



2015- Micronutrient Uptake and Sources

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PLANT NUTRITION

CHEMISTRY

Solubility

Chelate vs.
Complex

Compatible

PHYSIOLOGY

ROOT

SEED

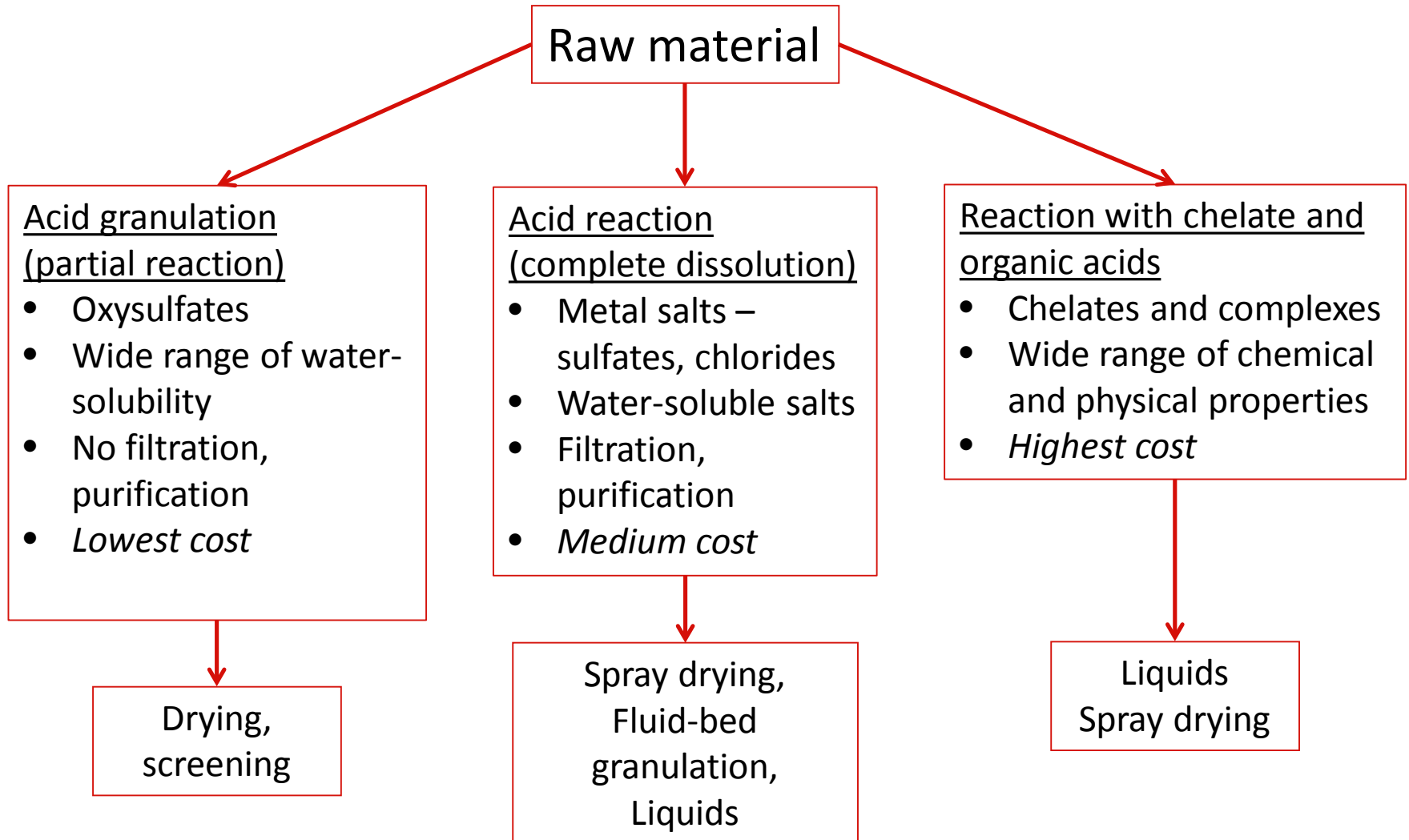
LEAF

AGRONOMY

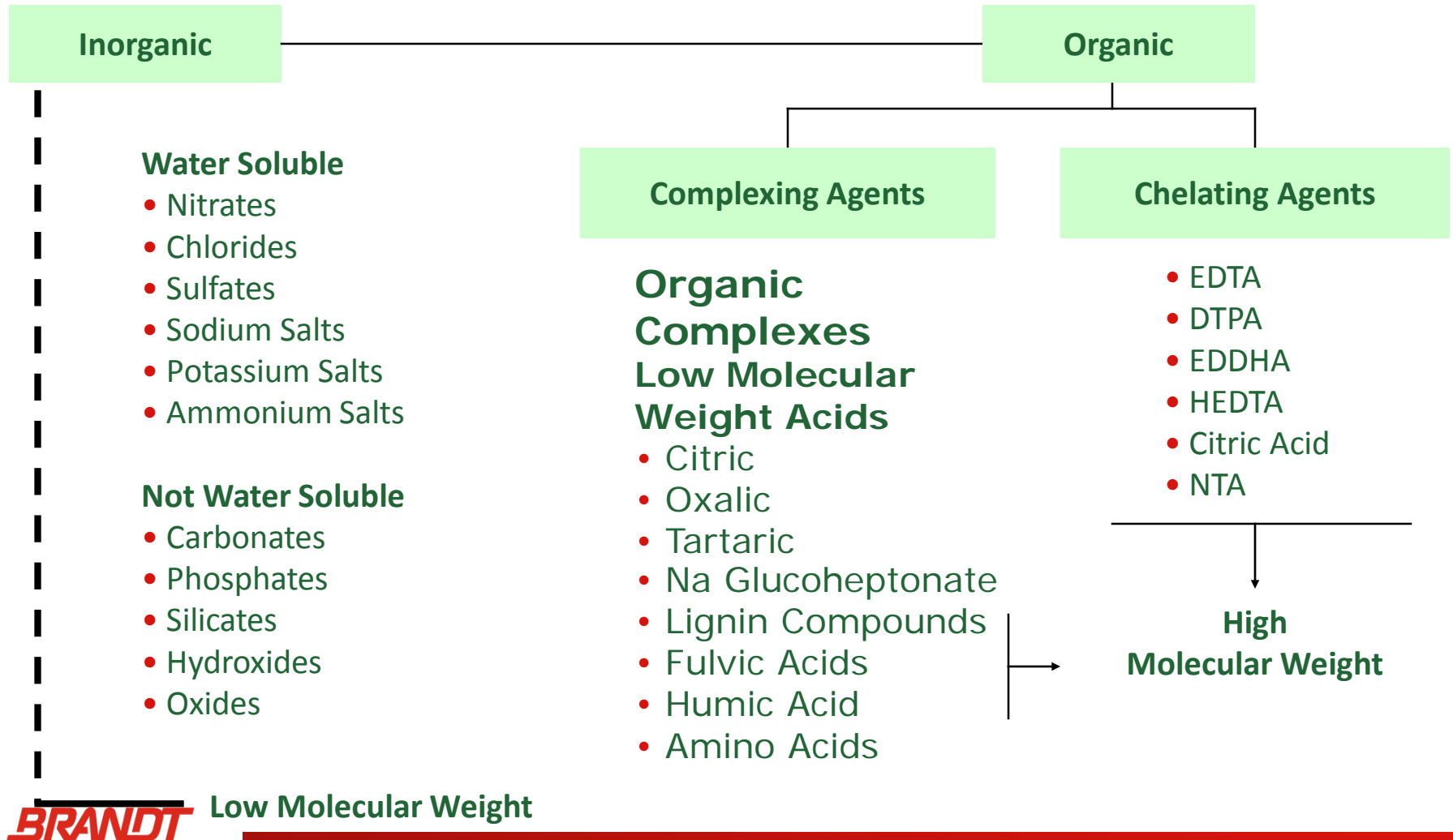
Return on
Investment

Transient
Nutrient
Deficiency

Micronutrient Manufacturing Processes



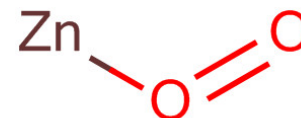
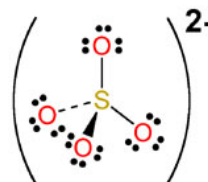
Nutrient Forms



INORGANIC SALTS

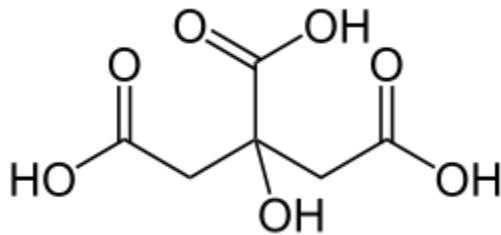
SOURCE

- Metal exposed
- Water Solubility
- Not Complexed

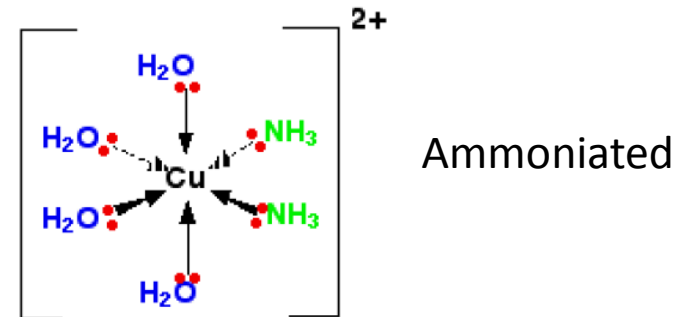


COMPLEX:

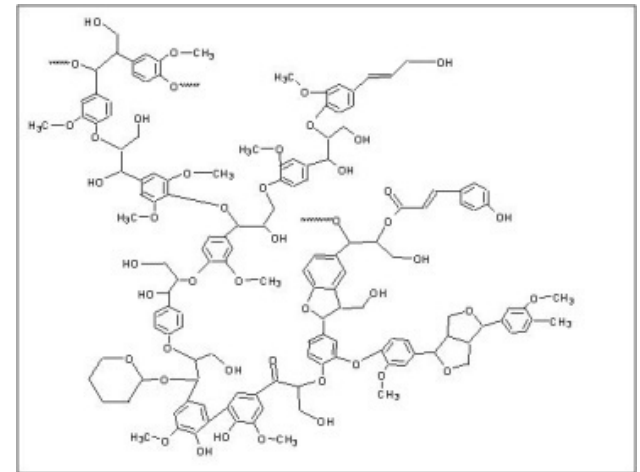
The term **complex** in chemistry, also called a "coordination compound" or "metal complex", a structure consisting of a central atom or molecule connected to surrounding atoms or molecules.



Citric Acid



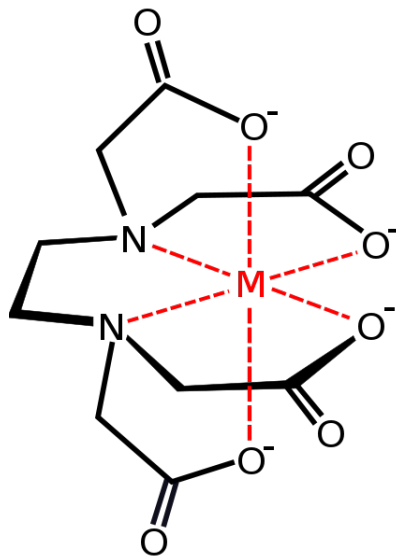
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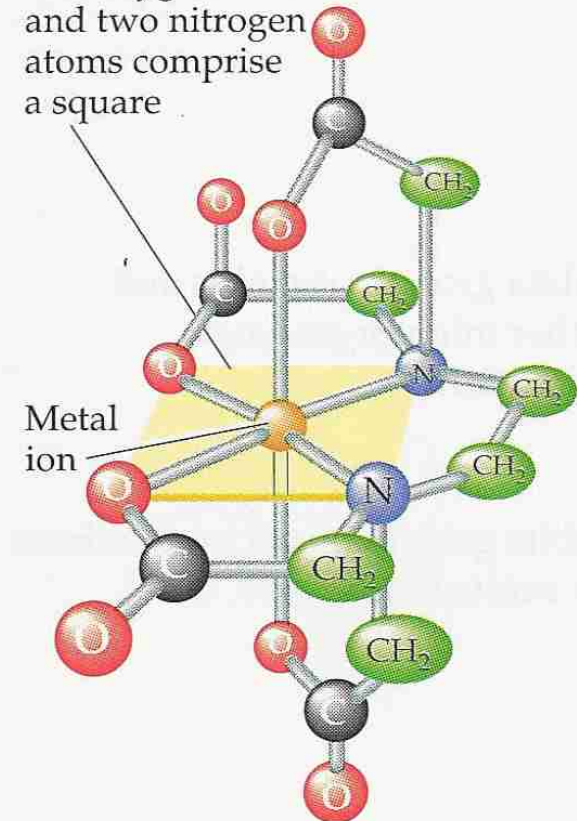
Lignin / Humic

CHELATE

a compound containing a ligand (typically organic) bonded to a central metal atom at two or more points.



In EDTA, a metal ion, two oxygen atoms and two nitrogen atoms comprise a square

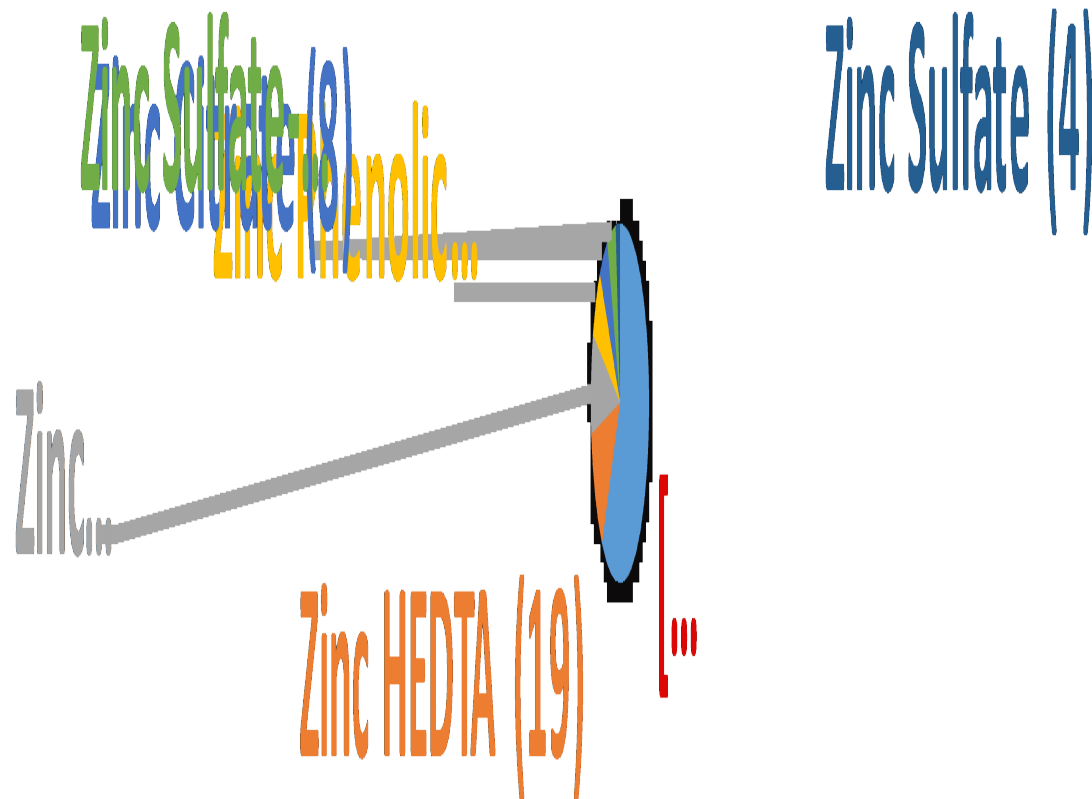


Two Stages

IN A TANK

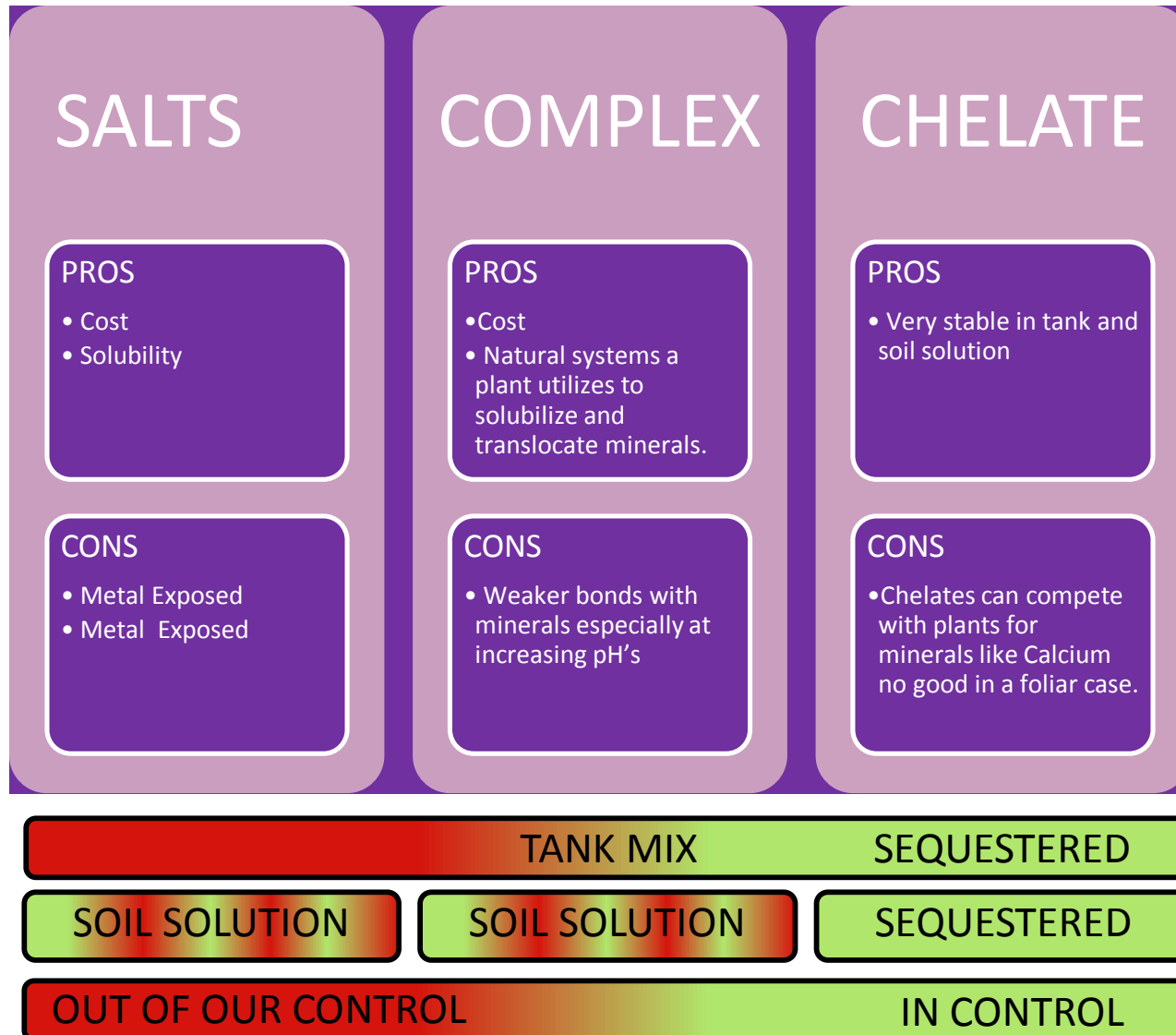
IN THE
SOIL
SOLUTION



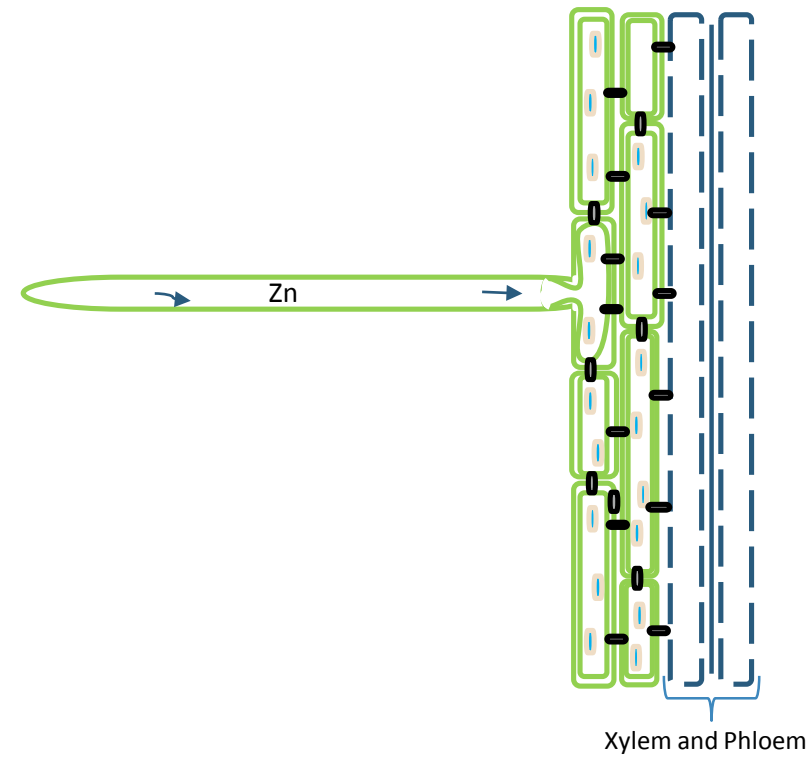
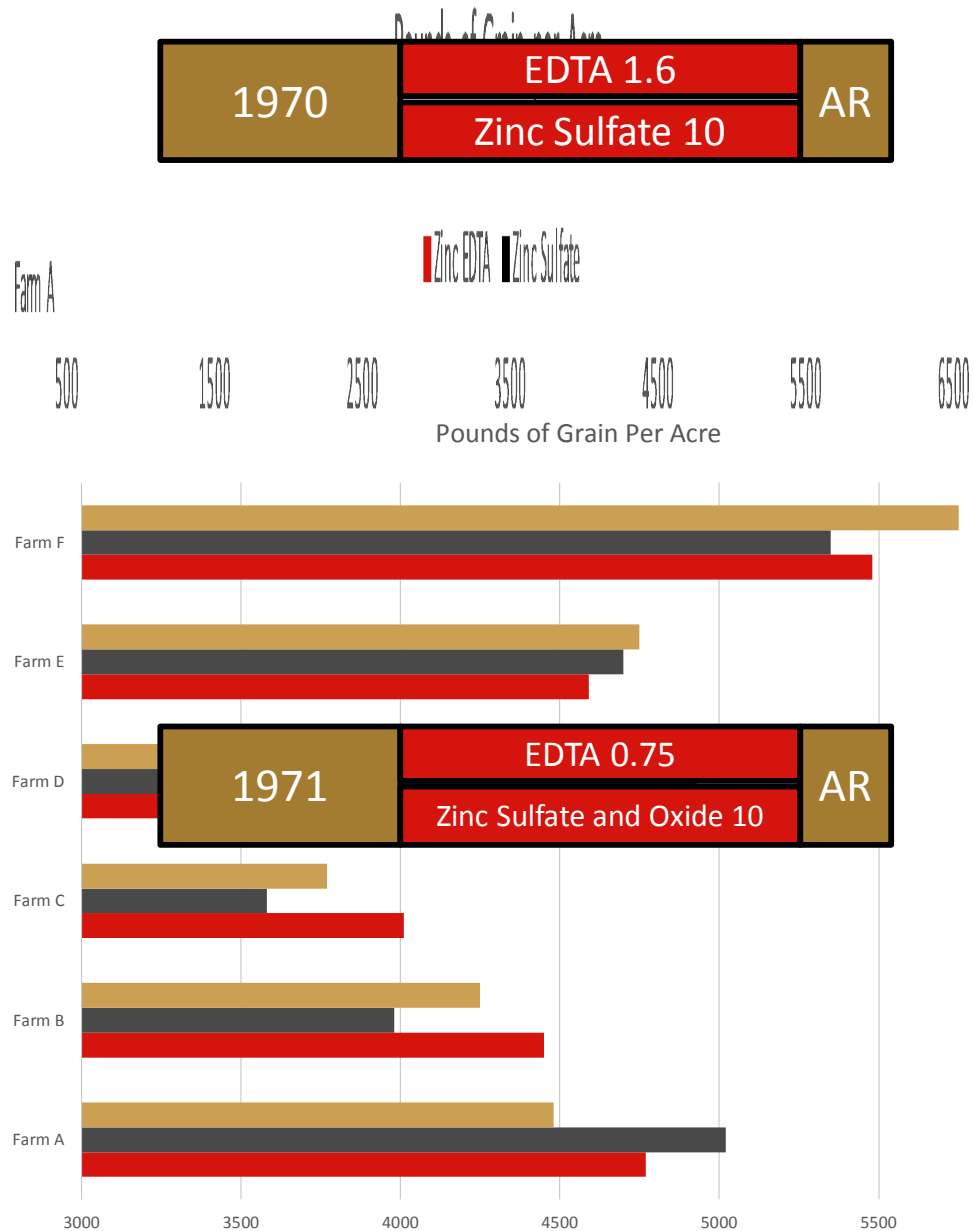


PERCENTAGE OF SOLUBLE ZINC REMAINING AFTER 4 MINUTES IN A 10-15-0 FERTILIZER SOLUTION

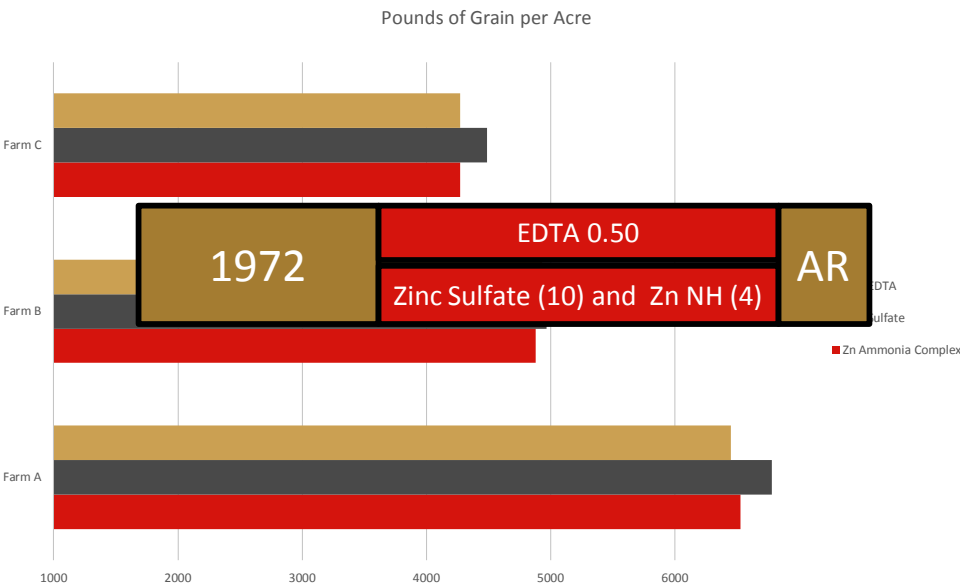




PHYSIOLOGY



- Zinc EDTA
- Zinc Sulfate
- Zinc Oxide

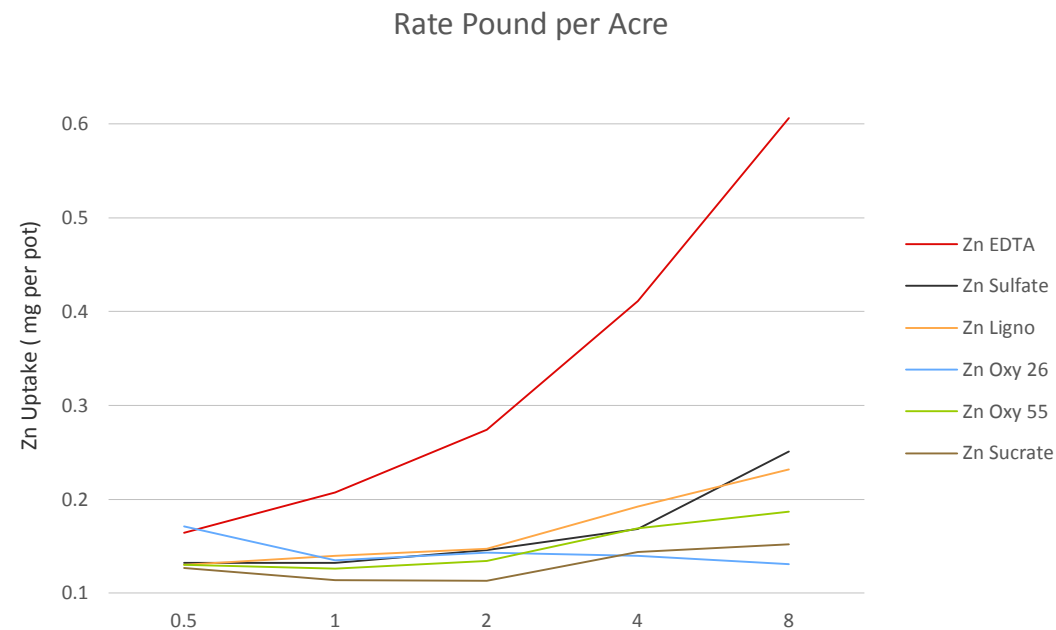


1970	EDTA 1.6	AR
	Zinc Sulfate 10	
1971	EDTA 0.75	AR
	Zinc Sulfate and Oxide 10	

SUMMARY

- 1968 to 1972
- University of Arkansas
- Rice
- 25 Locations

“ Extrapolating from all the data a zinc rate of 7 to 10 Lb. per acre of zinc in the inorganic form or 0.75 to 1.0 lb. per acre in the chelated form is needed to adequately prevent the occurrence of chlorosis on these alkaline soils “ ...



Zinc Uptake	
SOURCE	RAC
Zn EDTA	100
Zn Sulfate	23
Zinc Ligno	22
Zn Oxy Su 26	0.5
Zn Oxy 55	12
Zn Sucrate	5

- Colorado State University
- Corn
- Pots
- W.J Gangloff, D.G. Westfall, G.A. Peterson and JJ Mortvedt

MICRONUTRIENTS FOR FOLIAR APPLICATION

CHEMISTRY

PHYSIOLOGY

AGRONOMY

Source

**Compa
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LEAF

Salts

Complex

Chelate

Tank Mix

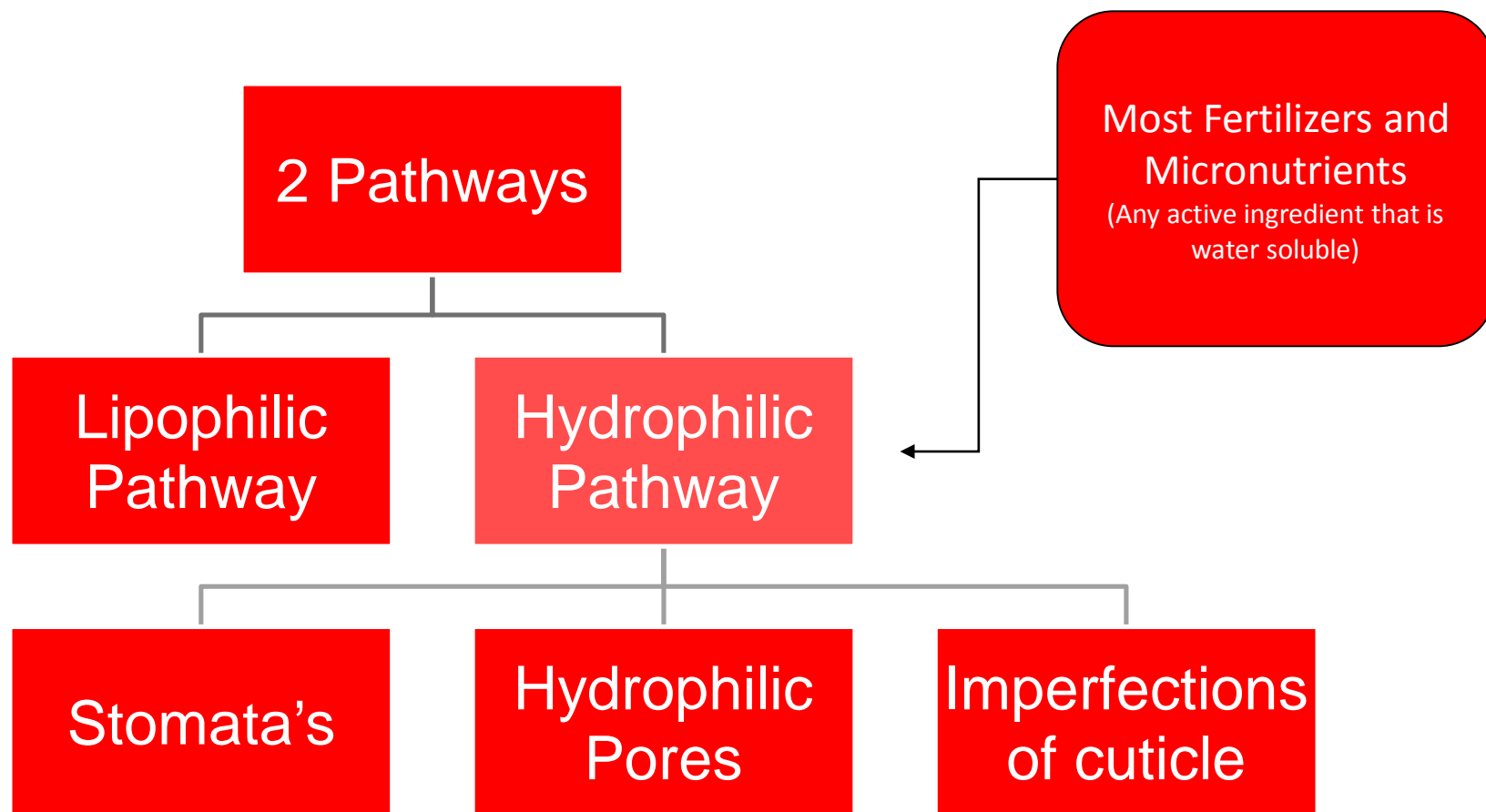


“The Cuticle is the Most Limiting Factor to Foliar Applications of Polar Salts”

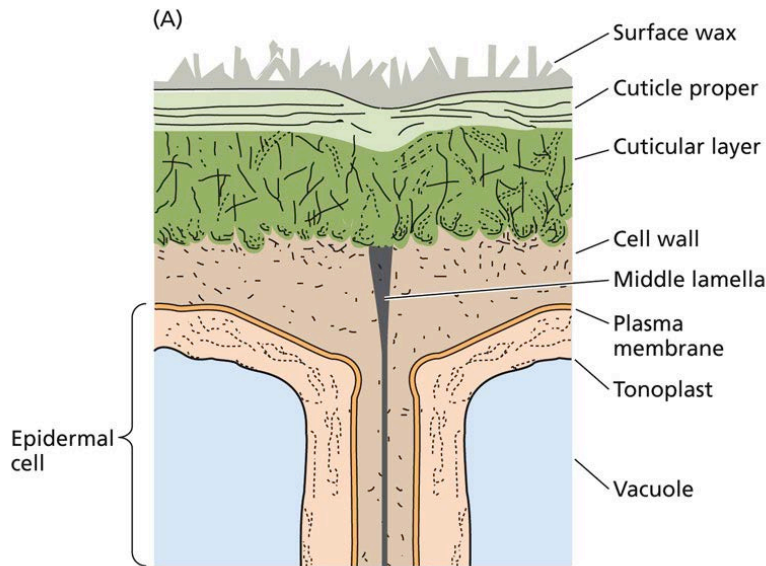
Foliar formulations are specifically designed to get micronutrients past the leaf cuticle into the intercellular spaces better than any other foliar micronutrients on the market.

Maximizing Foliar Potential

Foliar Applied Actives – 2 Pathways



Direct Penetration of Mineral Salts Through Intact Cuticles is Highly Improbable



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Mineral nutrient salts have an extremely low solubility in the lipophilic cuticle

Example: NH_4NO_3 solution

$c = 0.1 \text{ mol/L}$

$c = 4 \text{ nmol/L}$

$= 0.000004\%$

Courtesy Thomas Eichert

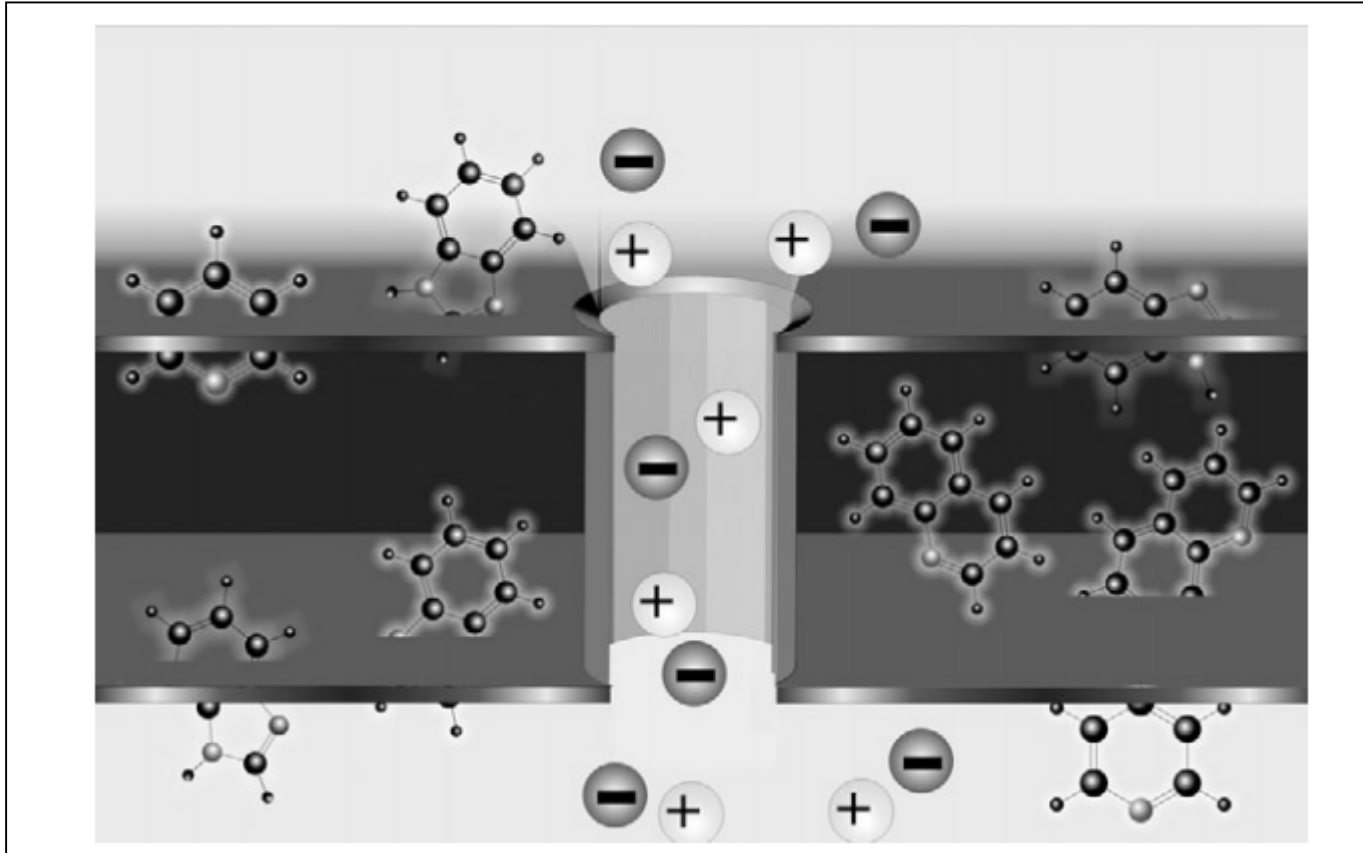
“There must be a second pathway in the cuticle”

Polar Pores

(Schönherr 1976, 2000, Schreiber 2005)

Polar Pores

Purely theoretical but supported by experimental data.

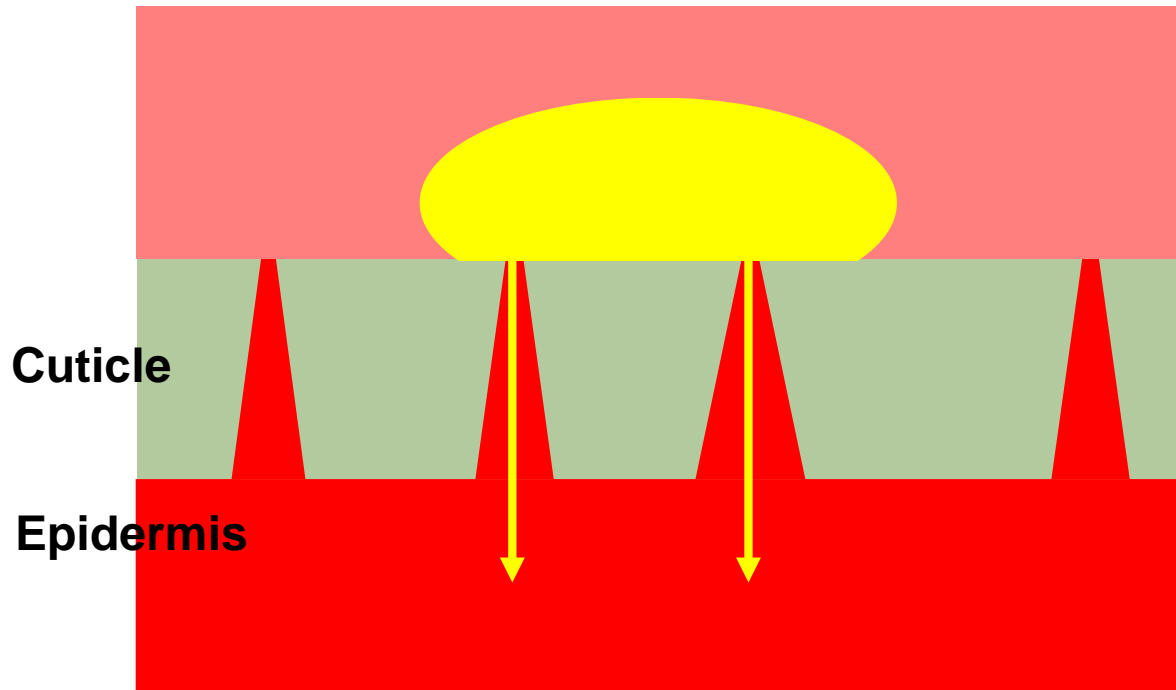


Schönherr 2006

Polar Pores: Movement of hydrophilic solutes in water clusters sorbed in the cuticle

Moist air: pores open (swelling of the cuticle)

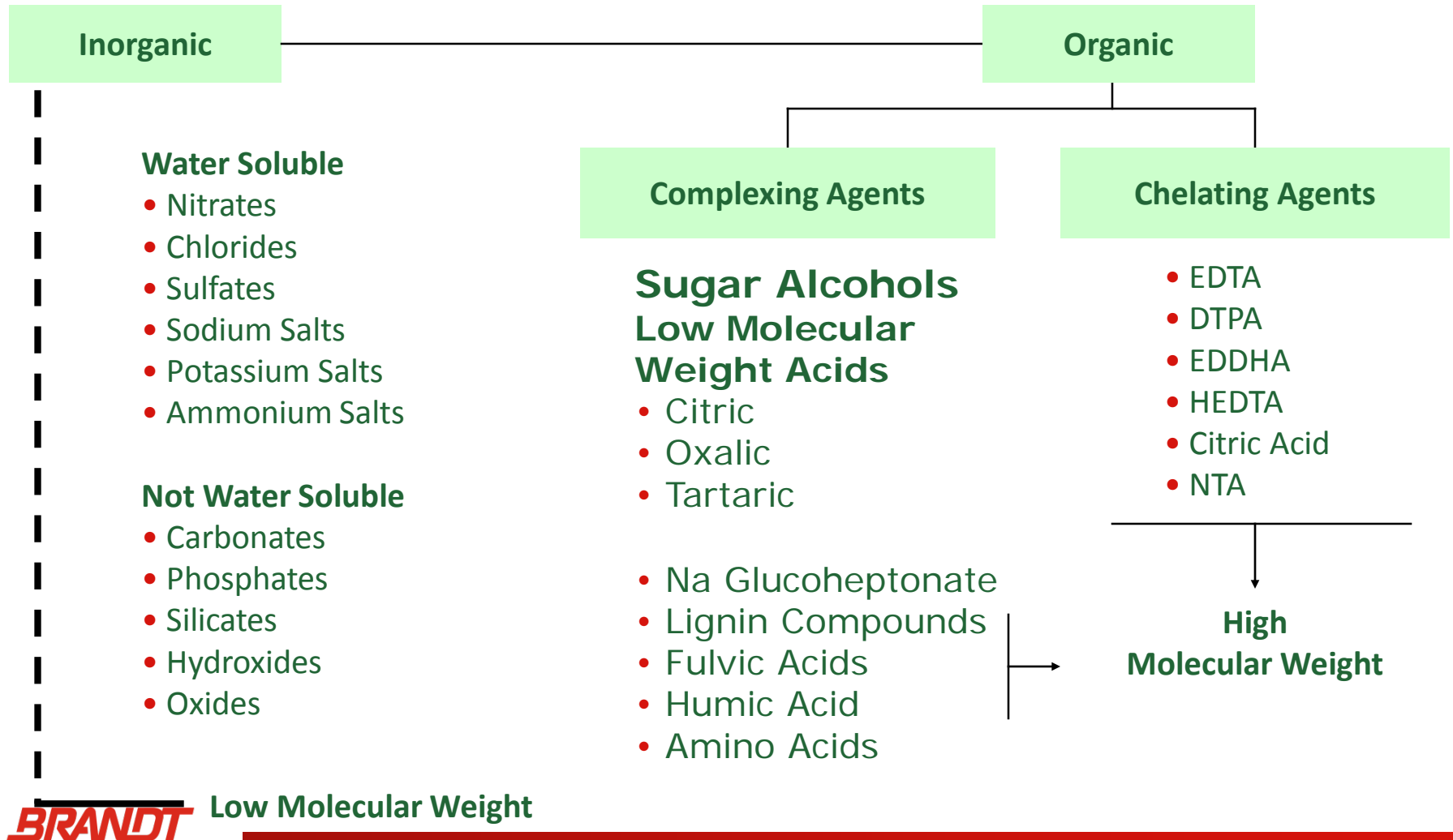
Size of 1-5nm. (Nitrate 0.2nm, EDTA 1.3nm)



**Water provided
by both
sides of the
cuticle**

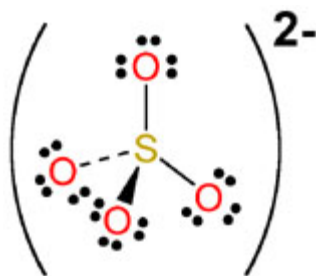
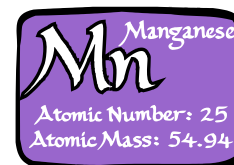
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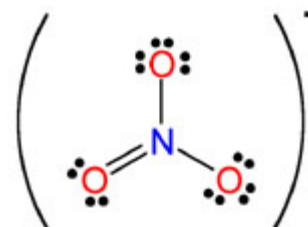
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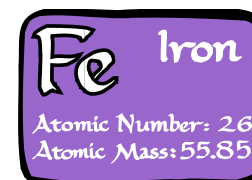
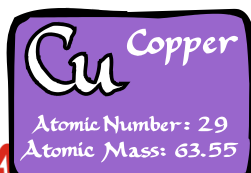
Sulfates



Carbonates

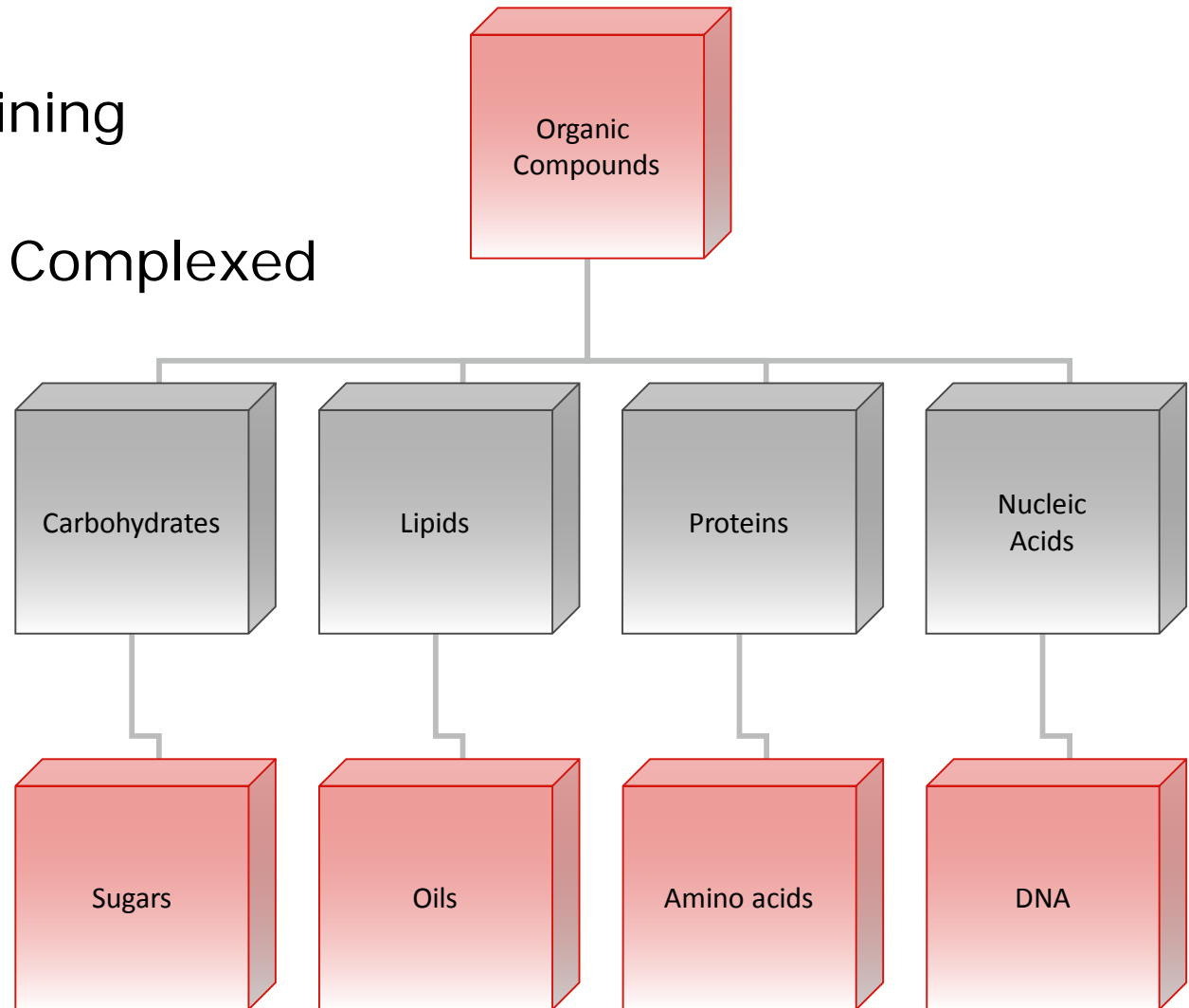


Nitrates



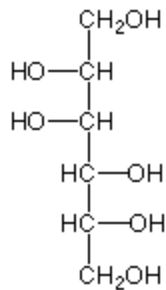
ORGANIC

- Carbon containing compounds
- Chelated and Complexed



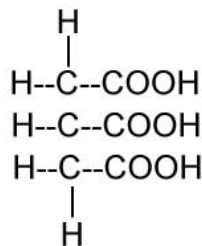
Complexes

- Sugar Alcohols
- Organic Acids
- Glucoheptonates
- Lignin Compounds
- Amino acids

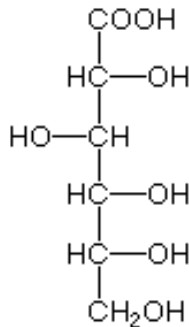


Mannitol

BRANDT

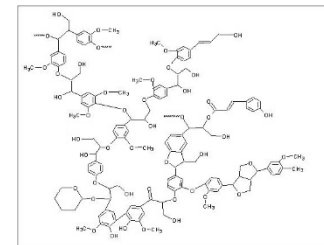


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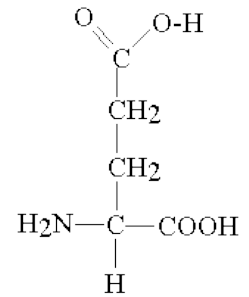


Gluconic
Acid

- Water Soluble
- Are present in all biological organisms.



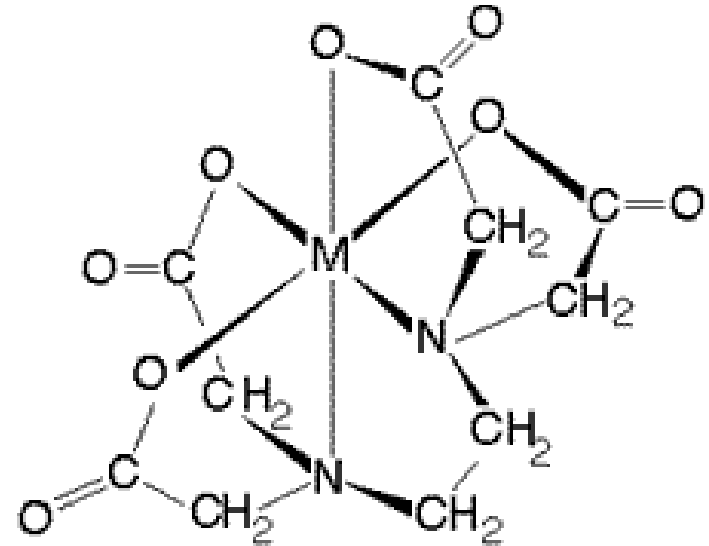
Lignin
(Courtesy of "Real-World in green chemistry.")



glutamic acid

Synthetic Chelates

- EDTA
 - EDDHA
 - DTPA
 - HEDTA
 - NTA
- pH range
 - Synthetic
 - Metal scavenger
 - Carcinogenic



Metal-EDTA complex

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