

Theoretical soil order development pathways

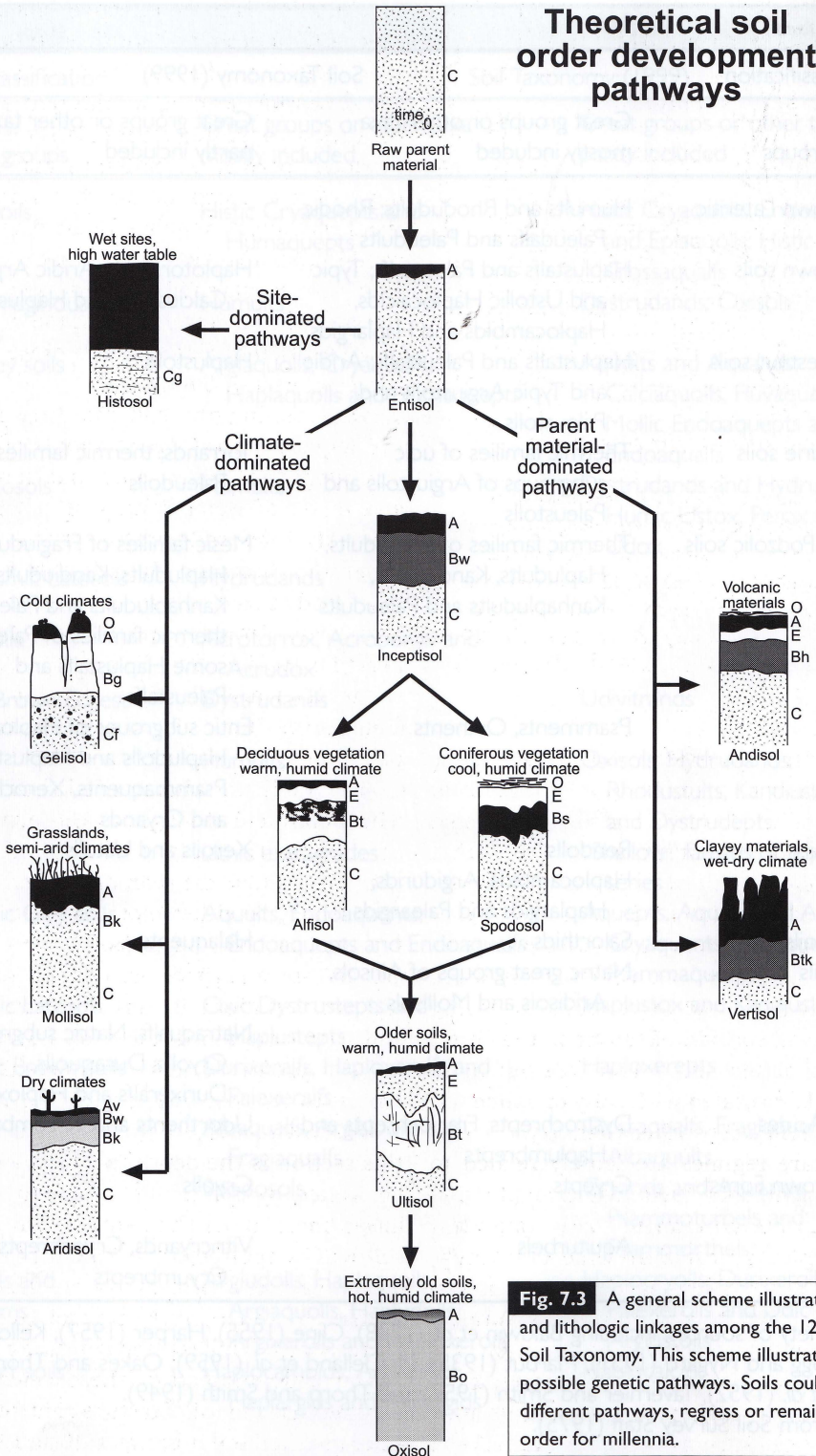


Fig. 7.3 A general scheme illustrating the genetic and lithologic linkages among the 12 soil orders in Soil Taxonomy. This scheme illustrates only a few possible genetic pathways. Soils could evolve along different pathways, regress or remain within one order for millennia.