

# One Entomologist's Experience with the Evolution and Practices of IPM Nationally and Internationally

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# Integrated Pest Management Stern et al., 1959

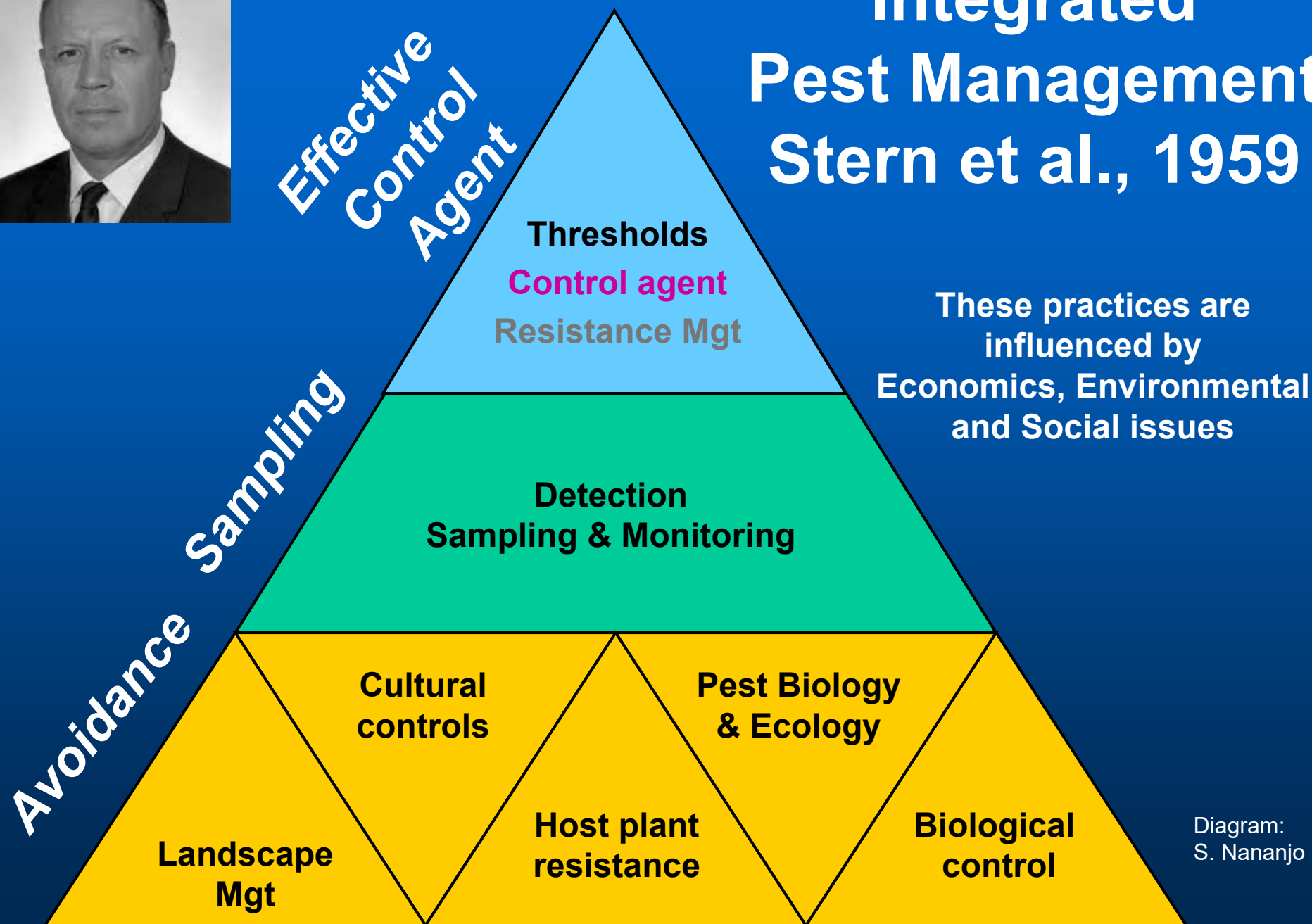


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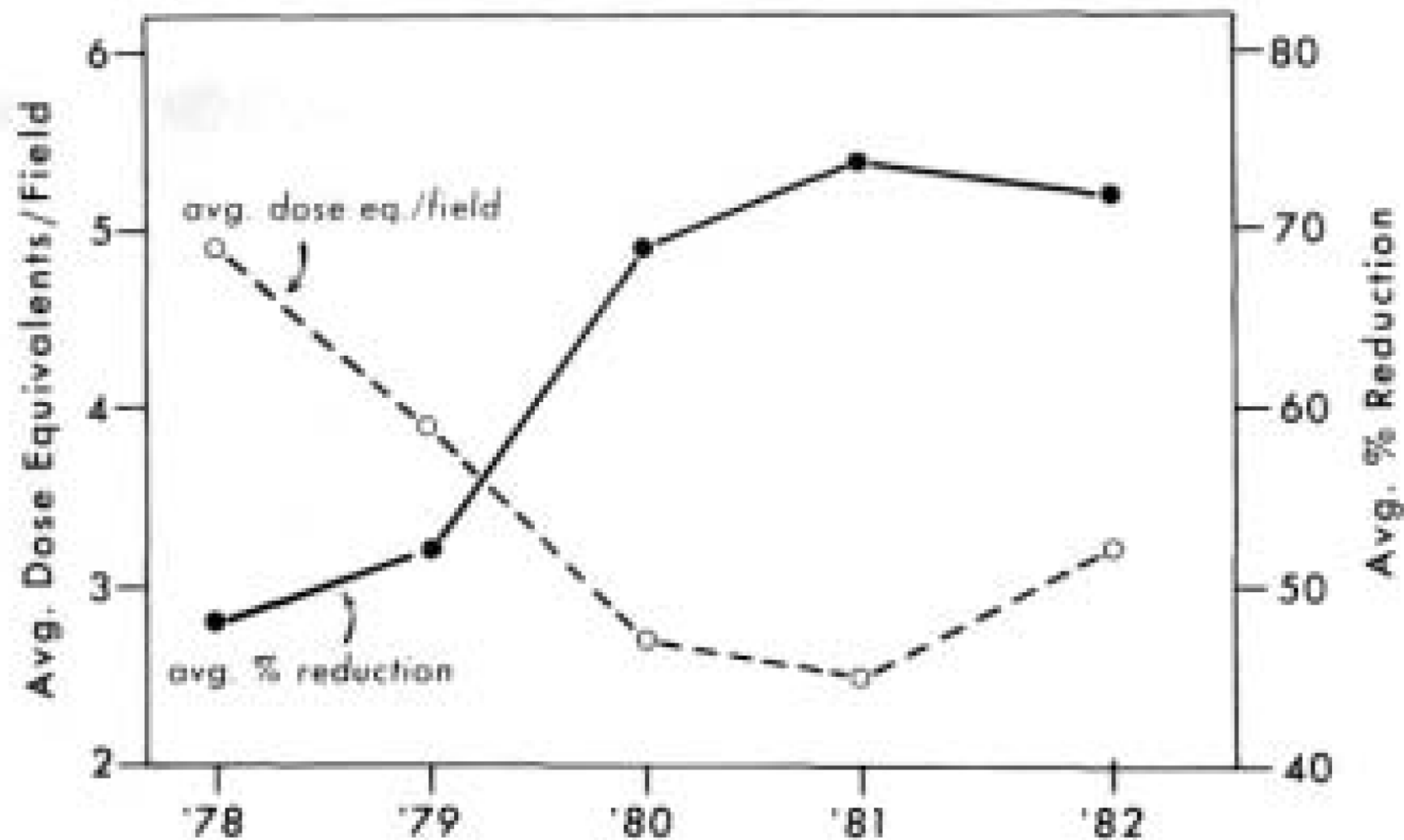
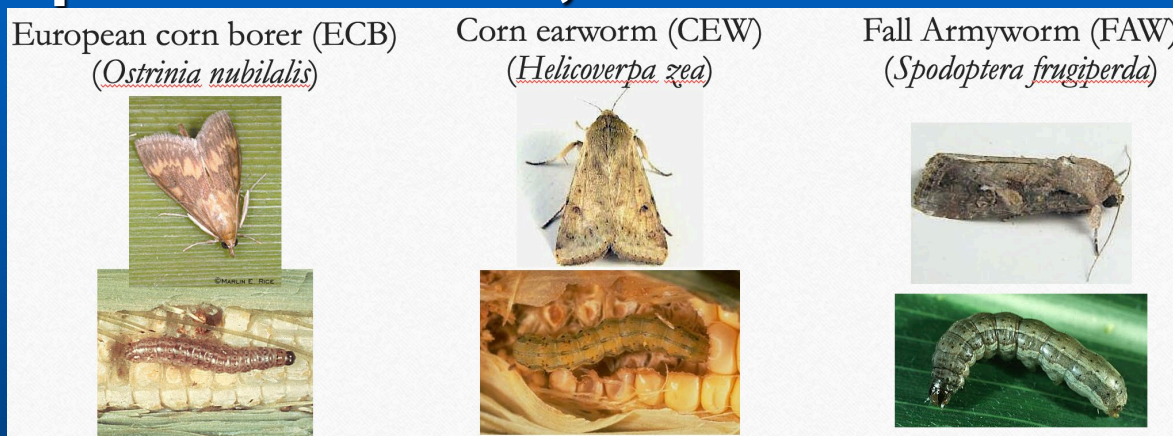


Fig. 4—Amount of insecticides used and efficacy of insecticide treatments for control of Lepidoptera obtained by Cabbage IPM Program participants Ontario and Yates Counties, N.Y.



# Sweet Corn in NY

- Grown on 25,000 acres, 60% fresh market and 40% processing, and valued at \$40 M
- Main pests are ECB, CEW and FAW



## Management of Lepidoptera on Processing Sweet Corn in Western New York

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**Insecticide  
use down  
1/3 and no  
loss in yield**

# Additional Research Helped Refine the Sweet Corn IPM Program

13 Journal Articles published between 1986-2016

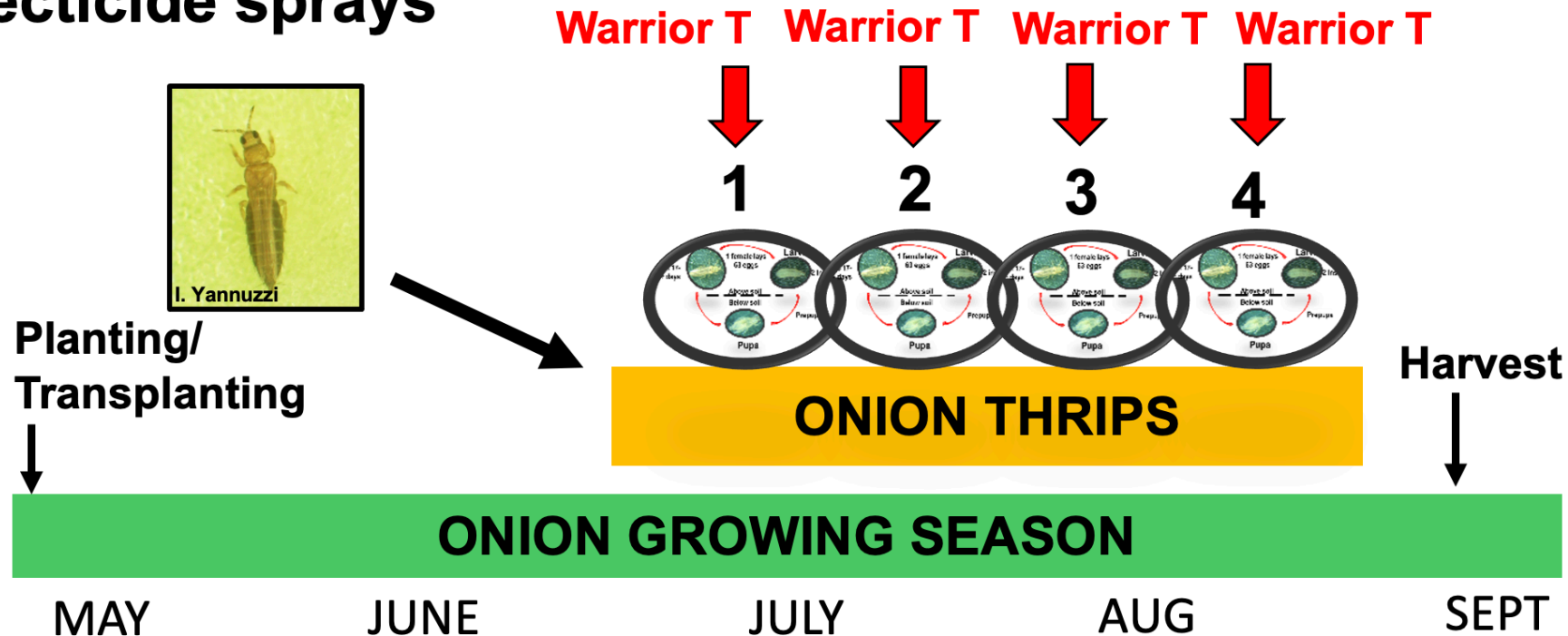
- Sampling/Thresholds      ECB counts in processing sweet corn (2)
- Biological Control      a. Trichogramma ostrinae (2)  
                                     b. Generalist predators (3)
- Host plant resistance      Bt sweet corn (2)
- Chemical control      Maximizing insecticide efficacy (2)
- Biology/management      H. zea review (1)
- IPM model      ECB management with HPR, biocontrol and insecticides (1)

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Onion Thrips

# Onion Thrips Control (Not IPM)

In 1980s and 1990s, *T. tabaci* managed effectively with 3-4 insecticide sprays



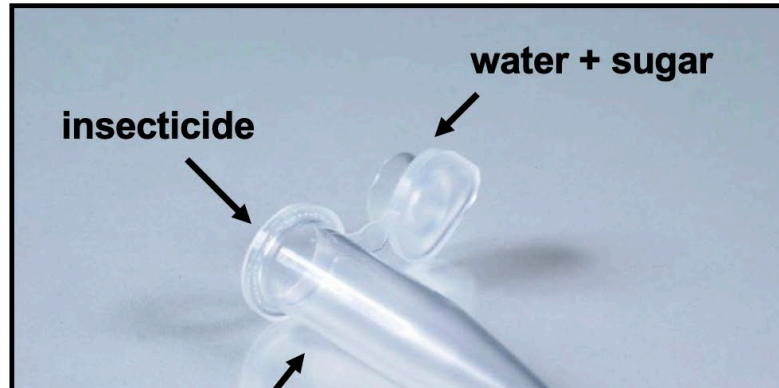


# Control Failure! Is It Resistance?

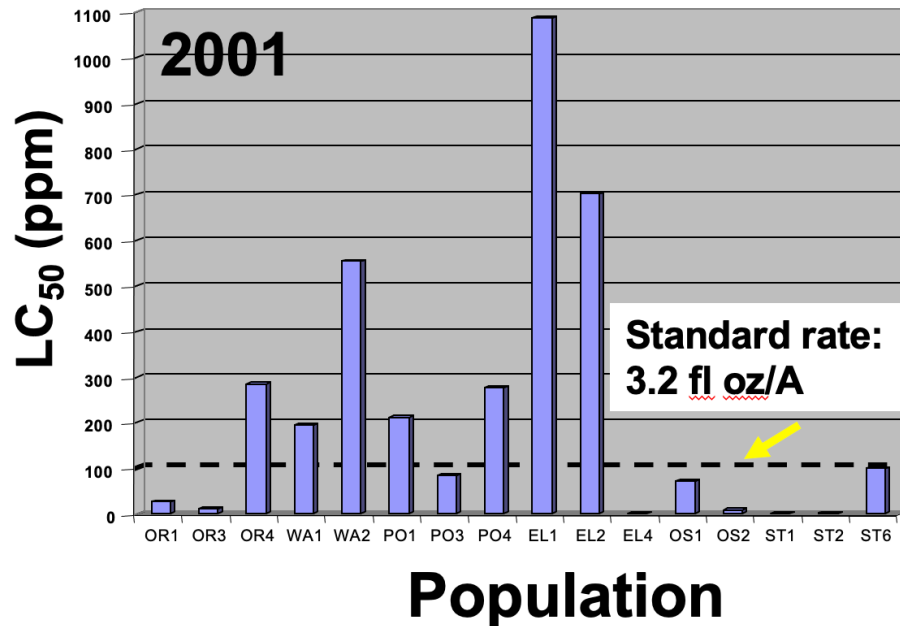




✓ Assessed *T. tabaci* susceptibility to insecticides using Thrips Insecticide Bioassay System (TIBS) Rueda & Shelton (2003) *Pest Manag. Sci.*



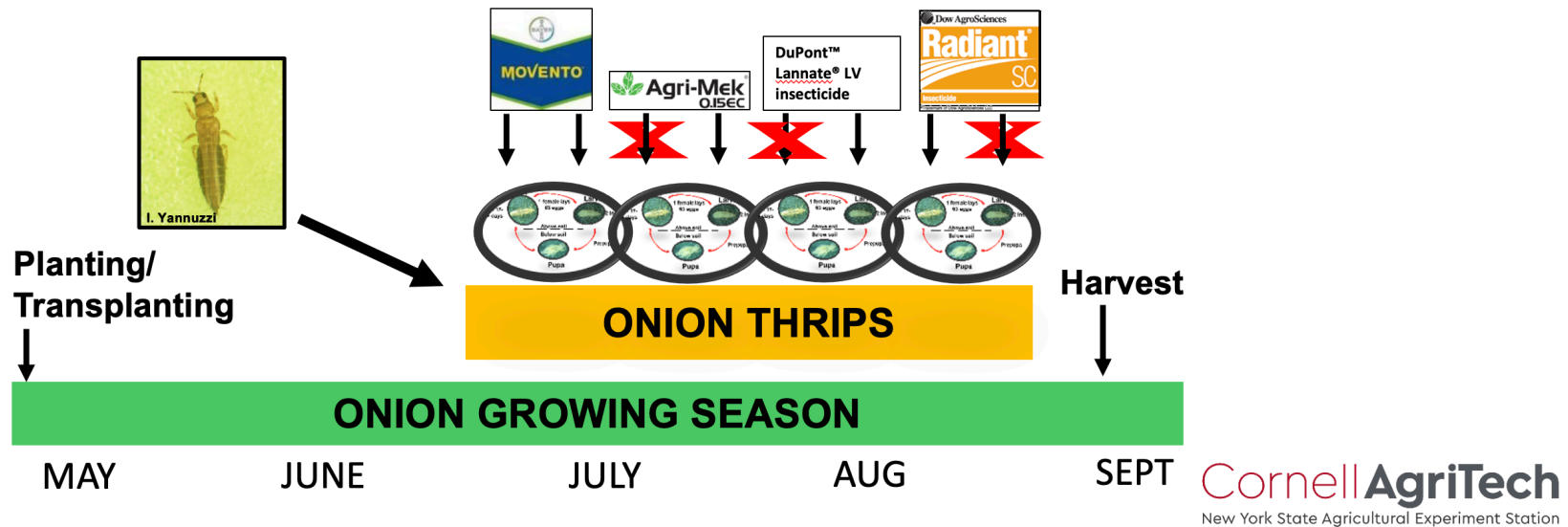
✓  $LC_{50}$ s for *T. tabaci* populations to lambda-cyhalothrin (Warrior T) determined using TIBS Shelton, Nault, Plate & Zhao (2003) *J. Econ. Entomol.*



- Resistance to Warrior T detected in 7 of 16 *T. tabaci* populations across NY
- RR were >1,000 in 5 populations

- ✓ **Insecticide Resistance Management Plan (3<sup>rd</sup> step): combine season-long sequence and action thresholds** Nault & Shelton (2009)

VegEdge



- ✓ **Onion growers from Orleans (Elba) honored with 2019 NYS IPM Award primarily for their adoption of the thrips IRM plan**

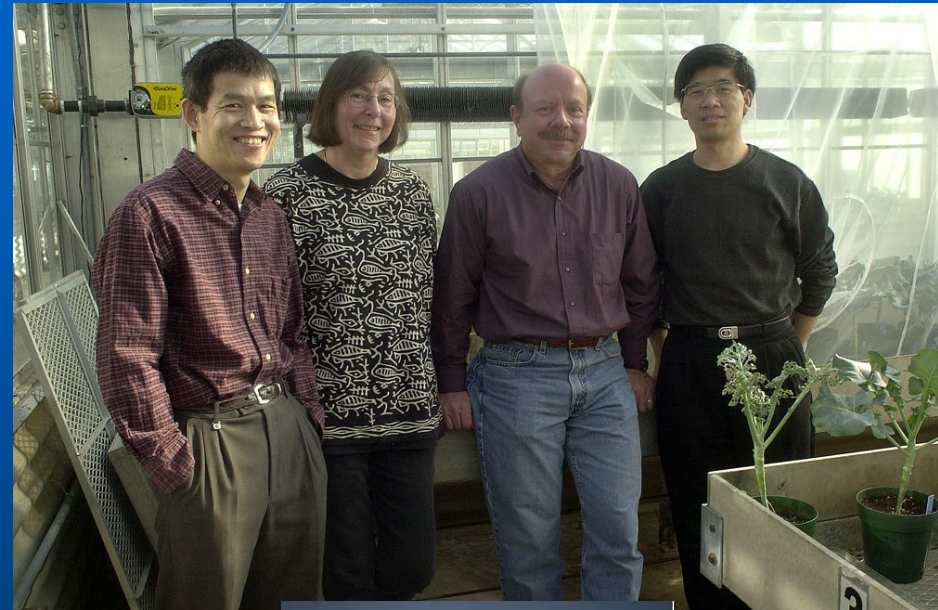
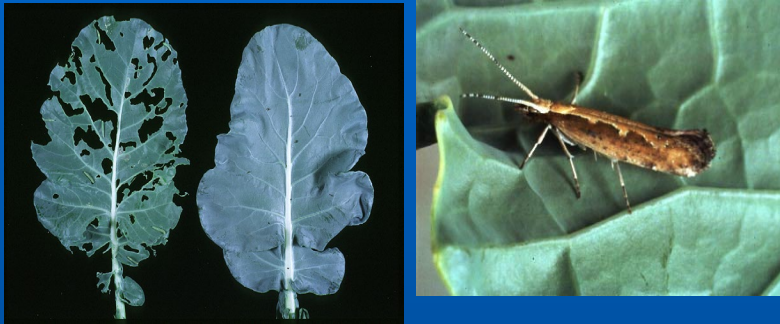


- **#1 reason for IRM adoption - mitigate insecticide resistance, not to save money**
- **#2 reason why adoption was successful - regular interactive meetings with growers to build relationships and trust**



# **Bt Broccoli- DBM System**

## **A Tool to Study IRM and BioControl**



**We have DBM populations resistant to Cry 1Ac and Cry 1C proteins and information on the genetics of resistance.**

**We developed broccoli plants expressing Cry 1Ac or Cry 1C toxins, or a combination of these toxins.**

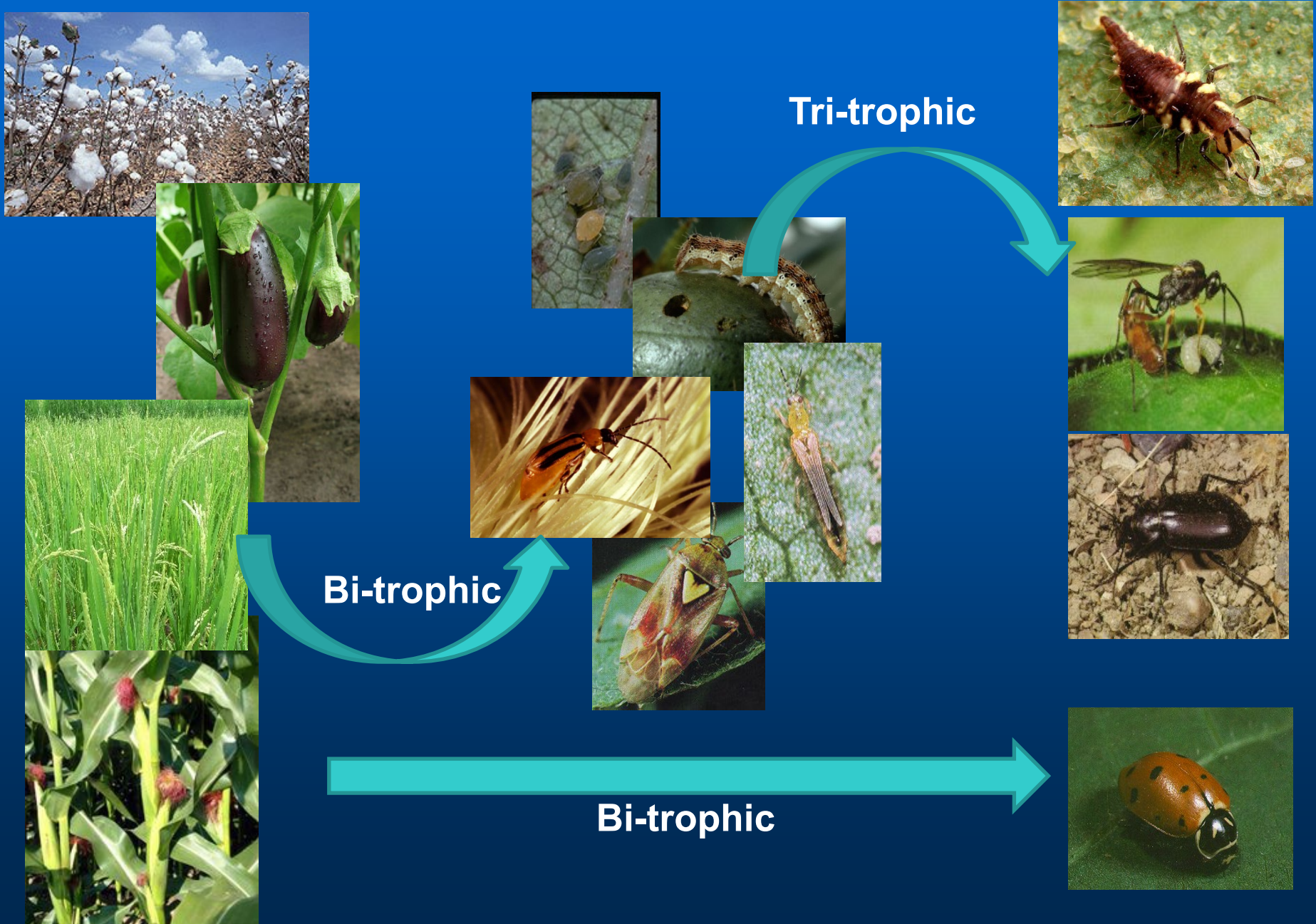




# Results from Lab, Greenhouse and Field IRM Studies of Bt Broccoli- DBM System (Empirical Data Helps Inform EPA!)

- Refuges of non-Bt plants are essential for IRM
- Spatially separate refuges are superior to mixed refuges
- Pyramiding two Bt genes in plants will be more durable than single gene plants
- Concurrent use of Bt plants expressing a single gene and two Bt genes speeds insect resistant to the two gene plants

# Are Bt Crops Harmful to Natural Enemies?



# What Did We Learn?

Protein	Natural Enemy	Crop	Host	Effect
Cry1Ac, Cry2Ab, Cry1F	<i>Chrysoperla rufilabris</i>	Maize, cotton, broccoli	Fall armyworm, cabbage looper	No
Cry1Ac, Cry2Ab	<i>Geocoris punctipes</i>	Cotton	Cabbage looper	No
Cry 1F	<i>Cotesia marginiventris</i>	Maize	Cabbage looper	No
Cry1F	<i>Coleomagilla maculata</i>	Maize	Fall armyworm	No
Cry1Ac, Cry2Ab	<i>Coleomagilla maculata</i>	Cotton	Cabbage looper	No
Cry1C	<i>Diadegma insulare</i>	Broccoli	Diamondback moth	No
Cry1Ac, Cry 2Ab	<i>Geocoris punctipes</i>	Cotton	Onion thrips	No

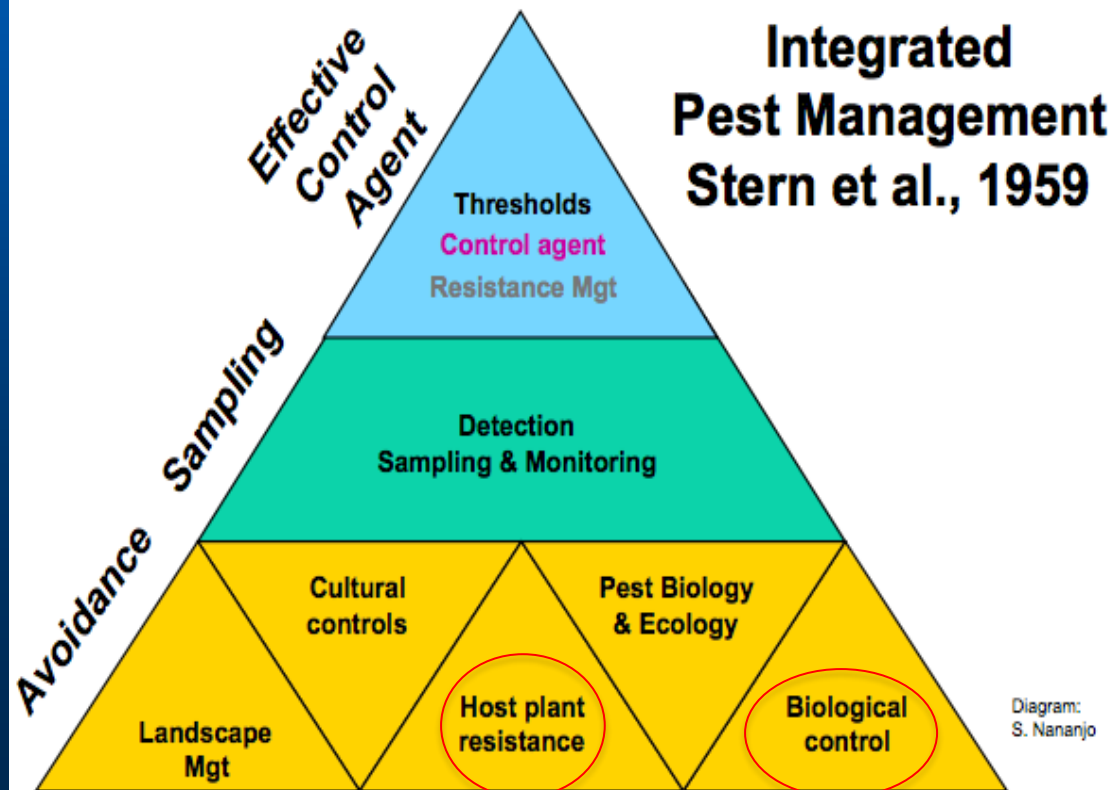


# Natural enemies delay insect resistance to transgenic insecticidal crops

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Liu et al.  
PLoS One 2014

# Genetically Engineered, Self-limiting DBM

## A Tool for the Future

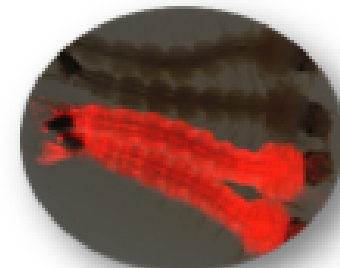
### *How self-limiting insects are made*



Injecting genes into insect egg



Self-Limiting Gene



Fluorescent Marker Gene

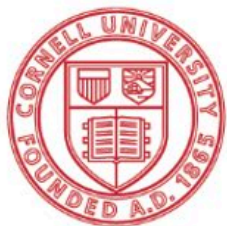
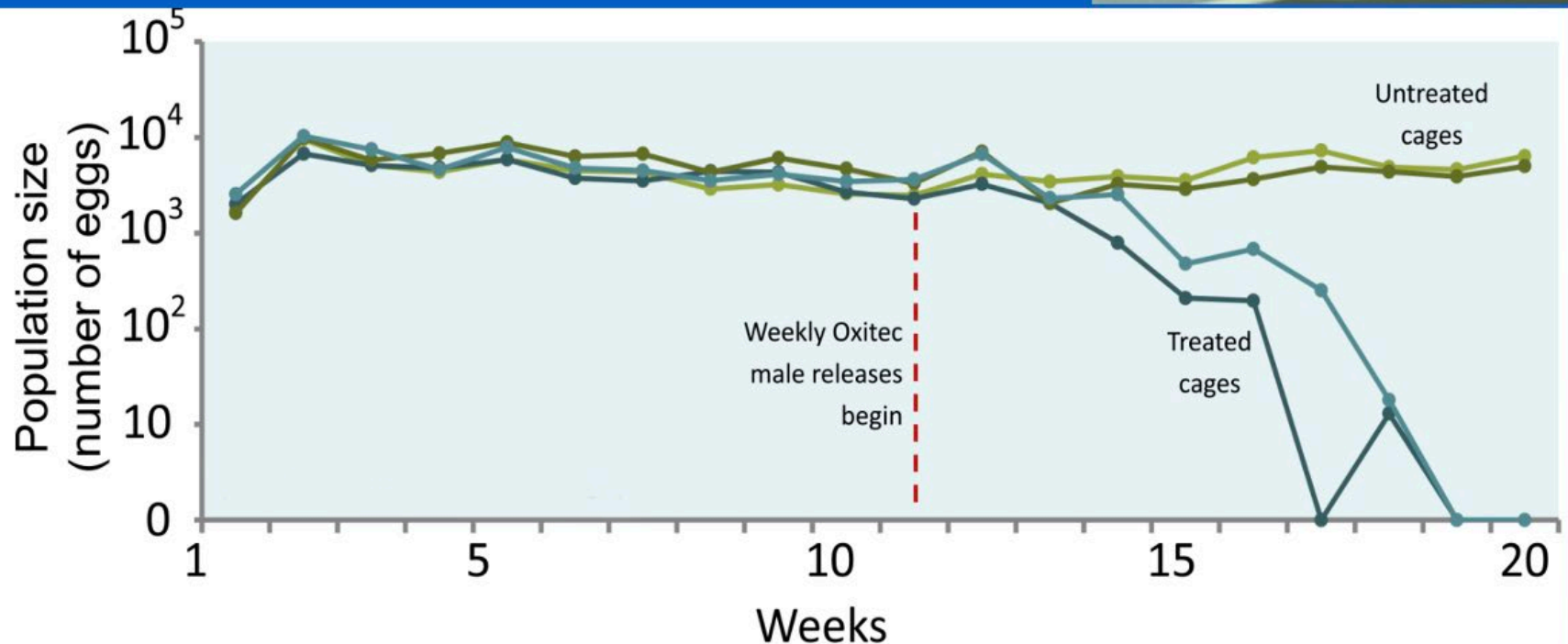
#### Self-Limiting Gene

- Inherited – female offspring do not survive into adulthood
- After releases stopped genes disappear from the gene pool and environment
- Repressed with an antidote during male insect production

#### Marker Gene

- Fluorescent protein detected by special light
- Identifies self-limiting vs. pest insects
- Allows estimation of pest population sizes
- Monitoring of pest population suppression
- Releases adjusted in nearly real time

# Evaluating performance of the self-limiting DBM in greenhouses



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## Greenhouse cage suppression trials at Geneva

Harvey-Samuel et al. 2015. *BMC Biology*.



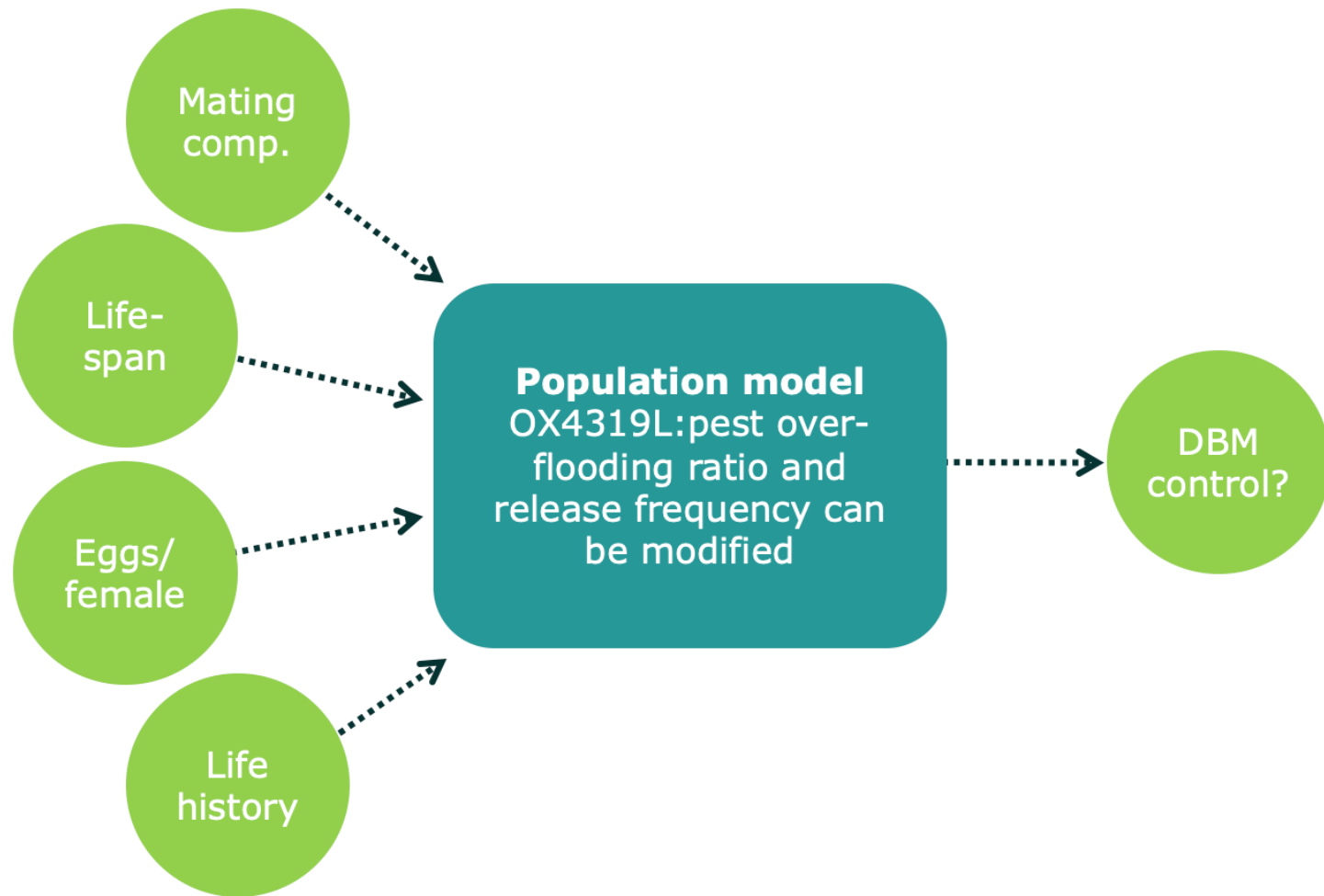
# Open field releases to study GE DBM, 2017

- We conducted a series of releases of Oxitec and Georgia males and monitored their movement patterns in an 8-acre field of cabbage using sticky traps baited with pheromone

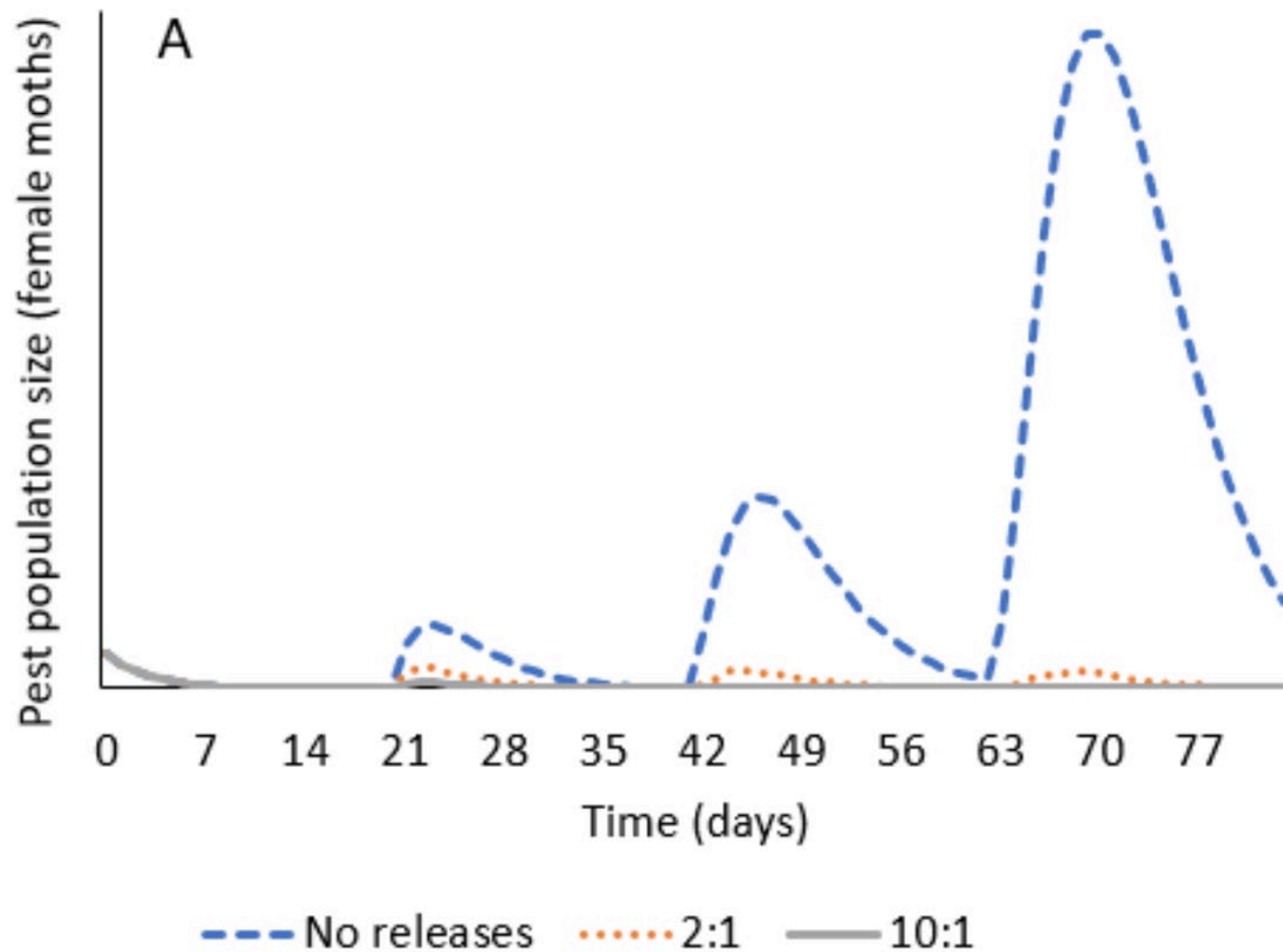


# What Did We Learn from Greenhouse Lab and Field Studies?

*How will these results translate to DBM control?*



## Single early season immigration on Day 1





# Eggplant/Brinjal in Bangladesh

- Brinjal is the 2nd most important vegetable crop in Bangladesh
- Grown by 150,000 resource-poor farmers on 50,000 hectares
- Farmers spray insecticide 80-100 times to protect brinjal from FSB
- Concerns about human health and the environment





## Non-infected fruit of **Bt** **Uttara**



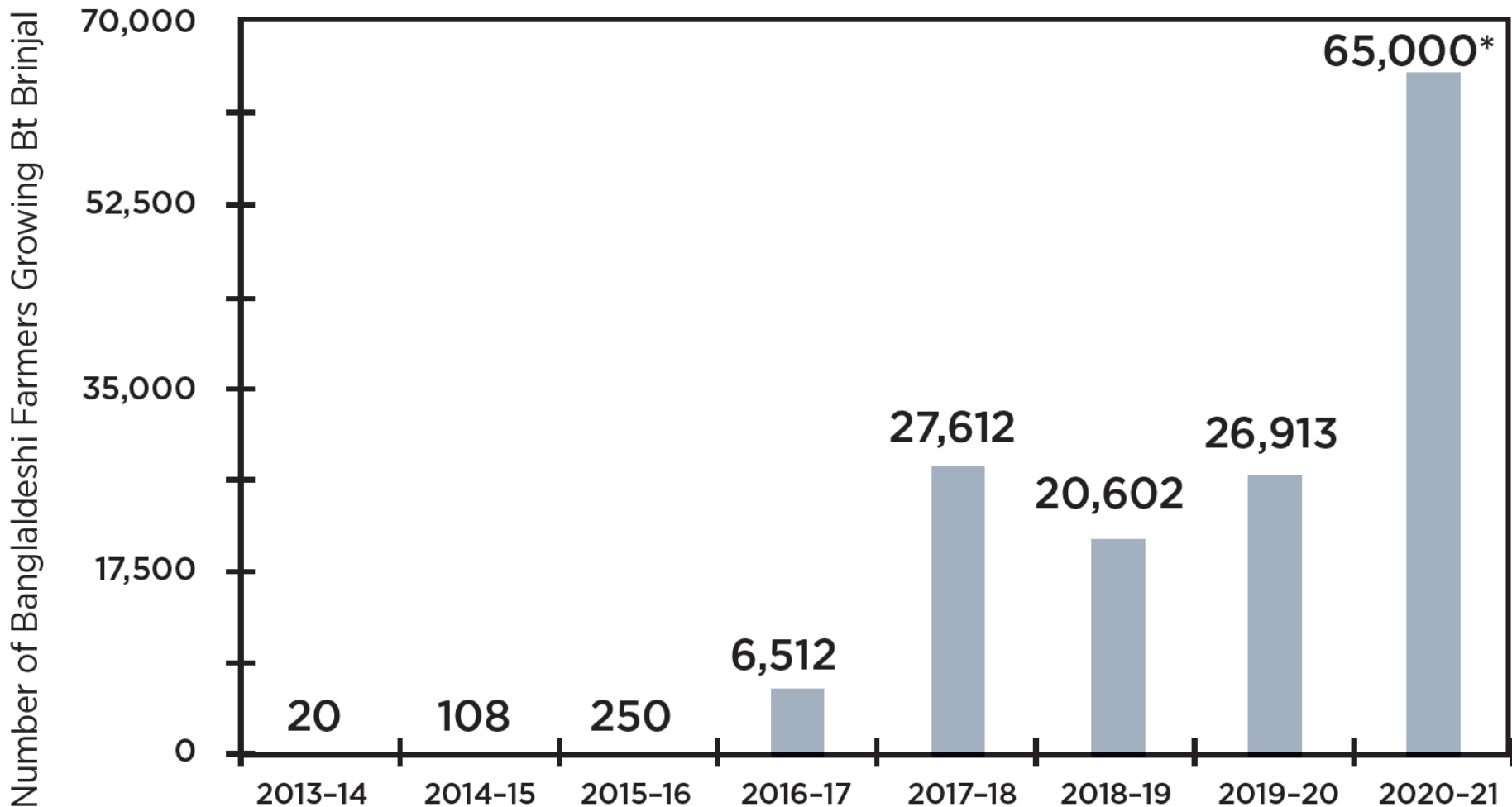
## Infected fruit & shoot of **non Bt Uttara**





**Honorable Minister for Agriculture**  
**Ms. Matia Chowdhury MP**  
**distributing seedlings of Bt Brinjal among the**  
**selected farmers on 22 January 2014**





**Fig. 4. Number of farmers growing Bt brinjal in Bangladesh by year (\* indicates preliminary data).** Farmers received seed from the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), and the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC).



# Bt Brinjal: Success in Bangladesh

- Bt brinjal infestation was 0.04-0.88% compared to 48-57% in non Bt brinjal
- Insecticide use reduced by 61-98%
- Farmers realized a 6-fold increase in the net returns
- Studies have shown no harmful effects of Bt brinjal on non-targeted organisms
- Thousands of farmers have been trained
- Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) has adopted more rigorous stewardship practices





# FEED THE FUTURE

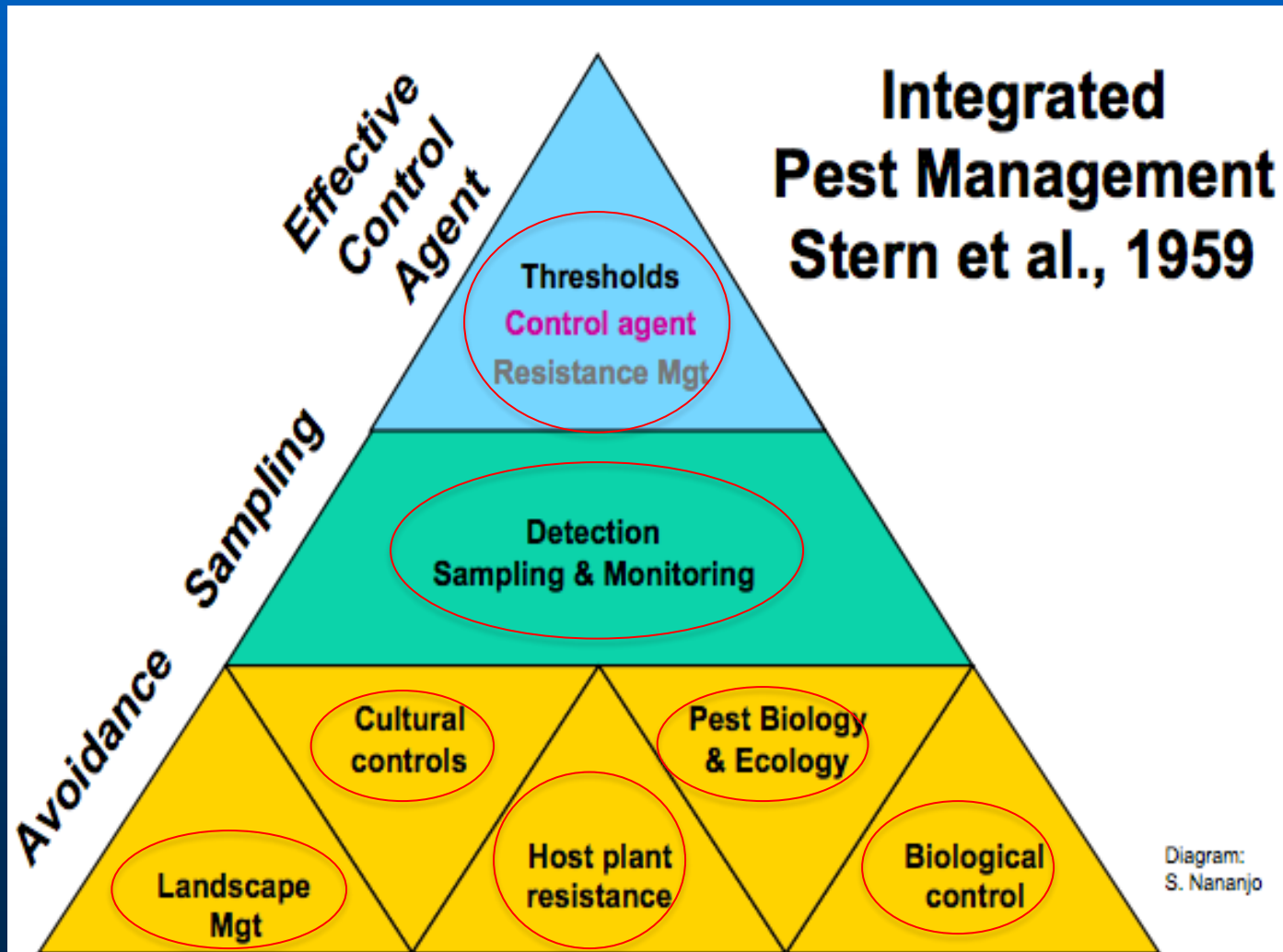
The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative



Shelton, A. M. 2021. Bt eggplant: a personal account of using biotechnology to improve the lives of resource-poor farmers. *American Entomologist* 67:3



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# **Thanks to the Those Who Contributed to Our Program**

- **41 MS and PhD students**
- **47 postdocs and visiting scientists**
- **> 250 technicians**
- **Dozens and dozens of colleagues  
nationally and internationally**
- **Federal, State and Industry Funding**