensitivity cannot range much from one interglacial period to some other. The weather forcing is recognized accurately. Ocean center temperatures deliver consistent climate sensitivity for the complete 800,000 years. In comparison, the ice center temperature ends in the illogical result that weather sensitivity relies upon on time.

We conclude that the ocean middle statistics are correct in indicating that global temperature was most effective barely higher within the Eemian and Holsteinian interglacial intervals than in the Holocene, at most by means of about 1°C, but possibly by using best numerous tenths of a degree Celsius. Gigantic Eemian warming passed off in Antarctica, however worldwide warming changed into modest.

B. Phase alternate mechanisms

Polar warm temperature in the course of the Eemian was no longer confined to Antarctica. Critical Greenland all through the Eemian turned into 5°C warmer than within the Holocene [42].

Glacial-interglacial worldwide temperature trade is sort of totally accounted for with the aid of greenhouse fuel and floor albedo adjustments. Milankovitch orbital parameters are a high instigator of changes in those forcing, but the additional direct impact of changes within the



seasonal/geographical distribution of daylight is understated. The direct motive that each poles had been so heat inside the Eemian, and sea stage become high, is because the worldwide suggest temperature turned into slightly better in the Eemian than it has been inside the Holocene.

There is an easy explanation for why the Eemian and Holsteinian had been handiest marginally warmer than the Holocene and yet had (each) poles numerous ranges Celsius warmer. Earth at top Holocene temperature is poised such that additional warming instigates big amplifying excessive-latitude feedbacks. Mechanisms at the verge of being instigated encompass lack of Arctic Ocean ice, diminution of the Greenland ice mass, lack of Antarctic ice shelves, and shrinkage of the Antarctic ice sheets. Those aren't runaway feedbacks, but collectively they strongly extend the impacts in polar areas of a tremendous heating climate forcing.

Expansion of peak Holocene temperature via even 1°C might be sufficient to cause effective amplifying polar feedbacks, leading to a planet as a minimum as heat as in the Eemian and Holsteinian durations, making ice sheet disintegration and big sea stage upward thrust inevitable. Empirical evidence assisting these assertions abounds. International temperature improved 0.five°C inside the beyond 3 a long time [25] to a level comparable to the past Holocene highest, or only some tenths of a degree elevated. Satellite observations screen speedy reduction of Arctic sea ice [61] and surface soften on a huge growing portion of the Greenland ice sheet [60] [62].

Arctic response to human made weather forcing is extra apparent than Antarctic trade, because the reaction time is quicker due to the massive share of land location and Greenland's temperature, which permits a massive enlargement of the area with summer season melting.

However, we have to assume ice sheet mass balance modifications will arise concurrently in both hemispheres. Why? Since ice sheets in both hemispheres have been in close up to-equilibrium with Holocene hotness. That is most likely why together Greenland and Antarctica started out to shed ice in the beyond decade or so, because worldwide temperature is simply rising above the Holocene level.

Ice mass breakdown in Antarctica relies upon on melting the underside of ice cabinets as the sea warms a procedure nicely underway on the Pine Island glacier [55]. The glacier's grounding line has retreated inland by means of tens of kilometers [30] and thinning of the ice sheet has broadened local 10⁵ meters [67].

C. Linear vs. non-linear ice mass breakdown

The irregularity of glacial-interglacial weather cycles, with fast warming and sea level upward push within the warming stage and a slower plunge into ice ages, proves that widens feedbacks can make the wet ice sheet disintegration procedure enormously fast [21]. However how fast?

Paleo-climate statistics consist of instances in which sea degree rose several meters in step with century, even though recognized herbal tremendous forcing are tons smaller than the human made forcing. This implies that ice sheet disintegration may be a tremendously nonlinear procedure.



We advise that a nonlinear process spurred with the aid of a growing forcing and amplifying feedbacks is better characterized by using the doubling time for the price of mass disintegration, rather than a linear rate of mass exchange. If the doubling occasion is as short as a decade, meters of sea level rise could arise this century.

VIII. CONCLUSIONS

Clarification of mass loss from Greenland and Antarctica are as well quick for giant conclusions; however they're not conflicting with a doubling-up time of a decade or fewer. The picture turns into clearer because the dimension file lengthens. What constraints or poor feedbacks would possibly restriction nonlinear boom of ice sheet mass loss? An ice sheet sitting broadly speaking on land above sea level, along with maximum of Greenland, may be limited by using the speed at which it could deliver ice to the ocean through outlet glaciers. But a lot of the West Antarctic ice sheet, resting on bedrock under sea degree, is not so restrained.

Factors out terrible remarks that come into play as ice discharge procedures a level of the order of a meter in line with decade: cooling of the top ocean by using the ice [24]. That bad feedback might be cold comfort. The high latitude cooling and low range warming might force more powerful midrange cyclonic storms, together with extra repeated cases of hurricane power winds. Such storms, in aggregate with swiftly rising sea level, could be disastrous for many of the tremendous international towns and devastating for the arena's financial wellbeing and cultural background.

Predictions of destiny sea level change are inherently hard because, we emphasize, ice sheet dissolution is essentially a non-linear technique. But, in addition, the climate forcing state of affairs is unsure. While predictions are made, or statements that may be construed as predictions, its miles essential to be clear what climate forcing state of affairs is being taken into consideration.

IPCC BAU scenarios assume that greenhouse gas emissions will hold to increase, with the nations of the sector burning maximum of the fossil fuels which includes unconventional fossil fuels including tar sands.

An alternative severe, one that locations a sizable growing rate on carbon emissions, might have CO₂ emissions starting to decrease inside less than a decade, as the sector actions on energy systems beyond fossil fuels, leaving most of the remaining coal and unconventional fossil fuels within the ground. On this extreme scenario, allows name it fossil fuel phase out, CO₂ might rise above 400 ppm however start an extended decline by mid-century [23].

The European Union 2°C scenario, name it EU2C, falls in among those extremes. BAU scenarios result in international warming of the order of three-6°C. Its miles this state of affairs for which, we assert that meters of sea stage rise at the century time scale are not simplest feasible, but nearly lifeless sure.

The sort of massive hastily increasing climate forcing, dwarfs anything within the peleo-climate document. Antarctic ice cabinets would disappear and the lower reaches of the Antarctic ice sheets



could revel in summer soften comparable to that on Greenland these days.

The alternative intense state of affairs, FFPO, does not do away with the possibility of meters of sea stage upward thrust; however it leaves the time scale for ice sheet disintegration very unsure, probably very lengthy. If the time scale is numerous centuries, then it could be possible to avoid massive sea stage upward thrust by decreasing emissions rapid enough to reason atmospheric greenhouse gases to decline in quantity.

What approximately the intermediate scenario, EU2C? We've provided proof in this paper those previous interglacial periods had been much less than 1°C warmer than the Holocene most. If we're accurate in that end, the EU2C situation implies a sea stage upward thrust of many meters. It is difficult to predict a time scale for the sea level upward thrust; however it might be dangerous and silly to take the sort of worldwide warming situation.

Climate change is an extreme purpose for concern, because it impacts every person dwelling on this planet. The good sized majority of the medical community claims that anthropogenic international warming is to blame for those changes. But, there are a small variety of folks that deny the very existence of worldwide warming. Their phrases bring a certain quantity of weight in a few circles; however they lack scientific evidence to help these arguments.

The results of climate exchange are undeniable. Studies carried out by way of the Intergovernmental Panel on climate change (IPCC) and different presumed meteorological organization proves that normal yearly temperature has been progressively developing over the last many years. The sea degrees have additionally been rising, and the variety of floods in exceptional elements of the world has expanded dramatically. Glaciers within the Northern Hemisphere have begun to soften. This brought about more icebergs to go with the flow into the sea. They currently pose a extreme danger to each, cruise and cargo ships that direction through the waters of the northern regions. There are reports of some icebergs being spotted far-off the South of Greenland.

Over 95% of researchers agree that those changes are because of the greenhouse impact. Some constant confirmation which demonstrates that, public is at once accountable for the worldwide warming, that is, fueling this weather trade. Destruction of forests, burning of fossil fuels and environmental pollution are the main purpose at the back of the greenhouse effect that is currently influencing the weather. The rate and intensity of those changes are too excessive for there to be any purpose that might give an explanation for them, other than human hobby.

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