



THE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT ARSENAL

A Tactical Blueprint for Formulations,
Chemical Classes, and Resistance Strategy

ANTENNAE
(1.8, 7.5, 1.9)

PRONOTUM
(1.4, 2.8, 5.8)

MESOTHORAX
(9.13, 18.5)

HEAD CAPSULE
(1.8, 2.5, 5.9)

PRONOTUM
(5.35, 5.5)

MESOTHORAX
(9.35, 4.9)

METATHORAX
(1.37, 5.9)

ABDOMEN SEGMENTS
(1.30, 5.3)

CERCUS
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LEGS
(19.88, 5.3)

The Operator's Loadout: Diagnostic & Application Hardware

Phase 1: Intelligence & Diagnostics

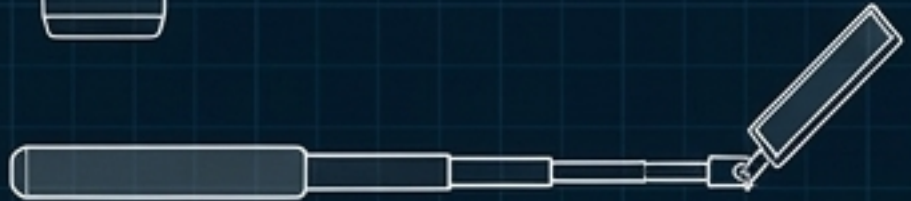
Flashlights, extending mirrors, magnifiers, moisture meters, digital cameras, flushing agents, monitoring traps.



DATA-CAPTURE



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Phase 2: Application & Extraction

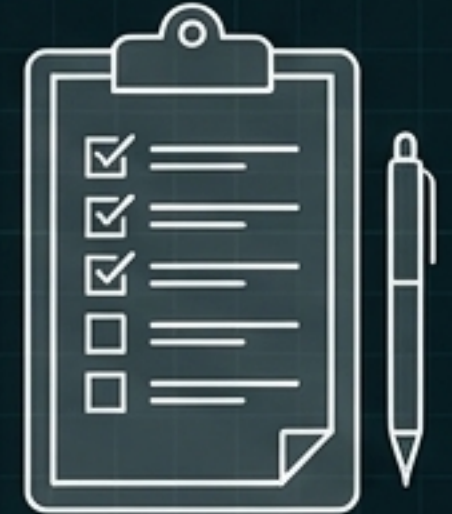
Specimen containers, spatulas, specialized application rigs.



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Phase 3: Safety & Administration

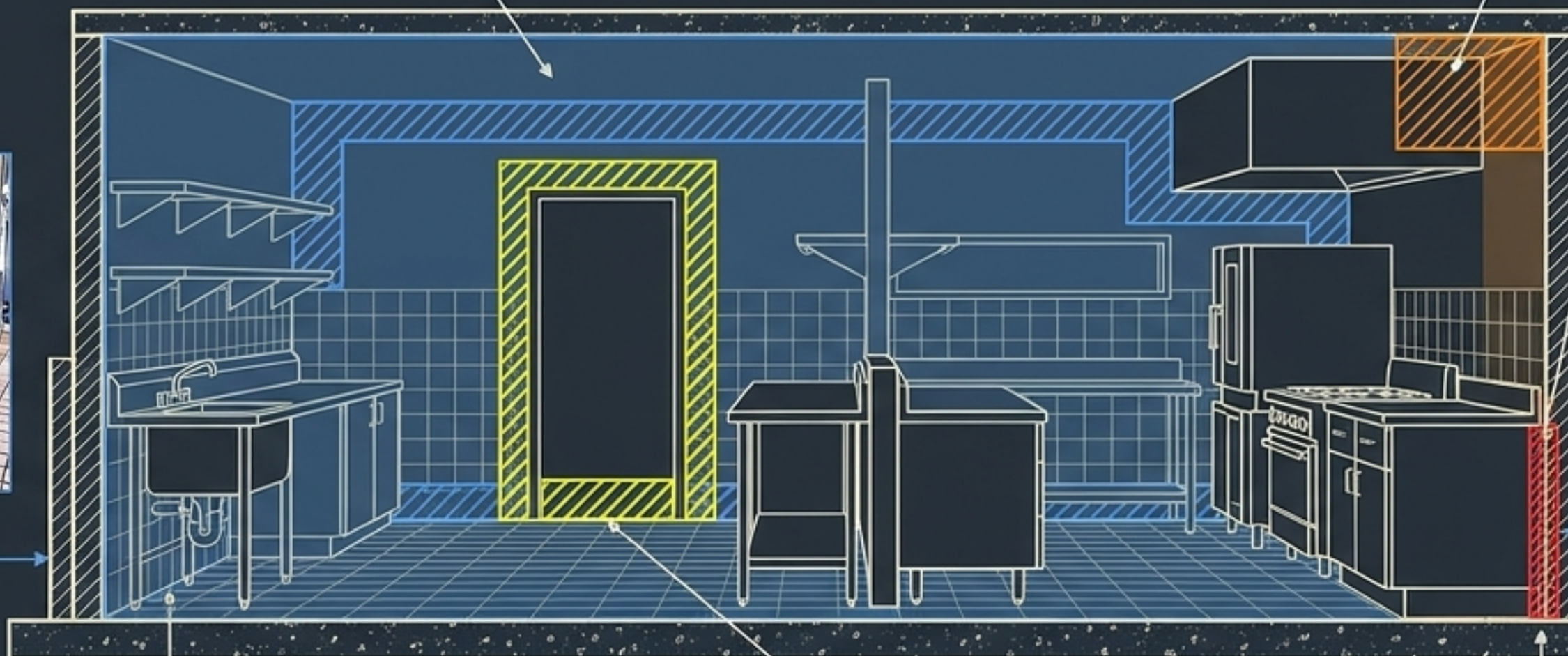
Clipboards, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), clean-up supplies.



Application Geographies: Defining the Strike Zone

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Broad expanses (walls, floors, ceilings). Can utilize residual or non-residual (e.g., space sprays) agents.



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Liquid Dynamics: EC vs. SC vs. ME

Emulsifiable Concentrates (EC)



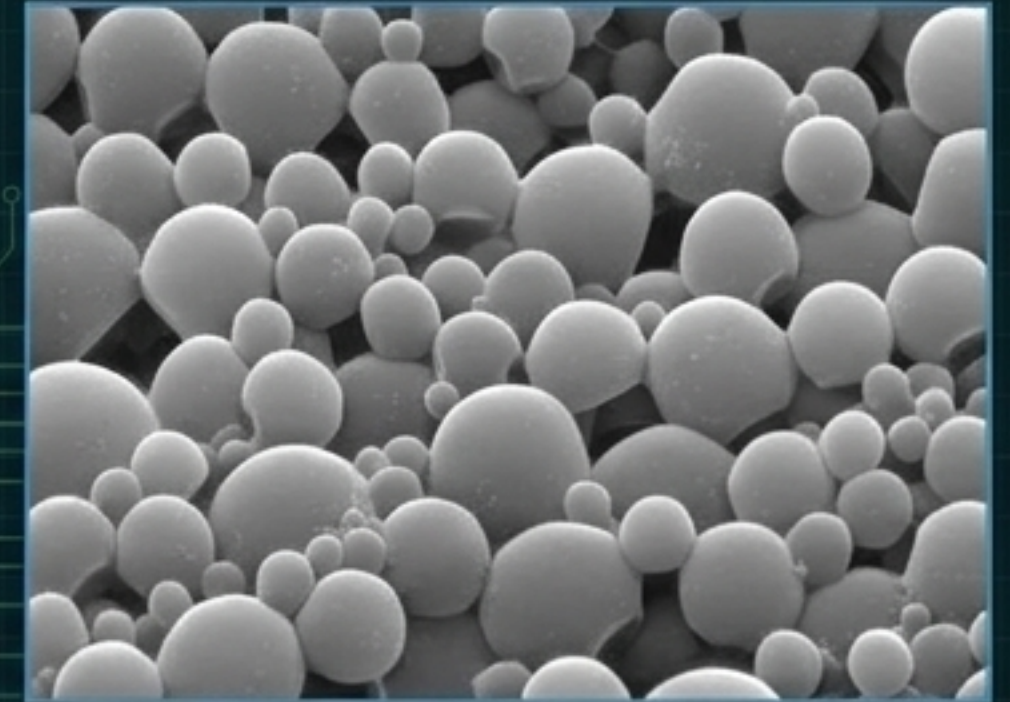
- **Specs:** Oil-based technical material + emulsifier + solvent.
- **Pros:** Fast knockdown, easy mixing, little agitation.
- **Cons:** Absorbed by porous surfaces (wasting residual), phytotoxic to plants, potential staining.

Suspension Concentrates (SC)



- **Specs:** Water-based; solid particles in liquid carrier.
- **Pros:** Better residual on porous surfaces, less skin absorption, less phytotoxic.
- **Cons:** Slower kill, requires more agitation.

Microencapsulated (ME / CS)



- **Specs:** Active ingredient encased in slow-release polymer.
- **Pros:** Maximum residual, readily picked up by insects, low exposure risk.
- **Cons:** Expensive, requires agitation, can clog nozzles.

Dry & Gas Vectors: Dusts, Powders, Baits, and Fumigants



Dusts & Powders

- Dusts: AI + inert carrier (clay, talc). Ready to use, long residual. Risk: Drift, visible residues.
- Wettable Powders (WP): AI + dust + wetting agent. Great on porous surfaces. Risk: High equipment wear, frequent agitation, inhalation hazard.
- Soluble Powders (SP): Forms a true solution. No agitation. Risk: Inhalation hazard during mixing.



Fumigants

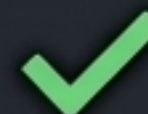
- Volatile gases active $>40^{\circ}\text{F}$. Broad spectrum, absolute penetration.
- **Constraint:** Zero residual, requires strict enclosure, highly toxic to humans.



Baits

- AI ($<5\%$) mixed with attractive food source. Target-specific, long residual.
- **Constraint:** Must out-compete existing food sources; dead pests may cause odor.

The Formulation Diagnostic Matrix

	EC	SC	ME	WP	SP	Dust
Porosity Performance	 Absorbs					
Agitation Required	 None			 Frequent	 None	 None
Phytotoxicity Risk	 High	 Low				
Visible Residue	 None		 Visible	 Visible		 Visible
Inhalation/Skin Risk	 Skin			 Inhalation	 Inhalation	 Inhalation

NOTE: Wettable Powders (WP) cause rapid, abrasive wear on spray nozzles.

The Chemical Arsenal: Understanding IRAC

IRAC: The Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

The core principle:
Pesticides are classified by
their precise biochemical
Mode of Action (MoA).



Strategic Imperative

Understanding these
chemical classes is the
only way to design
effective rotational
programs to combat
genetic resistance.

Phase 1 Agents: Botanicals & Legacy Synthetics

The Natural Origins



- **Agents:** Pyrethrins (chrysanthemum extract), Neem, Rotenone, essential oils.
- **Profile:** Historically the oldest. Short residual, minimal impact on beneficials.
- **Crucial Limitation:** Natural pyrethrum only paralyzes; requires a "synergist" to prevent insect recovery.

The Legacy Era



- **Agents:** DDT, Chlordane, Lindane, Kelthane.
- **Profile:** Highly stable carbon-hydrogen-chlorine chains.
- **Status:** Most/all are no longer available in the U.S. due to extreme environmental persistence.

The Nerve Toxins (Part 1): Cholinesterase vs. Sodium Pathways

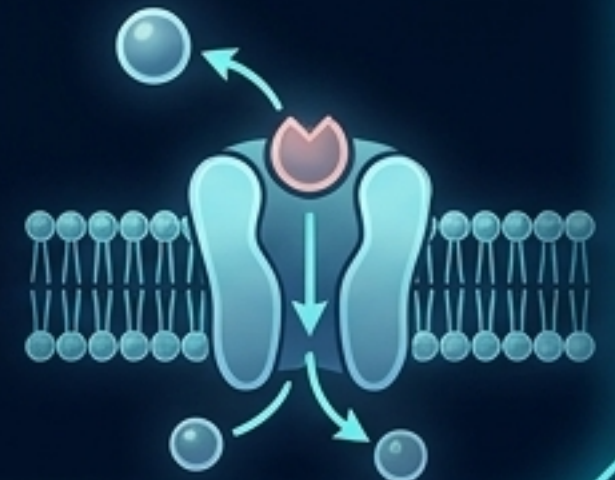
Cholinesterase Inhibitors

- **Organophosphates (OPs):** Bind irreversibly. Replaced legacy hydrocarbons. (e.g., Malathion, chlorpyrifos).
- **Carbamates:** Bind reversibly (a safety improvement). (e.g., carbaryl, propoxur). Losing this class of chemistry.



Sodium Channel Modulators

- **Pyrethroids:** Modulate sodium pathways; does NOT bind to cholinesterase. Mammals are less sensitive; readily metabolized.
- **Environmental:** Binds tightly to soil organic matter; does not move readily in groundwater.
- **Evolution:** Allethrin -> Permethrin -> Bifenthrin, Cypermethrin, Deltamethrin.



The Nerve Toxins (Part 2): Advanced Receptor Targeting



Class: Neonicotinoids (Chloronicotinyls)

- **Target:** Mimics acetylcholine at nicotinic nerve receptor sites.
- **Profile:** Water-soluble, highly systemic in plants. Good residual in soil. Examples: Imidacloprid (Premise), Thiamethoxam (Optiguard).



Class: Phenyl Pyrazoles

- **Target:** GABA pathways (axonic chloride channels).
- **Profile:** Extreme soil affinity (KOC 750), creating long residuals. Examples: Fipronil (Termidor) for termites, ants, fleas.

DuPont™ Advion®
COCKROACH GEL BAIT

Class: Oxadiazines

- **Target:** Voltage-dependent sodium channel blockers.
- **Profile:** “Reduced risk” EPA designation replacing OPs. Contact and stomach poison, heavily used in baits. Example: Indoxacarb (Advion).

Insect Growth Regulators (IGRs): Lifecycle Disruption



Juvenile Hormone Mimics

Mechanism: Disrupts egg formation and adult transformation.

Variable residual, relatively safe for beneficials.

Agents: methoprene, pyriproxifen, fenoxycarb.

Chitin Synthesis Inhibitors

Mechanism: Disrupts formation of the cuticle during molting. Only effective against immature stages. Long residual in soil.

Agents: novaluron, diflubenzuron, cyromazine.

Alternative MoAs: Energy, Physical, and Microbial

Pyrroles

(Mitochondrial Disruptors)



- **Mechanism:** Attacks cellular energy production within the mitochondria.
- **Agent:** Chlorfenapyr (Phantom). Derived from fermenting *Streptomyces* fungus.

Inorganics

(Physical/Stomach)



- **Mechanism:** Boric acid absorbs insect cuticle wax (causing desiccation) and acts as a stomach poison. Slow, but absolute. Boron does not break down but can wash away.
- **Agents:** Boric acid, disodium octaborate tetrahydrate (BoraCare).

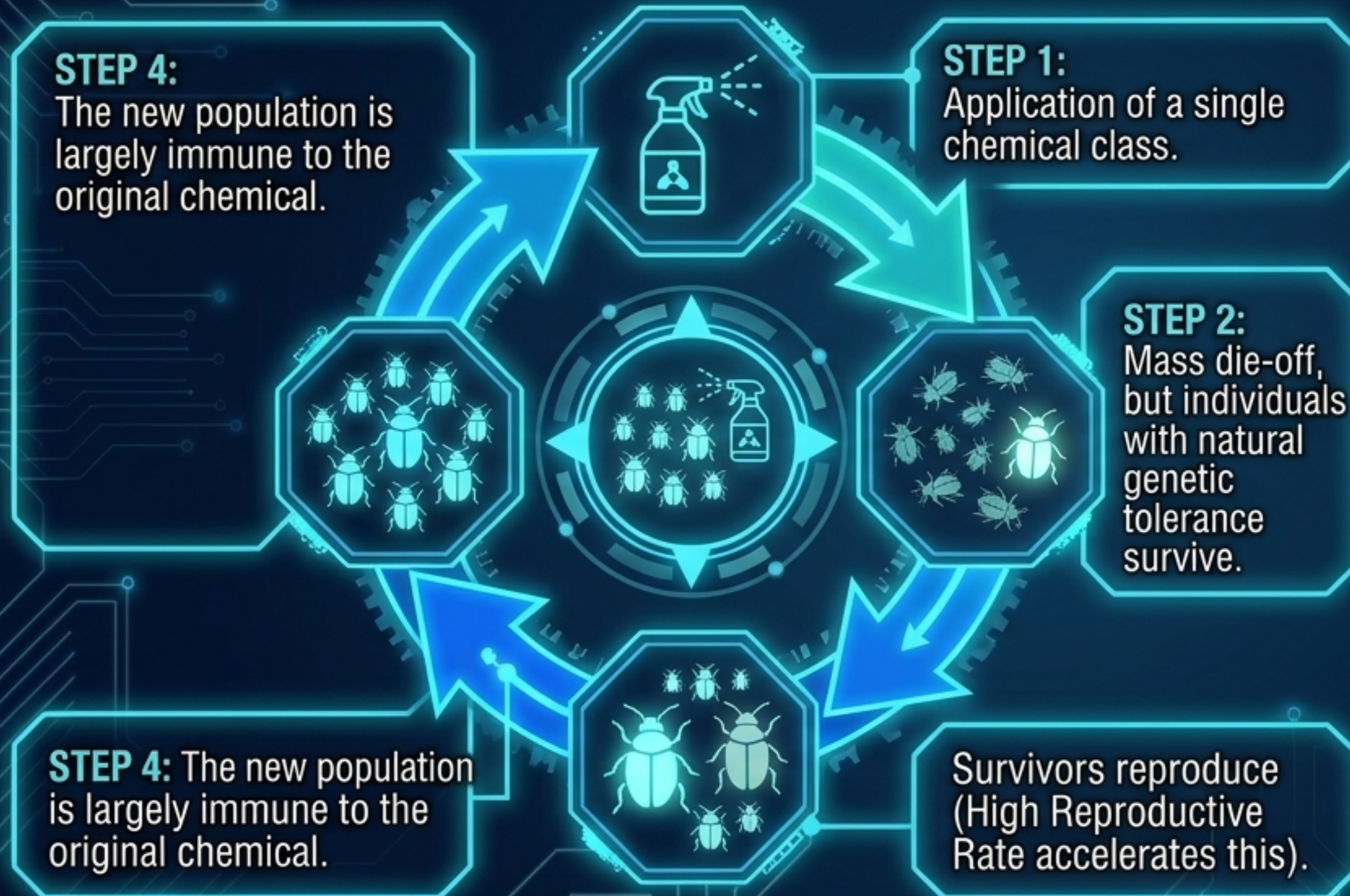
Microbials & Lactones

(Pathogens & Fermentation)



- **Mechanism:** Biological pathogens and fermentation derivatives.
- **Agents:** *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) for caterpillars; *Beauveria bassiana* for fire ants. Avermectin (chloride channel activator from soil microbes).

The Evolutionary Threat: The Pesticide Treadmill



⚠️ RISK FACTORS ⚠️

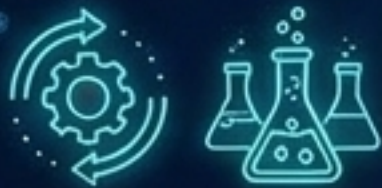
Resistance is mathematically most likely when:

- A pest has a hyper-active reproductive cycle.
- Most or all of the total population is exposed to the same pesticide simultaneously.

Strategic Rotation: Principles of Resistance Management



Chemical Rotation



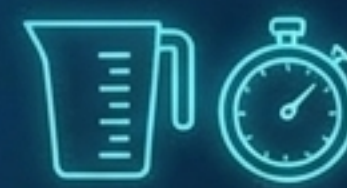
Never rely on a single chemical class. Actively rotate insecticides with completely different IRAC Modes of Action.

Maintain Untreated Areas



Intentionally leave refuges. This preserves a population of non-resistant insects to breed with survivors, diluting resistant genetics.

Rate Discipline



Avoid using lower-than-recommended application rates. Sub-lethal doses accelerate the survival of slightly-tolerant individuals.

Multiple Tactics



Combine chemical applications with physical tools (exclusion, sanitation, traps) to reduce overall reliance on chemistry.

Tactical Scenarios: Synthesis in the Field

Briefing Alpha: The Porous Surface Problem

SCENARIO: You must provide effective, long-lasting residual treatment on a highly porous brick wall.

THE TRAP: Using an Emulsifiable Concentrate (EC).

THE SOLUTION: ECs penetrate porous surfaces and become unavailable to the pest. You must select a Wettable Powder (WP) or Microencapsulated (CS/ME) formulation to ensure the active ingredient remains on the surface.

Briefing Bravo: The Pyrethroid Resistance Crisis



SCENARIO: A cockroach-infested apartment has a long history of failed pyrethroid treatments (Cypermethrin, Esfenvalerate, Lambda cyhalothrin).

THE TRAP: Switching to another pyrethroid brand.

THE SOLUTION: The population is resistant to sodium channel modulators. You must rotate to a completely different Mode of Action. Chlorfenapyr (a Pyrrole affecting mitochondria) is the exact strategic pivot required to break the resistance cycle.