

Pflanzliche Anpassung an Phosphorverfügbarkeit



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**Stress- und Entwicklungsbiologie
(Scheel)**

**Stoffwechsel- und Zellbiologie
(Tissier)**



**Molekulare Signalverarbeitung
(Abel)**

**Natur- und Wirkstoffchemie
(Wessjohann)**

Essential Plant Mineral Nutrients

CO_2

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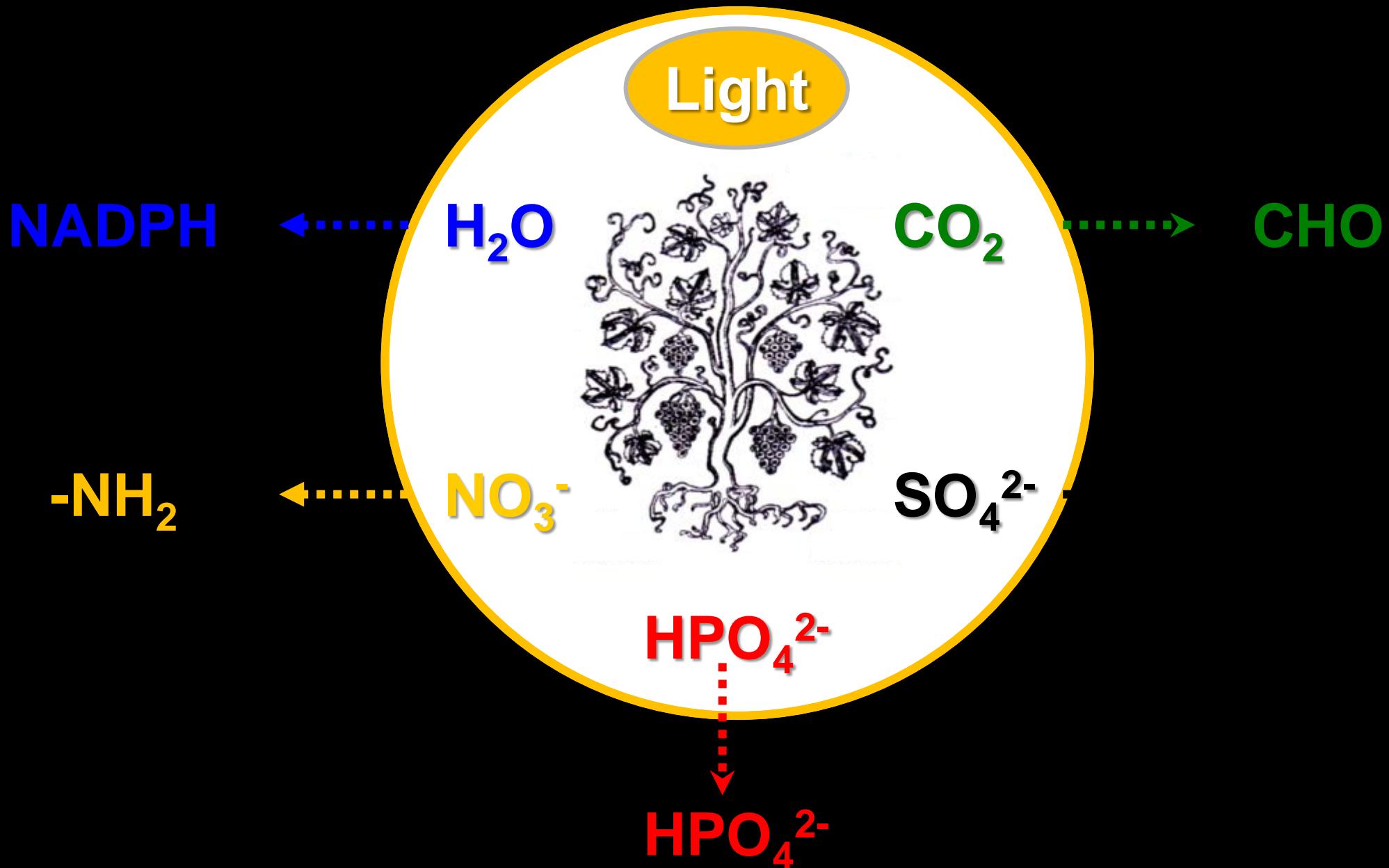
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“Bioenergetics” of Macronutrient Assimilation

Electronegativity

3.4 O • • O

3.0 N • • O

2.6 S • • O

2.6 C • • O

2.2 H • • O

2.1 P • • O

Polarity
(X → O)

Energy Requirements for Reduction



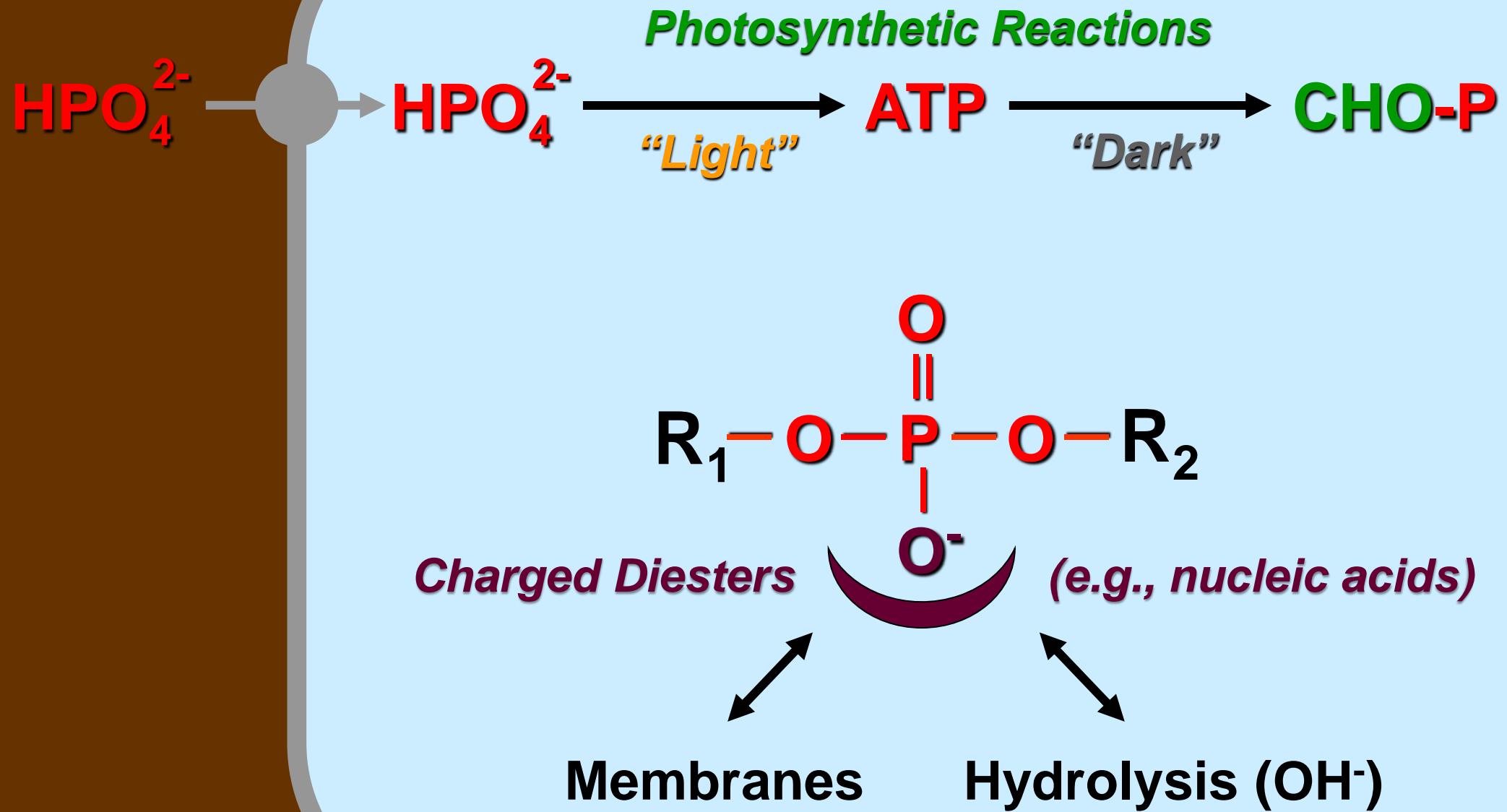
Reduction
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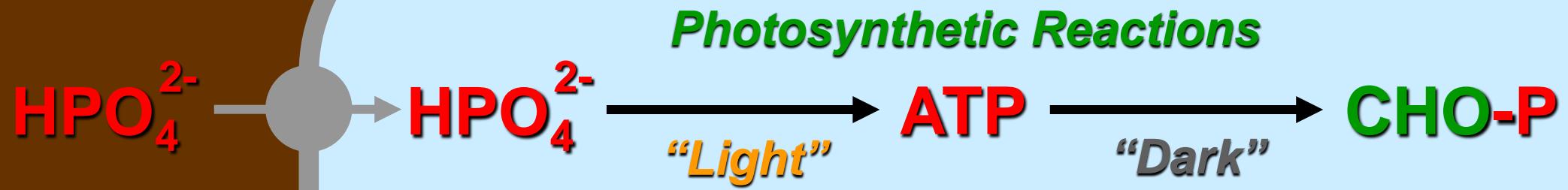
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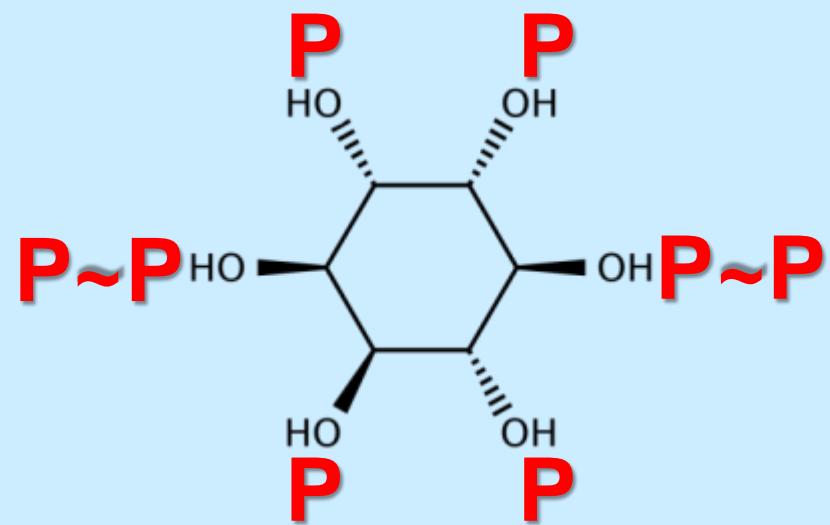
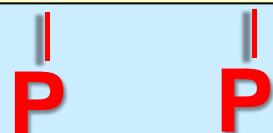
Phosphorus and Hesperus
Evelyn De Morgan (1889)

Phōsphoros: “The bearer of light”





Proteins



Inositol Polyphosphates ($\text{IP}_3 - \text{IP}_8$)

IP_6 : Auxin Receptor

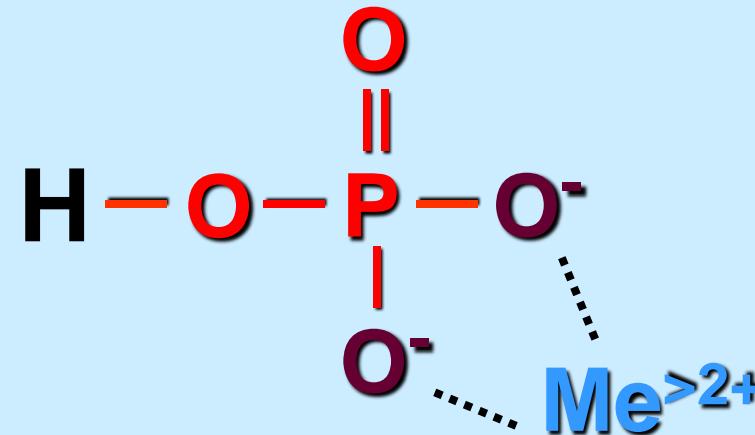
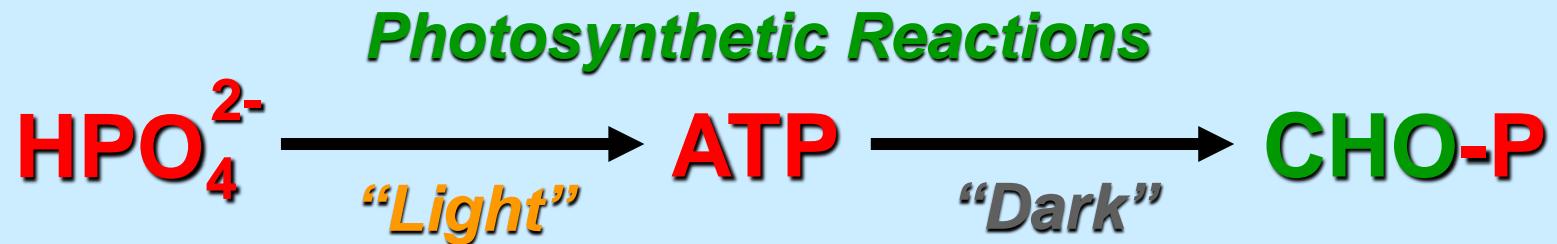
IP_5 : Jasmonate Receptor

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Elemental
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(%)

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Si	27.7
Al	8.1
Fe	5.0
Ca	3.6
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($10^{-20} \dots 10^{-44}$)



Ca²⁺



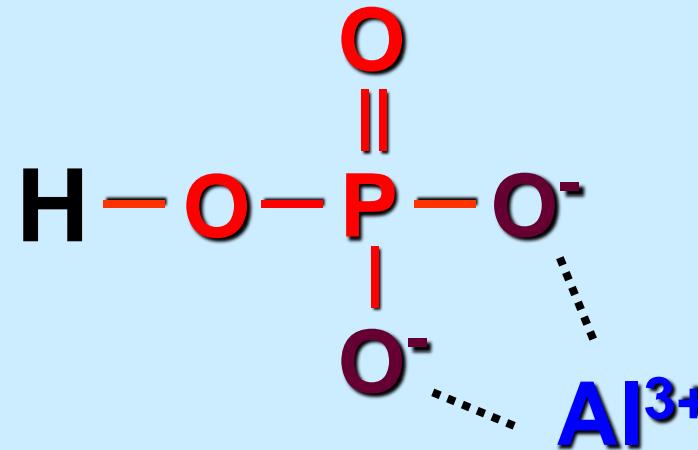
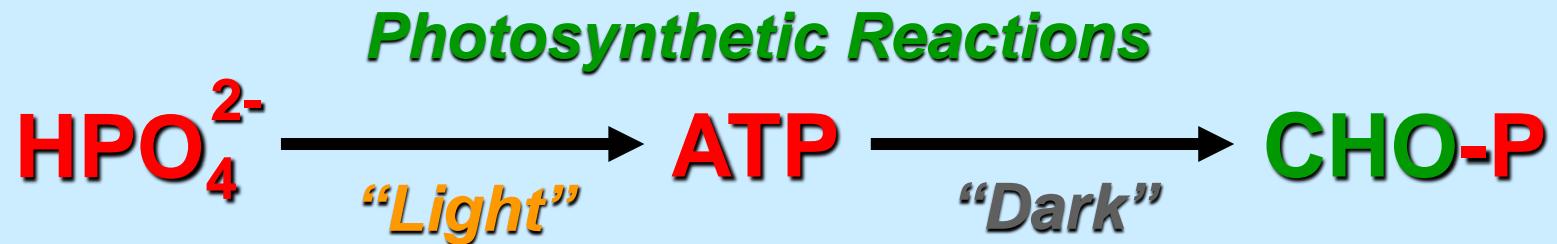
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Aluminium Toxicity



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Rhizosphere



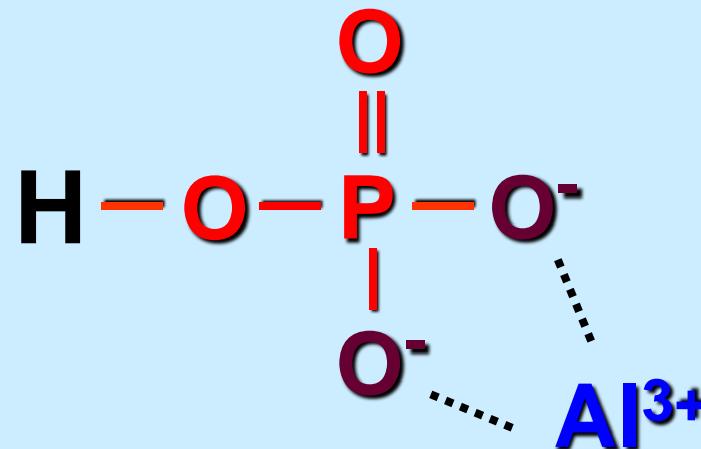
< 2 μM

> 1 mM

Insoluble
P-Salts

Organic-P
(30-95%)

Low P
Bioavailability

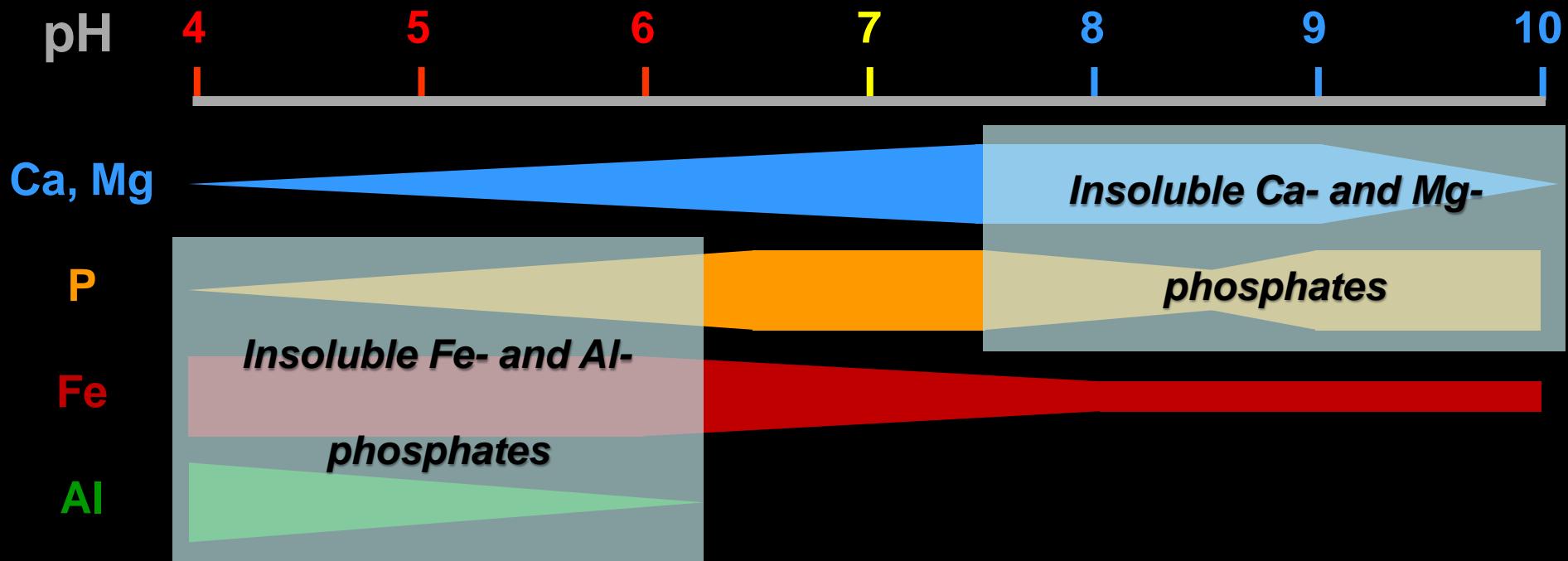


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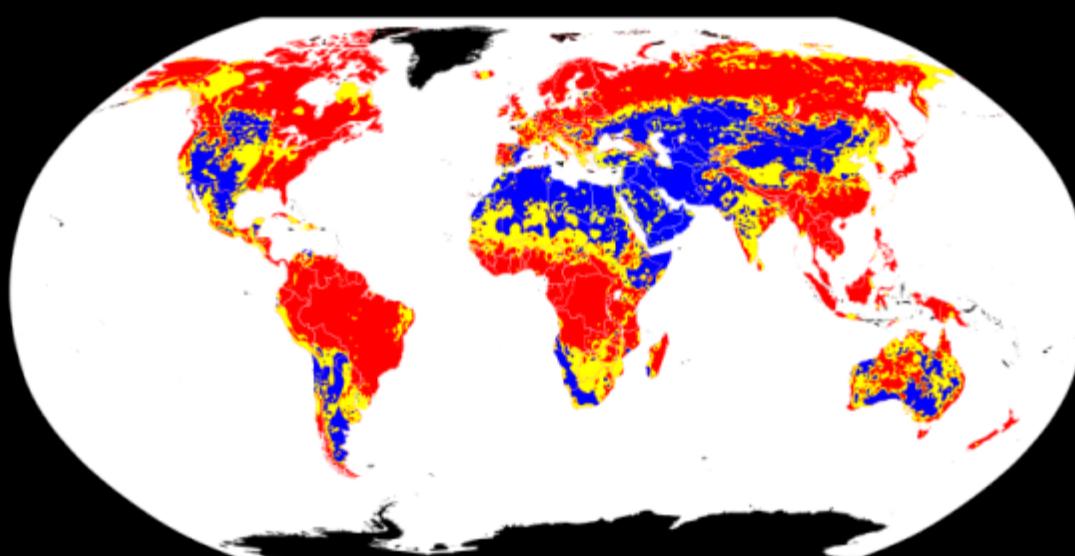
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Limited P Bioavailability on a Global Scale



World Soils
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No P-Fertilization

Australia

P-Fertilization

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/mycrop/phosphorus-deficiency-wheat>



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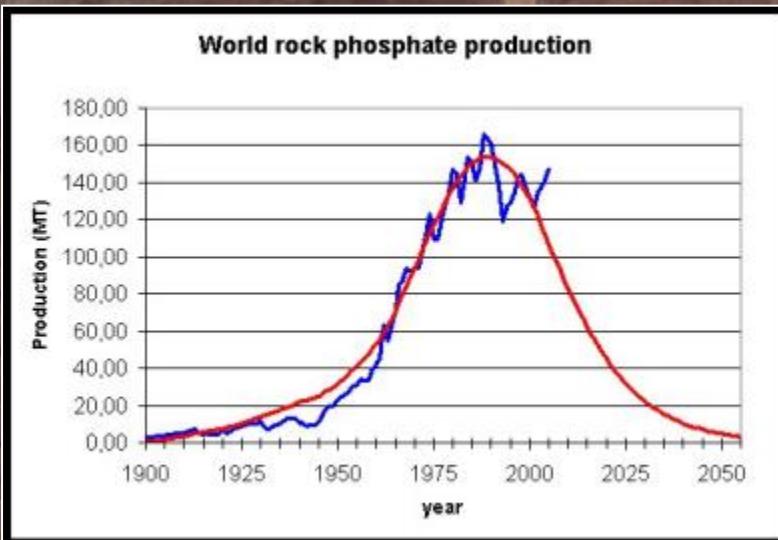


<http://www.manna.de>



P-Fertilization

Hypericum hidcote (Großblumiges Johanniskraut)



THE DISAPPEARING NUTRIENT

Phosphate-based fertilizers have helped spur agricultural gains in the past century, but the world may soon run out of them. **Natasha Gilbert** investigates the potential phosphate crisis.

Nature, October 2009

Phosphorus: A Looming Crisis

This underappreciated resource—a key part of fertilizers—is still decades from running out. But we must act now to conserve it, or future agriculture will collapse • By David A. Vaccari

KEY CONCEPTS

- Mining phosphorus for fertilizer is consuming the mineral faster than geologic cycles can replenish it. The U.S. may run out of its accessible domestic sources in a few decades, and few other countries have substantial reserves, which could also be depleted in about a century.
- Excess phosphorus in waterways helps to feed algal blooms, which starve fish of oxygen, creating "dead zones."
- Reducing soil erosion and recycling phosphorus from farm and human waste could help make food production sustainable and prevent algal blooms.

—The Editors

As complex as the chemistry of life may be, the conditions for the vigorous growth of plants often boil down to three numbers, say, 19-12-5. Those are the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, prominently displayed on every package of fertilizer. In the 20th century the three nutrients enabled agriculture to increase its productivity and the world's population to grow more than sixfold. But what is their source? We obtain nitrogen from the air, but we must mine phosphorus and potassium. The world has enough potassium to last several centuries. But phosphorus is a different story. Readily available global supplies may start running out by the end of this century. By then our population may have reached a peak that some say is beyond what the planet can sustainably feed.

Moreover, trouble may surface much sooner. As last year's oil price swings have shown, markets can tighten long before a given resource is anywhere near its end. And reserves of phosphorus are even less evenly distributed than oil's, raising additional supply concerns. The U.S. is the world's second-largest producer of phosphorus (after China), at 19 percent of the total, but 65 percent of that amount comes from a single source: pit mines near Tampa, Fla., which may

not last more than a few decades. Meanwhile nearly 40 percent of global reserves are controlled by a single country, Morocco, sometimes referred to as the "Saudi Arabia of phosphorus." Although Morocco is a stable, friendly nation, the imbalance makes phosphorus a geostrategic ticking time bomb.

In addition, fertilizers take an environmental toll. Modern agricultural practices have tripled the natural rate of phosphorus depletion from the land, and excessive runoff into waterways is feeding uncontrolled algal blooms and throwing aquatic ecosystems off-kilter. While little attention has been paid to it as compared with other elements such as carbon or nitrogen, phosphorus has become one of the most significant sustainability issues of our time.

Green Revelation

My interest in phosphorus dates back to the mid-1990s, when I became involved in a NASA program aiming to learn how to grow food in space. The design of such a system requires a careful analysis of the cycles of all elements that go into food and that would need to be recycled within the closed environment of a spaceship. Such know-how may be necessary for a future trip to Mars, which would last almost three years.

Crisis

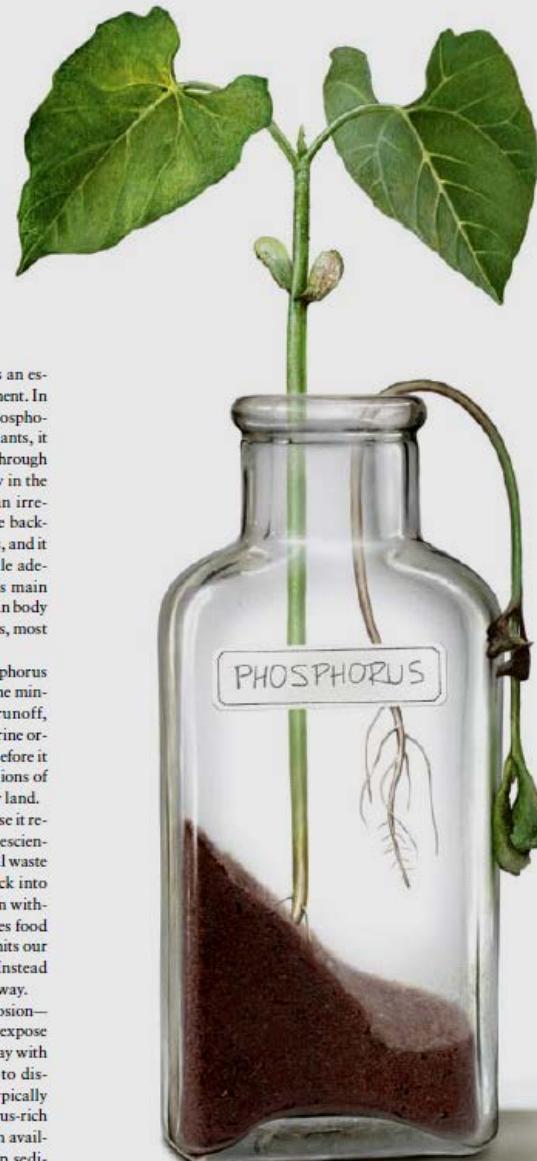
Our planet is also a spaceship: it has an essentially fixed total amount of each element. In the natural cycle, weathering releases phosphorus from rocks into soil. Taken up by plants, it enters the food chain and makes its way through every living being. Phosphorus—usually in the form of the phosphate ion PO_4^{3-} —is an irreplaceable ingredient of life. It forms the backbone of DNA and of cellular membranes, and it is the crucial component in the molecule adenosine triphosphate, or ATP—the cell's main form of energy storage. An average human body contains about 650 grams of phosphorus, most of it in our bones.

Land ecosystems use and reuse phosphorus in local cycles an average of 46 times. The mineral then, through weathering and runoff, makes its way into the ocean, where marine organisms may recycle it some 800 times before it passes into sediments. Over tens of millions of years tectonic uplift may return it to dry land.

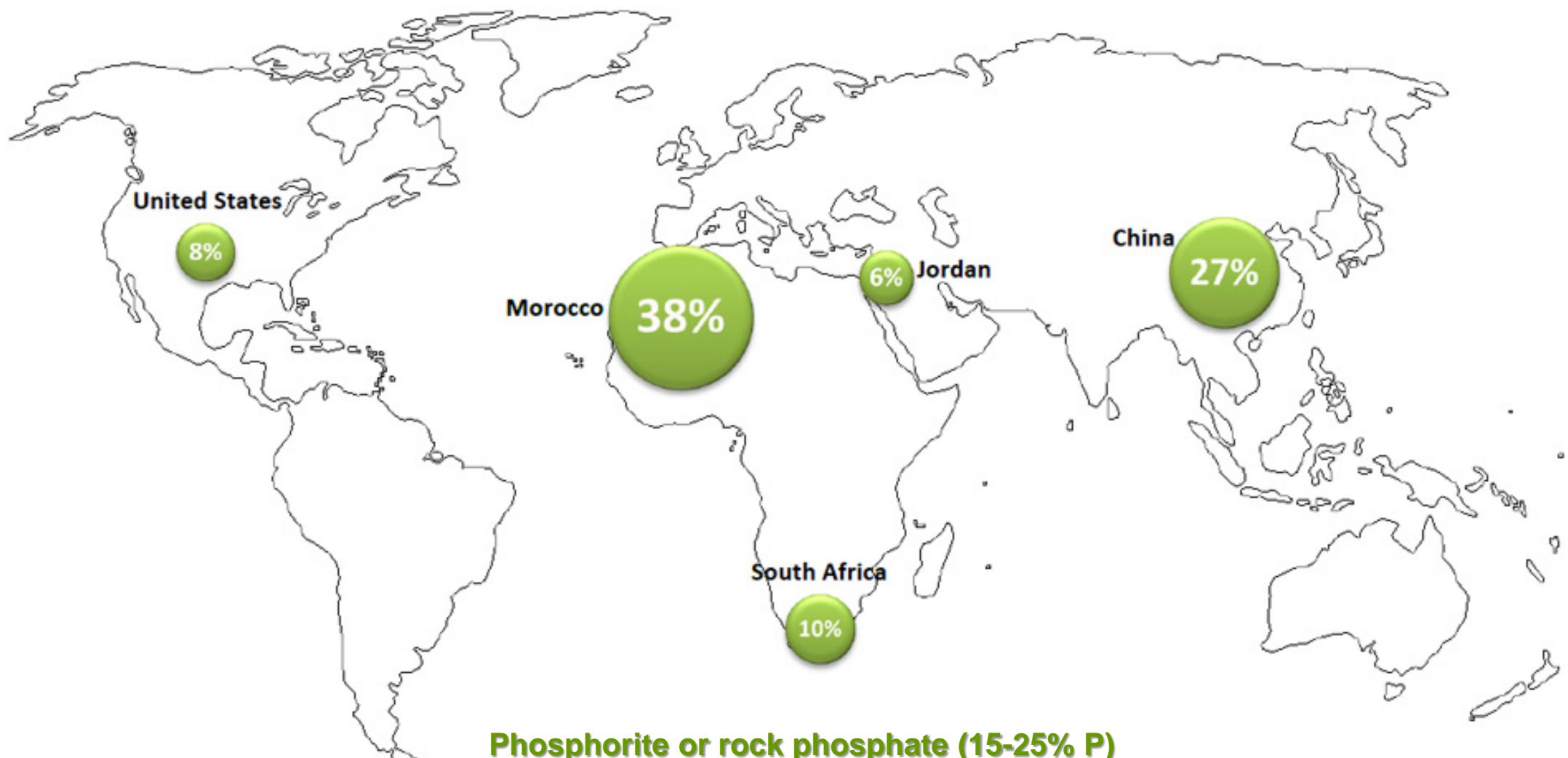
Harvesting breaks up the cycle because it removes phosphorus from the land. In prehistoric agriculture, when human and animal waste served as fertilizers, nutrients went back into the soil at roughly the rate they had been withdrawn. But our modern society separates food production and consumption, which limits our ability to return nutrients to the land. Instead we use them once and then flush them away.

Agriculture also accelerates land erosion—because plowing and tilling disturb and expose the soil—so more phosphorus drains away with runoff. And flood control contributes to disrupting the natural phosphorus cycle. Typically river floods would redistribute phosphorus-rich sediment to lower lands where it is again available for ecosystems. Instead dams trap sedi-

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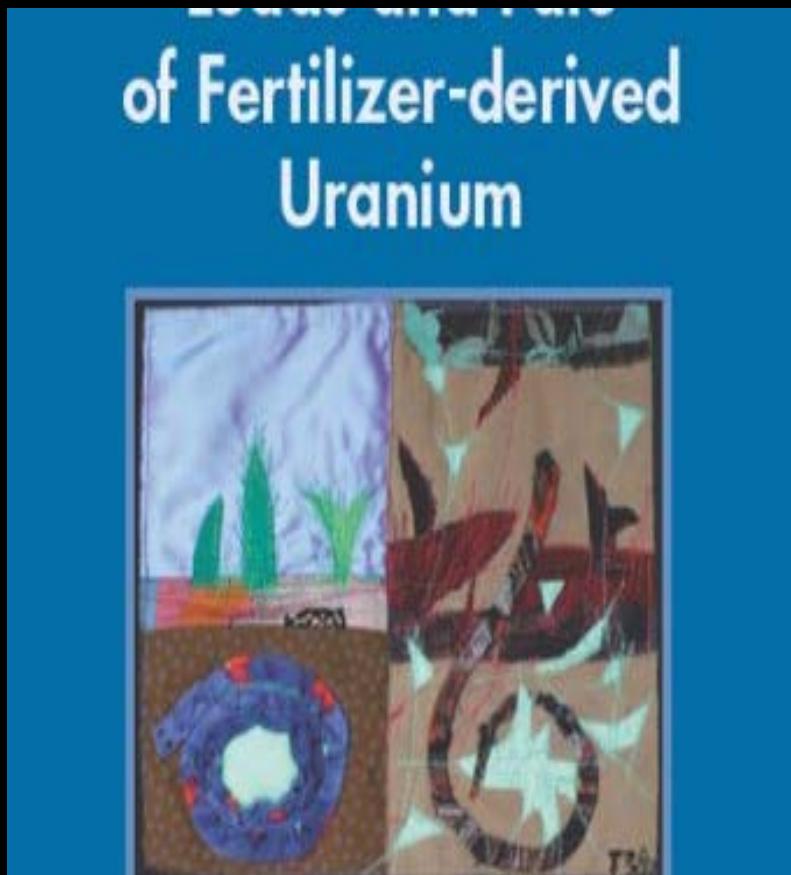
Global distribution of phosphate reserves



Source: 2009 USGS

Annual use of P-fertilizers worldwide: > 40 Million tons (ca. \$25 Billion)

Heavy Metal Contamination and Eutrophication



Cadmium and Uranium in German and Brazilian Phosphorous Fertilizers

Geerd A. Smidt, Franziska C. Landes, Leandro Machado de Carvalho, Andrea Koschinsky, Ewald Schnug

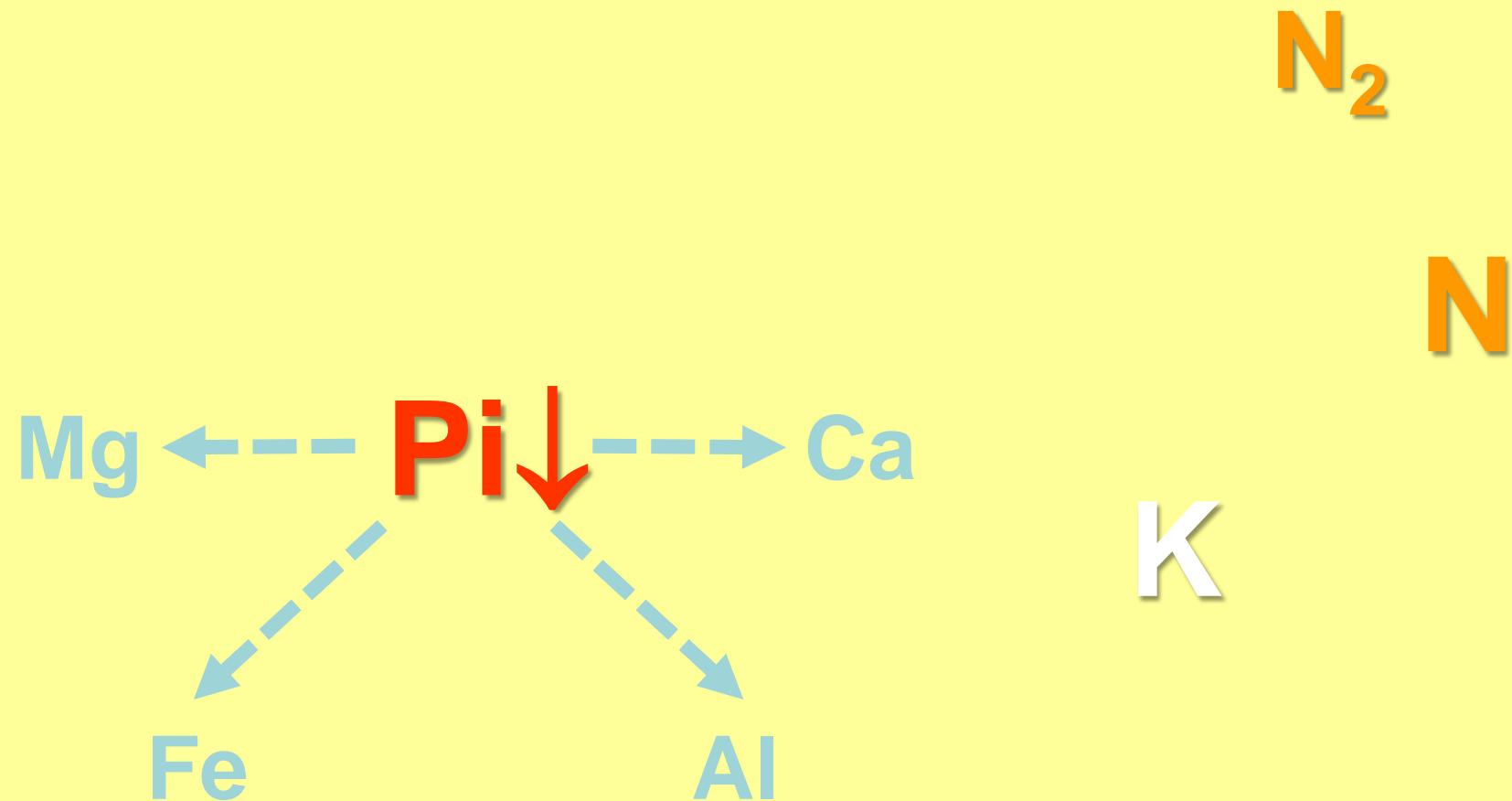
Abstract. A collection of phosphorous (P) fertilizers used in Germany ($N=75$) and southern Brazil ($N=39$) was analyzed for cadmium (Cd) and uranium (U). Both collections show high mean concentrations of Cd (12.0 and 18.6 mg/kg respectively) and U (61.3 and 70.16 mg/kg respectively), while maximum concentrations of 56 mg Cd/kg and up to 200 mg U/kg were found. Currently, up to 42 t Cd and 228 t U are distributed annually on German and 611 t Cd and 1614 t on Brazilian agricultural soils by mineral P fertilizers.



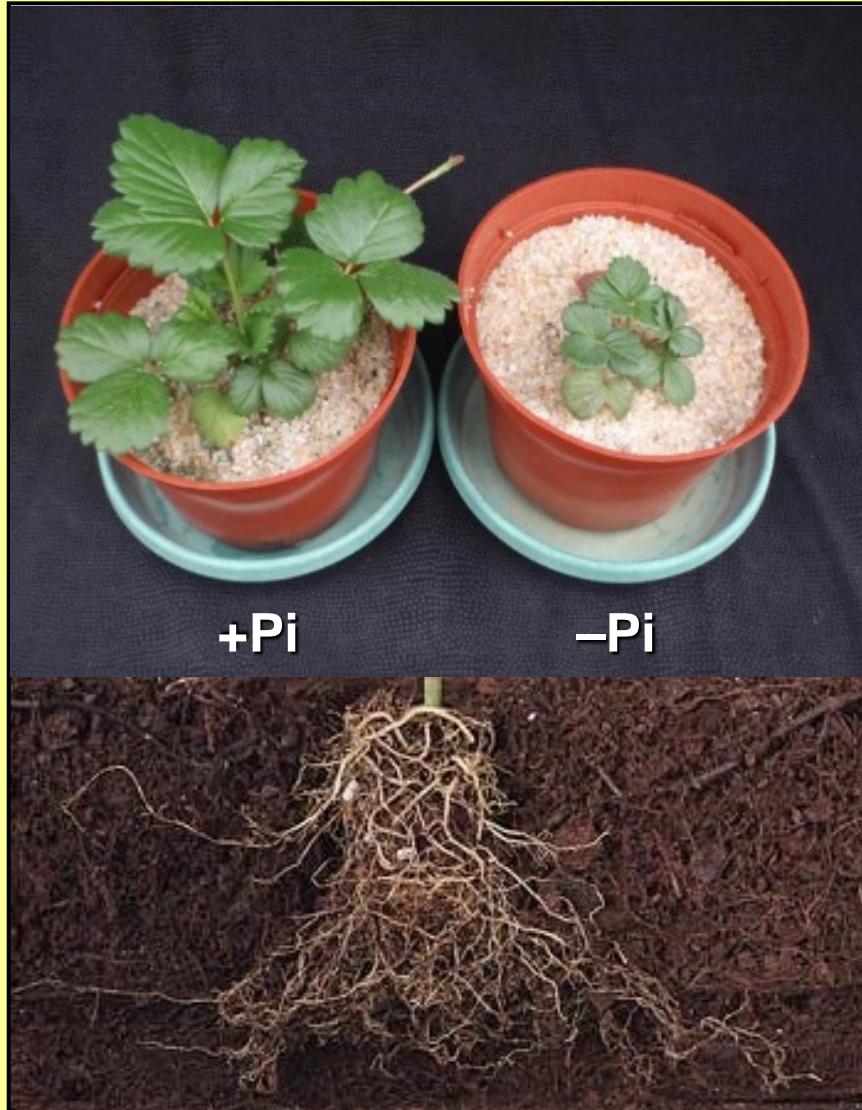
**"PHOSPHORUS USE
EFFICIENCY IN
LOW LAND PADDY"**

Only 15-30% of applied fertilizer P is taken up

Plant Responses to Phosphate (Pi) Limitation



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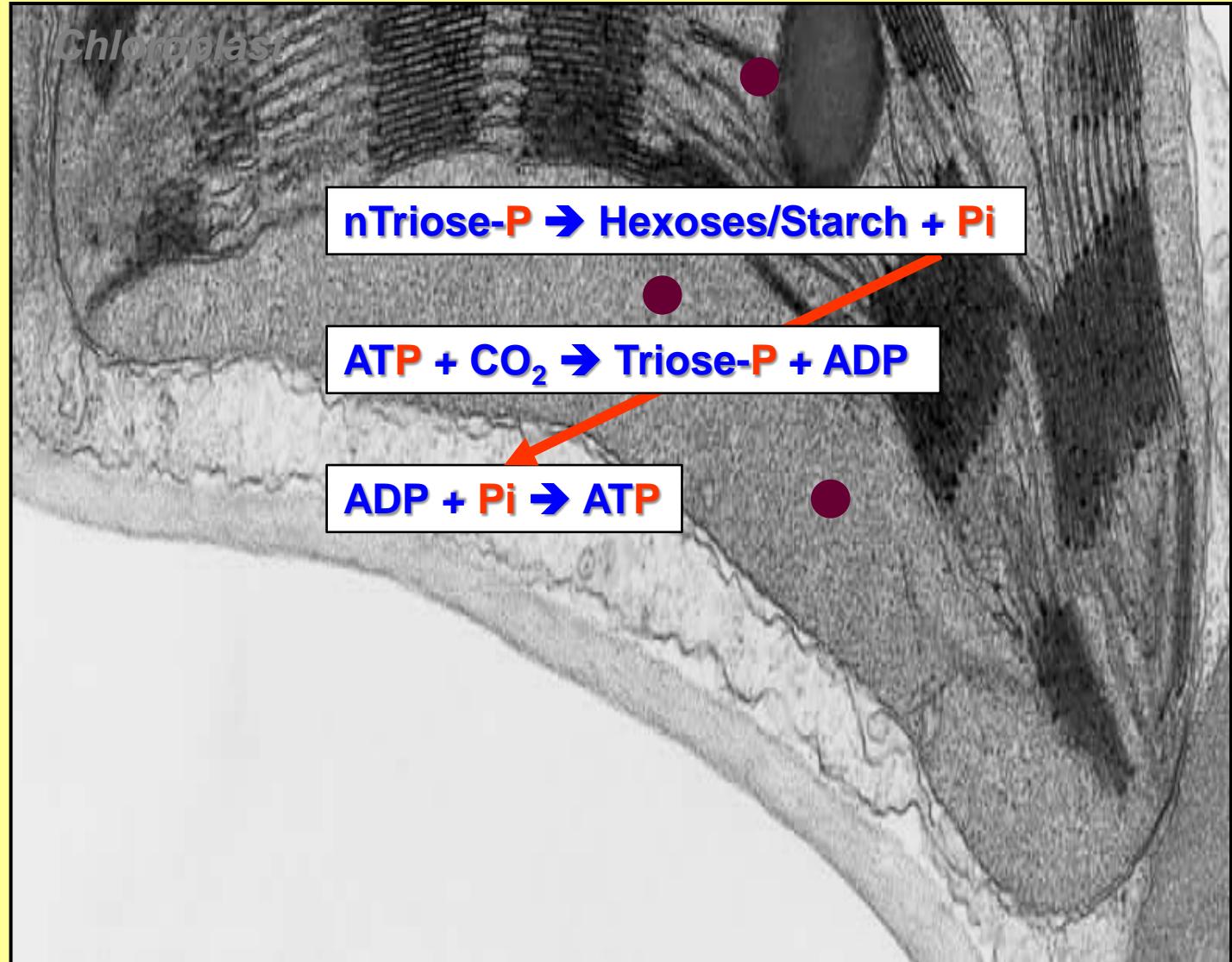
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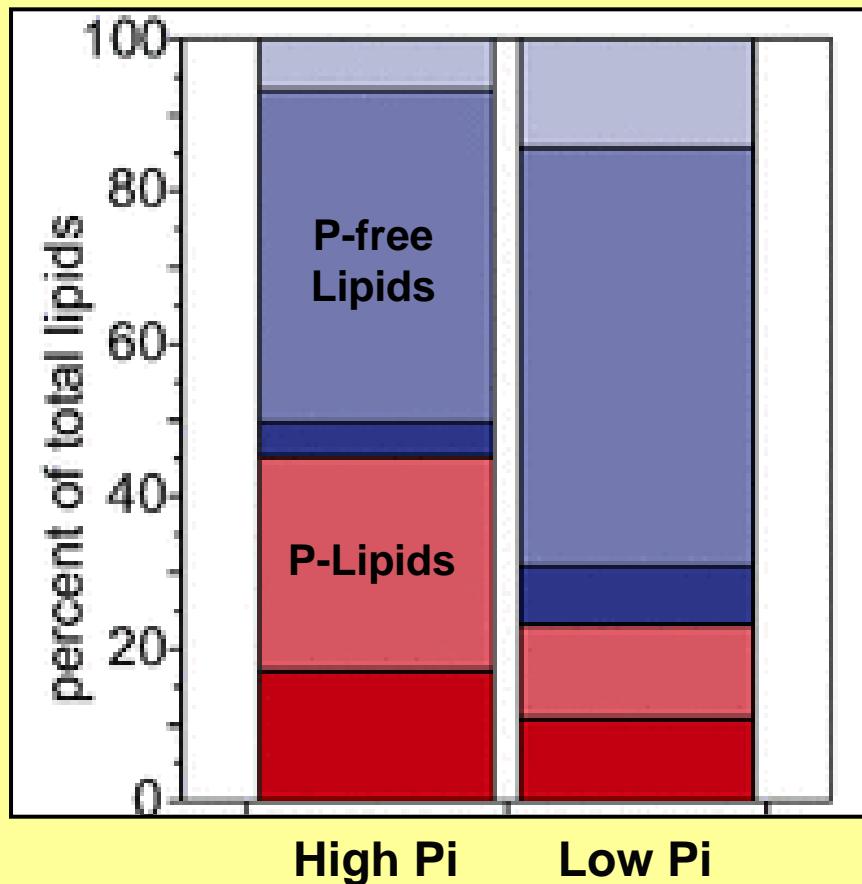
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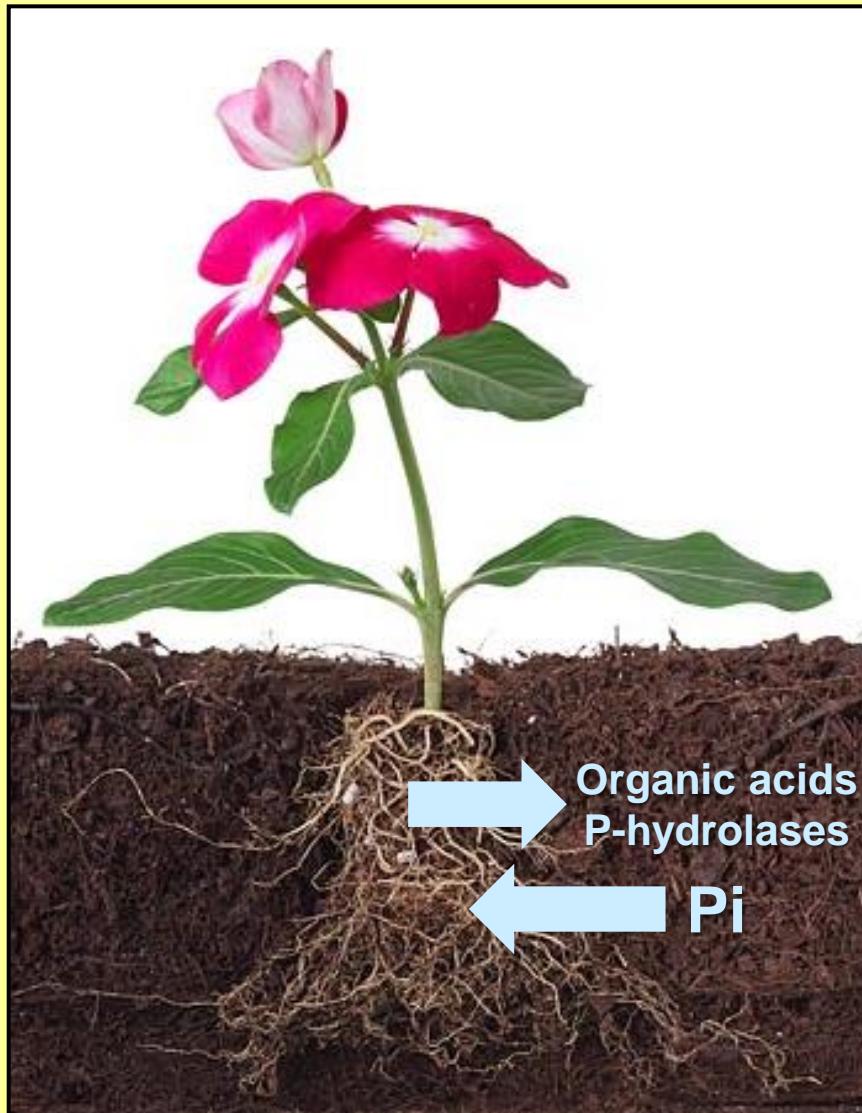
Carini et al. (2015) PNAS 112:7767-7772

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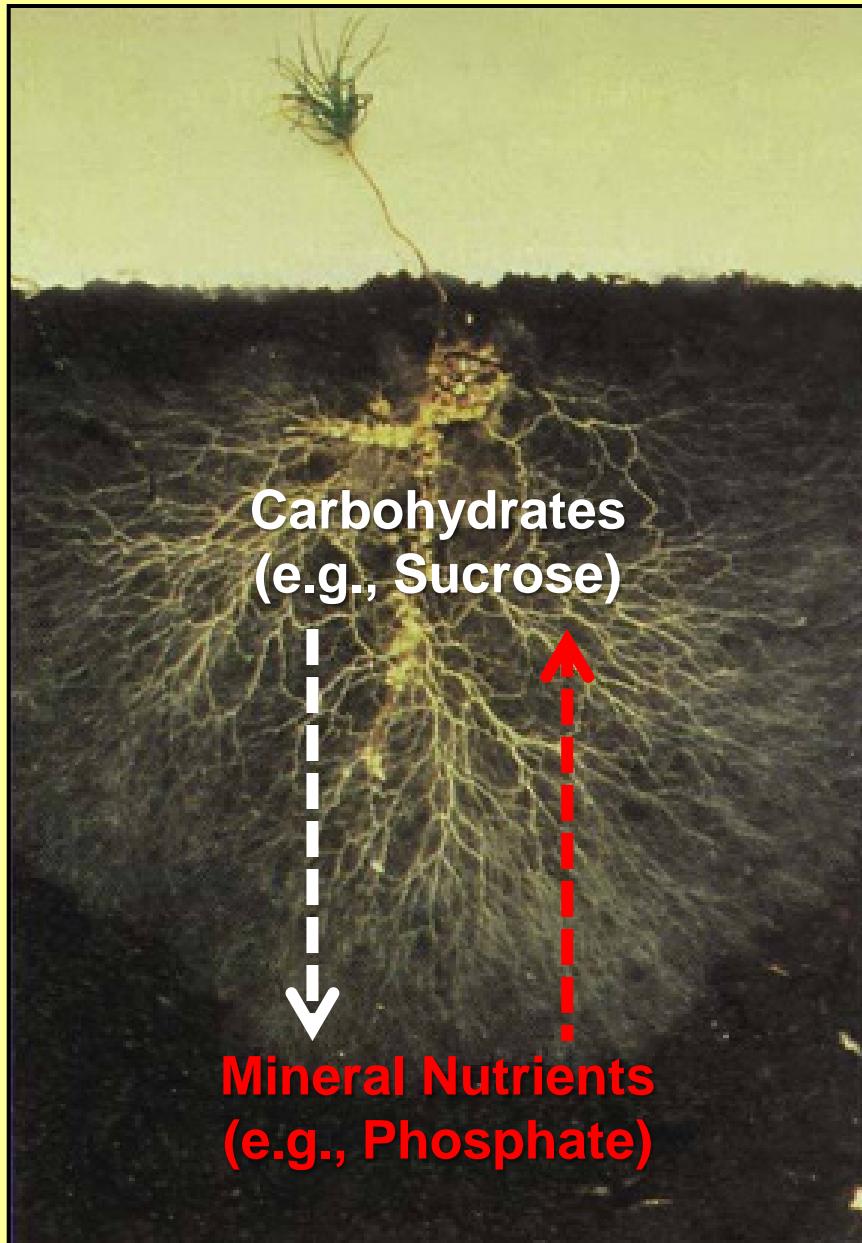
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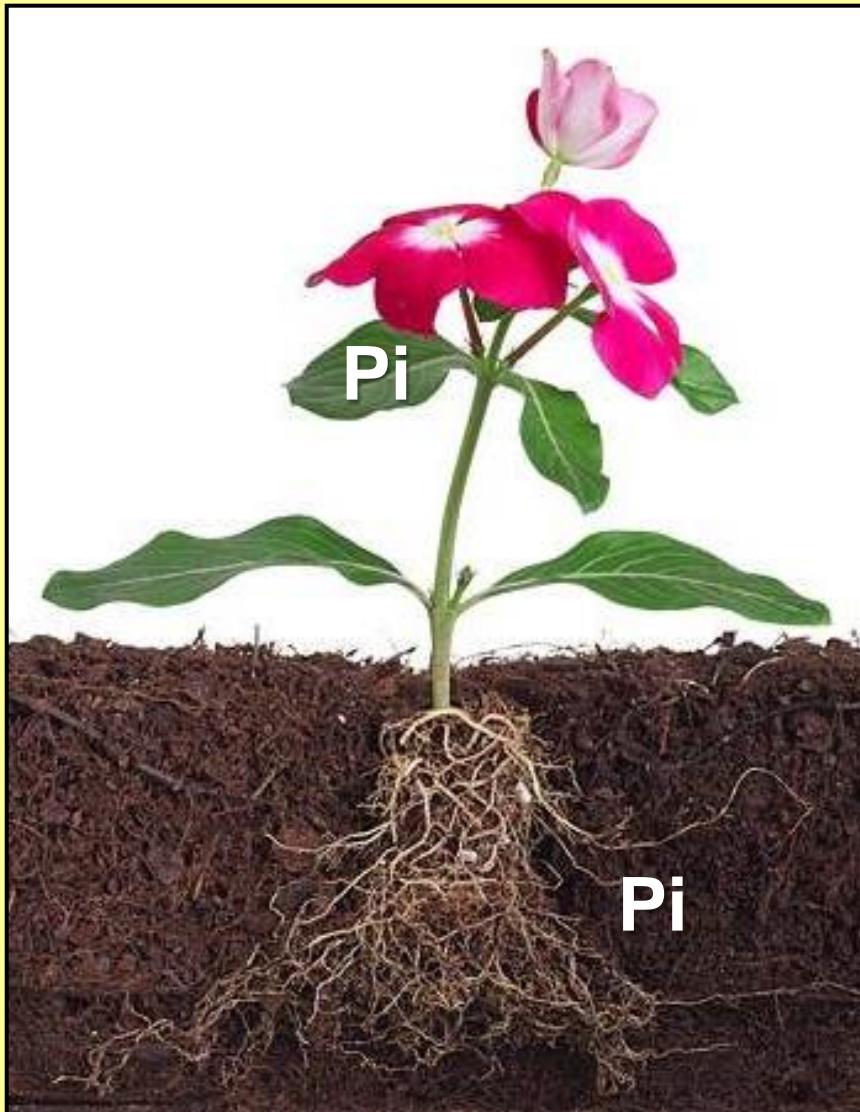
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Systemic Responses: Internal Pi Status



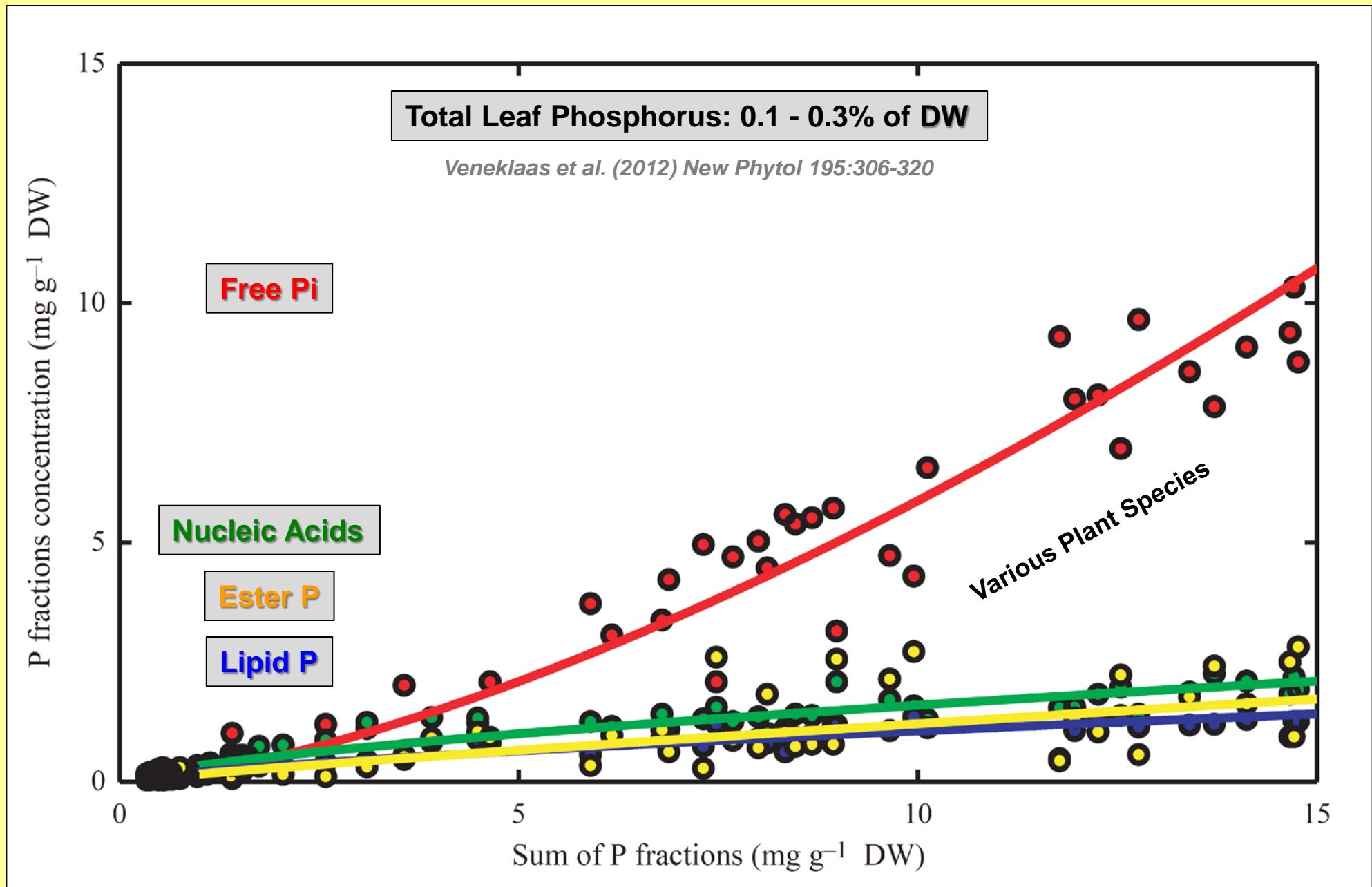
Pi Recycling

Pi Acquisition

Local Responses: External Pi Supply

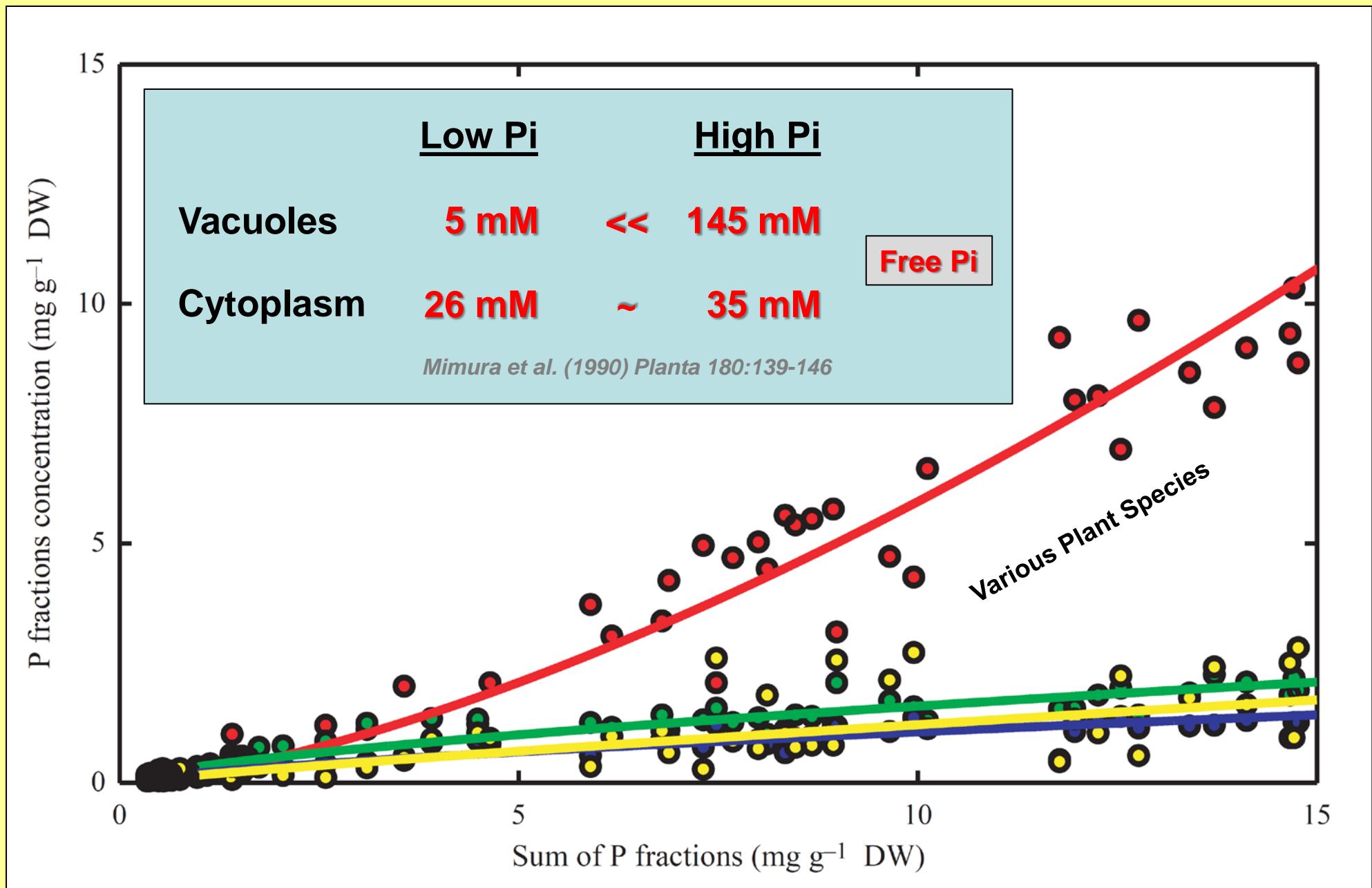
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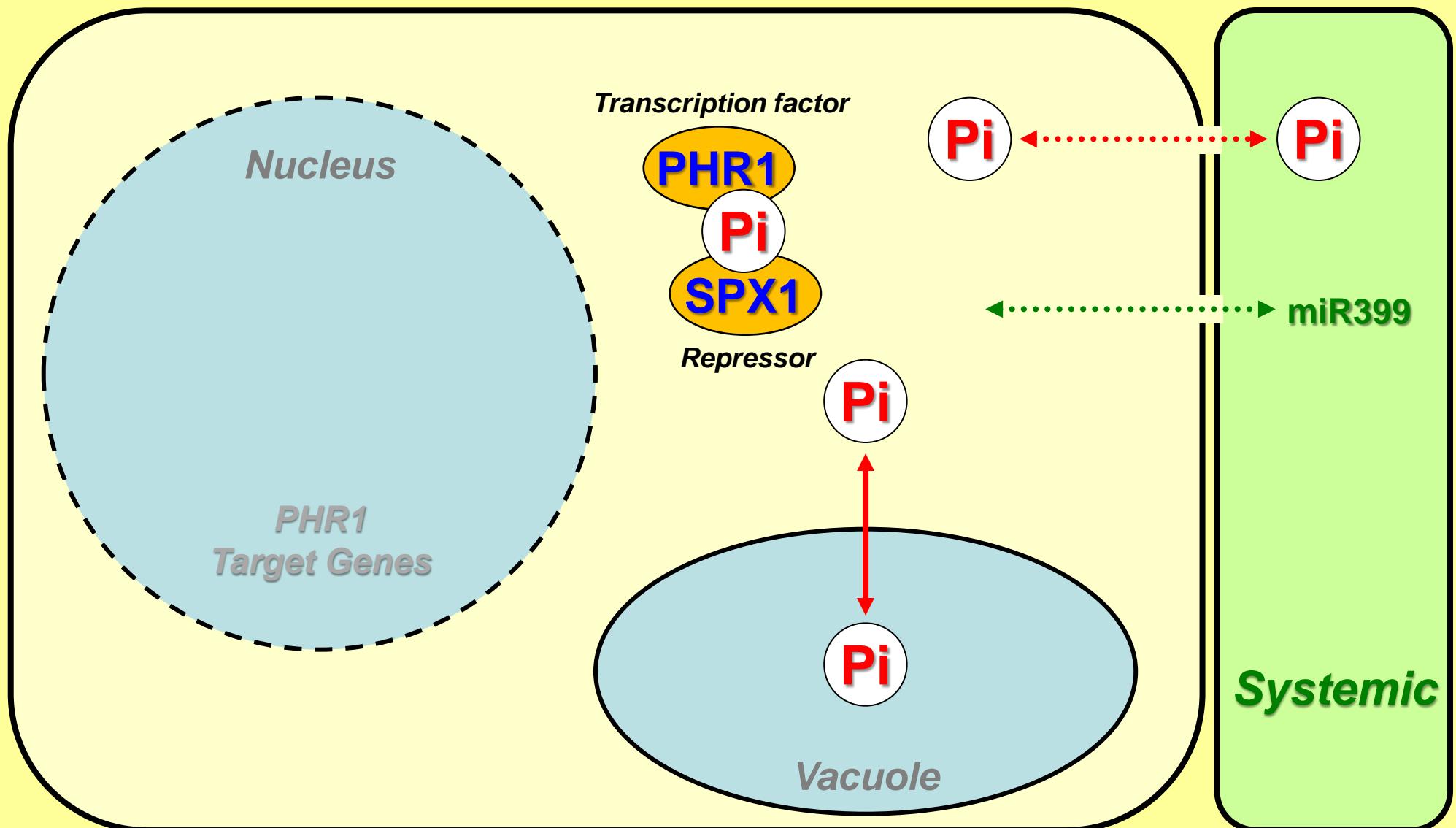
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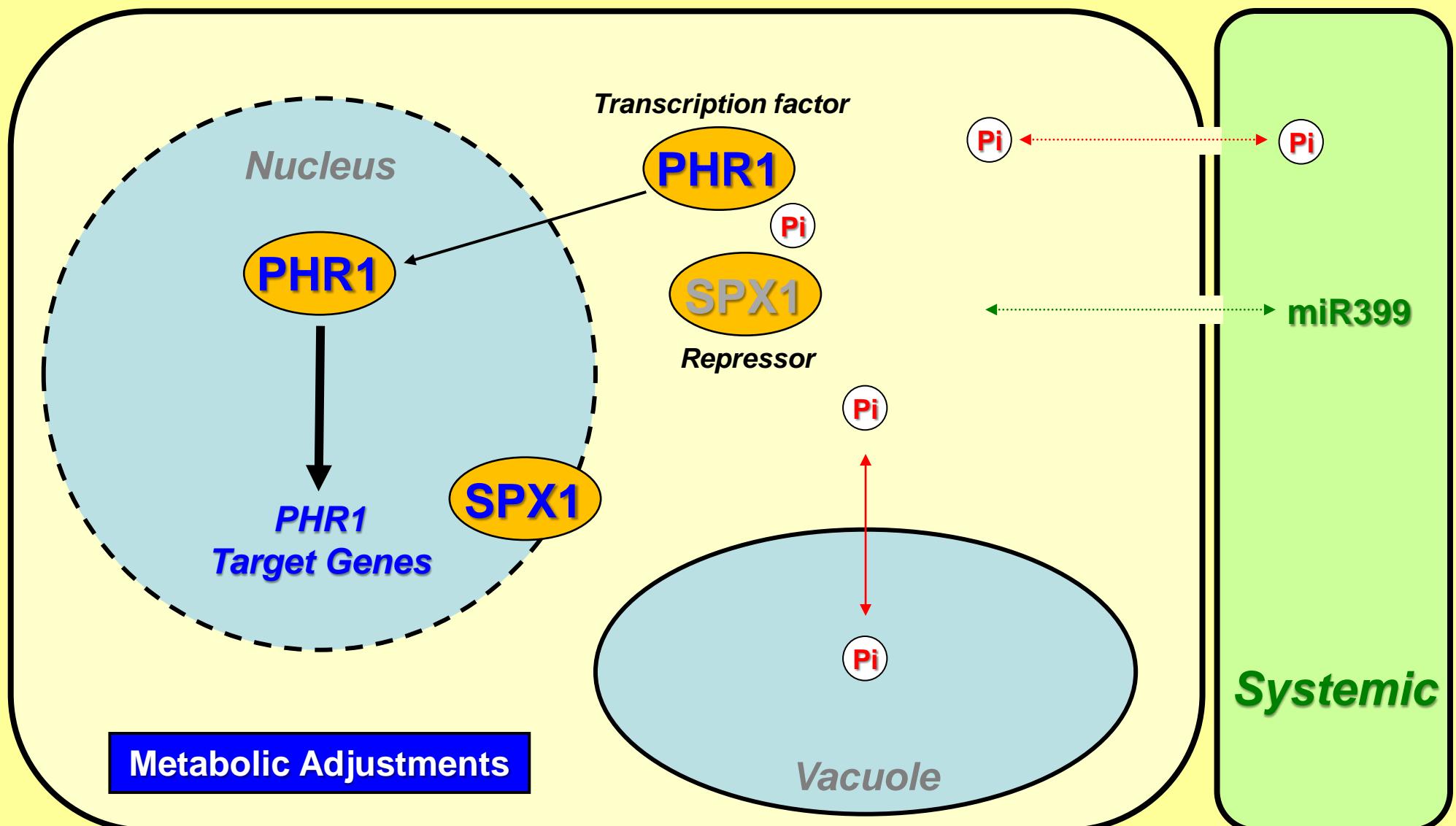
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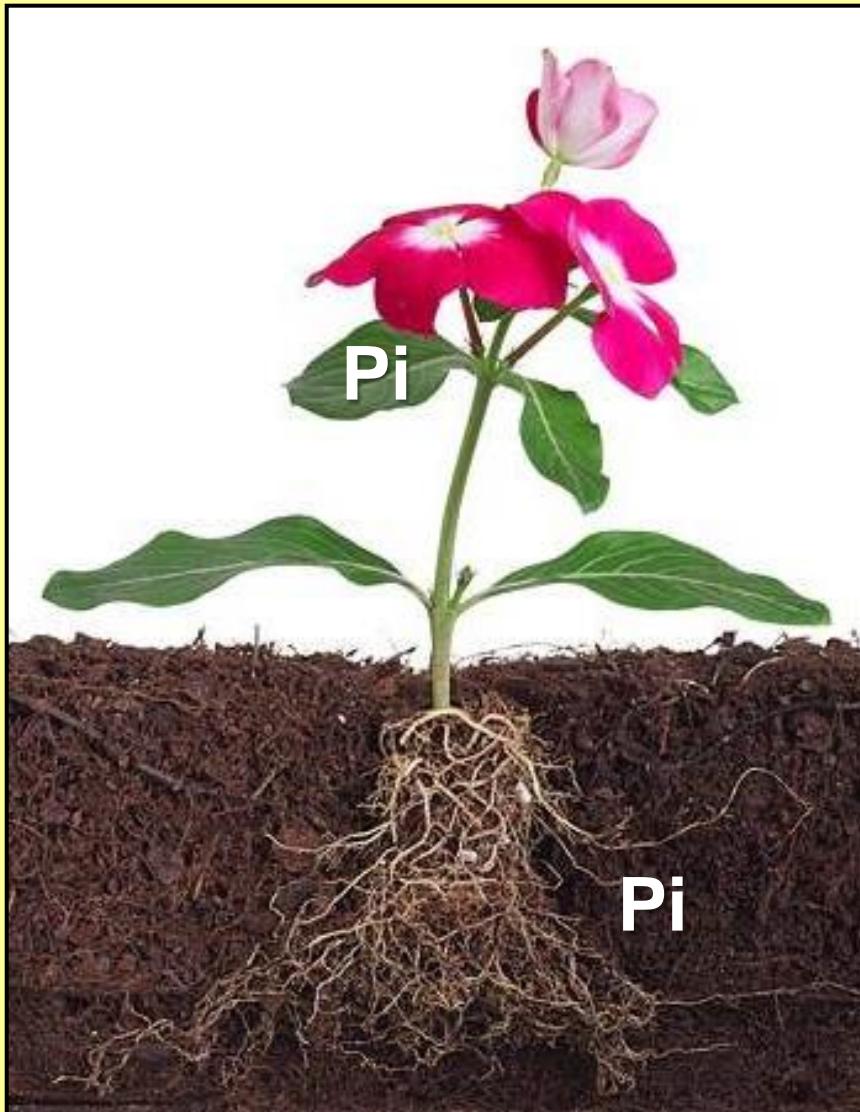
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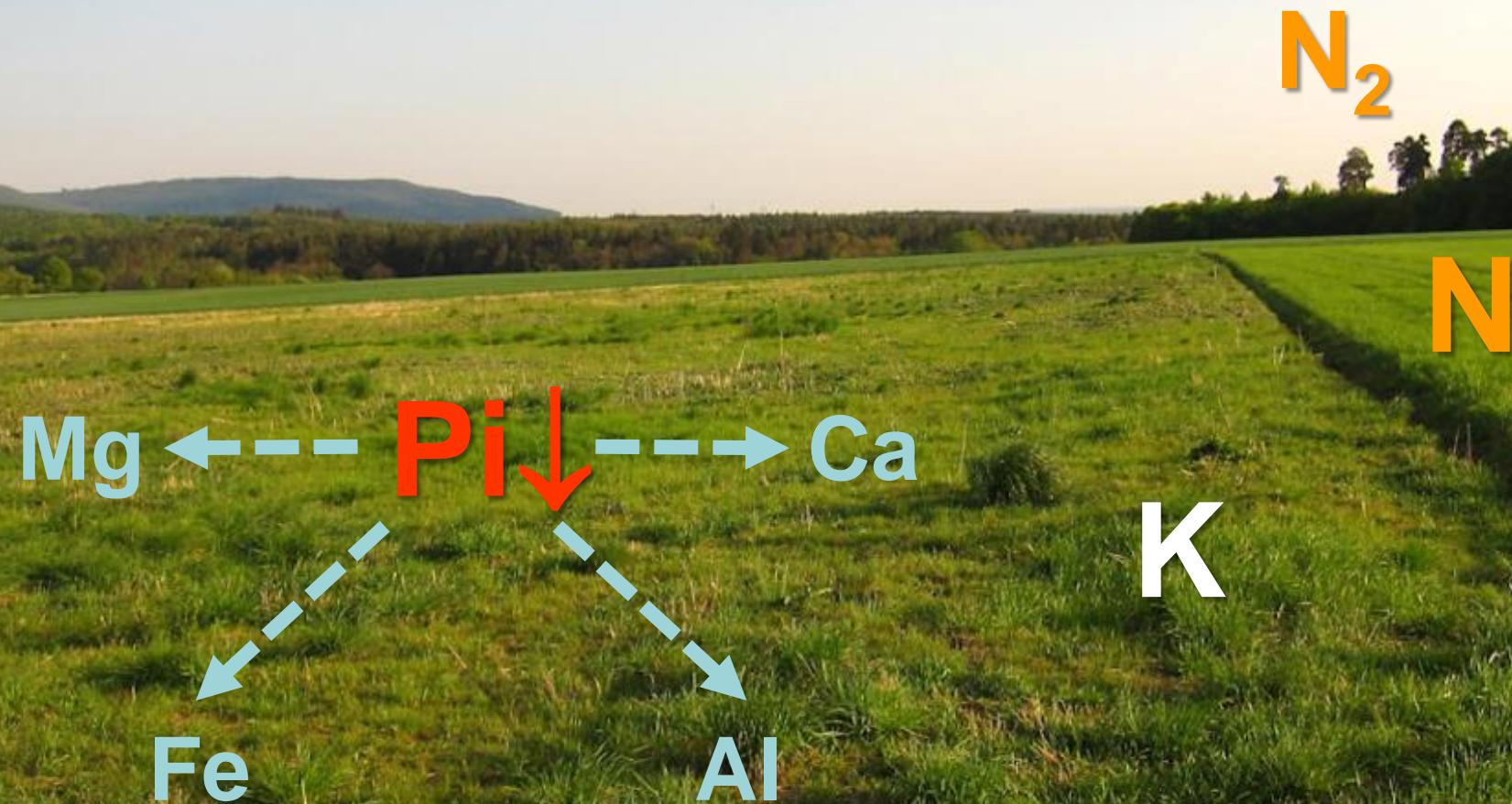


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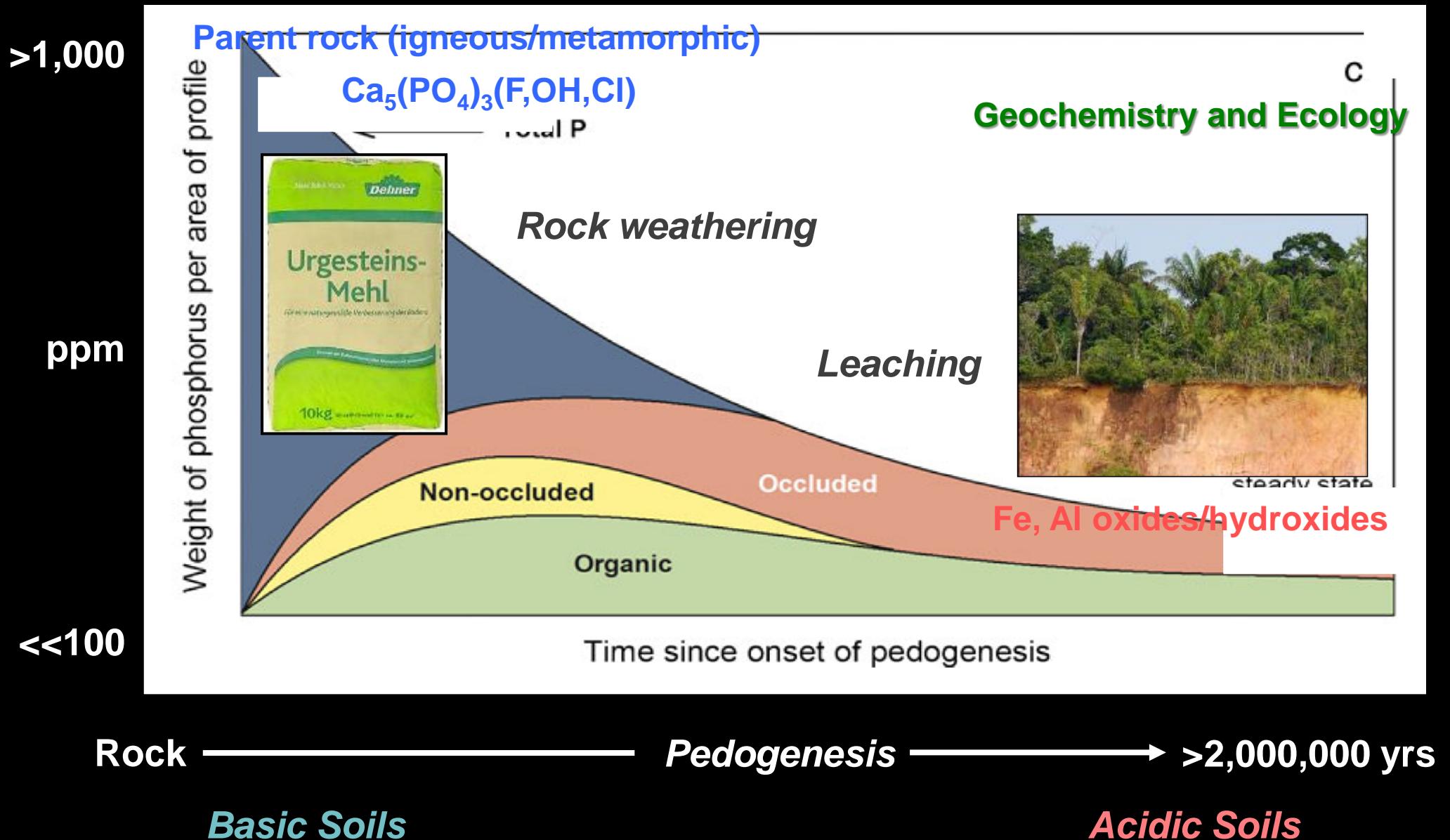
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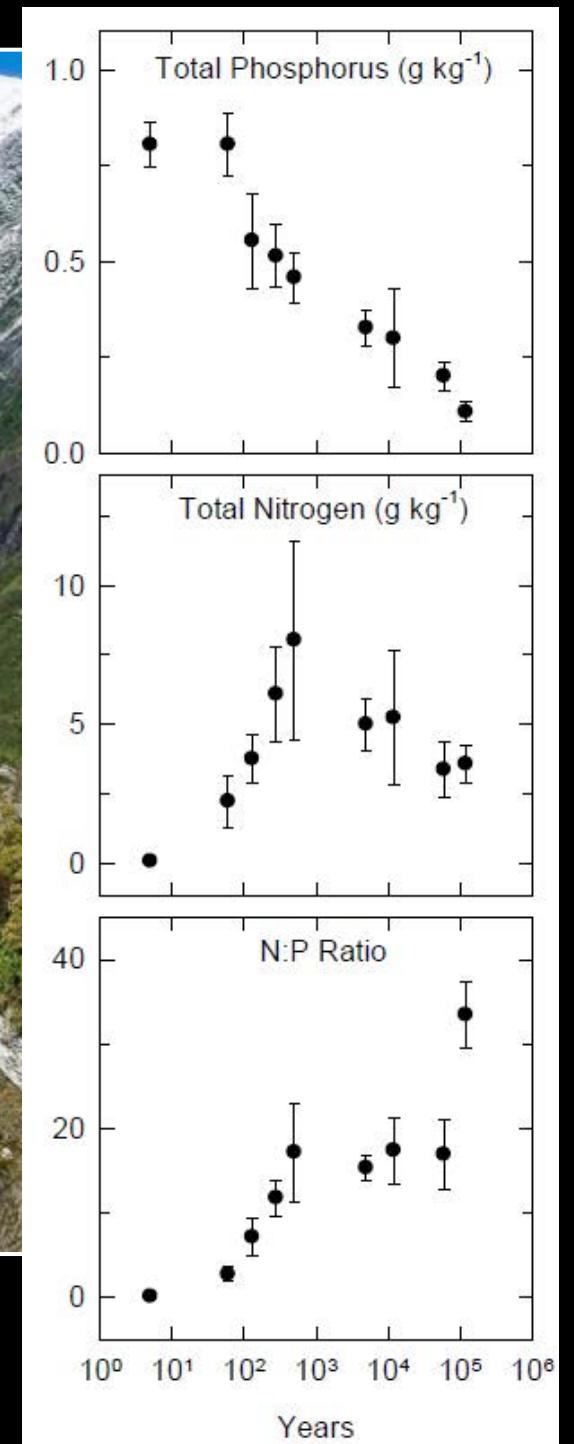
Fate of Phosphorus during Soil Development



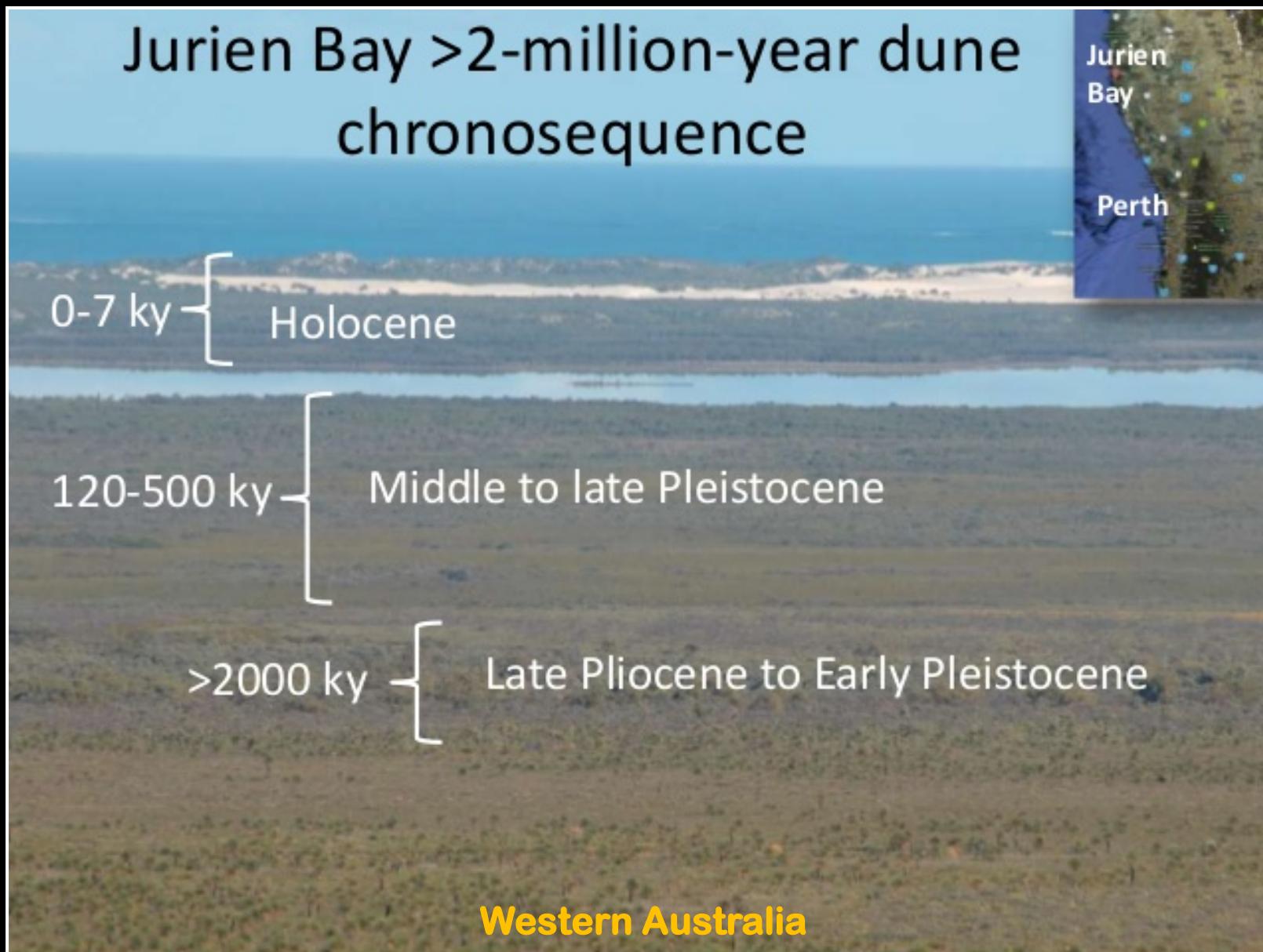
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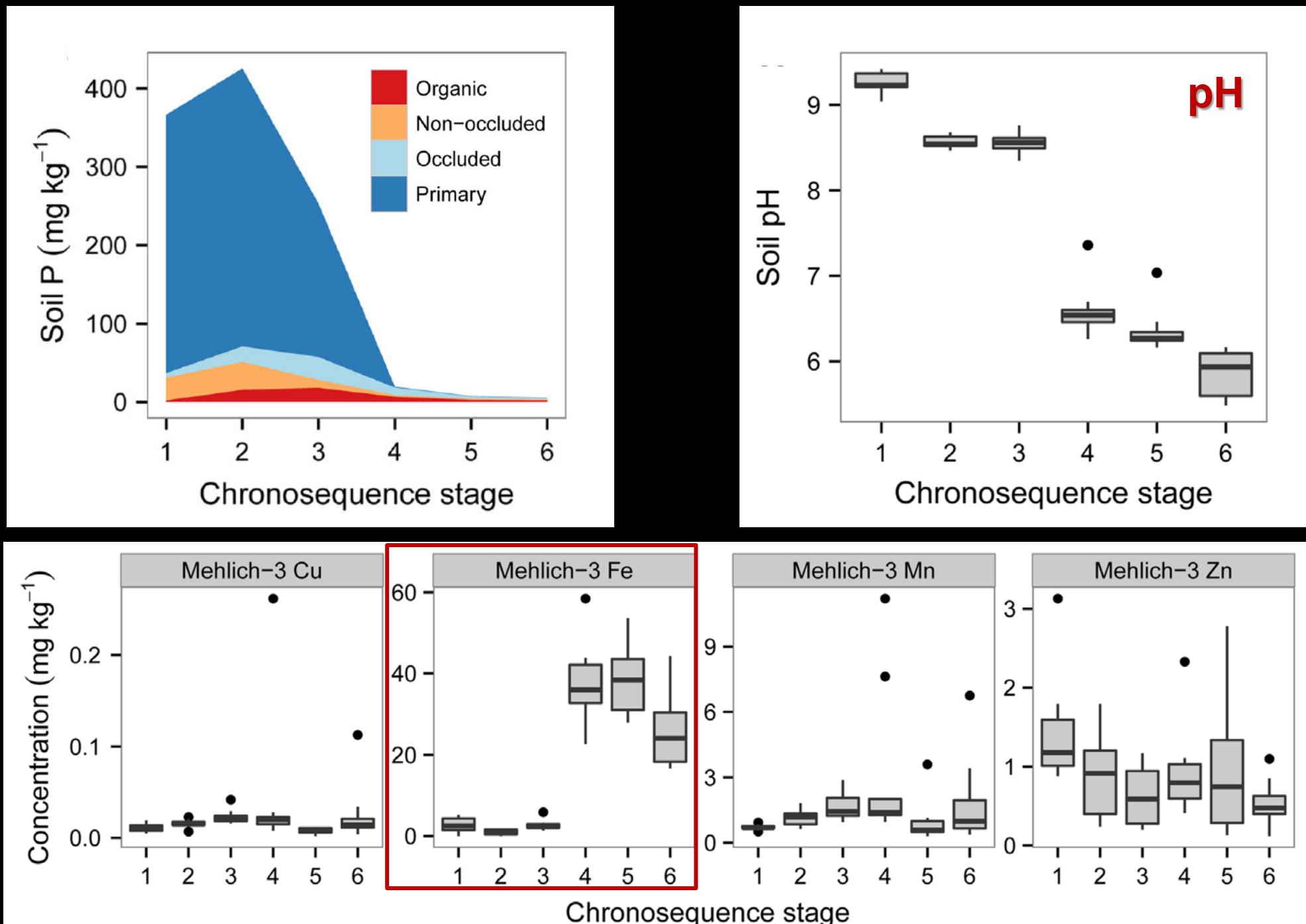
Richardson et al. (2004) *Oecologia*



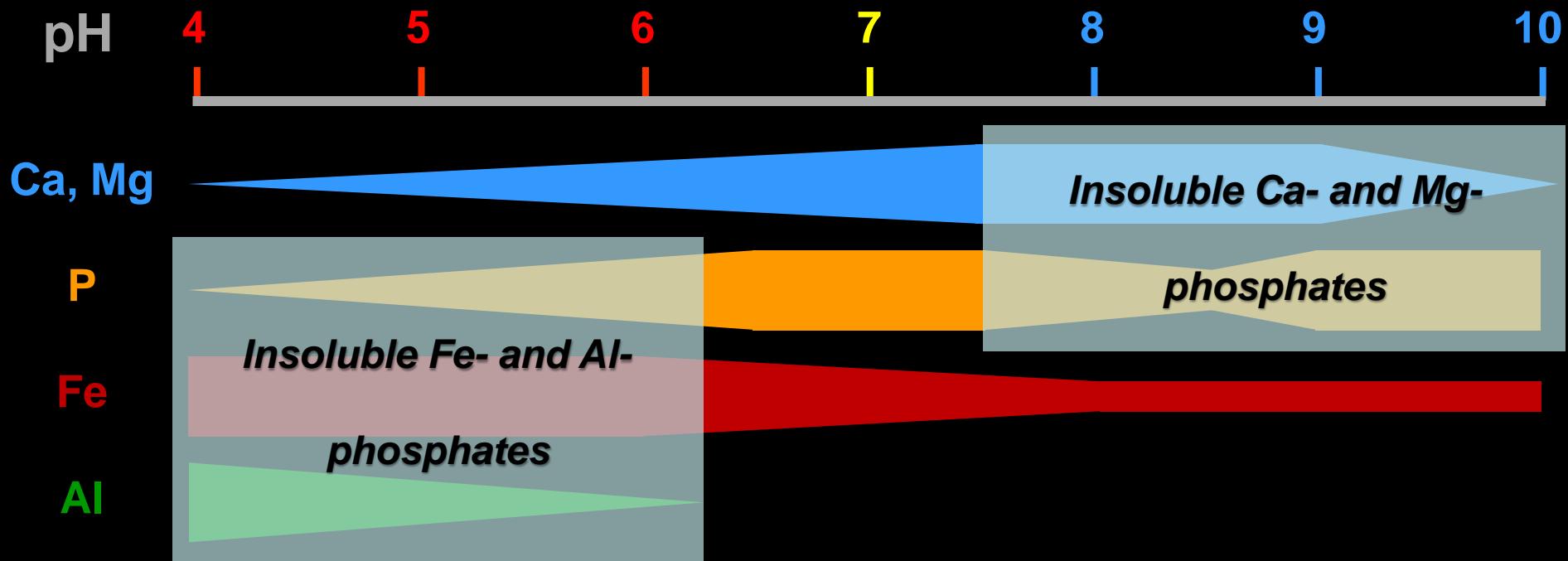
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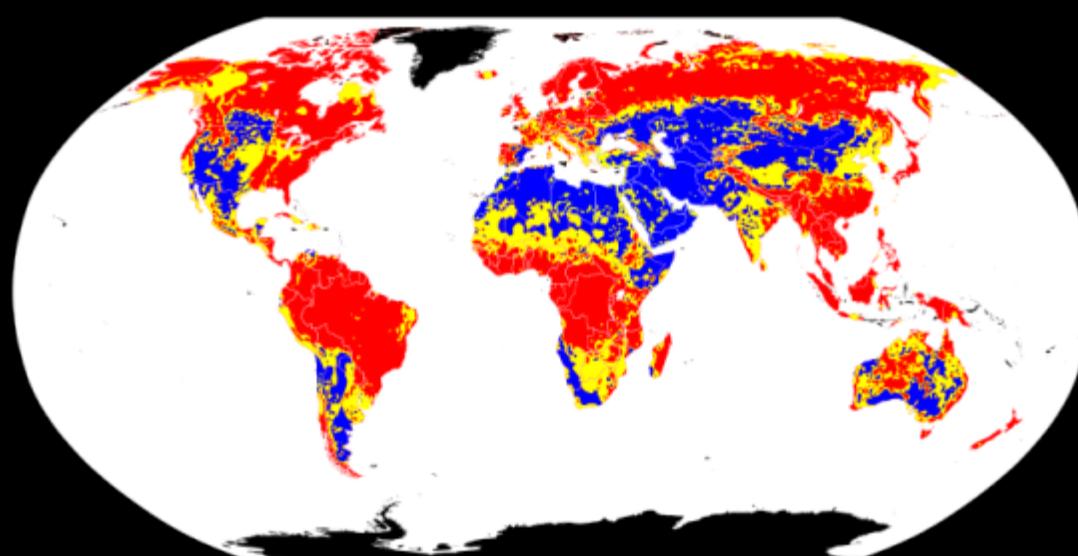
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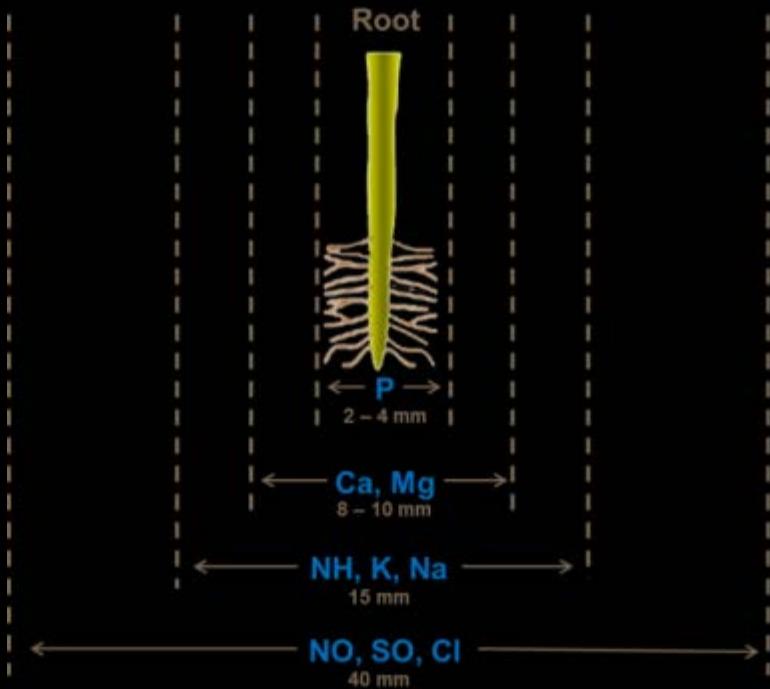


World Soils
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Different Phosphate (Pi) Acquisition Strategies



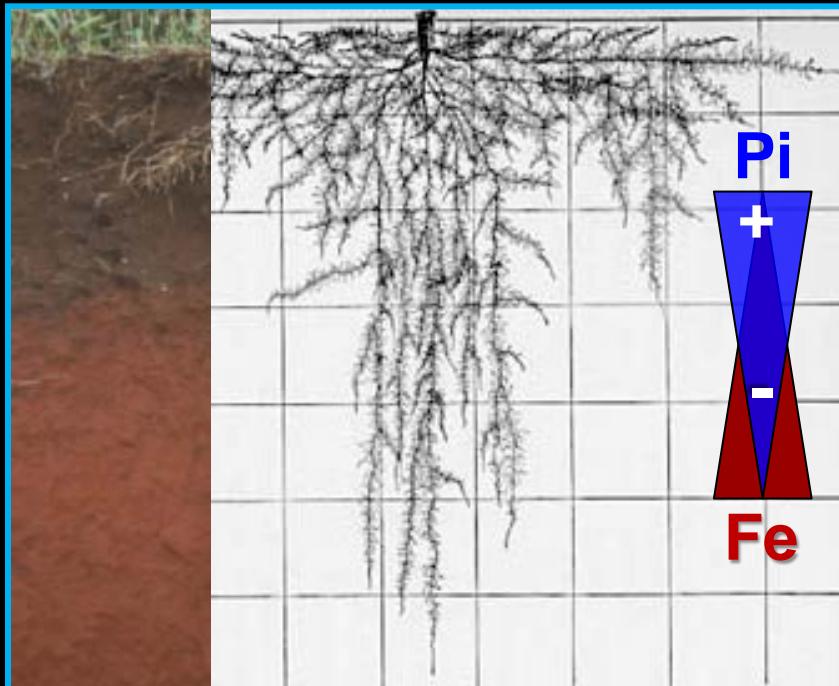
Pi-diffusion rate << Pi-uptake rate

Competition with microorganisms

Root system expansion for
Pi interception

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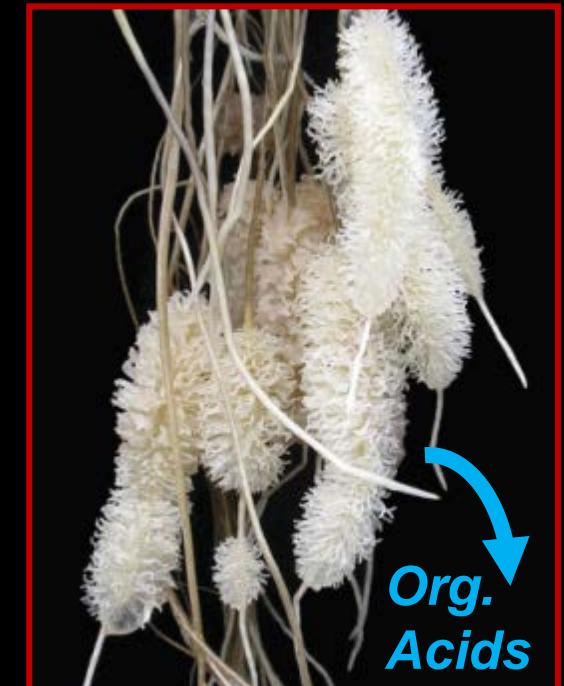
Brassicaceae-type



Proteaceae-type



Mycorrhiza



Org.
Acids

Topsoil Foraging

P Scavenging

P Mining

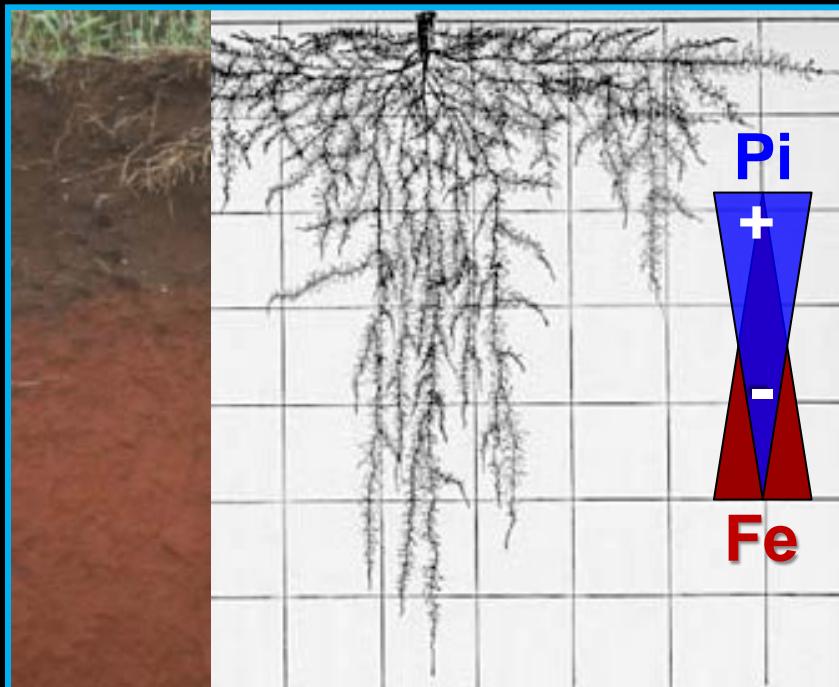
7-20%

Carbon Cost

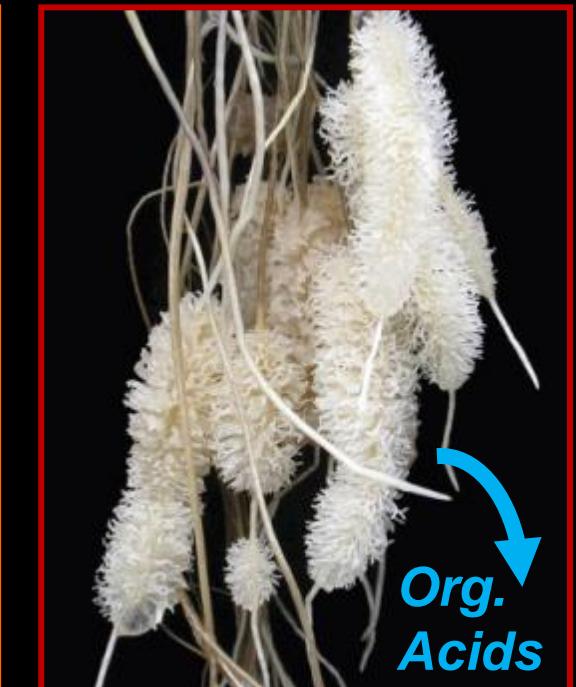
25-50%

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Brassicaceae-type



Proteaceae-type



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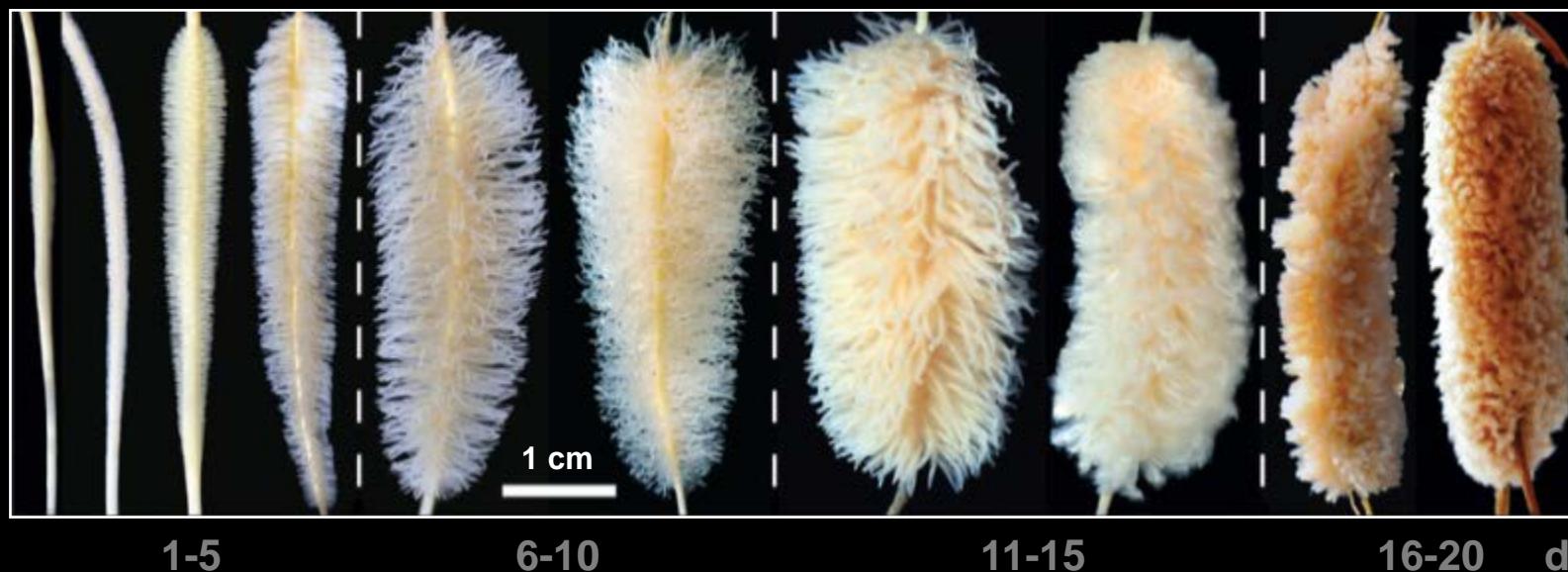
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*Responses to
Pi Deficiency (Most Soils)*

*Adaptation to
Pi Impoverished Soils*

Adaptation of Proteaceae-type Species



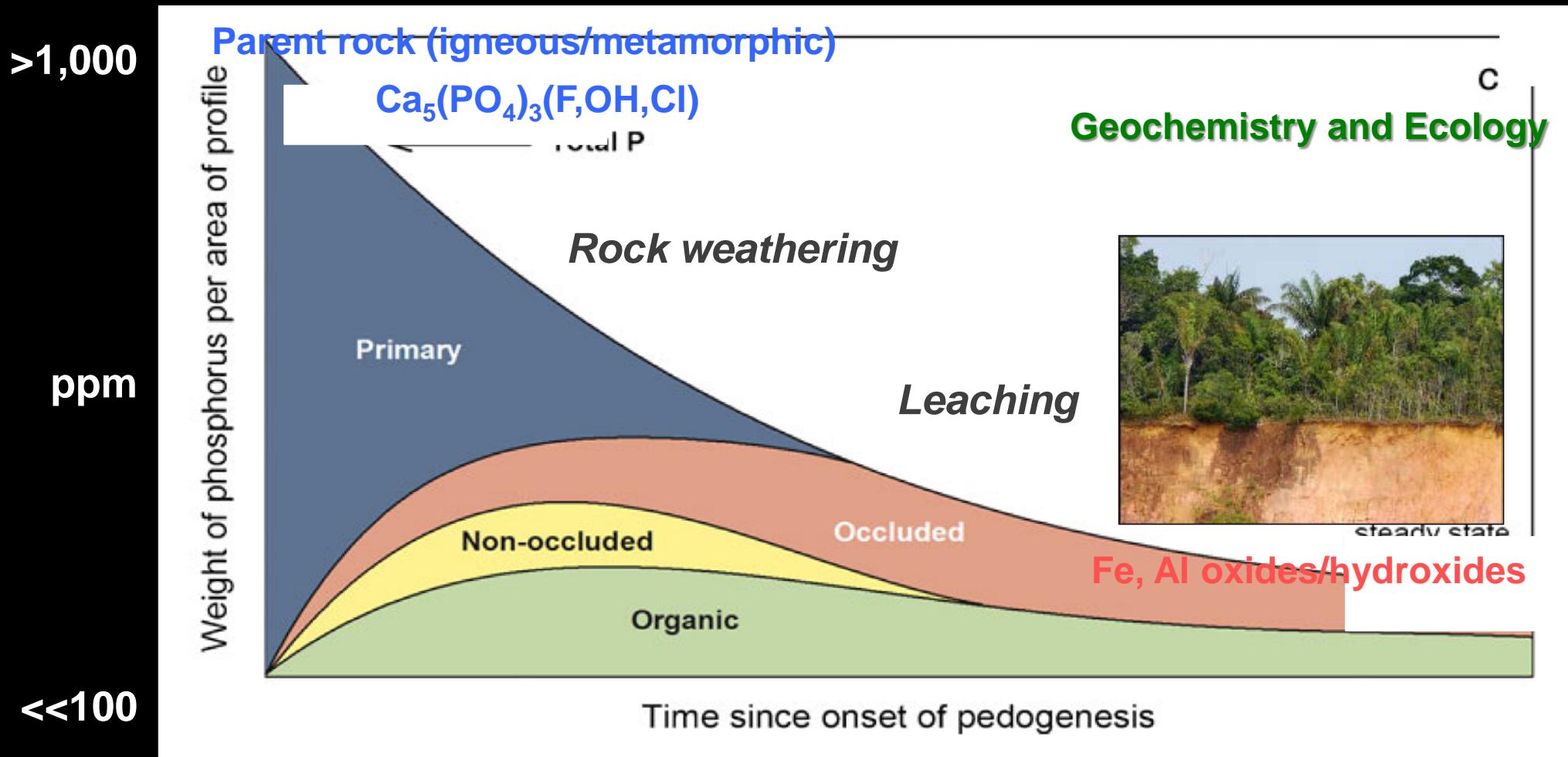
Cluster Roots (*exudative burst*)

- Organic acids (anion exchange)
- Phospho-hydrolases
- Phenolics (antimicrobial)
- Cell wall-degrading enzymes

Shoot Pi Economy

- High P remobilization (senescence)
- Remodeling of membrane lipids
- Altered rRNA profiles
- Delayed greening
- Preferential P allocation to mesophyll
- High seed P content

Different Phosphate (Pi) Acquisition Strategies



non-mycorrhizal

P Mining

Proteaceae-type

Very small (5–150 nm) and poorly ordered crystals

Strong Pigments

Very large specific surface area ($50\text{--}300 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$)

Fe oxides: <0.1% to >50% of total soil mass

**Extremely
low
solubility**

$K_{sp} \sim 10^{-40}$

**Fe(III)
oxides**



**Iron
oxyhydroxide
($\alpha\text{-FeOOH}$)**

Goethite



Rock weathering (O_2 exposure)

Fe(II)

Silicates, Sulfides

Hypoxic Conditions

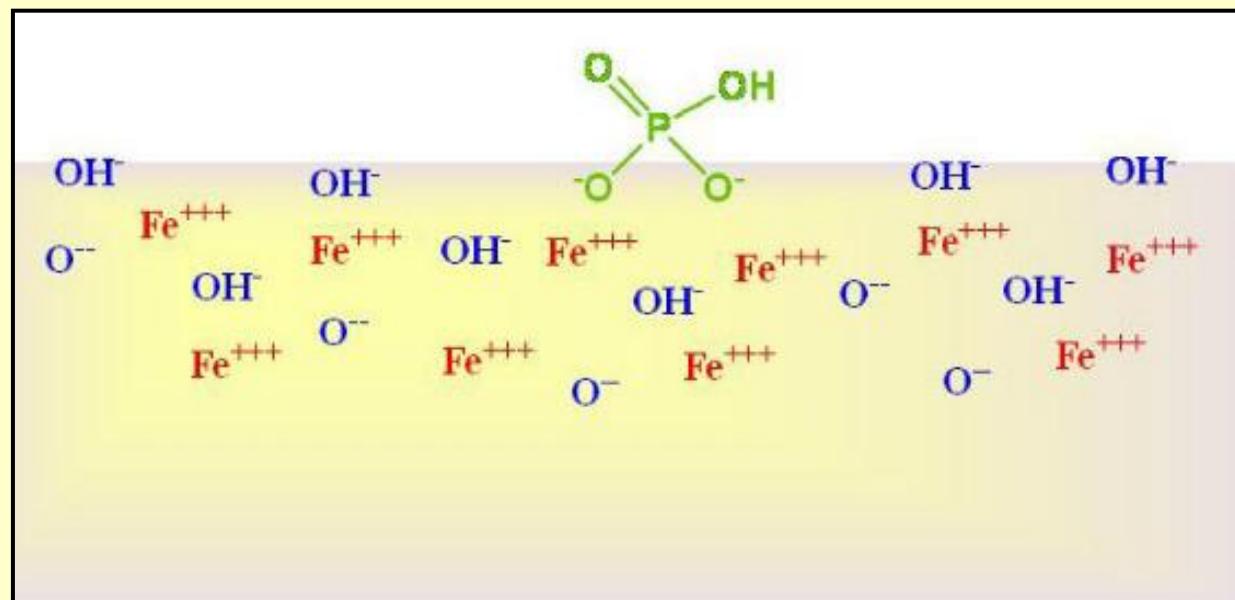
Adsorption of HPO_4^{2-} to Fe oxides

(Up to 2.5 $\mu\text{mol P m}^{-2}$ or 0.75 mmol P g $^{-1}$)

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Ca $^{2+}$ promotes HPO_4^{2-} adsorption

**Fe(III)
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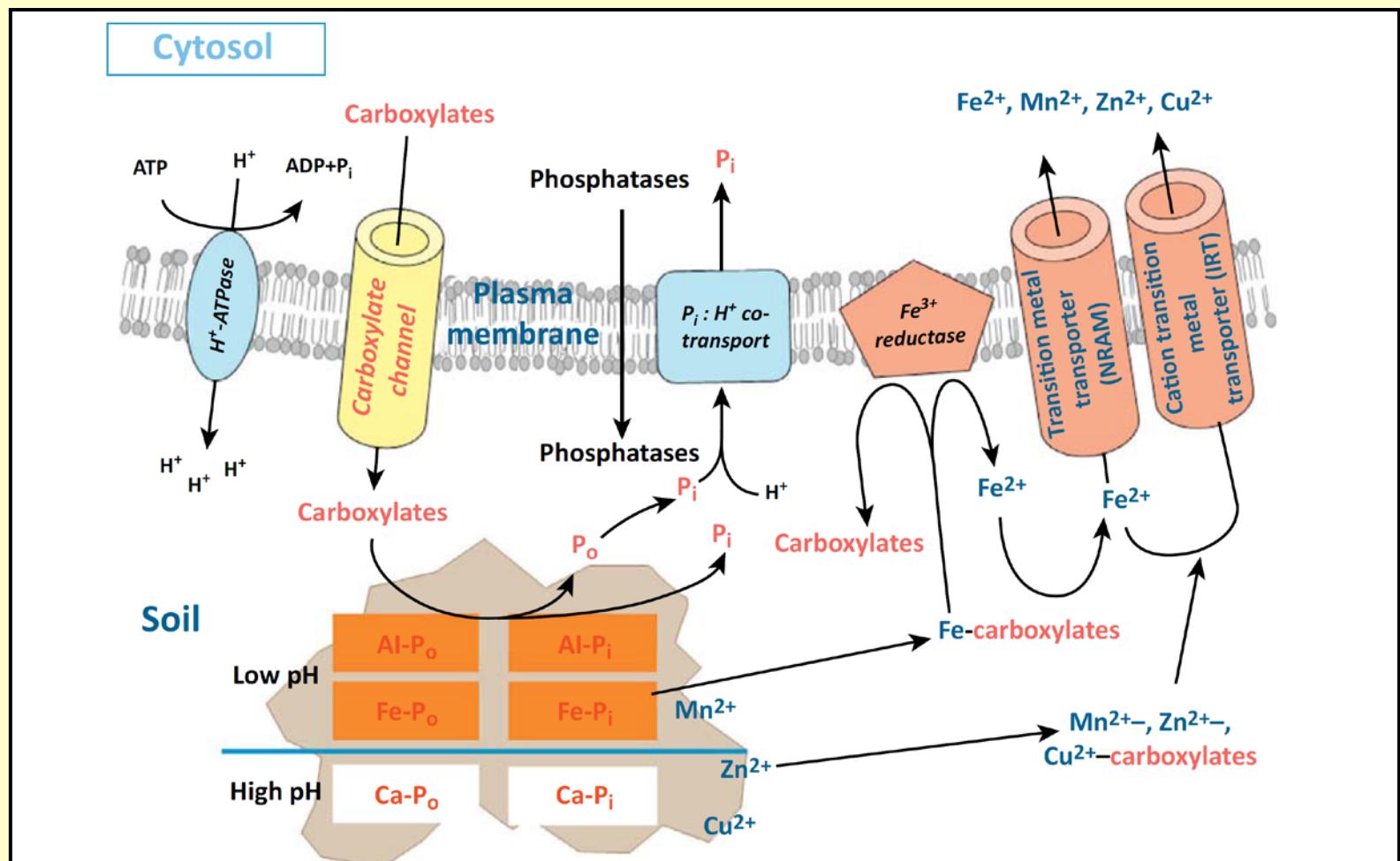
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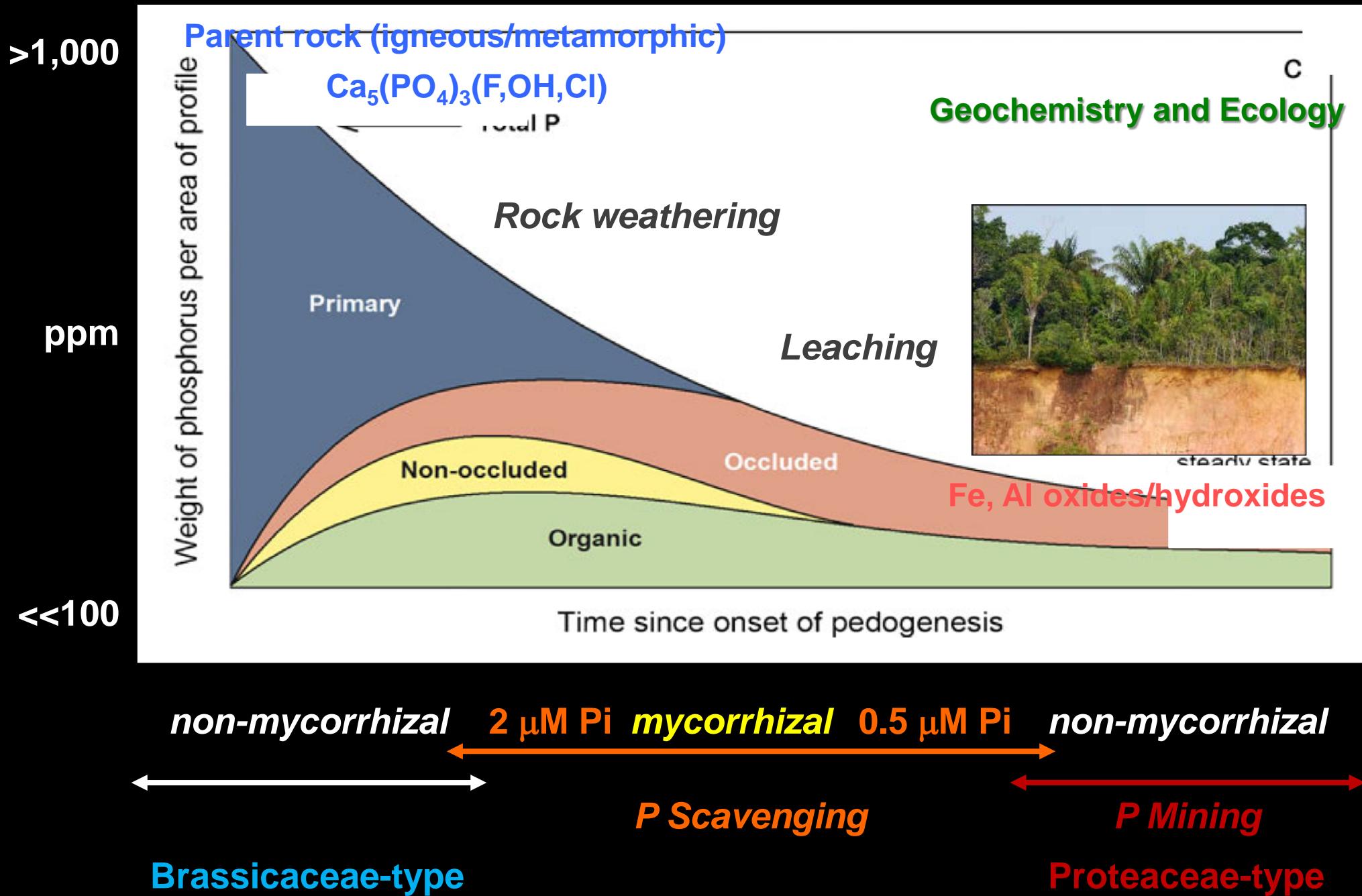
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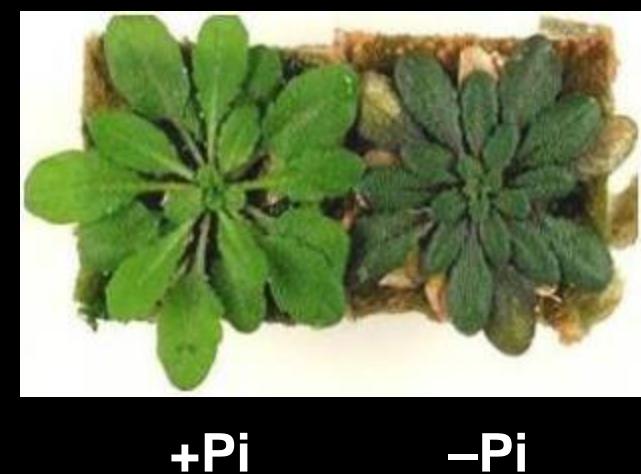
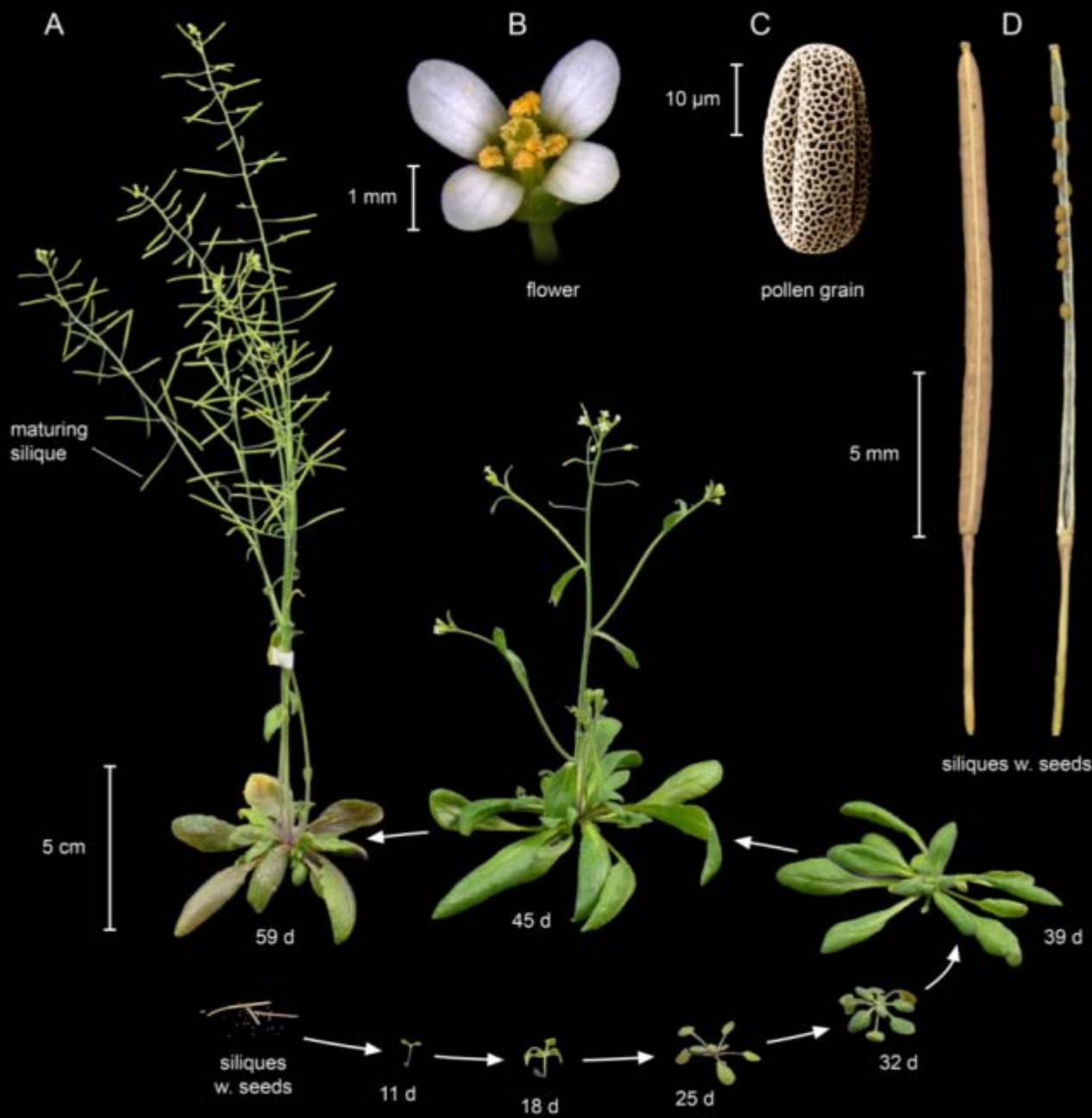
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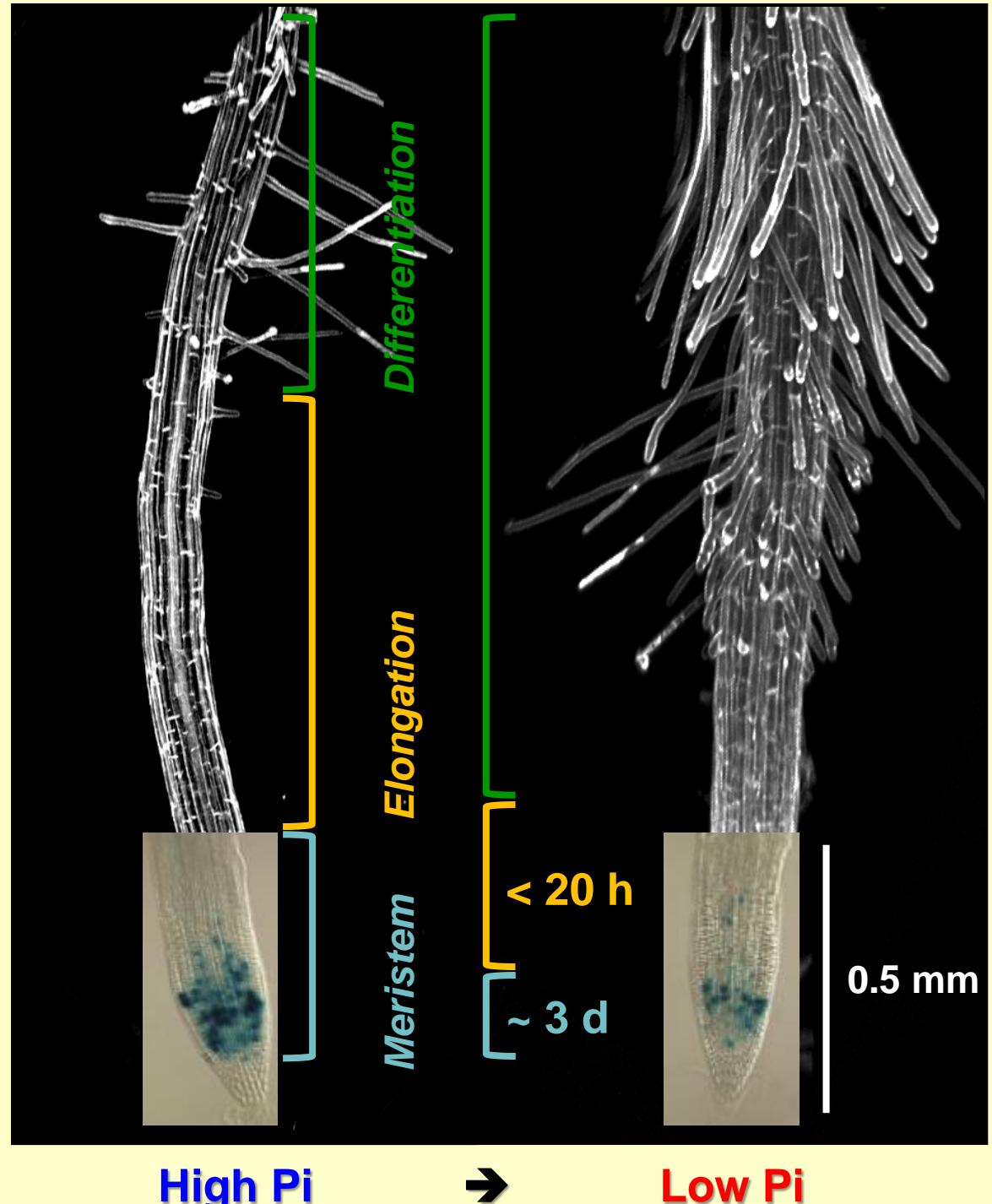
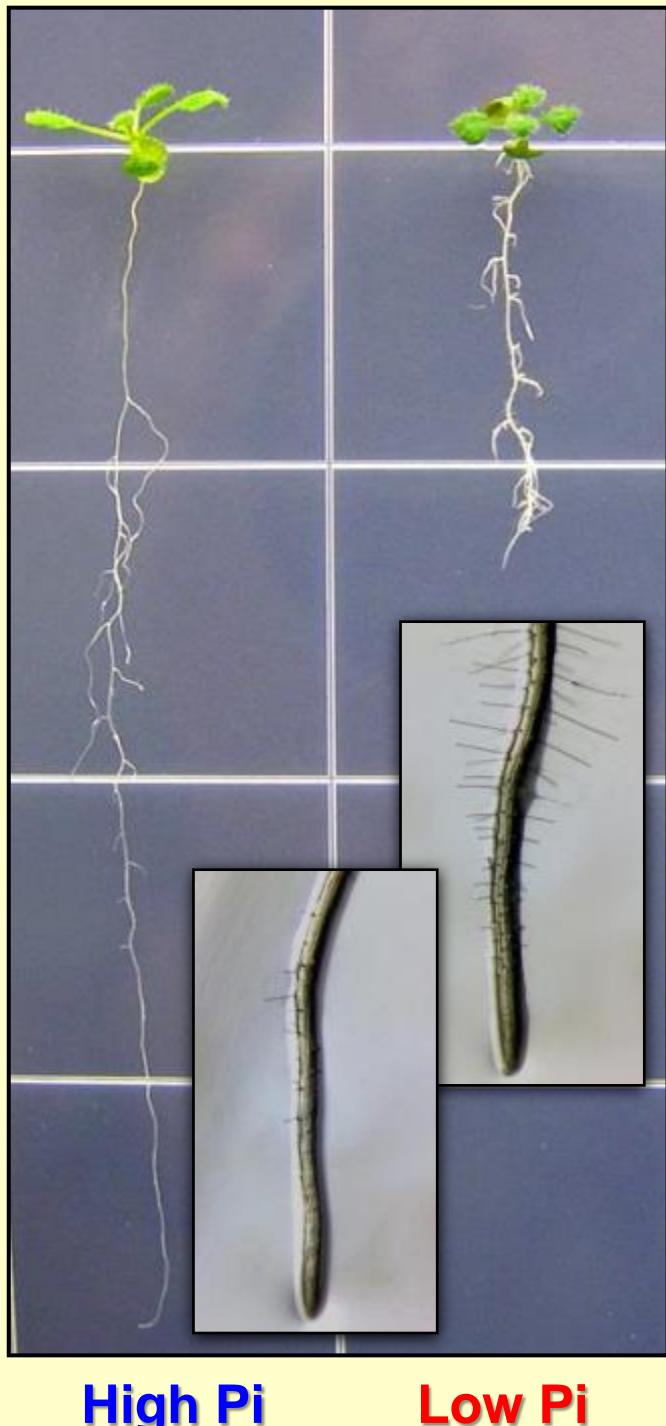
Arabidopsis thaliana (Ackerschmalwand)



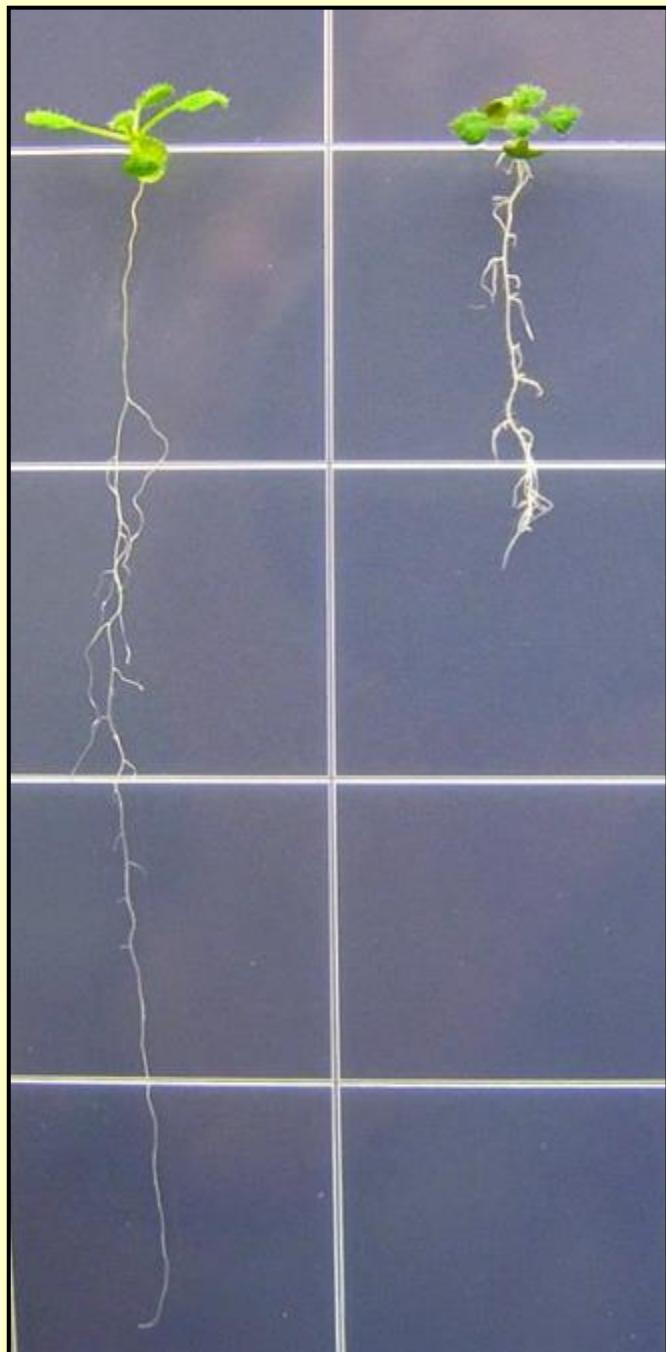
Arabidopsis thaliana (Ackerschmalwand)



Adaptation of *A. thaliana* (Brassicaceae-type)

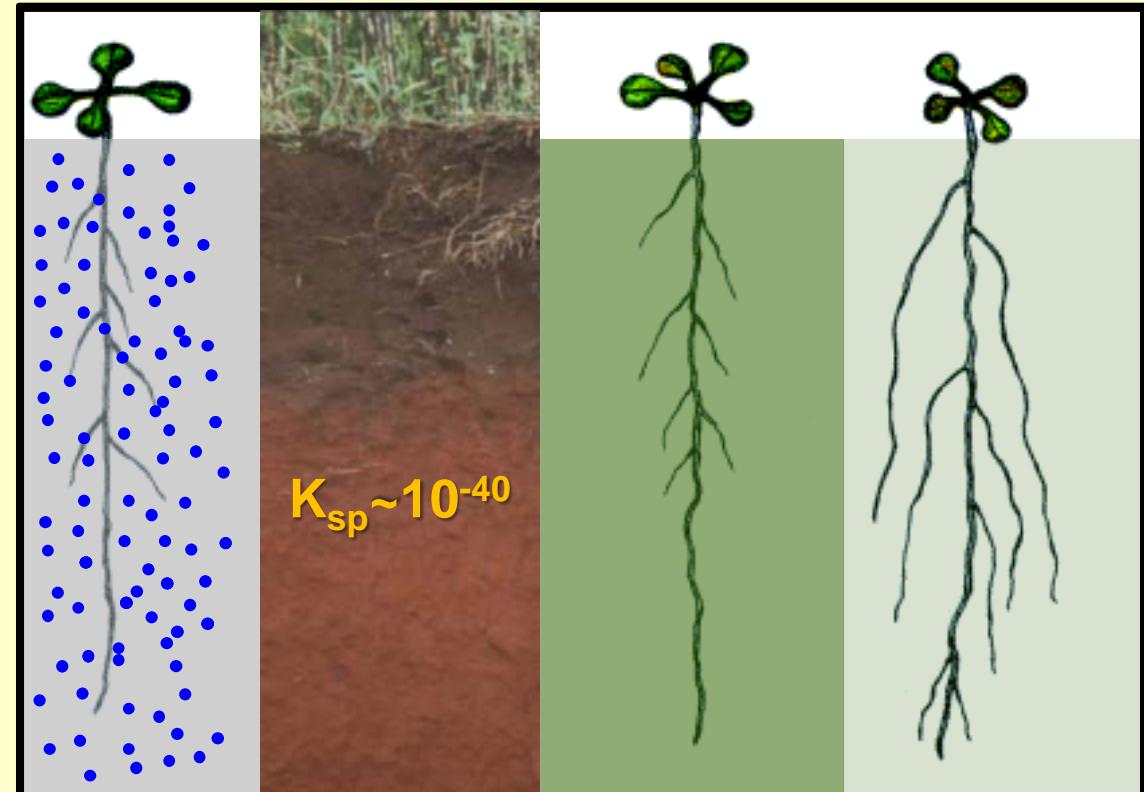


Topsoil Foraging (Brassicaceae-type Species)



High Pi

Low Pi



High Pi

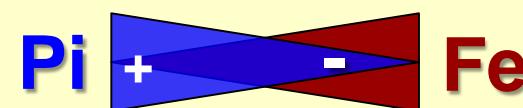
Low Pi

High N

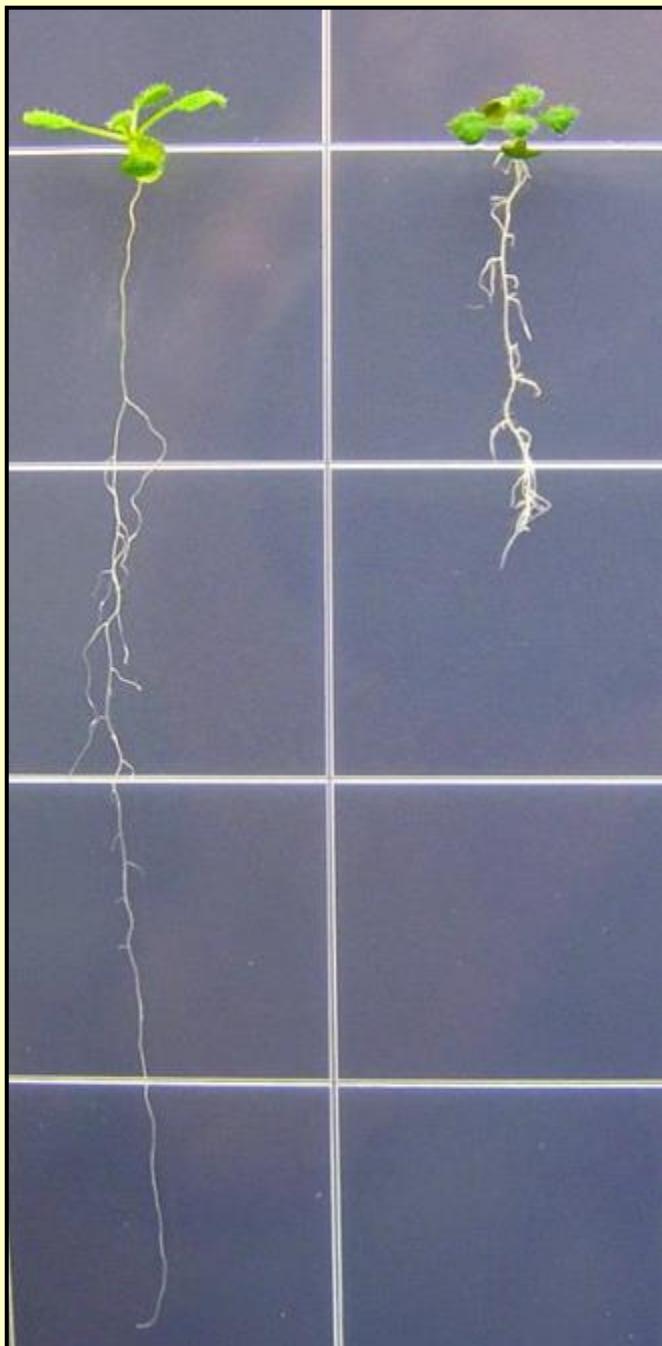
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Insoluble

Soluble

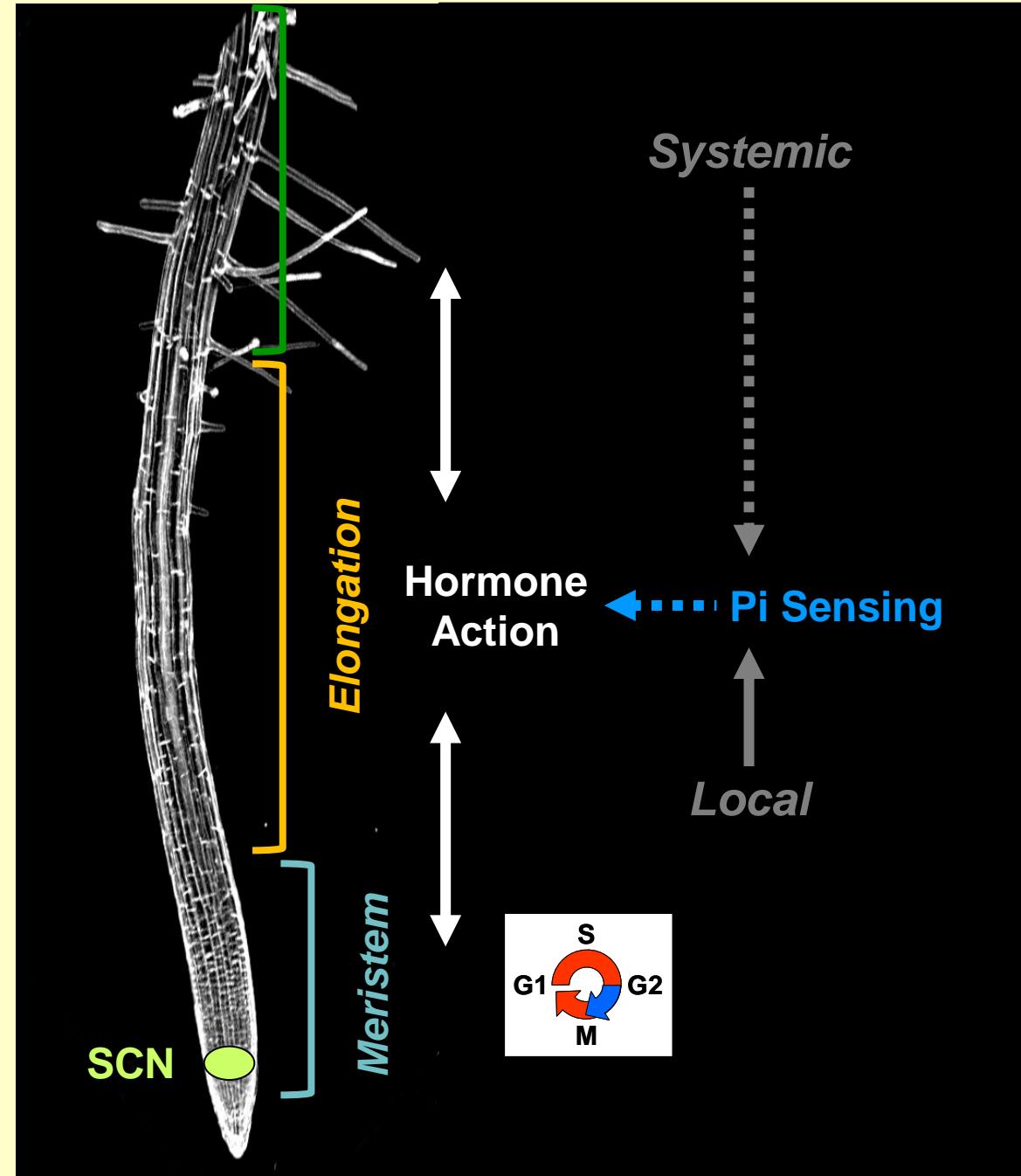


How is Pi sensed in root development ?



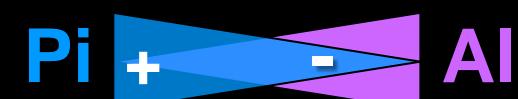
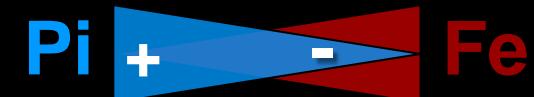
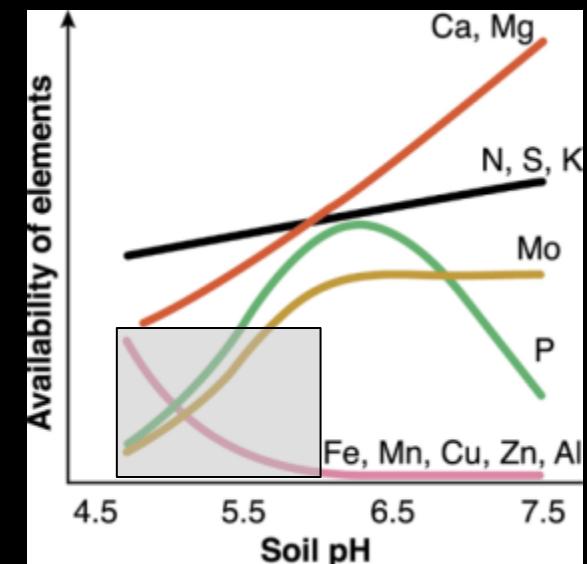
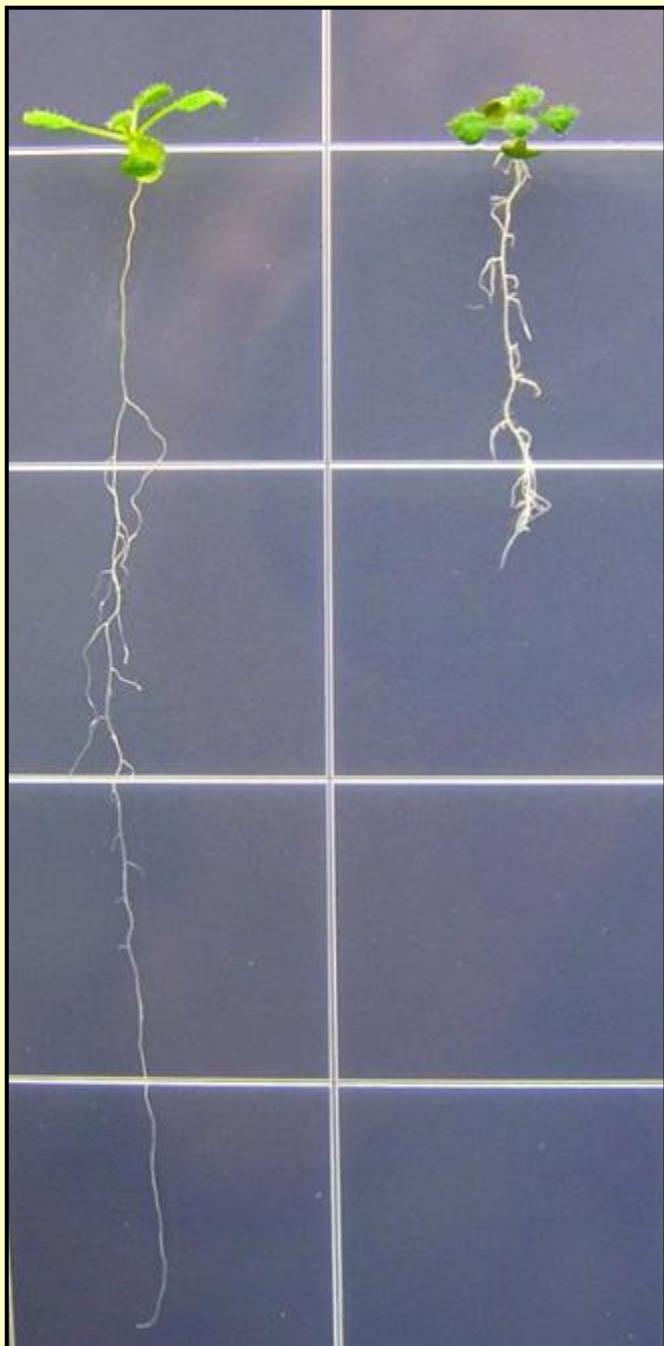
High Pi

Low Pi



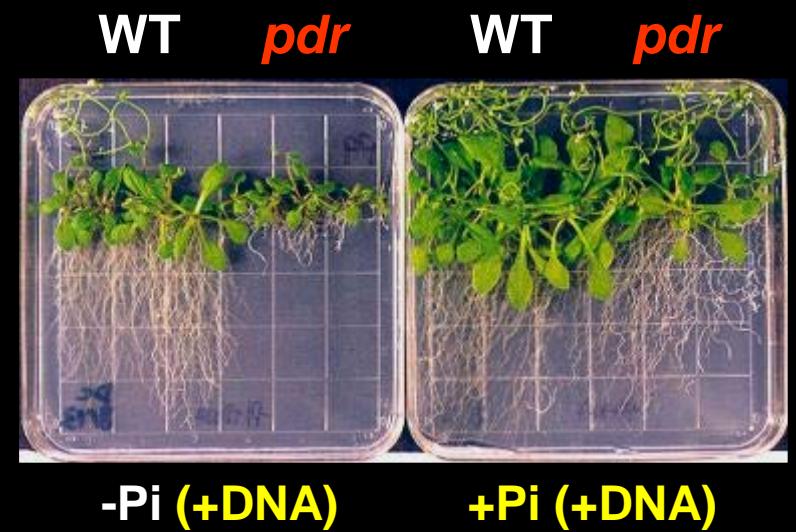
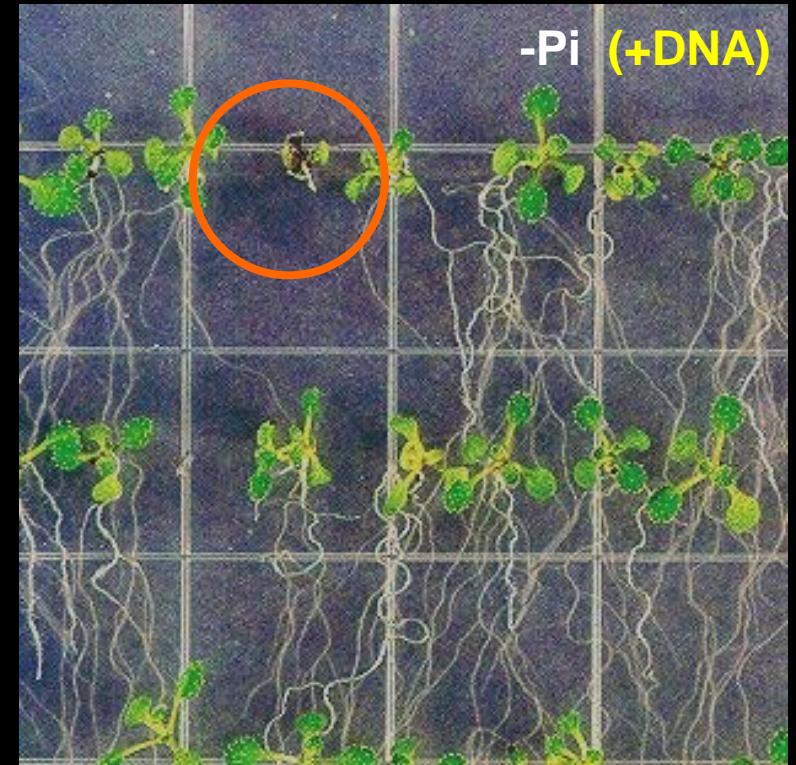
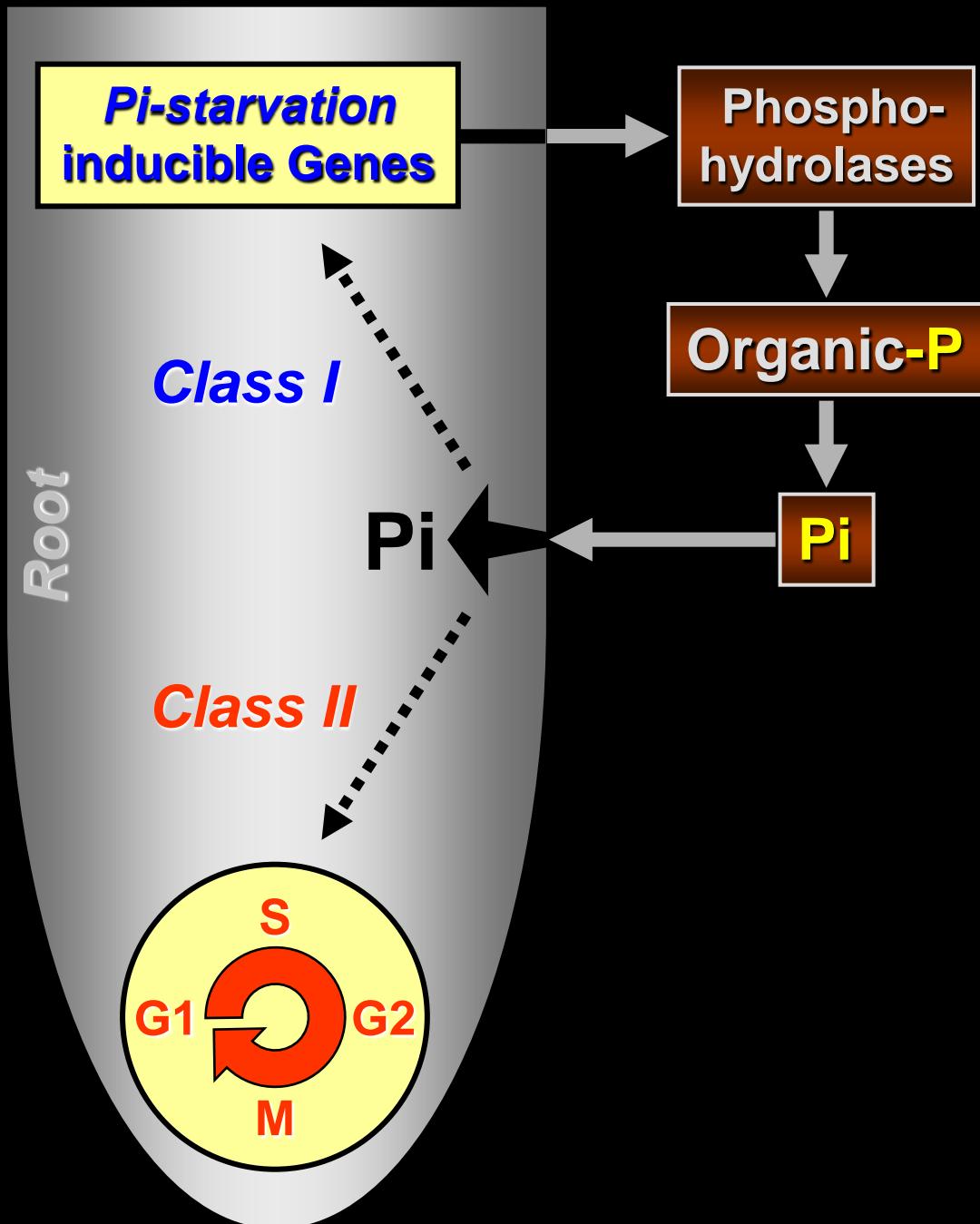
High → Low

How is Pi sensed in root development ?



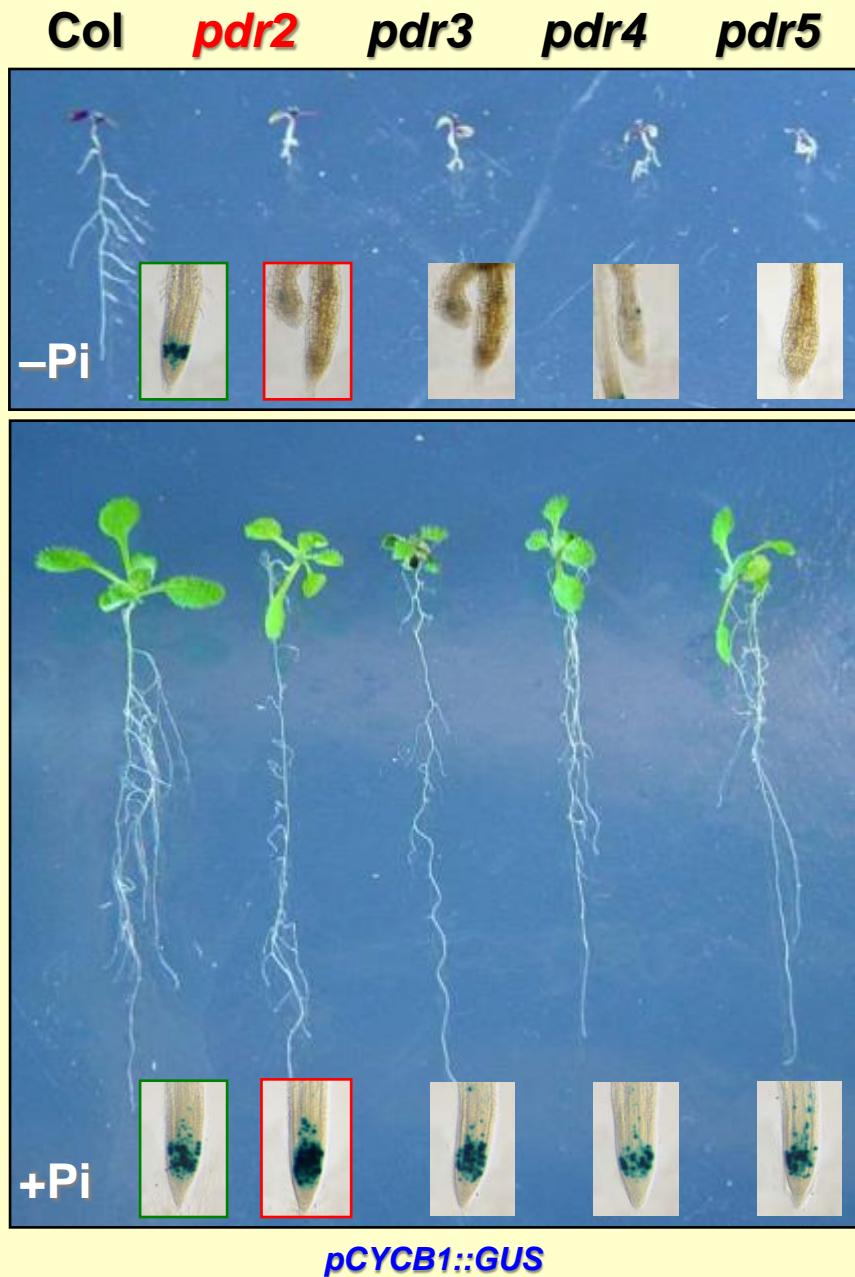
Role of Exudation
(organic acids
coumarines)

Screen for *Pi* deficiency response Mutants



Forward Genetics

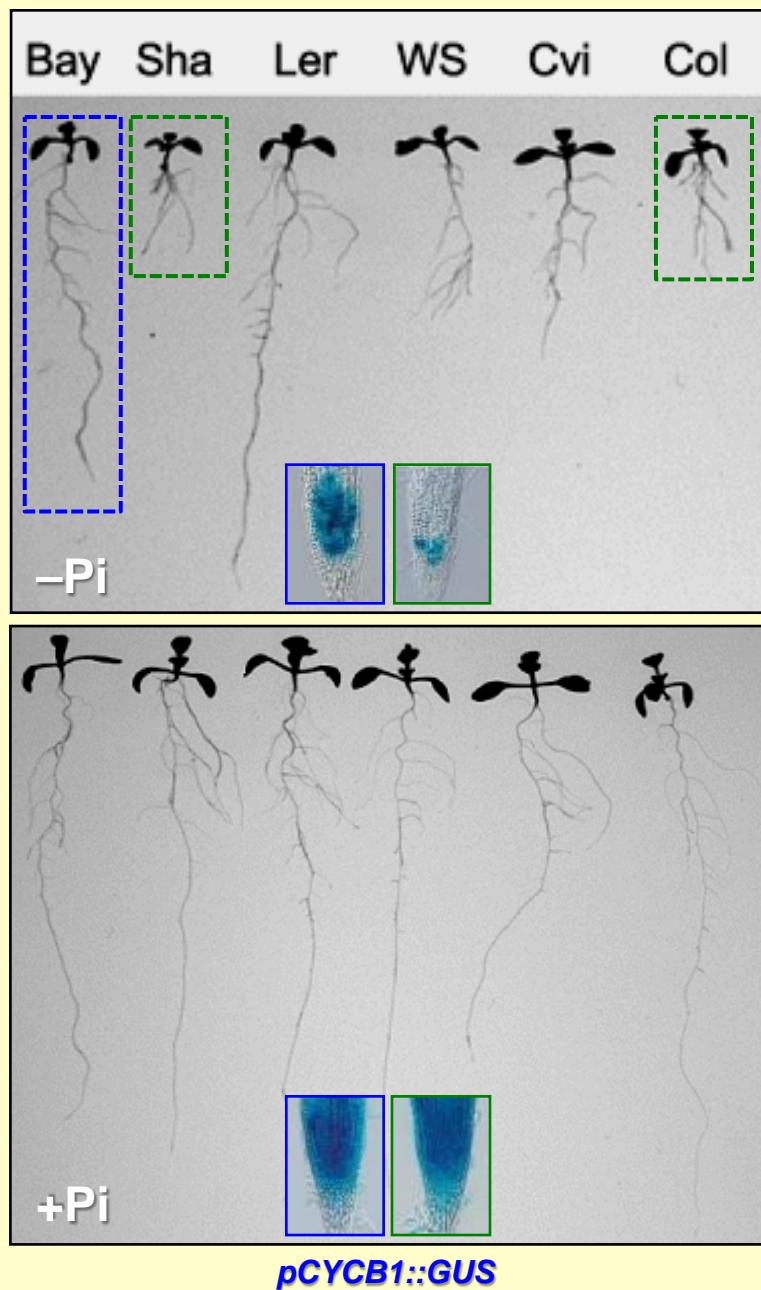
Pi-deficiency response (*pdr*) Mutants



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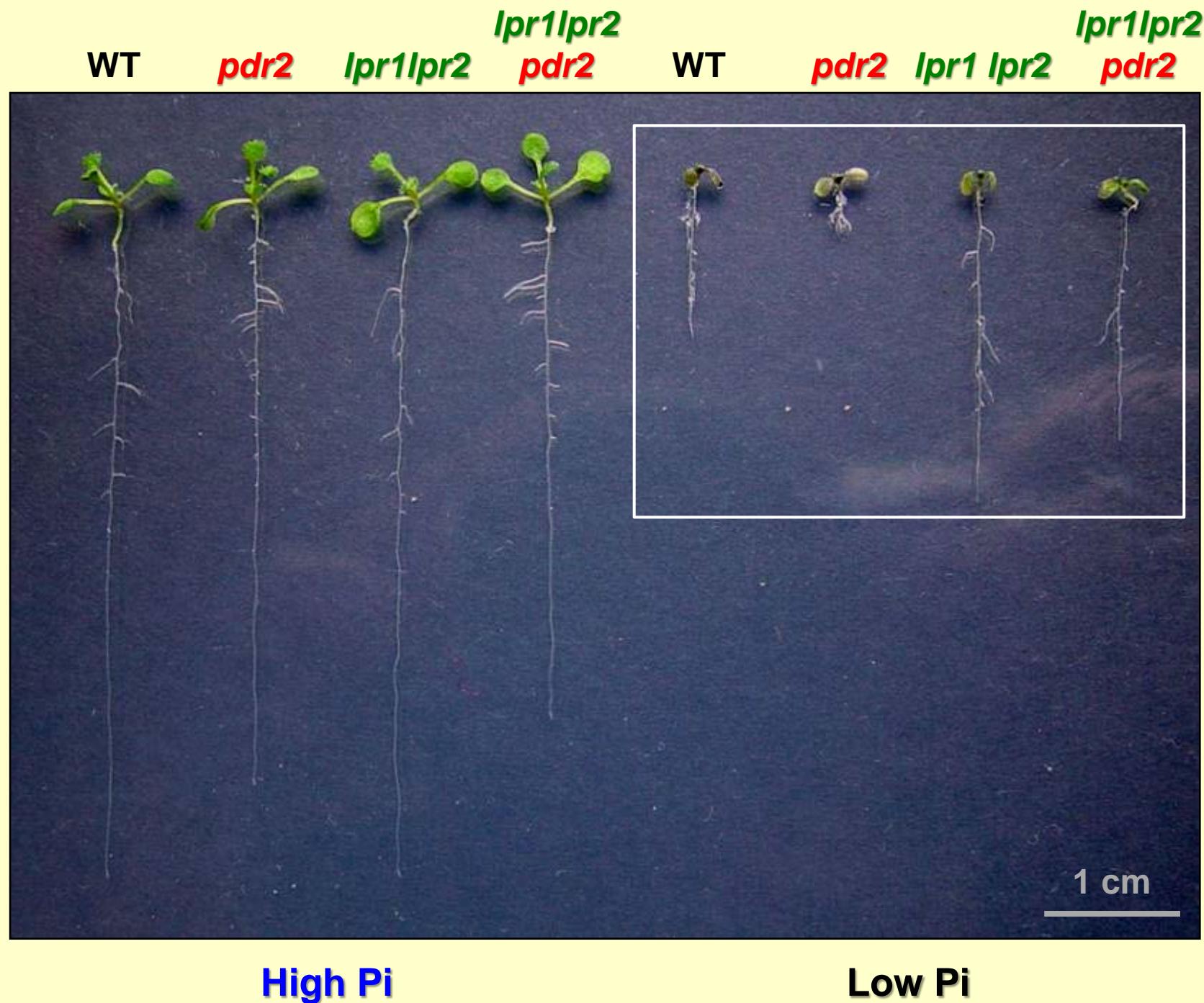
Natural Variation (QTL)

LOW Pi ROOT (*LPR1/LPR2*)

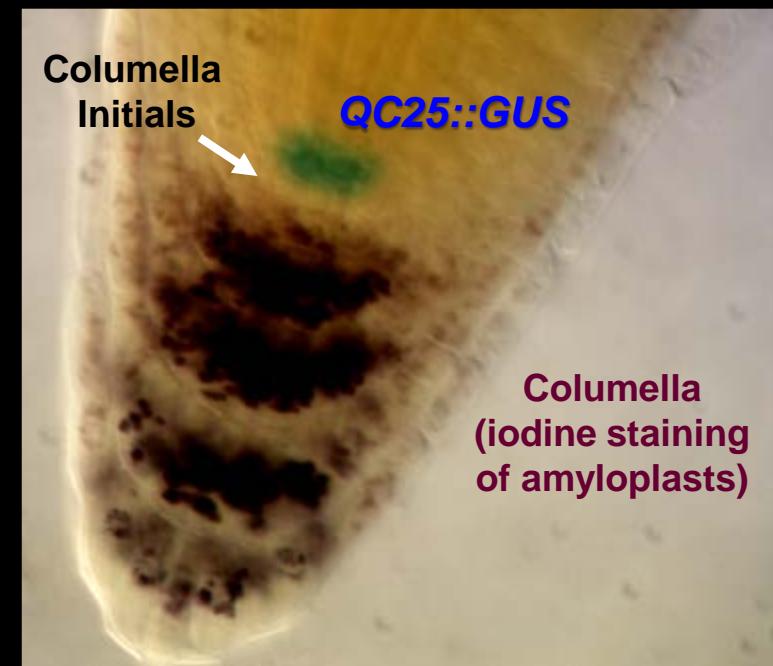
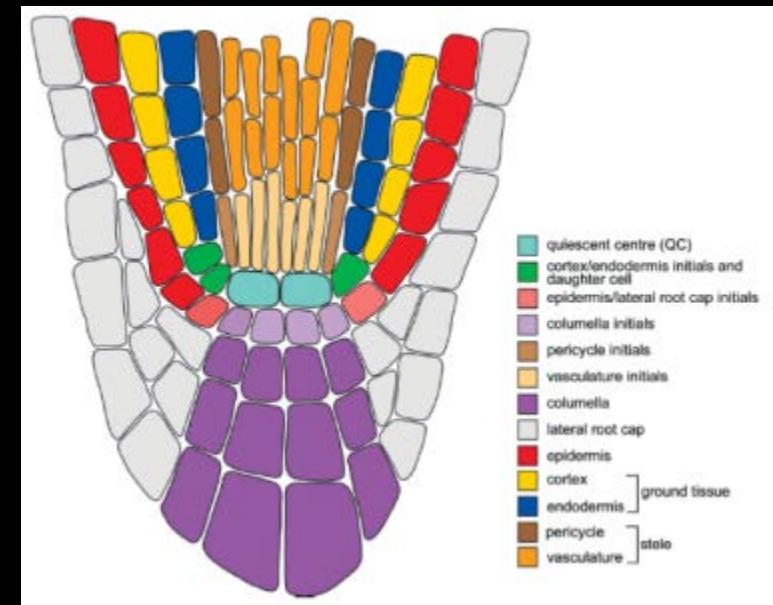
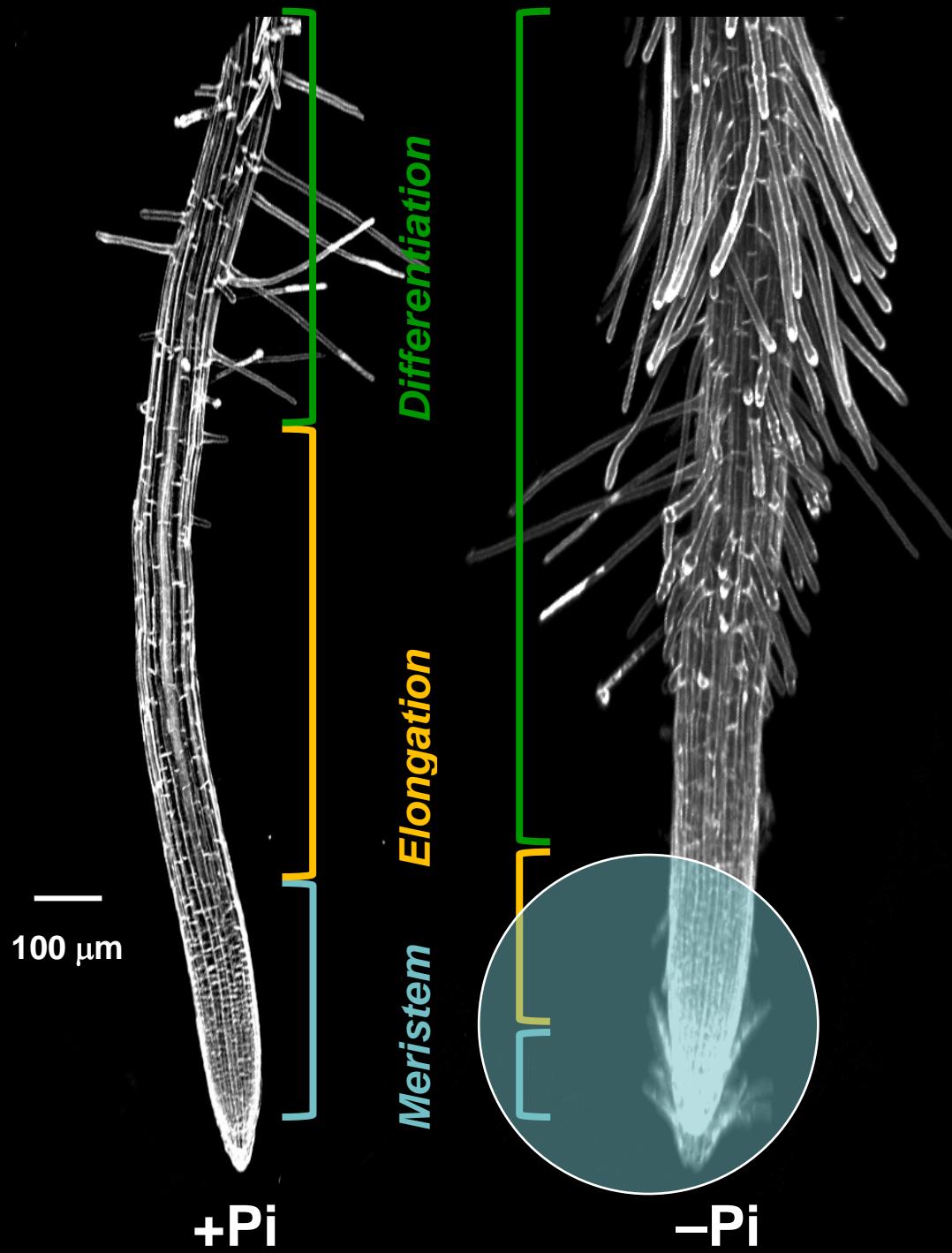


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LPR1-PDR2: A Bridgehead in Pi Sensing



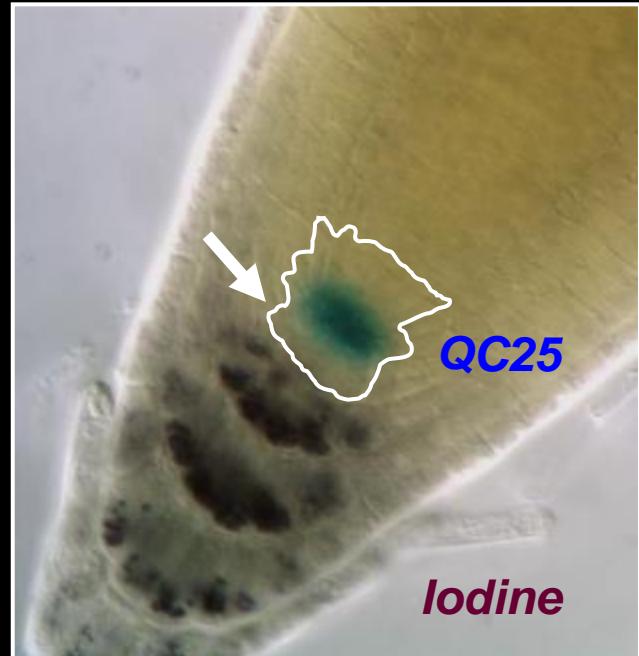
Pi-dependent Inhibition of Root Meristem Activity



Double-Staining of Quiescent Center and Columella

Accelerated Loss of Stem Cell Identity in *pdr2*

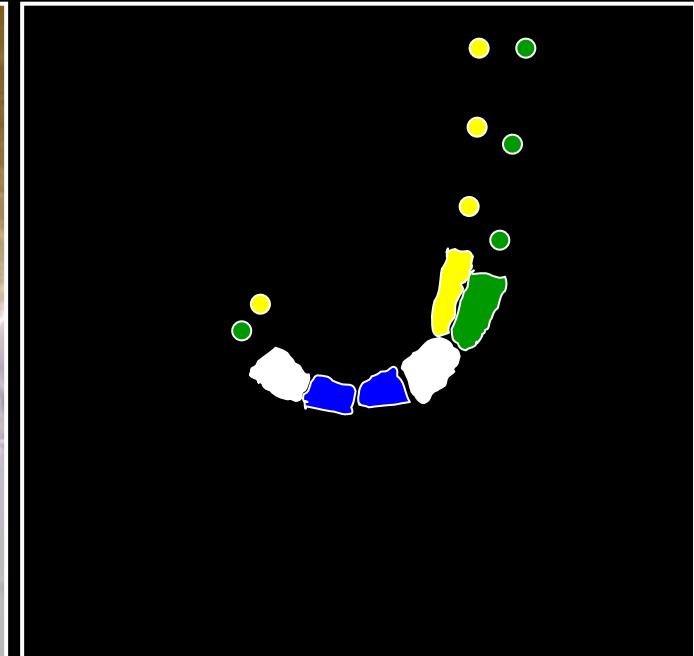
+Pi (5 d)



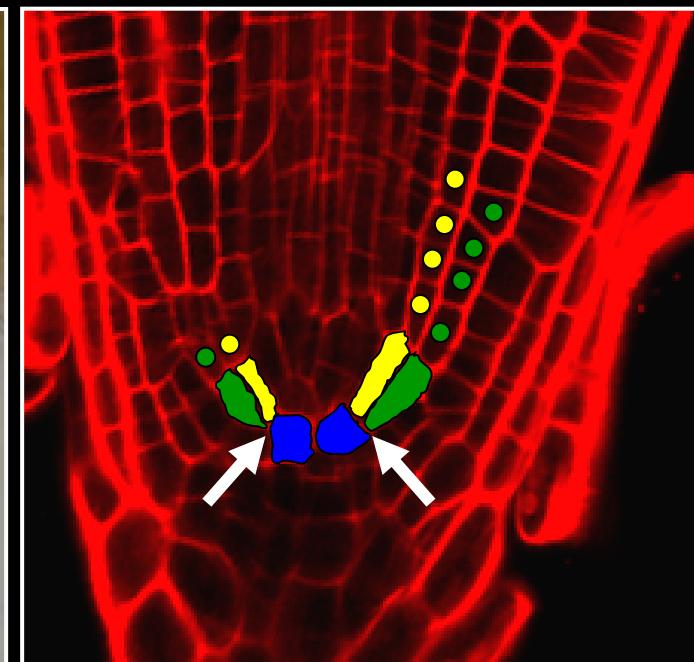
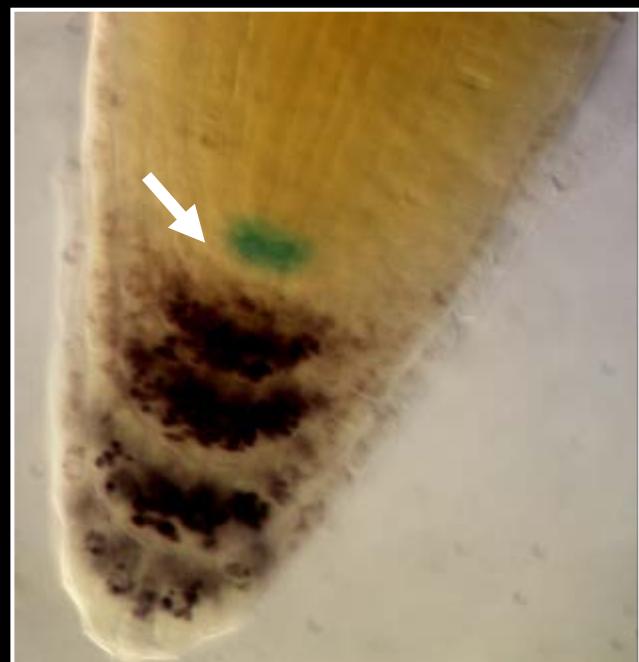
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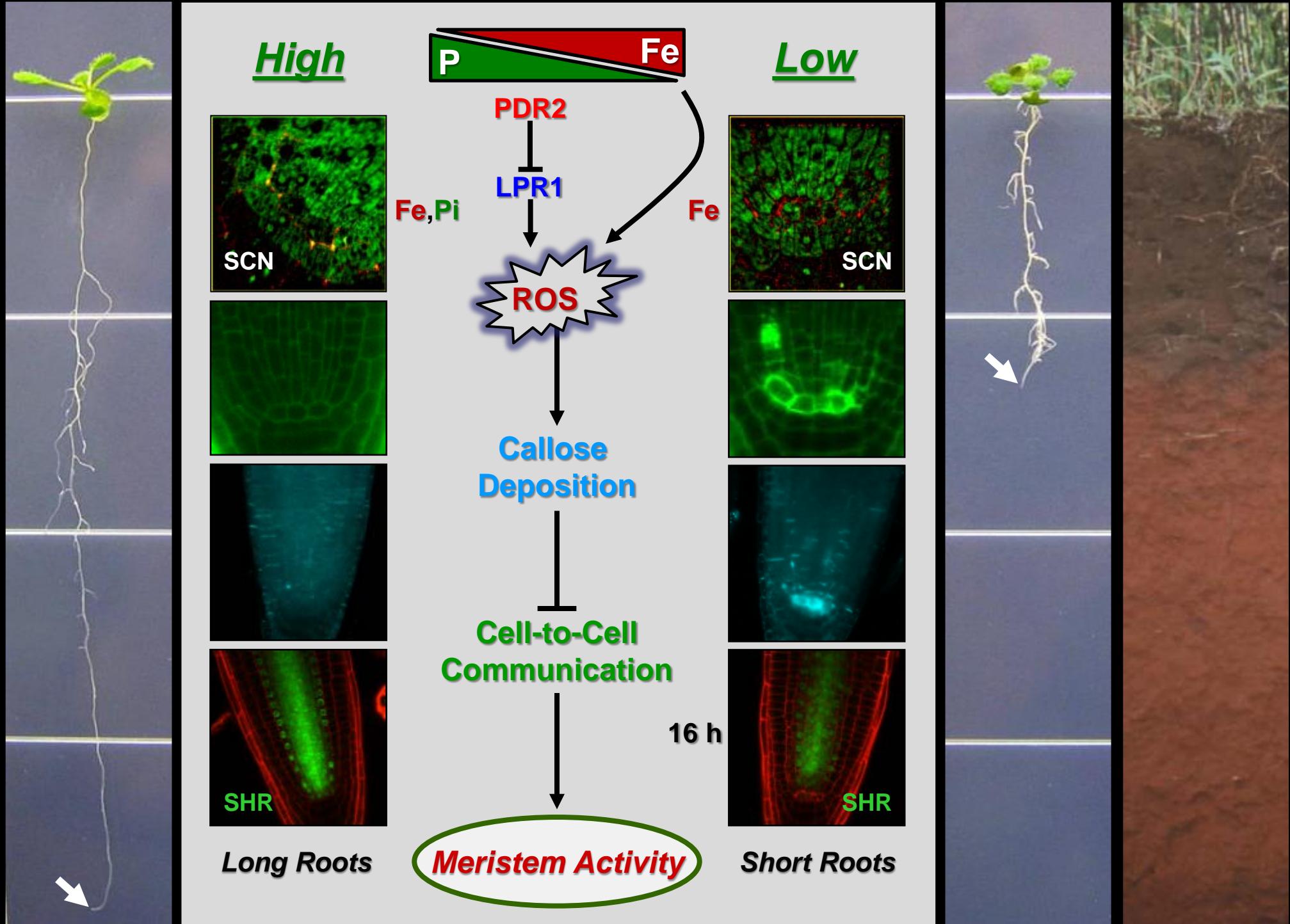


-Pi (2 d)



pdr2





Pflanzliche Anpassung an Phosphorverfügbarkeit



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