

Lecture 14.

Review for Exam 1.

Electromagnetic radiation exhibits the dual nature:

wave properties and particulate properties

Wave nature of radiation:

Electromagnetic waves are characterized by wavelength λ (or frequency $\tilde{\nu}$, or wavenumber ν) and speed

Relation between λ , ν and $\tilde{\nu}$:

$$\nu = \tilde{\nu} / c = 1/\lambda$$

Particulate nature of radiation:

can be described in terms of particles of energy, called **photons.**

$$E_{\text{photon}} = h \tilde{\nu} = h c/\lambda = h \nu$$

h is Planck's constant ($h = 6.6256 \times 10^{-34}$ J s).

Flux (or irradiance) is defined as radiant energy in a given direction per unit time per unit wavelength (or frequency) range per unit area perpendicular to the given direction:

$$dF_{\lambda} = \frac{dE_{\lambda}}{dt dA d\lambda}$$

UNITS: (J sec⁻¹ m⁻² μm⁻¹) = (W m⁻² μm⁻¹)

The radiative **flux** is the integration of normal component of monochromatic **intensity** over some solid angle.

$$F_{\lambda} = \int_{\Omega} I_{\lambda} \cos(\theta) d\Omega$$

$$F_{\lambda}^{\uparrow} = \int_{2\pi} I_{\lambda}^{\uparrow} (\vec{\Omega}) \vec{n} d\Omega$$

Net radiative flux

Monochromatic **net flux** is the integration of normal component of monochromatic intensity over the all solid angles (over 4π):

$$F_{net,\lambda} = F_{\lambda}^{\uparrow} - F_{\lambda}^{\downarrow} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 I_{\lambda}(\mu, \varphi) \mu d\mu d\varphi$$

What is the net flux of the isotropic radiative field?

Extinction (scattering + absorption) and emission.

Extinction is a process that decreases the radiant intensity, while **emission** increases it.

Extinction (or attenuation) is due to **absorption** and **scattering**.

Absorption is a process that removes the radiant energy from an electromagnetic field and transfers it to other forms of energy.

Scattering is a process that does not remove energy from the radiation field, but may redirect it.

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The fundamental law of extinction is the **Beer-Bouguer-Lambert law**: the extinction process is linear in the intensity of radiation and amount of matter, provided that the physical state (i.e., T, P, composition) is held constant.

$$\text{Extinction: } dI_{\lambda} = -\beta_{e,\lambda} I_{\lambda} ds \quad \text{Emission: } dI_{\lambda} = \beta_{e,\lambda} J_{\lambda} ds$$

where $\beta_{e,\lambda}$ is the **volume extinction coefficient** (LENGTH⁻¹);
 J_{λ} is the **source function**.

$$\beta_{e,\lambda} = \beta_{a,\lambda} + \beta_{s,\lambda}$$

$$dI_{\lambda} = -\beta_{e,\lambda} I_{\lambda} ds + \beta_{e,\lambda} J_{\lambda} ds$$

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The differential form of radiative transfer equation

$$dI_\lambda = -\beta_{e,\lambda} I_\lambda ds + \beta_{e,\lambda} J_\lambda ds$$

$$\frac{dI_\lambda}{\beta_{e,\lambda} ds} = -I_\lambda + J_\lambda$$

Using

$$d\tau_\lambda = -\beta_{e,\lambda}(s) ds$$

We have

$$-\frac{dI_\lambda}{d\tau_\lambda} = -I_\lambda + J_\lambda$$

Elementary solution:

$$\frac{dI_\lambda}{d\tau_\lambda} = I_\lambda - J_\lambda$$

$$I_\lambda(s_1) = I_\lambda(0) \exp(-\tau_\lambda(s_1;0)) + \int_0^{s_1} \exp(-\tau_\lambda(s_1;s)) J_\lambda \beta_{e,\lambda} ds$$

See
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Solution of the radiative transfer equation in the plane-parallel atmosphere (called the integral form)

$$I_{\lambda}^{\uparrow}(\tau; \mu; \varphi) = I_{\lambda}^{\uparrow}(\tau_*; \mu; \varphi) \exp\left(-\frac{\tau_* - \tau}{\mu}\right) + \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{\tau}^{\tau_*} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau' - \tau}{\mu}\right) J_{\lambda}^{\uparrow}(\tau'; \mu; \varphi) d\tau'$$

$$I_{\lambda}^{\downarrow}(\tau; -\mu; \varphi) = I_{\lambda}^{\downarrow}(0; -\mu; \varphi) \exp\left(-\frac{\tau}{\mu}\right) + \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^{\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau - \tau'}{\mu}\right) J_{\lambda}^{\downarrow}(\tau'; -\mu; \varphi) d\tau'$$

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Blackbody emission

Planck function, $B_\lambda(T)$, gives the **intensity (or radiance)** emitted by a blackbody having a given temperature.

$$B_\lambda(T) = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5 (\exp(hc / k_B T \lambda) - 1)}$$

Stefan-Boltzmann law:

$$F = \sigma_b T^4 = \pi B(T)$$

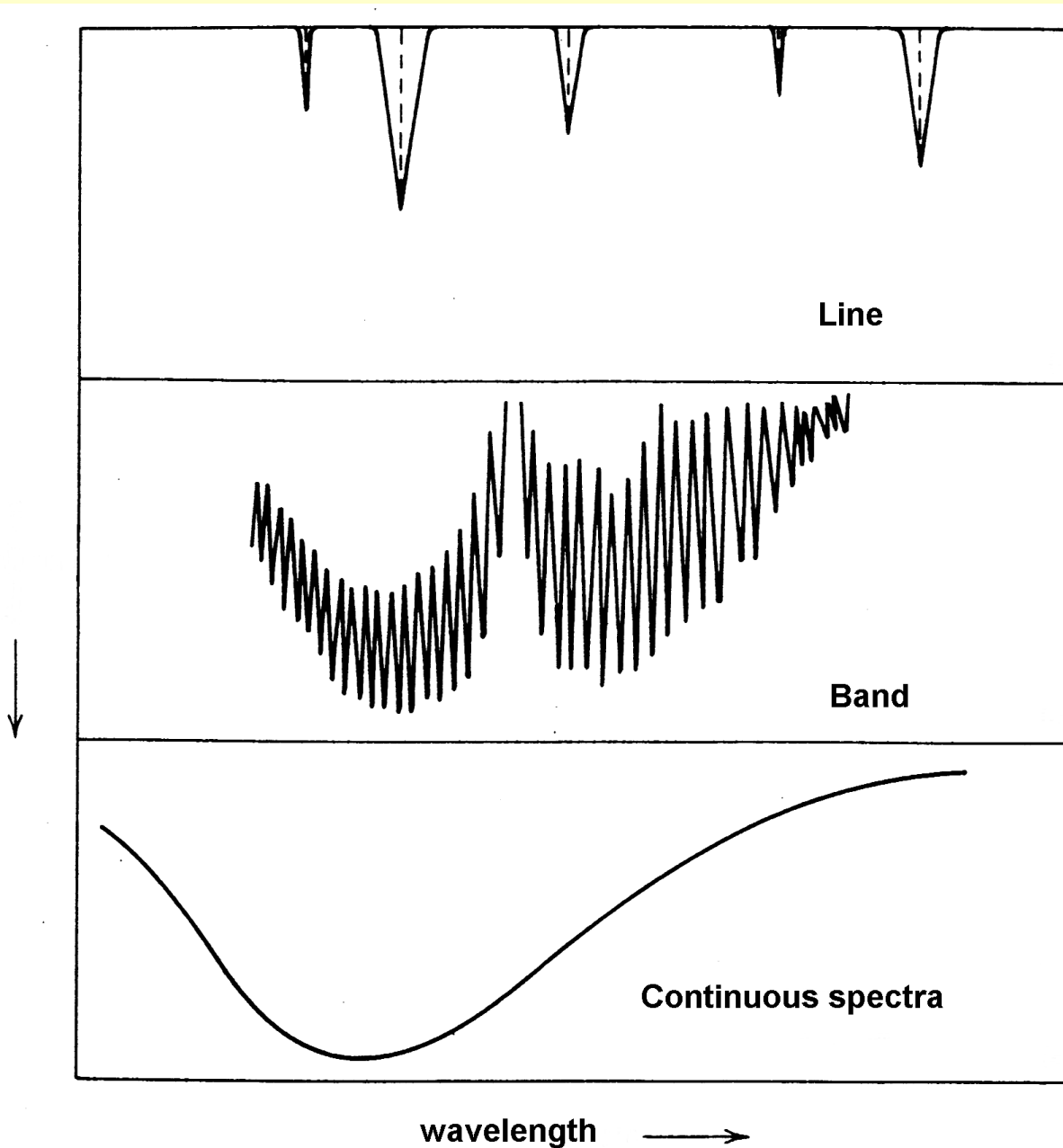
Wien displacement law:

$$\lambda_m = 2898 / T$$

Kirchhoff law:

$$\epsilon_\lambda = A_\lambda$$

Molecular Absorption/Emission Spectra



Lorentz profile of a spectral line is used to characterize the **pressure broadening** and is defined as:

$$f_L(\nu - \nu_0) = \frac{\alpha / \pi}{(\nu - \nu_0)^2 + \alpha^2}$$

α is the half-width of a line at the half maximum (in cm^{-1}), (often called the **line width**)

$$\alpha(P, T) = \alpha_0 \frac{P}{P_0} \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right)^n$$

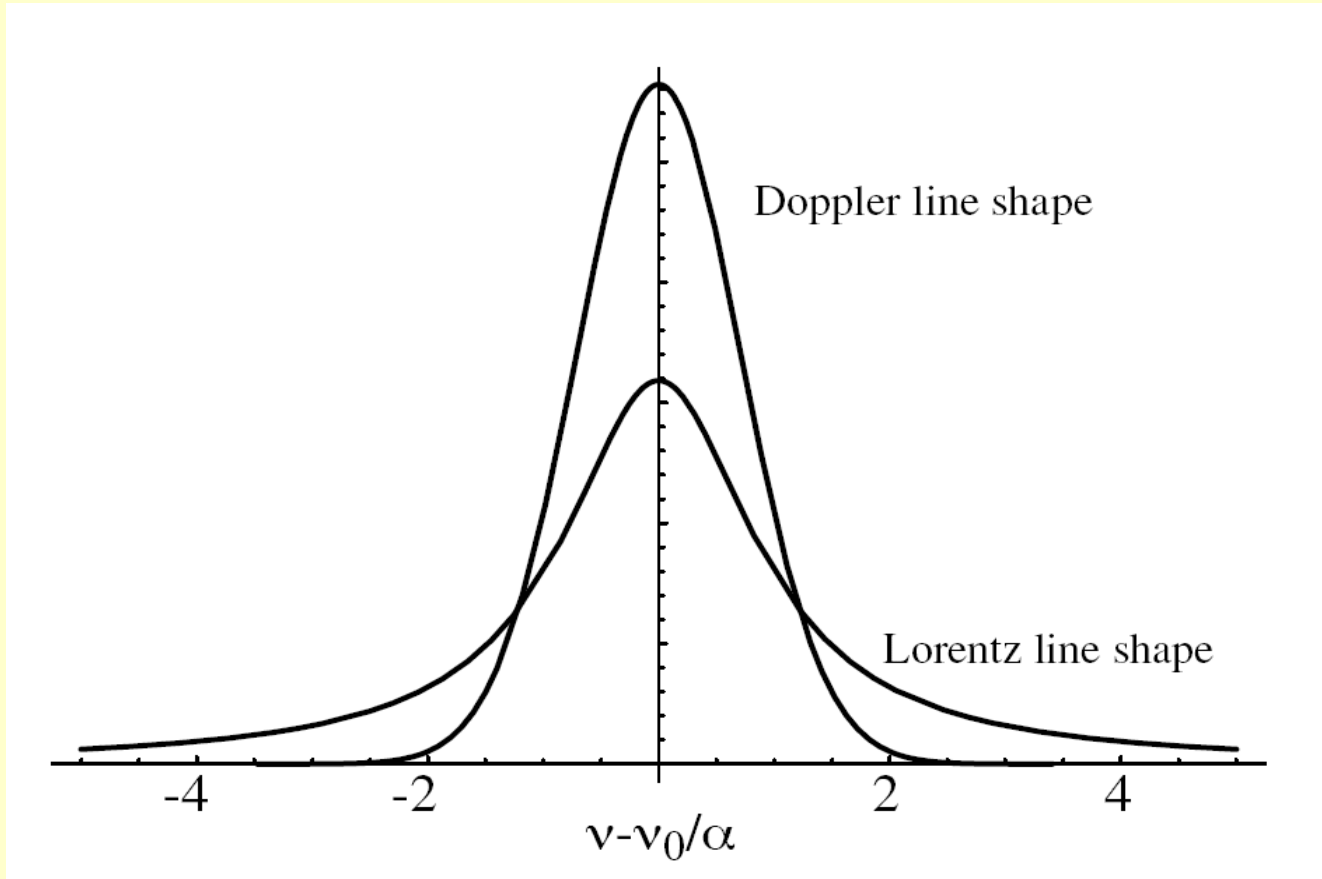
Doppler profile is defined in the absence of collision effects (i.e., no pressure broadening) as:

$$f_D(\nu - \nu_0) = \frac{1}{\alpha_D \sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left[- \left(\frac{\nu - \nu_0}{\alpha_D} \right)^2 \right]$$

α_D is the **Doppler line width**

$$\alpha_D = \frac{\nu_0}{c} (2k_B T / m)^{1/2}$$

Comparison of the Doppler and Lorentz profiles for equivalent line strengths and widths.



Absorption coefficient is defined by the position, strength, and shape of a spectral line:

$$k_{a,\nu} = S f(\nu - \nu_0)$$

$$S = \int k_{a,\nu} d\nu$$

$$\int f(\nu - \nu_0) d\nu = 1$$

Dependencies:

S depends on **T**;

$f(\nu - \nu_0, \alpha)$ depends on the line halfwidth α (**p**, **T**), which depends on pressure and temperature.

Path length (or **path**) is defined as the amount of an absorber along the path

If the amount of an absorber is given in terms of mass density, **path length** is

$$u = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \rho(s) ds$$

Homogeneous absorption path:

when $k_{a,\nu}$ does not vary along the path \Rightarrow optical depth is $\tau = k_{a,\nu} u$

Inhomogeneous absorption path: $k_{a,\nu}$ varies along the path

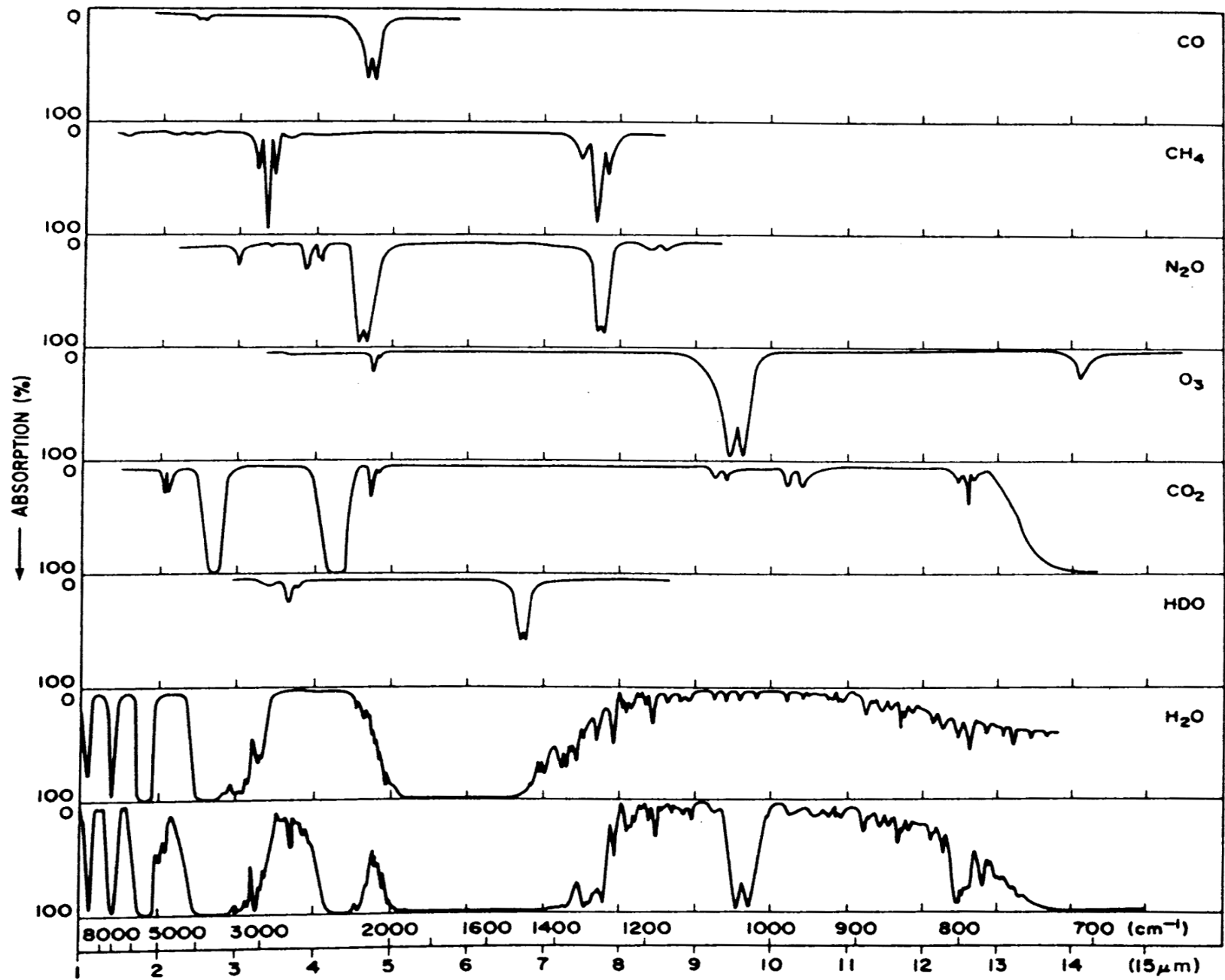
$$\tau = \int_{u_1}^{u_2} k_{a,\nu} du$$

Absorbing gas (path length u)	Absorption coefficient	Line intensity (S)
cm	cm⁻¹	cm⁻²
g cm⁻²	cm² g⁻¹	cm g⁻¹
molecule cm⁻²	cm²/molecule	cm/molecule
cm atm	(cm atm)⁻¹	cm⁻² atm⁻¹

Monochromatic transmittance and absorbance

$$T_\nu = \exp(-\tau_\nu)$$

$$A_\nu = 1 - T_\nu = 1 - \exp(-\tau_\nu)$$



Spectral intensity = intensity averaged over a very narrow interval that B_ν is almost constant but the interval is large enough to consist of several absorption lines.

Narrow-band intensity = intensity averaged over a narrow band which includes a lot of lines;

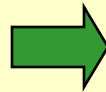
Broad-band intensity = intensity averaged over a broad band (e.g., over a whole longwave region)

$$T_{\bar{\nu}}(u) = \frac{1}{\Delta\nu} \int_{\Delta\nu} T_\nu(\tau) d\nu = \frac{1}{\Delta\nu} \int_{\Delta\nu} \exp(-\tau_\nu) d\nu = \frac{1}{\Delta\nu} \int_{\Delta\nu} \exp(-k_\nu u) d\nu$$

$$A_{\bar{\nu}} = 1 - T_{\bar{\nu}}(u) = \frac{1}{\Delta\nu} \int_{\Delta\nu} (1 - \exp(-\tau_\nu)) d\nu = \frac{1}{\Delta\nu} \int_{\Delta\nu} (1 - \exp(-k_\nu u)) d\nu$$

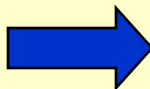
The solutions of the radiative transfer equation for the **monochromatic upward and downward intensities** in the IR for a plane-parallel atmosphere consisting of absorbing gases (no scattering):

$$I_{\nu}^{\uparrow}(\tau; \mu) = I_{\nu}^{\uparrow}(\tau_*; \mu) \exp\left(-\frac{\tau_* - \tau}{\mu}\right) + \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{\tau}^{\tau_*} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau' - \tau}{\mu}\right) B_{\nu}(T(\tau')) d\tau'$$



$$I_{\nu}^{\uparrow}(\tau; \mu) = B_{\nu}(\tau^*) \exp\left(-\frac{\tau^* - \tau}{\mu}\right) + \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{\tau}^{\tau^*} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau' - \tau}{\mu}\right) B_{\nu}(\tau') d\tau'$$

$$I_{\nu}^{\downarrow}(\tau; -\mu) = I_{\nu}^{\downarrow}(0; -\mu) \exp\left(-\frac{\tau}{\mu}\right) + \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^{\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau - \tau'}{\mu}\right) B_{\nu}(T(\tau')) d\tau'$$



$$I_{\nu}^{\downarrow}(\tau; -\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^{\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau - \tau'}{\mu}\right) B_{\nu}(\tau') d\tau'$$

For isothermal atmosphere and black body surface

$$I_{\nu}^{\uparrow}(0; \mu) = B_{\nu}(\tau^*) \exp\left(-\frac{\tau^*}{\mu}\right) + B_{\nu}(T_{eff}) \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\tau^*}{\mu}\right)\right]$$

For fluxes – see 4.6.2 pp.154-157

Monochromatic **net flux** (net power per area) at a given height

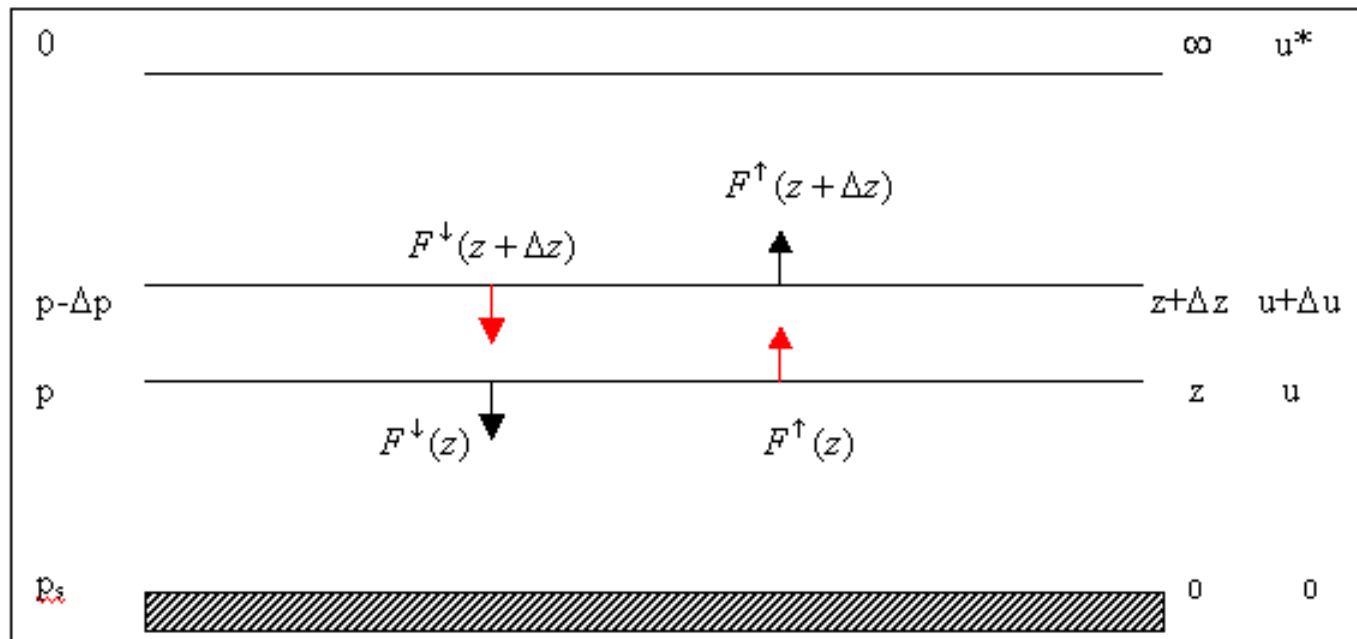
$$F_{\nu}(z) = F_{\nu}^{\uparrow}(z) - F_{\nu}^{\downarrow}(z)$$

and total **net flux**

$$F(z) = F^{\uparrow}(z) - F^{\downarrow}(z)$$

Introducing the net flux $F(z+\Delta z)$ at the level $z+\Delta z$, the **net flux divergence** for the layer Δz is

$$\Delta F = F(z + \Delta z) - F(z)$$



$F(z+\Delta z) < F(z)$ (hence $\Delta F < 0$) \Rightarrow a layer gains radiative energy
 \Rightarrow heating

$F(z+\Delta z) > F(z)$ (hence $\Delta F > 0$) \Rightarrow a layer losses radiative energy
 \Rightarrow cooling

The IR **radiative heating (or cooling) rate** is defined as the rate of temperature change of the layer dz due to IR radiative energy gain (or loss):

$$\left(\frac{dT}{dt} \right)_{IR} = - \frac{1}{c_p \rho} \frac{dF_{net}}{dz} = \frac{g}{c_p} \frac{dF_{net}}{dp}$$

where c_p is the specific heat at the constant pressure

($c_p = 1004.67$ J/kg/K) and ρ is the air density in a given layer.

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EXAMPLE Calculate longwave cooling at night for an atmospheric layer from 0 to 1 km using the upwelling and downwelling fluxes calculated with MODTRAN for US Standard Atmosphere 1976.

Altitude (km)	IR Upwelling flux (W/m ²)	IR Downwelling flux (W/m ²)
0	390	285
1	375	250

SOLUTION:

Need to find net fluxes at each altitude

$$F(z) = F^{\uparrow}(z) - F^{\downarrow}(z)$$

$$\text{At 0 km: } F_{\text{net}} = 390 - 285 = 105 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$\text{At 1 km: } F_{\text{net}} = 375 - 250 = 125 \text{ W/m}^2$$

Thus $\Delta F = 20 \text{ W/m}^2$

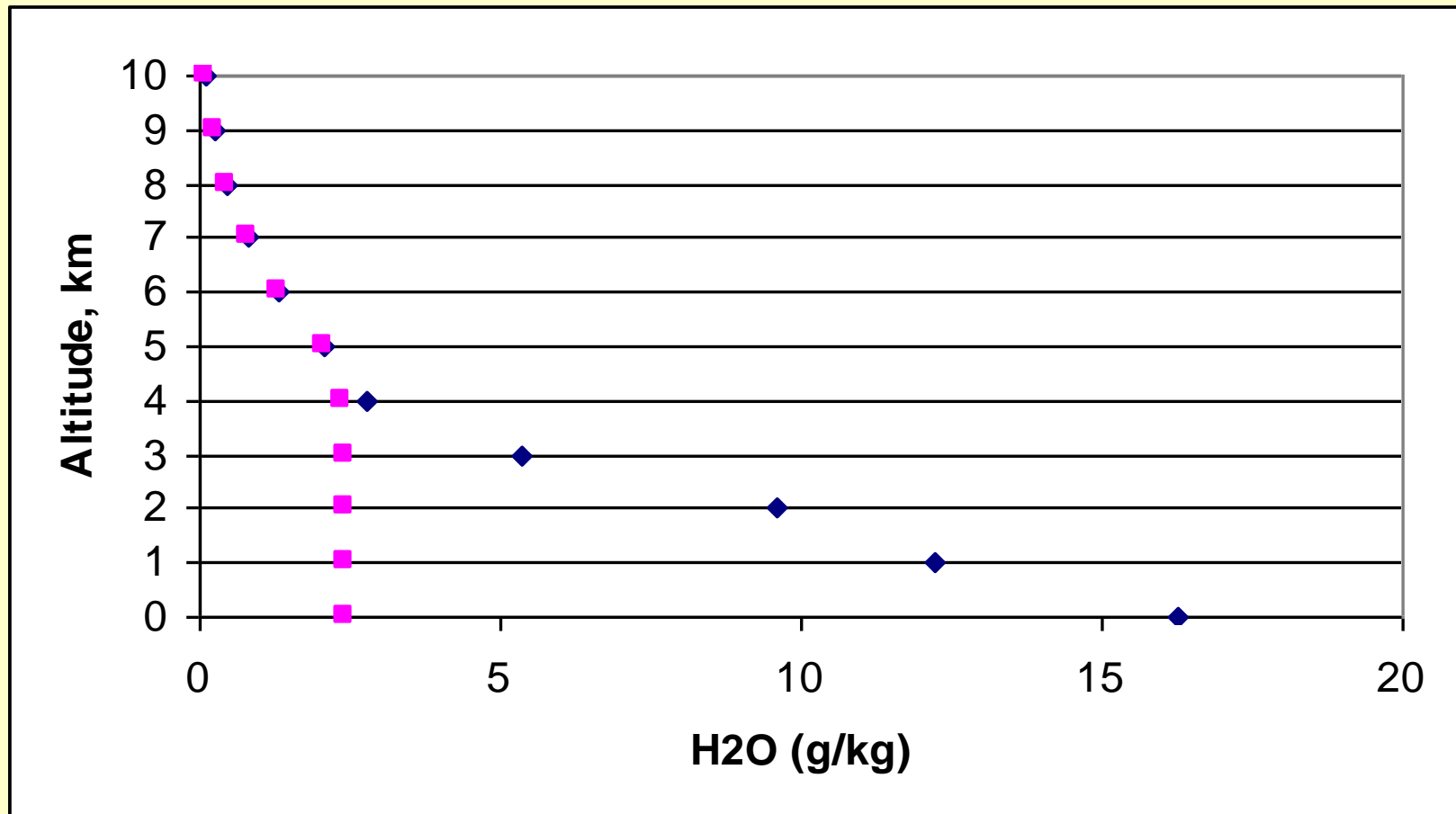
$$\left(\frac{dT}{dt} \right)_{\text{IR}} = - \frac{1}{c_p \rho} \frac{dF_{\text{net}}}{dz} = \frac{-20 \text{ Js}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}}{(1.17 \text{ kg / m}^3)(1004 \text{ Jkg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1})(1000 \text{ m})}$$

$$\underline{\underline{dT/dt = -1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K/s} = -1.5 \text{ K/day}}}$$

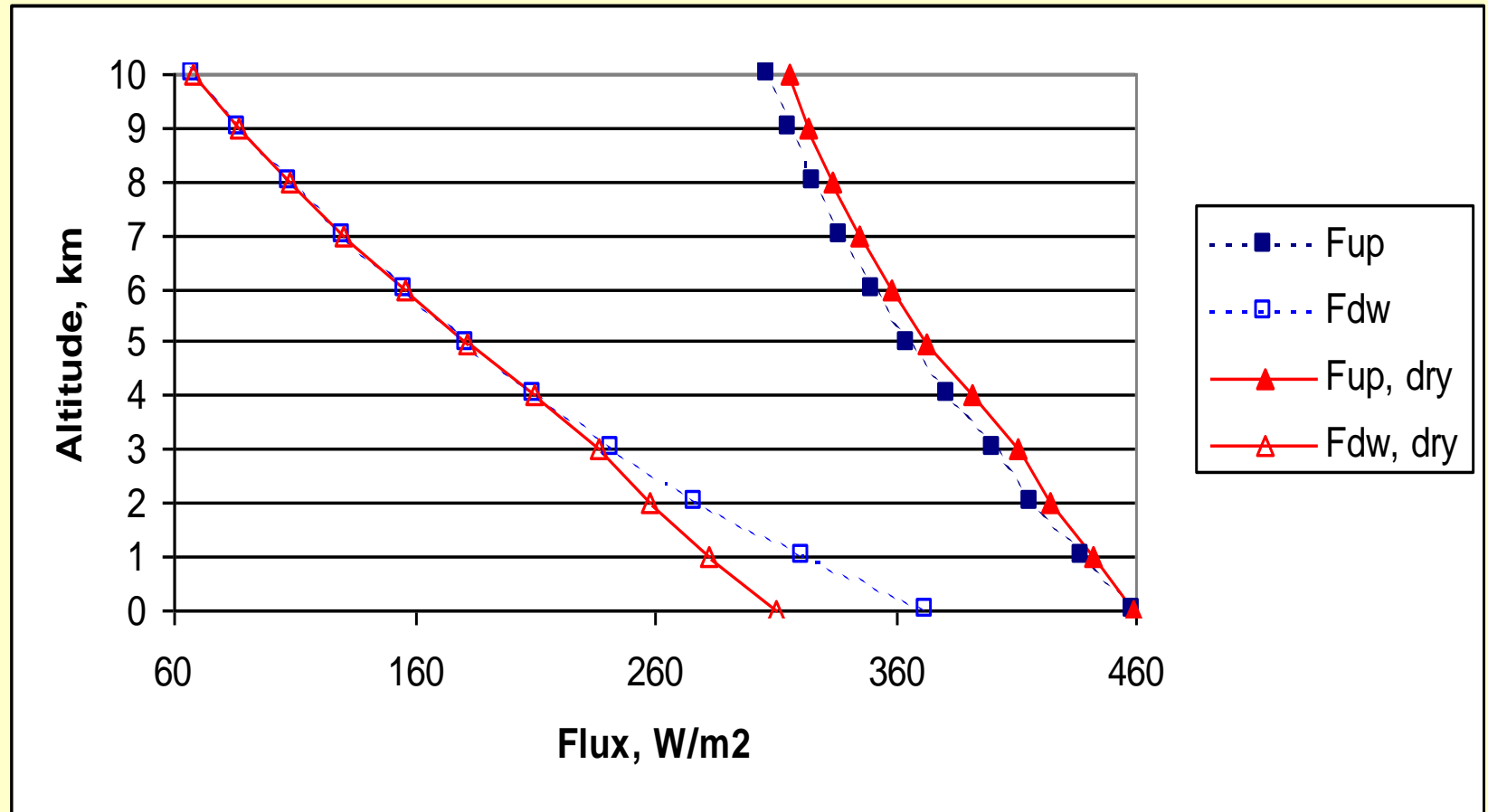
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Effect of the varying amount of a gas on IR radiation under the same atmospheric condition

Consider the standard tropical atmosphere and “dry” tropical atmosphere:
same atmospheric characteristics, except the amount of H₂O



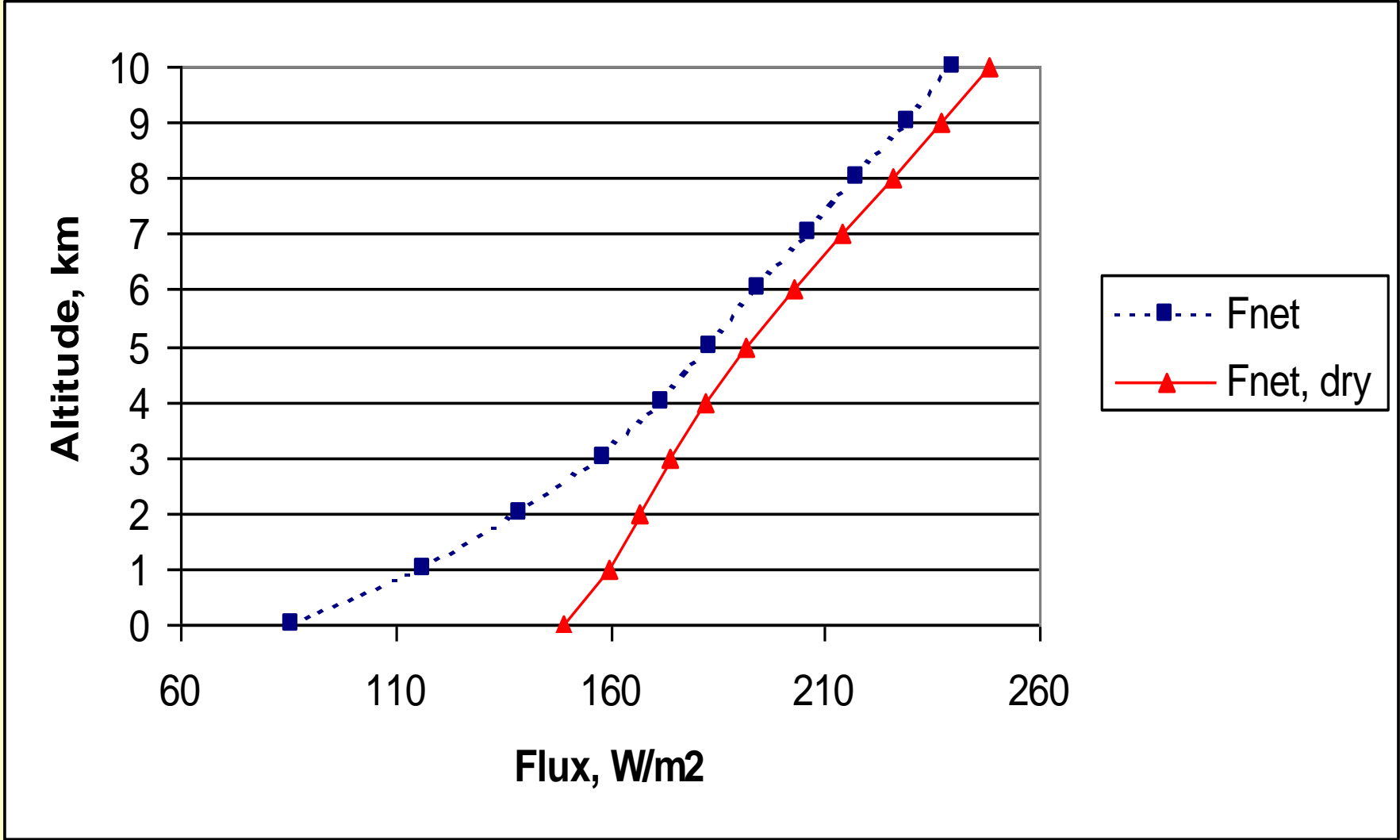
IR fluxes for tropical (dotted lines) and dry tropical atmospheres (solid lines)



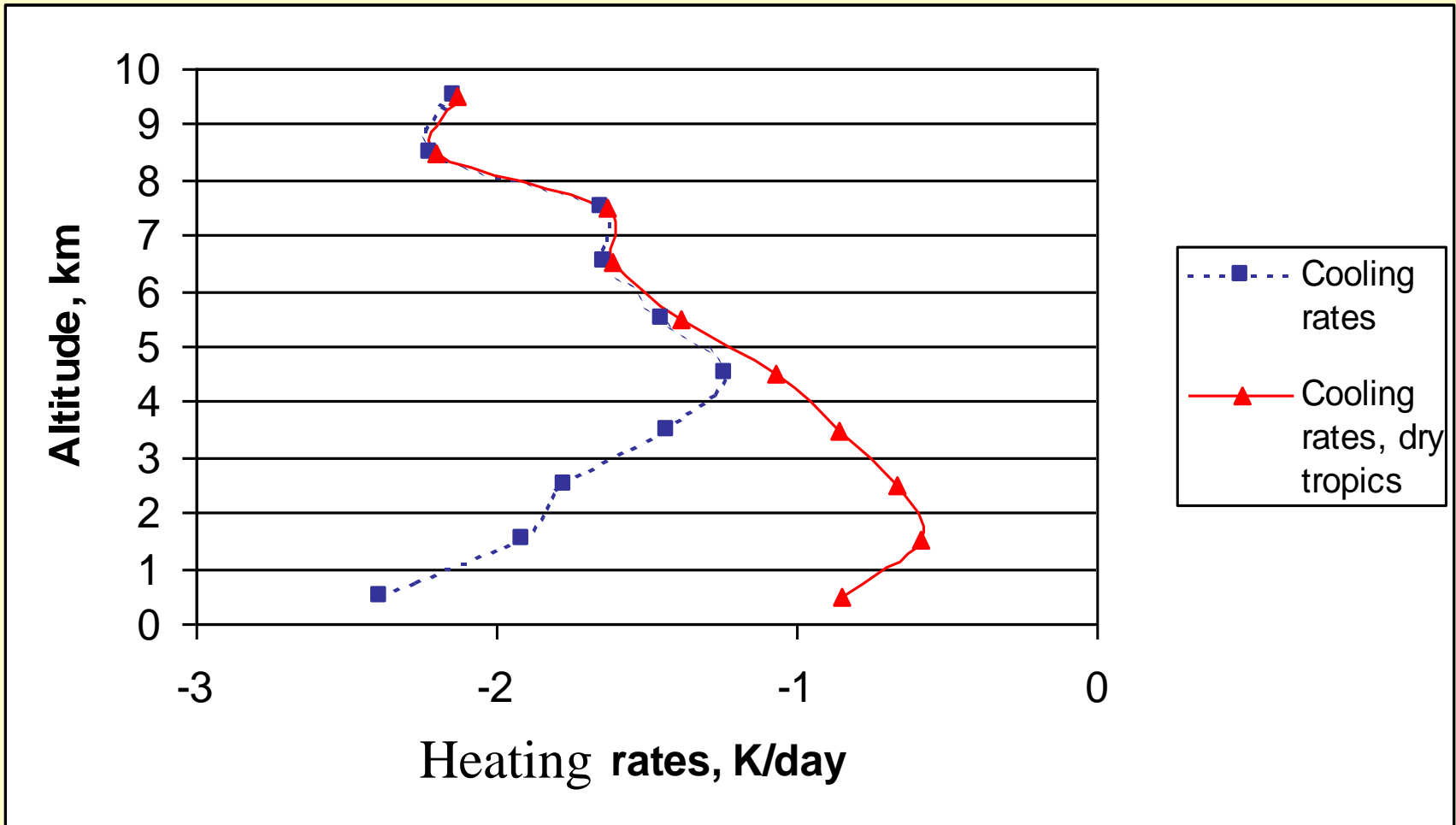
- H₂O increases in a layer $\Rightarrow F^{\downarrow}$ increases because more IR radiation emitted in a layer $\Rightarrow F^{\downarrow}(\text{surface})$ increases
- H₂O increases in a layer $\Rightarrow F^{\uparrow}$ decreases because more IR radiation absorbed but reemitted at the lower temperature $\Rightarrow F^{\uparrow}(\text{TOA})$ decreases
- Increase of an IR absorbing gas contributes to the greenhouse effect.

IR net fluxes for tropical (dotted lines) and

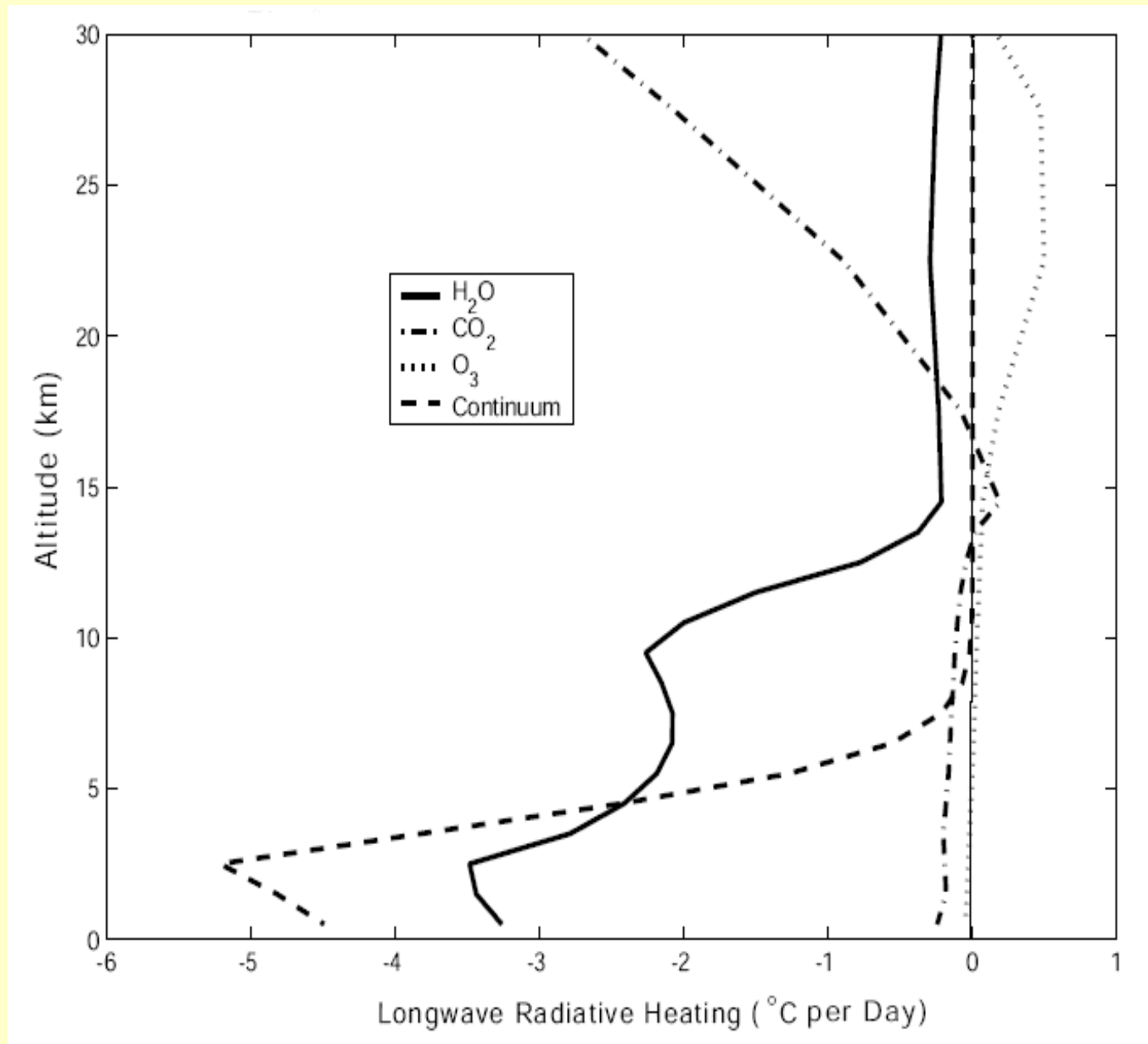
dry tropical atmospheres (solid lines)



IR cooling rates for tropical (dotted lines) and dry tropical atmospheres (solid lines)



IR cooling rates of individual gases:



IR cooling rates in different cloud-free atmospheres:

