# Diaphorina citri management

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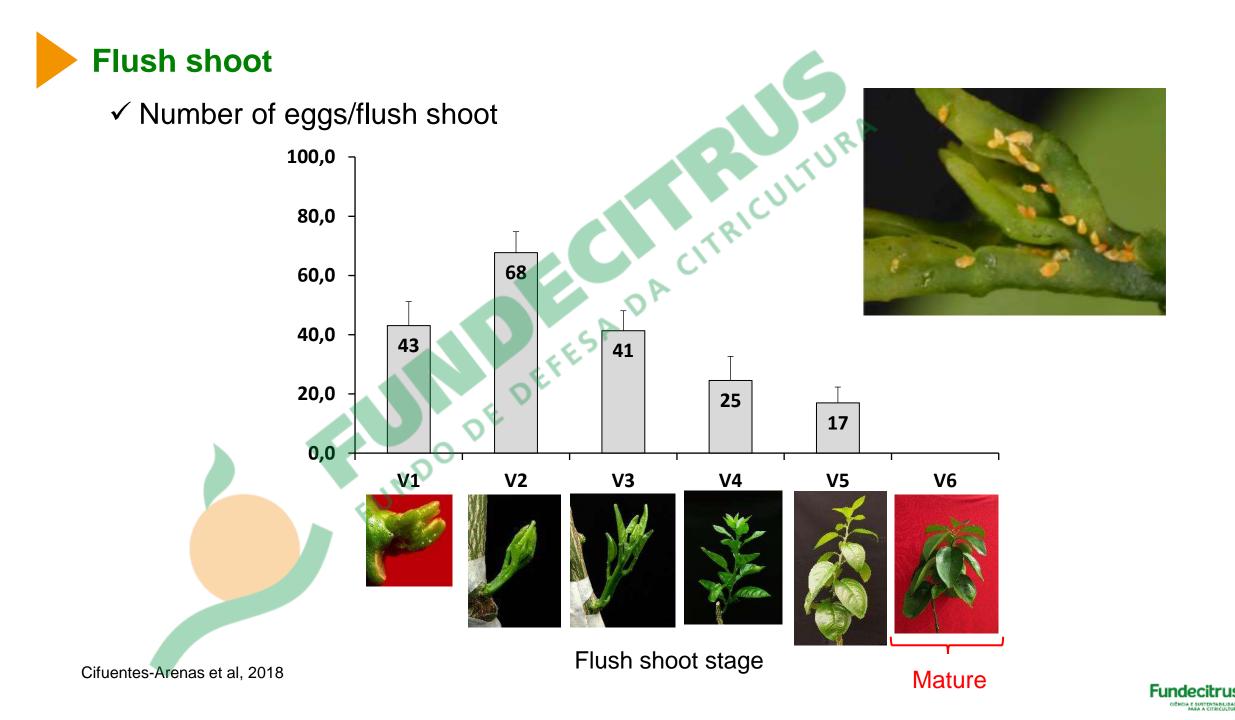
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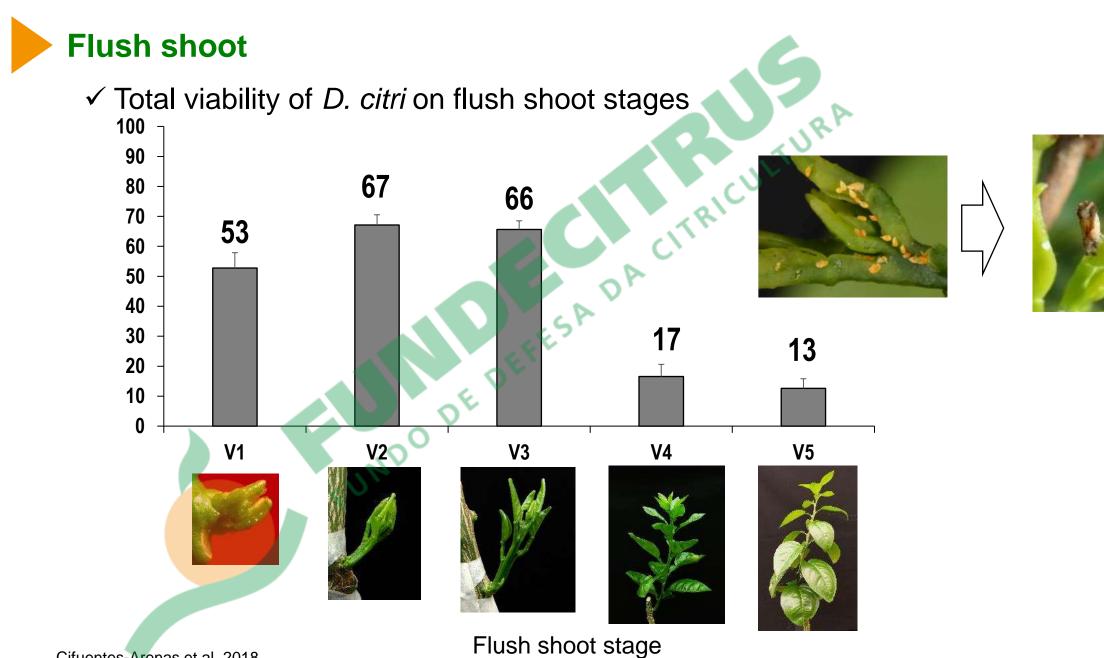




- ✓ Ecology
- ✓ Monitoring
- ✓ Chemical control
- ✓ Biological control
- E DEFESA DA Physical and cultural control

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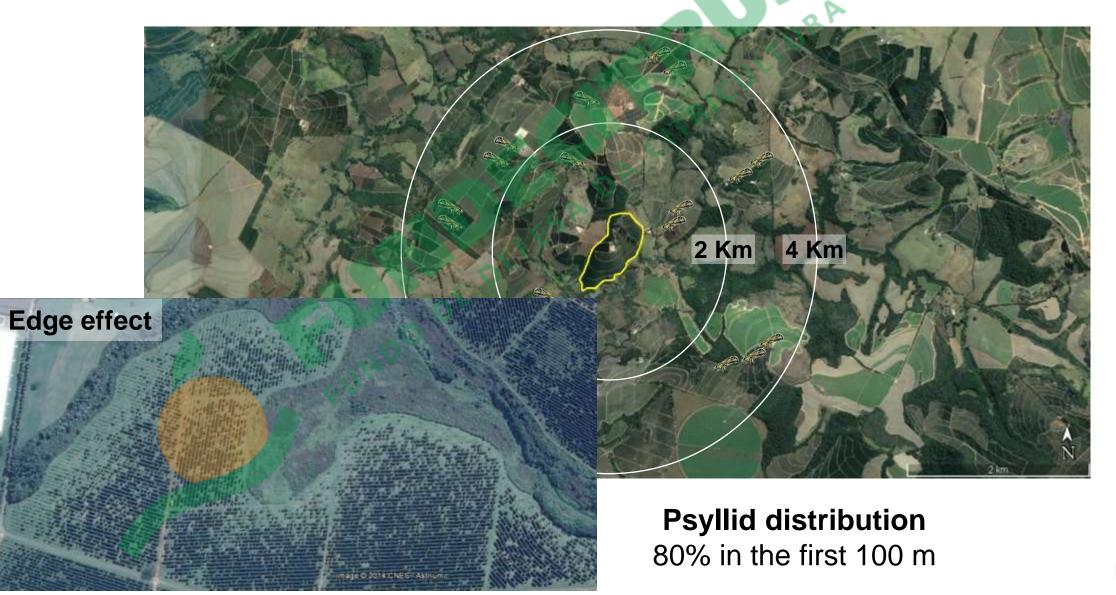




Cifuentes-Arenas et al, 2018

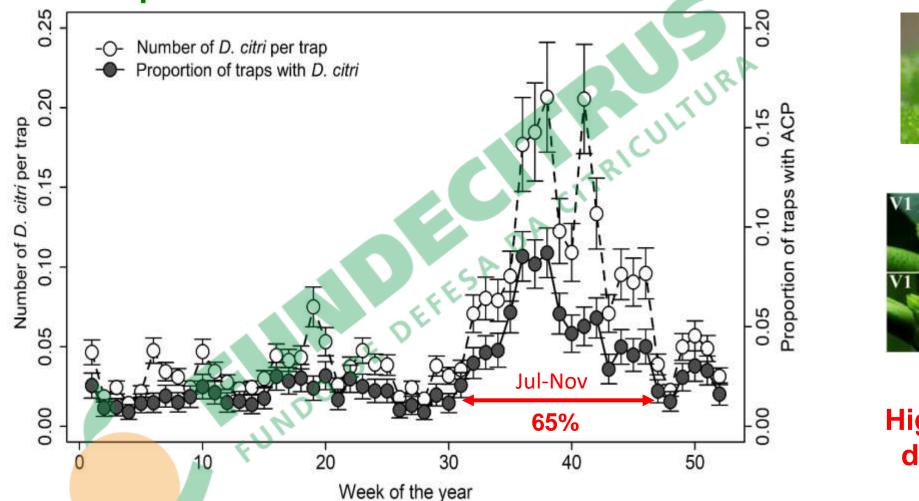


## Psyllid migration from abandoned groves and dooryards to commercial groves





## **D. citri dispersal in São Paulo state**





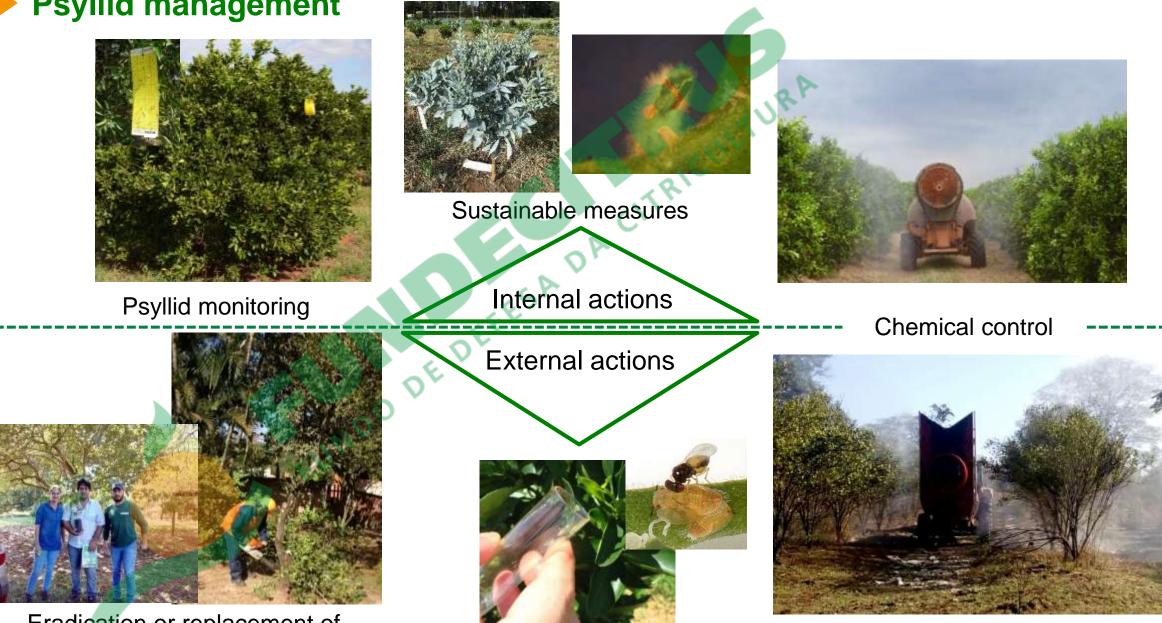
High risk of HLB dissemination

- Maximum and minimum temperature and rainfall (3 weeks prior) were associated with new citrus flush production, which itself was positively related to *D. citri* dispersal.
- Low relative air humidity was associated with *D. citri* dispersal.





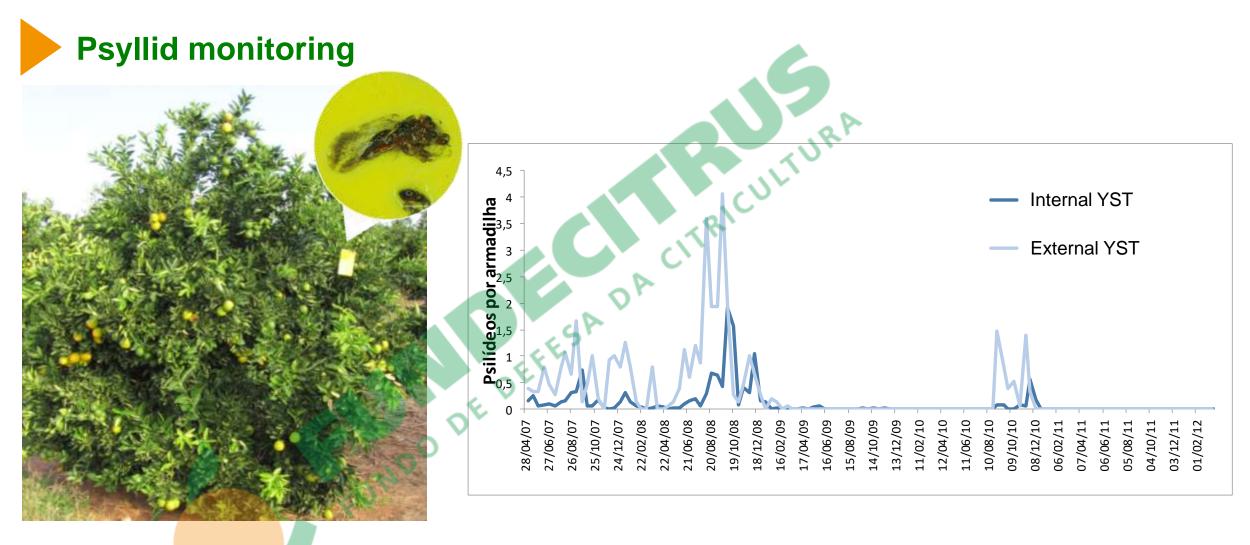




Eradication or replacement of psyllid hosts

Release of Tamarixia radiata





✓ Yellow Stick trap (YST) detects 30 times more psyllids than visual inspection

✓ Install YST mainly at the edges of the blocks located in the farm perimeter

Bassanezi et al 2012

Miranda et al 2017



## Psyllid monitoring

- ✓ Pheromone (Fundecitrus, Esalq and UC-Davis)
  - Identification of molecules
  - Laboratory and field assessment



#### Analyses of extract in CG-MS



**Field experiments** 

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#### OPEN Putative sex pheromone of the Asian citrus psyllid, *Diaphorina citri*, breaks down into an attractant

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Under laboratory conditions, mating activity in Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) started 4 days after emergence, peaked at day 7, and showed a clear window of activity starting 8 h into the photophase and extending through the first hour of the scotophase. We confirmed that ACP males are attracted to emanations from conspecific females. Traps loaded with a candidate compound enriched with female extract, lignoceryl acetate (24Ac), at various doses were active only after being deployed for several weeks in the field, suggesting that a degradation product, not the test compound, was the active ingredient(s). Lignocerol, a possible product of 24Ac degradation, was not active, whereas acetic acid, another possible degradation product, or the test compound, was the active under field conditions and detected in higher amounts in volatiles collected from females at the peak of mating activity than in male samples. Acetic acid elicited dose-dependent electroantennographic responses and attracted ACP males, but not females; not Y-type and 4-way offactometers. Field tests showed that acetic acid-baited traps captured significantly more males than control traps. Surprisingly, captures of females in acetic acid-baited traps were also higher than in control traps, possibly because of physical stimuli emitted by captured males.

The Huanglongbing (HLB), also known as citrus greening, is one of the most devastating problems in agriculture worldwide, particularly for the citrus industry given that, once infected, trees must be eradicated. In Brazil, as many as 46.2 million citrus trees (representing 26% of the currently planted trees) have been eradicated since the detection of HLB in 2004<sup>2</sup>. In Florida, HLB has caused severe losses to the citrus industry. Because of HLB and hurricane Irma, this year's production is forecast to be 68.7 million boxes of oranges, as compared to 96.9 million boxes produced in 2014-2015<sup>3</sup>. HLB is caused by endogenous, phloem-restricted bacteria of the genus Candidatus Liberibacter spp., which are transmitted from tree to tree by the Asian citrus psyllid, Diaphorina citri Kuwayama (Hemiptera: Liviidae) in Asia and America and the African citrus psyllid, Trioza erytreae (Del Guercio) (Hemiptera: Triozidae) in Africa<sup>1</sup>. Two other psyllid species have been implicated without actual trans-mission tests<sup>4</sup>. Thus, the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), which led to HLB being widespread in China, Brazil, and the United States<sup>4</sup>, is today's most serious threat to the citrus industry. In places like Arizona and California where ACP is present, but the disease apparently has not been established, the emphasis is on early detection, eradication, and limiting the spread of the disease<sup>4</sup>, whereas in other areas like in Florida, where HLB is widespread<sup>4</sup>, monitoring ACP populations is essential to avoid reinfection after eradication of infected plants. Currently, colored sticky traps are widely used for D. citri detection and population monitoring in field studies5. Efficient lures are sorely needed for sticky traps, particularly for early ACP detection; otherwise, farmers have to resort to regular sprays to avoid infection given that infected insects from gardens and noncommercial areas migrate to citrus farms6. Pheromones and other semiochemicals have been widely used in agriculture and medical entomology

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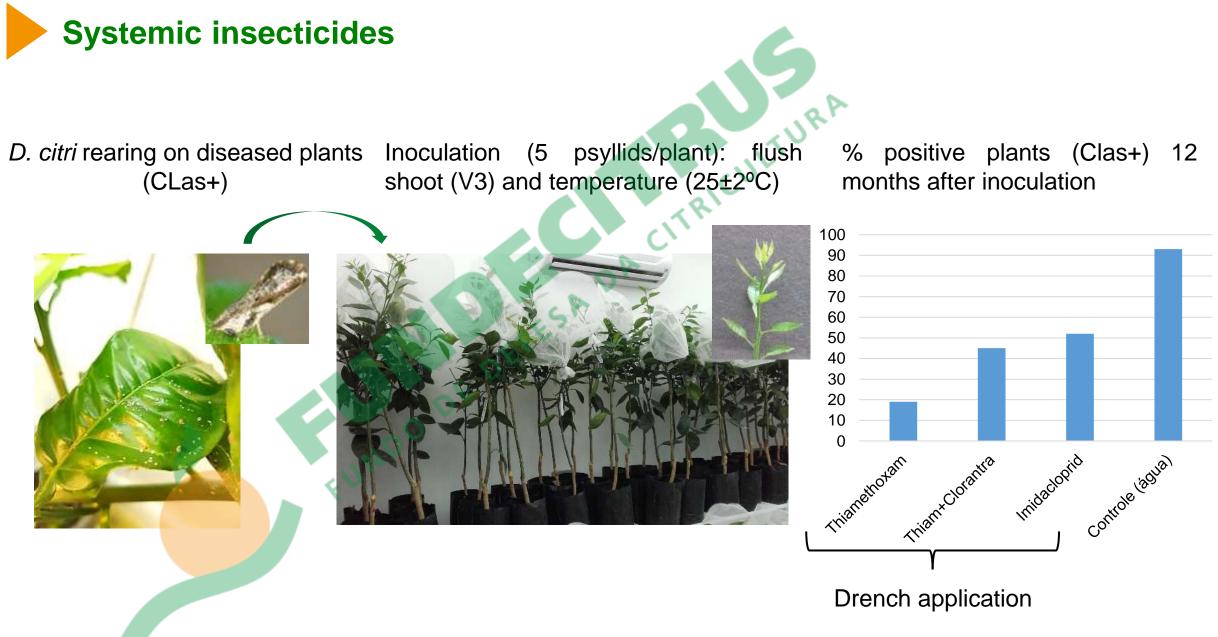


- Nursery (1- 5 days before planting)
  Systemic insecticides (drench application)
- New planting (0-3 years)
  Spray + systemic (Drench and trunk)



Adult planting (>3 years)
 Spray application





Carmo-Sousa et al 2020



#### **GUIA DE CONTROLE QUÍMICO**

PSILÍDEO, CANCRO CÍTRICO E PINTA PRETA



2.8 mg 1 a.m

de capa cu

3.8 g (.m./100)

até 0.25%

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Products in accordance with the importing countries



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 ✓ 25 – 40 ml spray mixture/m<sup>3</sup> of tree canopy was efficient (psyllid mortality ≥80%)

Spray coverage (%)

#### 300L 400L 1000L 500L 40ml/m<sup>3</sup> 30ml/m<sup>3</sup> 25ml/m<sup>3</sup> 80ml/m<sup>3</sup> 45% 46% 44% 33%



### ✓ Reduction

- 52% application cost
- 70% amount of water and insecticide/ha
- 32% Diesel

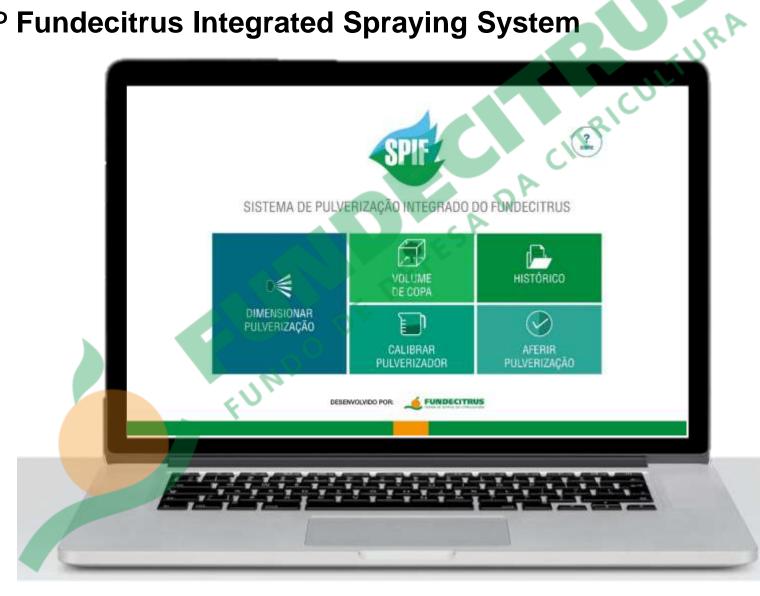
Miranda et al 2015







#### ✓ APP Fundecitrus Integrated Spraying System







## **Bioinsecticides (entomopathogenic fungus)**



Cordyceps (=Isaria) fumosorosea

/ Bioinsecticides

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- Cordyceps (=Isaria) fumosorosea
- Beauveria bassiana
- Metarhizium anisopliae
- Hirsutella thompsonii
- Mixture



## **Bioinsecticide (entomopathogenic fungus)**

- ✓ Cordyceps (=Isaria) fumosorosea
- Sustainable product (without residue)
- Reduces the population of other citrus pests

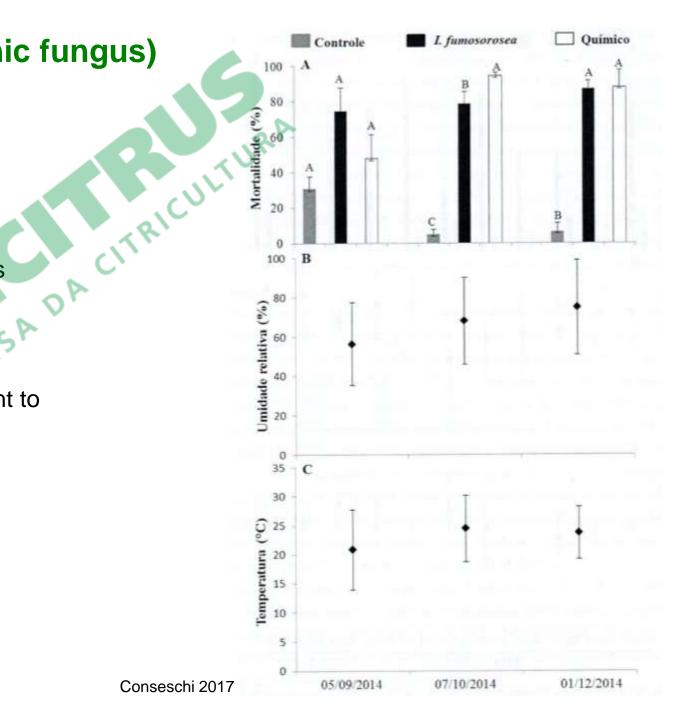
(e.g. leprosis mite, aphids and mealybugs)

- Compatibility with miticides and insecticides
- Reduces risk of selection of psyllids resistant to UNDO

chemical insecticides









#### ✓ 2015 - Laboratory

Production: 100.000 parasitoids / month

Areas without chemical control (abandoned groves, backyards, urban areas)





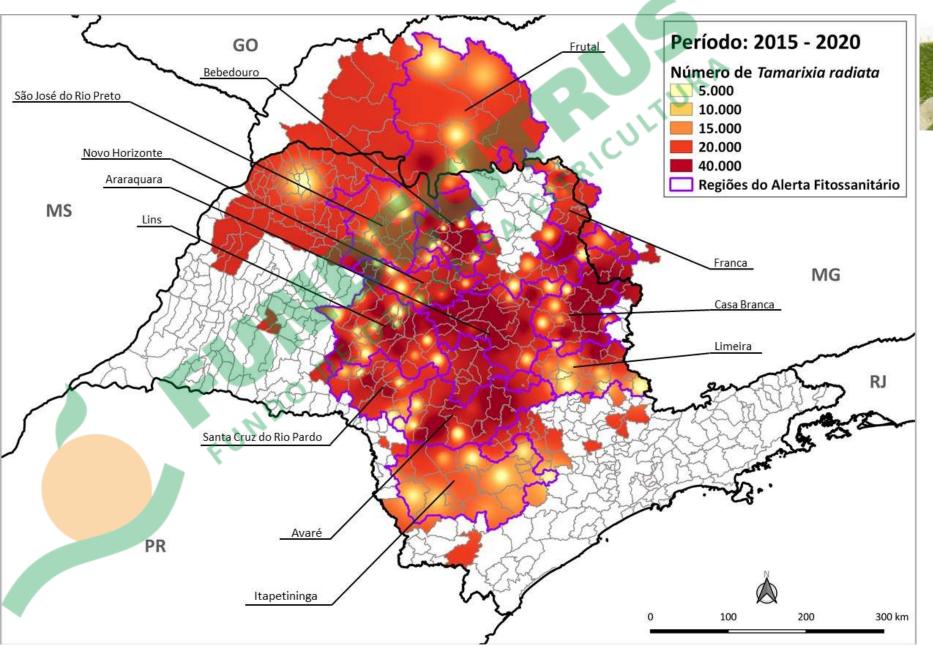
Dispersal radius of 15 m (74% parasitism)

60 parasitoids/point

Marin, 2019









## **Processed kaolin (Surround WP)**

- Kaolin is a white nonabrasive fine-grained mineral that when is sprayed on the plants forms a particle film.

Glenn et al. 1999; Puterka et al. 2000

#### - Interfere host selection (Hemipterans)

#### Repellent

Feeding behavior Puterka et al. 2000; Camouflaging

Liang and Liu 2002; Tubajika et al 2012

- Reduce D. citri population Hall et al 2007



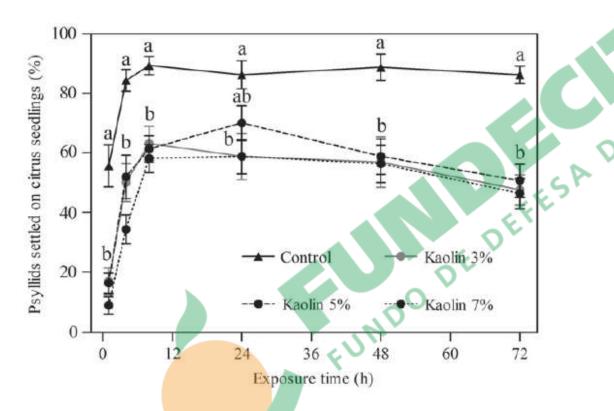
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## Processed kaolin (Surround WP)

- Repellent effect



Reduces the proportion of psyllids that landed on plants by 40%

- Disrupt the probing behavior (EPG technique)

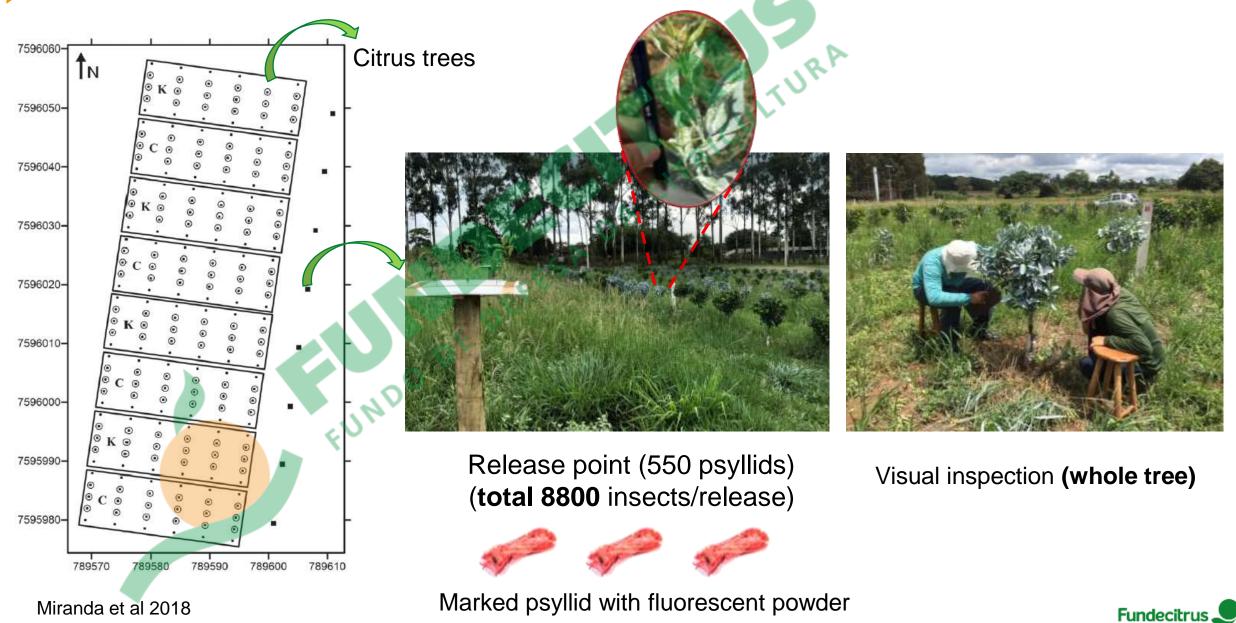


Reduces the proportion of psyllids that feed on phloem by 50%

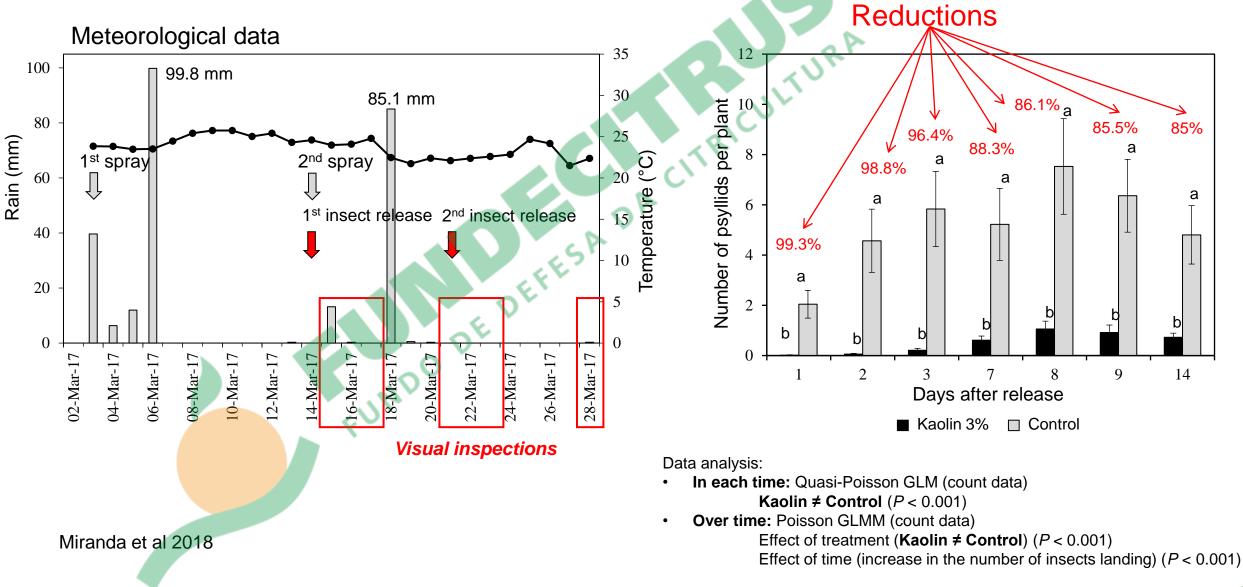
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## Effect of kaolin (Surround WP) on D. citri settling and dispersal



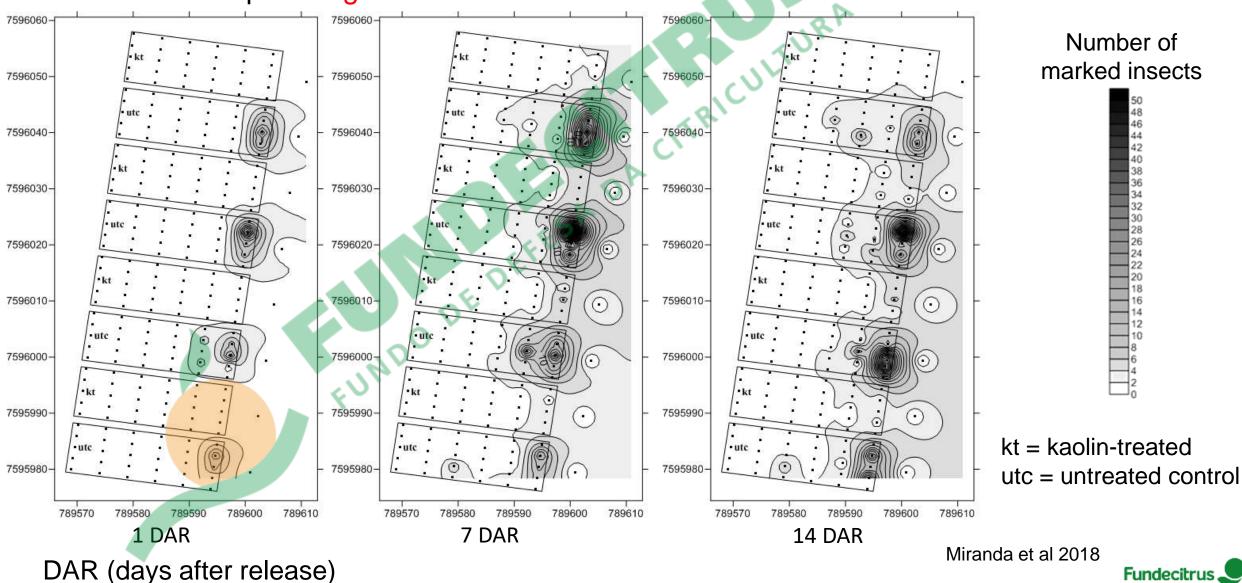
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#### Infestation maps – edge effect



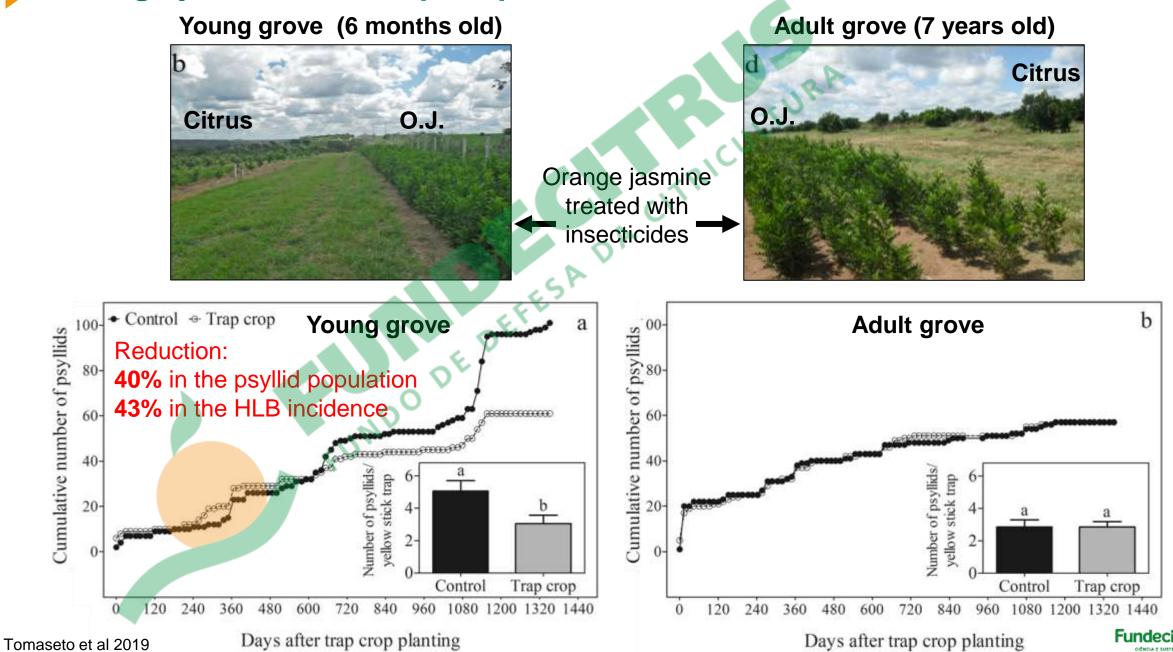
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#### **Promising results at the edges of commercial orchards**

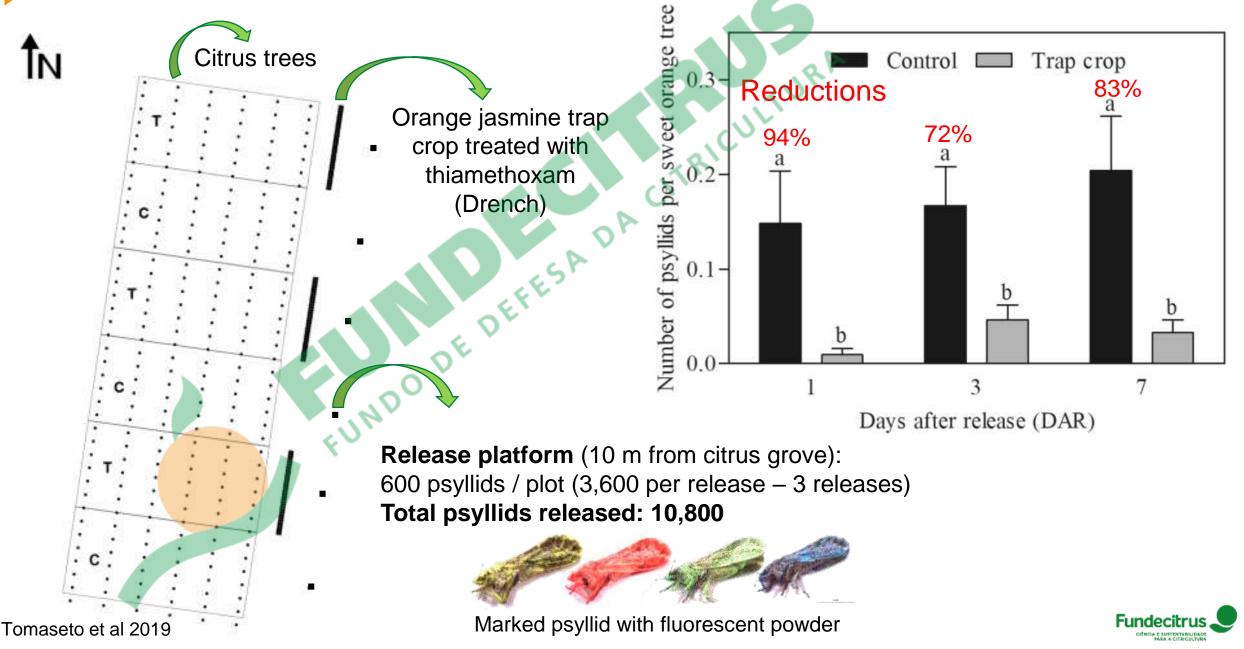
≈ 30 and 40% reduction in the psyllid population and incidence of HLB (after 33 months)

Foto: Fernando Mira

## Orange jasmine as a trap crop on D. citri

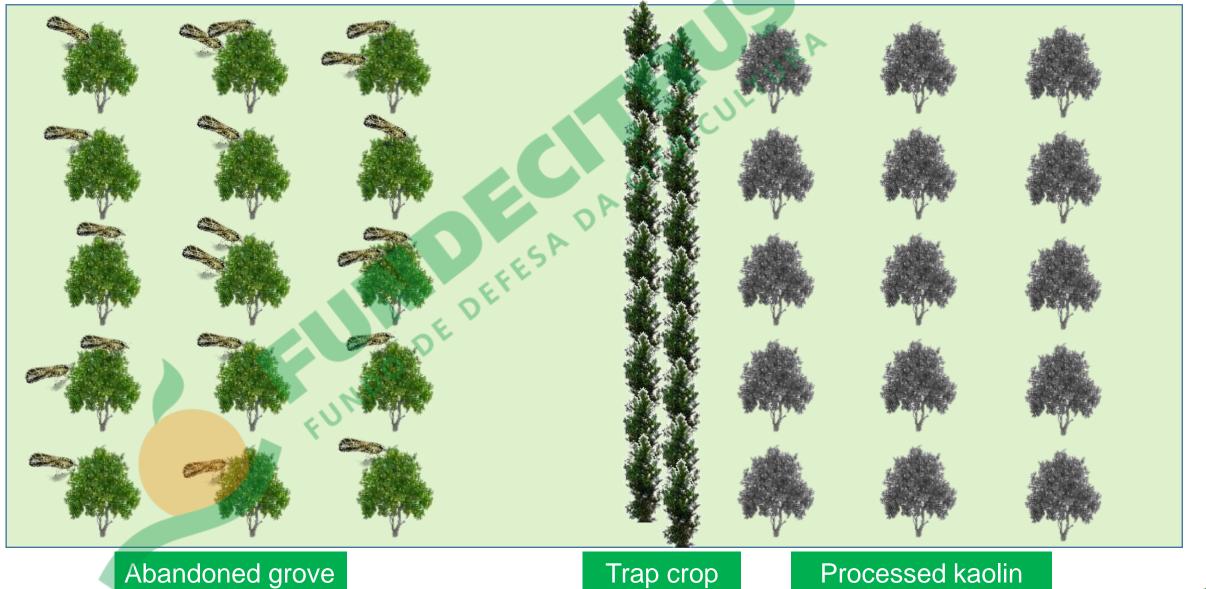


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## Push-Pull and Kill strategy

#### *Murraya or Bergera* trap crop







The integration of the chemical control associated with alternative control tactics, such as biological, trap crop and processed kaolin, and the implementation of a program of external actions to reduce the dispersal of D. citri, are crucial for achieving more effective and sustainable D. citri and HLB management. Marcelo P. Miranda



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