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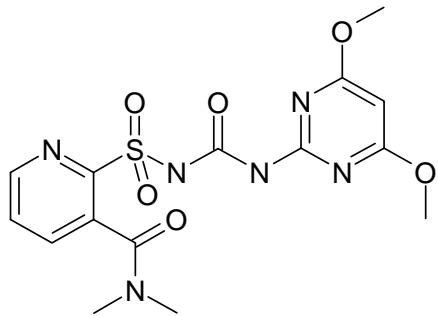
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## Modelling approaches to foliar uptake

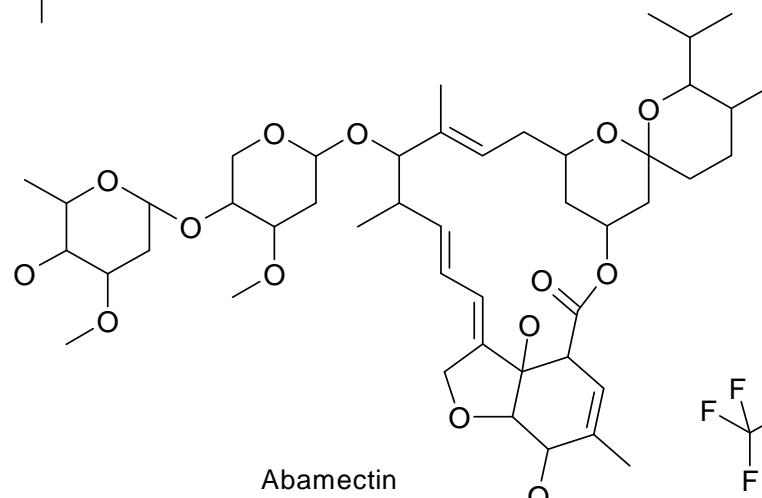
# Cyproconazole on soya rust



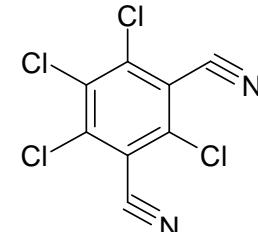
## Pesticide variety



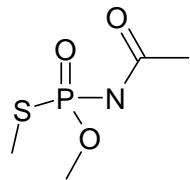
Nicosulfuron



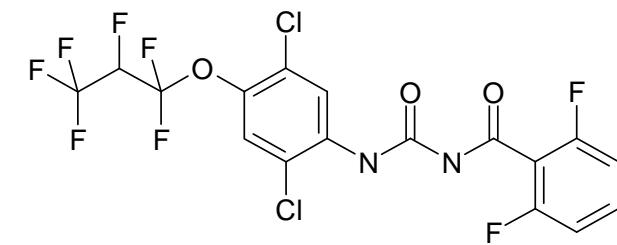
Abamectin



Chlorothalonil



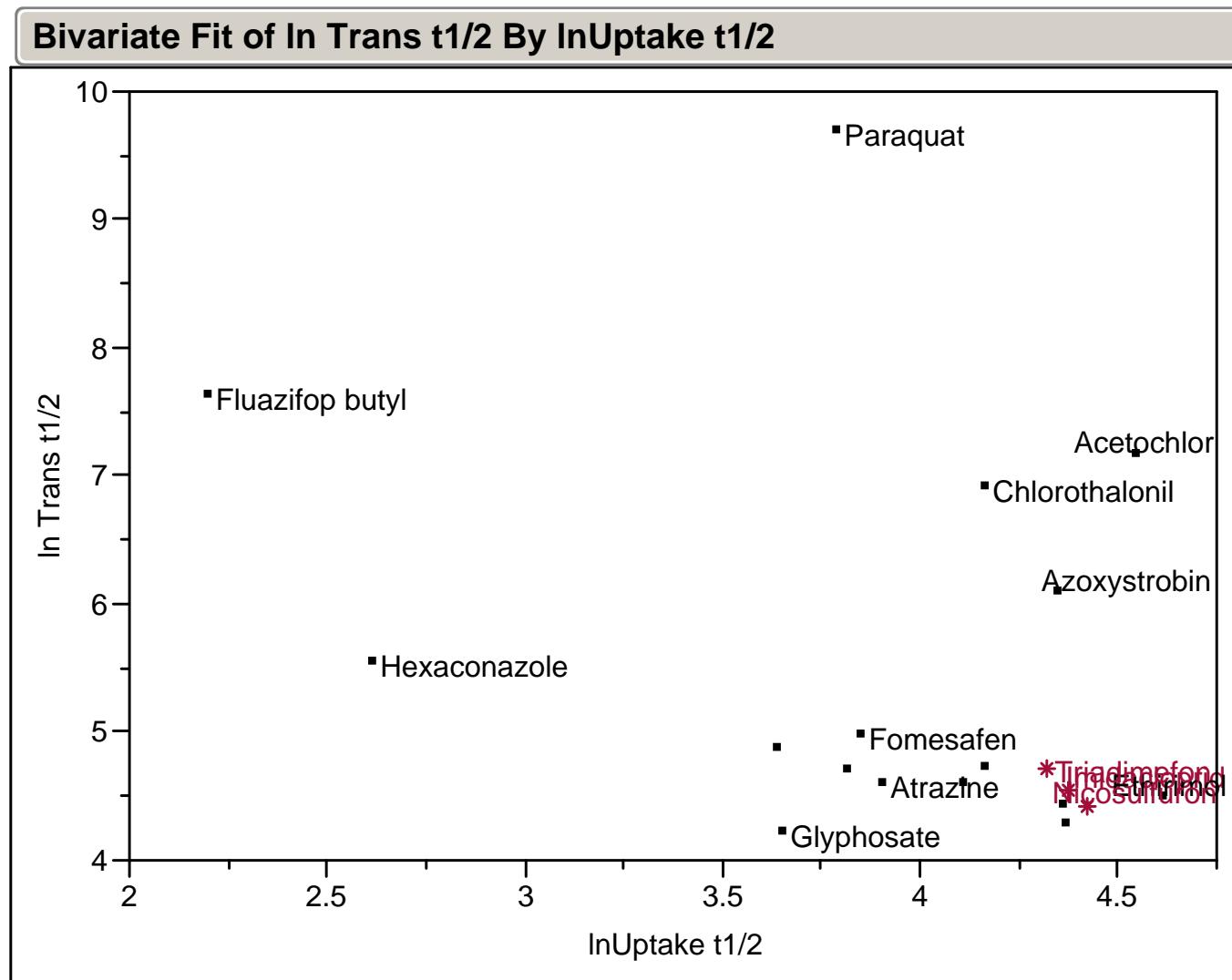
acephate



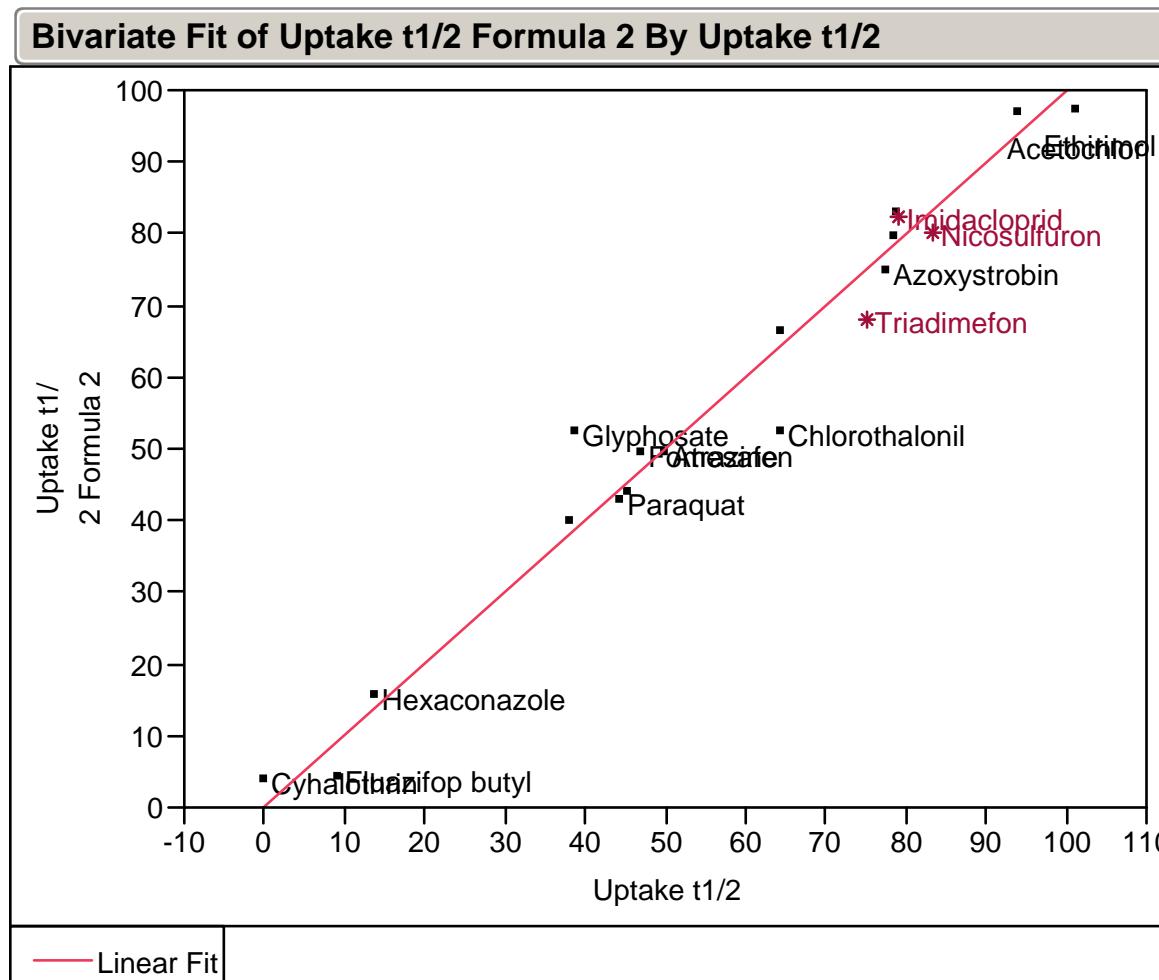
Lufenuron

There are more than 5000 known pesticides

## Measured uptake/translocation



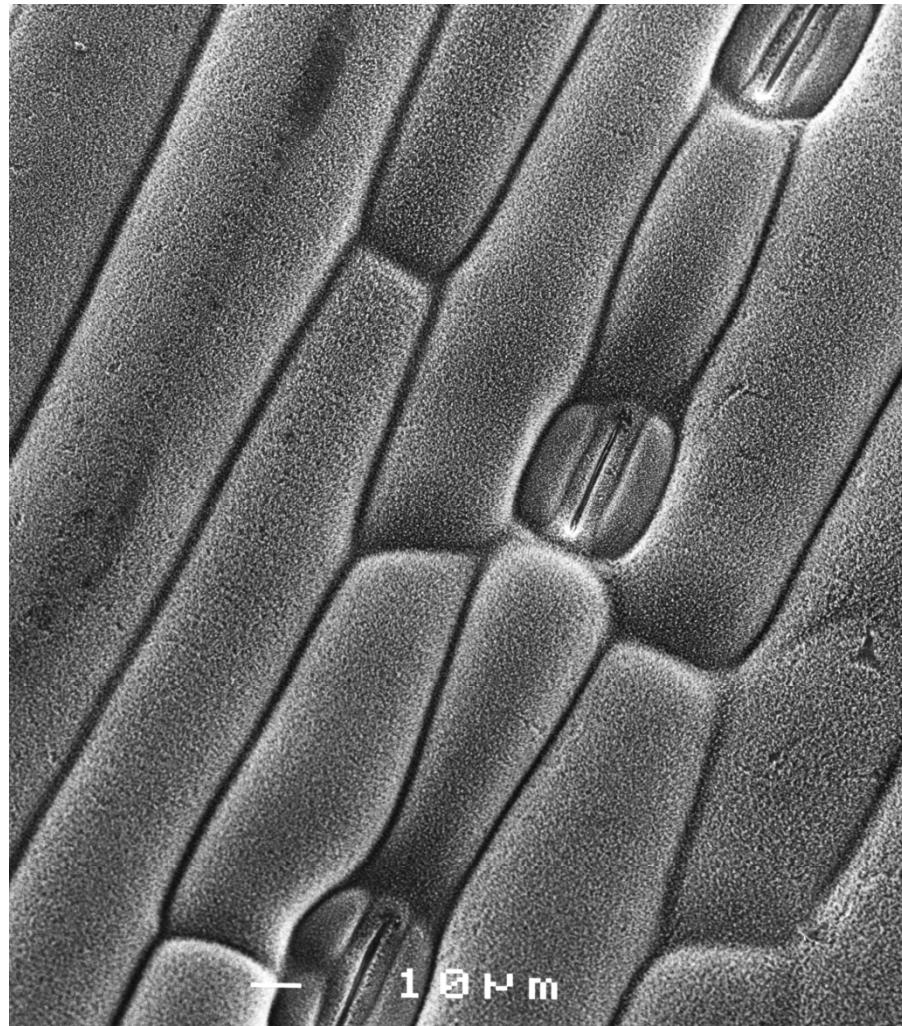
## Data modelling based on physical properties



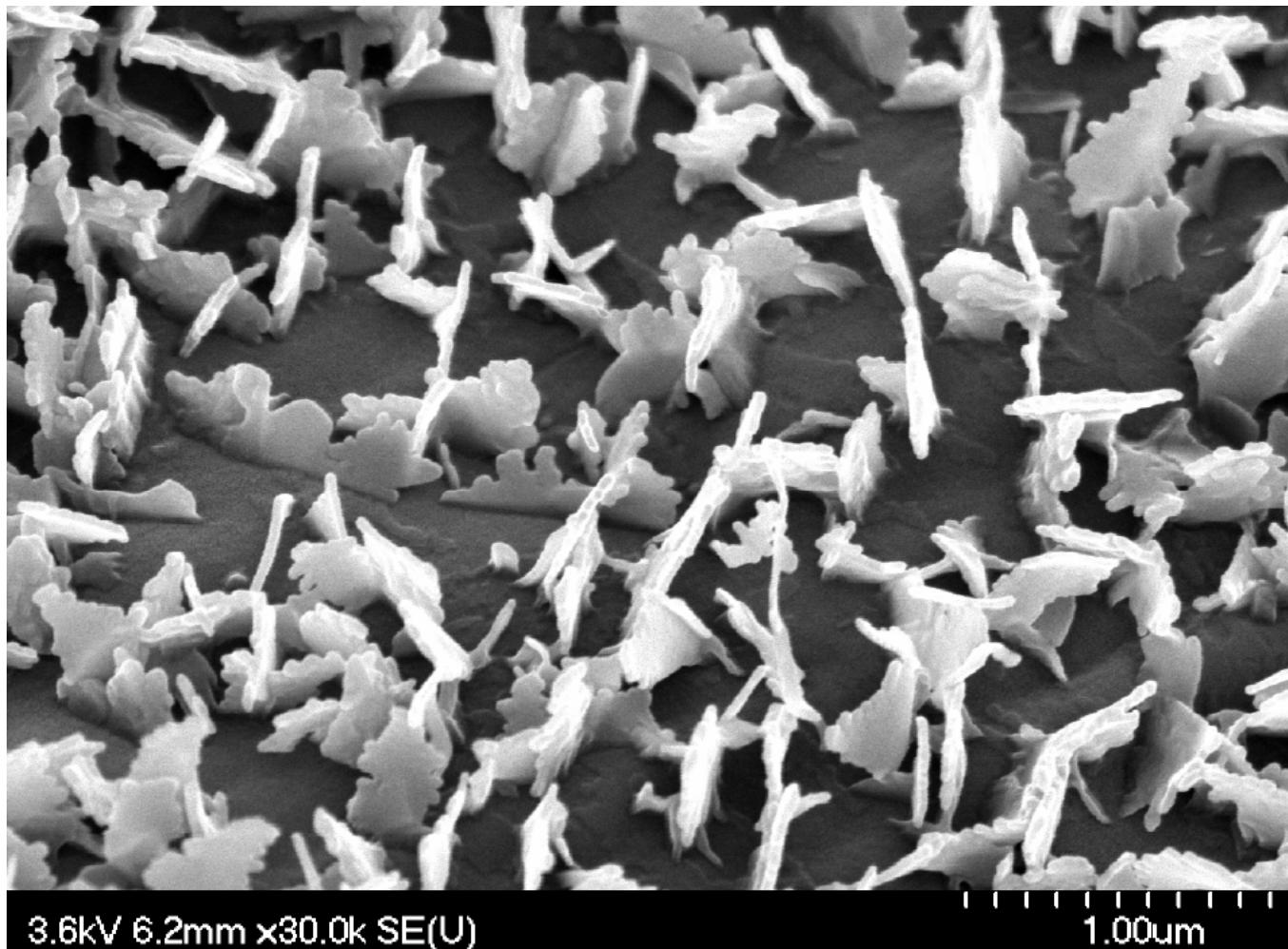
## Picture of wheat leaf



## Wheat leaf adaxial surface



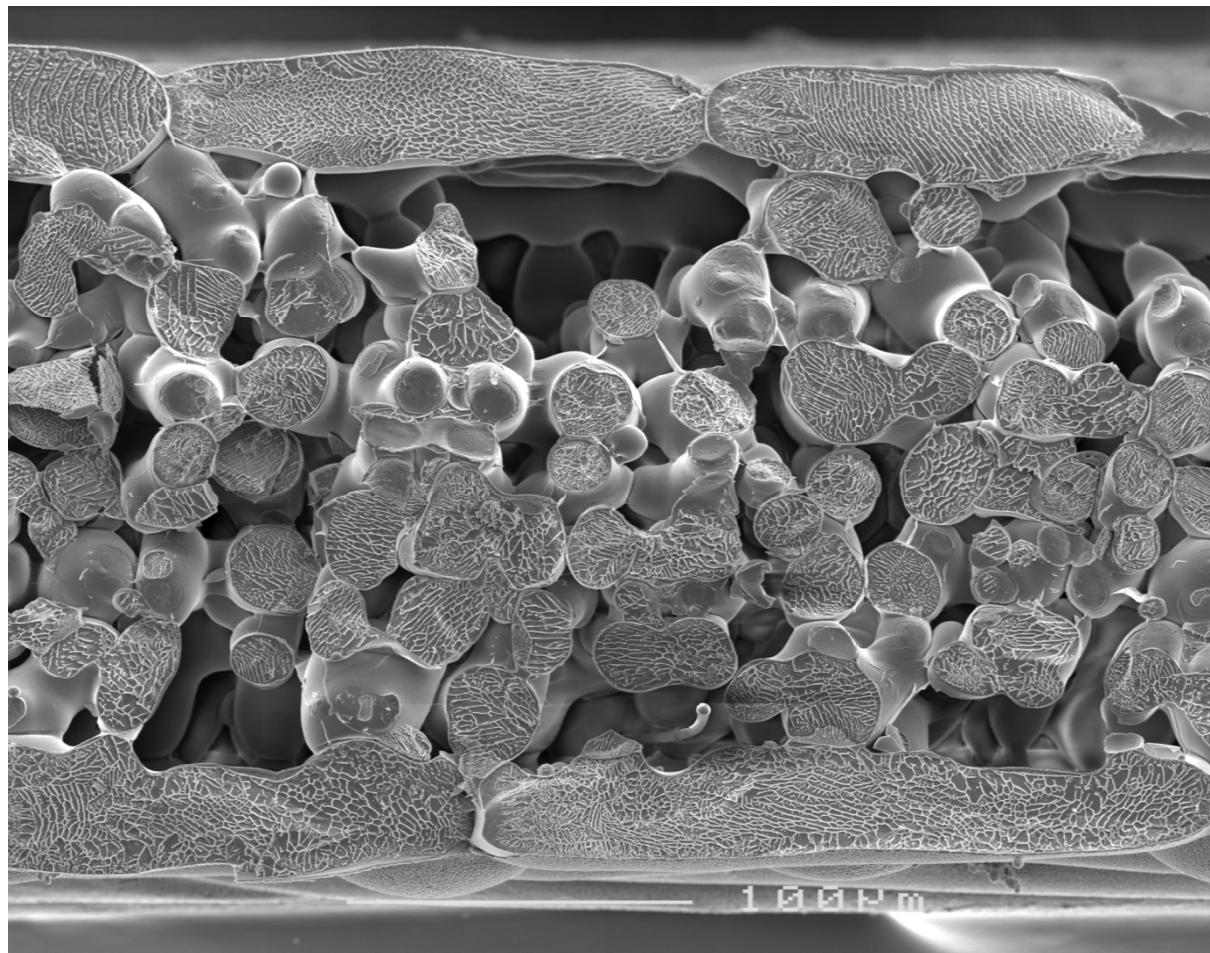
## Wheat leaf epicuticular wax crystals



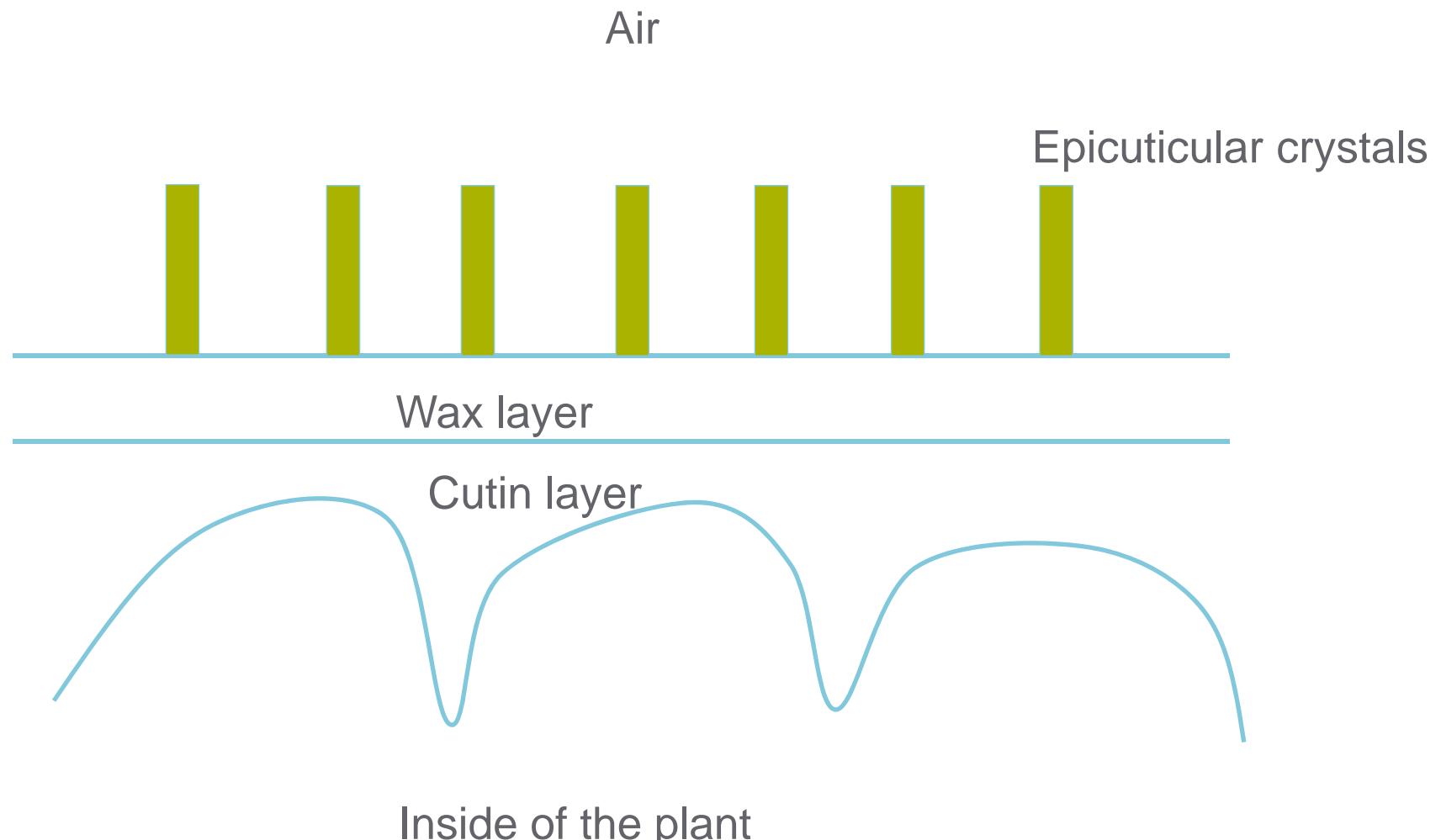
3.6kV 6.2mm ×30.0k SE(U)

1.00μm

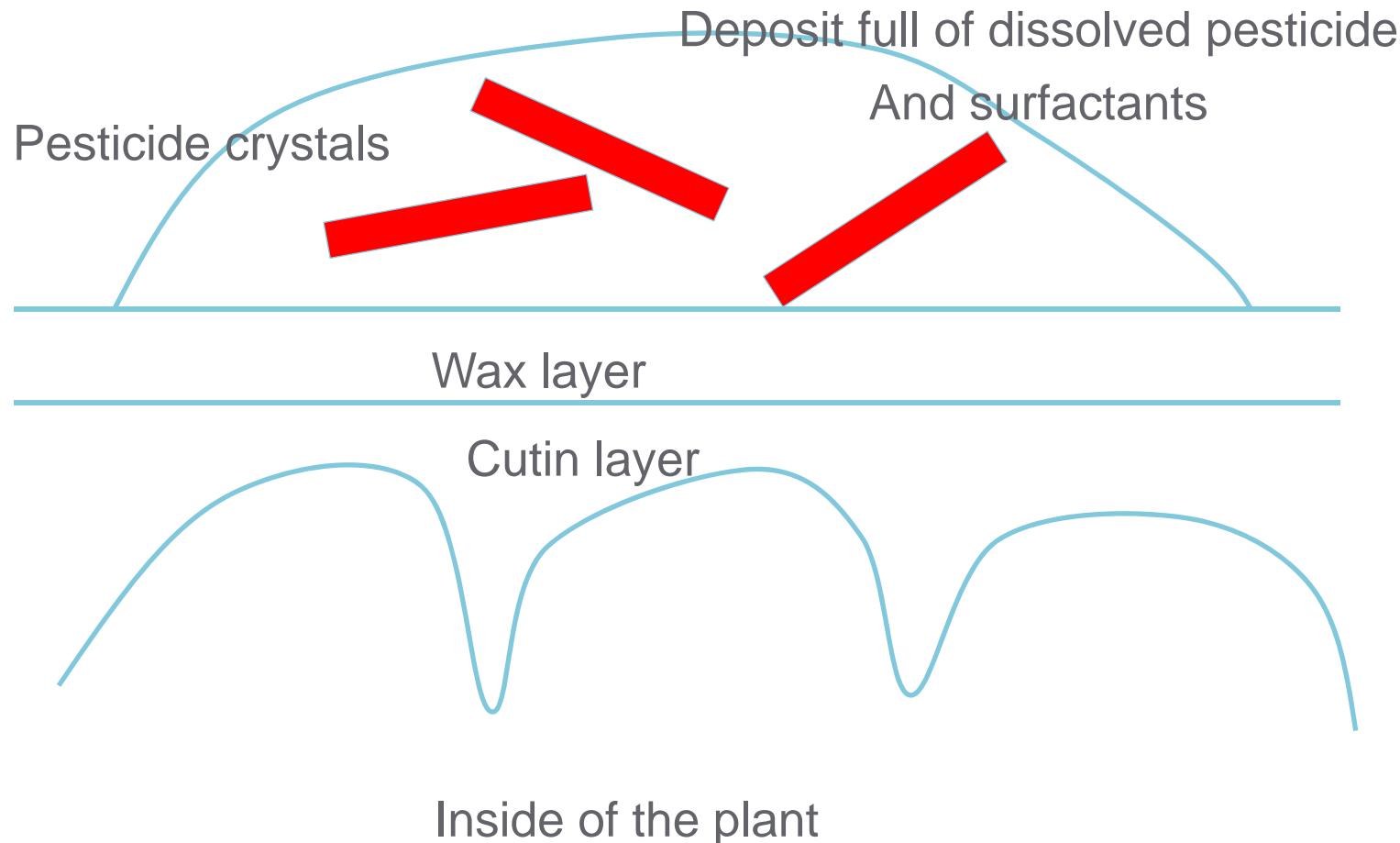
## Wheat leaf section



## The cuticle – rate limiting step for uptake



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## Fick's law and other equations

Model equations

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x})$$

Valid inside the cuticle for  $0 < x < x_1$  for ,  $0 < t < t_f$

Initial conditions

$$C(0,x) = \begin{cases} K_c/d * C_{d0} & \text{for } x=0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x>0 \end{cases}$$

$$C_d = C_{d0}$$

$$C_p = 0$$

## Boundary conditions

Pesticide mass balance in donor

$$Vd \frac{\partial C_{dal}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial M_{ai}}{\partial t} - D_{ai}S \frac{\partial C_{dal}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 0$$

Reduction in solid pesticide

$$\frac{\partial M_{ai}}{\partial t} = Vdk(C_{sai} - C_{dai}) \quad k = \frac{P \cdot A}{Vd}$$

Pesticide mass balance on the leaf compartment

$$\frac{\partial C_{p(ai)}}{\partial t} = - \frac{D_{ai} \cdot S}{h \cdot V_p} (C_{plantai} - C_{xai} - 1)$$

## Pesticide and adjuvant

These equations are applied for both the pesticide and the adjuvant

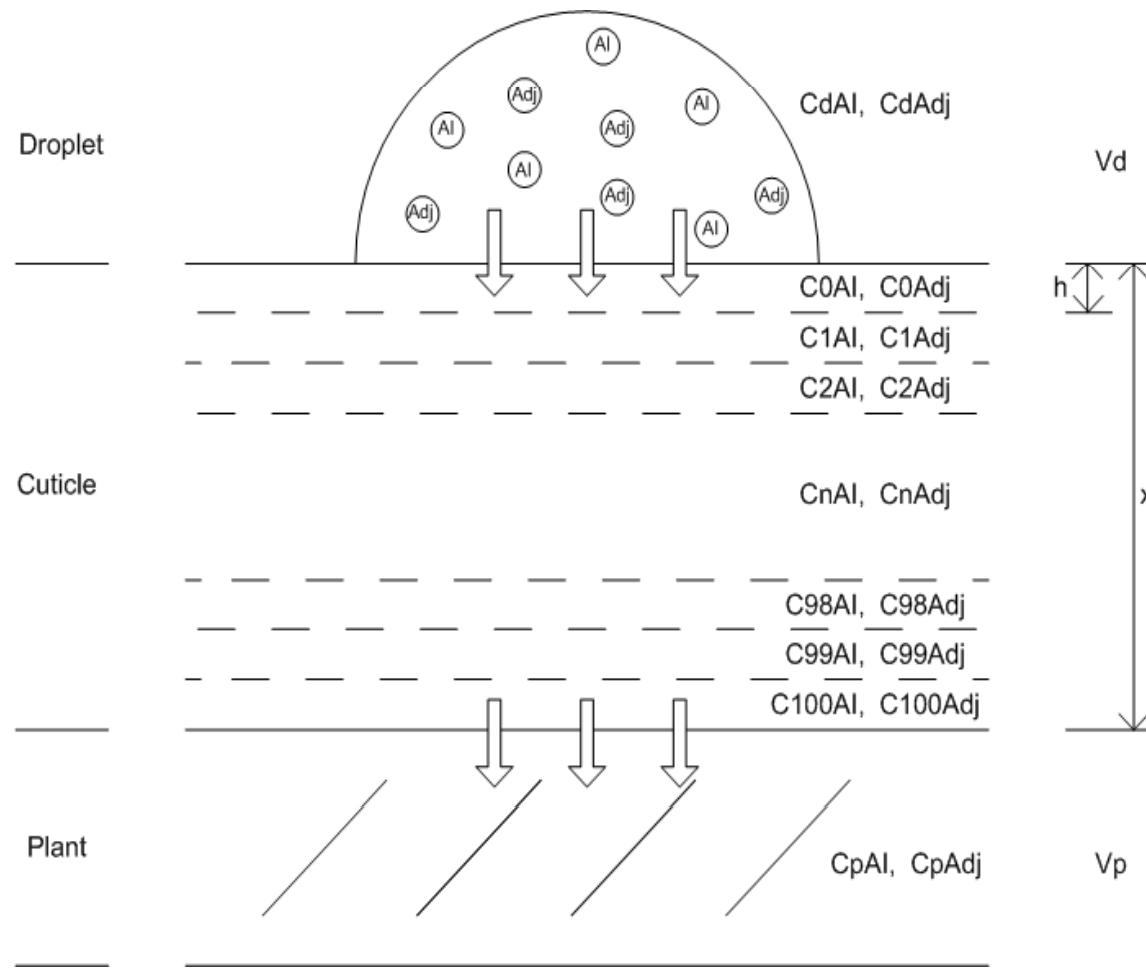
The two materials are considered to be independent except that

The diffusion coefficient of the pesticide is dependent on the concentration of the adjuvant

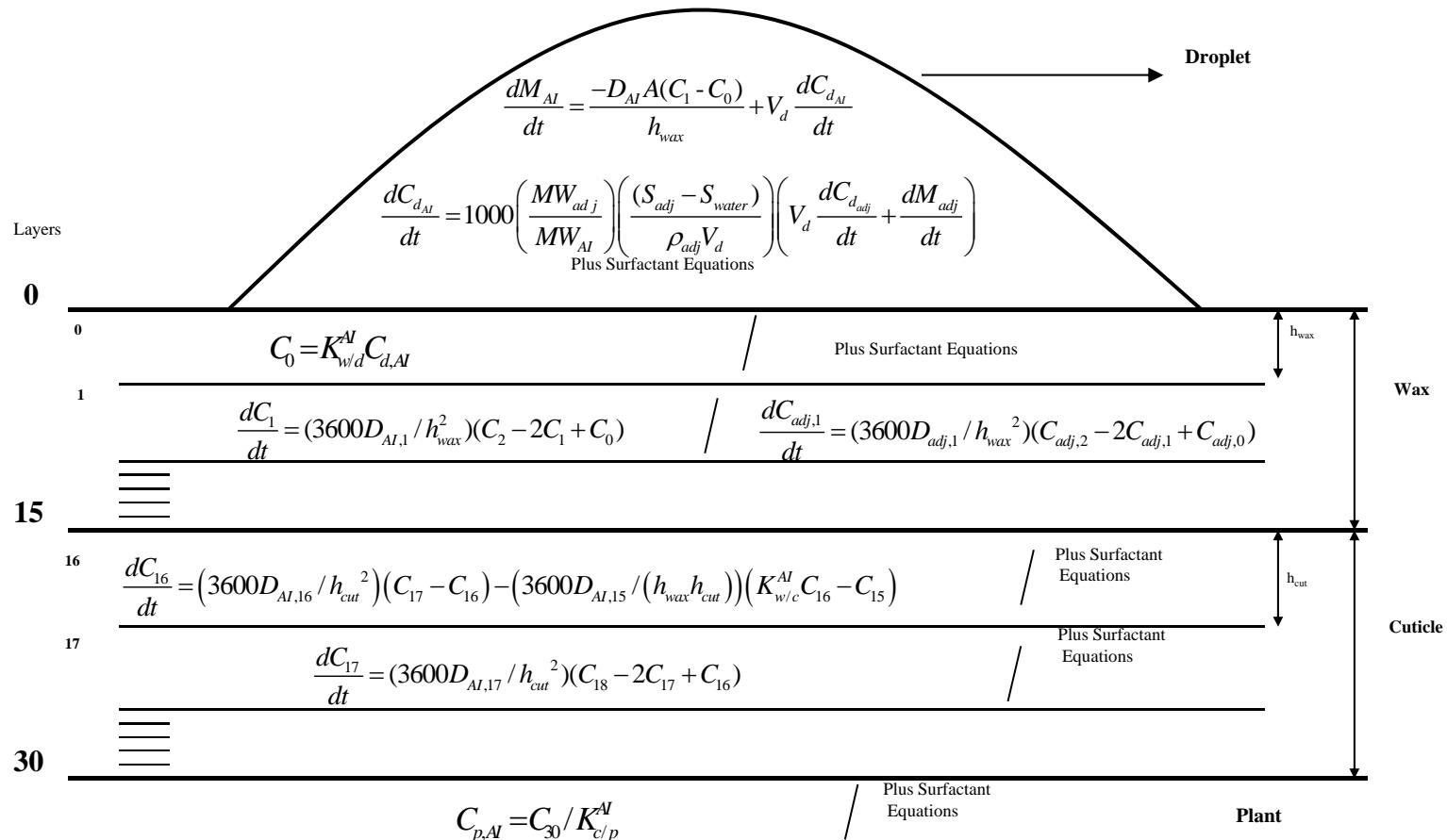
Where possible measured values for partition coefficients

And diffusion coefficients are used

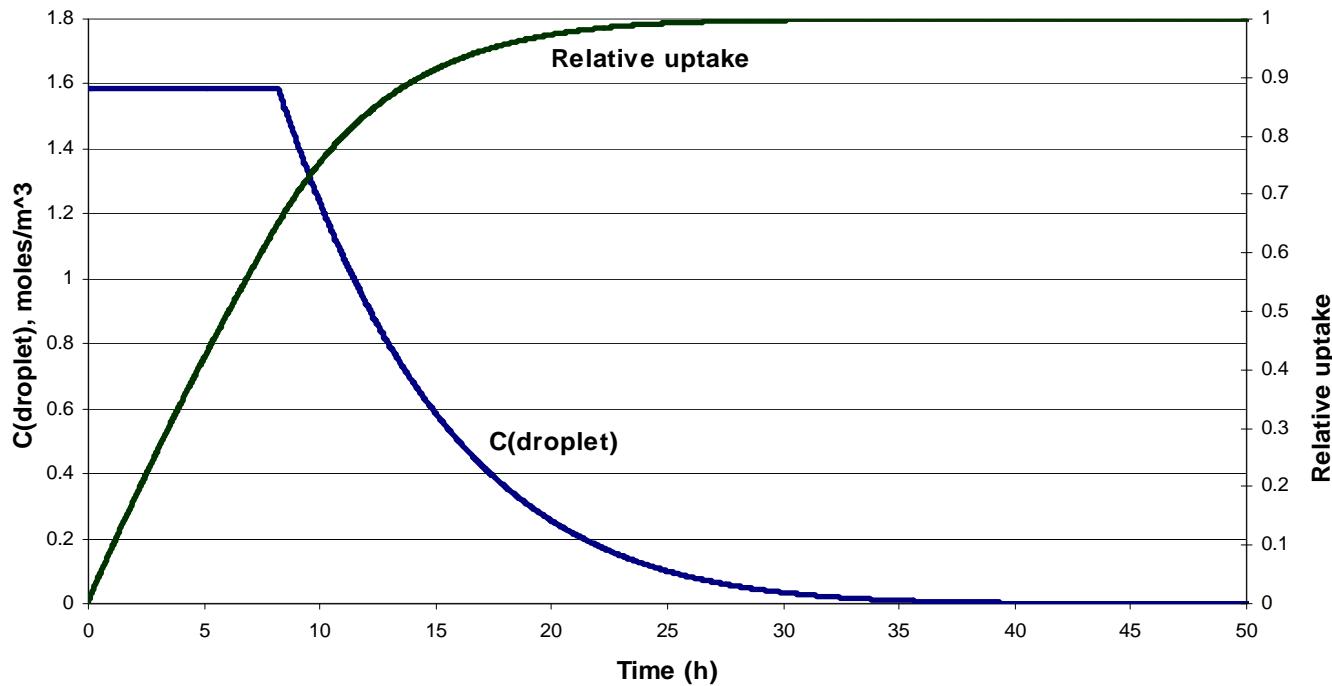
## Leaf uptake model



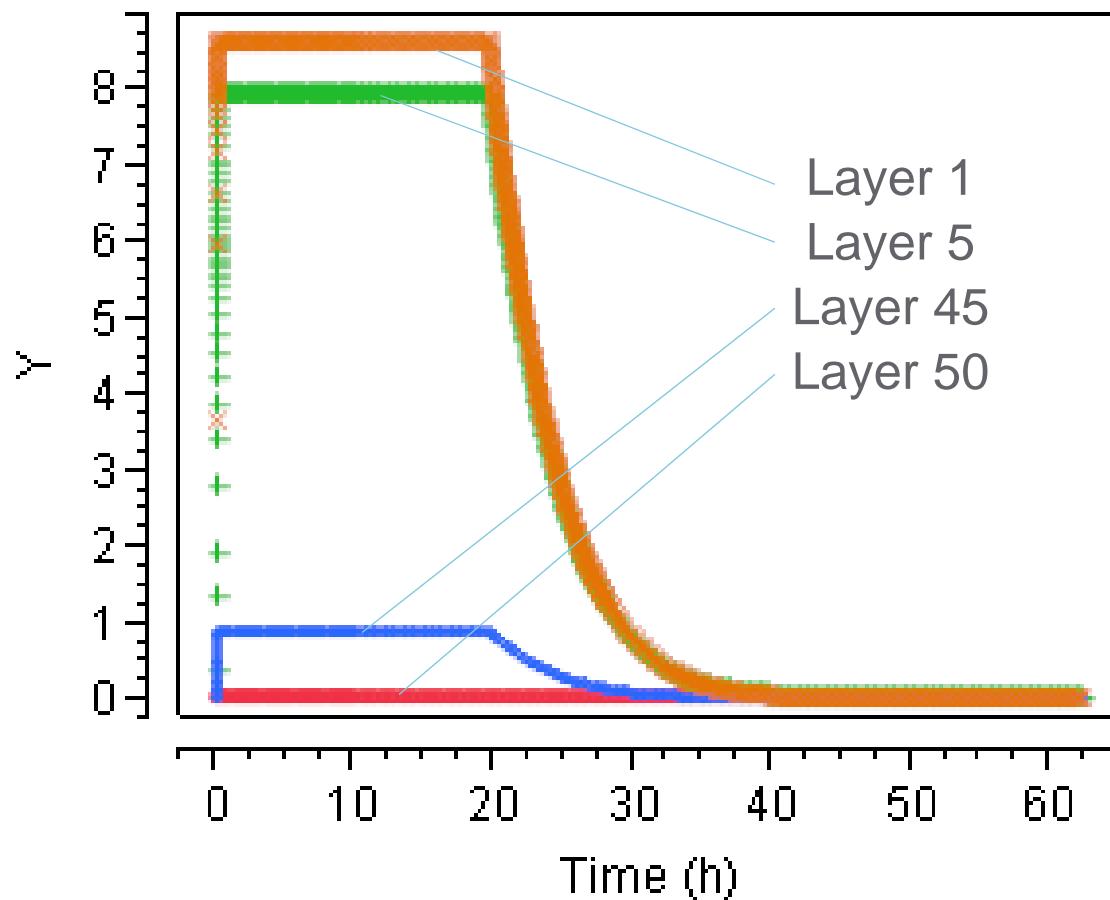
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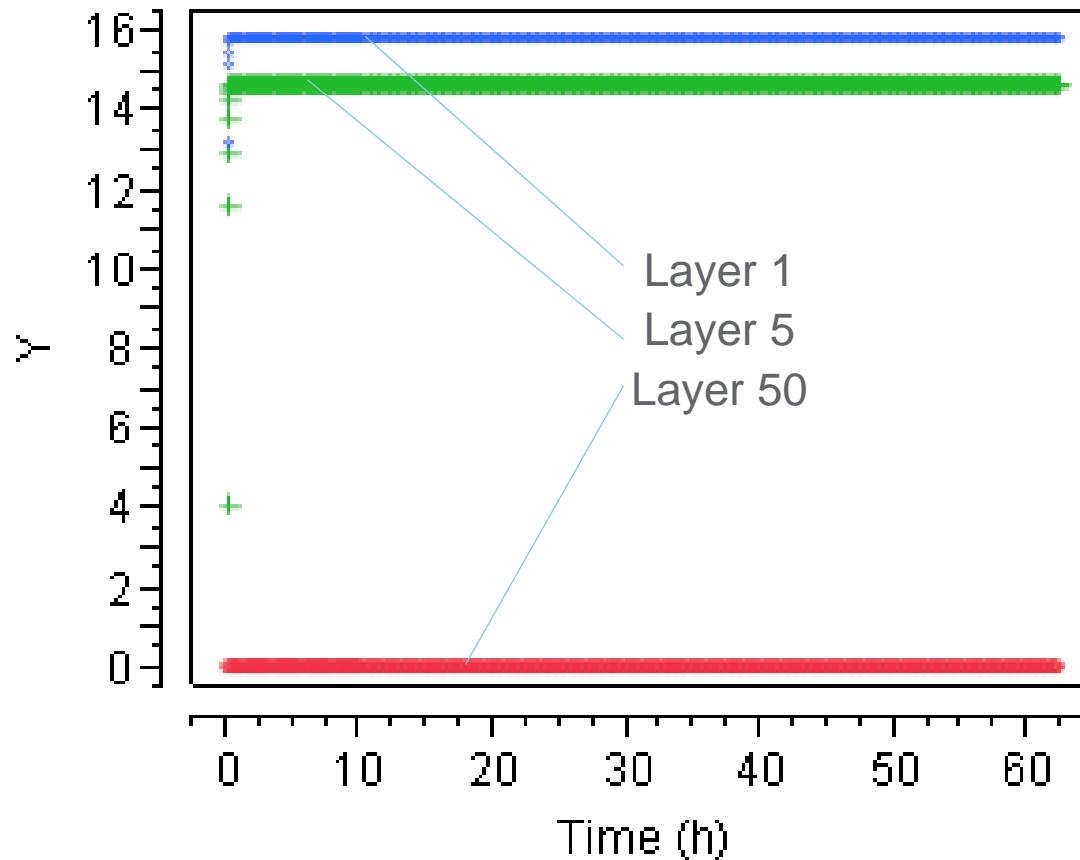
## Predicted plant uptake



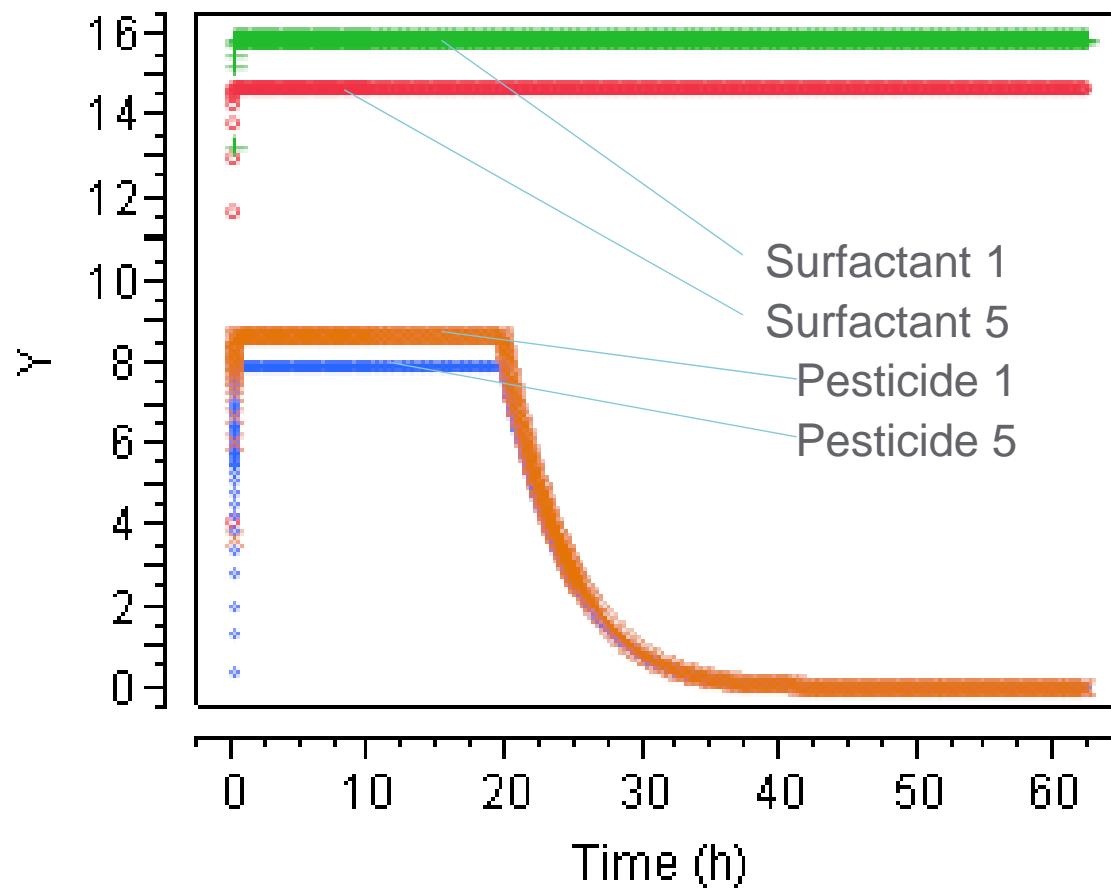
## Pesticide uptake into the wax layers



## Surfactant concentration in the wax layers



## Surfactant and pesticide in wax layers



## Cyanazine uptake over 24 h real and predicted

