

Diseases caused by arthropod-transmitted virus and Liberibacter in southwestern desert crops

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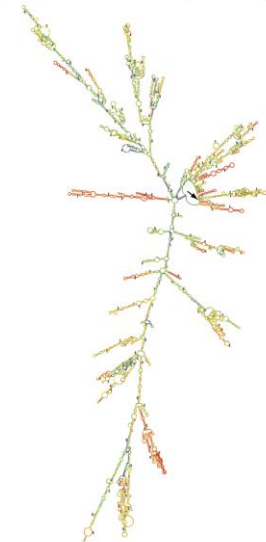


Viruses are very small parasites

- Virus = very small, non-cellular parasites of cells.
- ‘Obligate’ = require a living host.
- Virus particles are produced from the assembly of pre-formed components
- Other organisms grow from an increase in the sum of their components and reproduce by division.
- Viruses do not divide, they replicate their genome and make proteins needed to replicate and make new particles.

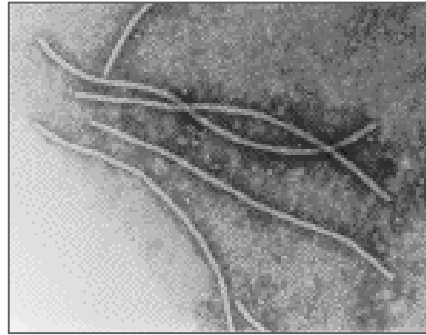


Computer-produced structure of a picornavirus genome

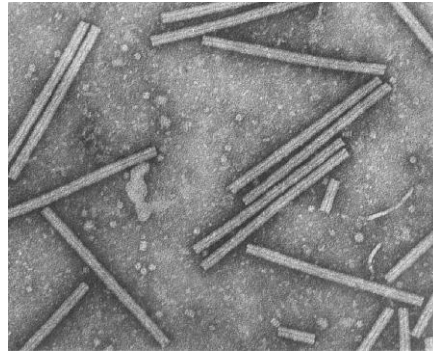


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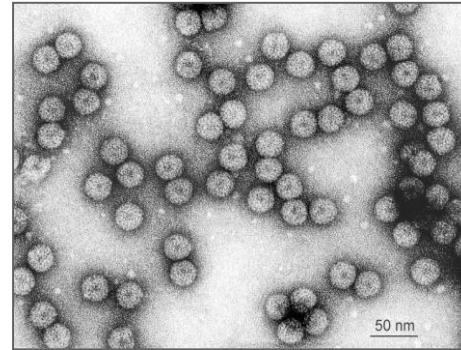
Plant viruses: Different nucleocapsid shapes and sizes



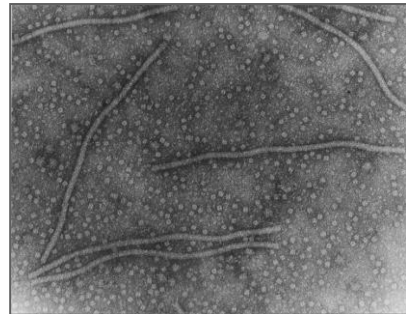
Potyviridae



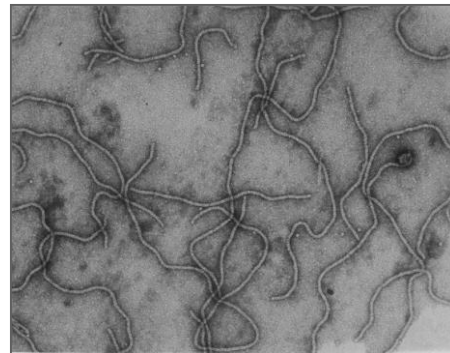
Tobamovirus



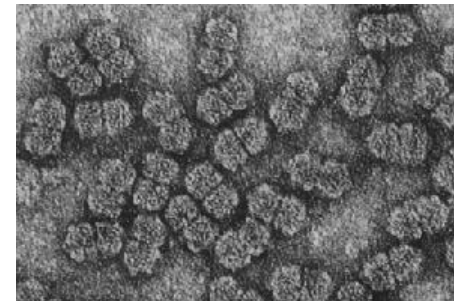
Cucumovirus



Potexvirus: Flexiviridae

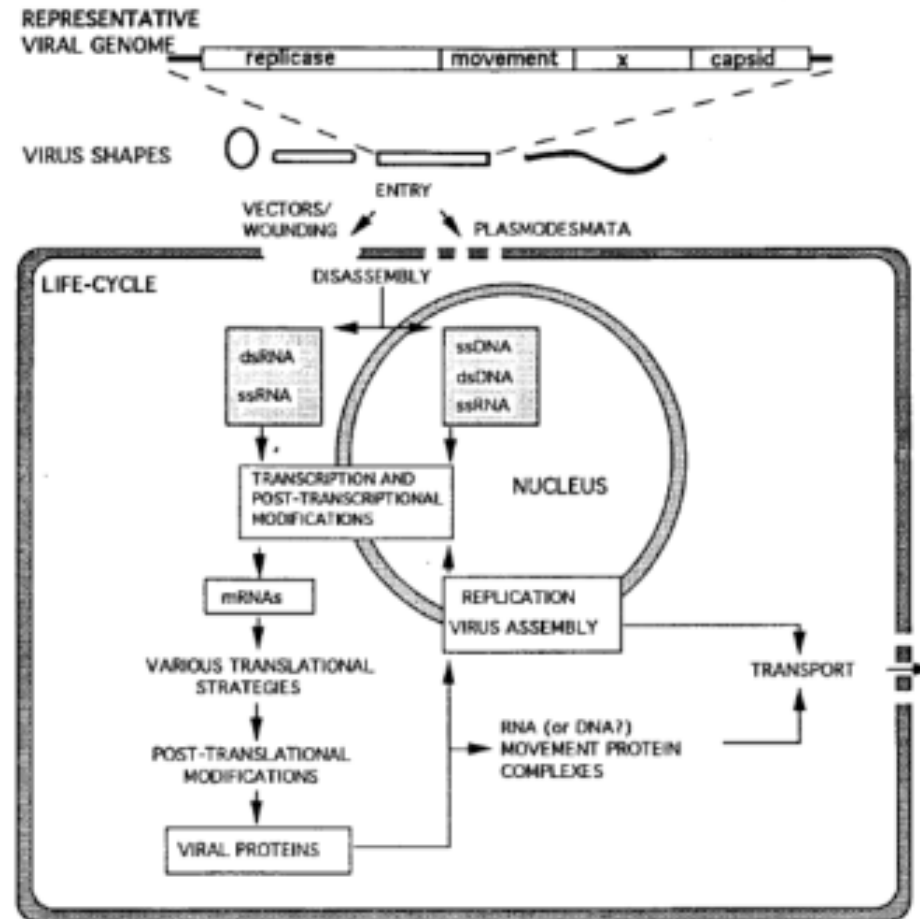


Closteroviridae



*Begomovirus:
Geminiviridae*

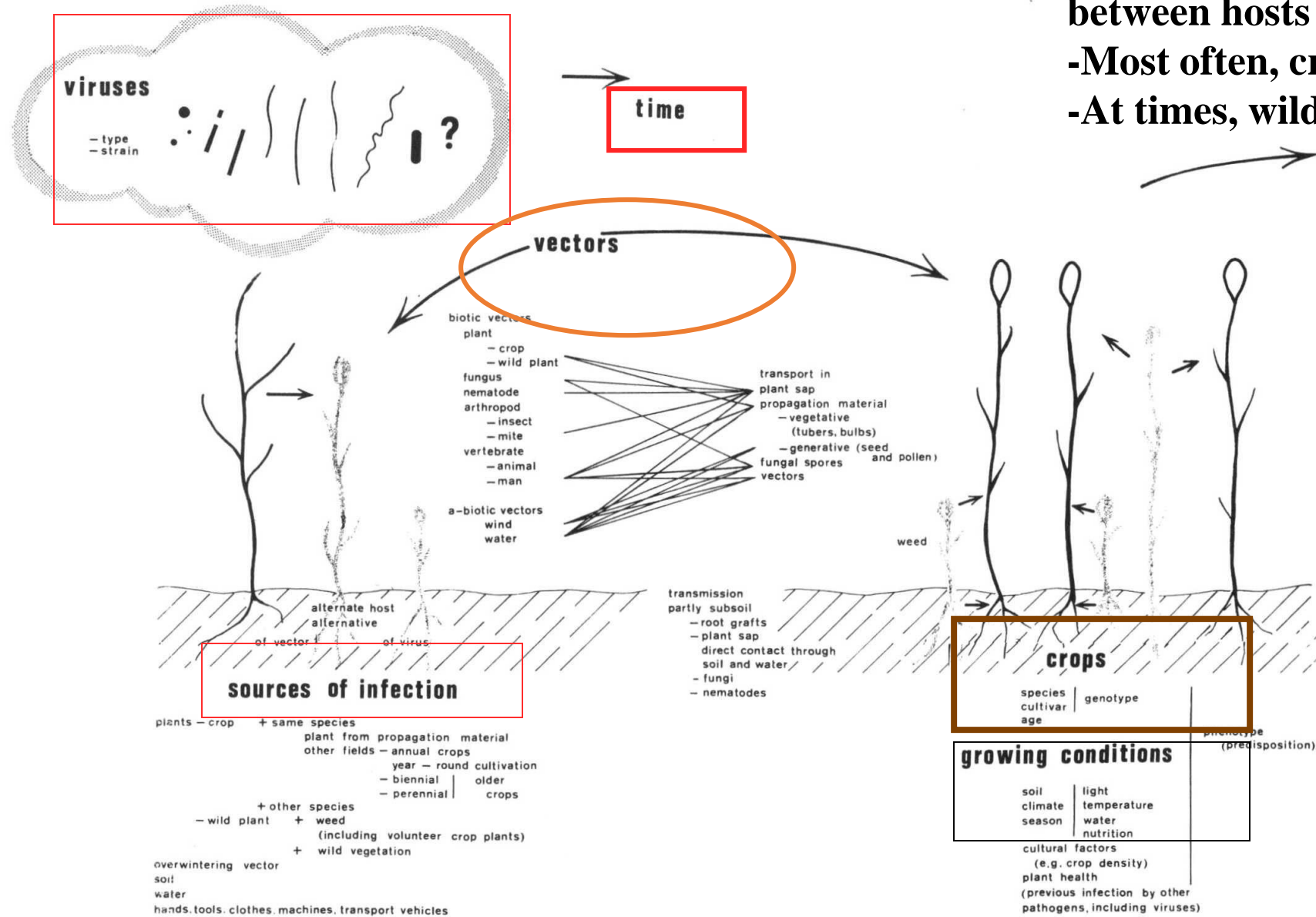
Viruses are obligate parasites = Require a host to reproduce or ‘replicate’



Challenges

- **Plant virus-insect vector complexes** are the single most important causes of biotic stress in subtropical/tropical crops
- **New variants** emerging = human activities, cropping practices, climate change
- Plant virus **disease incidence on the rise**:
 - Food production (arable land) increased to feed more people
 - large-scale monoculture production
 - genetically uniform varieties; little or no resistance to insect feeding or viral pathogens
 - other pathogens that once limited production can be managed
 - climate change – distribution, seasonal abundance, other
- **Particularly important vectors** – aphids, leafhoppers, mealybugs, psyllids, thrips, whitefly-transmitted viruses
- **Seed borne viruses** - more problematic as heirloom and land races are revived, becoming more popular

Epidemiology: virus dispersal between hosts = dynamic
-Most often, crop is source
-At times, wild hosts are source



Six legged transportation

- Order Hemiptera

True bugs - cucurbit yellow vine agent, a bacterium

Leafhoppers

Planthoppers

Aphids

Psyllids

Whiteflies

- Thysanoptera

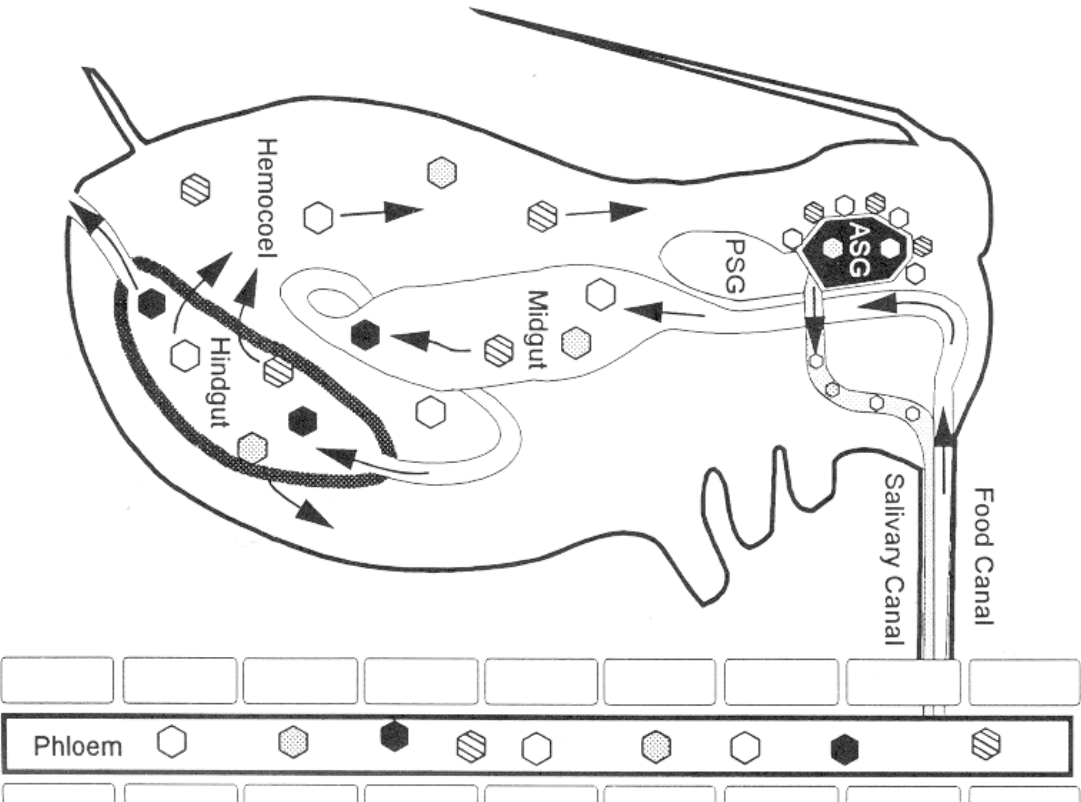
Thrips



- **What do they have in common** = flight for dispersal, phloem or xylem feeding; co-evolved with plant pathogens they transmit

Plant viruses and fastidious bacterial pathogens are retained inside the vector body

In circulative transmission, they circulate from the gut into the blood, and then to the salivary glands from where they are transmitted



Stylets

Foregut

Gut-blood-salivary glands

Specific relationships, not just syringes on wings!



Types of Virus-Vector Relationships

Beet mosaic virus
Potyvirus
3 min acquisition

Beet yellows virus
Closterovirus
2 hr acquisition

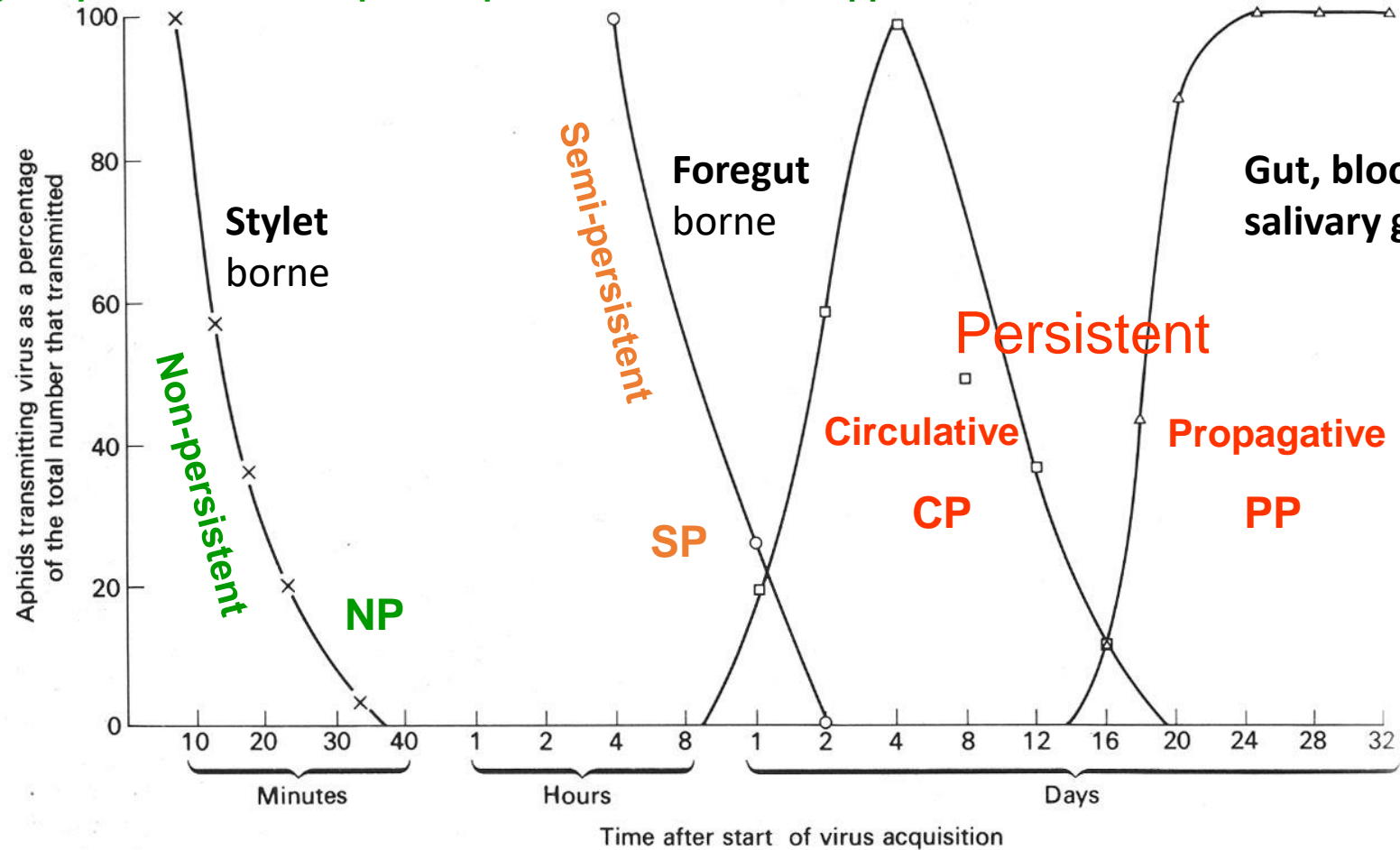
Maize streak virus
Mastrevirus
12 hr acquisition

Sowthistle yellow vein virus
Nucleorhabdovirus
2 day acquisition

Myzus persicae – Green peach aphid

Leafhopper

Hyperomyzus lactucae



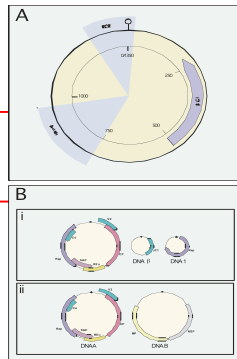
Second most important: transmission – through seed

- About 20% of the known plant viruses are transmitted through seed (of at least one host species)
- Many species can be infected through seeds
- **Legumes**, Composites (lettuce), Cucurbitaceae
- Importance
 - 1% transmission can give multiple foci of infection – means 10^5 in 10^7 plants per hectare
- Globalization of seed industry increases risk of dispersal of viruses, even at a low rate of seed transmission.

Cotton -- Whitefly-transmitted geminiviruses

New World: low diversity

Cotton leaf crumple virus: AZ, CA, TX, Mexico, Guatemala, Caribbean, Brazil (93-100%)
(Idris and Brown, in prep)



Asia: extreme diversity

Cotton leaf curl virus complex (8+ species?)
Often-same beta, different alphasats



Africa, Arabian Peninsula

Cotton leaf curl Gezira virus: moderate diversity

Sudan cotton, *Sida* (Idris & Brown)

Burkina Faso okra (Tiendrébéogo, 2010)

Arabian Peninsula: CLCuGV-okra

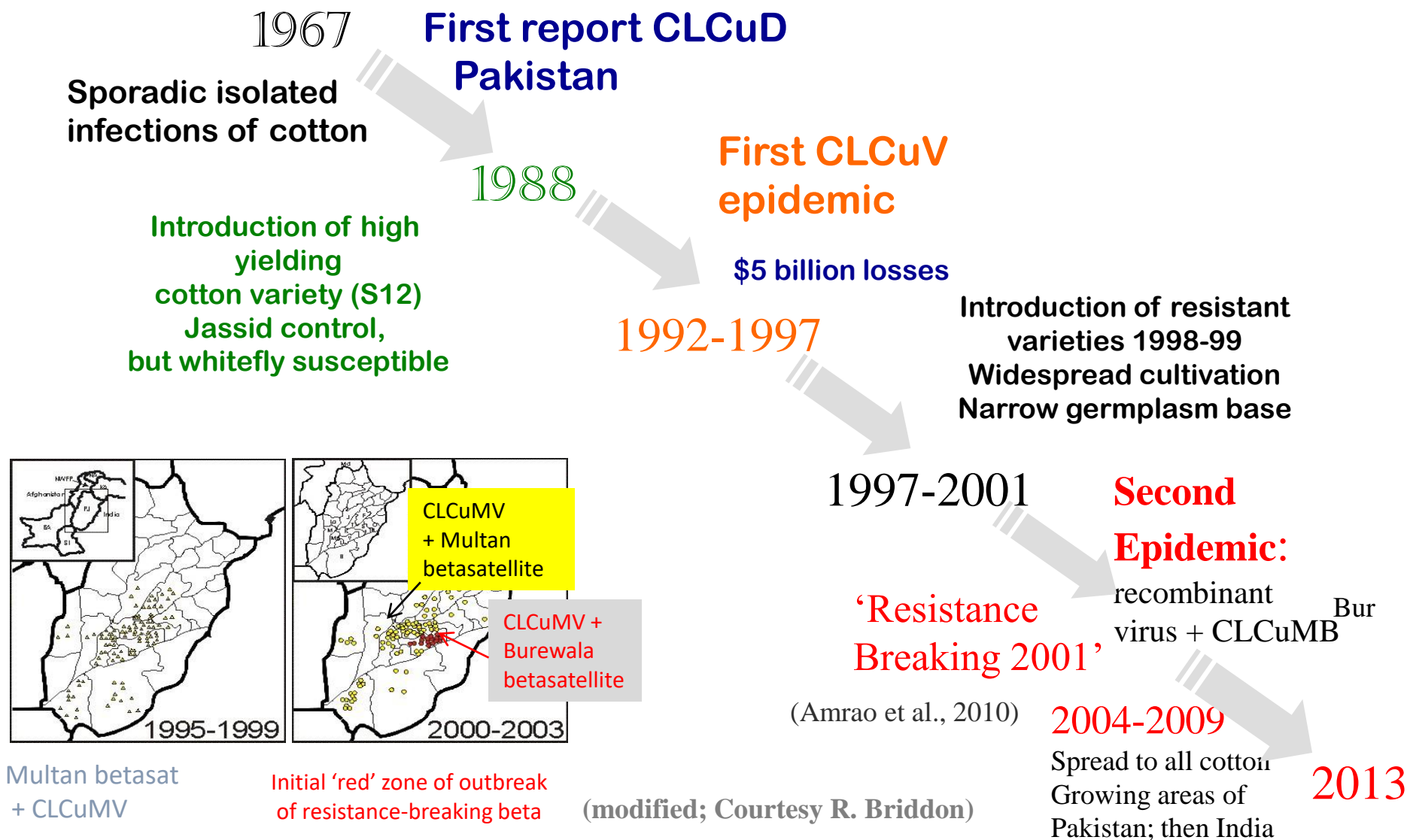
TomatoL TYLCV-OM recomb (Asia-Oman) with

Gezira alphasatellite (CLCuGA)

Diverse betasats 88-98%, alphasats 89%



Cotton leaf curl disease pandemic timeline – Pakistan/India = poses ‘high risk’ to US



Resistance-breaking Burewala strain of CLCuMV

Host-plant resistance to CLCuMV + beta satellite in *Gossypium hirsutum*

Resistance

Parents	F1	F2	F3
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Authors propose three interacting genes involved:

two R genes and a “suppressor” gene

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Geographical expansion of CLCuMV 2008-2013

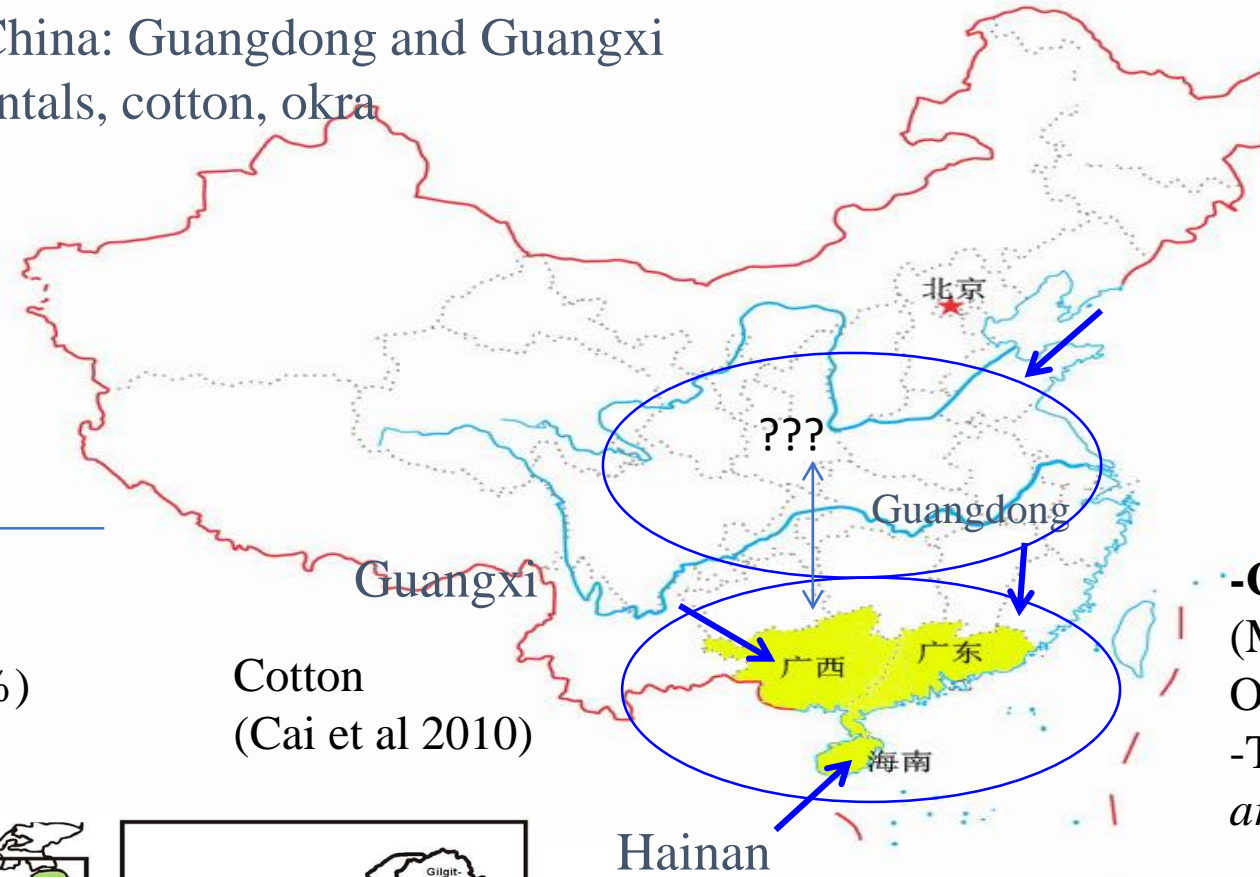
First introduction into China

South China: Guangdong and Guangxi
ornamentals, cotton, okra

okra



Hibiscus



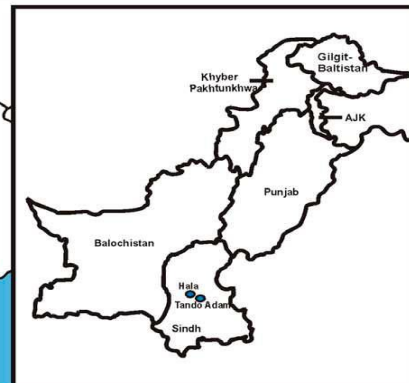
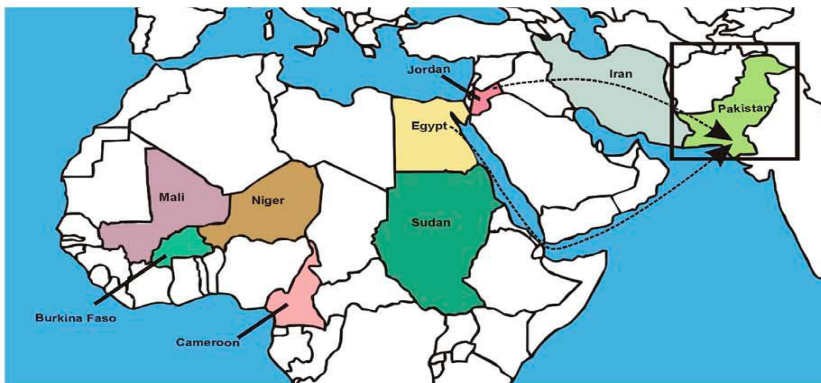
Another recent introduction ...

Cotton leaf curl Gezira virus (99%)
in Pakistan (Tahir et al 2011)

Cotton
(Cai et al 2010)

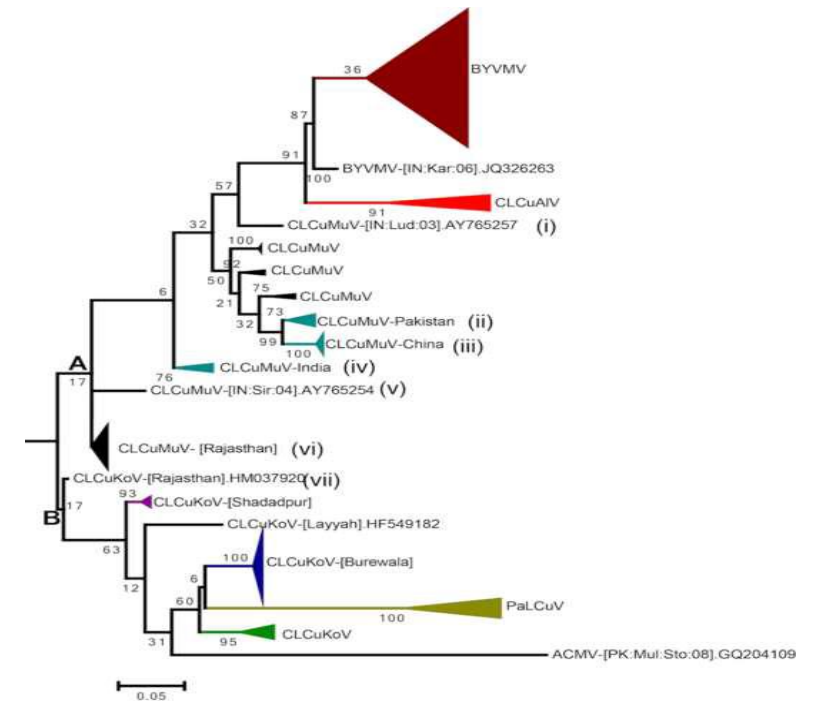
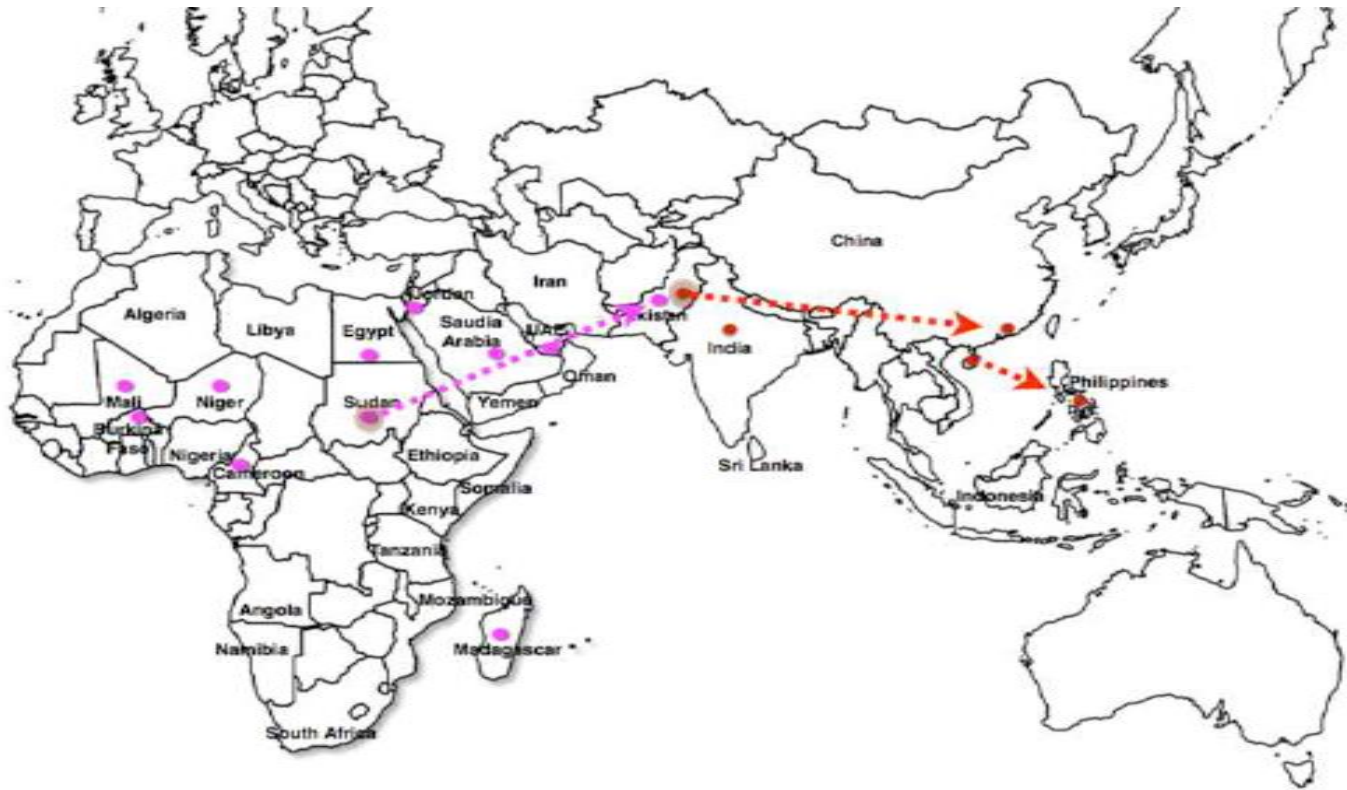
- China -*H. rosa-sinensis* (Mao et al 2008);
Okra, cotton (Xie et al 2010)
- Turks cap *Malvaviscus arboreus* (Tang et al 2013) [def beta]

-**Jordan, Oman** (Khan et al. 2012)
Arabian Peninsula (Idris et al 2013) diversity high = endemic or previous: okra, tomato (unique alphasats).



Cotton leaf curl virus complex 2015

Next, introduced into Philippines *via* Hibiscus /ornamentals



Poses high risk to US and other cotton growing areas
= keep a look out for unusual symptoms

Common viruses of desert forage and vegetable crops

Legumes: alfalfa, common bean, garbanzo bean tepary bean

Most common viruses that infect legumes:

Alfalfa mosaic virus

Bean yellow mosaic, **Bean common mosaic**, Bean yellow mosaic (potyviruses)

Bean leaf roll / Beet western yellows (putyviruses)

Cucumber mosaic virus

Many annual and perennial legumes, and wide range of non-legume-crop plants, and weeds are susceptible to these viruses = of epidemiological importance.

Most important currently in our deserts:

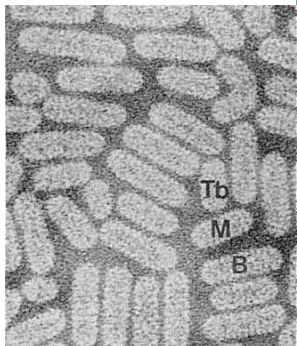
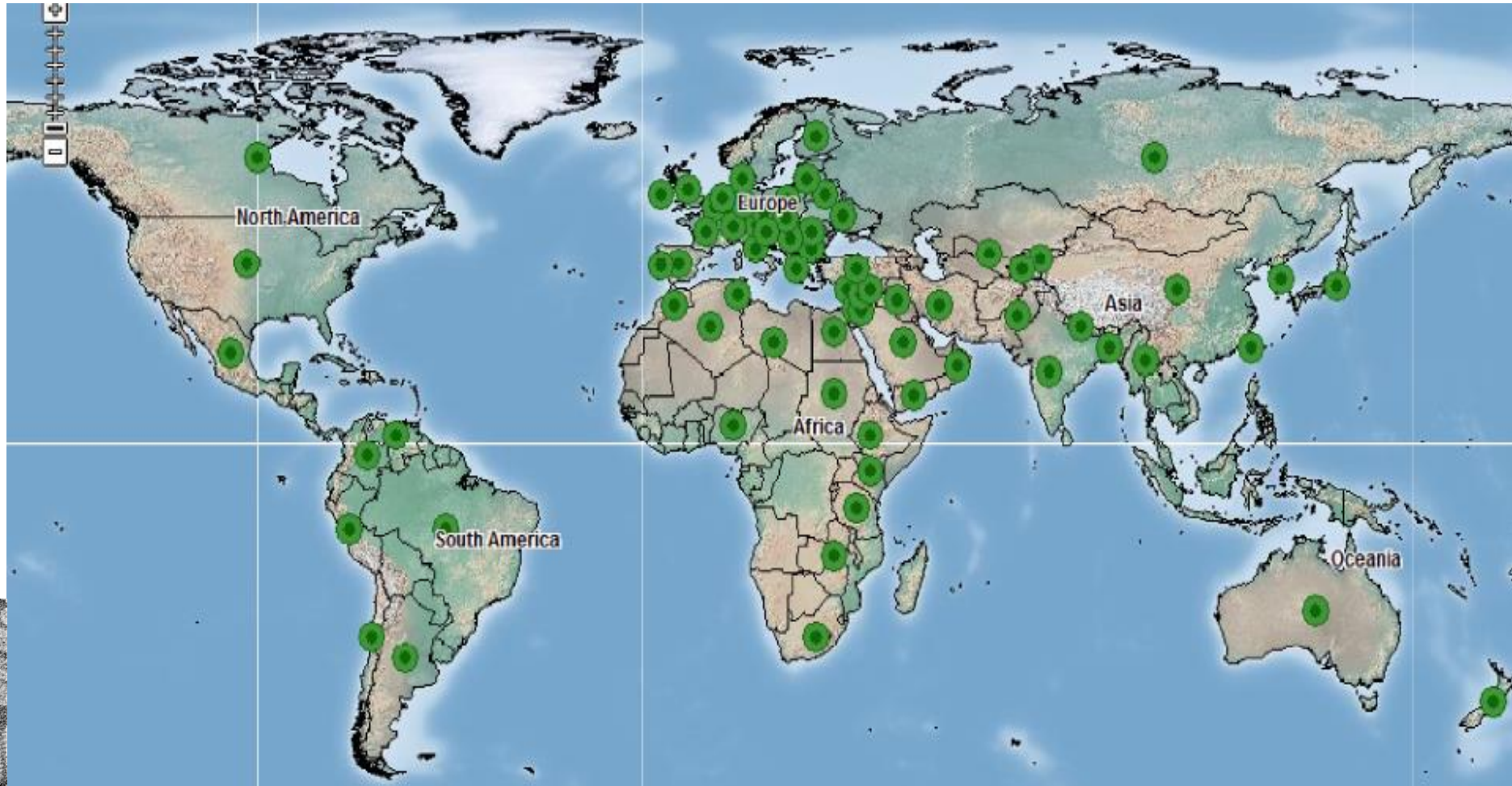
Alfalfa mosaic virus

many strains

infects more than 220 species of plants in 73 genera

extreme example among plant viruses

AMV - Distributed worldwide where alfalfa and clovers are grown



Symptoms

- Vary with host species
- Foliar: Bright yellow mosaic or mottle
- Localized necrosis on leaves, flowers, fruit
- Phloem necrosis, stems and roots
- Can cause severe stunting or plant death
- Seed number and size are reduced

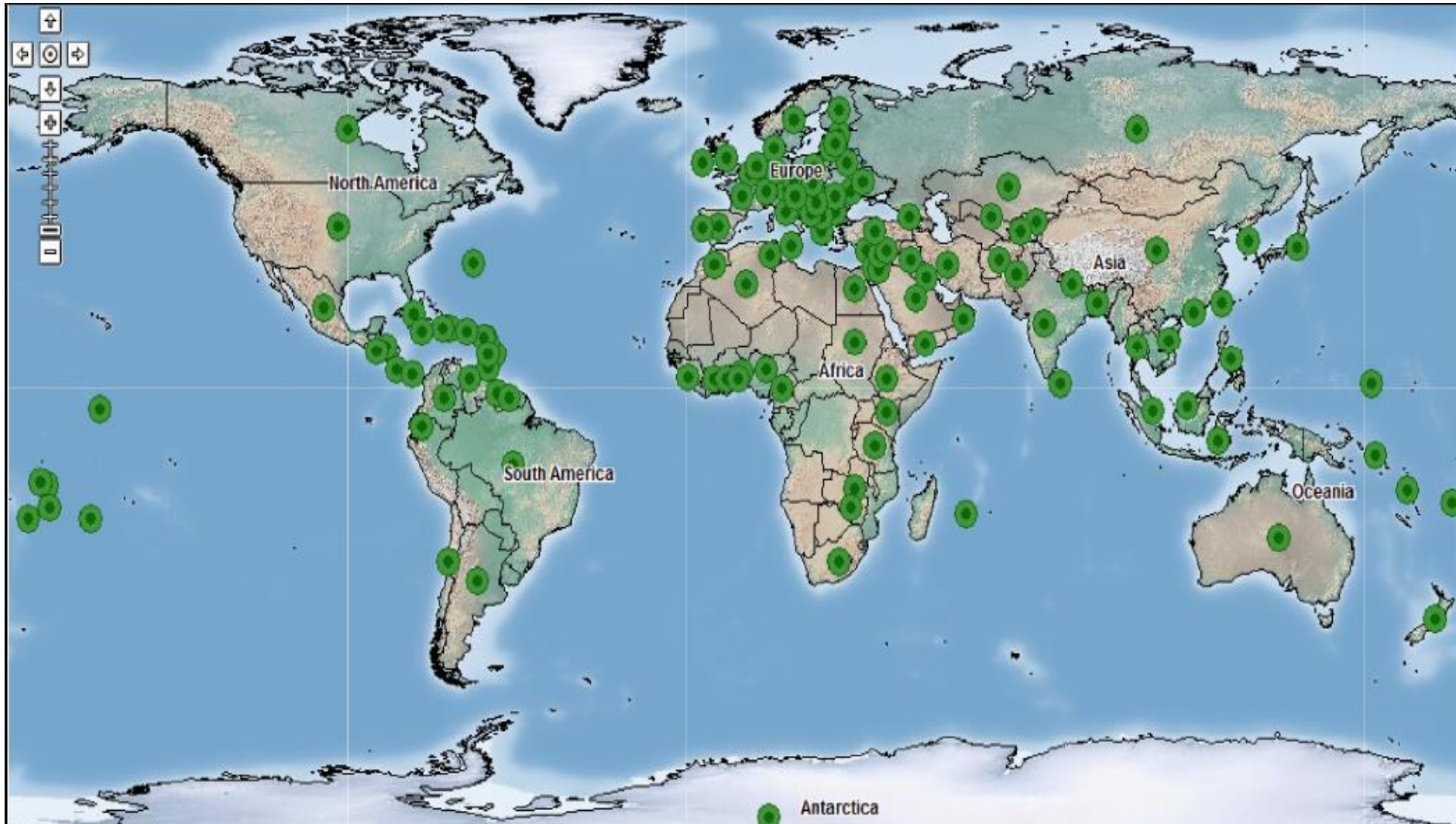
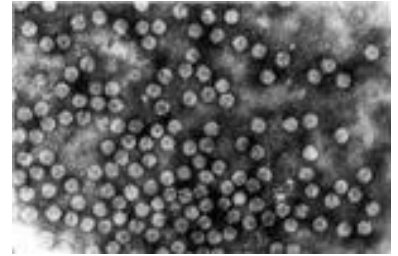


AMV host range and transmission



- **Wide host range** over 700 plant species in 170 genera, 70 families (mostly *Fabaceae*)
- **Natural hosts:** alfalfa, lucerne, red/white clover, common bean and faba bean
- **Transmission**
 - **Sap / mechanical** inoculation – field machinery/mowing
 - **Aphids:** non-persistent (few min to few hrs) by *Aphis craccivora*, *A. pisum*, *A. fabae*, *M. persicae*
 - **Seed:** 1-10% transmission
 - Can persist for up to 5 years in a seed lot

Cucumber mosaic virus - distributed worldwide



CMV Symptoms

- Symptoms differ with virus strain and host
- Common bean
 - Mosaic and/or mottle
 - Necrosis
 - Chlorosis
 - Leaf deformation
- Yield loss 5 – 75% / varies with
 - Age of infection
 - Virus strain
 - Environmental conditions
- Satellite RNA may intensify symptom expression



CMV Host Range and Transmission

- Wide host range, over 1000 species in over 100 families
 - dicots and monocots: bean, cucurbits: cucumber & melons, pepper, tomato
- Aphids transmission
 - Non-persistent manner
 - Over 80 spp., important *Myzus persicae* and *Aphis gossypii*
- Seed transmitted in some hosts, >10% in *common bean*
- Dodder
- Mechanical



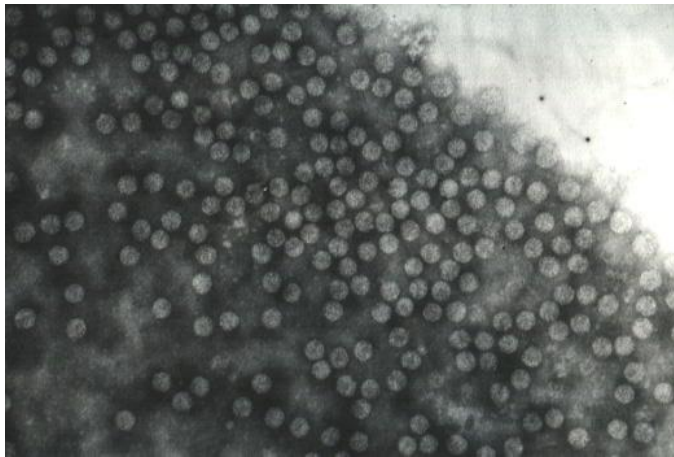
Non-persistently transmitted

Cucumber mosaic virus

Vector: Aphids

Legumes and cucurbits

- Can be seedborne
- Non-persistent
- Transmission in a few minutes



Electron micrograph - CMV

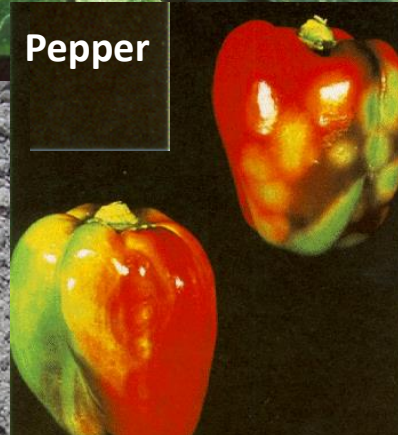
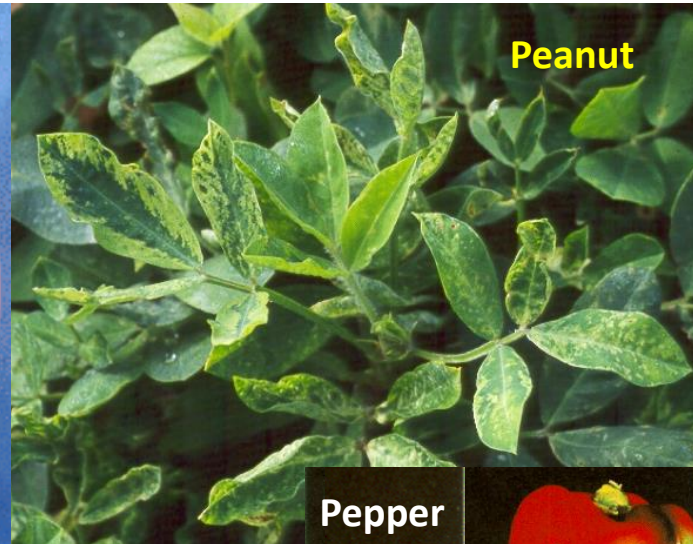
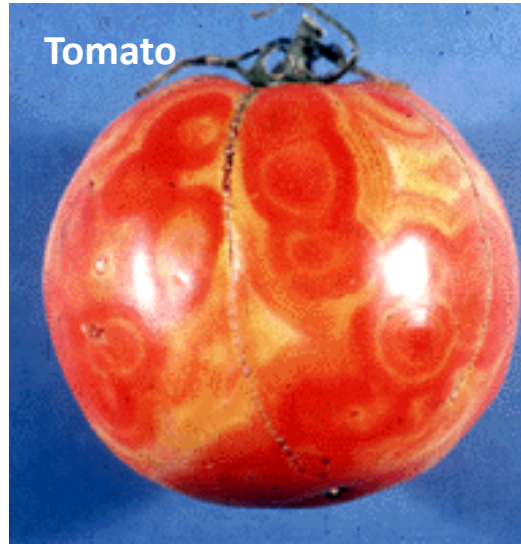
cukes



melon



Tospoviruses



- Serious threats to vegetables, ornamentals
- ~1000 species of plants in
- 70 plant families (dicots & monocots)
- Estimated global yield losses of up to \$1 billion

Thrips are the vectors of tospoviruses

Thrips palmi

T. tabaci

T. setosus

Scirtothrips dorsalis

Ceratothrips claratris

Frankliniella occidentalis

F. fusca

F. bispinosa

F. schultzei

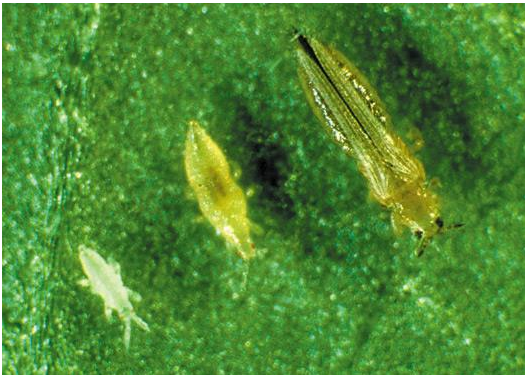
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F. schultzei



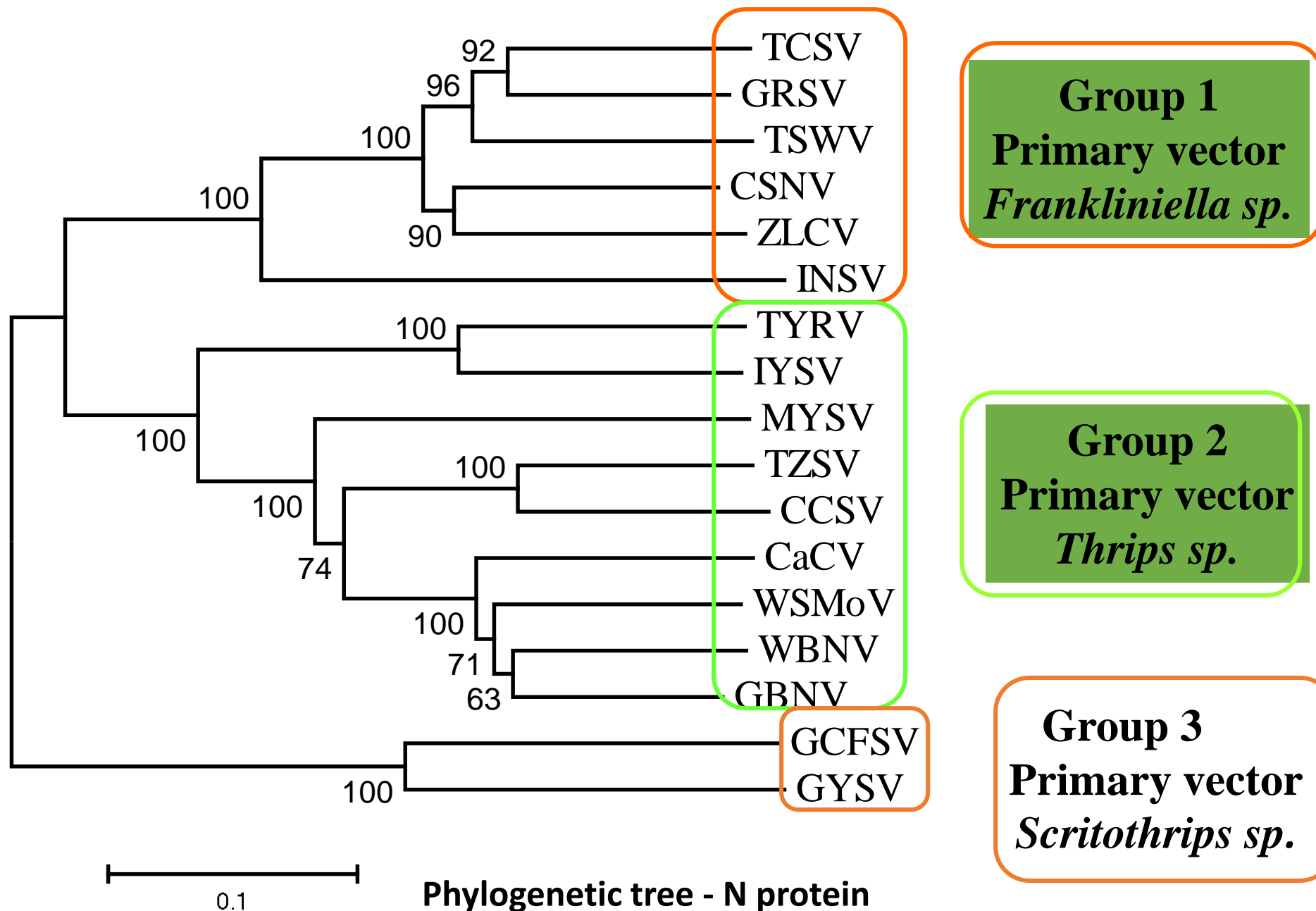
Onion thrips



Flower thrips

12
species

Association between tospoviruses and thrips vectors: specificity



Melon severe mosaic virus -first cucurbit tospovirus identified in Americas/ Mexico

Impact on the crop

- Netted and honeydew melons, squash, and watermelon develop severe symptoms
- Epidemiology is not understood – thus far, only identified in Mexico
- Nearby countries of Central America and SW USA are at risk

- Field test kits have been developed to detect / identify this virus

Symptoms:

Mosaic, leaf blistering , leaf formation, and fruit splitting

Control:

Remove infected plants

Control thrips populations

Host resistance will be the primary control measure – mostly unavailable

Melon severe mosaic virus



watermelon



Melons

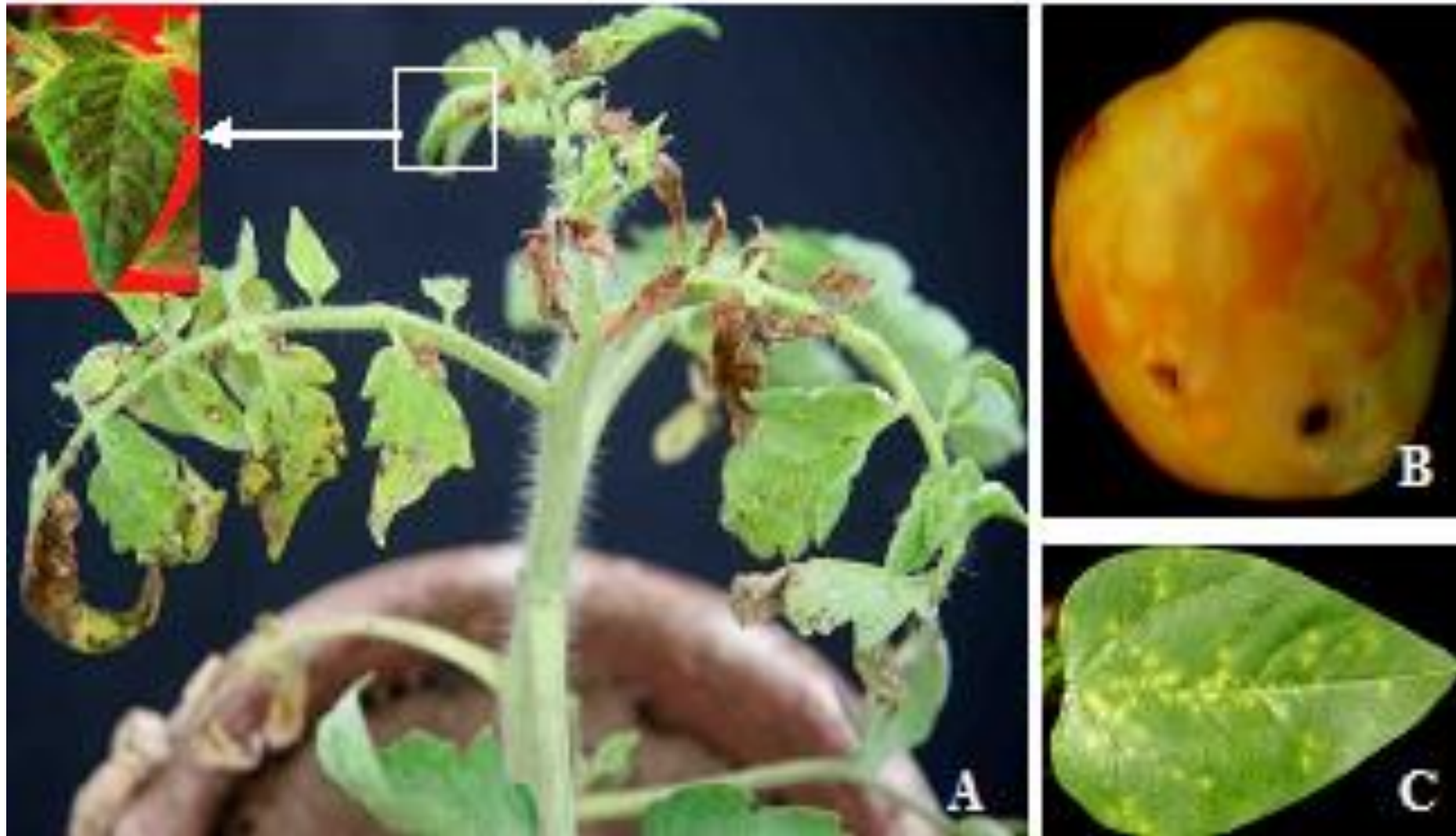


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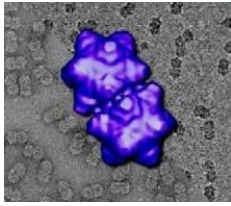
melons



New tospovirus of pepper and tomato: Capsicum chlorosis virus

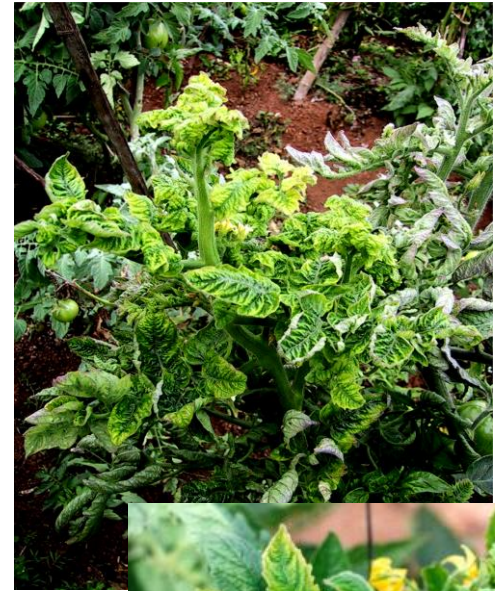


**Emerging virus in Southeast Asia and Australia
Could be problematic in the US if introduced**



Exotic: Tomato yellow leaf curl virus

introduced some time ago, persists in US



Taxonomy: *Begomovirus* family: *Geminiviridae*

- Particle morphology: Paired icosahedral 20 x32 nm
- Genome type and size: ssDNA, circular 5.2 kb
- **Vector:** Polyphagous whitefly- *Bemisia tabaci* complex
- Symptoms: leaf curling, stunting, reduced fruit set
- **Distribution:**
Worldwide in much of the tropics
Western Hemisphere: U.S., Mexico, Caribbean



Symptoms / other hosts

Narrow host range:

Crops: Bean, pepper, tomato

Weeds: *D.stramonium*,
milkweed

Ornamentals: petunia, others

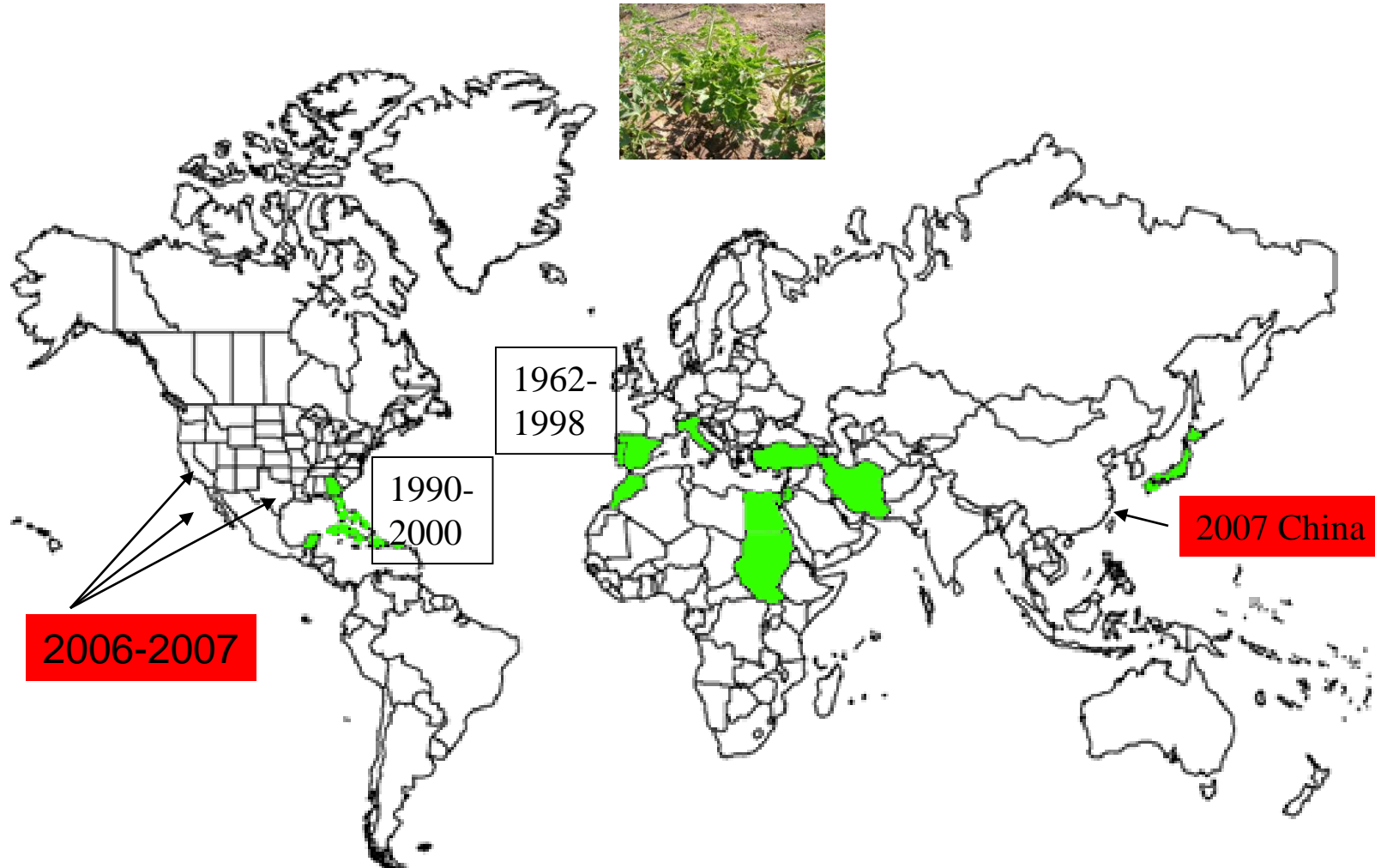


bean



pepper

Worldwide Distribution - TYLCV Is

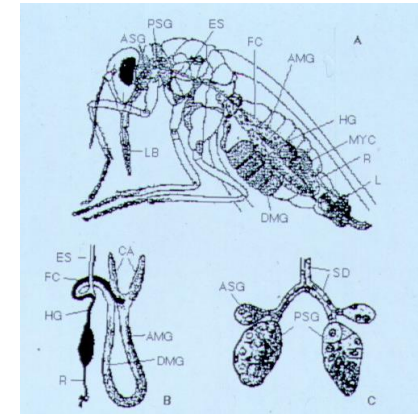


In western US & Mexico, TYLCV was introduced on tomato transplants and ornamentals- from east to west.

Whitefly vector transmission

- Persistent in vector: once acquired, can transmit for life
- Circulative: circulates in the vector after ingestion via mouthparts
- Particles pass into midgut and cross the gut membrane to enter hemolymph
- Enters salivary glands; from there, transmitted in saliva during feeding
- Acquisition access period = 30 min+
- Inoculation access period = 30 min+
- Latent Period = 8+hrs)

Transmission pathway



Gut barrier Salivary glands

~ Among the 32 viruses that infect cucurbits/melons ..

Closteroviruses

Vector: whiteflies

Bemisia tabaci, Trialeurodes vaporariorum

Beet pseudo-yellows virus (US)

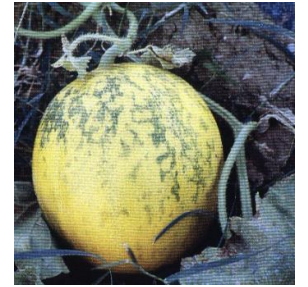
Cucumber vein yellowing virus (Europe)

Cucurbit yellow stunt disorder virus

(Israel, Jordan, Spain, Guatemala, Texas, US)*

Cucumber yellows virus (Japan)

Muskmelon yellows disease (France, Spain)



***Introduced to US 1990**

Melons - honeydew and cantaloupe
Studies indicate the CYSDV host range is broader than reported in Mid-East



Most recent introduction: CYSDV

1985 First recognized as a new virus disease in the Middle East

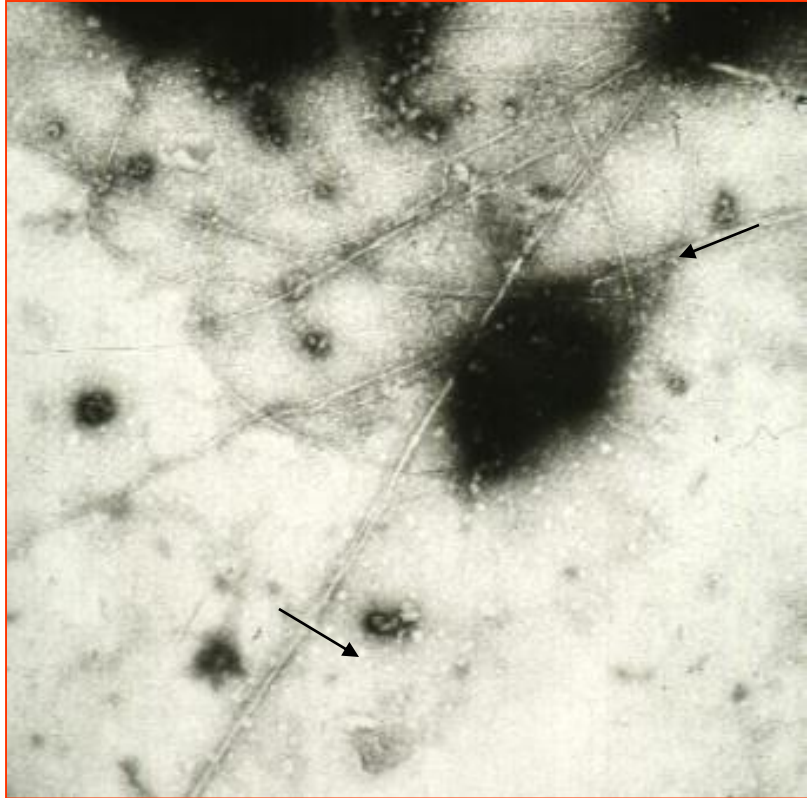
1999 Middle East: Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, UAE

1996 Europe: Spain (south coast melons, cucumbers)

1999-02 North America: Zacapa Valley, Guatemala, Tamaulipas, Mexico; Colima, Mexico; Texas-USA

2006 North America: Arizona/California, USA; Sonora, Mexico

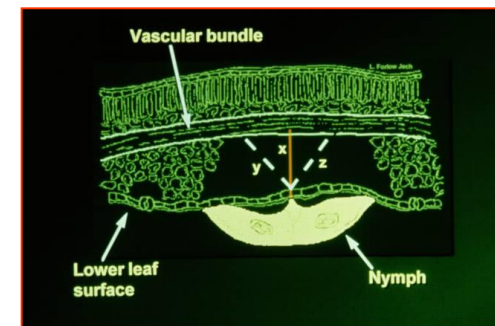
Virus particles- long flexuous rods 2000 x 12 nm



2000 nm long x 10 nm wide



- **Semi-persistent transmission**
- **Transmits for ~3 days post AAP**
- **Yellows symptoms**
- **Not seedborne**



Symptoms in squash



yellow



acorn



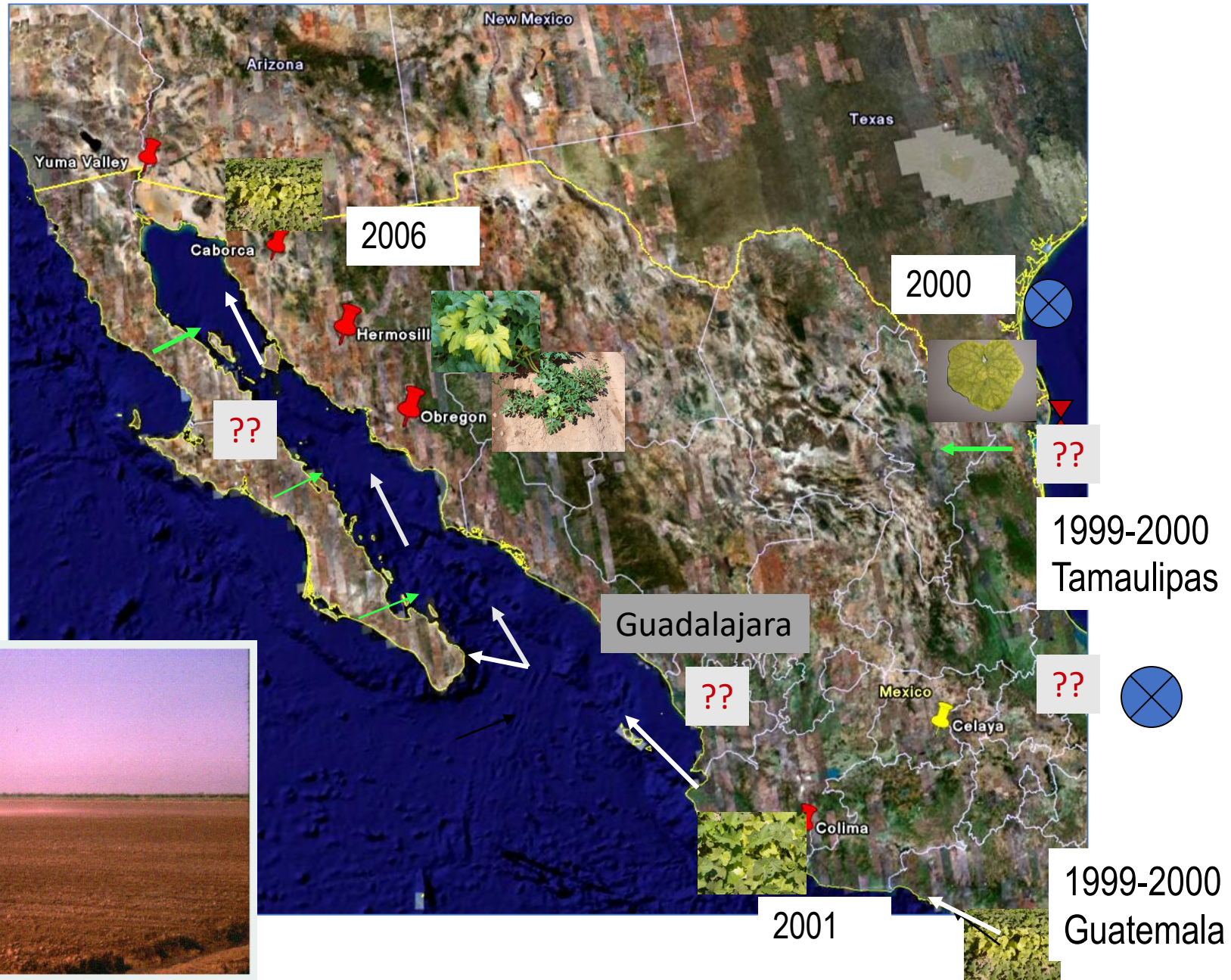
Yellow squash





watermelon

POSSIBLE ROUTES OF SPREAD to the U.S. - known sources in Texas, Mexico, Guatemala (map Nolte & Brown)

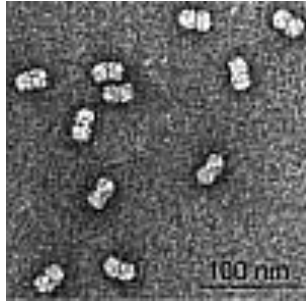


Cucurbit-infecting begomoviruses

Squash leaf curl virus (1970-1980)

Squash mild leaf curl virus (1970-1980)

Cucurbit leaf curl virus (emerged: 1998)



Distribution: AZ, CA, TX, Mexico

Vector: *B. tabaci* A & B biotypes

Persistent transmission: lifetime of the vector

Not seed transmitted

pumpkin



watermelon



Squash leaf curl virus (1979)



• Host Range

Bean

Cucumber (mild)

Melon (mild)

Squash & Pumpkin

Watermelon

2. *Squash mild leaf curl virus*:

Infects Bean, Squash, Pumpkin

- Also- mixtures occur of SMLCV+SLCV

Cucurbit leaf curl virus

- 'emerged in 1998 US & Mexico



melons



bean

• Host Range

Bean

Cucumber (severe)

Melon (severe)

Squash & Pumpkin

Watermelon



Melon chlorotic leaf curl virus



- New bipartite begomovirus of melon (*Cucumis* species) (Brown *et al.*, 2002)
- Emerged in Zacapa Valley, Guatemala 2000
- Symptoms: interveinal chlorosis, leaf curling, stunting, **fruit discoloration & cracking**

Cracking



MCLCV symptoms in melon leaves & fruit

Fruit lesions



Leaf curling



Fruit discoloration



New ssRNA viruses with unusual symptoms

-Torrado virus

Two ssRNAs (7807 + 5403)

-First identified in Spain 2005, then Mexico, Guatemala, other

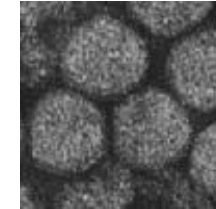


Compare
TSWV

Tomato apex necrosis virus

Two ssRNAs (6478 + 3013)

-Identified in Mexico 2006



Tomato apex necrosis virus Mexico 2005-07





Fruit symptoms could possibly be confused with those caused by ToSWV

Emergent fastidious bacterial pathogens

***Ca. Liberibacter* spp.**



Obligate pathogen

Psyllid vector

Relatively host-specific

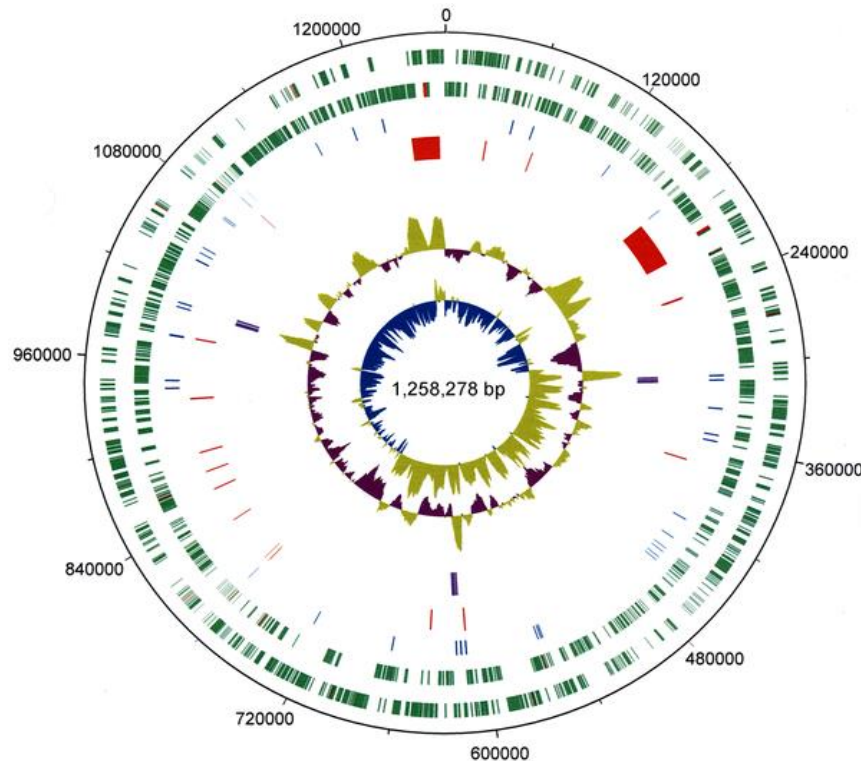
Citrus greening disease (HLB)

- Huanglongbing (HLB) or citrus greening disease is caused by three *Ca. Liberibacter* species
- Causal agent is fastidious, gram-negative, phloem-limited bacteria, *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*
- Transmitted by Asian citrus psyllid, *Diaphorina citri*
- Circulative, propagative transmission

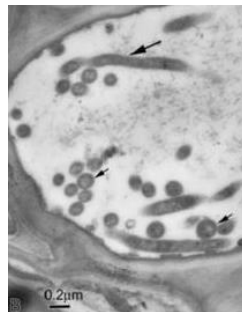


D. citri

Search for the microbe - Not a Virus – but a Fastidious Bacterium



Bacterial cells in plant



The genome of ‘*Candidatus Liberibacter*’ has been determined

The pathogen forms ‘**biofilms**’ in the host:

- A **biofilm** is an aggregate or group of microorganisms in which cells adhere to a surface – usually embedded in a matrix of slime.
- This is one part of the life cycle; the other part consists of cells that float or swim

HLB symptoms



- Leaf 'mottling' that **crosses veins on older leaves** is the best 'diagnostic symptom' to look for.
- Newest leaves have symptoms – similar to zinc deficiency
- Notch in leaf is due to feeding by Asian citrus psyllid, the vector of Liberibacter, the citrus greening pathogen.



Photo: Susan Halbert, DPI

'Funky' fruit symptoms - citrus greening



Grapefruit
- Florida
(S. Halbert)



Orange fruit photos: Jose Luiz Rodrigues (Brazil)





Psyllid Vector



- Small, about the size of aphids (2.5 mm)
- s.o. Homoptera (Hemiptera)
- Phloem feeder
- Prefers new growth
- Numbers increase rapidly when plants are actively growing
- Feeding alone causes damage when psyllids are abundant



- Two vector species:

Asian species vector: Asian citrus psyllid *Diaphorina citri* - U.S.

African species vector: African citrus psyllid *Trioza erytreae*



Life Cycle – Asian citrus psyllid

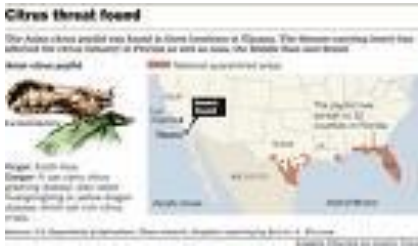


- Eggs are bright yellow or orange
- Deposited on young leaves
- Up to 1000-2000 eggs/female ~ 3 wk
- Nymphs yellowish orange-new growth of leaves and stems
- Waxy honeydew visible on leaves
- Nymphs move slowly, no flight
- Adults (winged) disperse/migrate



5 immature instars

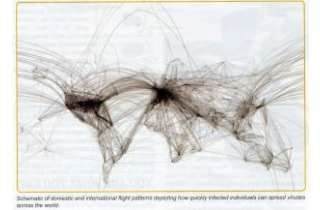




Other Pathways..

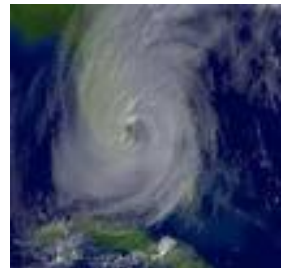
Of the pathogen

- Infected seedlings, budwood, infected plants; smuggling of plants
- Ornamental hosts: *Murraya paniculata* (orange jasmine) 23 spp. in Rutaceae
- Vegetative transmission by grafting



Of the psyllid vector - invasive species

- Psyllids dispersing on wind currents and major tropical disturbances
- Transmission rate variable – bacterium irregularly distributed plant



Asian citrus psyllids can fly long distances

Photos: Susan Halbert



Large groves in Hendry Co., ~ 50 miles from urban development

Map: Andrea Chavez



Asian citrus psyllids move on unprocessed fruit



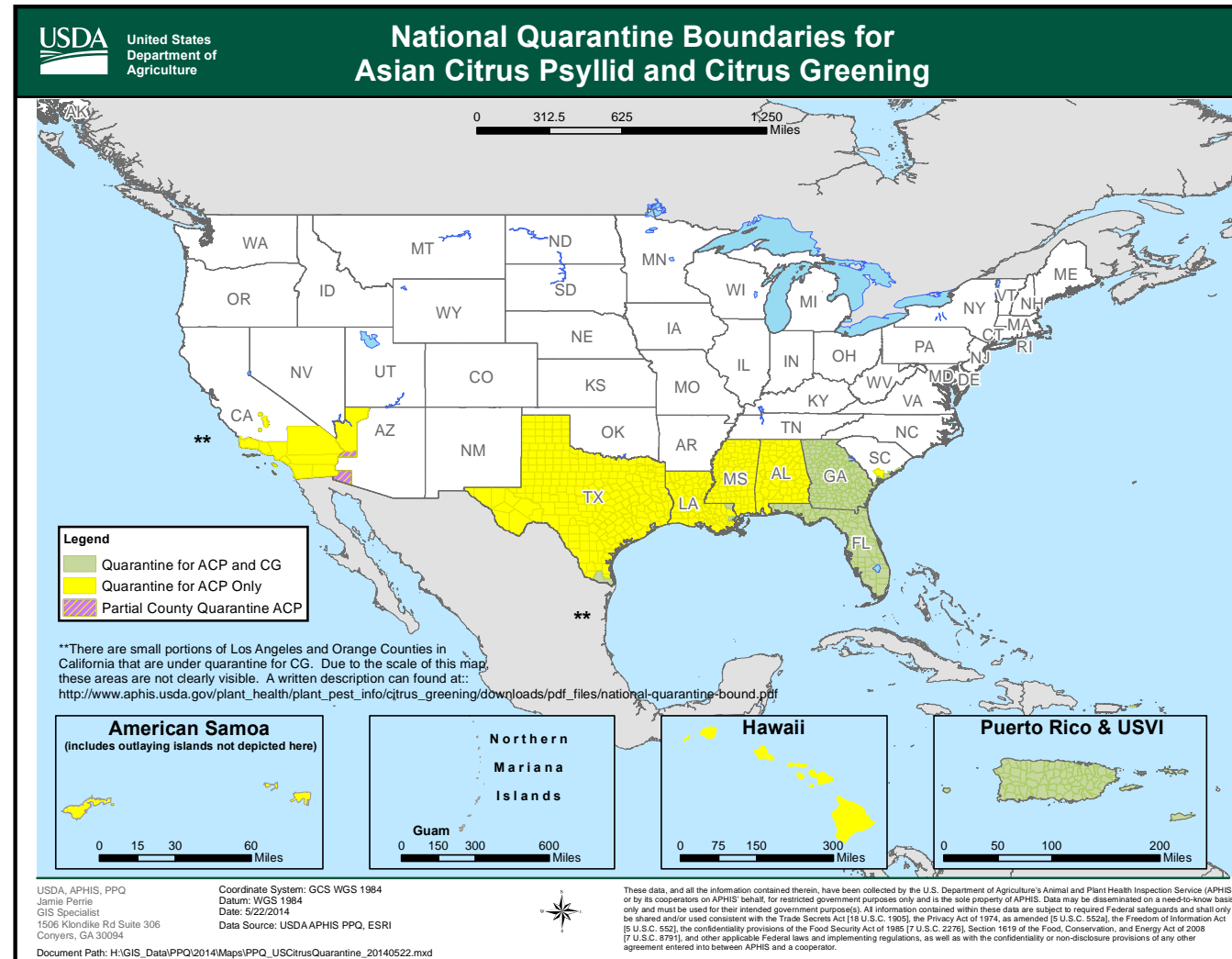
Photos: Susan Halbert and Matt Brodie

Citrus greening sometimes is for sale ... local nurseries and tourist shops (FL)



Fifteen U.S. States or Territories are under full or partial quarantine due to the detected presence of Asian citrus psyllid and/or the greening pathogen

Alabama, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Texas and the U.S. Virgin Islands

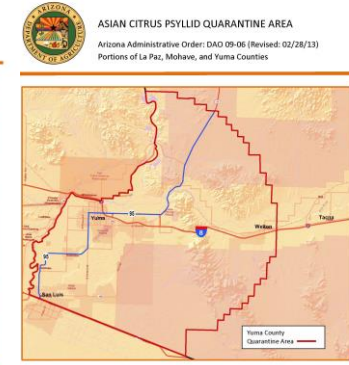
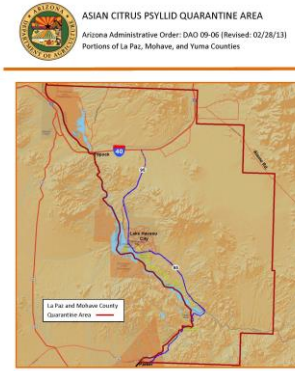


- Depts of Agriculture in CA and AZ / USDA-APHIS psyllid monitoring
- Arizona has a \$37 million dollar citrus industry



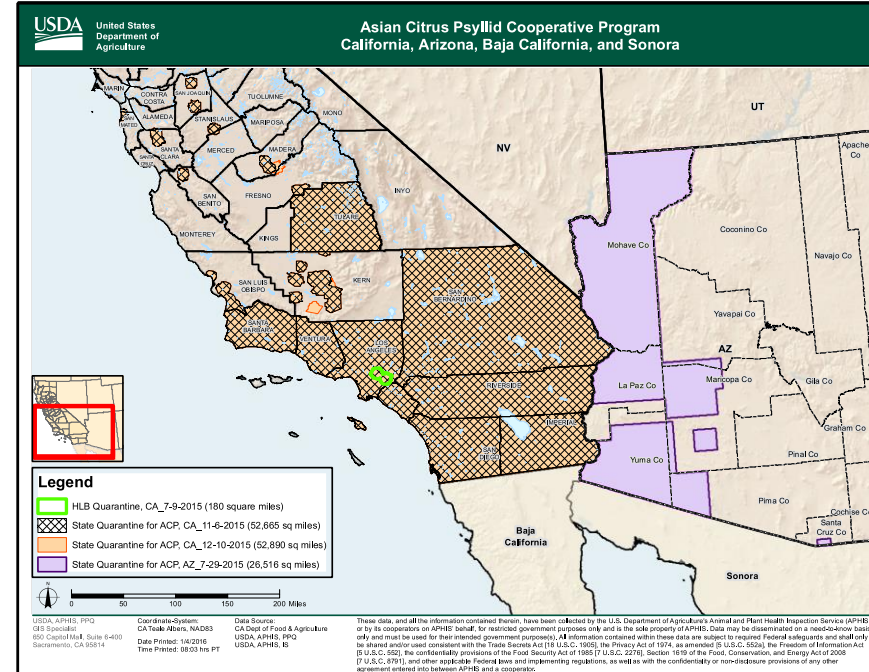
(Courtesy, J. Caravetta, ADA)

Quarantine areas in Arizona 2013



I-40 and I-8 corridors initial zones

Expanded quarantine areas 2018
AZ, CA, Sonora



Zebra chip of potato / Vein-greening of tomato 2004-onward in US

-Causal agent: fastidious, gram-negative, phloem-limited bacterium *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* (CLso)

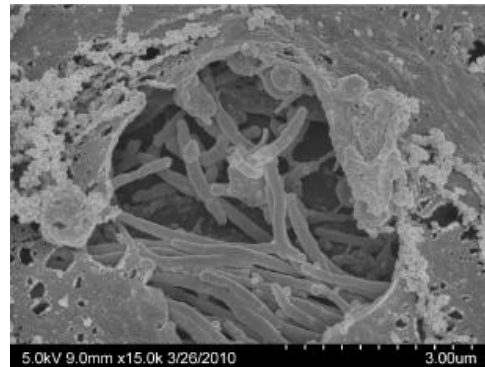
-Vector: potato/tomato psyllid *Bactericera cockerelli* (Sulc)

-Infects phloem of plant –disrupts metabolism, source and sink-like effects in tubers, tomato fruit – sugars don't accumulate

-Multiplies and circulates in the psyllid vector

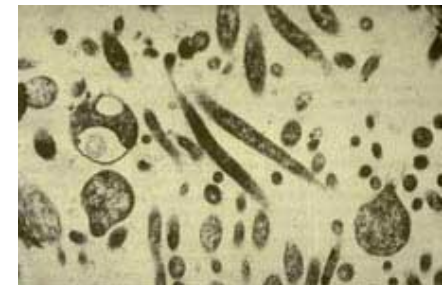


Potato (tomato) psyllid

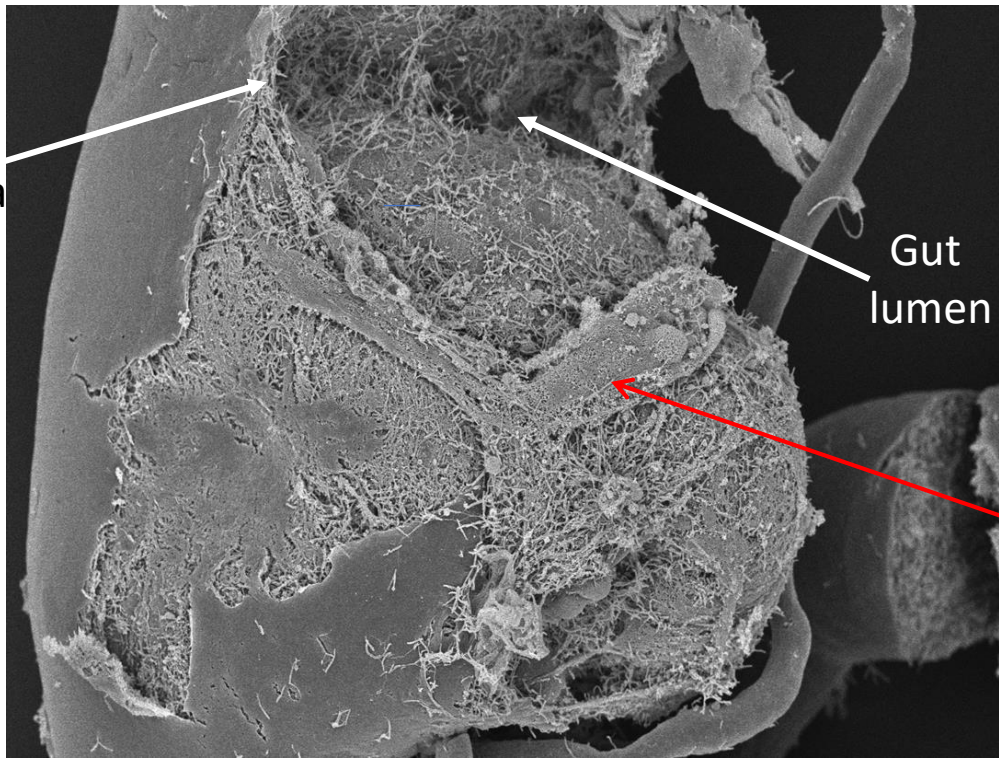


Infected PoP gut

Uninfected
PoP gut



Basal lamina



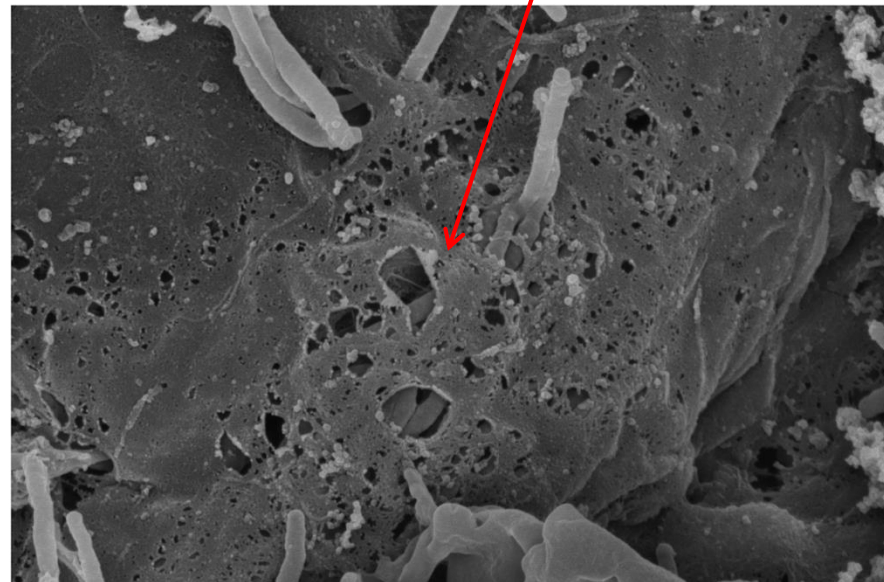
Gut lumen



Pathogenic *Haemophilus influenzae* causes membrane ruffling during exit from human epithelial cells

Membrane ruffling?

SEM images of
Liberibacter-infected
psyllid guts



Symptoms of tomato vein greening



2004 NEB



2005 CA
location 1



2005 CA
location 2

Vein-Greening & Wilting



RENO NV 2005

Life Cycle History Study at 26C

Stage	Duration	% Survival	
Egg	5 – 8 days	40.6 %	Male/Female Ratio: 1.1 +/- 0.12
Instars	19 – 24 days	47.3 %	
Adult	10 – 15 days	62.7 %	
Life Cycle	32 - 38 days		



Duration in each stage is temperature dependent

Dispersal and overwintering biology of potato psyllid

- Wind-assisted dispersal
- Seasonal migration
- Genetic difference between central and western psyllid populations (Liu, 2006)
- Overwinter survival can occur even when conditions are unfavorable for psyllid development
- Ovarian diapause (inactive when food needed for breeding is absent)
- Overwintering in tropical and/or temperate species ?



Proposed recent migration routes of
PoP in North America

Experimental Host Range Study

Ca. Liberibacter psyllauros

24hr AAP; 7 day IAP

(20 adults/plant) on transmission of *Ca. Liberibacter*

Solanaceae-
specific in crops

Some wild hosts
In other plant
families



Test species	Inoculation access period (7 days) number of infected plants (%) confirmed by PCR				Symptoms (days)
	7days	15days	25days	35days	
Tomato	3/4 (75%)	4/4 (100%)	4/4 (100%)	4/4 (100%)	11 d
Potato	3/4 (75%)	4/4 (100%)	4/4 (100%)	4/4 (100%)	11 d
Pepper	0/4 (0%)	3/4 (75%)	4/4 (100%)	4/4 (100%)	21 d
Eggplant	3/4 (75%)	4/4 (100%)	4/4 (100%)	4/4 (100%)	11 d
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	0/4 (0%)	1/4 (25%)	3/4 (75%)	4/4 (100%)	25 d
Cotton	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	NS (35d)
Pumpkin	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	NS (35d)
Bean	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	NS (35d)
Cantaloupe	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	NS (35d)
Watermelon	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	NS (35d)
<i>N. benthamiana</i>	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	NS (35d)
Sugarbeet	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	0/4 (0%)	NS (35d)

Goal: Healthy Plants

To manage problems leading to poor health / rule to remember is:

- **KNOW WHO and WHERE your enemy is**



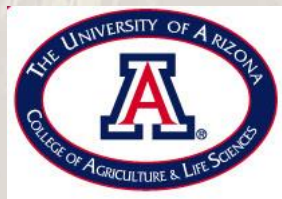
- Sounds simple - - **Mostly, it is ...**

- **ENERGY and KEEN OBSERVATIONS**

BE PROACTIVE:

- Be ahead of the problem – routine monitoring
- Control psyllid vectors upon arrival to prevent infection and reduce secondary infestation/infection
- Use chemicals judiciously - prevent insecticide resistance
- Use clean seed (potato) and virus-free seedlings

Mission of the National Plant Diagnostic Network



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NPDN Mission

**Enhance national agricultural security
by quickly detecting and identifying
introduced pests and pathogens.**

Method

- **Create a nationwide network of land-grant universities**
- **Provide training to first detectors and diagnosticians**
- **Establish protocols for reporting to responders and decision makers**

Network Responsibilities

- **Outbreak detection and identification**
- **Secure communications system**
- **Information storage and management**
- **Data analysis**
- **Reporting and alerts**
- **Training**

Minimize Impact

Need for Plant Biosecurity



Maintain profitability of
crop production

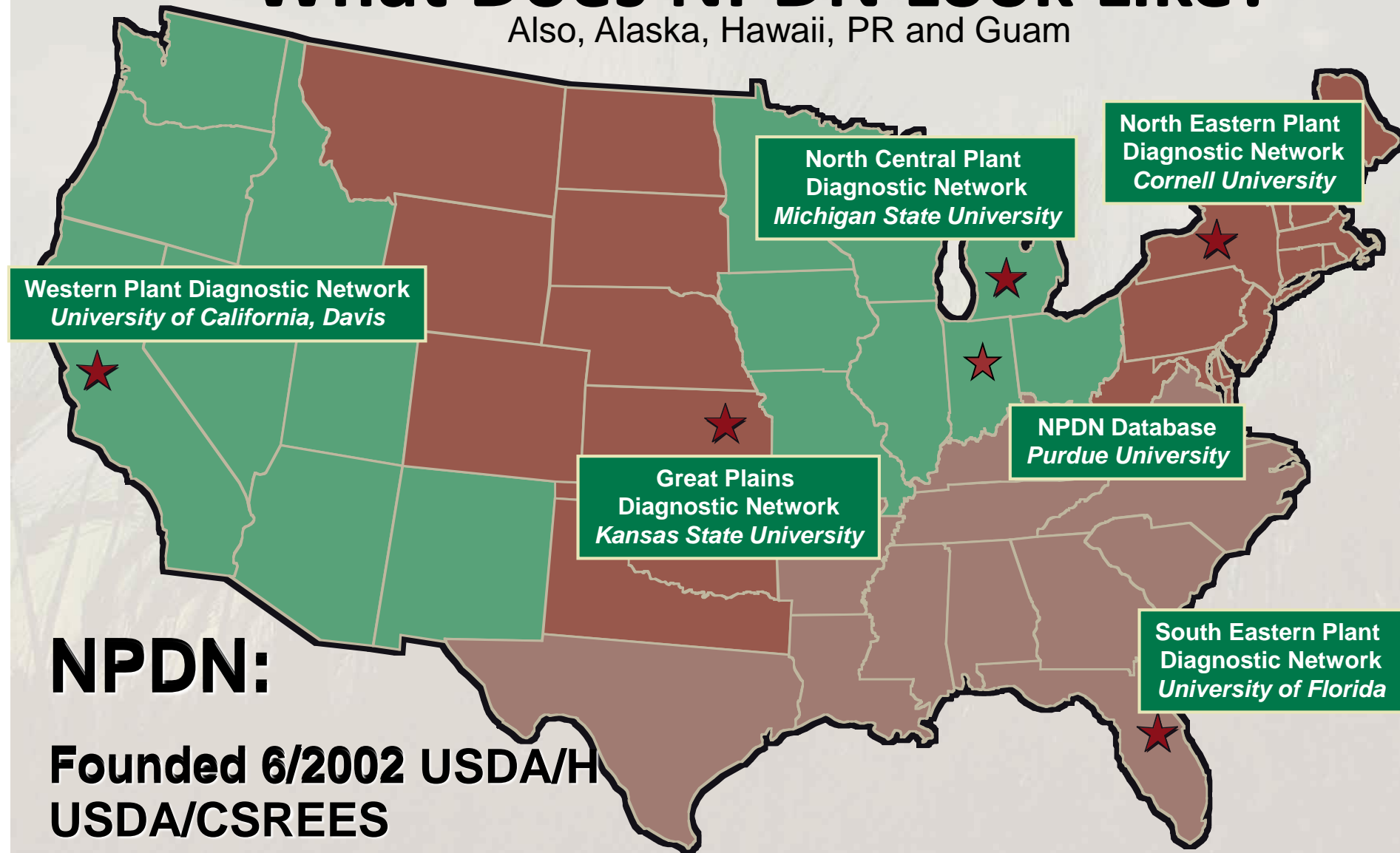
Invasive species cost
\$ billions/year



Maintain security of
food production

What Does NPDN Look Like?

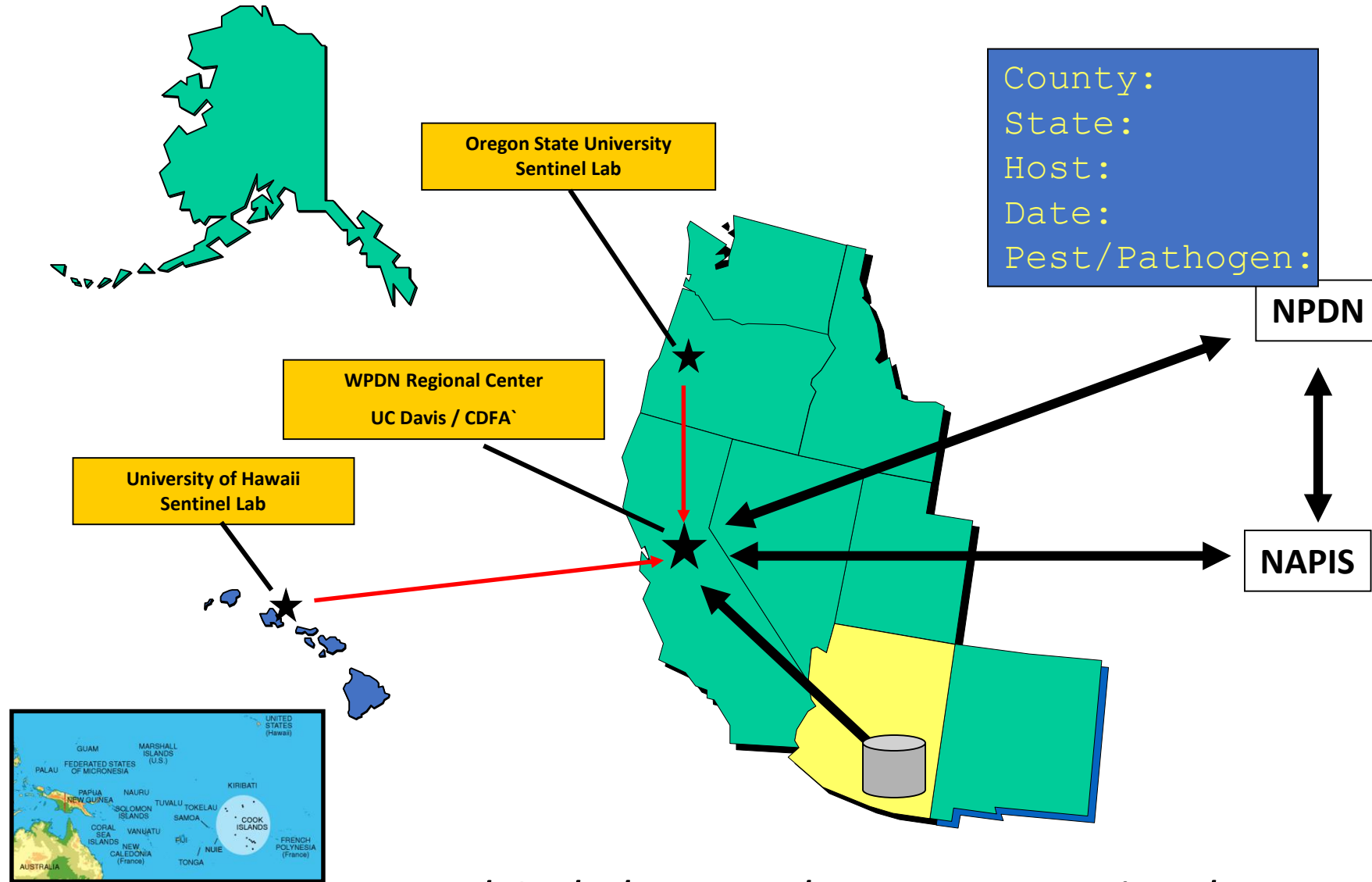
Also, Alaska, Hawaii, PR and Guam



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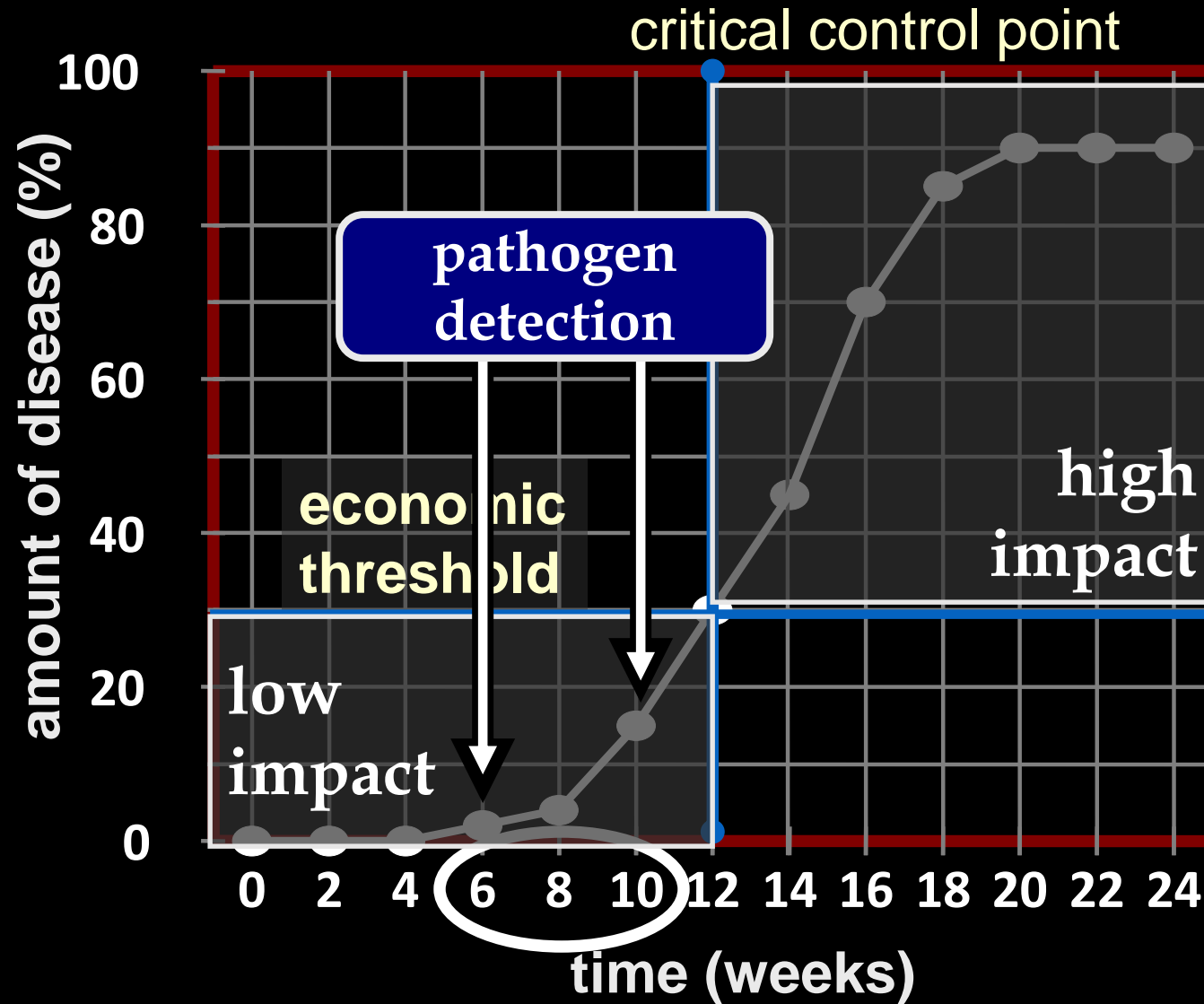
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What is the National Plant Diagnostic Network? ... a Suite of Regional Networks



AZ and CA belong to the Western Regional Network

Importance of Early Detection



Everyone's role as a First Detector

- Be alert to the unusual or different
- Receive NPDN First Detector or First Detector Educator training
- Be placed on a national notification registry of First Detectors
- Receive pest alerts and other relevant updates
- Report new or unusual observations

Thank you

