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## 1 **4 Biogenic volatile organic compounds in Amazonian forest ecosystems**

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### 10 *Abstract (150 words, for web purposes only)*

11 Plants produce and emit a large array of volatile metabolites termed biogenic volatile organic  
12 compounds (BVOCs) as an integral part of primary and secondary metabolism. Although well  
13 studied for their impacts on atmospheric processes, there is much to learn about their biological  
14 functions. It is now recognized that many cellular processes leave unique volatile fingerprints  
15 behind that can be studied through the acquisition of BVOC profiles in the headspace  
16 atmospheres of plants across a wide range of spatial and temporal scales from leaves, whole  
17 organisms, ecosystems, and regions and from seconds to seasons. In this chapter, in-plant BVOC  
18 production and potential functional roles in the Amazon Basin are discussed. The chapter closes  
19 with some suggested future research on Amazonian BVOCs, specifically - detailed studies on the  
20 identities, fluxes, and environmental dependencies of BVOC emissions including the  
21 characterization of potential bi-directional exchange.

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#### 23 **4.1 Introduction**

24 Biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) are produced directly within plants via  
25 biochemical pathways associated with primary and secondary metabolic processes. Although  
26 non-volatile metabolites are typically bound within specific cellular organelles in lipids or  
27 aqueous phases, BVOC volatile metabolites can readily partition between these phases and the  
28 intracellular airspace (Fall 2003). Thus, many BVOCs may freely exchange among cellular  
29 organelles, cells, and tissues, contributing to an integration of whole organism carbon and energy  
30 metabolism. Moreover, exchange of the intracellular airspace with the atmosphere may help  
31 coordinate the metabolisms of different plants within an ecosystem in response to environmental  
32 and biological factors (Yan and Wang 2006). In addition, land-atmosphere exchange of VOCs  
33 integrates local and regional atmospheric chemistry with plant metabolism (Jardine et al. 2011a).

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35 The emerging field of volatile ecosystem metabolomics integrates the volatile component into the  
36 chemical, physical, and biological processes involved in the processing of metabolites within the  
37 land-atmosphere interface including potential perturbations of the system by anthropogenic  
38 activities (e.g. VOC emissions from biomass and fossil fuel burning). The power of volatile  
39 metabolomics comes from the fact that many cellular processes leave unique chemical  
40 fingerprints (biomarkers) behind in the atmosphere (e.g. BVOCs such as volatile isoprenoids,  
41 organic acids, alcohols, esters, aldehydes, ketones, aromatics, sulfides, nitriles, etc.). Therefore,  
42 volatile metabolomics provides noninvasive techniques to study plant metabolism from a variety  
43 of spatial and temporal scales. The application of these methods in the tropics may improve our  
44 mechanistic understanding of how environmental and biological variables associated with climate  
45 and land use change affects the carbon and energy metabolism of natural and managed forests.

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47 Tropical ecosystems cycle more carbon than any other biome (~ 1.4 PgC/yr versus 0.5 PgC/yr for  
48 temperate ecosystems, (Sarmiento et al. 2010) and are estimated to account for nearly 80% of the  
49 global BVOC emissions (Levis et al. 2003). The Amazon Basin is a major tropical source of  
50 BVOCs to the global atmosphere (Greenberg et al. 2004), yet less is known about BVOCs from  
51 its vegetation than other regions of the world (Guenther 2013). This is due to a number of factors,  
52 among which are the extremely high tree species diversity (ter Steege et al. 2013; Macarthur  
53 1965) and difficulties in conducting and sustaining remote field studies with highly sensitive  
54 analytical chemistry instrumentation for even short periods of time. What we do know about  
55 Amazonian BVOCs primarily results from a few important short-term plant enclosure studies,

56 above-canopy measurements, and aircraft observations (Kesselmeier et al. 2002; Karl et al. 2007;  
57 Jardine et al. 2011b).

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59 Historically, BVOCs have been studied with respect to their significant impacts on the chemistry  
60 and physics of the atmosphere, which remains an active area of research (see chapter x, Artaxo).  
61 The focus of this chapter is towards developing a mechanistic understanding of BVOC dynamics  
62 within plants and ecosystems. First is a brief overview of BVOC production within plants  
63 followed by an introduction to the field of volatile metabolomics. Next, examples of Amazonian  
64 plant and ecosystem functional roles of several BVOCs are discussed. The chapter ends with  
65 suggested directions for Amazonian BVOC research including detailed plant VOC emission  
66 surveys, the identification of new BVOCs, and the characterization of potential BVOC  
67 ecosystem-atmosphere bidirectional exchange (i.e. emission and consumption by vegetation).

#### 68 **4.2 BVOC biosynthesis in plants**

69 During photosynthesis, plants assimilate atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into primary  
70 metabolites which are essential components required for growth and development. Primary  
71 metabolites can be used as substrate for the biosynthesis of new biomass including proteins,  
72 nucleic acids, carbohydrates and lipids, or can be used as a carbon and energy source during  
73 respiration (Bourgaud et al. 2001; Tegeder and Weber 2008). Secondary metabolites are a diverse  
74 set of compounds which are intricately involved in many physiological and ecological processes  
75 within plants (Weng et al. 2012). For example, secondary metabolites have been identified as  
76 plant defenses against abiotic and biotic stresses and chemical communication within and  
77 between species (Weng et al. 2012; Jardine et al. 2008; Karl et al. 2008; Pophof et al. 2005). Both  
78 primary and secondary metabolic pathways within plants create intermediates with sufficient  
79 vapor pressures to be directly emitted into the atmosphere in the gas phase as BVOCs.

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81 Plant metabolic pathways involved in BVOC biosynthesis occur in and across a number of  
82 cellular organelles including the cytosol, chloroplast, mitochondria, and peroxisome (**Figure 4.1**).  
83 Some BVOCs like isoprene are strictly light dependent with a strong connection to recently  
84 assimilated carbon (Jones and Rasmussen 1975). In contrast, instantaneous emissions of other  
85 BVOCs like methanol are much less light dependent and can be produced at night (Fall and  
86 Benson 1996; Harley et al. 2007).

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88 Key substrates (i.e. glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate, phosphoenol pyruvate, pyruvate, and acetyl-  
89 CoA) can be produced independently within plant compartments or can be transported across  
90 compartmental boundaries. For example, pyruvate is a central substrate in the biosynthesis of  
91 BVOC classes such as volatile isoprenoids (isoprene, monoterpenes, sesquiterpenes), oxygenated  
92 VOCs (acetaldehyde, ethanol, acetic acid, acetone, volatile acetate esters), and fatty acid  
93 oxidation products (green leaf volatiles, e.g. Z-3-hexenol, Z-3-hexenal). Pyruvate is also a  
94 product of glycolysis and photosynthesis, and a key substrate in photorespiration and  
95 mitochondrial respiration.

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97 Acetyl CoA is another central substrate, which integrates primary and secondary metabolic  
98 processes as well as signaling and regulatory mechanisms. It is used as the primary substrate of  
99 mitochondrial respiration for the biosynthesis of lipids including fatty acids and isoprenoids, and  
100 can be produced through a fermentation like process involving the activation of acetic acid  
101 (Jardine et al. 2013a). In addition to many non-volatile organic compounds (e.g. fatty acids, some  
102 amino acids, flavonoids, phenolics) (Oliver et al. 2009), acetyl CoA provides substrate for a large  
103 array of BVOCs including volatile isoprenoids, oxygenated VOCs, fatty acid oxidation products,  
104 and volatile acetate esters (e.g. methyl acetate, ethyl acetate).

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106 **[Figure 4.1-Metabolic pathways]**

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### 108 **4.3 Volatile Metabolomics**

109 The emerging field of volatile metabolomics is the study of the gas phase component of the  
110 chemical, physical, and biological processes involved in the production of metabolites within an  
111 ecosystem, allowing for a molecular understanding of biogeochemical cycles. This field aims to  
112 combine traditional biochemical pathway studies involving destructive tissue sampling and  
113 metabolite extraction and analysis with non-invasive atmospheric analytical chemistry techniques  
114 used for identification and quantification of BVOCs within and above forest canopies to gain new  
115 insights on within-plant carbon and energy allocation to primary and secondary metabolic  
116 processes. For example, plant BVOC exchange fluxes using enclosures and ambient BVOC  
117 concentrations and fluxes within and above forest canopies can be made in-situ in real-time and  
118 used as biomarkers of carbon allocation processes such as photosynthesis, photorespiration,  
119 respiration, and fermentation (Jardine et al. 2010b; Loreto et al. 2007; Kesselmeier et al. 1997;

120 Bracho-Nunez et al. 2012), cell wall expansion and growth (Harley et al. 2007), acetyl-CoA and  
121 fatty acid biosynthesis and degradation (Fall et al. 1999; Jardine et al. 2012b), and signaling and  
122 defense against abiotic and biotic stresses (Niinemets 2010; Karl et al. 2008; Jardine et al. 2013c).

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124 For example, Jardine et al. (2010b) used positional  $^{13}\text{C}$  labeled pyruvate to trace the metabolic  
125 pathways responsible for the biosynthesis of volatile isoprenoids and oxygenated VOCs in real  
126 time for individual mango leaves (*Mangifera indica*). While the metabolic pathways leading to  
127 isoprenoid biosynthesis are well documented, those leading to the production of oxygenated  
128 VOCs are still uncertain. In their study, leaves fed with the pyruvate-2- $^{13}\text{C}$  solution resulted in  
129 large enrichments ( $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ ) of both  $^{13}\text{C}$ -labeled isoprenoids and oxygenated VOCs (up to 266%  
130 for sesquiterpenes and 154% for acetaldehyde for example). However, when mango leaves were  
131 fed with pyruvate-1- $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ -labeling of BVOCs was greatly reduced. Positional pyruvate labeling  
132 was then used to demonstrate that the  $\text{C}_{2,3}$  atoms of pyruvate are directly utilized for the  
133 biosynthesis of volatile and non-volatile metabolites and biopolymers. However, the  $\text{C}_1$   
134 pyruvate has a completely different fate and is decarboxylated to  $\text{CO}_2$ , representing a new source  
135 of  $\text{CO}_2$  not previously considered in studies of plant  $\text{CO}_2$  sources and sinks (Jardine et al. 2013a).  
136 Thus, BVOCs can be used to track cellular processes that imprint a unique chemical fingerprint  
137 on the atmosphere surrounding individual plants. When applied at the ecosystem level, volatile  
138 metabolomics has the potential to advance mechanistic understanding of BVOC biosynthesis as a  
139 function of changing environmental conditions.

#### 140 **4.3 BVOCs as biomarkers of lipid peroxidation under oxidative stress**

141 Lipids serve numerous critical functions in plant biology including providing membrane  
142 structure, participating in the light reactions of photosynthesis, antioxidant, and signaling  
143 processes. Saturated lipids are extremely resistant to oxidation within plants and the environment,  
144 with plant alkanes with ages greater than one billion years have been detected in lake sediments  
145 (Oro et al. 1965). In contrast, unsaturated lipids including isoprenoids and fatty acids are highly  
146 susceptible to oxidization with their pools rapidly turned over under oxidizing conditions.  
147 Moreover, the oxidative power of the lower atmosphere is strongly influenced by the emission of  
148 unsaturated volatile lipids from vegetation, especially isoprenoids and reactive volatile lipids  
149 which can be emitted at high rates from many plants fueling atmospheric chemistry through  
150 photo-oxidation reactions (Monson 2002a).

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152 Reactive oxygen species (ROS) including singlet oxygen ( $^1\text{O}_2$ ), superoxide anion ( $\text{O}_2^-$ ), hydrogen  
153 peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ), and the hydroxyl radical (OH) are continuously generated in plants by the  
154 incomplete reduction of oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ ). While, ROS concentrations within plants are generally kept  
155 low by ROS quenching and scavenging systems, excessive ROS accumulation can result in  
156 extensive oxidation of plant lipids (Apel and Hirt 2004; Jardine et al. 2010a). While traditionally  
157 described as the “Oxygen Paradox” where ROS are a toxic byproduct of aerobic metabolism,  
158 ROS-lipid signaling is now recognized as an integral component of plant response to abiotic and  
159 biotic stress as well as regulation of growth, development, and programmed cell death (Suzuki et  
160 al. 2011; Mittler et al. 2011).

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162 In a changing global climate with increasing air pollution and rapid land use changes, plants are  
163 exposed to a wide variety of biotic (e.g. microbes, insects) and abiotic (e.g. thermal, radiative,  
164 drought) stressors. In plant tissues, these stressors can cause the accumulation of reactive oxygen  
165 species (ROS), which if left unchecked, can overwhelm cellular antioxidant defenses including  
166 enzyme-mediated ROS quenching reactions, internal systems for ROS scavenging, and defense  
167 gene activation (Møller 2001). This can lead to extensive ROS-mediated oxidation of important  
168 components, such as nucleic acids, proteins and lipids leading to cell death (Apel and Hirt 2004).  
169 Therefore, plants with a diverse suite of antioxidant defenses may better tolerate stressful  
170 environmental conditions occurring in response to local and global changes in climate.

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172 The oxidation of plant fatty acids via non-enzymatic (Durand et al. 2009; Mene-Saffrane et al.  
173 2009) and enzymatic (Andreou and Feussner 2009; Gigot et al. 2010; Heiden et al. 2003)  
174 mechanisms produces a broad range of oxidation product biomarkers termed oxylipins. The  
175 accumulation of ROS in plant tissues initiates fatty acid (e.g.  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid) peroxidation,  
176 yielding a large array of ‘oxidative stress’ biomarkers. Lipid peroxidation generates a number of  
177 products, which have been extensively used as quantitative indicators of oxidative damage in  
178 plants (Gutteridge 1995; Shulaev and Oliver 2006). For example, 4-hydroxy-2-nonenal (HNE), 4-  
179 hydroxy-2-hexenal (HHE), and malondialdehyde are widely used as biomarkers of non-  
180 enzymatic lipid peroxidation (Hartley et al. 1999; Halliwell and Gutteridge 1999; Long and  
181 Picklo 2010). However, the extraction from plant tissues, derivatization, and compound specific

182 analysis (GC-MS or HPLC) of these reactive carbonyl compounds remains a challenge due to  
183 their trace abundances, high reactivity, water solubility, and volatility (Shibamoto 2006).  
184 Nonetheless, a number of classes of lipid peroxidation products have been identified including  
185 hydrocarbons, ketones, furans, alkanals, 2-alkenals, 2,4-alkadienals, 2-hydroxyalkanals, 4-  
186 hydroxy-2-alkenals, and dicarbonyls (Kawai et al. 2007; Steeghs et al. 2006; Frankel et al. 1989;  
187 Mark et al. 1997; Moseley et al. 2003; Nielsen et al. 1997).

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189 Given the volatile nature of many of these biomarkers, it is interesting to speculate on the  
190 potential of detecting them in atmospheric samples as non-invasive indicators of oxidative stress  
191 at a variety of temporal and spatial scales. Numerous volatile oxylipins have been recently  
192 observed as direct emissions from plants under oxidative stress generated by freeze-thaw  
193 treatment of tropical leaves (**Table 1**). These include alkanals (e.g. propanal, butanal, pentanal,  
194 hexanal), 2-alkenals (e.g. 2-propenal, 2-butenal, 2-pentenal, 2-hexenal), 2-alkenes (e.g. 2-  
195 propene, 2-butene, 2-pentene, 2-hexene), 2,4-alkadienals (e.g. 2,4-hexadienal), furans and  
196 furanones (e.g. tetrahydrofuran, 2-ethyl furan), and dicarbonyls (e.g. malondialdehyde, glyoxal,  
197 methyl glyoxal, and diacetyl). In addition, the enzymatic peroxidation of plant fatty acids by  
198 lipoxygenase enzymes can lead to the formation and emission of characteristic oxidation products  
199 known as green leaf volatiles (GLVs) via the lipoxygenase pathway (Loreto and Schnitzler 2010;  
200 Hatanaka 1993; Fall et al. 1999). In this pathway, the formation of the classic 6 carbon (C6)  
201 GLVs in plants is initiated by the ubiquitous type 2 lipoxygenase enzymes (13-LOX) in  
202 chloroplasts which catalyze the oxygenation of  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid (the dominant fatty acid in the  
203 aerial tissues of most plants) to form 13-hydroperoxy linolenic acid (HPLA) (Andreou and  
204 Feussner 2009). HPLA can be degraded (catalyzed by hydroperoxide lyase) to form the primary  
205 GLV (Z)-3-hexenal which is then reduced and acetylated to form the corresponding alcohol (Z)-  
206 3-hexen-1-ol and acetate ester (Z)-3-hexen-1-yl acetate respectively (D'Auria et al. 2007).

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208 The emissions of GLVs from plants have been documented during processes known to be  
209 associated with ROS accumulation including programmed cell death during senescence  
210 (Holopainen et al. 2010) and a wide variety of biotic and abiotic stresses including pathogen  
211 attack (Jansen et al. 2009), high ambient ozone concentrations (Heiden et al. 2003; Beauchamp et  
212 al. 2005), herbivory (Arimura et al. 2009), desiccation (De Gouw et al. 2000), high light and  
213 temperature (Loreto et al. 2006), mechanical wounding (Fall et al. 1999), and freeze-thaw events



214 (Fall et al. 2001). Thus, both enzymatic and non-enzymatic lipid peroxidation mechanisms lead to  
215 the formation of characteristic fatty acid peroxidation biomarkers that may be detectable as gas-  
216 phase emissions from plant tissue under stress at the ecosystem scale. Although not yet reported  
217 from Amazonian ecosystems, these and other lipid peroxidation biomarkers may be emitted under  
218 environmental extremes associated with changes in land use and climate and are therefore prime  
219 candidates for ecosystem scale volatile metabolomics studies (Kawai et al. 2007; Steeghs et al.  
220 2006; Frankel et al. 1989; Mark et al. 1997; Moseley et al. 2003; Nielsen et al. 1997).

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222 **[Table 1: volatile oxylipin lipid peroxidation biomarkers]**

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224 The 5 carbon molecule, isoprene, is estimated to be the most abundant and well-studied BVOC  
225 emitted from terrestrial ecosystems (Rasmussen and Khalil 1988). Isoprene is a biomarker of  
226 photosynthesis and concentrations are known to positively correlate with light and temperature  
227 (**Figure 4.2**) (Monson and Fall 1989). As reviewed by Vickers et al. (2009), a rich literature  
228 exists demonstrating the role of isoprene as a photosynthesis protector from oxidative stress  
229 caused by high temperature and light. Isoprene has also been shown to quench ozone and  
230 hydrogen peroxide (Loreto and Velikova 2001), singlet oxygen (Velikova et al. 2004) and nitric  
231 oxide (Velikova et al. 2005), suggesting an antioxidant role for isoprene. Recently, investigations  
232 using mango leaves and branches (*Mangifera indica*) as well as ambient air samples from an  
233 enclosed tropical mesocosm and a central Amazon forest support the role of antioxidant  
234 properties of isoprene (Jardine et al. 2012a; Jardine et al. 2013b). Observations of temperature-  
235 stressed leaves from isoprene emitting plants showed production of first generation oxidation  
236 products of isoprene; methyl vinyl ketone (MVK), methacrolein (MAC), and 3-methyl furan (3-  
237 MF). The authors suggested that the emissions of isoprene oxidation products increased with  
238 temperature stress due to direct chemical reactions with ROS, or in other words, in-plant  
239 oxidation of isoprene (**Figure 4.3**).

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241 **[Figure 4.2: isoprene molecule + 3-D tracks light, temp]**

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243 **[Figure 4.3: isoprene oxidation schematic]**

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245 To a large extent, the oxidative power of the lower atmosphere is controlled by ecosystem  
246 emission of biogenic VOCs, especially those that contain carbon-carbon double bonds, such as  
247 volatile isoprenoids, which are readily available for oxidation through reaction with hydroxyl  
248 radicals, ozone and nitrate radicals (Monson 2002b). However, current models cannot adequately  
249 describe atmospheric oxidant levels in biogenically dominated areas like the Amazon Basin  
250 (Lelieveld et al. 2008). The discovery of significant primary emissions of isoprene oxidation  
251 products in the central Amazon (Jardine et al. 2012c) may reduce previous estimates of the effect  
252 of VOCs on the oxidizing power of the troposphere, and increase the role of leaves as a source for  
253 at least the first generation products of VOC oxidation to the atmosphere. These findings may  
254 have important implications for characterizing the oxidizing capacity of the atmosphere and its  
255 impacts on atmospheric chemistry and climate. Understanding lipid production and oxidation  
256 dynamics within plants may be critical for predicting ecosystem response to the increasing  
257 temperature and light as a result of a changing climate. Investigating these mechanistic processes  
258 is complex, because of the very broad scale over which lipid production is influenced and over  
259 which they react. For example isoprene starts at the sub-cellular level in chloroplasts and  
260 ultimately impacts key atmospheric processes, which in turn modify global climate, which in turn  
261 influences isoprene production in the biosphere. Investigation therefore requires a mixture of  
262 expertise and collaborating disciplines.

#### 263 **4.4 BVOC bidirectional biosphere-atmosphere exchange**

264 There is a growing consensus that a large number of oxygenated compounds are both emitted and  
265 consumed by plants and that bidirectional exchange occurs between tropical forests and the  
266 atmosphere (Jardine et al. 2011c; Karl et al. 2005; Jardine et al. 2008; Ganzeveld et al. 2008;  
267 Andreae et al. 1988). The compensation point is the point at which the ambient air mixing ratio of  
268 a BVOC results in a net zero flux, where consumption and emission are balanced.

269 A recent study focused on methanol and acetone Ganzeveld et al. (2008), showed that a  
270 commonly applied algorithm to simulate global acetone and methanol biogenic exchanges  
271 substantially overestimates ambient concentrations and emission strengths (compared with  
272 observations). In contrast, the use of a compensation point approach simulated ambient  
273 concentrations and exchange dynamics that were much more comparable to observations.  
274 Another example comes from studies focused on gas phase formic acid (FA) and acetic acid (AA)  
275 (Kesselmeier 2001; Gabriel et al. 1999; Andreae et al. 1988; Talbot et al. 1990), which are found

276 ubiquitously in the atmosphere (Paulot et al. 2011). Jardine et al. (2011c) conducted a study in a  
277 central Amazon ecosystem comparing ratios of FA to AA (FA/AA) providing the first ecosystem  
278 scale evidence for the bidirectional FA and AA exchange between the forest canopy and the  
279 atmosphere and further estimated an ecosystem compensation point for each acid. While  
280 traditionally viewed strictly as emission sources to the atmosphere, these recent works  
281 demonstrate that plants can act as both a source and sink for BVOCs, especially those that are  
282 intermediates in metabolic pathways. Thus, in order to improve simulations of biosphere-  
283 atmosphere fluxes and atmospheric concentrations of oxygenated VOCs in Earth System Models,  
284 development of modeling approaches that embrace the bidirectional exchange of BVOCs  
285 warrants further investigation.

#### 286 **4.5 Conclusions**

287 Studies of biogenic volatile organic compounds within the Amazon have been conducted for  
288 nearly 30 years (Rasmussen and Khalil 1988; Andreae et al. 1988), however, we are still at the  
289 forefront of our understanding of what BVOCs are emitted from vegetation, the metabolic  
290 pathways that produce them within plants, their functional roles in terrestrial ecosystems, and  
291 how these roles may change under a changing climate. Some of the basic yet extremely important  
292 questions to address with respect to BVOCs in the Amazon are: (i) What are the identities,  
293 concentrations and fluxes of BVOC emissions from individual tree species and whole  
294 ecosystems? (ii) What are the functional biological roles of BVOCs and what roles will they play  
295 under future land use and climate change? and (iii) What controls the amount of assimilated  
296 carbon allocated to the production and emission of BVOCs in relation to non volatile metabolites  
297 and respiratory processes?

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299 Addressing these questions requires intensive observations at both the plant species and  
300 ecosystem scales within the Amazon Basin. As highly sensitive analytical chemistry tools  
301 become available, the identification and quantification of novel BVOCs is also emerging. The  
302 promising area of research, volatile metabolomics, is beginning to provide noninvasive  
303 methodologies to develop a mechanistic understanding of BVOC metabolism and therefore may  
304 lead to new understanding of the functional roles of BVOCs at the plant and ecosystem scales. In  
305 turn, improvements in Earth System Models can further our ability to predict changes in BVOC  
306 impacts on atmospheric chemistry and climate.

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579 **Figure and Table Captions**

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581 **Figure 4.1.** A simplified representation of the flow of carbon in the cytosol, chloroplast  
582 and mitochondria, which produce classes of biogenic volatile organic compounds  
583 (BVOCs) in photosynthetic cells during primary and secondary metabolism.

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585 **Figure 4.2.** A snapshot of the diurnal patterns of isoprene concentration variations over a  
586 three-day period measured from a tower in a central Amazon forest. The x-axis represents  
587 time, while the y-axis shows measurement heights from 2 meters above the ground to 10  
588 meters above the canopy. The color scale ranges from minimum (blue) to maximum  
589 (black) concentrations. The vertical gradients show clear sources within the under canopy  
590 (10 - 17 m) and canopy (30 m) layers corresponding with maximum temperature and  
591 light at midday and minimum concentrations at night. A sudden drop in concentration at  
592 all heights occurring during a rain event which decreased temperatures and light and  
593 likely diminished ecosystem photosynthesis is also observable.

594 **Figure 4.3.** A simplified schematic showing the production of isoprene and its oxidation  
595 products methyl vinyl ketone and methacrolein in plants as well as their emission to the  
596 atmosphere.

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598 **Table 1:** Example of isoprene (red text) and fatty acid (black text) peroxidation  
599 biomarkers from plants under oxidative stress.