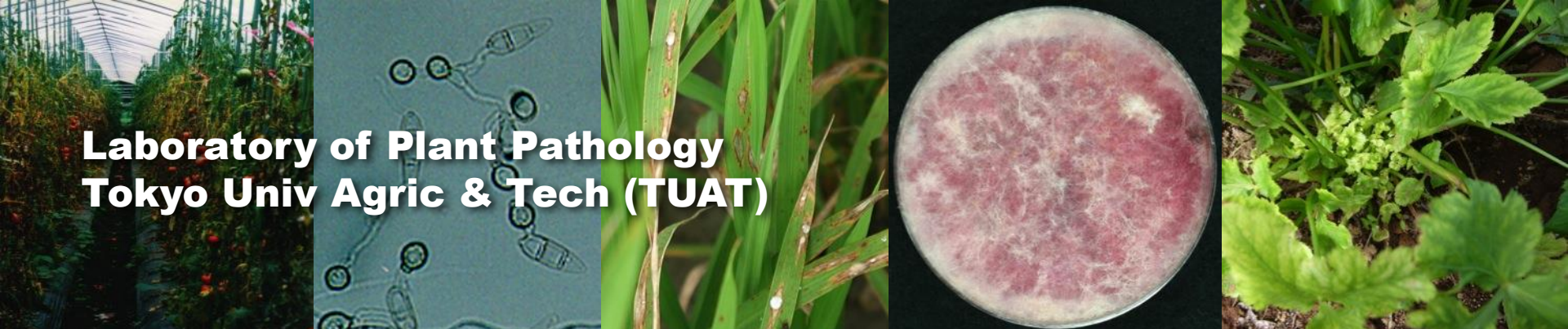




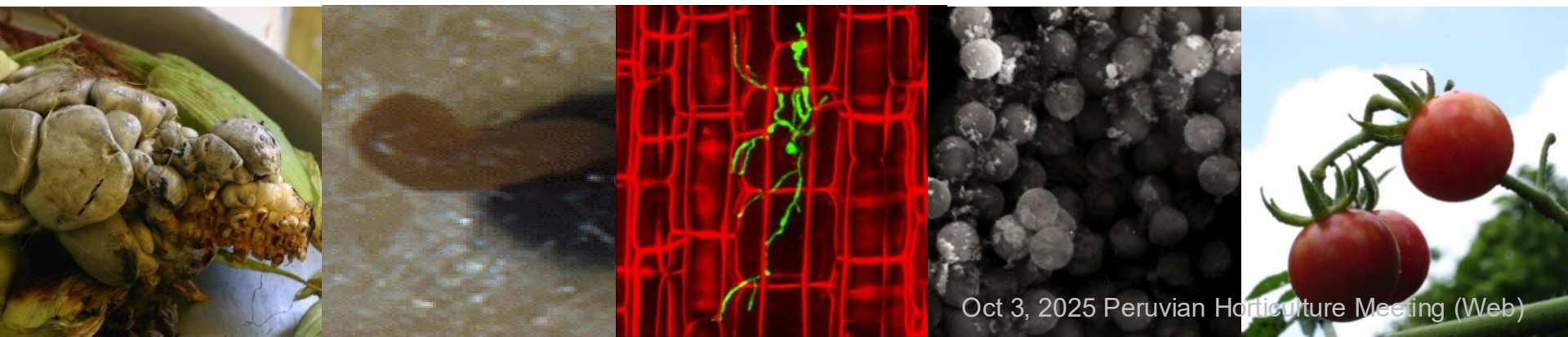
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Plant Soilborne Fusarium Diseases -Banana and Tomato Wilt Diseases-

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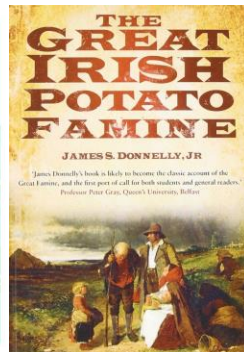
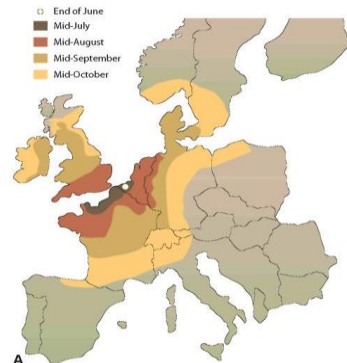
Invasive plant diseases threaten human lives indirectly

Potato famine

1845–1846

Population : ~1.25 billion

1 million people dead



COVID-19

Jan 2020–Mar 2023 (NIH)

Population : ~8 billion

6.9 million people dead



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Impact of plant disease in human history

Table 1.5 Some examples of the impact of plant diseases.

Type of impact	Disease	Agent	Country/region affected
Famine	Late blight of potato	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	Europe 1845–1846
	Brown spot of rice	<i>Helminthosporium oryzae</i>	India 1942–1943
	Cassava bacterial blight	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>manihotis</i>	Zaire 1970–1975
	Failure of maize crop	Maize mosaic virus?	Guatemala, 9th-century Mayan civilization
Economic	Coffee rust	<i>Hemileia vastatrix</i>	Sri Lanka 1870; now worldwide
	Cocoa swollen shoot	CSSV (virus)	Ghana/Nigeria 1930–
	Panama disease of banana	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f.sp. <i>cubense</i>	Central America 1930–1955
Agricultural	Southern corn leaf blight	<i>Bipolaris maydis</i>	USA 1970
	Citrus canker	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>citri</i>	USA 1910– ; South America
Ecological	Dutch elm disease	<i>Ophiostoma novo-ulmi</i>	Northern hemisphere 1930, 1970–
	Jarrah die-back	<i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>	Western Australia 1920–

Fusarium diseases

The Genus *Fusarium*

Fungi/Ascomycota/Sordariomycetes/Hypocreales/Nectriaceae

Ascomycota

Perfect stage: *Nectria*, *Gibberella*等

More than 100 species

Classification is currently undergoing
(*F. oxysporum* species complex, etc.)

Mycoprotein (*F. venenatum*)

Biocontrol agent (NPF)

Animal and human pathogen

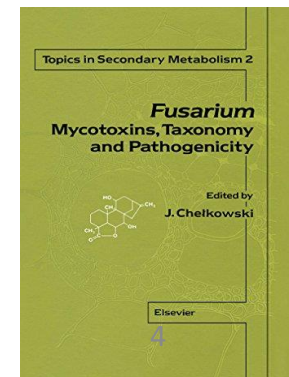
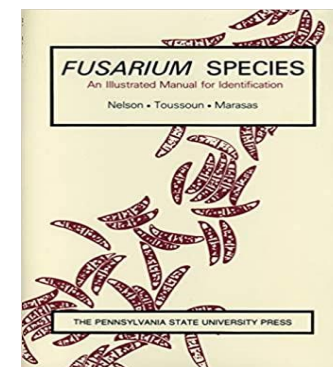
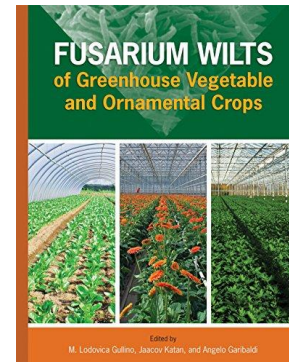
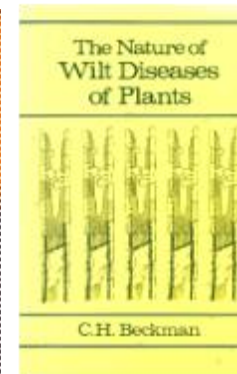
Plant pathogens

F. oxysporum

F. solani

F. fujikuroi

F. graminearum→mycotoxin



Fusarium oxysporum

Fusarium oxysporum (species) Classification is currently undergoing

forma specialis (f. sp., forms)

taxonomy based on host plant species

f. sp. *cubense* (Banana wilt, or, Panama disease)

f. sp. *lycopersici* (Tomato wilt)

f. sp. *conglutinans* (Cabbage yellows)

... (more than 120 forms)

Race

taxonomy based on host plant varieties

race 1 (Incompatible with cv. Cavendish)

race 4 (Compatible with cv. Cavendish)

race SR4 (Sub-tropical race 4, weak pathogenicity)

race TR4 (Tropical race 4, strong pathogenicity)

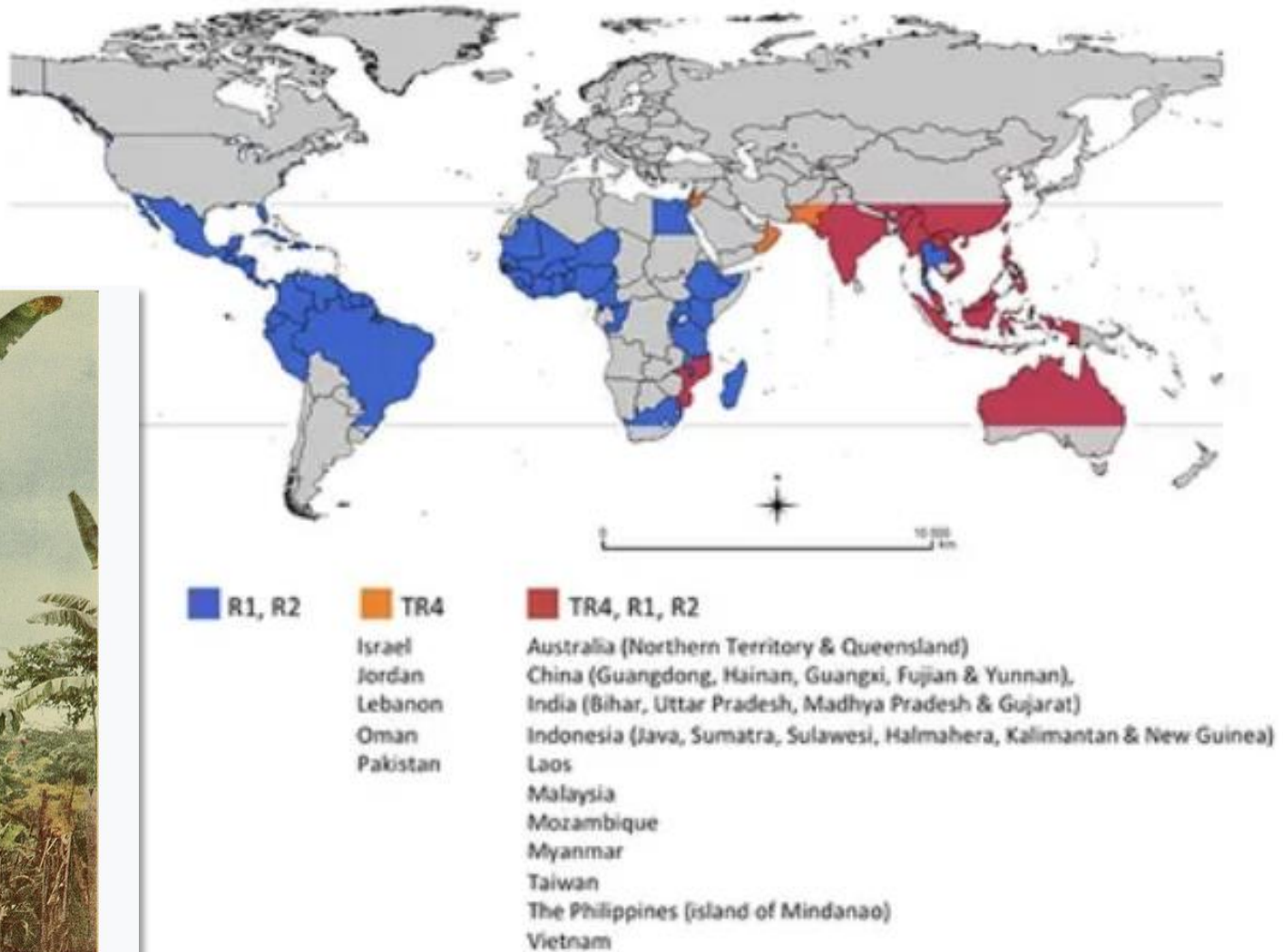
***F. oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* race TR4: New FWB fungus**

***Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* (Foc)** **the pathogen of Fusarium wilt (FWB)**



Soilborne pathogen
Difficult to control

The pandemic history of FWB



Gros Michel banana affected by disease,
Costa Rica, 1919 [Wiki](#)

Switching to resistant variety Cavendish

cv. Gros Michel



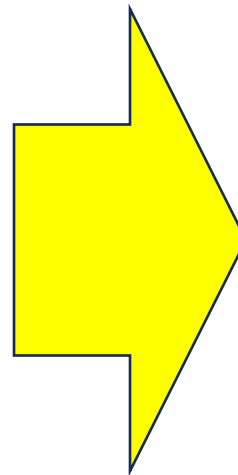
Race 1

Race SR4

Race TR4

cv. Cavendish

(resistant to race 1)



Ohho Express

Race 1

Race SR4 (weak pathogenicity)

Race TR4 (strong pathogenicity)

The Pandemic of New FWB

Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. *cubense* race TR4



How is *Foc* transmitted?

Transmission through

- Soil
- Air
- Water (Flood, irrigation)
- Human foot and equipment
- Seedling plants

Countermeasures

- Isolation of fields
- Hygiene management (Shoes, Equipment)
- Prohibition of movement of Seedlings, Fruits, Residues
- Pathogen-free seedlings
- Soil disinfection, etc.

New FWB has arrived in South America (Colombia)

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Monocultures of the Cavendish banana variety are highly susceptible to *Fusarium*. ISTOCK.COM/MG81

Devastating banana disease may have reached Latin America, could drive up global prices

By Erik Stokstad | Jul. 17, 2019, 2:20 PM

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Colombia confirms that dreaded fungus has hit its banana plantations

By Sabine Galvis | Aug. 12, 2019, 4:25 PM

New FWB has arrived in South America (Piura, Peru)

2021/4/14

SENASA confirms outbreak of Tropical Fusarium Race 4 in Piura | Government of Peru



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SENASA confirms outbreak of Tropical Fusarium Race 4 in Piura

Press release



Photos: Senasa

April 12, 2021 - 8:47 am

After the SENASA phytosanitary surveillance system detected a suspected case of Tropical Fusarium Race 4, the Ministry of Agrarian Development and Irrigation began the immediate execution of phytosanitary measures to control the outbreak and thus protect the national production of bananas and plantains that spreads in the national territory, with an area of 170,000 hectares.

The results of the samples evaluated at the SENASA Plant Health Diagnosis Center confirm the presence of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* Race 4 Tropical (Foc R4T) on a 0.5 hectare plot, located in the district of Querecotillo, in the province of Sullana, department of Piura.

Through Chief Resolution No. 0048-2021-MIDAGRI-SENASA, published in the Official Gazette El Peruano, the entire national territory has been declared a state of

<https://www.gob.pe/institucion/senasa/noticias/429832-senasa-confirma-brote-de-fusarium-raza-4-tropical-en-piura>

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El Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Agraria – SENASA, pone en conocimiento lo siguiente:

- 1 Mediante comunicado de fecha 08 de abril de 2021, el SENASA hizo de conocimiento de la posible presencia de *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* Raza 4 Tropical (Foc R4T) en una parcela de 0.5 ha en el distrito de Querecotillo, provincia de Sullana, departamento de Piura.
- 2 La Unidad del Centro de Diagnóstico de Sanidad Vegetal del SENASA, ha emitido resultado POSITIVO a las pruebas de PCR y Secuenciamiento para esta plaga FocR4T.
- 3 Mediante Resolución Jefatural N° 048-2021-MIDAGRI-SENASA, se ha dispuesto la emergencia fitosanitaria nacional para la ejecución de acciones de vigilancia, control y erradicación de la mencionada plaga, poniendo mayor énfasis en las principales regiones productoras de banano y plátano.
- 4 El hongo Foc R4T no afecta a la salud humana, por lo que el consumo de plátano y banano es seguro e inocuo para la población.
- 5 El hongo Foc R4T no se viabiliza a través de la fruta del banano o plátano; por lo que no debería haber impactos negativos a las exportaciones de esta fruta.
- 6 El SENASA cuenta con un adecuado sistema de vigilancia, diagnóstico de laboratorio y un plan de control que permita atender en forma eficaz y eficiente este foco.
- 7 Finalmente, se recomienda a los productores de plátano/banano, evitar llevar material vegetal (plantones o hijuelos) a sus parcelas e implementar medidas fitosanitarias con énfasis en bioseguridad, acorde a las recomendaciones del SENASA.

Lima, 12 de abril de 2021



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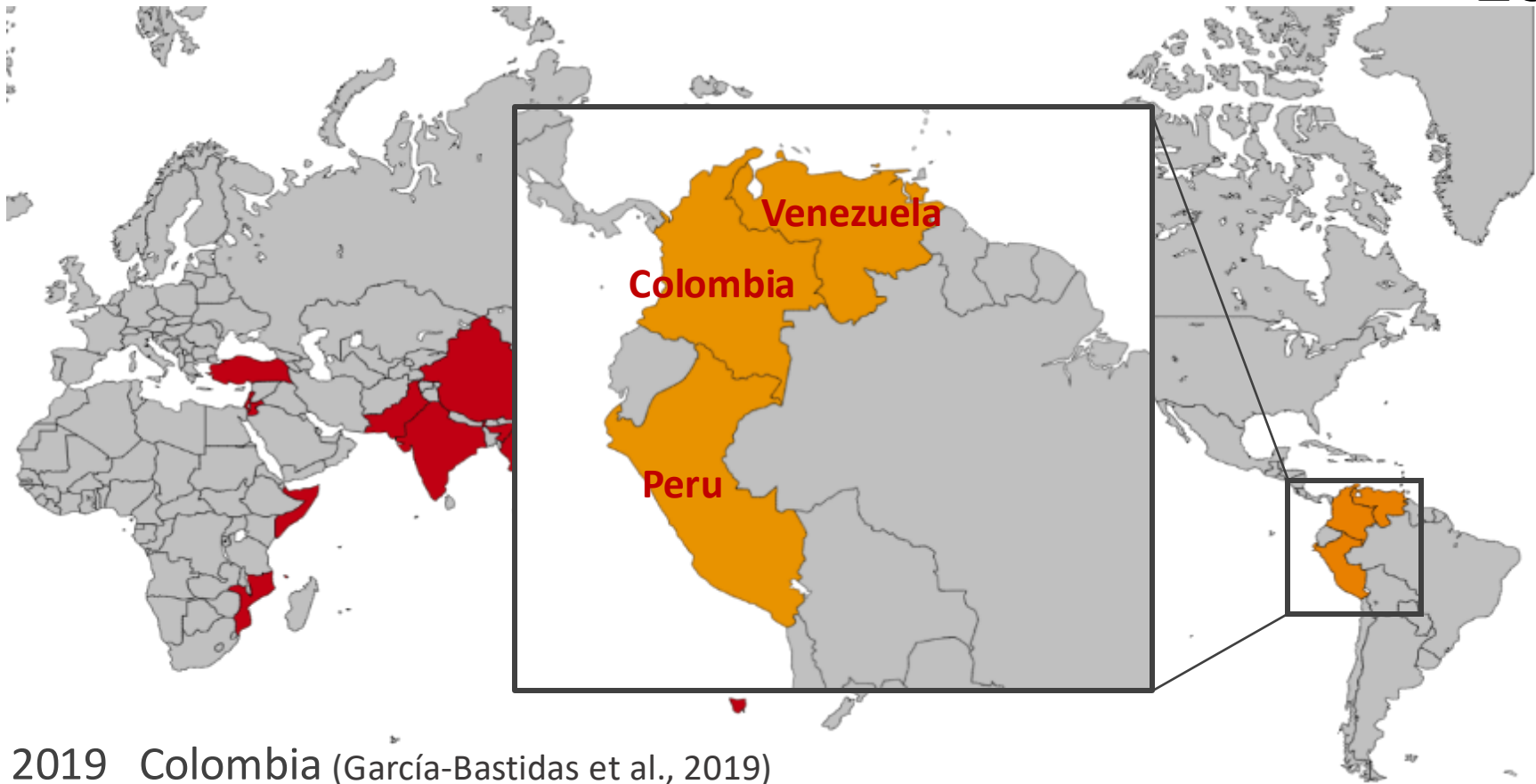
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New FWB has arrived in South America (Venezuela)

2023



2019 Colombia (García-Bastidas et al., 2019)

2021 Peru (Acuña et al., 2020)

2023 Venezuela (Herrera et al., 2023)

Countermeasures in Peru

¿Qué es Fusarium Raza 4 Tropical – Foc R4T?

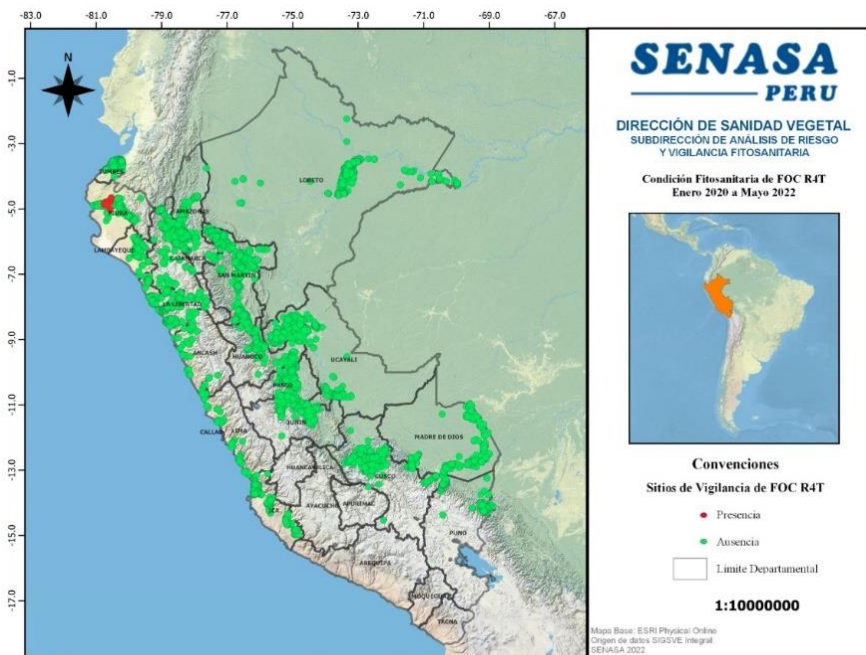


- ✓ Hongo del suelo que sobrevive por décadas.
- ✓ No tiene control químico eficaz.
- ✓ Afecta todas las variedades de banano y plátano.
- ✓ Causa marchitez hasta la muerte de la planta.
- ✓ No existen variedades comerciales resistentes ni tolerantes.
- ✓ No afecta la fruta ni a las exportaciones.
- ✓ No afecta la salud humana.

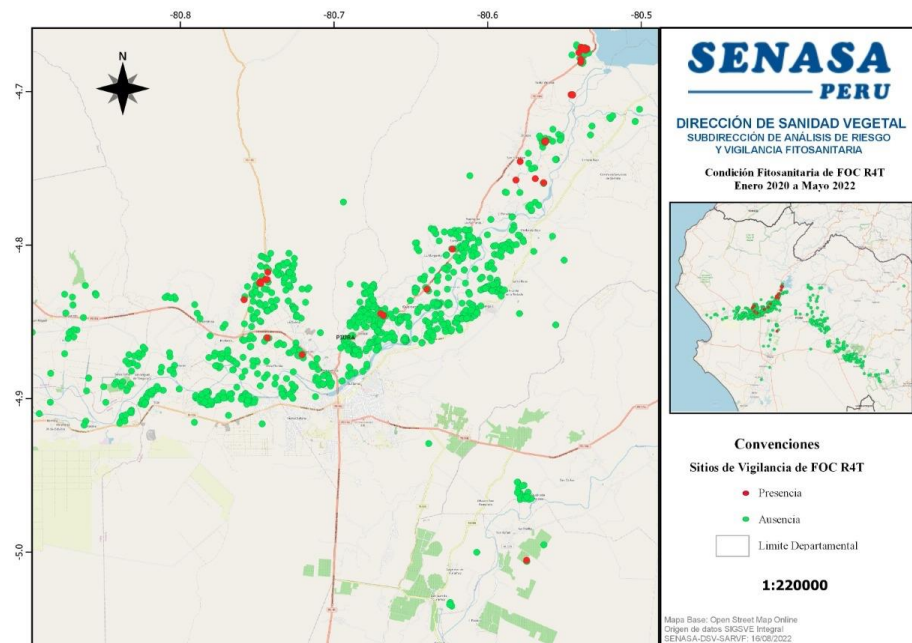
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Foc R4T - Piura - Perú - 2022

Mapa de sitios de prospección y positivos a Foc R4T a nivel nacional (2021 – 2022)

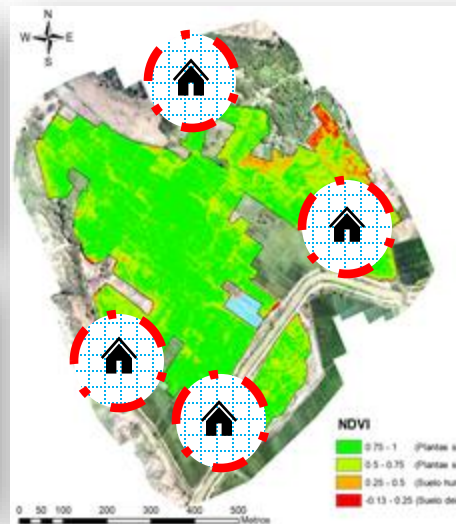


Ubicación de reportes positivos a Foc R4T (Sullana – Piura) (Abril 2021 – Agosto 2022)



Countermeasures in Peru

Contención – manejo de Foc R4T en Piura



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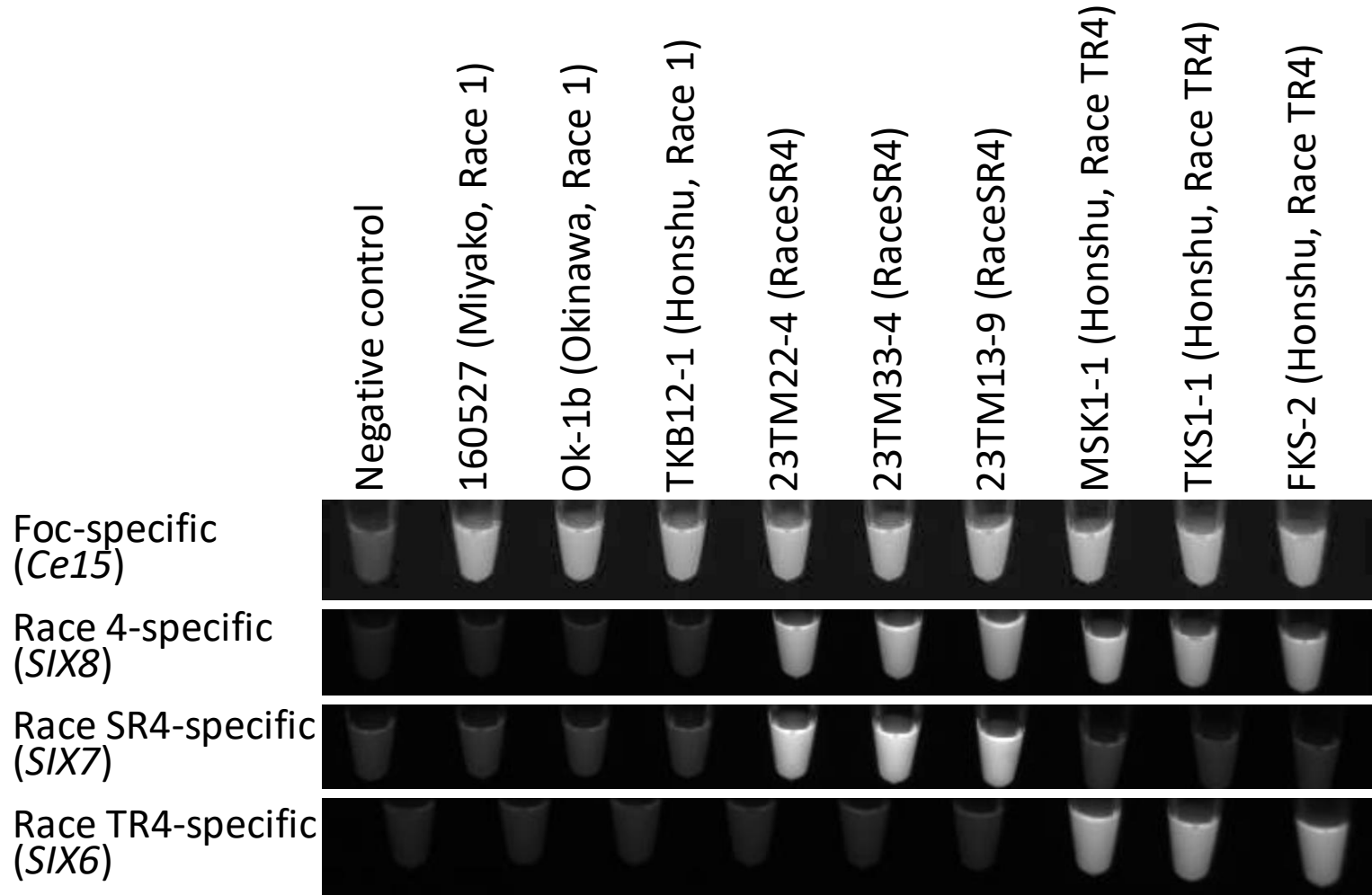
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New FWB has arrived Japan

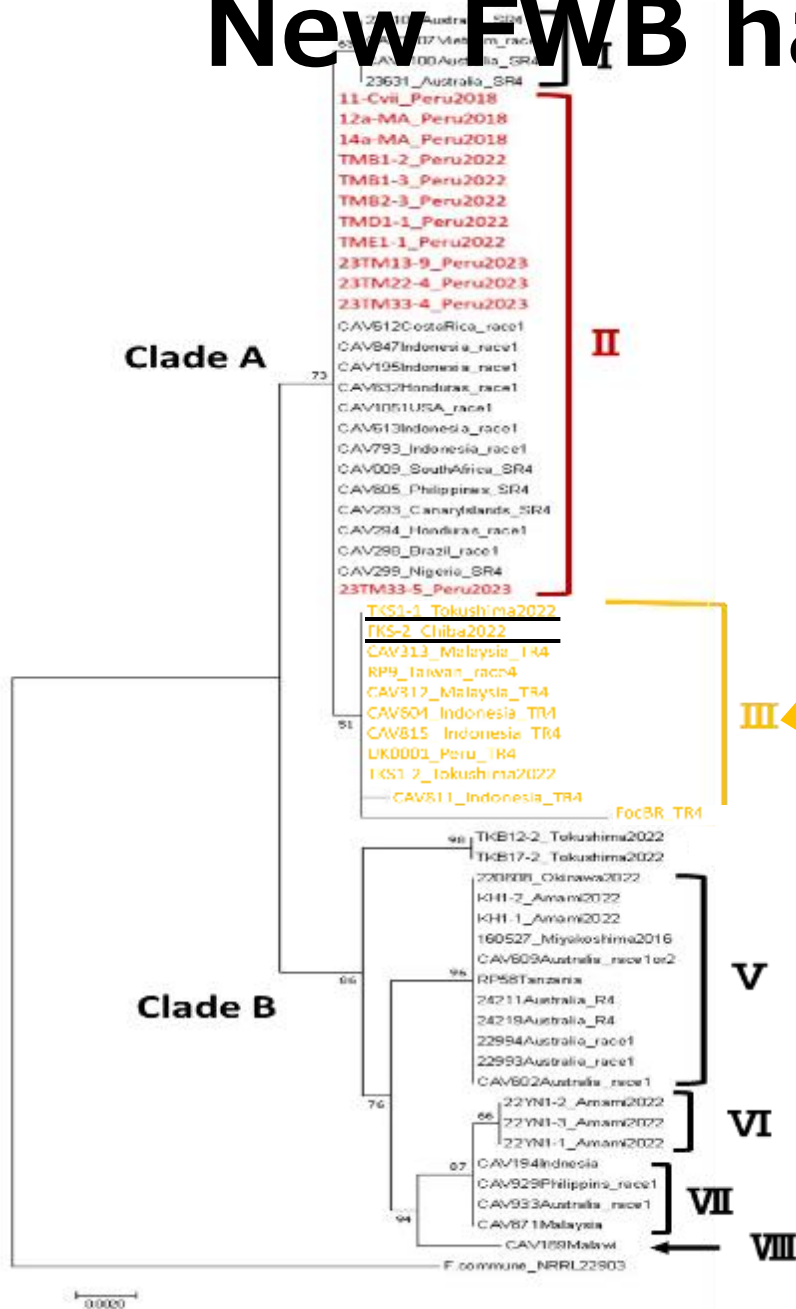


New FWB has arrived Japan

Diagnose by LAMP using TR4-specific primer set



New FWB has arrived Japan



The pathogen of the FWB found in Honshu, Japan, is in the same cluster III as race TR4 (the new FWB pathogen) reported overseas

New FWB has arrived Japan

cv. Cavendish

Mock



Race 1
160527
Miyako



Race SR4
23TM22-4
Tingo Maria



Race
TR4

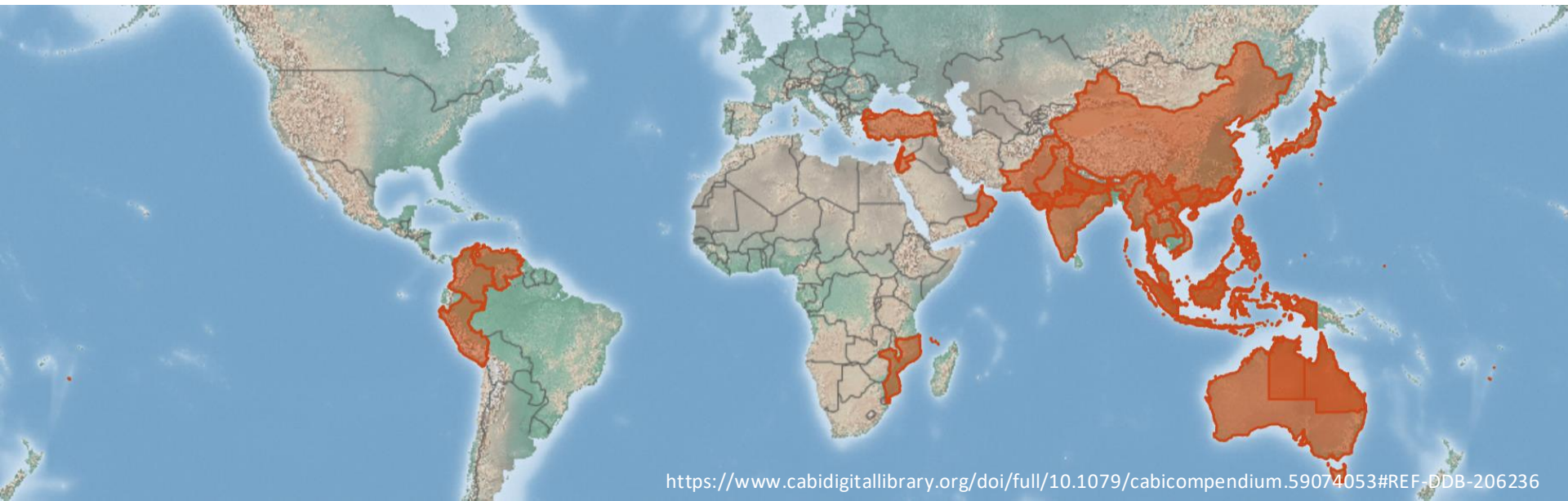
TKS1-1



MAS1-1



The Pandemic of New FWB



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Bananas are one of Colombia's most important exports. Credit: Luis Acosta/AFP/Getty

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ENVIRONMENT

The banana is one step closer to disappearing

A fungus that devastates banana plants has now arrived in Latin America, the Colombian government confirms.

BY MYLES KARP

PUBLISHED AUGUST 12, 2019

A fungus that has wreaked havoc on banana plantations in the Eastern Hemisphere has, despite years of preventative efforts, arrived in the Americas.

ICA, the Colombian agriculture and livestock authority, confirmed on Thursday that laboratory tests have positively identified the presence of so-called Panama disease Tropical Race 4 on banana farms in the Caribbean coastal region. The announcement was accompanied by a declaration of a national state of emergency.

The discovery of the fungus represents a potential impending disaster for bananas as both a food source and an export commodity. Panama disease Tropical Race 4—or TR4—is an infection of the banana plant by a fungus of the genus *Fusarium*. Although bananas produced in infected soil are not unsafe for humans, infected plants eventually stop bearing fruit.

AGRICULTURE

Banana growers fight renewed extinction risk as lethal fungus spreads

Resurgence of Panama disease threatens one of world's most valuable crops



Bananas are displayed at a shop in Halle, Belgium. Eaten across the world, the fruit is grown in the tropics, from Southeast Asia to Latin America. © Reuters

KOJI KATO, *Nikkei science* editor
August 8, 2022 00:27 JST

TOKYO -- Decades after decimating banana plants worldwide, Panama disease once again threatens to wipe out the crop key to economies across Asia, Latin America and beyond.

Establishment of an Alert System for *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense*, the Banana and Plantain Wilt Pathogen, and Mitigation of the Disease

A JST/JICA SATREPS Project



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Tomato wilt

One of the most devastating soilborne diseases of tomato caused by *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *Lycopersici* (Fol)



Browning of vascular, wilt, death

How and when did *Fol* emerge?

wild tomato  modern tomato

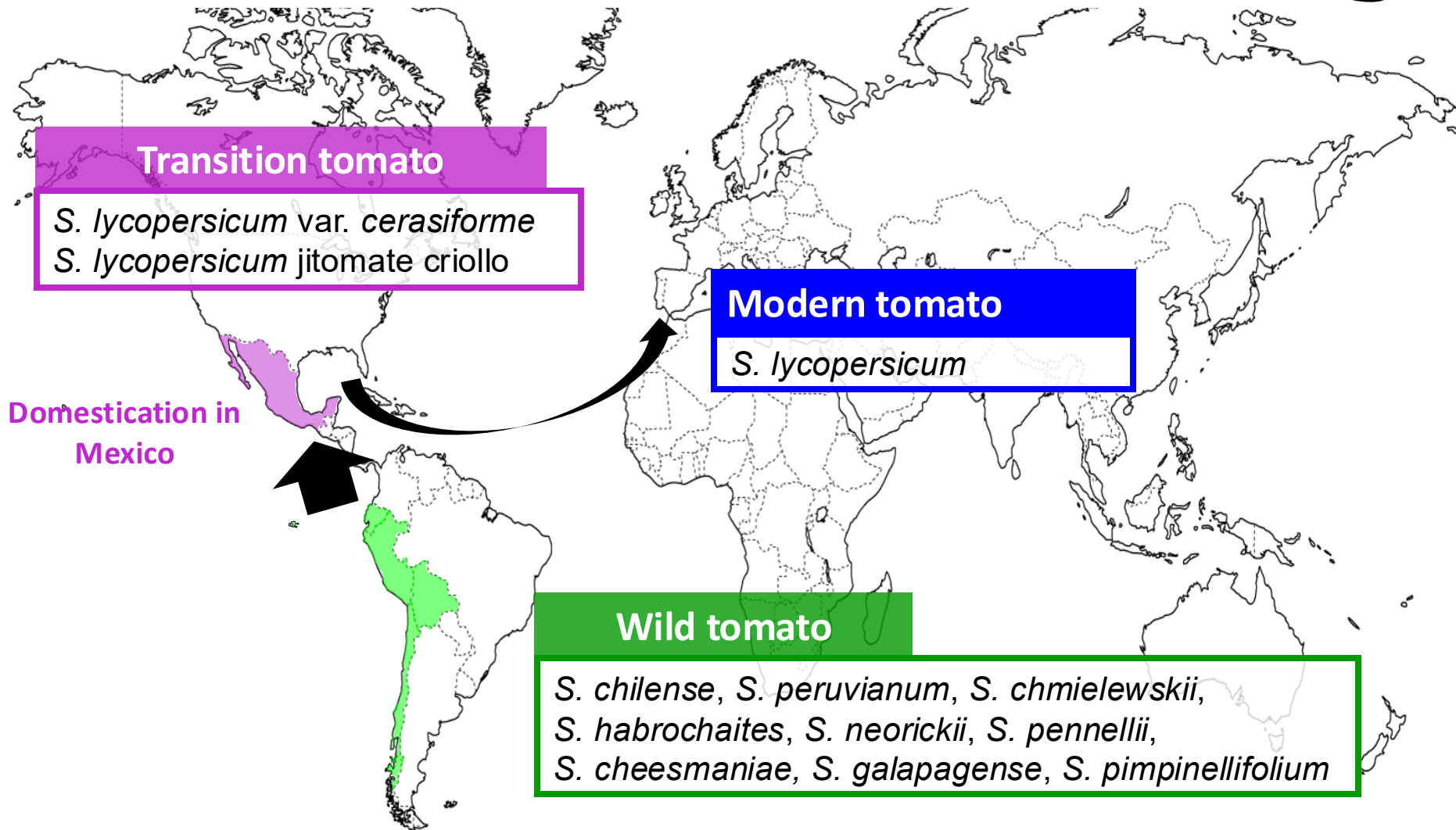
coevolution in agriculture

non-pathogen  pathogen

Hypothesis: *Fol* emerged from a mutualistic non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* on tomato, during domestication and breeding of tomato

To verify the hypothesis, we tried to make a collection of *F. oxysporum* from tissues and rhizosphere of wild, transition, and modern tomatoes for phylogenetic analysis

History of tomato domestication and breeding



Sampling wild tomatoes in Peru, 2010–2018

S. pennellii



S. pimpinellifolium



S. peruvianum



Collection of tomatoes

Wild tomatoes

<i>S. chilense</i>	Chile, Peru
<i>S. Peruvianum</i>	Chile, Peru
<i>S. habrochaites</i>	Peru
<i>S. pennellii</i>	Peru
<i>S. pimpinellifolium</i>	Ecuador, Peru

Transition tomatoes

<i>S. lycopersicum</i> var. <i>cerasiforme</i>	Mexico
<i>S. lycopersicum</i> (jitomate criollo)	Mexico

Modern tomatoes

<i>S. lycopersicum</i>	Chile, Mexico, Italy, Afganestan, Japan
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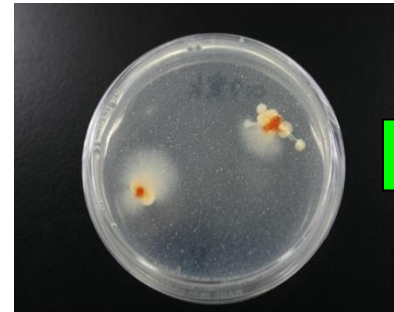
None of the wild and transition tomatoes presented wilt disease symptoms

Isolation of *F. oxysporum*

from tomato tissues

Place the piece of tissues on Potato sucrose agar medium and Fusarium selective medium

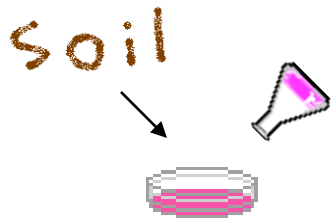
incubate for 3 to 5 days



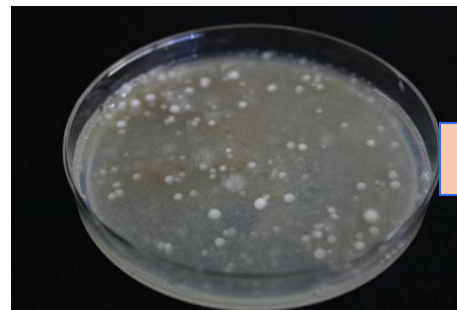
isolation

from rhizosphere soil

isolated by soil-plate method (Warcup, 1950) using *Fusarium* selective medium (Komada 1975)



incubate for 3 to 5 days



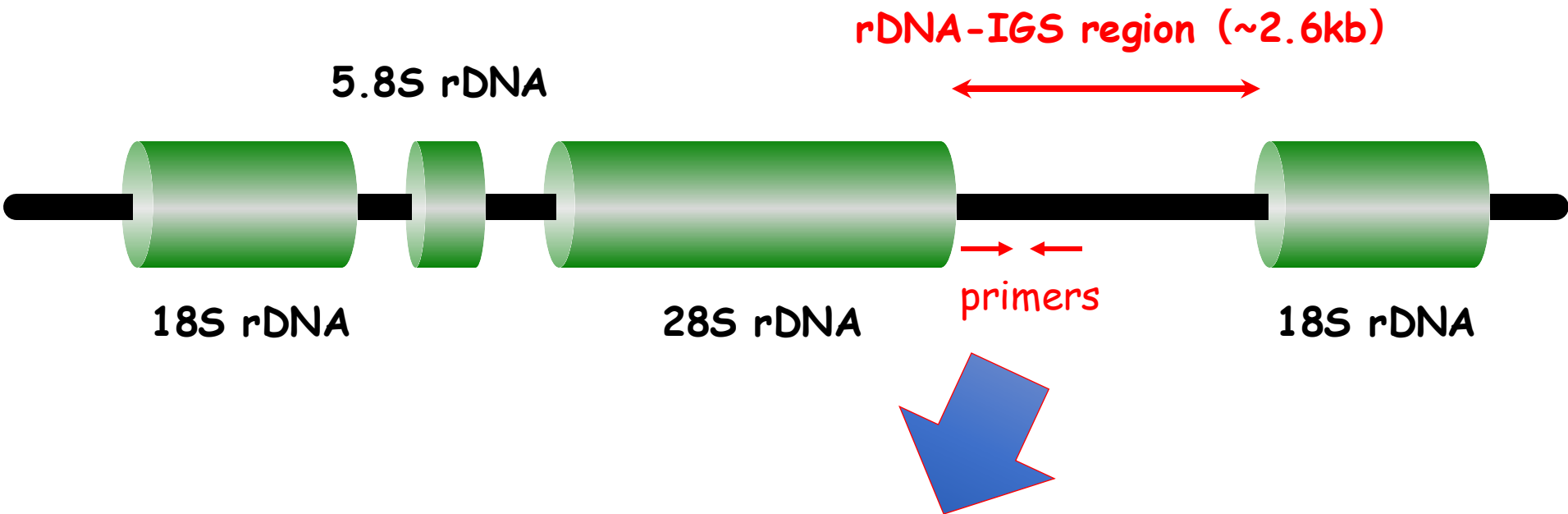
isolation

All the isolates collected were non-pathogenic to tomato

		Plant tissues	Rhizosphere
Wild tomato (Chile, Ecuador, Peru)			
	<i>S. chilense</i>	0	30
	<i>S. peruvianum</i>	12	134
	<i>S. habrochaites</i>	0	44
	<i>S. pennellii</i>	0	13
	<i>S. pimpinellifolium</i>	2	55
Transition tomato (Mexico)			
	<i>S. Lycopersicum</i> var. <i>cerasiforme</i>	1	16
	jitomate criollo	1	23
Modern tomato (Chile, Mexico, Italy, Afghānestān, Japan)			
	<i>S. lycopersicum</i>	26	77
		42	392

Phylogenetic analysis

- Many polymorphisms are conserved in ribosomal DNA-intergenic spacer (rDNA-IGS) region of *F. oxysporum* (Appel and Gordon 1996)



construction of the phylogenetic tree of
F. oxysporum isolates

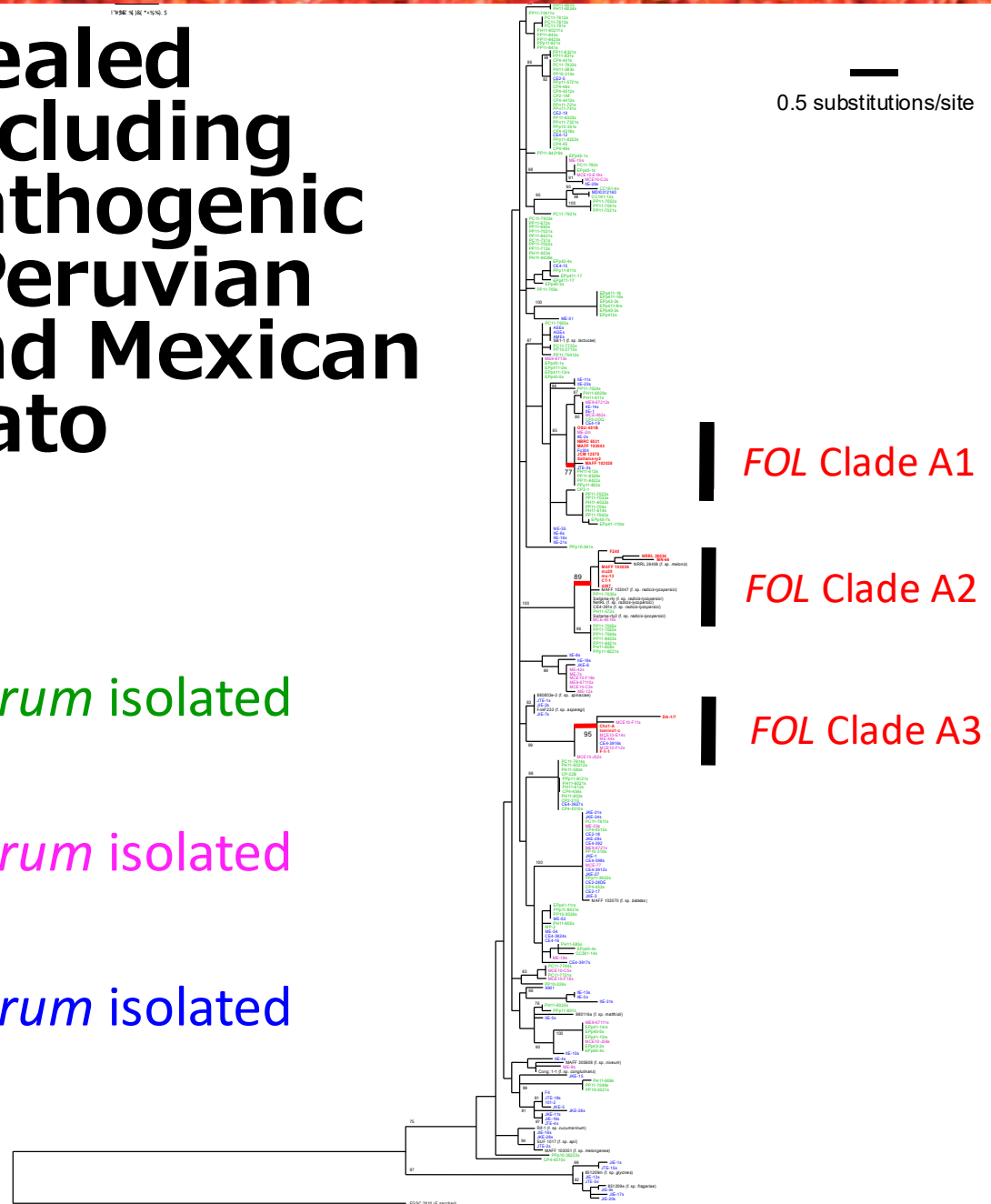
Phylogeny revealed three clades including *Fol* and non-pathogenic isolates from Peruvian wild tomato and Mexican transition tomato

FOL

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* isolated from wild tomato

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* isolated from transition tomato

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* isolated from modern tomatoes



Clade A1

OSU-451B
NBRC 6531
MAFF 103043
JCM 12575
Saitama-ly2
MAFF 103038
PH11-613s
PP11-8328s
PP11-8422s
PPp11-802s
CP2-1
ME-2m
ItE-2s
Fo304
JTE-3s

FOL

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* isolated
from wild tomato

Clade A2

F240
NRRL 26034
MN-66
MAFF 103036
mx20
mx-13
CT-1
4287
PP11-7035s
PH11-572s
MCE-9515s

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* isolated
from transition tomato

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* isolated
from modern tomatoes

Clade A3

DA-1/7
Chz1-A
tomino1-c
F-1-1
MCE10-F11s
MCE10-E14s
ME-44s
MCE10-F12s
CE4-3916s

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* isolated from wild tomato in Peru, from transition tomato, and from modern tomato were grouped together with *Fol*

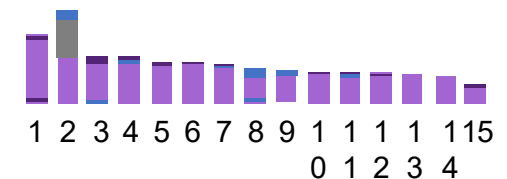
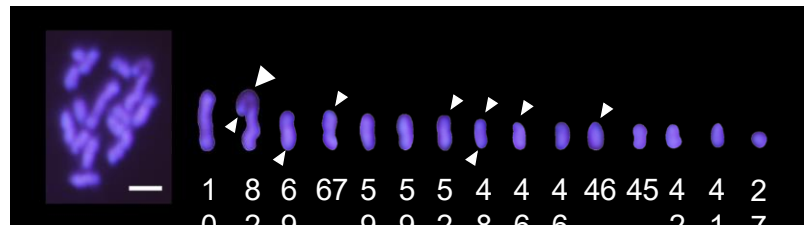


The origins of *Fol* could be non-pathogenic mutualistic *F. oxysporum* isolates on wild tomatoes in Peru

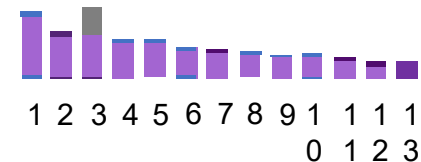
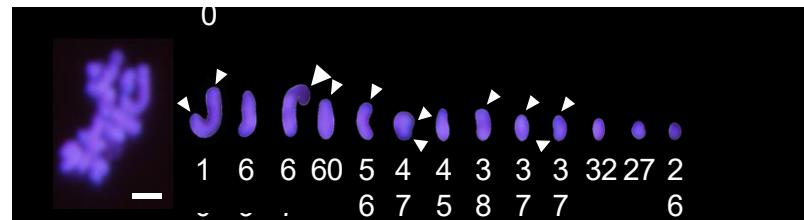
Pathogenic *Fol* has additional chromosomes than non-pathogenic *Fusarium* sp. (NPF)

Germ tube burst method

Fol



NPF
(tomato)



Fol carries a dispensable and mobile small pathogenicity chromosome ch14

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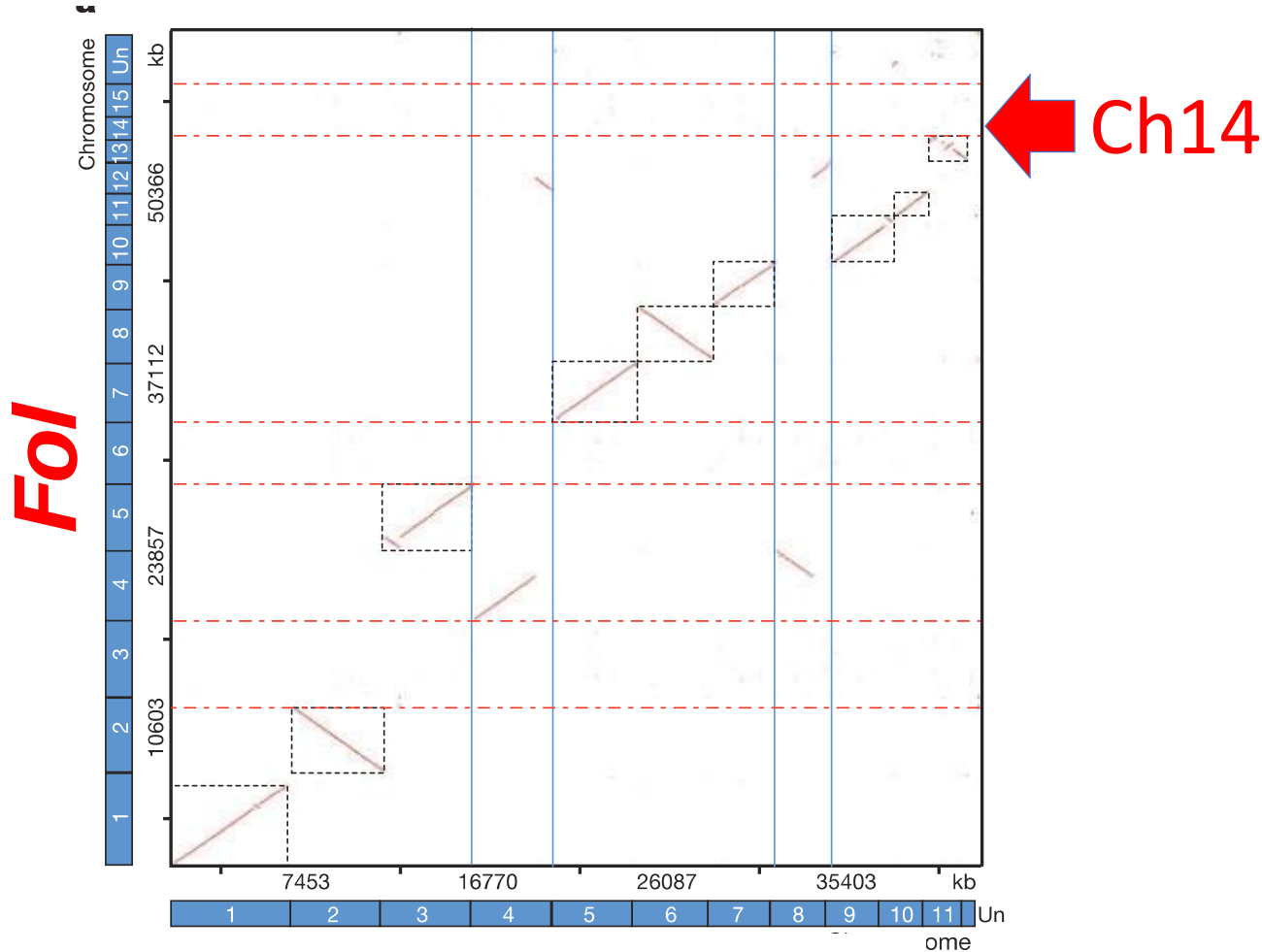
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Small chromosome ch14 is unique in *Fol*



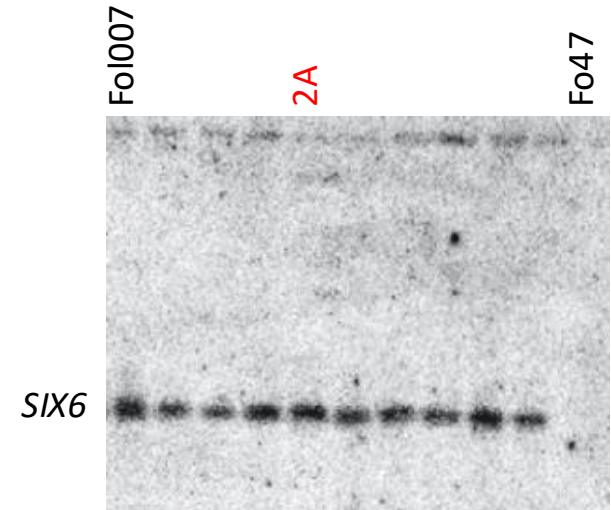
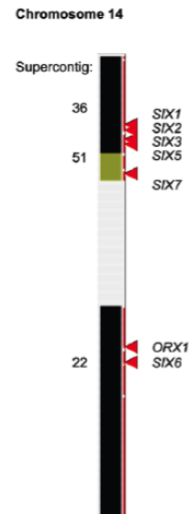
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Small chromosome ch14 determines pathogenicity of *Fol*

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Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* (Fo47) gained pathogenicity to tomato (2A) by obtaining ch14 by protoplast fusion with *Fol* (Fol007)



Fol007
(*Fol* race 2)



Fo47
(Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum*)



2A
(Fo47 obtaining ch14)



Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* from **wild**,
transition, and **modern** tomato does not have
 ch14; **Fol** carries ch14,
 Suggesting horizontal transfer of ch14

		SIX3 ☐	SIX1 ☐
Clade A1	OSU-451B	+	+
	NBRC 6531	+	+
	MAFF 103043	+	+
	JCM 12575	+	+
	Saitama-ly2	+	+
	MAFF 103038	+	+
	PH11-613s	-	-
	PP11-8328s	-	-
	PP11-8422s	-	-
	PPp11-802s	-	-
	CP2-1	-	-
	ME-2m	-	-
	ItE-2s	-	-
	Fo304	-	-
	JTE-3s	-	-
Clade A2	F240	+	+
	NRRL 26034	+	+
	MN-66	+	+
	MAFF 103036	+	+
	mx20	+	+
	mx-13	+	+
	CT-1	+	+
	4287	+	+
	PP11-7035s	-	-
	PH11-572s	-	-
Clade A3	MCE-9515s	-	-
	DA-1/7	+	+
	Chz1-A	+	+
	tomino1-c	+	+
	F-1-1	+	+
	MCE10-F11s	-	-
	MCE10-E14s	-	-
	ME-44s	-	-
	MCE10-F12s	-	-
	CE4-3916s	-	-

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* gained pathogenicity to tomato by obtaining the small chromosome maybe by horizontal chromosomal transfer (HCT)

Non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum*



← Small chromosome

F. oxysporum f. sp. *lycopersici*,
The tomato wilt fungus (*Fol*)

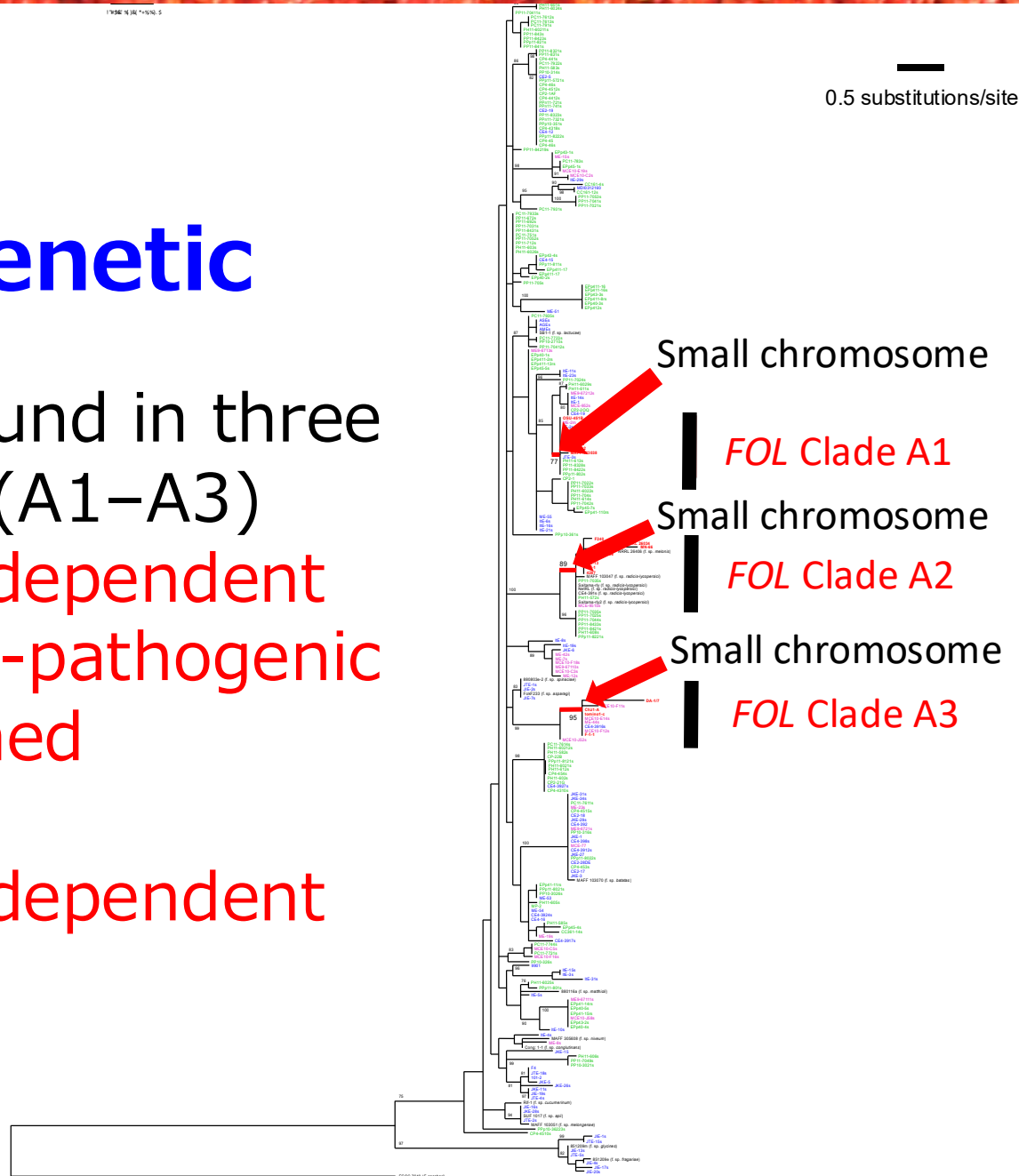
Fol is not monophyletic

Fol isolates are found in three distinctive clades (A1–A3)

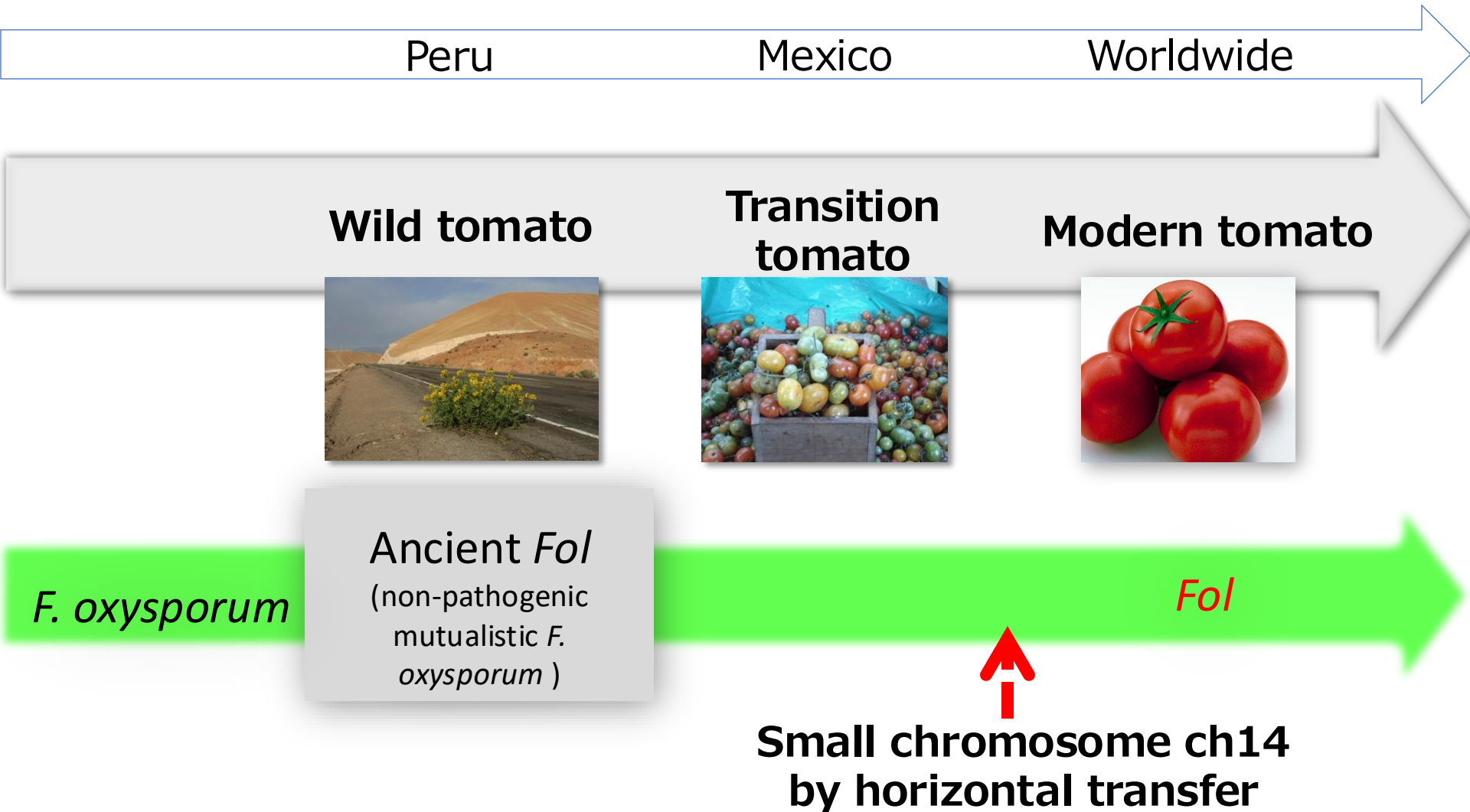
= at least three independent events where non-pathogenic *F. oxysporum* gained pathogenicity

= at least three independent HCT

0.5 substitutions/site



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The Tomato Wilt Fungus *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lycopersici* shares Common Ancestors with Nonpathogenic *F. oxysporum* isolated from Wild Tomatoes in the Peruvian Andes

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Fusarium oxysporum is an ascomycetous fungus that is well-known as a soilborne plant pathogen. In addition, a large population of nonpathogenic *F. oxysporum* (NPF) inhabits various environmental niches, including the phytosphere. To obtain an insight into the origin of plant pathogenic *F. oxysporum*, we focused on the tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and its pathogenic *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *lycopersici* (*FOL*). We collected *F. oxysporum* from wild and transition *Solanum* spp. and modern cultivars of tomato in Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, Afghanistan, Italy, and Japan, evaluated the fungal isolates for pathogenicity, VCG, mating type, and distribution of *SIX* genes related to the pathogenicity of *FOL*, and constructed phylogenies based on ribosomal DNA intergenic spacer sequences. All *F. oxysporum* isolates sampled were genetically more diverse than *FOL*. They were not pathogenic to the tomato and did not carry *SIX* genes. Certain NPF isolates including those from wild *Solanum* spp. in Peru were grouped in *FOL* clades, whereas most of the NPF isolates were not. Our results suggested that the population of NPF isolates in *FOL* clades gave rise to *FOL* by gaining pathogenicity.

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