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Circumventing Recurrent Incidents of Soft-rot *Pectobacteriaceae* in potato production

PhD project

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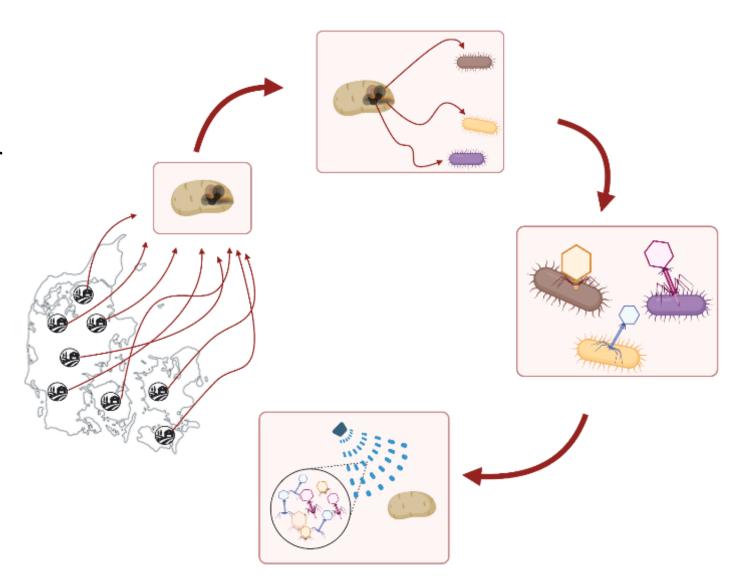
PROGRAM

- PROJECT OVERVIEW
- WHAT ARE BACTERIOPHAGES?
- BACTERIOPHAGES AS BIOCONTROL AGENTS AGAINST SOFT ROT IN POTATOES
- HOW TO COLLECT SICK POTATOES AND POTATO PLANTS
- COLLABORATIONS
- PRELIMINARY RESULTS



Project overview

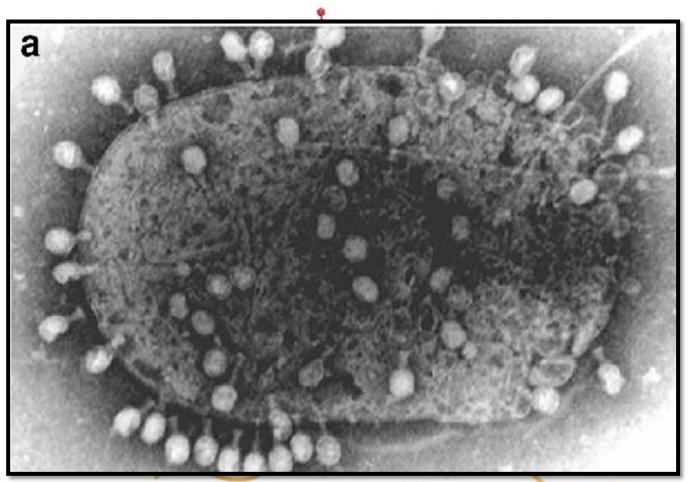
- Isolate softrot
 Pectobacteriacea from all over
 Denmark
- Isolate bacteriophages
- Test bacteriophages as biocontrol agents against soft rot *Pectobactericea* in potatoes





What are bacteriophages?

- Virus which infects bacteria
- The most abundant organism on earth
- The natural enemy of bacteria
- Often narrow host range



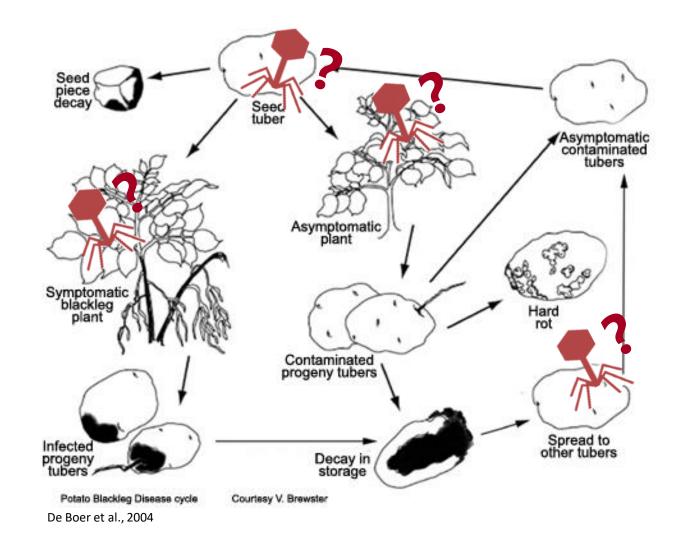
Papukashvili et. al. 2014



How can we use bacteriophages as biocontrol agents against soft rot *Pectobacteriacea*?



- Which soft rot
 Pectobacteriacea are present
 in Denmark?
- How can we apply phages as biocontrol agents?



Bacteriophages as biocontrol agents of soft rot in potatoes wiruses

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It works!

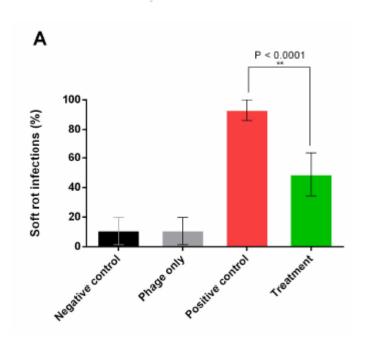
Carstens et al. 2018 & 2019

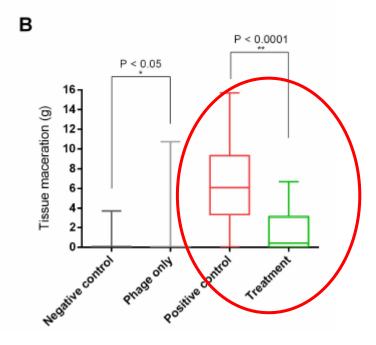
- Reduced number and disease severity with mor than 60% (2019, *P. atro*)
- Reduced disease severity with more than 70% (2018, *D.* solani)

Article

Unlocking the Potential of 46 New Bacteriophages for Biocontrol of *Dickeya Solani*

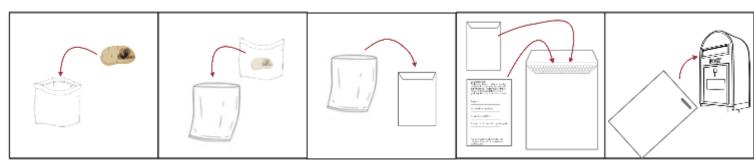
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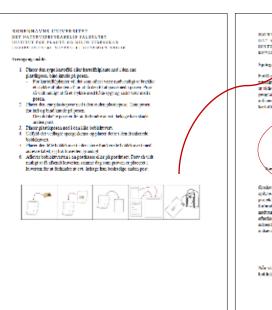


How to collect sick potatoes and potato plants

"Guide to collect" has been send out to potato producers all over Denmark







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Collaborations

- KMC
- SEGES
- DANESPO
- Ministry of food, agriculture and fisheries
- Sagro
- SLF
- Landbonord
- Global collaboration:

EUROPHRESCO project:

Taxonomy and epidemiology of Pectobacterium and Dickeya spp. in Europe, North America and South Africa







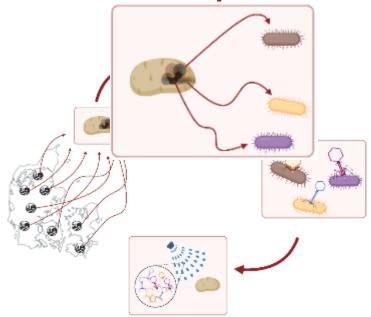




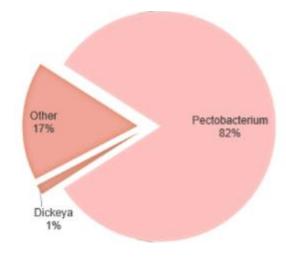




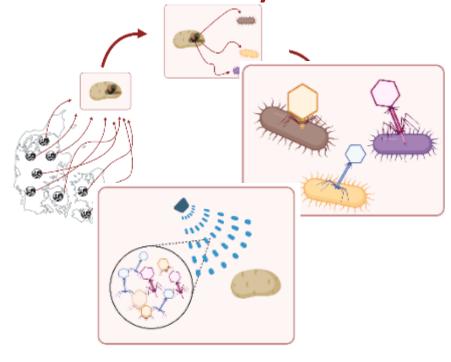
Preliminary results

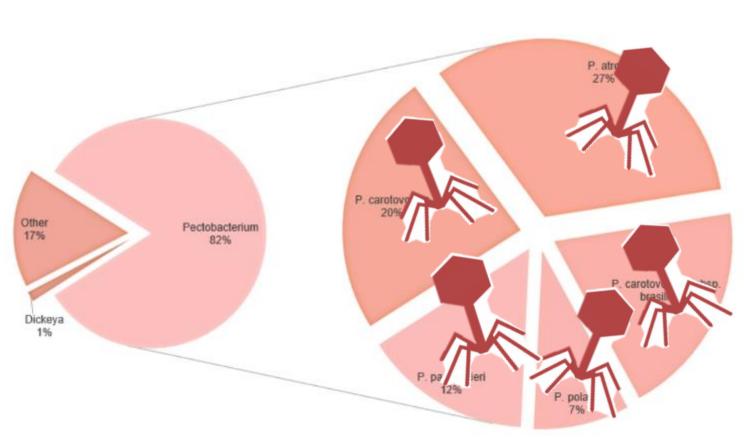


>70 isolates ~ 60 isolates whole genome sequenced



Preliminary results





> 40 PHAGES



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Magnus
MSc student
Finding / testing
phages



LarsProfessor, main supervisor



AlexanderFounder of the project and cosupervisor



AnnaMSc student
In planta setup

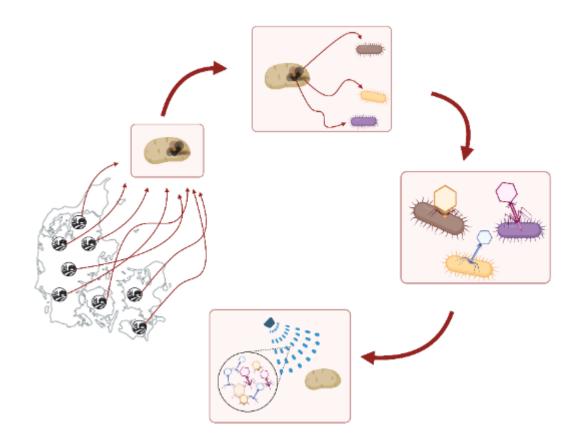
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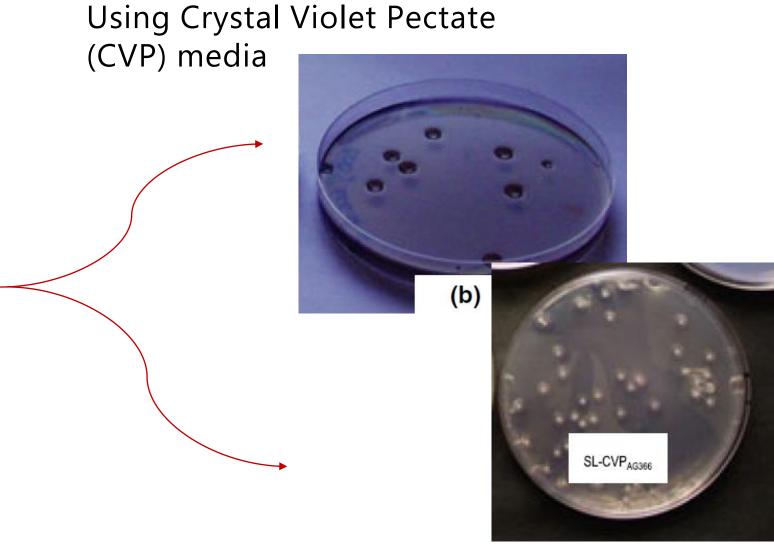
Would you like to help us next year?

Isolation of bacterial soft rot pathogens





Fera plant disease, 2021



Heliás et al. 2012