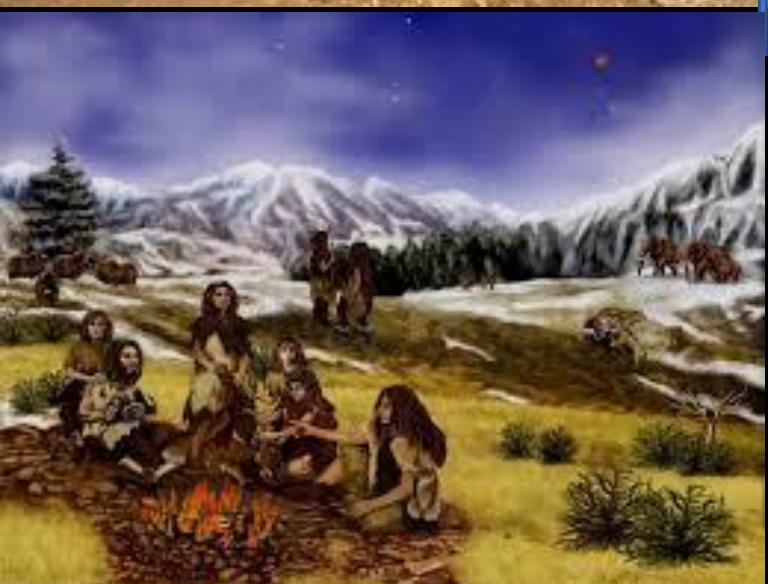


Regenerative Agriculture

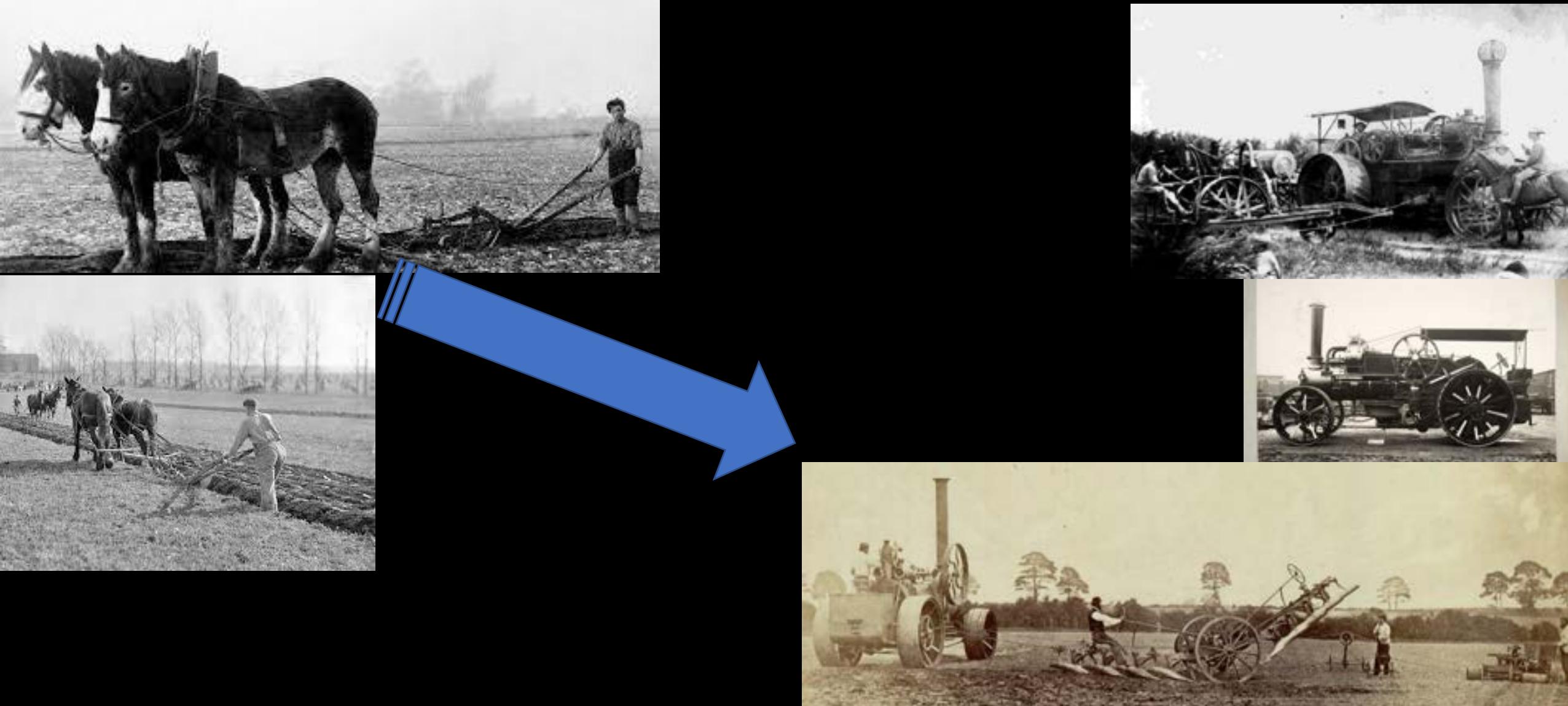
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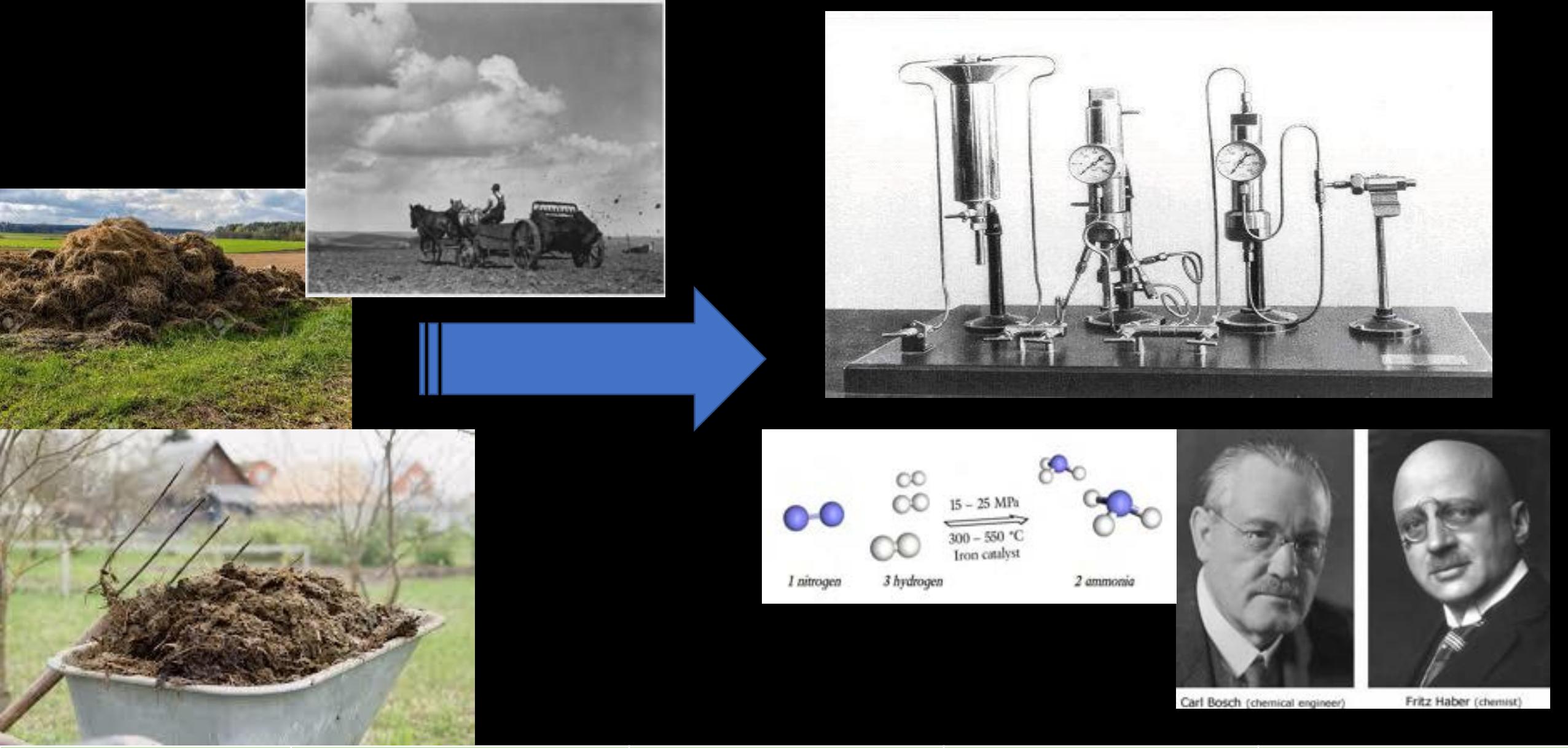
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Degenerative agriculture

Ecosystem entropy: complex to simple

= Loss of topsoil, nature's sponge

= Loss of biodiversity, life



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The different branches of sustainable agriculture

1960's →

Sustainable agriculture

Practices:

- No till
- Organic inputs
- Crop diversity
- Cover crops and mulch
- Permaculture
- Agroforestry
- Etc...

Motivation:

Adopt these practices to stop the ecosystem destruction caused by conventional farming

Organic agriculture

No chemical fertilizer or pesticide.

Certification

Motivation:

Clear and simple framework:

- bind farmers and policy makers,
- to inform consumer decisions

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Conservation agriculture

- No-till
- Soil covers

Not against chemical input, but changes to

- Timing
- Amount
- Type

Motivation:

Transition towards sustainable practices

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Permaculture

- Production in harmony with nature
- Uses design principles that imitate natural ecosystems

Motivation:

Tap into the inherent abundance and resilience of nature

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Climate-Smart agriculture

- Mitigation
- Use of...
- eco...
- Adaptation
- Increased resilience of the land

Motivation:

Adaptation of small scale farming systems to climate change

1960's →

Sustainable agriculture

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- Livestock integration
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- Permaculture
- Agroforestry
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1970's →

Agroecology

Practices:

- Everything under sustainable agriculture
- PLUS A SOCIAL DIMENSION
- Farmer's associations and cooperatives
 - Peer-to-peer knowledge sharing
 - Integration of indigenous practices
 - Systems-thinking

Motivation:

Apply these practices to stop landgrabbing and centralization of power with the industrial multi-national companies

2010's →

Regenerative agriculture

Practices:

- Everything under agroecology
- PLUS A CLIMATE DIMENSION
- Carbon sequestration
 - Maximized photosynthesis
 - Restoration of the water cycle
 - Regenerate discarded and marginalised land

Motivation:

Adopt these practices to reduce the greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere and cool the planet

Regenerate...

land previously degraded and discarded:

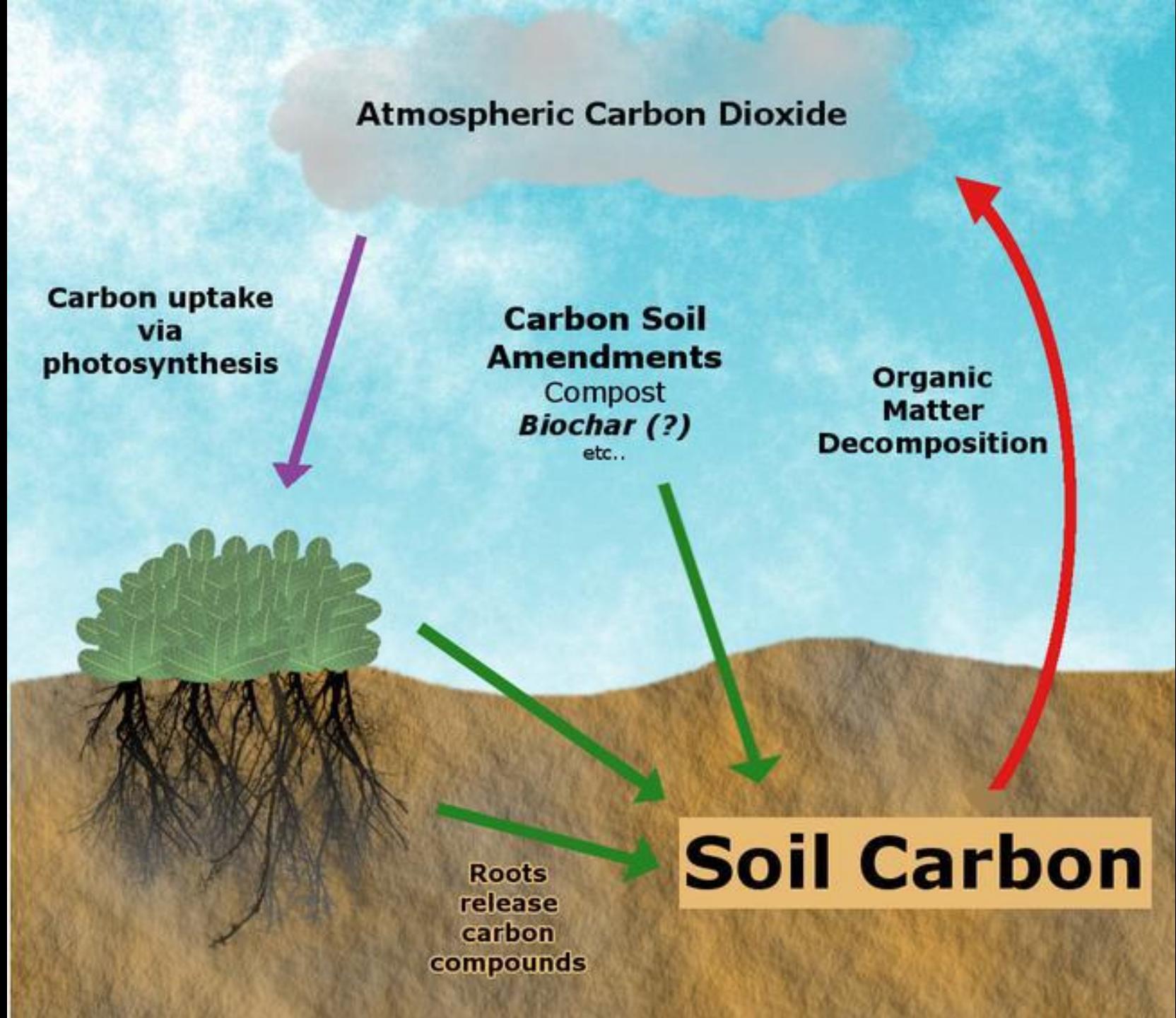


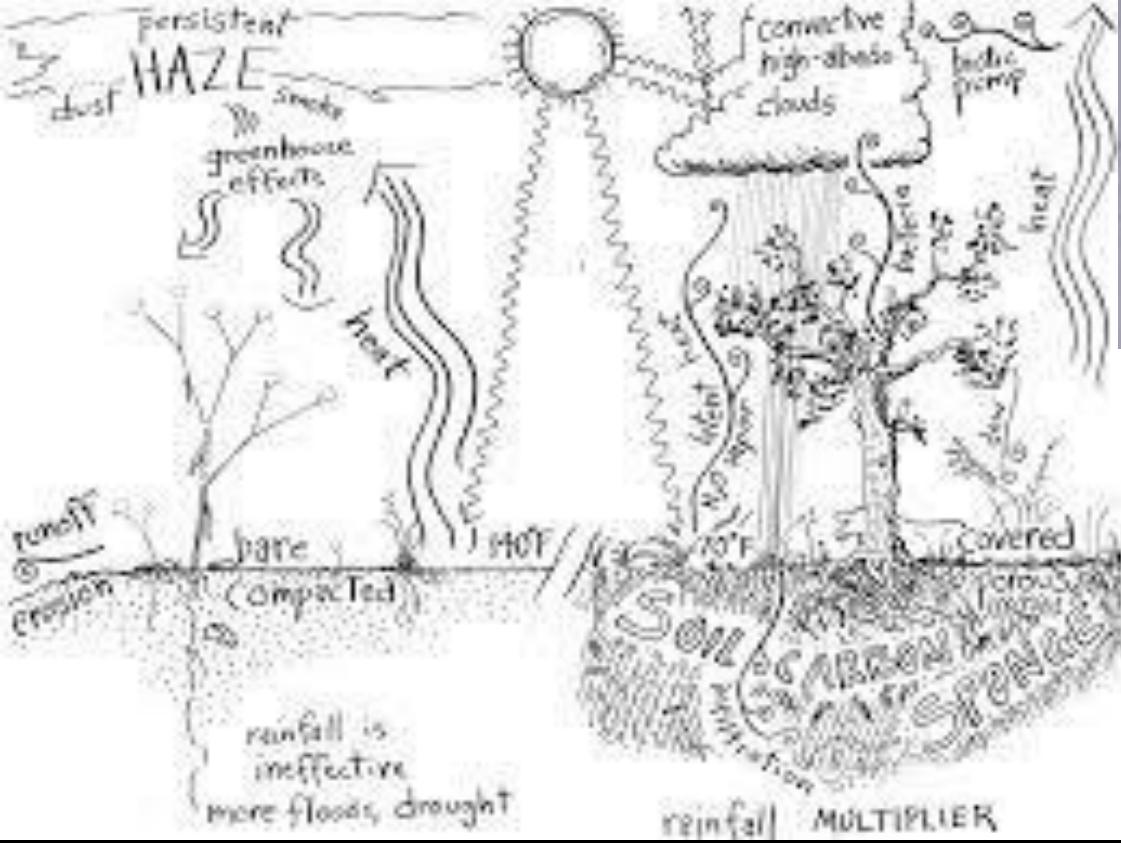
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Regenerate...

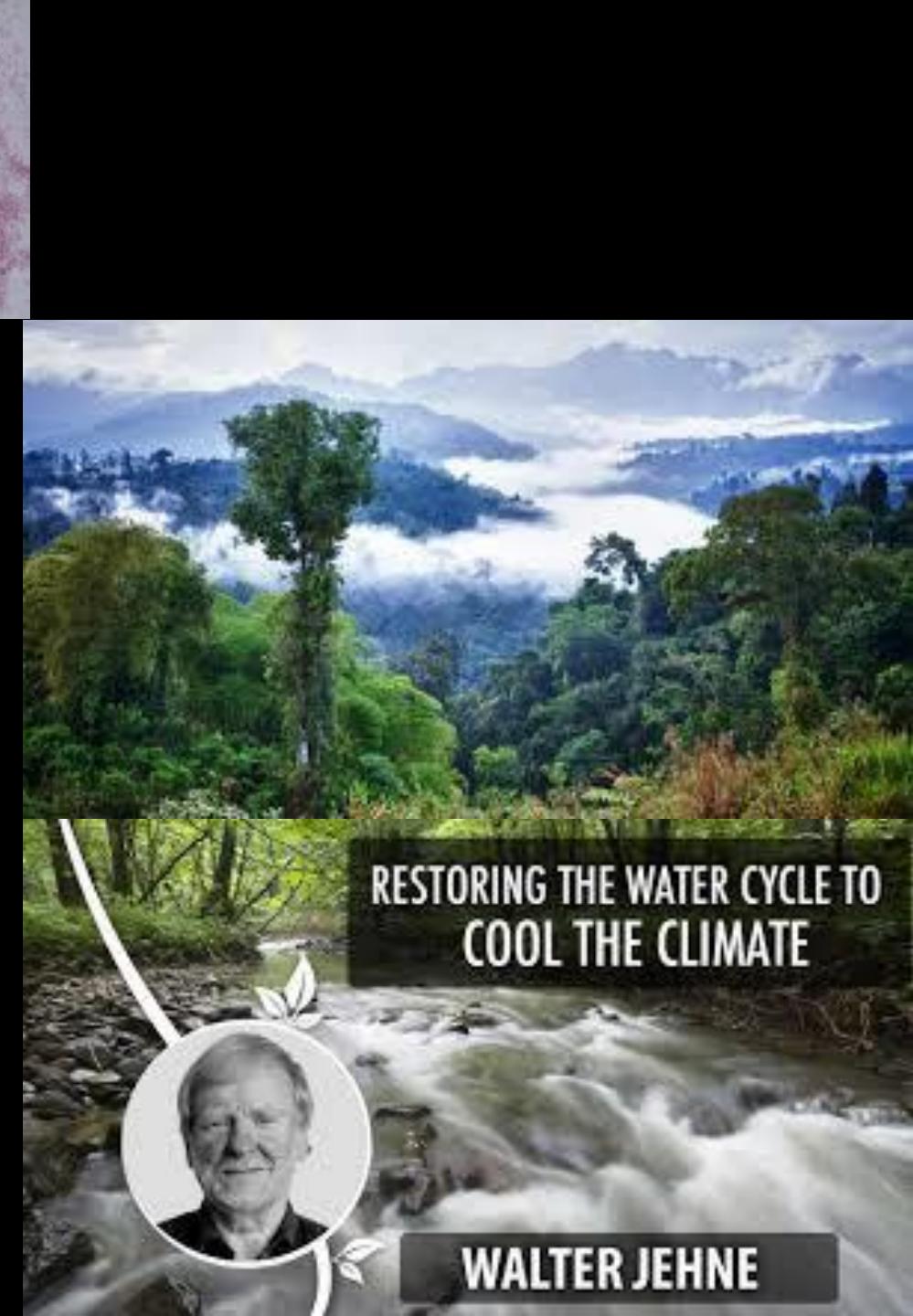
the balance of
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Regenerate...

the water cycles that cool the planet and facilitate life





• Similarities

- Cover crops
- Intercropping
- Diversify production
- Perennial crops (native species)
- CO2 sequestration + biochar



Norway:

- Grain and grass farm without livestock
- Mostly conventionally farmed today
- Clay soils, temperate climate

Mozambique:

- ~1 ha- family farms
- Subsistence
- Mixed input, organic without trying to be
- Sandy soils, tropical climate

Differences

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce tillage stepwise until no-till• Source off-farm organic input (livestock)• Hedgerows | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Syntropic agroforestry• Water management installations/design• Contour planting• Riparian buffers |
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