



與Transceptor CHL1共舞的科學路

My scientific journey with transceptor CHL1

The stories behind the science

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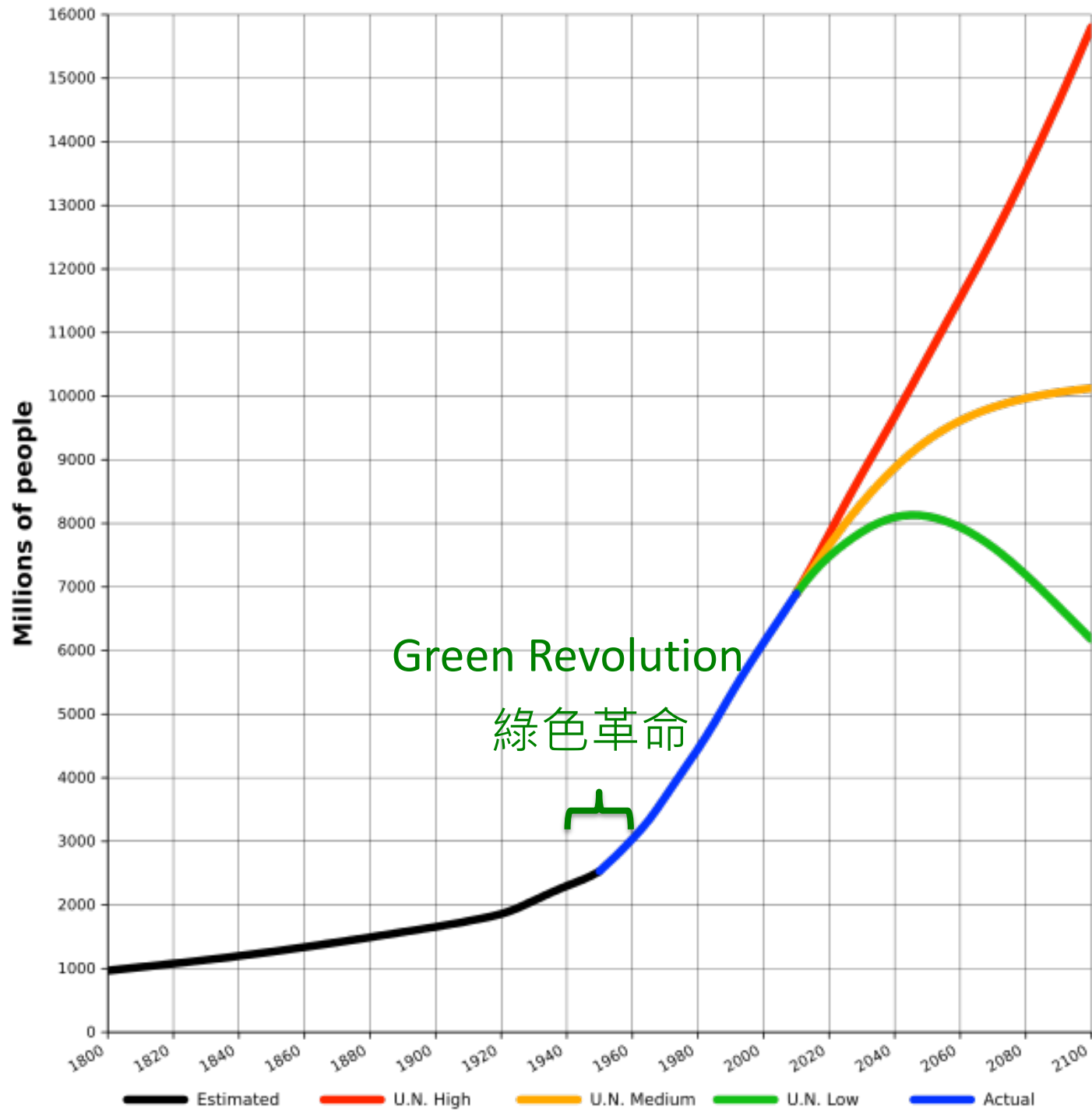
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Why study nitrate?

氮肥的美麗與哀愁

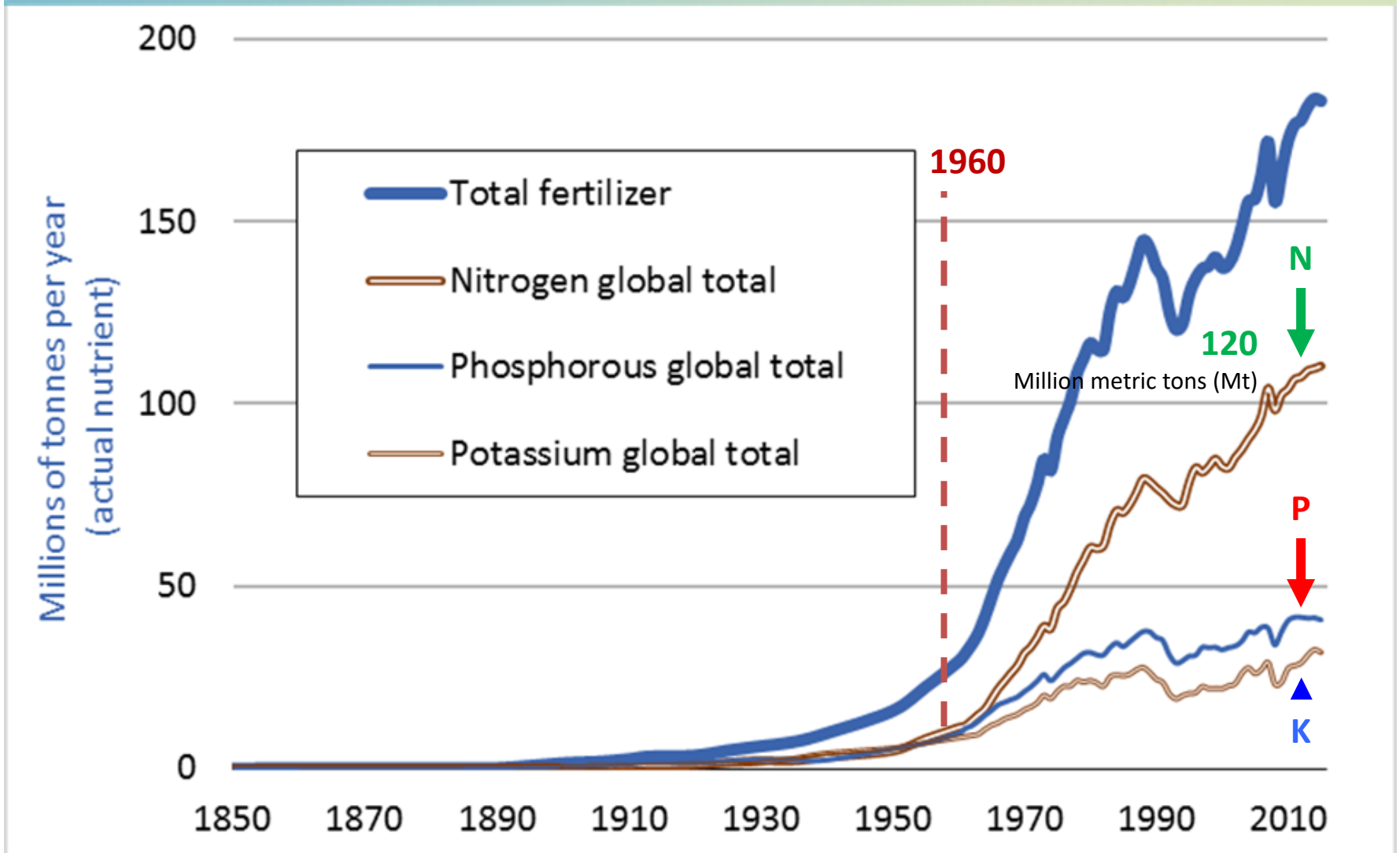


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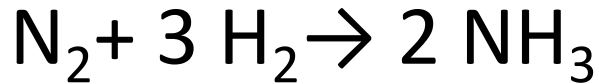
Green Revolution

- 1940 ~ 1970
- 拯救上億人口，不受饑餓威脅。
- 高產量的新品種
- 灌溉系統的建立
- 管理技術的現代化
- 肥料及殺蟲劑的使用

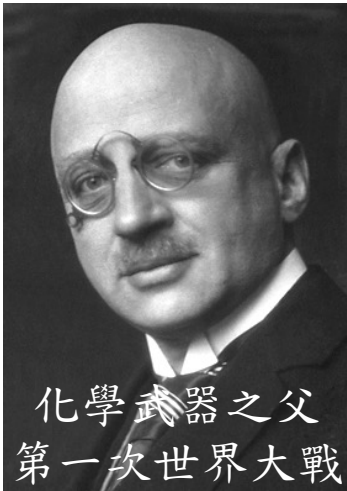
N fertilizer enhances crops production



Haber-Bosch Process 哈柏法



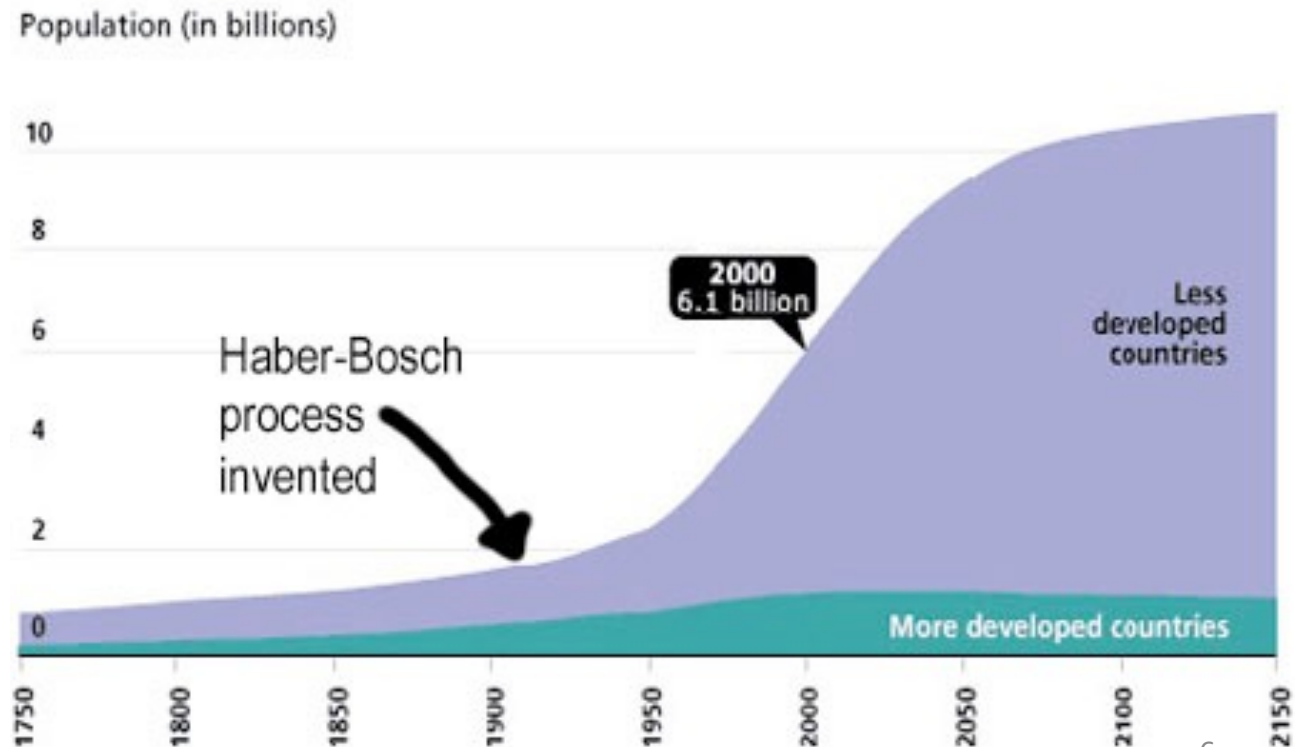
- Half of N in our body comes from this process



Fritz Haber
(Nobel prizes in 1918)



Carl Bosch
(Nobels in 1931)



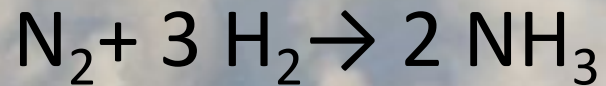


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N fertilizer synthesis consumes 2% of energy supply worldwide



Produced by fixation of N_2 from air – Haber Bosch

Environmental problems

- Only 30%~50% N fertilizer applied is utilized by crops
- The remainder lead to generate green house gas nitrous oxide N_2O which is 300X more potent than CO_2 .
- Eutrophication



Eutrophication 優養化



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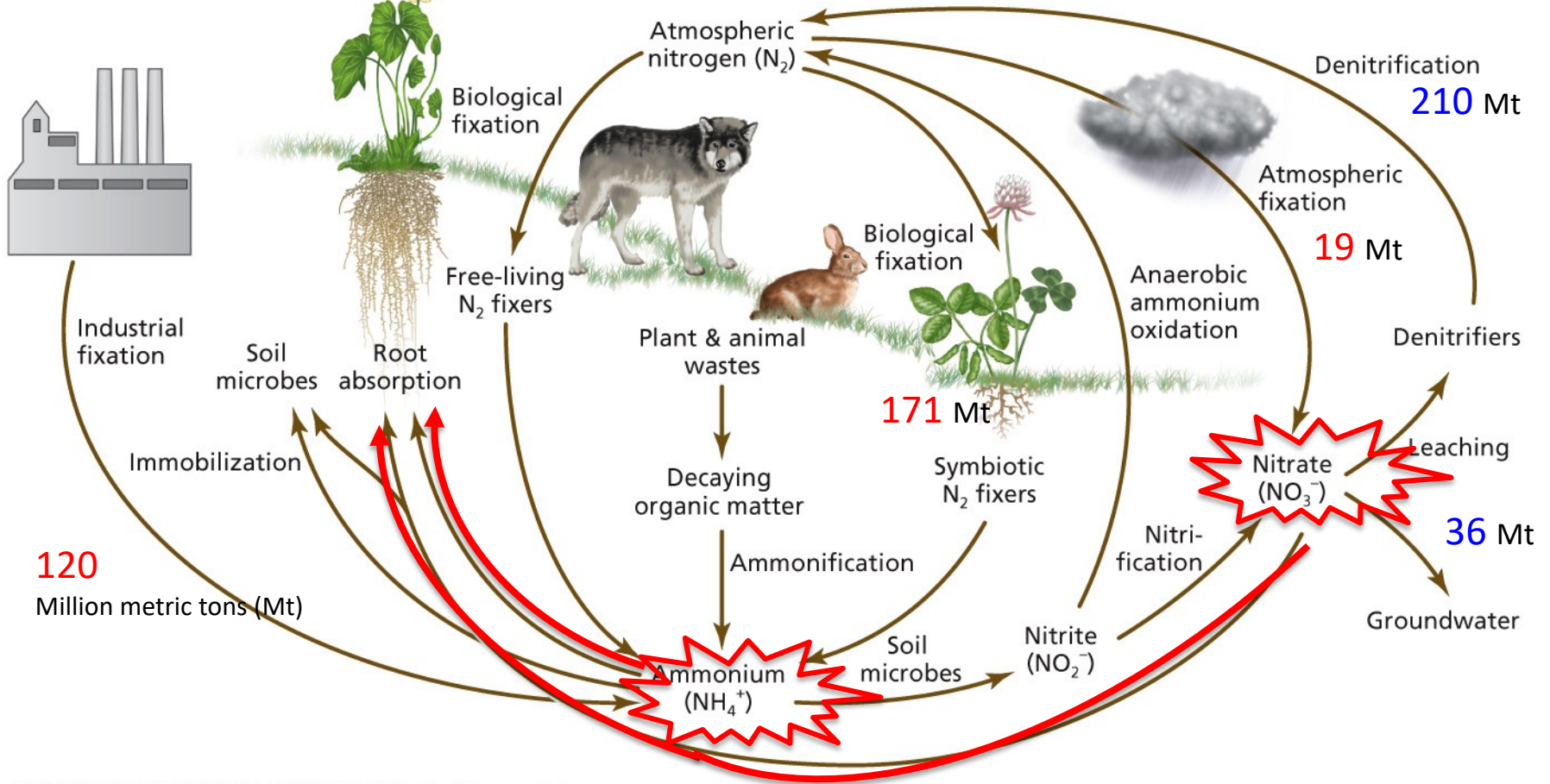




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Autotrophic

N
Heterotrophic

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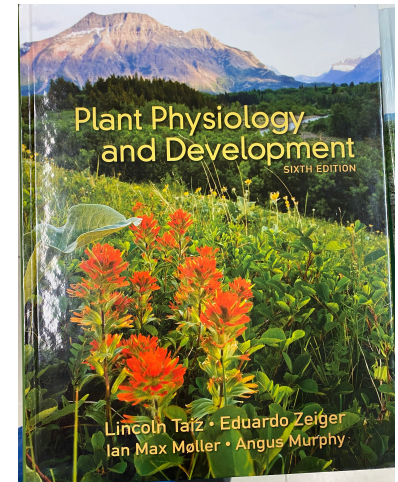
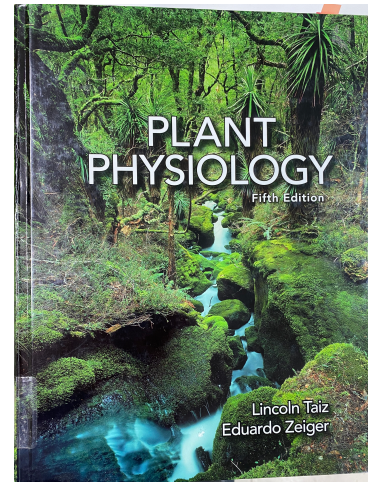
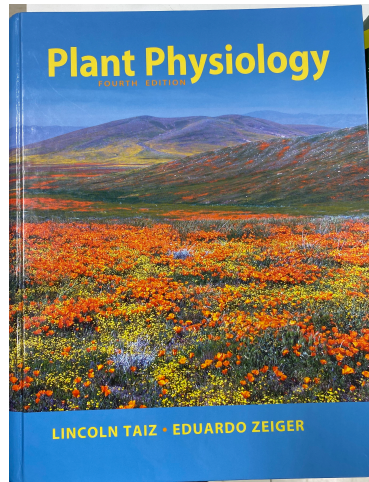
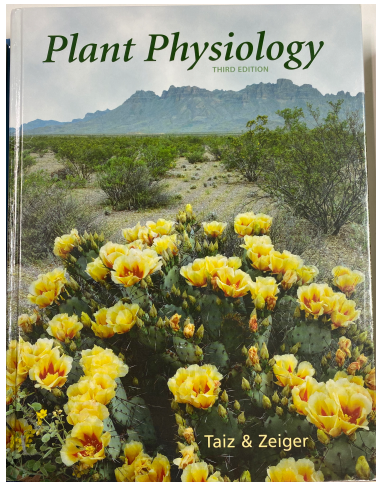


congratulations, that's so great to see that you are a NAS fellow!
Happy to see that after going through tough times, you received
this honor!!!

-Wolf Frommer

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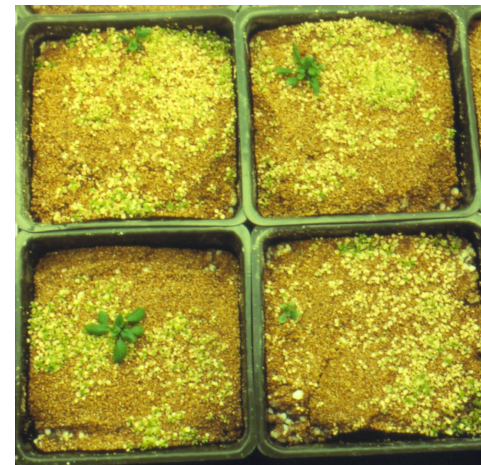
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CHL1: Nitrate transporter
1993

Identification of the first nitrate transporter CHL1 (NRT1.1)

- 天時、地利、人和
- Nitrate uptake mutant *chl1* was isolated by Feenstra group in Netherlands in 1971
- Kenneth A Feldmann developed the T-DNA tagging technique.
- 1990-1993, UCSD



Chlorate selection

The Herbicide Sensitivity Gene *CHL1* of Arabidopsis Encodes a Nitrate-Inducible Nitrate Transporter

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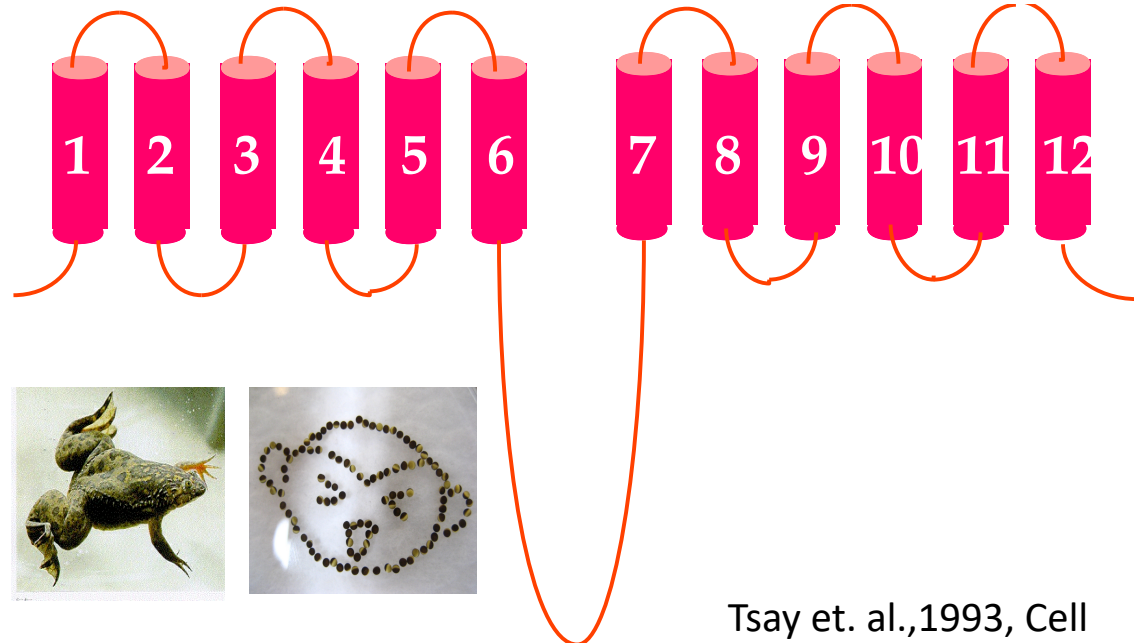
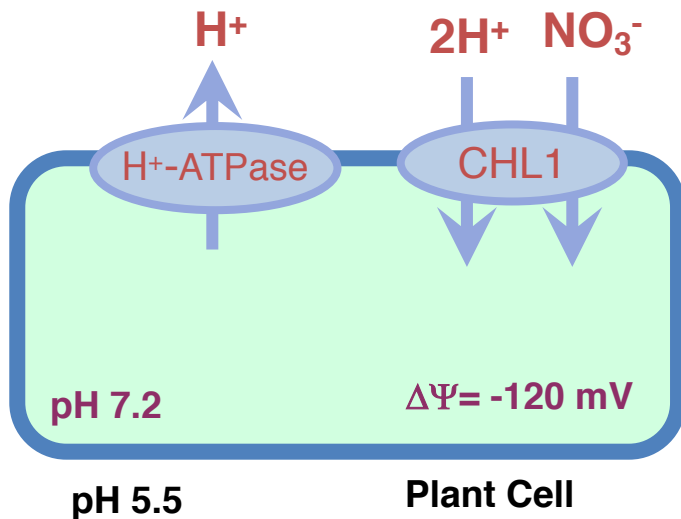
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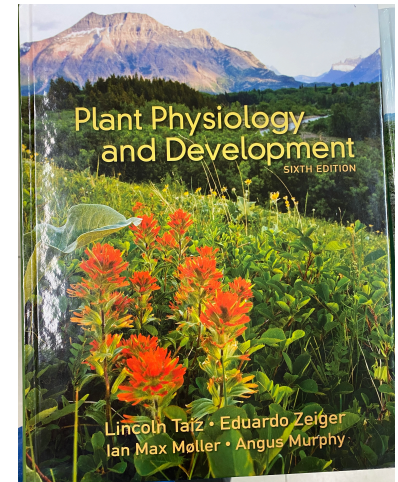
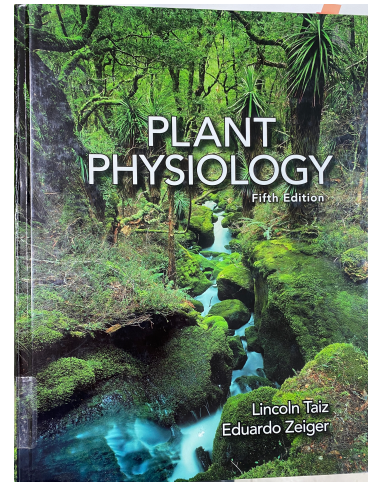
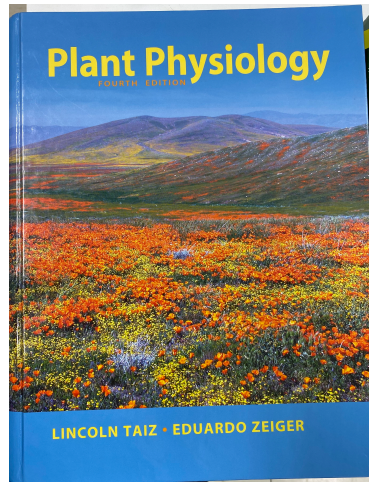
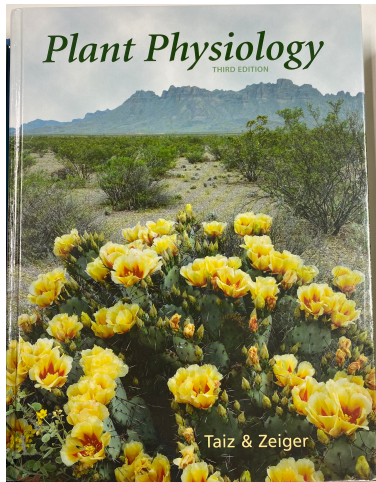
Julian Schroeder
(Ervin Neher's PhD student)



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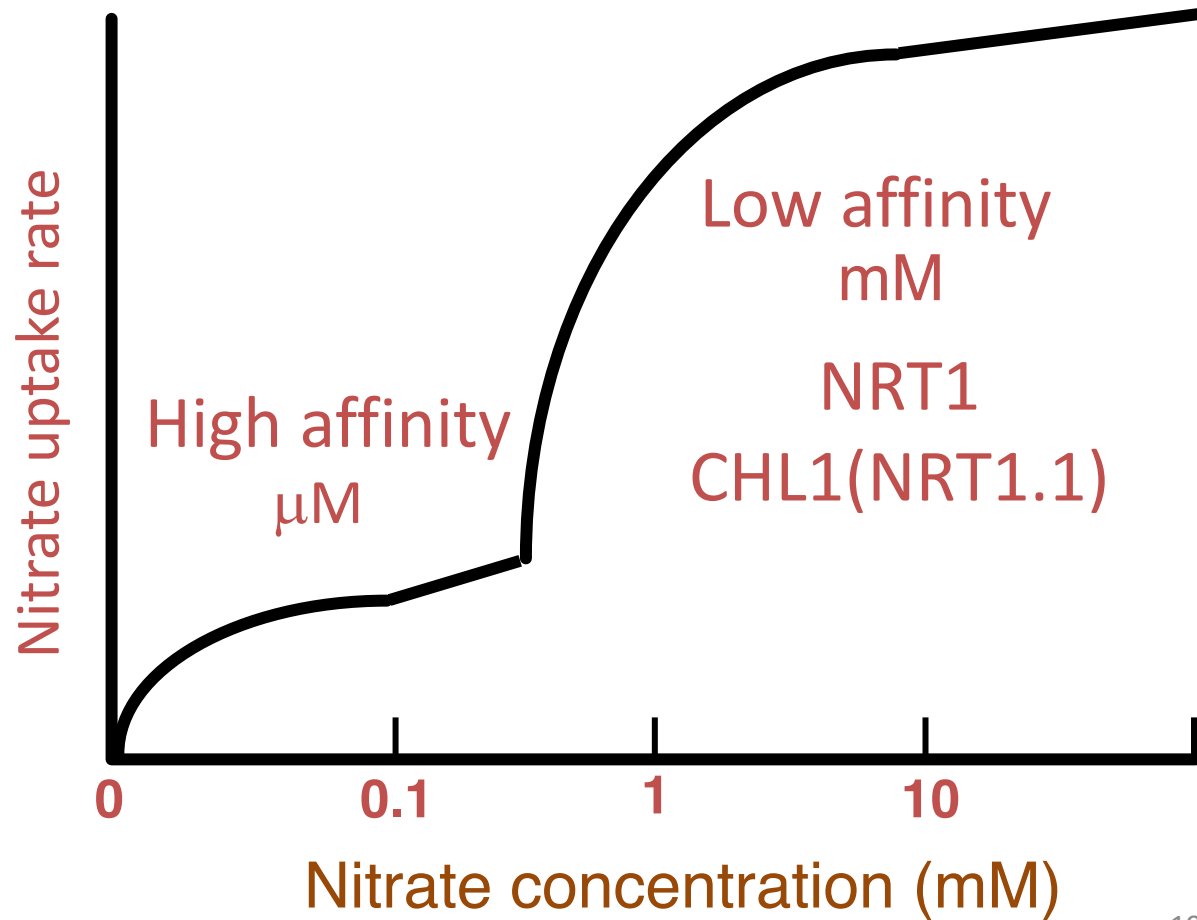
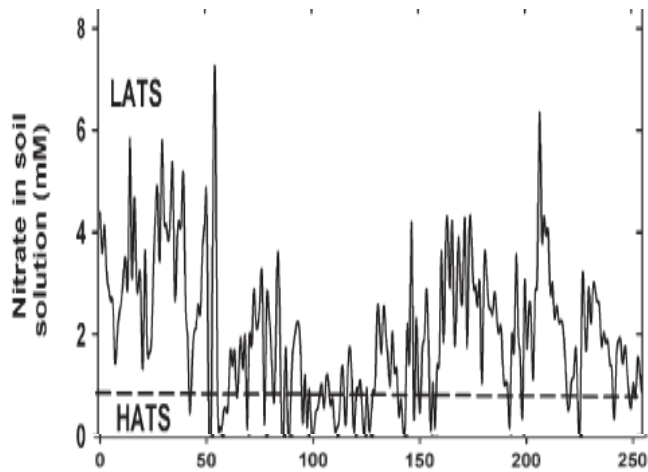
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Two nitrate uptake systems



CHL1 is a dual-affinity nitrate transporter

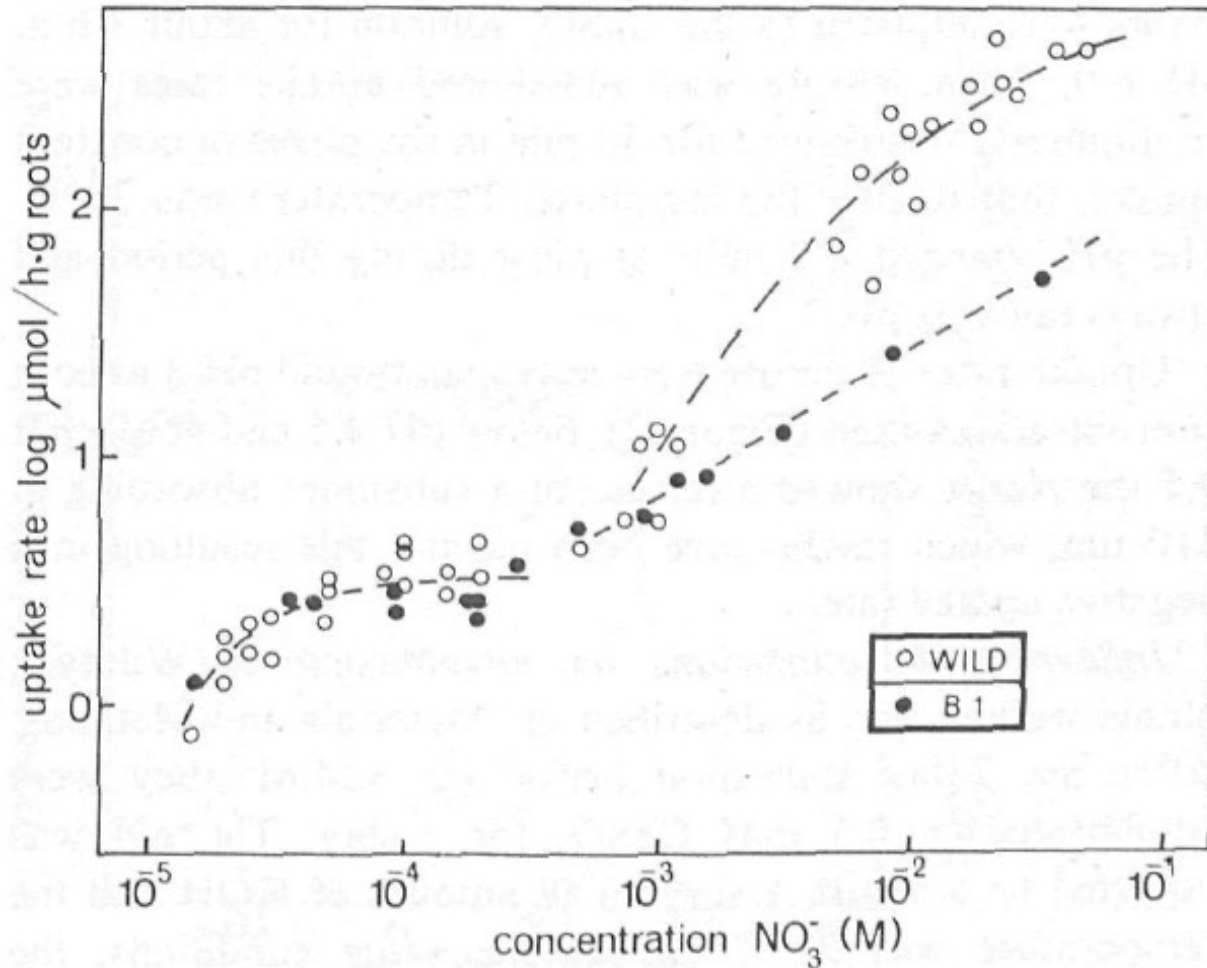
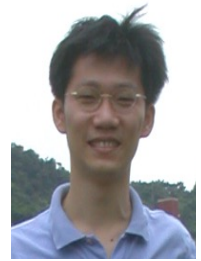
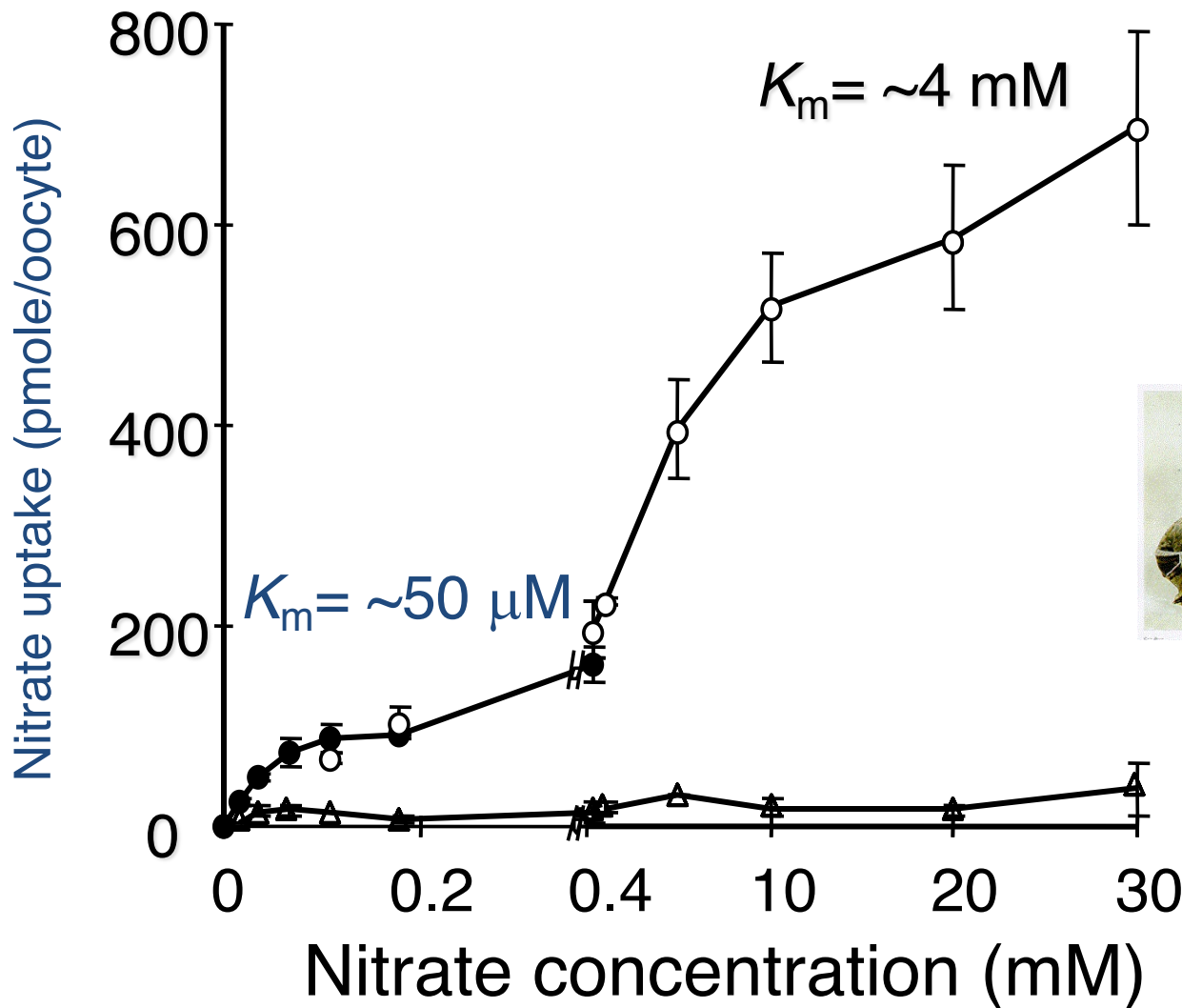


Figure 1. Uptake rate of nitrate in relation to nitrate concentration in the wildtype and mutant B 1. Growth and pretreatment as

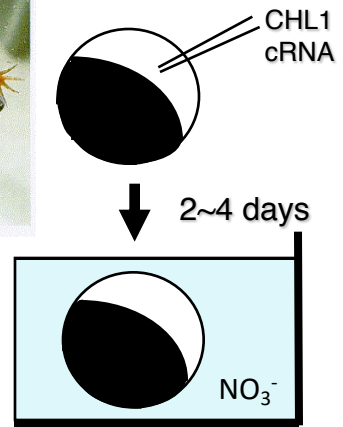


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SCIENCE

**Identification of a Mobile Endogenous Transposon
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The *Arabidopsis* CHL1 protein plays a major role in high-affinity nitrate uptake

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CHL1 Is a Dual-Affinity Nitrate Transporter of *Arabidopsis* Involved in Multiple Phases of Nitrate Uptake

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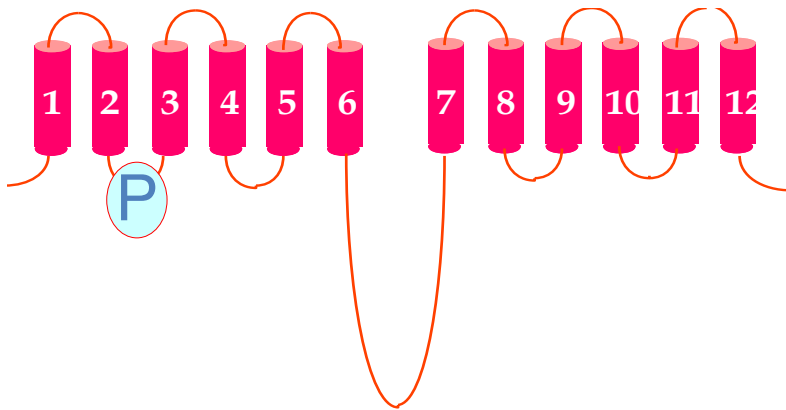
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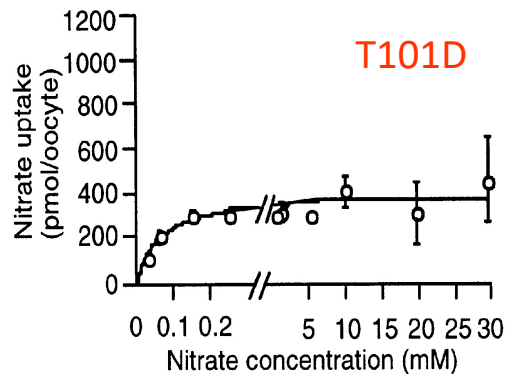
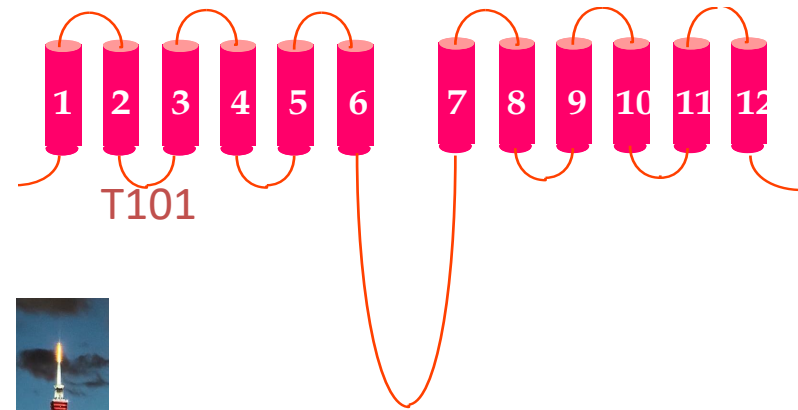
This is marathon, not a 100 M short run

Two uptake modes of CHL1 are switched by phosphorylation

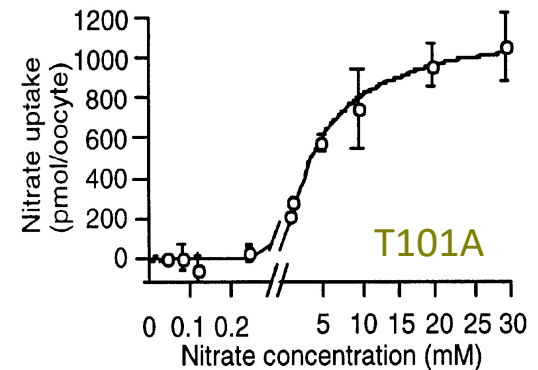
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Low affinity (mM)

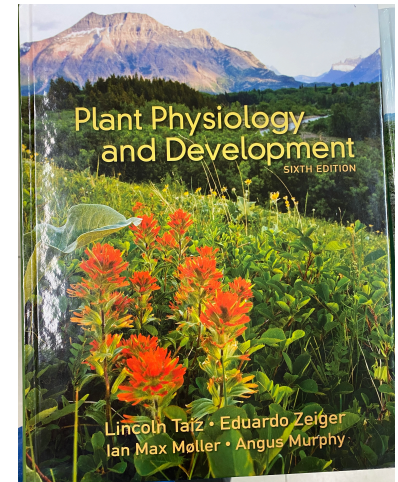
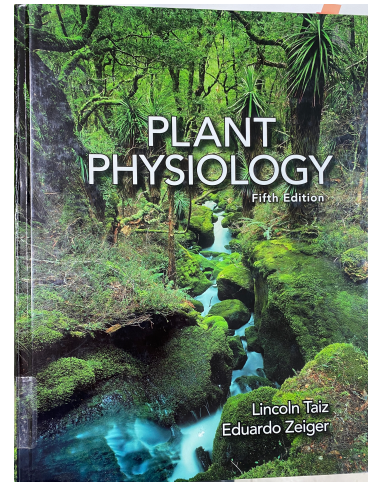
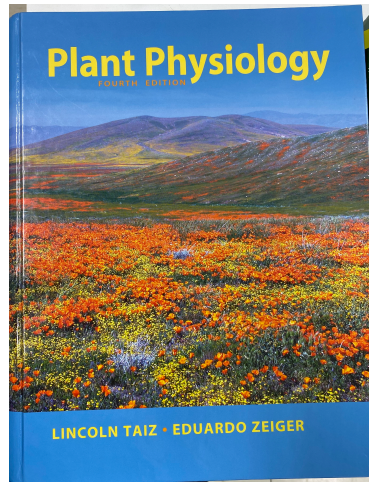
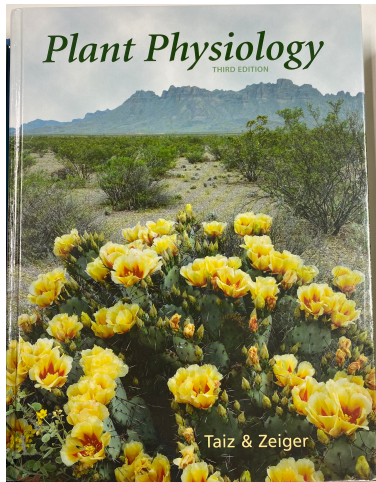


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NO₃⁻ and ClO₃⁻ Fluxes in the *chl1-5* Mutant of *Arabidopsis thaliana*¹

Does the *CHL1-5* Gene Encode a Low-Affinity NO₃⁻ Transporter?

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Scientific Correspondence

A Reevaluation of the Role of *Arabidopsis* NRT1.1 in High-Affinity Nitrate Transport¹

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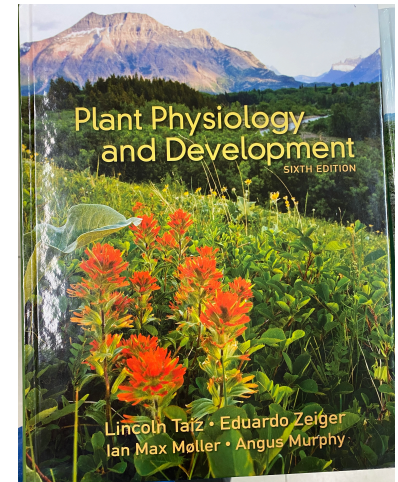
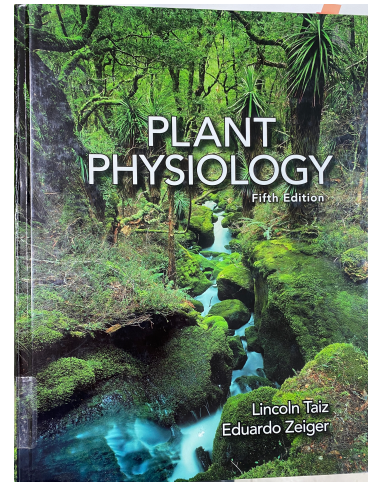
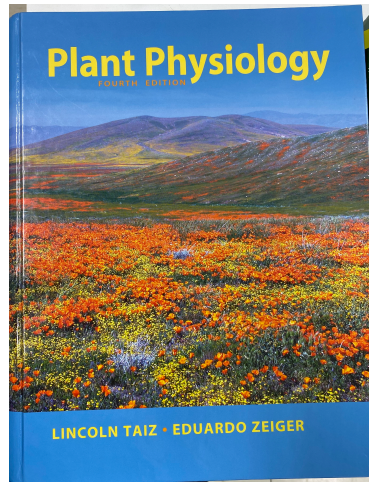
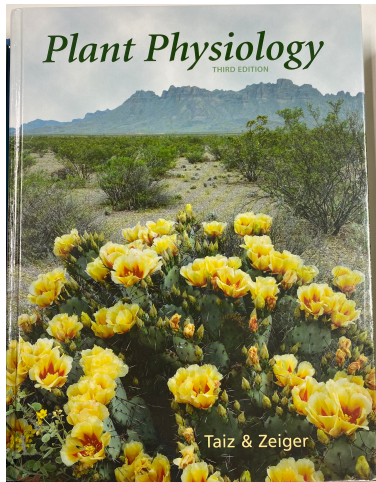
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Theme 2

Nitrate sensing

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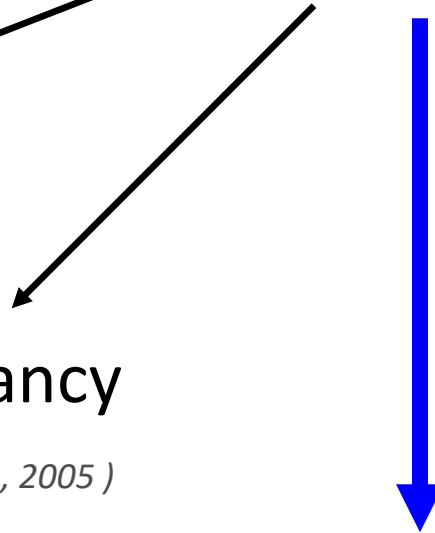
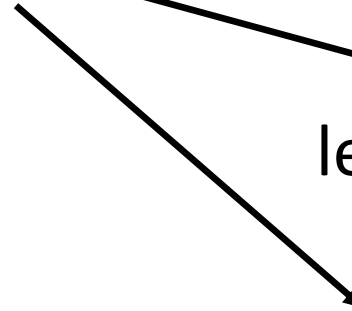
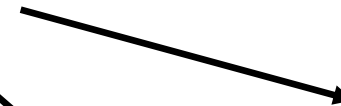


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Nitrate also serves as a signal molecule



primary nitrate response

(first reported: Deng *et al.*, 1989)

Root proliferation

(Zhang and Forde, 1998)

Seed dormancy

(Alboresi et al., 2005)

leaf expansion

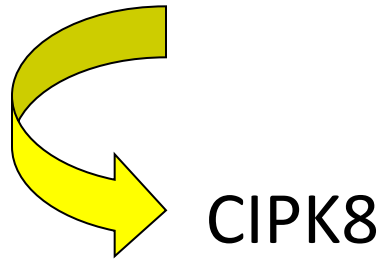
(Walch-Liu et al., 2000)

ABA-independent
stomata opening

(Guo et al., 2003)

Microarray analysis of Wild type and mutant *chl1-5*

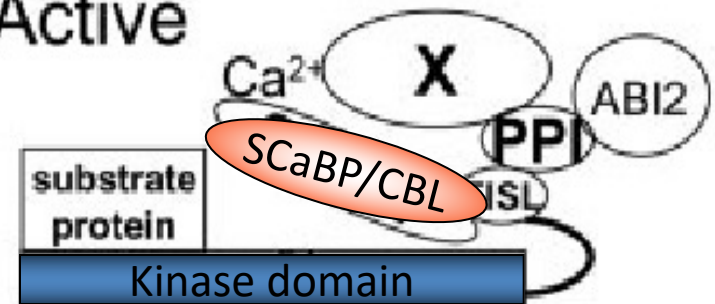
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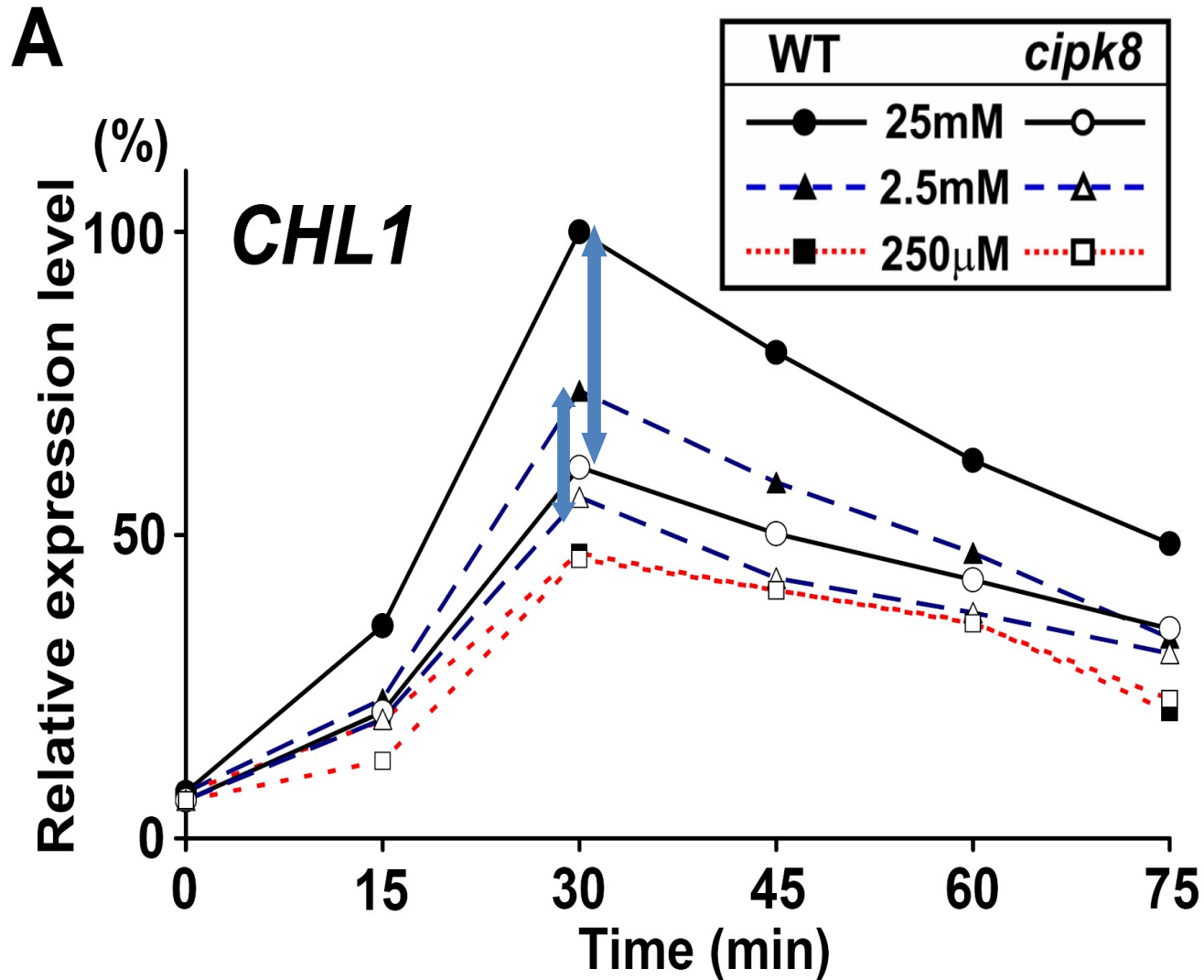


Active



26 CIPK in Arabidopsis

CIPK8 is involved in primary nitrate response

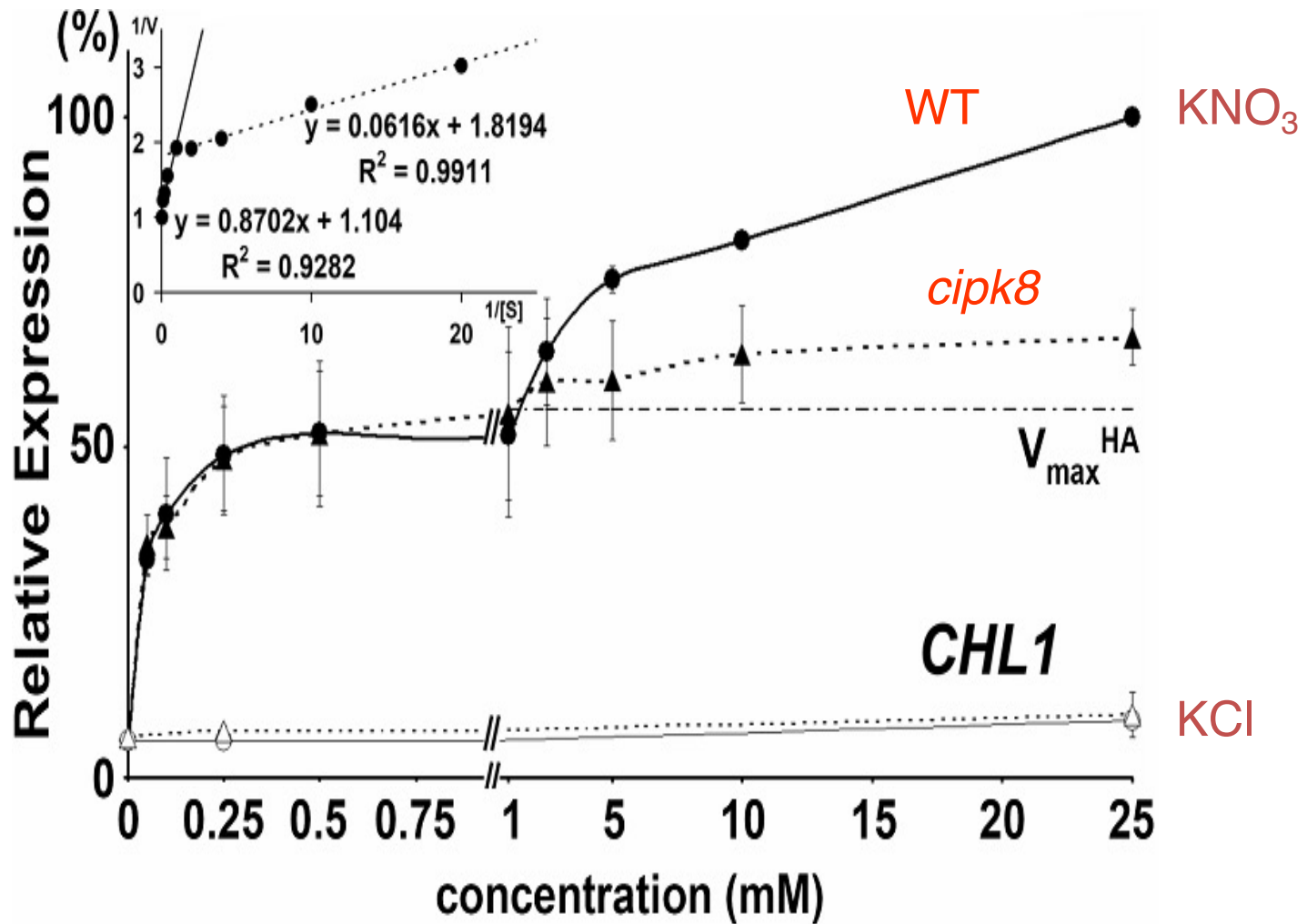


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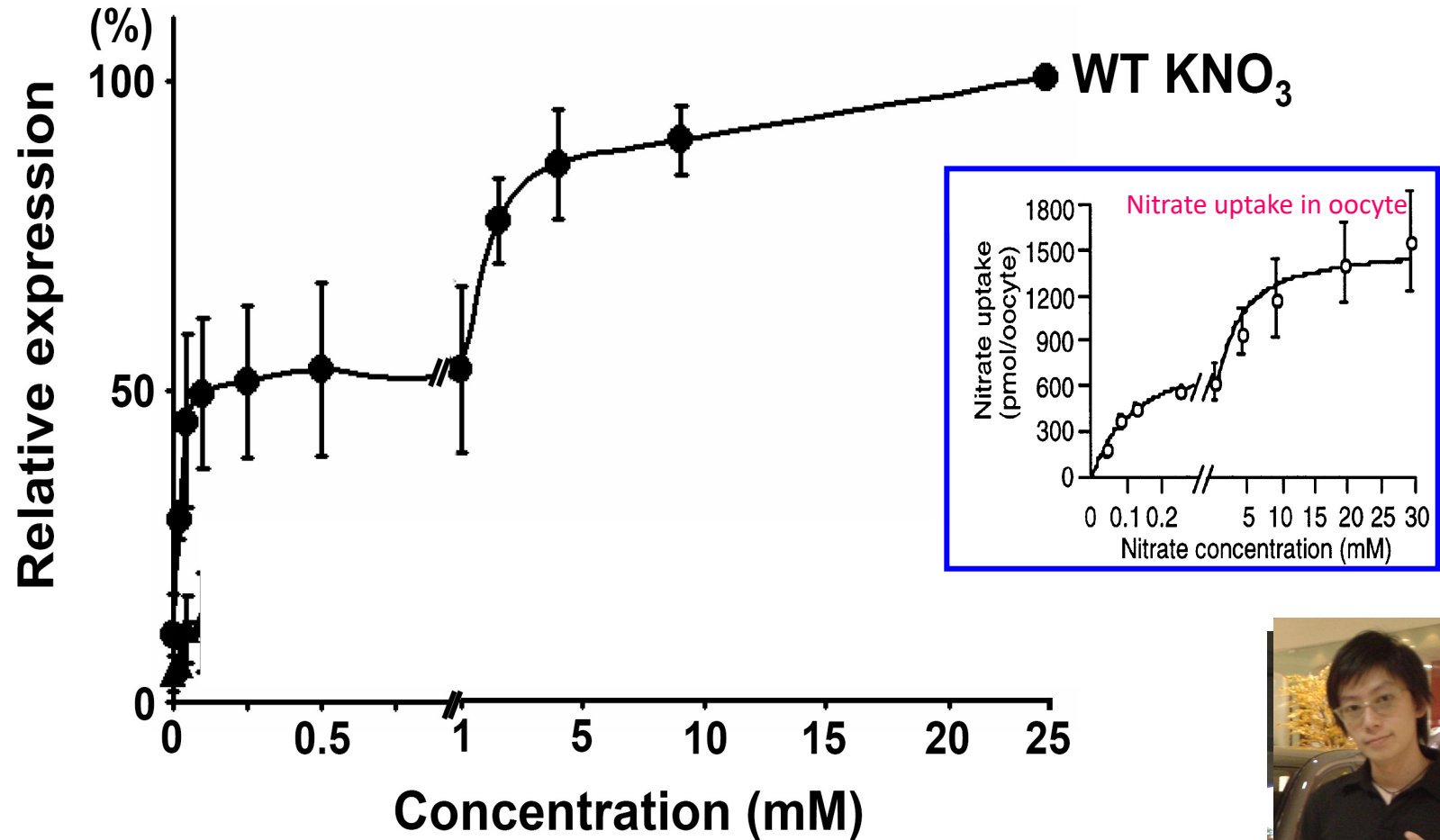
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The difference in nitrate response between wild type and the CIPK8 mutant requires high levels of nitrate (25 mM) and **is** rather **small**. It is not clear that this is a nitrate primary response.

Kinetic analysis of primary nitrate response in *cipk8*



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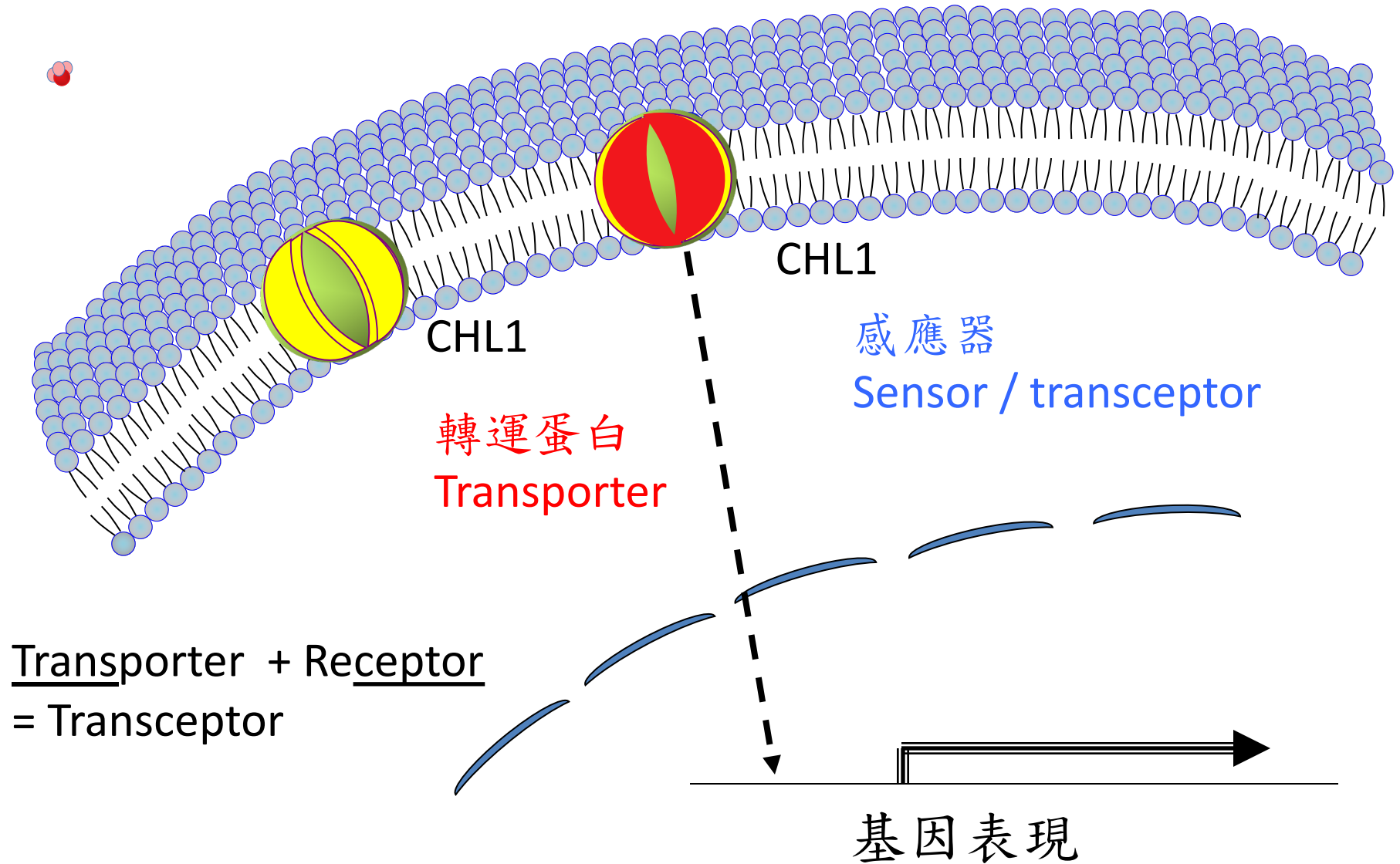


Q-PCR analysis of *AtNRT2.1*



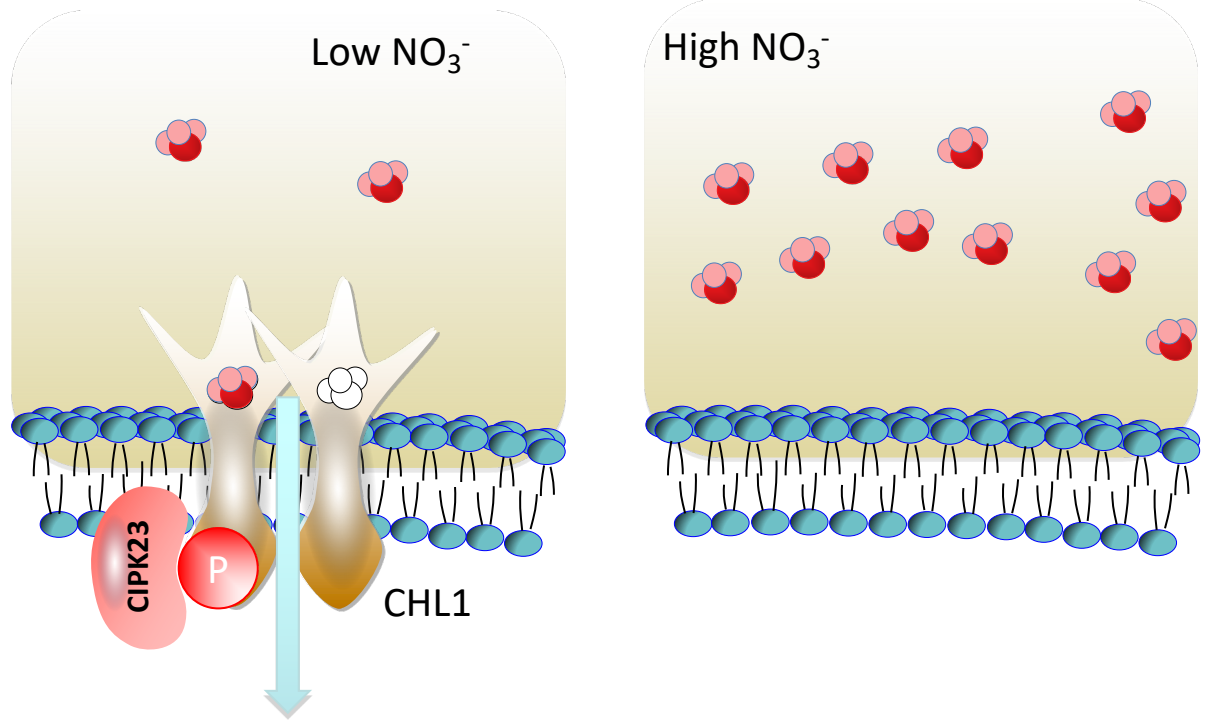
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身兼數職的硝酸鹽轉運蛋白--搬運工、守門員、與傳令兵

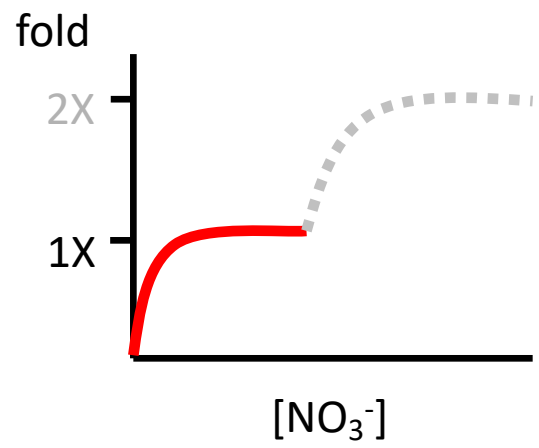
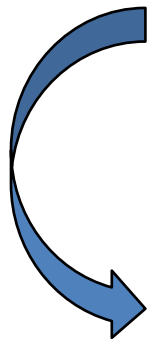


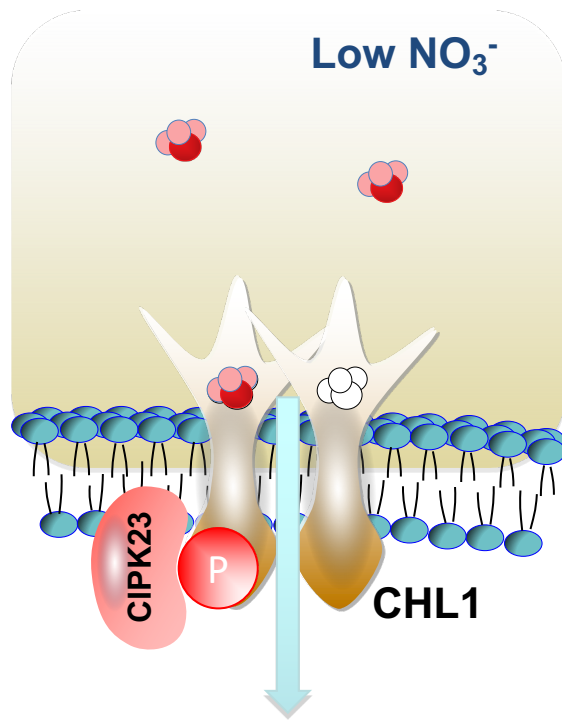
植物會做數學!!

How does a sensor detect
concentration changes?

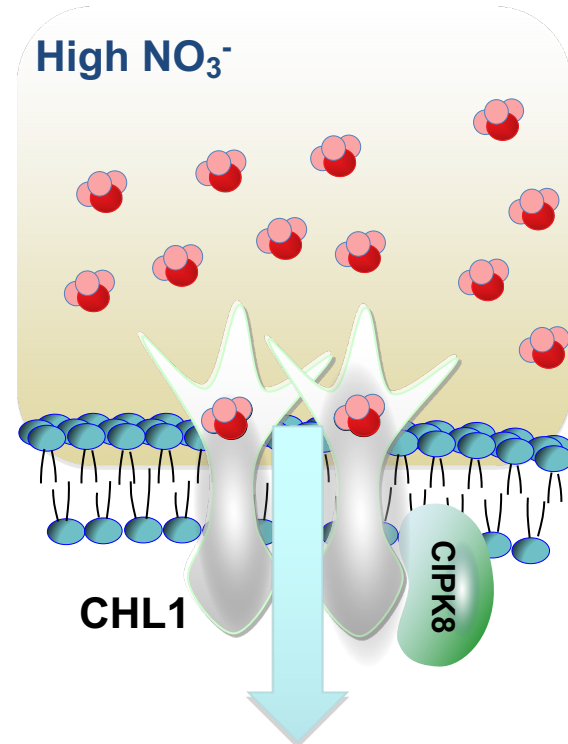


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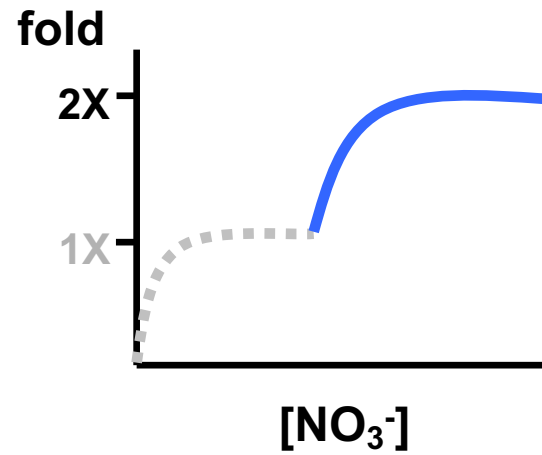
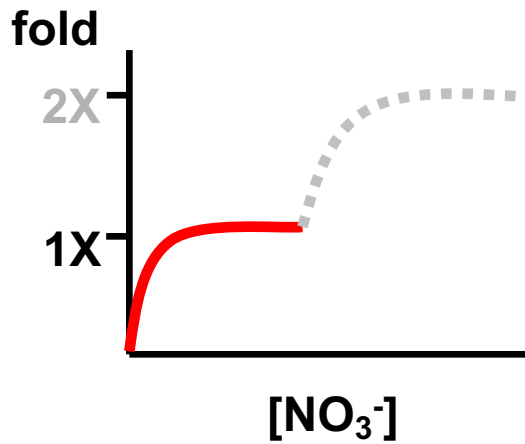
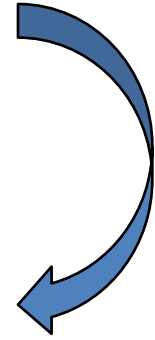
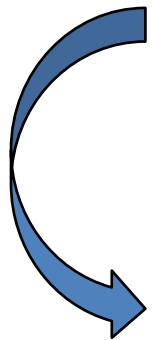




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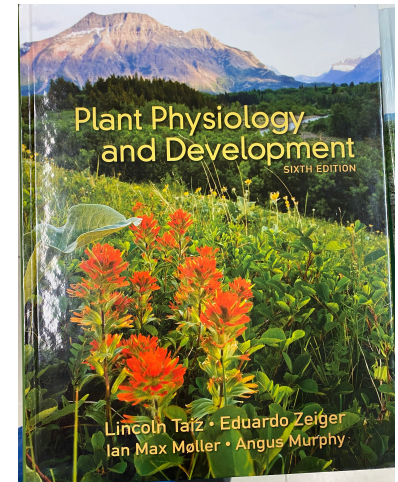
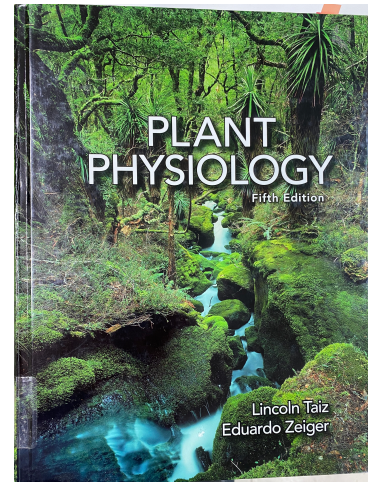
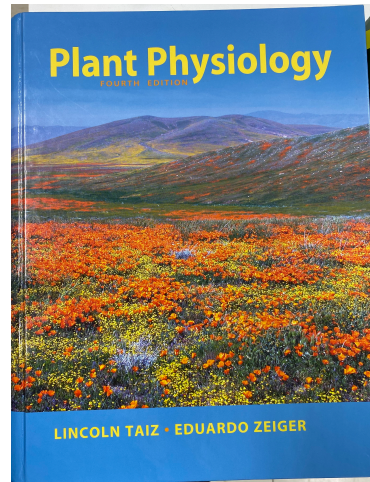
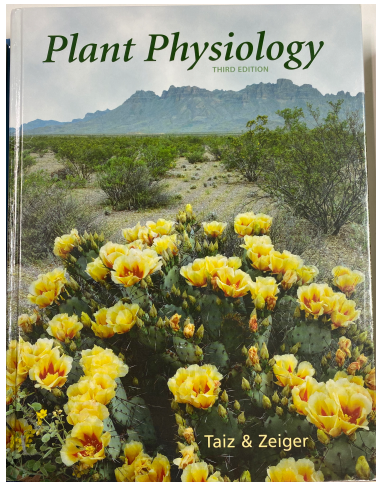


Low affinity transporter



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Think positively and constructively about
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Take Home Lesson

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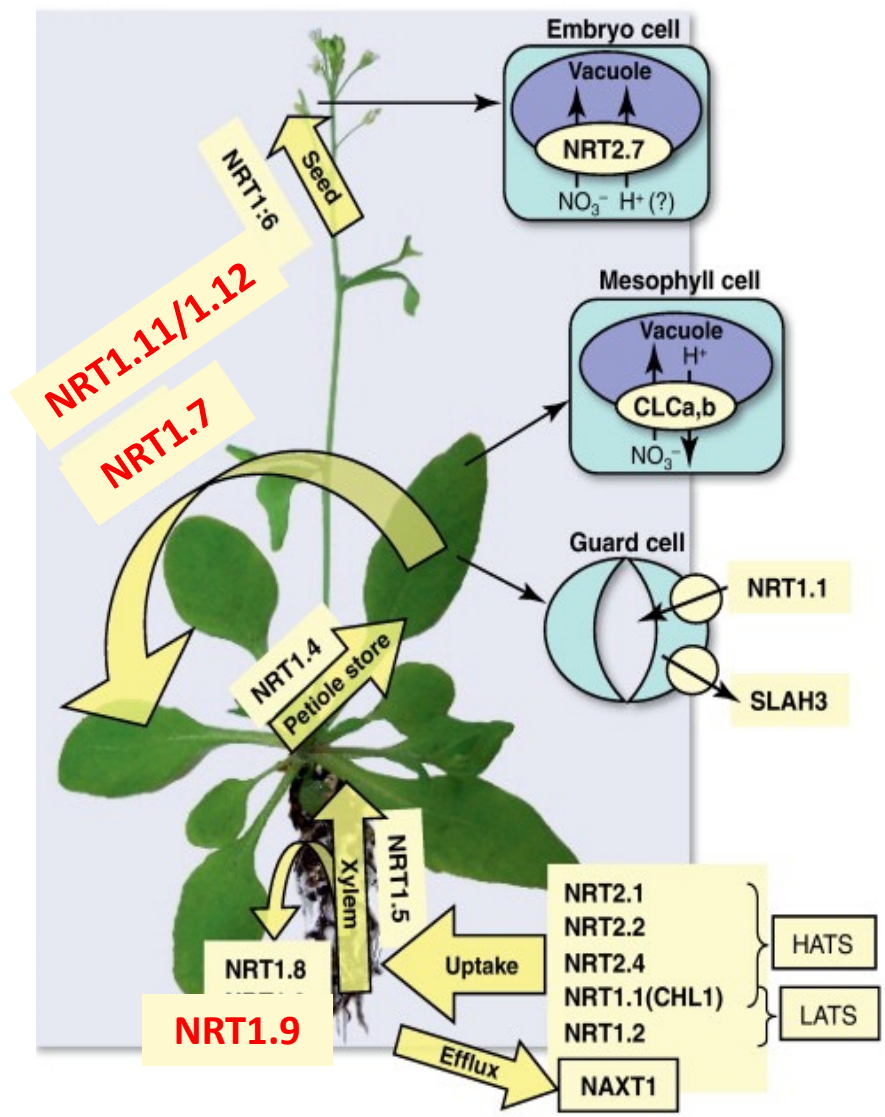
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以建設性的態度面對reviewer的批判

Theme 3

盡信書不如無書----談硝酸鹽運
送的研究如何改寫教科書

～改寫教科書理論的酸甜苦辣



A classical statement of nitrogen transport in text book:

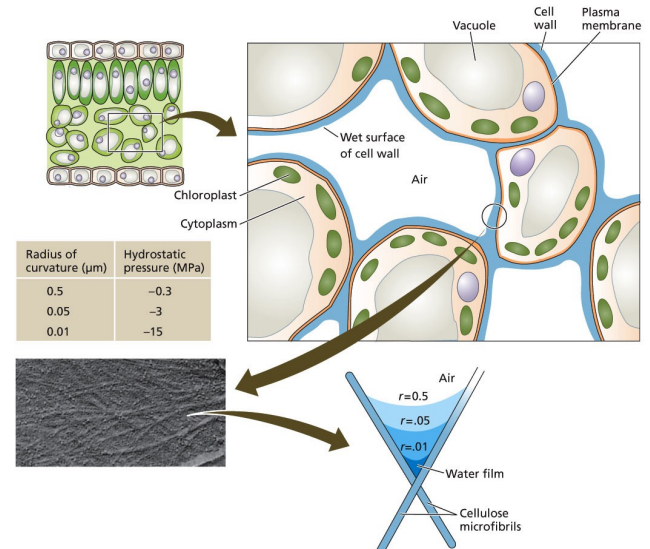
Inorganic nitrogen, e.g. nitrate, can only be transported in xylem; while organic nitrogen, e.g. amino acids, are transported in phloem.

教科書中對植物氮輸送的一句經典敘述：

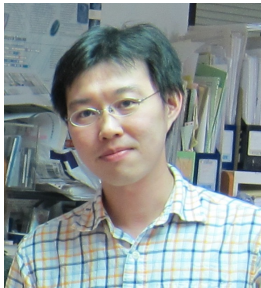
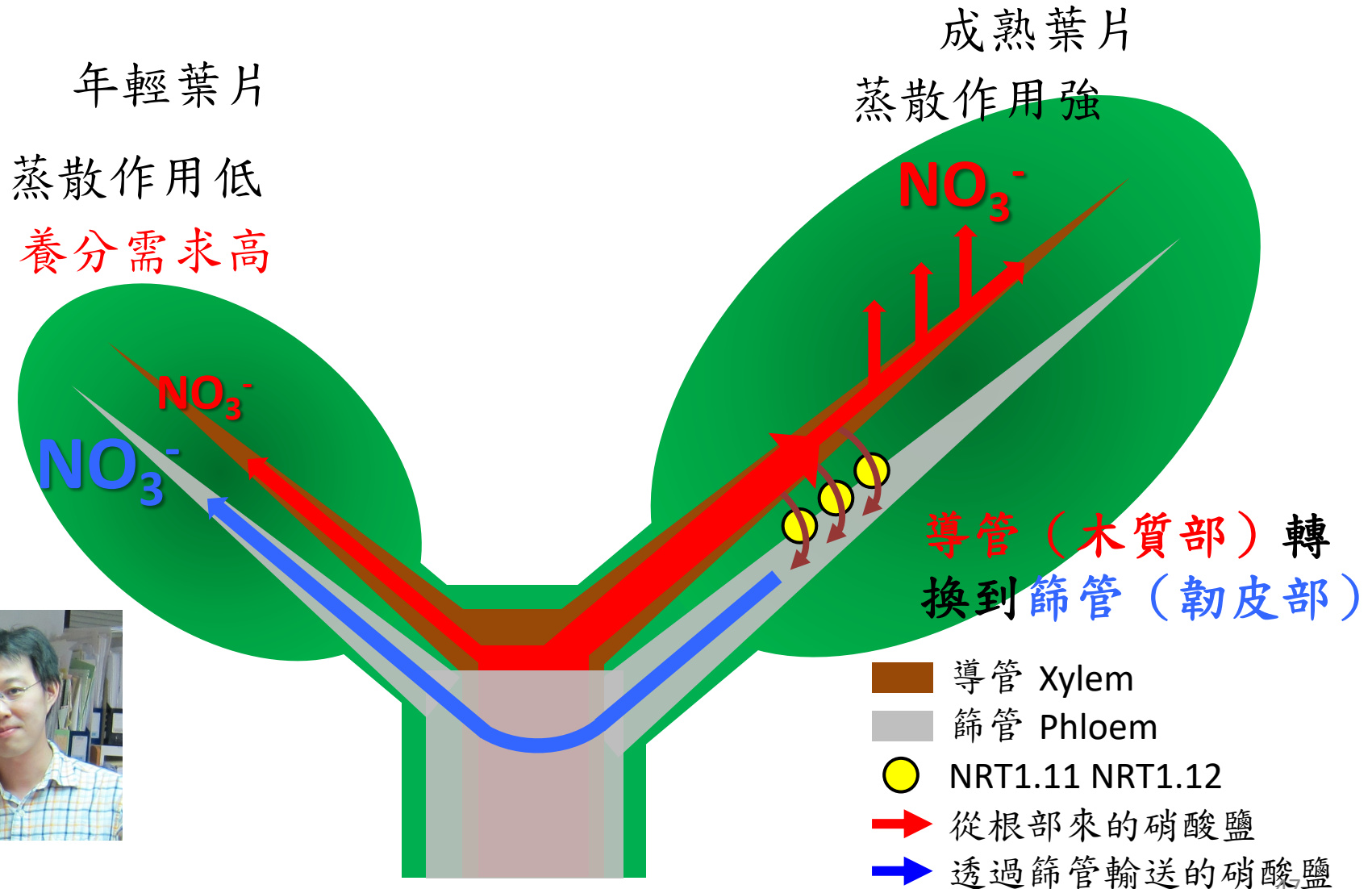
無機的氮源，例如硝酸鹽，只能靠導管輸送。
有機的氮源，例如胺基酸，才會在篩管運送。

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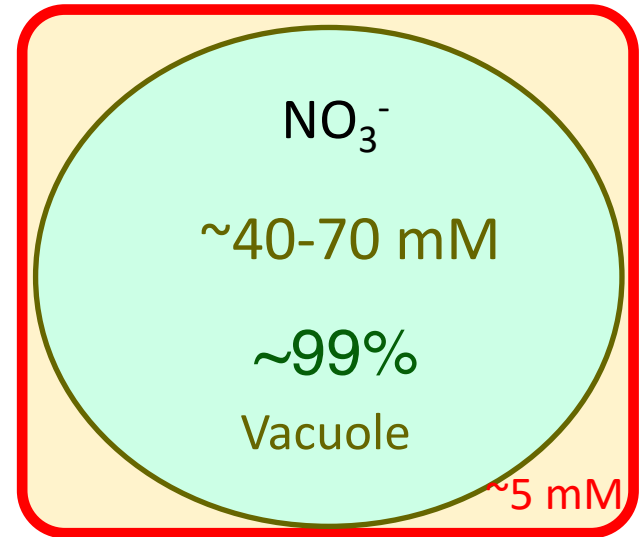
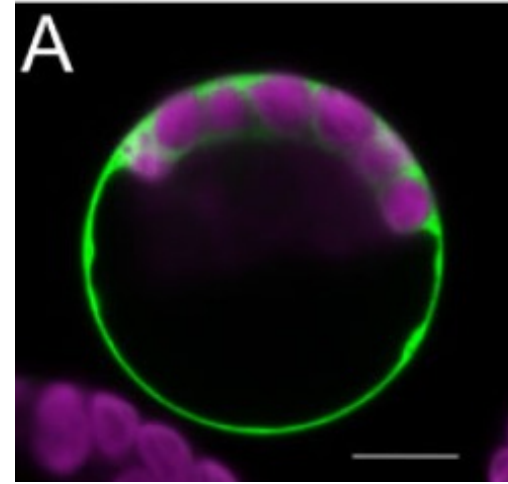
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- Redwood in California



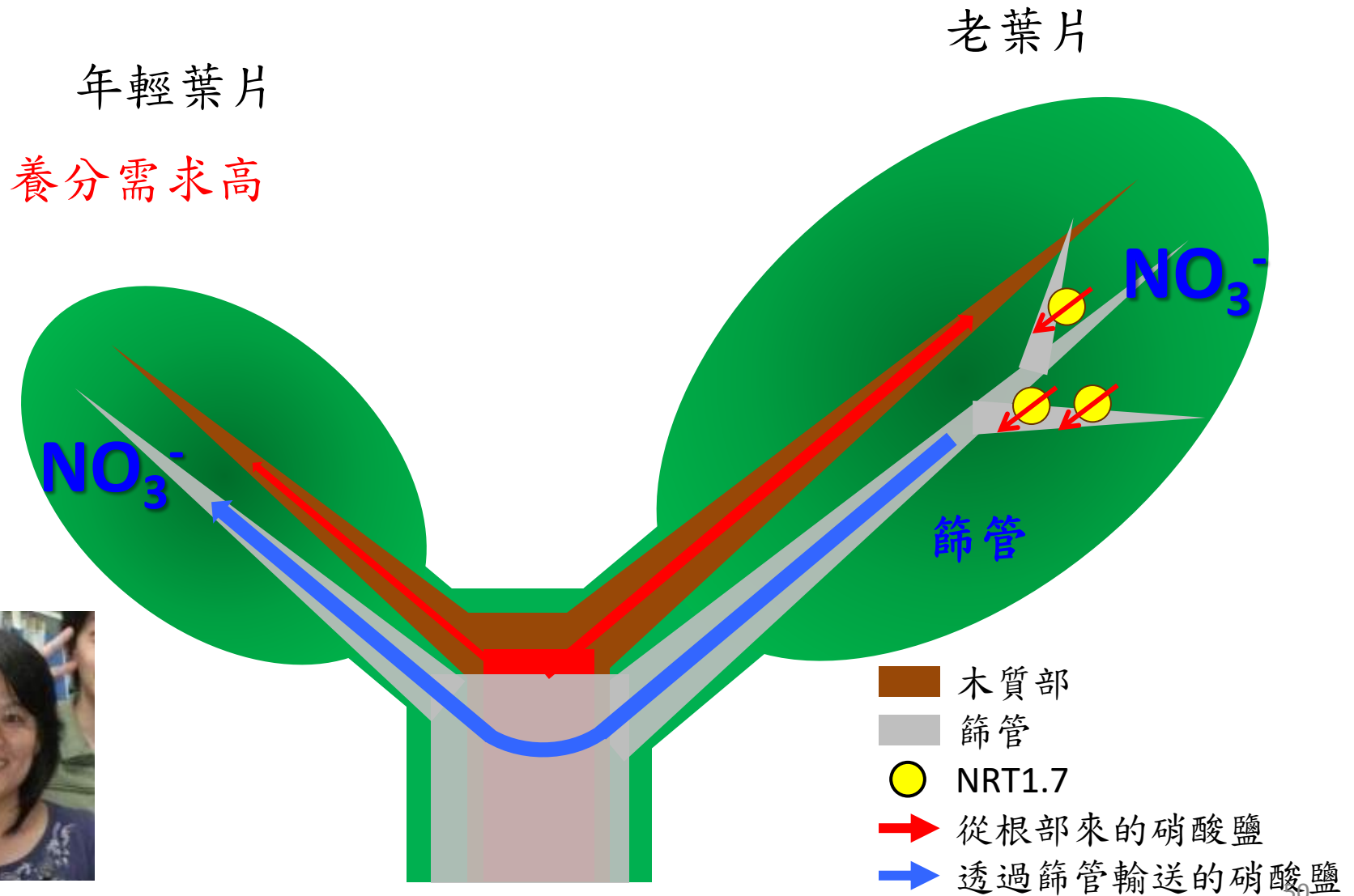
NRT1.11 and NRT1.12 負責用換跑道的方式將硝酸鹽從成熟的大葉片送到年輕的葉片



沒有外來的硝酸鹽供應時，植物
如何餵飽嫩葉？



NRT1.7 負責將儲存在老葉的硝酸鹽送到年輕的葉片



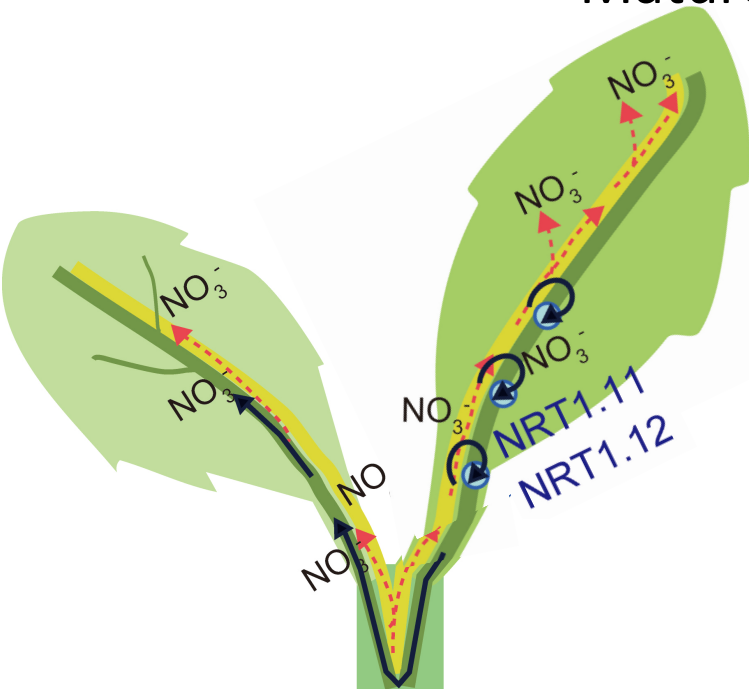
NRT1.11/12 and NRT1.7 play different roles in nitrate allocation

High nitrate

NRT1.11/12

Mature leaves

Leaf 5,6



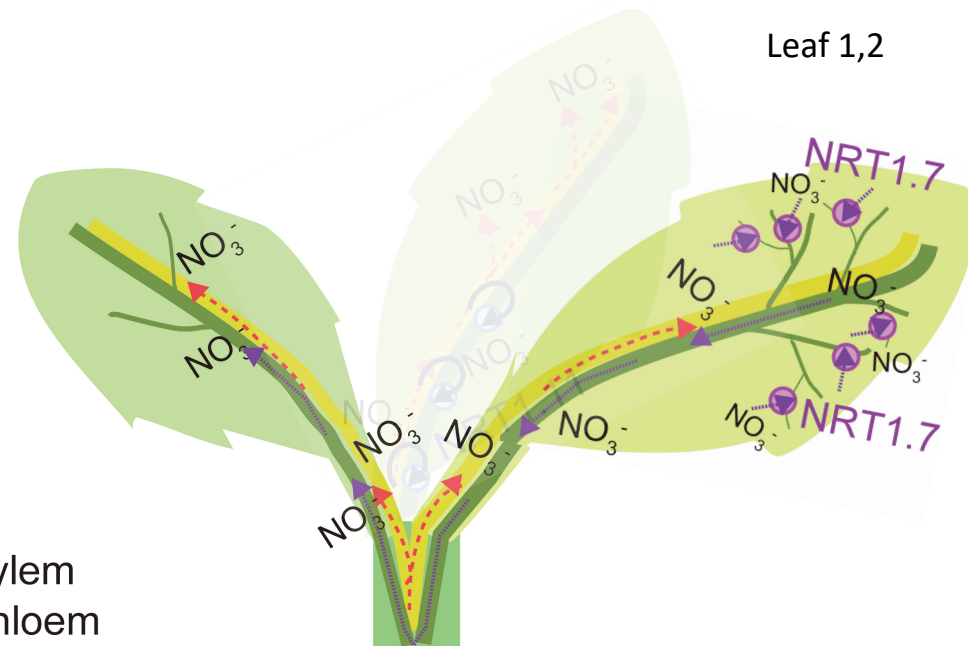
Xylem-borne nitrate

Low nitrate

NRT1.7

Old leaves

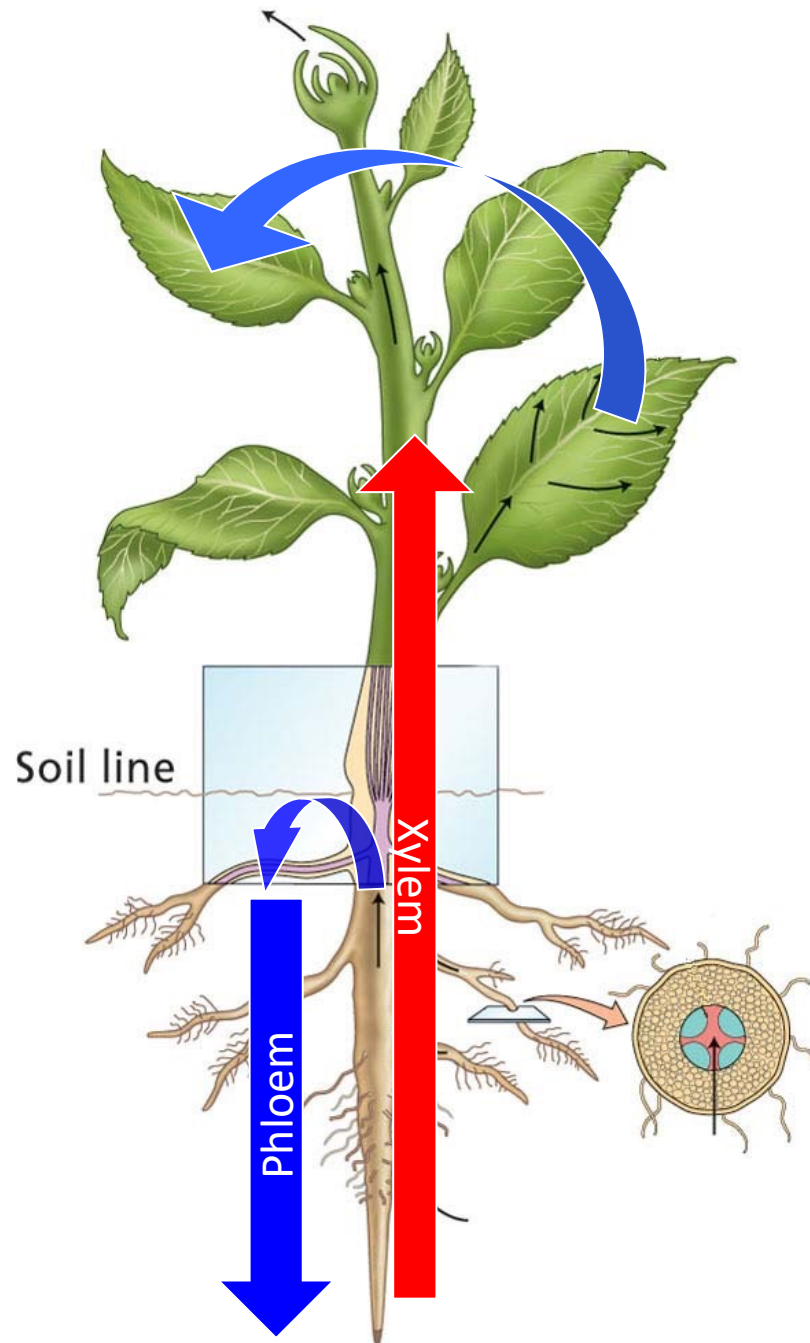
Leaf 1,2



Stored nitrate

Summary 3

NRT1.9, NRT1.7, NRT1.11 and NRT1.12

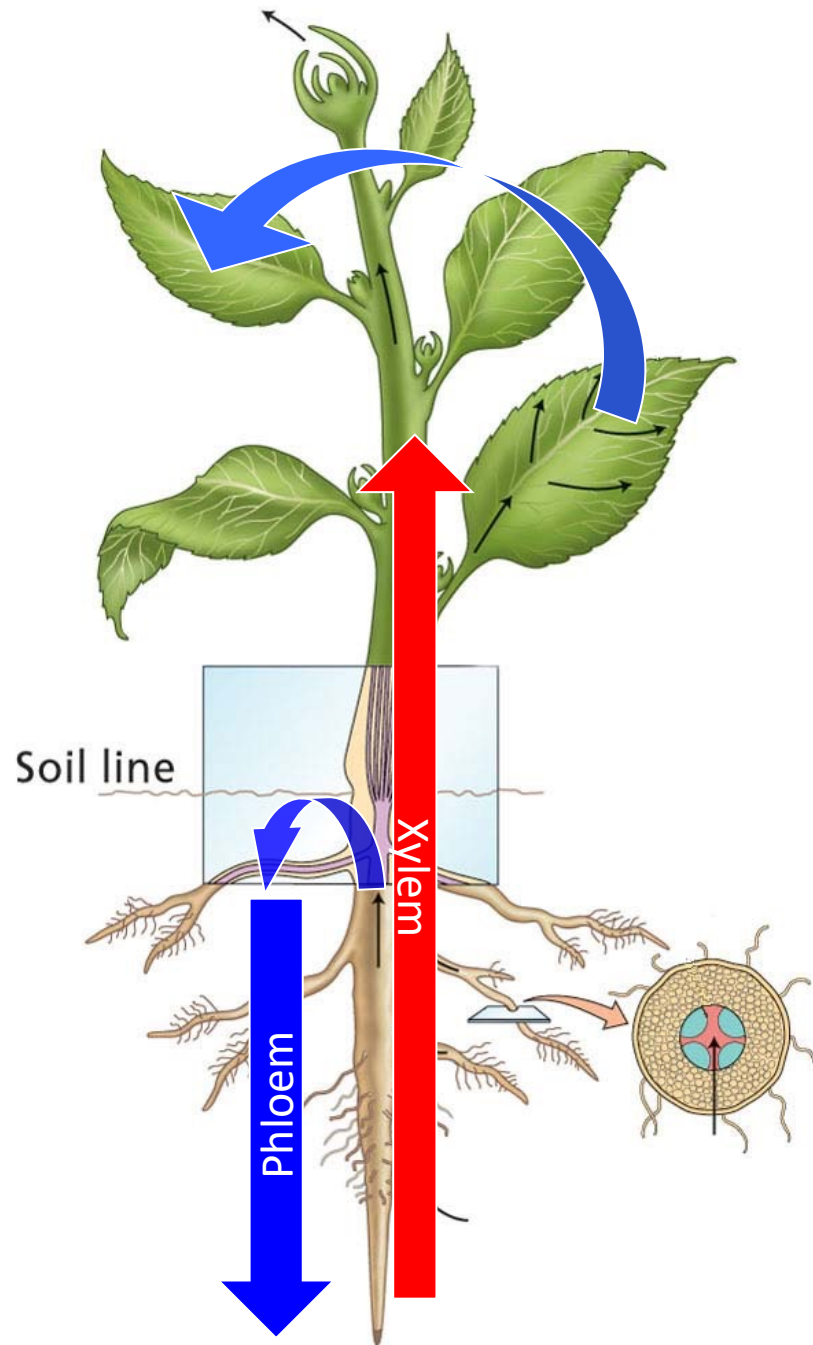


- Root-to-shoot xylem transport is the primary route of long-distance nitrate transport
- Phloem nitrate transport provides a secondary route by which to modulate local nitrate redistribution.

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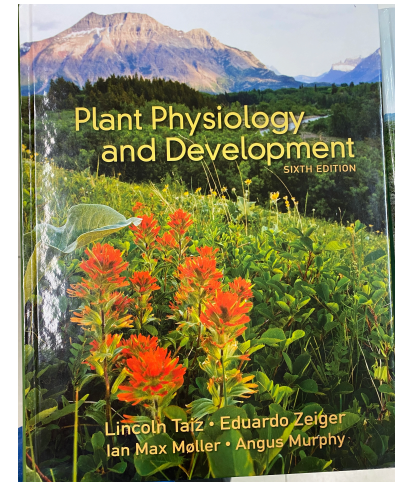
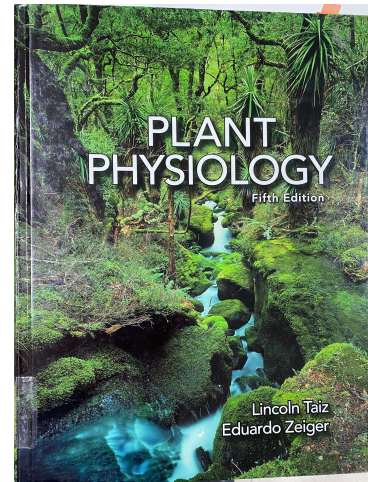
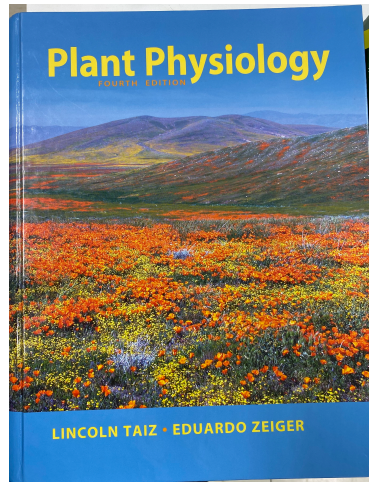
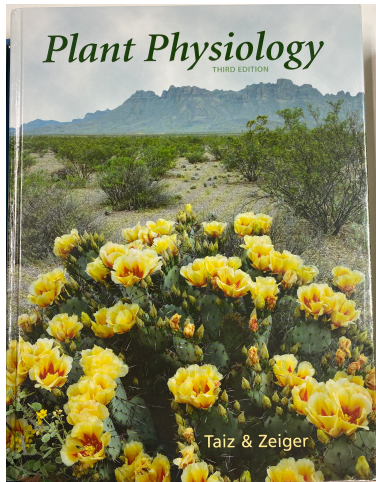
NRT1.9, NRT1.7, NRT1.11
and NRT1.12

- 根往地上部輸送硝酸鹽主要是仰賴木質部Xylem
- 局部的硝酸鹽重新分佈則仰賴篩管Phloem



1st, 1991

2nd, 1998



3rd, 2002

4th, 2006

5th, 2010

6th, 2015



CHL1: Nitrate transporter
1993

CHL1: Dual Affinity
1999, 2003

CHL1: Transceptor
2009

7th, 2021 or 2022

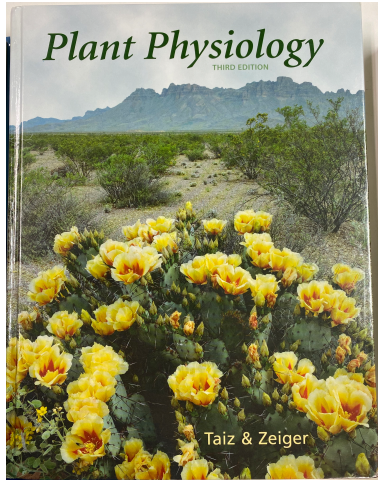
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NRT1.9, 范淑君, 2011

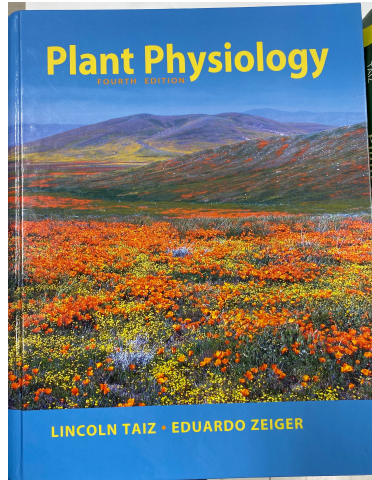
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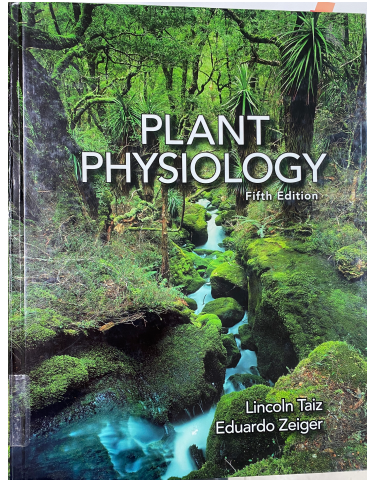
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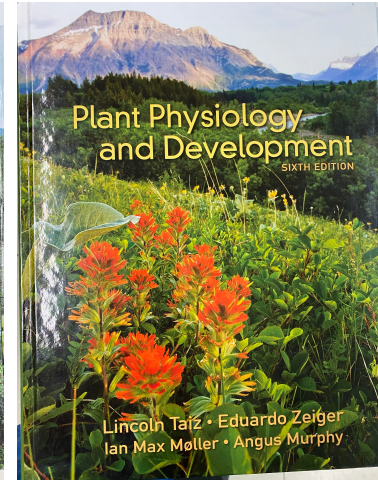
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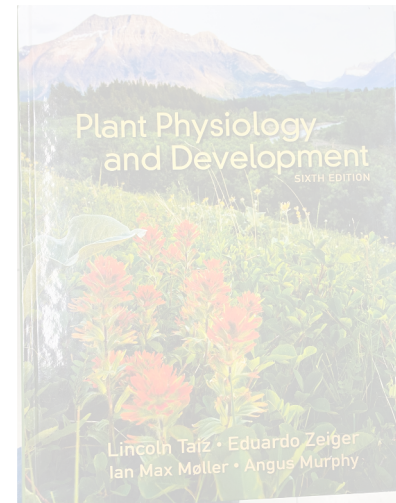
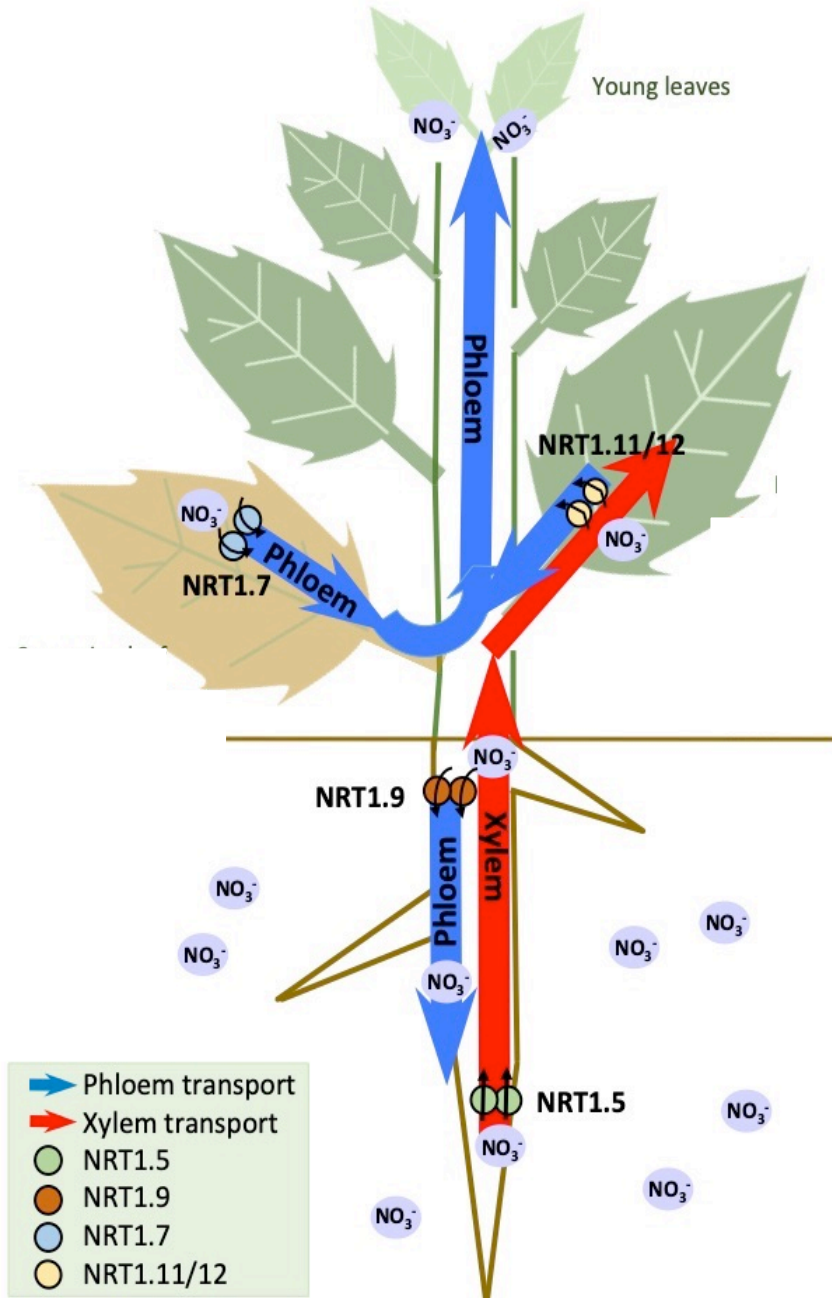


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Phloem nitrate transport
Plant Cell, 2009
Plant Cell, 2011
Plant Physiol. 2013

NRT1.9, NRT1.7, and NRT1.11/12



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7th, 2022

- Nitrate can be transported in both xylem and phloem
- Phloem nitrate transport is important for plant growth, nitrate distribution and NUE

Believe your data, more than the paper
and the text book

---your data need to be believable

Theme 4

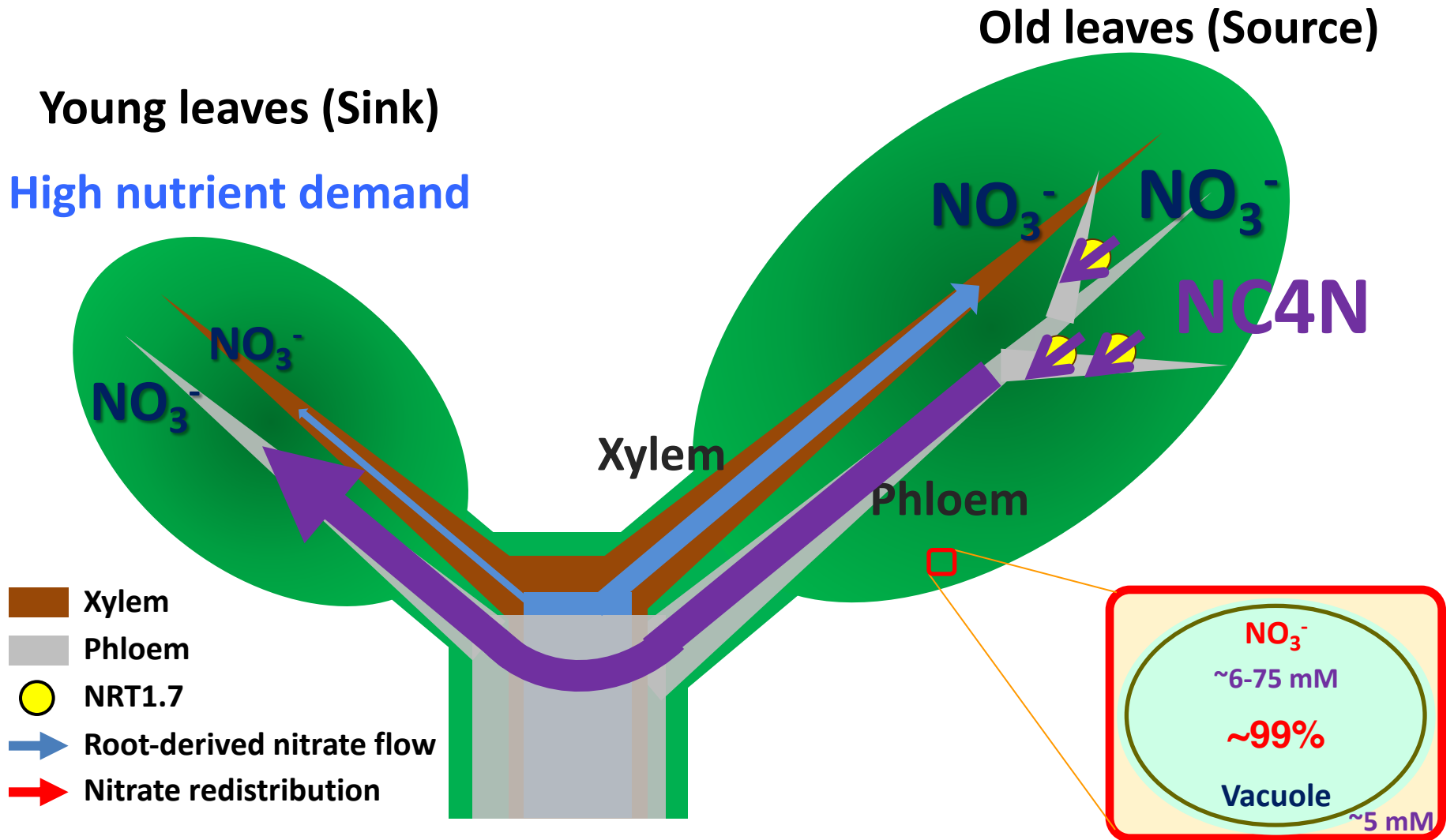
From basic research to application

從基礎研究到應用

浪漫的藍眼淚，其實是生態危機？



Efficient source-to-sink nitrate remobilization is



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Improving nitrogen use efficiency by manipulating nitrate remobilization in plants

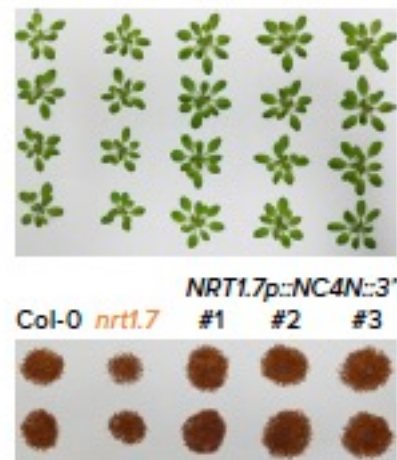
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a Arabidopsis



c Tobacco *NRT1.7p::NC4N::3'*
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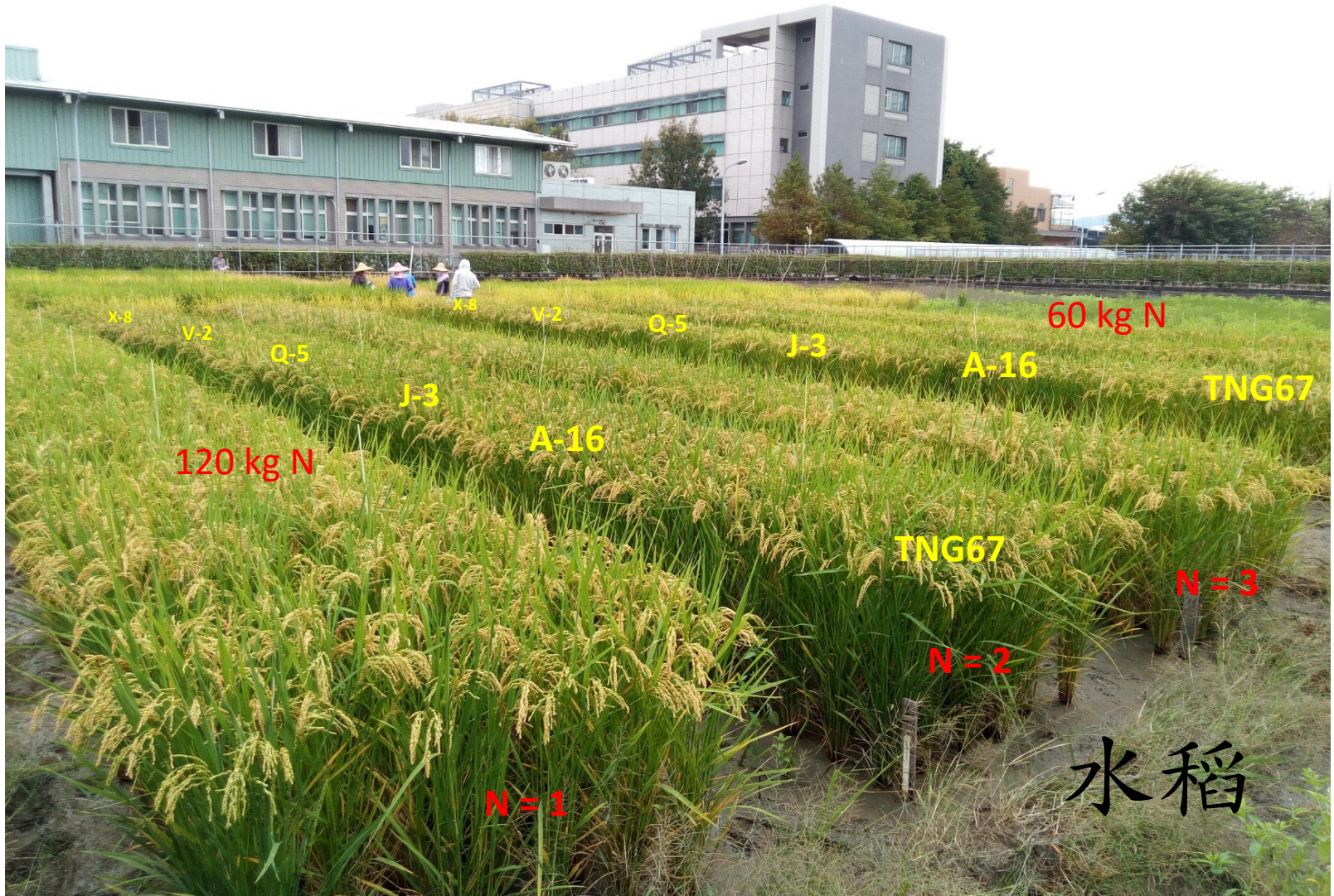


b Rice



TNG67 Q-5 (NC4N)





X-8

V-2

Q-5

J-3

A-16

120 kg N

Q-5

J-3

A-16

TNG67

60 kg N

TNG67

N=3

N=2

N=1

水稻

Summary 4

- 提高植物體內的資源回收，可增加 NUE，增加作物的產量兼顧大地的環保
- In addition to N assimilation enzyme, modulating remobilization provide a new strategy for NUE improvement.

您的得獎，應該是我來中研院後
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--林耿慧



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Thank you

