



Recent Energy Balance of Earth

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ABSTRACT
A recently published estimate of Earth’ s global warming trend is 0.63 ± 0.28 W/m², as calculated from ocean heat content anomaly data spanning 1993-2008. This value is not representative of the recent (2003-2008) warming/cooling rate because of a “ flattening” that occurred around 2001-2002. Using only 2003-2008 data from Argo floats, we find by four different algorithms that the recent trend ranges from – 0.010 to – 0.161 W/m² with a typical error bar of ± 0.2 W/m². These results fail to support the existence of a frequently-cited large positive computed radiative imbalance.

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