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THE CONCEPT OF THE "ULTRA VIRUS" IN VICTOR GHIMPU'S INTERWAR WORKS

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During the interwar period, agricultural science faced a major challenge: devastating tobacco crop failures caused by pathogens that could not be seen under conventional optical microscopes. In his pioneering research for the Romanian Tobacco Institute and the Cassa Autonomă a Monopolurilor (CAM), Victor Ghimpu tackled these invisible threats by adopting the cutting-edge terminology of his time, specifically referring to them as "ultraviruses" or "filterable viruses".

The paper will present the innovative contribution of Prof. Dr. Victor Ghimpu to the elucidation of viral diseases of tobacco.