

# Vegetable IPM Research Update

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*Addie's projects:  
New tools for IPM of  
thrips and aphids in  
lettuce*

# Inundative/inoculative releases of natural enemies using drones to control aphids and thrips in lettuce



Rotating cylinders with evenly spaced holes distribute predators at a consistent rate

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## In-field releases of green lacewing and predatory mites



**2 trials – aphid and thrips targeted**

3 releases directly over crop field

## Release of Orius sp. over insectary plantings



**1 trial – thrips targeted**

1 release over insectary planting

## Release of Orius sp and predatory mites over ice plant



**1 trial – thrips targeted**

2 releases over non-crop area

# Precision insecticide sprays in improve application of aphid-targeted materials



Where it started:  
Broadcast sprayer

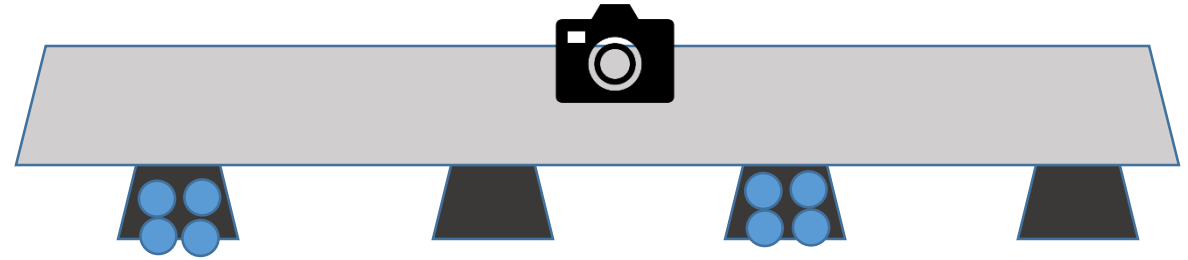


Where it's going:  
Precision sprayer

# Broadcast sprayer



# Precision sprayer



Same per acre rate, different per plant rate

# Precision insecticide sprays in improve application of aphid-targeted materials

## Rates experiment



**2 trials**

2 products tested

2 application systems

3 application rates

Timing of applications consistent

## Extended Control experiment



**2 trials**

2 products tested

2 application systems

2 application rates

2 application timings

# Application rate experiment

Conventional romaine lettuce 2 weeks post-planting → *spray band covers ~ 10% of the bed*

2 pesticide applications spaced 10-14 days apart

Random complete block design with 8 treatments + untreated control

5 replications per trial x 2 trials

2 chemistries

- Spirotetramat
- Thiamethoxam



Spray 1 growth stage



Spray 2 growth stage





## Thiamethoxam Precision



Applied at 5.5, 1.8 and 0.55 oz/acre

## Thiamethoxam Broadcast



Applied at 5.5 oz/acre

## Spirotetramat Precision



Applied at 5, 1.7 and 0.5 oz/acre

## Spirotetramat Broadcast



Applied at 5 oz/acre

## Thiamethoxam Precision



Applied at 5.5, 1.8

## Thiamethoxam Broadcast



at 5.5 oz/acre

Untreated control

## Spirotetramat



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## Spirotetramat Broadcast

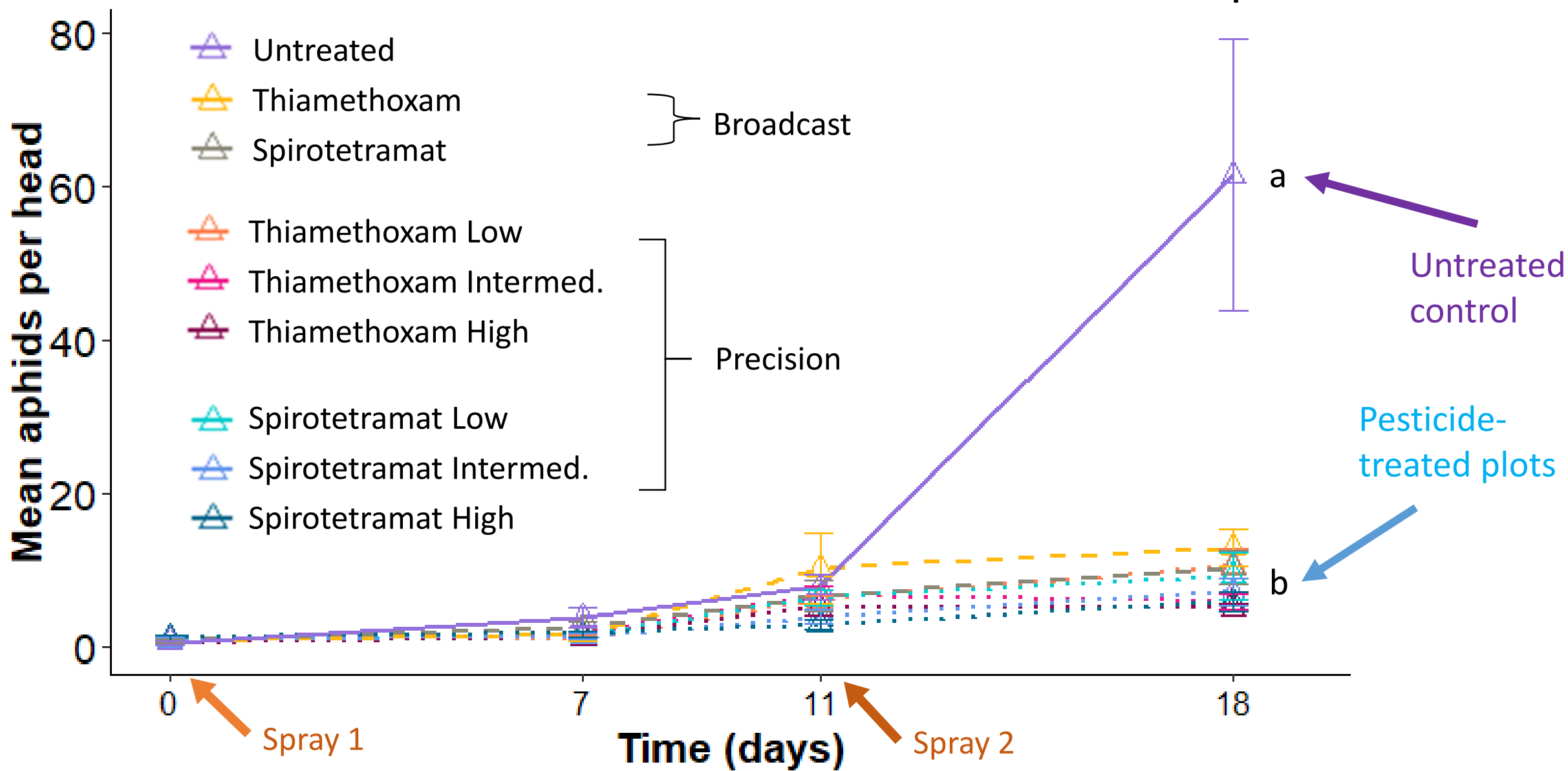


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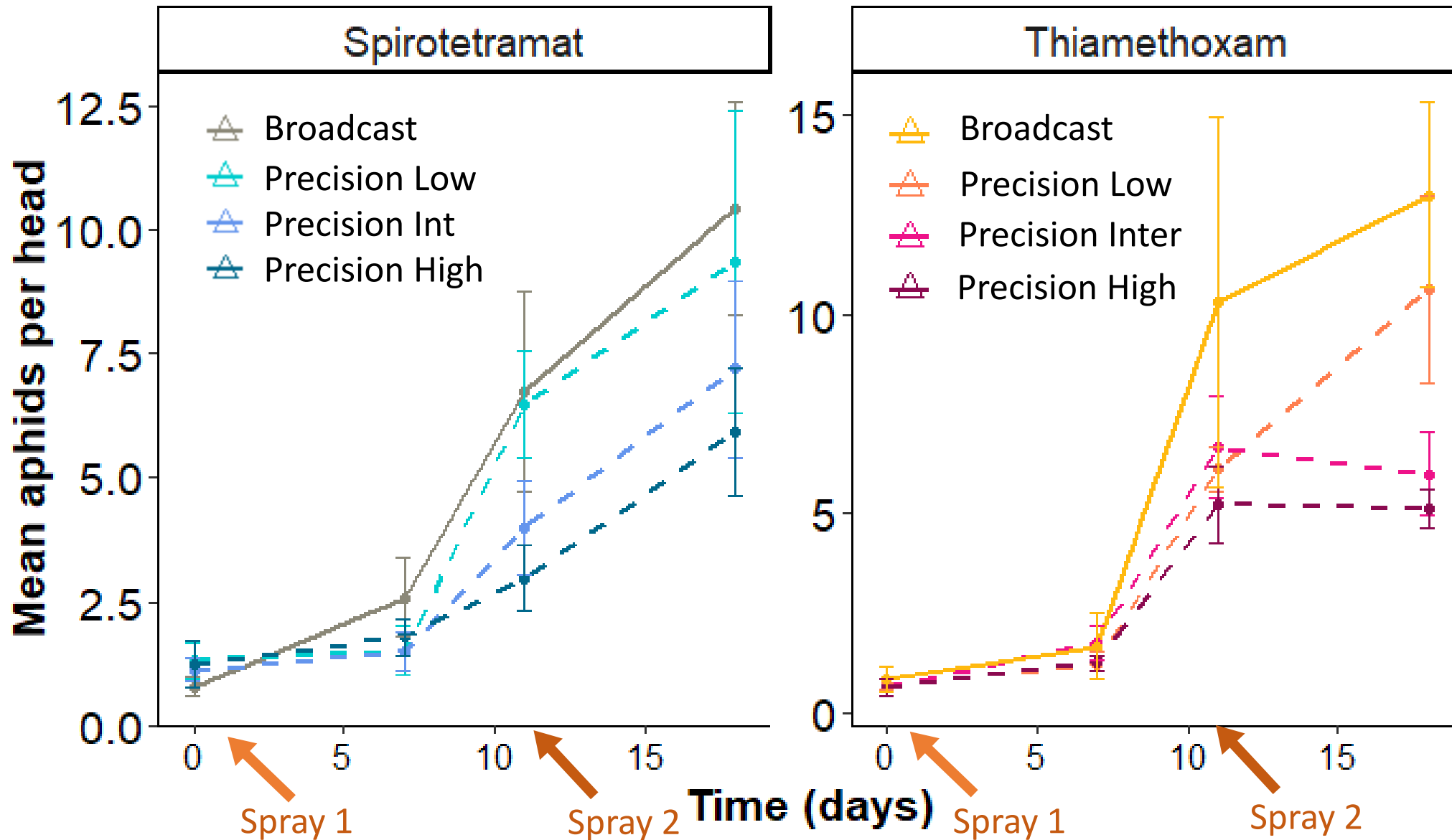
Treatment table with per acre and per plant rates for each application

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Application method</b>	<b>Insecticide</b>	<b>rate per acre (oz/acre)</b>	<b>rate per plant (mg/plant)</b>	<b>notes</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Untreated control</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Broadcast spray</b>	<b>Spirotetmat</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>label max</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Precision spray</b>	<b>Spirotetmat</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>label max</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Precision spray</b>	<b>Spirotetmat</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>label max / 3</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Precision spray</b>	<b>Spirotetmat</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>label max /10</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Broadcast spray</b>	<b>Thiamethoxam</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>label max</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Precision spray</b>	<b>Thiamethoxam</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>label max</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Precision spray</b>	<b>Thiamethoxam</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>label max / 3</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Precision spray</b>	<b>Thiamethoxam</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>label max / 10</b>

# Aphid pressure over time



# Aphid pressure over time, controls excluded







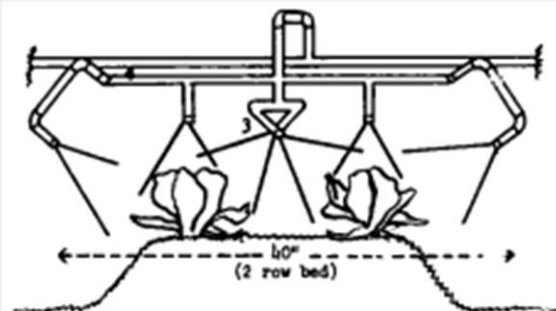


Drop-nozzle design sprayer shows good coverage on coastal county lettuce.

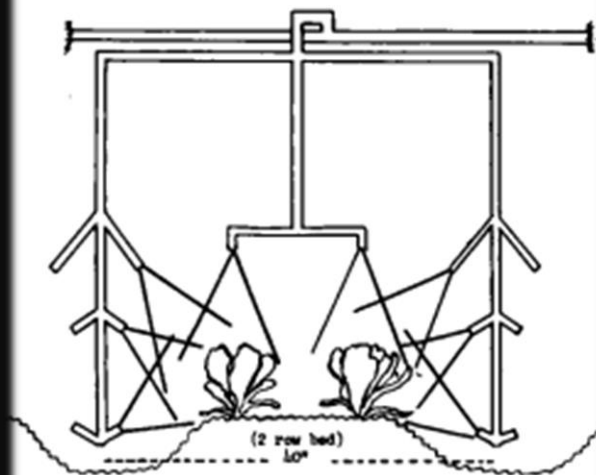
## INSECTICIDE application and coverage

*Drop Nozzles and Higher Gallonage Applications  
Improve Aphid Control on Lettuce*

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Sketch of regular sprayer manifold in use by commercial applicators for row-crop insect control, above, compared with improved drop-nozzle design, below, which sprays upward from bottom of rows for better coverage of under sides of leaves.

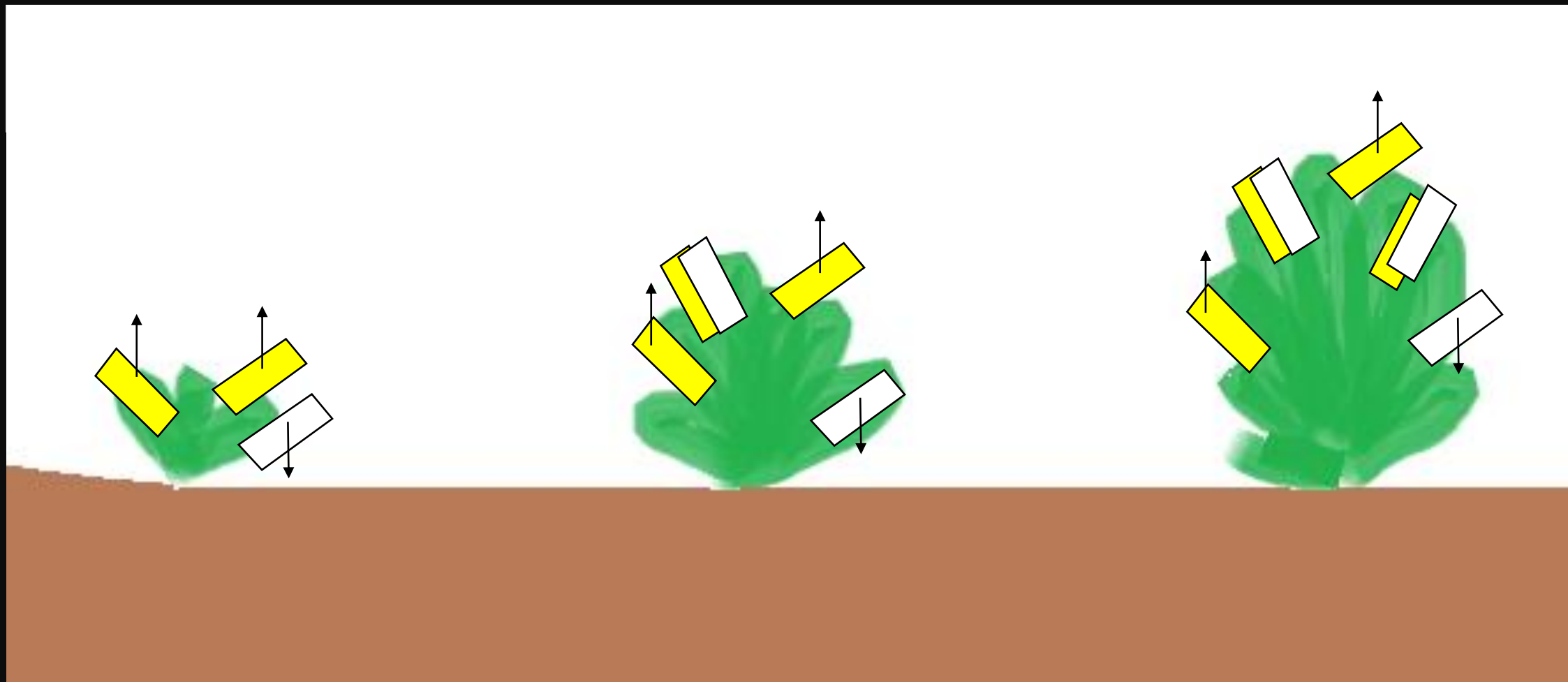




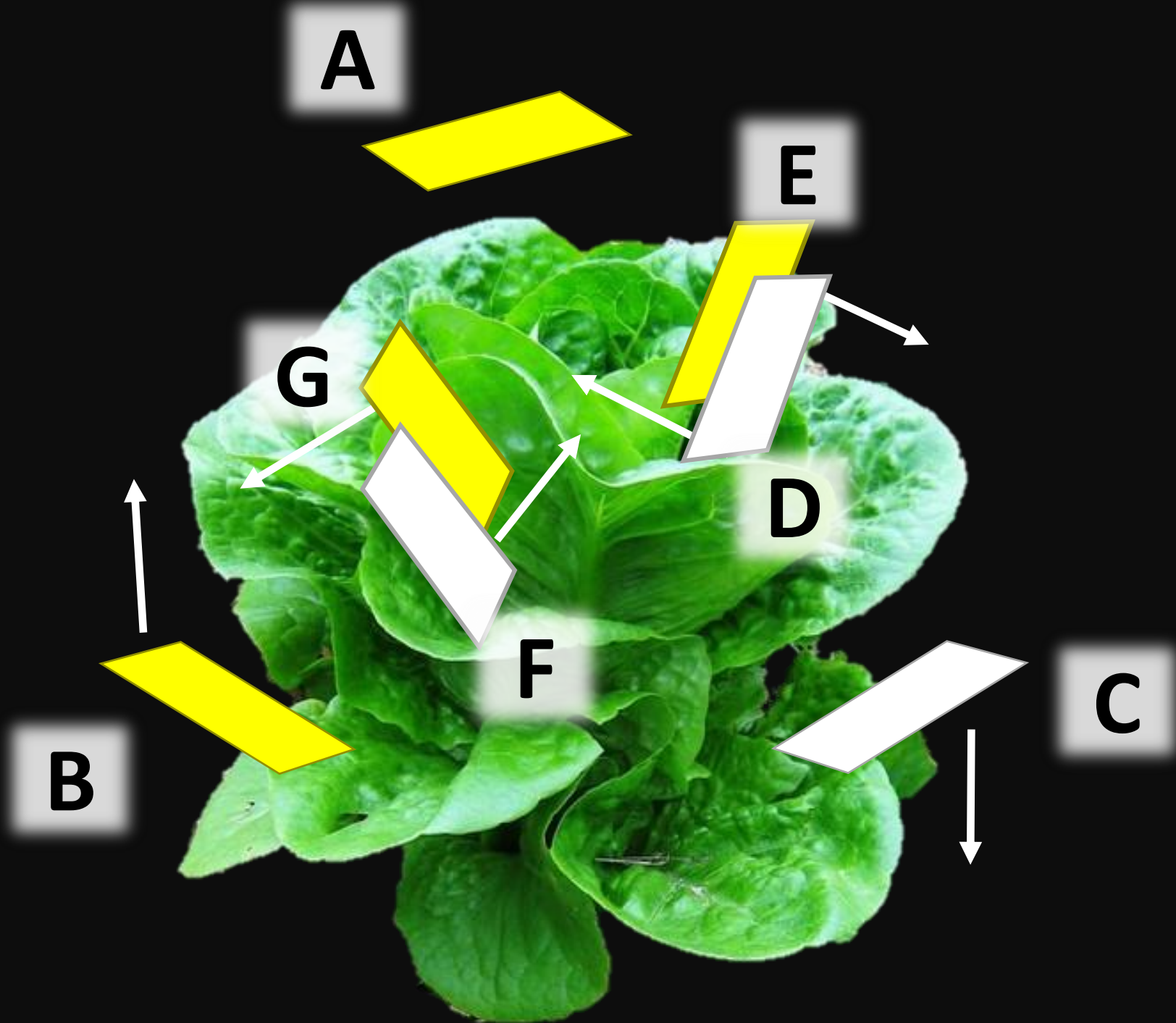
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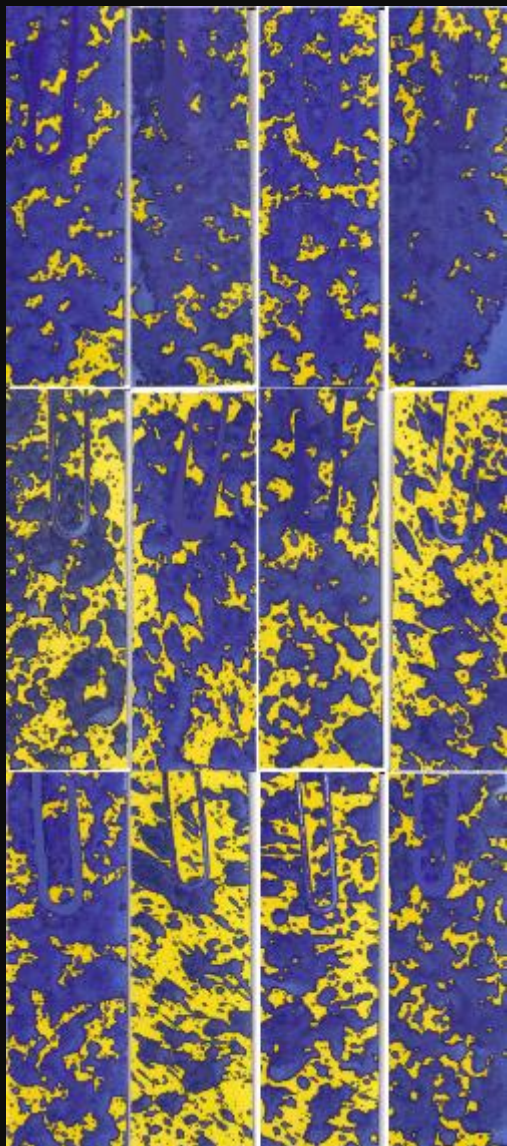
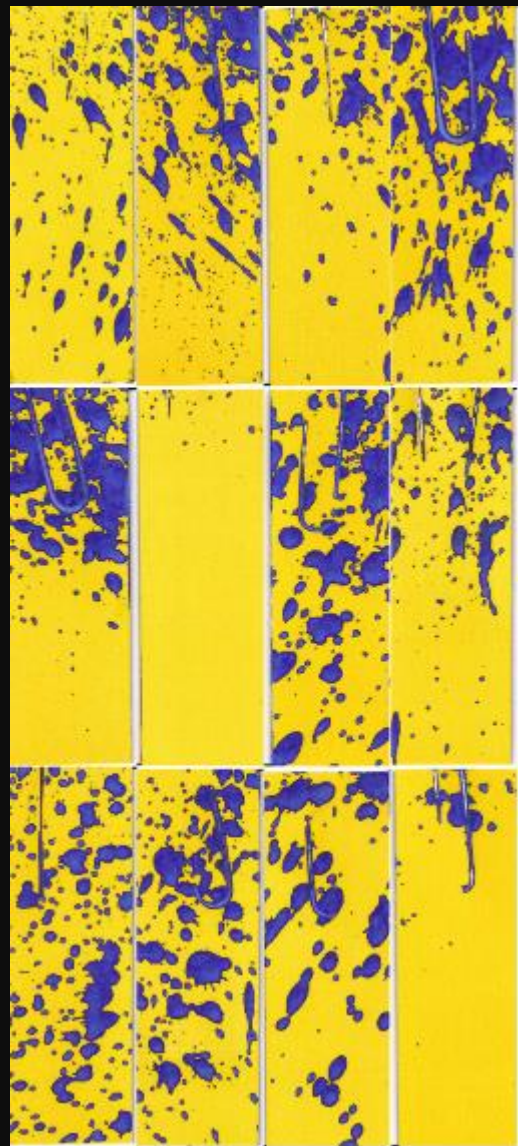
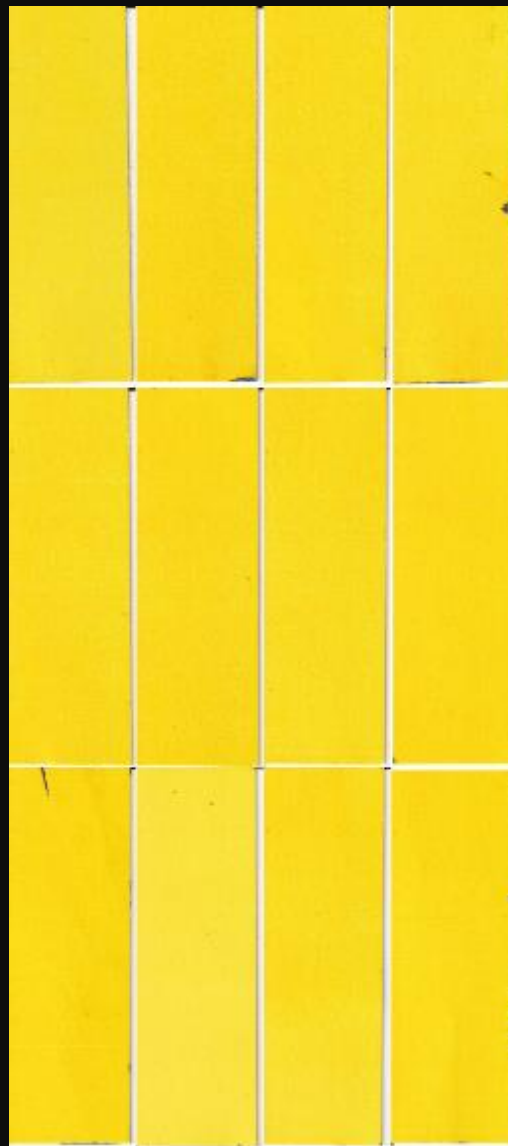
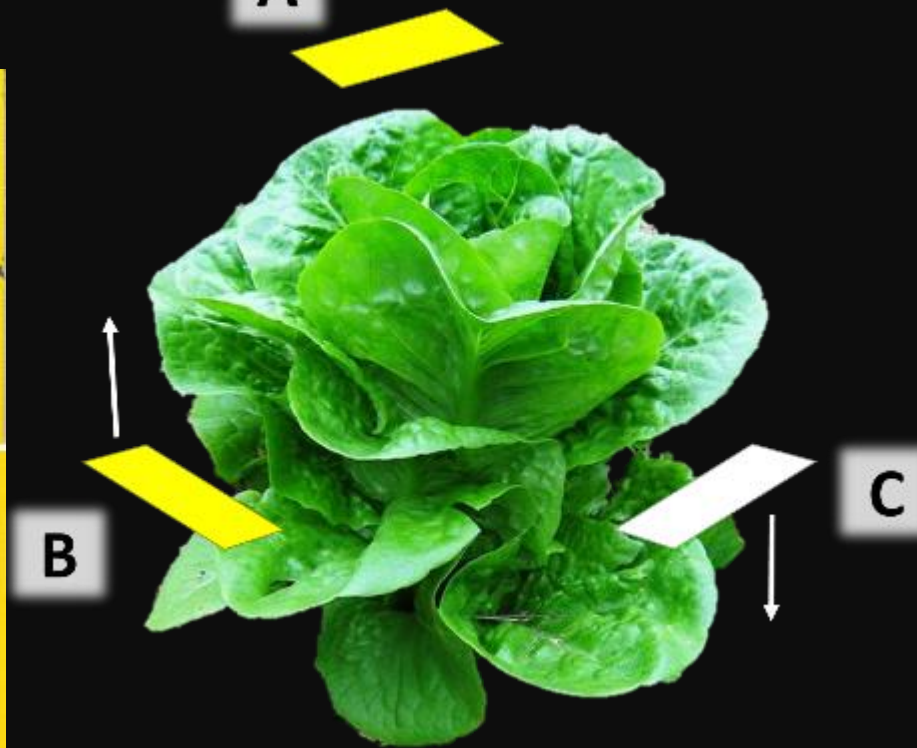
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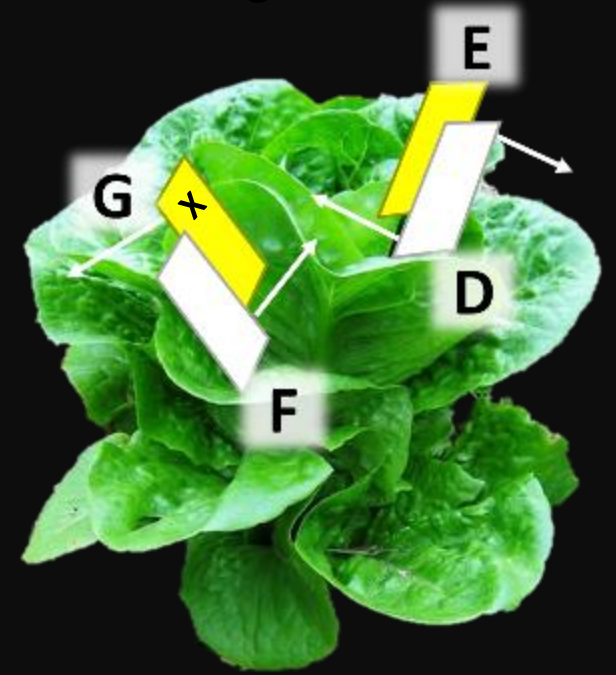
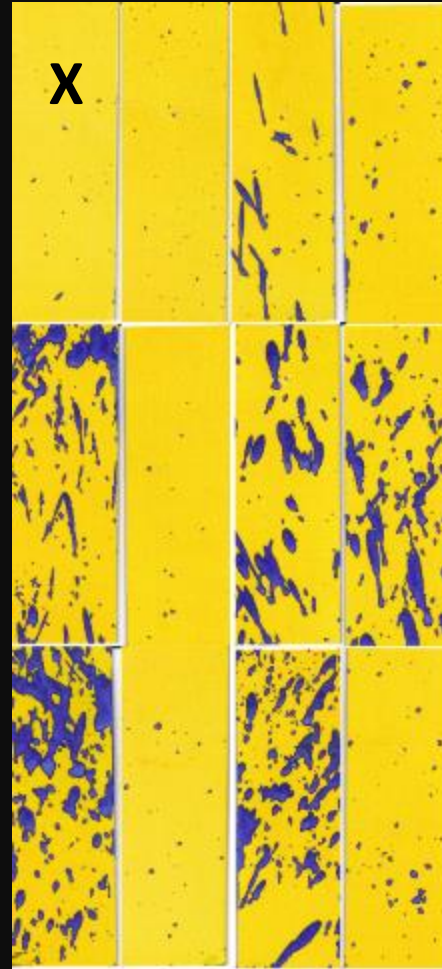
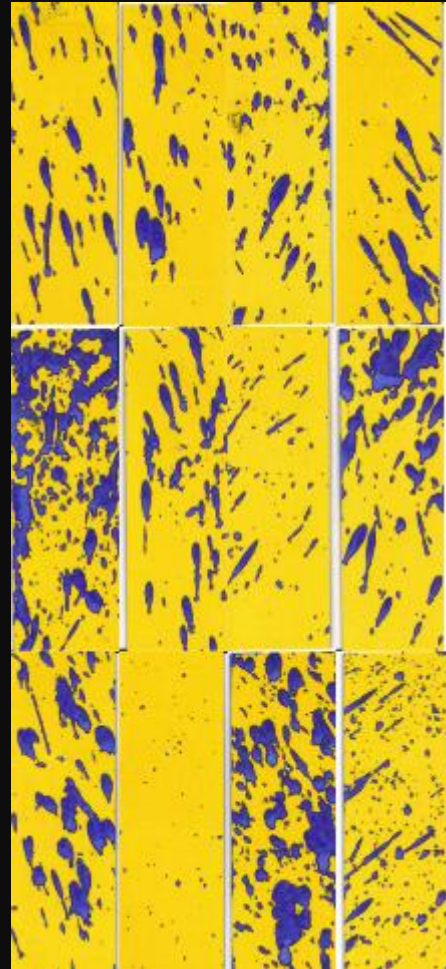
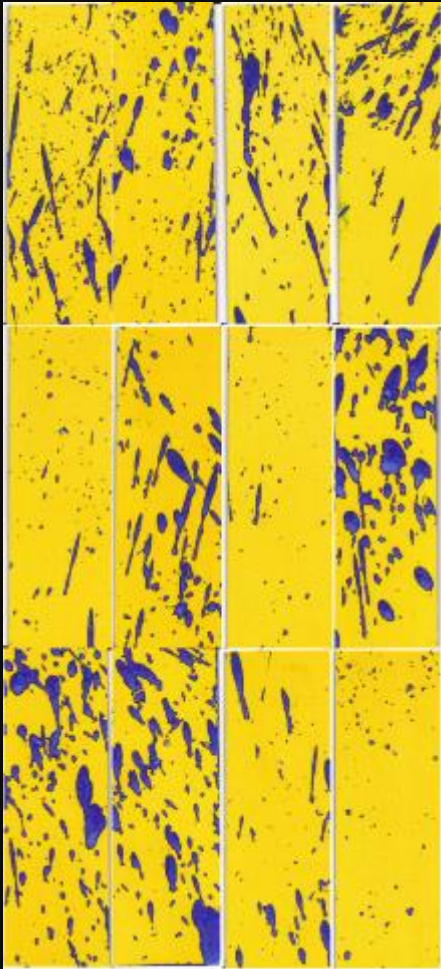
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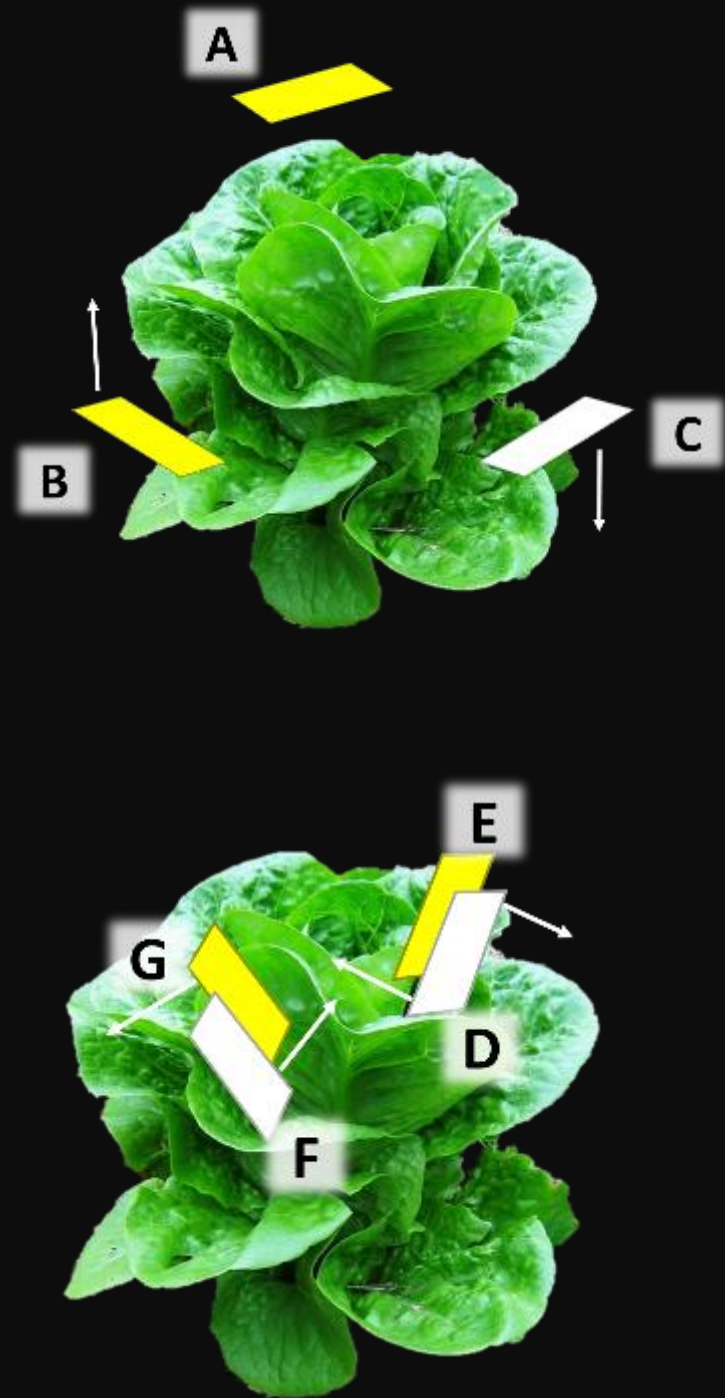
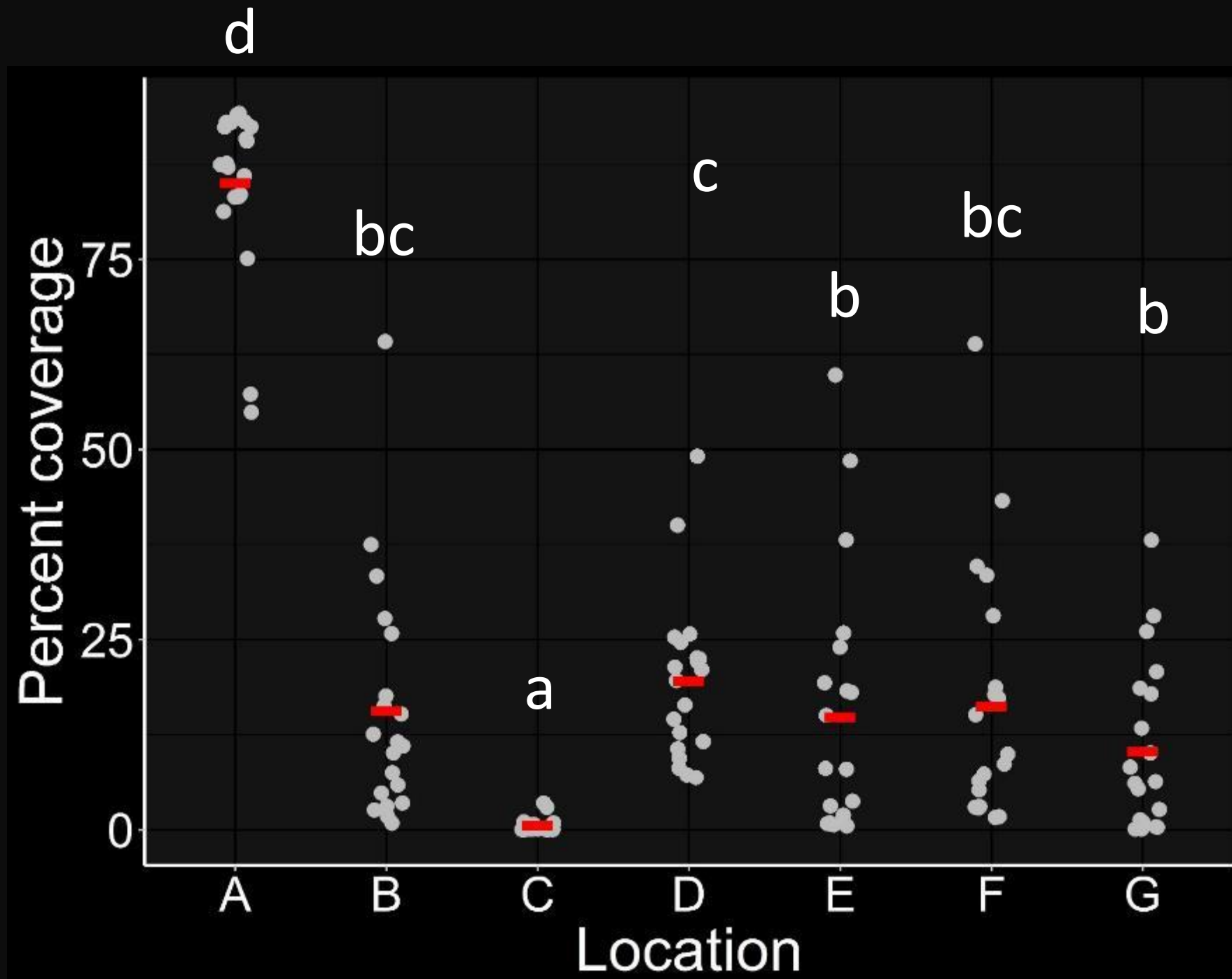
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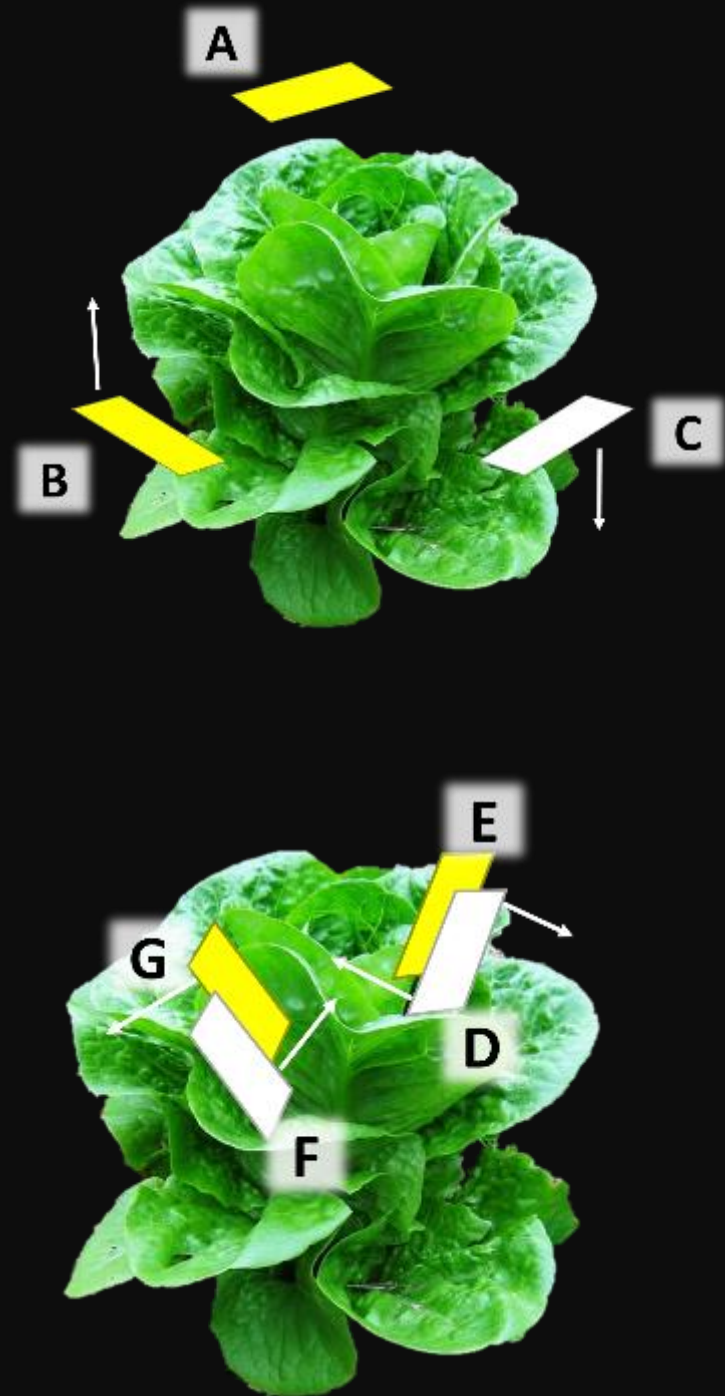
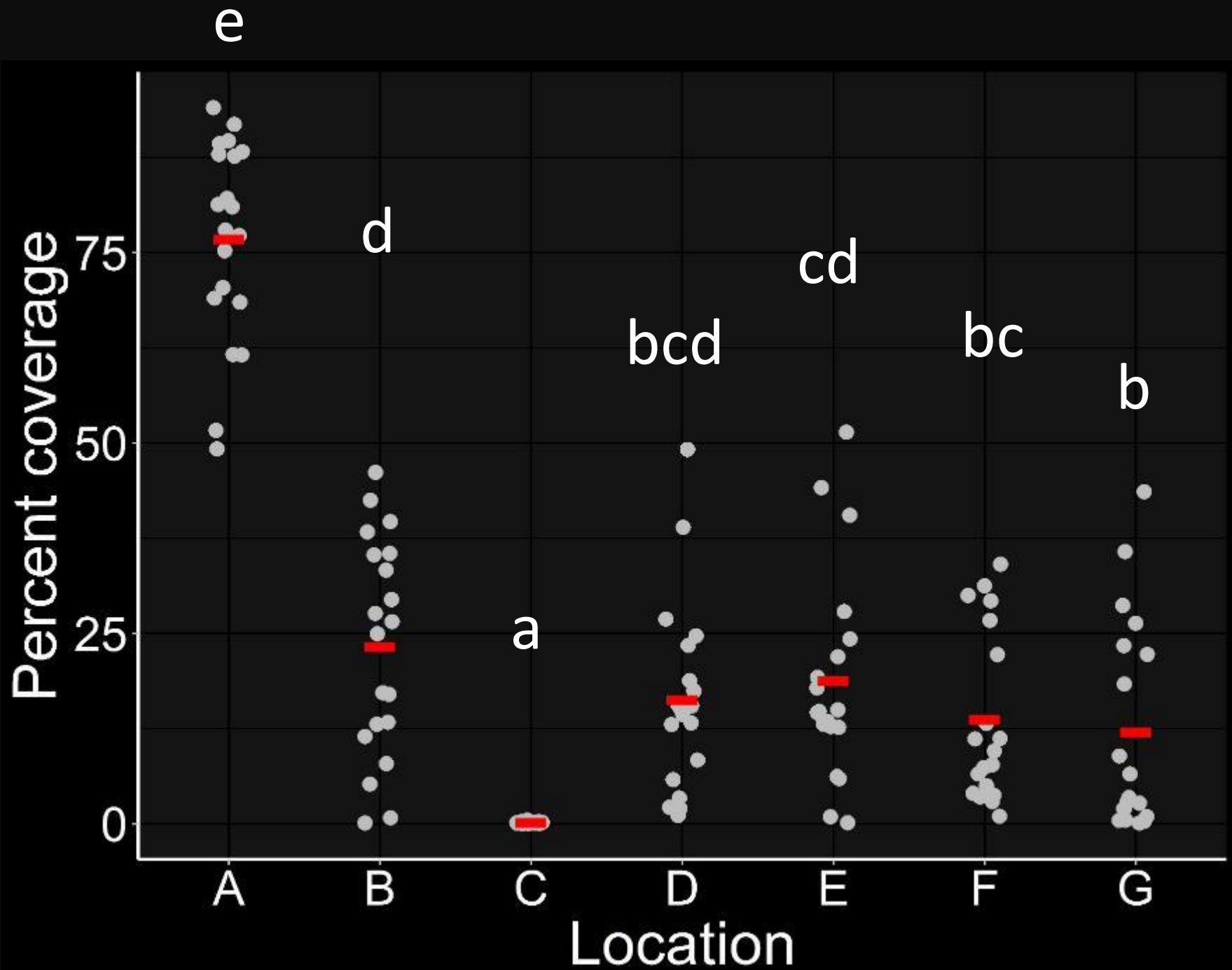
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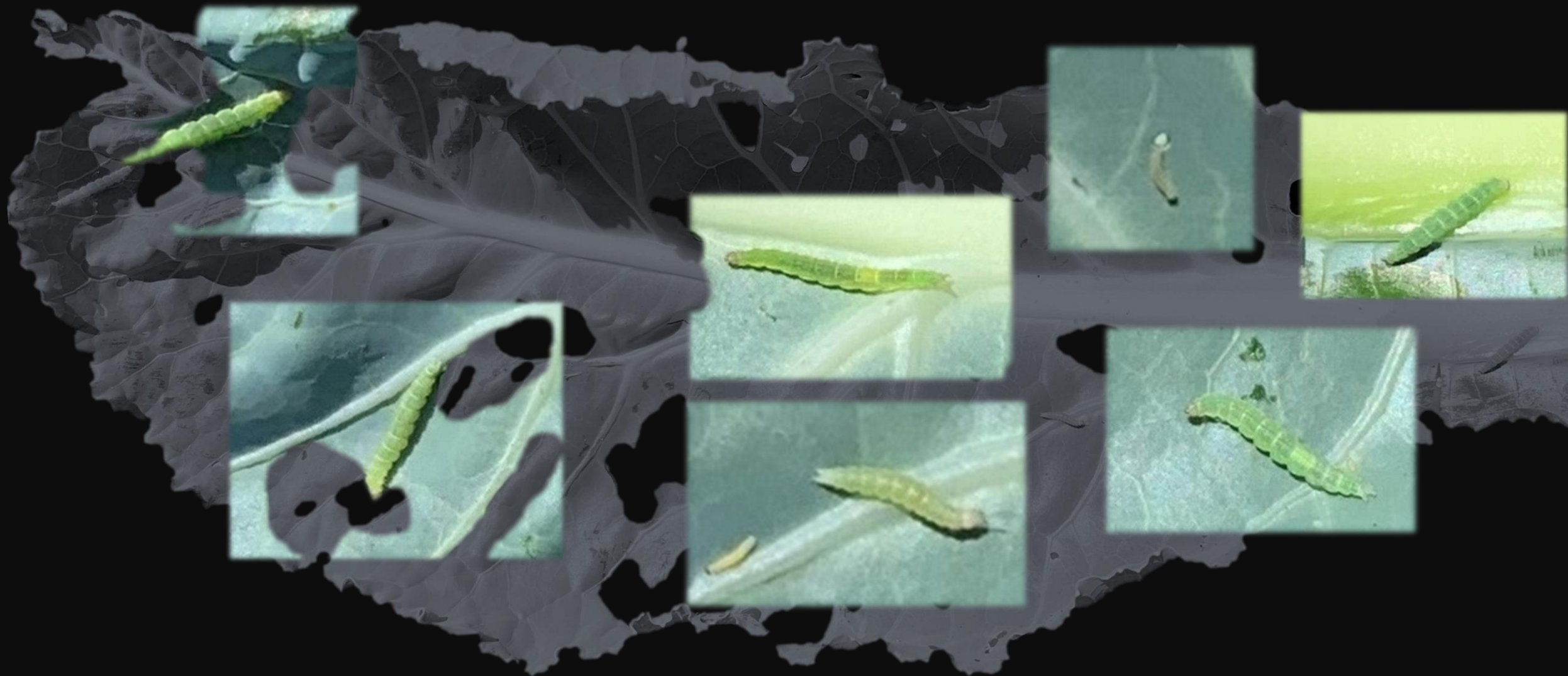












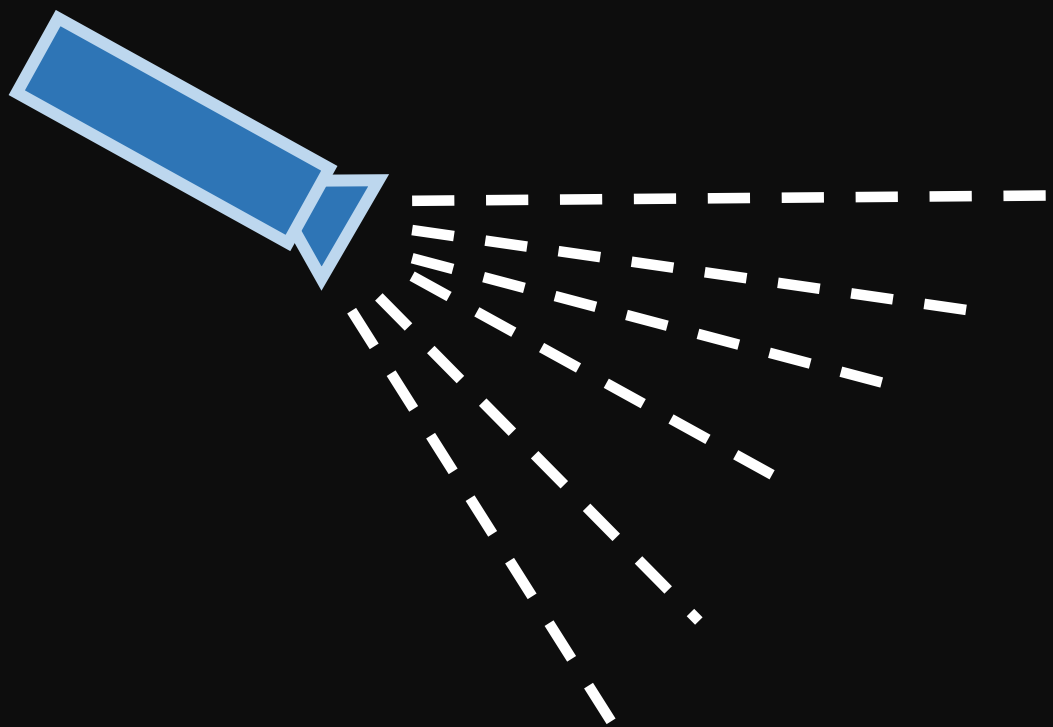




**NOTHING TO SEE HERE...**



**...IN DIAMONDBACK MOTH IPM**

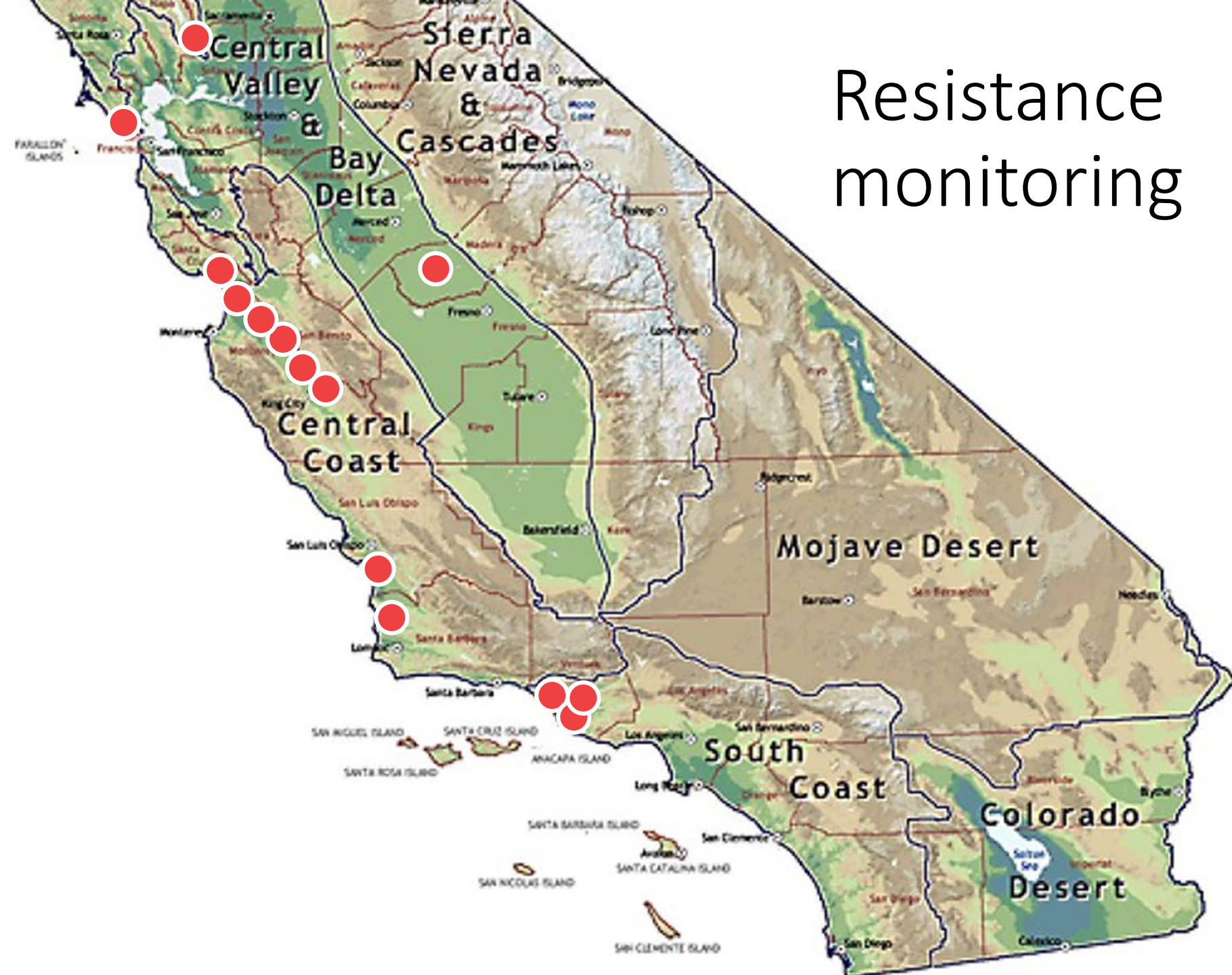




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Pest control advisors**



# Resistance monitoring



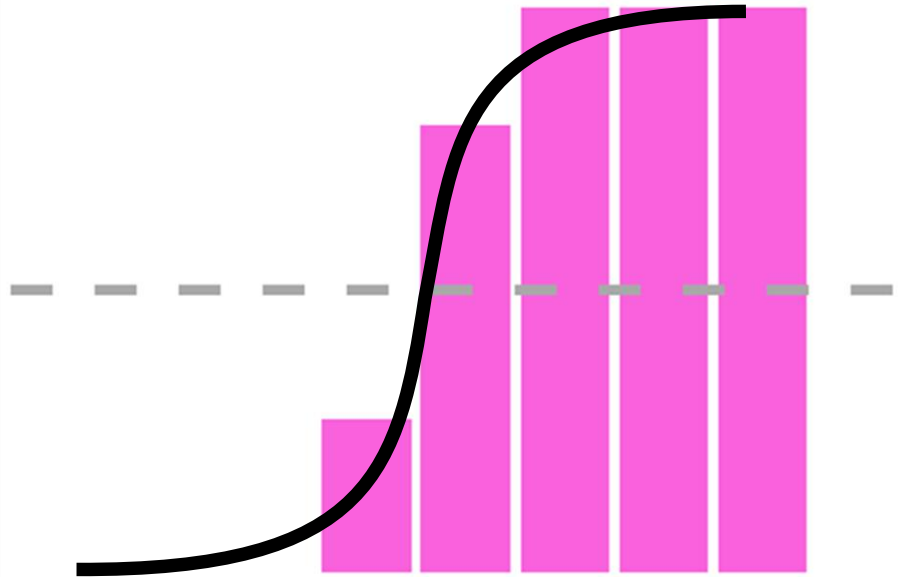
# Resistance monitoring – leaf dip assay





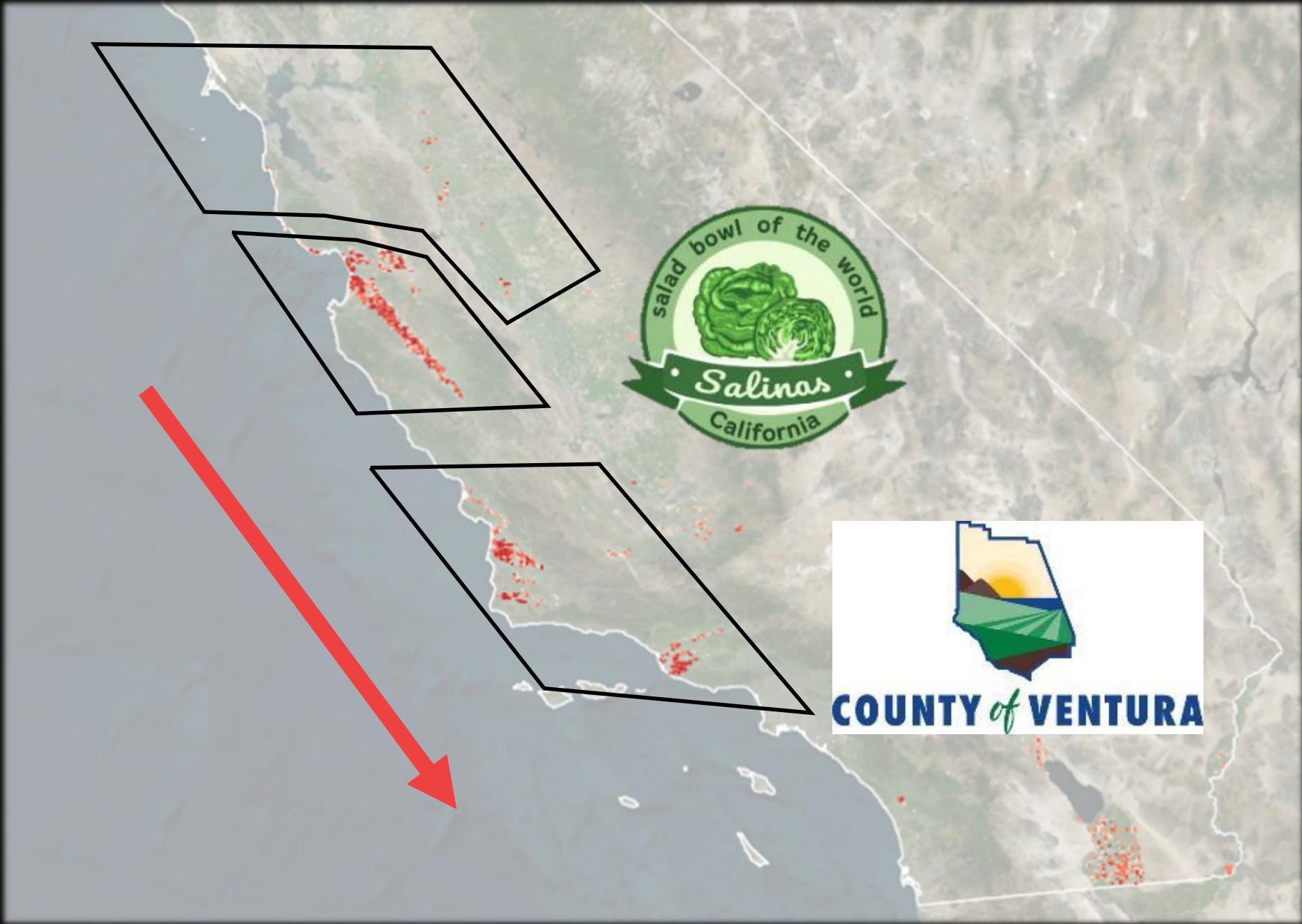
# Salinas 2022

% Mortality

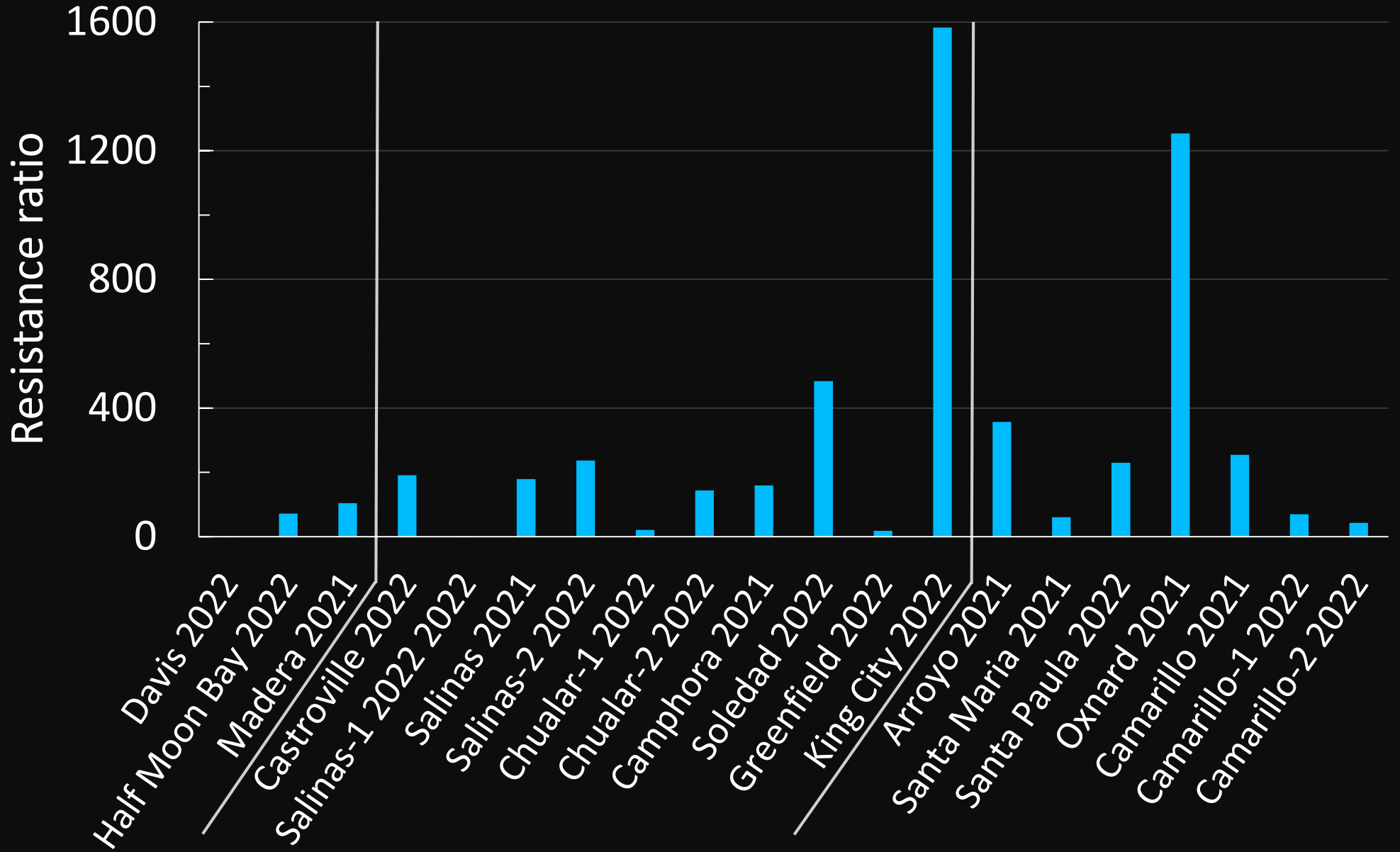


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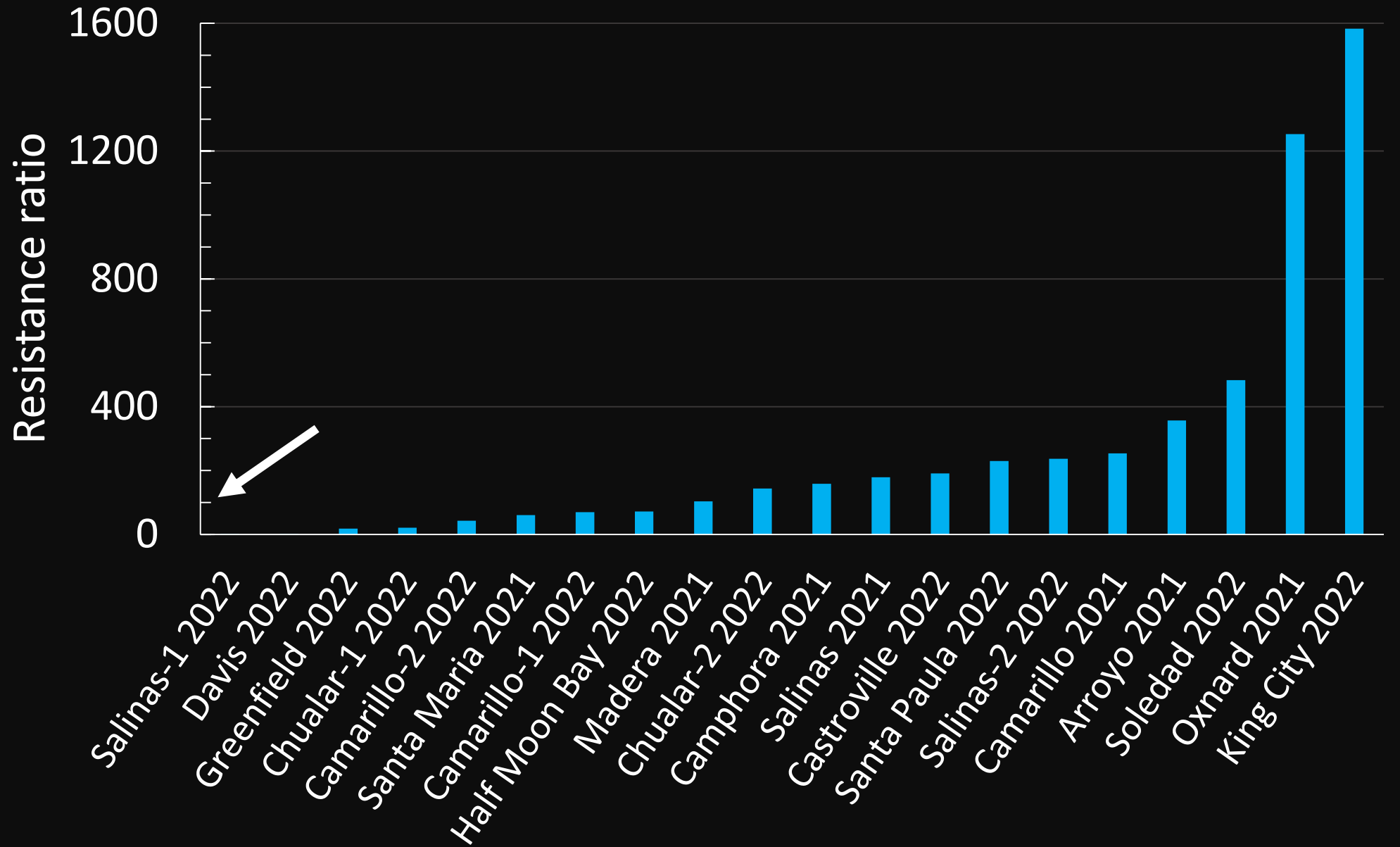
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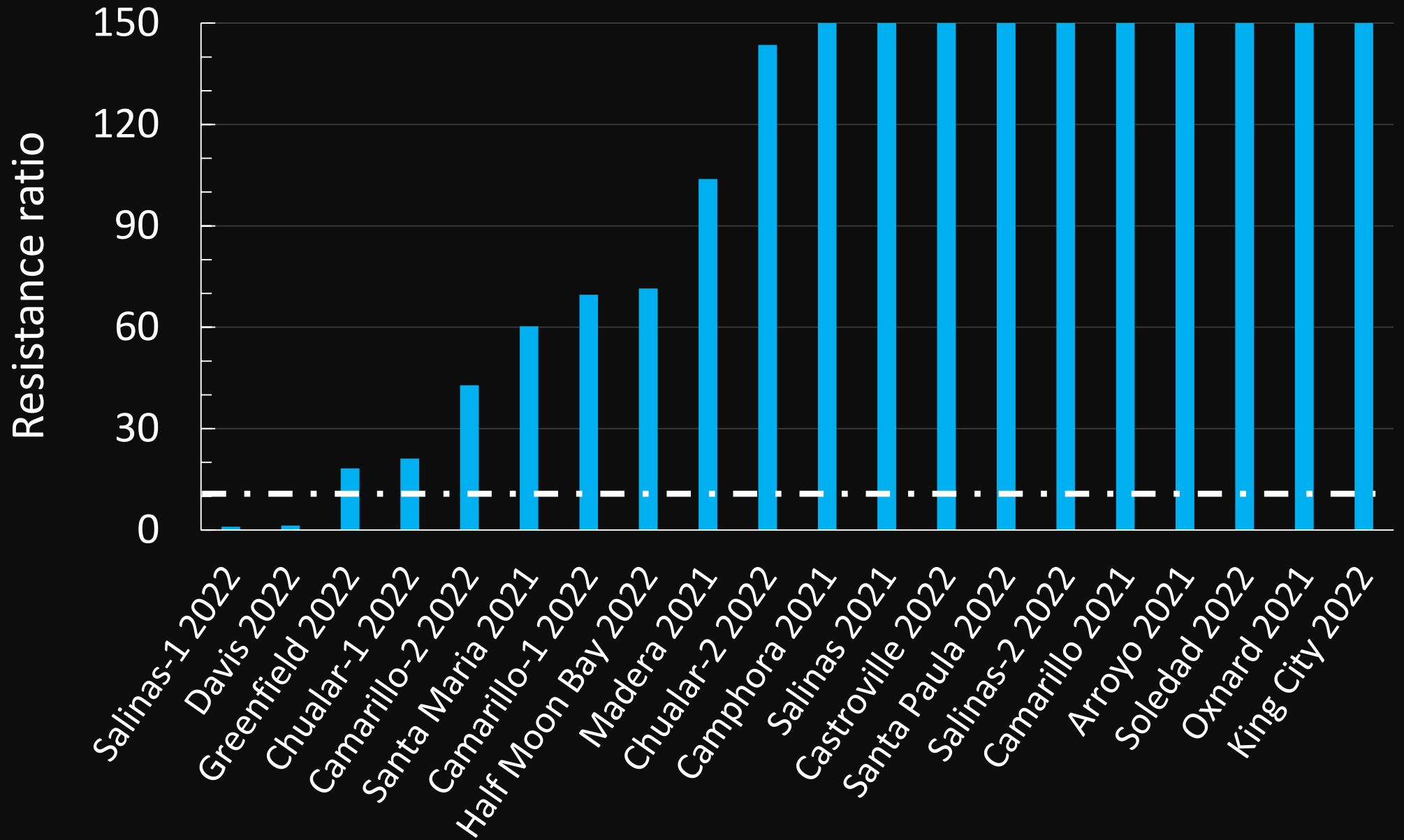
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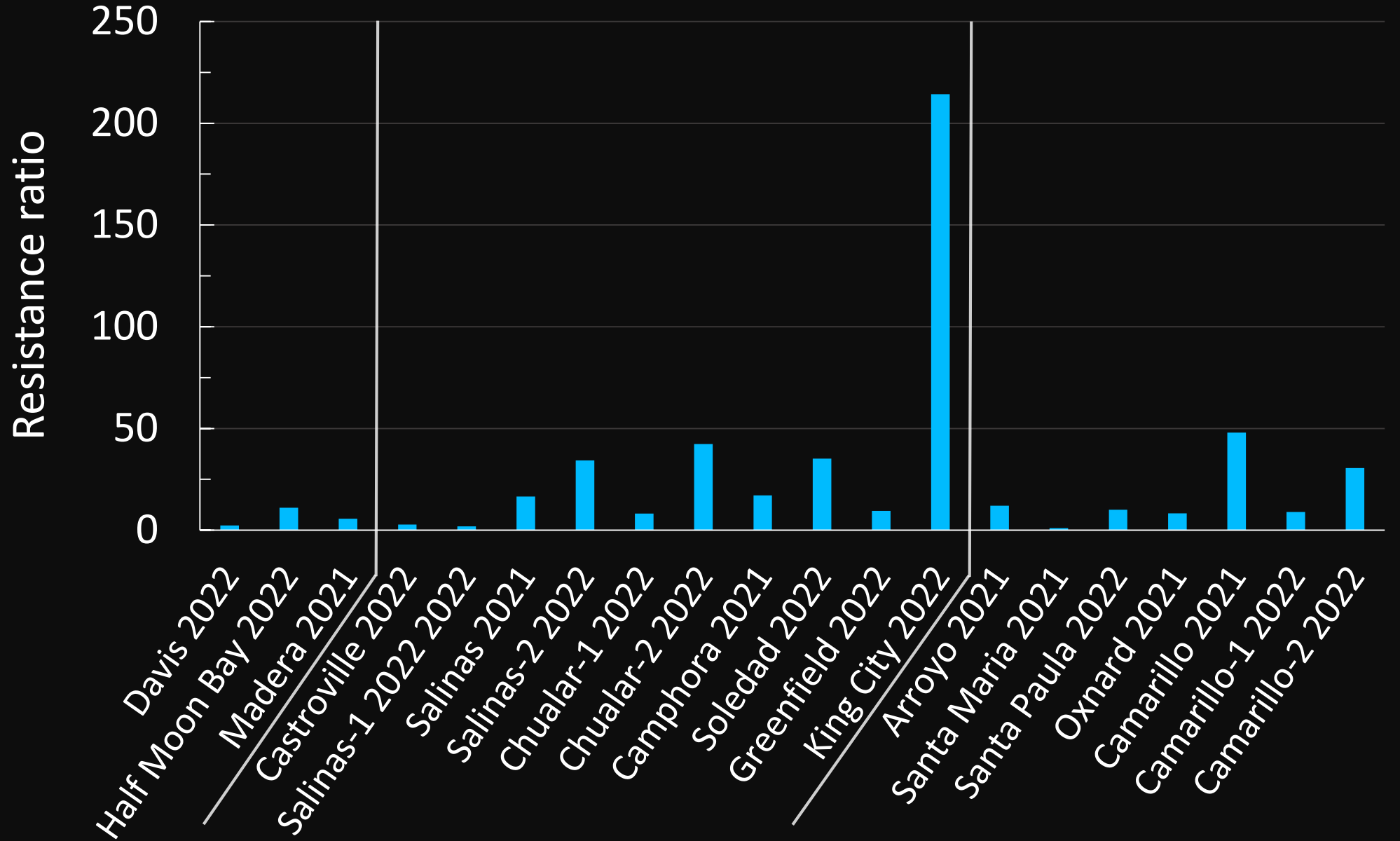


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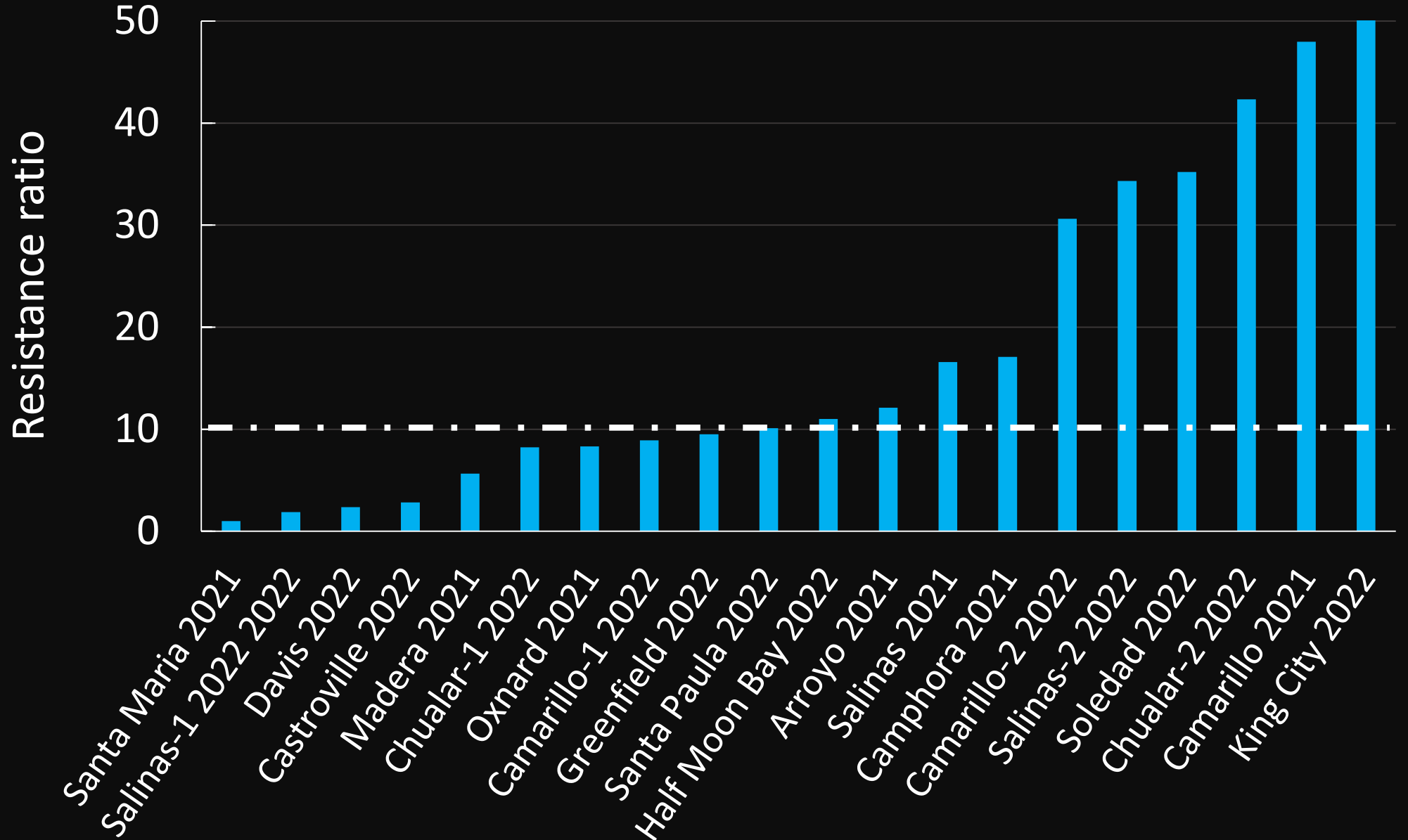




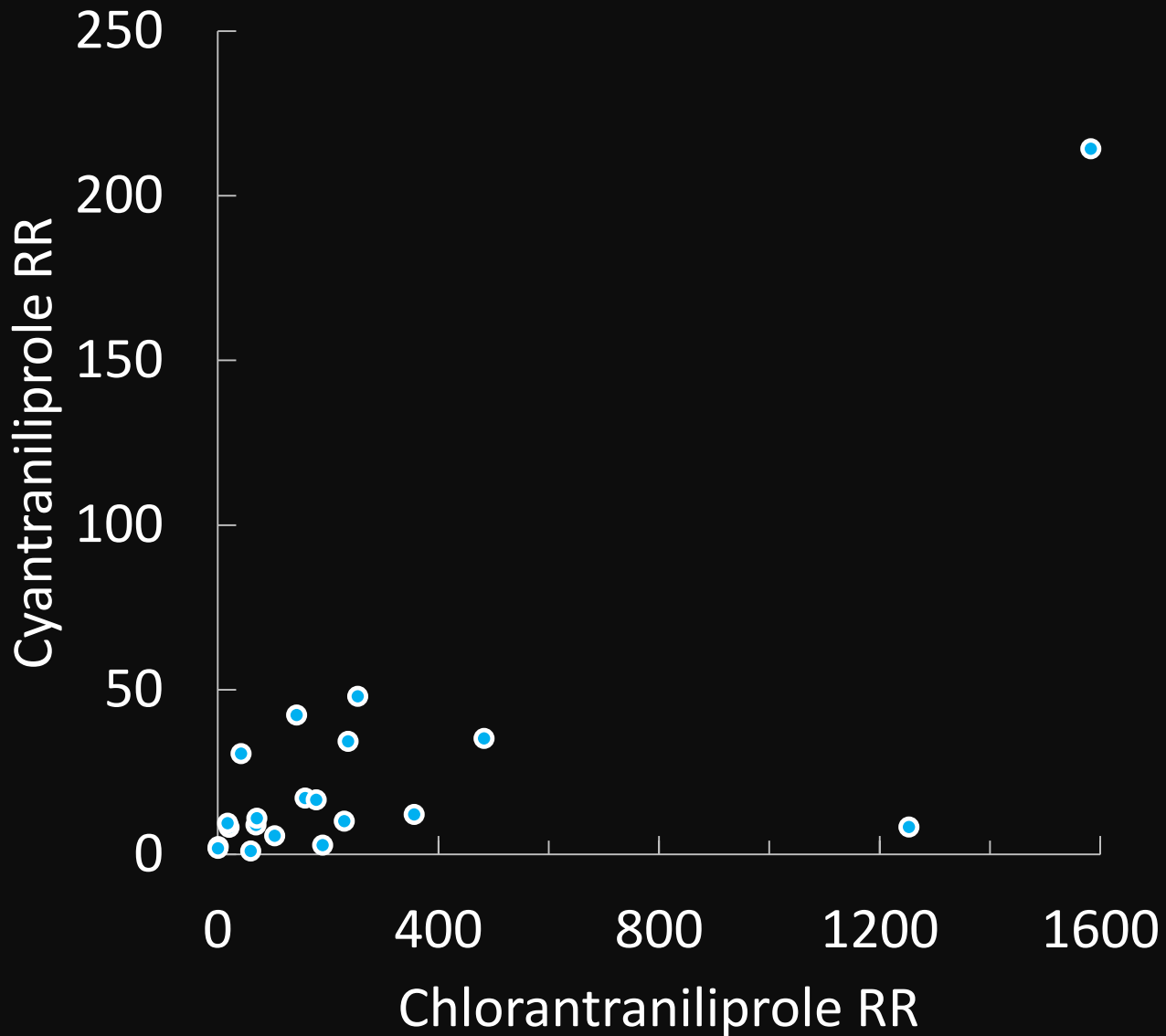
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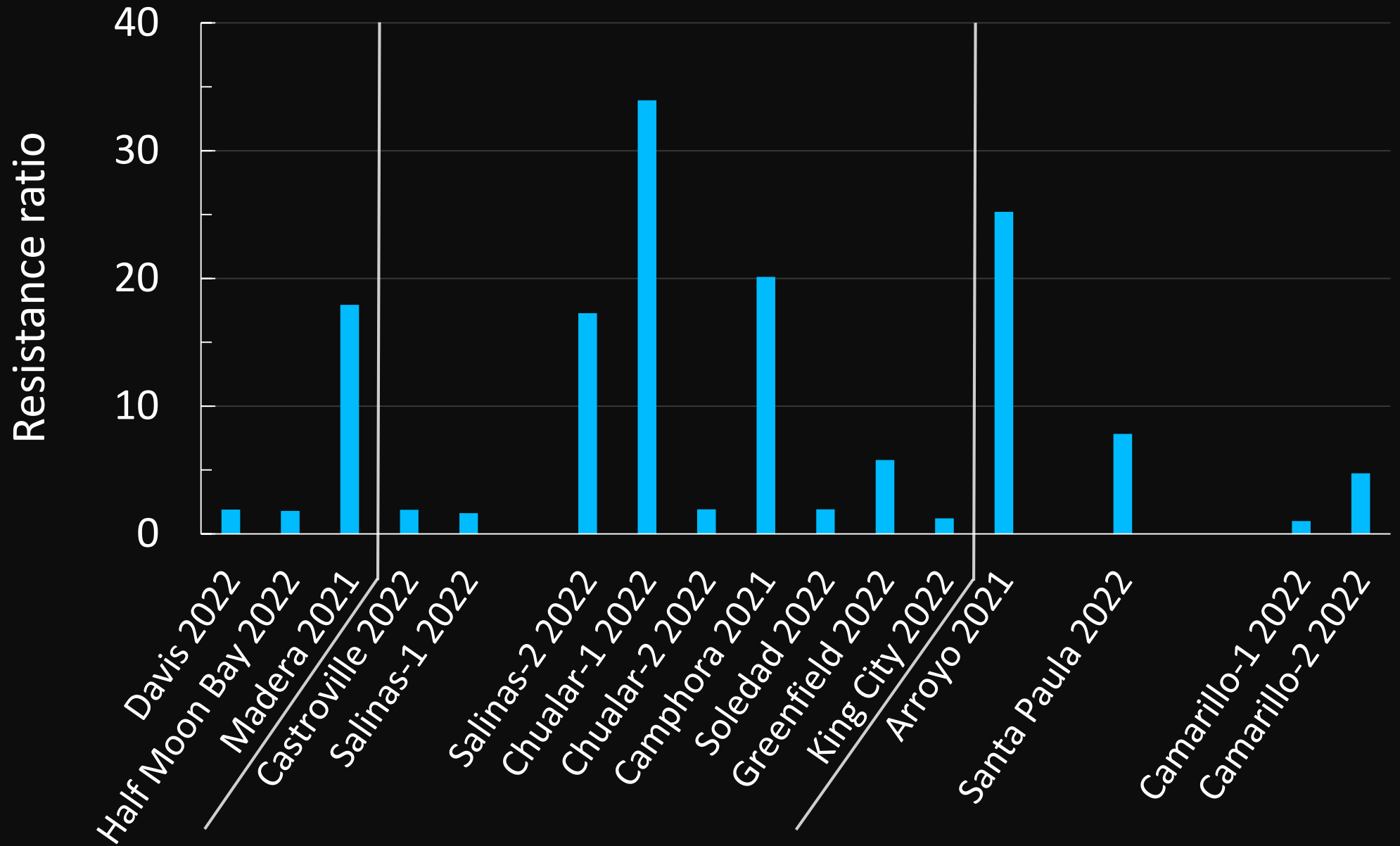
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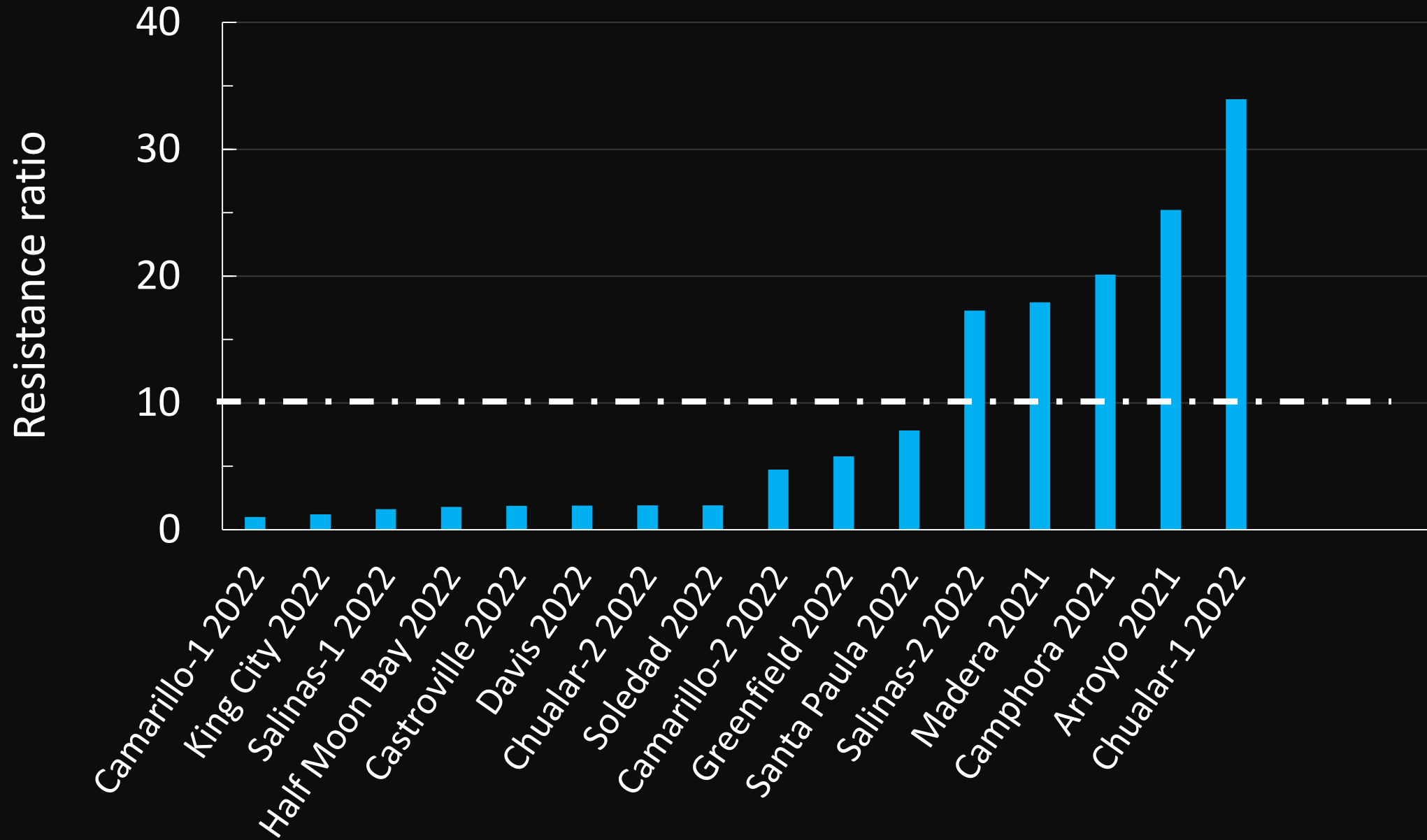
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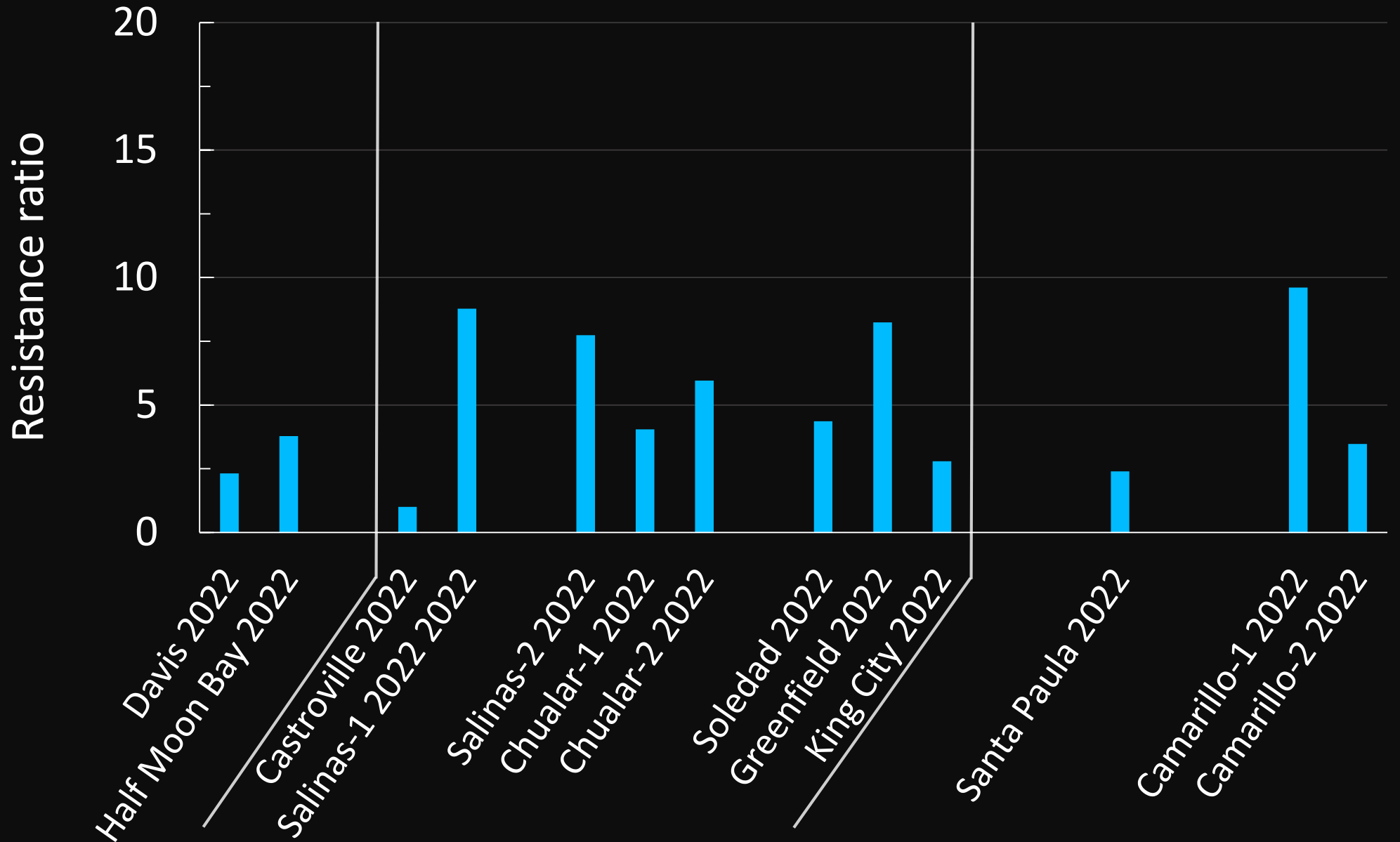
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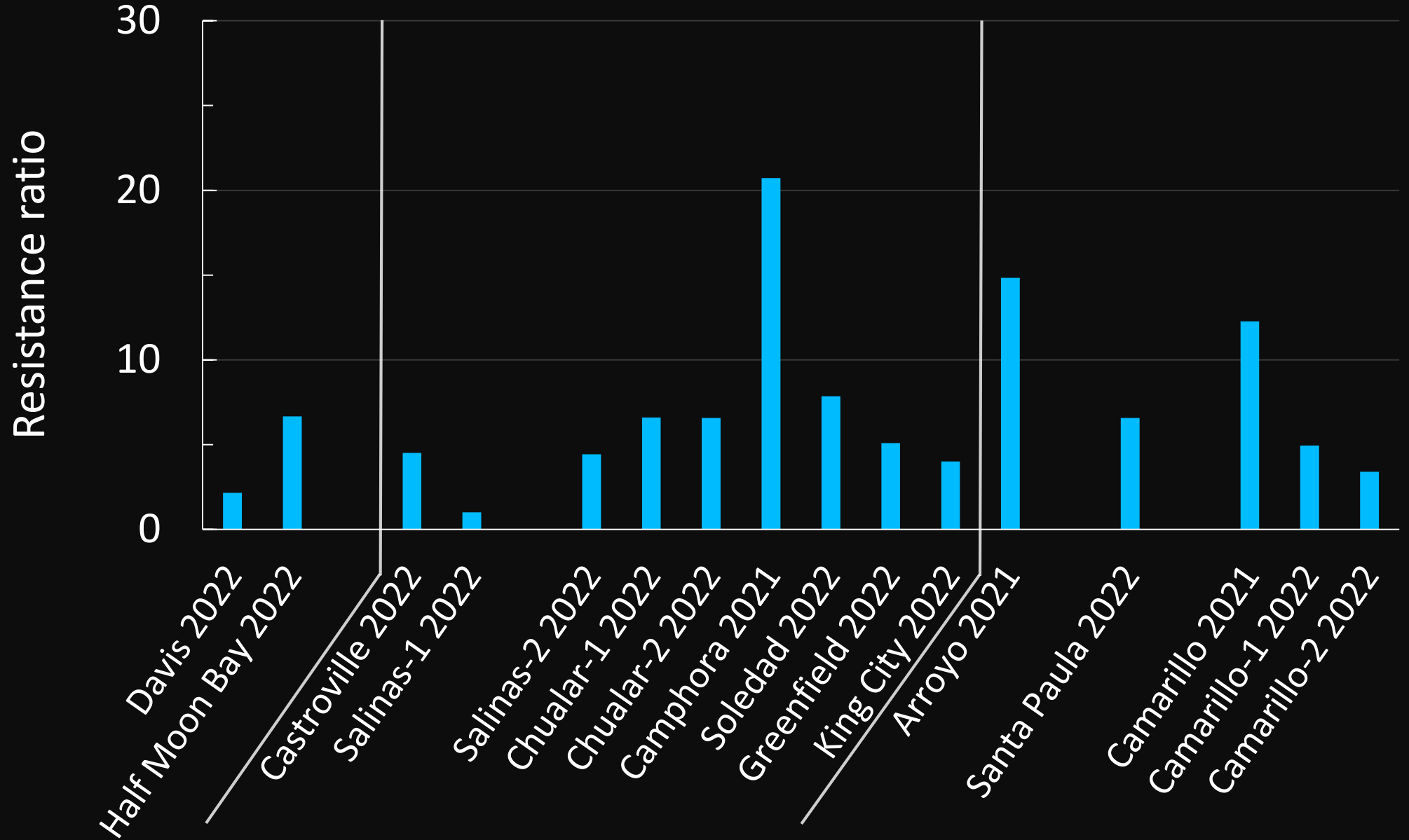


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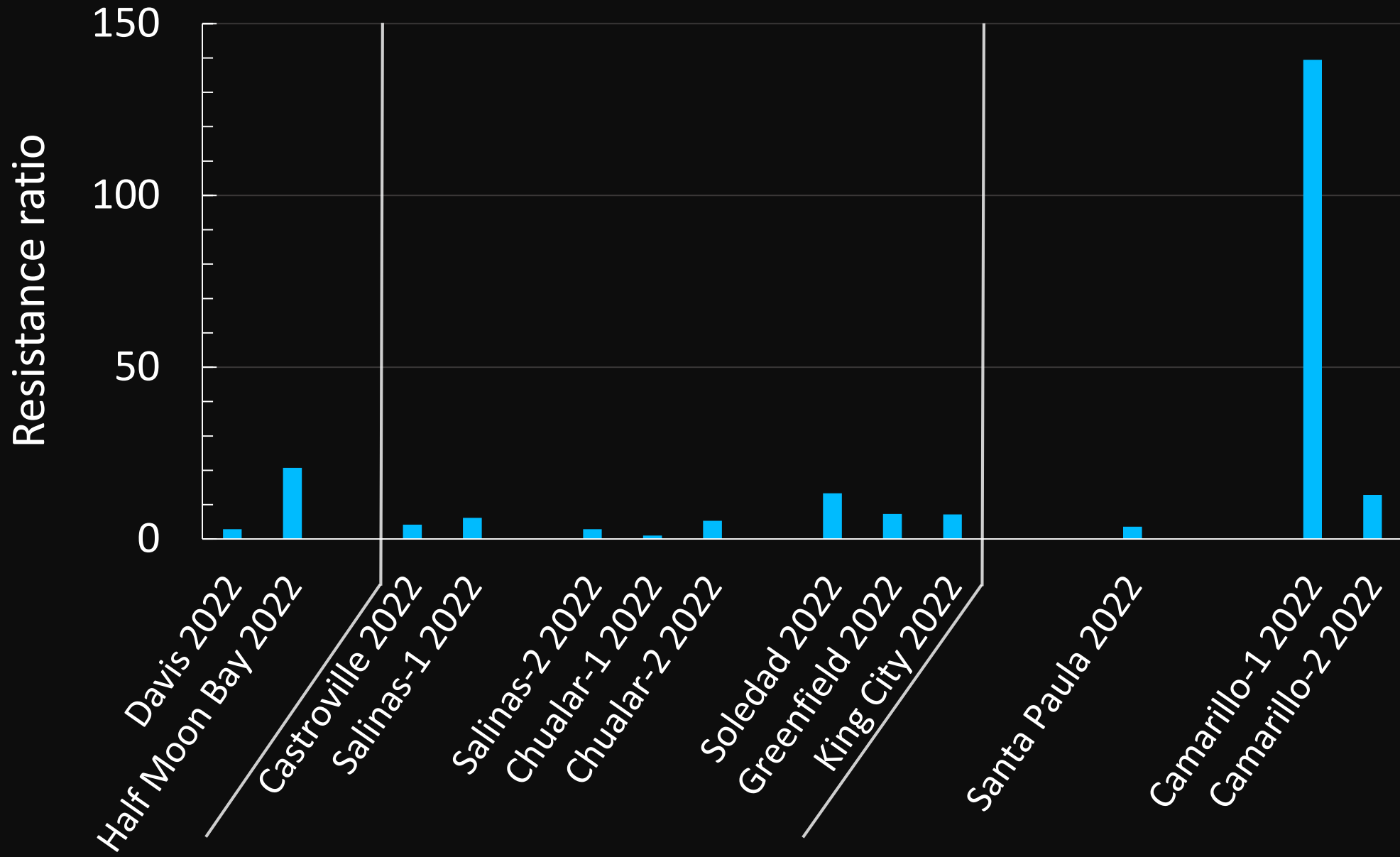


But....LC<sub>50</sub>'s  
closer to  
label rate

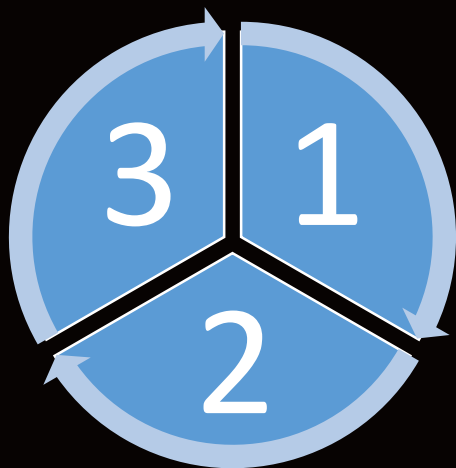
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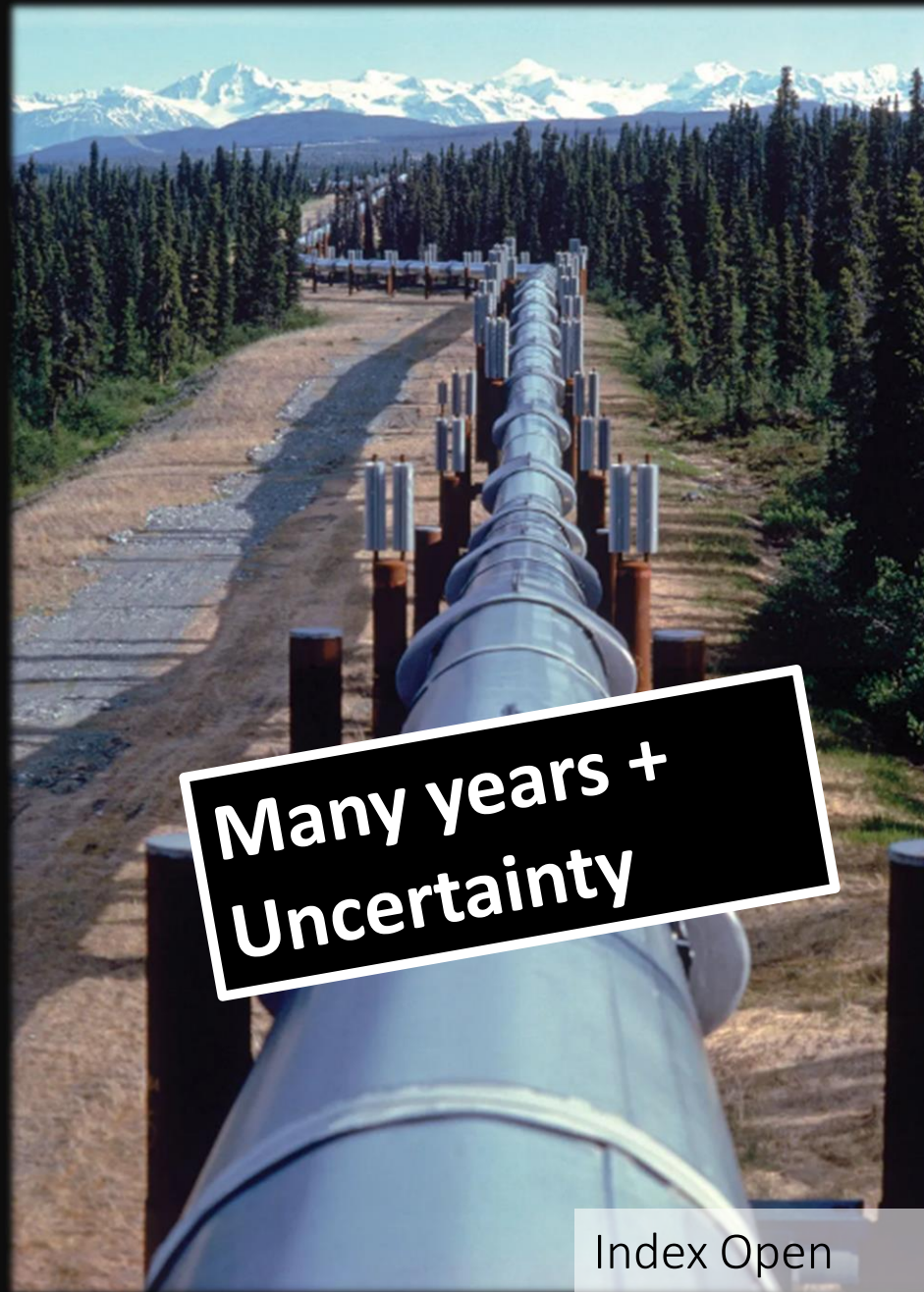


*Bacillus thuringiensis/*  
*Bt – aizawai*  
XenTari









**Many years +  
Uncertainty**

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