

# Day 2

- Data analysis course with Jonathan (9h–11h)
- Brainstorming session : finding an other insecticide (because nicotinic acid is definitely not an insecticide)
  - insecticide : caffeine
- Lab session (14h–16h30) : we made our experiment
  - our protocol :

*Title : Insecticide effects on plants growth*

*Aim : Determining the impact of caffeine on the growth of buckwheat seeds*

## **Materials :**

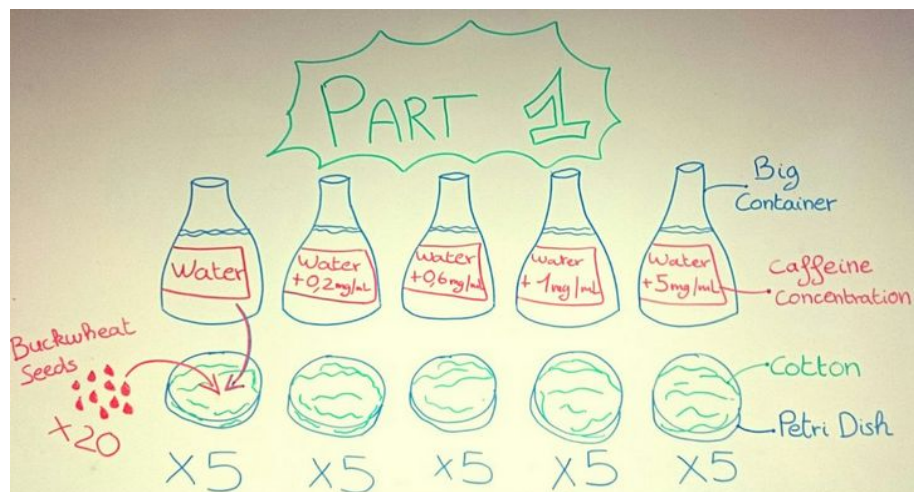
- caffeine
- buckwheat seeds
- 25 petri dishes
- 2 humidity & temperature sensors
- cotton
- water

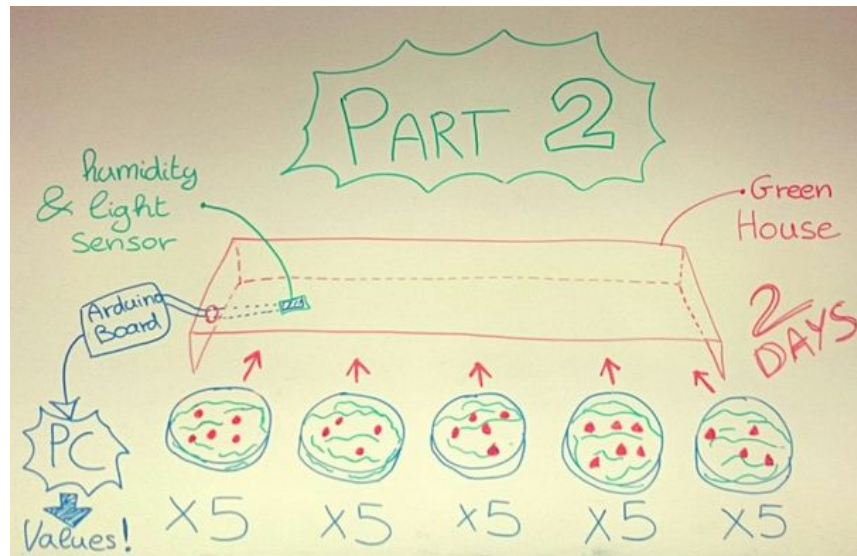
## **Protocol :**

- Prepare 5 solutions
  - \*A= 500mL of water + 0mg of caffeine (0mg/mL)
    - negative control
  - \*B= 500mL of water + 100mg of caffeine (0,2mg/mL)
  - \*C= 500mL of water + 300mg of caffeine (0,6mg/mL)
  - \*D= 500mL of water + 500mg of caffeine (1mg/mL)
  - \*E= 500mL of water + 2500mg of caffeine (5mg/mL)
    - positive control
- Put 20 buckwheat seeds in each of the 5 solutions and let them in it during half an hour
- Label 5 petri dishes : 0mg/mL , 0,2mg/mL , 0,6mg/mL , 1mg/mL and 5mg/mL
- Spread 15mL of solution A on the "0mg/mL" petri dish
- Spread 15mL of solution B on the "0,2mg/mL" petri dish
- Spread 15mL of solution C on the "0,6mg/mL" petri dish
- Spread 15mL of solution D on the "1mg/mL" petri dish

- Spread 15mL of solution E on the “5mg/mL” petri dish
- Put cotton in the 5 petri dishes and soak it
- Put the 20 buckwheat seeds of the solution A on the cotton of the “0mg/mL” petri dish
- Put the 20 buckwheat seeds of the solution B on the cotton of the “0,2mg/mL” petri dish
- Put the 20 buckwheat seeds of the solution C on the cotton of the “0,6mg/mL” petri dish
- Put the 20 buckwheat seeds of the solution D on the cotton of the “1mg/mL” petri dish
- Put the 20 buckwheat seeds of the solution E on the cotton of the “5mg/mL” petri dish
- Repeat the experiment 5 times (= 5 replicates)
- Place randomly 20 petri dishes without their lids, in a transparent greenhouse previously constructed with the cutter laser (The greenhouse was too small so put the other 5 petri dishes outside of the greenhouse)
- Place the first humidity & temperature sensor on a extremity of the green house, and the other one on the other extremity → it will allows us to control the temperature and humidity of the environment

### Visual Protocol:





- Brainstorming session : thinking about how to measure the colors of the germs  
→ chromatography method (not sure)