

- 1) Solar radiation (SUMMARY);
- 2) A simple earth energy balance model

abc to solar energy

1) Calculate the power per unit area or I ;

$$I(\theta) = \frac{P}{A} = I(0) \cos \theta; \quad I(0) = S.$$

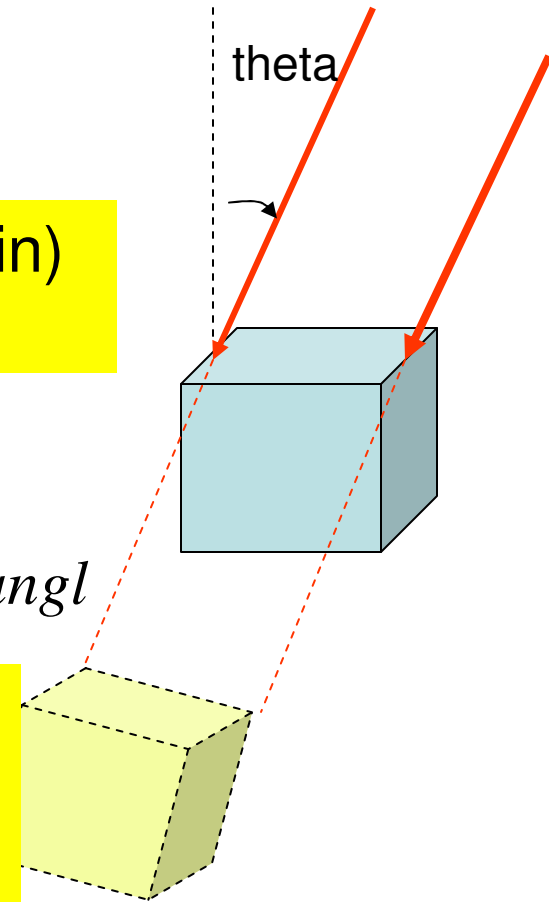
2) The total power P and energy generated E_{in} over time t ;

$$P = S \times \cos \theta \times A; \quad E_{in} = \langle P \rangle \times t.$$

S : solar const. A : area; θ : incident angl

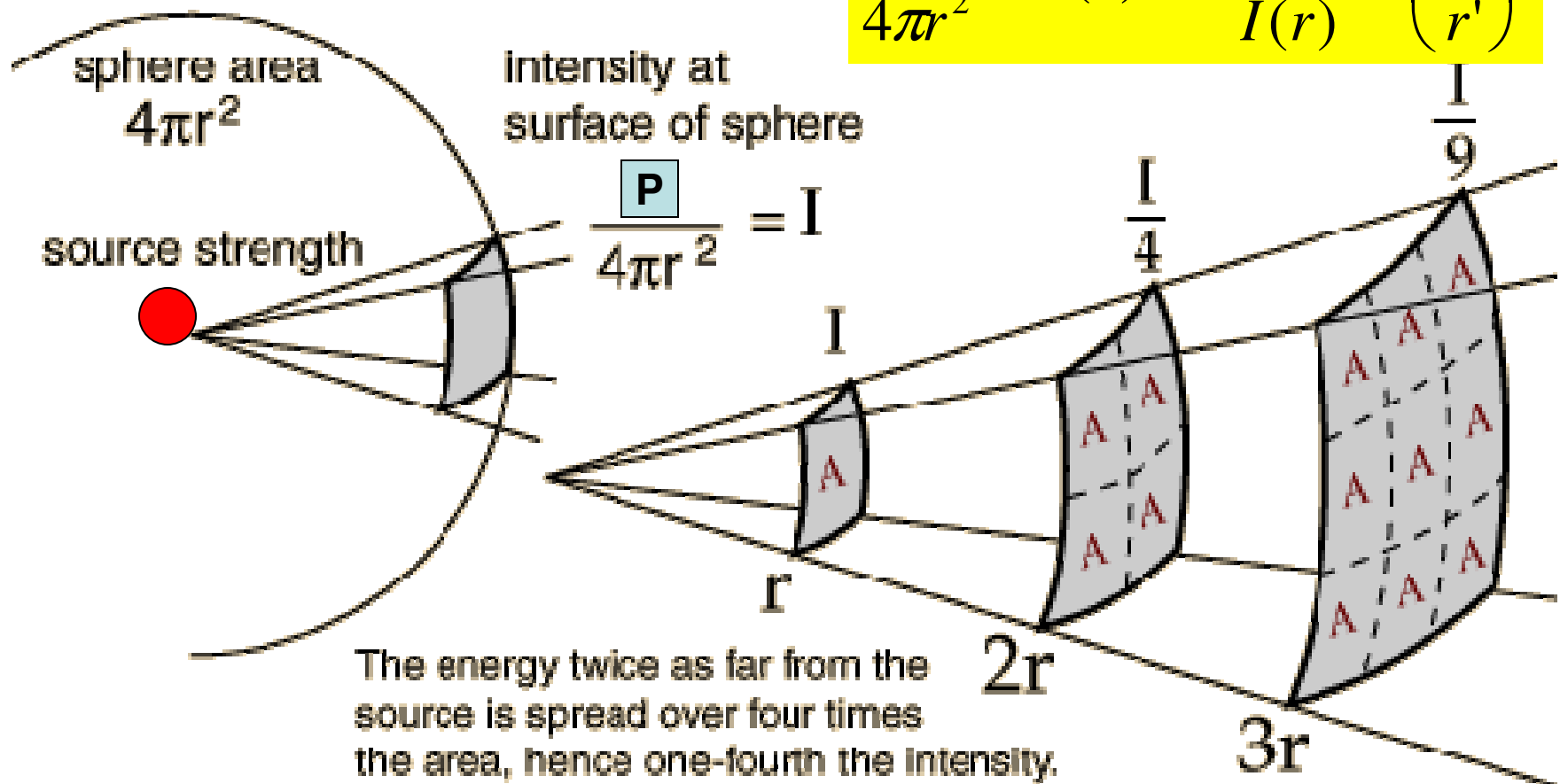
3) How long (t') can the energy be used to power a device (a light or an electric fan etc) with P_{out} Watts?

$$E_{out} = P_{out} \times t' = E_{in}.$$



I (power per unit area) versus distance

$$\frac{P}{4\pi r^2} = I(r) \Rightarrow \frac{I(r')}{I(r)} = \left(\frac{r}{r'}\right)^2$$



Q1

Mastering physics problems are

- 1) too easy;
- 2) too difficult;
- 3) ok.



Q2

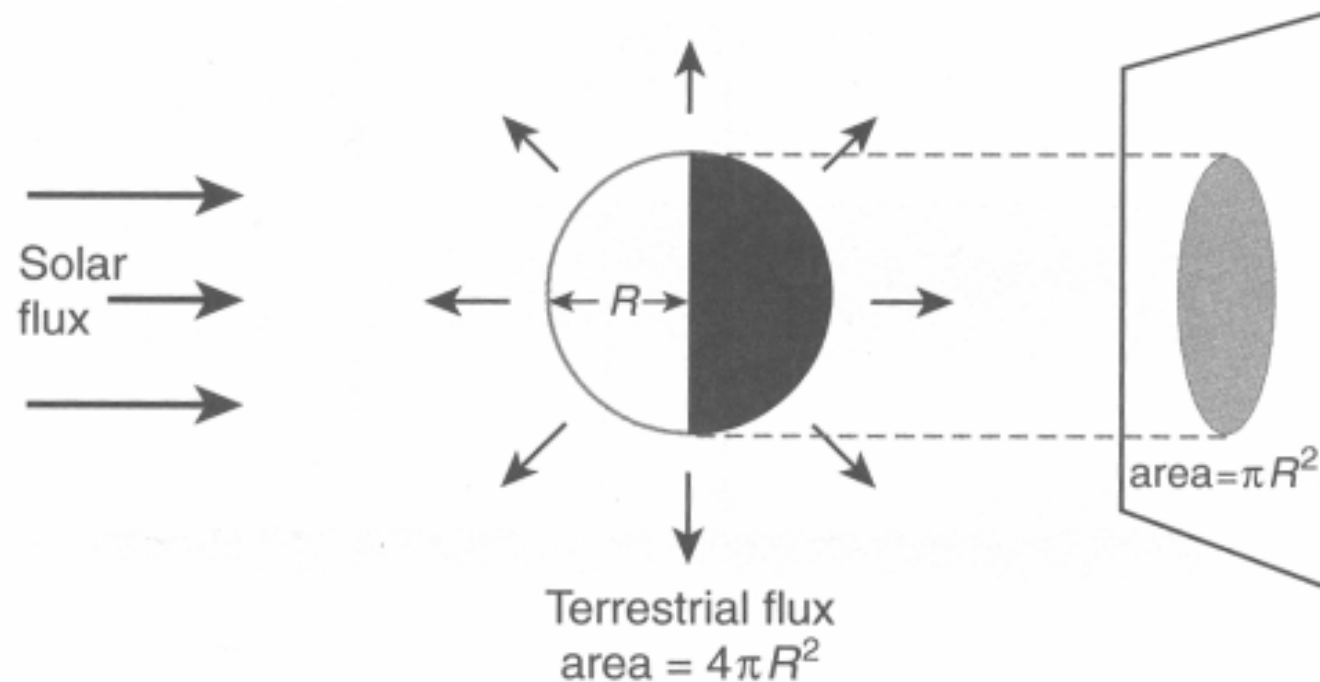
Tutorial problems, I have been able to work out

- 1) Less than 30% of them;
- 2) 30% - 60%;
- 3) 60% - 80%;
- 4) more than 80%.



Power of the incoming radiation

$$P_{\text{in}} = (1-A) S \pi R_{\text{Earth}}^2$$

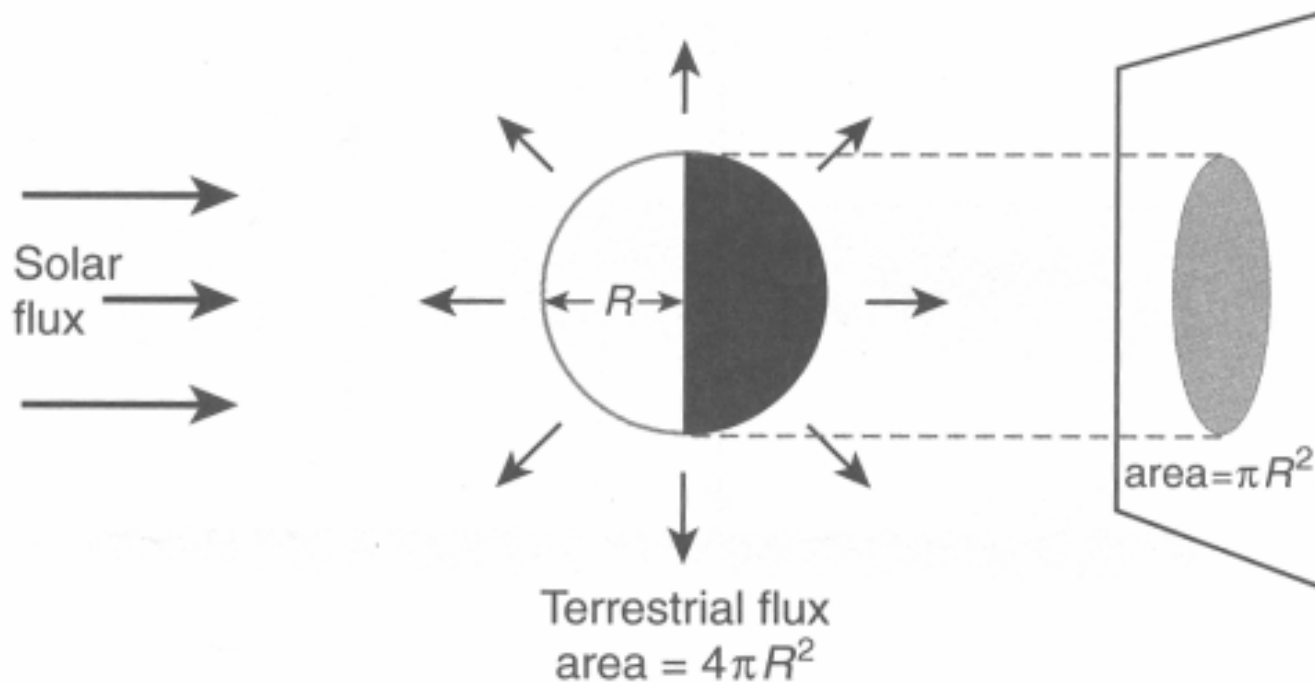


Example from Roland B. Stull, Meteorology for Scientist and Engineers

Radiation of the Earth

- $P_{\text{out}} = \sigma S_{\text{urface}} T_{\text{Earth}}^4$

$$S_{\text{urface}} = 4 \pi R_{\text{Earth}}^2$$



Earth Energy Balance Equation

A Simple model: $P_{\text{in}} = P_{\text{out}}$

$$P_{\text{in}} = (1-A) S \pi R_{\text{Earth}}^2$$

$$P_{\text{out}} = 4\pi R_{\text{Earth}}^2 \sigma T_{\text{Earth}}^4$$

Q1

$$T_{\text{Earth}}^4 = (1-A) S / 4 \sigma$$
$$= (1 - 0.3) 1367 \text{ W/m}^2 / (4 \cdot 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}^4)$$

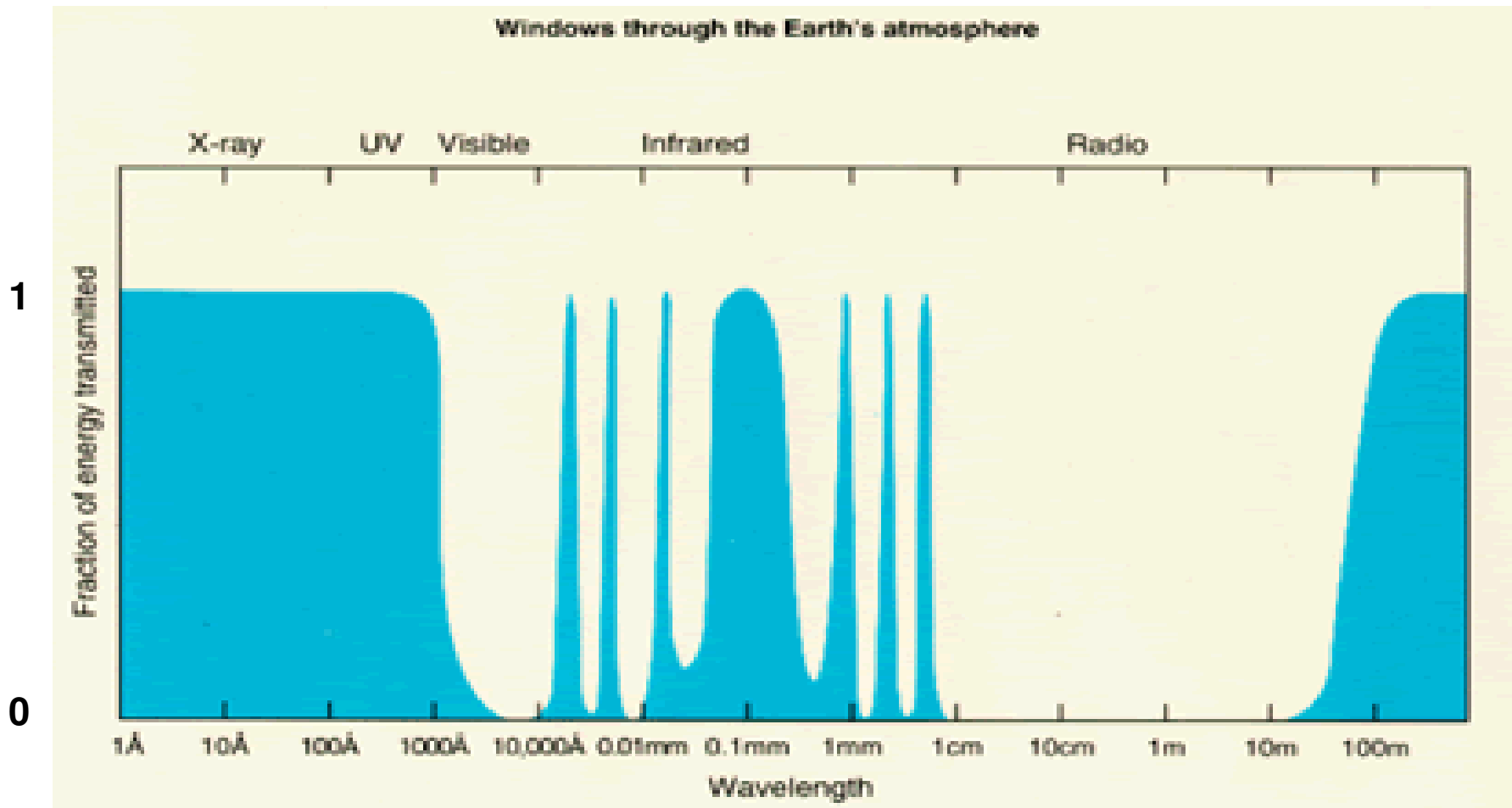
The earth temperature according to this model is

- 1) -100 C;
- 2) -18 C;
- 3) 30 C;
- 4) 100C.



- So we actually obtained a temperature of the Earth as seen from far away – the temperature of the atmosphere, not the surface temperature!!
- What are the effects of atmosphere ??

Atmospheric Absorption



- From: <http://www.everythingweather.com/atmospheric-radiation/absorption.shtml>

Earth Energy Budget Sheet

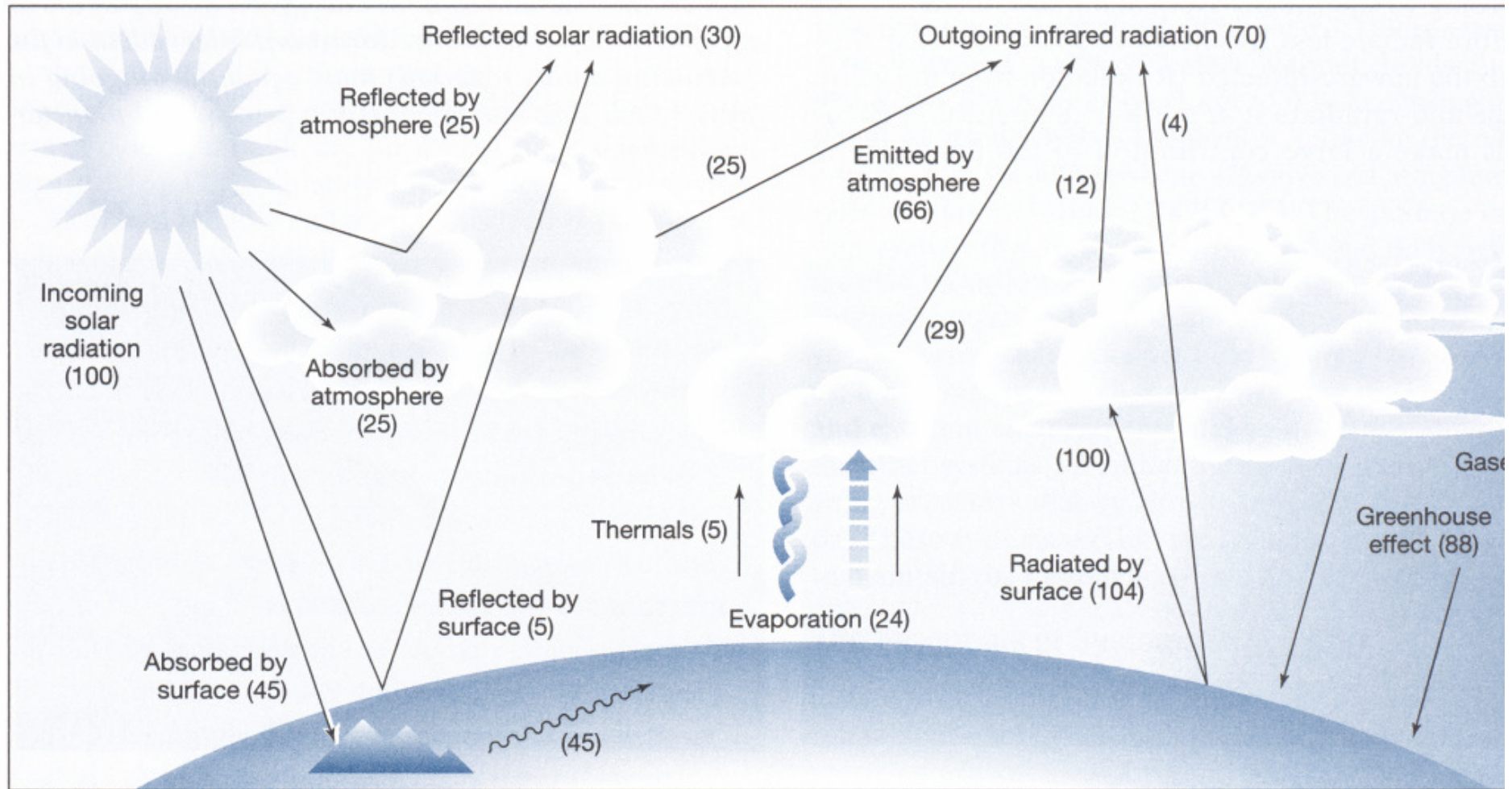
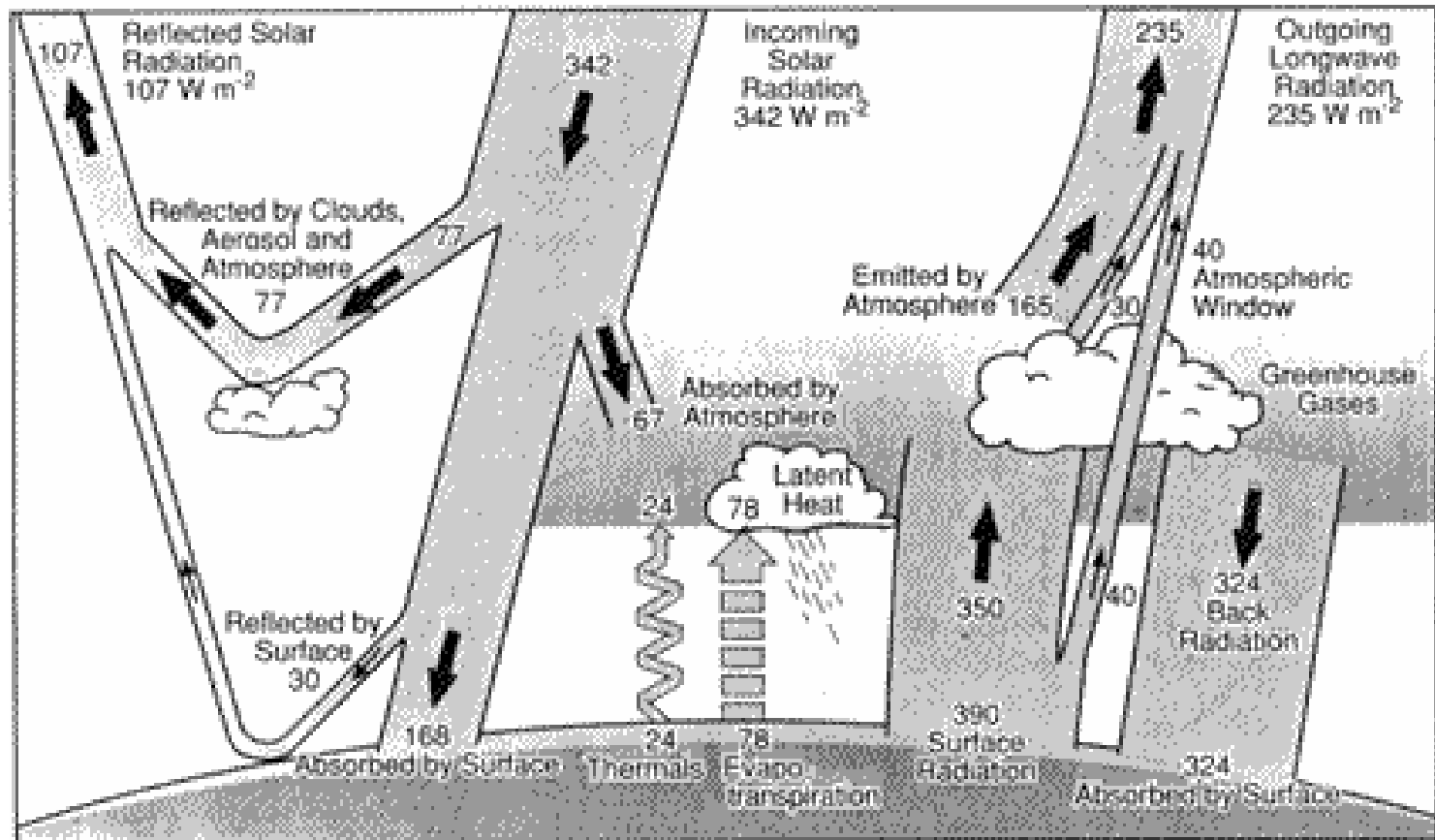


FIGURE 3-19

Earth's globally averaged atmospheric energy budget. All fluxes are normalized relative to 100 arbitrary units of incident radiation. (From Schneider, *Climate Modeling*, Scientific American, 256:5, 72-80, 1987.)

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Green house effect

- 1) **Model one: Glass layer effects on the earth temperature;**
- 2) **Atmospheric model with Green house effect (with Green house gases).**