



Novel Microbes as Bionematicides and Biofumigants – Progress and Challenges

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# **REGALIA**

The industry's 1st effective plantextracted fungicide; Increases yields/quality on multiple crops



Industry's only biological solution for invasive mussels; highly effective & selective

> Reduces sun & water stress, increasing yields & quality

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Breakthrough efficacy against downy mildews, white molds & Botrytis

MBI's Portfolio Approach to Existing & Unmet Market Needs





First broad spectrum microbial insecticide since Bt (50+ yrs); Novel chemistry & mode of action

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New species of insecticidal bacteria with novel compounds as potent as the best chemicals

MAJESTENE

Reduces broad spectrum of root-feeding nematodes to increase yields/quality

MBI also distributes these biological products in the U.S.





# The Challenge of Nematode Management



Nearly invisible pest complex Damage is not always visible Difficult and expensive to sample



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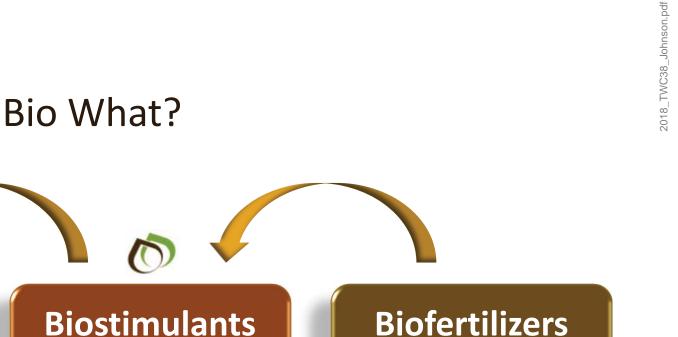
Use restrictions on fumigants Lack of product availability Fewer new products compared to other inputs



## The Challenge of Developing New Nematicides

- Multiple species of plant-parasitic nematodes with widely different life histories limit access to susceptible stages
- Impact of different soil types and climate
- Limited ability to deliver product to susceptible life stages
- Challenge of identifying active ingredients that impact nematodes without having excessively negative environmental impacts



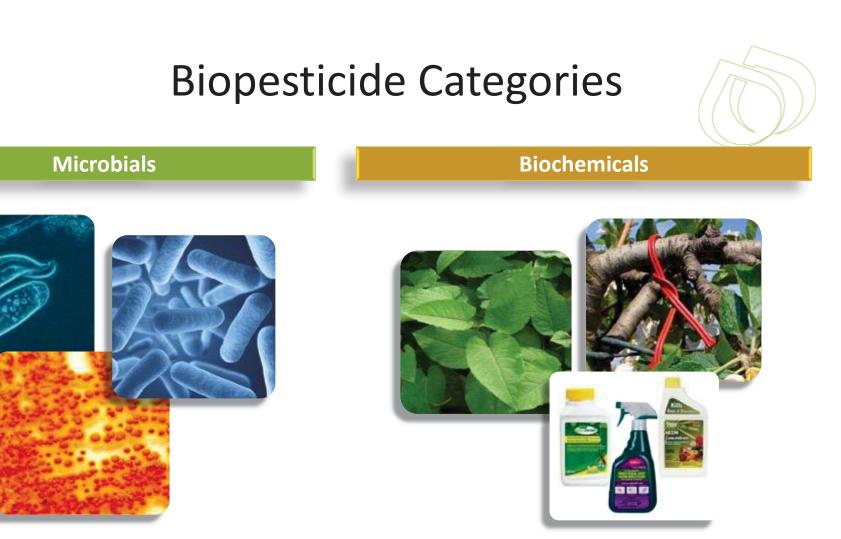


**Biopesticides** *Crop Protection*  **Biofertilizers** *Crop Nutrition* 

 Many, many companies are going into biostimulants, but fewer venture into biopesticides because of the higher technical and regulatory barriers to entry

Crop Enhancement





Fungi, Bacteria, Viruses, and Protozoa

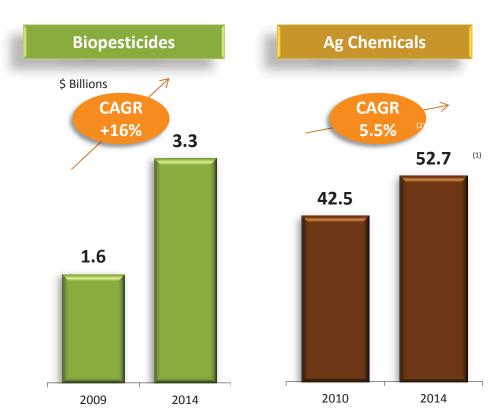
Plant Extracts, Pheromones, Soaps, and Fatty Acids

#### A 70 year history of safe use of biopesticides Faster and less expensive EPA registration than synthetic chemicals



#### Compelling Value Proposition of Biopesticides

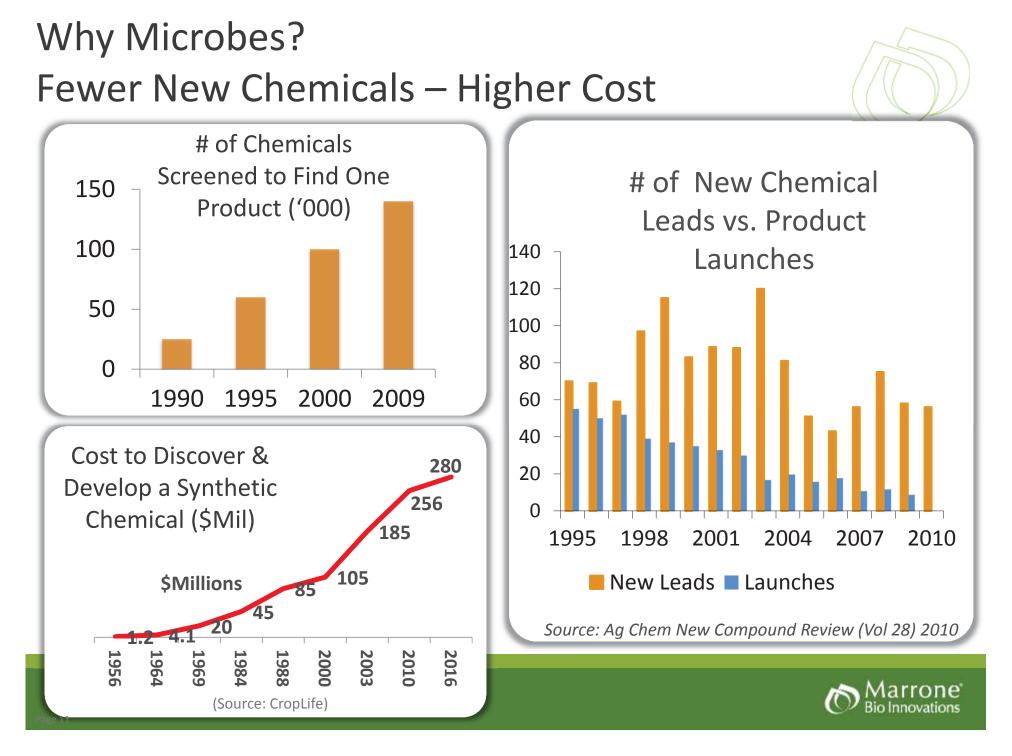
- Improved products
- No residues, good for export markets
- Manage/delay pest resistance
- Worker safety and production flexibility (short field re-entry)
- Favorable environmental footprint
- Lower development cost (<\$10 mil USD vs. \$300 mil for chemicals)
- Can be used in organic production



Source: BCC Research and AgroPages.

To compare Biopesticides and Ag Chemicals growth, AgroPages' 2016E of \$58.43B is discounted by two periods of the '11-'16E CAGR of 5.3% to yield an extrapolated value of \$52.7B.
The '10-'14E CAGR figure reported is calculated based on AgroPages' 2010A value of \$42.47B and the extrapolated value of \$52.7B (see footnote 1) to yield the 5.54% extrapolated CAGR.

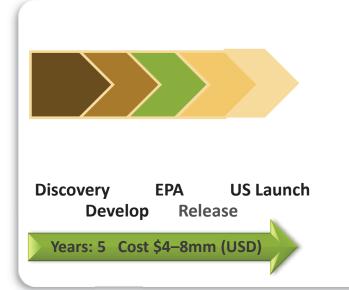




# **Bringing Biopesticides to Market**



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- ✓ Shorter statutory timeline for EPA approval of biopesticides
- Reduced toxicology requirements if no direct toxic effects
- $\checkmark$  Shorter development time
- Add additional \$10-20 million for global development

#### **Average Chemical Pesticide**



# **Organic Labels**



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For Organic Production



National Organic Program (NOP) seal for organic pesticides (active & inert ingredients)

Organic Materials Review Institute (non-profit) seal: list of approved pesticides and fertilizers [NOT REQUIRED – optional listing!]



Organic seal for FOOD (National Organic Program Regulations – how crops are grown and food is processed)

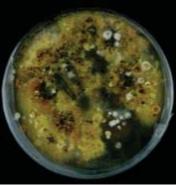


# Microorganisms Isolated From Unique Habitats and Geographies



Samples from around the world from habitats of high biodiversity are cultured on specific media -Internal isolations and external





Individual fungal, bacterial, and actinomycete colonies picked from primary plate



Purity is confirmed on separate plates



Water extracts of fermentation broths are used for bioassays



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collections

# **Primary Screen Testing**



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Insecticide	Fungicide	Herbicide	Nematicide	Algaecide	Bactericide	Biostimulants
Lygus Beet armyworm Corn rootworm	Botrytis cinerea Phytophthora capsici	Crabgrass Lettuce	Meloidogyne spp.	Chlamydomona s reinhardtii	Xanthomonas campestris Pseudomonas syringae	Tomatoes, Corn, Radish, Soy & Others





# Product and Process Development



Develop userfriendly formulations (lab & pilot facilities)

Develop and scale manufacturing processes (lab, pilot & mfg facilities)





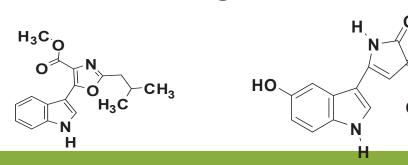
Conduct field trials c

Develop data for the regulatory submission



#### Determining What Causes the Pesticidal Activity

- Characterize/identify pesticidal compounds produced by the microbes or plants
- Eliminate strains with harmful compounds
- Develop analytical assays based on bioactive chemistry for Quality Control in manufacturing











# Novel Micro-organisms as Bionematicides



# **Bionematicides – Seed Treatments**



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Active	Туре	Product Name	Manufacturer
Pasteuria nishizawae	Microbial, Bacteria	Clariva <sup>®</sup> (Seed treatment)	Syngenta
Bacillus firmus	Microbial, Bacteria	Votivo <sup>®</sup> (Seed treatment)	Bayer Crop Science
Killed Burkholderia rinojensis	Microbial, Killed Bacteria	BioST <sup>®</sup> Nematicide 100	Marrone Bio Innovations/ Albaugh





## **Bionematicides**



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Purpureocillium lilacinus	Microbial, Fungus	MeloCon®	Bayer Crop Science/ProPhyta
Myrothecium verrucaria	Microbial, Fungus	DiTera®	Valent BioSciences
Saponins of Quillaja saponaria	Biochemical, Plant Extract	Nema-Q <sup>®</sup> *	Brandt
Killed Burkholderia rinojensis	Microbial, Killed Bacteria	Majestene <sup>®**</sup>	Marrone Bio Innovations
Dead Chromobacterium subtsugae	Microbial, Dead Bacteria	MBI-304WDG***	Marrone Bio Innovations

\*Nema-Q is not registered for use on tobacco.

\*\*Majestene is registered for use on tobacco through a 2ee.

\*\*\*Registered as Grandevo WDG and labeled for control of certain insects and mites.



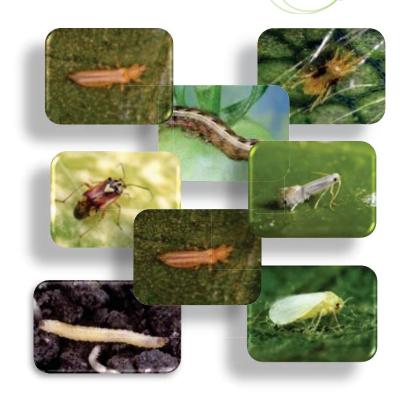






# Burkholderia rinojensis strain A396

- New species of *Burkholderia* isolated from soil by MBI scientists
  - Active by exposure and by ingestion
  - Product contains <u>heat-killed cells</u> and spent fermentation media
- Broad spectrum—sucking and chewing insects, mites, certain weevils and most soil-dwelling nematodes
- Easy on pollinators and beneficials insects and mites





# Burkholderia rinojensis strain A396

- First EPA registration and product launch as an insecticide in 2014 as VENERATE
- First EPA registration and product launch as a nematicide in 2015/2016 as MAJESTENE
- Activity on:
  - Reduces egg mass formation
  - Prevents juvenile to adult molting
  - Direct mortality of free living stages, J2s
  - Typical use rate of 2 gallons/acre infurrow, drip irrigation or in TPW followed by 1 gallon at 1-2 times inseason





f: Pepper weevil Alton N Sparks, Univ of GA, Boxwood.org; Beet armyworm Clemson Univ. USDA Cooperative Extension Slide Series Bugwood.org; Western flower thrip Frank Peairs, CO St Univ. Bugwood.org; Cabbage Looper RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company, Bugwood.org; Twospotted spider mite Clemson EDU





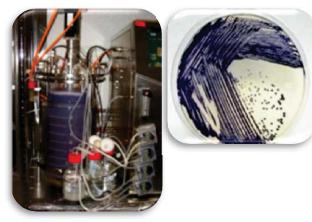
# MBI-304WDG

# *Chromobacterium subtsugae* strain PRAA-T<sup>1</sup>

- New species of bacteria, *Chromobacterium* subtsugae isolated from US forest soil by the USDA-ARS
  - <u>Dead bacteria</u> plus cell-associated compounds
- Rapid cessation of feeding & reproduction of many insects and mites Also active against soil-dwelling nematodes
- First EPA registration and product launch as an insecticide in 2014 GRANDEVO DF
- WDG formulation under evaluation as a nematicide
- 2-4 lbs./acre nematicide rate when applied IF









# Muscodor albus Biofumigant – MBI-601

- Endophytic fungus (new genus) isolated from various trees by Dr. Gary Strobel (Montana State)
- EPA registered under trade name ENNOBLE<sup>™</sup>
- Commercial launch pending
- Inhibits and kills a broad range of soil inhabiting fungi, bacteria, nematodes and insects
- Produces a benign mixture of >10 volatile compounds: ester, alcohols and acid derivatives

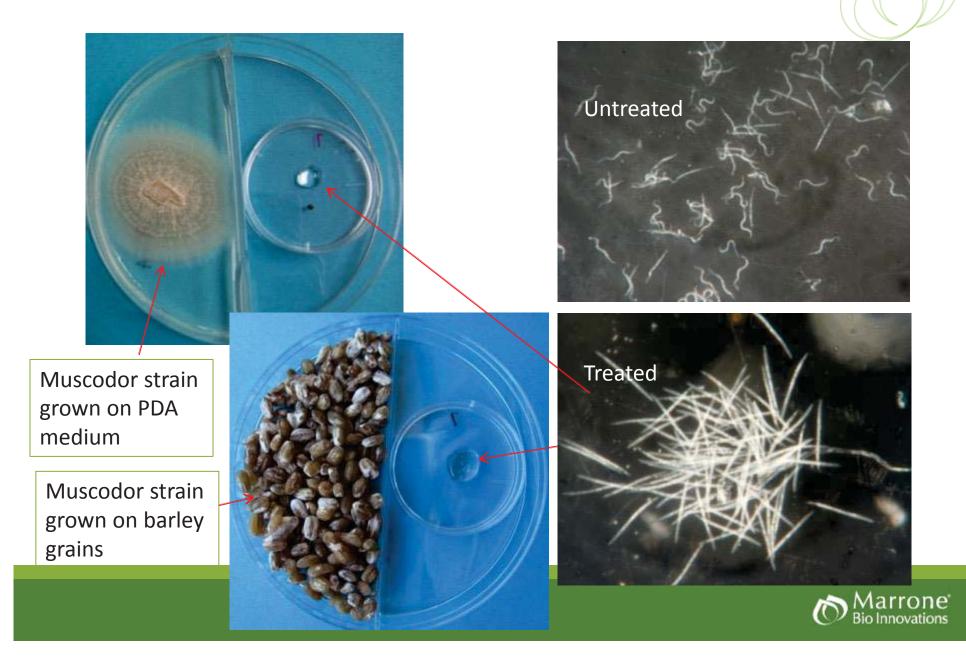




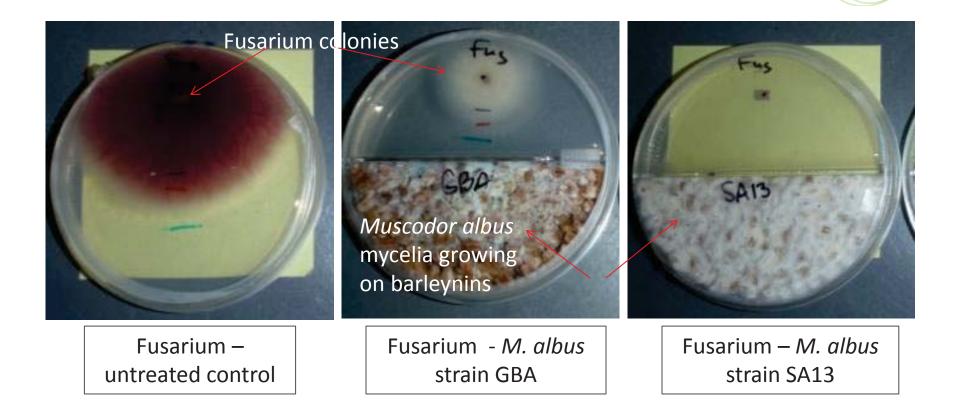
Muscodor volatiles completely kill Fusarium



# MBI-601 Kills Plant Parasitic Nematodes



# Growth inhibition of plant pathogens by MBI-601



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# The Future is Bright

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Bionematicides such as Majestene and MBI-304WDG have much to offer:

- ✓ Signal Word: "Caution"
- ✓ Flexibility, can be applied multiple times including at planting and in-season:
  - No posting requirements
  - o 4 hour REIE
  - Tolerance Exempt No Maximum Residue Levels (MRL)
  - $\circ$  Residues exempt from tolerances for export crops
  - No Plant-back restrictions
  - Efficacy against a range of nematode species
- ✓ NOP Compliant

 ✓ Additional control or suppression of soil-borne insects including seed maggots, grubs and wireworms



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# The Future is Bright

A biofumigant such as ENNOBLE (MBI-601) offers:

✓ Good Worker Safety

- Minimal Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- $\circ$  No buffer zone required outside of California
- 4-hour Restricted Entry Intervals (REI)
- ✓ NOP Compliant
- Additional control or suppression of soil-borne insects and soil-borne pathogens
- <u>Challenges include logistics of a high use rate and shelf-life and cost-effective</u> production technology





