A reliable field-test for

development and registration

of mating disruption techniques

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Problems

Still a lot of open questions with the interpretation of results of pheromone trials:

- Results frequently non-transferable
- Statistically complicated to interpret
- Difficulties to find an adequate control

Problems

high costs and long periods of time for:

development

registration

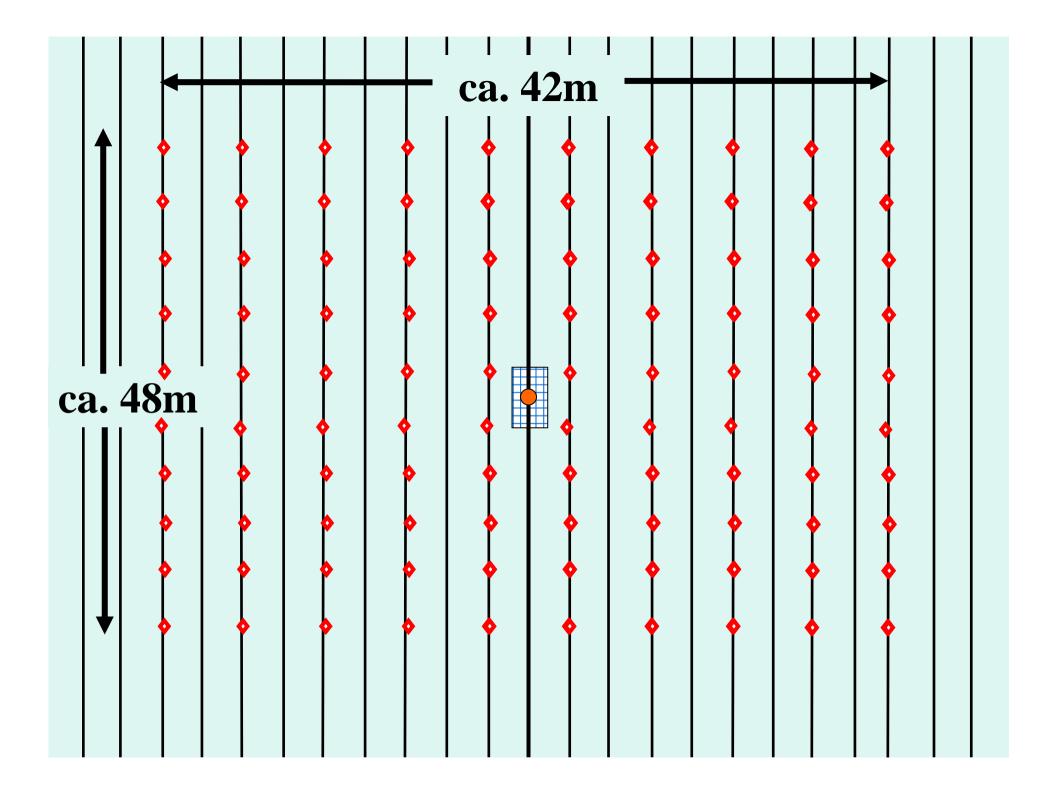
Creation of a test-system which is:

- Reproducible
- Simple and robust
- Close to nature
- Fast and Effective

Field Test

- Developed for *Eupoecila ambiguella* and *Lobesia botrana* in 2002
- Test equipement
 - At least 2 cages
 - Rearing of target pest species
 - female moths as lures for traps
 - male moths to release
 - Orchards or vineyards







Advantages

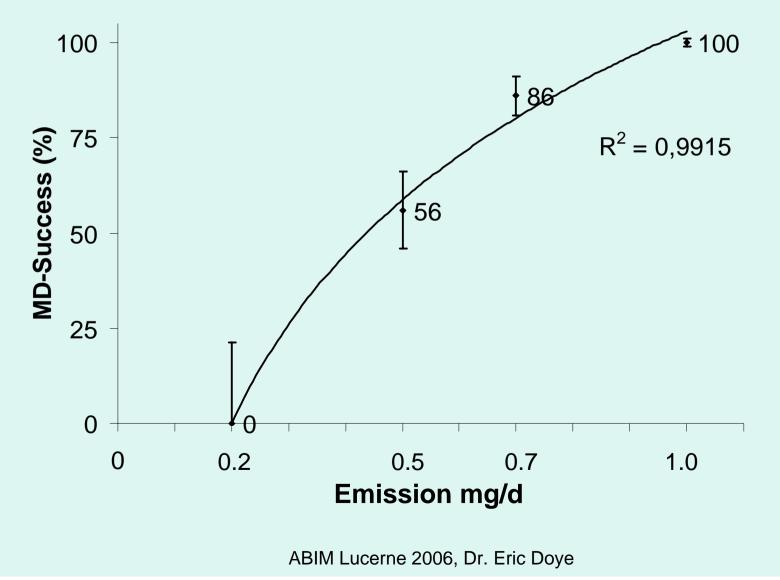
- "Real" control
- System independent on natural flight which means high number of trials per season possible
- Possibility to analyse a lot of different aspects of MD
 - e.g. lures, new components etc.

Examples

- Lobesia botrana, trials with different types of dispensers
 - 0.2, 0.5, 0.7 & 1.0 emission in mg/d measured under controlled conditions in the lab (Uwe Koch, Kaiserslautern, Germany)

Lobesia botrana

Correlation Emission/MD-Success



Examples

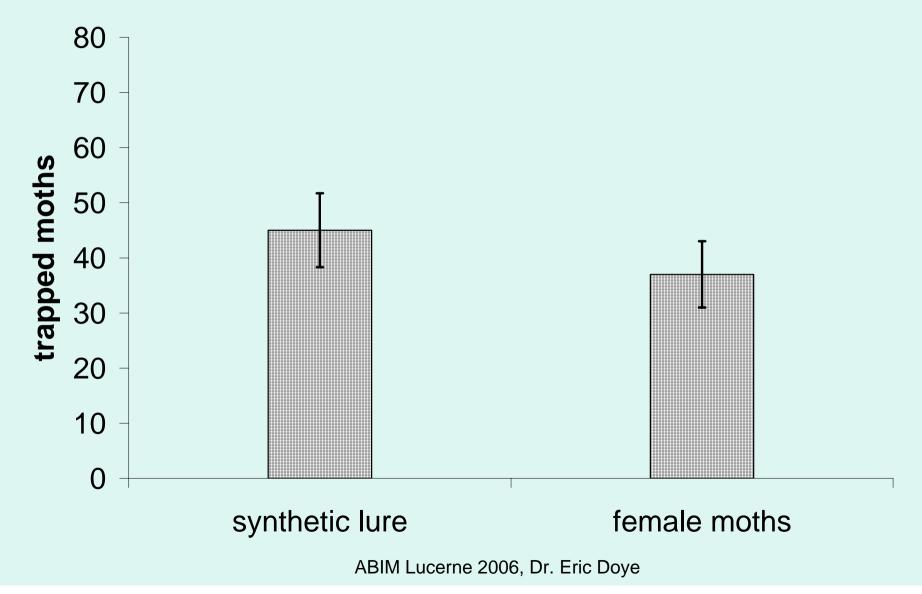
• Attractiveness

synthetic lures contra female moths

- *L. botrana*, 2 female moths in a trap contra commercial lure, 2 times 80 male moths, changing position of traps
- *E. ambiguella*, 2 female moths in a trap contra commercial lure, 2 times 50 male moths, changing position of traps

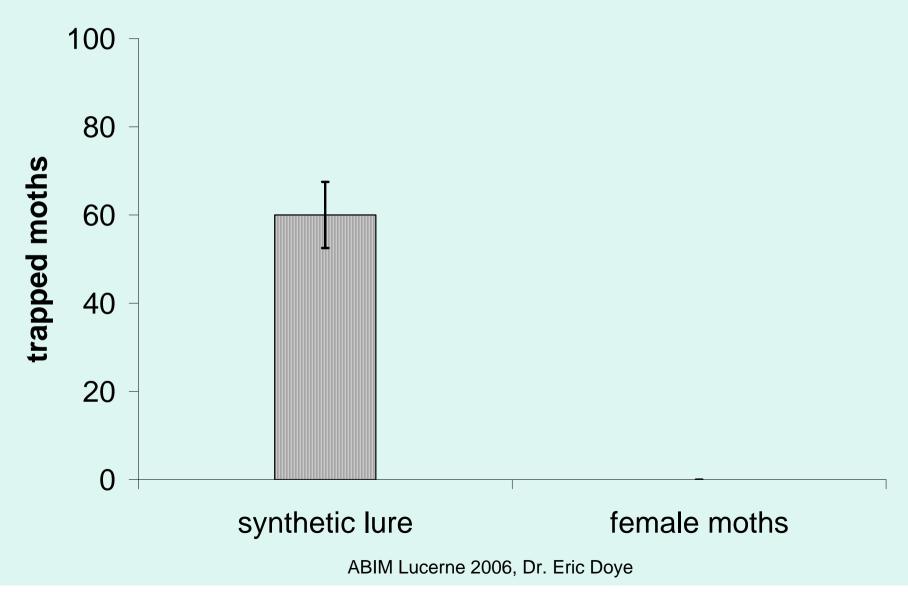
Lobesia botrana

Comparison synthetic lure and female moths



Eupoecila ambiguella

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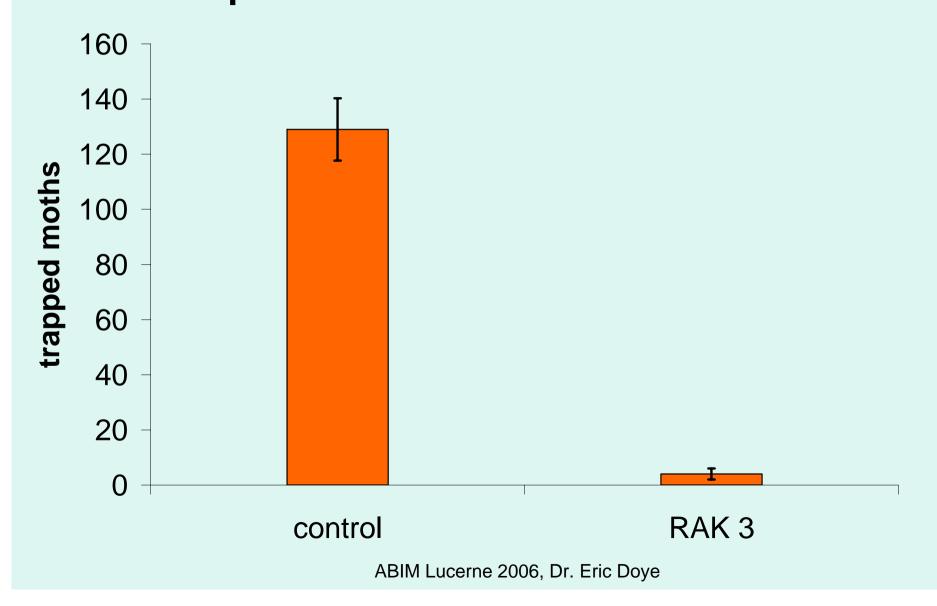
Examples

Is this method transferable to other pest species?

Cydia pomonella

Trial summer 2006 with *C. pomonella* using RAK 3 by **BASF AG**

Trial *C. pomonella* Comparison of RAK 3 BASF and control



Conclusions

- method is quite perfect for the development of MD techniques, many trials in short time with high significance
- a tool for the registration, method could not absolute replace classical methods (damage!), but supports classical practice (EPPO-Guideline)

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