

# Estimation of the Dispersal of Flavescence Dorée Using Multi-Annual, Landscape-scale Plant-to-Plant Surveys with Detection Delays

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## CONTEXT



- **Flavescence dorée** (FD) is a severe grapevine disease transmitted by the leafhopper *Scaphoideus titanus*
- In EU it is a **quarantine** disease with mandatory prospection & removal of infected plants *and* insecticide treatment
- **Detection delays** in prospection surveys can occur for: **(1)** delay in symptoms **(2)** efficiency in detection

### Objectives

- Improvement of our (limited) knowledge of the dispersal of FD, and ultimately, the prospection strategies
- Methodological development accounting for detection delays, relevant across human, animal and plant epidemiology

## DATA

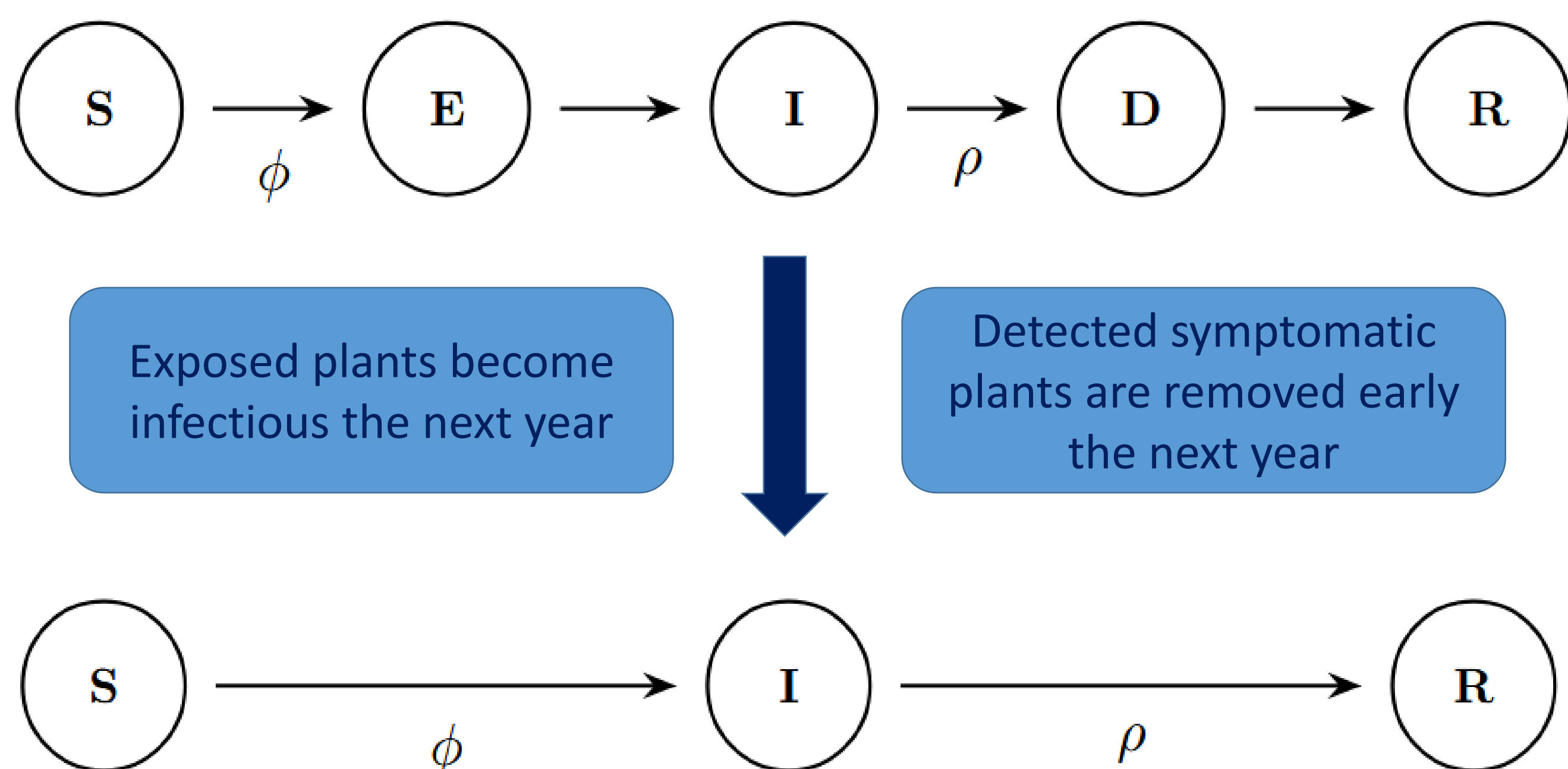
### Survey by CIVC in Champagne vineyard in France

- **Period:** 2021-2024 (sept., oct.)
- **Plots:** 4 cultivars
  - Meunier, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc
  - Possibly varying susceptibility to FD
- **Size:** 20 hectares,  $n_p = 3 \times 10^5$  plants
- Individual plants were monitored for FD symptoms
- 1-5 plant samples pooled to confirm FD infection by PCR
- Infectious plants removed before next year vector cycle

**Data:** Removal years  $y_i^R \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n_p$  and  $n=4$



## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL MODEL



- $\rho$  : Probability of detecting a FD infected plant
- $\phi_i(y)$  : Force of infection exerted on plant  $i$  on year  $y$

$$\phi_i(y) = \underbrace{\beta_0(y)}_{\text{External infection force}} + \underbrace{\beta g(N_y)}_{\text{Effect of insecticide treatment}} \sum_{j \in \mathbf{I}_{y-1}} \underbrace{c_j}_{\text{Effect of cultivar of plant } j} \underbrace{K(r_{ij}, \alpha)}_{\text{Effect of the distance } r_{ij} \text{ through dispersal kernel } K}$$

## LIKELIHOOD BASED INFERENCE

$$\sum_{\substack{\mathcal{I} \subset \{1, \dots, n_p\} \\ y_i^I \in \{1, \dots, n\} : i \in \mathcal{I}}} \mathbb{P} \left( \underbrace{Y_i^R = y_i^R : i \in \mathcal{R}; Y_i^R > n+1 : i \in \mathcal{R}^c}_{\text{Year of removal } Y_i^R \text{ for observed period}}; \underbrace{Y_i^I = y_i^I : i \in \mathcal{I}; Y_i^I > n : i \in \mathcal{I}^c}_{\text{Year of infection } Y_i^I \text{ for observed period}} \right)$$

The true years of infection  $y_i^I$  are unknown due to (potential) detection delay

- $R$  (resp.  $R^c$ ) denote the set of plants removed during  $2 \leq y \leq n+1$  ( $y > n+1$ ).
- $I$  (resp.  $I^c$ ) denotes the set of plants that are infected during  $1 \leq y \leq n$  ( $y > n$ ).

- (1.1) Likelihood: treating  $y_i^I$  as latent variables
- (1.2) Pseudo likelihood:  $y_i^I = \max\{1, y_i^R - \delta\}$
- (1.3) Partial likelihood: for fixed values of  $\rho$

### (2) Parameter estimation

- Maximum likelihood approach
- Bayesian MCMC approach

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