



# From pesticide quality control to textile chemistry-

Experiences with the draft CIPAC wash method  
for LN

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# What are LN formulations (Long-lasting insecticidal net)?

**“Manual on development and use of FAO and WHO  
specifications for pesticides  
(March 2006 revision of the First edition)”**

***“A slow- or controlled-release formulation in the form of  
netting, providing physical and chemical barriers to  
insects. LN refers to both bulk netting and ready-to-use  
products, for example mosquito nets.”***



(source: press release Syngenta)



# Why insectical coated nets?



The insecticide on the net kills or keeps away mosquitoes



## Combination of physical barrier with an insecticide

1. net
2. pyrethroid, rapid knock down



# Two types of nets (polymer fibre - influences the LN technology)

- **HDPE** → incorporated insecticide
- **Polyester** → insecticide coated with a „binder“

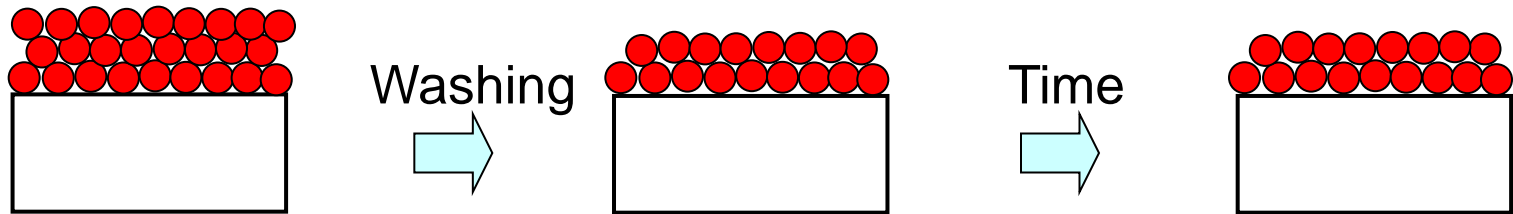
## Coating or Integration- Pros and Cons

- **Coating:** more insecticide bioavailable, but good wash resistance and homogeneity more difficult to achieve.
- **Integration:** inherently more homogeneous, but surface replenishment difficult to show by chemical analysis.

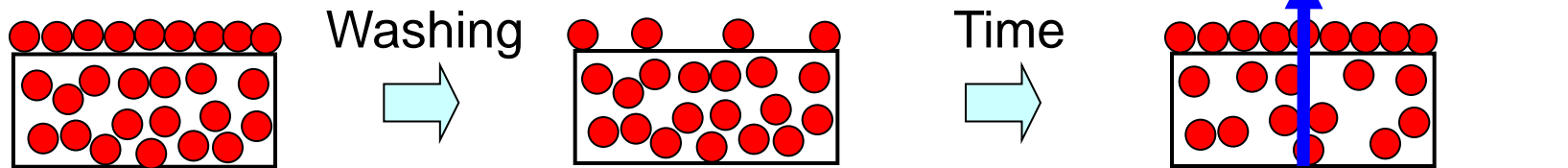


# Effects of washing

## Coating Type



## Incorporation Type



From a presentation of Sumitomo

# Test design to answer the question:

- Quality of immobilisation of insecticide
- long term behaviour during repeated washing steps



# Don't forget...

No laboratory test design can replicate in detail all kinds of possible

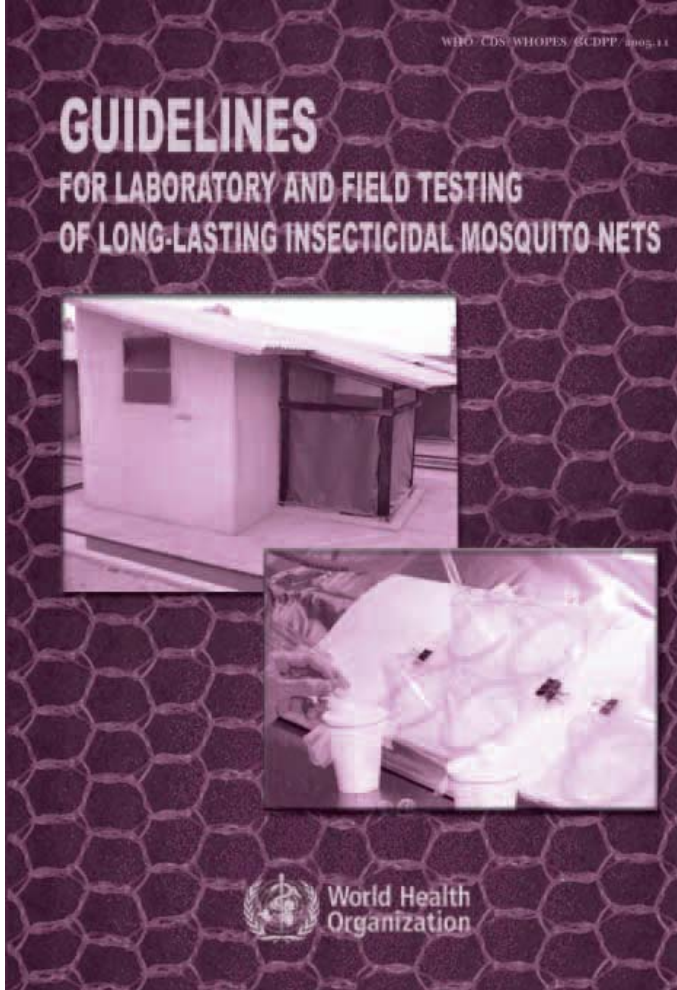
## Consumer Reality







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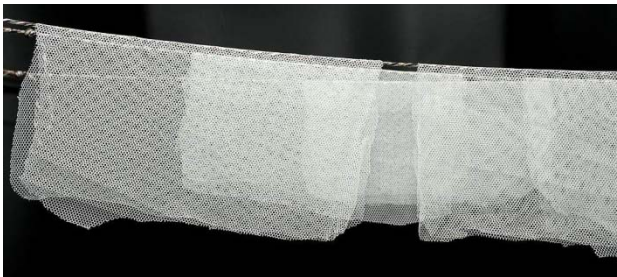


- WHO recommended nets for public health
- WHO wash method in combination with a bioassays (2005)



# The WHO wash method

- Net samples (25 x 25 cm) are put in a 1-l beaker containing 0.5 l deionised water with 2g/l „Savon de Marseille“ (pH 10-11)
- 10 min shaking at 30°C and 155 beats per minute (bpm)
- Rinsed twice with deionised water, same conditions
- Dried at room temperature, stored at 30°C in the dark between the wash steps
- The regeneration time between the washes at 30°C was determined before with another standard test (comparing 1 and 3 days)
- The washed net samples are then tested with a bioassay after 0, 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 wash cycles



# WHOPEs criteria for a recommended net

- Efficacy after 20 washes: KD (>95% 1 h) and mortality (>80% 24 h)
- Minimum 3 years usable under field conditions

	Wash No.	Surface active ingredient (mg/kg*)	KD (%)	Mortality (%)
PermaNet	0	73.2	100	100
	1	70.9	100	100
	3	66.6	100	100
	5	62.5	100	100
	10	53.4	100	97
	15	45.7	100	78
	20	39.0	87	23
Hiking	0	41.6	100	95
	1	40.5	98	57
	3	38.5	54	8
	5	36.7	35	2
	10	32.3	51	6
	15	28.5	12	5
	20	25.1	1	1



Source: Report of the eleventh WHOPEs working group meeting 2007



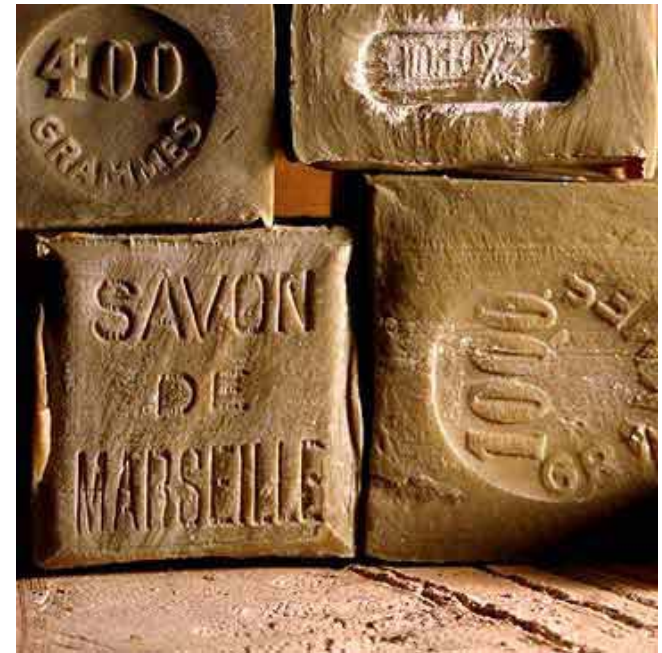
# WHOPES procedure

- Time consuming
- Specialised lab (bioassay)
- “Savon de Marseille” not readily available and not standardised
- Not easily transferable to a quality control lab

## Definition „Savon de Marseille“

**Marseille soap** or *Savon de Marseille* is a traditional [soap](#) made from [vegetable oils](#) that has been made around [Marseille, France](#), for about 600 years, the first recorded [soapmaker](#) in the area in about 1370. By 1688, [Louis XIV](#) introduced regulations ([Edict of Colbert](#)) limiting the use of the name *savon de Marseille* to soaps made in and around the Marseille area,<sup>[1]</sup> and only from [olive oil](#). Today this law still stands (although the regulations now allow other vegetable oils to be used).

(Source Wikipedia)





# Why a new standard wash method?

- Further standardization ... is necessary“ (recommendation 11<sup>th</sup> WHOPEs meeting)
- “Savon de Marseille” → standard soap
- amplitude of movement
- drying and storage conditions

## Goals

- Useable for retention/release index determination
- For comparison with WHOPEs Phase I efficacy results
- Standardized sampling and sub sampling
- Method for quality and market control
- Usable in standard analytical pesticide control labs
- One wash method for all nets



# The draft CIPAC wash method

- Net samples (25 x 25 cm) put in a 1-l beaker containing 0.5 l deionised water with **2.5 g/l IEC A\*** standard detergent
- 10 min shaking at 30°C and 155 bpm and defined **amplitude (15 mm)**
- Rinsed twice with deionised water by the same conditions
- Nets are dried at room temperature (protected from sunlight) for **30 min and then stored at 40°C in the dark for 22 hours**
- The content of the insecticide is analysed in the unwashed and 4 times washed net

## CIPAC draft method

$$\text{Retention index: } \sqrt[4]{\frac{\text{content } t4}{\text{content } t0}}$$

## WHO interim specification

$$\text{Retention index: } \frac{\text{content } t3}{\text{content } t2}$$



# Our experiment in a pesticide quality control lab

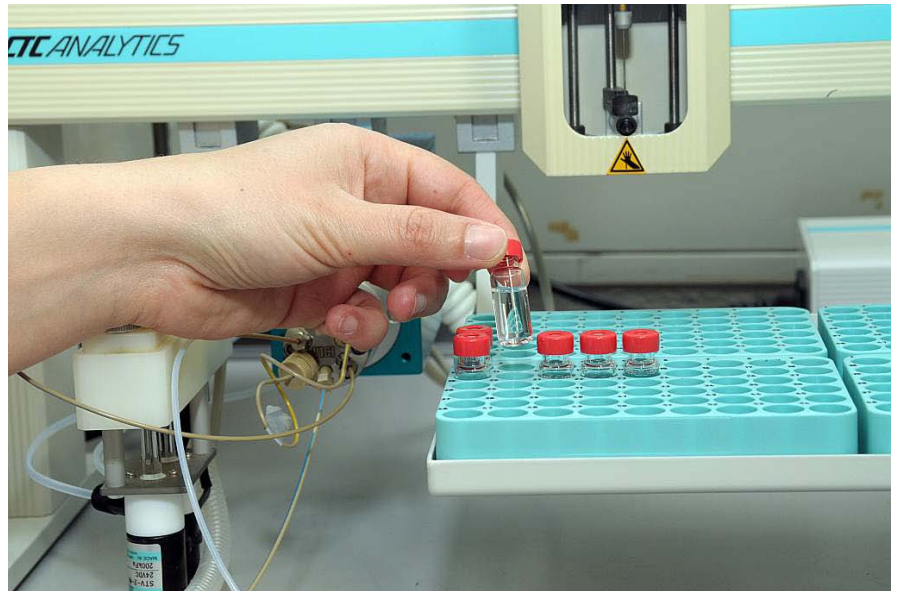
- 4 nets containing deltamethrin from 2 different manufacturers
- 5 wash steps, **5g/l IEC A\* instead of 2.5 g/l**,
- Amplitude **50 mm instead of 15 mm**
- After each wash step determination of the total remaining deltamethrin content





# CIPAC HPLC – method for LN formulation

- **Column:** Nucleosil 100 CN, 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 250 x 4 mm, 35°C
- **Eluent:** isooctane : dioxane with 0.15% water; 94:6 (v/v)
- **Flow:** 1.5 ml/min
- **Detection:** UV 230 nm
- **Injection vol.:** 20  $\mu\text{l}$
- **Runtime:** 7 minutes







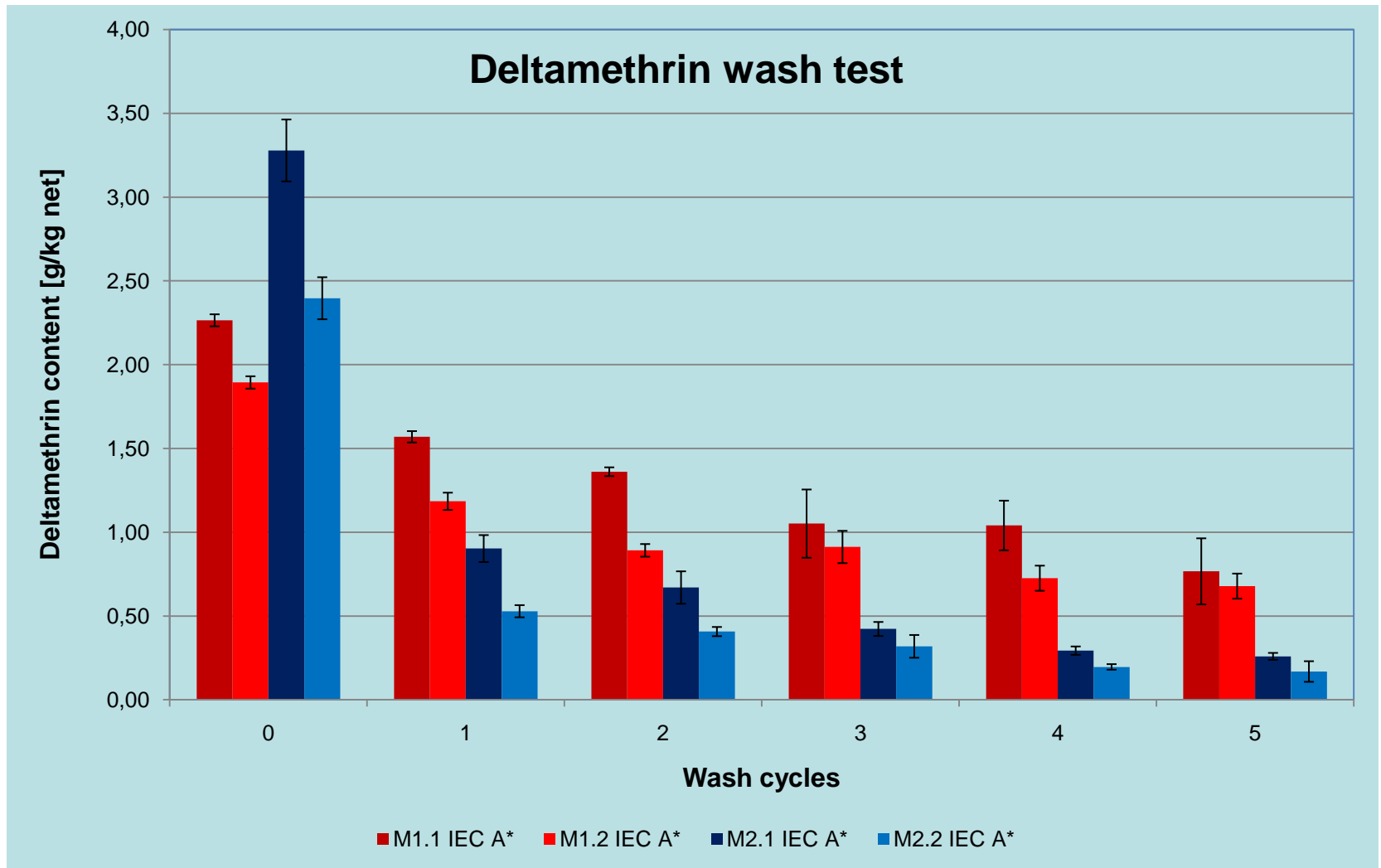
# Sample preparation

- Cut small pieces
- Weigh sufficient sample to contain about 0.5 mg deltamethrin
- Add ISTD and 14 ml isooctane : dioxane 80:20
- 15 min 80°C ultrasonic bath, then 30 min shaker (150 – 200 bpm room temp.)
- Filter and analyse



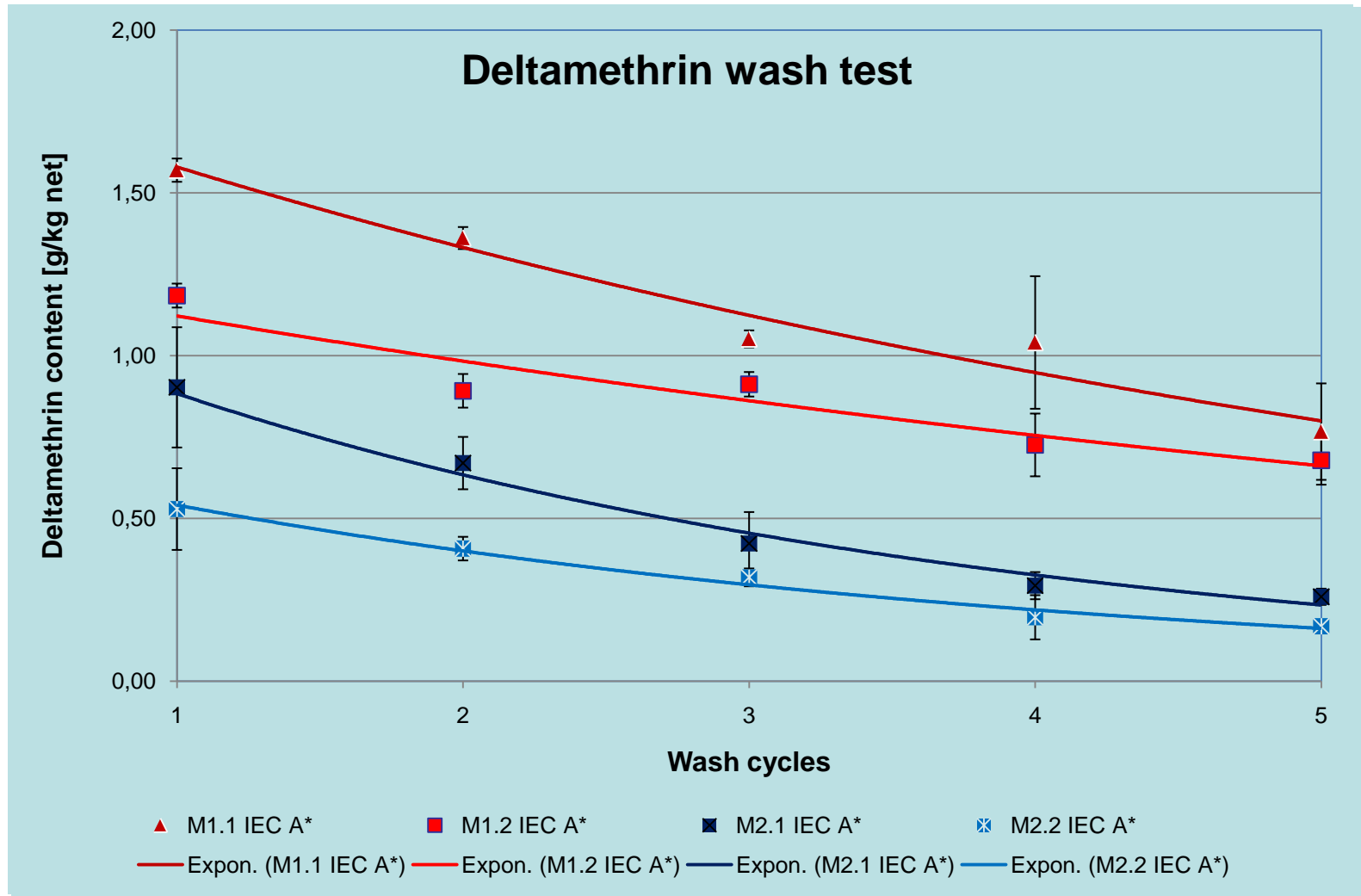


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# Interpretation of the results

	Retention-index	
	CIPAC	WHO
M1	0.82	0.77
	0.79	1.02
M2	0.55	0.63
	0.53	0.78

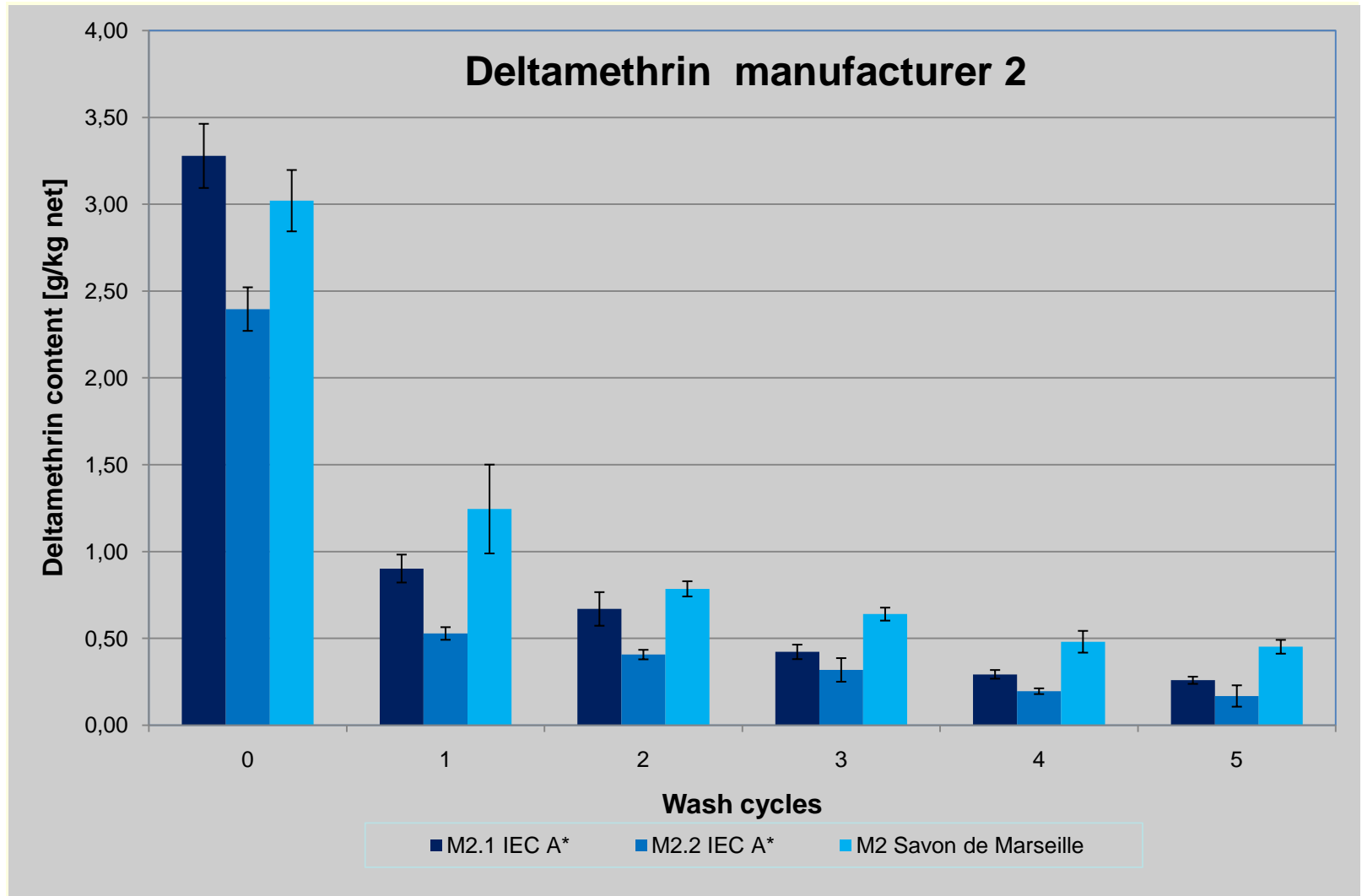
- Retention-index lower than in standard WHOPES wash test
- Differences between the two manufacturers products

## Next step

- Wash with “Savon de Marseille” (2 g/l)
- Regeneration 30°C 22 h similar to WHO method



# Results incl. „Savon de Marseille“





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Retention-index				
soap/detergent	CIPAC	WHO	4	5
M1.1 (IEC A*)	0.82	0.77	0.99	0.74
M1.2 (IEC A*)	0.79	1.02	0.80	0.94
M1 (Savon de Marseille)	0.88	0.81	0.98	0.90
M2.1 (IEC A*)	0.55	0.63	0.69	0.88
M2.2 (IEC A*)	0.53	0.78	0.62	0.86
M2 (Savon de Marseille)	0.63	0.81	0.75	0.94

## Conclusion

- IEC A\* wash more harsh
- Zeolite has a presumed abrasive behaviour
- But...



# Open questions

Net coated alpha-cypermethrin						
Wash step soap	[g/kg]				Retention-index	
	0	2	3	4	CIPAC	WHO
Savon de Marseille	7.11	7.02	7.15	5.59	<b>0.94</b>	<b>1.02</b>
IEC A* 2g/l	7.11	6.96	5.62	5.78	<b>0.95</b>	<b>0.81</b>
IEC A* 3g/l	7.11	7.49	6.90	6.31	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.92</b>
IEC A* 5g/l	7.11	6.83	6.40	5.56	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.94</b>

Net incorporated alpha-cypermethrin						
Wash step soap	[g/kg]				Retention-index	
	0	2	3	4	CIPAC	WHO
Savon de Marseille	5.30	4.99	5.41	4.95	<b>0.98</b>	<b>1.08</b>
IEC A* 2g/l	5.30	4.91	5.05	5.05	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.03</b>
IEC A* 3g/l	5.30	5.31	5.48	5.19	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.03</b>
IEC A* 5g/l	5.30	5.02	5.11	5.02	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.02</b>

Source: Retention/release characteristics Study N 22018 Dr. ir. Olivier Pigeon, CRA-W Gembloux

## Higher amplitude?

## Other insecticide?

### Next step

- Question: Is IEC B more similar to „Savon de Marseille” than IEC A\*?
- Wash test with 5g/l IEC B



# Composition IEC A\* and IEC B

Component	IEC-B	IEC-A*
LAS (linear alkylbenzene sulfonate; detergent)	6.4	8.8
Nonionic	2.3	4.7
Soap	2.8	3.2
Anti foam		3.9
Phosphate	35.0	2.8
Zeolite (alkali aluminium silicates)		28.3
Carbonate		11.6
Acrylic acid, Maleic acid		2.4
Na-Silicate	6.0	3.0
Mg-Silicate	1.5	
CMC (carboxy methyl cellulose)	1.0	1.2
EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)	0.2	
Optical brightner	0.2	0.2
Sulphate	16.8	6.5
Protease		0.4
Water/Misc.	7.8	
Perborate (bleacher)*	20.0	20.0
TAED (bleacher activator: N,N,N',N'-tetraacetylenediamine)*		3.0

\*Bleacher pack not included in tests





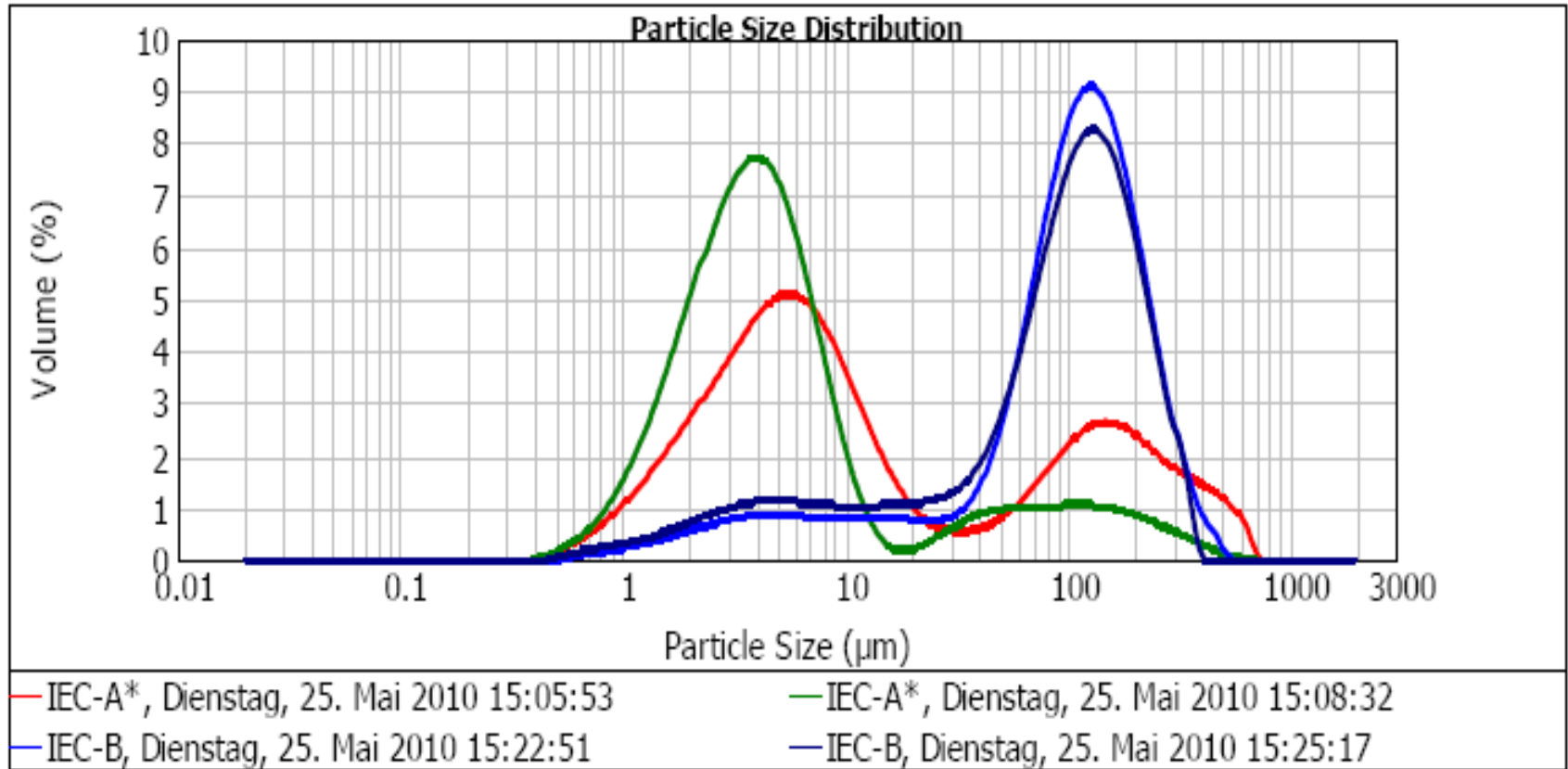
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Particle size distribution of the three tested wash solutions by laser diffraction





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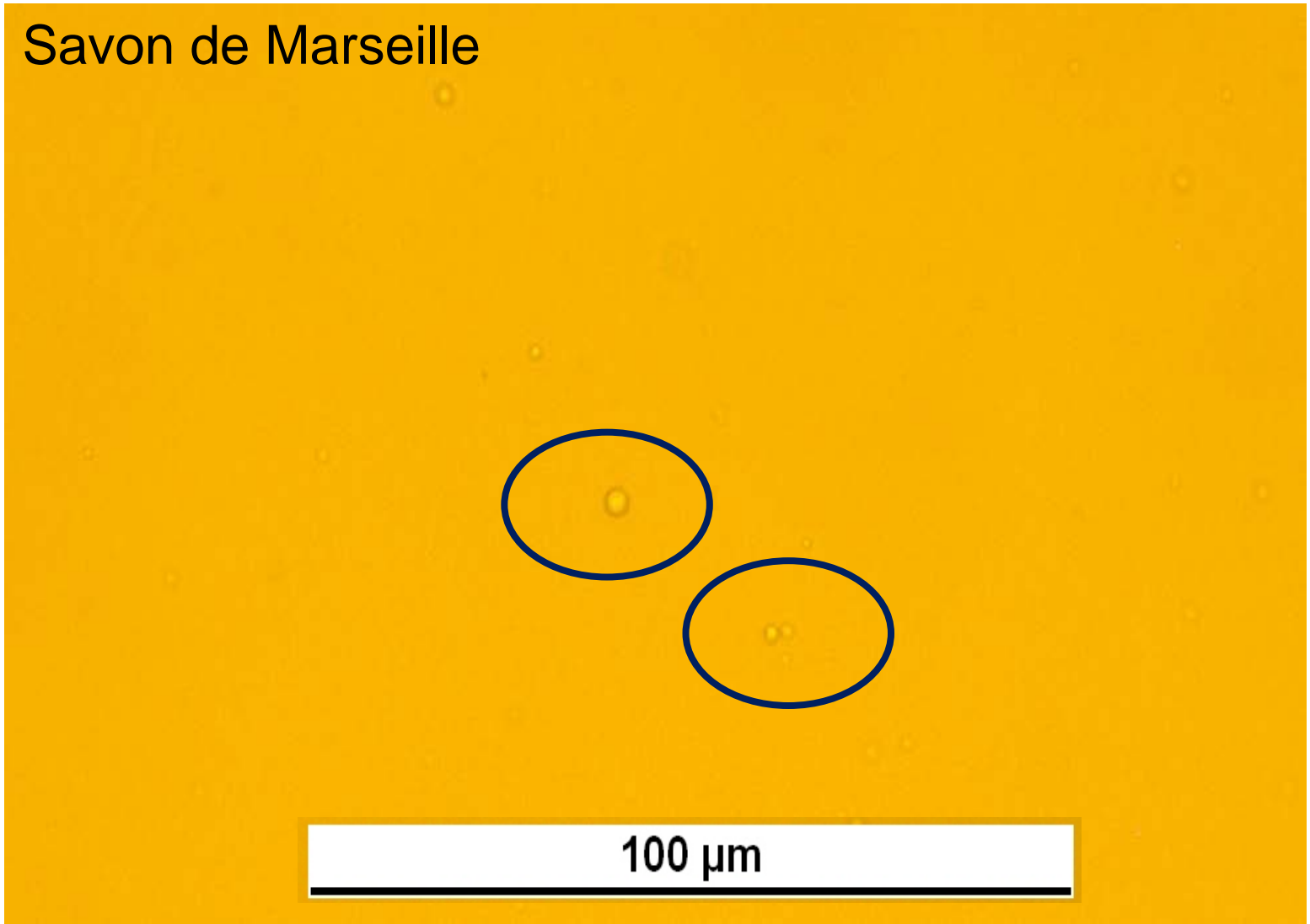


Malvern Mastersizer 2000 (Syngenta EZA Münchwilen)



# Under the microscope

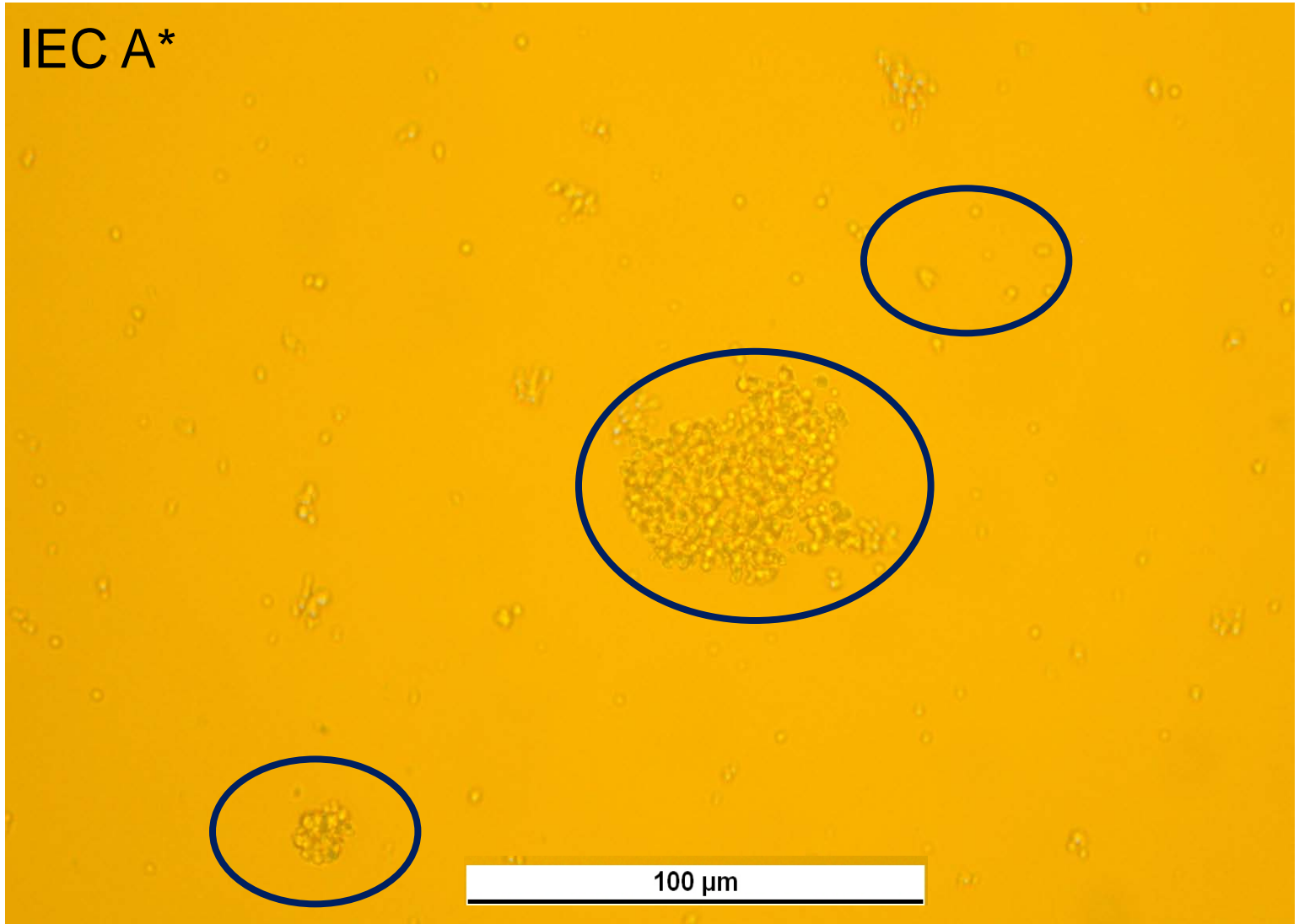
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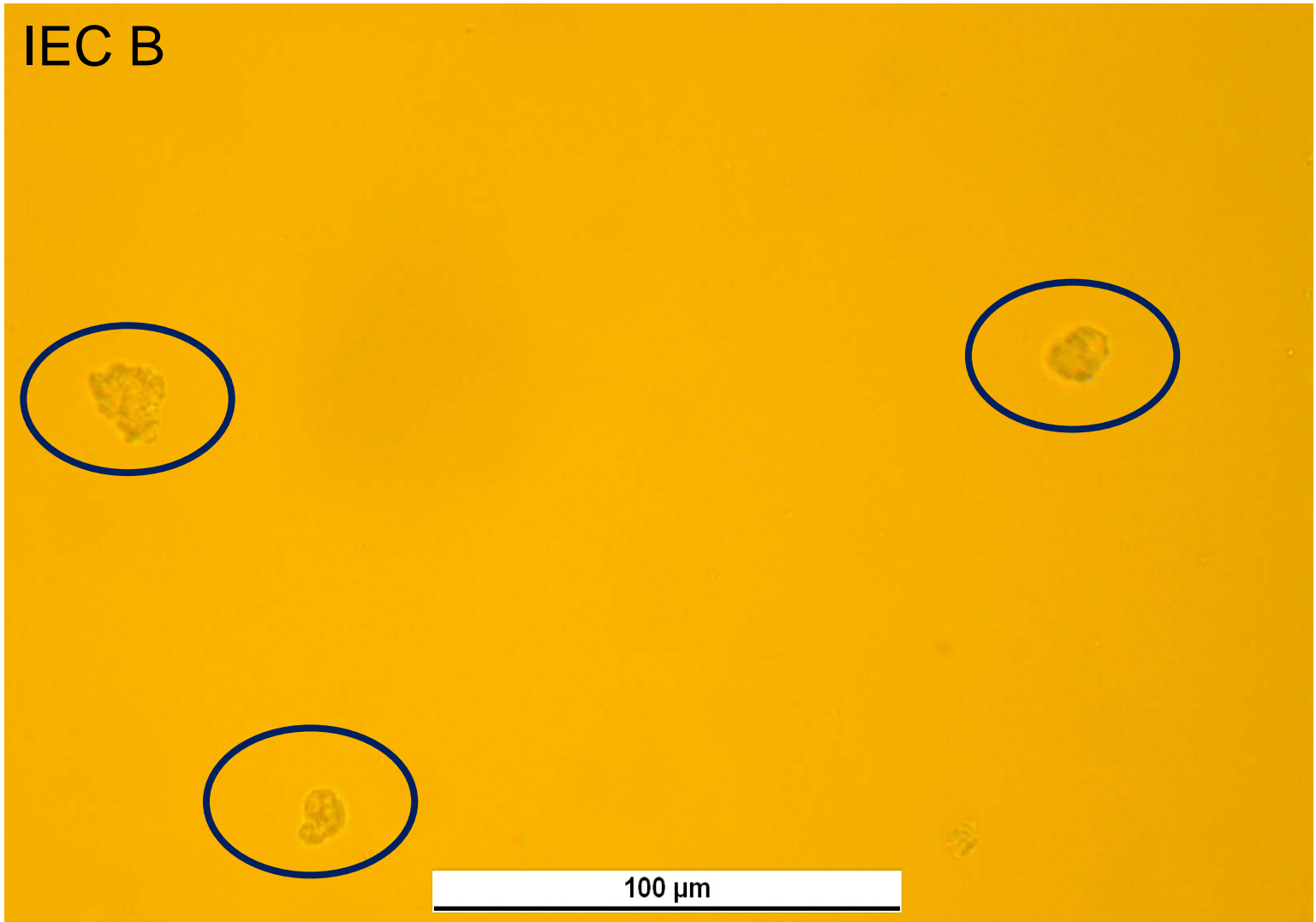
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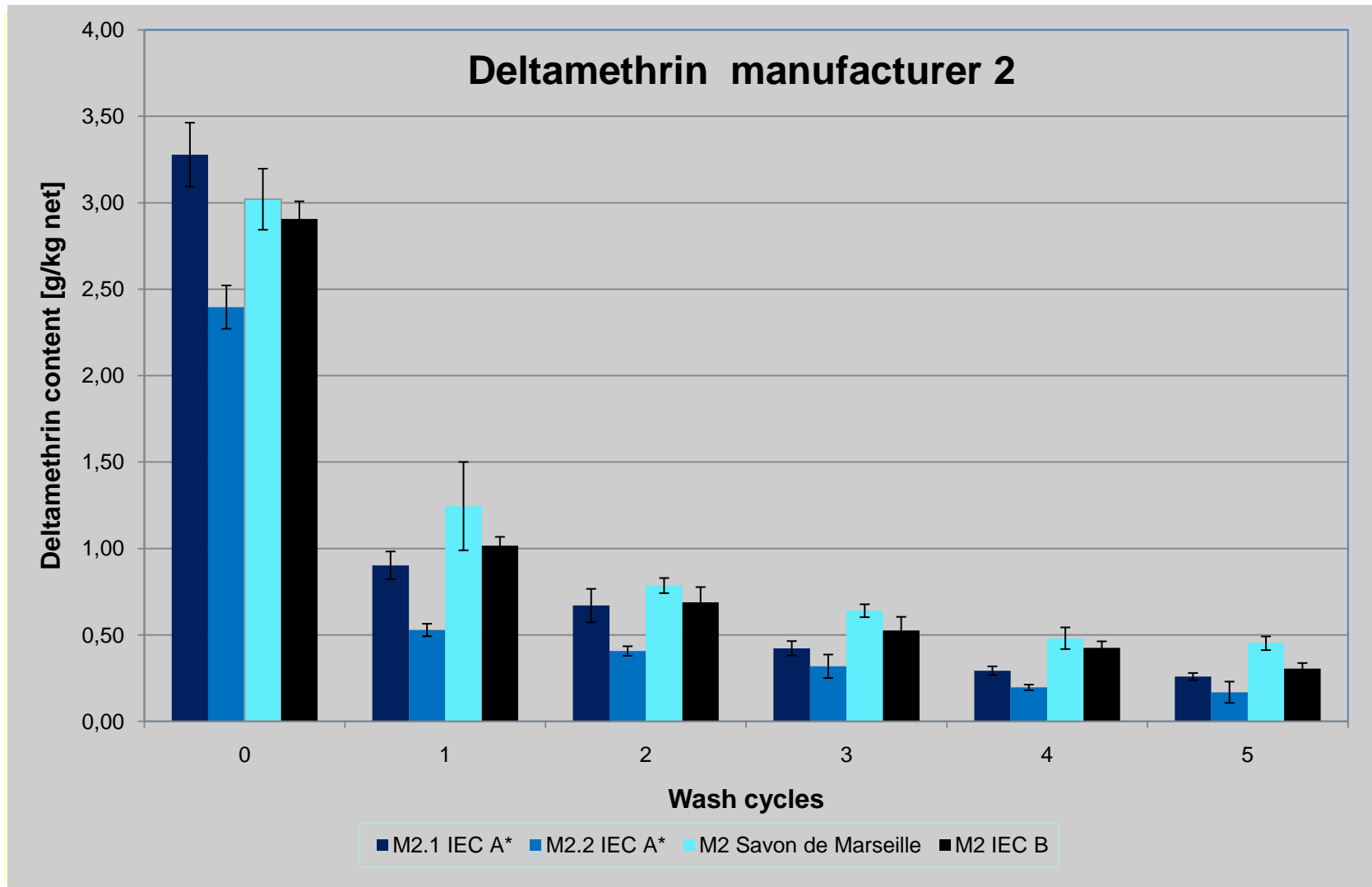
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## Preliminary conclusions

- IEC B wash more similar to IEC A\* than “Savon de ...”
- But IEC B seems to better mimic “Savon de Marseille”



# Remarks to the calculation methods

Soap	Retention-index				
	CIPAC	WHO	4	5	T5/T1
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- CIPAC calculation method well suited
- For calculation of the retention-index, only two measurements necessary (t0 t4) as for WHO calculation



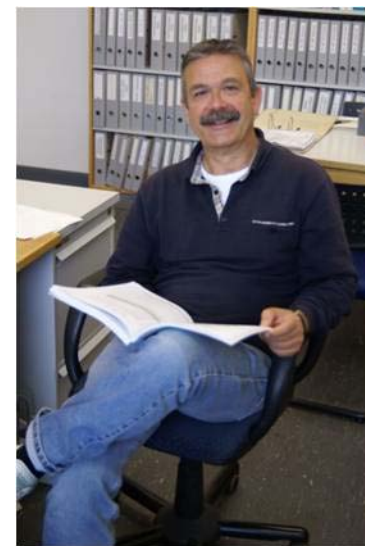


# Overall conclusion

- CIPAC wash method easy to implement in a pesticide quality control lab
- IEC A\* household detergent leads to less retention than „Savon de Marseille“
- IEC B seems to better mimic “Savon de Marseille” than IEC A\*. Further work is needed to confirm this finding
- IEC A\* and IEC B are not directly comparable with “Savon de Marseille”
- The wash method allowed to differentiate between nets of different qualities
- Calculation of the retention index: The CIPAC draft calculation method seems to have certain advantages



# Involved team





# Thank you for your attention!

