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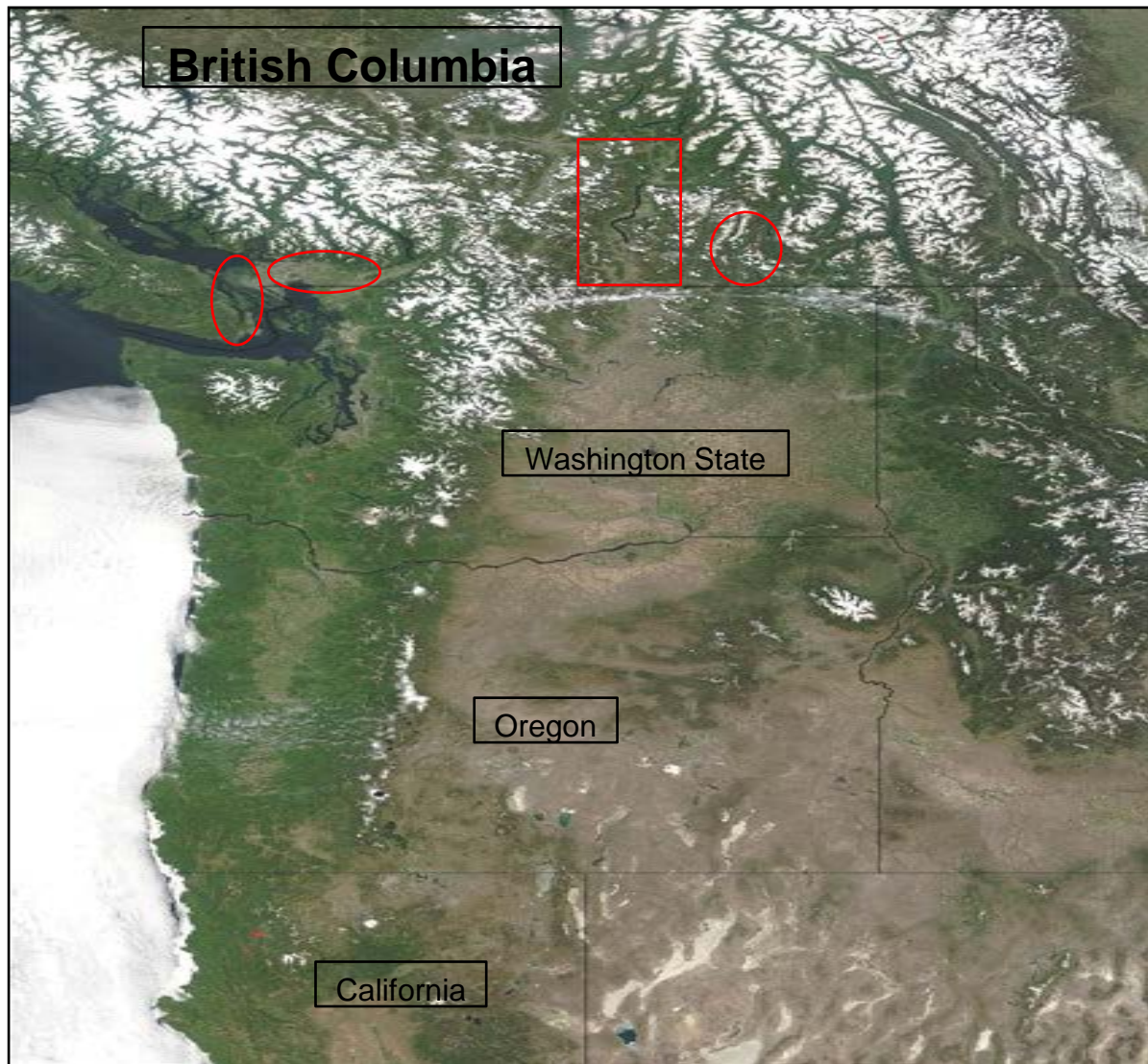
# "Out of Thin Air"

## Spore Trapping and Other Techniques for Studying Grapevine Trunk Disease

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# Wine Grapes in British Columbia







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# Fraser Valley, Abbotsford BC



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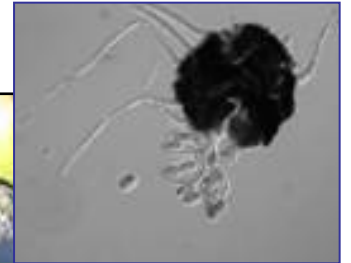
# Crown Gall

Caused by the Bacterium  
*Agrobacterium vitis* (syn.: *Rhizobium vitis*)



# Powdery Mildew

Caused by the fungus *Erysiphe necator*



Powdery mildew affects fruit causing splitting and rotting





# Sour Rot

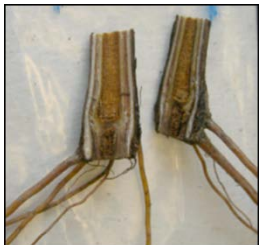
Caused by a yeast and bacterial complex

# Botrytis Bunch Rot

Caused by the fungus  
*Botrytis cinerea*



# Grapevine Trunk Diseases



Black Foot



Bot Canker: extending down from old pruning wounds



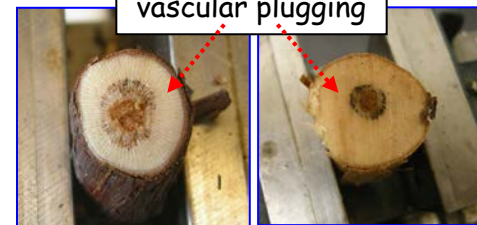
Photo by William J. Moller.

Eutypa dieback



leaf symptom

Esca

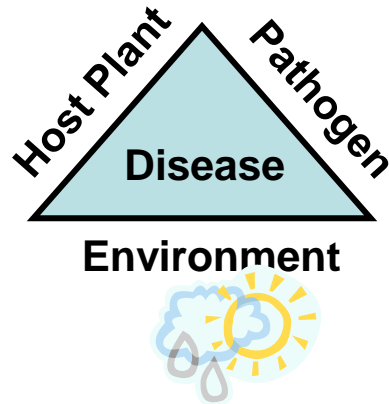


vascular plugging



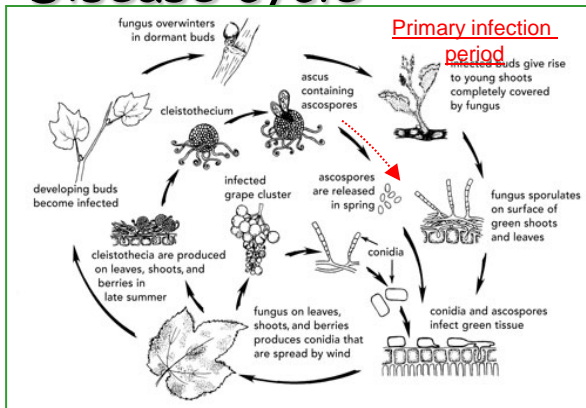
# Pathogen Biology and Spore Trapping

## Spore traps



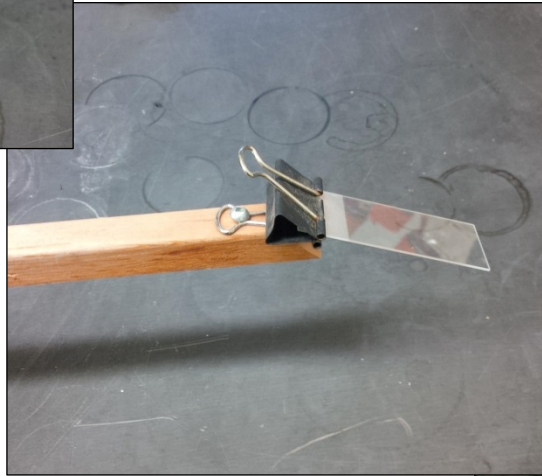
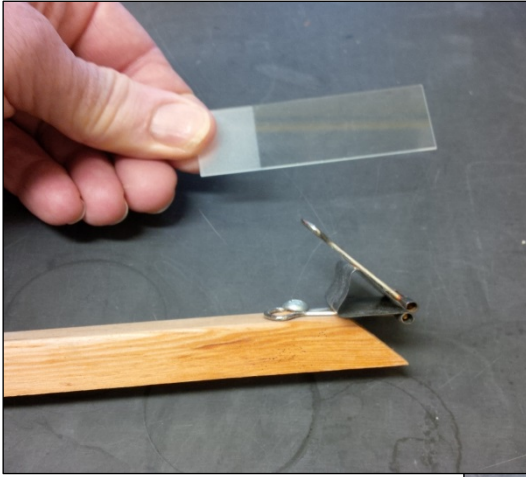
Information used to develop disease management recommendations:

## Disease cycle



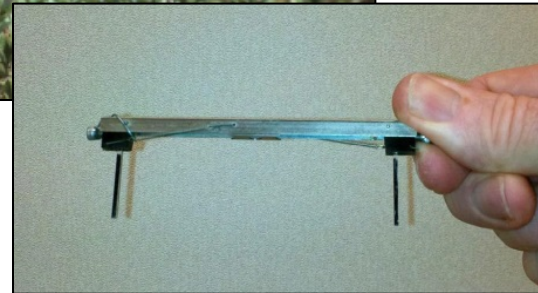
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# Glass Slide Spore Trap

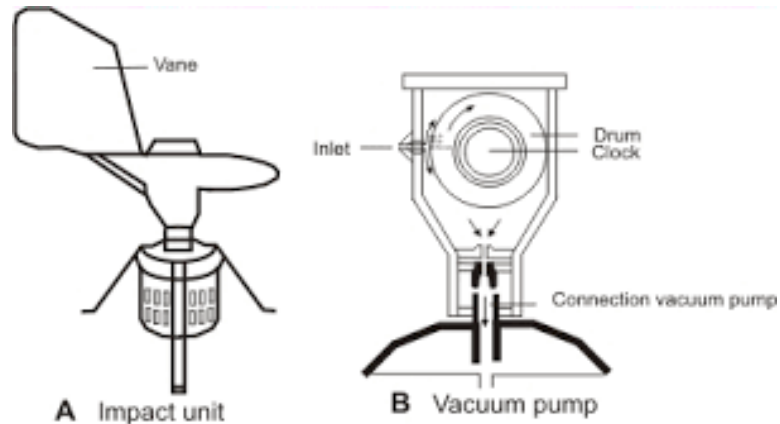




# I-Rod Spore Trap



# Burkard Drum Spore Trap





# Burkard Cyclone Air Sampler: spore trap



# Fire Blight Detection and Disease Prediction

## COUGARBLIGHT

### WSU Fire Blight Flower Infection Risk Assessment Model

Fire Blight Cause: *Erwinia amylovora*



Bee hive

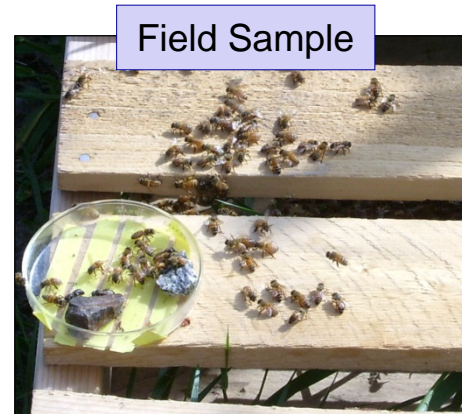
Sugar water





# Fire Blight Detection and Disease Prediction

Pathogen detection by qPCR or hybridization correlated well Cougarblight

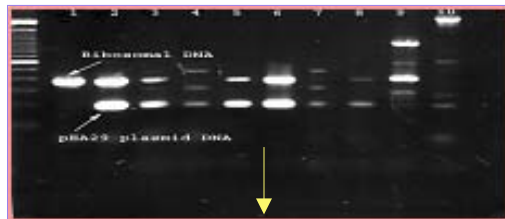


DNA array

Real time PCR

DNA extraction

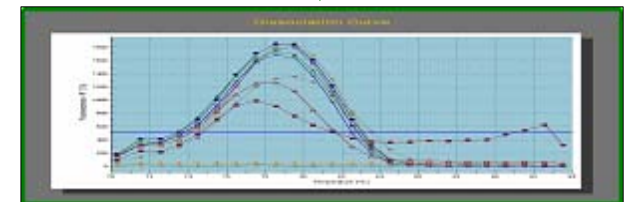
Multiplex PCR: ribosomal & plasmid primers



Hybridization with DNA array membrane



PCR with pEA29-f1 / AJ76 plasmid primers

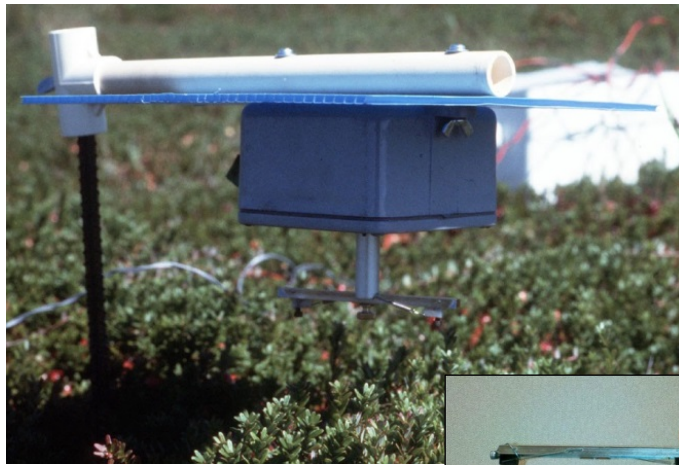


Automated quantitative analysis of results

# Detection of Grape Powdery Mildew and Disease Prediction

UC Davis: Grape Mildew Predictive Model

Pathogen: *Erysiphe necator*



I-Rod spore trap



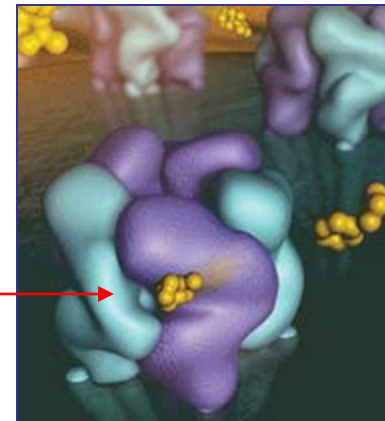
Model developer and citation. Thomas, C. S., Gubler, W. D., and Leavitt, G. 1994. Field testing of a powdery mildew disease forecast model on grapes in California. *Phytopathology* 84:1070 (abstr.).



# Powdery Mildew: DMI Fungicide Resistance

- Fungal populations resistant to demethylation-inhibiting fungicides (DMIs) is due in part to a single DNA point mutation.
- The target gene encodes the enzyme Cytochrome P-450 demethylase
- DNA point mutation (an A to T transition at codon 136) is presumed to produce a conformational change in the protein active site

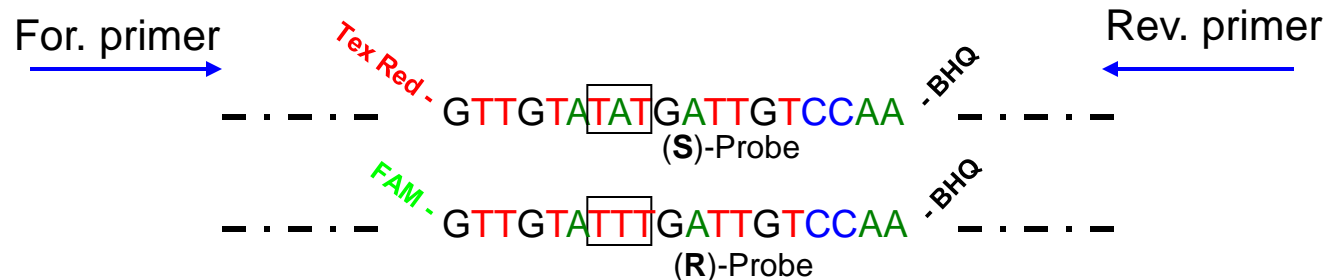
Active site / target  
binding



Cytochrome P-450  
demethylase

# Primer and Probe Design for qPCR Detection Assay

- Outside primers with internal hydrolysis probe for detection of point mutation



Cytochrome P-450 sequences

	10	20	30	40	50
Control seq (S)	CAACTCCGGTCTTTGAAGAGATGTTGTATATGATTGTCCAAATTCCAAA				
Sample 5 (S)	CAACTCCGGTCTTTGAAGAGATGTTGTATATGATTGTCCAAATTCCAAA				
Control seq (R)	CAACTCCGGTCTTTGAAGAGATGTTGTATTTGATTGTCCAAATTCCAAA				
Sample 1 (R)	CAACTCCGGTCTTTGAAGAGATGTTGTATTTGATTGTCCAAATTCCAAA				
Sample 2 (R)	CAACTCCGGTCTTTGAAGAGATGTTGTATTTGATTGTCCAAATTCCAAA				
Sample 3 (R)	CAACTCCGGTCTTTGAAGAGATGTTGTATTTGATTGTCCAAATTCCAAA				
Sample 4 (R)	CAACTCCGGTCTTTGAAGAGATGTTGTATTTGATTGTCCAAATTCCAAA				
Sample 6 (R)	CAACTCCGGTCTTTGAAGAGATGTTGTATTTGATTGTCCAAATTCCAAA				

Point mutation



# Spore Trapping and qPCR Detection Assay of DMI Resistant Spore



I-Rod Spore trap

## 2009 spray schedule and spore trap results

Placement Date:	April 9/09	May 5/09	May 9/09	May 15/09	May 22/09	May 28/09	June 5/09	June 19/09	June 26/09	July 8/09	July 20/09	July 24/09	Aug 4/09	Aug 14/09	Aug 21/09	Sept 3/09	Sept 11/09	Sept 18/09	Oct 2/09	Oct 15/09
DMI Resistant:	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

- **Nova** - (DMI fungicide)
- **Sovran** - (non-DMI)
- **Kumulus DF** - (wetable sulfur)
- **Lime sulfur** – (dormant)

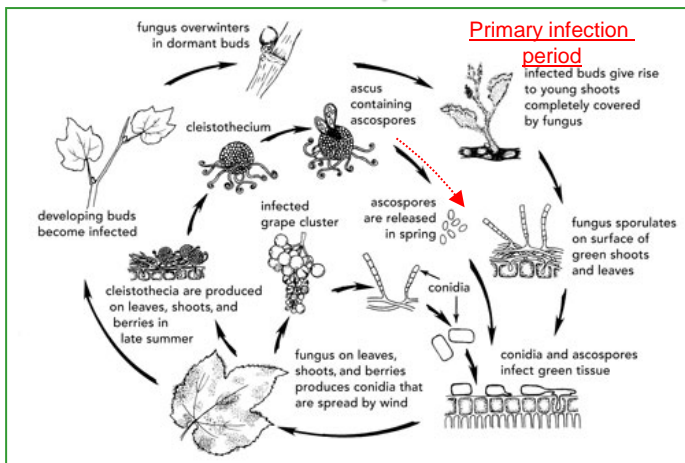
The length of the coloured lines corresponds to the Time period over which the sprays are effective.



# Epidemiological and Diagnostic Studies of Grapevine Trunk Diseases

- Disease etiology and pathogen identification
- Biology of grapevine pathogens
- Epidemiology
- Development of molecular diagnostic and detection tools
- Development and implementation of control strategies

## Disease cycle

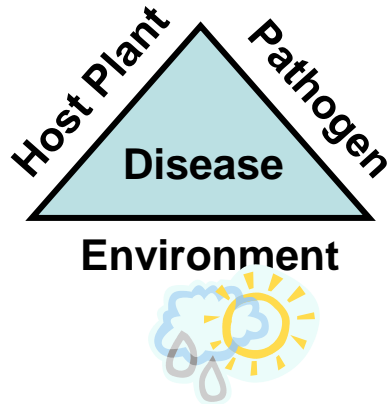


## Spore traps

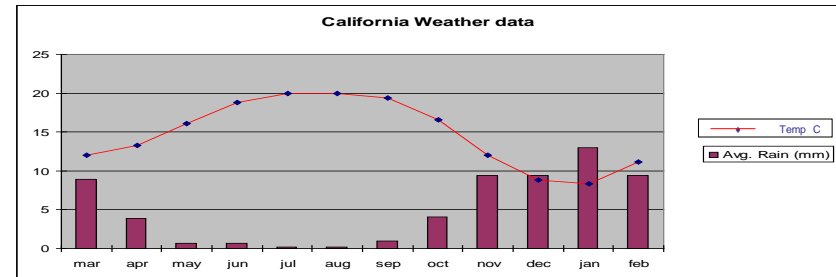




# Disease management and the Weather

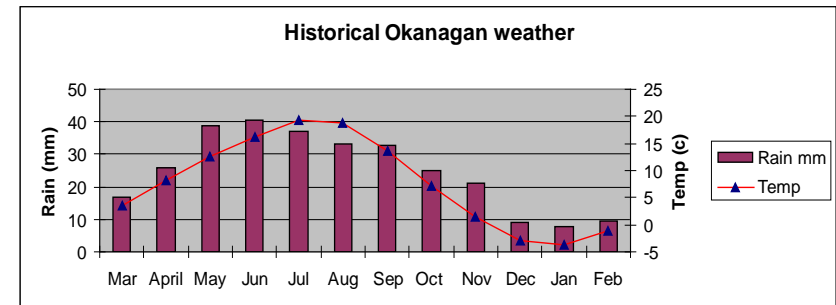


California weather – Napa Valley

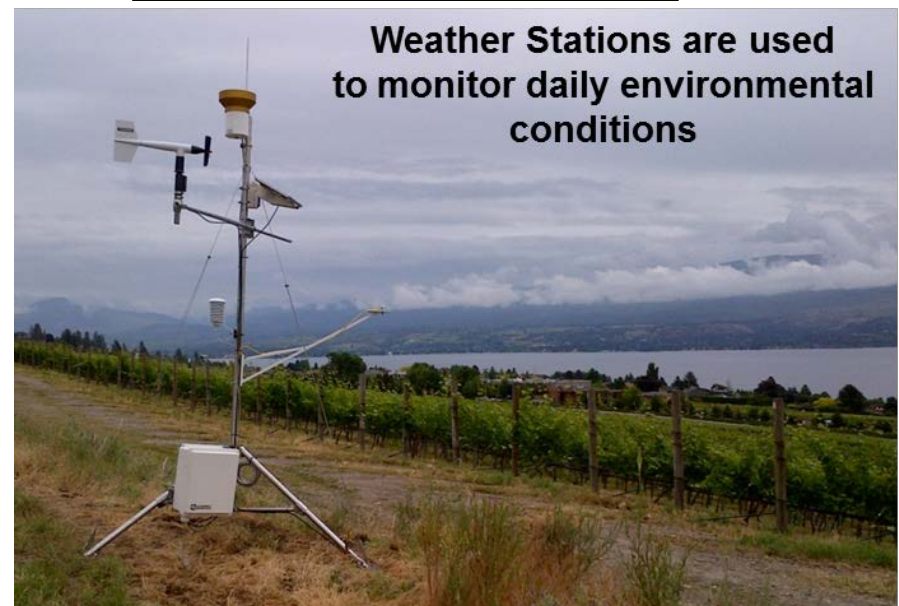


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Okanagan Valley weather



# Spore Trap Locations in the Okanagan Valley







**Weekly collection**



**Detection**



**Total genomic  
DNA extraction**



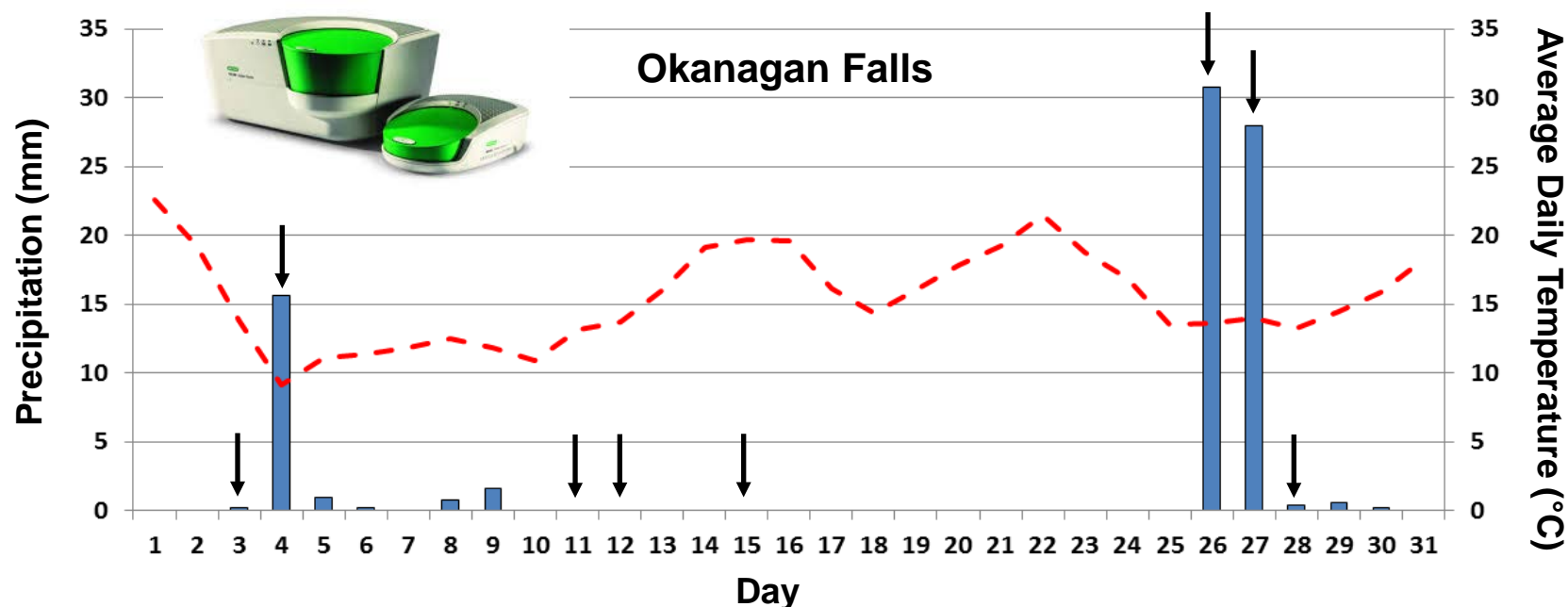
**Quantification**



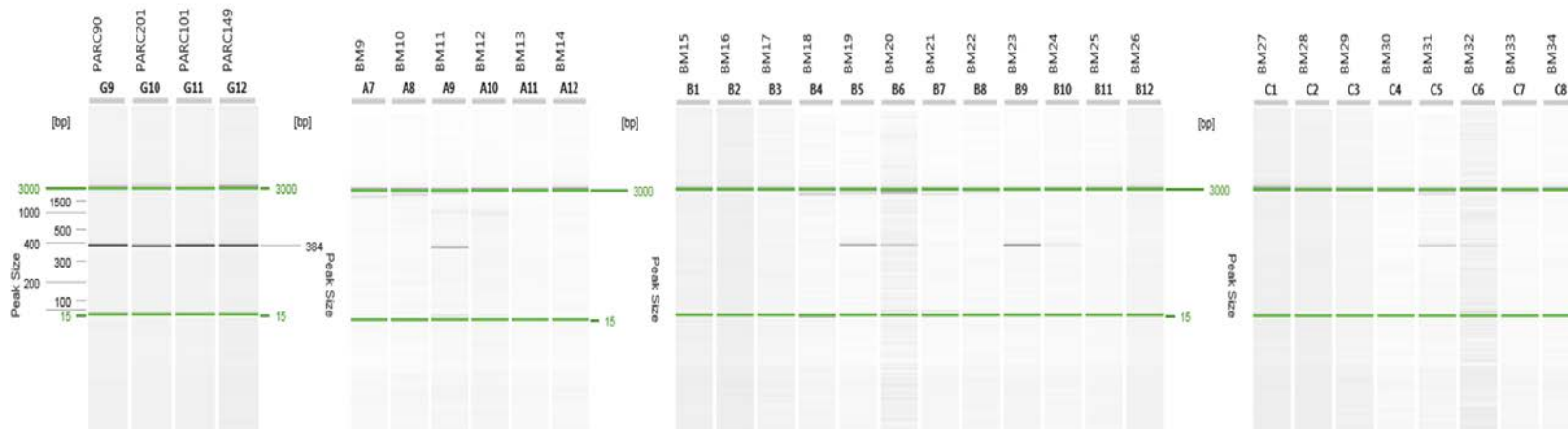
**PCR with  
Species/genus  
specific primers**

5'-ATCGAATTGCATGCGATT-3'  
5'-GGTCAATCGAATTGCG-3'

# Botryosphaeriaceae spp. spores detection May-2014



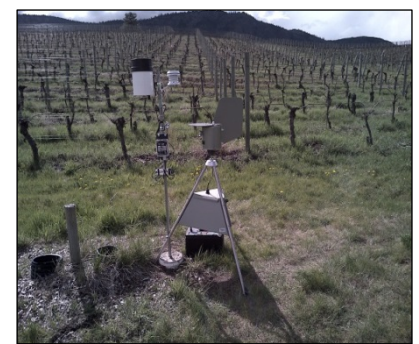
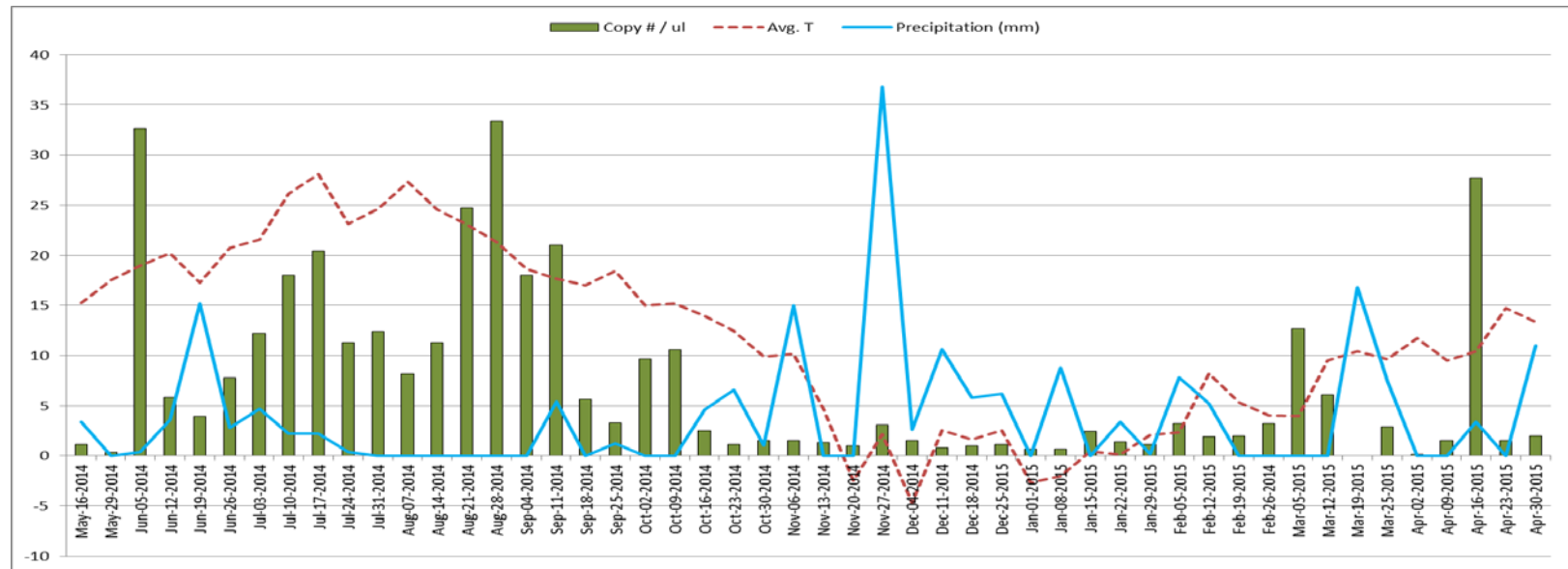
## Botryosphaeriaceae species-specific primers (Up to 6 different species)



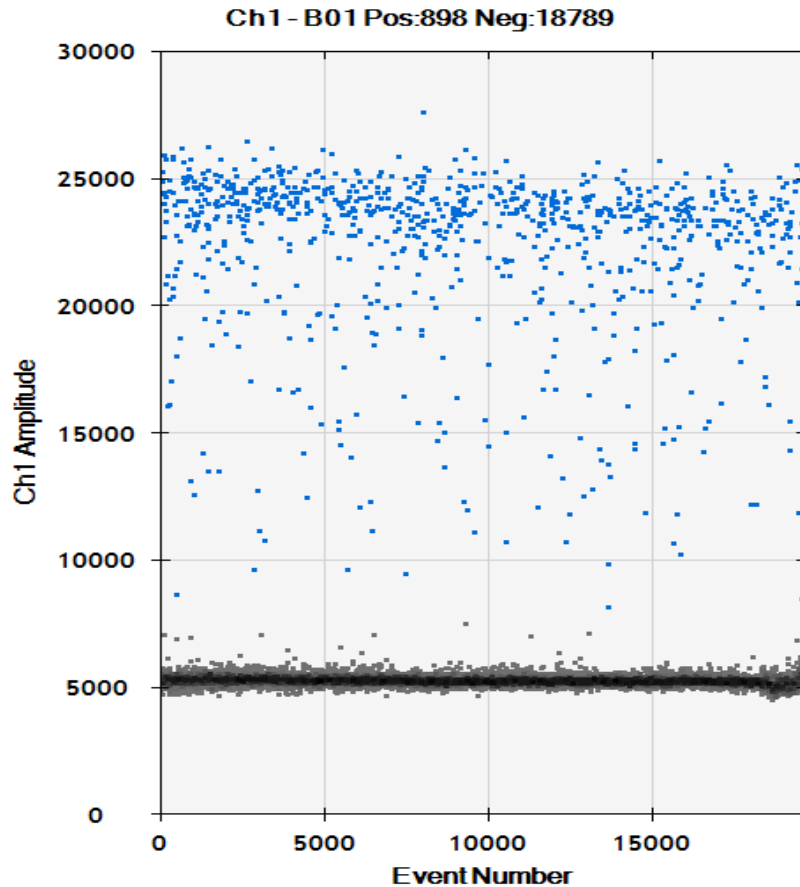


# 2015 Spore Trap Data Analysed using ddPCR

## Osoyoos BC



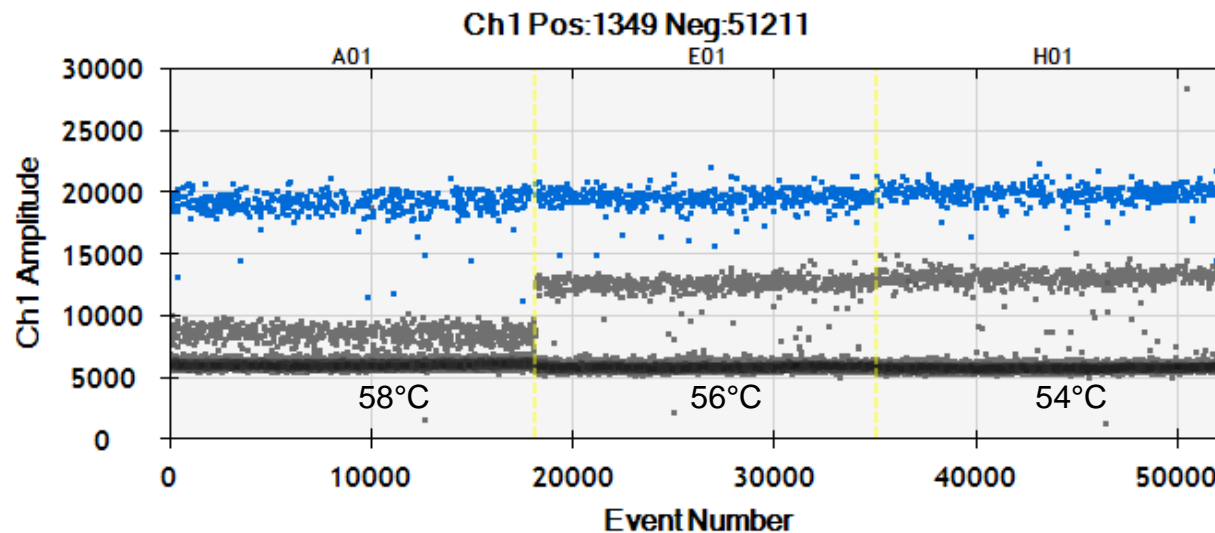
# ddPCR Assay Development (*Botryosphaeria*)



- Oil is added to the PCR mix
- Droplet generator creates ~20,000 droplets
- Each droplet contains rxn mix and 1 DNA molecule



# ddPCR Assay Development: Multiplex (Botryosphaeriaceae & Diatrypaceae )



This is the ddPCR Multiplexed Gradient with the BOT Beta F1+R1 primers (150nM), and DIA5S 16F+89R (50nM) with Parc91 (1/40) and Parc131 (1/20,000)

If you look at the Multiplex, you can see that the lower temperatures are better

# Epidemiological and Diagnostic Studies of Grapevine Trunk Diseases

## ddPCR

- Botryosphaeriaceae assay looks like it working
  - Diatrypaceae assay also working well
  - *Phaeomoniella* assay it looks like it working
  - *Phaeoacremonium* assay it looks like it working
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## Spore trap sampling

- We have about 1½ years of spore trap samples collected
- We will continue trapping spores for another 2 years

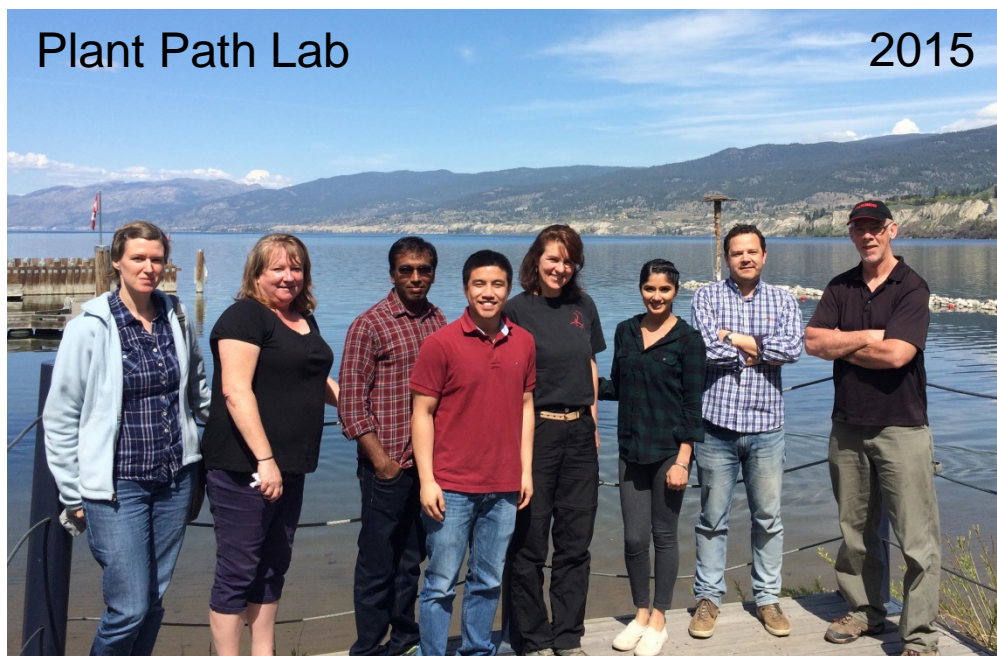




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