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# How effective are stored product moth traps?



## Pheromones characterized (1950's) Pheromones traps

Pest management devices

Pest monitoring devices

#### 45 Different designs

- Conventional market traps vs. new designs
- Our new designs are playing around with:
  - different shaped traps
  - different size traps
  - different materials used to make a trap
- Provisional patent: February- 2002
- Formal patent: January- 2003

#### Anecdotal information

- Current market traps- 10-25%
  - Trap design?
  - Sticky substance?
  - Pheromone lure?
  - Location?

Influence of trap design and location on the capture of *Plodia interpunctella* (Indian Meal moth) (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae) in a release-recapture study

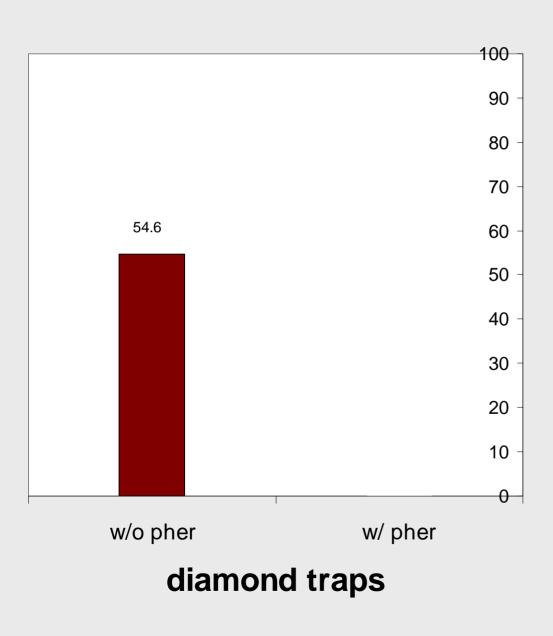
J. stored Prod. Res. 34(1):33-36 (Mullen et al., 1998)

- Mass trapping (36 traps in a warehouse)
- No indication of how a single trap performs
- Five different traps were used
- Location was a factor in trap catch
- ~72% of the males captured

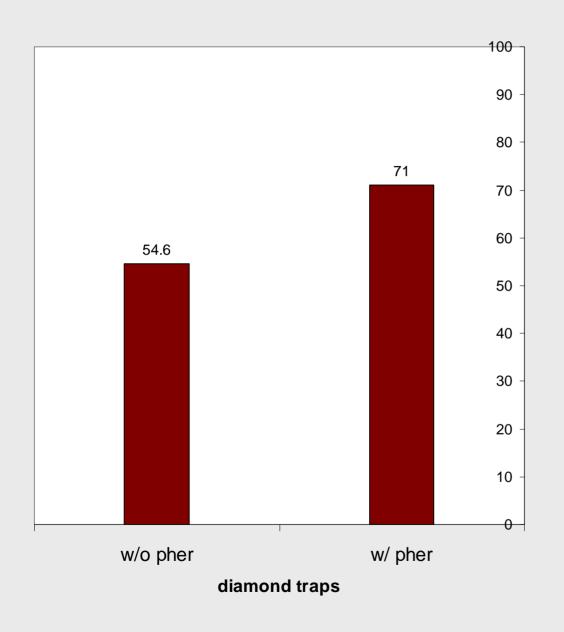








Over half the moths caught without a pheromone lure

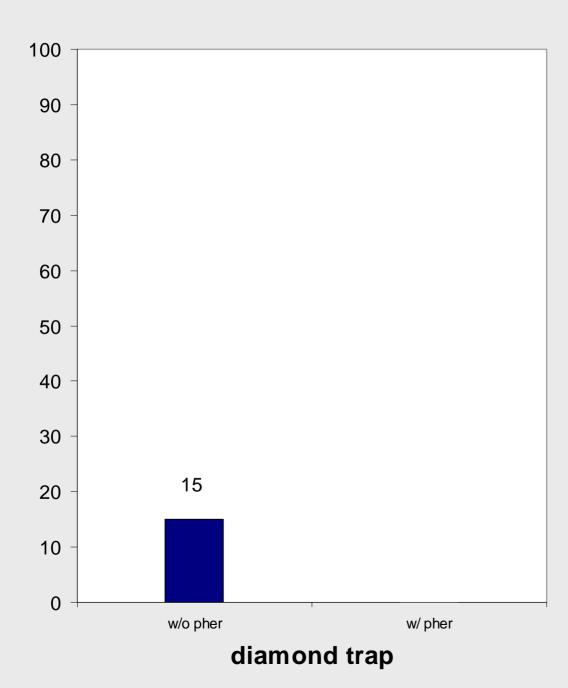


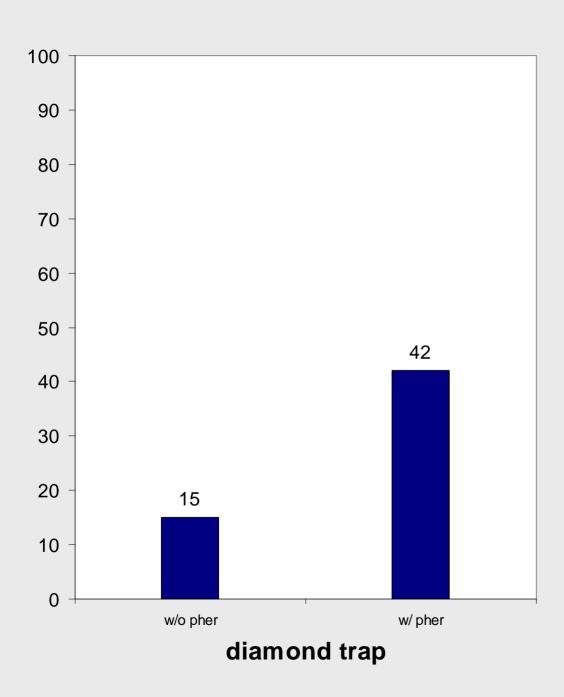
#### Difference =

16.4 percentage points



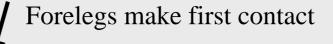


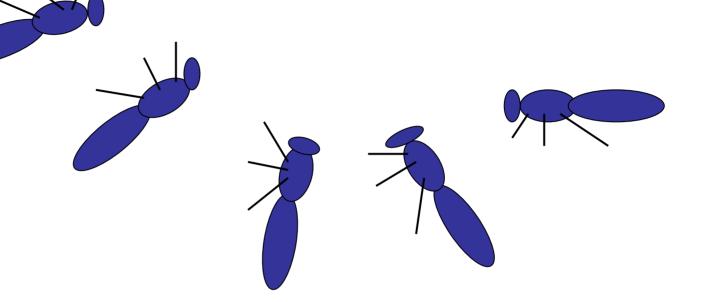




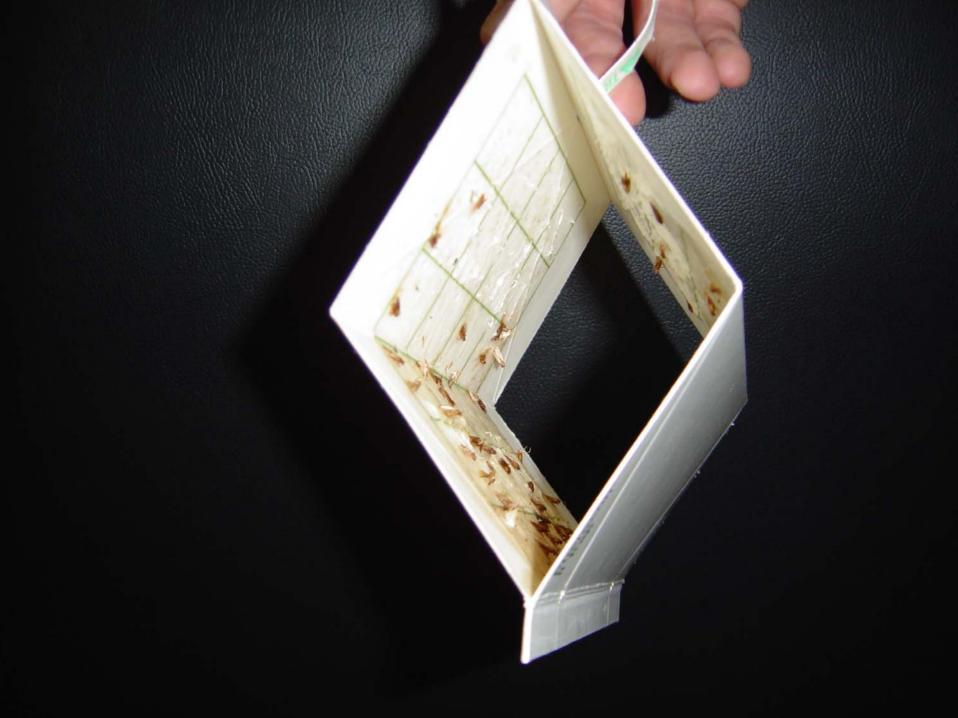
#### Difference =

27 percentage points





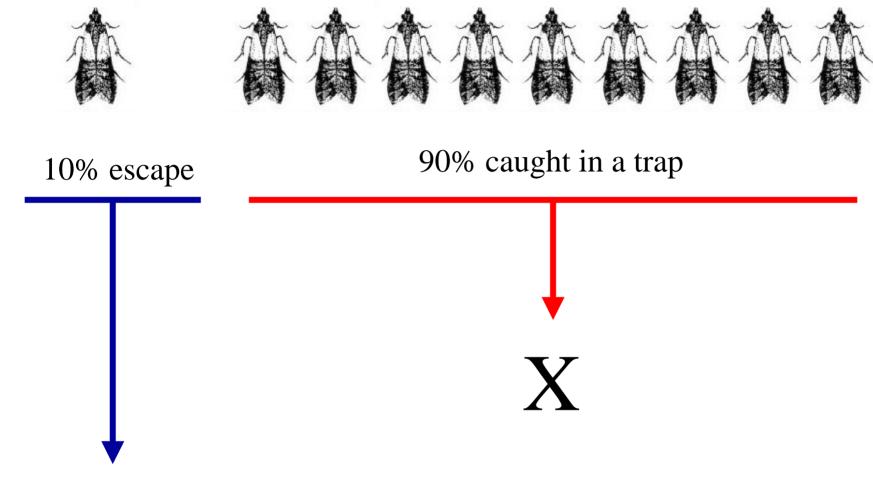
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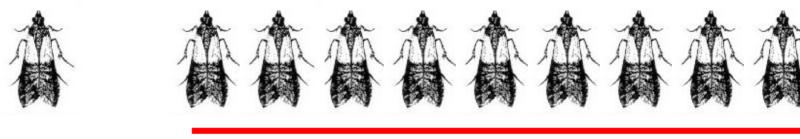


### THIS SIDE UP FOR WALL MOUNT

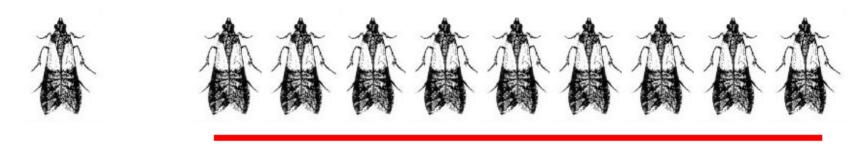




Survive to reproduce

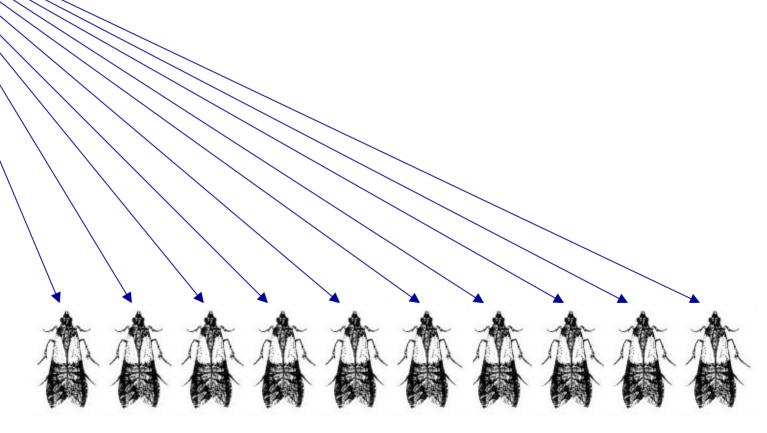


90% caught in a trap 10% escape



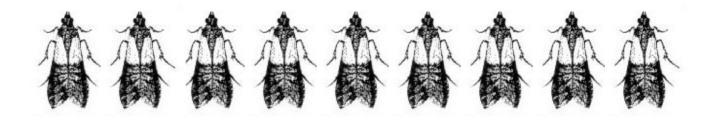
Generally unfit

Healthy moths trapped



Unfit progeny

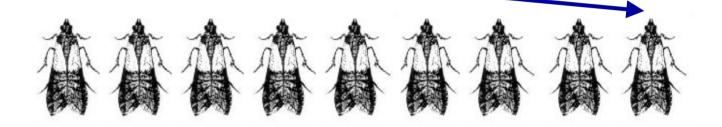




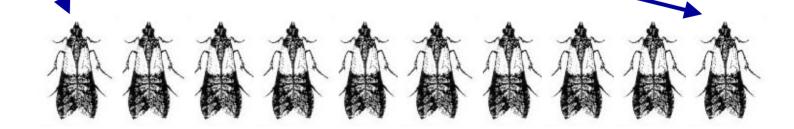
10% escape

Healthy moths trapped





Semi-Healthy moths trapped



#### Experimental chamber

