



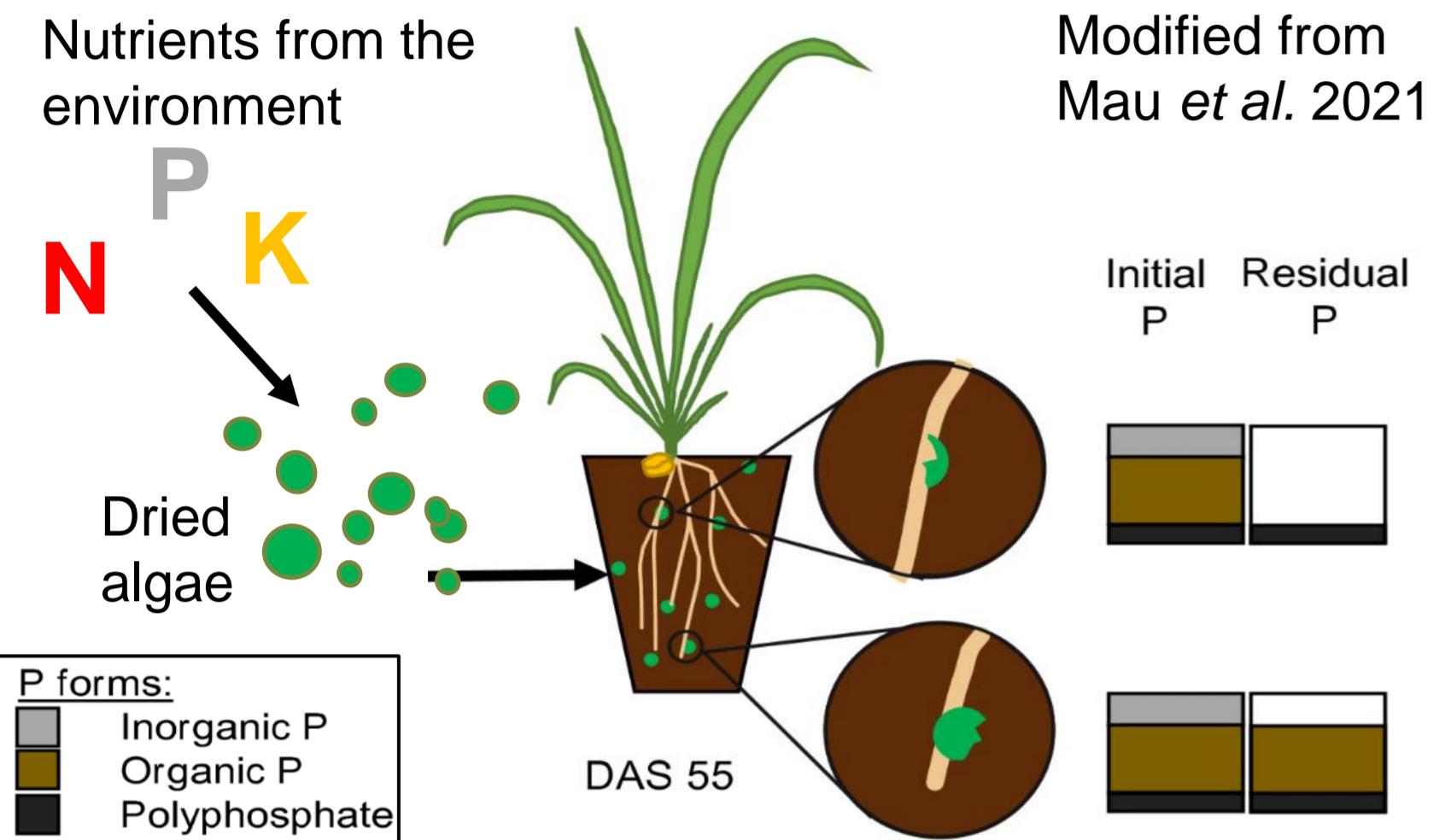
# Phenotypic response of wheat roots to fertilization with algal biomass

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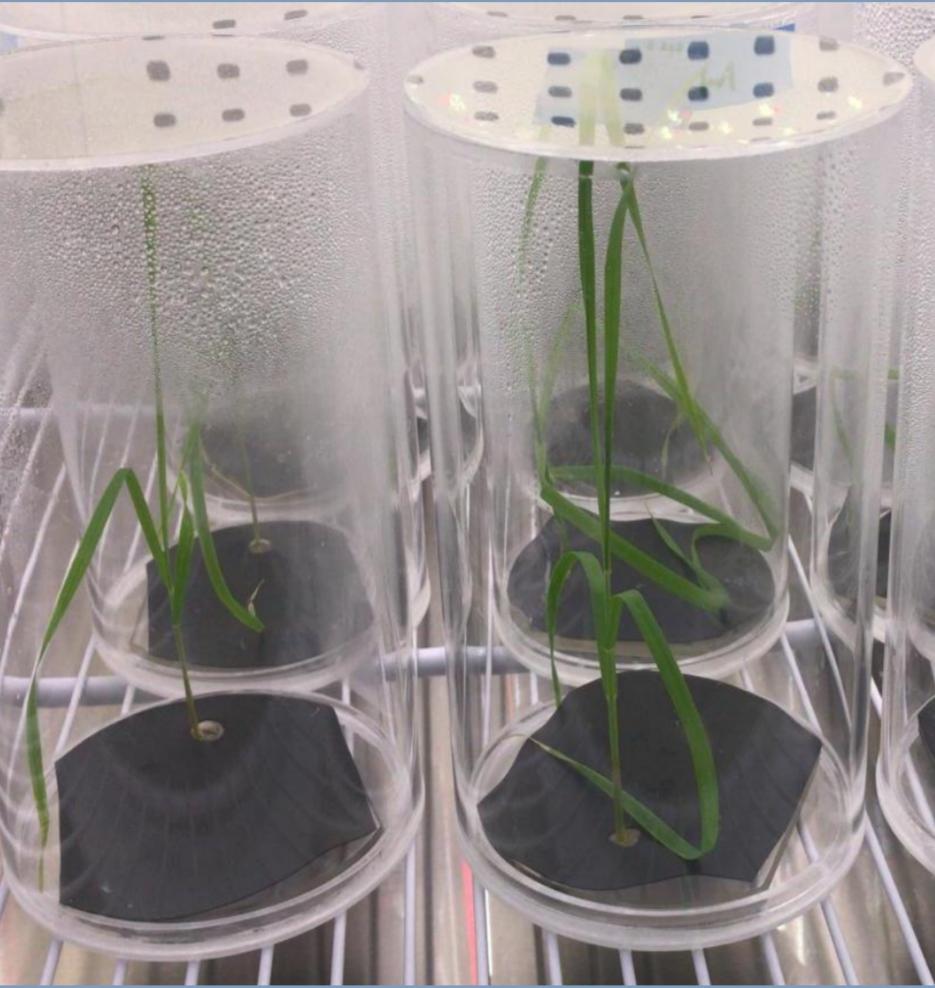
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## Background: Algal P can be accessed in soils



## Method: But how does it work in a soil-free system?

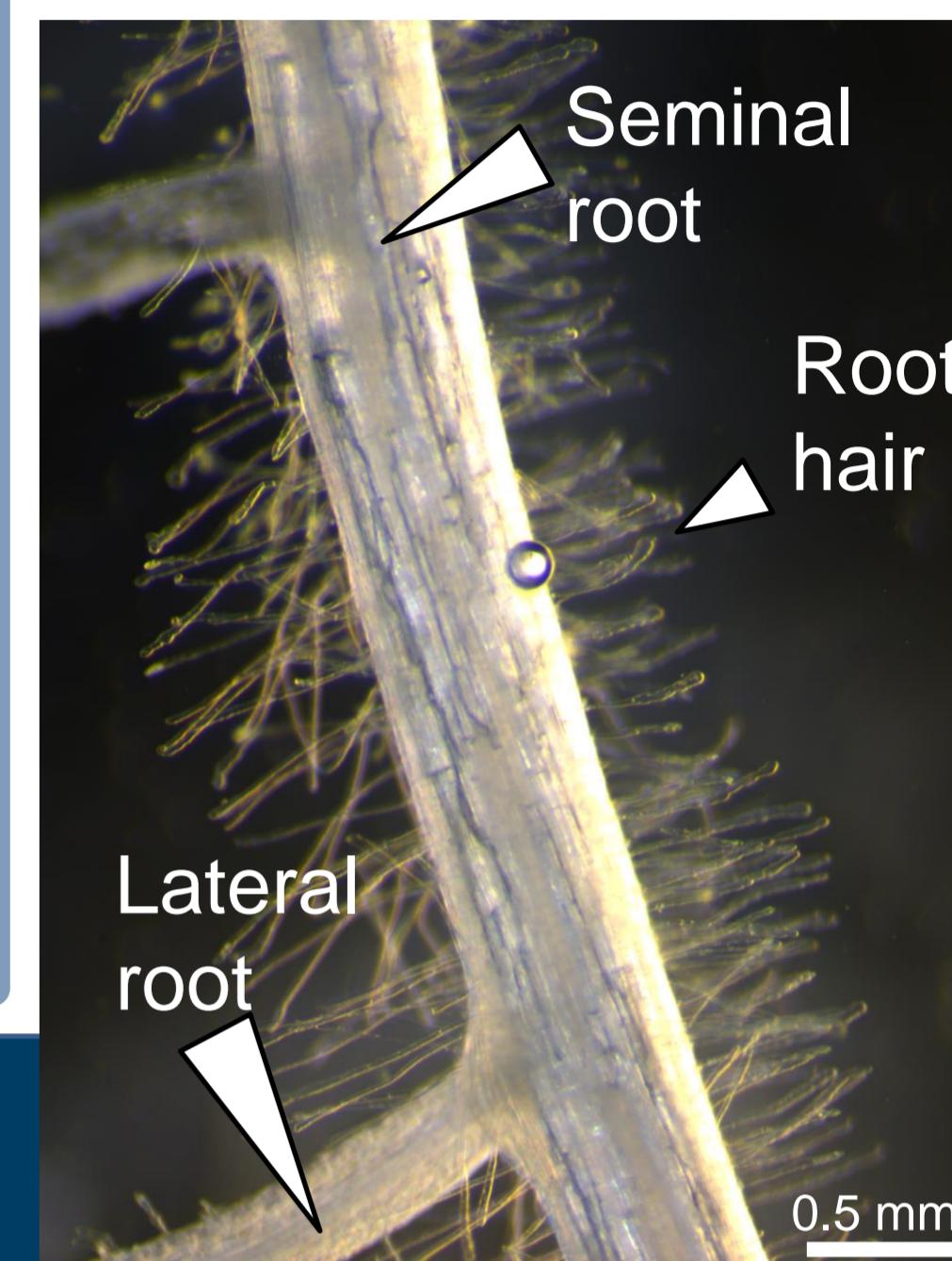
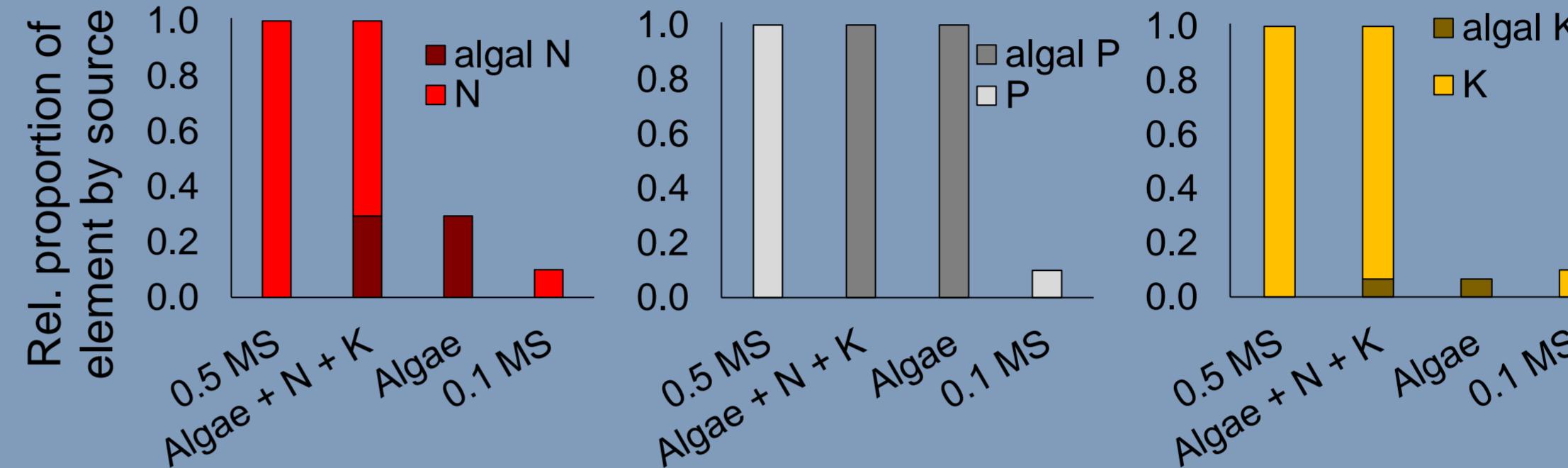


Wheat in EcoFAB, modified from (Gao et al. 2018)

Single wheat plants grown in EcoFABs for 21 days-after transfer to EcoFABs. Complete nutrient media was exchanged every seven days.

### Treatments:

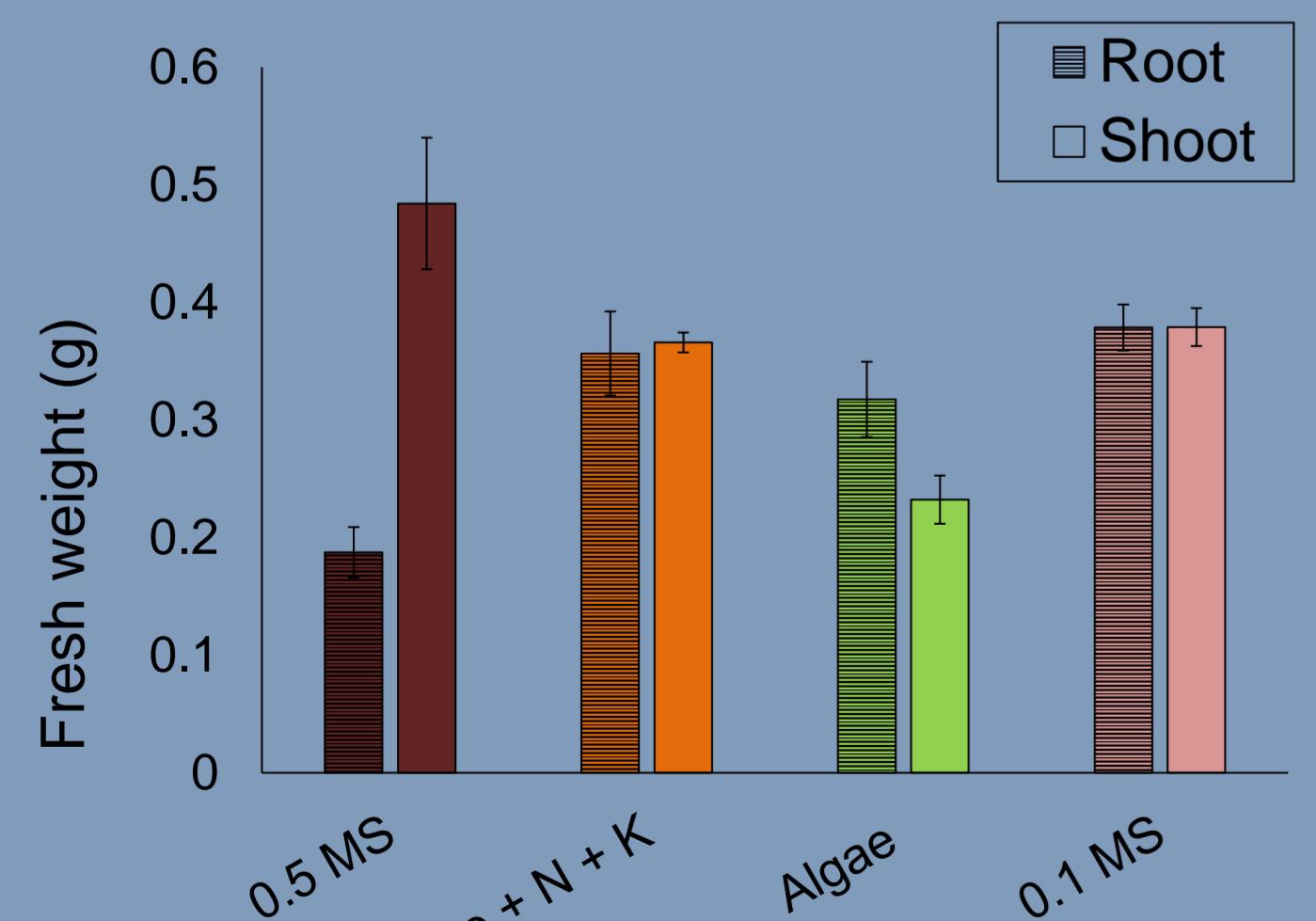
Plants are fertilized with either mineral fertilizer (MS medium) or organic fertilizer (algae biomass, *C. vulgaris*) or a combination following this treatments:



Seminal root of wheat grown in EcoFAB on algae, 21 days-after-transfer, stereomicroscope image.

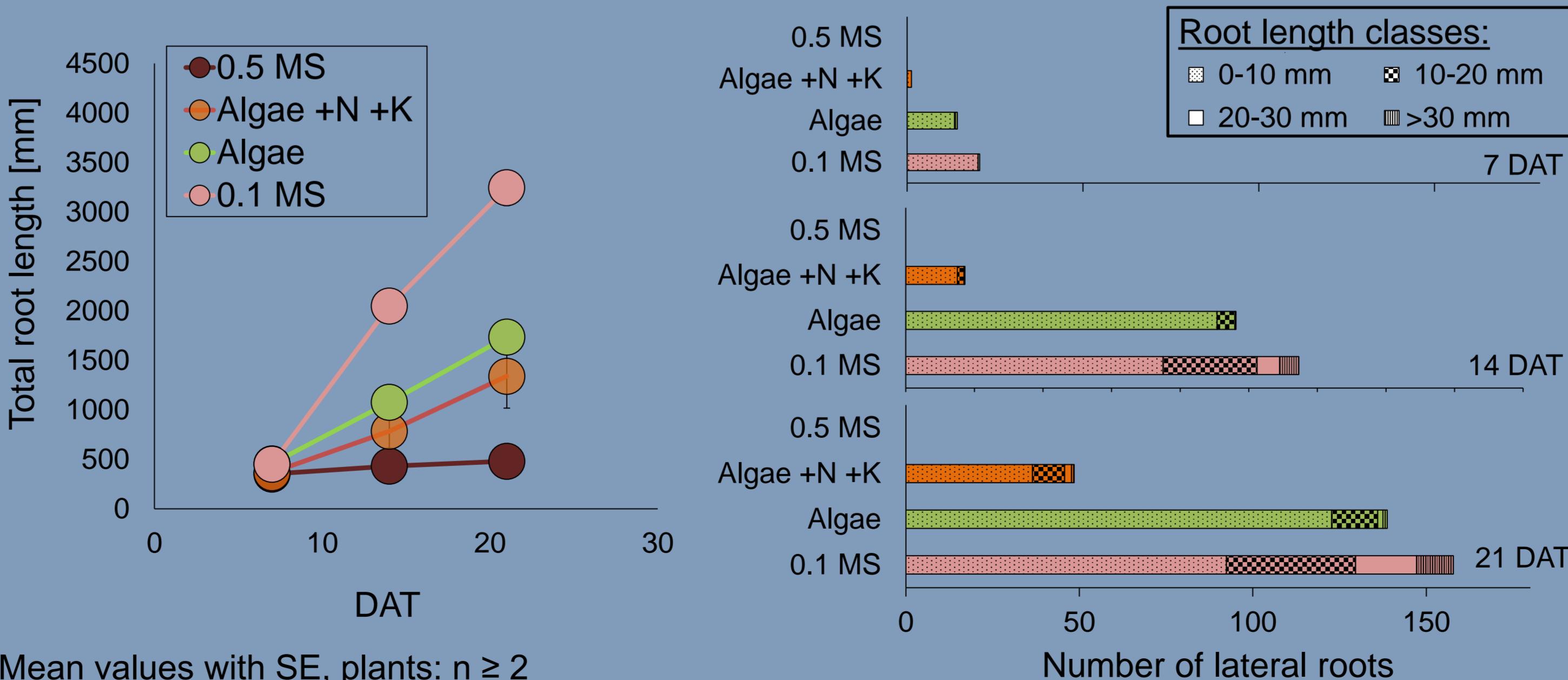
## Wheat plants supplied with algal biomass grow roots that indicate moderate nutrient deficiency, but their root hairs resemble plants with sufficient nutrient supply.

### Biomass allocation to roots and shoots



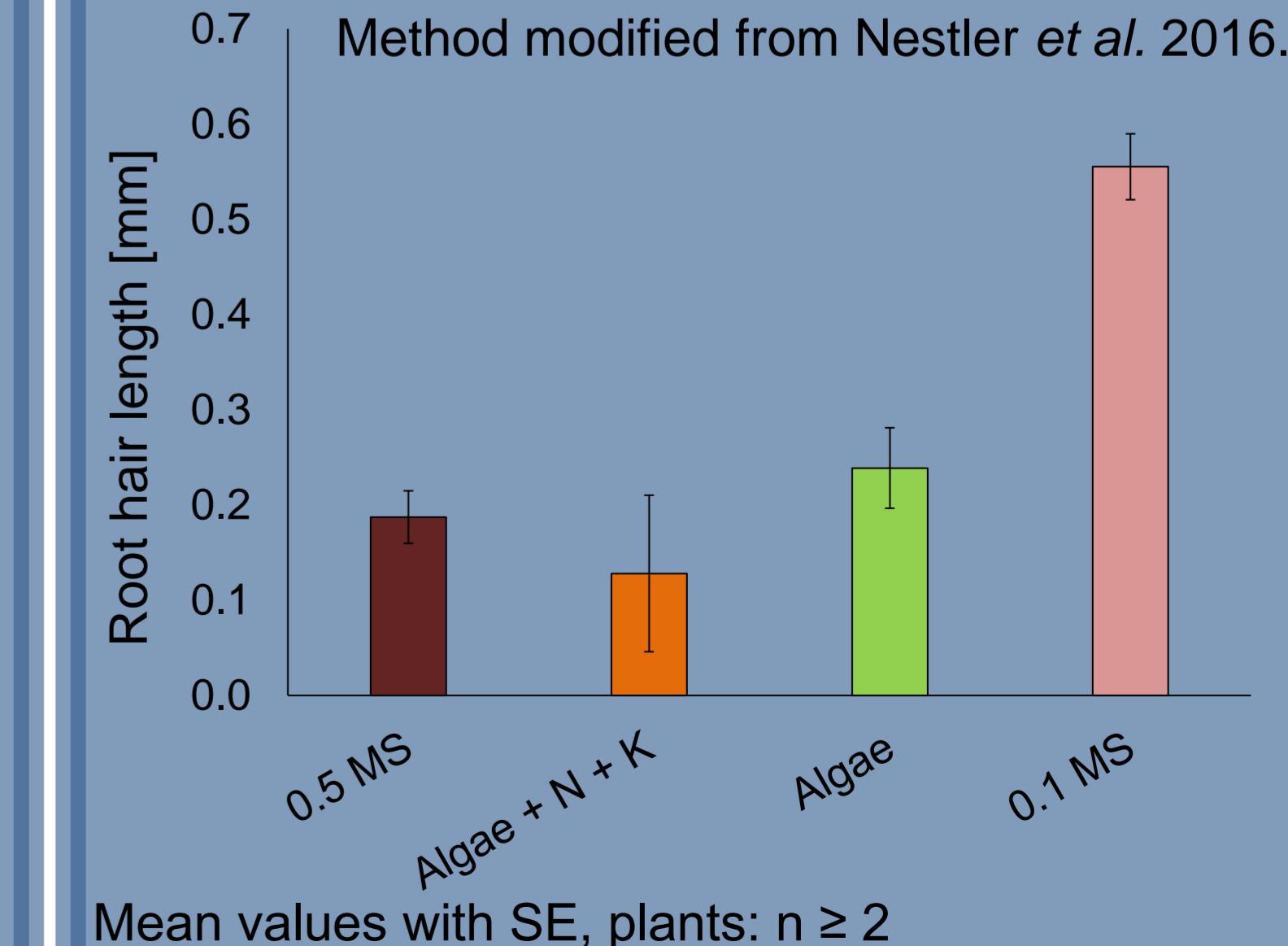
Mean values with SE, plants: n ≥ 2

### Contrasting root system development over time



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### Root hairs on the main roots



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