

# Introduction of Renewable Energy Technologies

## Lecture-08

# Solar Angle and Estimation of Solar Radiation

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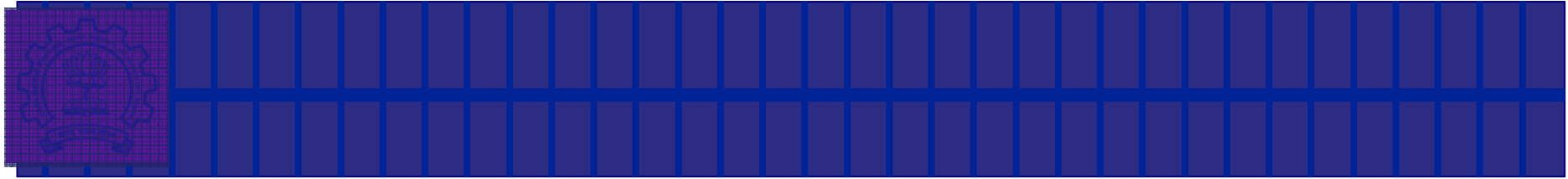
# Recap of the last lecture

- Apparent motion of the Sun
- Declination angle between equatorial plane and plane of revolution
- Motion of the Sun at given latitude throughout the year
- Optimum angle of solar collector



# In this lecture

- Solar radiation on collector surface
- Local apparent time
- Sunrise, sunset time and day length
- Estimation of Solar radiation at any given time and at any surface



# **Solar Radiation on Collector Surface**



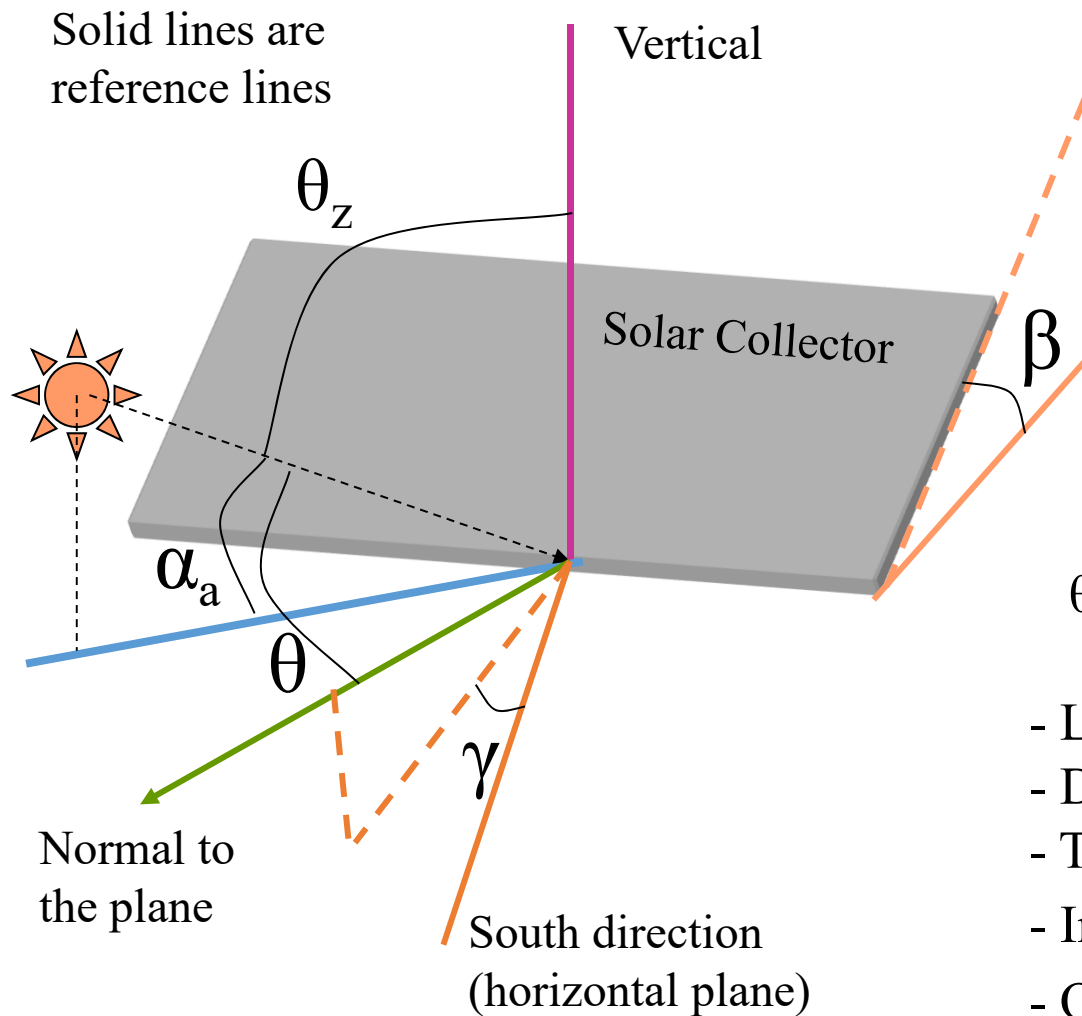
# Solar radiation at the collector

- ❑ The amount of radiation falling on a collector surface depends on the angle between the sun ray and perpendicular to collector

$$I = I_b \cos \theta$$

- ❑ Generally the collector should be perpendicular ( $\theta=0^\circ$ ) to the solar radiation at all times
- ❑ But this requires continuous sun tracking

# Solar radiation geometry



The parameters that can affect the direction of light reaching a surface ?

$\theta$  is affected by five parameters

- Latitude of location ( $\phi$ )
- Day of year ( $\delta$ )
- Time of the day ( $w$ )
- Inclination of surface ( $\beta$ )
- Orientation in horizontal plane ( $\gamma$ )



# Angles related to solar geometry

**Latitude ( $\phi$ )** – angle of a location on earth w.r.t. to equatorial plane  
Surface azimuth angle (+90° to -90°, +ve in the north)

**Surface azimuth angle ( $\gamma$ )** – angle between surface normal and south direction in horizontal plane, (+180° to -180°, +ve in the east of south)

**Hour angle ( $\omega$ )** – angular measure of time w.r.t. noon (LAT), 15° per hour, (+180° to -180°, +ve in the morning)

**Surface slope ( $\beta$ )** – Angle of the surface w.r.t horizontal plane (0 to 180°)

**Declination angle ( $\delta$ )** – Angle made by line joining center of the sun and the earth w.r.t to equatorial plane (+23.45° to -23.45°)

# Angle of Sun rays on collector

**Incidence angle of rays on collector** (w.r.t. to collector normal)

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta = & \sin \phi (\sin \delta \cos \beta + \cos \delta \cos \gamma \cos \omega \sin \beta) \\ & + \cos \phi (\cos \delta \cos \omega \cos \beta - \sin \delta \cos \gamma \sin \beta) \\ & + \cos \delta \sin \gamma \sin \omega \sin \beta\end{aligned}$$

**Case-1:** i.e.  $\beta = 0^\circ$ . Thus, for the horizontal surface, then :

$$\cos \theta = \sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \cos \omega = \cos \theta_z$$

**Case-2:**  $\gamma = 0^\circ$ , collector facing due south

$$\cos \theta = \sin \delta \sin(\phi - \beta) + \cos \delta \cos \omega \cos(\phi - \beta)$$





# Angle of Sun rays on collector

What will be the angle of incidence on vertical surface facing due South?

# Local apparent time (LAT)

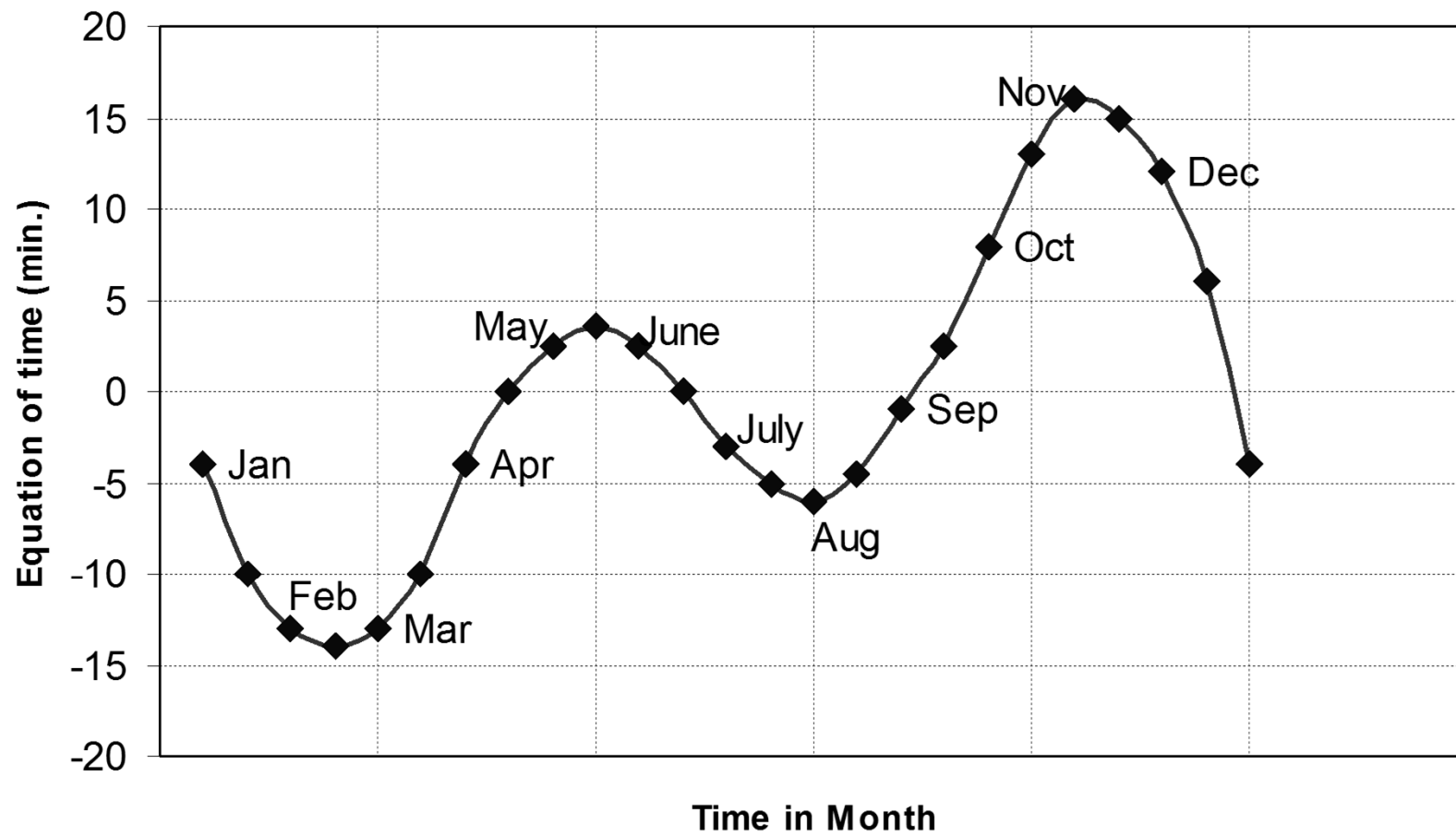
Time at which the Sun becomes overhead at a given location

- Normally the standard time for a country is based on a noon (overhead Sun position) at a particular longitude
- Correction in the real noon time by considering the difference in the longitude w.r.t. standard longitude of that country, **1° longitude difference = 4 min.**

$$LAT = T_{local} + \frac{1}{15} (Long_{st} - Long_{local}) + \frac{1}{60} Eq. of time$$

# Equation of time correction

- Due variation in earth's orbit and its speed of revolution
- Based on experimental observations



# Local apparent time (LAT)

Local apparent time,

$$LAT = IST - 4(\psi_{STD} - \psi_L) + E$$

$$E = 9.87 \sin 2B - 7.53 \cos B - 1.5 \sin B$$

$$B = (n - 81) \frac{360}{364}$$

Determine the local apparent time (LAT) corresponding to 1430h at Mumbai (19°07' N, 72°51' E) on July 1. In India, standard time is based on 82.5°E.

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$$B = (n - 81) \frac{360}{364}$$

$$n = 182; B = 99.89; E = -3.524$$

$$\text{Local apparent time} = 1430\text{h} - 4(82.50 - 72.85)\text{minutes} + (-3.524)\text{ min}$$

$$= 1430\text{h} - 38.6\text{minutes} - 3.5\text{minutes}$$

$$= 1430\text{h} - 42.1\text{minutes}$$

$$= 13\text{h}47.9\text{min} = 1348\text{h}$$



# **Estimation of sunrise and sunset time, day length**



# Terminology

Day number of the year	$n$	number
Latitude	$\phi$	degrees
Longitude	$\psi$	degrees
Elevation	$E_L$	km
Declination angle	$\delta$	degrees
Slope of the collector	$\beta$	Degrees
Hour angle	$\omega_s$	Degrees
Number of sunshine hours	$N$	Hours
Maximum number of sunshine hours	$S_{max}$	Hours
Monthly average daily global radiation		kW/m <sup>2</sup> -day
Monthly average daily diffuse radiation		kW/m <sup>2</sup> -day
Total daily radiation falling on a tilted surface		kW/m <sup>2</sup> -day

# Terminology

Day number of the year,  $n$

$n$  varies from 1 to 365

For example: Jan 1<sup>st</sup>,  $n = 1$ , and so on.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31

Declination angle

$$\delta = 23.45 \times \sin \left[ \frac{360}{365} \times (284 + n) \right]$$





# Sunrise and Sunset time

- Solar incidence angle for horizontal collector

$$\cos \theta = \sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \cos \omega = \cos \theta_z$$

- For sunrise as well as for sunset the  $\theta=90^\circ$  in above equation

# Sunrise and Sunset time

- Hour angle at sunrise or sunset as seen by observer on an horizontal surface due south ( $\gamma = 0^\circ$ ) will be

$$\omega_s = \cos^{-1} (-\tan \phi \tan \delta)$$

This equation is valid for day under consideration lies between **September 22 and March 21** and location is **northern hemisphere** (due to negative declination).

- If the day of consideration is lies between **March 21 and Sep 22**, the equation is

$$\omega_{st} = \cos^{-1} [-\tan(\phi - \beta) \tan \delta]$$



# Sunrise and sunset time

- The magnitude of hour angle corresponding to sunrise or sunset for an **inclined surface facing south** ( $\gamma = 0^\circ$ ) is

$$|\omega_{st}| = \min \left[ \left| \cos^{-1} (-\tan \phi \tan \delta) \right|, \left| \cos^{-1} \{ -\tan (\phi - \beta) \tan \delta \} \right| \right]$$

The sunrise for the inclined surface will happen later than horizontal surface for dates between 22 March to 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

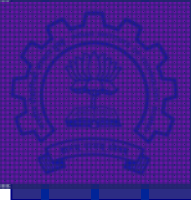
**Why??**

# Day Length

Day length between sunrise to sunset

- $S_{\max}$  (day length or maximum number of sunshine hours)

$$S_{\max} = \frac{2}{15} \times \omega_s = \frac{2}{15} \cos^{-1}(-\tan \phi \times \tan \delta)$$



# Hour Angle

**Calculate the hour angle at sunrise and sunset on June 21 and December 21 for a surface inclined at an angle of  $10^\circ$  and facing due south ( $\gamma = 0^\circ$ ). The surface is located in Mumbai ( $19^\circ 07' \text{ N}$ ,  $72^\circ 51' \text{ E}$ )**

# Hour Angle

On **June 21**,  $\delta = 23.45^\circ$ .

Hour angle at sunrise and sunset,  $\omega_{st}$

$$|\omega_{st}| = \min \left[ \left| \cos^{-1} (-\tan \phi \tan \delta) \right|, \left| \cos^{-1} \{ -\tan (\phi - \beta) \tan \delta \} \right| \right]$$

$$|\omega_{st}| = \min \left[ \left| \cos^{-1} (-\tan 19.2^\circ \tan 23.45^\circ) \right|, \left| \cos^{-1} \{ -\tan (19.12^\circ - 10^\circ) \tan 23.45^\circ \} \right| \right] = \pm 94.0^\circ$$

On **December 21**,  $\delta = -23.45^\circ$ .

$$\omega_{st} = \pm 81.4^\circ$$

# **Estimation of solar radiation**

at any given time, any location

# Measurement of Solar Radiation, and Estimation of Solar Radiation

- ❑ Measurement of solar radiation is expensive and time taking
- ❑ Models have been developed to estimate solar radiation at given surface



# Estimating solar radiation empirically: Global radiation

Estimation of monthly average global radiation on horizontal surface

$$\frac{H_{ga}}{H_{oa}} = a + b \left( \frac{S_a}{S_{\max a}} \right)$$

Where,

$H_{ga}$  → monthly averaged daily global radiation on a horizontal surface

$H_{oa}$  → monthly averaged extra-terrestrial solar radiation at horizontal surface (at top of atmosphere)

$S_a$  and  $S_{\max a}$  → monthly averaged daily sunshine hours and maximum possible daily sunshine hours (the day length) at a given location.

$a$  and  $b$  → constant

# Values of constants a and b

Location	a	b
Ahmedabad, India	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.48</b>
Atlanta, Gerorgia, USA	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.26</b>
Brownsville, Texas, USA	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.31</b>
Buuenos Aires, Argentina	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.50</b>
Charleston, S. C., USA	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Bangalore, India	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.64</b>
Hamburg, Germany	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.57</b>
Malange, Angola	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.34</b>
Miami, Florida, USA	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.22</b>
Nagpur, India	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.50</b>
New Delhi, India	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.57</b>
Nice, France	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.63</b>
Pune, India	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.43</b>
Rafah, Egypt	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.35</b>
Stanleyville, Congo	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.39</b>
Tamanrasset, Algeria	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.43</b>

- The values of the constant is empirically obtained from know data

Ref: Lof J.A. et al, 1966

# Estimation of Extra-terrestrial solar radiation – horizontal surface

$H_{oa}$  is equal to  $H_o$  if calculated on following days of month;

January 17, February 16, March 16, April 15, May 15, June 11, July 17, August 16, September 15, October 15, November 14 and December 10.

**The monthly averaged daily solar extra-terrestrial radiation**

$$H_o = S_t \int \cos \theta dt$$

$$H_o = S \left( 1 + 0.033 \cos \frac{360n}{365} \right) * \int (\sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \sin \omega) dt$$

$$dt = \frac{180\omega}{15\pi}$$

$$H_o = \frac{24}{\pi} S \left( 1 + 0.033 \cos \frac{360n}{365} \right) (\omega_s \sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \sin \omega_s)$$

S is in W/m<sup>2</sup> the  $H_o$  will be W-Hour/m<sup>2</sup>

# Problem:

Estimate the monthly average daily global radiation on the horizontal surface at Nagpur (21.06N, 79.03E) during month of March if the average sunshine hours per day is 9.2. Assume values for  $a=0.27$  and  $b=0.50$

$$\frac{H_{ga}}{H_{oa}} = a + b \left( \frac{S_a}{S_{\max a}} \right)$$

**Given:**  $\Phi$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $S_a$

**Required:**  $\delta$ ,  $\omega_s$ ,  $S_{\max a}$ ,  $H_{oa}$ ,  $n$ ,  $S$

$$H_o = H_{oa} = \frac{24}{\pi} S \left( 1 + 0.033 \cos \frac{360n}{365} \right) (\omega_s \sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \sin \omega_s)$$

$$\delta = 23.34 \sin \left( \frac{360}{365} (284 + 75) \right)$$

$$\cos \omega_s = -\tan \phi \tan \delta$$

$$\omega_s = \cos^{-1} (-\tan \phi \tan \delta)$$



# Solution:

On March 16,  $n=75$

$$\delta = -2.4177$$

$$\omega_s = \cos^{-1}(-\tan 21.15 \tan -2.4177)$$

$$\omega_s = 89.0640$$

Day length=11.8752 hr, Sunrise and sunset hours?

$$H_o = \frac{24}{\pi} 1.367 * 3600 \left( 1 + 0.033 \cos \frac{360 * 57}{365} \right) (1.5544 \sin 21.15 \sin -2.4177 + \cos 21.15 \cos -2.4177 \sin 89.0640)$$

$$H_o = 34140.2 \text{ kJ/m}^2\text{-day}$$

$$H_{ga} = 22442.46 \text{ kJ/m}^2\text{-day}$$

# Monthly averaged daily Diffuse radiation

for  $\omega_s \leq 81.4^\circ$  and  $0.3 \leq K_T \leq 0.8$

$$\frac{H_{da}}{H_{ga}} = 1.391 - 3.560K_T + 4.189K_T^2 - 2.137K_T^3$$

for  $\omega_s > 81.4^\circ$  and  $0.3 \leq K_T \leq 0.8$

$$\frac{H_{da}}{H_{ga}} = 1.311 - 3.022K_T + 3.427K_T^2 - 1.821K_T^3$$

**Ref: Erbs et al., 1982**

$\omega_s$  = sunrise hour angle

$K_T$  = sky monthly averaged clearness index, =  $H_{ga} / H_{oa}$

Typically diffuse radiation is about 10 to 20% of the global radiation on horizontal surface



# Monthly averaged daily Diffuse radiation- horizontal surface

Studies on Indian solar radiation data

$$0.3 \leq K_T \leq 0.7$$

$$\frac{H_{da}}{H_{ga}} = 1.411 - 1.696K_T$$

One other analysis presented following

$$\frac{H_{da}}{H_{ga}} = 1.354 - 1.570K_T$$

- $K_T$  = sky monthly averaged clearness index, =  $H_{ga} / H_{oa}$
- Typically diffuse radiation is about 10 to 20% of the global radiation on horizontal surface
- Diffuse radiation component in India is larger than Europe

# Radiation on tilted south facing surface

- **Angle of sun rays with  $\beta=0$**

$$\cos \theta = \sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \cos \omega = \cos \theta_z$$

- **Angle of sun rays with  $\gamma=0$**

$$\cos \theta = \sin \delta \sin(\phi - \beta) + \cos \delta \cos \omega \cos(\phi - \beta)$$

- Tilt factor for beam radiation

$$r_b = \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta_z}$$

- Tilt factor for diffuse radiation

$$r_d = \frac{1 + \cos \beta}{2}$$

- Tilt factor for reflected radiation

$$r_d = \rho \left( \frac{1 - \cos \beta}{2} \right)$$

- $\rho$  is reflectivity of surrounding, 0.1 to 0.2



# Radiation on tilted south facing surfaces

- Total radiation falling on tilted surface at any instant

$$I_T = I_b r_b + I_d r_d + (I_b + I_d) r_r$$

$$\frac{I_T}{I_g} = \left(1 - \frac{I_d}{I_g}\right) r_b + \frac{I_d}{I_g} r_d + r_r$$

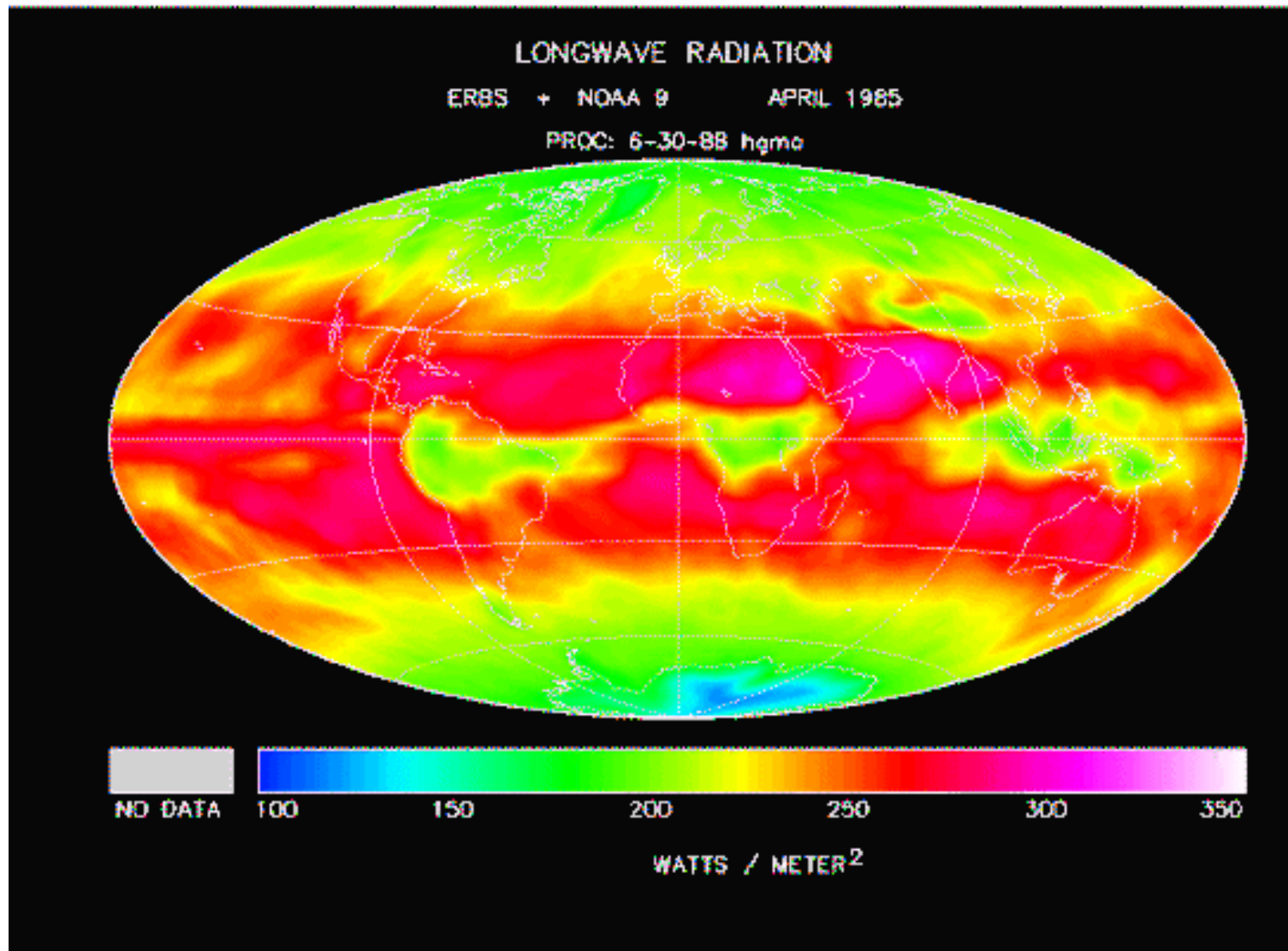
- Total daily radiation falling on south tilted surface,  $\gamma=0$

$$\frac{H_T}{H_g} = \left(1 - \frac{H_d}{H_g}\right) R_b + \frac{H_d}{H_g} R_d + R_r$$

$$R_b = \frac{\omega_{st} \sin \delta \sin(\phi - \beta) + \cos \delta \cos \omega_{st} \cos(\phi - \beta)}{\omega_s \sin \delta \sin \phi + \cos \delta \cos \phi \cos \omega_s}$$

$$R_d = r_d \quad \& \quad R_r = r_r$$

# Global Long-wave Radiation Map



**Thank you for your attention**

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