# The use and fit of the new SDHI fungicides for apple disease management

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#### **Outline**

- New fungicides for apple scab & powdery mildew
  - Overview SDHI & SDHI premix fungicides
  - Field efficacy for apple scab & powdery mildew
  - Fungicide resistance and SDHI fungicides
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# Succinate dehydrogenase inhibitor (SDHI) fungicides

FRAC Code: 7 Complex II succinate dehydrogenase

Effective against Apple scab, Botrytis, Anthracnose,

Sooty blotch, Fly speck, Powdery Mildew



**Apple Scab** 



**Bitter rot: Anthracnose** 

- Interfere with respiration: ATP production
  - Inhibits spore germination, mycelial growth, & sporulation

Older chemistries: oxathiin- carboxamides & pyridine- carboxamides

Carboxin (Vitavax, Kisvax)

- Newer SDHI chemistries:
  - Pyrazole-4-carboxamides: fluxapyroxad (Xemium Merivon), penthiopyrad (Fontellis), and benzovindiflupyr (Solatenol)

    Pyrazole-4-carboxamides

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- Newer SDHI chemistries:
  - Pyridinyl-ethyl-benzamides: fluopyram (**Luna**, Bayer CropScience)
  - Phenyl-oxo-ethyl thiophene amide: isofetamid (ISK biosciences)

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Pyridinyl-ethyl-benzamides

- Current and forthcoming SDHI products!
  - Luna (fluopyram): Bayer CropScience
    - Luna Sensation: SDHI + QoI (trfloxystrobin)
    - Luna Tranquility: SDHI + AP (pyramethanil)
  - Merivon (fluxapyroxad): BASF, SDHI + Qol (pyraclostrobin)
  - Fontellis (penthiopyrad): DuPont
  - (Isofetamid): ISK biosciences 201#?
  - Aprovia (Solatenol): Syngenta 2015/2016?

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#### SDHI fungicide (field efficacy)

#### **Geneva Field Trials**

- Mature research orchard site (2012)
  - 'Empire' and 'Jonagold'- M.9/M.111 interstem
- Apple scab population practical resistance to DMI & QoI fungicides
- Fungicide treatments:
  - Application timed at 7-10 day intervals from TC 2<sup>nd</sup> cover
  - Alternated with effective protectant standards → not to exceed max applications (4 applications)

# SDHI fungicide (field efficacy)

- Apple scab
  - Evaluate: Incidence any lesion on cluster leaves and fruit (June), terminal leaf scab (July), & harvest mature fruit (Sept)







#### SDHI fungicide (field efficacy)

Powdery mildew:

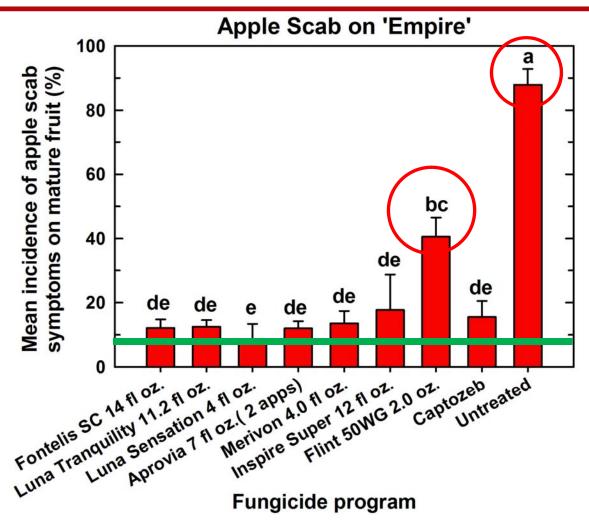






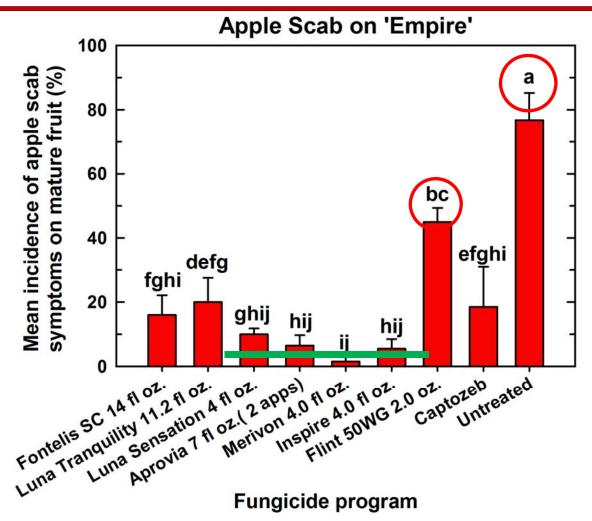
- Evaluate severity on terminal leaves (% leaf area)
- Severity → product differences only → commercial levels not so severe

#### **Apple Scab Performance (2012)**



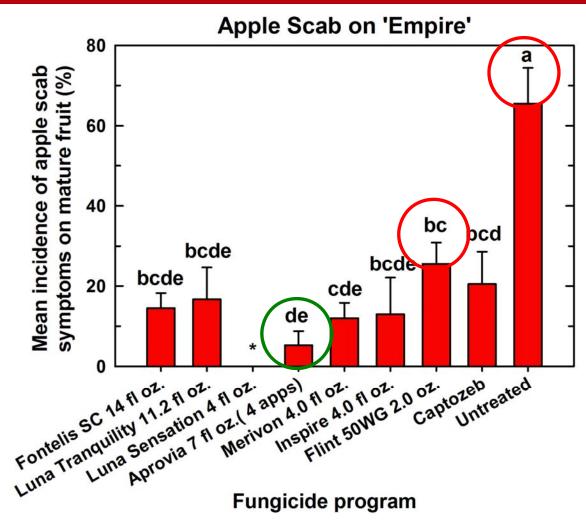
- SDHIs & Qol/SDHI premixes = high level of control
- Practical resistance to QoI fungicides apparent, but Luna Sensation and Merivon unaffected

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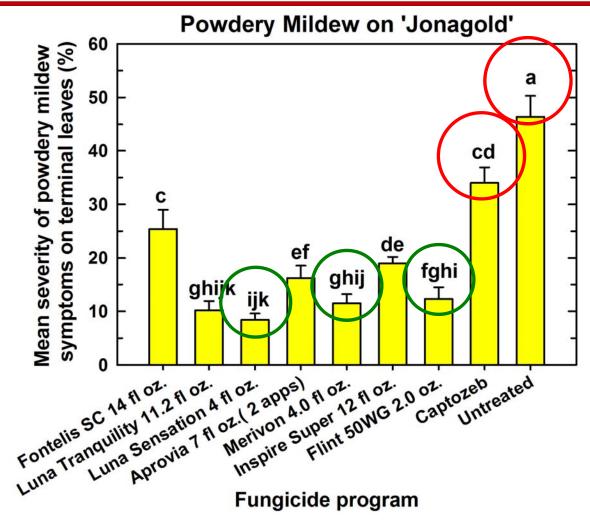
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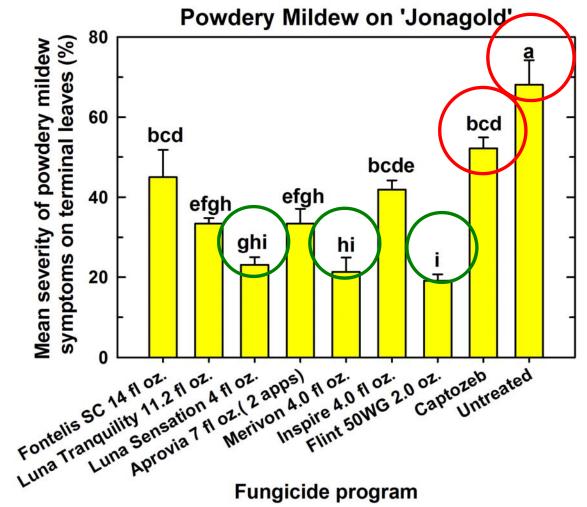
 Qol/SDHI(premixes) & Aprovia ≥ than protectant Practical resistance to Qol fungicides barely apparent, but Merivon still unaffected

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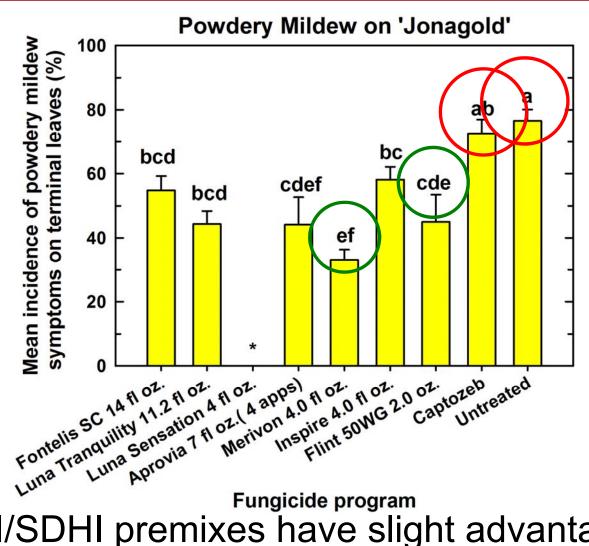
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#### **SDHI Fungicide Summary**

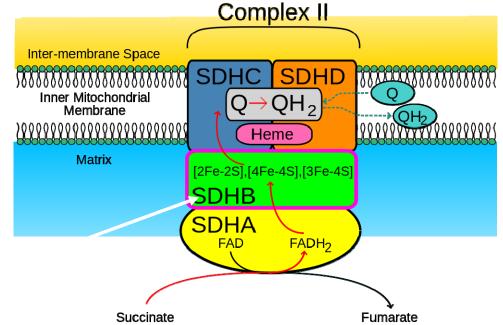
- SDHI fungicides & apple scab
  - SDHI fungicides alone (esp. Aprovia) advantage over protectants
  - Qol/SDHI premixes (Luna products & Merivon) & SDHI Aprovia have a slight advantage
- SDHI fungicides & powdery mildew
  - Standalone SDHI fungicides some effect against mildew
  - Qol/SDHI premixes SDHI premixes stronger against mildew

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#### What about SDHI resistance?

- SDHI fungicides: Bind to mitochondrial complex II subunit in ETC (respiration)
- Mechanisms of resistance:
  - Target site mutations in the SDHB gene (succinate dehydrogenase complex, subunit B, iron sulfur)



#### What about SDHI resistance?

- SDHI fungicide resistance in other systems (e.g. Botrytis): point mutations in SDHB gene
  - SDHB gene of V. inaequalis



#### What about SDHI resistance?

- Where do we stand?
  - No isolates found to possess mutations in SDHB gene in V. inaequalis
  - Baseline testing of penthiopyrad in 2008-2009:
     NY and New England populations are effectively "baseline" to this chemistry (same as wild populations)
  - We are finishing some baseline testing of several SDHI fungicides and can see intrinsic differences

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#### **Management Considerations**

- Early season (ST to GT)
  - Copper 1lb. elemental copper per 100 gal/A trees. High MCE coppers typically have higher residual activity (Kocide, Badge, etc.)
- Early season (HIG to TC)
  - Consider Syllit (dodine) if we have a wet spring + 2 application max (no rust activity or post-bloom applications)

#### **Management Considerations**

- Early season (Hig to bloom)
  - Consider Fontelis or Luna Tranquility (cold spring) at this timing
- Mid season (PF to 1<sup>st</sup> cover)
  - Consider avoiding captan in large tanks mixes at thinning timings
  - Avoid wetting or oil-derived adjuvants, or fungicides with lots of mixing warnings
  - Try to obtain a premium captan (e.g. Captan Gold)

#### **Management Considerations**

- Mid season (PF to 1<sup>st</sup> cover) captan alternatives: use mancozeb or polyram +
  - Inspire Super (2 apps for summer) for apple scab
  - Luna Tranquility, Flint, or Merivon (2 apps for summer) for powdery mildew
  - High mildew pressure need clean leaves?
    - Add low rate of sulfur (3lbs per 100g) as protectant to all applications, except during hot weather
    - Select Merivon or Pristine (cost) for your premium summer disease fungicide

# **Questions**

