

# HC70A & SAS70A Winter 2018 Genetic Engineering in Medicine, Agriculture, and Law

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Lecture 2
The Age of DNA: What Is Genetic
Engineering-Part Two



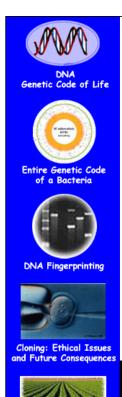






#### **THEMES**

- 1. The Scientific Process Revisted
- 2. The Significance of Genetic Engineering
- 3. What Are the Tools of Genetic Engineering?
- 4. What Can Be Done With Genetic Engineering-Some Examples
- 5. What Does Genetic Engineering Tell Us About Basic Genetic Processes in All Organisms?
- 6. Genetic Engineering Anything New?
- 7. Are Vegetables Engineered Demonstration
- 8. Science & Ideology A Tragic Combination
- 9. Classical vs. 21st Century Genetic Engineering
- 10. Understanding How Genetic Engineering Uses Natural Rules of the Cell (i.e., It Isn't Magic)!



### WHAT IS SCIENCE?

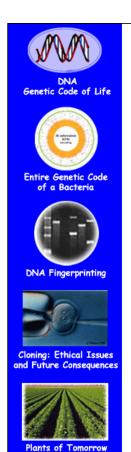
<u>WEBSTER</u>: Knowledge about, or study of, the natural world based on <u>facts</u> learned through experiments and observation.

Technology, like Genetic Engineering, is the <u>application</u> of science <u>knowledge</u>









## HOW IS SCIENCE CARRIED OUT?







Scientific Knowledge is Based on Observation, Hypothesis Testing, Rigorous Experimentation, Results, Facts, and Verification

What Are the Data? What Is the Evidence?

Science is NOT "Hocus Pocus" or Based on Opinions and Beliefs

#### What Is the Significance of Genetic Engineering?

- 1. <u>Specific</u> DNA Sequences and Genes Can Be <u>Isolated</u> From Any Organism
- 2. DNA Segments of Any Kind From Any Organism Can Be Combined (Genetic Engineering!!!!!!)
- 3. Isolated Genes Can Be <u>Engineered</u> and <u>Re-Inserted</u> Into the Chromosomes of Any Organism and Made to Work
- 4. Genes and Genomes Can Be <u>Synthesized</u>, <u>Edited</u>, and <u>Made To Work</u> in Any Organism

There Are No Genetic Limits. All Biological Organisms Use the Same Genetic Rules. The Implications Are Enormous!!











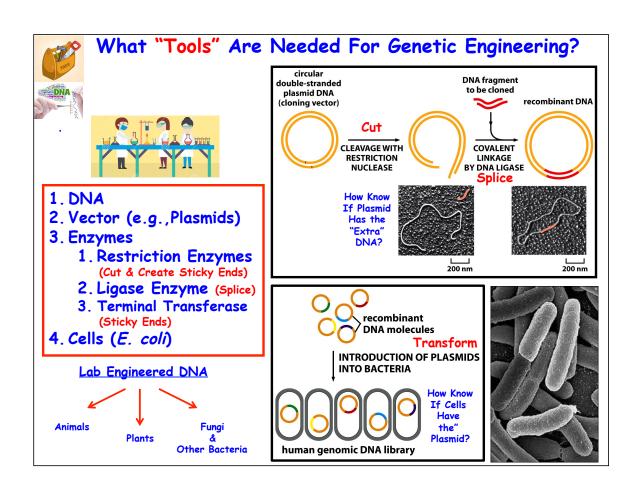


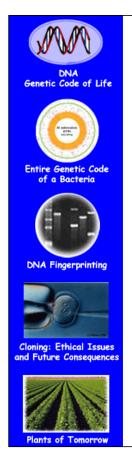
What "Tools" Do You Need For Genetic Engineering?





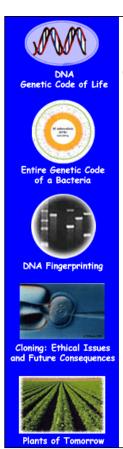






What Can Be Done With Genetic Engineering?

Some Examples



## Using a Jellyfish Gene to Engineer Glowing Bacteria, Animals, and Plants!!!!

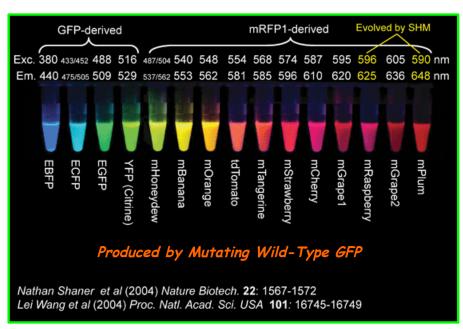


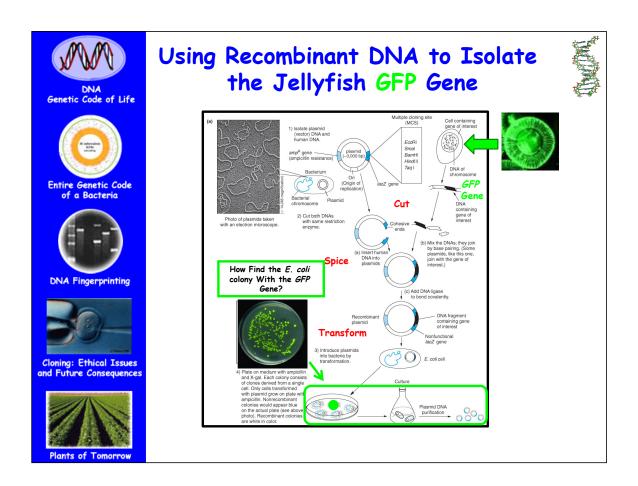
#### Green Fluorescence Protein (GFP)

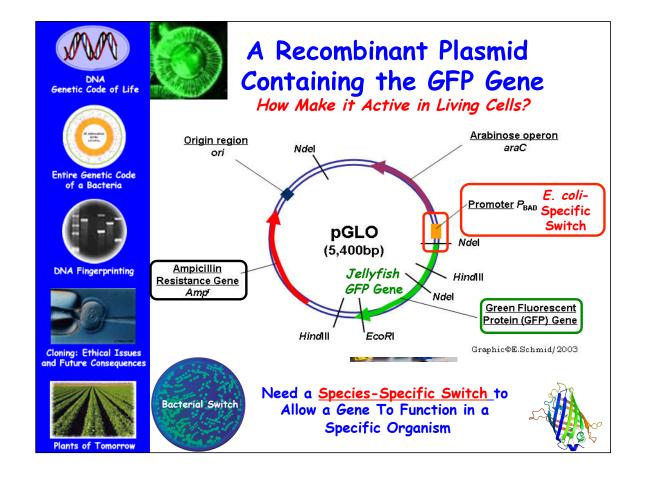
(238 amino acids)

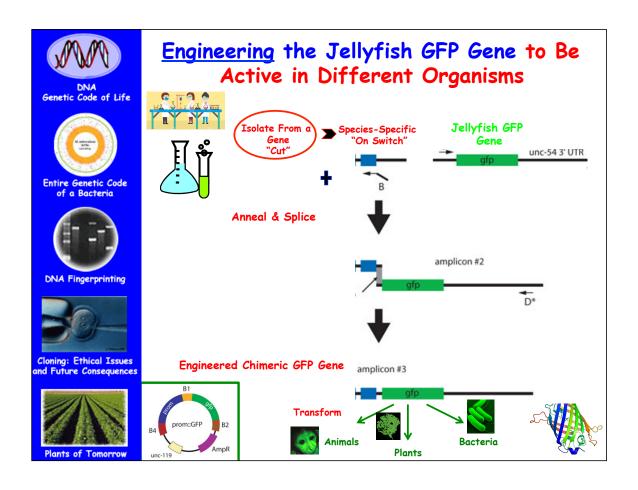
Nobel Prize in Chemistry - 2008 - Shimomura, Chalfie, & Tsien

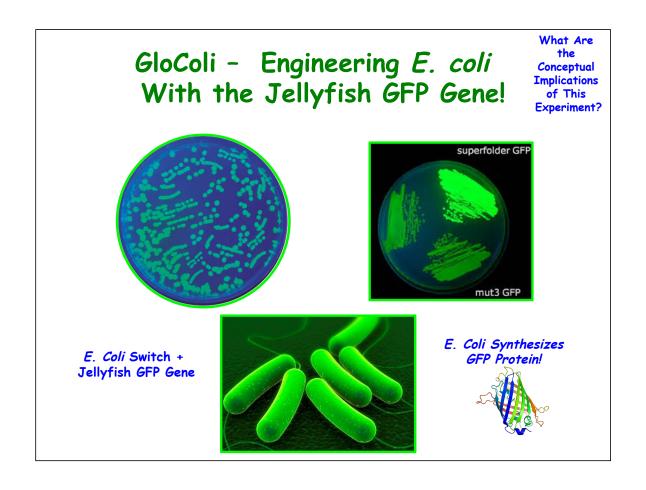
## There Are Many Different Kinds of Fluorescing Proteins!



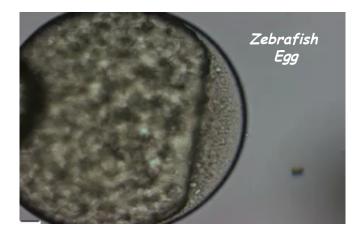






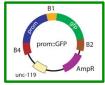


### Engineering a "GloFish"



Zebrafish Danio rerio



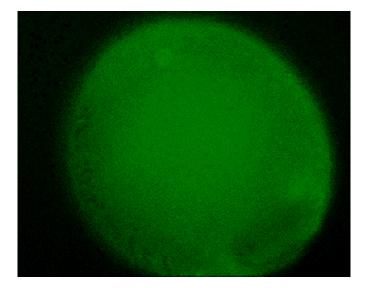


Using Genetic Engineering To Insert An Engineered

Jellyfish GFP Gene into a Zebrafish Egg!

What Switch Used?

### A "GloFish" Embryo!!



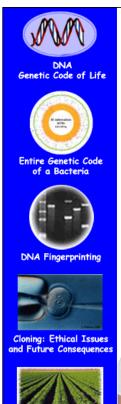


Zebrafish - Danio rerio

### Genetically Engineered "GloFish!!"



Note Different Fluorescing Colors - Due to Different Engineered Jellyfish Genes



#### Can GloFish Can Be Sold In California?

- Cal. Depart. of Fish and Game Code § 15007 (2007)
  Regulation Makes it illegal to spawn, cultivate, or incubate any transgenic fish in the state controlled waters of the Pacific Ocean.
- Cal. Depart. of Fish and Game Code Ruling (2015)
  The Dept. of Fish and Game will propose the addition of an exception to Section 1.92 that would allow the sale of transgenic tropical aquarium fish that the Dept. has determined pose no foreseeable risk or harm to native fish or wildlife

#### Genetic Engineering & The Law!!











January 20, 2016

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Determination that the Proposed Transgenic Aquatic Animals Are Not Detrimental to Native Fish, Wildlife, or Plants in California

In accordance with Section 703(A), Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Yorktown has provided all the required information needed for CDFW to make a determination as to whether or not the presence of the proposed transgenic aquatic animals within California is detrimental to native fish, wildlife or plants. Based on the information provided by Yorktown, including species information, scientific reviews, and risk assessments, CDFW has determined that fluorescent zebrafish, white tetra, and tiger barb are not detrimental and pose no reasonably foreseeable risk to California's native fish, wildlife, or plants. Therefore, these transgenic aquatic animals are not subject to regulation under Section 671 and subsection 671(a)(8). Title 14, CCR.

Effective immediately, Yorktown Technologies, L.P. or its authorized agent may import, possess, distribute, and sell fluorescent zebrafish, white tetra, and tiger barb within California for the aquarium fish trade. Yorktown and its authorized agent must possess and provide within three business days, upon request by CDFW, a copy of this determination. Additionally, any wholesaler or retailer purchasing the approved fluorescent fish species from Yorktown or its authorized agent may also import, possess, distribute, and sell the approved species provided that the wholesaler or retailer possesses and provides within three business days, upon request by CDFW,

### How About a GloFly!



### What About "GloMice!!!"



### And Glo Monkeys, Cats and Pigs as Well!!

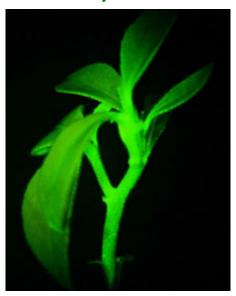








## Engineering a GloPlant With the Same Jellyfish Gene!!!



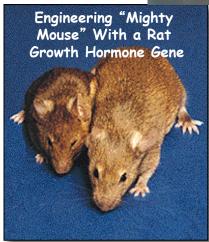
What are the Biological Implications of These Experiments?

#### Dramatic growth of mice that develop from eggs microinjected with metallothionein-growth hormone fusion genes

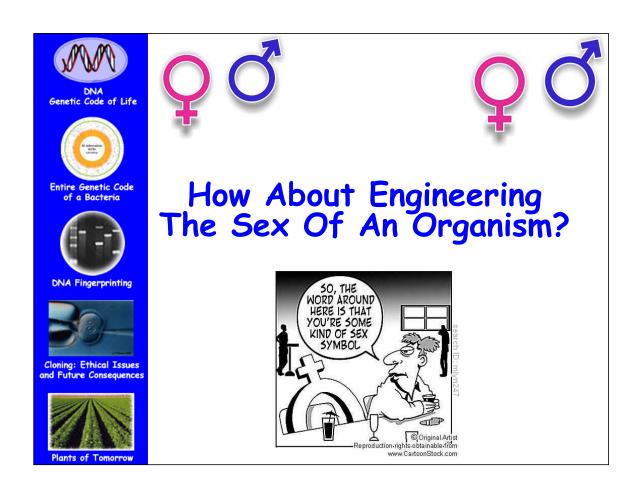
Richard D. Palmiter<sup>†</sup>, Ralph L. Brinster<sup>†</sup>, Robert E. Hammer<sup>†</sup>, Myrna E. Trumbauer<sup>†</sup>, Michael G. Rosenfeld<sup>‡</sup>, Neal C. Birnberg<sup>§</sup> & Ronald M. Evans<sup>§</sup>



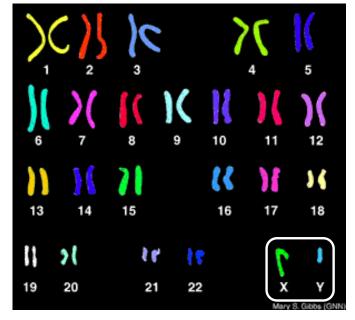
Nature, December, 1982 36 Years Ago!!!!!!!!







#### Males and Females Differ By the Presence or Absence Of the Y Chromosome (simplistically!!)



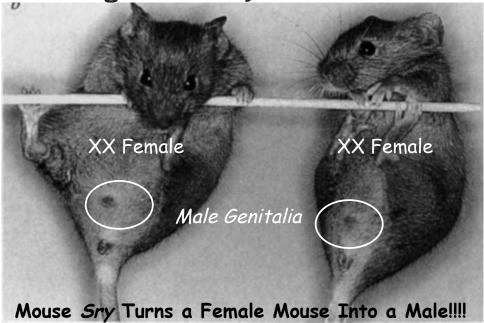


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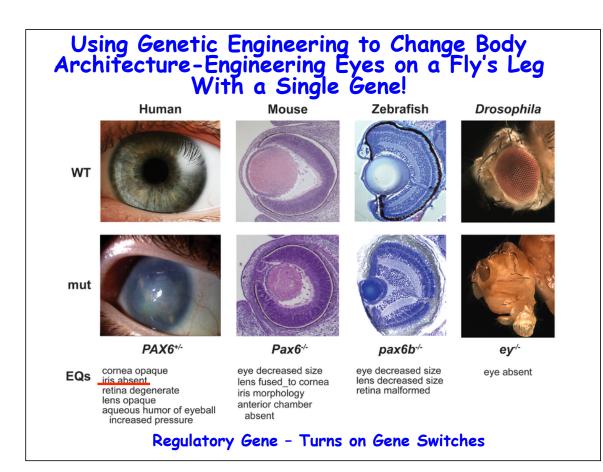
Regulates Other Genes
Turns on Switches

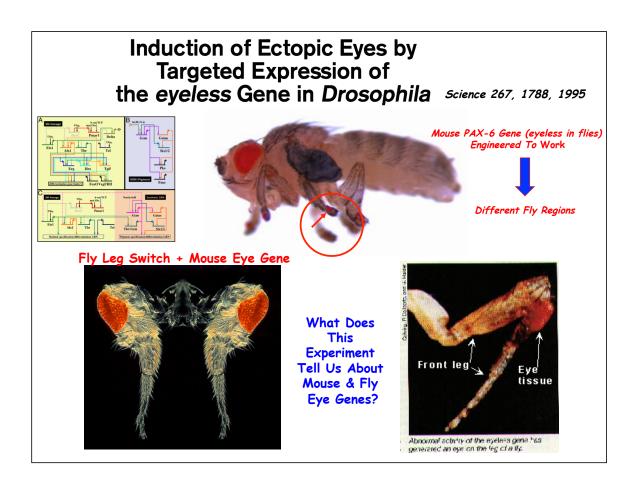
The Human SRY Gene For Maleness Controls Gender

## Male development of chromosomally female mice transgenic for *Sry* Nature, May 9, 1991



Functional Proof That Sry Controls Male Development





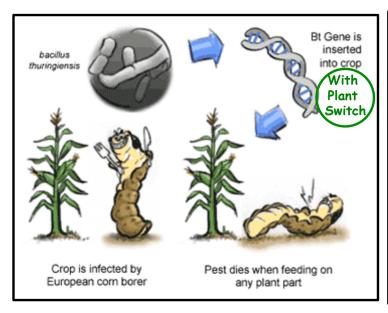






## Crops Can Be Engineered With Bt For Insect Resistance







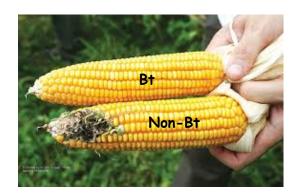


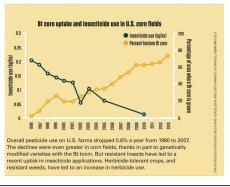
## Genetic Engineering a Plant to Resist Worms! Implications For Agriculture





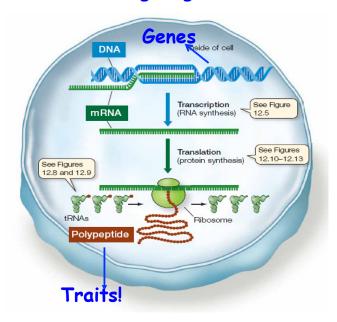
### Adoption of Bt Corn By US Farmers Has Reduced the Use of Pesticides!!!!







What Can We Infer FROM These Genetic Engineering Experiments About How Genes "Work" and Genetic Processes in All Living Organisms?

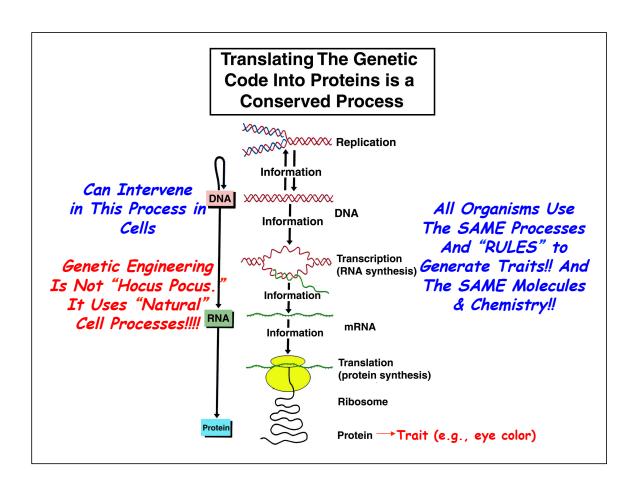


## Observations and Inferences From Genetic Engineering Experiments

- 1. <u>Genes Can Work Independently of Each Other</u>
  E.G. The Jellyfish Fluorescence Gene Works
  Perfectly in a Variety of Organisms
- 2. <u>Basic Genetic Processes Are Universal (Replication</u>
  <u>& DNA to RNA to Protein)</u>
  - E. G. The Bt Gene Directs the Production of BT Protein in Crops.
- 3. <u>Basic Genetic Processes Can Be Used to Engineer</u>
  <u>or Transfer Genes From One Organism to Another</u>
  <u>and Transfer Them Stably Generation After</u>
  Generation
  - E.G. The Chimeric GloFish & Bt Genes Are Inherited Generation After Generation.







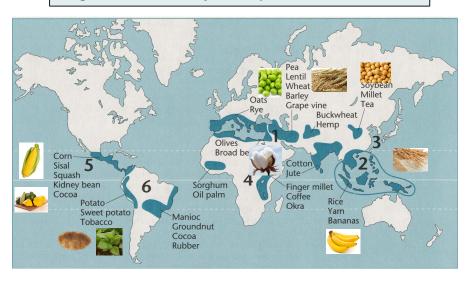


## There is Nothing New About Genetic Engineering!

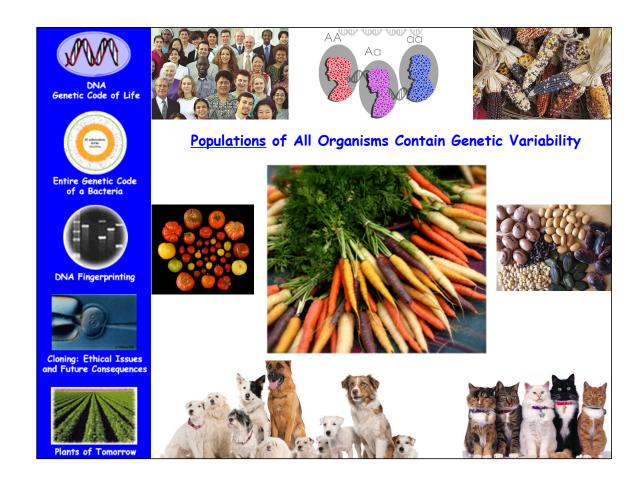
Manipulating Genes IS
Manipulating Genes No Matter
What Technology or Techniques
Are Used!!

## <u>All</u> Major Crops Were Engineered From Wild Relatives by Early "Bioengineers" Over 10,000 Years Ago!!

#### **Regions Where Major Crops Were Established**



Breeding Involves Gene Manipulation Using EXISTING Genetic Variability!



#### Breeding Uses Natural Genetic Variability of Genes As Raw Material - Variability Generated by Mutations



Mutations in a Gene That Change Its Chemical Sequence & Slightly Alters Its Function (e.g., fruit size, color)

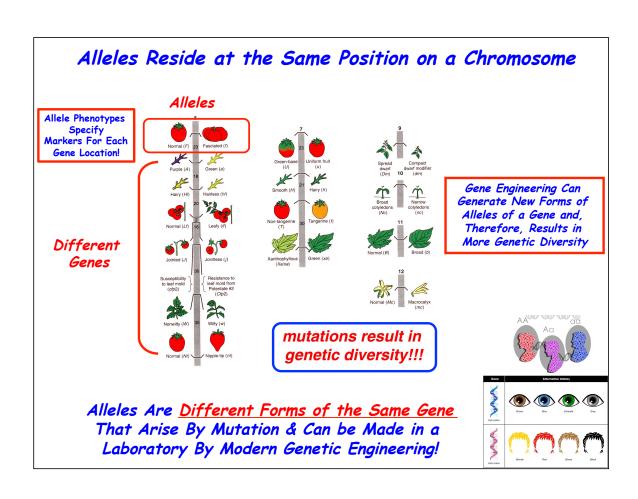
## Tomatoes Were Engineered From Small Wild Relatives Because of Mutations in Fruit Size Genes!



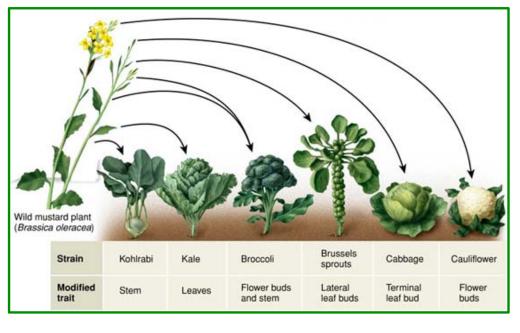
The Early Tomato "Bioengineers" Selected For Large Fruit Size Because it Provided More Food!

What They Were Selecting Was a Different Form (Allele) of a Fruit Size Gene.

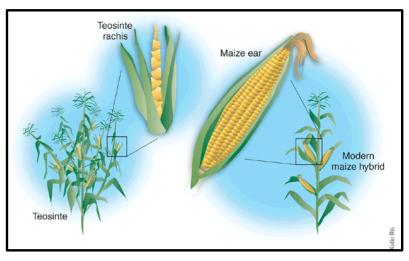
al·lele e<sup>l</sup>lēl/ Noun GENETICS plural noun: alleles one of two or more alternative forms of a gene that arise by mutation and are found at the same place on a chromosome.







#### Engineering Corn From the Wild Grass Teosinte



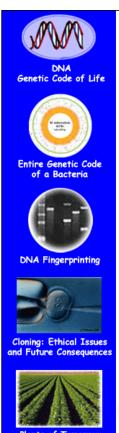
Note: Architecture and Fruit (cob) Size

Only Five Genes Cause These Plants to Differ & We Now Know What They Are

## Domesticated Animals Were Also "Engineered" By Breeding Wild Relatives



Manipulating Existing Genetic Variability Brought About By Chance Mutations!

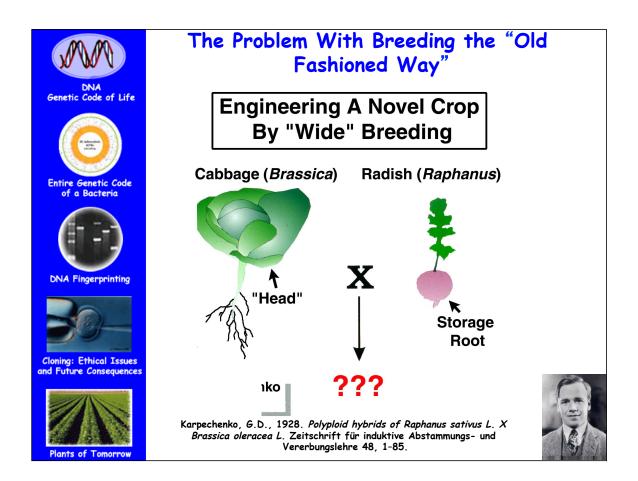


## The Problem With Breeding the "Old Fashioned Way"

Cannot Predict Results!

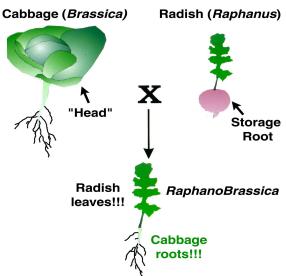








### Engineering A Novel Crop By "Wide" Breeding

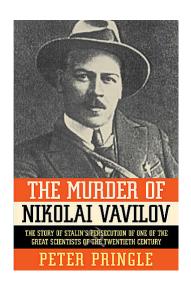


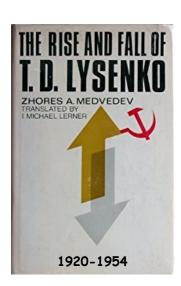
Results Show the Unpredictability of Classical Breeding Approaches!!

Compare With the Modern Genetic Engineering Examples Shown

Previously

#### How Ideology Destroys Science & Leads to Horrific Tragedy









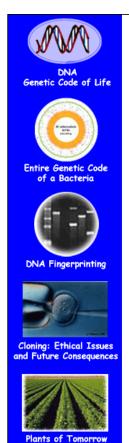




#### Karpechenko's Dream Come True!!!!



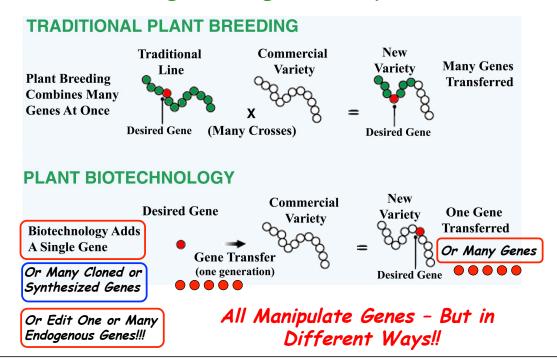
Grafting Potato and Tomato Plants!



#### Genetic Engineering is a **TECHNIQUE!**

How Do Classical Genetic Engineering Methods Differ From Those Using DNA and 21st Century Technologies?

### Classical vs. DNA or Molecular Genetic Engineering Techniques

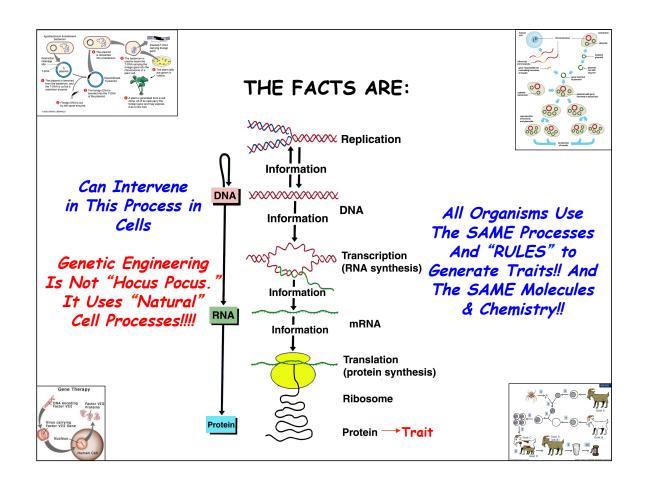


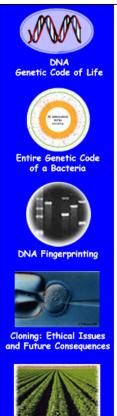
## What Are The Limitations of Classical Breeding/Genetic Engineering?

- 1. Limited To Genes of Interbreeding Organisms and, Clearly, Severe Ethical Issues With Humans (Eugenics)
- 2. Only Can Make New Combinations of EXISTING Genes Genes Created By "Natural" Mutations
- 3. Can't Make Existing Genes "Better" Just Better or More Useful Combinations of Existing Genes and/or Alleles
- 4. Takes Time Limited To Generation Time of Organism Decades For Some Crop Plants
- 5. Only Useful For "Obvious" Traits One's That Can Be Observed or Followed
- 6. Unpredictable Outcomes (Bringing in Thousands of Genes at Once Some With Deleterious Consequences)

### What Are The Advantages of Using 21st Century Genetic Engineering Methods?

- 1. Any Gene From Any Organism Can Be Used In Any Organism There Are No Breeding Barriers (e.g., genes of all sequenced genomes)
- 2. New Genes Can Be Engineered Genes That Work Better and/or Produce New Proteins (i.e., create new genetic variability and/or alleles)
- 3. Existing Genes Can Be Engineered to be Switched On in "Places" That They Are Normally Off Gene Control or Regulation Altered (e.g., fly eye on leg)
- 4. Speed Can Engineer a New Organism in a Generation
- 5. Can Change, Alter, Manipulate, Synthesize and/or Control the Genetic Blueprint of Any Organism
- 6. Very Precise (Working With Known Genes & Proteins)





## The "Ultimate" in Genetics Engineering is to Synthesize a Genome







## We Live in The Age of DNA & Genetic Engineering!

Understanding Genetic Engineering
Requires a Basic Understanding of Genes
And How They Work



