

- o Radiation of longwave from ground up to clouds/atmosphere and reflection back down

- Incoming:

$$100_{in} - (6+20+4)_{refl} - (16+3)_{abs \text{ by atm}} - (51)_{abs \text{ by surf}} = \text{zero}$$

- Energy gained/lost by surface:

$$+51_{input} - 6_{loss} = 45_{emit \text{ by surf}}$$

- Energy gained/lost by atmosphere:

$$+(16+3)_{input} + 45_{emit \text{ by surf}} - 64_{loss} = \text{zero}$$

- Overall planetary net radiation:

$$100_{SWin} - 30_{SWrefl} - 64_{LWatm} - 6_{LWsurf} = \text{zero}$$

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- o Emitted by surface = moved away from the surface
- o 64% lost to space

- Energy received = Energy reemitted

- o Eventually, all of the energy that reaches the Earth's surface is reflected back

Greenhouse Effect:

- Greenhouse effect: barrier causes inflow of energy that outpaces the outflow → interior warms
- Warming effect due to atmospheric GHGs preventing heat emitted from surface from escaping into space
- Water vapor (most abundant), carbon dioxide (most abundant anthropogenic GHG), methane, and nitrous oxide (greatest effect on global warming in future)
- Absorb longwave radiation and reradiate it to surface (counter radiation)

How Do We Measure Global Climate?

- Weather stations recording temperature since 1714
- Instrumental period (1860) = current era, access to temperature readings taken directly with thermometers
- Satellites (1979) measure temperature from space using IR
- Comparing temperatures to fixed base period shows climate changing over time

Proxies:

- Collecting proxy data provides climate change information from ancient climates (paleoclimates) – less precise b/c uncertainty in relation btw proxy and climate
- Proxy: observable + measurable phenomenon, indirect indicator climate change
 - o Must overlap with modern instruments to provide calibration
 - o Proxy – measurement that stands in for paleoclimate variable when we can't measure it directly because it pre-dates the instrument record. An example is tree rings