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# Grapevine Trunk Diseases

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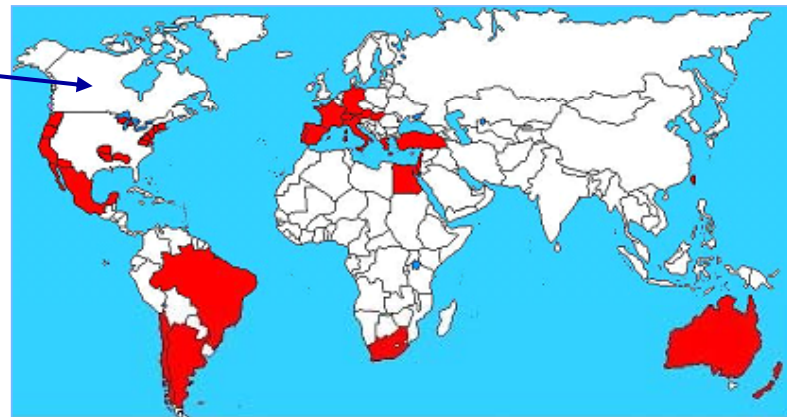
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## Root and trunk diseases causing “Vine Decline” in the Okanagan Valley

- Vine decline is considered a syndrome caused by a number of different diseases (Esca, *Botryosphaeria*, Blackfoot, Eutypa, Phomopsis and others)
- These diseases cause progressive decline over a 3-4 year period
- They are found in all the grape growing regions of the world
- In the Okanagan we only started seeing this problem in 2007

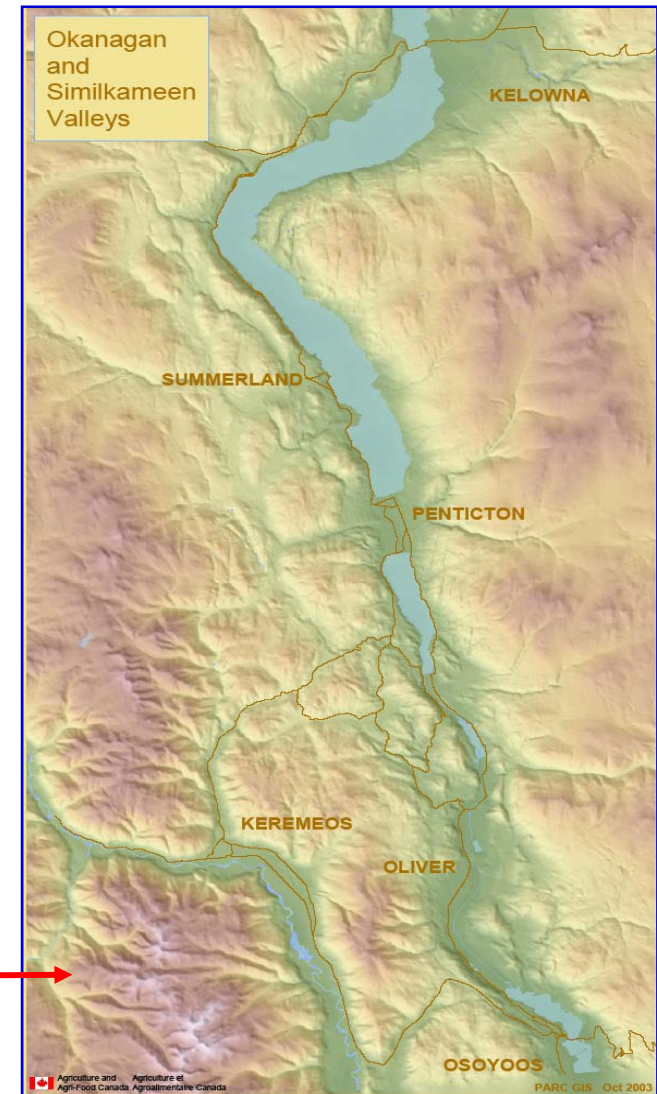
### Trunk Diseases Worldwide

The Great White North



Map from Dr. Doug Gubler presentation at PARC in October 2007

# BC's Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys





## *Disease survey initiated in August 2007*

- *Vineyard managers were concerned about new disease problems causing vine decline*

### General Decline Symptoms:

- rapid decline and plant death
  - delayed growth
  - general loss of vigour
  - yellowing and loss of leaves
  - tendril dieback
  - trunk dieback
  - dead arm
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- *Esca (aka: Young vine decline / Black goo / Petri disease) ???*
- Eutypa dieback ???

## Early symptoms on young vines delayed and stunted growth



## Symptoms on older vines delayed and stunted growth





## Foliar symptoms stunted and yellow leaves





chlorotic foliage



## Decline of older vines



trunk dieback and dead arm



# Sudden wilting and death of vines or cordons

progression of visual field symptoms



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~ 7 - 10 days

## Sudden collapse of vines

Apparently healthy vines until disease onset and rapid decline

good fruit set  
& development

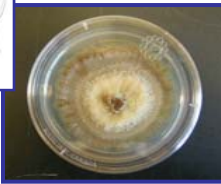




## Root Rot: Blackfoot disease

### Pathogen

*Cylindrocarpon spp.*



*Cylindrocarpon sp.*

### Symptoms

- black, sunken, necrotic lesions in the roots
- black vascular tissue below the graft union
- leaves may appear to be water stressed/scorched
- stunted or slow growing vines
- vine death



black vascular tissue below the graft



sudden collapse and death of vine

# Esca

## Pathogens

- *Phaeomoniella chlamydospora* and *Phaeoacremonium* spp.

## Field Symptoms

- delayed / stunted growth
- progressive loss of vigour over several years
- yellowing and loss of leaves
- shot tip and tendrils dieback

## Vascular symptoms

- blackened / clogged vascular tissue



delayed and stunted growth



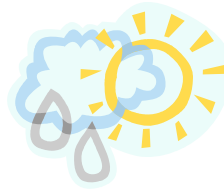
clogged vascular tissue



# Esca

## Esca Infection sites:

- Spores are released under wet conditions



- Pruning wounds act as entry point for fungal spores



ascospores

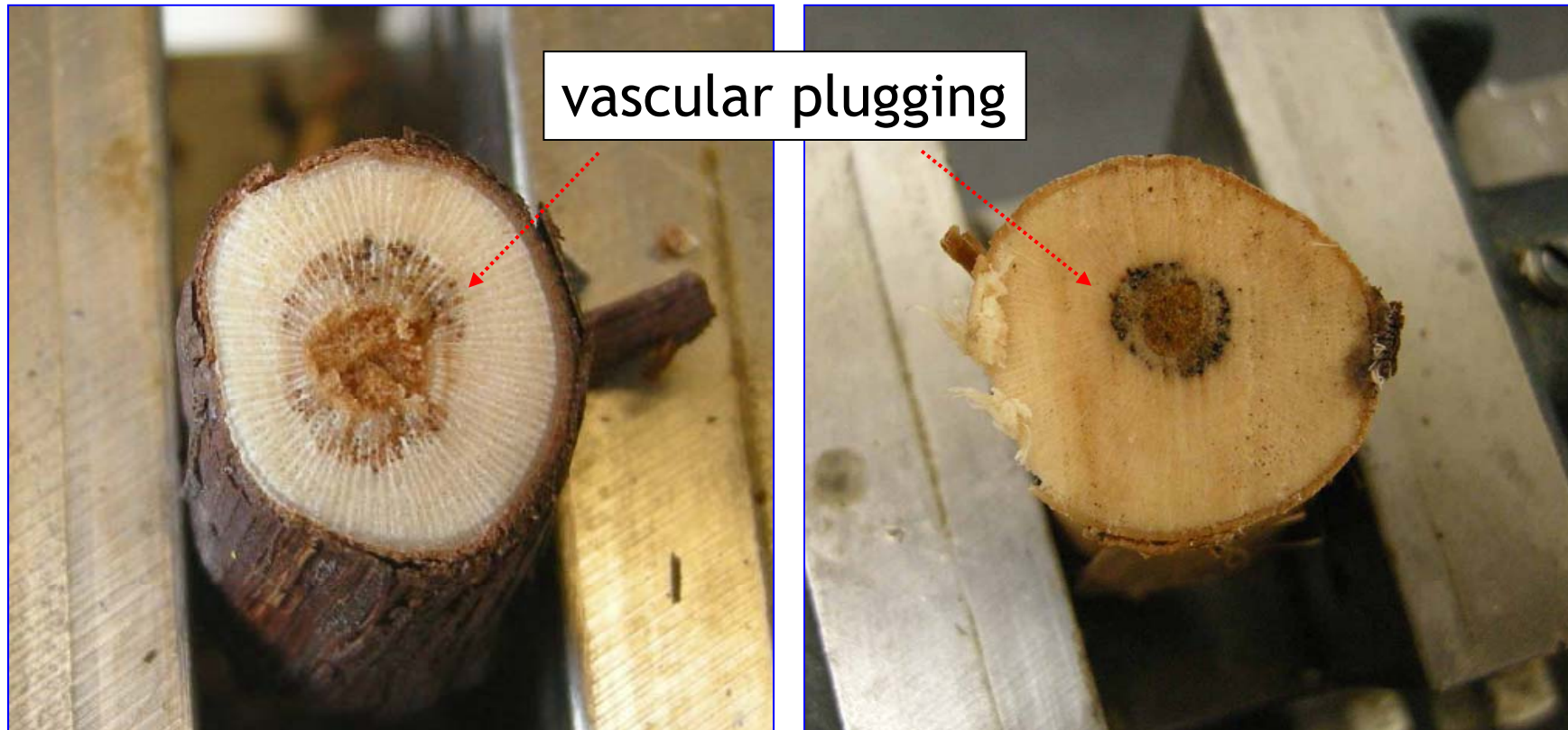


- Spores germinate and colonize the vascular system



## Esca: vascular symptoms

Black or brown speckling of the vascular tissue





## Esca



vascular symptoms on an  
infected cane



pathogen isolated from diseased  
tissue and grown in the lab

## Eutypa dieback

### Pathogen

- *Eutypa lata*

### Early spring symptoms

- delayed growth
- stunted shoots and leaves

### Other symptoms

- dead arm
- trunk dieback
- cankers
- Eutypa symptoms are more commonly seen in older vines >10 yrs



vine affected by Eutypa dieback.

Photo by William J. Moller.



## Eutypa dieback

### Vascular symptom

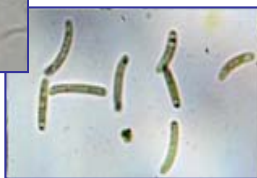
### Eutypa lata culture and spores



*Eutypa* culture: isolated  
from margin canker



ascospores  
*Loschiavo et, al.*



conidia

[www.asturnatura.com/.../eutypa-lata-2.jpg](http://www.asturnatura.com/.../eutypa-lata-2.jpg)



cankers



# Infection sites and canker development

Pruning wounds act as entry point for fungal spores



Variable canker symptomology



## Typical Eutypa and Bot cankers described as V shaped

In the Okanagan we have found Bot and Eutypa cankers of many different descriptions (many are not “V” shaped)



Bot- canker

To “V” or not to “V”



Eutypa canker



Bot- canker



Bot- canker



Eutypa canker



Bot- canker



## *Botryosphaeria canker* (Bot-canker)

### Pathogens

*Botryosphaeria* spp.

### Early spring symptoms

bud necrosis  
delayed & stunted growth  
short internodes

### Other symptoms

cane dieback  
trunk dieback  
canker  
dead arm

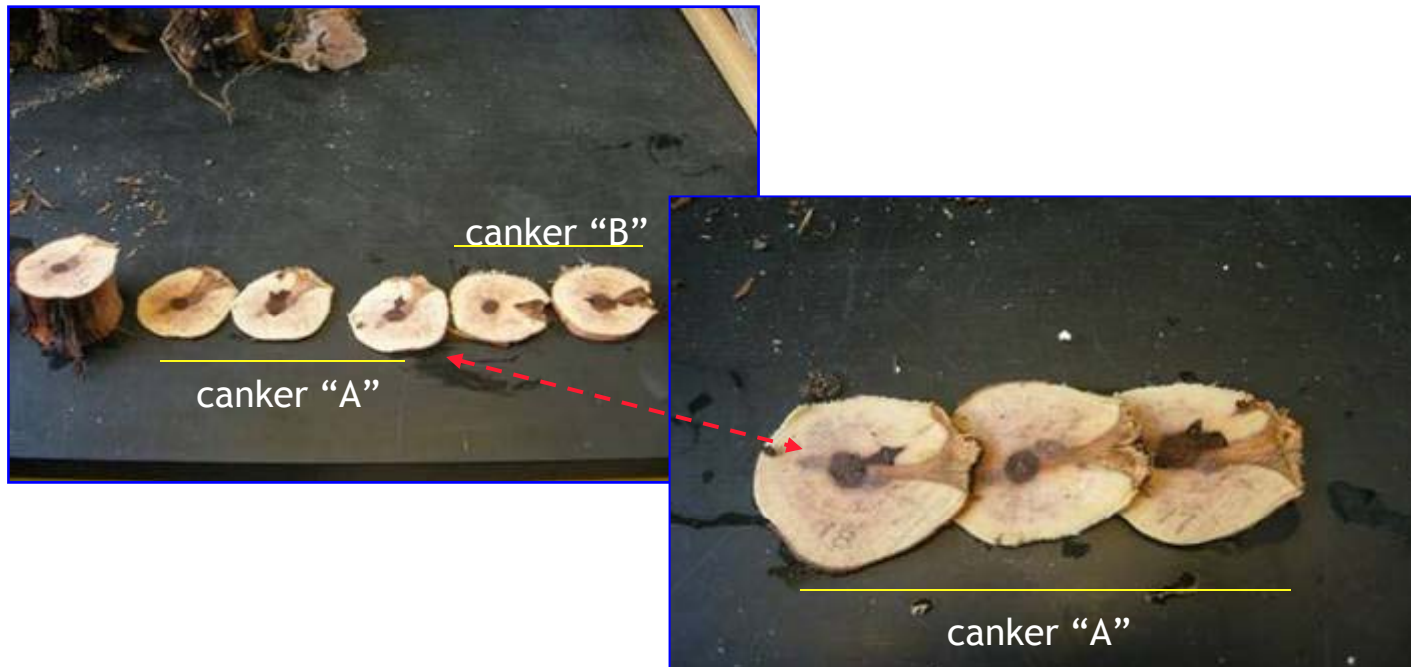


## Bot-canker: Vascular symptoms



V-shaped canker typical of Bot-canker  
(but also find “U” and irregular shaped cankers)

Cankers found penetrating vascular tissue at old pruning wounds



## Disease survey results (Fall 2007)

### dominant pathogen species isolated from grape

- Black Foot: *Cylindrocarpon spp.*
- Bot- Canker: *Botryosphaeria spp.*



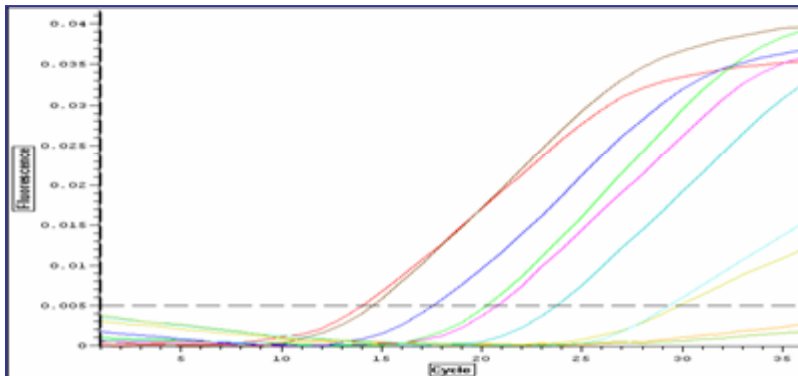
# Detection of *Botryosphaeria* sp. using spore traps



Spore trap samples collected weekly to determine:

- date of spore release in Okanagan vineyards
- weather conditions for spore release
- spore loads in individual vineyards

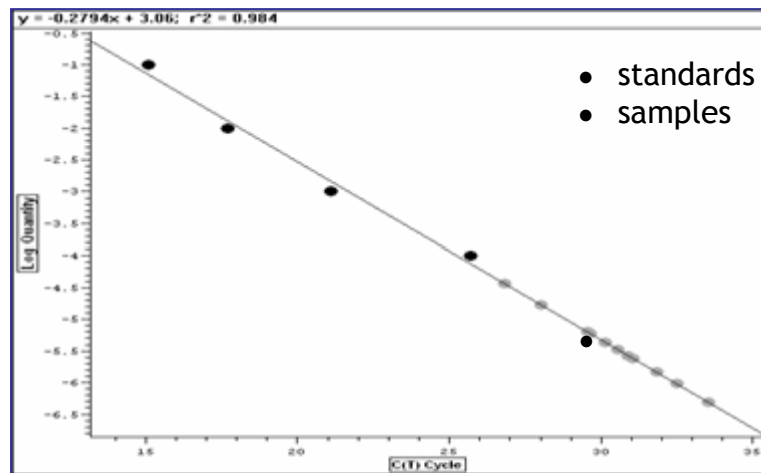
## Q-PCR: Detection of *Botryosphaeria* spp. from spore traps



Amplification curves

### Detection

DNA amplification curves provide detection of *Botryosphaeria* spores from vineyard spore trap samples.

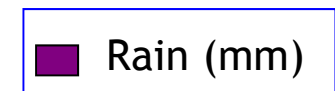
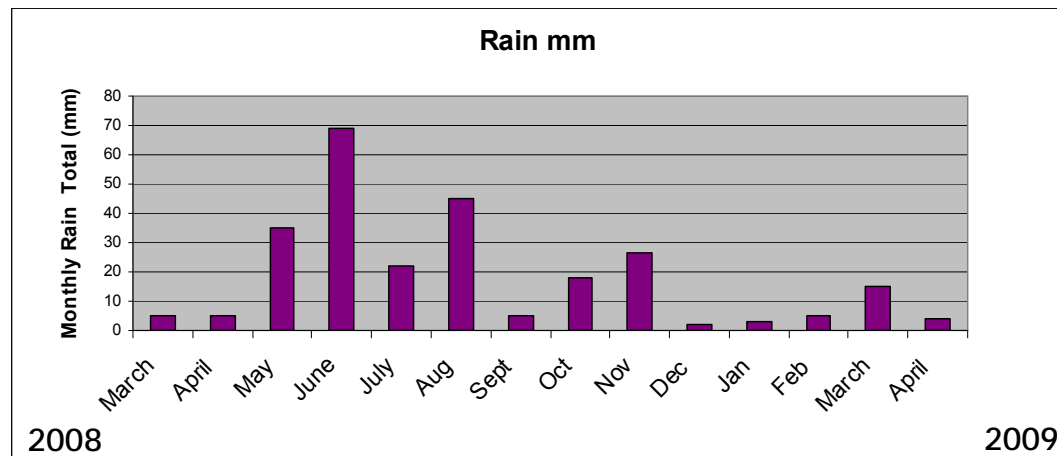
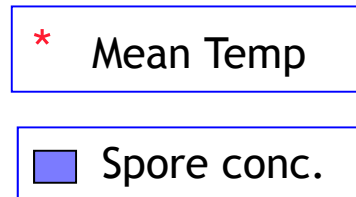
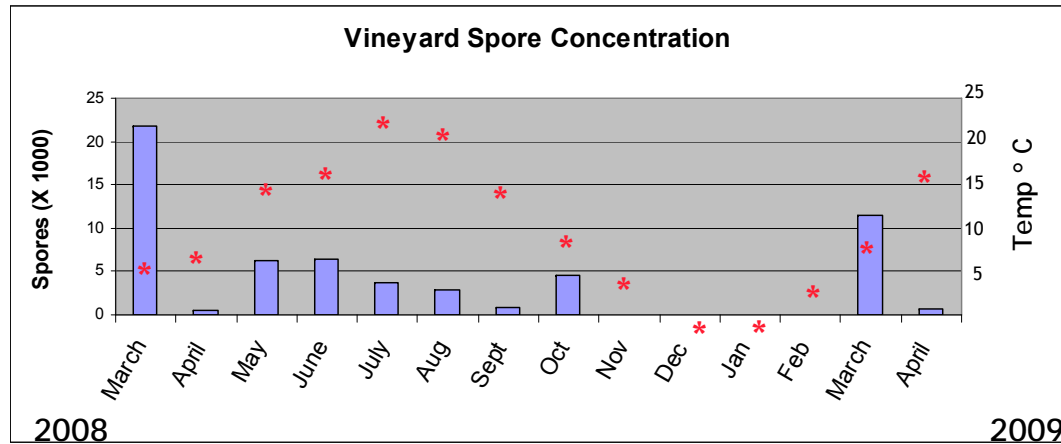


Standard curve

### Quantification

standard curve calculates the number of spores from individual spore trap samples.

# Botryosphaeria spore concentration from spore traps





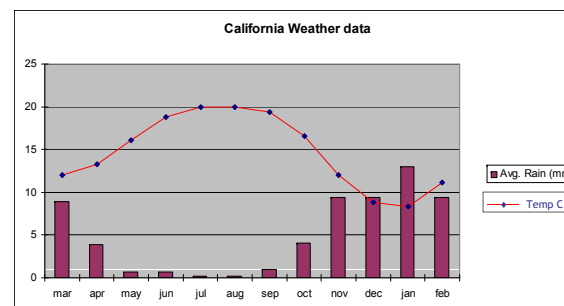
# Management recommendations of Bot-Canker

No chemical control products registered in Canada

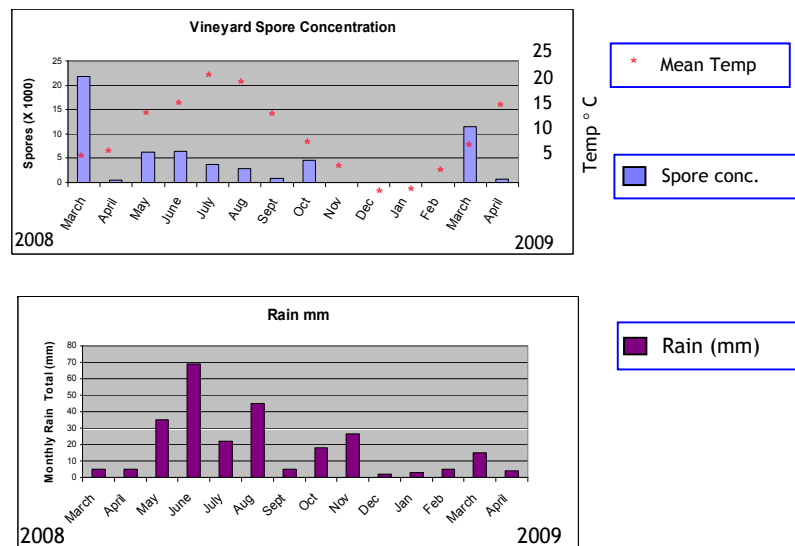
## Recommendations

- eliminate and burn pruning debris
- dormant lime sulfur applications  
*10 gal per acre in 100 gal water*
- protect pruning wounds:  
*5 % boric acid in latex paint*
- double pruning ?
- late pruning ?

## California weather: Napa



## Okanagan Valley weather (and spore trap data)



Okanagan rainy season: May-June

# Multiple infections and synergistic response

## Observations:

- Different symptoms in the roots and trunk indicating presence of multiple diseases
- Vineyards showing high mortality were often infected by multiple pathogens (*often young plantings < 5 yrs*)

## Multiple infections and synergistic response

- different disease symptoms above and below graft union

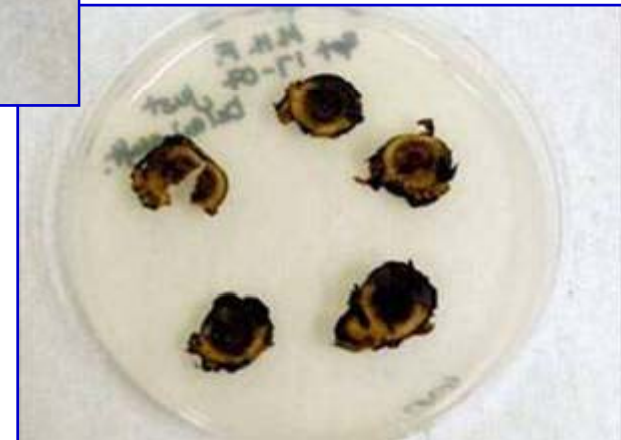


x-section above union

longitudinal section of graft union  
*vine: pinot blanc (rapid decline)*



x-section below union





## Multiple infections and synergistic response

Blackfoot: vascular symptoms

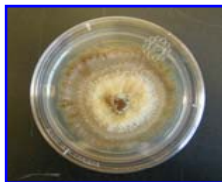


Esca: vascular symptoms



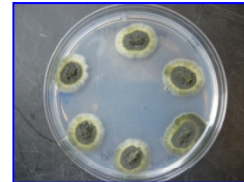
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both pathogens isolated from diseased vine



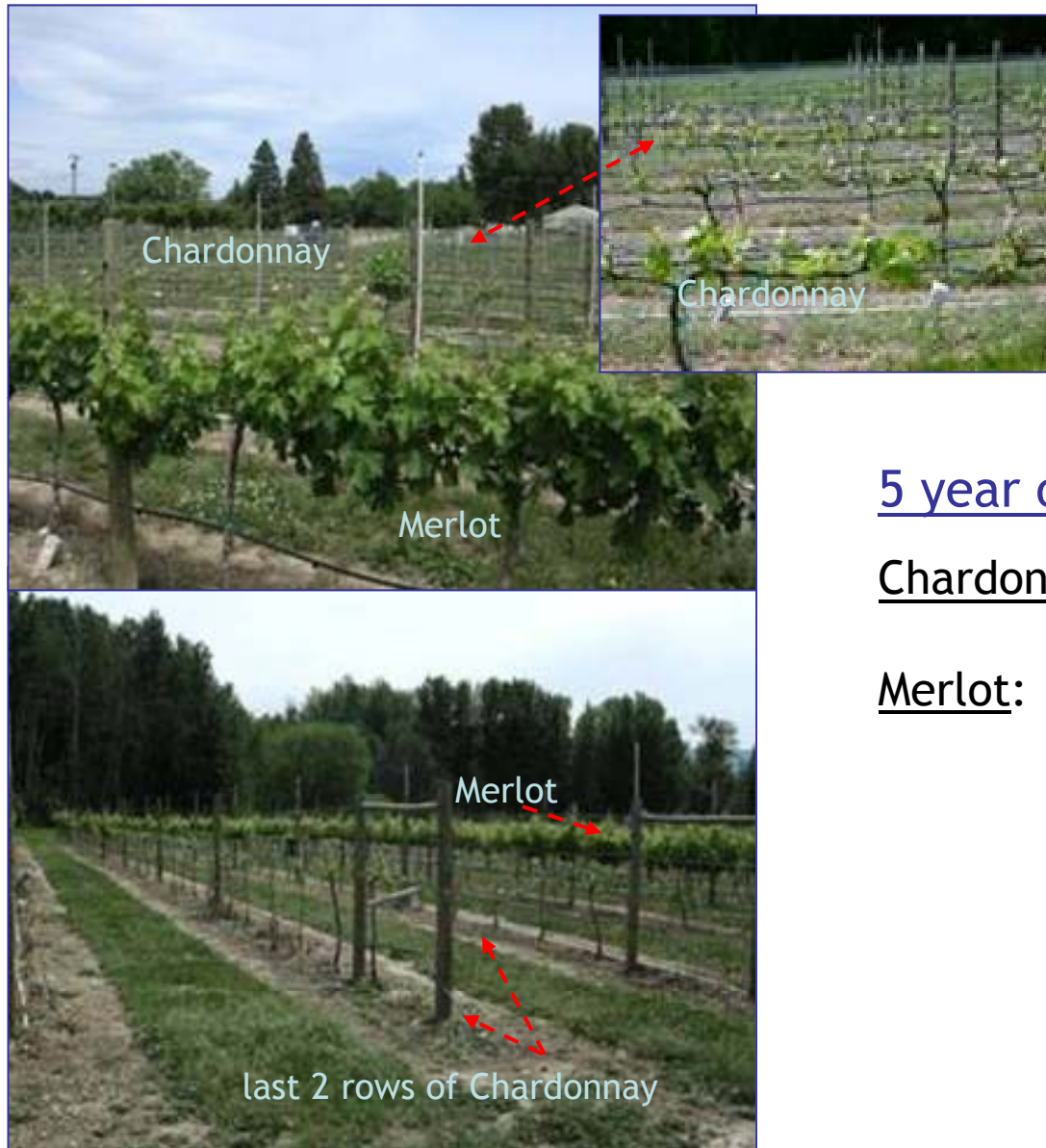
*Cylindrocarpon* sp.  
(Black foot)

+



*Phaeomoniella* sp.  
(Esca)

## Multiple infections and synergistic response



5 year old vines

Chardonnay: clone 76 on 3309

Merlot: clone 81 on Riparia

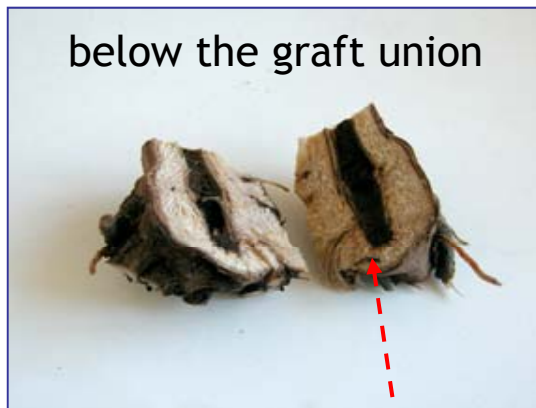
## Multiple infections and synergistic response



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cankers



blackened pith & sunken lesions

*pathogens isolated from diseased vine:*



*Cylindrocarpon* sp.

+

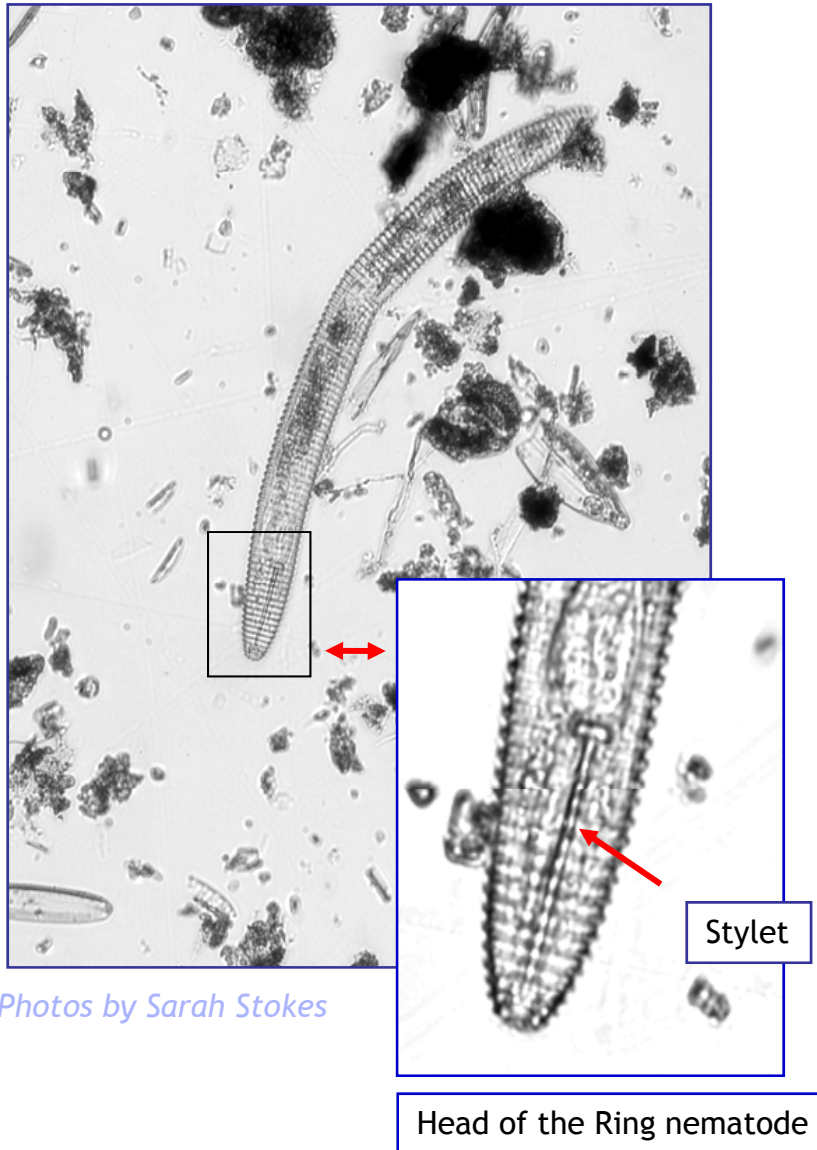


*Botryosphaeria parva*

## Multiple infections and synergistic response

### Ring nematode

- characteristic ringed body
- the Ring nematode has a stylet which can protrude and penetrate plant cells like a hypodermic needle





## Multiple infections and synergistic response



The Ring nematode

+



*C. destructans*

- established populations of Ring nematode found in vineyards (3000-4000/kg soil)
- found in association with root rot pathogen *C. destructans*

## Map of the Okanagan: *Disease survey*



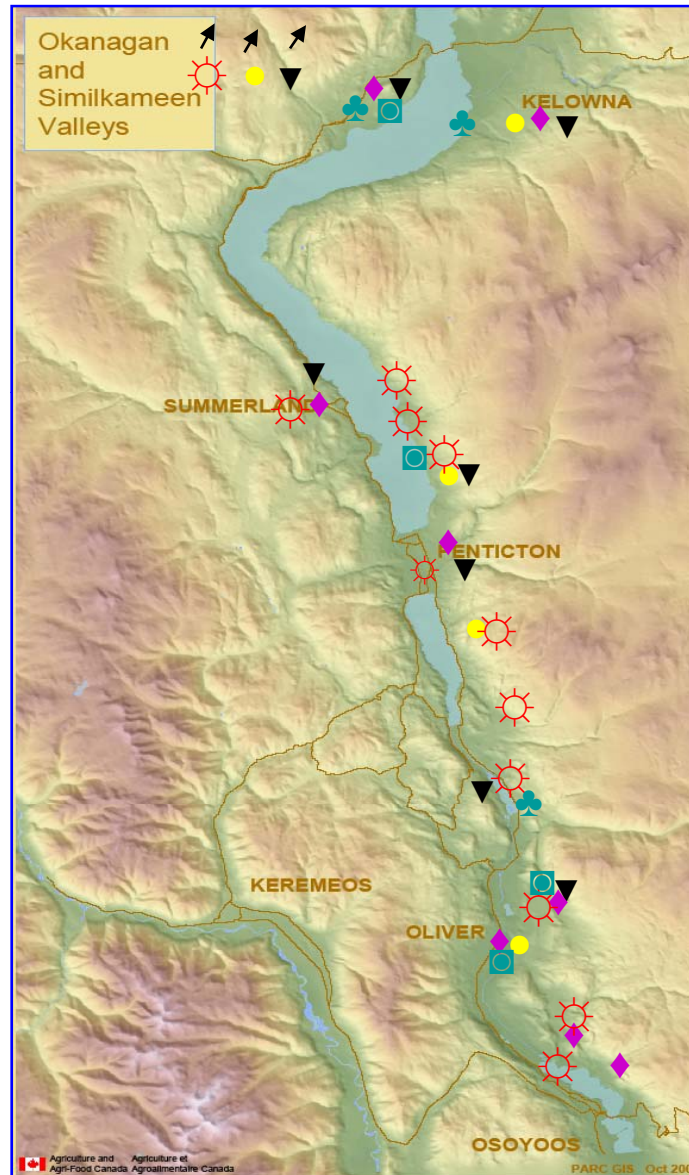
♣ *Roesleria*  
& other root rots



☼ Bot-canker



◻ Phomopsis canker



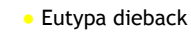
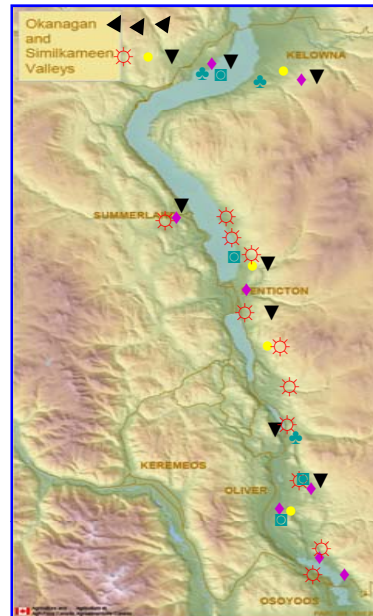
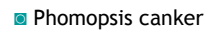
▼ Blackfoot disease



◆ Esca



● Eutypa dieback



# Grapevine Trunk Diseases: Past, Present and Future

# Eutypa dieback



Over 40 different fungi

Esca / YVD



*Phaeoacremonium aleophilum*

## Black foot



## Cytotoxicity of different drugs

# Species identification and characterization based on DNA sequencing:

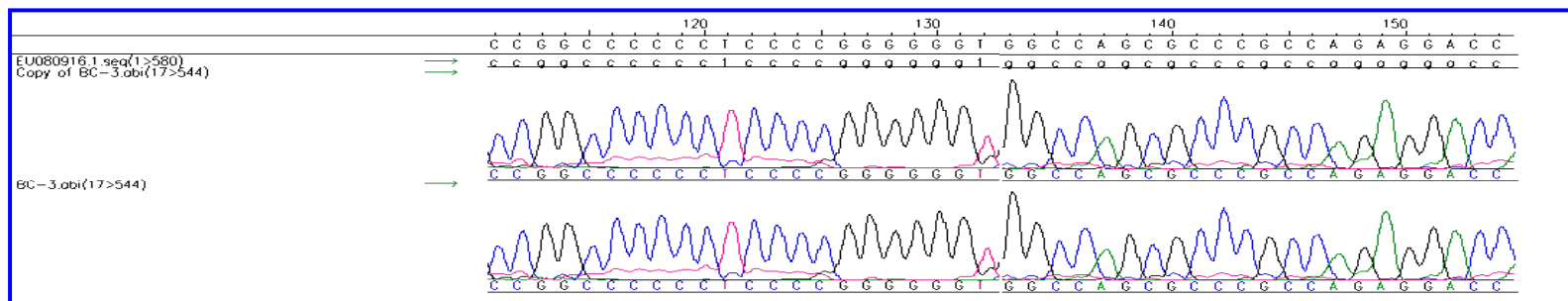


## 1) DNA sequencing of isolates

- targeting the rDNA (ITS), *B-tubulin* and *EF1a* genes to generate sequence data

## 2) Identification

- search sequence database (Genbank) for the identical or closest match and;
- phylogenetic analysis of DNA sequences from survey isolates and type cultures





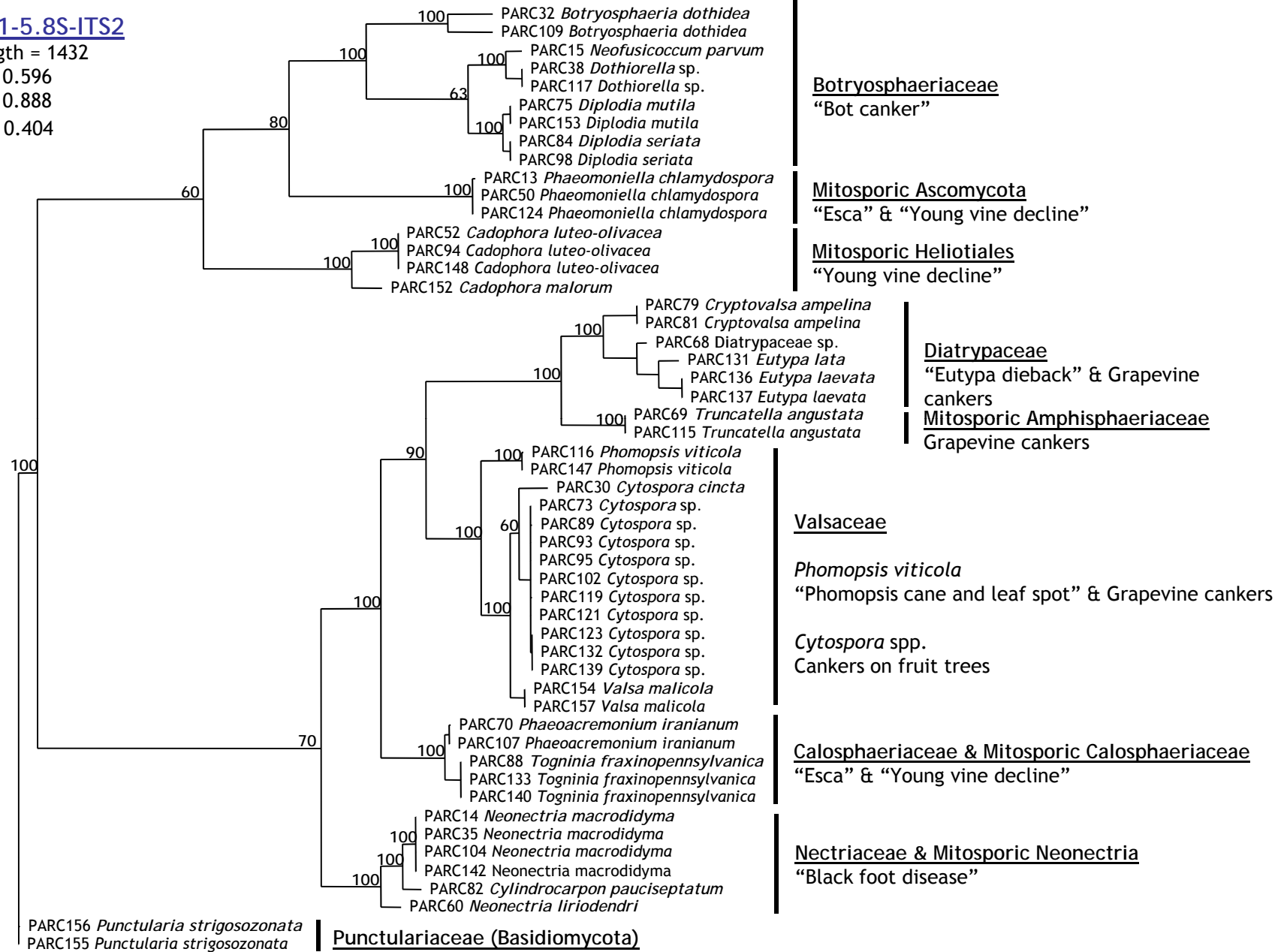
# ITS1-5.8S-ITS2

Length = 1432

CI = 0.596

RI = 0.888

HI = 0.404



— 10 changes

## Grapevine Trunk Diseases: Past, Present and Future

### Etiology of Grapevine Trunk Disease

#### Eutypa dieback

*Eutypa lata*  
*Eutypa leptoplaca*  
*Eutypa laevata*  
*Eutypella cryptovalsoidea*  
*Eutypella microtheca*  
*Eutypella vitis*  
*Eutypella* sp. 1  
*Eutypella* sp. 2  
*Eutypella* sp. 3  
*Eutypella* sp. 4  
*Cryptosphaeria lygniota*  
*Cryptosphaeria pullmanensis*  
*Cryptovalsa ampelina*  
*Cryptovalsa rabenhorstii*  
*Diatrype brunneospora*  
*Diatrype oregonensis*  
*Diatrype stigma*  
*Diatrype whitmanensis*  
*Diatrypaceae* sp.  
*Diatrypella verrucaeformis*  
*Diatrypella vulgaris*

21 fungal species

#### Esca / YVD

*Phaeomoniella chlamydospora*  
*Phaeoacremonium aleophilum*  
*Phaeoacremonium angustius*  
*Phaeoacremonium argentiniense*  
*Phaeoacremonium armeniacum*  
*Phaeoacremonium australiense*  
*Phaeoacremonium austroafricanum*  
*Phaeoacremonium cinereum*  
*Phaeoacremonium croatiense*  
*Phaeoacremonium globosum*  
*Phaeoacremonium hispanicum*  
*Phaeoacremonium hungaricum*  
*Phaeoacremonium iranimum*  
*Phaeoacremonium mortoniae*  
*Phaeoacremonium occidentale*  
*Phaeoacremonium scolymii*  
*Phaeoacremonium sicilianum*  
*Phaeoacremonium tuscanum*  
*Phaeoacremonium viticola*

19 fungal species

#### Bot canker

*Botryosphaeria dothidea*  
*Diplodia corticola*  
*Diplodia mutila*  
*Diplodia seriata*  
*Dothiorella* sp.  
*Dothiorella americana*  
*Lasiodiplodia crassispora*  
*Lasiodiplodia missouriana*  
*Lasiodiplodia theobromae*  
*Lasiodiplodia viticola*  
*Neofusicoccum australe*  
*Neofusicoccum luteum*  
*Neofusicoccum macroclavatum*  
*Neofusicoccum mediterraneum*  
*Neofusicoccum parvum*  
*Neofusicoccum ribis*  
*Neofusicoccum viticlavatum*  
*Neofusicoccum vitifusiforme*  
*Phaeobotryosphaeria porosa*  
*Spencermartinsia viticola*

20 fungal species

## Grapevine Trunk Diseases: Past, Present and Future

### Etiology of Grapevine Trunk Disease

#### Black foot

*Cylindrocarpon destructans*  
*Cylindrocarpon fasciculare*  
*Cylindrocarpon pseudofasciculare*  
*Cylindrocarpon pauciseptatum*  
*Cylindrocarpon liriodendri*  
*Cylindrocarpon macrodidymum*

6 fungal species

#### GTD Pathogens?

*Cadophora luteo-olivacea*  
*Cytospora* spp.  
*Macrophomina phaseolina*  
*Phomopsis viticola*  
*Pestalotiopsis* sp.  
*Pestalotiopsis uvicola*  
*Truncatella angustata*  
*Verticillium dahliae*

8 fungal species

Bot- canker



Black foot



Esca / YVD



Eutypa dieback



## Where do we go from here ?

- Continue and expand the disease survey
- More spore trap studies: to gain a better understanding of the biology of these pathogens in our northern climate
- Develop molecular diagnostic test that will allow us to easily detect and differentiate the different species involved
- Investigate additional disease control measures



# The PARC Plant Pathology Team

## Grapevine trunk disease project members



- Paula Haag - Technician (*aka Goddess of Black Goo*): grapes and grapevine diseases



- Dr. José Úrbez Torres - Post Doc: grapevine trunk diseases

## Other members of the plant path team



- Julie Boulé - Technician: tree fruit pathology

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## Problem or Opportunity

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The Dead Arm

The Story Behind The Name:

Dead Arm is a vine disease caused by the fungus *Eutypa lata* that randomly affects vineyards all over the world. Often vines affected are severely pruned or replanted. One half, or an 'arm' of the vine slowly becomes reduced to dead wood. That side may be lifeless and brittle, but the grapes on the other side, while low yielding, display amazing intensity.

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# Thank you



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