### Appendix S2 : Distribution Analysis

# 1. Probability distributions

#### 1.1. Gamma, Erlang and exponential distributions

• The Gamma distribution is a two-parameter continuous-variable probability distribution with density function:

$$f(x,k,\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k x^{k-1}}{\Gamma(k)} e^{-\lambda x}$$
(s.1)

For x  $\geq$ 0, k>0 (shape parameter), and  $\lambda$ >0 (rate parameter), and where  $\Gamma$ () is the gamma function

• The Erlang distribution is a particular case of the Gamma distribution when the shape parameter k is an integer. The *pdf* of the Erlang distribution is:

$$f(x,k,\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k x^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} e^{-\lambda x}$$
(s.2)

For x  $\geq 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , and k a positive integer.

• The exponential distribution is an Erlang distribution with shape parameter k=1; it has pdf:

$$f(x,\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$
(s.3)

## 1.2. Weibull distribution

The Weibull distribution is a two-parameter continuous-variable probability distribution with pdf:

$$f(x,k,\lambda) = \lambda k \left(\lambda x\right)^{k-1} e^{-(\lambda x)^k}$$
(s.4)

For x  $\geq 0$ , k>0 (shape parameter) and  $\lambda > 0$  (rate parameter).

## 1.3. Lognormal distribution

The Lognormal distribution is a two-parameter probability distribution of a continuous random variable whose logarithm is normally distributed. The *pdf* of a log-normal distribution is:

$$f(x,\mu,\sigma) = \frac{1}{x\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{(\ln(x)-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$
(s.5)

For x  $\geq$ 0, and where  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are the mean and standard deviation of the logarithm of x.





**Figure S.1** Probability density functions of the distribution models fitted to the incubation period data by host age: Gamma (blue line) Lognormal (green), Weibull (purple) and exponential (grey). Age of host plants at inoculation: (A) 18 days (182 °C.days), (B) 32 days (359 °C.days), (C) 46 days (542 °C.days), (D) 60 days (607 °C.days), (E) 74 days (811 °C.days), (F) 88 days (1053 °C.days), (G) 102 days (1303 °C.days), (H) 116 days (1545 °C.days), and (I) 130 days (1764 °C.days).