

HOT AIR

Green Alternative for Structural Fumigation

Processing Plants, Warehouses
& Storage Structures

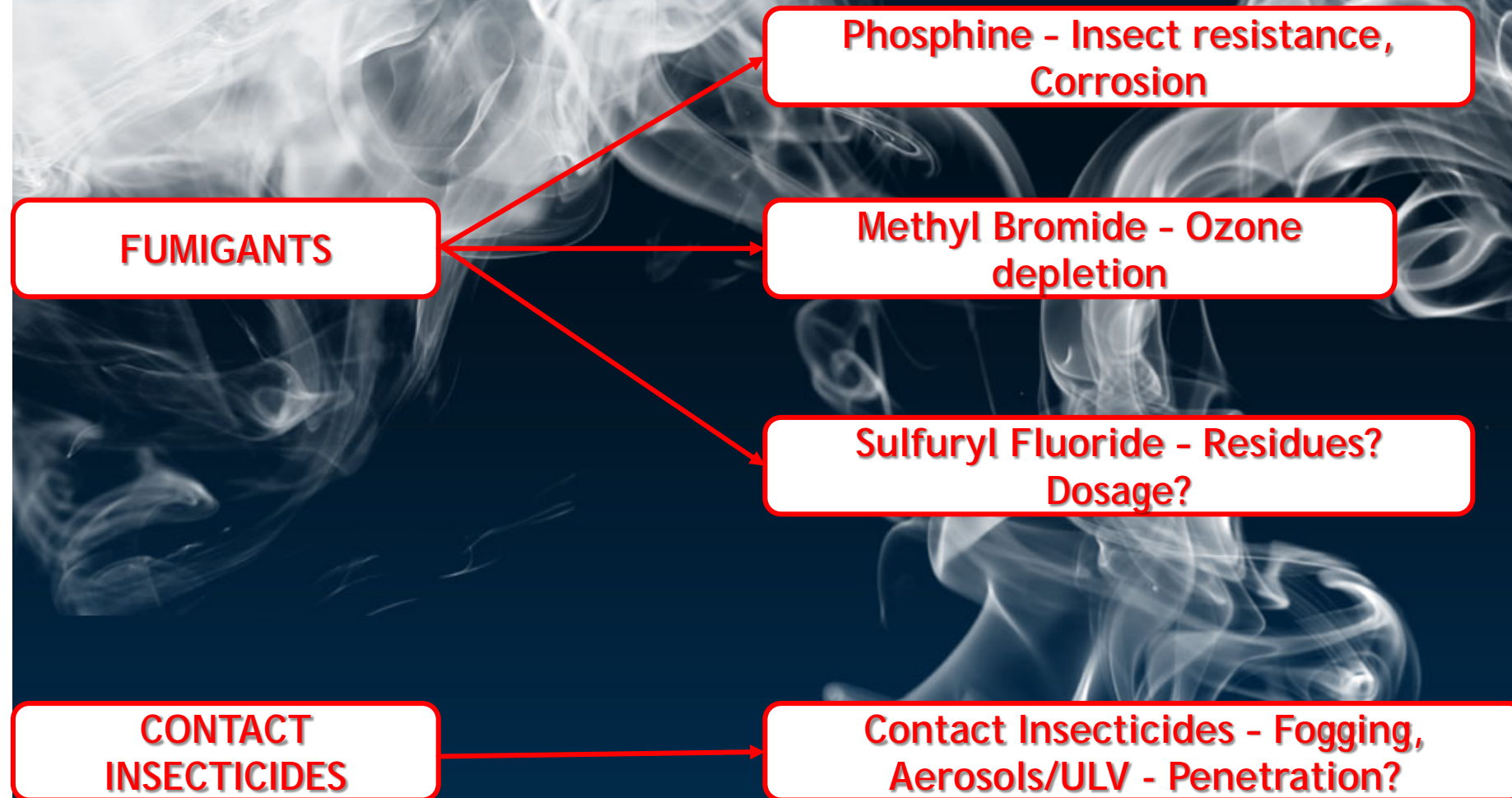
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Structural Fumigation



First Use of Heat

256 Years Ago . . .

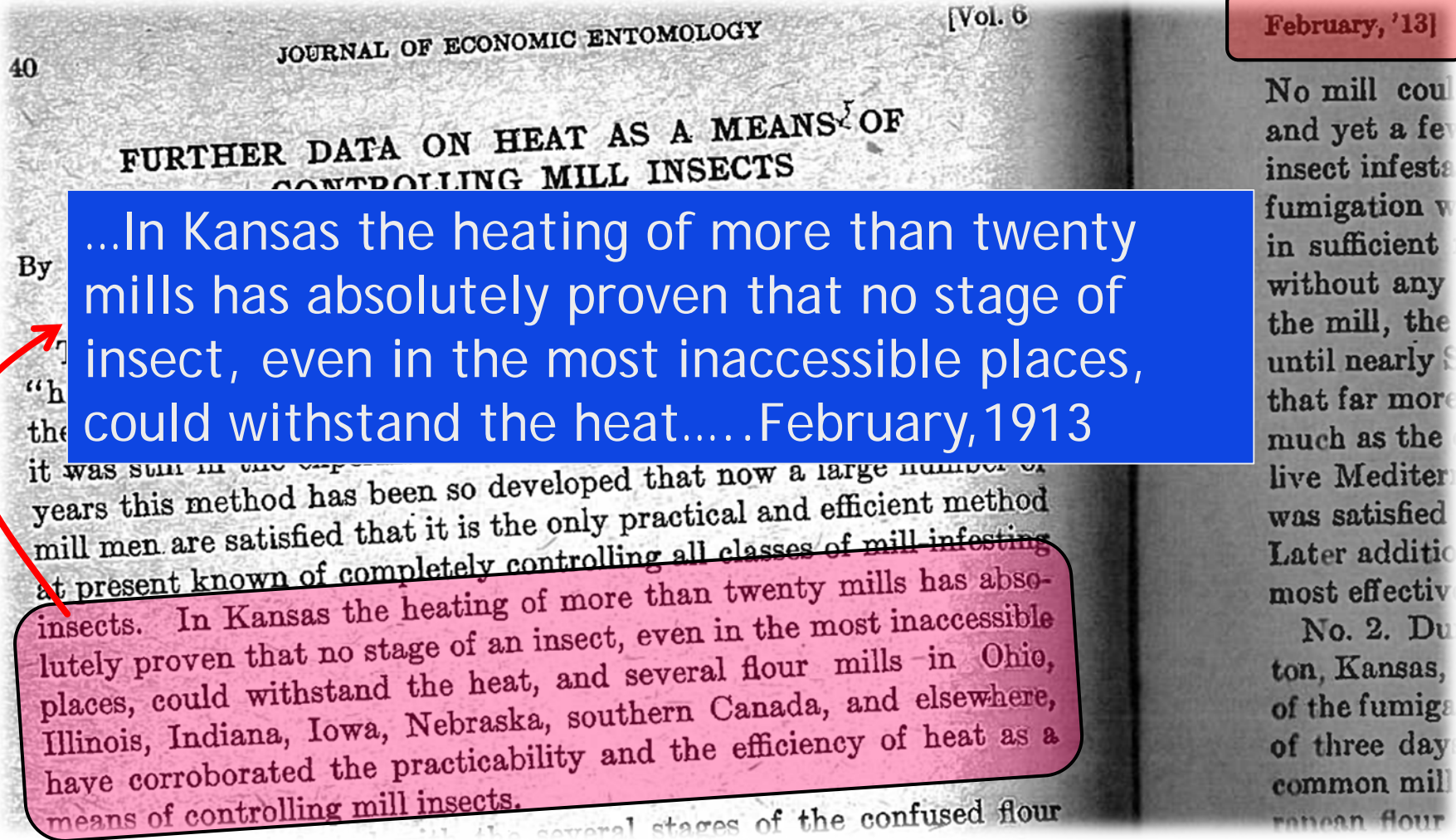
In 1762 – France: 69°C/ 156°F for 3 d, moth

Heat treatment of Mills

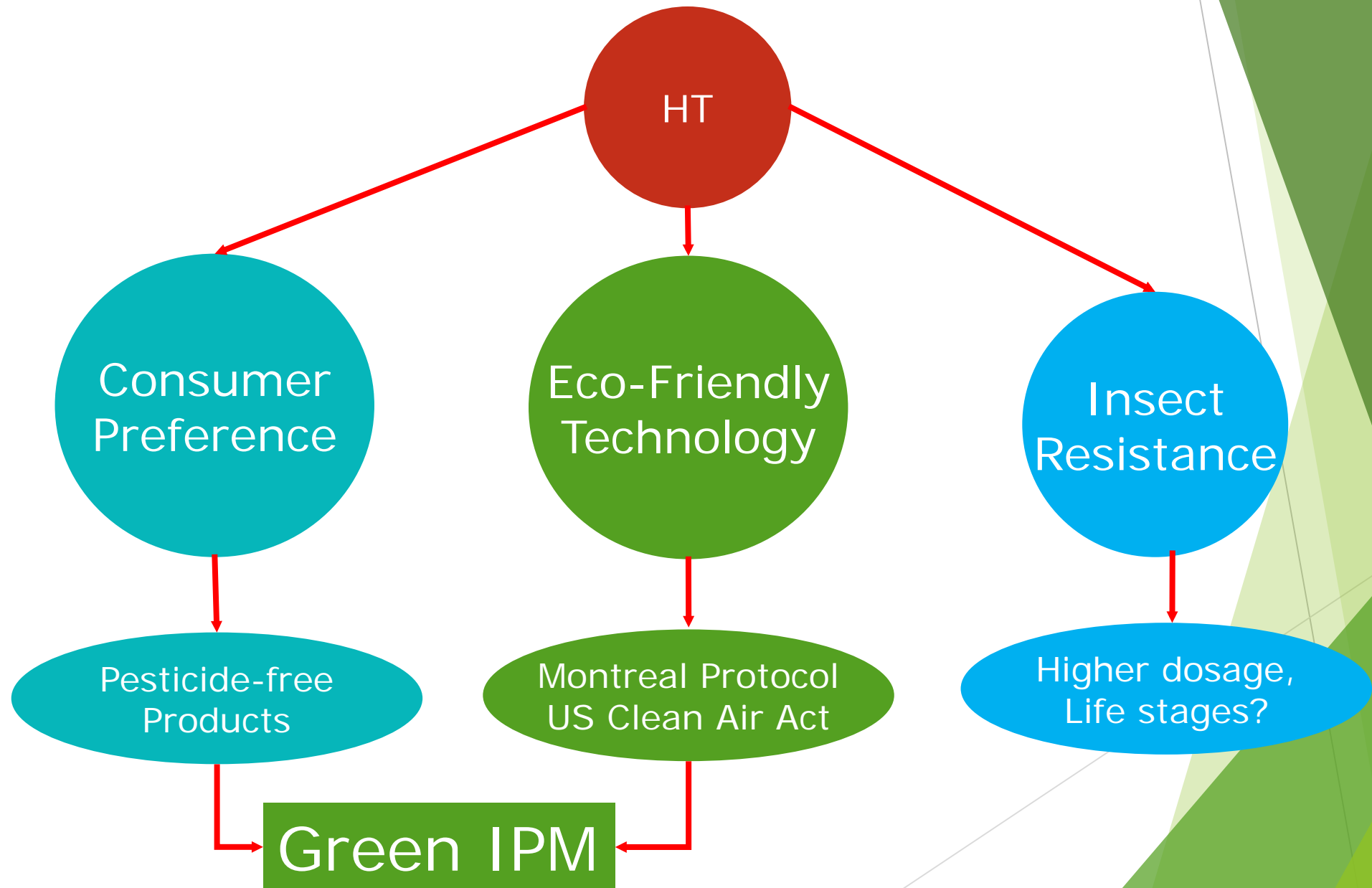
>100 Years Ago . . .

1913 - Kansas, Mid-West USA, Southern Canada

Heat in mills to control insects 100 Years ago.....Manhattan, Kansas



Drivers - Heat Treatment (HT)?



Heat - Advantages



safe • effective • eco-friendly

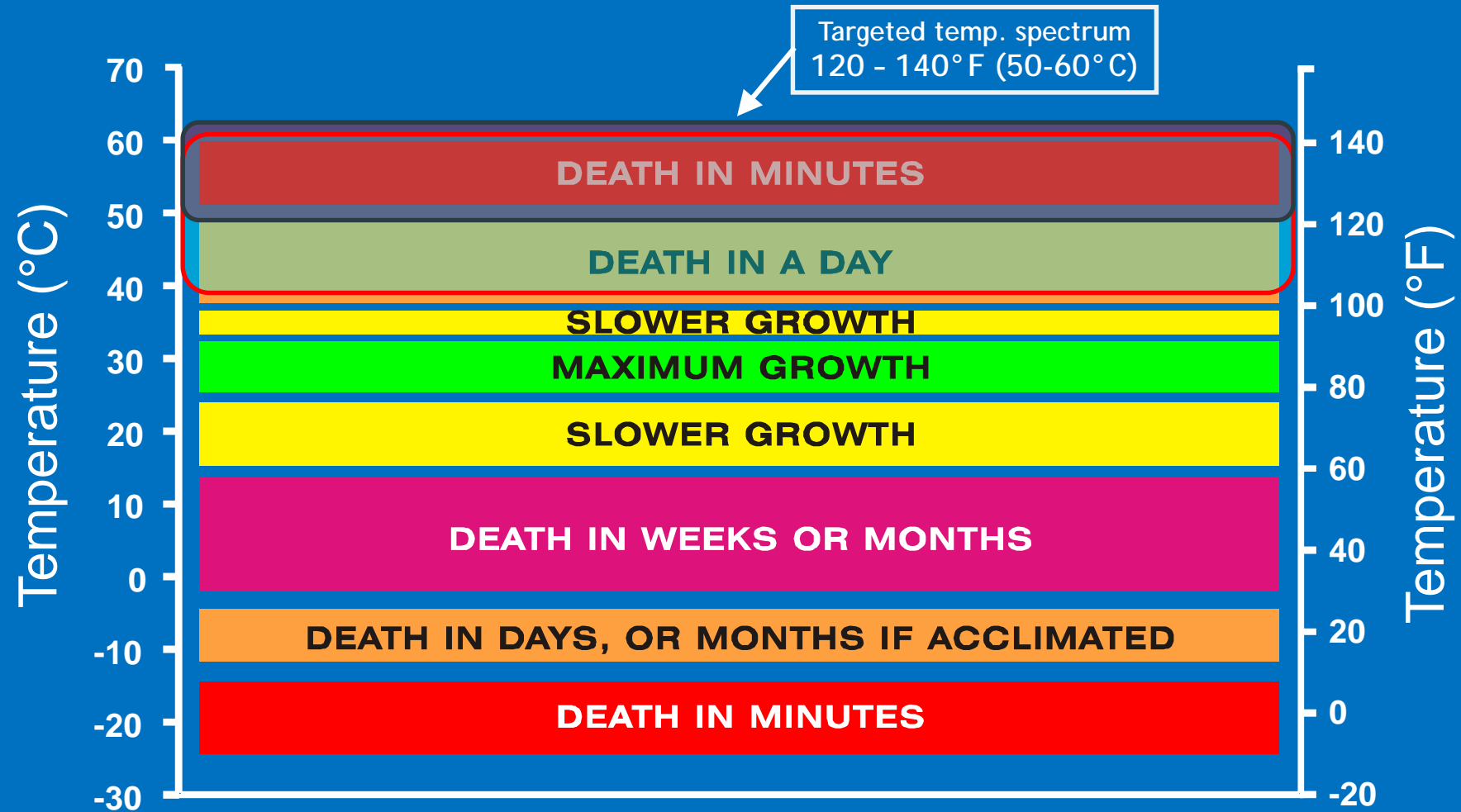
- Non Chemical
- People-Safe

- Kills all life stages

- No ozone depletion
- No Toxicity or
- Corrosion issues

- No evacuation of People • No Sealing • Spot Treatments

Temperature Effects on Insects



WINTERPEG!!

Source: P. Fields, AAFC, Canada

Efficacy to Control Pests

- MBr – Methyl bromide
- PH_3 - Phosphine
- SF (Profume)
- CO_2 – Carbon dioxide
- O_3 - Ozone

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Efficacy – function of temperature

Heat & Insect Death

➤ High temperature –

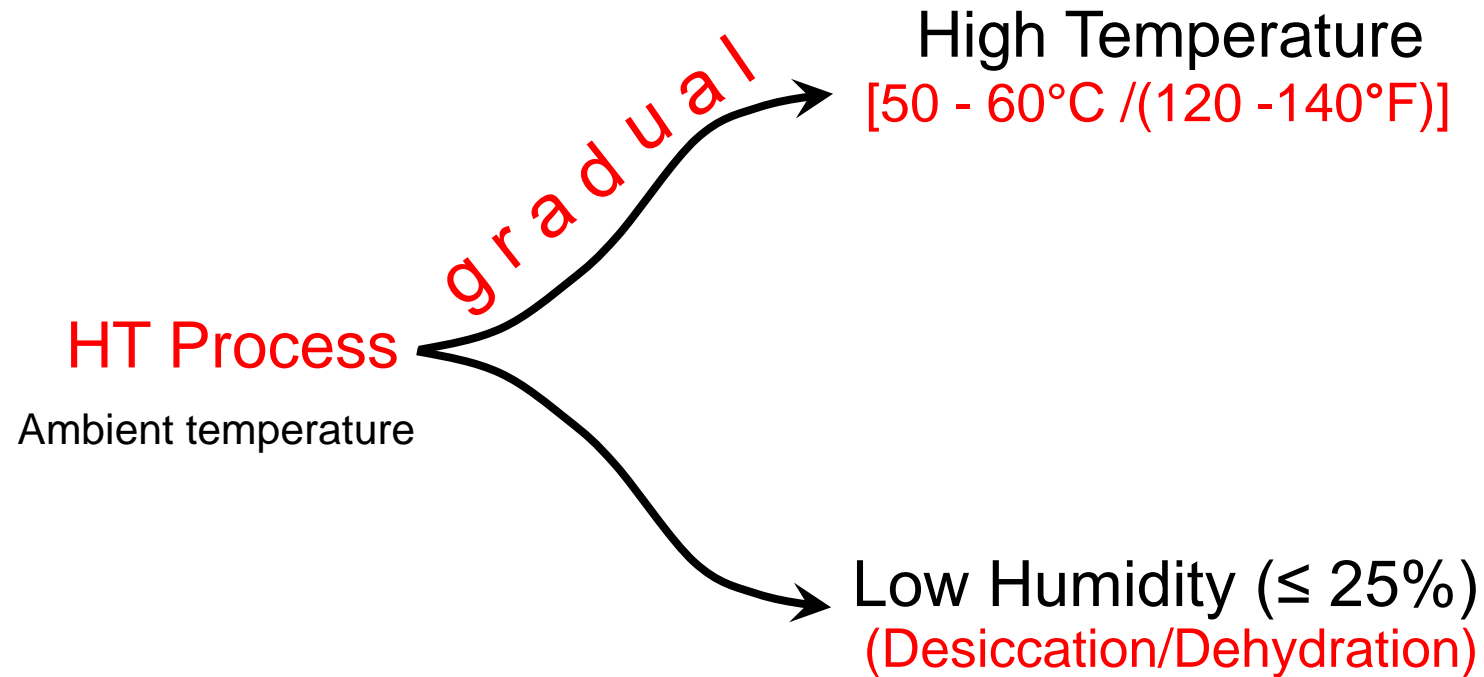
- Death by Dehydration (low RH)/desiccation

➤ Above 50 °C / 120 °F

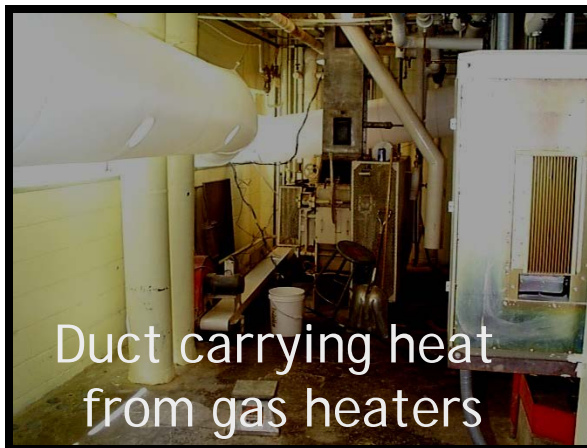
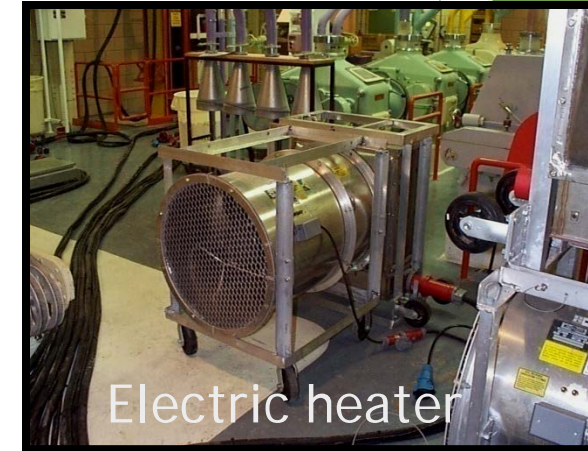
- Cell membranes “melt”
- Enzyme destruction
- Change in salt balance
- Protein coagulation

Heat Treatment

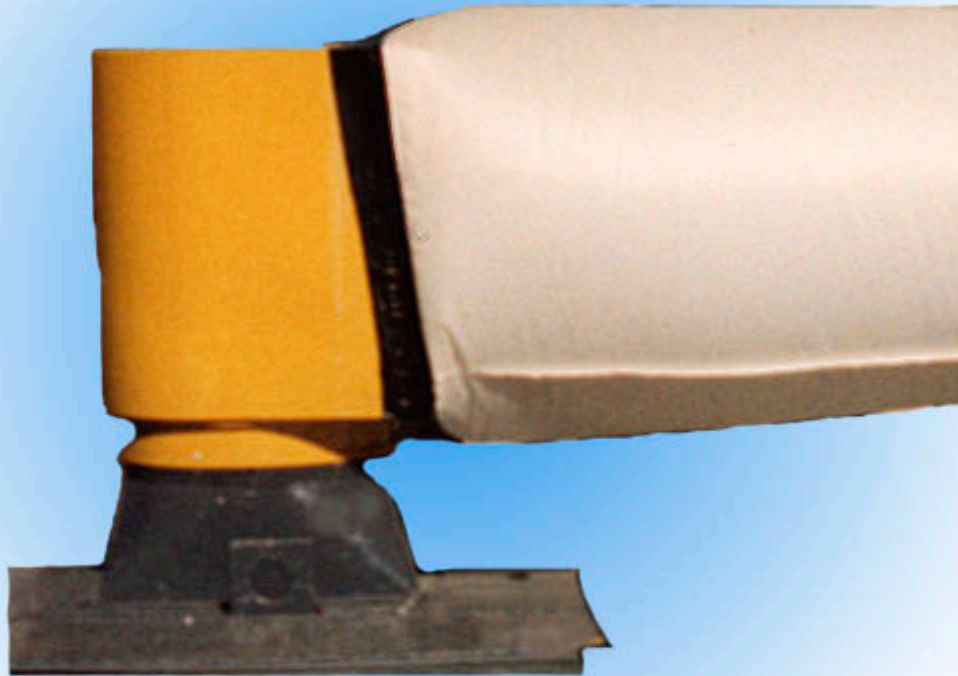
Insects – lethal threshold temperatures



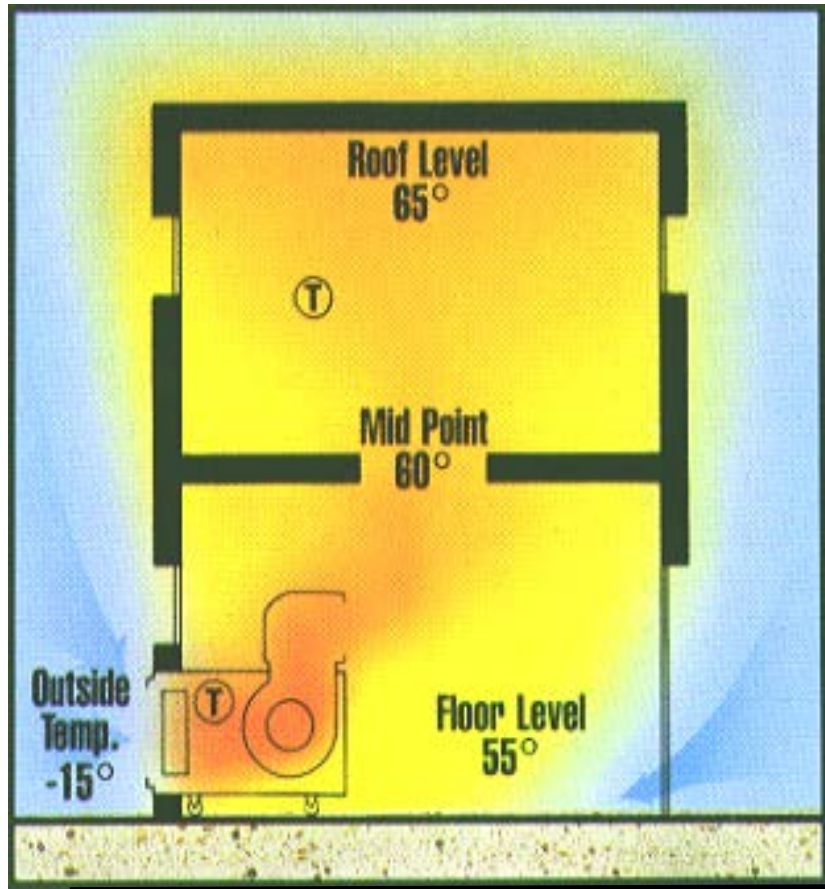
Heat treatment concept: Raising the ambient air temperature of the complete facility, or a part of it, to 122-140°F (50-60°C), and maintaining these temperatures for at least 24 hours or less depending on application



Process



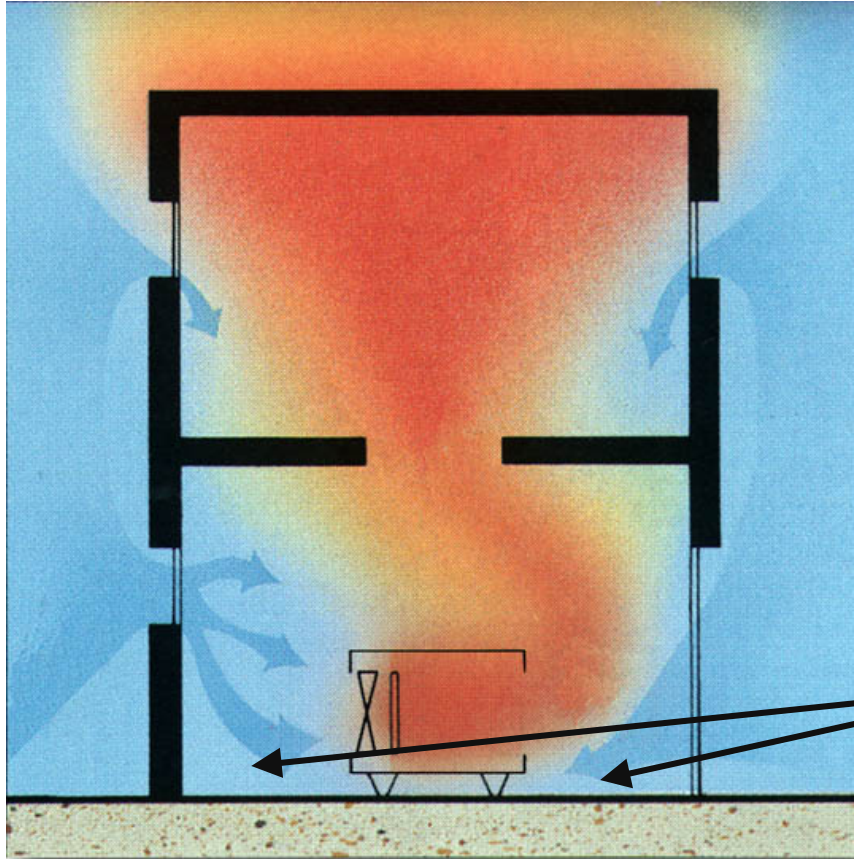
Positive Pressurization – Forced ambient air (Patented Process)



US & Canadian Patents

- Positive pressure
 - Good air distribution
 - Hot air is pushed into corners, cracks and crevices
- Calculated and controlled infiltration - air changes
- Lower relative humidity

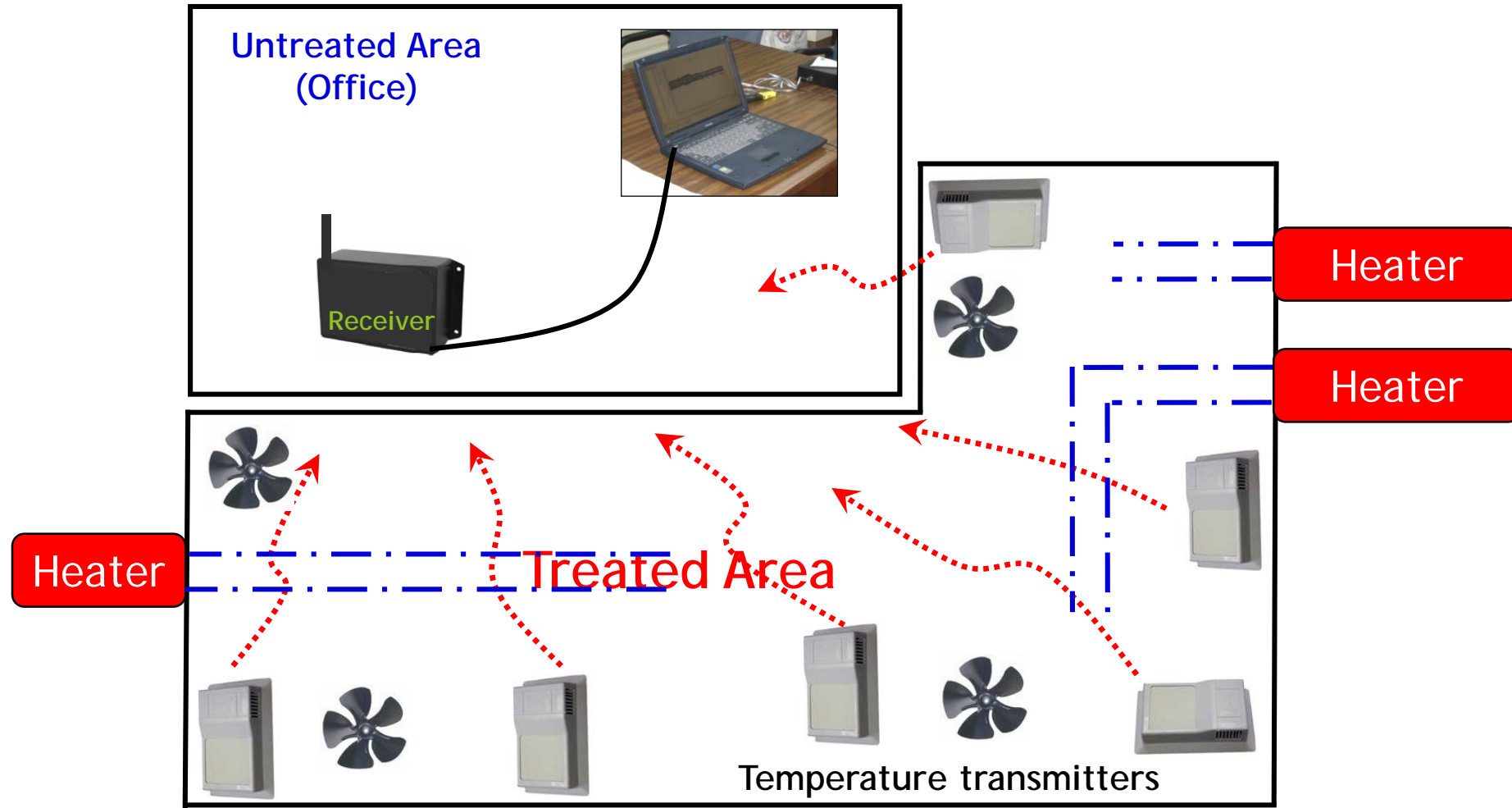
Re-circulating Inside Air



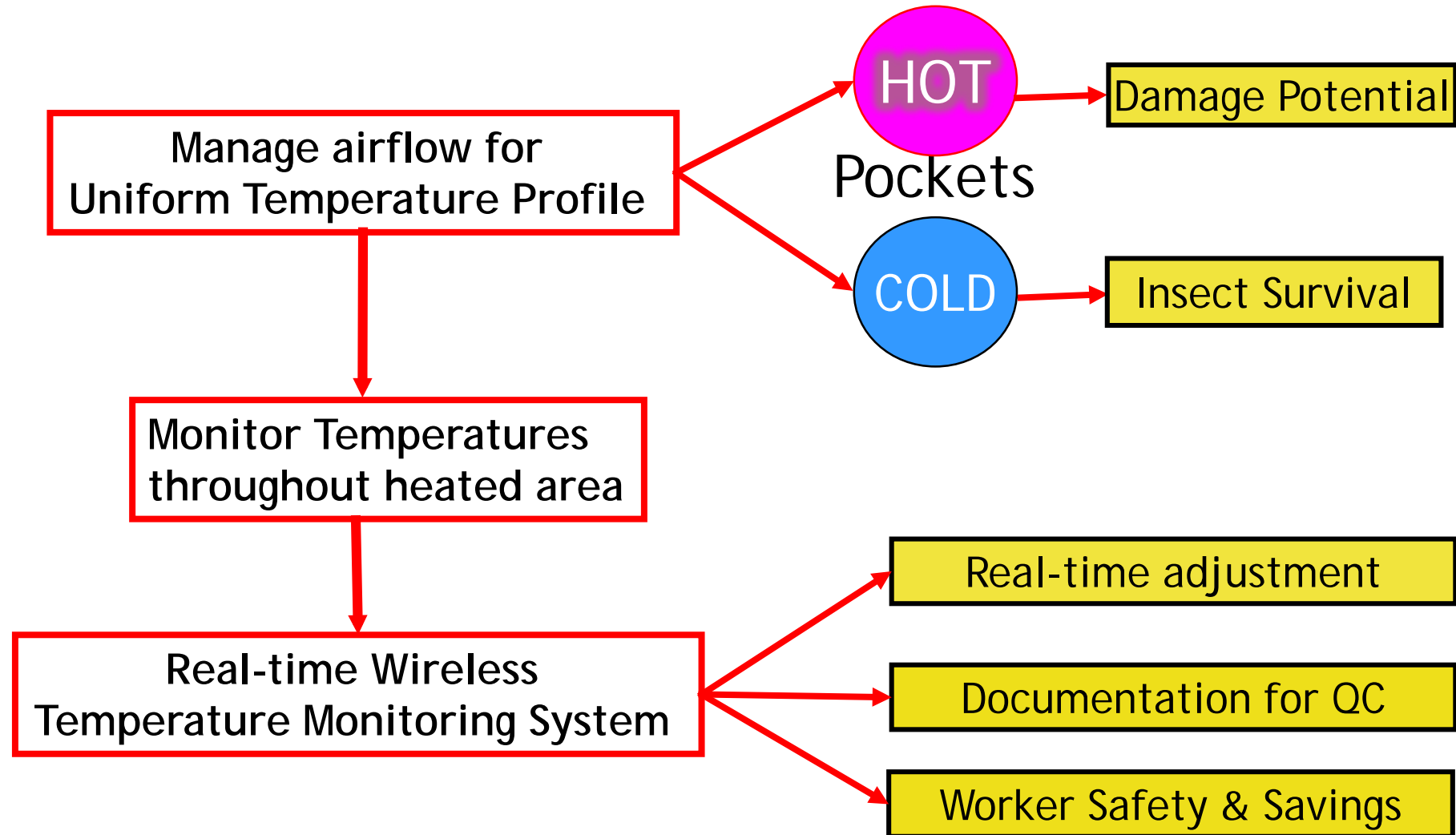
- Negative pressure
- Poor air circulation
- Uncontrolled infiltration
 - No air changes

Low temperature zones
(cold spots)

Real-time Wireless Temperature Monitoring



Effective Heat Treatment



Start of the Heat Treatment

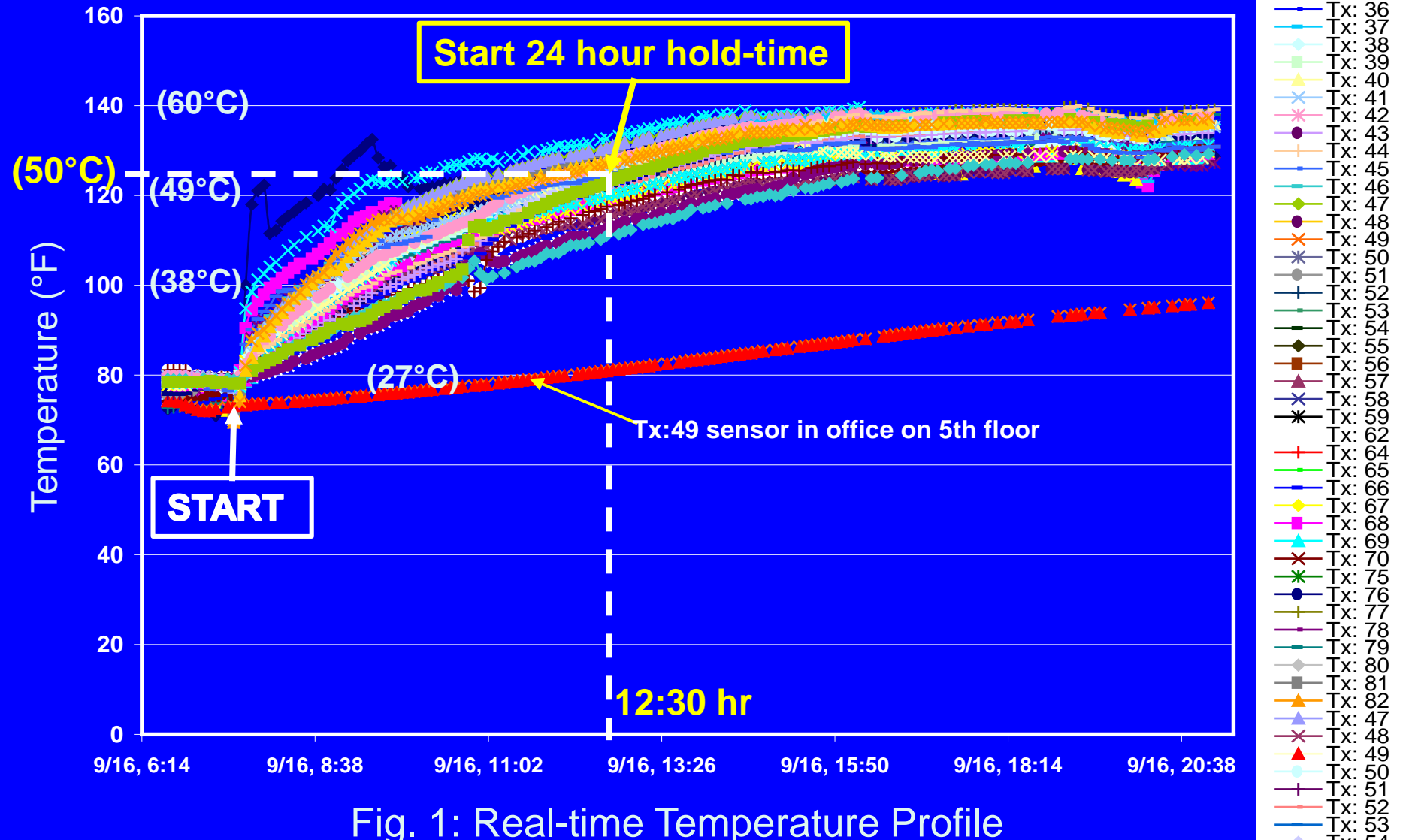


Fig. 1: Real-time Temperature Profile

End of the Heat Treatment

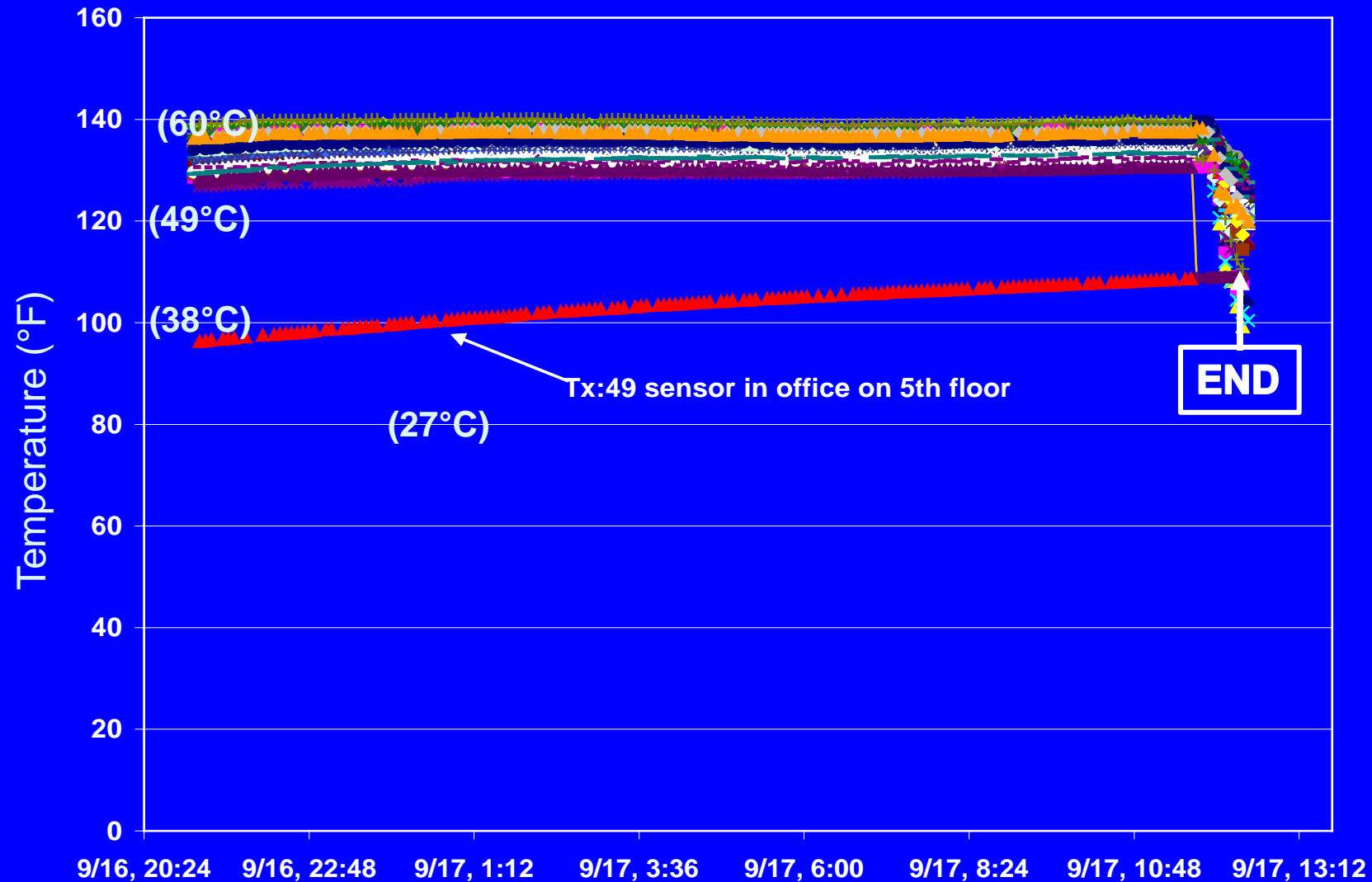
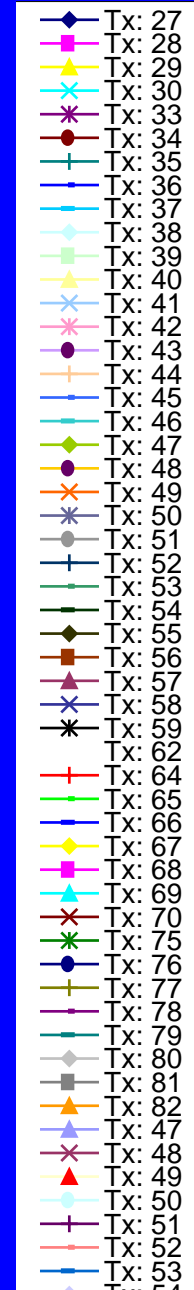


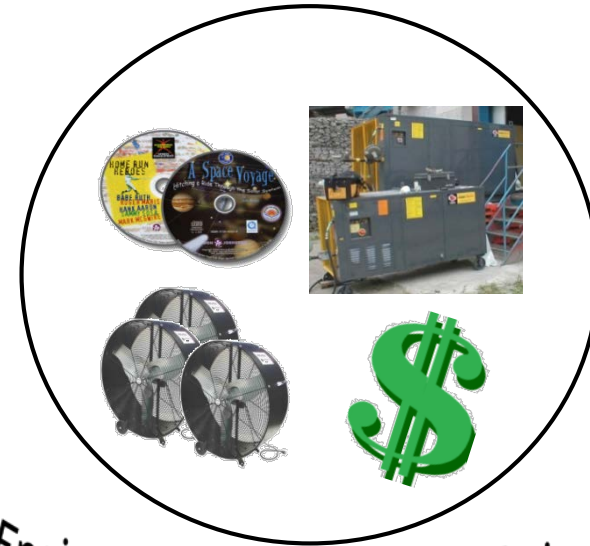
Fig. 2: Real-time Temperature Profile



Steps in Heat Treatment



Visit & Feasibility



Engineering, Equipment & Estimate



Setup, HT, Document & Review



Equipment mobilization

Heat Treatment Checklist

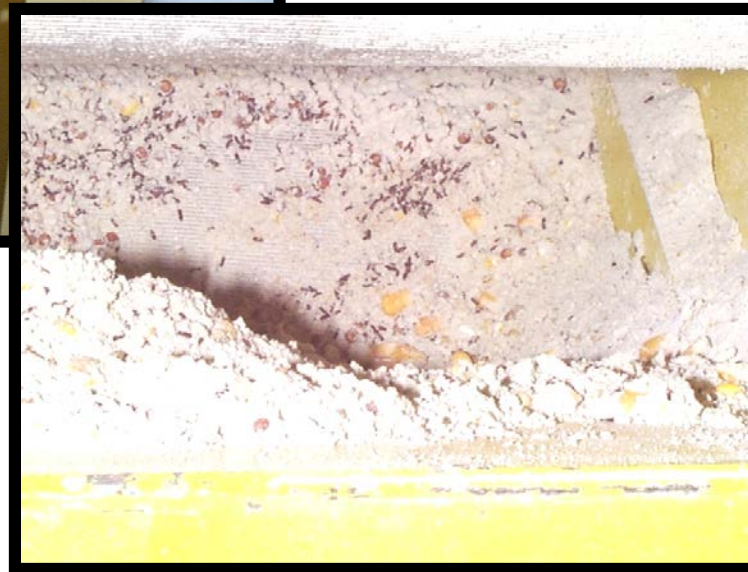
- Before : cleaning, drive belts, product removal, sprinkler heads, sensitive eqpmt etc.
- During: Intrusive, temperature points/frequency, fans and/or duct movement for airflow and heat distribution
- After: cool down, insect bioassays, inspection etc.



Sanitation is the key



Important as heat does not penetrate products well.



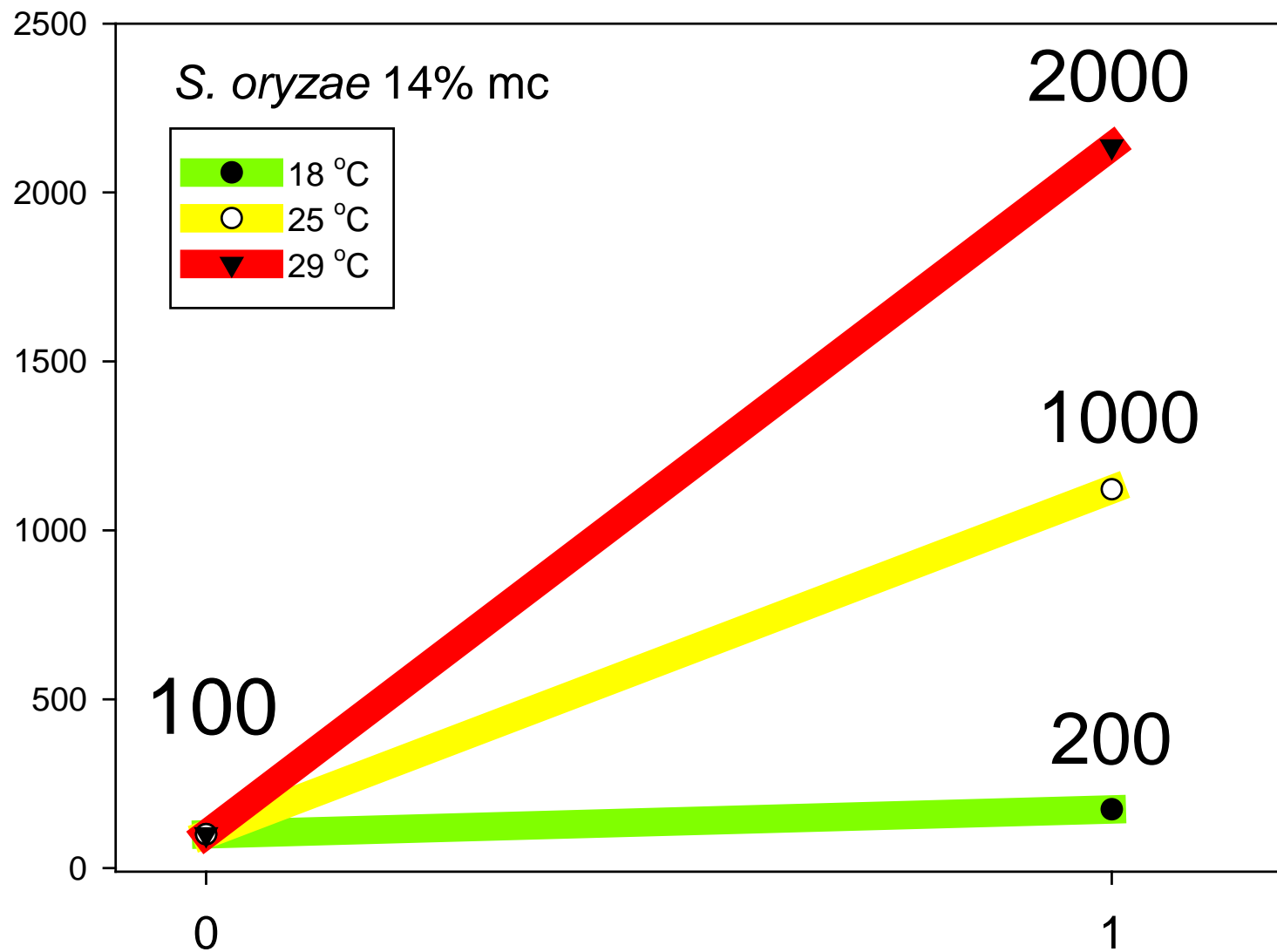


Apply a residual pesticide such as cyfluthrin (Tempo) or diatomaceous earth



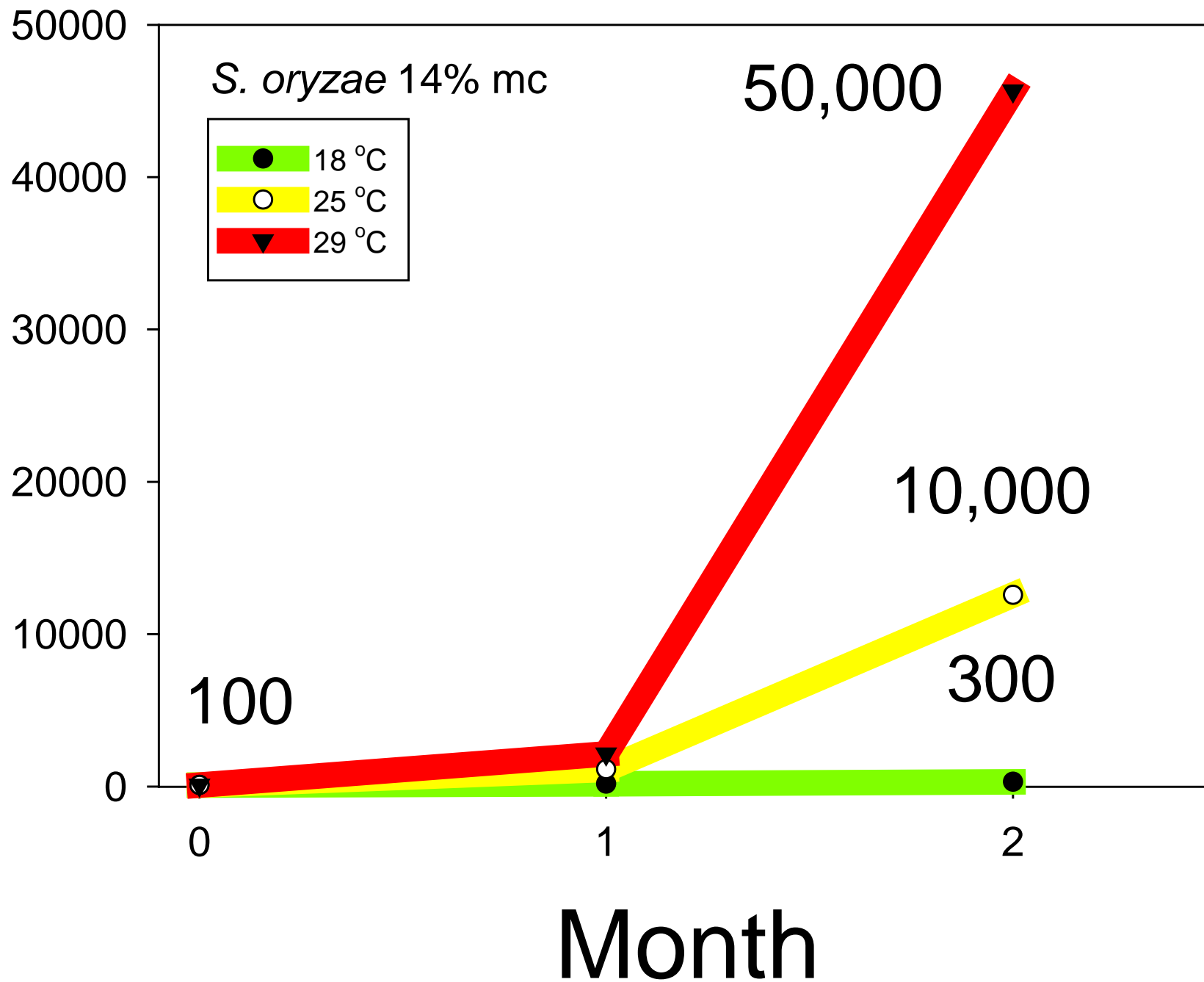
Exponential Growth of Insect Populations

Number of insects

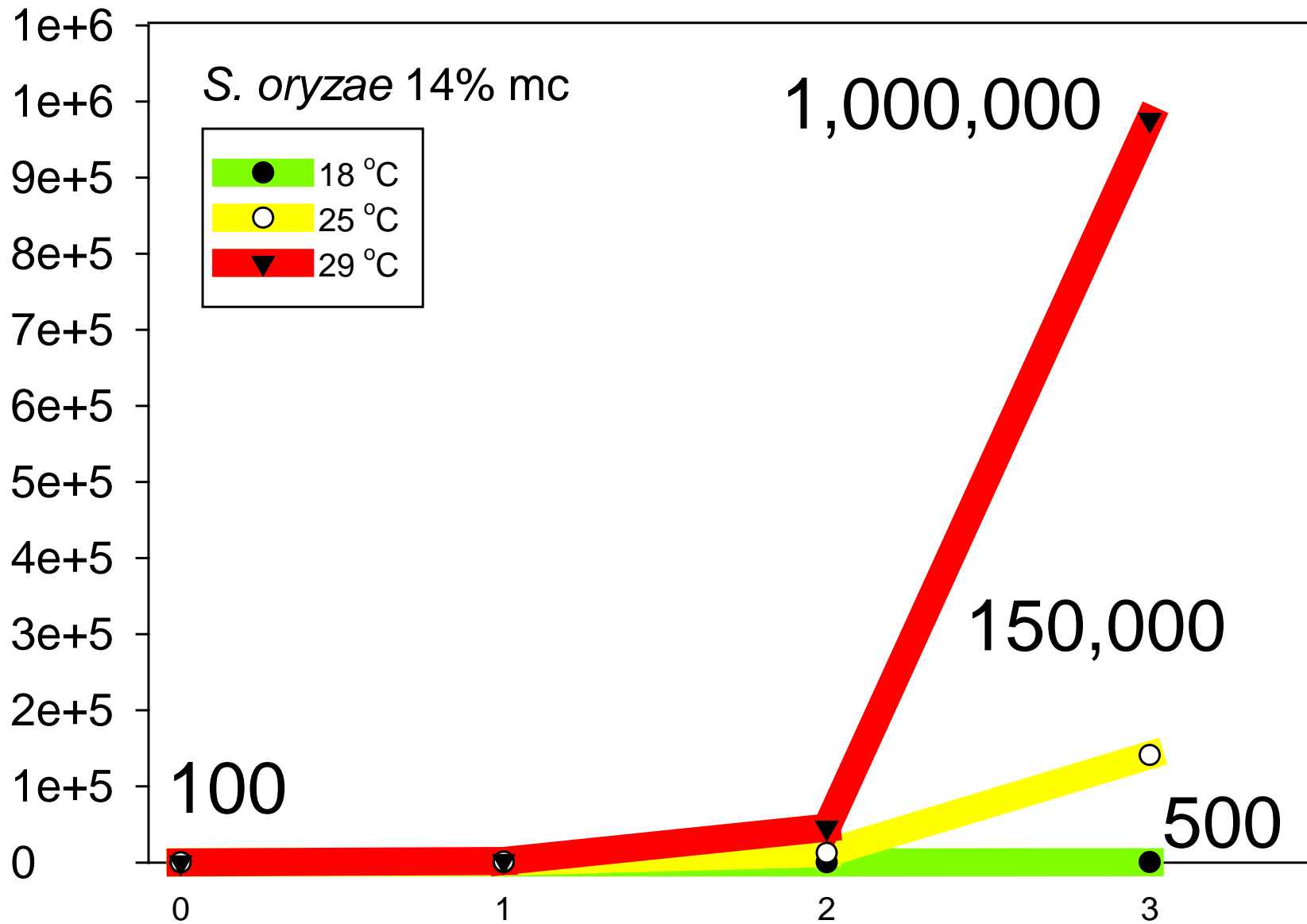


Month

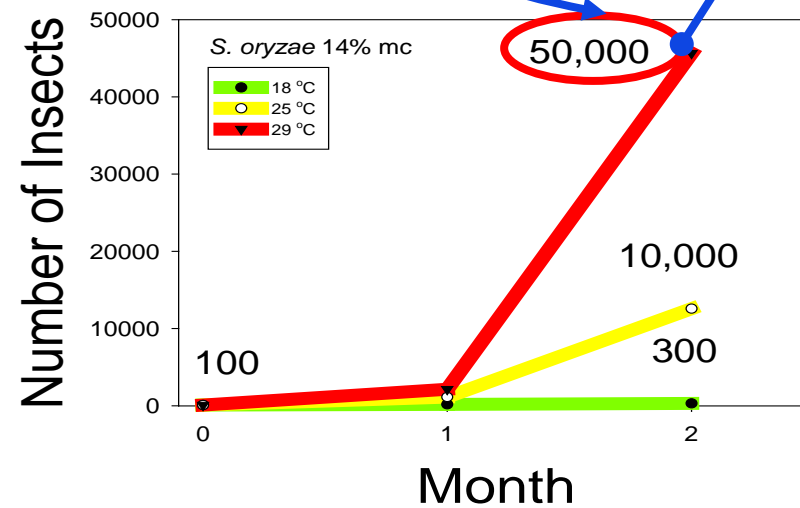
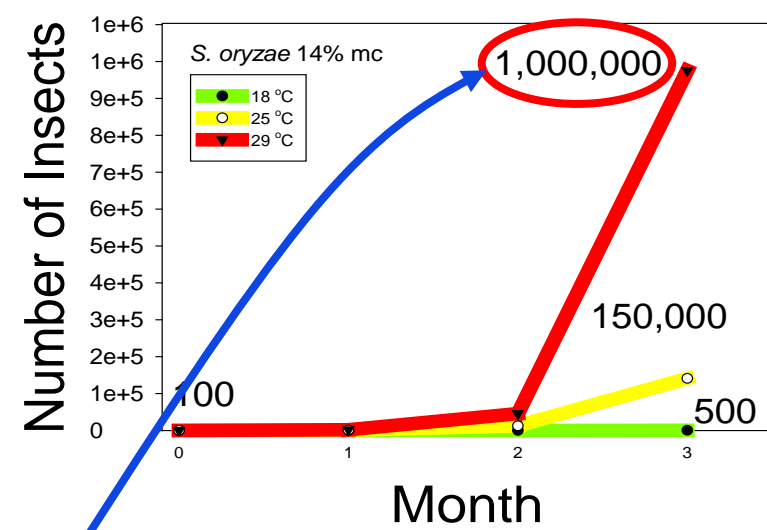
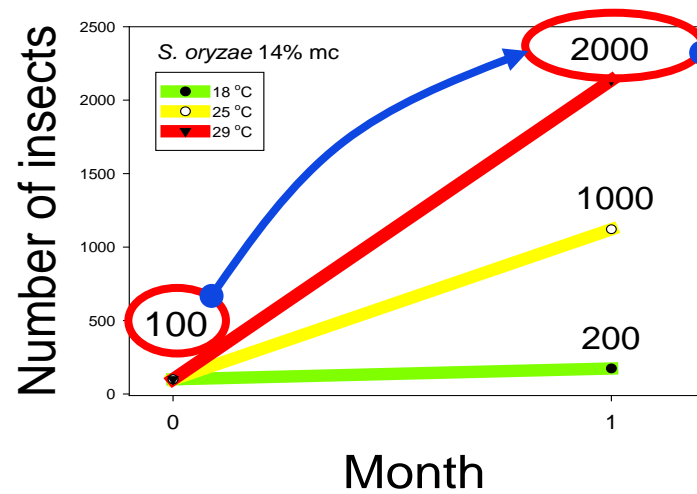
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Heat versus Fumigants

Insect stage	Sanitation level	Treatment	% Mean (SE) mortality ^a	F	P
Adults	2 cm	MB	100a	69.90	<0.0001
		SF	100a		
		Heat	90.1 (1.2)b		
	dusting	SF	100	1.00	0.4219
		MB	100		
		Heat	98.7 (1.3)		
Pupae	2 cm	MB	100	2.56	0.1568
		SF	100		
		Heat	95.4 (2.9)		
	dusting	MB	100	0.60	0.5787
		SF	98.7 (1.3)		
		Heat	97.3 (2.7)		
Large larvae	2 cm	MB	99.8 (0.1)a	8.62	0.0172
		SF	100 (0.0)a		
		Heat	96.1 (1.3)b		
	dusting	MB	99.9 (0.1)	1.73	0.2552
		SF	100		
		Heat	98.2 (1.3)		
Small larvae	2 cm	MB	100a	5.39	0.0457
		SF	100a		
		Heat	93.5 (2.8)b		
	dusting	MB	100	3.69	0.0901
		SF	100		
		Heat	99.4 (0.3)		
Eggs	2 cm	MB	99.9 (0.1)	1.02	0.4145
		SF	92.3 (7.3)		
		Heat	99.3 (0.3)		
	dusting	MB	99.9 (0.1)	1.25	0.3523
		SF	88.7 (10.0)		
		Heat	99.8 (0.1)		

K-State Study
(2009-2010)

$n = 3/\text{trt}$

Trt time=24 h for all

Heat Treatment of Bins & Silos

Proactive - Preventative
&
Reactive - Response



Bins & Silos

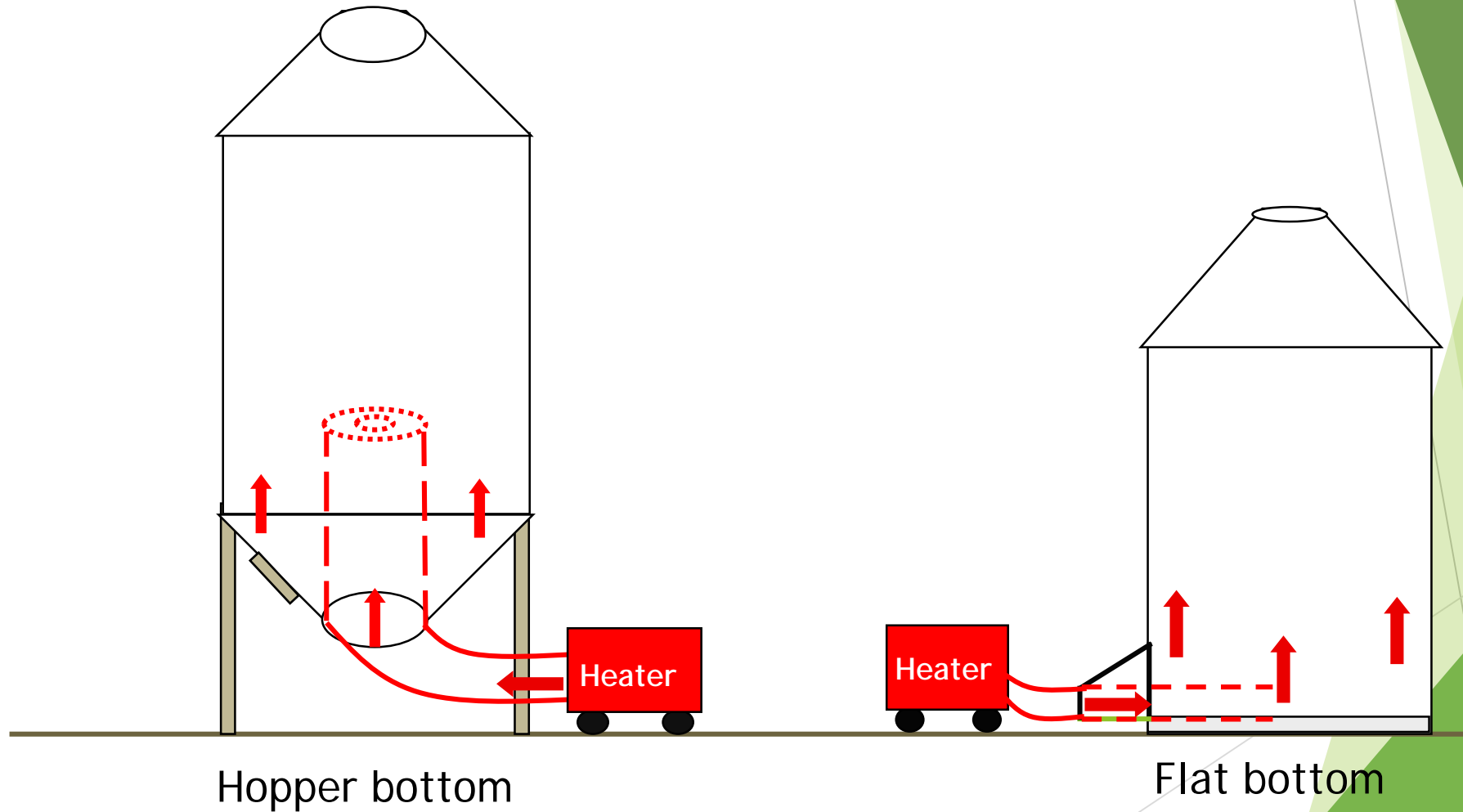
▶ Pre-loading or Pre-harvest HT

- On-farm bins
- Elevators storages
- Processing facilities
- Organic processing plants

▶ Bin/Silo types

- Concrete
- Metal
 - GI bins
 - Tanks

HT of bins and silos



Bin/Silo Heat treatment



Empty Metal Silo - India

Advantages of HT of Bins/Silos

- ▶ Shorter treatment times (4 to 12 hours)
- ▶ Bins/Silos in facilities
 - Treated in rotation without shut-down
- ▶ No retrofitting – existing transition, bin-entry
- ▶ On farm or warehouses – no extensive sealing or evacuation

On Site Images



Heater Placement on multiple floors



Heater Placement under rolling shutter

Heater Placement & Layout

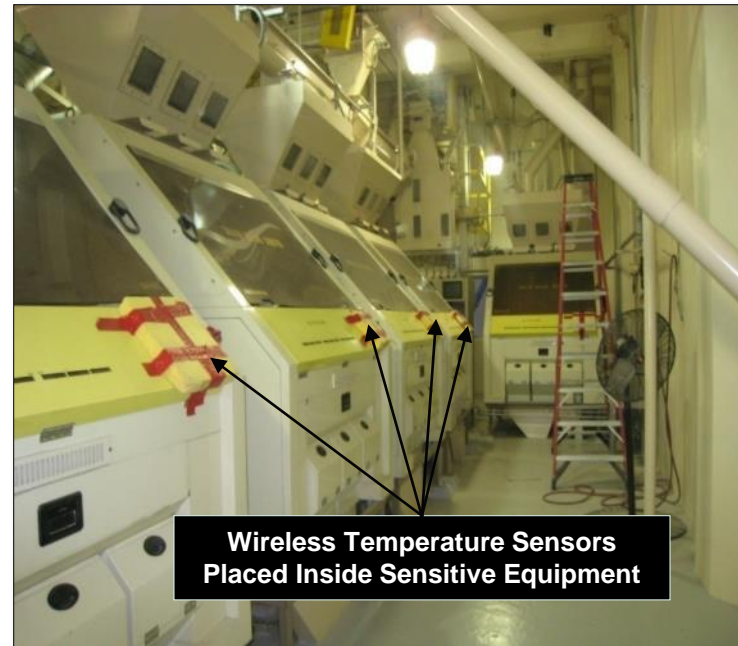


Heater Partially inside Packaging Plant



Duct & Fan Layout - Packaging

Basement, Sensitive Equipment



Detecting hidden infestations



Overhead electrical junction box

10,000s of adults, larvae, pupae!!

Partial/Spot heat treatment Mill extension in a warehouse



A temporary Plastic Sheet OR
Fumigation cover – **No Sealing**

Philippines – July 2018

Partial/Spot heat treatment in a warehouse



Sprinkler heads and opening the machines



Temperature Profile, Beetles, & Rats!!!!



Christmas Heat treatment December – Snowing!



Outside temperature: 26-30°F/ -1 to -3°C





Flour Mill, Celaya, Mexico



High temperature duct through the 'well' of Stairwell to six floors of the mill



Dead beetles, cockroaches

Flour Mills in Philippines



Pasta Mill, Monterrey, Mexico



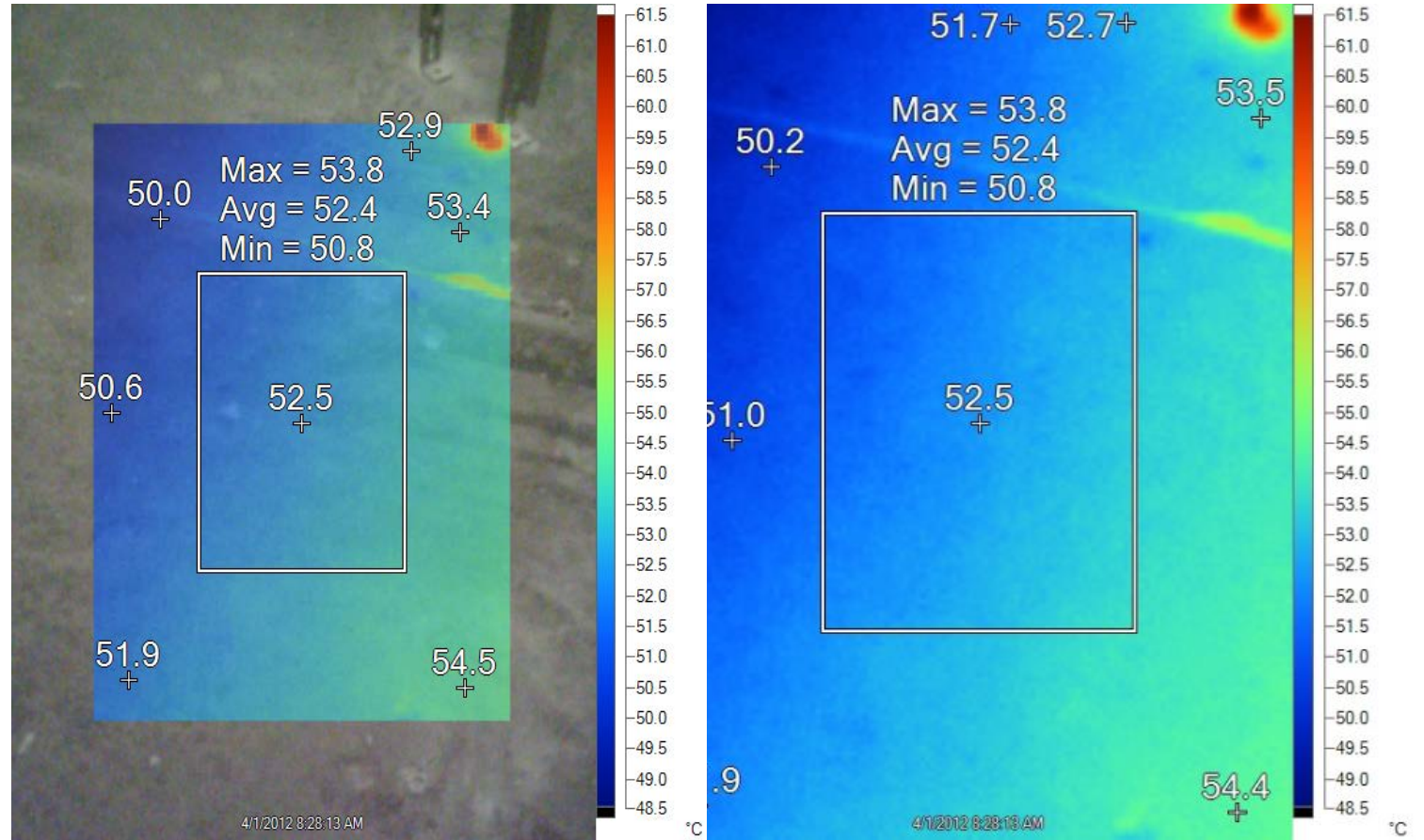
Flour Mill, Philippines

Heat Treatment - Durum Mill, Canada (Sept 22-23, 2018)

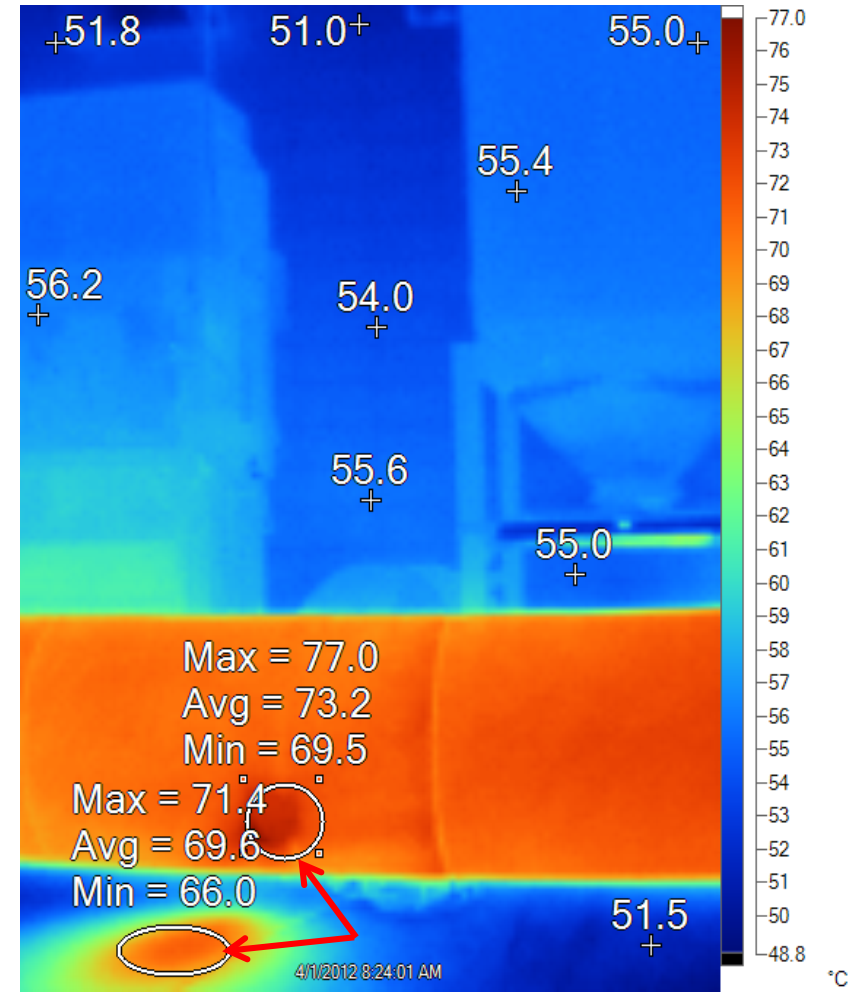
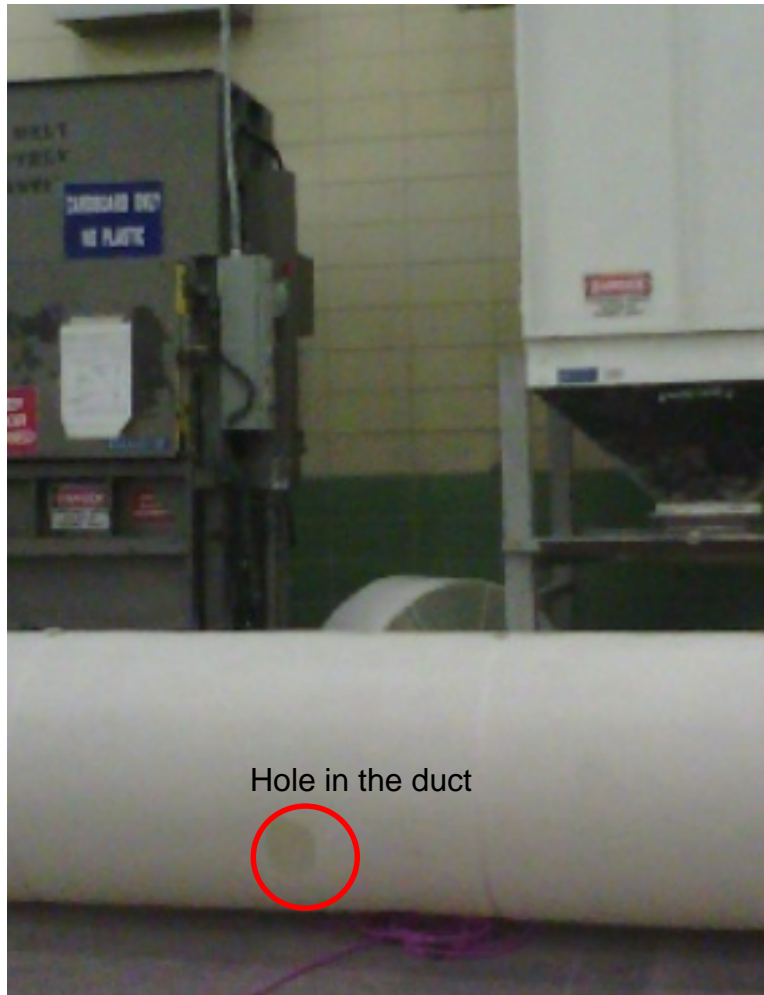


Sifters with screens removed

Concrete floor



Concrete floor & wall



Conclusions

- ▶ Heat kills all life stages of insects
- ▶ Good method to locate insect problems in industrial plants
- ▶ Repeat customers = efficacy of heat
- ▶ Viable alternative to methyl bromide
- ▶ Economies of scale - will make it more affordable

Spread of Heat Treatment

▶ North America

- ▶ USA, Canada and Mexico

▶ Europe

- ▶ Greece, Romania

▶ Asia

- ▶ India, Philippines

THERMAL REMEDIATION

Industrial Applications

- Food Processing
- Rice Mills
- Flour Mills
- Pet Food
- Corn Mills
- Cereal Processing
- Bakeries
- Warehouses
- Baby Food Plants
- Wood Packaging
- Tobacco Companies

Organic processing plants/storages

Entire structure or spot treatment

Heat Treatment: Patented Scientific Process

It's more of an Art – HOW you apply it



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