

# Atmospheric pressure as a natural climate regulator for a terrestrial planet with a biosphere

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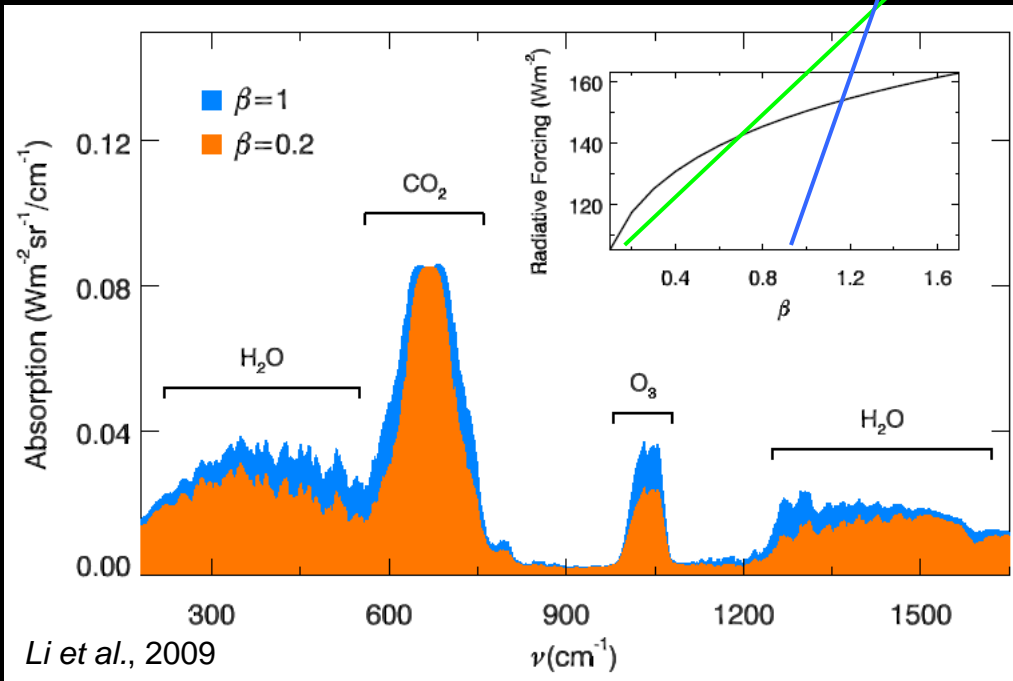
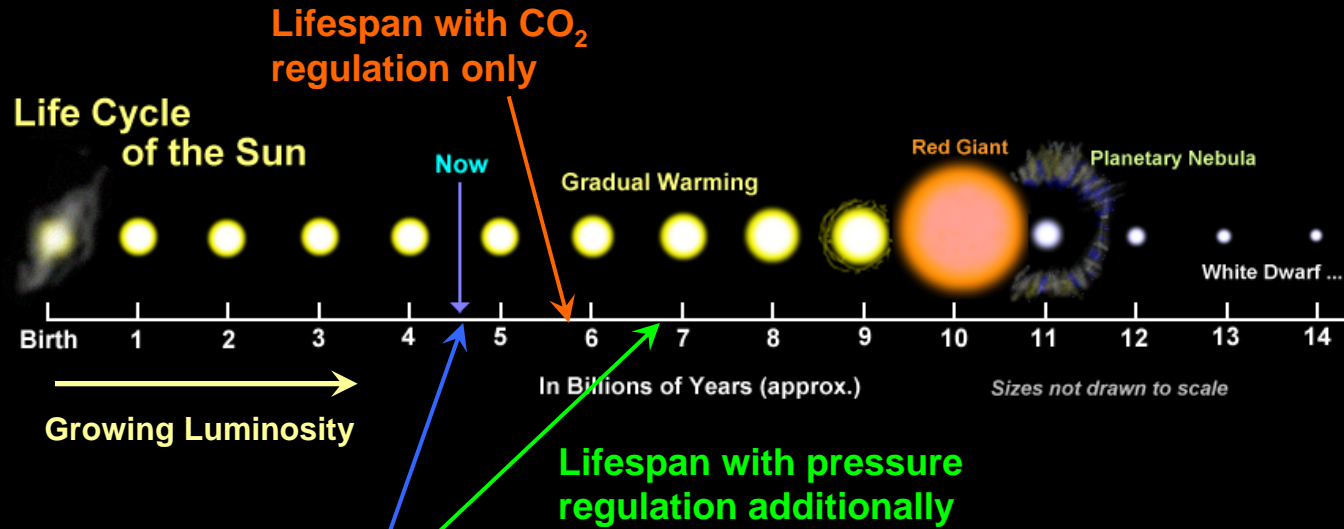
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# Atmospheric Pressure and Habitability

Sun will continue to grow brighter, and Earth will be too hot to inhabit



Regulation on pressure would extend the Earth's lifespan by ~ 1 billion years

- Pressure change in the past? (Faint Young Sun Paradox)
- Largely increase the number of potentially habitable planets
- Largely increase the time of searching or being searched for extraterrestrial life