



Corn-Cotton-Soybean Pests & Resistance Situation

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- **Brazilian agriculture: implications for IPM**
- **Cross-crop pests**
- **Research Projects -- IRAC-BR**
 - ESALQ/USP – Prof. Celso Omoto**
 - *Helicoverpa armigera*
 - *Spodoptera frugiperda*
 - PROMIP – Dr. Marcelo Poletti**
 - *Euschistus heros*
 - *Bemisia tabaci*
 - Instituto Biológico – Dr. Mário E. Sato**
 - *Tetranychus urticae*

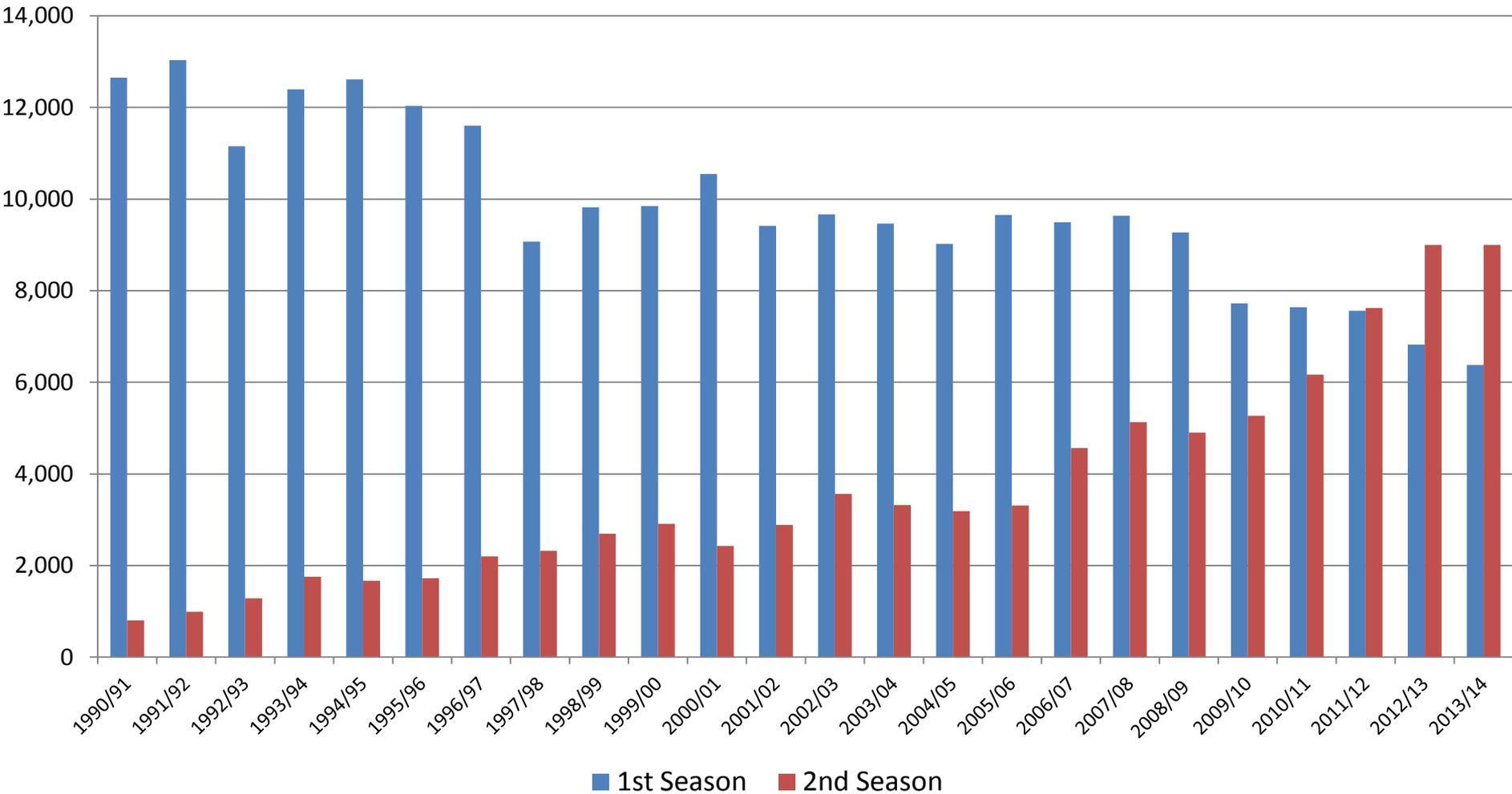


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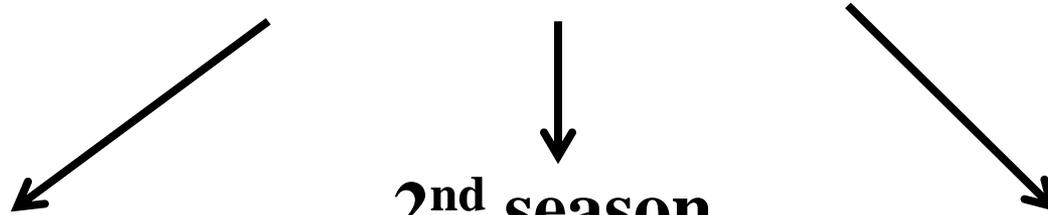
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Corn Production Area in Brazil (1990-2013)

(million of hectares)



Corn-Growing Seasons in Brazil



1st season

≈ 6.8 million ha

2nd season

≈ 9.0 million ha

Winter

OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP

Cotton

≈ 0.893 million ha

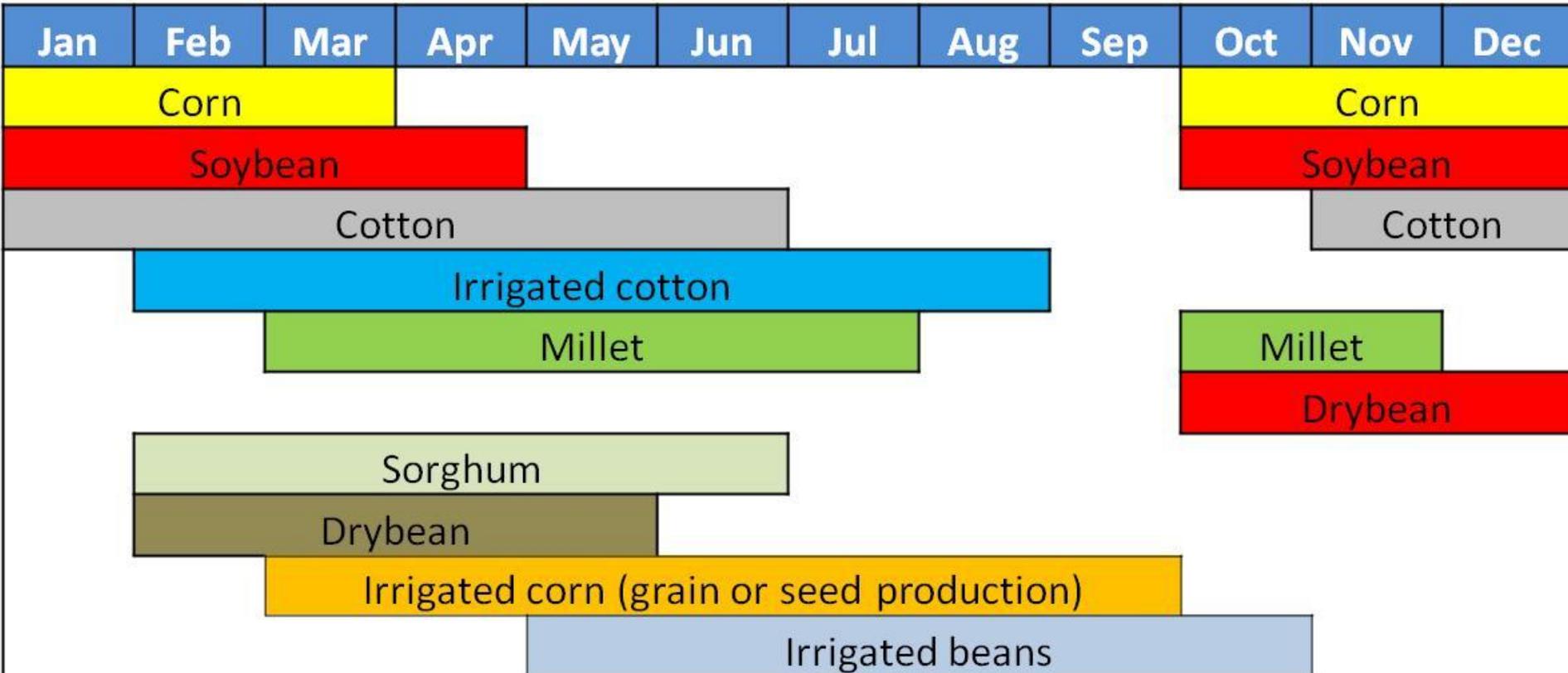
Soybean

≈ 27.7 million ha

Soybean in Western Bahia

- 1980's → 2 to 4 insecticide sprays
Production cost: US\$ 300-400/ha
- 1990's → 5 to 7 insecticide sprays
Production cost: US\$ 500-600/ha
- 2000's → 6 a 8 insecticide sprays
Production cost: US\$ 800/ha
- 2012/13 → > 10 insecticide sprays
Production cost: ≈ US\$ 950/ha

Major Cropping Systems in Western Bahia, Brazil



Cross-Crop Pests



Soybean

Spodoptera frugiperda
S. eridania
S. cosmioides
Helicoverpa spp.
Heliothis virescens
Chrysodeixis includens
Stink bugs and other bugs
Whiteflies
Spider mites



Corn

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Chrysodeixis includens in soybean and cotton



Tetranychid mites in soybean and cotton



Credit: Flávio Moscardi



Credit: Paulo E. Saran

Bemisia tabaci Biotype B



Stink bugs in cotton



Dysdercus spp.

Soybean



Maize



Millet



S. frugiperda in cotton and soybean crops



Increase problem of *Spodoptera* spp. in cotton and soybean crops



Increase problem of *Heliothis virescens* in soybean



Detection of *Helicoverpa armigera* in Brazil in 2013



Source: Czepak et al. (2013); Spetch et al. (2013)





Credit: Barbosa

Insecticides for Emergency Use Permit

- Flubendiamide
- Chlorantraniliprole
- Spinosad
- Spinetoram
- Lufenuron
- Novaluron
- Chlorfluazuron
- Methoxifenozone
- Chlorfenapyr
- Indoxacarb
- Metaflumizone
- Thiodicarb
- Methomyl
- Chlorpyrifos

- *Bacillus thuringiensis*

- NPV

- Bifenthrin

- Zeta cypermethrin

- Chlorantraniliprole + Lambda-cyhalothrin

- Bifenthrin + Zeta cypermethrin

- Bifenthrin + Carbosulfan

- Novaluron + Methomyl

- Lufenuron + Profenofos



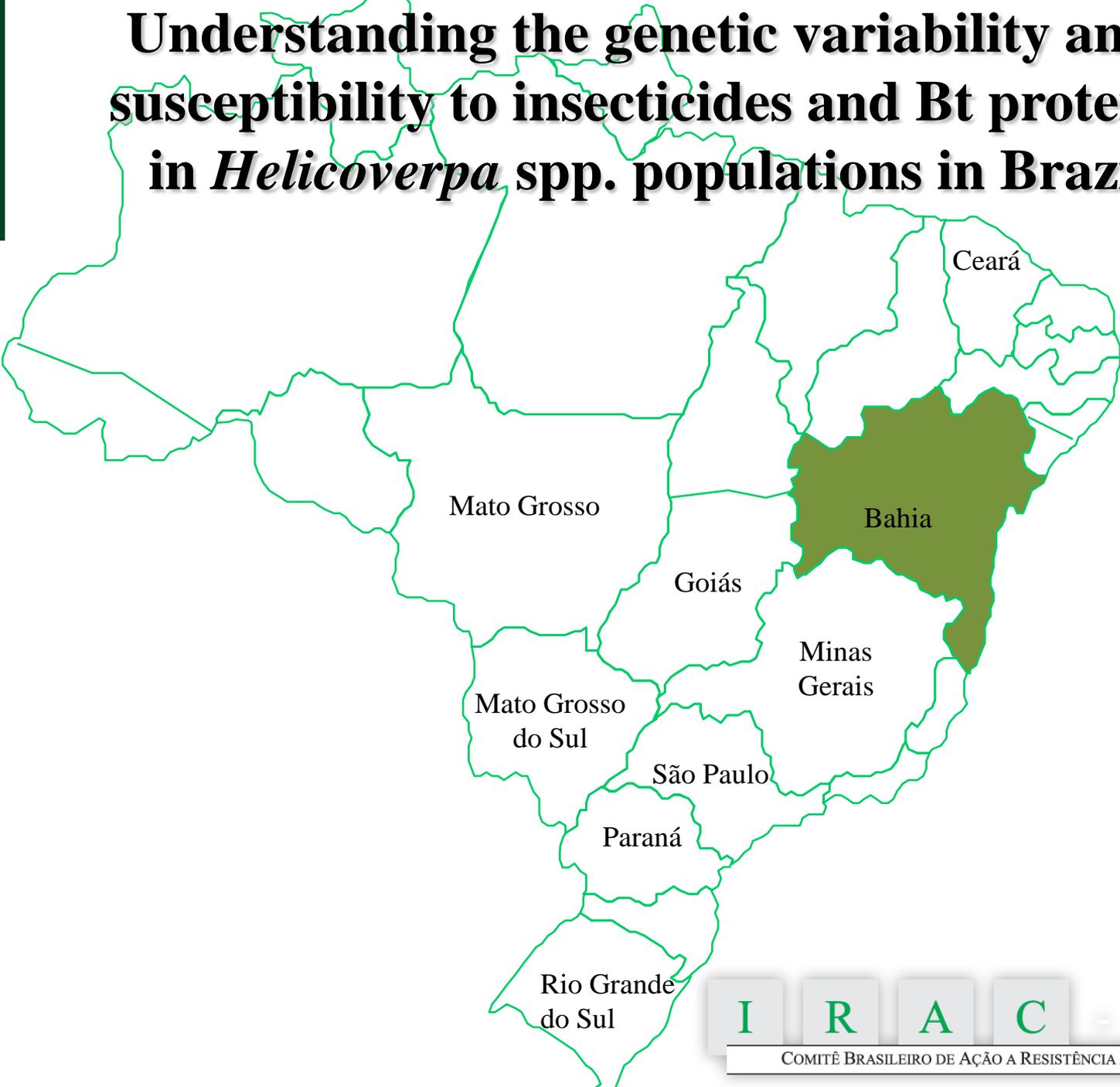


Resistance cases in the world - *H. armigera*

- ✓ 686 cases
 - ✓ 246 locations
 - ✓ 48 active ingredients
- Spinosad
 - Bifenthrin
 - Zeta cypermethrin
 - Lambda-cyhalothrin
 - Fenxarelate
 - Thiodicarb
 - Chlorpyrifos

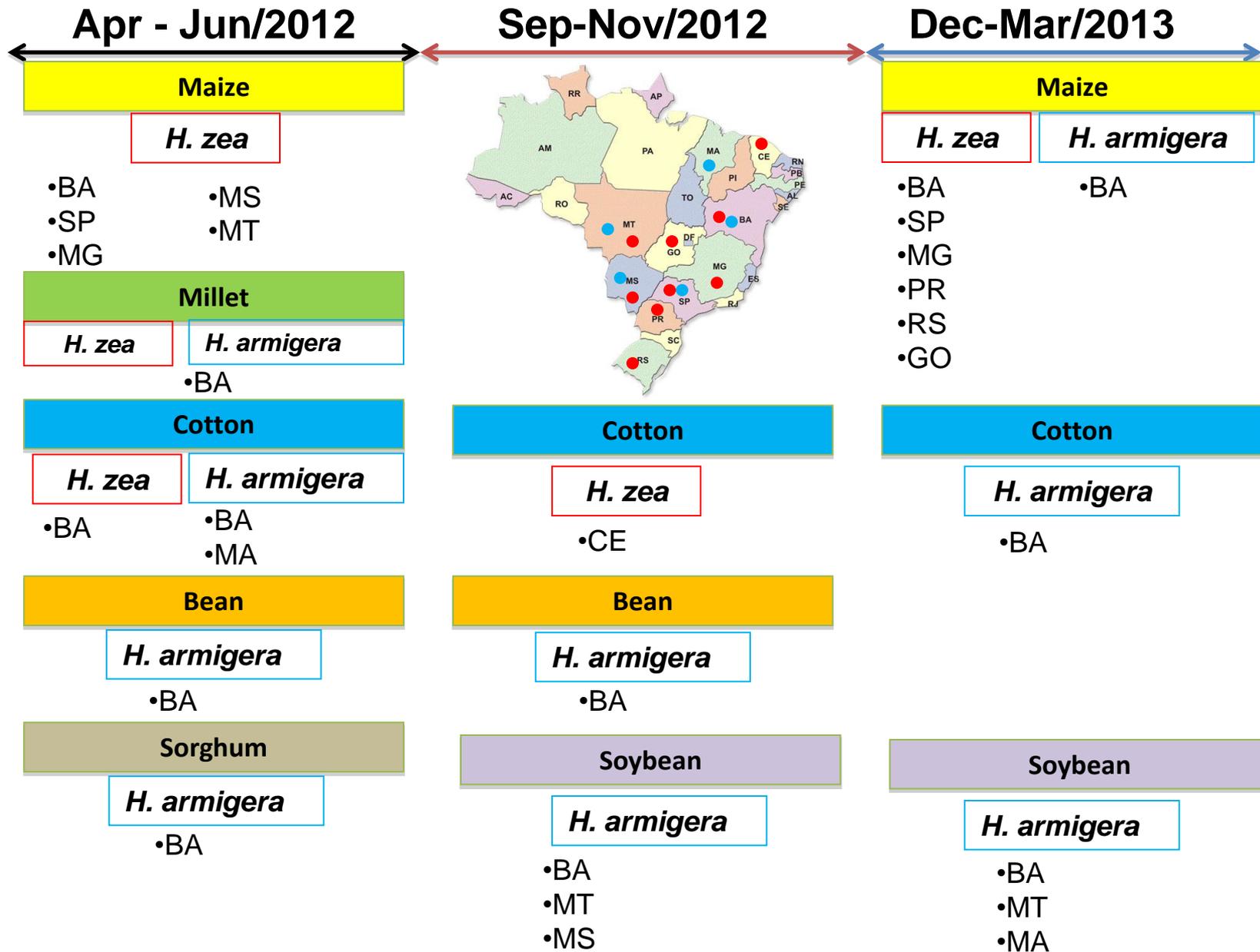


Understanding the genetic variability and susceptibility to insecticides and Bt proteins in *Helicoverpa* spp. populations in Brazil



Samples of *Helicoverpa* spp.

- ✓ A total of 274 *Helicoverpa* caterpillars were collected at 19 sampling sites from six different crops
- ✓ Species identification was carried out using the sequence fragment of COI mitochondrial gene by comparing with *H. zea* and *H. armigera* species barcodes and determining homology with BlastN tool.

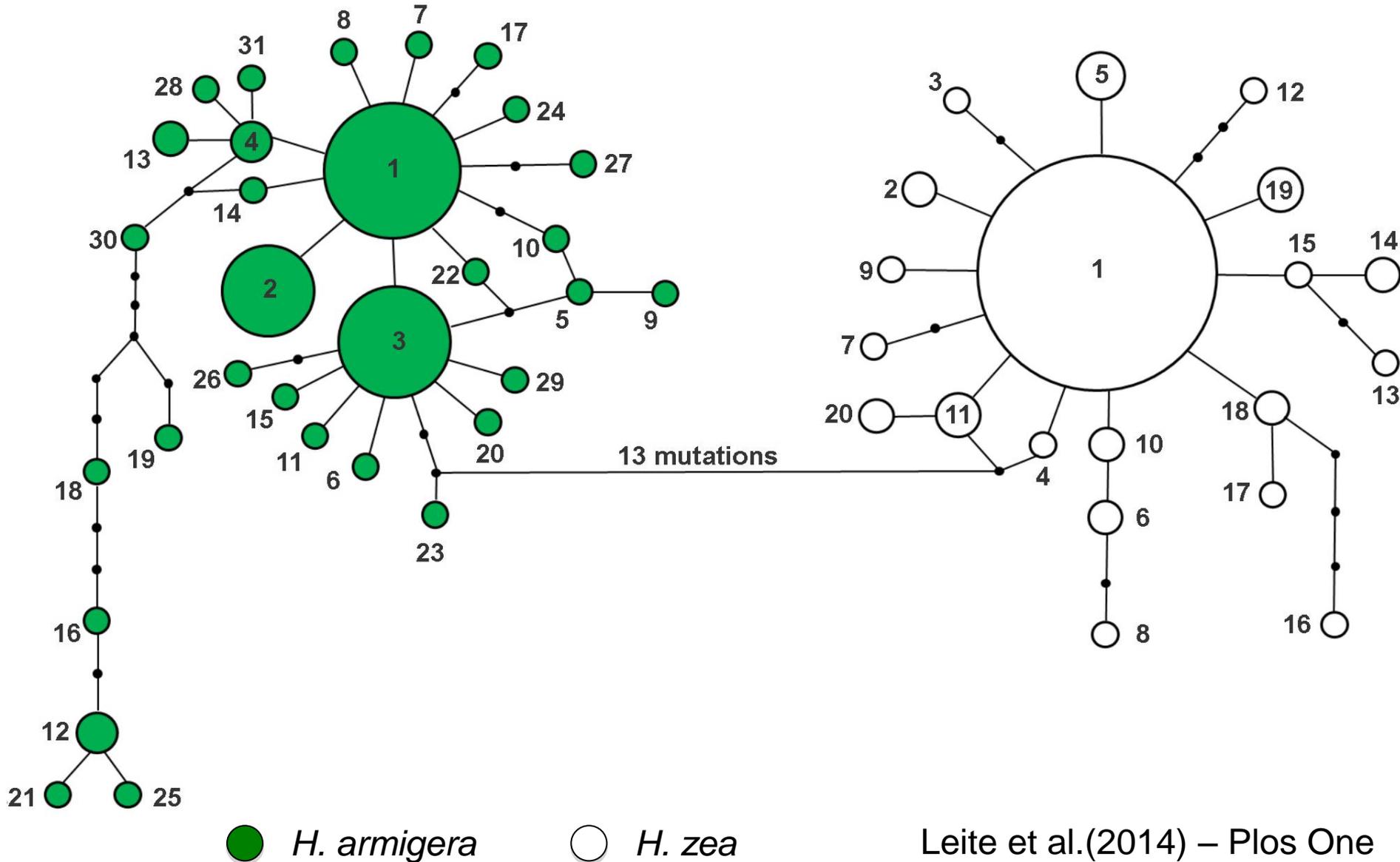


No genetic structure in *H. armigera* and *H. zea* populations

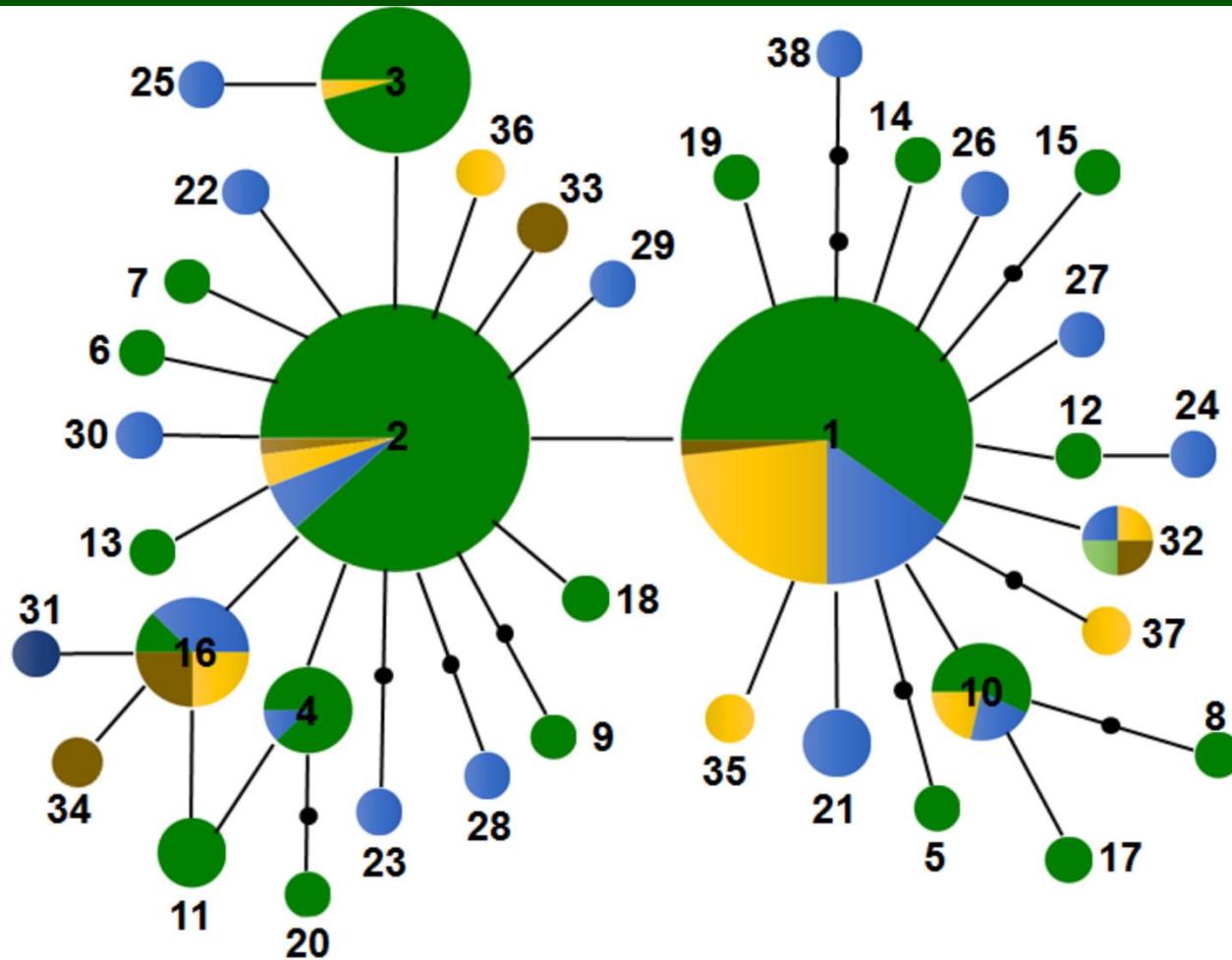
High genetic diversity in *H. armigera* and *H. zea* populations

Species	# individuals (samples)	# Haplotypes	Haplotype Diversity (Hd)	Nucleotide Diversity (Pi)	Tajima's D test (p value)	Fu's Fs test (p value)
<i>H. armigera</i>	139 (14)	31	0.821	0.0028	-1.729 (<0.01)	-26.361 (<0.01)
<i>H. zea</i>	135 (16)	20	0.42	0.0011	-2.190 (<0.01)	-22.912 (<0.01)

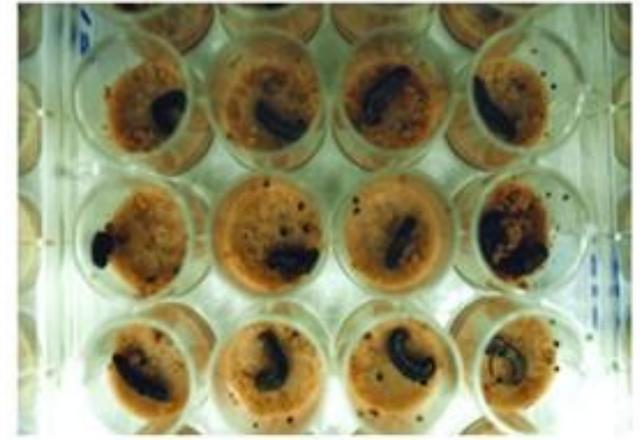
Haplotype network based COI sequences from *H. armigera* and *H. zea* samples collected in Brazil



Haplotype network based COI sequences from *H. armigera* samples from Brazil and Old World specimens



Diet Overlay Bioassay



- ✓ 3rd instar larvae;
- ✓ 30 μL cell;
- ✓ 6-8 concentrations;
- ✓ After 2 and 4 days;
- ✓ Probit Analysis.

- Spinosyns
- Diamides
- Benzoylurea
- Diacylhydrazin
- Pyrazole
- Oxydiazine

Topical Bioassay

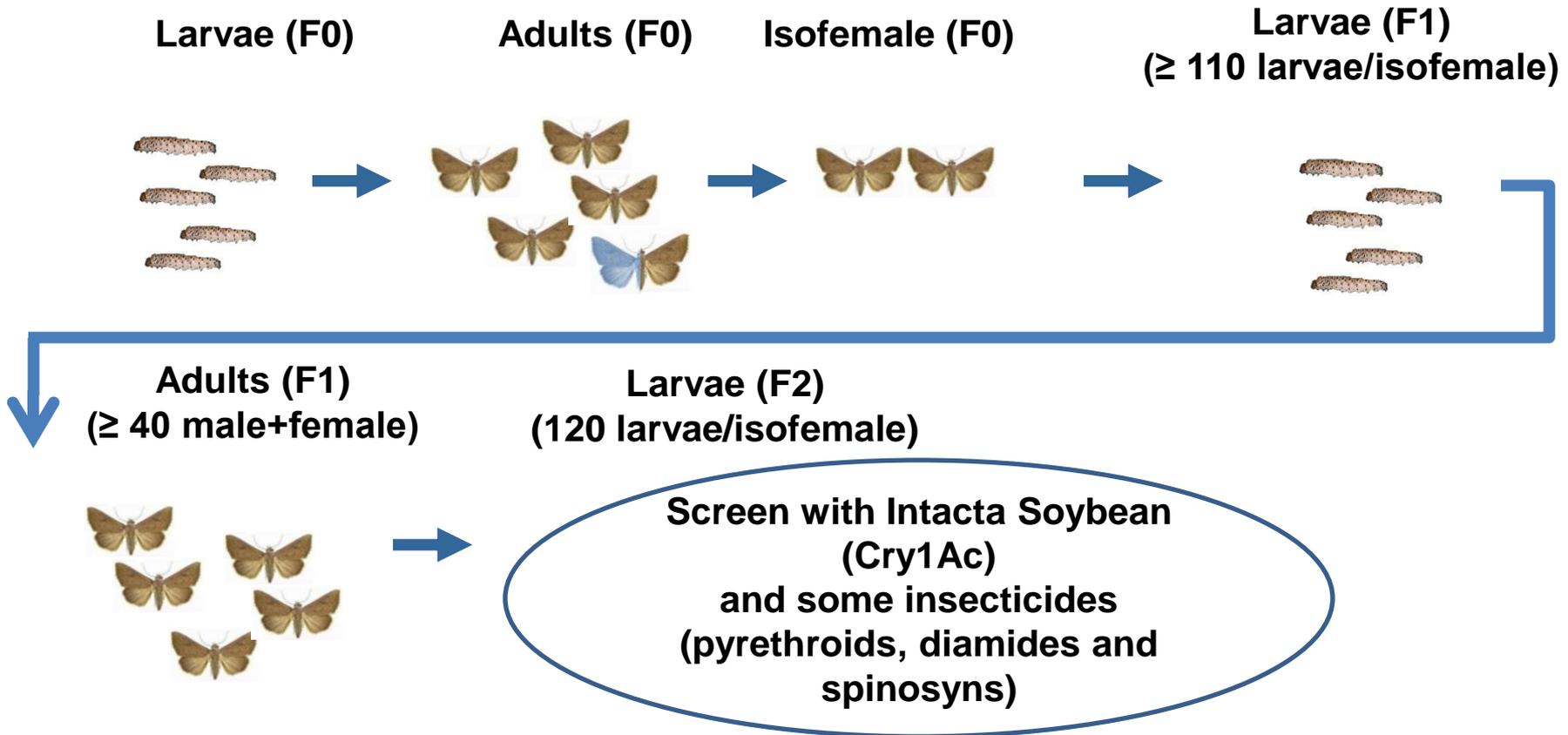


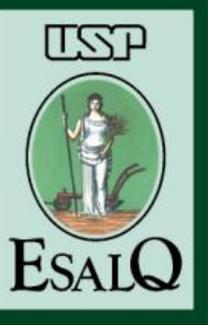
- Deltamethrin
- Fenvalerate
- Thiodicarb
- Chlorpyrifos

- ✓ 3rd instar larvae;
- ✓ 1 μL larvae;
- ✓ 6-8 concentrations;
- ✓ After 24 and 48 h
- ✓ Probit Analysis.



F2 screen



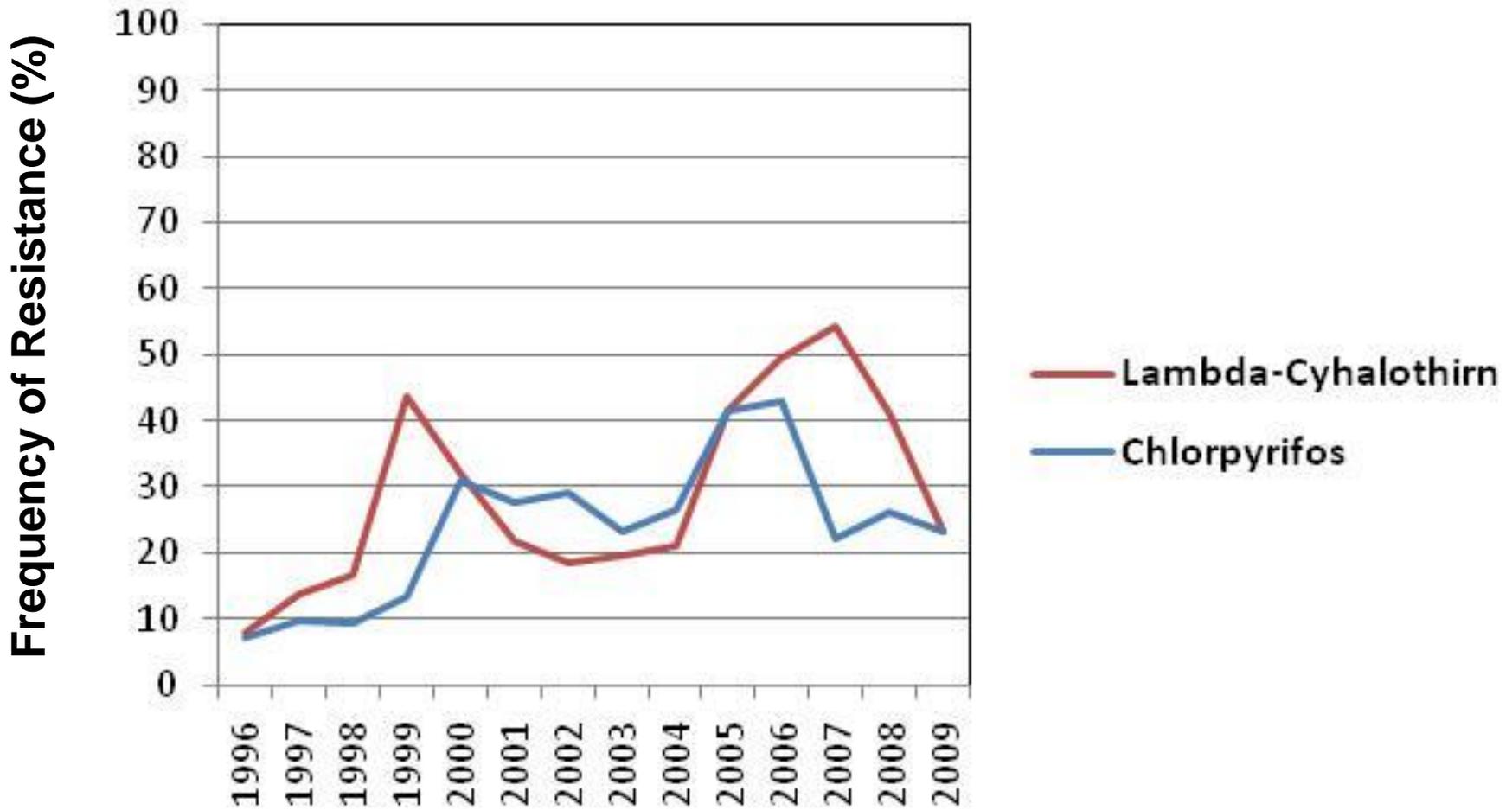


Resistance Monitoring 1996-2014

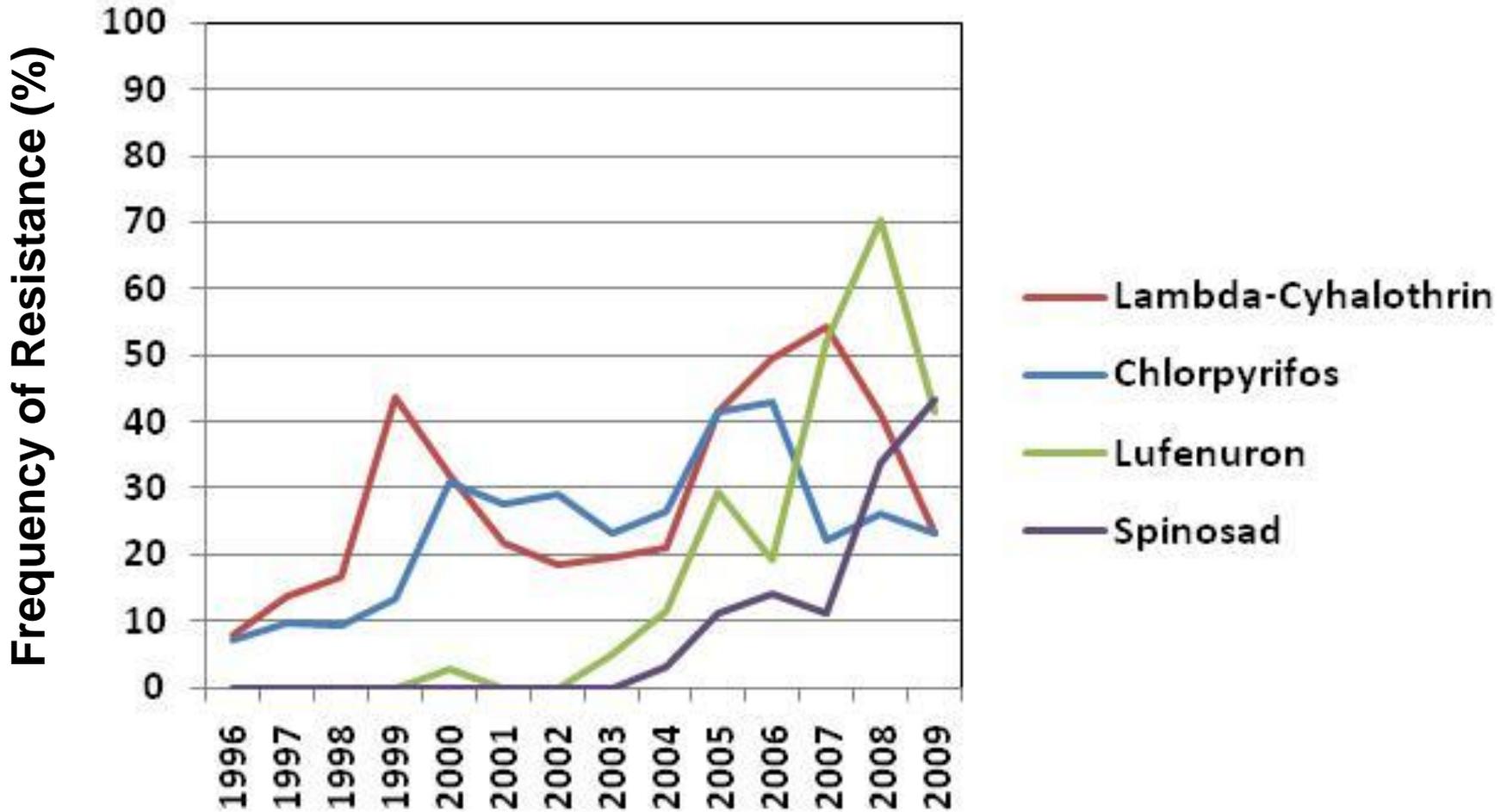


Spodoptera frugiperda

Insecticide Resistance Monitoring in Rio Verde, Goiás State, Brazil



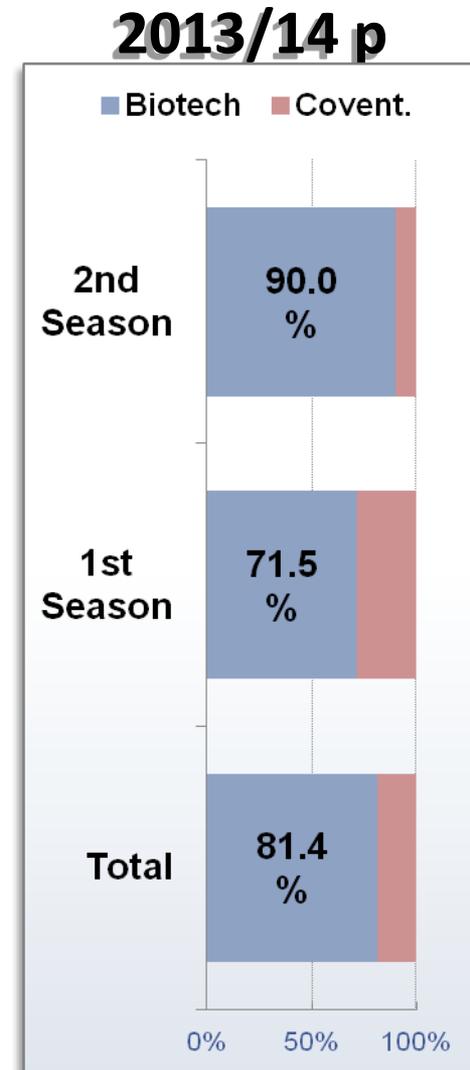
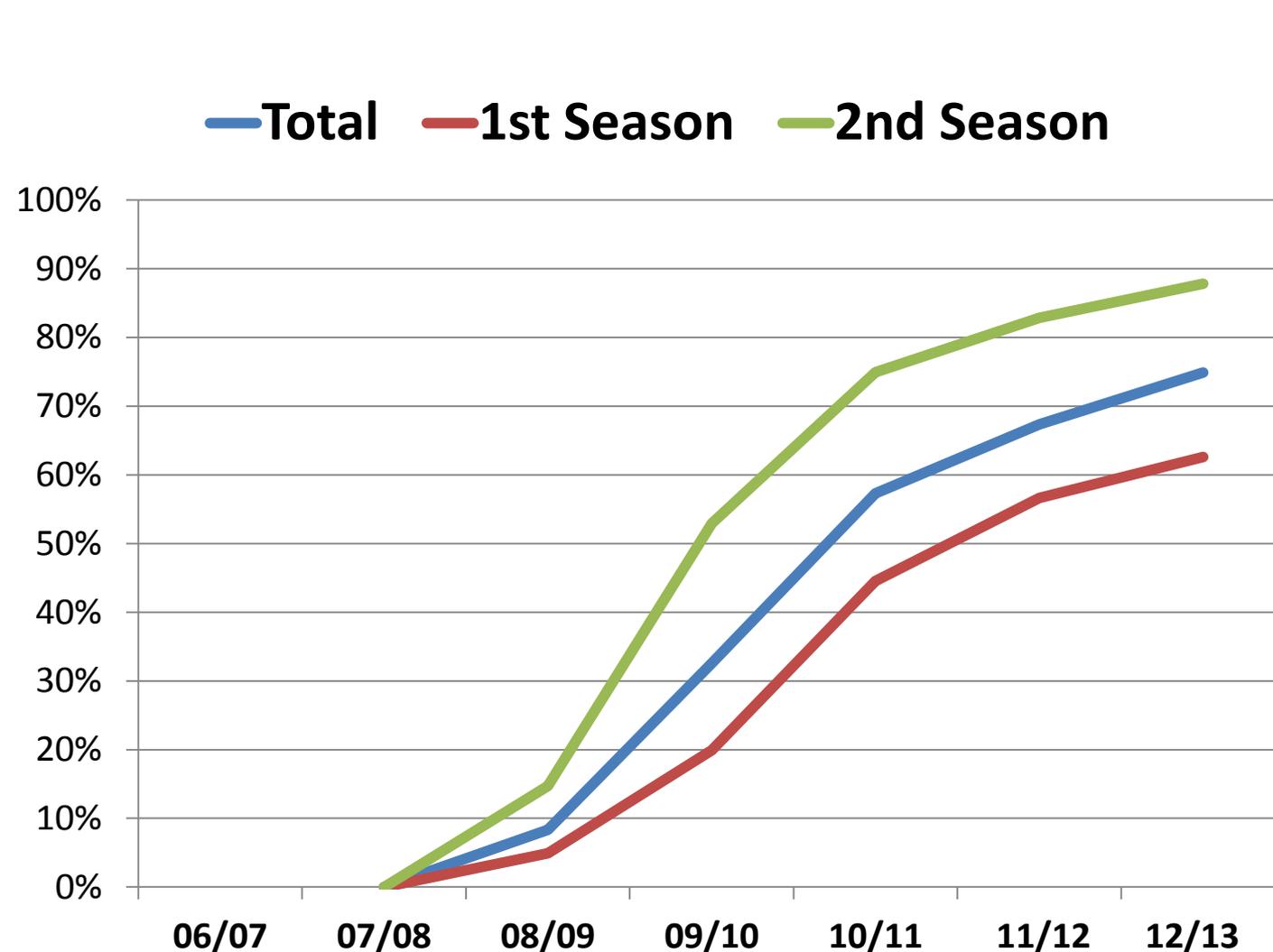
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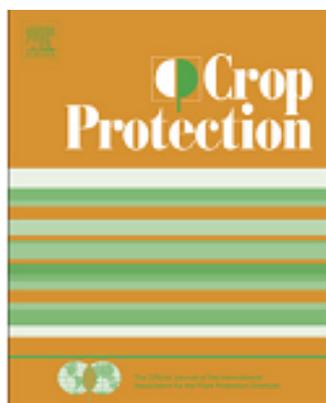


Insecticide Resistance Status of *Spodoptera frugiperda* in Brazil

	Chemical Class	IRAC Classification
High f(R)	Organophosphates	1B
	Pyrethroids	3
	Benzoylureas	11
Low to intermediate f(R)	Spinosyns	5
	Carbamates	1A
	Indoxacarb	22A
?	Diamides	28
	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	16

Adoption of transgenic maize technology in Brazil (% cultivated area)





Field-evolved resistance to Cry1F maize by *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) in Brazil

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Bt crops in Brazil

Crop	Bt protein(s)
Cotton	Cry1Ac
	Cry1Ac/Cry1F
	Cry1Ac/Cry2Ab2
	Cry1Ab/Cry2Ae
Corn	Cry1Ab
	Cry1F
	Cry1A.105/Cry2Ab2
	VIP3Aa20
	Cry1Ab/VIP3Aa20
	Cry1A.105/Cry2Ab2/Cry1F
	Cry1Ab/Cry1F
	Cry1A.105/Cry2Ab2/Cry3Bb1
Soybean	Cry1Ac

High Risk of Resistance Evolution

- **Single protein events**
- **Not a high-dose event to major target pests**
- **Low refuge compliance**
- **Intense selection pressure with different Bt crops**

Bt crops in Brazil

Crop	Technology	Bt Protein		
		Cry1	Cry2	VIP
Corn	Yieldgard®; Agrisure TL®	Cry1Ab		
	Herculex®™	Cry1F		
	Viptera™			Vip3A
	Agrisure Viptera™	Cry1Ab		Vip3A
	Optimum™ Intrasect™	Cry1Ab + Cry1F		
	Yieldgard VT PRO™	Cry1A.105	Cry2Ab	
	PowerCore™	Cry1A.105 + Cry1F	Cry2Ab	
Cotton	Bollgard®	Cry1Ac		
	Bollgard II®	Cry1Ac	Cry2Ab	
	Widestrike™	Cry1Ac + Cry1F		
	TwinLink®	Cry1Ab	Cry2Ae	
Soybean	Intacta RR2 PRO™	Cry1Ac		

Shared Midgut Binding Sites for Cry1A.105, Cry1Aa, Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac and Cry1Fa Proteins from *Bacillus thuringiensis* in Two Important Corn Pests, *Ostrinia nubilalis* and *Spodoptera frugiperda*

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Bt corn

- Cry1A.105 + Cry2Ab2
- Cry1Ab + VIP3Aa20
- Cry1A.105 + Cry2Ab2 + Cry1F
- Cry1Ab + Cry1F

Bt cotton

- Cry1Ac + Cry2Ab
- Cry1Ac + Cry1F
- Cry1Ab + Cry1Ae

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Two-toxin strategies for management of insecticidal transgenic crops: can pyramiding succeed where pesticide mixtures have not?

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Bt maize in Brazil: Key Target Pests at Risk



Spodoptera frugiperda
Fall armyworm



Helicoverpa zea
Corn earworm



Diatraea saccharalis
Sugarcane borer

Cry1Ab
Cry1F
Vip3A
Cry1Ab + Cry1F
Cry1Ab + Vip3A
Cry1A.105 + Cry2Ab
Cry1A.105 + Cry2Ab + Cry1F

10% Refuge



Helicoverpa armigera

Bt cotton in Brazil: Key Target Pests at Risk



Alabama argillacea
Cotton leafworm



Pectinophora gossypiella
Pink bollworm



Chrysodeixis ncludens
Soybean looper



Heliothis virescens
Tobacco budworm



Spodoptera frugiperda
Fall armyworm



Helicoverpa armigera

Cry1Ac

Cry1Ac + Cry2Ab

Cry1Ac + Cry1F

Cry1Ab + Cry2Ae

20% Refuge

Bt soybean in Brazil: Key Target Pests



Anticarsia gemmatalis
Velvetbean caterpillar



Chrysodeixis includens
Soybean looper



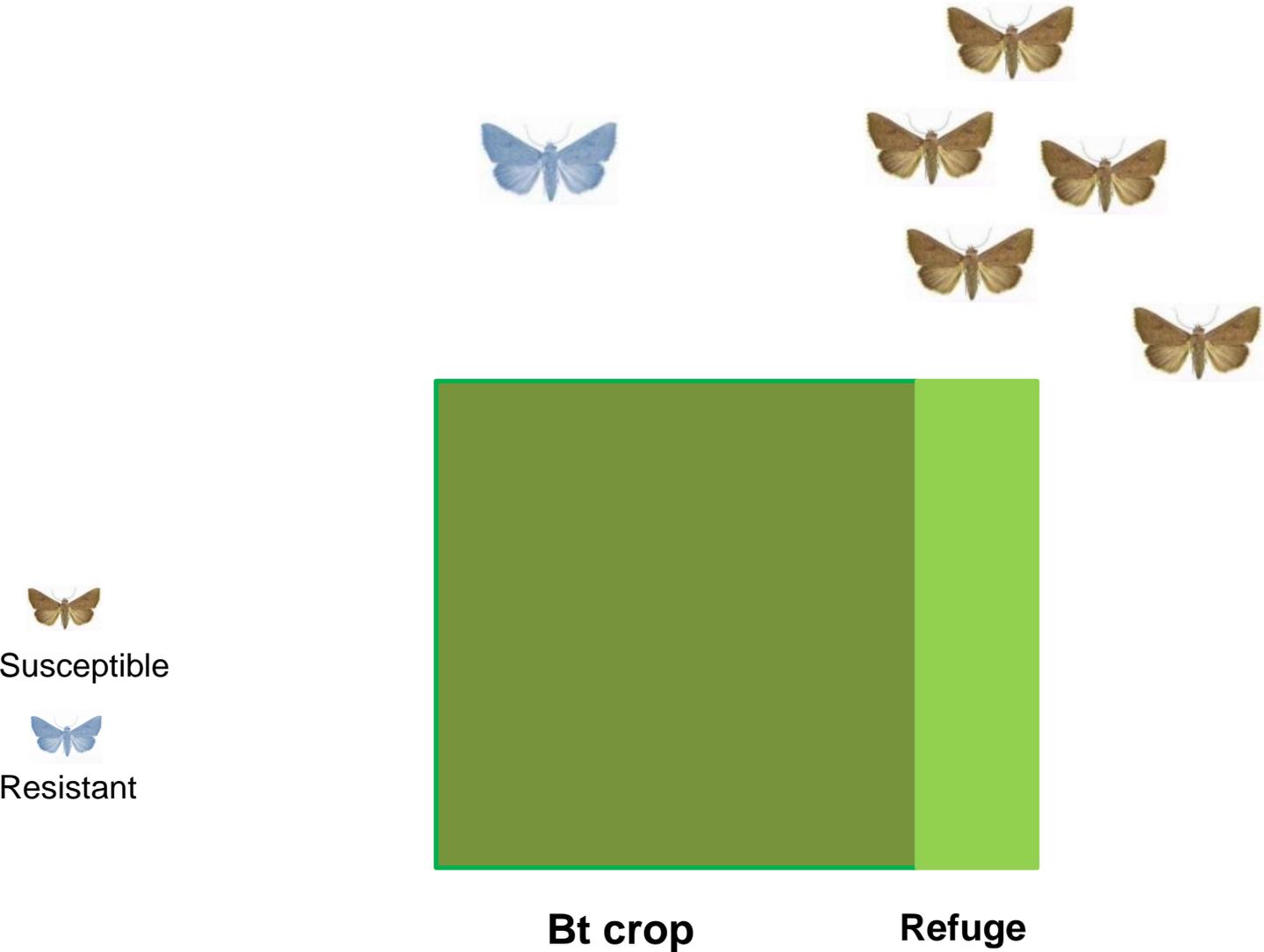
Heliothis virescens
Tobacco budworm



Helicoverpa armigera

- Cry1Ac (2010) → 20% refuge area

Refuge



Resistant



Susceptible



**Susceptible
or
Resistant?**

**→ Depend on the Bt protein and concentration
expressed in the plant**

Intense selection pressure with Bt crops

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
MAIZE										
					IRRIGATED MAIZE					
					Cry1Ab					
					Cry1F					
					Vip3A					
					Cry1Ab + Cry1F					
					Cry1Ab + Vip3A					
					Cry1A.105 + Cry2Ab2					
					Cry1A.105 + Cry2Ab2 + Cry1F					
	COTTON									
					IRRIGATED COTTON					
					Cry1Ac					
					Cry1Ac + Cry2Ab2					
					Cry1Ac + Cry1F					
					Cry1Ab + Cry2Ae					
SOYBEAN										
					Cry1Ac					

Bt crops → Changes in pest population dynamics



Bt Soybean

~~Spodoptera frugiperda~~
S. eridania
S. cosmioides
~~Helicoverpa spp.~~
~~Heliiothis virescens~~
~~Chrysodeixis includens~~
Stink bugs & other bugs
Whiteflies
Spider mites



Bt Corn

~~Spodoptera frugiperda~~
~~Helicoverpa spp.~~
Stink bugs & other bugs
Aphids
Whiteflies

Bt Cotton

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S. eridania
S. cosmioides
~~Helicoverpa spp.~~
~~Heliiothis virescens~~
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PLANT HEALTH PROGRAM IN WESTERN BAHIA REGION



REALIZAÇÃO:



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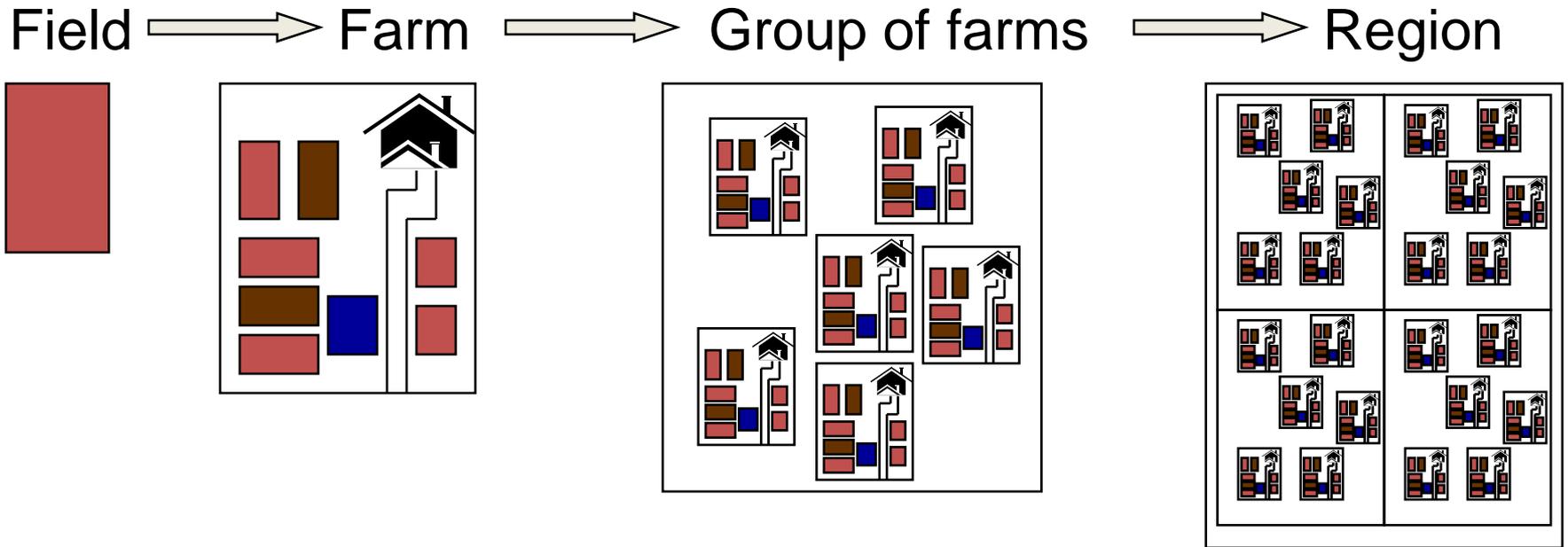
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Need to integrate Bt crops with other pest control tactics

- Prefer Bt crops expressing at least 2 proteins with different mode of action
- Promote implementation of structured refuges (ideally of 50%) (and alternative hosts)
- Crop calendar (crop-free period)
- Exploit biological control agents
- Chemical control (rotation of MoA and prefer selective insecticides)
- Cultural control

IPM to Area-Wide Management



IPM

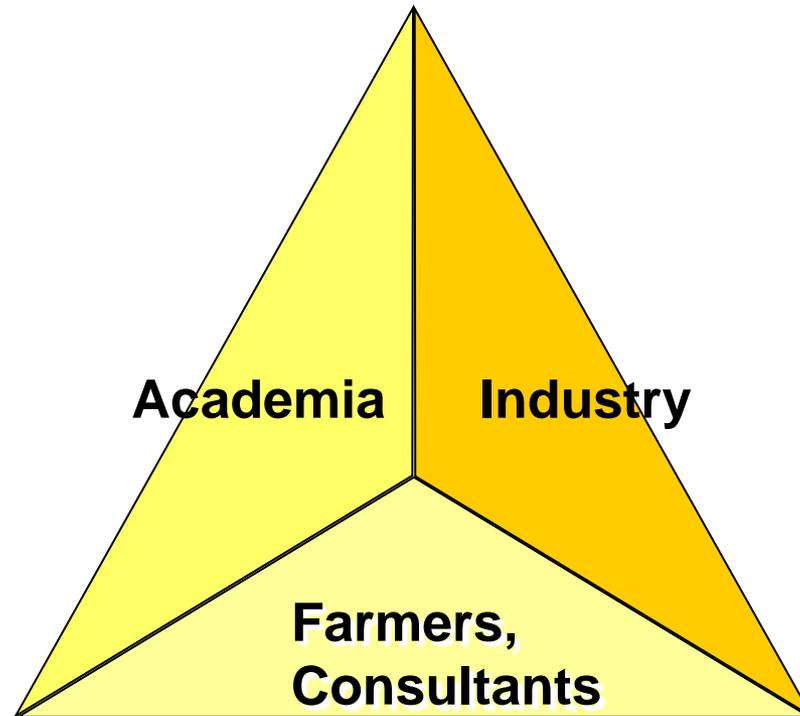
IPM
groups



Area-wide
management

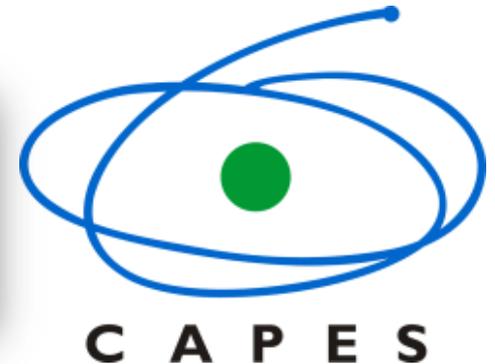


Major Challenge: Implementation of IRM



→ **Education, Research and Regulatory Issues**

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