

# One Health concepts and challenges for surveillance, forecasting and mitigation of plant disease beyond the traditional scope of crop production

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## Abstract

The One Health approach to understanding disease epidemiology and achieving surveillance and prevention is holistic all while focusing on zoonotic diseases. Many of its principles are similar to those espoused in Agroecology, begetting the question of what One Health can contribute - in practice - to preventing plant disease. Here we describe four knowledge challenges for plant health management that have arisen from the One Health experience for zoonotic diseases that could boost prospects for novel approaches to plant disease surveillance, prediction and prevention. The challenges are to i) uncover reservoirs and revise pathogen life histories, ii) elucidate drivers of virulence beyond the context of direct host-pathogen interactions, iii) account for the natural highways of long distance dissemination (i.e., surface water and air mass movement), and iv) update disease forecasts in the face of changing land use, cultivation practices and climate. Furthermore, we note that implementation of a One Health approach to disease surveillance and prevention will require mobilization of tools to deal with the representation and accessibility of massive and heterogeneous data and knowledge; with knowledge inference, data science, modelling, and pattern recognition; and multi-actor approaches that unite different sectors of society as well as different scientific disciplines. The infrastructure to build and the obstacles to overcome for a *bona fide* One Health approach to disease surveillance and prevention are the key commonalities where actors in the efforts to prevent zoonotic diseases and plant disease can work together for human, animal and plant health and sustainable management of biodiversity.

## INTRODUCTION

The conceptual framework for emergence and dynamics of disease of humans and animals was shaken to its core by a series of novel diseases starting in the 1970's. This began with HIV and continued with Legionnaire's disease, SARS, cryptococcal meningoenzephalitis, and others up to the current Covid-19 pandemic. One of the common features of these disease emergences was that they all involved spillover<sup>1</sup> (Tab. 1) of microorganisms from natural habitats into human habitats that was favored by the growing proximity of human activities to natural or wild environments. The emergence of these diseases was exacerbated by increasing human

travel and globalized trade. The scenarios to explain these emergences drew attention to the range of processes that connected otherwise disparate environments and, in particular, the increasing connectivity (Tab. 1) of natural habitats with human habitats. These novel diseases - that now account for about 75% of all new infectious diseases of humans (Center for Disease Control, 2017) - also brought to the forefront questions about how virulence to humans can arise in microorganisms that have not been in contact with humans prior to their emergence as human pathogens. Research into these questions has revealed dual-use traits (Tab. 1) that simultaneously (and serendipitously) allow microorganisms to survive biotic and abiotic stresses

<sup>1</sup> Table 1 presents definitions of some of the terms used in this text that might not be well known by readers of Plant Pathology.

in their natural habitats and to contribute to virulence when the microorganisms encounter humans. Predation, desiccation, ultraviolet radiation and the activity of the immune system of non-human/primate mammals are examples of the types of environmental stress that provide positive selection pressure on microorganisms for traits that can facilitate virulence to humans (Casadevall & Pirofski, 2007; Erken *et al.*, 2013; Ye *et al.*, 2020).

This new insight on disease emergence has illustrated that epidemics involve phenomena well beyond the system or habitat where disease epidemics occur. It has pointed out the need for highly interdisciplinary research approaches to identify indicators and key drivers of epidemics that account for biological and evolutionary phenomena in these other habitats and the connectivity of all habitats involved in disease emergence. It has also altered the targeted scope of surveillance for human diseases and has given rise to initiatives to include surveillance of wildlife reservoirs, for example. And finally, it highlights how the fast pace of climate change and global change – deforestation in particular (Austin, 2021) – in this modern epoch of the Anthropocene (Steffen *et al.*, 2016) continuously alters the ambient conditions that influence microbial growth and survival, the connectivity between human and wild habitats and the intensifying connectivity of habitats occupied by humans.

This new perspective on the epidemiology and management of human diseases has been termed “One Health”. The One World One Health perspective took shape at a meeting on wildlife conservation in 2004 (Hinchliffe, 2015). It was inspired by common sense about zoonotic diseases and it promotes the idea that human, animal and environmental health are systemically entangled. The One Health initiative was intended to unite human and veterinary medicine, social sciences, conservation practices and policy making more coherently by providing a common analytical framework to avoid zoonotic outbreaks and spread. One Health can be distinguished from the similar EcoHealth approach in that the former focuses more on the importance of the animal–human link in disease emergences than does the latter (Harrison *et al.*, 2019). However, both

approaches are highly anthropocentric and consider the state or health of other organisms as a means to attain the goal of human health. The dynamics, scope and ambition of the global effort to deploy the One Health perspective to mitigate the emergence of zoonotic diseases is embodied in initiatives such as the EcoHealth Alliance (<https://www.ecohealthalliance.org/>). This alliance funds and coordinates international programs on prediction and prevention of zoonotic disease epidemics, covering subjects from identifying hot spots for disease emergence, establishing biosurveillance networks, bioeconomic modelling to balance conservation with industrial use of forests, assuring that science informs policy-making about conservation and development, and educating scientists and stakeholders about One Health.

Overall, the One Health and EcoHealth concepts provide a holistic and comprehensive framework in which to explore the factors that are key to the emergence of human diseases and that can be leveraged for prevention. For both concepts, plants are accounted for as part of the environmental component of systems. Plants are a component that will be exposed to the alterations – often of anthropogenic origin – endured by the habitats they occupy. They are also a component that constitutes food sources essential to the health of humans and animals. Some authors have also proposed that plants are a bridge between the environment, humans and animals via which microorganisms can circulate (van Bruggen *et al.*, 2019). However, in practical terms, what can the One Health concept contribute to understanding and managing plant disease? It could be argued that One Health promotes a comprehensive perspective that has already been fostered for decades by the principles of Integrated Pest Management and more recently in the growing field of Agroecology (Tab. 1) and implicitly in the Millennium Sustainable Development goals (Lechenet *et al.*, 2017). For example, the role of spillover of plant pathogens from reservoirs outside of cultivated areas has been recognized in the epidemiology of some plant diseases (Power & Mitchell, 2004). Eradication of reservoirs outside of cropped areas or in stands of weeds was deployed from the early to mid-1900’s to

manage stem rust of wheat by eradicating the alternate host - barberry (Peterson, 2018). It was also deployed to manage white pine blister rust by eradicating the alternate hosts - currants and gooseberries (Zeglen *et al.*, 2010), and more recently to reduce the inoculum pressure of the numerous wild and ornamental hosts of the fire blight pathogen *Erwinia amylovora* (Sletten *et al.*, 2017). Insect vectors of plant diseases, and especially piercing-sucking sap-feeders, also illustrate the potential for spillover from wild to cultivated habitats. For example, the bacterium causing Olive Decline, *Xylella fastidiosa* - sensationalized in 2015-2016 after its discovery in Italy (Stokstad, 2015; Abbot, 2016) - was spread locally in orchards by *Philaenus spumarius*, the cuckoo-spit insect, very common in grasslands (Sicard *et al.*, 2018). For the phytoplasma causing European stone fruit yellows, psyllid vectors caused complex spread patterns at multiple scales between cultivated and wild *Prunus* (Marie-Jeanne *et al.*, 2020). Although considerable progress is needed to set pathogen ecology, evolution and life cycles in a broad context that can be leveraged to anticipate and mitigate eventual spillover (Morris *et al.*, 2009; Malembic-Maher *et al.*, 2020), the framework of Agroecology is touted as useful and pertinent for this effort (Burdon & Thrall, 2008). Therefore, we wonder if One Health offers anything new for plant health.

Here we bring attention to four notable knowledge challenges for plant health management from the One Health experience for zoonotic diseases that could boost prospects for novel approaches to plant disease surveillance, prediction and prevention. We also describe how the impediments to implementing a One Health-like approach for surveillance and mitigation of plant disease are fundamentally the same as those for implementing One Health surveillance and mitigation for diseases of humans and animals. Many of the knowledge challenges and impediments are interdisciplinary. Therefore, we have provided definitions and description of some of the terms and tools in Tables 1 and 2. We also present, in Fig. 1, a synthetic view of the knowledge challenges and tools that need to be bridged to achieve surveillance and prevention of plant disease compatible with the goals of One Health for zoonotic diseases, as described in detail in the text below.

## KNOWLEDGE CHALLENGES FOR PLANT HEALTH MANAGEMENT FROM THE ONE HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

**Uncover reservoirs and revise pathogen life histories.** Many microorganisms that are capable of causing plant disease do not have obligate dependence on plant hosts and can exist as saprophytes or commensals. Likewise, insect-borne pathogens can be widely dispersed and spend considerable time away from crop hosts while in association with the insect vector (e.g., Thébaud *et al.*, 2009). Therefore, it is likely that numerous plant pathogens persist in a wider range of habitats and have life histories that are more complex than currently accounted for in epidemiology (e.g., Cruaud *et al.*, 2018; Soubeyrand *et al.*, 2018). The rusts, fire blight, insect vectors and other diseases cited above that spillover from various reservoirs are examples of the possible extent of pathogen reservoirs and habitats. Comprehensive studies of habitats of additional pathogens, *viz.* *Pseudomonas syringae* and *Botrytis cinerea*, have shown that genetically similar populations with similar levels of pathogenic potential are present both in and outside of agricultural contexts and in association with substrates in addition to plant hosts (Morris *et al.*, 2010; Monteil *et al.*, 2016; Bardin *et al.*, 2018). Many other bacteria, fungi and viruses have the requisite biological traits and have been observed to persist in the environment suggesting that it is reasonable to expect that they have life stages that do not require association with the hosts on which they cause disease (Morris *et al.*, 2009). Insect vectors of plant pathogens can spend up to 9 months per year on a wide range of shelter plants (e.g., conifers) that are not the plants on which insects reproduce or develop, as in the case of psyllids (Cooper *et al.*, 2019). Whereas the association of some plant pathogens such as *Liberbacter* spp. is limited to a few insect species, *Xylella fastidiosa* and some phytoplasmas have the capacity to associate with a seemingly unrestricted range of sap-feeding insects (Huang *et al.*, 2020) thereby making for an extraordinary number of potential reservoirs.

An important challenge for the epidemiology of plant diseases is to explore the frontiers of the habitats of plant pathogens and to revise the portraits of

pathogen life cycles and life histories accordingly. This does not necessarily mean that the number and scope of field observations need to increase dramatically. Discovery of unsuspected reservoirs of pathogens or insect vectors – and unsuspected vectors - could benefit from recent progress in text mining. For example, the Omnicrobe knowledge base and on-line service (<http://migale.jouy.inra.fr/Florilege/>) parses multiple textual sources including millions of PubMed references to extract mentions of microorganisms, geographical places, biotopes and phenotypes and their relationships and maps it to the Ontobiotop classification of habitats (Nedellec *et al.*, 2018). It currently contains more than 45000 entries linking microbes and habitats that are plants or plant parts among which there are 1180 plant pathogens and 7000 entries linking microorganisms and insects (Chaix *et al.*, 2019).

Once new reservoirs are identified, the epidemiological risk posed by microorganisms in these reservoirs will also need to be estimated. This risk is composed of two components: the pathogenic potential of microorganisms in these reservoirs and the potential for spillover from reservoirs to crops. Up to present, efforts to estimate the phytopathogenic potential of microorganisms have focused on the breadth of host range and the phylogenetic affiliation (Bartoli *et al.*, 2015; Morris *et al.*, 2019) - the same indicators that have been identified as the most important for assessing risk of zoonotic potential in viruses (Olival *et al.*, 2017). Assessing the actual spillover of pathogens from reservoirs to crops is a challenge at the intersection of spatial statistics, population dynamics, genetics and phylogeography (Mollentze *et al.*, 2014; Picard *et al.*, 2017; Rakotomalala *et al.*, 2019; Malembic-Maher *et al.*, 2020; Marie-Jeanne *et al.*, 2020). The goal is to quantify the risk of spillover and, subsequently, to foster quantitative risk-based surveillance strategies designed for i) monitoring microbial populations that may include potentially emergent pathogens and ii) anticipating the heightened need to survey for pathogens after spillover. Such strategies should be stratified in space and time to account for habitat diversity, seasonal spillovers, ecological networks, microbe dynamics and anthropogenic activities.

**Elucidate drivers of virulence beyond the context of direct host-pathogen interactions.** As described above, some virulence factors also have roles in adaptation of plant pathogens to environmental stress and are under positive selection in absence of plant hosts as well as during disease causation. The dual use of virulence factors (Tab. 1) is a well-known phenomenon for numerous pathogens of animals and humans and its relevance to plant pathogens has been described previously (Morris *et al.*, 2009). Some of the likely dual-use virulence factors for plant pathogens involve molecules such as melanin, exopolysaccharides, various non-specific toxins (e.g., lipopeptides), proteinases, etc. Positive selection for dual-use virulence factors can occur during interactions with a range of competitors and aggressors both in and beyond habitats associated with crop hosts. Predation experiments with *P. syringae* and invertebrates revealed a range of traits that fostered survival of *P. syringae* after predation (Dorati *et al.*, 2018). These traits included production of alginate and other exopolysaccharides that have been shown to be involved in fitness or virulence of *P. syringae* when associated with plants (Markel *et al.*, 2016; Helmann *et al.*, 2020). Furthermore, the Type 3 Secretion System and its effectors facilitate the interaction of Gram-negative bacteria with a range of eukaryotes in addition to plants (Egan *et al.*, 2014). This suggests that interactions with other eukaryotes could explain, at least in part, why strains of *P. syringae* collected in aquatic habitats outside of agriculture maintain a diversified repertoire of effector alleles in their genomes (Monteil *et al.*, 2013, 2016).

The selection pressures described above operate on the foundation of the genetic diversity that arises in microbial populations. Habitats differ in their microbial diversity and in the environmental conditions that could in turn influence rates of genetic diversification. This could occur i) via mutation when there are compounds or conditions that enhance mutagenesis or activity of transposable elements and/or ii) via frequent opportunities for horizontal transfer of novel genetic material from the community of cohabitants (Olszak *et al.*, 2017; Poursat *et al.*, 2019). Together, diversification and selection are part of the process of adaptation that is

highly context-dependent (Goh *et al.*, 2013). Modelling reveals that the biotic context (species diversity, composition and mixing) is critical to the dynamics and outcome of adaptation. Therefore, prediction of the evolution of pathogens needs to account for the range of situations in which microorganisms evolve across space and time (Gorter *et al.*, 2020)

There are important implications of dual-use traits for surveillance and management of plant diseases. Firstly, information about positive selective forces can guide surveillance toward reservoirs where these selective forces could be operating strongly for certain pathogens. Habitats with high rates of predation of bacteria and fungi by invertebrates could be singled-out in light of the significant influence of temperature and the nature of the habitat matrix on predation (Zahn *et al.*, 2016). Habitat changes that lead to acidification and homogenization of the soil due forest management that favors conifers could also alter and reinforce selection pressures (Purahong *et al.*, 2014). In addition, knowledge of habitats that favor hybridization and sexual recombination for example could orient surveillance and mitigation efforts as exemplified in the case of *Cryptococcus* spp. that are causing new emergences of cryptococcal meningoencephalitis. These fungi can reside in plant deadwood – in *Eucalyptus* spp. in particular - where their use of inositol enhances the rate of genetic variation of these fungi leading to variants that are virulent to humans and other animals (Xue, 2012). This has led to pertinent recommendations for the handling and monitoring of deadwood. Finally, knowledge about positive selection of dual-use virulence traits could be used to orient prophylaxis away from practices that would reinforce positive selection.

**Account for the natural highways of long distance dissemination.** Long distance dissemination of plant pathogens and insect vectors can occur via natural processes that are operating constantly such as surface water flow and air mass circulation. Examples of such long distance dissemination are illustrated by the intercontinental spread of various

rust fungi (Brown & Hovmøller, 2002; Meyer *et al.*, 2017), the spread of aphid-borne viruses at the landscape scale (Pleydell *et al.*, 2018), the spread of powdery mildew throughout an archipelago (Soubeyrand *et al.*, 2009), and the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum* via waterways (Hohl *et al.*, 2014). When natural dissemination is feared to be critical to the invasion of a new region by a devastating pathogen, sufficient observatories and international collaborations can be set up to predict the time and place of this invasion. This was achieved for the arrival of soybean rust in the continental USA (Isard *et al.*, 2005). However, the significance of natural long distance dissemination processes for most plant pathogens and their vectors - compared to long distance spread by trade and commerce - has not been assessed. The major obstacle to knowing the extent and frequency of natural long distance dissemination is the quasi infeasibility of directly observing such events and therefore the lack of data. Attempts to collect such data would be less futile if there were strong hypotheses about likely trajectories of dissemination and their dynamics.

One recent approach to evaluating the significance and predictability of naturally occurring long distance dissemination for disease outbreaks is to characterize the probable dissemination routes themselves. The logic underlying this approach is that once pathogen propagules or insect vectors are entrained by air masses or water flow, they will travel passively until they are released (scrubbing, deposition, etc.) or die. Whereas most surface water flow (rivers, etc.) has been mapped, aerial “highways” have not been mapped. In a recent study, mathematical formalism was used to estimate, from archived meteorological data, spatiotemporal networks generated by trajectories of air masses across watersheds in southeastern France and across the coastline of the Mediterranean Sea (Choufany *et al.*, 2021a). The marked seasonal patterns of air mass movements detected across the Mediterranean Sea in particular illustrate how air sampling could take into account seasonal variations to orient efforts toward the most opportune sites and conditions for detection depending on suspected pathogen sources (Choufany *et al.*, 2021b). The networks revealed in this work could also be the basis for modifications in

modelling disease spread to account for realistic trajectories of dissemination. Overlaying these trajectories on land use could reveal risky “flight zones”.

To identify the probable long distance dissemination trajectories via water and air, it will be necessary to have access to and the capacity to manage large volumes of data. For example, the networks of air mass movement revealed by Choufany and coworkers involved the estimation of > 3.6 million trajectories with the Hybrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory model available from the NOAA Air Resources Laboratory platform (<https://www.ready.noaa.gov/HYSPLIT.php>) and their analysis. Being able to carry out cross-analyses (using machine learning or mechanistic models) of such massive data is a major challenge for building pertinent knowledge in a One Health approach of plant health. It will be a means to revealing the potential habitat connectivity and to coupling it to data about the pathogen, land use and other environmental variables. This will give credibility to scenarios of long distance dissemination and will orient surveillance and disease management actions accordingly. Given the extent of the possible connections when using such high dimensional data, the use of co-modelling approaches and the recently developing field of interpretable machine learning, coupled to suitable panels of scientific experts, will become increasingly useful (Che *et al.*, 2015; Ghosal *et al.*, 2017; Du *et al.*, 2019). This emerging analytical approach will ensure the robustness of the relationships identified by enhancing the capacity to detect and remove bias and to provide sound explanations of predictions in the interdisciplinary context that is advocated by the One Health approach.

***Update disease forecasts in the face of changing land use, cultivation practices and climate.*** Crops and their associated cultivation practices such as irrigation are spatially organized in a context of other vegetation, soil types, rainfall frequencies, urbanization, etc. In interaction with climate, these spatialized factors influence all stages of the epidemic risk: the location of hosts, their connectivity

to each other and to natural or cultivated areas, their genetic diversity, dissemination networks linked to irrigation, and pest management. The role played by the current spatial organization of land use in plant health is still poorly understood. The rapid change of spatial relationships due to changing climate (that alters rainfall patterns or the extent of biotopes, for example) and to globalization of trade will be exacerbated as pressures on land use increase. In this context, changing climate regimes will force disease emergences and epidemics into circumstances not accounted for in current epidemiological models. This has been pointed out in particular for vector-transmitted disease where these changes affect not only host plant receptivity but also vector life cycle and competence (Daugherty *et al.*, 2017; Godefroid *et al.*, 2018). Without sufficient foresight, these deviations will hamper the effectiveness of current surveillance strategies for managing plant health.

To move plant disease epidemiology and surveillance toward a One Health-like approach, we need a framework to better anticipate epidemics in a changing environment that will foster the leveraging of biological, agronomic and socio-economic phenomena to prevent disease. Comparing and forecasting epidemics in different regions with data-oriented approaches that implicitly account for spatially heterogeneous factors (Soubeyrand *et al.*, 2020b) is a first step toward assessing preparedness and vulnerability to disease emergence and outbreak (Ribaud *et al.*, 2021). From a more mechanistic perspective, estimating spatial patterns of the risk of spillover from reservoirs within and outside of cultivated regions could be a second benchmark goal. Models could then be developed to minimize risk – locally and globally – as a function of demographic, economic, social and cultural constraints that are heterogeneous over space and time. Whatever their goal, models should be focused on a sound identification of the possible drivers of plant disease in a data-rich context and on evaluating the pertinence of these drivers. Pertinence could be evaluated in terms of facilitating early detection, reducing the costs of observation/detection, reducing the uncertainty of the risk assessment, providing avenues for disease prevention or control, and being comprehensible and actionable by

stakeholders in different sectors of activity. Ideally, these models would incorporate forecasts for trends in cultivation practices such as pesticide use and irrigation, climate, and agricultural markets and could plug into existing simulations of land use change (Holman *et al.*, 2017). Indeed, such a framework would resemble the essence of the One Health approach. In particular, it sets the goal of surveying for indicators from a wider spectrum of time, space and sectors of society than are currently implicated in plant disease surveillance. Furthermore, this framework would integrate factors related to stakeholder behavior thereby yielding forecasts that might be more amenable to realistic mitigation strategies.

## **DISCUSSION – TWO HEALTHS WORKING AS ONE**

Efforts to control plant diseases and those to control human and animal diseases have very little overlap in terms of the causal agents they target. Furthermore, management of plant health concerns tens of thousands of species of crop, forest and ornamental plants (Khoshbakht & Hammer, 2008), many of which are further subdivided into botanical varieties, cultivars and landraces that have distinctive niches and utility as sources of food, feed, fiber and as the foundation of livelihoods (de Carvalho *et al.*, 2016). Nevertheless, the epidemiology and management of diseases of plants, humans and animals share a multitude of conceptual frameworks and infrastructural requirements in addition to data needs, the partnerships to be established for effective surveillance, and the initiatives being taken for global coordination of disease management efforts. There are already bridges between medical and plant microbiology concerning concepts of pathogen ecology and evolution that will take on increasing importance for building One Health-like approaches for plant health. In contrast, collaborations and infrastructure to build One Health surveillance systems for plant, human and animal health are lacking and need to be fostered.

Whereas there is no consensus on the definition of epidemiological surveillance based on the One Health approach (OH-ES), such a system is expected to collect data in multiple fields and to foster inter-

sectoral and inter-disciplinary collaborations (Destoumieux-Garzón *et al.*, 2018; Bordier *et al.*, 2019, 2020). In other words, to achieve OH-ES will require consolidating data that are currently partitioned between human health, animal health, food production and safety, and ecosystem health. Therefore, a common challenge for all One Health-like disease surveillance and management initiatives will be building open, interoperable, and regularly updated catalogs of data from heterogeneous sources. The detection and interpretation of unstructured information available on the internet (Barboza *et al.*, 2013), its combination with official information and published scientific knowledge in a unified framework raise challenges at the interface of text and data mining, data-linking and knowledge representation (Collier, 2012). These issues are well-identified in biology (Bossy *et al.*, 2015) and in agriculture (Dzale Yeumo *et al.*, 2017). However, the limited access to relevant textual data, the lack of standards for text structure and for information description, and the high diversity of data sources intensify the challenge for epidemiological surveillance. However, the standardization of information in agriculture through the development of ontologies (Tab. 1) (Jonquet *et al.*, 2018) and the recent advances of deep learning methods (e.g. word embedding) have dramatically improved information extraction by Natural Language Processing (Tab. 1). This now makes it realistic to formalize and classify information (e.g. niche, vector, phenotype, disease descriptions) in thousands of classes with little or even no training.

Large-spectrum open data will be the bedrock of enhanced surveillance, forecasting and prophylaxis. Its ideal scope would be beyond the frontiers of cropped fields and greenhouses and beyond the closed-system vision of many of the current expert knowledge-based models of pathogen dynamics. The spectrum of data would span from variables directly related to pathosystems, to data related to explanatory variables that are classically used for pathosystems, to variables that are unexpected and perhaps indirectly related but that can be used to build efficient epidemiological indicators for nowcasting and forecasting disease emergence and dynamics. Whereas the last decade has resulted in an

impressive availability of indirect data in multiple fields of science (geography, meteorology, climatology, economy - see <https://www.copernicus.eu>, <https://www.data-terra.org>, <https://data.europa.eu>), the race to maintain competitive economic or scientific advantages has prompted reluctance to share some data. There is also fierce opposition from the agricultural sector to make available data on pesticide use, for example. Although data at increasingly finer scales are becoming available through advances in remote sensing and advances in the availability of administrative data (e.g., <https://www.data.gouv.fr/en/datasets/registre-parcellaire-graphique-rpg-contours-des-parcelles-et-ilots-cultureaux-et-leur-groupe-de-cultures-majoritaire/>), there are still technical issues about the nature of the data. These include limitations in the spatial resolution of data about individual farm practices, gaps in information about plant species (especially in the wild), insect vectors and biodiversity in general, as well as transportation of plant materials, natural dissemination routes, and links in ecological networks. Some of these gaps could be reduced by exploiting data generated by citizen science (Botella *et al.*, 2018) and crowdsourcing of field scouts' information used in direct epidemiological surveillance, by building knowledge or mapping information mined in documents containing texts (Przybyła *et al.*, 2016), by reconstructing information from remote sensing (Ienco *et al.*, 2019) and by inferring source-sink connectivity via air mass movements (Choufany *et al.*, 2021a). Narrowing the gaps will also be driven by continued incentive (from government agencies, research institutes and funding agencies) for FAIR data principles (Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, Reusability; Wilkinson *et al.*, 2016). The shift toward the use of large-spectrum data in a One Health vision of plant health may be facilitated by dedicated teaching, capacity building and data catalog web portals (such as the European Open Science Cloud <https://eosc-portal.eu>) adapted to surveillance, forecasting and prophylaxis in the context of plant epidemiology. As a feedback, such initiatives could increase the attractiveness of research and teaching professions in plant health.

Not only are there technical and legal issues to surmount in order to unite these diverse data, there will be social and cultural hurdles. Inter-sectorial and interdisciplinary collaborations are frequently difficult to bring to fruition for various reasons stemming from the inertia of institutions (barriers to information exchange between institutions, fear of loss of leadership, difficulty in allocating financial resources adequately) and the lack of incentives for multidisciplinary collaboration in academic research (teaching; lack of renowned inter-disciplinary scientific journals, scientific recognition, and research funding) (Häsler *et al.*, 2014; Allen & Mehler, 2019). Furthermore, not only specialists are concerned by One Health, but citizens as well should be provided with means to be informed (e.g., with user-friendly web interfaces; Soubeyrand *et al.*, 2020a) or with glossaries providing simplified definitions like those in Table 1). They should also be involved (e.g., with participatory science initiatives; <https://plantnet.org/en/>) in the One Health framework, especially when plant health issues are of concern, to raise the awareness for Earth biodiversity and increase the capacities for epidemiological surveillance. Overcoming these formidable hurdles to transform disease surveillance and management into something that resembles the ideals of One Health will be greatly facilitated by indicators of the impact and benefits of interdisciplinary and inter-sectorial collaboration and data sharing. Currently, there is a scarcity of research on these issues. Furthermore, difficulties in measuring the costs and benefits of an OH-ES is perceived as an additional obstacle to their development (Häsler *et al.*, 2012, 2014; Rabinowitz *et al.* 2013; Destoumieux-Garzón *et al.*, 2018).

By joining the cause of One Health, Plant Pathology has much to learn from the considerable progress in the conceptual understanding of disease emergence and epidemiology from recent paradigm shifts concerning zoonotic diseases that led to the One Health perspective. However, casting new research approaches in epidemiology and ecology under the label of One Health is only a small part of the effort needed to adopt practices inspired by One Health. Building bridges across the different sectors involved in plant health management and the tools and

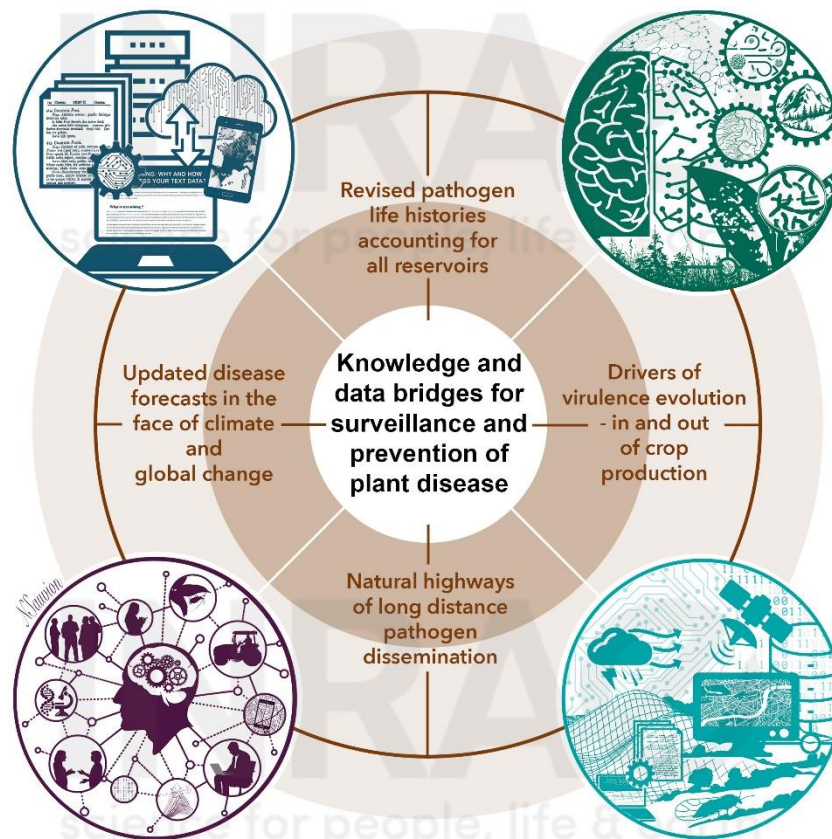


infrastructure for collective and coherent management of plant health (Fig. 1) is perhaps the most consequential challenge for modernizing plant health management. Facing this challenge provides an opportunity to reinforce interdisciplinary research and development in plant sciences and their attractiveness as domains for employment for future generations. Another important goal for plant health in the realm of One Health is for plant pathologists, agronomists and horticulturists to participate in intergovernmental initiatives to mitigate disease emergence through protection and management of Earth's biodiversity such as the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (<https://ipbes.net/about>). Representatives of research institutes and

organizations for managing crop health – in addition to those representing forestry - need to be at the table for initiatives to restructure agriculture to avoid emergence of human diseases (Duru & Le Bras, 2020) in ways compatible with sustainable crop production.

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**Figure 1.** Challenges, methods and tools that need to be bridged via multidisciplinary approaches for enhancing surveillance and prevention of plant diseases from a One Health perspective. The knowledge challenges (brown text inside the circle) are described in the main text. The methods and tools (colored, round icons) to be mobilized to achieve surveillance and prevention of plant disease in the context of One Health deal with the representation and accessibility of data and knowledge (blue icon, upper left); knowledge inference, modelling, and pattern recognition (green icons, upper and lower right); and multi-actor approaches (purple icon, lower left) (see Table 2 for details about methods and tools). (NB: This version of the figure has a water mark.)

**Table 1.** Definition of terms used in this paper

Term	Definition
Agroecology	As a scientific discipline, Agroecology is the study of the ecology of an entire food system from an approach that integrates biological, social and economic dimensions. Inversely, it can also be considered as a science of designing and managing agricultural systems using ecological principles (Francis <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Gliessman, 2007).
Connectivity	Connectivity is a measure of the link between distal entities or of the potentiality of this link. It can be quantified with, for example, a probability of contact or a measure of flux or exchange.
Dual-use virulence factors	The concept of dual-use virulence factors was originally introduced to explain the observation that some virulence factors of environmentally acquired microbes also promoted microbial survival in the environment (Casadevall & Pirofski, 2007)
Natural language processing	Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a subdomain of artificial intelligence that aims at developing computer programs to automatically process and interpret natural language (i.e. human language) utterances in the form of speech or written text. Automatic translation, information extraction, information retrieval, summarization, and speech recognition all involve NLP methods.
Ontology	<p>Ontologies provide standard interconnected representations of data, information and knowledge. Ontologies are used in information systems to define the structure of the data in an expressive way through relationships, hierarchies, restrictions or rules, for example. Ontologies and the related data can be processed by machines in an unambiguous way due to their formal representation.</p> <p>An example of ontology for microbe biotopes is the Ontobiotope ontology: it defines habitats and phenotypes of microorganisms as hierarchies of classes (e.g., the <i>forest</i> class is more general than the <i>tropical forest</i> class). The data of the Omnicrobe database concerning habitats and phenotypes of microorganisms are indexed using Ontobiotope such that the Omnicrobe database can be queried at different levels of generality (e.g., are there microbes living in <i>seasonal dry tropical forest</i> or <i>tropical rain forests</i> or <i>tropical forests</i> or <i>forests</i> and that are <i>plant pathogens</i> and <i>acidophilic</i>?)(Chaix <i>et al.</i>, 2019).</p> <p>Another well-known example is the Gene Ontology that is used to index genes by molecular functions, biological processes and cellular components (Ashburner <i>et al.</i>, 2000).</p>
Risk-based and stratified surveillance	A surveillance is risk-based when the sampling intensity (in a location or time) depends on the local measure of the risk (e.g., risk of emergence, risk of presence, risk of outbreak...). It is stratified when the rules for computing the sampling intensity depend on the stratum (e.g., the habitat, the population, the region...).
Spillover	Spillover is the transmission of a generalist pathogen from a reservoir host to different host. Depending on the relative importance of the reservoir and primary hosts and on the chronology of the transmission, the phenomenon can be referred to as spill-over or spill-back (Daszak <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Power & Mitchell, 2004)
Text-mining	Text-mining is the process of analyzing textual data to extract information from heterogeneous document types, such as web pages, emails, social media posts, journal articles, etc. and mapping it to semantic structures. This is done by identifying patterns within texts, such as trends in words usage, syntactic structure, etc. It relies on Artificial Intelligence methods, mainly Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing.

**Table 2.** Examples of methods and tools useful for developing knowledge and data bridges for surveillance and prevention of plant disease and, in particular, for addressing the four challenges outlined in the main text and in Figure 1.

Family of techniques	Technique & Description
Data and knowledge representation and accessibility	<p><b>Data integration by ontology</b></p> <p>The alignment of the data is a key point for reusing and processing observations and analytical results from multiple sources. This is done by mapping the data to standard shared representations or schema, e.g. classification of habitats, vectors, phenotypes, nomenclature of geographical locations, and taxonomy of species. It relies on semantic web technologies, ontology alignment, data linking or fusion.</p>
	<p><b>Data and service catalogs on web portals</b></p> <p>Catalogs of data and services available from web portals dedicated to epidemiological surveillance for facilitating the integration of heterogeneous data and cross-analyses. The data and services are made interoperable through standard access and description. The underlying open, web-based platforms would enable scientific workflow design and run, supporting accessible, reproducible, and transparent computational research in epidemiological surveillance.</p>
	<p><b>Data and knowledge search and visualization</b></p> <p>The interpretation of huge sets of data for decision or formulation of new hypotheses is a critical step of the experimental approach. It requires powerful tools for browsing, searching, highlighting patterns in a easy-to-use way according to the task and the user profiles (research from various fields, farming, public policy). Data visualization and more generally human computer interaction (HCI) provide such tools.</p>
Knowledge inference, modelling and pattern recognition	<p><b>Textual data</b></p> <p><b>Ontology-based information extraction (OBIE)</b></p> <p>The information that is automatically extracted from textual documents (entities, relations) can be reused and combined with information from other sources when it is formalized using standard representation (e.g. ontologies, nomenclature). This is called normalization or semantic annotation. The information extraction methods combine linguistic information (e.g. syntactic dependencies) and domain knowledge, such as known reservoirs for given species. OBIE is a very hot topic renewed by the recent advances in natural language processing (NLP).</p>
	<p><b>Intelligent system design</b></p> <p>Using hybrid approaches of machine learning, knowledge representation and reasoning for complex problem processing, constraint-aware learning, explanatory power, trust.</p>
	<p><b>Machine learning</b></p> <p>Machine learning permits carrying out such actions as i) supervised regression that can reveal the links between observed variables, or ii) unsupervised clustering to characterize different patterns of situations, for example. When applied to large volumes of data, recent deep learning methods identify patterns based on limited reference data. Heterogeneous spatio-temporal data such as satellite images, time-series and scientific article collections are examples of data that can be treated by such learning approaches.</p>
	<p><b>Mechanistic modelling</b></p> <p>Mechanistic modelling can be used for assessing, in space and time, the risk of spillover and can forecast emergences and outbreaks by taking into account life cycles of species under consideration (pathogens, hosts, vectors).</p>

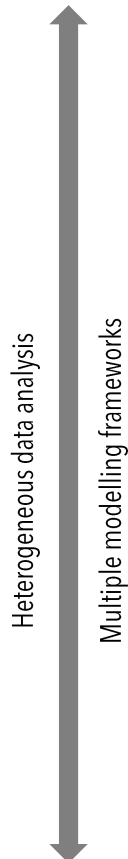



Table 2. continued.

	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Construction, inference and analysis of spatio-temporal networks</b> Spatio-temporal networks may reveal connectivity between distal areas and habitats or links between species and their eventual variation across time.</p> <p><b>Combining spatial statistics, population dynamics, genetics and phylogeography</b> This combination is intended to allow the integration of (i) knowledge about the spread and evolution of pathogens, (ii) epidemiological and demographic data as well as (iii) genetic and genomic data to infer, for example the spillover of pathogens between reservoirs and crops.</p> <p><b>Analysis of remote sensing data</b> Reuse and analysis of data acquired by remote sensing from satellites, airborne (drones), or ground-based platforms provide information in many dimensions that are of high interest from an OH-ES perspective including biophysical information about landscapes such as vegetation, land-use, soil, water (river) flow, air circulation or air composition change.</p> </div> </div>
Opportunistic data	<p><b>Analysis of data from citizen science and crowdsourcing</b> Crowdsourcing of biodiversity observations by private citizens is a powerful method for data collection and interpretation. Examples include plant identification and state of health, or identification of plant-associated insects. The analysis of such data is paramount to amplifying the limited surveillance and observation effort made by governmental and professional agencies.</p>
Multi-actor approaches	<p><b>Teaching and capacity building</b> The objective is to enhance, in particular, the shift toward the development of One Health vision of plant health at multiple levels of the society, and the ability of researchers and other stakeholders to use large-spectrum data for epidemiological surveillance.</p> <p><b>Co-modelling</b> The modelling of complex pathosystems in a rich data context can be considerably improved by co-modelling techniques (companion modelling, group model building, mediated modelling) bringing together scientific and technical experts from different disciplines with system stakeholders (consumers, producers, citizens, or policy regulators). These methods are mainly expected to improve the sharing and integration of multidisciplinary knowledge through a joint modelling effort and to produce data and knowledge on the behaviors, perceptions and reactions of stakeholders in different, even hypothetical, contexts. They contribute to a better understanding of certain drivers of pathogen diffusion related to food consumption, agricultural production and environmental management, as well as the existing levers and lock-in for epidemiological surveillance and prevention policy.</p>

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