The climate system and its interactions with biodiversity and human livelihoods

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Biosphere – Atmosphere relations might explain the inferred capacity of the rainforest to resist climate forcing

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The Green Ocean

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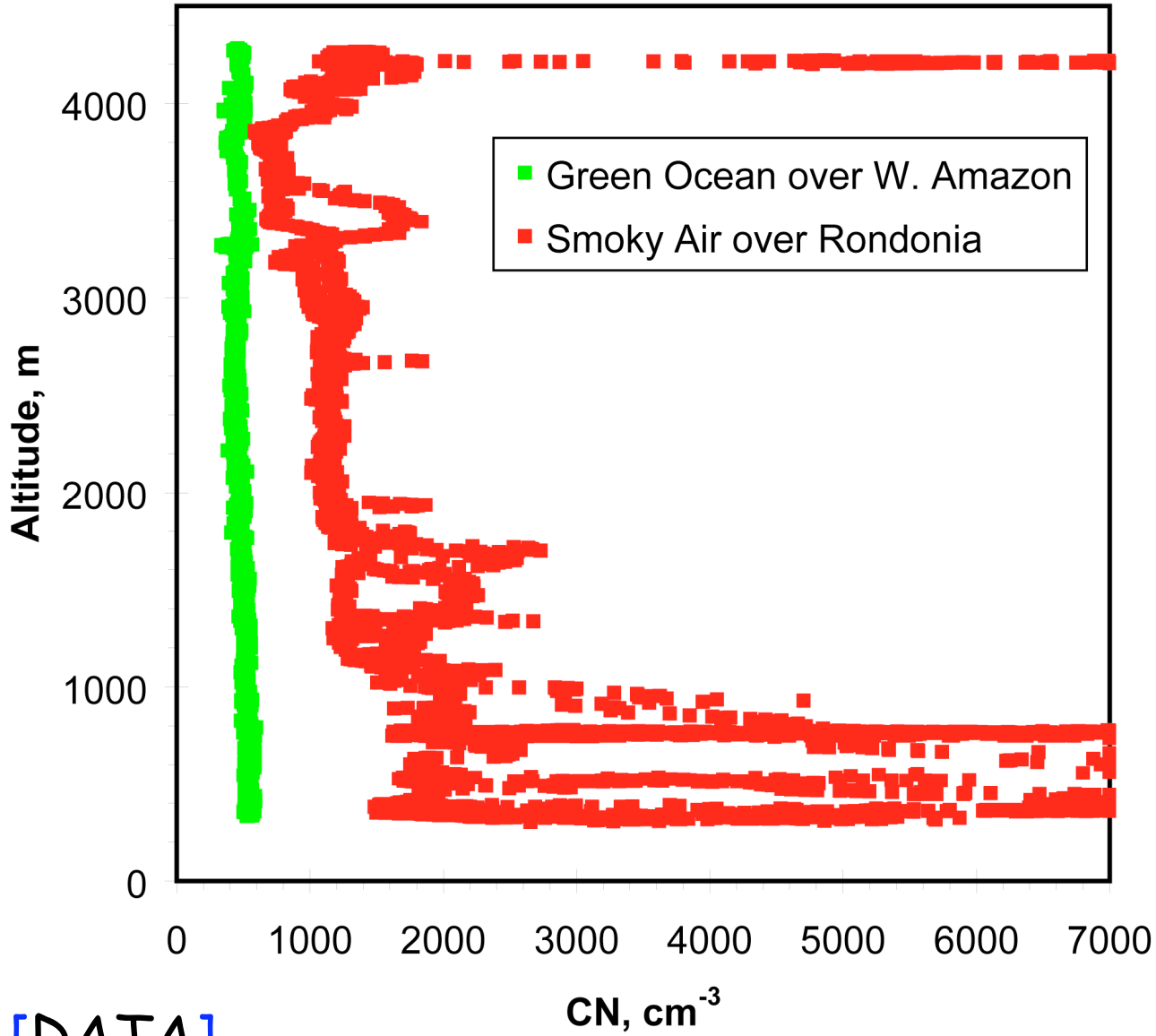

Vertical Distribution of Aerosols

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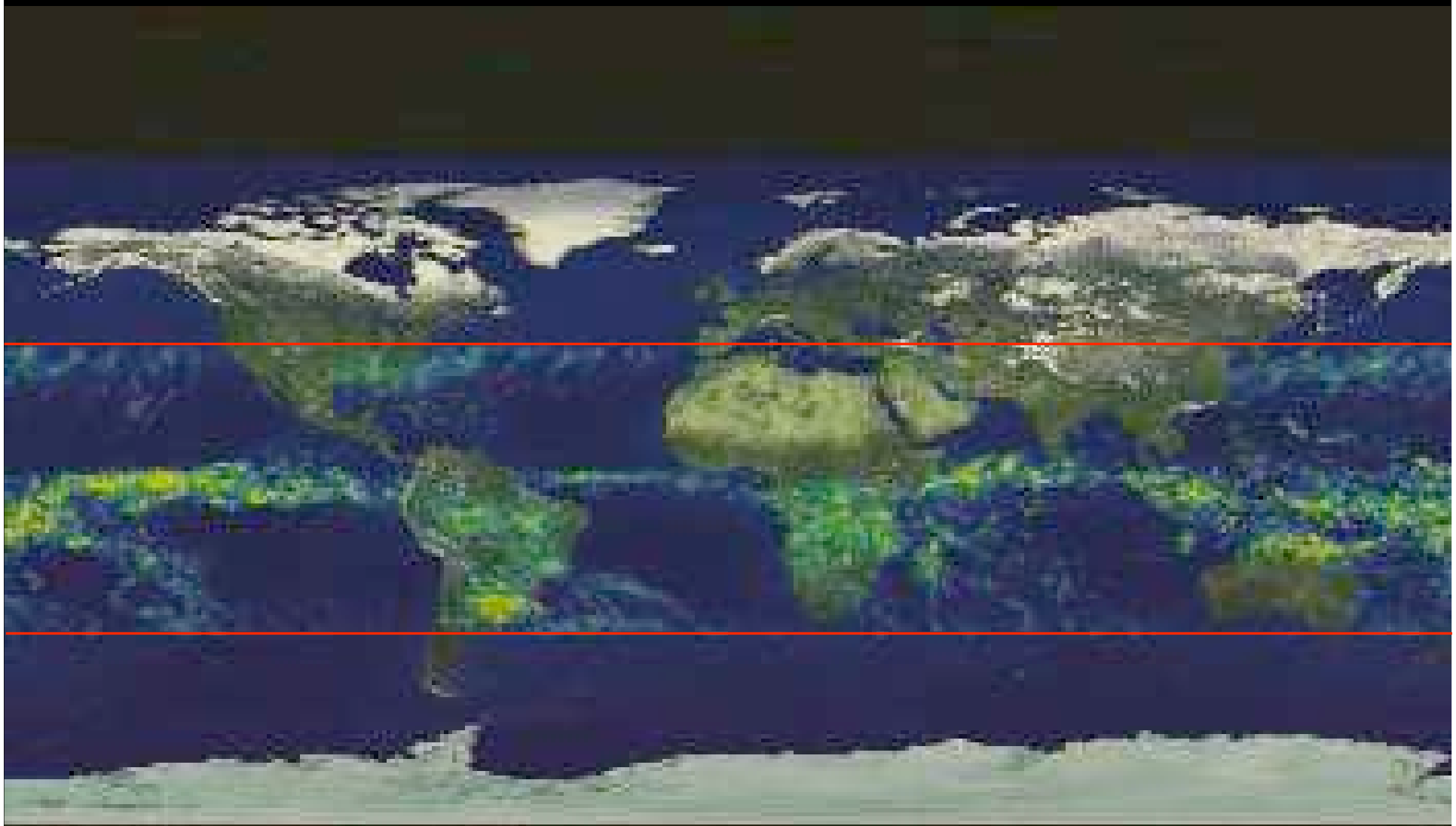
TROPICAL RAINFALL



2 years data from TRMM satellite

Animation Credit NASA Goddard

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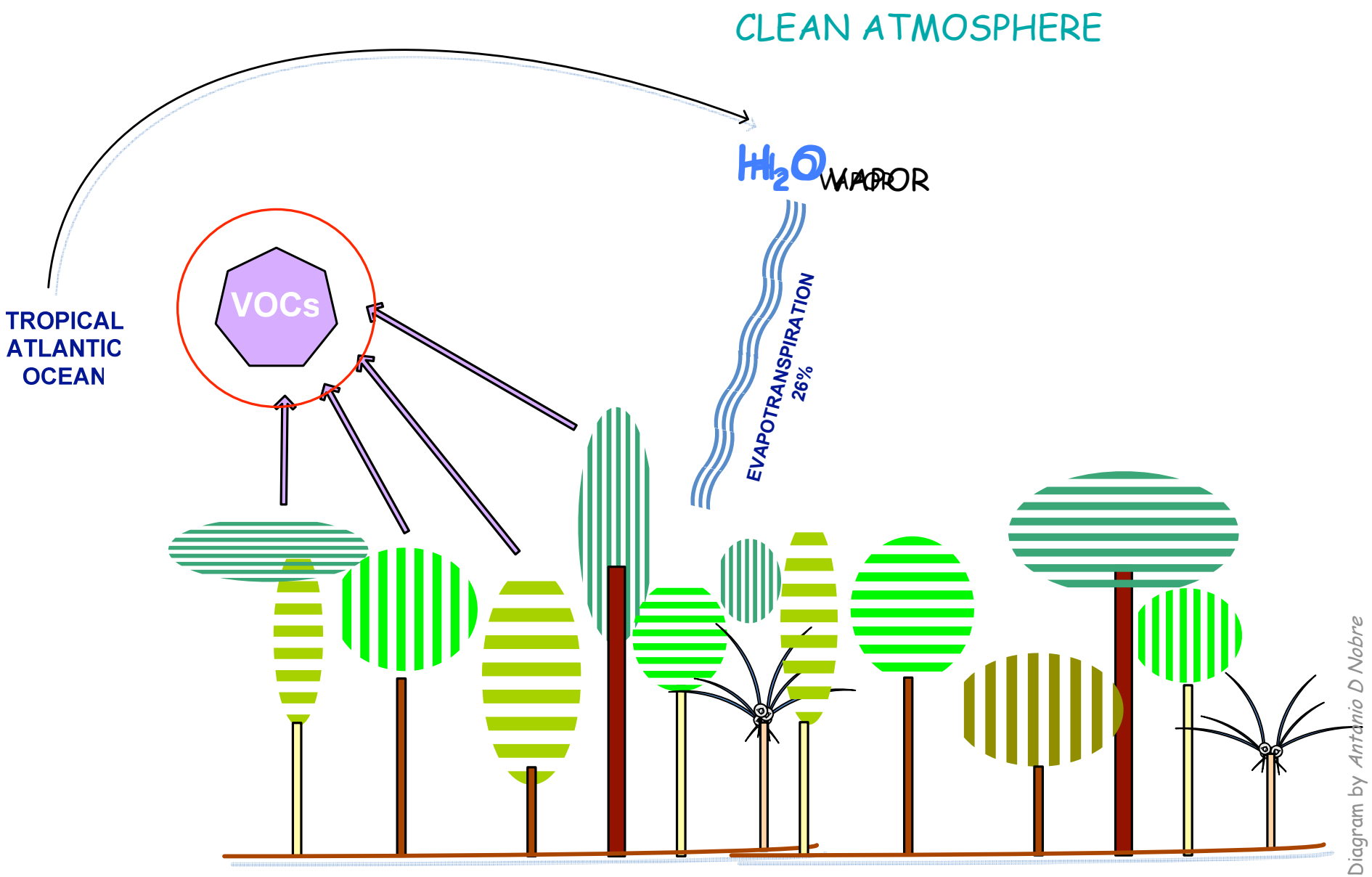

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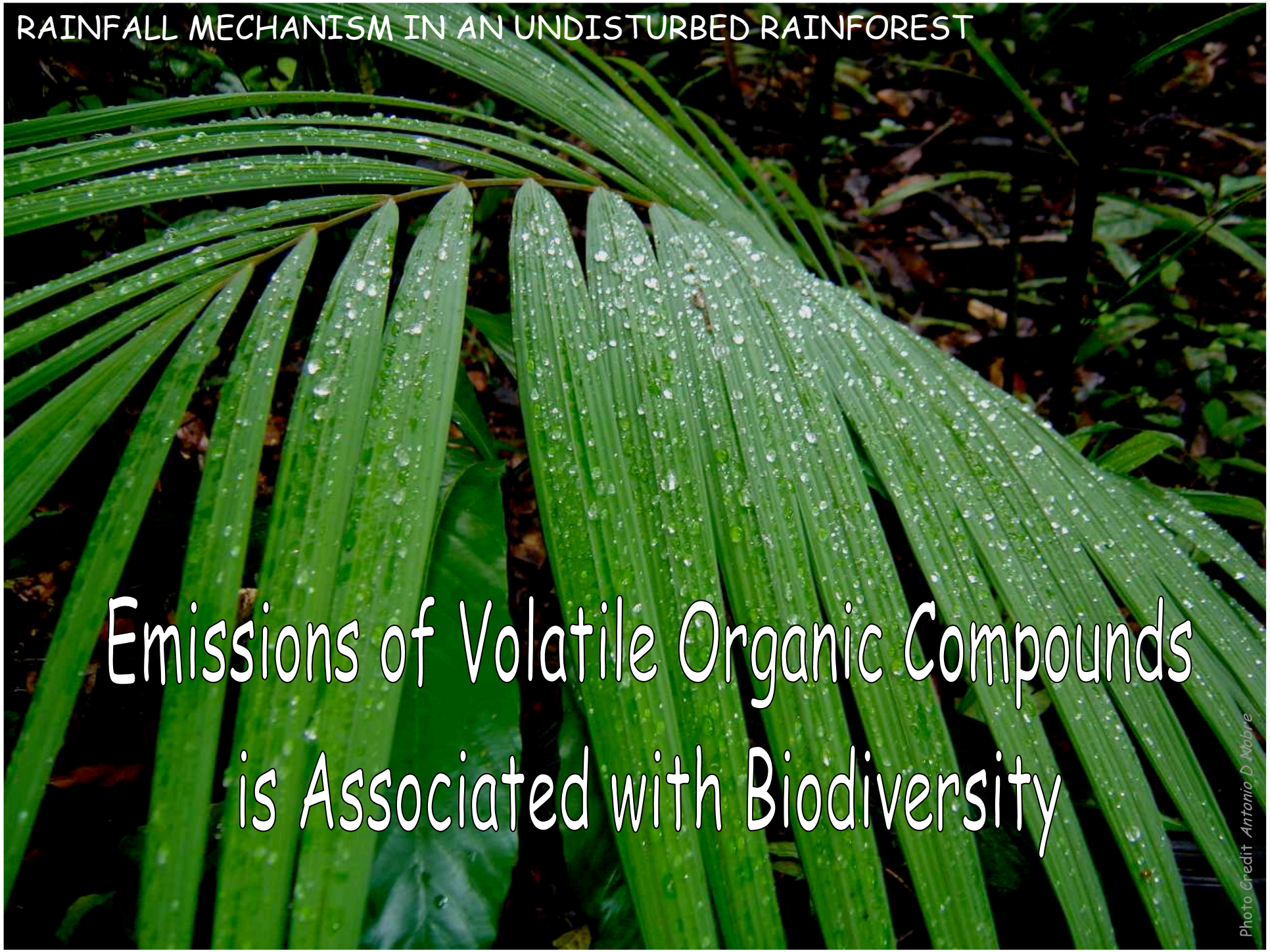
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Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds
is Associated with Biodiversity
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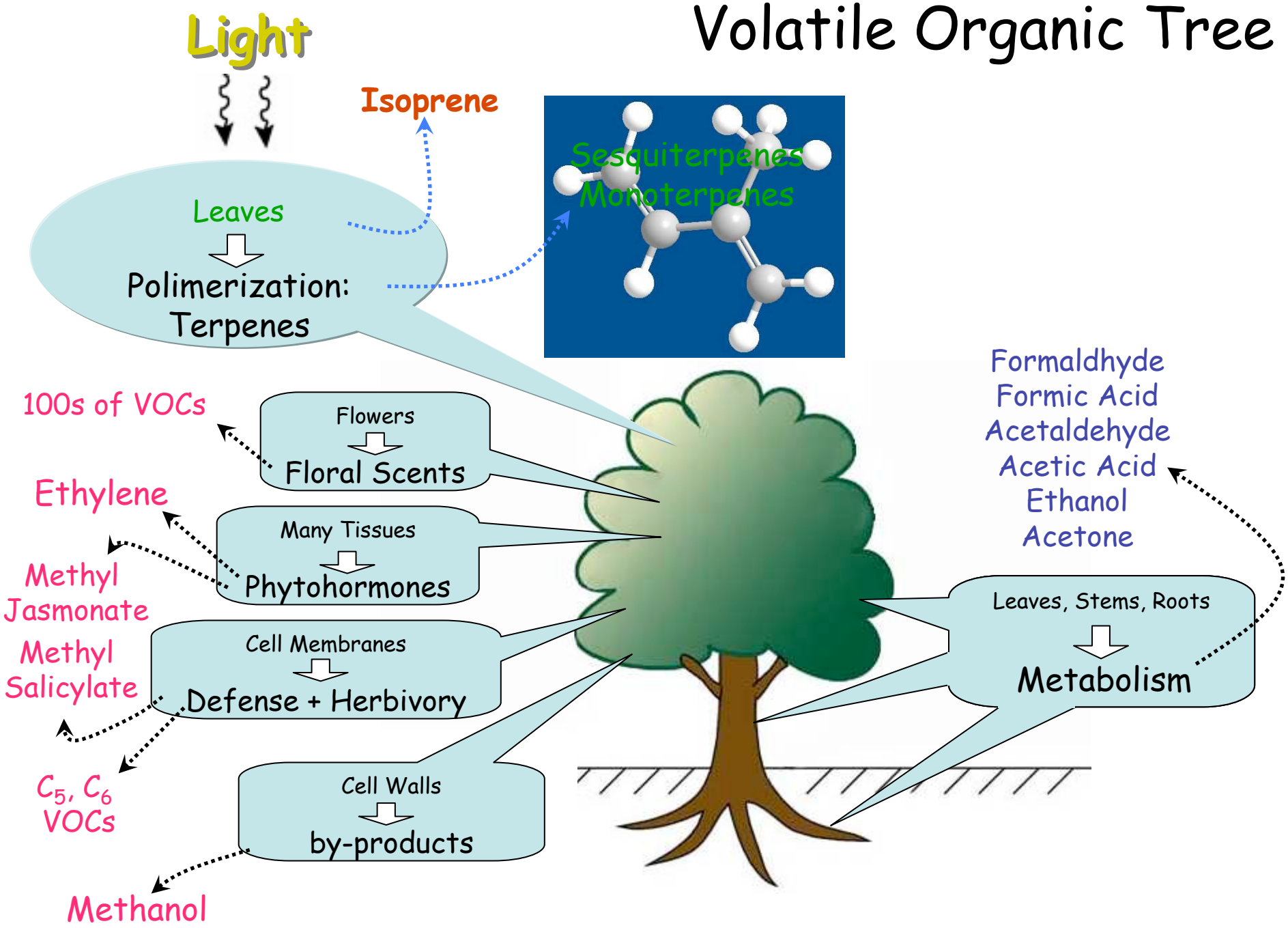
Volatile Organic Tree



Modified from *Fall, R.*, University of Colorado, Boulder at http://www.rfall.net/

VOC atmosphere chemistry

isoprene

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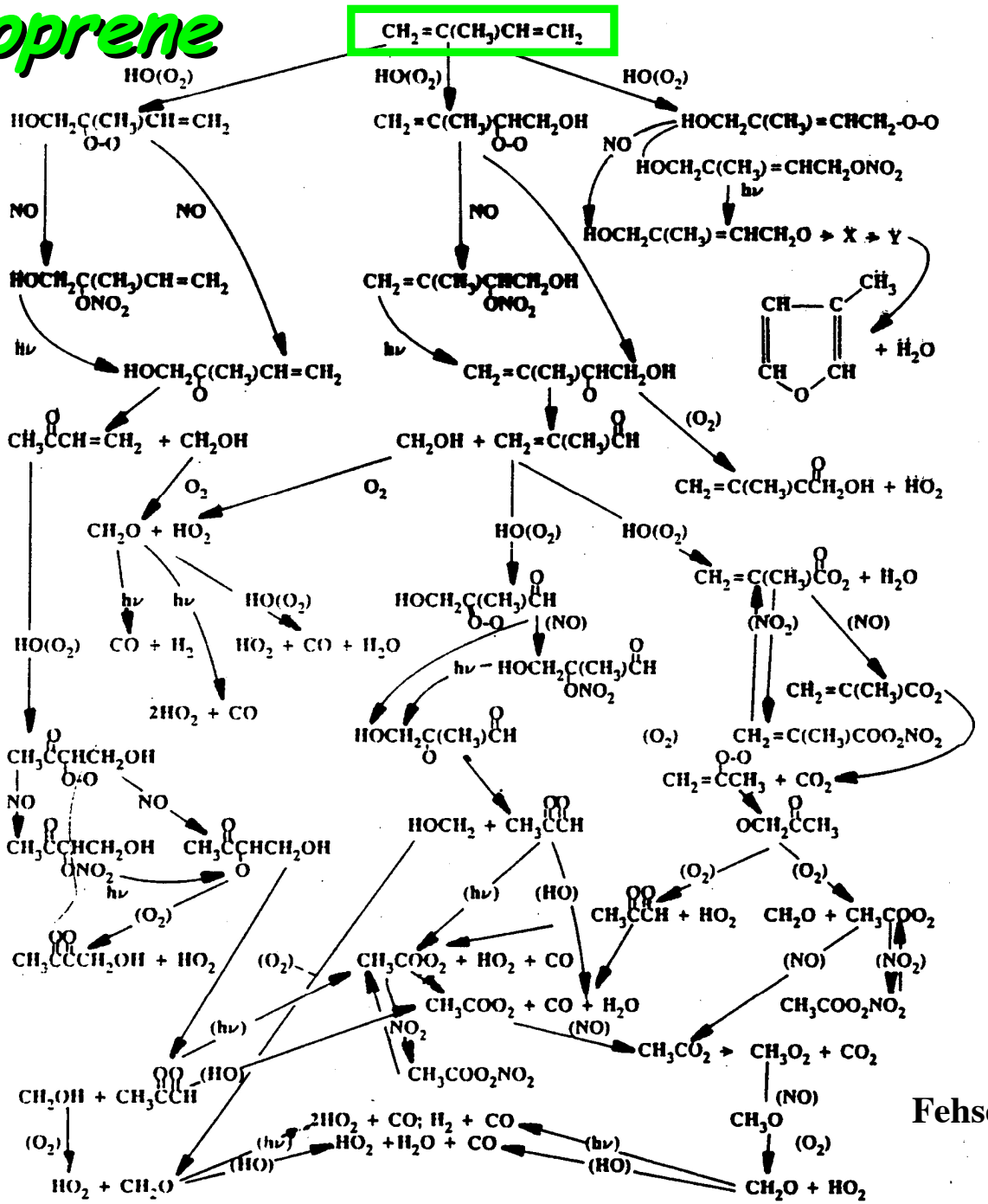

Fig. 20. Major reaction pathways for isoprene oxidation in atmospheres high in [NO_x].

Fehsenfeld,1992

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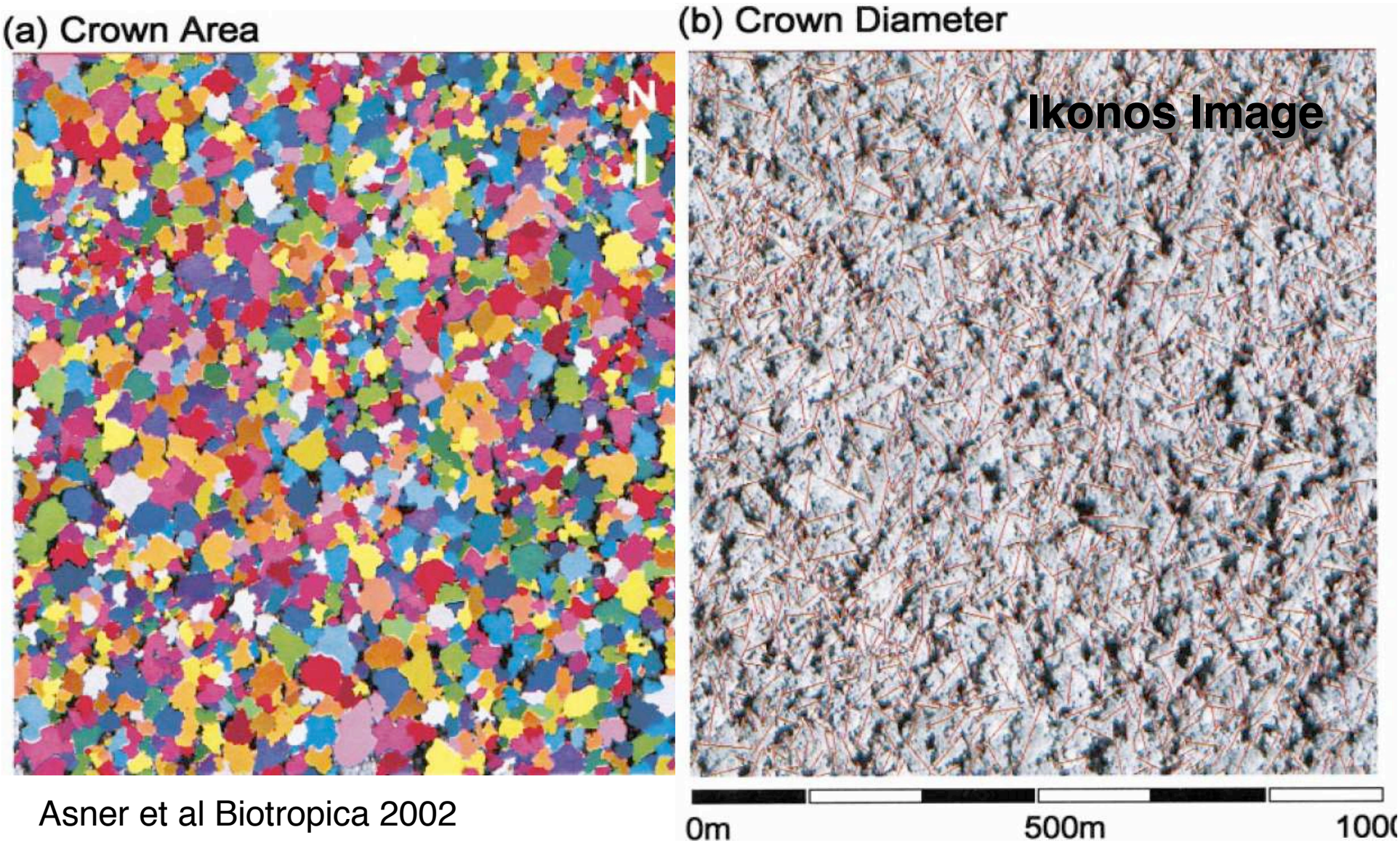
Complexity in the Tree Tapestry



Asner et al Biotropica 2002

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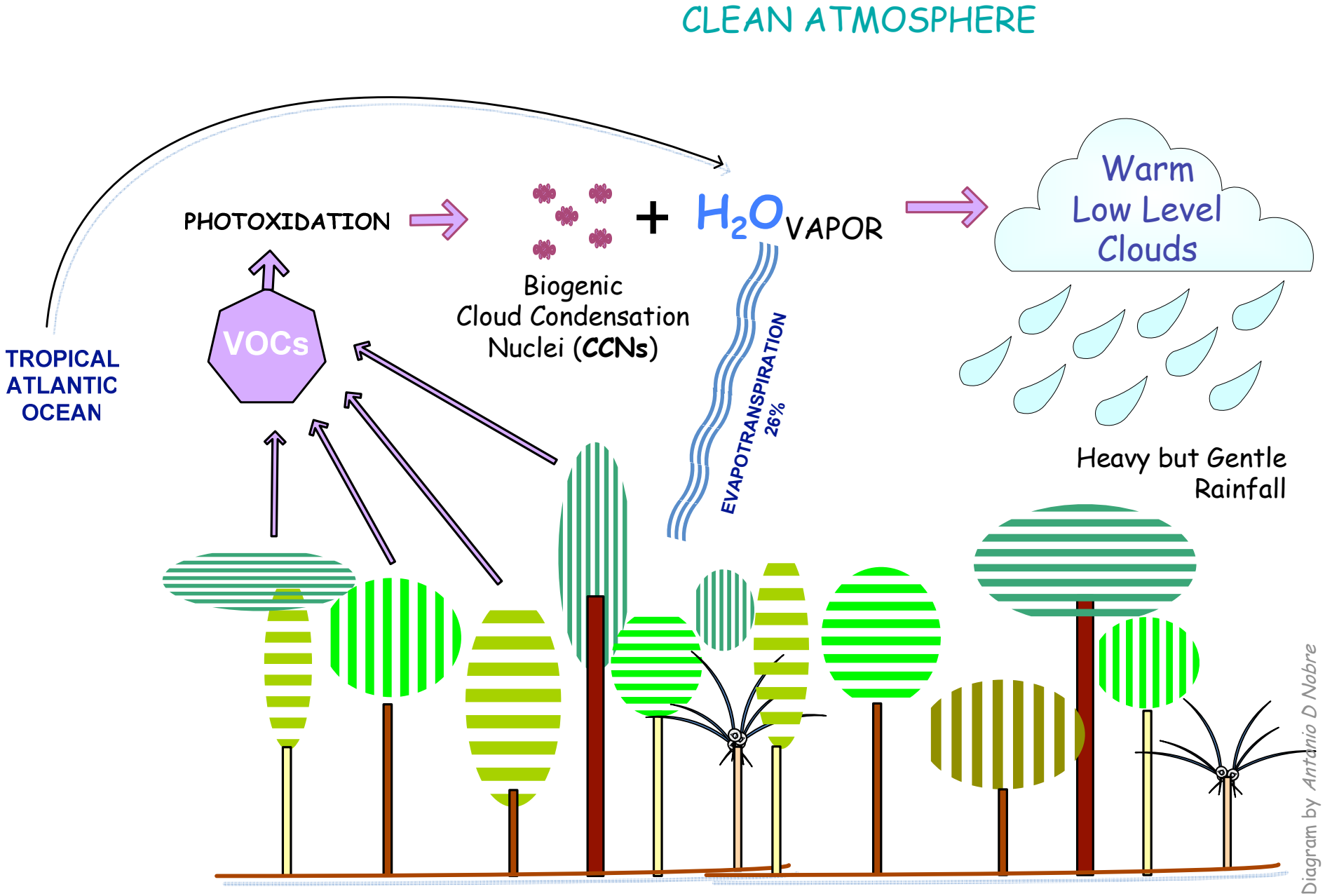

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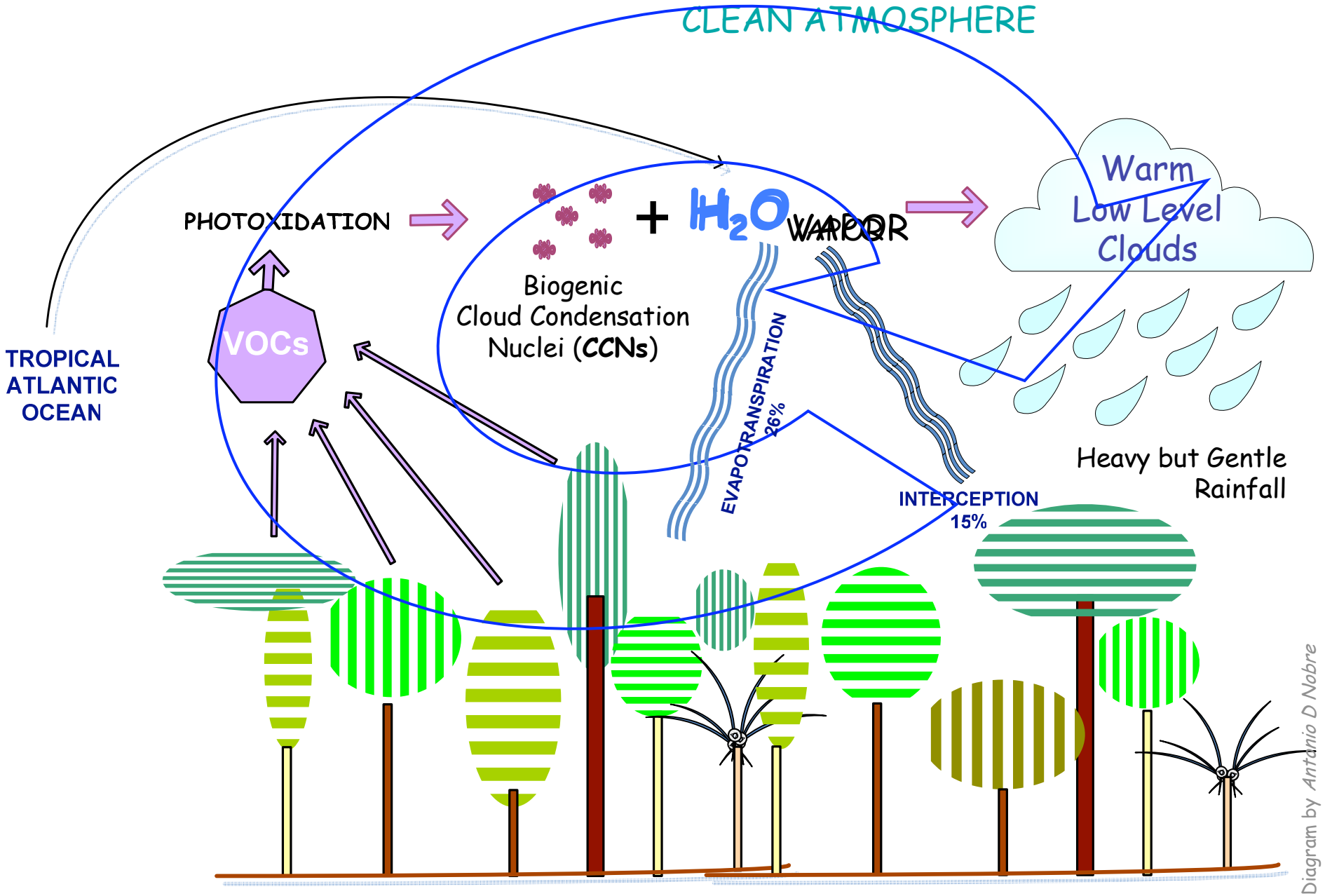

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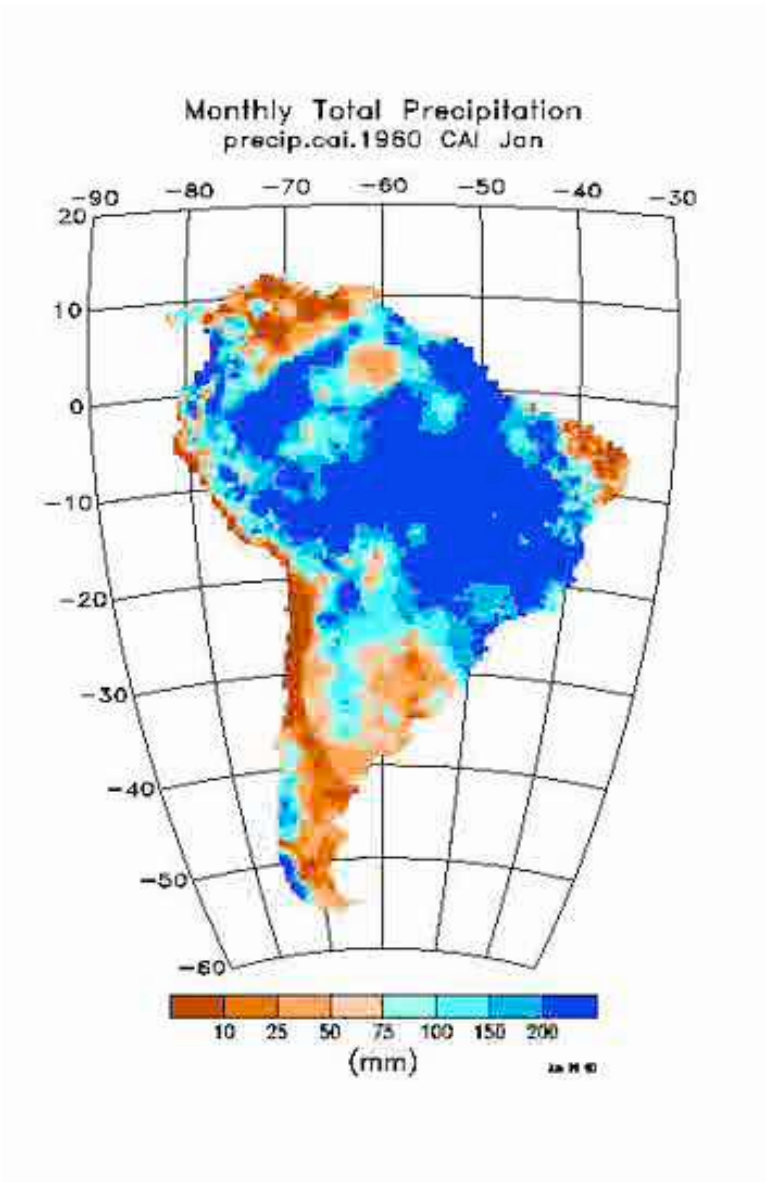
30 years of South America rainfall



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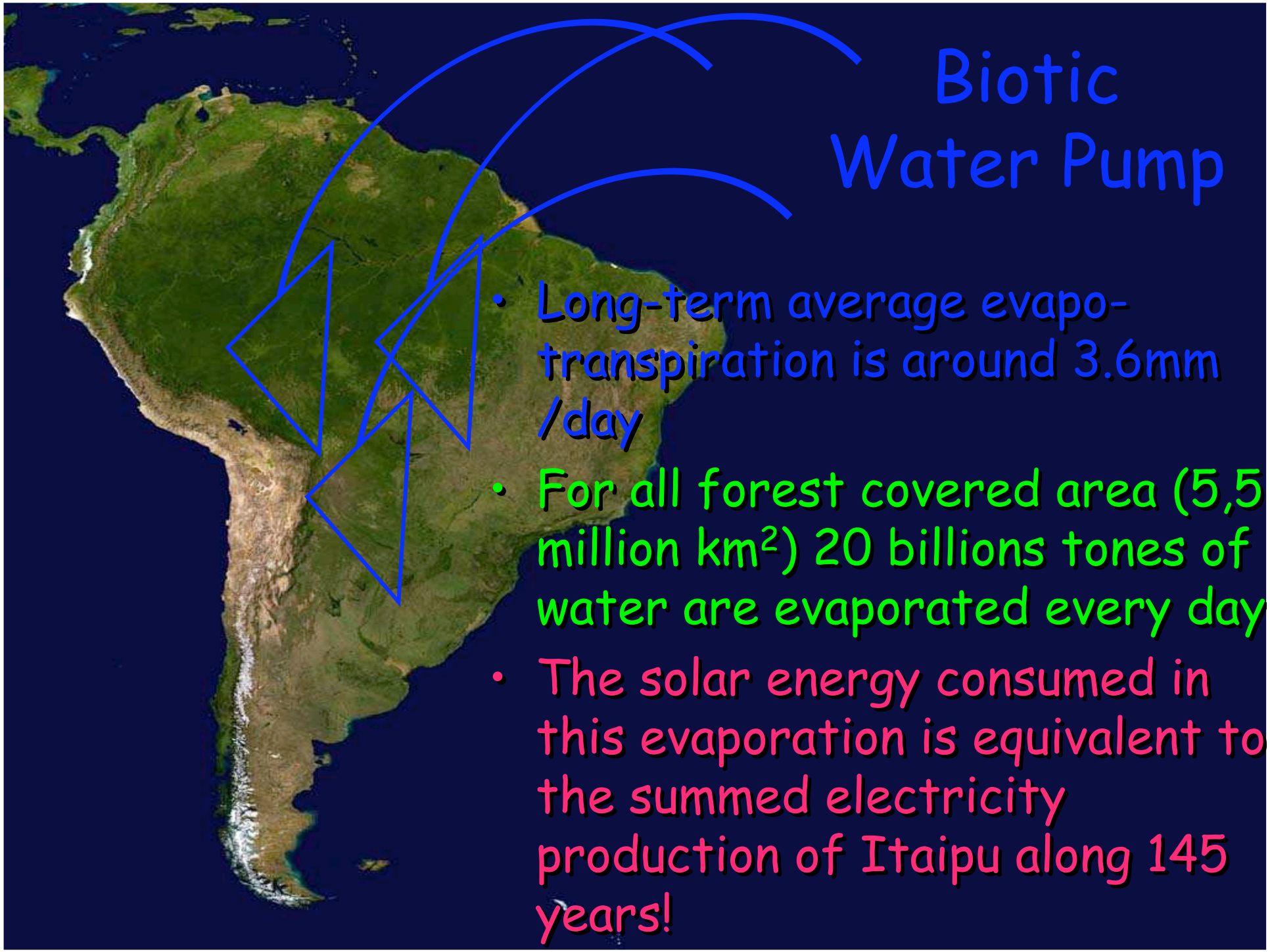
Fonte: *Willmot & Webber*, 1998, http://daac.ornl.gov//LBA/guides/lba_willmott.html



Biotic Water Pump

- Long-term average evapo-transpiration is around 3.6mm /day
- For all forest covered area (5,5 million km^2) 20 billions tones of water are evaporated every day
- The solar energy consumed in this evaporation is equivalent to the summed electricity production of Itaipu along 145 years!

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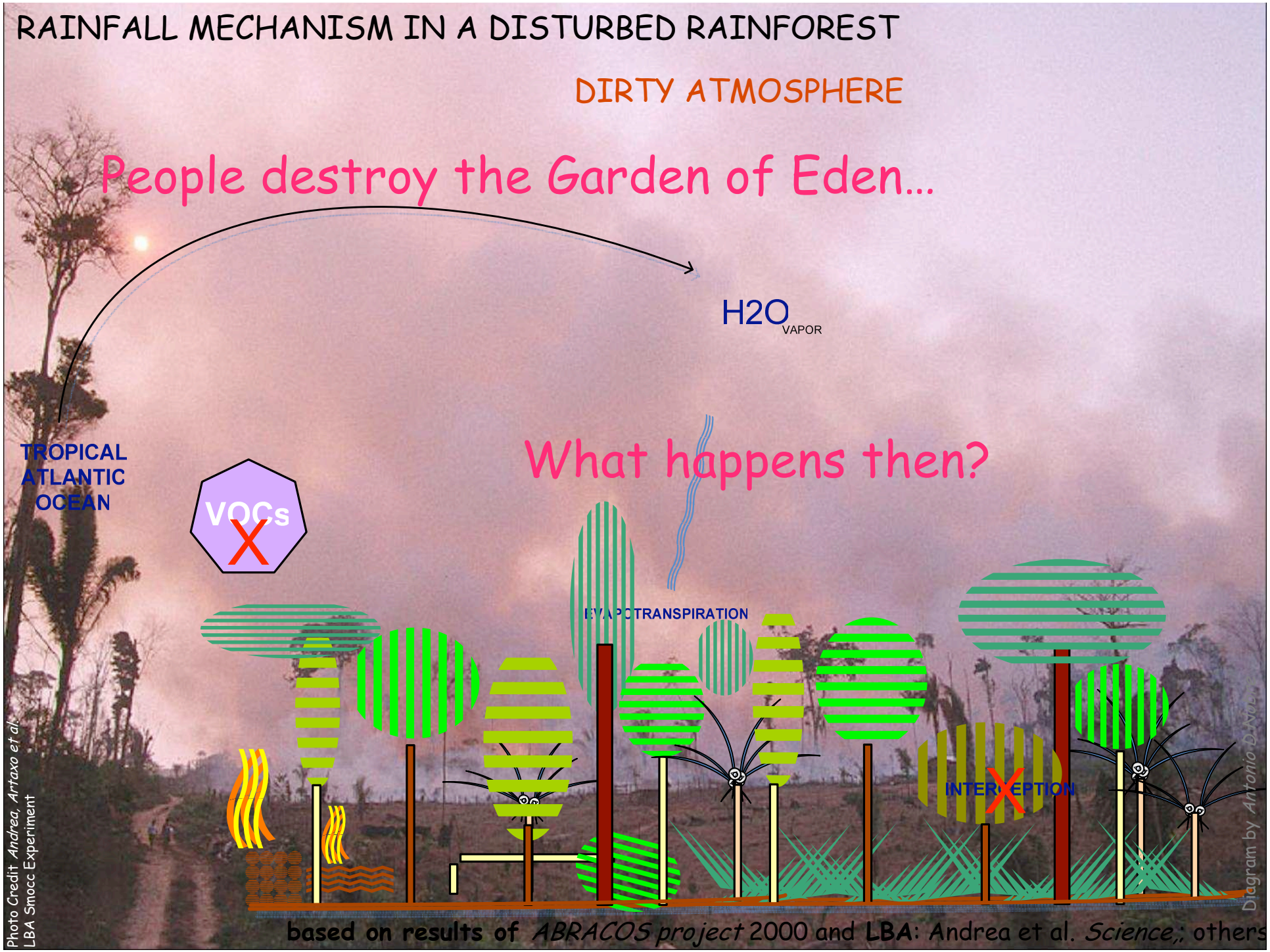
RAINFALL MECHANISM IN A DISTURBED RAINFOREST



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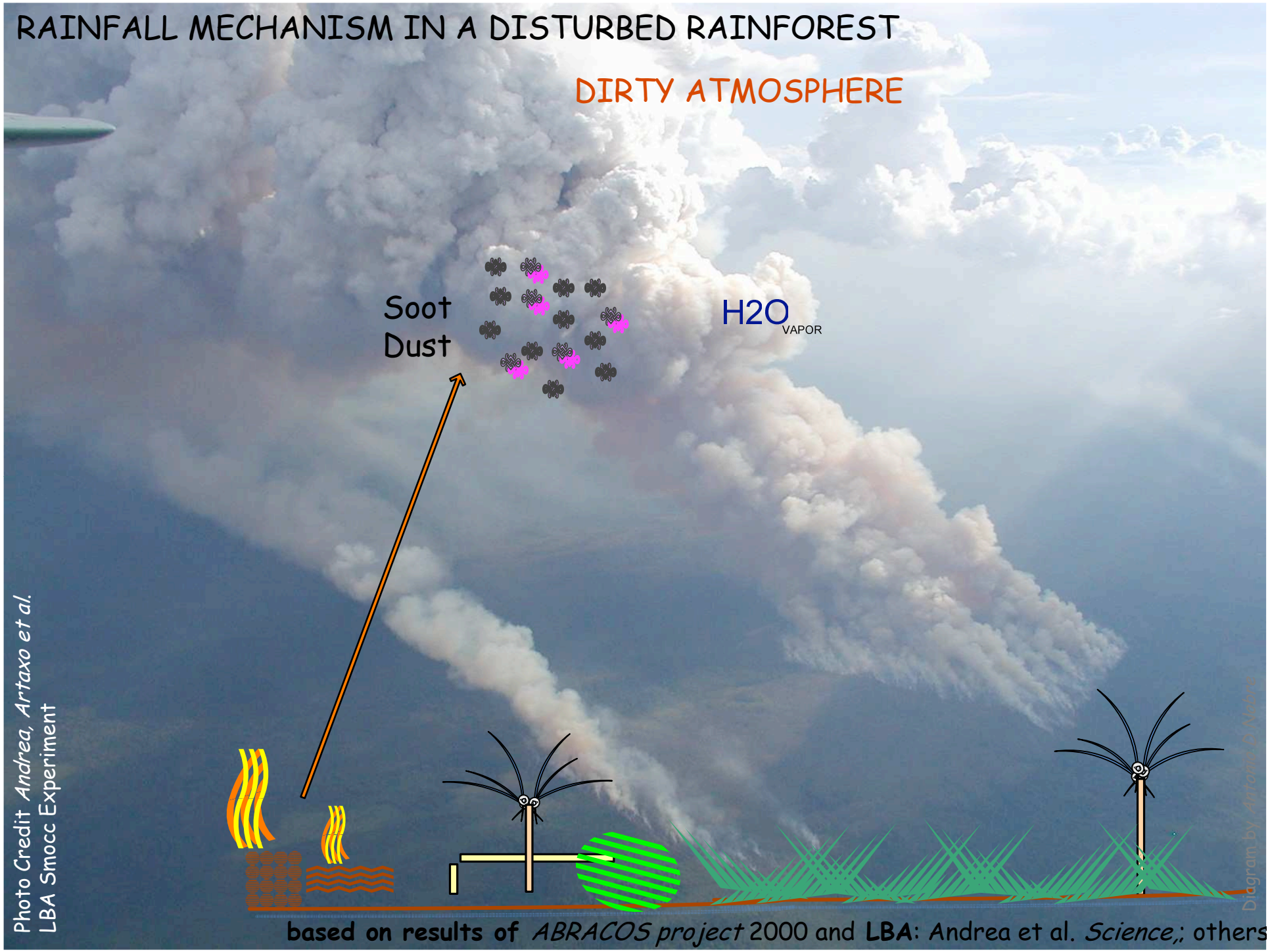

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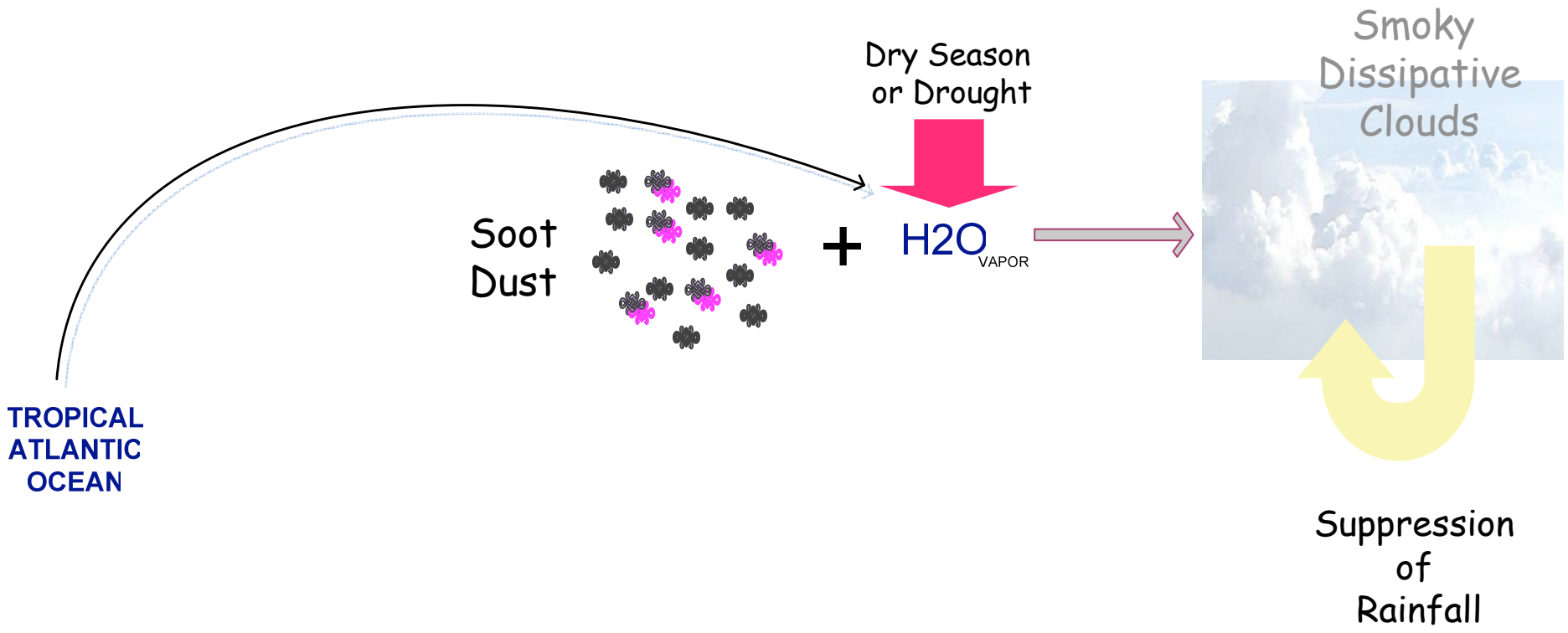
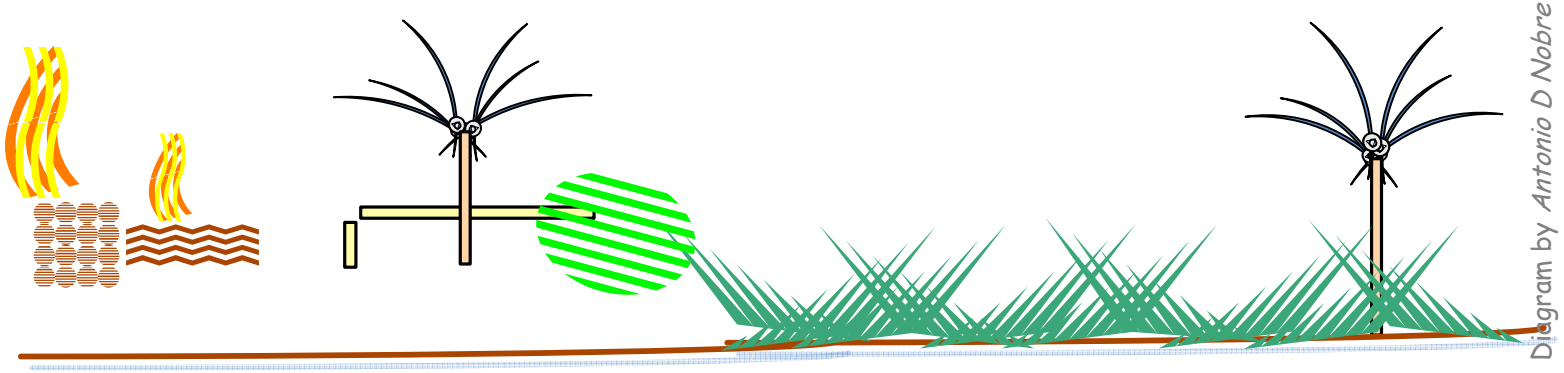
DIRTY ATMOSPHERE





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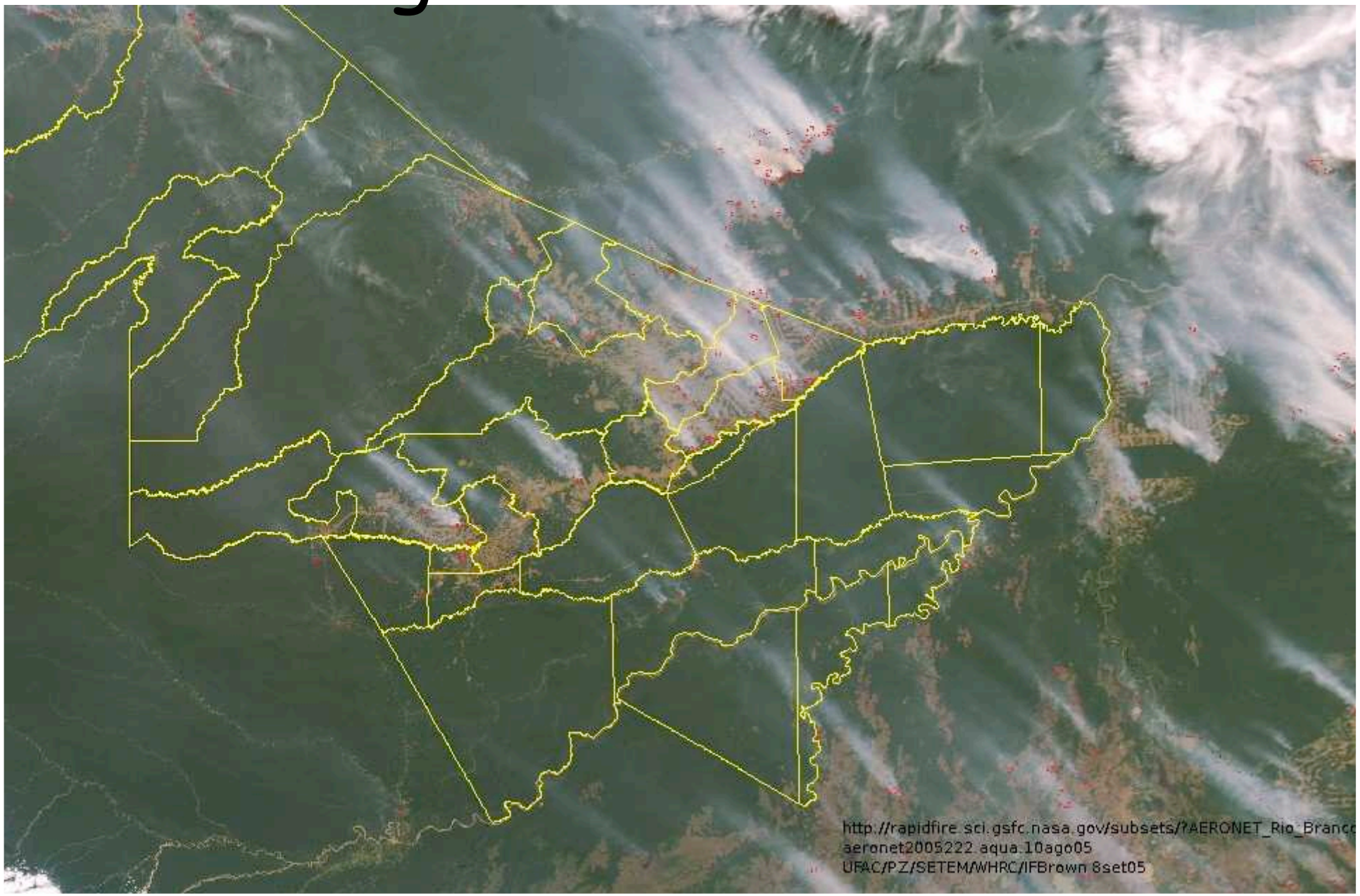

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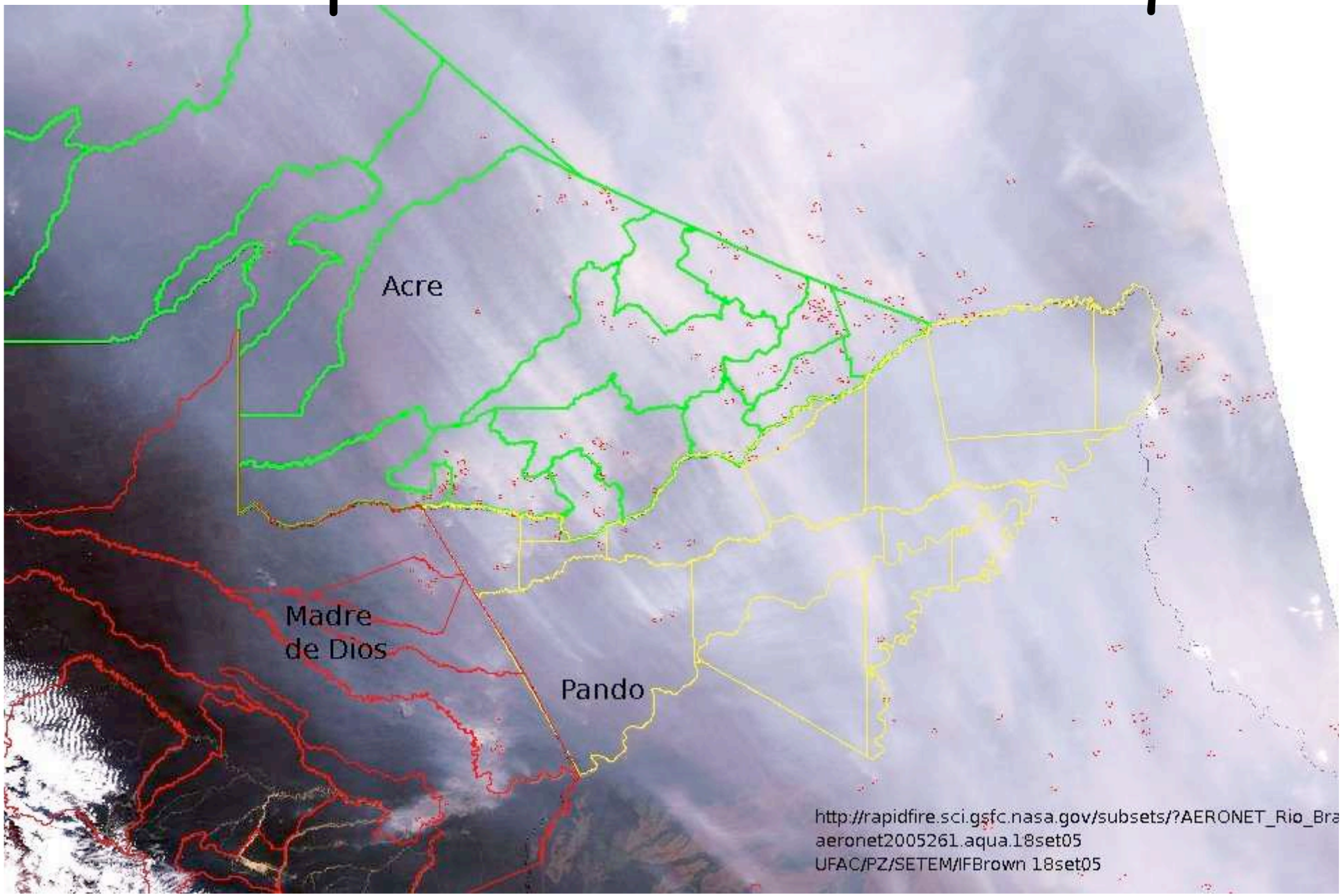

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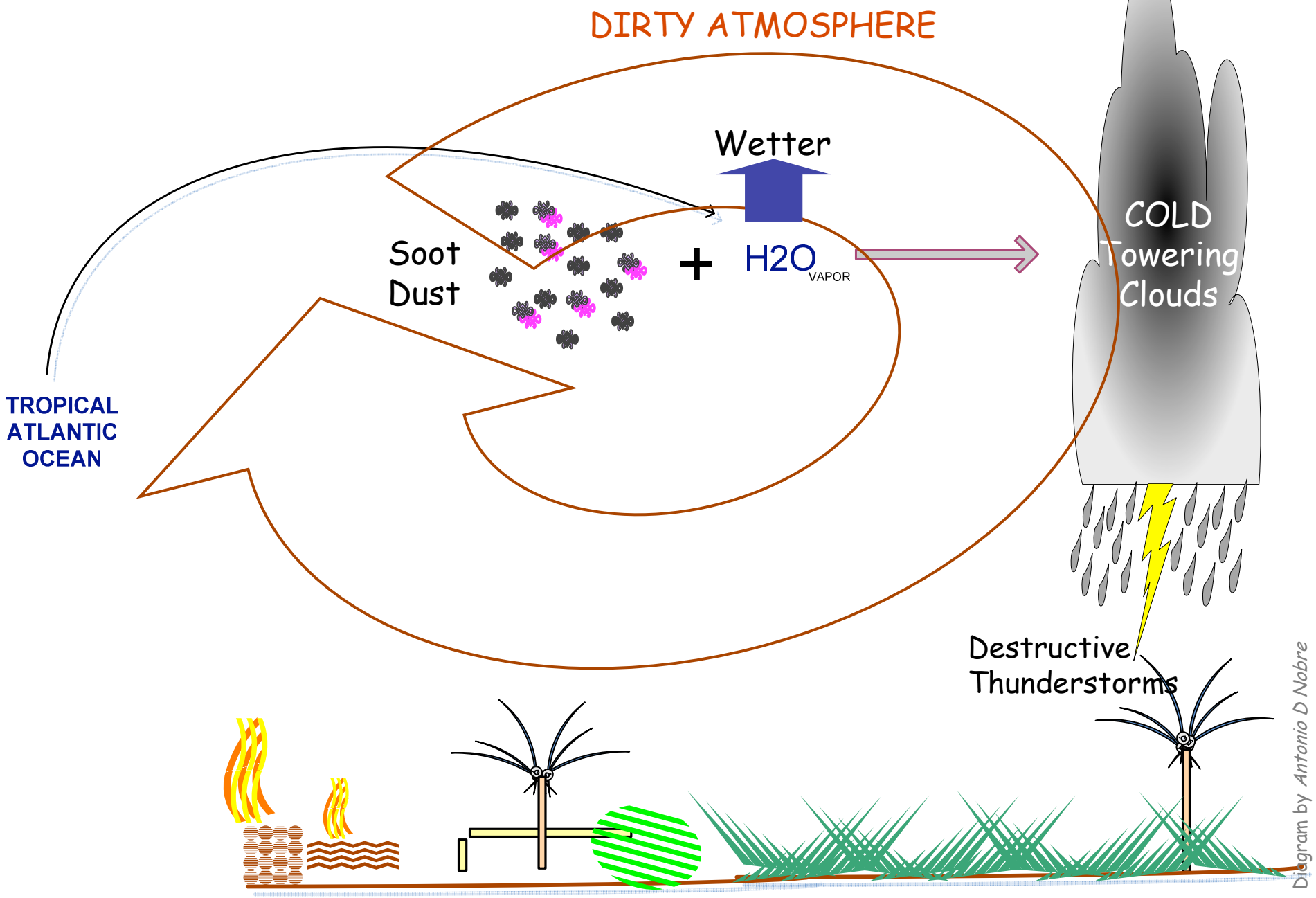

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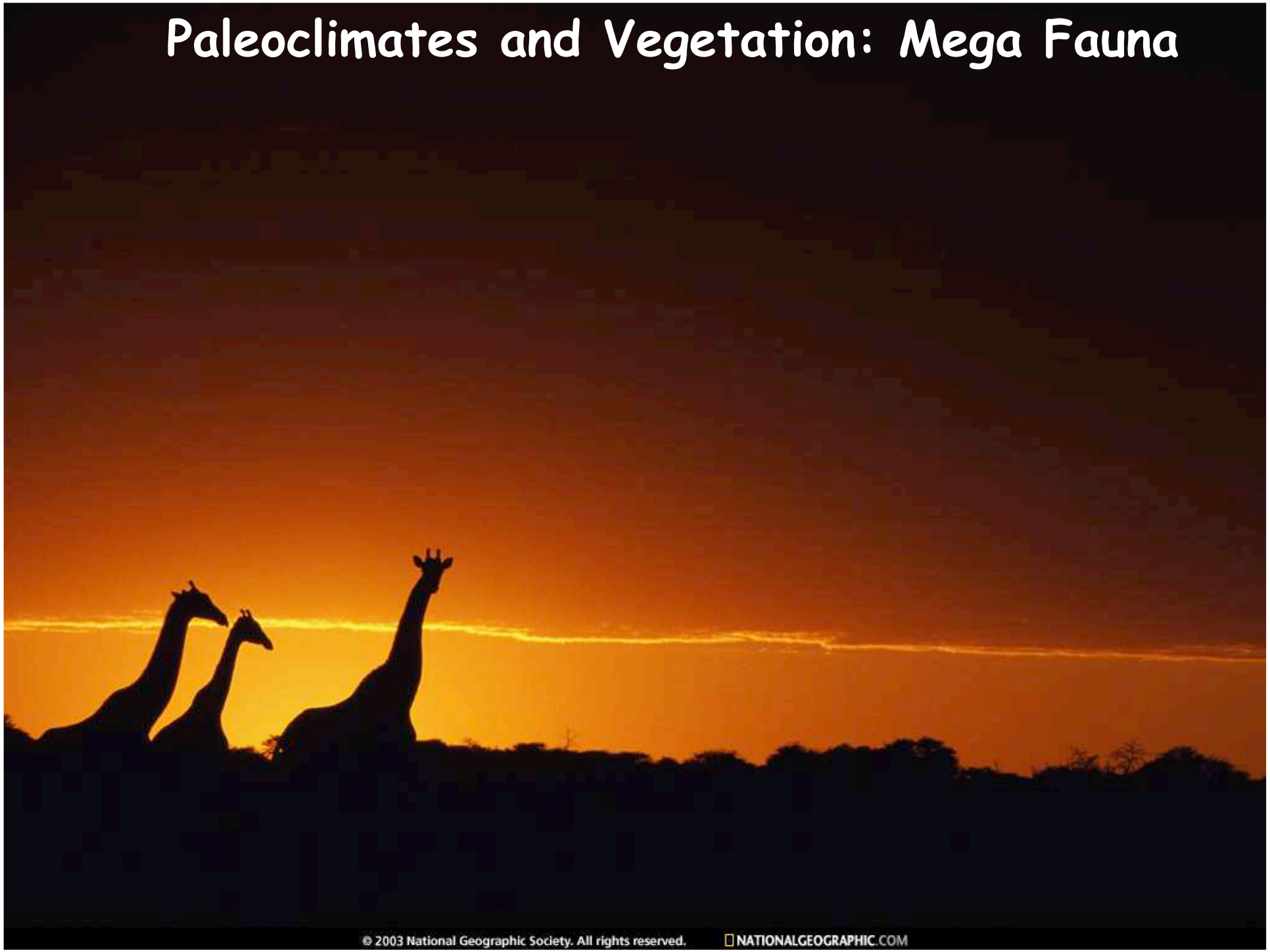
Paleoclimates and Vegetation: Mega Fauna