

Chapter 1 : ENVI : Introduction to Meteorology : Lecture notes and slides

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Parhelion sundog in Savoie The ability to predict rains and floods based on annual cycles was evidently used by humans at least from the time of agricultural settlement if not earlier. Early approaches to predicting weather were based on astrology and were practiced by priests. Cuneiform inscriptions on Babylonian tablets included associations between thunder and rain. In BC, Aristotle wrote Meteorology. At other times, it travels in crooked lines, and is called forked lightning. The Greek scientist Theophrastus compiled a book on weather forecasting, called the Book of Signs. The work of Theophrastus remained a dominant influence in the study of weather and in weather forecasting for nearly 2, years. He describes the meteorological character of the sky, the planets and constellations , the sun and moon , the lunar phases indicating seasons and rain, the anwa heavenly bodies of rain , and atmospheric phenomena such as winds, thunder, lightning, snow, floods, valleys, rivers, lakes. Admiral FitzRoy tried to separate scientific approaches from prophetic ones. Rainbow and Twilight Ptolemy wrote on the atmospheric refraction of light in the context of astronomical observations. Albert the Great was the first to propose that each drop of falling rain had the form of a small sphere, and that this form meant that the rainbow was produced by light interacting with each raindrop. He stated that a rainbow summit can not appear higher than 42 degrees above the horizon. Theoderic went further and also explained the secondary rainbow. Instruments and classification scales[edit] See also: In , Leone Battista Alberti developed a swinging-plate anemometer , and was known as the first anemometer. In , Johannes Kepler wrote the first scientific treatise on snow crystals: In , Gabriel Fahrenheit created a reliable scale for measuring temperature with a mercury-type thermometer. The April launch of the first successful weather satellite , TIROS-1 , marked the beginning of the age where weather information became available globally. Atmospheric composition research[edit] In , Blaise Pascal rediscovered that atmospheric pressure decreases with height, and deduced that there is a vacuum above the atmosphere. In , John Dalton defended caloric theory in A New System of Chemistry and described how it combines with matter, especially gases; he proposed that the heat capacity of gases varies inversely with atomic weight. In , Sadi Carnot analyzed the efficiency of steam engines using caloric theory; he developed the notion of a reversible process and, in postulating that no such thing exists in nature, laid the foundation for the second law of thermodynamics. Coriolis effect and Prevailing winds In , Christopher Columbus experienced a tropical cyclone, which led to the first written European account of a hurricane. Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis published a paper in on the energy yield of machines with rotating parts, such as waterwheels. By , this deflecting force was named the Coriolis effect. Observation networks and weather forecasting[edit] Cloud classification by altitude of occurrence This "Hyetographic or Rain Map of the World " was first published by Alexander Keith Johnston. History of surface weather analysis In the late 16th century and first half of the 17th century a range of meteorological instruments was invented – the thermometer , barometer , hydrometer , as well as wind and rain gauges. In the s natural philosophers started using these instruments to systematically record weather observations. Scientific academies established weather diaries and organised observational networks. The collected data were sent to Florence at regular time intervals. Thus early meteorologists attempted to correlate weather patterns with epidemic outbreaks, and the climate with public health. But there were also attempts to establish a theoretical understanding of weather phenomena. Edmond Halley and George Hadley tried to explain trade winds. They reasoned that the rising mass of heated equator air is replaced by an inflow of cooler air from high latitudes. A flow of warm air at high altitude from equator to poles in turn established an early picture of circulation. Frustration with the lack of discipline among weather observers, and the poor quality of the instruments, led the early modern nation states to organise large observation networks. Thus by the end of the 18th century meteorologists had access to large quantities of reliable weather data. To make frequent weather forecasts based on these data required a reliable network of observations, but it was not until that the Smithsonian Institution began to establish an observation network across the United States under the

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leadership of Joseph Henry. The following year a system was introduced of hoisting storm warning cones at principal ports when a gale was expected. Over the next 50 years many countries established national meteorological services. The India Meteorological Department was established to follow tropical cyclone and monsoon. The Australian Bureau of Meteorology was established by a Meteorology Act to unify existing state meteorological services. He described how small terms in the prognostic fluid dynamics equations that govern atmospheric flow could be neglected, and a numerical calculation scheme that could be devised to allow predictions. Richardson envisioned a large auditorium of thousands of people performing the calculations. However, the sheer number of calculations required was too large to complete without electronic computers, and the size of the grid and time steps used in the calculations led to unrealistic results. Though numerical analysis later found that this was due to numerical instability. Starting in the s, numerical forecasts with computers became feasible. These climate models are used to investigate long-term climate shifts, such as what effects might be caused by human emission of greenhouse gases. Weather forecasting Meteorologists are scientists who study meteorology. In the United States, meteorologists held about 9, jobs in Some radio and television weather forecasters are professional meteorologists, while others are reporters weather specialist, weatherman, etc.

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