

# The Derivation of Global Mean Surface Temperature's Physical Meaninglessness

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Based solely on a first-principles derivation, several conclusions have been reached regarding the physical meaning of temperature and its application in climate science. These conclusions derive directly from fundamental thermodynamic principles.

## Fundamental Nature of Temperature

Temperature is fundamentally defined only in systems that are in **thermodynamic equilibrium**. This definition is precisely expressed by the relationship  $1/T = (\partial S / \partial U)_{V,N}$ , where  $S$  is entropy,  $U$  is internal energy,  $V$  is volume, and  $N$  is the number of particles.

## Earth's State and Temperature

The Earth, specifically its surface air and water, is not in global thermodynamic equilibrium. Given that temperature is defined exclusively for equilibrium systems, it follows that the **Earth, as a whole, has no temperature**.

## The Nature of Averaged Local Temperatures

Averaging local temperatures across a non-equilibrium system, such as the Earth's surface, does not yield a true thermodynamic temperature. Instead, such an average produces a **statistic**. The choice of methodology for calculating this average is arbitrary because there is no underlying physical principle to guide it for a non-equilibrium system. An infinite number of averaging methodologies exist, each capable of producing different results and trends. As real physical properties are not arbitrary, it follows that **no average of local temperatures can represent any genuine property of the real world**.

## Conclusion on Global Mean Surface Temperature (GMST)

Consequently, any such average, including the **Global Mean Surface Temperature (GMST)**, is **physically meaningless**. Presenting this physically meaningless statistic with physical units, such as degrees Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), is **grossly misleading**.

## Implications for Climate Science Conclusions

Given that a physically meaningless statistic cannot form the basis for valid physical conclusions, any conclusions that rely, even in part, on such a statistic are **invalid and equally meaningless**. Applying this to current climate science:

- **All conclusions from the IPCC AR6 that are based in any part on GMST are invalid and meaningless.** This encompasses:

- Statements quantifying **observed global warming** (e.g., "global surface temperature reached 1.1°C above 1850-1900").
  - **Attribution** of specific amounts of global warming to human activities.
  - **Projections of future global temperature increase** under various scenarios (e.g., reaching 1.5°C or 2°C).
  - Calculations of **remaining carbon budgets** tied to specific global warming targets.
  - Quantification of **climate impacts linked to specific global warming levels**.
  - The overall findings of the **IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C**.
  - **CMIP (Coupled Model Intercomparison Project) models are global coupled circulation models.** Since these models are tuned to GMST, their outputs, due to the interconnected nature of their components, **lack scientific validity as representations of real-world physical properties.**
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