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## Diseases affecting cereal seed and implication for a successful fungicide control

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# History of seed treatment



Bayer Beiztradition  
und Erfahrung  
seit 1914

## U s p u l u n Wirksamste Saatbeize

zur Vernichtung aller am Saatgut äußerlich  
anhaftender schädlicher Pilzkeime

Erprobt gegen: Stein- (Stink-) brand d. Weizens, Fusarium (Schneesimmel)  
d. Roggens u. Weizens, Roggenstengelbrand, Streifenkrankheit d. Gerste,  
beide Arten von Haferflugbrand, Wurzelbrand d. Rüben, Brennfleckenkrankheit  
d. Bohnen u. Erbsen usw.

Erhältlich in allen üblichen Verkaufsstellen

Farbenfabriken vorm. Friedr. Bayer & Co, Leverkusen b. Cöln



# Pests and diseases in cereals

## Pests

### **Leaf pests**

e.g. Aphids, Thrips,  
cicadas

### **Soil pests**

z.B. wireworms



## Diseases

### **air-borne**

e.g. powdery mildew rust

### **Seed-borne (surface)**

e.g. common bunt

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e.g. loose smut, snow mold

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e.g. snow mold



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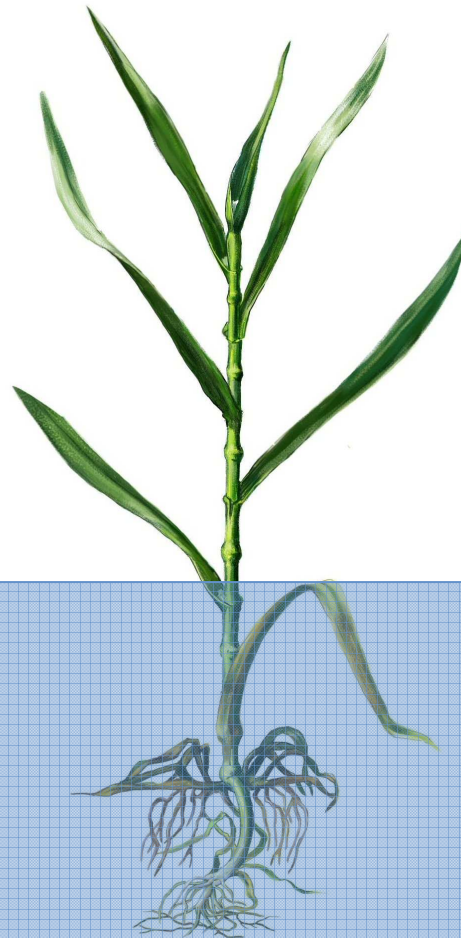
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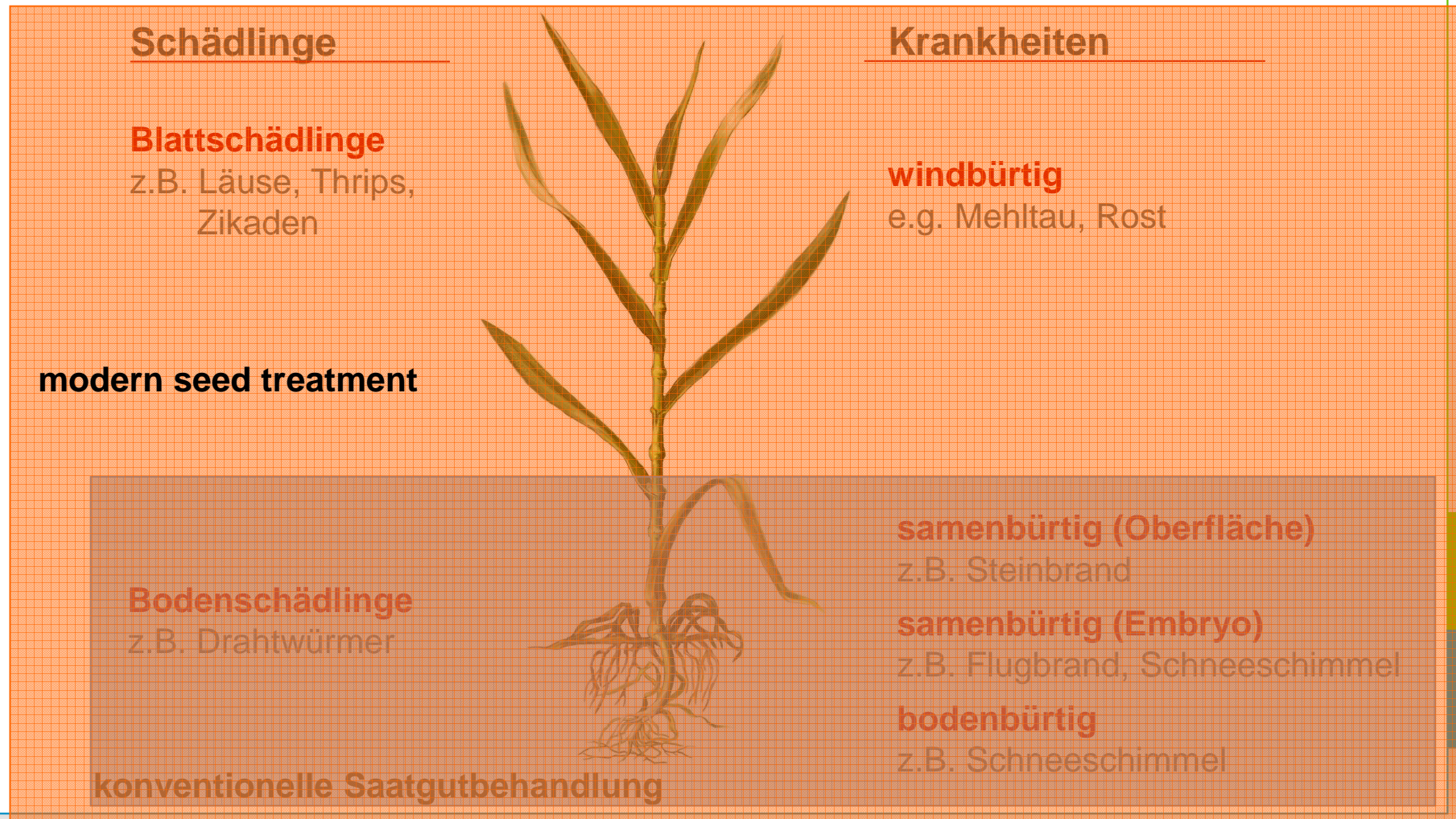
### **Soil-borne**

e.g: snow mold





# Pests and diseases in cereals





# Conventional seed treatment

## Control of seed and soil-borne pathogens

### Common bunt/Wheat

*Tilletia caries*  
*Tilletia foetida*

Septoria glume blotch / wheat  
*Leptosphaeria nodorum*

### Loose smut /wheat-barley

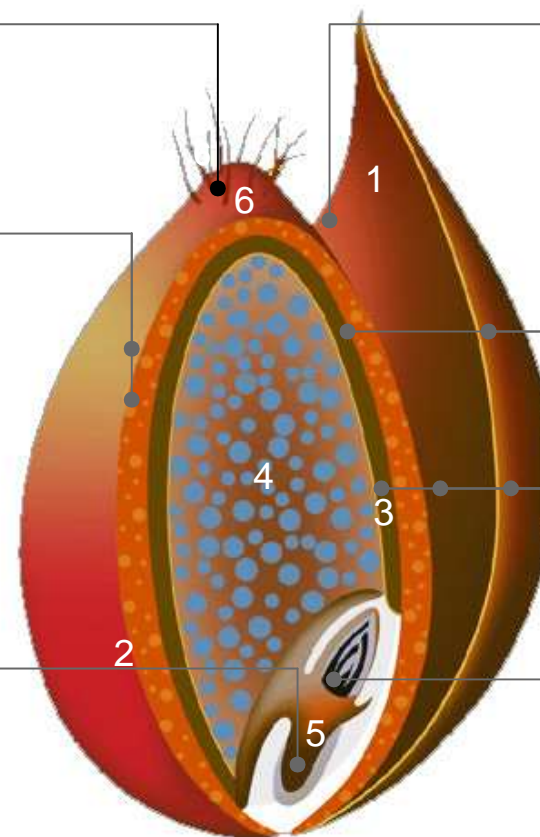
*Ustilago nuda*

Braunflecken / wheat, barley  
*Cochiobolus sativus*

Leaf stripe / Gerste  
*Pyrenophora graminea*

Fusarium / wheat-barley

Snow mold/wheat  
*Microdochium nivale*



Cereal grain with glume

1 Palea inferior (glume)

2 Pericarp and Test a (seed coat)

3 Aleuron layer

4 Endosperm

5 Embryo

6 Beard



# Seed treatment activity

Requirements from officials (example of Germany)

Diseases



Leaf stripe



Flag smut



Loose smut



common bunt

Dwarf bunt



Snow mold



Fusarium spp.

## Registration requirements of the BBA (German officials)

Barley	Rye	Wheat Barley Oat	Wheat	Wheat	Wheat Rye Triticale	Wheat Rye Triticale
95%	95%	95%	<b>99,5%</b>	85%	95%	95%



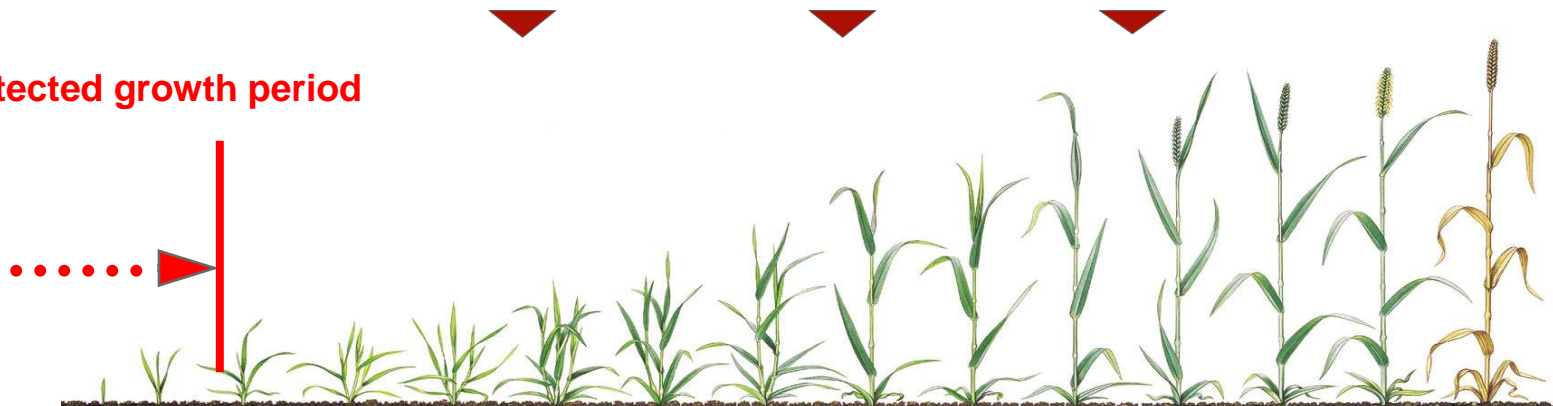




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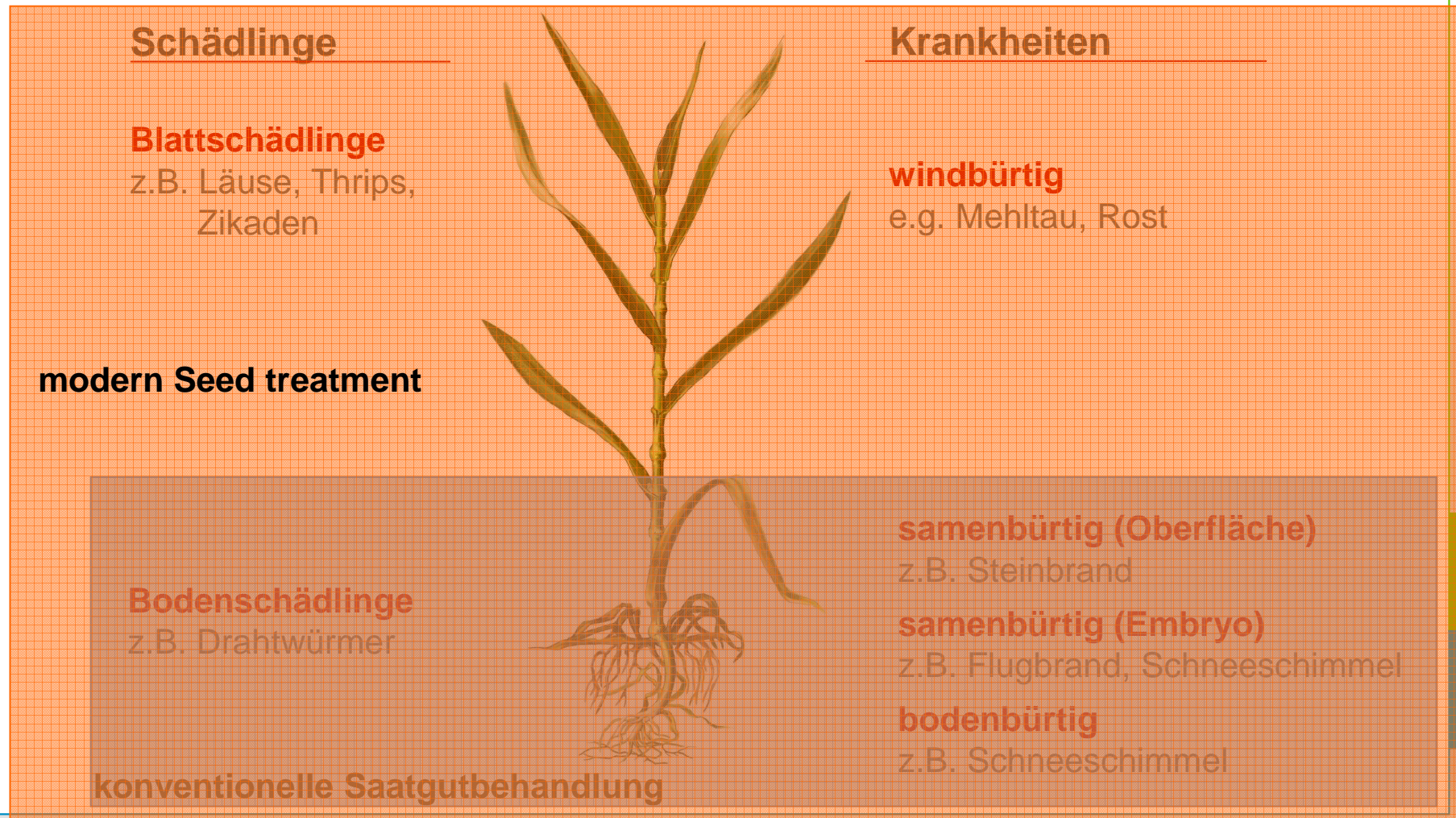
Conventional seed treatment:

Protected growth period

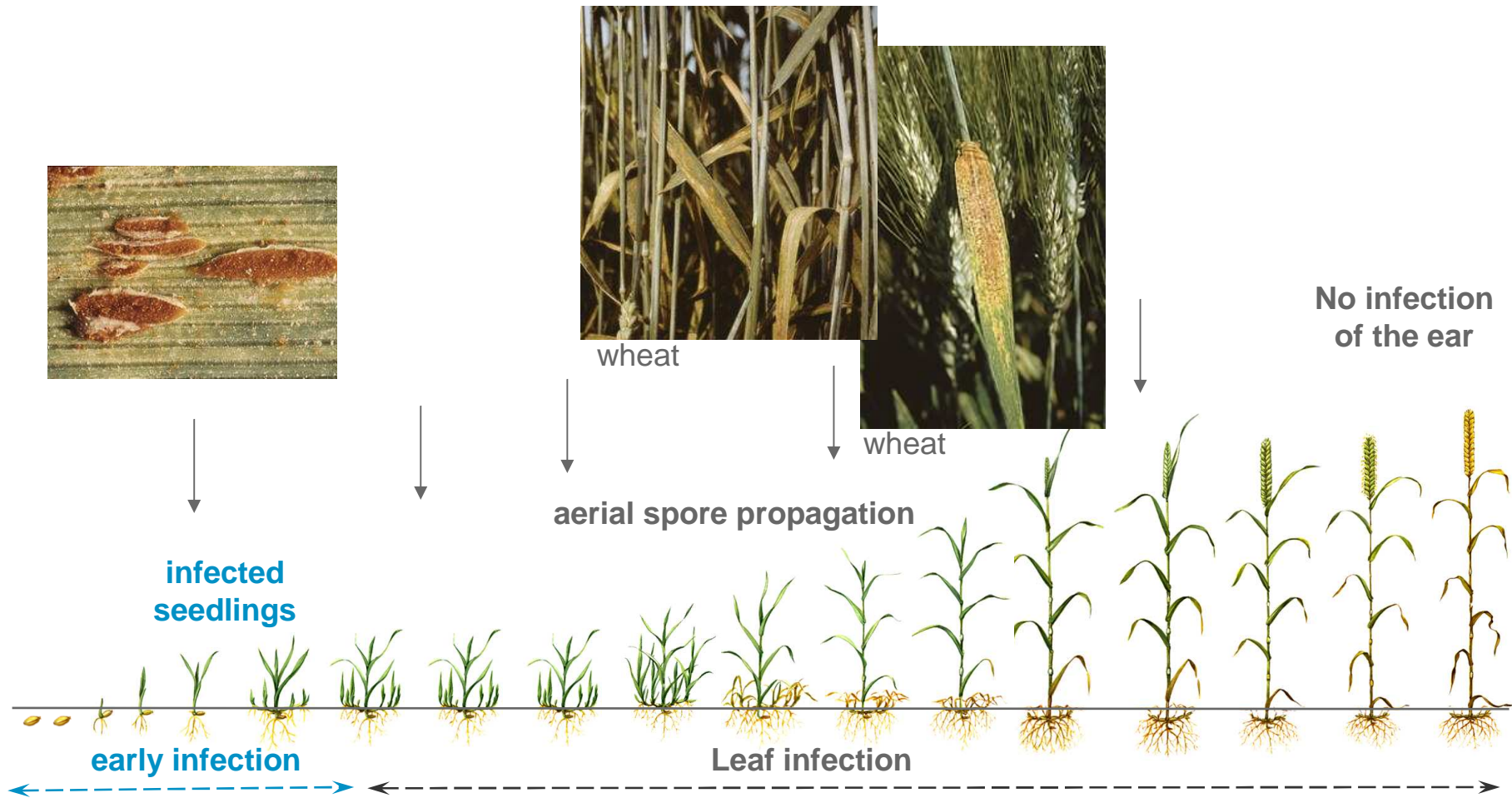




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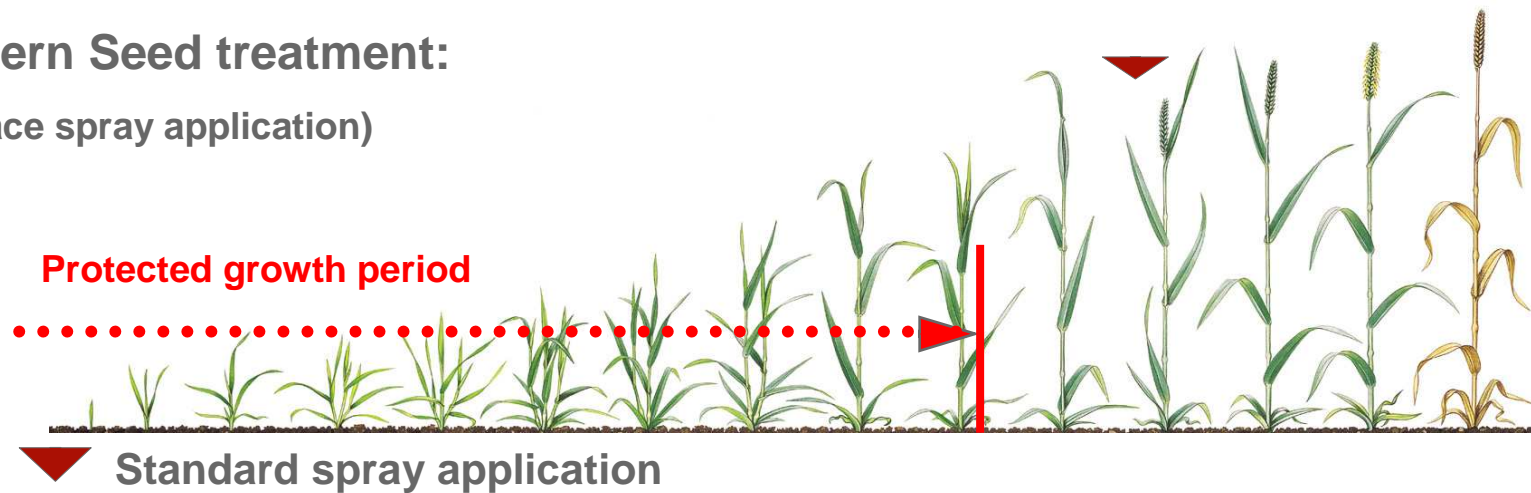
# *Puccinia recondita* & *P. dispersa* Disease cycle



# Seed treatment



**Modern Seed treatment:**  
(replace spray application)







# Modern seed treatment

Optimal systemic properites for a long lasting activity

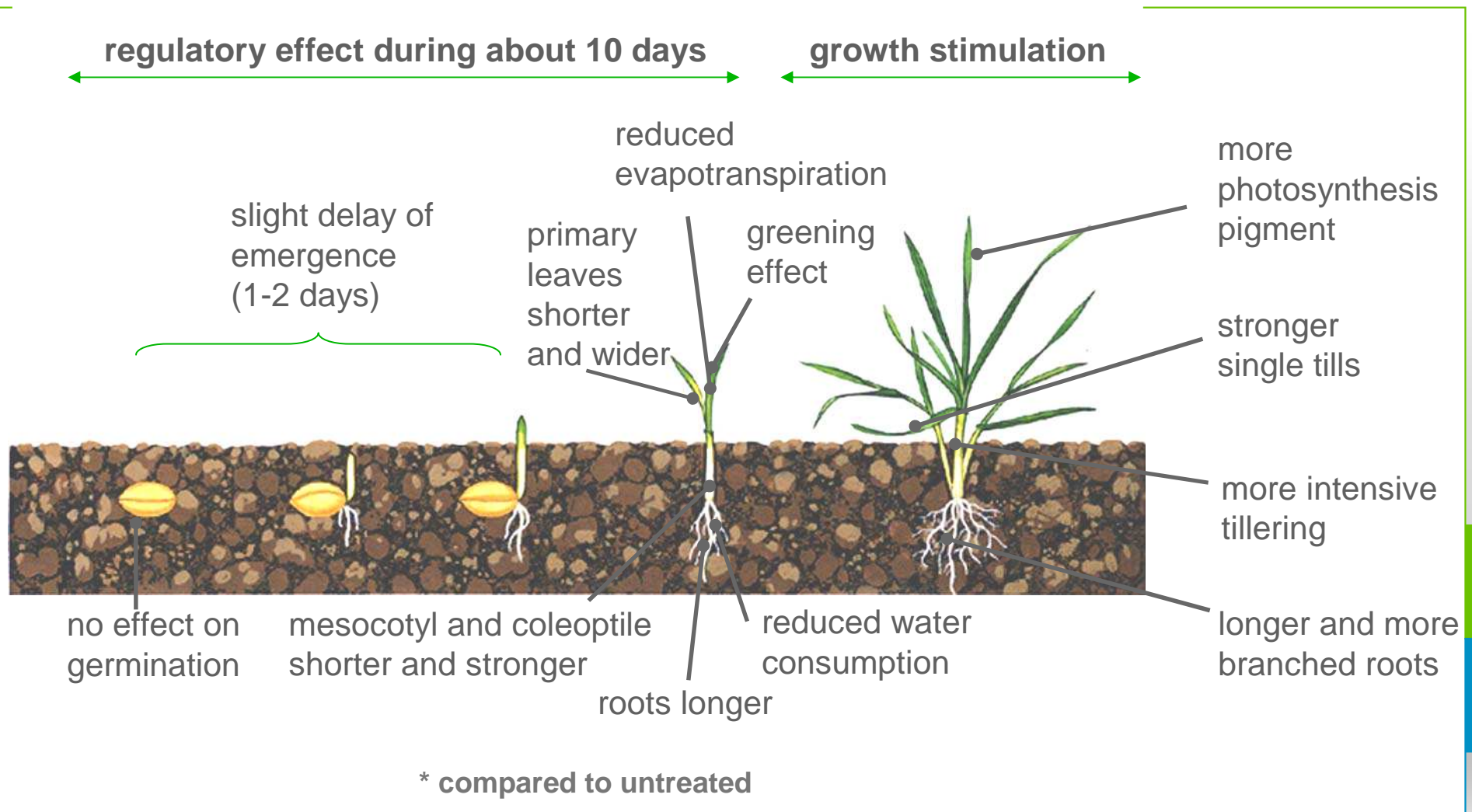


$^{14}\text{C}$  triadimenol

**Optimal penetration of the active substance allows a distribution  
In the whole plant**



# Baytan<sup>®</sup> - Growth regulatory effects

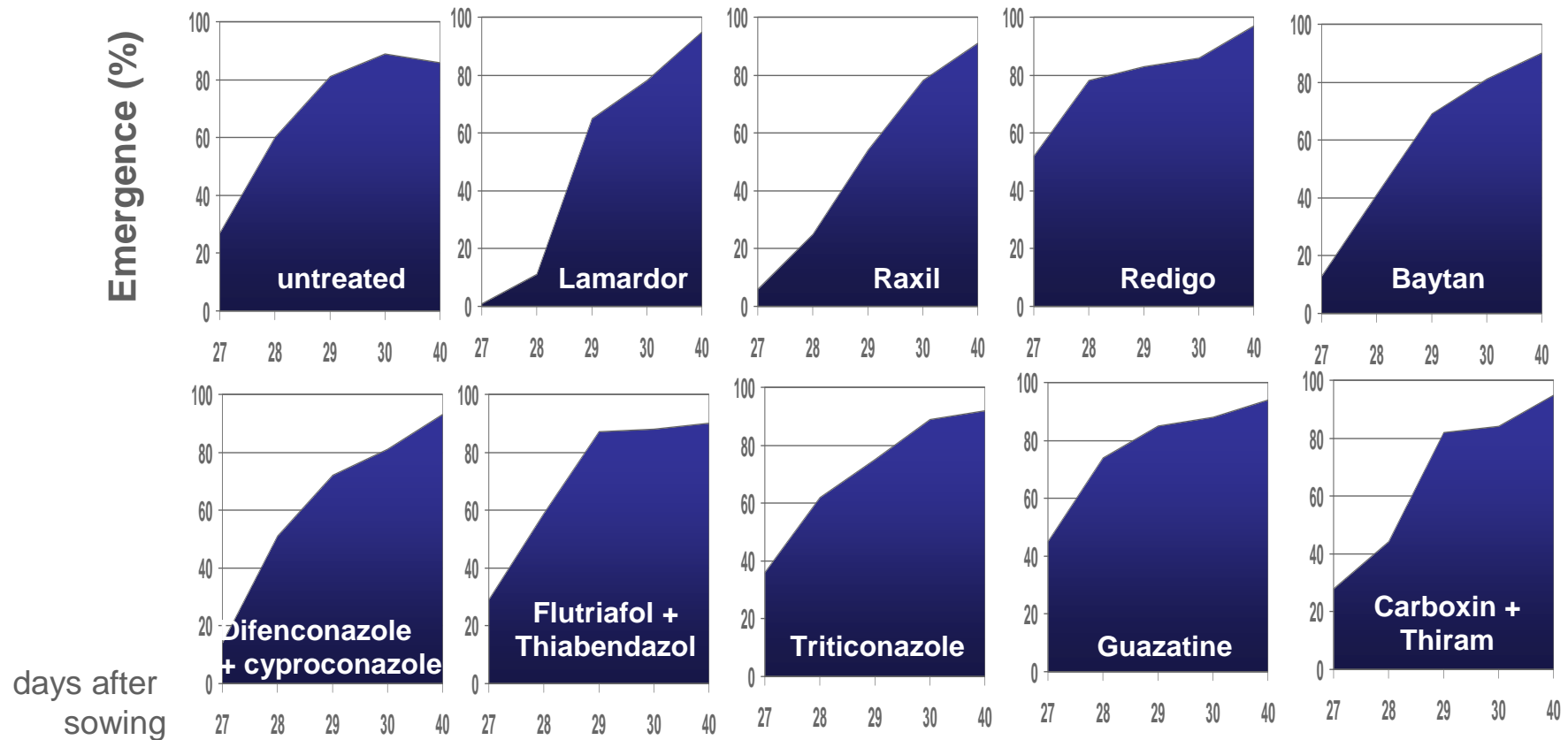


# Crop safety under adverse conditions



Cold test: 28 days at 5°C, that followed 10°C – Variety „Zentos“

Emergence: mean of app. 100 plants





# Growth regulatory effects

Width of shoots (mean of 25 shoots)



1.0 mm

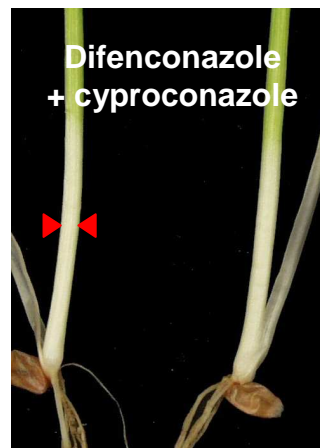


1.9 mm



1.7 mm

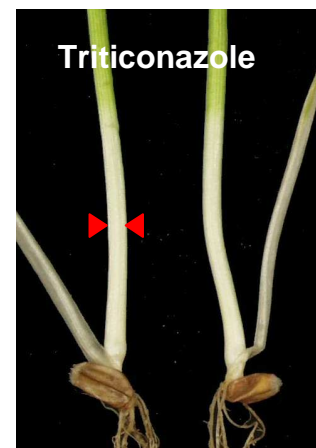
Raxil and Baytan treated seeds produce stronger shoots with clearly better seedling vigour



1.5 mm



1.4 mm



1.4 mm



1.0 mm

# Impact of growth regulatory effects under special conditions



Sowing depth



# Emergence & sowing depth - healthy seeds

Initial evaluation  
untreated



3 cm



6 cm



9 cm

Raxil®



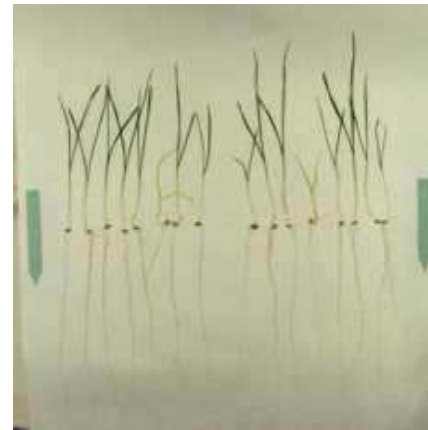


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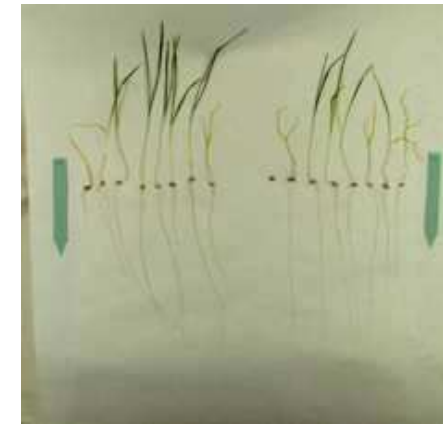
**Final stand**  
**Raxil®**  
**untreated**



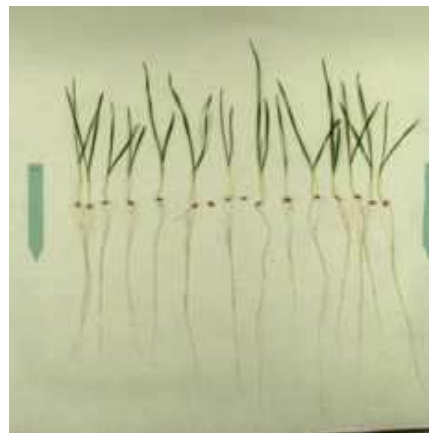
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# Emergence & sowing depth - infected seeds

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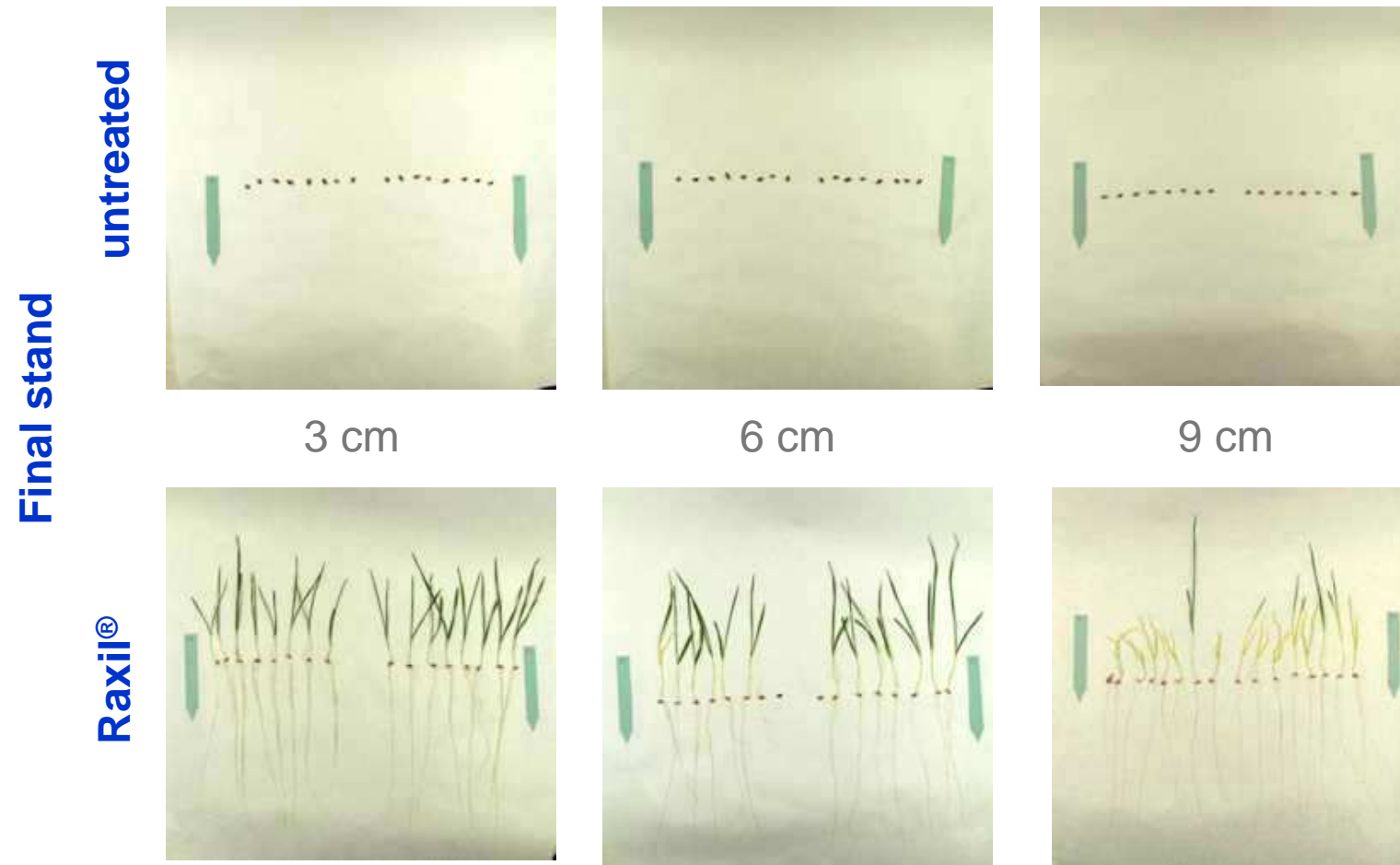
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Raxil®



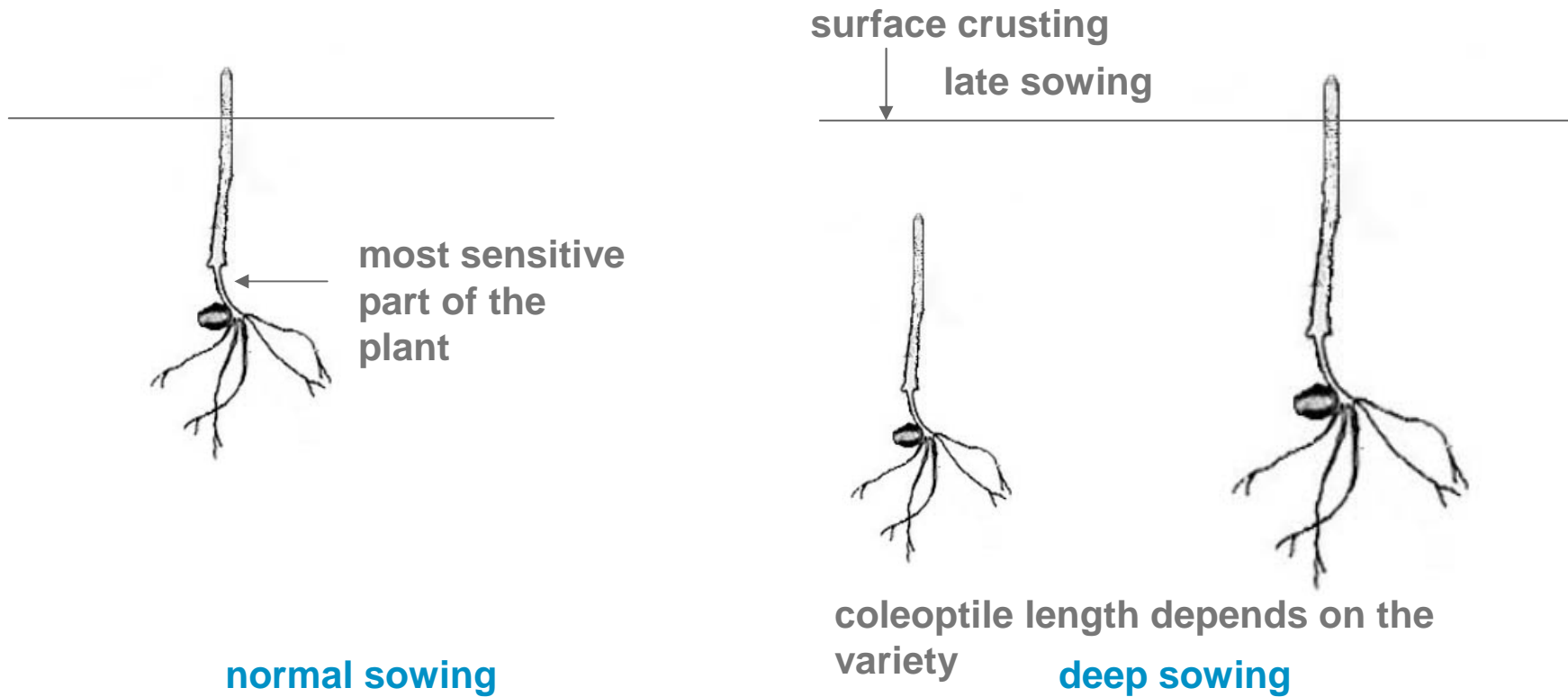


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Raxil<sup>®</sup>: Mesocotyl and coleoptile shorter and thicker







# Conclusions

- Cereal plants may be damaged by diseases showing different types of epidemiology
- Seed- and soil-borne diseases can be targeted by classical seed treatment compounds
- Systemic properties are required to control pathogens present in the seed embryo or in the soil
- Extended protection against air-borne diseases requires highly systemic compounds, able to be translocated in the whole plant
- Fungicide seed treatments do not only control diseases but show additionally beneficial effects on plant physiology





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Thank you !