

Managing Nutrition to Control Plant Disease

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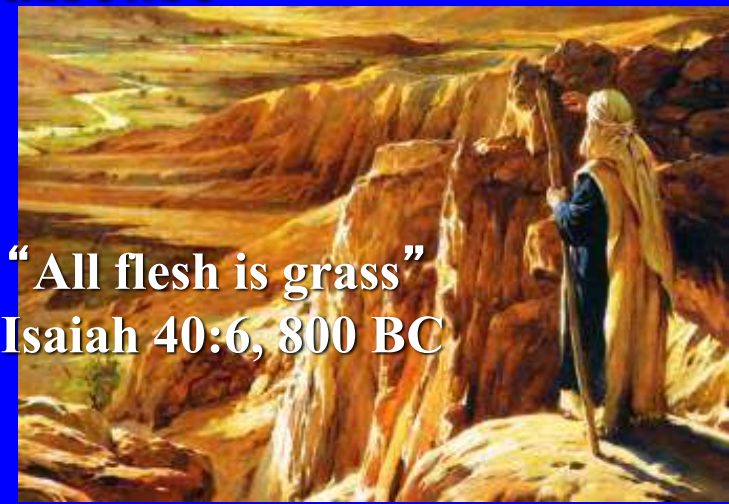
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Nutrition and Plant Health

- **Background**
- **Recognizing the interactions**
 - Symptoms - nutrition, disease
- **Keys to using nutrition to control disease**
 - Genetic efficiency
 - Nutrient form
 - Nutrient rate
 - Time and method applied
 - Source
 - Integration with farm operations
- **Glyphosate and GMO impact on nutrition and disease: Failed promises; Flawed science**
- **Summary and Conclusions**



“All flesh is grass”
Isaiah 40:6, 800 BC

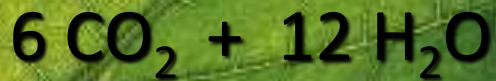
The Plant Factory - Storing the Sun's Energy

Photosynthesis and N-fixation



Mn^{+2}

N, P, K, Ca, S, Co, Fe, Ni, B, Cu, Mo, Zn



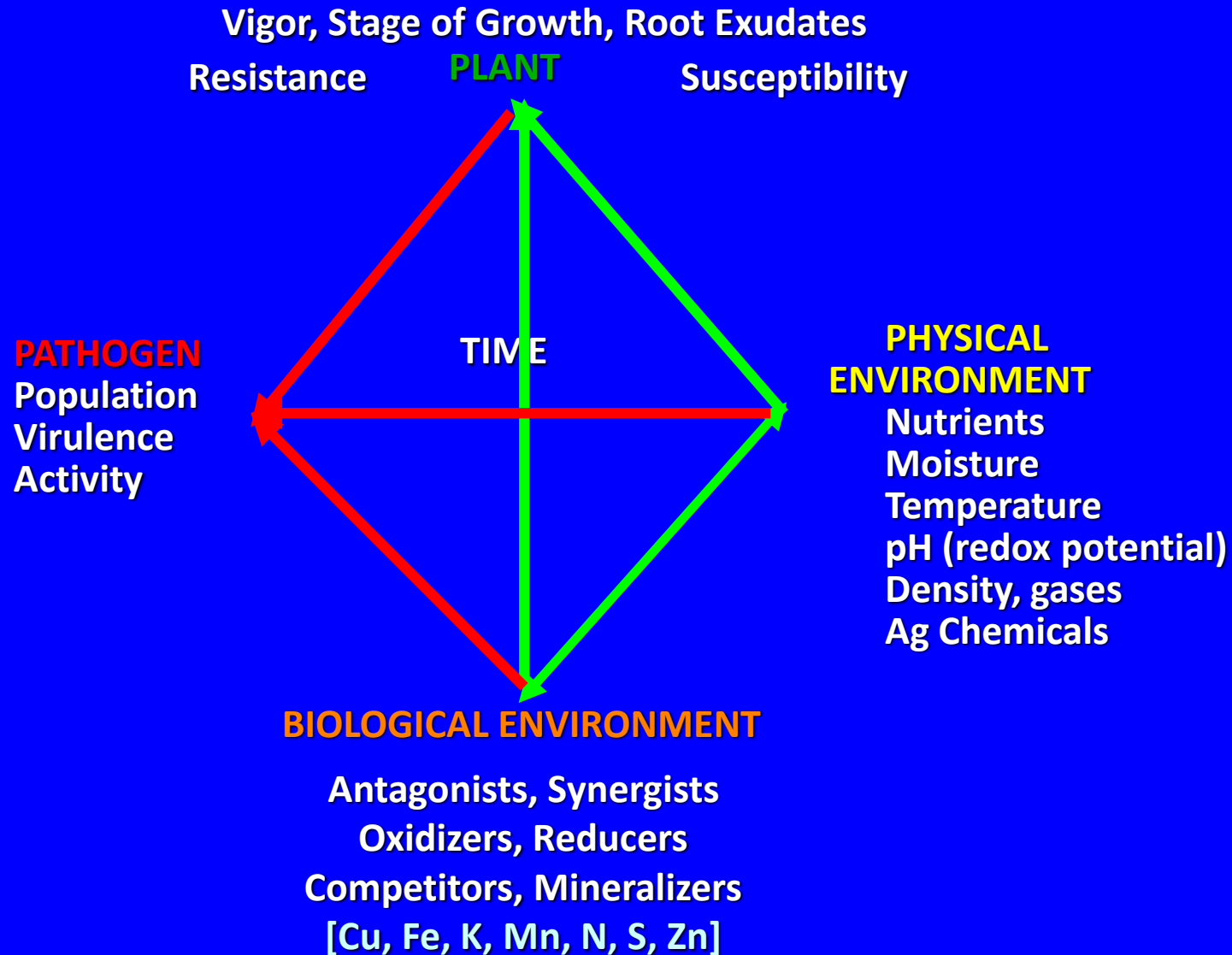
Chloroplast

Mg^{+2}

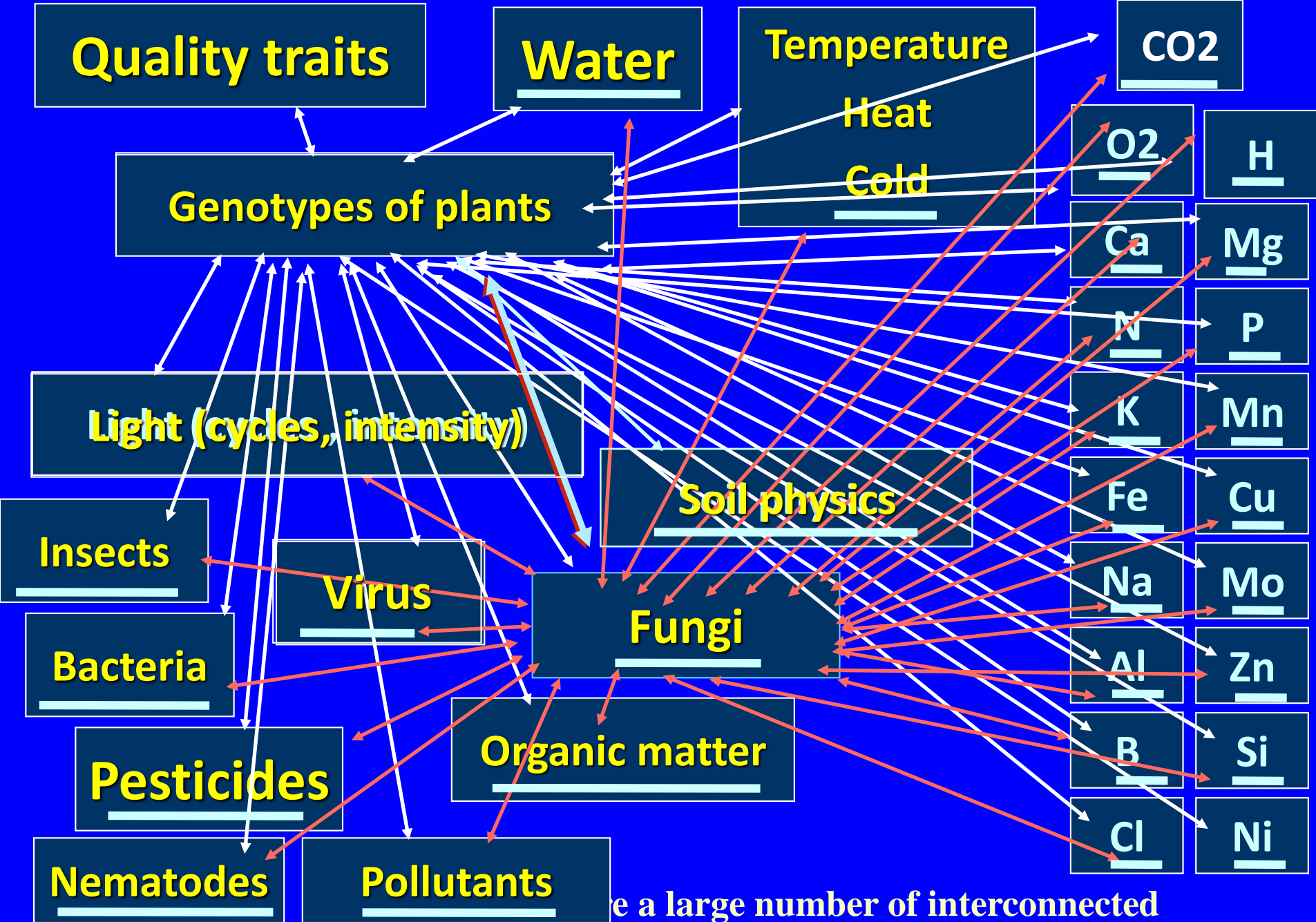
The Harvest is SUGAR
and PROTEIN

N_2

“Farming” is Managing the Ecology



The objective is to optimize for the plant; minimize for pests & pathogens



There is a large number of interconnected plant properties and responses to physical and biological environmental factors.

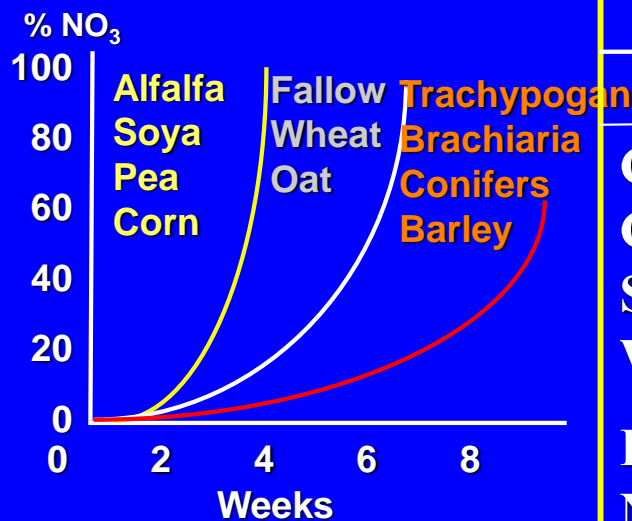
Changes in Agricultural Practices

Change the Interactions

Crop Sequence

Biotic environment
Nutrition
Nitrification
Organic matter
Herbicide usage

Effect of crop residue on nitrification



Tillage/No-till

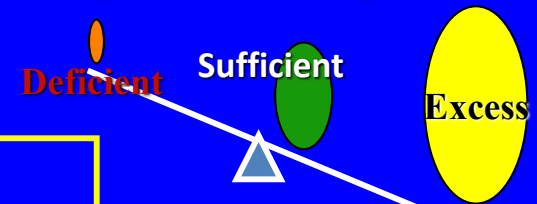
Residue break down
Soil density/aeration
Pathogen survival
Nutrient distribution
Denitrification

Fertilization

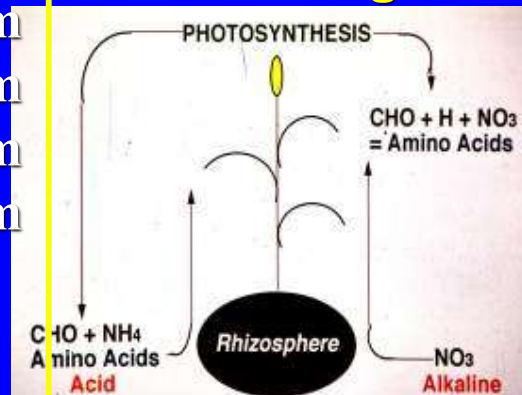
Rate/form
Time applied
Source/assoc. ions
Inorganic/Organic

Crop sequence effect on Mn²⁺

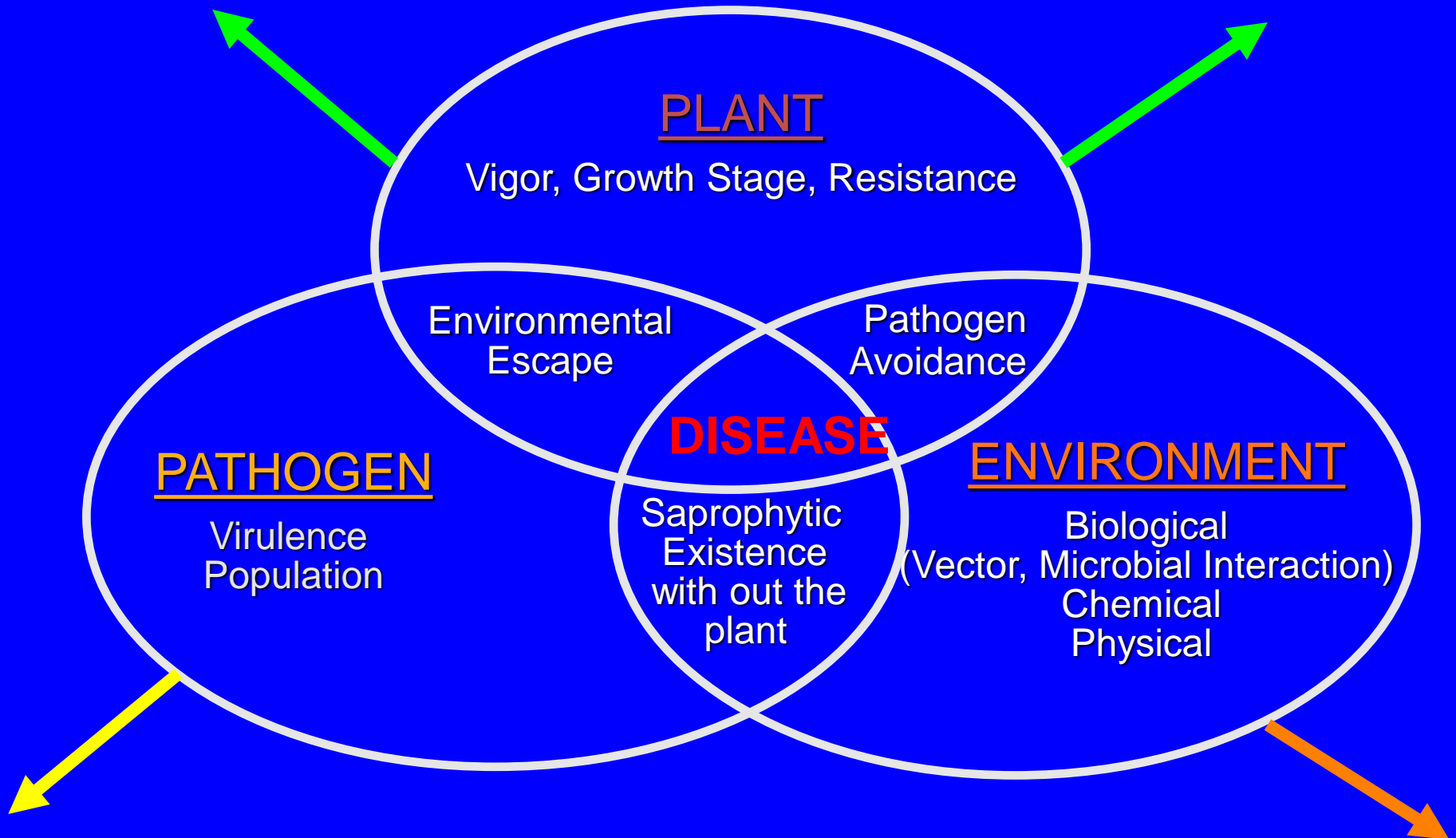
Rotation	Extractable Mn
Continuous Corn	130 ppm
Continuous soybeans	64 ppm
Soybean, wheat, <u>corn</u>	91 ppm
Wheat, corn, <u>soybean</u>	79 ppm
Fall chisel	126 ppm
No-till	80 ppm



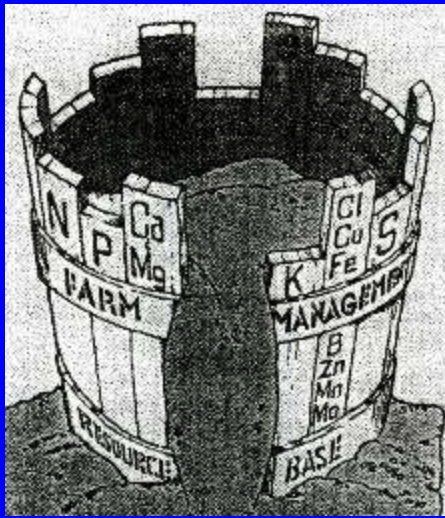
Metabolism of different forms of nitrogen



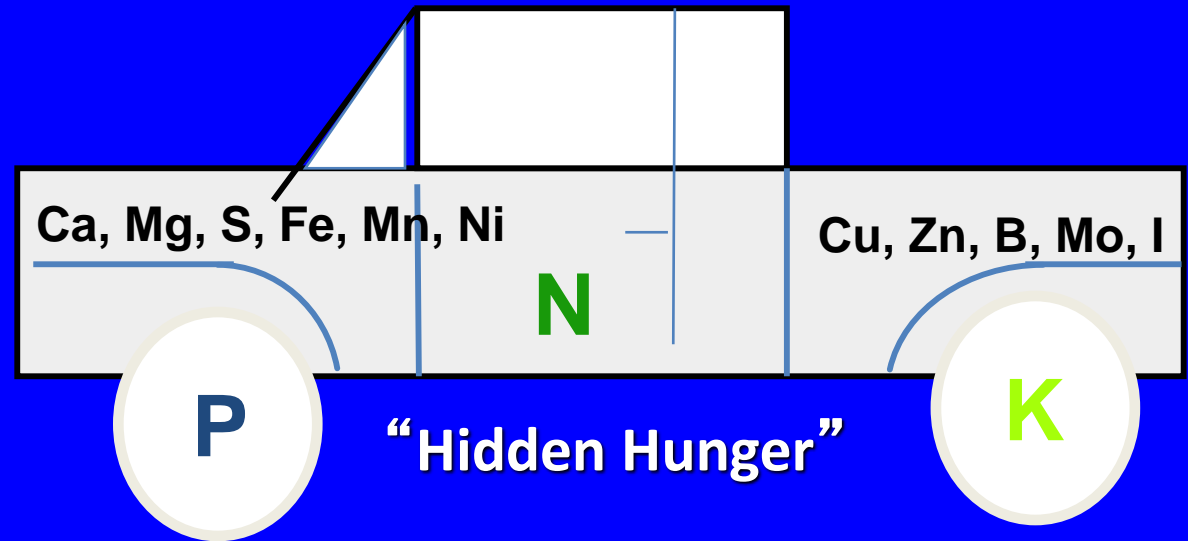
The Interaction of Three Factors Over Time Determines if a Disease will be Latent or Severe



NUTRIENT BALANCE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE EACH ELEMENT FUNCTIONS AS PART OF A DELICATELY BALANCED, INTERDEPENDENT SYSTEM WITH THE PLANT'S GENETICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT



“Law of the minimum”



Nutrient *BALANCE* may be related to disease or root function!

“The roots may be the root of the problem!”

“The weak link may be underground!”

Nutrients are:

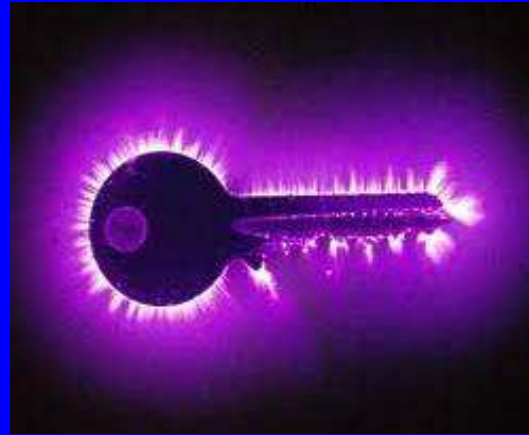
Components of plant parts as well as

Activators,

Inhibitors,

and Regulators

of Physiological Processes



**Many herbicides and pesticides
are nutrient chelators**

Root exudation of organic compounds from cotton, wheat and apple with different Zn levels

Zn Treatment	Amino acids	Sugars	Phenolics
($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ root 6h^{-1})			
COTTON			
-Zn	165	751	161
+Zn	48	375	117
WHEAT			
-Zn	48	615	80
+Zn	21	315	34
APPLE			
-Zn	55	823	350
+Zn	12	275	103

Cakmak and Marschner, 1988, J. Plant Physiol.

Reported* Effects of Nutrients on Disease

Disease is:

<u>Mineral element</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Variable</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nitrogen (N/NH₄/NO₃)	168	233	17	418
Phosphorus (P)	82	42	2	126
Potassium (K)	144	52	12	208
Calcium (Ca)	66	17	4	87
Magnesium (Mg)	18	12	2	32
Manganese (Mn)	68	13	2	83
Copper (Cu)	49	3	0	52
Zinc (Zn)	23	10	3	36
Boron (B)	25	4	0	29
Iron (Fe)	17	7	0	34
Sulfur (S)	16	3	0	19
Other (Si, Cl, etc.)	71	6	8	85

*Based on 1,200 reports in the literature

Implications of Nutrition in Disease

Verticillium wilt of potato



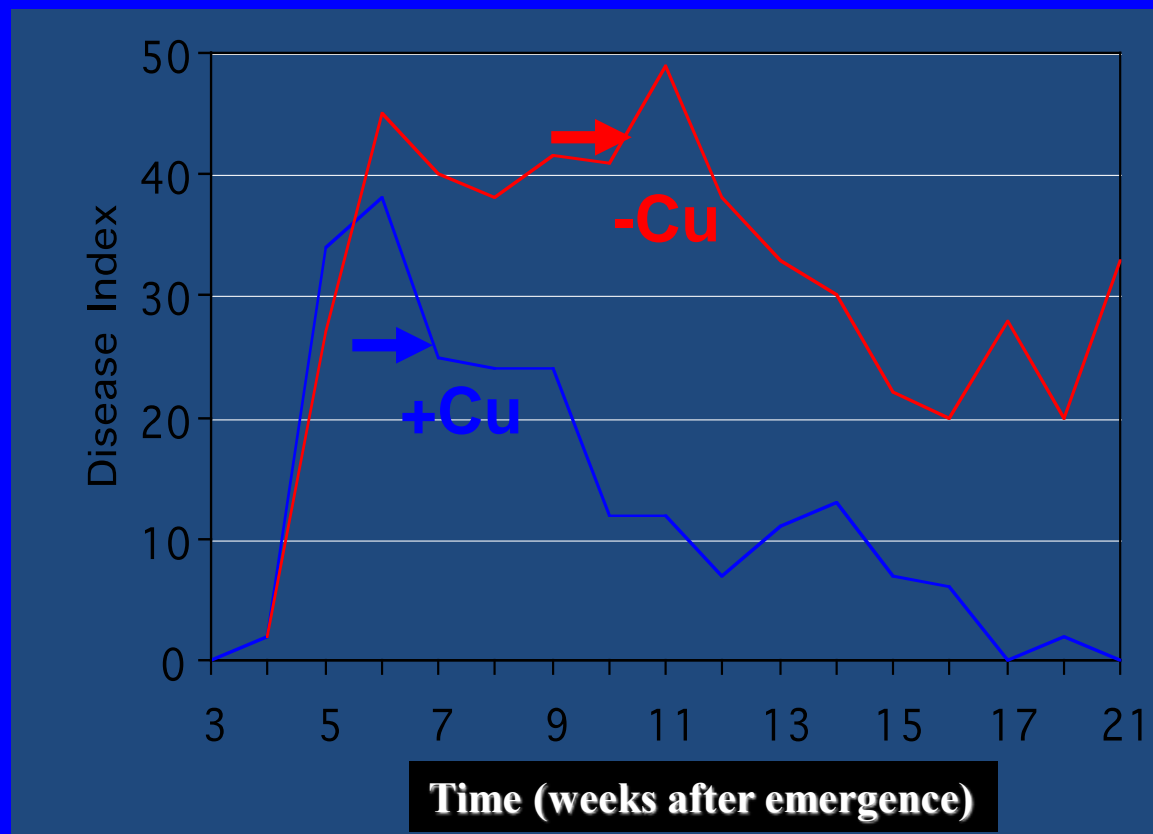
Rhizoctonia winter-kill of wheat

1. Observed effects of nutrient amendment on disease severity
2. Comparison of plant tissue levels of resistant and susceptible plants
3. Comparison of plant tissue levels of diseased and non-diseased plants
4. Association of conditions affecting a specific nutrient with differences in disease
5. A combination of the above

Effect of Copper on Two Wheat Diseases



Effect of soil-applied copper on powdery mildew of wheat*



*After Graham and Webb, 1991

Treatment	Grain yield (bu/a)	Ergot per acre
Check	13.317,743	
10 kg/ha Cu	42.0	2,420

After Evans, 2004

Mineral Content of Caster Bean Leaves Relative to Susceptibility to Botrytis

(after Thomas and Orellana, 1964)

Cultivar	Ca	Mg	Na	K
Resistant	122	21	3.2	16.1
Susceptible	38	13	8.1	224.0

Factors Affecting N Form, Mn Availability & Some Diseases*

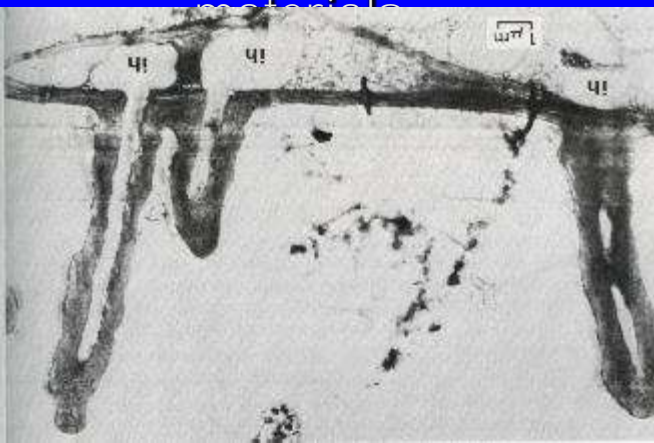
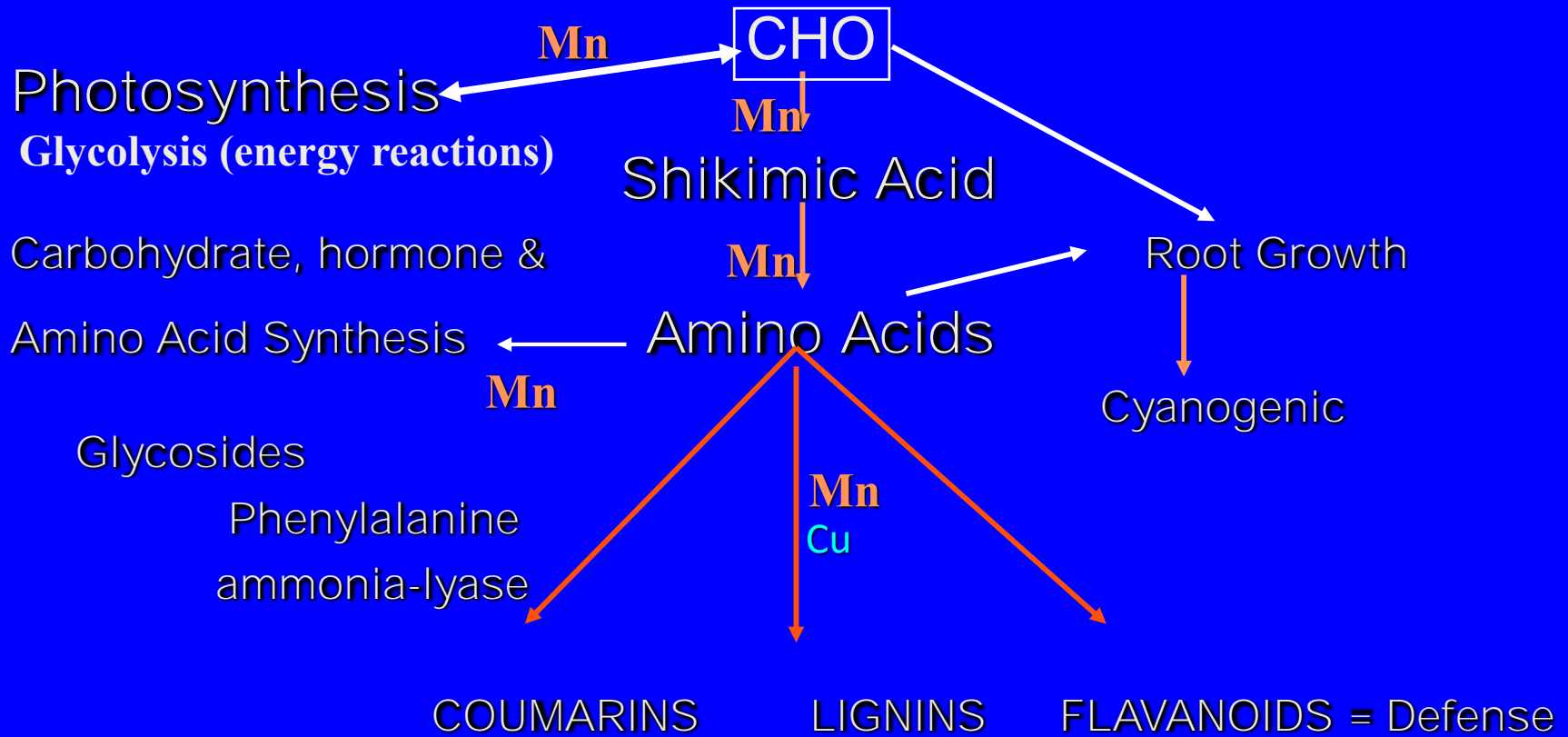
Soil Factor or Cultural Practice	Effect on: Nitrification	Mn Availability	Disease Severity
Low Soil pH	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Green Manures (some)	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Ammonium Fertilizers	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Irrigation (some)	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Firm Seed bed	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Nitrification Inhibitors	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Soil Fumigation	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Metal Sulfides	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Glyphosate	----	Decrease	Increase
High Soil pH	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Lime	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Nitrate Fertilizers	----	Decrease	Increase
Manure	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Low Soil Moisture	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Loose Seed bed	Increase	Decrease	Increase

*Potato scab, Rice blast, Take-all, Phymatotrichum root rot, Corn stalk rot

Nutrient Mechanisms that Reduce Disease

- **Increased plant resistance**
Physiology, inhibitors
Defenses - callous, cicatrix, etc.
- **Disease escape, tolerance**
Increased root, leaf growth
Shorter susceptible stage
Compensate for disease damage
- **Modify the environment**
Ph, other nutrients
Rhizosphere biology interactions
- **Inhibit pathogen activity**
Reduced virulence, survival
Biological control and growth

Physiologic Roles of Manganese

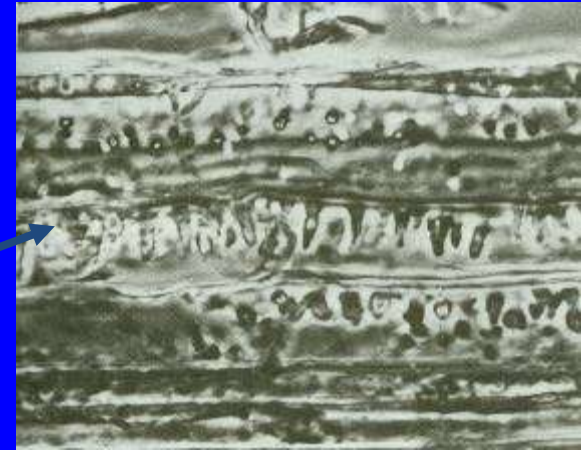


“Lignituber” formed in response to cell Penetration.

Wheat

Triticale

(After Skou, 1975)



The Abiotic Environment affects Nutrients - pH

High pH Diseases

Root knot nematode

Sclerotium root rot

Verticillium wilt

Take-all of cereals

Potato scab

Onion white rot

Anthraco nose

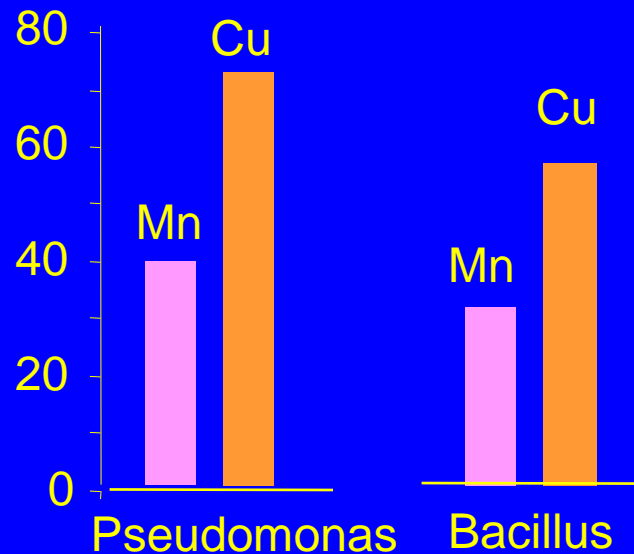
Potato virus X

Maize stalk rot



Disease as a Symptom of Deficiency

- **Take-all:** manganese, Cu, etc. (Huber, Thompson)
- **Stem melanosis, ergot, take-all:** copper (Evans)
- **Ergot, root rot fungi, damping-off :** Mn, B, Cu (Comeau, Evans)
- **Fusarium head blight:** worse in low Copper (Franzen et al.)
- **Verticillium wilt and common scab of potatoes:** Mn, NH₄



Taken up in 90 hours from hydroponics solutions by wheat rhizosphere bacteria
After Voss 2001

Keys to Using Nutrition to Manage Disease

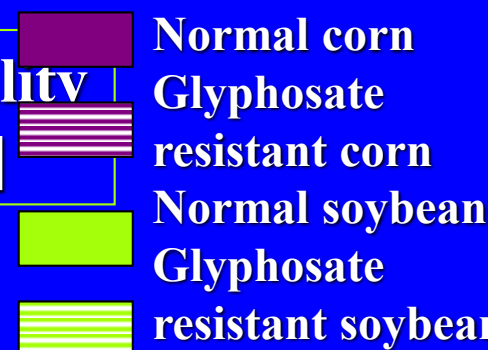
1. Genetics of the Plant
2. Nutrient Form or Availability
3. Rate Applied or Available
4. Method and Time Applied
5. Source of Element & Associated Ions
6. Integration with other practices



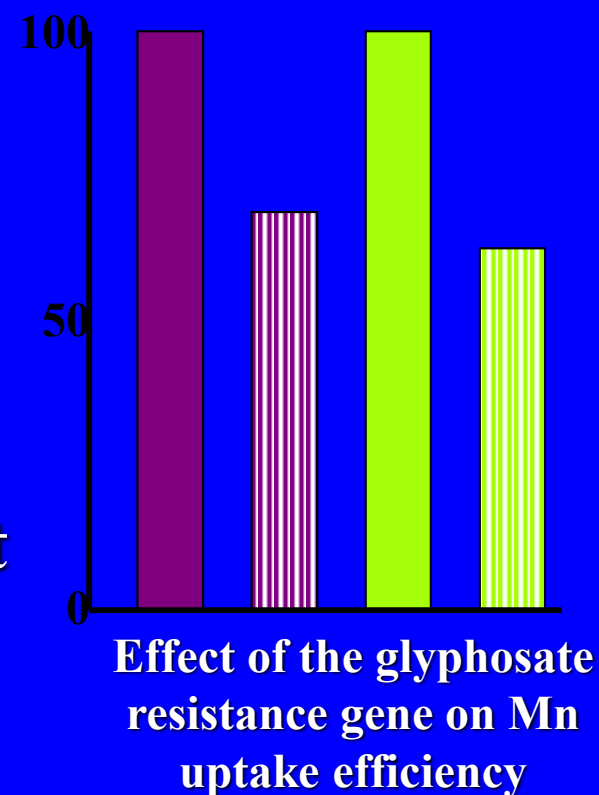
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1. Genetics of the Plant

Immunity \leftrightarrow Resistance \leftrightarrow Tolerance \leftrightarrow Susceptibility
[Nutrient uptake efficiency, nutrient availability]



- Stage of growth
- Age
- Health
- Environment



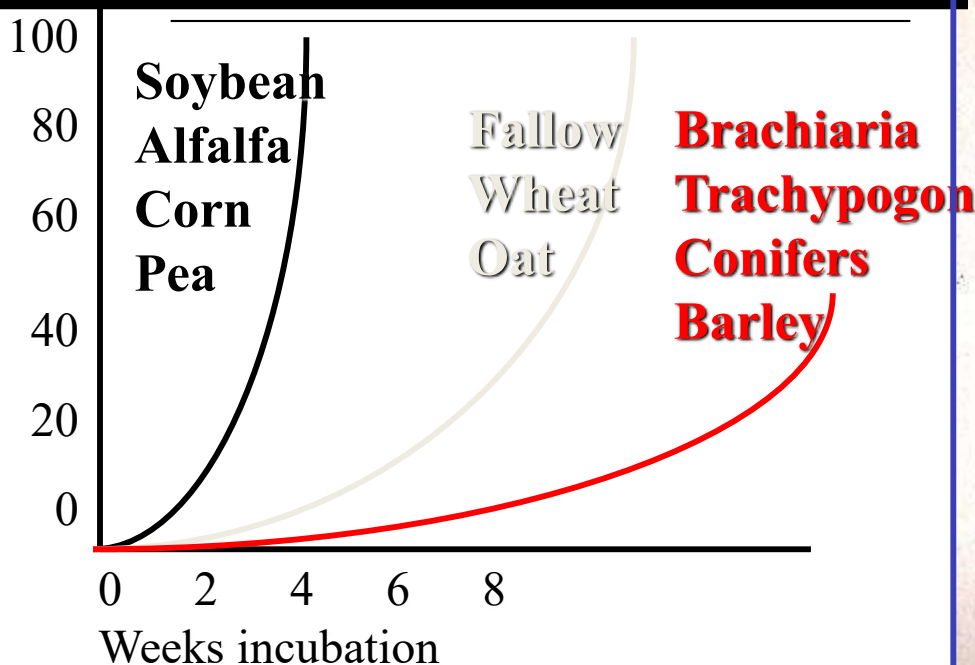
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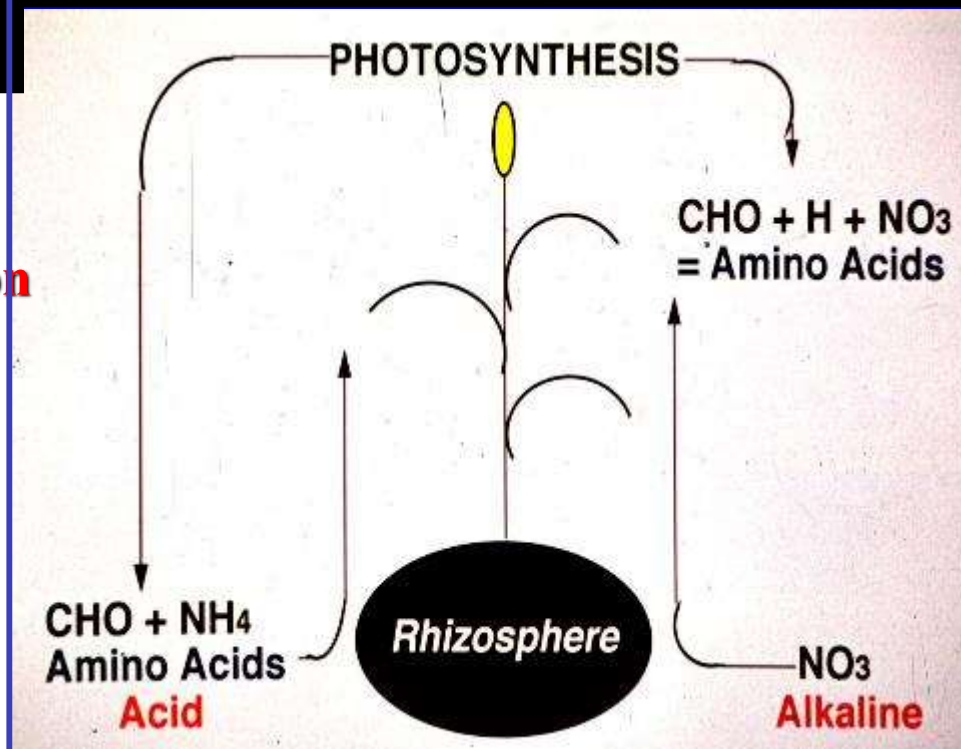
Oxidized \leftrightarrow Reduced, Soluble \leftrightarrow Non-soluble

Nitrogen, Iron, Manganese, Sulfur

Effect of Crop Residues on Nitrification



Metabolism of Different Forms of Nitrogen



Some Diseases Decreased by NO₃-N & alkaline pH

Crop	Disease	Pathogen
Asparagus	Wilt	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Bean (<i>P. vulgaris</i>)	Chocolate spot	<i>Botrytis</i>
	Foot and hypocotyl rot	<i>Fusarium solani</i>
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	
Beet	Damping-off	<i>Pythium</i> spp.
Cabbage	Club root	<i>Plasmodiophora brassica</i>
	Yellows	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Celery	Yellows	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Cucumber	Yellows	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Pea (<i>Pisum sativum</i>)	Damping-off	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
Pepper	Wilt	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Potato	Stem canker	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
Tomato	Gray mold	<i>Sclerotinia</i> spp.
	Sclerotium blight	<i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i>
	Wilt	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Wheat	Eye spot	<i>Pseudocercospora</i>
	<i>herpotrichoides</i>	

Some Diseases Decreased by NH₄-N & acid pH

Crop	Disease	Pathogen
Bean (<i>P. vulgaris</i>)	Root rot	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i>
	Root knot	<i>Meloidogyne</i>
Carrot	Root rot	<i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i>
Corn	Stalk rot	<i>Gibberella zeae</i>
EggPlant	Wilt	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Onion	White rot	<i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i>
Pea	Root rot	<i>Pythium</i> spp.
Potato	Scab	<i>Streptomyces scabies</i>
	Wilt	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i>
	Virus	Potato virus x
Rice	Blast	<i>Pyricularia grisea</i>
Tomato	Southern wilt	<i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i>
	Anthracnose	<i>Colletotrichum</i> spp.
	Wilt	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i>
	Virus	Potato virus x
Wheat	Take-all	<i>Gaeumannomyces graminis</i>



Effect of N form & inhibiting nitrification on Take-all and rhizosphere Mn oxidizers

A. N form on Take-all

B. Manganese oxidizers

C. -/+ Nitrification inhibitor

B Mn oxidizers / reducers



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Ammonia

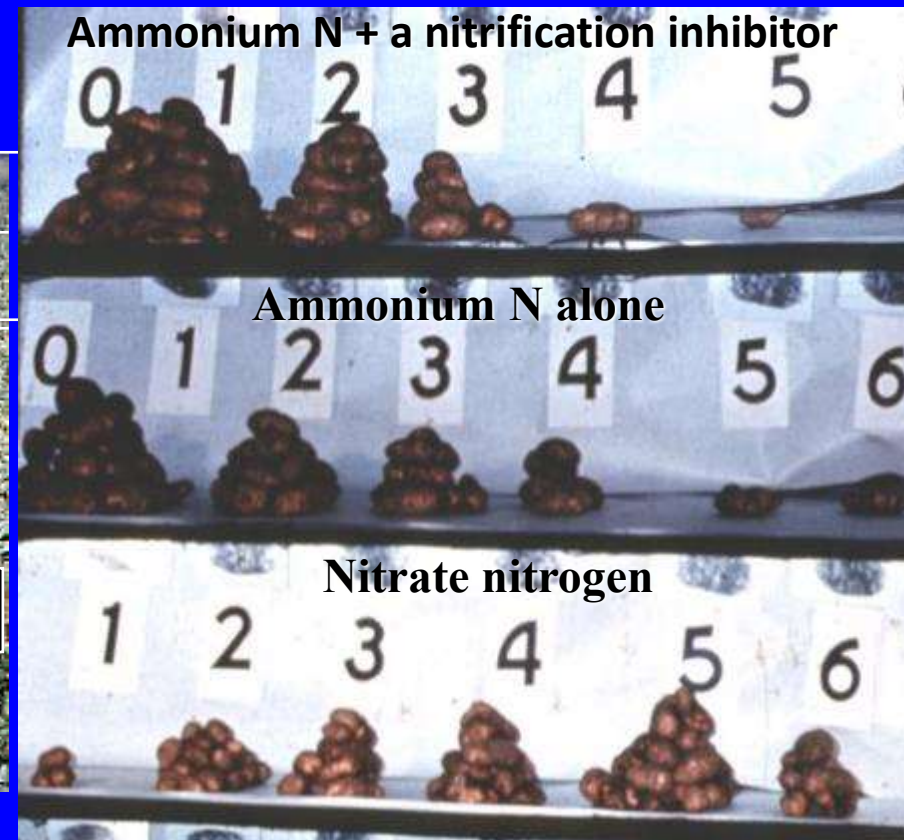
Ammonia + nitrapyrin



Effect of N Form on Yield of *Verticillium* Infected Potato

Effect of Inhibiting Nitrification on Potato Scab

Metric Ton per Hectare Potatoes						
0	30.0	32.5	35.0	37.5	40.0	42.5
Non-treated control						
Telone fumigated						
Telone fumigation + NH ₄ -N						
Telone fumigation + NO ₃ -N						

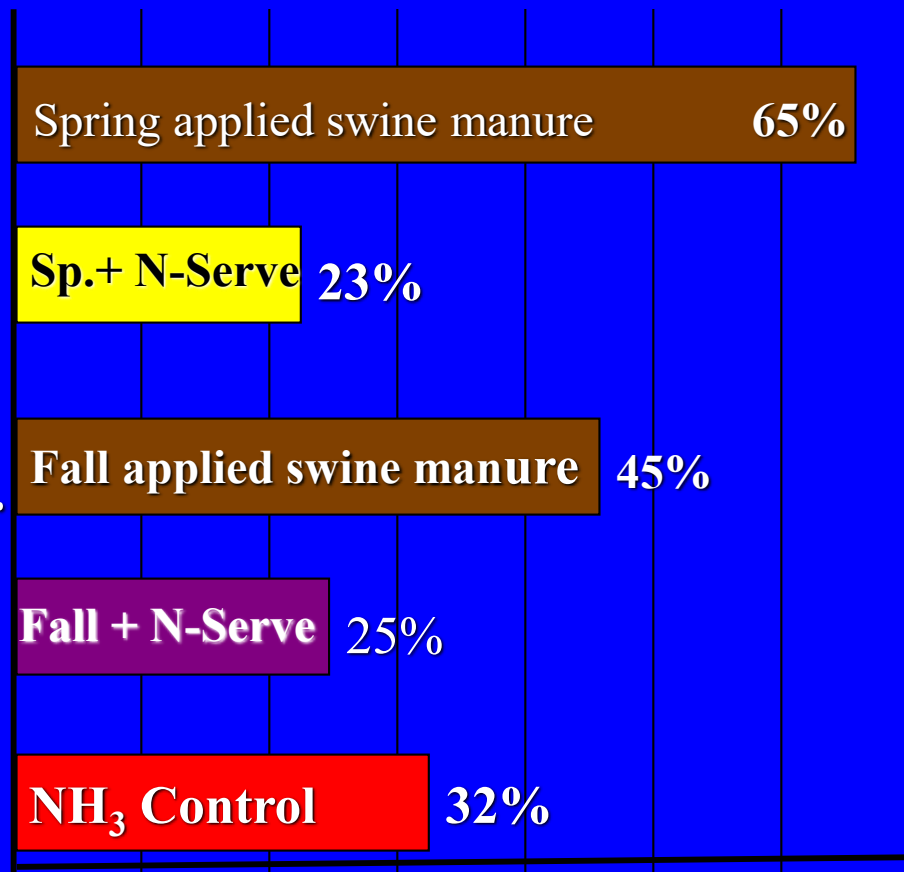


Disease scale: 0=no surface scab, 2=10% surface scab, 6=30% scab.

Effect of N source & Inhibiting Nitrification on Stalk Rot of Corn



Spring versus Fall application of manure



# of Trials	Nitrogen Source	% Stalk Rot N	% Stalk Rot N+Inhibitor
6	NH ₃	38	16
4	Manure	54	23

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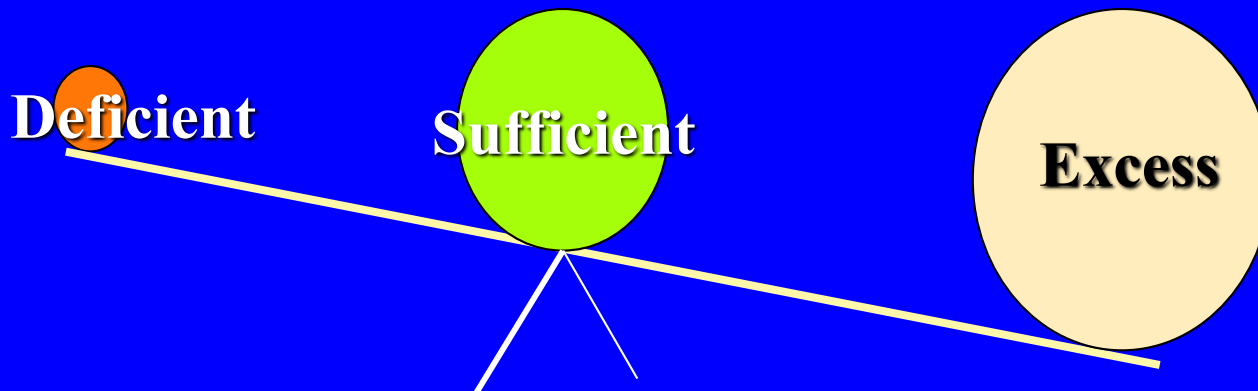
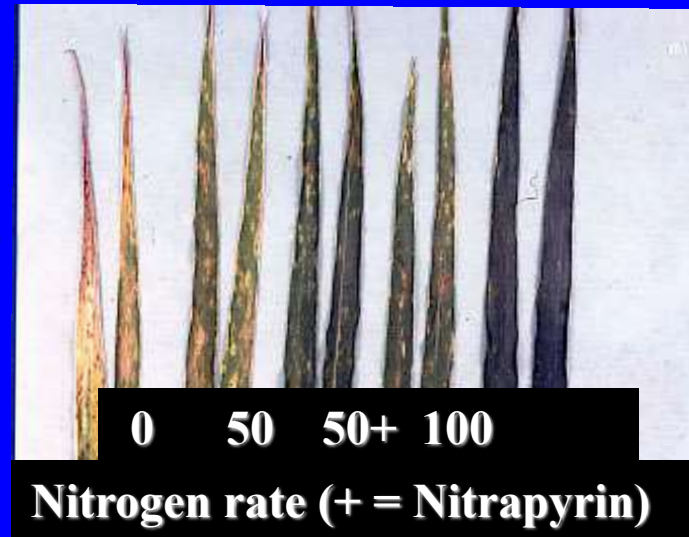
3. Rate Applied or Available

- **Amount available**

Deficiency to sufficiency versus
Sufficiency to excess for the particular

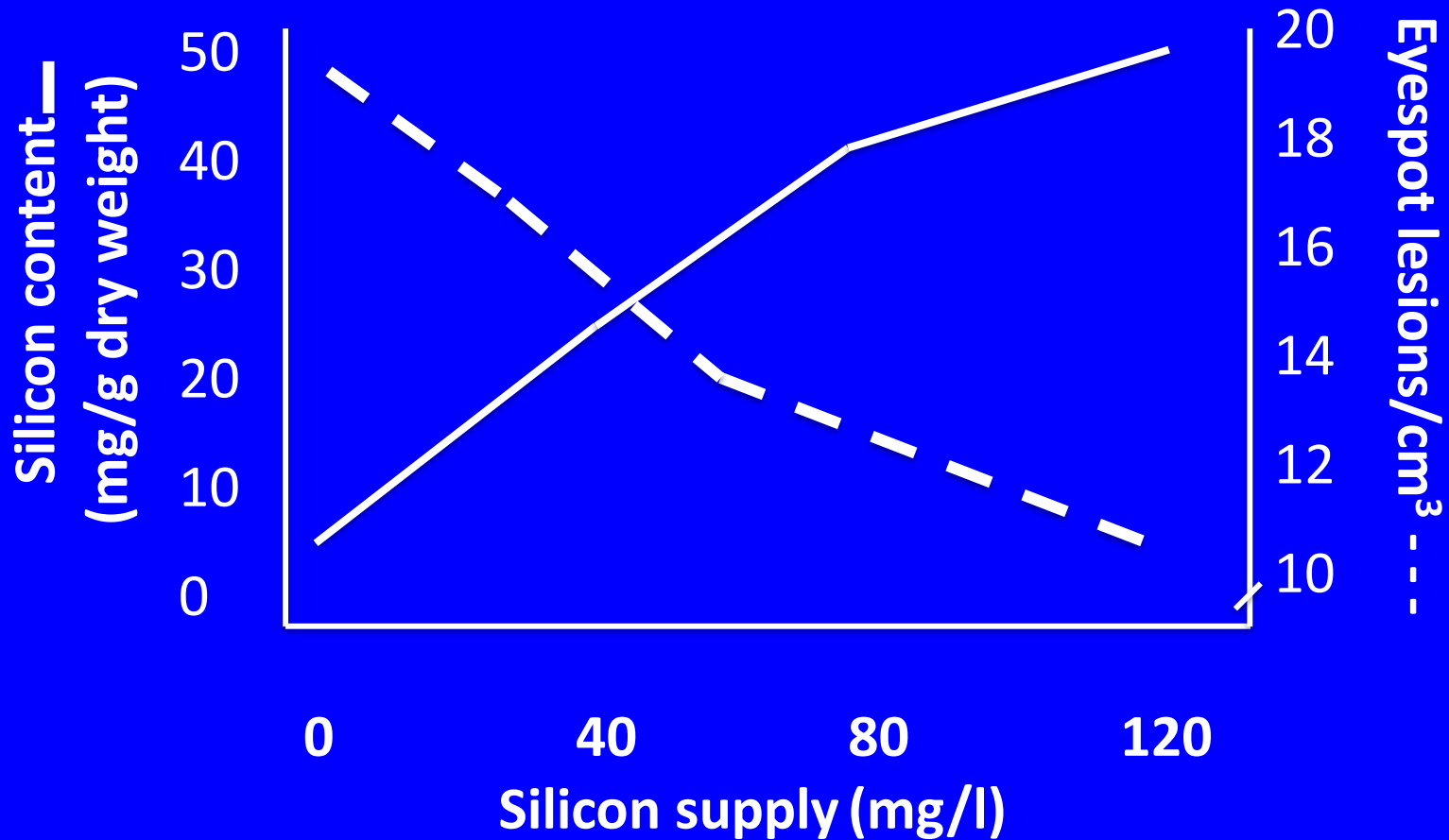
- **Time available**

- **Nutrient balance**



Corn is continuous; legumes have a 'recovery' window

Tissue Silicon and Blast Susceptibility (*Pyricularia oryzae*; *Magnaporthe grisea*)



Relationship of Calcium Rate to Pectolytic Enzymes and Soft Rot Caused by *Erwinia carotovora* (after Platero and Tejerina, 1976)

Calcium content (mg/g dry wt)	Pectolytic activity (relative units)*		Symptom severity
	Polygalacturonase	Pectin transeliminase	
6.8	62	7.2	4
16.0	41	4.5	4
34.0	21	0	0

*0 = no decay; 4 = Complete decay within 6 days

Relationship of B Rate to Red Spider Mite Severity

B supply (mg/l)	Mites (No/m ²)	Feeding holes No./cm ²	Tissue Cyanidin (ug/g)
0	1.8	67	2-5
0.5	1.7	60	10-18
5.0	1.2	30	
50	1.0	20	20-32
500	0.9	17	
1000	0.9	12	

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4. Method and Time Applied

Soil<-->Seed<-->Foliage, Side-dress<-->Band<-->Broadcast
Spring<-->Fall<-->Split

Susceptibility of Plant, Favorable Environment, Virulence of Pathogen

Effect of nitrogen source and time on *Rhizoctonia* "winter-kill" of winter wheat

Time N applied on yield & sharp eyespot

N	% lodging	Index	Yield (kg/ha)
Fall	3	2.1	3036
Early spring	73	3.2	2640

N Treatment	Time	% Kill
NH3 + N-Serve	September	14
Urea Granuals	February	40
28% N Solution	February	60
Urea	April	14



Mobility of Nutrients in Plants

Very mobile

Moderately

Somewhat

Poorly

N

Mg

Fe

Ca

P

S

Cu

Mn

K

Mo

Zn

Ni

B

Cl

Co

Na

Si

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5. Source and Associated Ions

Gas \leftrightarrow Liquid \leftrightarrow Granule; Anion \leftrightarrow Cation (K_2SO_4/KCl)



KCl **K_2SO_4**

Gibberella stalk rot of corn

Effect of KCl on the incidence of take-all in wheat (+ NH_4-N)

KCl (kg/ha)	% infected roots	Grain yield (t/ha)
0	45	5.3
56	34	5.7
56 + 185	11	6.5

Christensen et al., Agron, J. 73: 1053-1058; 1981

Effect of copper on wheat melonosis (*Pseudomonas cichorii*). After Mahli et al, 1989

Treatment	Rate (kg Cu/ha)	Application Method	Percent disease	Grain yield (kg/ha)
Control	Nil	None	92	294
CuSO₄	10	Banded	76	511
CuSO₄	10	Incorporated	34	2016
CuSO₄	10	Foliar spray	6	2116
Cu-Chelate	2	Foliar spray	7	2505

Nutrient Interactions – (Plant, rate, pH effect)

Element	Decreases uptake	Increases uptake
NH ₄	K, Ca, Mg, Cu	Fe, Mn, P, Ni, Zn
NO ₃	P, S, Cl, Fe	K, Cu, Mn
Mo	Fe	Mn, (Fe), NO ₃ utilization
P	Cu, Fe, Mn, Ni, Zn	Ca, Mn, Mo
K	Mo, Ca, Mg, NH ₄ , B, Cu	NO ₃ , Fe
S	Mg, Mo	K, Ca, NH ₄
Ca	Al, Cu, K, Mg, Fe, Mn, B, Zn	P, B
Mg	K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Ni	P
B	Ca	Mn
Co	Ni	
Cu	Fe, P, Ca, Mo, K, Mg, Ni, Zn	Mn
Fe	P, Ca, Mn, Ni	
Mn	P, Ca, Fe, (Zn)	B, Mo, (Zn)
Zn	P, Ca, Fe, Ni	NH ₄
Cl	NO ₃	Mn, NH ₄
Si		Mn, P

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6. Integration with other practices

Rotation, Tillage, Seed rate, Herbicide, pH, Moisture



Severe take-all of wheat following glyphosate on soybeans (left), the non-treated soybean control is right.



Less take-all of wheat in a Firm (right) than loose seed-bed (left)

Pesticide Interactions with Nutrition

- **Many pesticides are mineral chelators**
‘Immobilize’ (or enhance) critical mineral co-factor for enzymes
Organic phosphates, amino-phosphonates, dithiocarbamates, etc.
- **Herbicides - specific ion or general immobilization**
Cu examples: Puma Gold (fenoxypop); Tordon
General: Glyphosate, Glufosinate
Others: Zn, Fe, Co, Ni, B, etc.
- **Environmentally influenced** (activity, stability, persistence)
pH, moisture, temperature, microbial activity, soil type



Compensate for Reduced Availability if using the Tool!

Some Characteristics of Glyphosate

Persistent

Disrupts endocrine hormones

Organic phosphonate

Chronic toxicant

Growth regulator

Mineral Chelator

Virulence enhancer

Inhibits enzymes

Synthetic Amino Acid

Antibiotic

Herbicide

DNA mutagen

Immobilizes B, Ca, Co, Cu, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Ni, Zn

% Mineral Reduction in Roundup Ready® Soybeans Treated with Glyphosate

Plant tissue	Ca	Mg	Fe	Mn	Zn	Cu
Young leaves	<u>40</u>	<u>28</u>	7	<u>29</u>	NS	NS
Mature leaves	<u>30</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>48</u>	30	<u>27</u>
Mature grain	<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>45</u>		

Residual glyphosate?

Reduced:

Yield 26%

Biomass 24%

After Cakmak et al, 2009

Some of the 291 Enzymes Glyphosate Down Regulates

Enzyme	-Fold change
Taurine ATP-bindingsystem	11.07
Glutamate synthase	6.06
Aminomethyl transferase	5.58
Tyrosine aminotransferase	4.36
Thioredoxin reductase	4.20
NADH dehydroenase	4.04
Riboflavin synthase	3.57
3-phosphoadenosine-5-phosphosulfte reductase	3.75
Membrane bound ATP synthase	3.67
Acetolactate synthase	3.59
Pyridine nucleotide transhydrogenase	3.50
Shikimate kinase	3.36
3-deoxy-D-arabino-heptulosonate-7-phosphatase	3.38
Sulfite reductase	3.19
RNAase	3.18
Glutathione S-transferase	3.04
D-amino acid dehydrogenase	3.00
Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase	2.67
ATP sulfurulase	2.65
5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthetase (EPSPS)	2.62

Glycolysis
PEP pyruvate

Pentose cycle
Erythrose-4-PO₄

Glyphosate

Shikimate

Chorismate

Phenolics

Prephrenic

Tyrosine

Phenylalanine

Anthranilate

Tryptophan

IAA
Indolacetic acid

IAA
degradation

Cinnamic

Coumaric

Caffeic

Ferulic

Quinones

Coumaryl OH

H₂O₂

Coniferyl OH

Sinapyl OH

H₂O₂

Phytoalexins:
Phenylpropanoids
Salicylate & SAR
PR Proteins

Monocot:
Salicyl+>SAR
PR2 PR5
= sensible

Jasmonique
PR1 PR3
PR5 PR9
= résistant

Monocot







Gymnosp

Dicot

LIGNIN

LIGNIN

CELL WALLS

 Mn	 Fe
 Cu	 Si
 Co	 B*
* probable	

Adapted from Graham & Webb 1991

Reduced Nutrient Efficiency of Isogenic RR Soybeans

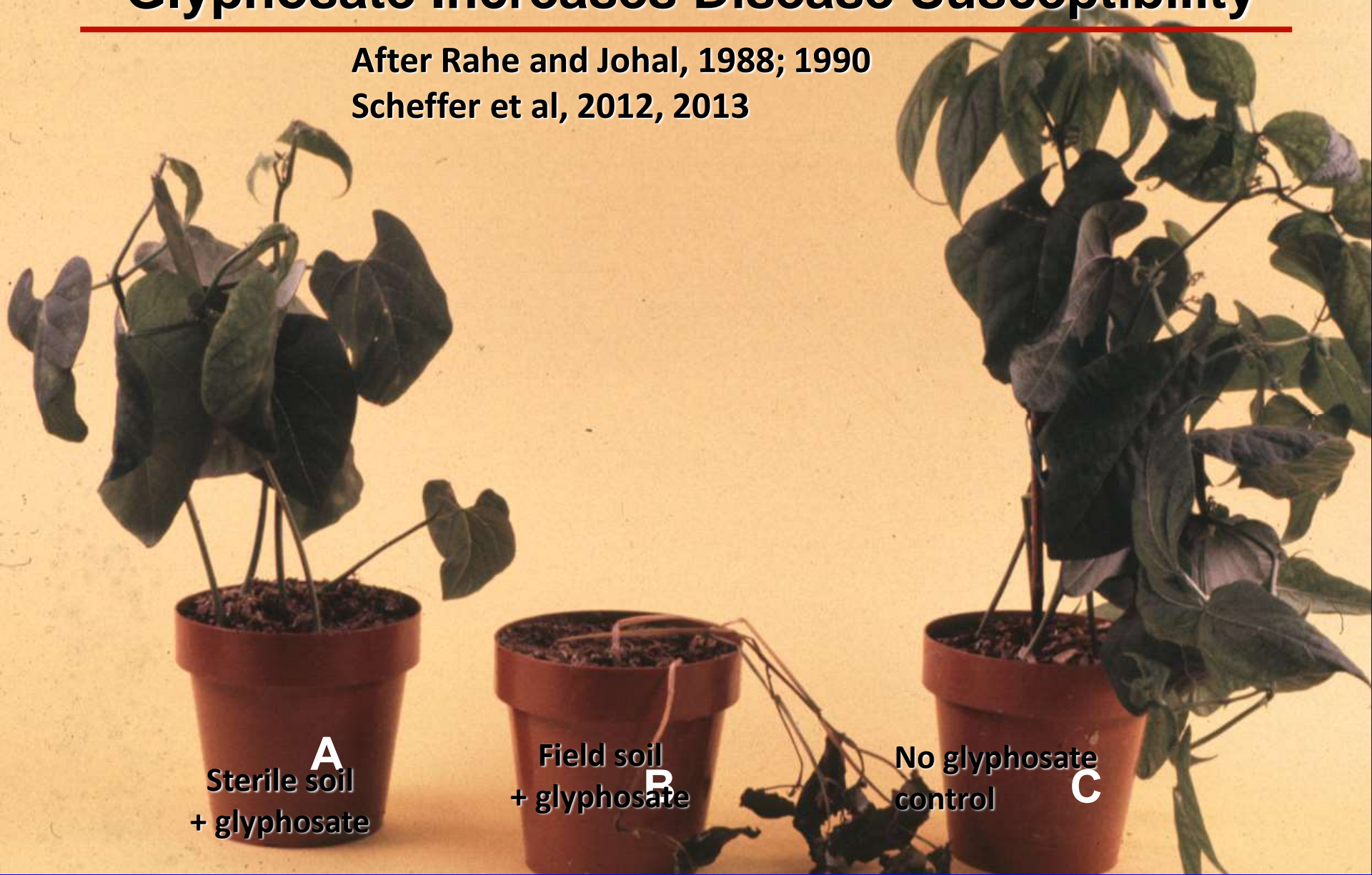
Tissue:	Mn	Zn
Isoline	%	%
Normal	100	100
Roundup Ready®	83	53
RR + glyphosate	76	45

Copper, iron, and other essential nutrients were also lower in the RR isoline and reduced further by glyphosate!

Herbicide action is by soil-borne fungal pathogens

Glyphosate Increases Disease Susceptibility

After Rahe and Johal, 1988; 1990
Scheffer et al, 2012, 2013



A
Sterile soil
+ glyphosate

B
Field soil
+ glyphosate

C
No glyphosate
control

Some Plant Pathogens Increased by Glyphosate

Corynespora cassicola

Fusarium spp.

Phytophthora spp.

Pythium spp.

Rhizoctonia solani

Thielaviopsis bassicola

Xylella fastidiosa

Myrothecium verucaria

F. solani f.sp. Pisi

Gaeumannomyces graminis

Magnaporthe oryzae

(“Emerging” and “reemerging diseases”)



Fungal Mn oxidation
in soil
(increased virulence)

Abiotic: Nutrient deficiency diseases; bark cracking, mouse ear, ‘witches brooms’, drought stress, chill damage

Foliar application of glyphosate

Systemic movement
throughout the plant

Chelation of micronutrients

Glyphosate accumulates in
shoot, root and
reproductive tissues

Translocated to roots

15-20% released into soil

Glyphosate can **accumulate** in soil
(slow to little degradation)

Residual soil and residue effects

Glyphosate is toxic to beneficials:

N-fixing microbes

Mycorrhizae

Biological control organisms

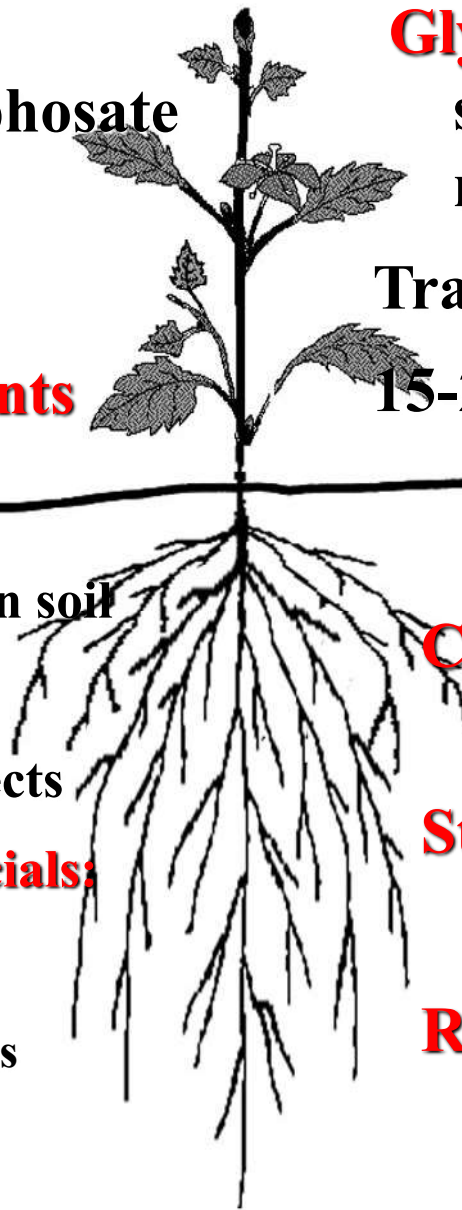
Earthworms

PGPR organisms

Compromises plant
disease resistance

Stimulates soilborne
diseases

Reduces nutrient uptake



Schematic of glyphosate interactions in soil

Nutrient Management for Citrus Disease Control

<u>Principle</u>	<u>Implementation</u>	<u>Nutrients</u>
Time	Latent periods Flush periods	N, P, K, B, Ca, Fe, Mg, Cu*, Mn*, Zn*, Mo, Co, Ni
Method	Soil (Latent eriod) Foliar (Flush period)	
Form	NH ₄ , NO ₃ , PO ₃ *, PO ₄ , SO ₄	
Rate	Compensation, Maintenance	Tissue test
Integration	Weed control	No glyphosate/Liberty

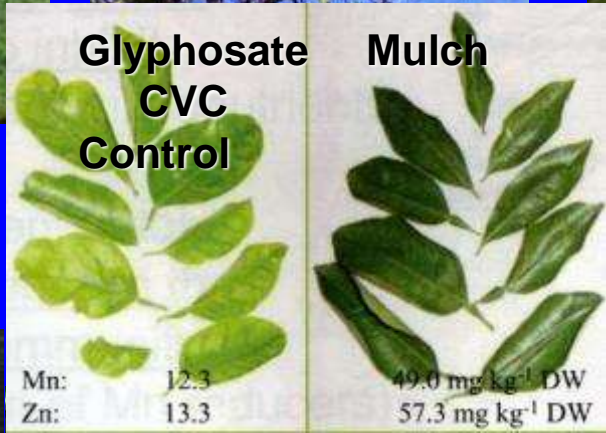
Multi-component Approach for CVC/HLB

Item	CVC	HLB
Target tissue	Xylem	Phloem
Time	All	Flushes
N Form	NH ₄	NO ₃
Strategy 1* (Plant)	Resistance <u>and</u> Compensation Root/soil NH ₄ , Cl, Mn	Foliar (Phosphites) Mn, Zn, Mo, Cu, Co, B, Mg
Strategy 2 (Environment)	Modify Weed Control Inhibit nitrification	Modify Block N-source, weeding Shade, Mo, Mn, Co
Strategy 3 (Pathogen)	Inhibit Shikimate	Suppress NO ₃ , Cu-I

*Strategies: 1=plant, 2= environment, 3=pathogen

Citrus Variegated Chlorosis

Predisposition to CVC (*Xylella fastidiosa*) by glyphosate



Nutrient Management of HLB

(Boyd, Yamada, AgSpectrum, Dean, etc.)



AgSpectrum 2010-Start



AgSpectrum 2011

Nutrient Program:

1. Compensate for nutrient disruption – N, K, Mn, Zn, Mo, Co
2. Optimize general nutritional needs
3. Timing, form, frequency, rate re infection cycle

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Russet Potatoes, August 2009, Idaho
Dying 2-3 Weeks Early from Verticillium Wilt
WHY?

“Cool Spring”

“Too warm July”

“Too much irrigation”

“A bad year for Verticillium wilt”

Glyphosate-Induced Fe-Deficiency Chlorosis

+ glyphosate
+ seed Fe treatment
19 bu/a

+ glyphosate
8 bu.a

No glyphosate
+ seed Fe treatment
56 bu/a

Photo: N.C. Hansen, Fort Collins, CO

Interaction of seed-applied Fe and glyphosate application on Fe deficiency chlorosis in soybeans; Minnesota, USA

Jolley et al., 2004, Soil Sci. and Plant Nutrition 50:973-981

% Reduced Nutrient Density in RR versus Non-RR*

Nutrient	Alfalfa	Soy Beans**
Nitrogen	13 %	40 %
Phosphorus	15 %	-----
Potassium	46 %	16 %
Calcium	17 %	26 %
Magnesium	26 %	30 %
Sulfur	52 %	-----
Boron	18 %	-----
Copper	20 %	27 %
Iron	49 %	18 %
Manganese	31 %	48 %
Zinc	18 %	30 %

***Third year, alfalfa, second cutting analysis;
Glyphosate applied one time in the previous year**

****Youngest mature leaf**

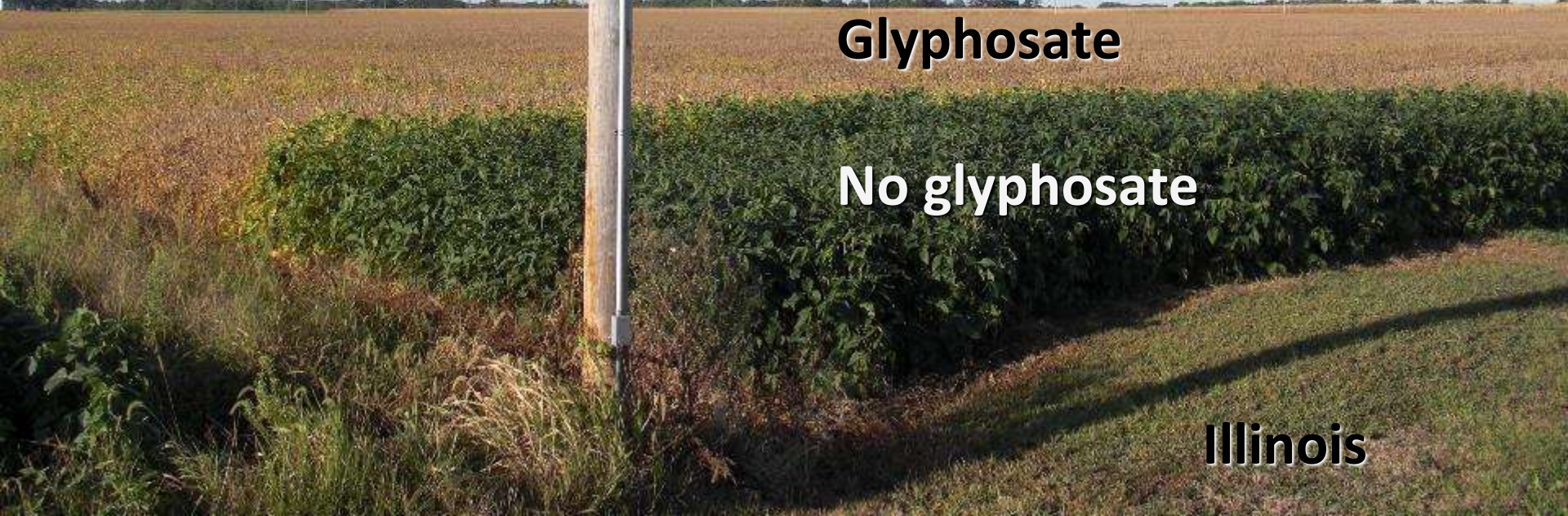
Effect of Glyphosate Herbicide on Sudden Death Syndrome of Roundup Ready[®] Soybeans



No glyphosate

Glyphosate

Iowa



Glyphosate

No glyphosate

Illinois

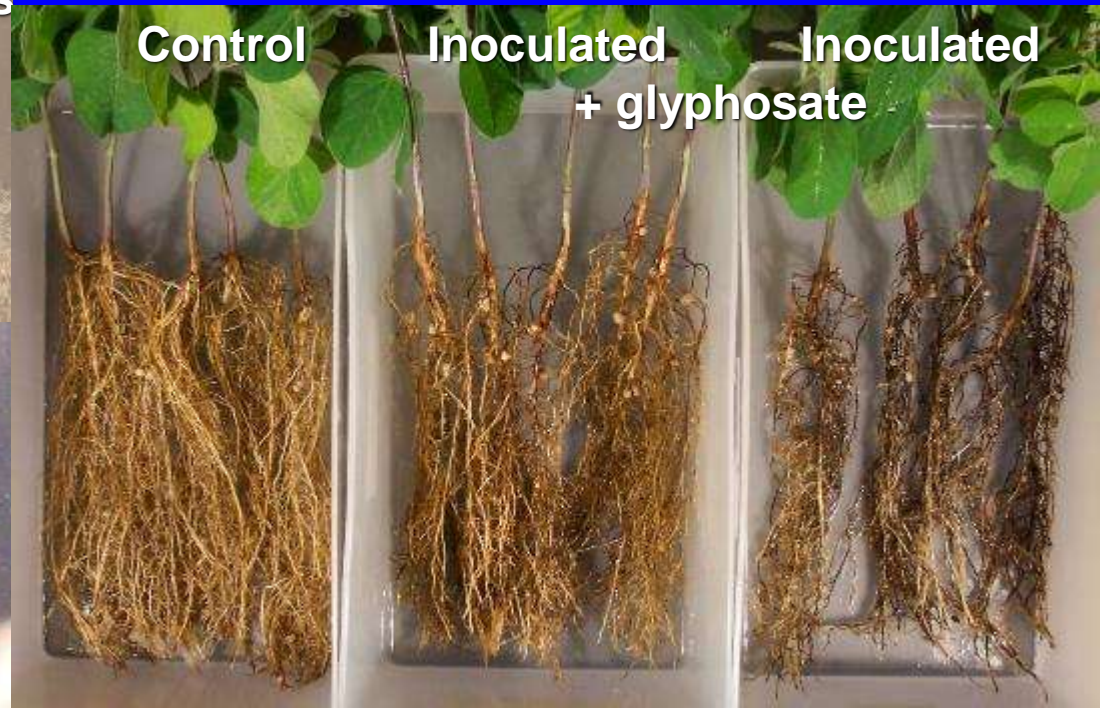
Corynespora Root Rot

- ❖ An extensive dark brown to black rotting of small lateral roots
- ❖ Generally considered a root “nibbler”
- ❖ Especially severe when glyphosate is applied to near-by weeds
- ❖ Especially severe when glyphosate is applied to the plant

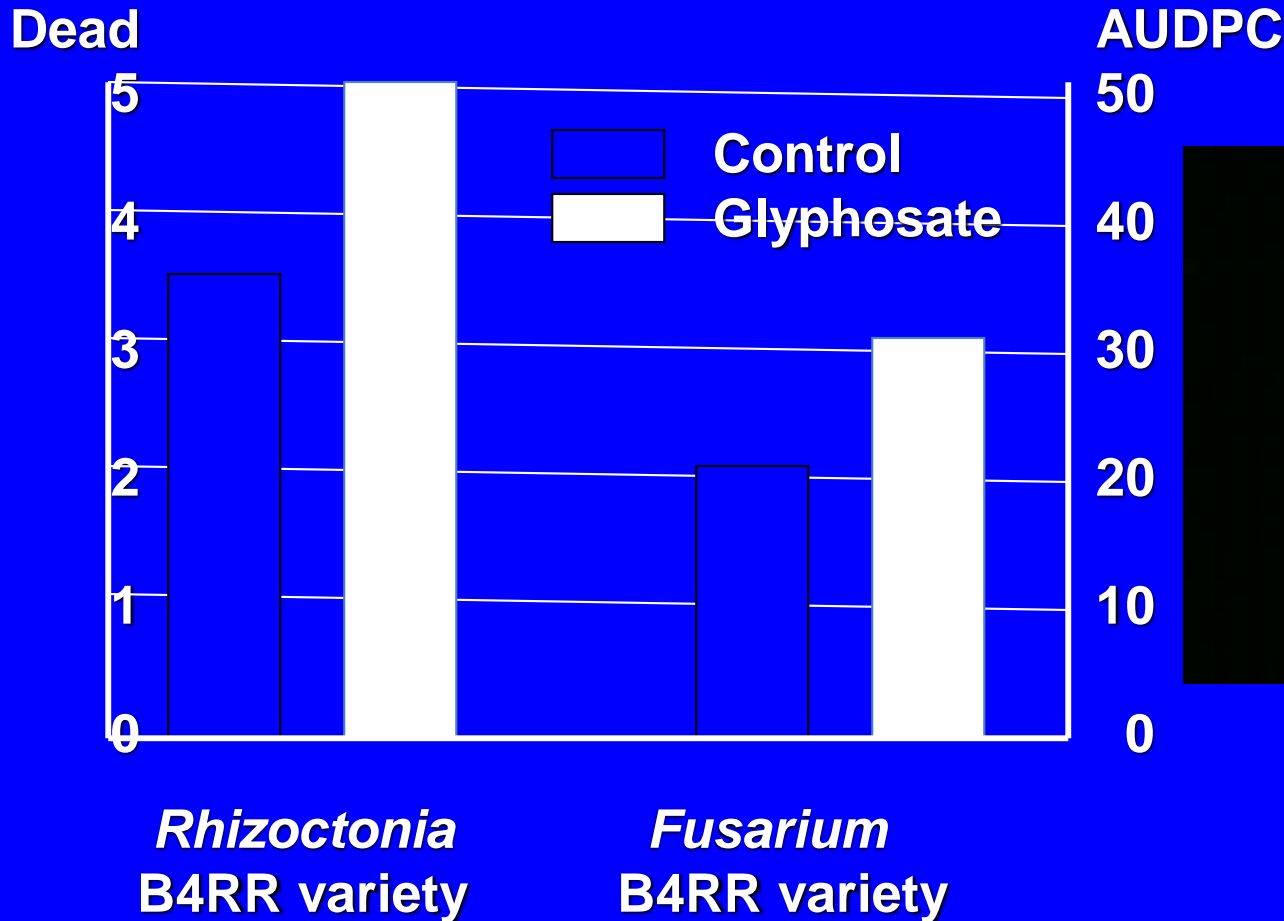
Long, multiseptate spores



Corynespora cassiicola



Impact of Glyphosate on Sugar Beet



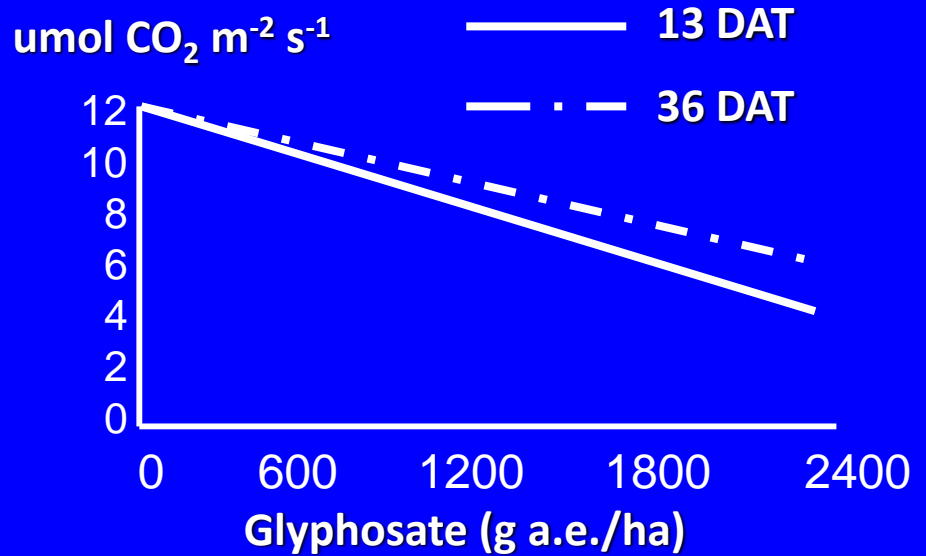
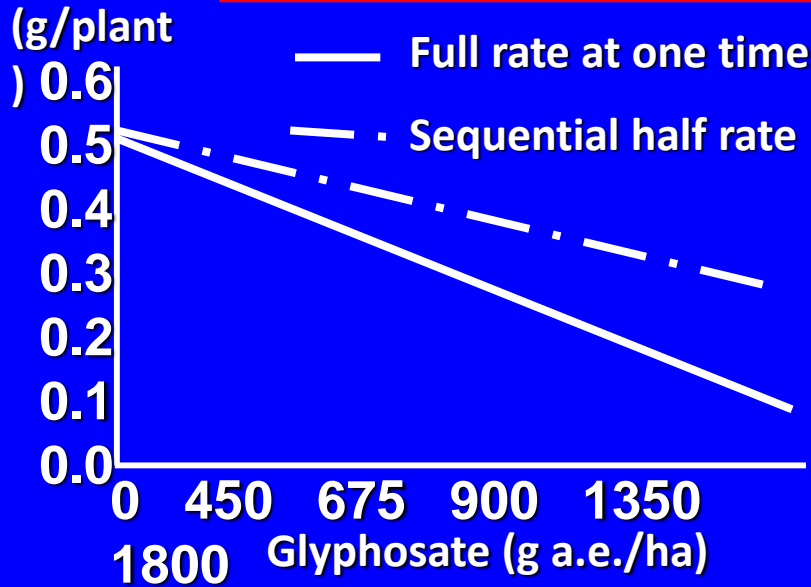
“Precautions need to be taken when certain soil-borne diseases are present if weed management for sugar beet is to include post-emergence glyphosate treatments.”

Larson et al., 2006

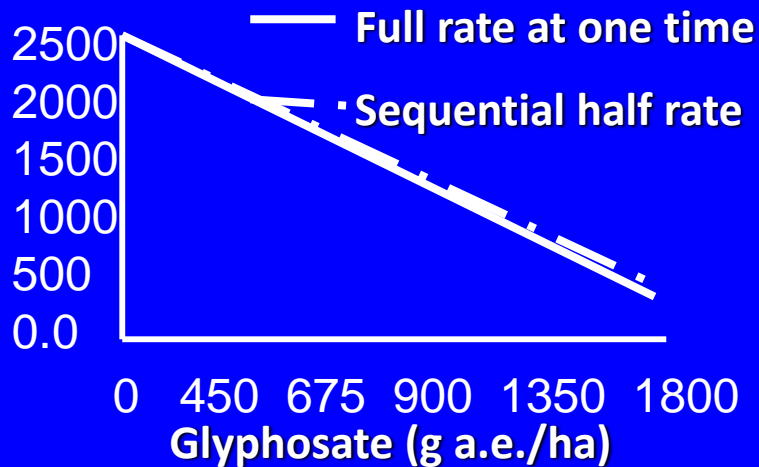
Effect of Glyphosate on Lignin, AA, Water Use Efficiency, and Photosynthesis of Glyphosate-Resistant Soybeans

Lignin

After Zobiolo, 2009



Amino Acids (g/plant)



Herbicide Affects on RR Corn Yield Indiana, 2010

RR Corn Hybrid

Herbicide	6733HXR	6179VT3	5442VT3	5716A3
Surestart (11")	266*	216	223	219
Cadet (V6)	227	219	219	213
Laudis (V6)	224	218	214	214
Integrity (pre-E)	231	217	215	204
Glyphosate (V6)	212	207	206	210
Steadfast (V6)	207	204	201	196
Status (V6)	187	195	193	192

*125.6 % of glyphosate yield (yields in bu/a - rounded)

All plots were hand weeded

Special Considerations in Fertilizing RR Crops

Two factors: 1) Chemical; 2) gene

1. Providing nutrient availability for yield and quality

Compensate for reduced plant efficiency
Compensate for reduced soil availability
[Timing and formulation are important]

2. Detoxifying residual glyphosate

In meristematic root, stem, flower tissues, etc.
In soil [Ca, Co, Cu, Mg, Mn, Ni, Zn]

3. Restoring soil microbial activity

Nutrient related (N-fixation, Fe, Mn, Ni, S, Zn, etc.)
Disease control related (nutrition, pathogen antagonists, etc.)
Biological amendment (N-fixers, PGPRs, etc.)

4. Judicious use of glyphosate



Yield Response of Roundup Ready® Soybeans to Micronutrients

Treatment	Indiana	Michigan	Kansas	Wisconsin
Untreated	46	24	77	33
Glyphosate only	57	33	65	8
Glyphosate + Micronutrient	75	56	78	19
	Mn	Mn	Mn	Fe

Effect of Glyphosate on Roundup Ready® Corn

Colorado State University, 2007

Mike Bartolo, Sr. Res. Scientist

Treatment	% grain moisture	Yield (bu/a)	% of control
Untreated*	15.6	234 a	100
Glyphosate**	15.6	195 d	83
Glyphosate + Zn, Mn	15.6	221 b	94
Glyphosate + Mn, Zn, Fe, B	15.6	208 c	89

*Hand weeded, **1 lb a.i. + 1 pt AMS per acre

Notes: UTC = genetic potential (with RR gene)

Glyphosate reduces genetic potential 39 bu/a

Application of high Mn & Zn recovers some genetic potential, lower Mn & Zn recovers less

Response of Roundup Ready® Corn to Zn & Mn,

2007*

NDSU Carrington

Treatment	Yield (bu/a)
Glyphosate control	144
Zn seed Treatment	156
Foliar applied Zn	158
Foliar applied Zn+Mn	173
Seed + Foliar Zn	175
Soil granular Zn sulfate	167

* All treatments received glyphosate

Glyphosate & Manganese Effects on Cotton



Effect of glyphosate and Manganese on Cotton Yield (Texas)

Treatment	% chlorotic plants	# seed cotton
Conventional herbicide	5	4885
Glyphosate	97	2237
Glyphosate + Mn	2	4693

after Ronnie Phillips, 2009

Effect of Tillage on Glyphosate Injury & Yield

Field History: 8 years Conservation Reserve Program

2 qt glyphosate burndown 2008

1 qt glyphosate on RR corn 2009

1 qt glyphosate burndown 2010



Photos: Nesters Farm Services

Increasing Nutrient Uptake Efficiency



Shallow, Compact Root System in RR Soybeans



Isogenic Normal

Isogenic Roundup Ready

An Epidemic of Roundup Resistant Weeds

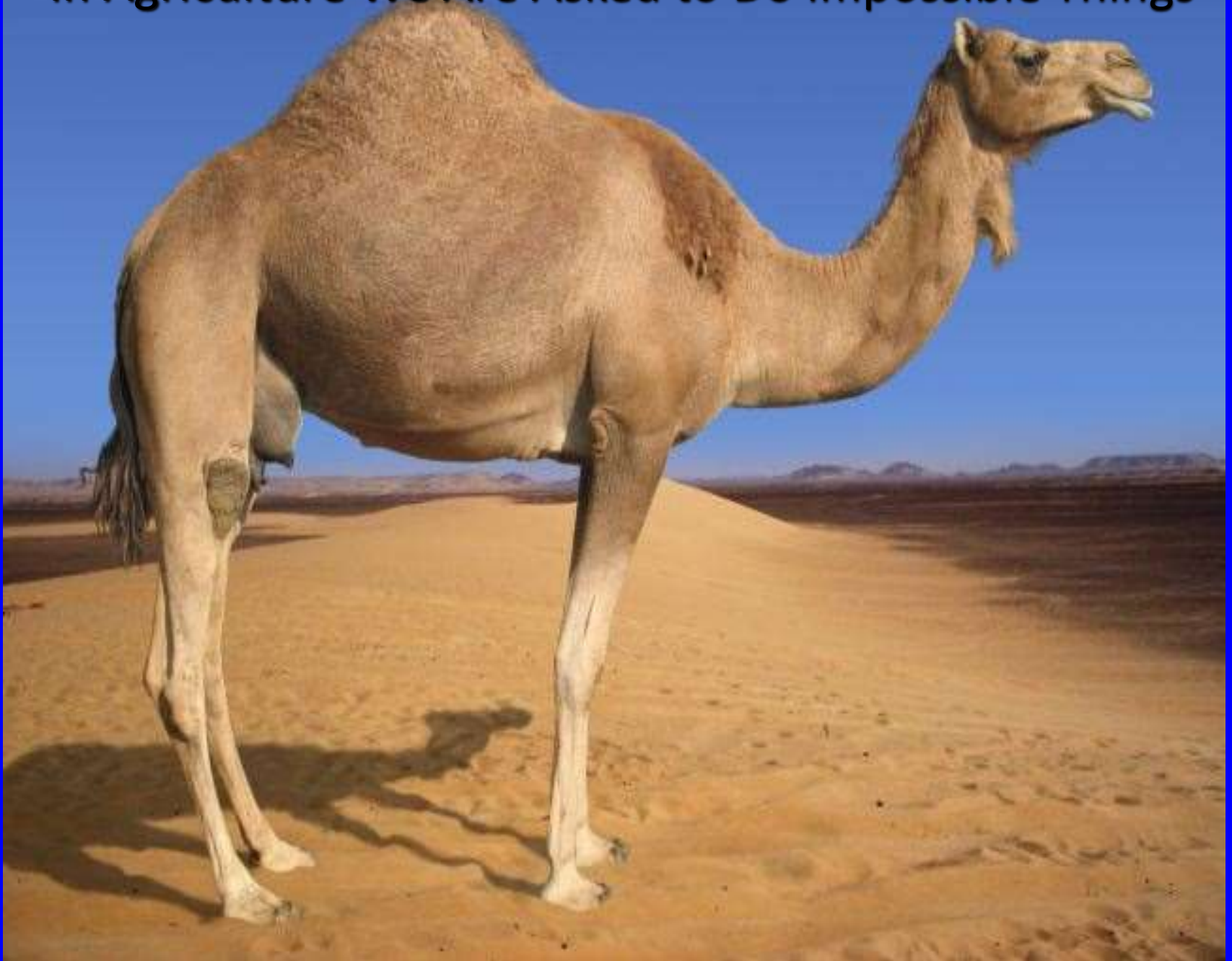
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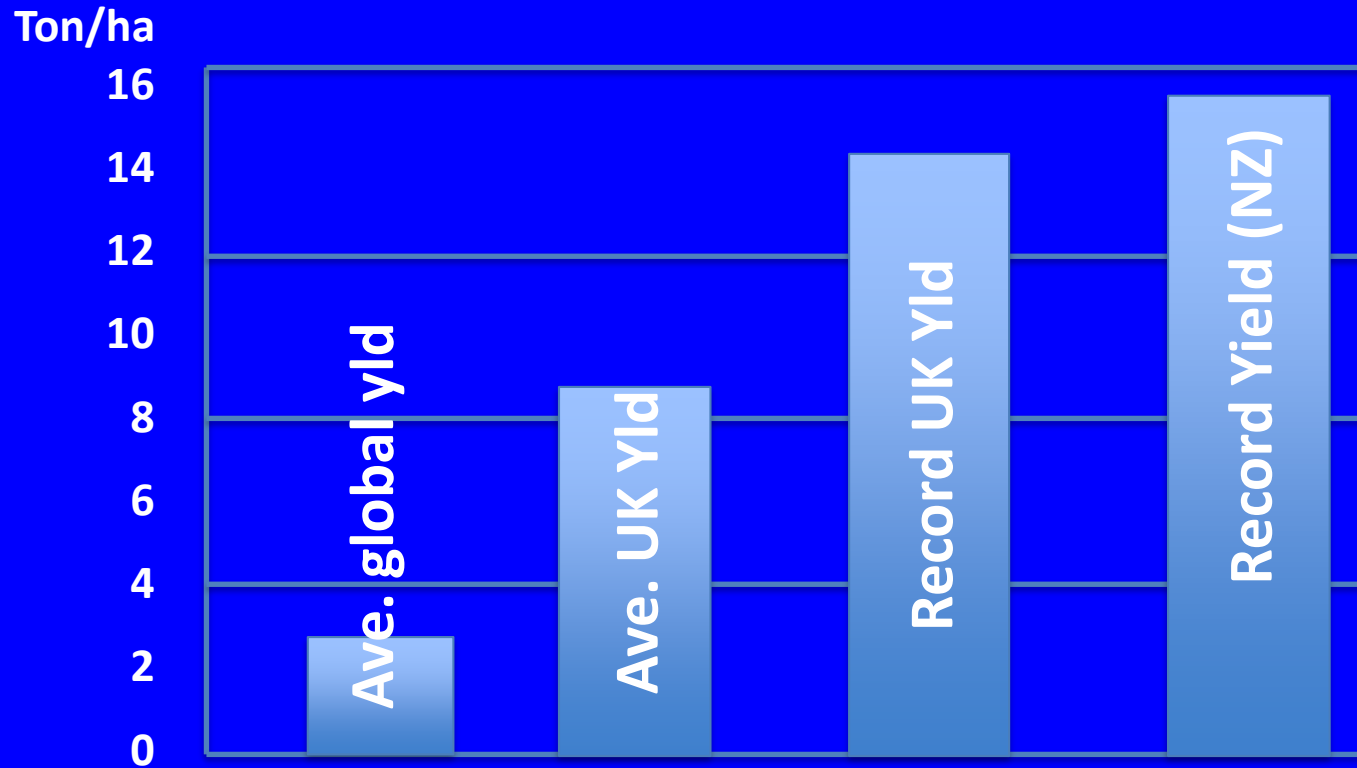
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In Agriculture We Are Asked to Do Impossible Things



Average and Record Wheat Yields



Plant Disease

“The inability to perform physiological functions to its full genetic potential”

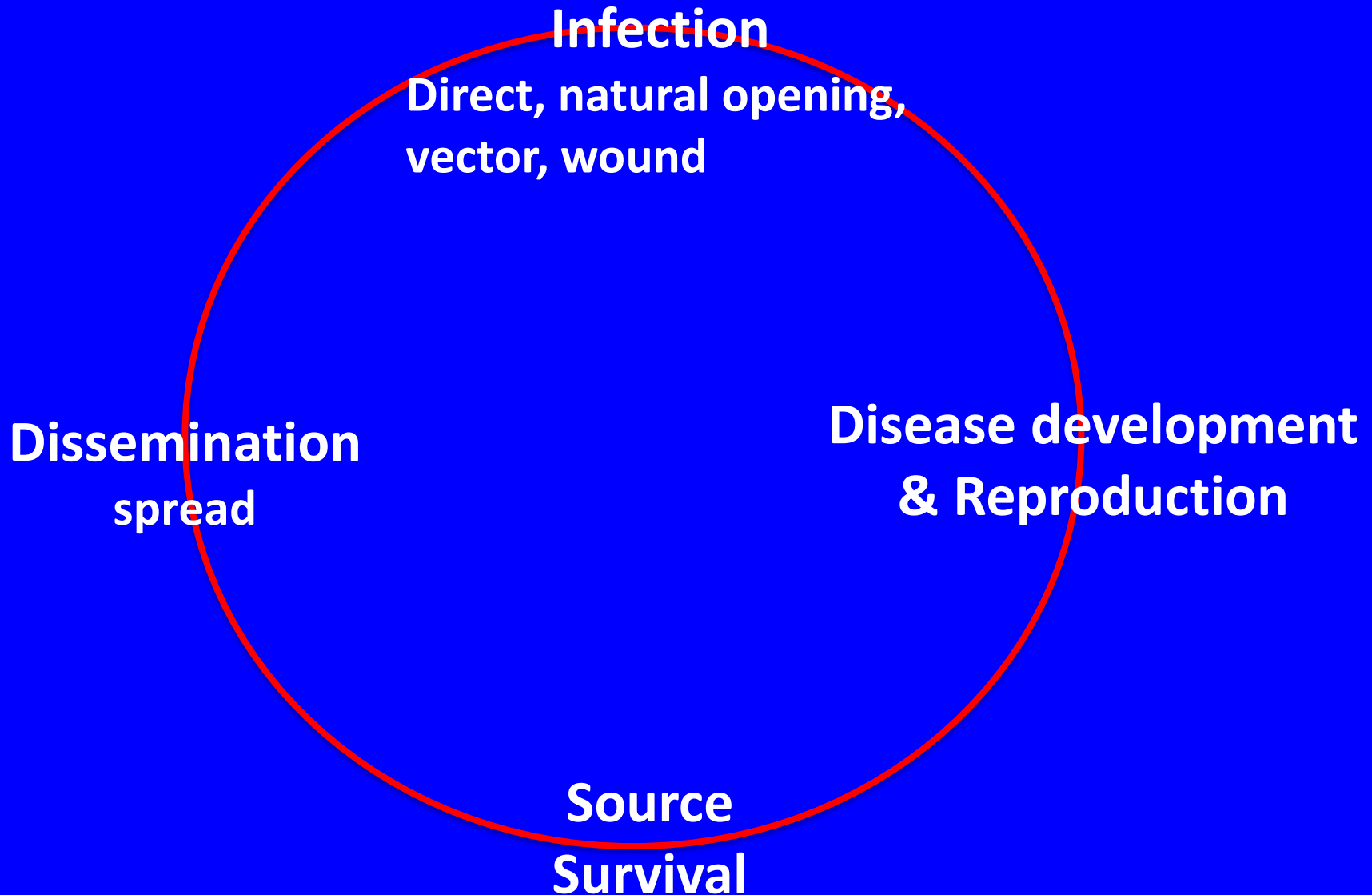
Resistance

- Physical – impenetrable
Cell thickness, walling off, water barrier
- Physiological – Preformed or active inhibitors
Amino compd, glycoproteins, phytoalexins, etc.
- Immunity – ‘No response’
Lack of nutritional support – reducing sugars vs sucrose

Understanding the Interactions

- **Immunity = Absence of disease**
Pathogen present but no infection
 - **Escape = Avoidance of disease**
Pathogen or environment not conducive for infection
 - **Resistance = Restriction in pathogenesis**
Plant resists the pathogen
 - **Tolerance = Productivity in spite of infection**
Plant produces new roots to compensate
- Susceptibility → Tolerance → Resistance**
- **Epidemic = Extensive area of disease development**
 - **Predisposition = Conditions increasing disease severity**

Disease Cycle



Pathogen Dissemination

- **Pathogens**
Bacteria, fungi, viruses, nematodes, (parasitic plants)
- **Vectors:**
Insects, nematodes, fungi, Man/animals
- **Dissemination:**
Seeds, plant parts = Bacteria, fungi, viruses, nematodes
Wind = Bacteria, fungi, vectors
Water = Bacteria, fungi, nematodes, viruses
Vectors = Viruses, bacteria, fungi
Man/animals = all

Disease Control

- **Resistance**
Genetic (+ nutrition, environment, chemical)
- **Exclusion**
Quarantines, Pathogen free 'seed'
- **Suppression**
Biological (crop sequence/rotation), nutrition, environment, chemical, physical (heat, radiation, solarization, drying)
- **Eradication**
Chemical, crop rotation, biological
- **Integrated management (IPM)**

Plant Defenses

- **No response**
No chemical receptors, nutritional support, ?
- **Pre-existing structural or chemical defenses**
Phenolics, glycoproteins, suberized tissues, etc.
- **Induced structural or chemical defenses**
Phenolics, phytoalexins, cork/callous/tyloses/gums,
glycopeptides, hypersensitive response, SARs, glycopeptides,
siderophores, etc
- **Germination inhibitors**
Germination inhibitors, stimulants
- **Cross protection**
Viral protection