

Barley Seed Heath & IPM

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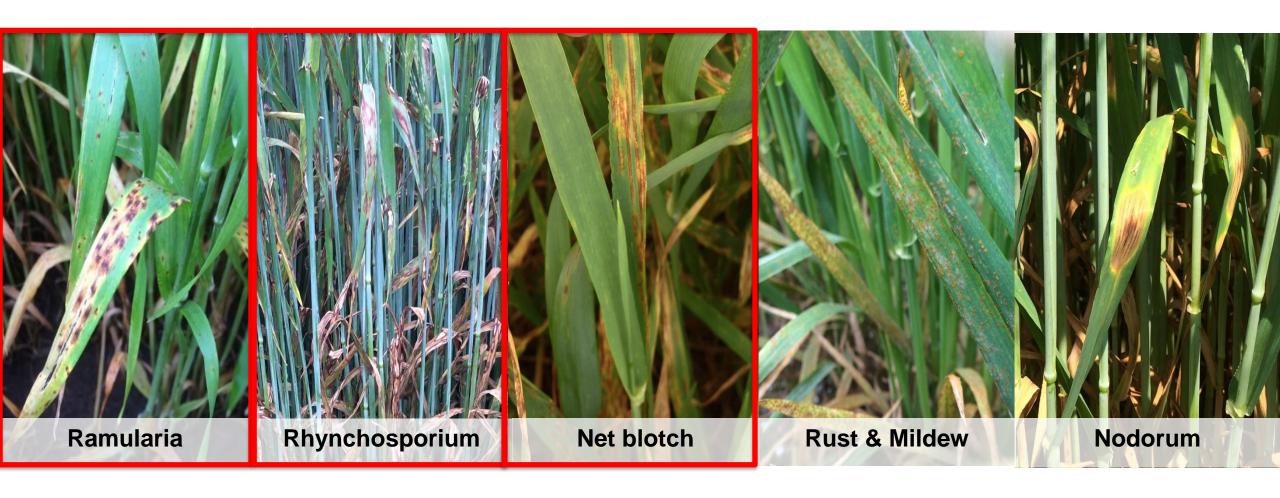
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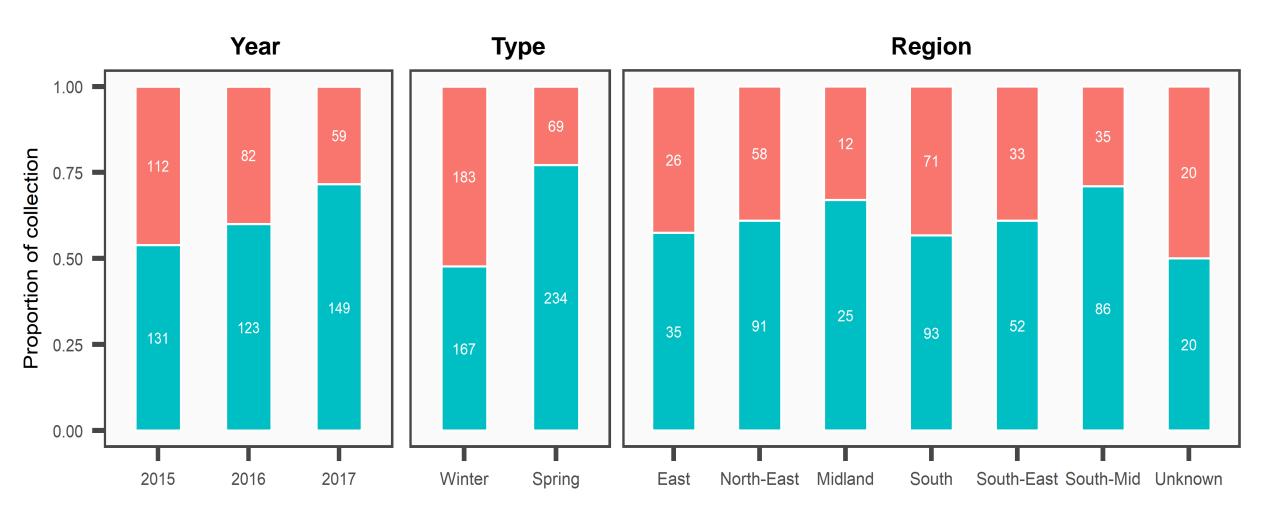
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What are the key barley diseases?



Can be seed borne

Ramularia present in Irish seed









Now possible to detect multiple pathogens in seed





Digital PCR

Increased sensitivity & robustness

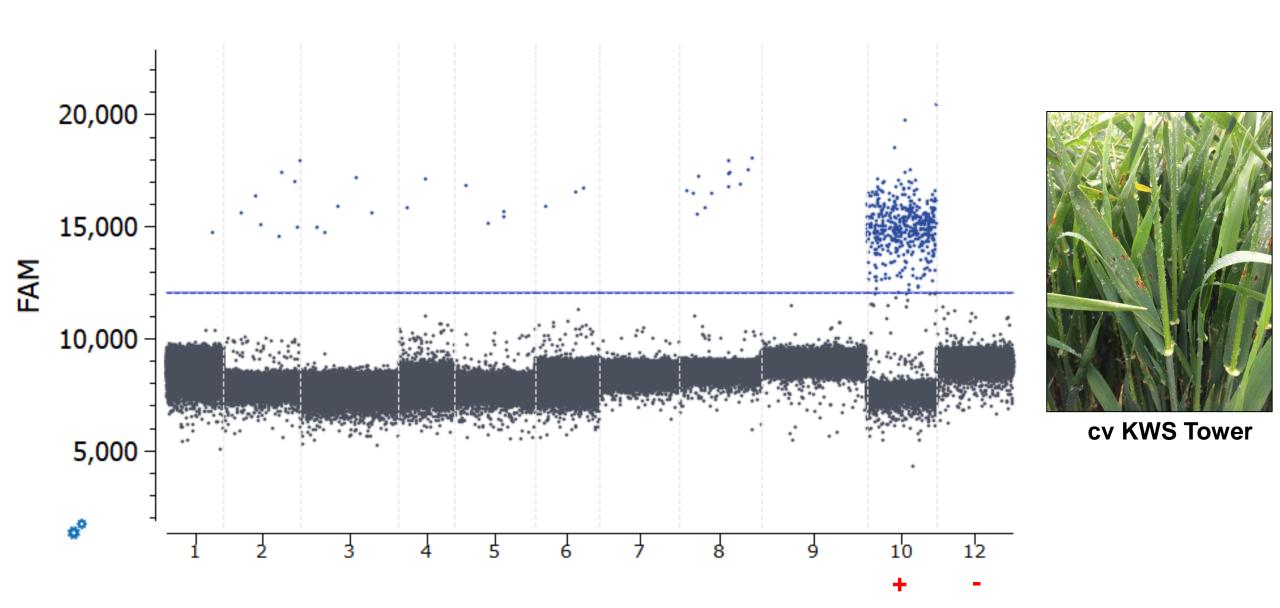
- Ramularia
- Rhynchosporium
- Net Blotch (net / spot)





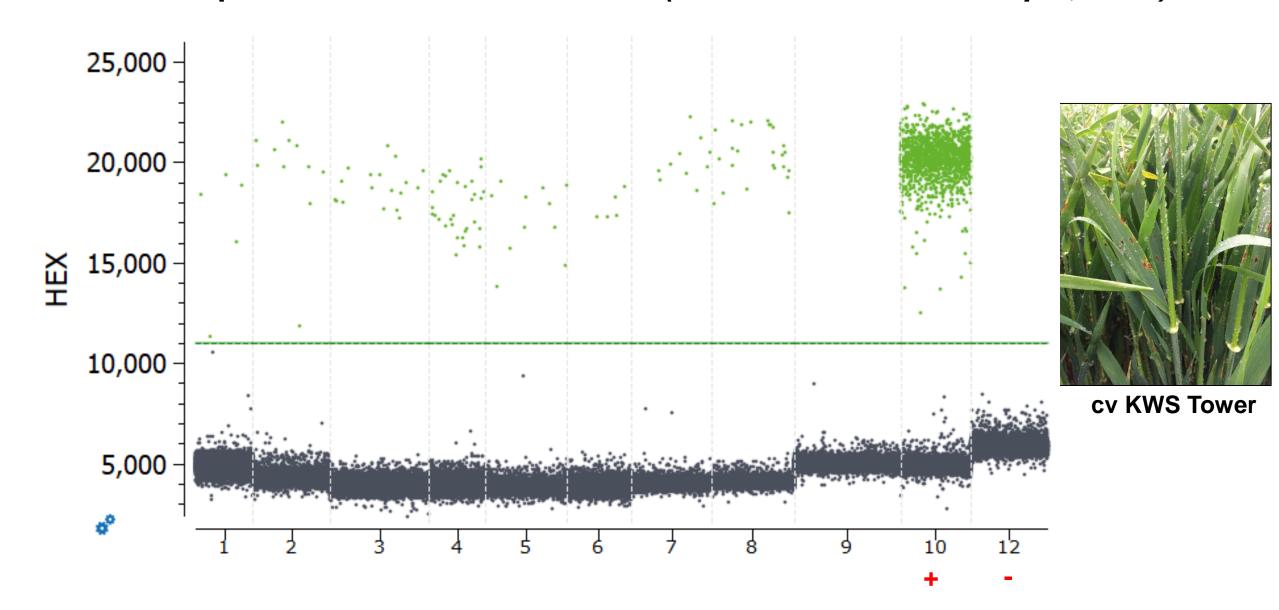
Detection of both spot and net form in winter barley

Net form: P. teres f teres (from historic seed sample, 2015)



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Spot form: P. teres f maculans (from historic seed sample, 2015)



Seed health – a part of disease control

- Seed is only one source of inoculum
- Know disease susceptibly of variety
- Where and when it will be sown will also impact disease levels
- 1st step in IPM programme
- Prevention & suppression are key



Dr. Joe Mulhare



Dr. Henry Creissen













IPM2030 – Potential Impacts of Pesticides Regulations

Using a targeted survey to predict potential yield changes associated with changed pesticide usage

Q1. Impact of pesticide reduction without changes in	Change
non-chemical pest management	
A. How would you expect yield of wheat (% change in tons	
per Ha) to change if farmers were required to reduce use of	
the listed cereal fungicides by a total of 50%, assuming no	
other changes in farmer management practices?	

Please provide the reasoning behind your prediction:



