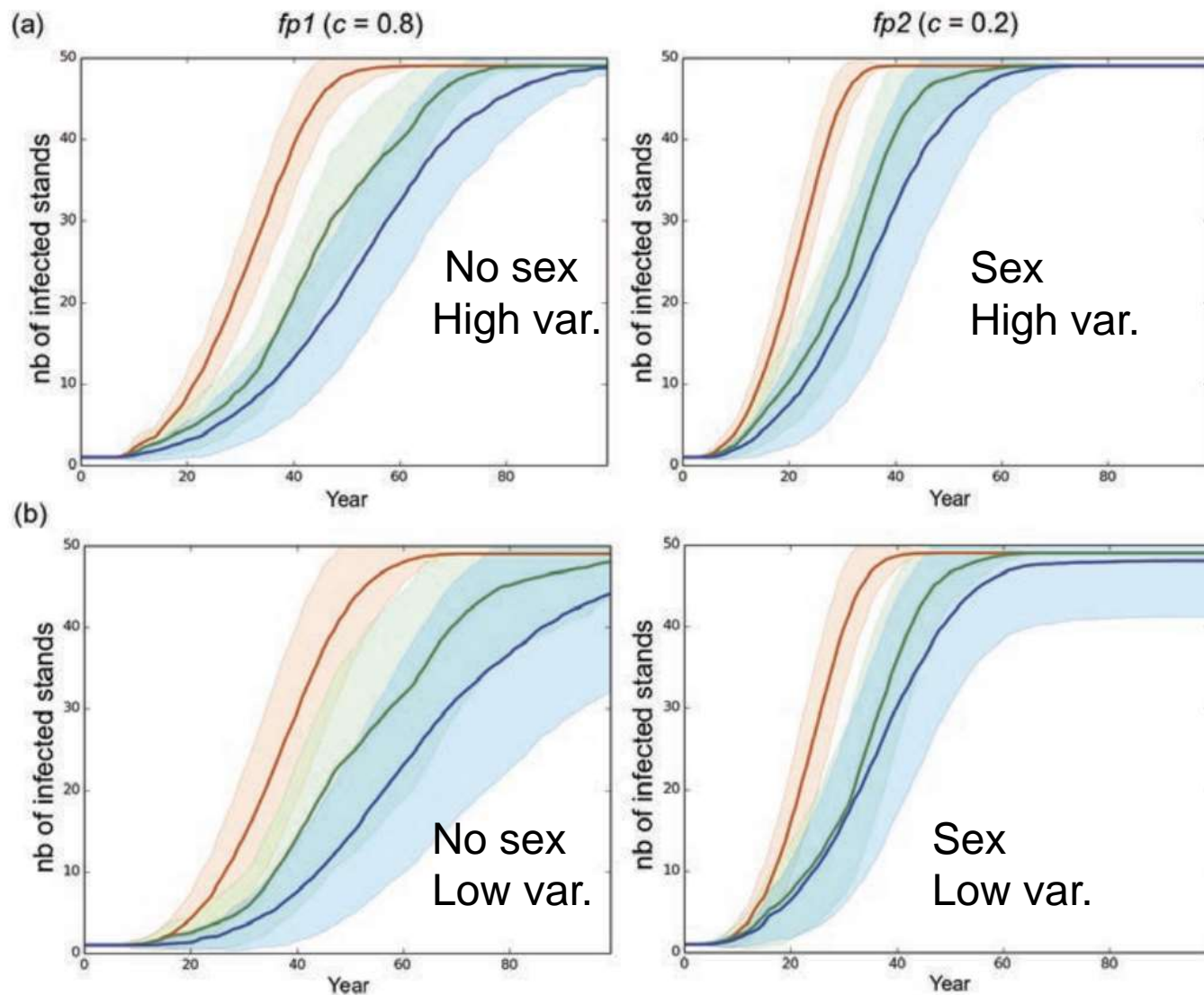


# Summary of previous lecture

- The disease triangle
  - HOSTs: their distribution, density, species or variety composition, resistance type and frequency of resistance, competence, presence of alternate hosts, generation time, metapopulation structure
  - PATHOGENs: genomic structure, genetic diversity, reproductive strategy, population size, ability to move (human but also natural). What will affect dispersal ability of pathogens?
  - HUMANs: monocultures, history of introductions, use of multiple varieties, use of resistance, exposure to chemicals

“Anthropogenic effects in time: by shortening forest rotation times we increase pathogen virulence and disease incidence”

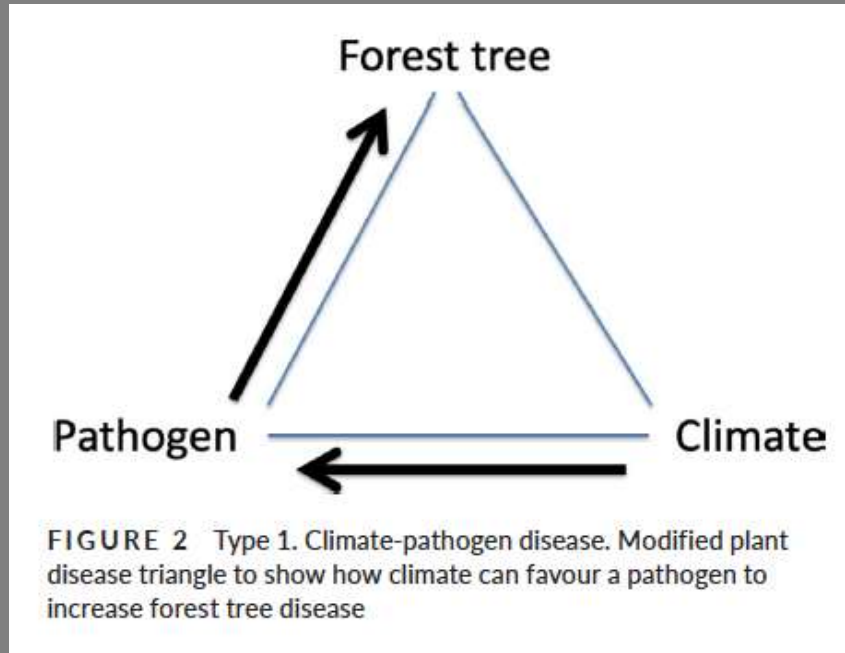


An interesting example of “human x time” effects

Red line=15 years  
Green line=30 ys  
Blue line= 50 ys

**Figure 3.** Effect of the rotation length on the propagation of the pathogen. (a) high initial genetic variance  $V_0$  of 4.06 in the starting fungal population (default scenario); (b) reduced initial genetic variance  $V_0$  of 1.63 in the starting fungal population. Left column: mostly clonal fungal profile *fp1* (clonality rate  $c = 0.8$ ). Right column: mostly sexual fungal profile *fp2* ( $c = 0.2$ ). Red, green and blue represent a rotation length of 15, 30 and 50 years, respectively. Each line is the mean of 50 independent replicates simulated. Each colored area represents the standard deviation of the 50 replicates.

## Climate changes and directly benefits (or hurts) plant pathogens

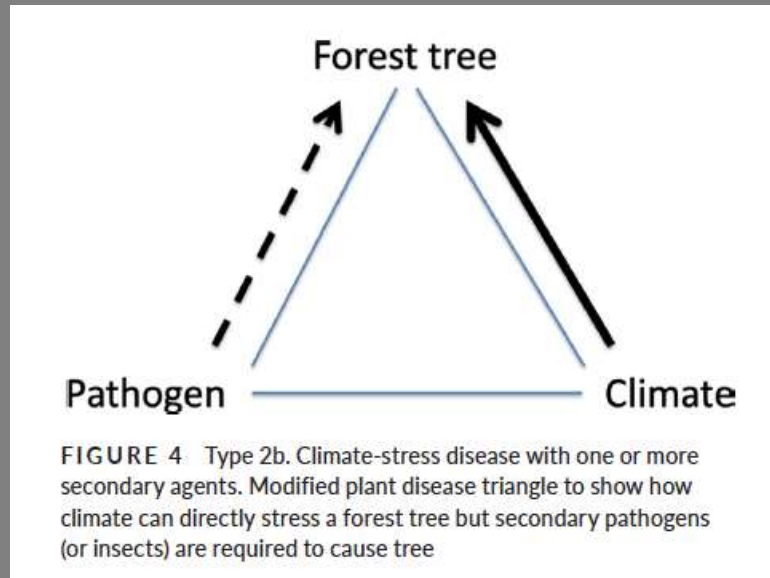


1)- Rainfall increases and temperatures are milder and relative humidity higher because of increased cloud cover then pathogen will produce more infectious propagules (spores) having a positive effect on pathogen and a negative effect on plant

2)- Climate is milder in winter thus extending the growing season of a pathogen that does not do well in cold, having a positive effect on pathogen and a negative effect on plant

3)- In warm areas climate gets too hot, having a negative effect on pathogen and a positive effect on plant

## Climate changes and by stressing plants, indirectly benefits (or hurts?) pathogens



- 1)- Altered plant physiology due to reduced water availability: increase in gaseous phase in plant causes Dr Jekyll-Mr Hyde shift in endophytic fungi.
- 2)- Reduced photosynthesis causes reduced defense
- 3)- Extreme weather creates flooding that facilitates waterborne pathogens or increases damage to plants (via hail or frost injury) which in turn facilitates infection by wound pathogens
- 4)- Effects of smoke?

# Interesting examples of host-mediated effects of climate change on disease

- Climate changes host phenology;
  - Flowering is anticipated and by the time a pathogen of flowers is ready to infect, it is too late
  - Synchronicity among host susceptibility, and pathogen sporulation is lost

# Evidence for the role of synchronicity between host phenology and pathogen activity in the distribution of sudden oak death canker disease

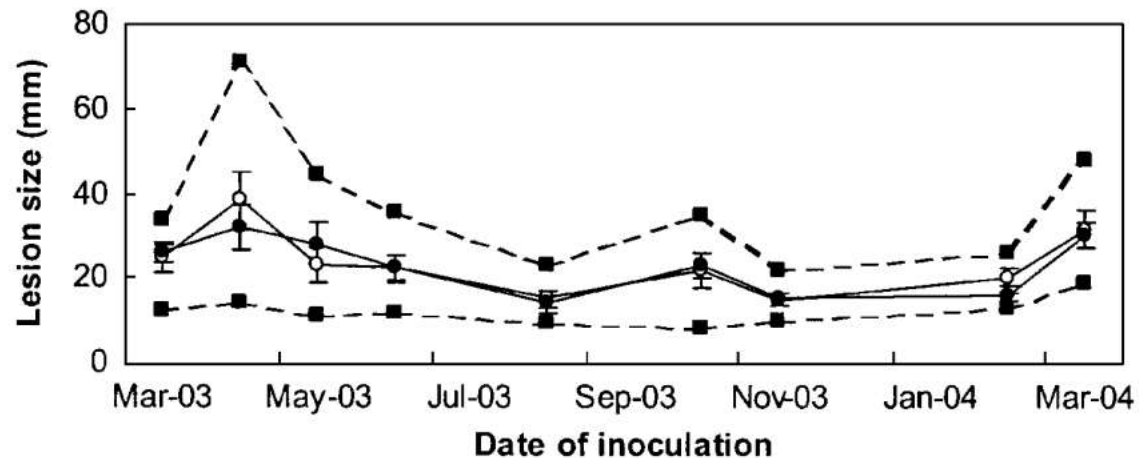


Fig. 1 Size of lesions at different inoculation dates in coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) after inoculation with *Phytophthora ramorum*. Open circles, Chicken Coop site; closed circles, Miwok site. Overall maximum and minimum lesion sizes are shown as dotted lines with closed rectangles. Standard errors are shown as vertical bars.

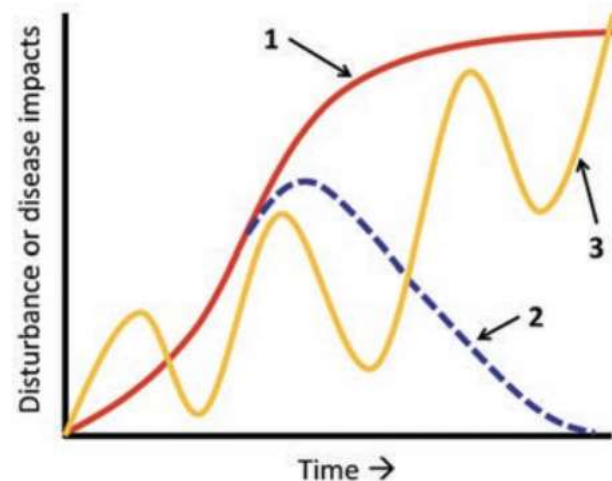
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# DISEASE AS THE RESULT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AS A DISTURBANCE: ARE THE CONSEQUENCES PERMANENT (RED LINE) , TEMPORARY (DOTTED LINE) OR CYCLICAL WITH A TREND (YELLOW LINE)?

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**Figure 2.** Several examples of disturbance and disease interactive outcomes over time. Impacts may increase and reach a new stable state (1—red); increases may gradually recover to pre-outbreak levels (2—blue dashed); or feedbacks between disease and disturbance could create fluctuating dynamics over time, here depicted as an oscillating, but increasing impact (3—yellow).

*Review*

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## Decrease in disease, whether permanent or cyclical, means also recovery

Disease thus has to be seen as a dynamic process affected by infection rates, pathogen population size, host population size and distribution, changes in virulence of pathogen and in resistance of host, climatic changes and recovery of host

**Transmission rates:** competency of host (sporulation support), infectiousness of pathogen, pathogen reproductive rate  $R$ , weather

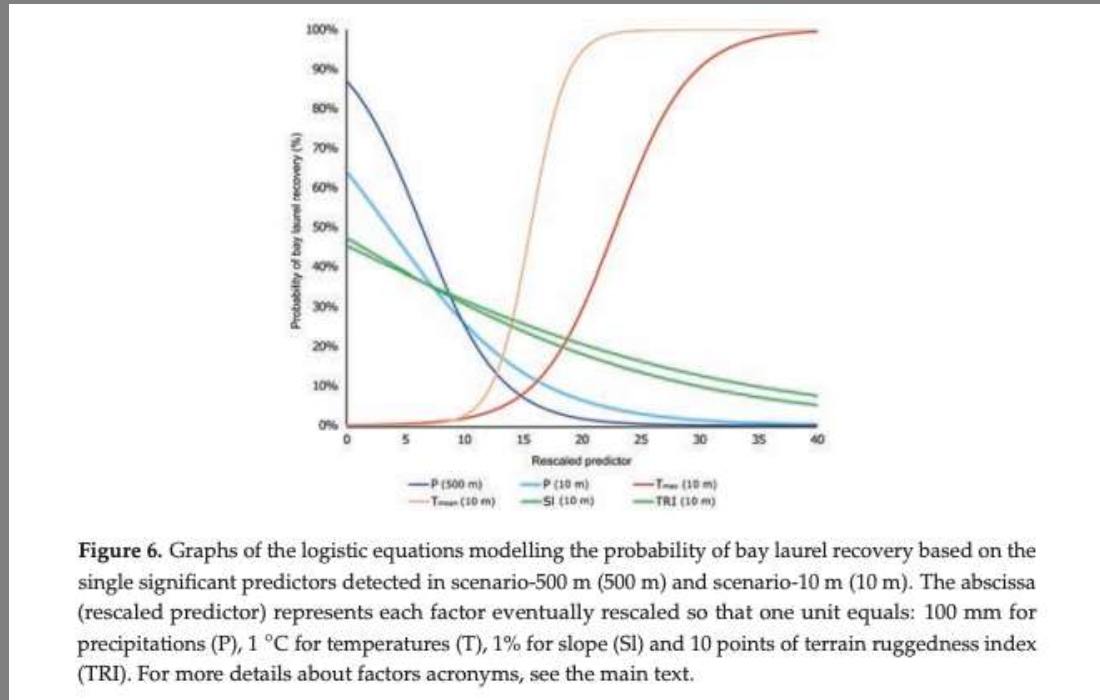
**Host population size** and its density across the landscape: higher density more disease, as number of host decreases, escape become more likely

**Resistance** in host populations: how many individuals carry some level of resistance, and how short or long is generation time. Shorter generation time, resistance more likely to increase

**Virulence** in pathogen: how many pathogens carry virulence genes and generation time. Faster generation time, faster increase in virulence

**Migration rates** of host: if host receives migrants from outside the zone of infestation, less likely to increase its resistance.

## Recovery: the Sudden Oak Death example . Repeated sampling over 10 years shows that:



The more rain the less recovery

The hotter it is the more recovery

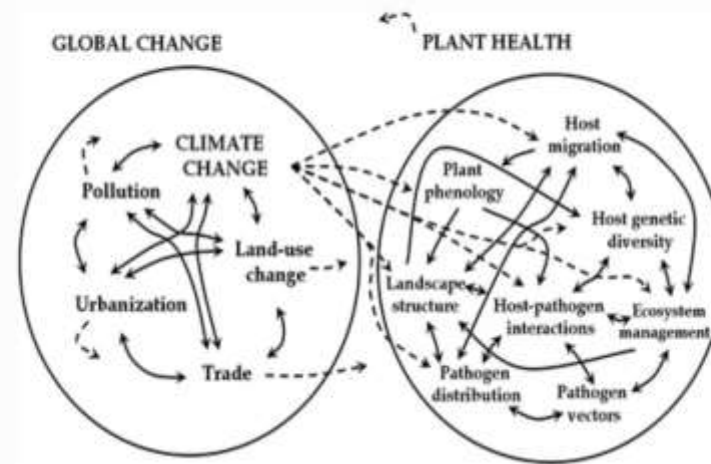
The steeper the landscape slope the less recovery

ARTICLE

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# GLOBAL CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS ON PLANT HEALTH

From: [Impacts of climate change on plant diseases—opinions and trends](#)



Global change impacts on plant health. Global change is composed of the interactions of various drivers (climate change, increased trade, land-use change, pollution, urbanization). All these factors will have an impact on plant health, through direct effects on host-pathogen interactions, and via indirect effects on host migration, genetic diversity and phenology, as well as on disease distribution, insect pests, vectors and landscape structure. There is a feedback from plant health to global change. To be successful in the face of global change, ecosystem management will have to consider this complexity of interactions (modified from Pautasso [2012](#))

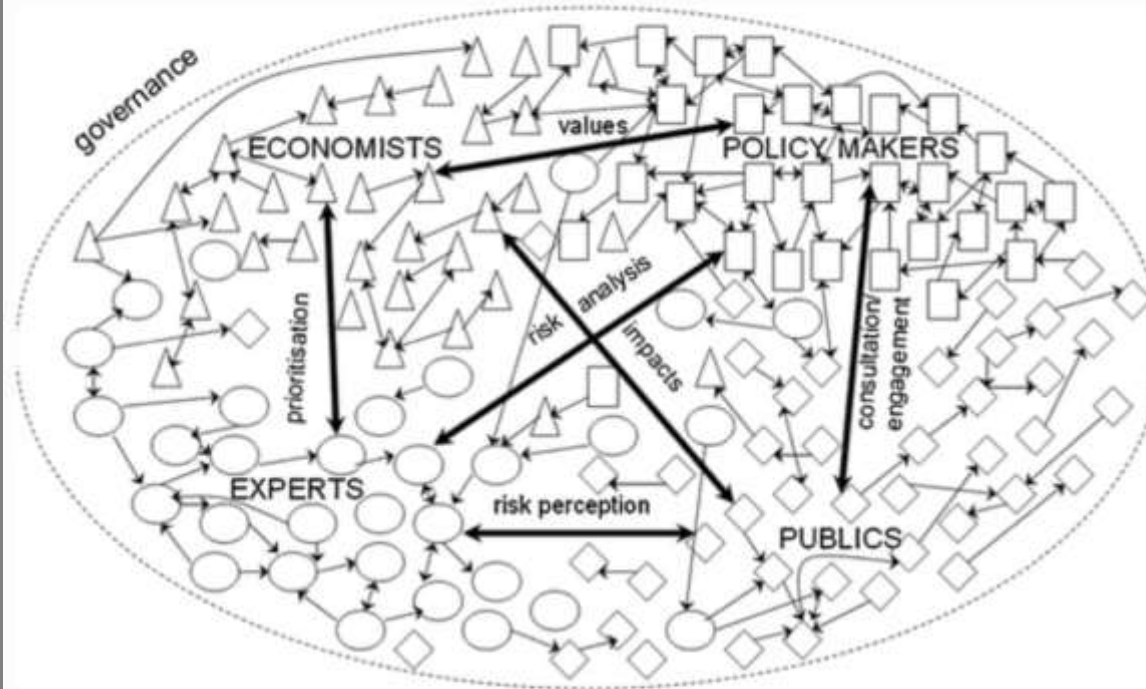
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# There is no easy solution

**Fig. 4**



Network of interactions among experts (*circles*), economists (*triangles*), publics (*diamonds*) and policy makers (*rectangles*) in the plant health governance landscape. For a successful management of plant health problems in a changing environment, there is need for better information flow among the components of this network. Modified from Mills et al. (2011)



# ABIOTIC DISEASES

# Maple scorch



**Premature needle yellowing  
and loss on ponderosa pine**



**Ozone mottle**

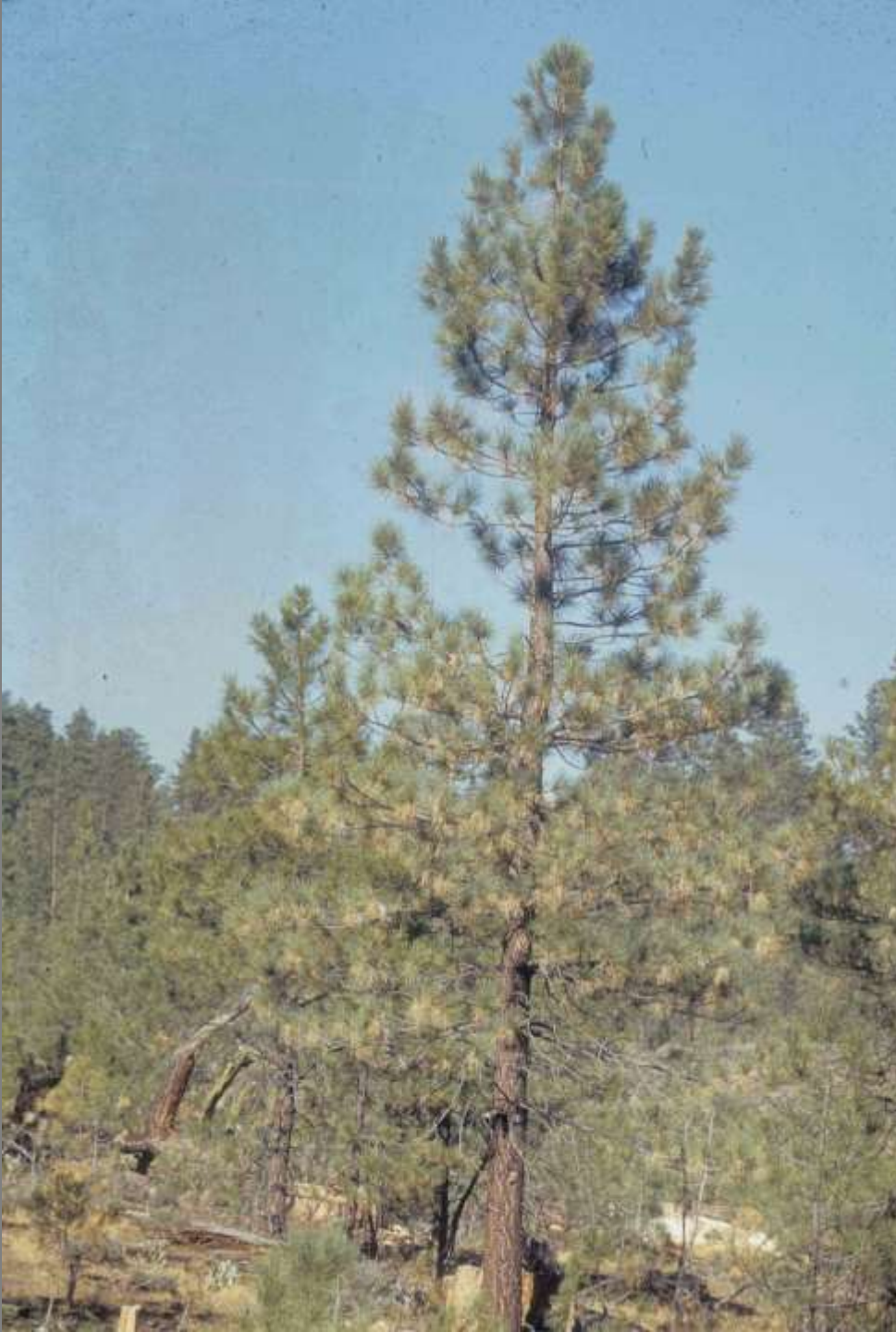




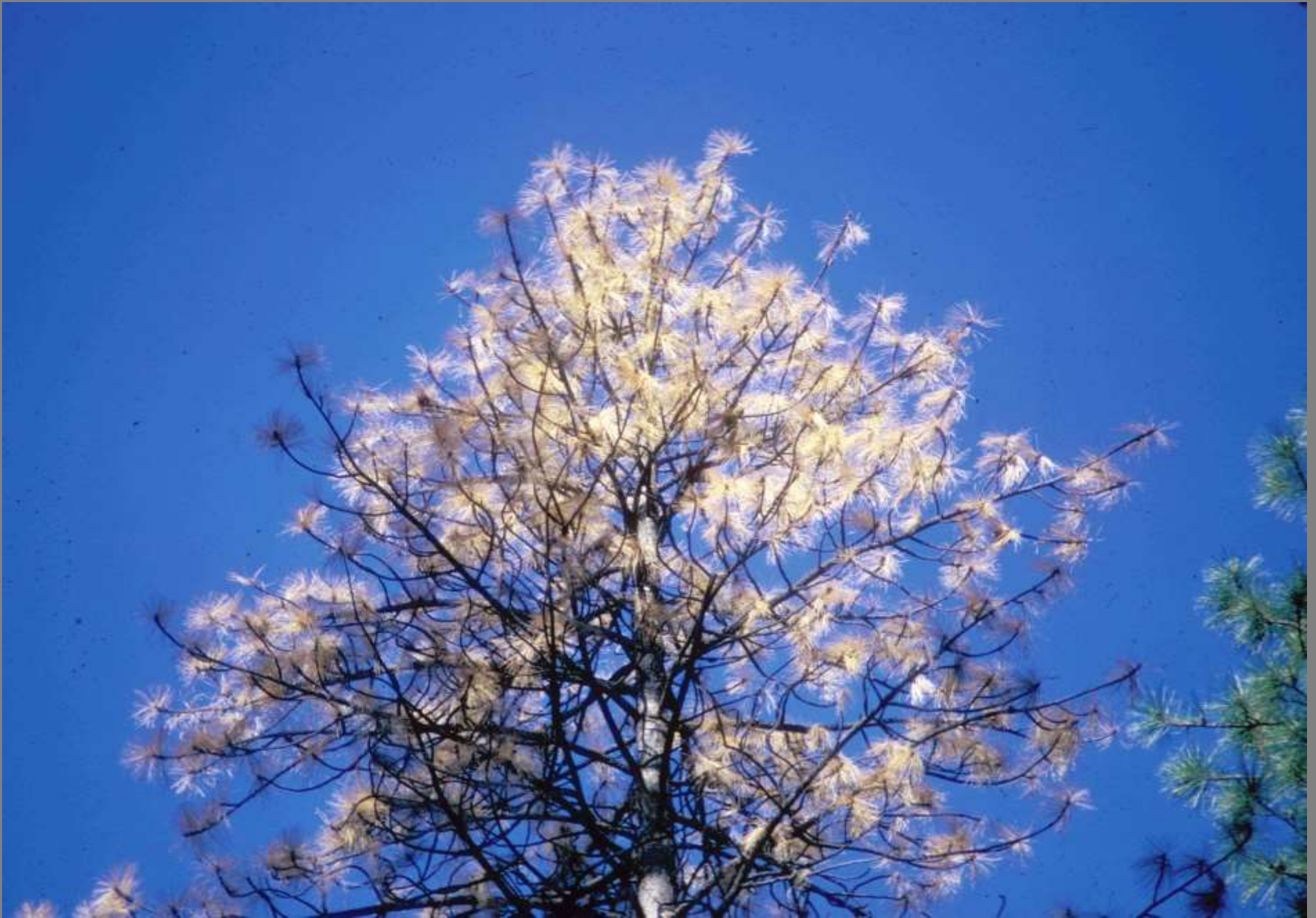
## Loss of vigor in ponderosa pine exposed to ozone



**Smog symptoms on  
ponderosa pine in  
southern California**



# Advanced smog symptoms on ponderosa pine



## Acute SO<sub>2</sub> injury



Ash



Persimmon



**BIOTIC DISEASES** caused by:

Parasitic plants

Bacteria

Fungi

Oomycetes

Viruses

Nematodes

# Biotic diseases can be grouped by:

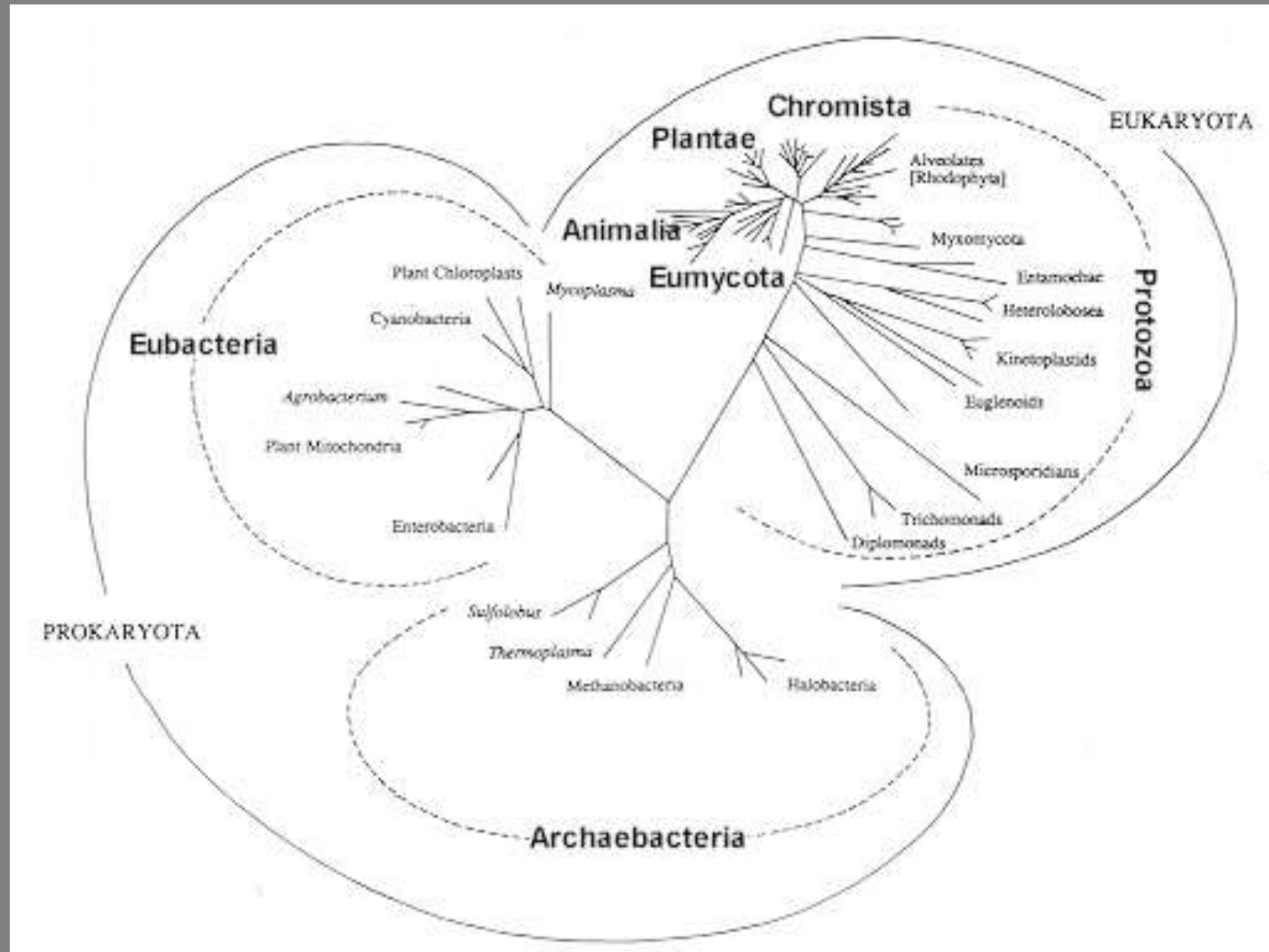
- Agent causing disease (fungus, oomycete, virus, bacteria, plant)
- Host specificity of pathogen: generalist, specialist or “in between” (e.g. limited to a plant family or to conifers)
- Plant part affected (flower , fruit, leaves, branches, stems, roots, vessels, cambium)
- Scale of infection ( from one tree to a whole forest)
- Age of host (juvenile vs. adult vs. mature)
- Whether plant tissue is dead or alive: biotroph, hemibiotroph, necrotroph,
- Type of hosts 1: whether it affects primary (source) and secondary (sink) hosts
- Type of hosts 2: whether it has transmissive and dead-end hosts
- Type of hosts 3: whether it needs to alternate between different host
- Virulence: whether it is primary, secondary (opportunistic) or a latent pathogen that can change lifestyle
- Wound vs non-wound pathogen
- Airborne vs waterborne and/or soilborne
- Vectored by animals or not
- Pathogen’s reproductive mode: clonal, sexual , mixed

# Definitions

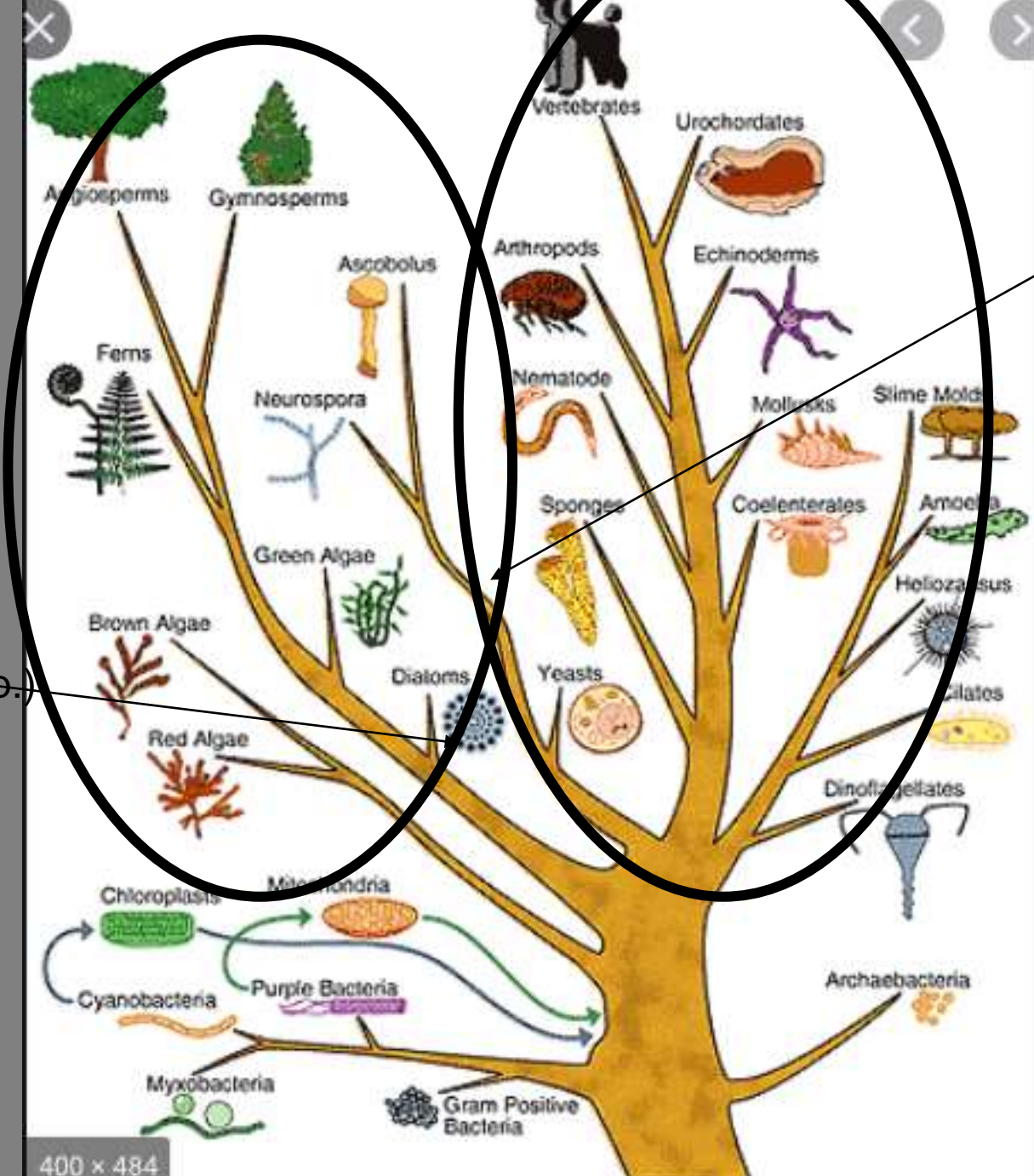
- **Biotroph:** a plant pathogen which establishes a long term feeding relationship with the living cells of a host, without killing it as part of the infection process.(unculturable!)
- **Hemibiotroph:** An organism that is parasitic in living tissue for some time and then continues to live in dead tissue
- **Necrotroph:** a parasitic organism that kills the living cells of its host and then feeds on the dead matter



# Tree of Life, from Patterson & Sogin, 1992



CHROMISTA now referred to as STRAMINIPILA



Fungi

Oomycetes  
(Phytophthora spp.)