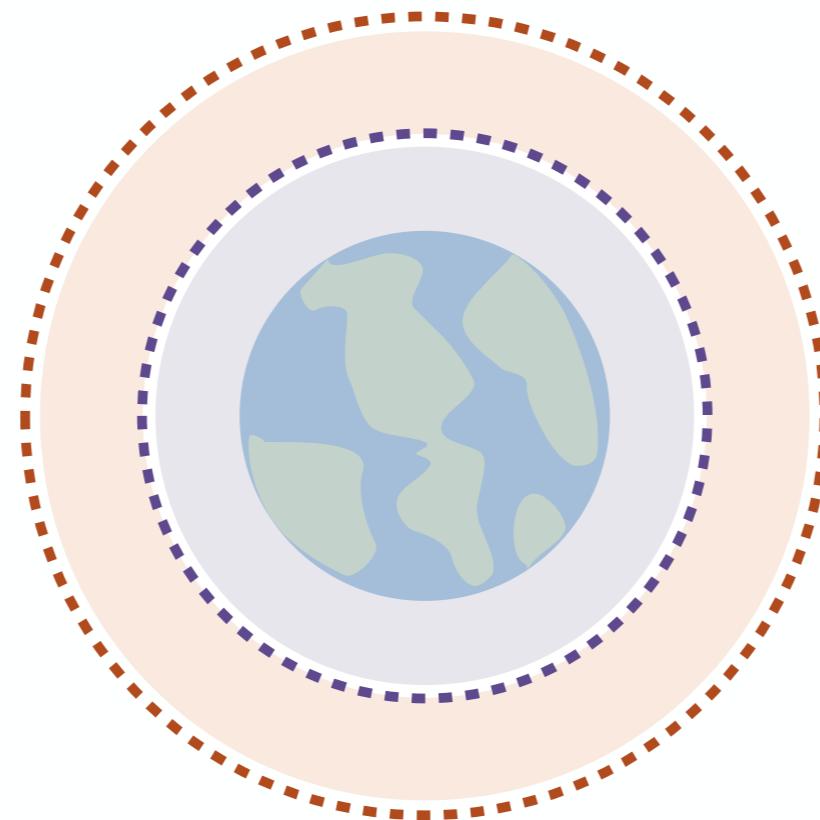


# Atmospheric Chemistry:

## The Many Roles of Ozone in the Stratosphere and Troposphere



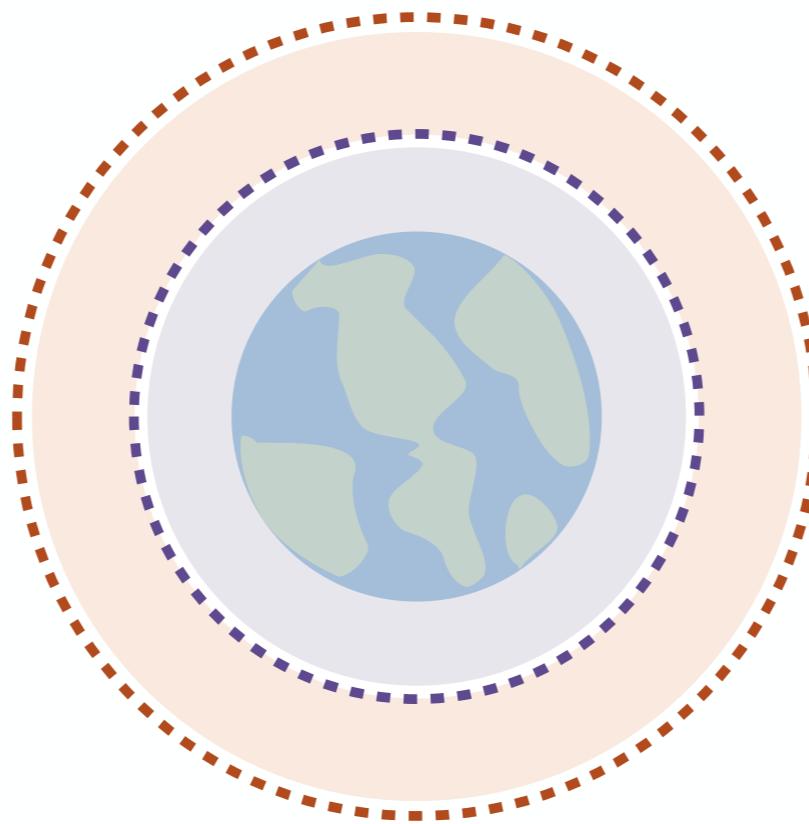
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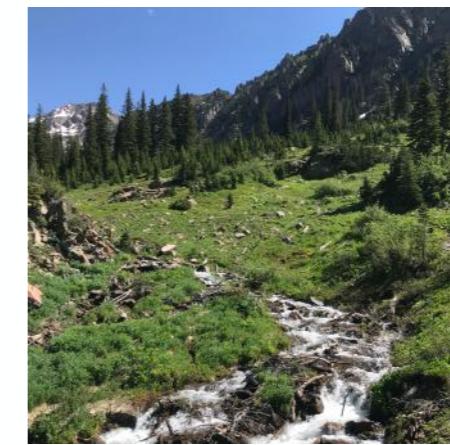
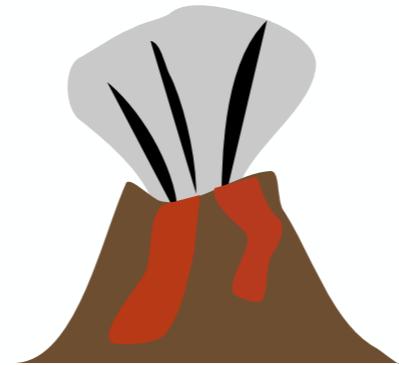
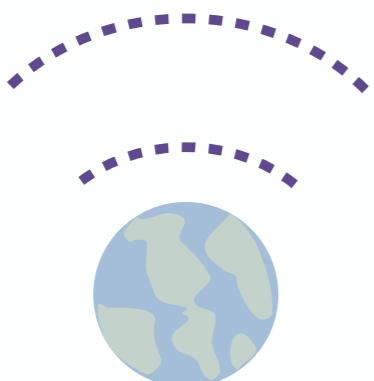
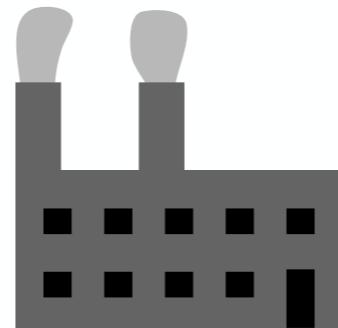
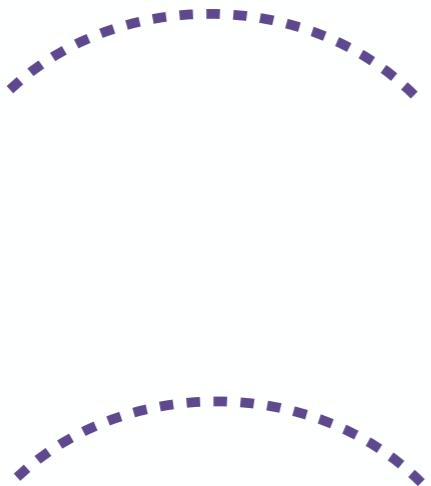
## *What is the atmosphere?*

*“...the gas and aerosol envelope that extends from the ocean, land and ice-covered surface of a planet outward into space”*



Earth's atmosphere: 78.08% **N<sub>2</sub>** 20.95% **O<sub>2</sub>** 0.93% **Ar** 0.04% **CO<sub>2</sub>** + other minor components

## *The broad field of atmospheric chemistry*



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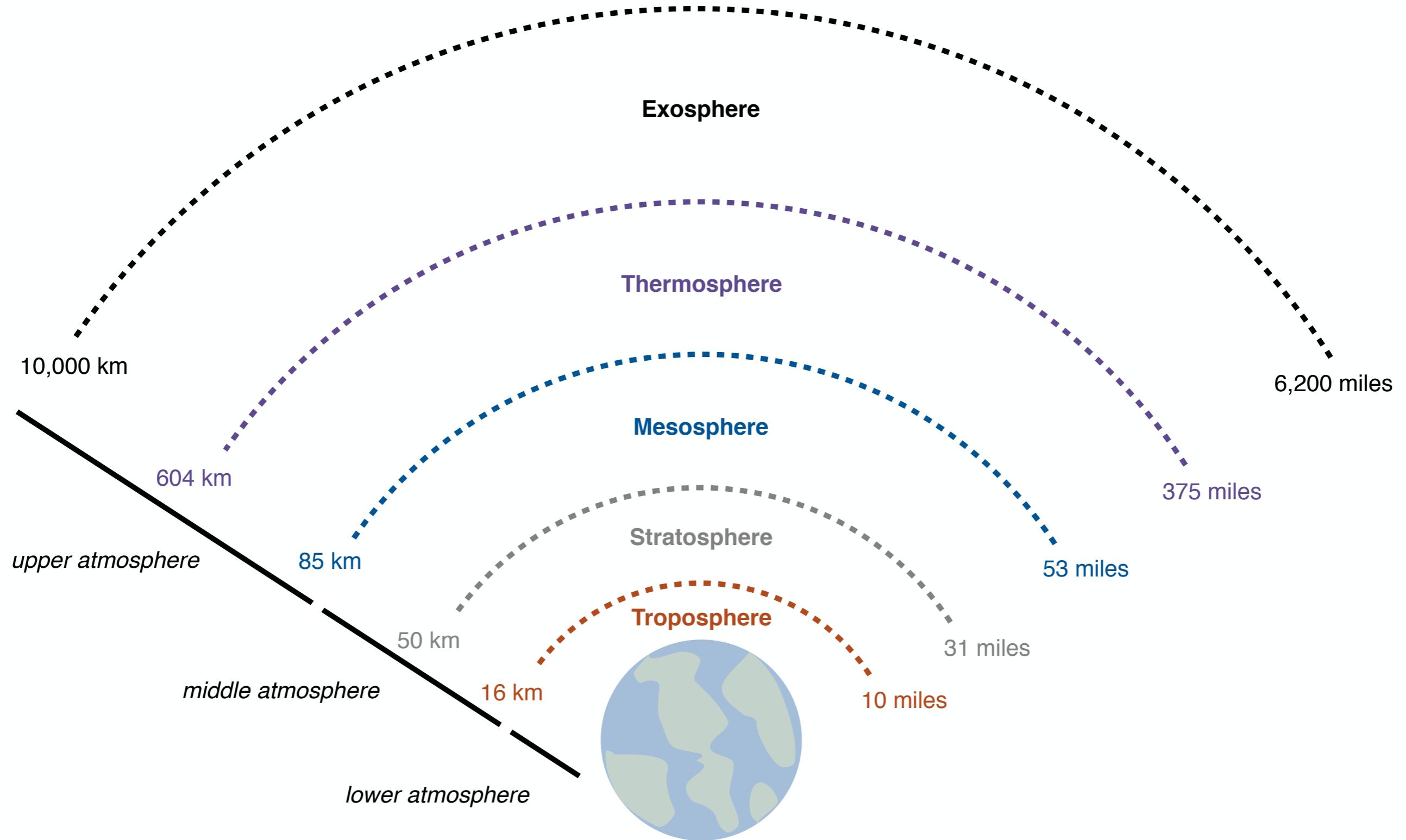


**homogeneous**

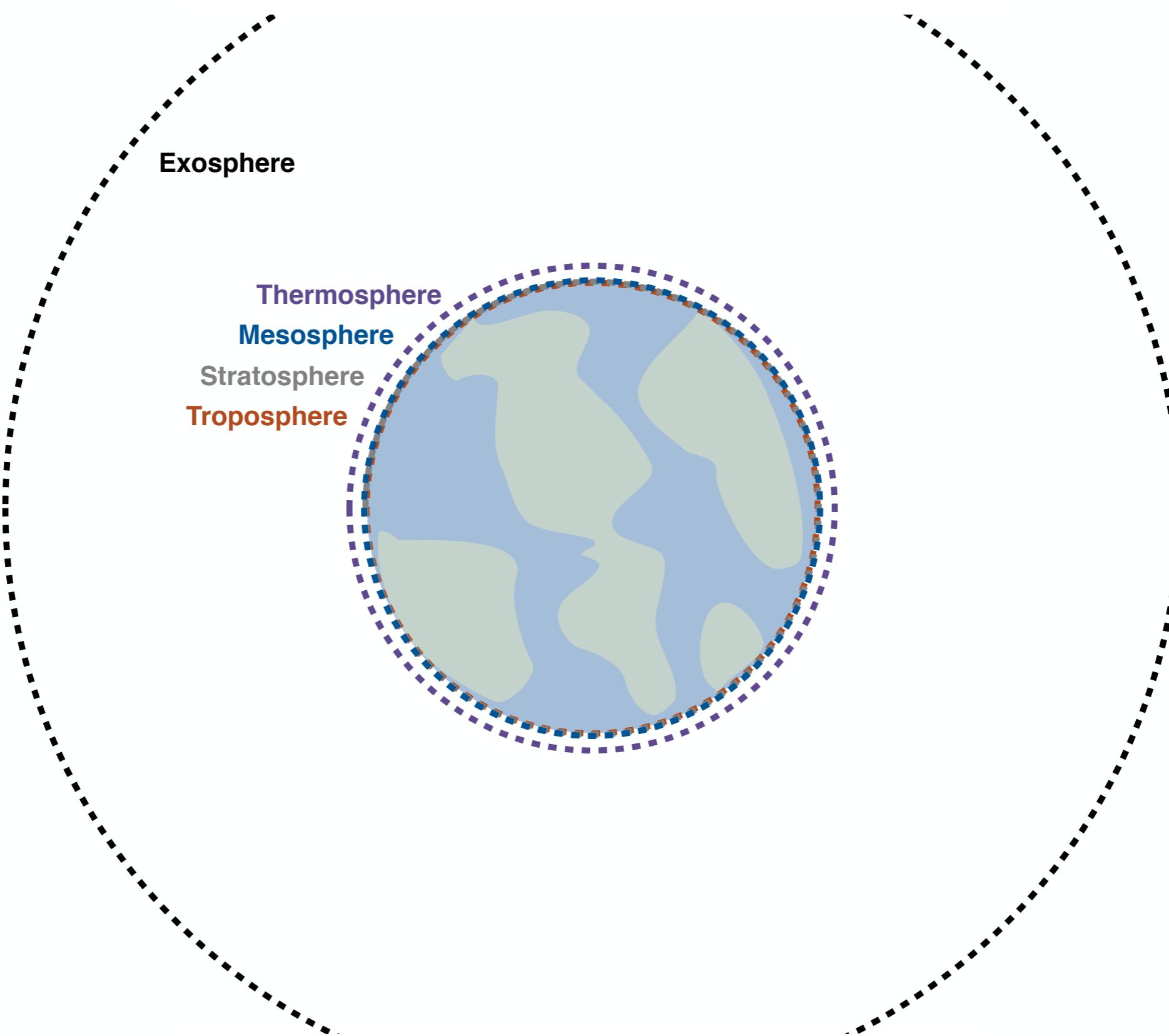
**heterogeneous**

**photochemical**

# *The atmosphere of the Earth*

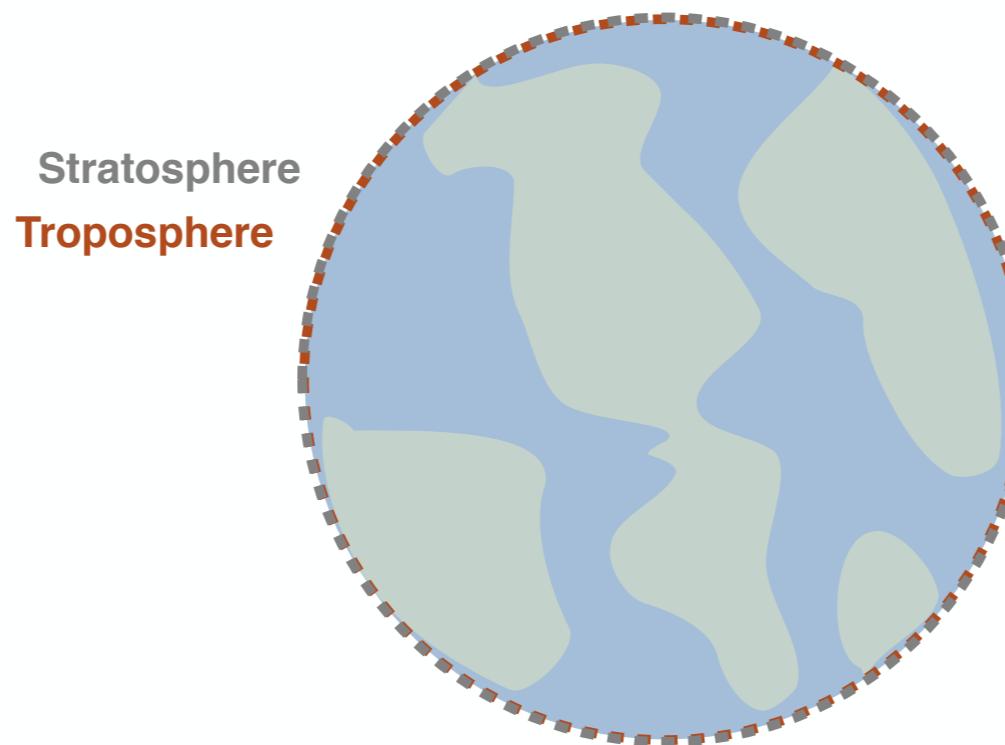


*The atmosphere of the Earth with a more realistic scale*



## *The atmosphere of the Earth with a more realistic scale*

99% of atmospheric mass is contained in the **Stratosphere** and **Troposphere** (50 km)

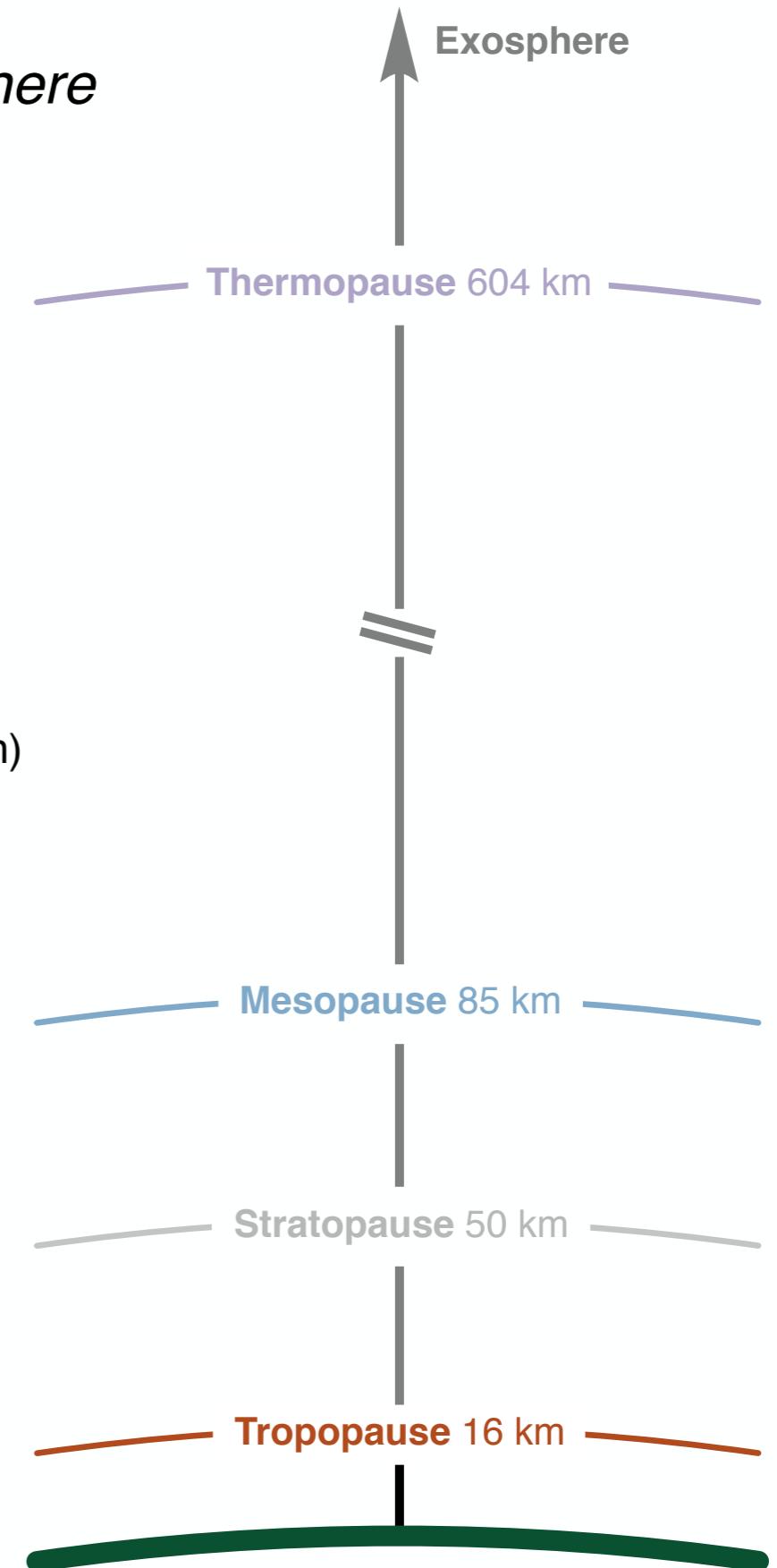


**If the Earth were a basketball, this would be a 1 mm layer**

## *The troposphere - lower atmosphere*

contains **nearly all water (99%)** and **majority of mass (75%)** in atmosphere

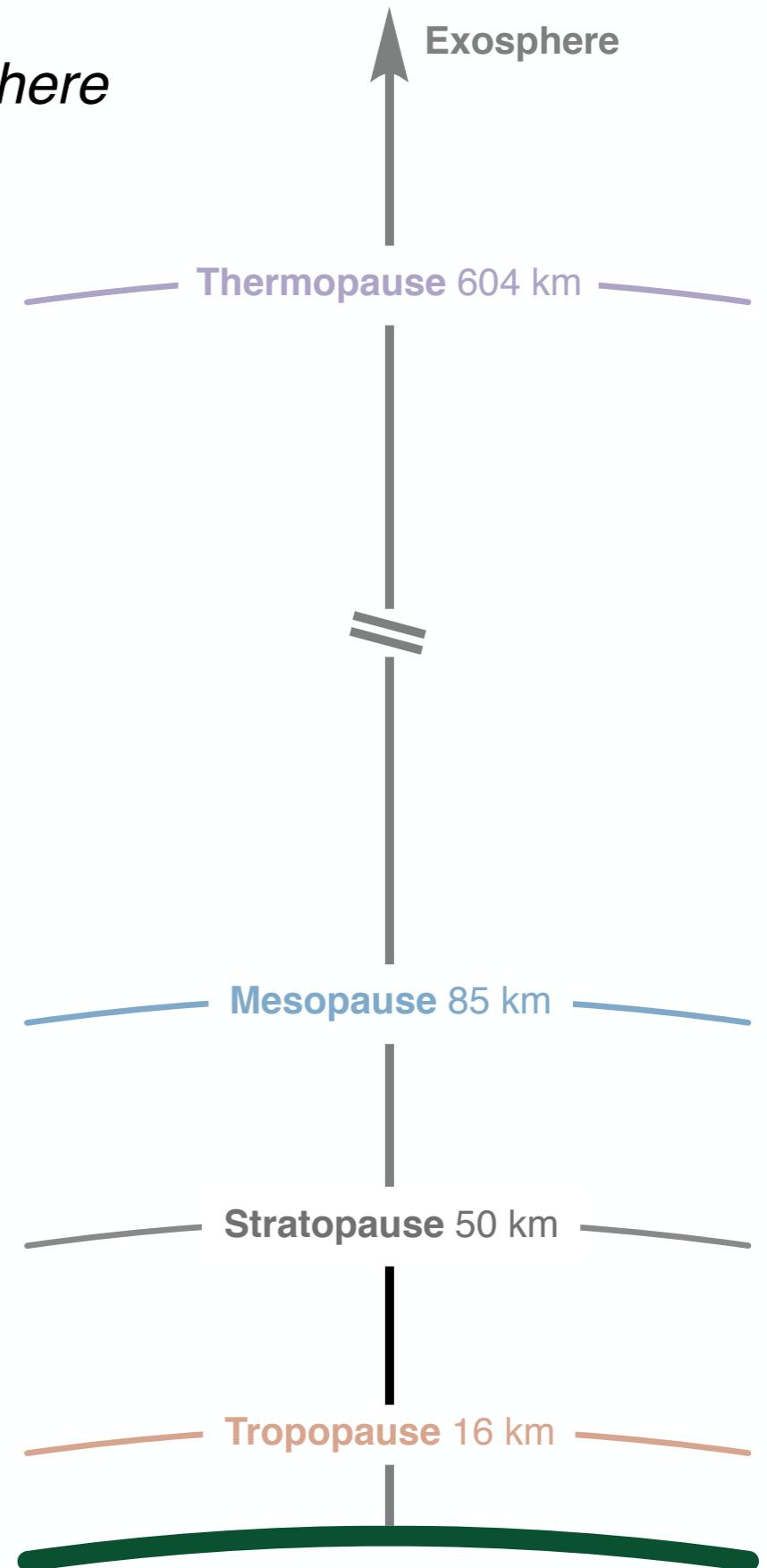
- location of weather and climate (including greenhouse effect and pollution)
- cools at a rate of  $6.5 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C km}^{-1}$  (reaches minimum of  $-51 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- highly turbulent, well-mixed due to surface heating by Sun (convection)



## *The stratosphere - middle atmosphere*

contains **remaining mass (25%)** and a 10 km wide **ozone layer**

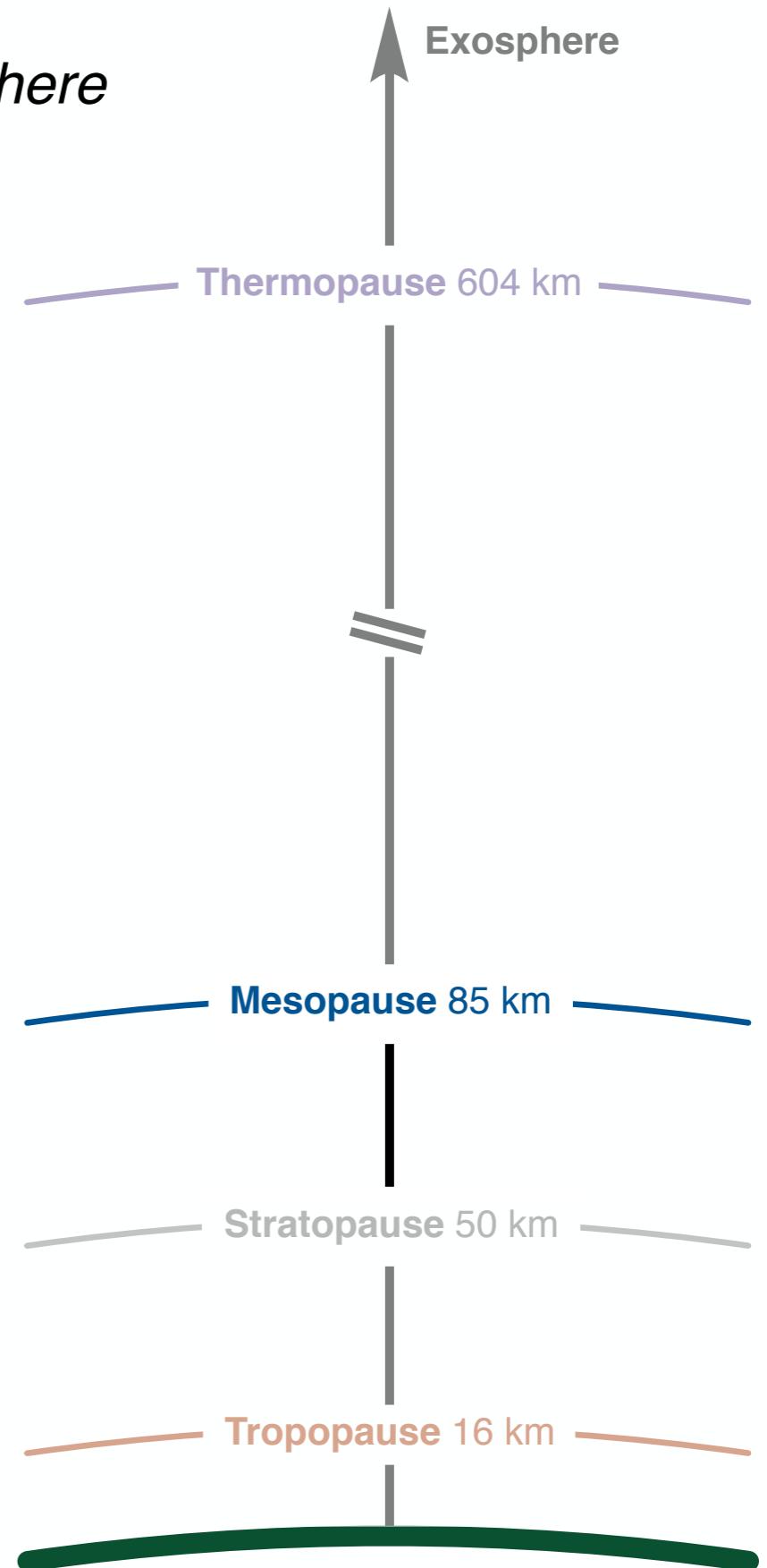
- temperature increases with altitude ( $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  at the stratopause)
- inverse temperature gradient prevents convection/mixing
- studied via weather balloons (air too thin for planes)



## *The mesosphere - middle atmosphere*

referred to as the “**“ignorosphere”** because difficult to study

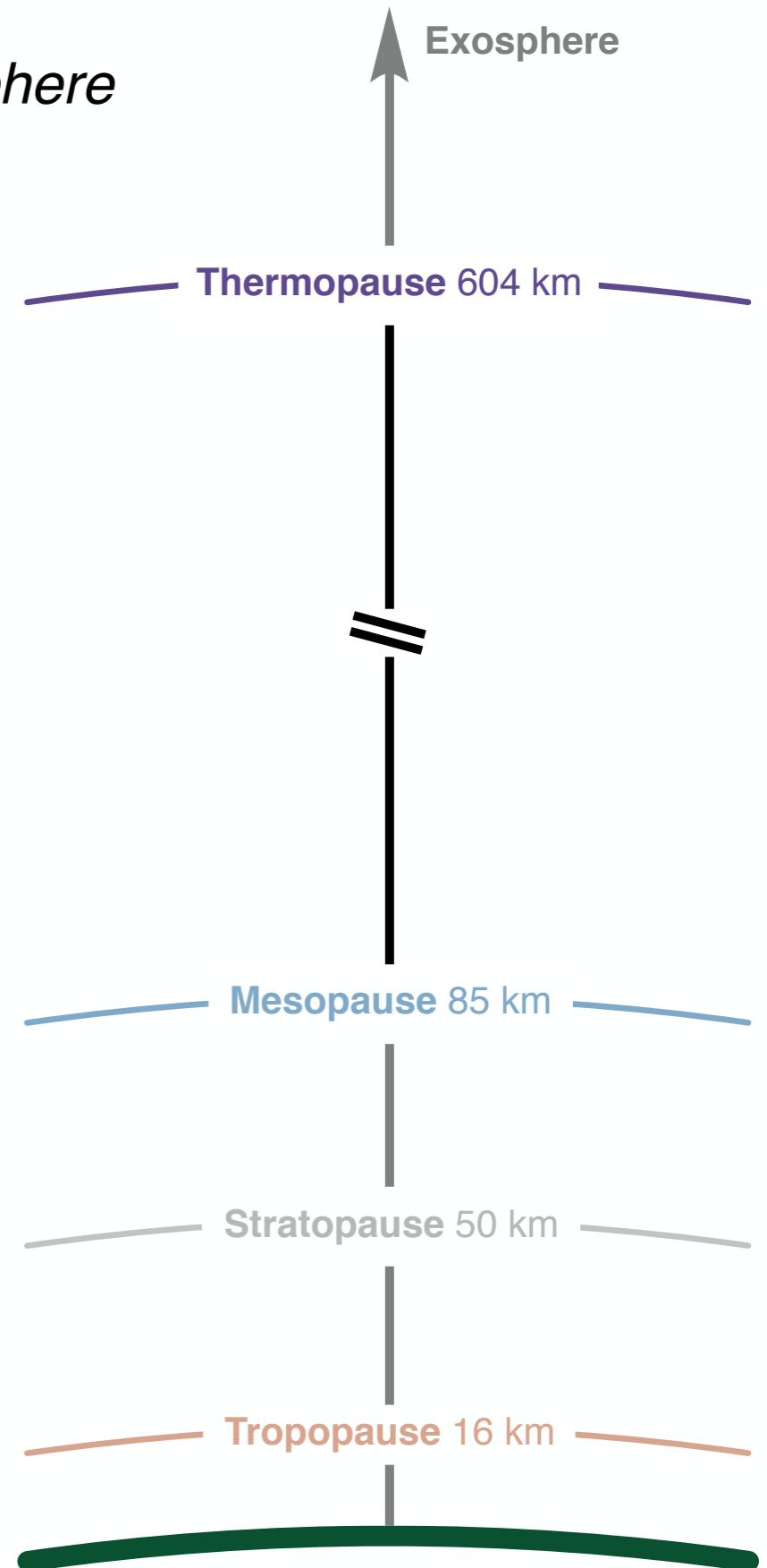
- too high for planes and balloons, too low for satellites
- probed with sounding rockets (5-20 minute missions)
- temperature decreases to atmospheric minimum ( $-143^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



## *The thermosphere - upper atmosphere*

contains **0.002% of mass** and is the realm of **satellites**

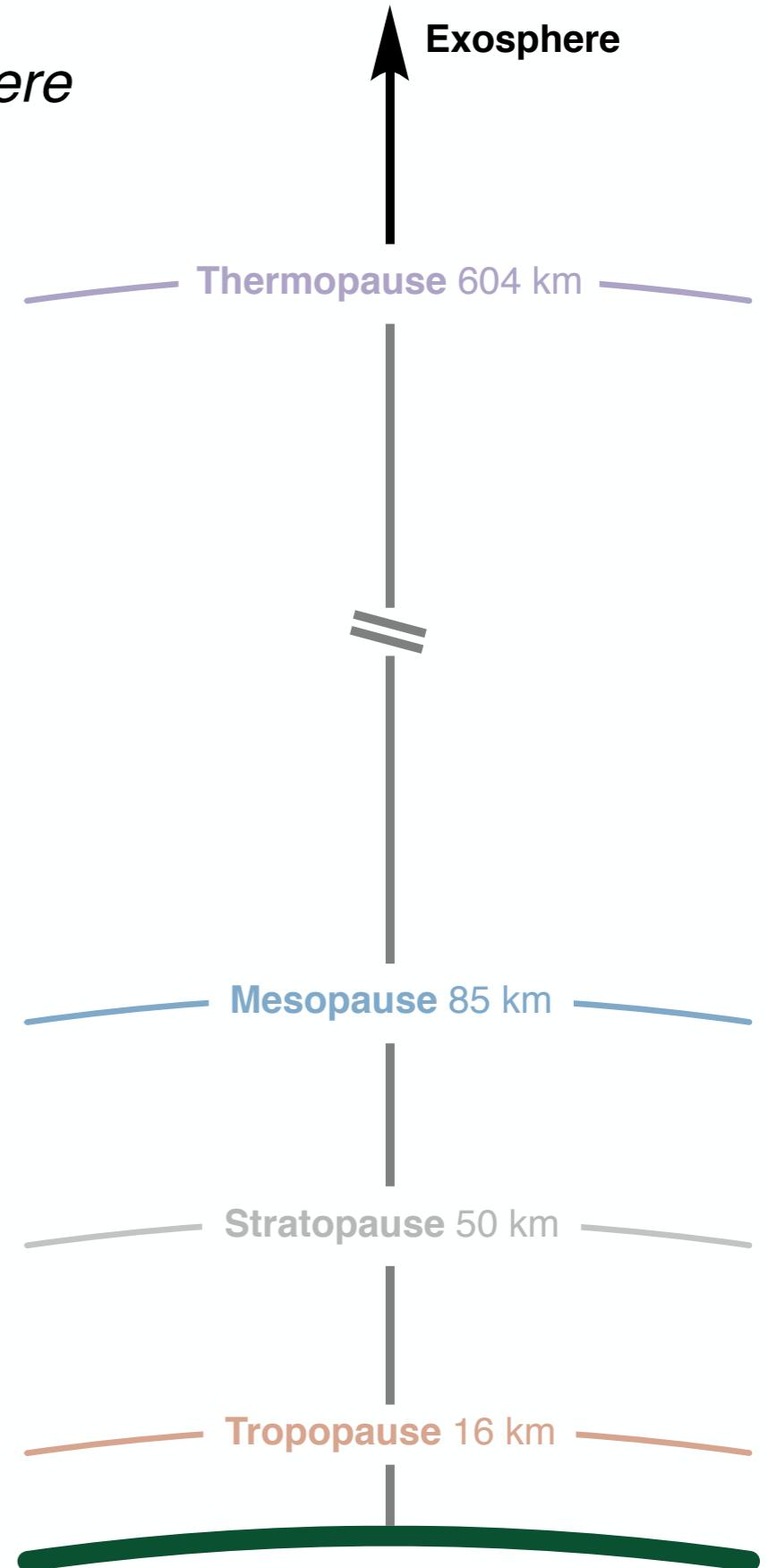
- photoionization of N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> blocks UVC and x-rays from Sun
- temperature difficult to define (227–1725 °C depending on sun activity)
- anacoustic zone (no sound) starts at 160 km
- electrically charged, refracts radio waves over horizon



## *The exosphere - upper atmosphere*

maintains **constant temperature** and composed mainly of **H, He, and O**

- atoms rarely collide, follow ballistic trajectories
- atoms can escape the atmosphere
- extends as far as Earth's gravitational pull



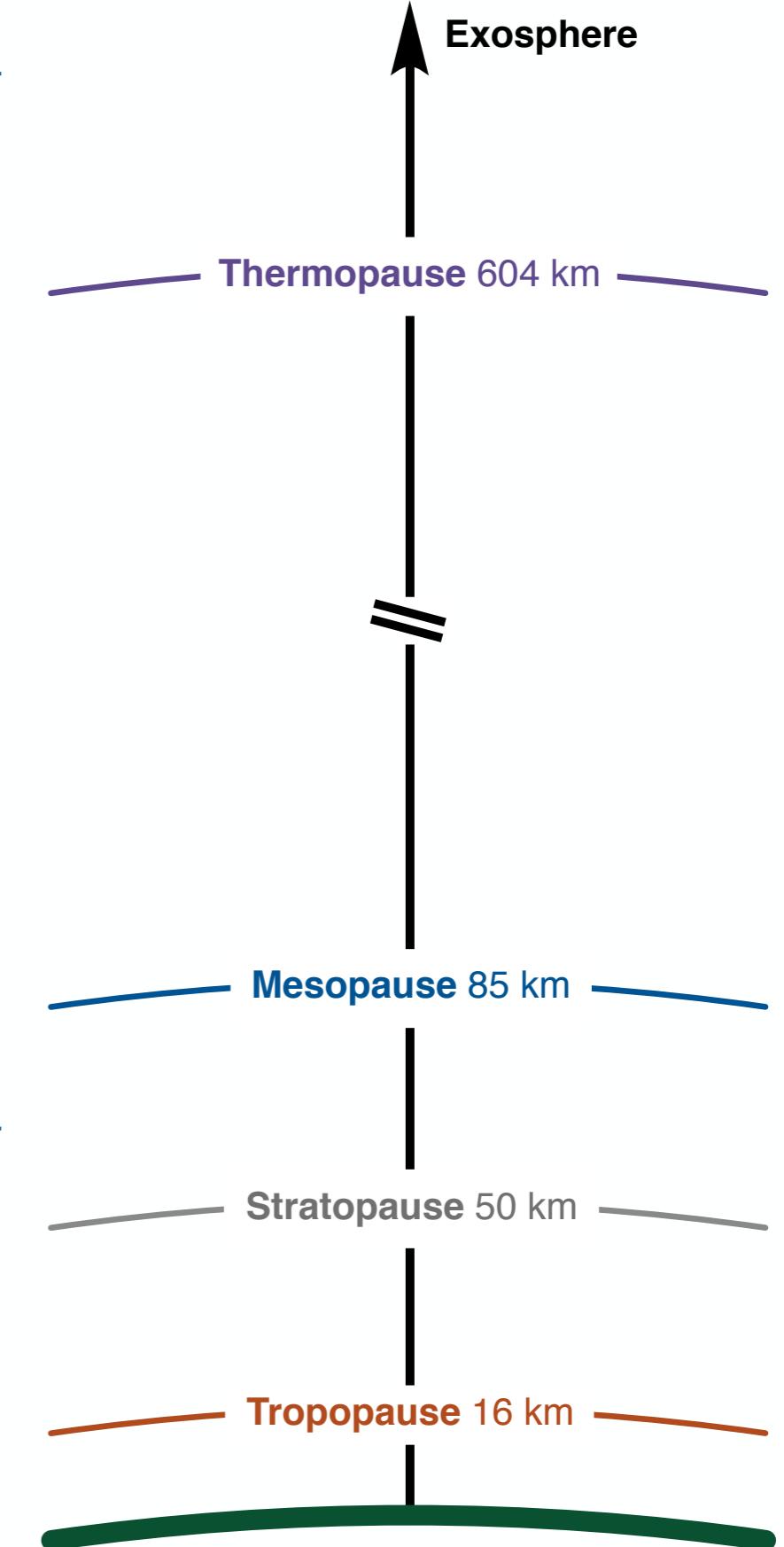
## *The ionosphere*

**region of atmosphere that contains charged species**

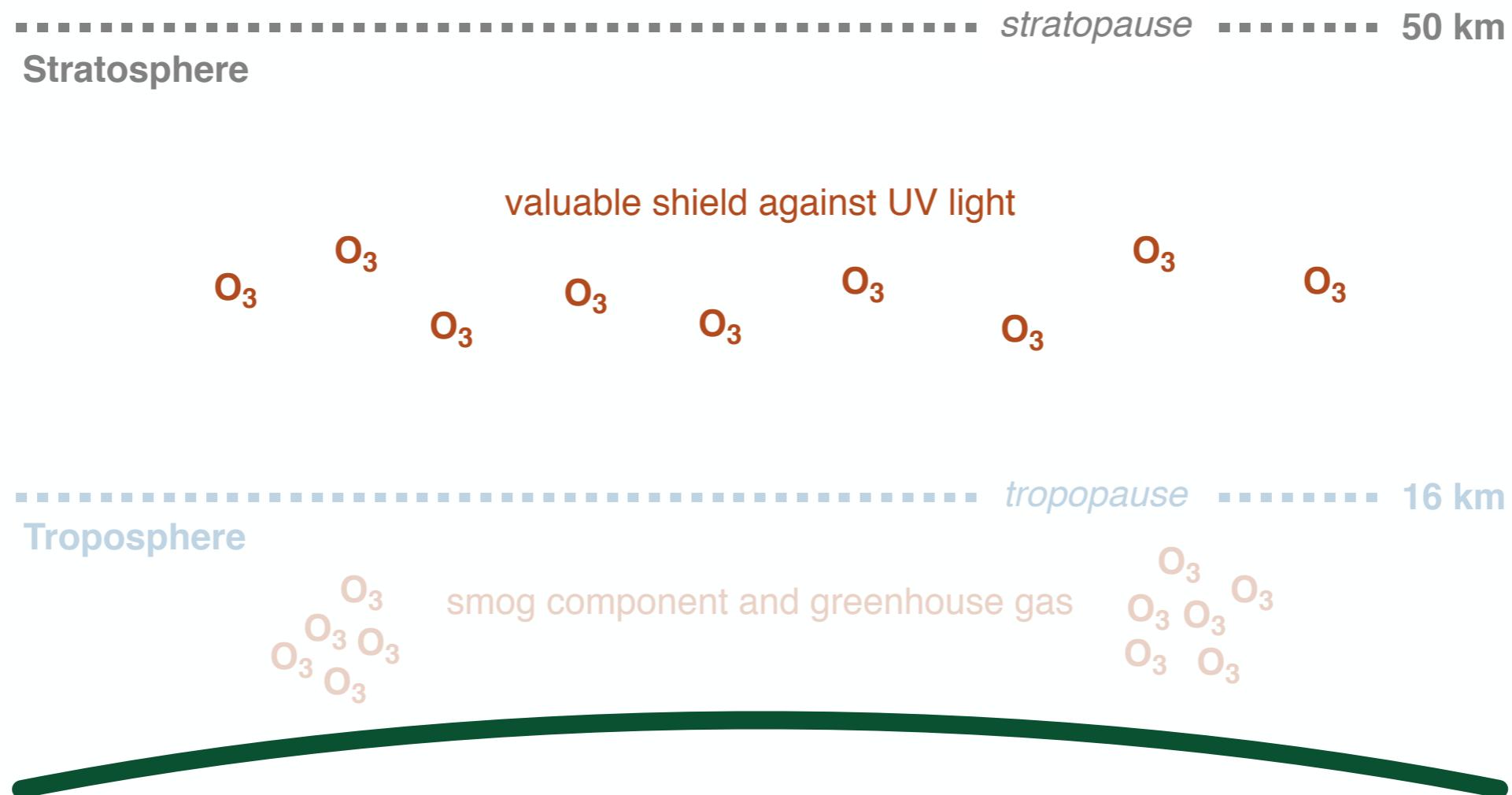
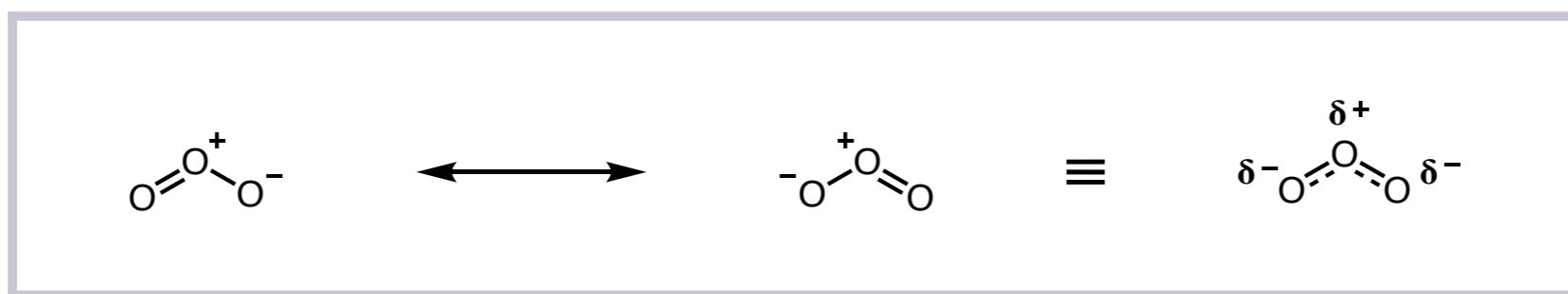
ionization of gas molecules by Sun's radiation

important filter of high energy light

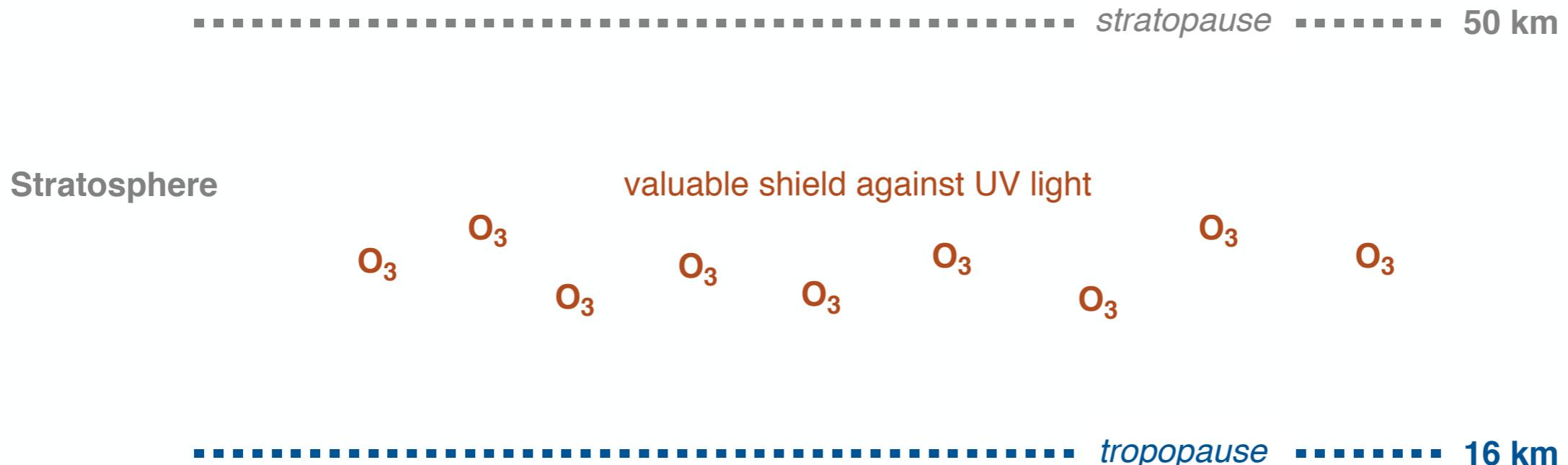
*This portion of the atmosphere goes to sleep at night!*



# *Ozone: good up high but bad nearby*



## *The stratospheric ozone layer*

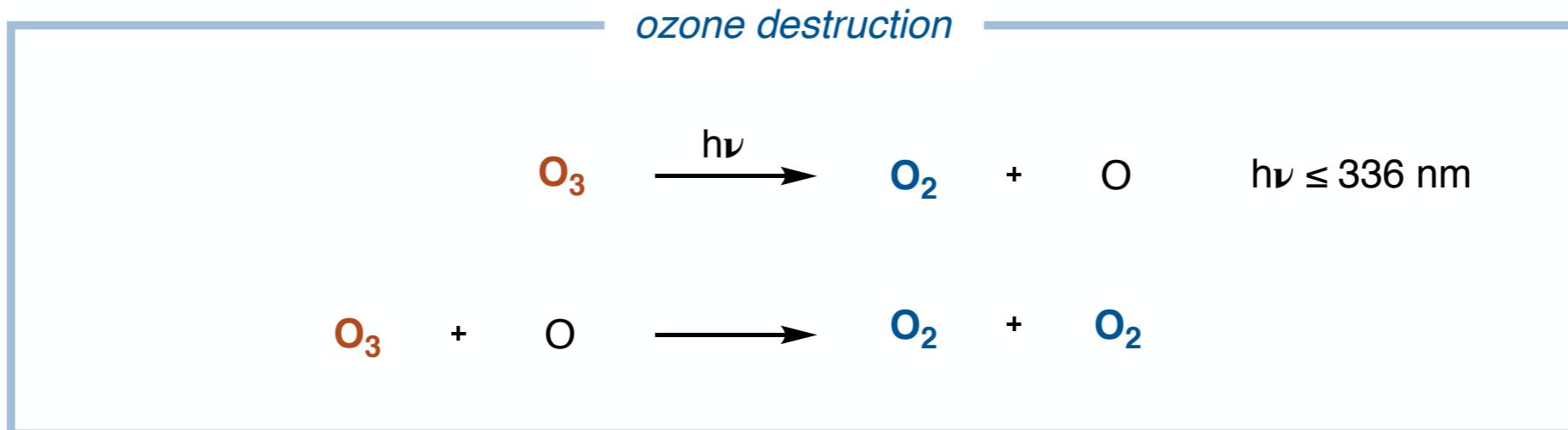
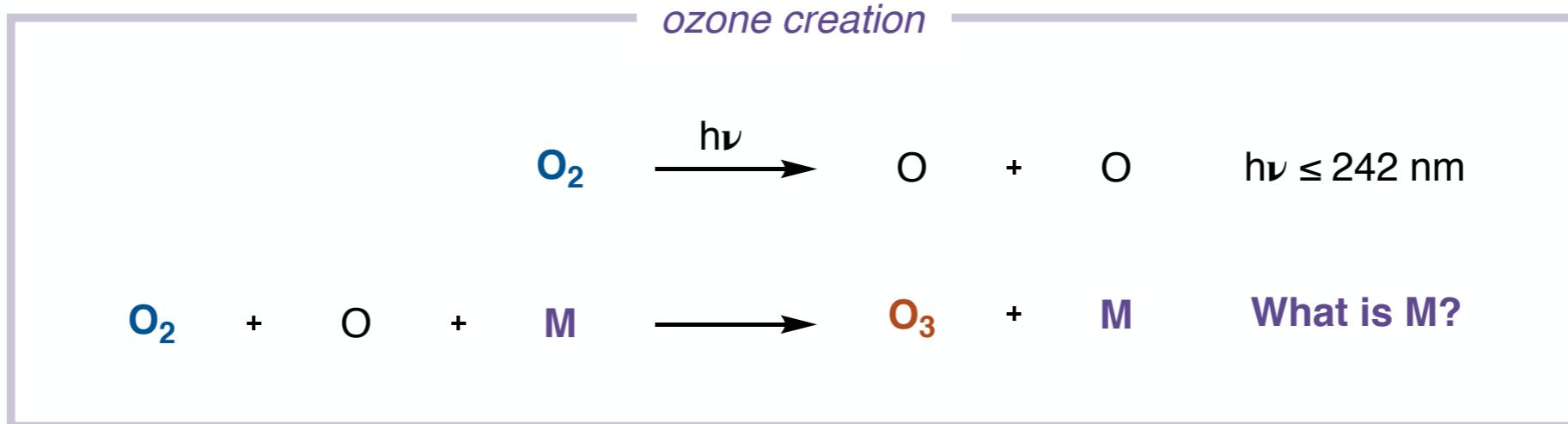


- Sits in a band 25 to 35 km above the Earth's surface
- Existed for approximately 700 million years

What are the mechanisms regulating the ozone layer?

## *The Chapman mechanism for creation and destruction of ozone*

- The Chapman mechanism (1930) was the first *atmospheric cycle* discovered



Chapman, S. *Mem. Roy. Met. Soc.* **1930**, 3, 103.

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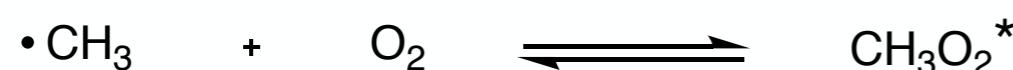
## Three-body reactions in the gas phase



where  $\mathbf{M}$  = inert molecule ( $\text{N}_2$  in atmosphere, Ar in laboratory/computations)

$\mathbf{M}^*$  dissipates excess energy as heat

### Impact of third body on gas phase reaction rate



$\mathbf{M}$  = neopentane

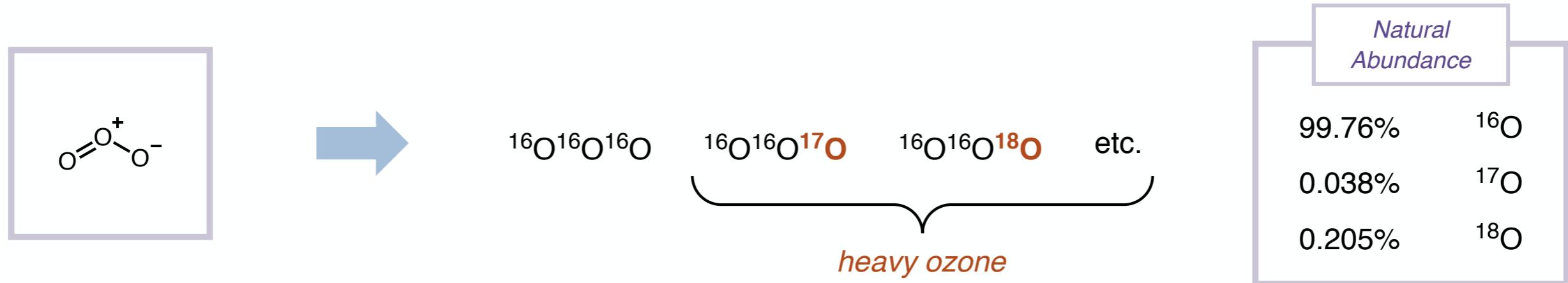
$$k_{\text{overall}} = 3.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ M}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



$\mathbf{M}$  =  $\text{N}_2$

$$k_{\text{overall}} = 0.94 \times 10^{11} \text{ M}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

## The “ozone isotopic anomaly”



**Two surprising observations  
(over a contentious, high impact 18 years):**

- 10% heavy ozone observed in the troposphere/stratosphere
- equal  $^{17}\text{O}$  and  $^{18}\text{O}$  incorporation: **mass-independent fractionation**

Mauersberger *Geophys. Res. Lett.* **1981**, *8*, 935.

Thiemens *Science* **1983**, *219*, 1073.

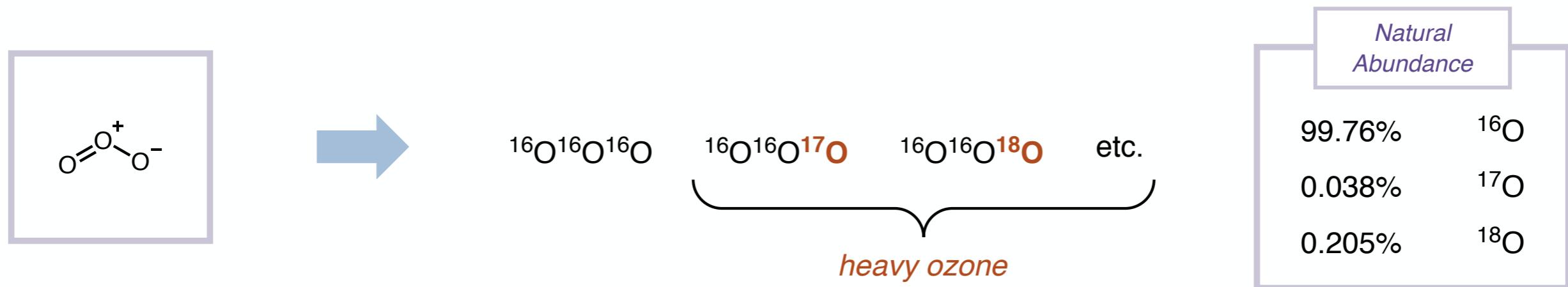
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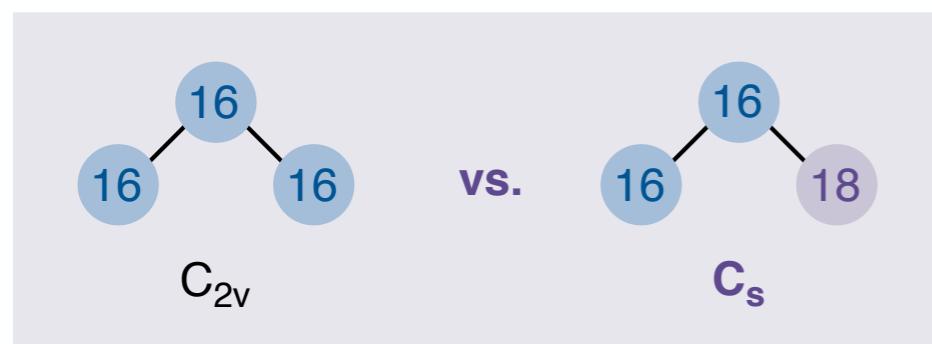
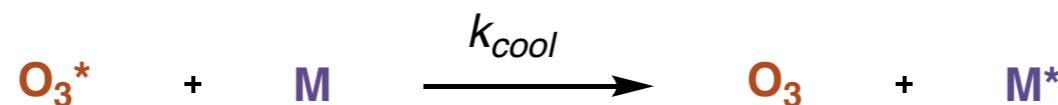
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**Why are heavy O isotopes overrepresented in atmospheric ozone molecules?**

## The “ozone isotopic anomaly”



— collisional cooling is key isotopic selectivity step: —



*Breaking  $C_{2v}$  symmetry doubles allowed rovibrational states and increases probability of successful collisional cooling with M*

## *Benefits of stratospheric ozone*

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- Allows for life outside of oceans
- Prevents photoinduced DNA damage

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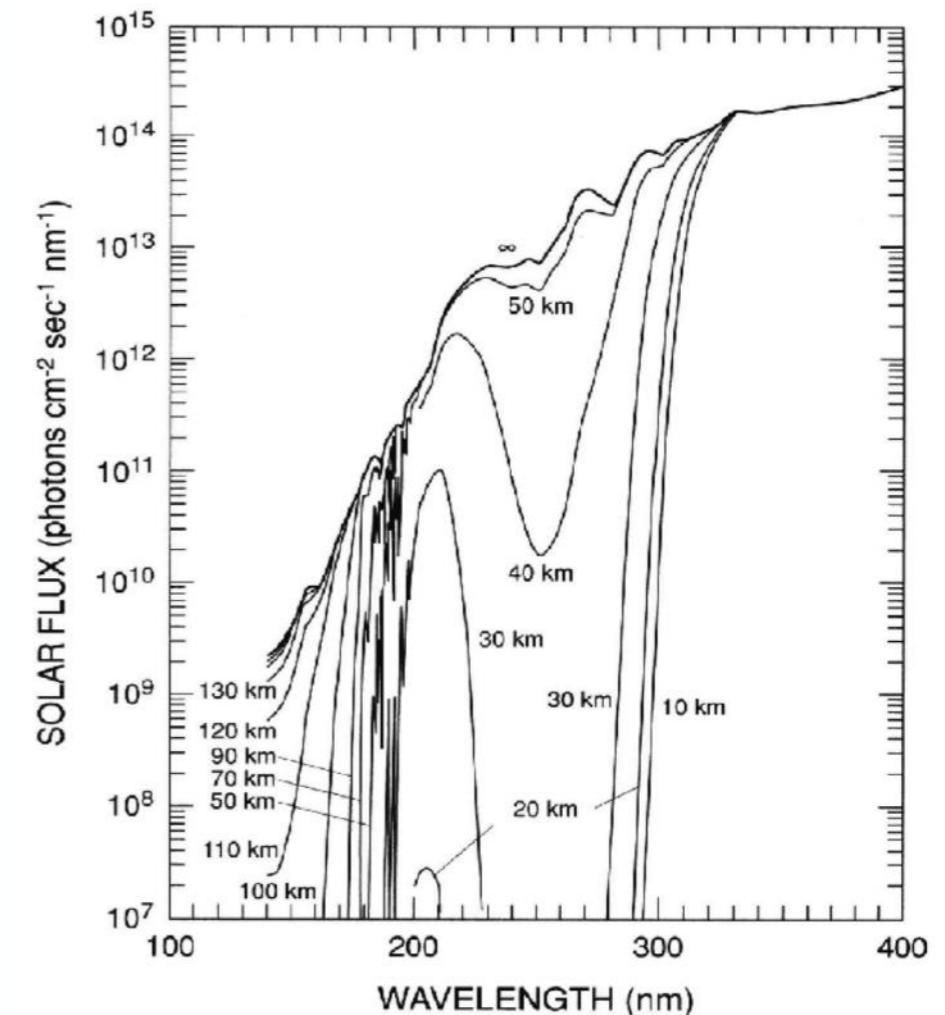
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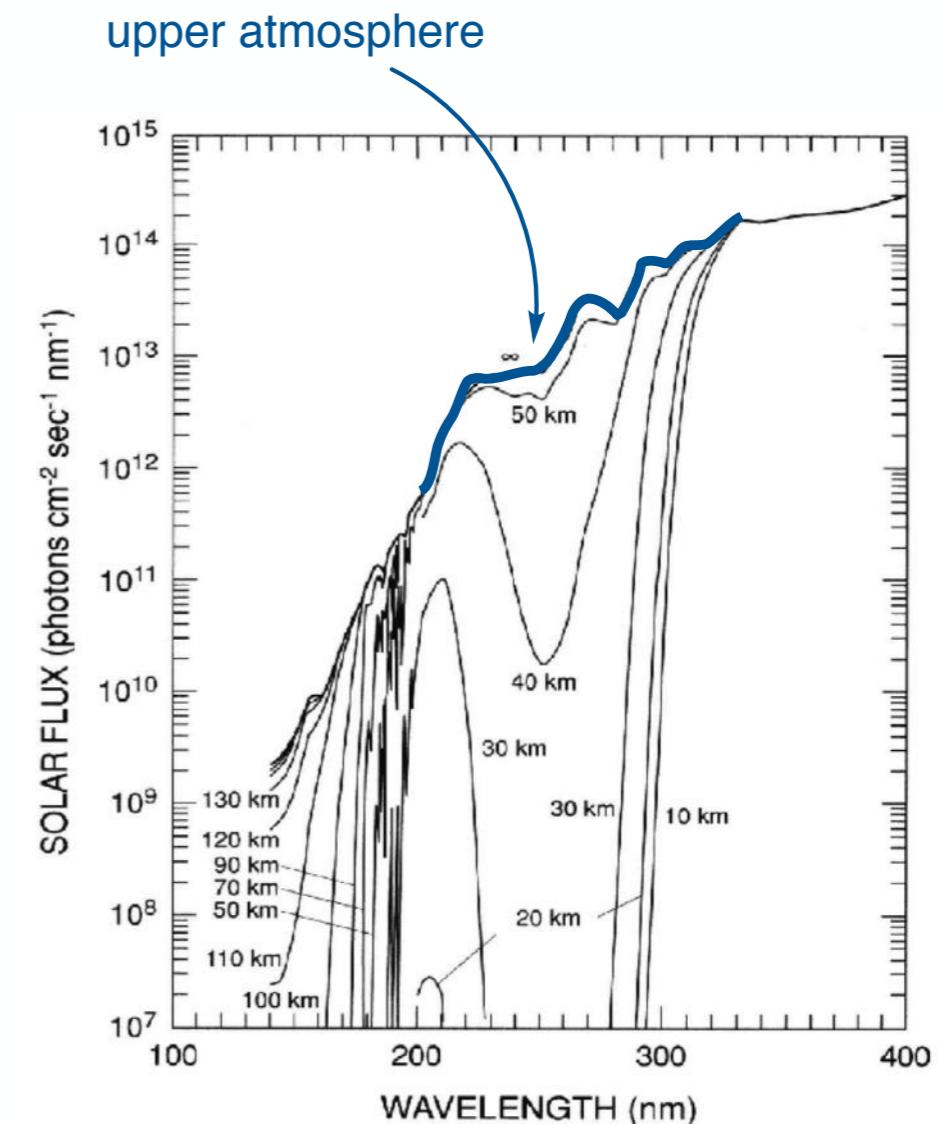
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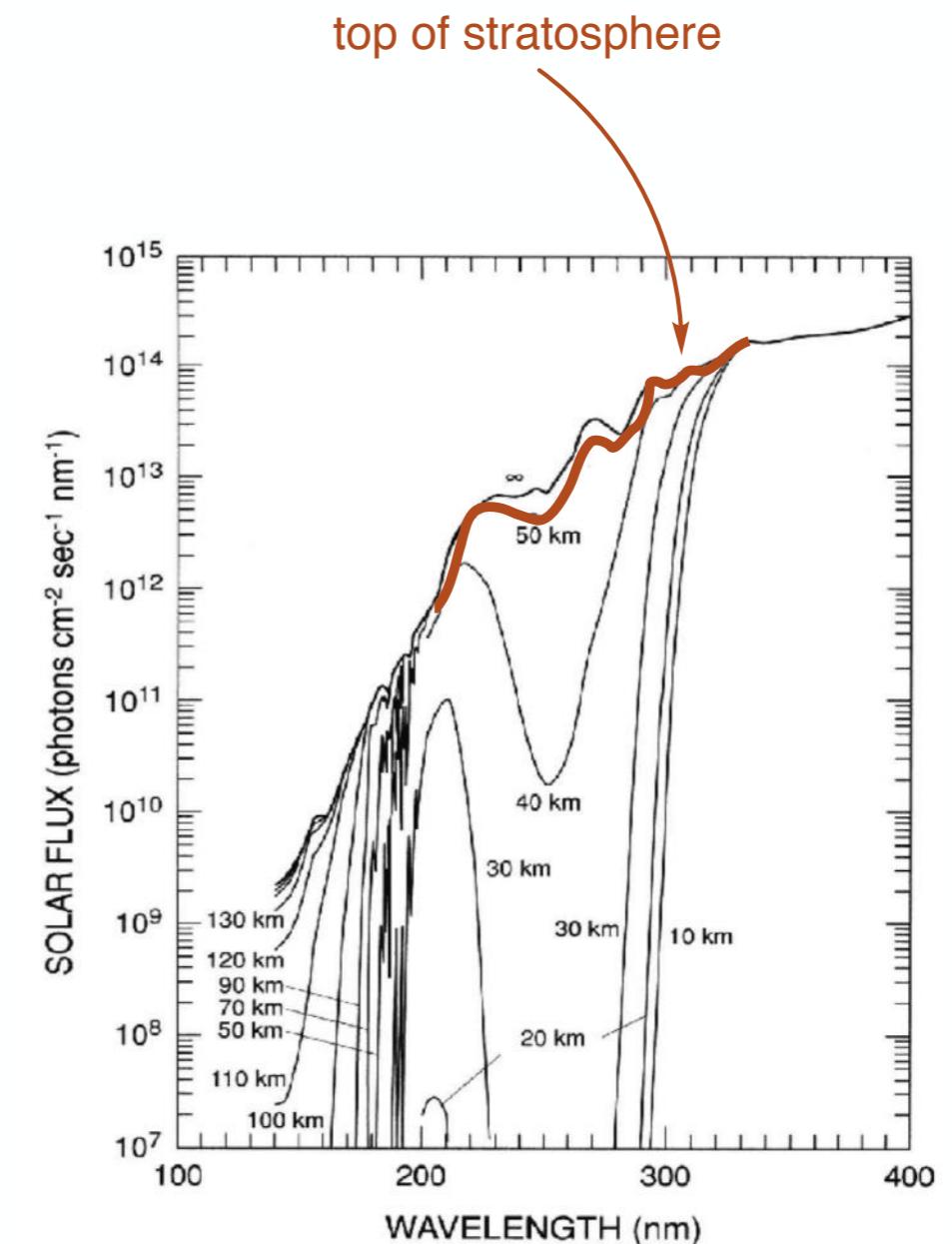
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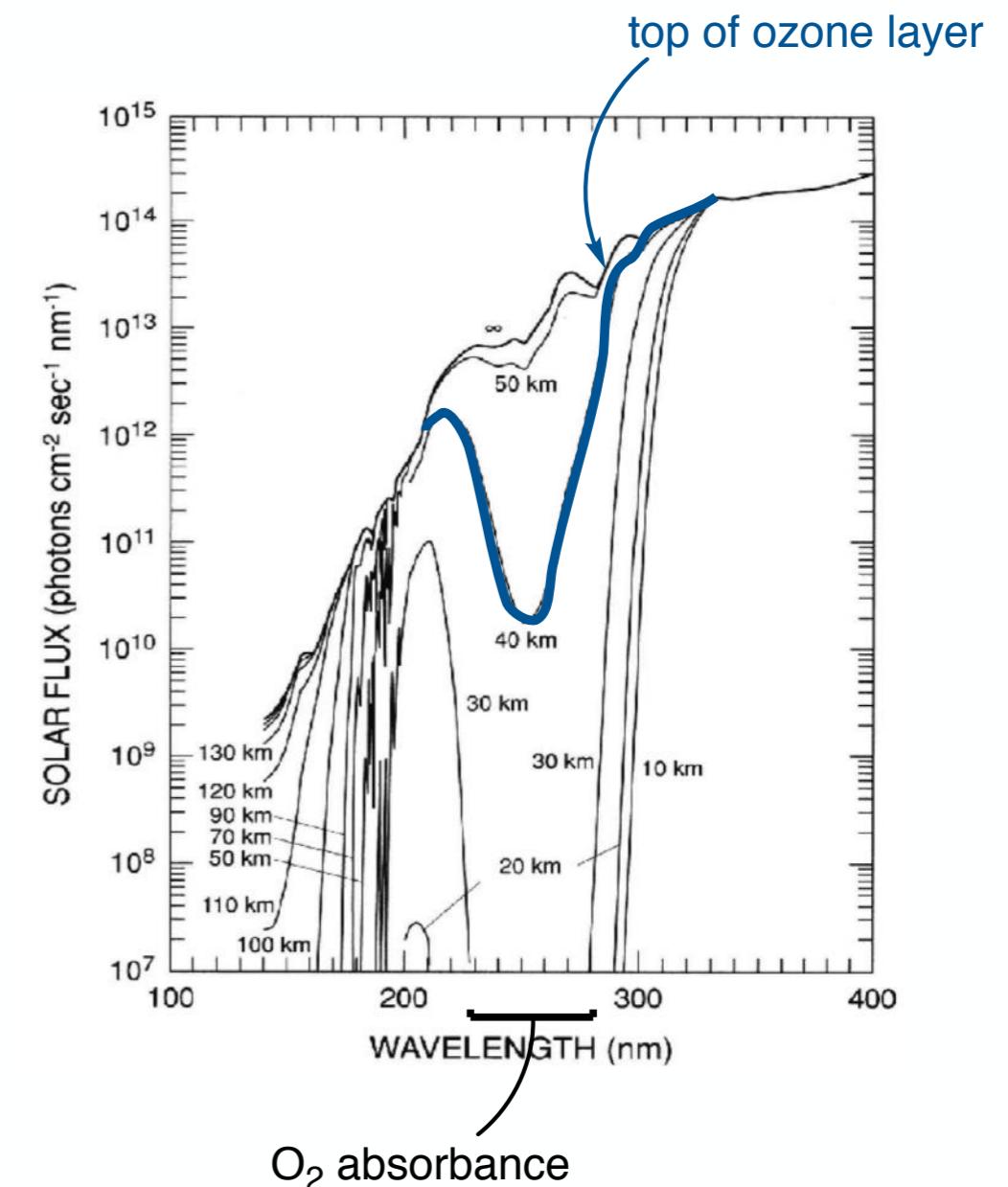
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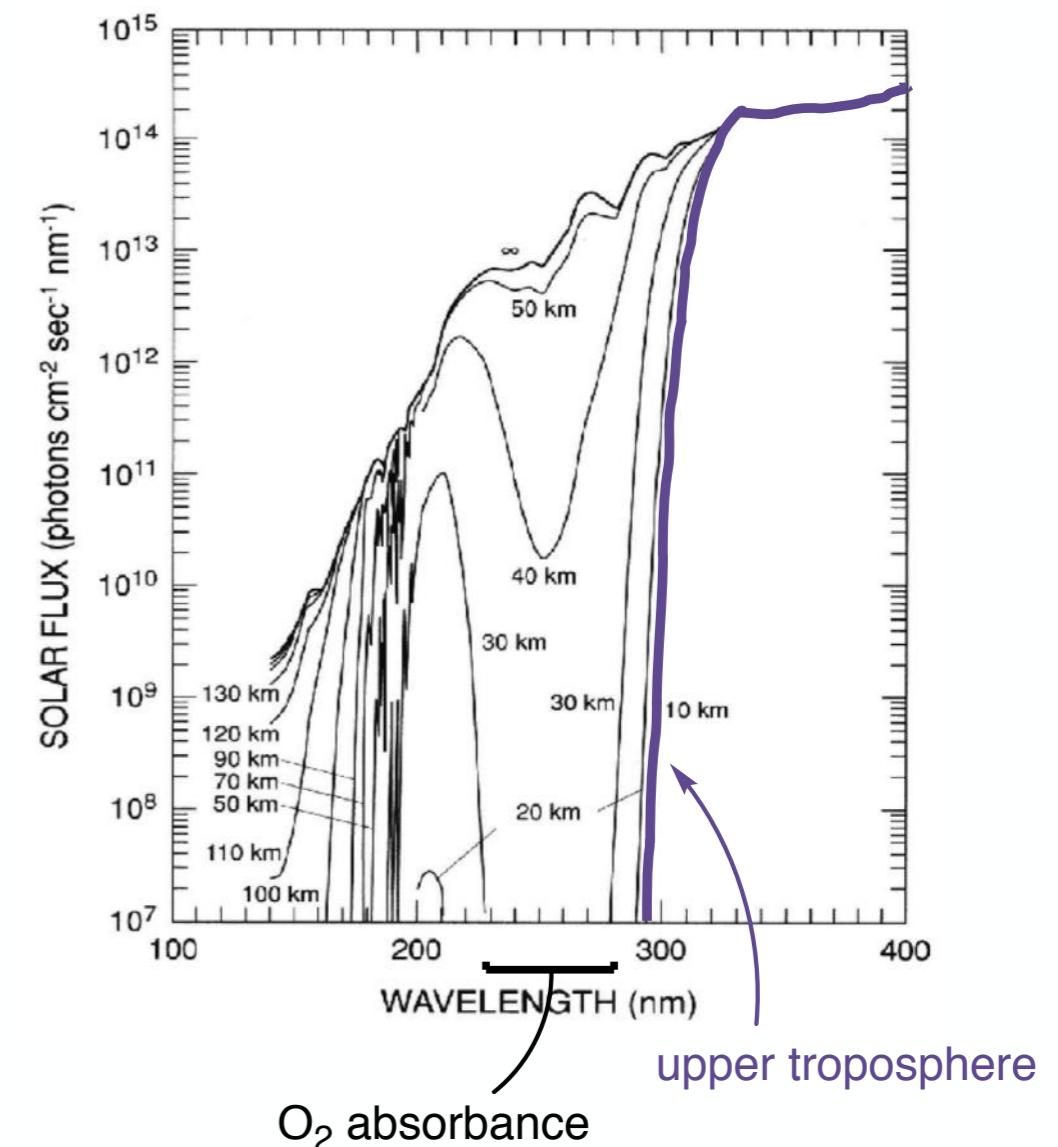
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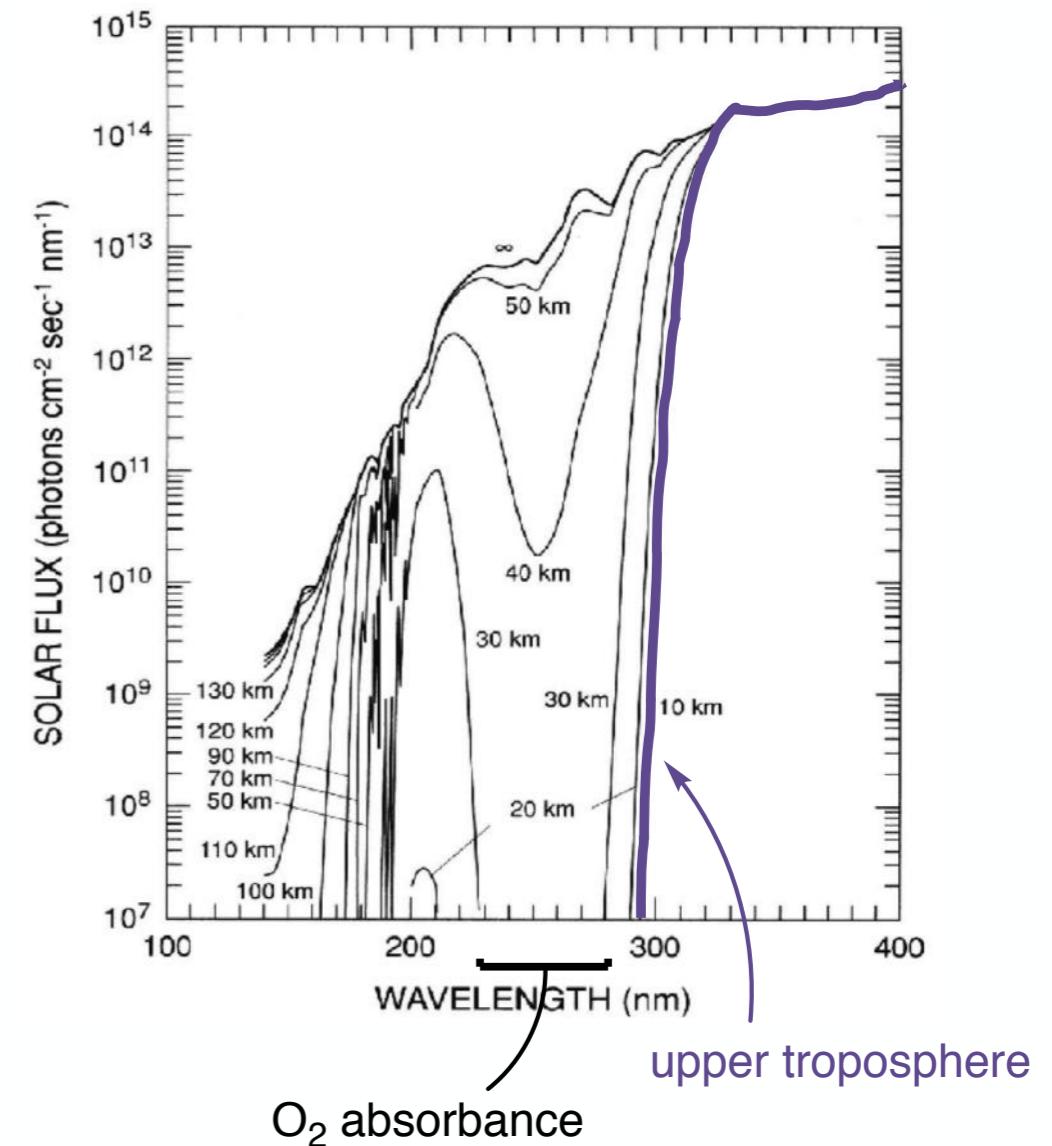


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How did Earth develop an atmosphere  
with such a useful UV light filter?



# *The evolution of Earth's atmosphere*

4.5 billion years ago

high albedo (reflectance) and low surface temperatures

high energy radiation  
*hostile to life on land*

principal components

$\text{CO}_2$        $\text{N}_2$

minor components

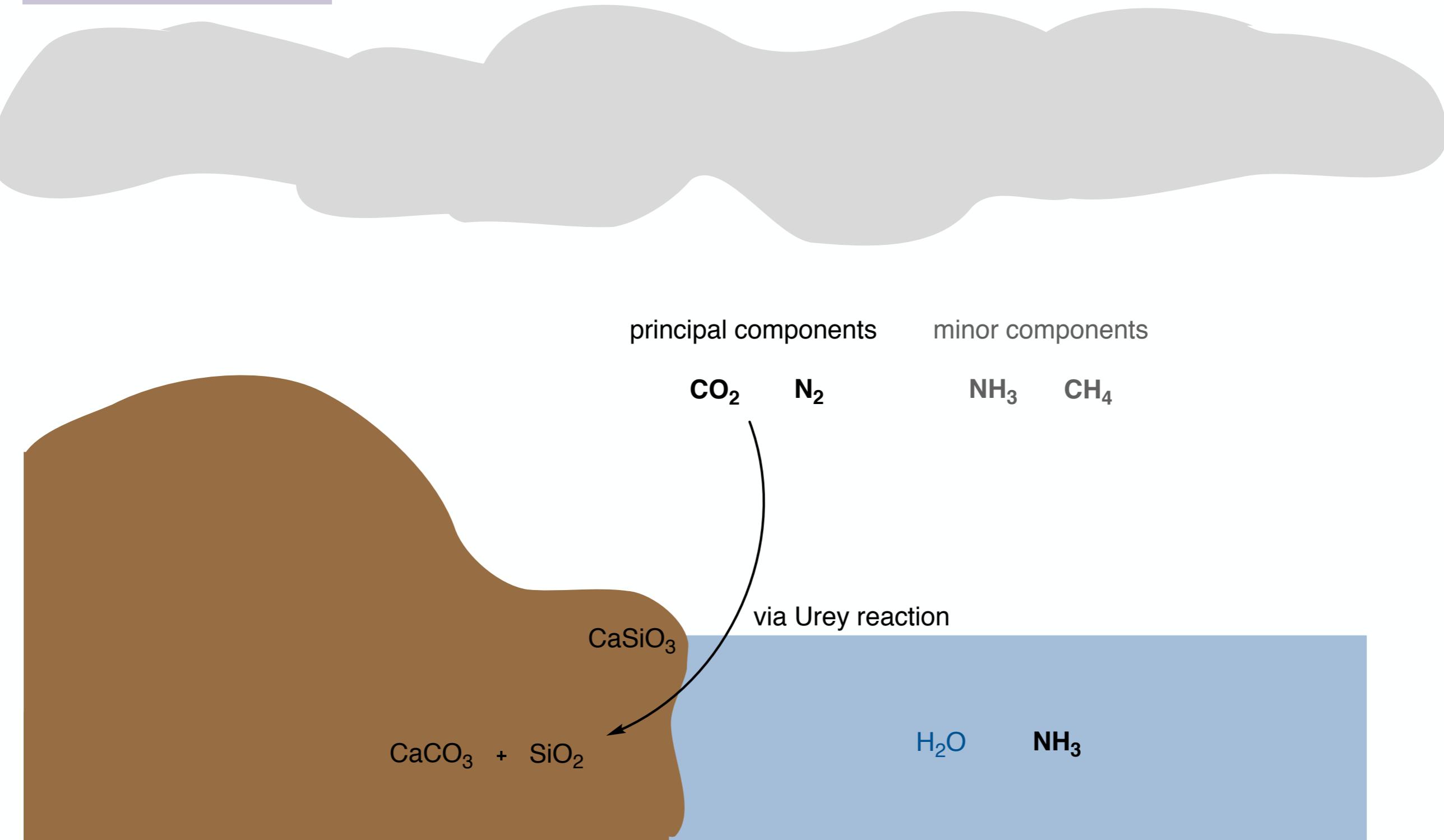
$\text{NH}_3$        $\text{CH}_4$

intense  
greenhouse effect  
led to evaporation

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$        $\text{NH}_3$

# *The evolution of Earth's atmosphere*

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## *The evolution of Earth's atmosphere*

2 billion years ago

irradiation of clouds led to the homolysis of water  
and the formation of O<sub>2</sub>



principal components

N<sub>2</sub>      CH<sub>4</sub>

minor components

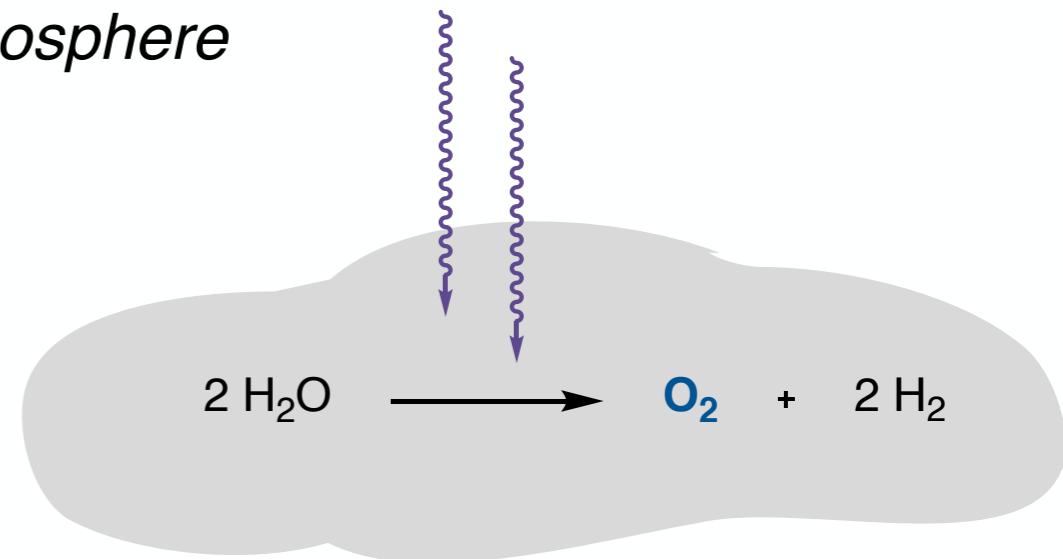
NH<sub>3</sub>

CaCO<sub>3</sub> + SiO<sub>2</sub>

H<sub>2</sub>O      NH<sub>3</sub>

2 billion years ago

## The evolution of Earth's atmosphere



principal components

$\text{N}_2$  (96%)

minor components

$\text{O}_2$

**$\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{NH}_3$  have been oxidized  
and greenhouse effect lessens**

$\text{CaCO}_3 + \text{SiO}_2$

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$

420 million years ago

## The evolution of Earth's atmosphere

$O_3$     $O_2$     $O_3$     $O_3$

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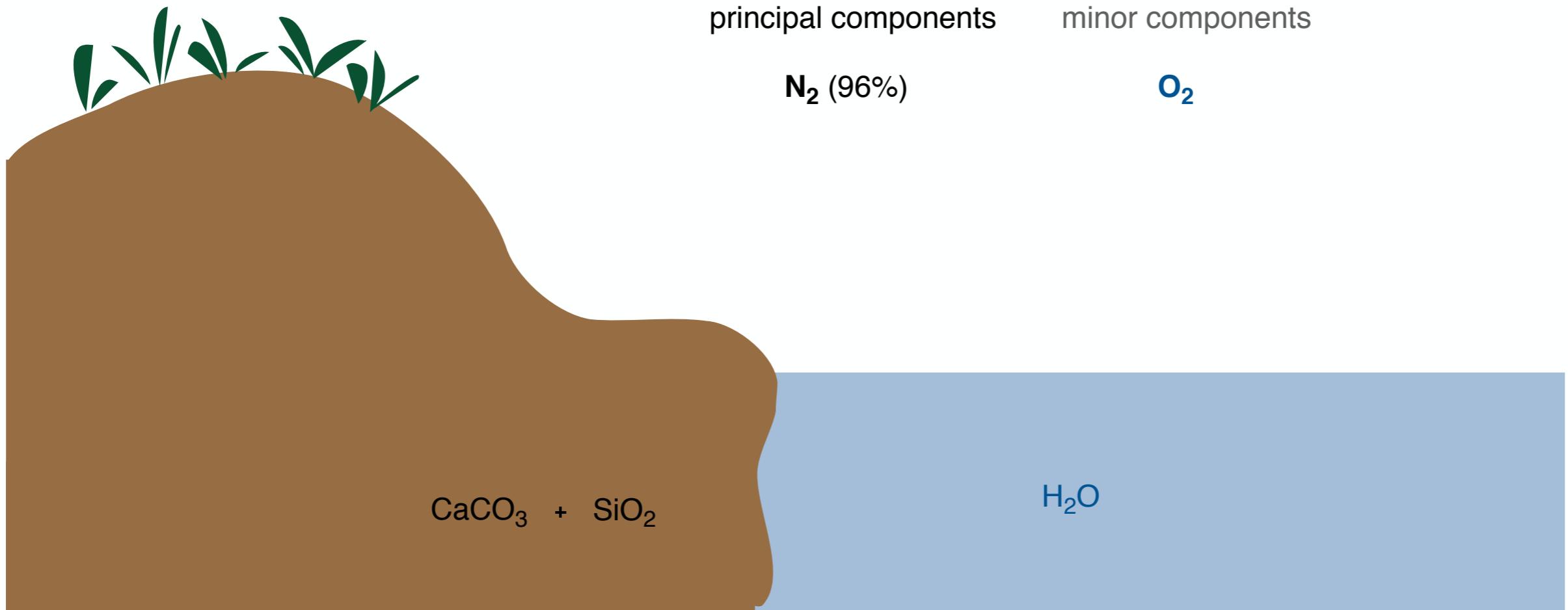
Chapman cycle produces sufficient  $O_3$   
to protect life on land

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$O_2$



# *Why is the ozone layer in the stratosphere?*

Mesosphere

insufficient gas density for three body reactions

----- *stratopause* ----- 50 km  
Stratosphere

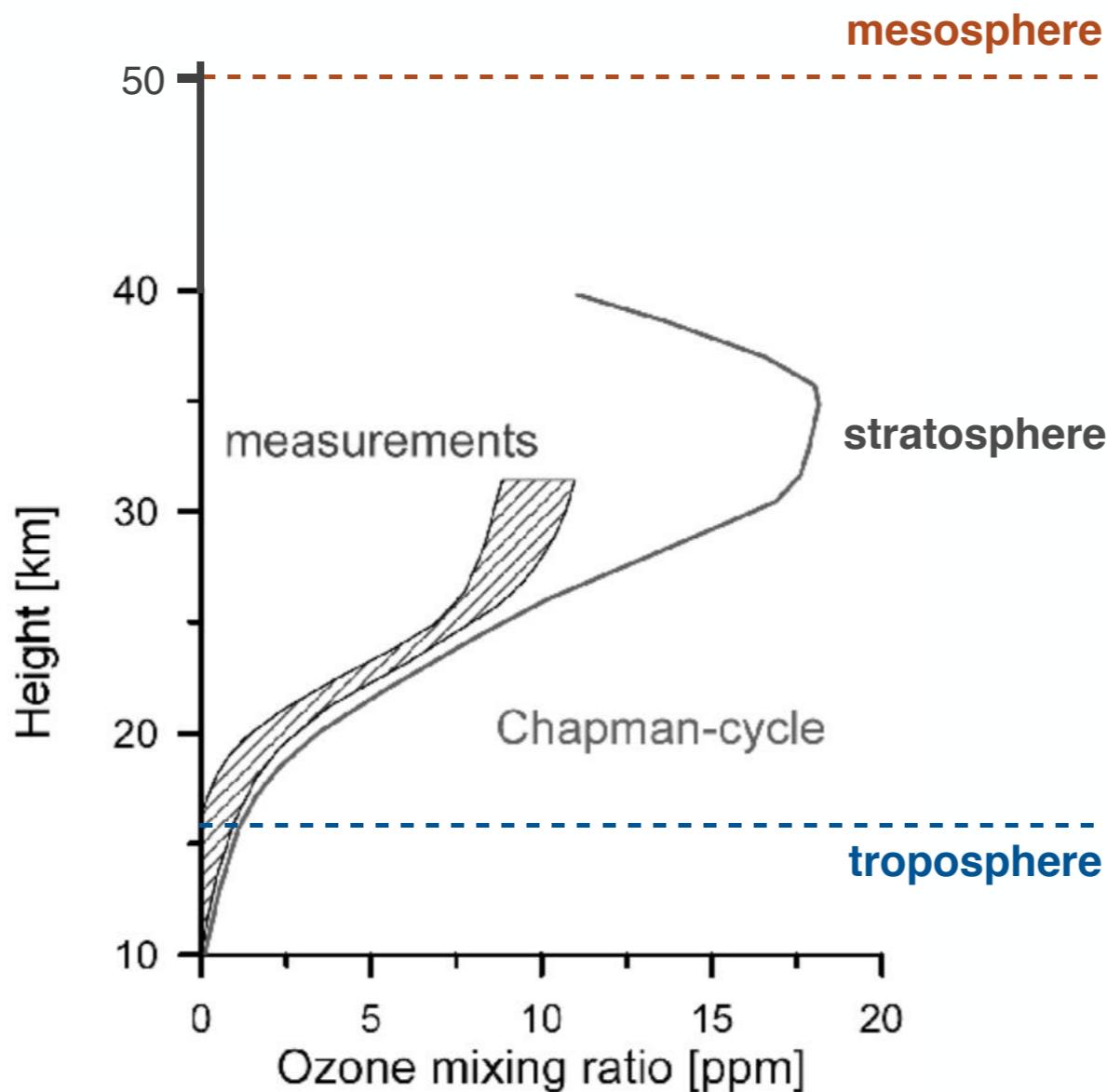
correct balance of light penetration and gas density

----- *tropopause* ----- 16 km  
Troposphere

minimal light penetration at required  $\lambda$



## *The Chapman mechanism overestimates ozone concentrations*



There must be additional mechanisms of ozone destruction

# *Mechanism of stratospheric ozone depletion*

- Chapman cycle balances ozone *creation* with ozone *destruction*



## General mechanism of catalytic ozone destruction

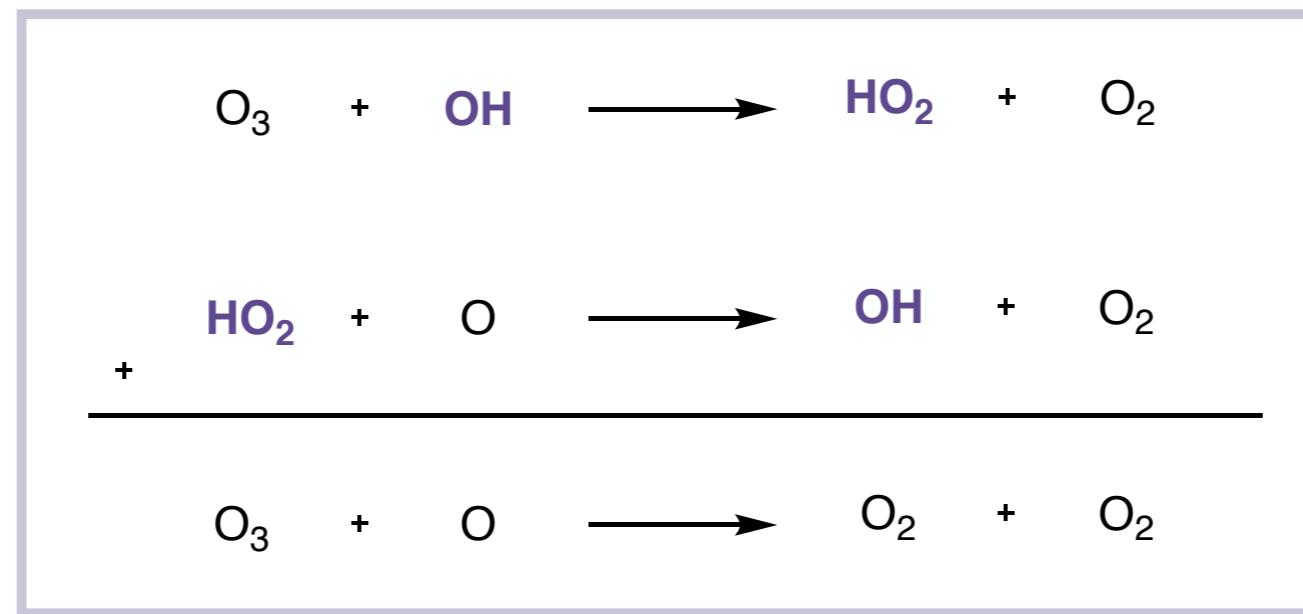


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## The HO<sub>x</sub> cycle

- In the HO<sub>x</sub> cycle, the OH radical serves as a catalyst



*Major source of OH in the stratosphere is reaction of atomic oxygen and water vapor*

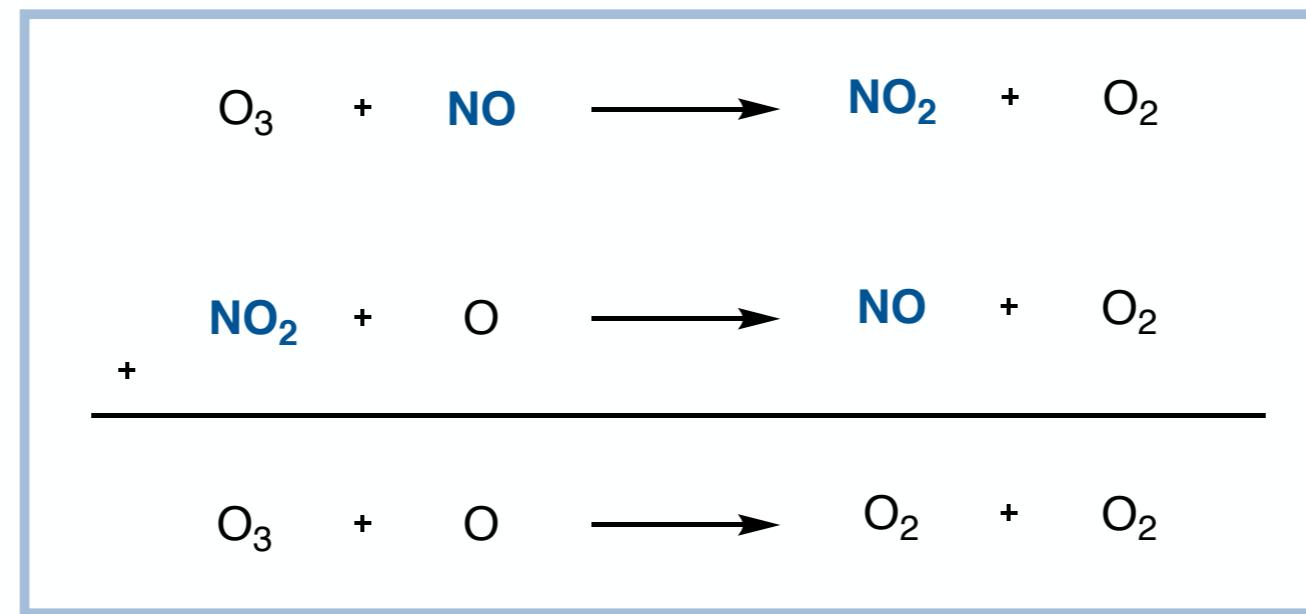


*with minor contributions from hydrogen and methane*



## The $NO_x$ cycle

- In the  $NO_x$  cycle, the NO radical serves as a catalyst



sources of NO

in upper atmosphere



in stratosphere



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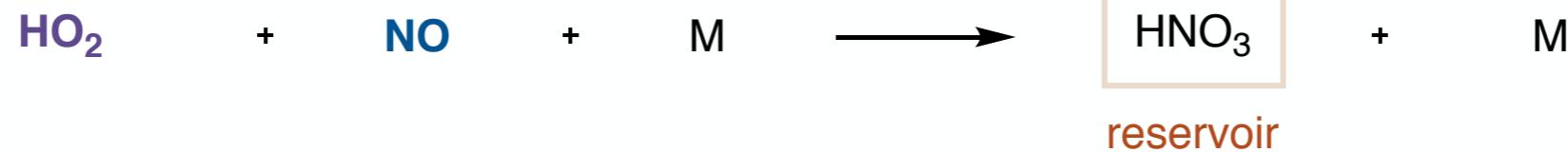
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*The HO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> cycles are dependent*

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**interplay of HO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> cycles**

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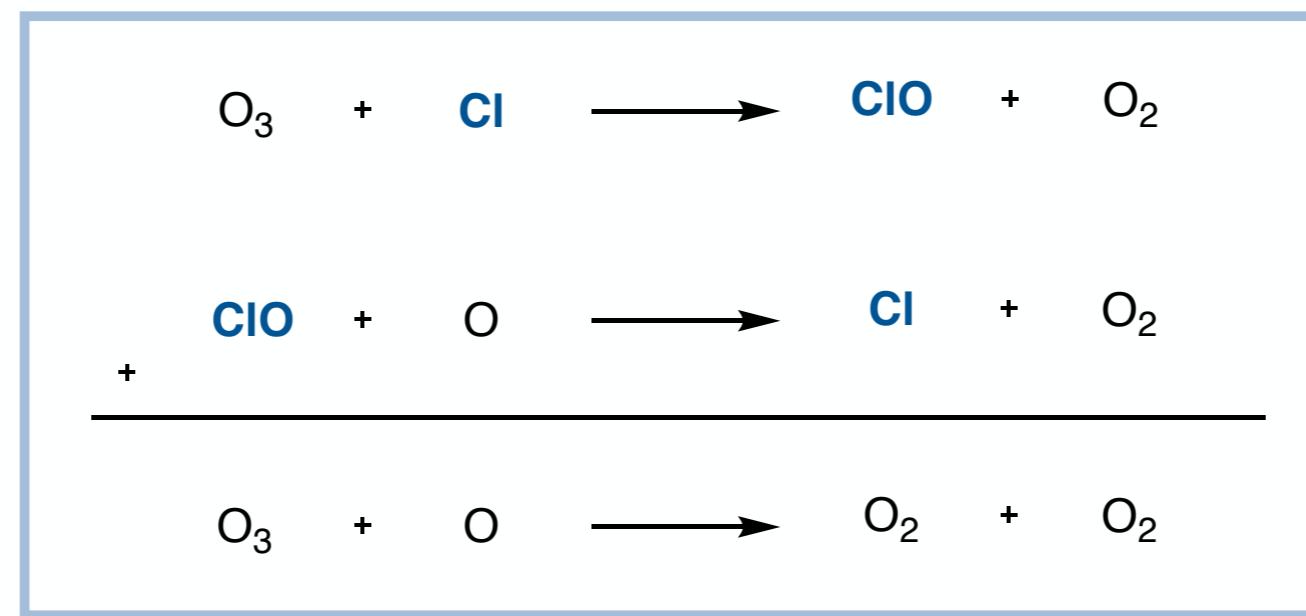
*mechanism of reactivation:*



**anthropogenic HNO<sub>3</sub> also adds to the concentration of HO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> catalysts**

## The $\text{ClO}_x$ cycle

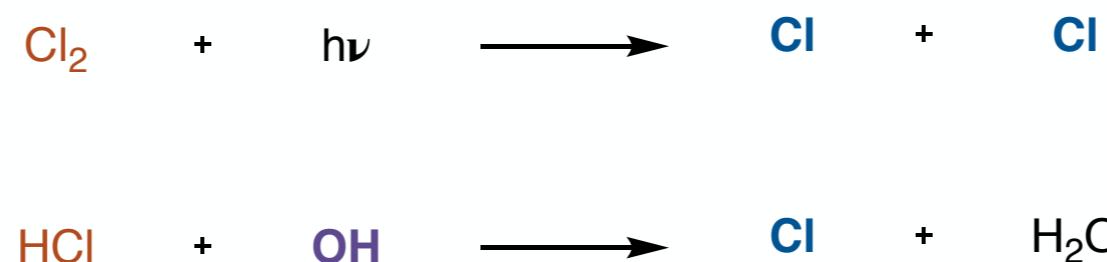
- In the  $\text{ClO}_x$  cycle, the Cl radical is the catalyst



10x faster than  
 $\text{NO}_x$  cycle

1 Cl atom can  
destroy 100,000  $\text{O}_3$

- Generation of odd Cl from  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{HCl}$

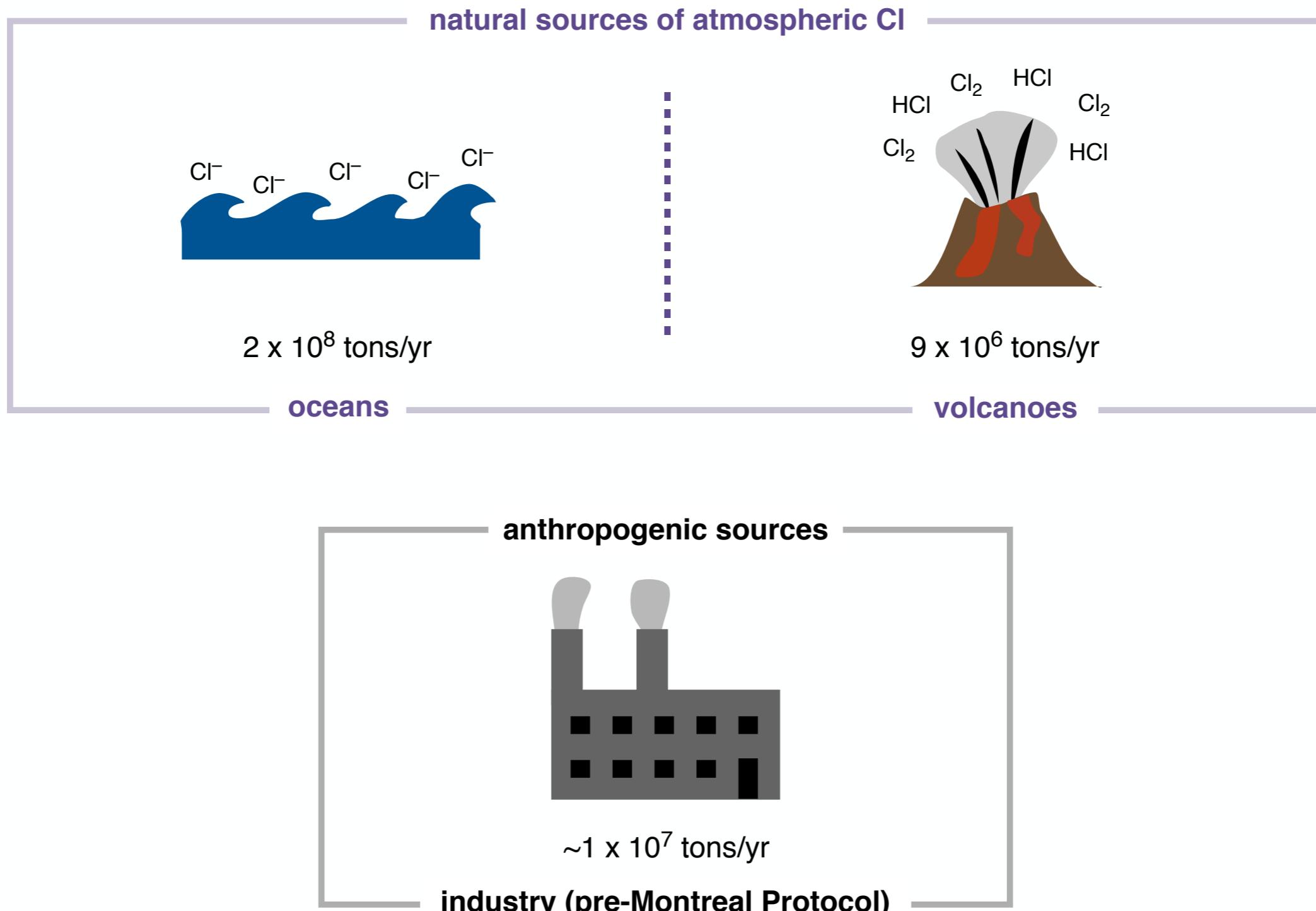


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## *Sources of Cl*

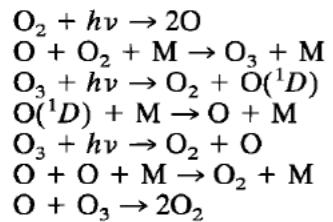


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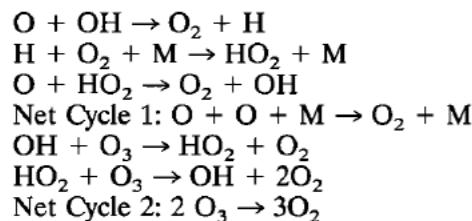
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# Atmospheric cycles involve many elementary steps

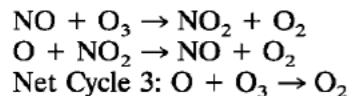
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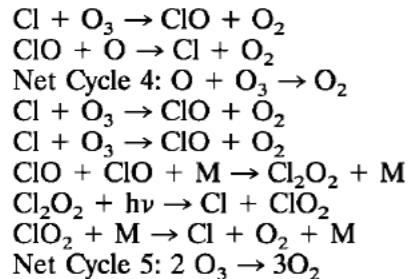
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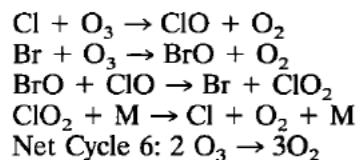
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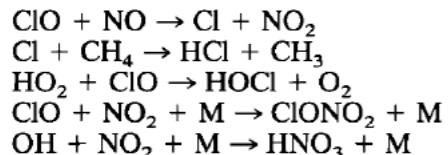
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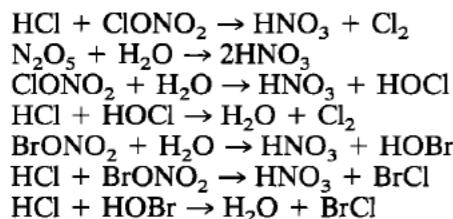
## Illustrative Cl-Br Catalytic Cycle<sup>e</sup>



## Some Important Coupling and Reservoir Reactions



## Key Heterogeneous Reactions



The comprehensive HO<sub>x</sub> NO<sub>x</sub> and ClO<sub>x</sub> cycles

involve many more **elementary steps**

and **reservoir species**

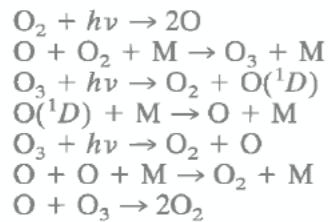
The kinetic relevance of each step depends on  
the **altitude, latitude, season, etc.**

**Also worth noting,**

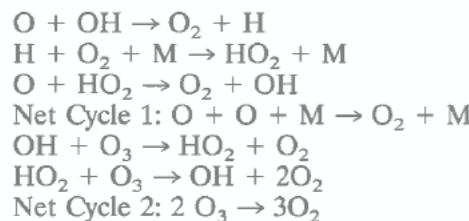
**these cycles go to sleep at night!**

# Atmospheric cycles involve many elementary steps

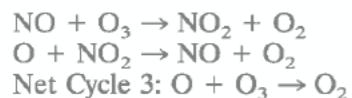
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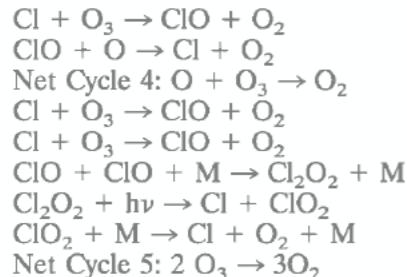
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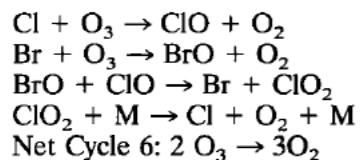
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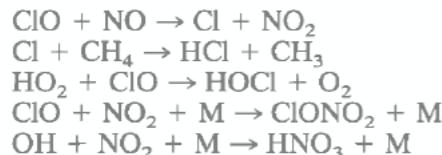
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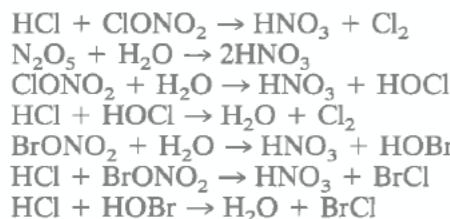
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Some Important Coupling and Reservoir Reactions



Key Heterogeneous Reactions



The comprehensive  $\text{HO}_x$   $\text{NO}_x$  and  $\text{ClO}_x$  cycles involve many more elementary steps and reservoir species

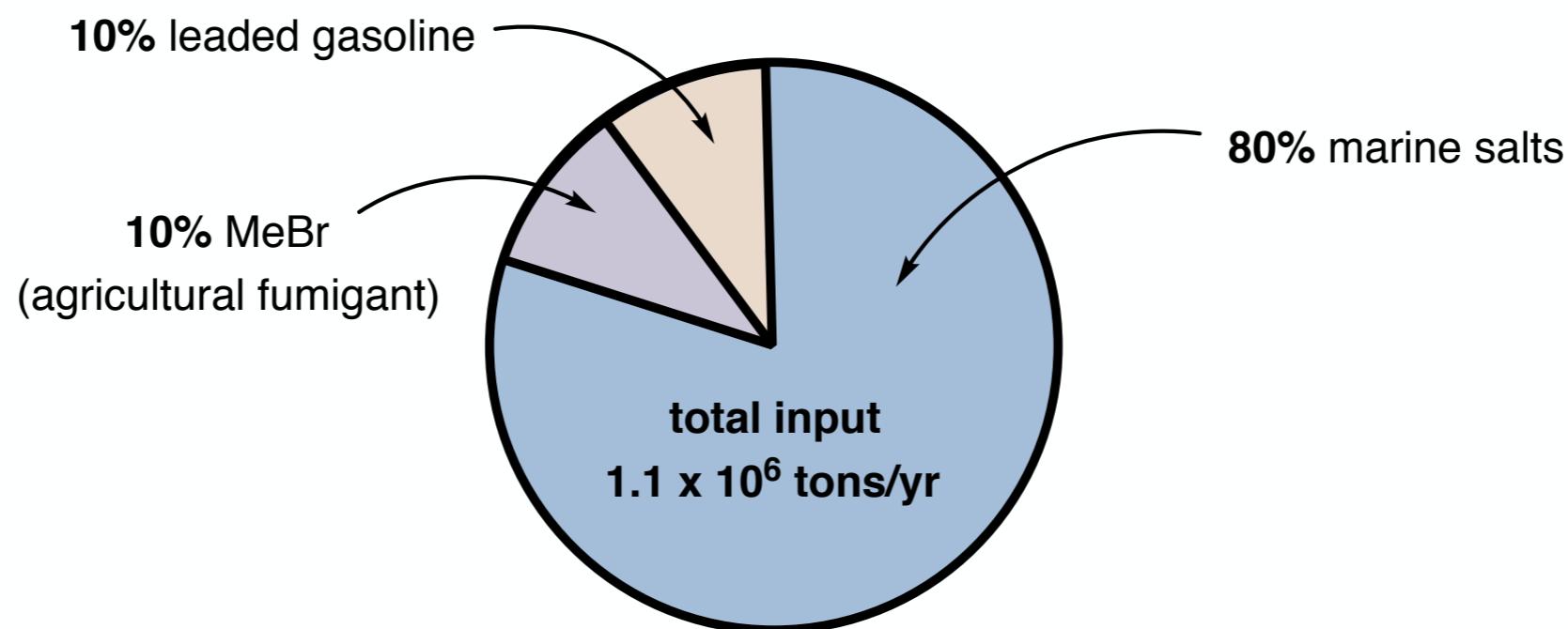
The kinetic relevance of each step depends on the altitude, latitude, season, etc.

Also worth noting,  
these cycles go to sleep at night!

*Br is an even more potent O<sub>3</sub> depletor*

A concentration of **1 in 10<sup>-11</sup> (v/v)** Br was tied to a **0.3% loss of O<sub>3</sub>** in the stratosphere

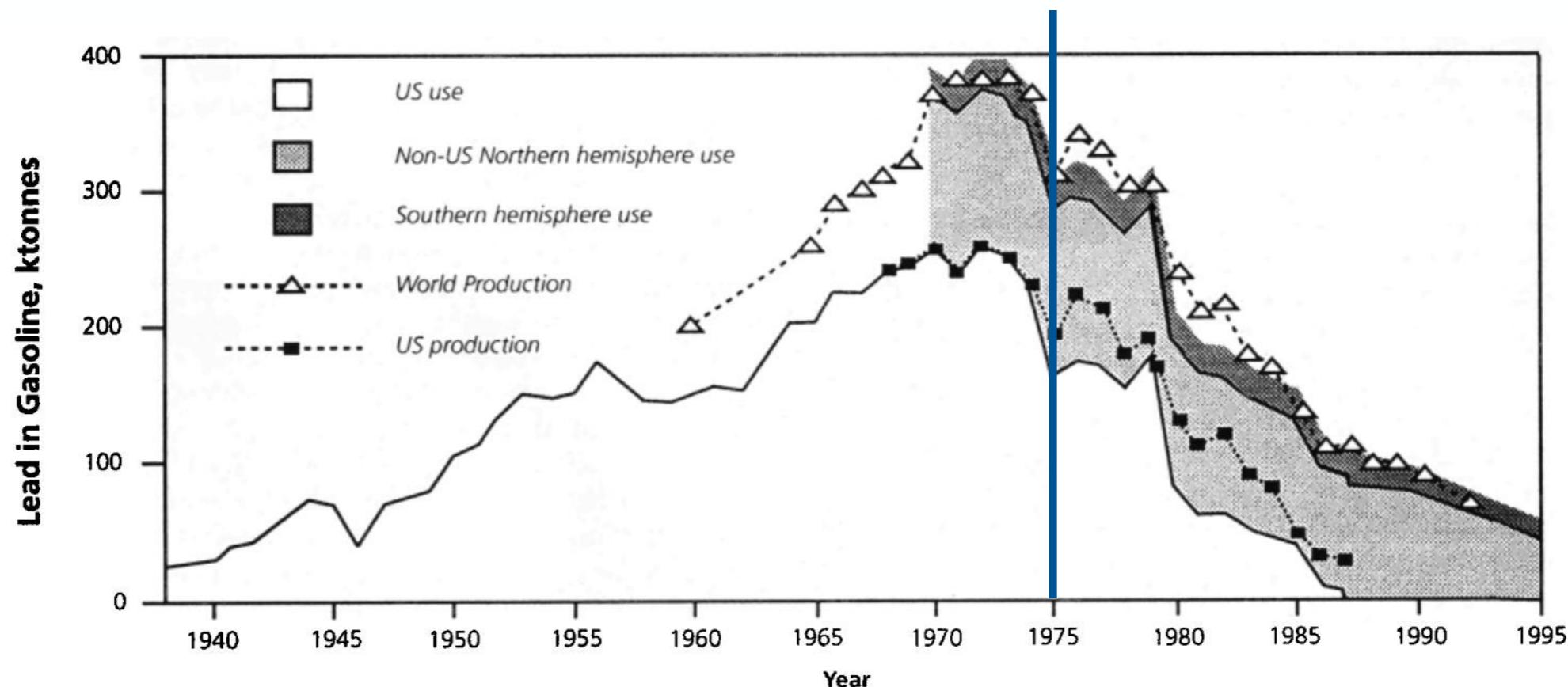
**~20% of atmospheric Br could be traced to human activity in 1975**



## *Bromine emissions are brought under control*

- From 1970 to 1995 leaded gasoline usage plummets

study on previous slide



- MeBr is phased out as a fumigant in the Montreal Protocol (discussed later in detail)

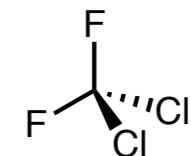
## *The chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)*

Small organic molecules consisting of **chlorine**, **fluorine**, and **carbon**

*characterized by low toxicity and non-flammability*

Developed by Thomas Midgley, Jr. and Albert Henne (General Motors) in 1928

- General Motors-Frigidaire-DuPont collaboration
- safer refrigerant (vs. ammonia, methyl chloride, sulfur dioxide)



**CFC-12**  
**“Freon-12”**

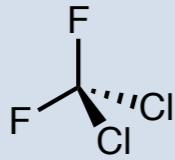
main uses of CFCs are as **refrigerants** and **propellants** (spray foam insulation and rescue inhalers)

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Earth System Research Laboratory. NOAA. <http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/hats/publictn/elkins/cfcs.html>

Midgley Jr., T.; Henne, A. L. *Ind. Eng. Chem.* **1930**, 22, 542.

Giunta, C. J. *Bull. Hist. Chem.* **2006**, 31, 66.

# CFC Nomenclature



**CFC-12**

**“Freon-12”**

**“CFC” is a systematic acronym, “Freon” is a proprietary name**

- back-calculate composition from number

*Step 1:* add 90

*Step 2:* examine three-digit number

*CFC-12 Example*

$$12 + 90 = 102$$

1 C

0 H

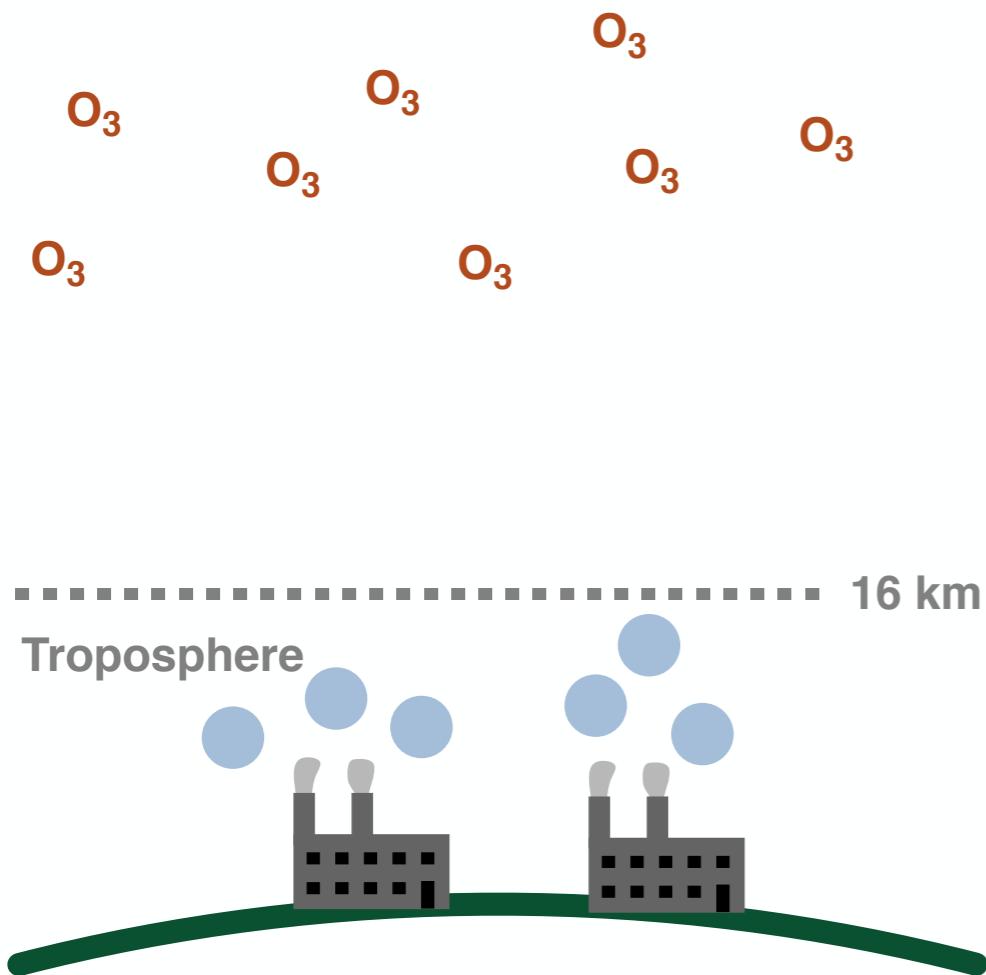
2 F

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2 Cl (satisfy octet rule)

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Stratosphere

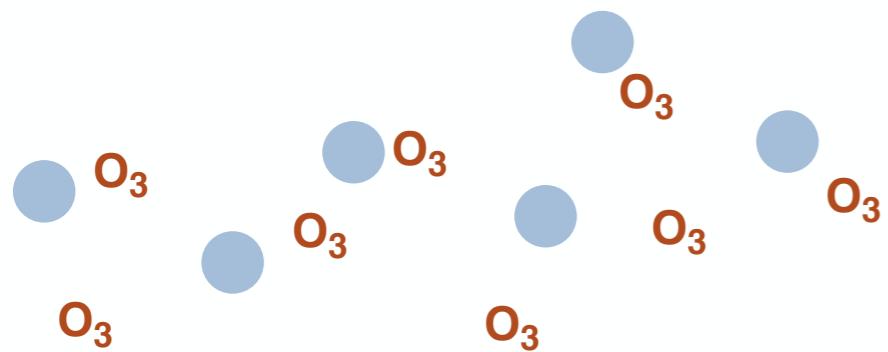
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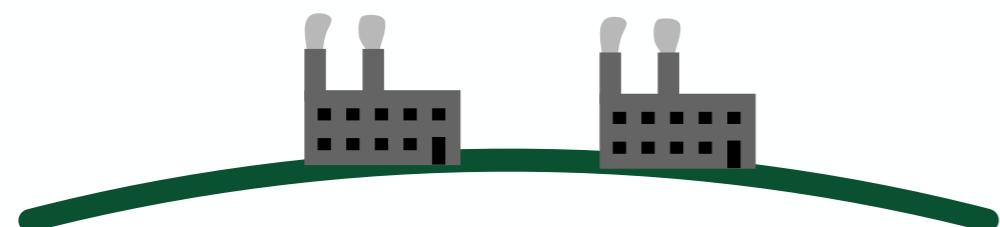
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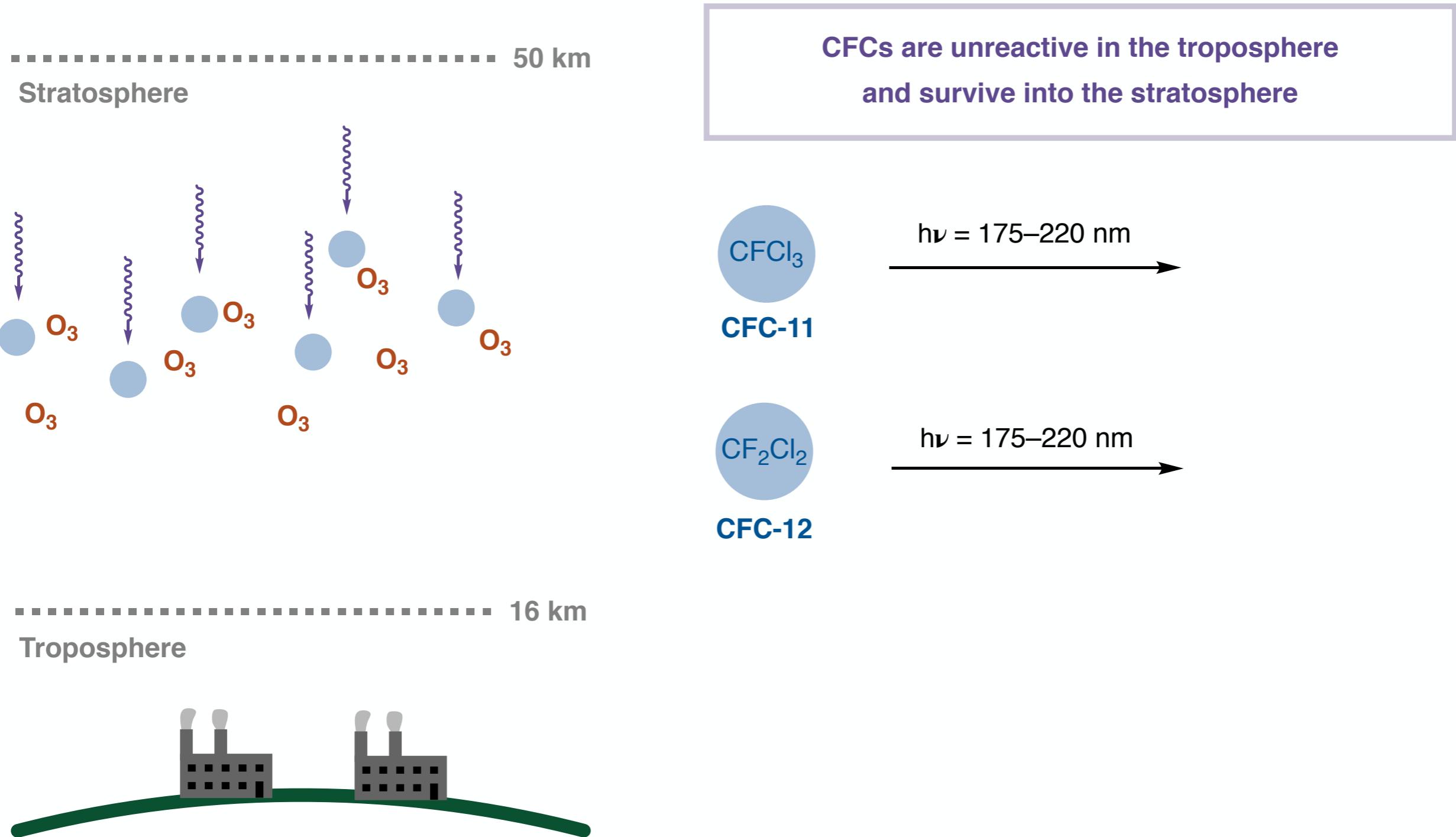
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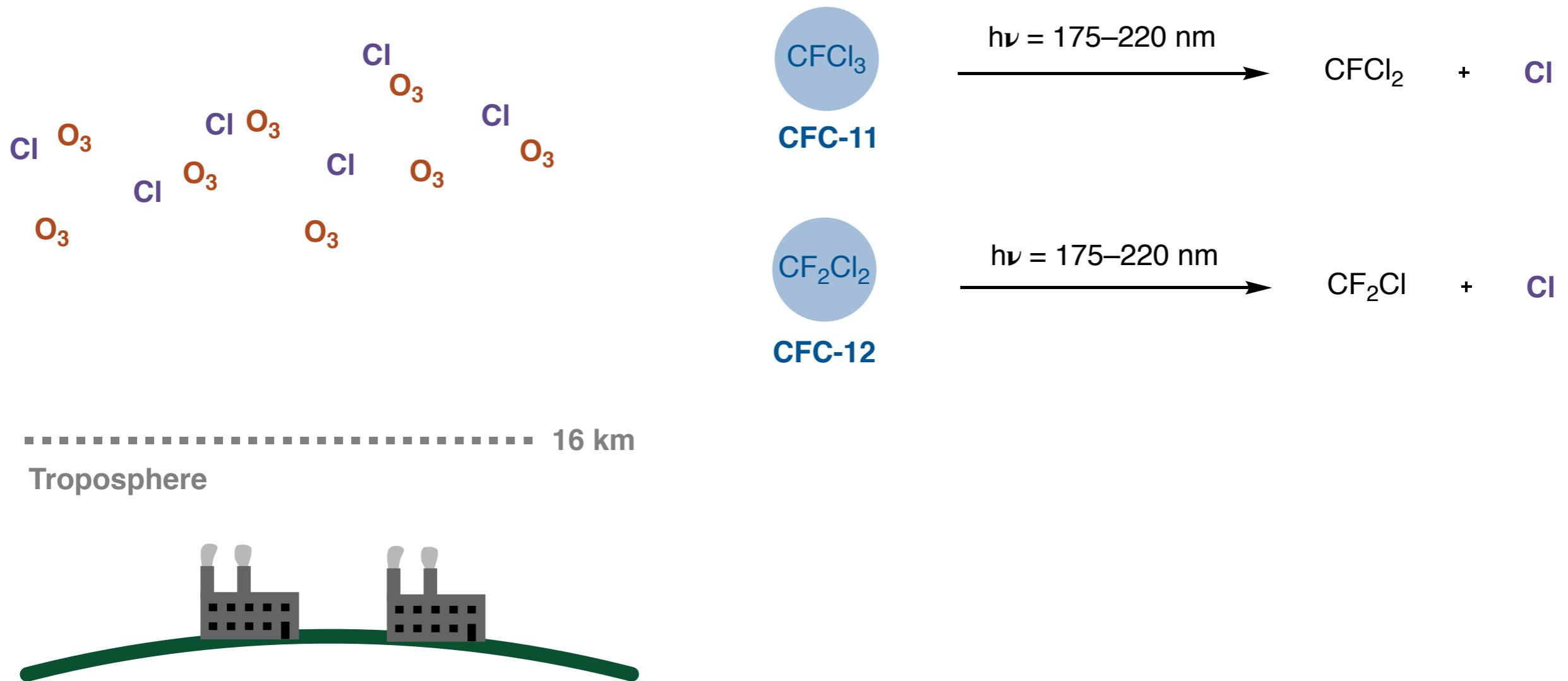
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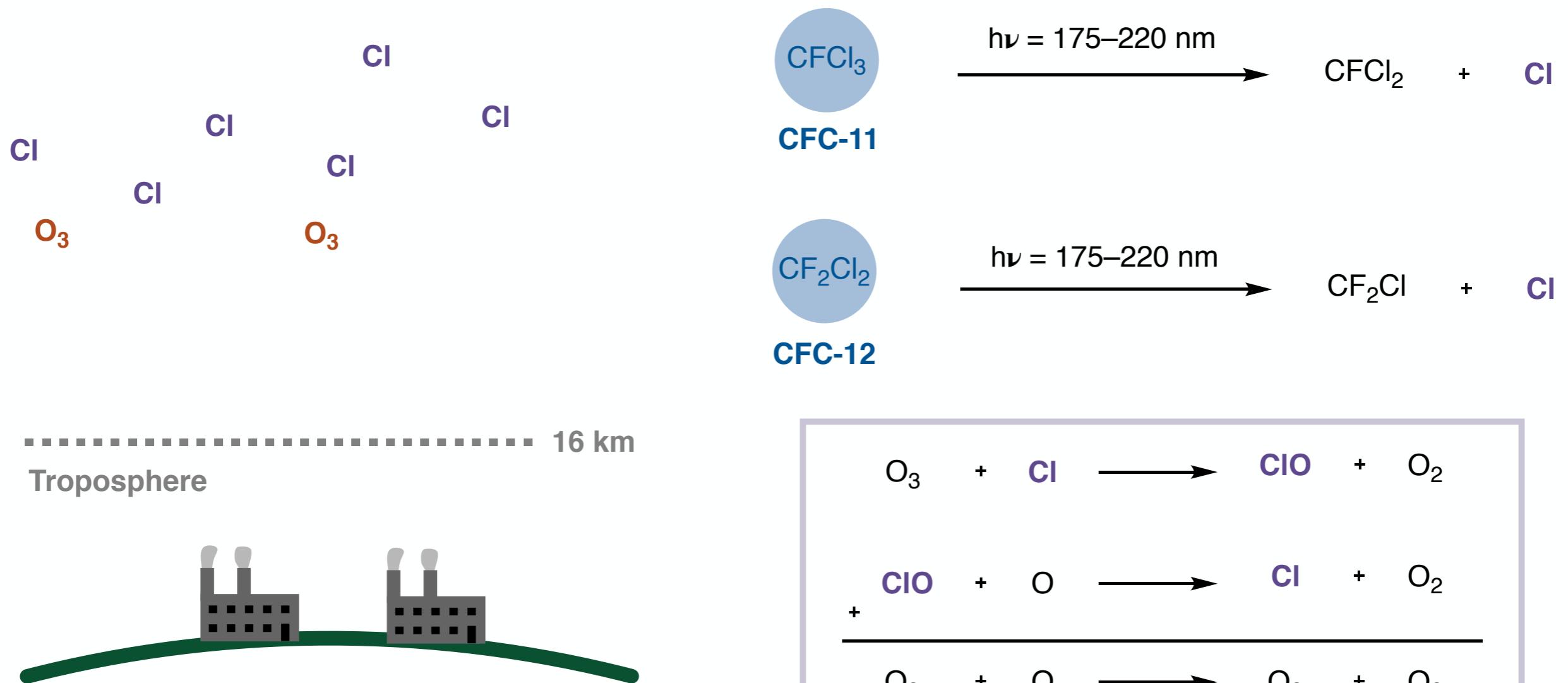
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# Stratospheric sink for chlorofluoromethanes : chlorine atomc-atalysed destruction of ozone

Mario J. Molina & F. S. Rowland

Department of Chemistry, University of California, Irvine, California 92664

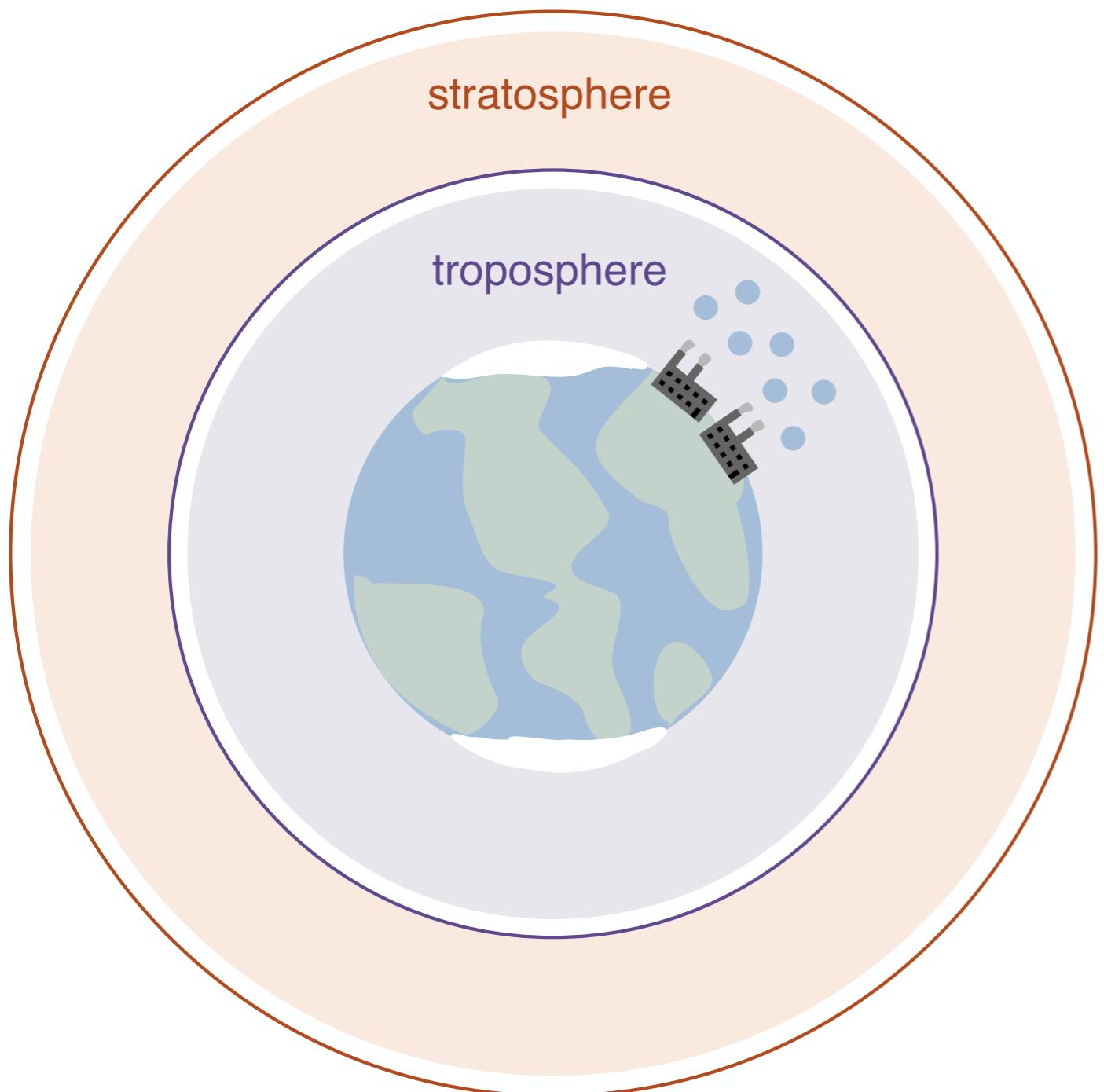
*Chlorofluoromethanes are being added to the environment in steadily increasing amounts. These compounds are chemically inert and may remain in the atmosphere for 40–150 years, and concentrations can be expected to reach 10 to 30 times present levels. Photodissociation of the chlorofluoromethanes in the stratosphere produces significant amounts of chlorine atoms, and leads to the destruction of atmospheric ozone.*

photolytic dissociation to  $\text{CFCl}_2 + \text{Cl}$  and to  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}$ , respectively, at altitudes of 20–40 km. Each of the reactions creates two odd-electron species—one Cl atom and one free radical. The dissociated chlorofluoromethanes can be traced to their ultimate sinks. An extensive catalytic chain reaction leading to the net destruction of  $\text{O}_3$  and O occurs in the stratosphere:



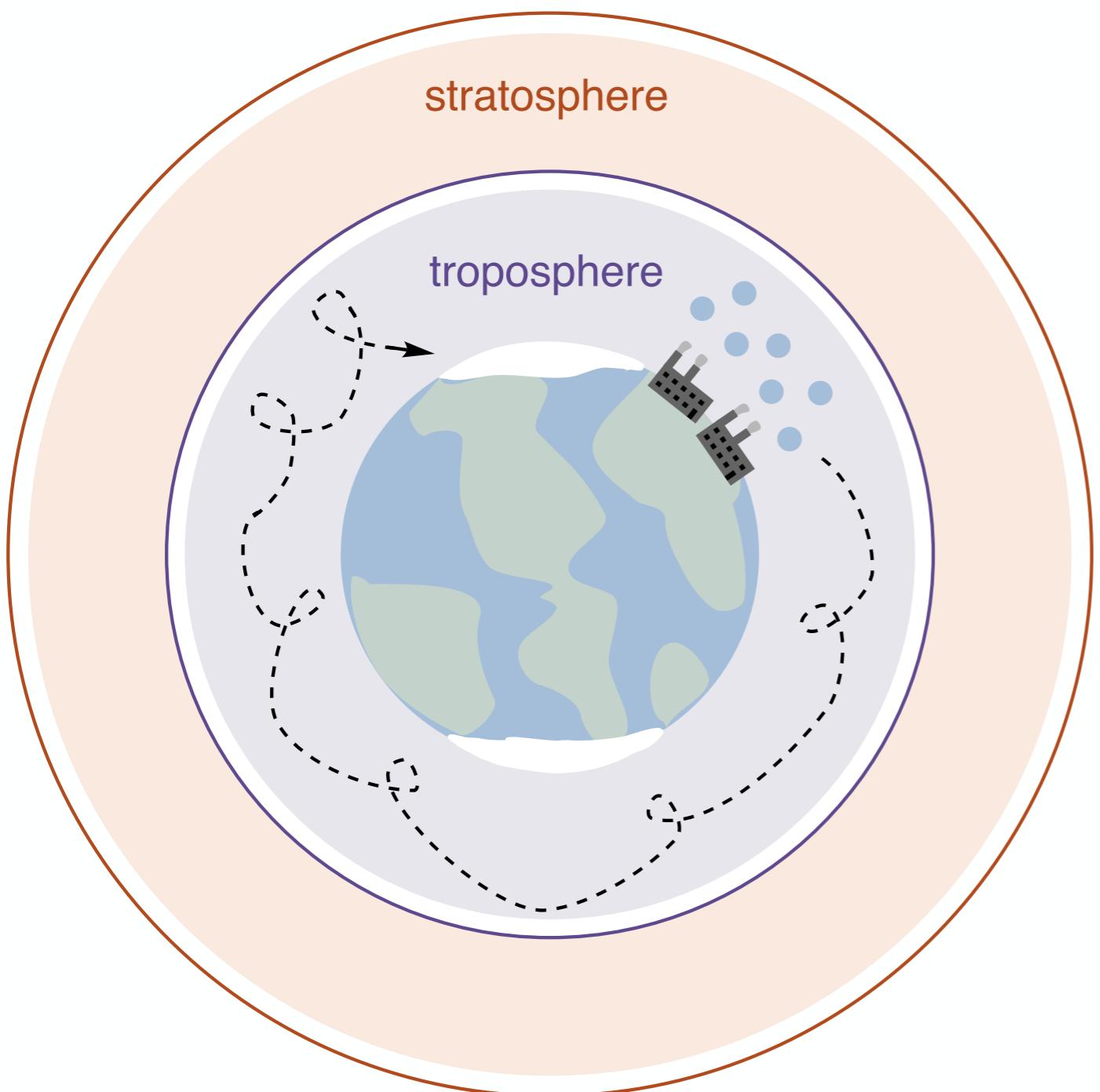
This has important chemical consequences. Under most conditions in the Earth's atmospheric ozone layer, (2) is the slower of the reactions because there is a much lower concen-

## *CFCs are a global problem*



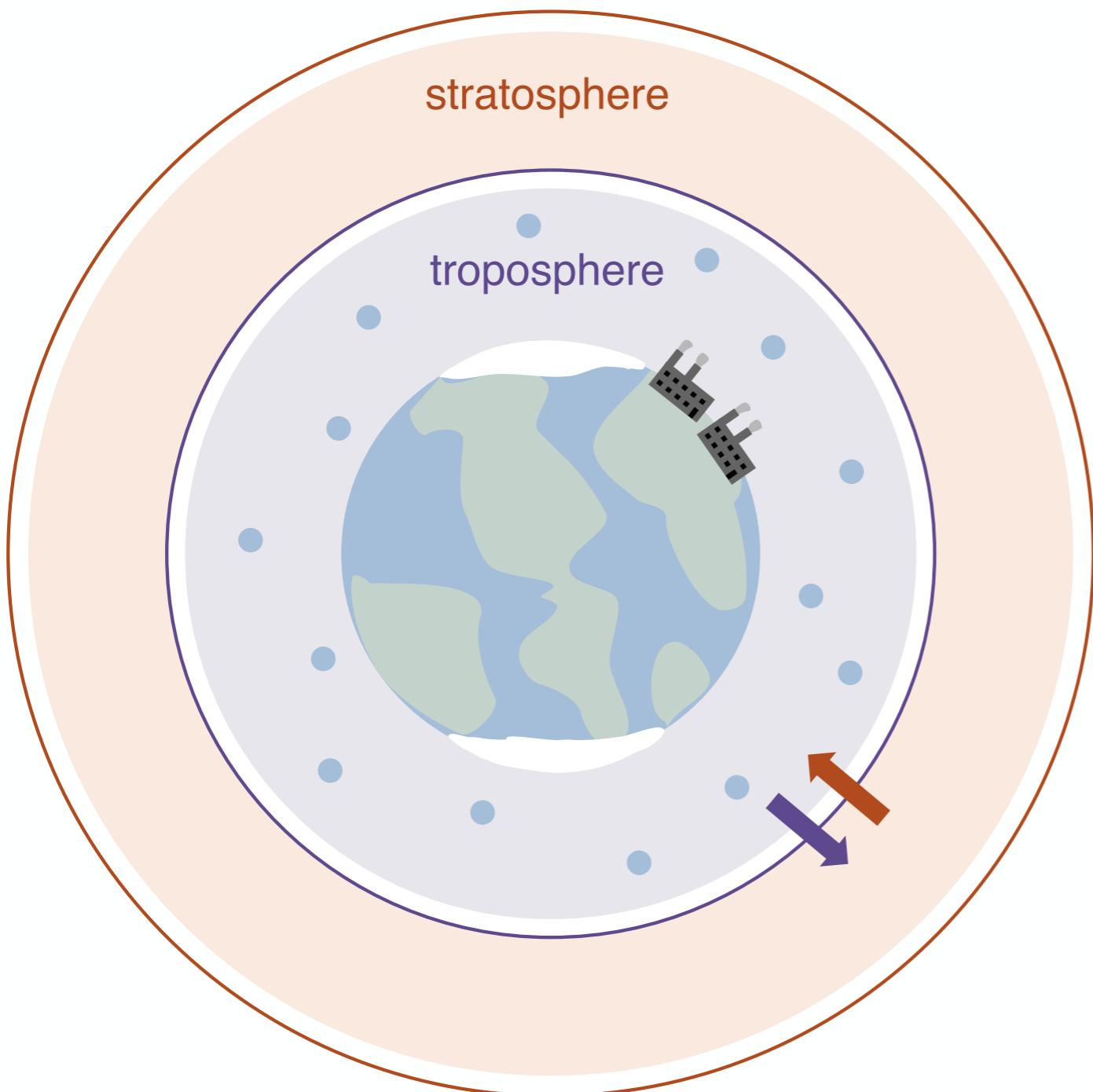
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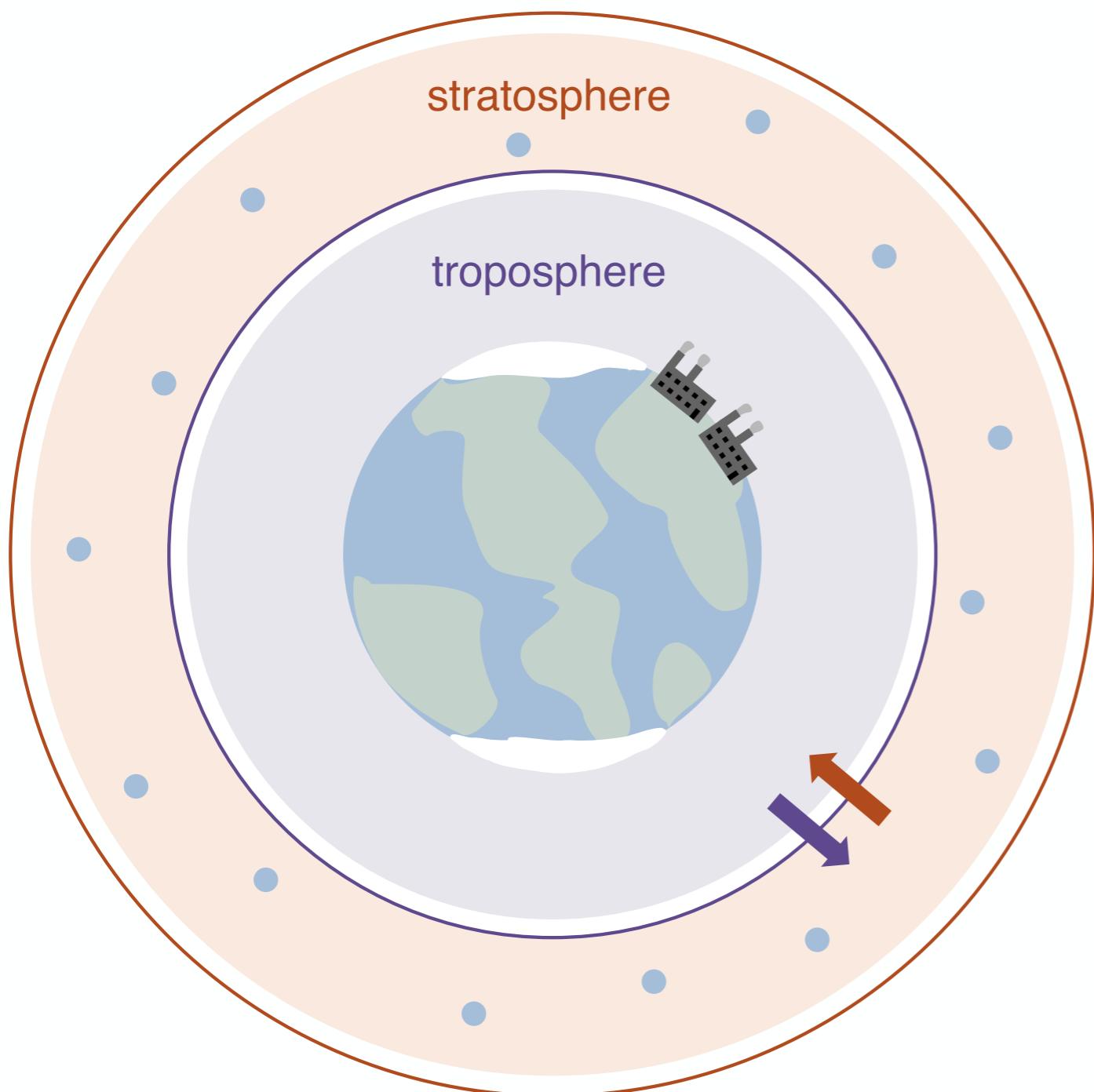
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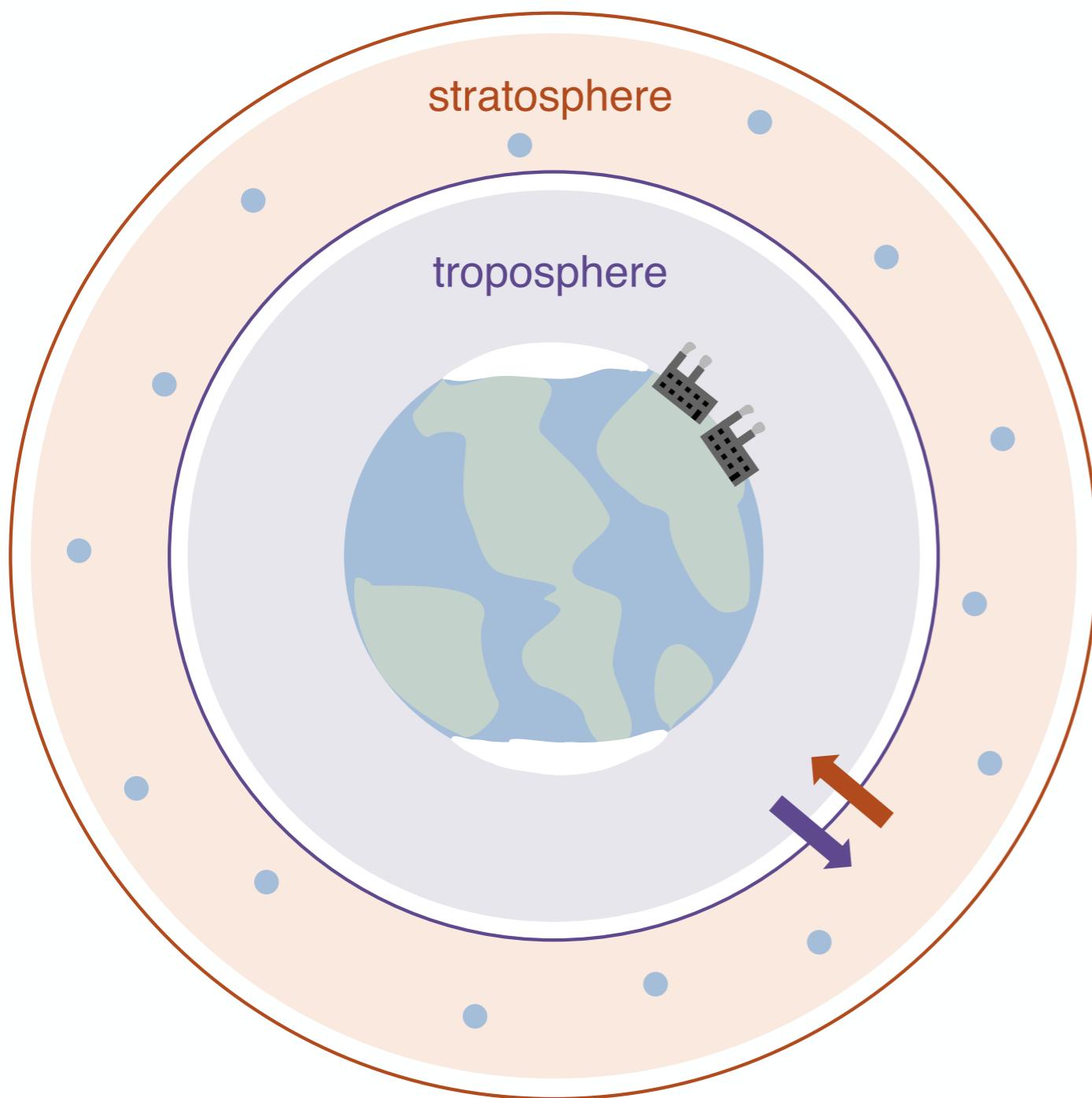


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**uniform distribution of CFCs in stratosphere,  
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**long stratospheric lifetimes**

**50-100's of years**

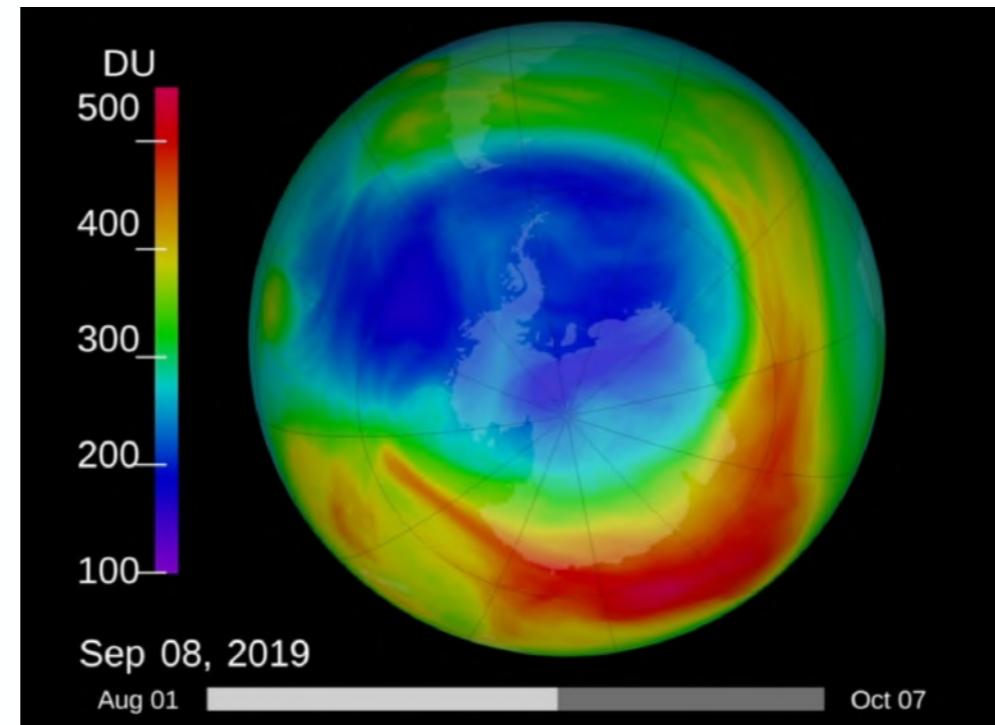
rained out as HCl in troposphere

## *Two kinds of ozone depletion*

I. Continual loss of ozone throughout the atmosphere and around the globe



II. Formation every winter/spring of an “ozone hole” over Antarctica



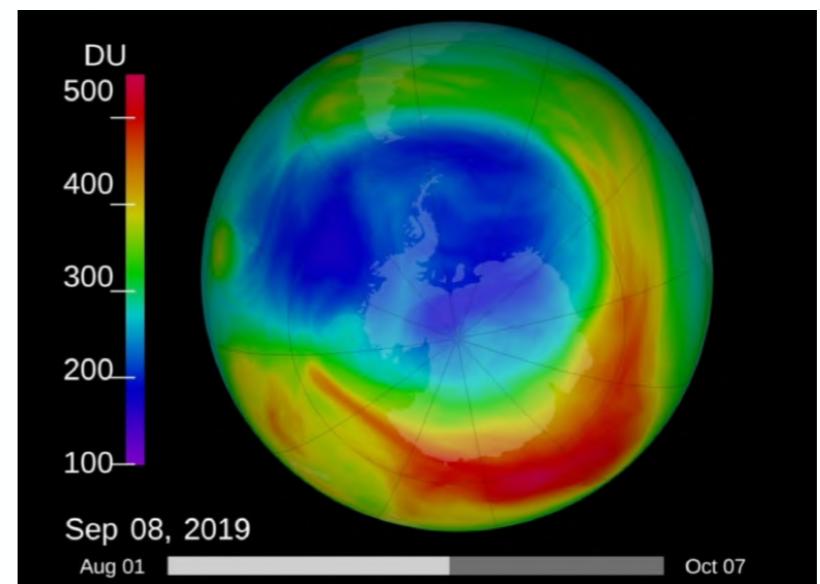
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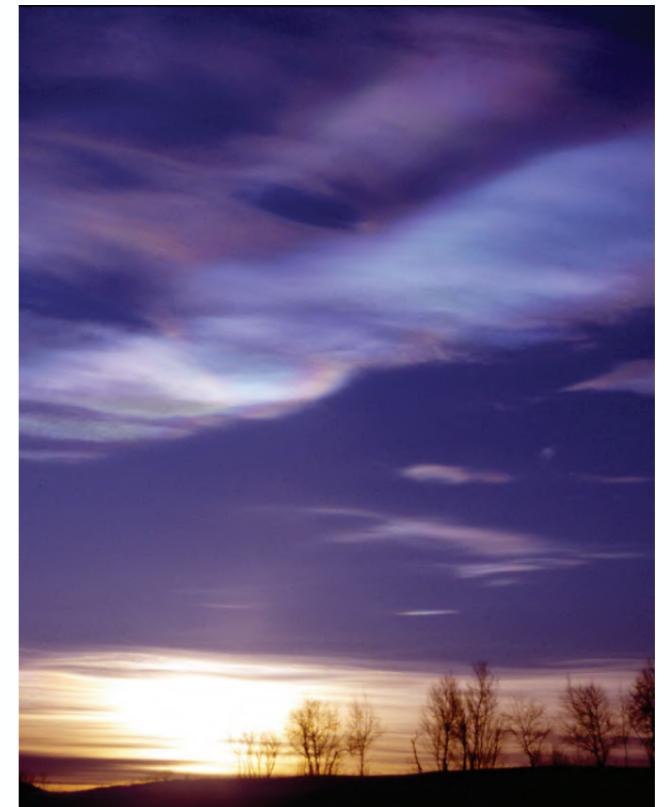
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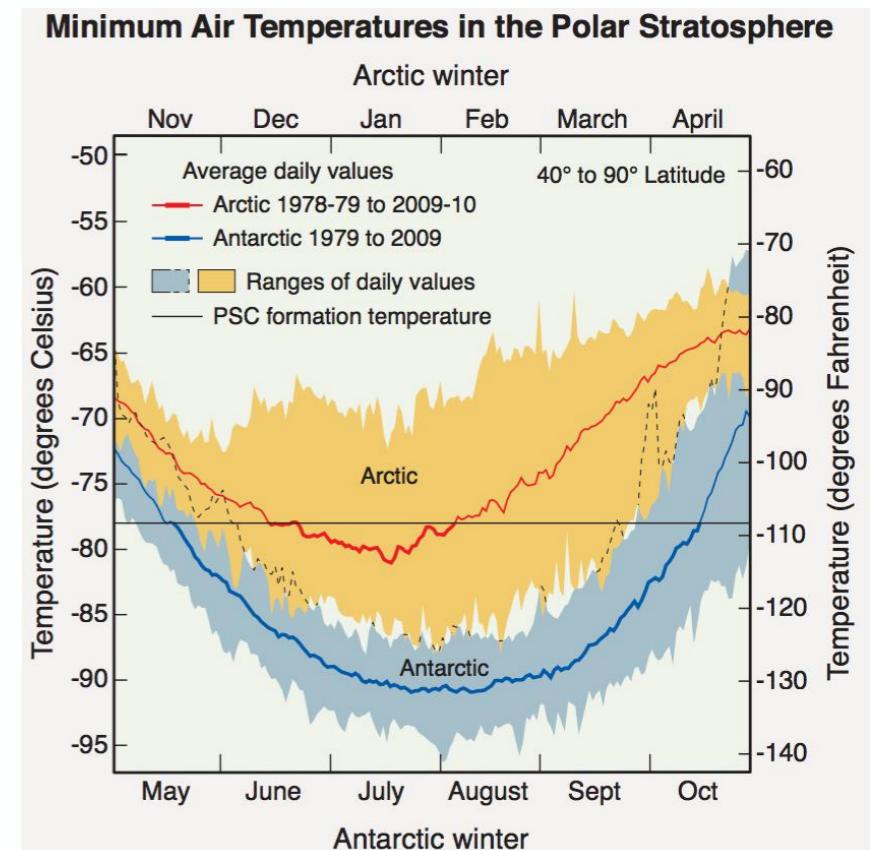
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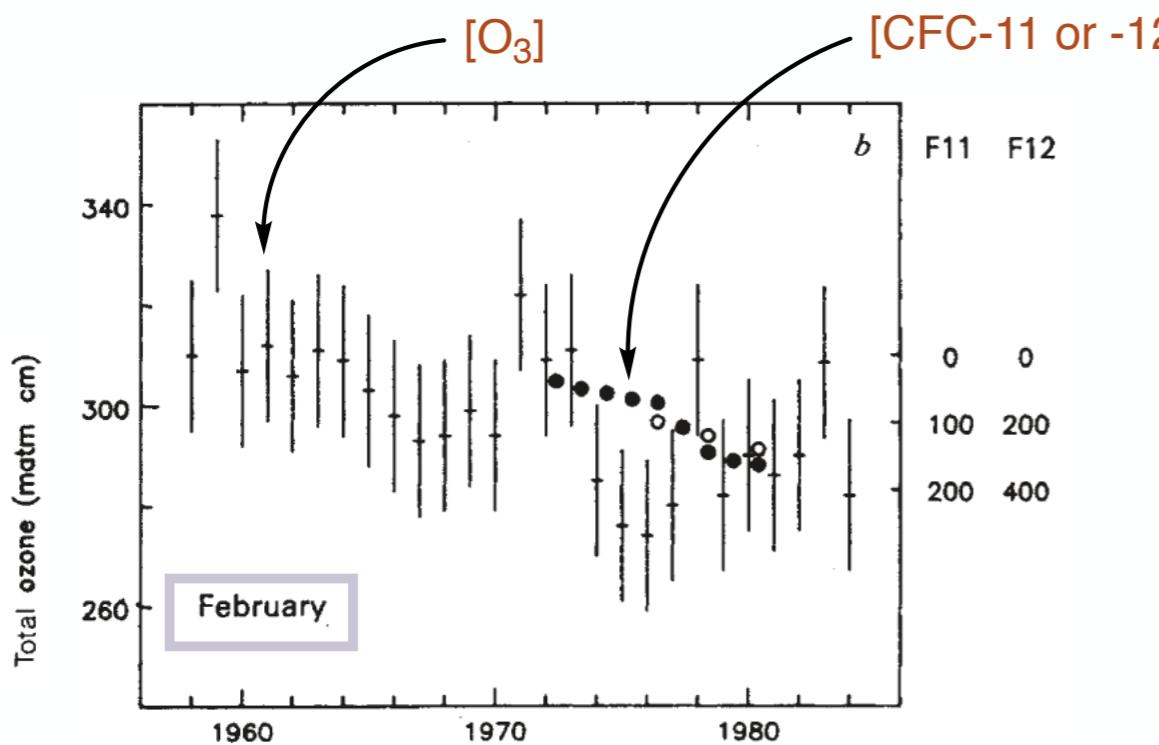
## **4. Why not the Arctic?**

higher temperatures, only form PSCs for 10-60 days (*5 months in Antarctica*)



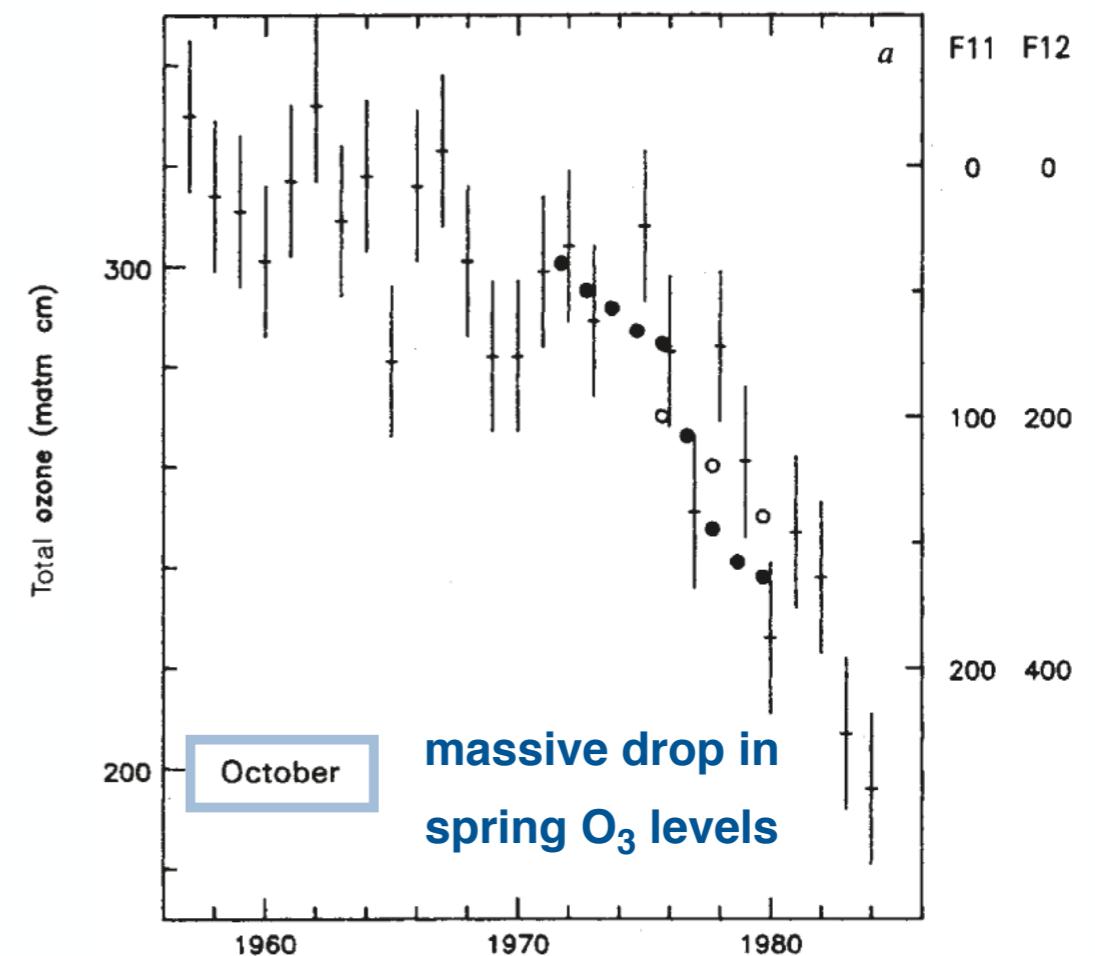
## *The discovery of the Antarctic ozone hole*

- First reported in 1985, data from **Halley Bay (Antarctica)** revealed a *seasonal pattern of ozone depletion*



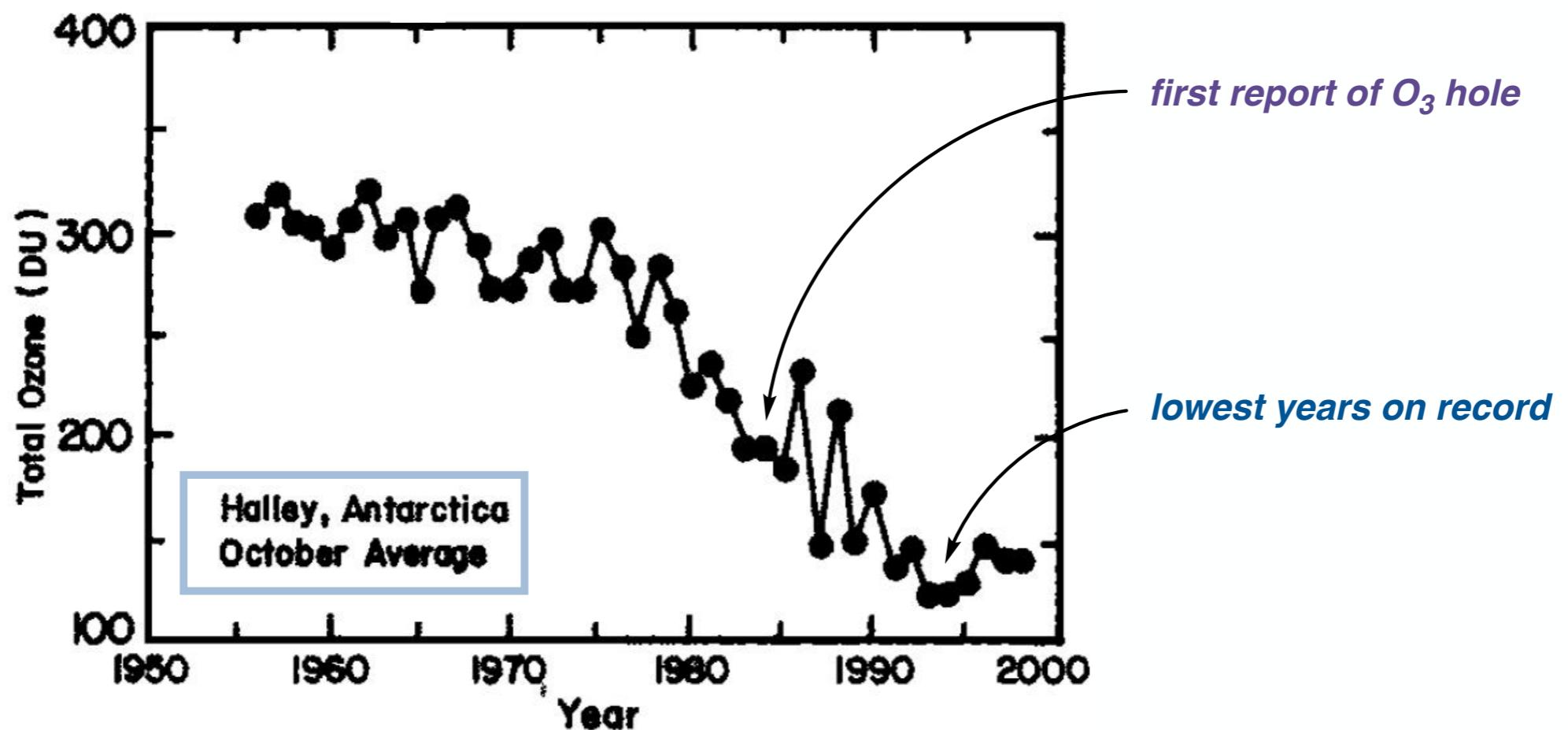
*decline in both [CFC] and [O<sub>3</sub>] suggests*

*transformation of CFCs into O<sub>3</sub>-destroying species*

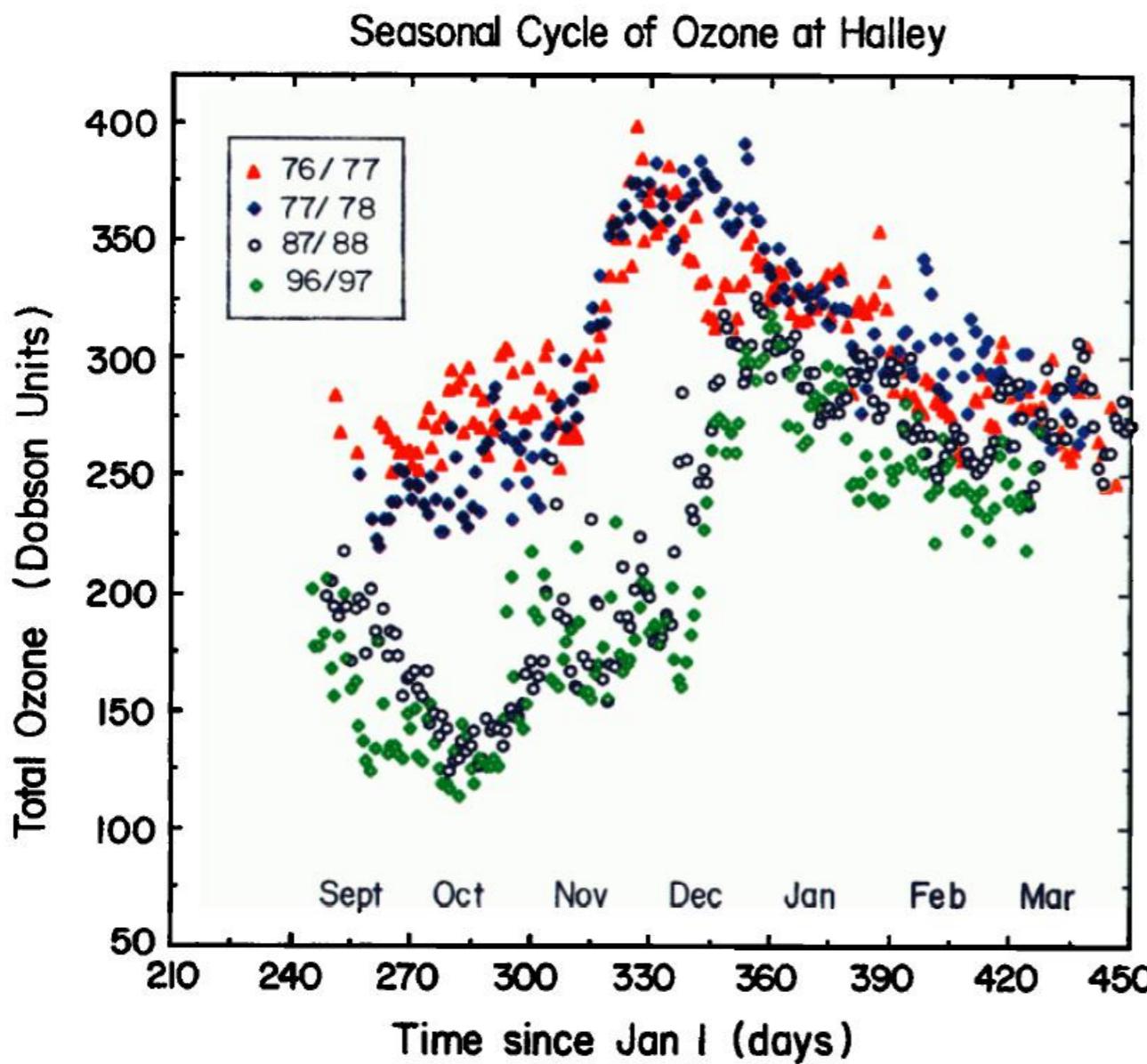


## *The growth of the Antarctic ozone hole*

- The ozone hole increased in severity until reaching a minimum in 1994



## *A change in the seasonal cycle of ozone depletion*

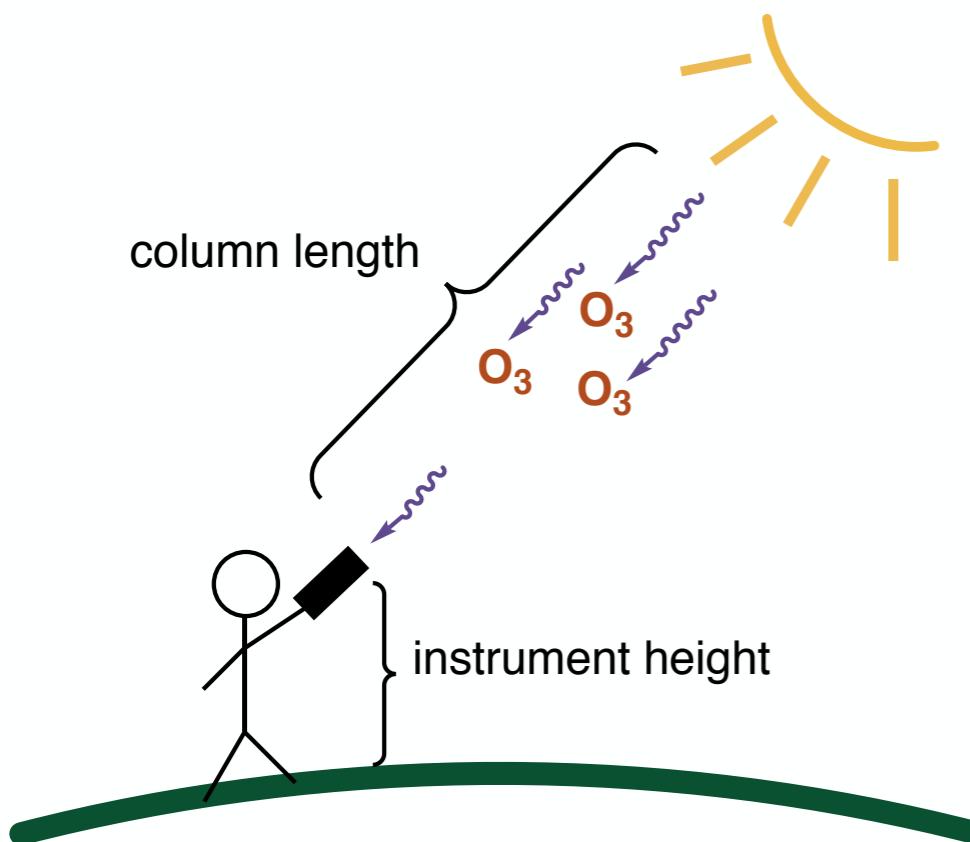


Antarctic ozone levels **decrease overall**  
and **decrease sharply into a lower spring minimum**

Cold season **persists longer** because  
stratospheric warmth provided by  $O_3$  UV absorption

# Measuring ozone concentrations

Ozone is measured as a “total” or “column” amount between instrument and Sun



## Common Undergraduate Experiment

1. measure absorbance at multiple characteristic  $\lambda$

2. apply modified Beer-Lambert Law (no  $I_o$ )

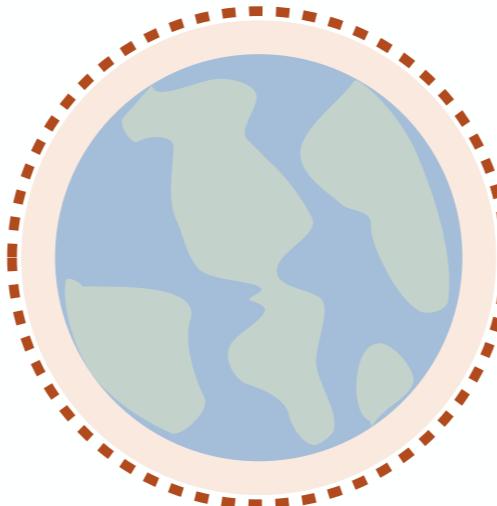
$$\frac{I}{I_o} = e^{-\varepsilon \ell [\text{ozone}]}$$

3. account for scattering by air (Mie) and aerosols (Rayleigh)

Solomon, S. *Rev. Geophys.* 1999, 37, 275.

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## *Dobson units (DU)*



*the thickness of the layer of pure ozone that would over the Earth (in units of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ) at STP*

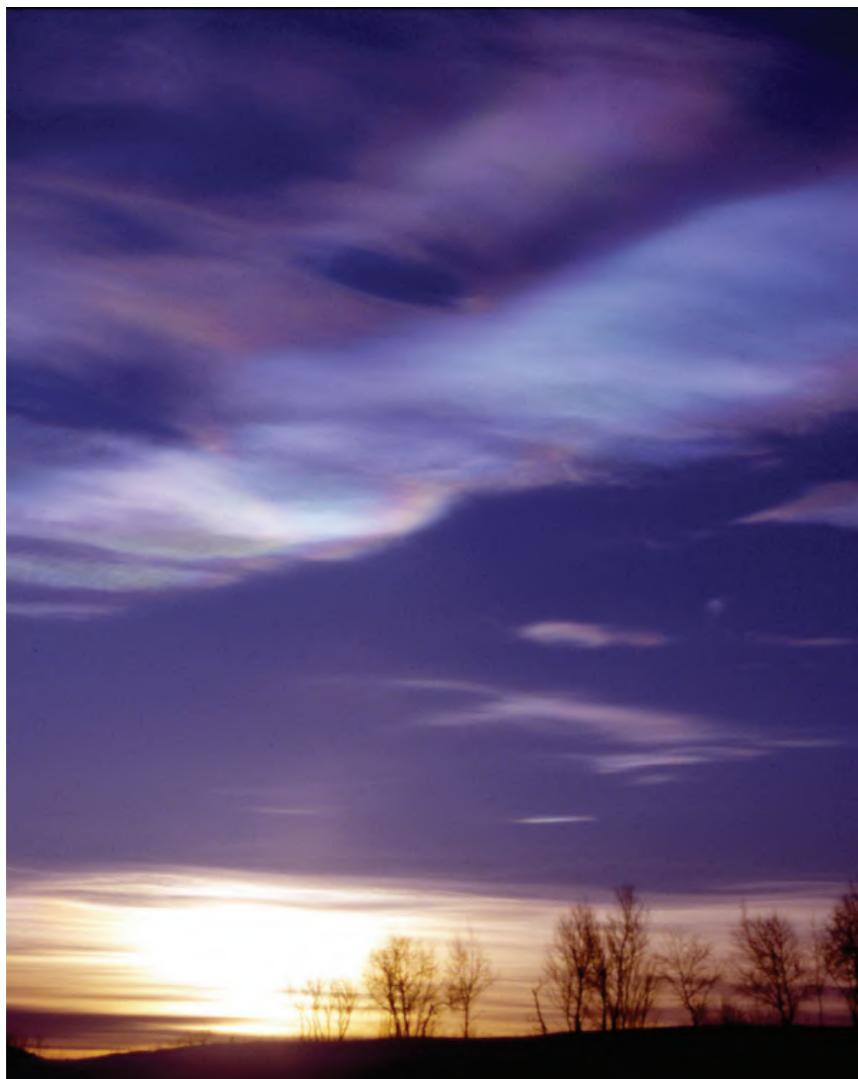
**example: 300 DU would correspond to a 3 mm layer of ozone on the Earth surface**

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## *Ozone-destroying clouds?*

- Polar Stratospheric clouds (PSCs) have long been a feature of the Antarctic sky



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The light was especially good today; the sun was directly reflected by a single twisted iridescent cloud in the North, a brilliant and most beautiful object.

Robert Falcon Scott, diary entry for August 1, 1911  
[Scott, 1996, p. 264]

### Type 1 PSCs

clouds of nitric acid and water crystallizing below -78 °C

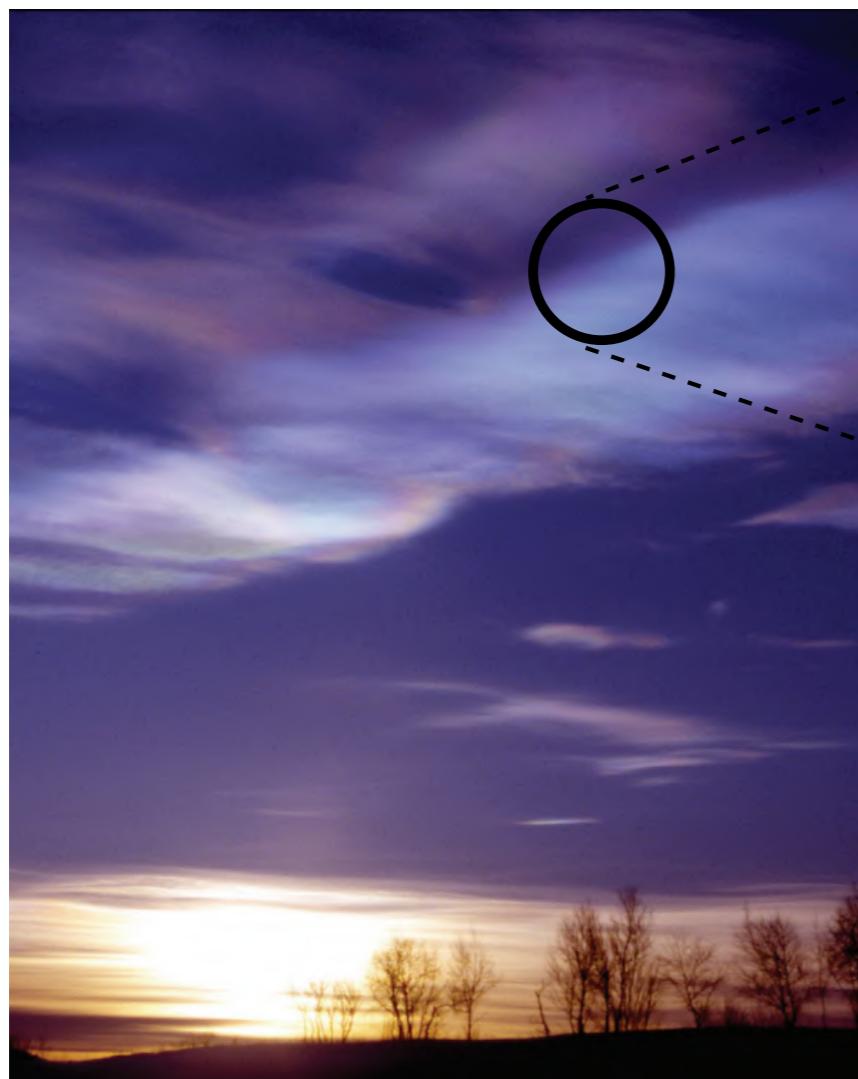
key component is **nitric acid trihydrate (NAT)**

*catalytically active in ozone depletion*

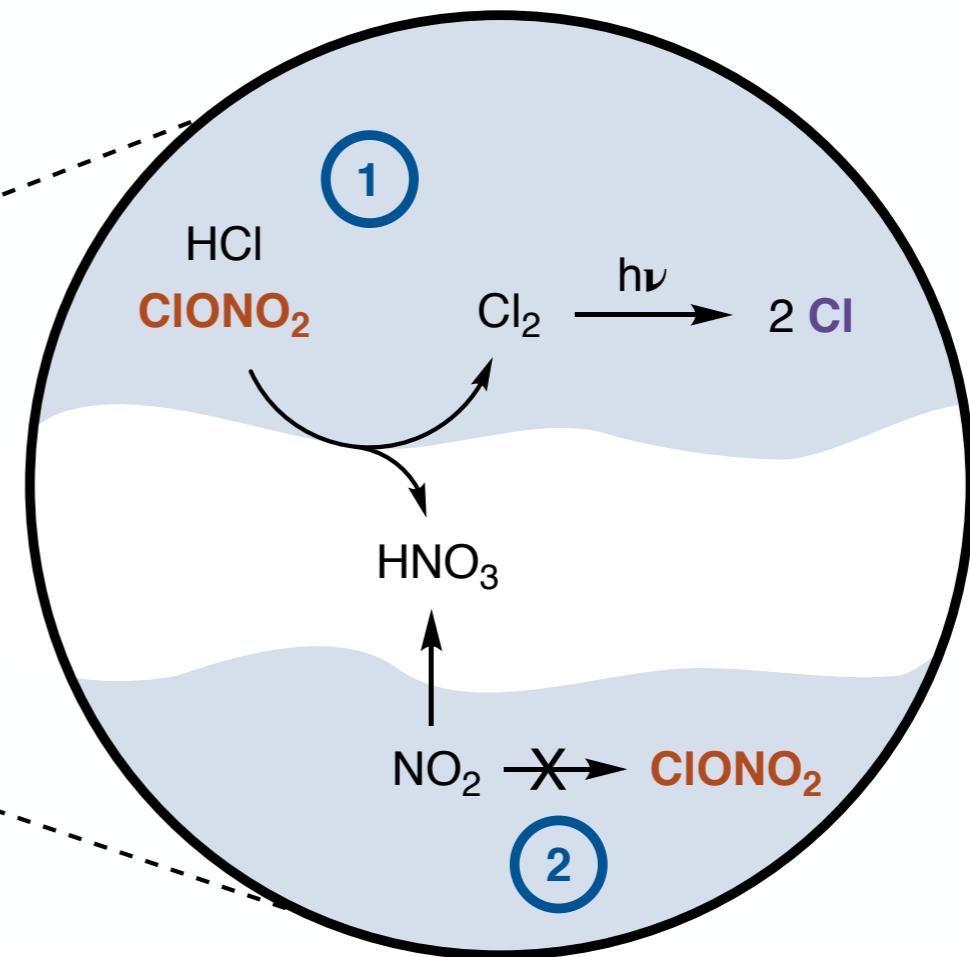
### Type 2 PSCs

brightly-colored clouds composed mainly of water

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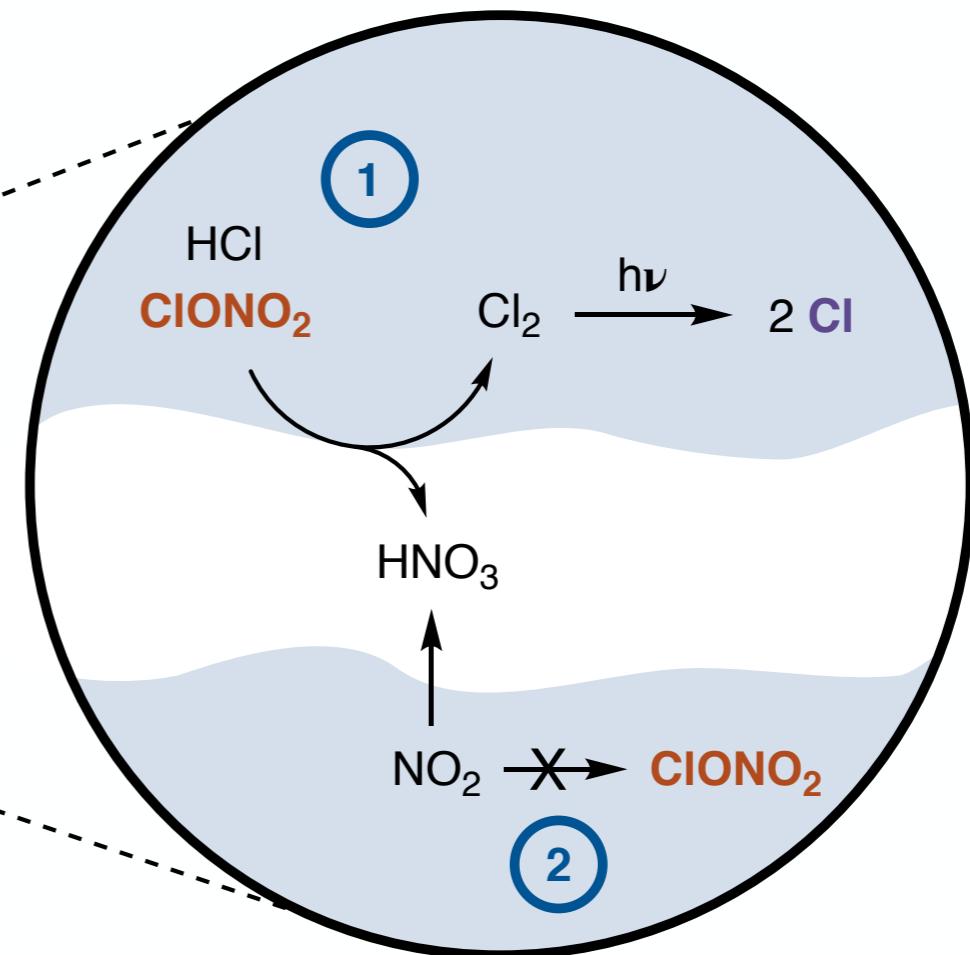
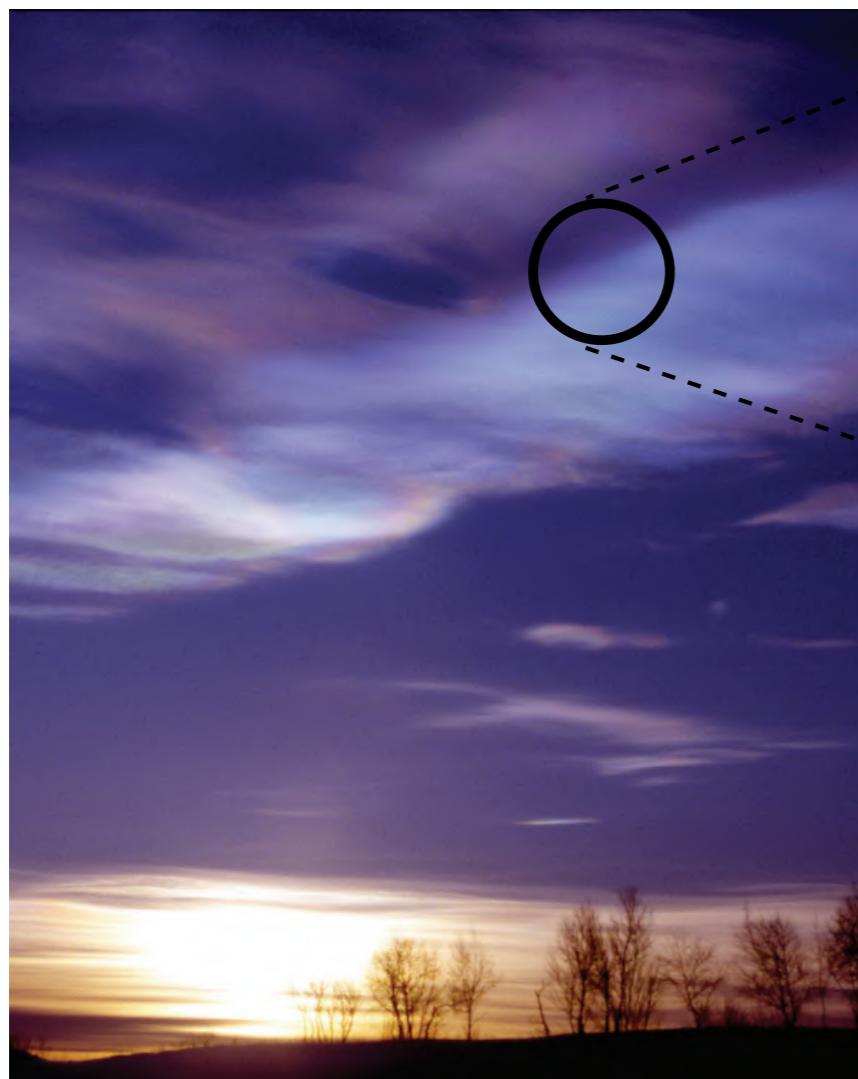
- 1 PSCs catalyze activation of Cl from inert precursors
- 2 PSCs sequester NO<sub>2</sub> (key Cl-deactivating species)

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## Ozone-destroying clouds?



Ozone depletion is **fastest** in antarctic spring (Sep-Dec):  
**cold enough** to generate PSCs

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**sufficient sunlight** to initiate photochemical reactions

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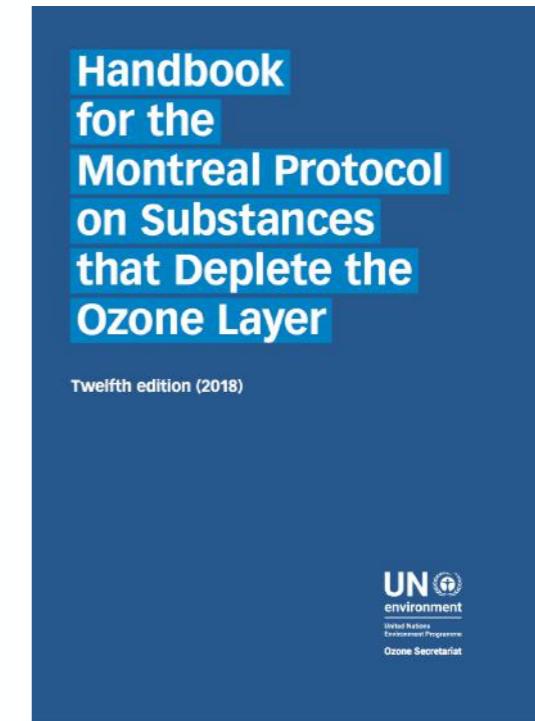
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## *The Montreal Protocol (1987)*

“The Parties to this protocol [are]...determined to protect the ozone layer by...control[ling] equitably total global emissions of substances that deplete it, with the ultimate objective of their elimination ***on the basis of developments in scientific knowledge...***”

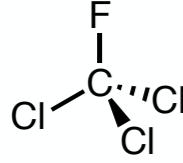
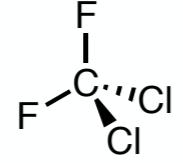
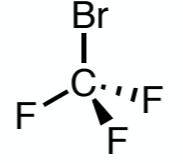
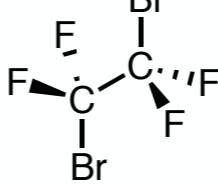
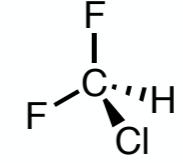
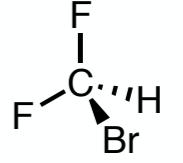
from the ***Preamble***

- deadlines for **stop in production and consumption** of ODS
- established scientific committees to **evaluate progress** and **modify protocol**
- **delegated funds** to assist developing countries in meeting standards



**The only United Nations environmental agreement ratified by every country in the world (as of 2009)**

## Ozone depleting substances and timelines for phaseout

Article A, Group I: CFCs		Article A Group II: Halons		Article C Group I/II: HCFCs/HBFCs	
					
<b>CFC-11</b>	<b>CFC-12</b>	<b>Halon-1301</b>	<b>Halon-2402</b>	<b>HCFC-22</b>	<b>HBFC-22B1</b>
1.0	1.0	10.0	6.0	0.055	0.74
<i>ozone depleting potential (ODP)</i>		<i>ozone depleting potential (ODP)</i>		<i>ozone depleting potential (ODP)</i>	
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# *The Ozone Secretariat*

An administrative body within the  
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
that implements the Montreal Protocol

- founded in 1991 in Nairobi, Kenya
- collects reporting data from government agencies
- supervises the **Assessment Panels**

Scientific Assessment Panel (**SAP**)

*assesses status of ozone layer depletion and current atmospheric science*

Technology and Economic Assistance Panel (**TEAP**)

*investigates new alternative technologies*

Environmental Effects Assessment Panel (**EEAP**)

*assesses effects of ozone depletion and remediation efforts*

## *Amendments to the Montreal Protocol*

**London (1990)** accelerated CFCs/halons/CCl<sub>4</sub> phaseout (**2000**), extended to CCl<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

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**Copenhagen (1992)** accelerated CFCs/halons/CCl<sub>4</sub> phaseout (**1996**), extended to hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC)

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**Montreal (1997)** established phaseout of MeBr to **2005** (developed)/ **2015** (developing countries)

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**Beijing (1999)** restricted trade/production of HCFCs, extended to BrClCH<sub>2</sub> (**2004**)

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**Kigali (2016)** extended to hydrofluorocarbons (HFC, weak ODS, strong greenhouse gas)

## *Annual meeting of the parties (MOP)*

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Annual meetings involve documenting **compliance**,  
**reevaluating** the state of the ozone layer,  
and **proposing** amendments

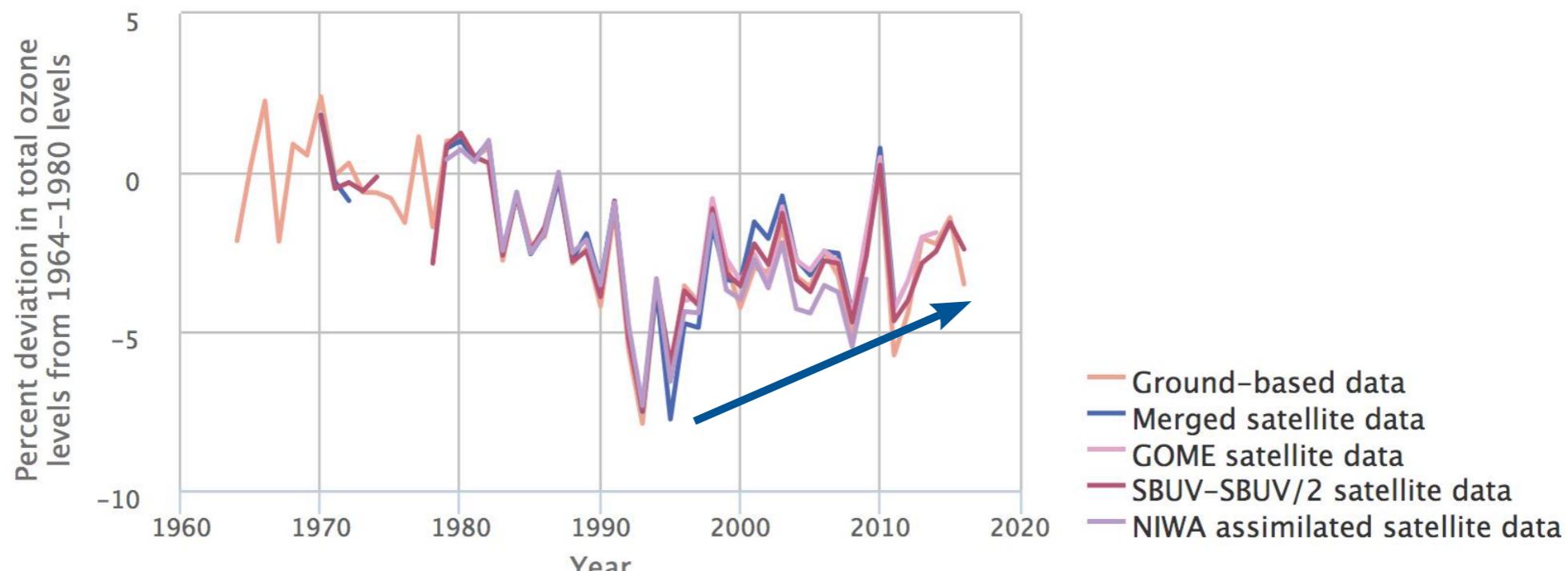


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## *Has the Montreal Protocol proven effective?*

**Exhibit 1. Total ozone levels over North America, 1964–2016**



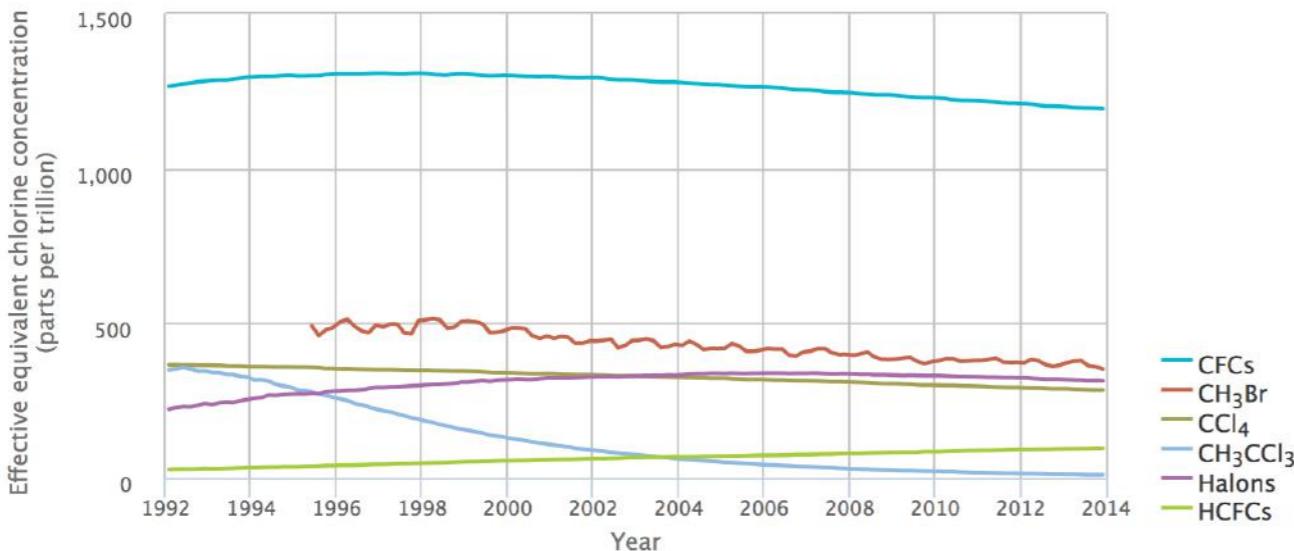
**The ozone layer is recovering!**

Full recovery expected by 2050

(Antarctic ozone hole expected to recover by 2060)

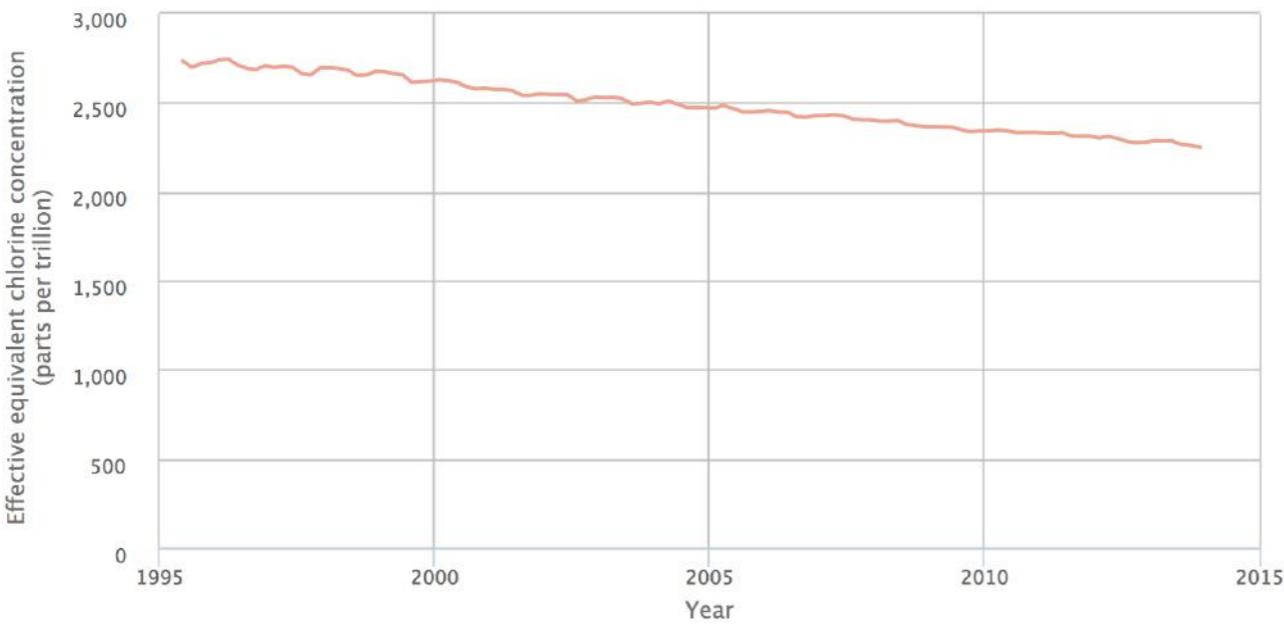
## *Compliance through the mid-2010's appears promising*

**Exhibit 2. Global effective equivalent chlorine concentrations of selected ozone-depleting substances, 1992–2013**



ODS levels in the atmosphere have  
decreased or leveled off  
in accordance with Montreal Protocol

**Exhibit 1. Global effective equivalent chlorine concentrations, 1995–2013**



Total amount of global atmospheric chlorine  
is decreasing steadily

# *An unexpected rise in CFC-11 emissions*

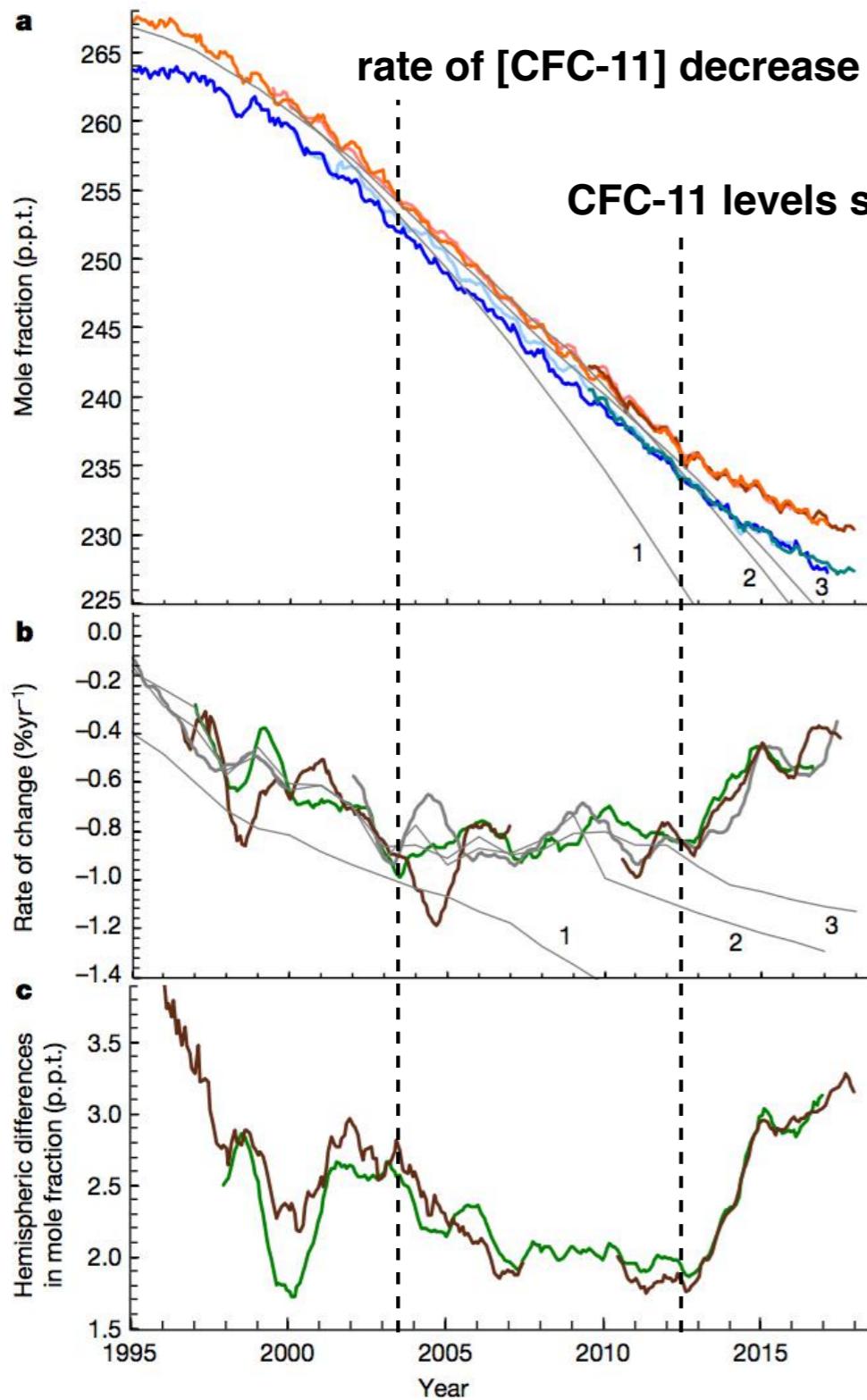


Fig. 1 | Observations of atmospheric CFC-11 over time.

promising CFC-11 reduction trends

are threatening to reverse

production reported as nearly zero since 2006,  
but emissions consistent with new production

measurements confirmed in both hemispheres  
(not an artifact of measurement devices)

## *A call to action*



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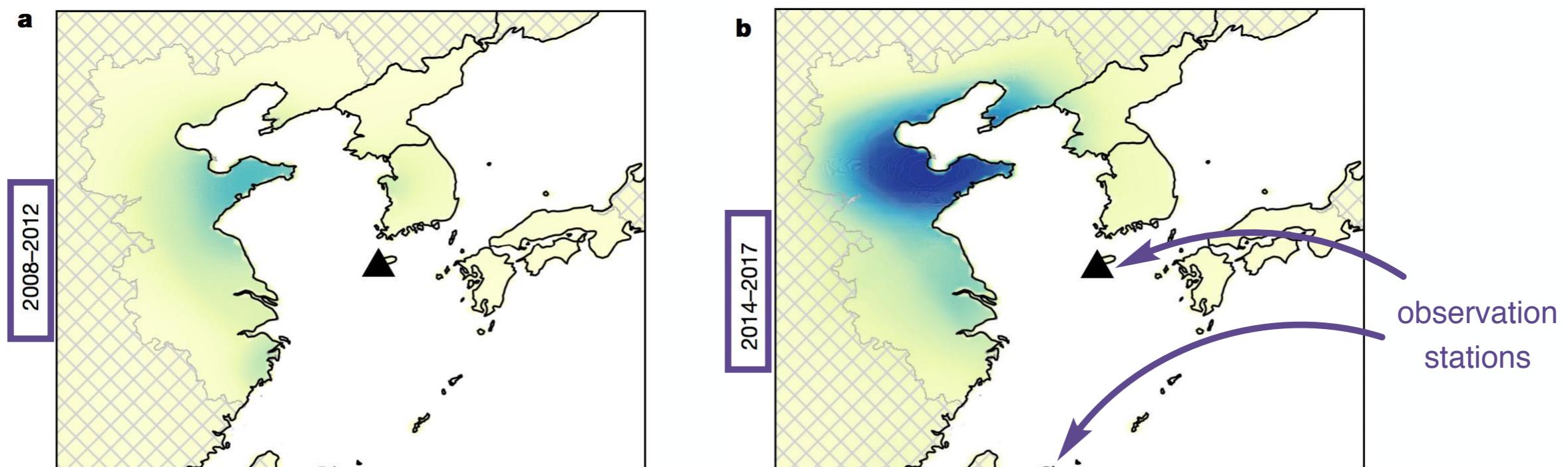
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# **Parties to Montreal Protocol take up urgent response to CFC-11 emissions**

40<sup>th</sup> Open-Ended Working Group of the Montreal Protocol (OEWP) **reviewed scientific data** and **provided recommendation** to 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to call for **thorough investigation of new CFC-11 production sources**

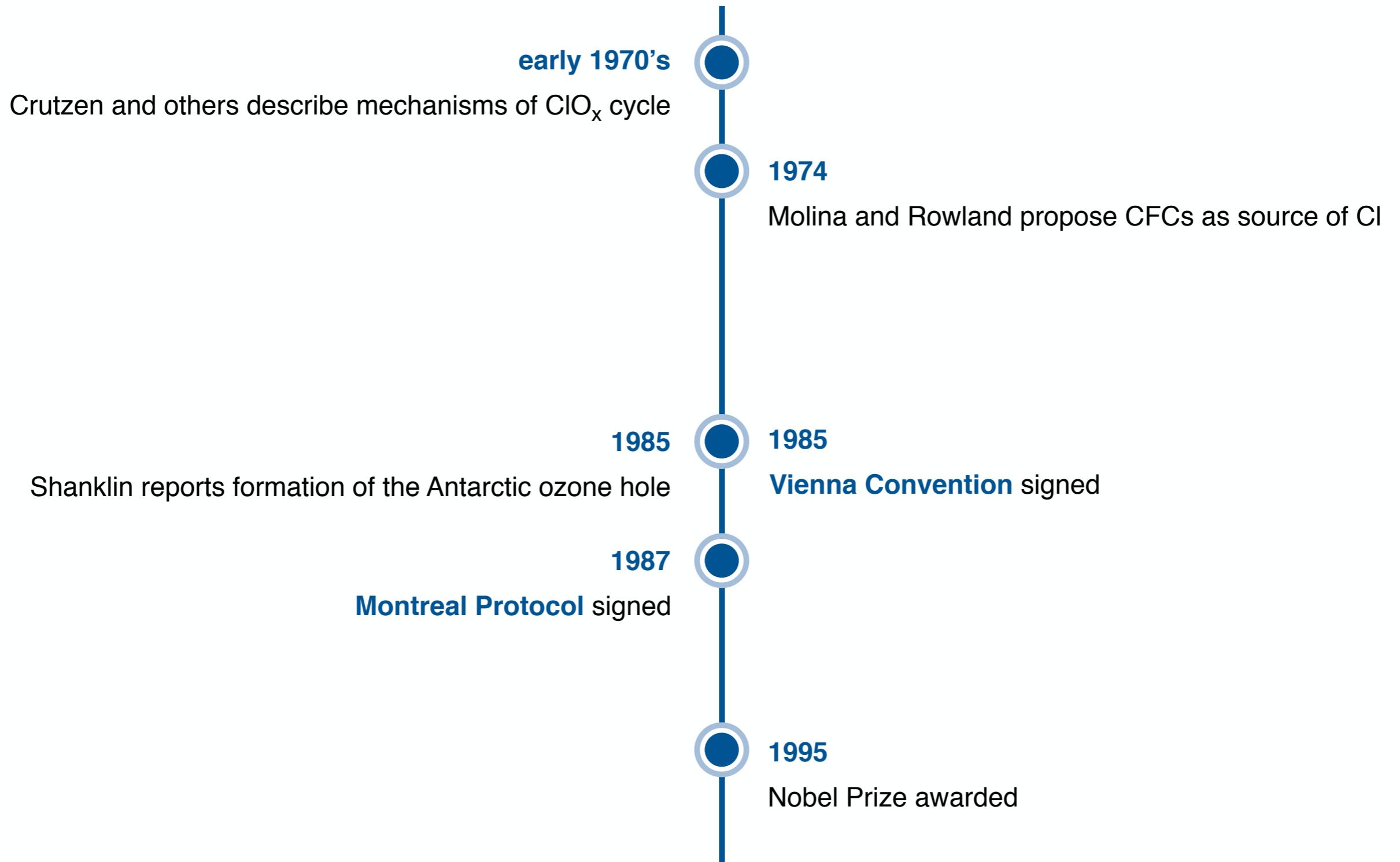
# Multinational research collaboration locates CFC-11 emission source

Chinese provinces of Shandong and Hebei identified as two sites of emission



- at least 40-60% of observed increase in CFC-11 emissions
- emissions are observed at **site of use (e.g., spray foam insulation) not production**

*The world responded quickly to the ozone crisis*



## *The 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry*



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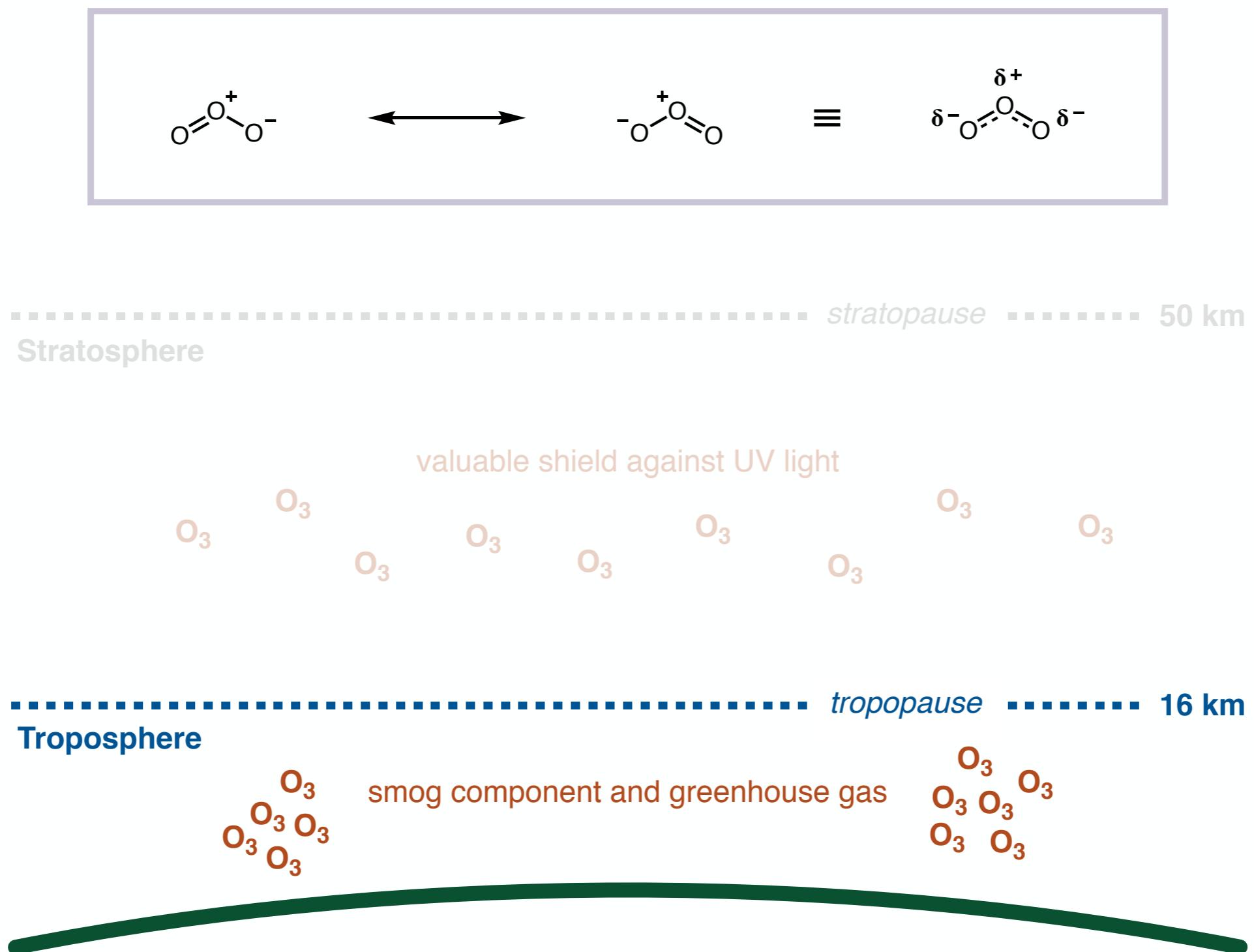
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*The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1995 was awarded jointly to  
Paul J. Crutzen, Mario J. Molina and F. Sherwood Rowland*

***"for their work in atmospheric chemistry, particularly concerning the formation and decomposition of ozone."***

## Ozone: good up high but bad nearby

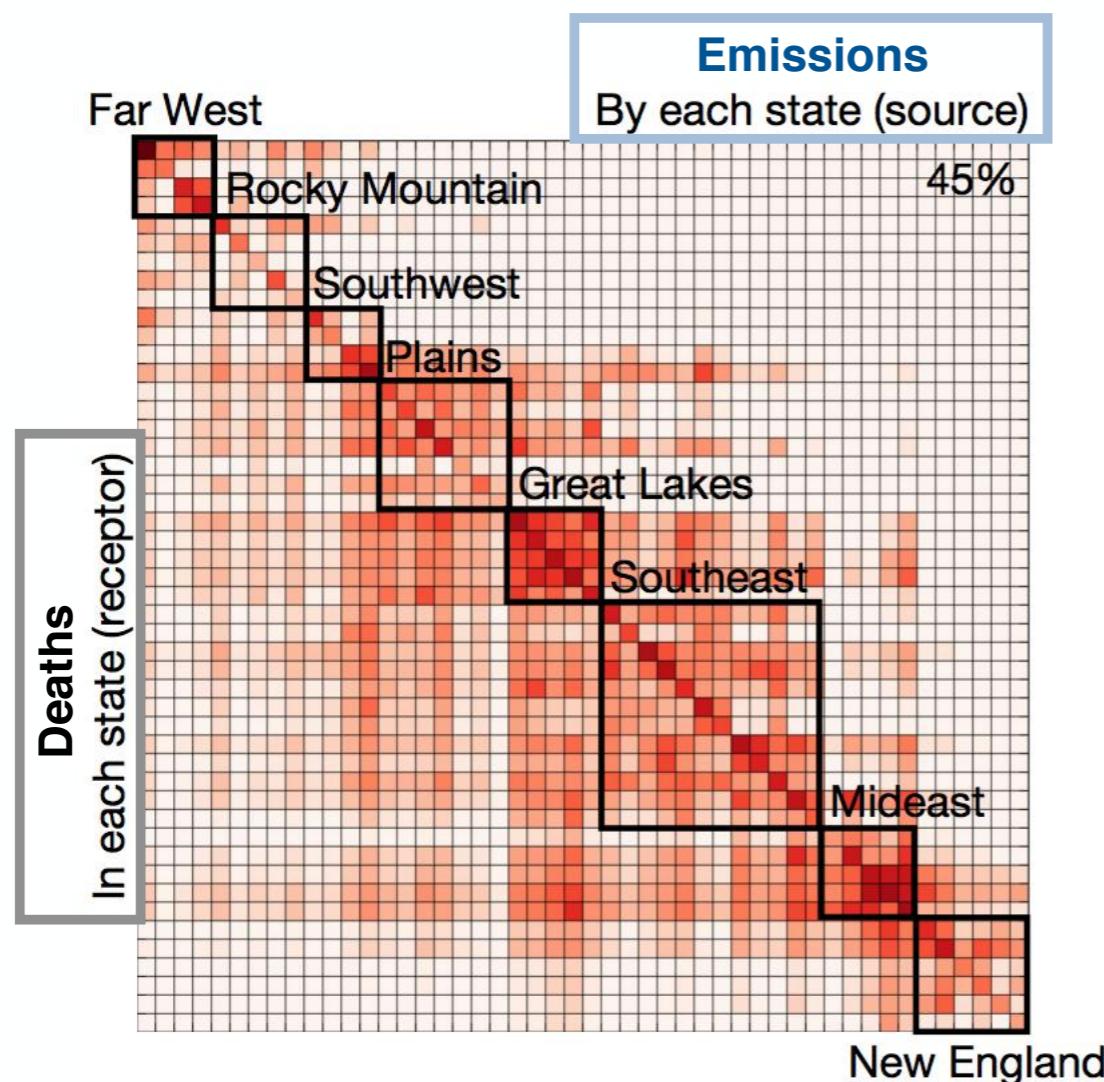


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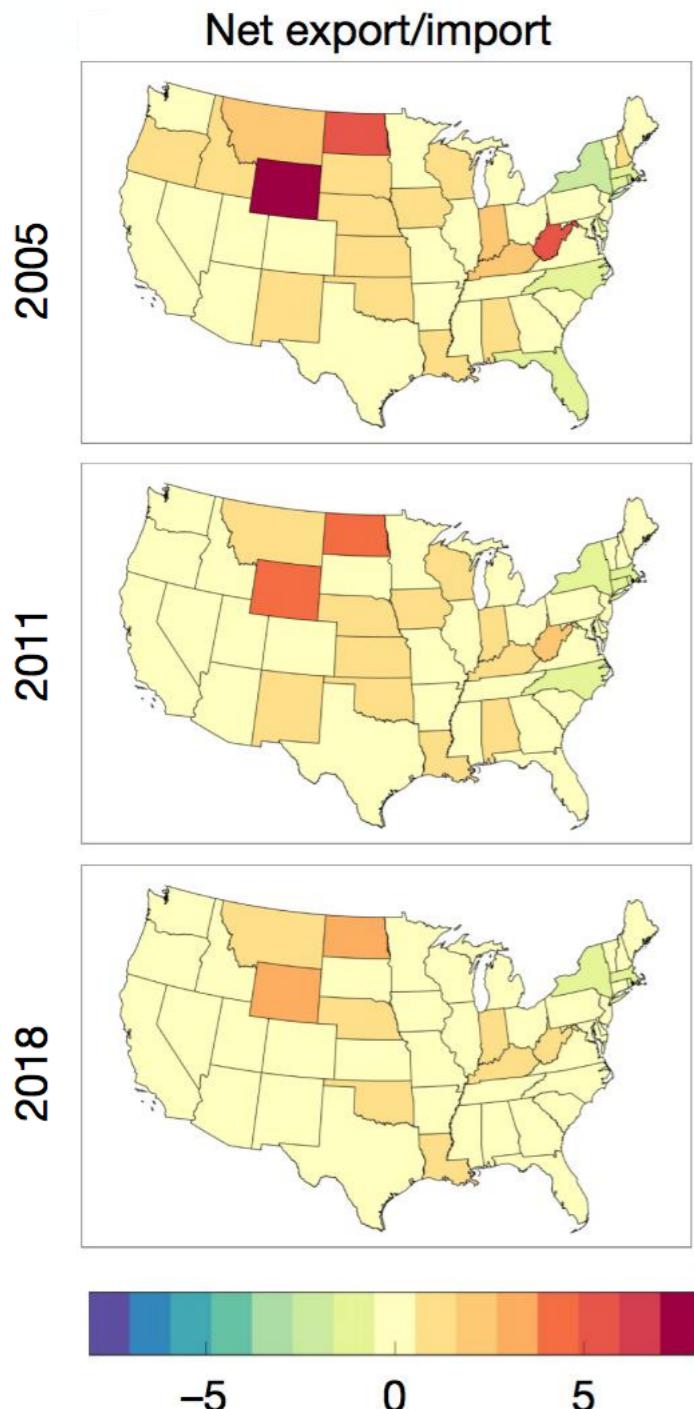
ozone and fine particulate matter are deadliest components

*responsible for 90% of total air pollution-related mortality*



Lack of symmetry about the diagonal indicates  
that some state are “**exporters of early death**” and  
some are “**importers of early death**”

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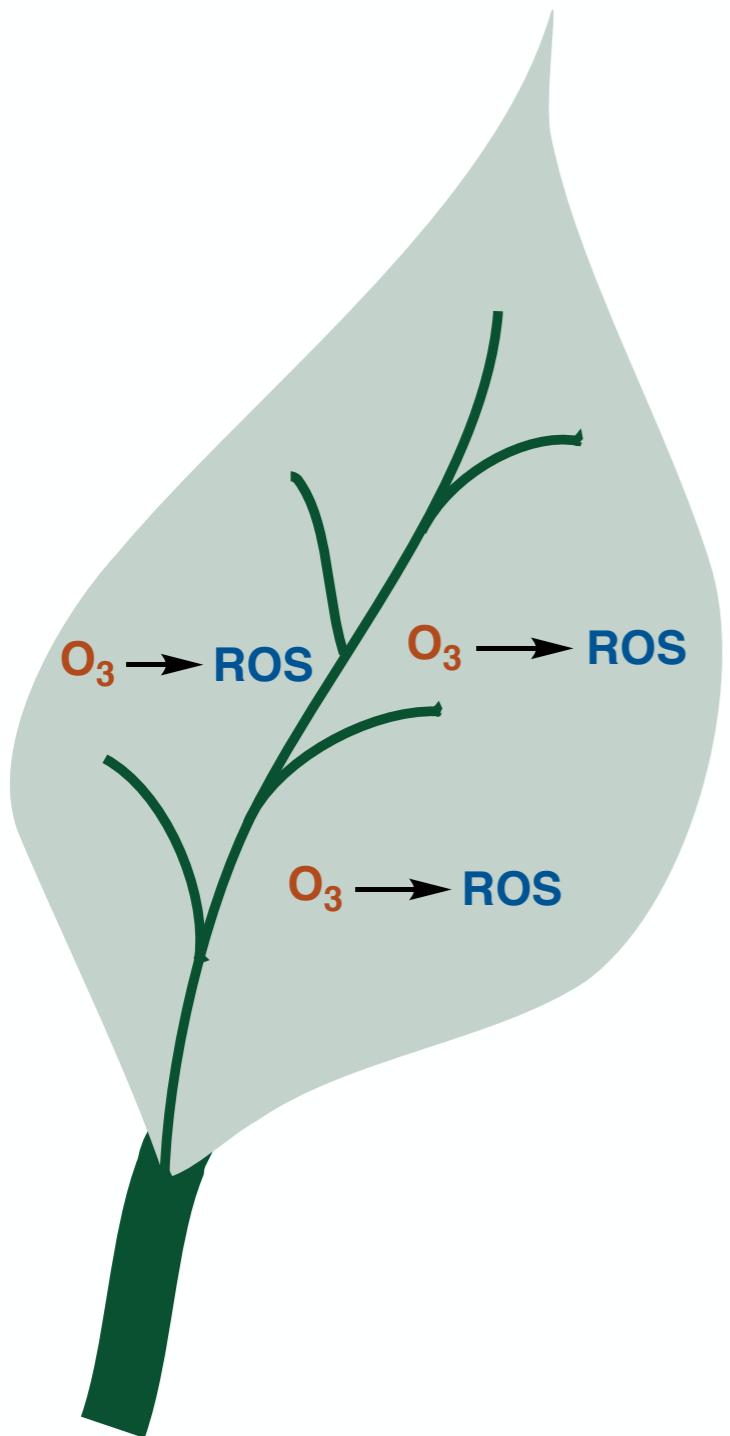
**Biggest exporters:** Wyoming, North Dakota, West Virginia

**Biggest importers:** New York and Massachusetts

fine particulate matter 8x more deadly, ozone travels farther

40% of combustion-emission-related early deaths cross state lines

## *Tropospheric ozone decreases crop yields*



- reactive oxygen species (**ROS**) trigger antioxidant defense system
- resultant decrease in  $CO_2$  consumption **lowers biomass production**

**calculated economic loss of \$6.3-12.0 billion globally in 2000**

wheat, rice, maize, soybean

bulk of losses occurred in India (22%) and China (21%)

Booker, F., et al. *J. Integr. Plant Biol.* **2009**, 51, 337.

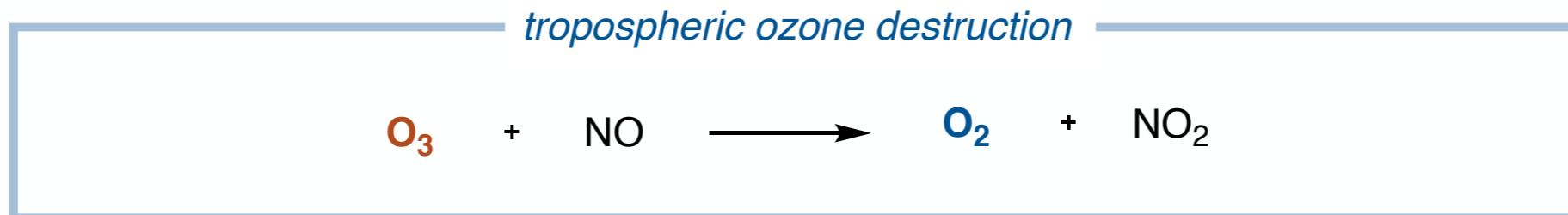
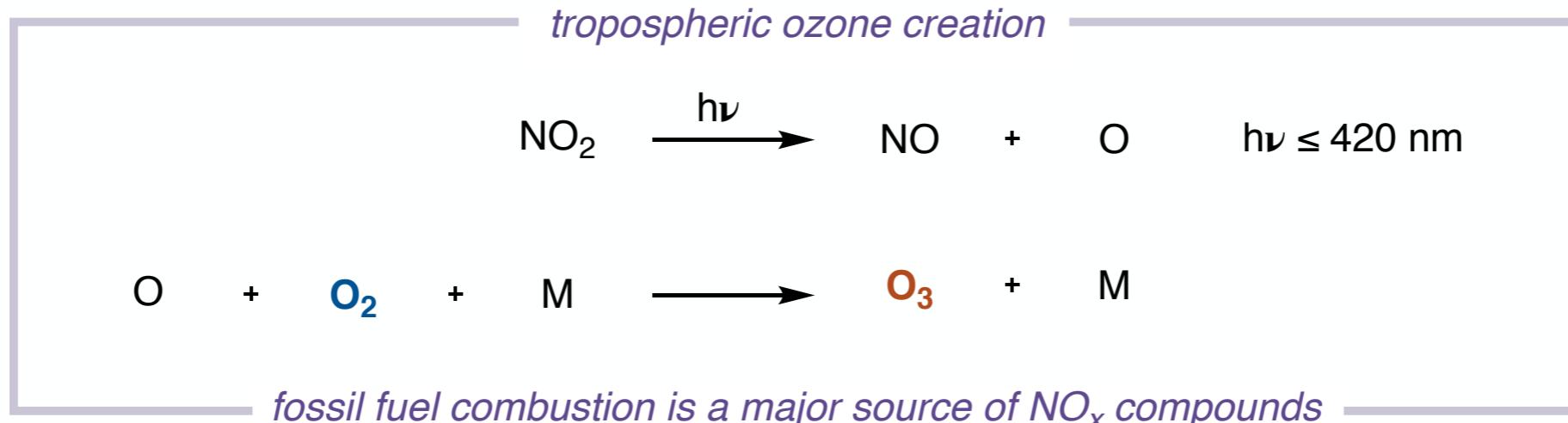
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for a review of the effects on India's agricultural industry, see: Singh, A. A.; Agrawal, S. B. *Environ. Sci. Pollut. Res.* **2017**, 24, 4367.

## Tropospheric ozone cycles

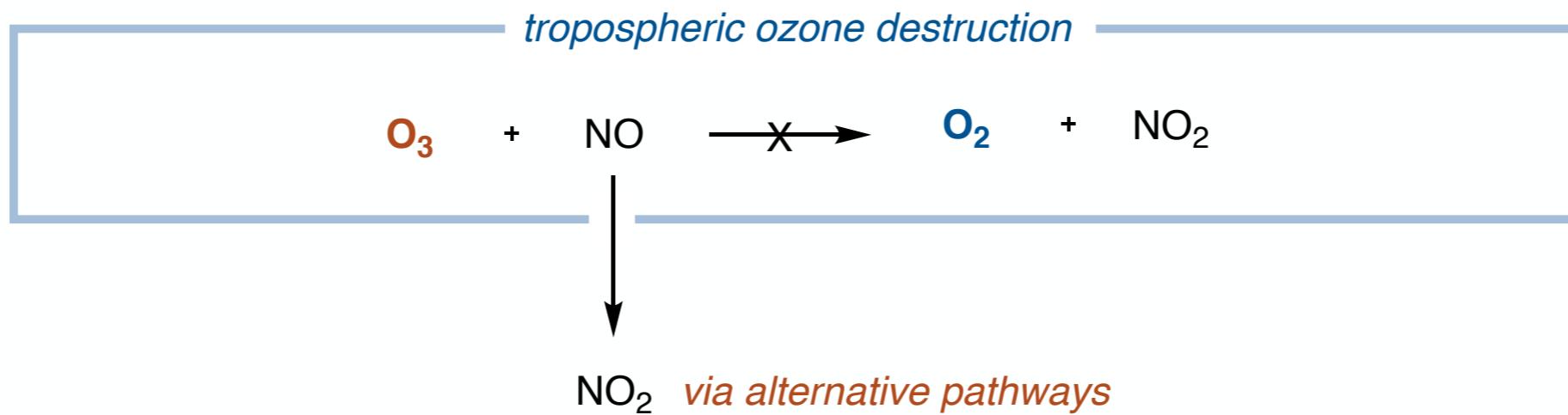
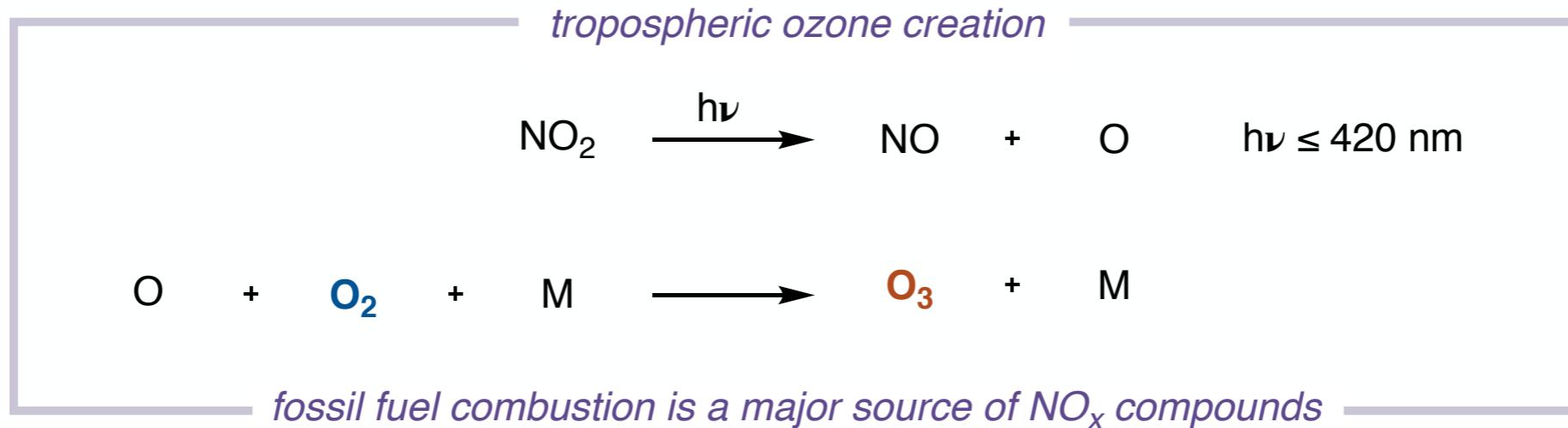
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This cycle does not lead to the buildup of ozone, so what does?

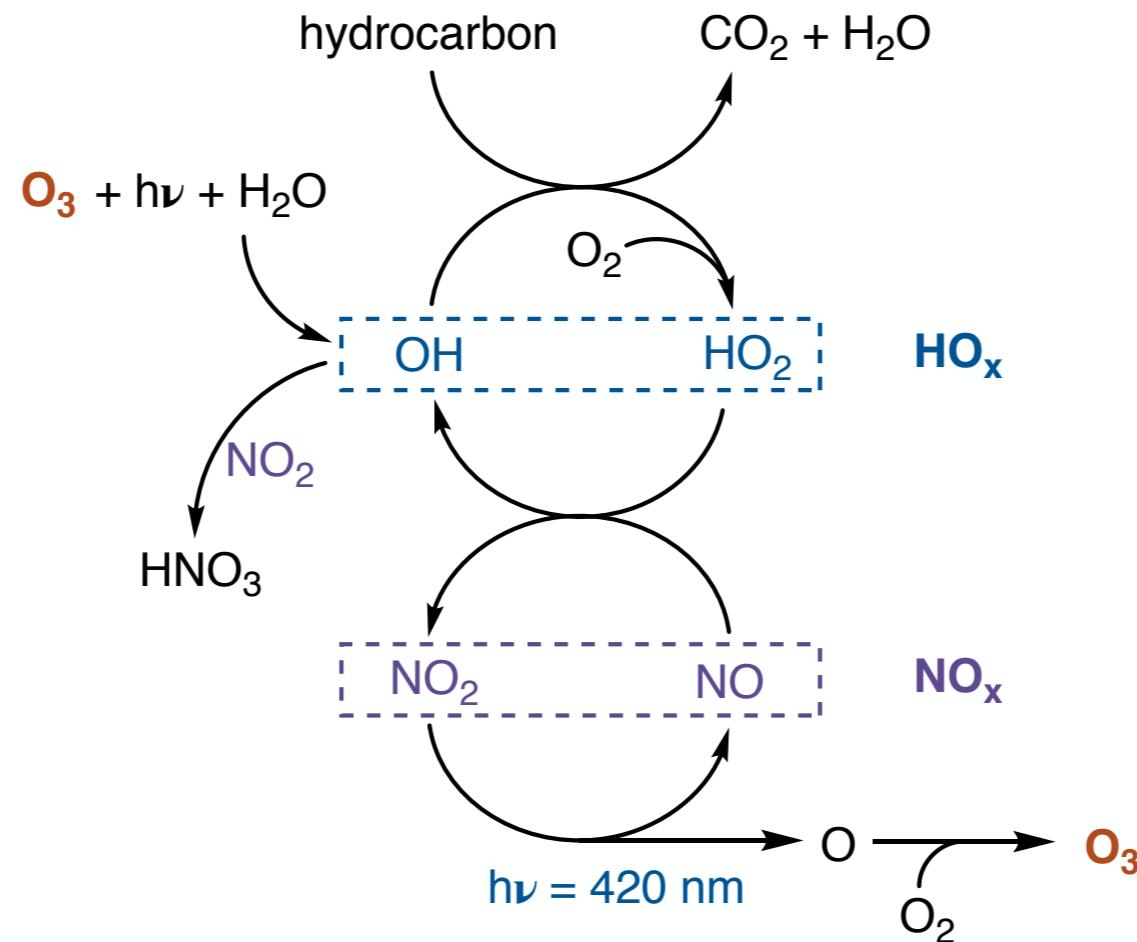
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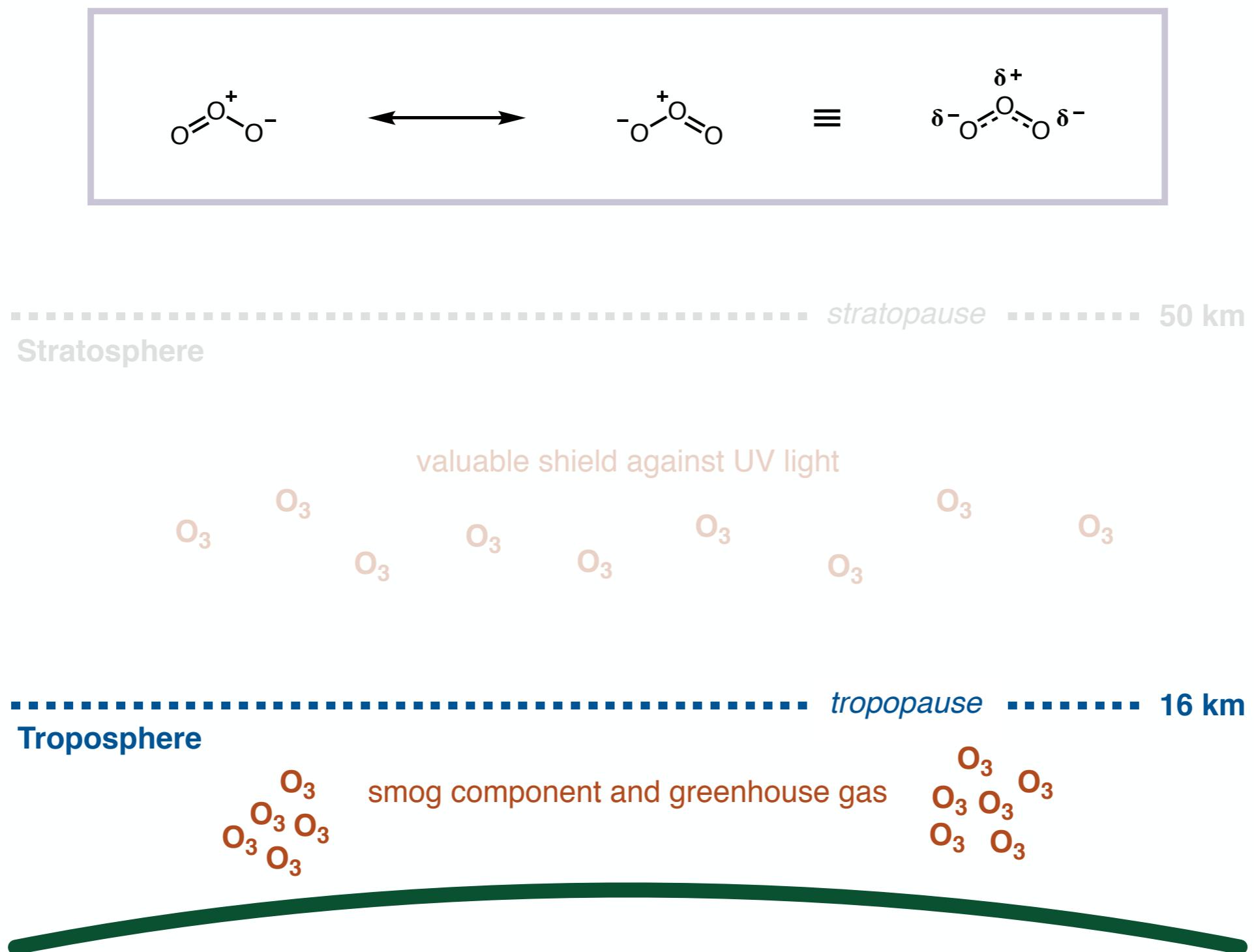
$\text{HO}_x$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  cycles are also relevant in the troposphere

$\text{HO}_x$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ , and volatile organic compound (VOC) pollution create positive feedback loop

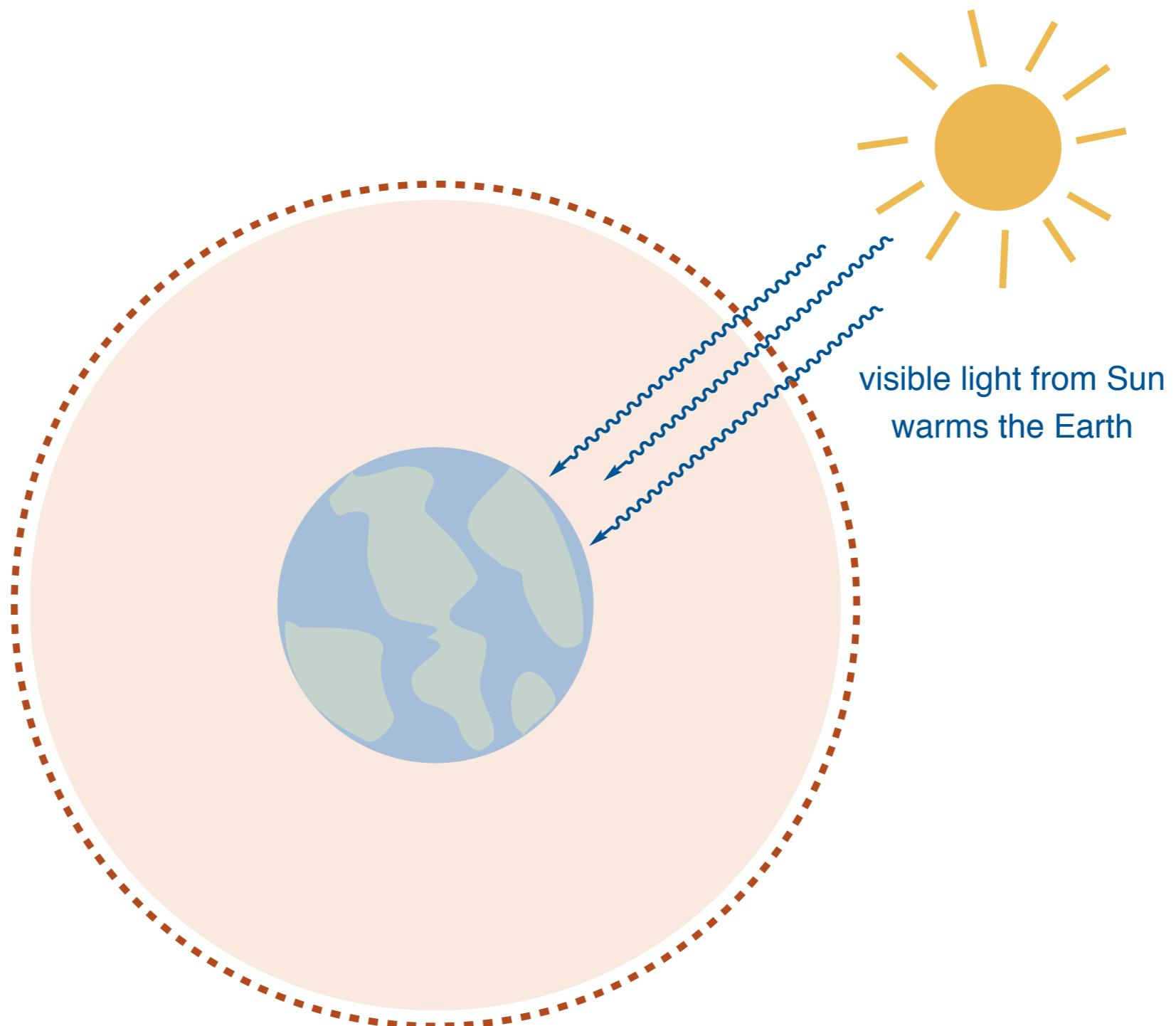


for net  $\text{O}_3$  destruction, need to lower  $[\text{NO}]$  to 10 ppt (atmosphere of 30 ppb  $\text{O}_3$ )

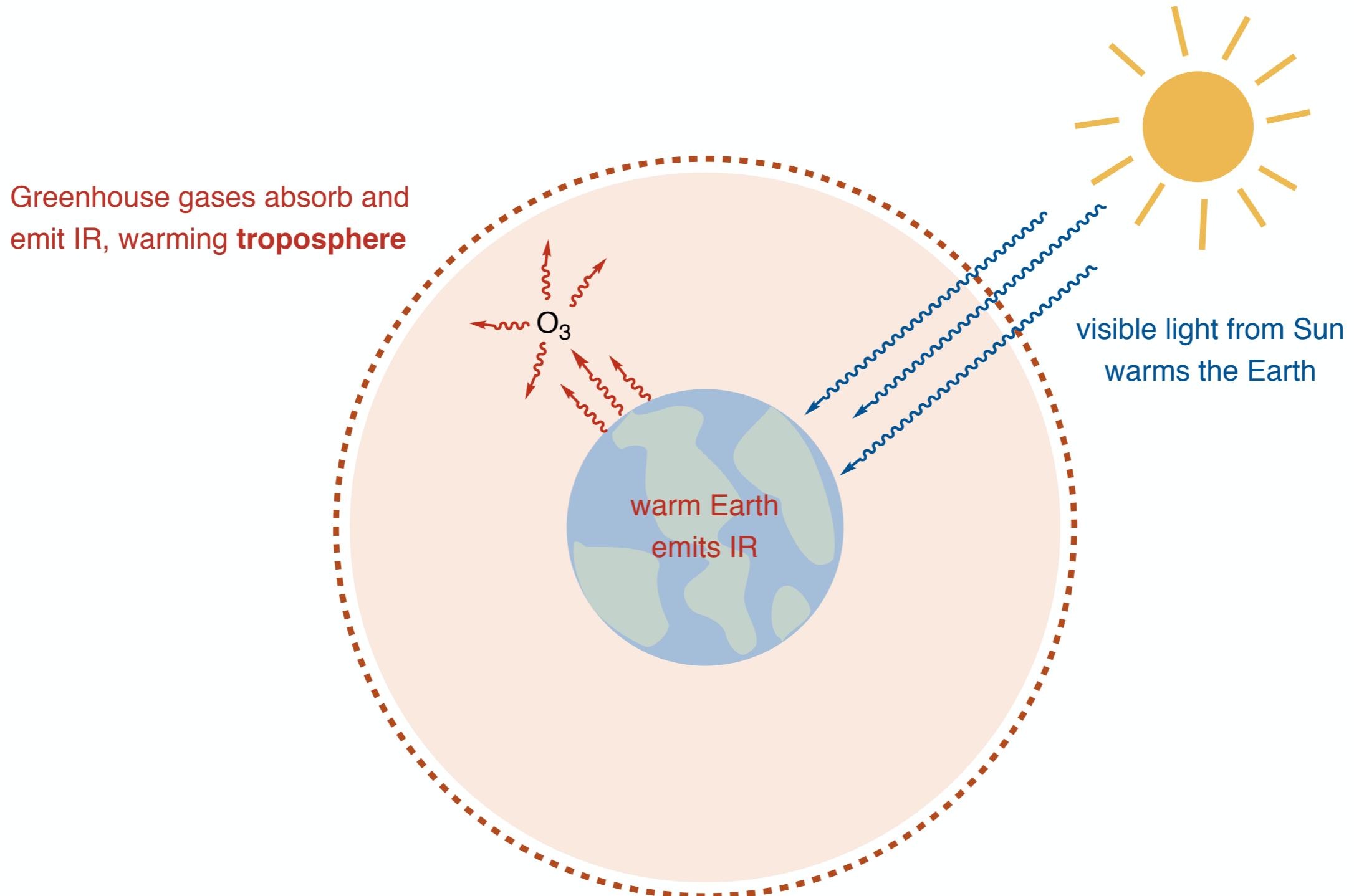
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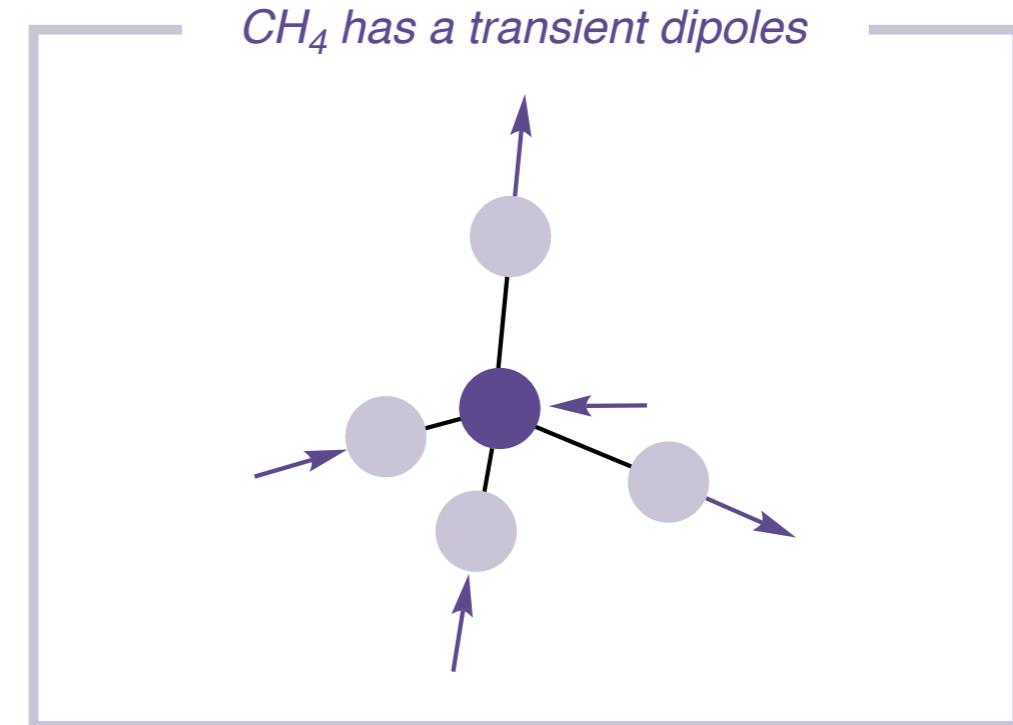
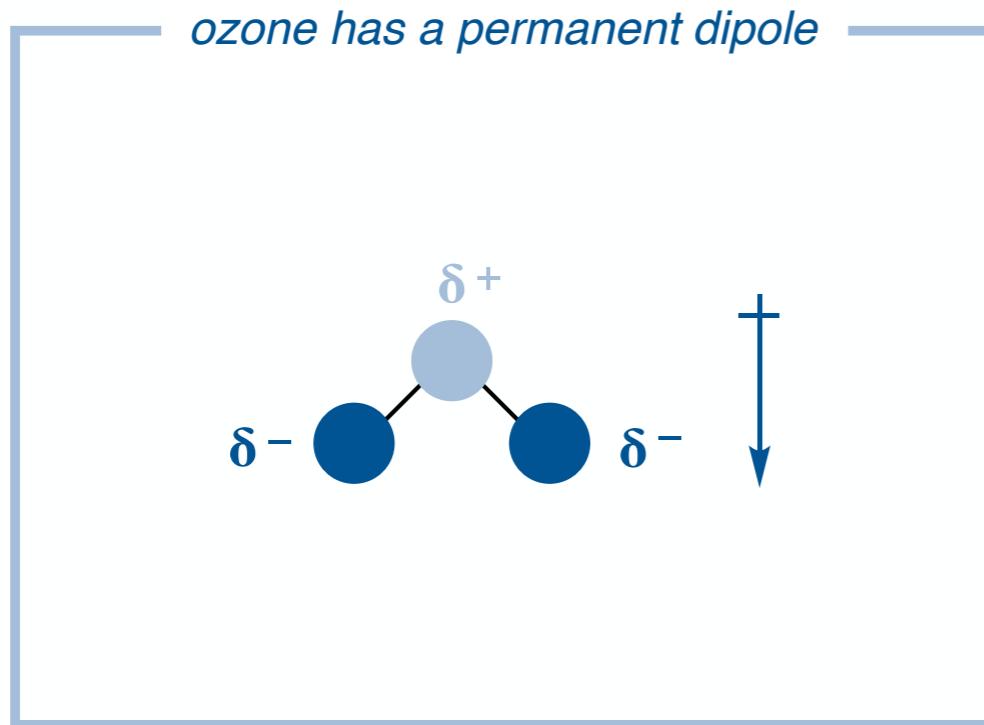
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# *What makes a molecule a greenhouse gas?*

**Greenhouse gases must absorb and emit infrared radiation**

- need IR-active vibrational modes
- permanent or transient dipoles



## *Factors determining the strength of a greenhouse gas*

### **1. Global Warming Potential (GWP)**

*radiative effect of a unit of gas over a specified time, defined relative to CO<sub>2</sub>*

### **2. Atmospheric Lifetime**

*how long a gas survives in the troposphere (tie-breaker between equal GWP substances)*

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**ODS are much more worrisome greenhouse gases**

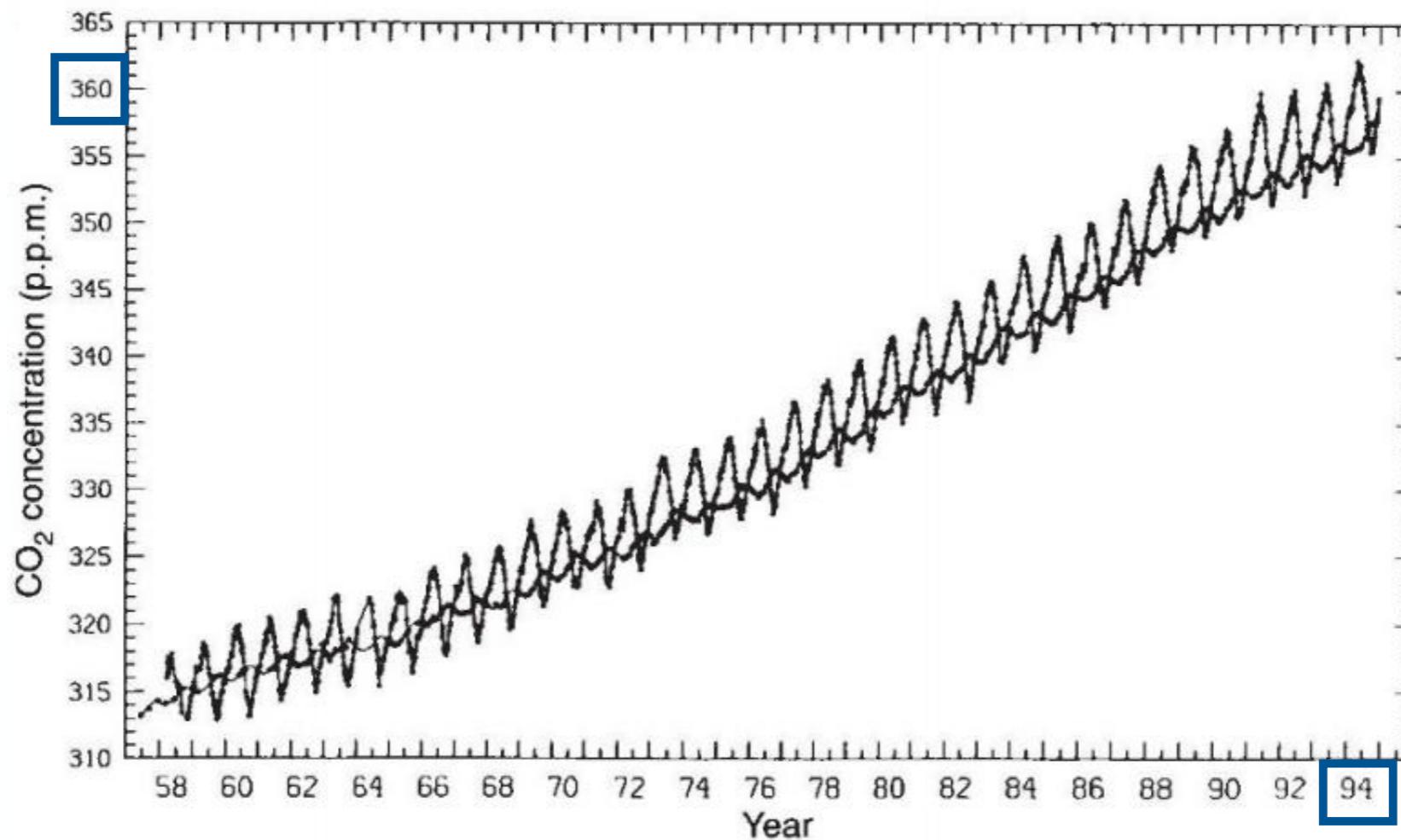
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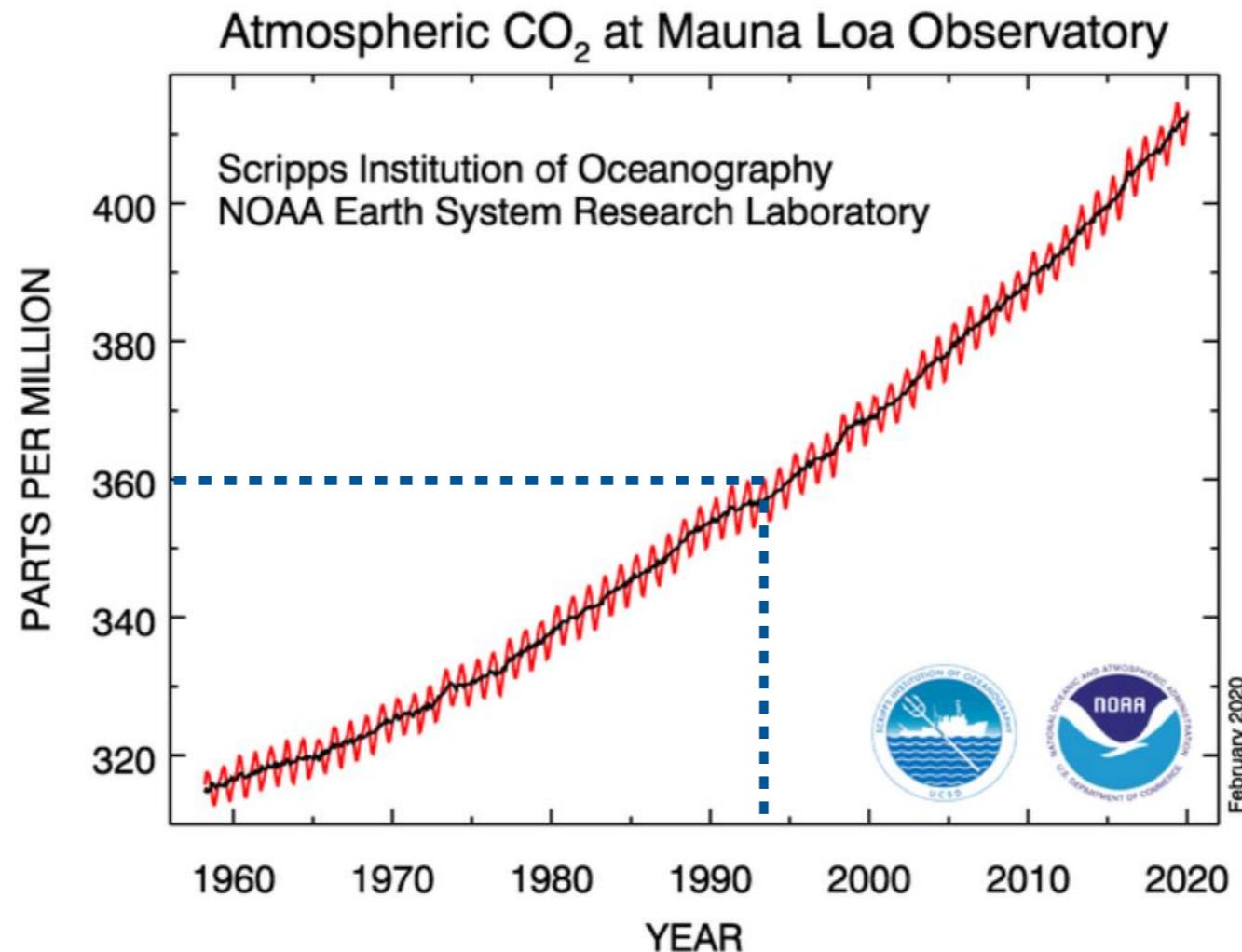
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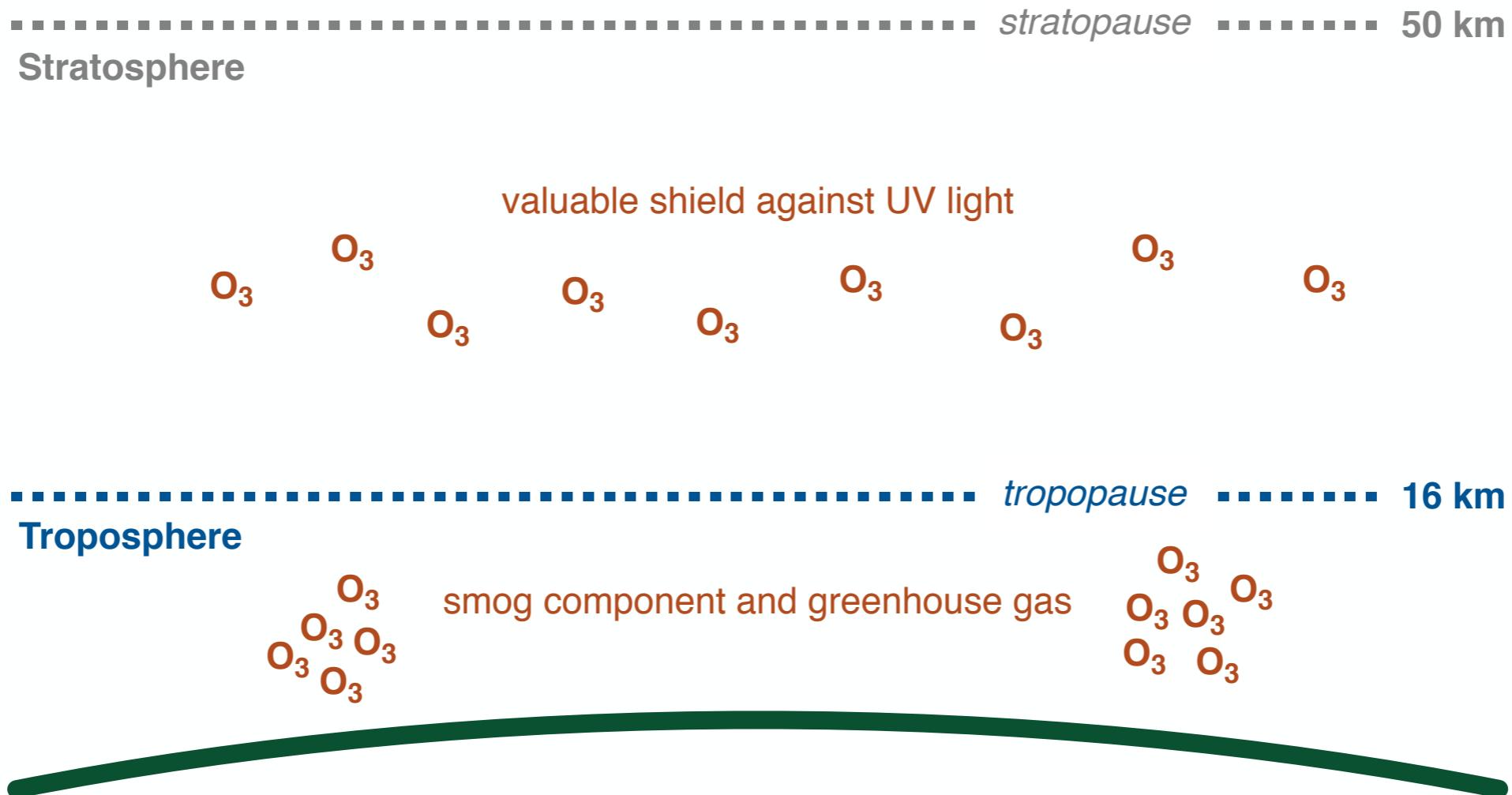
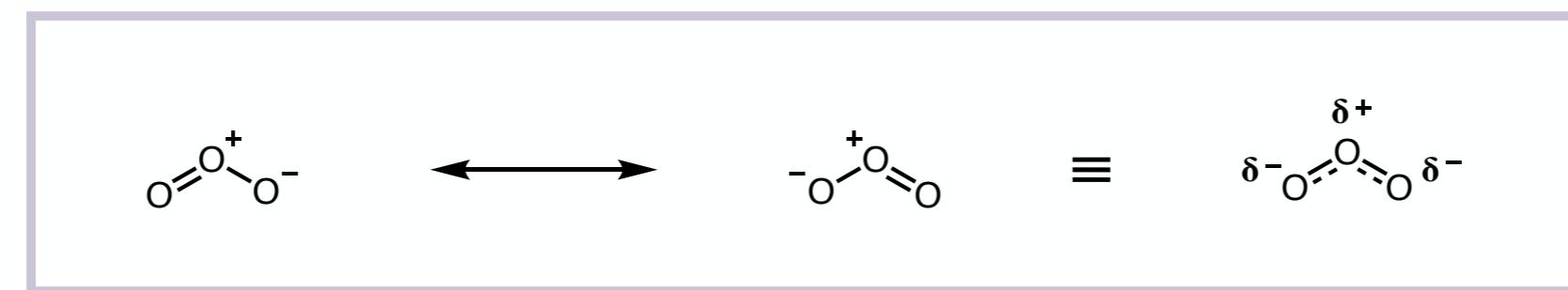
**The world was told 25 years ago that CO<sub>2</sub> levels are rising anomalously...**

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**...and CO<sub>2</sub> levels have been allowed to rise essentially unchecked**

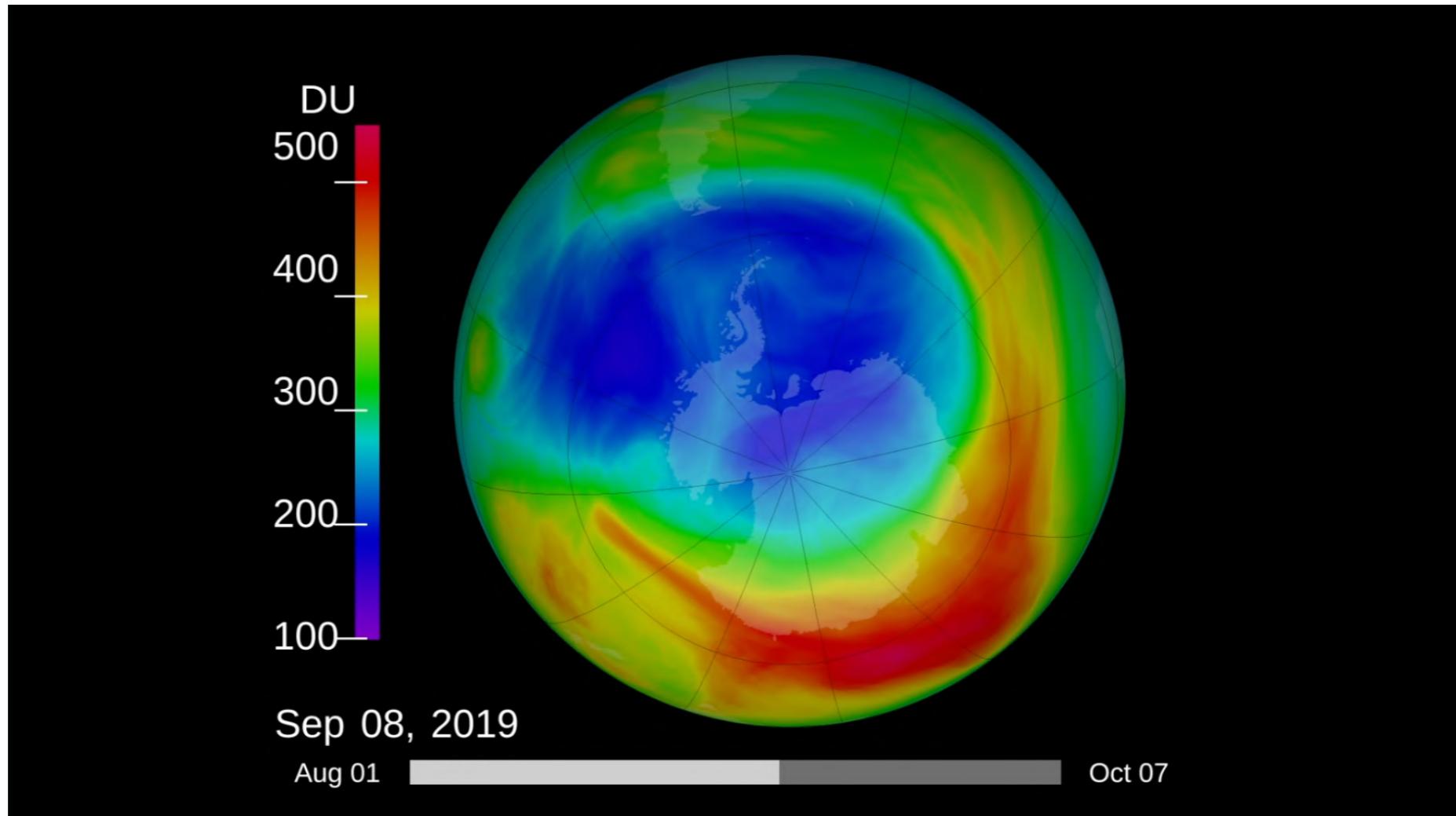
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# *The interconnected cycles of atmospheric chemistry*

**2019 Antarctic ozone hole was the smallest recorded since 1982**

*An unusually warm Antarctic winter limited polar stratospheric cloud formation*



*Questions?*

