

# **Potassium forms in soils of Poland**

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## Potassium forms in soils (medians) mg K\*kg<sup>-1</sup> soil

Potassium forms	K mg*kg <sup>-1</sup> in soil layer 0-20 cm			K mg*kg <sup>-1</sup> in soil layer 20-40cm		
	light	medium	heavy	light	medium	heavy
structural*	10135	13341	16282	10515	14600	17408
„total”	486	872	2372	407	789	2256
„reserve”	239	382	655	180	204	470
exchangeable	86,4	112	166	52,2	72,6	104
water soluble	23,2	22,0	21,6	13,9	13,8	10,1

## Potassium amount in light soils kg K\*ha<sup>-1</sup>0-50 cm

K uptake	K content	light soils			
		K <sub>tot</sub>	K <sub>res</sub>	K <sub>ex</sub>	K <sub>wat</sub>
60	Very low	2839	963	216	60
	Low	3231	1300	397	103
	Medium	3594	1728	640	176
	High	4659	2380	949	281
	Very high	5921	3161	1473	385
	Average	3355	1572	520	140

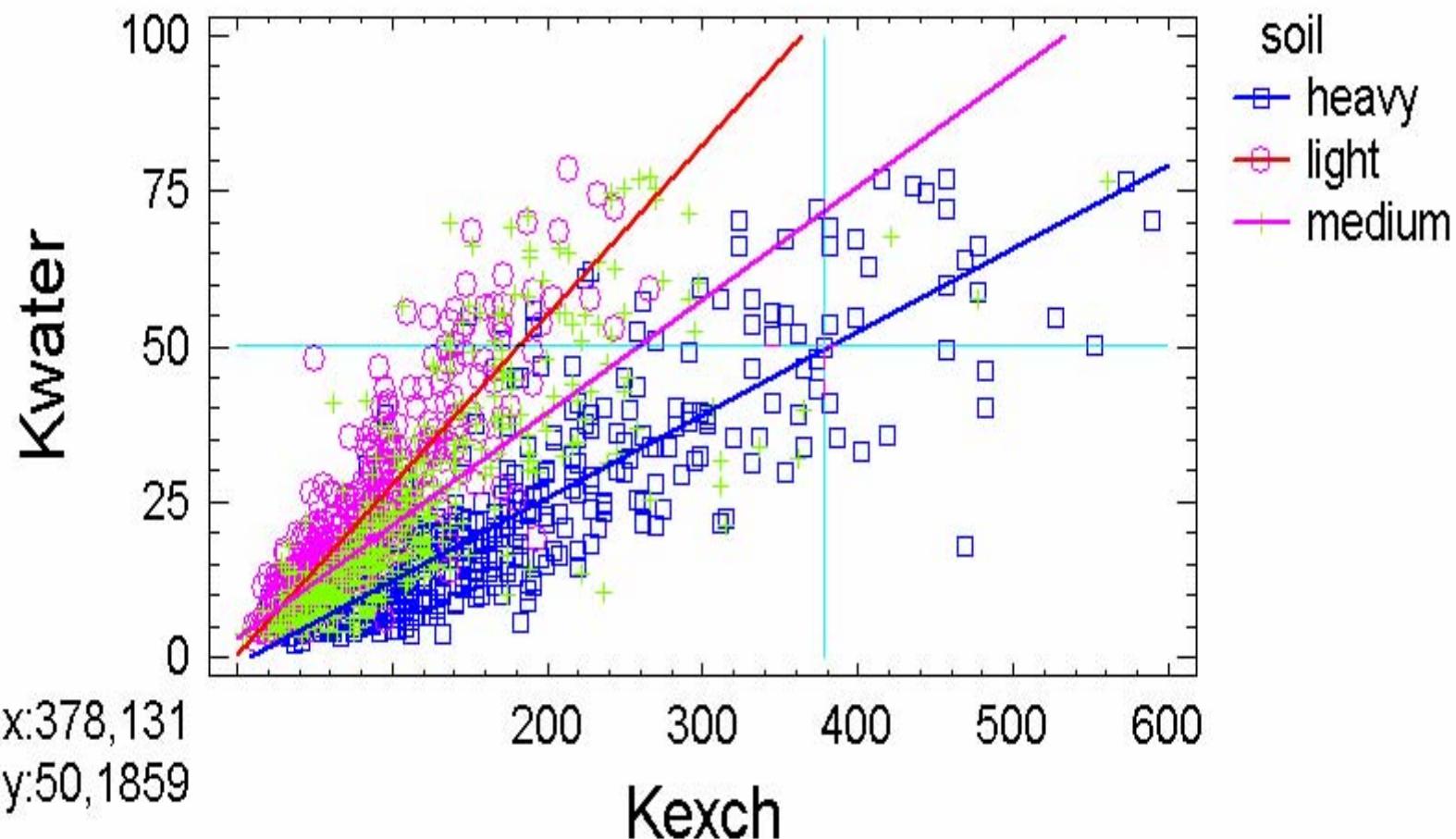
## Potassium amount in medium soils kg K\*ha<sup>-1</sup>\*0-50cm

K uptake	K content	medium soils			
		K <sub>tot</sub>	K <sub>res</sub>	K <sub>ex</sub>	K <sub>wat</sub>
74	Very low	5463	1663	347	64
	Low	6888	2281	629	124
	Medium	8123	2851	944	217
	High	8457	3350	1266	327
	Very high	11427	4218	2027	458
	Average	5882	2391	654	127

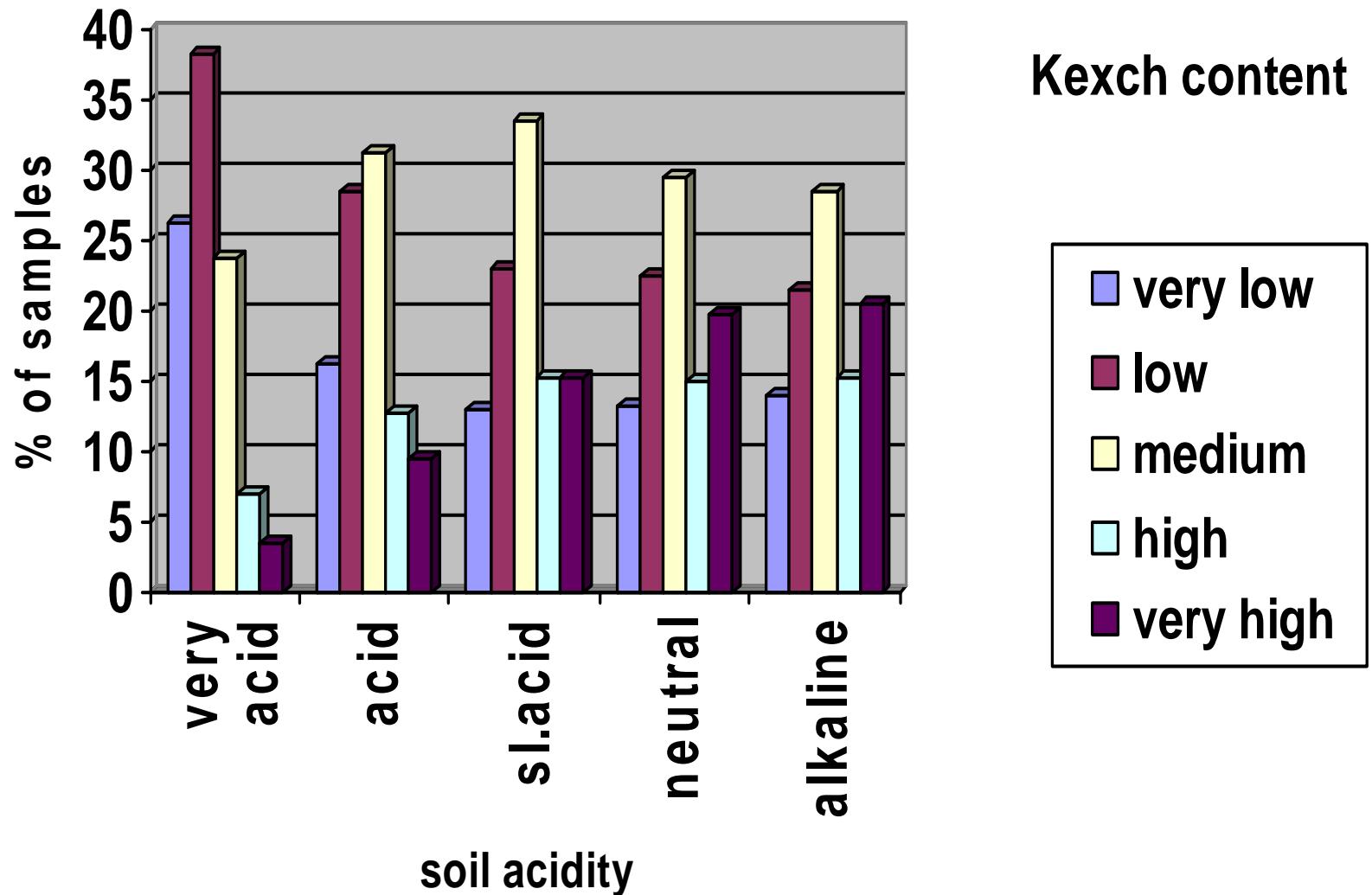
## Potassium amount in heavy soils kg K\*ha<sup>-1</sup>\*0-50 cm

K uptake	K content	medium soils			
		K <sub>tot</sub>	K <sub>res</sub>	K <sub>ex</sub>	K <sub>wat</sub>
97	Very low	11808	2598	527	57
	Low	14783	3551	890	104
	Medium	15939	4083	1330	178
	High	19617	5576	1836	253
	Very high	22323	6913	3090	520
	Average	15042	3656	877	103

## Relation between $K_{\text{water}}$ and $K_{\text{exch}}$



## Relation between K<sub>exch</sub> content and soil acidity



## Relation between $K_{\text{con}}$ and $K_{\text{exch}}$

