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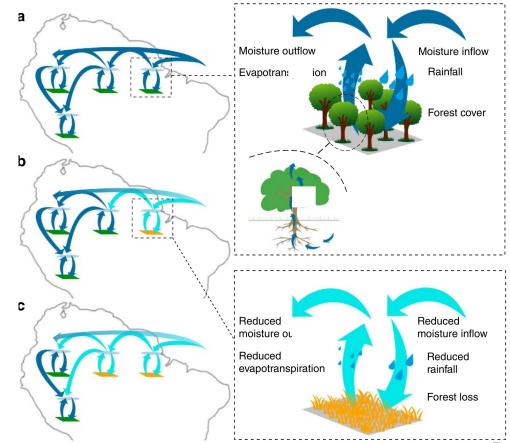
# **Global Tipping Points Report**

The authoritative assessment of the risks and opportunities of negative and positive tipping points in the Earth System and society.

- Earth system
- Impacts
- Governance
- Positive social tipping points

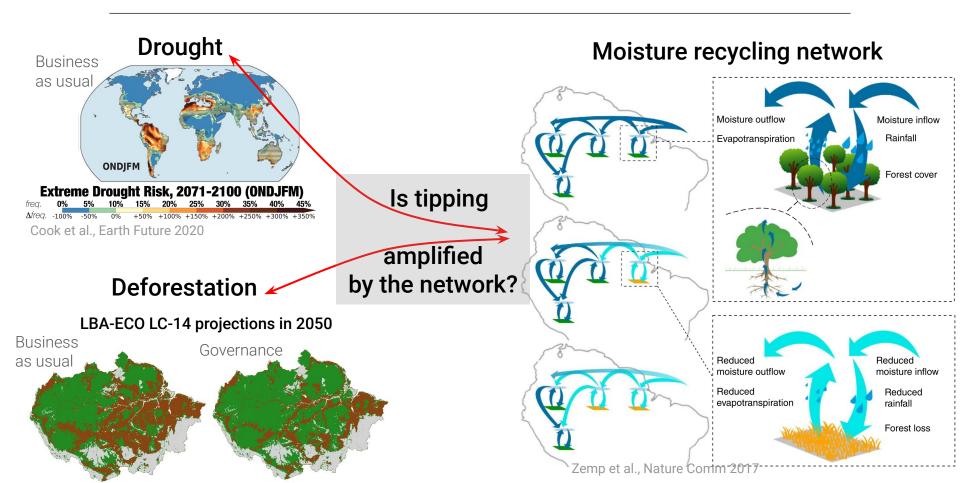
Report was discussed at COP28!

# Moisture recycling network



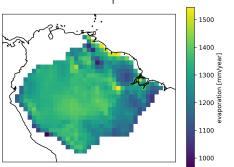
Zemp et al., Nature Comm 2017

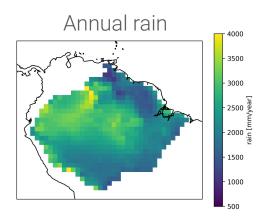
# Amazon threats: amplified by network effects?



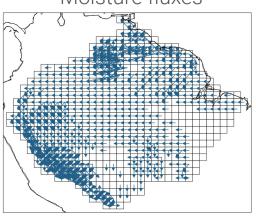
# **Spatial precipitation patterns**



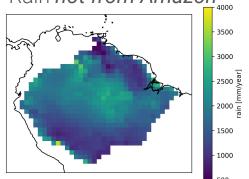




#### Moisture fluxes



#### Rain not from Amazon



import cartopy.crs as ccrs
import cartopy.feature as cfeature

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ax = plt.axes(projection=ccrs.PlateCarree())
ax.set_extent([275, 320, -22, 15], crs=ccrs.PlateCarree())
ax.add_feature(cfeature.COASTLINE, linewidth=1)
ax.coastlines('50m')
plt.pcolor(longitude, latitude, values)
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#### An ODE model for each cell

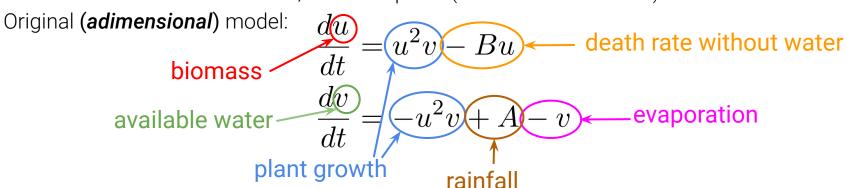
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Original (adimensional) model:

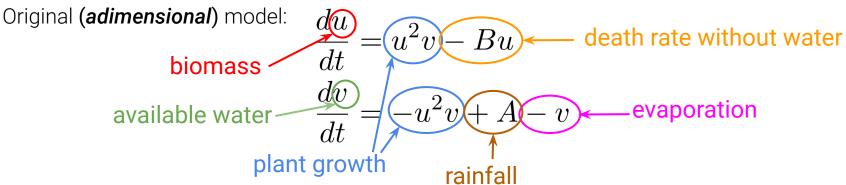
$$\frac{du}{dt} = u^2v - Bu$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -u^2v + A - v$$

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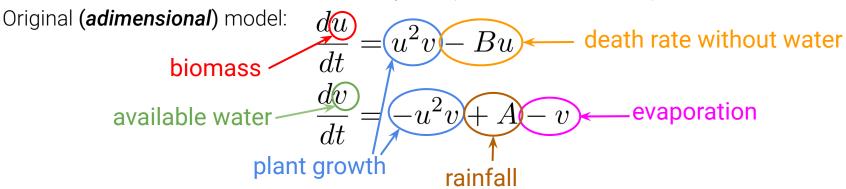


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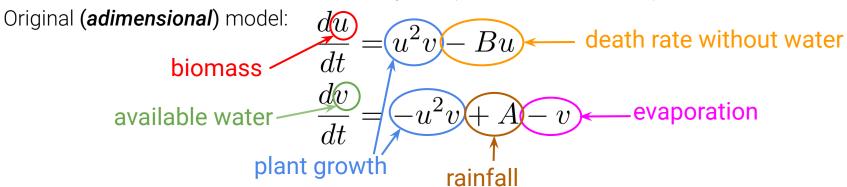
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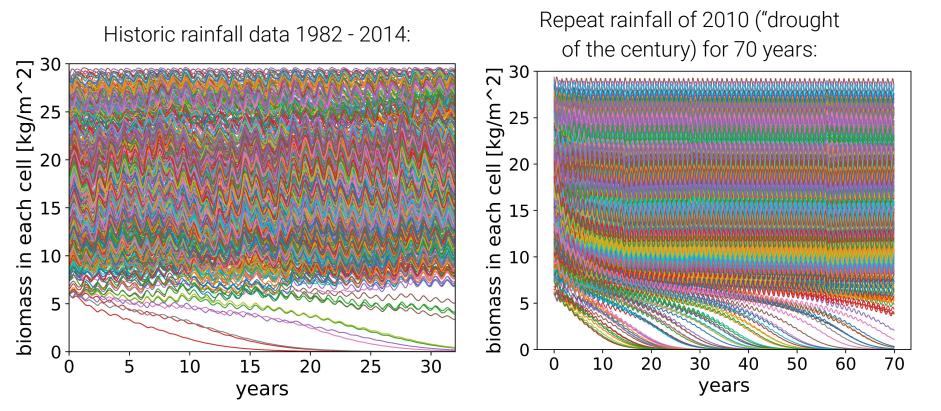
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# Key part of solver

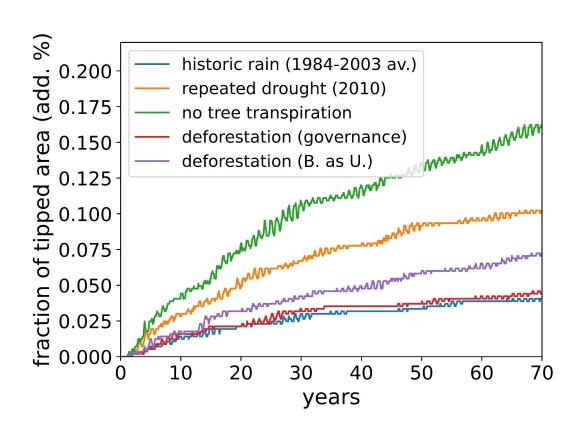
Then should add the complications of the model, and the **coupling between the ODEs of all cells!** 

# 2 x 567 coupled ODE's on a network!

Input monthly rainfall in the coupled ODE's system... then observe biomass(t) in each cell



# Tipping cascades from repeated droughts/deforestation



# Geography of vulnerability

