



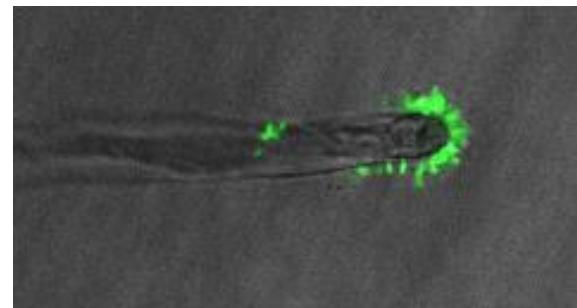
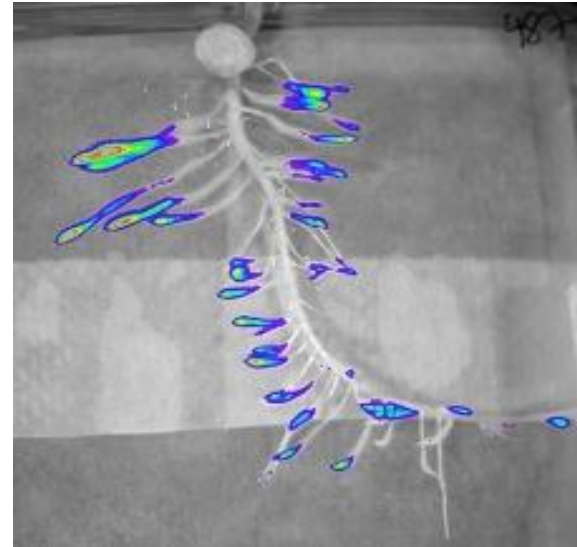
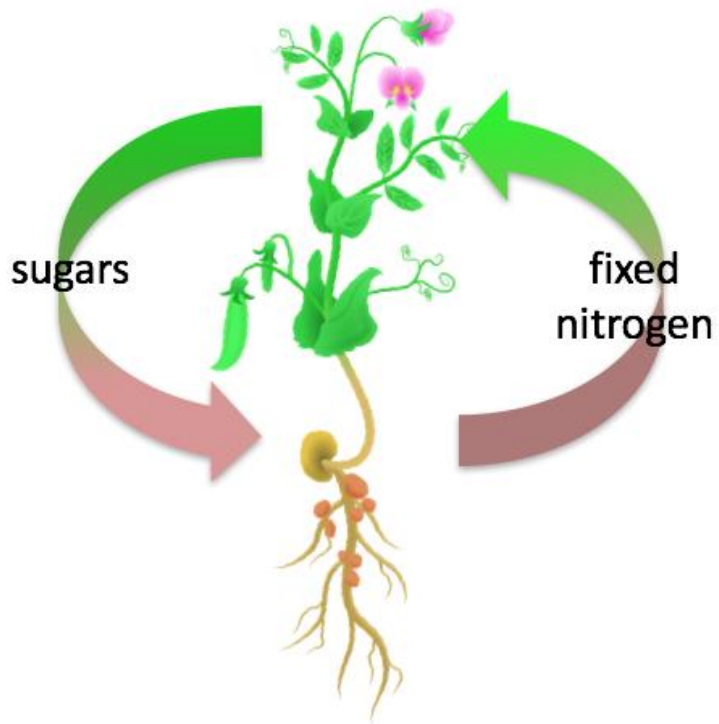
VALUING NATURE

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**Thesis Title: Regulation of Root Attachment in
Rhizobium**

Research Overview - Rhizobium-Legume symbioses



Research Overview - Opportunities and Challenges for Commercialisation

Opportunities:

- Improve legume yields via symbiont strain optimization
- Reduce/replace fertilizer requirements – cereal engineering
- Enhance pathogen resistance – symbiont root system protection
- Decrease costs (financial & environmental) of agriculture



Challenges:

- Basic mechanistic information incomplete
- Genetic engineering challenges in higher plants
- Uncertainty in regulatory frameworks & high cost of market delivery
- Opposition to new technologies



My Reasons for Attending



Sustainability = Profitability

