



# Effects of insecticide applications on population development of pollen beetle in field studies

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# Introduction

Neonicotinoid Biscaya (a.i. thiacloprid, 72 g ha<sup>-1</sup>)

Pyrethroid Karate Zeon (a.i. lambda-cyhalothrin, 7.5 g ha<sup>-1</sup>)

Pyrethroid Mavrik (a.i. tau-fluvalinate, 48 g ha<sup>-1</sup>)

Effects on:

- overwintered pollen beetles



- bud infestation with eggs



- L1- and L2-larvae of pollen beetle



- parasitism rates of pollen beetle larvae by the parasitoids *Tersilochus heterocerus* and *Phradis* spp.

- new generation of pollen beetles



# Materials and Methods



2013-2015,

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to catch emerging new  
PB

to collect dropping larvae

unting and collecting PB

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control

BBCH 53

BBCH 60

BBCH 65

n at BBCH 53,60+65

# Overwintered PB 2013-15

Pollen beetles per main stem after 1<sup>st</sup> application at BBCH 53/55

Year	Treatment	1 DAA mean ± SE	3 DAA mean ± SE	7 DAA mean ± SE
<b>2013 BBCH 53</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>2.7 ± 0.2 A</b>	<b>9.5 ± 0.5 A</b>	<b>5.6 ± 0.2 A</b>
	Biscaya BBCH 53	1.4 ± 0.1 B	6.4 ± 0.4 A	5.0 ± 0.3 A
	Karate Zeon	2.8 ± 0.2 A	9.0 ± 0.4 A	5.3 ± 0.2 A
<b>2014 BBCH 55</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>1.3 ± 0.1 A</b>	<b>0.9 ± 0.1 A</b>	<b>0.5 ± 0.1 A</b>
	Biscaya BBCH 55	0.4 ± 0 B	0.4 ± 0.1 B	0.4 ± 0.1 A
	Mavrik	0.2 ± 0 B	0.4 ± 0 B	0.5 ± 0.1 A
<b>2015 BBCH 55</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>1.5 ± 0.1 A</b>	<b>1.3 ± 0.1 A</b>	<b>1.1 ± 0.1 A</b>
	Biscaya BBCH 55	0.5 ± 0.1 B	0.3 ± 0 B	0.3 ± 0.1 B
	Mavrik	0.1 ± 0 C	0.1 ± 0 C	0.5 ± 0 B

(GLMM,  $p \leq 0.05$ )

Similar results after 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> application at BBCH 60/62 and 65

# Bud infestation (main stem)

Egg infested buds > 2 mm in field trials: 1-2, 7-9 and 14 DAA at BBCH 53/55

Year/ Application	Treatment	1-2 DAA mean (%) ± SE	7-9 DAA mean (%) ± SE	14 DAA mean (%) ± SE
2013 BBCH 53	Control	21.2 ± 2.3 AB	41.5 ± 2.4 A	-
	Biscaya	20.0 ± 2.4 A	17.8 ± 2.0 B	-
	Karate Zeon	31.0 ± 2.8 B	43.7 ± 3.8 A	-
2014 BBCH 55	Control	0.7 ± 0.2 A	5.1 ± 0.8 A	3.9 ± 0.7 A
	Biscaya	3.4 ± 1.1 A	1.0 ± 0.2 B	0.6 ± 0.3 B
	Mavrik	2.6 ± 1.3 A	1.8 ± 0.6 B	1.9 ± 1.4 AB
2015 BBCH 55	Control	8.3 ± 1.2 A	12.7 ± 4.4 A	20.0 ± 2.2 A
	Biscaya	8.1 ± 1.7 A	10.0 ± 1.9 A	3.6 ± 0.5 B
	Mavrik	7.0 ± 1.8 A	7.4 ± 2.1 A	5.8 ± 1.0 B

(GLMM, p ≤ 0.05)

Similar results for the side shoots



# Greenhouse trials

- Trials with 8 different treatments

**Plants:**

untreated

Biscaya treated

Mavrik treated

**PB:**

untreated

Biscaya treated

Mavrik treated

- 10 plants/treatment
- 10 PB/plant caged with plastic bags
- After 3-4 d assessment of vitality and end of the trial



# Greenhouse trials 2013-14

Egg infested buds > 2 mm (main stem) in greenhouse trials

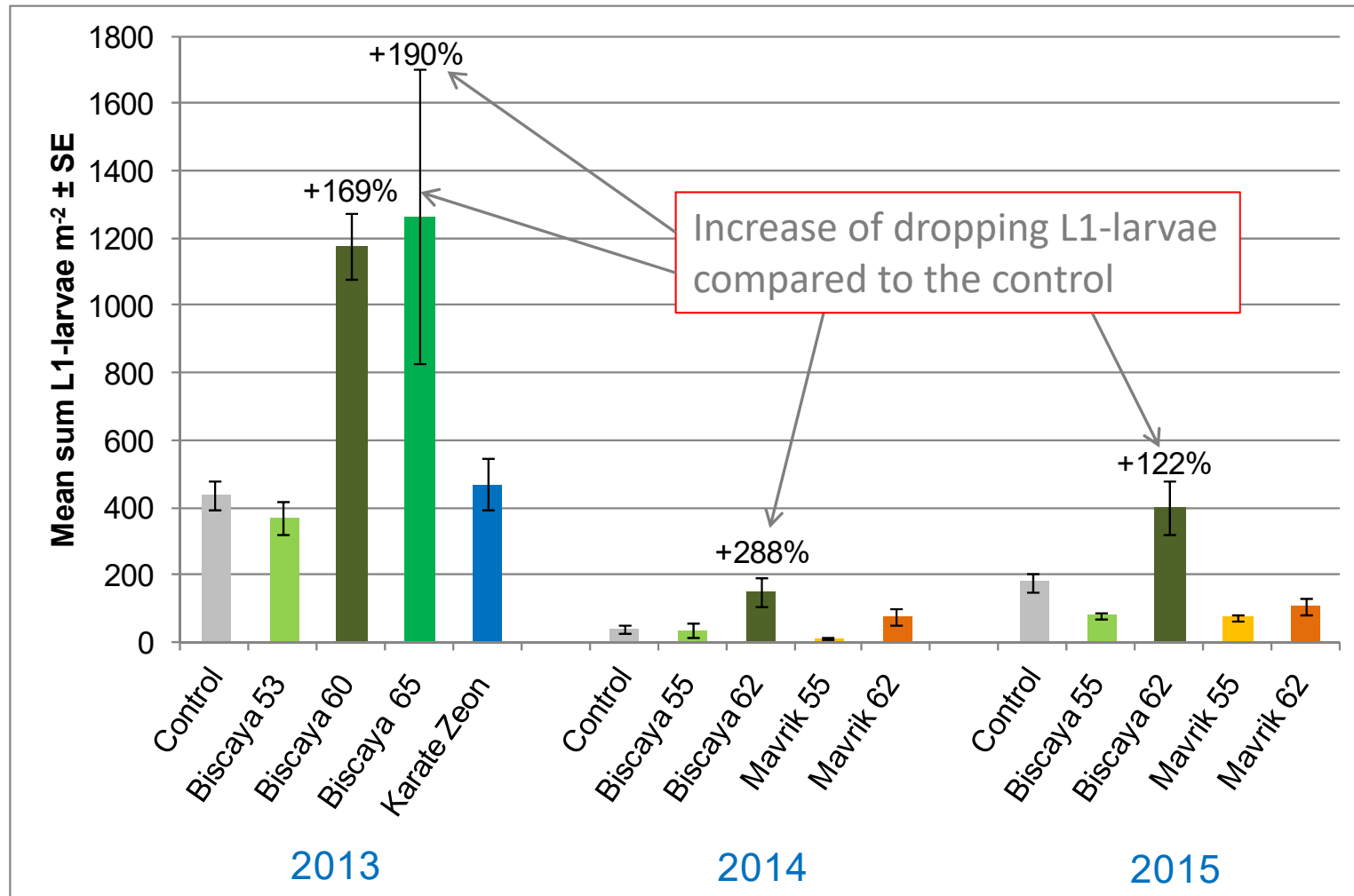
Treatment	2013 mean (%) ± SE	2014 mean (%) ± SE
Untreated plants without PB (preinfestation)	15 ± 2 AC	2 ± 1 A
<b>Untreated plants + untreated PB</b>	<b>54 ± 5 B</b>	<b>25 ± 3 B</b>
Untreated plants + Mavrik treated PB	not assessed	24 ± 3 B
Untreated plants + Biscaya treated PB	48 ± 6 B	23 ± 6 B
<b>Biscaya treated plants + untreated PB</b>	<b>8 ± 5 A</b>	<b>6 ± 2 A</b>
<b>Biscaya treated plants + Biscaya treated PB</b>	<b>14 ± 4 C</b>	<b>17 ± 3 B</b>
Mavrik treated plants + untreated PB	not assessed	20 ± 4 B
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Similar results for the side shoots

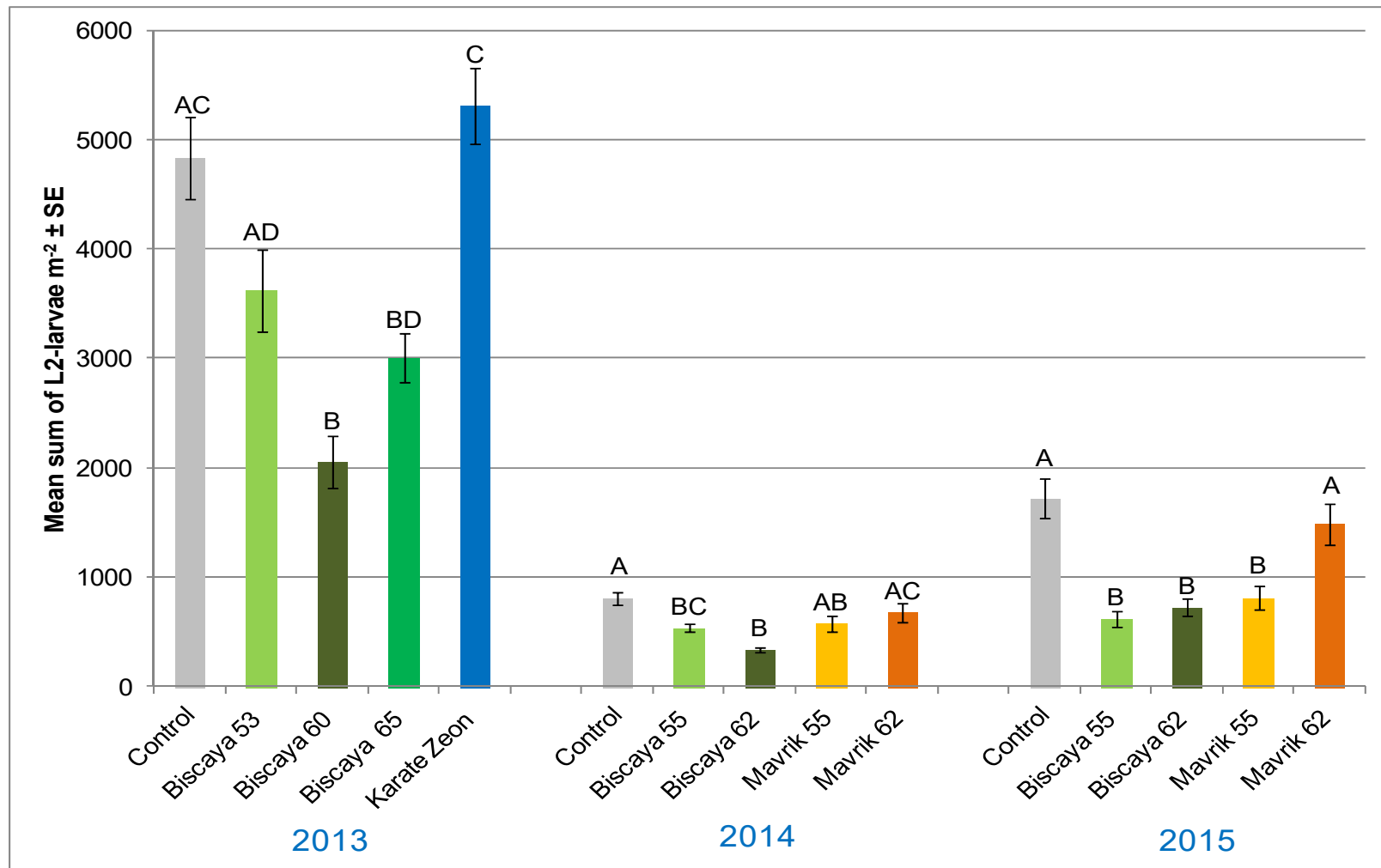
# Dropping of L1-larvae 2013-15

L1-larvae per m<sup>2</sup>, summed up over 14 DAA





# Dropping of L2-larvae for pupation



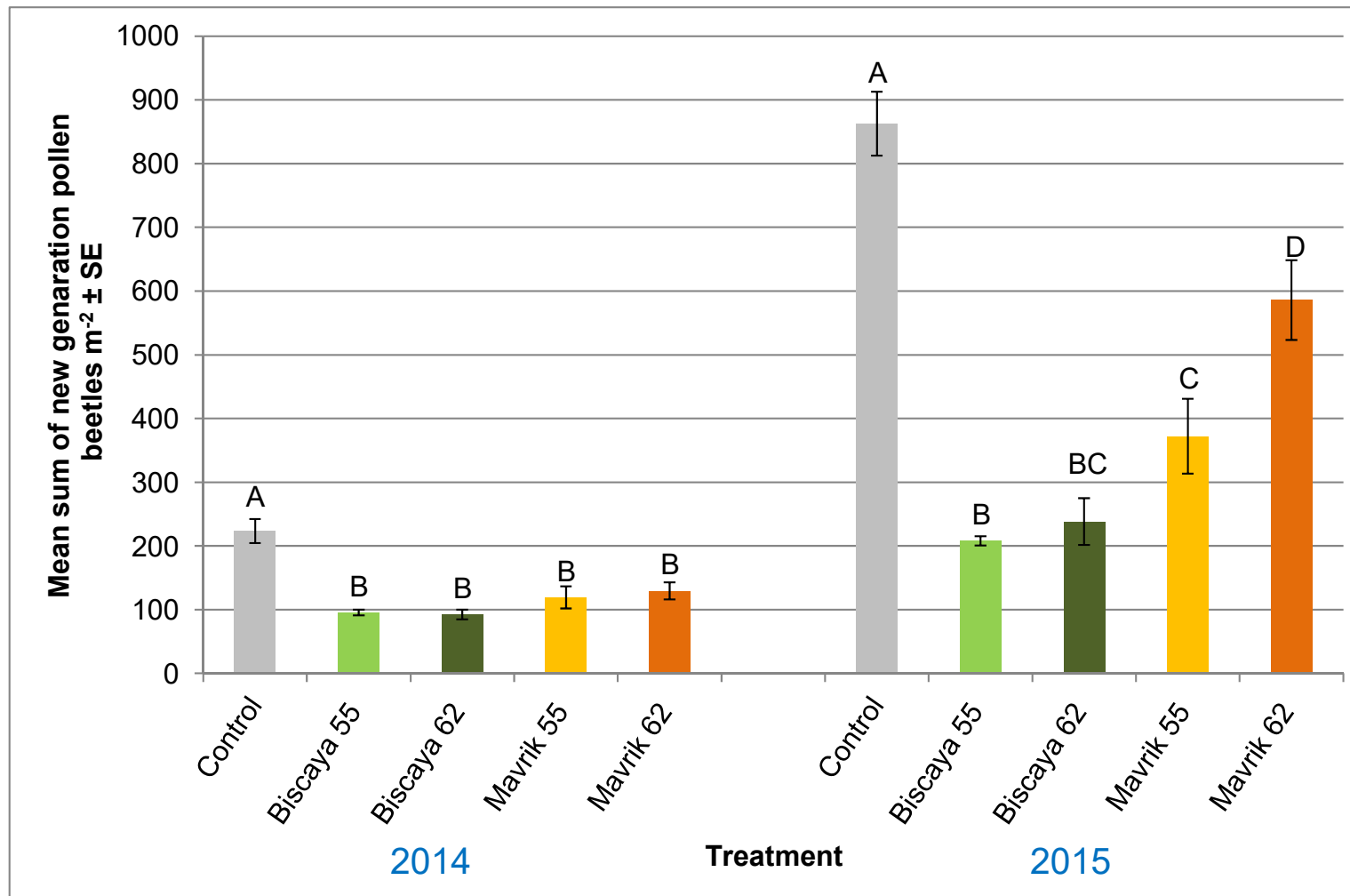
Tukey HSD-Test,  $p \leq 0.05$

# Parasitization

*Phradis* spp. und *Tersilochus heterocerus*



# New generation PB



Tukey HSD-Test,  $p \leq 0.05$

# Summary

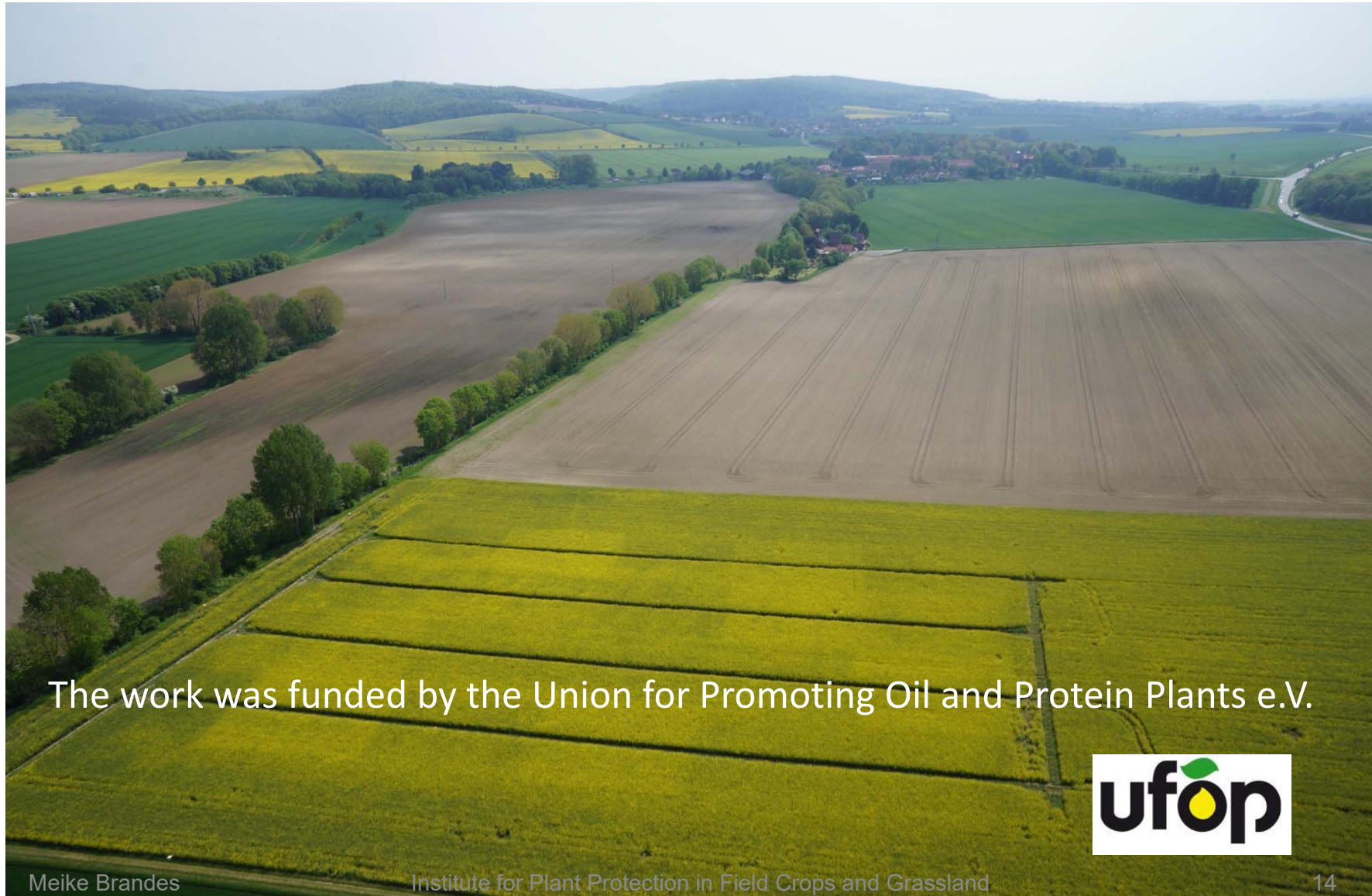
- **Overwintered pollen beetles:**  
Biscaya and Mavrik reduced pollen beetle density up to 7 DAA,  
Karate Zeon had no effect
- **Bud infestation with eggs:**  
Biscaya: Ø 84% efficacy in the field; confirmed in greenhouse trials,  
Mavrik: Ø 61% efficacy in the field; not confirmed in the greenhouse  
Karate Zeon had no effect
- **L1-larvae of pollen beetle:**  
Biscaya application at BBCH 62/65 : significant effects on L1-larvae  
Mavrik + Karate Zeon: effects on L1-larvae were missing
- **L2-larvae and new generation of pollen beetles:**  
the number of offspring was reduced by insecticides (except Karate Zeon)

# Conclusion

- Biscaya and Mavrik reduced population growth of pollen beetle without affecting parasitism rates of larvae
- In addition to damage control Biscaya showed effects on population development that are not assessed during the usual efficacy evaluation of insecticides according to EPPO
- Additional effects on insect pest population development should be taken into account for sustainable IPM strategies
- Insecticides that prevent crop damage, reduce the number of offspring and as well do not harm beneficial organisms should be preferred for IPM, resulting in a lower need for insecticide treatments



# Thank you for your attention!

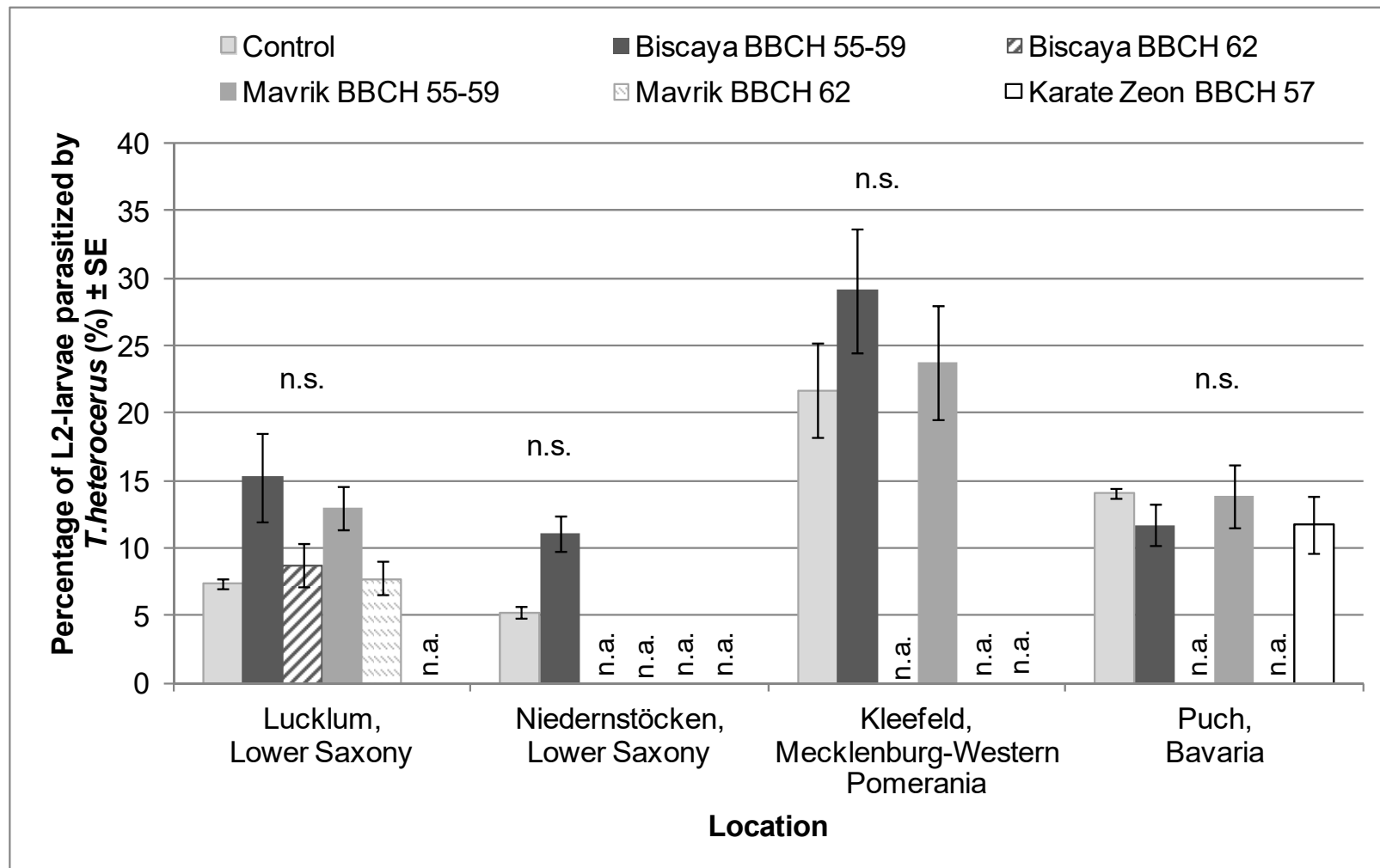


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# Parasitization 2015

## *Tersilochus heterocerus*



(GLM,  $p \leq 0.05$ )

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## *Phradis* spp.

