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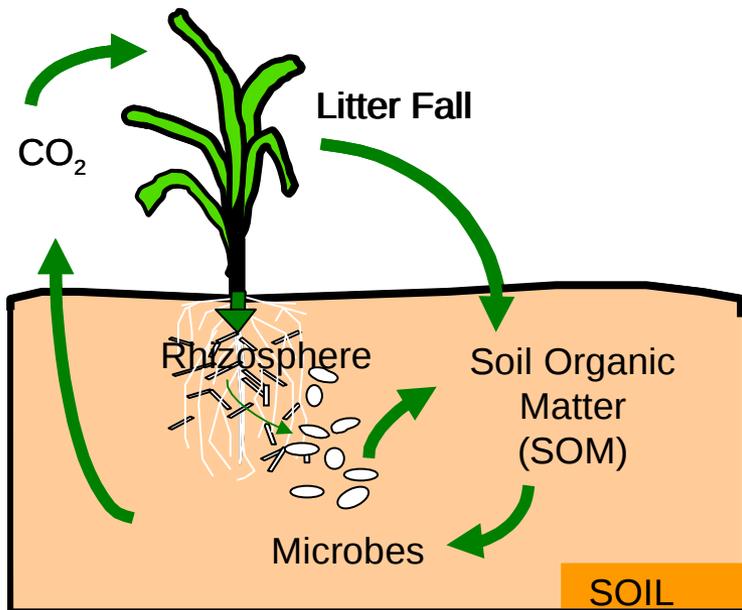
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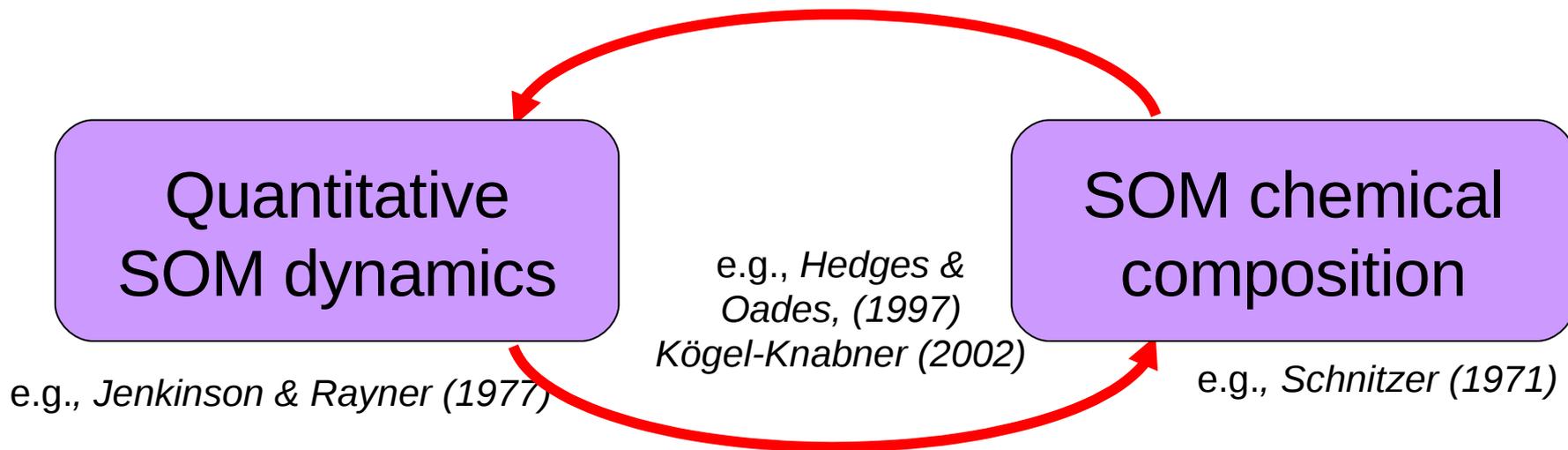
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Organic matter chemistry and dynamics have to be related, in quantitative terms

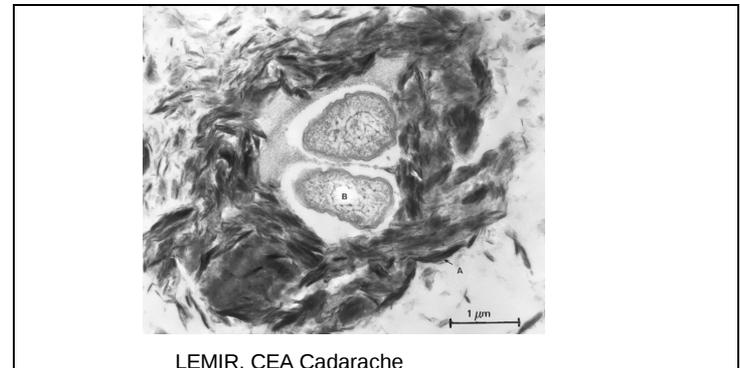
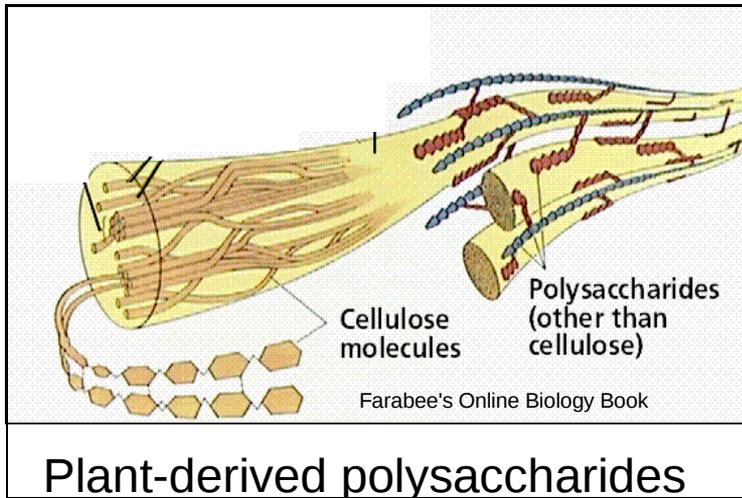
Composition partly controls
the dynamics of bulk C
recalcitrance, mobility, sorption ...



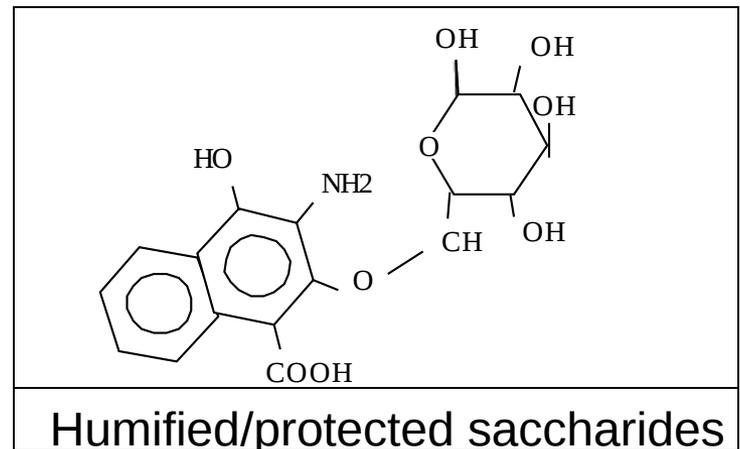
Composition of SOM is not steady
It results from the dynamics of individual compounds and reactions

Carbohydrate in soils

- main input of plant organic matter into soils
- paradoxal fate in soils:
very degradable but still 10 to 20% of organic matter



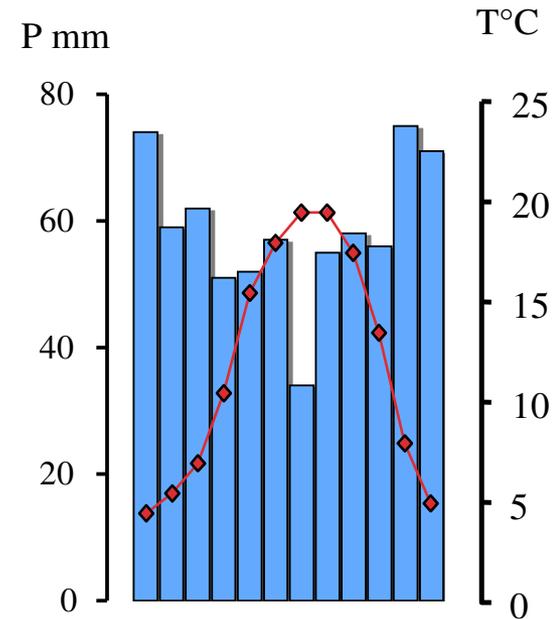
Microbial polysaccharides



Location



Versailles

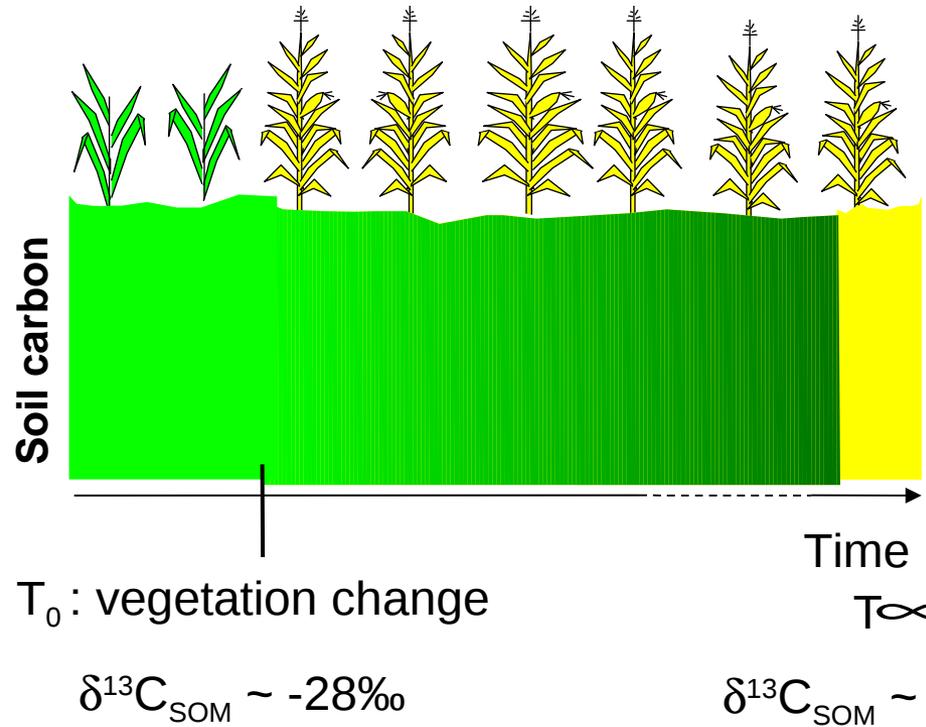


Carbohydrate turn-over

Carbohydrate turnover : Isotopic tools : The natural ^{13}C labelling of SOC

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ wheat = -28‰

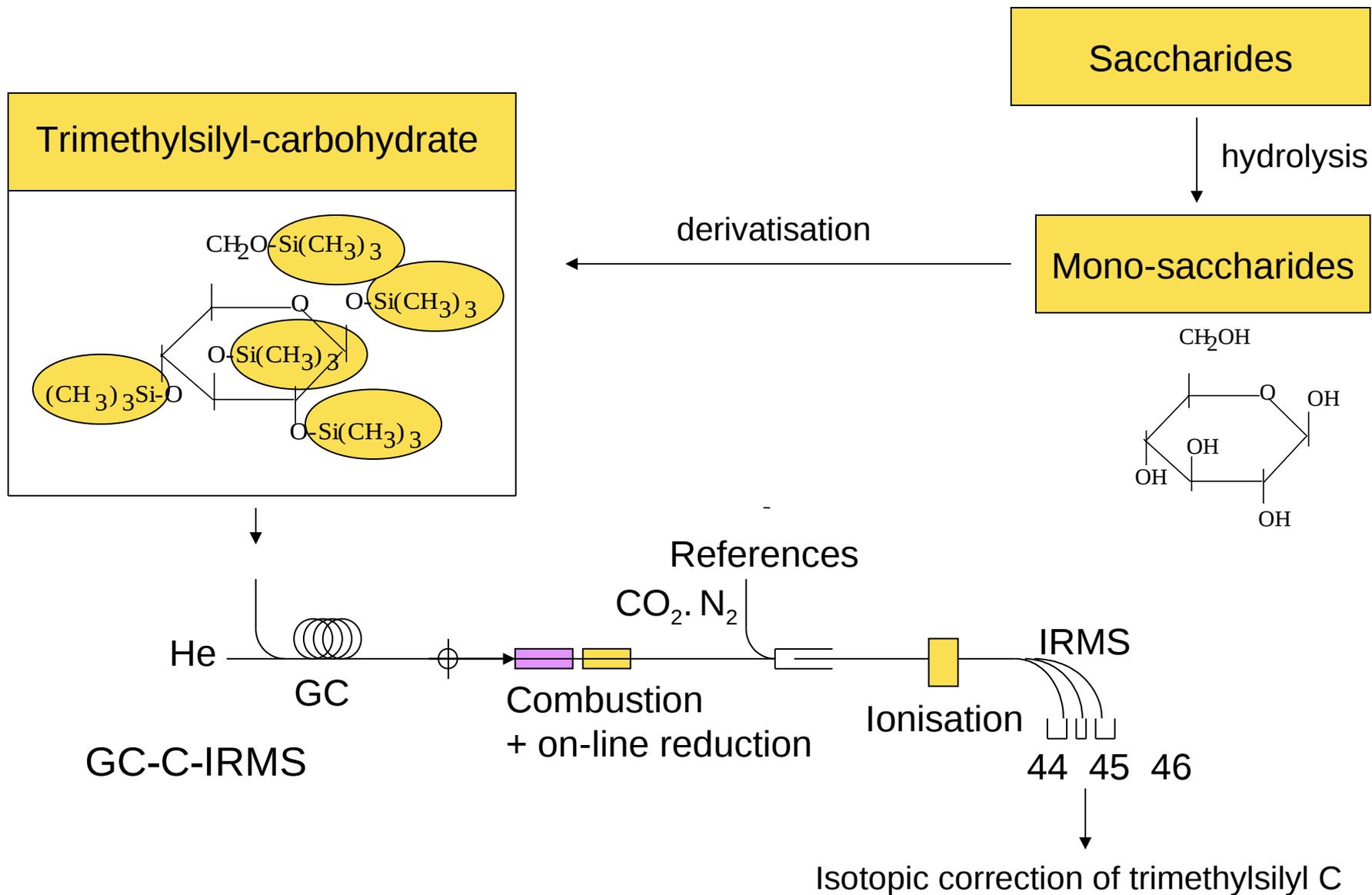
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ maize = -12‰



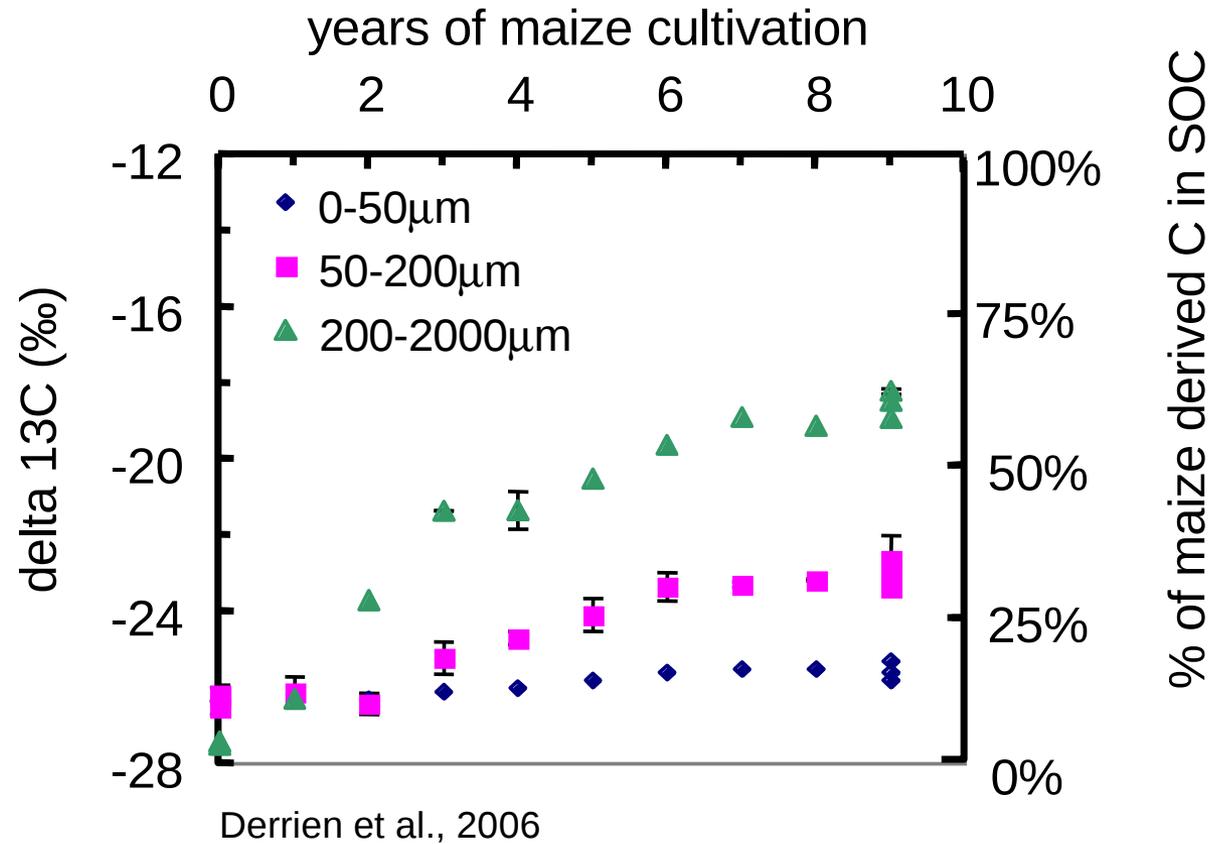
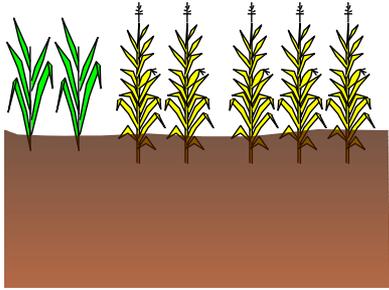
Balesdent & Mariotti, 1996

$$\frac{\text{Maize-derived}}{\text{C}_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{maize_plot}} - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{wheat_plot}}}{\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{maize}} - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{wheat}}}$$

Carbohydrate turnover : A method to quantify ^{13}C in neutral carbohydrate



Carbohydrate turnover : Bulk SOC turnover

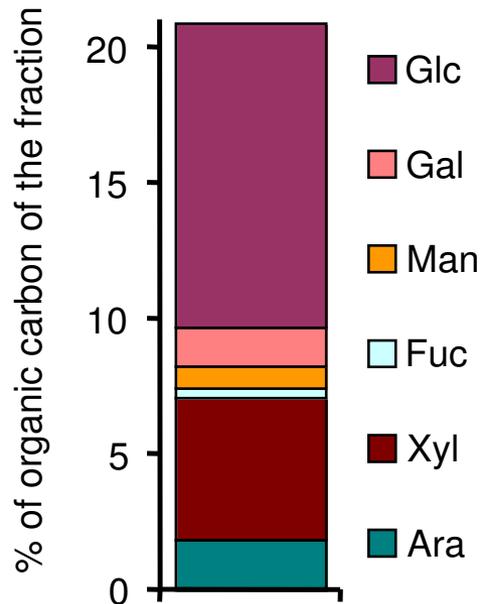


The coarse fractions incorporated maize-derived C more quickly than the fine fraction

Carbohydrate turnover :

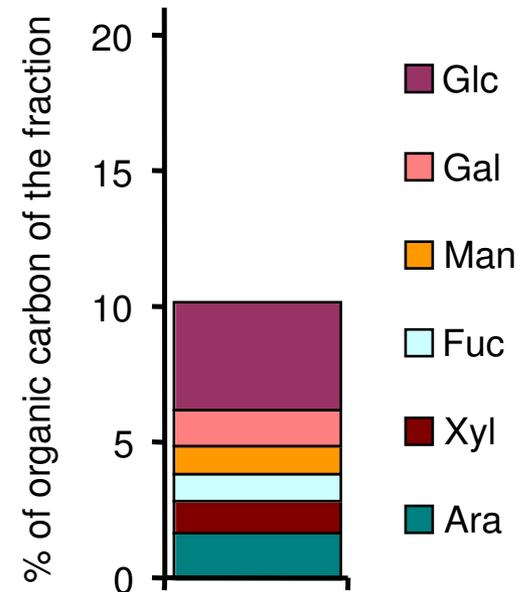
Individual sugar distribution in particle-size fractions

Particle-size fraction 200-2000 μm



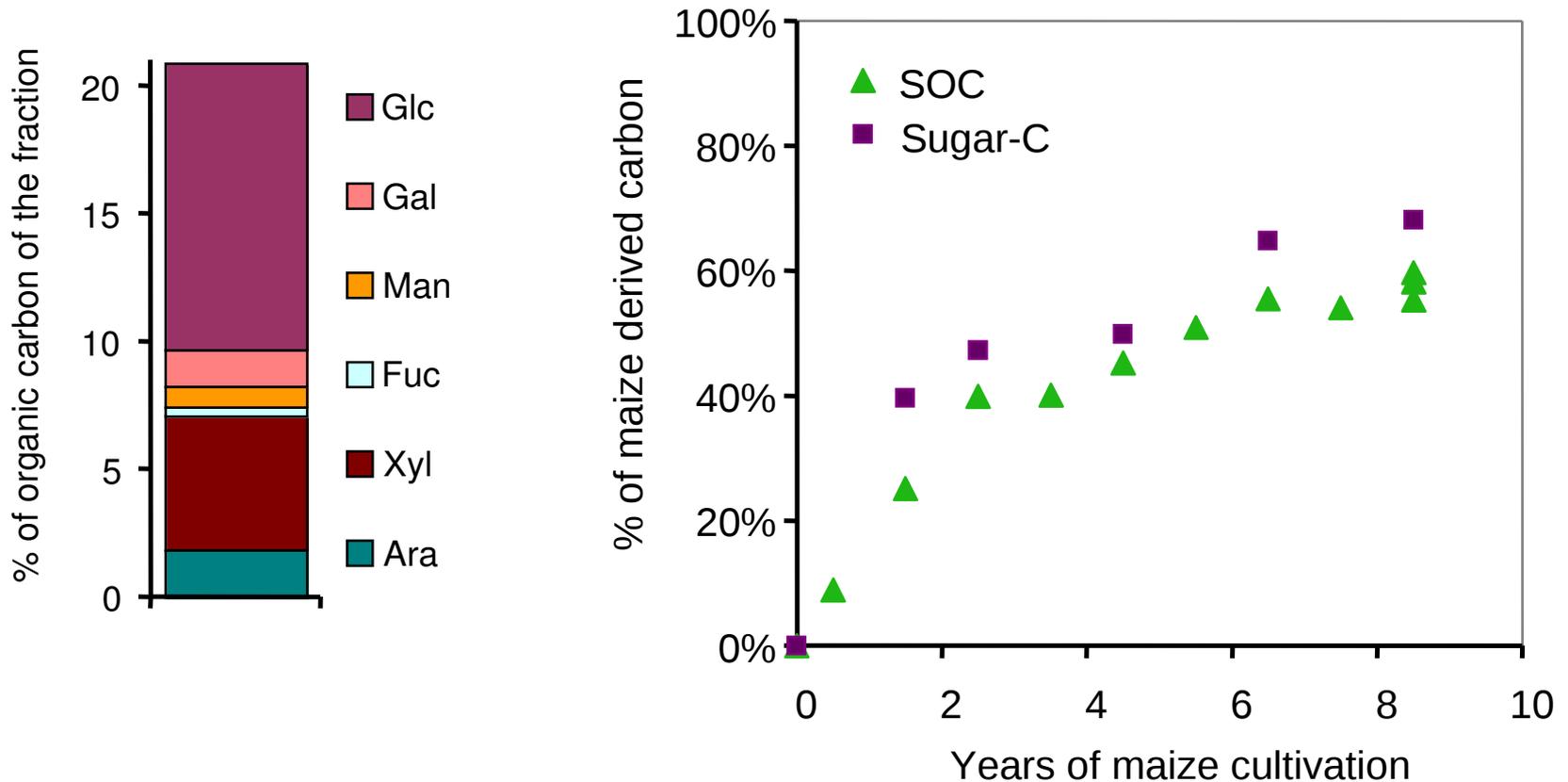
Dominance of plant carbohydrates

Particle-size fraction 0-50 μm



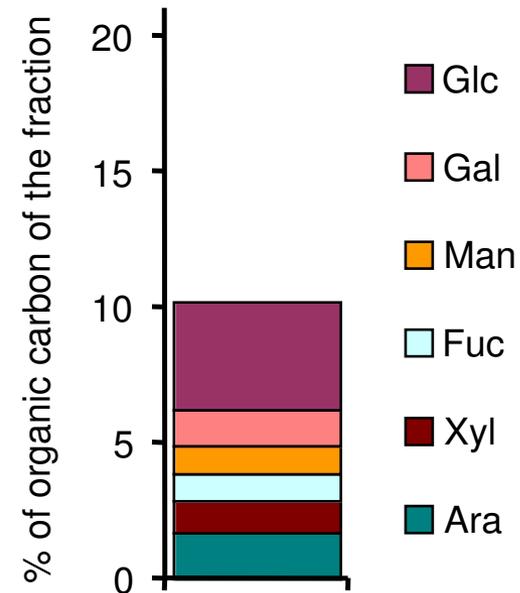
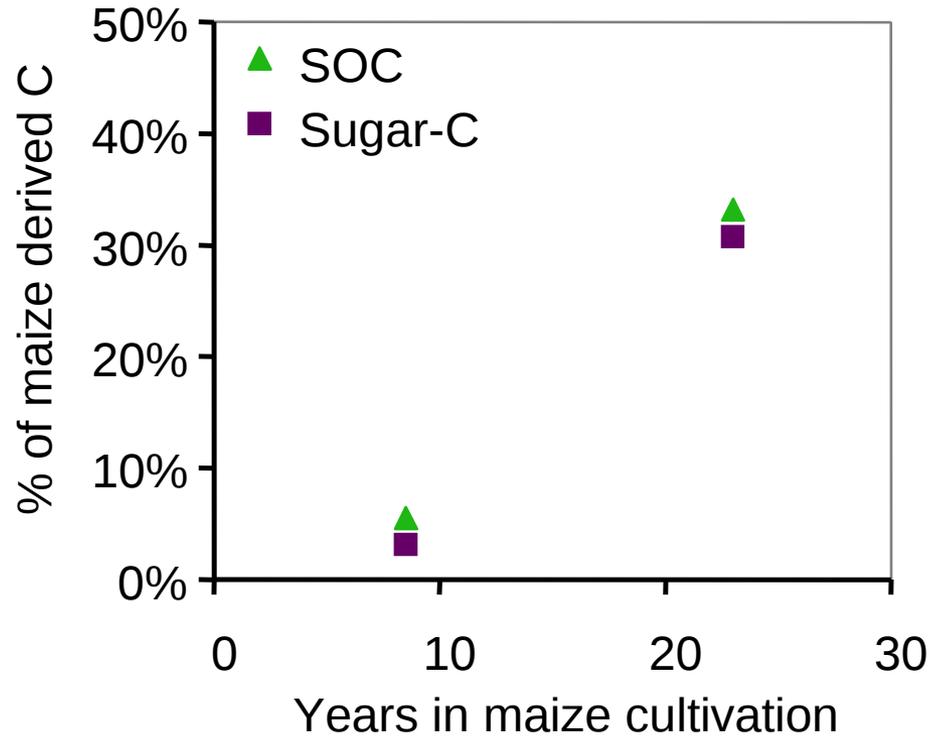
Increasing contribution of microbial carbohydrates

Carbohydrate turnover : Particle-size fraction 200-2000 μm



In coarse fractions, the incorporation of maize-C in sugar is almost the same than in bulk OC, a bit faster

Carbohydrate turnover : Particle-size fraction 0-50 μm



In fine fractions, incorporation of maize derived-C is very similar in bulk OC and in sugar.

Carbohydrate turnover :

**In both particle-size fractions,
carbohydrate-C seems to have the same
turnover, so the same age, than bulk SOC**

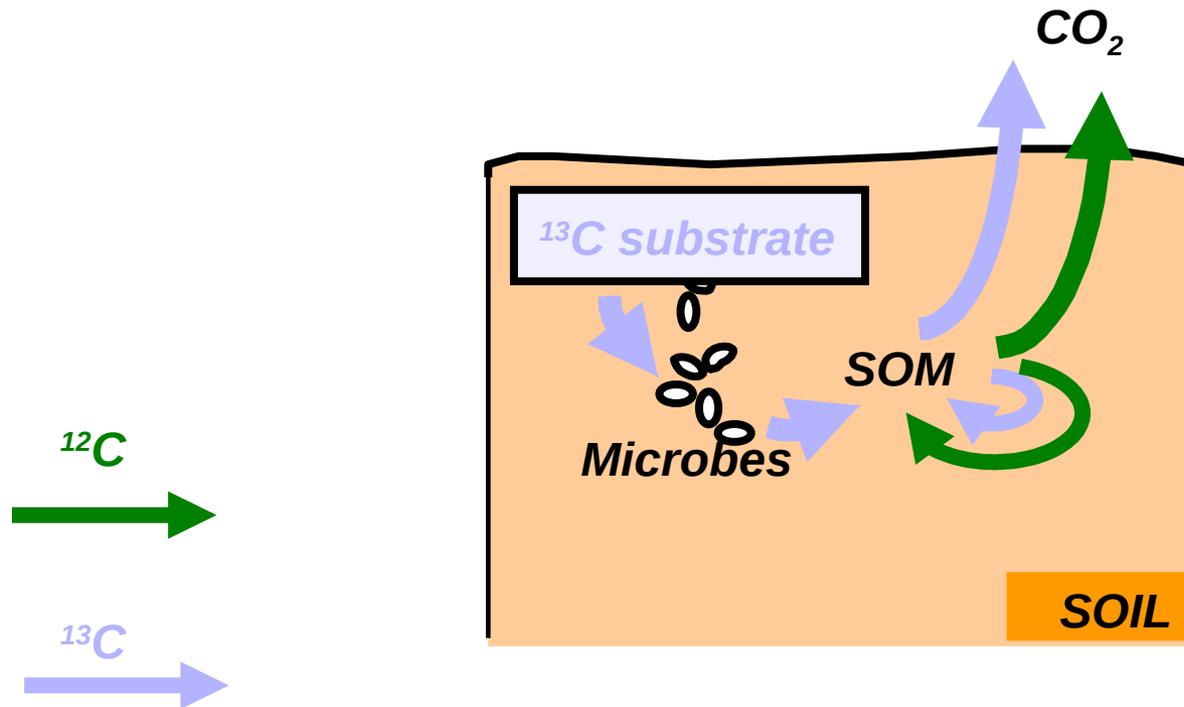
But sugar is labile, isn't it ?

- Or chemical and physical protection of carbohydrate
- Or microbial carbohydrate produced from old organic matter
- Or active recycling of microbial products

Microbial biosyntheses of carbohydrate

Quantification of microbial sugar biosyntheses?
Effect of substrate quality ?

Microbial biosyntheses of carbohydrate : Labelling procedure



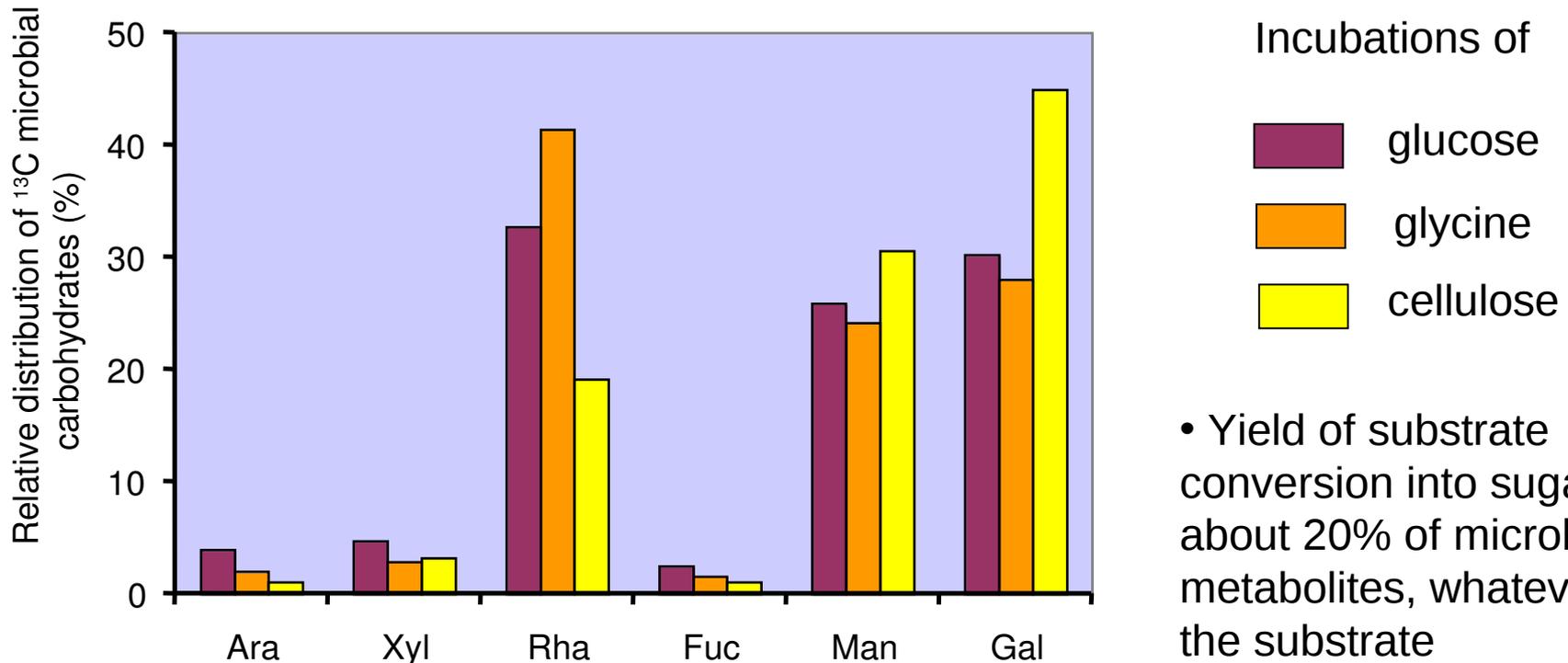
Short term incubations of labelled substrates:

^{13}C -glucose. ^{13}C -cellulose. ^{13}C -glycine

Microbial biosyntheses of carbohydrate : Influence of substrate quality

Incubations on the same cambisol

glucose. glycine: 15 days; cellulose: 1 month
substrate-C= 4% SOC



- Very similar distributions of biosynthesized sugars (glucose contribution removed)

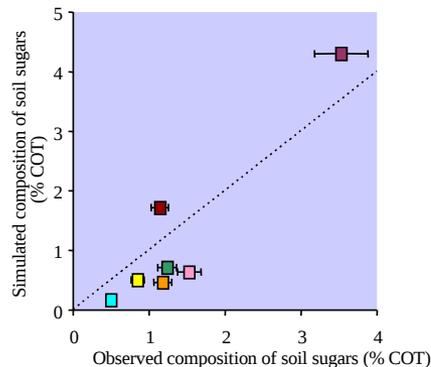
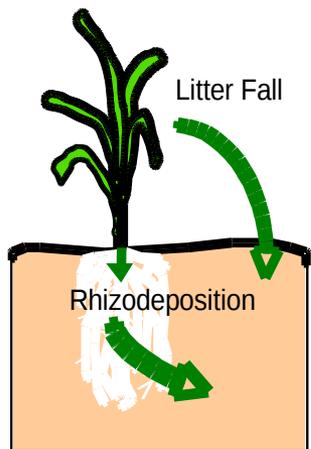
Microbial sugar production relatively independant on substrate quality

Modelling. A way to explain experimental data on carbohydrate dynamics

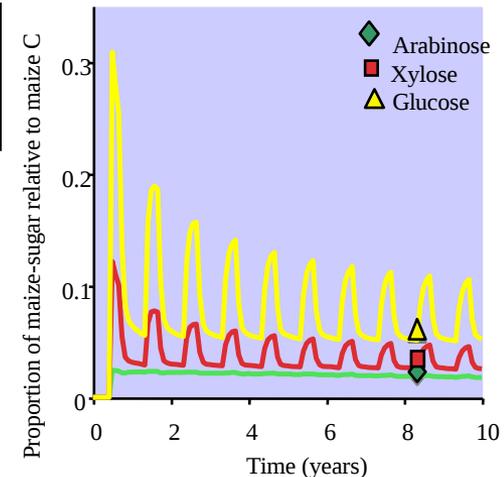
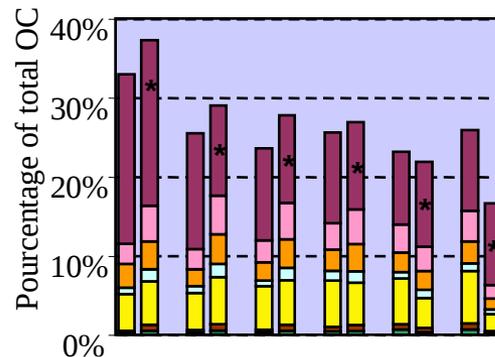
Plant input

SOM composition at steady state

9 year chronosequence of wheat-maize conversion

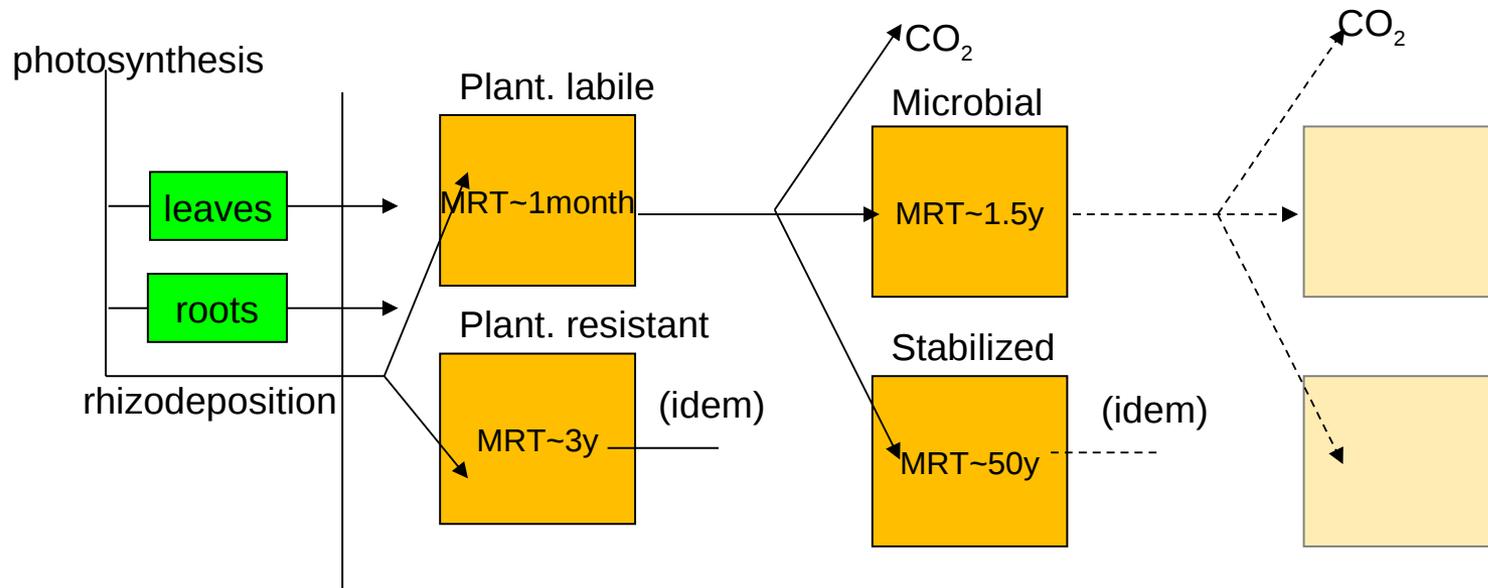


Incubations experiments

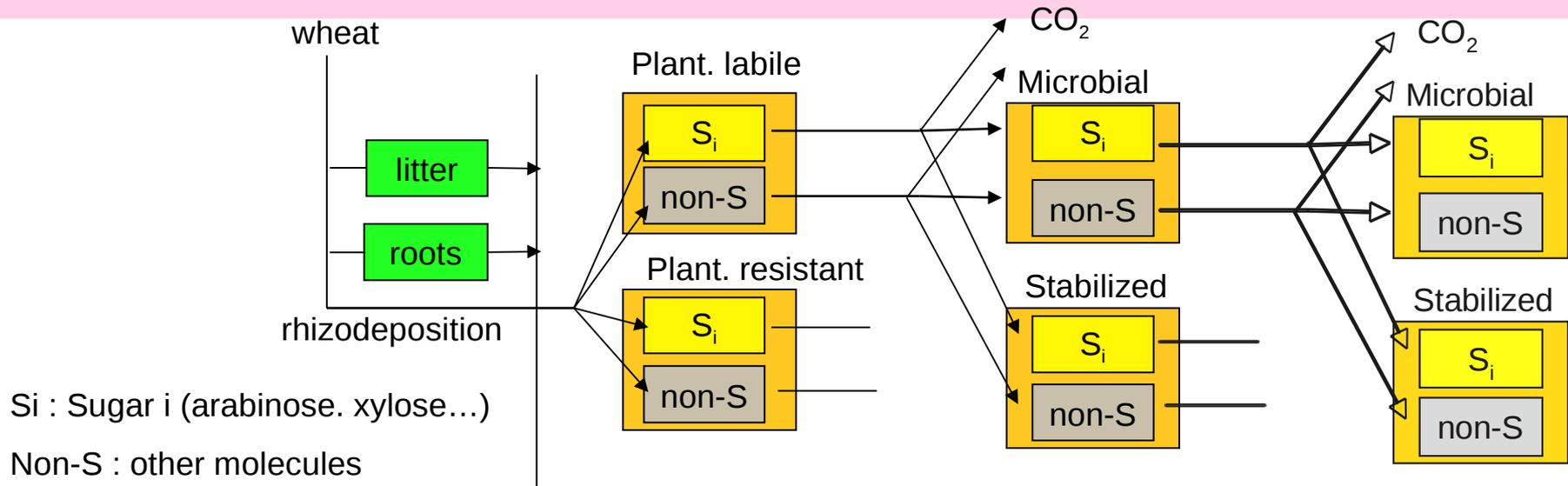


An example of representation of bulk C dynamics : the Roth C model (Jenkinson & Rayner, 1977)

A model of sugar-C dynamics respecting the frame of the RothC model

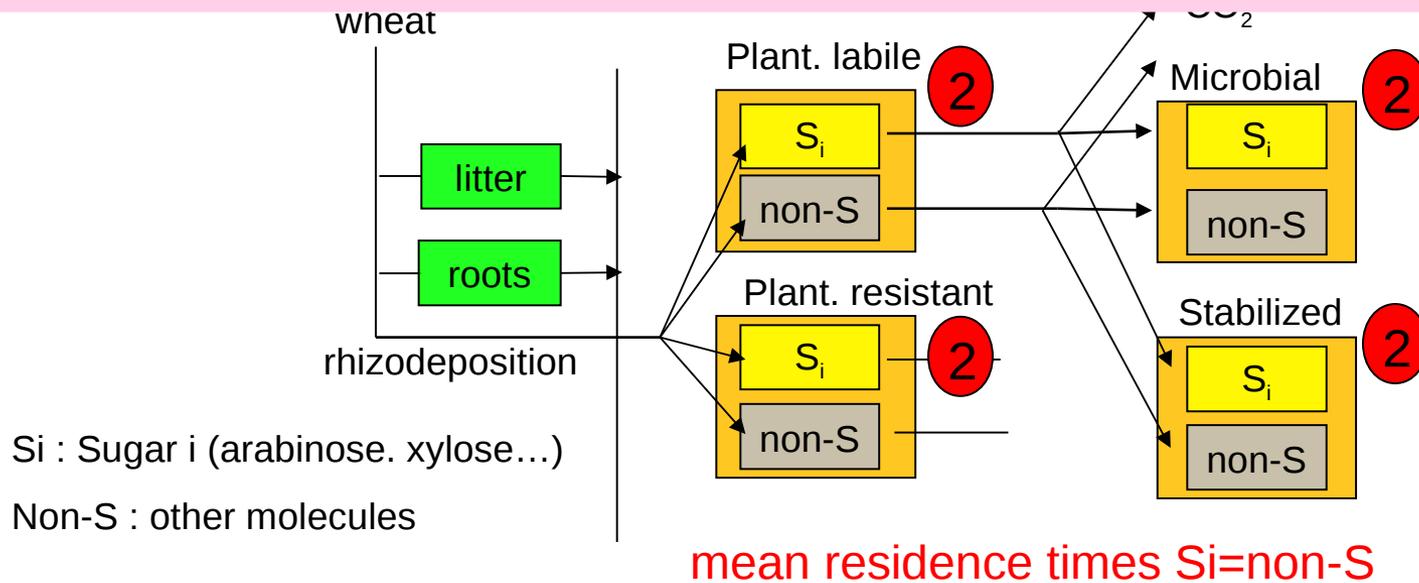


Model of sugar-C dynamics: Structure of the model



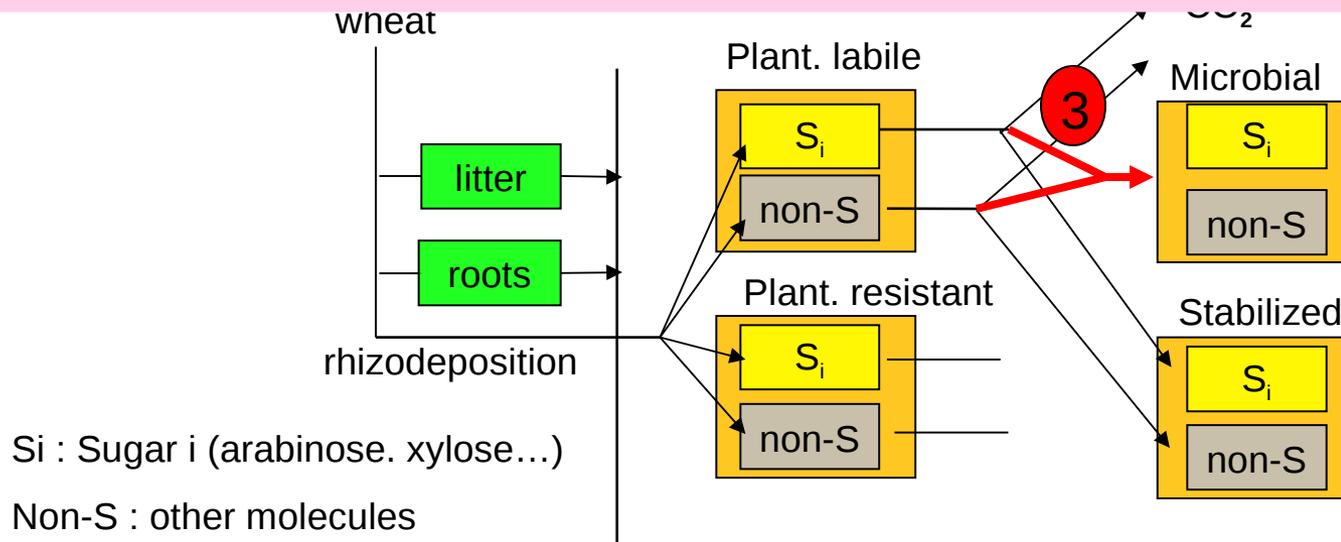
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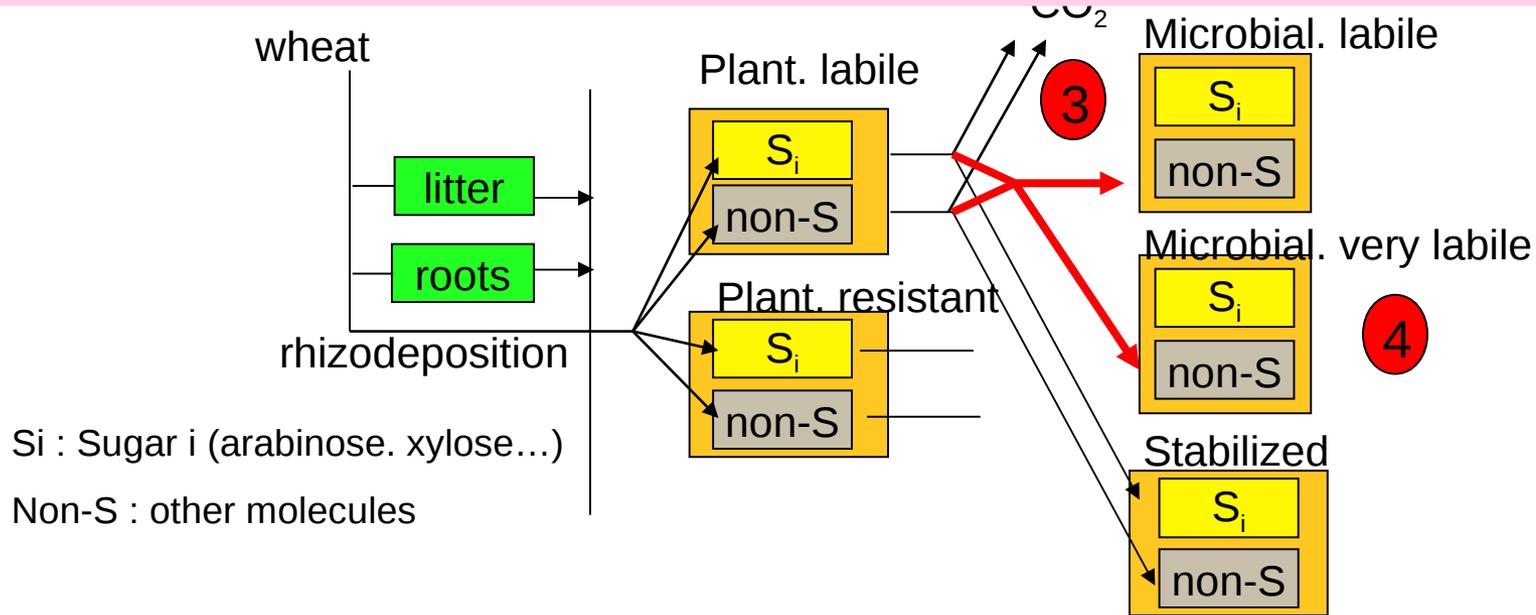
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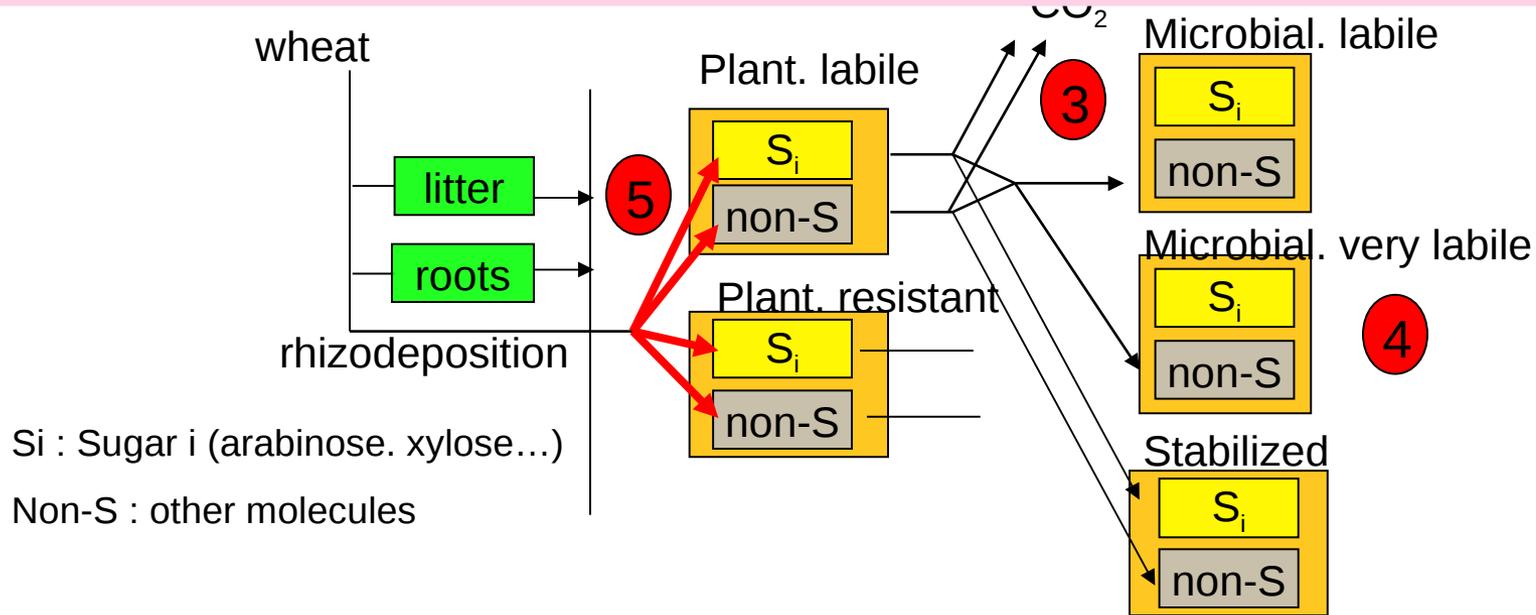
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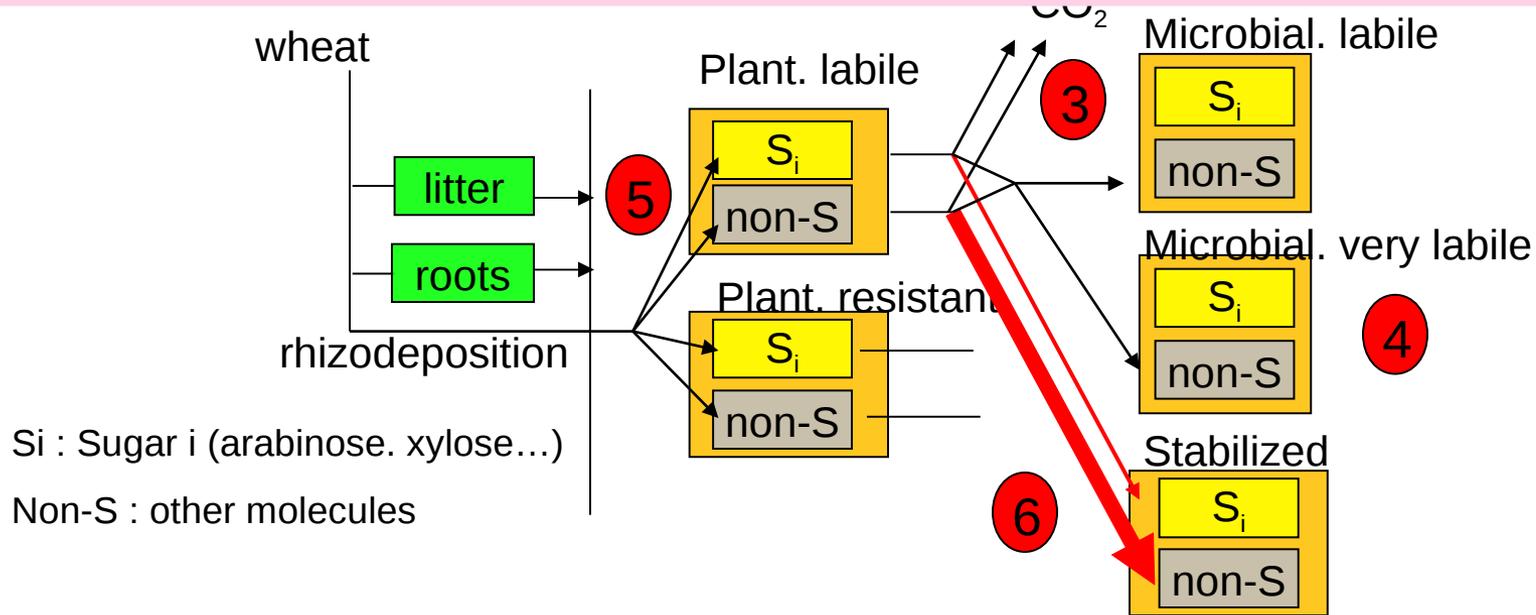
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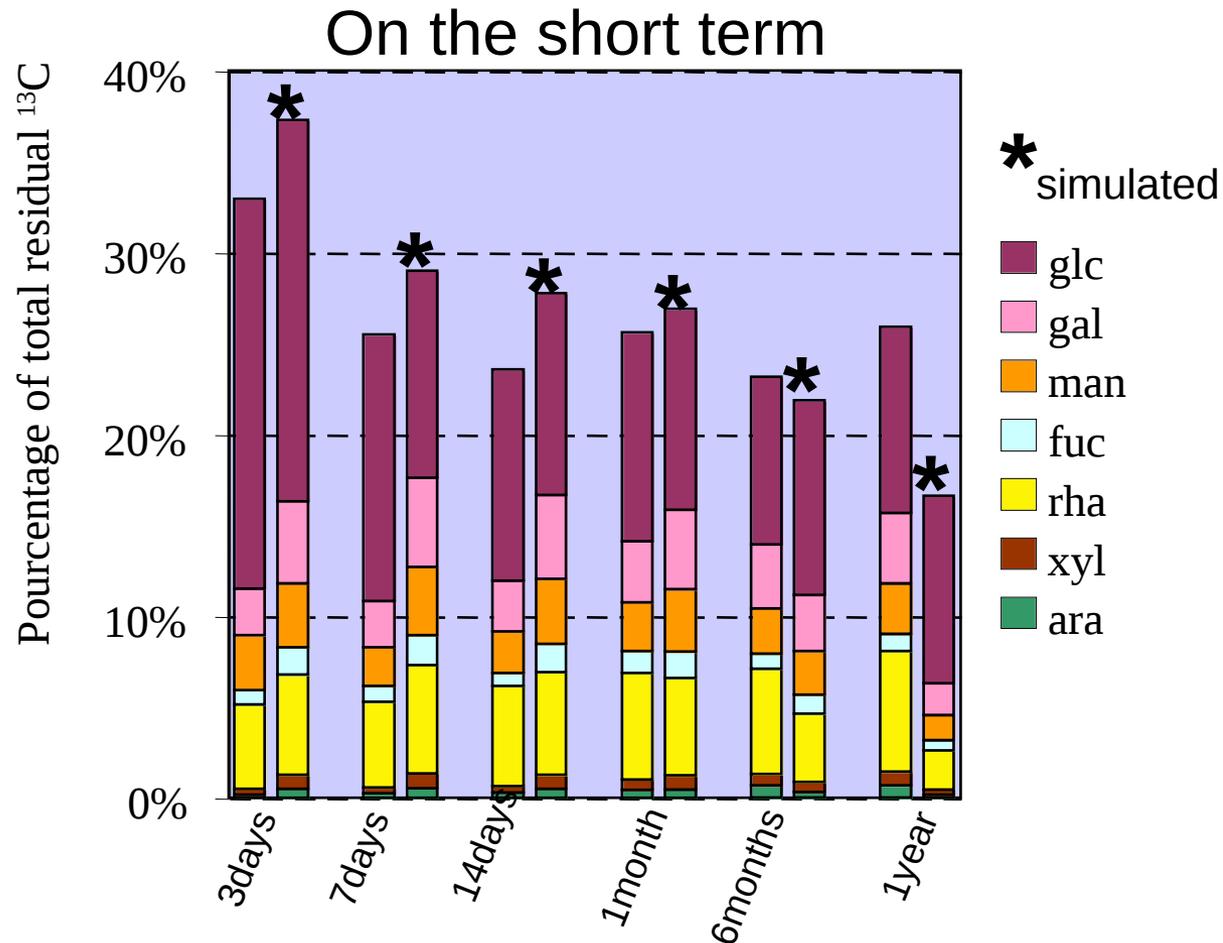
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6. Sugars less stabilized than other molecules

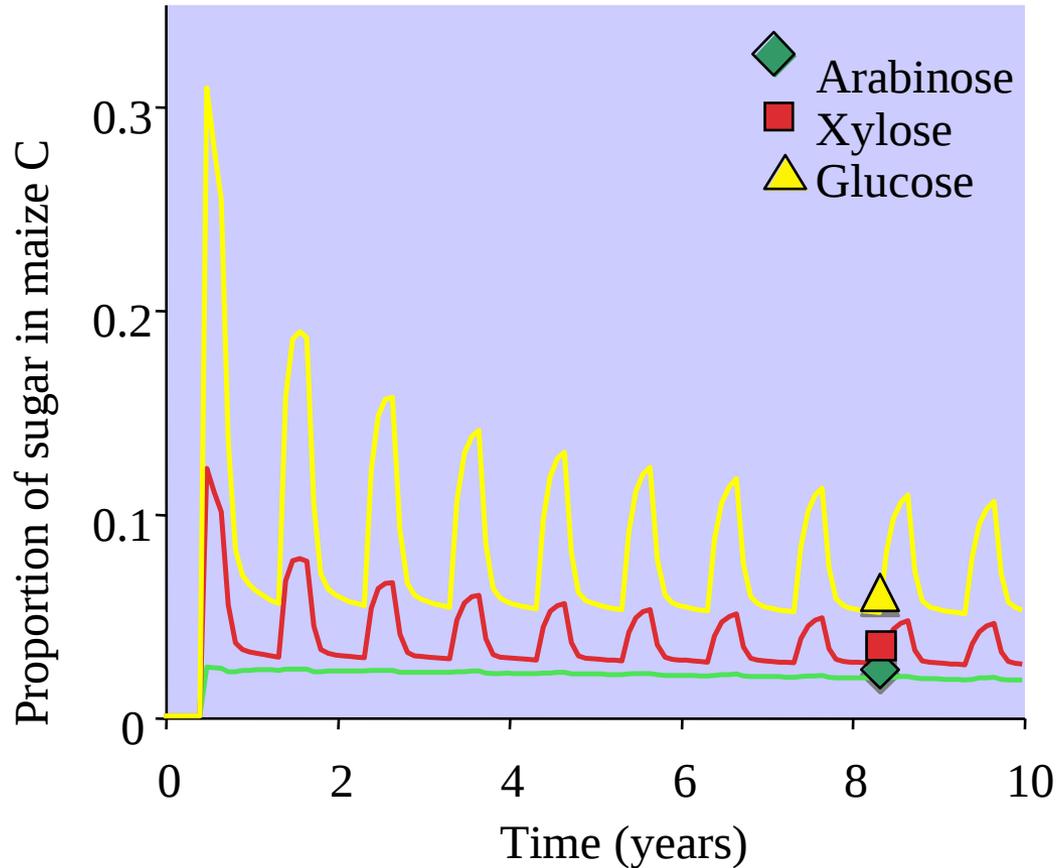
Model of sugar-C dynamics: Fit to observed data



- Good simulations of microbial biosyntheses from glucose substrate
- Good simulation of the fate of the microbial metabolites
- But after one year, rhamnose amount underestimated : selective preservation

Model of sugar-C dynamics: Fit to observed data

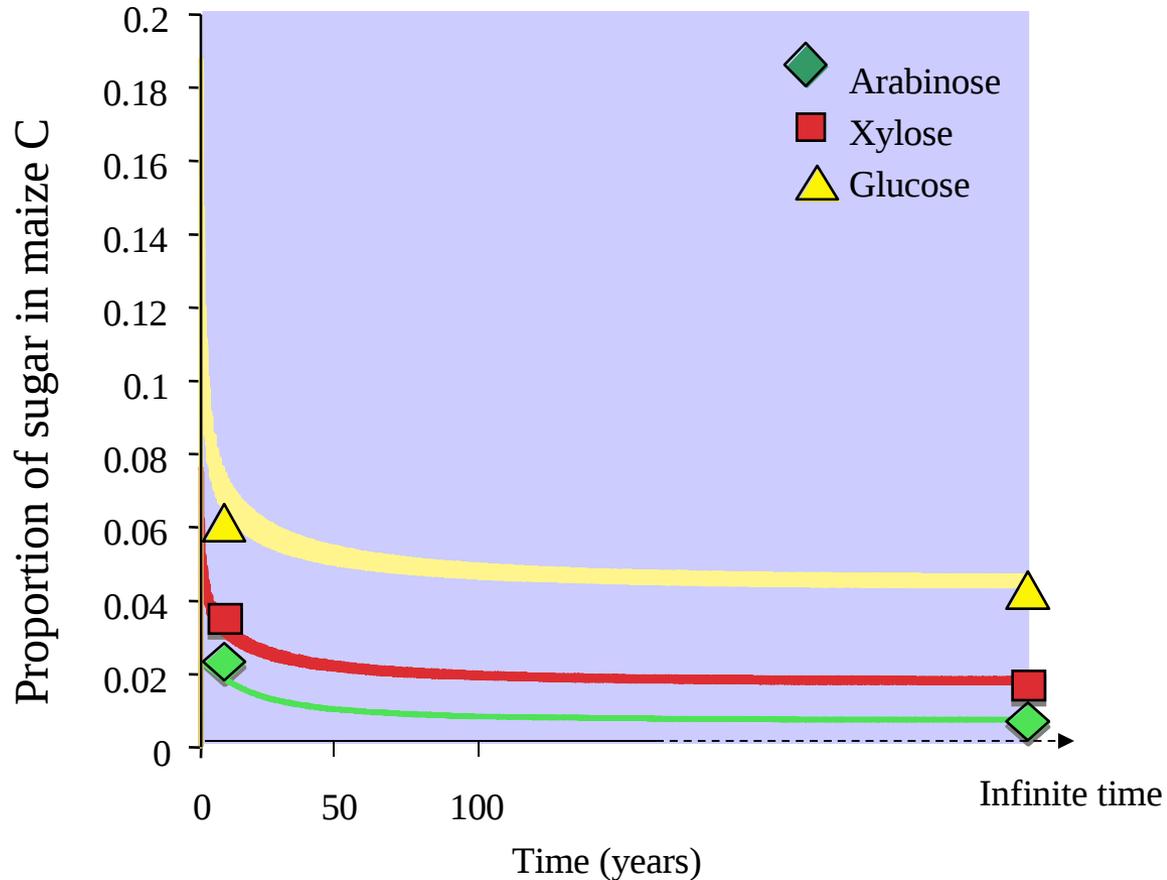
On the long term



Nice simulation of the proportion of carbohydrate in maize derived C after 9 years of maize cultivation

Model of sugar-C dynamics: Fit to observed data

On the very long term



At infinite time, the simulation gives results that fit nicely the sugar composition at steady-state

The paradox of carbohydrate in soils

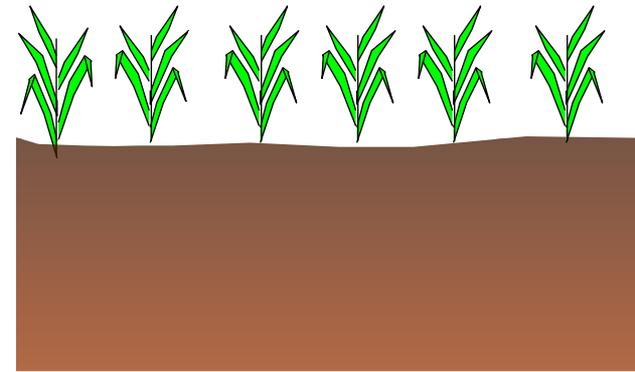
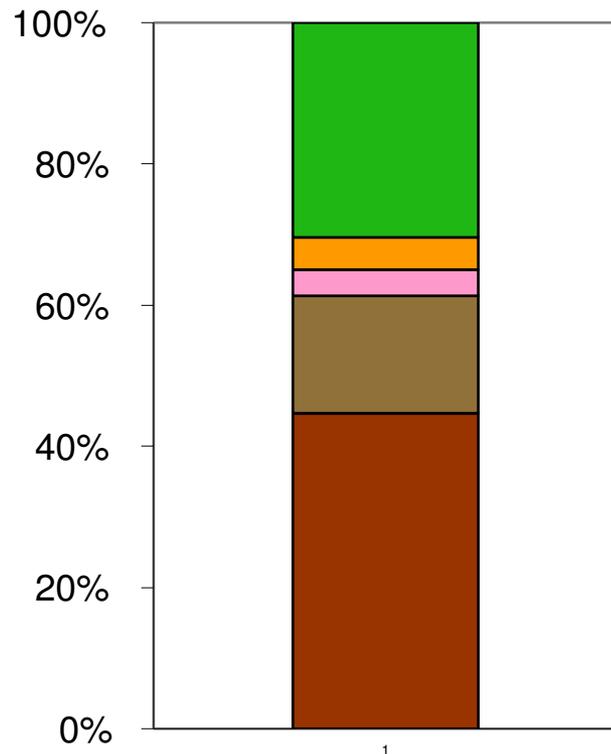
How to conciliate lability and large amounts of old carbohydrate ?

- chemical and physical protection of carbohydrate
- microbial carbohydrate produced from old organic matter
- active recycling of microbial products

Model of sugar-C dynamics:

Simulations

Distribution of sugar-C in the field cultivated in wheat for a very long time

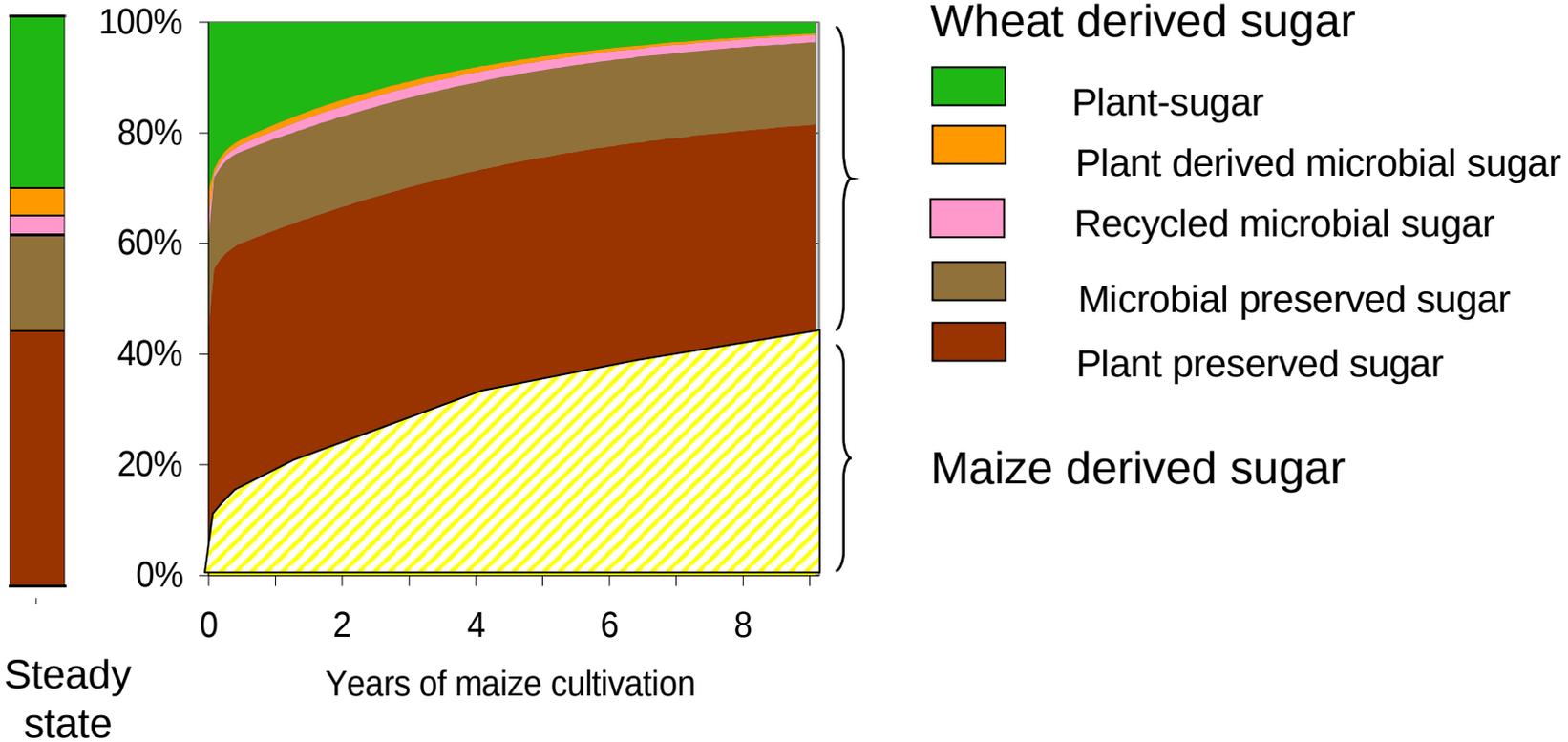


-  Plant-sugar
-  Plant derived microbial sugar
-  Recycled microbial sugar
-  Microbial preserved sugar
-  Plant preserved sugar

Model of sugar-C dynamics:

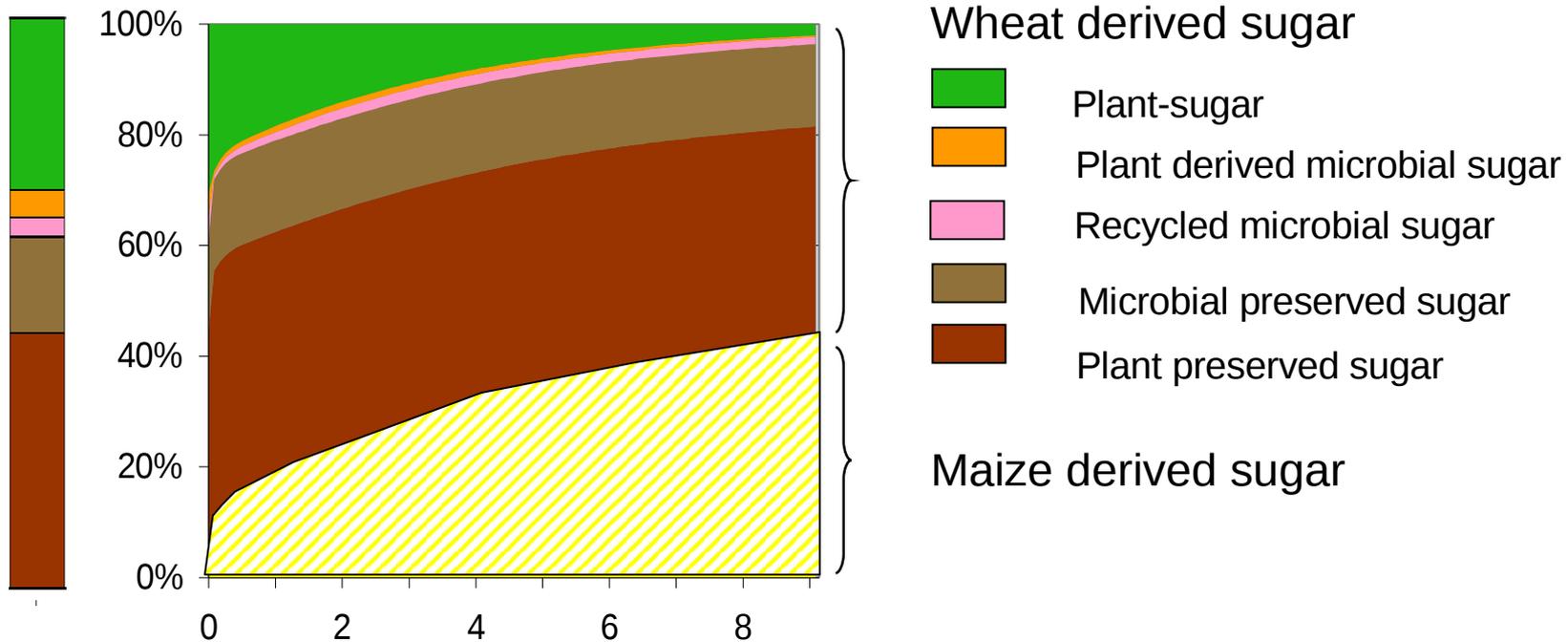
Simulations

Distribution of wheat derived sugar-C
after change in vegetation (from wheat to maize)



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- **Chemical and physical protection of wheat carbohydrate**
- microbial carbohydrate produced from old wheat organic matter
- active recycling of wheat derived microbial products

Conclusions, perspectives

Interest / limits of the model

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- Describes the amount and ages of sugars
- Describes a molecular composition of SOM changing with time

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- Only a description of monomers, not of molecules
- Inert pool non-quantified

This model coupling chemistry and dynamics of SOM is very promising and offers new ways to understand carbon dynamics in soils

Perspectives

Improve the model and validate
in other places

Apply this modelling approach
to other compounds

		DPM	RPM	BIO1	BIO2	HUM	IOM	DPM	RPM	BIO1	BIO2	HUM	IOM	DPM	RPM	BIO1	BIO2	HUM	IOM	DPM	RPM	BIO1	BIO2	HUM	IOM	DPM	RPM	BIO1
		ga	ga	ga	ga	ga	ga	bu	bu	bu	bu	bu	bu	zo	zo	zo	zo	zo	zo	meu	meu	meu	meu	meu	meu	meu	meu	meu
		class A	class B	classC	glass	gloss	klaasK	class A	class B	classC	glass	gloss	klaasK	class A	class B	classC	glass	gloss	klaasK	class A	class B	classC	glass	gloss	klaasK	class A	class B	classC
DPM	ga	class A			0,155	0,995	0,5249	0,4492			0,6359	0,9427	0,7591	0	0,0673	0,2275	0,8984	0,3793	0,6748	0,0788	0,1311	0,4861	0,4243					
RPM	ga	class B			0,1492	0,2598	0,8669	0,6556			0,6462	0,6929	0,9023	0,8508	0,7708	0,2471	0,2853	0,7877	0,1693	0,3935	0,3419	0,3448	0,1913					
BIO1	ga	classC	0,4992	0,2943		0,6274	0,7846	0,9672	0,2114	0,9129	0,4192	0,881	0,8499	0,2207	0,8623	0,5254	0,1462	0,91	0,6515	0,1572	0,0873	0,2762	0,166					
BIO2	ga	glass	0,6305	0,1069	0,2917		0,9251	0,6664	0,0556	0,8225	0,0367	0,3741	0,7551	0,688	0,3882	0,3587	0,0504	0,4525	0,4769	0,6314	0,1964	0,3051	0,5938					
HUM	ga	gloss	0,6961	0,5326	0,7831	0,5236		0,5303	0,8746	0,6396	0,1101	0,2347	0,7388	0,3547	0,9115	0,9425	0,1033	0,8912	0,8988	0,6785	0,6567	0,2006	0,9182					
IOM	ga	klaasK	0,9968	0,8944	0,9795	0,5341	0,4348		0,2678	0,7442	0,8812	0,1006	0,5182	0,9737	0,6457	0,05	0,1294	0,6313	0,8028	0,9869	0,6509	0,242	0,6591					
DPM	bu	class A	0,5808	0,8355	0,1643	0,2785	0,8646	0,8939			0,3644	0,7692	0,5615	0,7328	0,7191	0,2227	0,2793	0,4666	0,3416	0,2823	0,4186	0,6249	0,4308					
RPM	bu	class B	0,2194	0,2687	0,4244	0,9778	0,7853	0,4194	0,2688		0,8161	0,4997	0,3258	0,0426	0,9578	0,9355	0,5646	0,5643	0,835	0,6939	0,336	0,7744	0,3519	0,5352				
BIO1	bu	classC	0,1328	0,2571	0,5723	0,6899	0,3559	0,0081	0,7161	0,1695		0,1933	0,2266	0,776	0,996	0,096	0,8859	0,5383	0,2559	0,1359	0,1443	0,5949	0,0382	0,289				
BIO2	bu	glass	0,0821	0,9499	0,0465	0,6277	0,6511	0,0641	0,1918	0,719	0,3764	0,4498	0,3962	0,7201	0,5159	0,6026	0,9898	0,7096	0,7032	0,9068	0,583	0,4016	0,889					
HUM	bu	gloss	0,8186	0,9584	0,5177	0,8501	0,964	0,5087	0,6956	0,2959	0,6604	0,3574	0,7084	0,9532	0,3067	0,6925	0,9346	0,8183	0,0338	0,5757	0,0743	0,8767	0,3684					
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BIO1	zo	classC	0,2496	0,4733	0,3538	0,6003	0,6873	0,9542	0,7656	0,2113	0,4451	0,7082	0,522	0,3002	0,7353	0,5614	0,0369	0,8705	0,5767	0,6844	0,2435	0,1079	0,64					
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HUM	zo	gloss	0,5359	0,5448	0,8825	0,8641	0,1376	0,999	0,7331	0,4136	0,6112	0,4269	0,2884	0,0432	0,8988	0,3872	0,9605	0,2722	0,2636	0,8612	0,0132	0,9894	0,6377					
IOM	zo	klaasK	0,4931	0,6714	0,6956	0,3979	0,8453	0,6676	0,6722	0,5967	0,6761	0,3091	0,9862	0,7191	0,2282	0,1253	0,5977	0,2493	0,2498	0,9947	0,1496	0,5764	0,7733					
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IOM	meu	klaasK	0,2072	0,1217	0,088	0,9547	0,4428	0,6673	0,745	0,9096	0,6859	0,8916	0,6698	0,2488	0,0105	0,6357	0,1006	0,4031	0,7344	0,6509	0,0042	0,9881	0,1259					
DPM	ni	class A	0,7111	0,1271		0,3662	0,5191	0,5951	0,3186	0,8001	0,1127	0,1467	0,157	0,2137	0,1472	0,1316	0,6646	0,8161	0,7602	0,0017	0,563	0,9159	0,8832					
RPM	ni	class B	0,0903	0,3154	0,5108	0,7176	0,408	0,474	0,773	0,79	0,72	0,753	0,705	0,019	0,438	0,3107	0,34	0,616	0,217	0,393	0,0447	0,3379	0,3749					
BIO1	ni	classC	0,8278	0,5187	0,6079	0,926	0,9504	0,5237	0,8836	0,4351	0,4485	0,1908	0,558	0,5736	0,240	0,037	0,009	0,175	0,5744	0,45	0,0908	0,8276						
BIO2	ni	glass	0,6685	0,6083	0,6032	0,33	0,75	0,269	0,28	0,937	0,72	0,8897	0,23	0,700	0,371	0,756	0,425	0,911	0,77	0,8039	0,9281	0,3913	0,3226					
HUM	ni	gloss	0,9831	0,6281	0,8537	0,7737	0,5754	0,2611	0,6354	0,3226	0,8455	0,26	0,9566	0,3444	0,6744	0,5156	0,0846	0,2093	0,4326	0,8694	0,5416	0,2724	0,8135					
IOM	ni	klaasK	0,436	0,5905	0,3712	0,0457	0,8187	0,2024	0,3075	0,0891	0,1831	0,5371	0,3418	0,7986	0,8237	0,476	0,5841	0,225	0,9031	0,1929	0,6626	0,5428	0,0041					
DPM	ga	class A	0,833	0,0685	0,1325	0,9067	0,0959	0,2749	0,7192	0,9219	0,628	0,1222	0,4284	0,208	0,9672	0,343	0,1401	0,838	0,7823	0,0564	0,8405	0,1819	0,9652					
RPM	ga	class B	0,5837	0,6978	0,9213	0,7316	0,2832	0,0425	0,6188	0,6752	0,9494	0,7537	0,1054	0,0416	0,0309	0,1668	0,8851	0,6889	0,5676	0,6188	0,0697	0,149	0,6679					
BIO1	ga	classC	0,5768	0,6826	0,5622	0,4384	0,2083	0,7052	0,7051	0,8967	0,5533	0,0189	0,379	0,8035	0,1178	0,4188	0,7652	0,8863	0,0229	0,2315	0,2946	0,3464	0,5763					
BIO2	ga	glass	0,1975	0,0745	0,5184	0,6619	0,9494	0,0284	0,4553	0,5643	0,9241	0,0527	0,7239	0,0309	0,3137	0,6854	0,1647	0,3326	0,5033	0,1949	0,4383	0,9191	0,3234					
HUM	ga	gloss	0,0932	0,4505	0,0862	0,991	0,1698	0,2142	0,8926	0,3627	0,6708	0,58	0,674	0,0997	0,9722	0,9943	0,1747	0,467	0,4672	0,1118	0,5858	0,6168	0,3033					
IOM	ga	klaasK	0,4109	0,859	0,3992	0,9963	0,4214	0,0562	0,7237	0,4596	0,3654	0,6705	0,9971	0,509	0,7839	0,4698	0,469	0,452	0,1984	0,0852	0,9243	0,4481						
DPM	bu	class A	0,372	0,4705	0,2542	0,5643	0,5274	0,7965	0,4642	0,2549	0,4378	0,0779	0,9285	0,3099	0,5114	0,5263	0,0429	0,2861	0,365	0,8198	0,4828	0,8447	0,226					
RPM	bu	class B	0,9801	0,5538	0,7938	0,9603	0,029	0,6745	0,5448	0,2665	0,7407	0,3048	0,5475	0,574	0,5481	0,7368	0,0641	0,3601	0,5506	0,0381	0,0142	0,8471	0,0073					
BIO1	bu	classC	0,8453	0,9036	0,8089	0,9318	0,2479	0,2963	0,0911	0,7009	0,0802	0,6779	0,9963	0,9387	0,1501	0,6501	0,636	0,5025	0,3093	0,4216	0,4698	0,5337	0,2445					
BIO2	bu	glass	0,565	0,214	0,5482	0,0882	0,1237	0,9189	0,3489	0,302	0,4441	0,2046	0,8521	0,7261	0,8314	0,9165	0,9496	0,1192	0,4958	0,5769	0,6247	0,6741	0,2617					
HUM	bu	gloss	0,2982	0,6477	0,8946	0,415	0,2381	0,5571	0,6047	0,253	0,6558	0,9617	0,8984	0,808	0,9571	0,8884	0,7418	0,5064	0,5192	0,3333	0,7859	0,48	0,5105					
IOM	bu	klaasK	0,2207	0,3481		0,3072	0,2274	0,8249	0,4164	0,2515	0,3898	0,7326	0,7907	0,7141	0,4086	0,5558	0,6412	0,3771	0,0928	0,9722	0,016	0,4009	0,6209					
DPM	zo	class A	0,8161	0,8927	0,4601	0,7984	0,0516	0,3591	0,6098	0,7907	0,9596	0,7775	0,7486	0,7278	0,3666	0,5097	0,9764	0,2086	0,3519	0,7373	0,0429	0,5159	0,9416					
RPM	zo	class B	0,7648	0,5495	0,2058	0,3914	0,4473	0,0176	0,3626	0,5495	0,8803	0,8762	0,8601	0,9002	0,4109	0,6498	0,3271	0,1809	0,0838	0,7424	0,4438	0,8521	0,1555					
BIO1	zo	classC	0,599	0,9694	0,8515	0,7687	0,6628	0,0582	0,4098	0,4431	0,4972	0,9539	0,3163	0,5225	0,7329	0,3143	0,0052	0,7245	0,2685	0,9162	0,7816	0,1664	0,6374					
BIO2	zo	glass	0,5778	0,1786	0,6596	0,5364	0,9597	0,8422	0,9168	0,879	0,2873	0,929	0,2528	0,7875	0,2783	0,0826	0,5794	0,542	0,5745	0,62	0,5131	0,9788	0,6959					
HUM	zo	gloss	0,9593	0,6577	0,9813	0,2957	0,2316	0,8047	0,8962	0,7392	0,2707	0,1905	0,8591	0,6086	0,3201	0,9911	0,6876	0,0715										

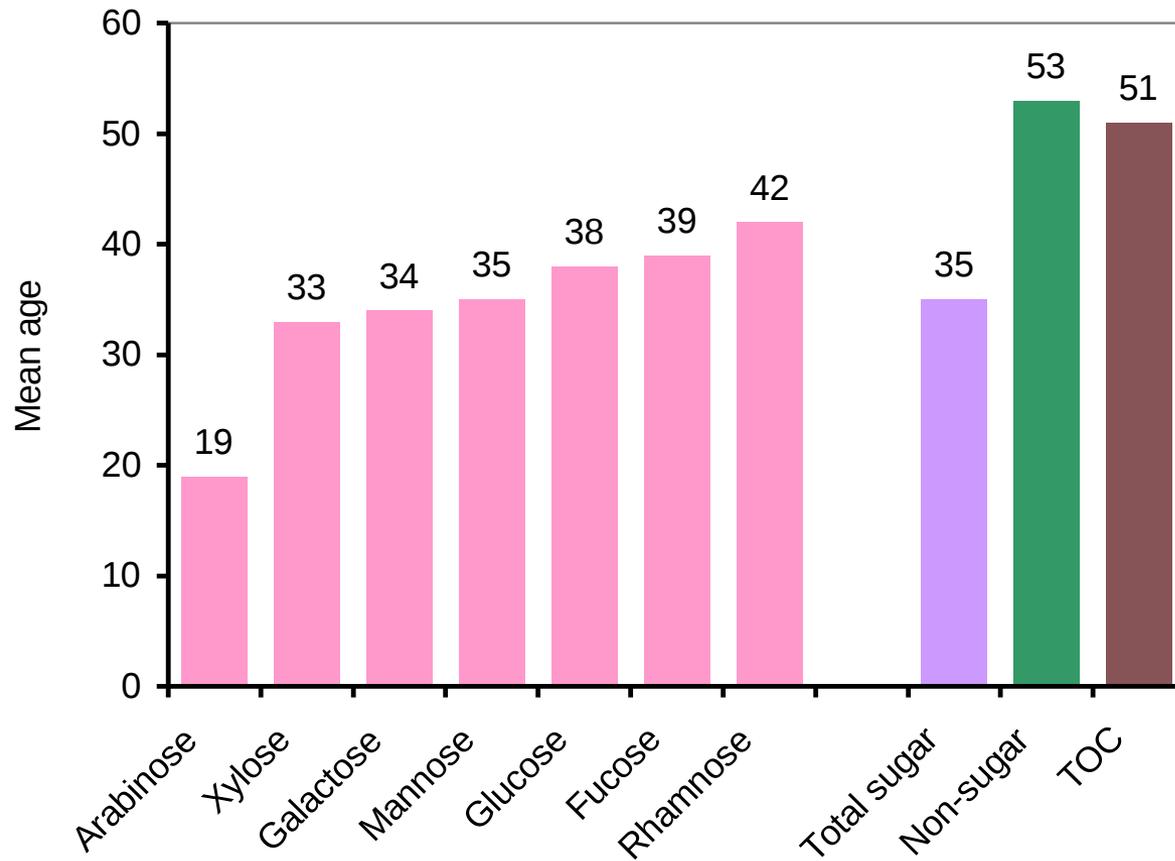
Model of sugar-C dynamics: Model Predictions

Steady state composition of soil organic matter

	Distribution of SOC in the various compartments (%)	Sugar content of each compartment (%OC)	Distribution of sugars in the various compartments (%)
Decomposable Plant Material	1	79	6
Resistant Plant Material	16	13	24
Microbial Biomass	2	29	8
Humified and Protected	82	6	61
SOC	100	10	100

Model of sugar-C dynamics: Model Predictions

Age distribution of neutral carbohydrates



Model of sugar-C dynamics: Model Predictions

Fate of incubated wheat straw

