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SESSION 2: BANANAS: MAJOR BANAMA DISEASES

BLACK LEAF STREAK AND EUMUSAE LEAFSPOT: TWO DESTRUCTIVE AND INVASIVE LEAFSPOT DISEASES OF BANANA

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***Mycosphaerella* leaf spot diseases**

- Severe foliar diseases of bananas → large necrosis
- due to ascomycete fungi
- 3 *Mycosphaerella* species
- Specific to bananas
- 1st production constraints / exportation

The bottom section of the slide contains two photographs. The left photograph shows a banana leaf with large, elongated, brown necrotic streaks, labeled '*M. fijiensis* Black leaf streak'. The right photograph shows a banana leaf with dark, irregular necrotic spots, labeled '*M. eumusae* Eumusae leaf spot'.

Mycosphaerella leafspot diseases impact

⚡ Fruit weight flowering delay
 Early ripening
 ➡ yield reduction (⚡ 100 % depending on varieties and climate)

Ripened fruits on bunches

BLSB-Block Sigatoka

Eumusae leaf spot

Mycosphaerella leafspot diseases infectious cycle

hydric conditions

- Infection on young leaves
- Long incubation time (>2 weeks)
- Symptoms : streaks → necrosis
- Abundant sporulation (conidia and ascospores)

***Mycosphaerella* sp. dispersal modes**

Occurrence of 2 dispersal modes

- infected material (suckers, leaf fragments)
 - non limited in space
- spores
 - wind
 - rain
 - limited in space

Many studies on *M. fijiensis* dispersal at different scales

plot	Abadie <i>et al.</i> , 2011
region	Halkett <i>et al.</i> , 2010
	Rieux <i>et al.</i> , 2011
global (world)	Robert <i>et al.</i> , 2011

Average dispersal distance : conidia : 3 m
ascospores : 282m

***Mycosphaerella* sp. origin and distribution**

Recent invasive diseases from South-East of Asia

- Black Sigatoka: 1963 *M. fijiensis/Pseudocercospora fijiensis*

BLSD has always invaded Sigatoka disease area
→ progressive replacement of SD by BLSD

INTRODUCTION
Honduras 1972

Lesser Antilles safe of BLSD (<2010)

Mycosphaerella fijiensis worldwide dispersal

➔ Understanding the global dispersal history to optimize the surveillance networks in safe areas

✓ Sampling
 23 populations (20-30 isolates per locality), 700 ind.
 21 microsatellites markers

Population - 30 ind. dans une meme localite

M. fijiensis worldwide dispersal

Phylogeography approach (*Structure* software)

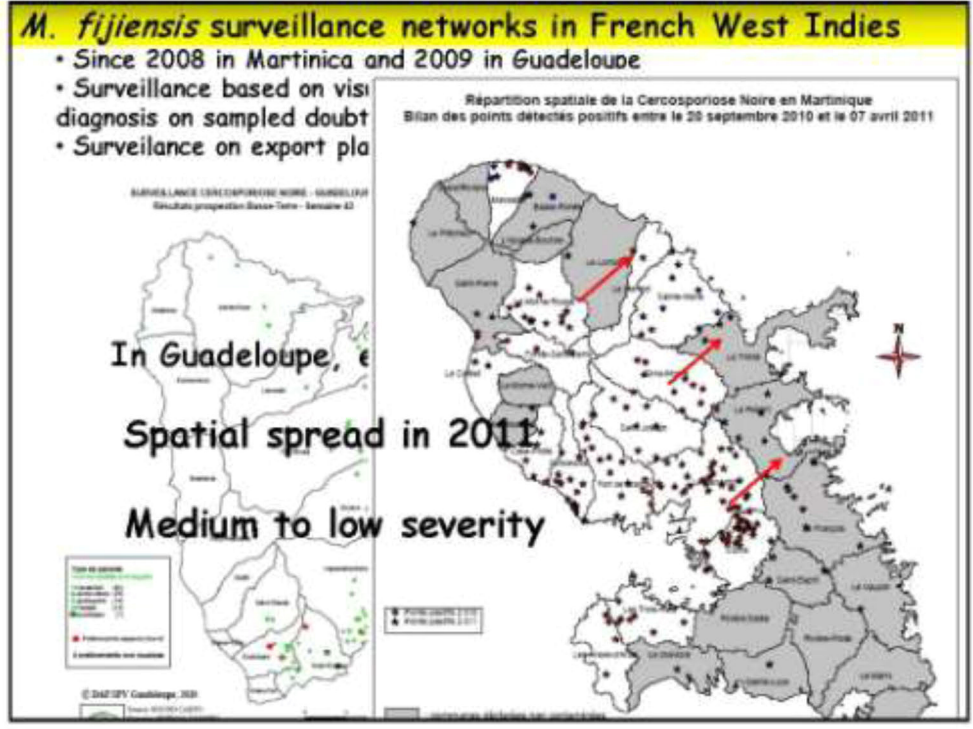
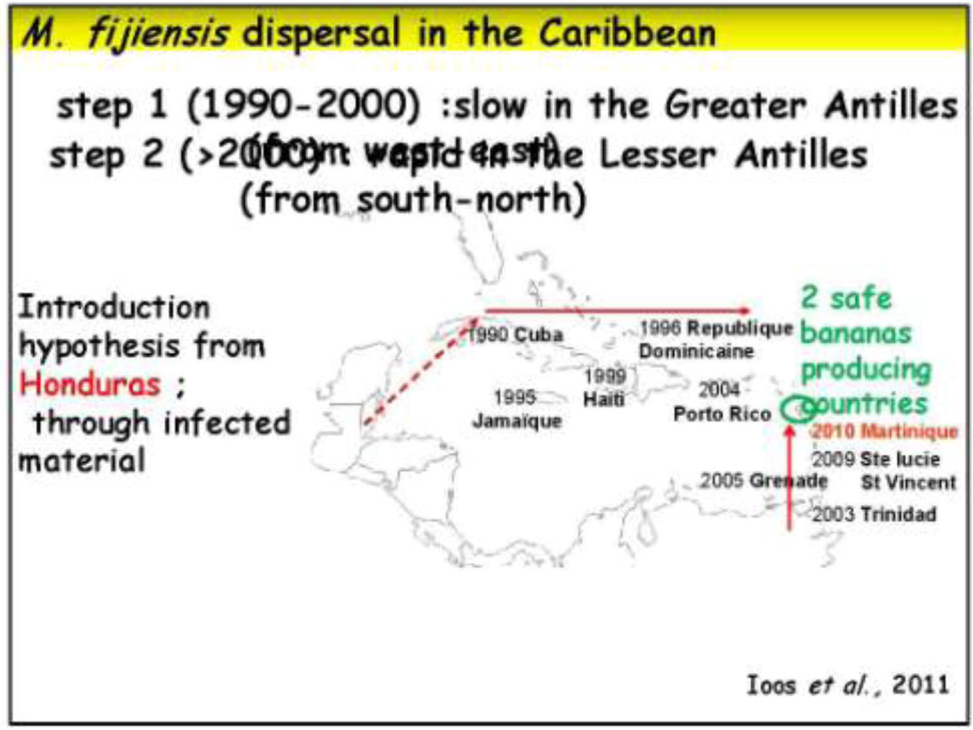
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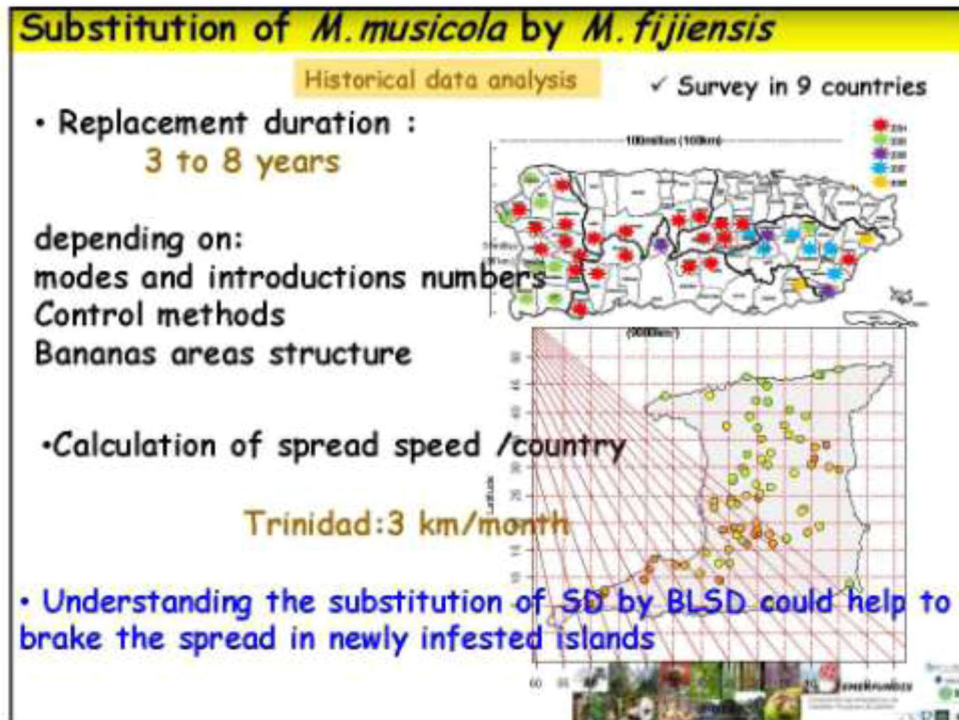
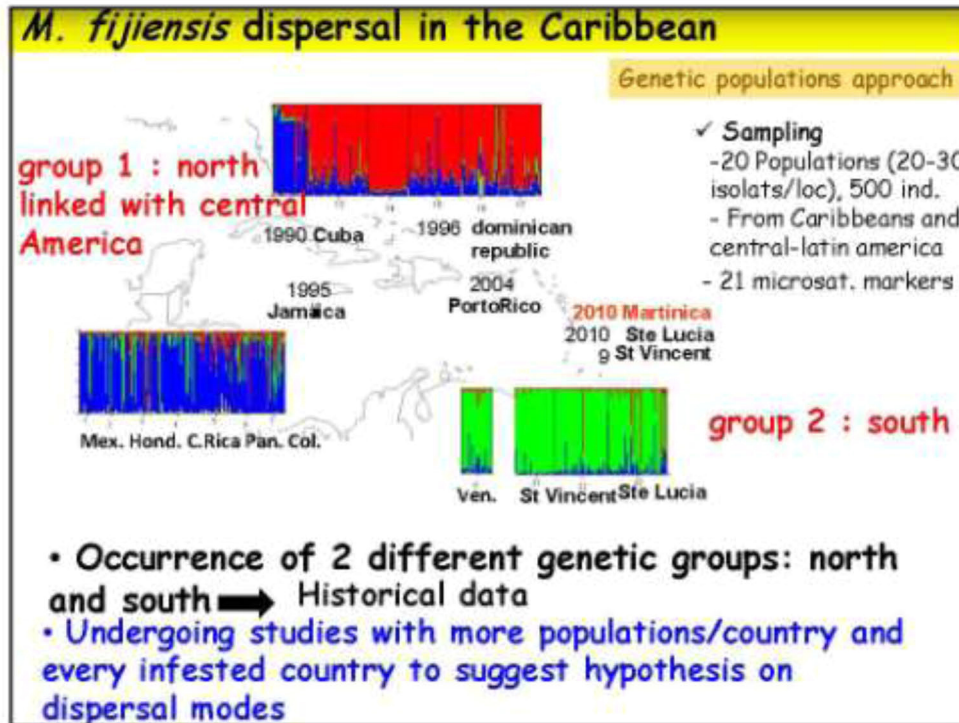
several introductions/admixture

1 introduction

PNG : origin center?

➔ Continental spread due to infected materials





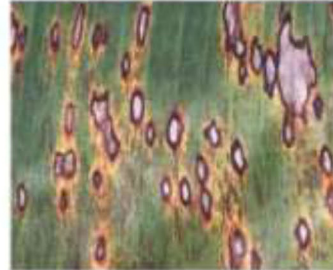
***Mycosphaerella eumusae* invasion**

Second recent invasive *Mycosphaerella* leafspot disease

- *Eumusae* leafspot disease (ELSD)

SYMPTOMS

similar to those of SD but
Primary brown lesion
Oval necrosis (low pressure)



HOST RANGE

various:

Cavendish, Gros-Michel (highly infested)
Plantains
Sucrier
Pisang lilin, Mysore (partially resistant to BLSD)

***Mycosphaerella eumusae* pathogen**

TAXONOMY

perfect stage : *M. eumusae*

imperfect stage : *Pseudocercospora eumusae*

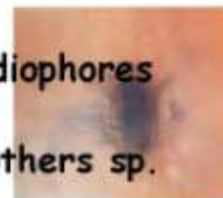
(revised after *Septoria*)

Carlier et al., 2000
Crous and Mourichon, 2002

DIAGNOSIS

- morphology of conidia and conidiophores

conidiophores septate
conidia thinner and shorter than others sp.



Zapater et al., 2008

- molecular markers

quantitative PCR

Arzanlou et al., 2007

***Mycosphaerella eumusae* origin and distribution**

ORIGIN
South-East of Asia

DISTRIBUTION
ELSD described in 2000
on samples collected between 1989 and 2000

Geographically located to Southeastern Asia:
India, *Sri Lanka*, *Thailand, Vietnam, South Malaysia
+ Mauritius and Reunion*
+ Nigeria (Onne)

The Caribbeans safe of ELSD

- Competition either with SD* or BLSD

Invasion *Mycosphaerella* sp. leafspots perspectives

- Many information and development of tools occur on *M. fijiensis* (which has been sequenced)
- Further studies on *M. fijiensis* to precise the modes of dispersal in the Caribbeans
- For *M. eumusae*, many topics to study (distribution, control methods..)

Recent phylogenetic studies showed:

Commun ancestor for 3 main species
20 species of *Mycosphaerella* on bananas

Arzanlou *et al.*, 2008
Arzanlou *et al.*, 2010

