

# Biopesticides and development in new products

crops

30 – 40 %  
lost  
before harvest

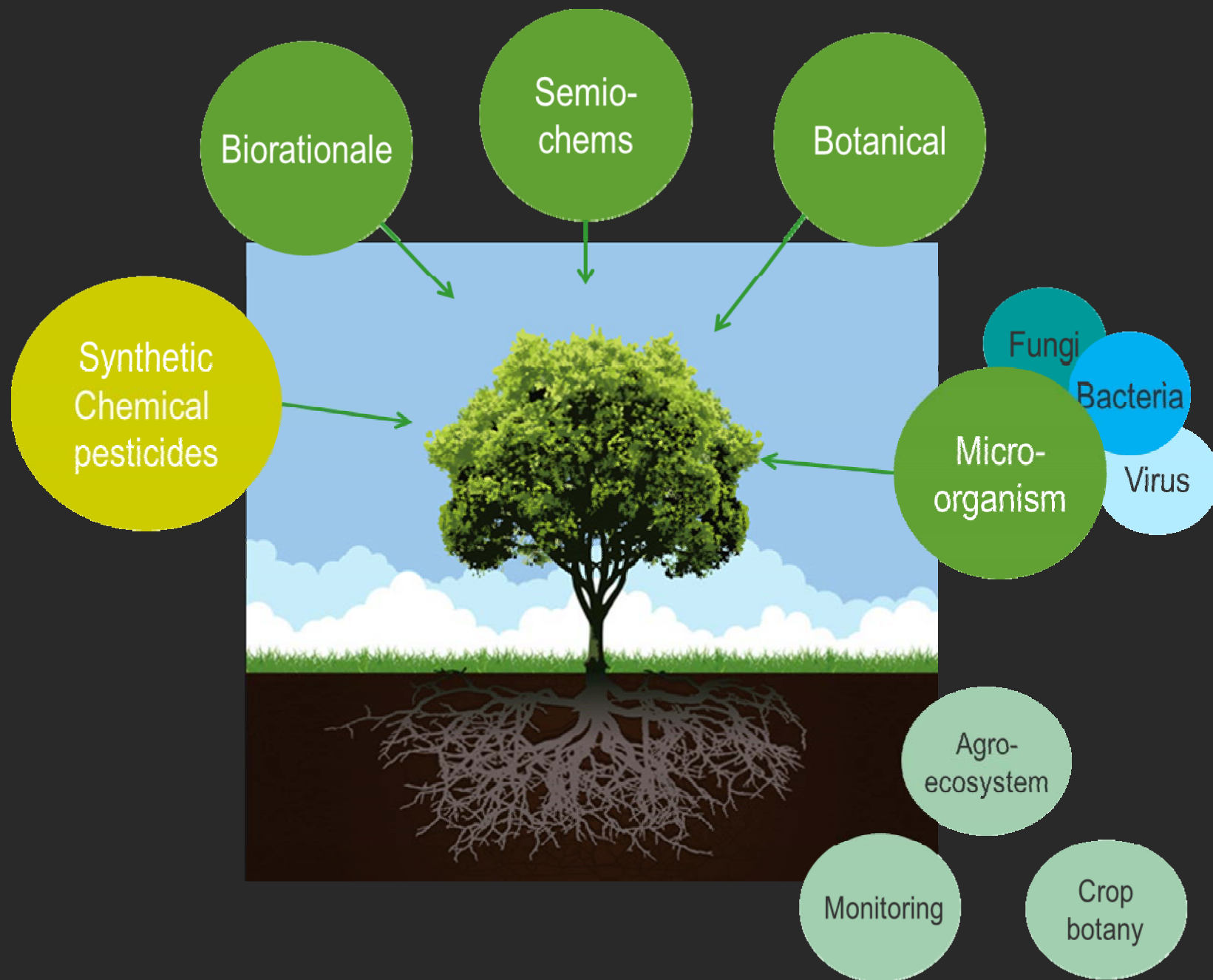
>10 %  
after harvest



# Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

FAO promotes biological pest control agents and  
IPM/IVM

“Pro-actively favouring registration of less hazardous products where  
such alternatives are viable and available”



# Alternative plant protection products

Micro-organisms

Botanicals

DNA

Semio-  
chemicals

Biorationales ?

**Low Risk substances**

## Multiple modes of action

Kill host

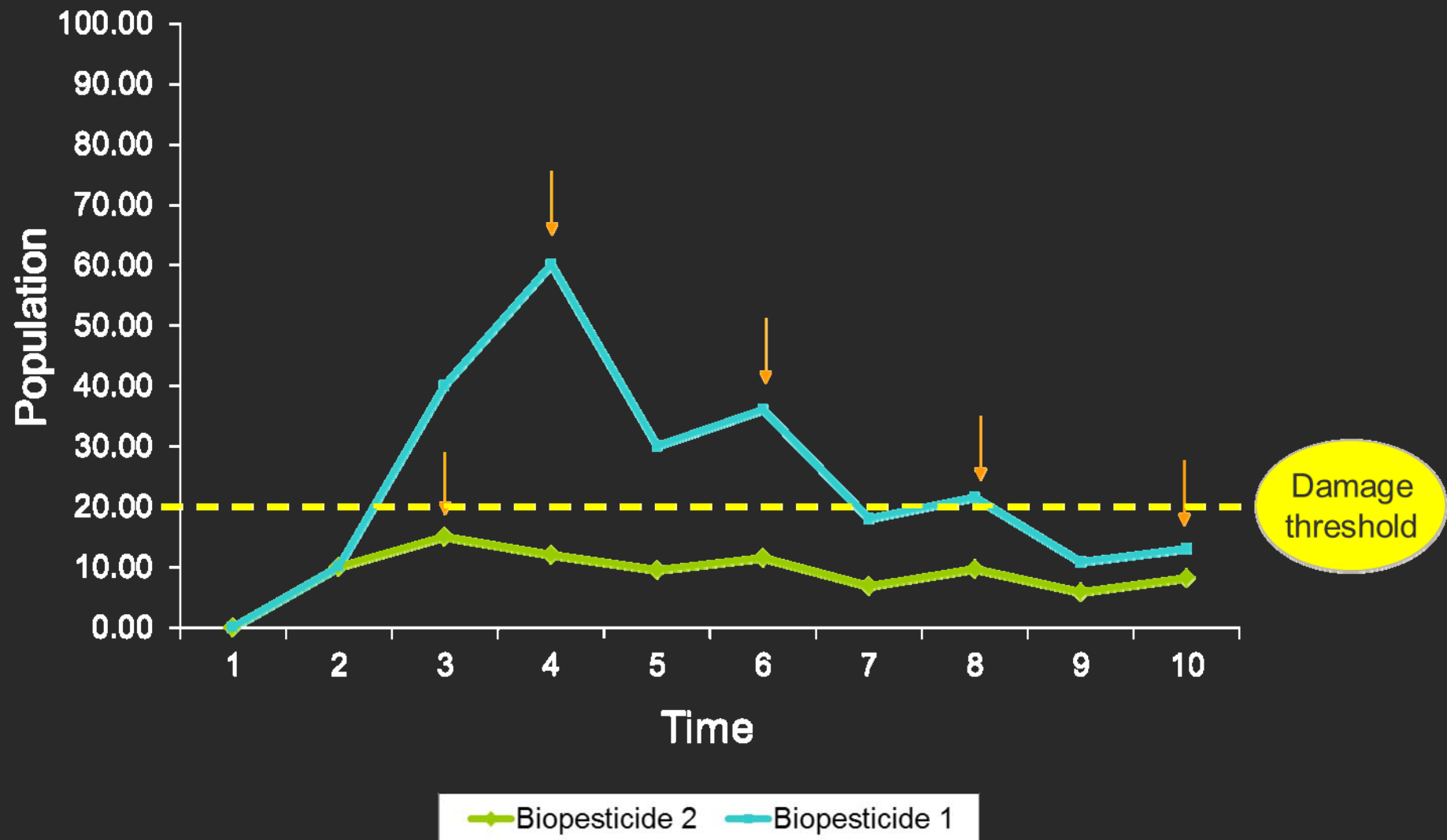
Competition

Stimulate plant defenses

Confer plant resistance



## Programme use



What is driving the markets

Who wants the products?

Why?

What do the products offer?



## DRIVERS for farmers and growers

- Efficacy – killing target pest
- Efficacy - yield and quality improvement
- Host specificity
- Use in **IPM** programmes
- Useful for **resistance management**
- Useful for **residue management**
- Growers - crop management
- Worker safety
- Favourable environmental footprint
- Use in organic production

# Natural forces already manage pest populations

1 cabbage aphid + 1 year = 250 million tonnes



Information and photo: courtesy of D. Chandler, Warwick Crop Centre and [eplantswholesale.com.au](http://eplantswholesale.com.au) respectively

Sustainable crop production  
and protection

Biology  
Ecology  
Population management

## Macroorganisms



## Botanicals



## Semio-chemicals



## Microorganisms



# Plant Protection Product Registration EU - timelines

1107/2009	Year 1									Year 2									Year 3									Year 4								
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DAR completed																																				
EFSA comment on DAR																																				
EFSA peer review																																				
Standing committee vote																																				
Positive List (Annex I)																																				
Application - zonal product																																				
Zonal evaluation																																				
Country evaluation																																				
Product approval																																				

- Orange boxes indicate first the SANTE vote then it takes 6 months to be ratified
- Purple box indicates when product can be sold
- This is a broad schematic – there can be some variability depending on a.s.
- There can be some extra time added e.g. during active substance review if an expert consultation is needed

# Aspects of risk

EU

Precautionary  
principle

USA

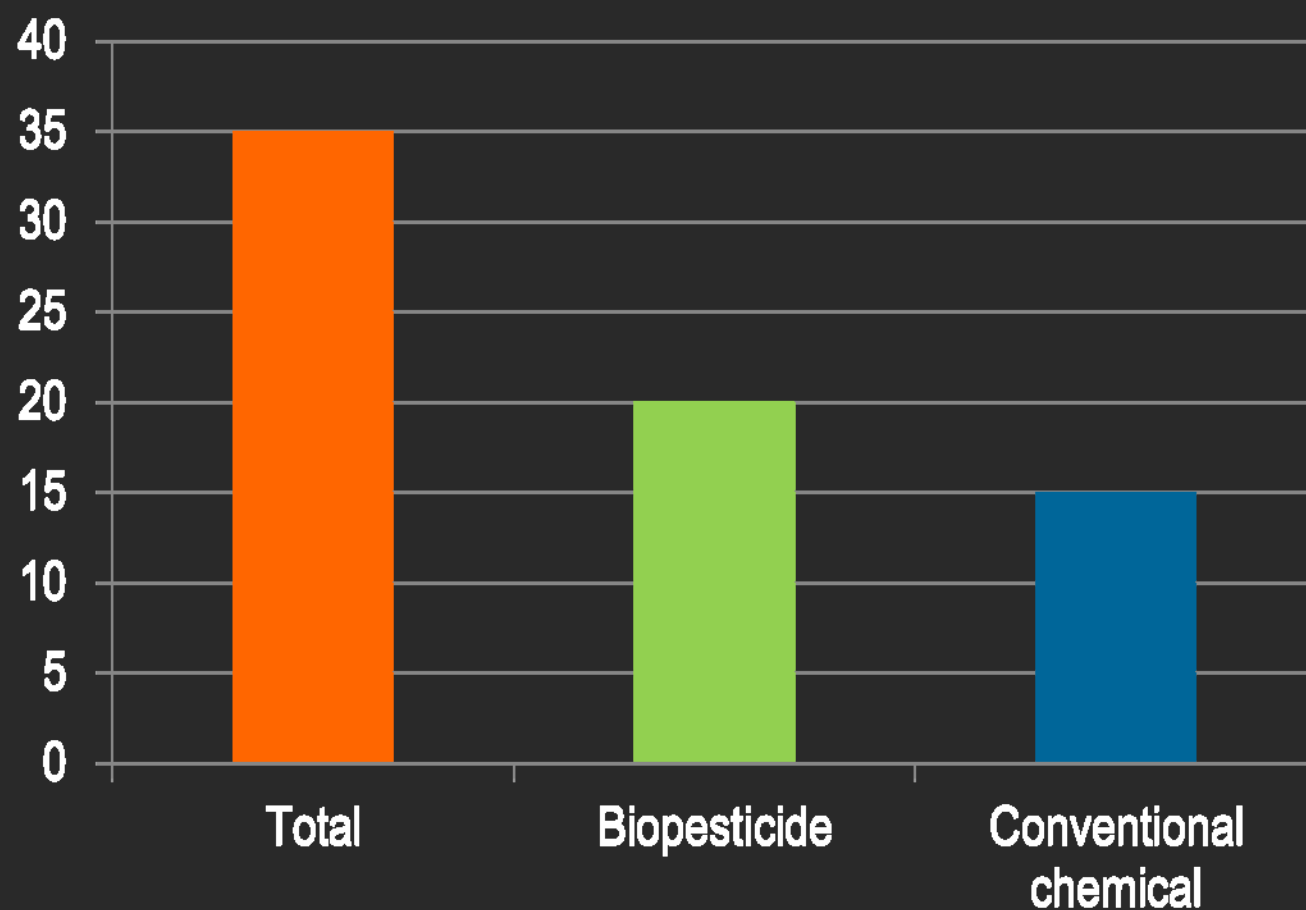
Generally Regarded  
As Safe (GRAS)\*

EU biopesticide  
actives  
trebled  
to >120  
2000-2015

BIOPESTICIDES



## EU plant protection products – pending registration\*



\* October 2016

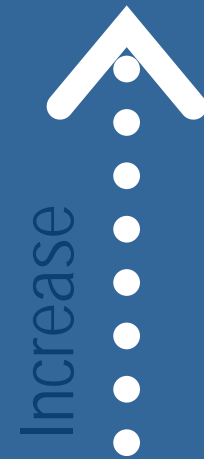


Global biopesticide  
market  
Increased over  
**200%**  
2000-2012



Global market 2019  
value

over  
**\$6 billion**



## Examples of nematode based 'biopesticide' products

Active Substance	Product Name	Type of product	Target(s)
<i>Steinernema feltiae</i>	Nemasys	Entompathogenic nematode	Sciarids, leafminer, WFT
<i>Steinernema kraussei</i>	Nemasys L	Entompathogenic nematode	Vine weevil
<i>Heterorhabditis megidis</i>	Nemasys H	Entompathogenic nematode	Vine weevil
<i>Heterorhabditis megidis</i>	Lavanem	Entompathogenic nematode	Vine weevil
<i>Heterorhabditis megidis</i>	Nemasys H	Entompathogenic nematode	Grubs
<i>Steinernema carpocasae</i>	Nemasys C	Entompathogenic nematode	Codling moth
<i>Steinernema carpocasae</i>	Nemasys C	Entompathogenic nematode	<i>Hylobius</i> sp., Lepidoptera
<i>Steinernema carpocapsae</i>	Capsanem	Entompathogenic nematode	Lepidoptera
<i>Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita</i>	Nemaslug	Slug parasitic nematode	Molluscs

## Micro-organism biopesticides

*Cydia pomonella* granulosis virus

*Pasteuria penetrans*

*Trichoderma harzianum* **FUSARIUM OXYSPORUM**

*Isaria fumosoroseus* *Bacillus firmus*

*Clonostachys rosea* **Coniothyrium minitans**

**BACILLUS THURINGIENSIS** *Bacillus subtilis*

*Gliocladium catenulatum* *Lecanicillium lecanii*

*Metarhizium anisopliae*

*Ampelomyces quisqualis*

*Trichoderma asperellum*

*Beauveria bassiana*

## Microorganism bioinsecticides/nematicides examples

Active Substance	Product Name	Target(s)
<i>Adoxophyes orana</i> gv	Capex	Summer fruit tortrix
<i>Bacillus firmis</i> strain I-1582	Flocter	Free-living nematodes
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> var. <i>israelensis</i> strain AM65-52	Vectobac 12AS	Chironomid larvae
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> var <i>kurstaki</i> strain ABST351	DiPel DF	Lepidoptera pests
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> var <i>kurstaki</i> strain EG2348	Lepinox Plus	Lepidoptera pests
<i>Beauveria bassiana</i> strain ATCC74040	Naturalis-L	Whitefly, thrips, spidermite
<i>Cydia pomonella</i> Granulosis Virus	Carpovirusine	Codling moth
<i>Cydia pomonella</i> Granulosis Virus	Cyd-X and Cyd-X Extra	Codling moth
<i>Lecanicillium muscarium</i> strain V-6*	Mycotal	Whitefly, thrips, scale
<i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> strain F52	Met 52 Granular	Black vine weevil

# What are botanicals?

From the EU Botanical Guidance document (rev. 8)

A 'botanical' active substance: obtained by subjecting plants or parts of plants to a process such as pressing, milling, crushing, distillation and/or extractions. The process may include further concentration, purification and/or blending, **provided that the chemical nature of the components is not intentionally modified/altere**d by chemical and/or microbial processes.

The plants are live or dried plants or parts of plants, including fruits and seeds but excluding genetically modified plants.



## Botanicals examples

Active Substance	Product Name	Type of product	Target(s)
Maltodextrin	Eradicoat	Biorational	Mites, aphids, whitefly
Maltodextrin	Majestik	Biorational	Mites, aphids, whitefly
Fatty Acids	Savona	Fatty Acids	Whitefly, thrips, mite, aphids
Garlic concentrate	Eagle Green Care	Botanical	Free living nematodes
Cold pressed orange oil	Prev-AM	Botanical	Insects & fungi



# Pheromones - semio-chemicals

**Semio-chemicals** "... chemicals emitted by plants, animals, and other organisms - and synthetic analogues of such substances - that evoke a behavioural or physiological response in individuals of the same or other species"

**Pheromones** are semio-chemicals that modify the behaviour of other individuals of the same species

**Straight-chained lepidopteran pheromones (SCLPs)** ... unbranched aliphatics having a chain of 9-18 carbons, containing < 3 double bonds, ending in an alcohol, acetate or aldehyde functional group. This structural definition encompasses the majority of known pheromones produced by insects in the order Lepidoptera, which includes butterflies and moths.



# Control strategies using semio-chemicals

## Mating disruption

- Pheromones are released to interfere with the ability of male insects to locate females of the same species,
- Disrupting mating and controlling the damage to crops inflicted by the hatching larvae.

## Lure and Kill

- Again a simple concept: bring the insects to the insecticide
- Key is to attract females

## Mass Trapping

- Simple Concept: trap as many insects as you can
- Key is to attract and trap females
- Kairomones becoming increasingly important



# Technology innovation areas

Active substances

Production

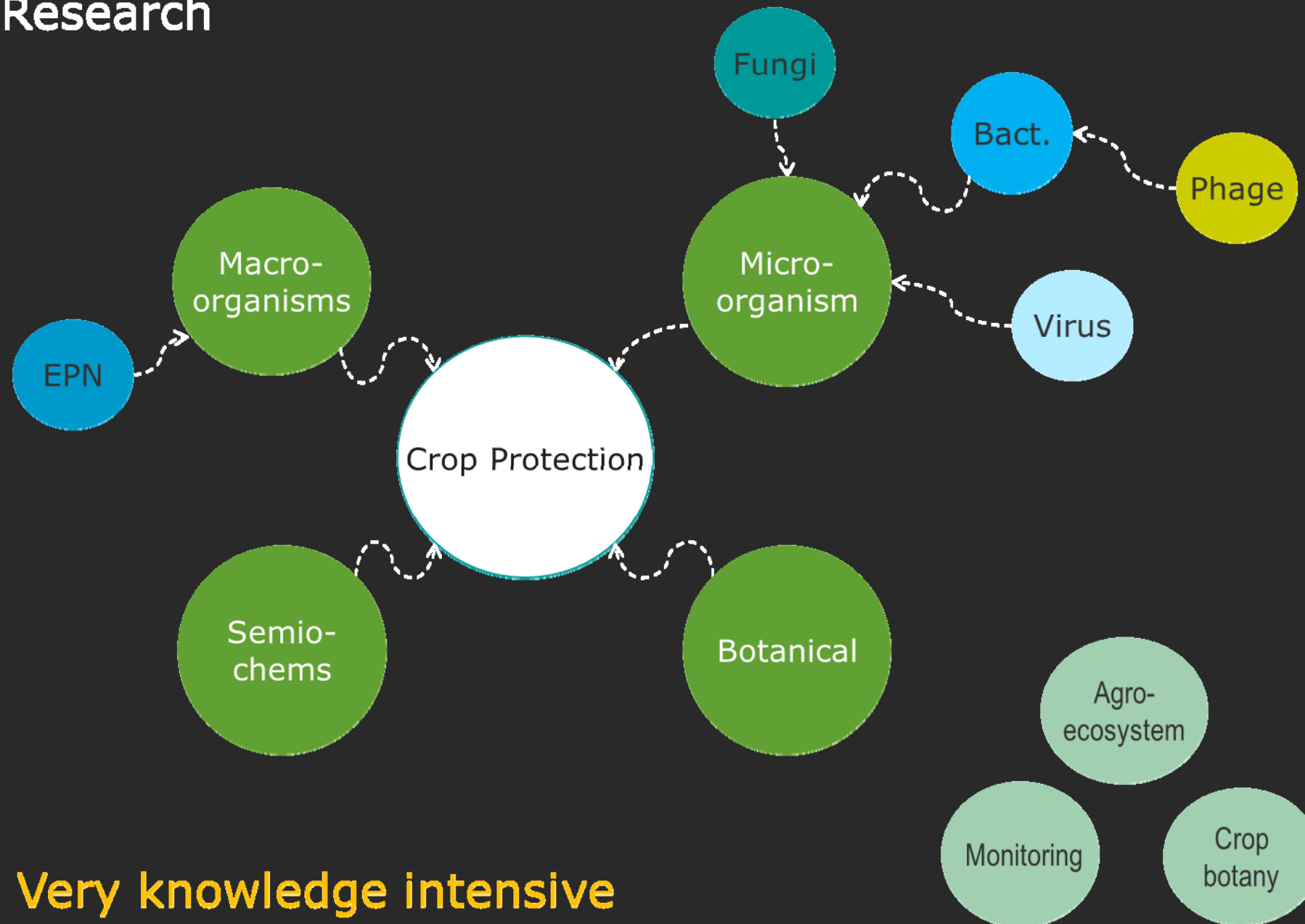
Formulations

Delivery

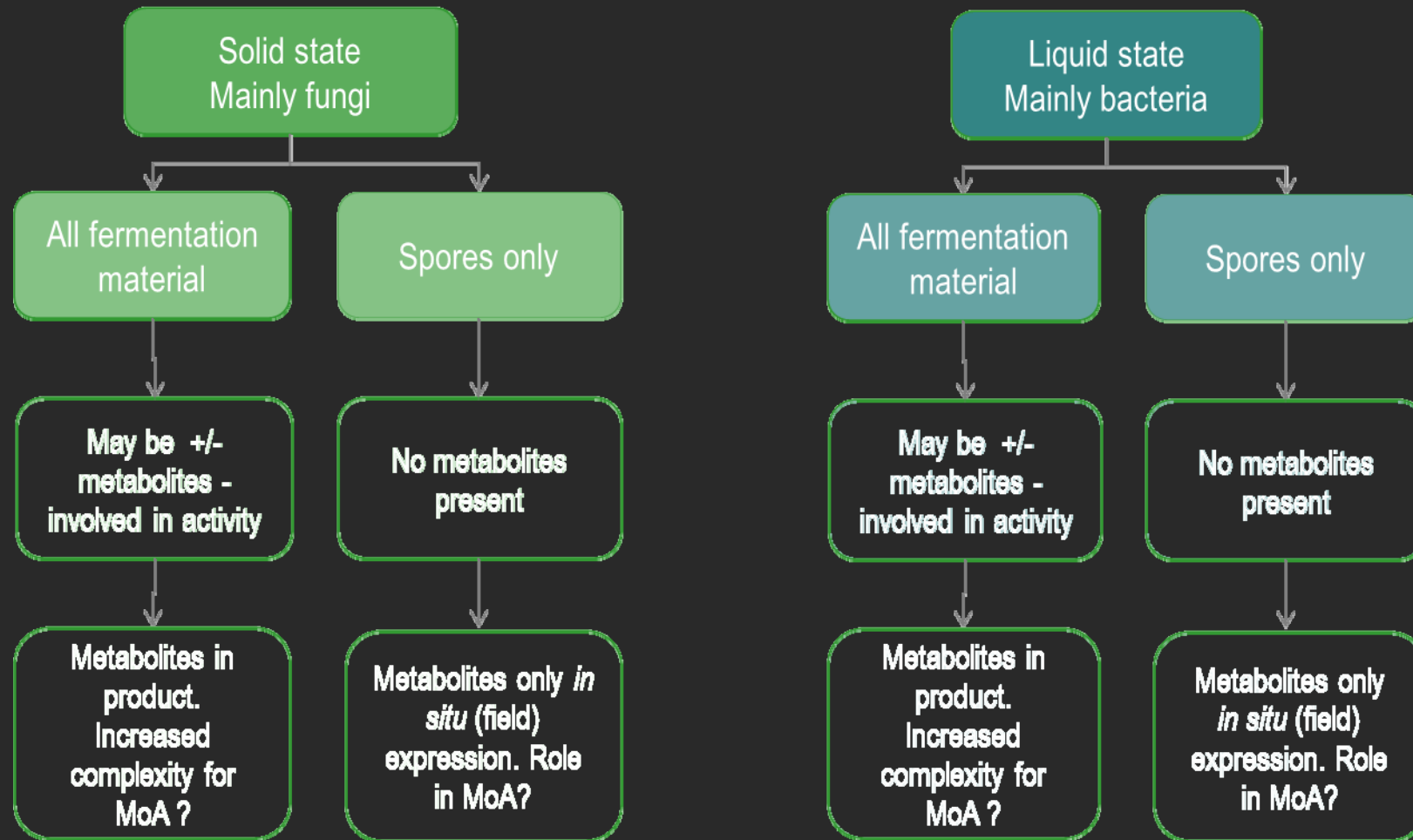
Activity	\$ Millions
Research and Development	3 - 5
Formulation	1 - 2
Development	2-3 (USA) 20 - 30 (ROW)
Registration	1 (USA) 3 - 10 (ROW)
Product launch	0.1 - 20 (over > 50 global)

**EU registration – about 5 years**

# Research



# Microbial production systems



In vivo production

# Microbial innovations

	Cells	Media	Secondary compounds
Common species	±	±	±
Product formulation - inert	±	±	±
New species	±	±	±
New MoA - endophytes	±	±	±
Split fermentation - solid	±	±	±
Split fermentation - solid + liquid	±	±	±
Split fermentation - liquid + liquid	±	±	±
Product formulation - storage	±	±	±
Product formulation - persistence on leaf	±	±	±
Product formulation - synergists	±	±	±
Co-packs - adjuvants	±	±	±
Additives	±	±	±

Technical features of active substances	\$ Millions
No/low risk, no metabolites	1 - 5
Low risk + metabolite	> 5
Microbial metabolite (no micro-organism)	5-10
High risk metabolite (no micro-organism)	15-20

## Biopesticide delivery

Improved delivery systems (formulation, application, *etc.*) will not save an underperforming biopesticide but...

...performance of a biopesticide, as with a chemical pesticide, may be reduced substantially by a poor delivery system.

- Tank agitation is important.
- Nozzle choice and calibration
- Nozzle wear
- Tank and sprayline cleaning...

## Business innovation areas

Biocontrol producers and  
distributors

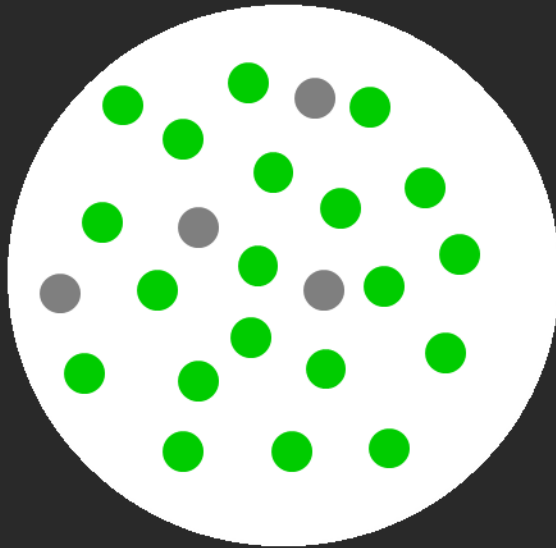
Knowledge transfer

Streamlined regulation

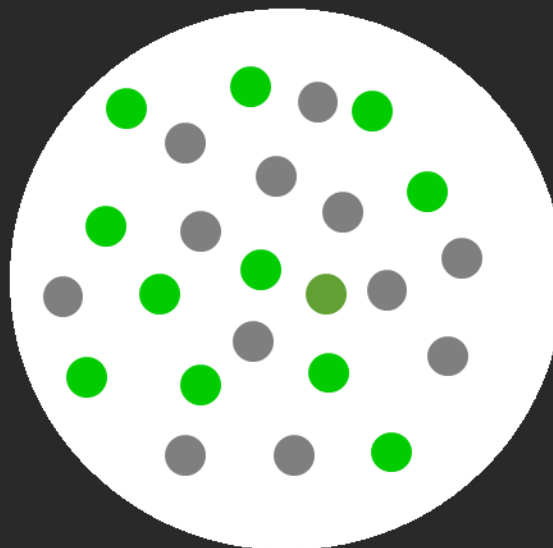


# Biopesticide industries – smarter approaches?

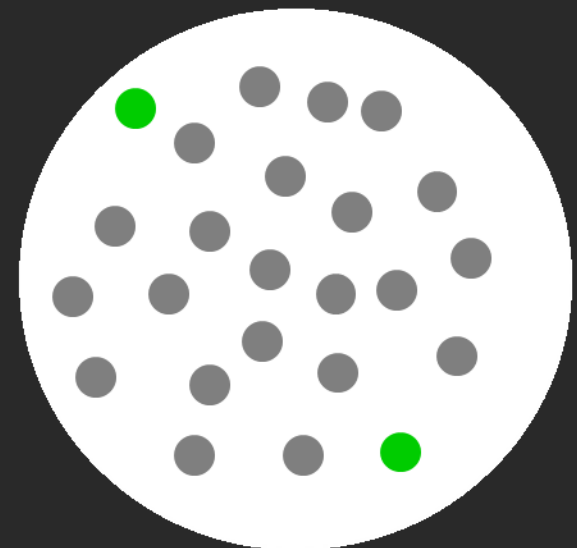
Start-up



SME



Multi-national



Very knowledge intensive

# Consequences?

Know-how



Diluted

Systems



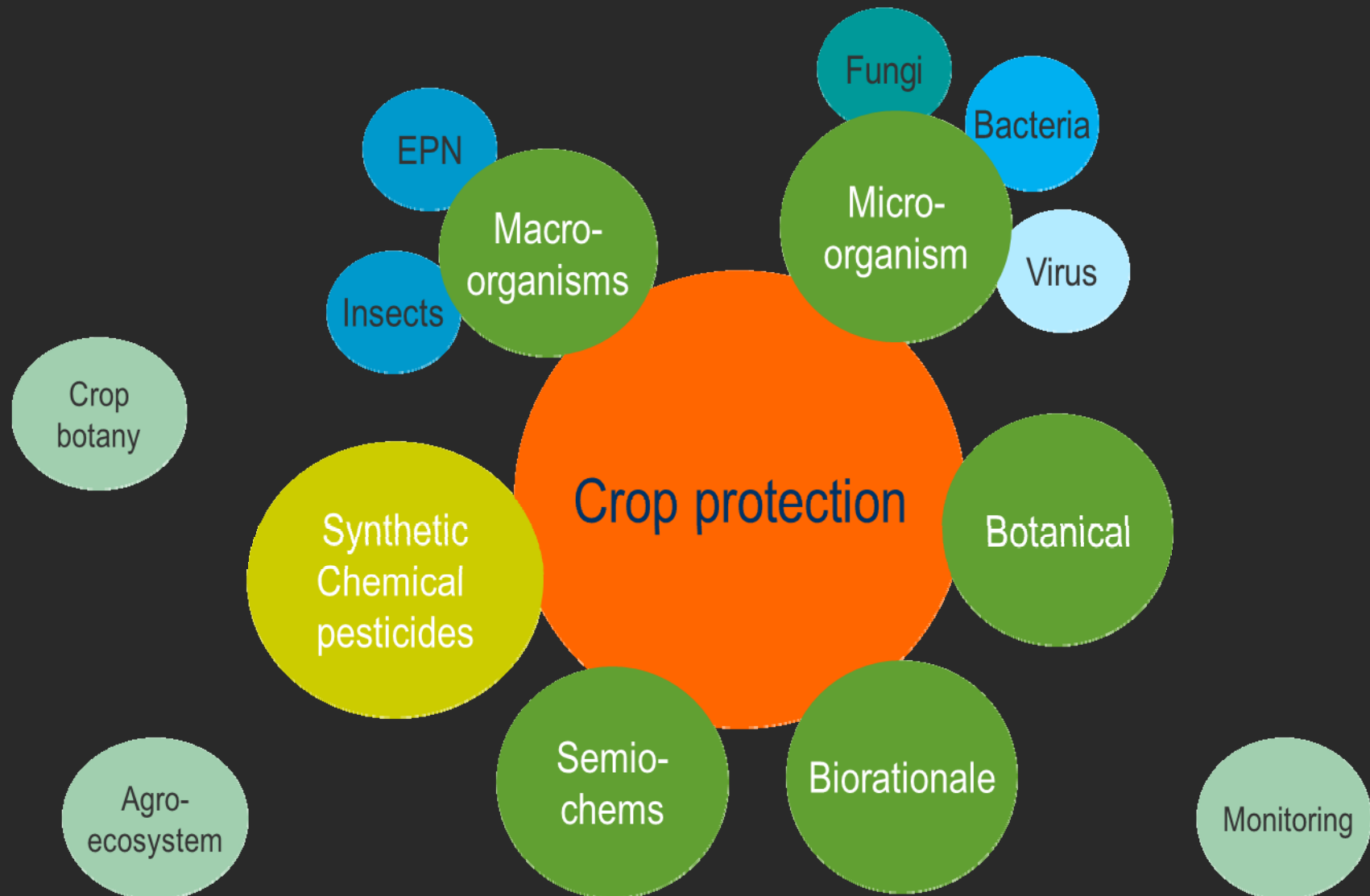
Standardise

Variability



Quality ?

# Knowledge intensive – communication to farmers ?



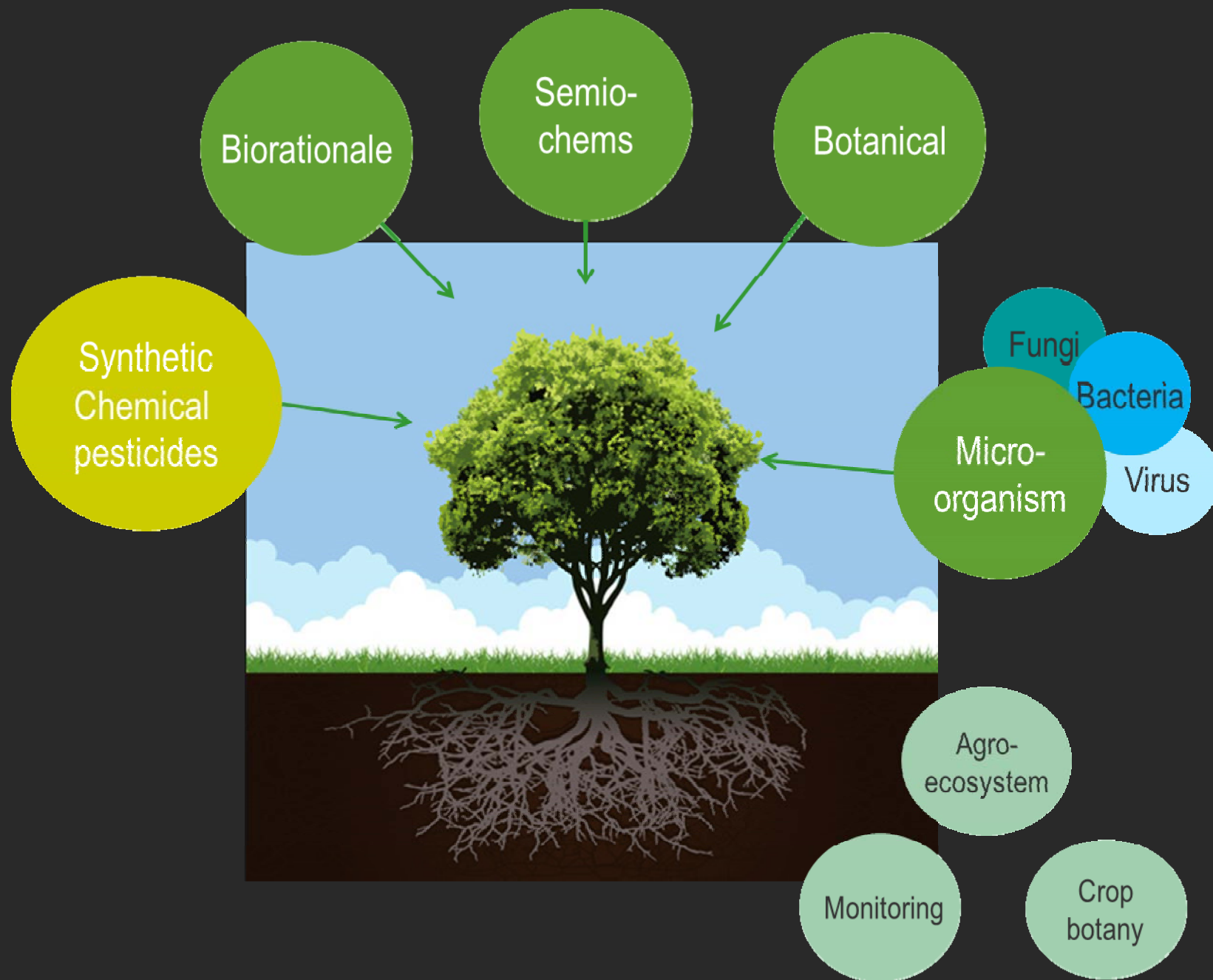
# Regulatory innovation

Proportional

Relevant

Quicker

Cost effective



## Recipe for success?

Employ systems biologists

Embrace variability

Good technology transfer

Maintain innovation

Directed by technology

# Reflections

Research investment

Innovation

Harmonised regulation

Global grower demand

Better advocacy

Better technology transfer

Thank you for your attention



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