

Pest Management and Climate Change in New Mexico

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- Pathogen/Disease Management and Climate Change in New Mexico - *Dr. Soum Sanogo*
- Climate Change Effects on Weeds and Weed Management - *Dr. Brian Schutte*
- Climate Change vs. Producers vs. Insects: Who's Winning? - *Dr. Carol Sutherland*

Pathogen/Disease Management and Climate Change in New Mexico

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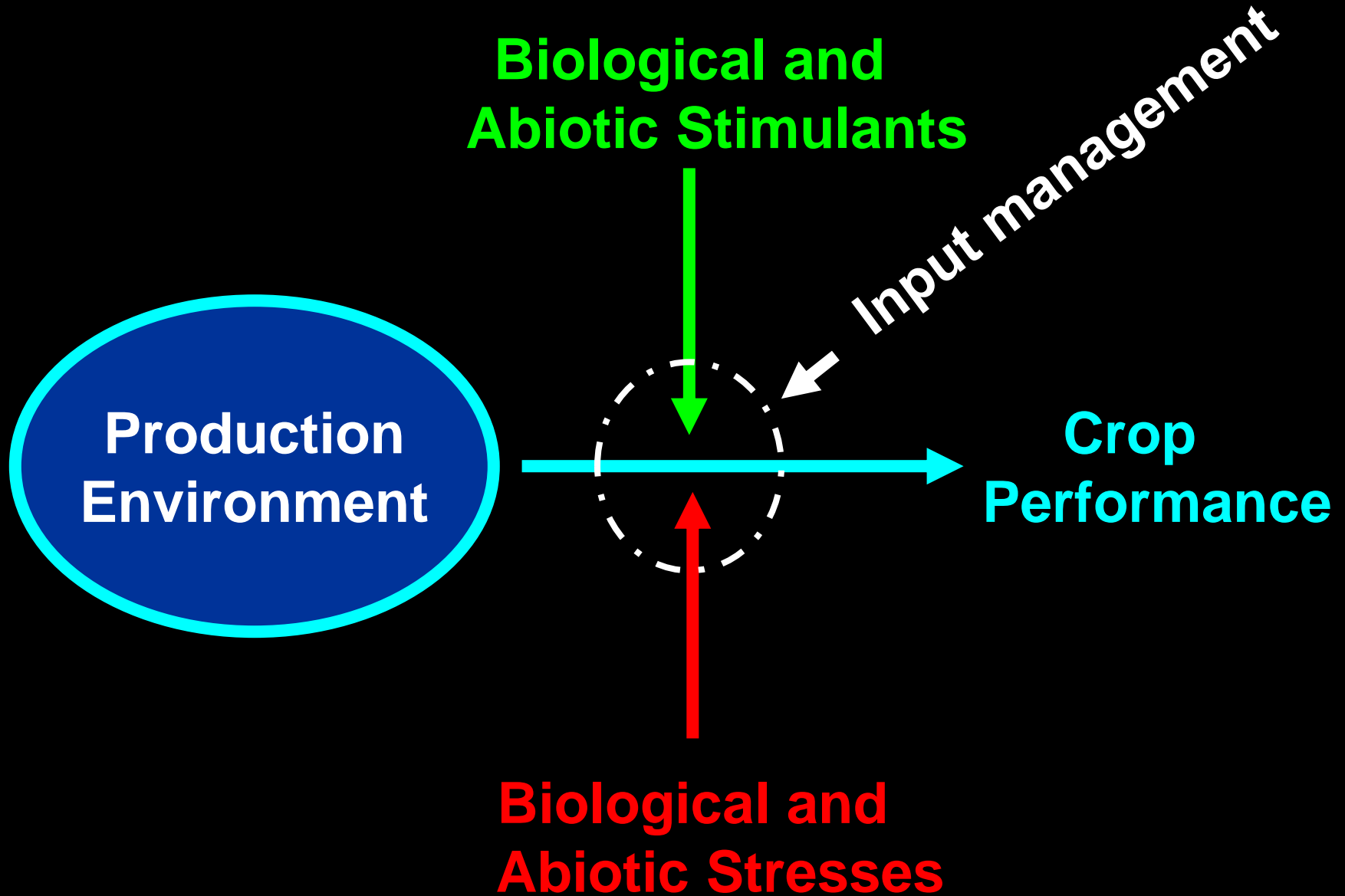
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Impacts of Climate Change



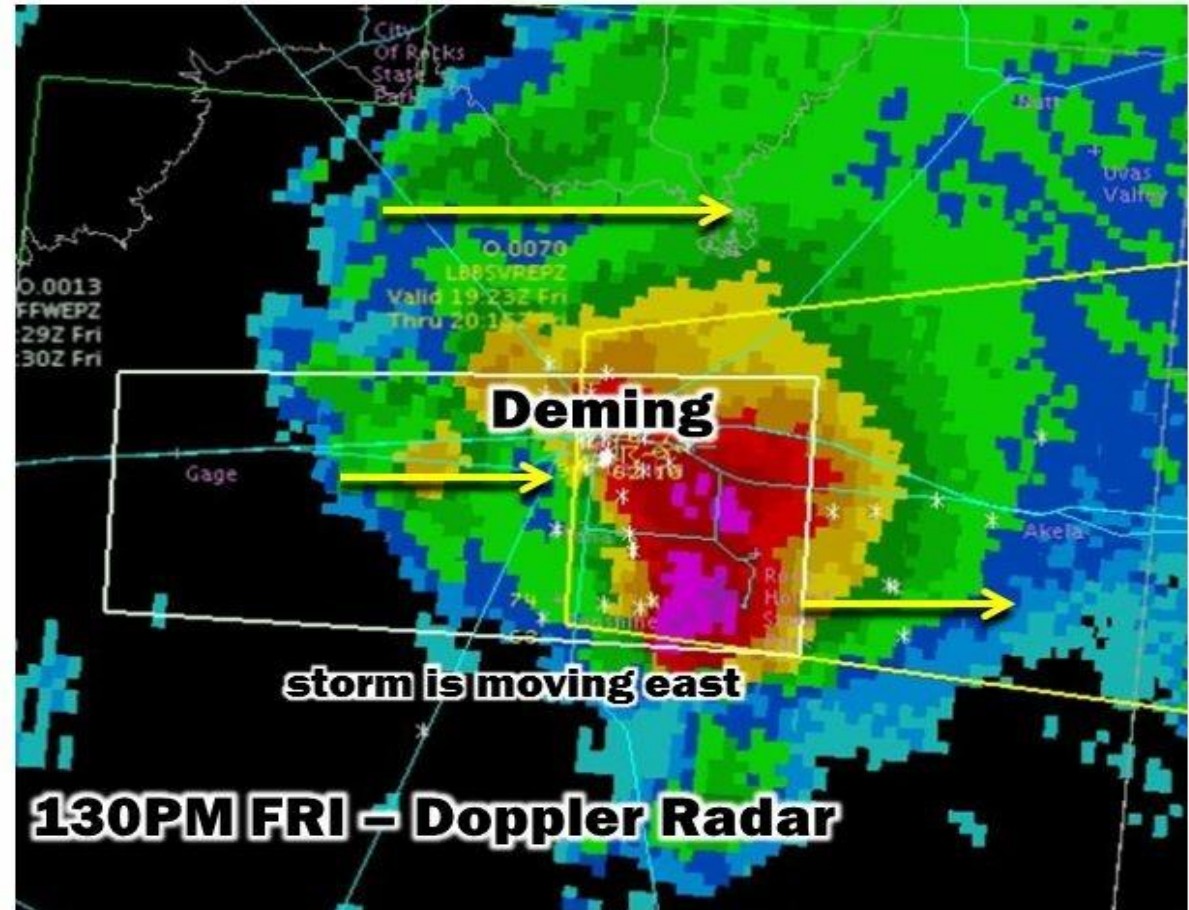
LARGE HAIL / INTENSE RAIN / FLASH FLOODING

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM IN AND SE OF DEMING, NM

**Supercell
Thunderstorm
is moving across the
Deming area at 130
pm Friday afternoon.**

**This is a
dangerous
storm. Take
cover.**

**Seek shelter from
this storm.**



Courtesy: Ben Etcheverry, Mizkan Americas, Deming

Pictorial of 2015 Hail Event



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Extent of Hail Damage



	Field 1	Field 2
Foliage damage (%)	15-30	5-10
Pods with damage (Kg)	1.85	0.98
Pods with no damage (Kg)	1.87	2.23
	~50%	~70%

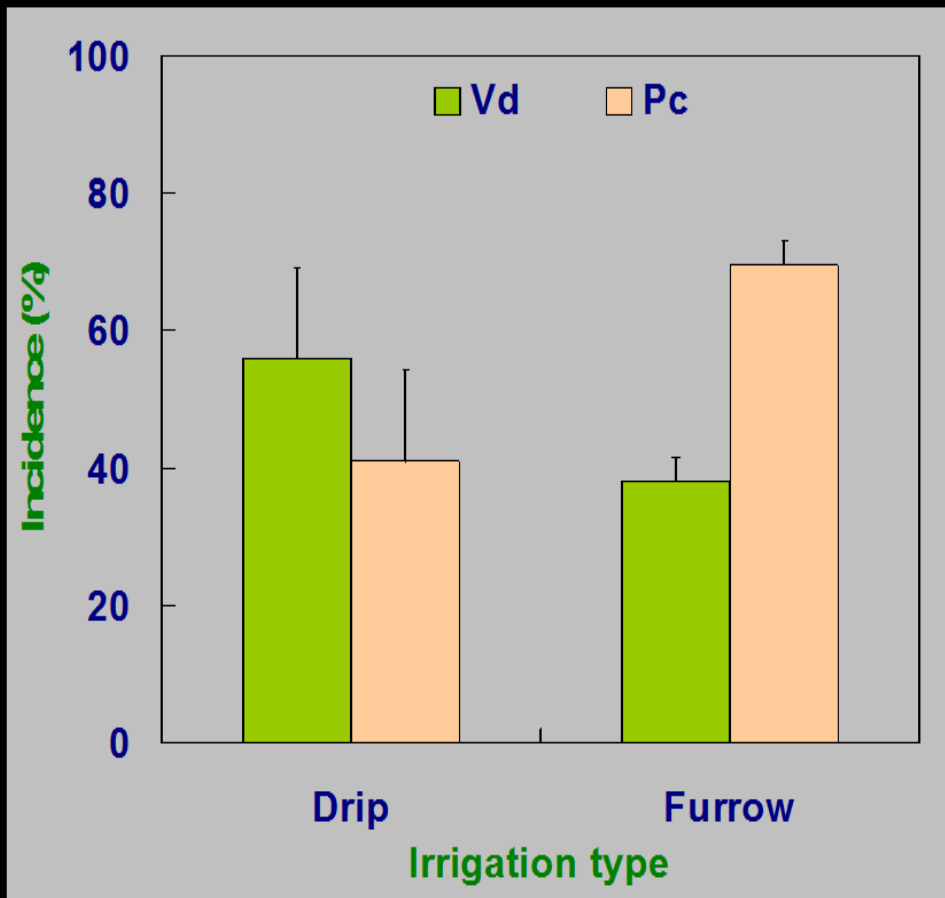
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- ✓ **Soil saturation**
 - ✓ **Soil temperature**
 - ✓ **Predisposition**

Courtesy Don Hartman

Flooding and Dynamics of Plant Pathogens

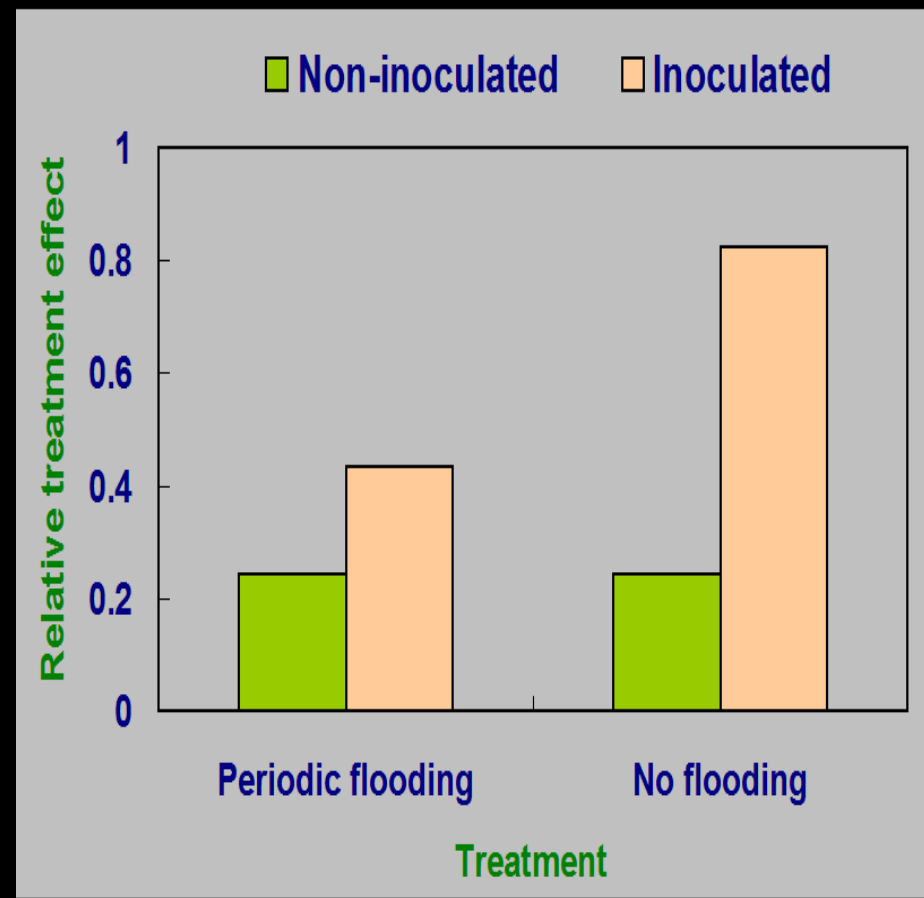


Flooding and Dynamics of Plant Pathogens



Vd > Pc under drip; Pc > Vd under furrow

(Sanogo and Carpenter, 2006)



Vd > in no flooding

(Sanogo et al., 2008)

Hail and Disease Outbreak Relationship?

- **Mowed versus not mowed**
- **Mowed and treated versus mowed and not treated**



■ Not Mowed

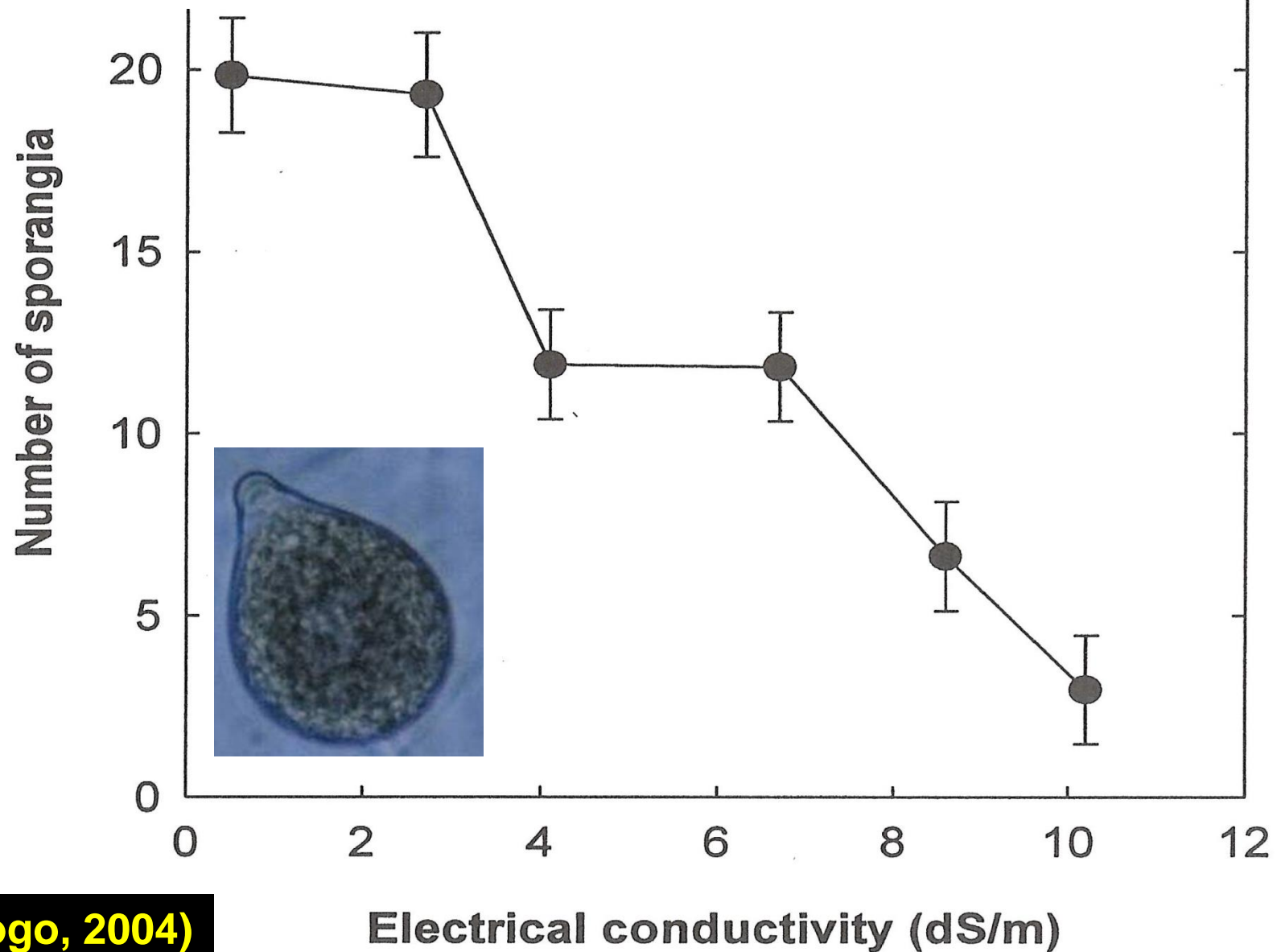
■ Mowed

Projected Changes in Production Environment (Extremes)	Pathogen			
	Survival	Spread	Reproduction	Infection
Air composition				
Elevated CO2				
Biotrophs	✓	✓	↗	↗
Necrotrophs	✓	✓	↗	↗
Temperature				
High	✓	✓	✓	↗
Low	✓	✓	✓	↗
Moisture				
High (flood)	✓	↘ ↗	✓	↗
Low (drought)	✓	↗	✓	↗
Wind and hail storms	✓		✓	↗



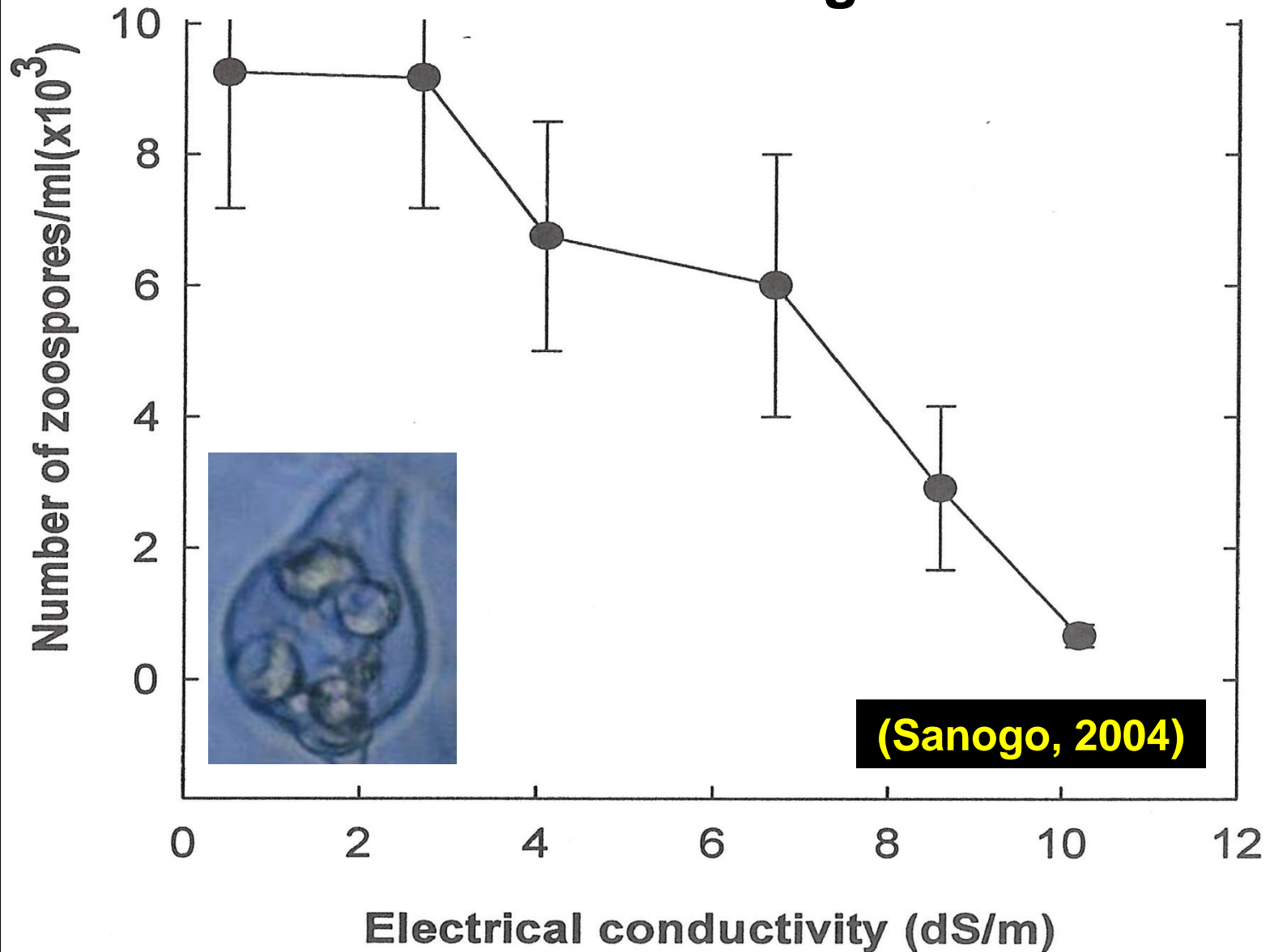
Predispositional effect

25 Salinity/Drought and Dynamics of Plant Pathogens

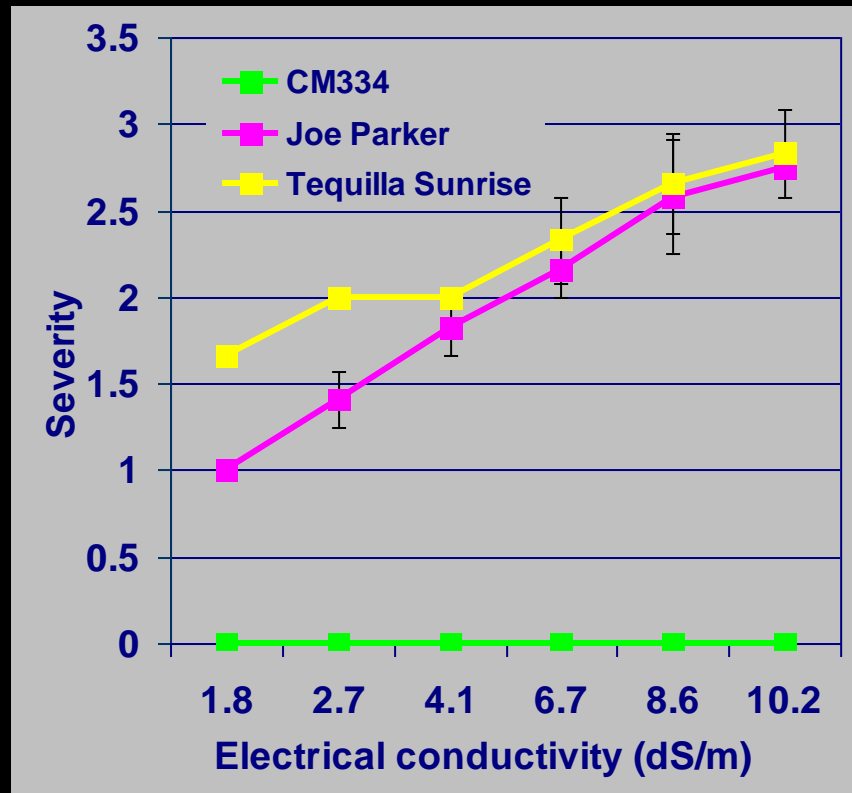
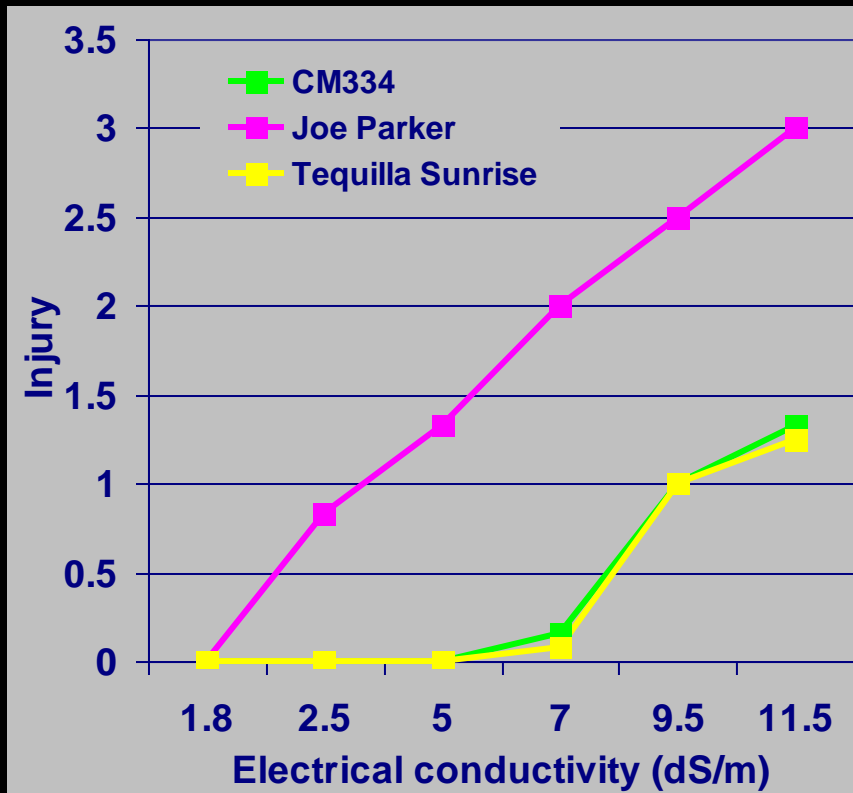


(Sanogo, 2004)

Salinity/Drought and Dynamics of Plant Pathogens












Effect of soil salinity on plant infection by *Phytophthora capsici*



(Sanogo, 2004)

- Salinity promotes disease development
- Management under saline conditions: cultivars with tolerance to salinity and resistance to *P. capsici*

Response of pathogens or diseases to salinity

Pathogen or disease	Response
Phytophthora species	
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>vasinfectum</i>	
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>radicis lycopersici</i>	
<i>Verticillium dahliae</i>	
<i>Alternaria solani</i>	
Fusarium wilt of date palm	
Rhizoctonia crown and root rot of table beet	
Fusarium crown and root rot of asparagus	
Fusarium wilt of cyclamen	

Response of pathogens to salinity

Increase in diseases, Why?

- **Increase plant susceptibility**
 - ✓ **Changes in plant physiology**
 - ✓ **Disruption of water uptake**
 - ✓ **Decrease in tissue nutrients (like potassium)**
 - ✓ **Increase in root exudates**
- **Increase in pathogen virulence**

Response of pathogens to salinity

Decrease in diseases, Why?

- Increase in manganese (Mn) levels in plant tissues, which induces disease resistance
- Increase in sodium and chloride levels in plant tissues

Resiliency through enhancement of beneficial microbiome

Endomycorrhizae

associated with ~60% of terrestrial plants
(comprising 80-95% of vascular plants)

Ectomycorrhizae

associated with ~3-5% of seed plants



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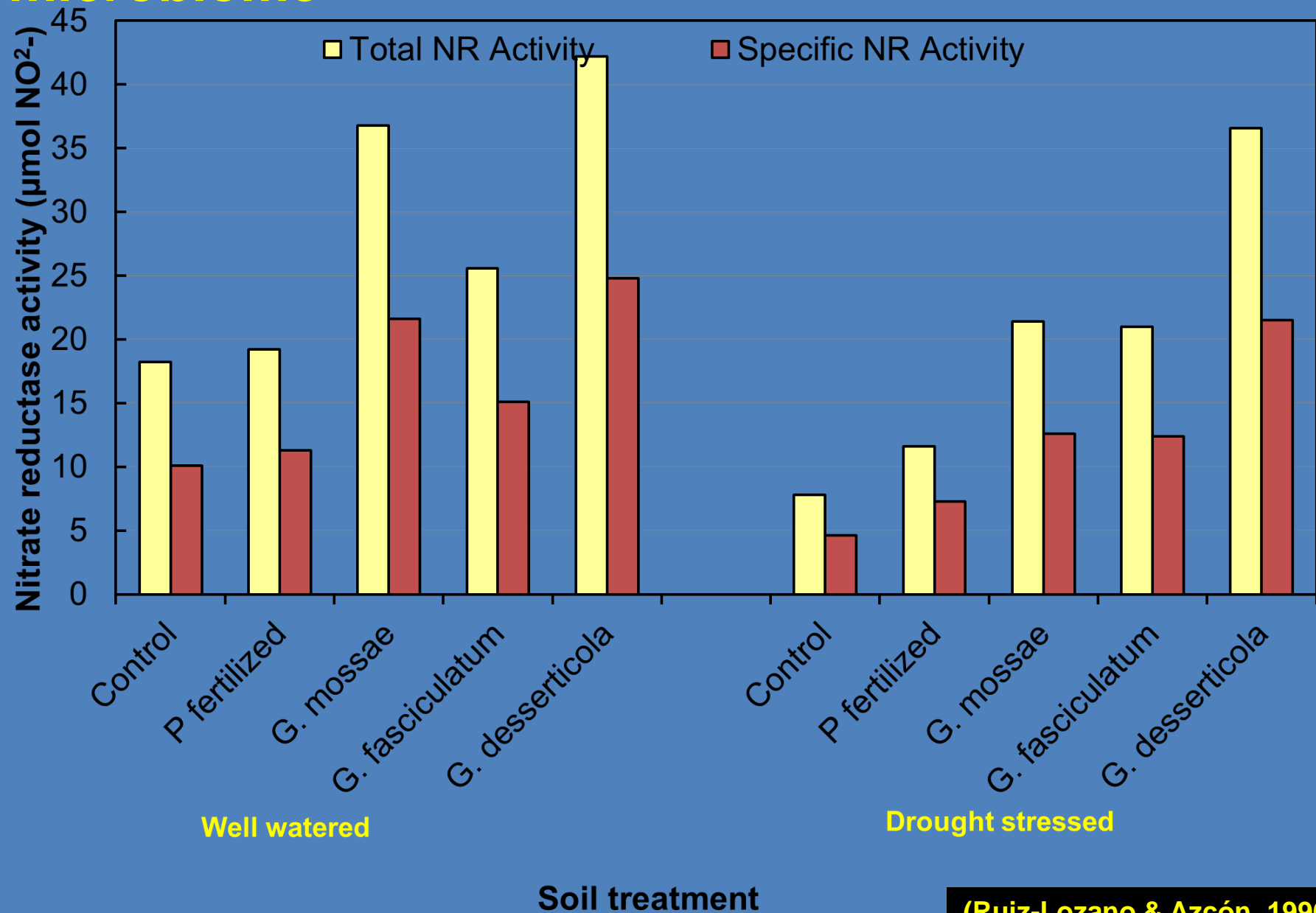
Tolerance to biological and environmental stresses

- Nutritional
- Drought
- Pathogens/Pests

Benefit to soil

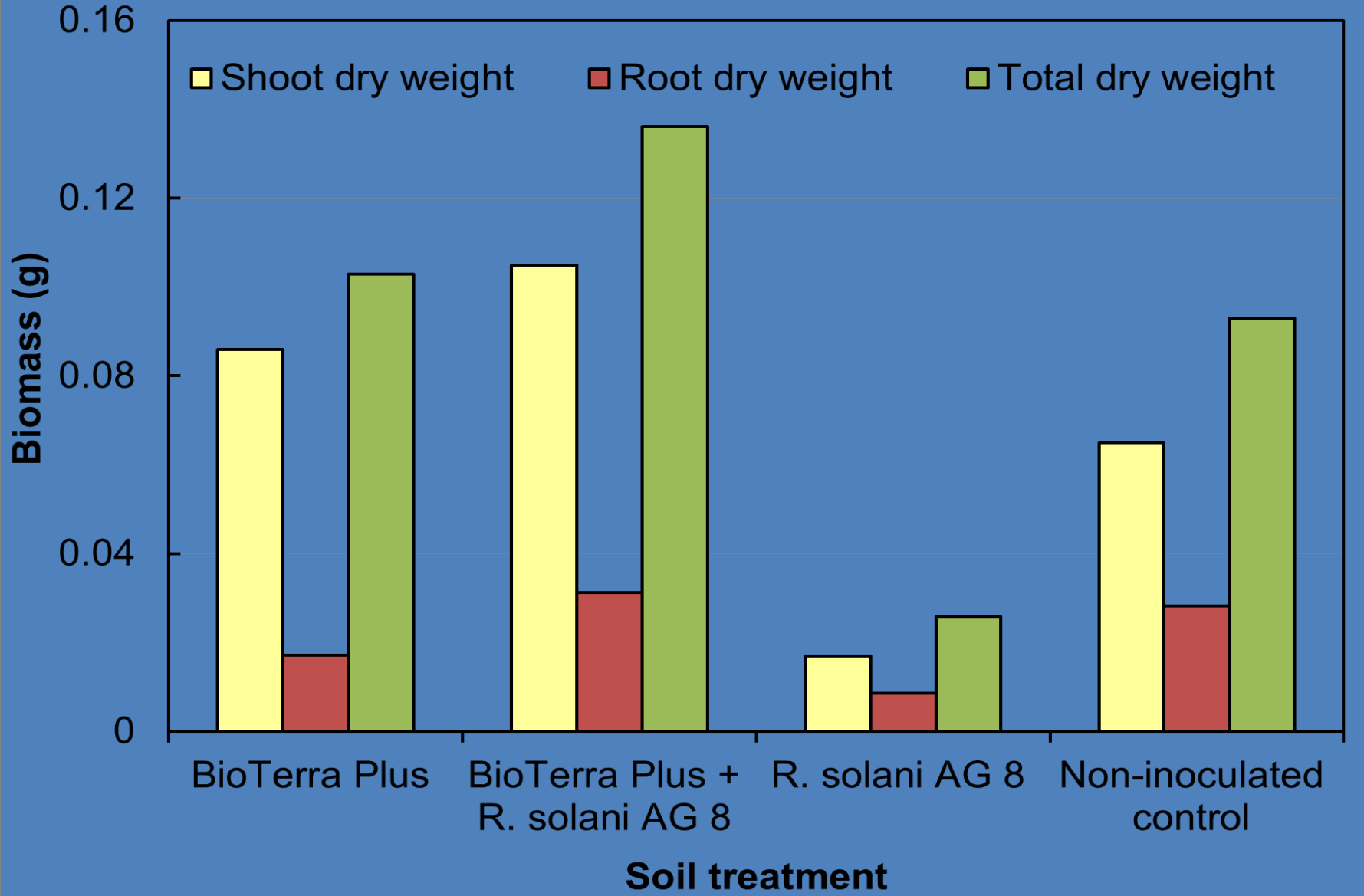
- Stabilization of soil aggregates
(production of glomalin~1.5% of dry soil weight)
- Root exudation and abundance of soil bacteria

Resiliency through enhancement of beneficial microbiome



(Ruiz-Lozano & Azcón, 1996)

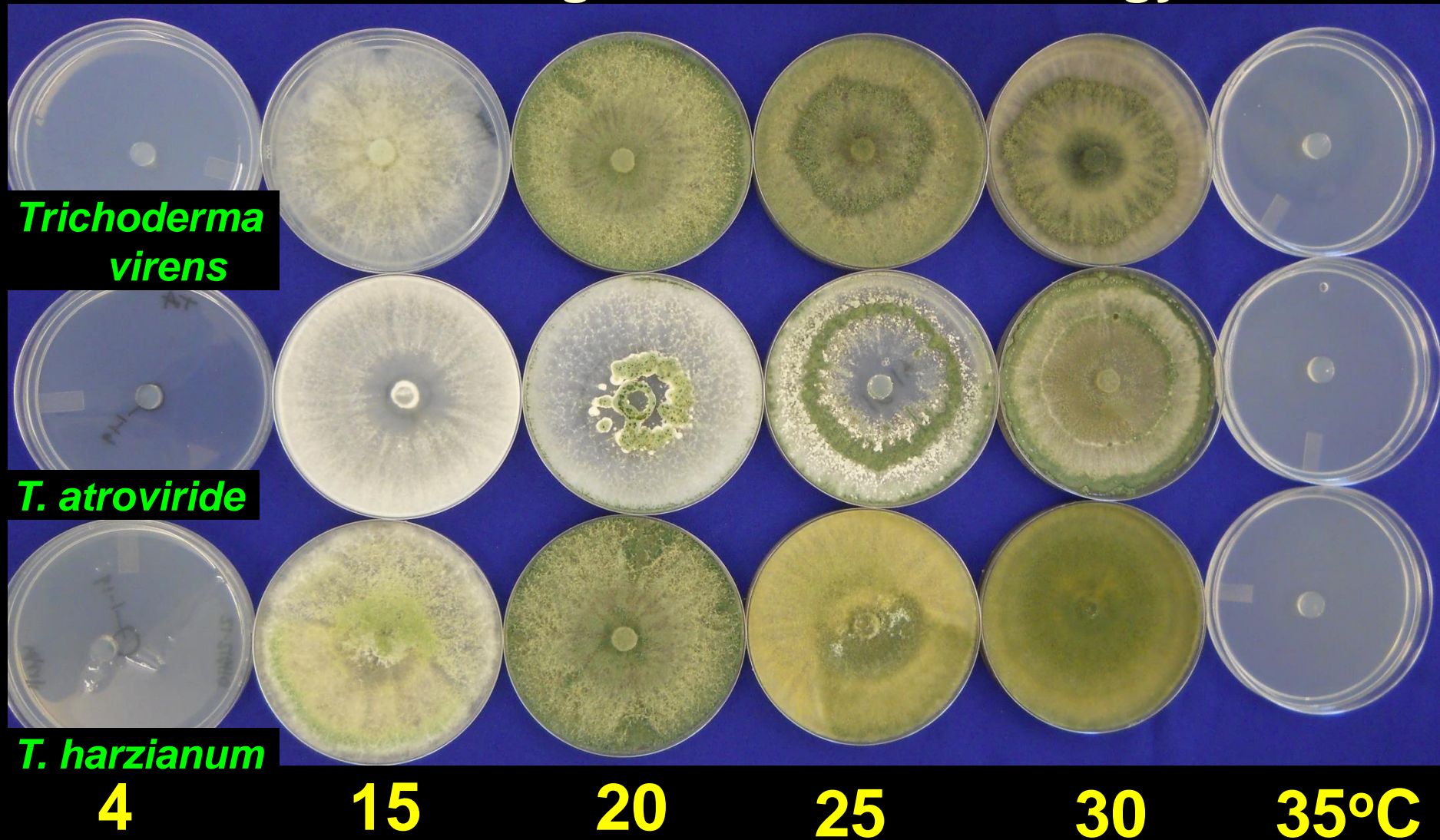
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(Dipak Sharma-Poudyal et al., 2013)

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- Combining function and ecology



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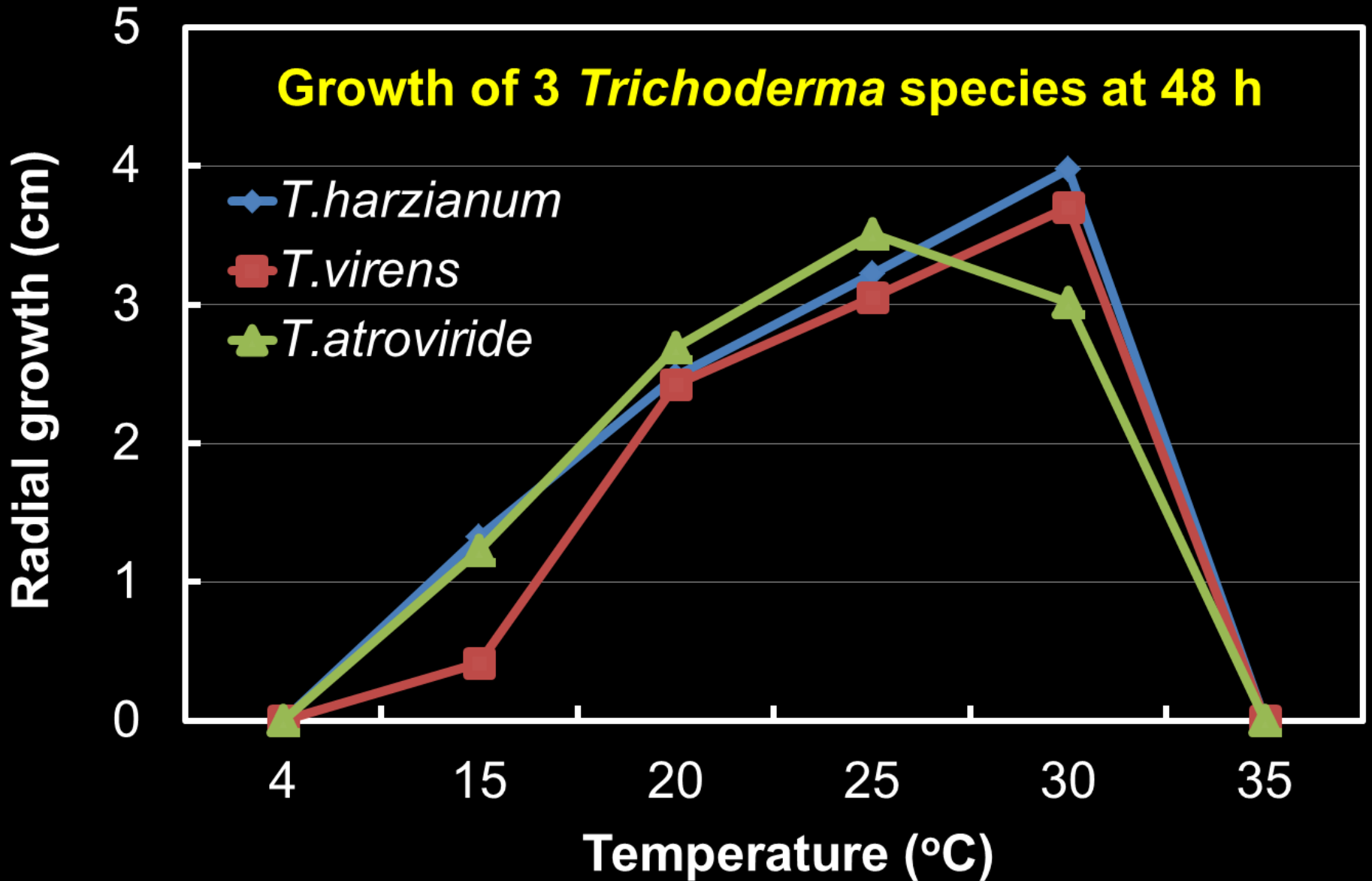


*Trichoderma
virens*

*Trichoderma
atroviride*

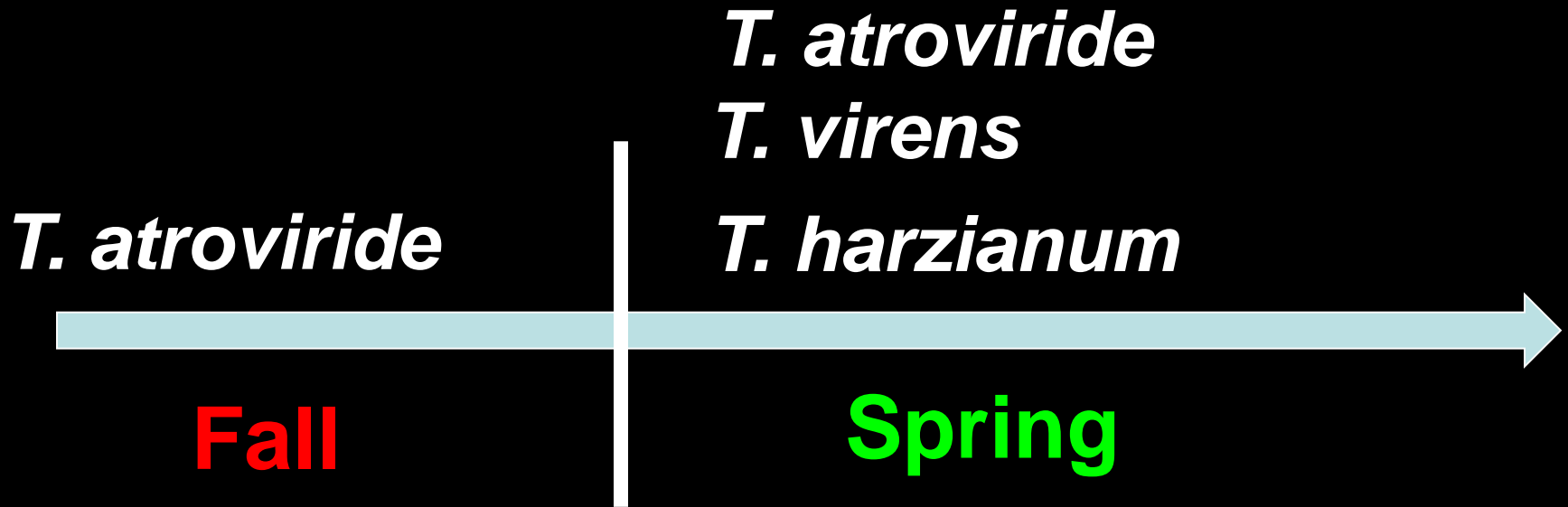
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 Crop residue / soil management



Climate Change Effects on Weeds and Weed Management

Climate Change Assumptions for this Talk

- Increase in atmospheric CO₂
- Increase in average annual temperature
- Increased risk of drought
- Increase in extreme precipitation events

Source:

- *Climate Change and Vegetation in Southwestern North America*, David Gutzler, 2013, NM Vegetation Management Association <http://www.nmvma.com/>

Climate Change Effects on Weeds and Weed Management

1. The effectiveness of weed control tactics will change
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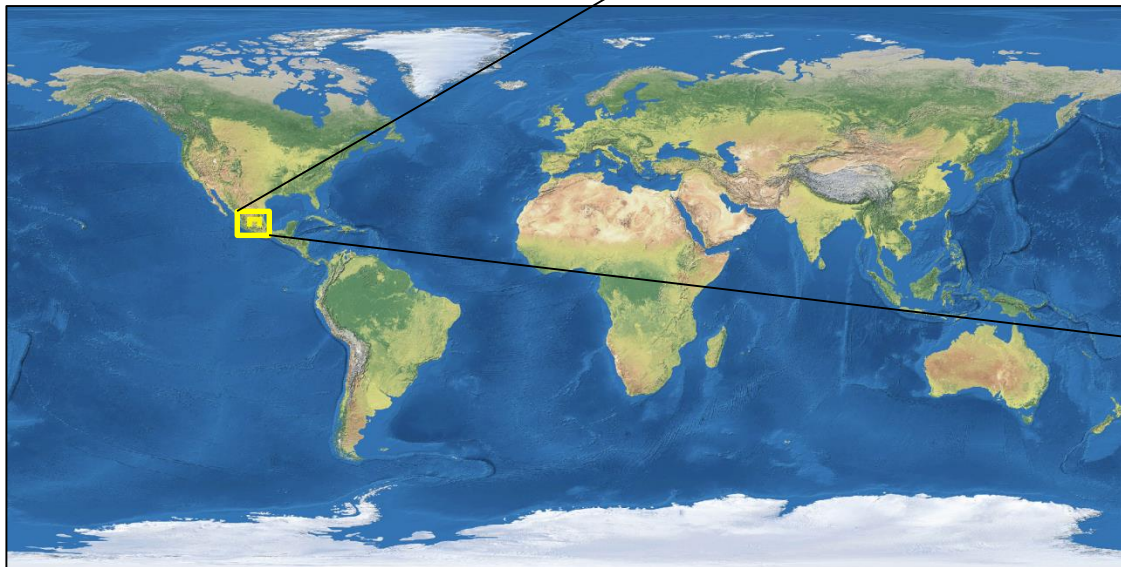
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New Weed Threats – *Range Shifts*

Physalis patula Mill.
Agricultural weed in Mexico



*Could it become a problem in
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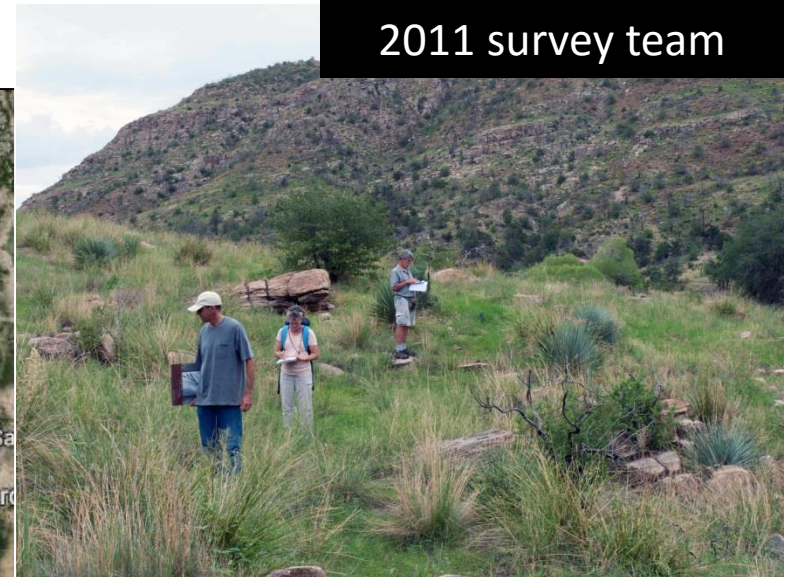
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New Weed Threats Will Arise

Range Shifts in Natural Environments

Plant community surveys in Santa Catalina Mountains

- Elevation zones
- First conducted in 1963, repeated in 2011
- Mean annual temperature at study site increased $0.45^{\circ}\text{F decade}^{-1}$

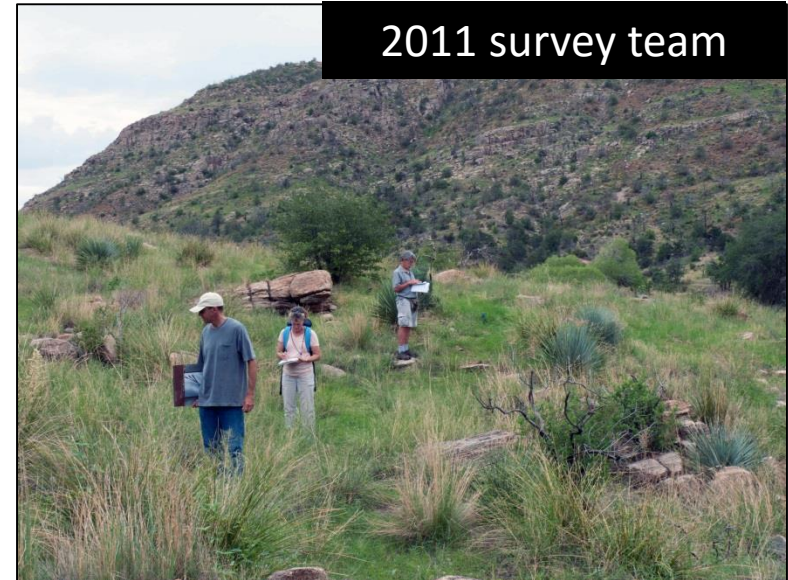


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Range Shifts in Natural Environments

- Results revealed large changes in elevation of common montane plants.
- Elevation changes were species-specific, but, in general, plant species showed significant upward movement of lower elevation boundaries.

Ecology & Evolution 3:3307-3319



New Weed Threats Will Arise

Range Shifts in Natural Environments

Alligator juniper (*Juniperus deppeana*) elevation shifts on Santa Catalina Mountains

- 1963 – first found at 3000 ft
- 2011 – first found at 5000 ft

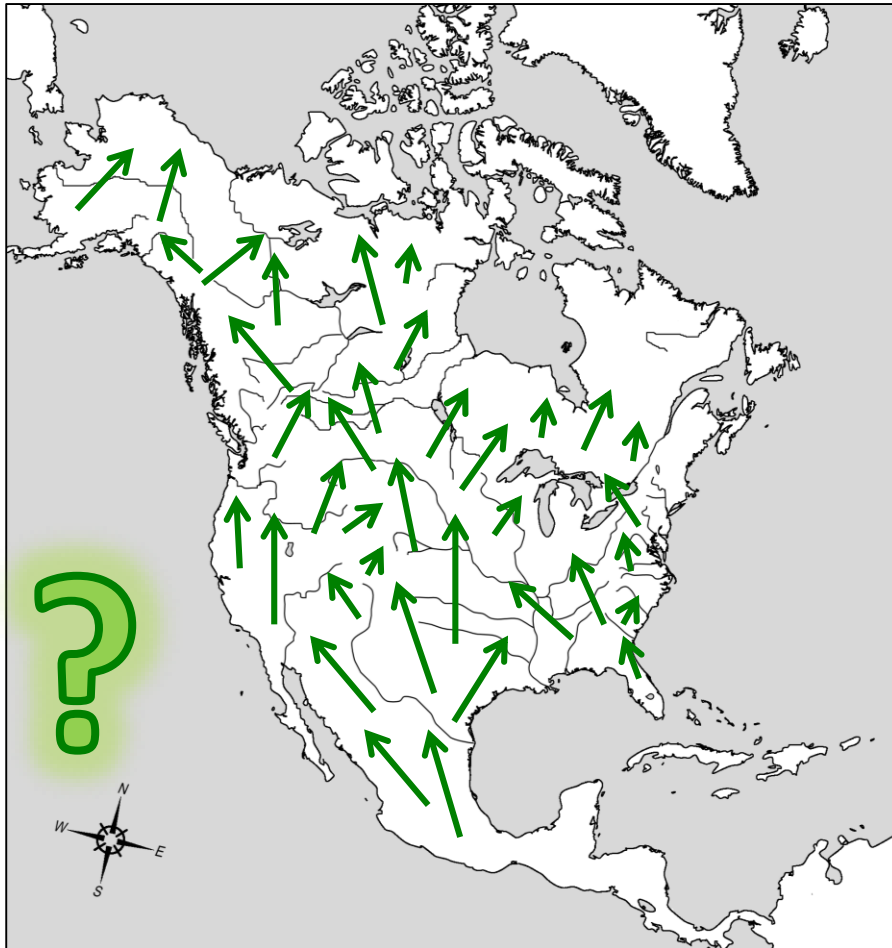


In 2011, alligator junipers first appeared at 5000 feet.



Below 5000 feet, hundreds of dead alligator junipers, reflecting the cooler conditions of the past

New Weed Threats – Difficult to Predict



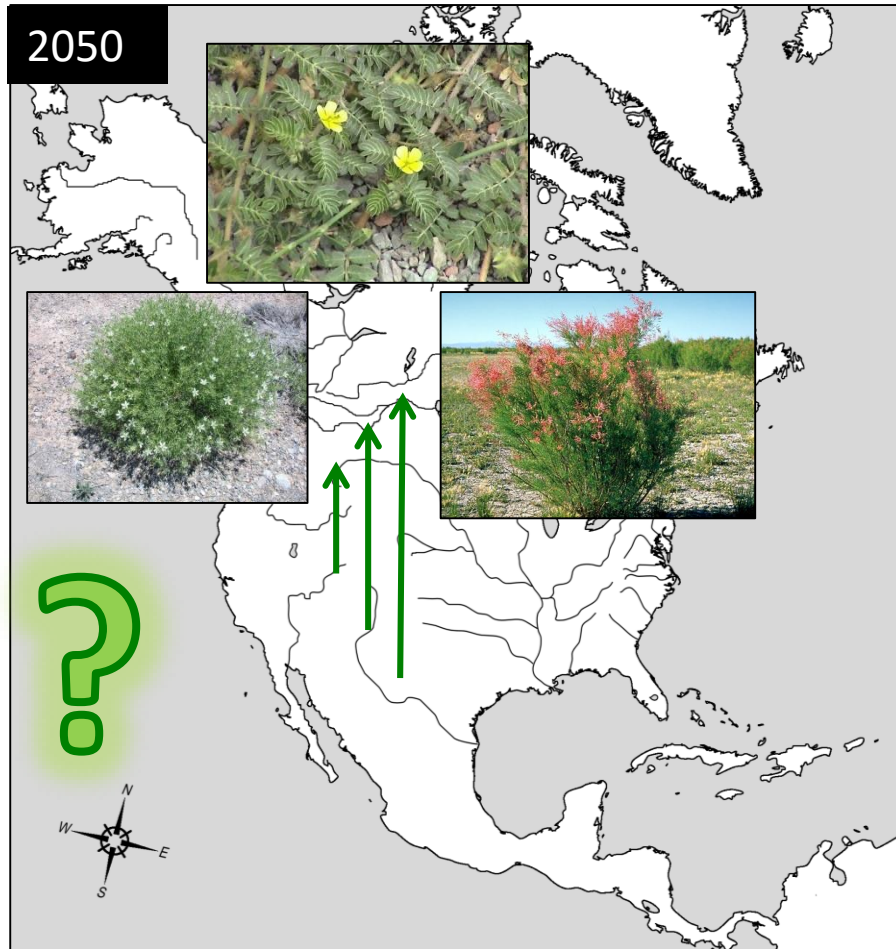
BIOCLIMATIC NICHE MODELING

Niche – optimum environment for growth, reproduction and survival

- Soil characteristics
- Competition
- Climate

Bioclimatic niche – area where climate is suitable for a species

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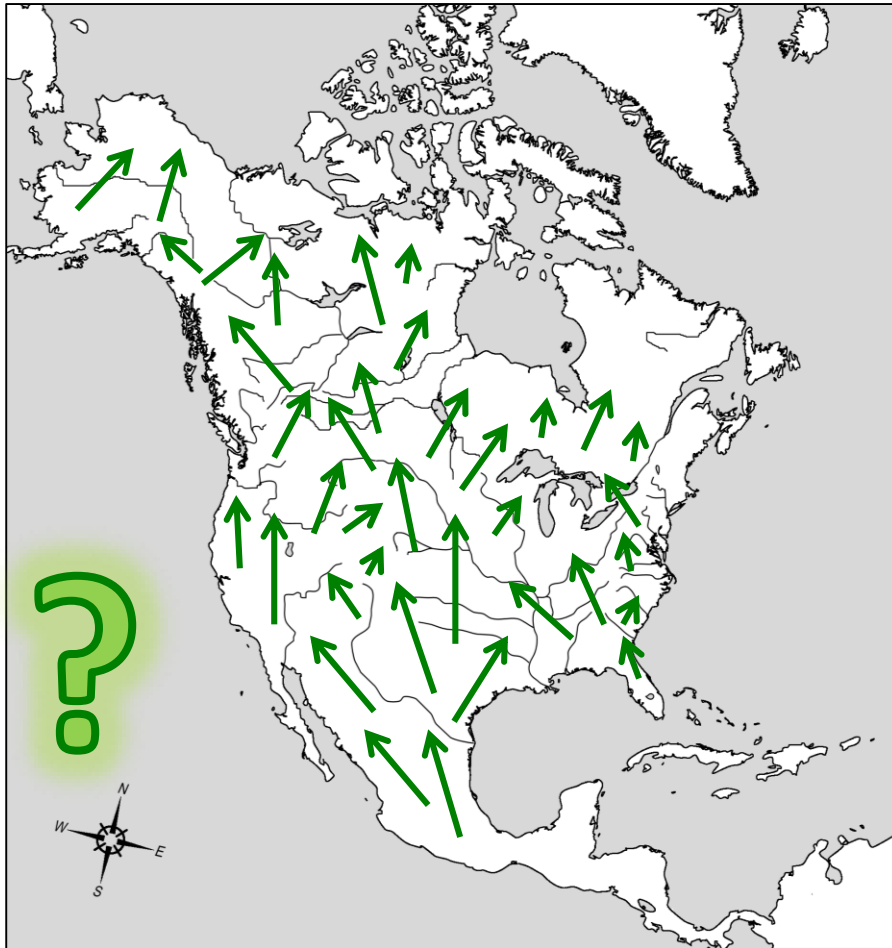
Example: Alberta in 2050 is expected to have suitable habitat for

- African rue
- puncturvine
- saltcedar

Models do not account for:

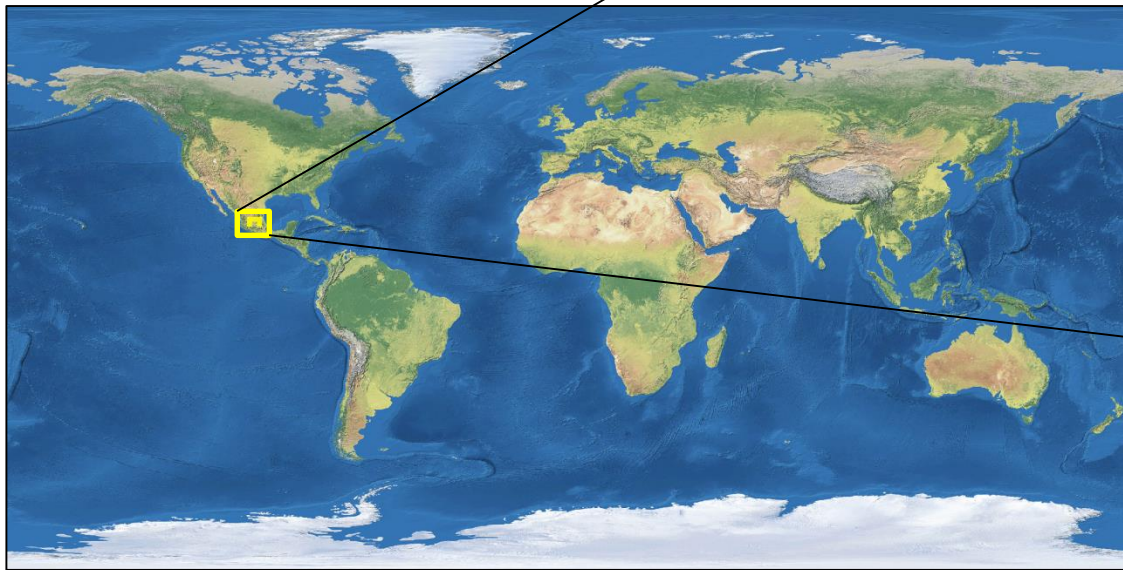
- Edaphic factors
- Competition
- Evolutionary change
- Climate change effects on management

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GENERAL CONSENSUS:
Rising temperatures will cause species range boundaries to be moved further toward the poles

New Weed Threats – Difficult to Predict



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Agricultural weed in Mexico



*Could it become a problem in
New Mexico?*

Maybe – Worth consideration

Weeds of Mexico website:

<http://www.conabio.gob.mx/malezasdemexico/2inicio/home-malezas-mexico.htm>

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Change in Weed Control Outcomes

- Climate change is expected to influence efficacy of:
 - Mechanical weed control
 - Herbicides
 - Biocontrol

Change in Weed Control Outcomes

Mechanical Weed Control

- Warmer temperatures accelerate growth and development of seedlings *Weed Science* 51:869-875
- Elevated CO₂ stimulates:
 - Tiller production in grasses *New Phytologist* 150:261-273
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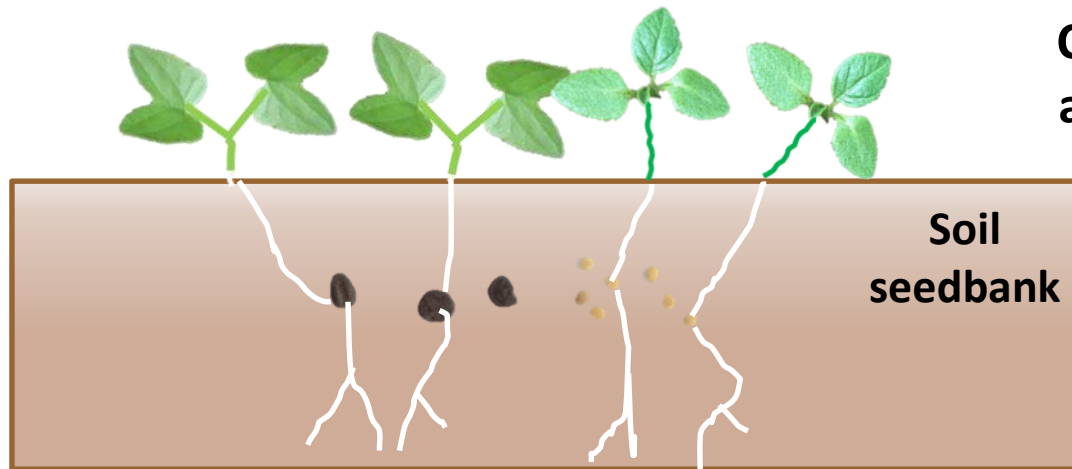
Plants where the initial steps in photosynthesis builds a three-carbon compound.

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Mechanical controls are most effective against seedlings



Climate change accelerates the clock!



Change in Weed Control Outcomes Herbicides

Mode of Action	Example	Hypothesized response to increases in CO ₂ and temperature ¹
Photosynthetic inhibitor	Atrazine Bentazon	Increased efficacy
Pigment inhibitor	Clomazone Flumioxazin	Increased efficacy
Amino acid inhibitor	Glyphosate	Decreased efficacy ²

¹ *Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment* 231:304-309

² Supported by data

Change in Weed Control Outcomes

Herbicides

- Glyphosate efficacy is reduced under increased CO₂
 - Common lambsquarters and other C3 annual weeds
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Canada thistle
responses to elevated
CO₂

- Increase allocation
to roots
- Reduced glyphosate
efficacy



*2-yr underground
growth of Canada
thistle*



Change in Weed Control Outcomes

Biocontrol

Climate change affects¹:

- Temporal and spatial synchrony between biocontrol agents and invasive plants
- Location cues for biocontrol agents
- Nutrition for biocontrol agents

¹ USDA Forest Service RMRS-GTR-285. 2012

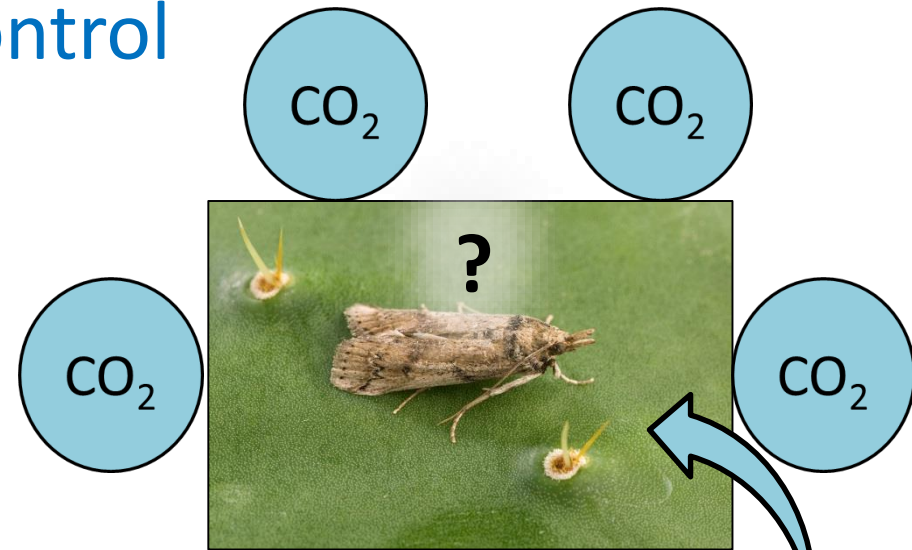
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Biocontrol of prickly pear cactus in Australia



Change in Weed Control Outcomes

Biocontrol

Biocontrol of field bindweed
with gall mites

How does increased temperature, altered precipitation and elevated CO₂ affect gall mite biocontrol of bindweed?



Howard F. Schwartz, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org



Agricultural Research Service, Bugwood.org



Bob Hammon, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org

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Climate Change Effects on Weeds and Weed Management

- What can be done?
 - Scout for new weed threats
PROMPT ACTION IS CRITICAL
 - Monitor growth of problem weeds
 - Evaluate weed control outcomes
DON'T ASSUME THAT TACTICS WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE
 - Be prepared for weed control following extreme precipitation events