



Effect of Nitrate on Iron Reduction and Phosphorus Release in Flooded Paddy Soil

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The increase in P availability to rice under flooded soil conditions involves the reductive dissolution of iron phosphate and iron (hydr)oxide phosphate. However as NO_3^- is a more favourable electron acceptor in anaerobic soils than Fe, high NO_3^- loads function as a redox buffer limiting the reduction of Fe. The effect of adding NO_3^- on Fe reduction and P release in paddy soil was investigated. Pot experiment was conducted where NO_3^- was added to flooded soil and changes of redox potential and Fe^{2+} , NO_3^- , and PO_4^{3-} concentrations in soil solution at 10 cm depth were monitored as a function of time. Redox potential decreased with time to -96 mV, but it was temporarily poised at about $330\sim 360$ mV when NO_3^- was present. Nitrate addition to soil led to reduced release of Fe^{2+} and prevented the solubilization of P. Phosphate in pore water began to rise soon after incubation and reached final concentrations about 0.82 mg P/L in the soil without NO_3^- addition. But, in the soil with NO_3^- addition, PO_4^{3-} in pore water was maintained in the range of $0.2\sim 0.3$ mg P/L. The duration of inhibition in Fe^{2+} release was closely related to the presence of NO_3^- , and the timing of PO_4^{3-} release was inversely related to the NO_3^- concentration in soil solution. The results suggest that preferential use of NO_3^- as an electron acceptor in anaerobic soil condition can strongly limit Fe reduction and P solubilization.

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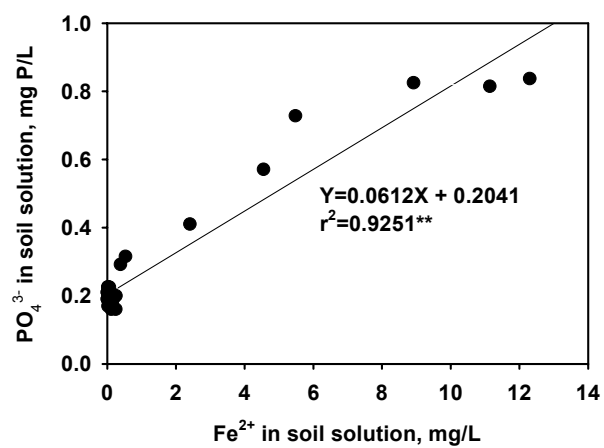


Figure. Relationship between iron reduction and phosphorus solubilization in flooded paddy soil.