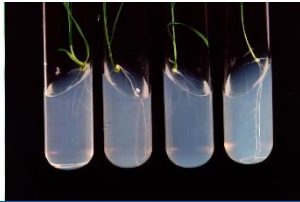




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Integrated Pest Management: Science and Practice

Disease control in cereals

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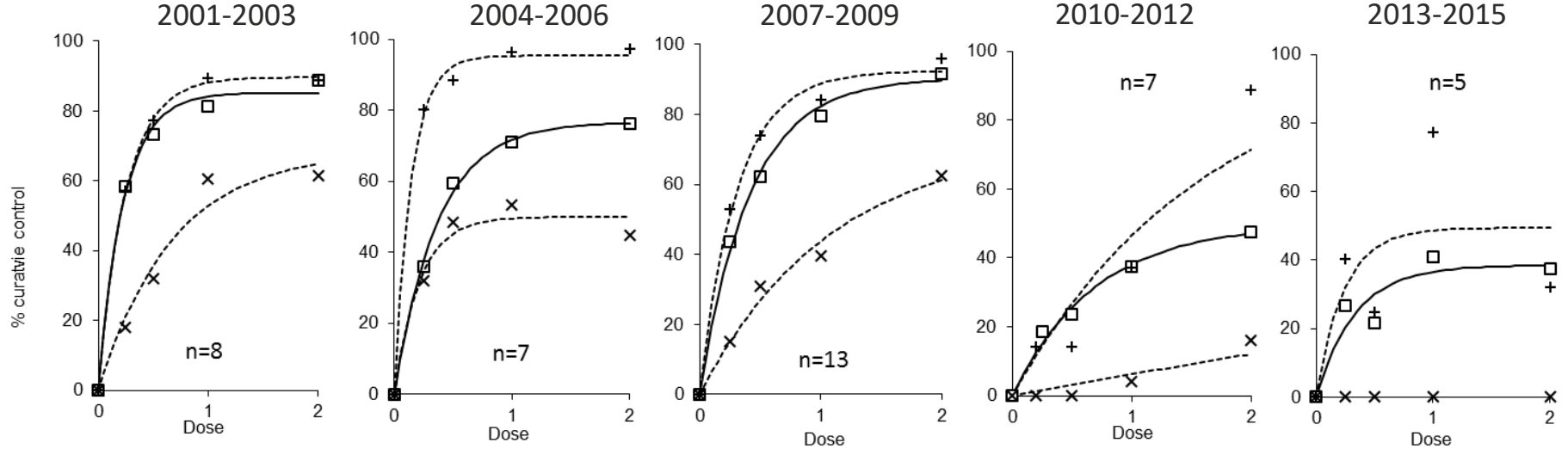
How to manage fungicide resistance?



Broad-spectrum fungicide modes of action:

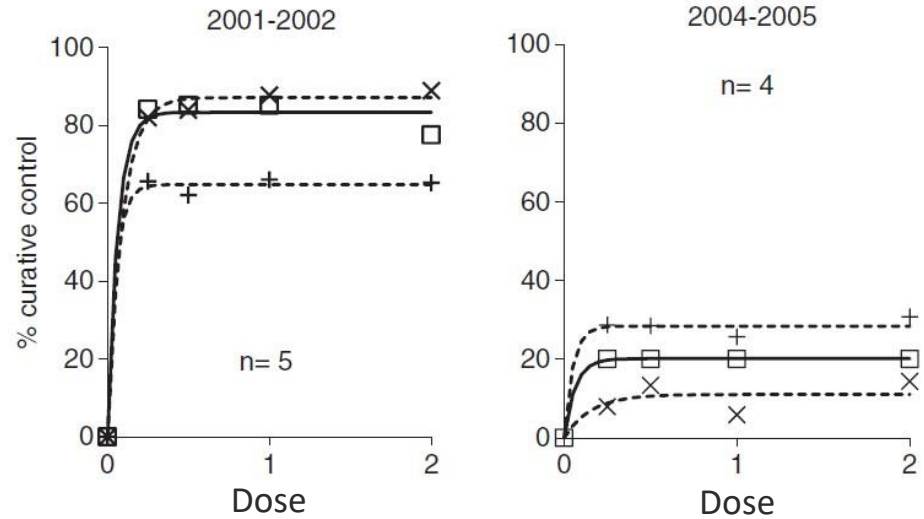
Azoles (demethylation inhibitors; DMIs)	1970s
Strobilurins (quinone outside inhibitors; Qols)	1990s
Succinate dehydrogenase inhibitors (SDHIs)	2010s
Quinone inside inhibitors (Qils)	2020s
Next new mode of action	?

Azole (prothioconazole)



Source: Blake et al. (2018) Plant Pathology

QoI/strobilurin (trifloxystrobin)



Source: Blake et al. (2018) Plant Pathology

How to manage fungicide resistance?



How to manage resistance – Part A (this video)

Number of fungicide applications

Dose per application

Mixtures of fungicide modes of action

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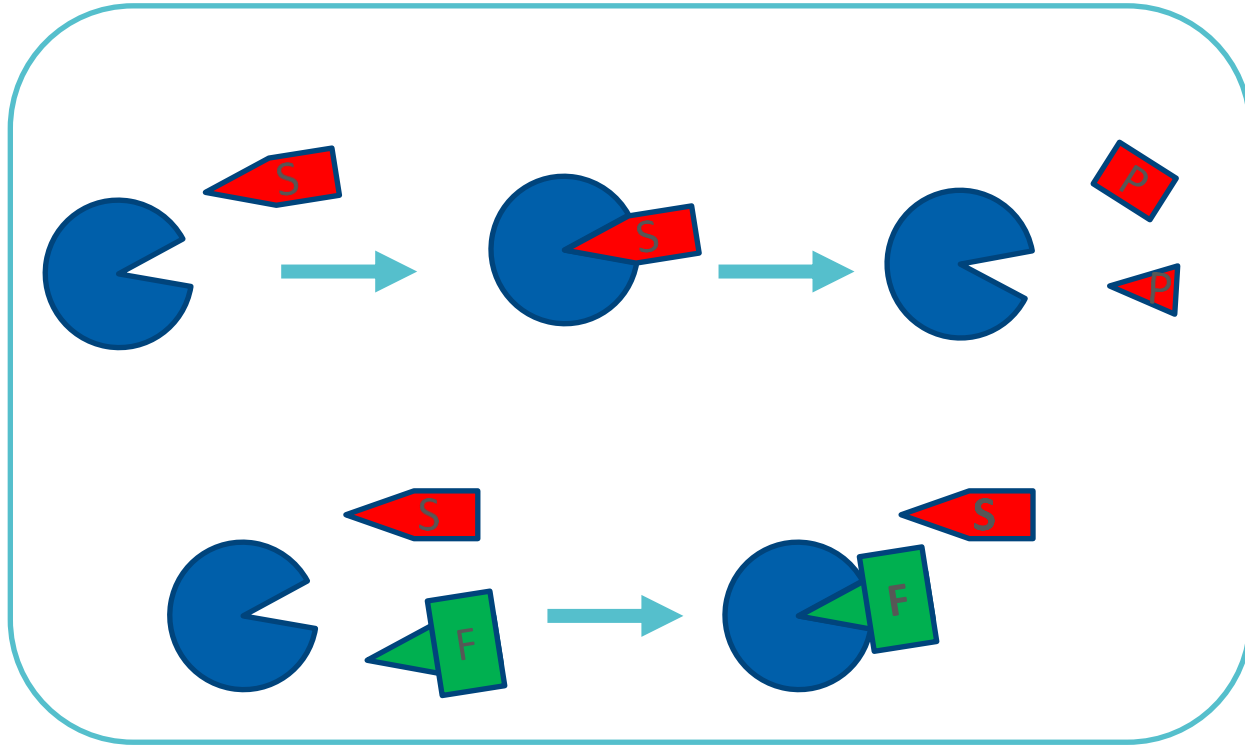
How to manage resistance – Part B (next video)

Alternating modes of action

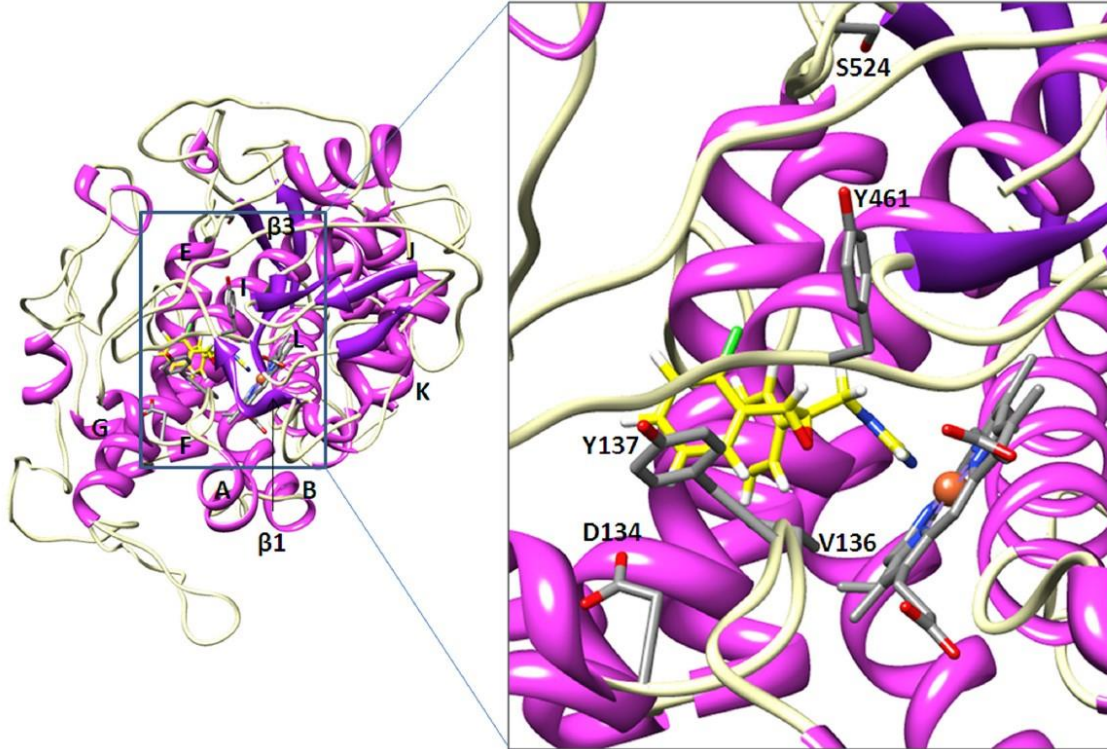
Alternation or mixtures?

Spray timing

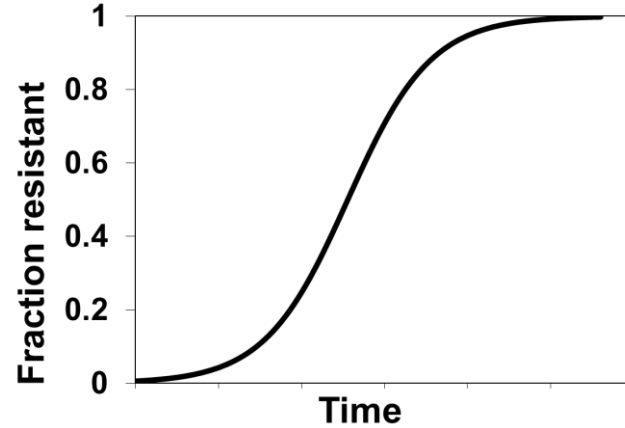
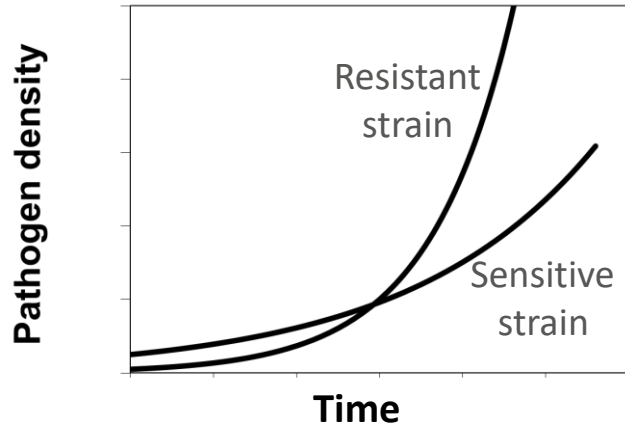
Fungicide blocking enzyme in biochemical pathway



Target enzyme for a mode of action



Resistance evolution



$$\text{Selection} = (r_R - r_S)T$$

r_R : *per capita* growth rate of the fungicide resistant strain.

r_S : *per capita* growth rate of the fungicide sensitive strain.

Selection is the increase in the fraction resistant.

$$\text{Selection} = (r_R - r_S)T$$

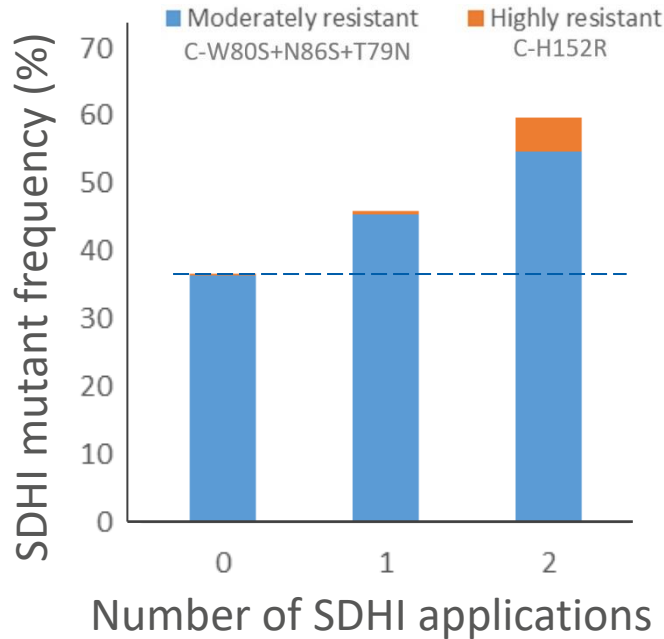
Strategy 1: Reduce growth rates of resistant and sensitive strains

Strategy 2: Reduce growth rate of resistant strain relative to sensitive strain

Strategy 3: Reduce time pathogen exposed to fungicide

Number of fungicide applications

SDHI + azole mixture. Mean of 4 field trials

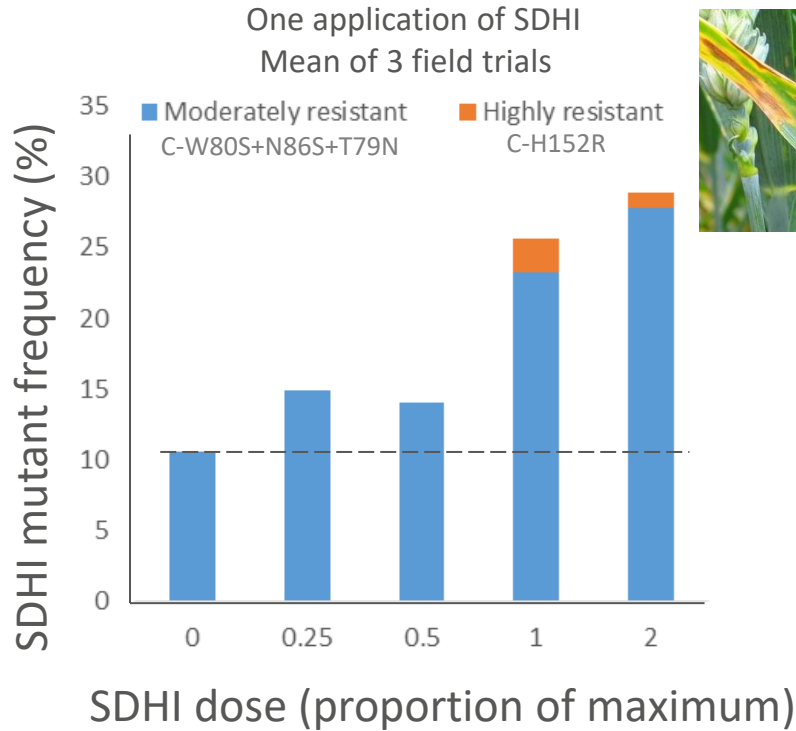


Increasing number of applications increases exposure time

Global evidence across pathogens and modes of action:

	Increases selection	No effect	Decreases selection
Spray number	6	0	0

Dose per application



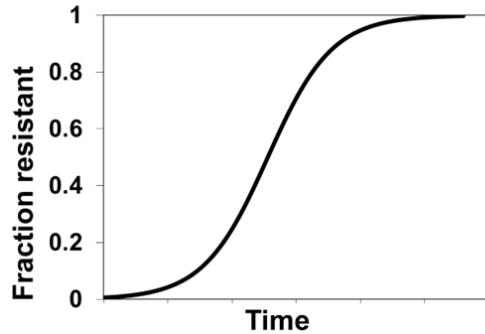
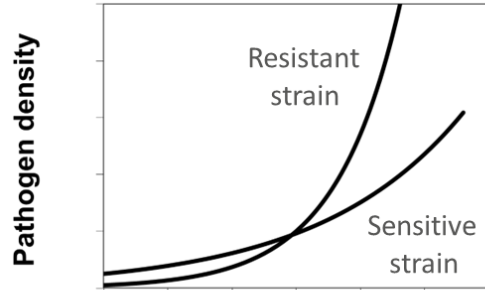
Higher doses affect growth rate of sensitive strain more than growth rate of the resistant strain

Global evidence across pathogens and modes of action:

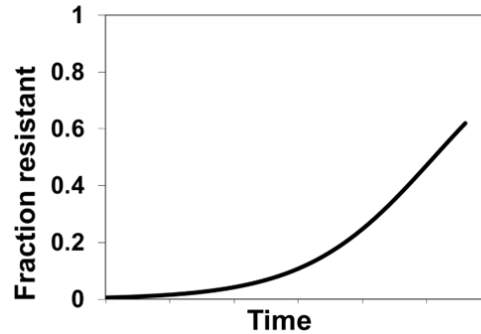
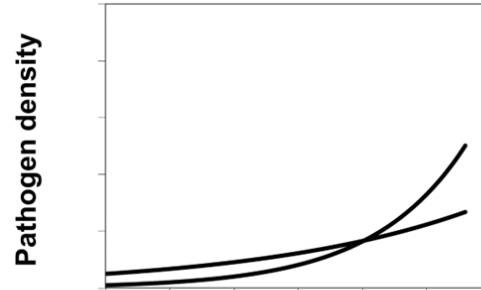
	Increase selection	No effect	Decrease selection
Increase dose	16	1	2

Adding a mixture partner

Solo fungicide A



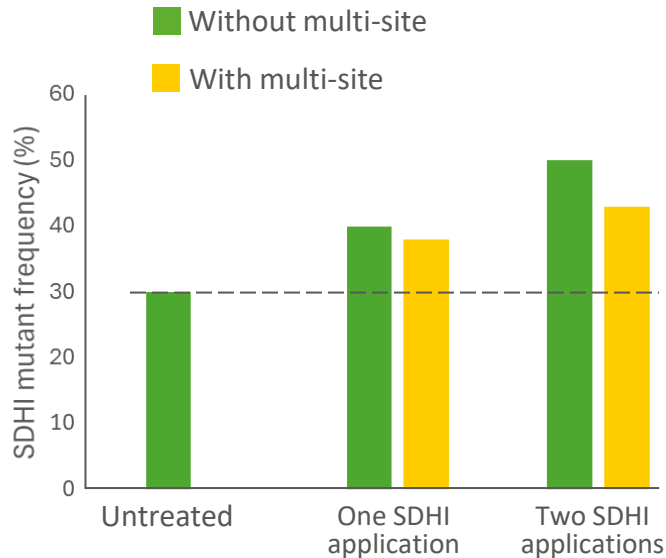
Mixture fungicides A + B



$$\text{Selection} = (r_R - r_S)T$$

Mixture of fungicide modes of action

SDHI + azole mixture. Mean of 4 field trials



Adding a mixture partner reduces growth rate of the resistant and sensitive strains, i.e. Strategy 1

Global evidence across pathogens and modes of action:

	Increases selection	No effect	Decreases selection
Add a mix partner	1	5	43

What to mix?

- Mixtures of modes of action reduce selection for resistance and increase efficacy
- Choice of mix partners needs to balance minimising resistance with effectiveness and cost
- The reduction in selection is related to the efficacy of the mixture partner
- Multi-site fungicides are low resistance risk
- Single-site fungicides are usually at moderate or high risk
- Mixing a multi-site with a single-site fungicide helps protect the single-site
- Mixing single-site fungicides provides mutual protection. It also creates selection for resistance against both modes of action, but is still good resistance management
- If a cost-effective multi-site is available, use it at the maximum permitted dose and use the minimum amount of single-site needed to achieve effective disease control

Restrictions on use for resistance management

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR USE ONLY AS AN AGRICULTURAL FUNGICIDE

Crops:	Maximum individual dose:	Maximum total dose:	Latest time of application:
Winter and spring barley.	1.0 L product/ha	2.0 L product/ha	Barley: Up to beginning of flowering, first anthers visible (GS 61)

Other Specific Restrictions:

A maximum of 2 foliar applications of product(s) containing SDHIs can be applied to any cereal crop. Apply SDHI fungicides always in mixtures. The mixture partner:

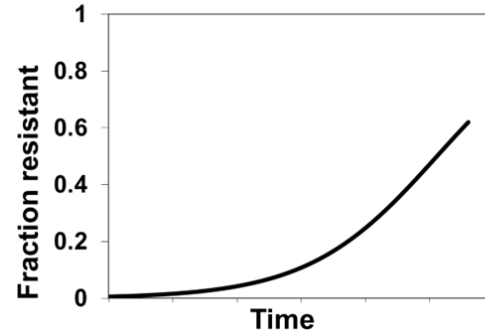
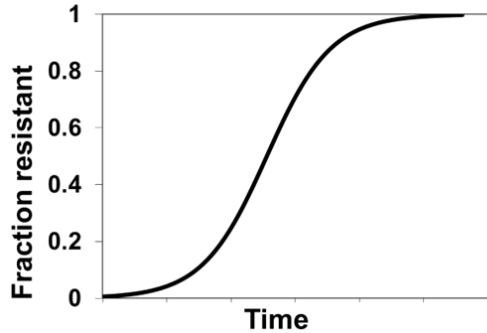
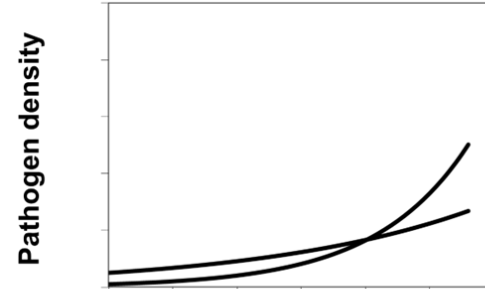
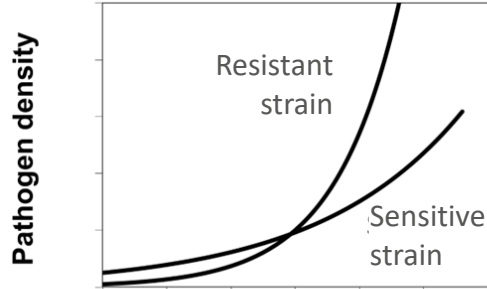
- i) should provide satisfactory disease control when used alone on the target disease.
- ii) must have a different mode of action

READ THE LABEL BEFORE USE. USING THIS PRODUCT IN A MANNER THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LABEL MAY BE AN OFFENCE. FOLLOW THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR USING PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS.

Disease resistant variety as a 'mixture partner'?

Susceptible wheat variety

Partially resistant variety



$$\text{Selection} = (r_R - r_S)T$$

How to manage fungicide resistance?



- Different fungicide modes of action target different enzymes in the pathogen
 - Mutations affecting the target site enzyme of a single-site fungicide are usually the major cause of resistance
 - Total dose of a single-site mode of action used in a season is a key driver of resistance selection
 - Decreasing the number of fungicide applications decreases selection
 - Decreasing the dose of fungicide per application decreases selection
 - Use the amount of fungicide needed for effective disease control, but no more
 - IPM practices that reduce the total fungicide dose needed are the basis for resistance management
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Further reading



Guides

Guidance from the UK Fungicide Resistance Action Group (FRAG-UK): <https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/the-fungicide-resistance-action-group-frag-uk>

Guidance from the industry Fungicide Resistance Action Committee (FRAC): <https://www.frac.info/>

Book

Understanding and minimising fungicide resistance (2023). Edited by: Lopez-Ruiz FJ. Published by: Burleigh Dodds

Research papers, mainly by the authors, on the theme of this video

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Many excellent papers are available by other authors. The chapters of the fungicide resistance book listed above contain comprehensive bibliographies

If a research paper is not open-access you can request a copy by contacting authors through www.researchgate.net