

Física do Meio Ambiente

Aula introdutória

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O Sol é a nossa fonte de energia



Sem o Sol, a temperatura na Terra seria -270°C

The Greenhouse Effect

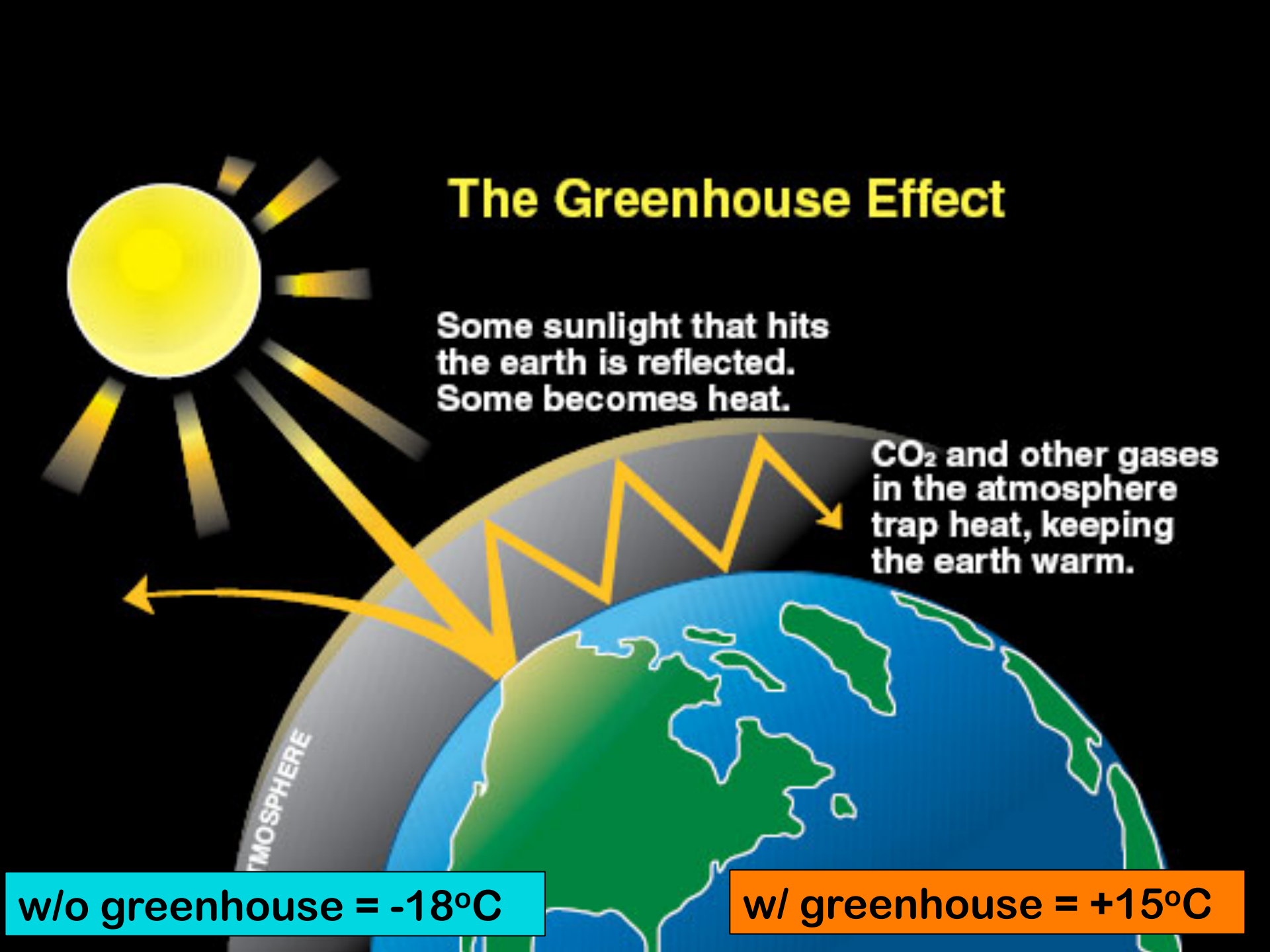
Some sunlight that hits the earth is reflected. Some becomes heat.

CO₂ and other gases in the atmosphere trap heat, keeping the earth warm.

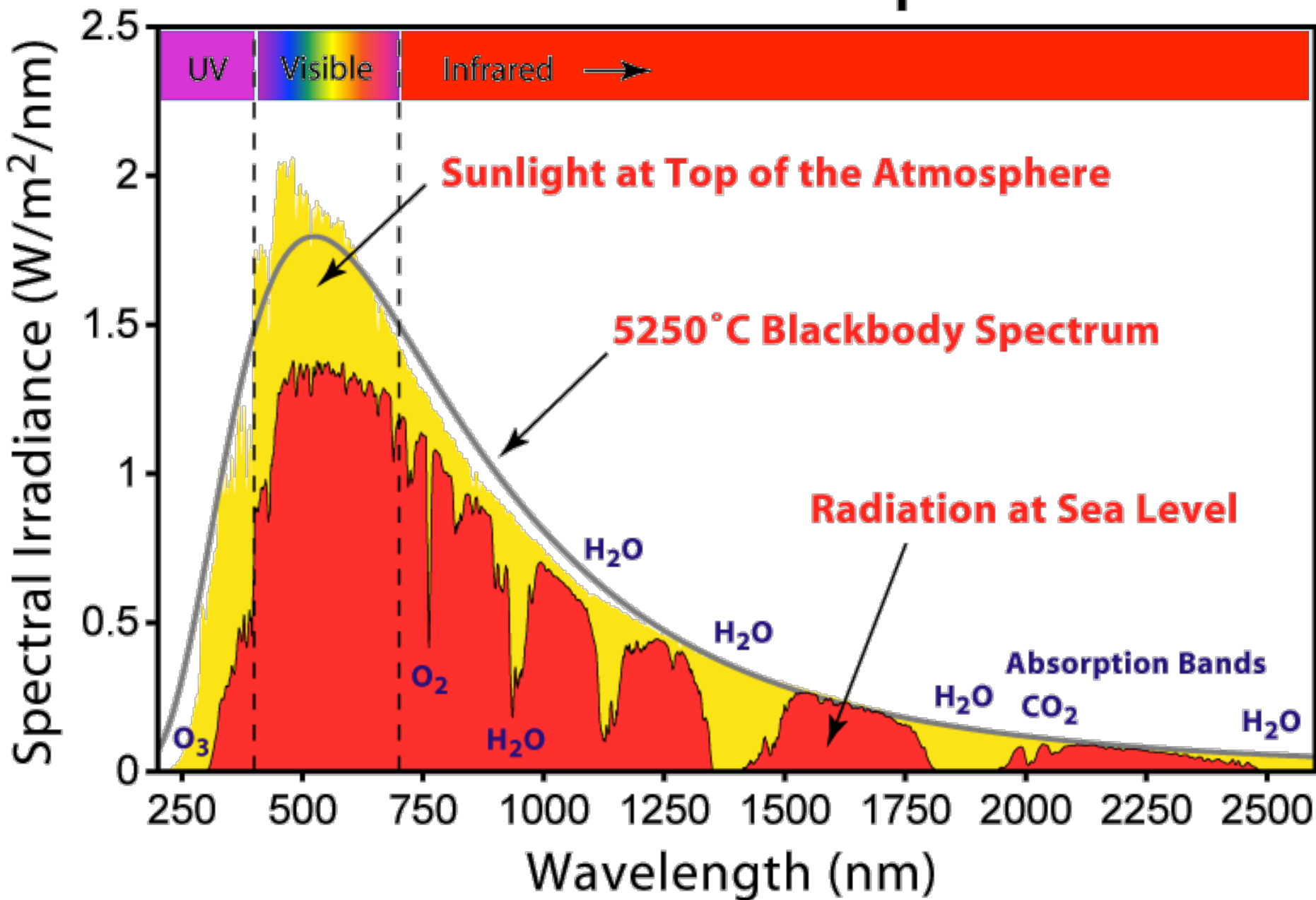
ATMOSPHERE

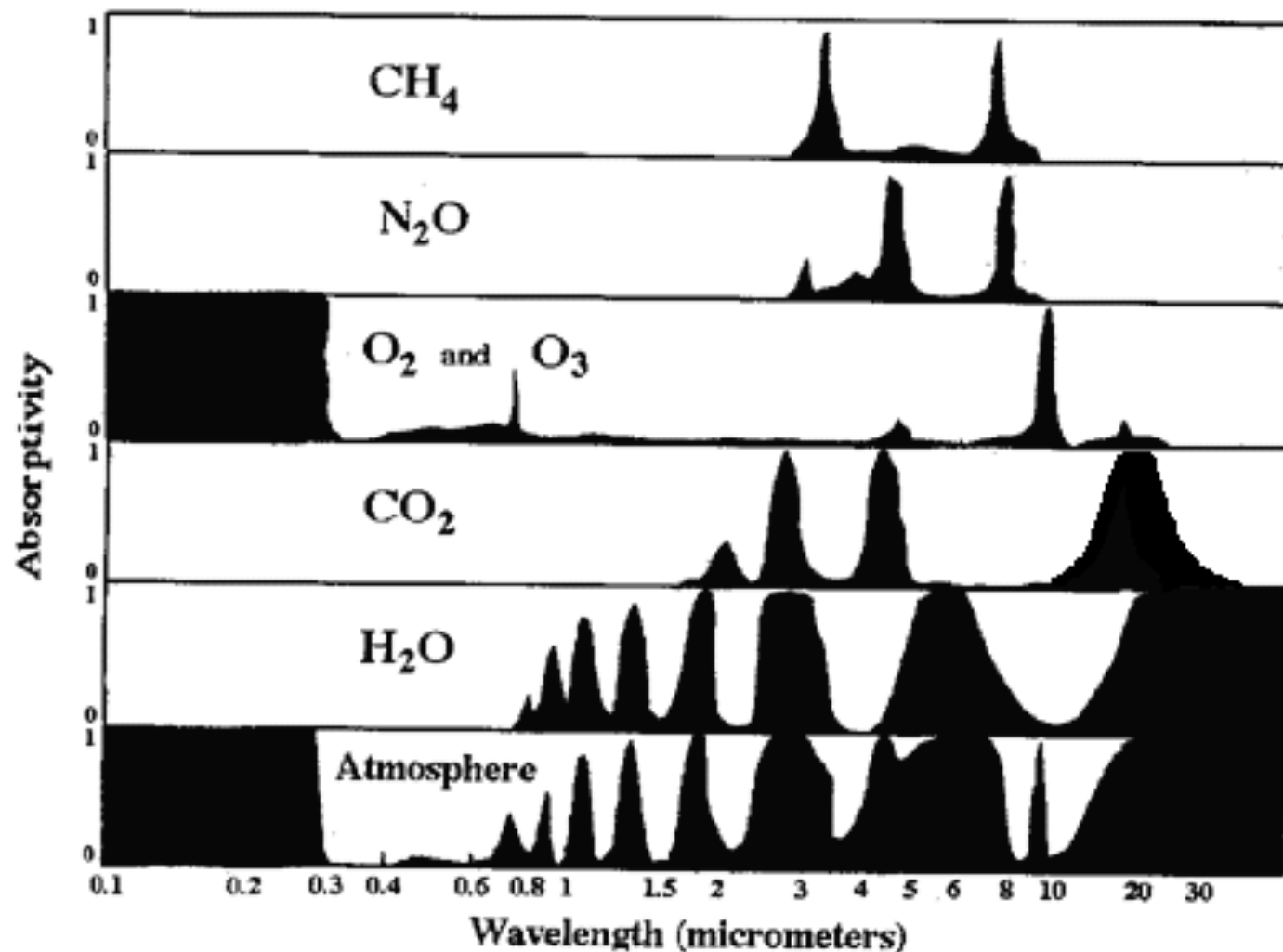
w/o greenhouse = -18°C

w/ greenhouse = +15°C



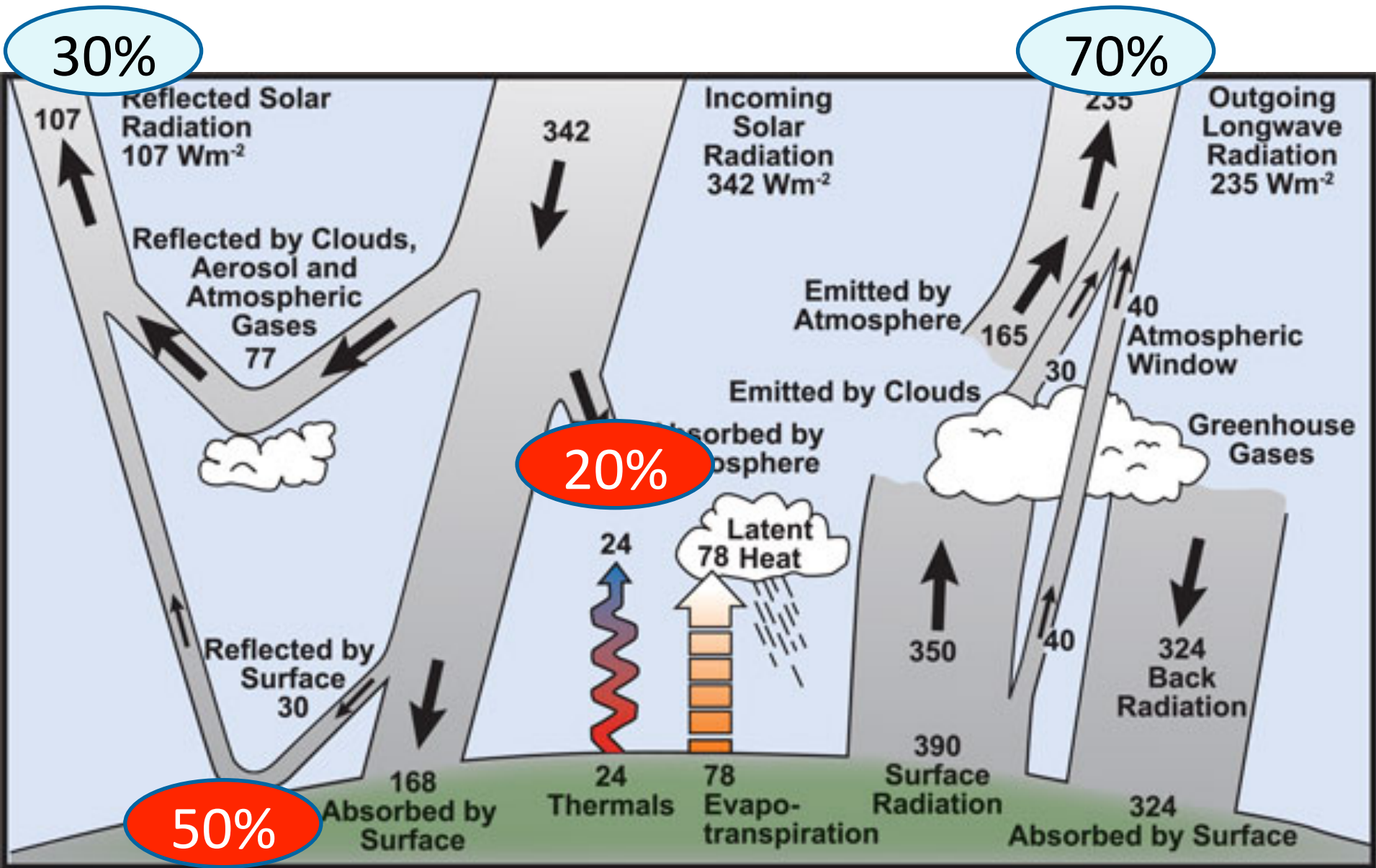
Solar Radiation Spectrum





Absorptivity of various gases of the atmosphere and the atmosphere as a whole as a function of the wavelength of radiation. An absorptivity of zero means no absorption while a value of one means complete absorption. The dominant absorbers of infrared radiation are water vapor (H_2O) and carbon dioxide (CO_2). Oxygen (O_2) and ozone (O_3) absorb much of the sun's ultraviolet radiation.

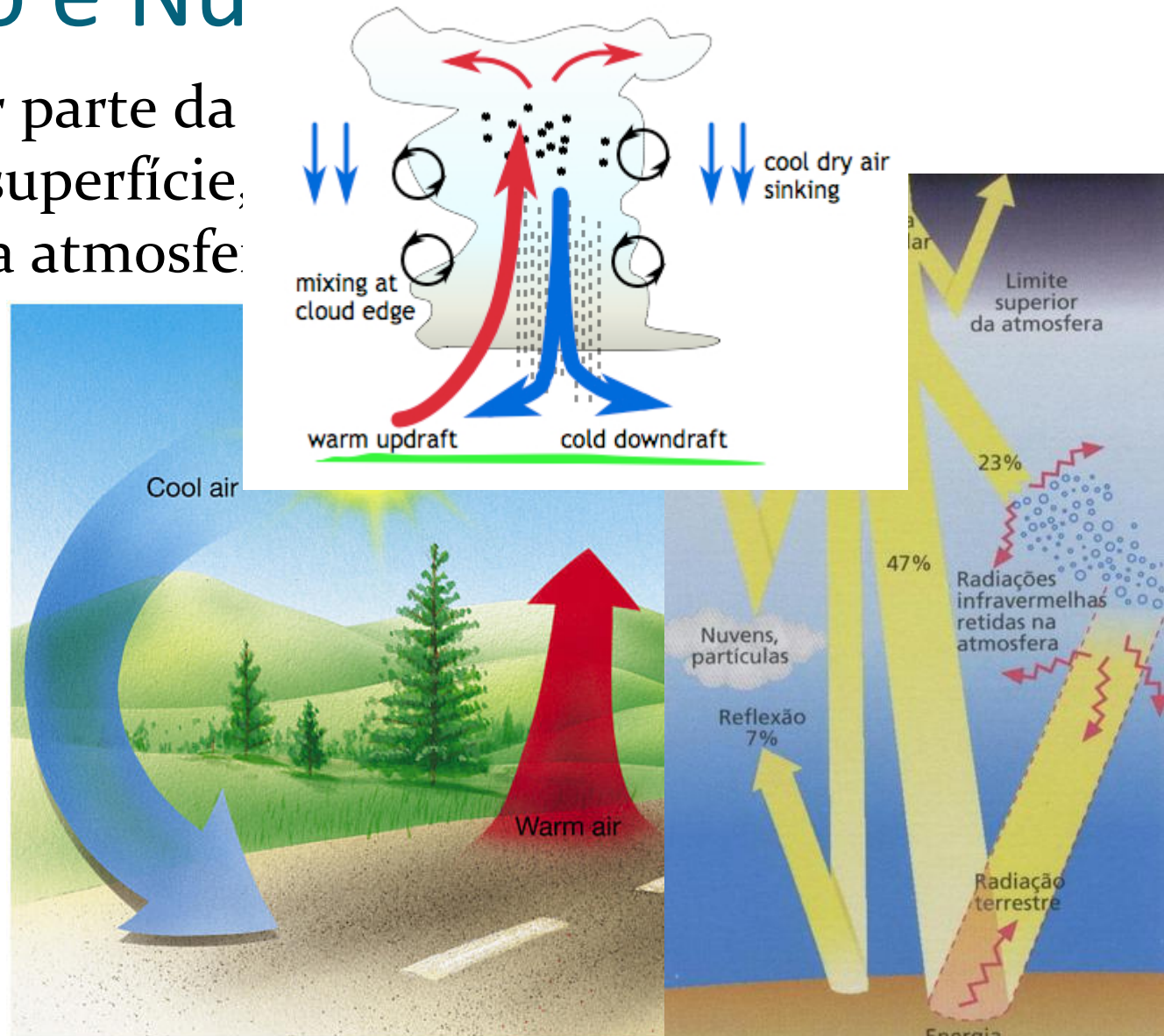
Atmospheric Energy Balance



Convecção e Nuvens

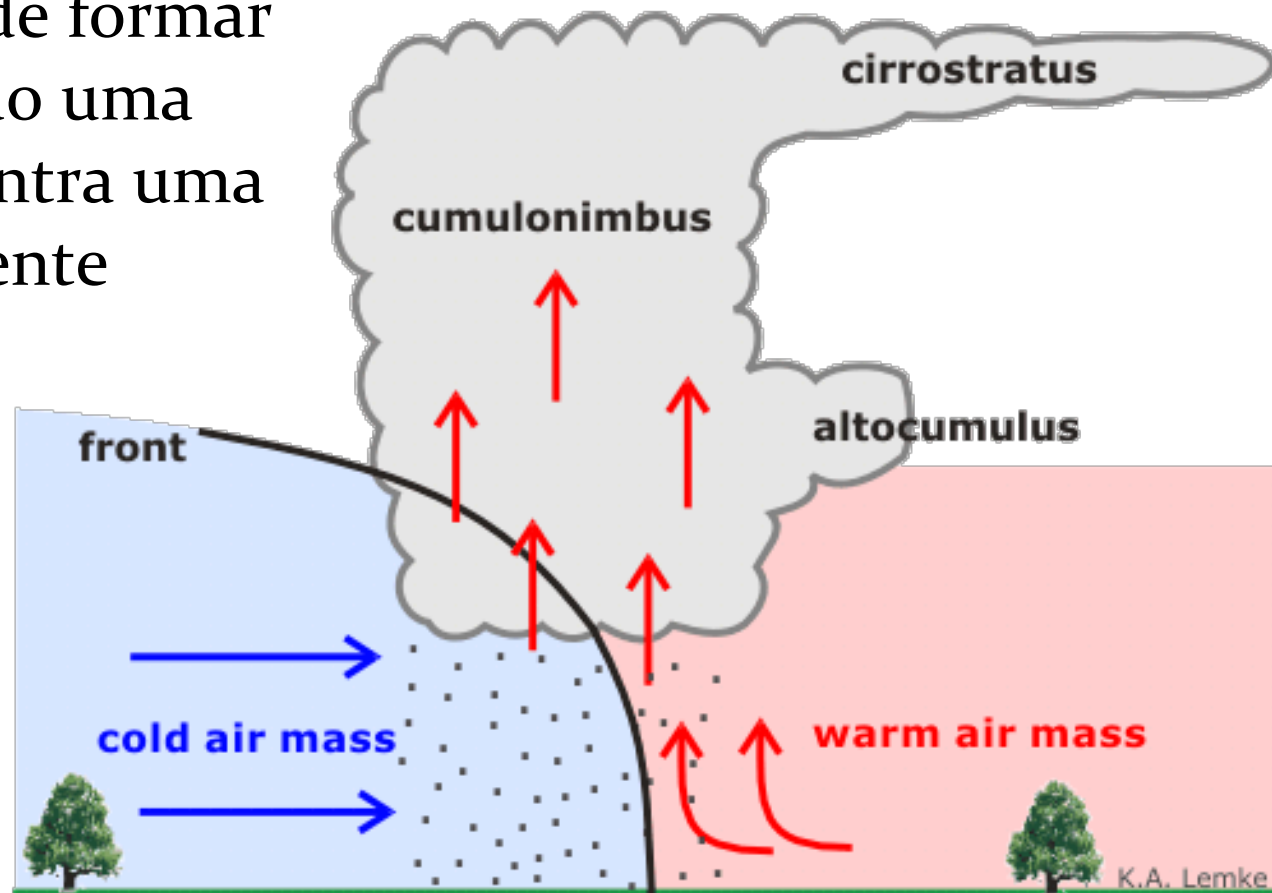
- Como a maior parte da absorvida na superfície, esquentando a atmosfera

O ar quente é menos denso e sobe, pois o ar frio que está em cima é mais pesado.



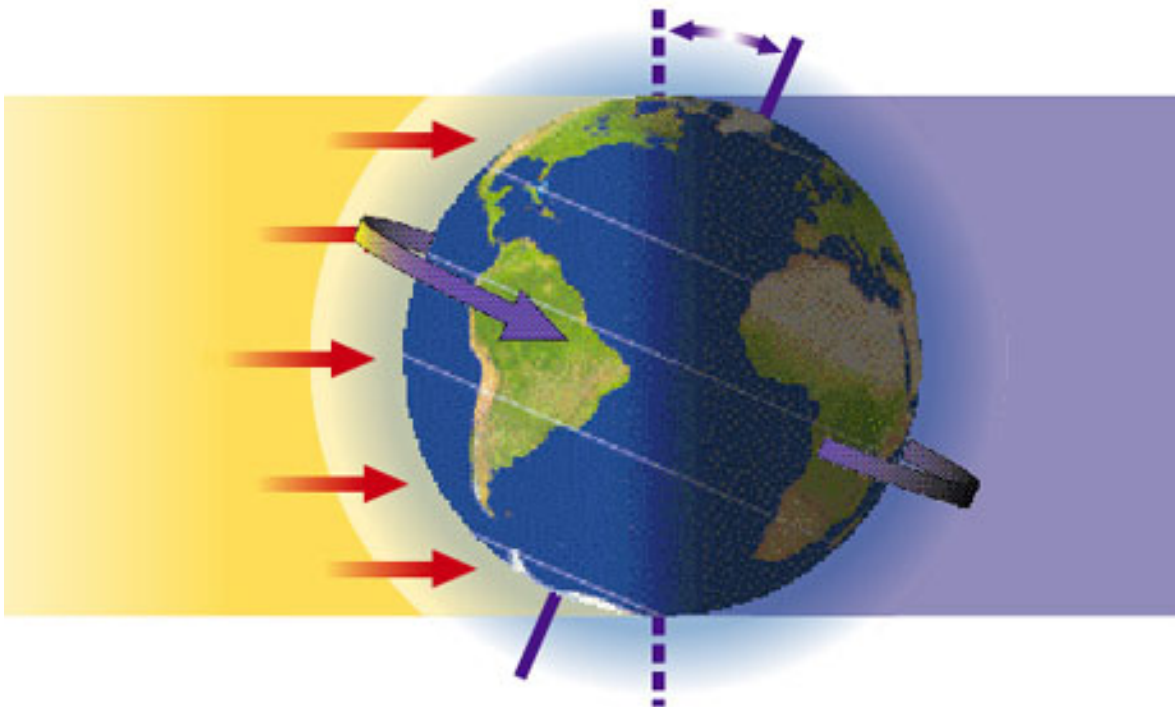
Nuvens e Frentes

- Uma outra maneira muito comum de formar nuvens é quando uma frente fria encontra uma massa de ar quente

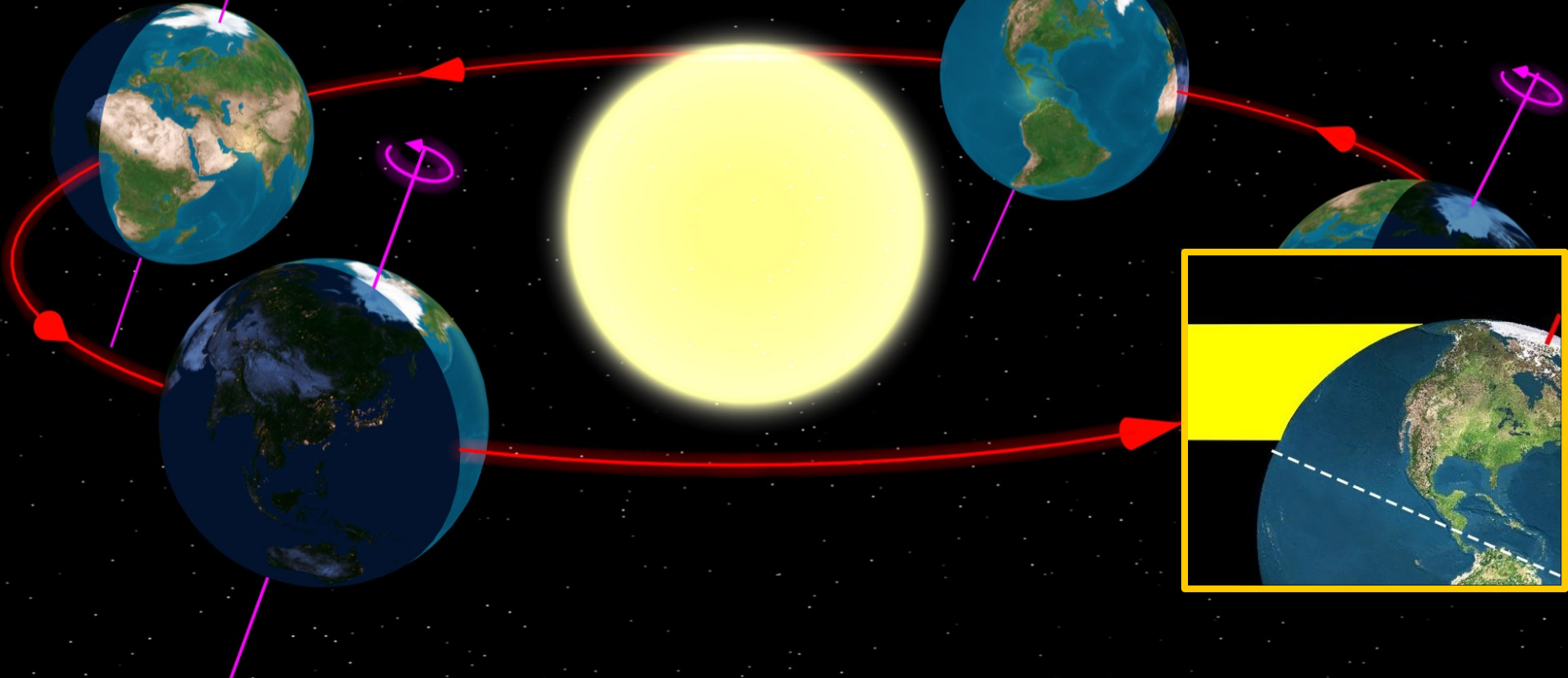


Dia e Noite

- A energia que recebemos do Sol também não é distribuída igualmente pela superfície do planeta!
 - Giro em torno do próprio eixo
 - O eixo é inclinado em relação a órbita em torno do Sol



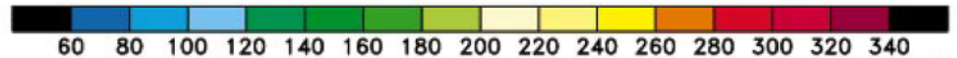
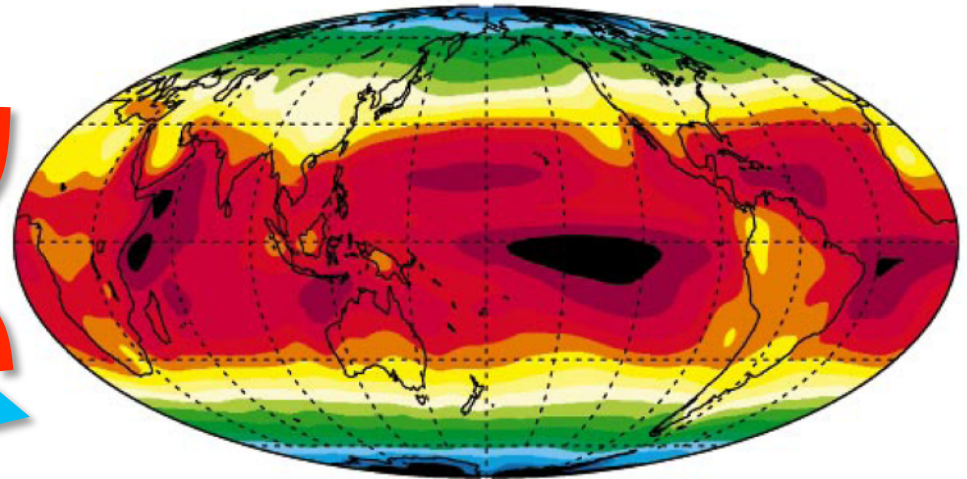
Estações do ano



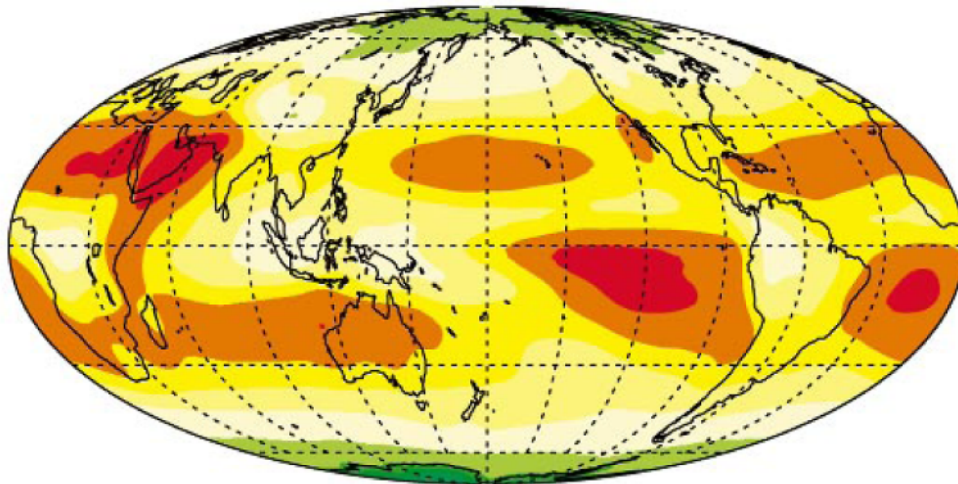
Distribution on the Earth

Hot air rises at the equator

Cold dry air descends at high latitudes



Annual mean solar radiation budget at top (W/m²)

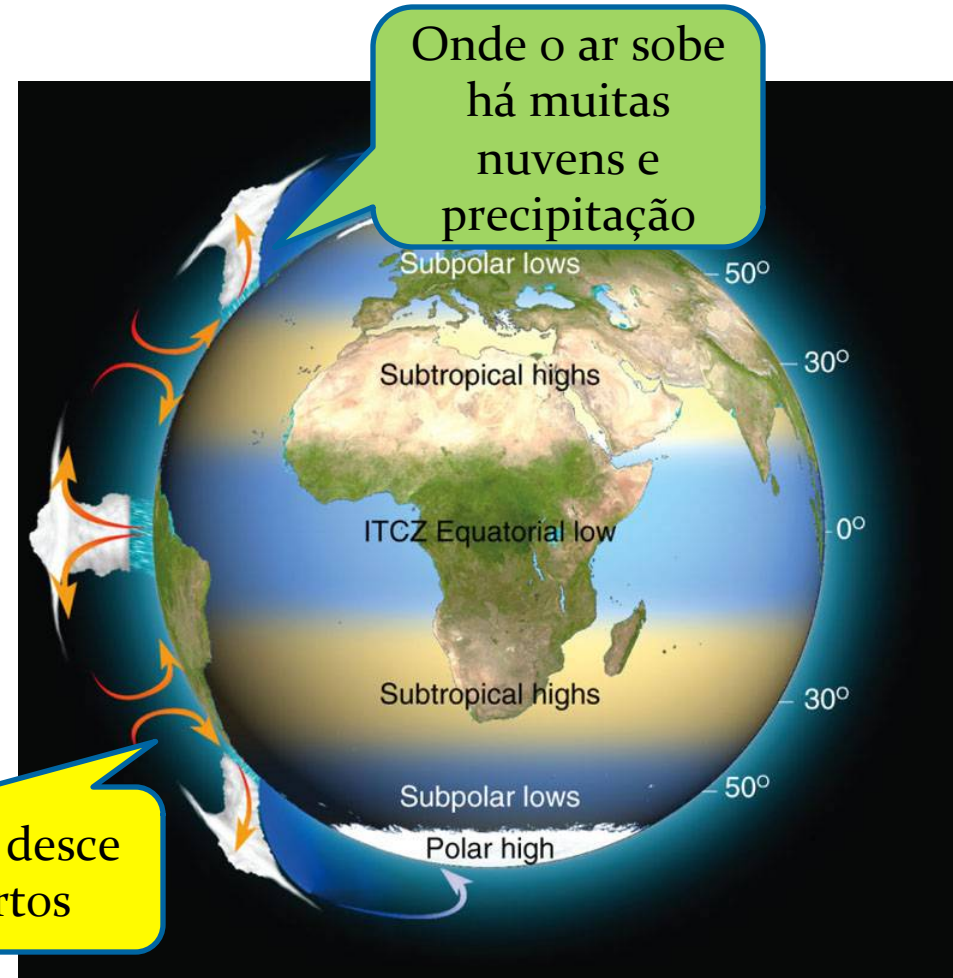
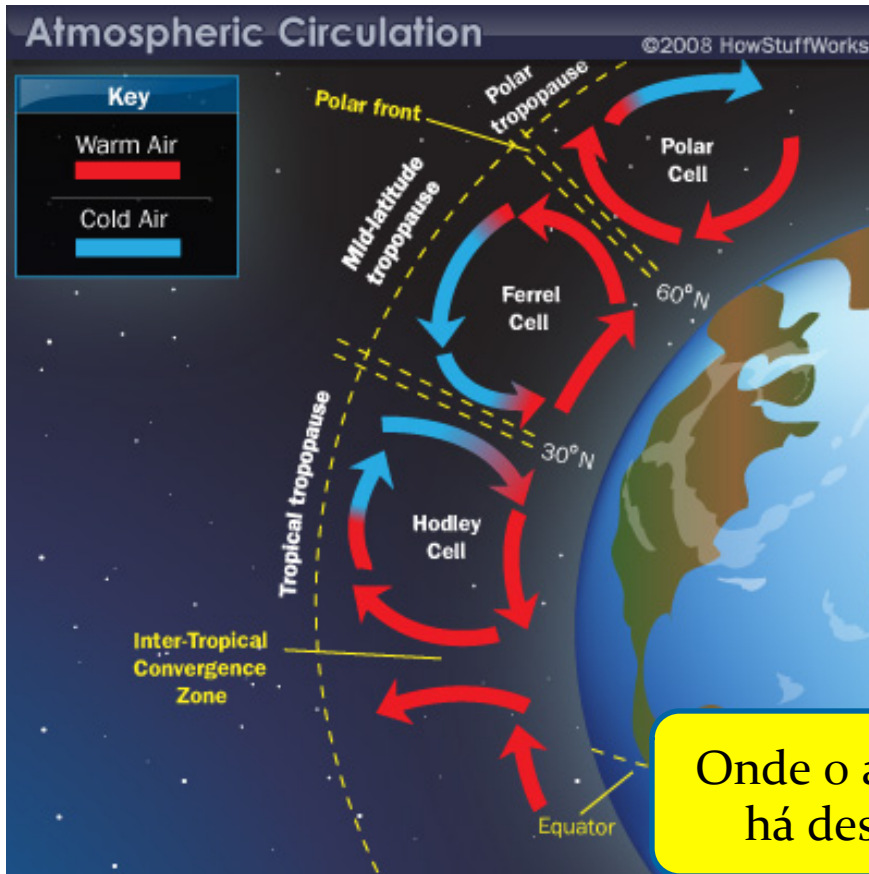


Annual mean outgoing long wave radiation at top (W/m²)



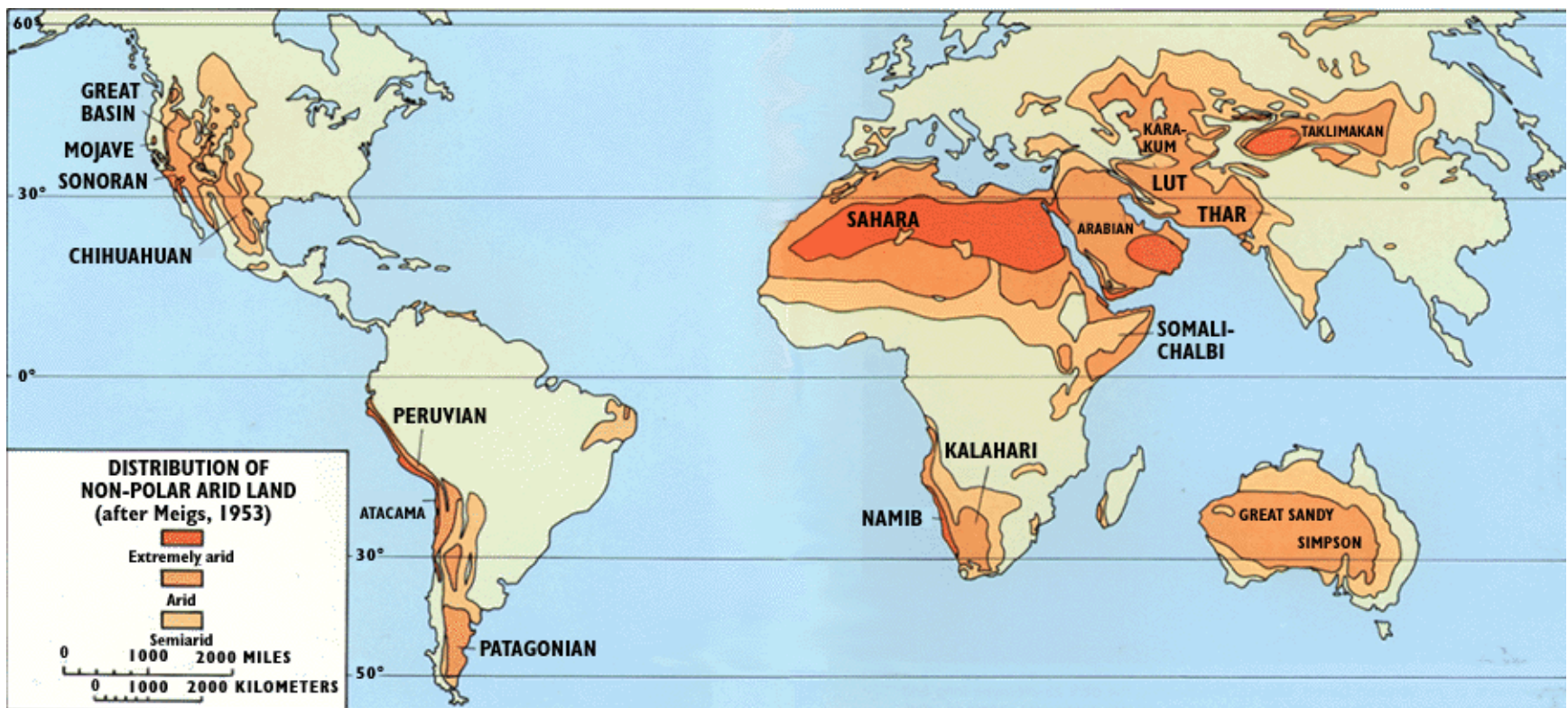
Trenberth and Stepaniak, J. Clim. (2003)

Circulação de grande escala



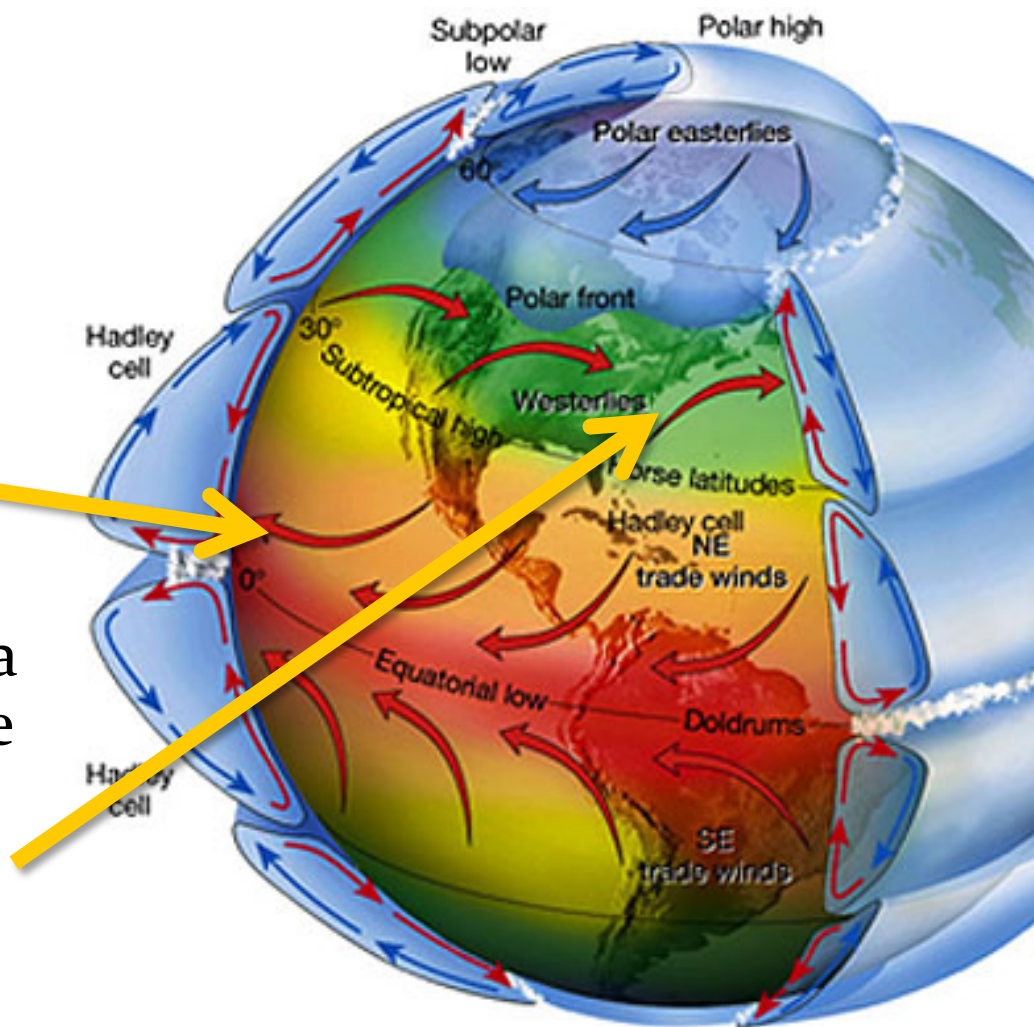
Localização dos grandes desertos

- Nas latitudes onde o ar desce seco e frio, há precipitação é pouco e as regiões são desérticas.



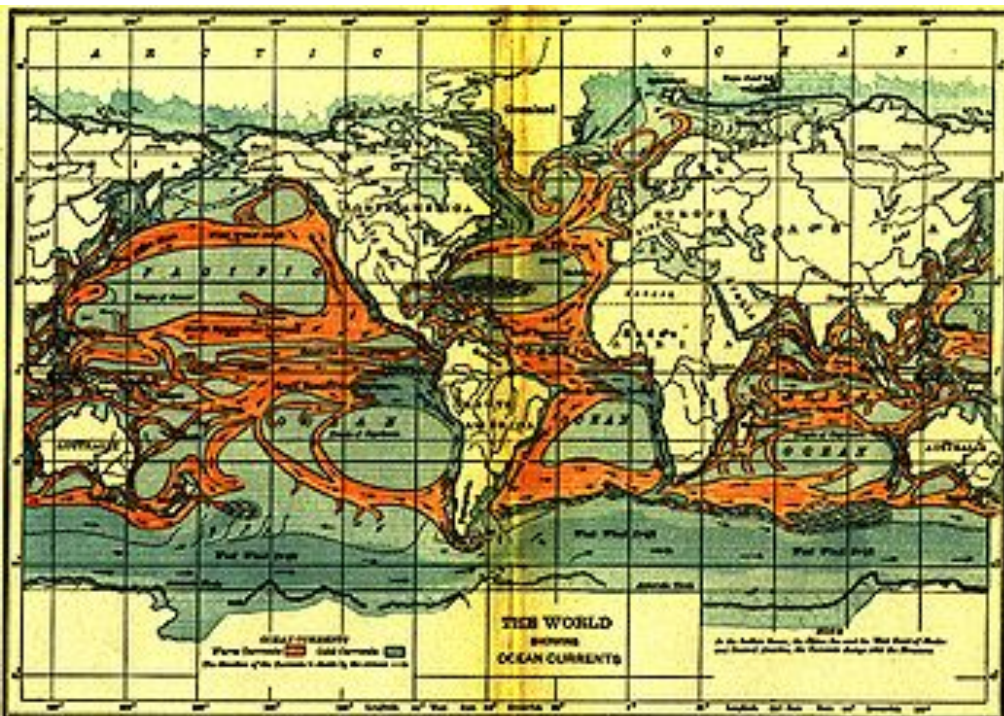
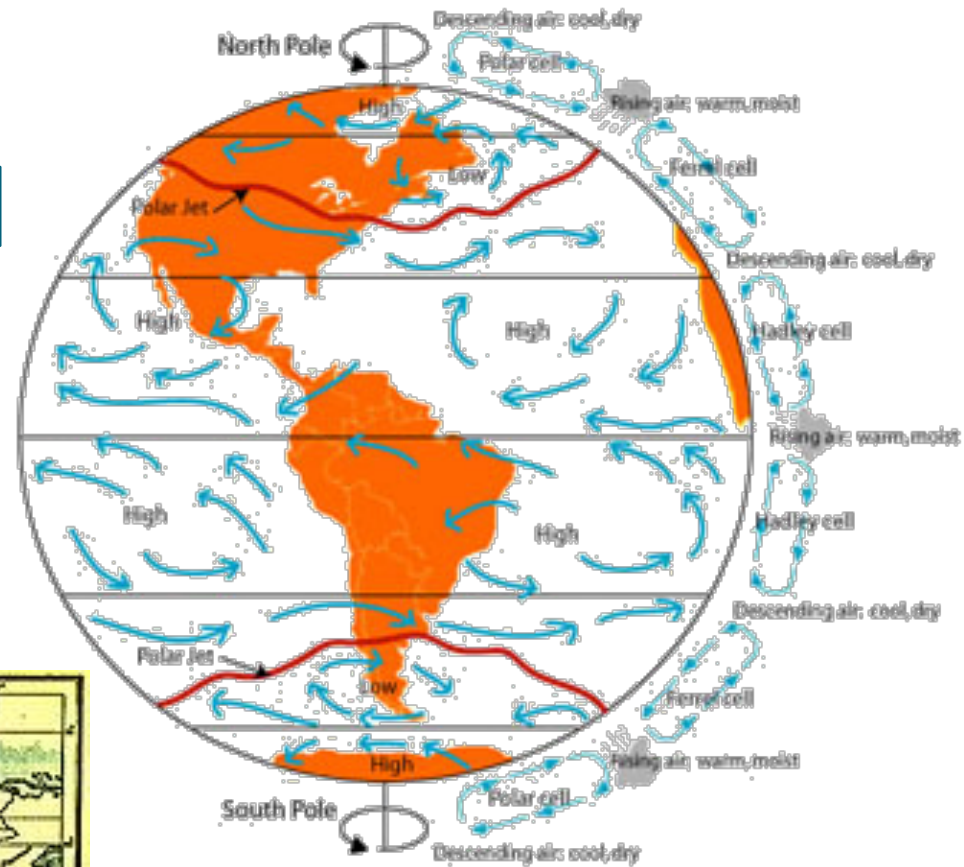
Circulação global

- Como a terra gira, por inércia, a atmosfera acaba ficando para traz.
 - A célula de Hadley fica inclinada no equador, formando os **Alísios**.
 - Já o ar que desce em latitudes mais altas está girando mais rápido que a chão (ele estava no EQ), e a circulação é ao contrário

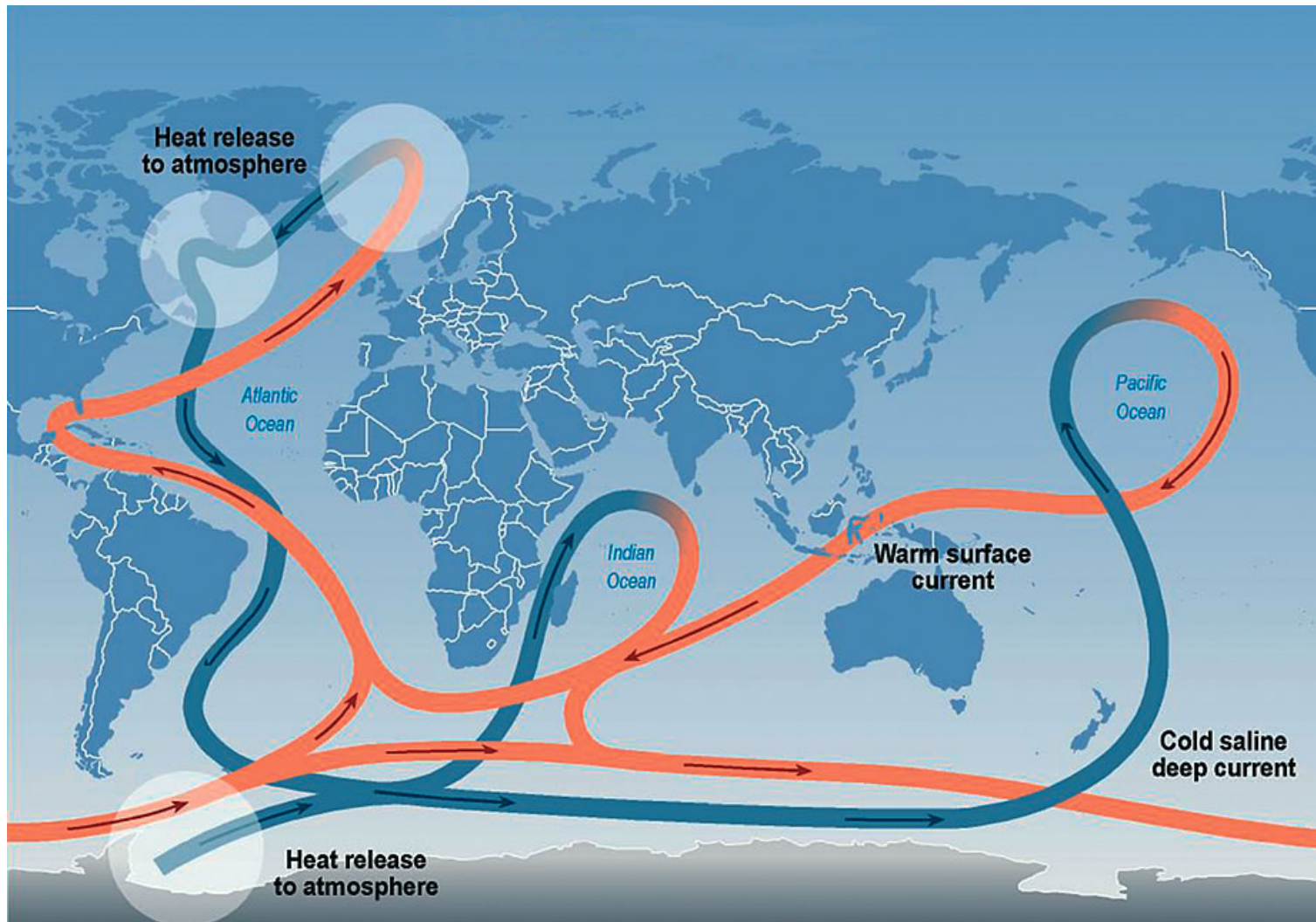


Circulação Global

- Os ventos próximos da superfície forçam o surgimento de correntes oceânicas

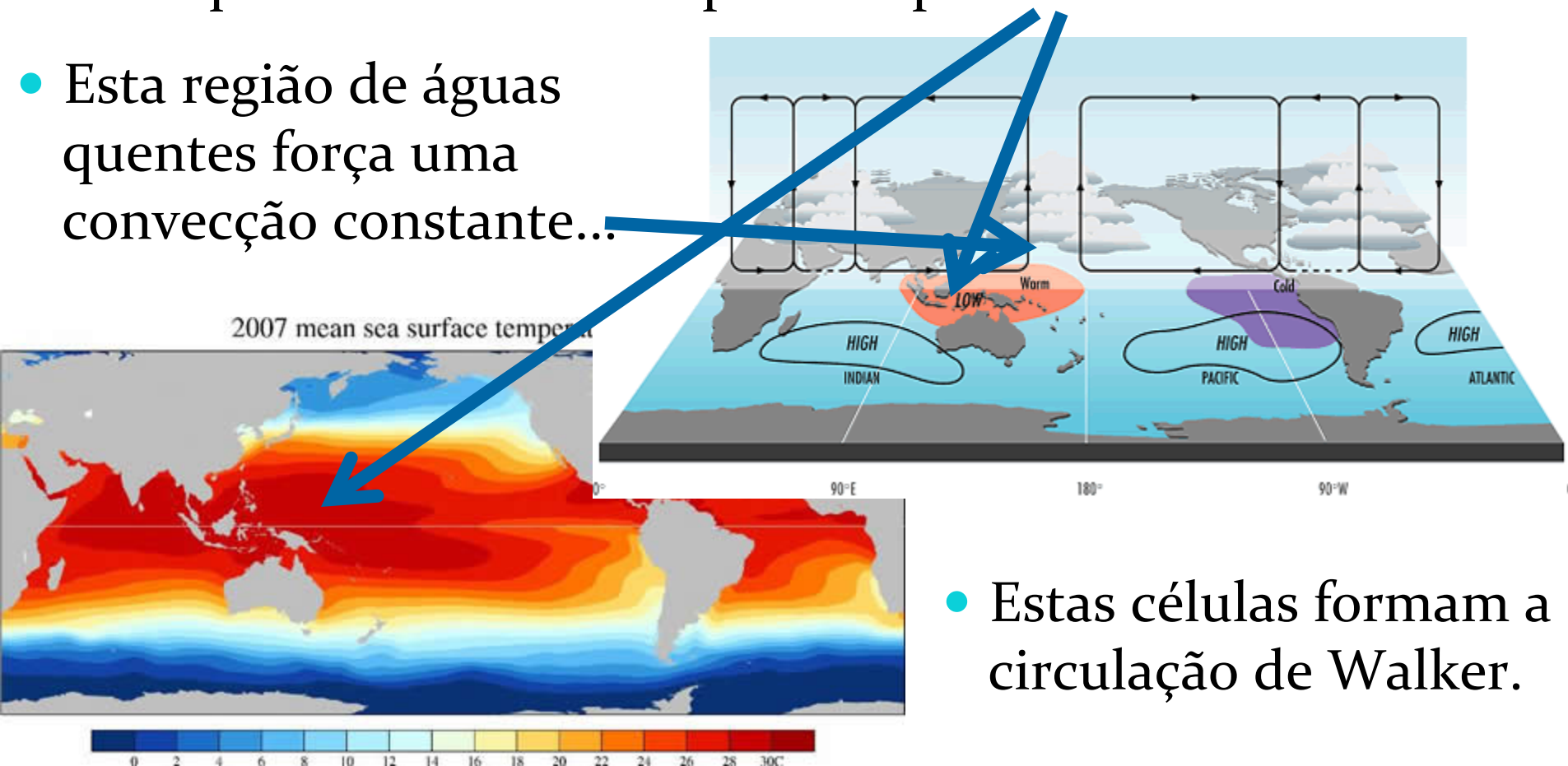


Oceanic circulation



Circulação de Walker

- Devido a presença constante dos ventos alísios, a água mais quente vai sendo empurrada para oeste.
- Esta região de águas quentes força uma convecção constante...

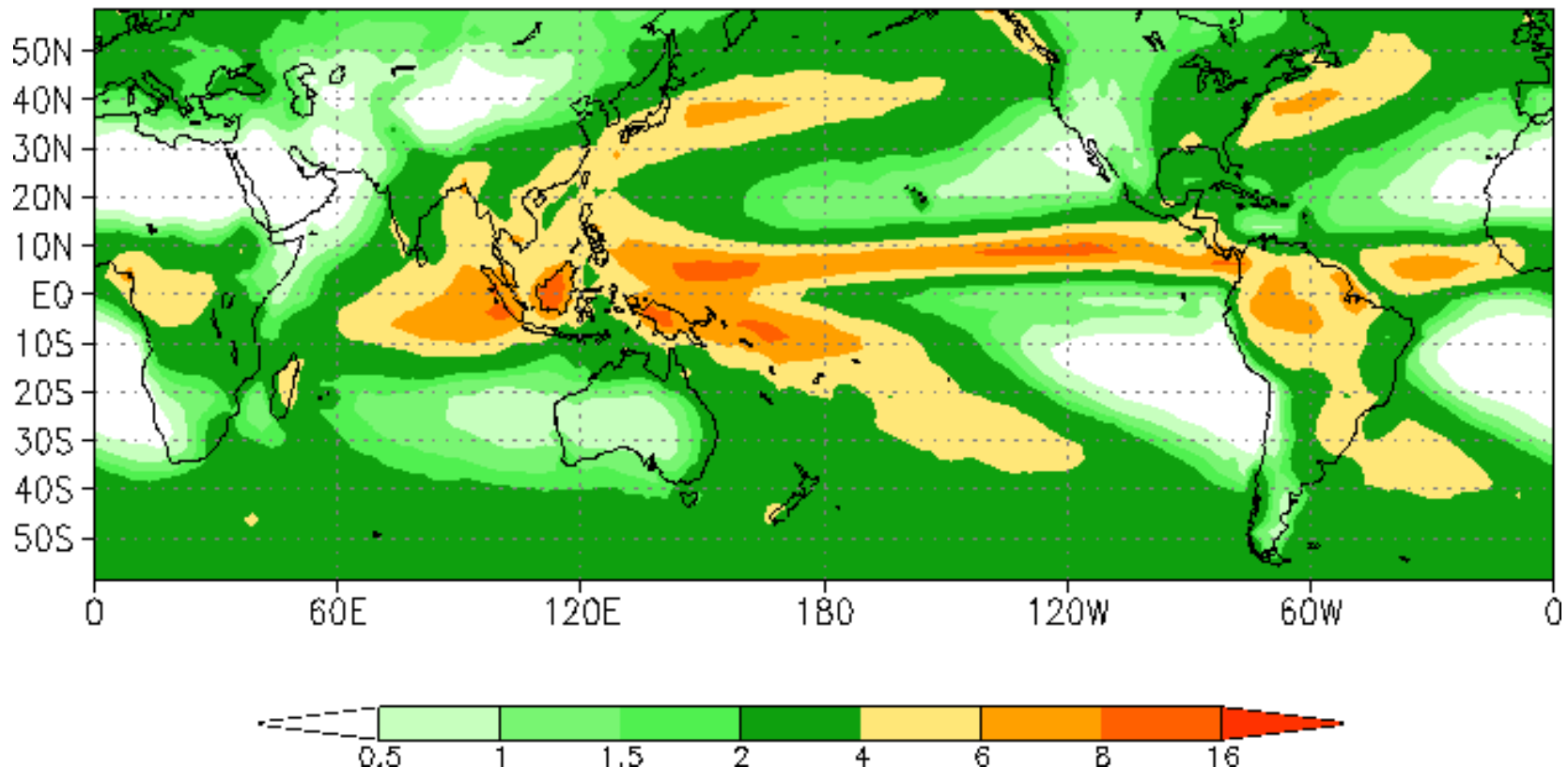


- Estas células formam a circulação de Walker.

Precipitação

- A distribuição global dos ventos, e principalmente de onde eles sobem e descem, determinam em grande parte a distribuição da precipitação

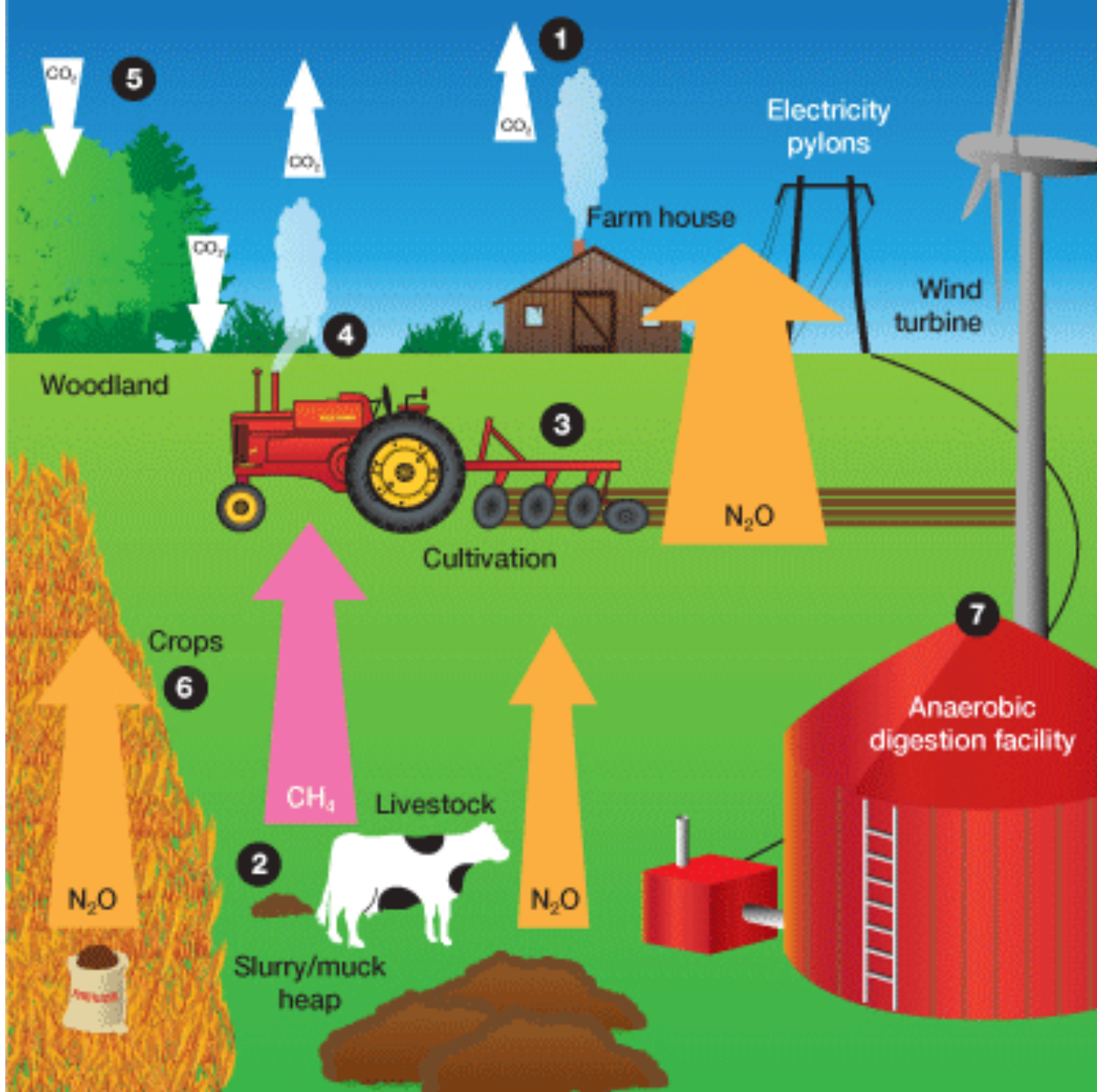
Pentad mean Precipitation (mm/day): Annual mean



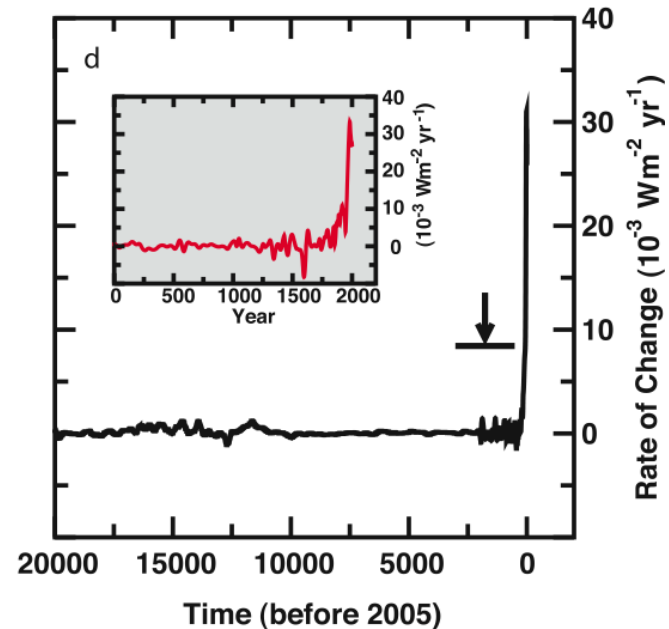
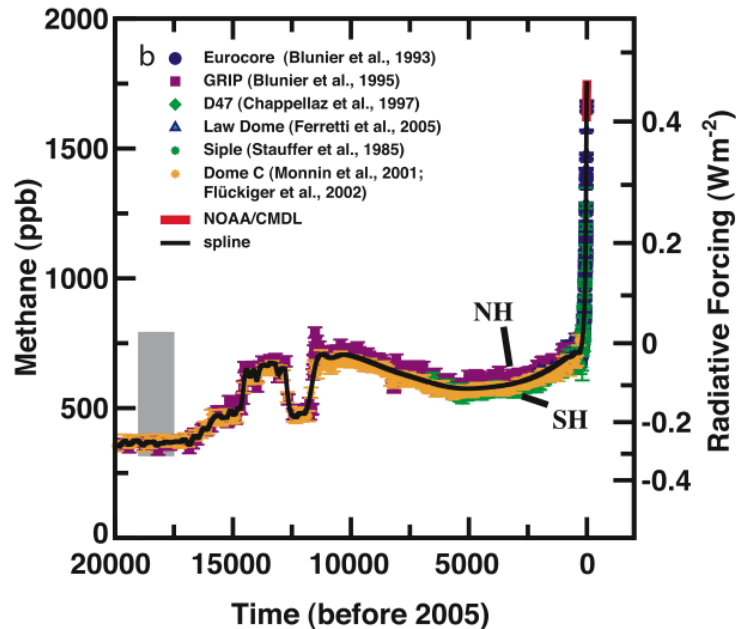
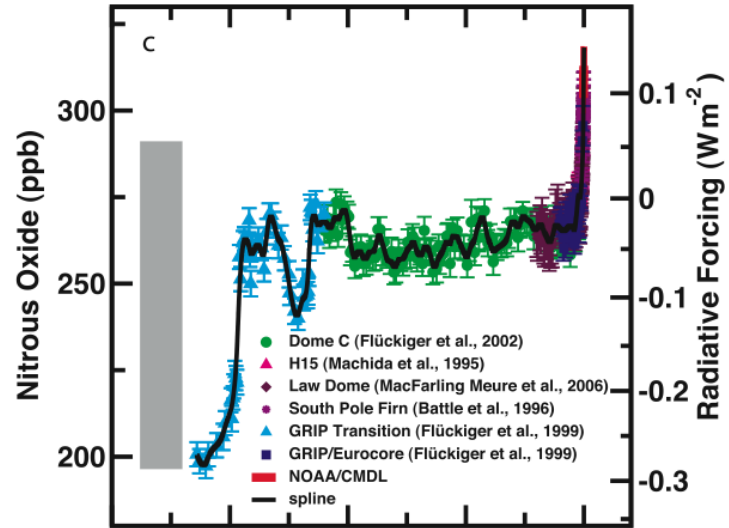
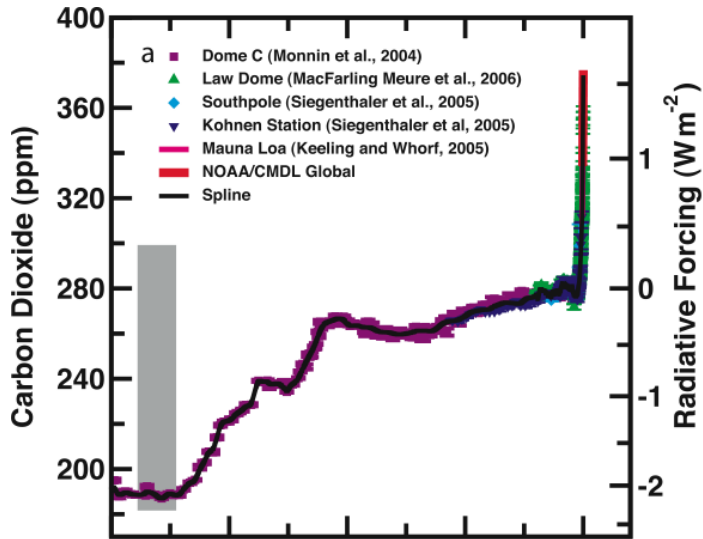
Circulação da Atmosfera

- A terra recebe energia do sol, a maior parte chega na região tropical e é absorvida na superfície.
- Esse aquecimento desigual força o surgimento de ventos na atmosfera e de correntes no oceano.
- Esta circulação redistribui a energia

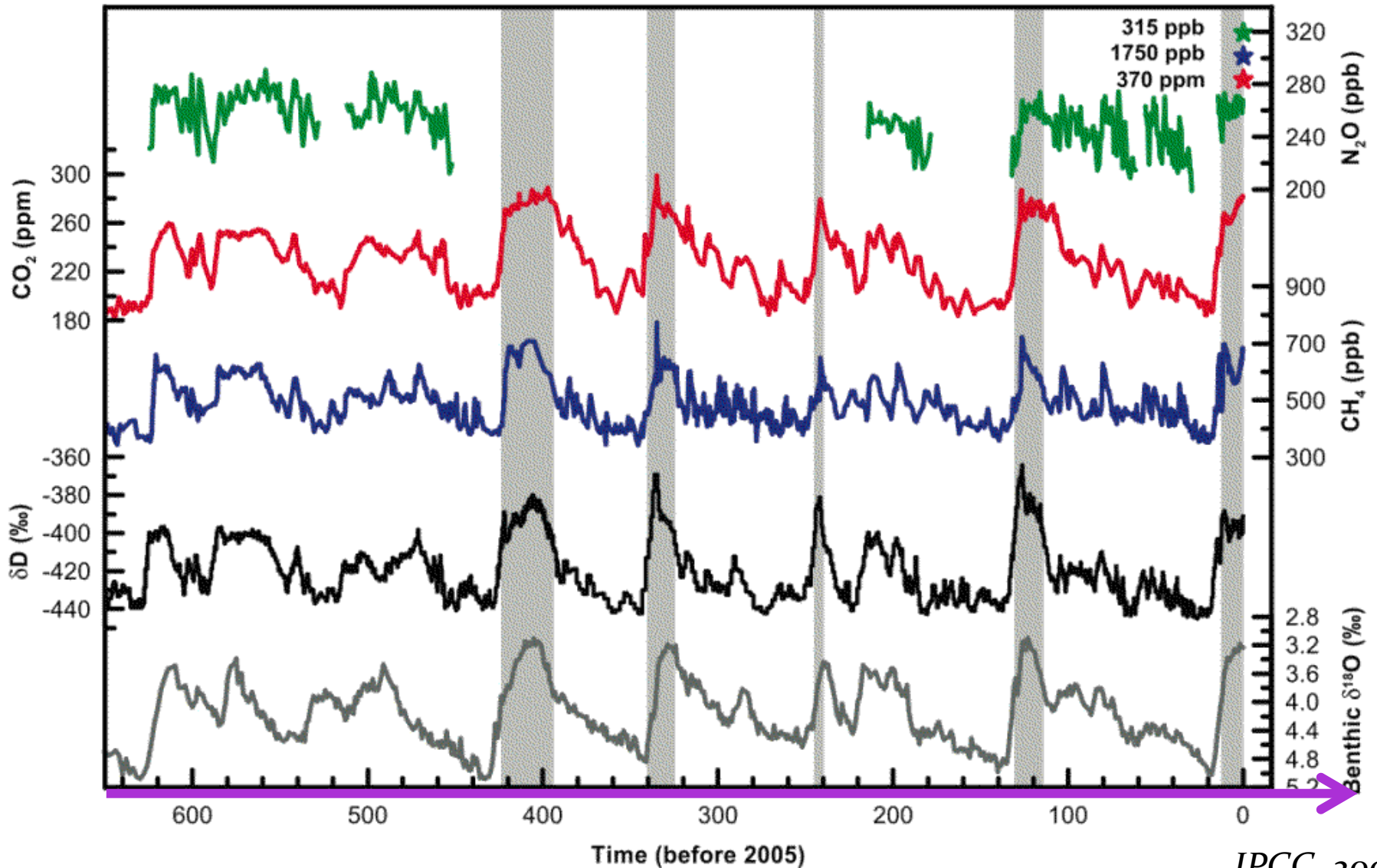
A teoria que explica o movimentos dos fluídos é chamada de dinâmica dos fluídos.



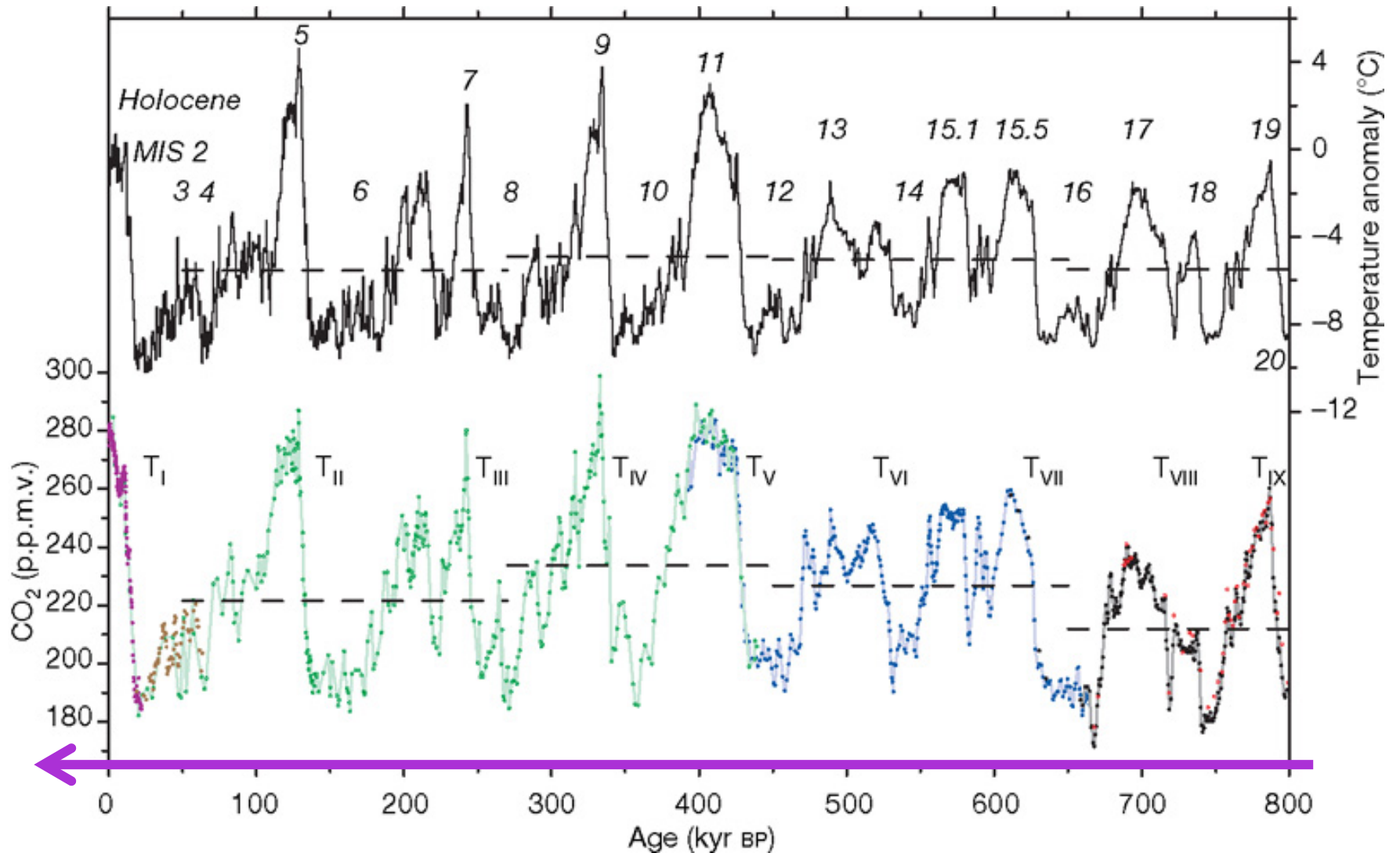
Antropogenic? Yes!



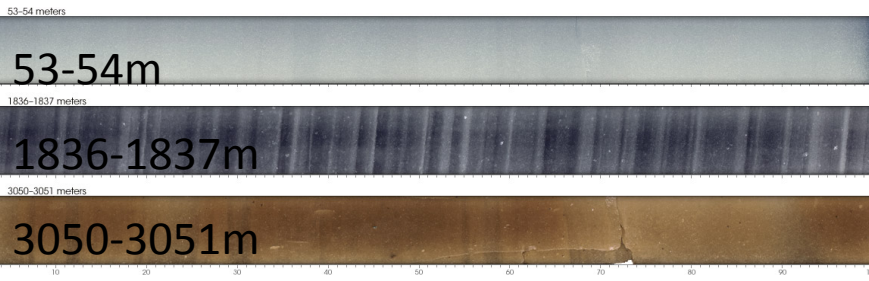
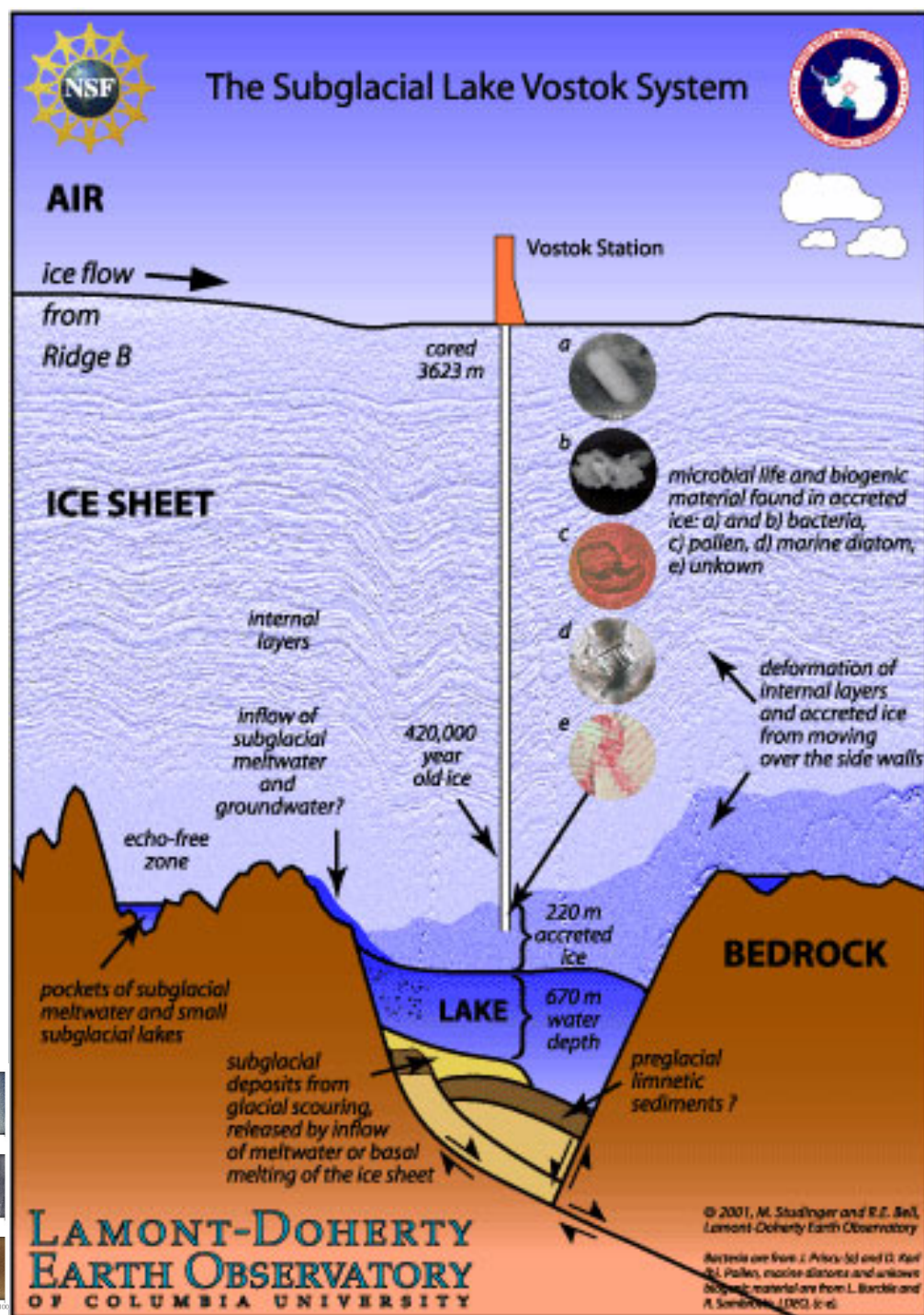
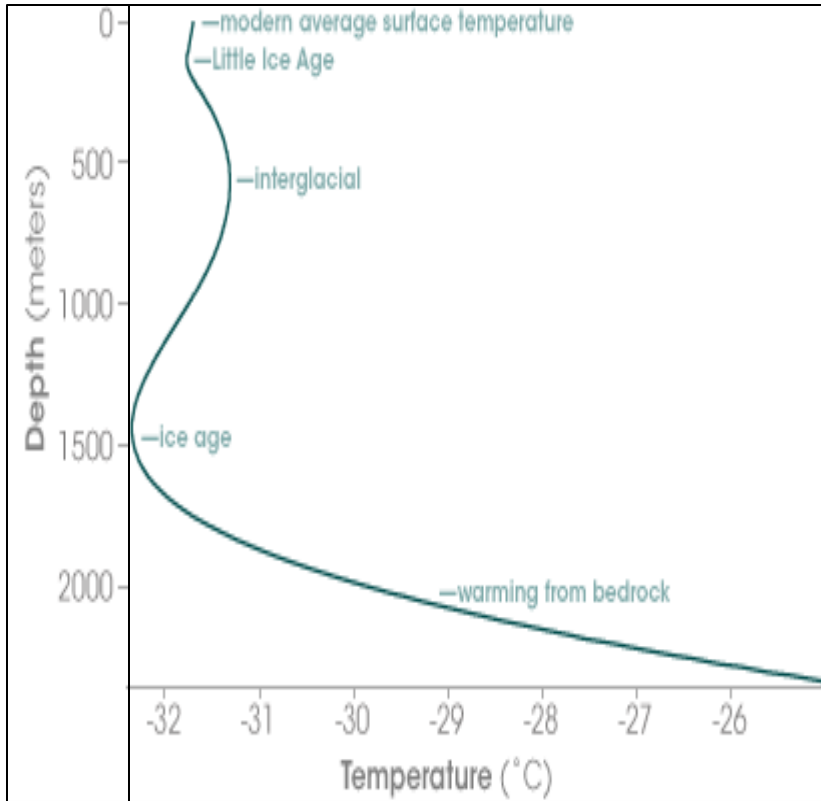
Vostok (650ky)



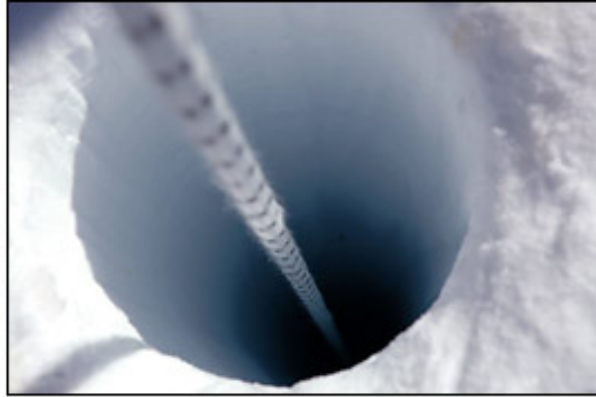
Dome C (800ky)



Ice Cores



Ice Cores

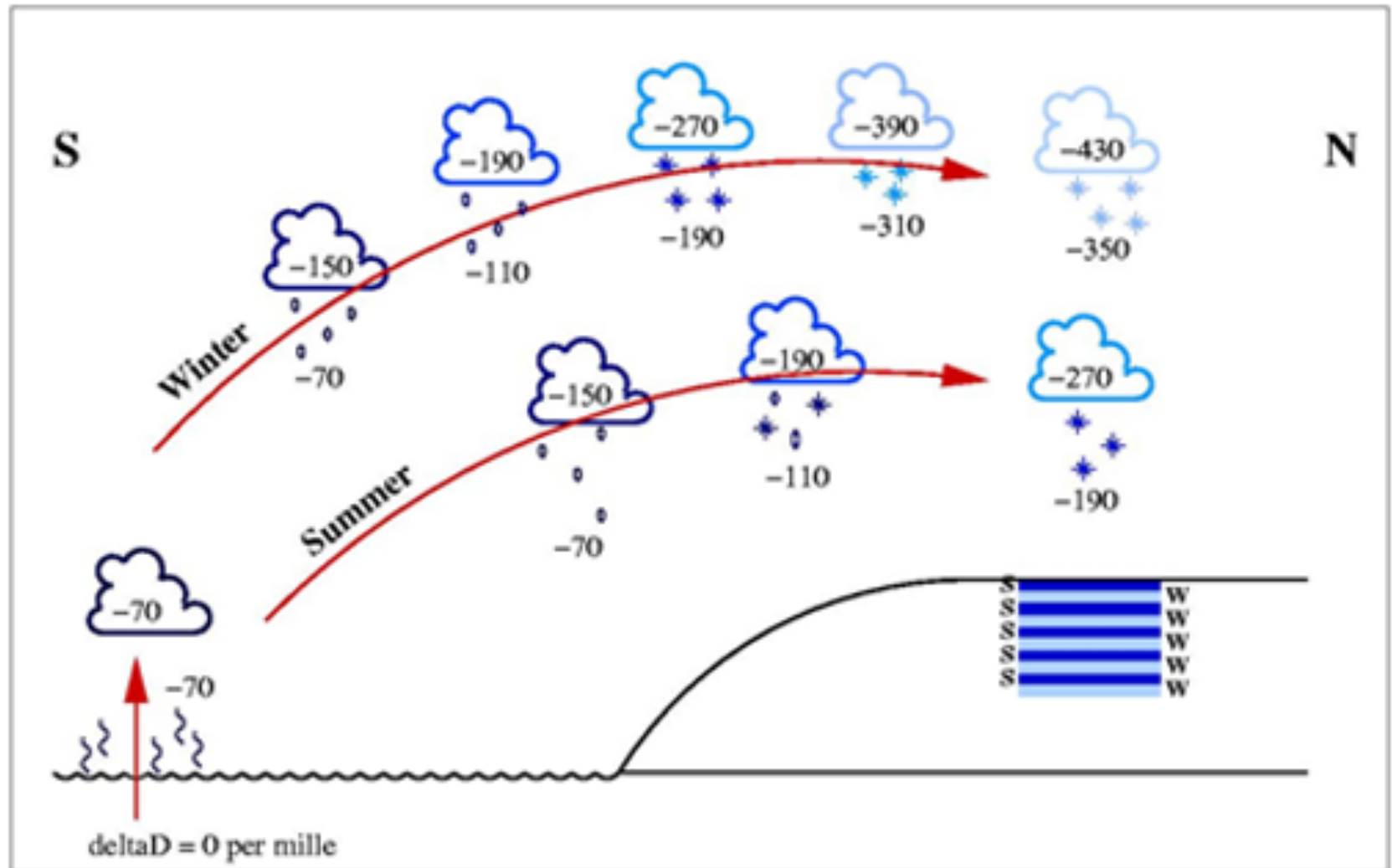


Dating ice

1. Counting layers
 - From temperature
 - From solar radiation
2. Pre dated tracers
 - Other ice cores
 - Volcanic sediments
3. Radioactive elements

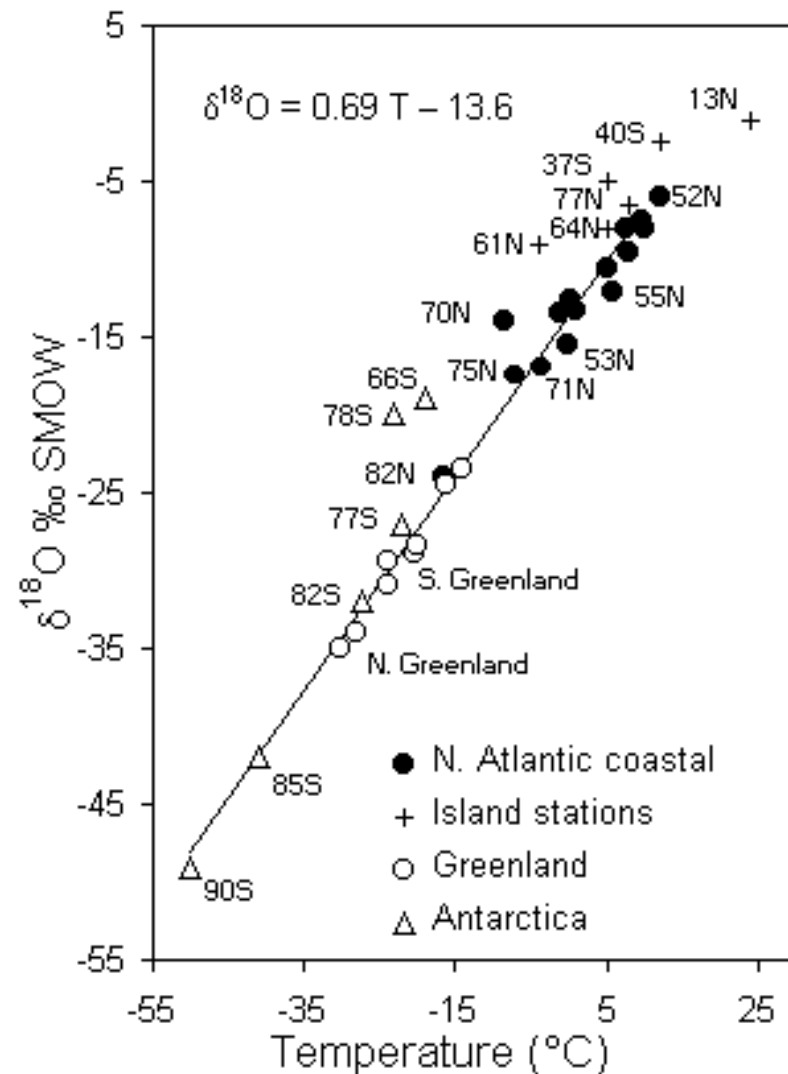
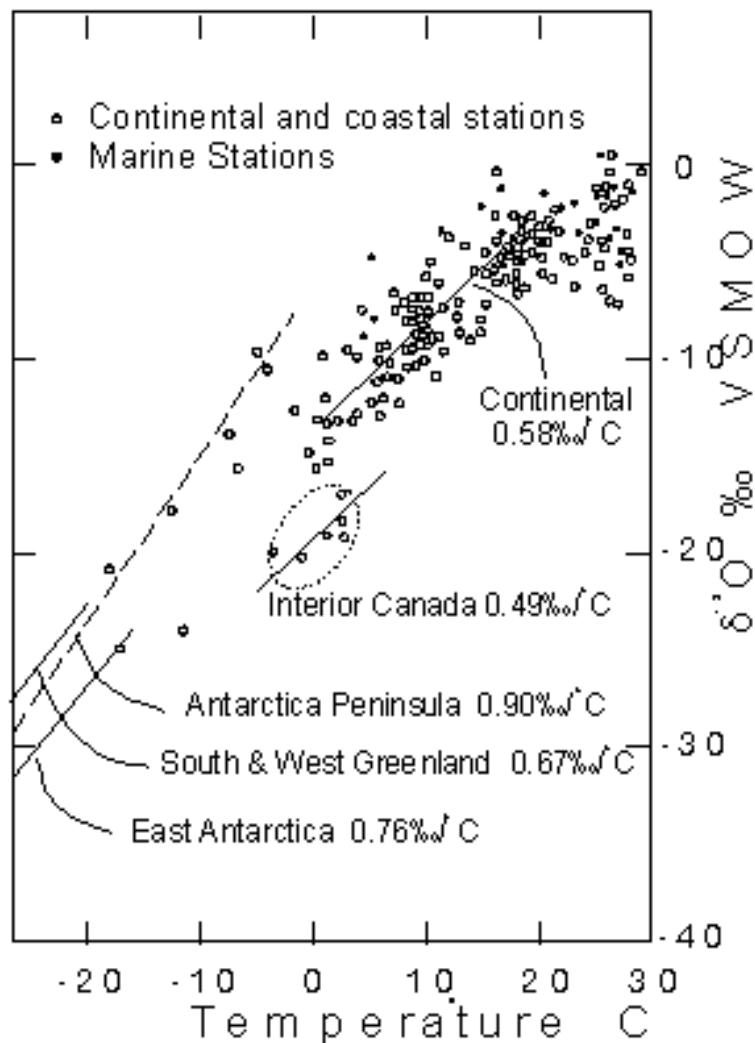


One way



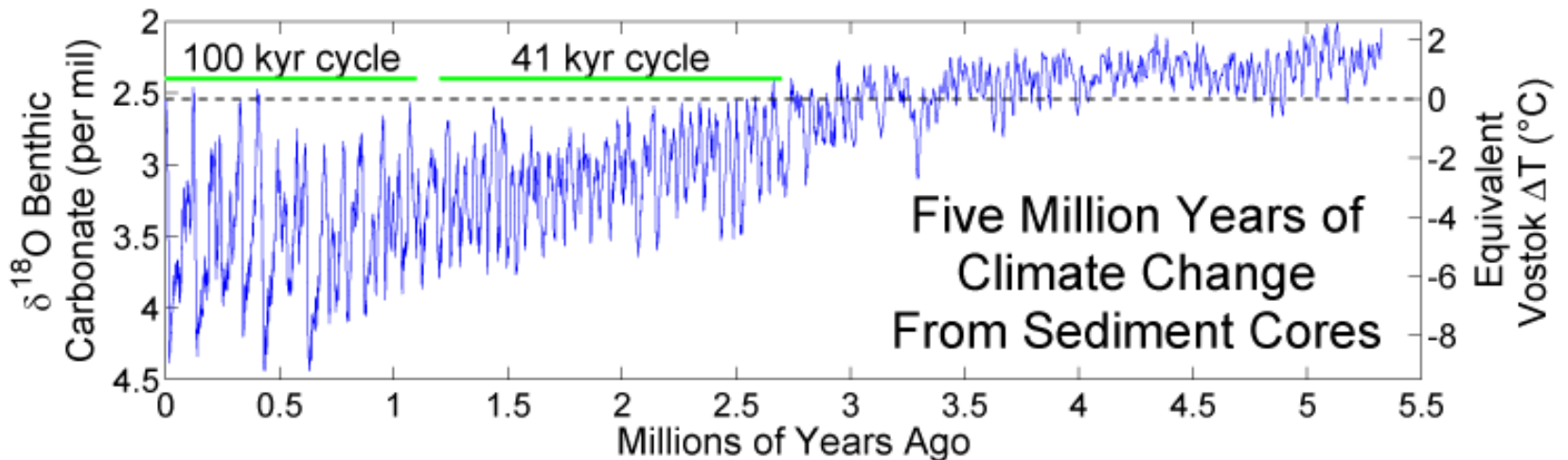
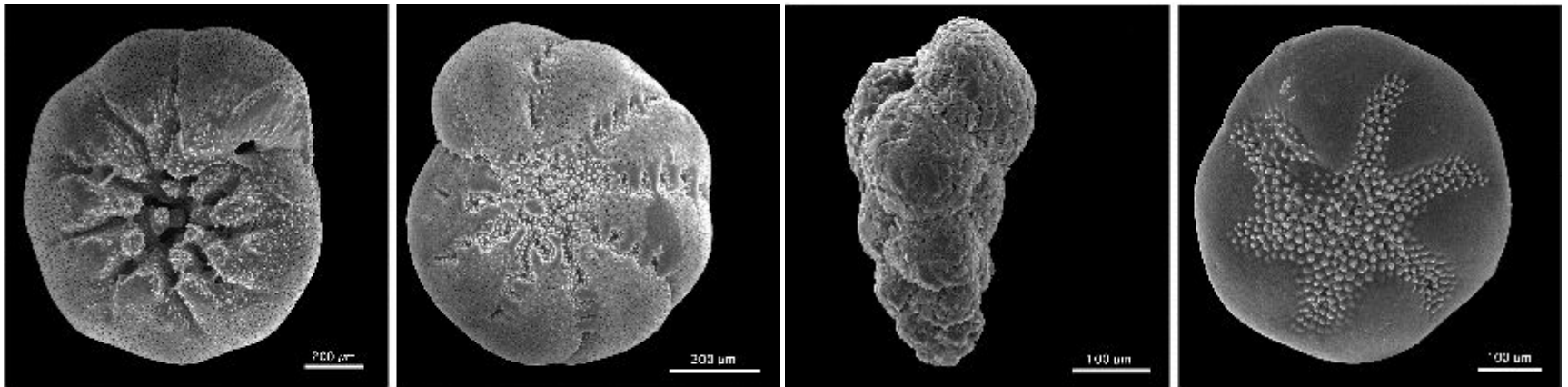
Temperature dependency

$$\delta^{18}O = \left(\frac{\left(\frac{^{18}O}{^{16}O} \right)_{sample}}{\left(\frac{^{18}O}{^{16}O} \right)_{standard}} - 1 \right) * 1000 \text{ ‰}$$



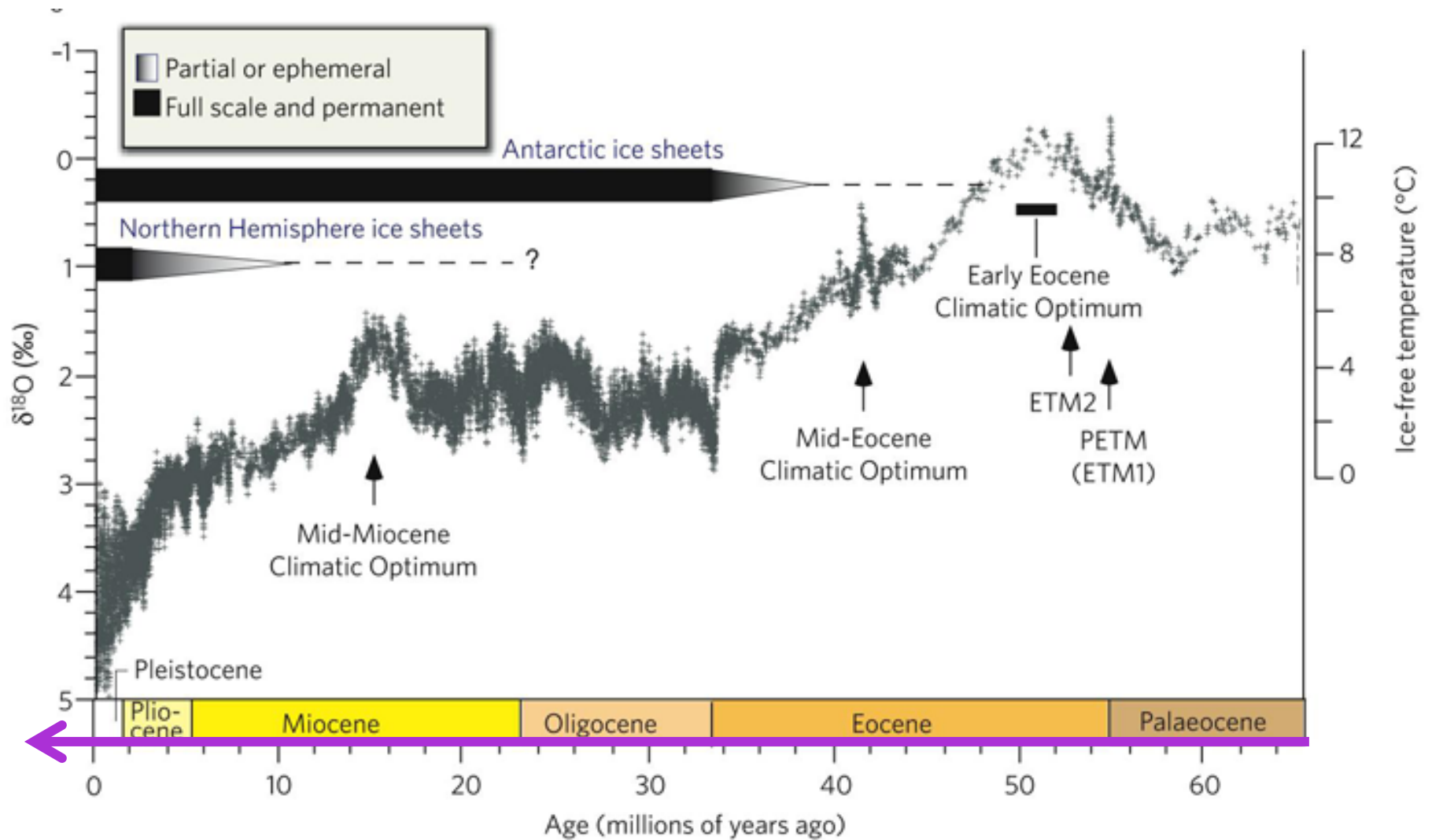
Same thing now on ocean sediments

Shell of Foraminifera's is made of CaCO_3



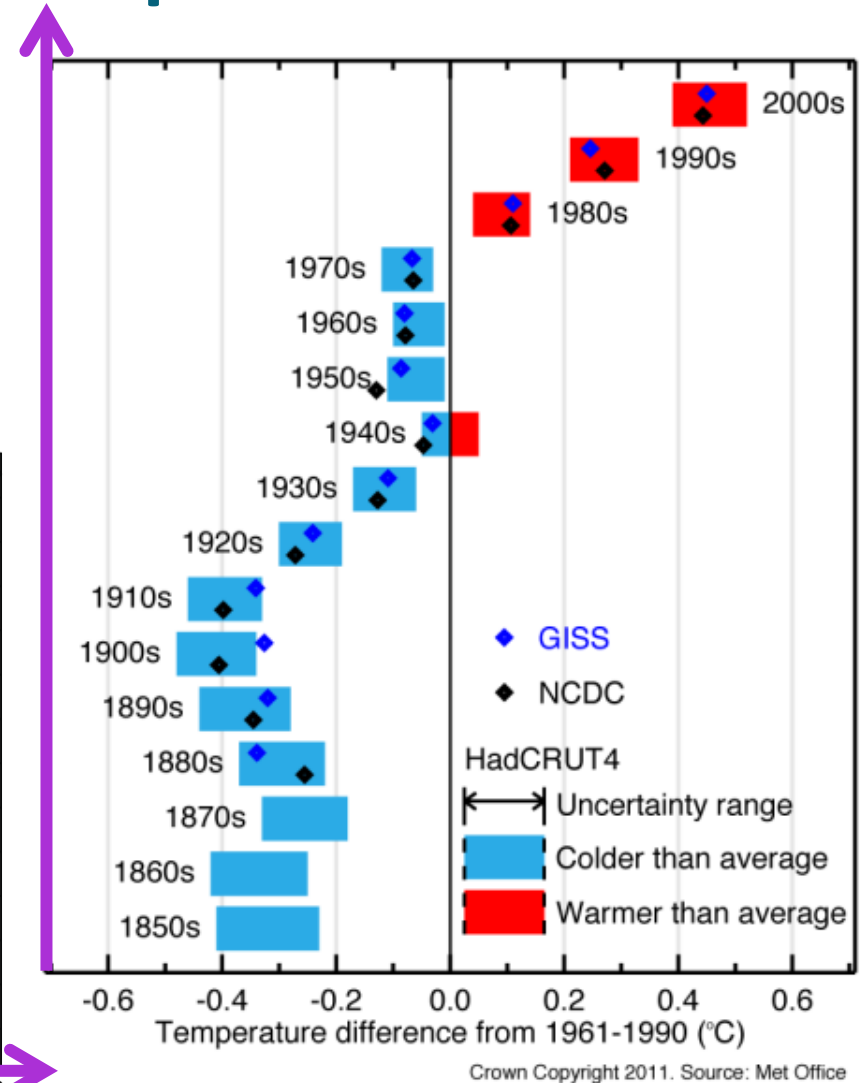
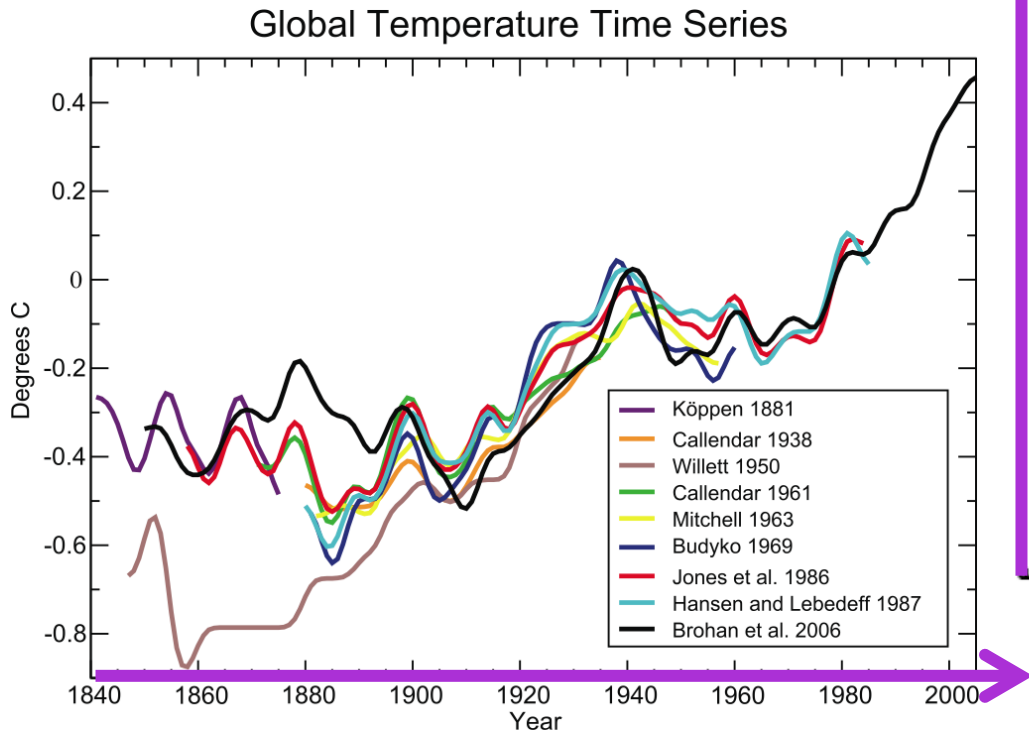
Lisiecki and Raymo (Paleoceanography, 2005).

Even deeper

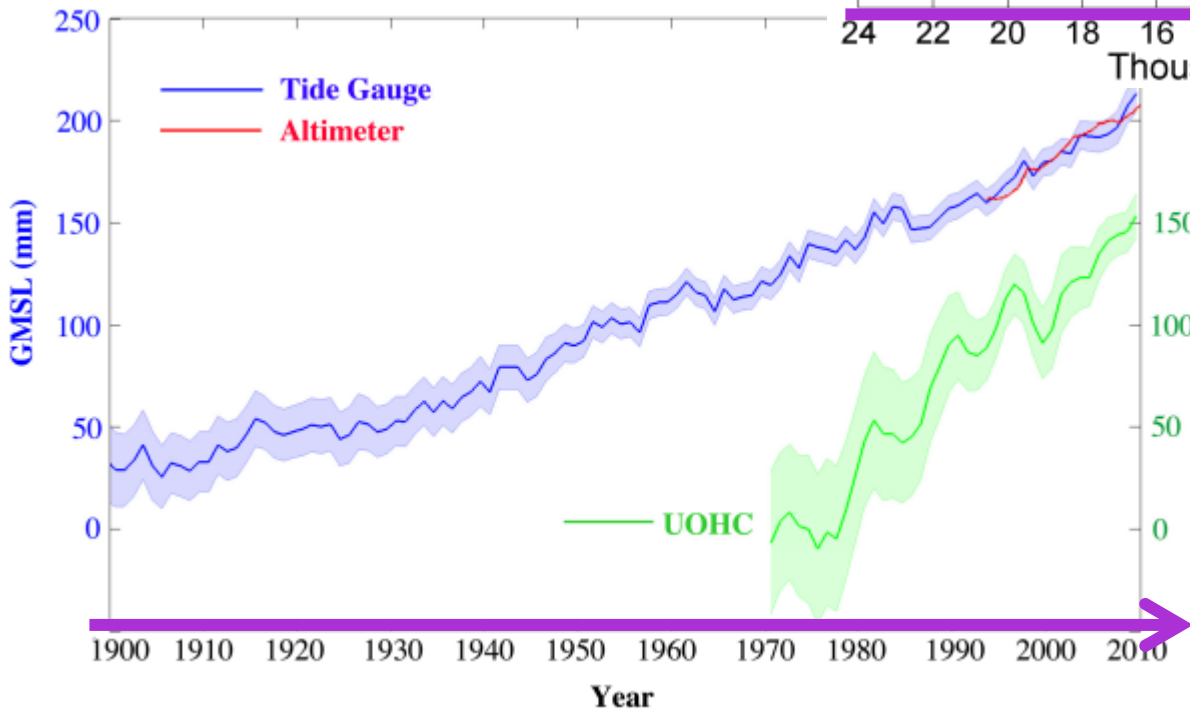
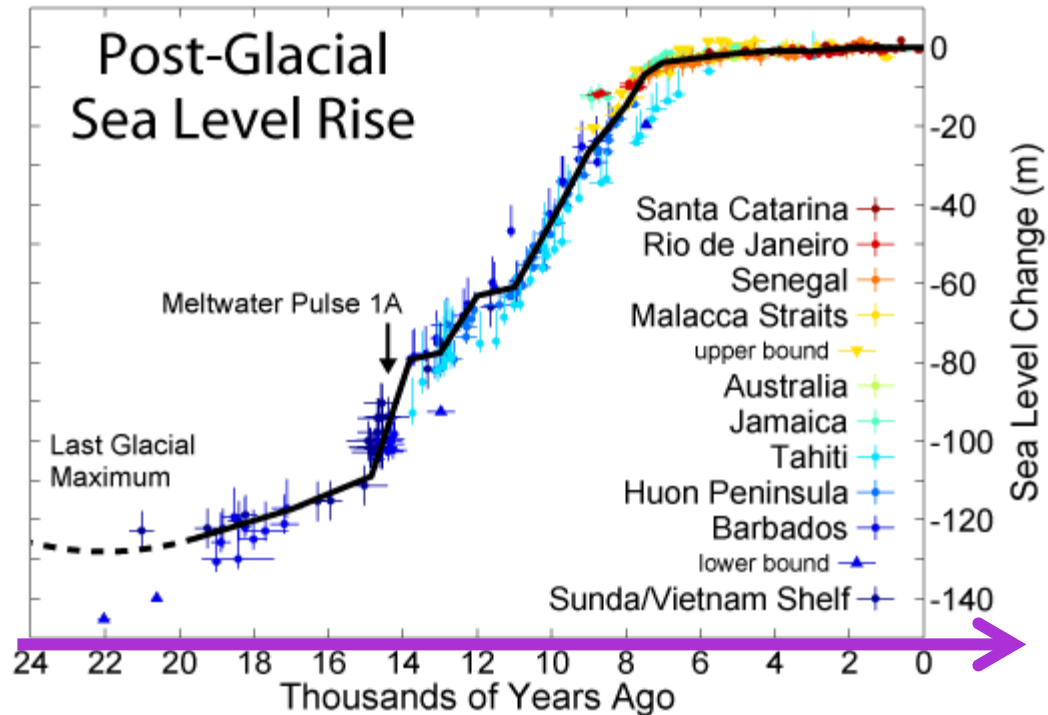


Zachos et al. (Nature, 2008)

Observation of Temperature Increase



(2) Sea level



Church and White, 2011;
Jevrejeva et al., 2008;
Nerem et al., 2010

A bit of history

Weather forecasts began as observation of repetitive patterns

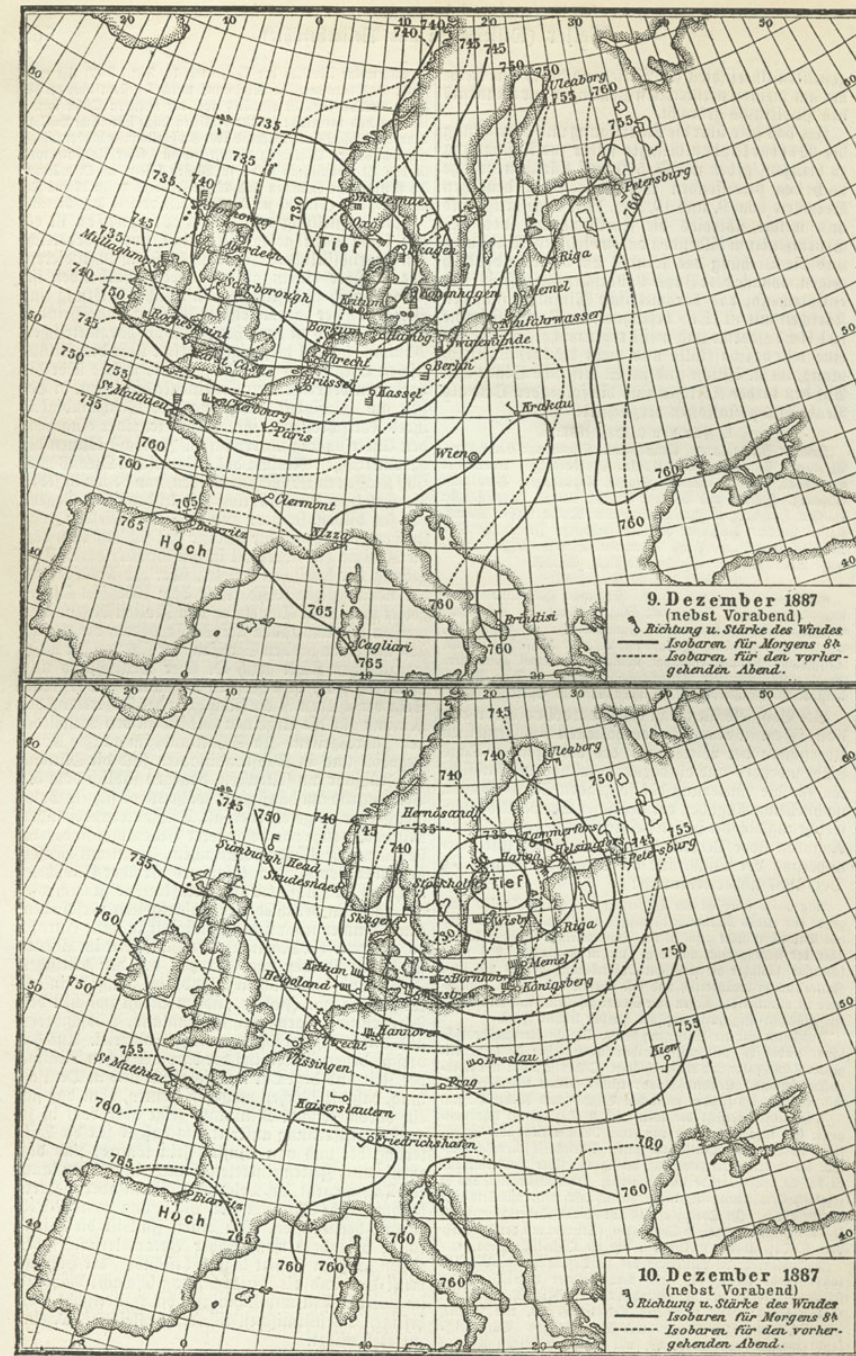
- 650 AC Babylonians made forecasts from cloud formations and position of the star
- 340 AC, Aristotle described a series of meteorological situations in a book called *Meteorológica*
- Since 300 AC Chinese made some sort of weather forecast

Lets explain the thunder (...). There are two kinds of exhalations: dry and humid. (...). The humid condenses and forms a cloud (...). The radiated heats disperses on the top of the cloud, cooling it. A dry exhalation, that gets trapped in the process, will be eject from the cloud with high speed. When it collides with the neighboring clouds it makes a noise. We call this noise: thunder.

– **Aristoteles Meteorologica**

Modern History

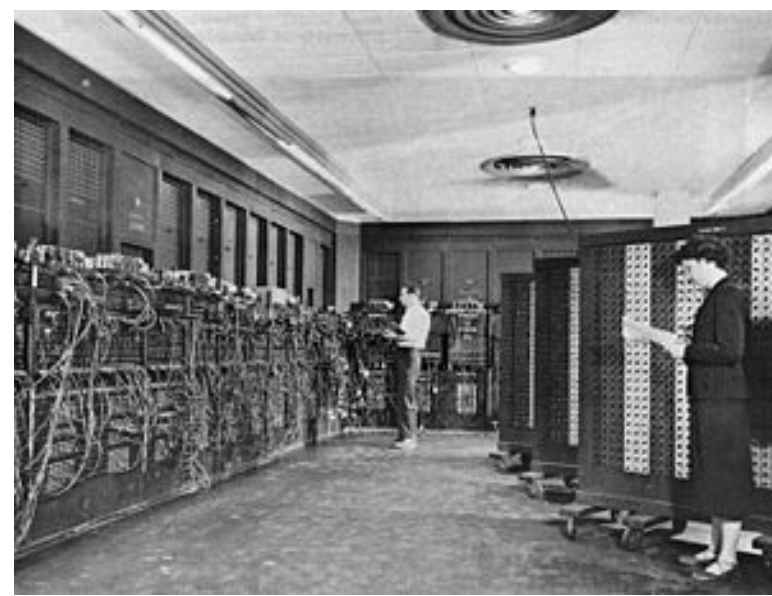
- 1400's
 - Hygrometer - Cripts (1450)
 - Anemometer - Alberti (1450)
- 1500's
 - Thermoscope - Galileo
- 1600's
 - Barometer - Torricelli (1643)
 - Les Meteores - Descarte (1637)
- 1700's
 - Trade winds - Hadley (1730)
- 1800's
 - Three-cell model - Ferrel (1855)
 - Weather maps of surface pressure
- 1900's
 - Weather prediction - Bjerknes (1903)
 - Polar front theory - Bjerknes (1921)



Wetterkarten vom 9 und 10. Dez. 1887 (Deutsche Seewarte).

Modern Technology

- 1900's
 - Numerical weather prediction
 - Richardson (1922)
 - Daily balloon observations (1940's)
 - First computer – ENIAC (1946)
 - First weather forecast
 - Von Neumann and Charney (1950)
 - Weather satellites (Tiros I, 1960)
 - First global model
 - Smagorinsky (1963)



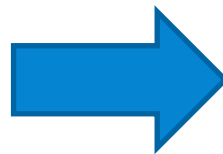
Fluid dynamics

- The most important equation is Navier-Stokes. Derived from Newton's second law, states the conservation of momentum

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} - \frac{\nabla P}{\rho} + \mathbf{g}$$

- Partial
- 2nd order
- 1st degree
- Homogeneous
- **Non-Linear**

$$\sum_j v_j \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j}$$



CAOS

1st law of thermodynamics

- By defining a virtual potential temperature

$$\theta_v = T_v \left(\frac{1000 \text{ hPa}}{p_a} \right)^{\kappa}$$

- That already includes pressure variation, conservation of energy gives

$$\frac{d\theta_v}{dt} = \frac{1}{c_p^d} \frac{\theta_v}{T_v} \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

Mass Conservation

- If mass is conserved, then $d\rho/dt=0$, where

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\rho$$

- ... Similar to conservation of momentum:

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla q + D_q \nabla^2 q + F_q - S_q$$

Sources and sinks of water vapor

Molecular diffusion

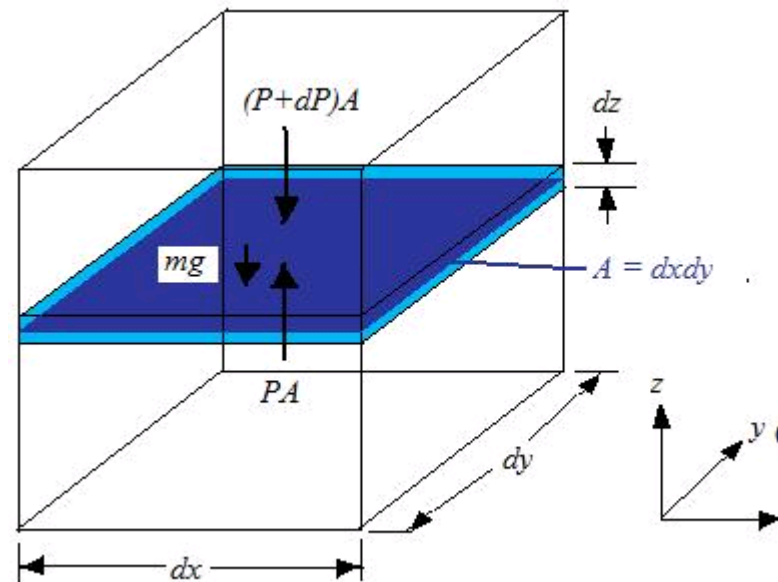
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Sources and sinks of momentum

Equação Hidrostática

- É a equação de movimento na ausência de aceleração verticais. É dada pelo equilíbrio entre a força gradiente de pressão e a gravidade

$$dp_a = -\rho_a g dz$$



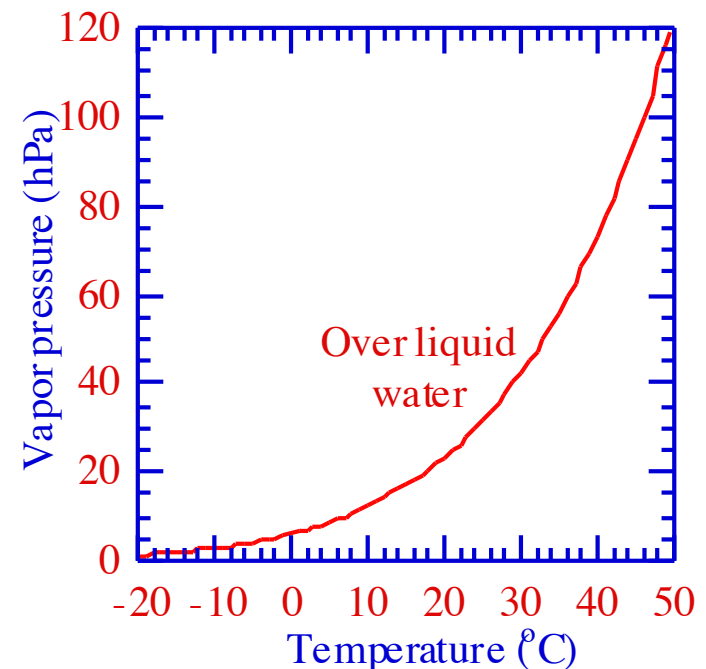
Equação de Clausius-Clapeyron

- A pressão de vapor de saturação varia com a temperatura:

$$\frac{dp_{v,s}}{dT} = \frac{\rho_{v,s}}{T} L_e$$

- E podemos encontrar uma expressão para ela:

$$p_{v,s} = 6.112 \exp\left(\frac{17.67T_c}{T_c + 243.5}\right)$$

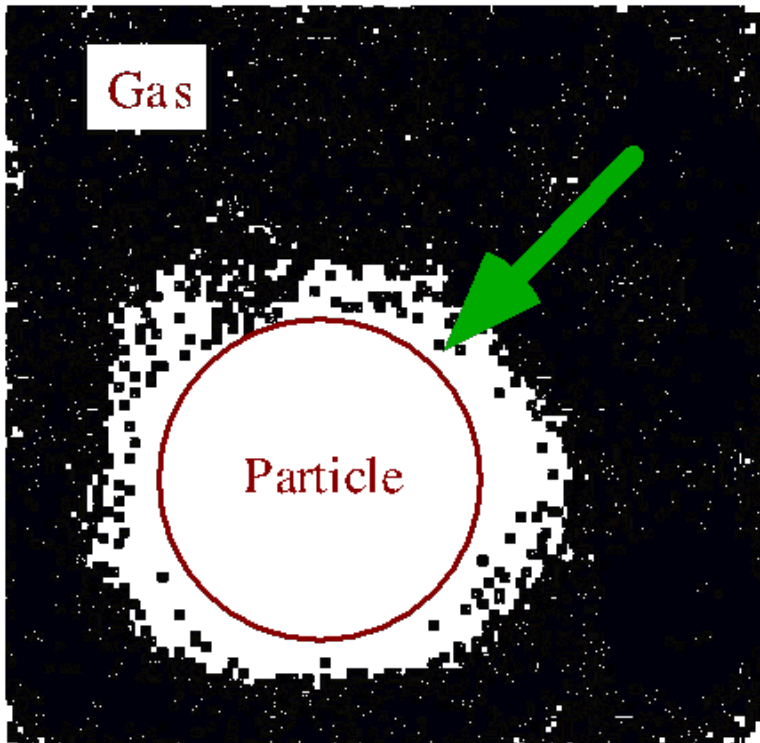


Condensação/Evaporação

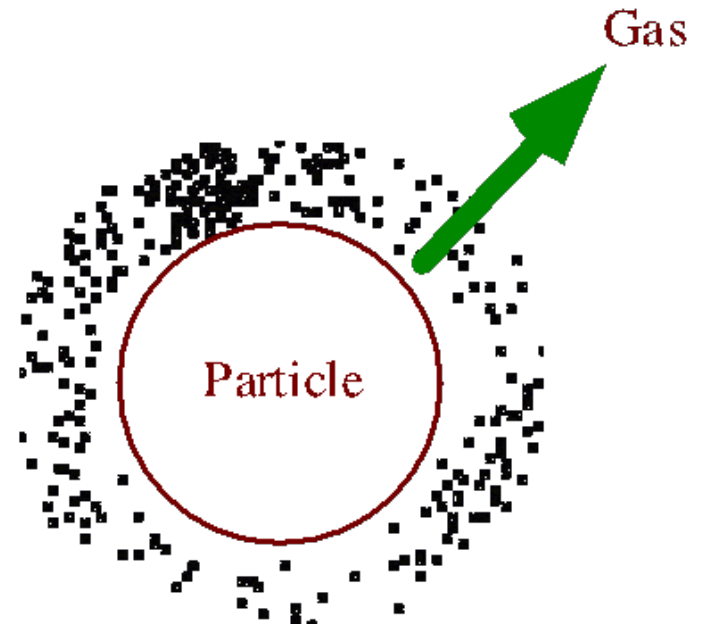
Condensação para $p_v > p_{v,s}$

Evaporação para $p_v < p_{v,s}$

Condensation

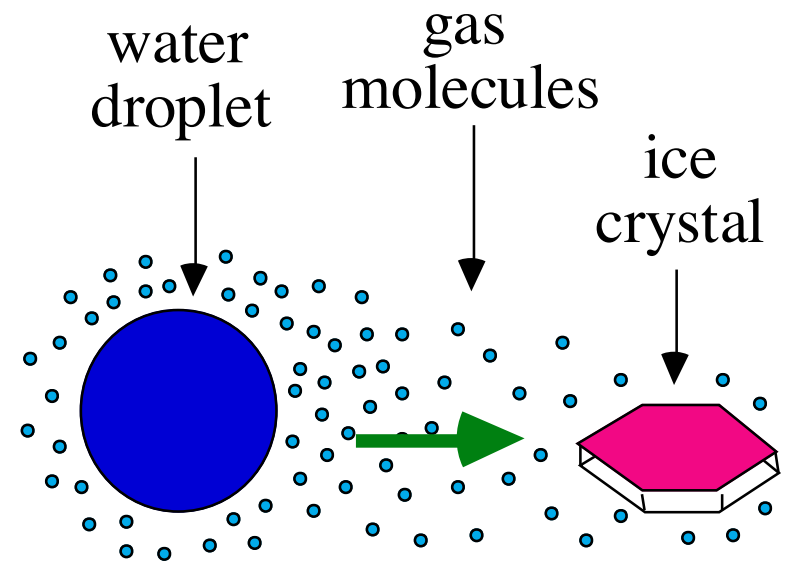
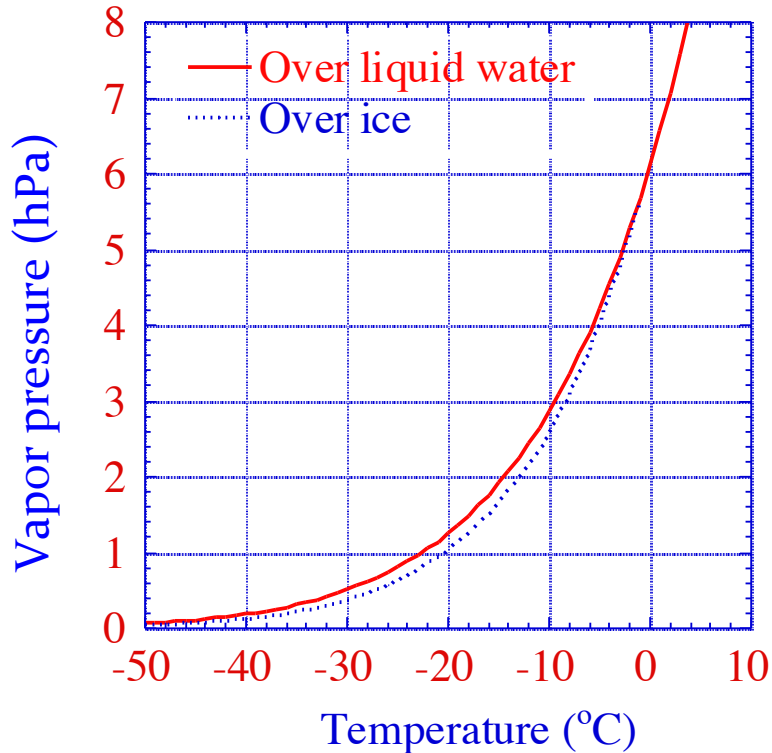


Evaporation



Formation of Rain in Cold Clouds

Ice Crystal (Bergeron) Process



- $p_{v,s}$ sobre gelo é menor que sobre água
- As gotas evaporam e o vapor flui para os cristais

Equations of motion

$$p_a = \rho_a R' T_v \quad dp_a = -\rho_a g dz \quad T_v = T(1 + 0.608q_v)$$

$$\frac{d\theta_v}{dt} = \frac{1}{c_p^d} \frac{\theta_v}{T_v} \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad \theta_v = T_v \left(\frac{1000 \text{ hPa}}{p_a} \right)^\kappa$$

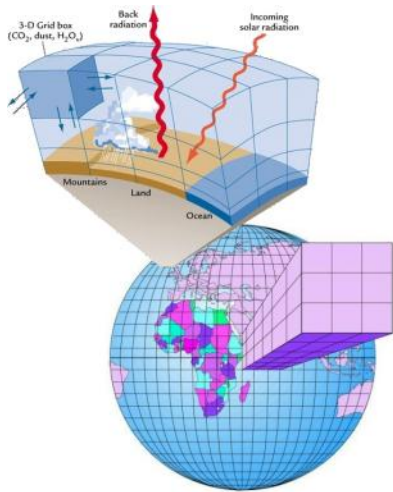
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+ chemistry (about 200 prognostic variables)
+ aerosols (about 30 prognostic variables)

Equações de Din. dos Fluídos

- Estas equações juntas podem descrever o movimento
 - da atmosfera,
 - das correntes oceânicas,
 - da água em um cano,
 - do ar passando sobre uma asa
 - das estrelas em uma galáxia

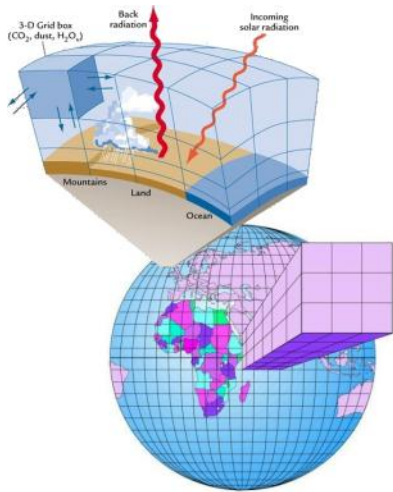
Do these equations solve it all?



How to include subgrid processes?

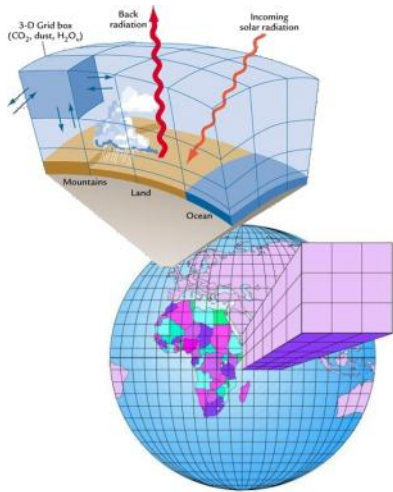


How to include the subgrid scale?



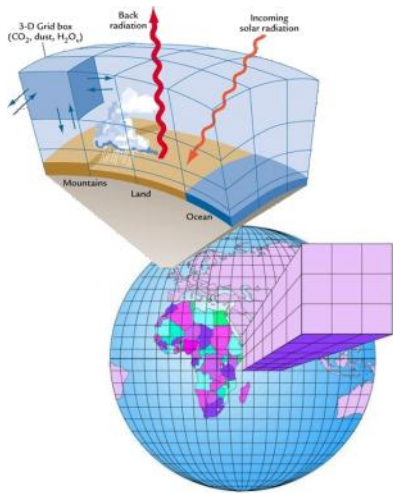
Clouds,
rain,
vegetation,
cities,
rivers, etc,
etc, etc...

How to include the subgrid scale?



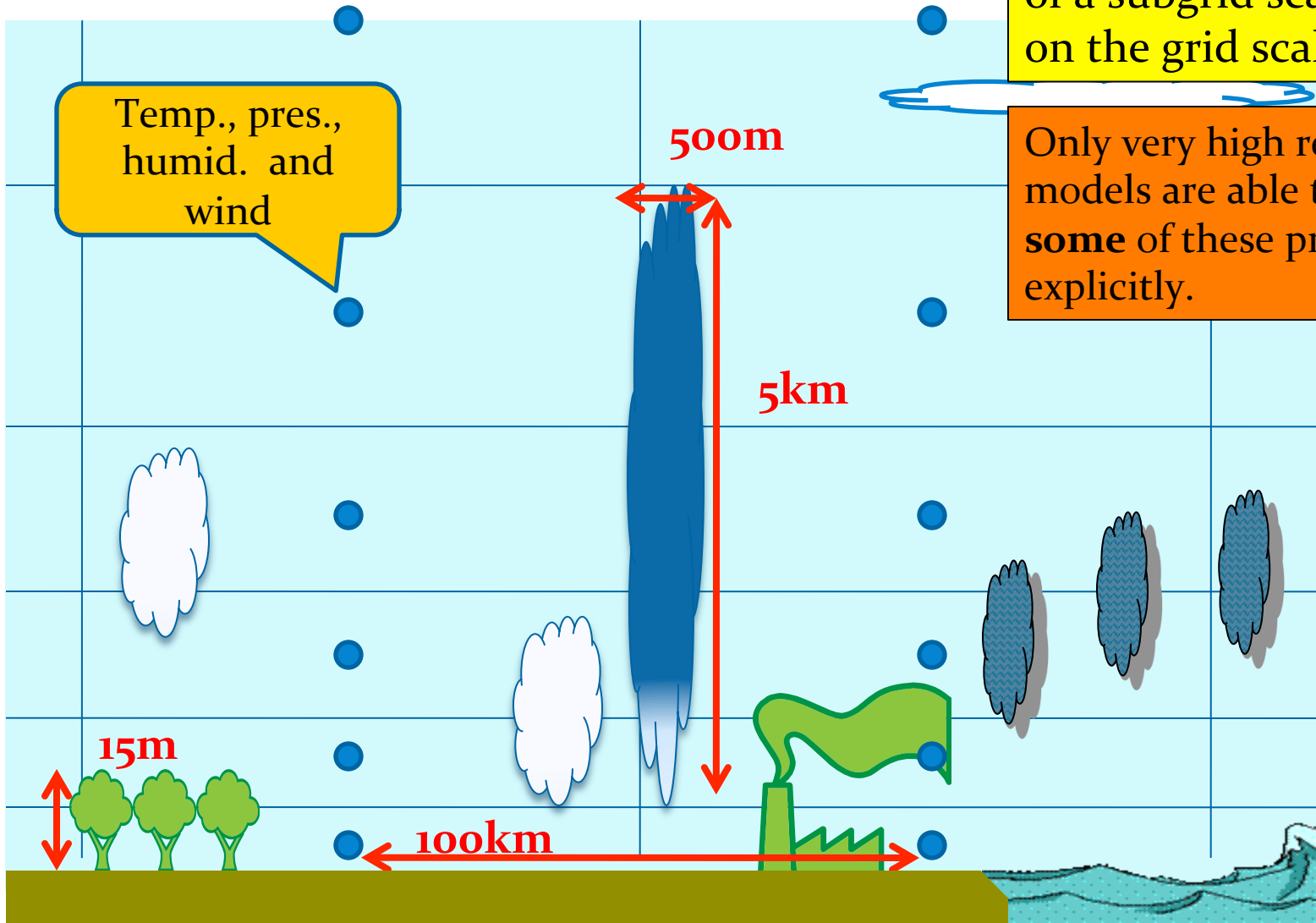
Pollution,
aerosols,
turbulence,
etc, etc,
etc...

How to include the subgrid scale?



Physiology,
human
activities,
etc, etc,
etc...

Parametrizations

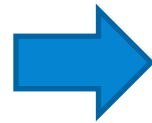


a set of **empirical** equations used to estimate the **mean effect** of a subgrid scale process on the grid scale.

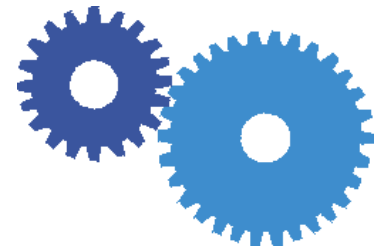
Only very high resolution models are able to solve **some** of these processes explicitly.

Numerical model of the atmosphere

- Differential equations at the grid scale
- Parameterizations for representing the sub-grid scale



Compiler



Source code:

Readable text written in
some programming
language

Binary program:
Machine language

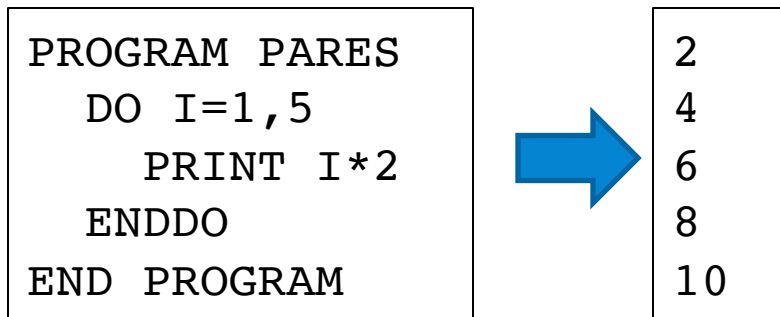
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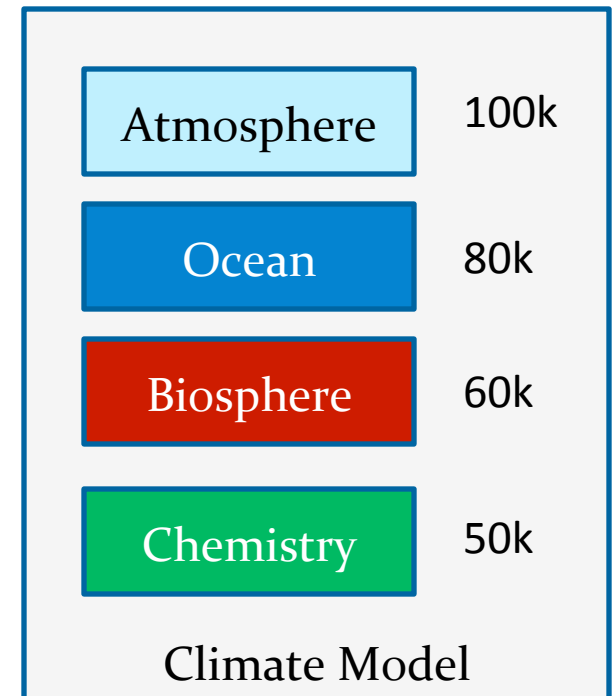


Computacional Complexity

- Many researcher, during many years.



Is there gonna be bugs?



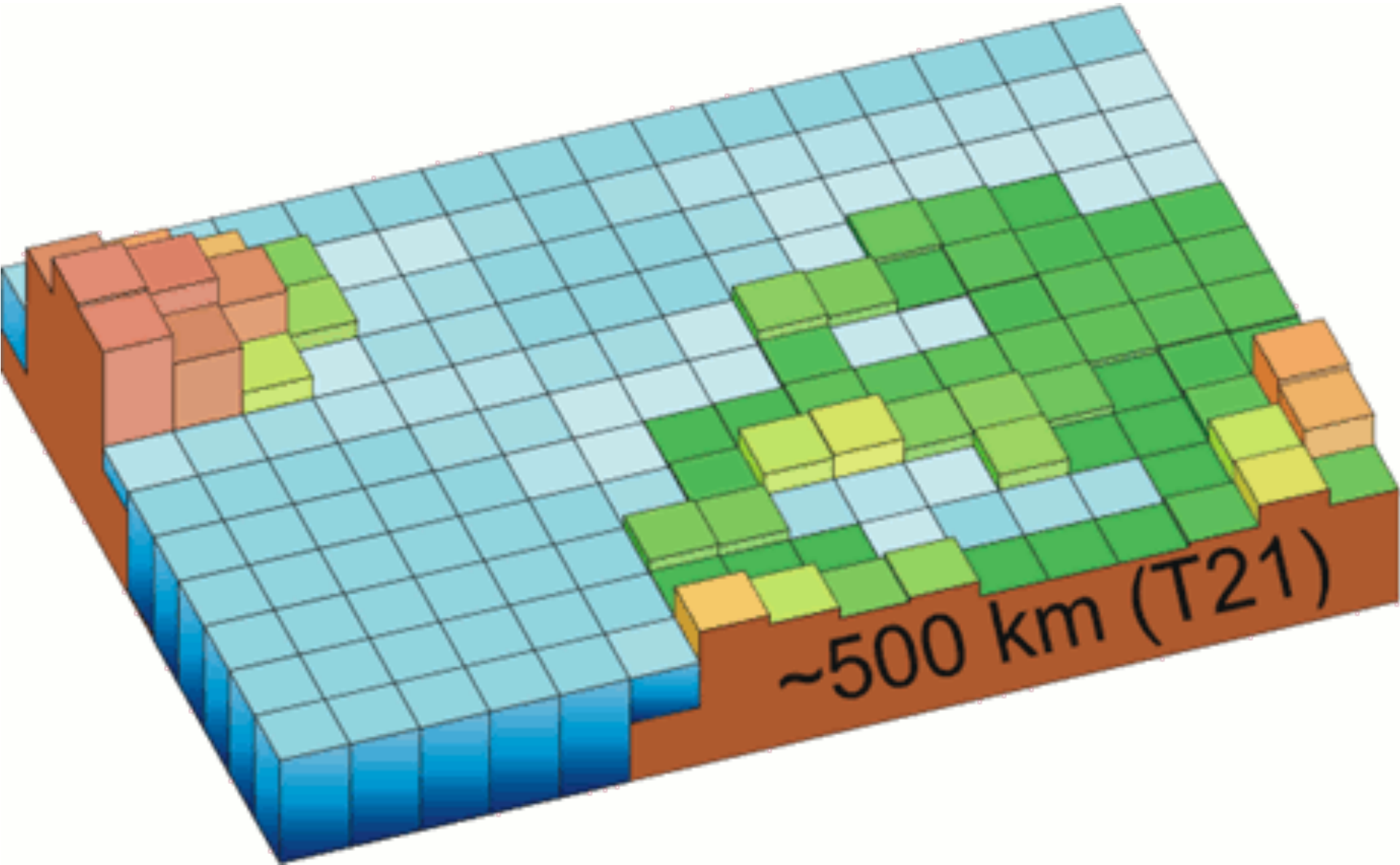
100-300 K lines of code

Is the weather forecast good?

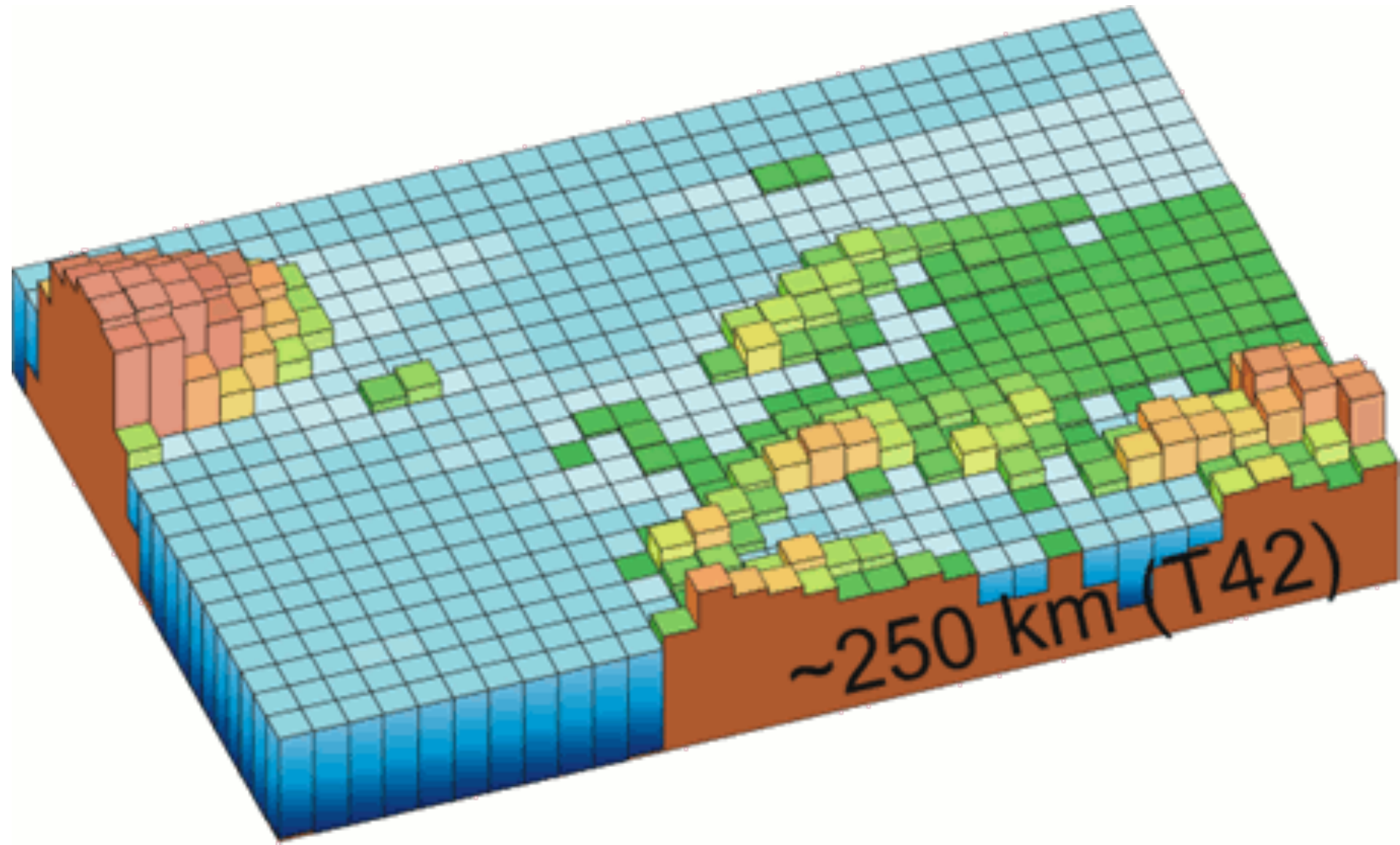
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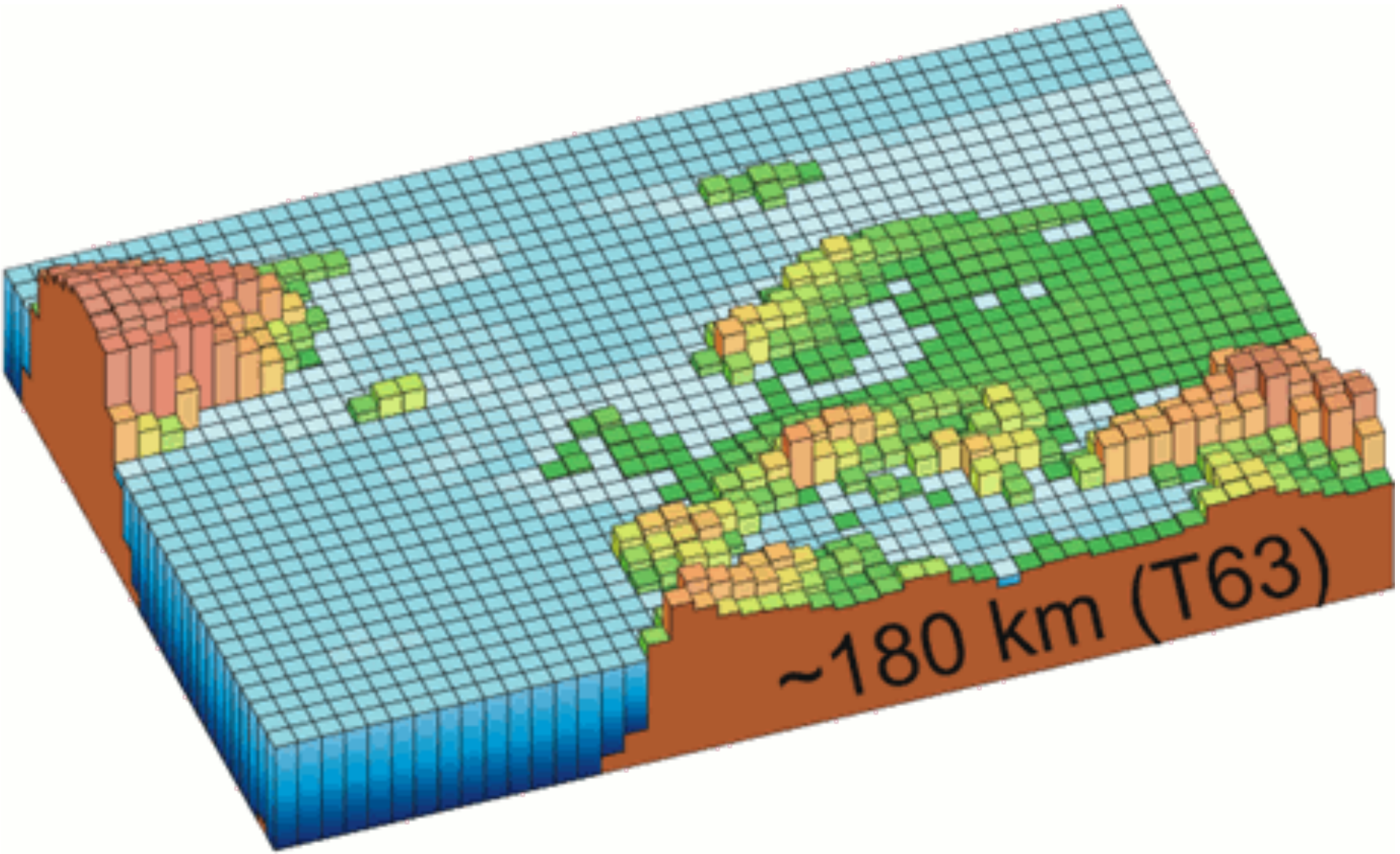
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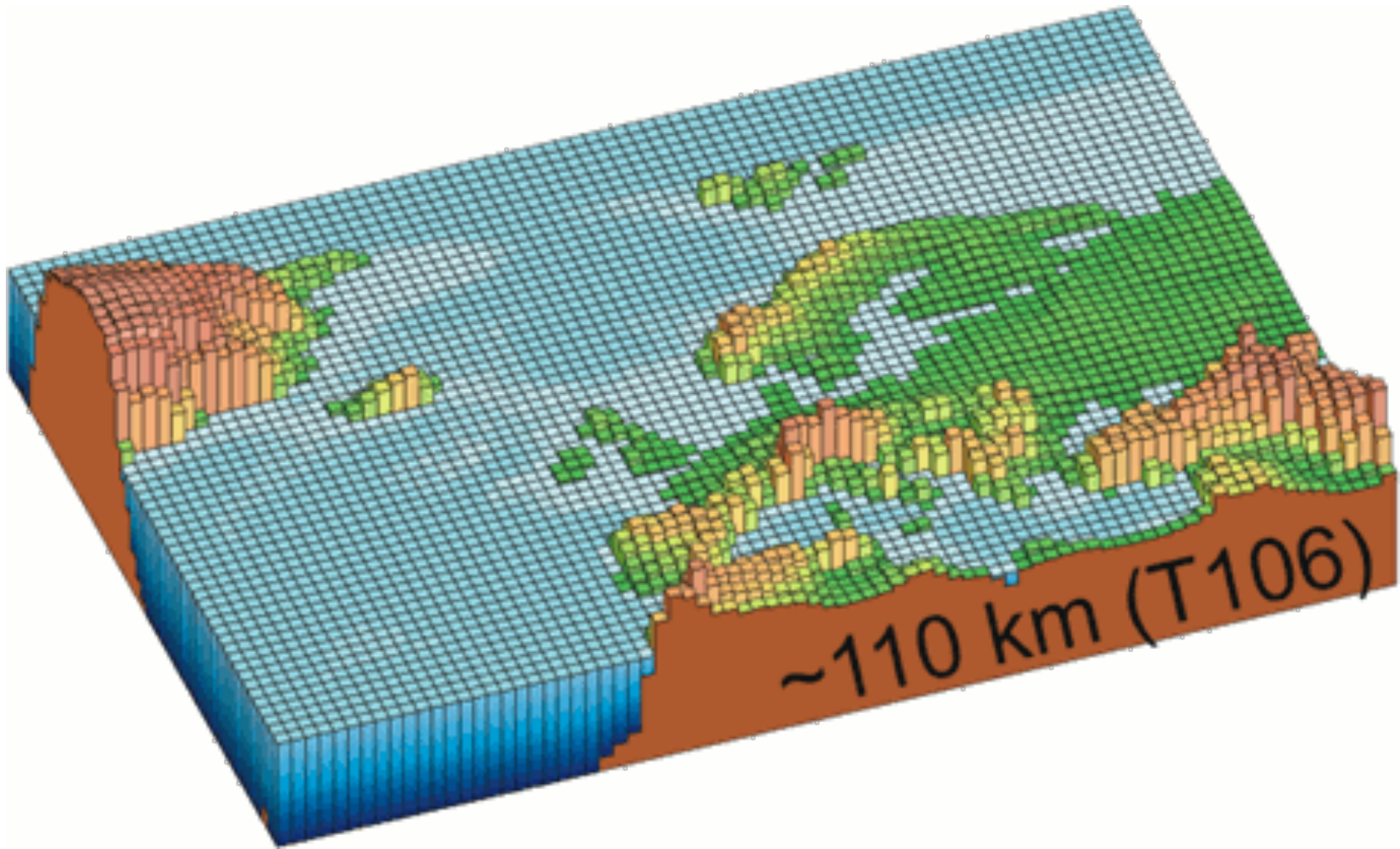
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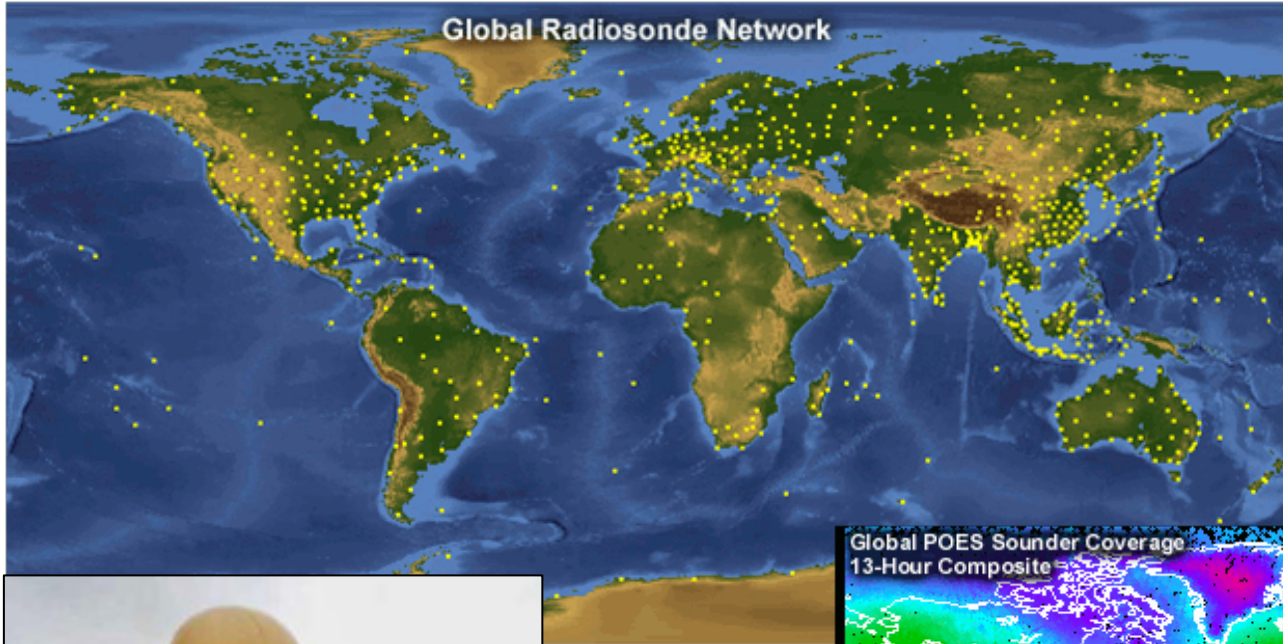
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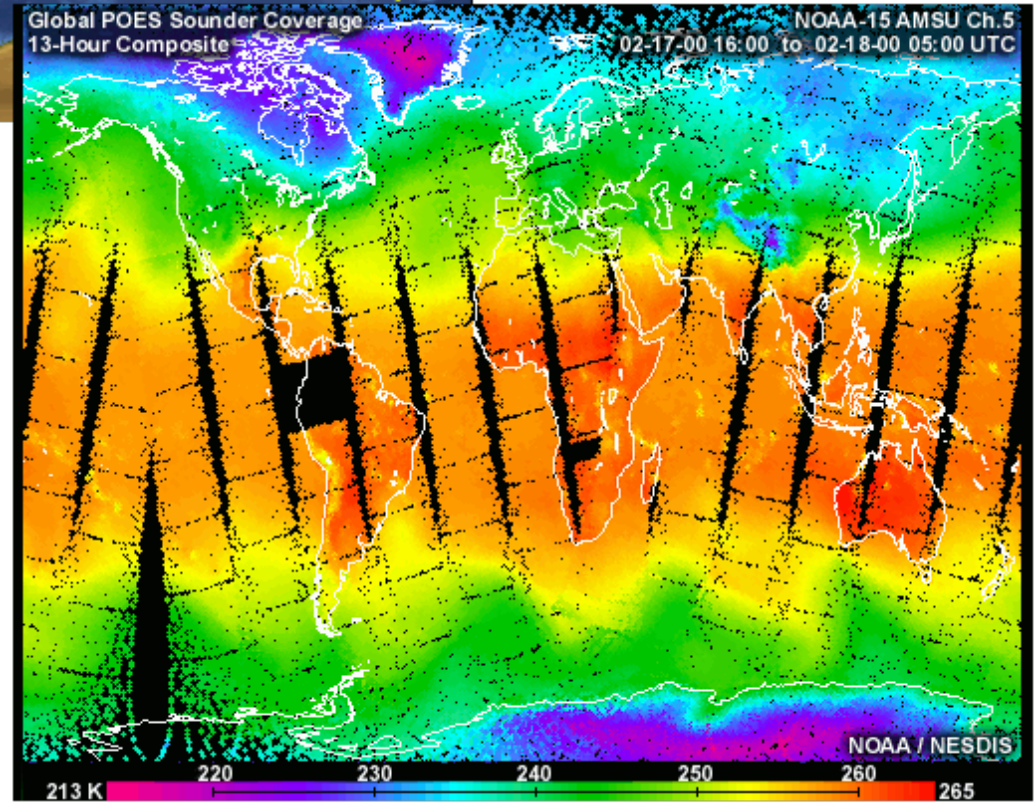
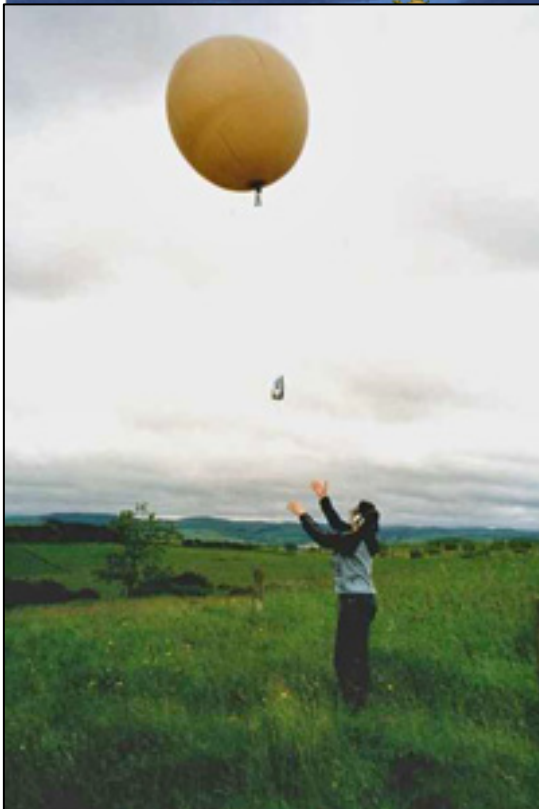
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Radiosondes, large effort of lots of people, every day



Just 1 satellite

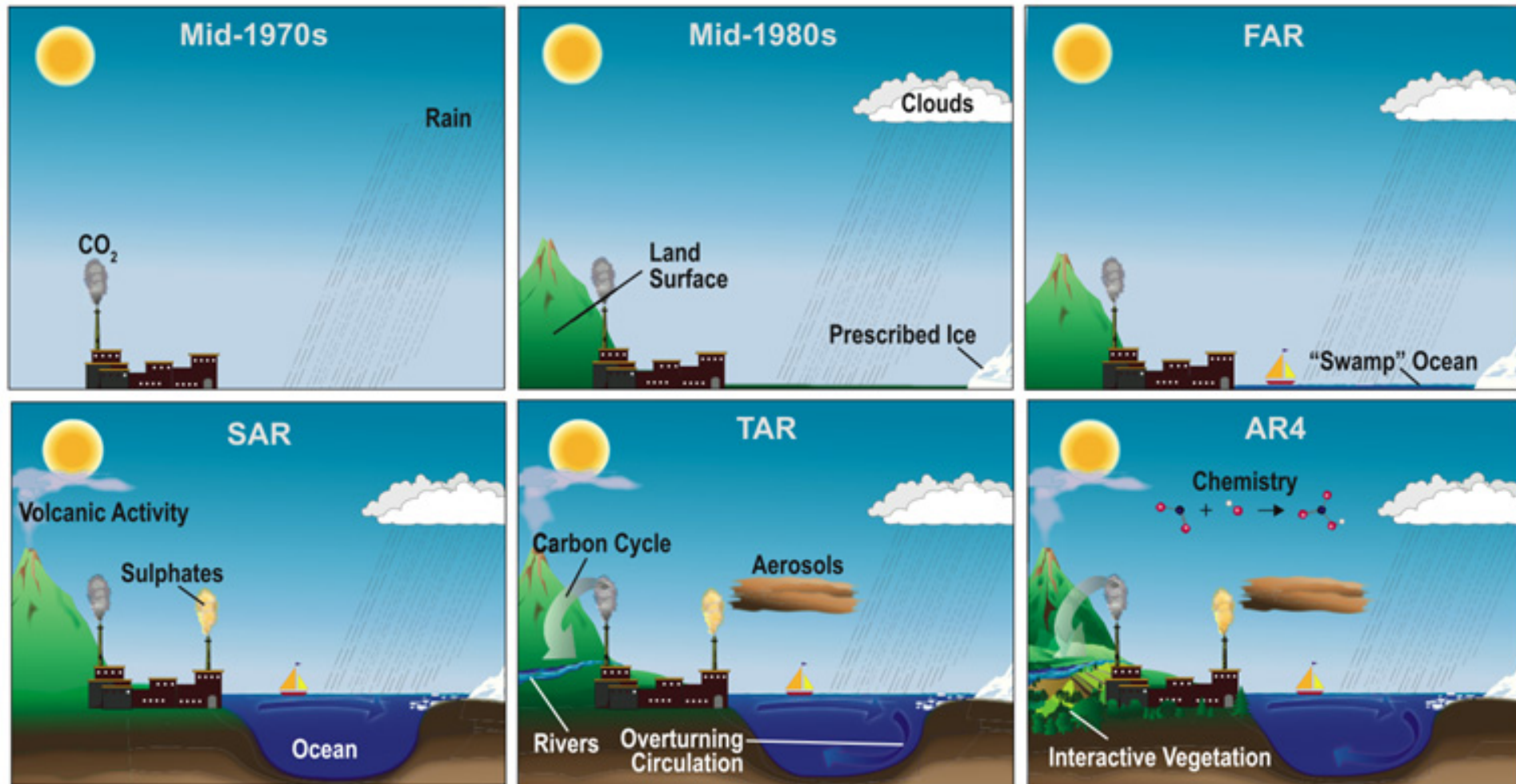
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 - Still the limiting factor today (**weather**)!
- Physical processes (**limiting factor for climate**)
 - Radiation
 - Biosphere-atmosphere
 - Chemistry
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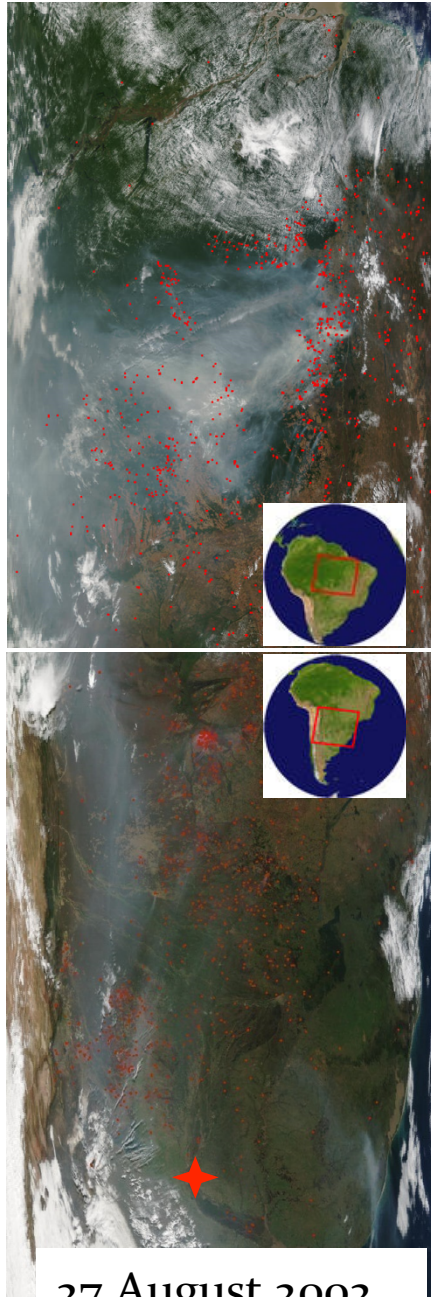
Which processes to include depend on the problem we want to tackle!

Evolution of climate models



An example of long range transport (advection) of smoke

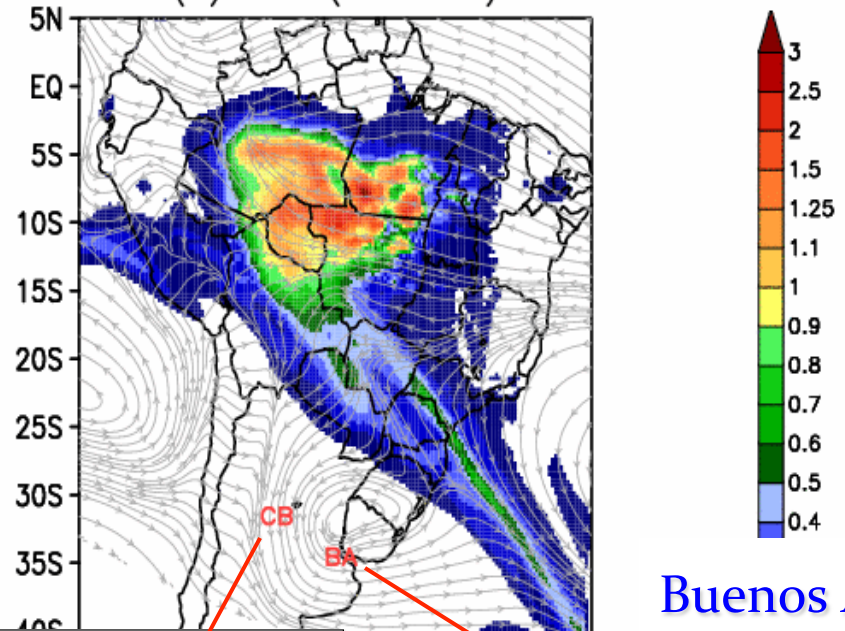
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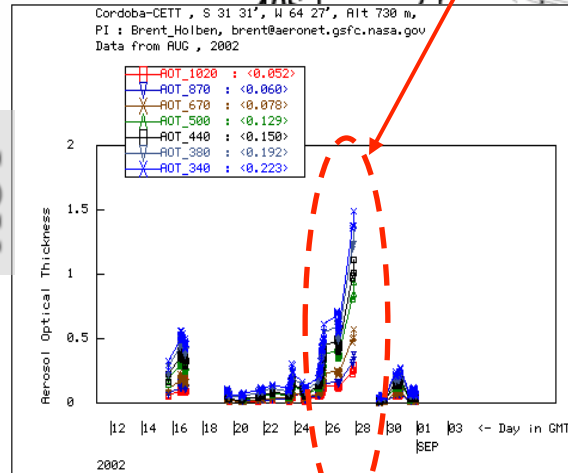
AOT

(a) AOT (500 nm)

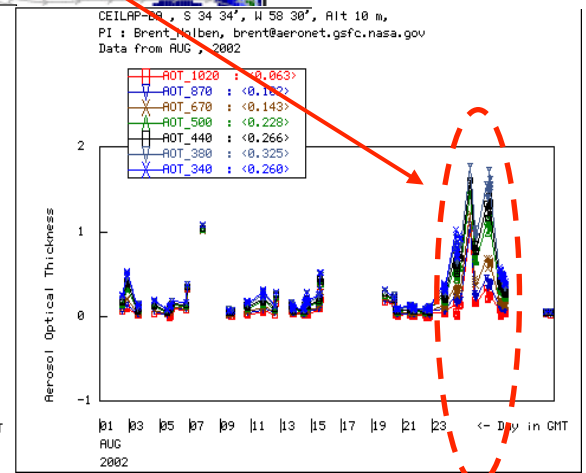


Córdoba

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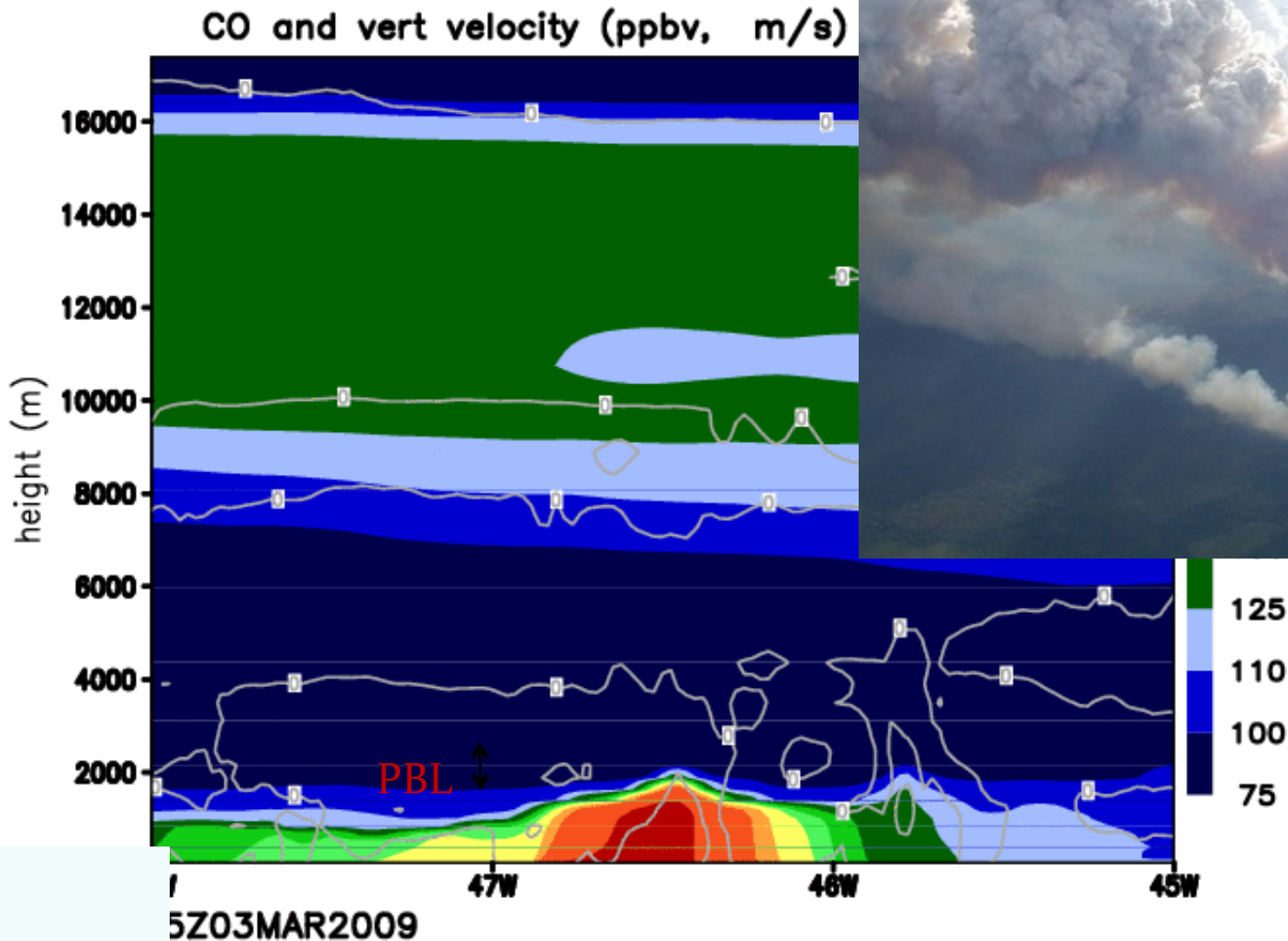


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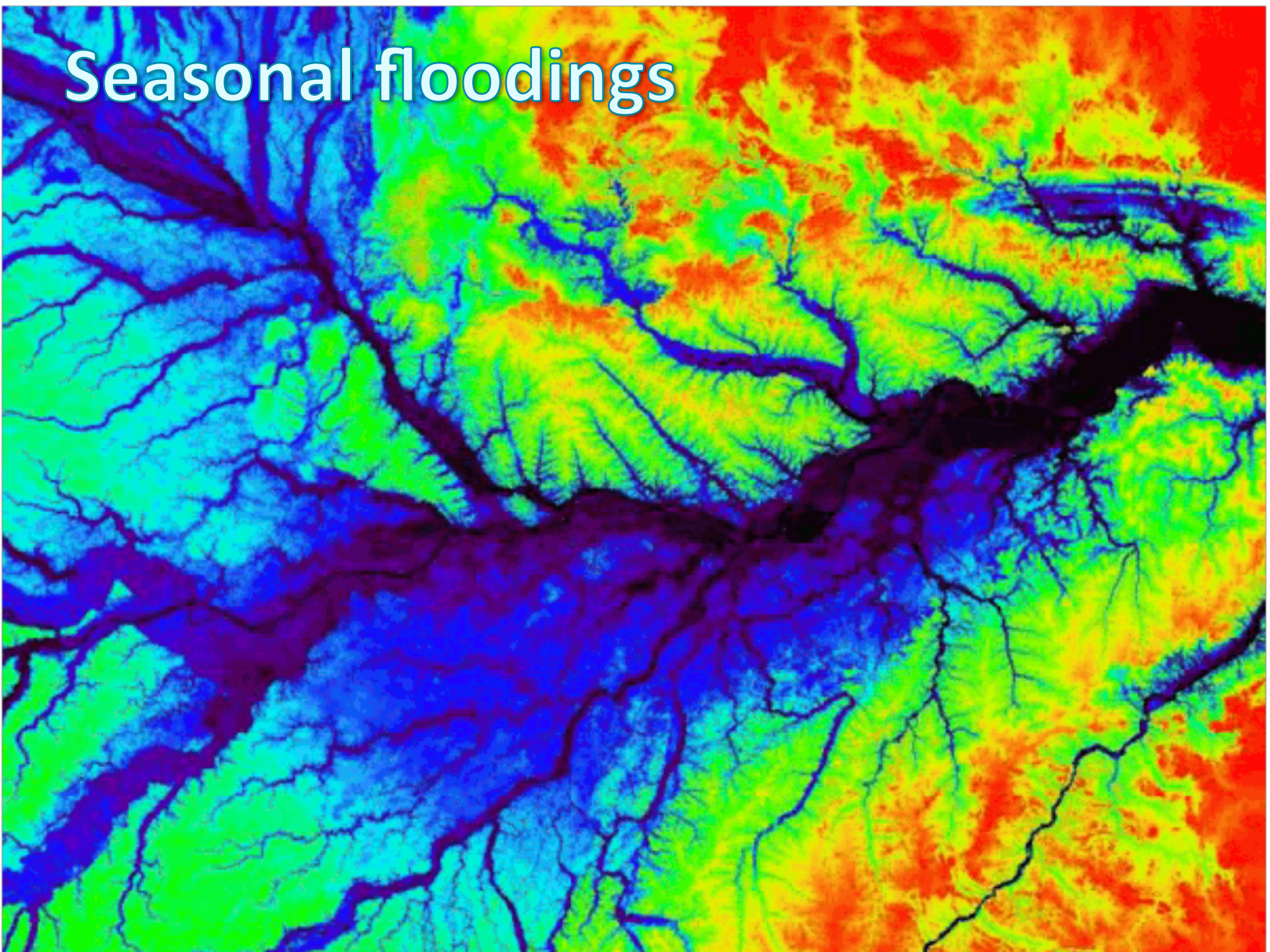


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Vertical cross section showing vertical velocity and the transport of CO from the PBL to the high troposphere

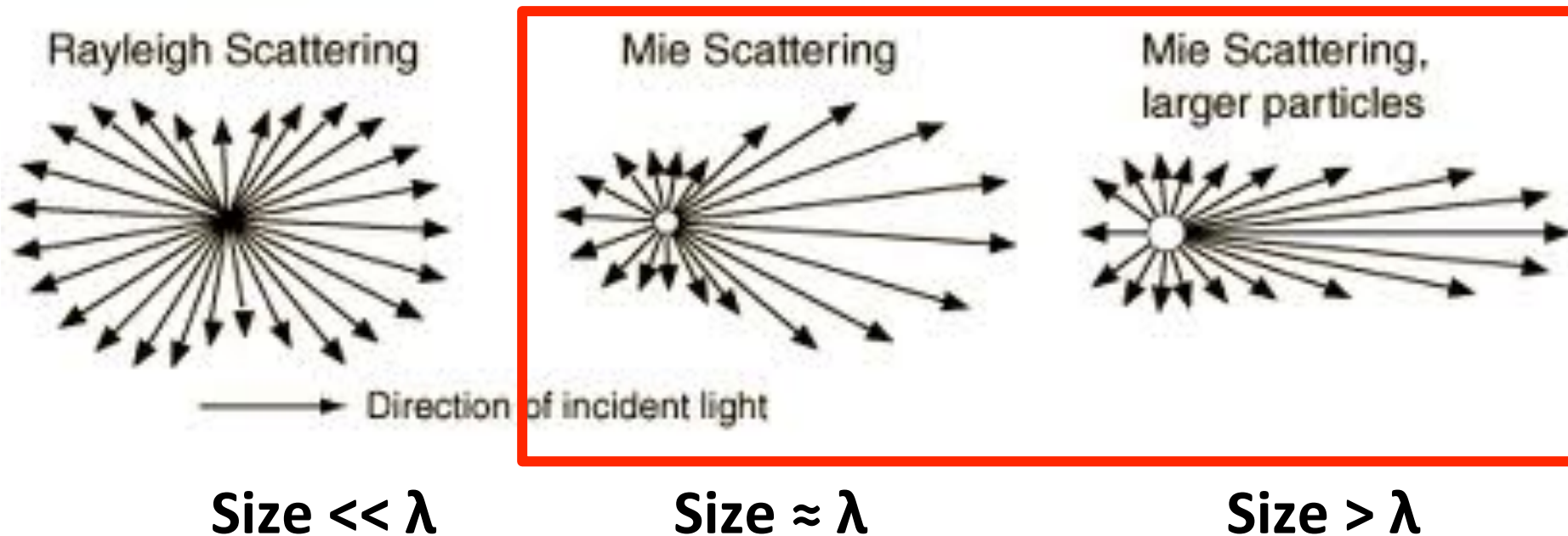


Seasonal floodings

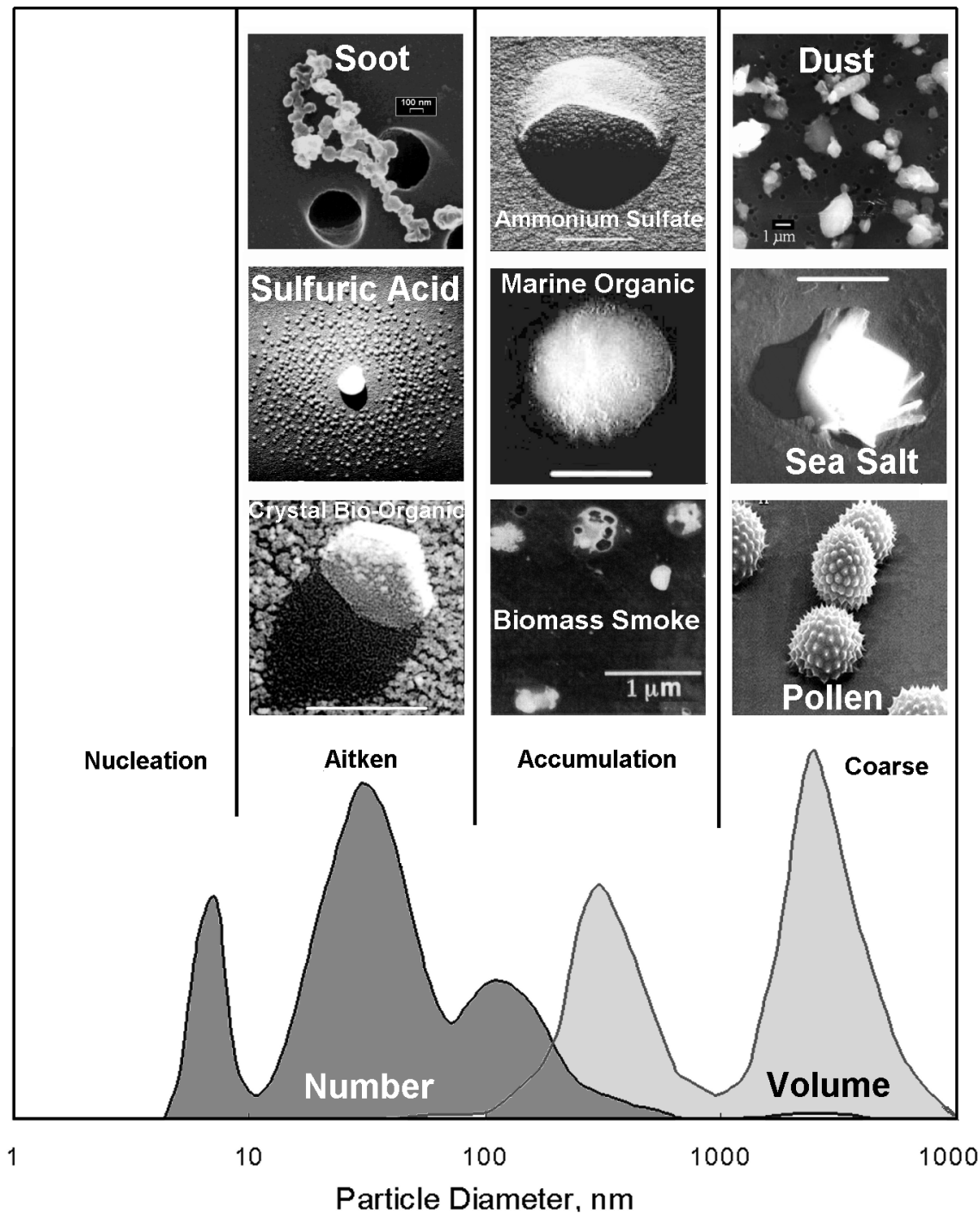


Aerosols are very complicated

- Classical electromagnetism
 - Rayleigh scattering - molecules
 - Mie scattering – aerosol and droplets

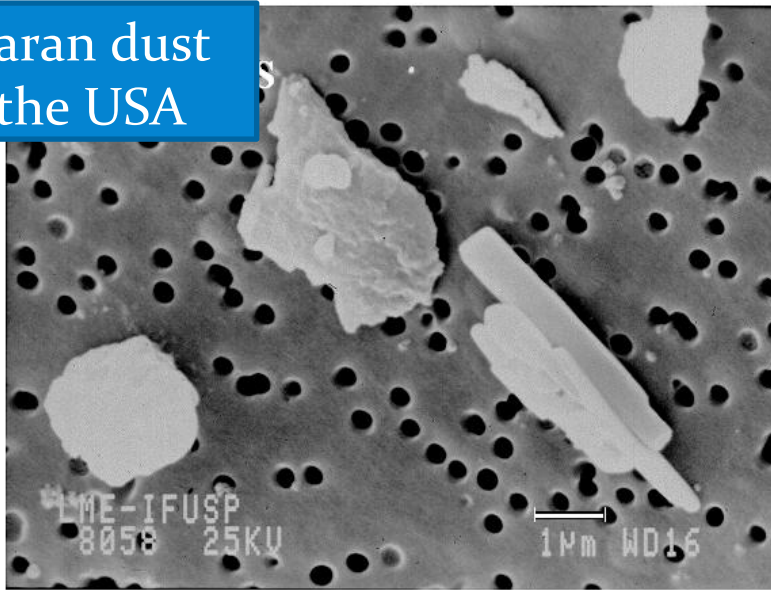


- Interaction of the aerosol with the radiation field depends:
 - Size
 - Shape
 - Surface properties

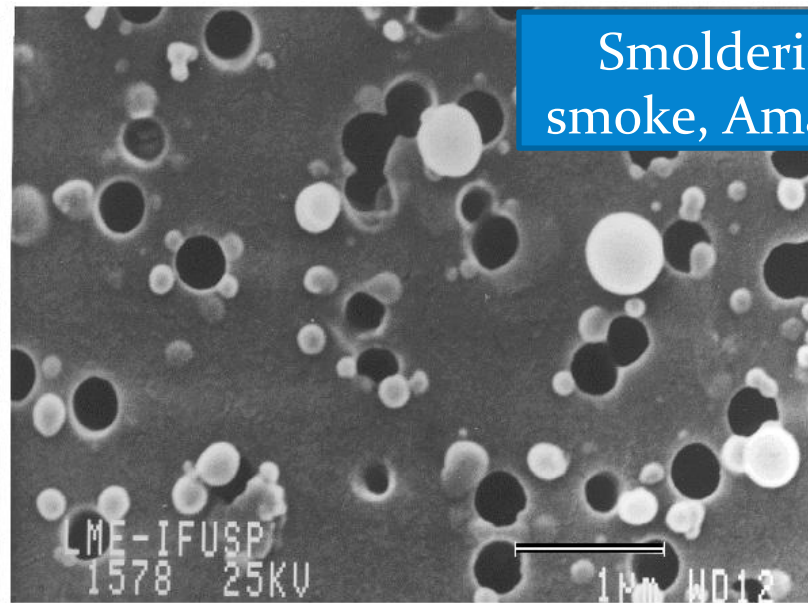


... Aerosols can be very different

Saharan dust
in the USA



Smoldering
smoke, Amazon

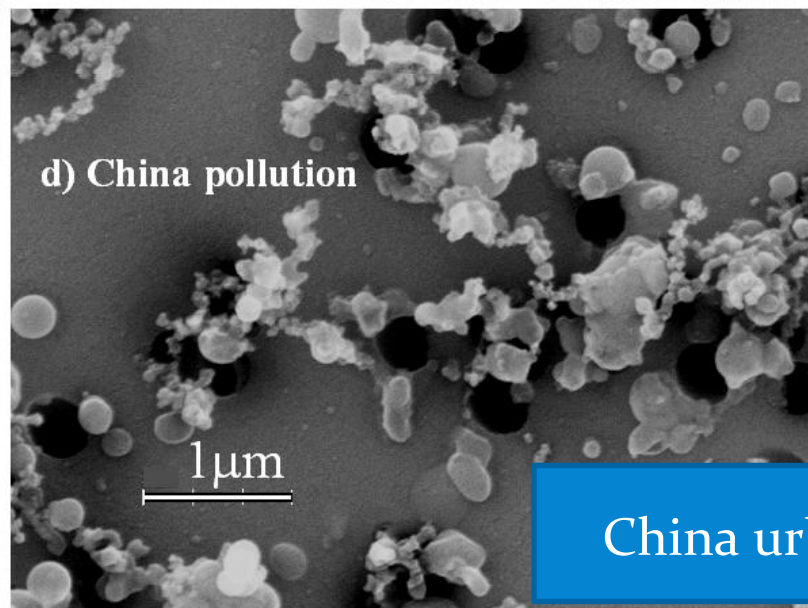


c) Smoke Cluster
from Amazon



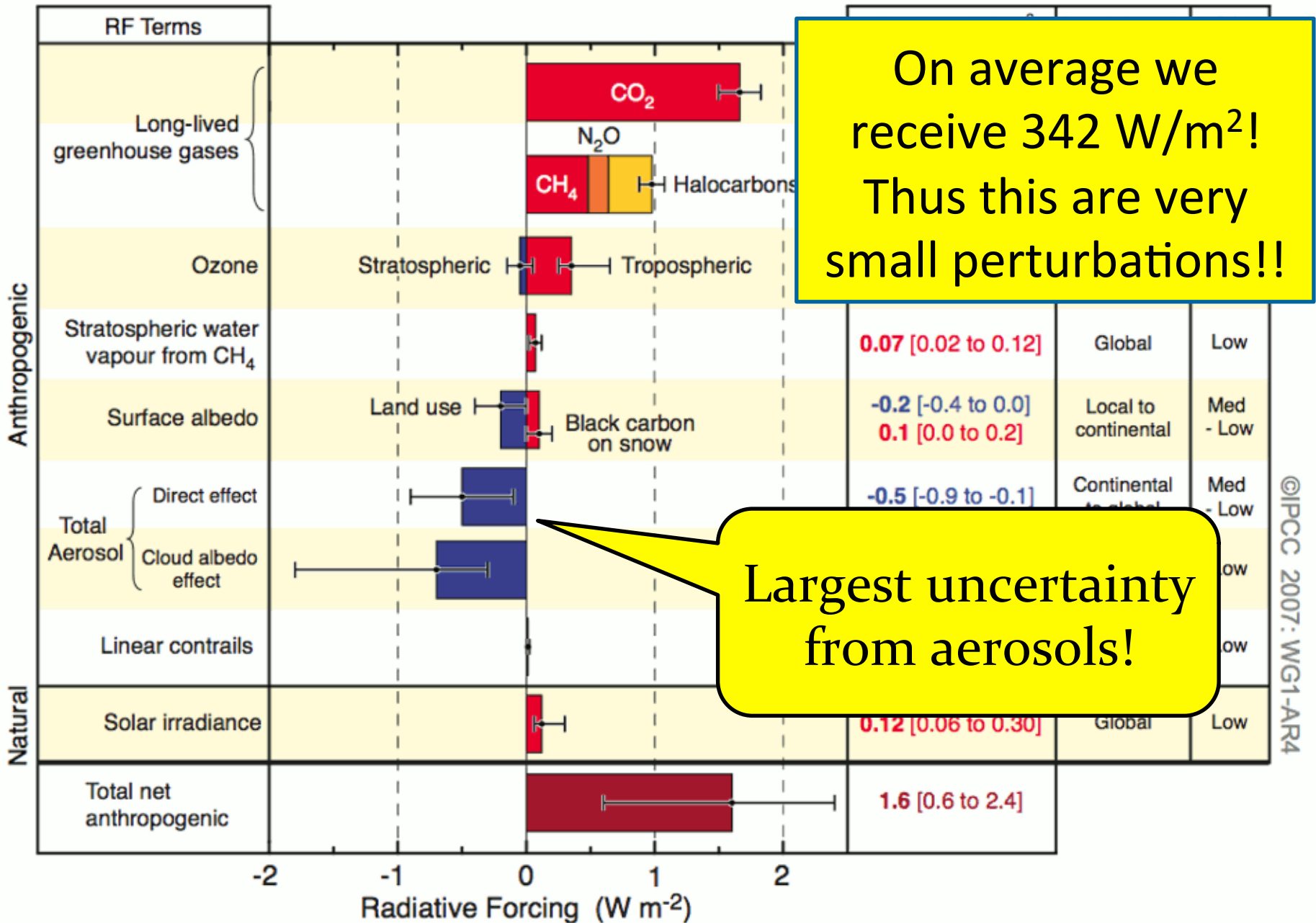
Flaming smoke,
Amazon

d) China pollution



China urban

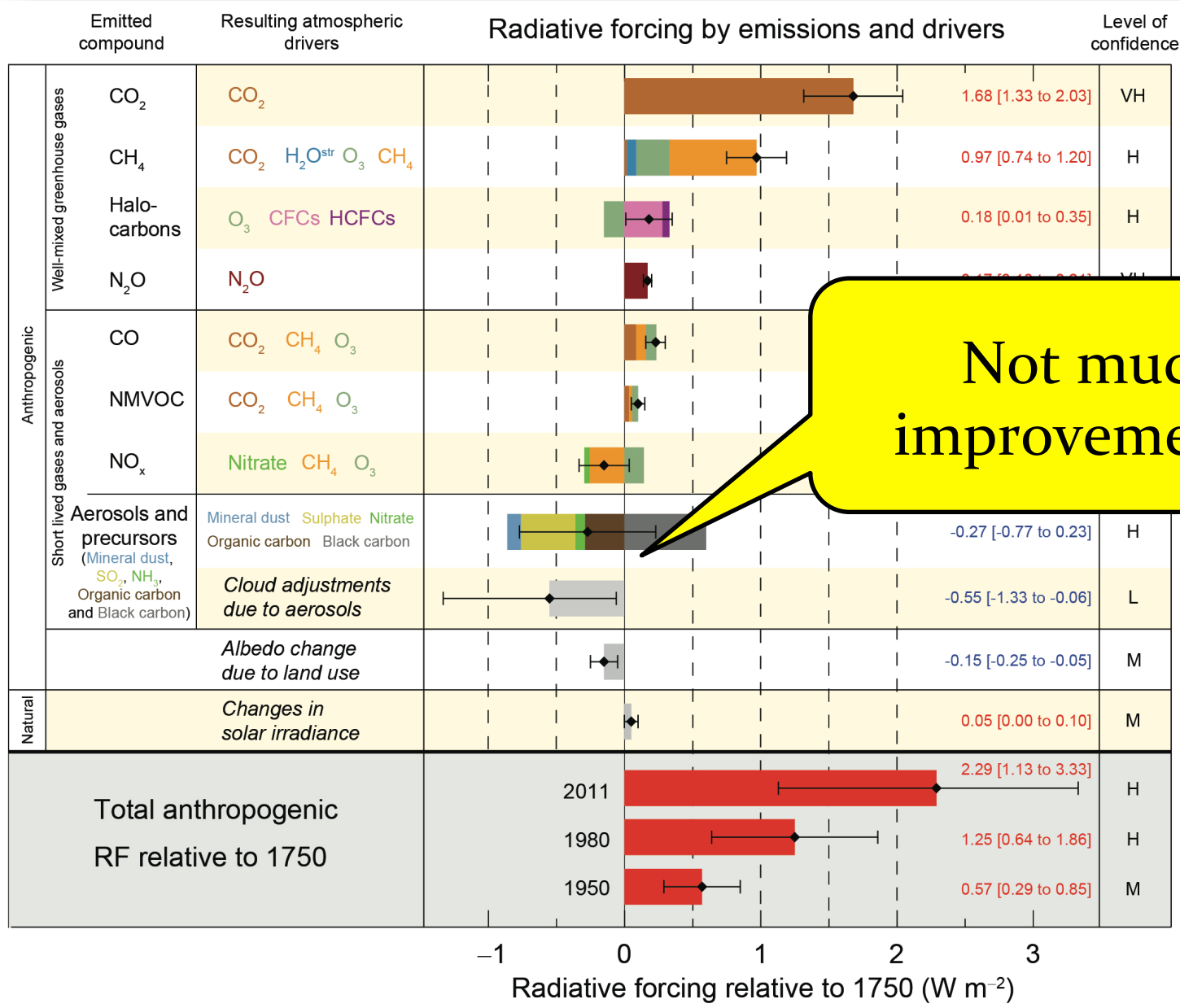
Radiative forcings of the global climate system IPCC 2007



On average we receive 342 W/m²! Thus this are very small perturbations!!

Largest uncertainty from aerosols!

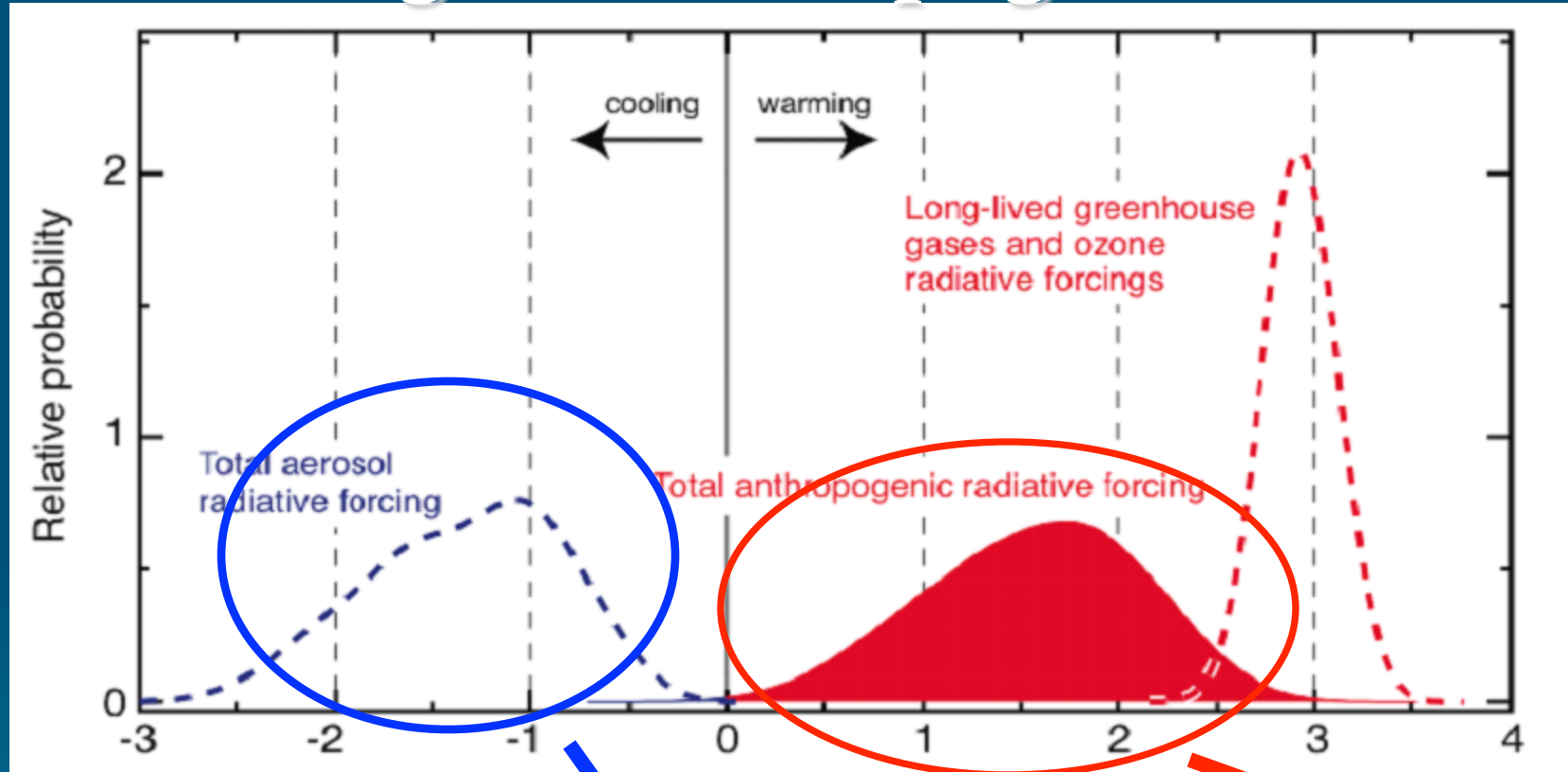
Forçante radiativa do sistema climático global (IPCC 2013)



Not much improvement...

Radiative forcing relative to 1750 (W m⁻²)

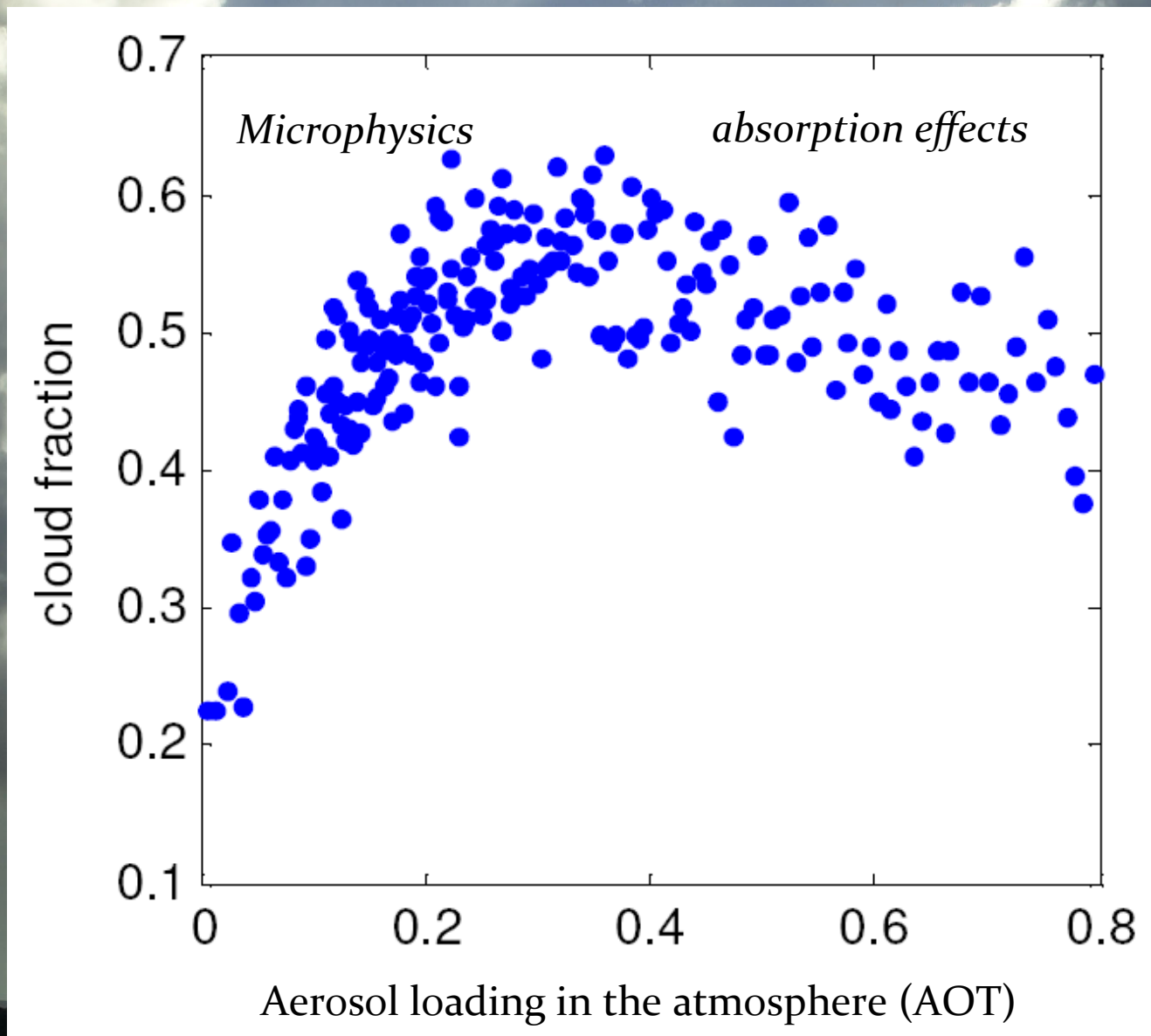
Combining all anthropogenic effects



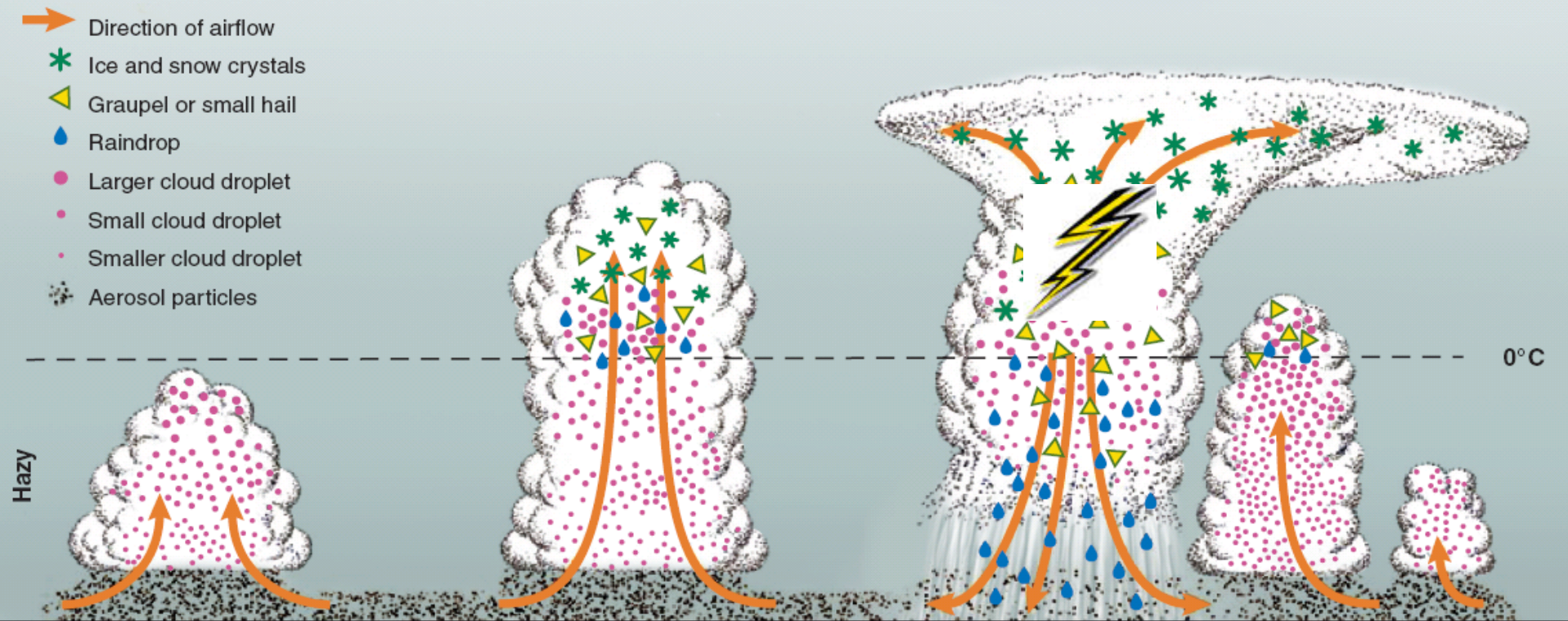
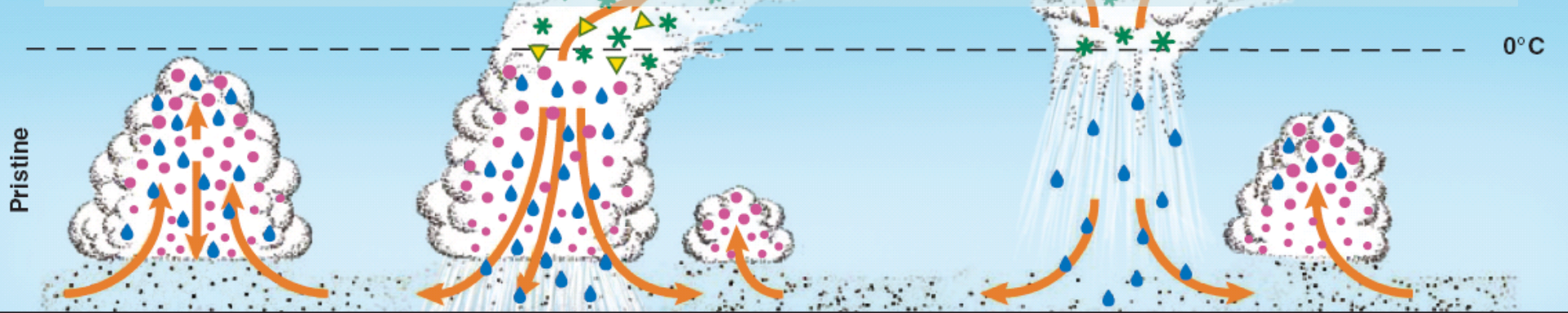
What is being done to **this component** is critical to the **final forcing**

- **Combined anthropogenic forcing is not straight sum of individual terms.**
- **Tropospheric ozone, cloud-albedo, contrails → asymmetric range about the central estimate**
- **Uncertainties for the agents represented by normal distributions except: contrail (lognormal); discrete values → trop. ozone, direct aerosol, cloud albedo**
- **Monte Carlo calculations to derive probability density functions for the combined effect**

Relationships between cloud properties and aerosol loading in Amazonia



Rosenfeld D., U. Lohmann, G.B. Raga, C.D. O'Dowd, M. Kulmala, S. Fuzzi, A. Reissell, M.O. Andreae, 2008: Flood or Drought: How Do Aerosols Affect Precipitation? *Science*, 321, 1309-1313.



Growing

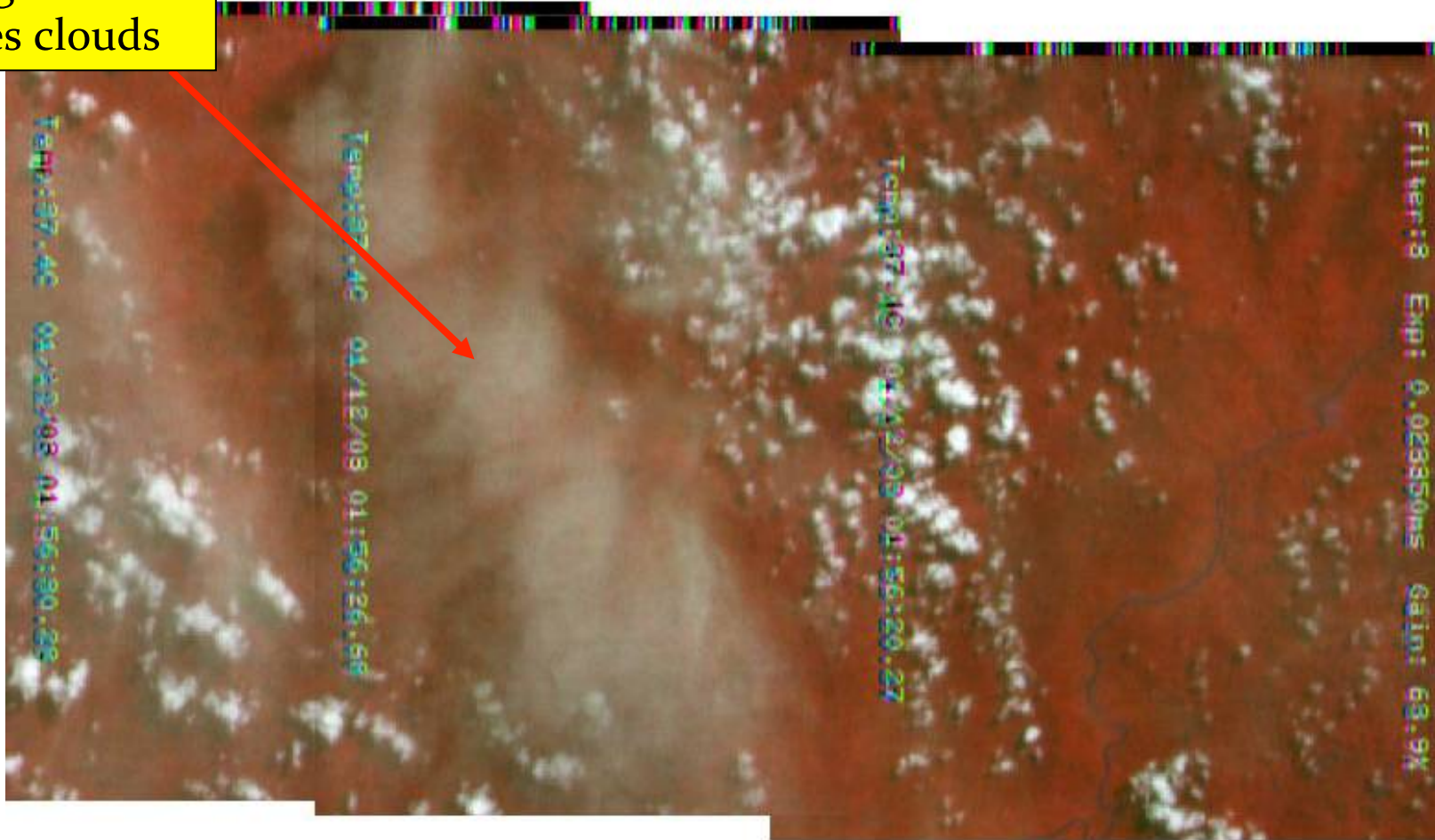
Mature

Hail

Dissipating

With too much aerosols: Cloud supression

Absorbing aerosol suppresses clouds



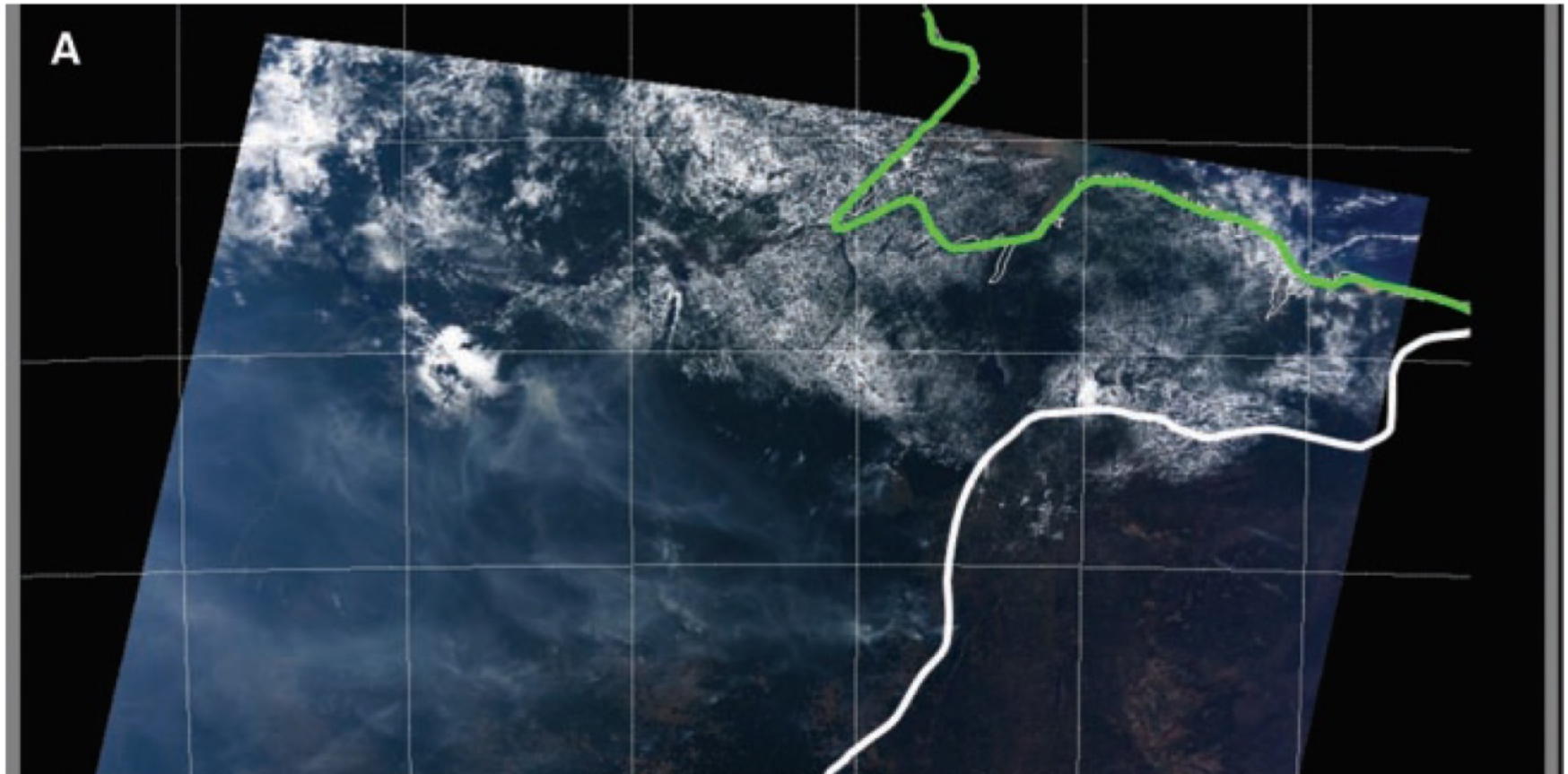
- Stabilization
- Suppression of surface fluxes
- Microphysical influences on droplets

**Columbia
Shuttle
January 2003**



Terra and Aqua satellite images of the east Amazon basin, 11 August 2002. (*From Koren et al., 2004*)

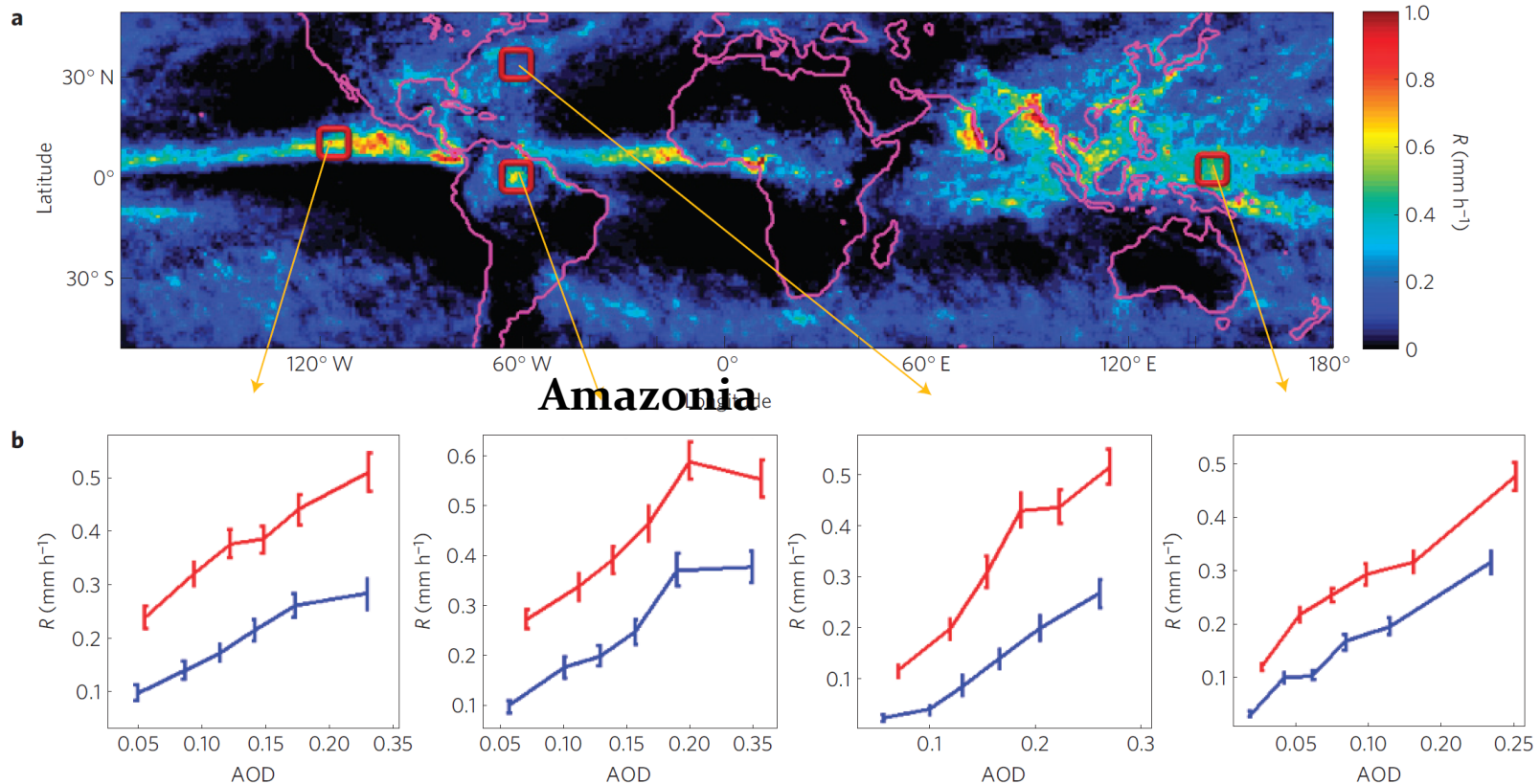
Large scale low cloud suppression



Rain rate (TRMM) versus Optical Depth (MODIS)

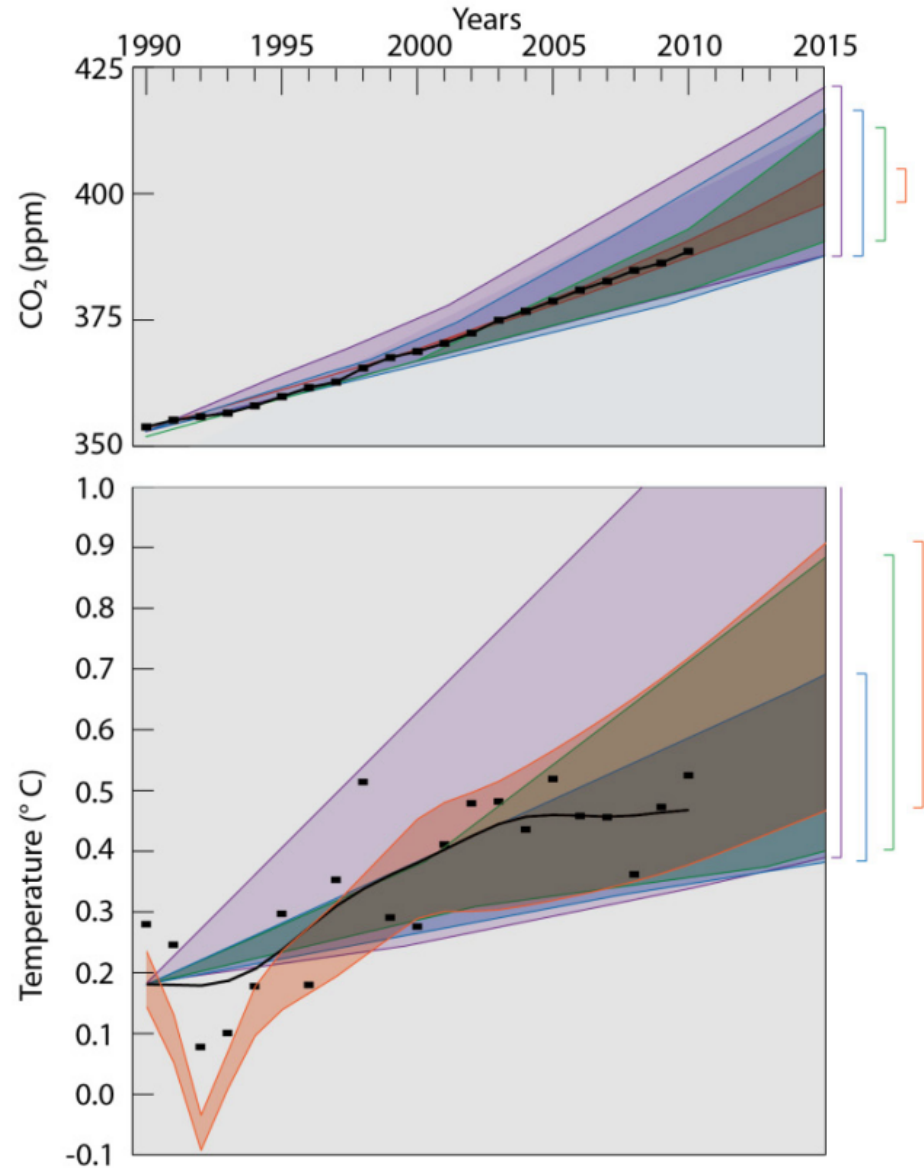
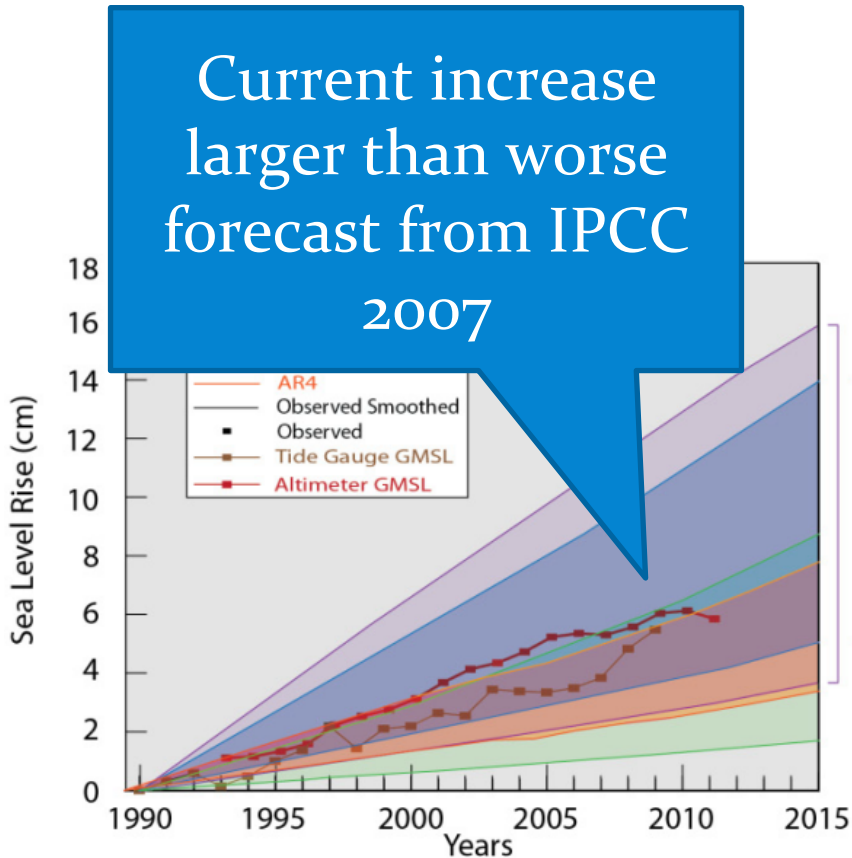
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13:30 local-time map of rain rate (R) and the observed trend with aerosol loading in four selected regions. Period: July and August 2007. **b**, The average R values are plotted for six aerosol-loading sets (blue, including zero R grid squares; red, without zero R grid squares). Note the R intensification as a function of AOD in all cases. (Koren et al., Nature 2012)

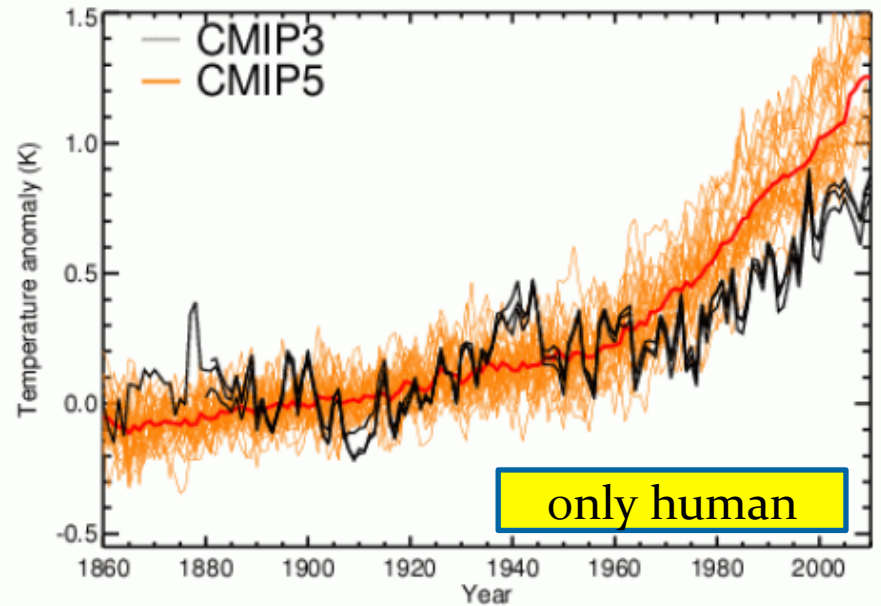
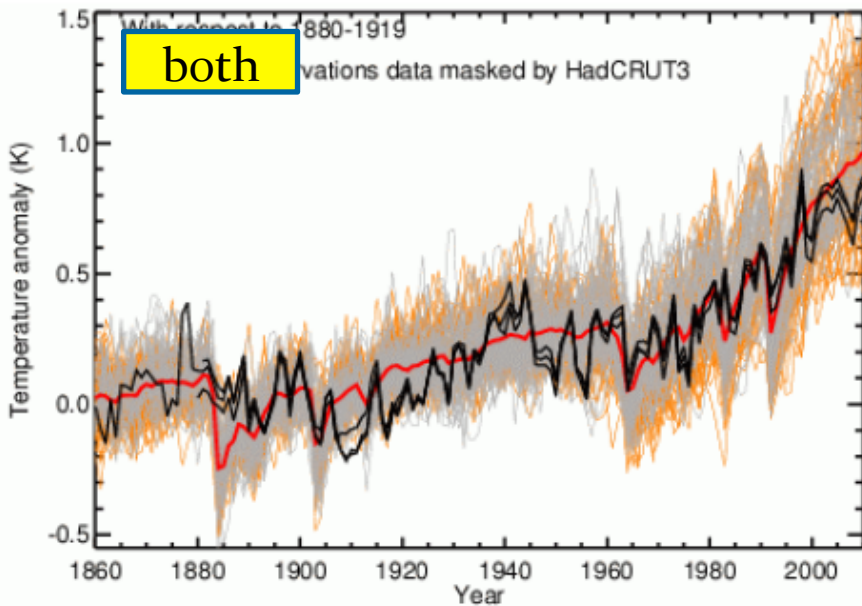
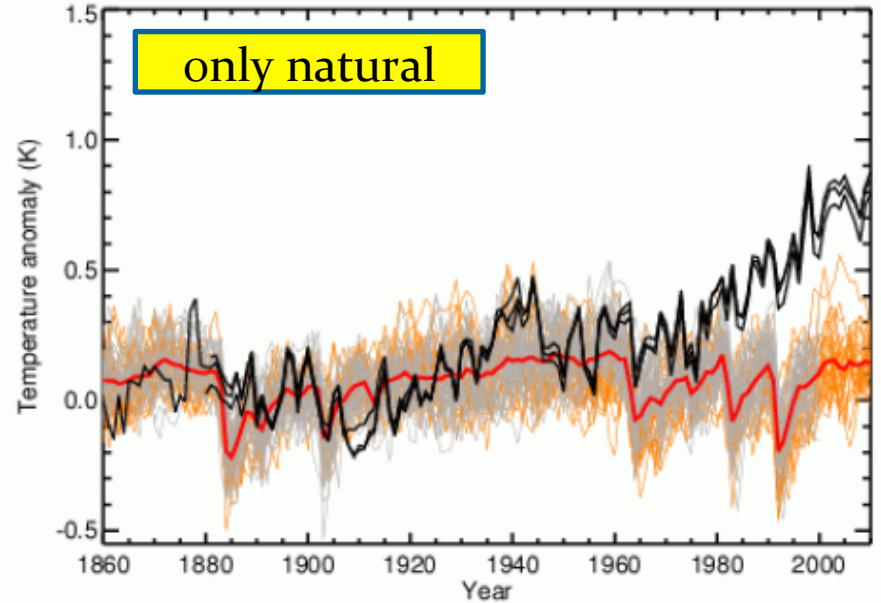
Despite it all...



IPCC, AR5, Unpublished

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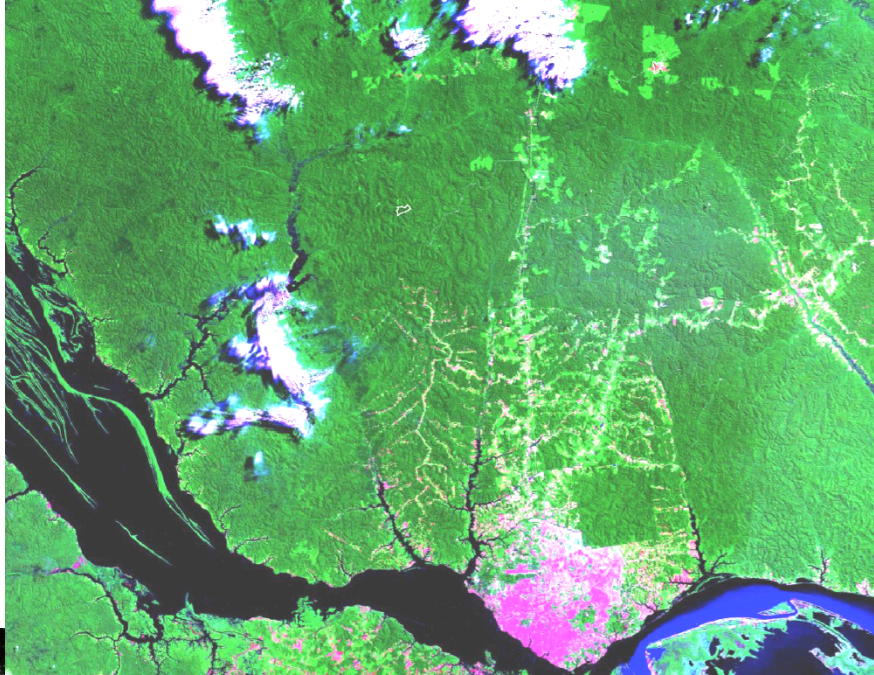
- natural+antropogenic





Manaus

The ZF2 measurement site in Central Amazonia



Dry aerosol ($RH < 40\%$)
Site continuously operational since Feb 2008.

Manaus ZF₂ site: Instruments, dryer and ACSM

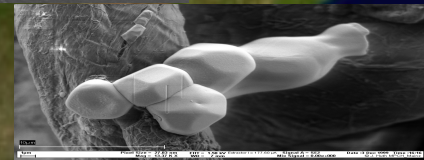
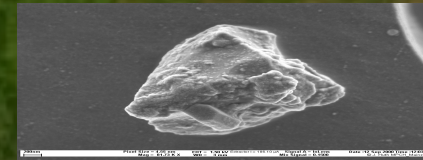
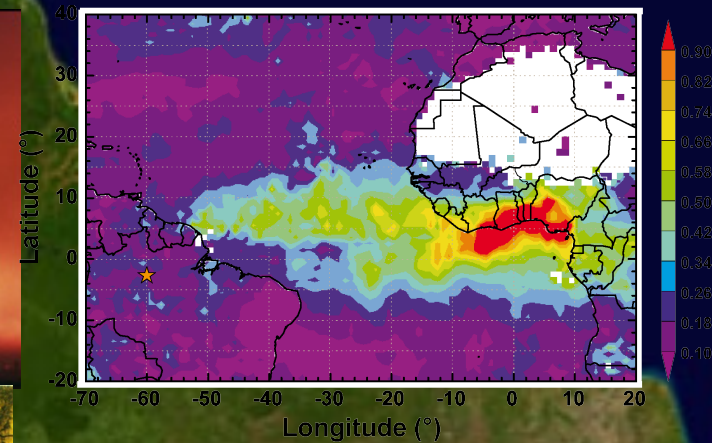
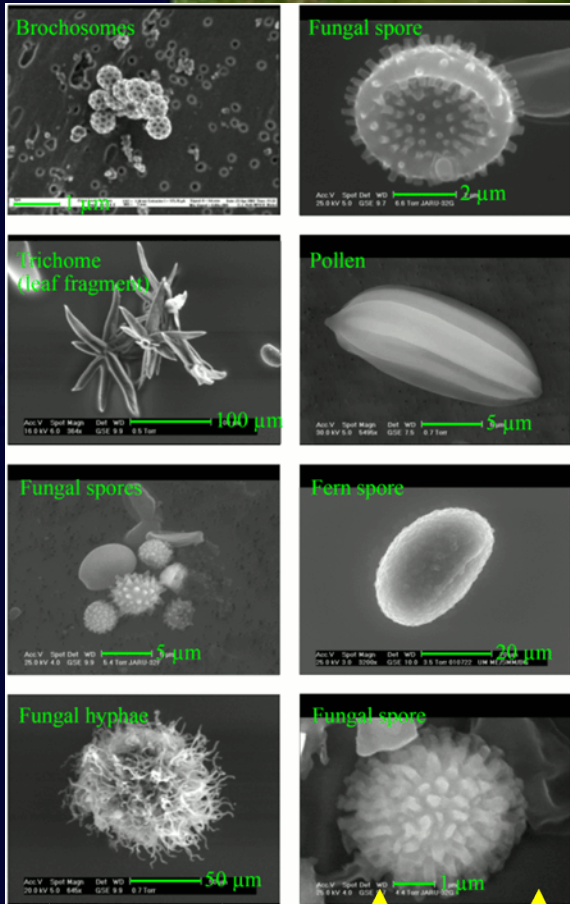


Amazonia: 3 different types of aerosols

Biogenic (primary and SOA)

Biomass Burning

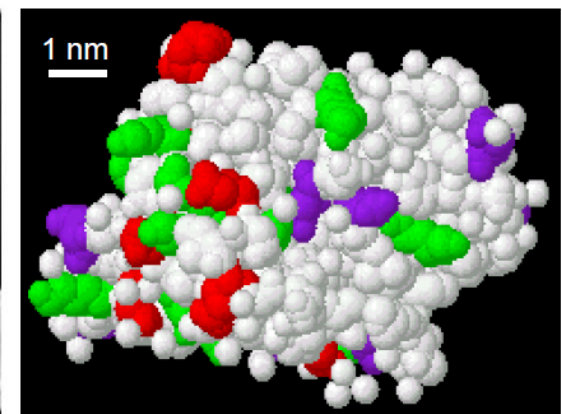
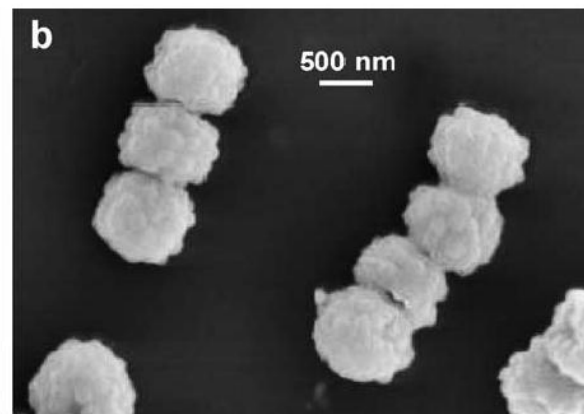
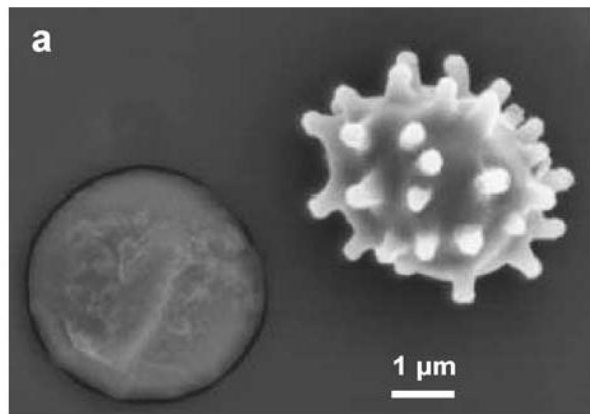
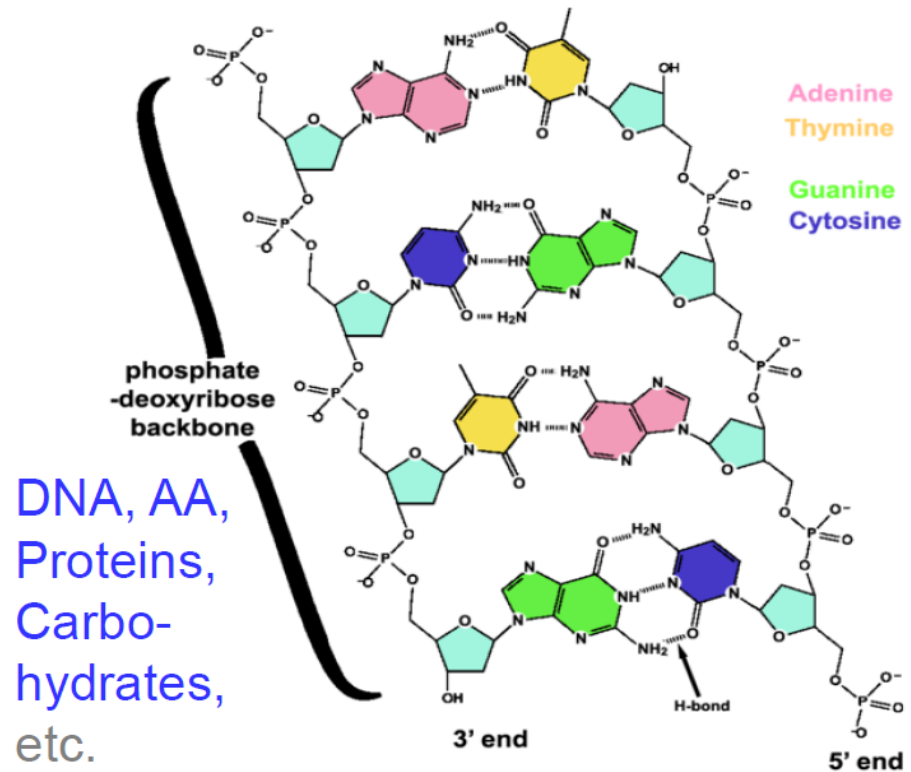
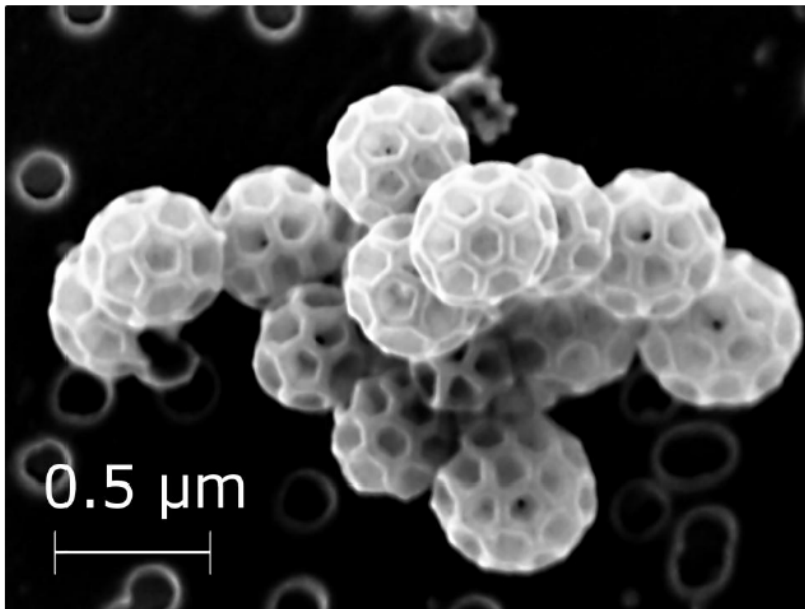
Dust from Sahara



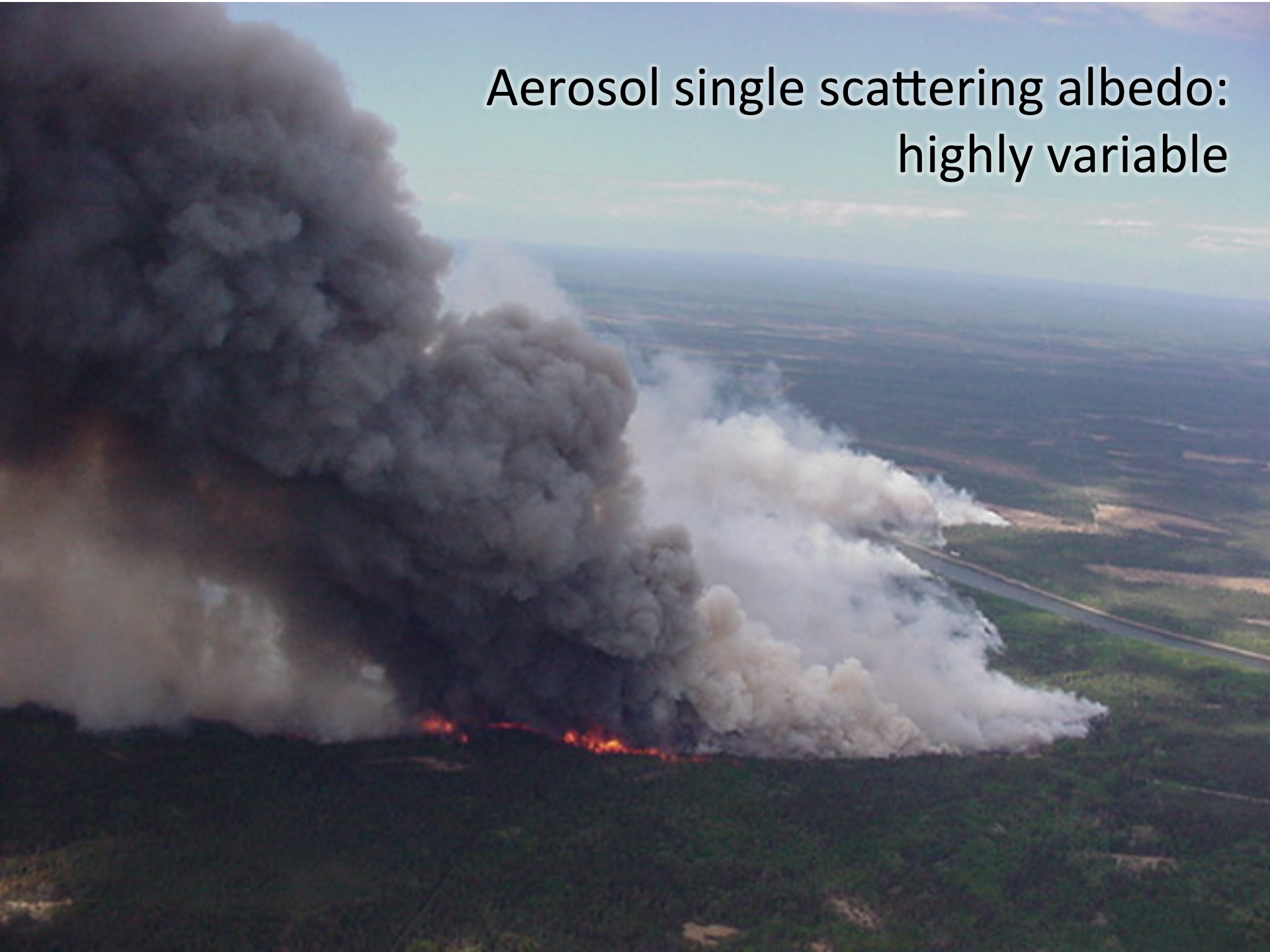
Each with VERY different properties and impacts

Biological Particles & Molecules

Bacteria, Brochosomes, Spores, Pollen, Plant Debris, etc.

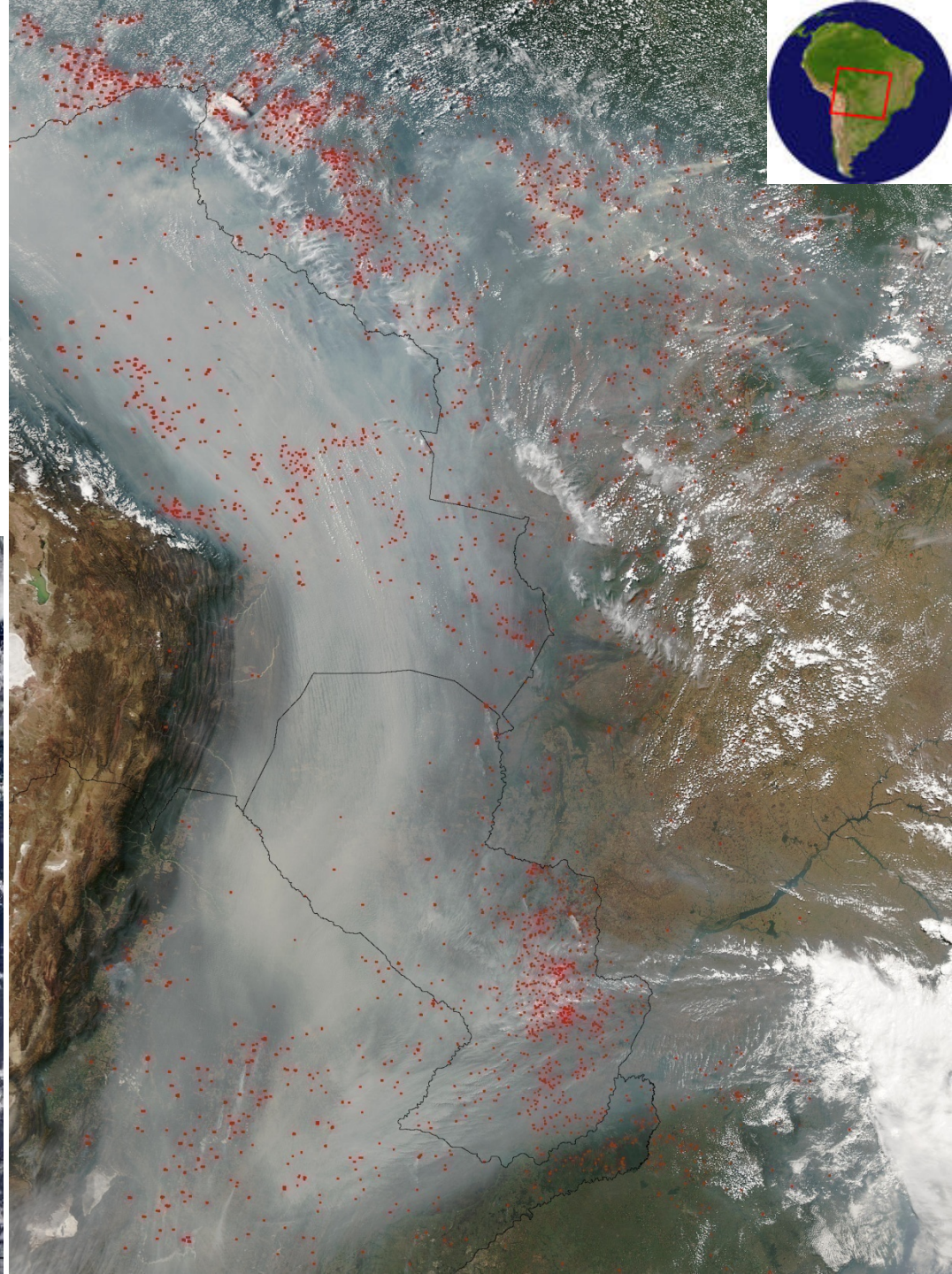
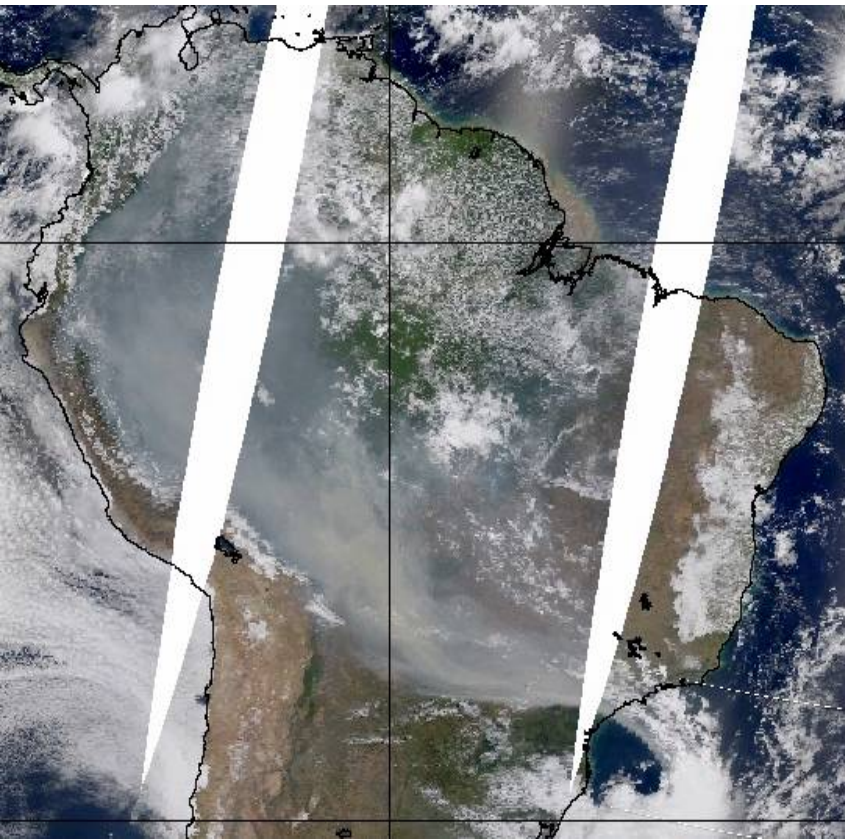


Aerosol single scattering albedo:
highly variable

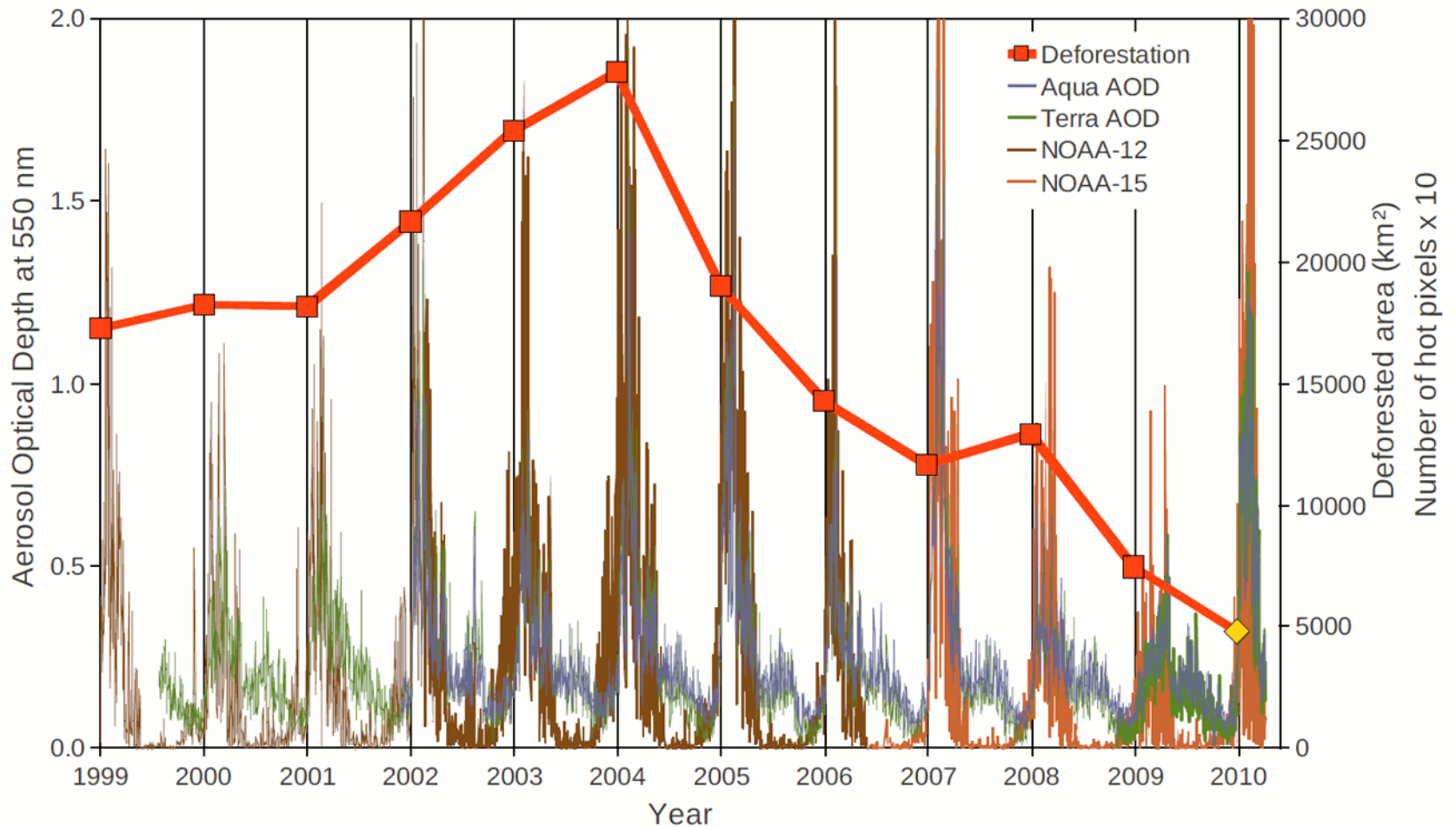


Large scale aerosol distribution in Amazonia

- Severe health effects on the Amazonian population (about 20 million people)
- Climatic effects, with strong effects on cloud physics and radiation balance.
- Changes in carbon uptake and ecosystem functioning



Yearly deforestation with MODIS AOD and hot pixels from NOAA



Yearly deforestation over the Brazilian Amazon region (INPE, 2010) compared to MODIS daily smoke optical depth and the daily number of hot pixels from NOAA-12 and NOAA-15.



Amazonia

Average aerosol forcing clear sky

Top: - 10 w/m²



Atmosphere: + 28 w/m²

Surface: - 38 w/m²

Conditions: surface: forest vegetation
AOT ($\tau=0.95$ at 500nm); 24 hour average
7 years (93-95, 99-02 dry season Aug-Oct)

INDOEX

average aerosol forcing clear sky

Top: - 7±1 w/m²



Atmosphere: + 16±2 w/m²

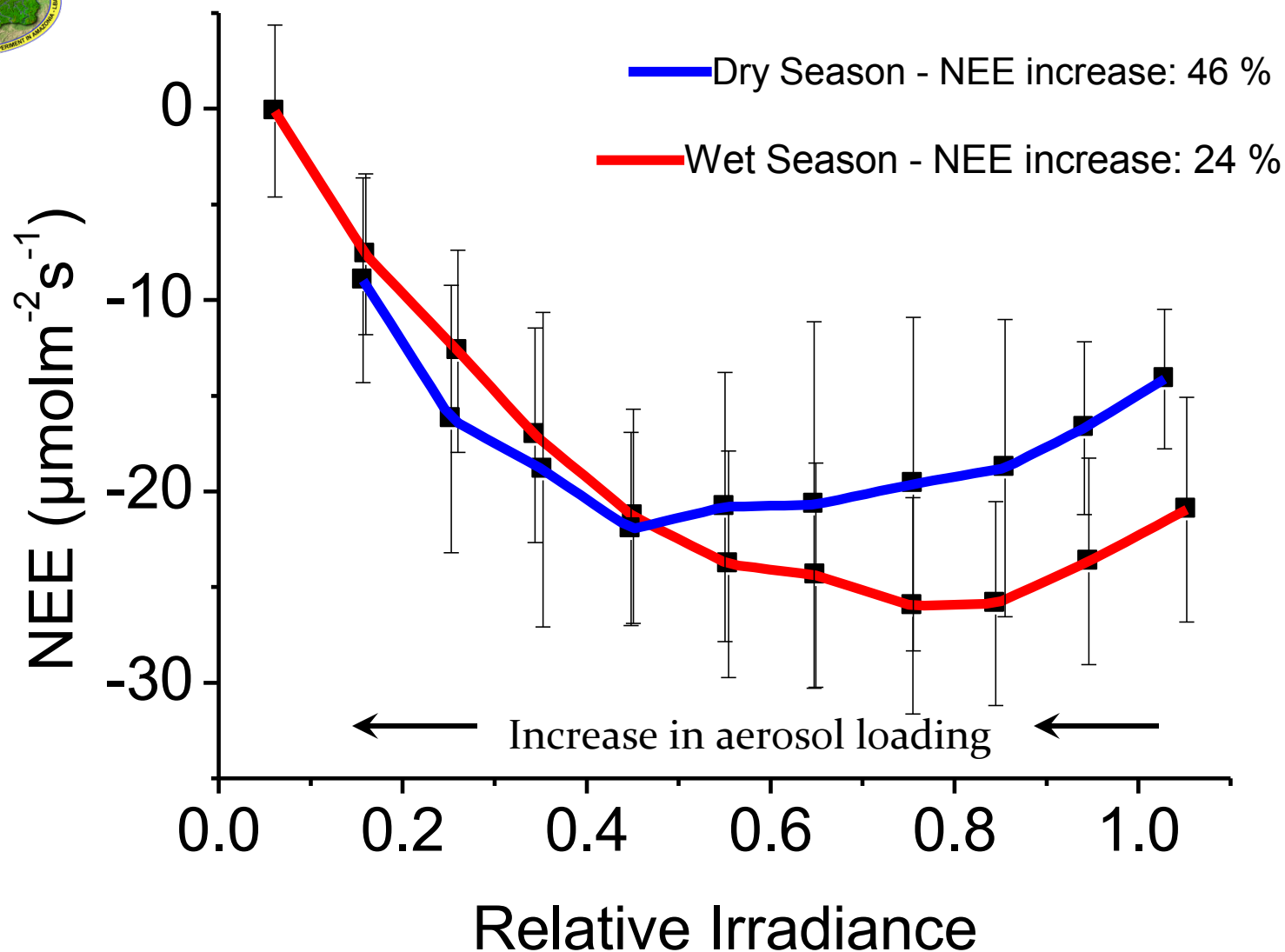
Surface: - 23±2 w/m²

Conditions: surface: ocean
AOT ($\tau=0.3$ at 630 nm); 24 hour average
Jan-Mar 99

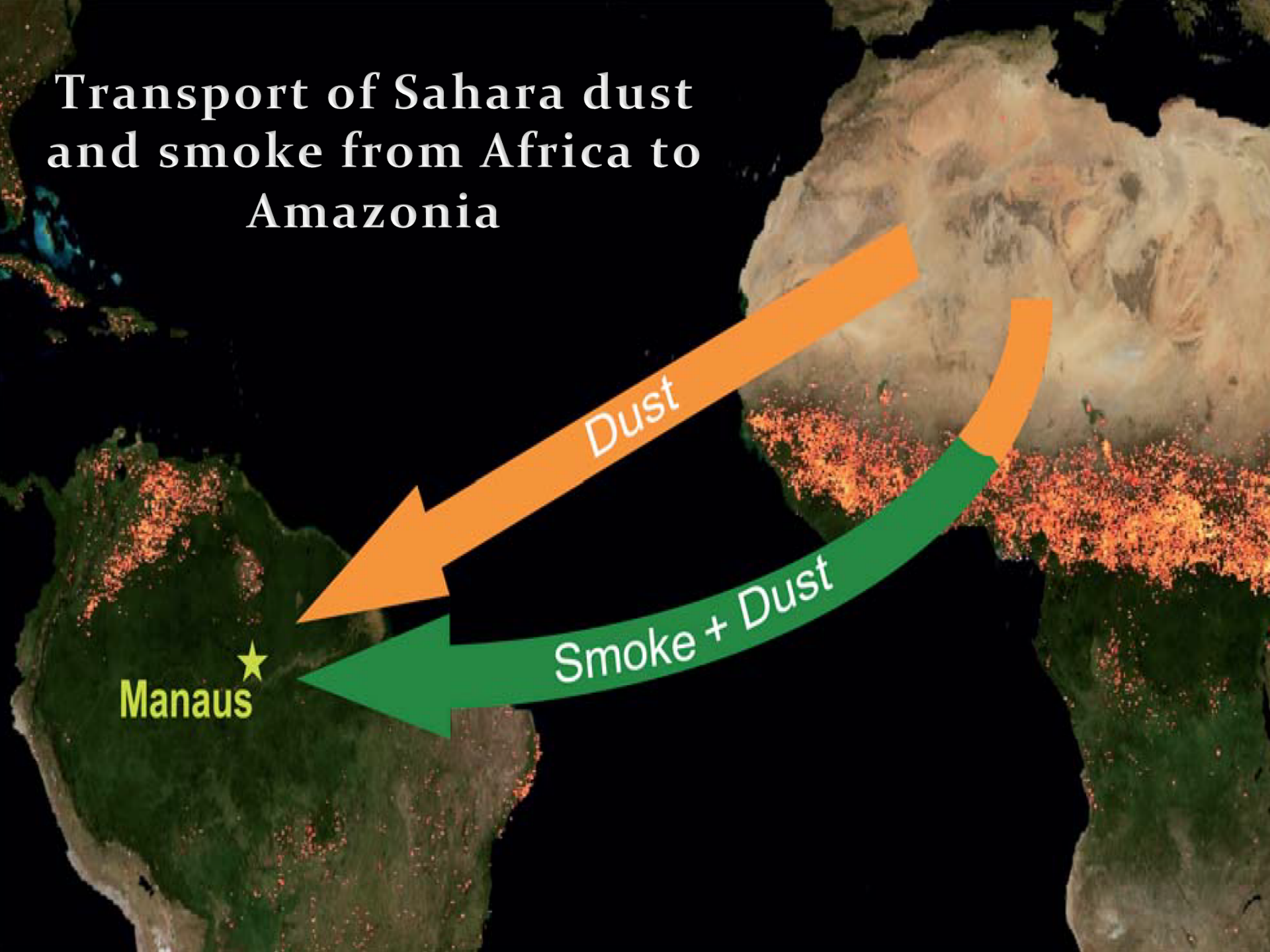
Strong aerosol effect on forest photosynthesis diffuse radiation have a large effect on CO₂ fluxes



Amazonia Rondonia Forest site 2000-2001



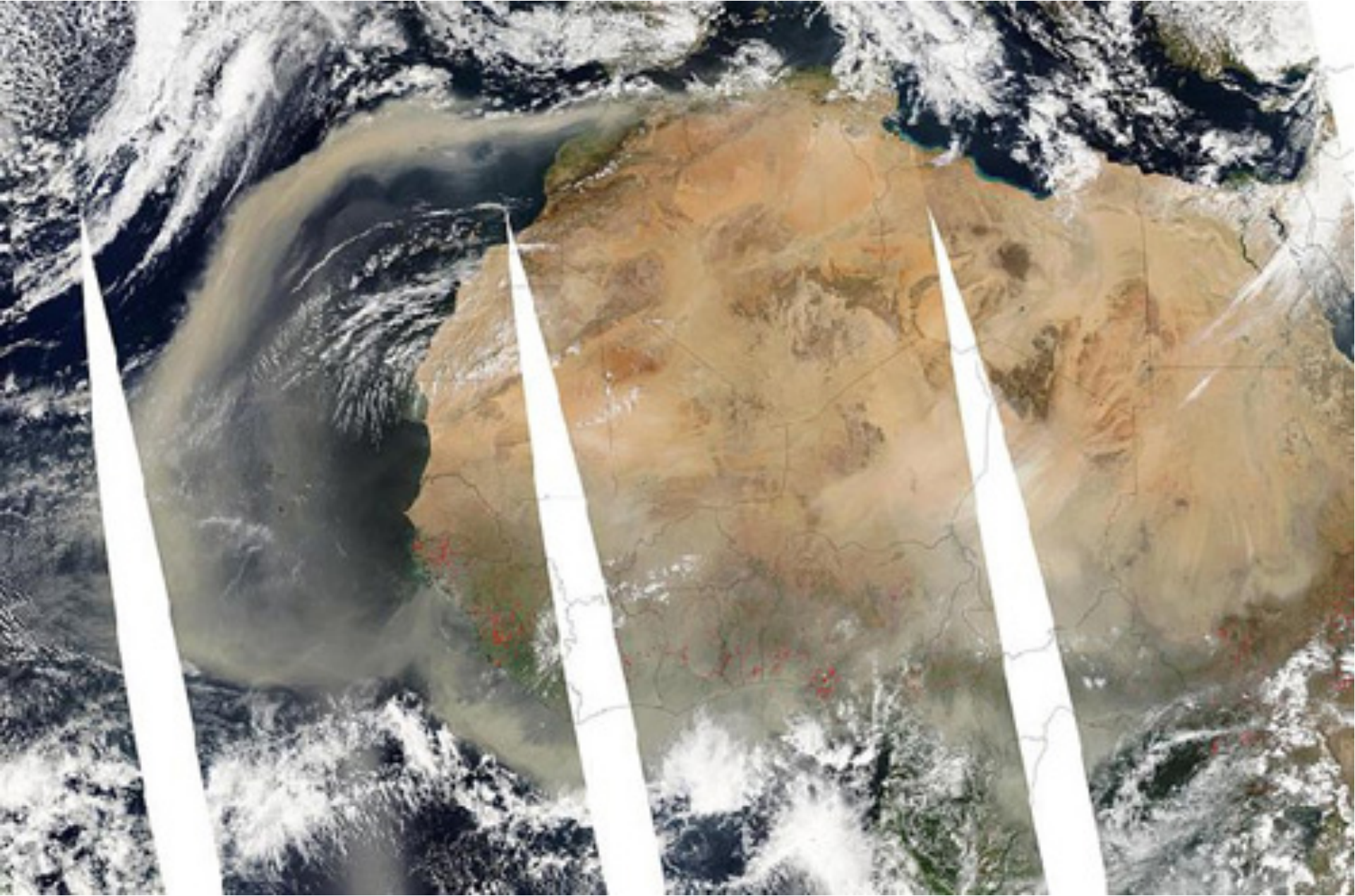
Transport of Sahara dust and smoke from Africa to Amazonia

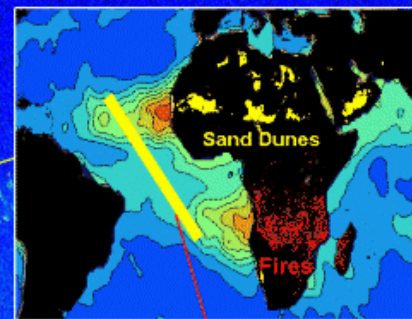
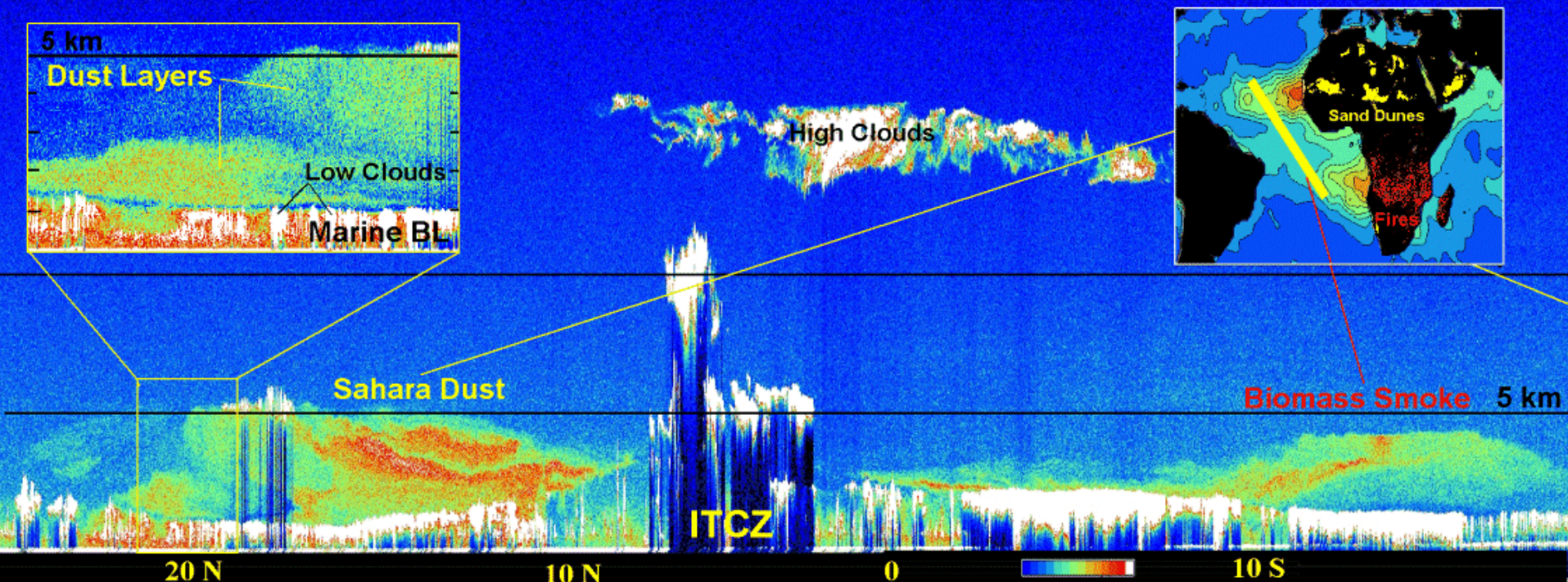
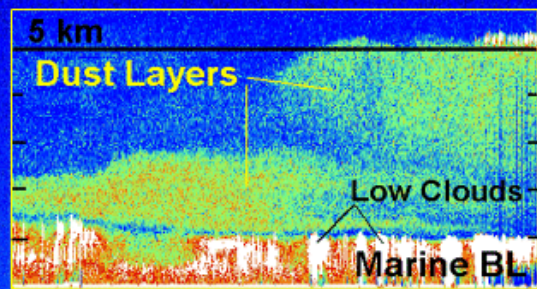
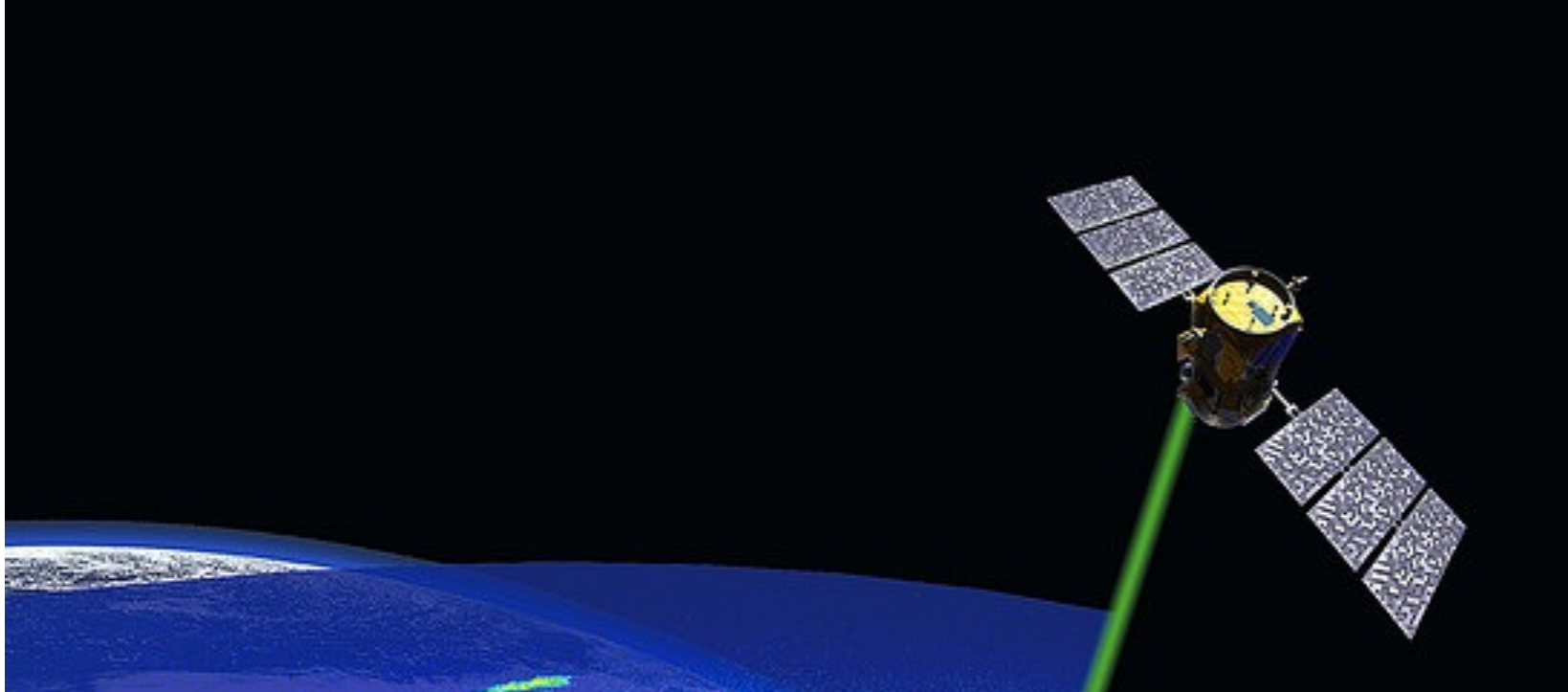


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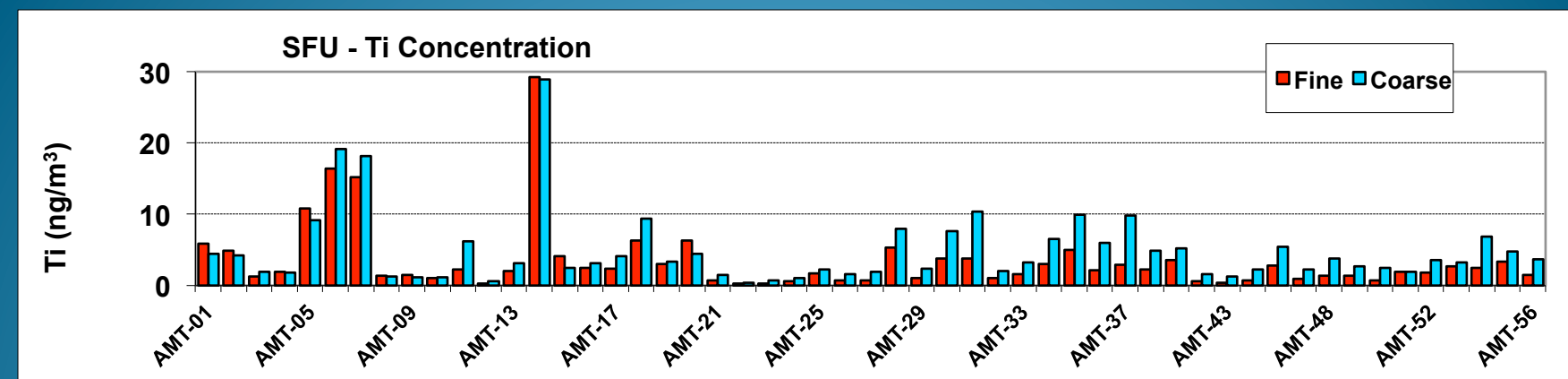
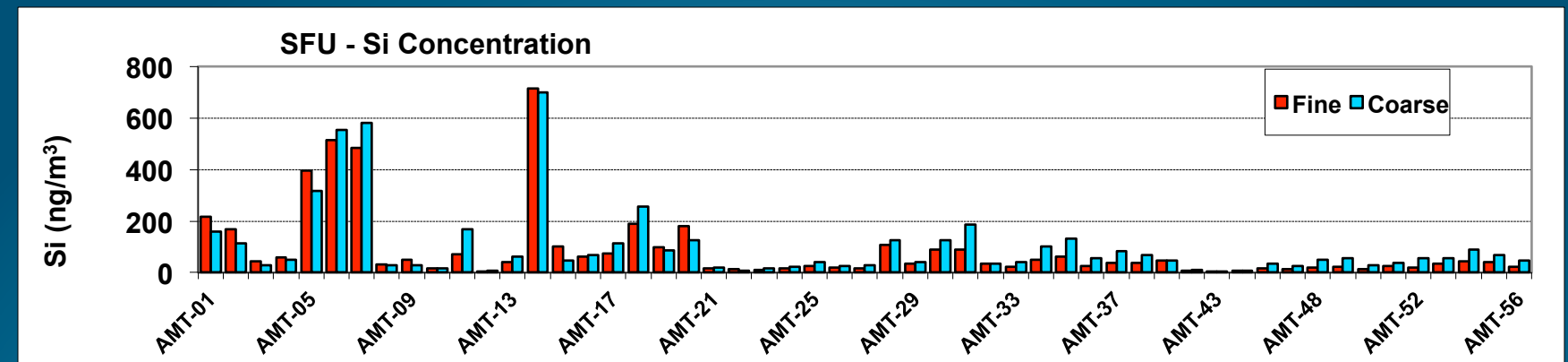
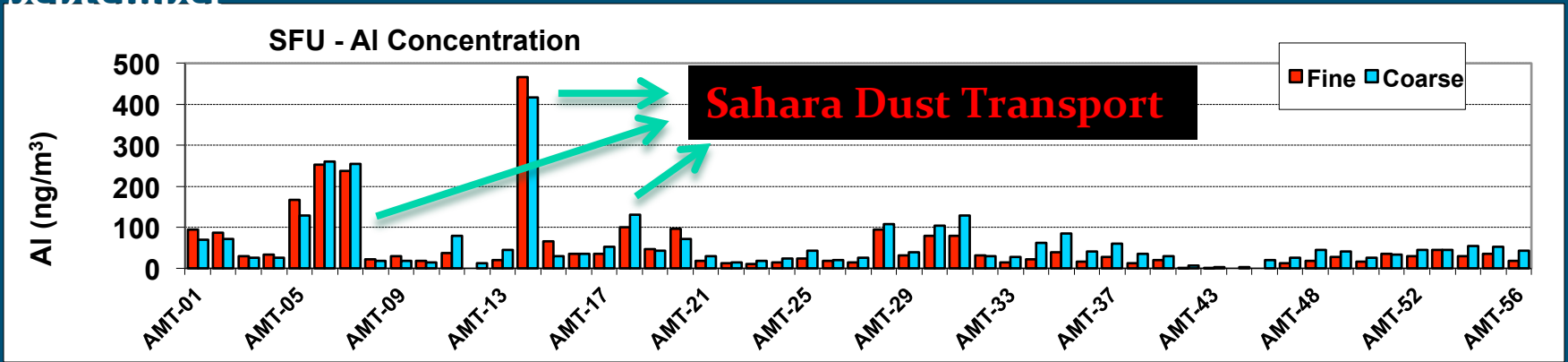
Smoke + Dust

Manaus



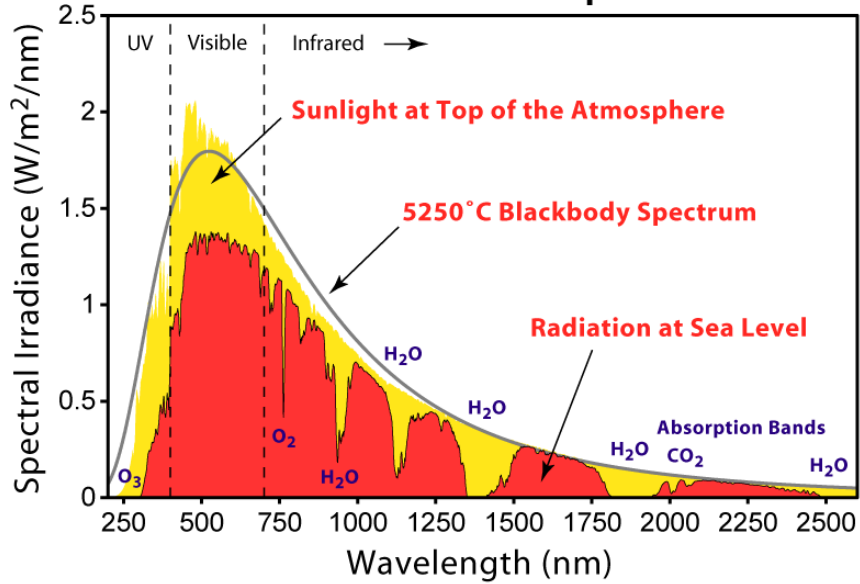


Al, Si and Ti elemental Concentration for fine and coarse mode aerosols Feb. to September





Solar Radiation Spectrum



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