



# Using fluorescence in the field to detect crop diseases: How we got there

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# Protection against grapevine downy mildew



## *Viticulture in Europe*

3,64 Mha  
156 MhL (≈15 MT)  
60% World production



## *Crop protection*

20 annual sprayings  
70 000 T/year = 1,9 G€  
21,4 kg active substance/ha  
including 19,5 kg/ha of fungicides  
70% of losses due to  
downy & powdery mildew



## *Health*

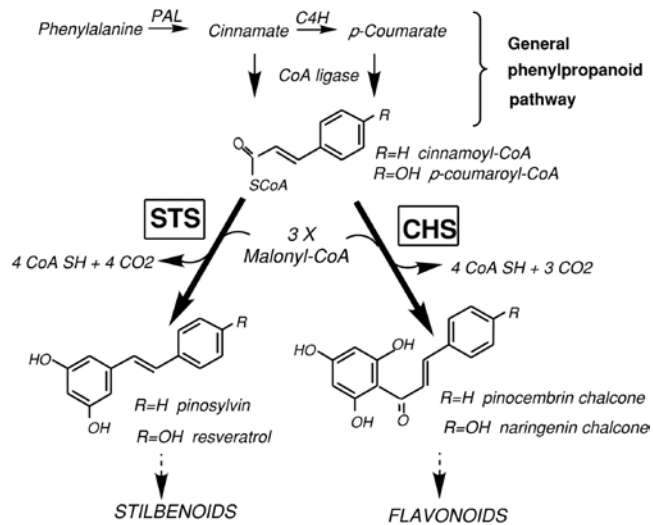
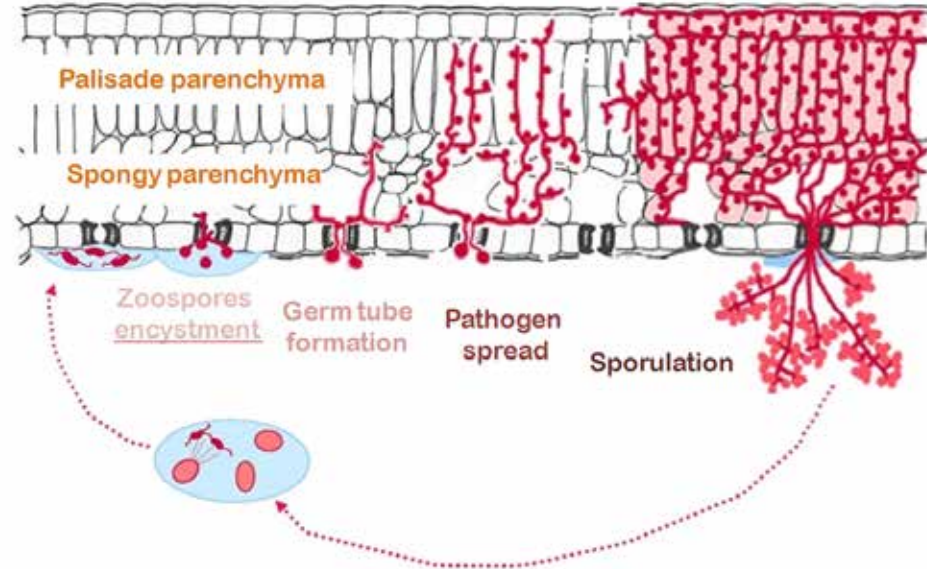
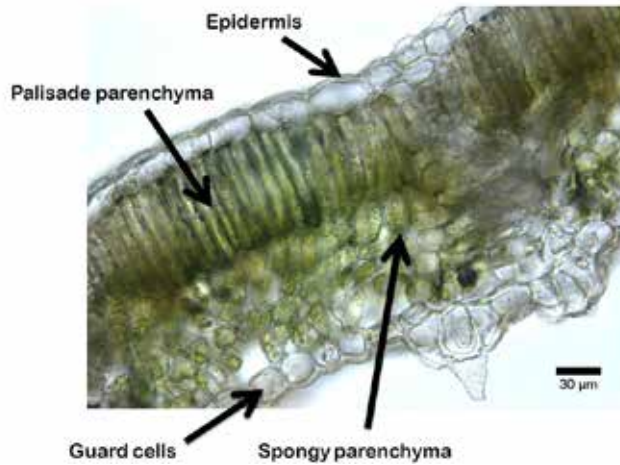
2.5 million vinegrape growers  
Pollution by phytochemical treatments  
of growers, the environment and the wine

## *Solutions*

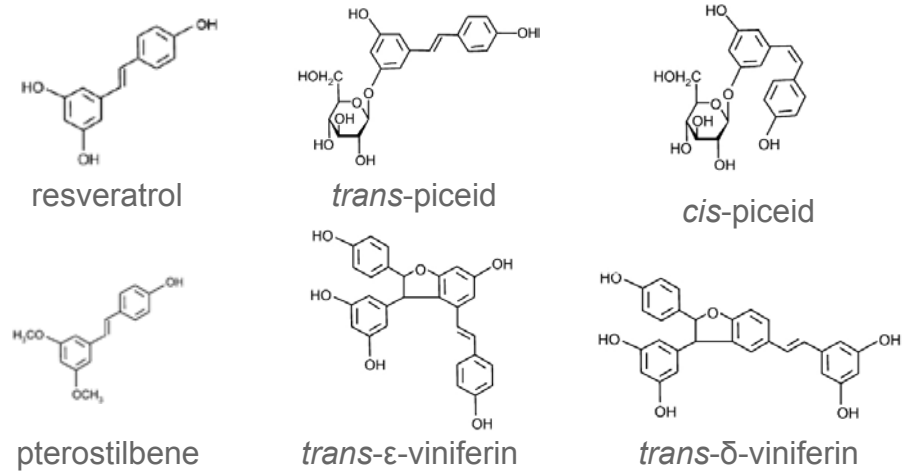
IPM (integrated pest management)  
Precision agriculture (dose)  
Early detection (optical)



# *Plasmopara viticola* the infection agent of downy mildew



## Grapevine phytoalexins *Viniferins, stilbenoids, derivatives of resveratrol*

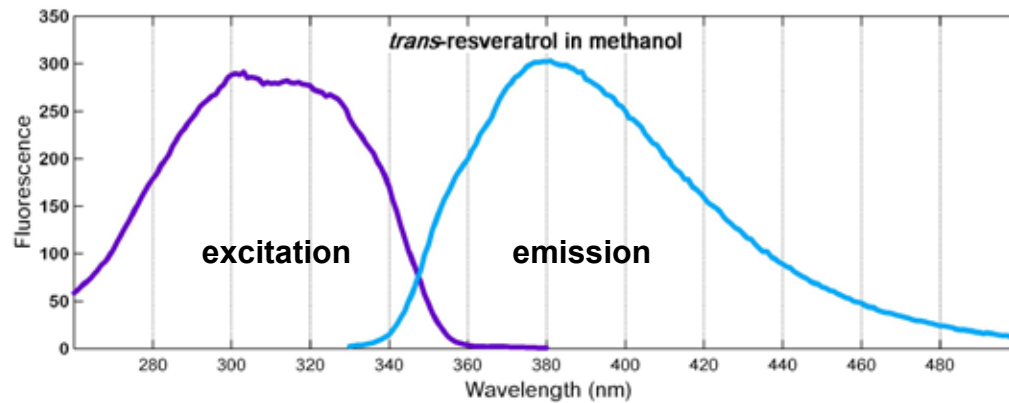




# Fluorescence of stilbenoids

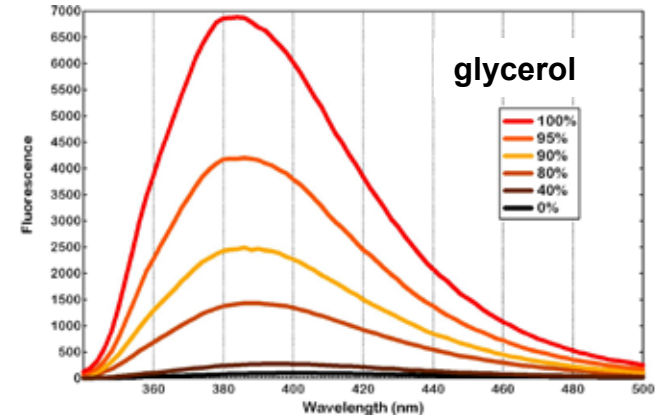
Complete analysis of fluorescence:  
physico-chemical, microscopic et macroscopic

Bellow et al. (2012) J. Exp. Bot. 63: 3697



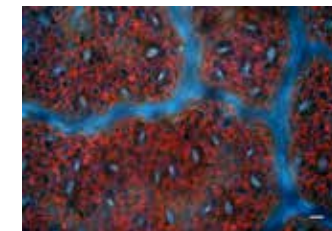
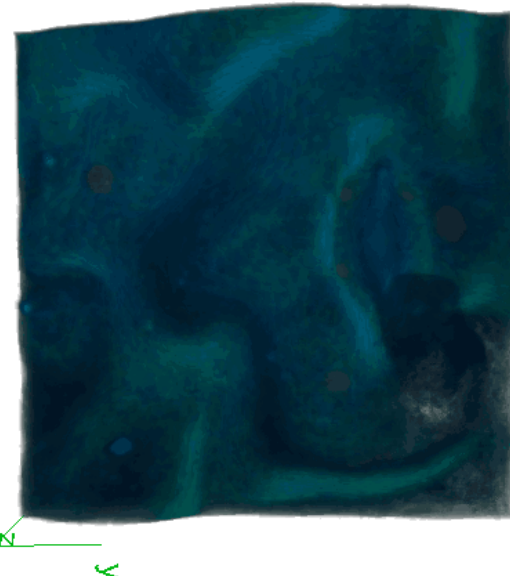
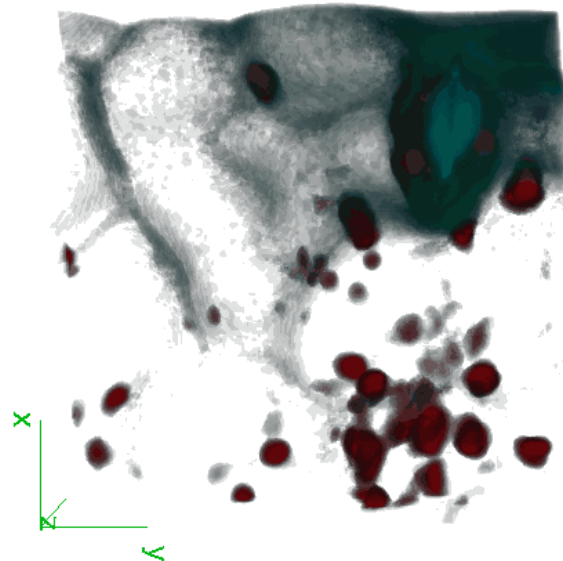
Control

Cabernet Sauvignon

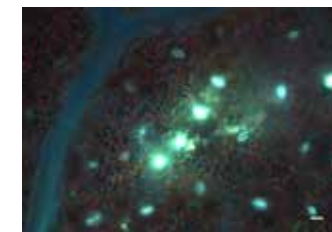


Inoculated

Autofluorescence



control



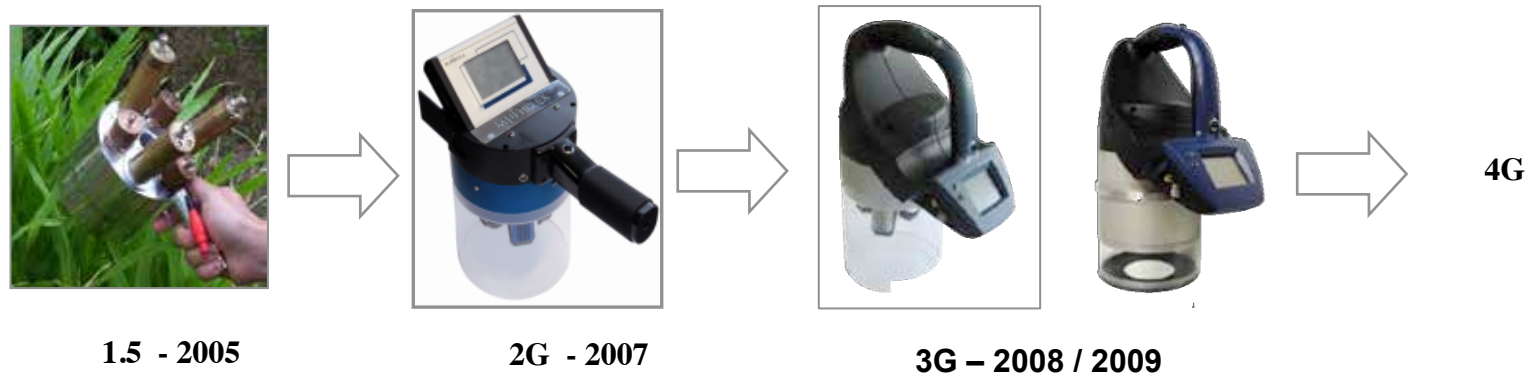
infected

# Development of portable field sensors

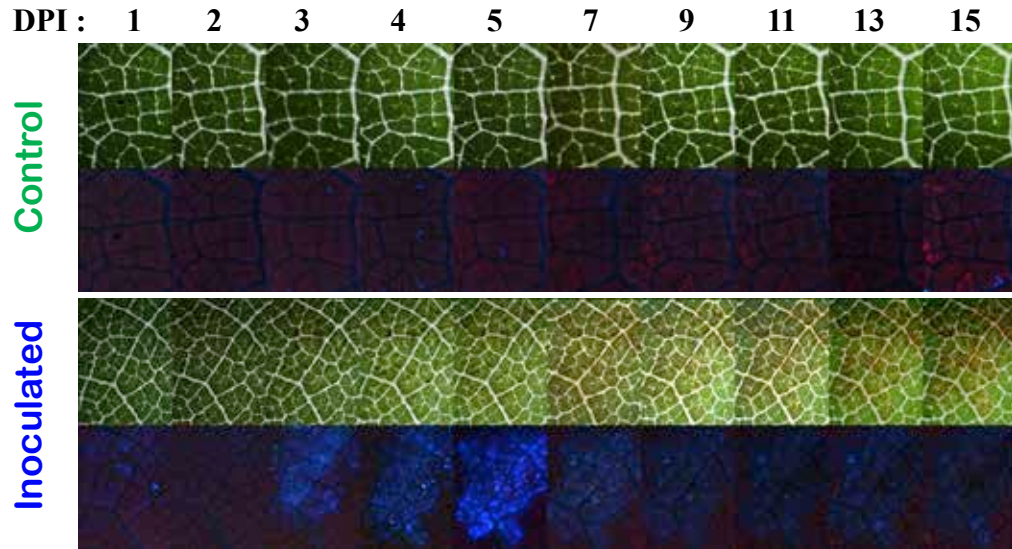
## DUALEX: from 1G to 4 Generation



## MULTIPLY: towards 4G



# Kinetics of the infection



Excitation filter : 340/26  
Emission filter : 371 nm long pass

Transmission

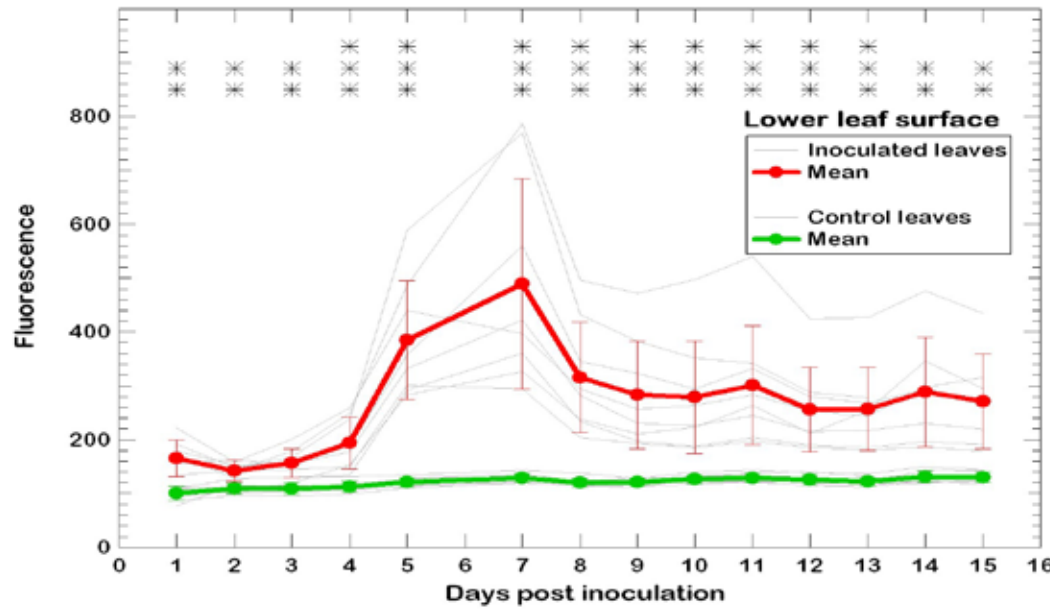
Fluorescence  
UV-visible

Transmission

Fluorescence  
UV-visible



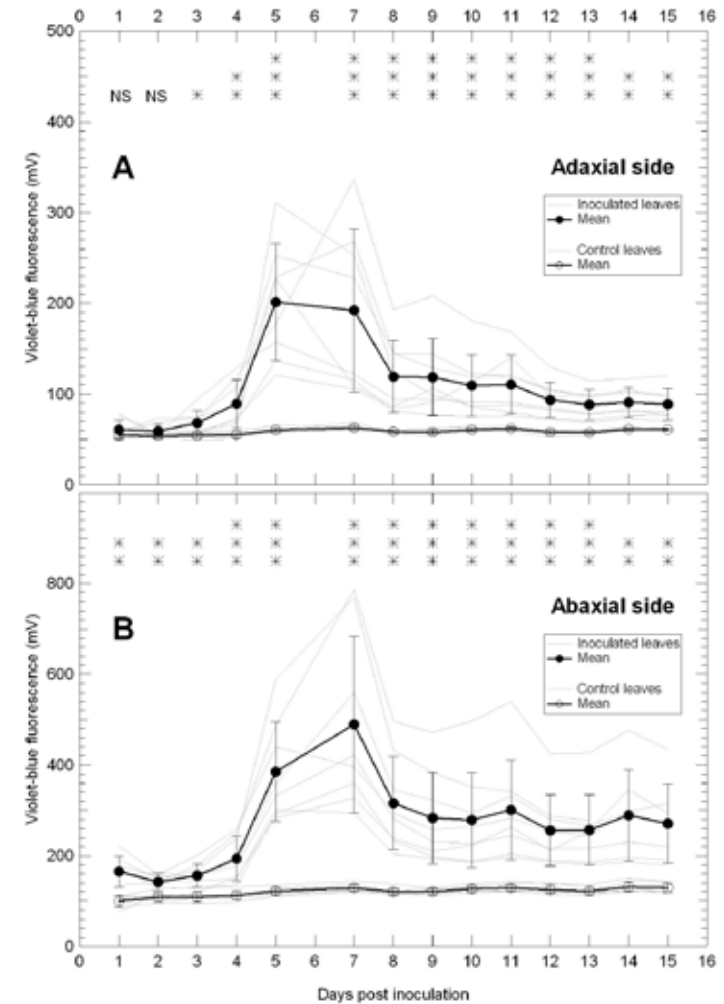
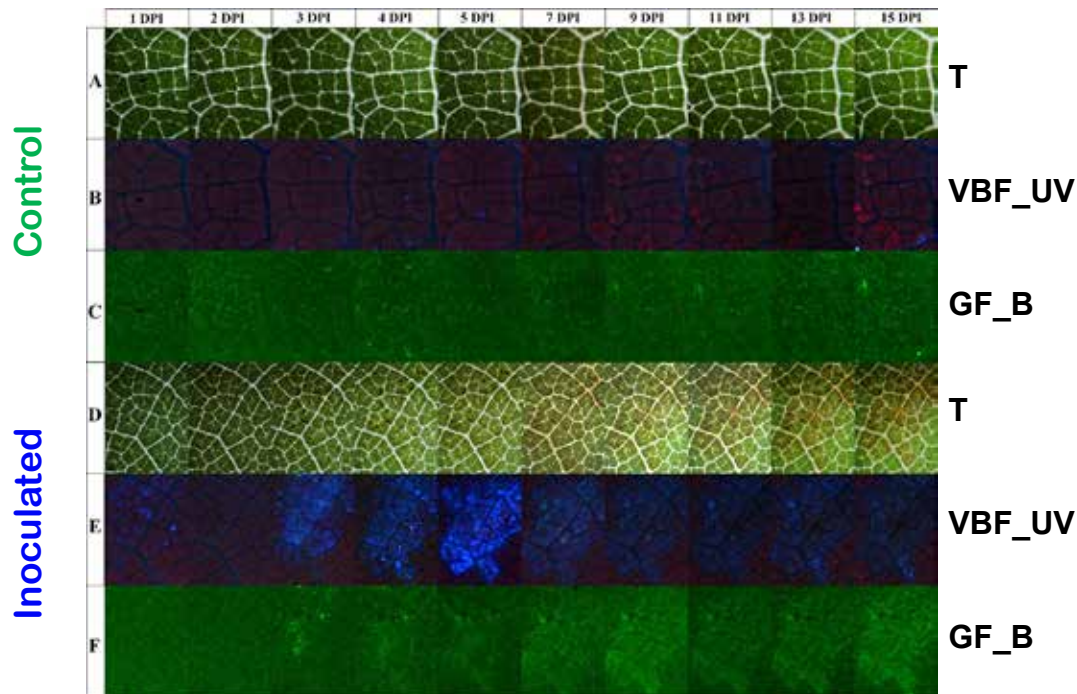
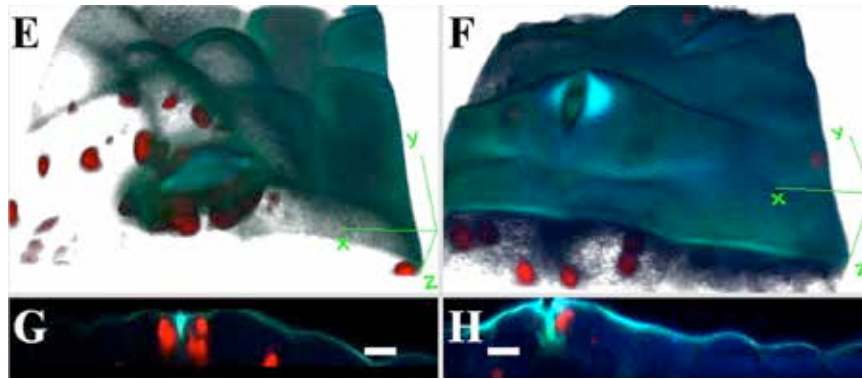
Macroscope  
Nikon AZ100



Proximal detection Mx330



# Signal present on both leaf sides

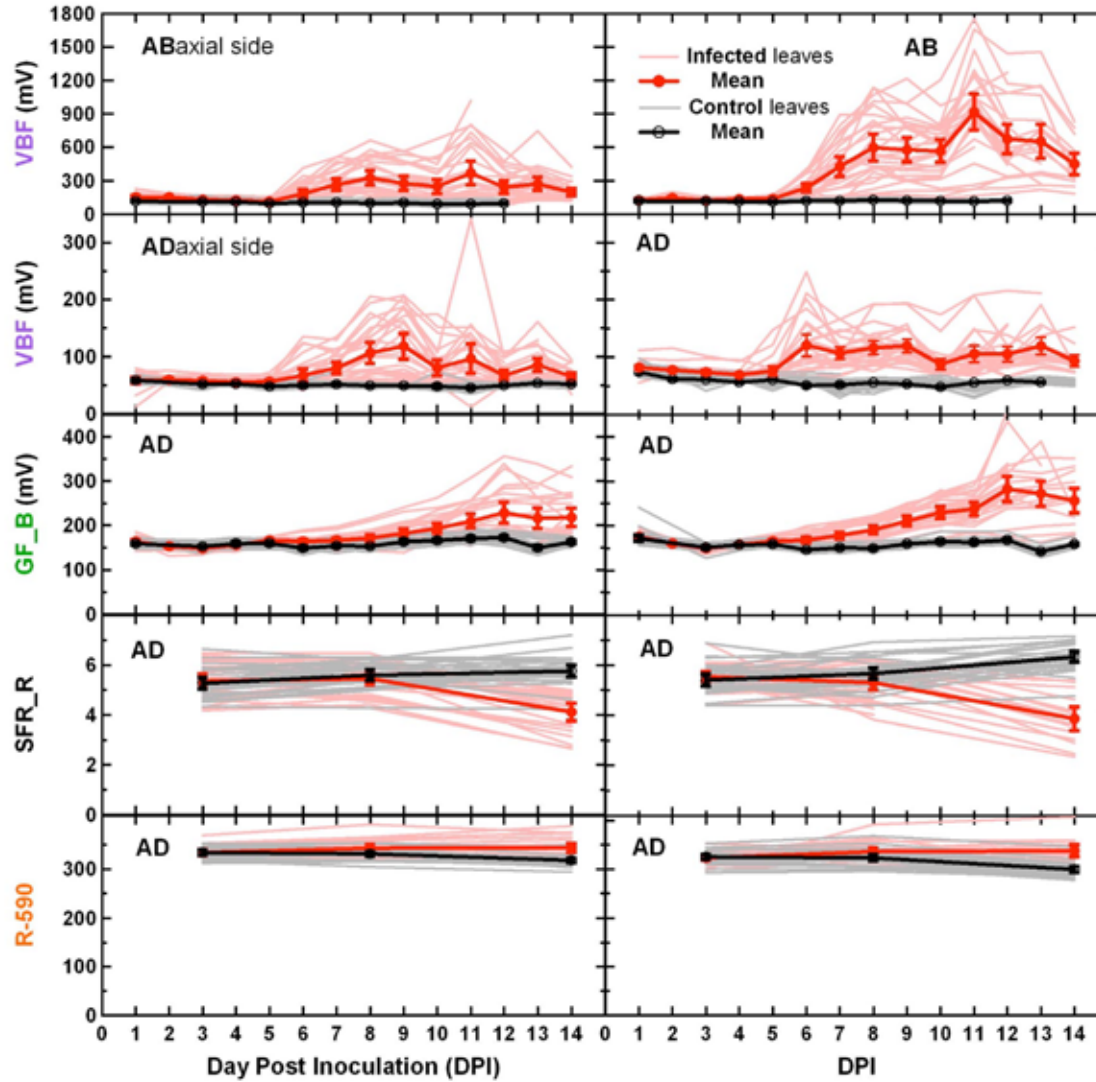


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# In-field hand-held sensing of downy mildew

Muscat Ottonel

Gewurztraminer

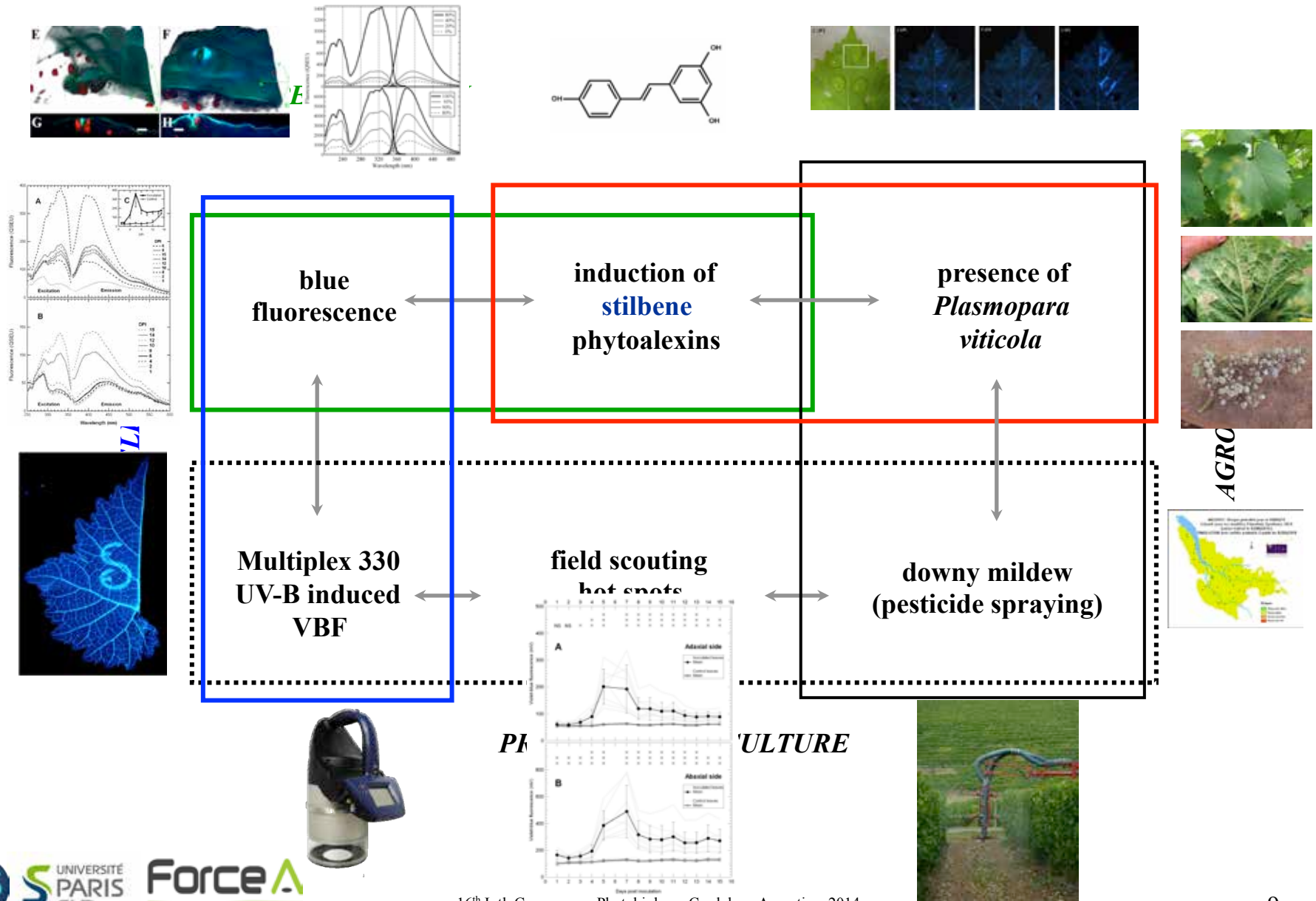


Colmar  
Alsace  
France





# Stilbenes as indicators of downy mildew in grapevine



# Mapping and zoning of leaf cover in viticulture



NFI



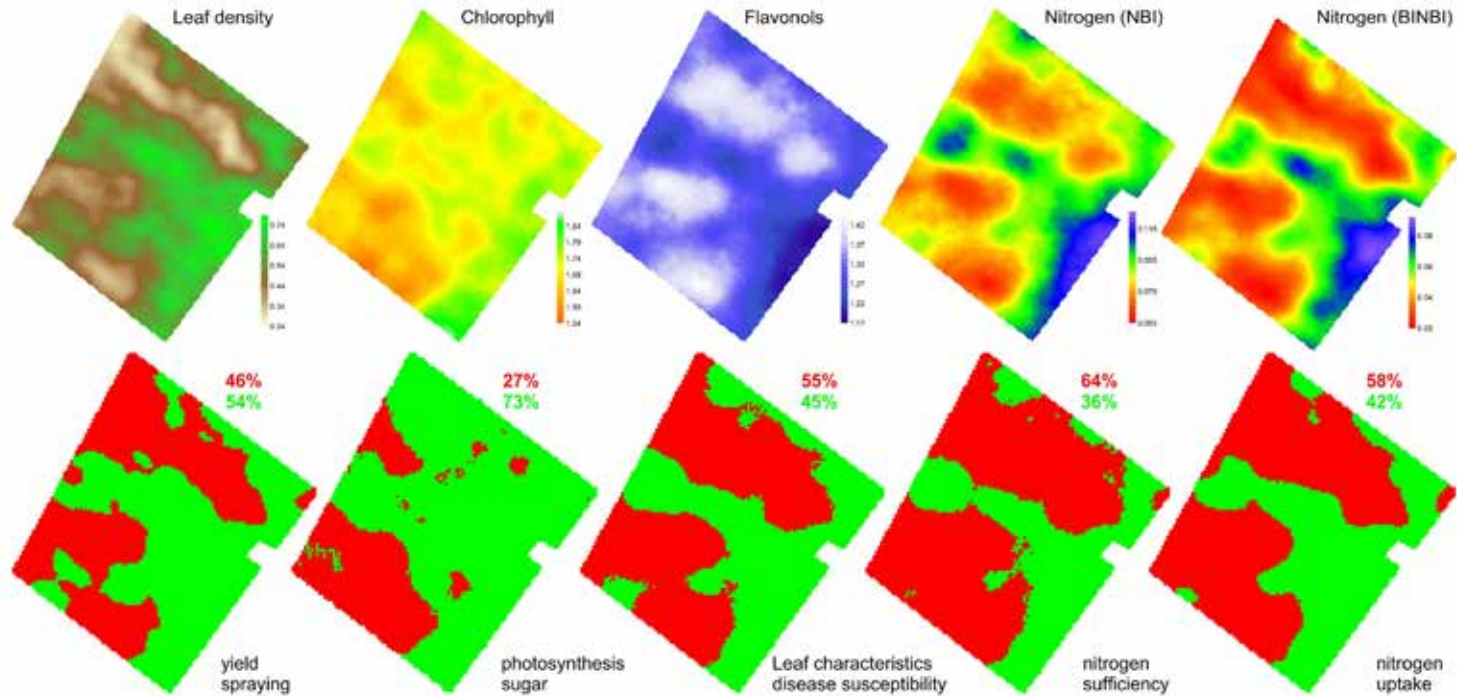
Chl

Flav



Chl/Flav

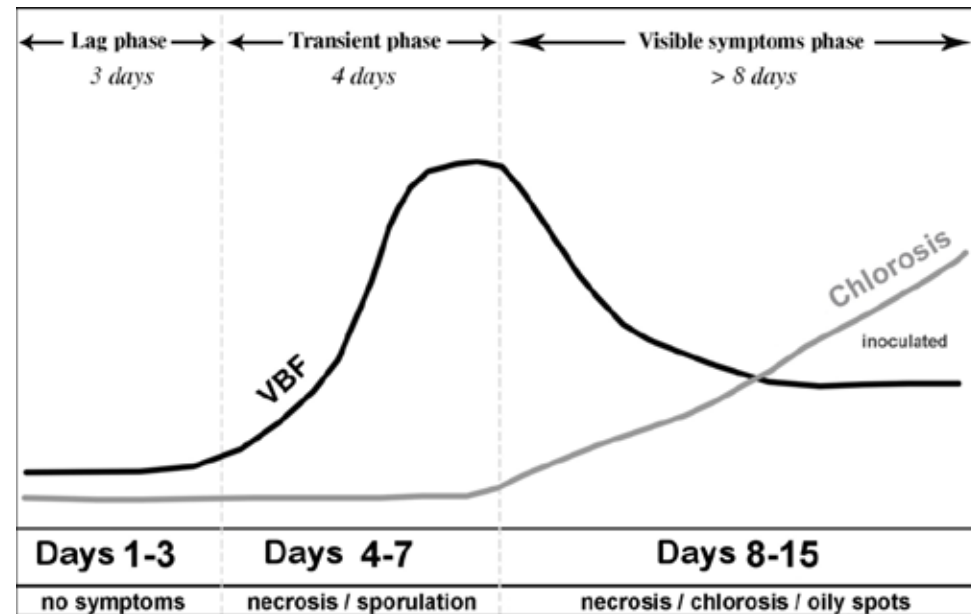
NFI\*Chl/Flav



# Phytoalexins as disease markers



Mounted Multiplex for hot-spot detection



Grapevine  
*stilbenoids*



Peanut  
*stilbenoids*



Sunflower  
*coumarins*

## Other crops Phytoalexins



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