

## Background on Pyrethroids: Urban Uses and Upcoming Regulatory Agency Actions

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# Where Are More Pesticides Used in California?



Photo courtesy USGS





# Presentation Overview

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- Which urban pyrethroids are most likely to cause adverse water quality effects?
- How are these pyrethroids used in urban areas?
- What are the trends in use?
- How will pyrethroid research results be used by regulators?
- What are the biggest research needs?
- What's next?

# Data Sources—

## Pyrethroids Selection

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- Market Analysis/Usage Pattern Review
  - User surveys in San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento, and Stockton (Flint 2003)
  - Older surveys—usage patterns only (Cooper 1996, Scanlin & Cooper 1997; URS 2000; Wilen 2001; Wilen 2002)
  - Retail shelf surveys (TDC Environmental 2004)
  - Retail brand product review (Ortho, Bayer, Scotts, Spectracide Internet sites)
- Urban Uses that Have Potential for Meaningful Quantities to Reach Surface Water
  - Analysis of sources, pathways, washoff, and relative potential to release insecticides to surface waters (for DPR, TDC Environmental 2001)

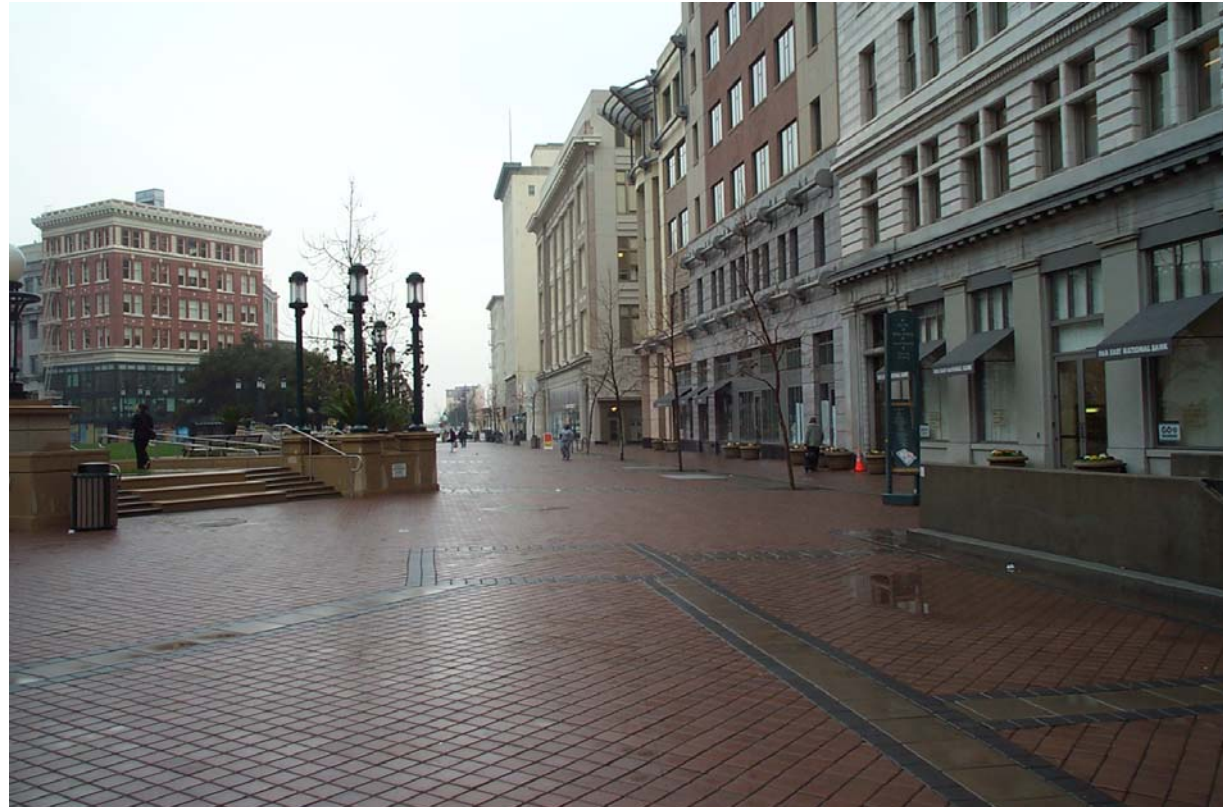
# Pyrethroids Have Many Uses

- Keeping insects out of buildings
- Underground termites
- Lawn/garden insects
- Pet fleas





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- Applications on outdoor impervious surfaces
- Applications involving discharges to drains (including sewers)
- Applications to and near water
- Using large quantities of active ingredient

Source: Analysis for DPR (TDC Environmental 2001)







# Priority Pyrethroids

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- Greatest potential to cause adverse effects in aquatic ecosystems receiving urban discharges
  - Bifenthrin
  - Cyfluthrin and Beta-Cyfluthrin
  - Cypermethrin
  - Deltamethrin
  - Esfenvalerate
  - Lambda-Cyhalothrin
  - Permethrin
  - Possible addition: Tralomethrin



# Approach to Estimating Bay Area Urban Pesticide Use

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**Unreported Use** = Statewide sales – Reported use

**Urban Use** = Reported urban use + unreported use

- *All unreported use is assumed to occur in urban areas*
- *City or County use unreported use is estimated on a per capita basis*



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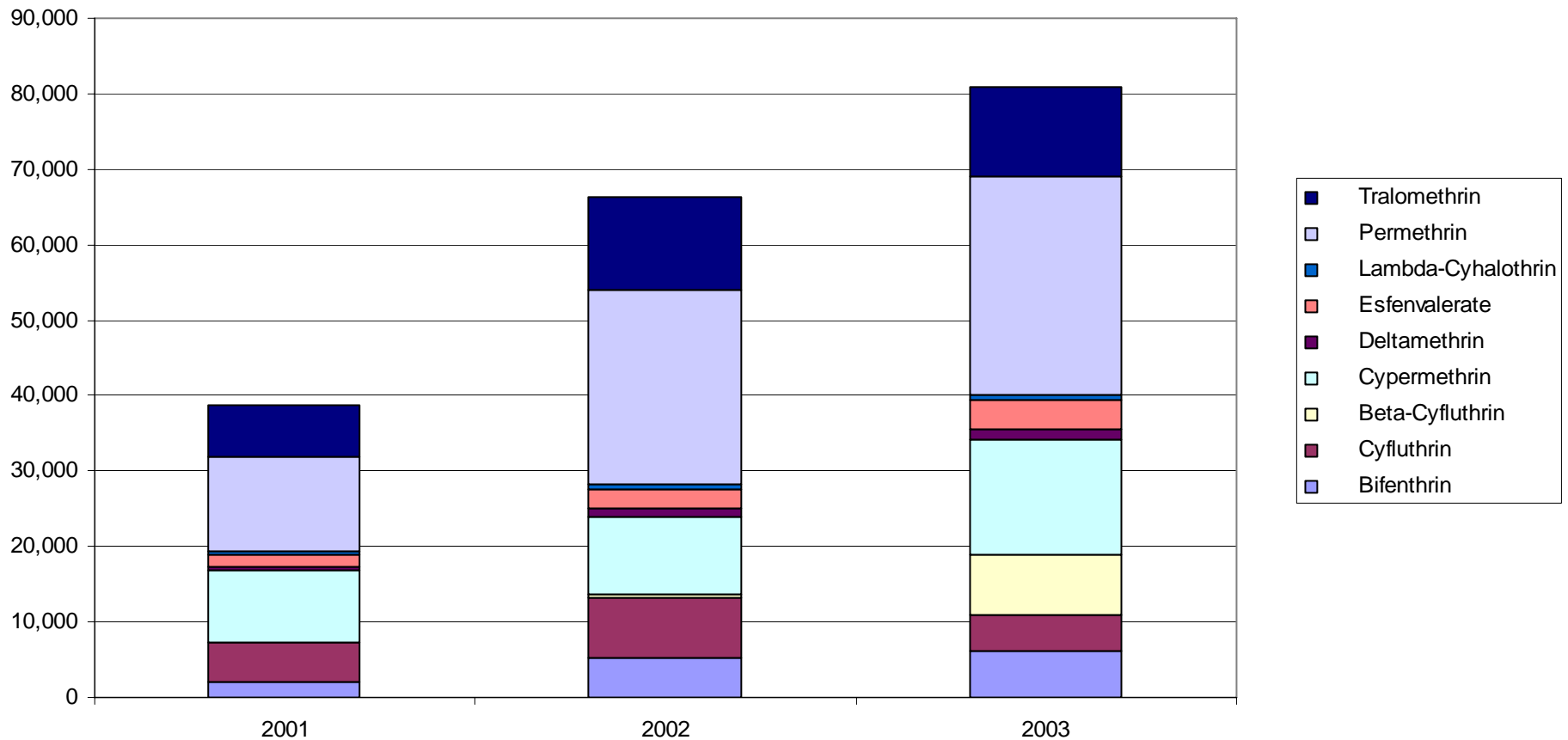
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- DPR Pesticide Use Reports
  - Under-reported (at least 10%)
  - Use data cannot differentiate above ground and subterranean applications
- DPR Pesticide Sales Data
  - Under-reported (on average 10%)
- Population (CA Dept. of Finance)

# Bay Area Diazinon & Chlorpyrifos Use Decreased from 1999-2003

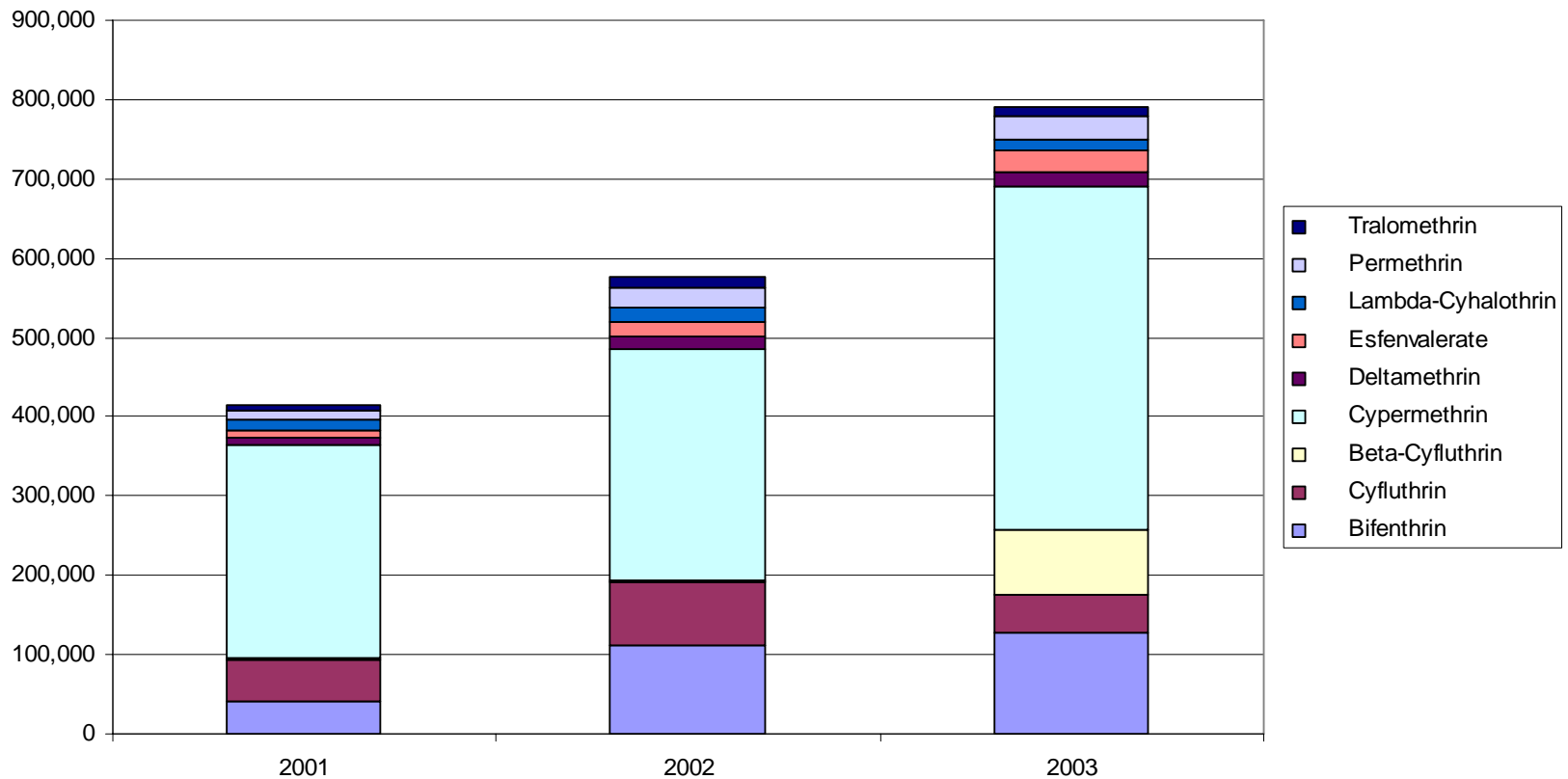


# Bay Area Pyrethroid Use (Lb A.I.) Doubled Between 2001 and 2003





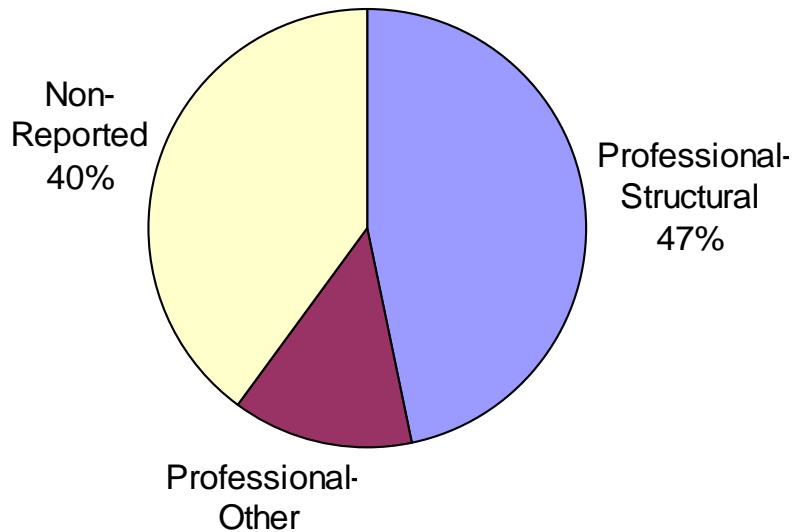
# Bay Area Cypermethrin & Bifenthrin Applications Contain the Most Toxicity



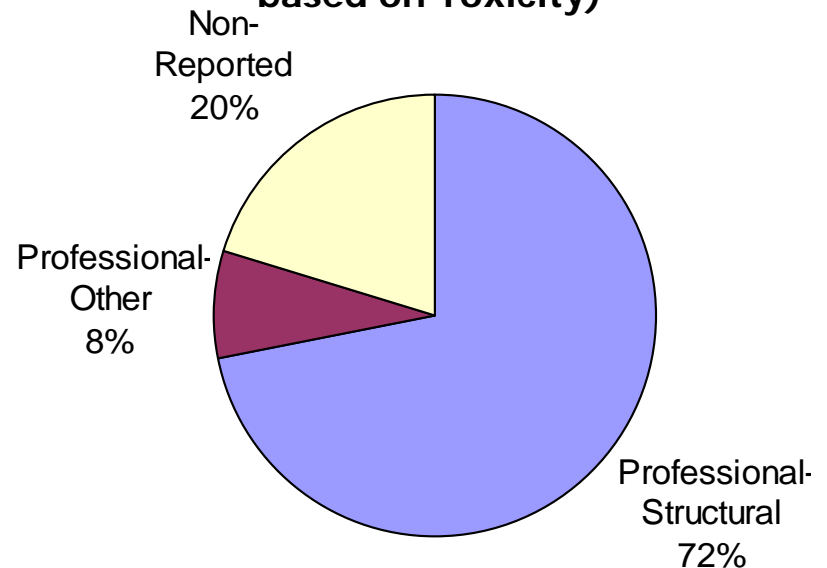
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# Most Urban Pyrethroids are Applied by Professionals for Structural Pest Control

San Francisco Bay Area Study List  
Pyrethroids Urban Uses, 2003 (Lb. A.I.)



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# U.S. EPA Re-Registration

- Only certain pyrethroids (Permethrin, Cypermethrin, Remethrin, Allethrins, Tetramethrin, Sumithrin)
- EPA risk assessments rely on available data
  - Many data gaps
  - Default EPA assumption is no significant risk





# Other Regulatory Possibilities

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- 303(d) Water Body Impairment Listings?
  - Could occur as soon as 2006
  - Many data needs for TMDLs
- DPR Re-evaluation?

# Research Needs— Analytical Methods

- Try out pyrethroid methods in all media
- Develop standard procedures for pyrethroid sample collection & handling





# Research Needs—Monitoring

- Surveillance monitoring needed
  - Priority: Sediments/toxicity
  - Need adequate d.l. for pyrethroids (for sediments see LC50s in Amweg et al. 2005; for water see TDC Environmental 2003)
  - Salt water, fresh water, POTW discharges
- Check for pyrethroids when toxicity is found
- Inform U.S. EPA and DPR of any pesticide-related toxicity



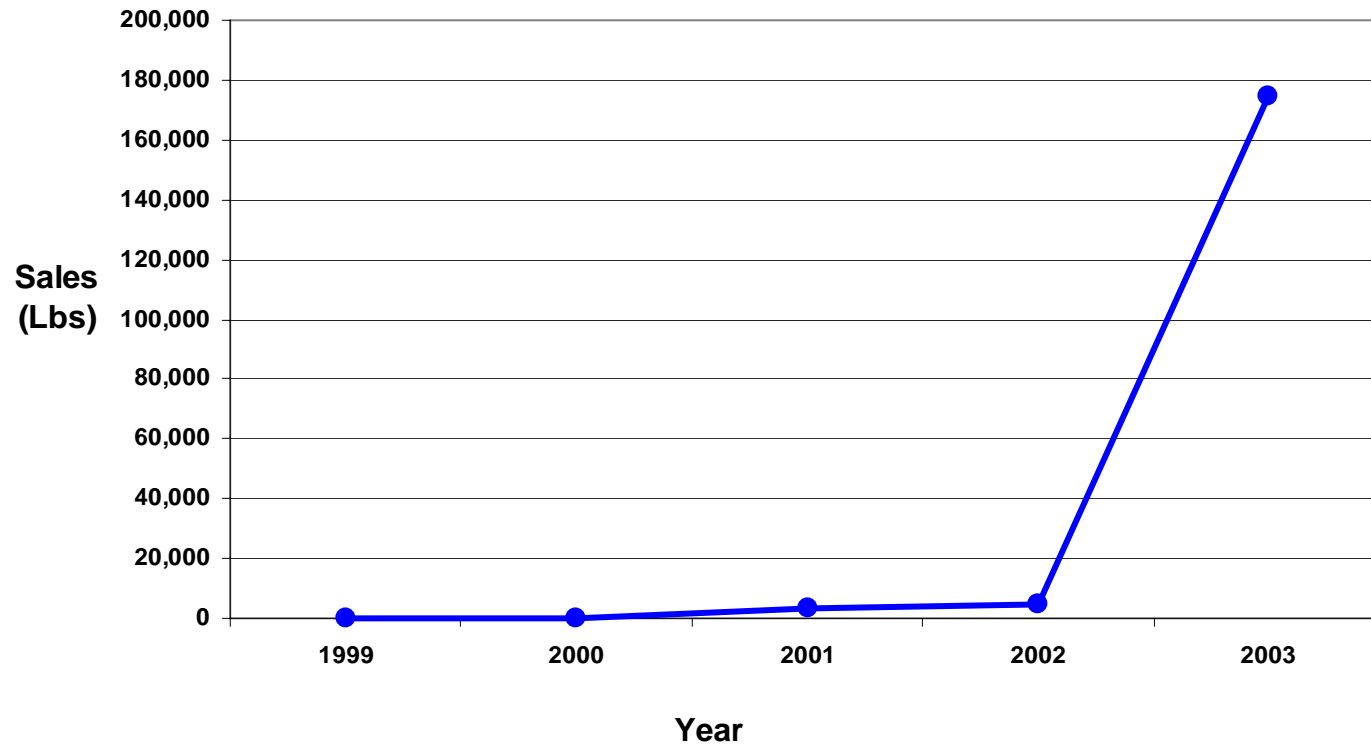


# Research Needs—Toxicity

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- Tralomethrin *Hyallela azteca* LC50s
- Marine sediment organism toxicity data
- Sublethal and chronic endpoints for pyrethroids (particularly sediment)
- Pyrethroid mixtures
  - Need to prove additivity
- Temperature effects
  - Surface water colder than labs

# What's Next? Fipronil





# More Information

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- [www.UP3Project.org](http://www.UP3Project.org)