I've provided the bug counts and tree measurements, what does it mean?

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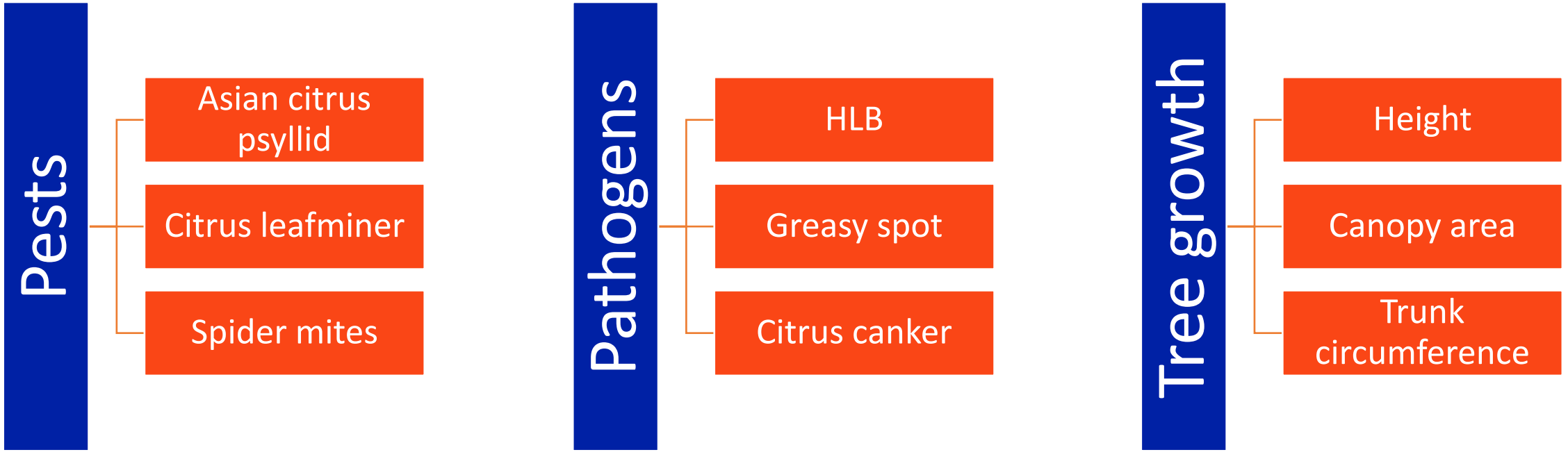
Overall research goals

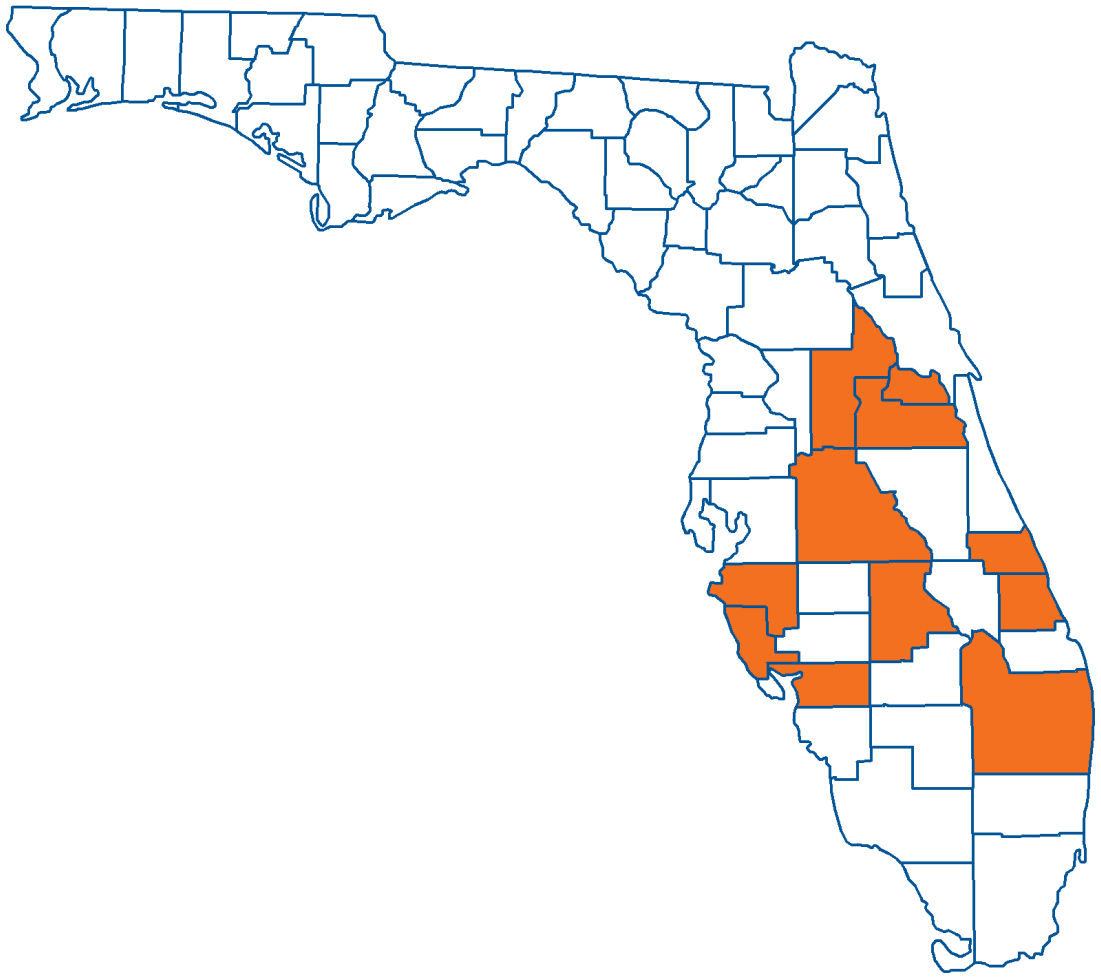
We want to test whether certain tools (kaolin sprays, individual protective covers, reflective donuts) protect young citrus trees from **pests** and **plant pathogens** as well as affect their **growth** compared to standard insecticides



Overall research goals

- We have been testing these tools in commercial settings but want to know **how effective they are in residential settings**
- We want to use our results from this study to **give recommendations that homeowners can follow** to successfully grow citrus

13 participating locations from 11 counties



Charlotte
Highlands
Indian River
Lake
Manatee
Orange
Palm Beach (2 locations)
Polk
Sarasota
St. Lucie
Seminole (2 locations)

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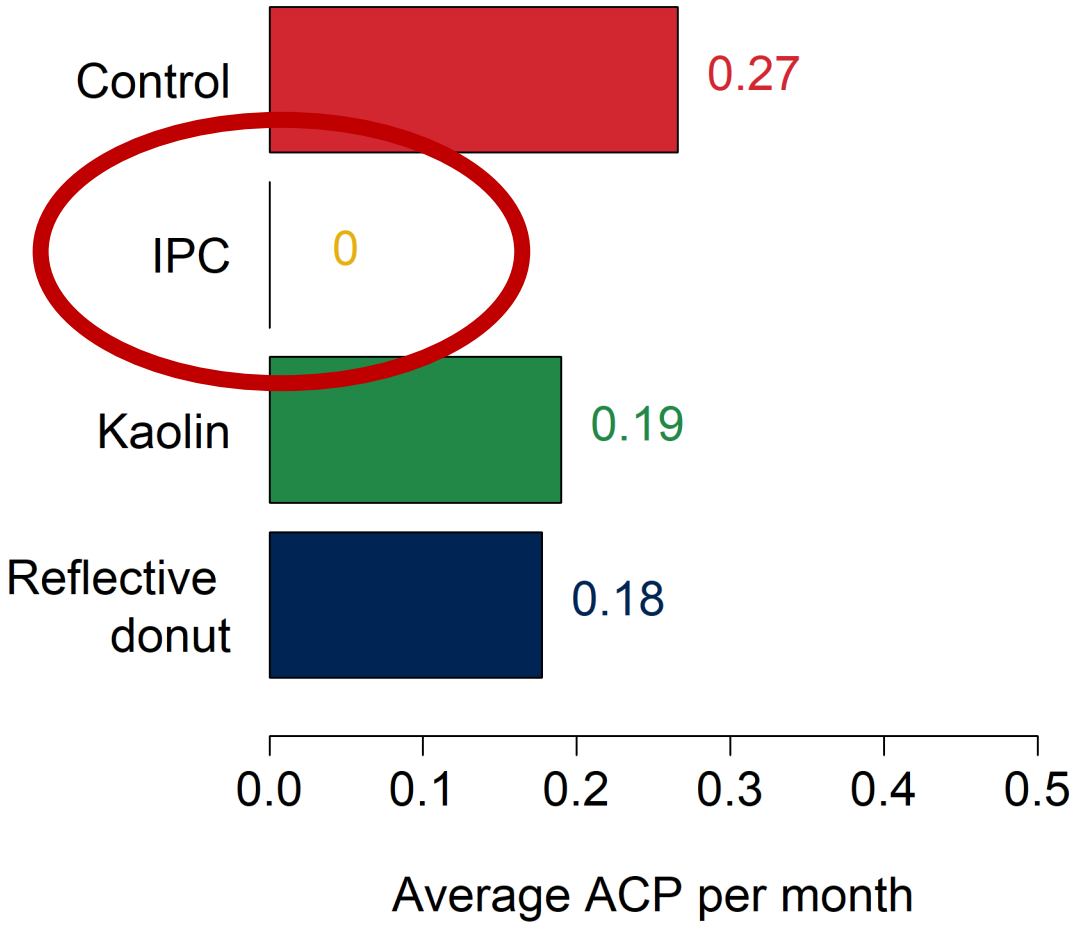

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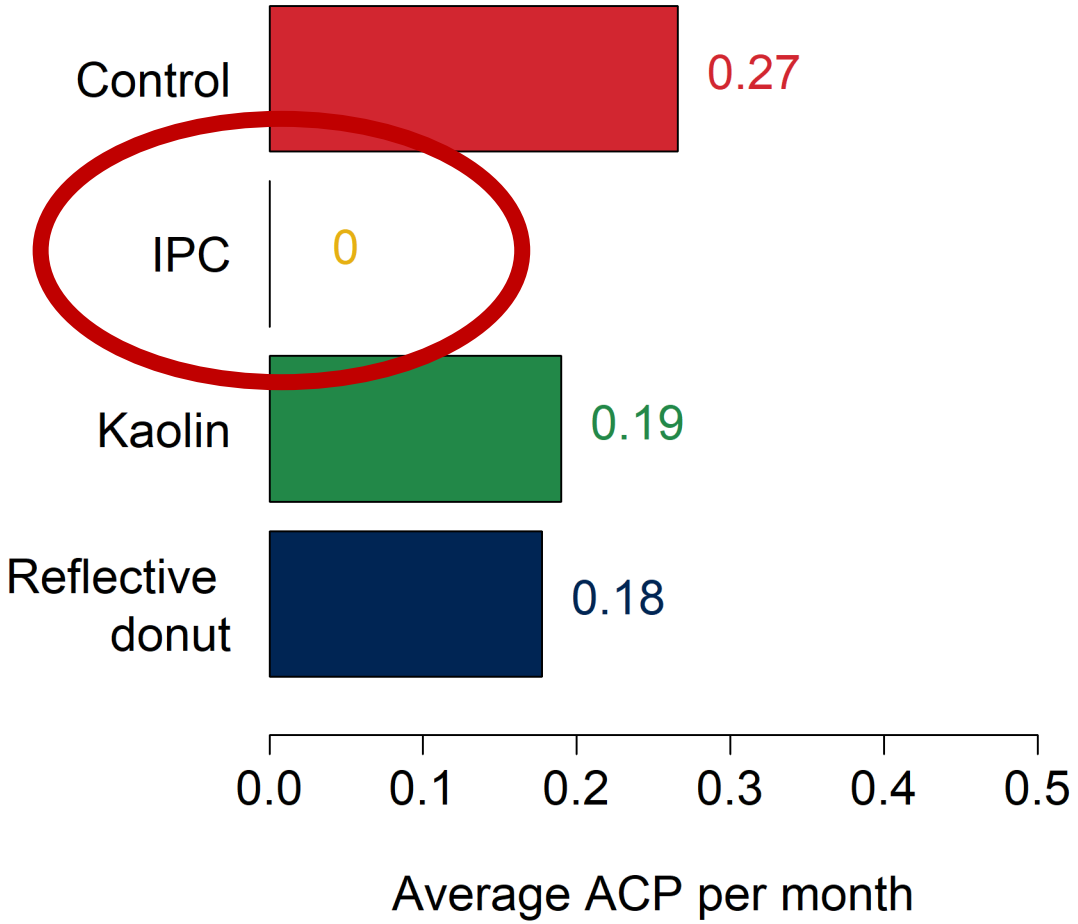
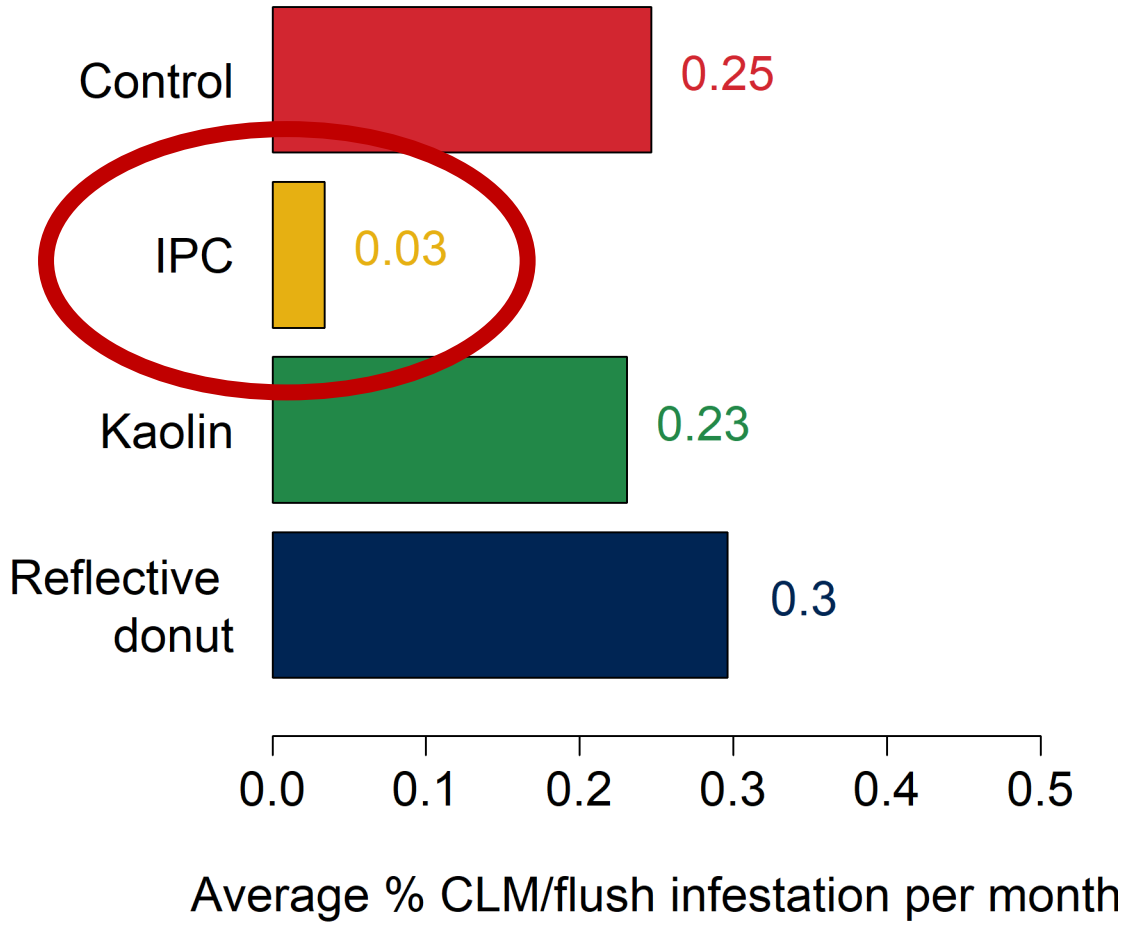
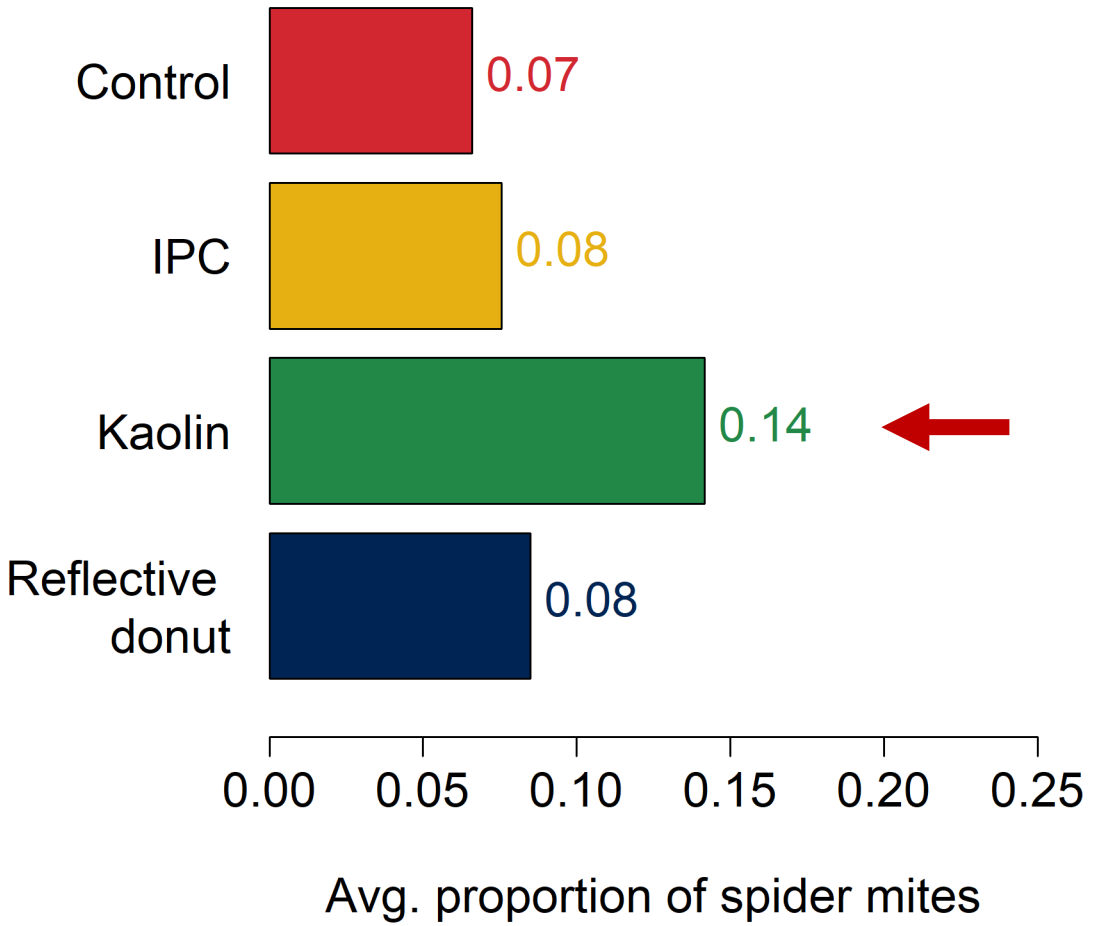
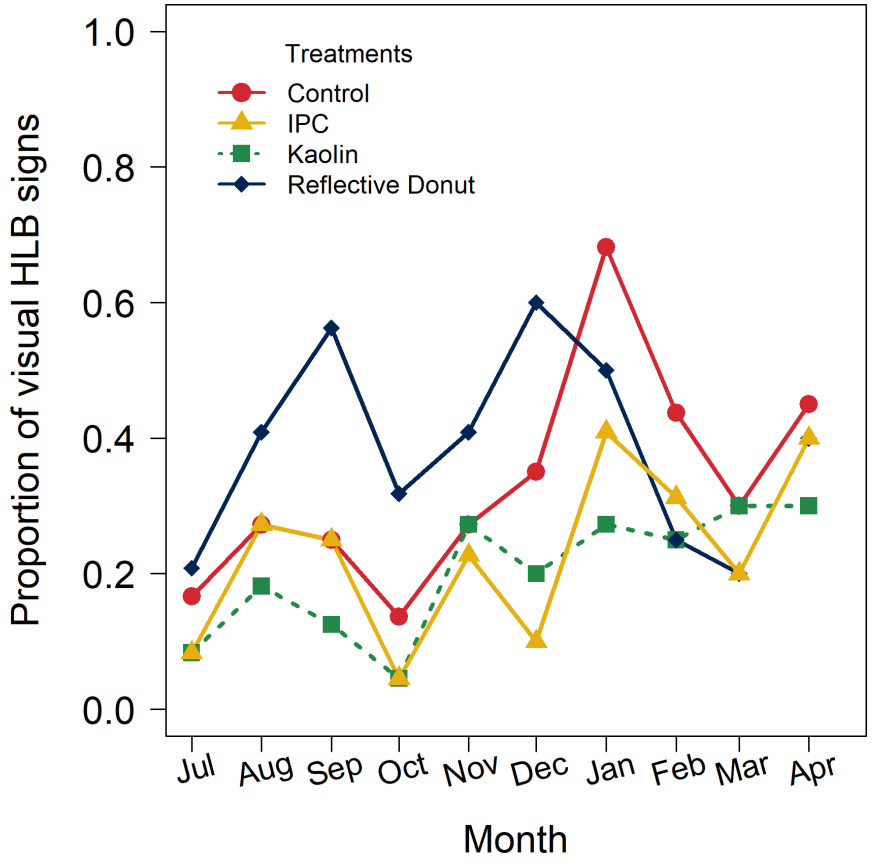


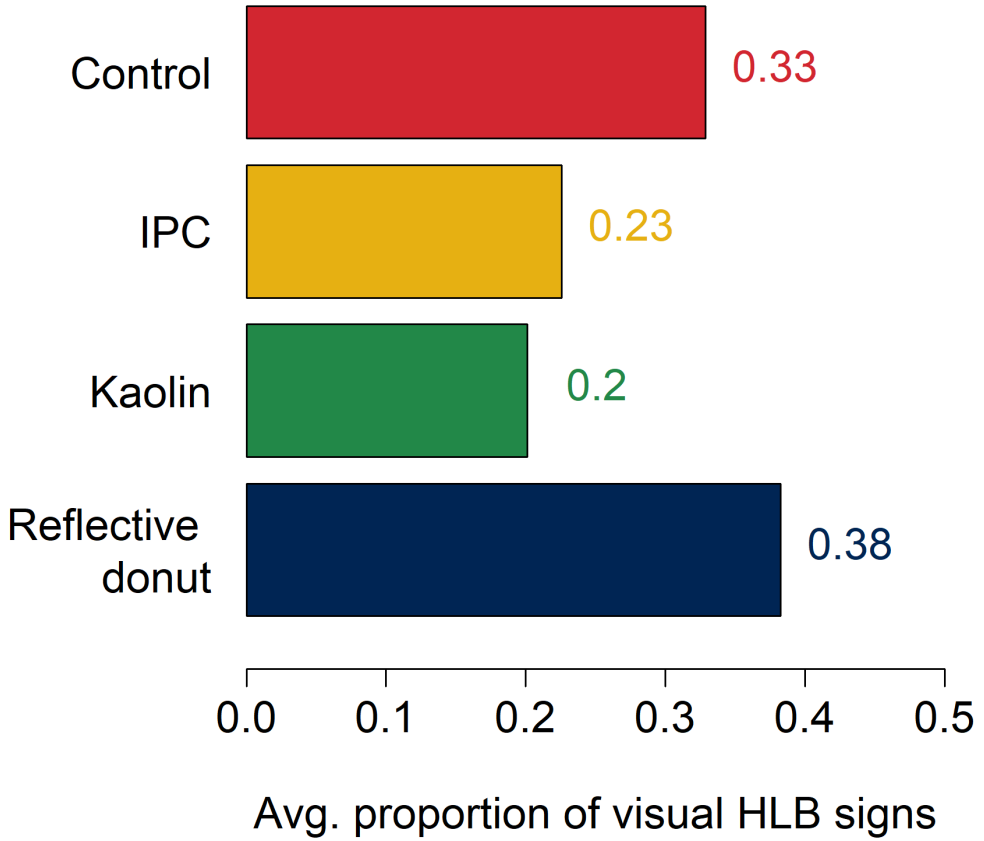


Kaolin trees had spider mites more often

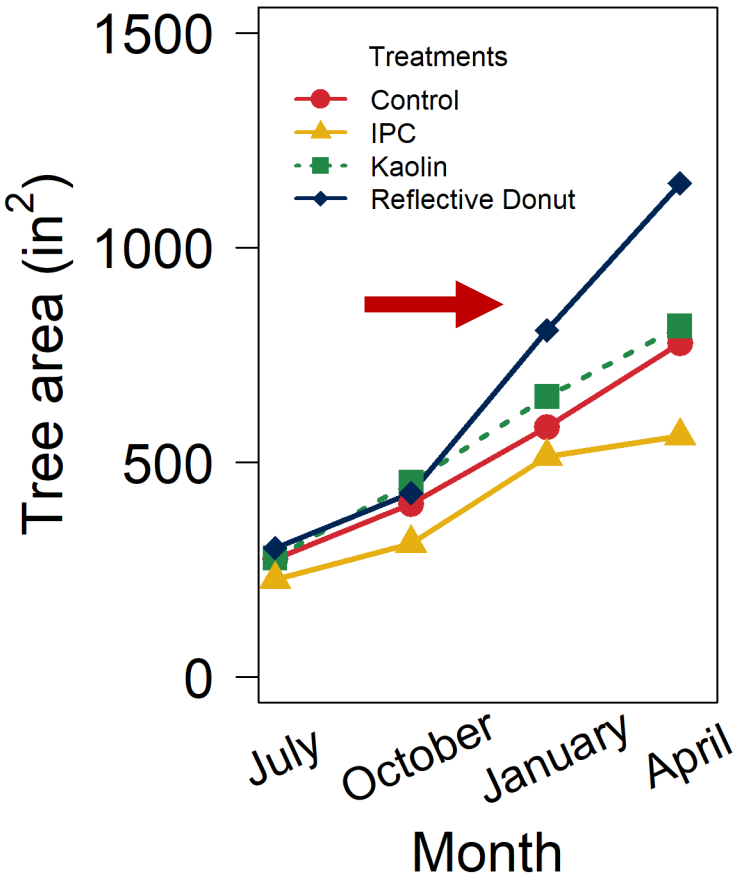


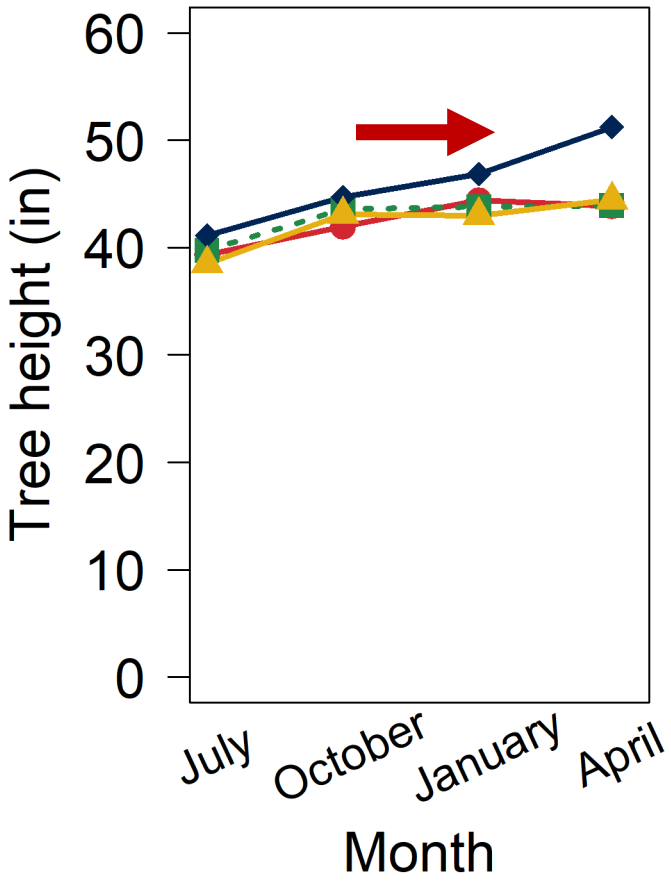
Visual signs of HLB are variable but more common in control and reflective donut trees



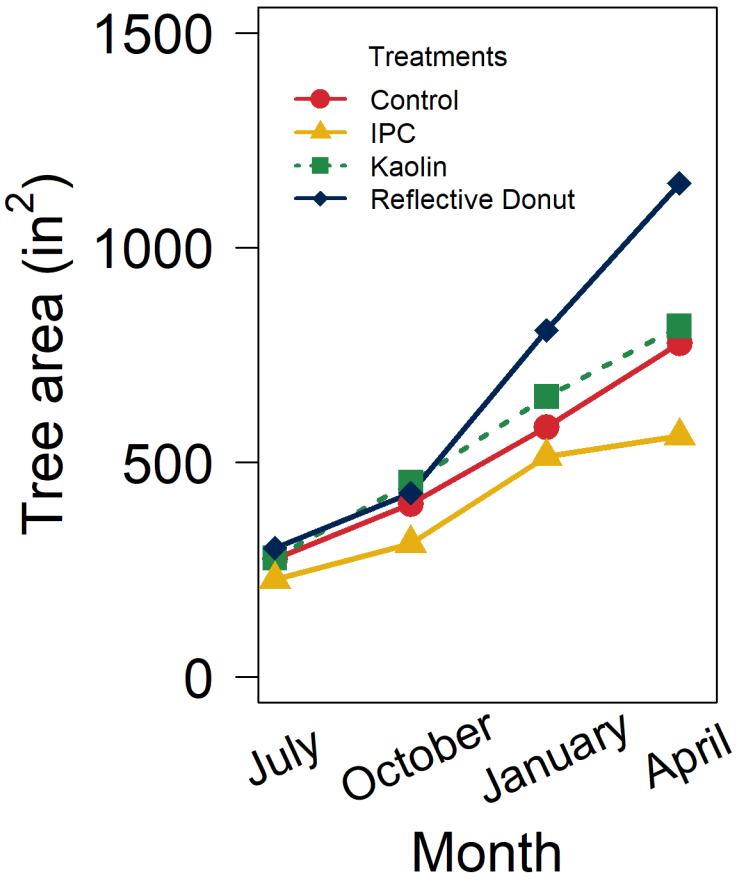


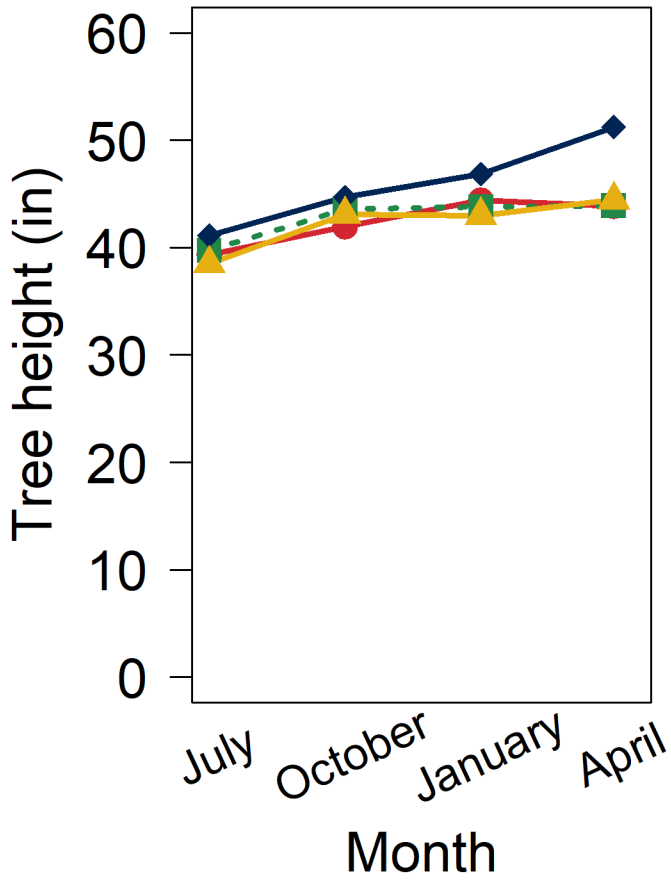
Reflective donut trees had greater area and height

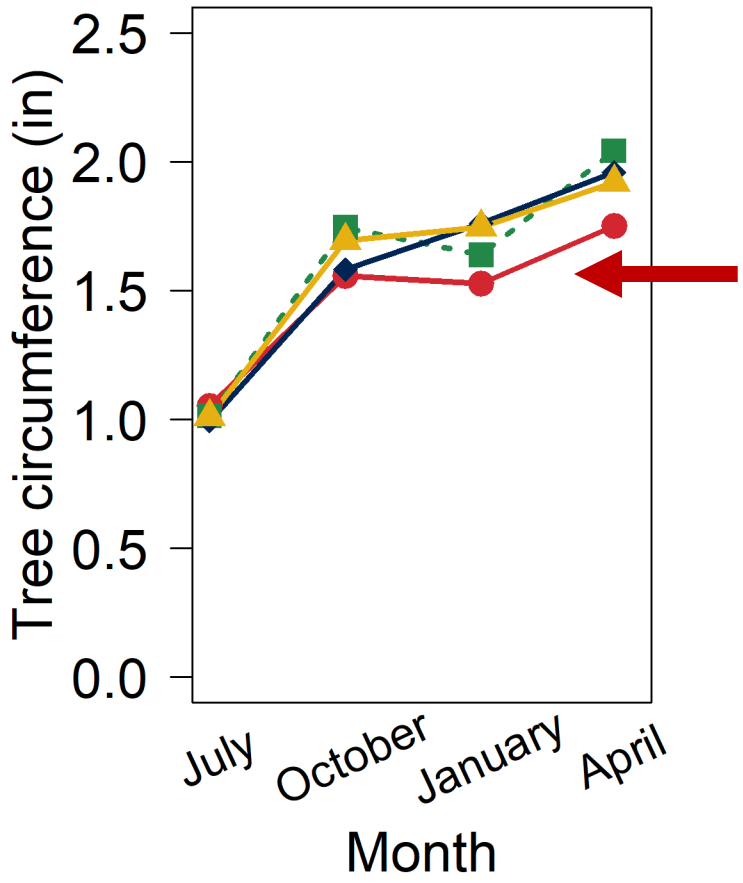




Control trees had a lower tree trunk girth







Overall findings and conclusions

- Individual protective covers may protect young citrus trees from major pests (Asian citrus psyllids and citrus leafminer), but not spider mites
- IPC and kaolin trees seem to have fewer visual signs of HLB/stress
- Trees with reflective donuts grow faster
- Data from Year 2 will give us a clearer picture of how our treatments affect our trees
- We are gaining valuable data from your contributions- so thank you for all that you are doing!

Any questions?

Thank you!

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