



Detrimental Effects of Glyphosate on Nutritional Status of Plants with Micronutrients

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Glyphosate: extensively applied herbicide

- Increasing usage in minimum and no-tillage agricultural practices
- Extensive application on RR crops



In regions with extensive use of glyphosate there are increasing reports on:

- reductions in growth and yield,
- increases in disease problems,
- increased use of insecticides and fungicides,
- inhibition of N fixing bacteria
- **increased use of foliar micronutrient fertilizers**
- **micronutrient deficiencies**



Particular micronutrient deficiencies induced by Glyphosate: Manganese and Iron Deficiencies



Repeated use of glyphosate induces Fe and Mn deficiencies in soybeans in USA



(Photo: Prof. Don Huber)

(areas which are not treated with glyphosate)

Glyphosate-induced Fe-deficiency chlorosis

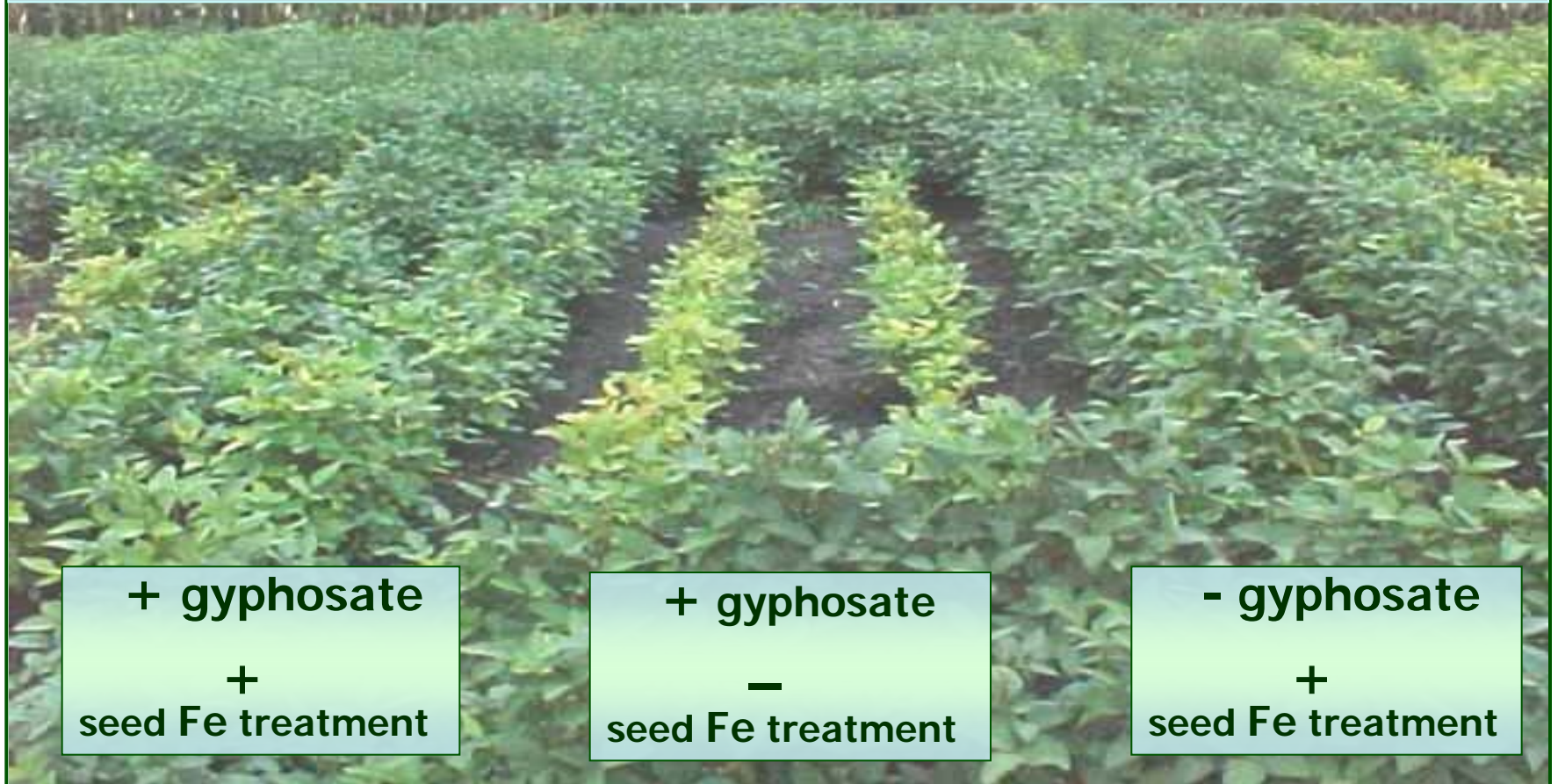


Photo: N.C. Hansen,
Fort Collins, USA

(Jolley et al., Soil Sci Plant Nutr. 50, 793-981, 2004)

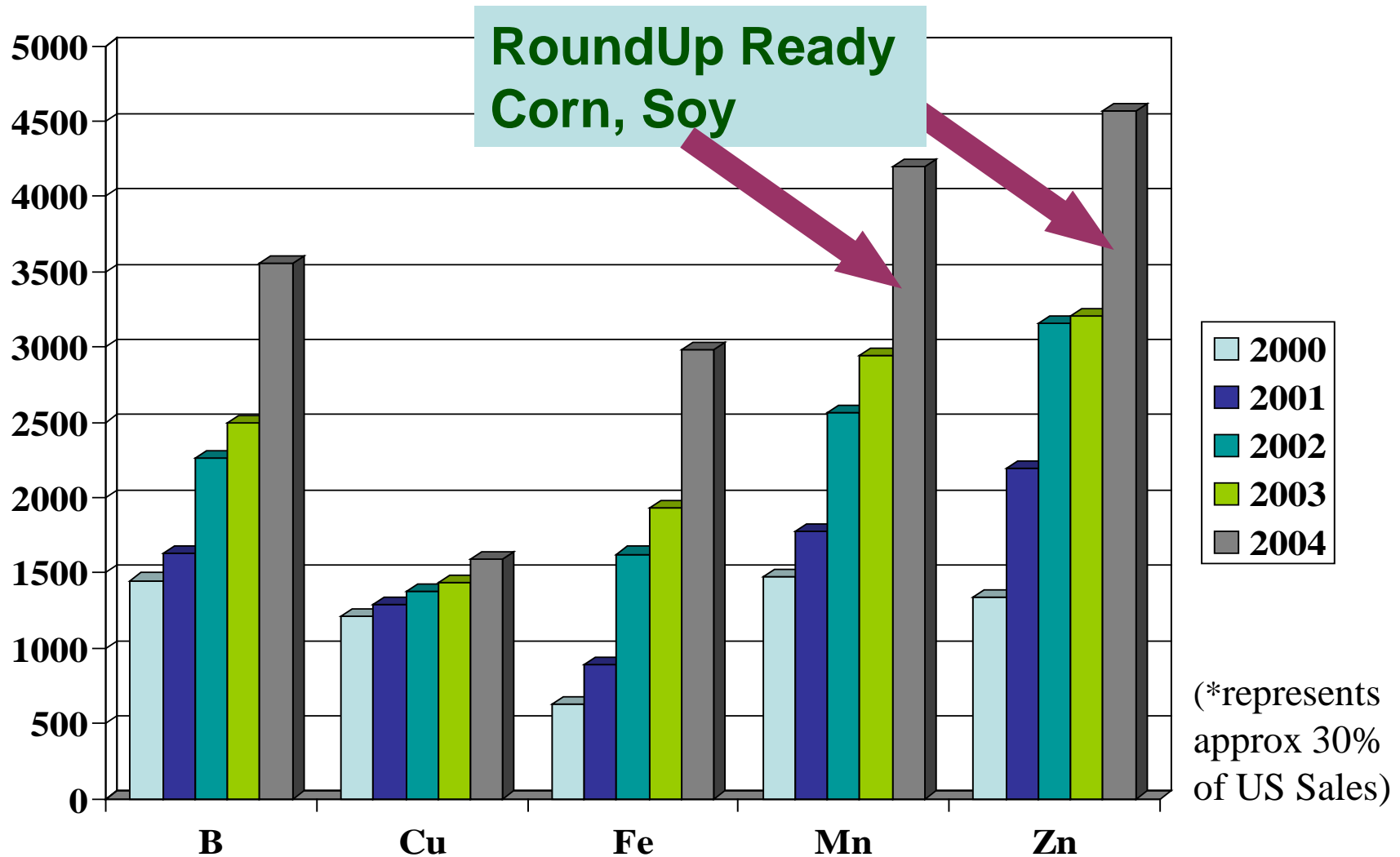
Interaction of seed applied Fe and glyphosate application on Fe deficiency chlorosis in soybeans; Minnesota, USA

Treatment	visual chlorosis score (1=green to 5 =severe)		grain yield (t/ha)	
	- Fe	+ Fe*	- Fe	+ Fe*
	Control (no herbicide)	3.1	2.8	1.01
Glyphosate	3.7	3.3	0.27	0.61

* 50g Fe/ha as FeEDDHA applied to seeds

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Foliar and Soluble Micronutrient* Sales in USA



(Courtesy of Prof. P. Brown, UC Davis)

Glyphosate is toxic to plants whether from a drift or residues in soil

A significant amount of glyphosate applied to target plants reaches the soil as a result of direct contact, wash off from leaves and exudation from roots of the treated weeds.

Up to 10 % of the applied glyphosate move to non-target plants



entweb.clemson.edu.

<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Tobacco/Pages/RoundupFloat.html>

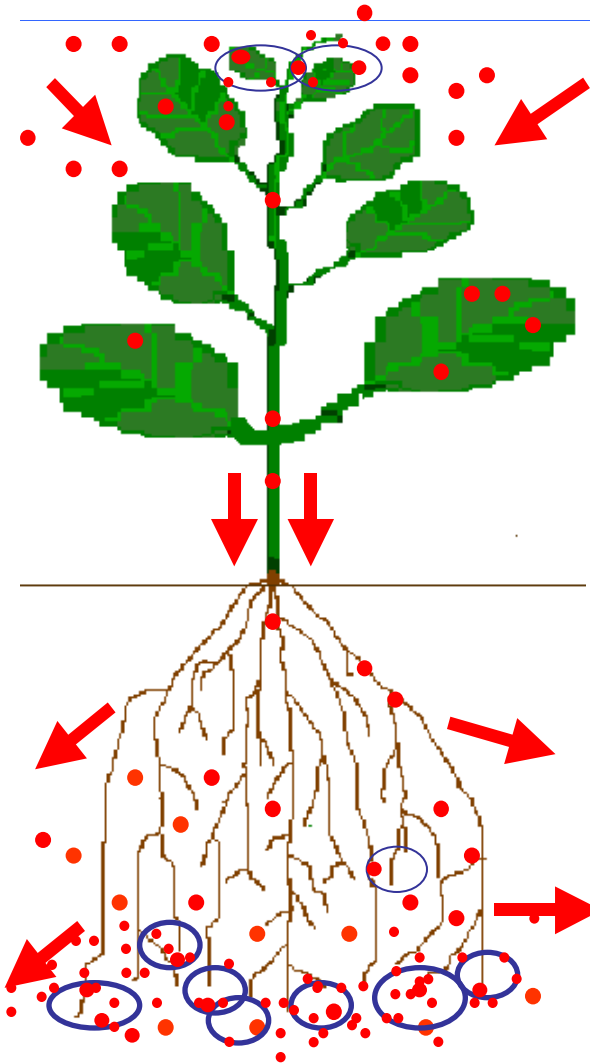


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**with
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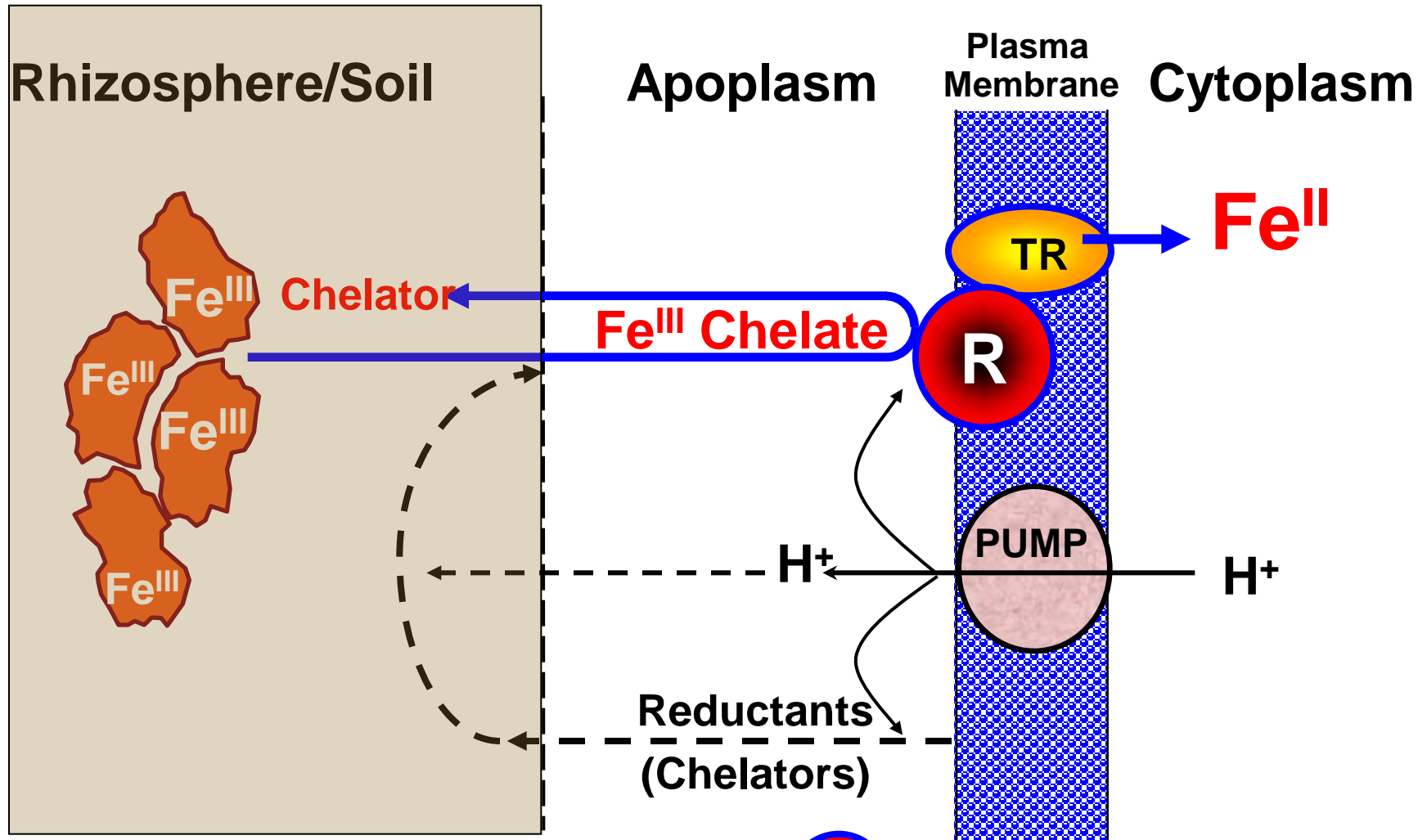


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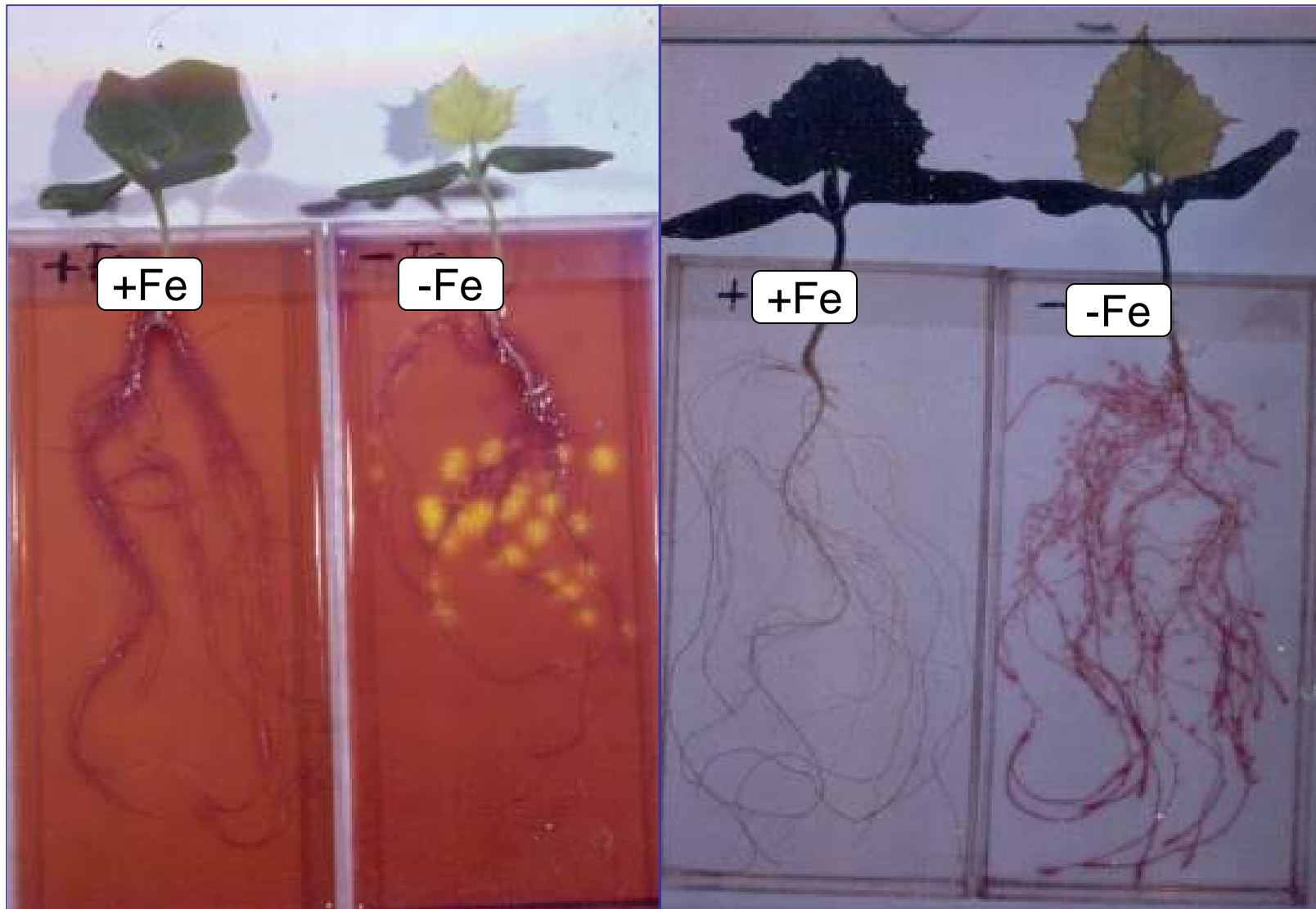
Adaptive Root Responses of Strategy-I Plants to Fe Deficiency



Marschner and Römheld, 1995; Plant and Soil

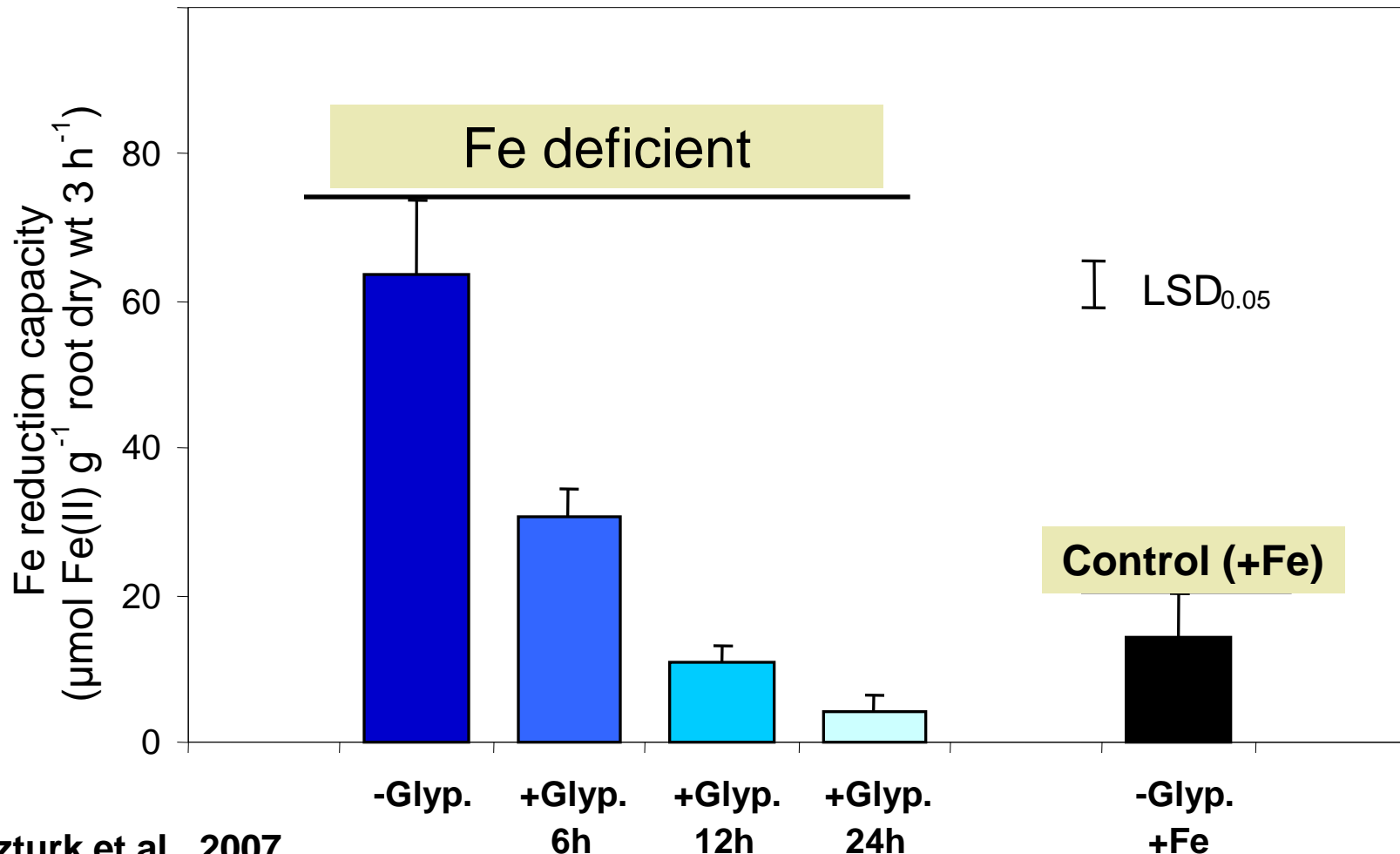
R Ferric Reductase

Effect of iron deficiency in cucumber on pH decreasing and reducing capacity of the roots

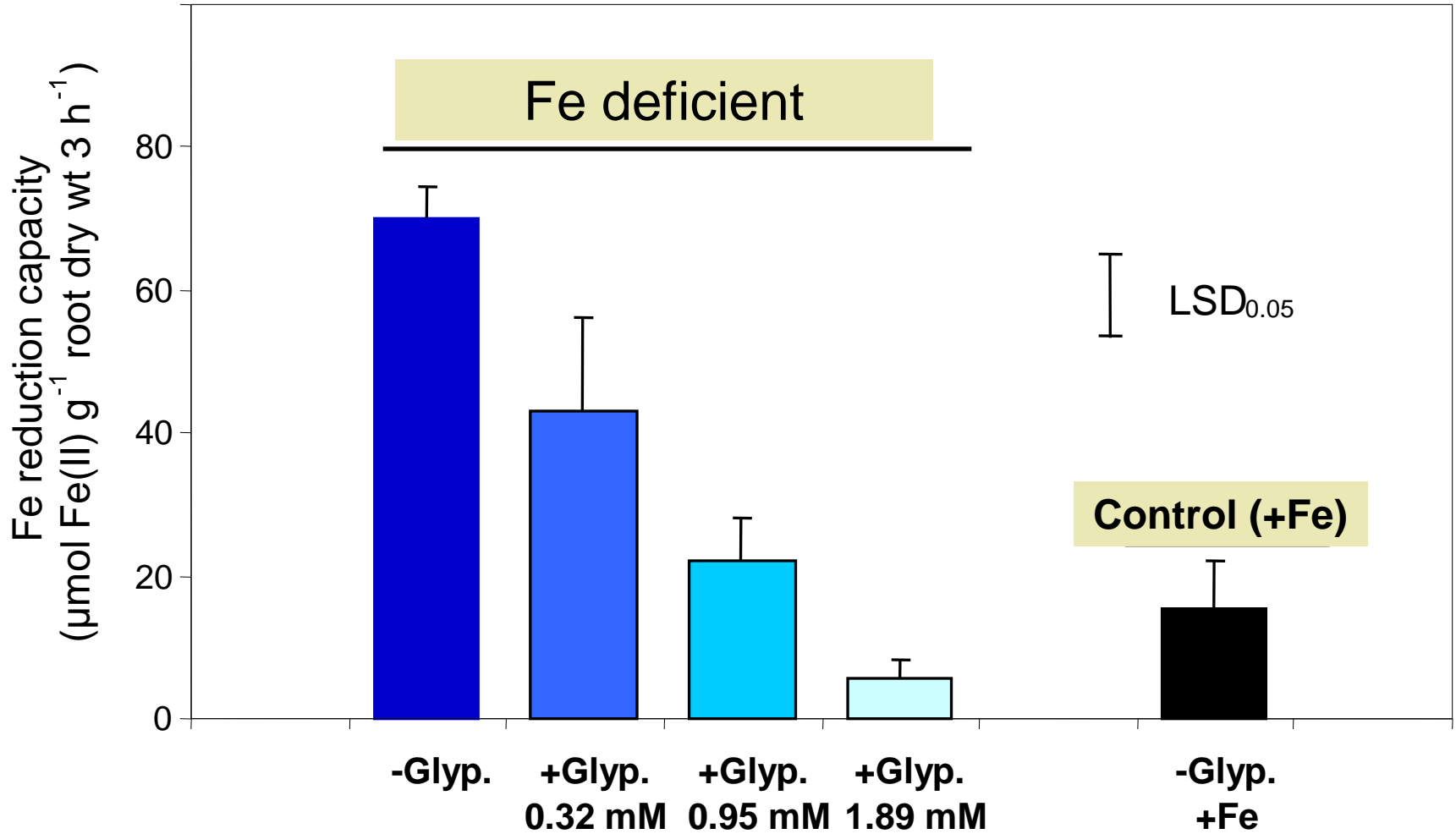


Effect of Glyphosate on Ferric Reductase

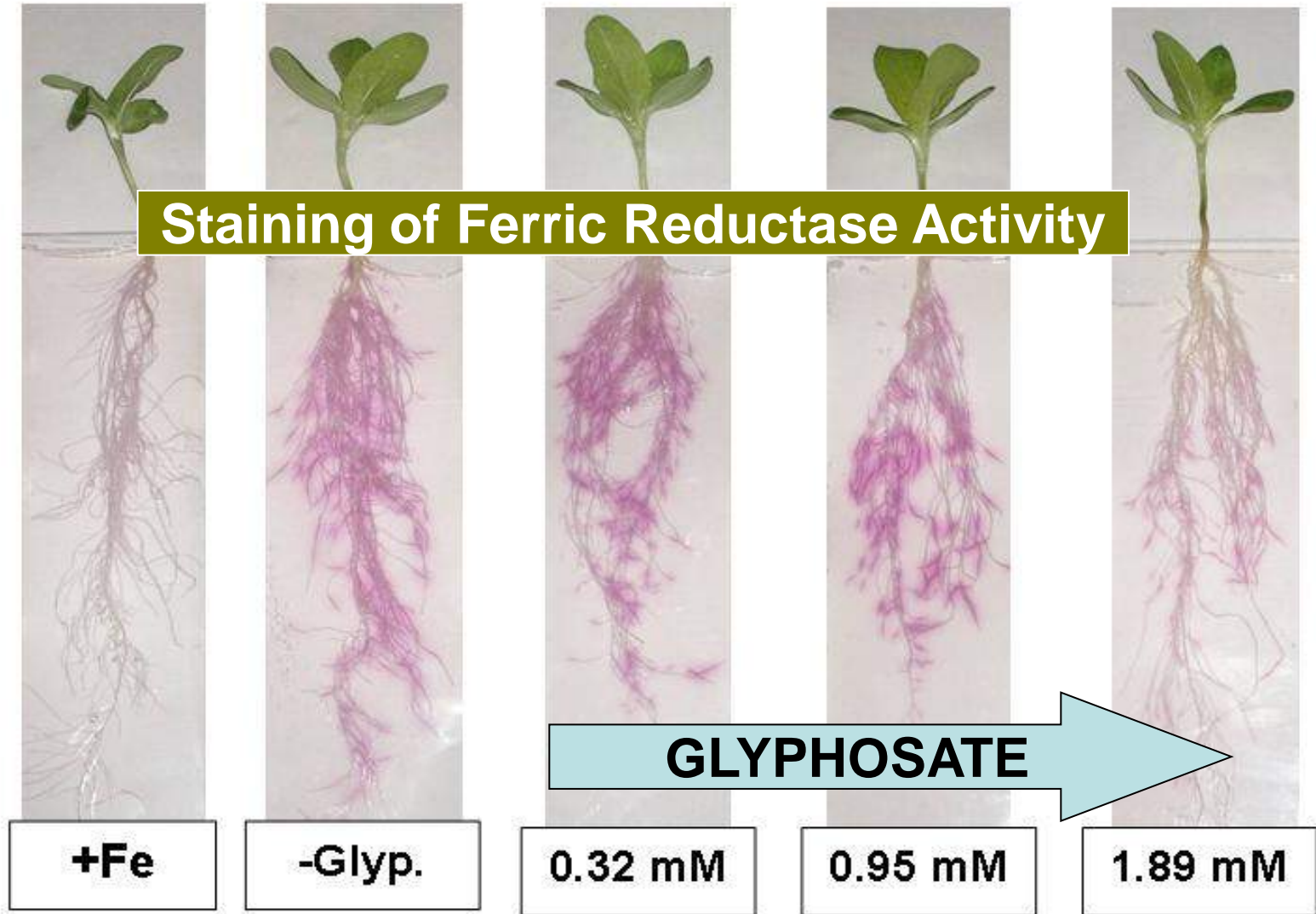
Time dependent inhibition of ferric reductase activity in Fe-deficient sunflower plants (+Glyp: 1.89 mM glyphosate or 6% of the recommended rate for weed control)



Dose dependent inhibition of ferric reductase activity by glyphosate (+Glyp: 0.32, 0.95 and 1.89 mM)



Foliar applications of glyphosate (Glyp) at 0.32 mM, 0.95 mM and 1.89 mM for 24h.

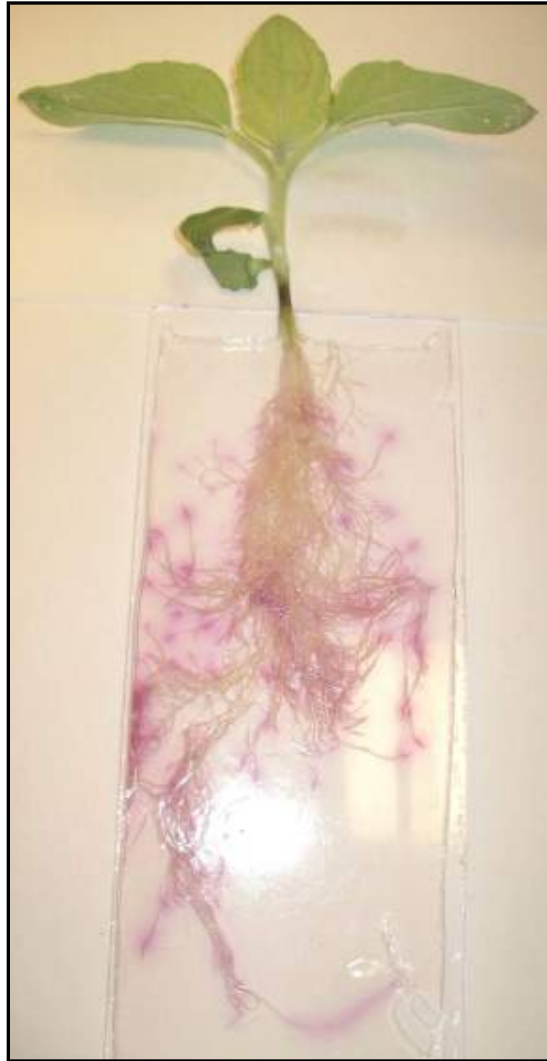


Ozturk et al., 2007

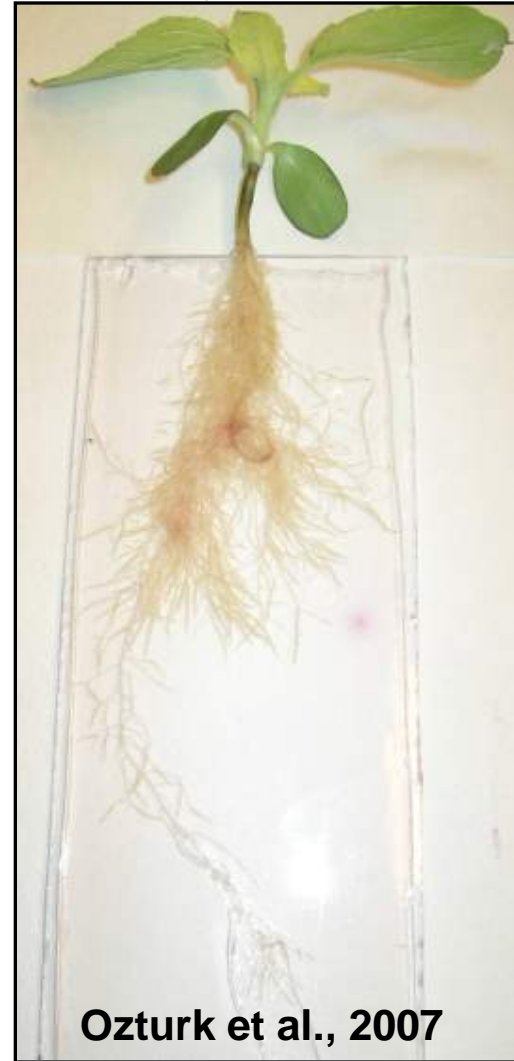
Fe Deficient Plants

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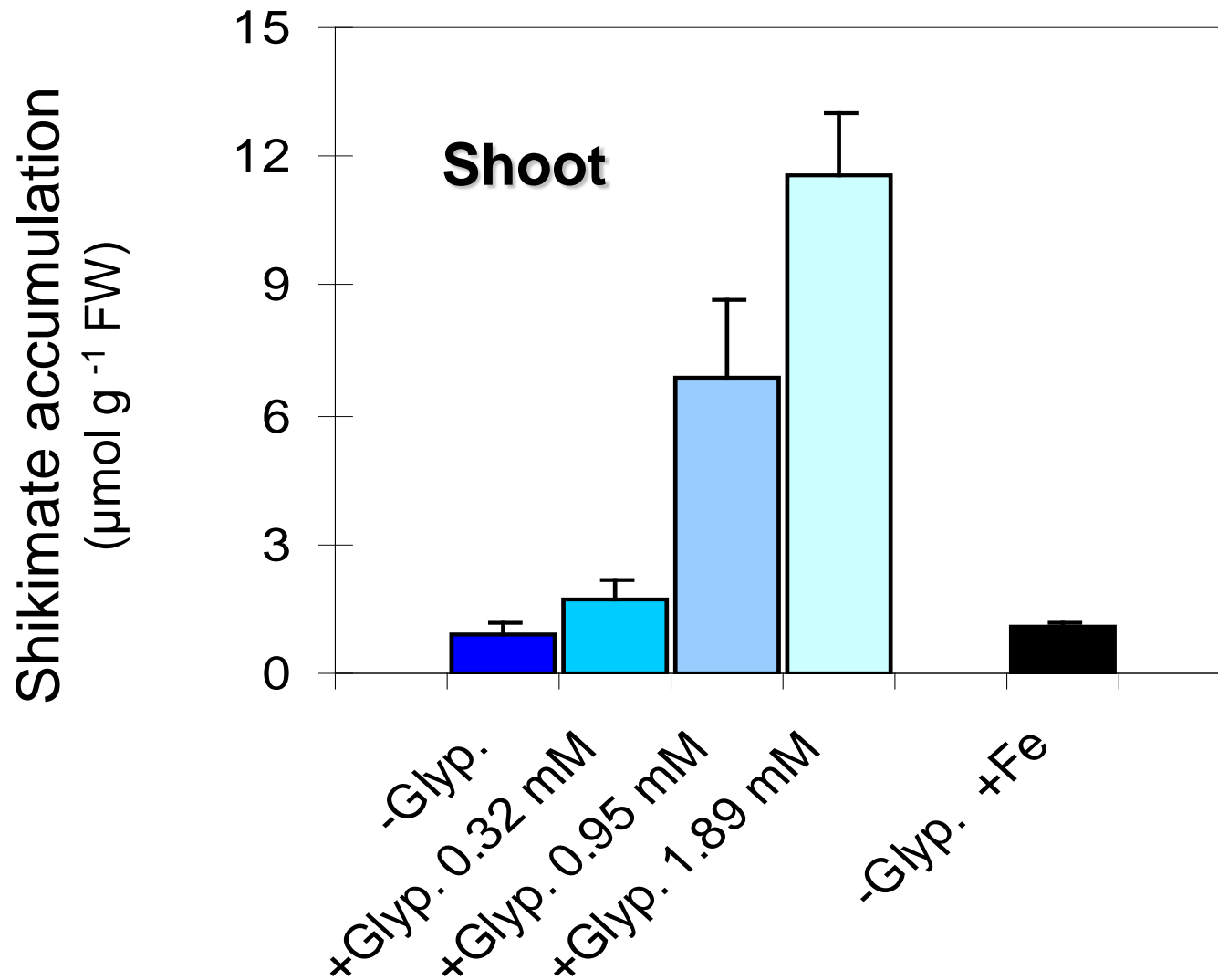
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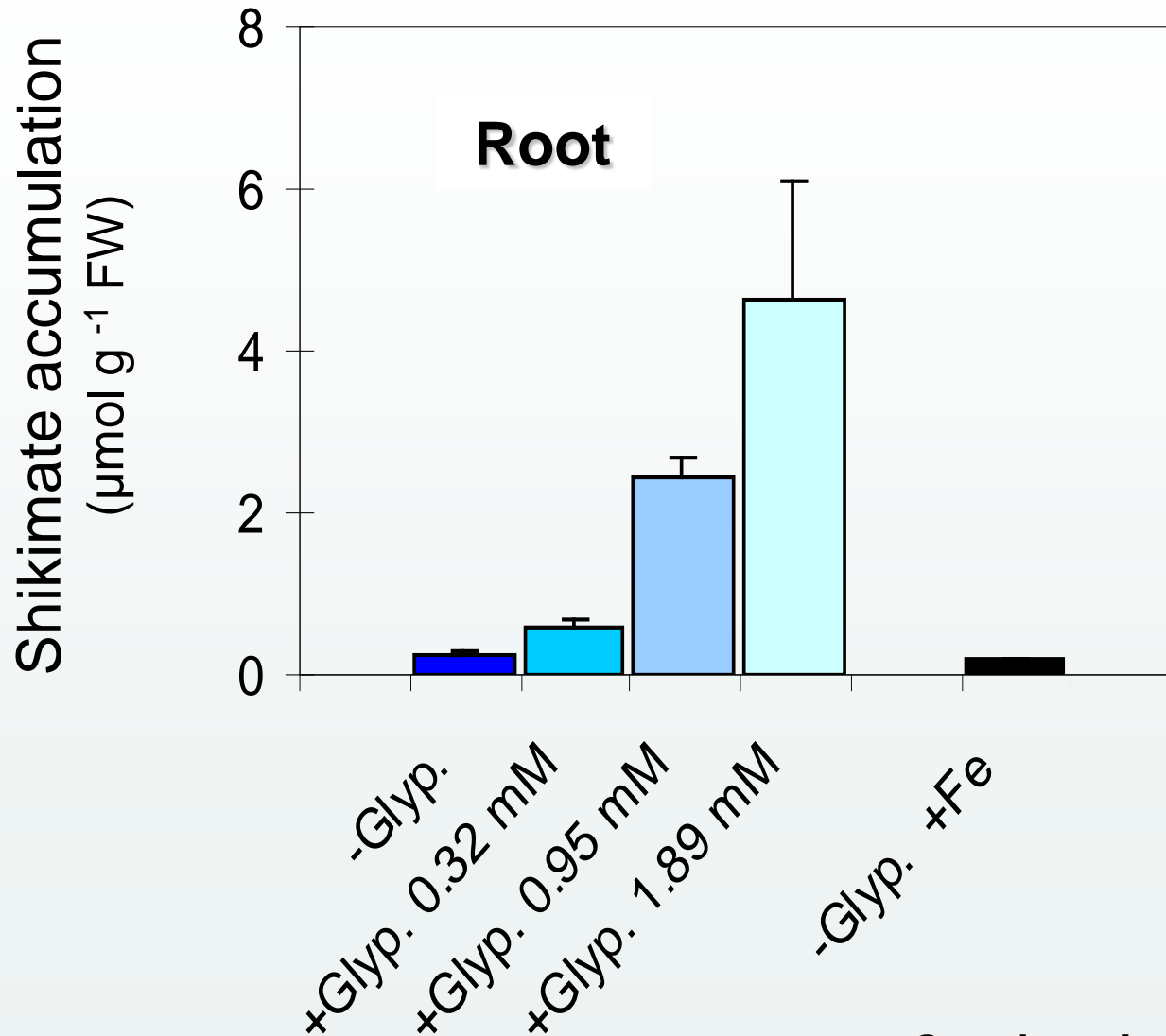
-Fe +Glyp (1.89 mM)



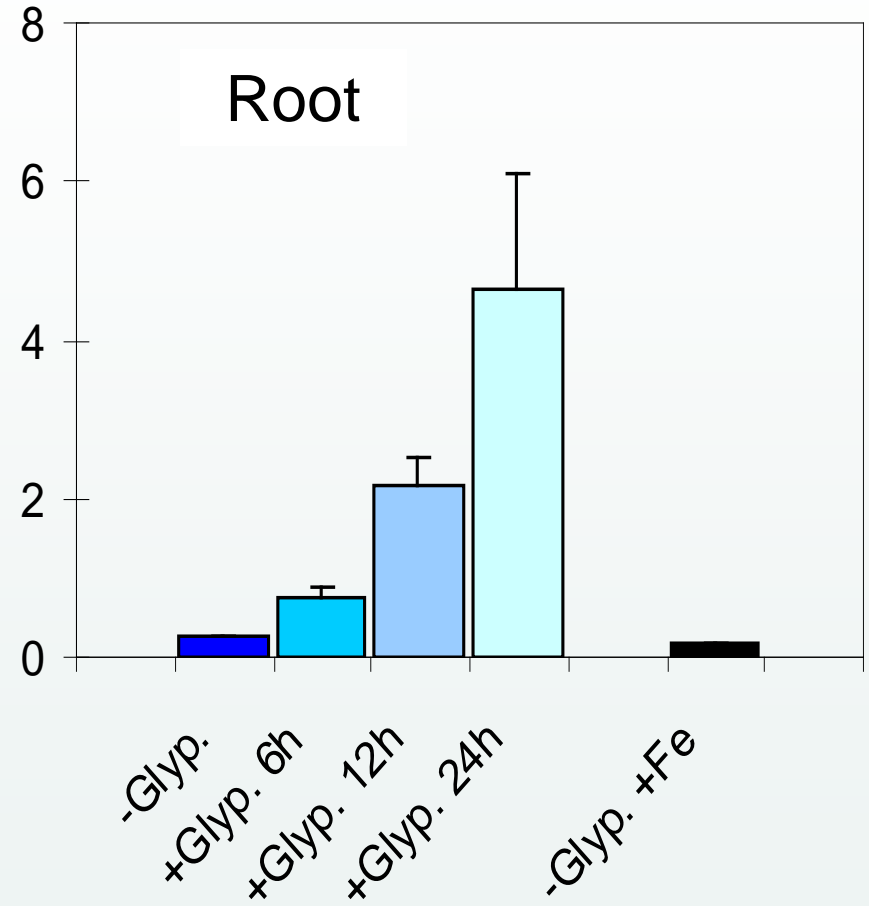
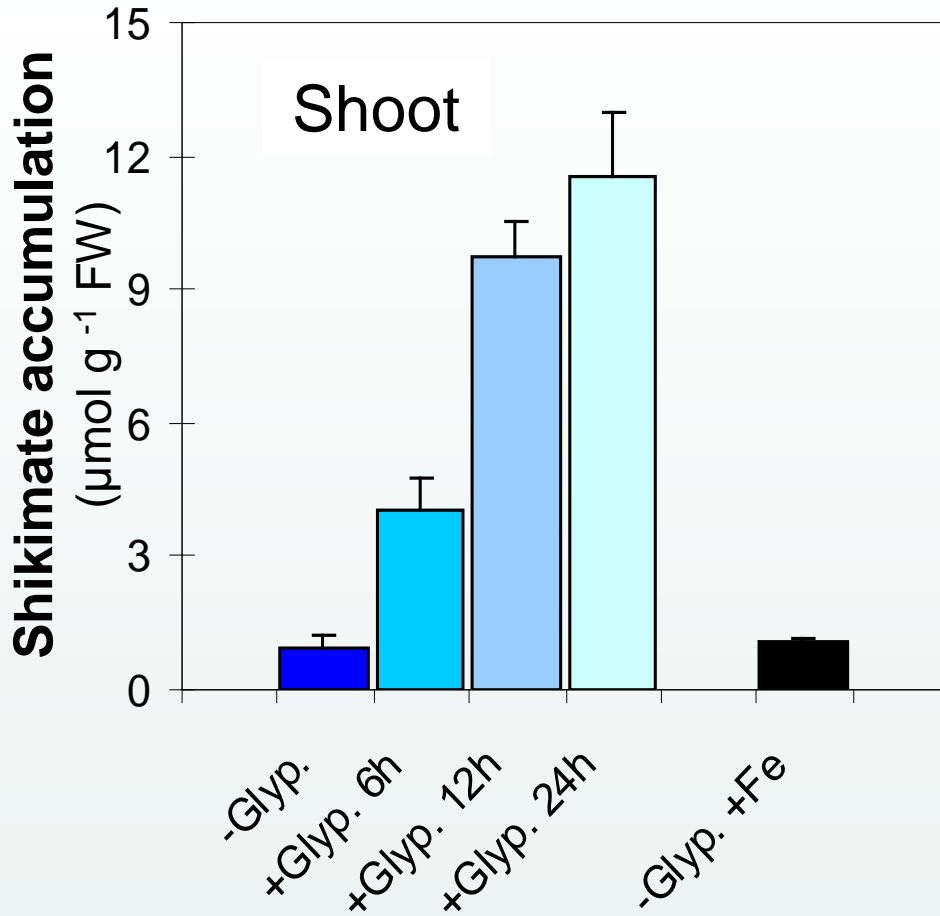
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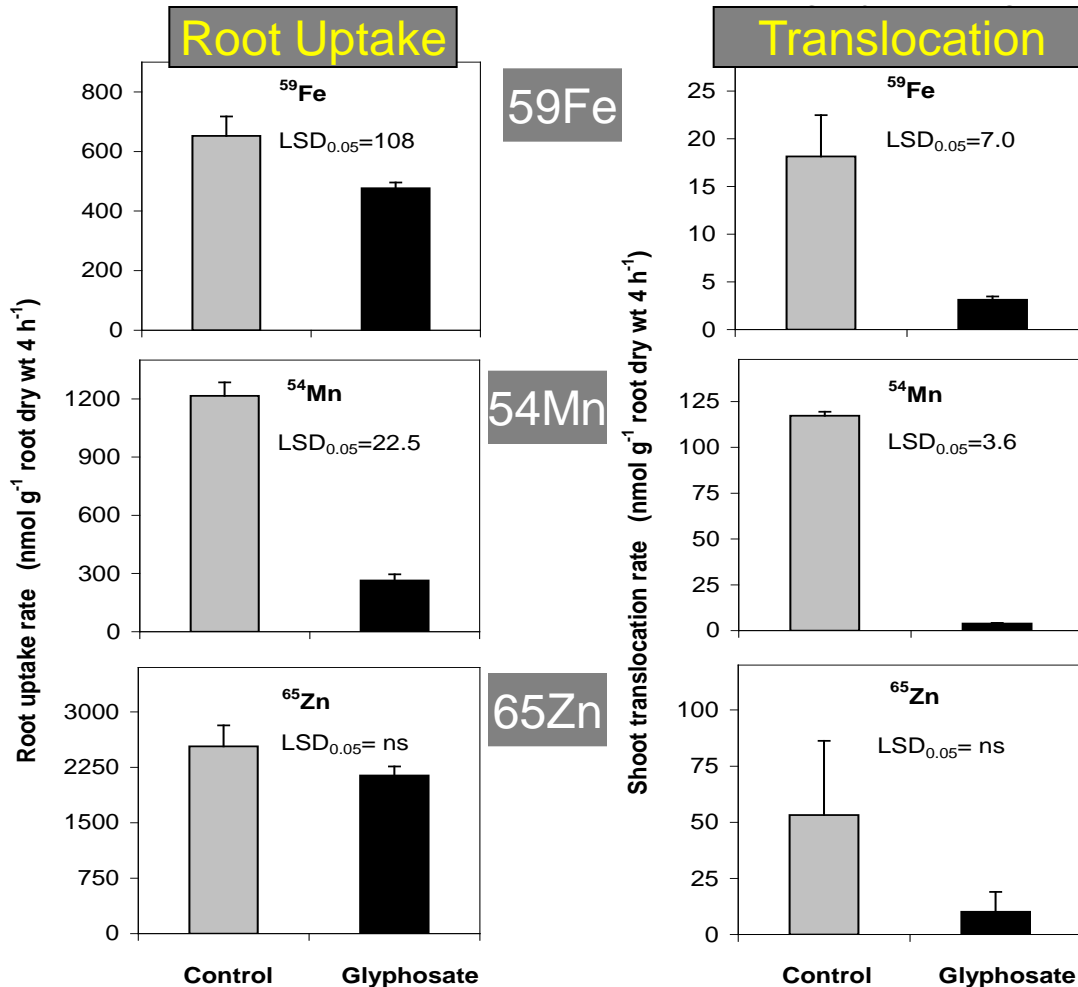
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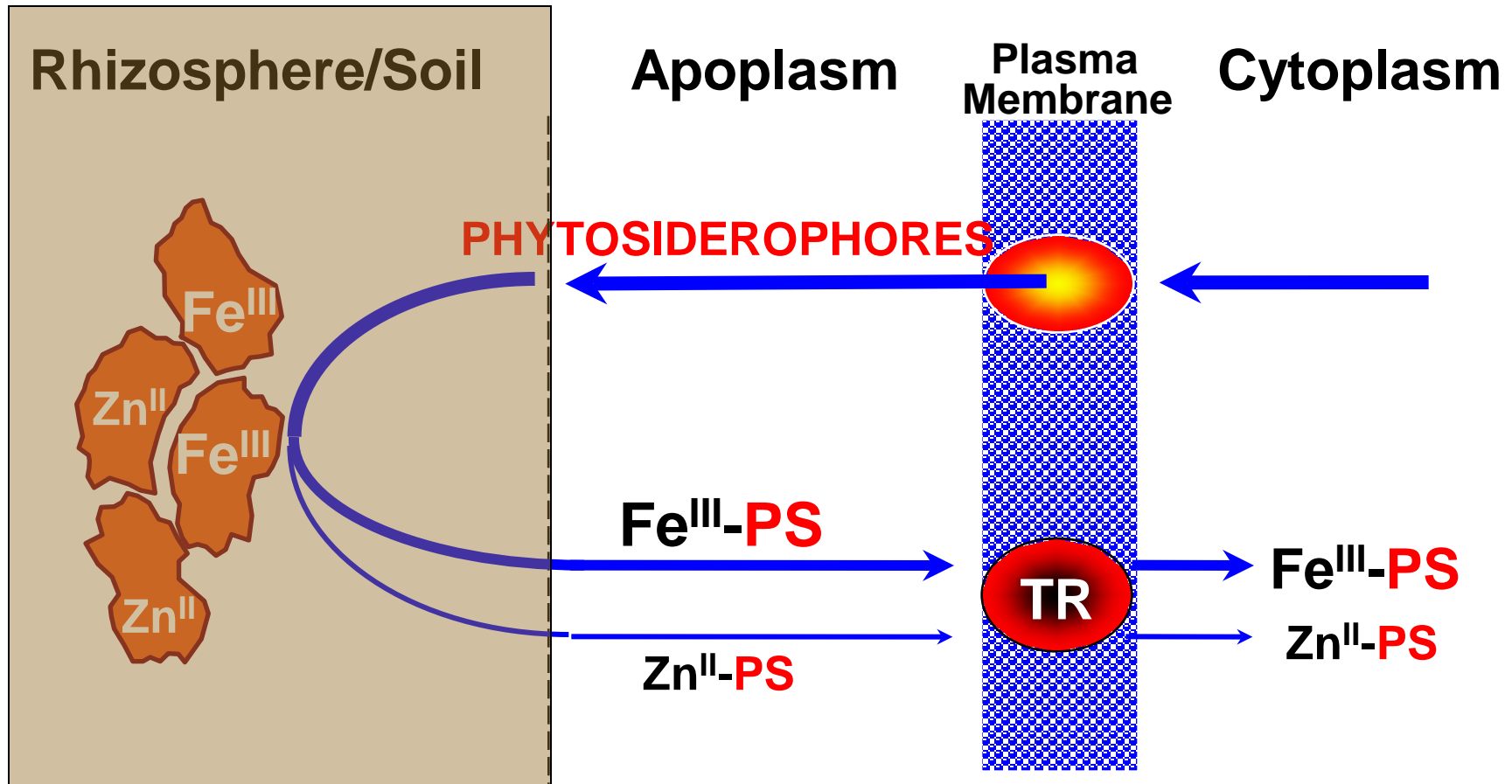


Short-Term Experiments: Glyphosate inhibits root uptake and root-to-shoot transport of micronutrients



Effect of 1.89 mM glyphosate (equivalent to 6 % of the recommended dosage for weed control in the field) on root uptake and shoot translocation of ⁵⁹Fe, ⁵⁴Mn and ⁶⁵Zn in sunflower plants.

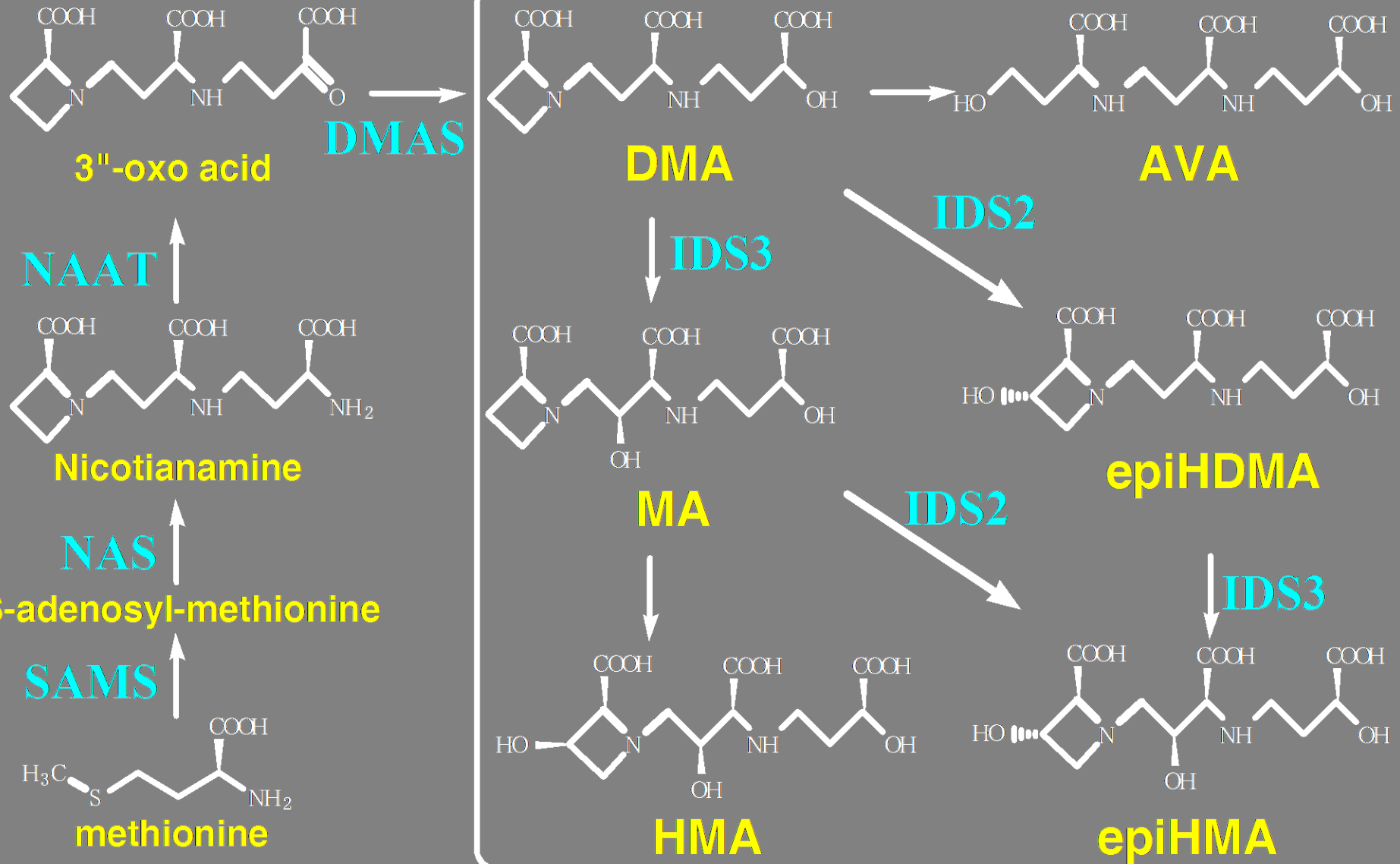
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TR: Transporter Protein

Mugineic Acid Family

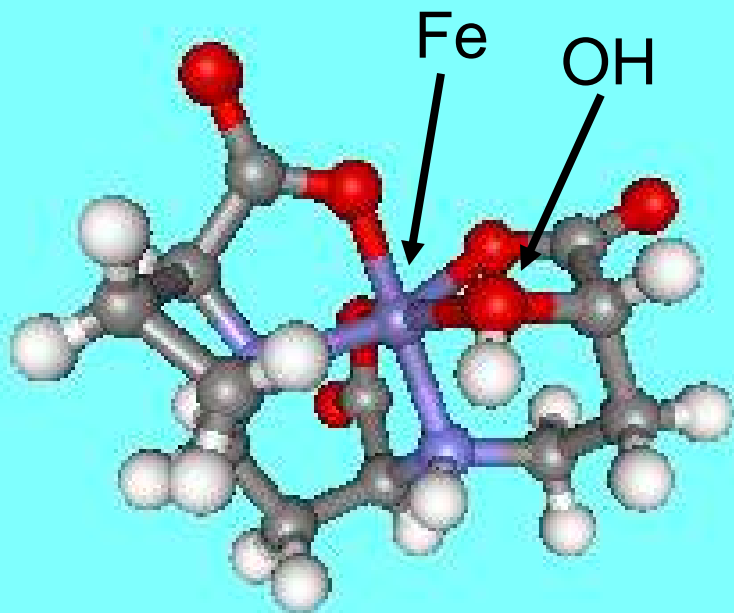
Mugineic acid family phytosiderophores



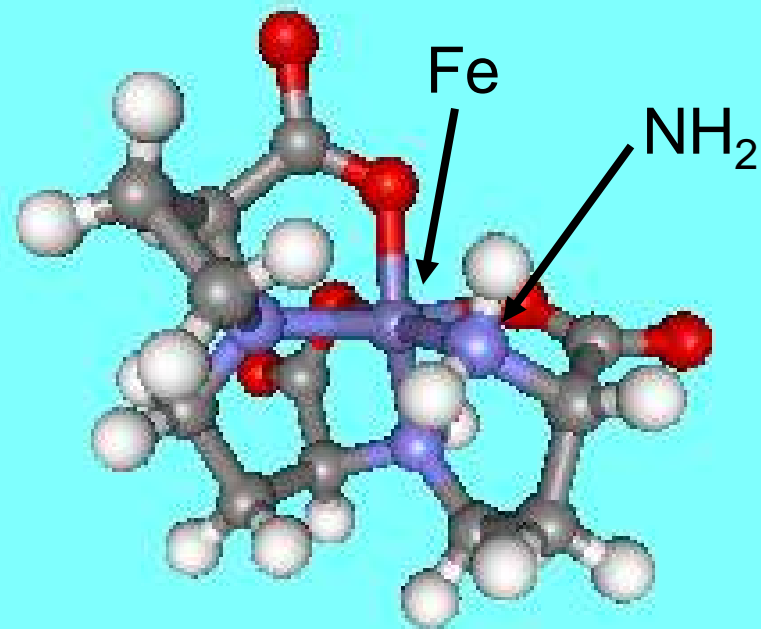
Biosynthetic Pathway of Mugineic Acid Family

Phytosiderophores

Mori et al., 1990



Fe³⁺-Deoxymugineic acid

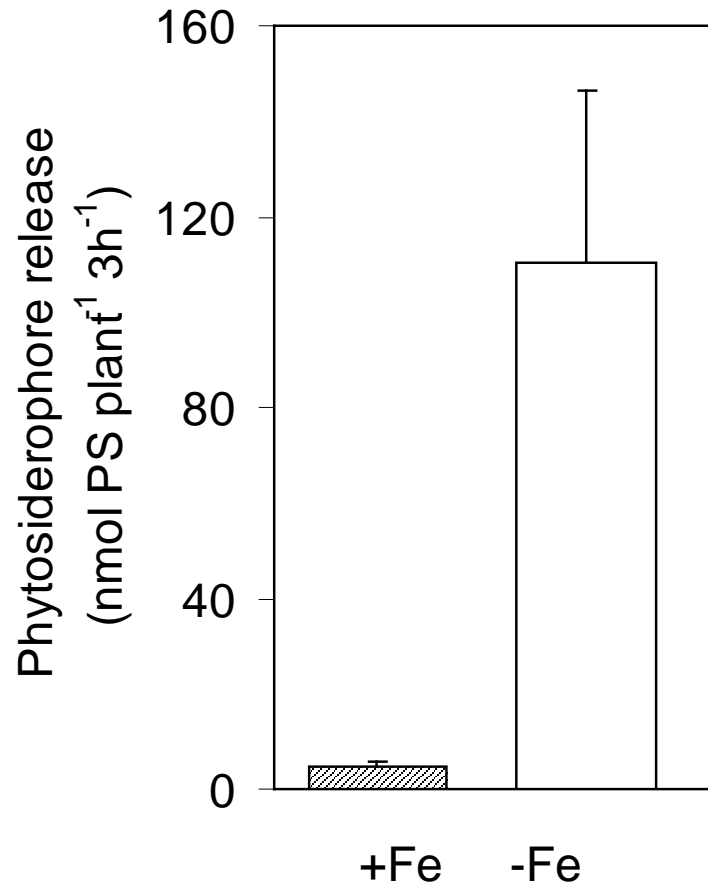


Fe³⁺-Nicotianamine

**Similar Stereochemical Structure between
Fe³⁺-DMA and Fe³⁺-NA**

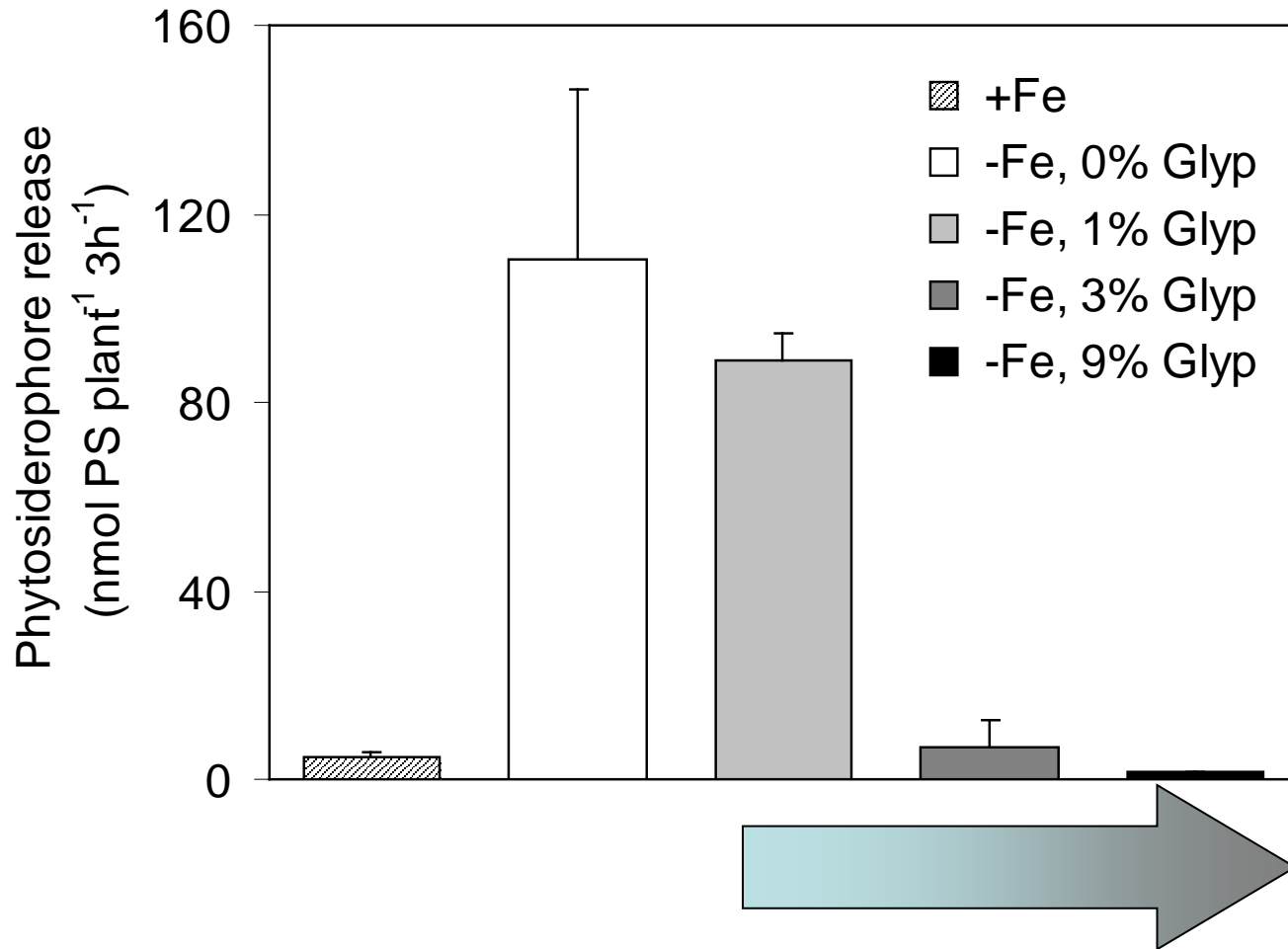
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Phytosiderophore Release from Roots



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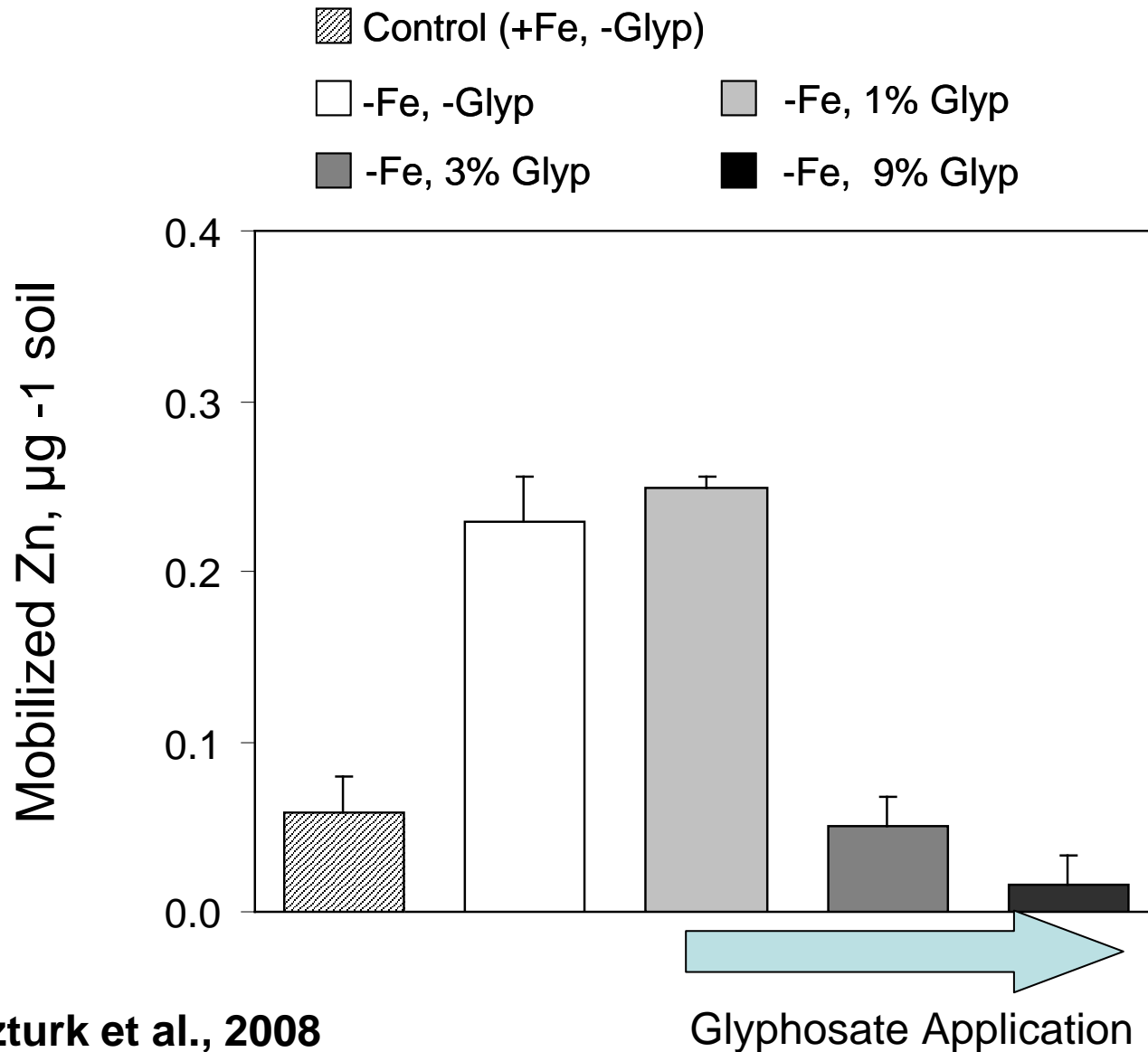
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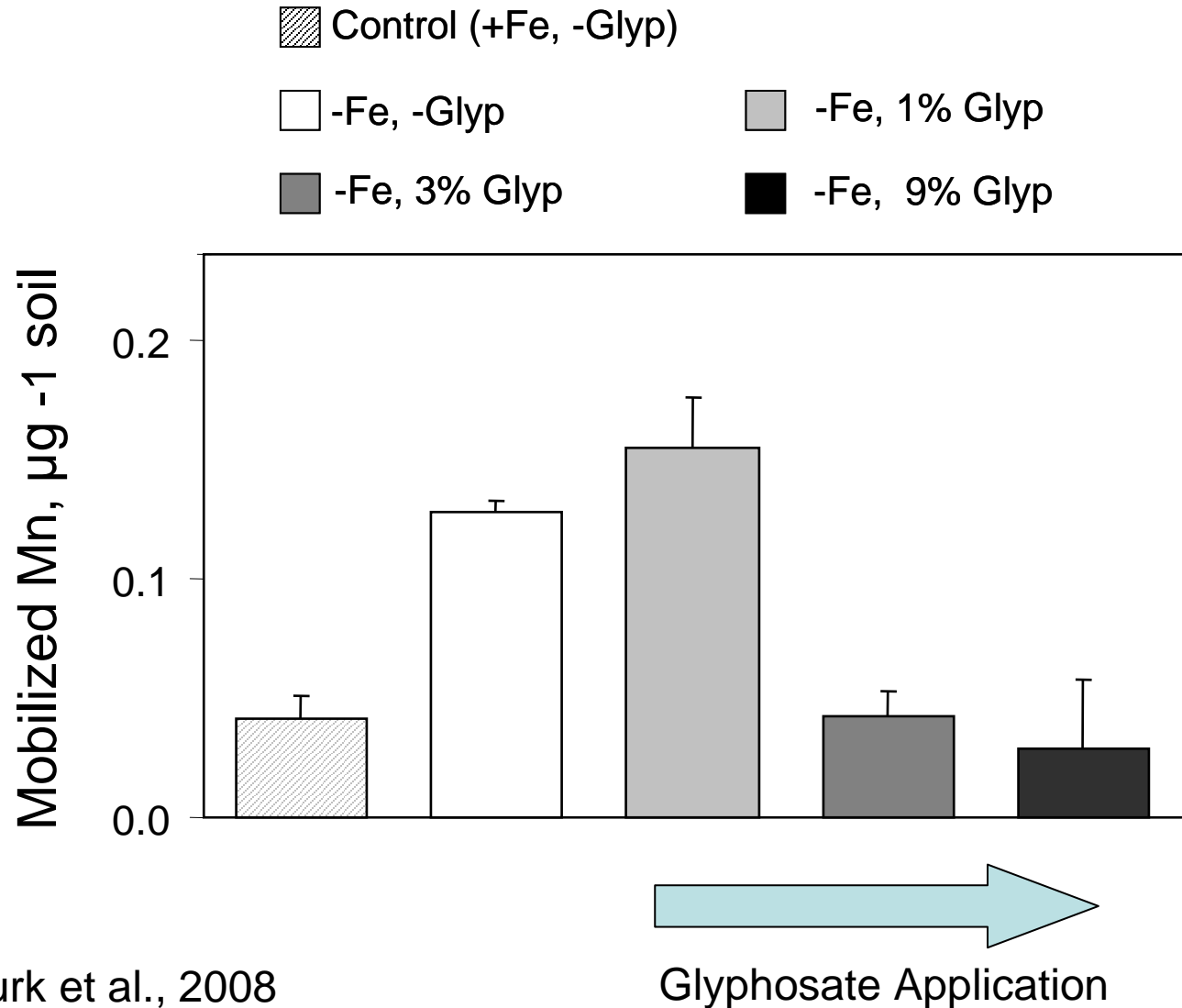
Glyphosate Application

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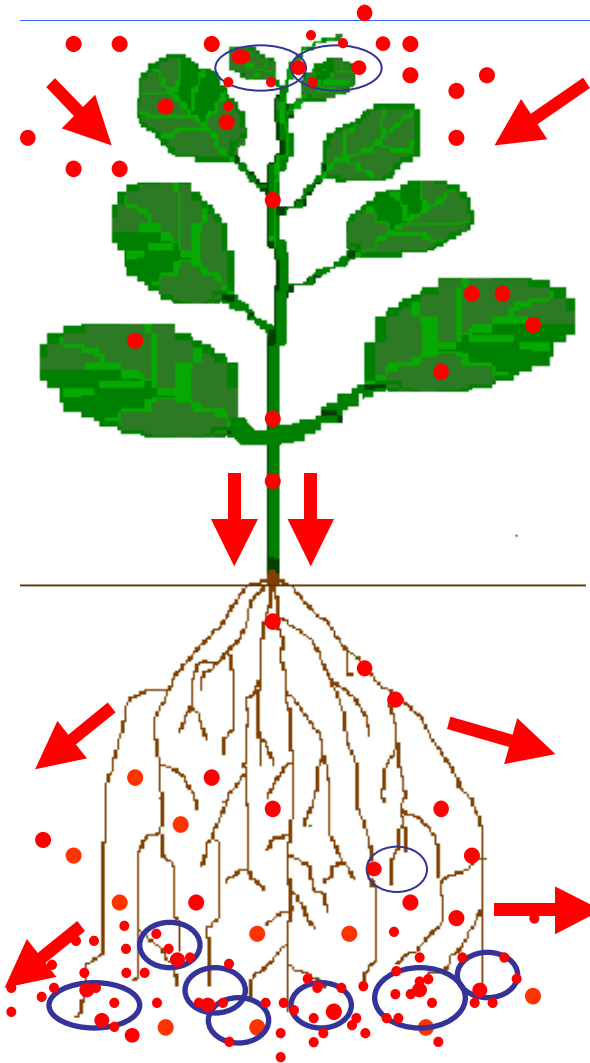
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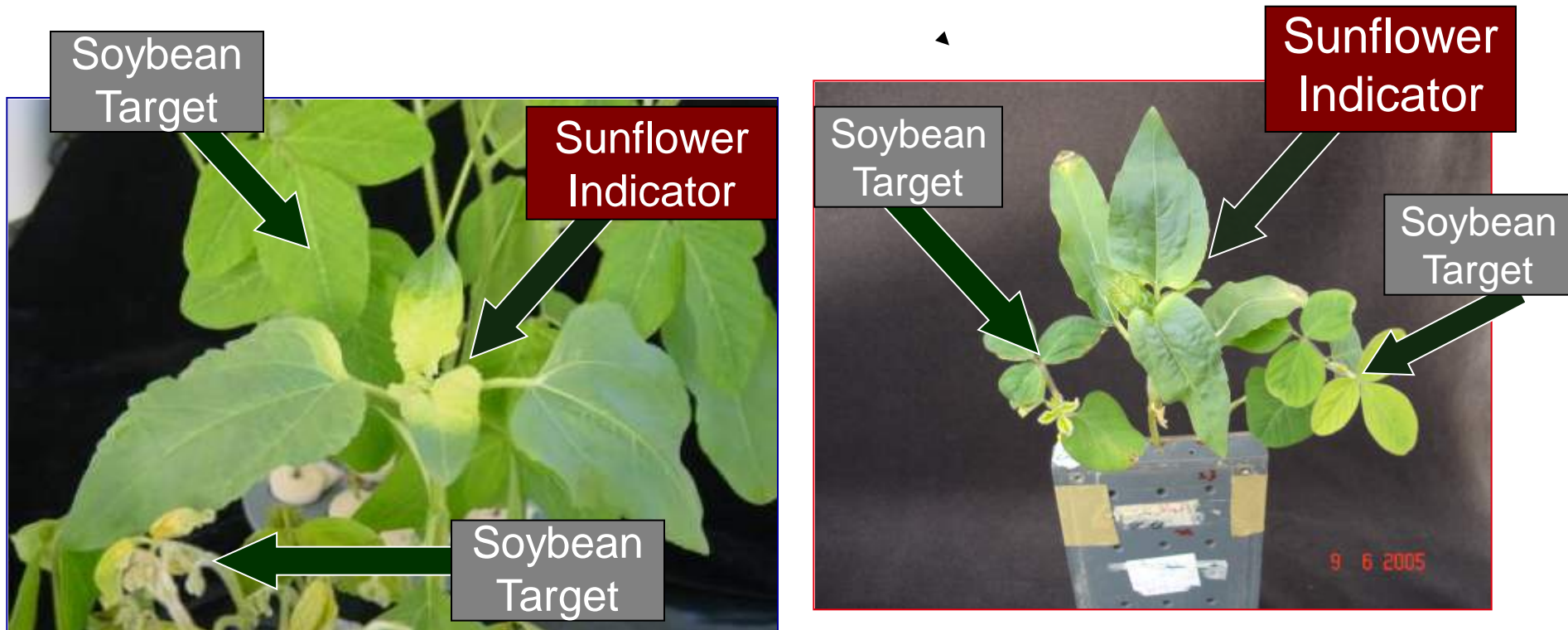
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Glyphosate applied to target plants is released into the rhizosphere

Induction of Fe deficiency chlorosis in non-target plants (sunflower)



(Neumann et al., 2005, J. Plant Dis. Prot.)

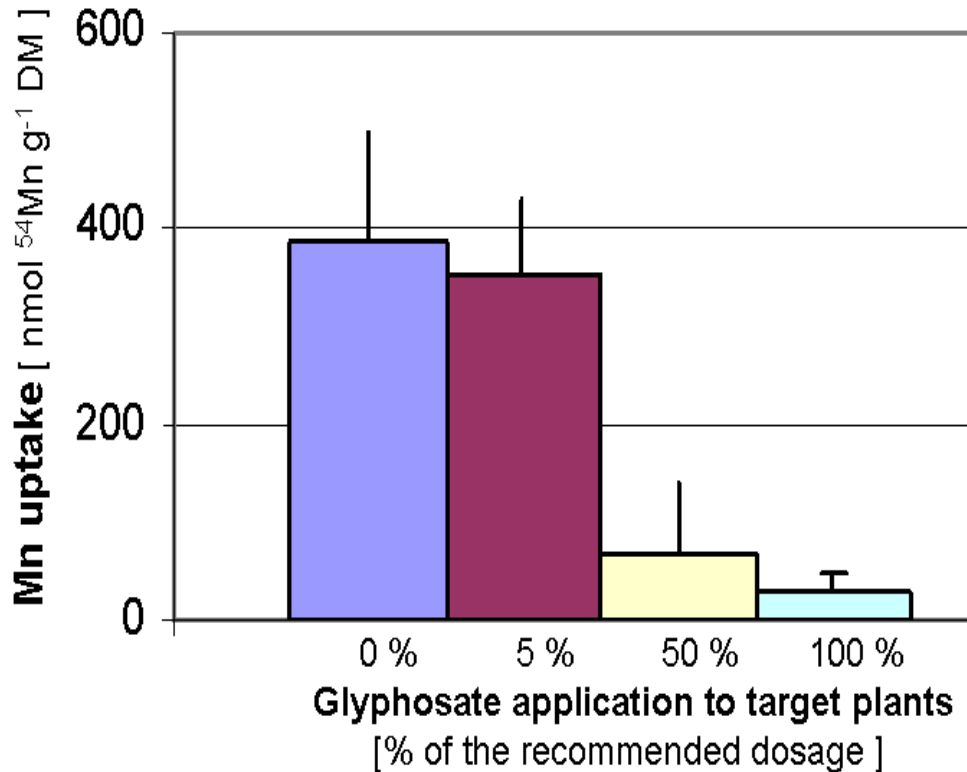
Glyphosate application to target plants (soybean)



Development of Fe deficiency symptoms in non-target plants ...

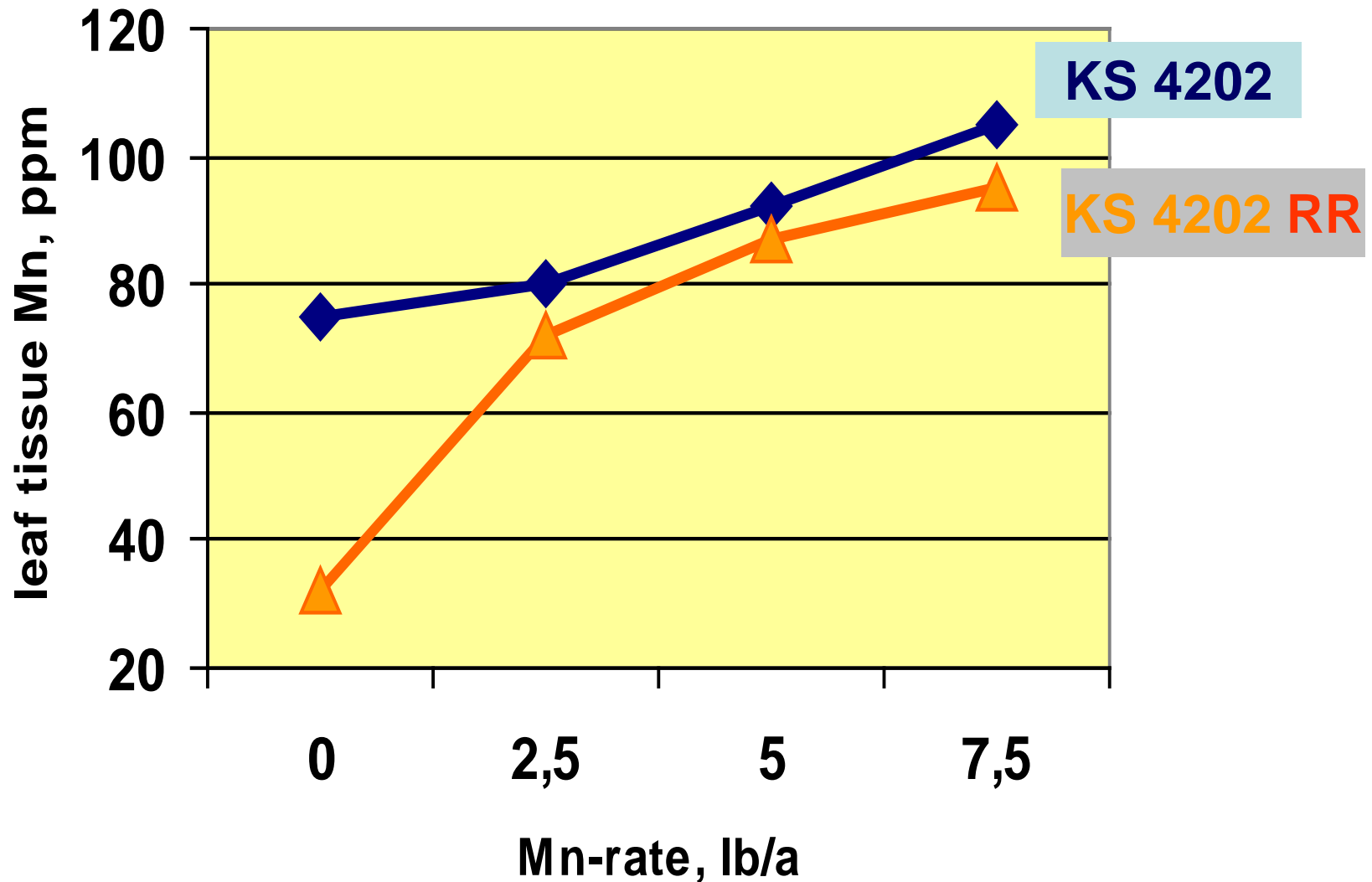
Glyphosate released in the rhizosphere reduces Mn uptake

^{54}Mn in shoots



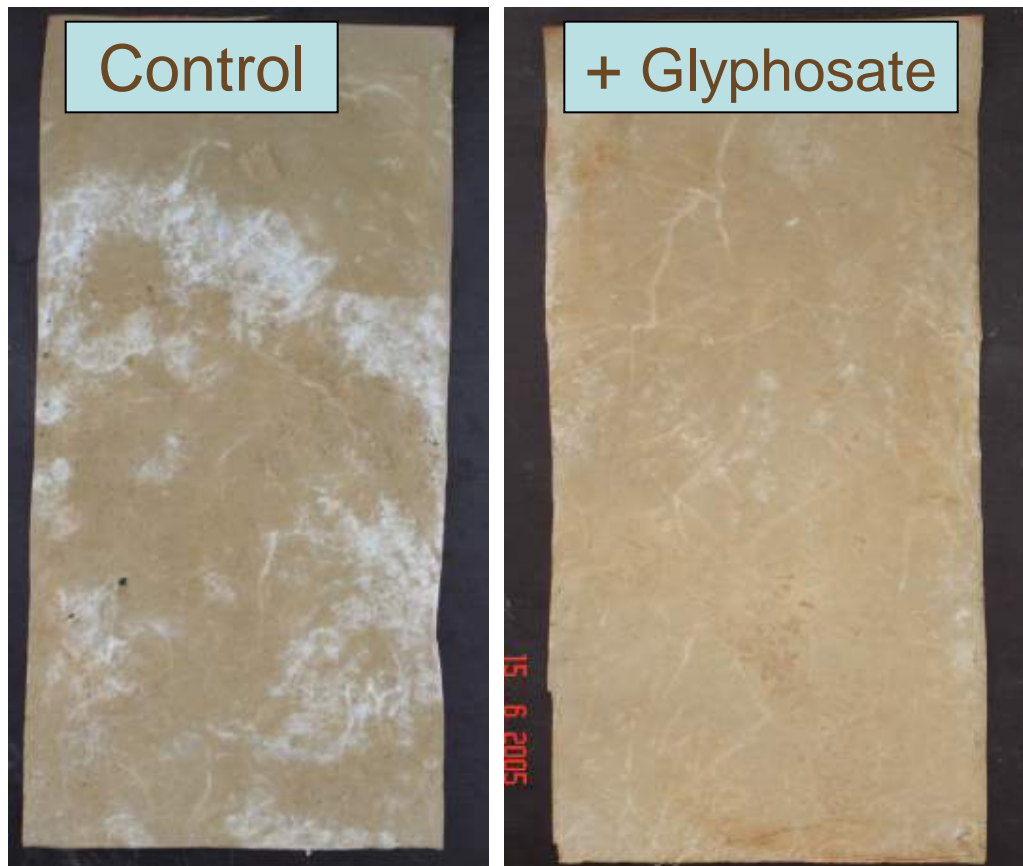
Inhibited Mn acquisition by non-target plants (sunflower) grown in nutrient solution together with glyphosate treated target plants (soybean) for 2, 4 and 6 days.

Significantly lower Mn uptake/accumulation in RR-soybeans



(B.Gordon, 2006; Kansas State Univ.)

Inhibition of MnO_2 Reduction in Soil-filled Rhizoboxes after Glyphosate Treatment to Target Plants (soybean)



MnO_2 Reduction in Soil-filled Rhizobox Culture of sunflower (non-target) and RR-Soybean with and without foliar Glyphosate spray

(Neumann et al., 2005)

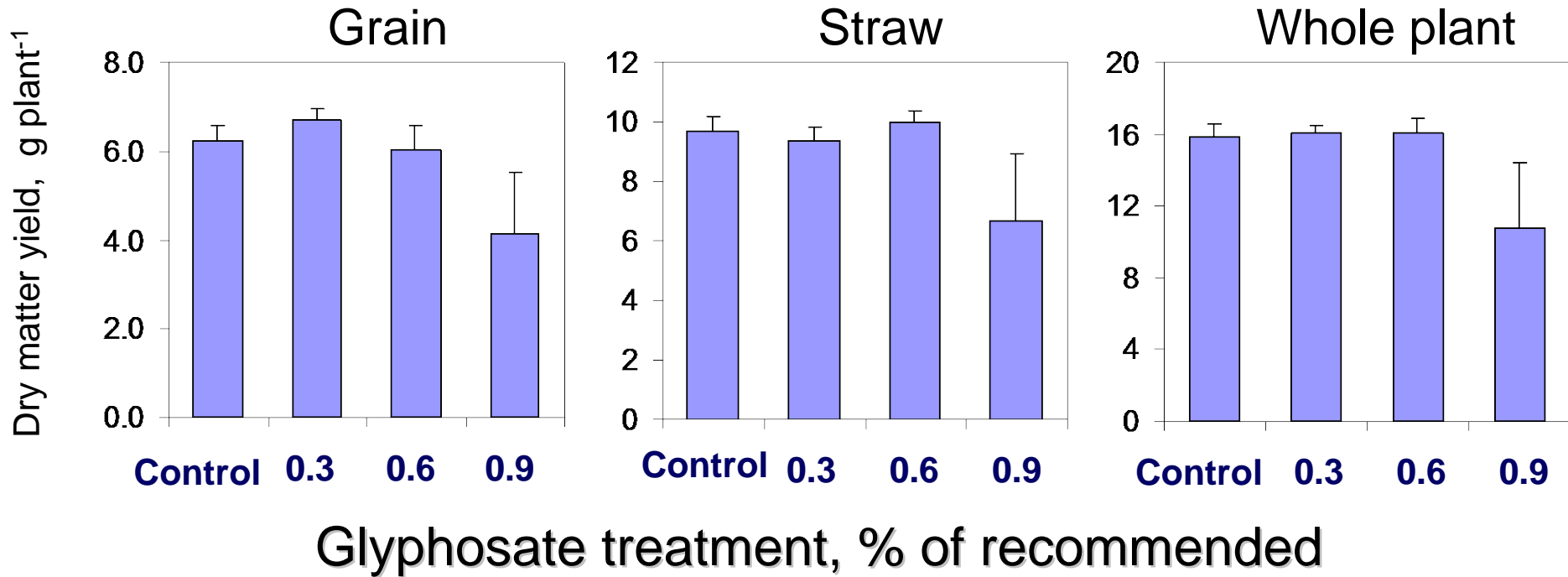
Glyphosate Reduces Grain Mn, Mg and Ca



Glyphosate Application, %



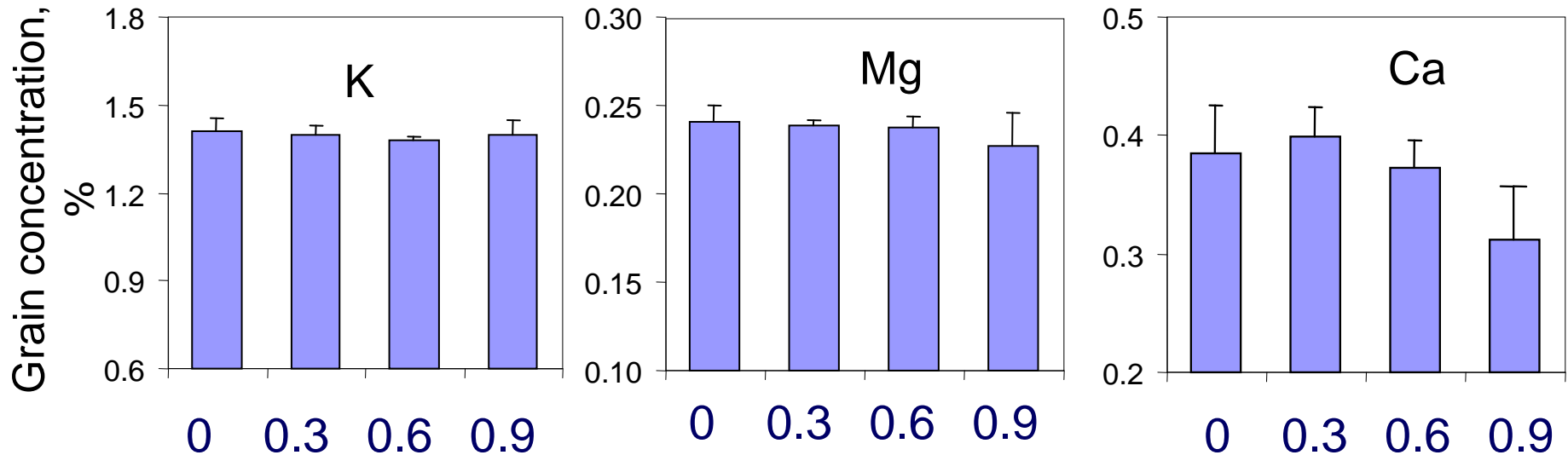
Grain, straw and whole plant dry matter yield as affected by drift rates of glyphosate in soybean



Yazici et al., 2008

Glyphosate applied 3 times before flowering

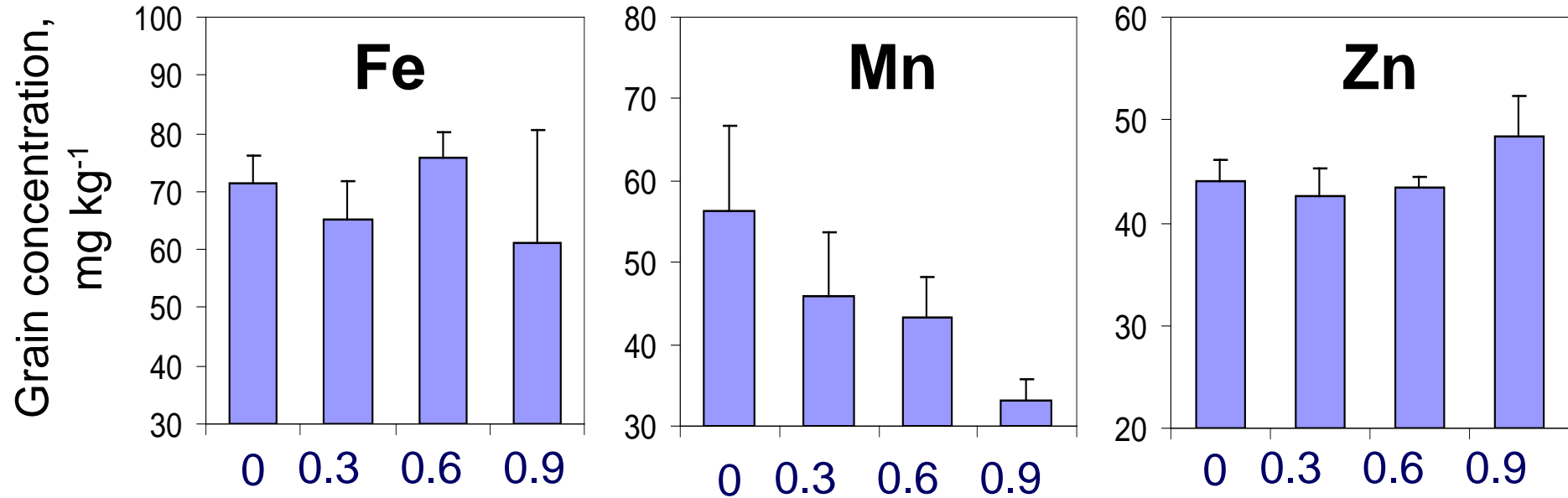
Grain concentration of K, Mg and Ca as affected by drift rates of glyphosate in soybean



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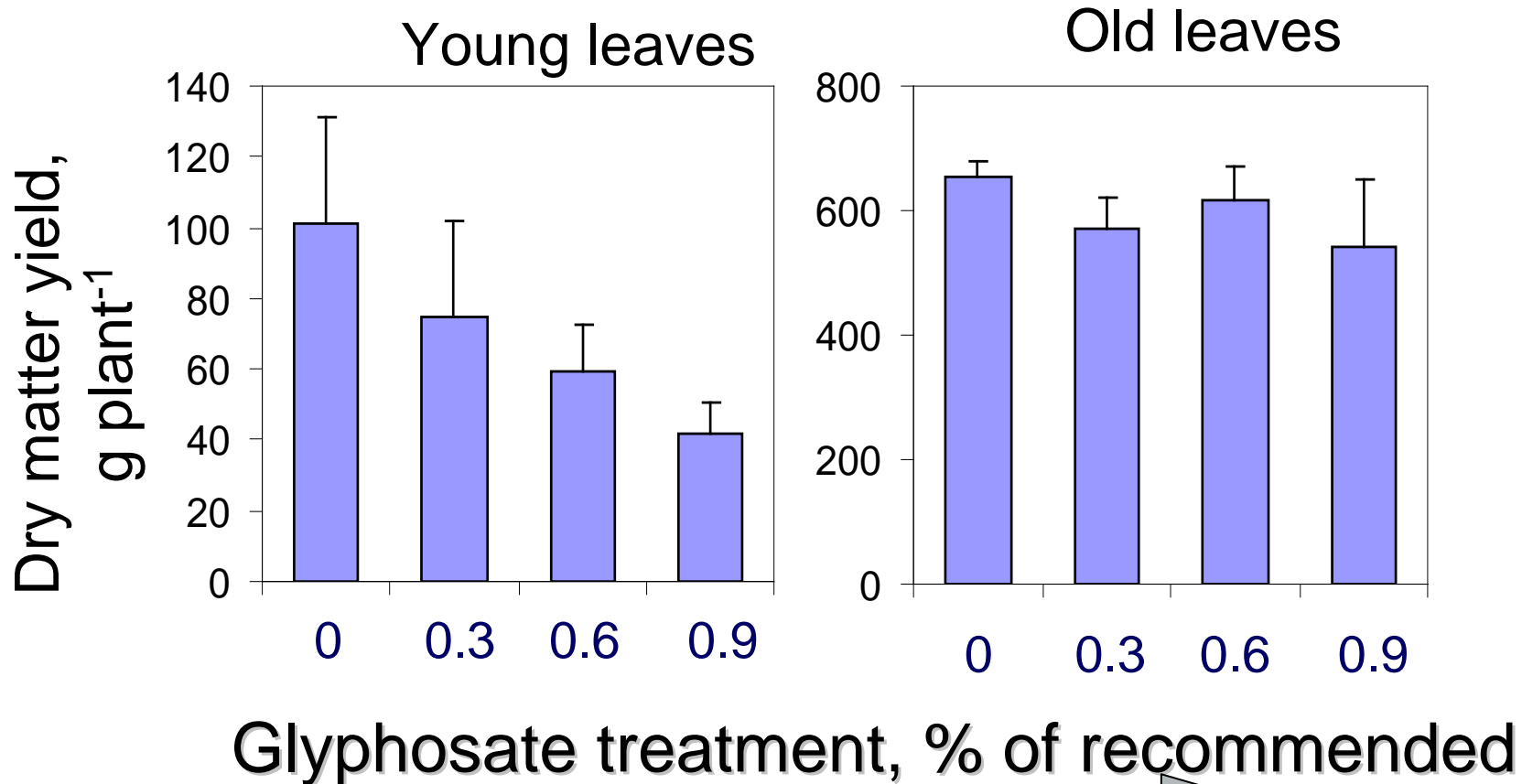


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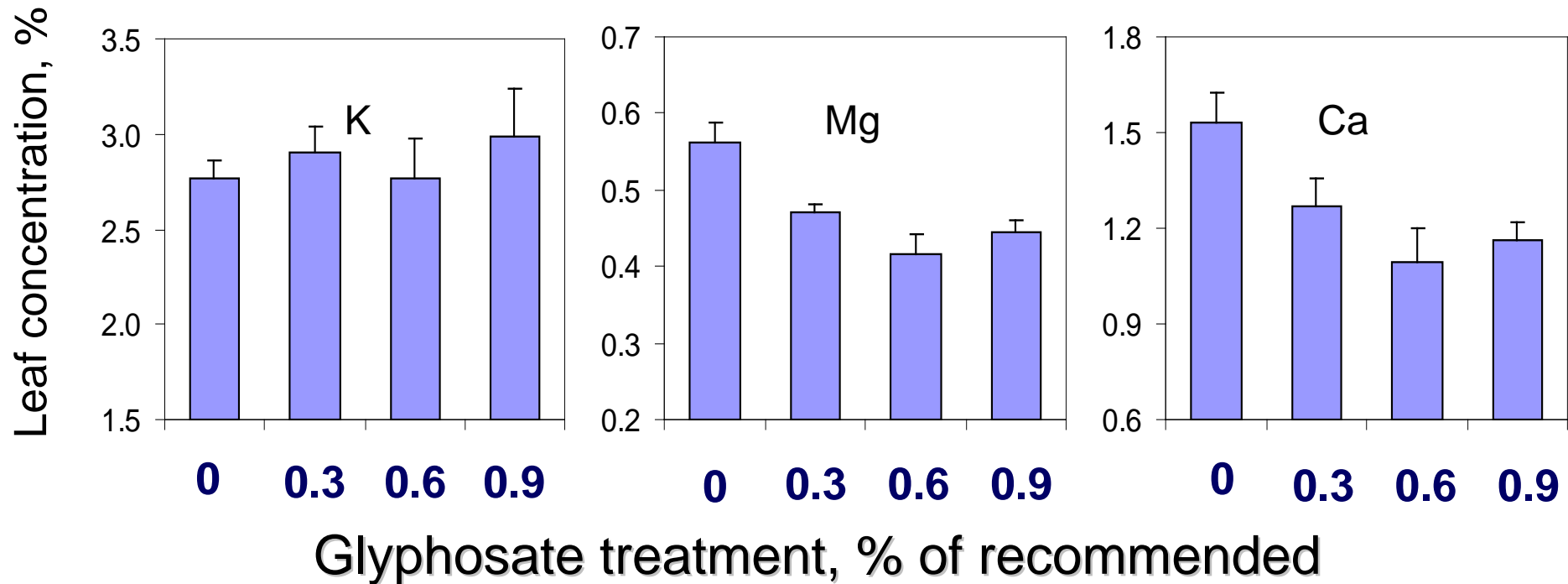
Seed Mn and Ca very important
for seed viability and seedling vigour



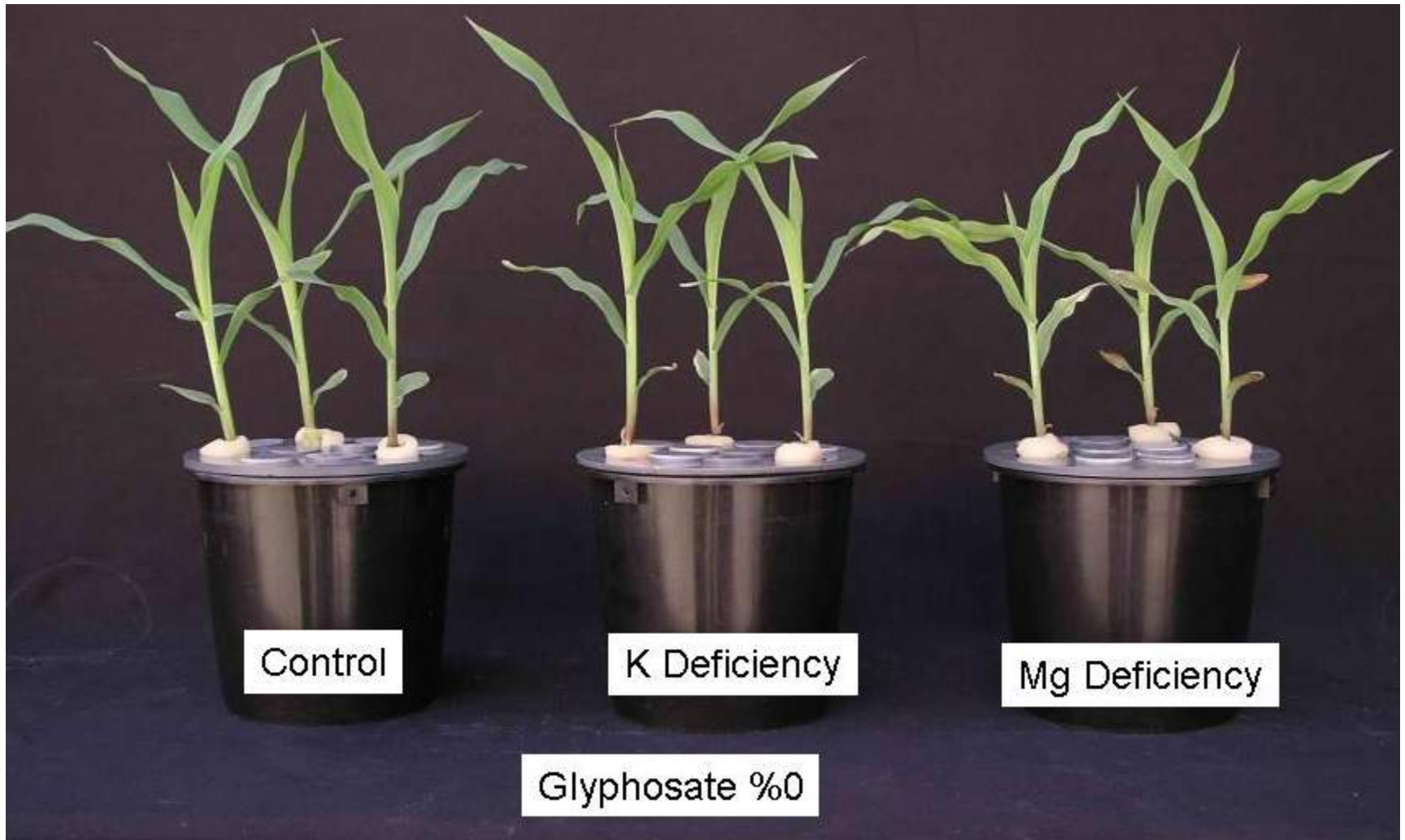
Dry matter yield of young and old leaves of soybean plants as affected by drift rates of glyphosate



Concentration of K, Mg and Ca in soybean leaves as affected by drift rates of glyphosate

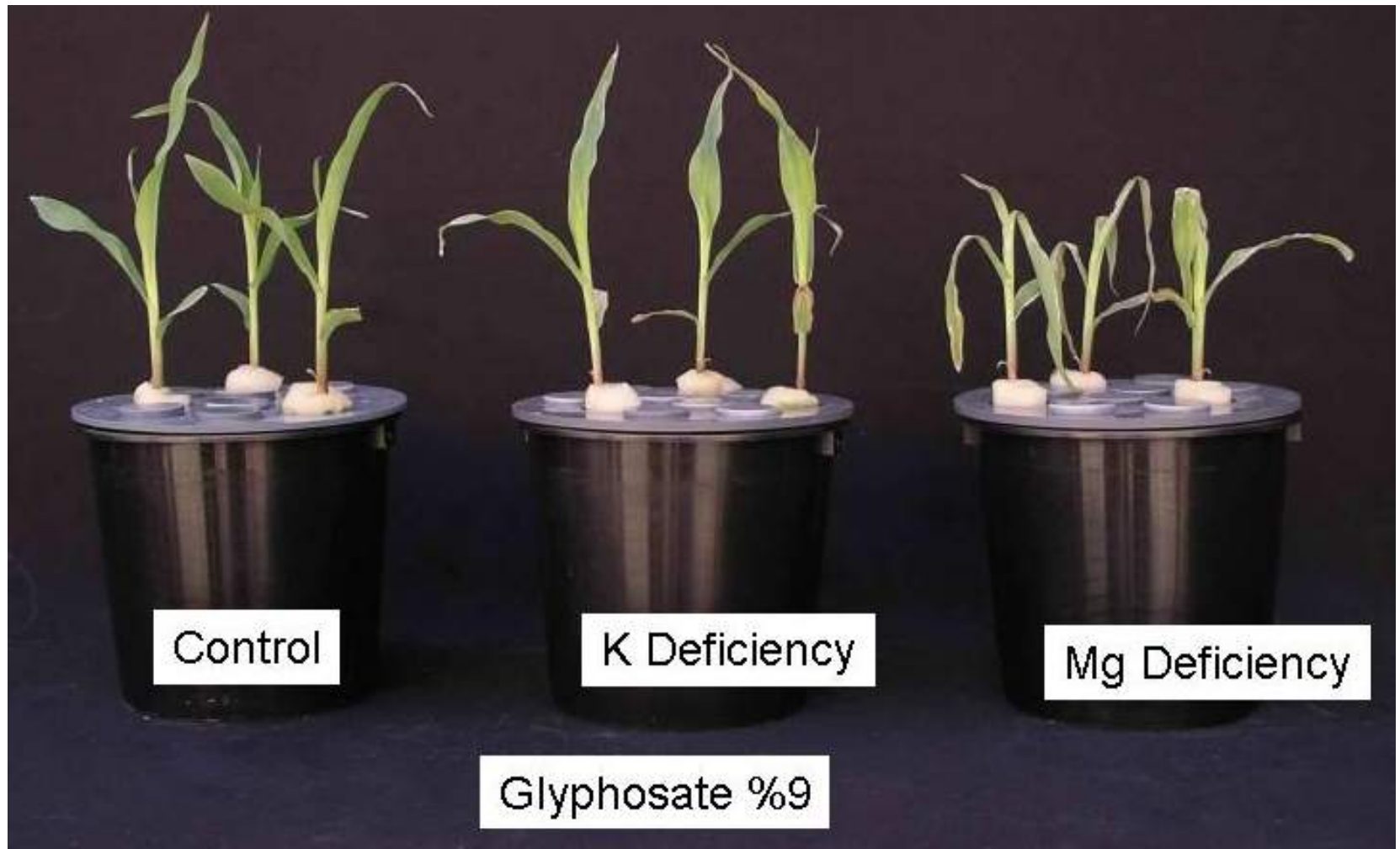


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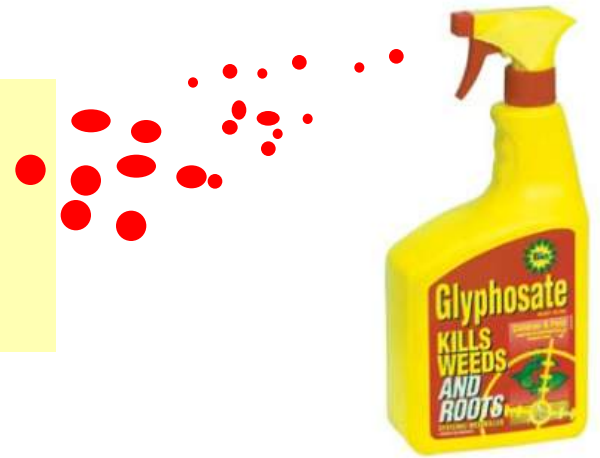


Hande et al., 2008

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**What is the effect of
Glyphosate??**



Effectiveness of Glyphosate

Effect of Glyphosate with and without calcium in the tank



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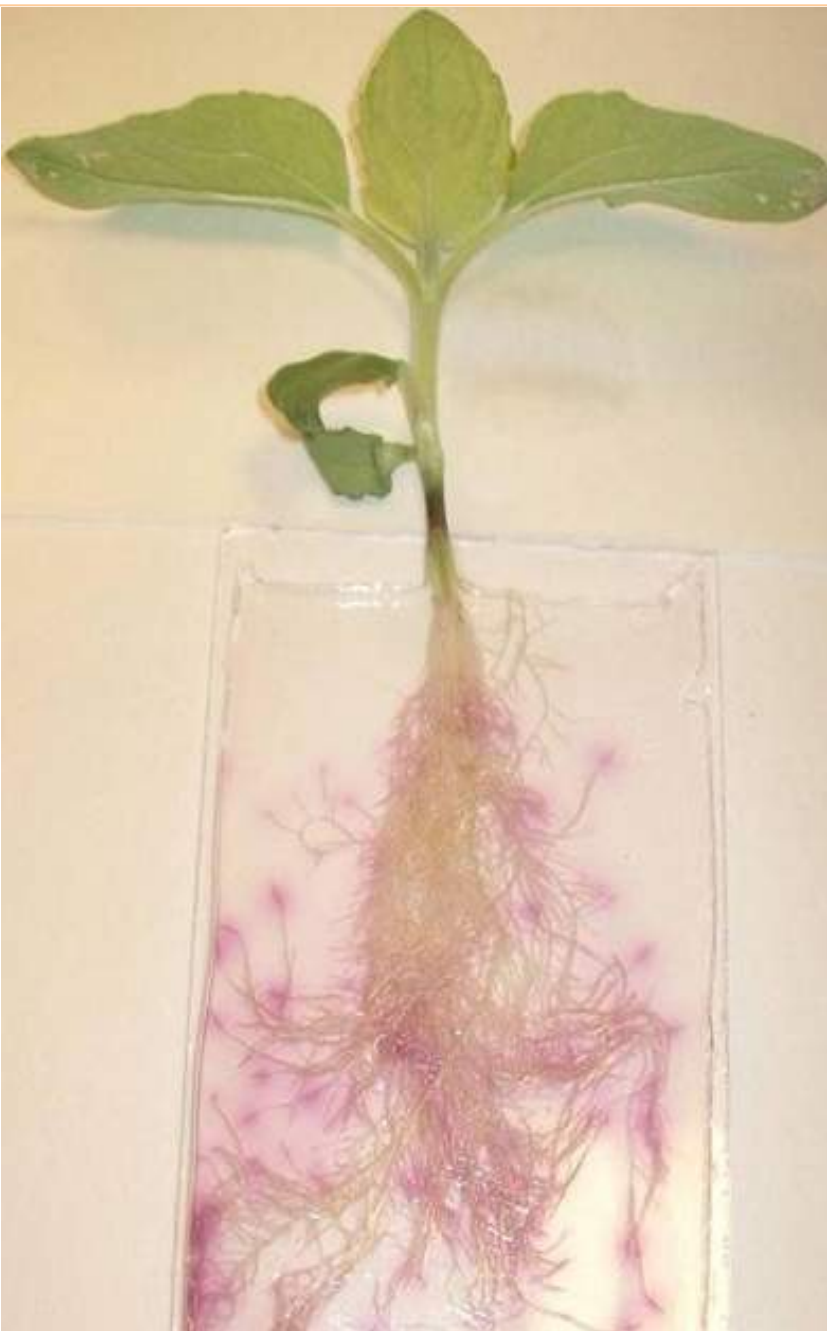
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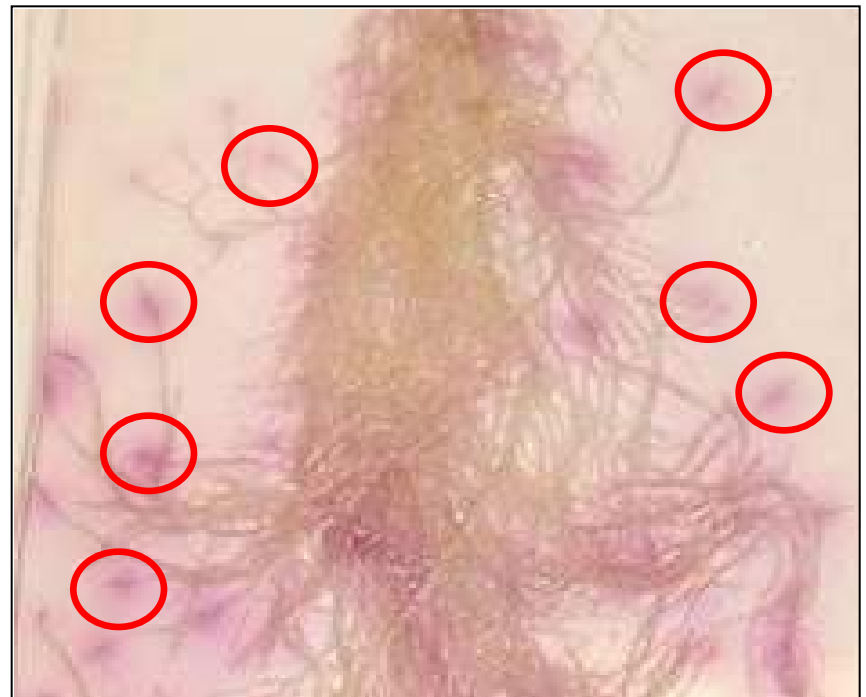
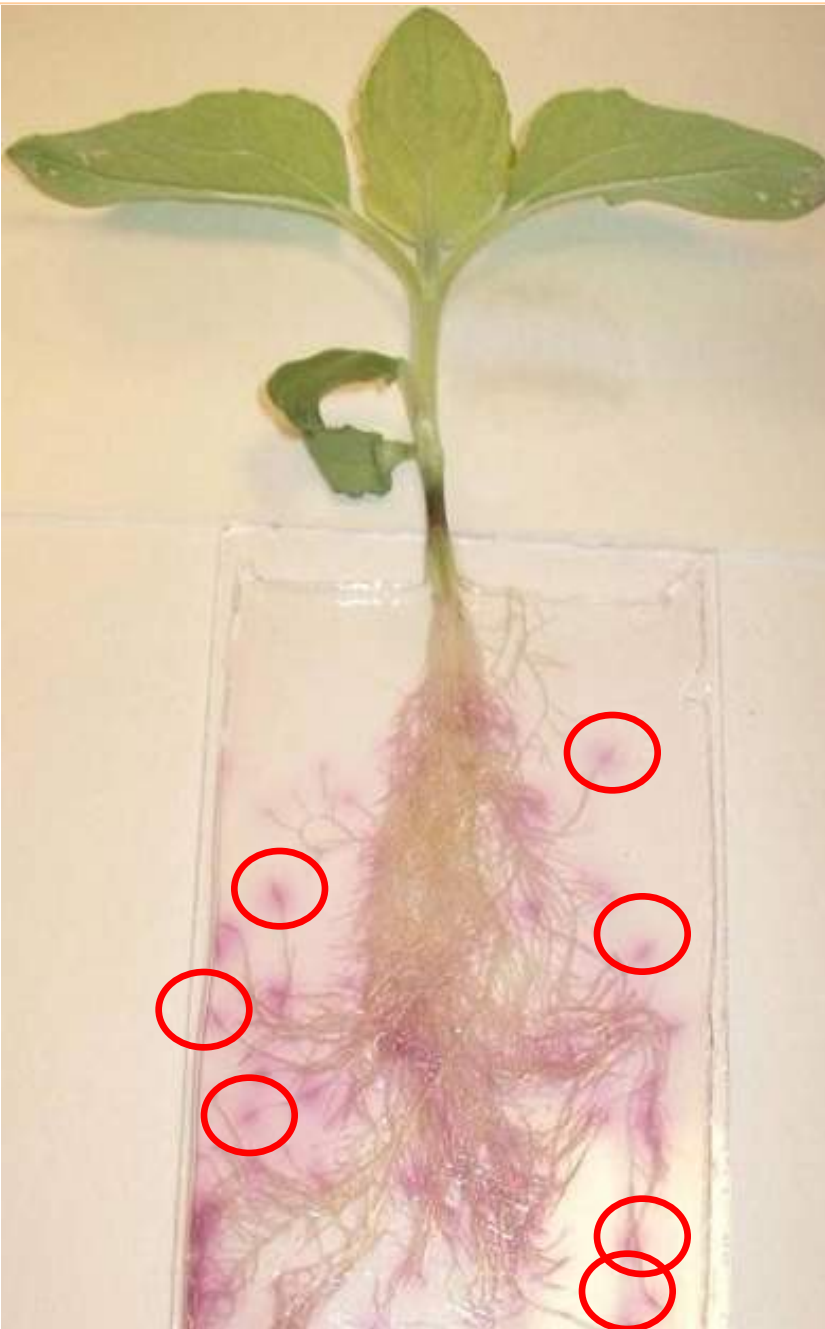
- Routine glyphosate use in agricultural systems results in considerable side effects on plant growth and mineral nutrition of plants
- Glyphosate is antagonistic to the uptake, transport and accumulation (tissue concentration) of Fe, Mn, Ca and Mg possibly due to the formation of poorly soluble glyphosate-metal complexes (??)

Conclusions-cont

- Glyphosate impairs genetic adaptation mechanisms of plants to Fe deficiency
- Plants grown under low Mg are very sensitive to glyphosate
- A new risk assessment for glyphosate is urgently needed,



Root Tips: Co-localization of Ferric Reductase and Glyphosate Accumulation



Leading 10 Health Risk Factors in Developing Countries, % Cause of Disease Burden



Underweight	14.9%
Unsafe sex	10.2%
Unsafe water	5.5%
Indoor smoke	3.7%
Zinc Deficiency	3.2%
Iron deficiency	3.1%
Vitamin A def.	3.0%
Blood pressure	2.5%
Tobacco	2.0%
Cholesterol	1.9%

WHO, 2002

Copenhagen Consensus-2004

Worldwide Panel of Distinguished Economists
including Nobel Prize-Winners



Top Four Global Challenges

- Control of HIV/AIDS
- **Providing micronutrients (Fe, Zn..) to human populations**
- Trade Liberalization
- Control of Malaria

Source:: <http://www.copenhagenconsensus.com>)



Interference of glyphosate with root uptake and transport of micronutrients may also represent a potential threat to human nutrition and human health



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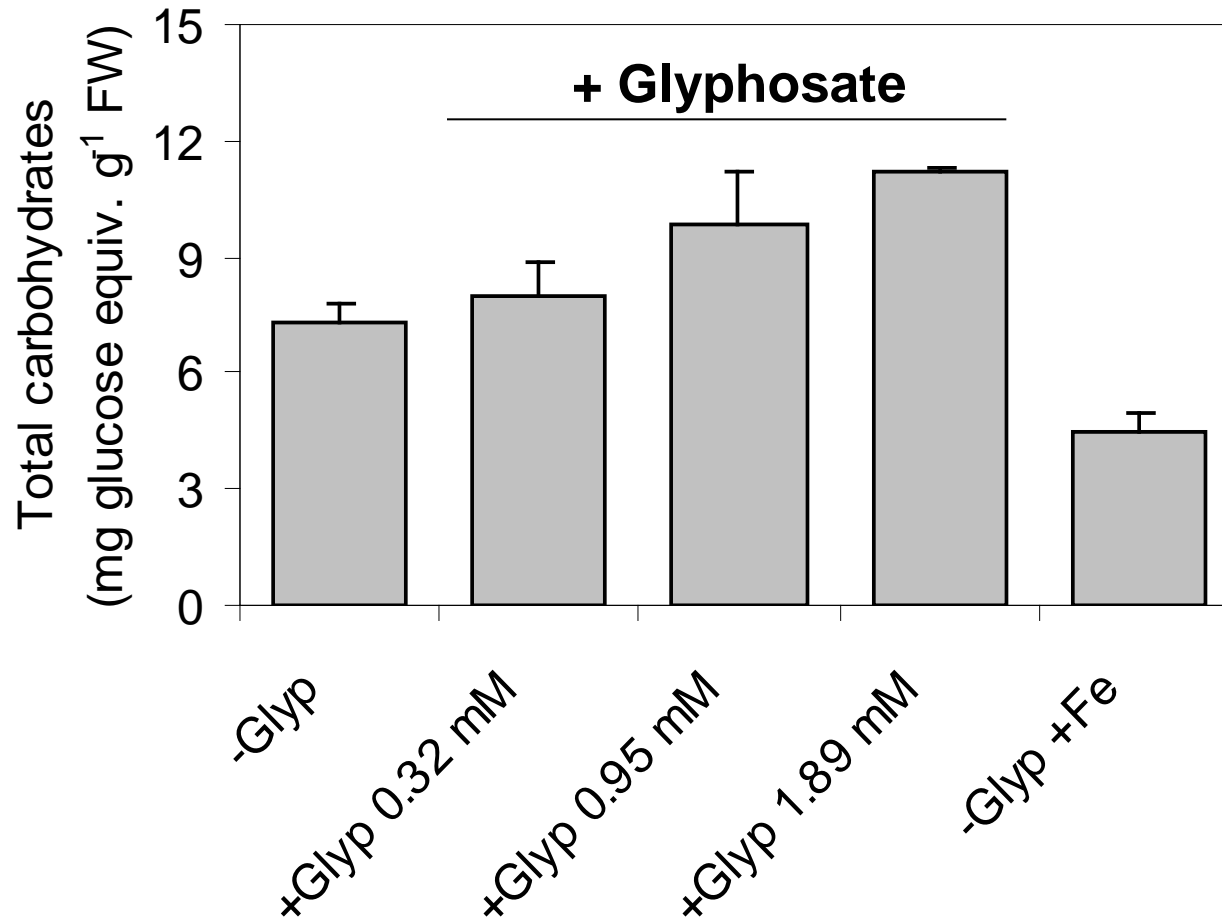
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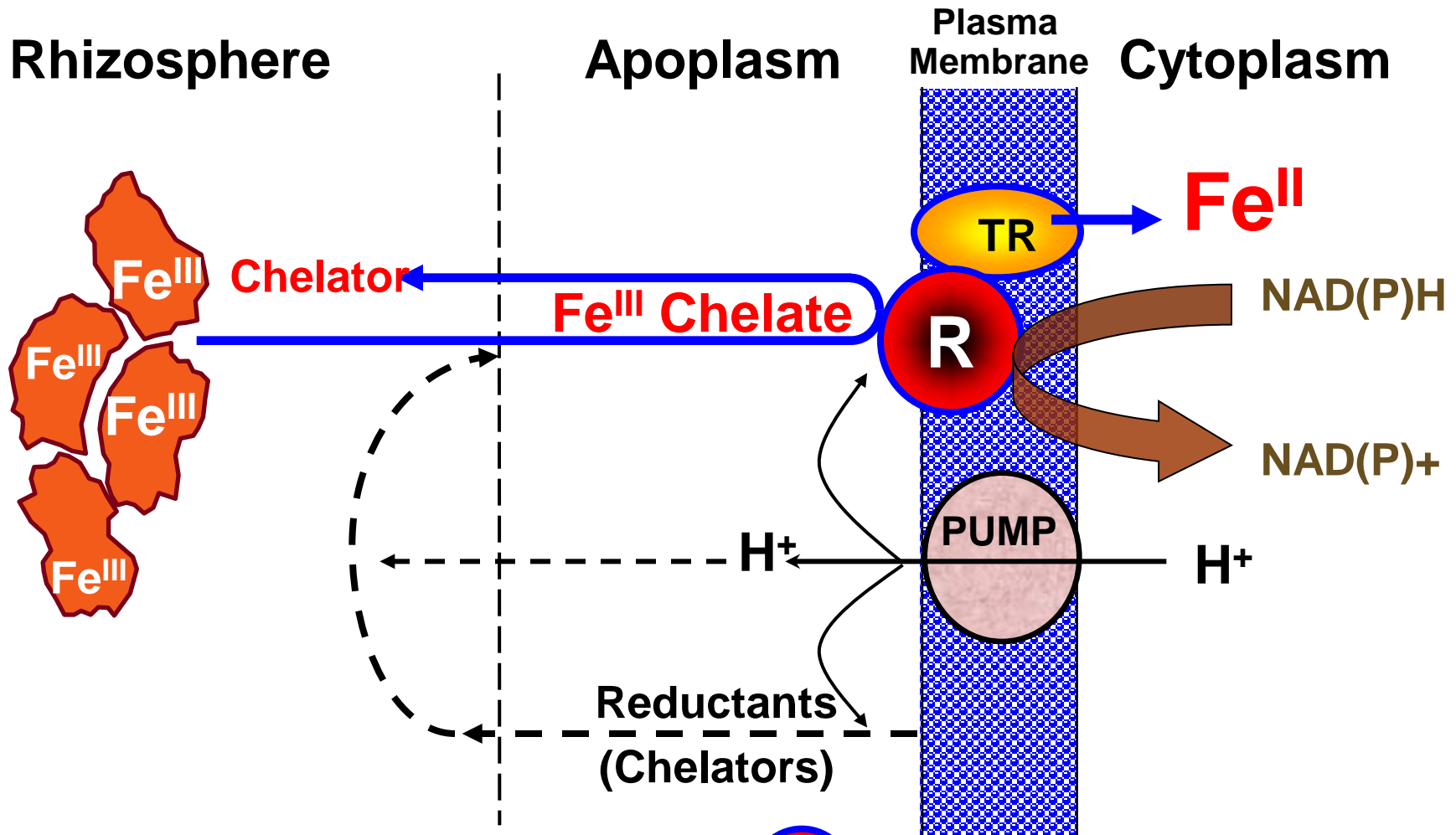
Shoot and root dry matter production and chlorophyll level as influenced from glyphosate application for 24 h

Treatments		Dry matter production		Chloropyll (SPAD)
		Shoot	Root	
		(mg plant ⁻¹)		
-Fe	-Glyp.	208 ± 16	58 ± 8	21.2 ± 1.0
	+Glyp. 0.32 mM	202 ± 16	55 ± 8	21.3 ± 0.7
	+Glyp. 0.95 mM	208 ± 15	56 ± 11	21.7 ± 1.4
	+Glyp. 1.89 mM	194 ± 23	53 ± 9	21.8 ± 2.3
+Fe	-Glyp.	226 ± 30	61 ± 13	39.2 ± 1.9
LSD _{0.05}		24	12	2.3

Carbohydrates in Apical Parts of Roots



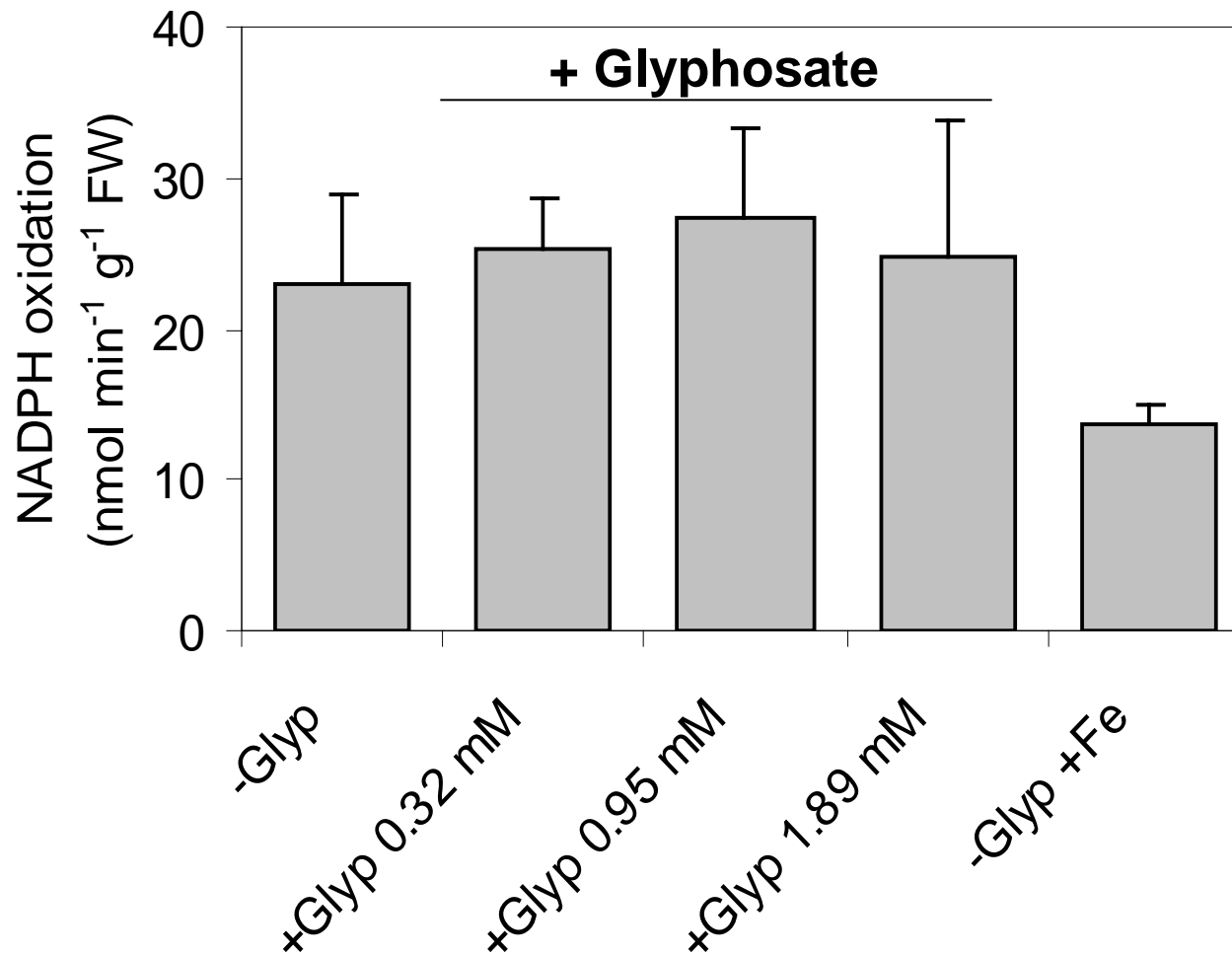
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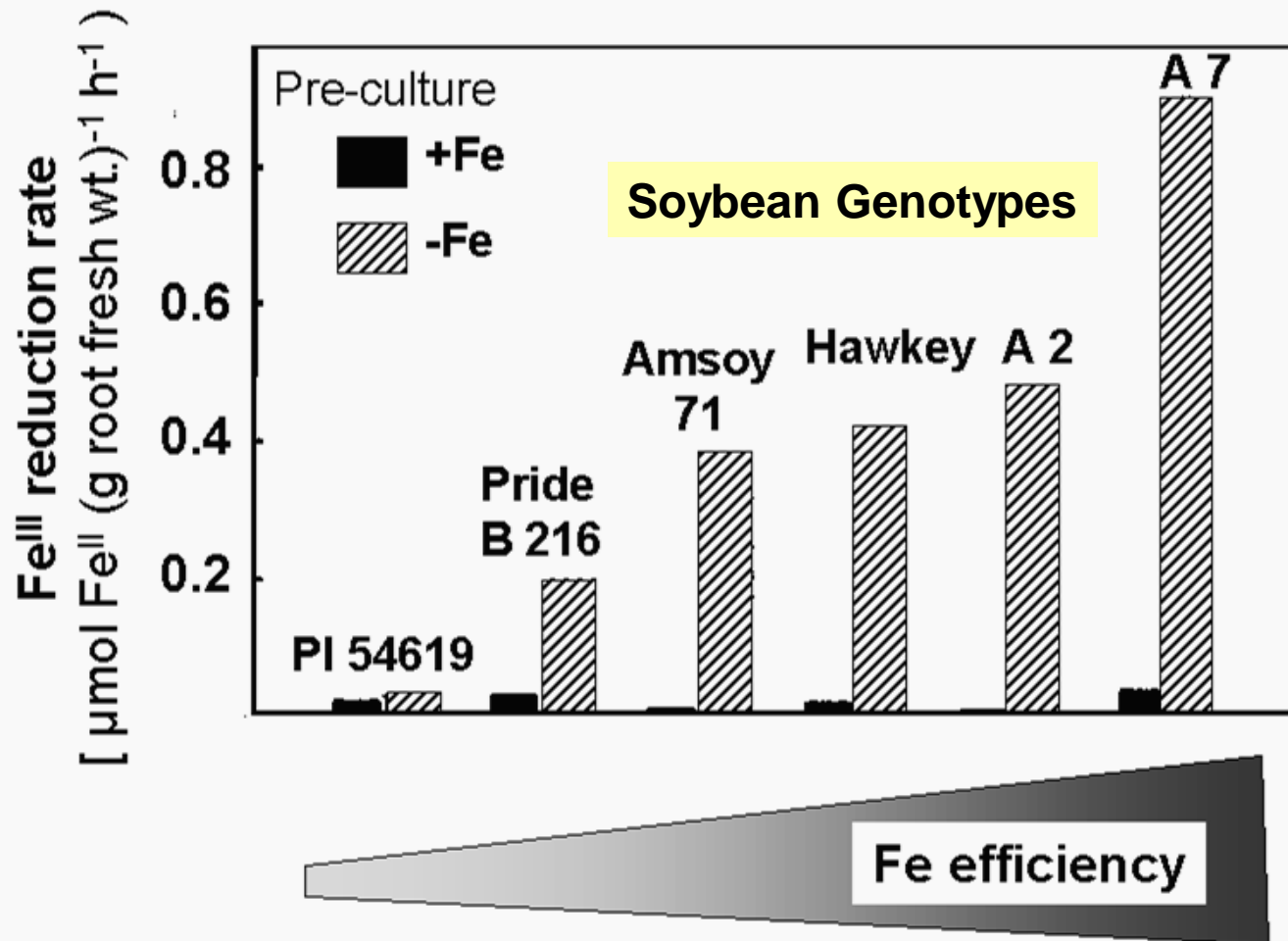
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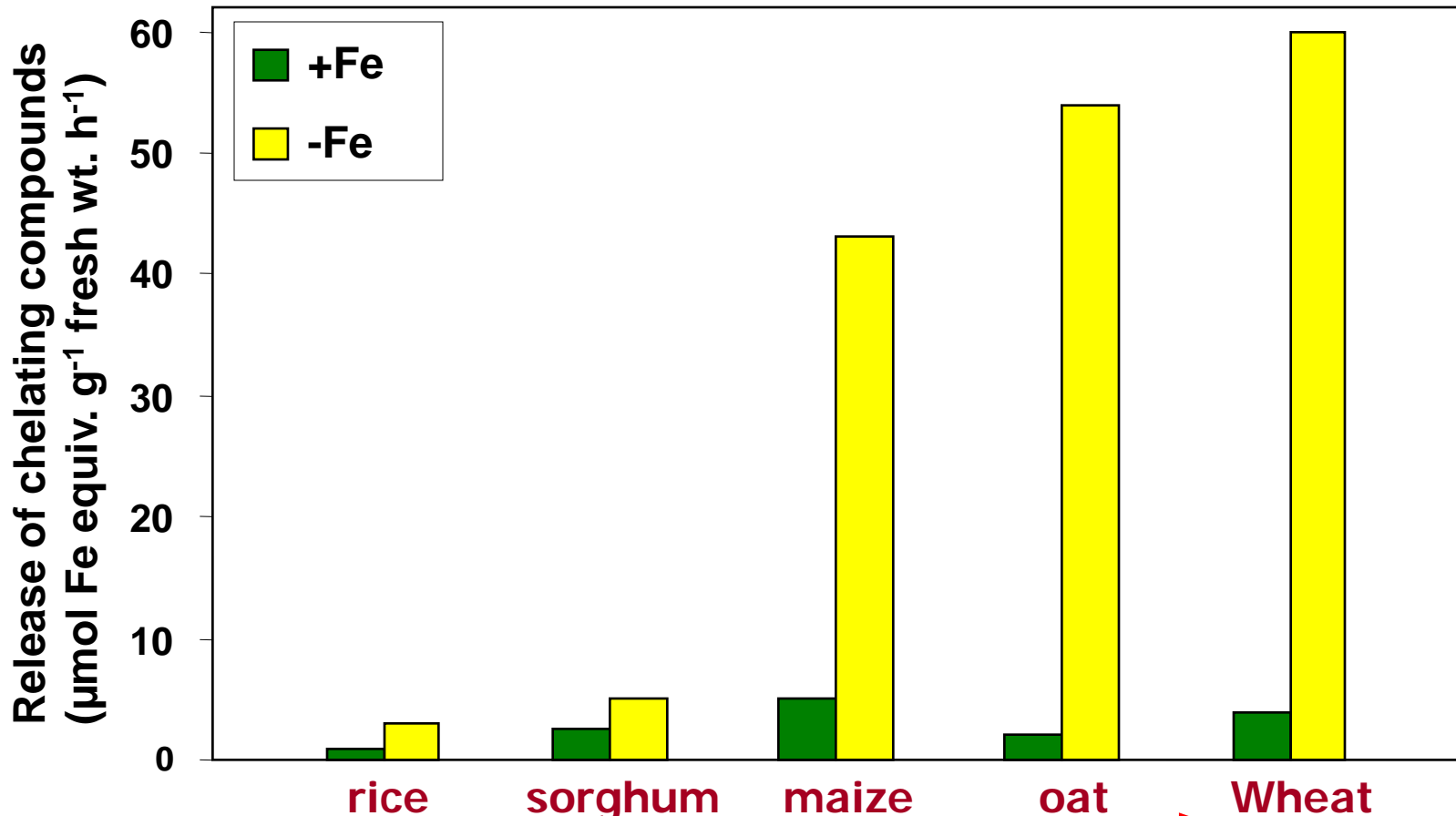
Capacity of Roots to Oxidize NADPH



Close Relationship between Fe Deficiency Tolerance and Ferric Reductase Activity in Soybean



Release of Phytosiderophores from Roots Correlate with Tolerance Fe Deficiency Chlorosis



(Römheld & Marschner (1986): *Adv. in Plant Nutr* 2, 155-204)