

Concepts of energy and heat

On the molecular level, what is heat?

Energy absorbed by the molecule
and converted to kinetic energy

How is heat transferred?

Conduction

Convection

Radiation

Transfer of heat

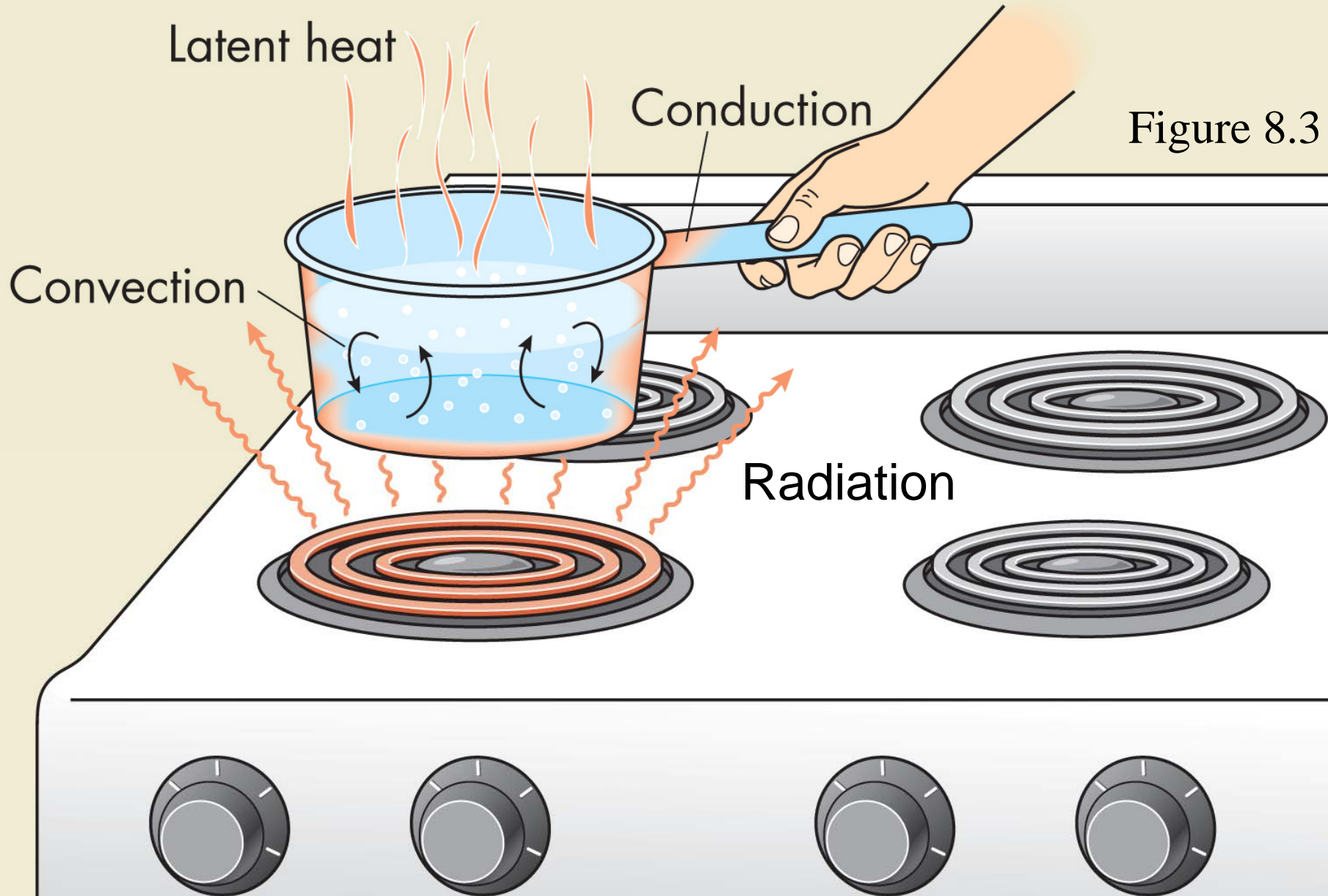


Figure 8.3

Energy balance for the Earth

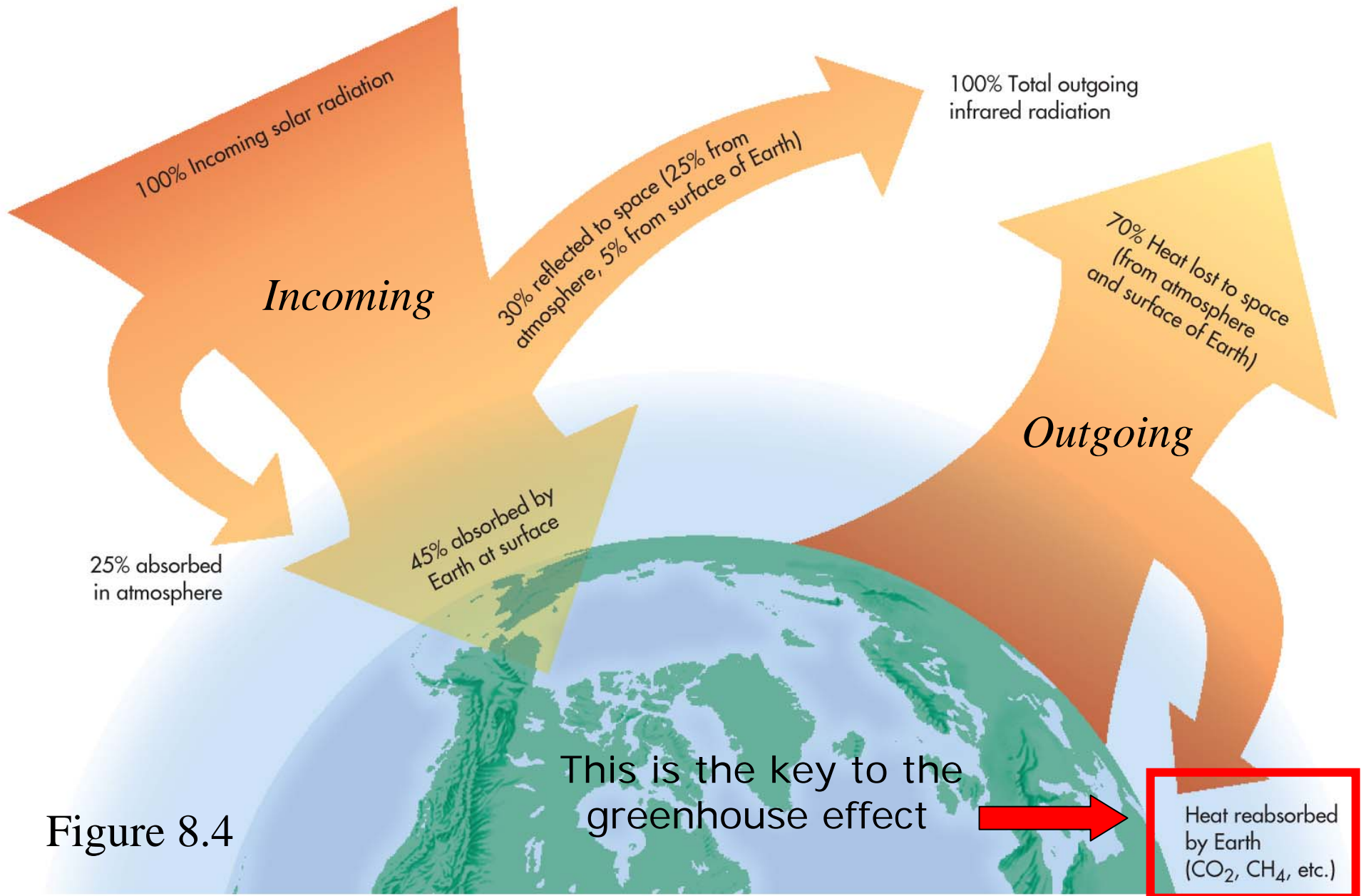


Figure 8.4

Electromagnetic radiation

Long wavelength – lower energy

Visible light



Short wavelength – higher energy

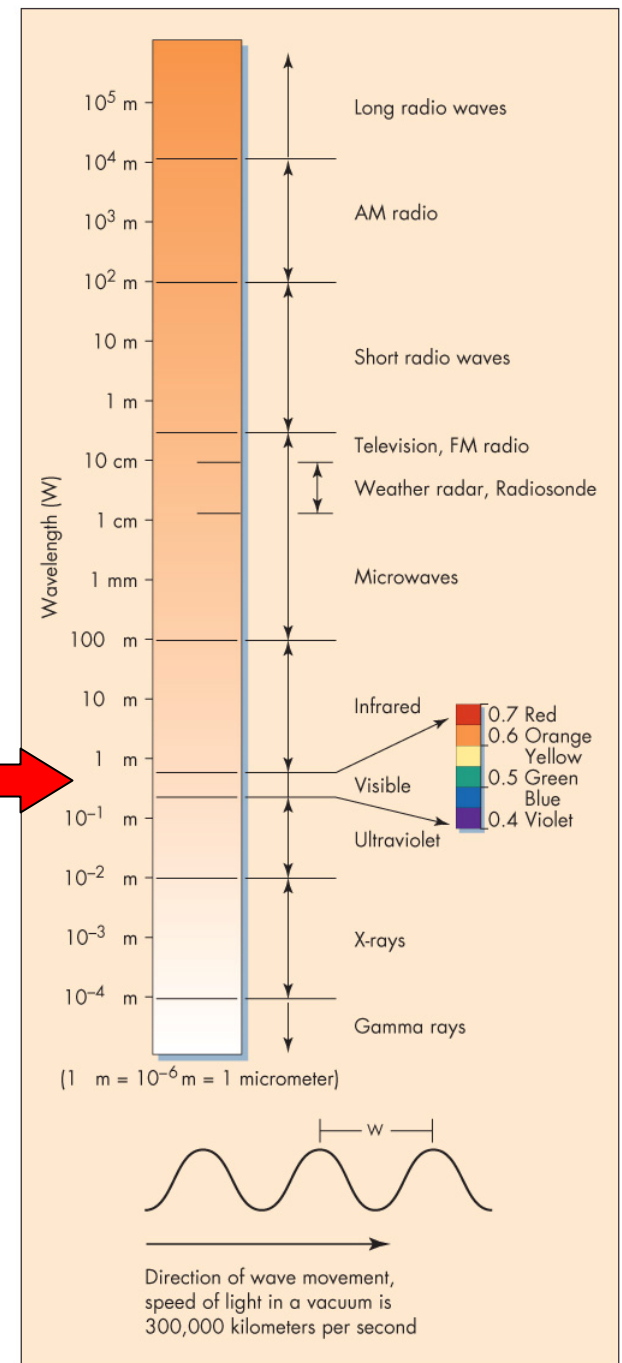
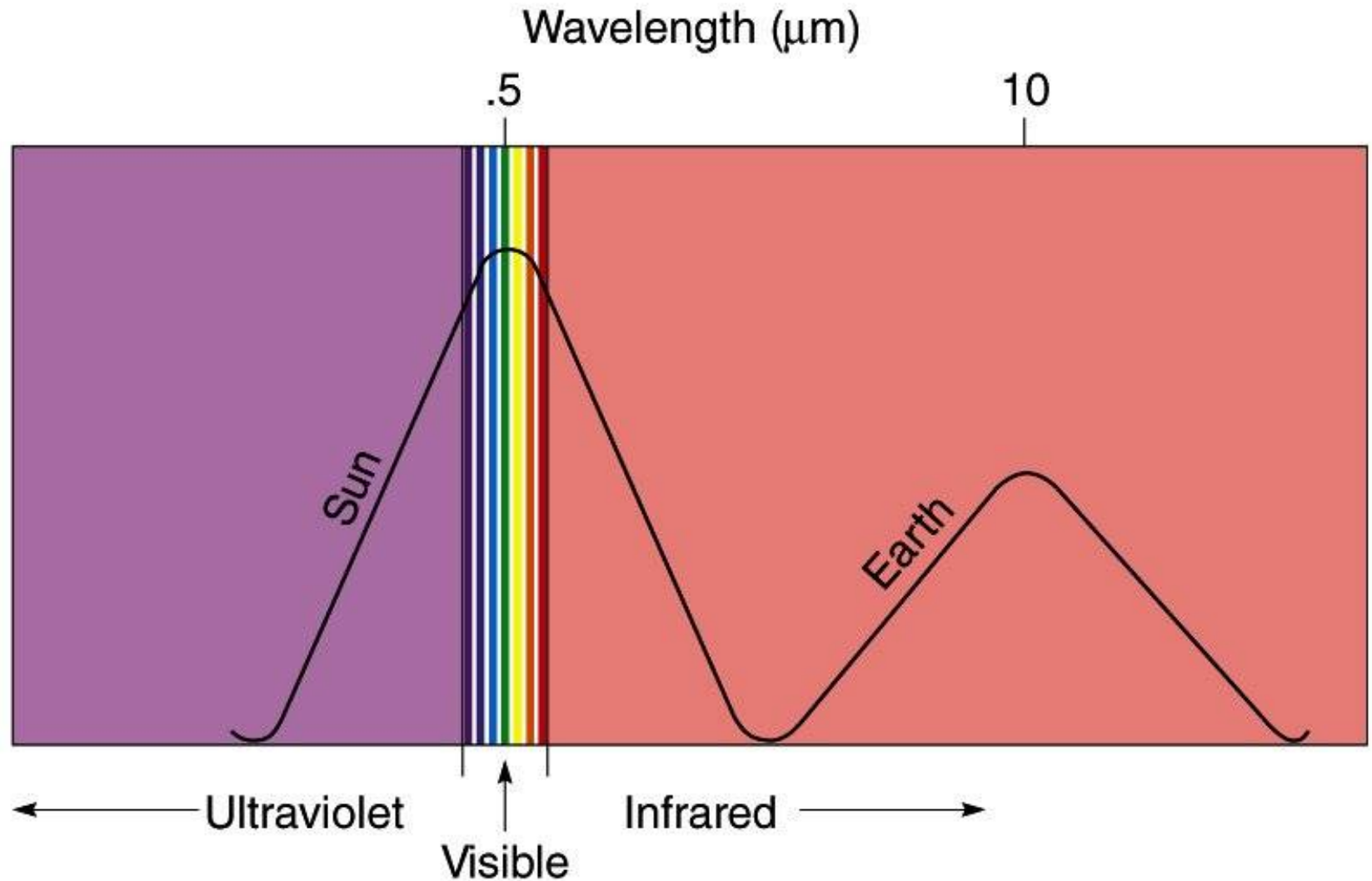


Figure 8.5

Spectra of incoming vs. outgoing radiation



Earth & moon by Galileo



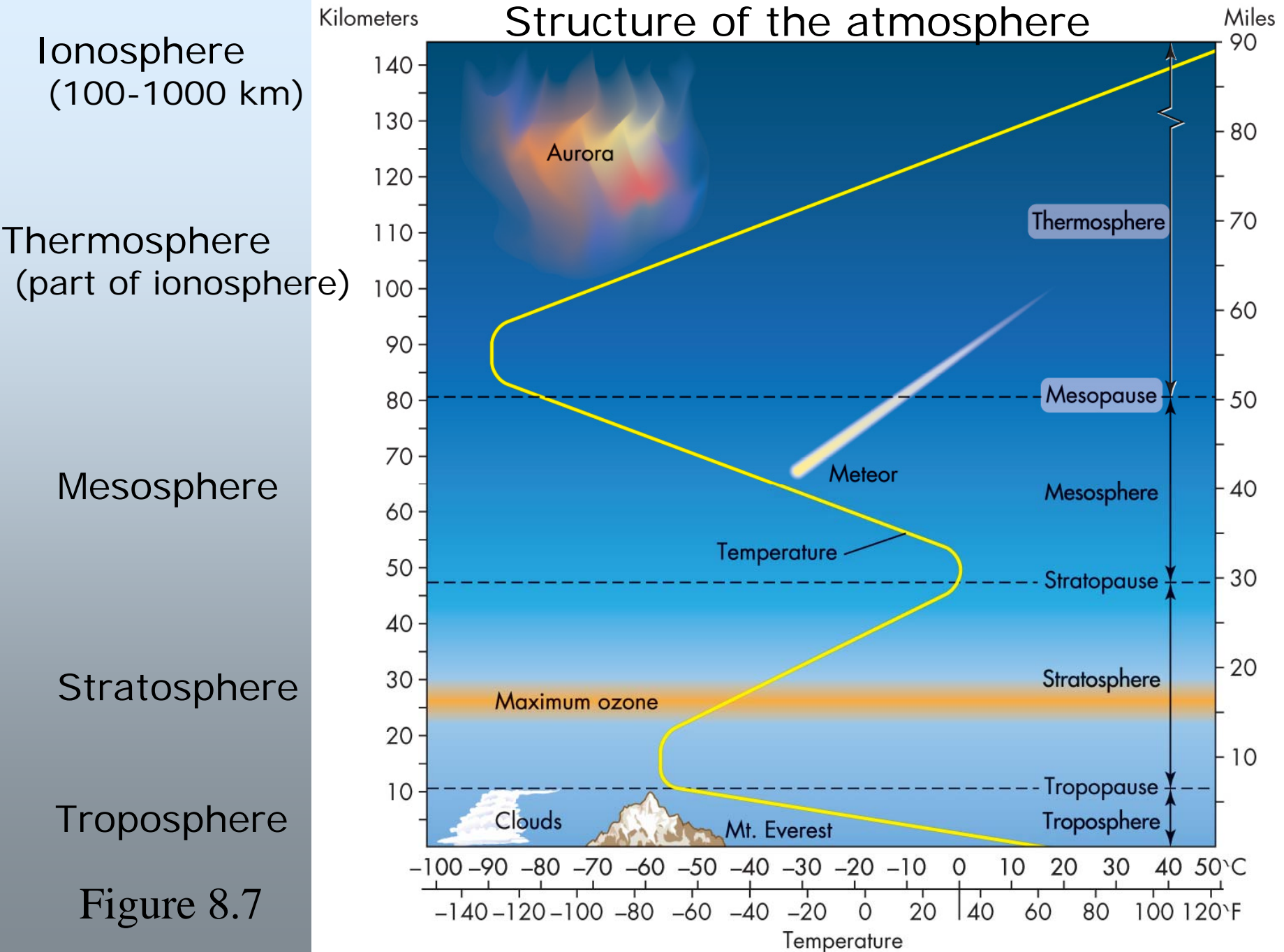
Earth and moon from Mars



Earth

Moon





Ionosphere
(100-1000 km)

Thermosphere
(part of ionosphere)

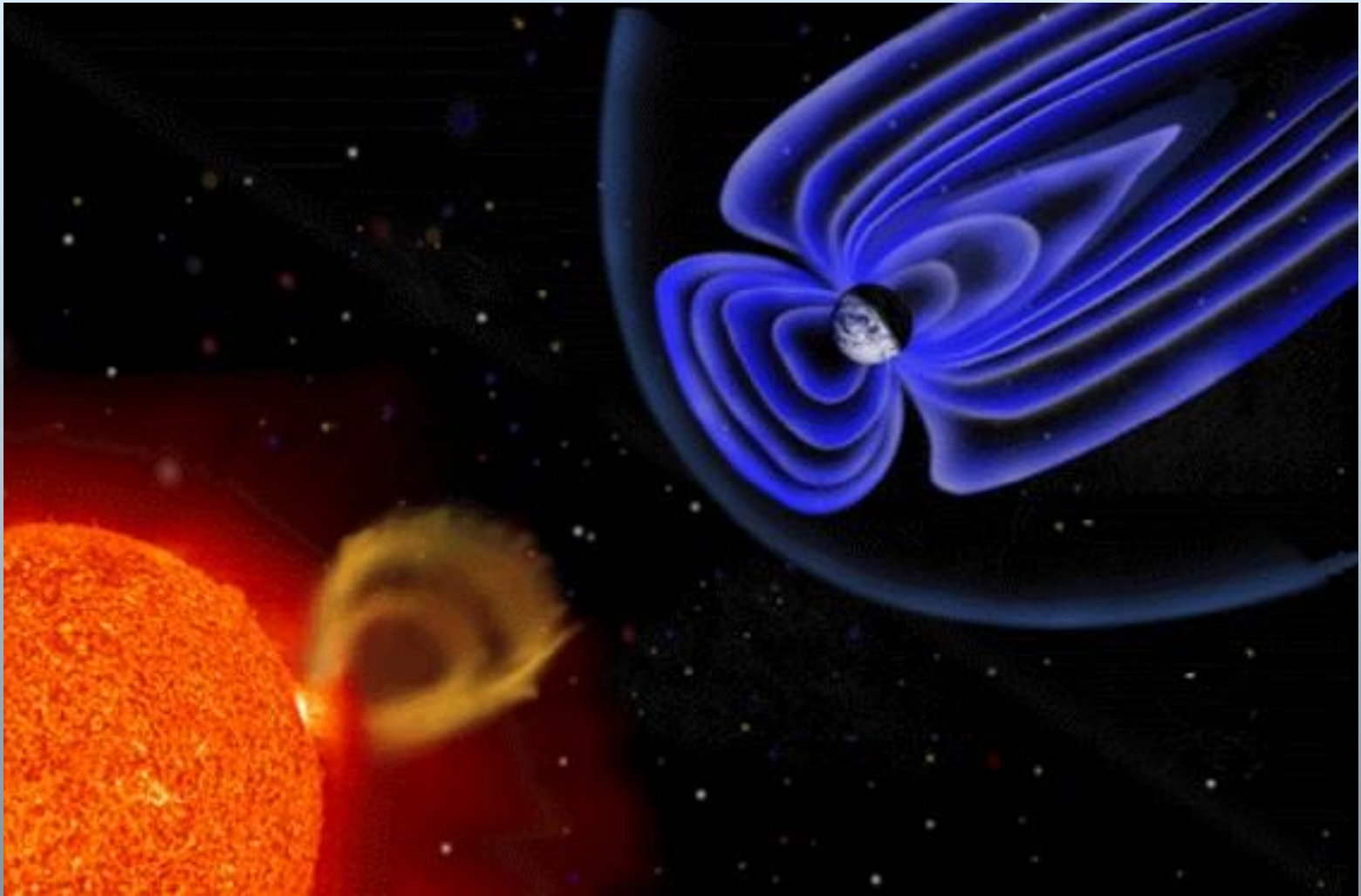
Mesosphere

Stratosphere

Troposphere

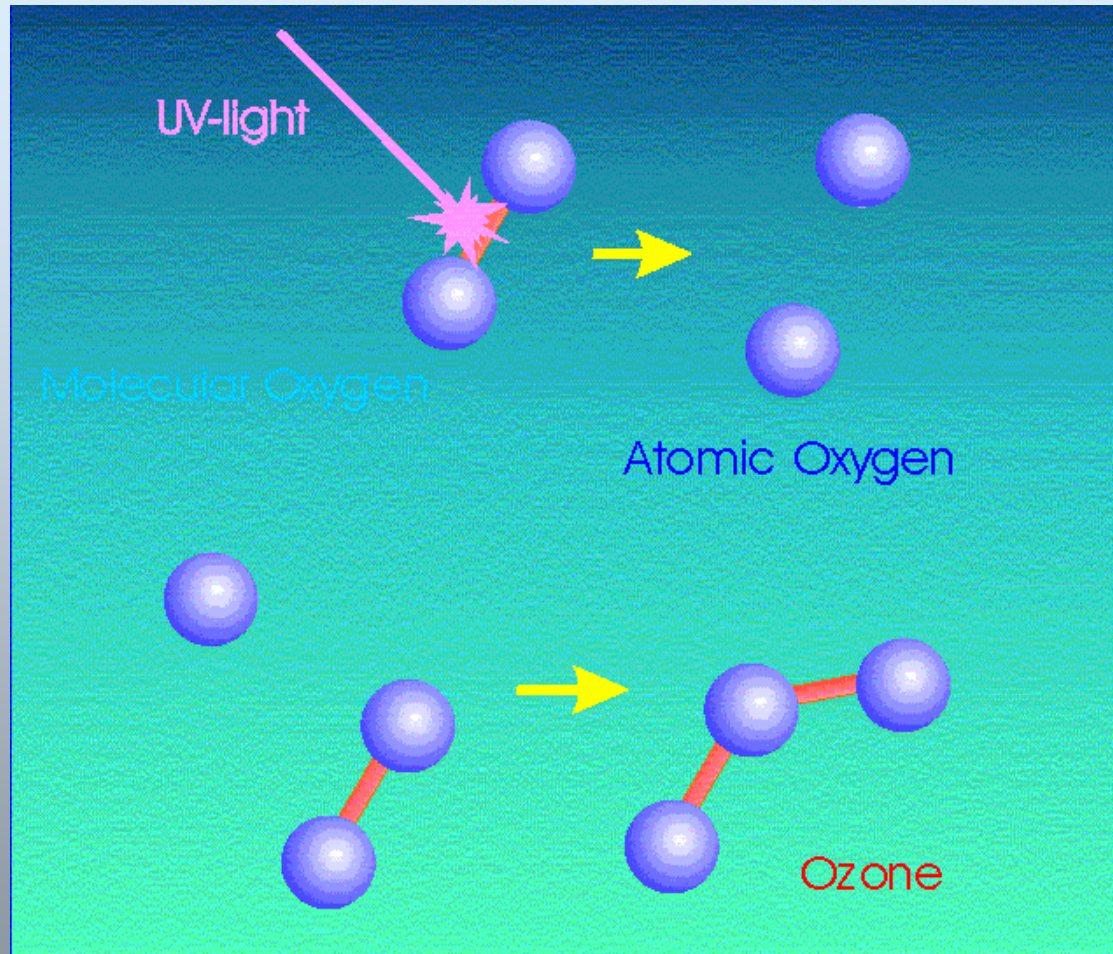
Figure 8.7

The Earth's magnetosphere



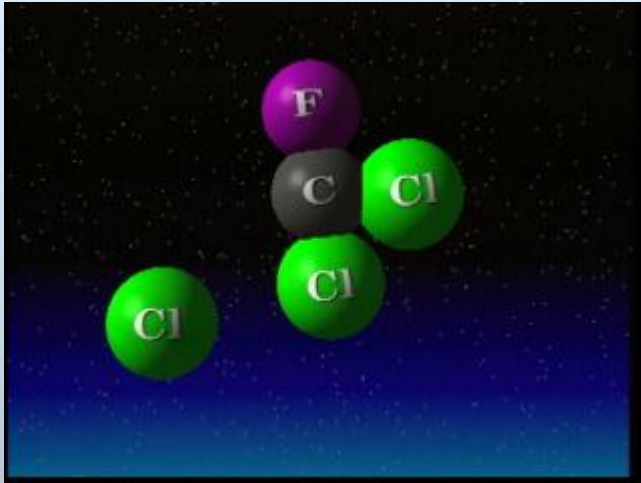
10 Earth radii to 1000 Earth radii

The Earth's ozone layer

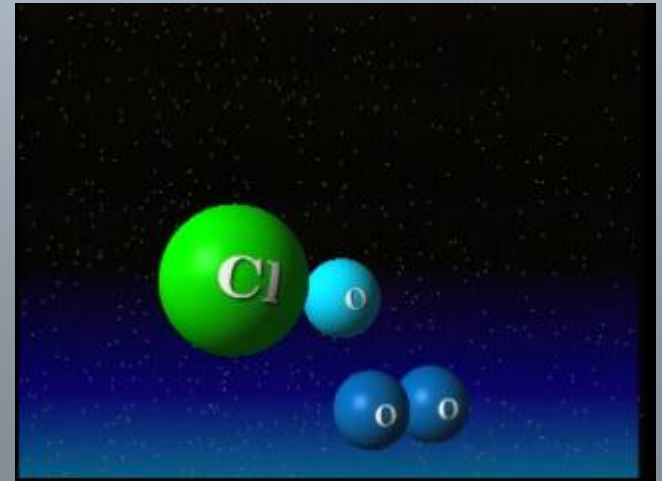


Ozone is produced in the stratosphere and absorbs incoming UV from the Sun

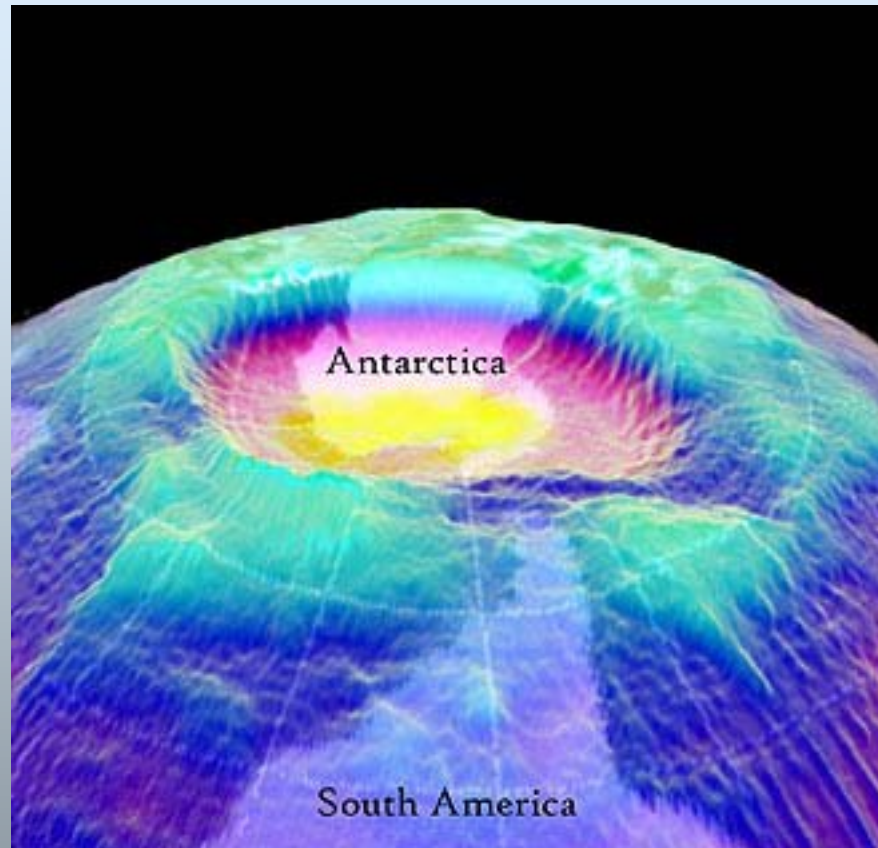
CFCs and ozone depletion



CFC = chloro fluoro carbon

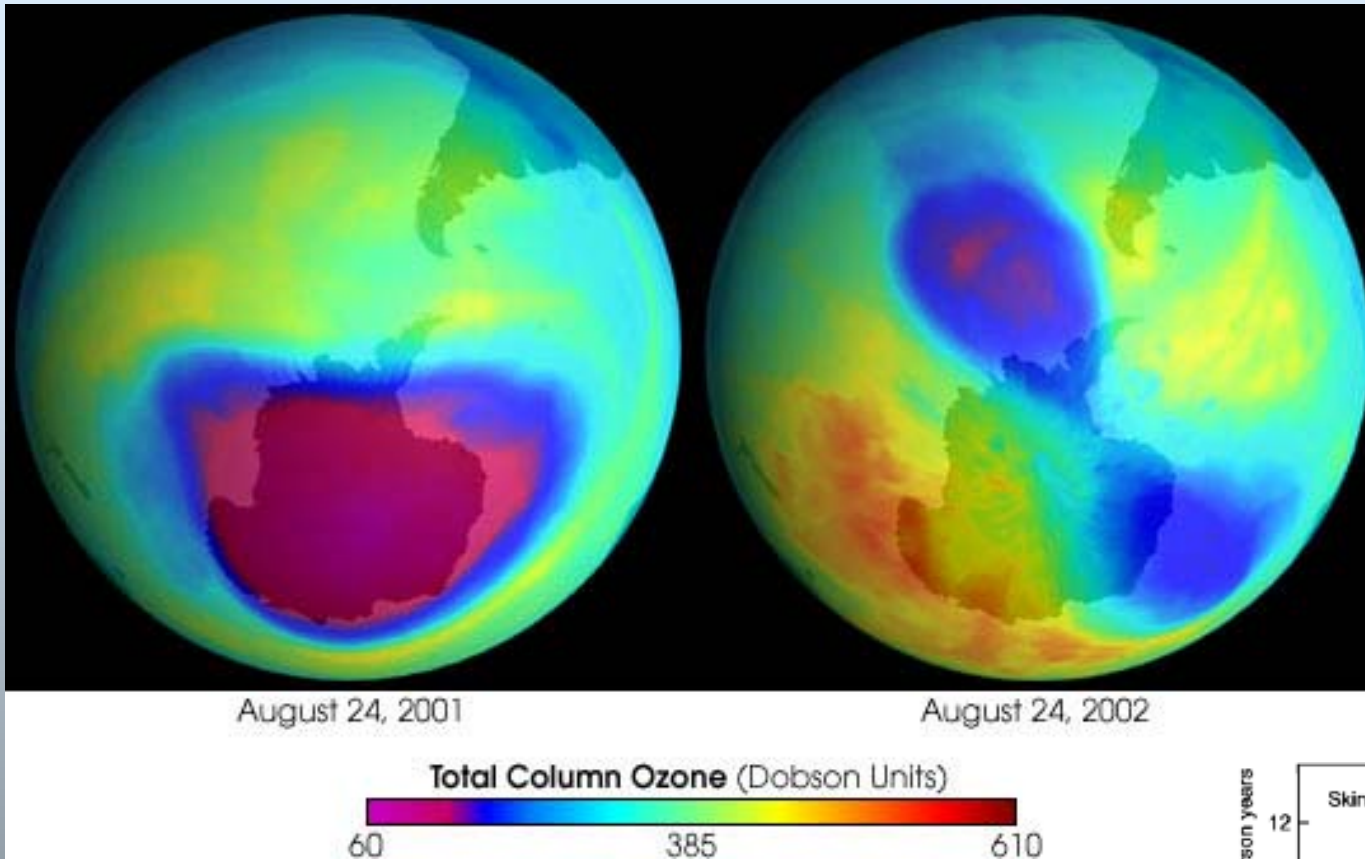


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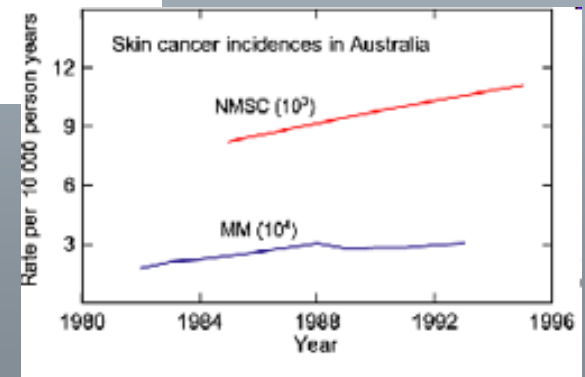


The ozone hole over Antarctica

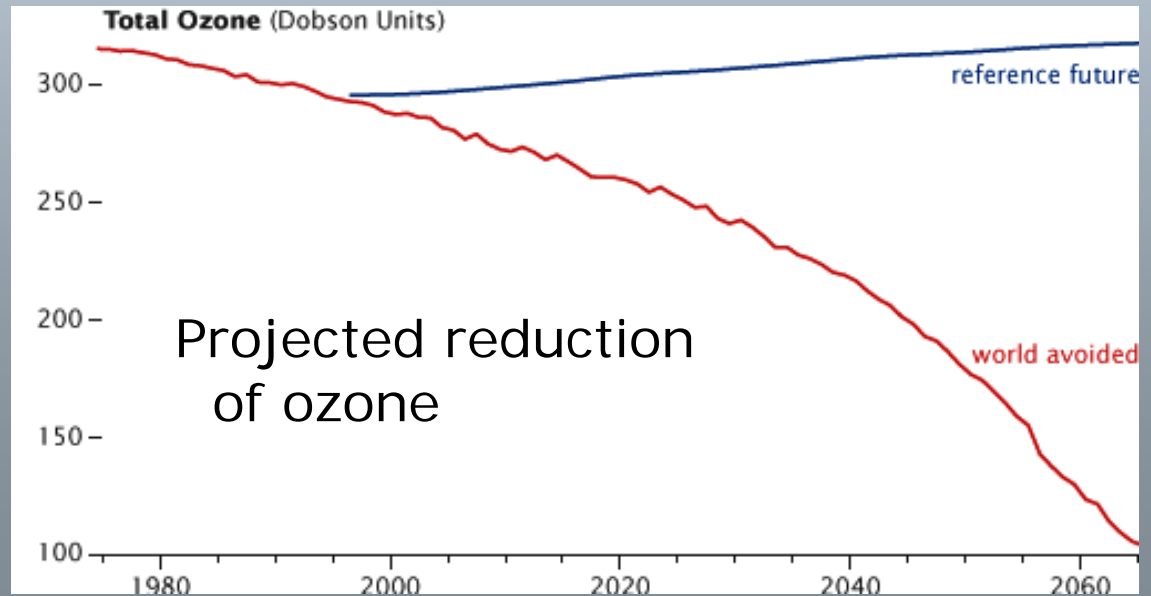
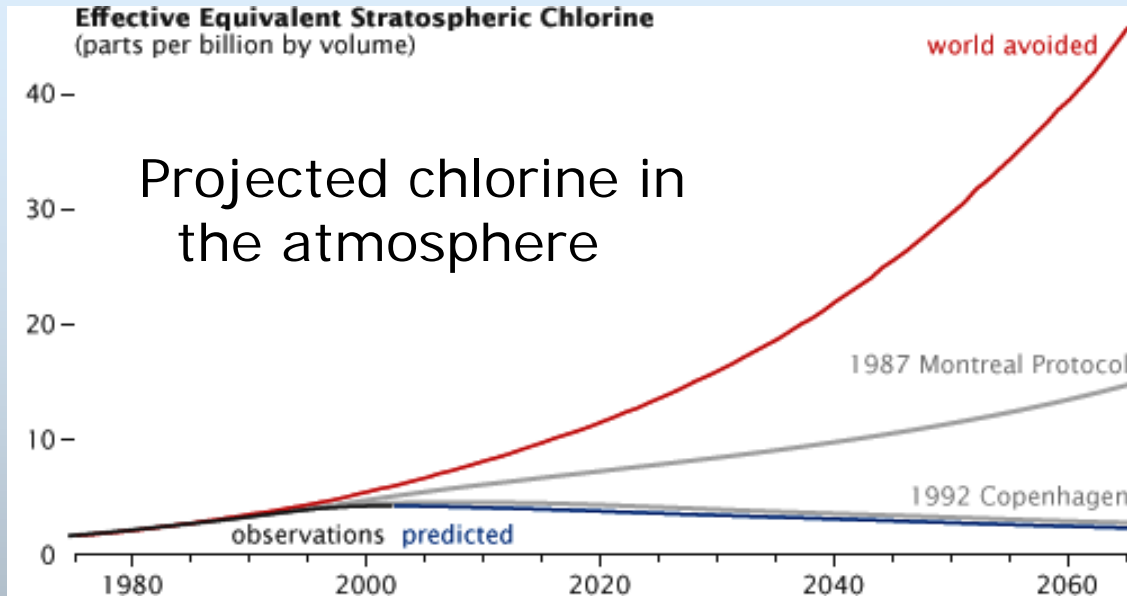
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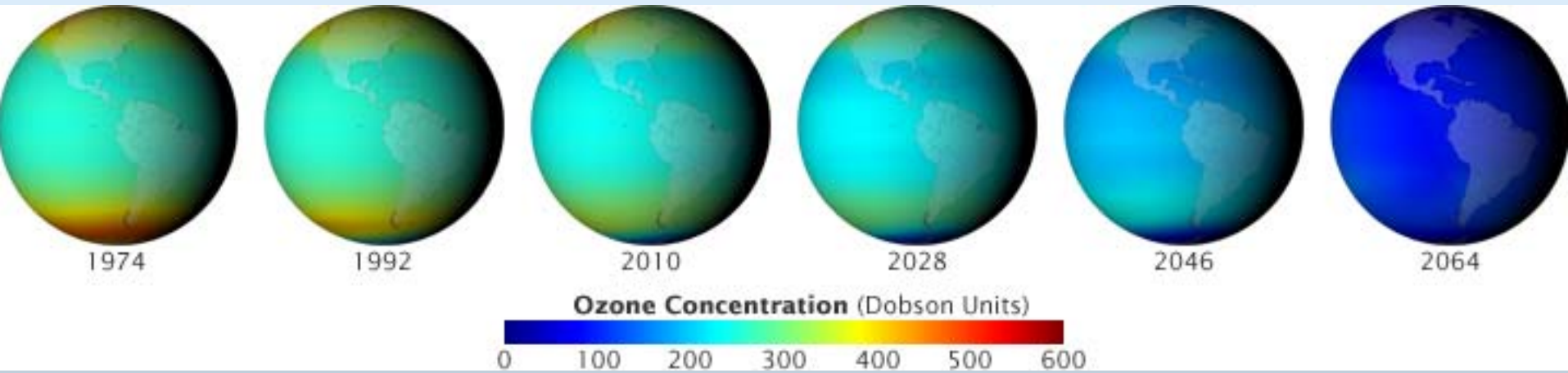
The ozone hole splits and moves



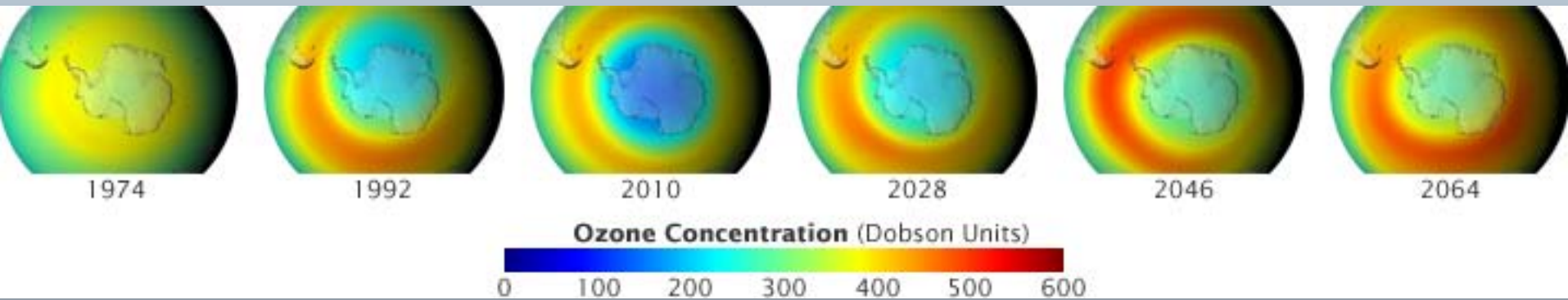
The Earth's ozone layer



The Earth's ozone layer



Projected ozone depletion with no action



Projected ozone recovery because of restrictions

Ozone depletion avoided

The year is 2065.

Two-thirds of Earth's ozone is gone – not just over the poles, but everywhere.

The ozone hole over Antarctica has a twin over the North Pole.

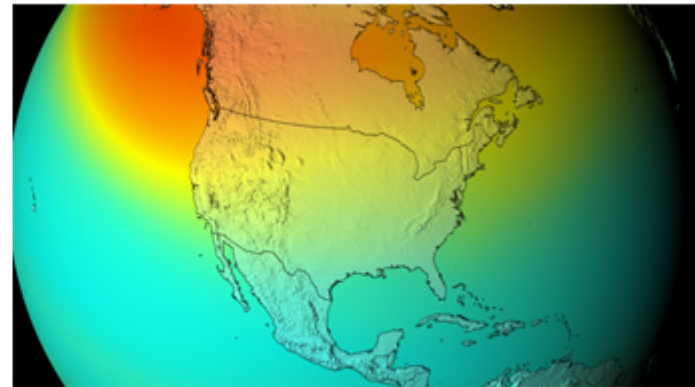
The UV radiation on mid-latitude cities like Columbus is strong enough to cause sunburn in 5 minutes.

DNA-mutating UV radiation is up more than 500 percent, with harmful effects on plants, animals, and human skin cancer rates.

World Avoided

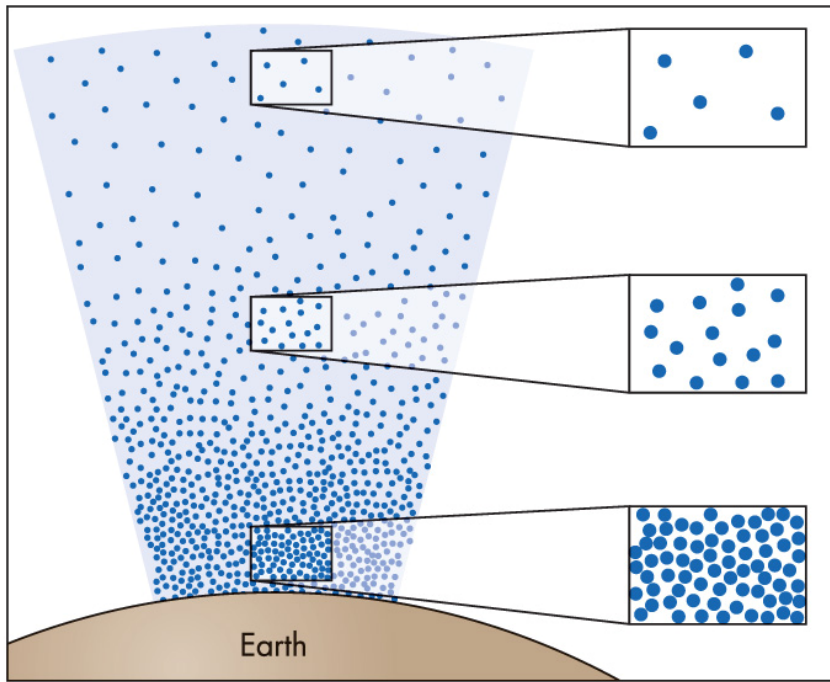


Reference Future



Ozone Concentration (Dobson Units)

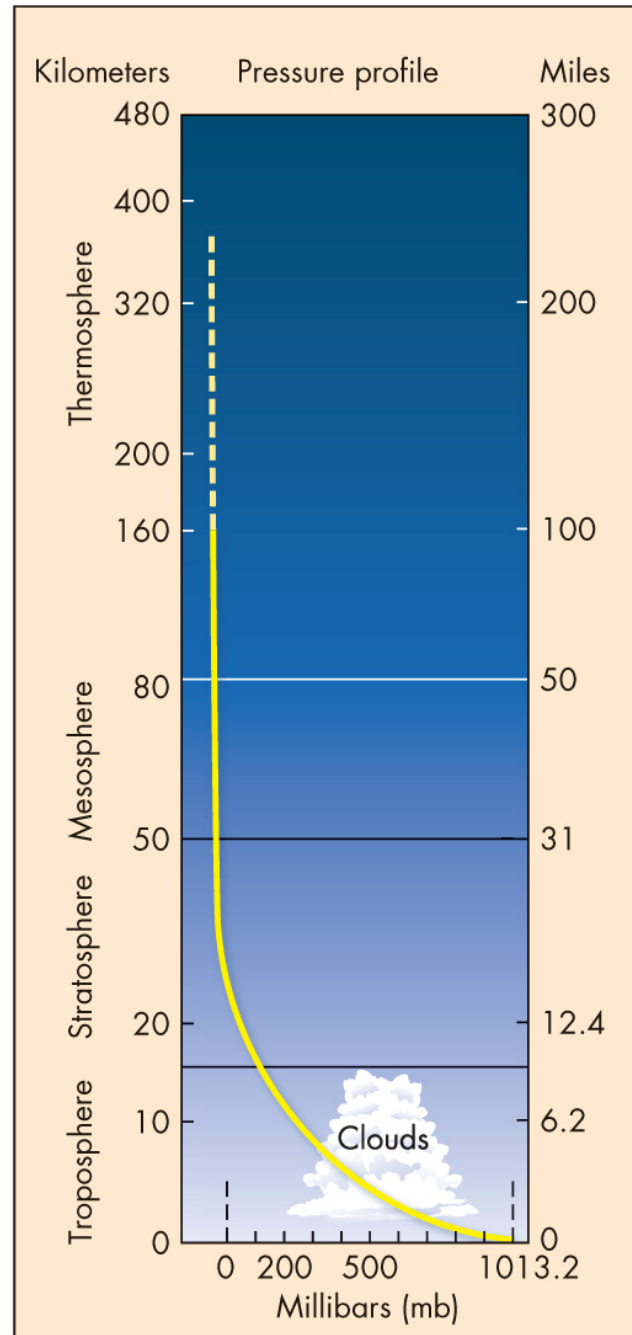




(a)

Atmospheric pressure

About 90% of the mass is in the troposphere



(b)

Figure 8.10

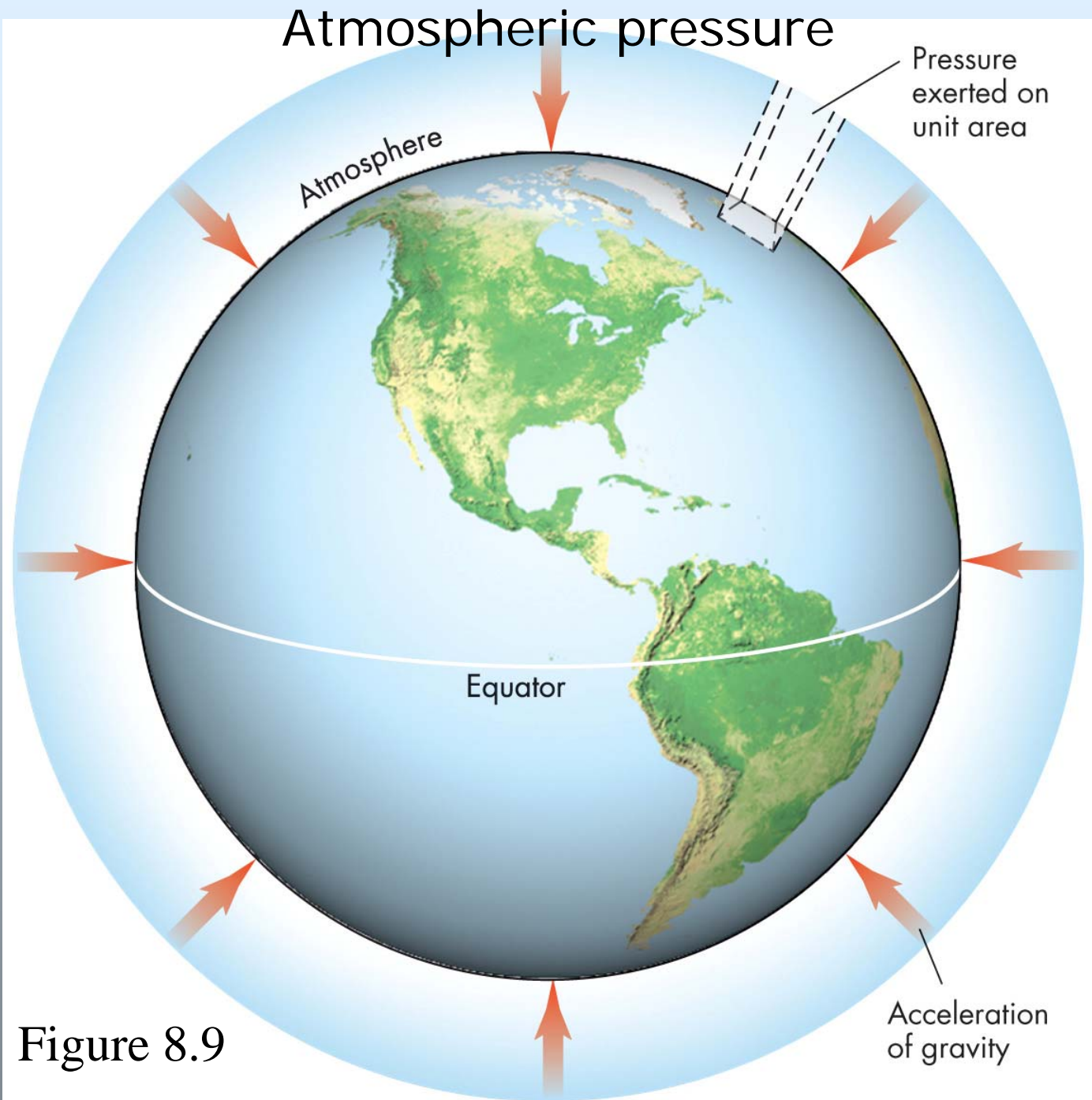
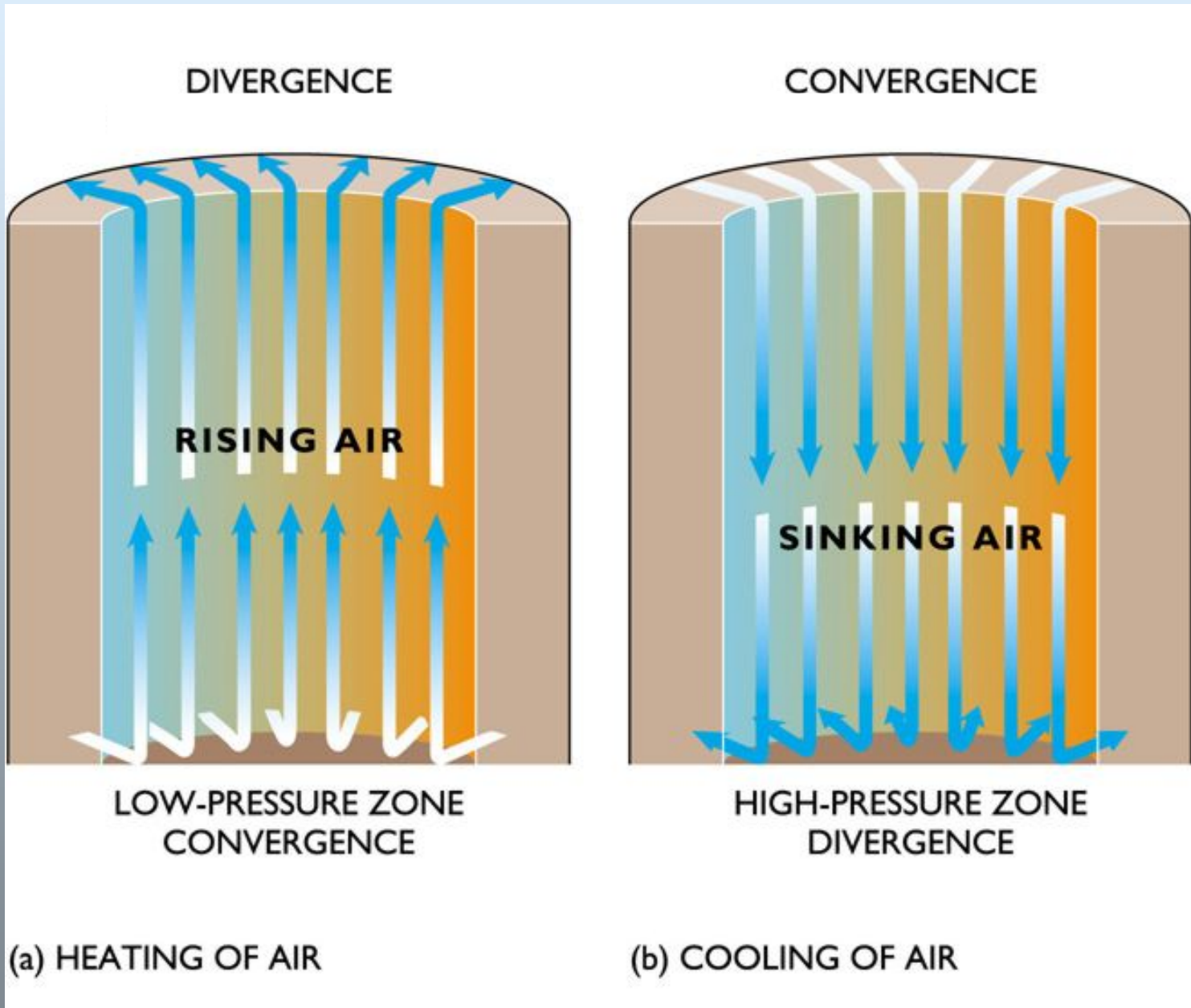


Figure 8.9

Low pressure

High pressure



(a) HEATING OF AIR

(b) COOLING OF AIR

Atmospheric high and low pressure

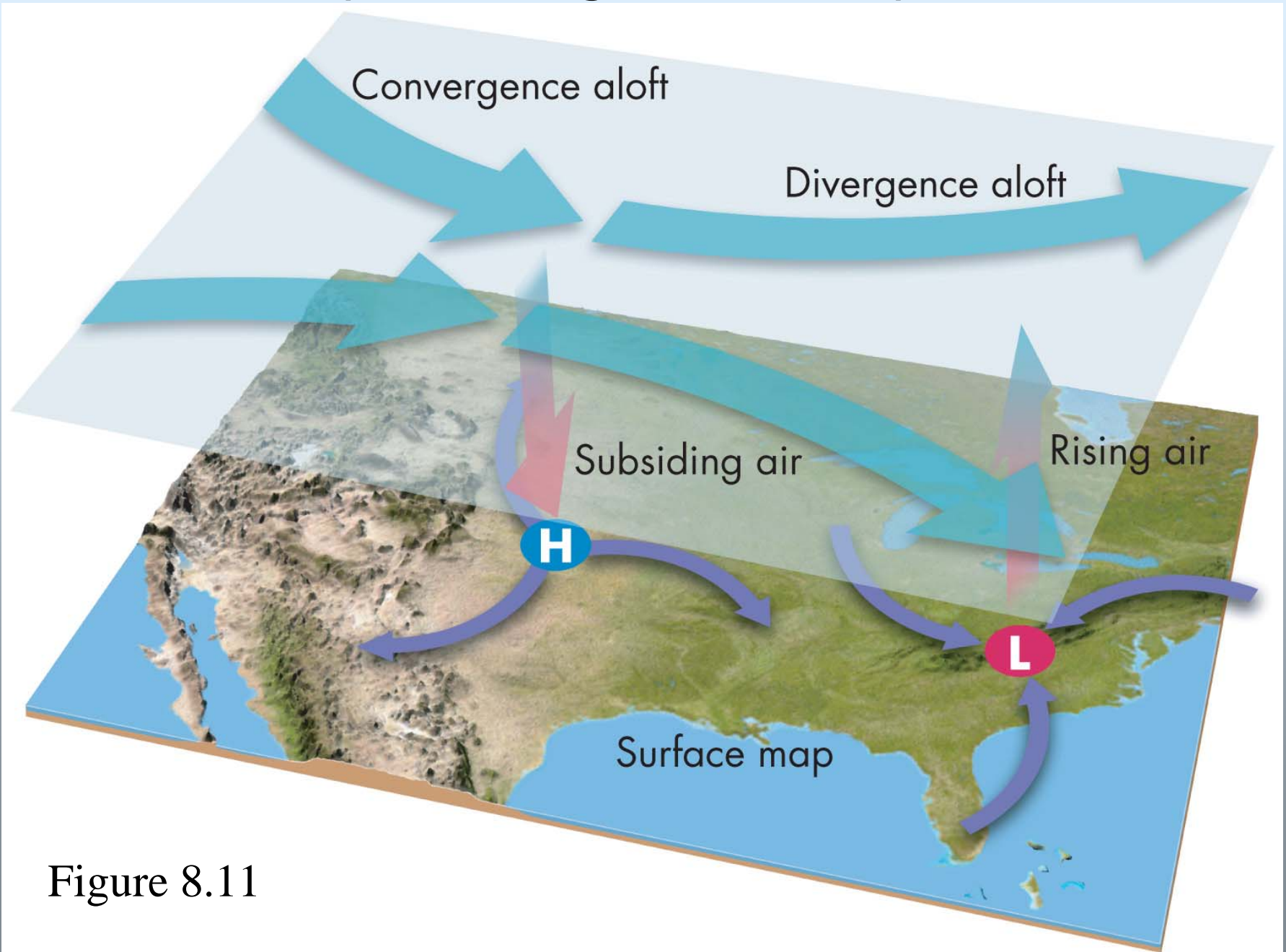


Figure 8.11

Rising air, low pressure, precipitation

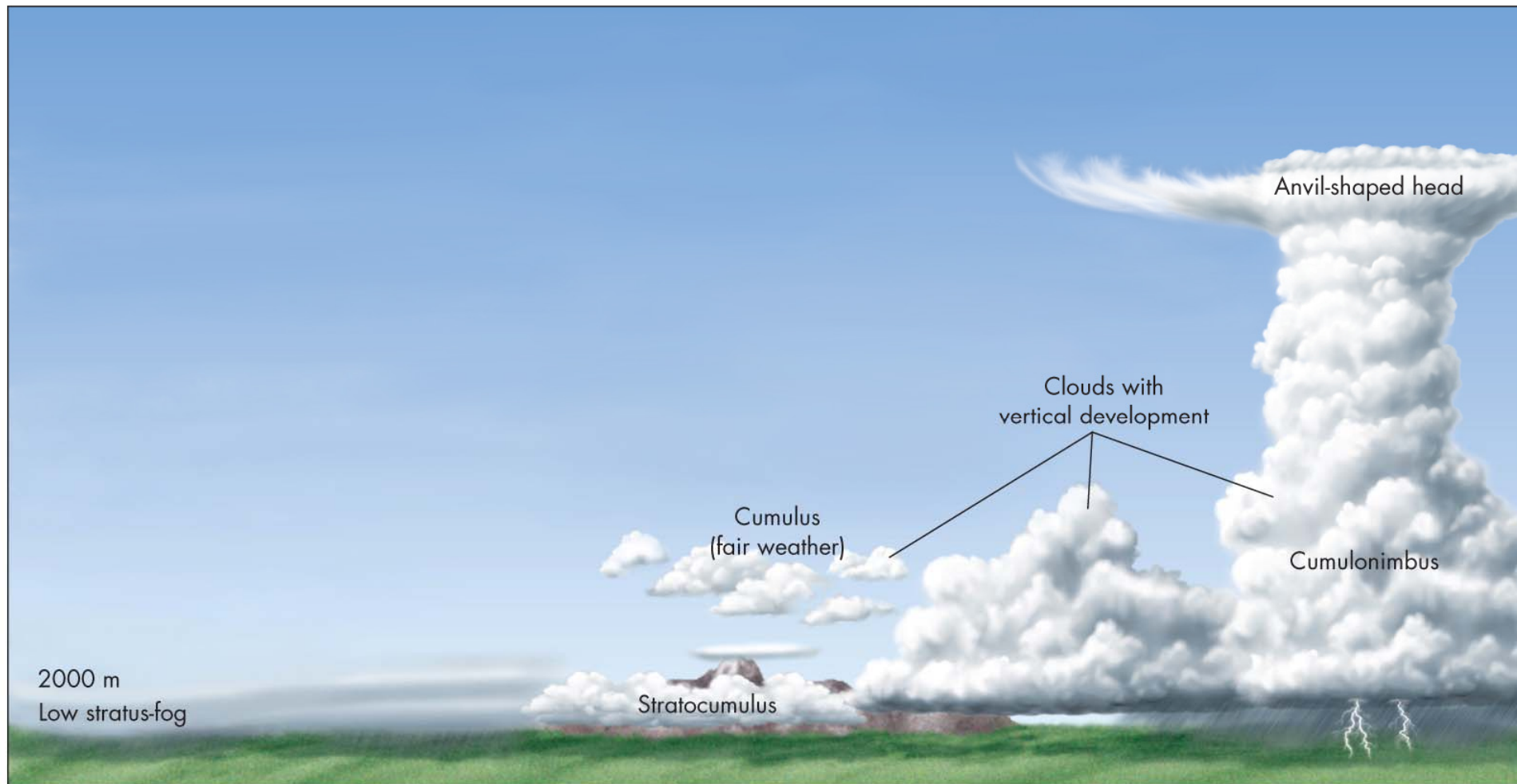


Figure 8.8

Rising air, low pressure, precipitation

Concepts and processes:

Absolute humidity

Relative humidity

Dewpoint

Sensible heat

Latent heat

of vaporization – from liquid to vapor 540 cal

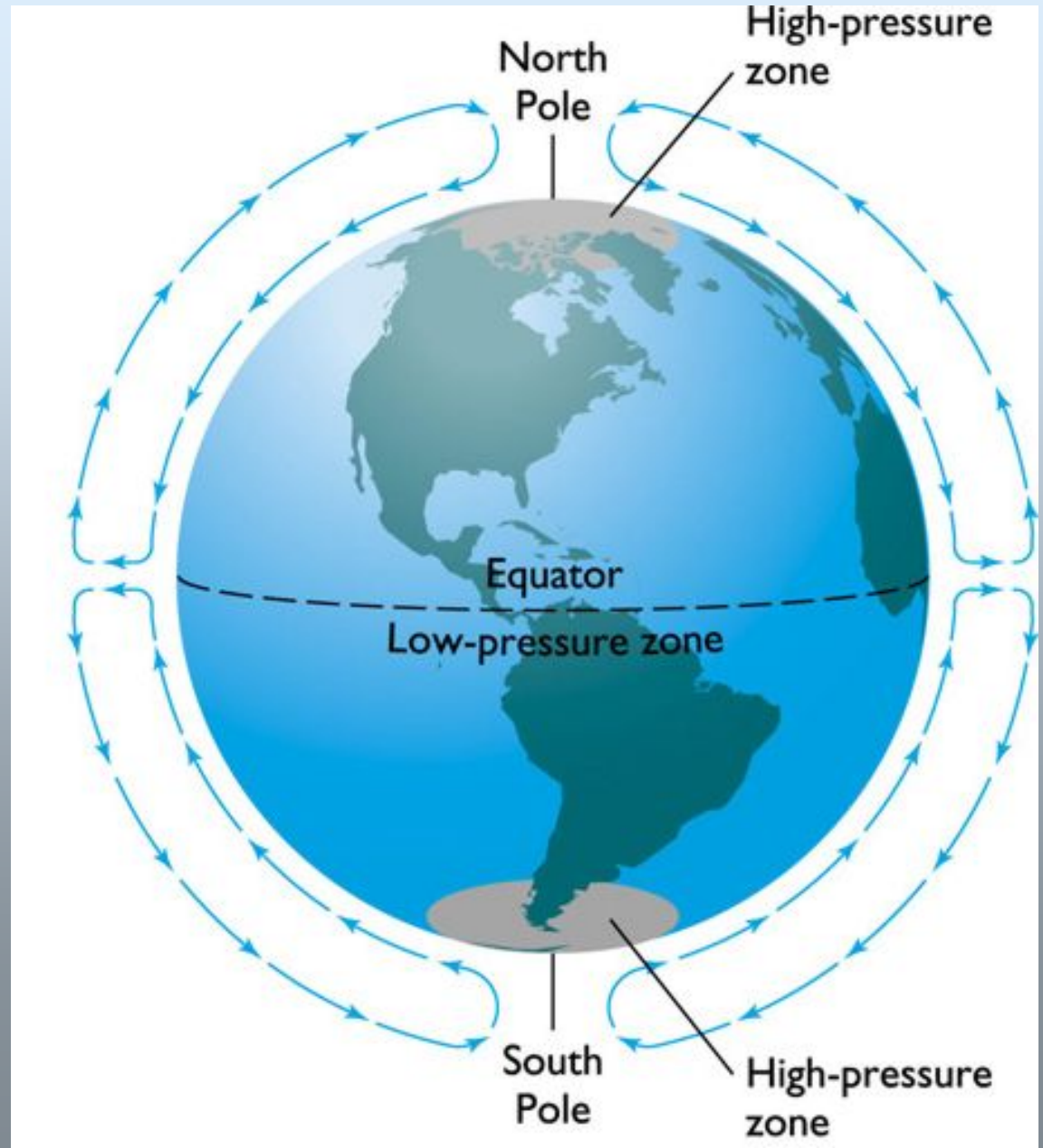
of melting – from solid to liquid 80 cal

Compression and expansion of a gas

Atmospheric circulation

without
rotation of
the Earth

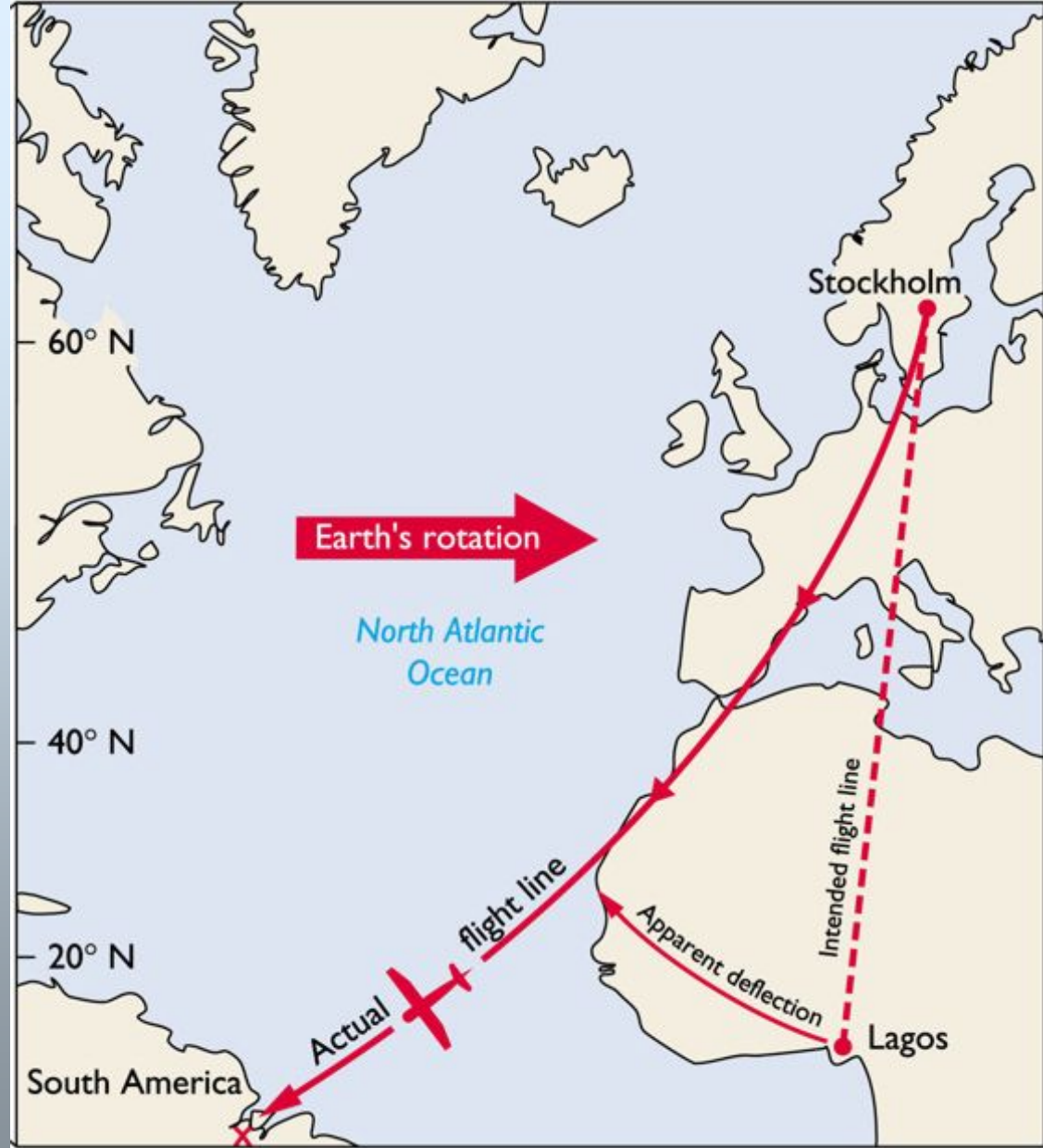
driven by
density
differences
between
air masses



Coriolis effect

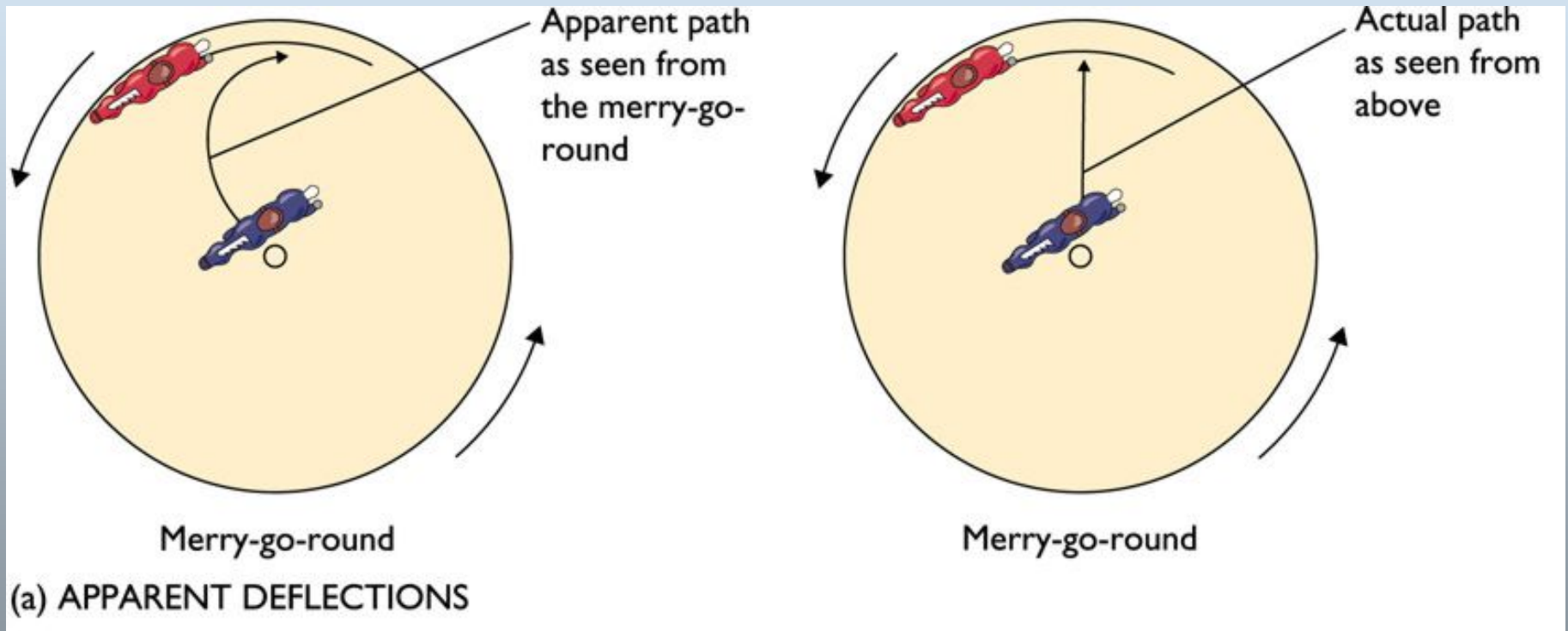
Coriolis is an *apparent* deflection caused by the rotation of the Earth

in the Northern Hemisphere, an object in motion will “bend” to the right



Coriolis effect

Frame of reference and apparent deflection



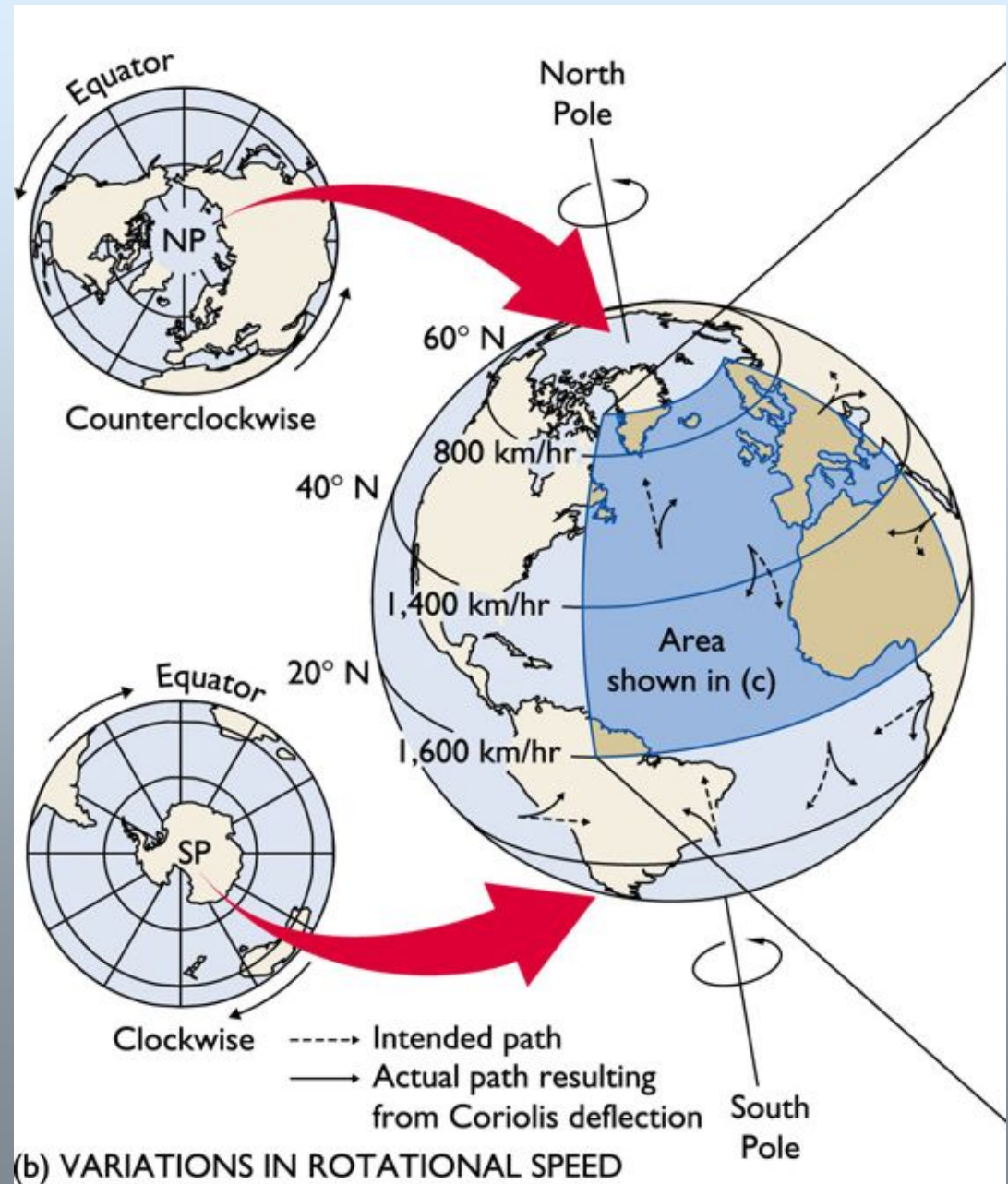
Coriolis effect from a rotating Earth

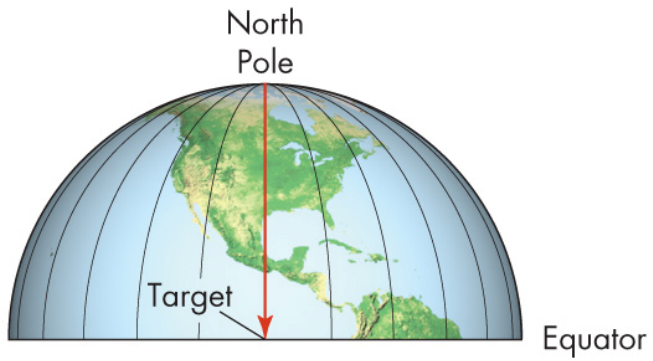
same *angular* velocity

but different *tangential* velocities

at pole:
0 km/hr

at equator:
1600 km/hr





(a) Nonrotating Earth

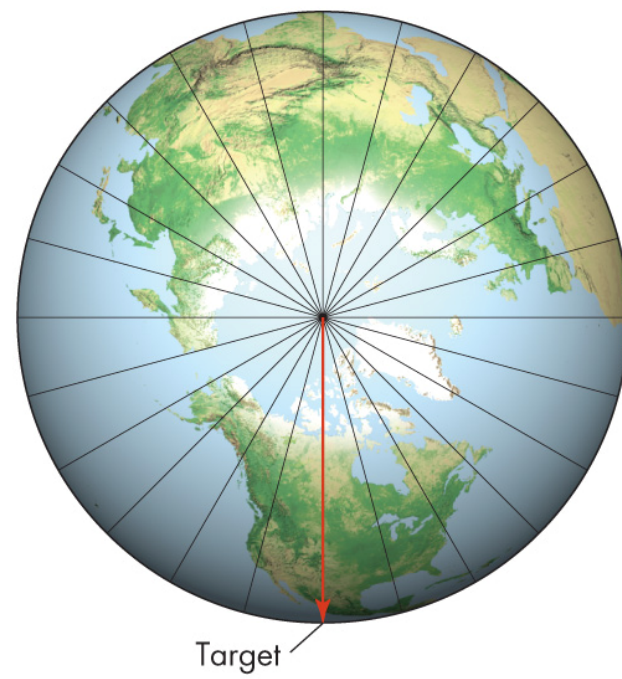
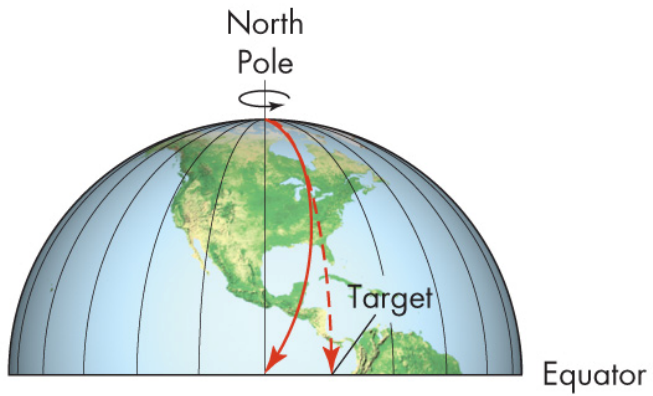
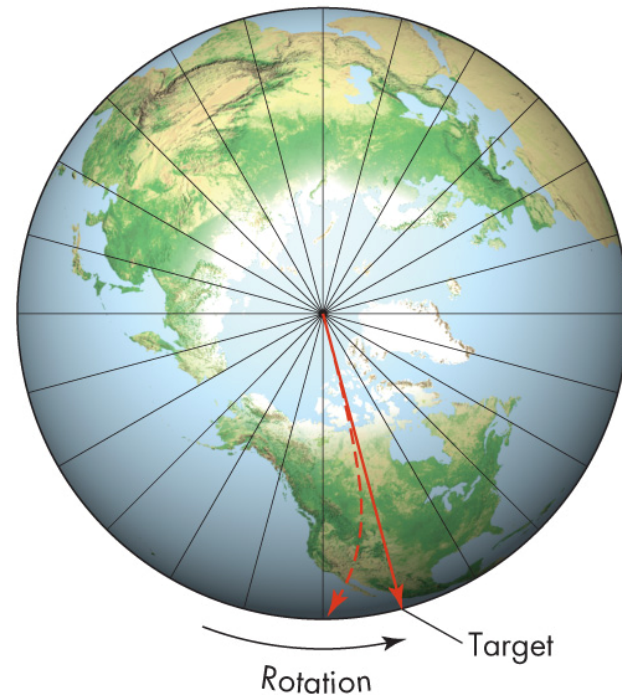


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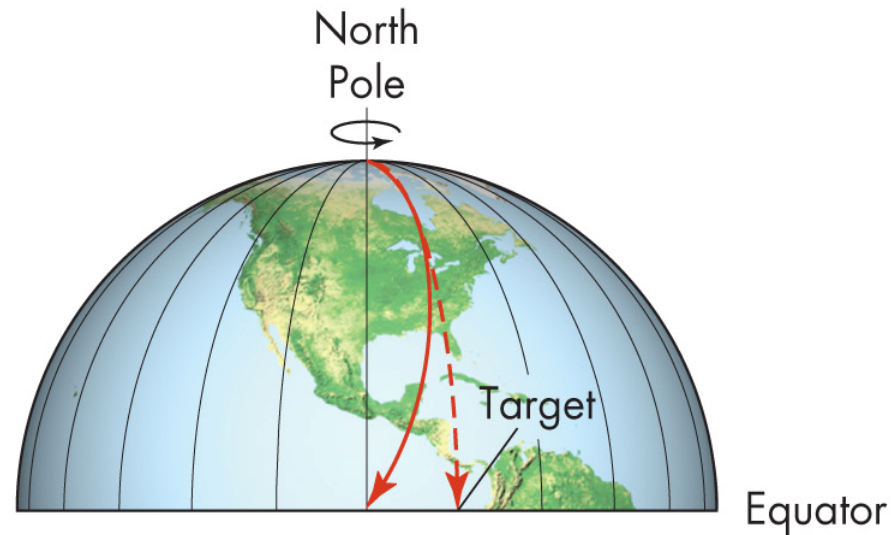


(b) Rotating Earth



Coriolis effect – deflection of moving objects

Deflection to the right in Northern Hemisphere



(b) Rotating Earth

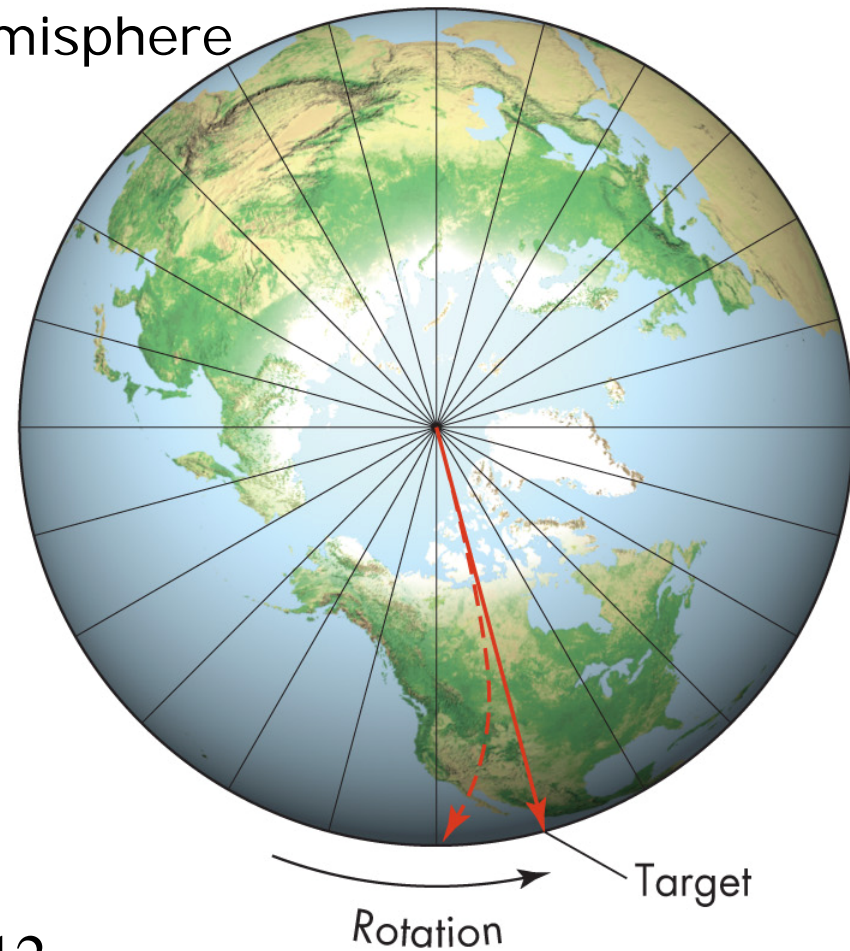
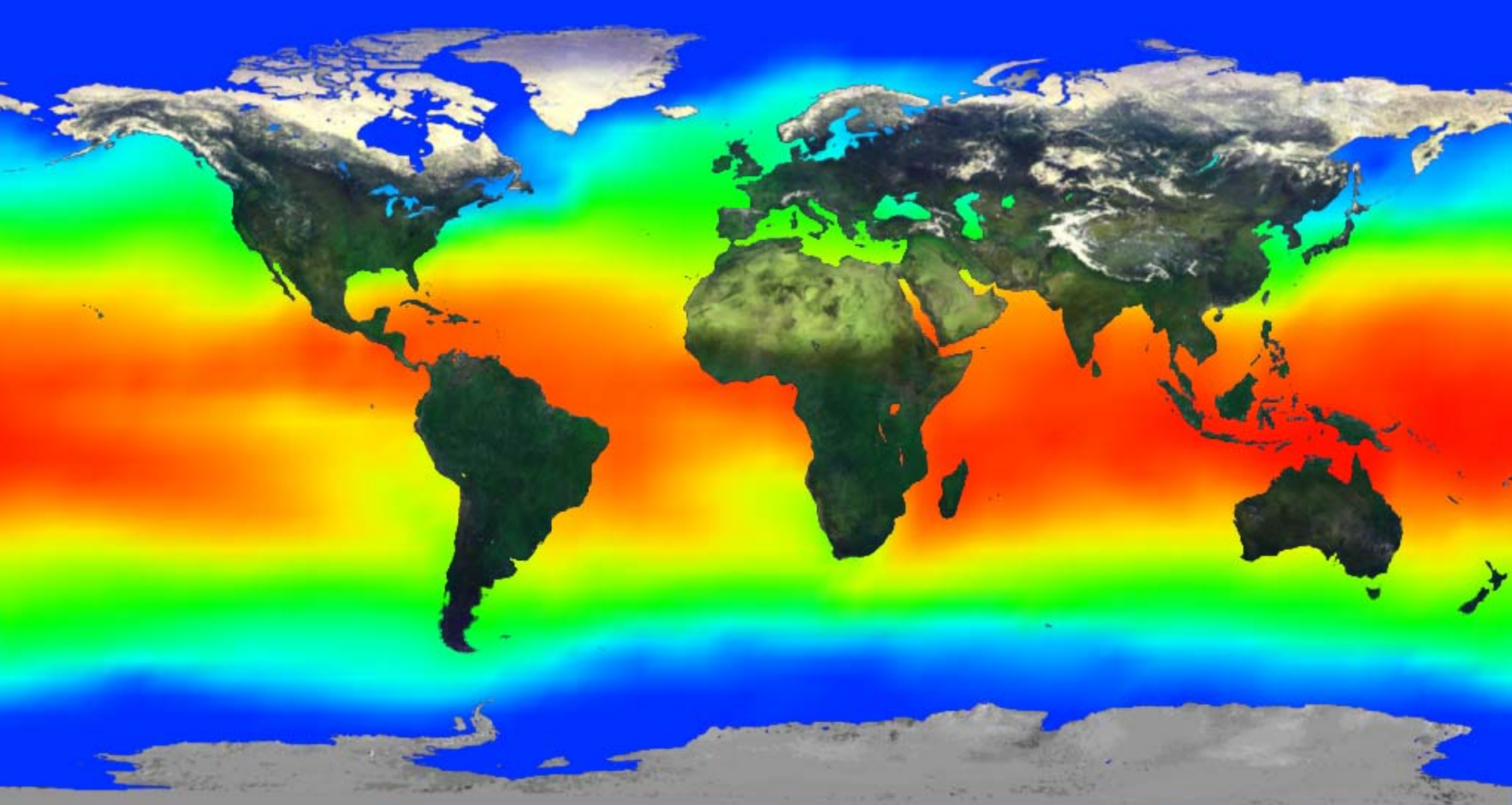
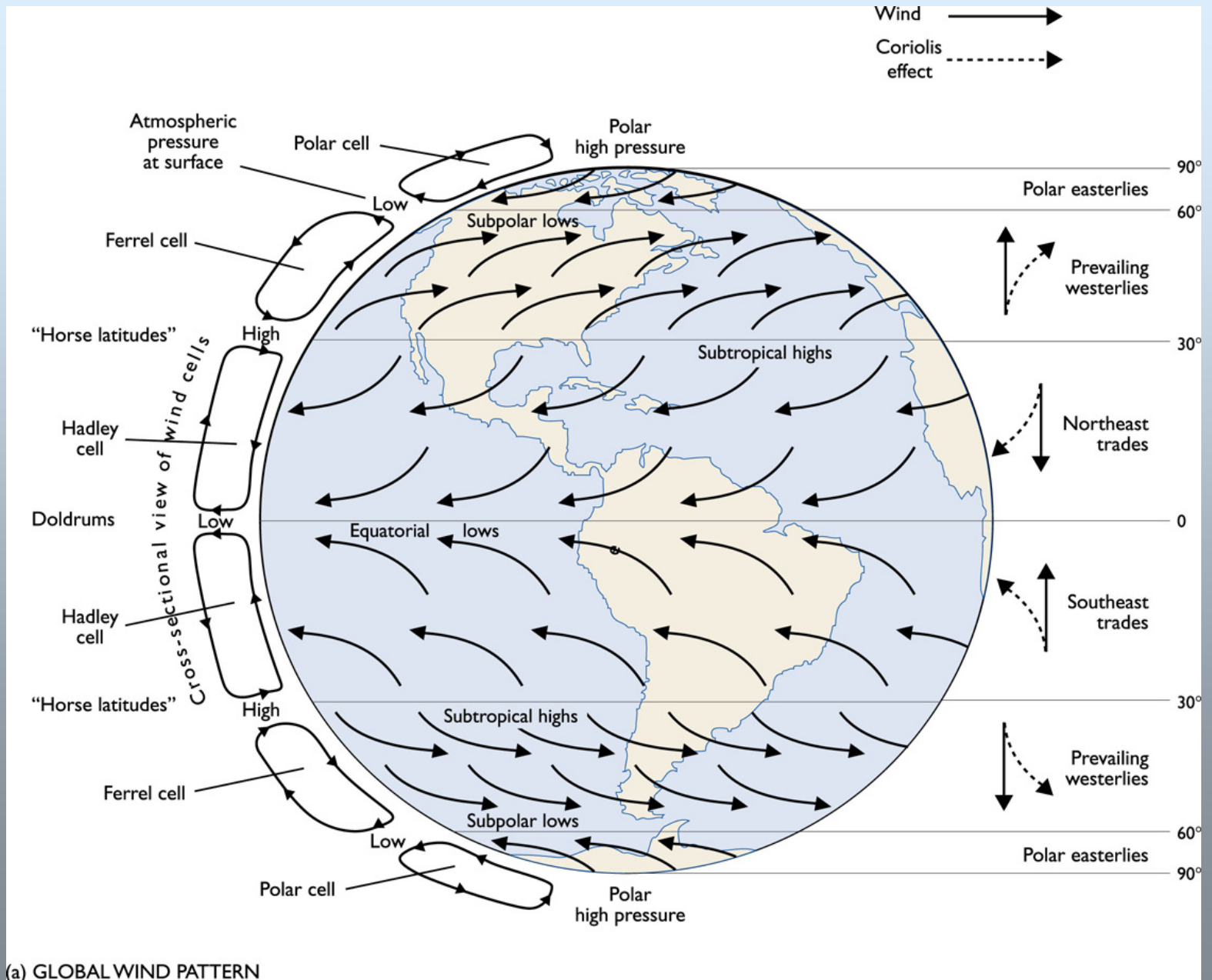


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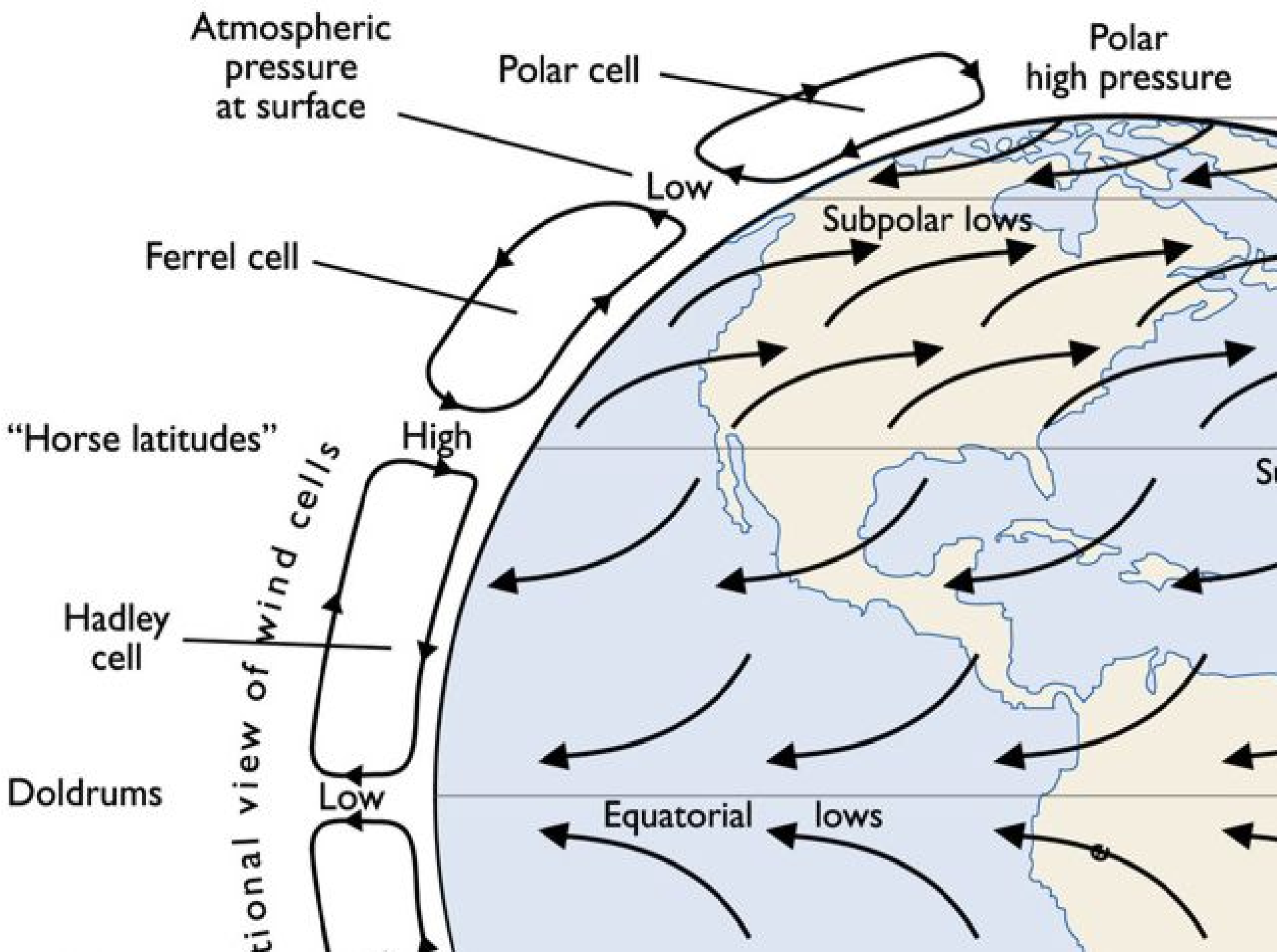
Global distribution of heat



Global wind pattern



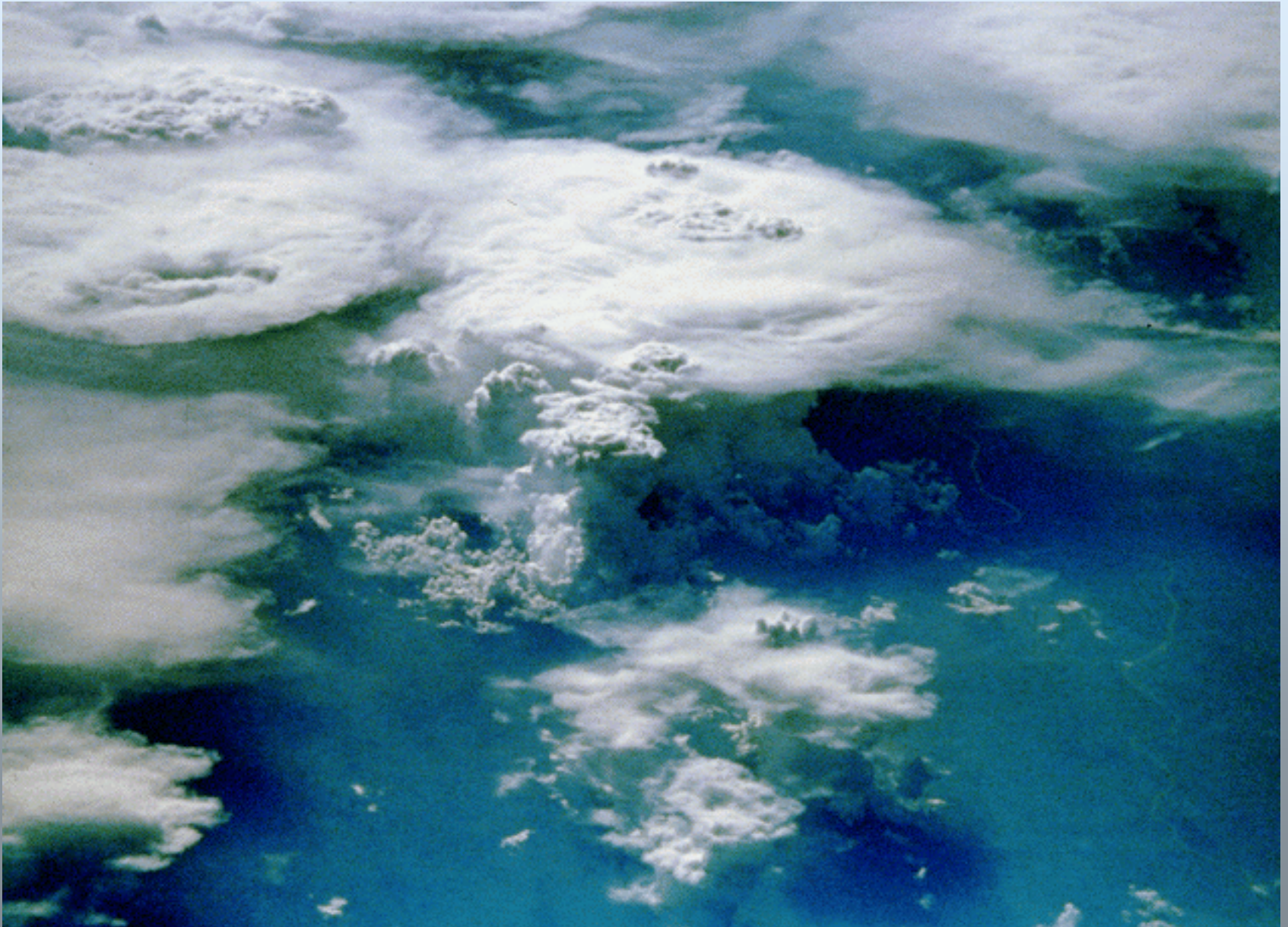
(a) GLOBAL WIND PATTERN



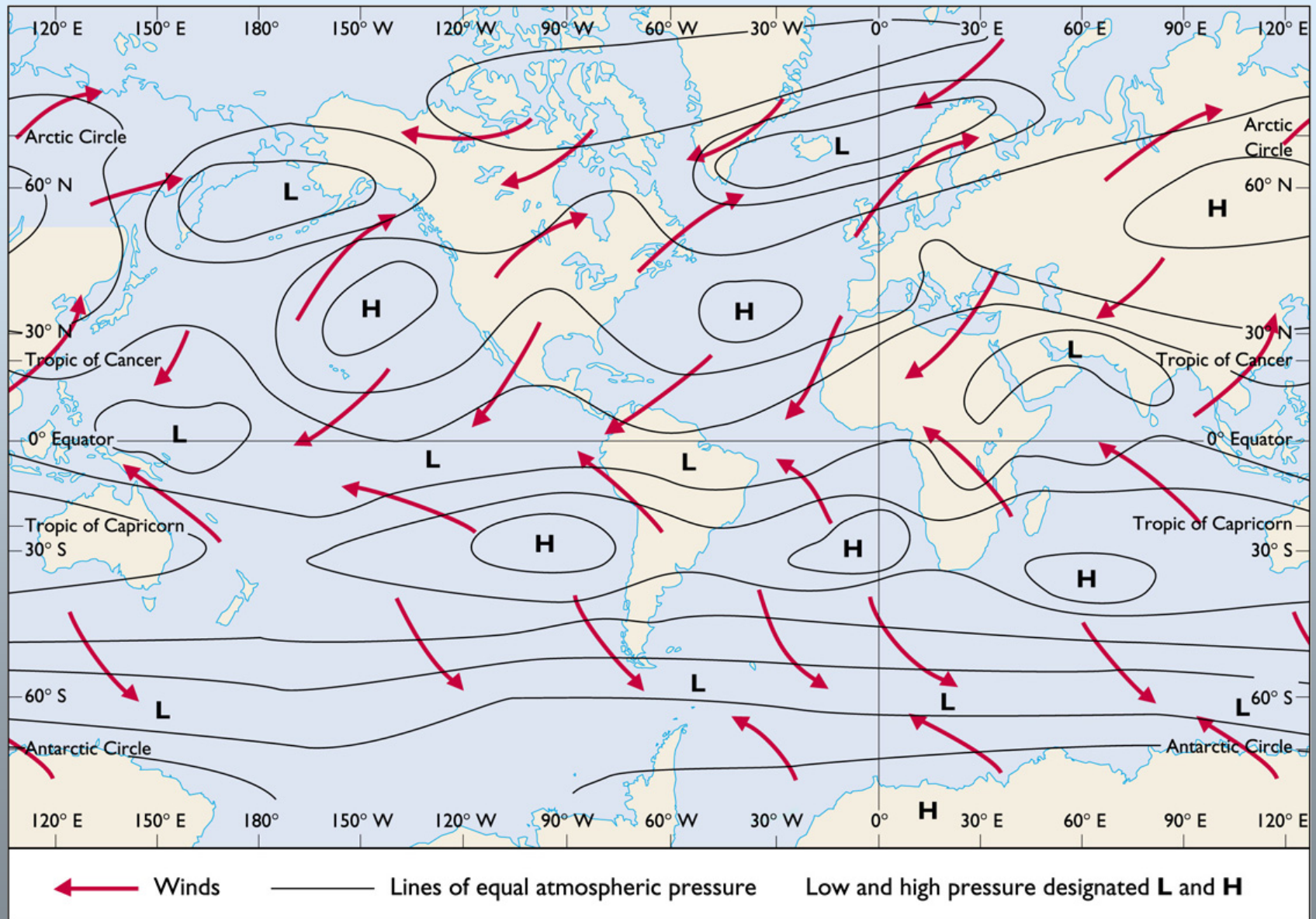
Tropical convection cells



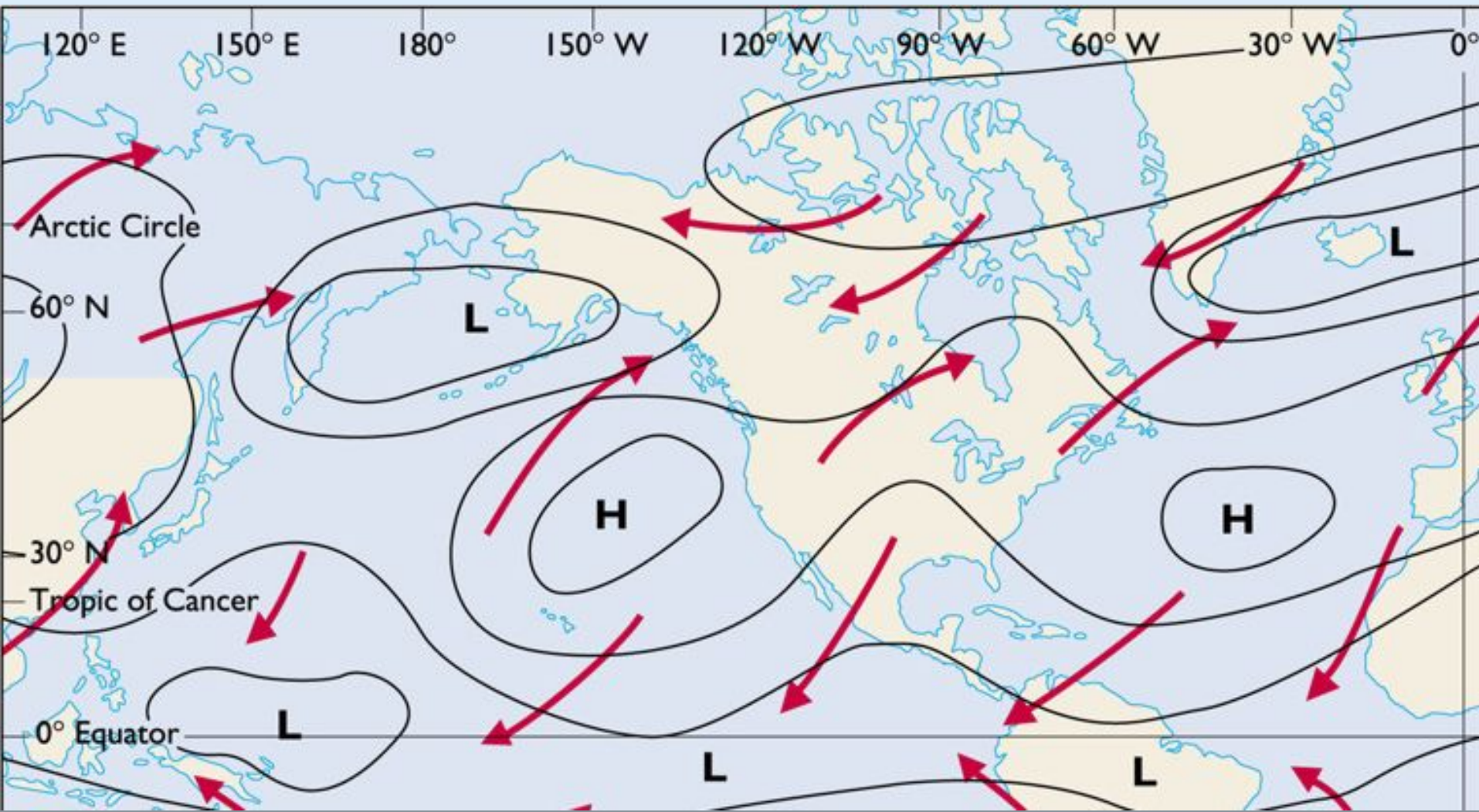
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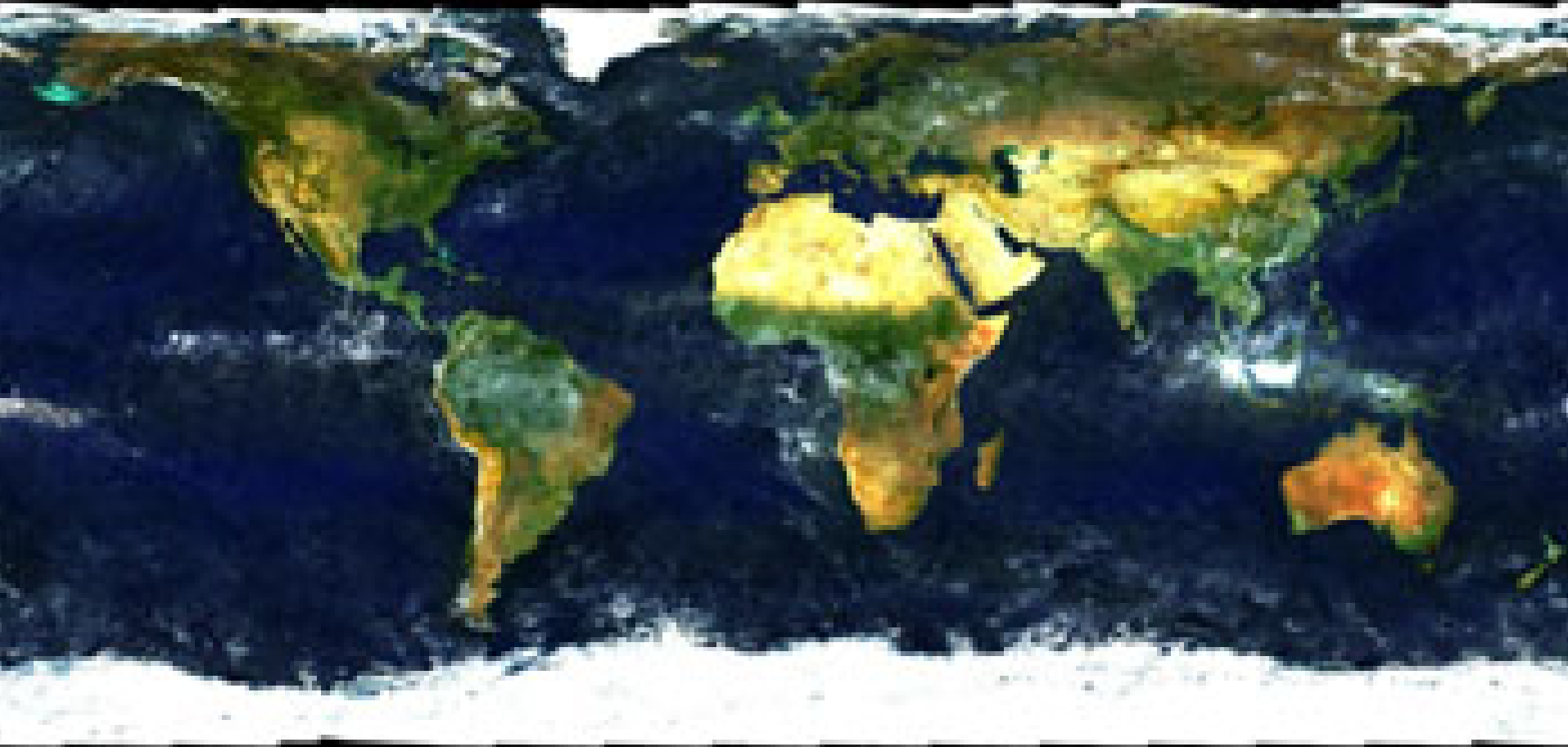
Global atmospheric pressure



Northern Hemisphere

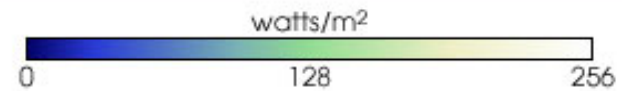
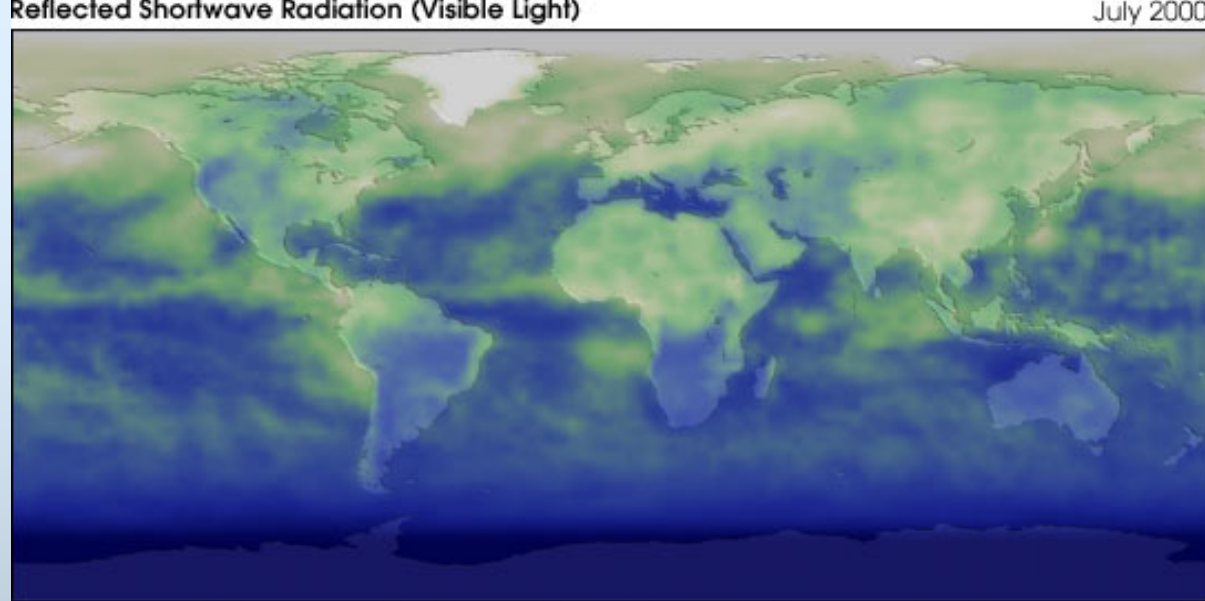


Earth surface – true color

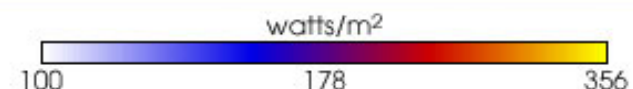
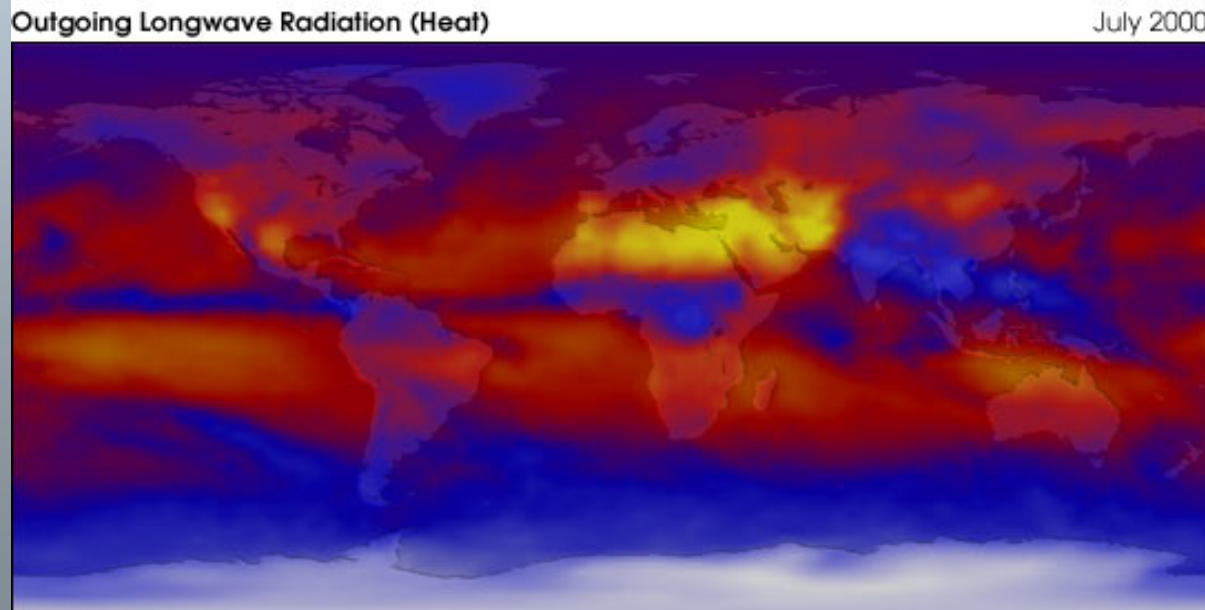


Outgoing radiation

shortwave
radiation



longwave
radiation



Concept of albedo

Albedo is the reflectivity of the Earth surface

Compare:

snow

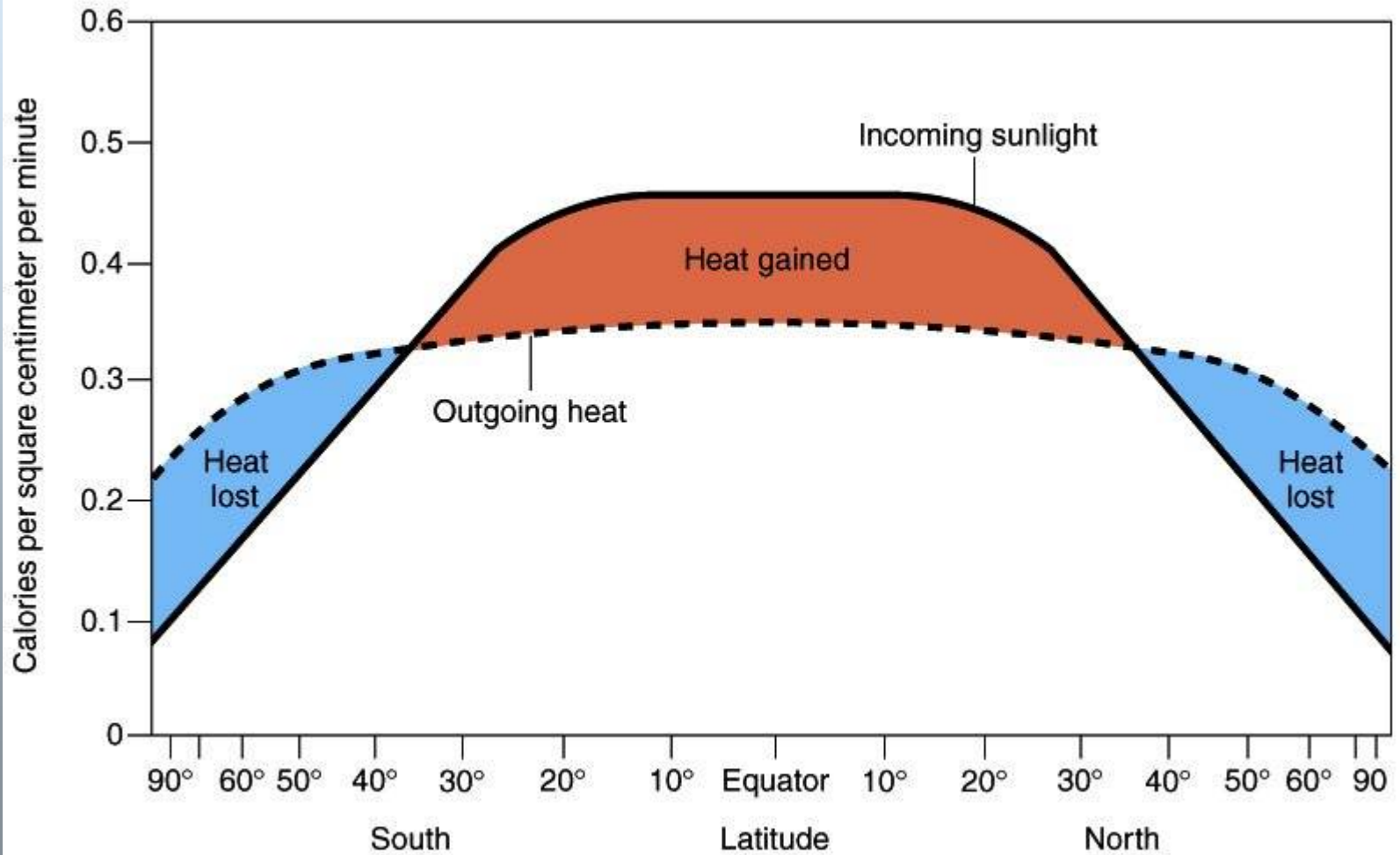
hardwood forest

prairie – wet versus dry grasses

desert sand

ocean water

Heat loss and gain from the oceans



Atmospheric circulation

