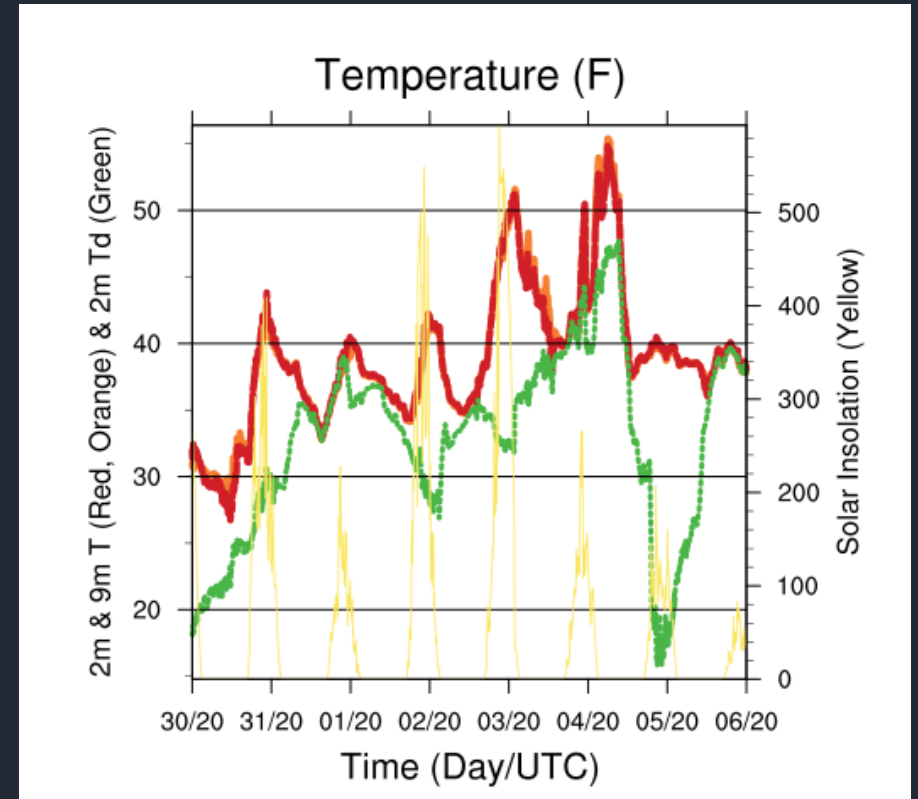


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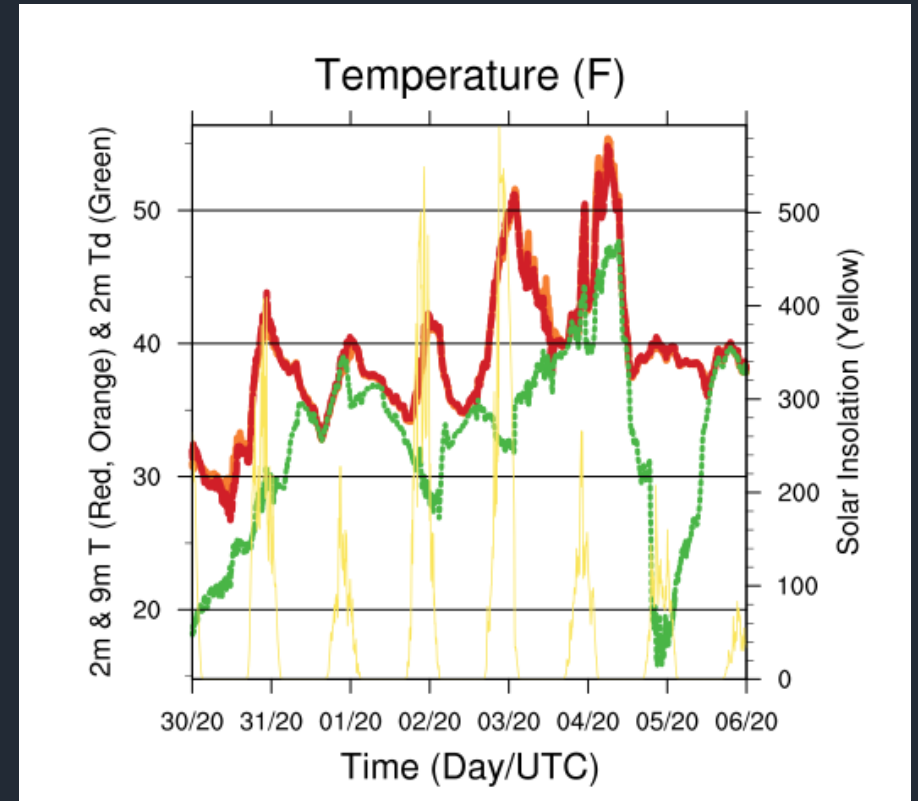
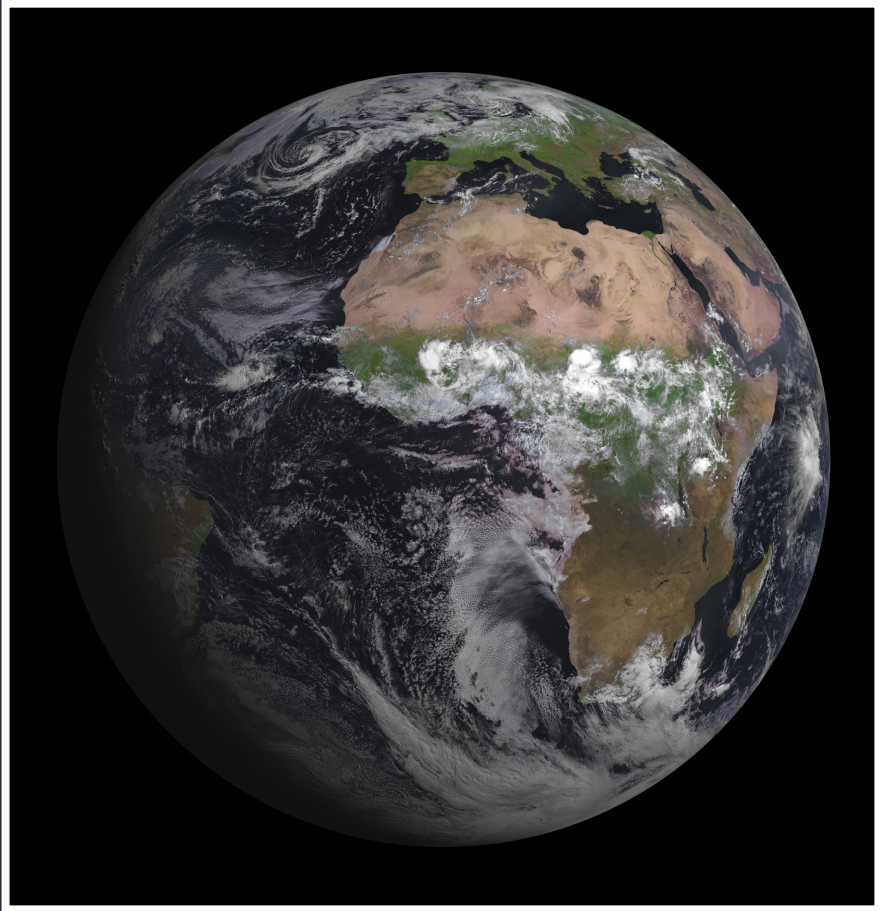
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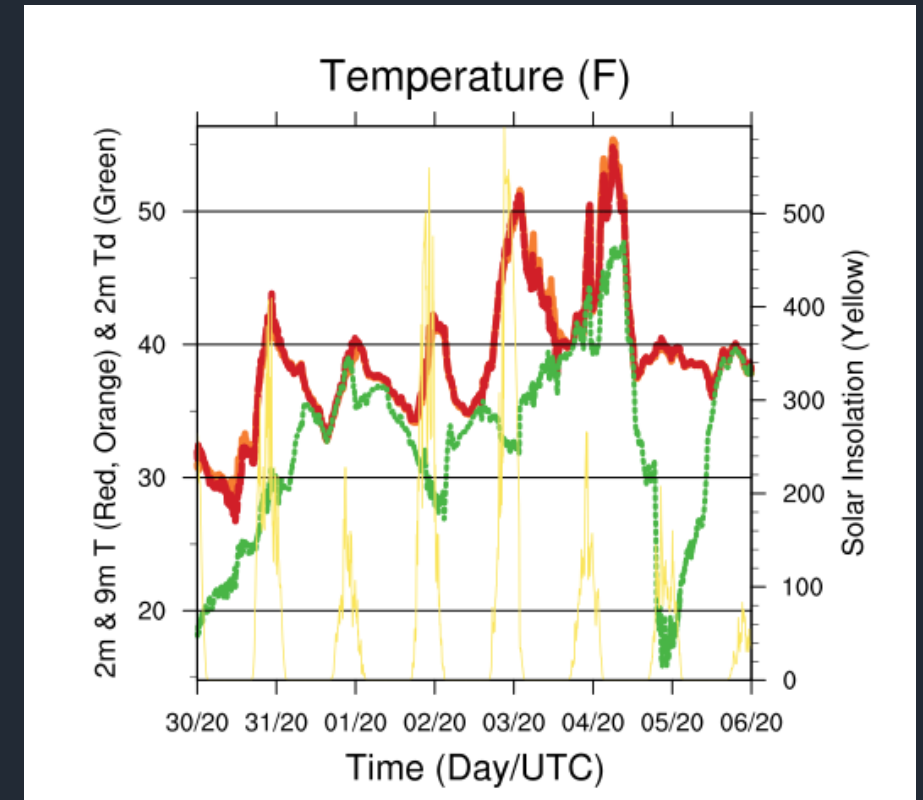
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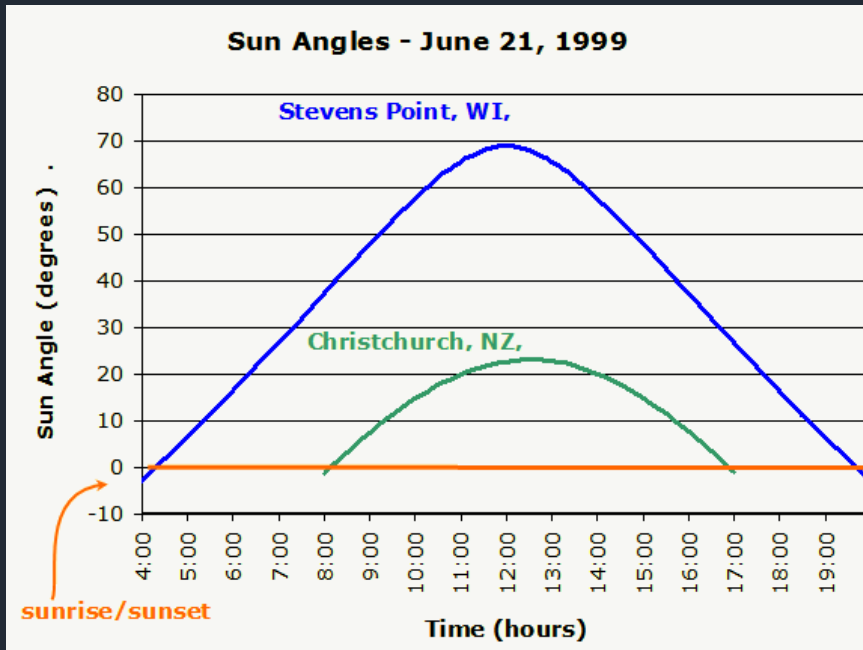


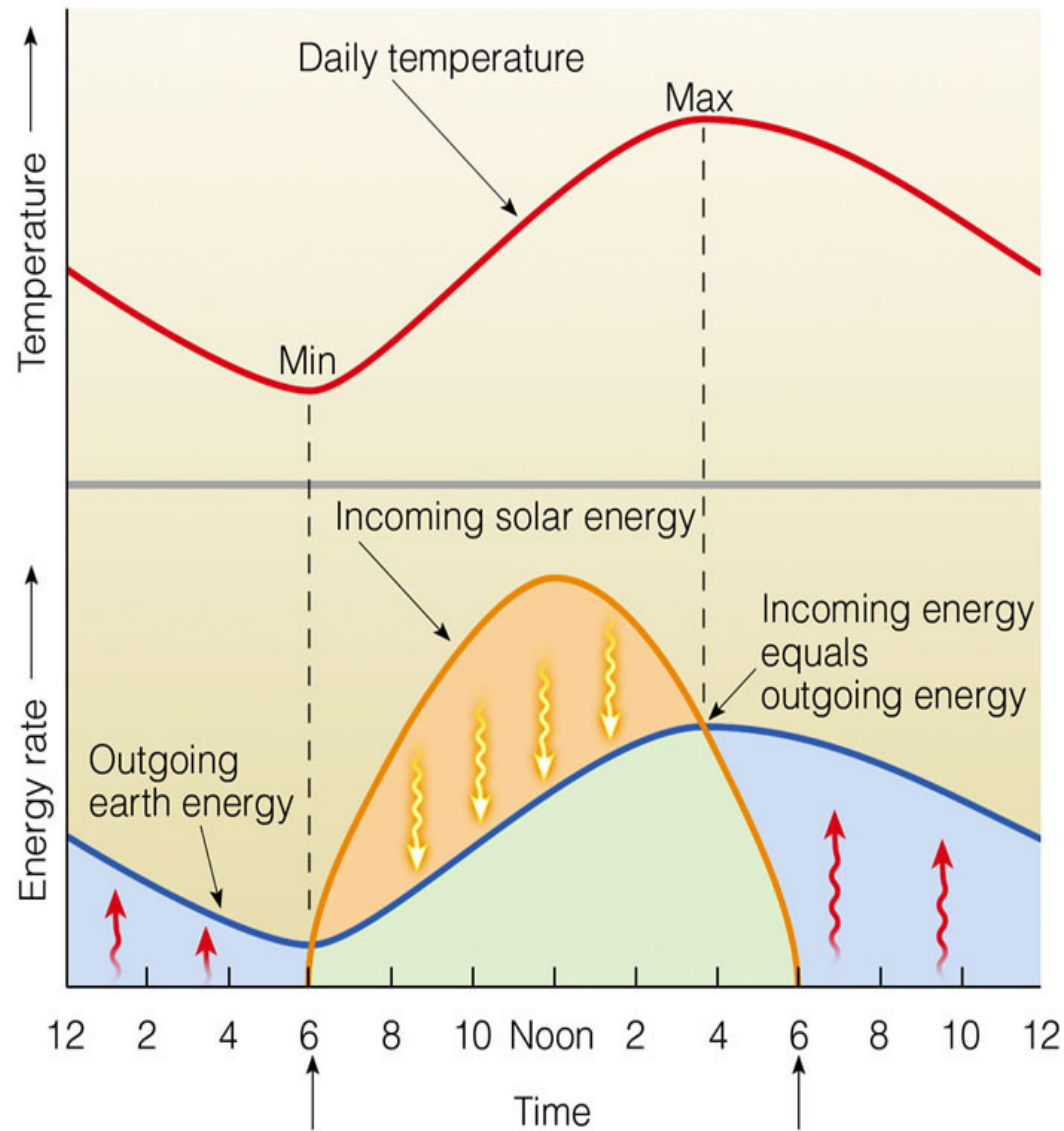


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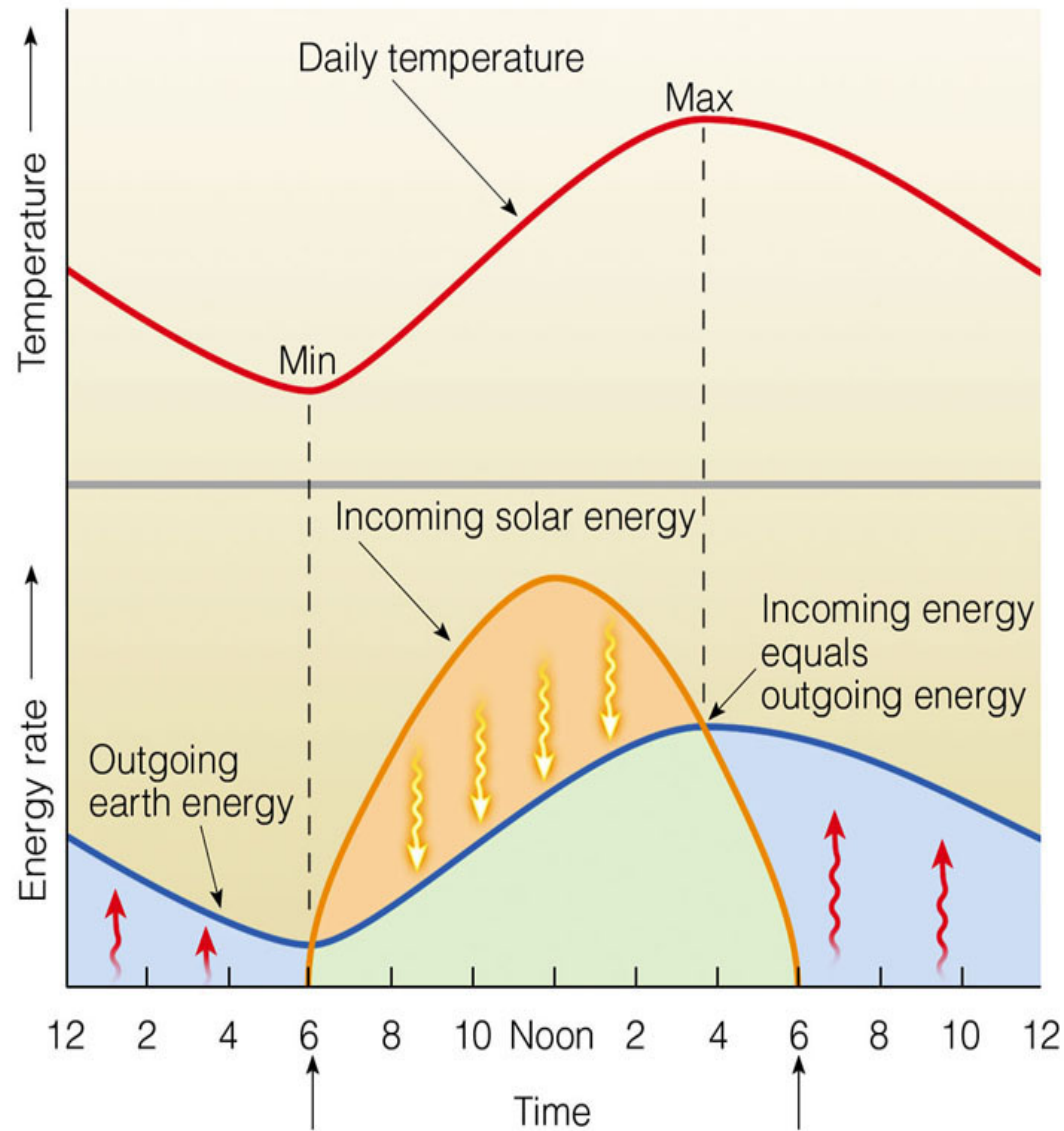


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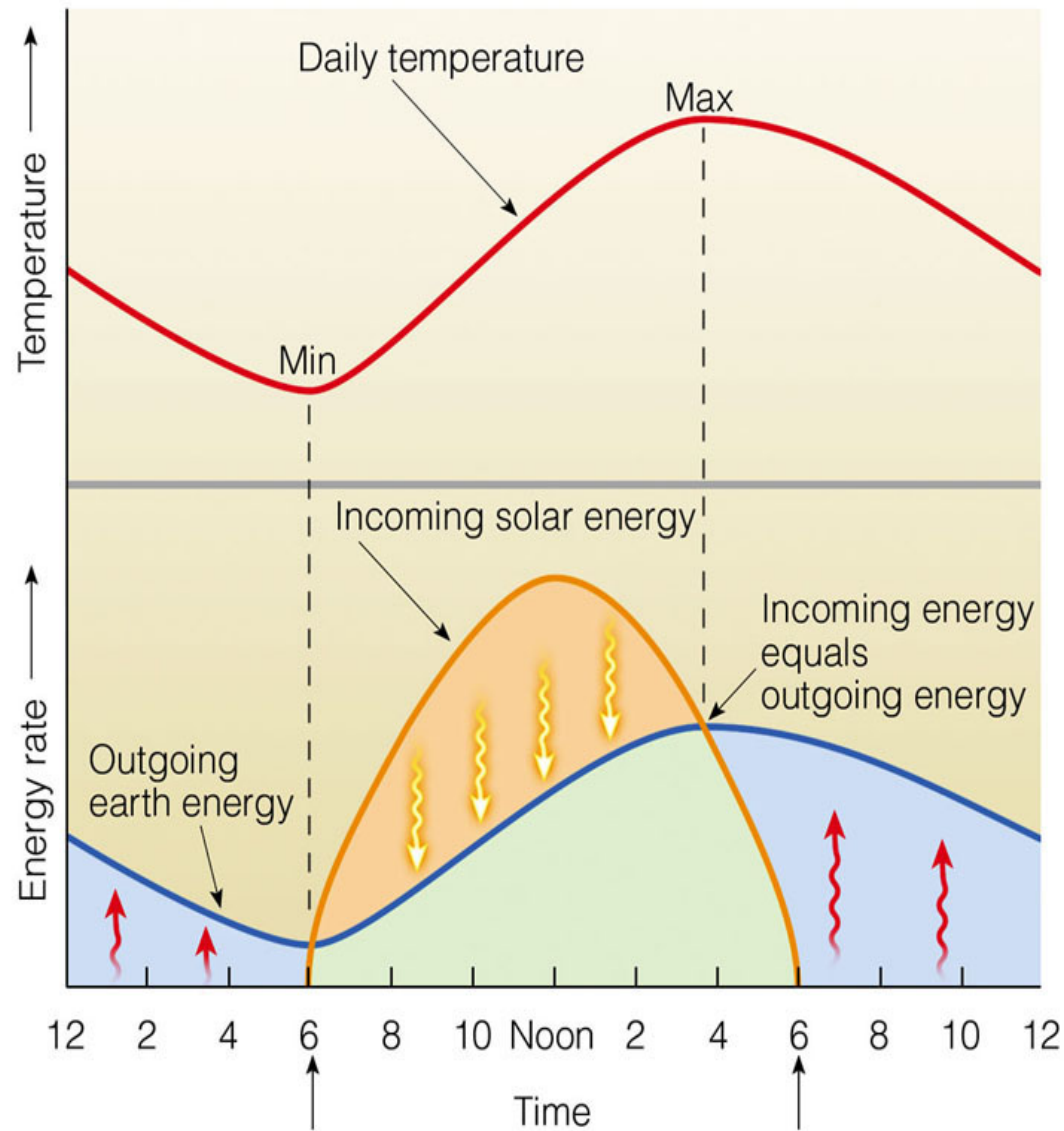




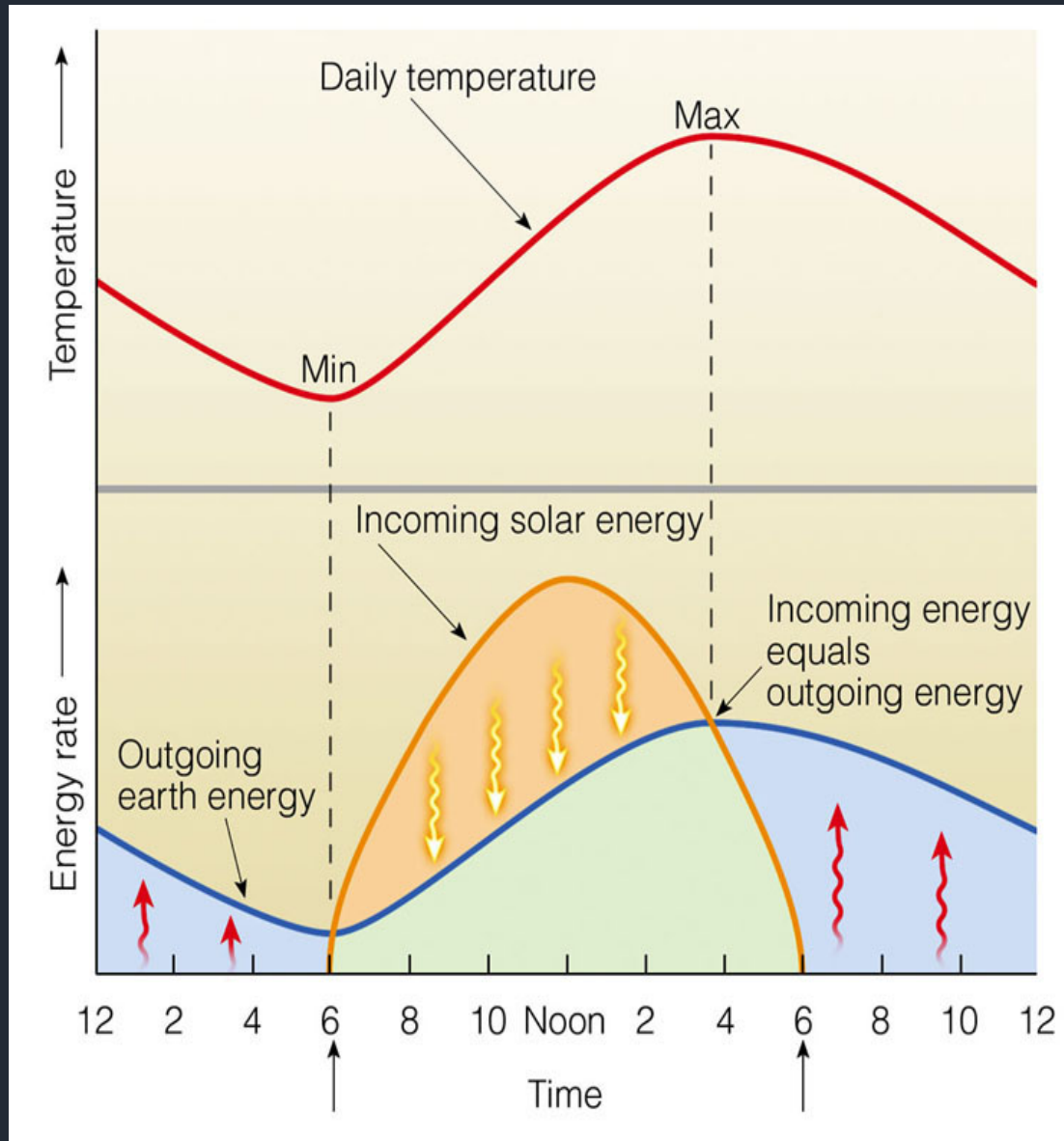
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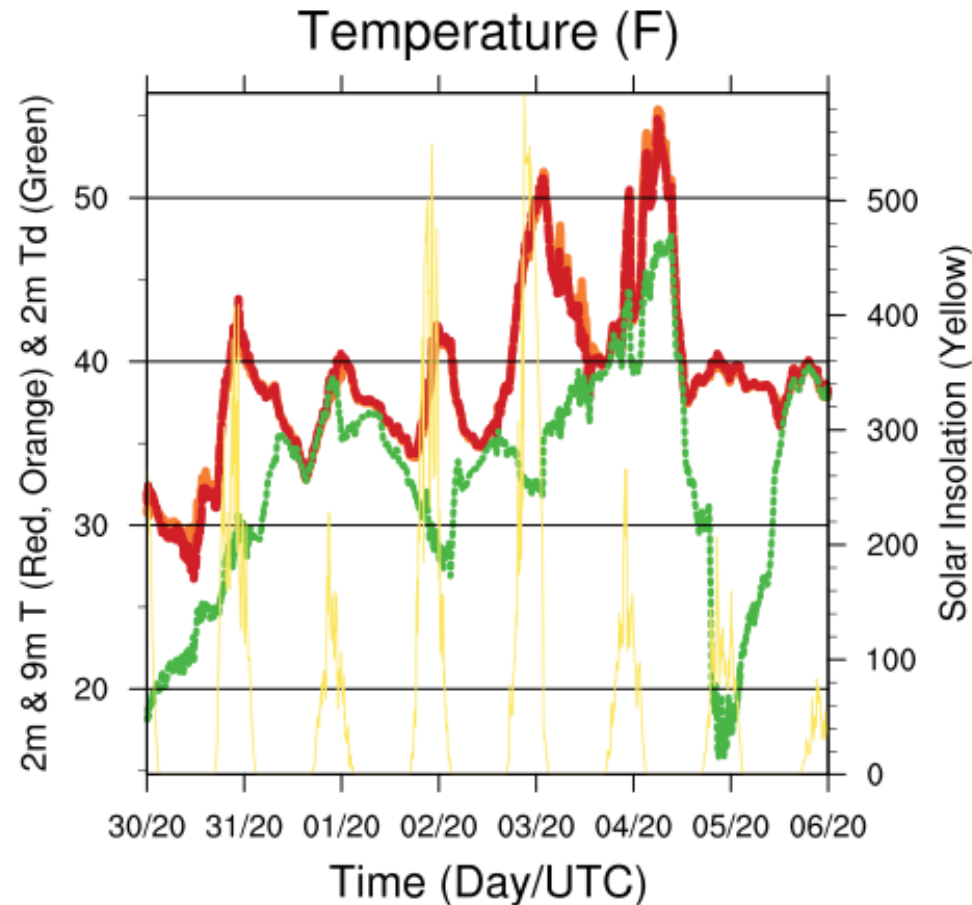


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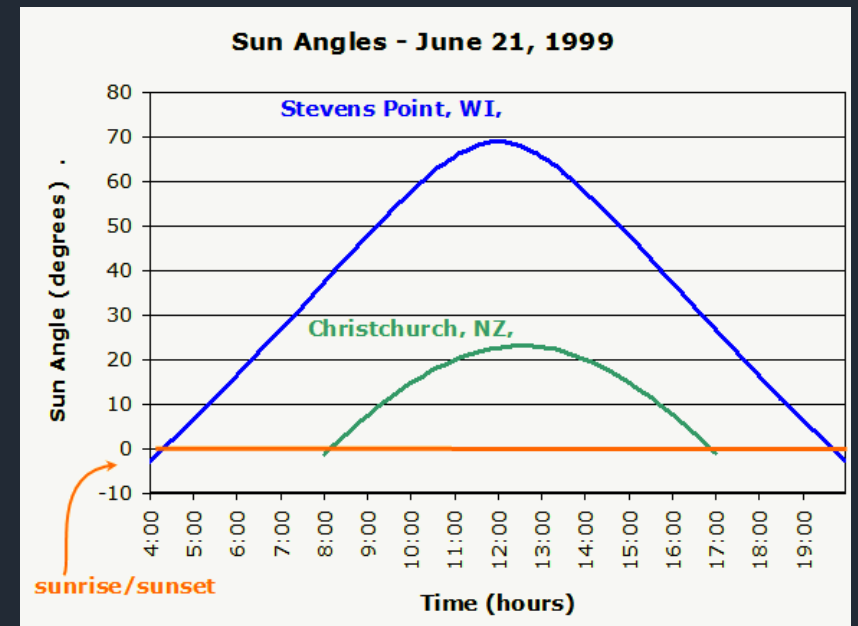


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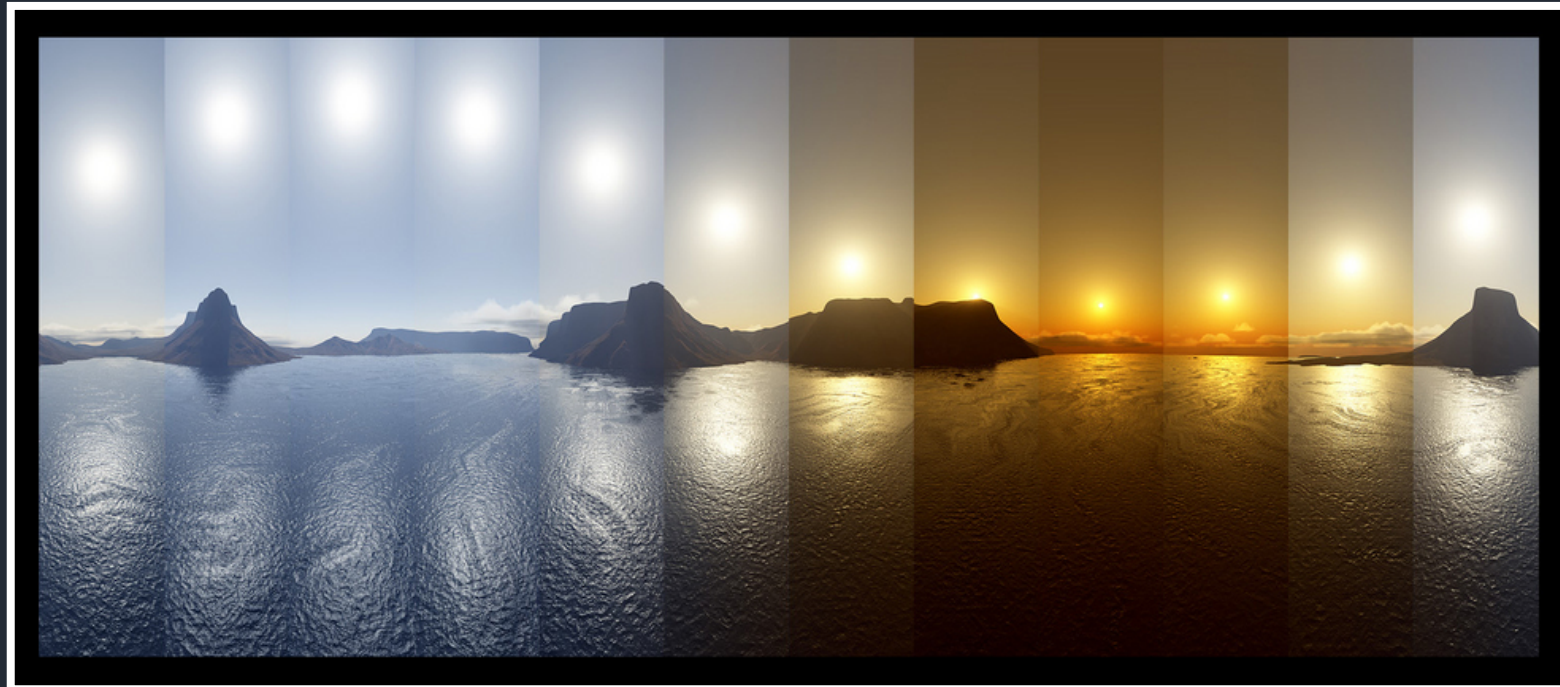
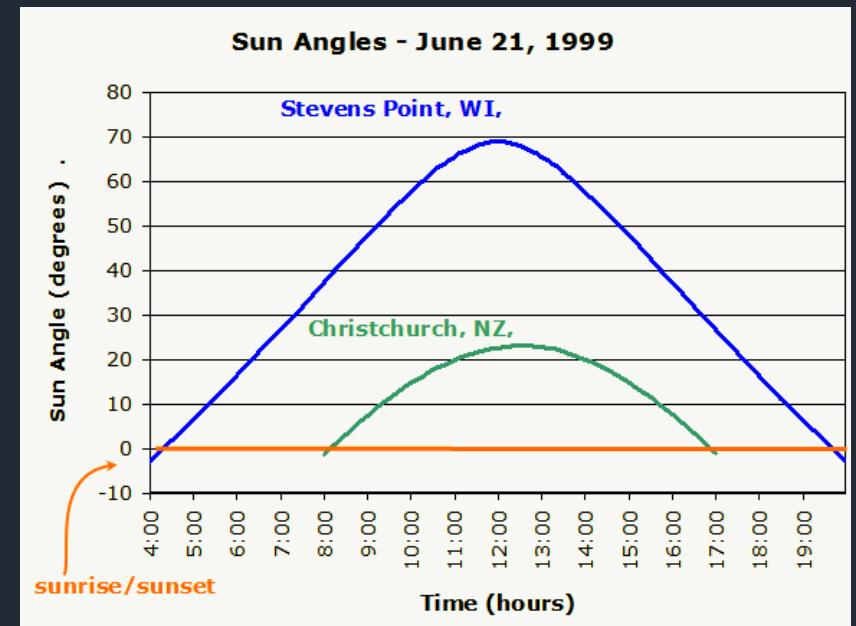
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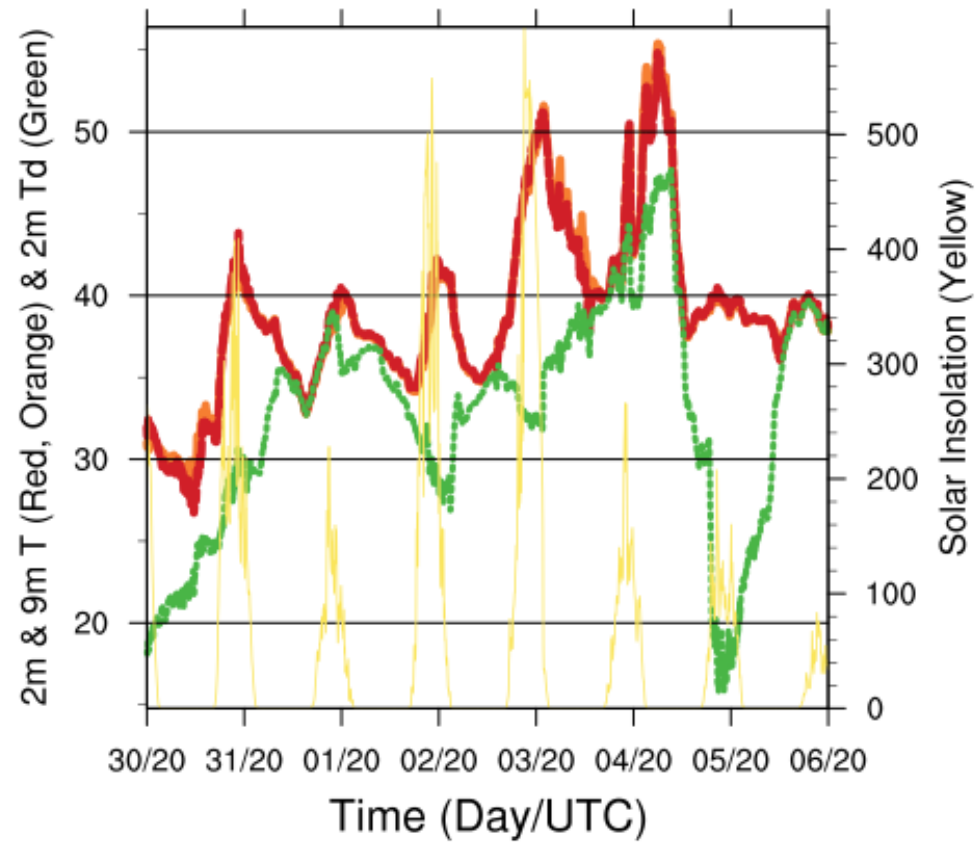
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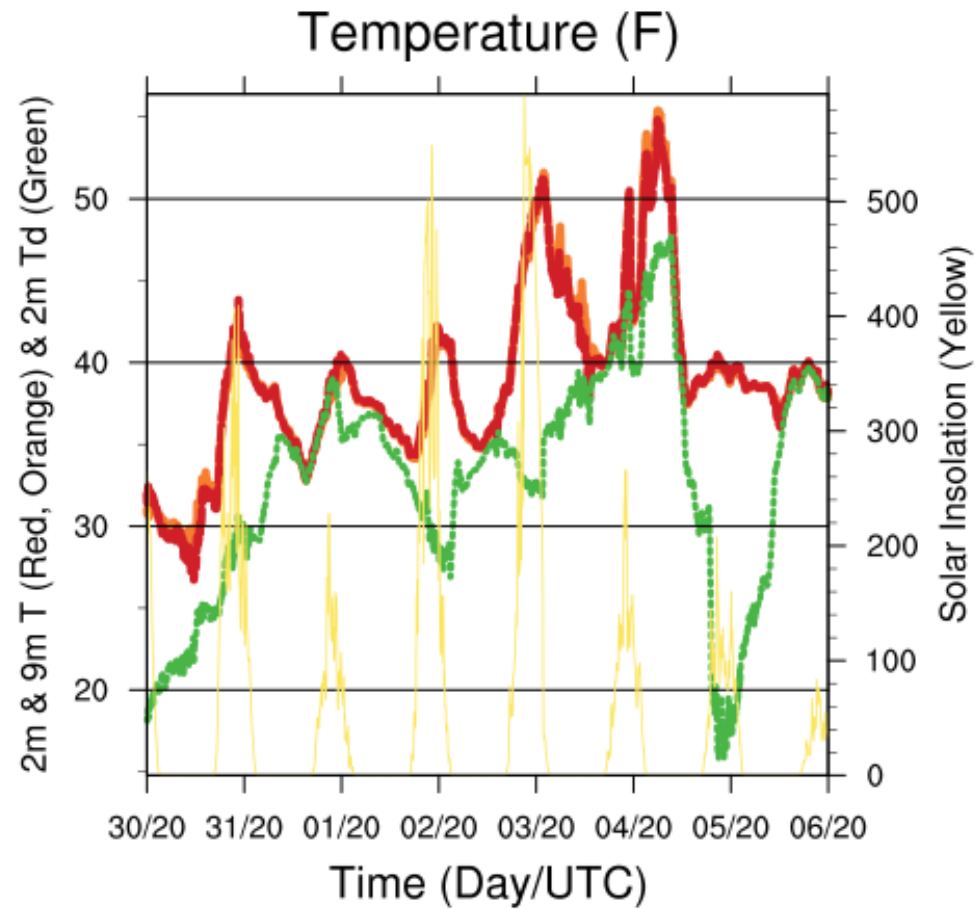


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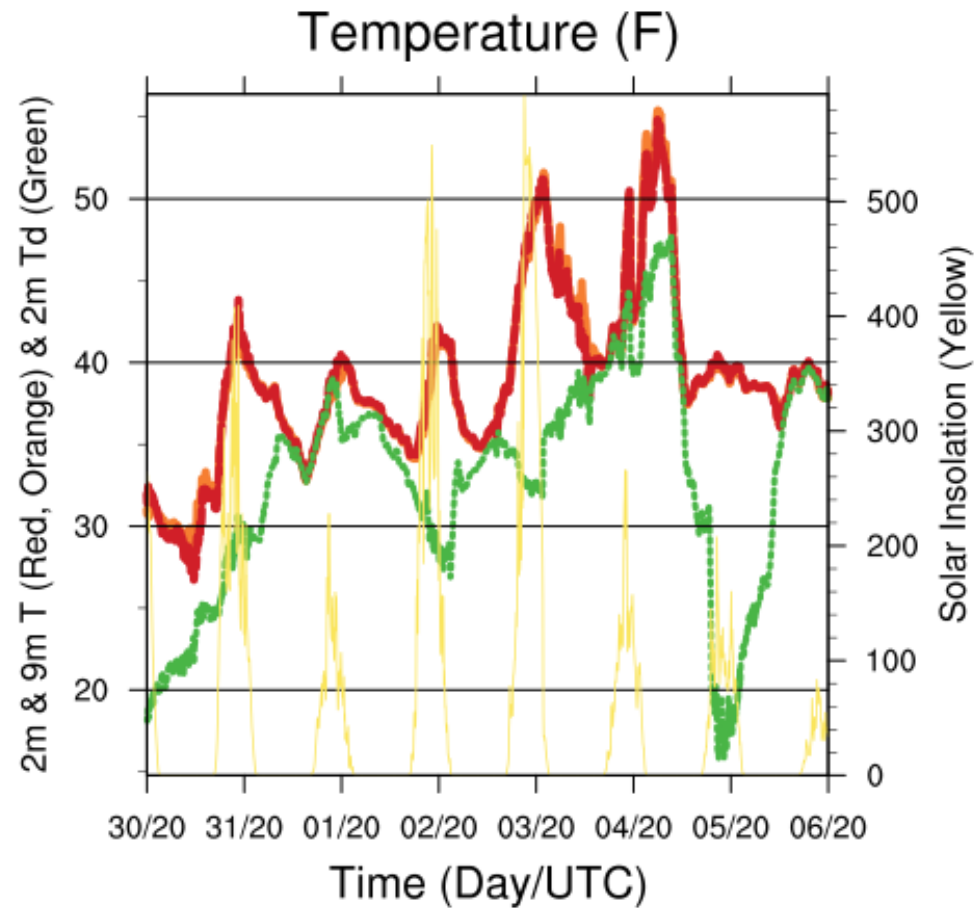


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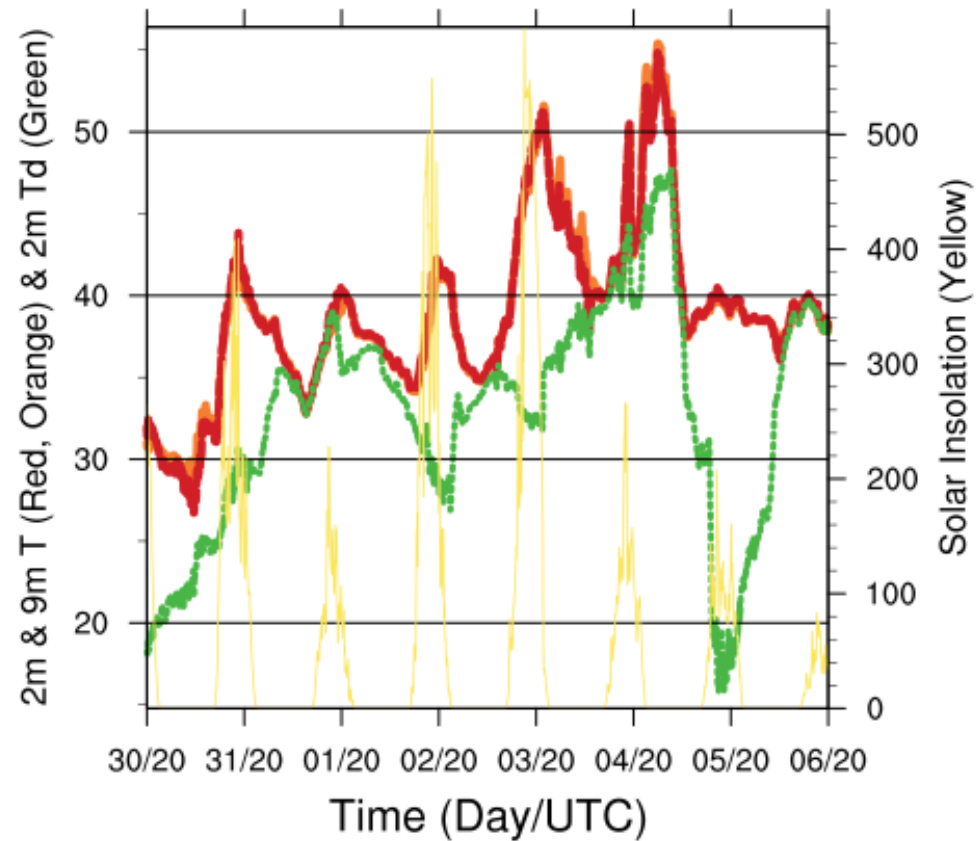


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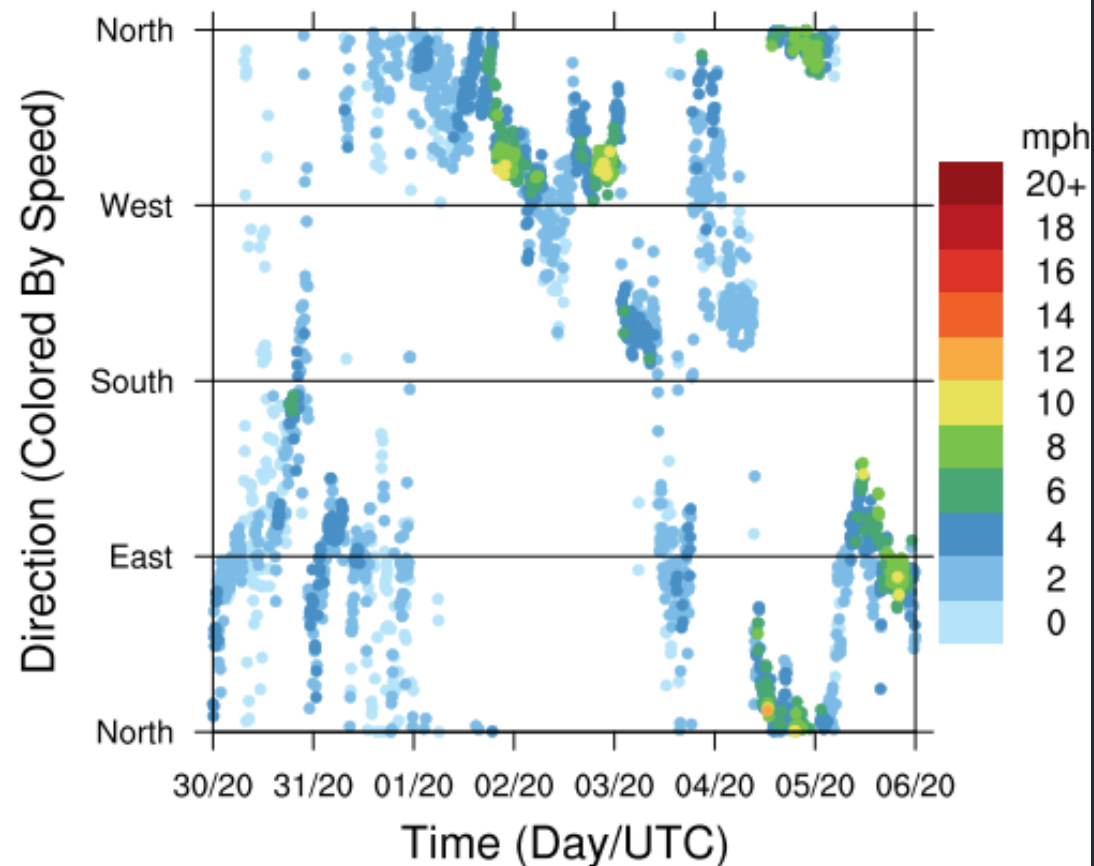


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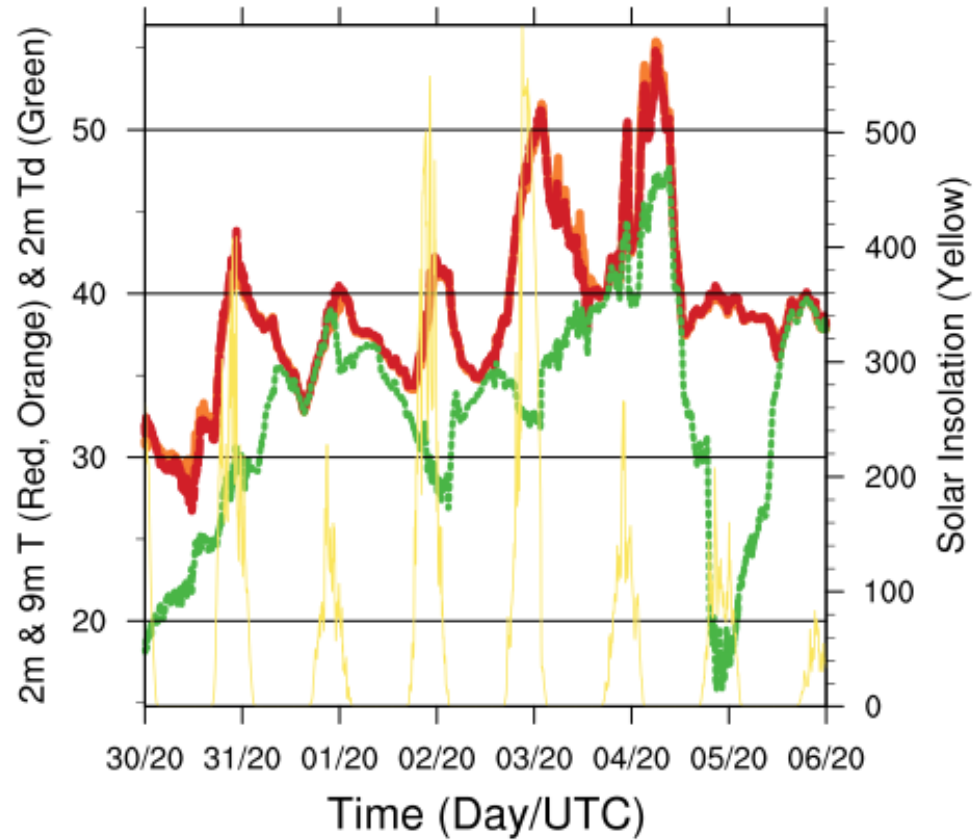
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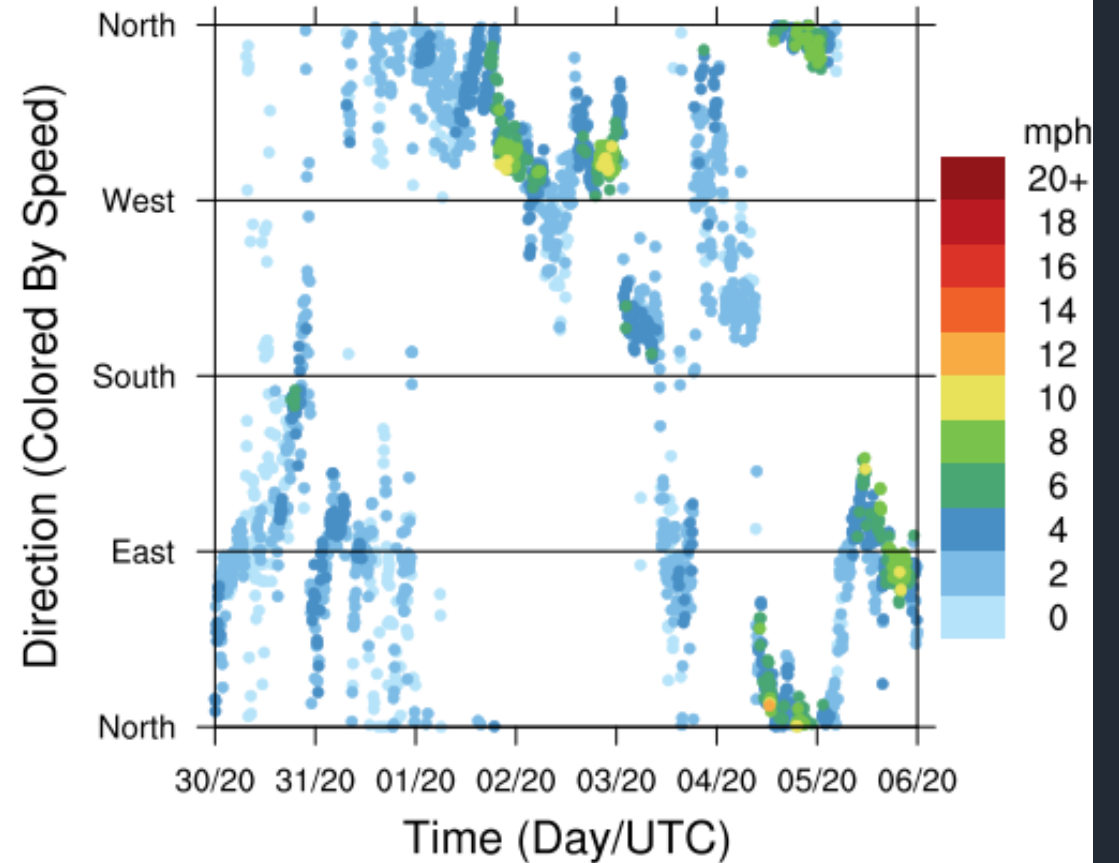
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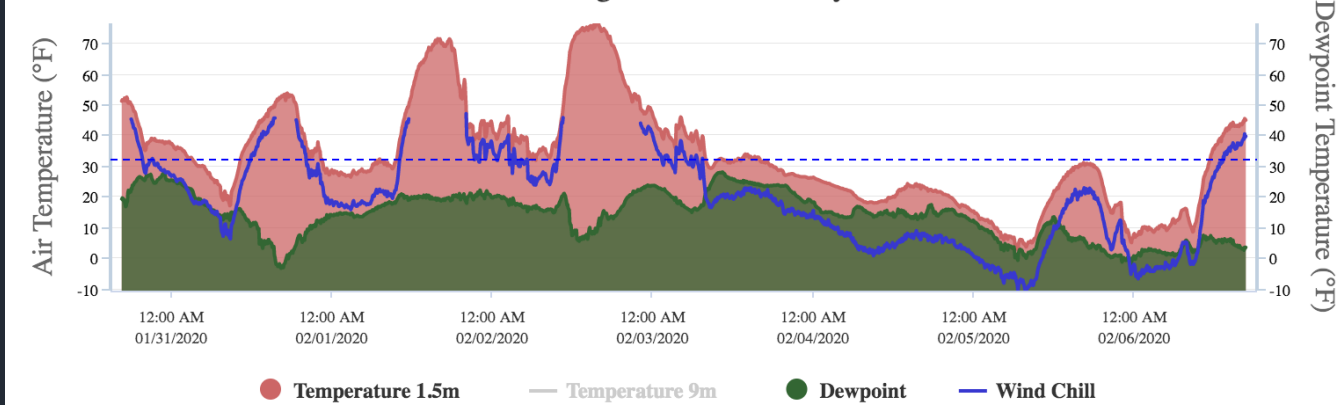


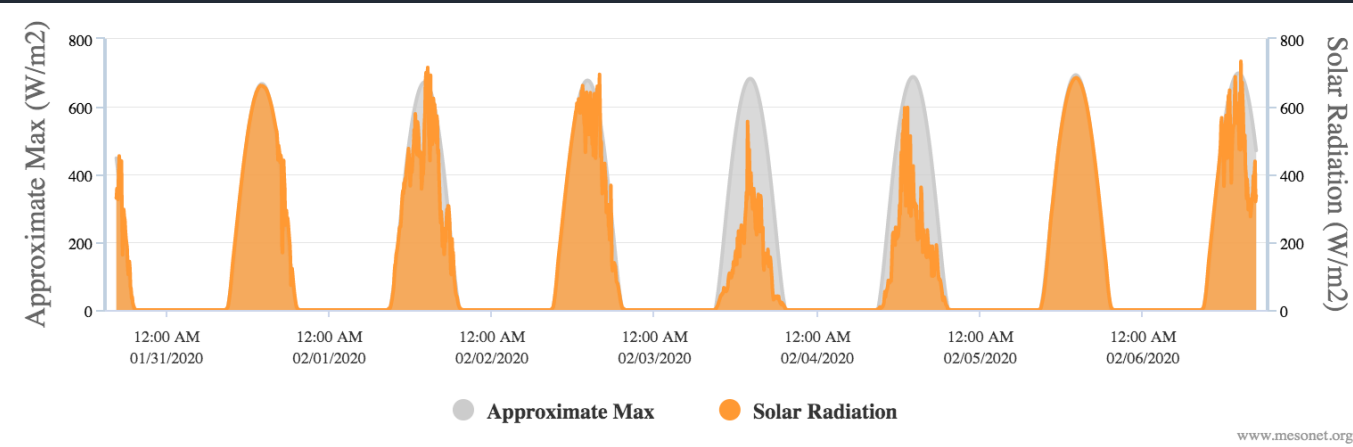
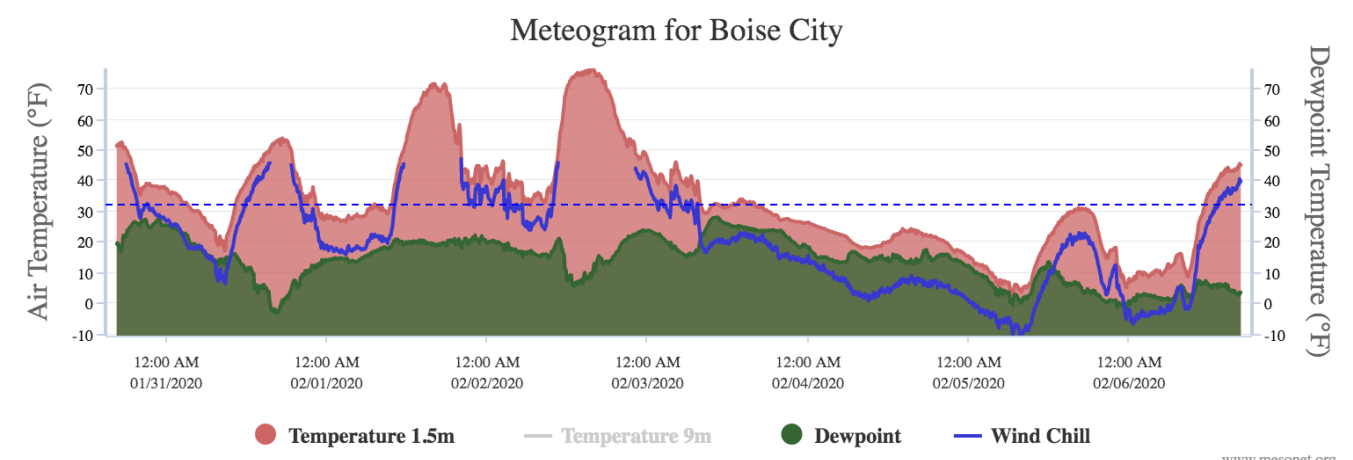
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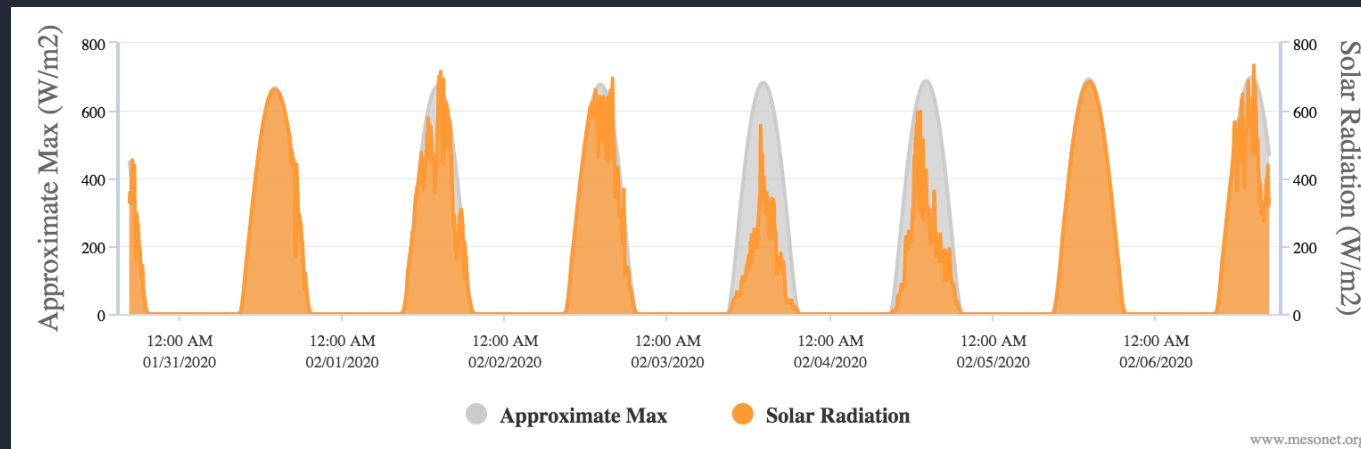
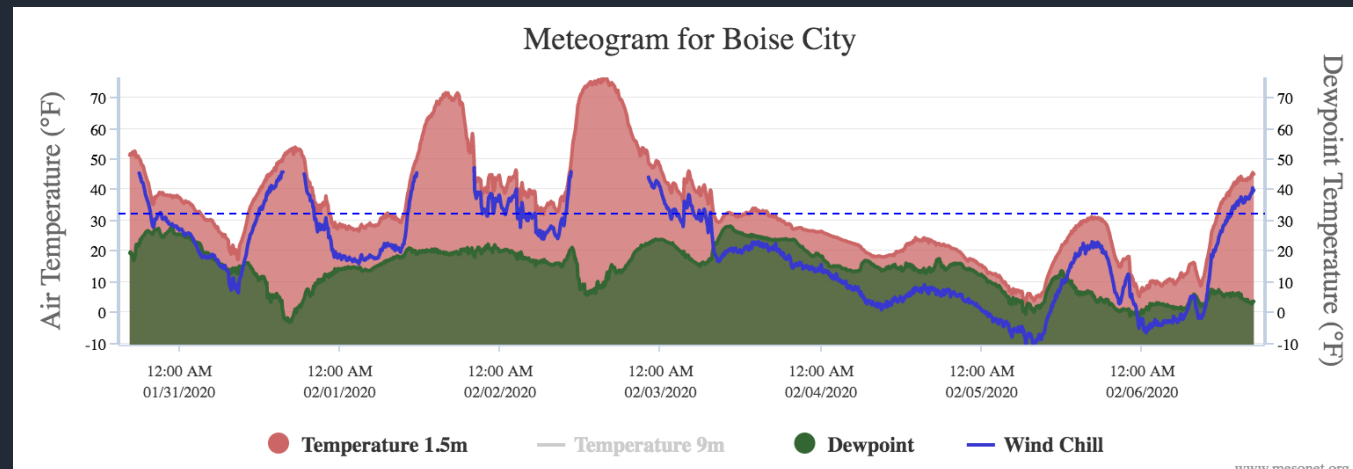


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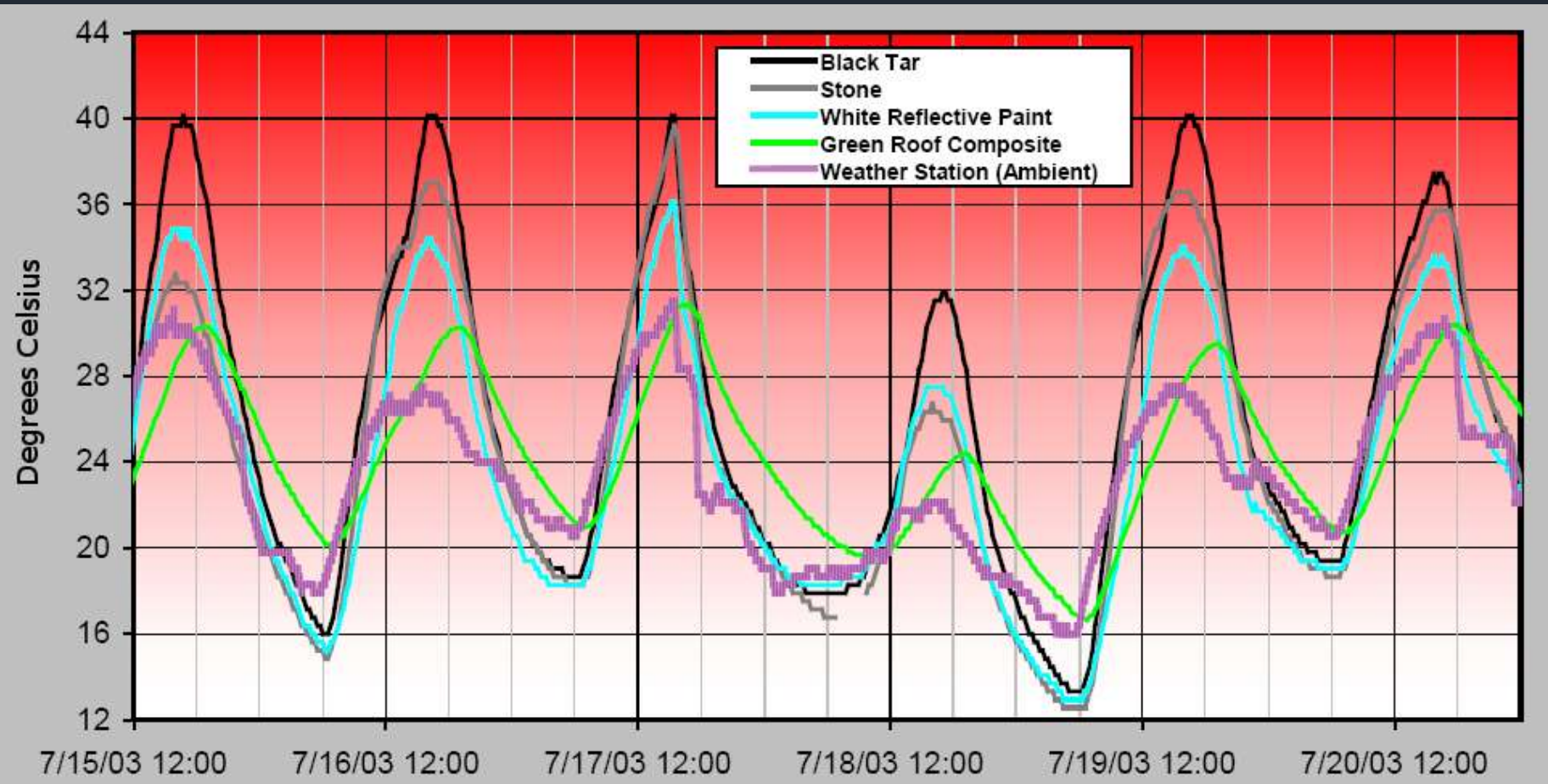
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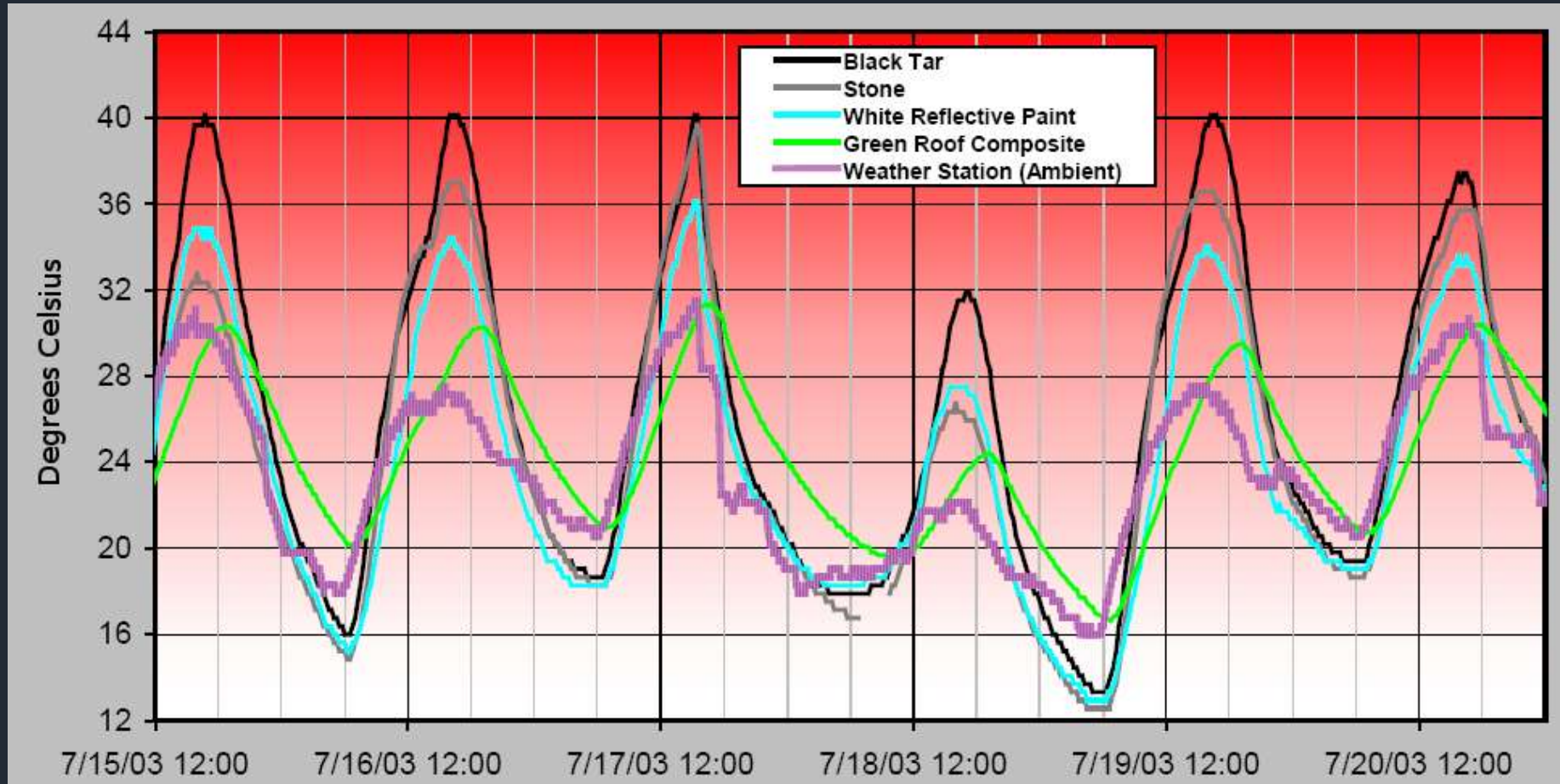




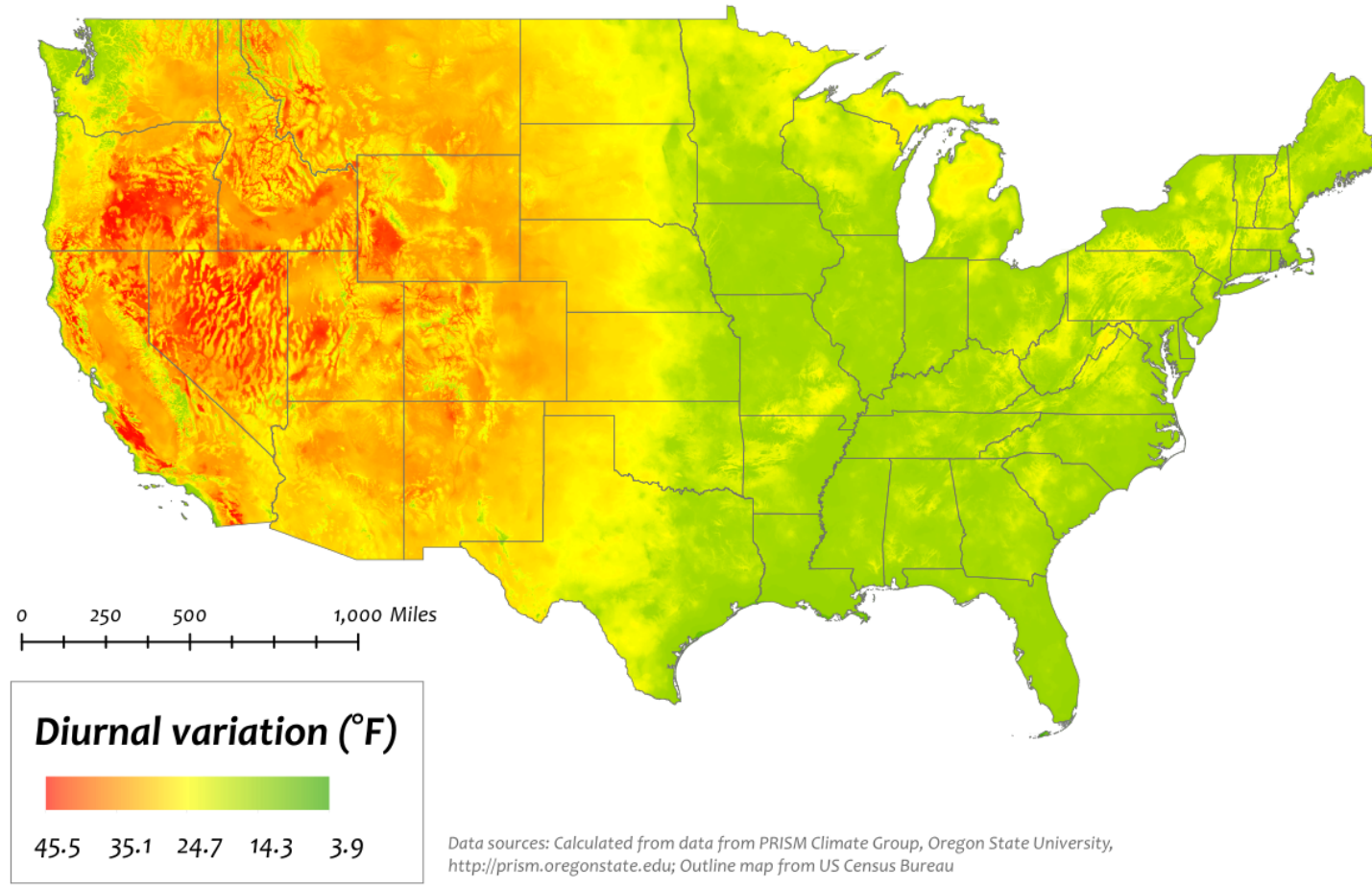
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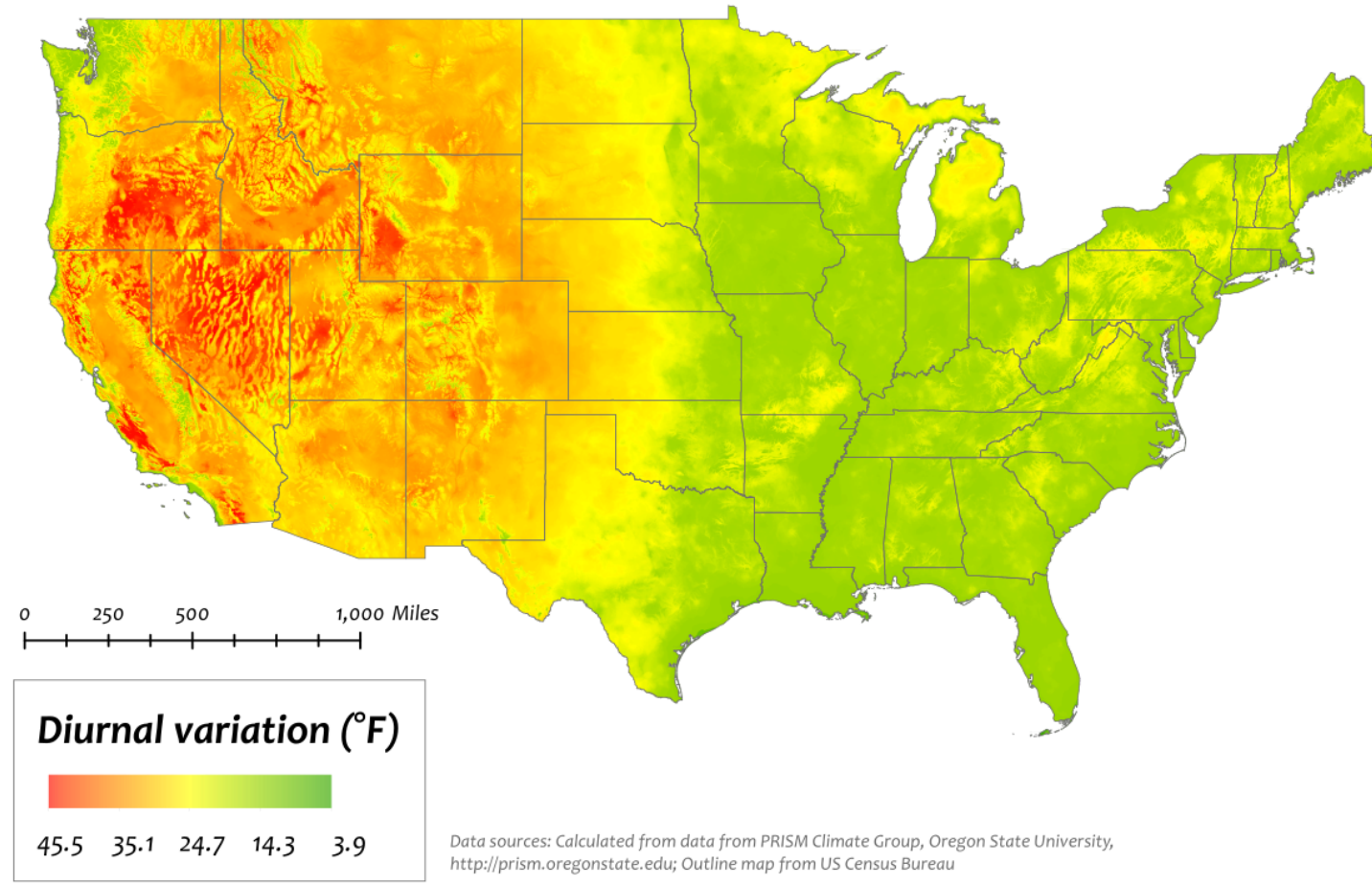


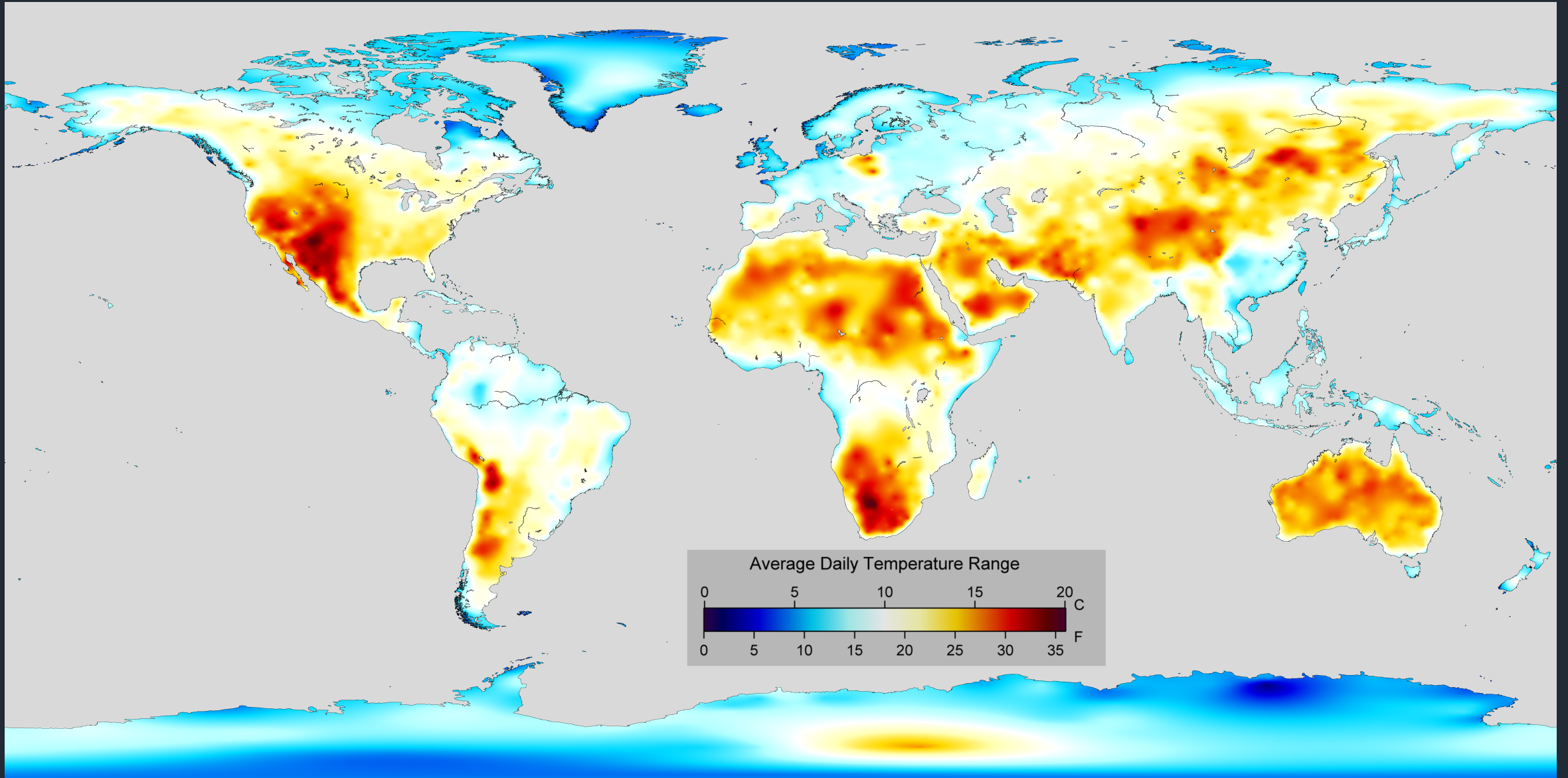
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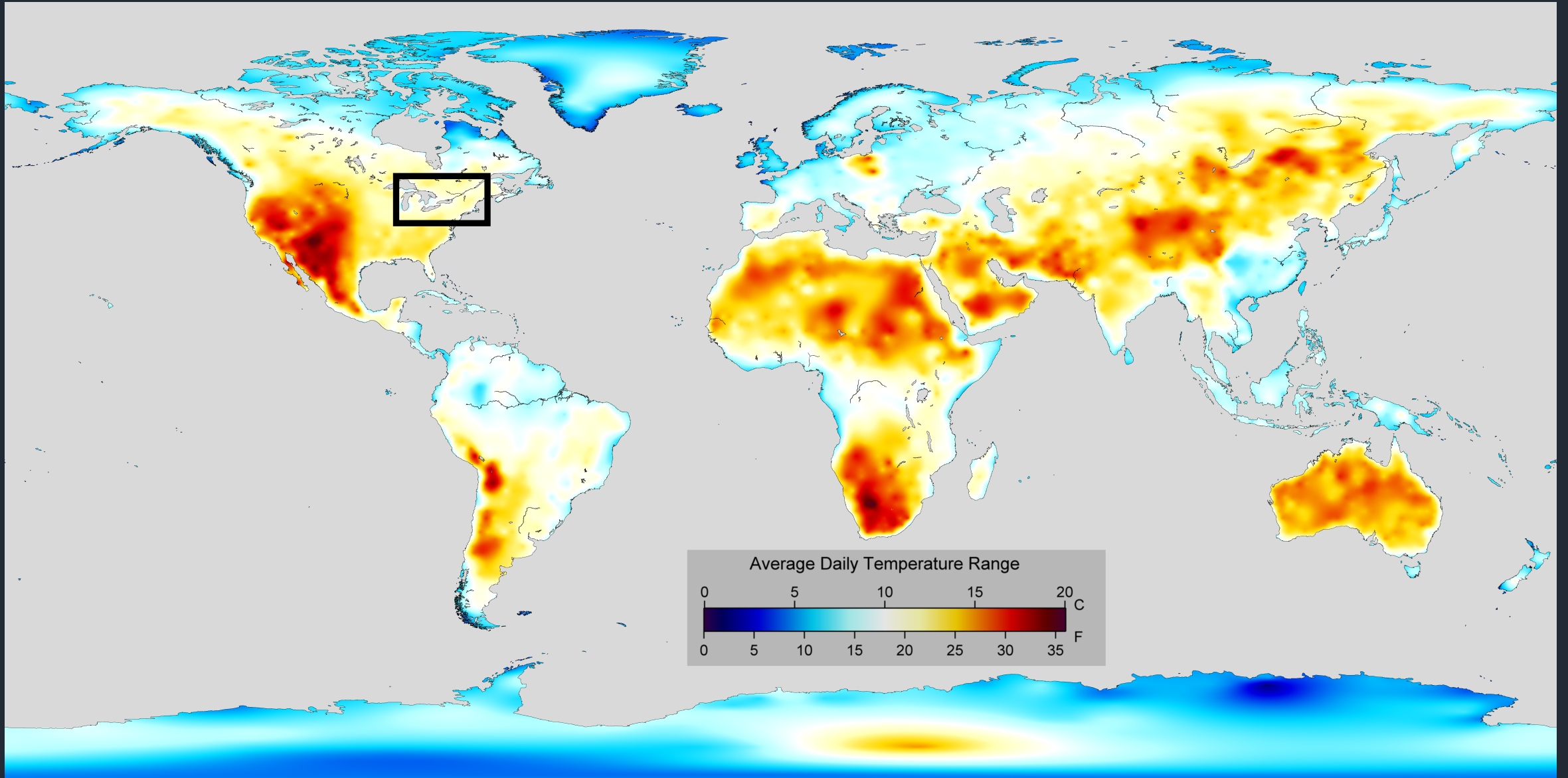


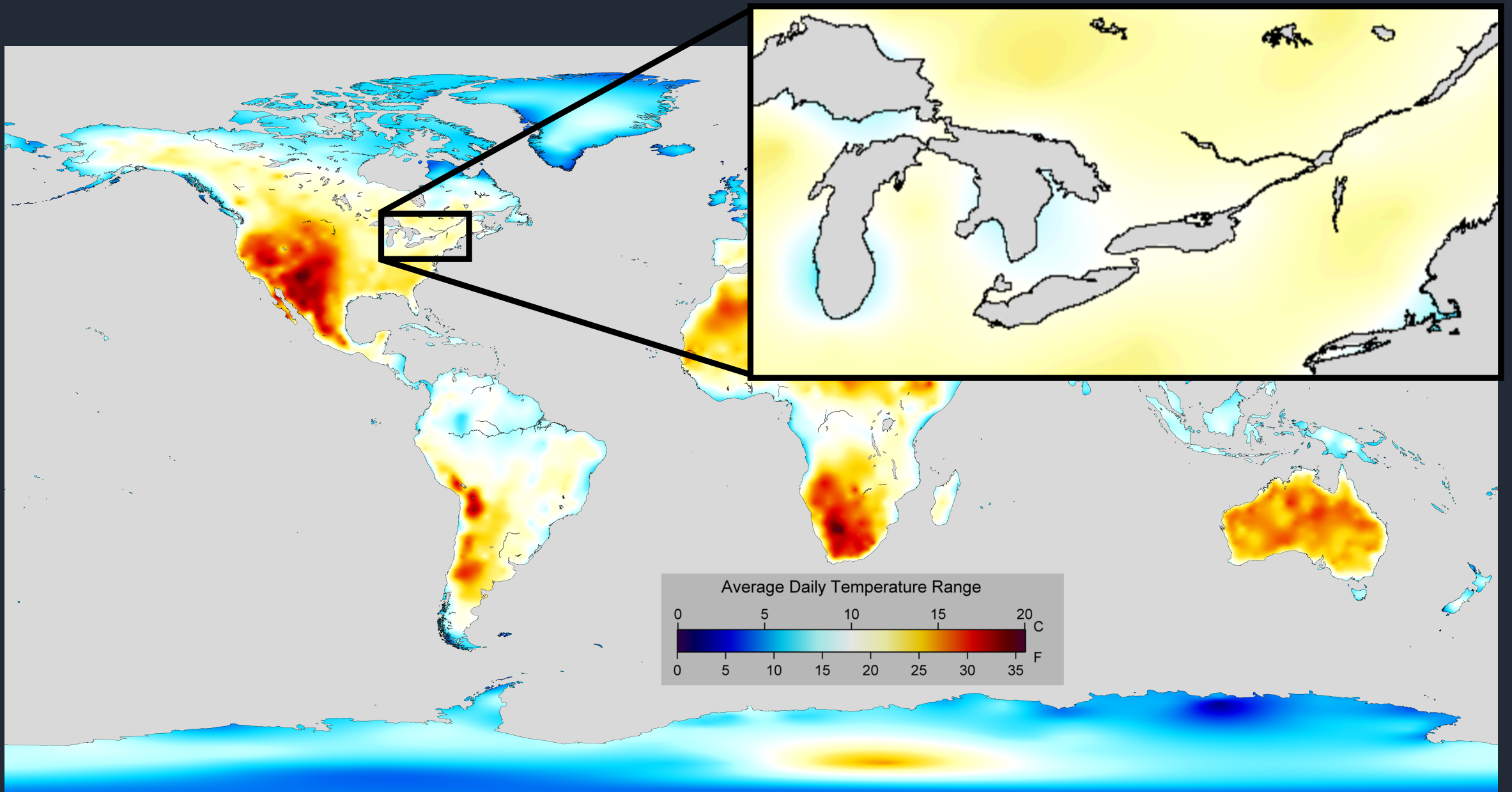
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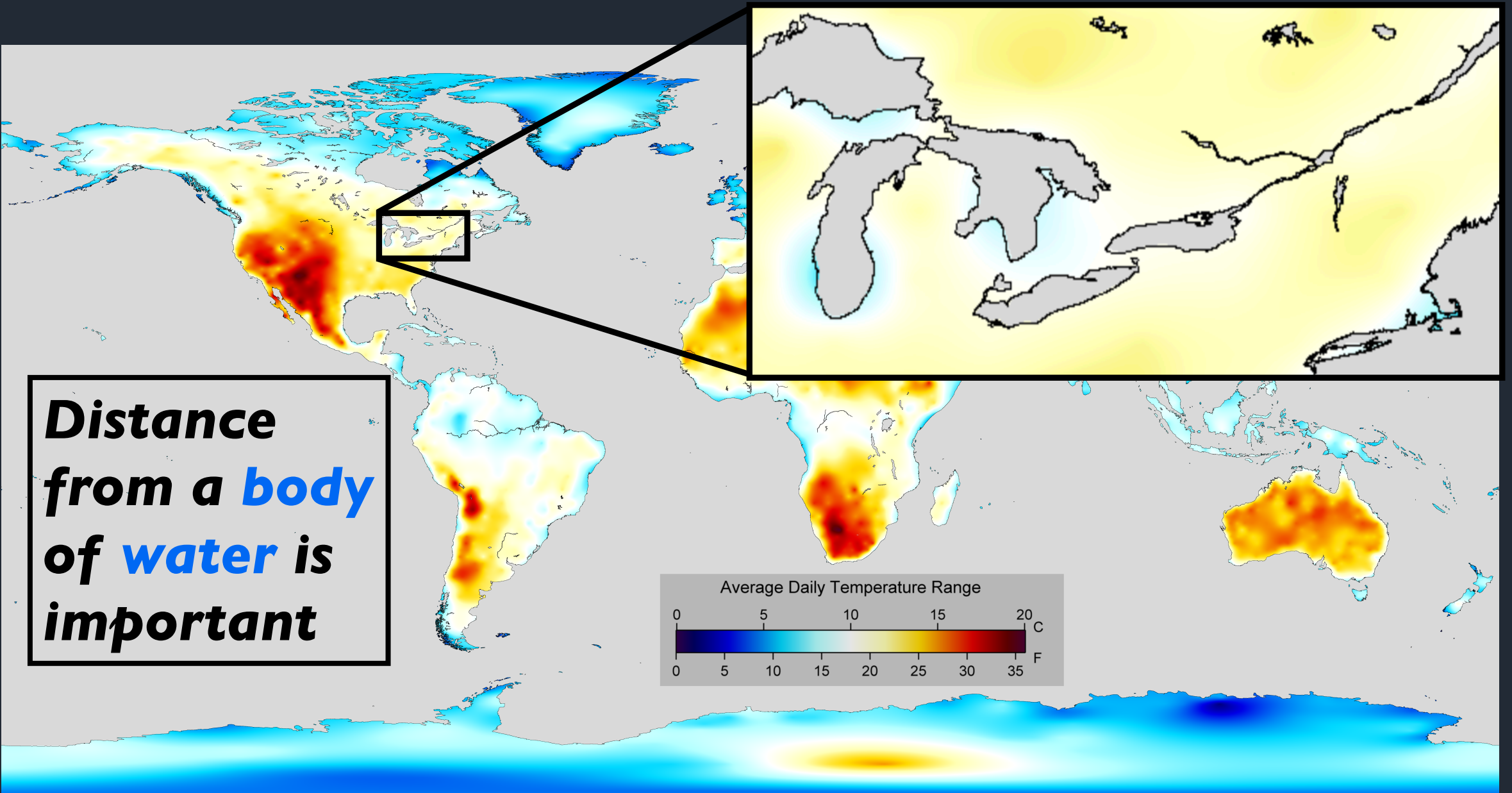








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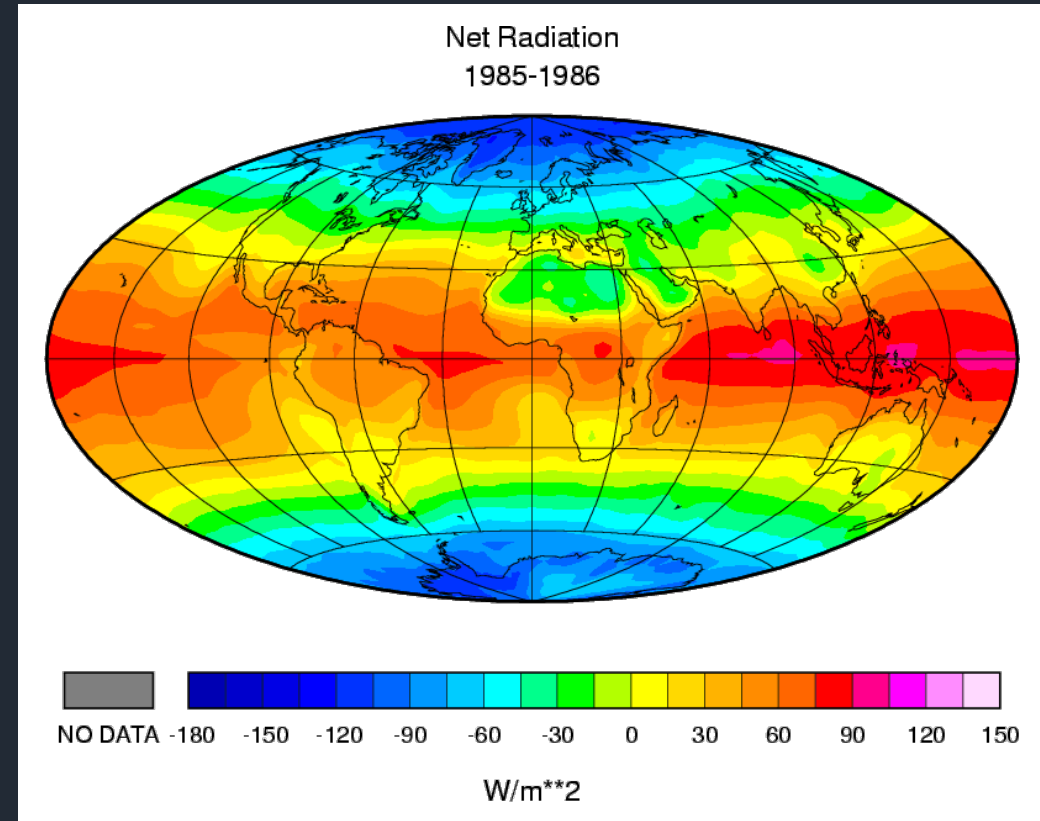
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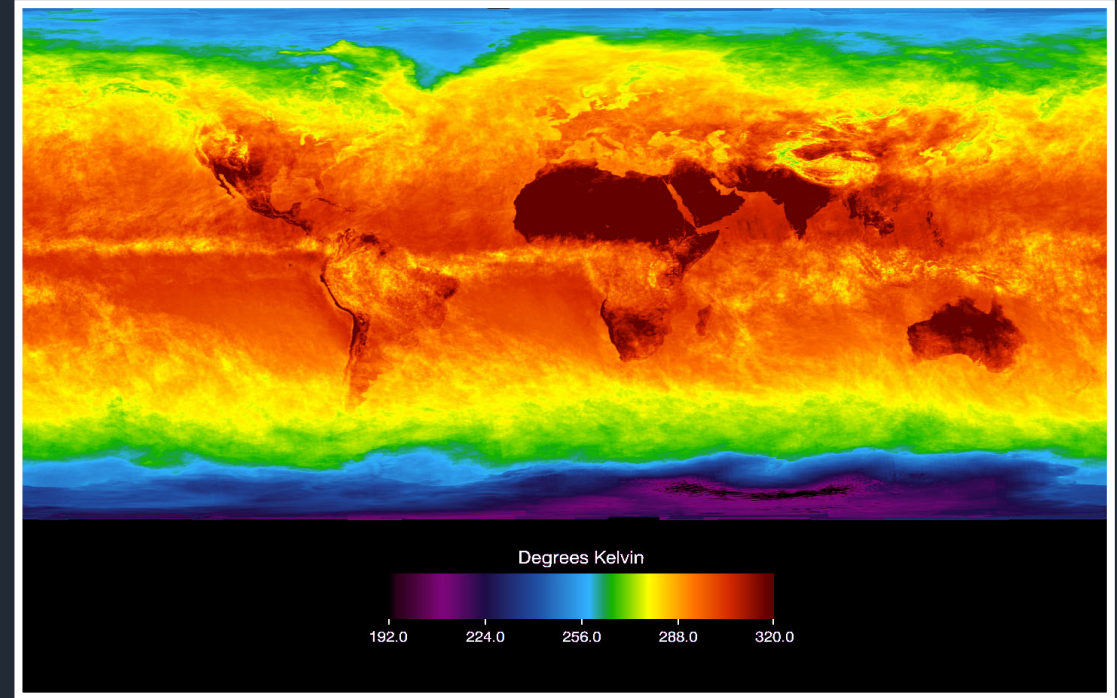


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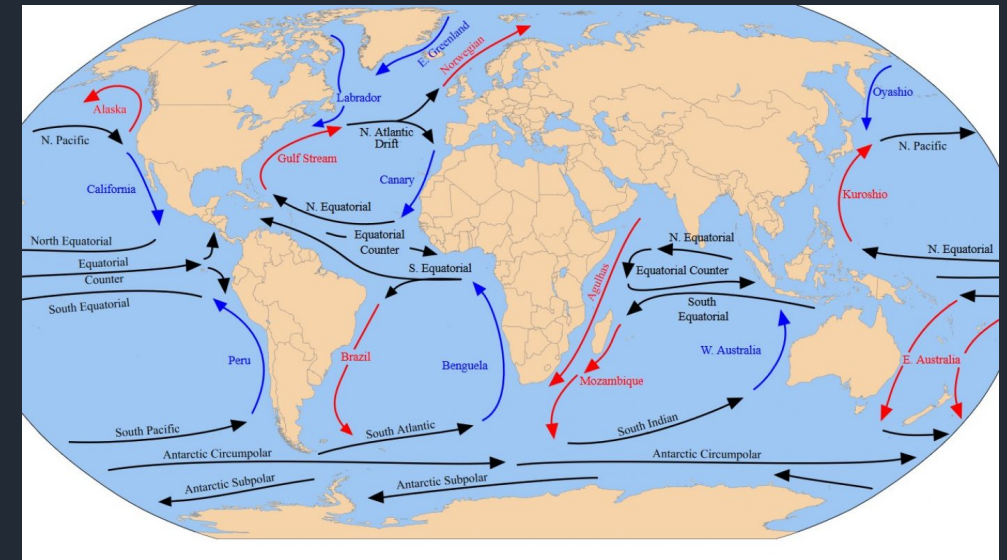
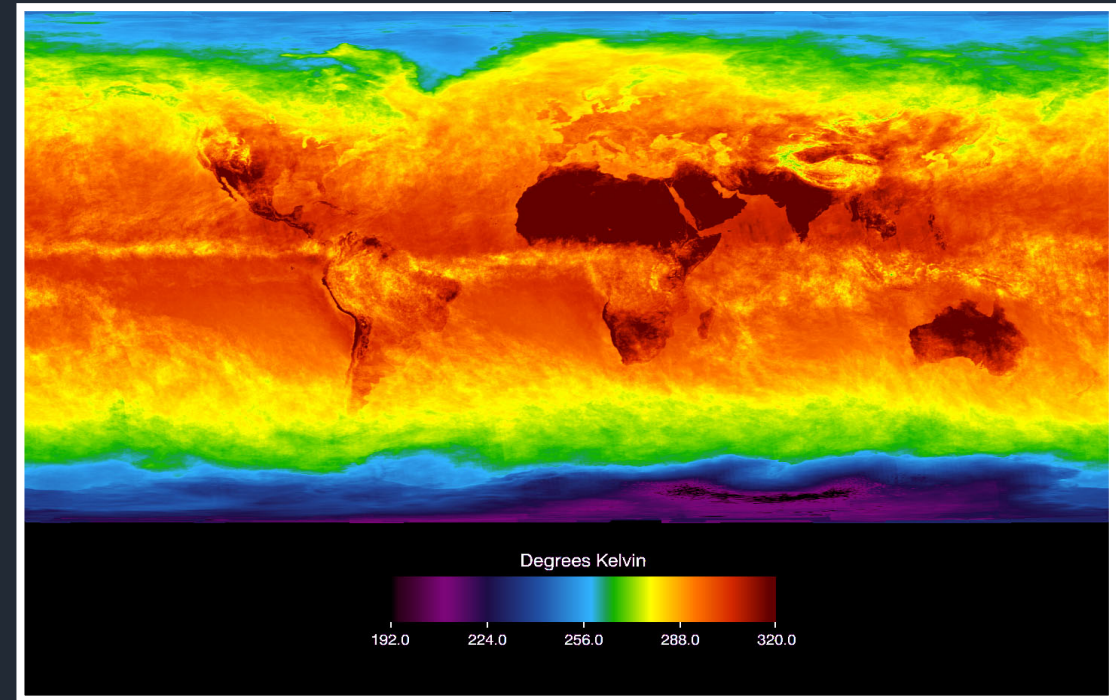
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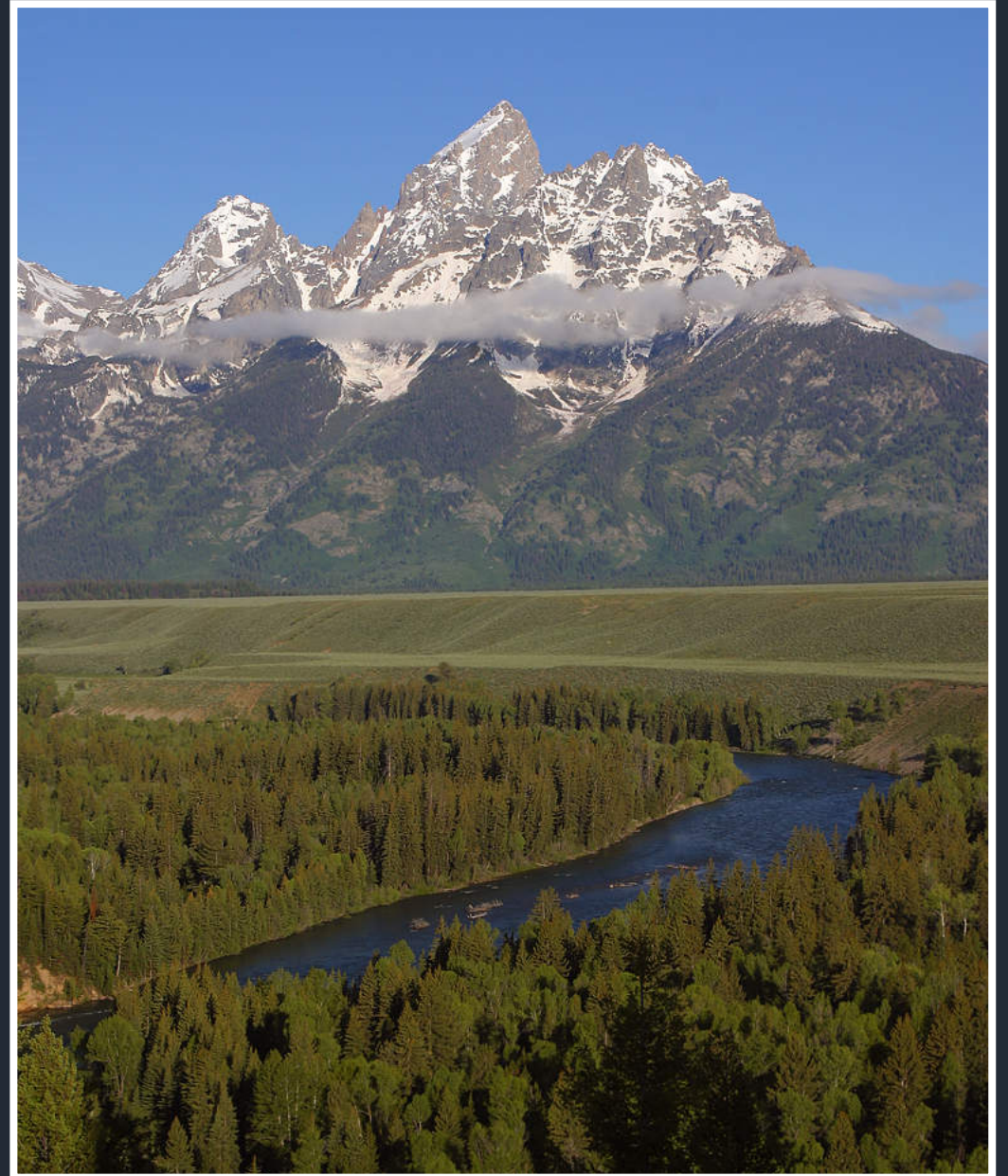
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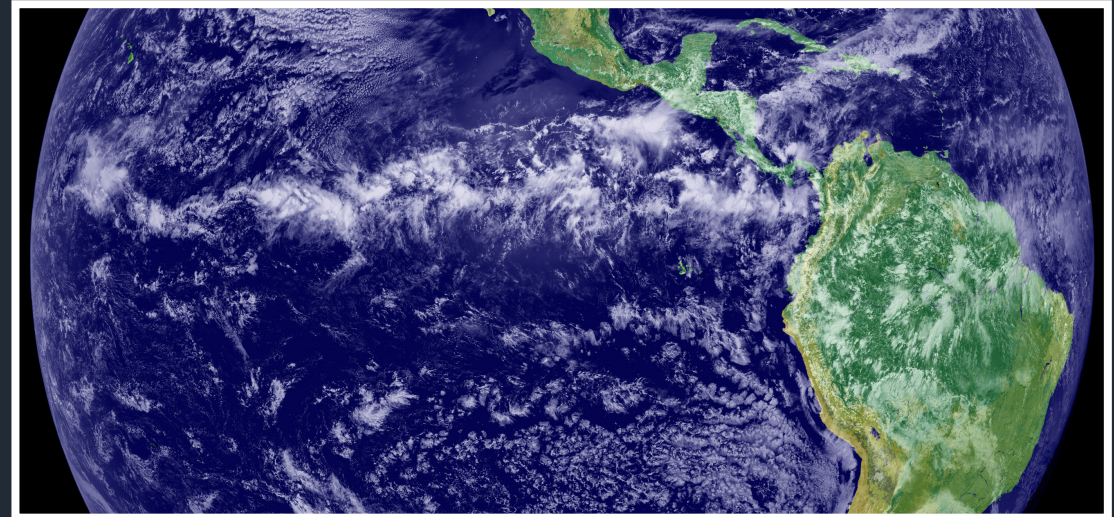
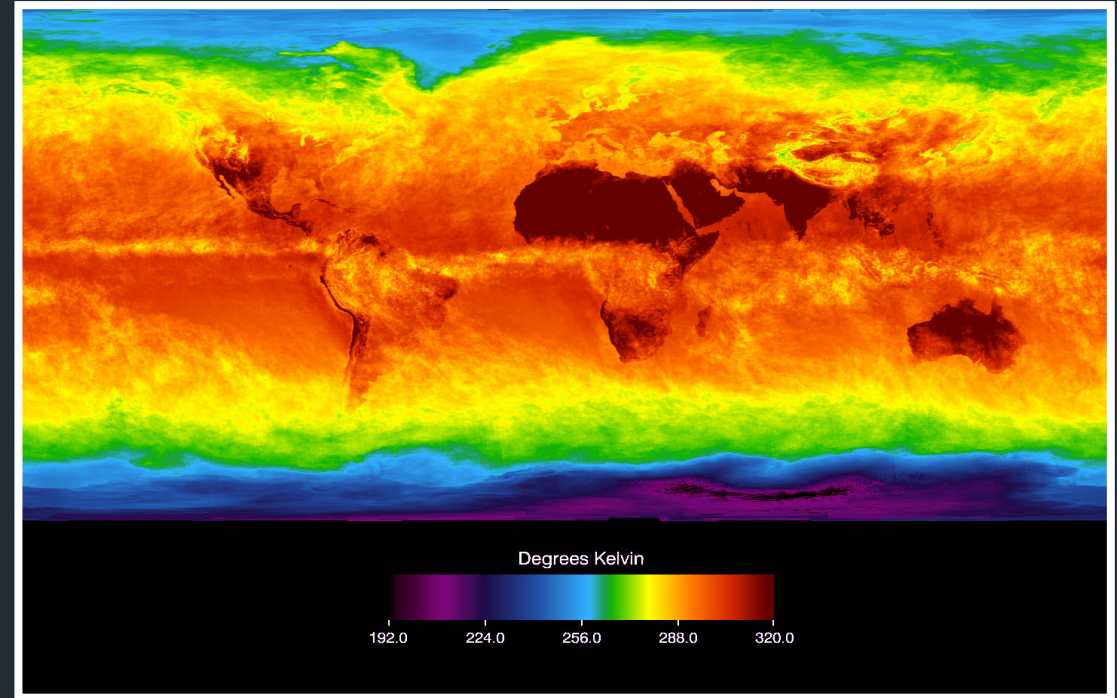
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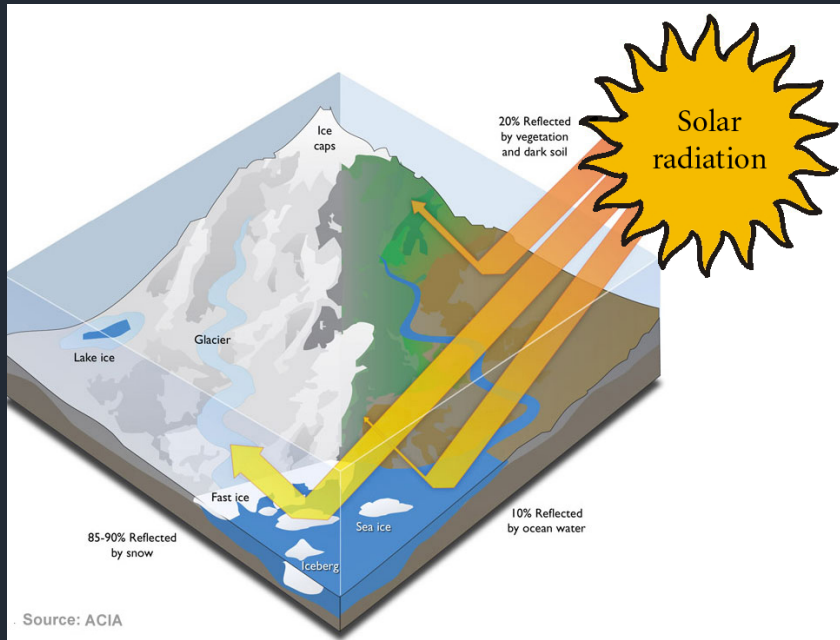
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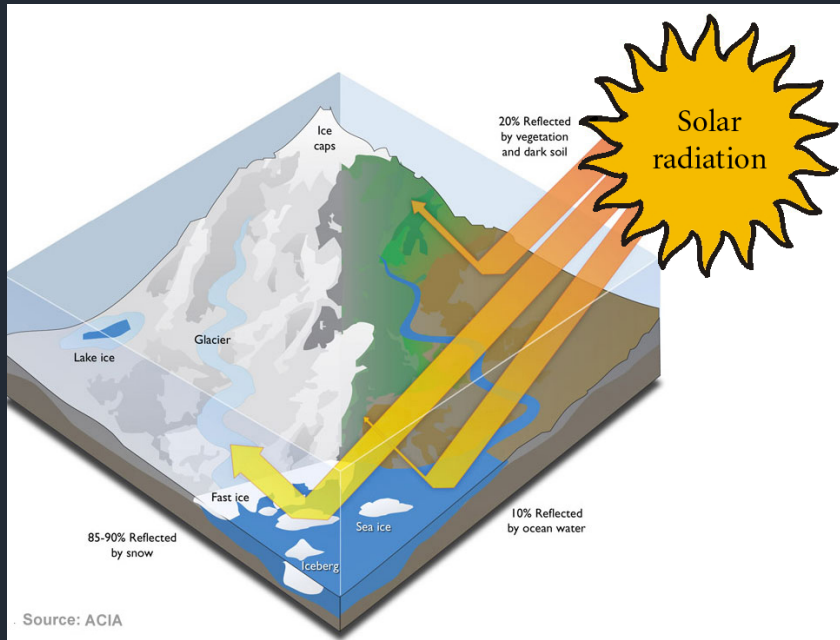
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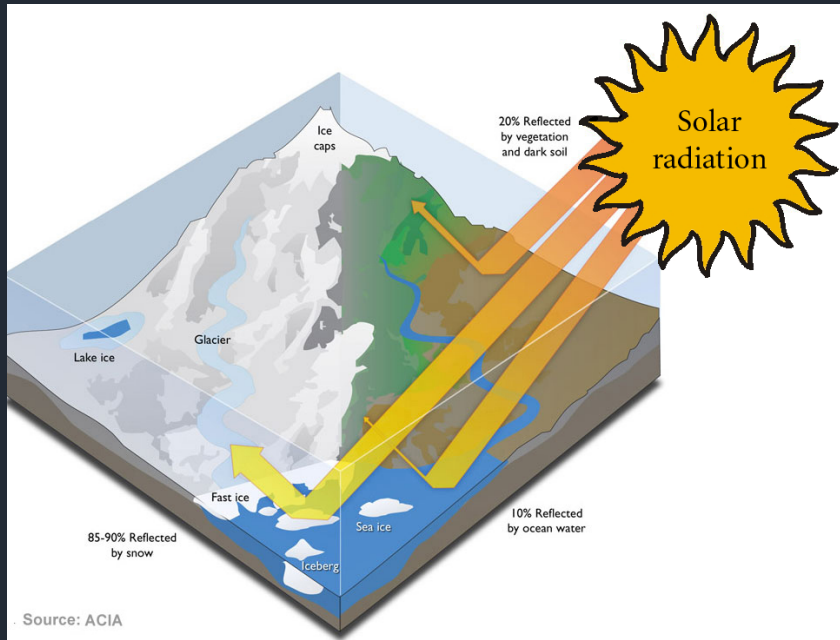


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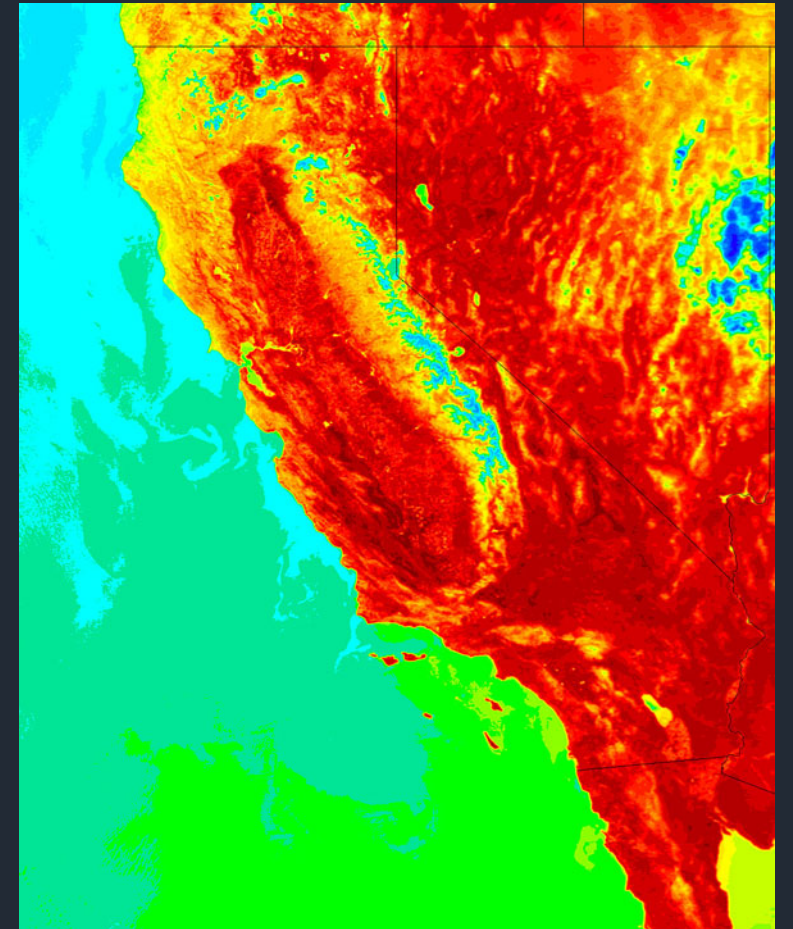


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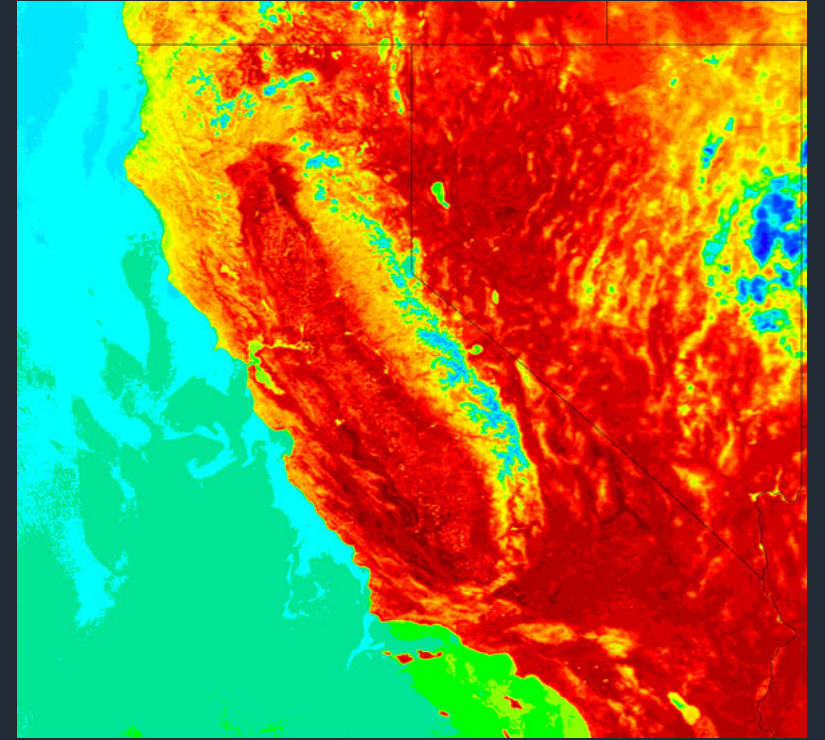


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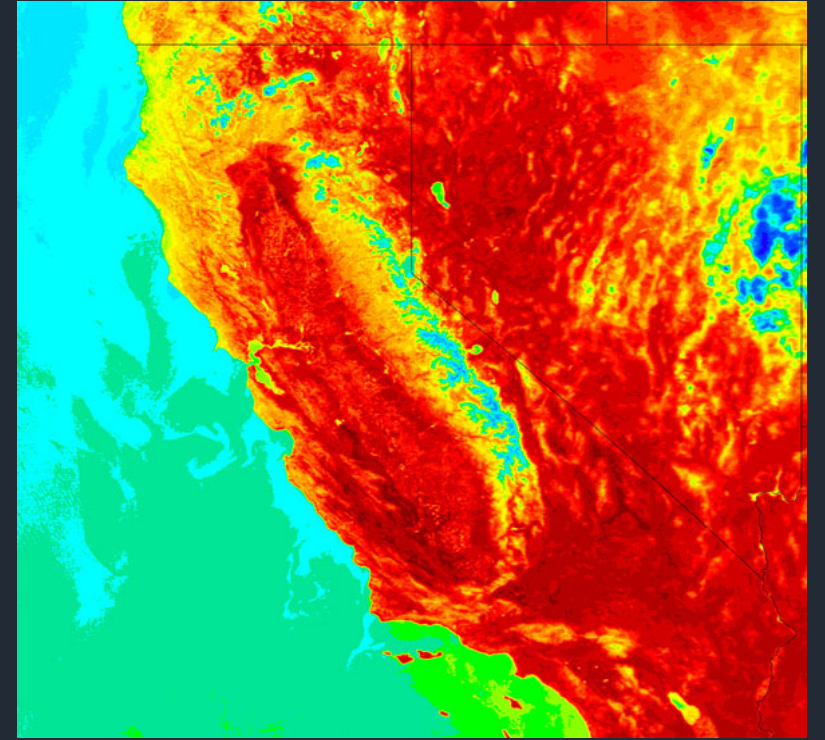


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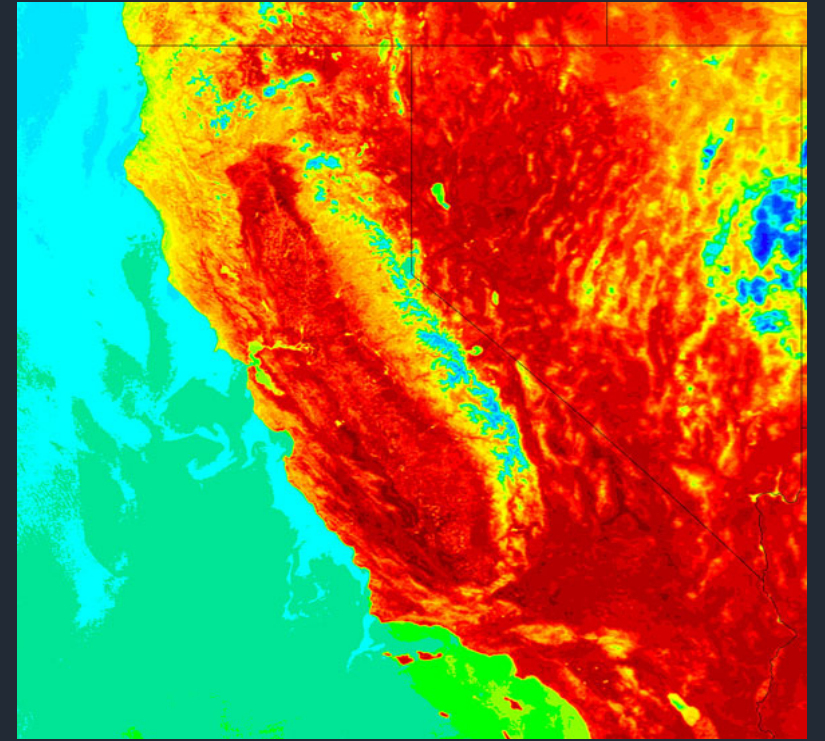


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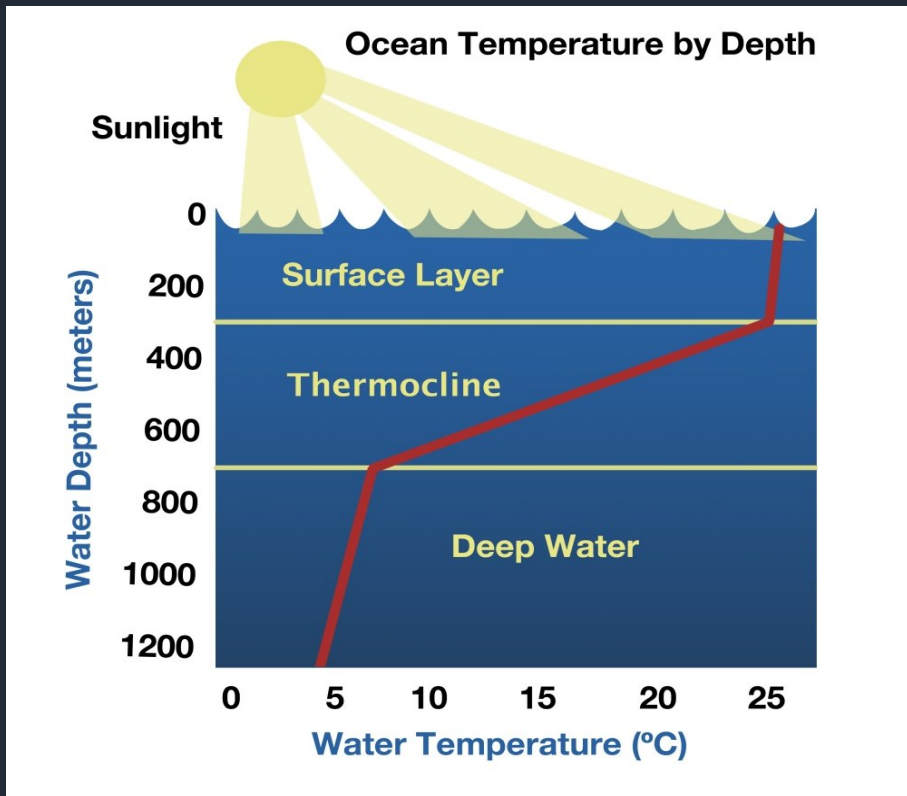
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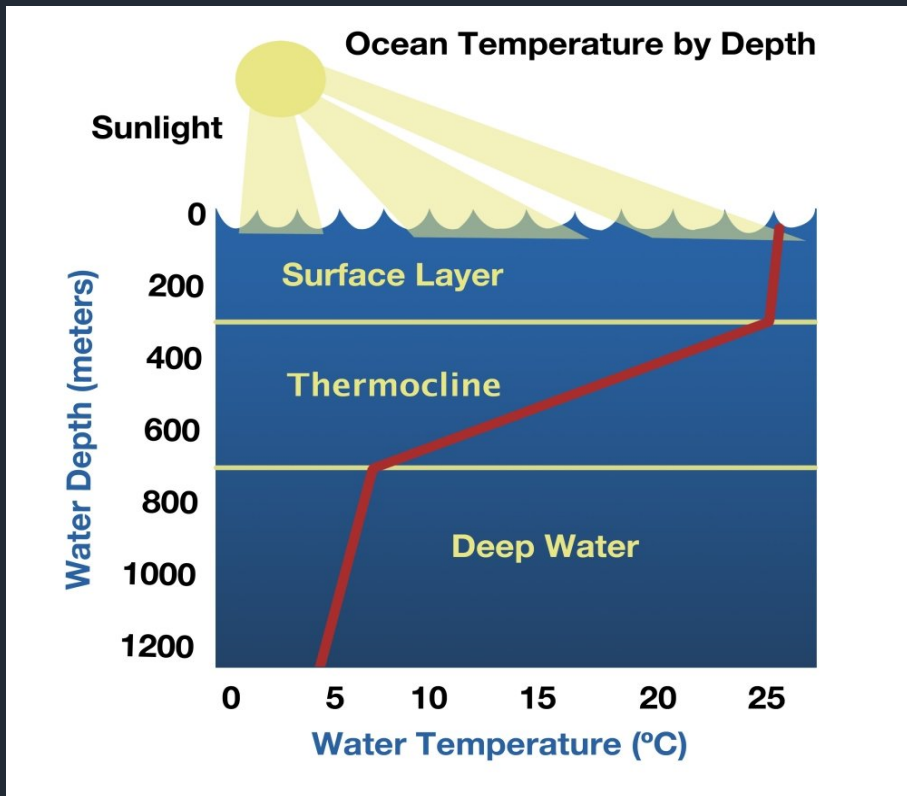


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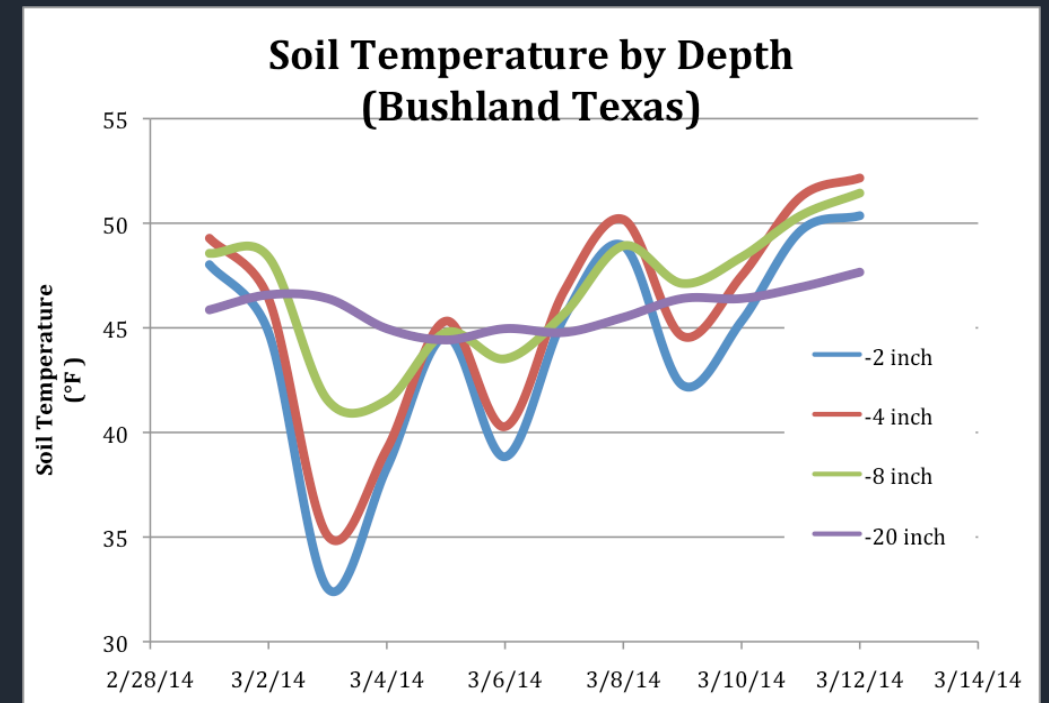
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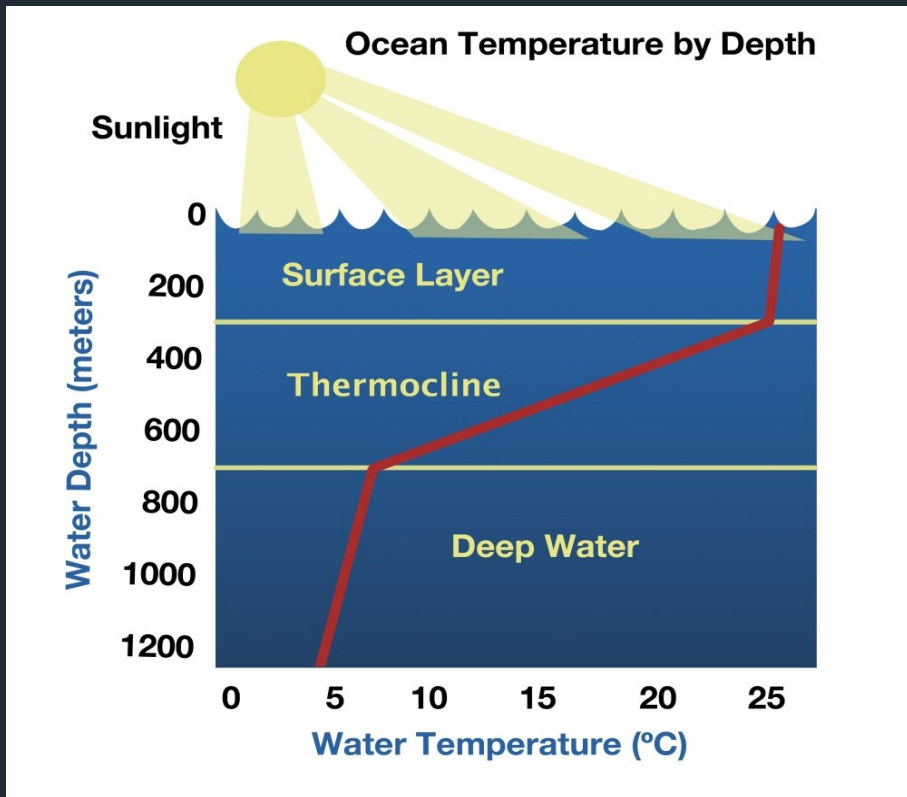


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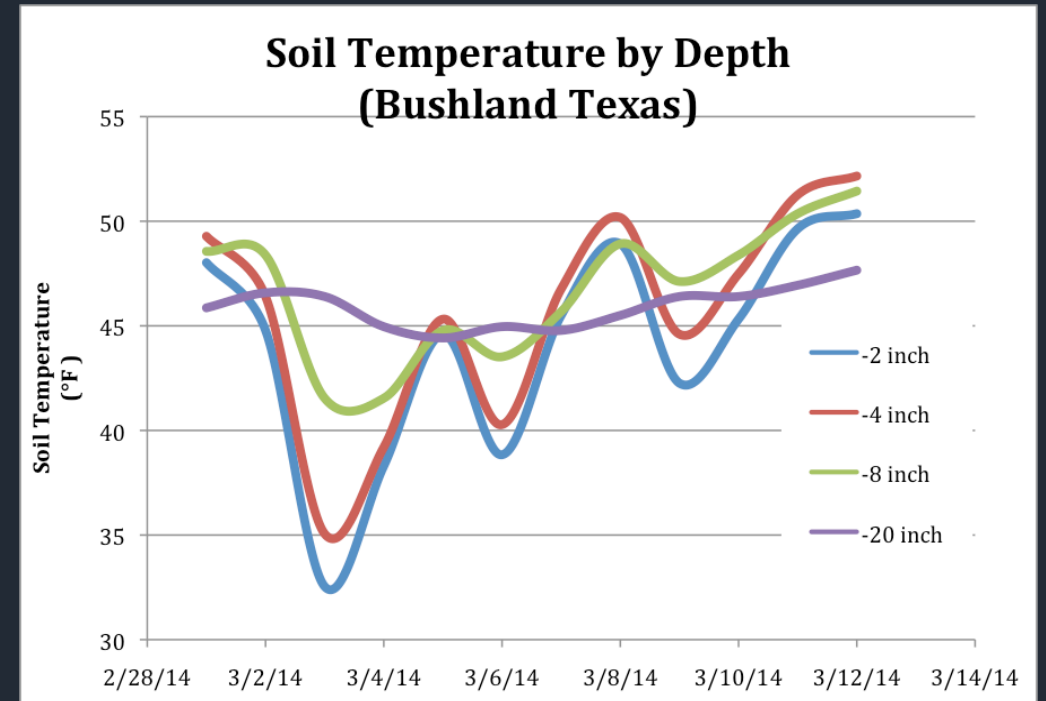
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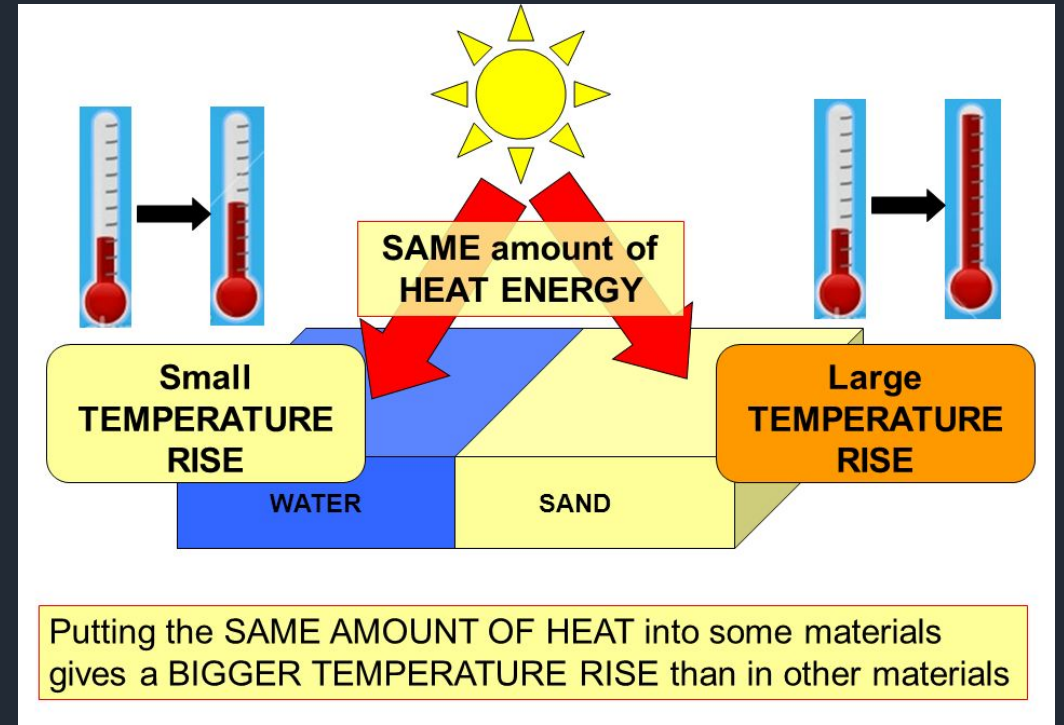


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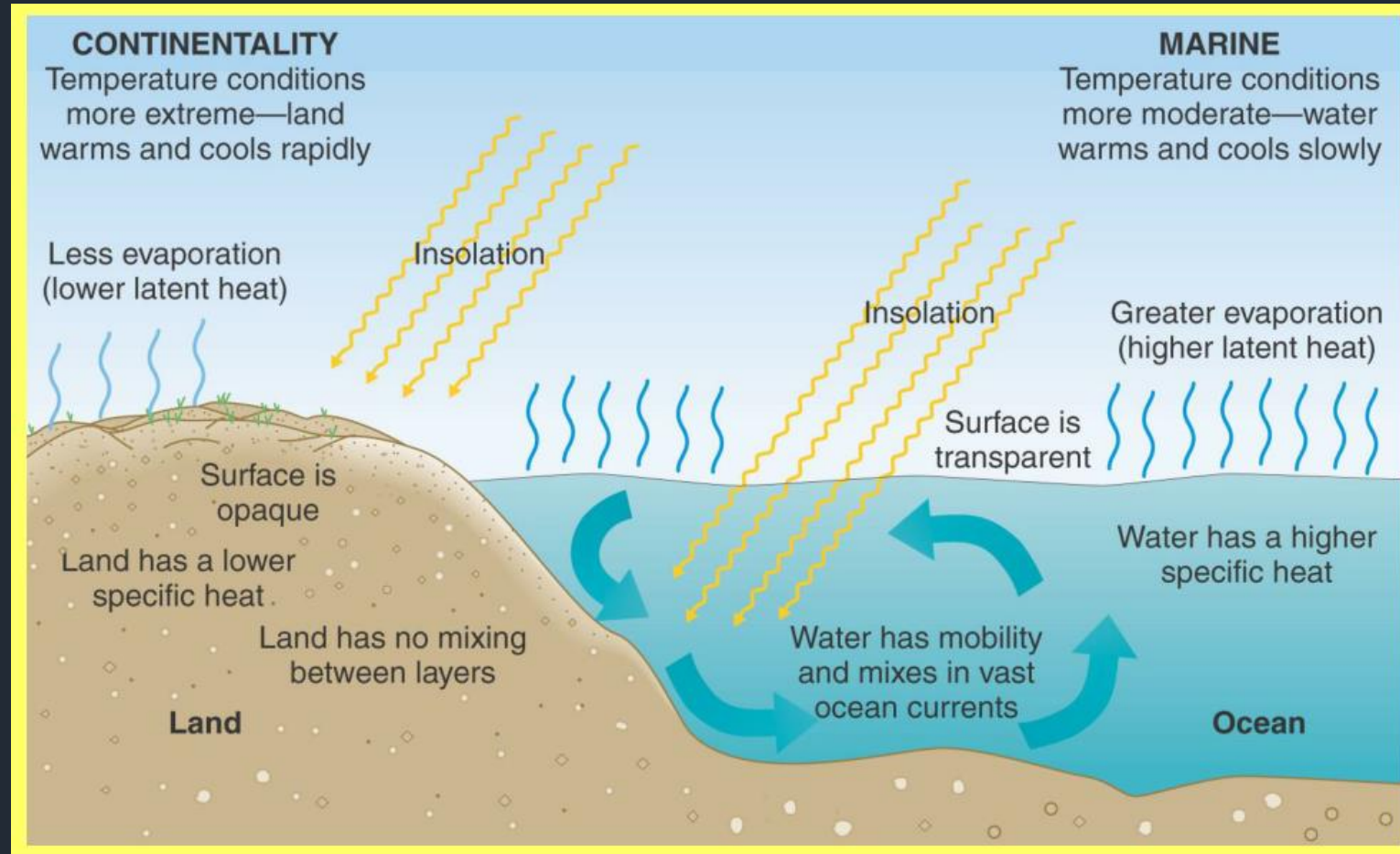
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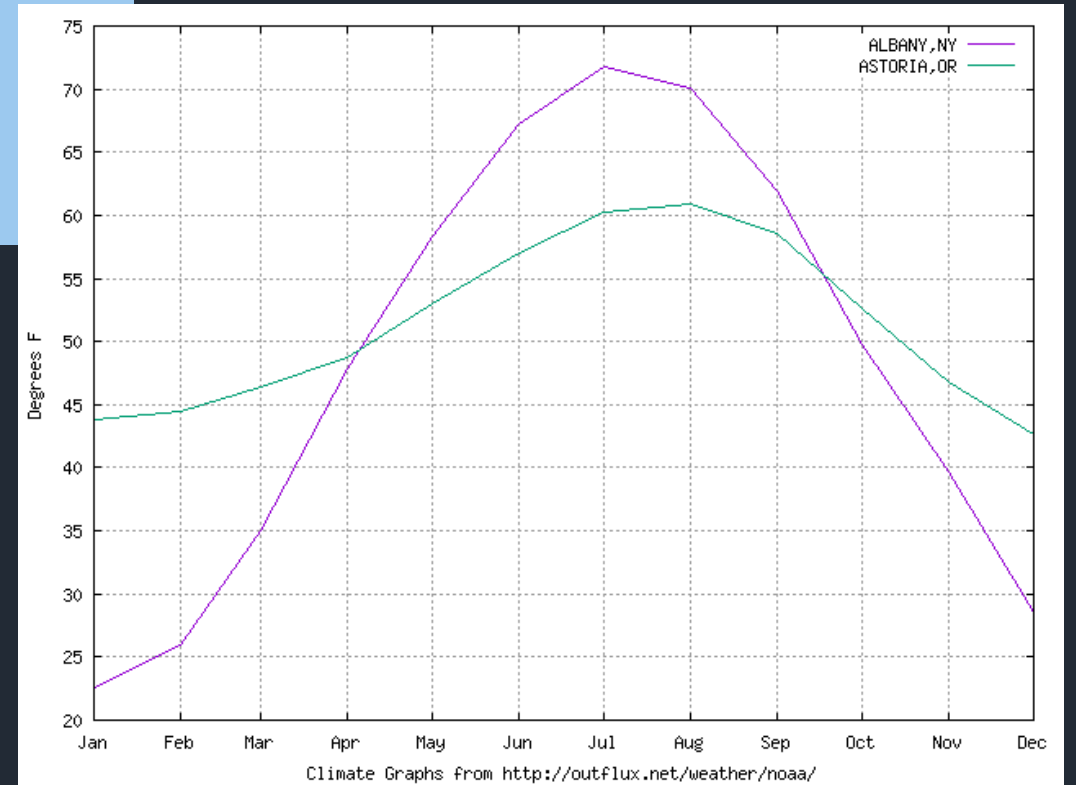
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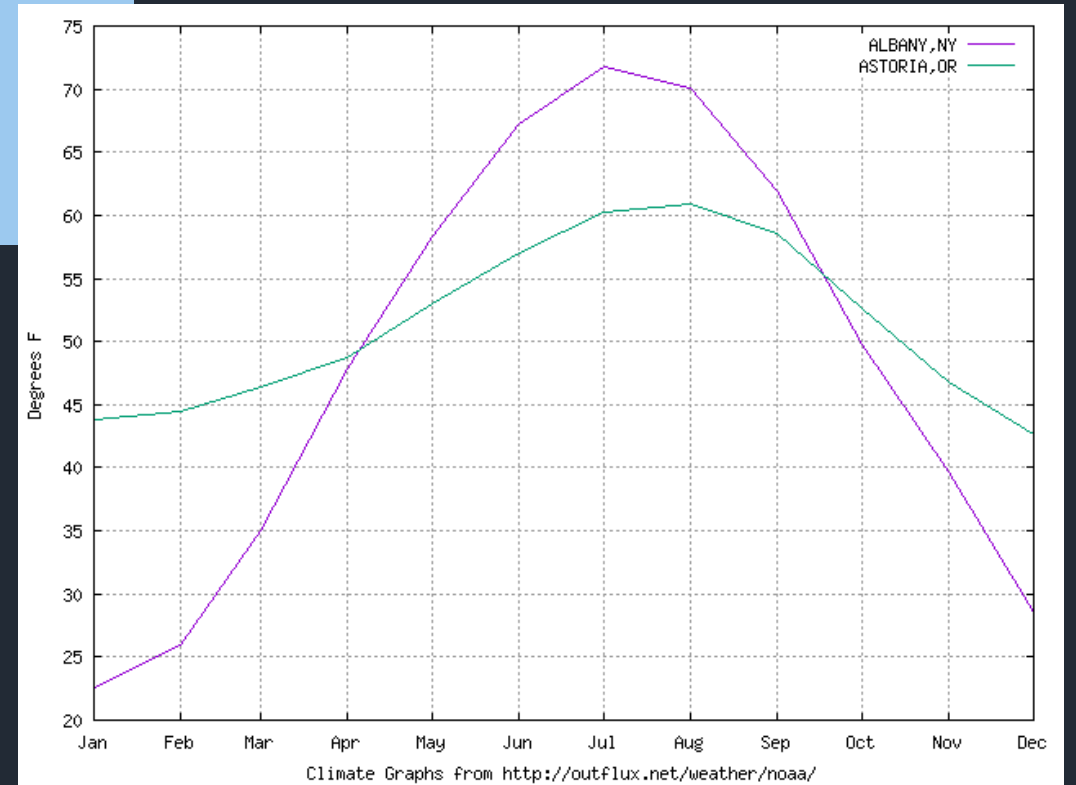


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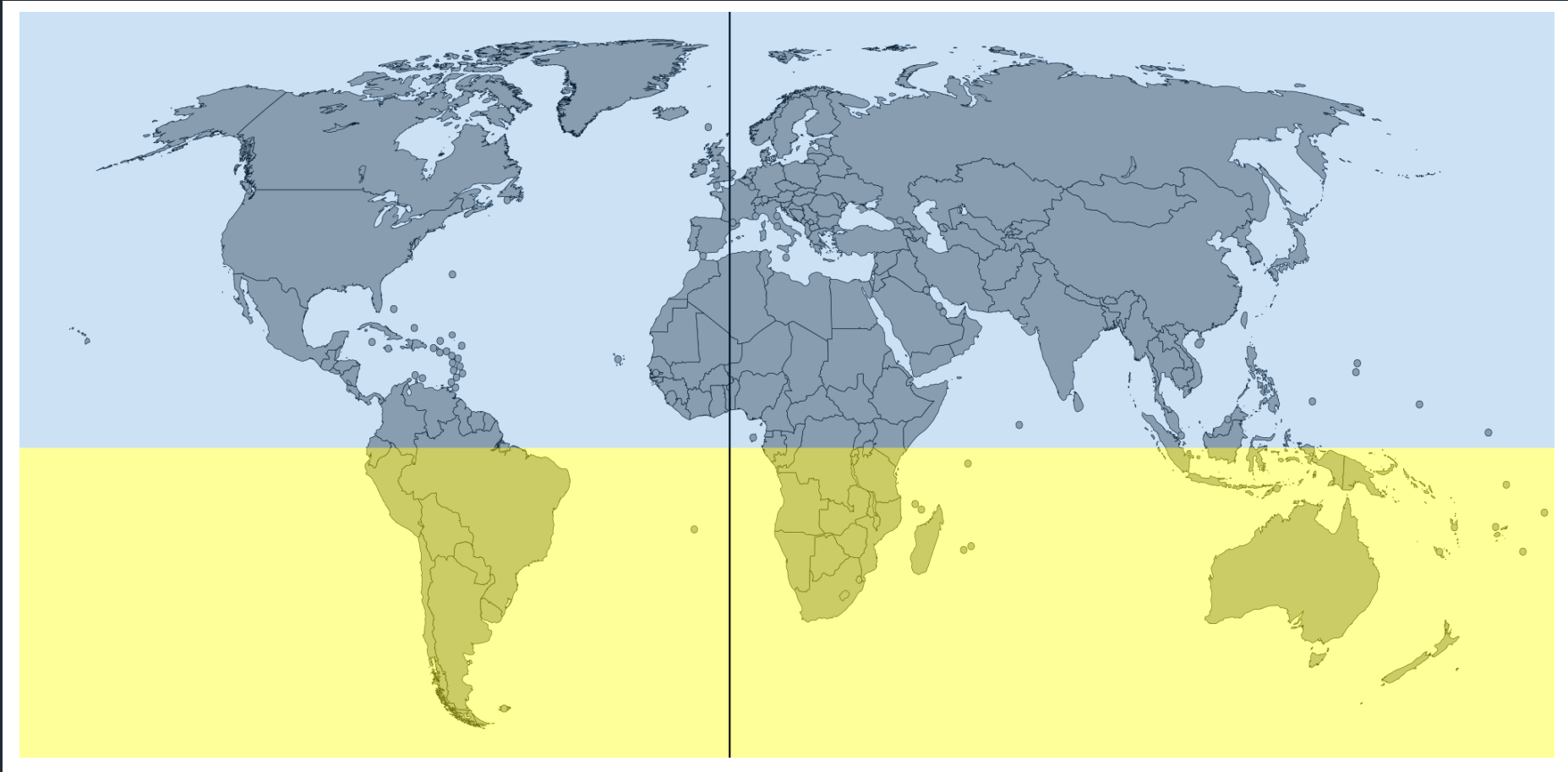
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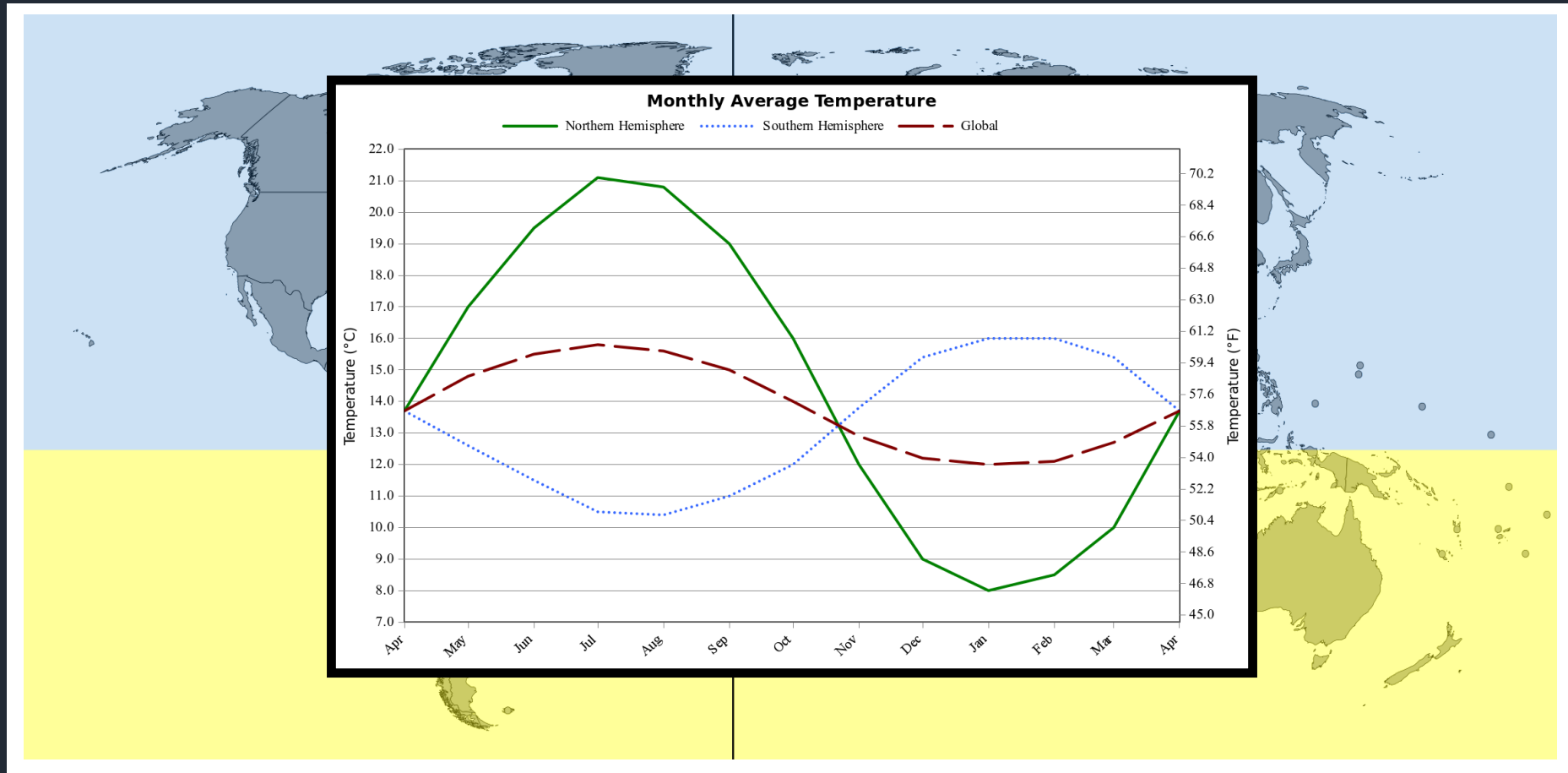


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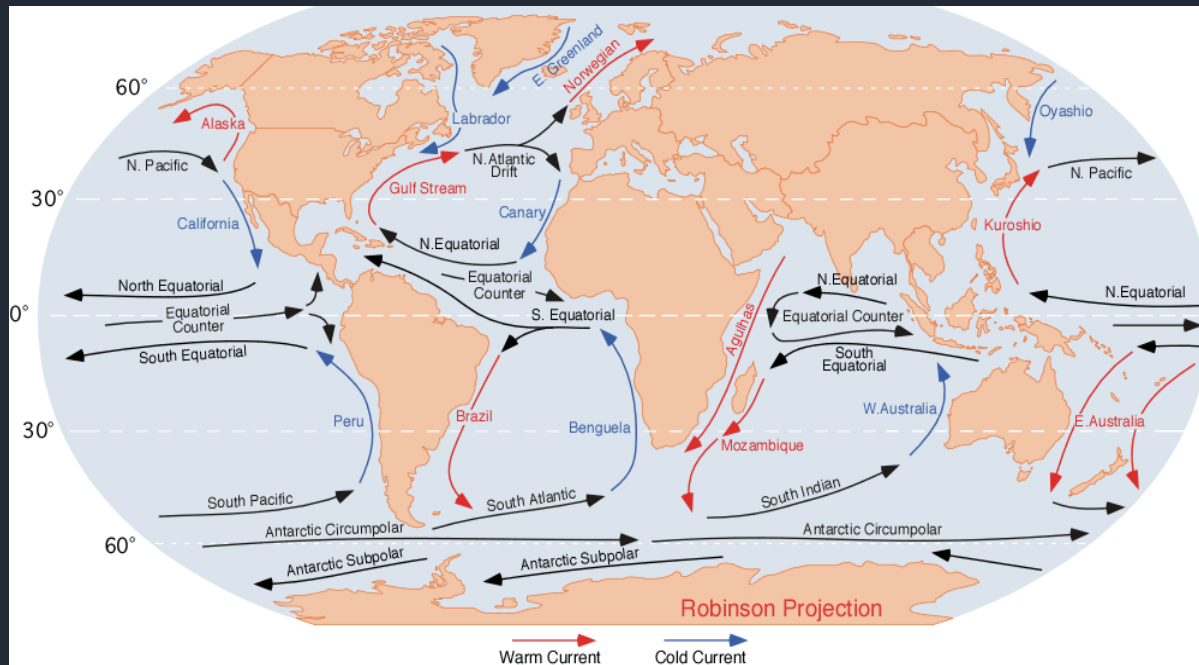


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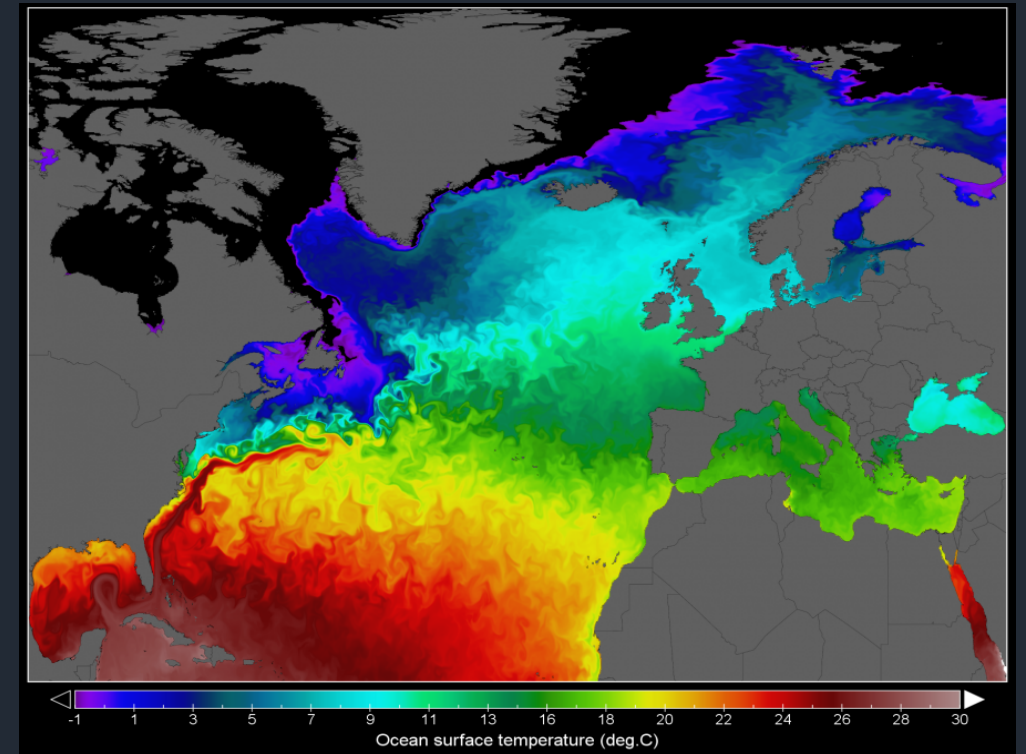
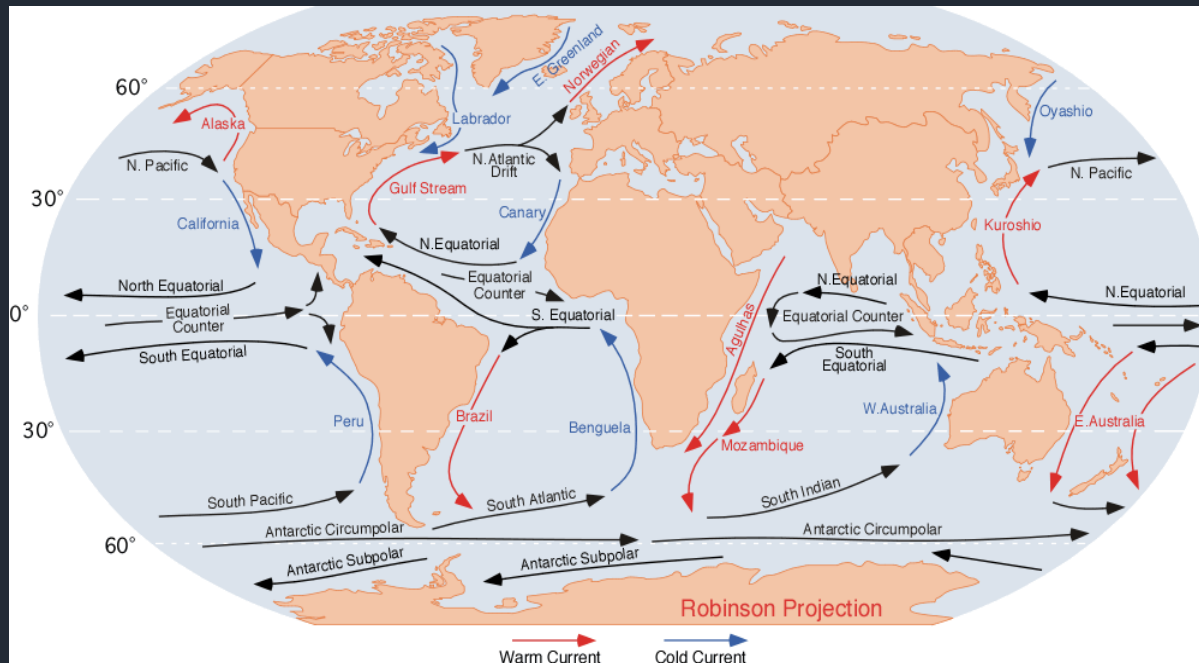


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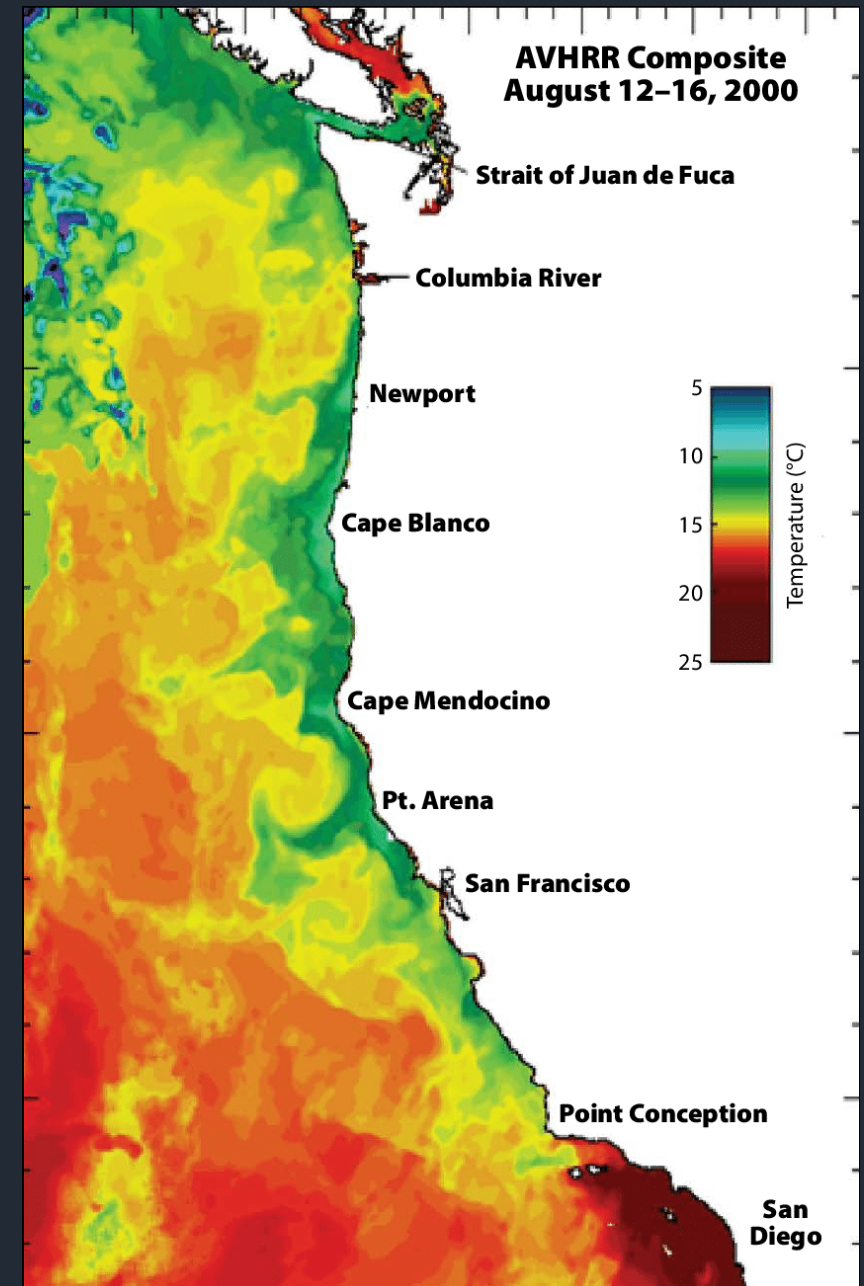
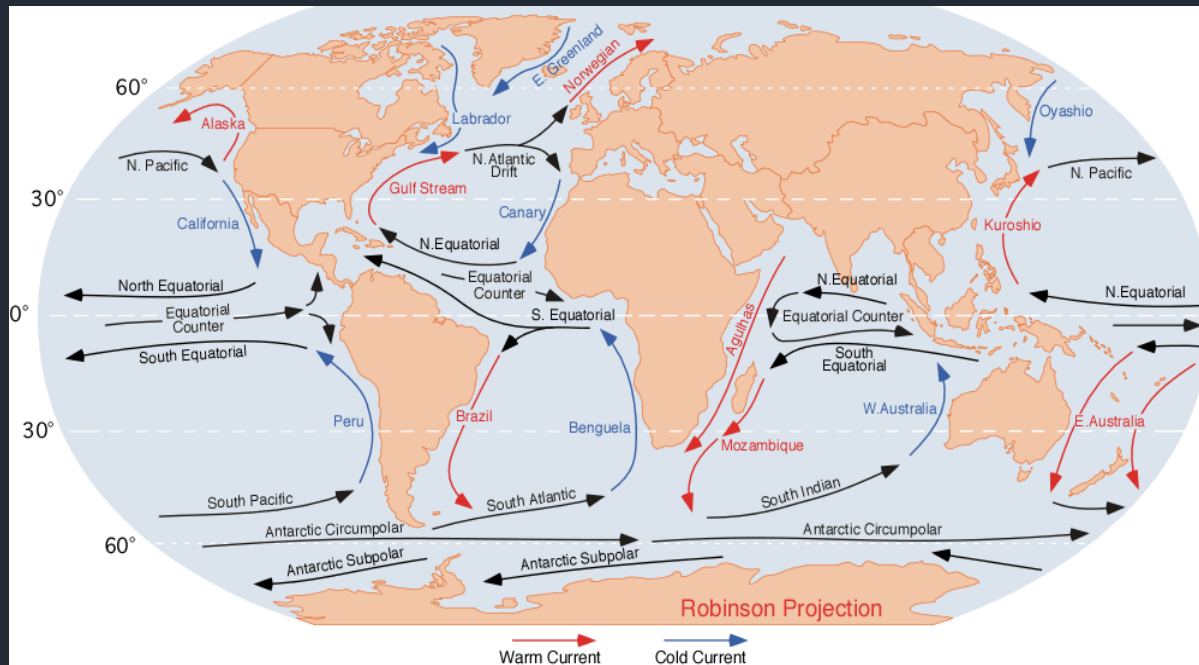


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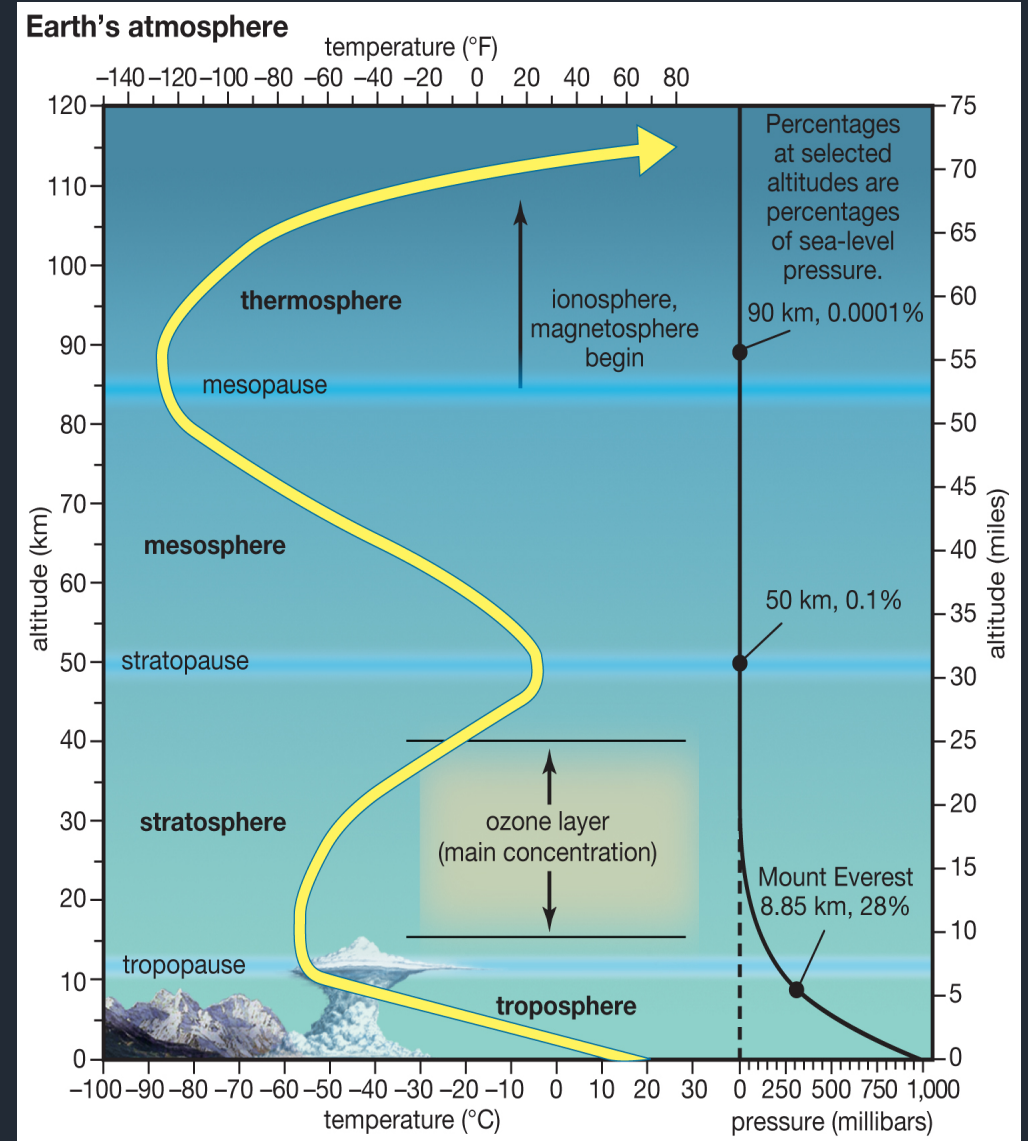
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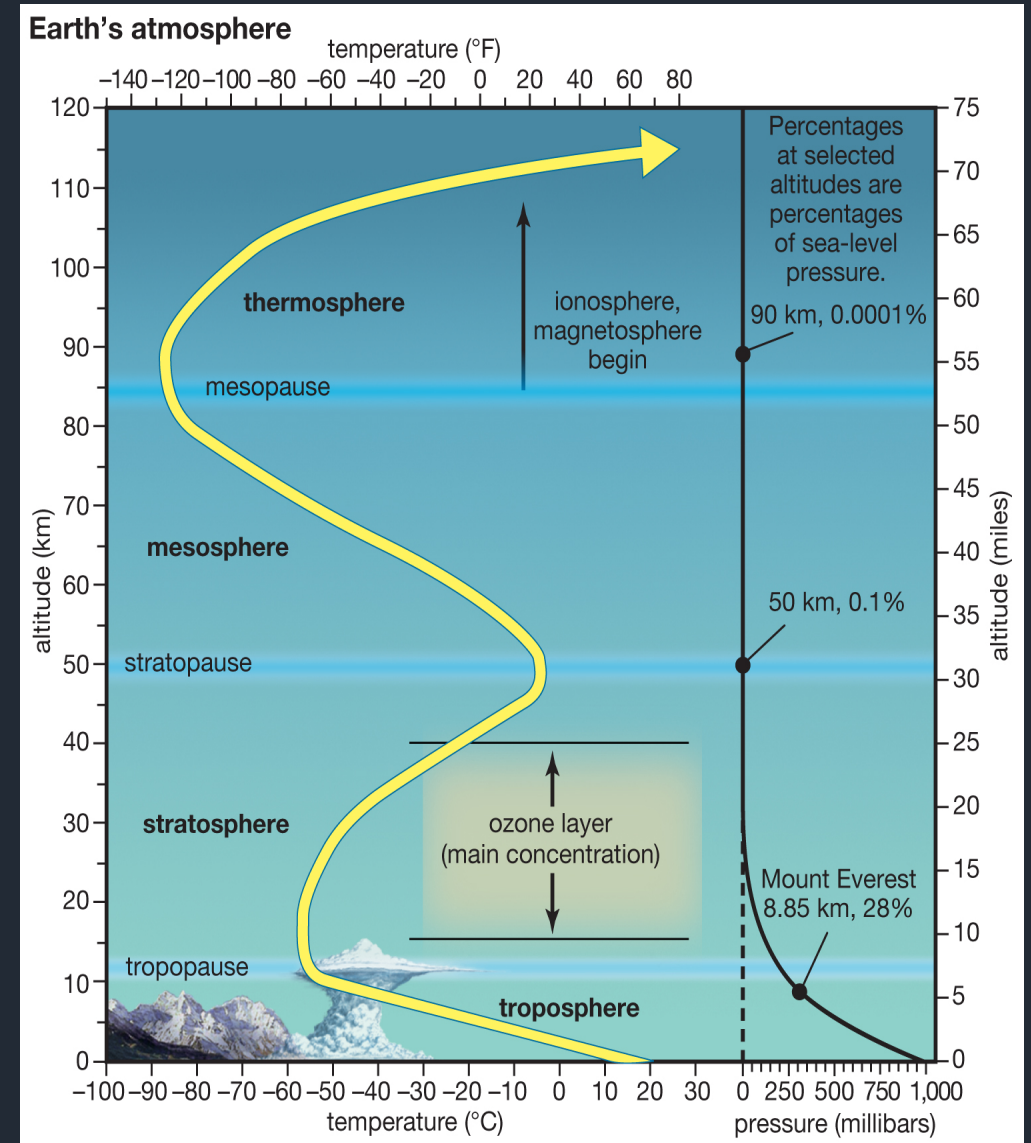
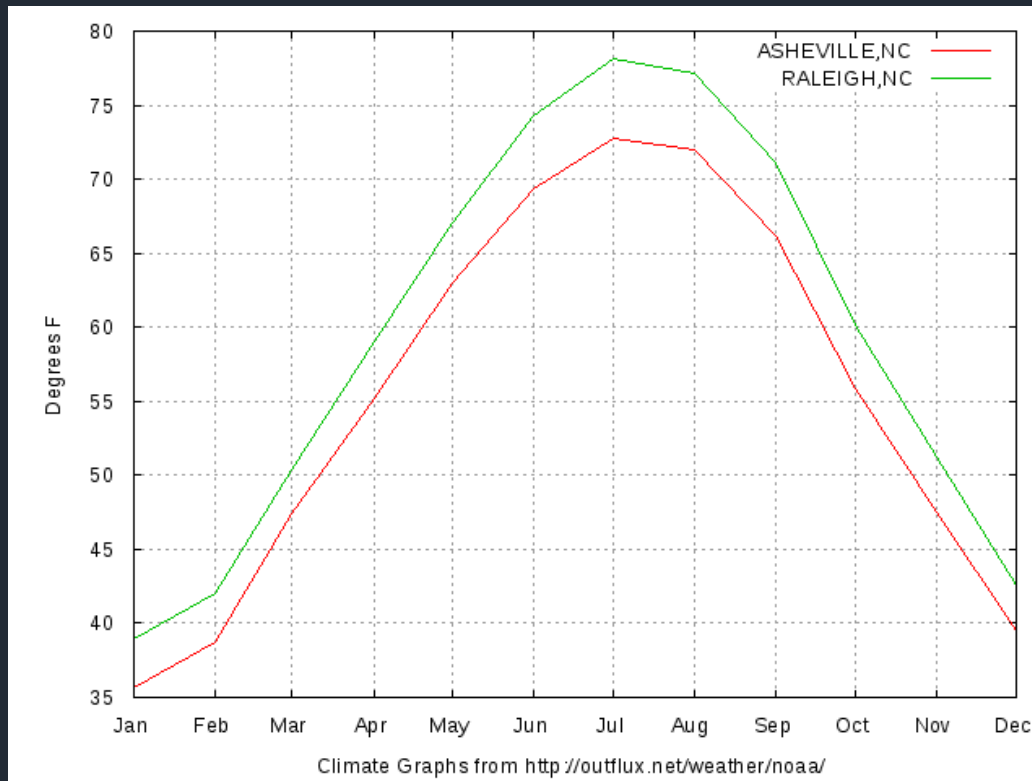


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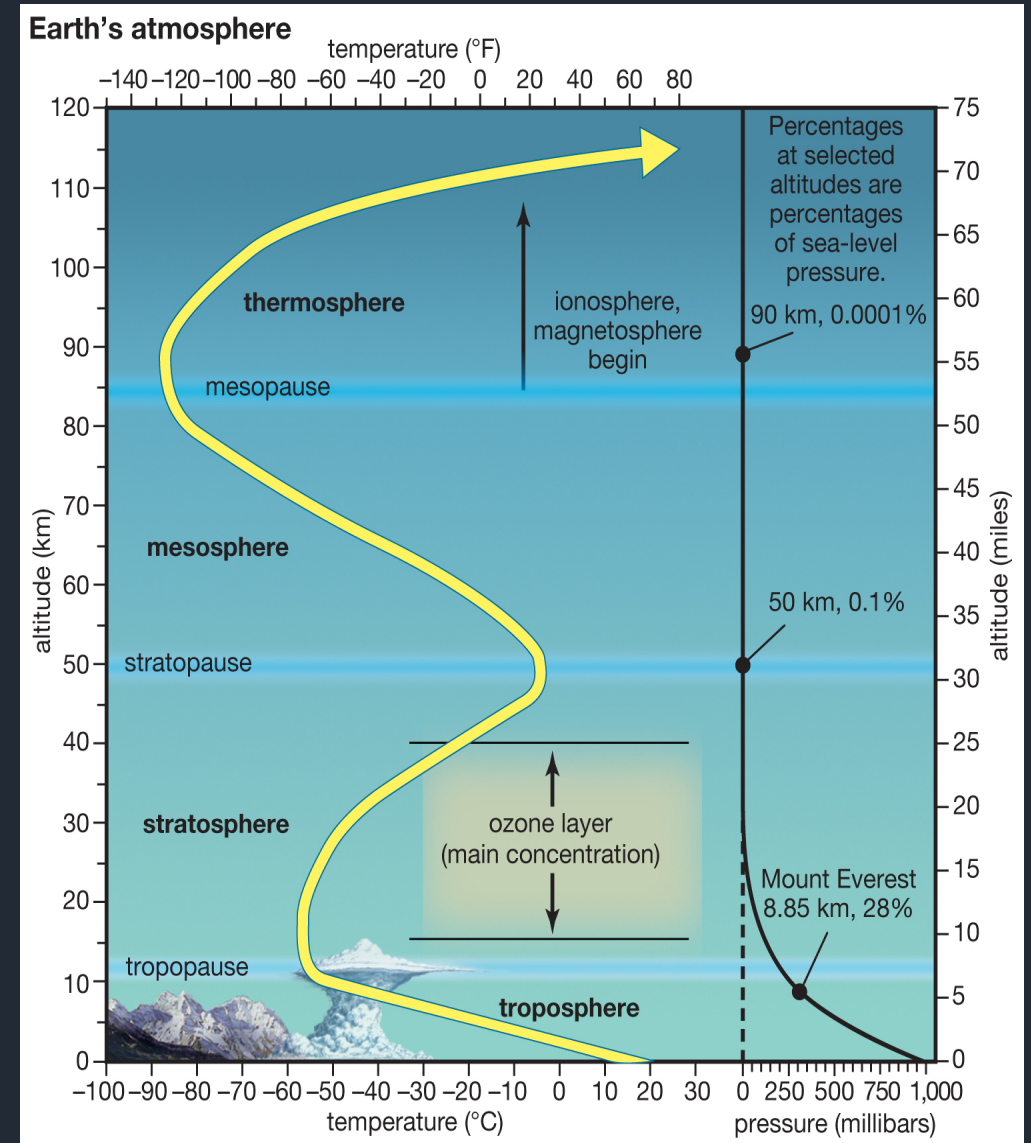
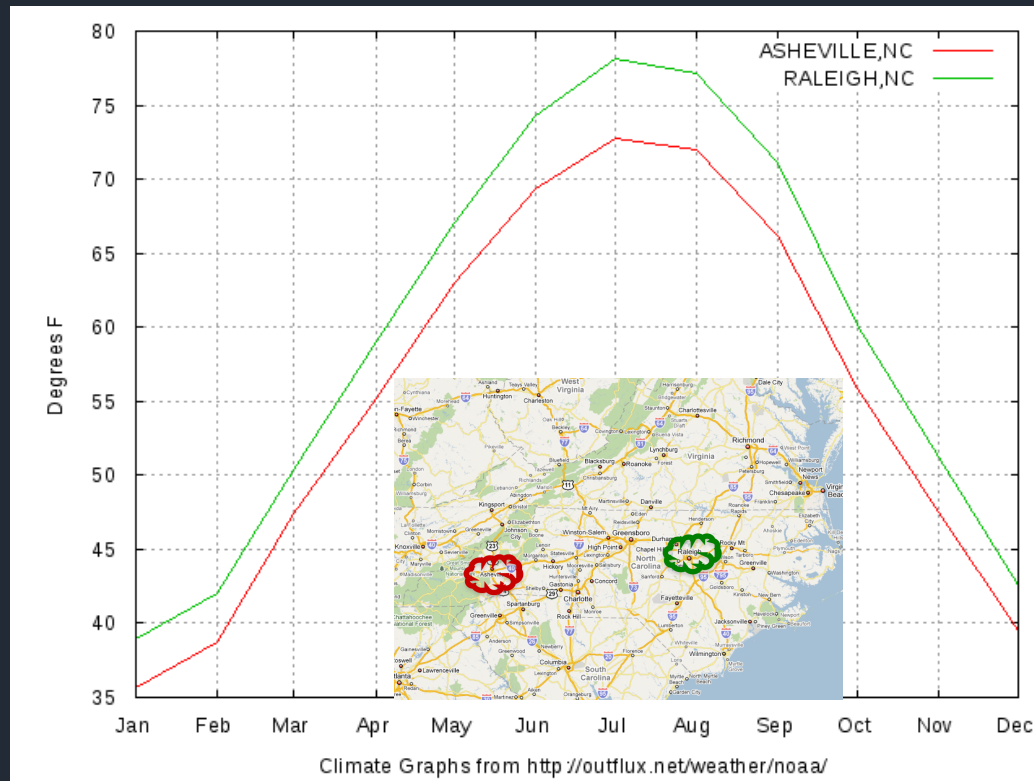
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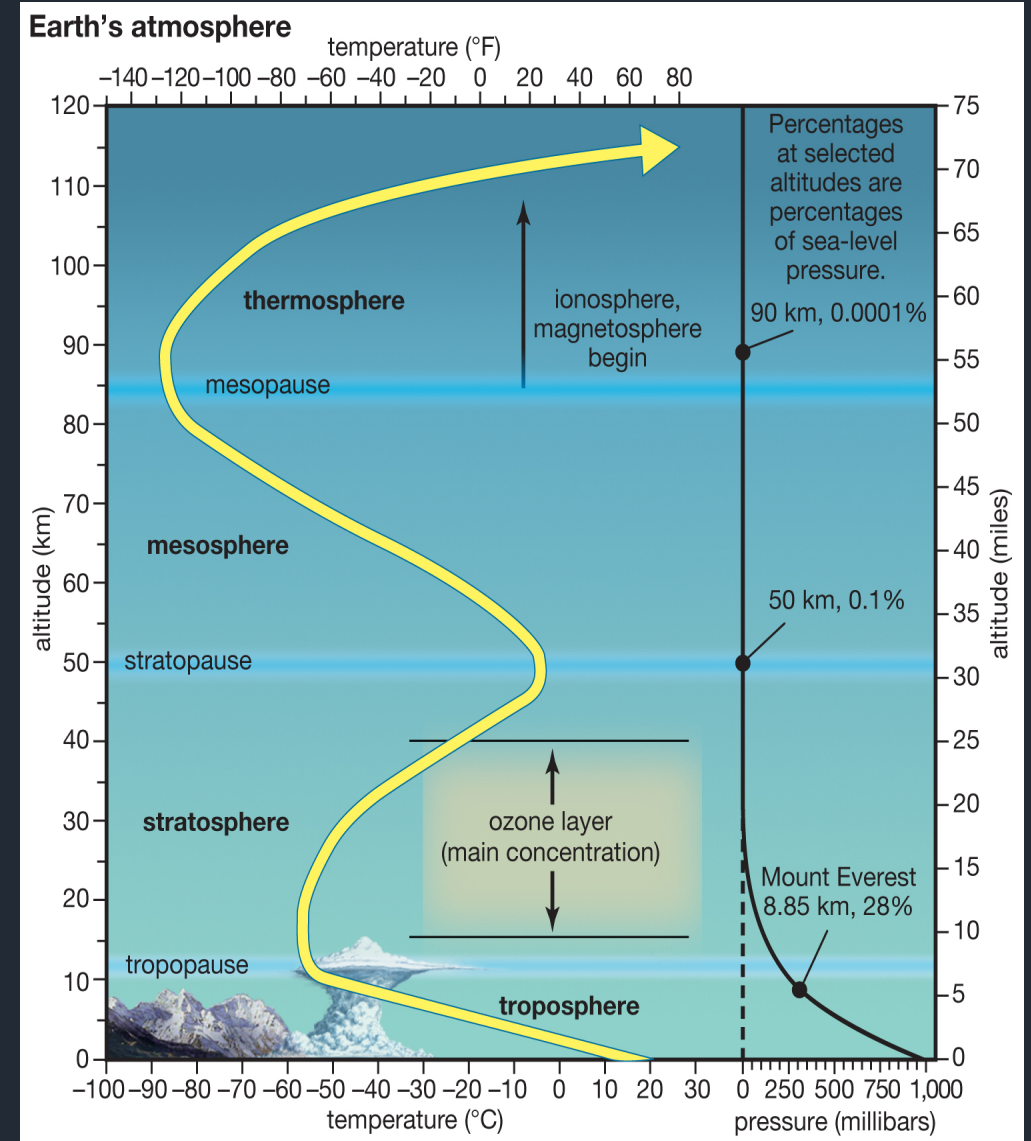
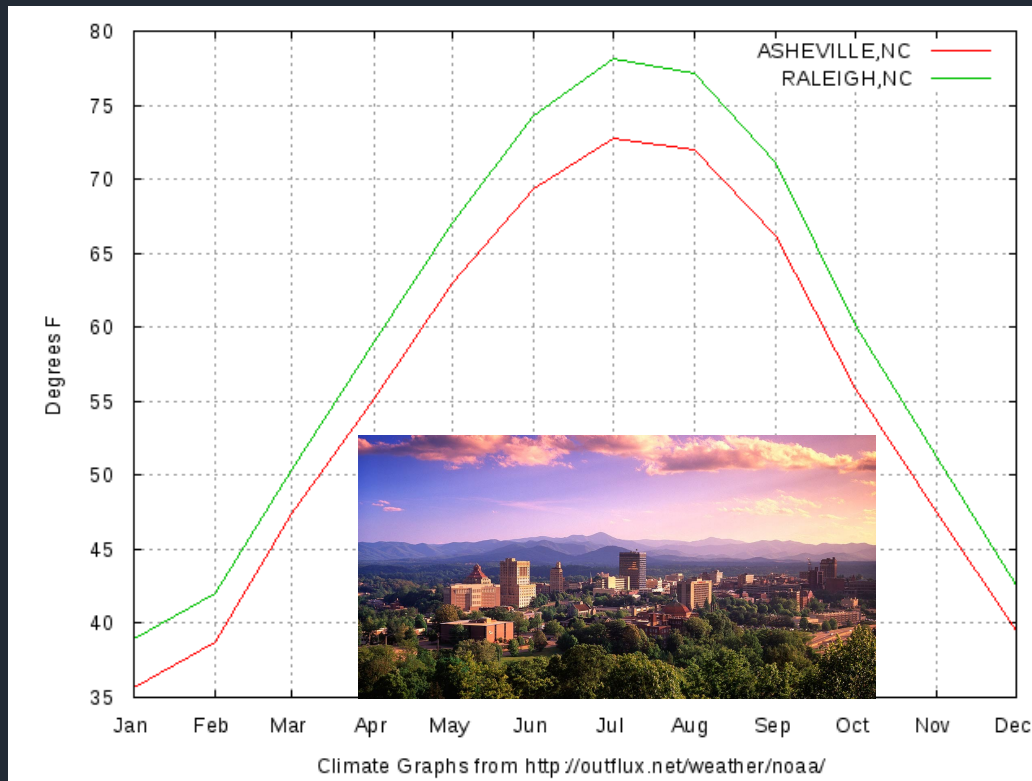
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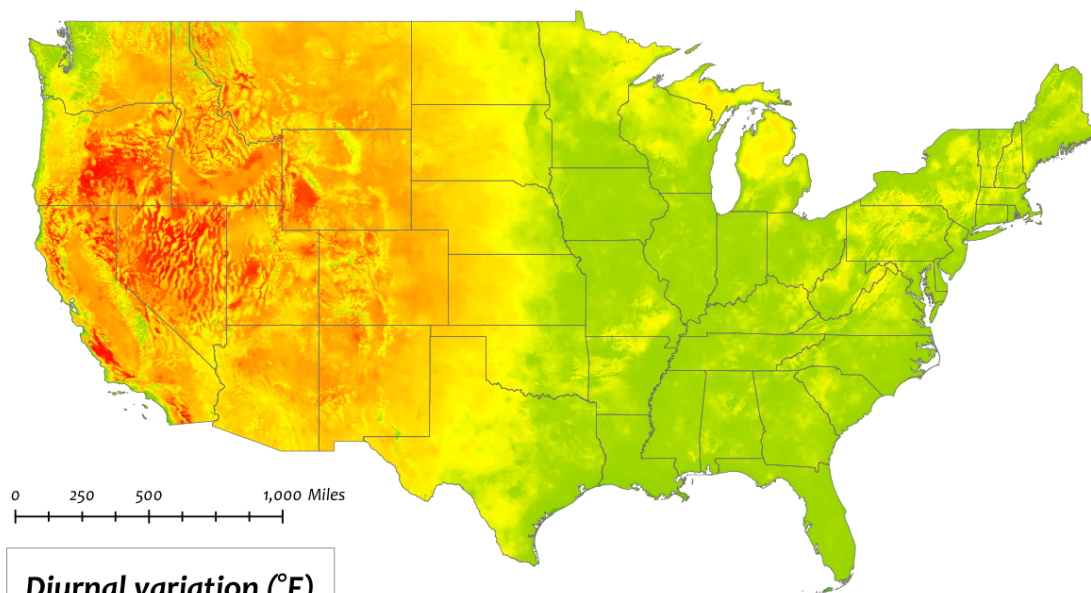
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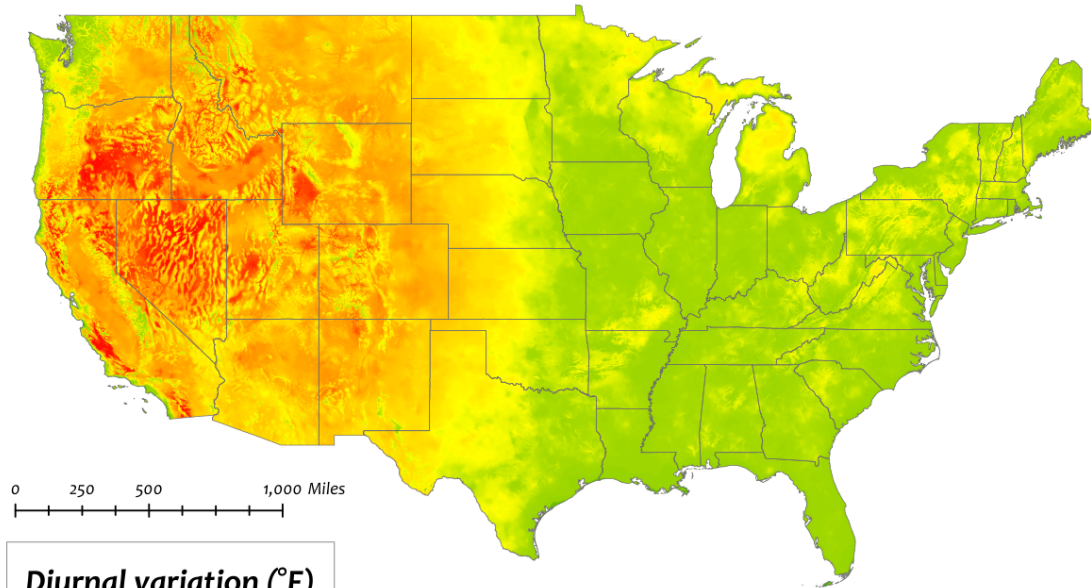
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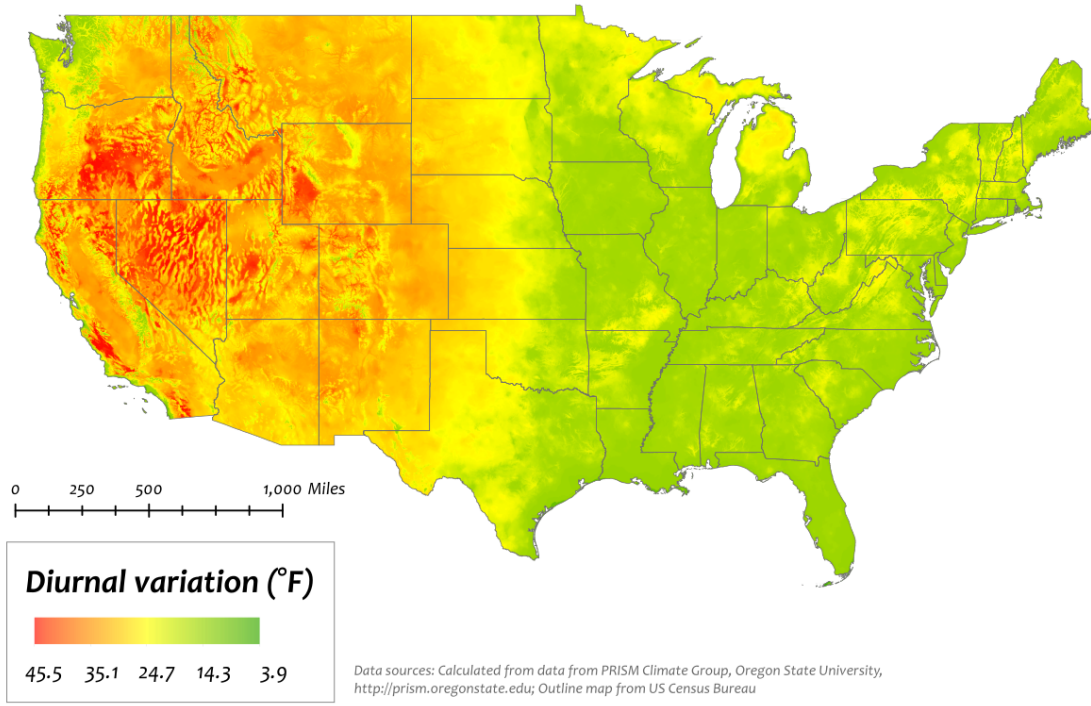


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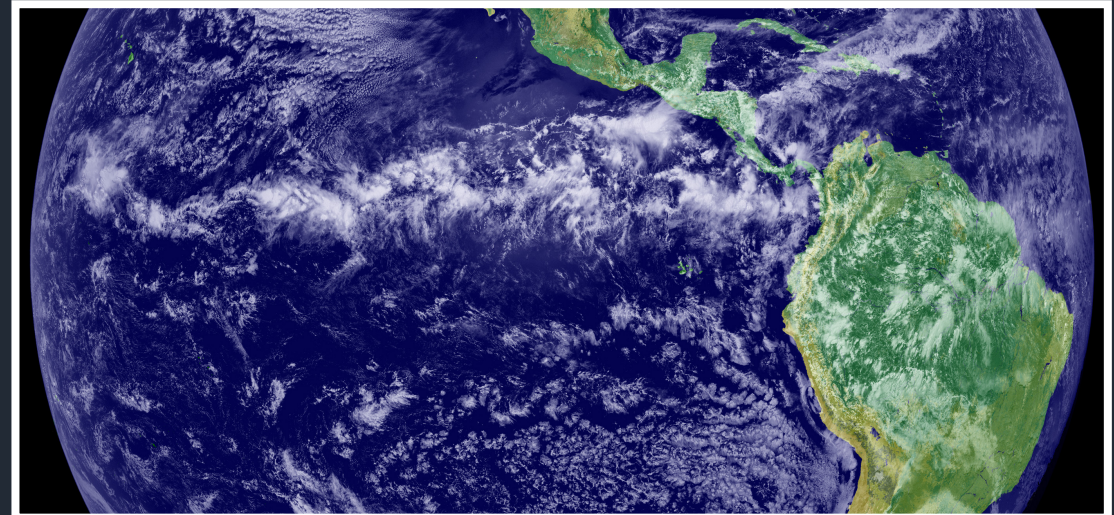
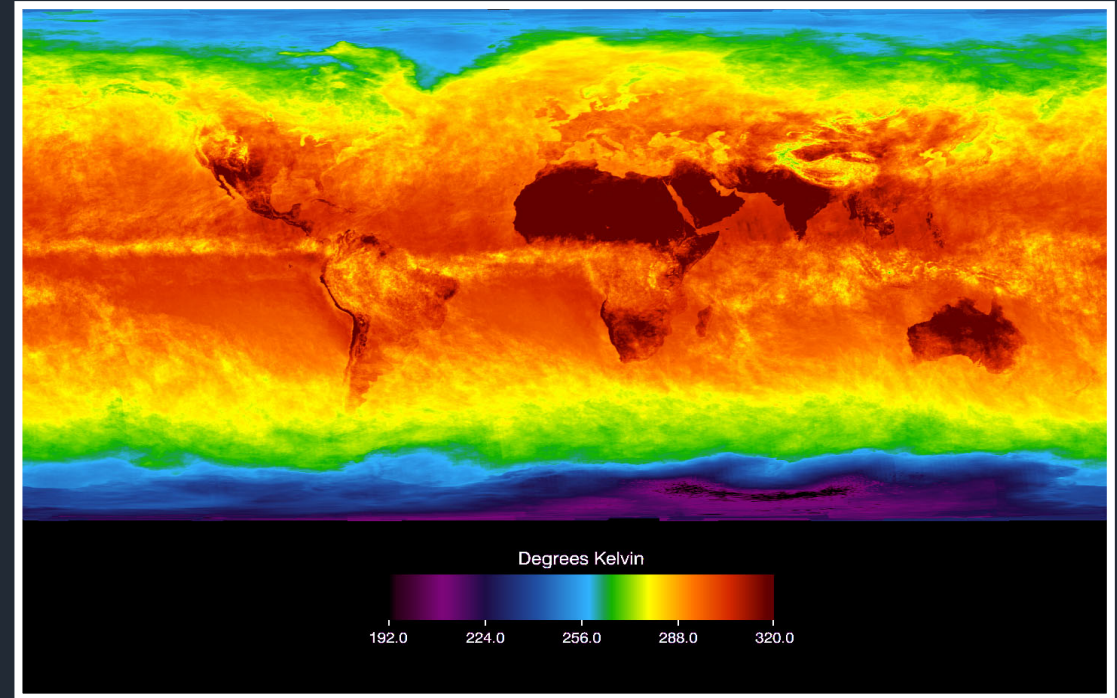


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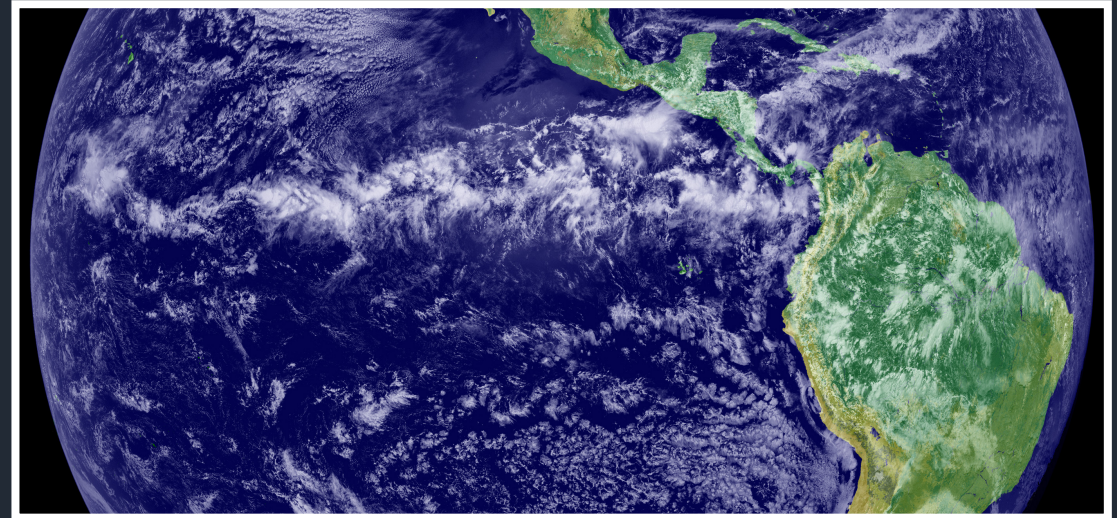
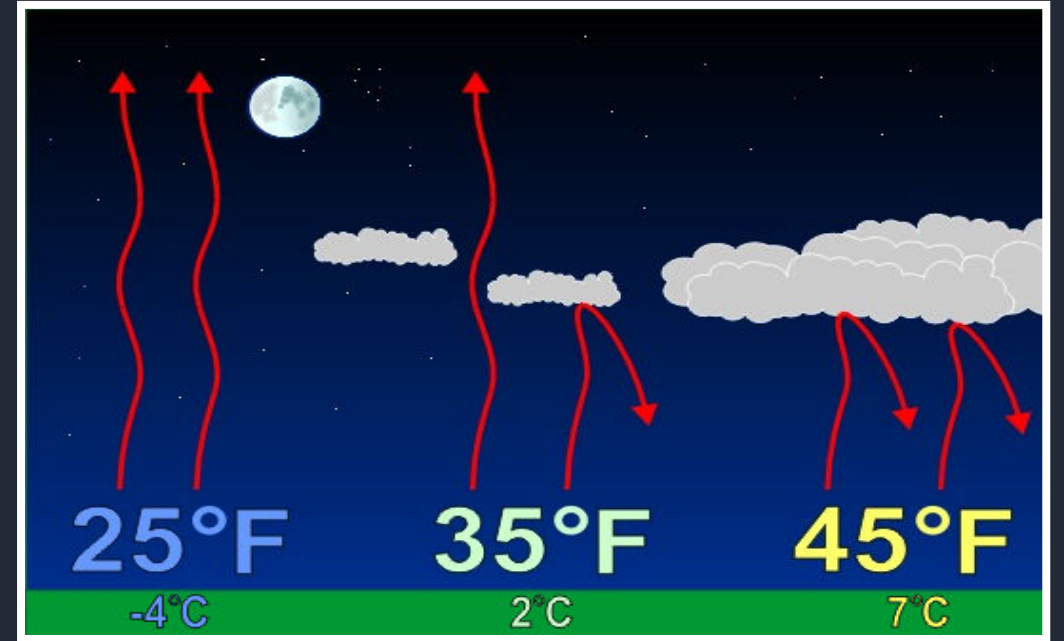
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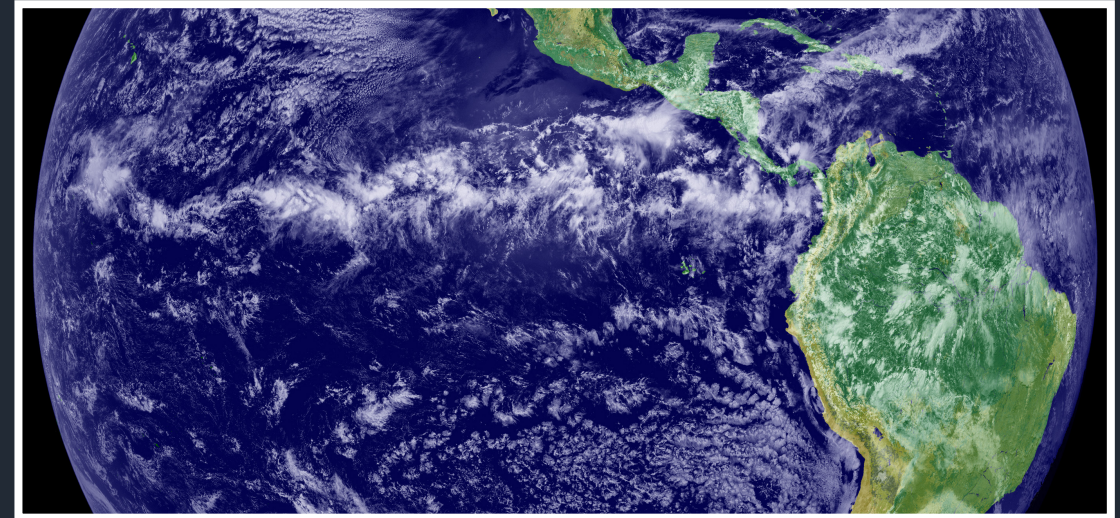
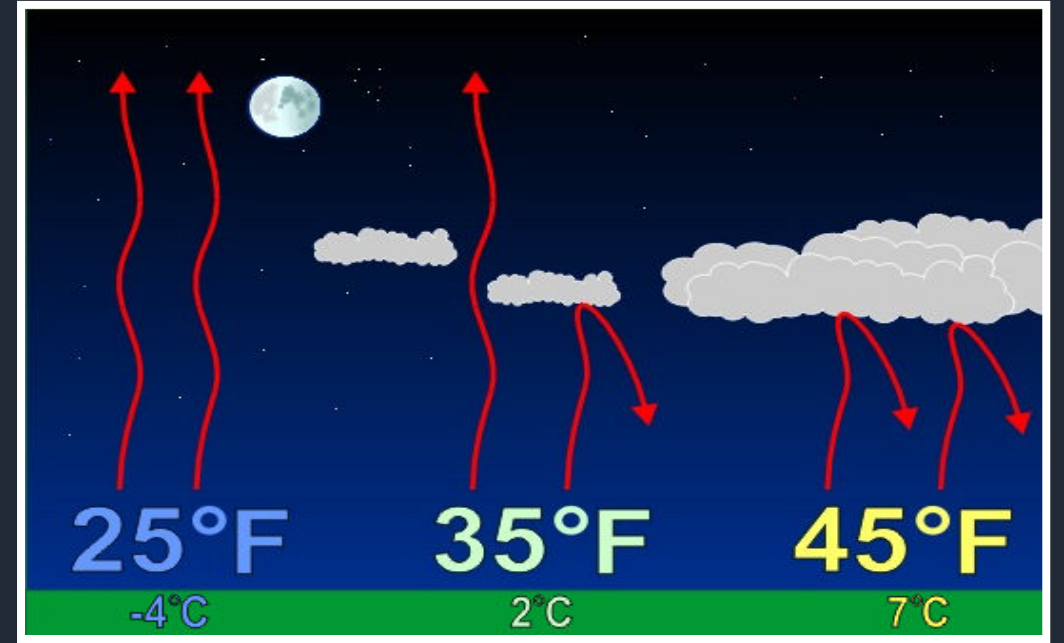
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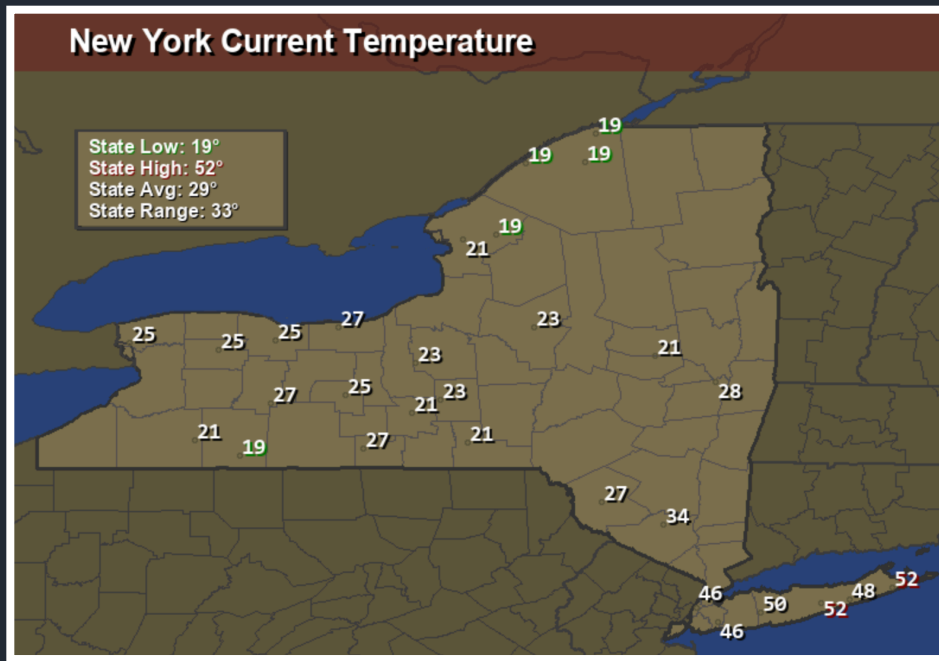
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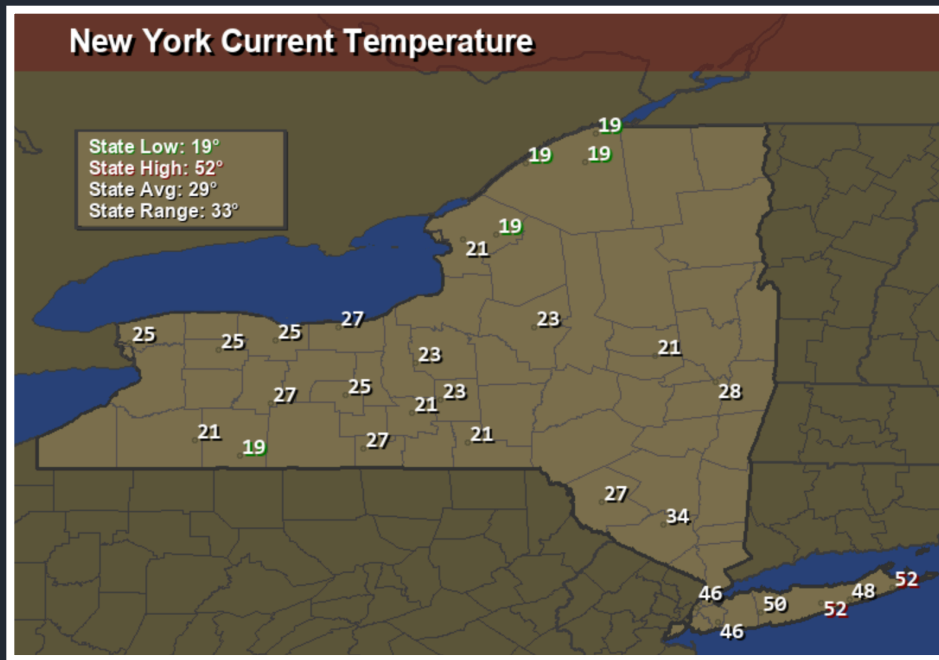
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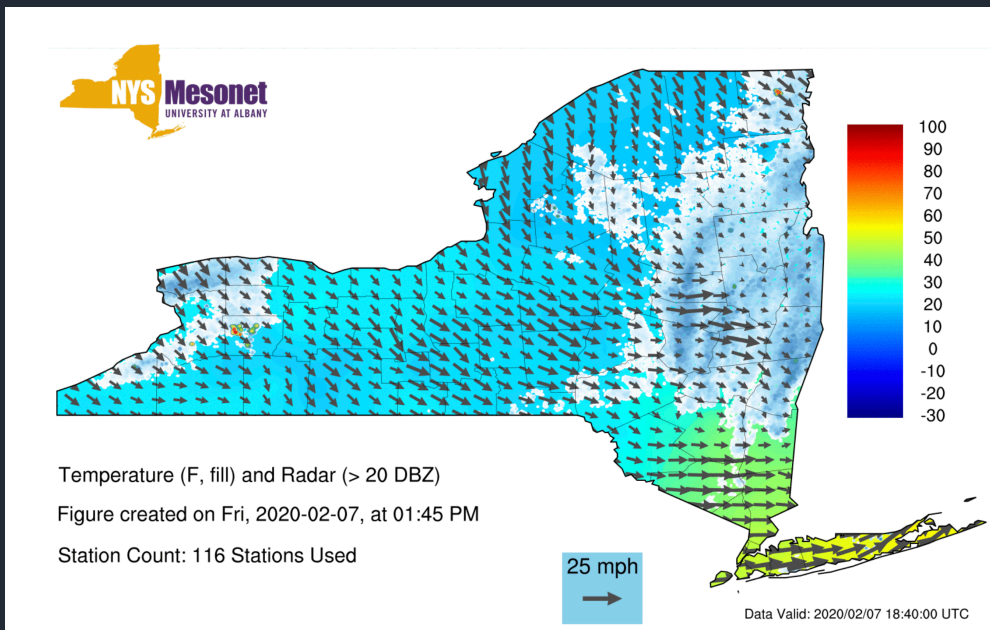
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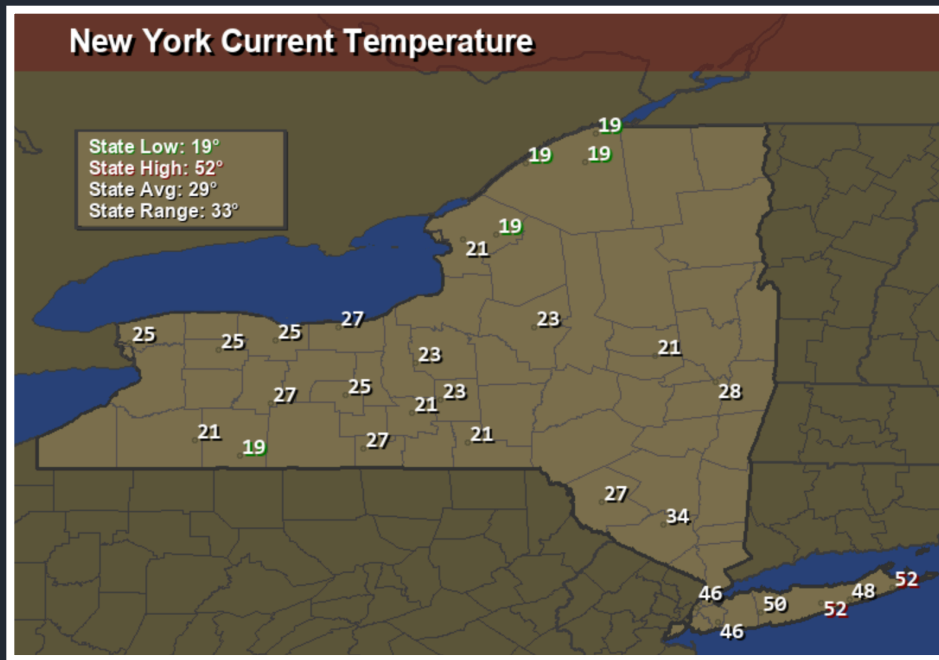


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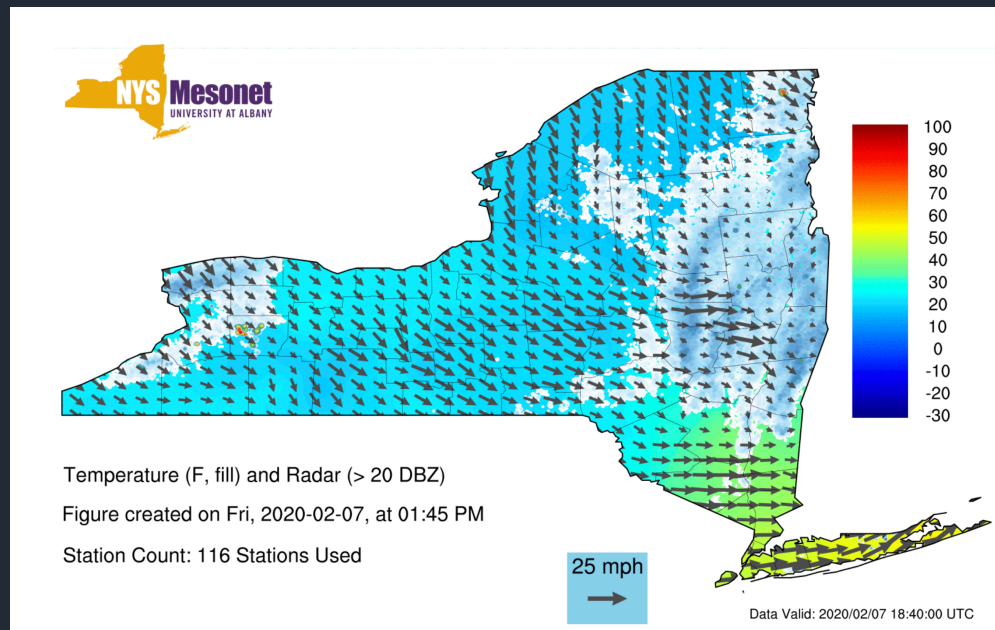


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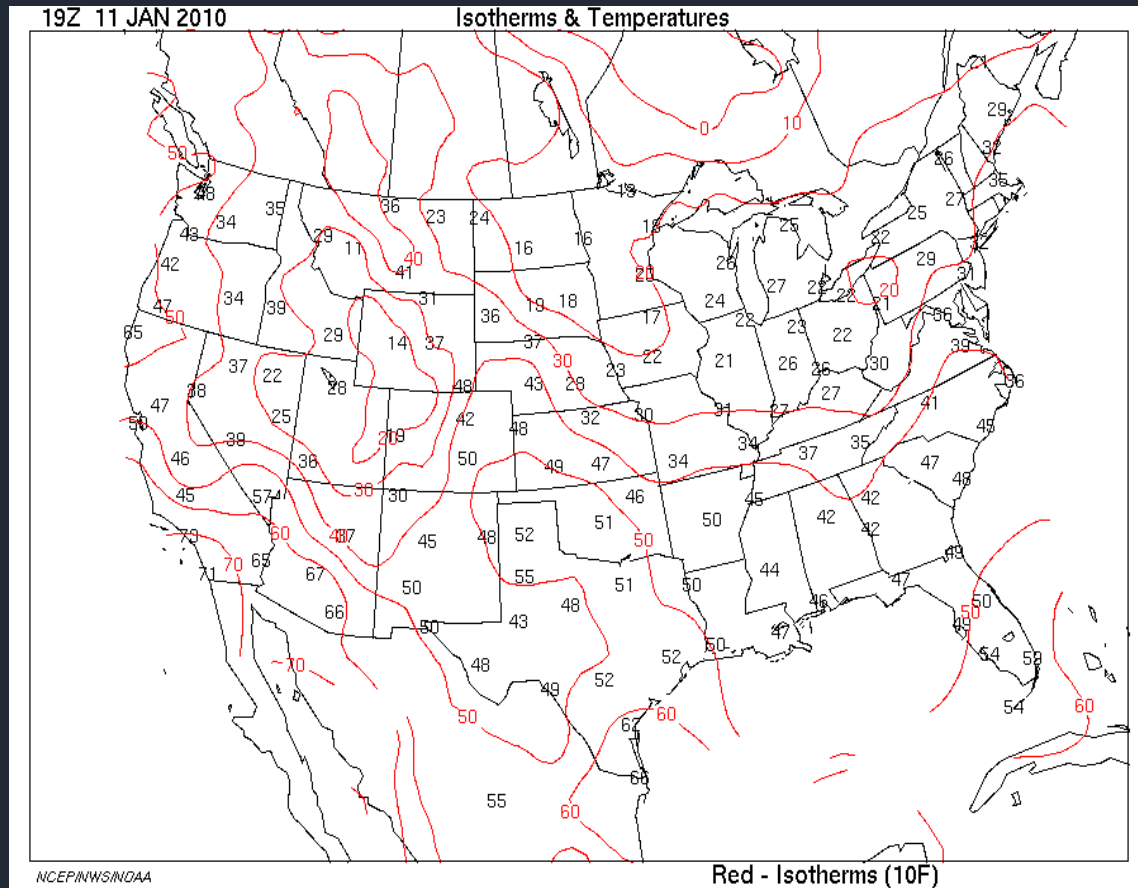




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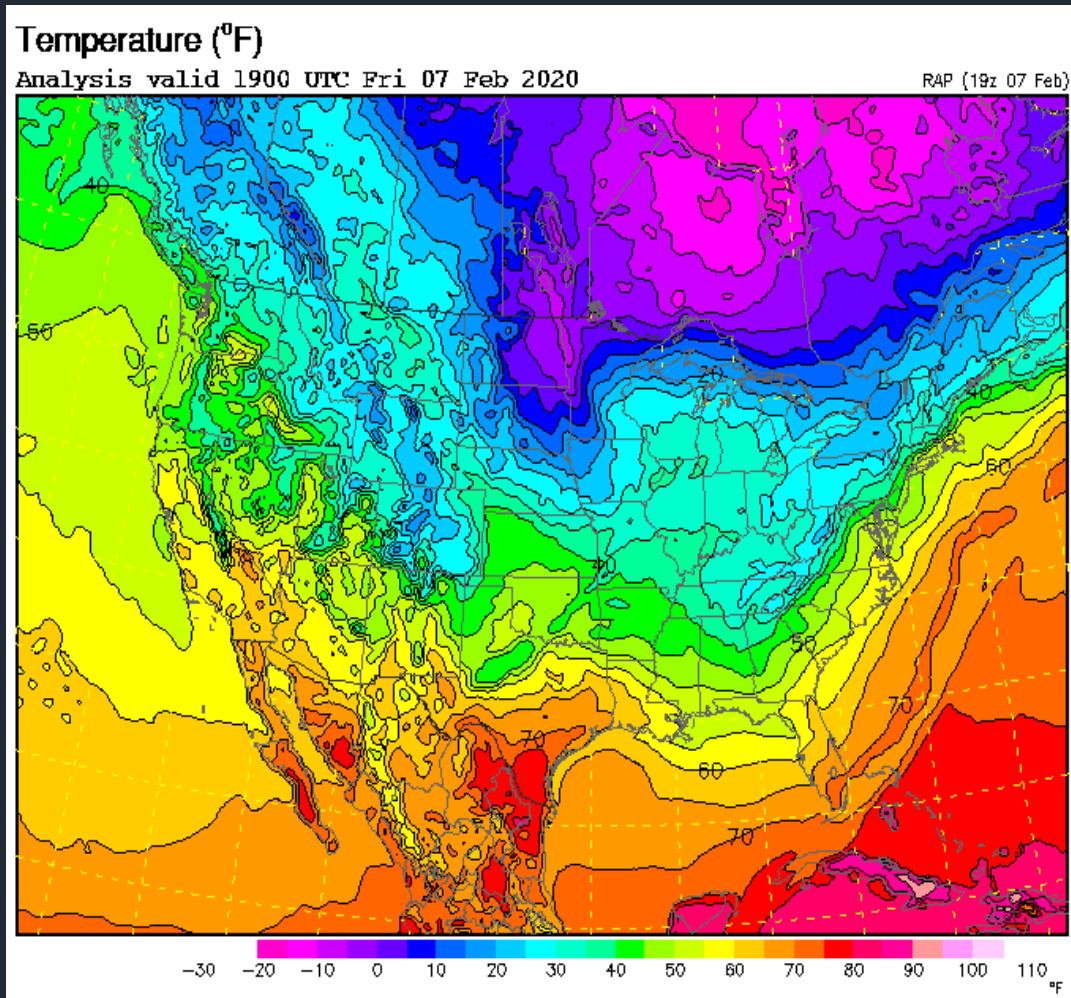


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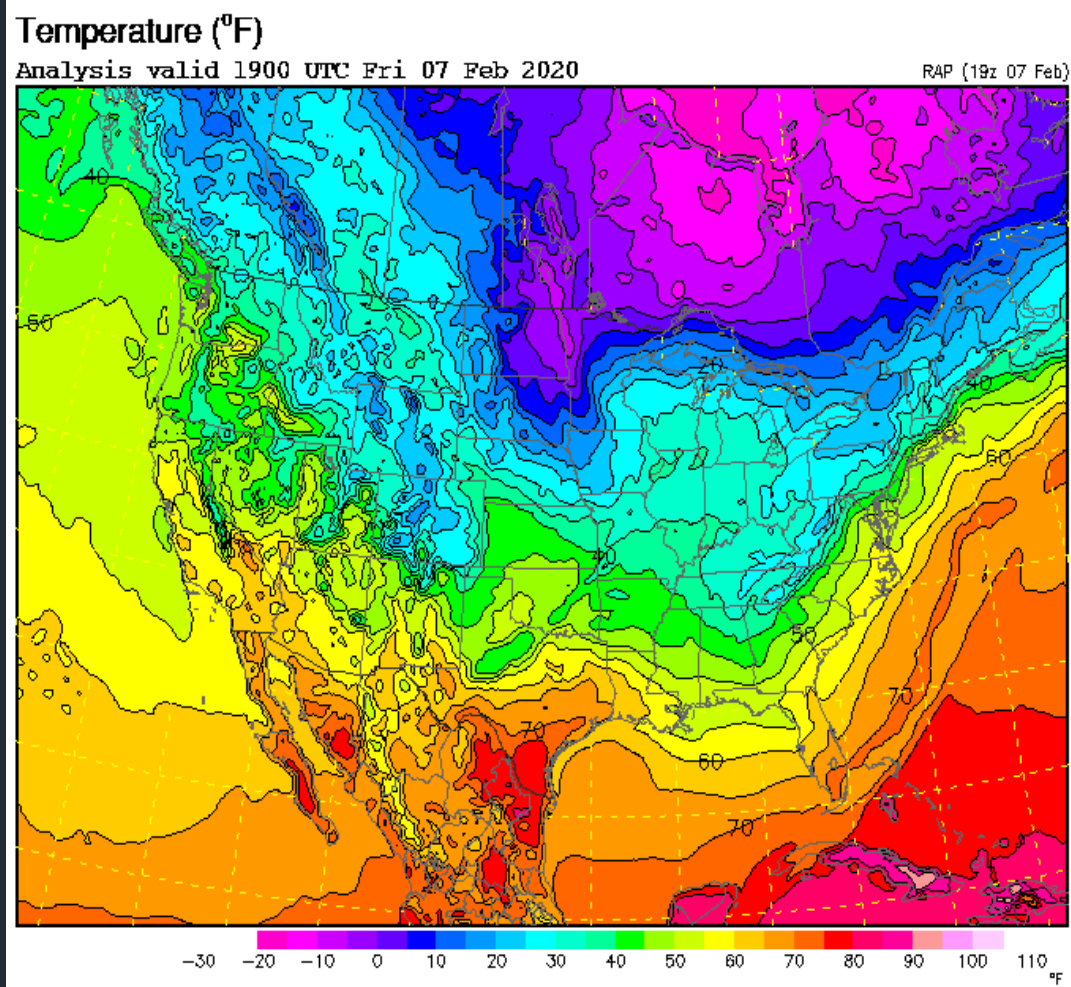


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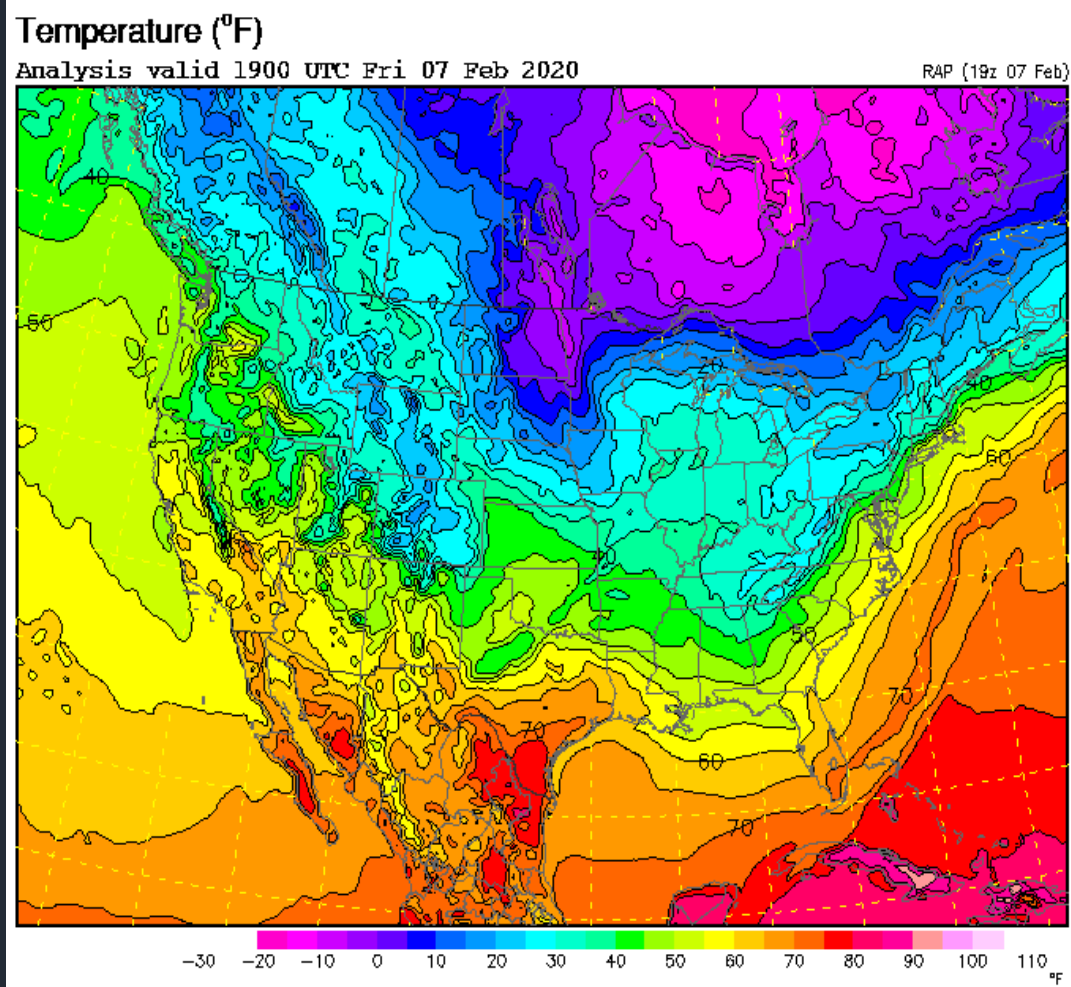
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~ Once **isotherms** are **drawn** on a map, we may easily **visualize** the **temperature gradient**: the **change** in **temperature** over a **distance** (like the lapse rate, but in the **horizontal**).



~ ***Isotherms*** that are ***closely packed*** together indicate a ***large change*** in ***temperature*** over a distance, while ***widely spaced isotherms*** indicate a much more ***gradual change***.