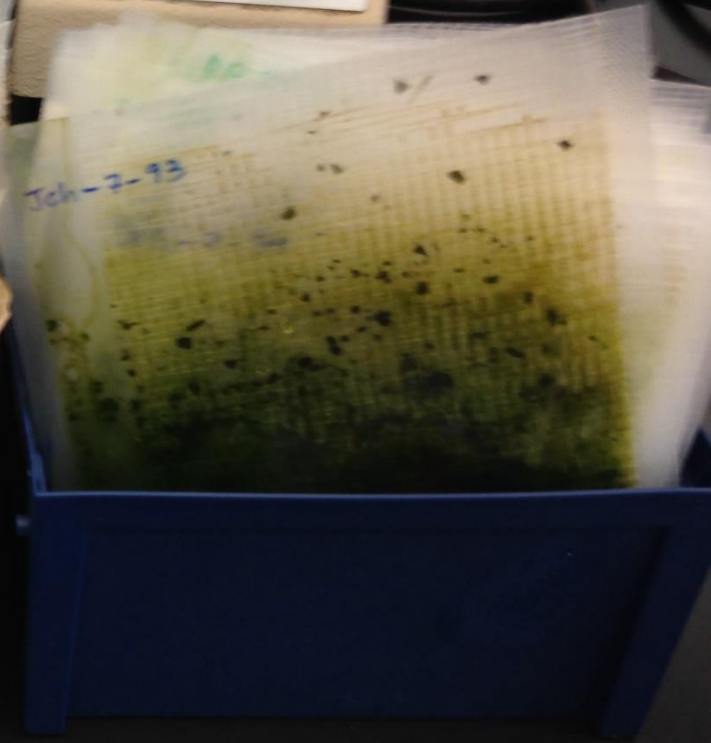


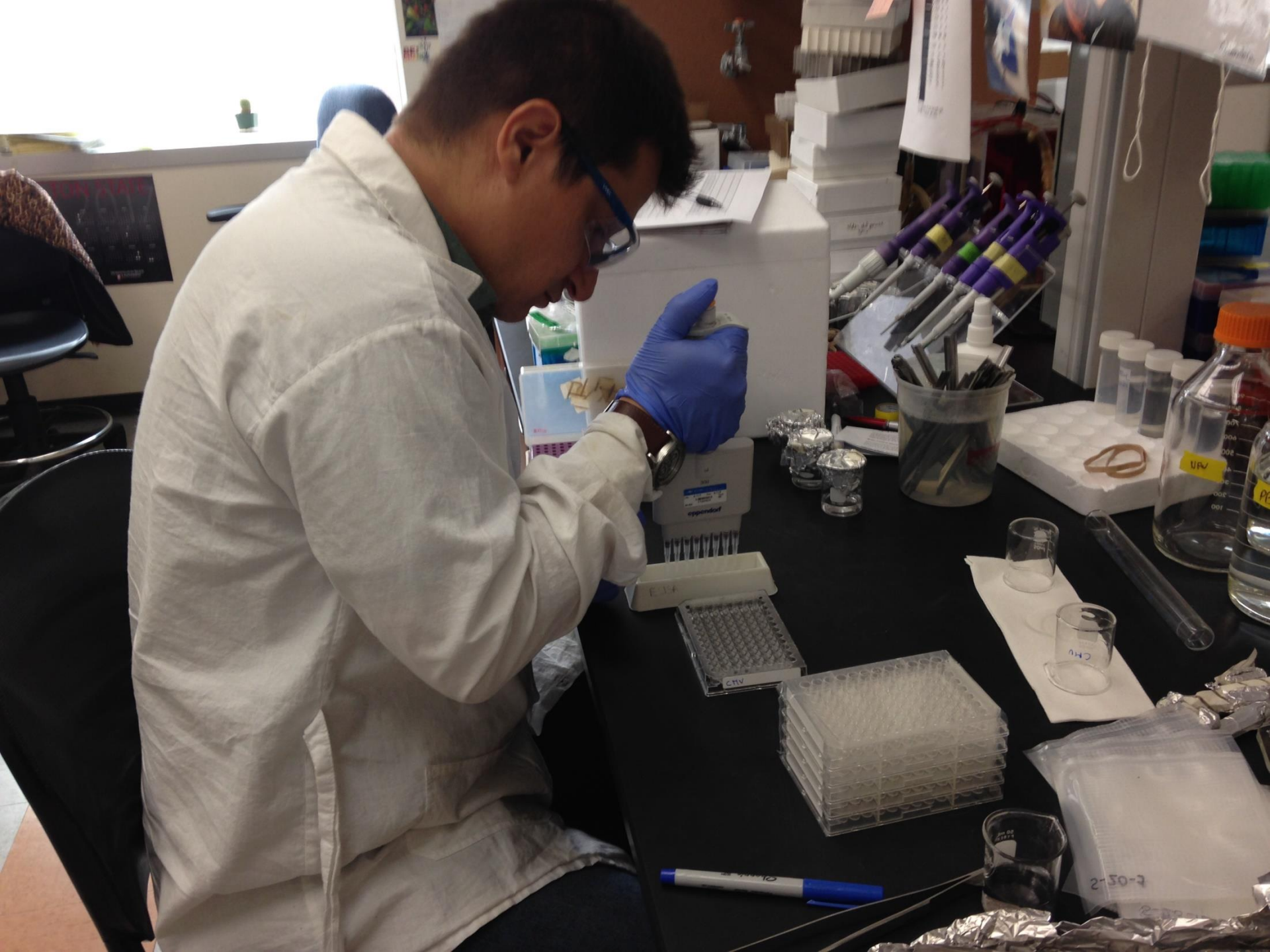
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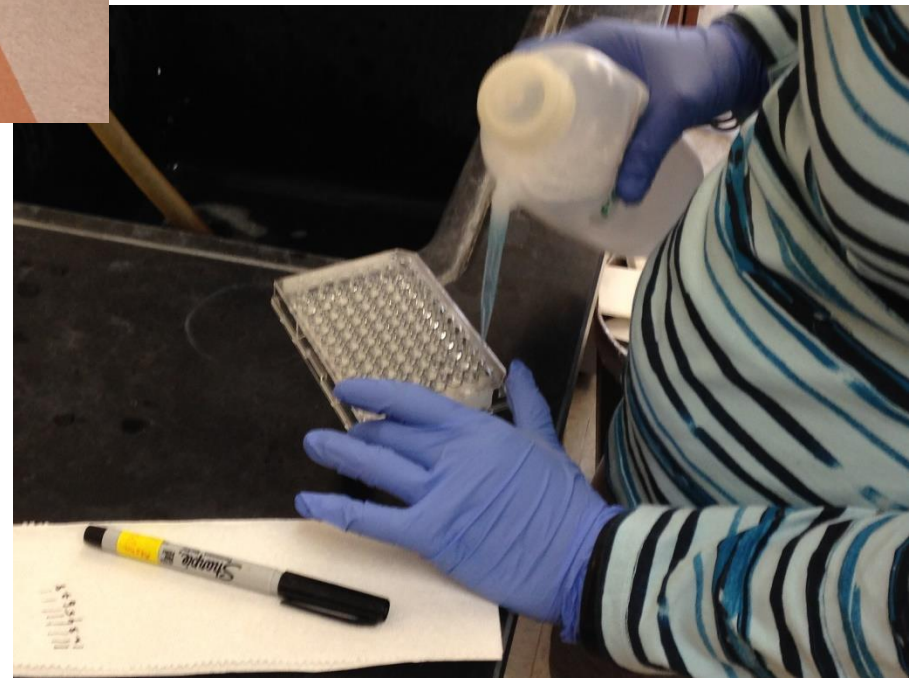
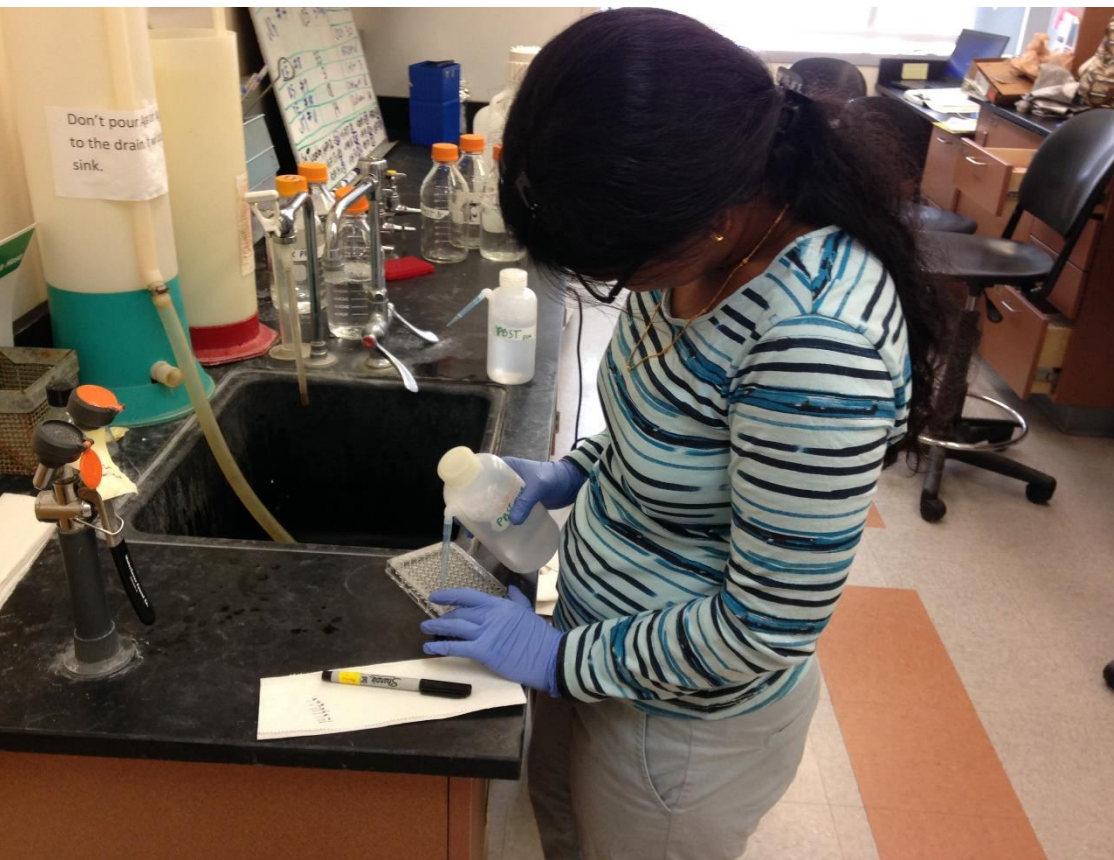
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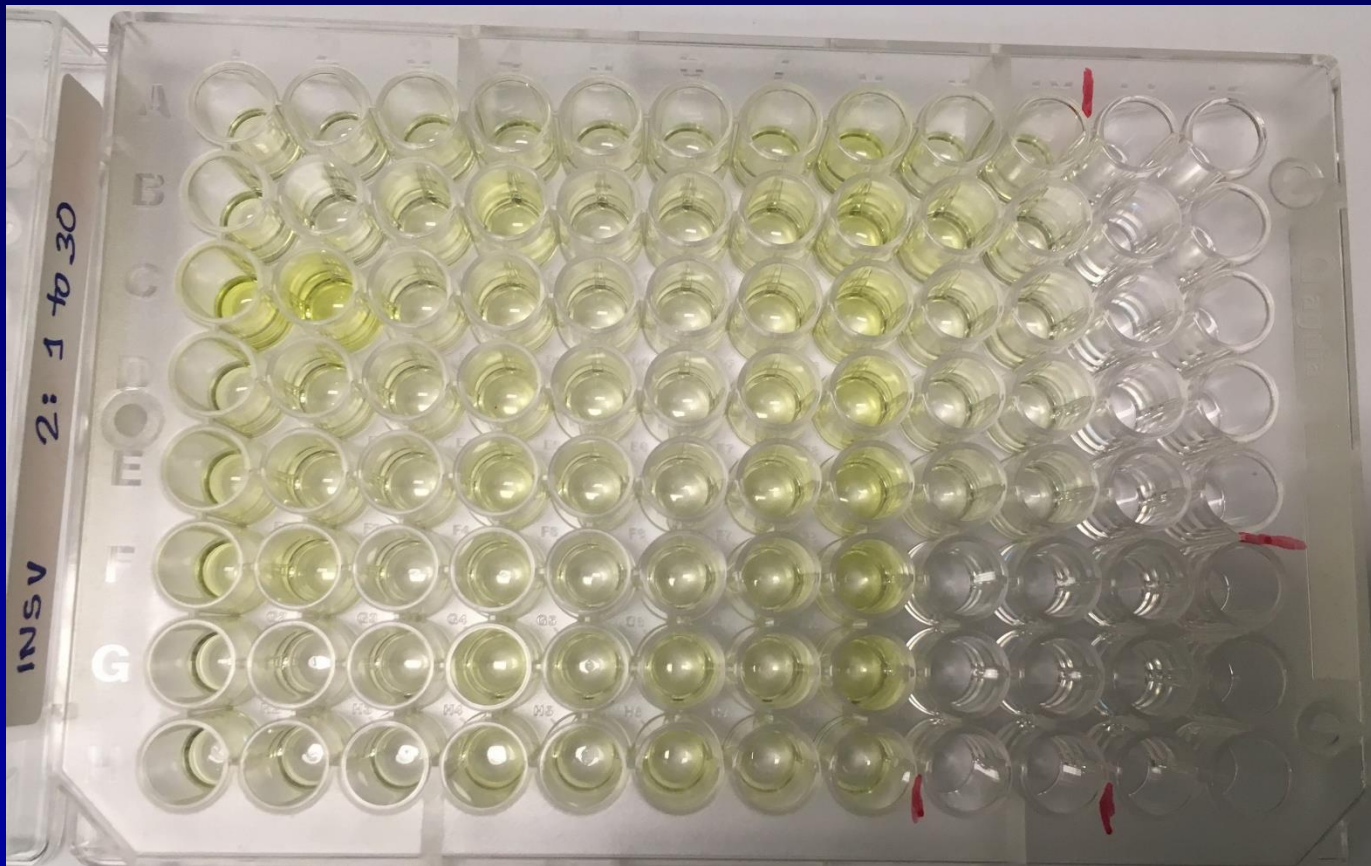








The end point: Wells with color indicative of virus presence in those samples; wells with colorless liquid: free of that particular virus





The intensity
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using a plate
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(=absorbance
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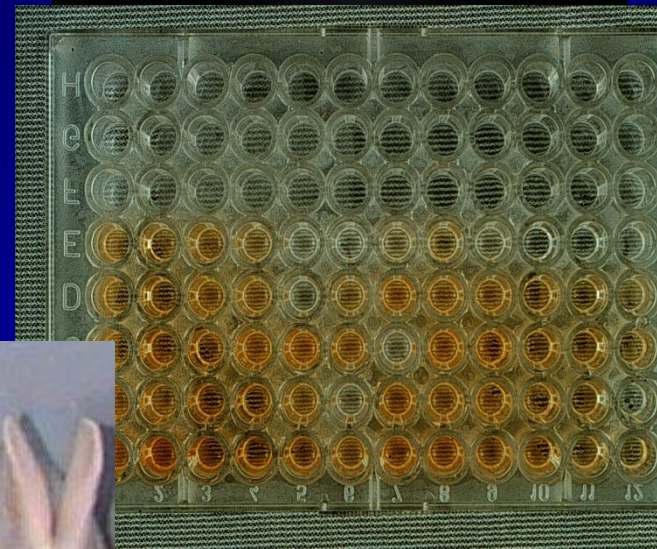
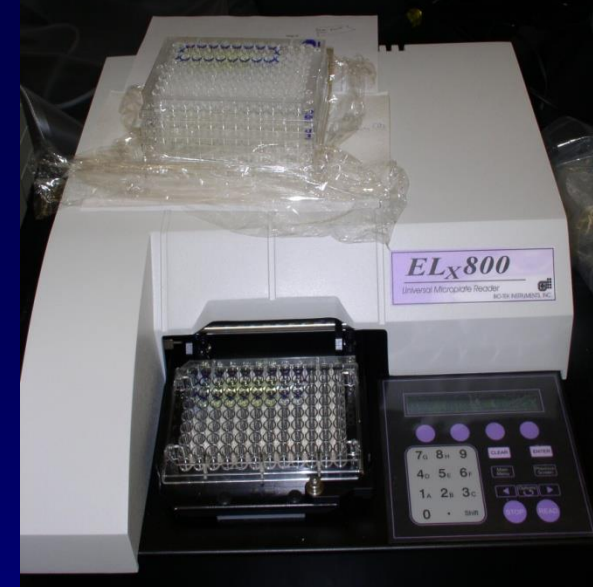
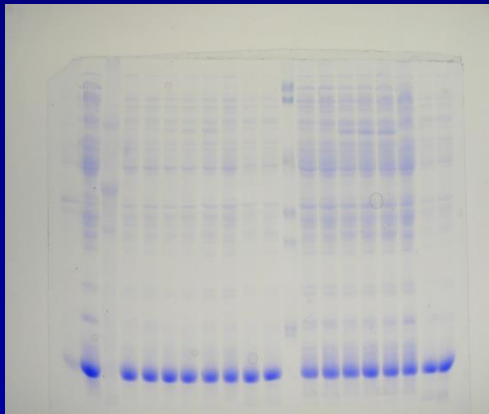
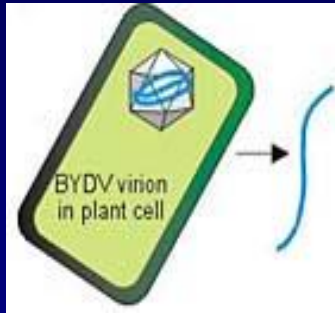
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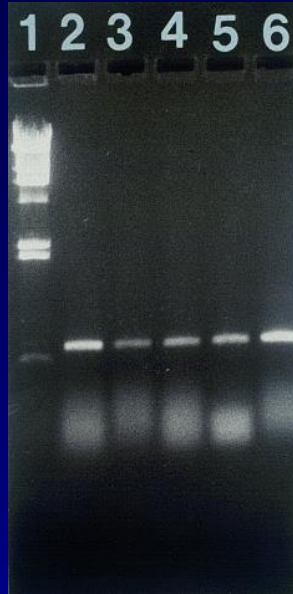
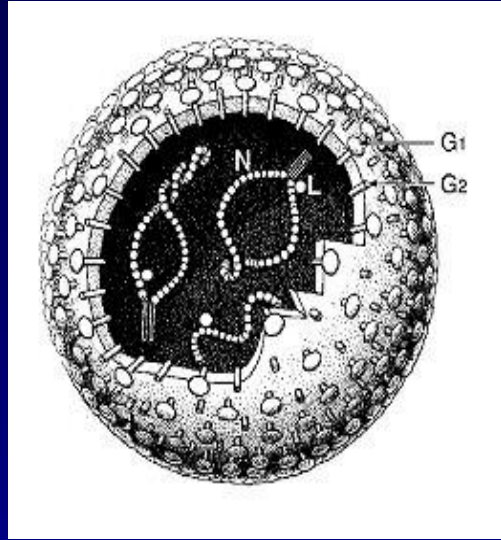
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ELISA-based detection of viruses (viral protein)

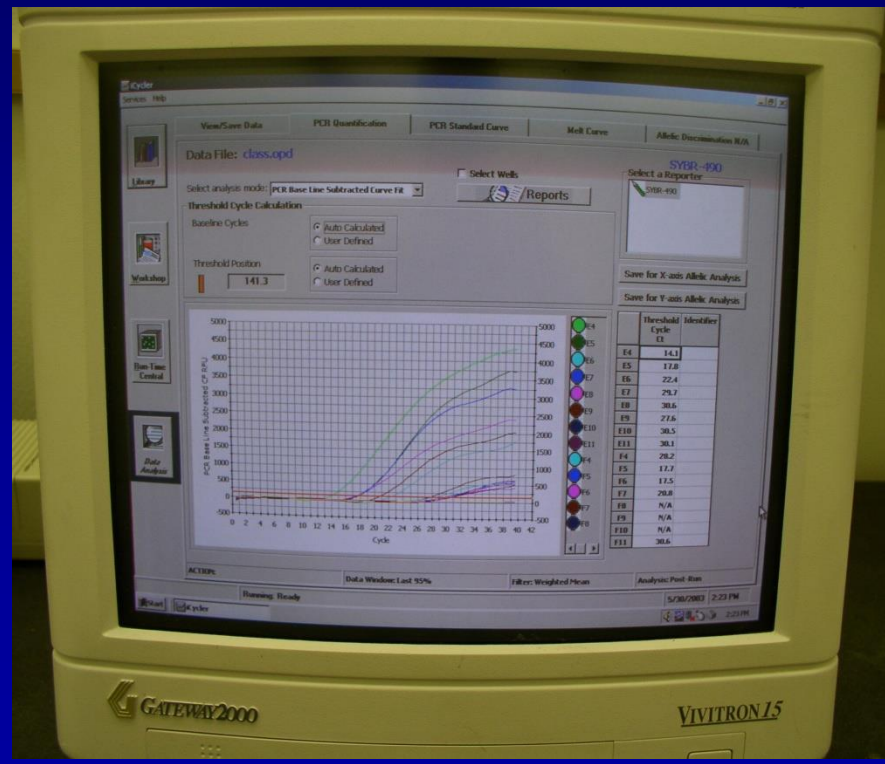


Virus Detection (RNA or DNA)



- To detect the presence of the viral genetic material (DNA or RNA)
- Highly sensitive and rapid
- But more expensive





Thermal Cyclers for DNA-based Virus Detection





DNA Analysis System

MEL TAE Buffer Solution
For each liter of solution:
240 g Tris Base (MW=121.1)
37.5 mL Glacial Acetic Acid
100 mL 0.5 M EDTA

400 g Tris Base (MW=121.1)
400 mL 0.5 M EDTA
100 mL 10% SDS
100 mL 10% Triton X-100
100 mL 10% Tween 20

Note: Final 10x working concentration:
1000 mL Tris - Acetate
1000 mL EDTA

MEL Modified TAE Buffer Solution
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100 mL 0.5 M EDTA

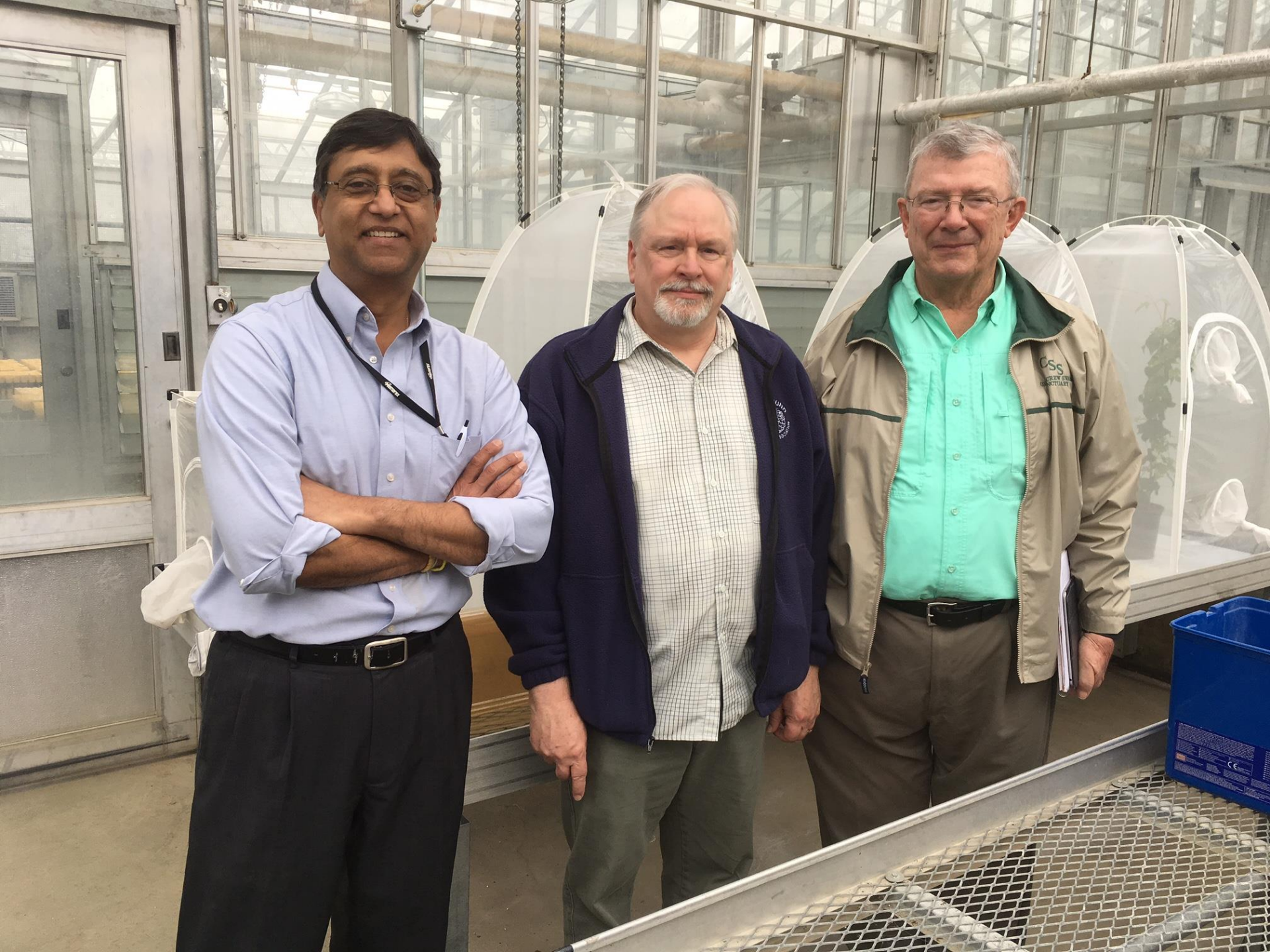
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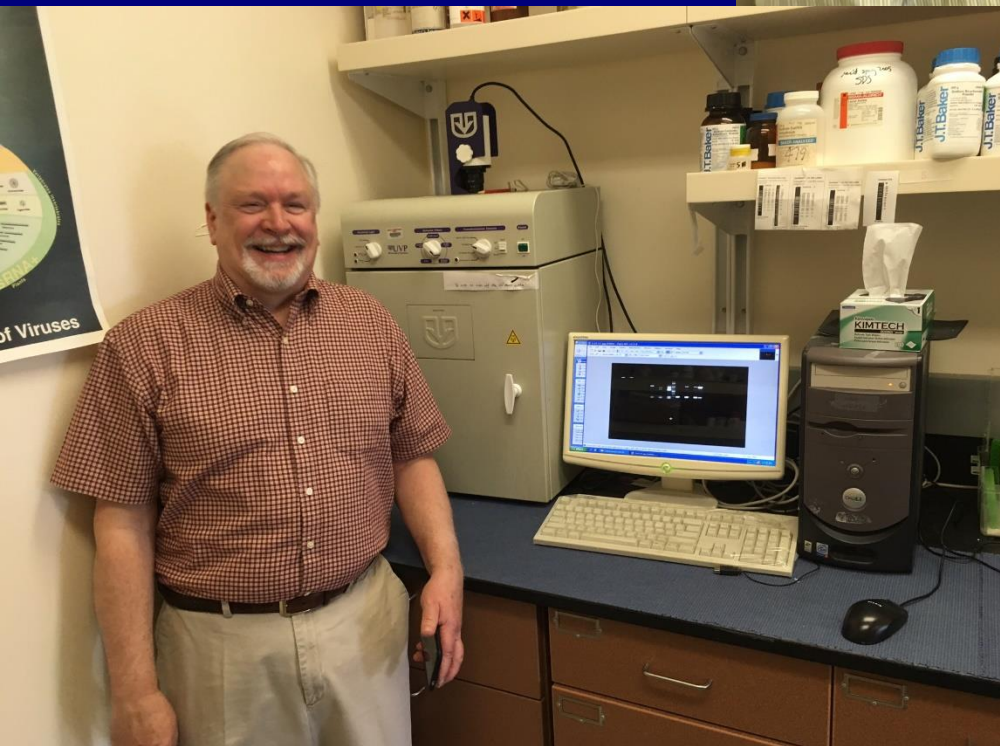
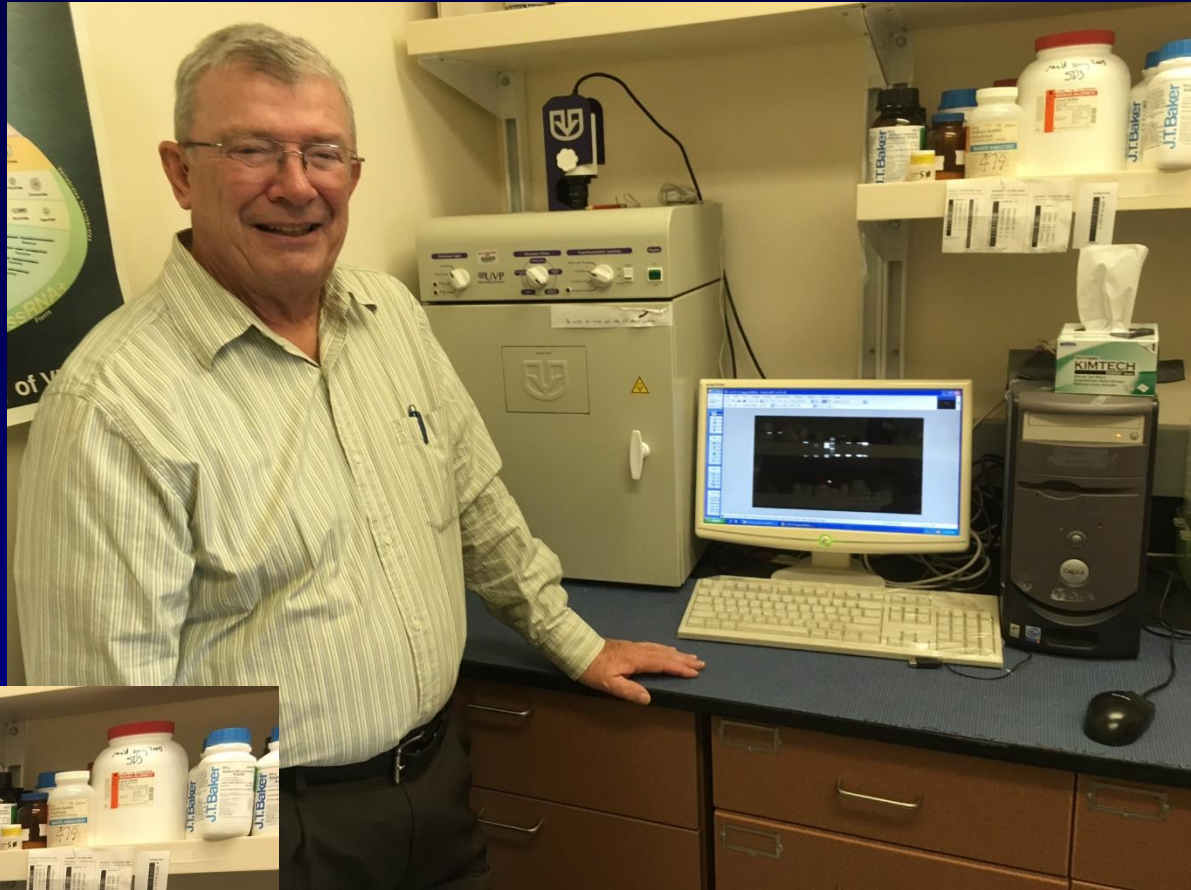
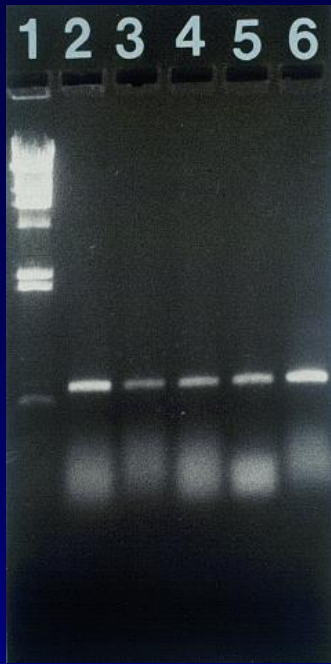
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Video











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Virus Testing: Findings from last two years

More than 1,000 samples tested for five viruses

“All dahlias have the virus.” **NOT TRUE!**

(there are pieces of a viral DNA that exists as part of the dahlia genome: may plants have these remnants). Even our own DNA has pieces of viral genome integrated.

Of the viruses that are known to infect dahlias: Tobacco streak virus seems to be more prevalent than others. This virus is spread by thrips.

Using virus-tested/virus-free plants to propagate further – will reduce the virus infections to a minimum.

Some of the symptoms are specific and unique to virus infection: visually screening and discarding plants with those symptoms is recommended.

Viruses: how do they spread?

Natural means: **Insects**

Human activities:

Gardening tools/implements

Propagating material (tubers, cuttings)



**Tobacco
thrips**



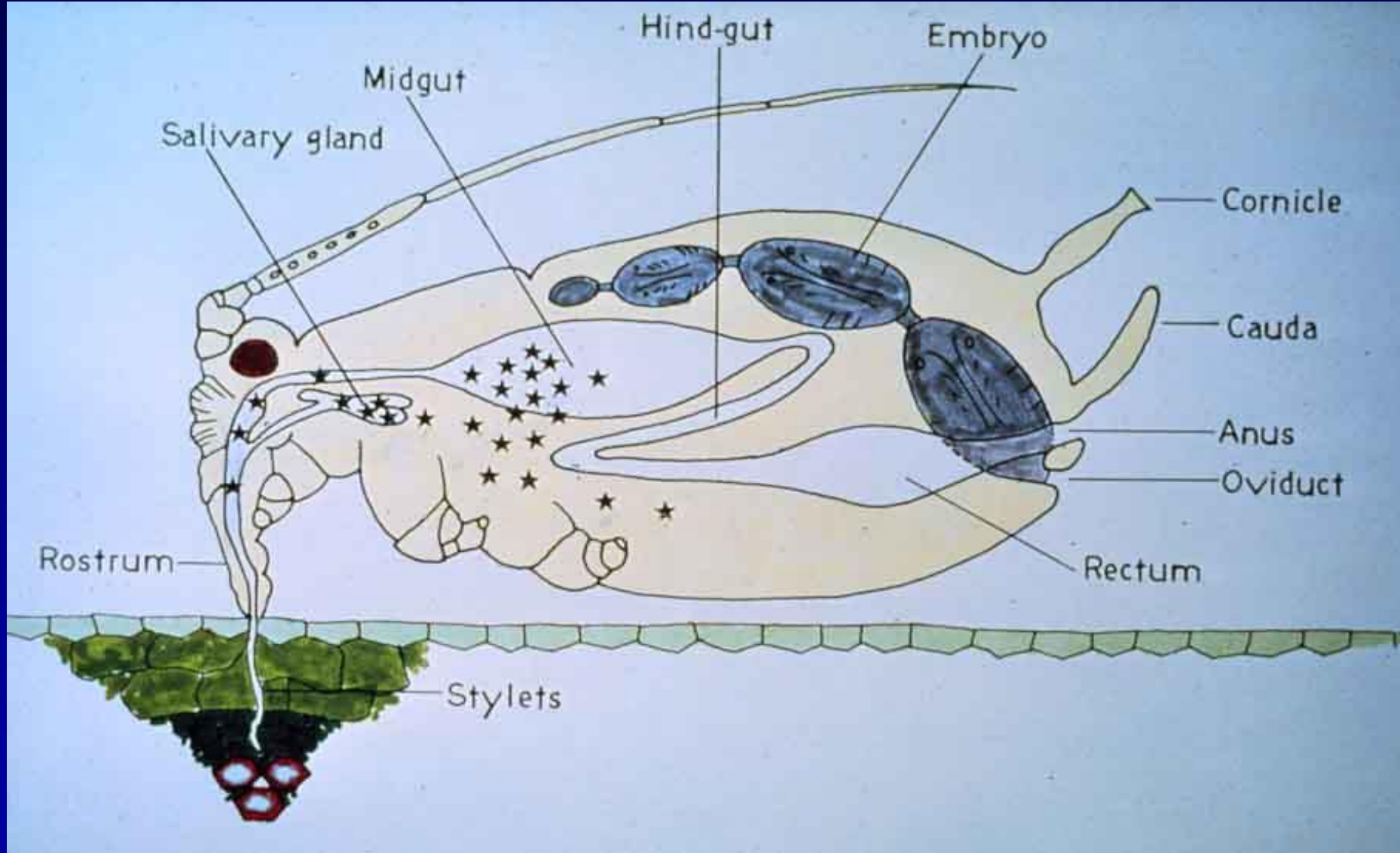
male

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**Western flower
thrips**



Vector Transmission



Control of plant viruses

Once the plant gets 'sick' (=got infected with a virus):

There is little that could be done to 'cure' that plant or 'get rid of the virus' from that plant

Control of plant viruses

As a result,

Most of the control options are directed at **PREVENTING** infection

Managing Virus Diseases

- Start with virus-free/healthy, vigorously growing plants
- Eliminate infected plants (and tubers)
- Avoid contamination
- Disinfect tools

Control

- Early detection of infected plants
- Discarding infected plants (to minimize further spread)
- Disinfect tools frequently to avoid Contamination (=carry over)

Disinfectants

- 10% household bleach
- DAWN detergent solution

2 teaspoons of Dawn in 600 mls of water,
giving it about a 1.6% solution. 1.6%

*Control of Viruses:
Three time-tested methods!*

Clean stock

Clean stock

Clean stock

FAQs

I pulled out a diseased plant. Is it okay to plant in the same soil again?

>Depends. If the disease was due to a virus, you may plant again in the same soil. Many viruses do not survive in soil

FAQs

I really take good care of my plants and I don't see much of a disease issues!

>Stresses like lack of water or poor soil fertility could weaken your plants and could make the plants prone to disease

FAQs

Is it possible to make dahlias resistant to viruses?

>Yes. Through the process called plant breeding. For this, we first need to identify genes that provide that resistance and move them into desirable cultivars

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Some of my plants looked diseased but new growth looked fine rest of the season. Why is that?

> This happens some times. Plants fight back and try to recover from the disease. This does not mean that they got rid of the virus

FAQs

My plants looked like diseased with leaves showing symptoms similar to what Dr. Pappu showed. But the flowers came out normal. Should I keep using the tubers/cuttings from these plants?

> Not a good idea! Viruses accumulate and pass on from generation to generation and can cause more damage.

FAQs

What can I do to reduce virus spread?

- Disinfecting knives/tools goes a long way!
- 10% household bleach can be very effective in inactivating many viruses

FAQs

Is there something that I can spray to 'cure' my diseased plants?

- No
- There are no known chemical therapies for plant viruses - to 'get rid of/kill' a virus from a diseased plant

FAQs

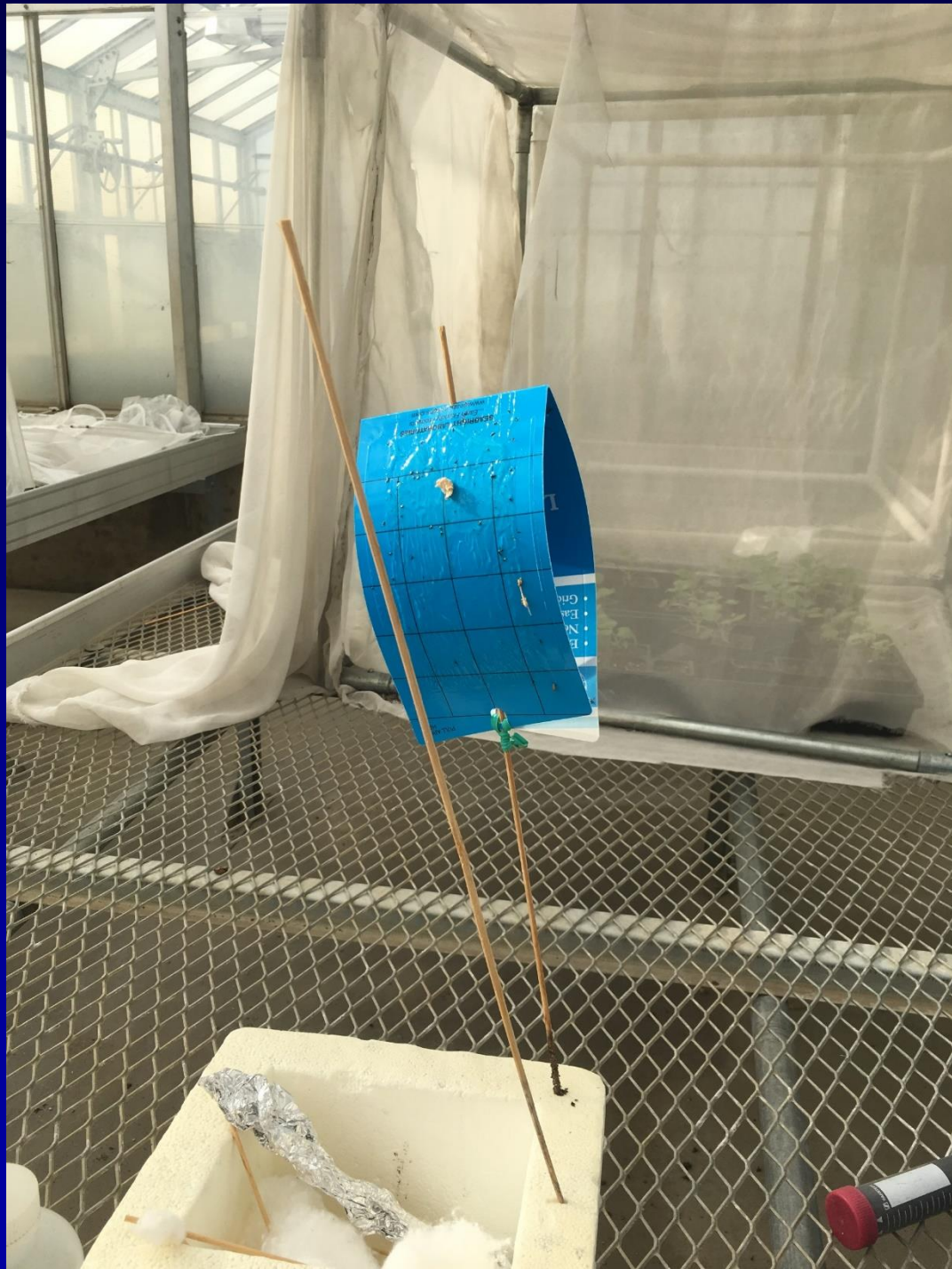
I pulled out a few diseased plants. Is it okay to compost them?

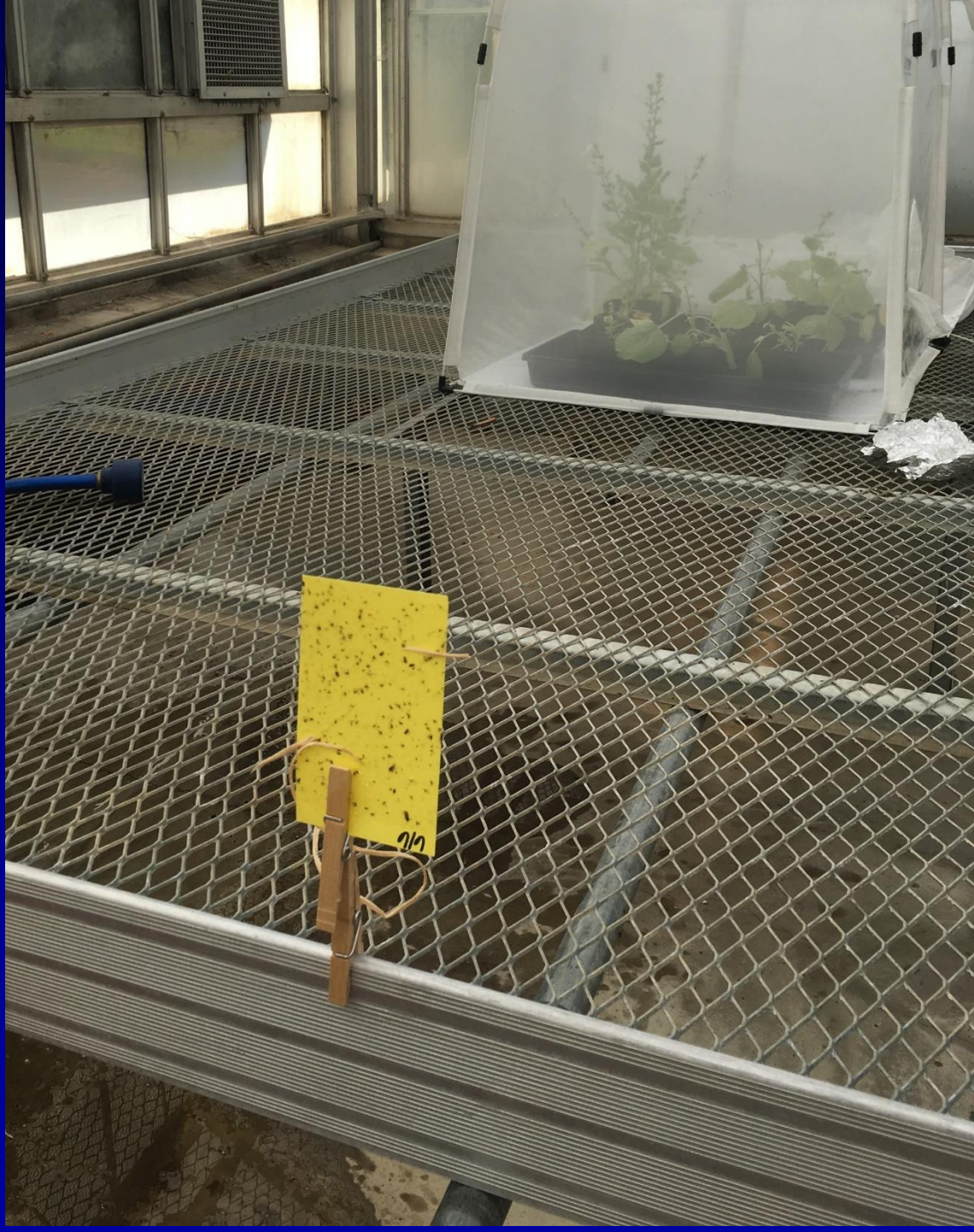
- It is better if you don't. It depends on the region: where summer temperatures are higher, the composting process could inactivate the viruses

FAQs

You just said dahlia viruses are spread by bugs. What can I do about it?

- Yes, many of the dahlia viruses are spread by insects - but their relative importance in disease spread in household gardens is relatively low.
- Removing leaves with symptoms - first time they appear and become visible - reduces the amount of virus that could be spread by insects





Remember!

Removing plants with disease as soon as you notice them and not using/selling/sharing tubers from those plants is the surest way to reduce the virus problem over time.

Those who have been doing this over the years have virus-free plants.

Start Clean; Stay Clean!

Big Thanks to the Lab Gang



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Thank you!

