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CHE 101: Introduction to Chemistry

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Content: Environmental Pollution Part-02

Atmospheric Chemistry, Aerosols, influence of CFC gases, creation of ozone hole, green house effects

WHAT IS THE ATMOSPHERE?



- Gaseous envelope surrounding the Earth
- Mixture of gases, also contains suspended solid and liquid particles (*aerosols*)
 - Aerosol = dispersed condensed phase suspended in a gas**
 - Or, some solid particle or liquid droplets which are suspended in atmosphere are collectively called aerosol**
 - Aerosols are the “visible” components of the atmosphere**

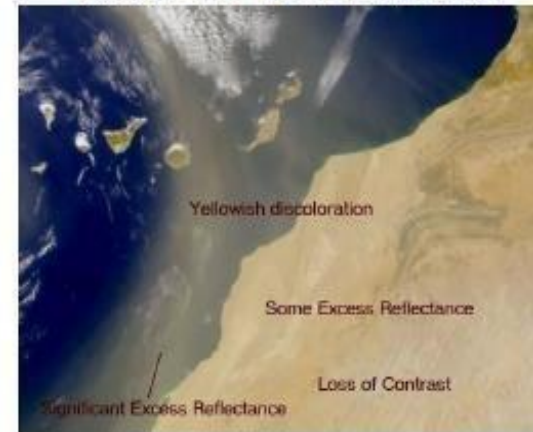
California fire plumes



Pollution off U.S. east coast



Dust off West Africa



Types of Air Pollution

Outdoor Air Pollution

- Smog
- Particulates
- Acid rain
- Greenhouse Gases



Indoor Air Pollution





Causes



- Natural Sources
 - smoke that comes from wildfire, volcanoes, methane, dust



- Human dust
 - power plants and automobile fumes, burning wood, stoves, fireplaces and furnaces



Six major air pollutants

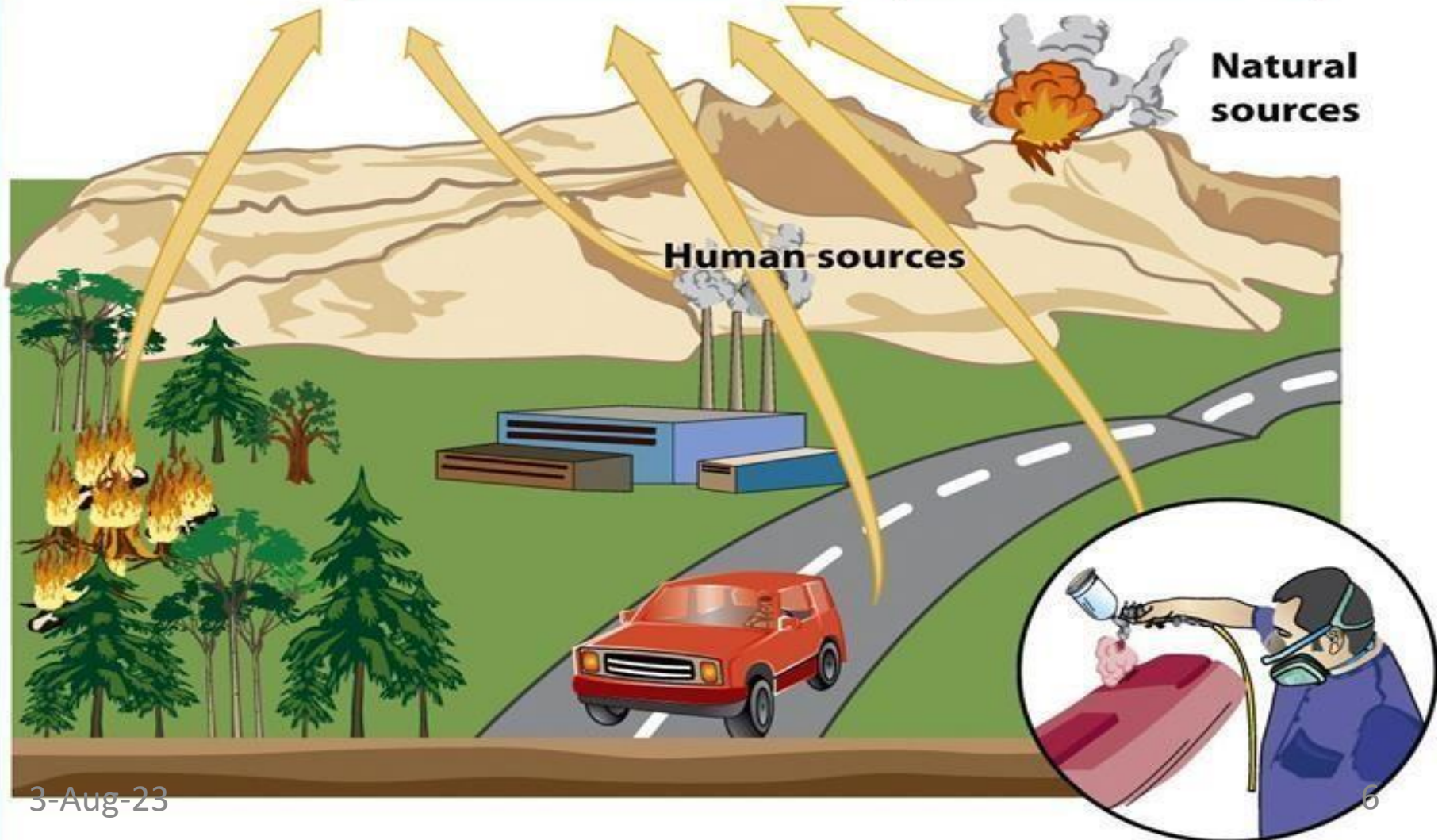
- Carbon monoxide (CO)
- Ozone (O₃)
- Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)
- Sulfur oxides (SO_x)
- Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- Lead (Pb)

Primary air pollutants

CO
SO₂ NO NO₂
Most hydrocarbons
Most particulates

Secondary air pollutants

HNO₂ SO₃
HNO₃ H₂SO₄
H₂O₂ O₃ PANs
Most NO₃⁻ and SO₄²⁻
salts



Effects

- **Human Effects**
e.g. diseases

- **Environmental Effects**
 - Acid rain
 - Eutrophication
 - Haze
 - Wildlife
 - Ozone depletion
 - Crop and forest damage
 - Global Climate change

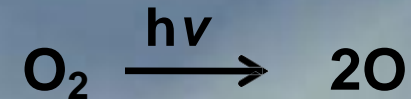
Health Effects of Air Pollution



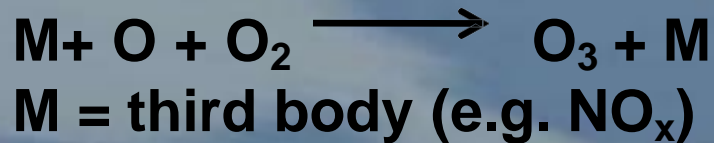
- Sulfur Dioxide and Particulate material
 - Irritate respiratory tract and impair ability of lungs to exchange gases
- Nitrogen Dioxides
 - Causes airway restriction
- Carbon monoxide
 - Binds with iron in blood hemoglobin
 - Causes headache, fatigue, drowsiness, death
- Ozone
 - Causes burning eyes, coughing, and chest discomfort

Ground Level Ozone Formation

Step 1: Formation of O atom by UV photolysis of O₂



Step 2: Formation of O₃



Nitrogen
Oxides



Volatile
Organic
Compounds



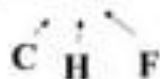
Pollutants "bake" together in direct sunlight forming ozone.

Naming of CFC's

(90 Rule)

CFC's name is related to its Formula.

CFC 123 $123 + 90 = 213$



The remaining bonds are allocated to Cl or Br

C = 2, H = 1, F = 3, Cl = (8 - 6) = 2

CFC 123 is CF_2CHCl_2

Letters with the number indicate an isomer.

Formula	C-1	H+1	F	Name
CFCl_3	$1-1=0$	$0+1=1$	1	Freon-11
CF_2Cl_2	$1-1=0$	$0+1=1$	2	Freon-12
$\text{C}_2\text{F}_2\text{Cl}_4$	$2-1=1$	$0+1=1$	2	Freon-112
$\text{C}_2\text{F}_3\text{Cl}_3$	$2-1=1$	$0+1=1$	3	Freon-113

Lifetime of CFC's

Compound	Ozone Depleting Potential	Lifetime(yrs)
CFC- 11	1.0	65-75
CFC-12	1.0	100 - 140
CFC-113	0.8	100 - 134
CFC-115	0.6	500
CCl4	1.2	50 - 69
Halon 1301	10	110

Ozone depletion

Due to anthropogenic activity human produce some gas which react with ozone in stratosphere and thereby the concentration of ozone in the stratosphere decreases, which is known as ozone depletion.

Tropospheric Ozone Depletion



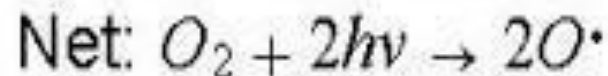
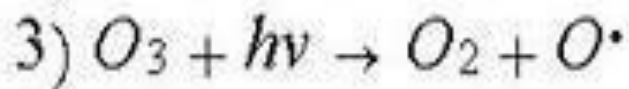
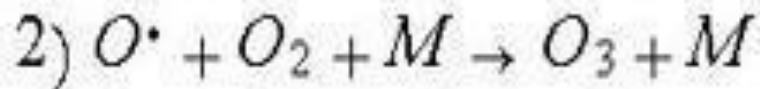
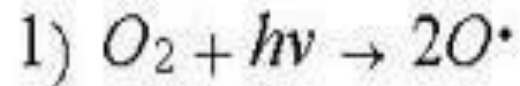
HO_x chain reactions

NO_x chain reactions

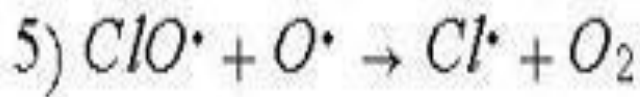
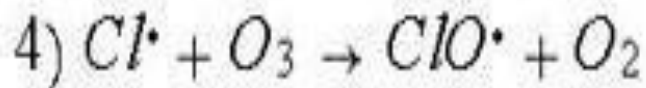
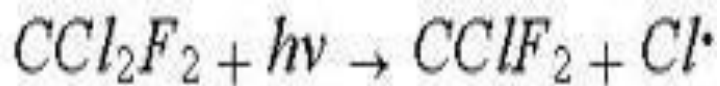
Cl chain reactions

Stratospheric Ozone Depletion

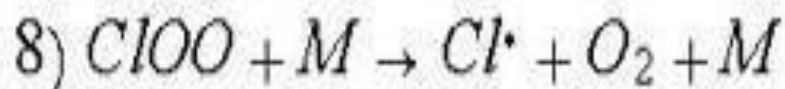
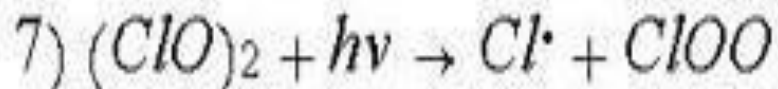
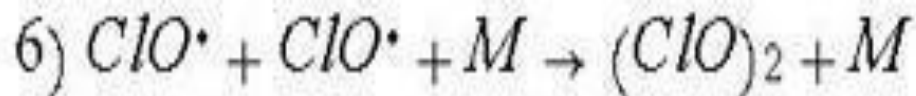
Chapman cycle



CFCs Catalytic Cycle I

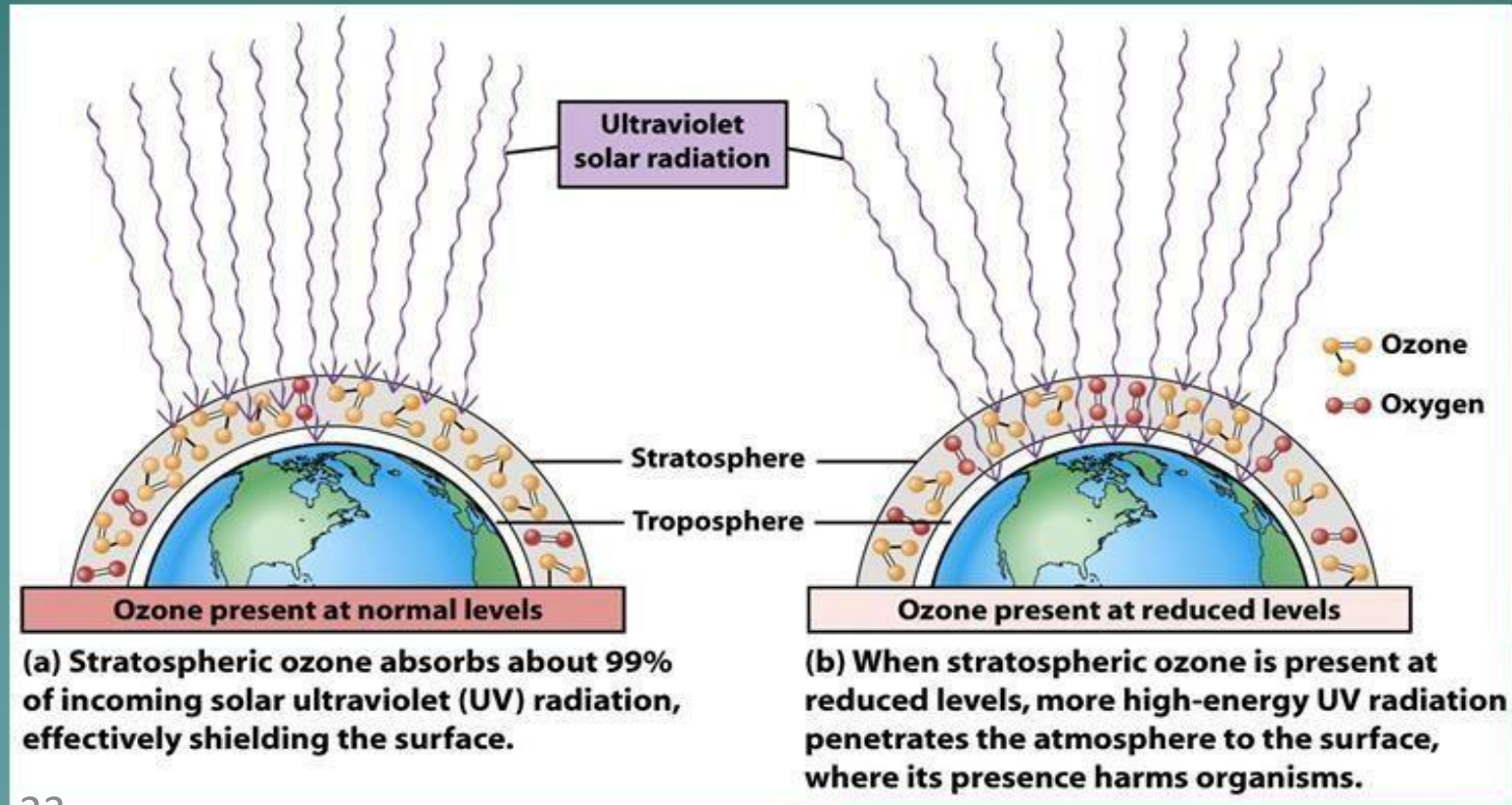


Cl. - Catalytic Cycle II



Ozone Depletion in Stratosphere

- Ozone Protects earth from UV radiation
 - Part of the electromagnetic spectrum with wavelengths just shorter than visible light



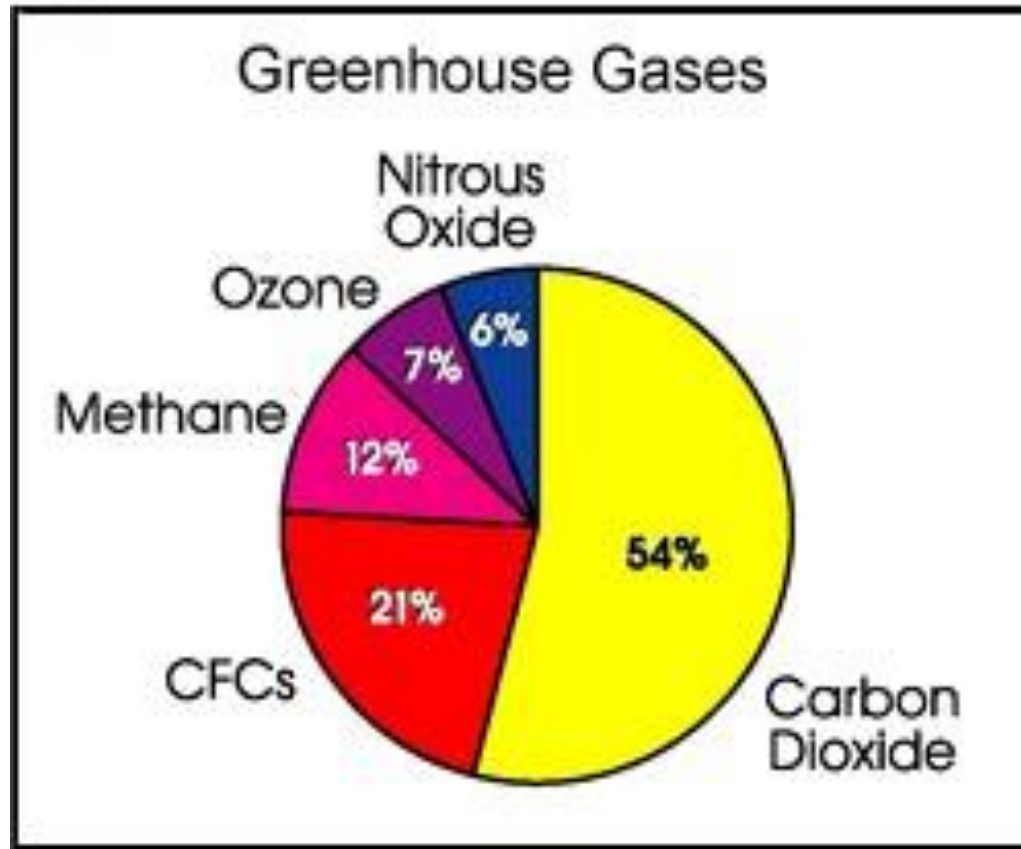
Effects of Ozone Depletion

- Higher levels of UV-radiation hitting the earth
 - Eye cataracts
 - Skin cancer (right)
 - Weakened immunity
- May disrupt ecosystems
- May damage crops and forests



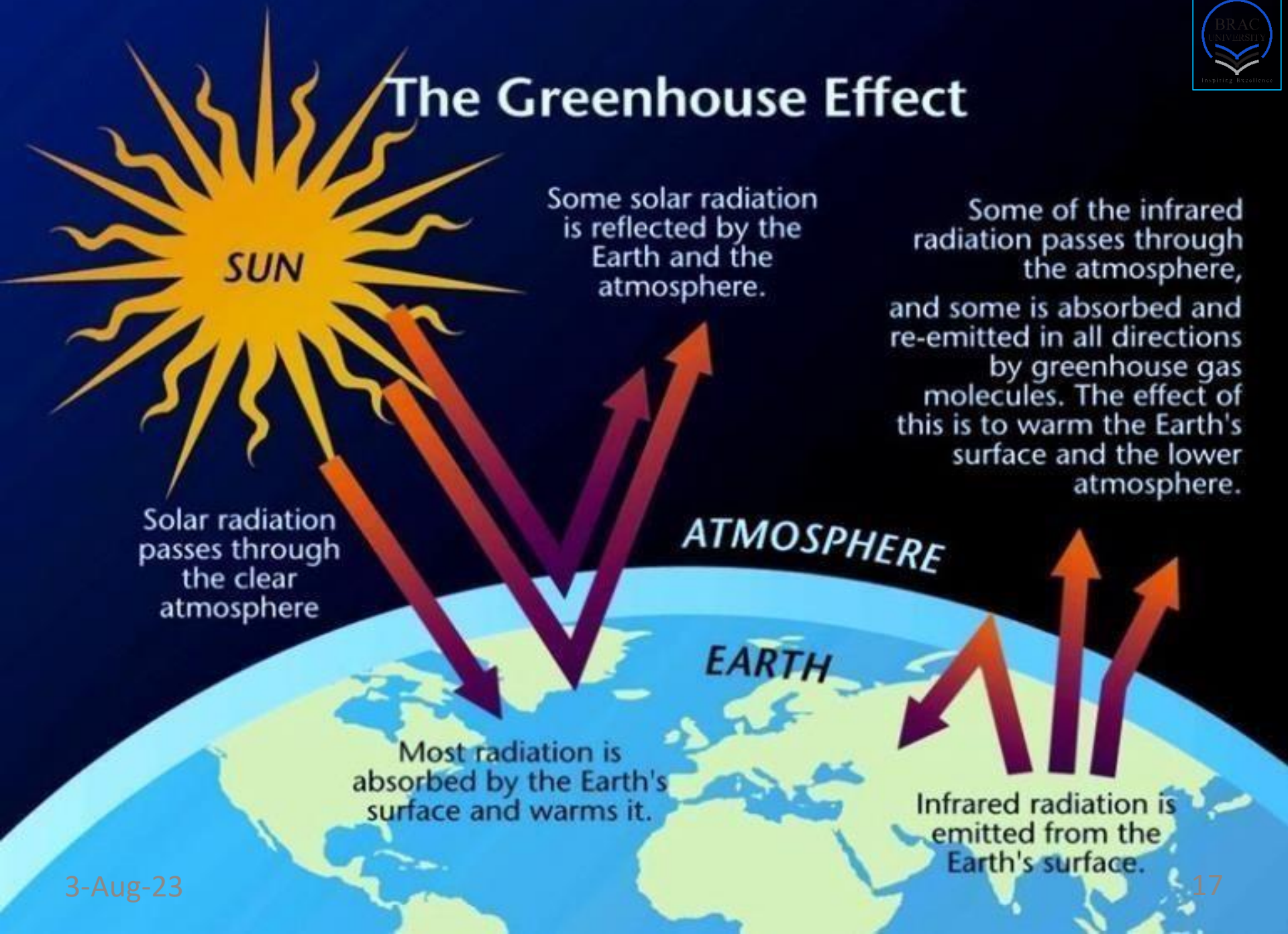
Greenhouse Effect

The *greenhouse effect* is the process by which radiation from a planet's atmosphere warms the planet's surface to a temperature above what it would be without its atmosphere.



❑ Carbon dioxide (CO_2) and other *greenhouse* gases act like a blanket, absorbing IR radiation and preventing it from escaping into outer space. The net *effect* is the gradual heating of Earth's atmosphere and surface, a process known as **global warming**.

The Greenhouse Effect





Thank You All