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Speciation and bioavailability of trace metals and phosphorus in soil systems

Accurate knowledge of trace metal speciation is important for many reasons. First, it greatly affects bioavailability and hence uptake/toxicity in organisms. Second, the speciation determines the mobility of the trace metal in the environment. Our mission is to combine state-of-the-art characterization methods (such as synchrotron-based X-ray methods) with geochemical modelling and toxicity studies to arrive at improved understanding of trace metal behavior in soils. Vanadium will be taken as an example of a trace metal for which speciation is key to understanding both the chemical reactivity and biological uptake.

For phosphorus in agricultural soils, the speciation is rather complex and includes a variety of inorganic P forms as well as organic P. We show how the speciation changes in response to long-term fertilization as well as with depth within a soil profile. From these studies it is clear that adsorbed Al and Fe phases play a crucial role in determining the phosphorus dynamics over a time scale from years to decades; however, in some cases Ca-P phases may also form after heavy fertilization, at least temporarily. Moreover these studies show the dramatic changes that occur in P speciation during soil development.

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