

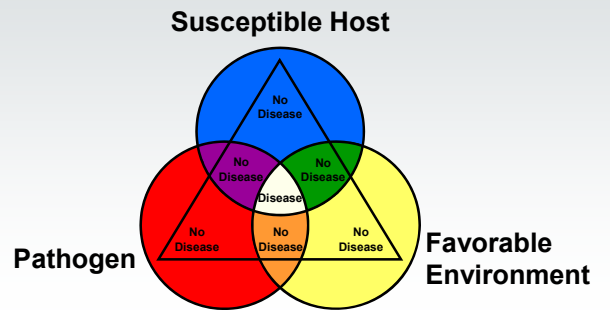
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The Science (and Art) of Plant Disease Diagnosis

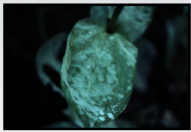
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Plant Disease Diagnosis The Disease Triangle



Plant Disease Diagnosis "Easy Money Diseases"



Powdery Mildew



Black Knot



Golden Canker



Tar Spot

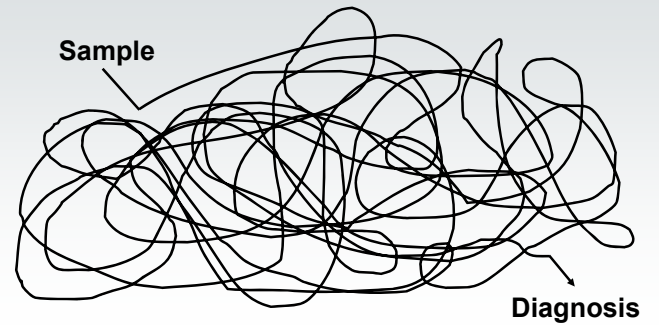


Elderberry Rust

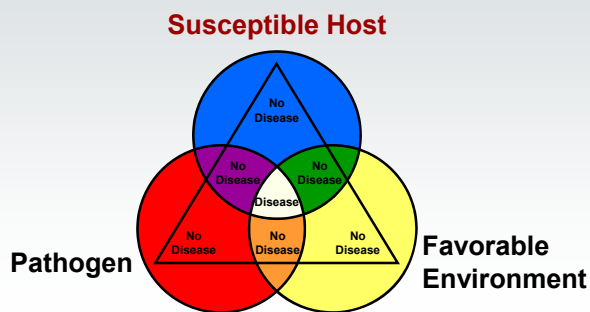


Cedar-Apple Rust

Plant Disease Diagnosis "The Rest ..."

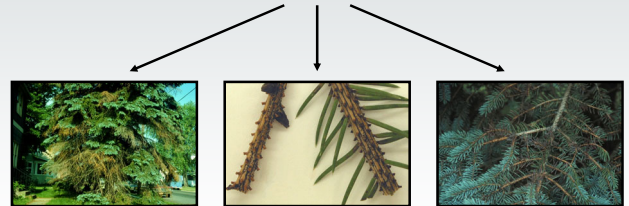


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Plant Disease Diagnosis Susceptible Host

Colorado Blue Spruce



Cytospora Canker

Spruce Needle Drop

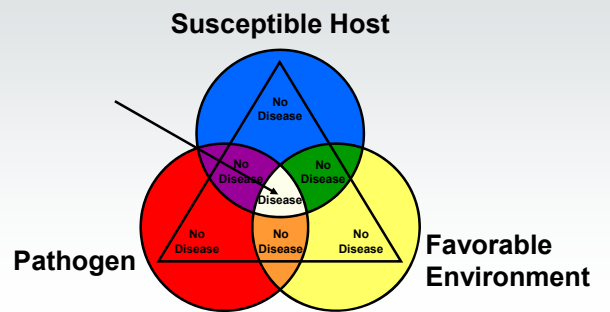
Rhizosphaera Needle Cast

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Varietal Differences



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Plant Disease Diagnosis Symptoms

Necrotic Symptoms



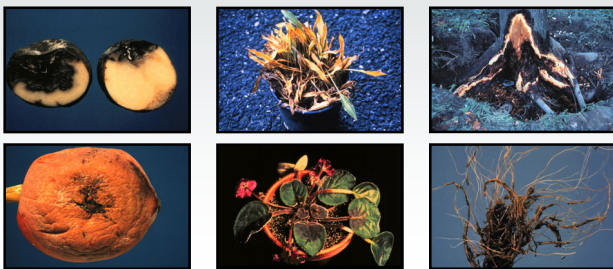
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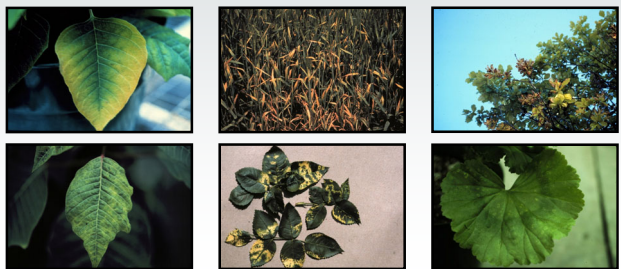
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Discolorations



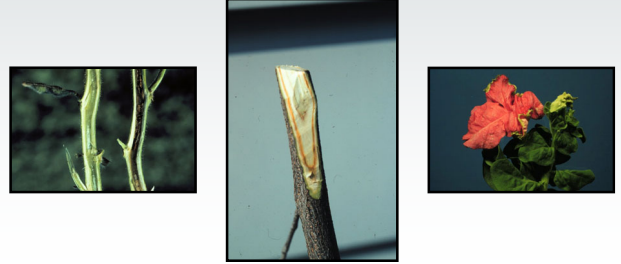
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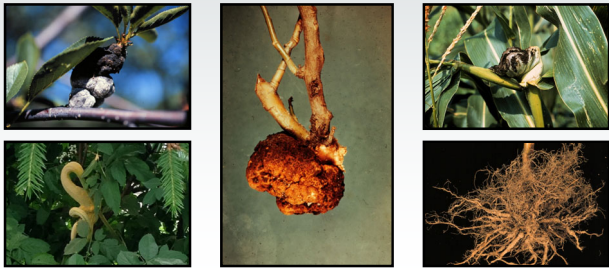
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Overgrowth Symptoms



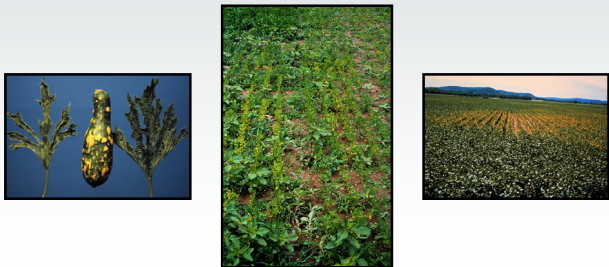
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Symptoms

Overgrowth Symptoms



Plant Disease Diagnosis
Symptoms

Undergrowth Symptoms



Plant Disease Diagnosis
Symptoms

Wilt Symptoms



Plant Disease Diagnosis Symptoms

Spatial Patterns



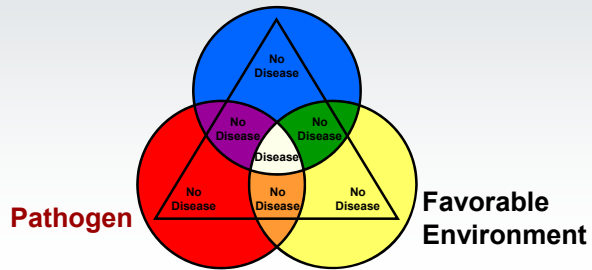
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Temporal Patterns



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Susceptible Host



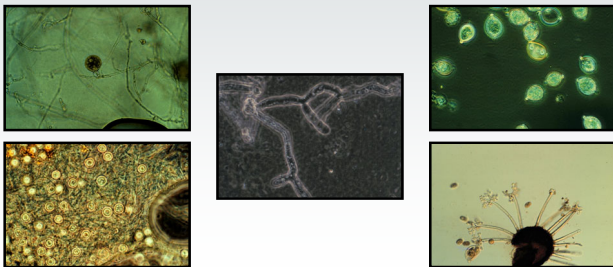
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Macroscopic Examination



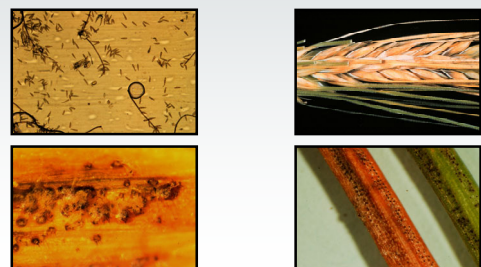
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Microscopic Examination



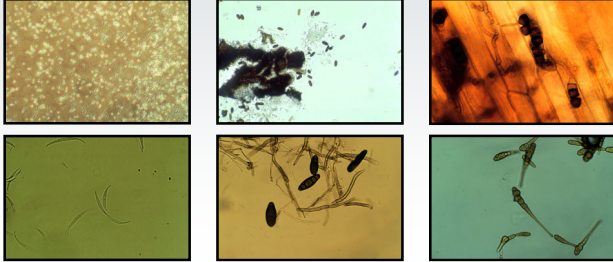
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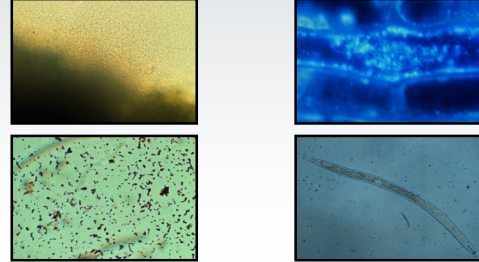
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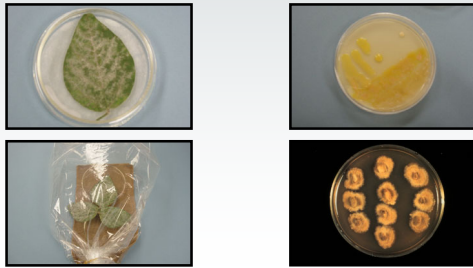
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Incubations and Isolations



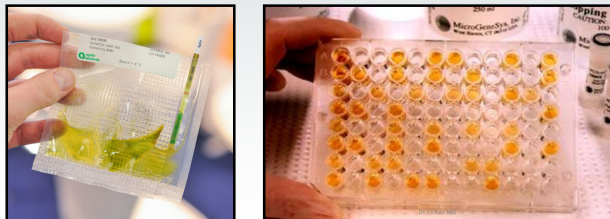
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Bioassays



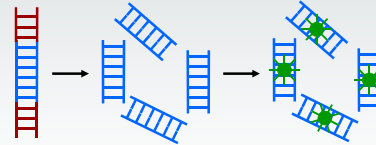
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Serological Techniques



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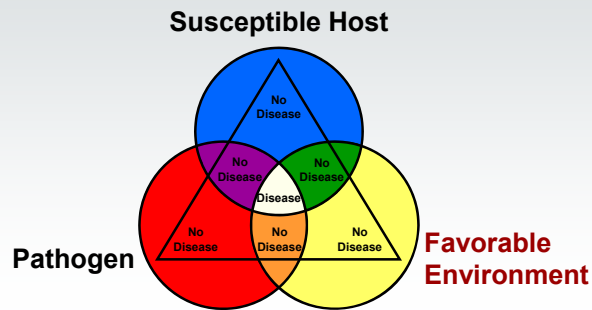
DNA-Based Techniques



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Plant Disease Diagnosis The Disease Triangle



Plant Disease Diagnosis Favorable Environment

- Collect information on weather
 - Rainfall vs. drought
 - Driving vs. gentle rain
 - Humidity
 - Hail
 - High winds
 - Hot vs. cold temperatures

Plant Disease Diagnosis Favorable Environment

- Collect information on weather
 - Winter conditions
 - Snow cover
 - Ice sheets
 - Freezing and thawing
 - Fall/winter transitions

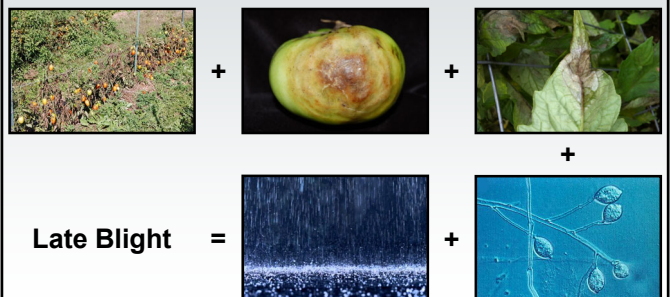
Plant Disease Diagnosis Favorable Environment

- Collect information on soils
 - Clay vs. sandy
 - Well vs. poorly drained
 - Flat vs. sloped
 - Fertility and pH

Plant Disease Diagnosis Favorable Environment

- Collect information on chemical sources
 - Fertilizer applications
 - Pesticide applications
 - Air pollutant point sources
 - Heating systems

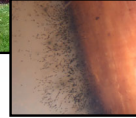
Plant Disease Diagnosis Putting It All Together



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Plant Disease Diagnosis New Diseases



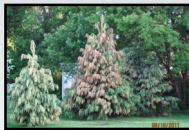
Koch's Postulates

- Link a pathogen with symptoms on a given host
- Isolate the pathogen in pure culture
- Inoculate plants and reproduce symptoms
- Re-isolate the pathogen from inoculated plants

Plant Disease Diagnosis Abiotic Disorders



Chlorosis



Imprenis Injury



Salt Damage



Blossom End Rot



2,4-D Injury



Urine Damage

Plant Disease Diagnosis Abiotic Disorders



Cold Injury



Drought Stress



Improper Planting



Heat Injury



Winter Injury

Plant Disease Diagnosis Non-Diseases



Maple Eyespot Gall



Stink Horns



Broad Mite Injury



Slime Mold

Plant Disease Diagnosis Where to Go for Help

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