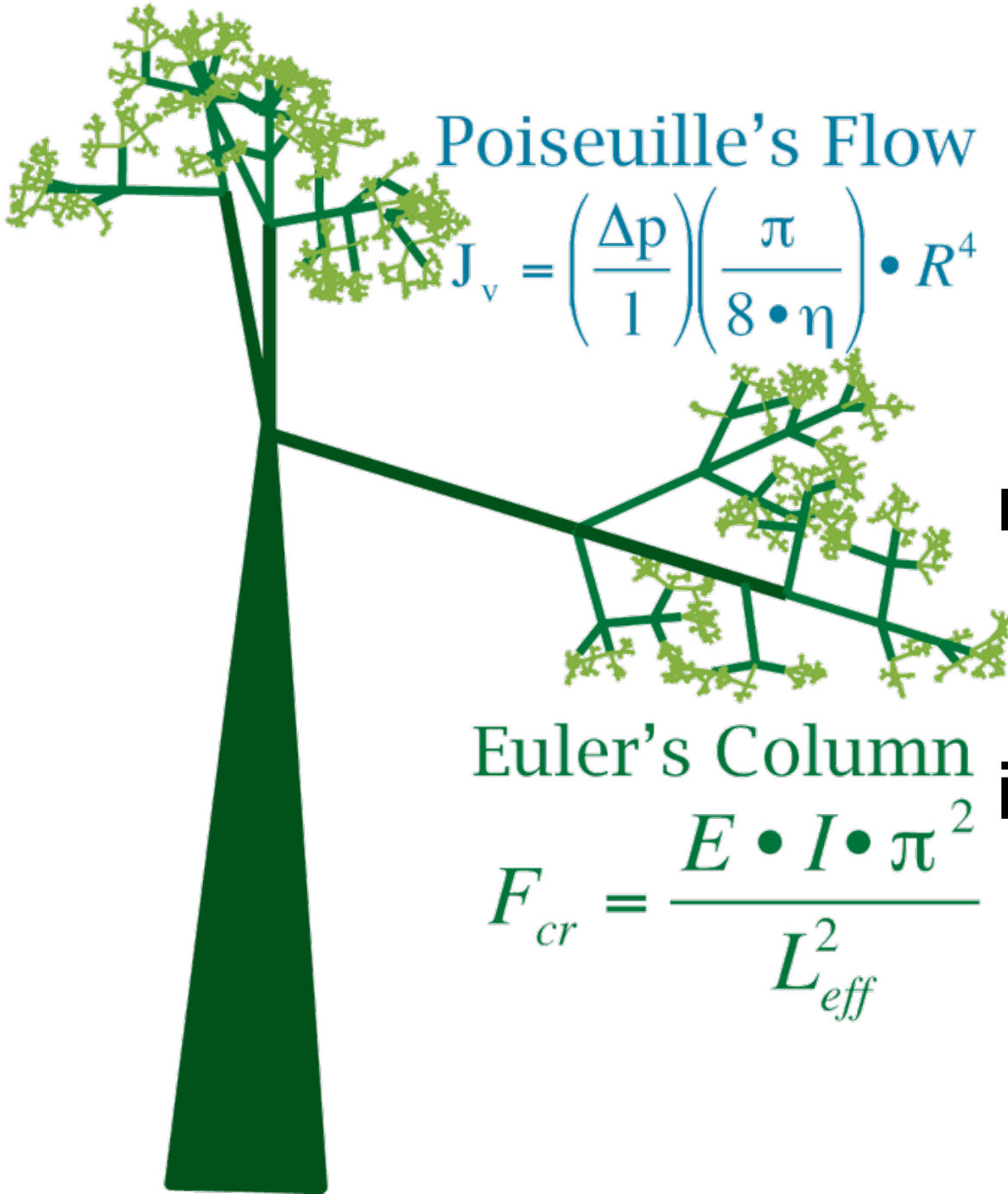


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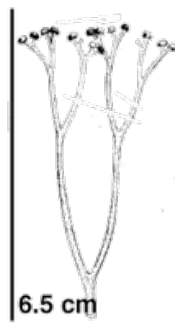
Poiseuille's Flow

$$J_v = \left( \frac{\Delta p}{l} \right) \left( \frac{\pi}{8 \cdot \eta} \right) \cdot R^4$$

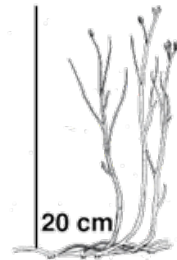
Euler's Column

$$F_{cr} = \frac{E \cdot I \cdot \pi^2}{L_{eff}^2}$$

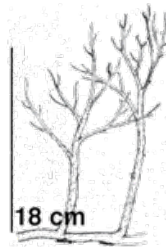
The nature  
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*Cooksonia*

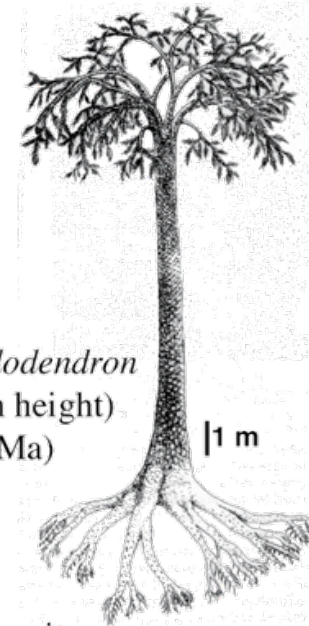
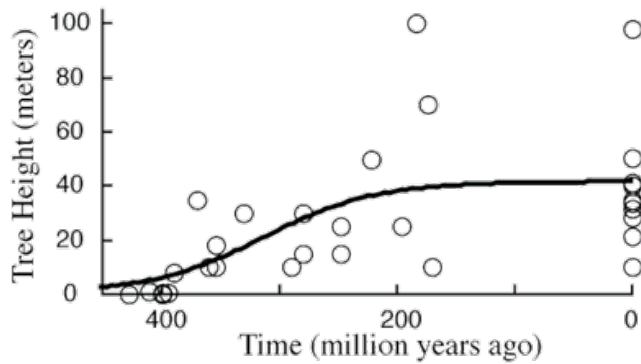
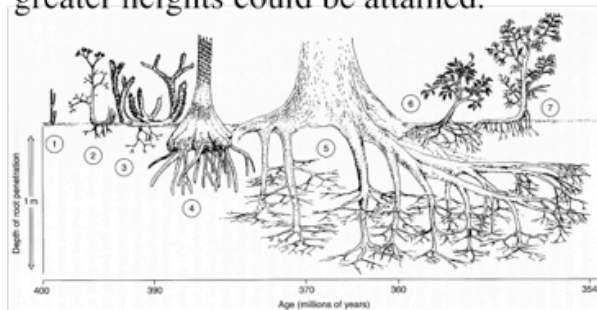


*Aglaophyton major*

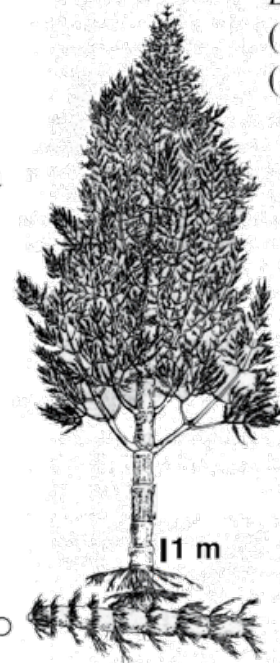


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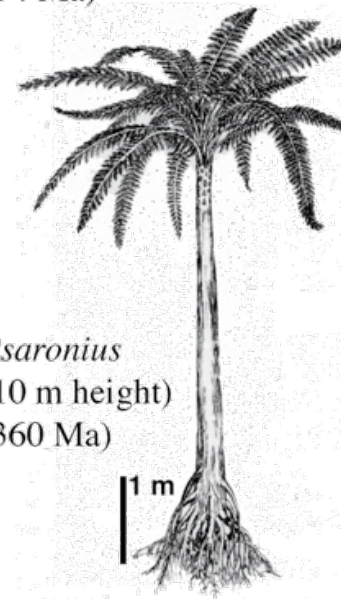
With the development of roots, providing a source of water and mechanical support, greater heights could be attained.



*Lepidodendron*  
(35 m height)  
(380 Ma)

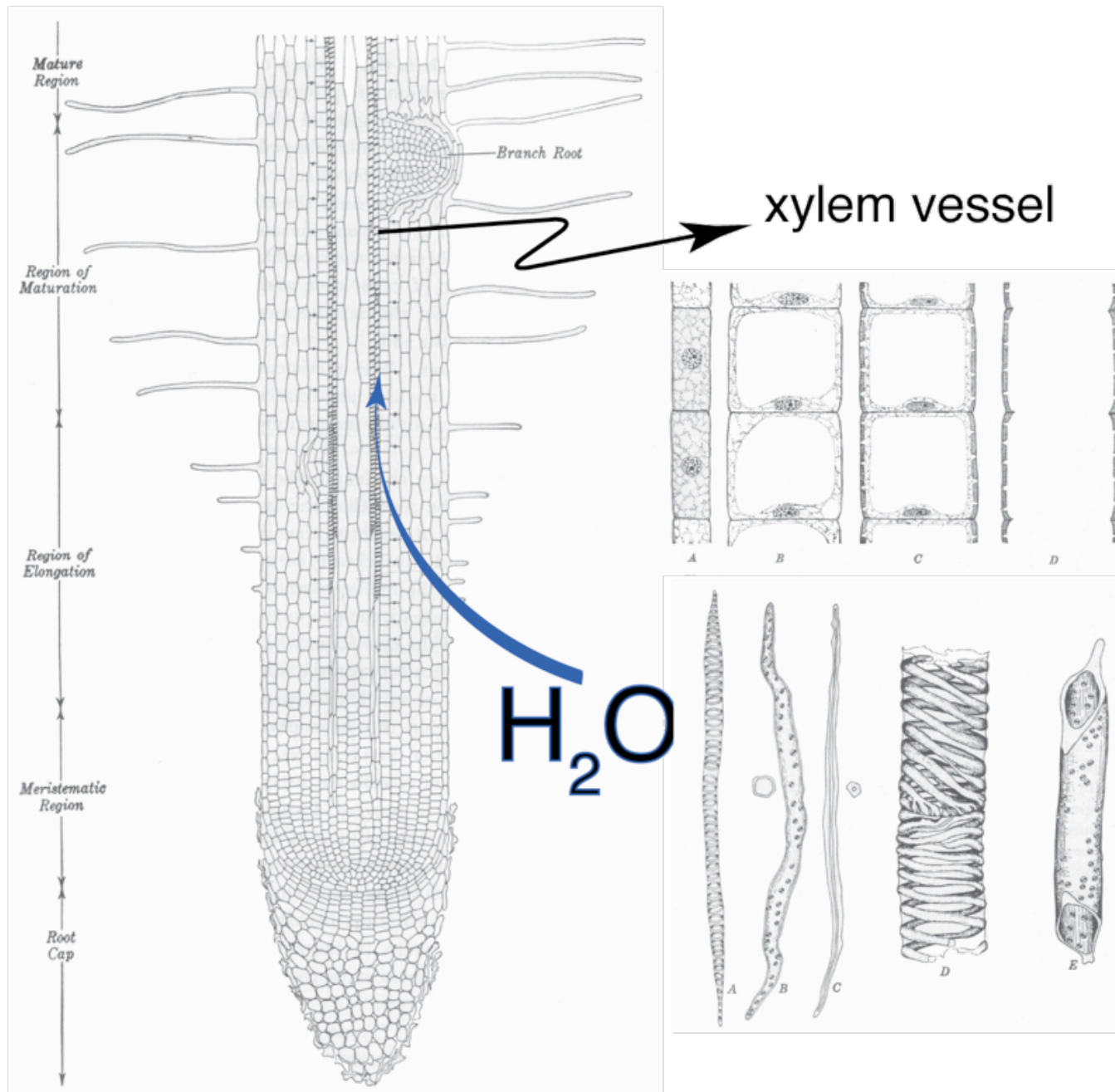


*Calamites*  
(18 m height)  
(354 Ma)

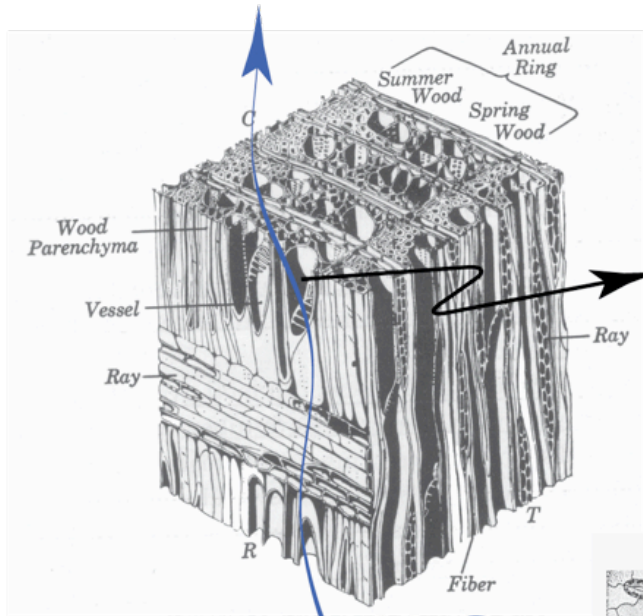


*Psaronius*  
(10 m height)  
(360 Ma)

<sup>[1]</sup>Source: Willis, K.J. and J.C. McElwain 2002. The Evolution of Plants. Oxford University Press.

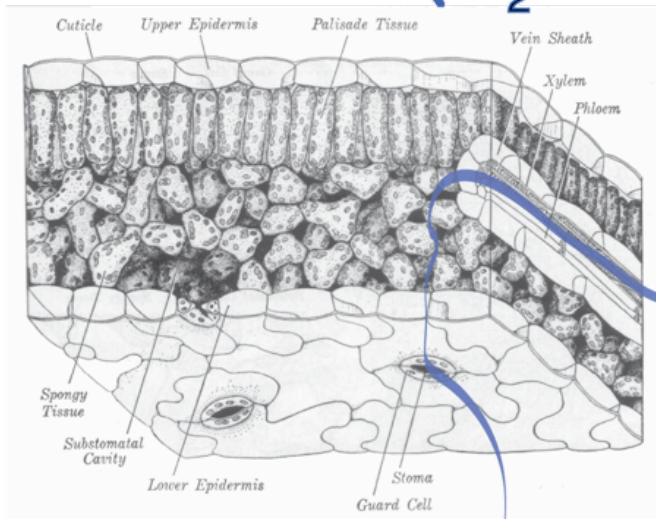


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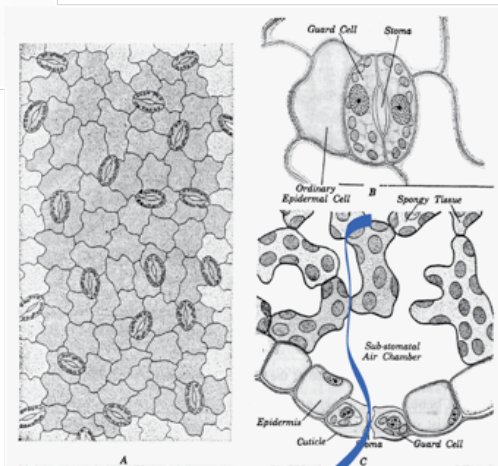


xylem vessel

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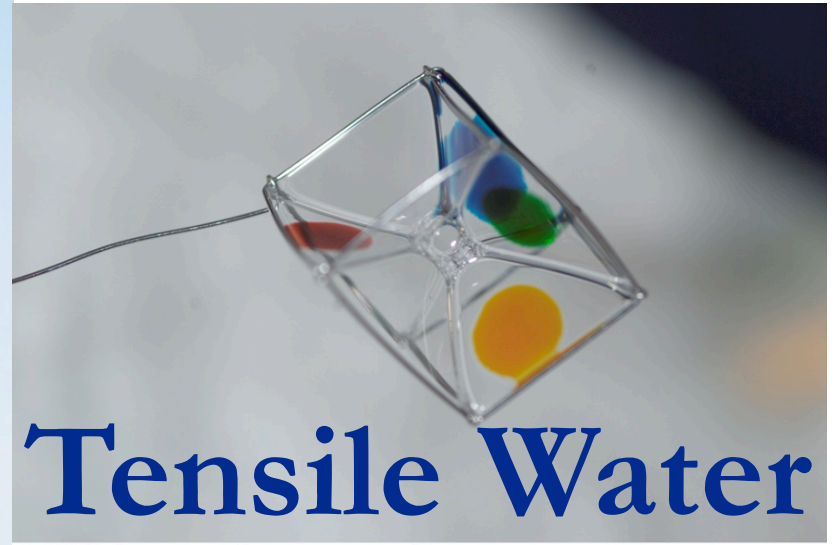
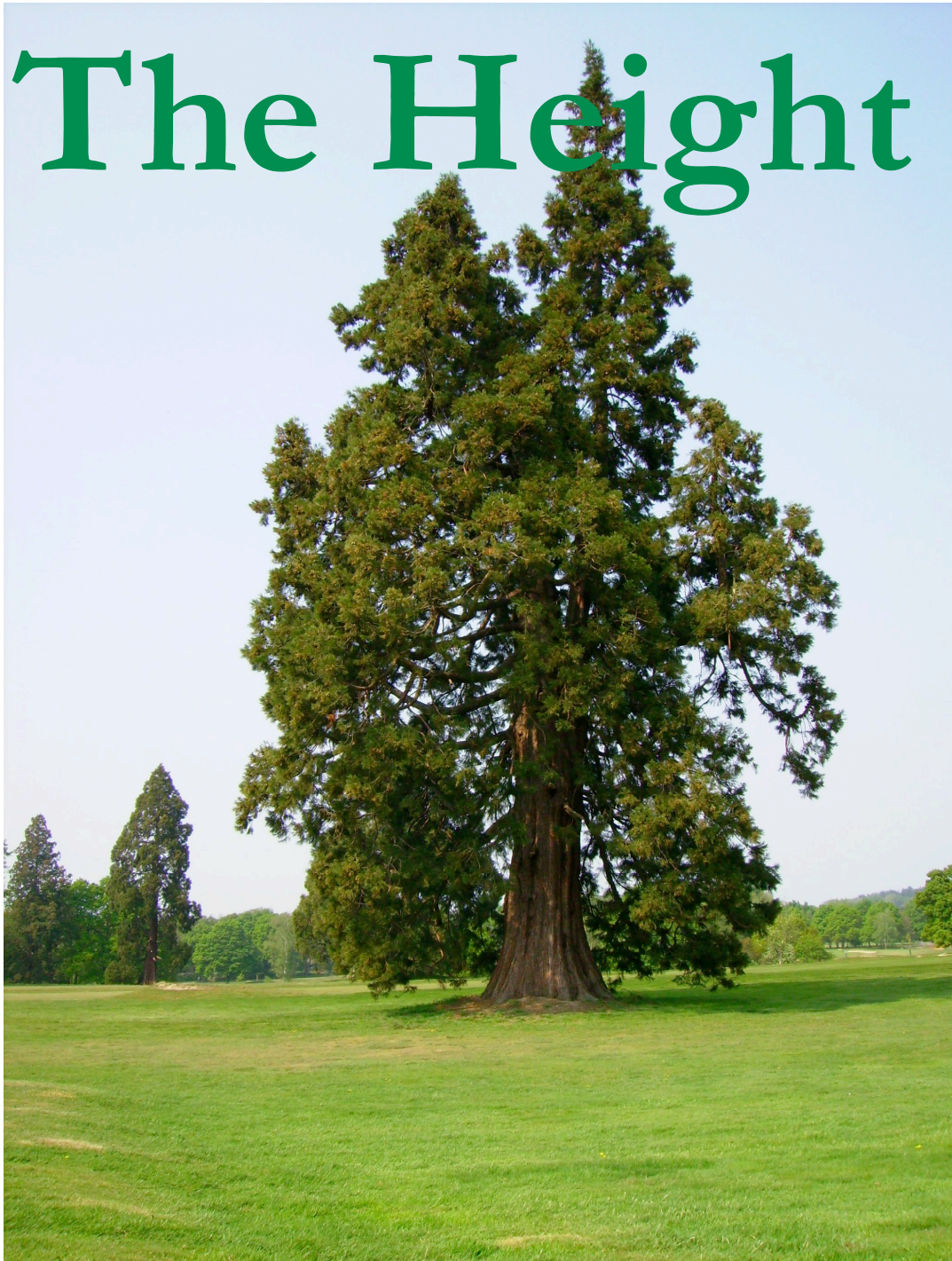


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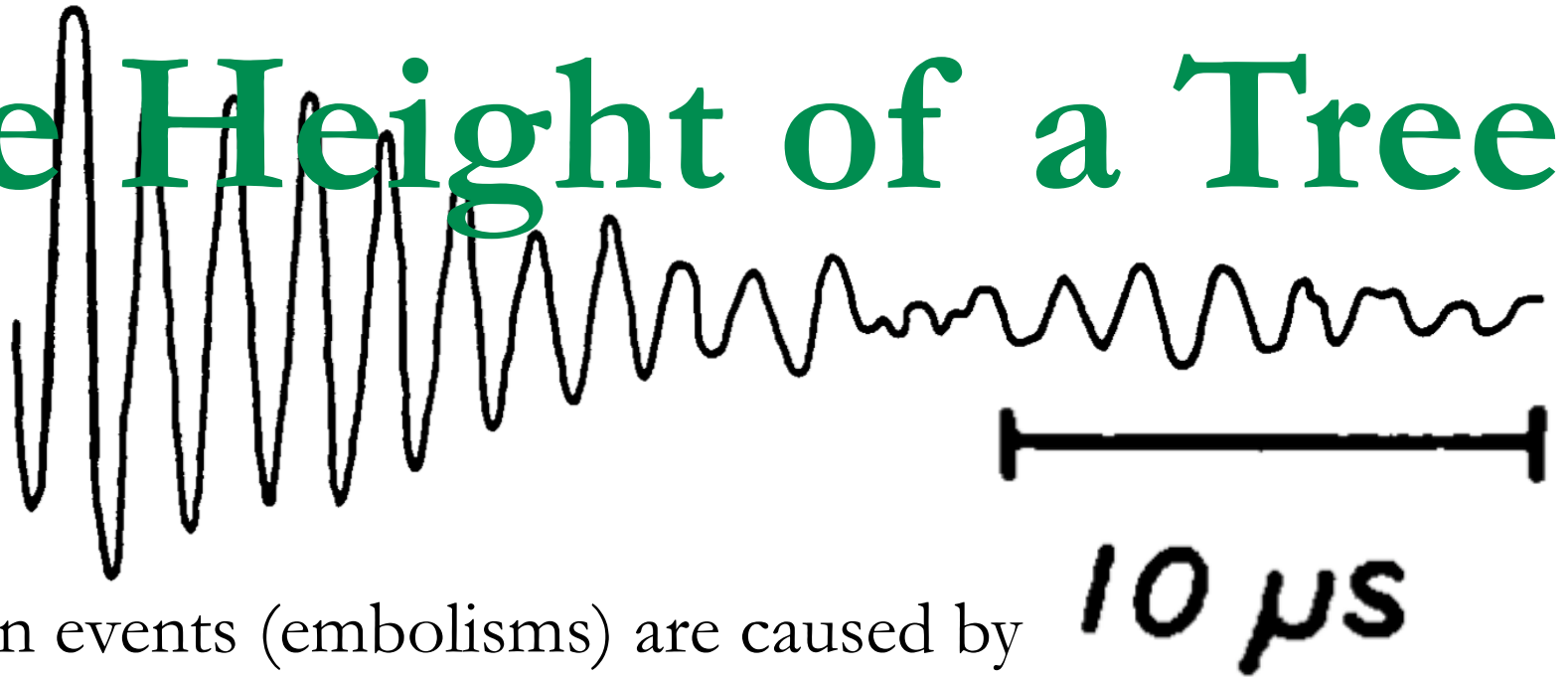
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Cavitation events (embolisms) are caused by breakage of water capillaries in the xylem vessels.

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