



# Differentials project update

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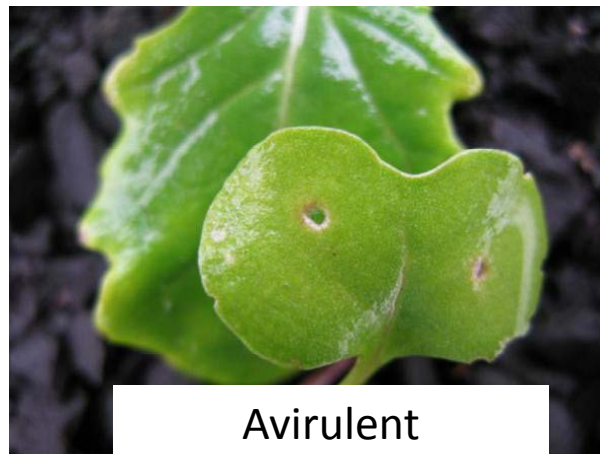
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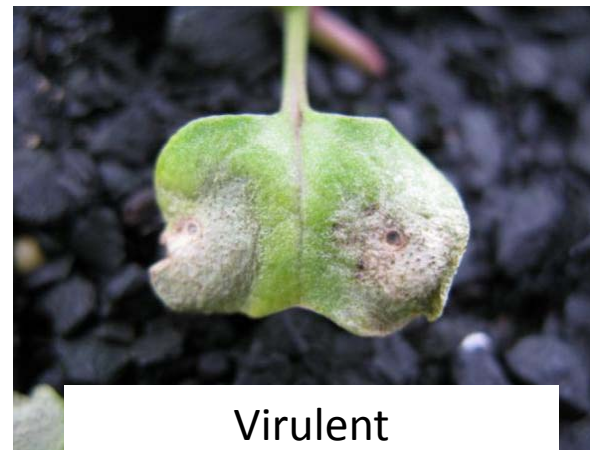
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# ***Brassica* - *L. maculans* interaction**

- Plant contains resistance genes
- Corresponding avirulence (*Avr*) gene in the fungus
- When the avirulence gene is mutated an isolate becomes virulent



Avirulent  
(resistant reaction)

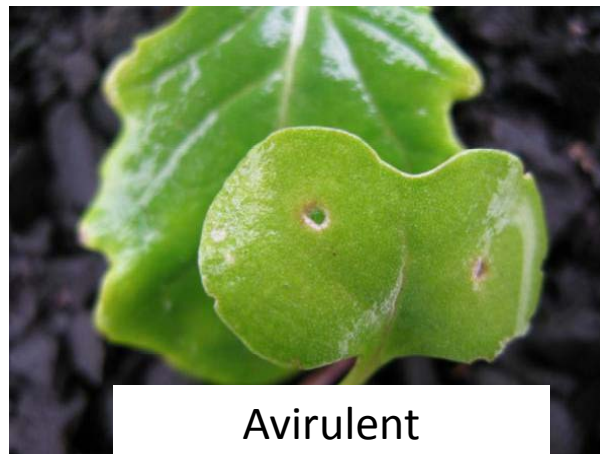


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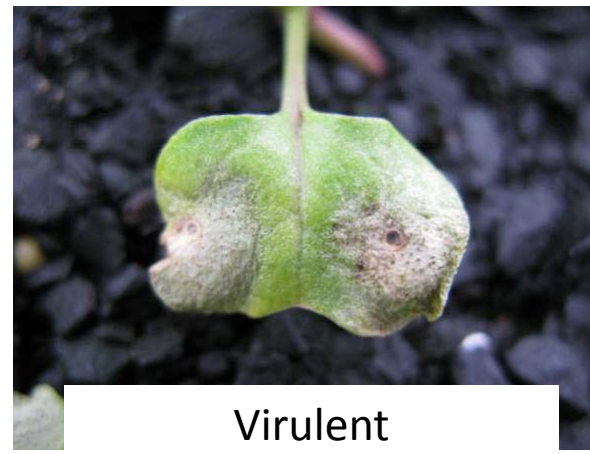


# Background – major gene resistance

- Do not know suite of resistance genes in Australian varieties
- The French routinely characterize R genes in breeding lines and commercial varieties
- They use a differential set of isolates that can discriminate *Rlm1* – *Rlm9* and *LepR3*.



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# Background – adult plant resistance

- Adult plant (minor gene) resistance is also important in controlling blackleg

Cotyledon rating	Maturity Rating	Percentage
R	R	88
R	S	9
R	I	3
S	S	47
S	R	42
S	I	11

- Quantitative resistance increases the durability of qualitative resistance to *Leptosphaeria maculans* in *Brassica napus*

Brun *et al.*, 2010. New Phytologist

- *Rlm6* crossed into a susceptible background and a background with minor gene resistance. Varieties sown into *B. napus* stubble

- *Rlm6* rendered ineffective within 3 years in susceptible background but still effective after 5 years with minor gene resistance



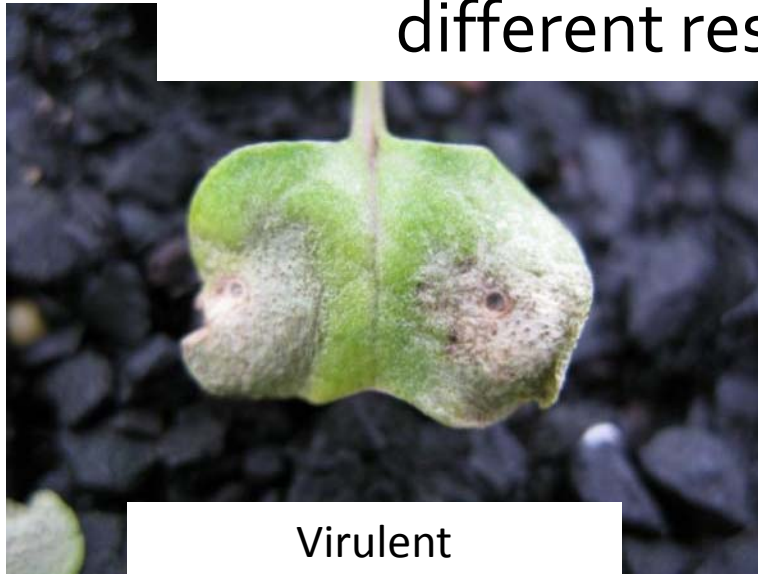
## Aims of the project

- Identify Australian blackleg isolates that can be used
  - to screen for known or unknown major gene resistance
  - to screen for adult plant resistance genes.
- Use these isolates to characterise resistance genes in Australian cultivars and lines
  - Group cultivars and lines with similar sources of resistance

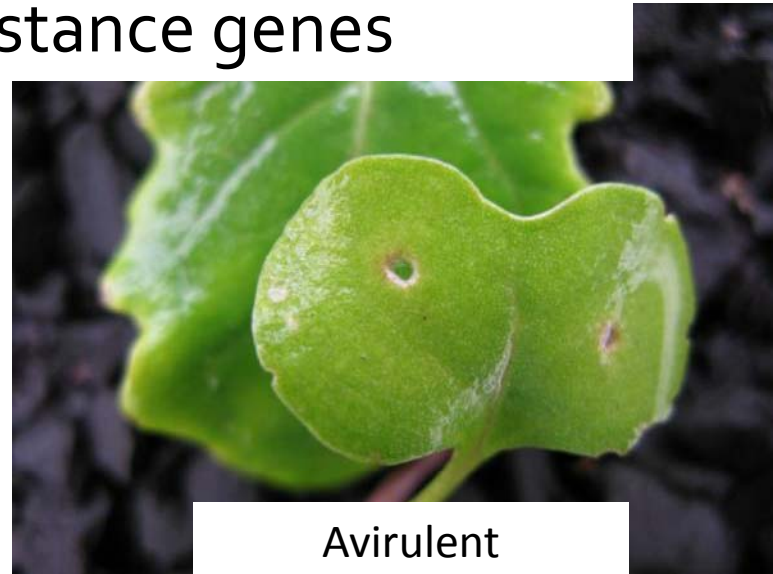
# Cotyledon pathogenicity screens

- Identify major gene resistance (*Rlm1-Rlm10*, *LepR1-4*)

Same isolate screened on varieties with different resistance genes



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Avirulent  
(resistant reaction)



# Identify different sources of adult plant resistance





# Determining major-gene resistance using differential *L. maculans* isolates

- 33 varieties (30 *B. napus* and 3 *B. juncea*) sent to French
  - Screen with isolates of known *Avr* genotype
  - Identify major-gene resistance
    - *Rlm1-Rlm9* and *RlmS* (sylvestris-derived resistance)
    - Tells us which of these genes are present and which are absent
  - DOES NOT identify adult plant resistance



# R genotypes of varieties

Variety	R genotype
Wesbrook	No R genes
AV Garnet	<i>Rlm1, Rlm9</i>
Caiman	<i>Rlm7, Rlm9 (Rlm4)</i>
Ripper	<i>Rlm2, Rlm4</i>
46C76	<i>Rlm3</i>
Oscar	<i>Rlm3</i>
Taparoo	<i>Rlm3</i>
Q2	<i>Rlm3, Rlm9</i>
TI1Pinnacle	<i>Rlm3, Rlm9</i>
AG-Emblem	<i>Rlm4</i>
ATR Summit	<i>Rlm4</i>
BLN3347	<i>Rlm4</i>
Dunkeld	<i>Rlm4</i>
Karoo	<i>Rlm4</i>
Narendra	<i>Rlm4</i>
Thunder TT	<i>Rlm4</i>
Wesroona	<i>Rlm4</i>

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AV-sapphire2	<i>Rlm4, Rlm9</i>
Skipton	<i>Rlm4, Rlm9</i>
Tarcoola	<i>Rlm4, Rlm9</i>
Tornado TT	<i>Rlm4, Rlm9</i>
46Y78	<i>RlmS?</i>
Surpass 400	<i>Rlm1, RlmS</i>
ATR Marlin	<i>RlmS?</i>
Av Jade	Potentially new R gene?
Dune	Potentially new R gene?
Hyola50	Potentially new R gene?
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Rocket CL	Potentially new R gene?
Sahara CL	Potentially new R gene?

# R genotypes of varieties – *Rlm3*

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Wesbrook	No R genes
AV Garnet	<i>Rlm1, Rlm9</i>
Caiman	<i>Rlm7, Rlm9 (Rlm4)</i>
Ripper	<i>Rlm2, Rlm4</i>
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Wesbrook	No R genes
AV Garnet	<i>Rlm1, Rlm9</i>
Caiman	<i>Rlm7, Rlm9 (Rlm4)</i>
Ripper	<i>Rlm2, Rlm4</i>
46C76	<i>Rlm3</i>
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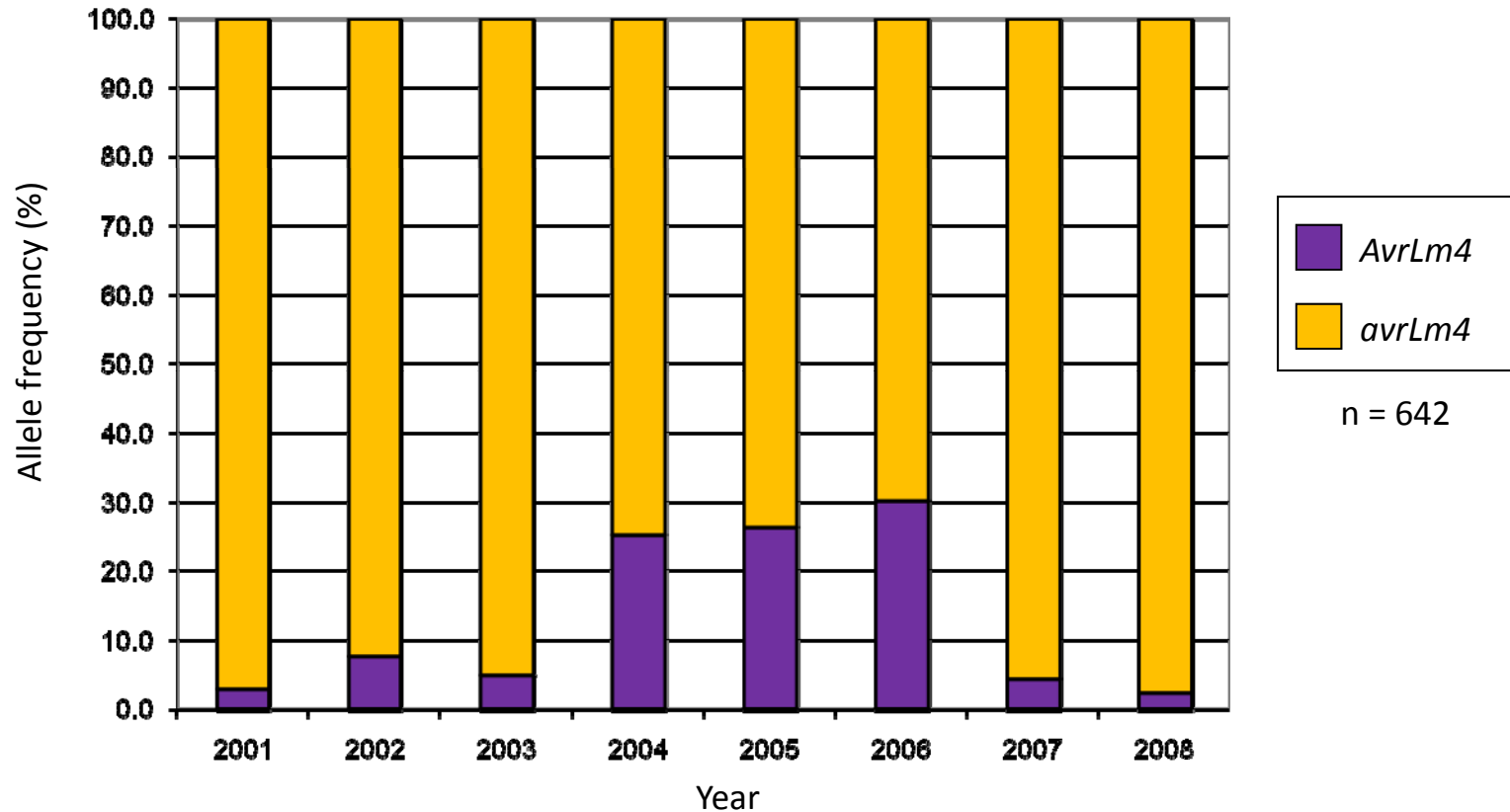
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# *AvrLm4* allele frequencies (2001 -2008)



- High frequency of isolates virulent towards *Rlm4*
- Consistent with the presence of *Rlm4* in numerous Australian varieties

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# Developing a set of Australian differential isolates

	IBCN13	IBCN15	IBCN16	IBCN17	IBCN18	IBCN75	IBCN76	PHW1223
<i>AvrLm1</i>	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-
<i>AvrLm2</i>	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
<i>AvrLm3</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
<i>AvrLm4</i>	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
<i>AvrLm5</i>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
<i>AvrLm6</i>	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
<i>AvrLm7</i>	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
<i>AvrLm8</i>	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
<i>AvrLm9</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>AvrLmS</i>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	+

- Need to identify isolates that can attack 'potentially new R genes' and *LepR1-LepR4*
- Currently screening isolates on a range of the varieties with known R genes



# Identifying adult plant resistance

- We want to characterise minor gene resistance
  - Screen varieties with single isolates that can differentiate classes of minor gene resistance, if present
- All 33 varieties were sown at Horsham across four different stubble sources
- Recorded lesion score at the first leaf stage and adult plant survival



# *Rlm4* varieties have different minor gene resistance

Cultivar	R gene	45Y77		ATR-Beacon		AV-Garnet		Dune	
		Lesion	Adult	Lesion	Adult	Lesion	Adult	Lesion	Adult
BLN3347	<i>Rlm4</i>	S	R	S	R	S	R	S	I
Emblem	<i>Rlm4</i>	S	I	S	R	S	R	S	I
Summitt	<i>Rlm4</i>	S	R	S	I	S	R	S	R
Dunkeld	<i>Rlm4</i>	S	I	S	I	S	R	S	I
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Narendra	<i>Rlm4</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Tarcoola	<i>Rlm4</i>	S	R	S	R	S	R	S	I
ThunderTT	<i>Rlm4</i>	S	R	S	R	S	R	S	R
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- All varieties susceptible at the first leaf stage of development
- Not all varieties susceptible at the adult stage
- Minor gene resistance does not behave the same on all stubble sources
  - potential to rotate major and minor R gene resistance



# The year ahead

- Identify isolates that discriminate additional major R genes
- Screen varieties with single isolates that will discriminate minor R genes
  - Already identified potential isolates
  - Screen all cultivars with only *Rlm4* resistance with 20 single isolates
- Begin to characterise varieties into resistance groups

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