

Unit 17

Aerosols, removal and biochemical cycles

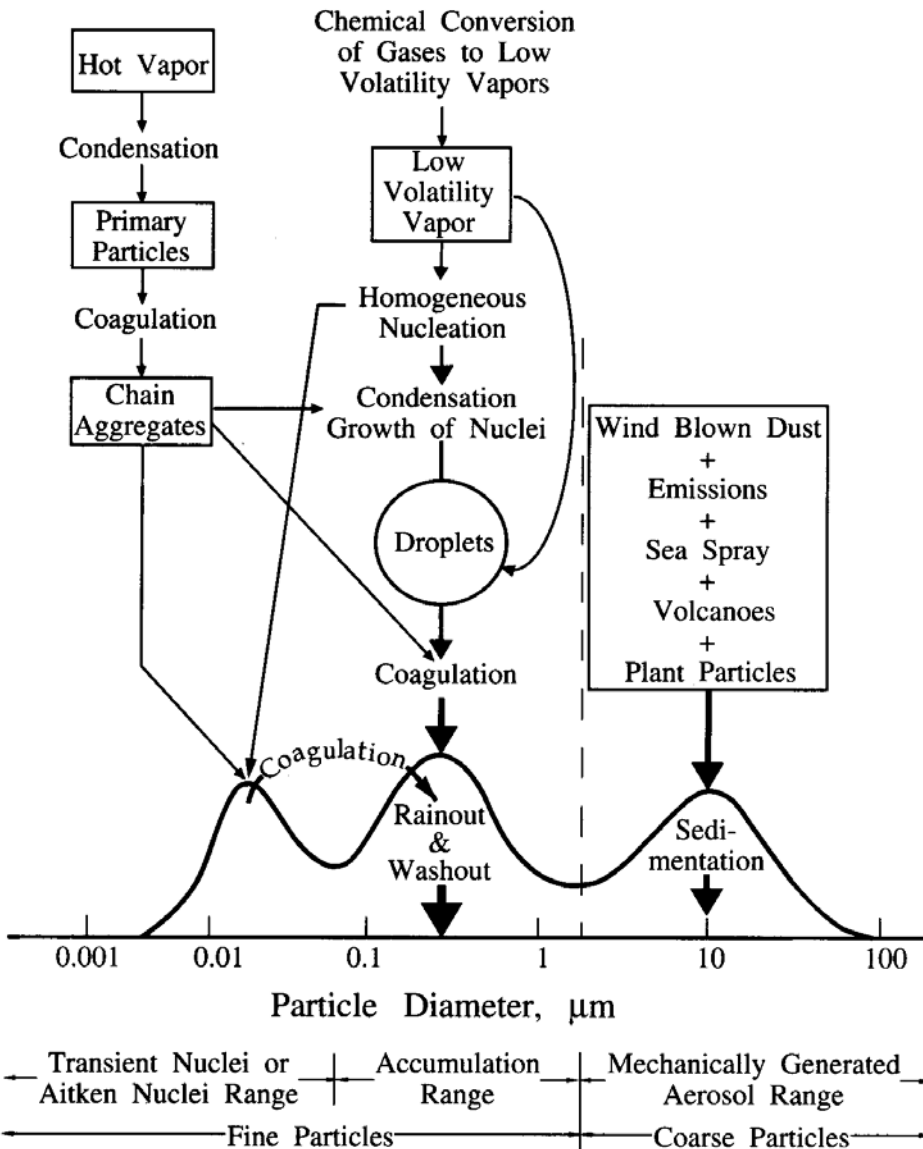
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Particle formation and growth

$$-\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{4kT}{3\mu} \left(1 + \frac{2AL}{D}\right) N^2$$

$$A \approx 1.257 + 0.4 \exp\left(\frac{-0.55D}{L}\right)$$

k Boltzmann constant, T temperature (K),
 μ dynamic viscosity of air, L mean free path of the gas molecules, D diameter, A Stokes-Cunningham correction factor



London type smog

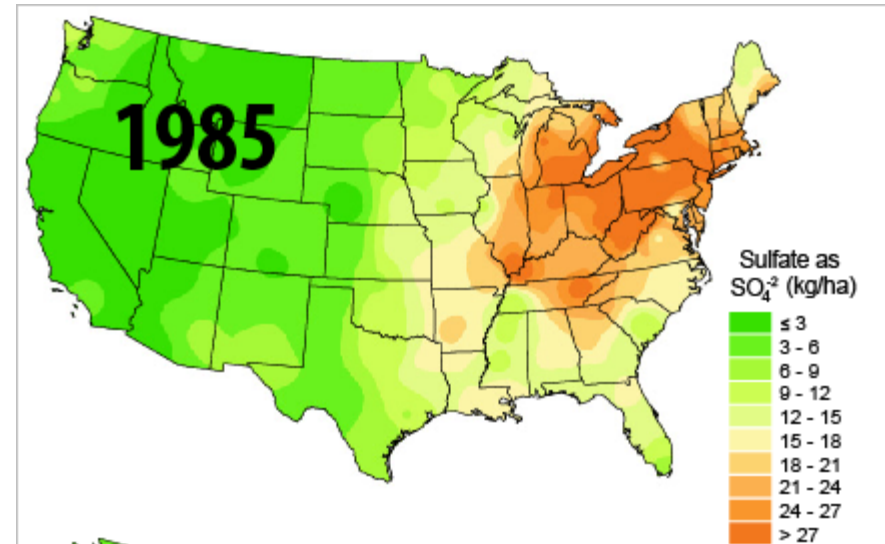
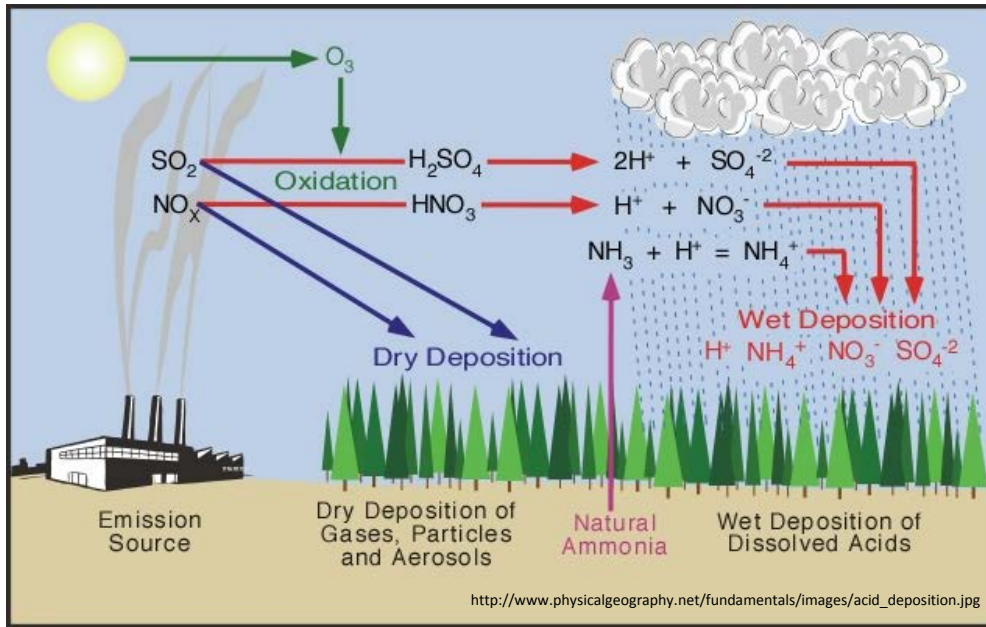


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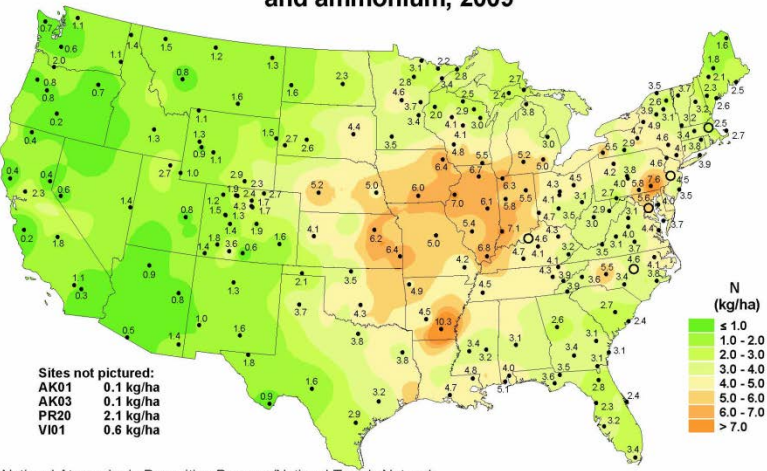


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Atmospheric removal processes



Inorganic nitrogen wet deposition from nitrate and ammonium, 2009



National Atmospheric Deposition Program/National Trends Network
 http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu

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Dry deposition

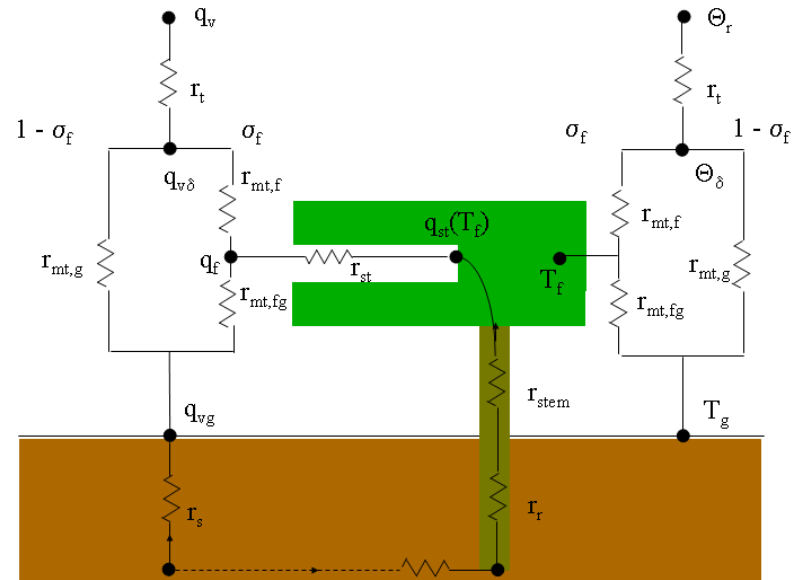
$$v_d = \frac{F}{C(x,y,z,t)}$$

$$v_d = \frac{1}{r_a + r_s + r_t}$$

$\mu < 1 \Rightarrow$ deposition

$\mu = 1 \Rightarrow$ compensation

$\mu > 1 \Rightarrow$ emission



Sedimentation of aerosols

$$v_d = \frac{1}{r_a + r_s + r_a r_s v_s} + v_s$$

$$v_s = \frac{D^2 g}{18\mu} (\rho_p - \rho)$$

$$\rho_p \gg \rho \quad v_s \approx \frac{D^2 g \rho_p}{18\mu}$$

Wet deposition

$$W_g = \int_0^\infty \Lambda(z, t) C(x, y, z, t) dz$$

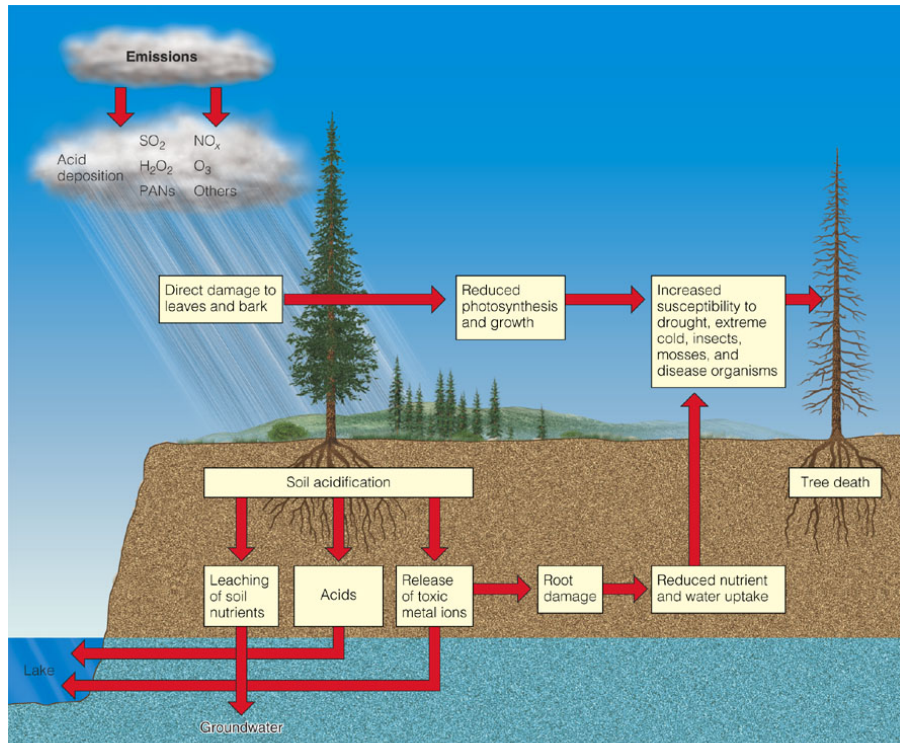
$$W_p = \int_0^\infty \Lambda(D, z, t) n(D, x, y, z, t) dz$$

$$v_w = \frac{W_g}{C(x, y, z, t)}$$

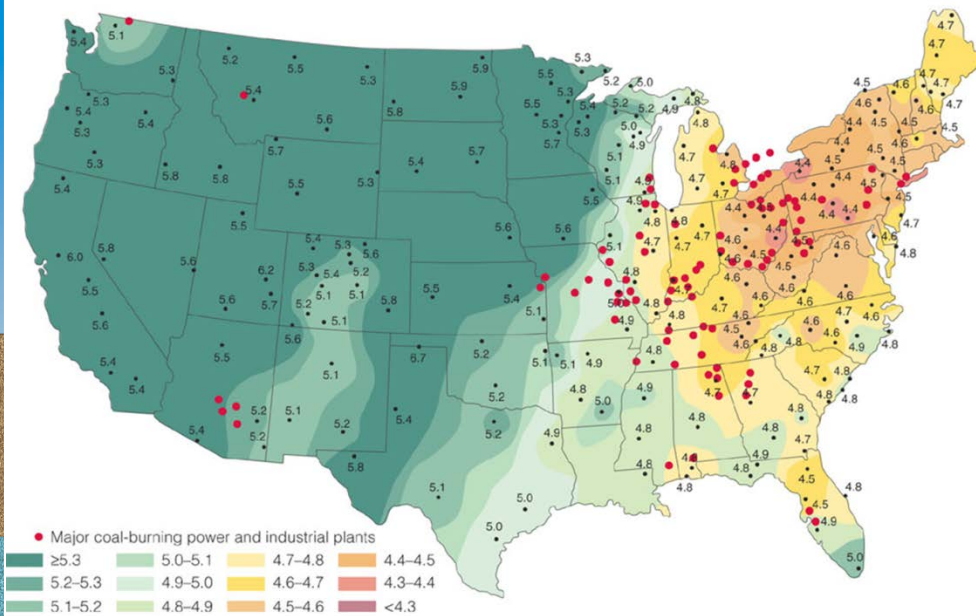
$$v_w = \int_0^H \Lambda(z, t) dz = \bar{\Lambda} H \quad v_w = \frac{W}{C(x, y, 0, t)} = \frac{C(aq)P}{C(x, y, 0, t)} = w_r P$$

$$w_r = \frac{C(aq)}{C(x, y, z, t)}$$

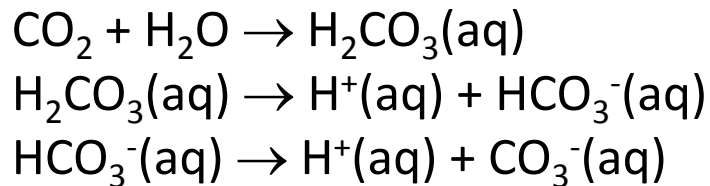
Acid deposition: a burden for ecosystems



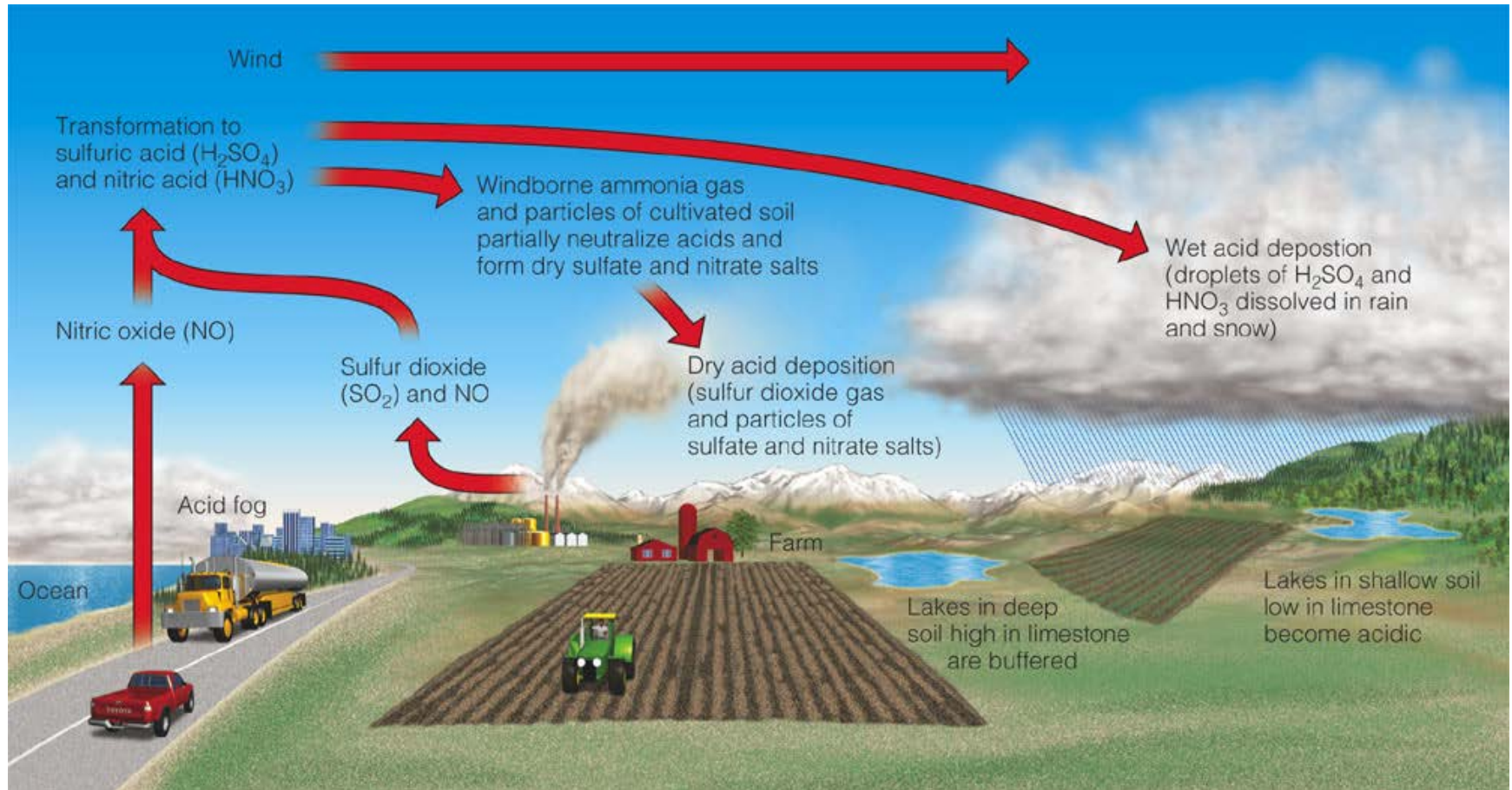
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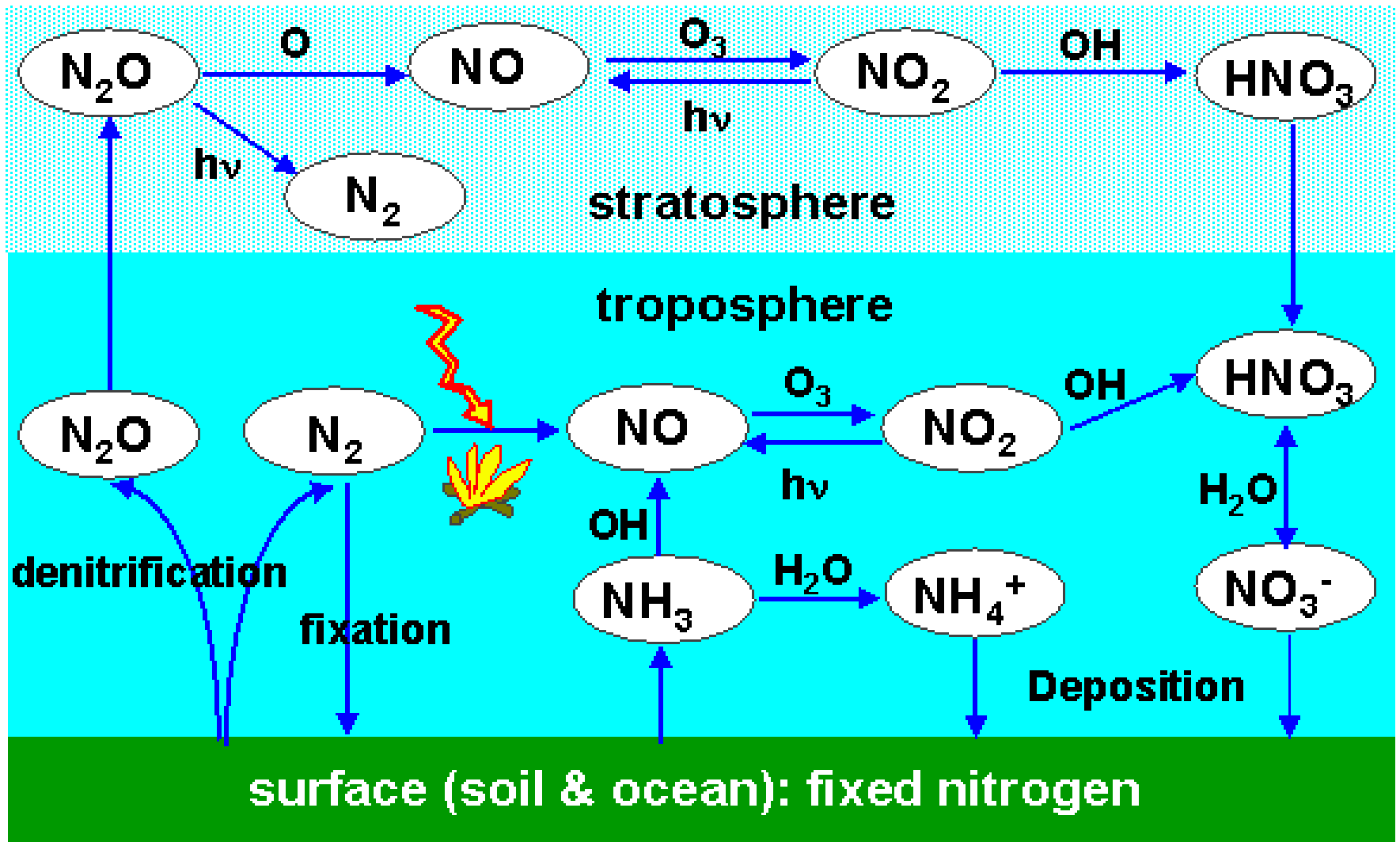
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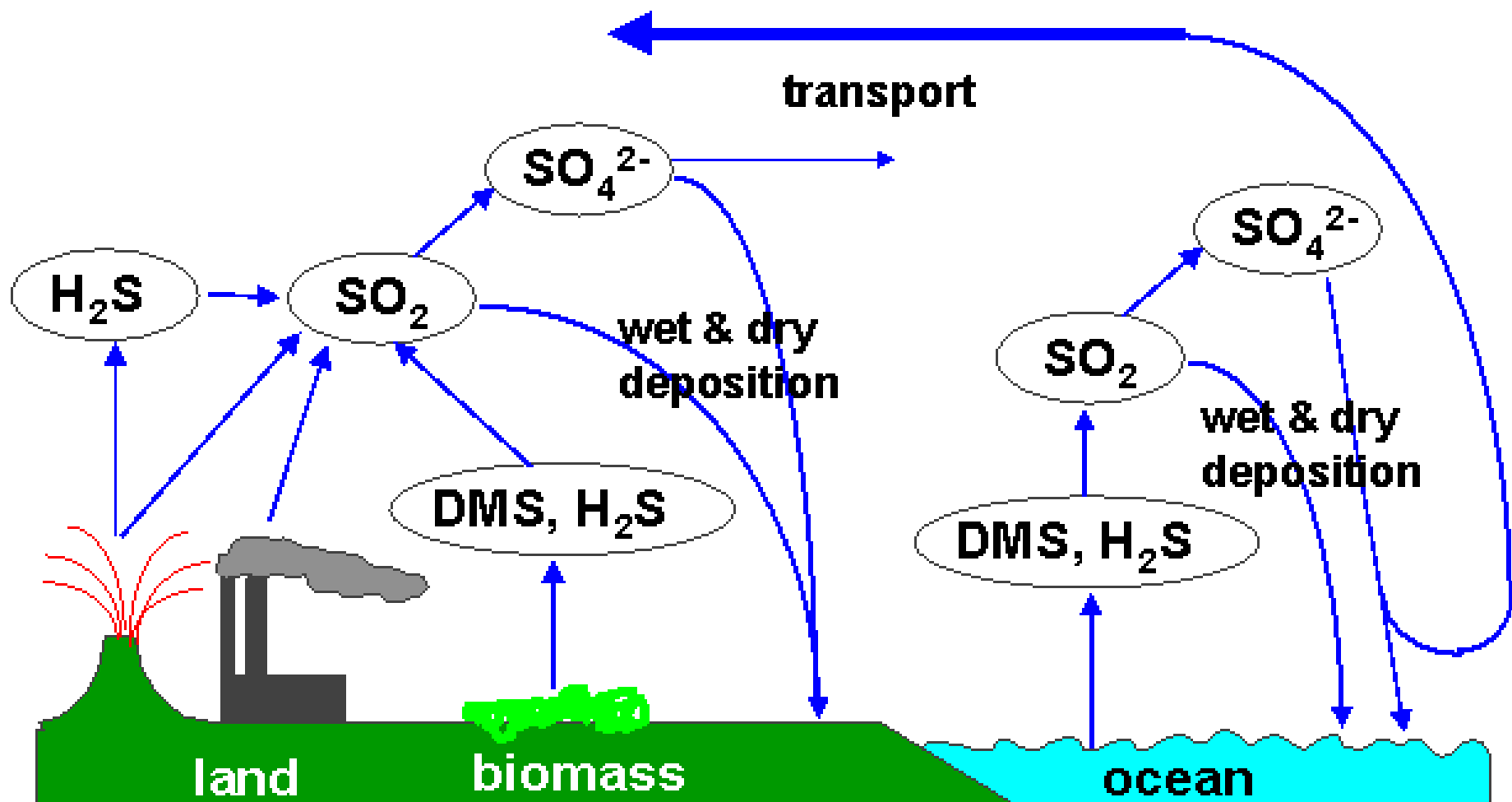
Pollution from acid deposition



Nitrate cycle



Sulfur cycle



Courtesy of Hugh Powell, Univ. of Durham, UK

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