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# Produrre kiwi nell'era della Psa

*The New Zealand kiwifruit industry in  
presence of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv.  
*actinidiae**

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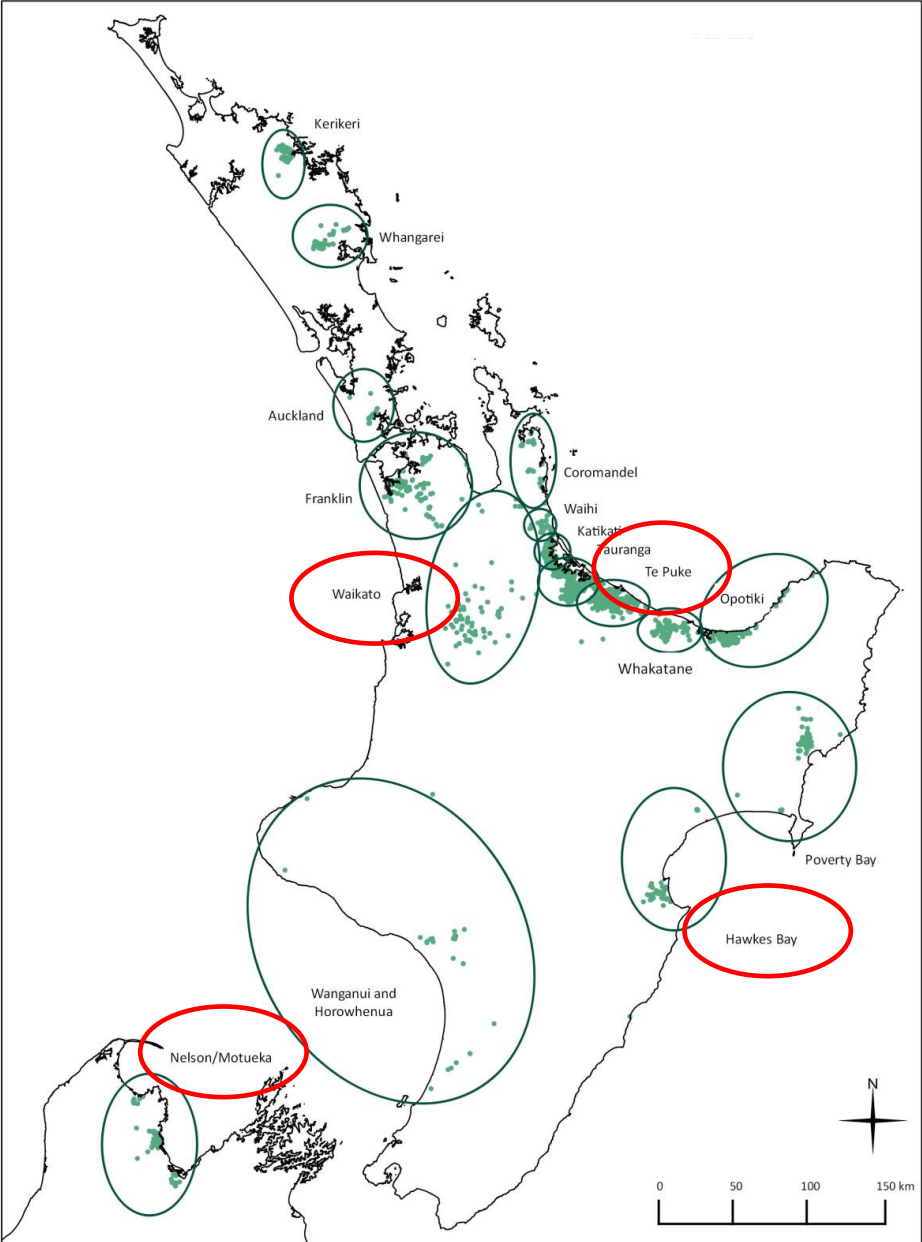
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- **2011 exports from New Zealand horticulture industry NZ\$ 3.5 billions**
- **2011 Exports from kiwifruit industry NZ\$ 962 millions (600 mEuros)**
- **Kiwifruit industry is the largest horticultural export industry in New Zealand**
- **Last 11 years number of kiwifruit trays exported has doubled**
- **Av. OGR (Orchard Gate Return) for green kiwifruit NZ\$41 830 (26 000 Euros) (export vol 79%, value 67%)**
- **Av. OGR for gold kiwifruit NZ\$90 911 (56 000 Euros) (export vol 21%, value 33 %)**

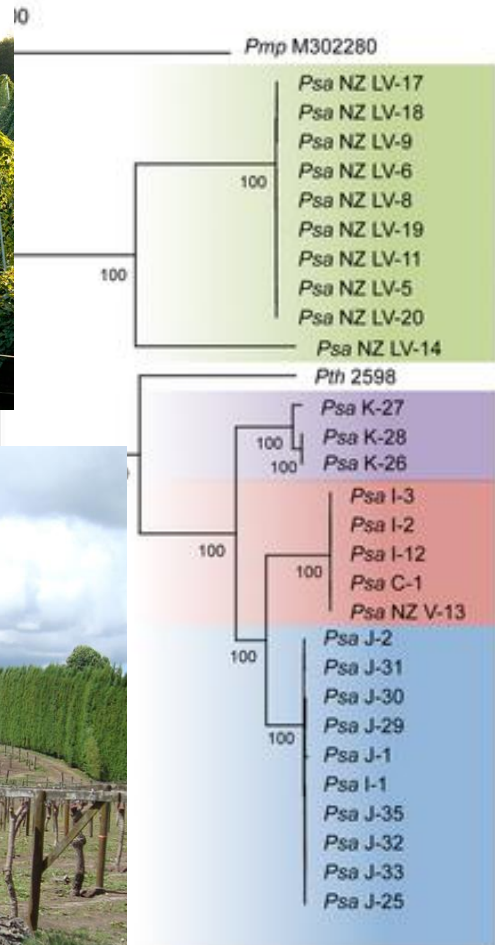
# November 2010 detection of Psa in New Zealand



# Two populations of Psa in New Zealand (Psa-V and Psa-LV)



# Phylogeny of Psa based on Whole Genome Sequence



Biovar 4: **Non systemic** and produce no toxin

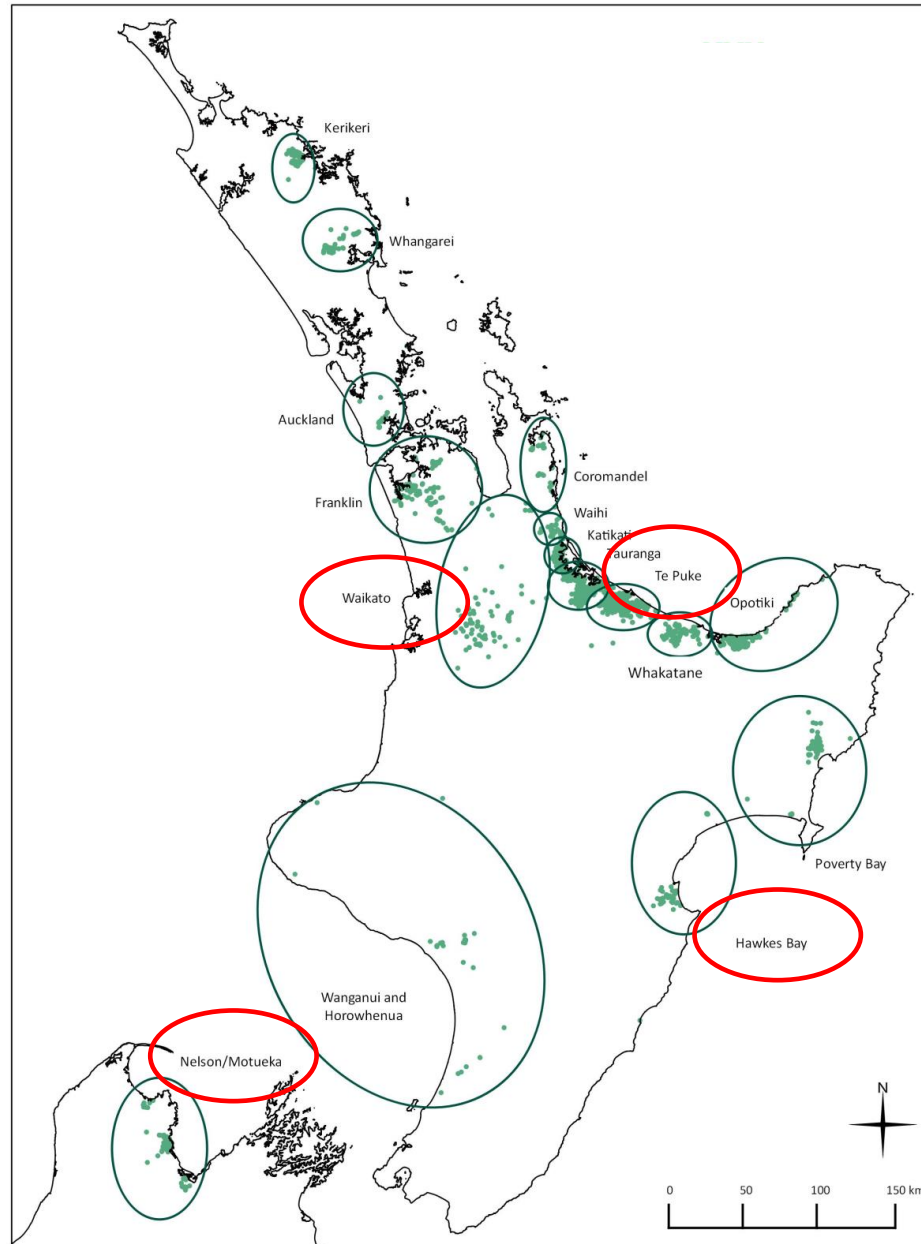
Biovar 2: **Systemic** and produce coronatine

Biovar 3: **Systemic** and produce no toxin

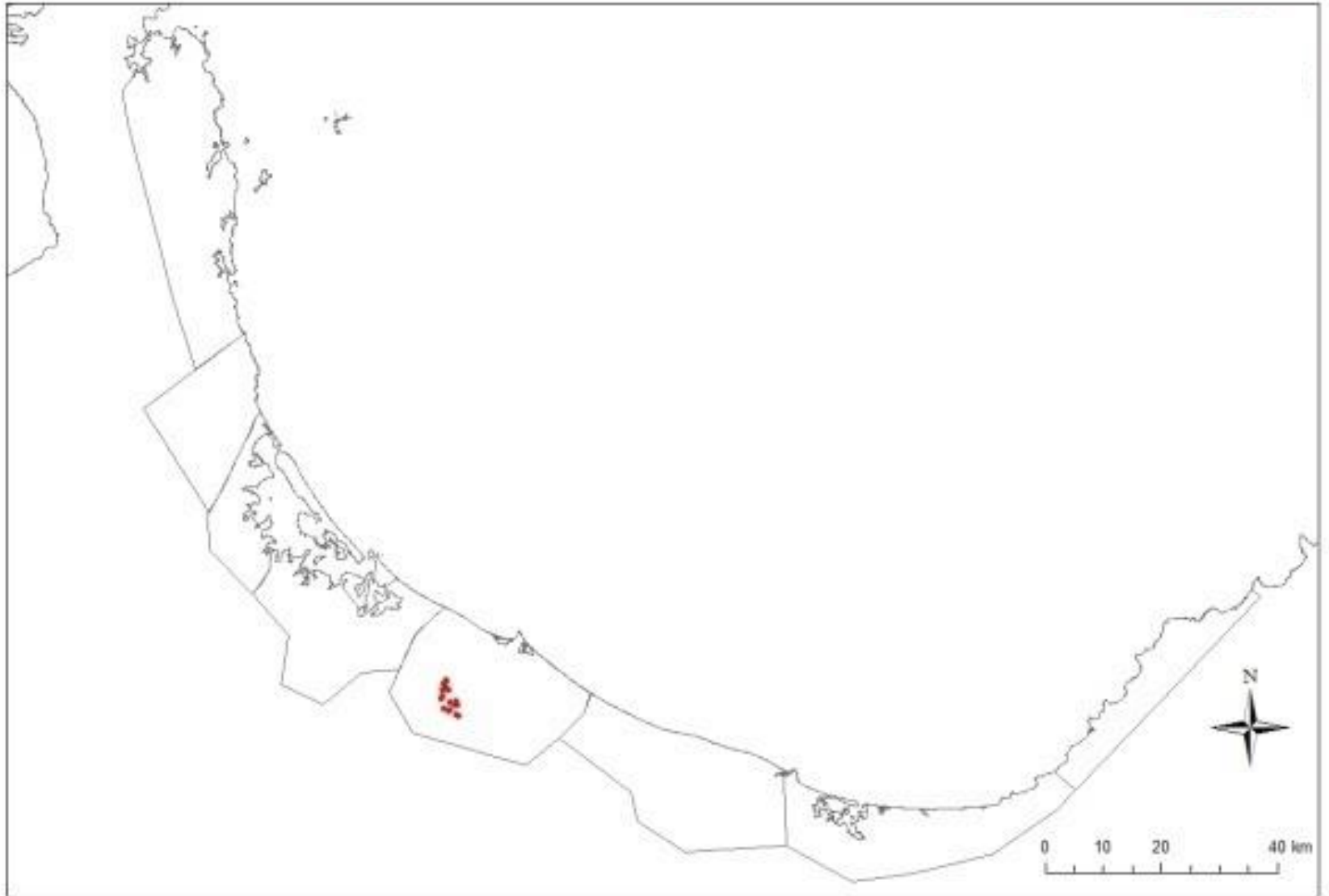
Biovar 1: **Systemic** and produce phaseolotoxin



# November 2010 detection of biovar 3 Psa in New Zealand



# Bay of Plenty December 2010







# What is the situation today? (18 September 2013)

- » Out of 3293 kiwifruit orchards in New Zealand 2262 orchards affected by Psa biovar 3
- » 10388 hectares of orchards where Psa biovar 3 has been identified
- » 75 percent of New Zealand kiwifruit hectares are on an orchard affected by Psa biovar 3
- » New regions getting infected, Whanganui being latest region declared affected by Psa biovar 3

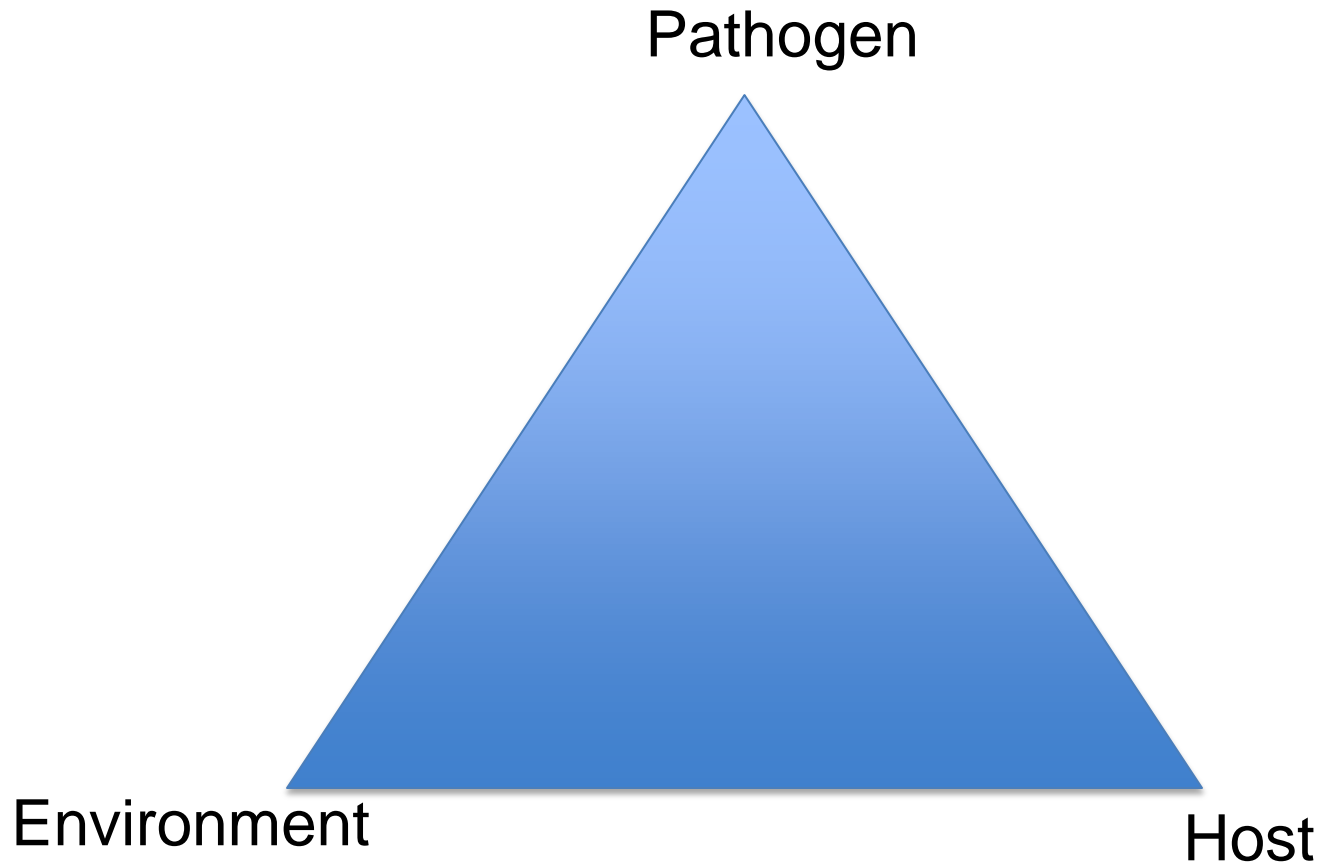
# Cost of Psa in New Zealand (2012 study)

- **In less than 2 years over 2000 orchards affected (70%)**
- **Est of cost over the next 5 years: NZ\$ 310 - 410 million (191- 253 mEuros)**
- **Est cost over a 15 years period NZ\$885 million (547mEuros)**
- **Between 2012-2016, 360 to 470 FTEs lost in the Bay of Plenty alone**

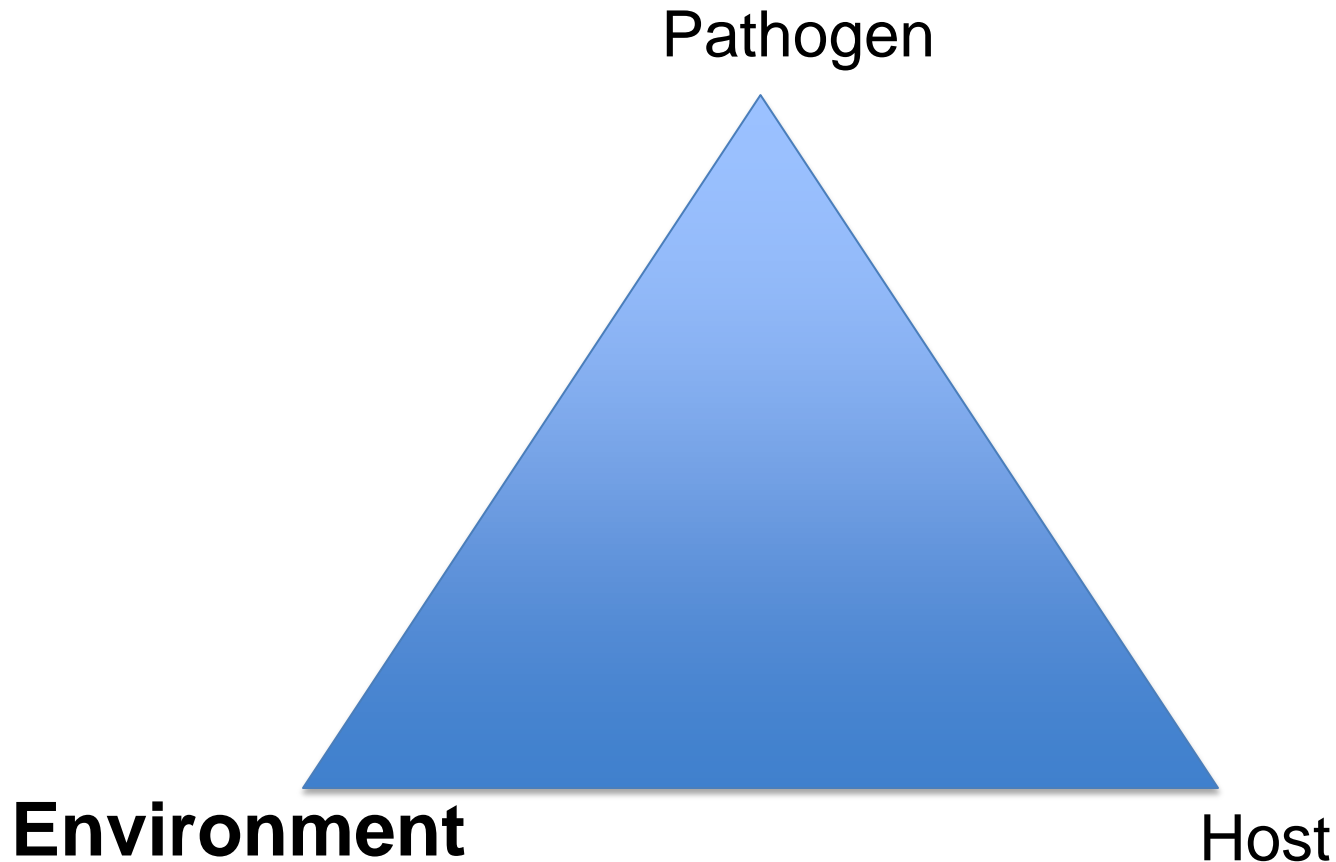
# Cost of Psa in New Zealand (2013 estimate)

- » **Response to Psa discovery NZ \$ 42 million (26 mEuros)**
- » **In Te Puke alone over 1 000 ha of Hort16A cut out**
- » **Approx. 2100 ha grafted on new variety (G3) NZ\$ 60 000/ha for a total of \$ 60 million (37mEuros)**
- » **Less than 100% production levels for new cultivars and Hayward**
- » **Reduction of capital land value 450K/ha to 100K/ha for Gold and 250K/ha to 150K/ha for Hayward. Total loss \$ 2 billion (1.24 b Euros)**

# The disease triangle can explain why Psa such a problem in New Zealand

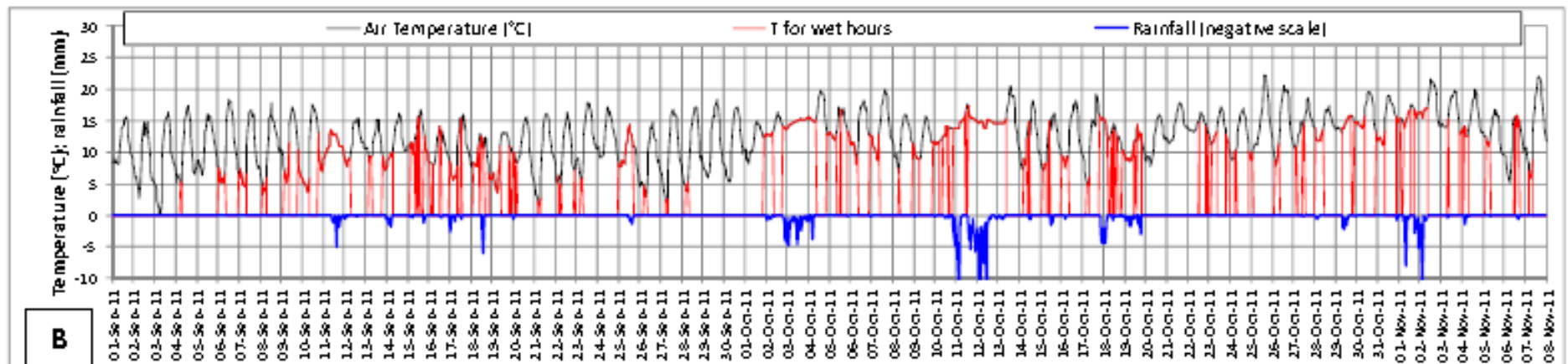


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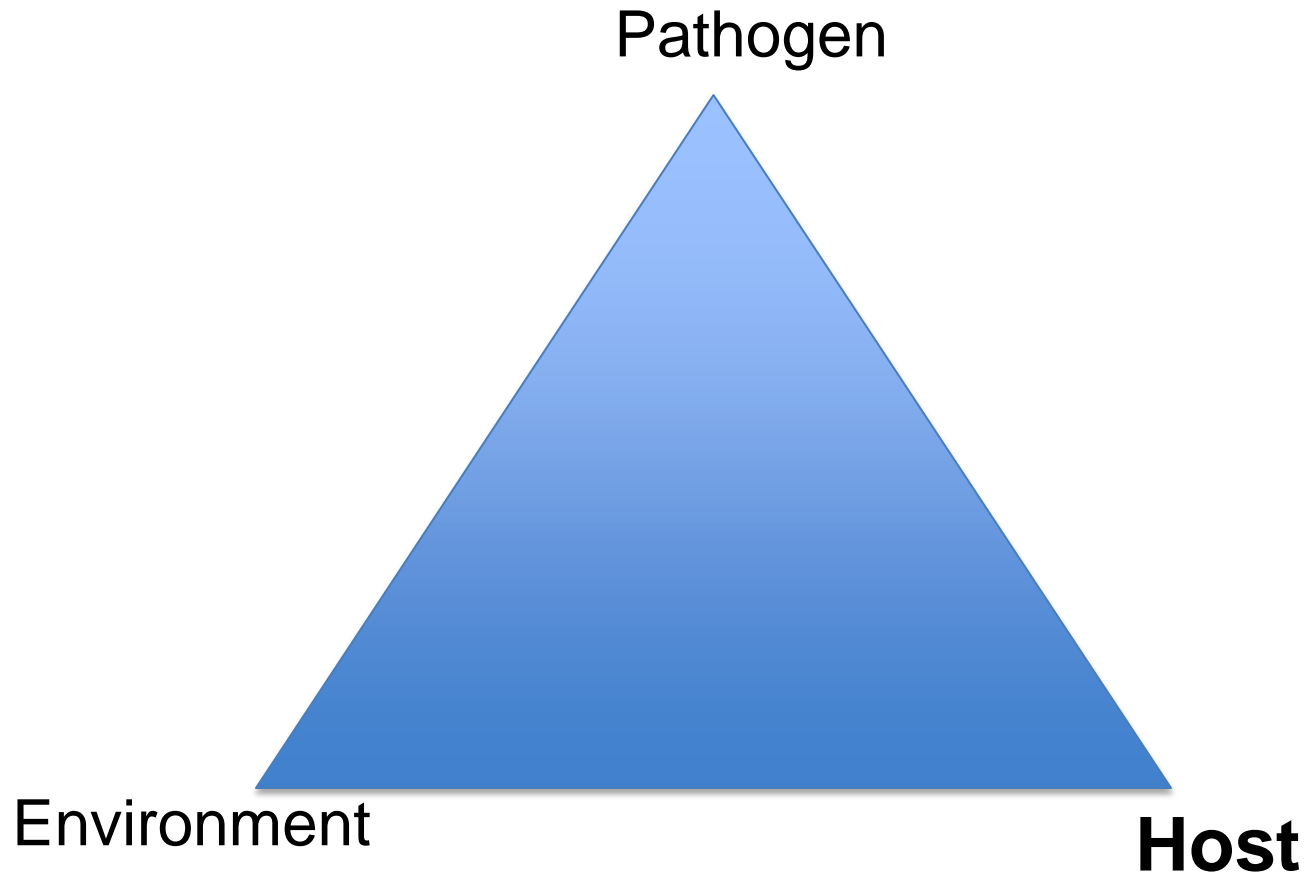
# Climatic considerations:

- » Disease less active above 20° C, no infection above 25° C
- » Most active when average temperature over 10 days is between 10° C and 20° C



Summer Bay of Plenty Ave temp below 20° C

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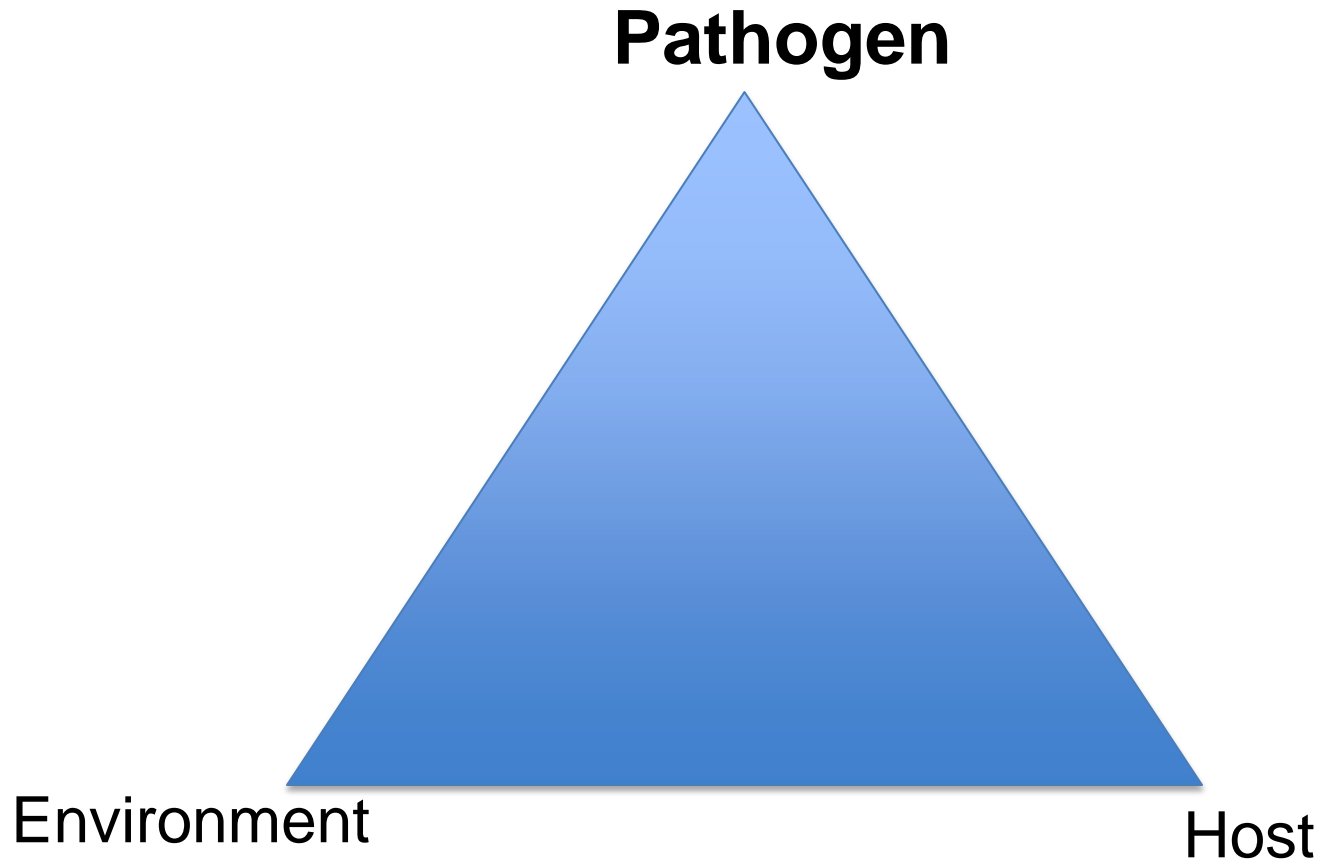


# Narrow genetic base

Monoculture

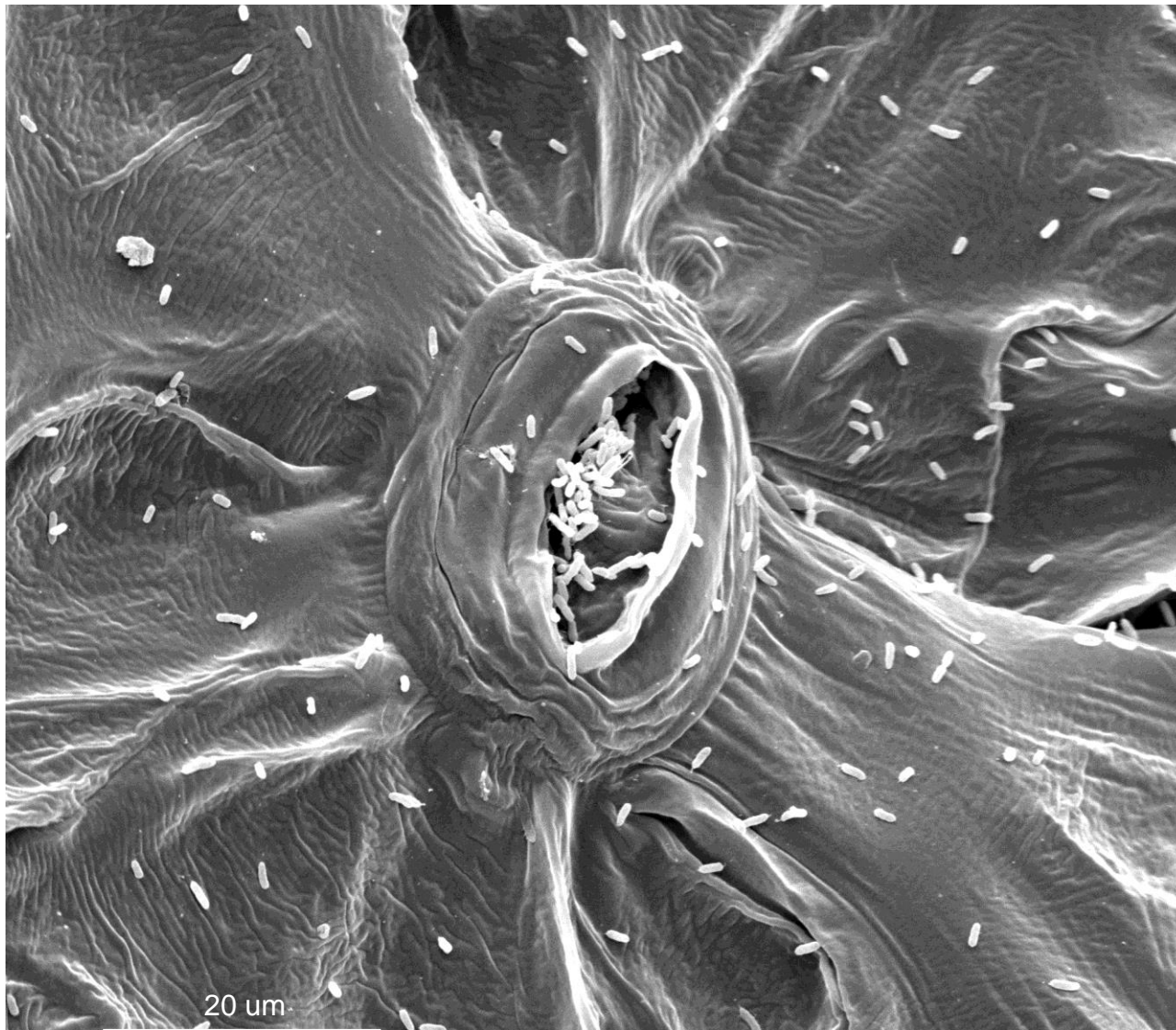


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# Inoculation of lower leaf surface

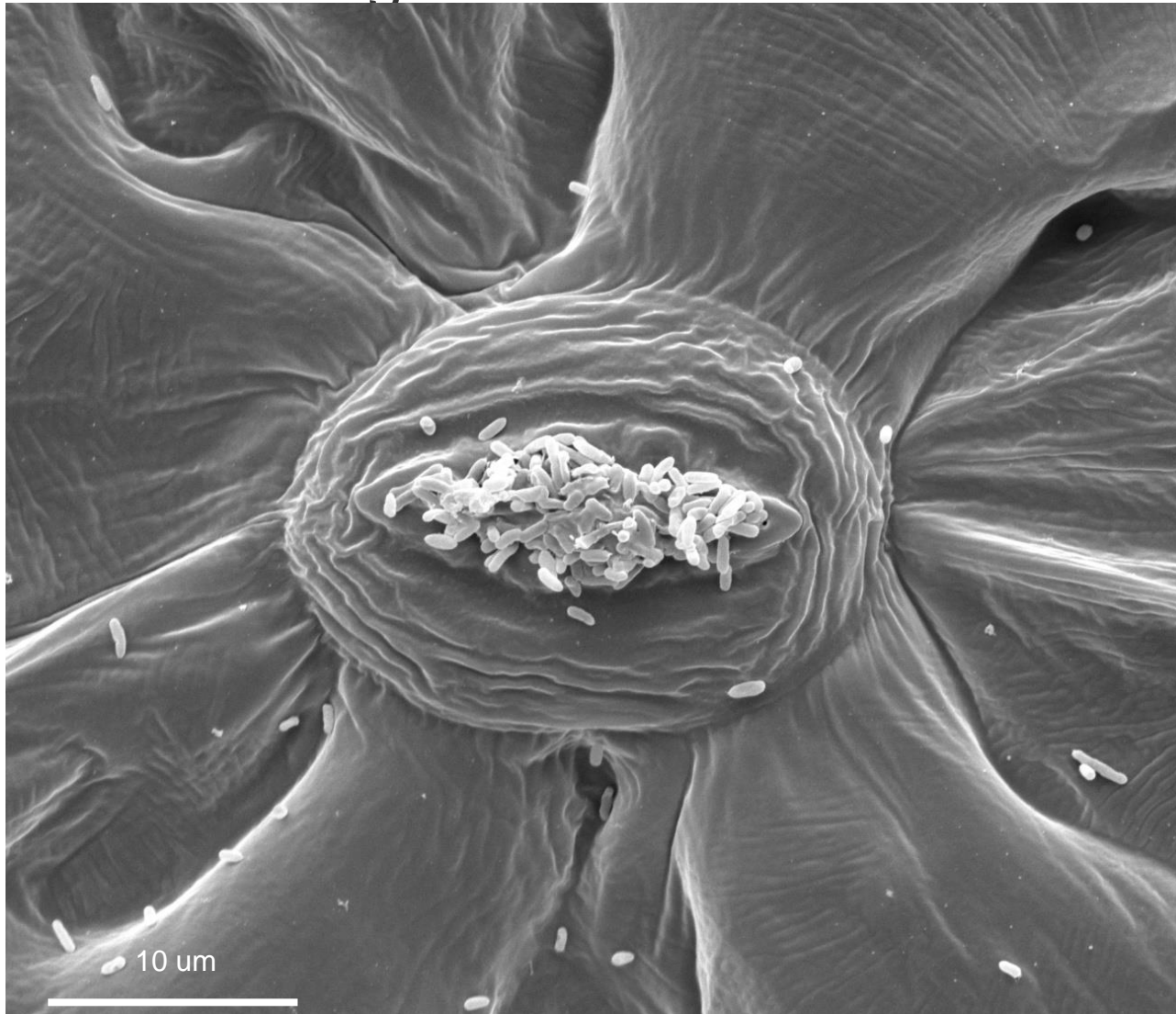
Day 1



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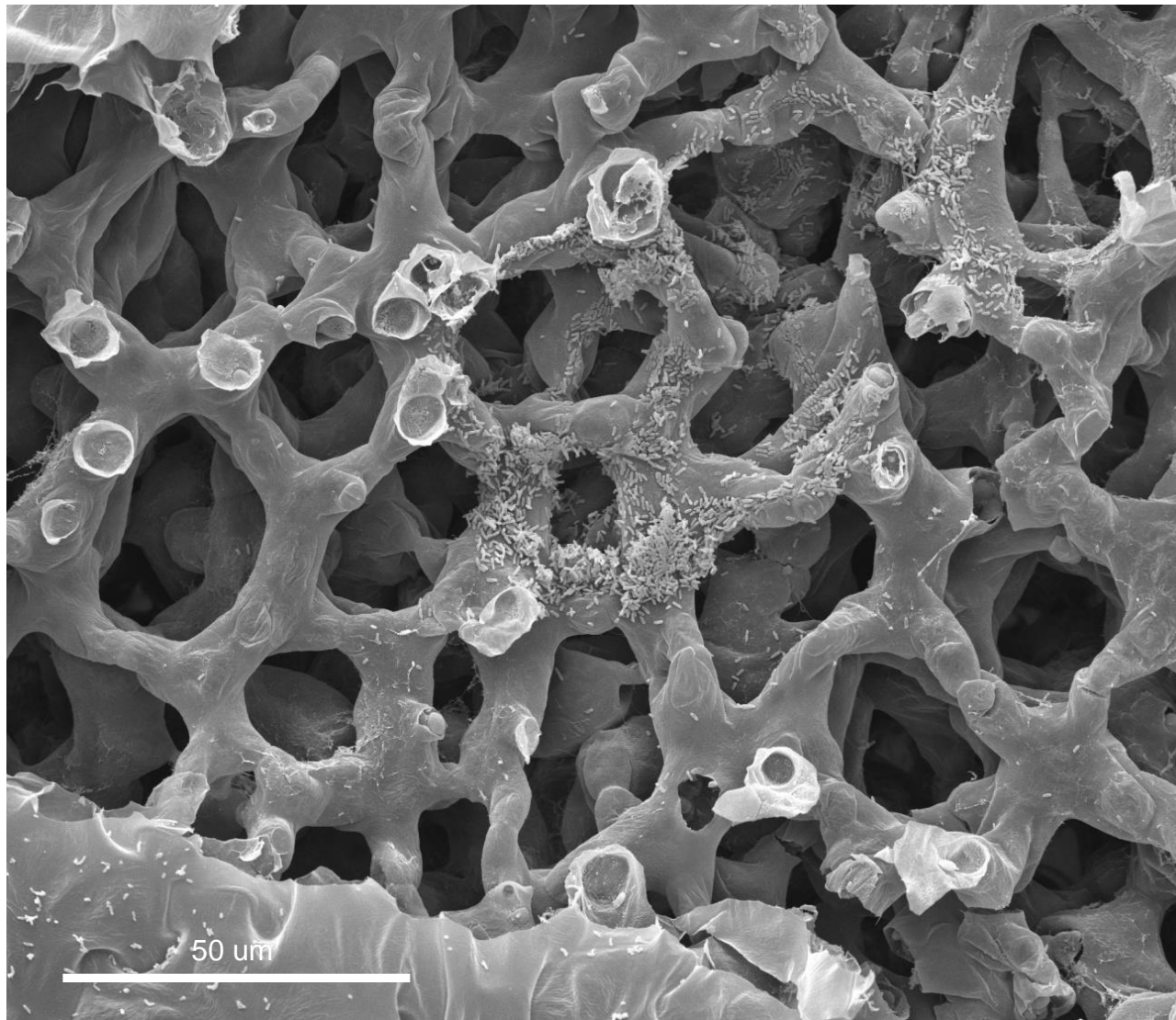
# Colonisation of the stomata and bacteria exuding from stomata

Day 5

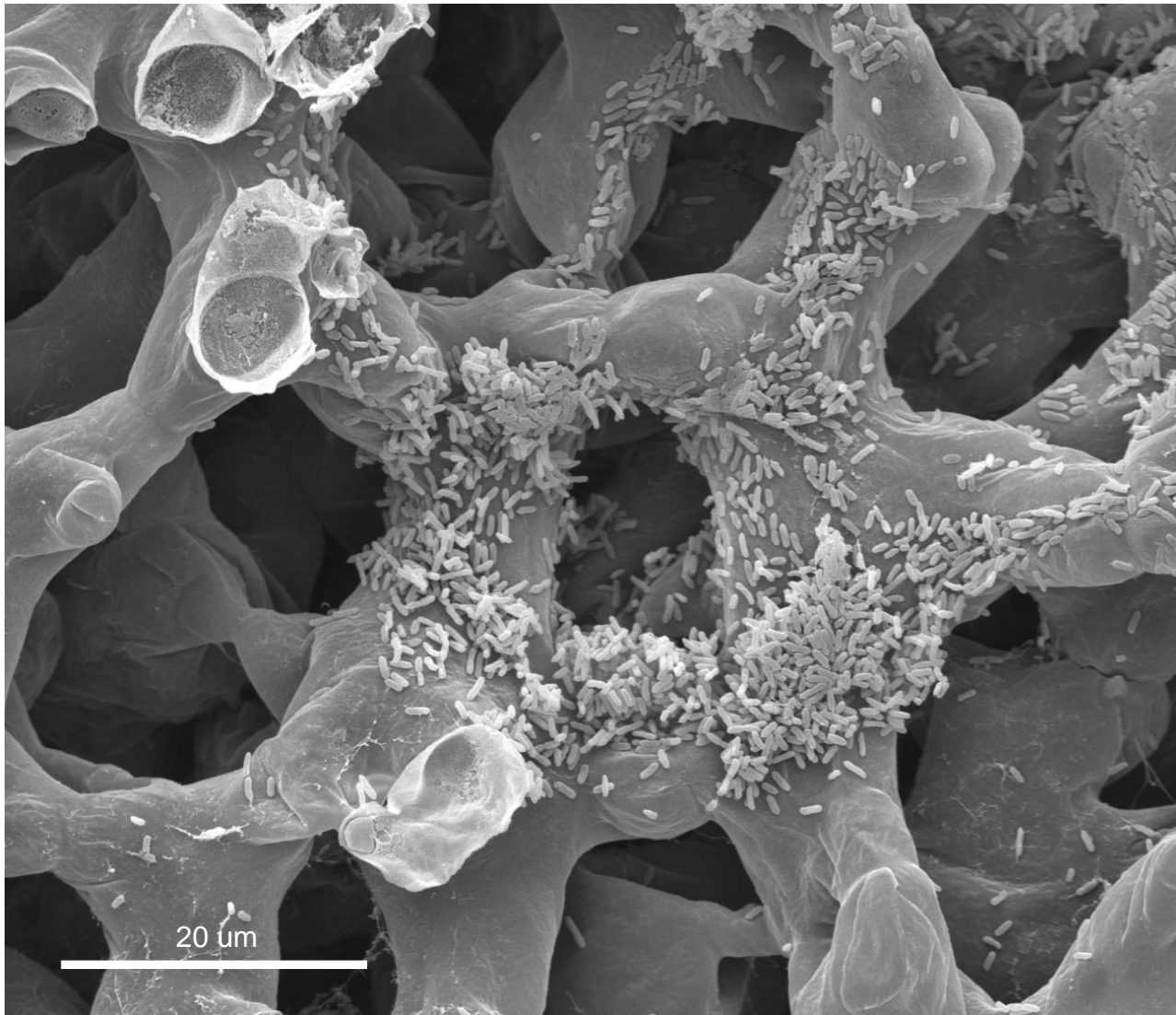


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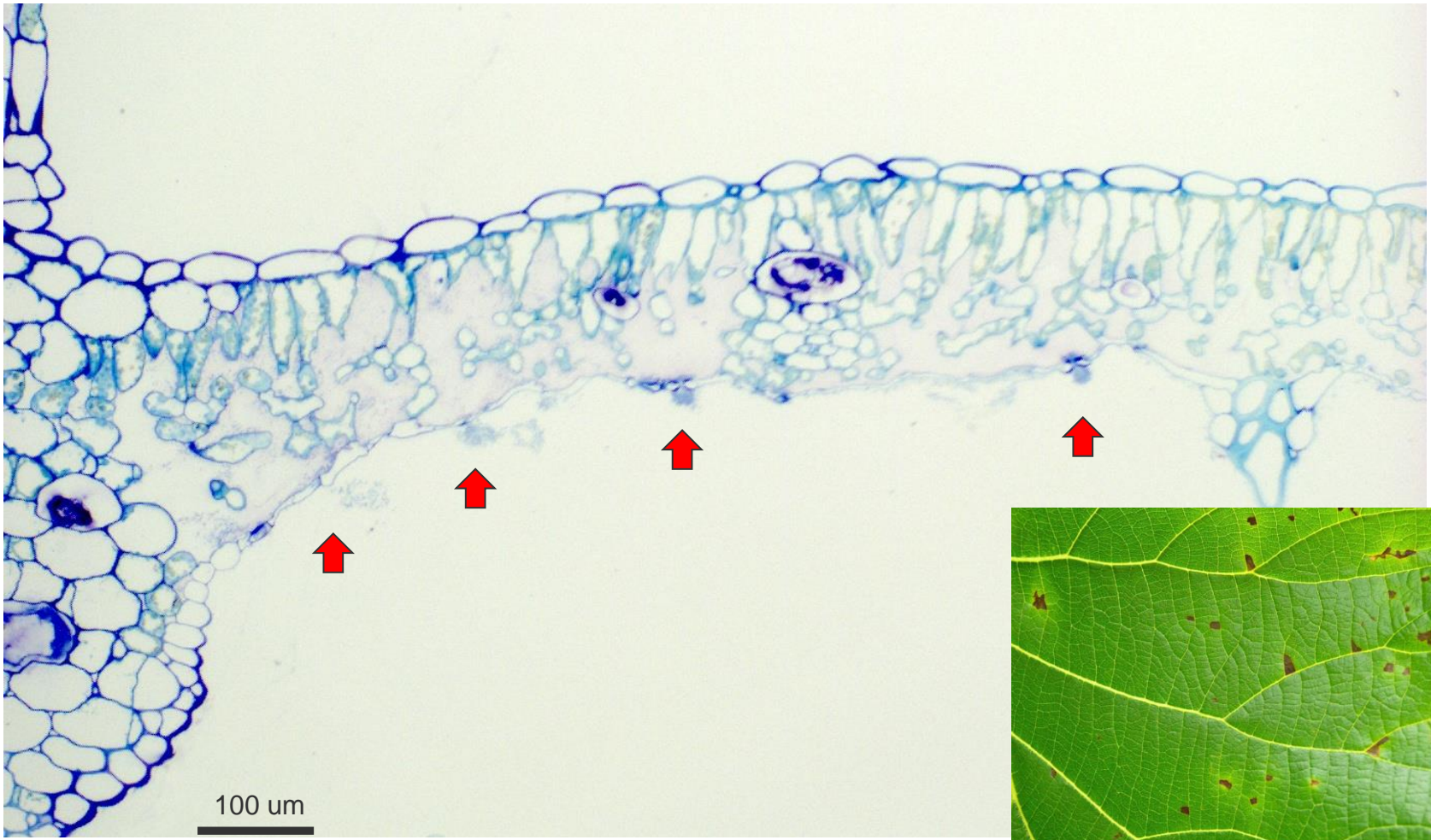
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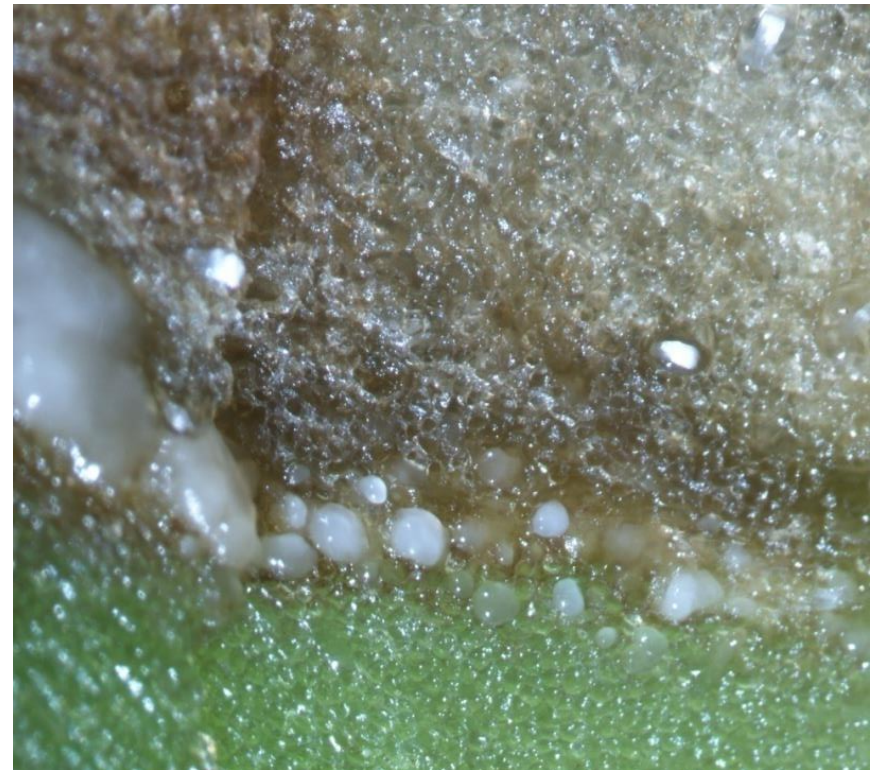


# Inoculated tissue – 5 days



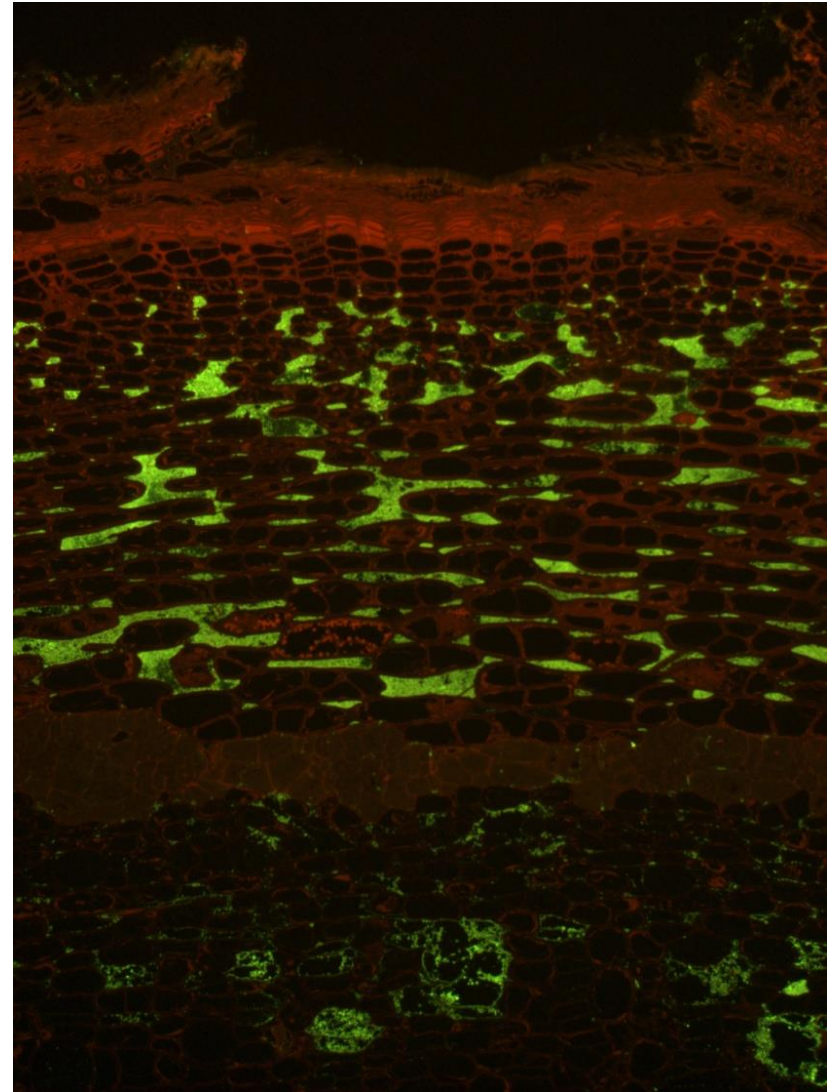
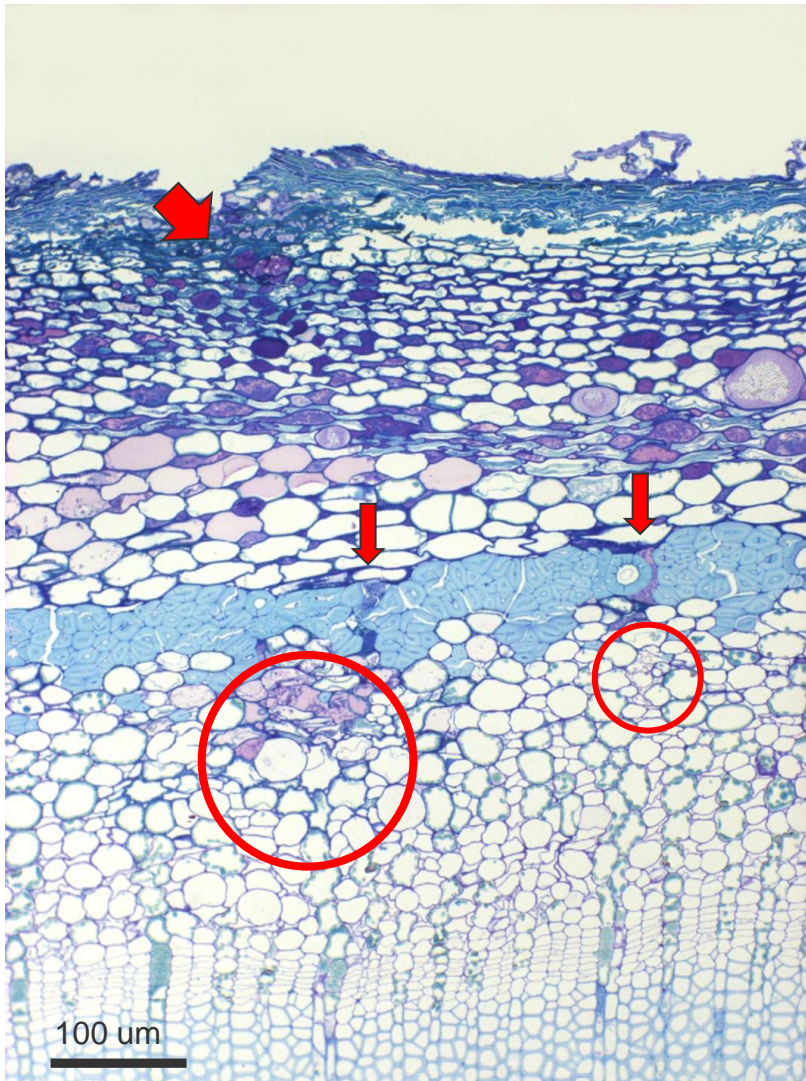
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# Leaf infection



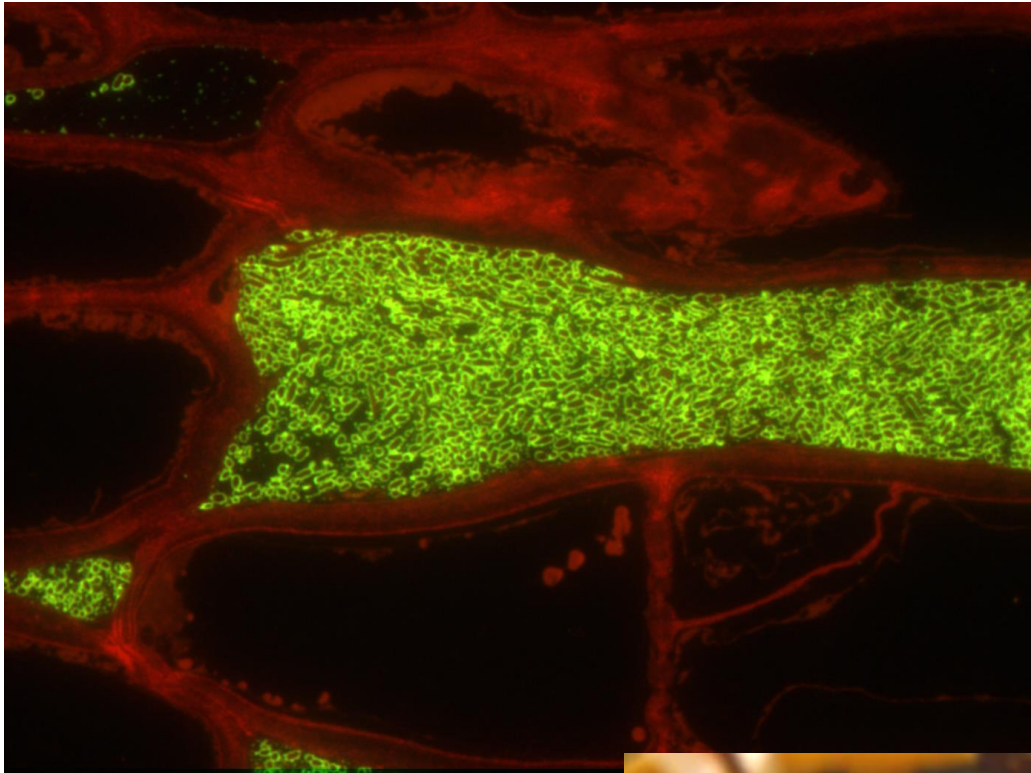


# Infected cane (lenticel)



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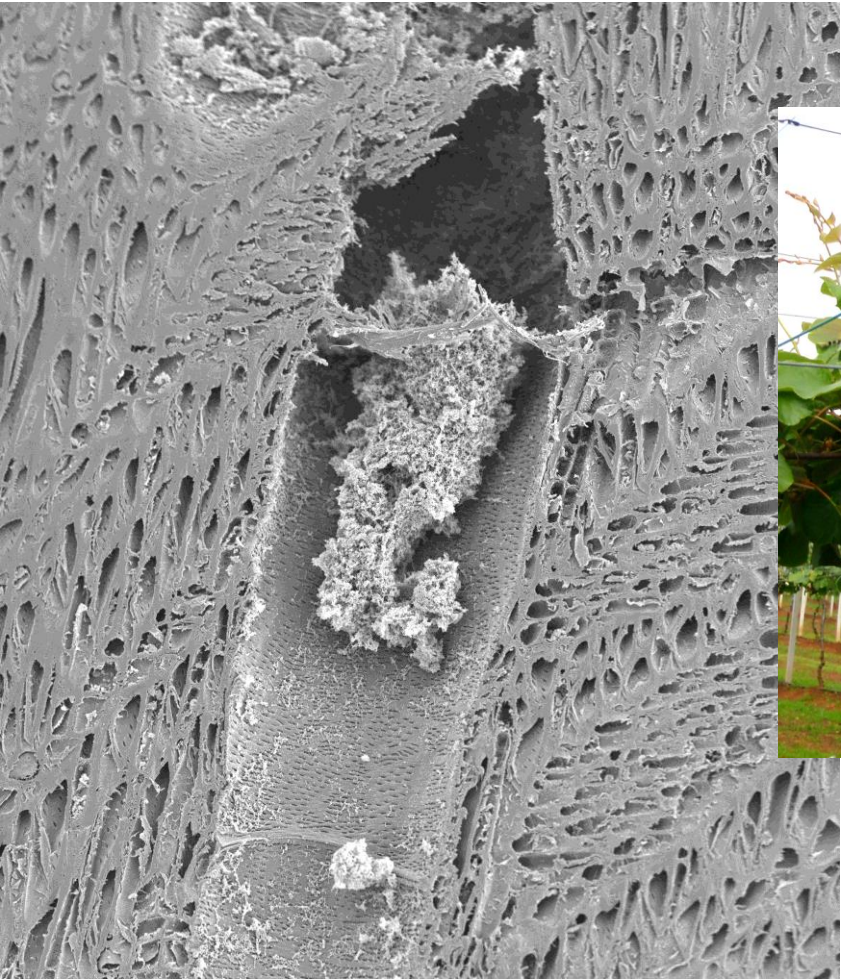
# *Psa* infected cane cross-section 1000x



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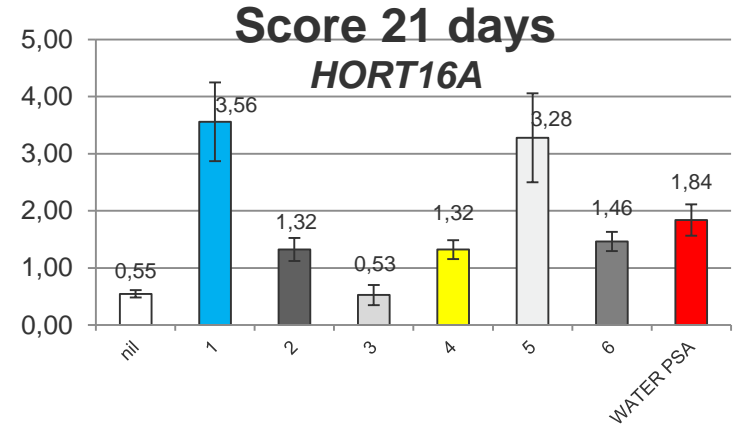


# Colonisation of the xylem by Psa



# The solution to the Psa problem is in the disease triangle

Pathogen



Environment

Host



# In conclusion



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