

# Integrated Plant Genetics, Inc.

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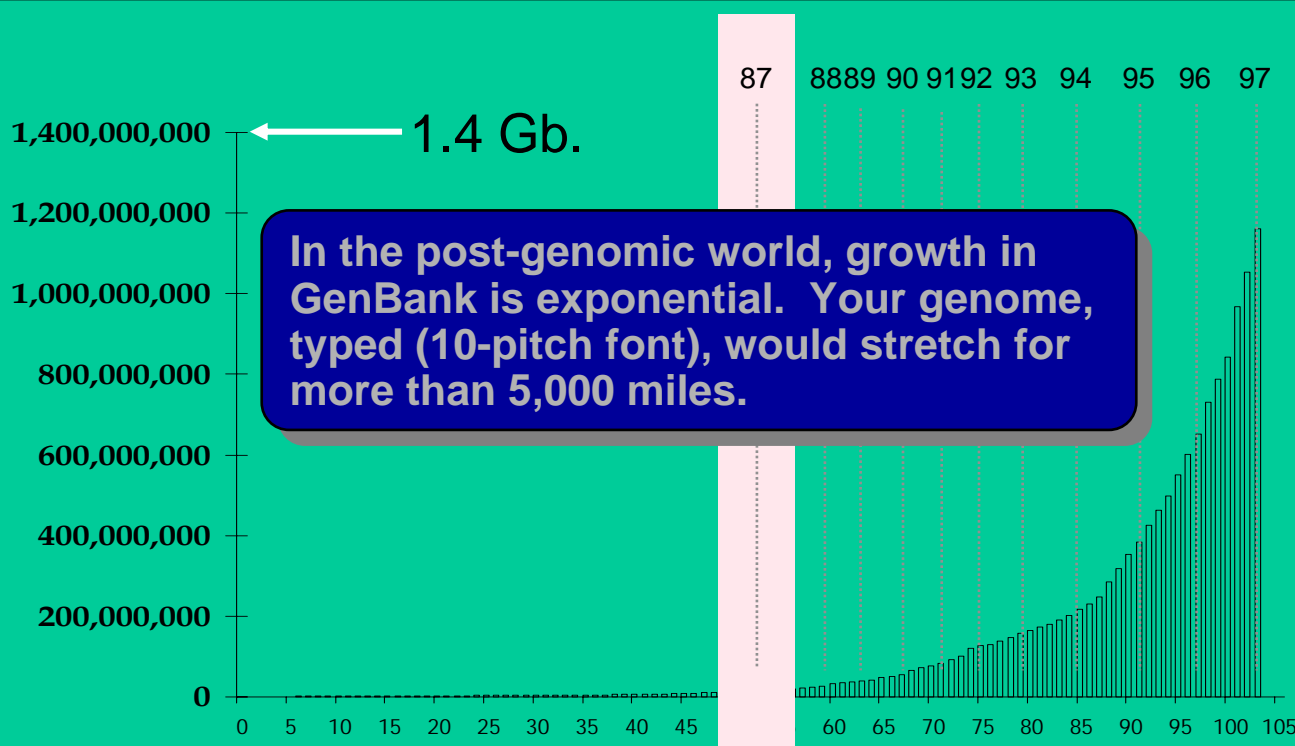


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DiseaseBlock<sup>®</sup> 1.0

Genes are digital code.  
Genes are *ownable*.  
Gene discovery is logarithmic.



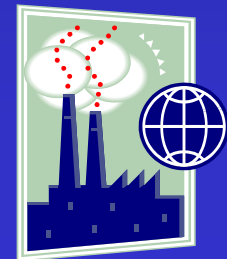
GenBank Release Numbers

---Martina McGlouglin, UC Davis

**Discovery engines:**

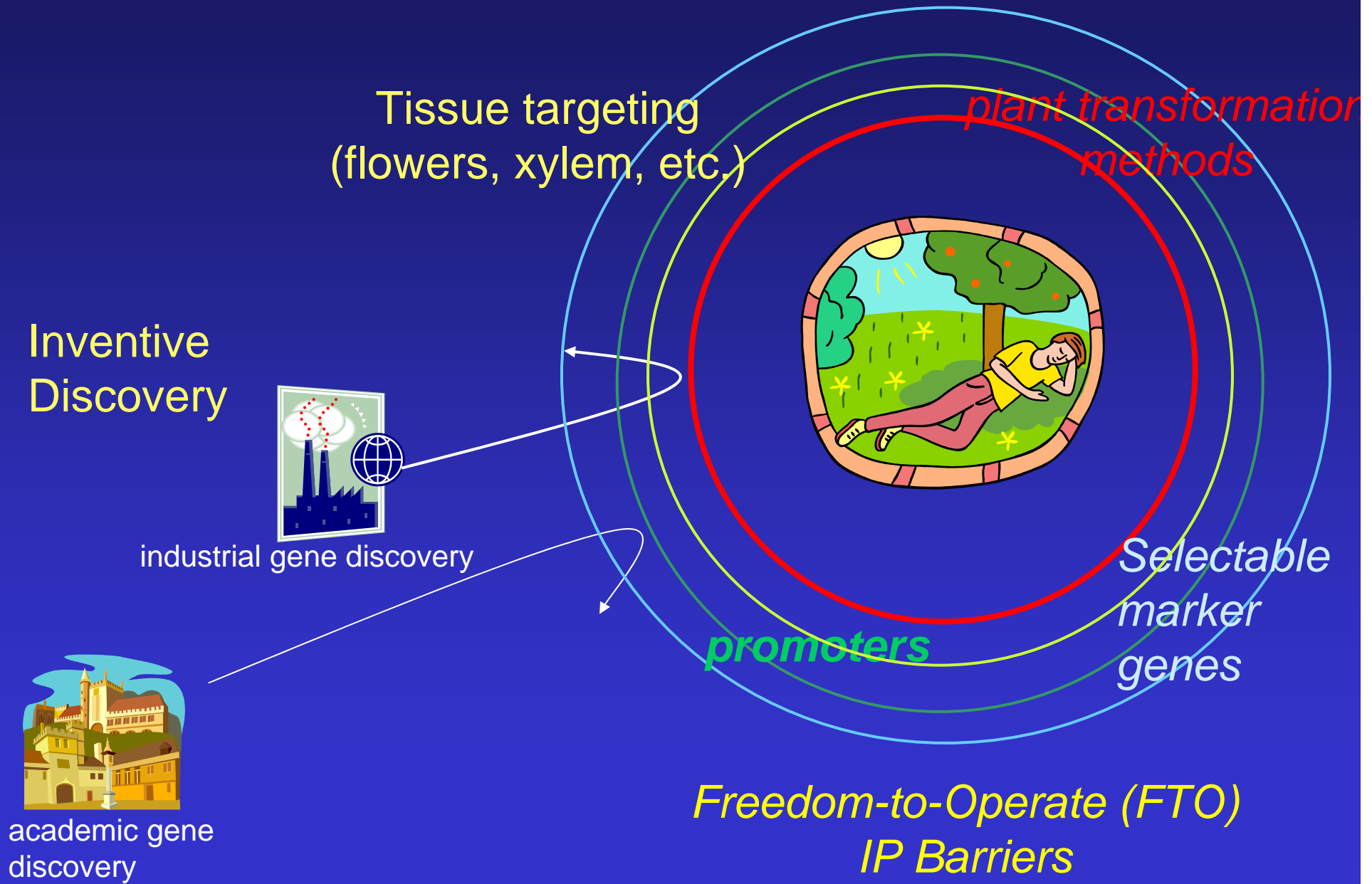


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# But, IP controls gene deployment



# IP as Market Barrier

- Most public or private plant DNA technologies **cannot be independently commercialized** due to FTO restrictions on *enabling* technologies.

-Example: 70 patents needed to produce Golden rice.

-Example: Monsanto's key enabling (use of *Agrobacterium*) US 6,051,757, application date: 1983, issued date: 2000.

-Monsanto owns use of any *antibiotic* in plants;

-Novartis owns use of any positive selection.

- IPG's patent pending methods provide FTO.



# ☑ Transformation process achieved for elite geranium cultivars

Gene on DNA cloning vector  
(IPG Gram negative bacterial  
Growth inhibitor)



- DNA delivery method
- Selection method



# ☑ Transformation process achieved for elite citrus cultivars.

DNA clone on DNA vector  
(IPG Gram negative bacterial  
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- DNA delivery method
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Greenhouse  
testing



Grafting onto Swingle  
rootstock (30% survival)

- ☑ DiseaseBlock® 3.0 proteins (Patents #1&5) are
- ☑ expressed in *Pelargonium* leaves and roots (Patent #2), and ☑ localized to veins using
- ☑ transformation method (Patent #3) and
- ☑ selection method (Patent #4).

Root Xylem



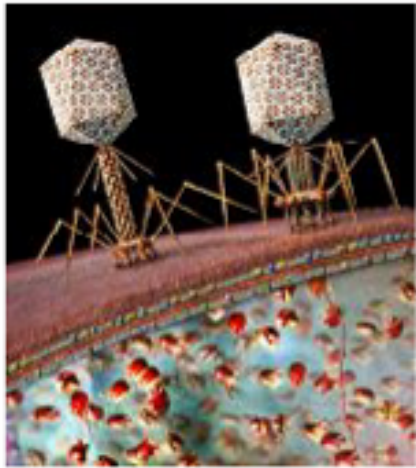
Leaf xylem



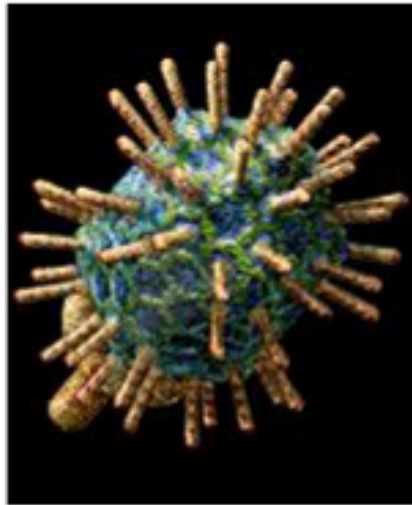


# IPG DiseaseBlock® 2.0

- ❖ Bacteriophages are bacterial viruses that can kill bacteria.
- ❖ Bacteriophages are safe for plants and animals.
- ❖ Specific bacteriophage genes produce proteins lethal to bacteria.



Bacteriophage T4  
virions attacking a  
bacterial cell



Bacteriophage phi 29

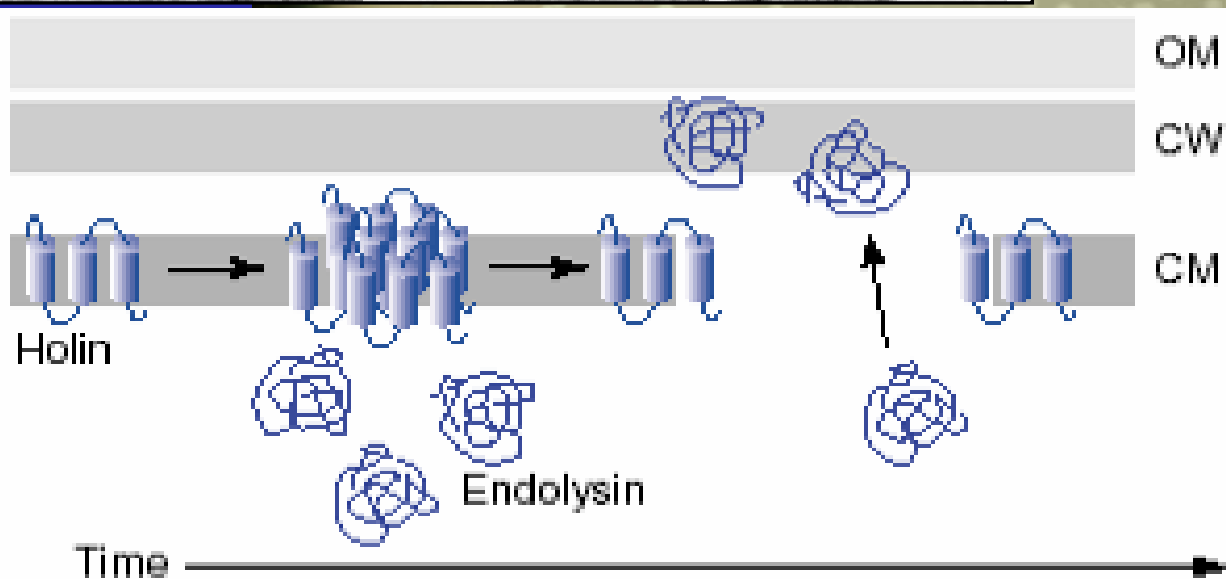
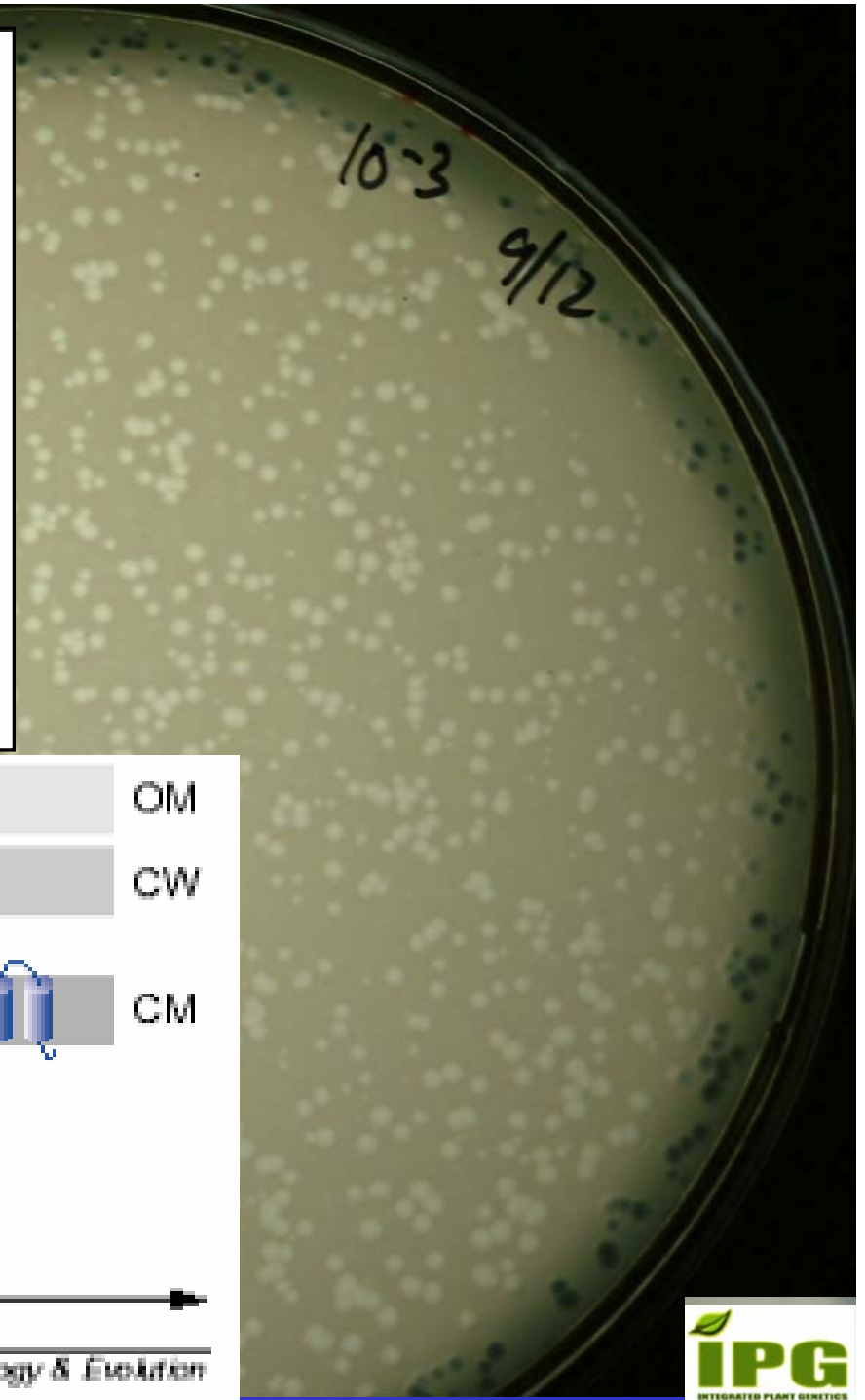
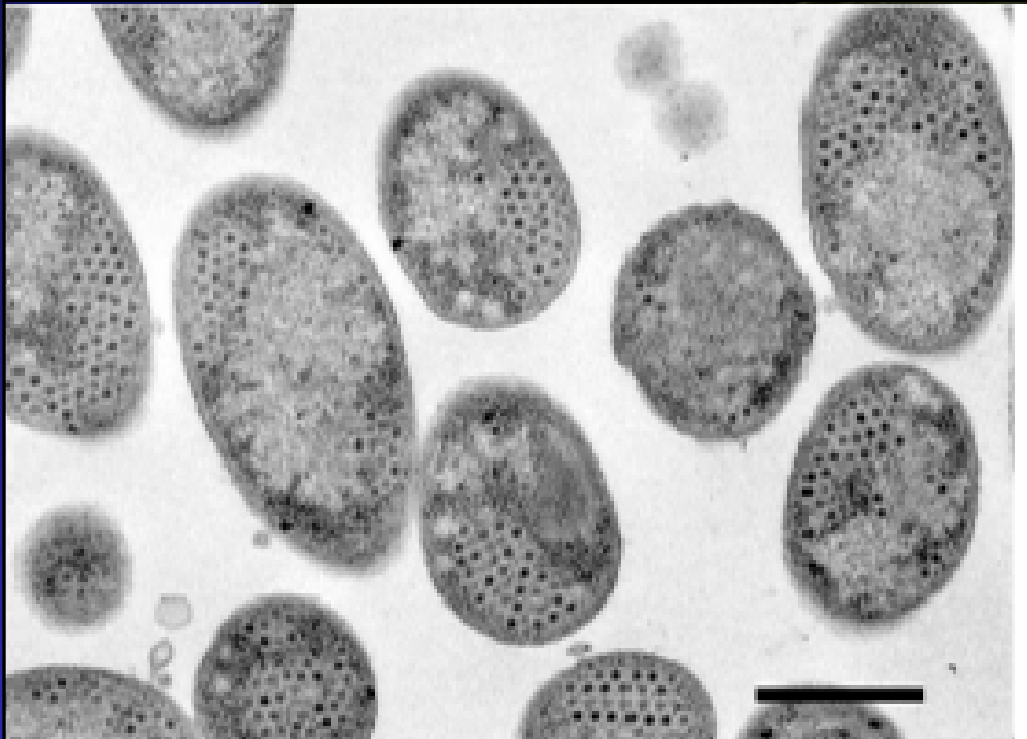


Bacteriophage p 22



Filamentous Phages

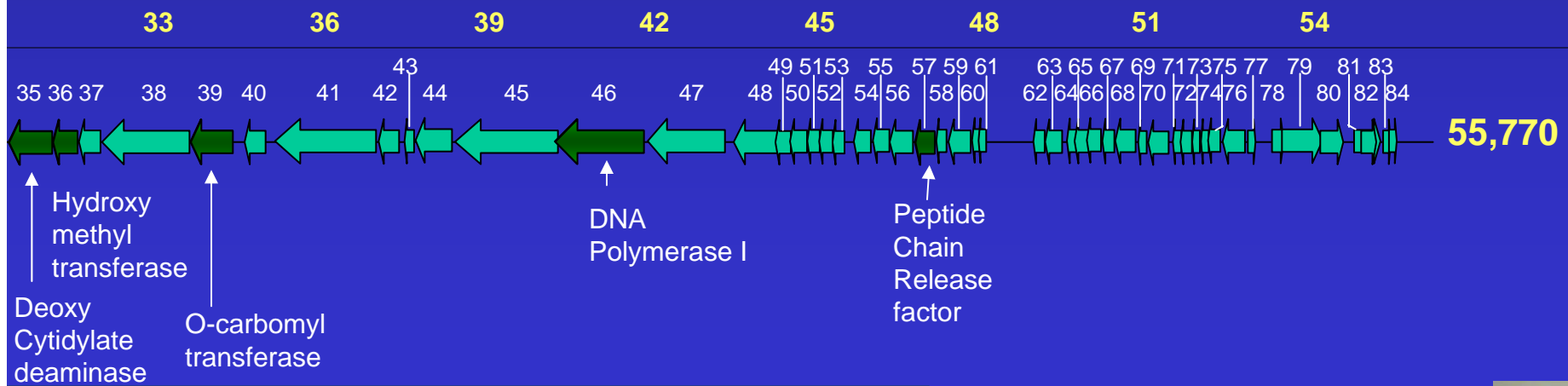
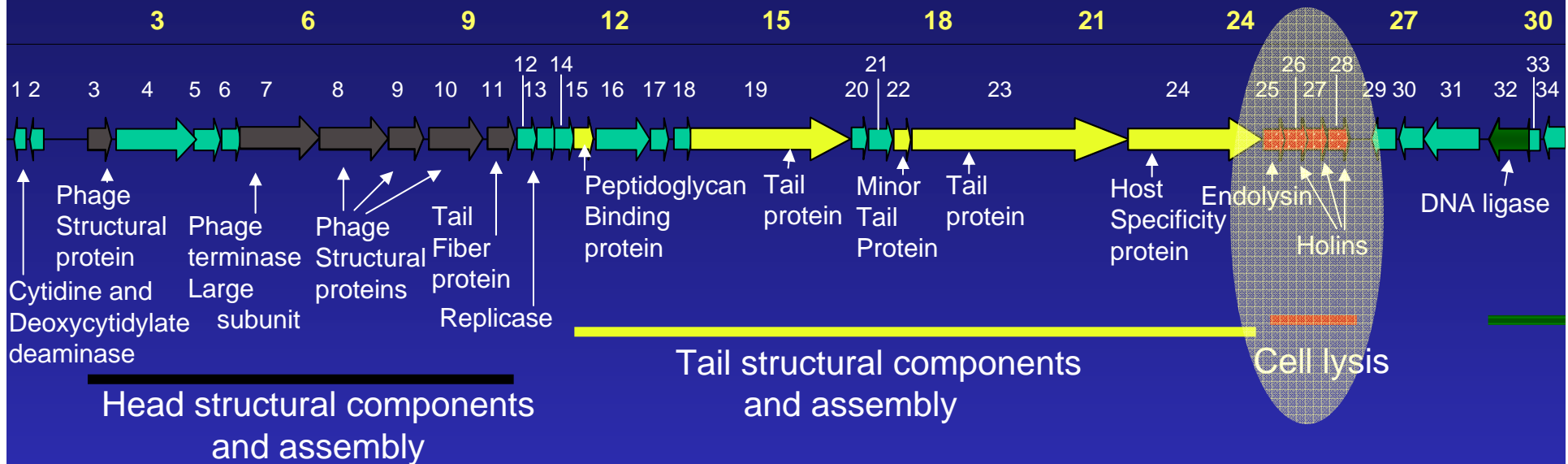




-- Pia S et al. 2003

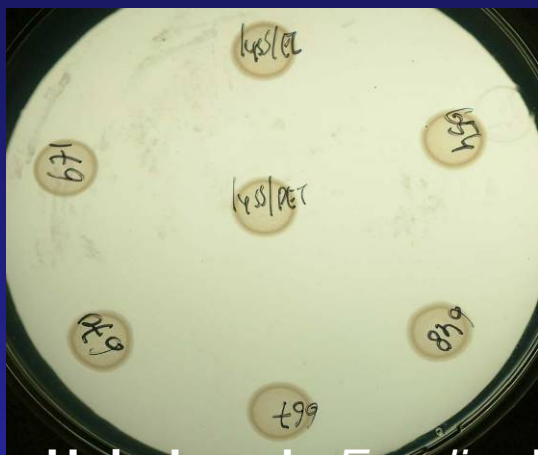
*TRENDS in Ecology & Evolution*

# Discovery process: functional genomics



DNA replication, modification, gene expression modulation

# Plate overlay assay to identify lethal phage clones



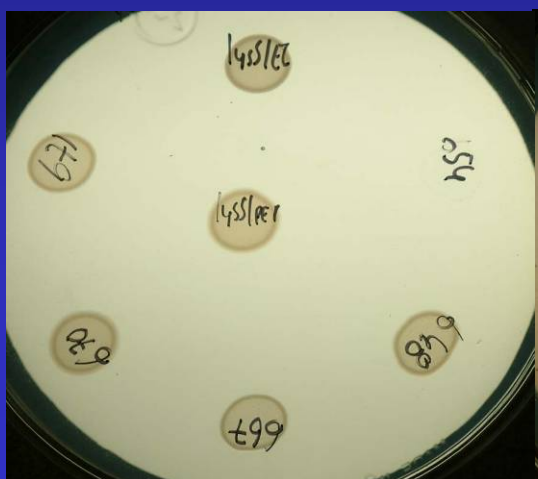
Uninduced: *E. coli* only



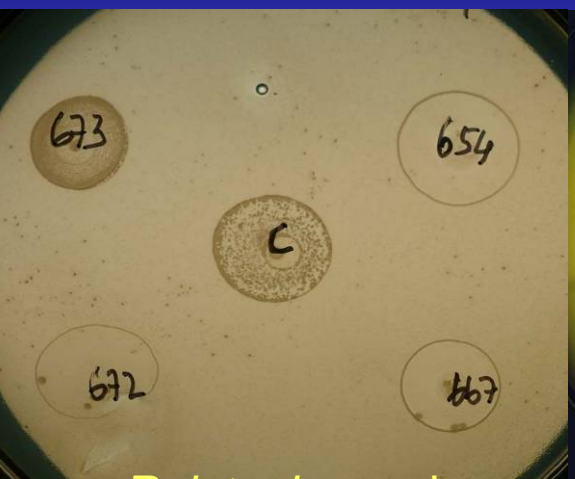
*Ralstonia* overlay



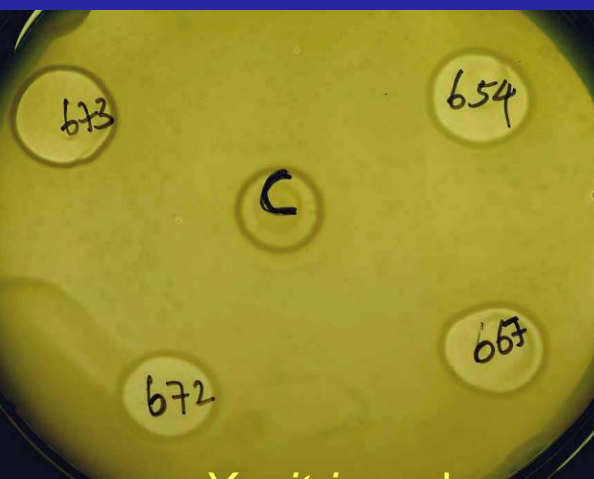
*X. citri* overlay



Induced: *E. coli* only



*Ralstonia* overlay



*X. citri* overlay

BL21/DE3/pLysS grown overnight, uninduced until spotted onto plate.  
654, HZ; 667, MTP; 670, HZB; 672, EL; 673, HZL. Photo 16 hrs.

# IPG DiseaseBlock® 3.1 Platform: using phage and other genes to kill bacterial plant pathogens

Phage have limited infections, but some phage genes encode more general bacterial killers.

Organism Tested	Diseases Caused
<i>Xanthomonas pelargonii</i>	Geranium blight
<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i>	Black rot of crucifers
<i>Xanthomonas citri</i>	Citrus canker
<i>Xanthomonas oryzae</i> *	Rice blight
<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> *	Wilt and blight of many plants
<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>	Bean halo blight
<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> *	Pierce's Disease & CVC
Liberibacter spp.* (not tested, but likely)	Citrus Greening

*\*USDA Select Agents*



# Select Agent Resistance: Challenge inoculations of transgenic DiseaseBlock® 2.0 geranium with *Ralstonia solanacearum*





DiseaseBlock® 3.0 is an improved anti-bacterial platform:  
*7 days after Xanthomonas pelargonii inoculation.*

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DiseaseBlock® 3.0



Control: 7 days post challenge



DiseaseBlock® 3.0 : 7 days post challenge



Control: 2 days post challenge



DiseaseBlock® 3.0 : 7 days post challenge





**DiseaseBlock® may also provide immunity to two untreatable citrus bacterial diseases.**

**Citrus Greening (Huanglongbin) discovered 2005**



**Canker eradication program now ended after 10 years**



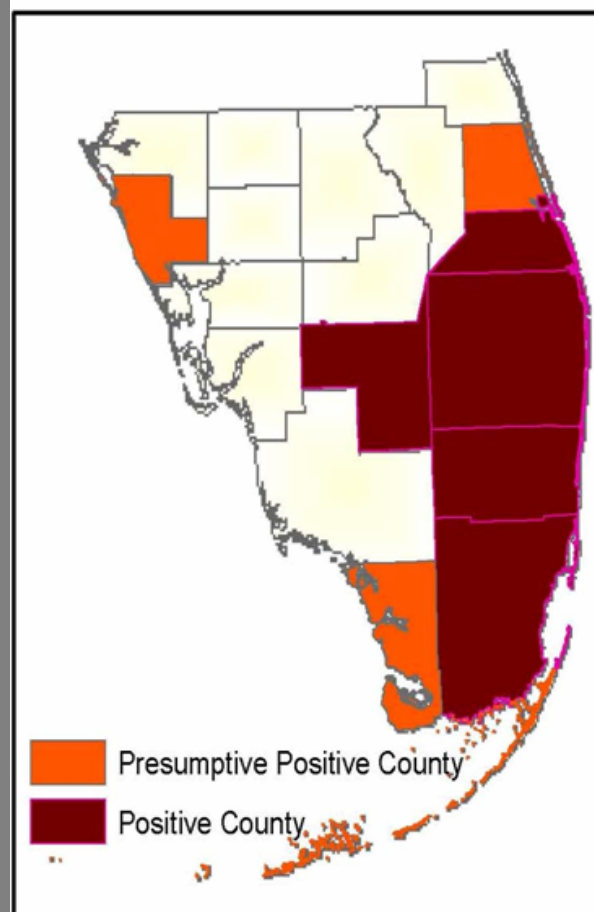


From Psyllid establishment to greening establishment: 6 years

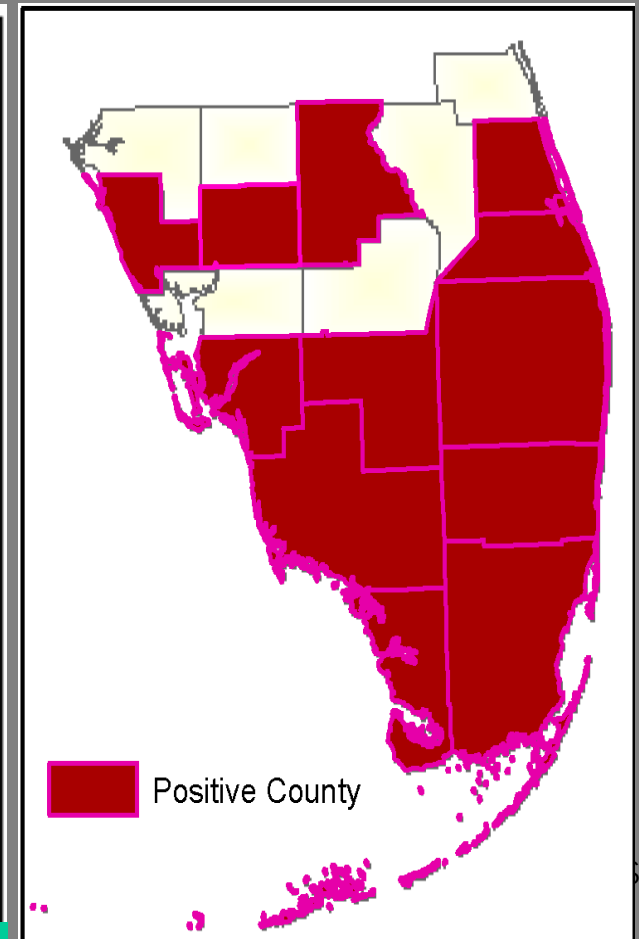
From greening infection to citrus host death: 5 years



APHIS/PPQ intercepted the vector 40 times in US ports between 1985-98.



as of 11/02/05, 414 confirmed positive trees from 271 locations



as of 9/10/06, 558 confirmed positive trees from 414 locations, including 9 commercial groves

GMO fruit trees are accepted in the U.S.



Transgenic (right) and nontransgenic papaya in Hawaii.

Work by: D. Gonsalves, Cornell U.; S. Ferreira and R. Manshardt, U.Hawaii; M. Fitch, USDA;  
J. Slightom, Pharmacia

Transgenic 'UH Rainbow' to be graded in a commercial packinghouse.



Photo courtesy D. Gonsalves



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