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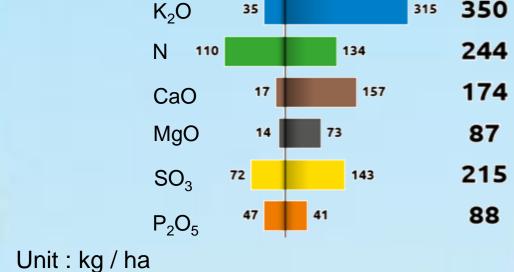
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# **Context and Hypotheses:**

Available Phosphorus (P) is a scarce element in soils for plants and micro-organisms growth due to its quick complexation in soils to organomineral particles such as clay, Iron or Aluminium<sup>[1]</sup>. P-Solubilizing Microorganisms (PSM) are able to solubilize complexed P. To face nutrient limitations, plants and microorganisms interact through rhizodeposition for instance to enhance availability of limiting elements<sup>[2]</sup>. Rapeseed (Brassica napus L.) is a major oleoproteaginous crop which requires high Nitrogen (N) [3] and P inputs and presents a low N and P use efficiencies. Furthermore, little is known concerning rapeseed interactions with soil micro-organisms in relation with P and N availabilities in soils.

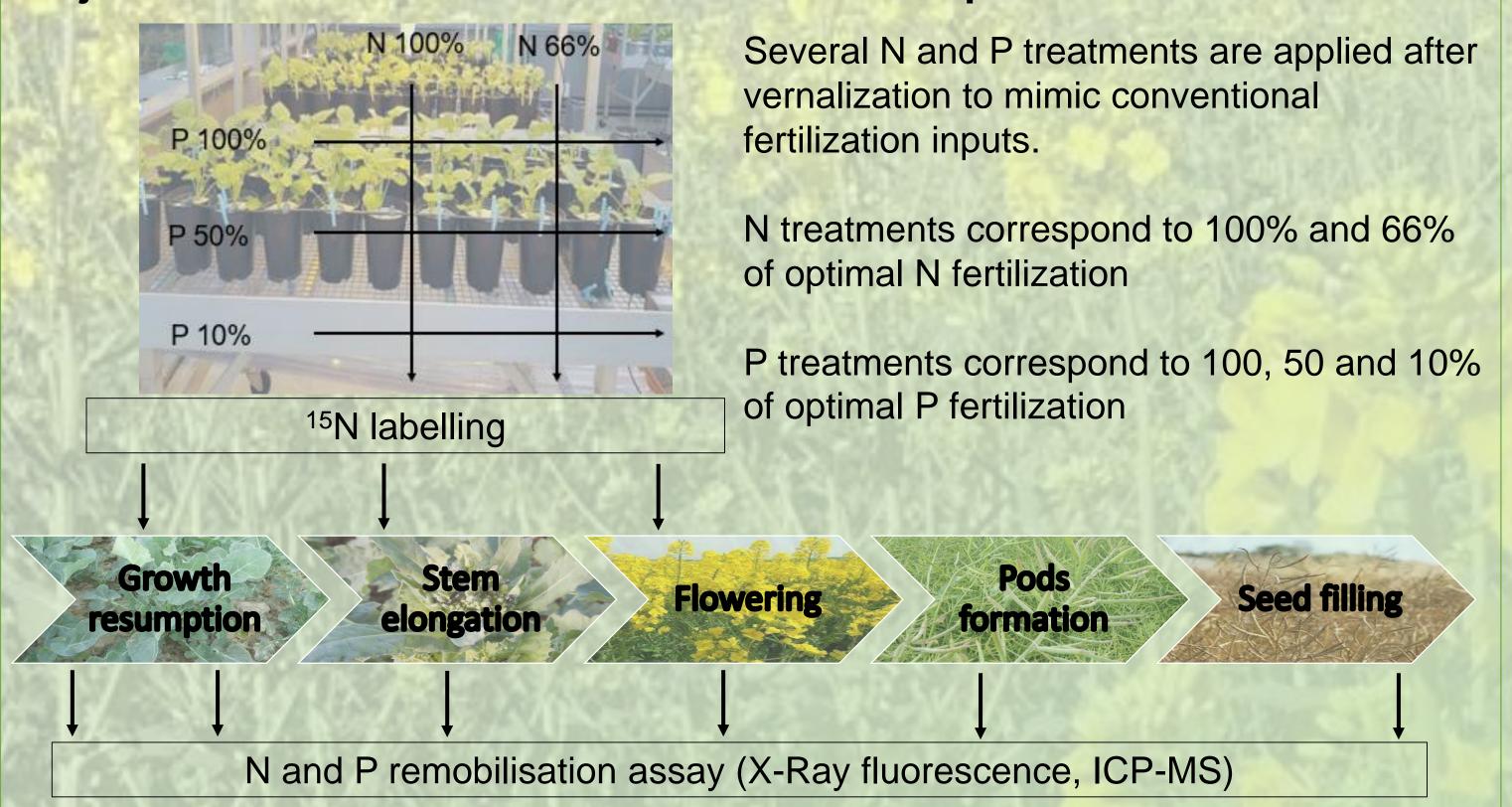
Our hypotheses are: i) Optimisation of P nutrition in rapeseed can enhance P and N use efficiency, ii) Rapeseed can recruit PSM through rhizodeposition iii) Changes in P availability in soils can modify N cycle dynamics.

# Nutrients required for a yield of 35 q/ha<sup>[4]</sup>: **Exported Restituted**



## Objectives, experimental design and preliminary results

### Objective 1: Interactions of N x P nutrition in rapeseed



### **Preliminary results:**

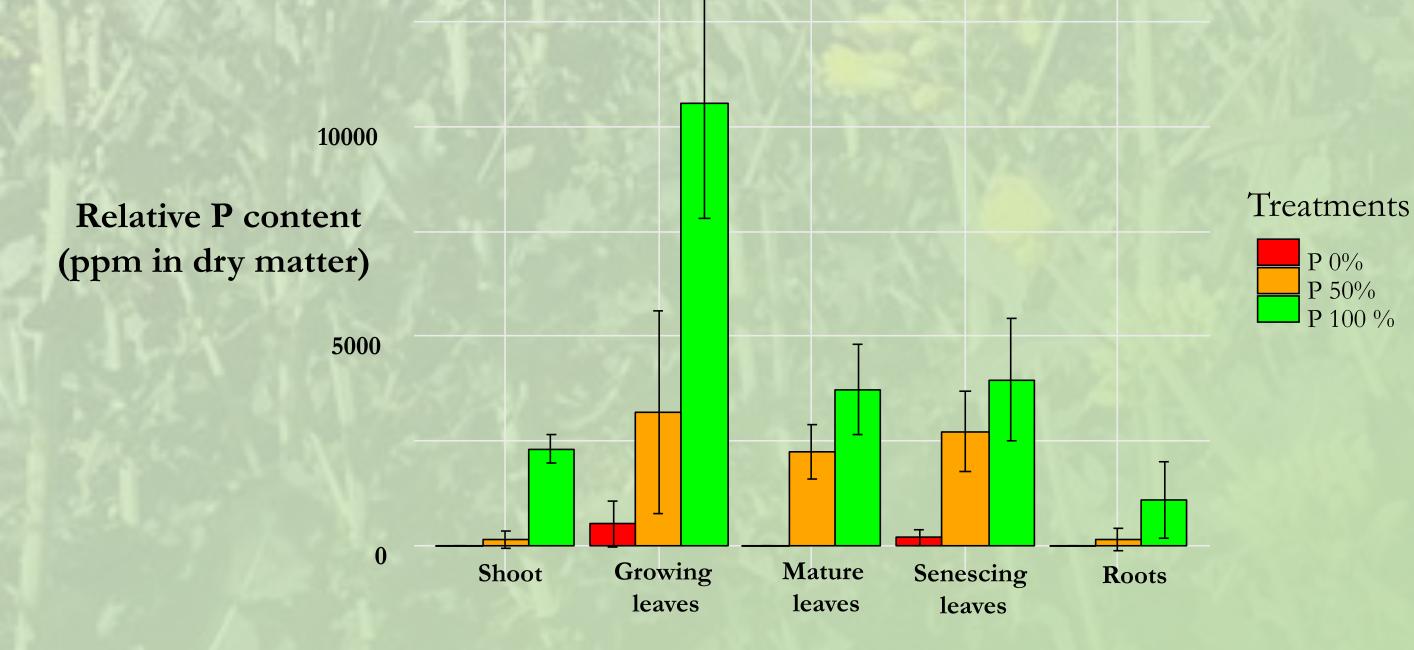
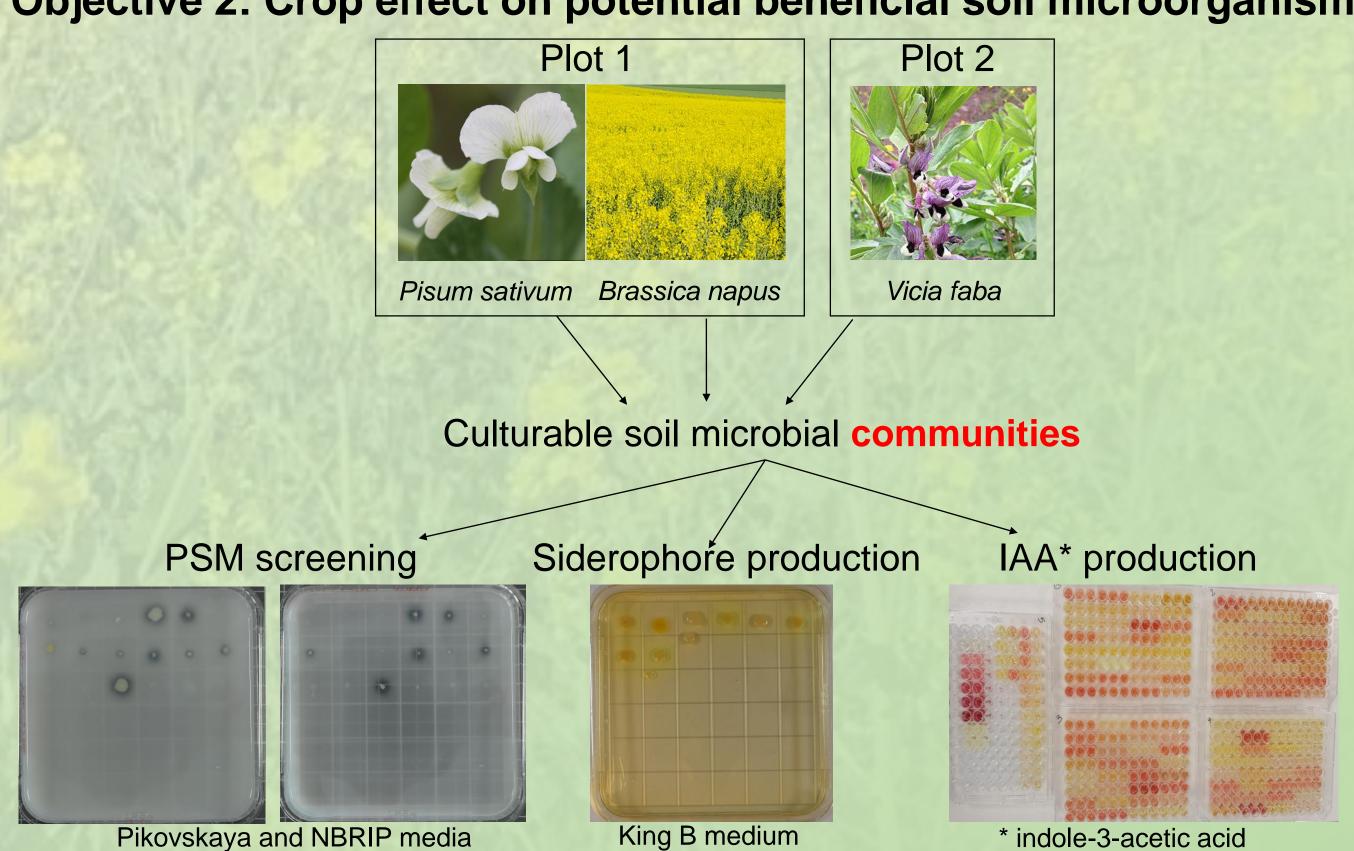


Figure 1: P content in organs of rapeseed at vegetative stage in response to various P treatments. Plants were grown on Hoagland (3,75mM NO<sub>3</sub>) solution. P was measured by X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF)

### Objective 2: Crop effect on potential beneficial soil microorganisms



### **Preliminary results:**

- 299 strains were isolated from soils under winter pea (Pisum sativum), rapeseed (Brassica napus) and faba bean (Vicia faba)
- 166 strains have shown a positive solubilization index
- Positive strains have been tested on (for?) auxin (IAA) production

Table 1: Isolated strains presenting positive solubilization index and potential other growth promoting properties as IAA or siderophore production. PVK = Pikovskaya medium, NBRIP = NBRIP medium. Solubilization index = solubilization halo size / colony size

Crop	Strain	PVK solubilization index	NBRIP solubilization index	IAA production (ng/μL)	siderophore production
Pisum sativum	P21	1,176	1,297	208,400	+
	Pc12	1,000	1,698	97,200	+
Vicia faba	F46	3,674	1,600	76,300	+
	Fc30	1,368	1,314	99,700	-
	Fc48	1,210	1,000	147,600	-
Brassica napus	C17	1,000	1,401	297,126	NA
	C32	1,824	2,540	211,600	NA
	Cc15	1,468	1,885	122,900	NA
	Cc21	1,358	2,711	113,700	NA

# Objective 3: Effect of PSM inoculum on rapeseed growth and N/P cycles PSM

Morphometric and physiological traits Biomass production, root architecture, seed yield P and N efficiencies, changes in P and N fluxes

### Biological soil properties

Real-time PCR analysis:

- Bacterial and fungal biomass
- N-cycling genes: Ammonia monooxygenase : amoA
  - Nitrite reductase : napA, narG, nirK, nirS
- P-cycling genes:
  - phosphatases: phoD, phoN
  - Phytase: appA
  - Organic acid production: gcd
- Bacterial P transporters : pitA, pstS

Abiotic soil properties Soil pH, C N P contents

### Perspectives:

- Quantitative P solubilization and organic acids production assays will be carried out in order to better discriminate PSM under each crop
- Other analyses will be done to test other growth promotion properties of the isolated strains: HCN production, ACC deaminase activity, germination test
- Interesting microorganisms will be then identified by DNA sequencing

