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Breakthroughs in plant based PHB production

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Sustainable Growth Starts with a Seed



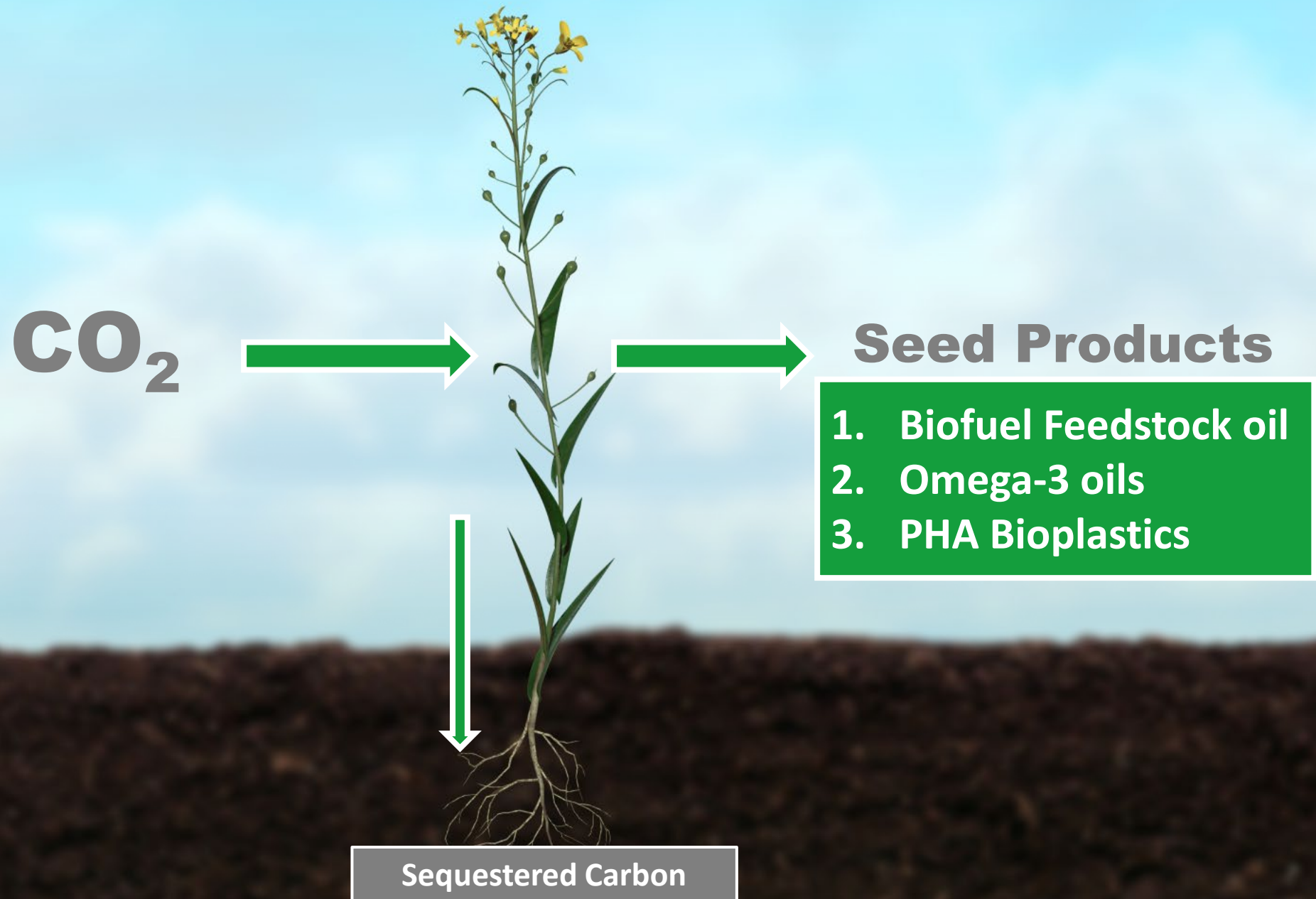
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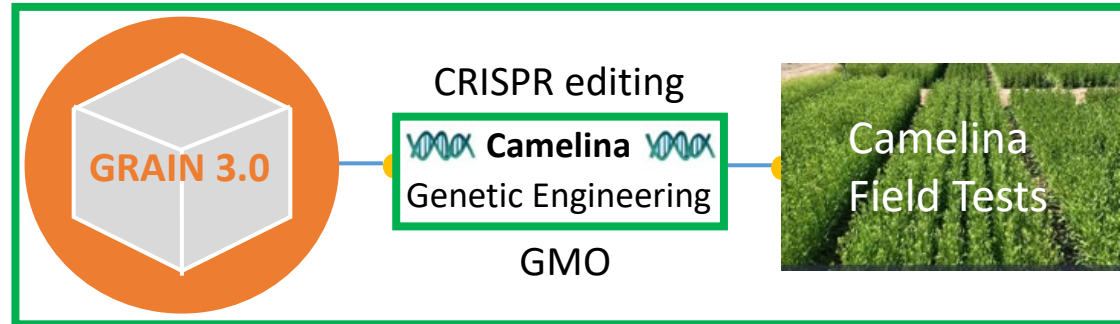
Yield10's Camelina Platform Oilseed Crop



Yield10's Trait Factory and Business Models

From Crop Science to Low Carbon Intensity (CI) Biofuels Feedstock Oil

Technology Platform - "Trait Factory"¹



Camelina Renewable Seed Products

1. Feedstock Oil (Biofuel)



2. Omega-3 Oil (EPA+DHA)



3. PHA Bioplastics



Yield10: Biofuels Commercial Development Plan

- **Now:** Launching proprietary Camelina with improved germplasm as low CI biofuels feedstock crop
- **Next:** Address growers needs with herbicide tolerance (*over-the-top weed control, tolerance to herbicide soil residues*) and disease resistance
- **Medium to long-term:** High-value Omega-3 (EPA+DHA) and PHA Bioplastic traits to significantly increase revenue per acre

¹ 21 Patent Families Pending

Why Camelina?

- Promising oilseed crop
 - seed oil levels ~ 40% of seed weight
 - does not outcross with canola
- Excellent platform crop for novel high value seed products
- Both spring and winter varieties
 - winter varieties, potential use as cover crop for corn and soybean acres
- Camelina producing specialty products: ↑ value proposition for farmer



Greenhouse grown Camelina



Camelina field plots at flowering



Large scale winter Camelina growth

PHA in Camelina: A Third Oilseed Coproduct

PHA Oilseed Coproduct



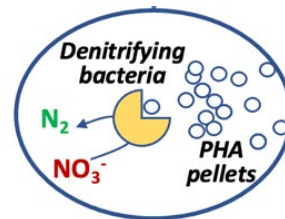
PHA – Potential Markets



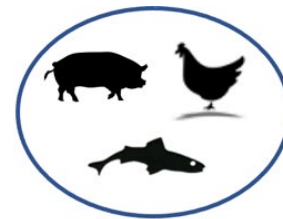
Plastics



Chemicals
(via thermolysis)



Water
Treatment



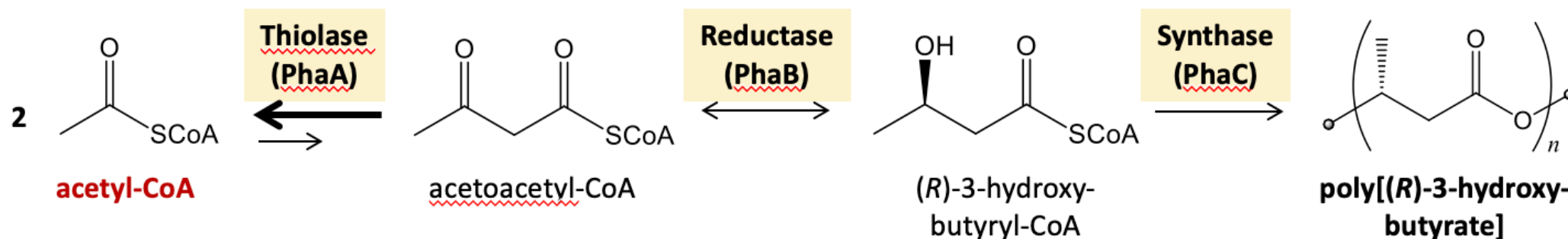
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Yield10 references - PHB to chemicals

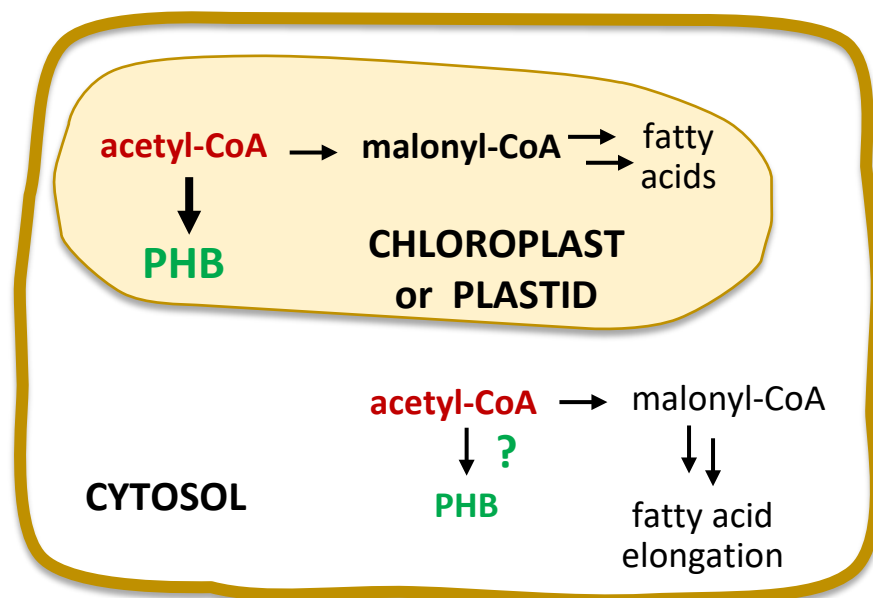
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- *n*-butanol, Schweitzer et al., **2015**, *Org Process Res Dev*, 19, 710.
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PHB Pathway Well Suited to Oilseeds

Native bacterial PHB biosynthetic pathway

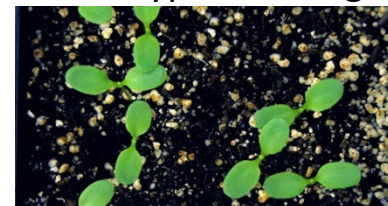


Engineered plant cell



- Production in chloroplasts/seed plastids has yielded high levels of PHB in plants, but often with impaired growth¹

Camelina
wildtype seedlings



Camelina seed specific
plastid PHB producers



- Little reported success with cytosolic production (*highest reported level 0.34% dry cell weight*)²

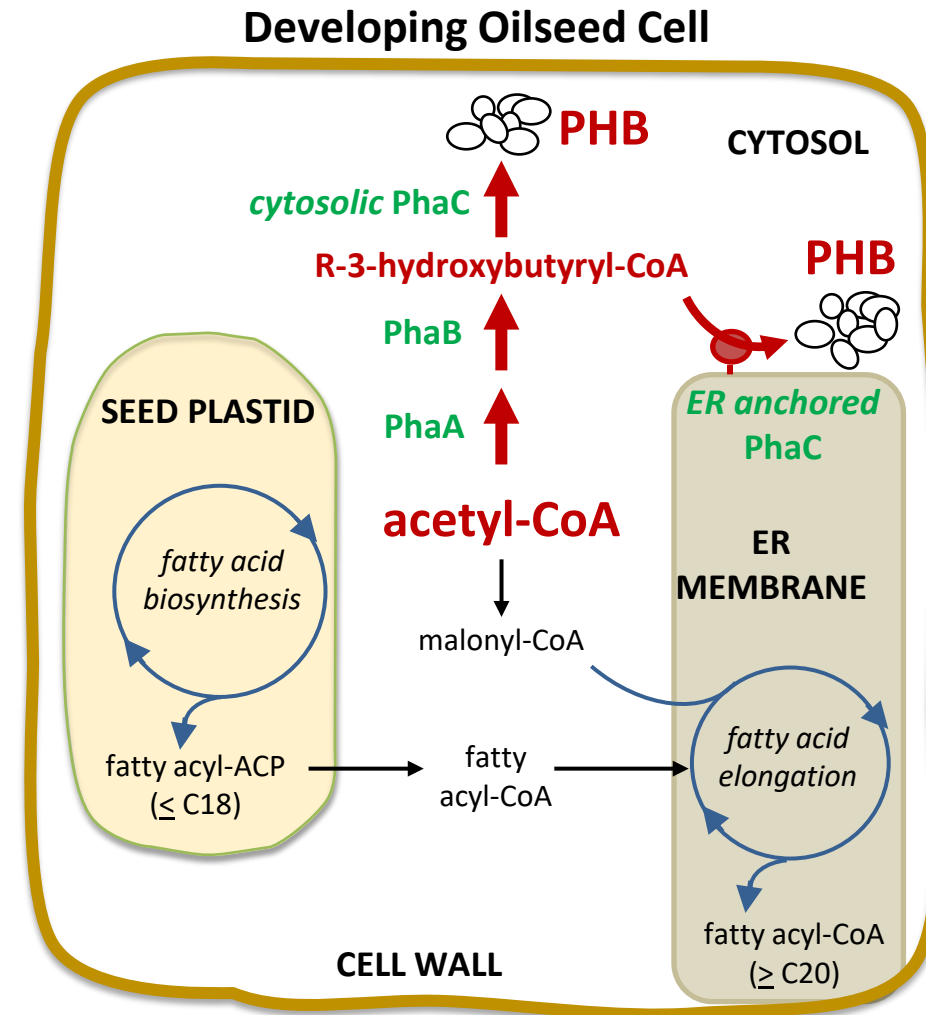
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²Production in cytosol of cotton fibers, John & Keller, 1996, *P. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.* 93, 12768.

Revisit Production of PHB in Cytosol of Seed

Capture portion of acetyl-CoA in cytosol of seed for production of PHB

- **Two genetic constructs**
 - Construct 1: All enzymes targeted to cytosol
 - Construct 2: PhaA, PhaB targeted to cytosol; PhaC targeted to cytosolic face of endoplasmic reticulum (ER)
- **Seed-specific expression constructs transformed into Camelina, lines isolated**

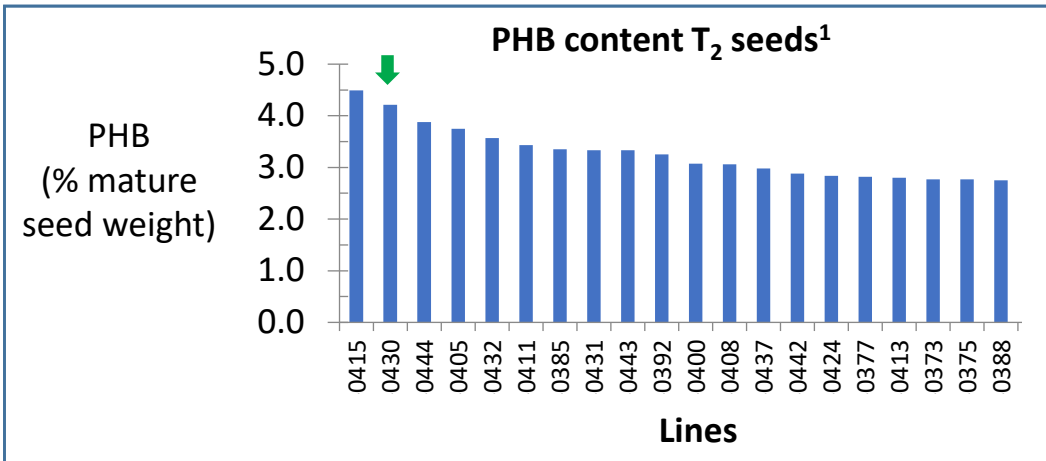


T₂ Seed PHB Content and Survival of Seedlings

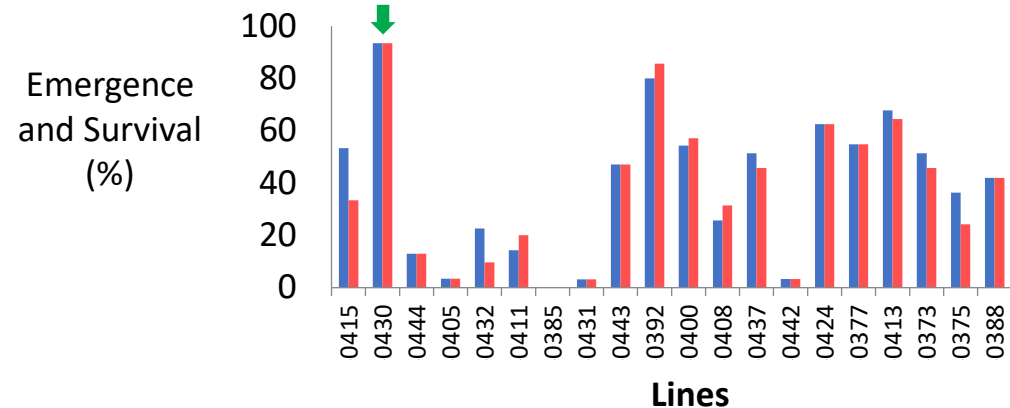
Second generation (T₂) seeds contained up to 14x reported¹ highest level of cytosolic PHB

- Some lines with good emergence and survival contained > 4% PHB (mature seed weight)

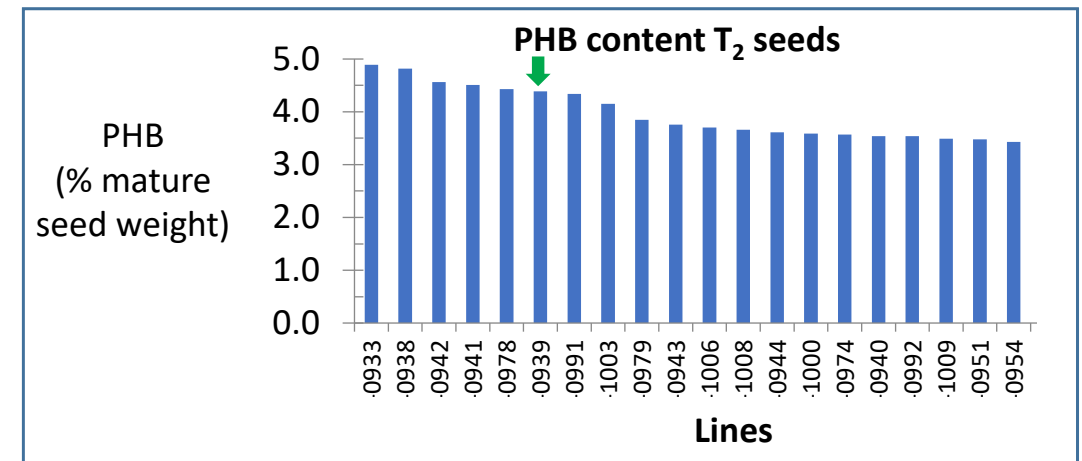
Cytosolic PHA synthase



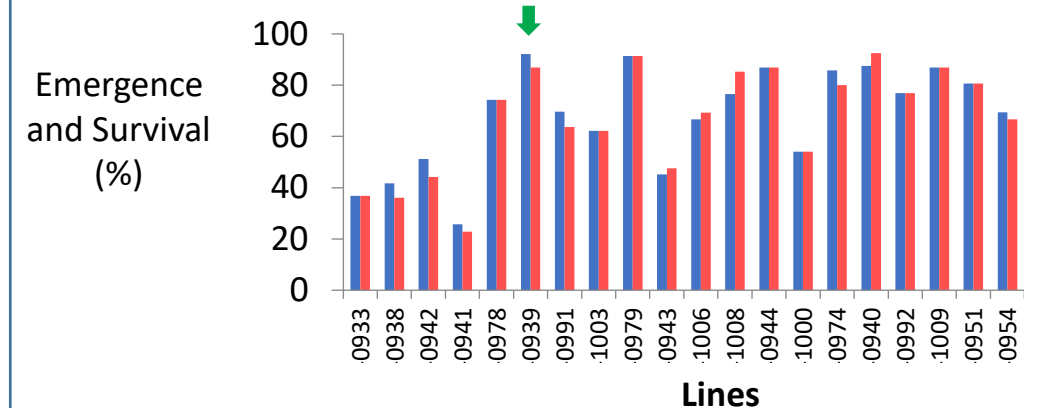
Emergence (■) and Survival (■) of T₂ Seedlings



ER anchored PHA synthase



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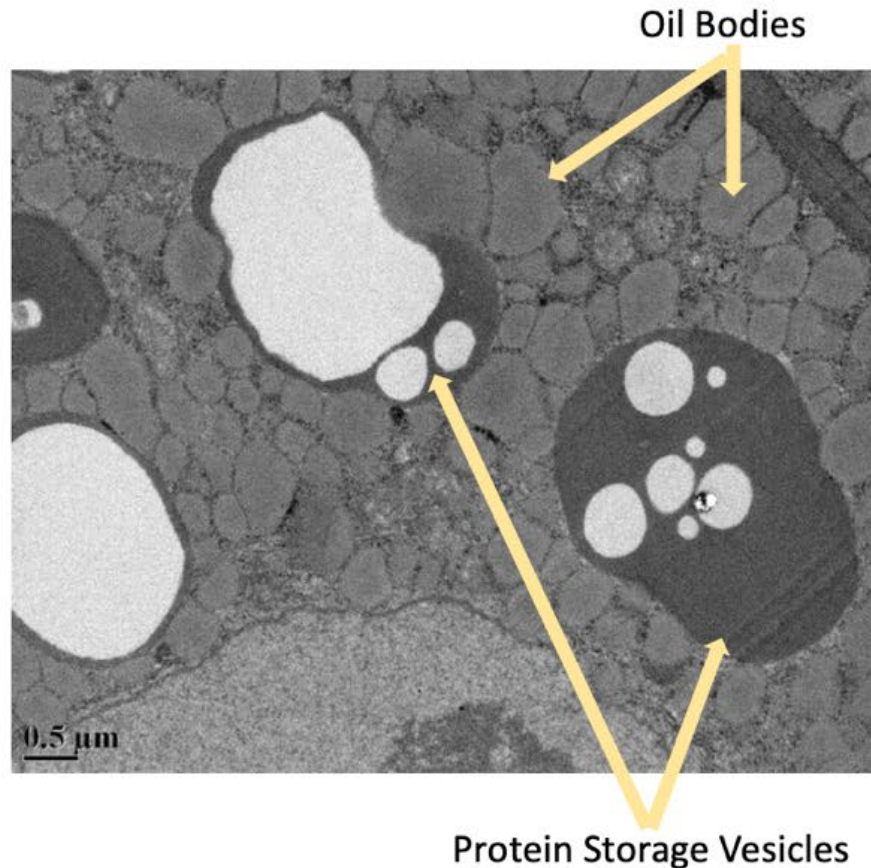


¹Production in cotton fibers, 0.34% dry cell weight, John & Keller, 1996, *P. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*. 93, 12768.

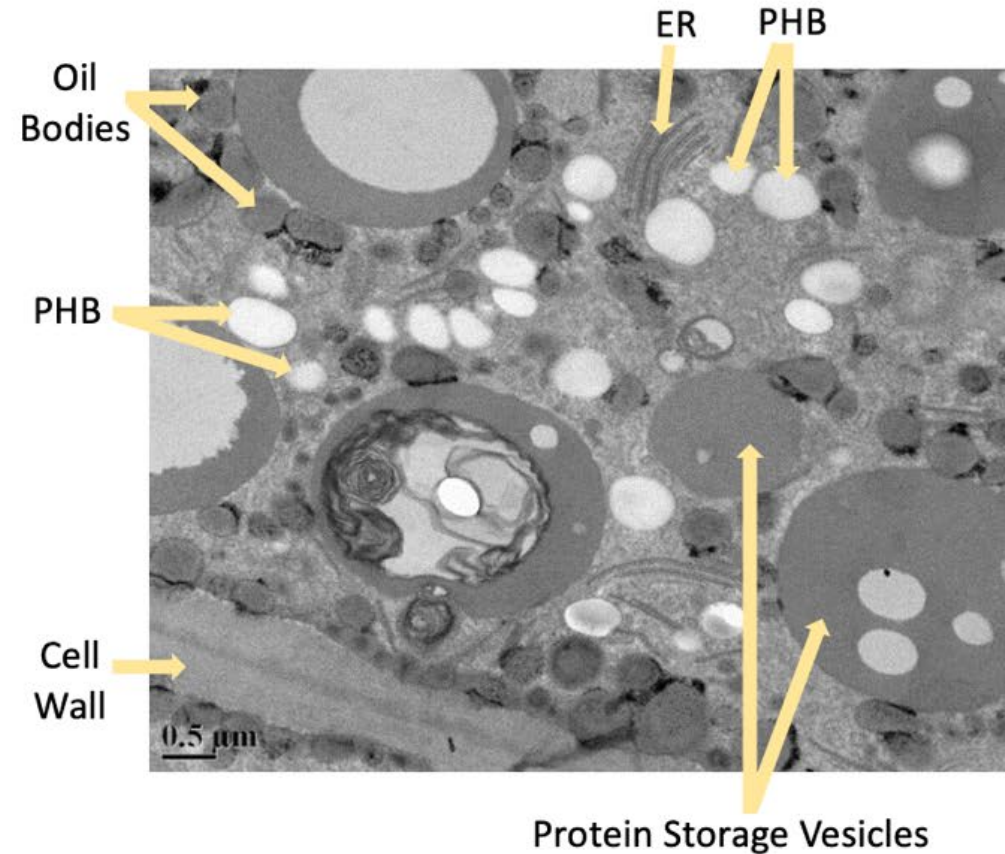
PHB Polymer Accumulates as Granules in Seed

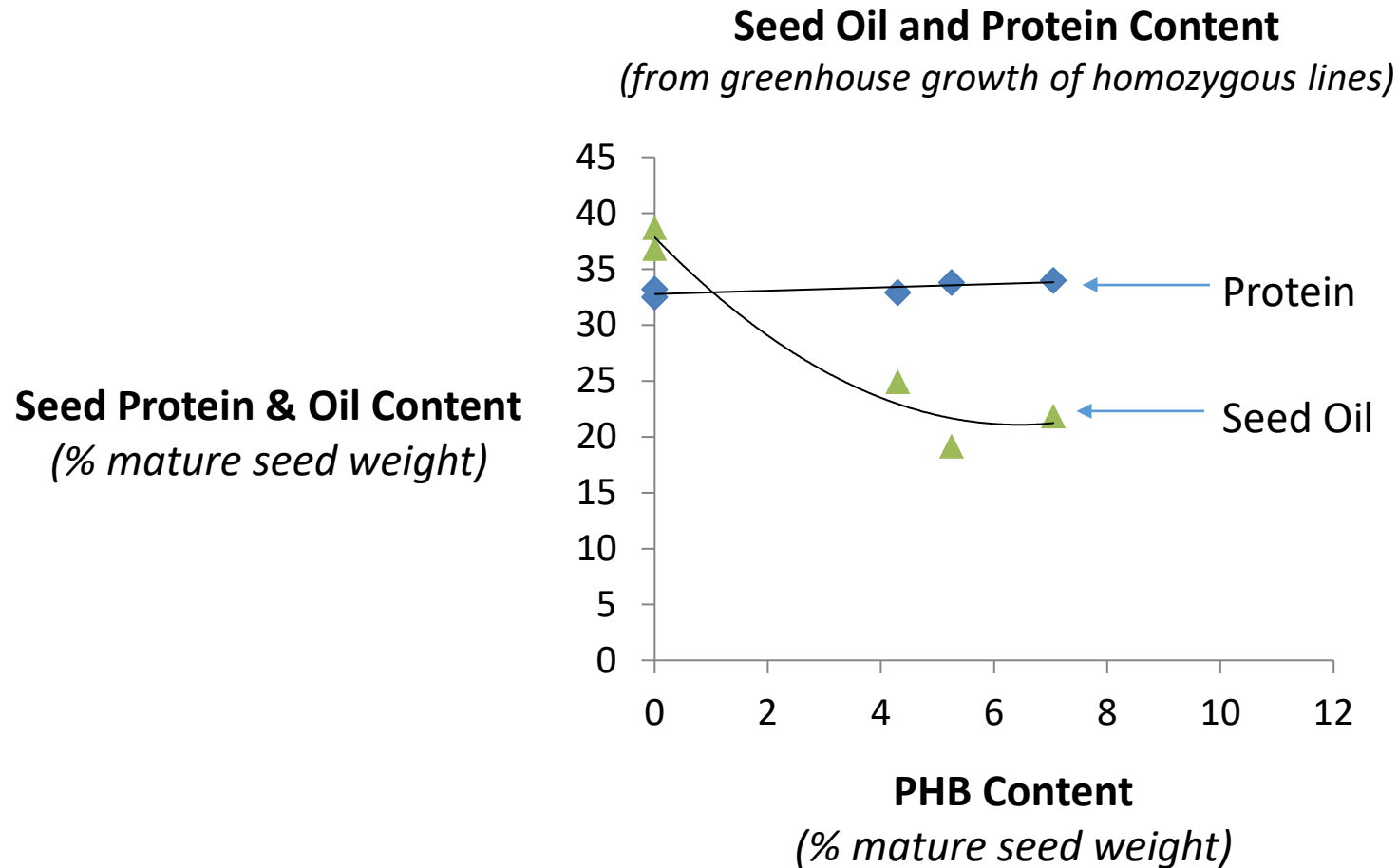
Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) of cotyledon in imbibed seeds

Wild-type control



ER targeted synthase line





PHB has more value than oil

Looking for genes to increase carbon to boost oil using GRAIN modeling platform

Seedlings of Cytosolic PHB Producers

Cytosolic PHB production in seeds → healthy seedlings with narrow cotyledons

Wild-type



Cytosolic PhaC

4.5% PHB
53% emergence
33% survival



ER PhaC

4.4% PHB
92% emergence
87% survival



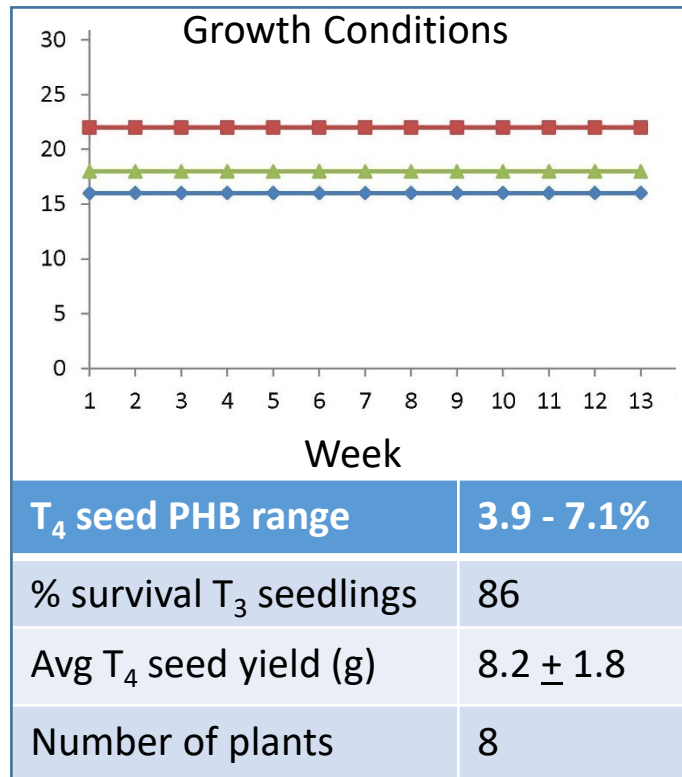
Pursued only ER PhaC lines in later generations. PHB production more stable in ER PhaC lines.

PHB Production in Different Growth Conditions

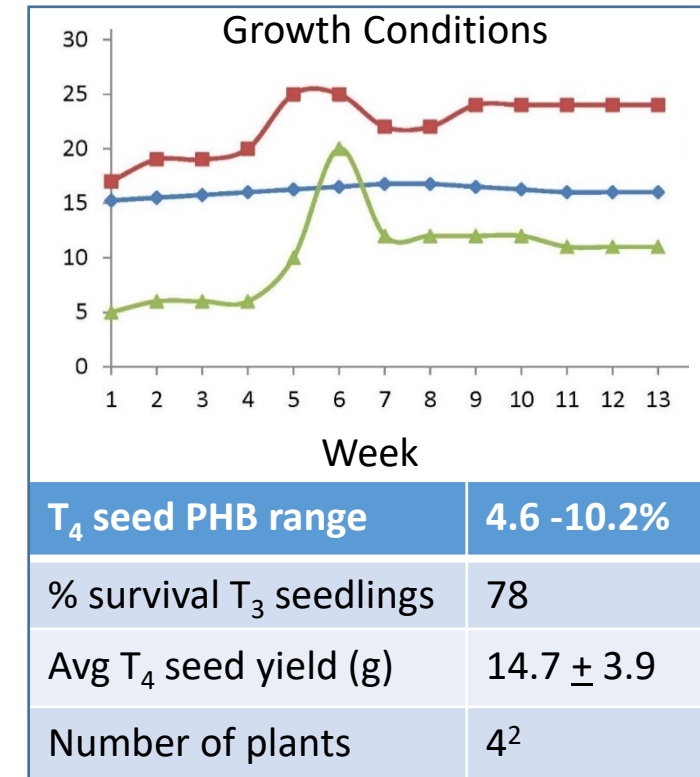
Lines grown in greenhouse and controlled environmental chamber programmed to simulate average spring growth conditions¹

- Results for best line shown

Greenhouse



Controlled Environmental Chamber



Up to 10.2% PHB obtained in seeds of homozygous line in chamber - 30X highest previously reported level³

¹Temperature settings in controlled environmental chamber adapted from average weekly historical data between early May & late July for Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. ²Size of growth chamber limited number of replicates. ³Production in cytosol of cotton fibers 0.34% dry cell weight, John & Keller, 1996, P. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA. 93, 12768.

Field Trials of Prototype ER Targeted PHB Lines

2020

Replicated field plots, line sorting



*PHA Camelina plants, U.S. field test site
6% PHB produced in best line*



2021

0.2 acre seed scale up



*Drone photo, U.S. scale up site
Plants produced 6% PHB*

2022

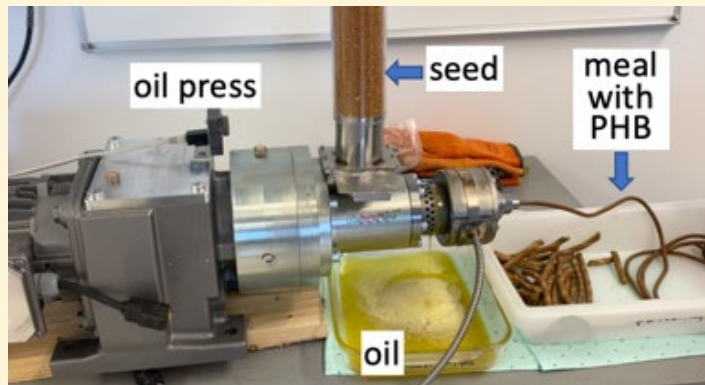
Acre-scale seed scale up



*Maturing plants, U.S scale up site
Seed harvested, PHB will be measured*

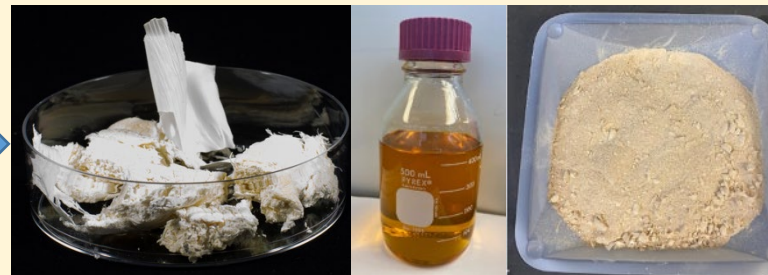


Small scale seed processing from field



Seed crushing with oil press, removal of oil

Prototype PHA Camelina products



PHB polymer¹

Seed oil

Protein rich meal¹

Seed processing,
product prototyping,
sampling & other
business development
activities

¹After solvent extraction of PHB containing meal

PHA Trait Leverages Elite Camelina Platform - Address High Value Markets

PHA Market Opportunity

Growing global demand for biobased polymers

Development Highlights and Milestones

- **Pilot scale activities, prototype ER targeted PHB line**
 - Produced seed at acre-scale. Will isolate PHA for process development and product sampling
- **PHA trait optimization R&D targets**
 - Increase PHA content to 10-20% of seed weight
 - Demonstrate co-polymer production
 - Field test PHA winter Camelina lines
 - Combine PHA trait with traits required for farmer to grow Camelina (*herbicide tolerance/disease resistance*)
- **Pursue collaborations with industry**





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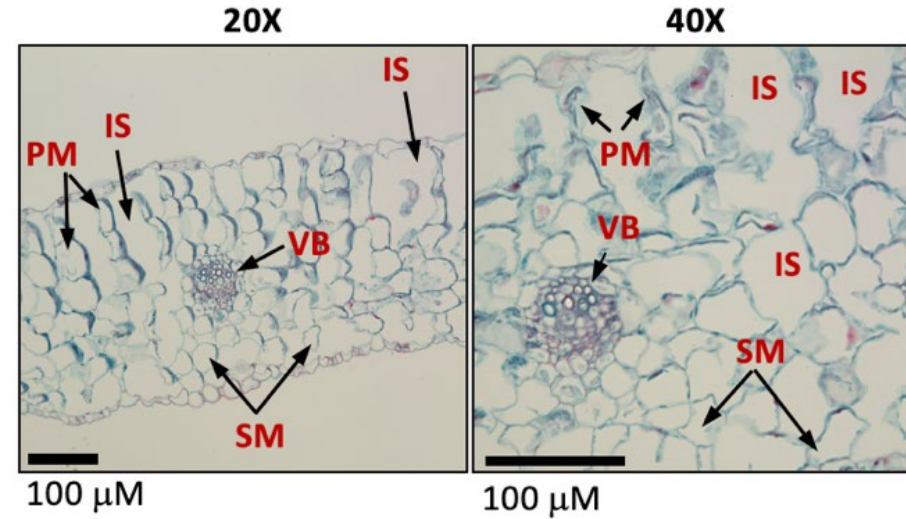
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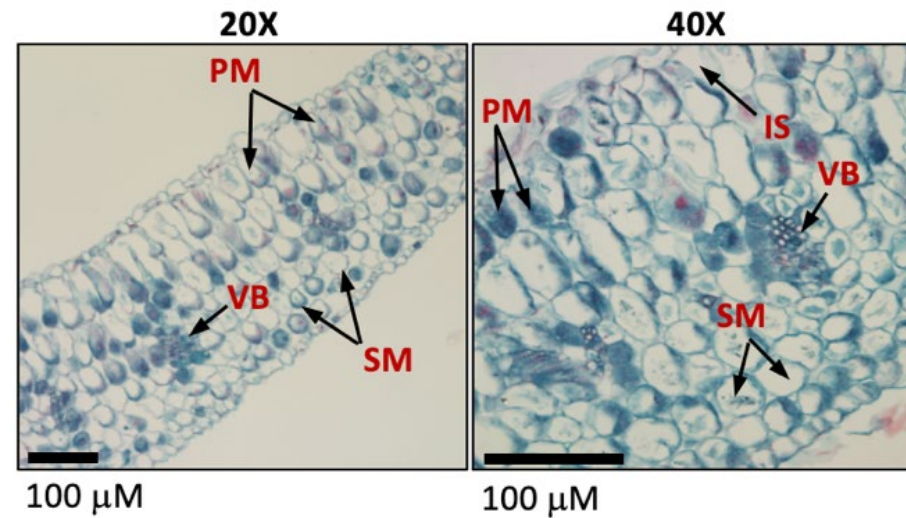


Seedlings of Cytosolic PHB Producers

Wild-type



ER PhaC



Intercellular spaces significantly reduced in cotyledons of PHB producing lines

IS, intercellular space; PM, palisade mesophyll; SM, spongy mesophyll; VB, vascular bundle