

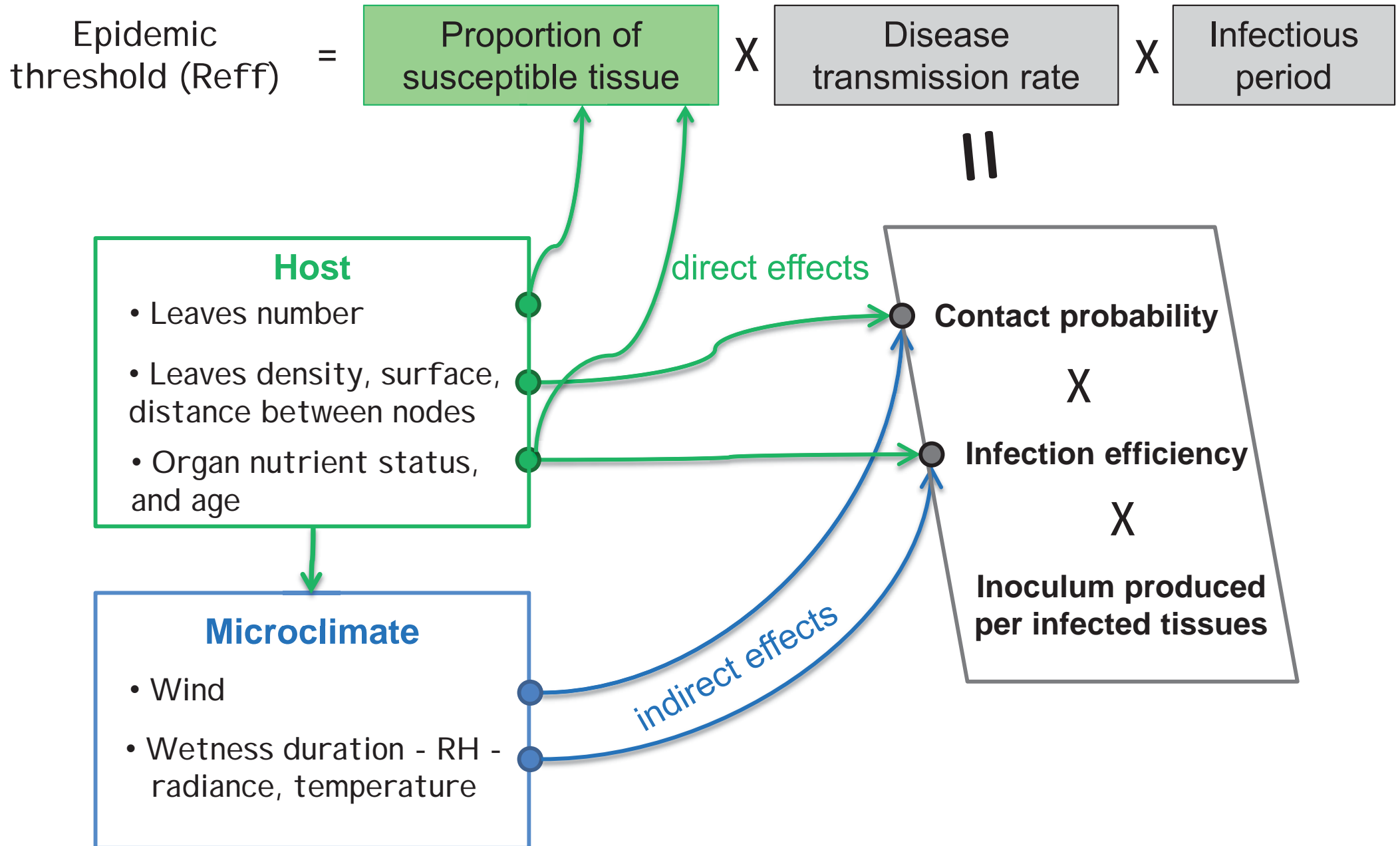


# Effects of Vine growth and architecture on powdery mildew susceptibility



- What makes an epidemic?
- What kind of changes in the host can we expect?
- What are the host and pathogen processes involved?

# What makes an epidemic?



# What do we know about grapevine growth - powdery mildew relationships?

- Correlation between vine **vigour** and the powdery mildew dynamics and spread

Calonnec et al., 2009, *Phytopathology* 99:411-422

- The vine growth dynamic impact the disease dynamic **for a partially resistant variety**

Valdes et al., 2011, *Crop protection*, 30:1168-1177

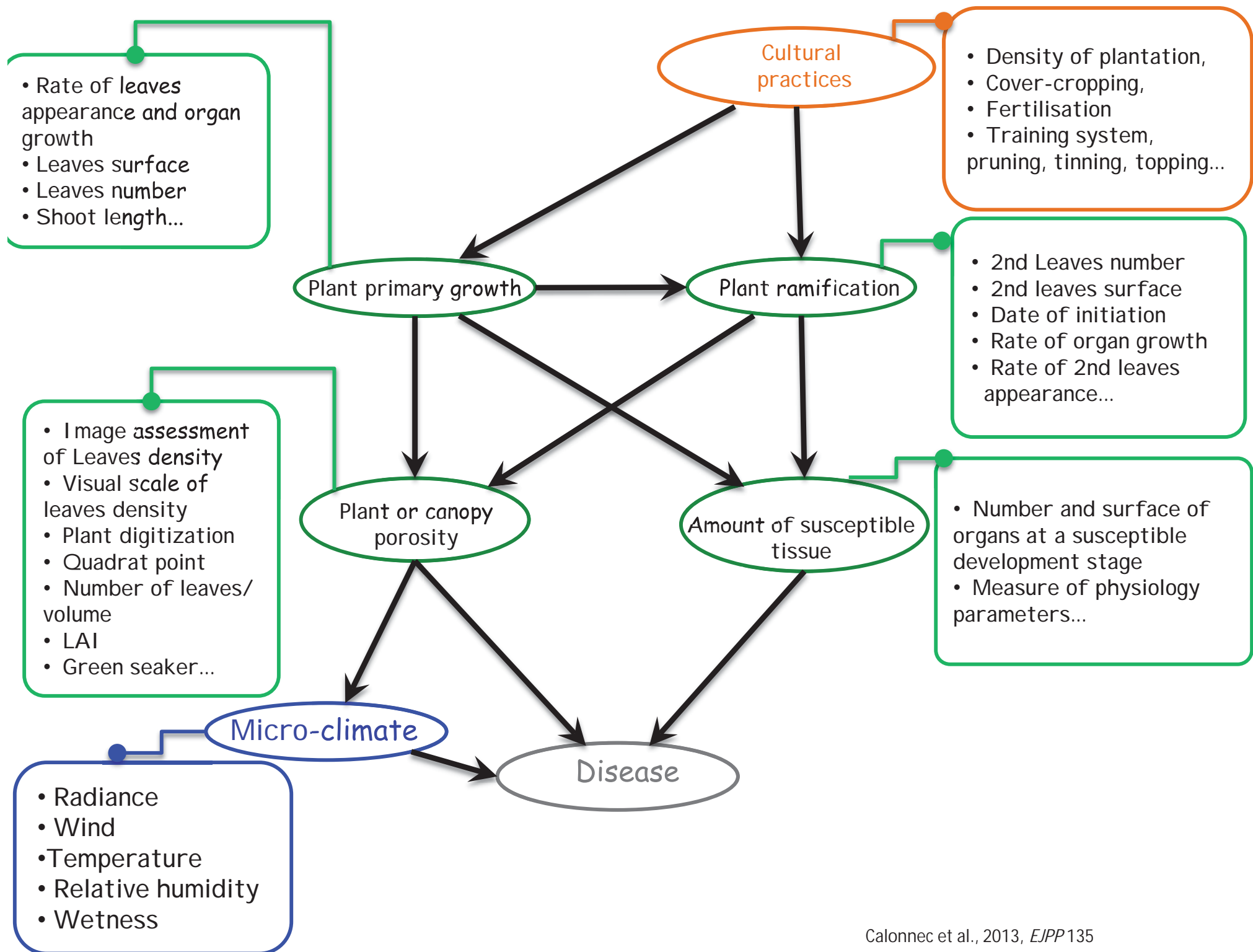
- Models are in accordance with these effects

Burie et al., 2011, *AOB*, 107, 885-95

- The effects can be managed by cultural practices such as cover-cropping as soon as "pea size" phenological stage

- Increase of radiance through pruning type increase the tissue resistance

Zahavi T, Reuveni M, 2012. *European Journal of Plant Pathology* DOI 10.1007/s10658-012-9938-z.





# Cultural practices: cover-cropping (CC) and/or rootstock (R) = reduce primary growth, ramification and porosity

with CC

+ low vigour R

low rate of ramifications  
decrease leaves surface



with CC

+ high vigour R

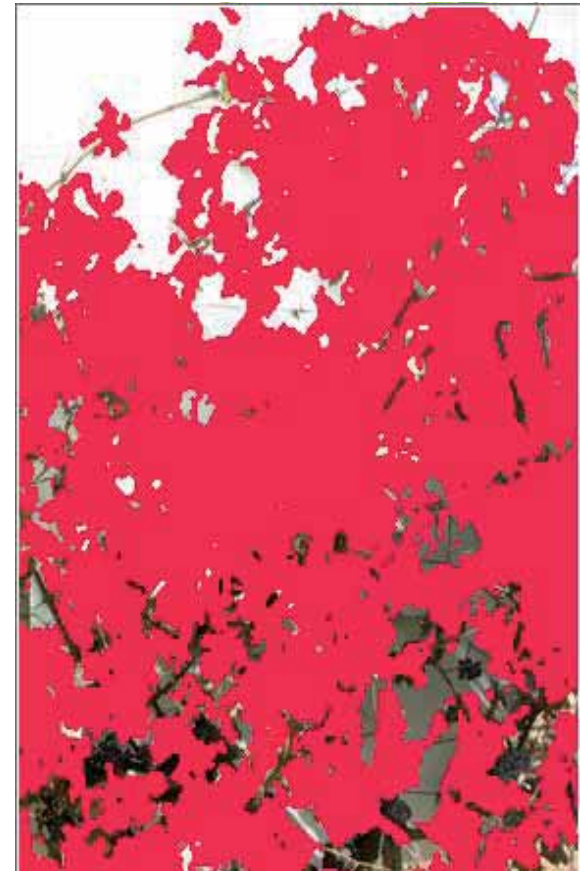
higher rate of ramifications



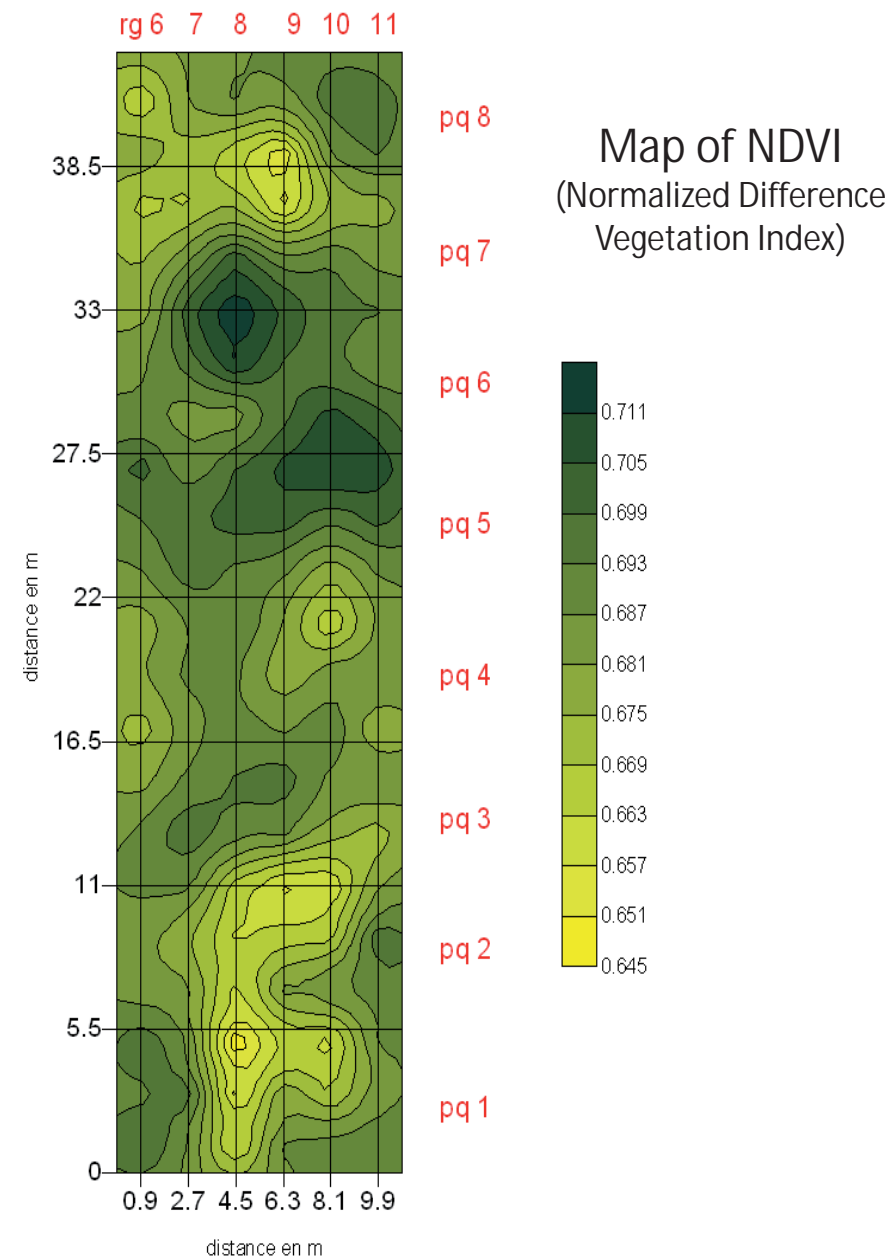
No CC

+ low vigour R

high rate of ramifications  
increase leaves surface



# Assessment of Porosity at the plot scale: measurement of the leaves density by using a Green Seeker



# Management of crop phenology = desynchronize the plant and pathogen development

## Early pruning

early bud break - higher leaves surface,  
higher proportion of resistant leaves,  
increase distance between resistant  
and susceptible leaves



## Late pruning

late bud break - lower leaves surface,  
higher proportion of susceptible  
leaves



Necessity to have a good knowledge of the disease cycle



Cultural practices = minimal pruning

desynchronize the global plant susceptibility and pathogen initiation

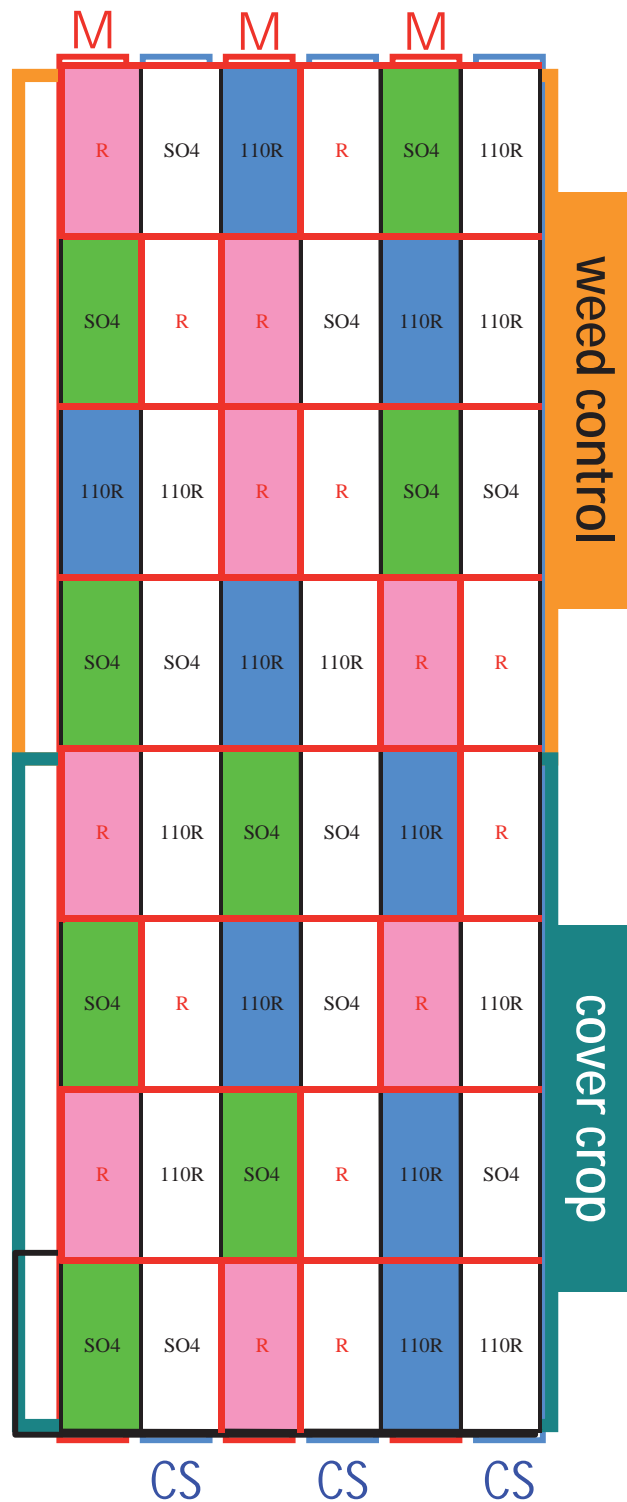
All leaves emerge and get older at the same time



## Effects of vine growth on disease dynamic

# Experimental design

- 2 varieties: Merlot and Cabernet-Sauvignon
- 3 root-stock: Ripariat, SO4, 110R
- 2 cultural factors: Weed-control, cover-crop
- 1 shoot inoculated/ treatment  
(variety x root-stock x cultural factor)



# *Host Variables to assess plant growth*

## Plant growth:

Number of leaves

Rate of leaves emergence

*(primary and secondary leaves)* (once a week)

Length and rate of growth of shoots (once a week)

Leaves density (1 / season)



## Qualitative measurements of soil and leaves :

**Soil:** structure and Nitrogen amount

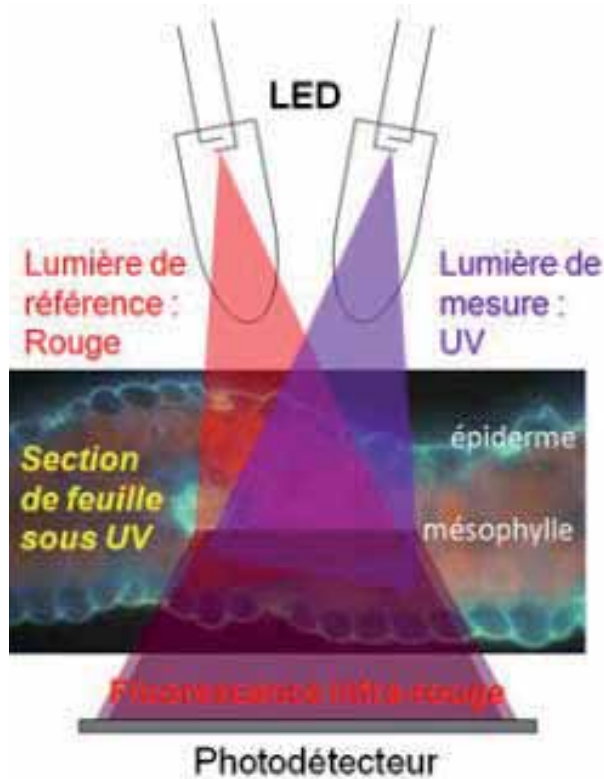
**Leaves:** ratio chlorophyll / flavonol  
(Dualex®). (24 leaves/vine - 1 / season)



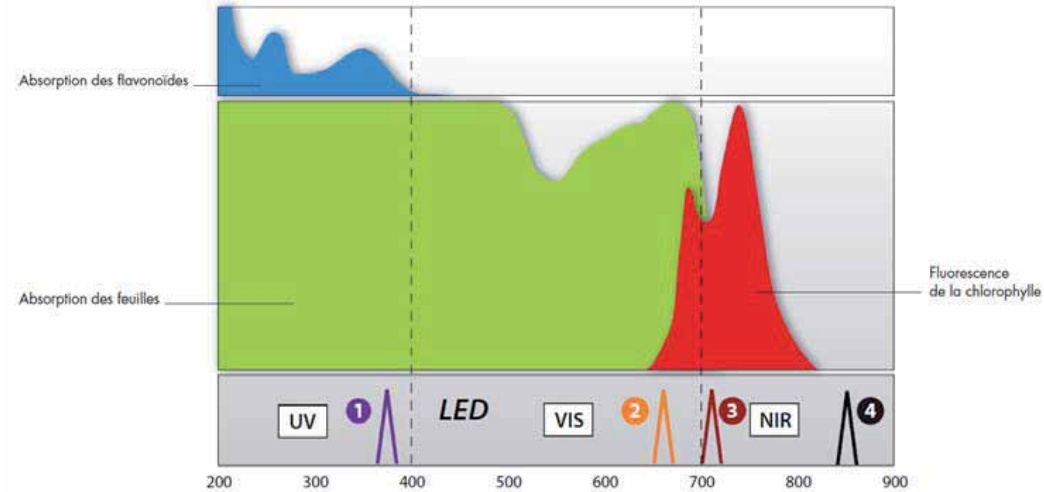
# At the vineyard or in the laboratory



Dualex



## Leaves physiology



$$\text{Flavonoid} = \log \frac{\text{Fluorescence Infrarouge excitée Rouge}}{\text{Fluorescence Infrarouge excitée UV}}$$

$$\text{Chlorophylle} = \frac{\text{Trans. Infrarouge} - \text{Trans. Rouge}}{\text{Trans. Rouge}}$$

NBI = Nitrogen balance index



# *Disease Variables*

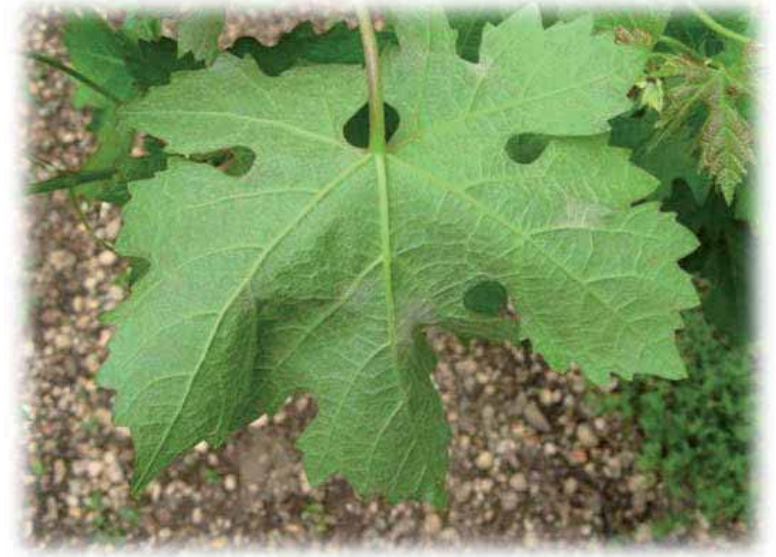
Disease:

Disease incidence and severity on primary  
and secondary leaves

(1x / week)

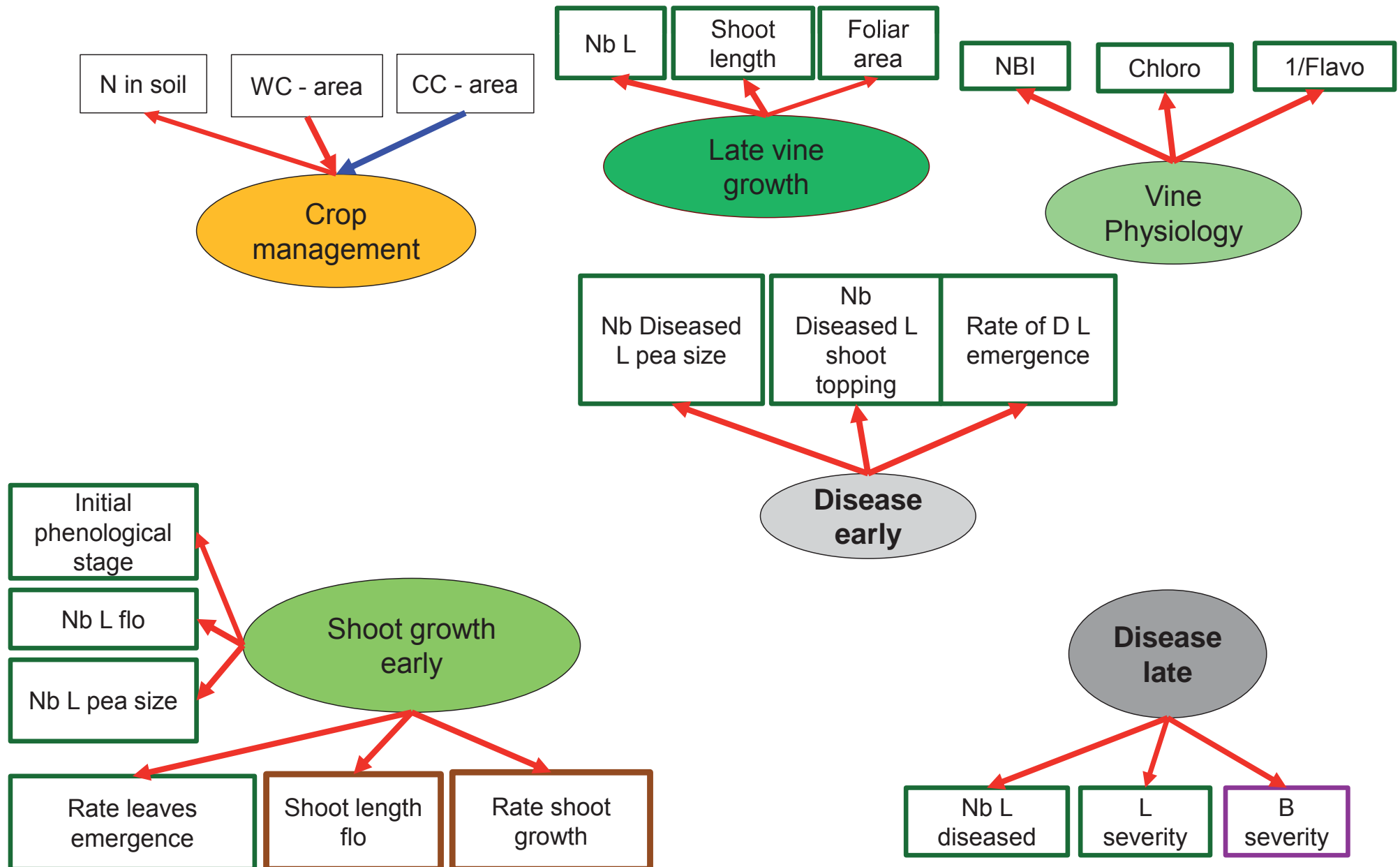
Disease severity on bunches in July and  
September

Bunch weight

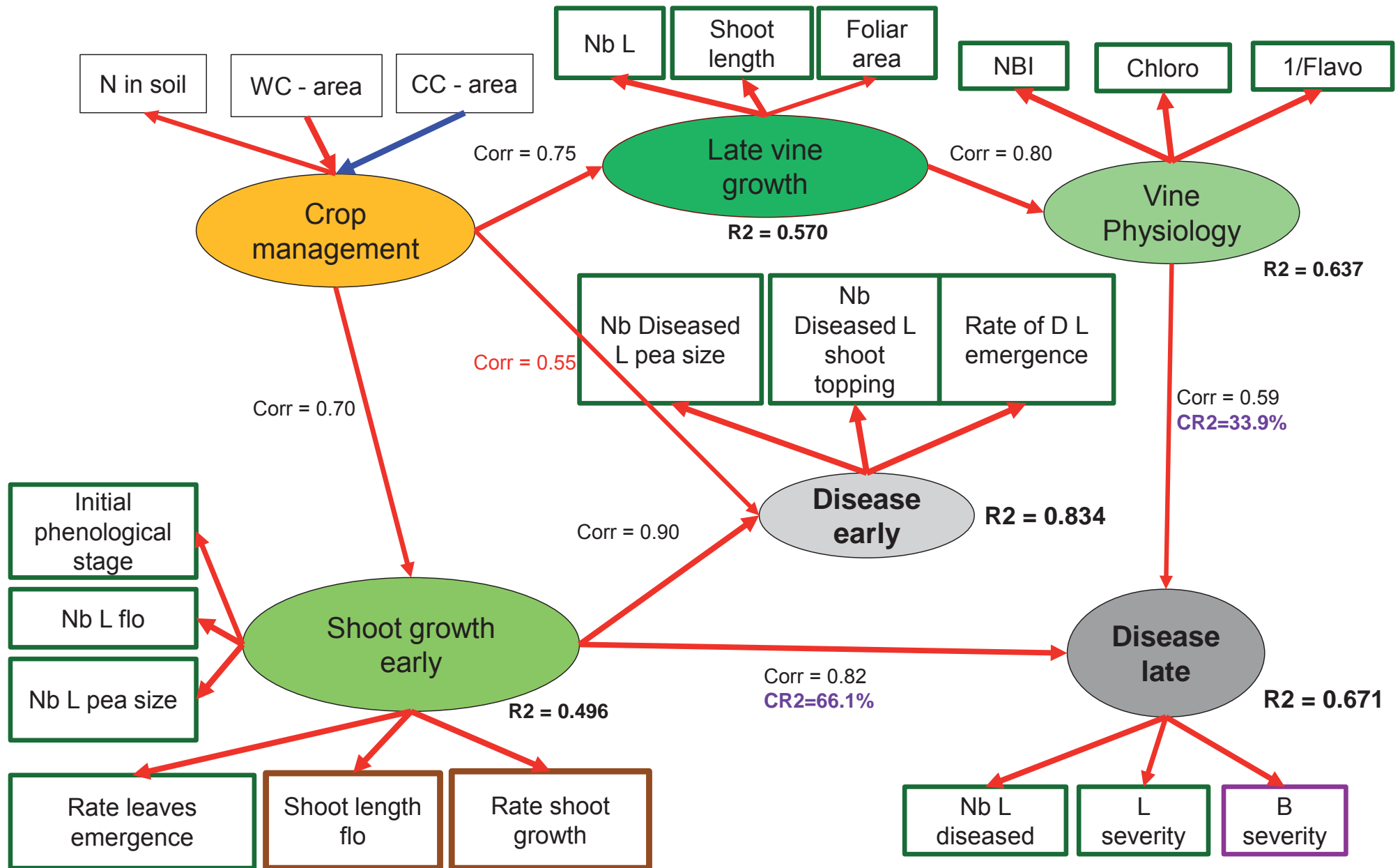


# Predictive Analyses, PLS-PM

## Relationships between the different components of the system



# Merlot



Early dynamics of vine growth do impact disease

dynamic of two susceptible varieties

Ontogenic resistance

and

Effects of vine growth on leaves susceptibility



# Leaves susceptibility

- Measures in semi-controlled conditions:  
at the vineyard



Leaves are marked

Leaves  
characteristics

Age  
Emergence

- Measures in semi-controlled conditions:

## In the laboratory

Photos + analyse  
d'image



Croissance  
Rameau

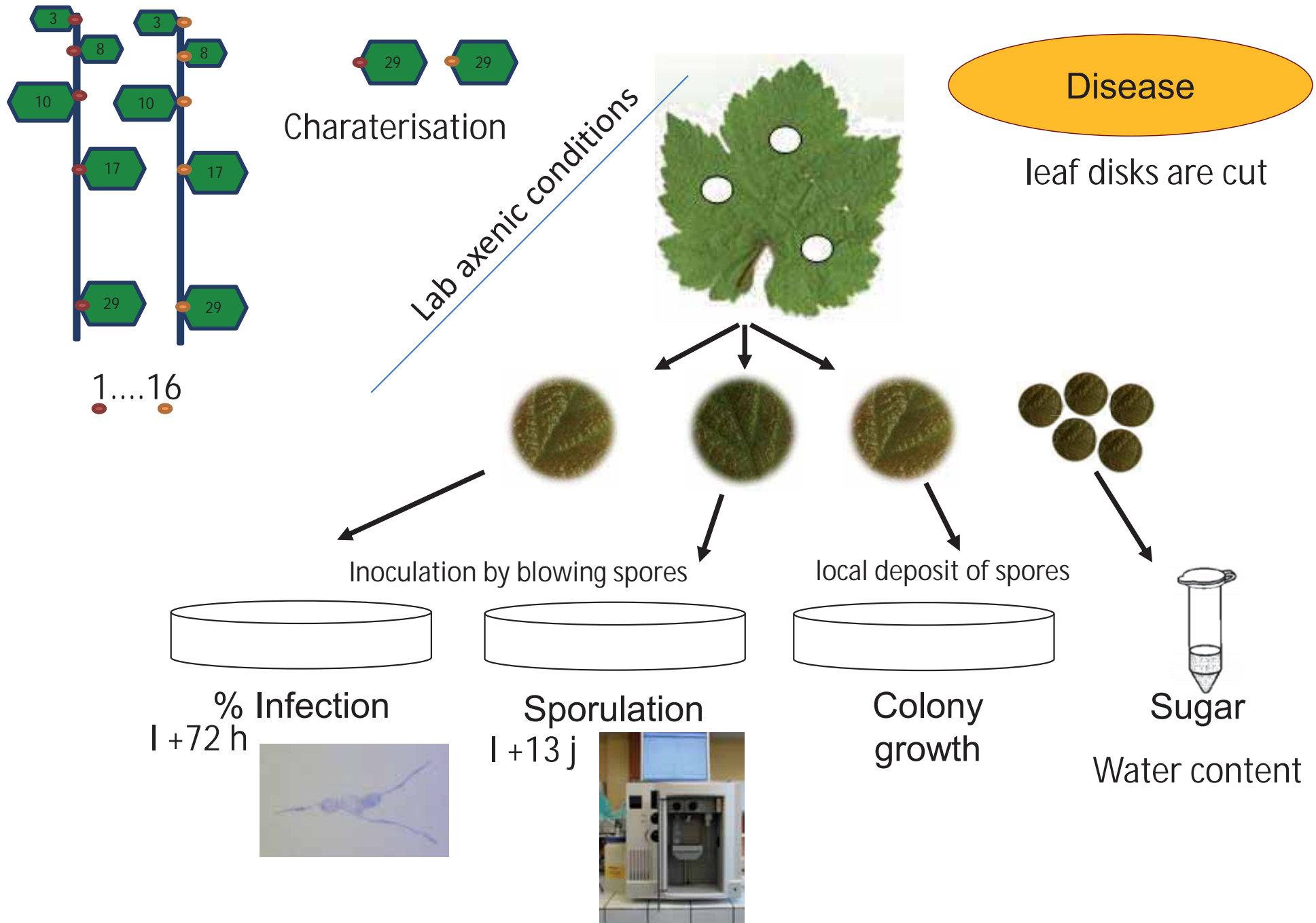
Nombre de feuilles (1<sup>ère</sup> et 2<sup>ème</sup>)

Surface foliaire globale

Longueur du rameau

Vitesse d'apparition des feuilles

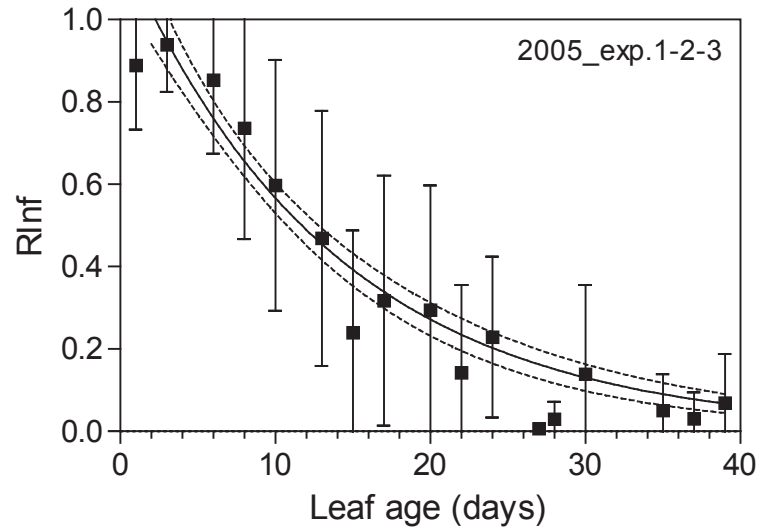
# In the laboratory



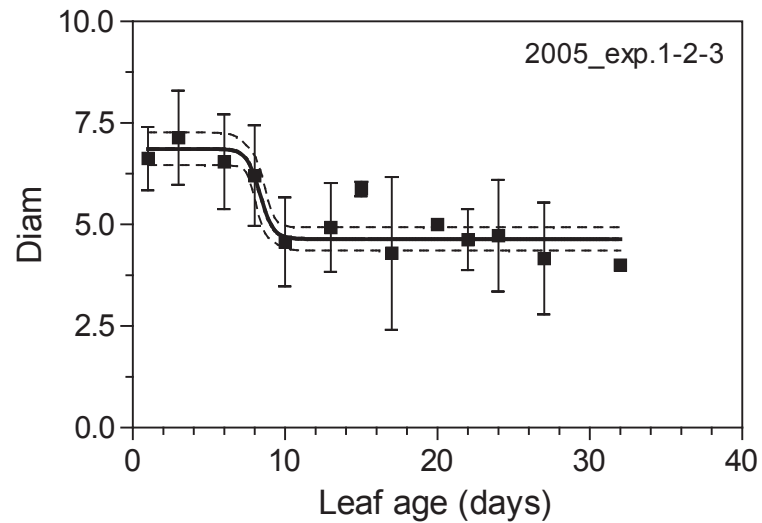
# Ontogenic resistance

Every steps of the pathogen cycle are concern

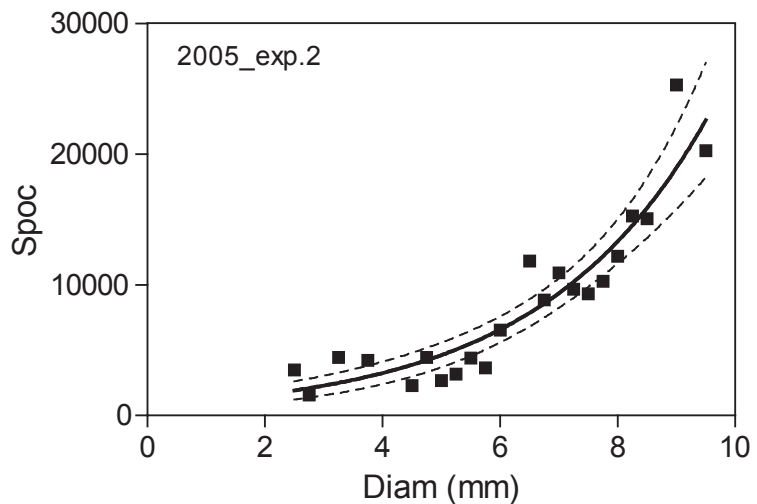
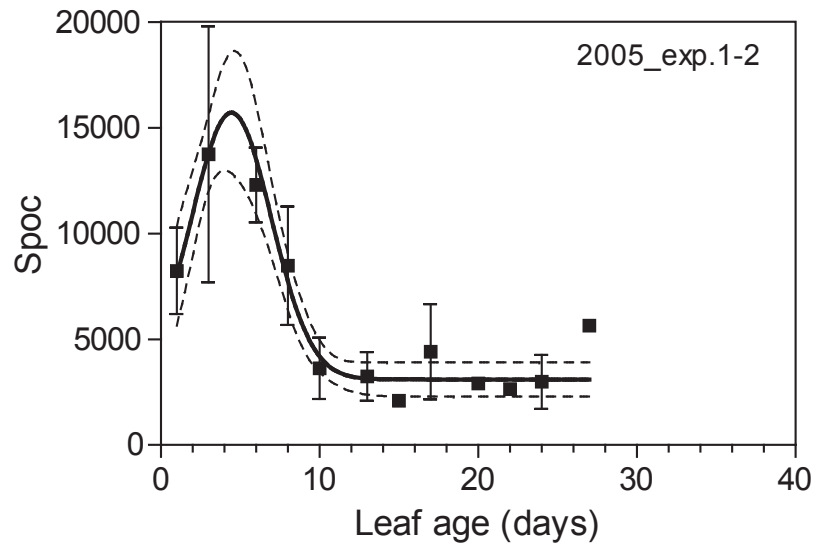
Infection efficiency



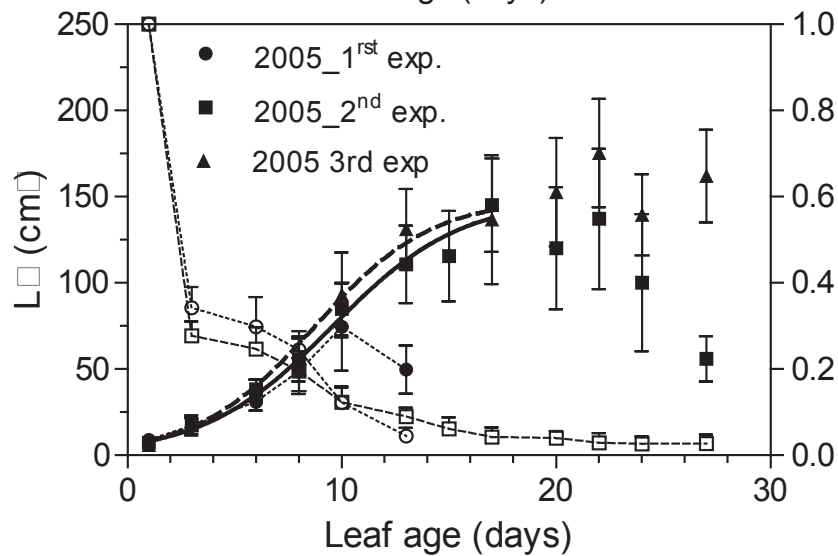
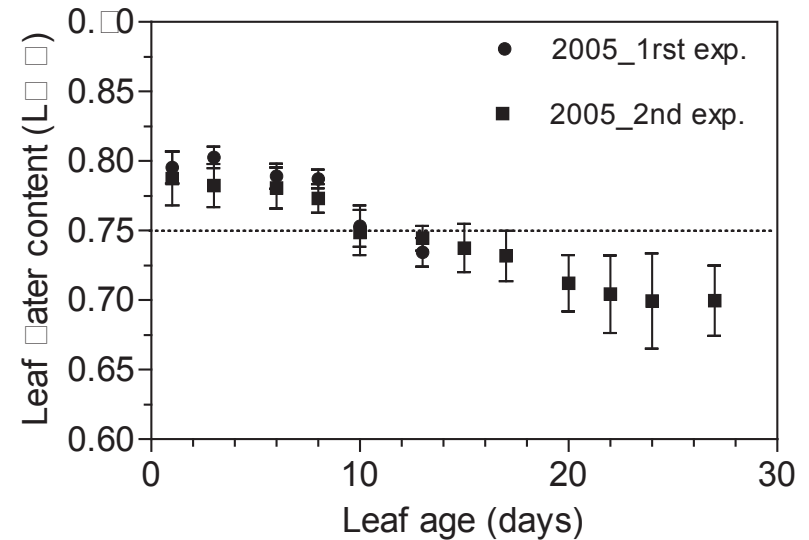
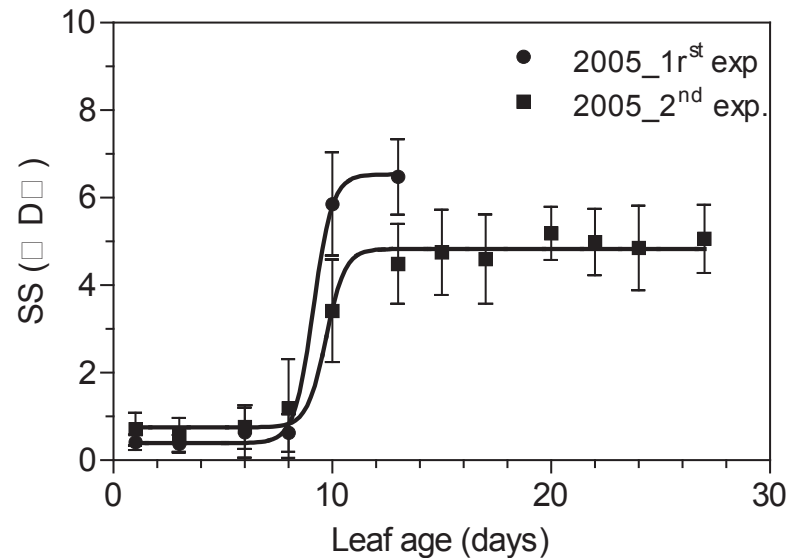
Colony growth



sporulation



# What happens for 10 days leaves

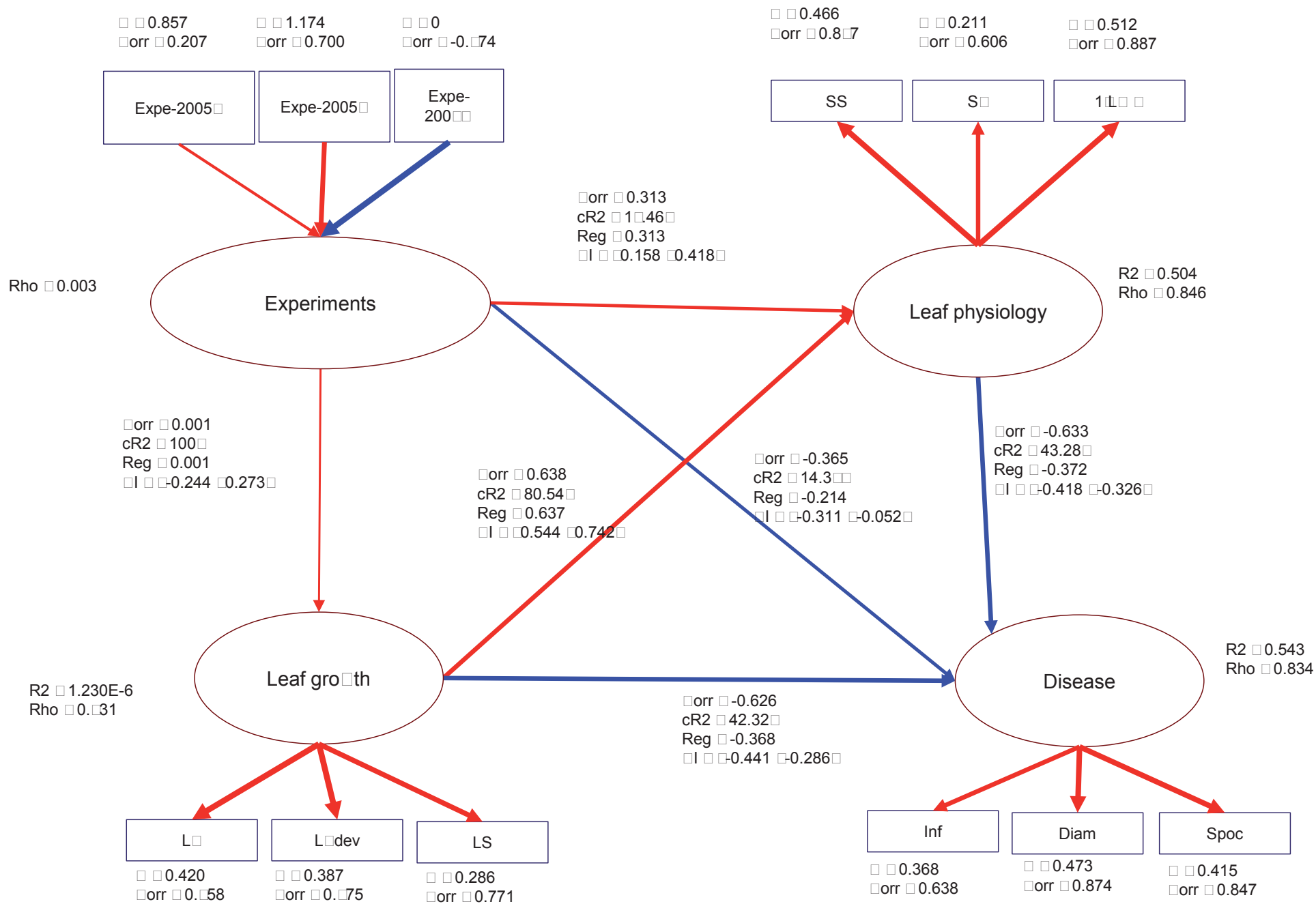


□ Increase of sugar content

□ Decrease of water content

□ Resistant leaves have reached 1/3 to 1/2 of their final size good indicator of their sink to source transition





# □ypotheses

## Why old leaves are resistant?

- **Direct or indirect effect of glucose** on the plant defences
  - ✓ □□□□□□ mild□ disease already classified as □high-s□gar resistance□
  - ✓ Some resistant varieties sho□ higher content in s□gar
  - ✓ Sol□□□le car□ohydrates □no□n to control the expression of vario□s meta□olic and defence-related genes
  - ✓ □□□□□□ is even □no□n to repress genes involved in the meta□olisation of other car□on so□rces in filamento□s f□ngi
- **Change of epidermal cells** (decrease of cytoplasm si□e □ith leaf age)
- **Increase of osmotic pressure**
- **Transition in the trophic statute of the leaf** (sin□-to-so□rce organ) can trigger the esta□lishment of constit□tive defences c□ticle thic□ness□ antimicro□ial compo□nds□c□tic□lar □axes

## Why young leaves are so susceptible?

- □□ant response not ade□□ate (□□□□□□□□ or timing)
- □ high rate of cell□lar reactions too expensive (energy and cons□mption of car□ohydrates) for yo□ng expending leaves dedicated to primary meta□olism

# Do the vigo<sub>r</sub> modify the leaf s<sub>e</sub>scepti<sub>i</sub>lity <sub>□</sub>

Same type of experiments: shoots are sampled on  
**Weed control** vs **Cover-crop** areas



# Measurements at leaf and shoot scale

## Leaf

□haracteristics

Age  
Leaf area

□hysiology

Chlorophyll  
flavonoïds  
NBI  
Sugars  
Water content

Disease

Sporulation  
Infection

## Shoot

□rowth

Number of leaves (1<sup>ere</sup> et 2<sup>ere</sup>)  
Global leaf surface  
Shoot length  
Rate of leaf and shoot emergence

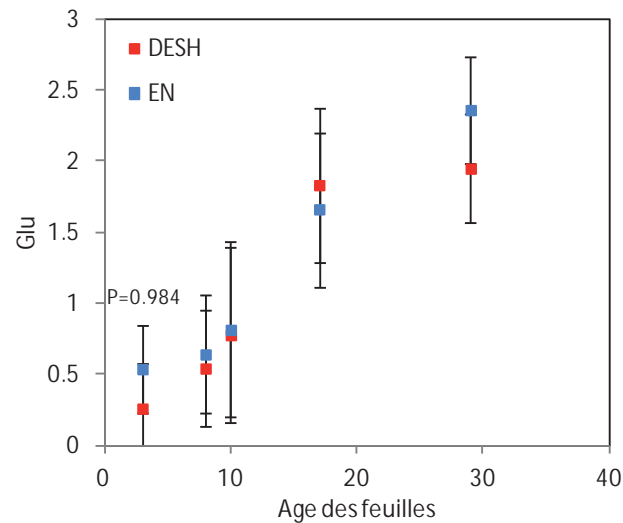
□hysiology

AUPC NBI  
AUPC Chl...

Disease

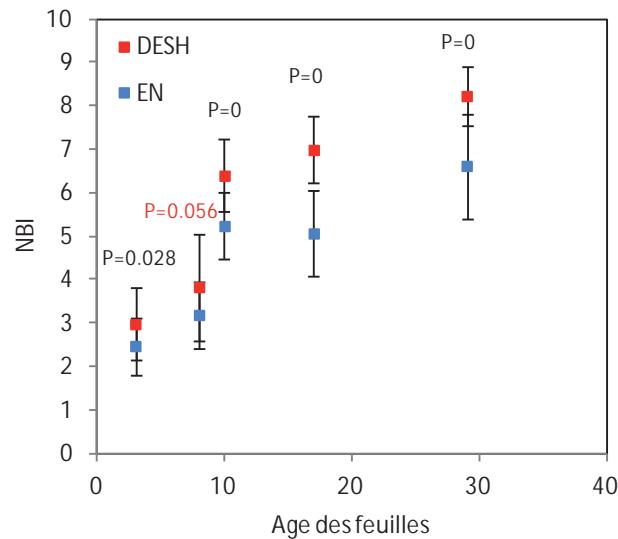
AUDPC Spo  
AUDPC Inf

Sugar indicator of sink  
to source transition



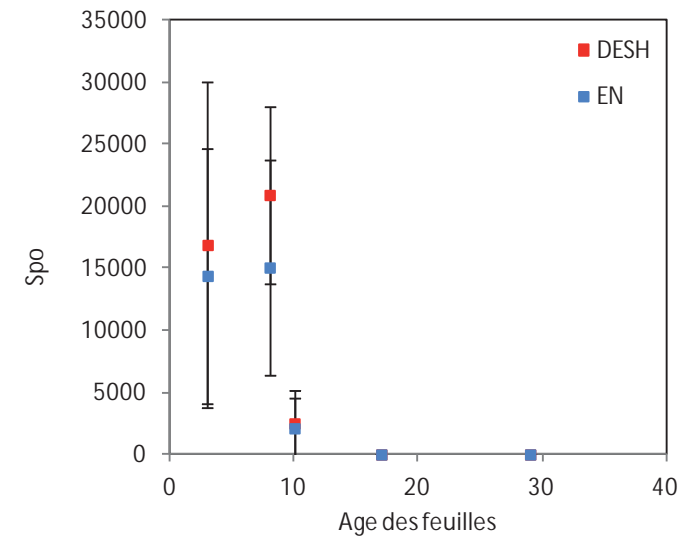
Indicator of ontogenic  
resistance

NBI index of vigour



Indicator of vigour for old  
leaves

Disease drop at 10  
days old leaves



Leaves that differ for NBI  
amount are not any more  
susceptible

Difference of physiology between plots area are mostly  
expressed for > 10 days leaves resistant to the pathogen !



Cultural management tested do not impact the leaves susceptibility

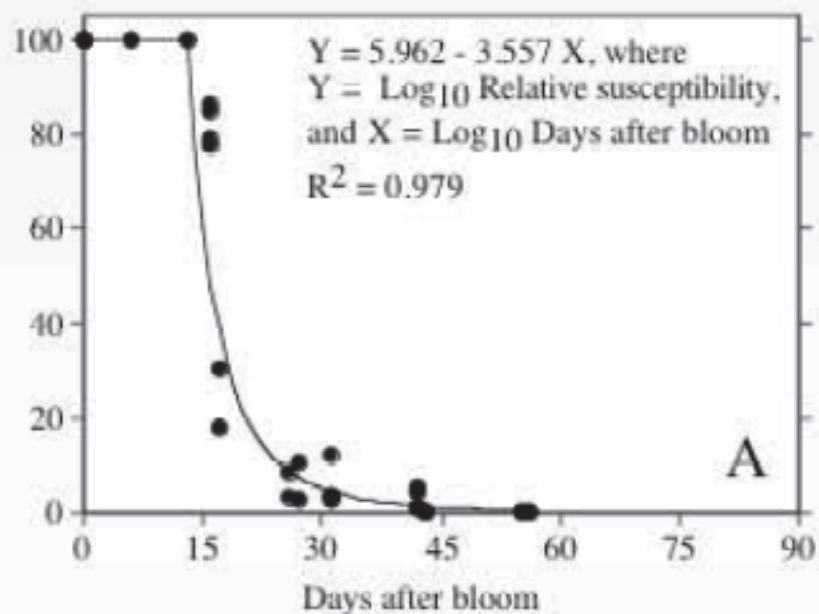
The effect of vigour on disease reduction is consecutive to higher rate of susceptible leaves production

# Réceptivité des RERES

## Floraison - nouaison



## Réceptivité maximale



□ Mise en place d'une barrière physique ou biochimique prêt de la surface cuticulaire

- Synthèse de composés anti-germination (VvGLP3)

**Ficke A, et al., (2003)** Effects of ontogenic resistance upon establishment and growth of *Uncinula necator* on grape berries. *Phytopathology*, 93, 556-563.

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