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SUSTAINABLE & LOCAL Horticulture



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# Resilient cultivation system

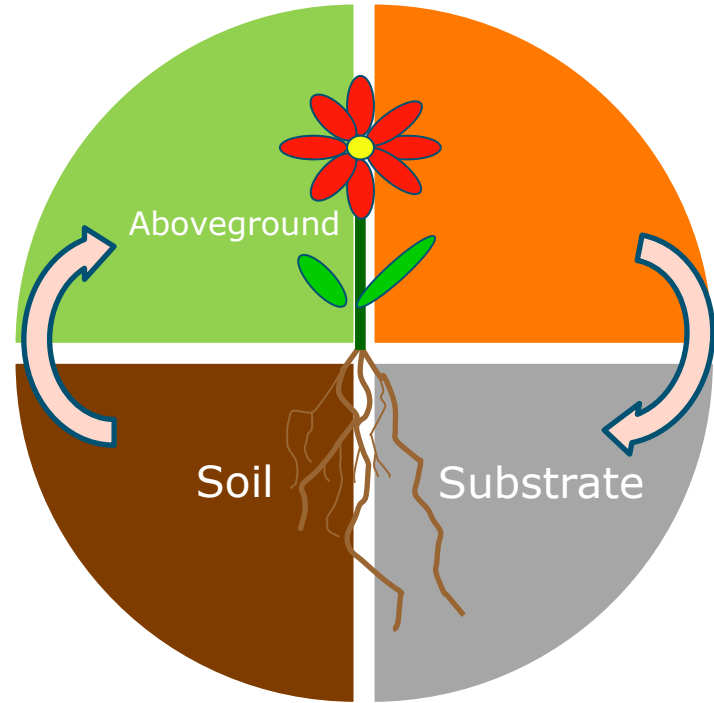
Actions below- and above-ground

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# Aim of the project

- Improving Plant resilience
- Improve Soil/Substrate suppressiveness



# Focus of the project

Focus: understanding the mechanism

1. Method to measure plant resilience/soil suppressiveness
2. Mechanism → microbiome and metabolome
3. Plant resilience during the cropping period



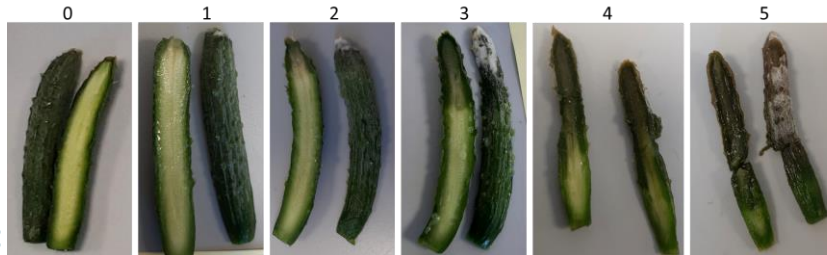


# Cucumber – Method development



## Cucumber - Mycosphaerella

- Measuring plant resilience multiple times during the cultivation cycle without introduction of disease in the greenhouse
- We developed a detached leaf- and detached flower-assay

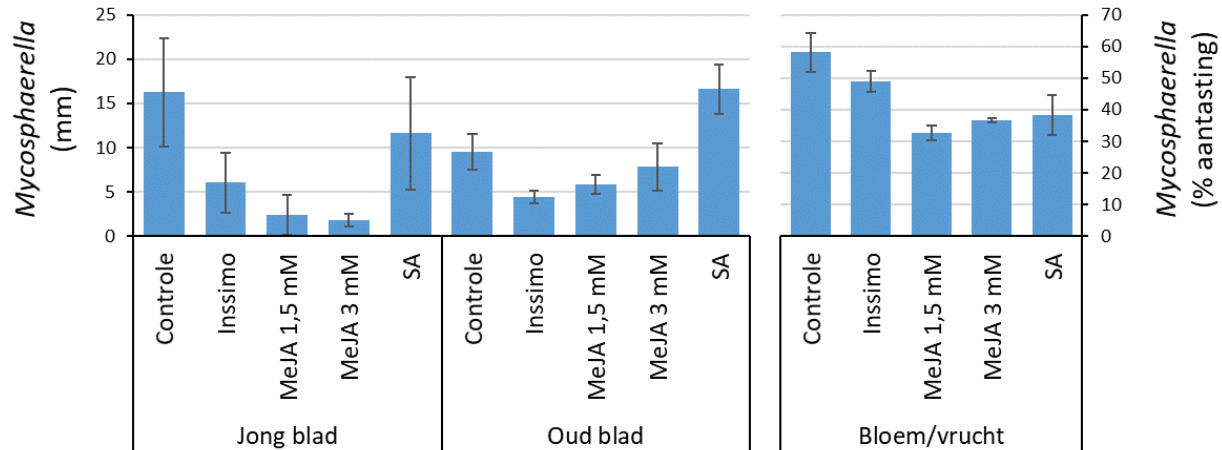
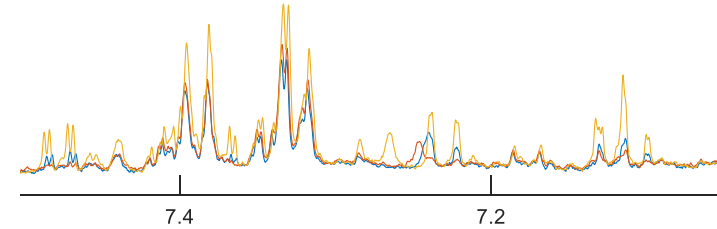


# Cucumber – Induced defense

## Cucumber – *Mycosphaerella*

- Detached leaf- and detached flower assay use for measuring induced defenses

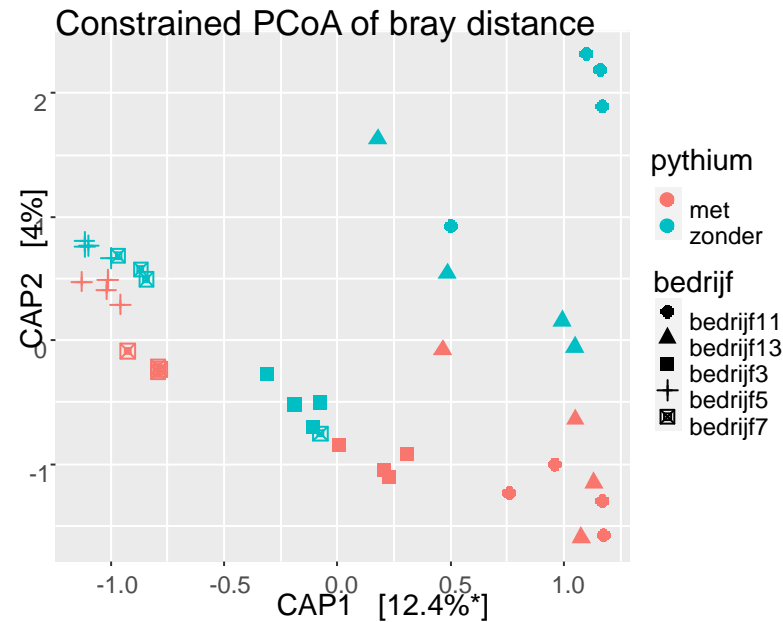
metabolomics



# Microbiome – Mechanism



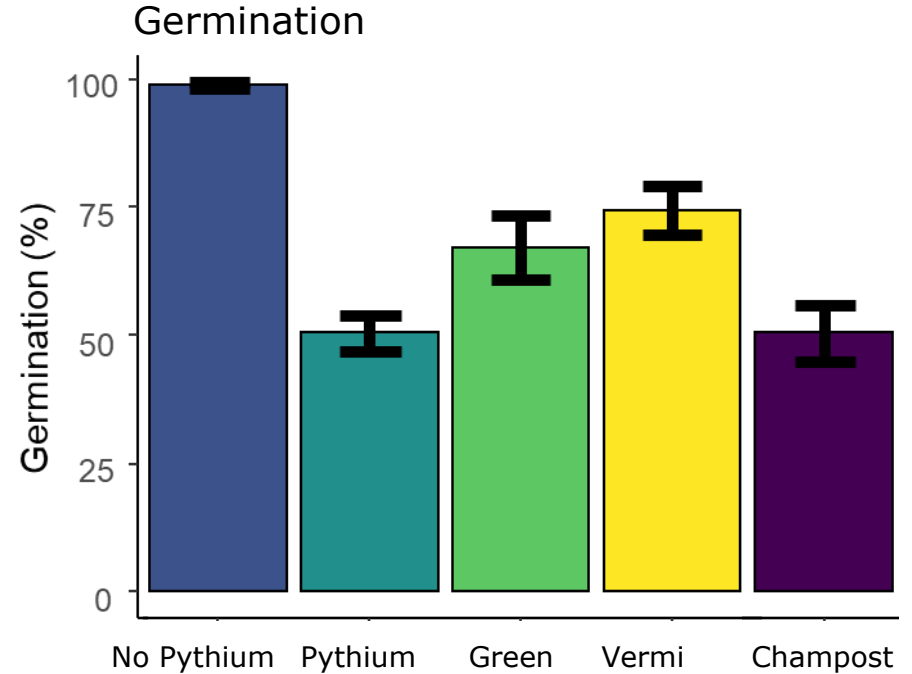
- Sampling at 5 cucumber companies
  - Slabs with and without Pythium symptoms
- Each company has its own microbiome composition
- Similar results for Chrysanthemum



# Compost – During cultivation

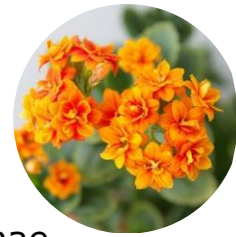
## Cucumber

- Addition of compost to increase substrate suppressiveness against *Phytophthora* → stirring start microbiome





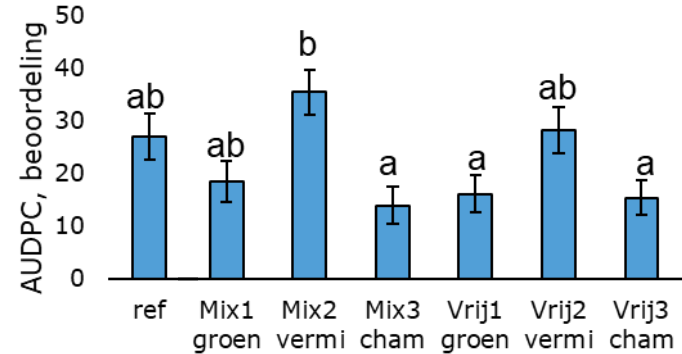
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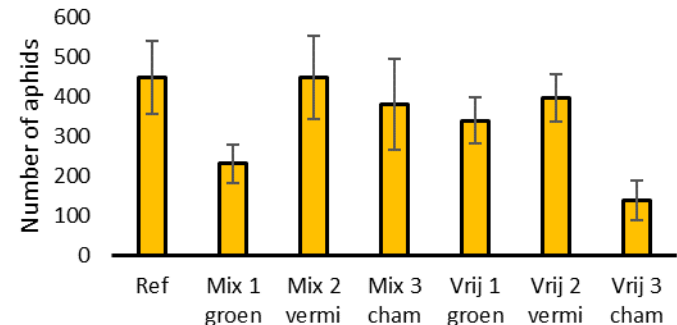
## Kalanchoe

- Addition of compost to substrate mixture → stirring start microbiome
- Change of mixture has impact on aboveground resilience (aphids) and soil suppressiveness

Phytophthora Nicotianae



Aphids



# Thanks!

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