

FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY









Agrescope Changins-Wildersovil Research Station ACW Agrescope Liebefold-Posisson Research Station ALP Agrescope Resignshold-Tanison Research Station AST



























### RA22 Innovative technologies



Innovative diagnostic tools and precision spraying

Exploitation of innovative technologies for implementing crop protection strategies.

Putting the bricks together to build a crop protection system

Carolien Zijlstra, PRI

November 2010, Paris



### RA22 Innovative technologies



#### Overview

Innovative techniques for monitoring environmental data, weeds, beneficials, pests and diseases

- Macro-scale monitoring followed by micro-scale monitoring
- Monitoring in pre-symptomatic phase

#### Examples

- Vision techniques
- Detecting volatiles
- Detecting sounds
- Sensors
- Molecular and serological techniques

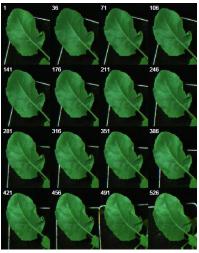
Innovative biological/alternative control Innovative precision application techniques

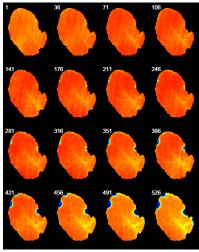


# Innovative techniques for monitoring: vision





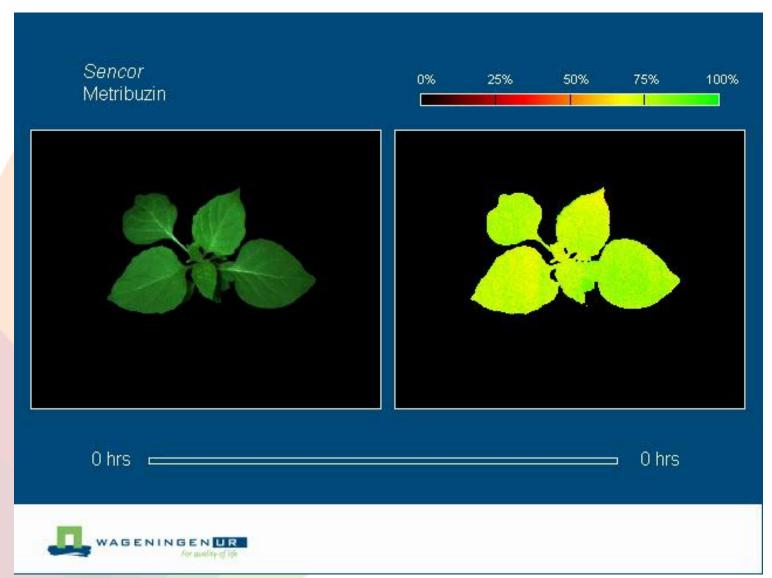






# Innovative techniques for monitoring: vision







# Innovative techniques for monitoring: volatiles



All (!) plants produce volatiles when they are attacked by fungi or insects:

Quantitative: the heavier the attack the more is produced

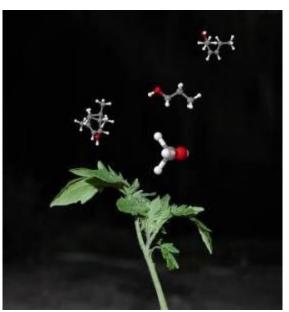
Qualitative: specific products are produced

These volatiles can be measured using

GC-MS/e-noses





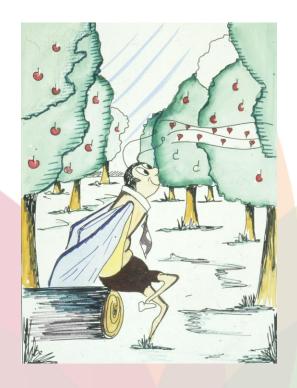


DURE, February 2007

# Innovative techniques for monitoring: volatiles



### principles of sex pheromones



detecting



source locating



landing



# Innovative techniques for monitoring: volatiles









bestrijding met mre en zijn PPOagv en PRI op zoek maar een undere aanpak. Ent is een geleide bestrijding geworden, waarmee nivt de ritmuold maar de kniptor wordt opgespoord en bestreden.

er empanyer ne kunpen (be geordischen elleg gebeum sich seut ein teit die wirber is word fraudern omb andige ihre. Man het probatin geordischen der geordisch Lindau is da enge spie verbolen. Og eit namen heit allem Mong ein belahing

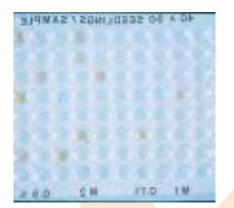






## Innovative techniques for monitoring: serological

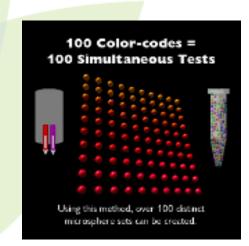


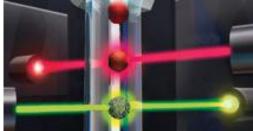










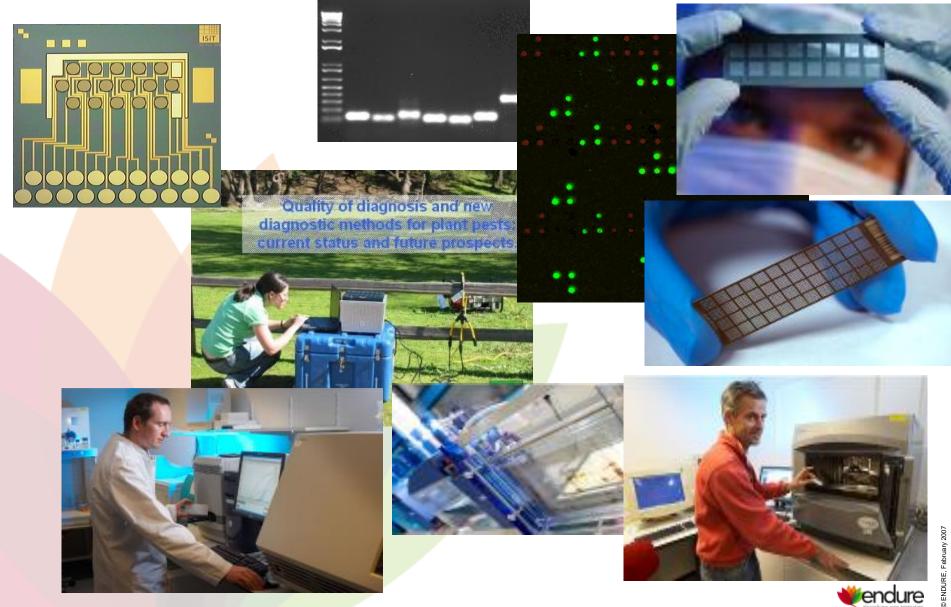






# Innovative techniques for monitoring: molecular







- Use vacuum cleaner: developed to suck up insects
- Laser beam killing
- UV treatment
- Biological control agents (Trichogramma against ECB)
- Stimulation of AMF
- Control of weeds by burning, high pressure air, finger hoeing
- Control using pheromones:
  - Mating disruption
  - Mass trapping
  - Lure and kill





#### **Mating disruption**







#### **Mass trapping**







#### Lure and kill



## Innovative precision application techniques



#### Spray application

With high precision to reduce the spread of agrochemicals to the surroundings while obtaining good biological efficacy:

#### **Examples:**

- Pesticides can be automatically applied using programmed spray volumes and required doses of pesticides in combination with a GPS system an a spraying robot
- Canopy density dependent spraying
- Precision spraying combined with vision technology (for individual weed plant control)



# Innovative precision application techniques



#### Precision spray technology







# Innovative precision application techniques





### **Conclusions**



- Innovative monitoring techniques and precision spray techniques have potential for practical use, but still a lot of research is required before they can be implemented in an innovative crop protection system.
- Whether the innovative techniques will be implemented in the future depends on several factors such as the context in which the farmer is going to operate i.e. the development of markets, public concern on pesticide use and policy making in general.

