



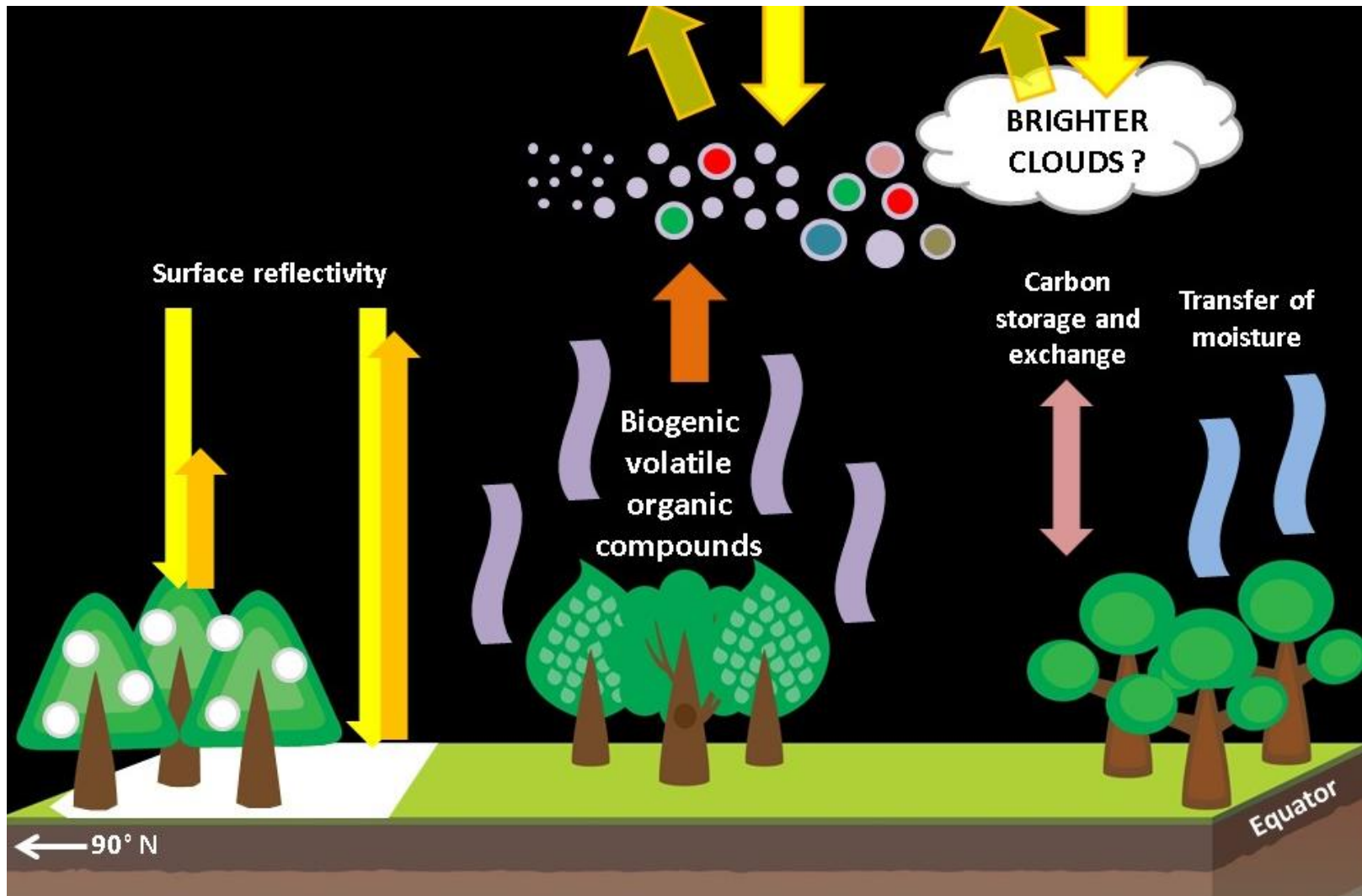
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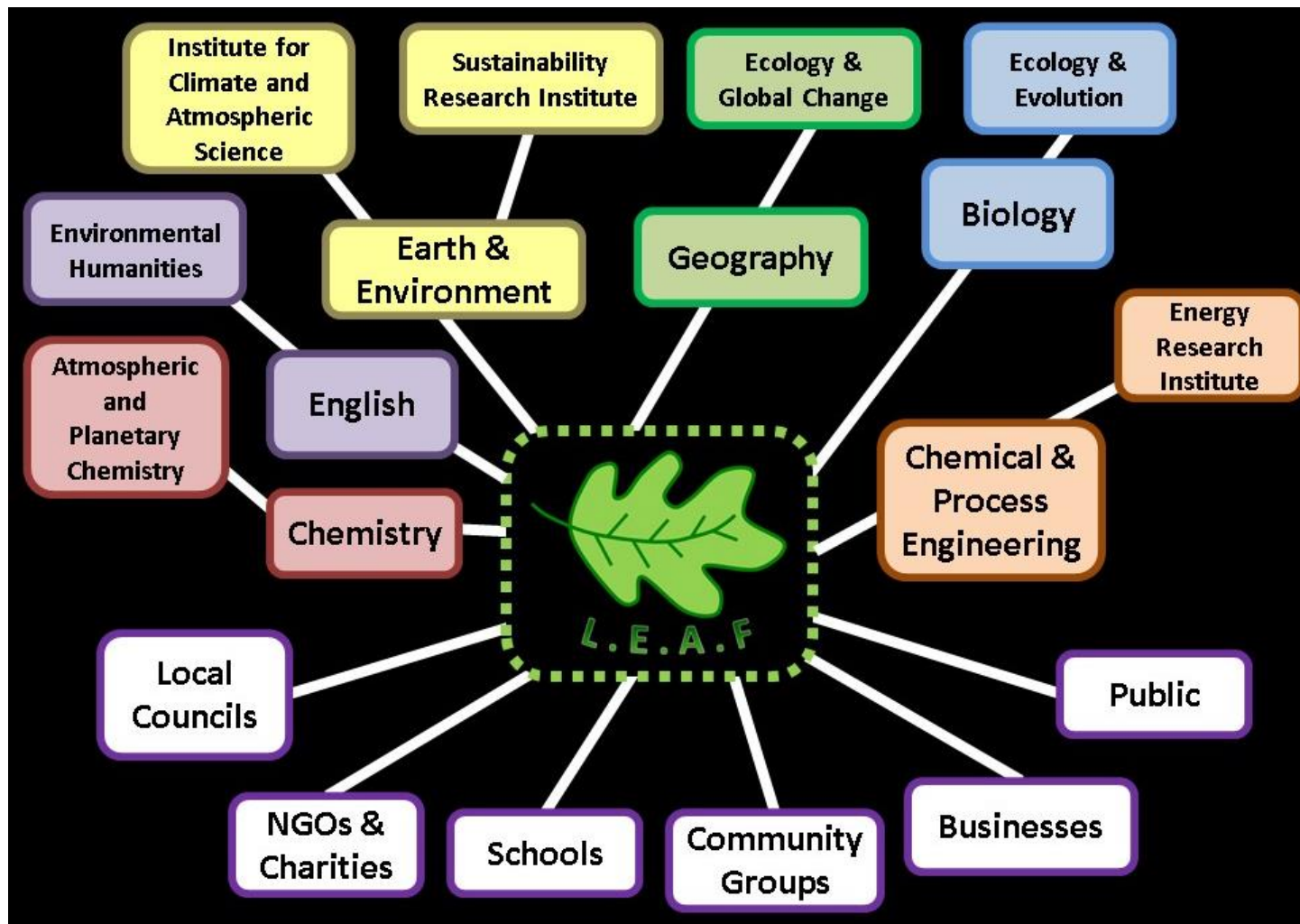
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My research area: How do forests affect the climate?



Why did I want to attend?

Leeds Ecosystem, Atmosphere & Forest (LEAF) Centre



Opportunities & Challenges

- **Tangibility:** is the research relevant?
- **Exposure:** little interaction between researchers and the business sector
- **Timing:** business often requires answers on a short timescale, whereas acquiring funding + performing research can take several years
- **Encouraging co-design of research projects:** involving business partners from the start, rather than performing the research and then finding out if anyone's interested