

A generic Decision Support System (DSS) for Integrated Weed Management (IWM)

Plant health for sustainable agriculture (PHSA)

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Disposition

- Experience in DSS on IWM
- Demonstration
- Ideas and requirements
- ‘Decision engine’
- Integration of legal restrictions and IPM
- Customization for different countries
- IT system architecture
- Summary

Experince in DSS on IWM

- 1989-2014:
Aarhus University
Design, test, export of DSS for IWM
- Sept 2014 - :
IPM Consult Ltd. (SME)
Design, test export of DSS for IWM

Demonstration

'Problem solver' – input of field report - prototype in Germany

http://www.dssherbicide.de/cp/weeds/Parameters.asp

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Region: Nord-Deutschland

Weeds > Problemsolver > Field report
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Conditions for calculation

Crop

Version: Winter Wheat Undersown: None
Season: Spring and summer
Expected yield: 50-75 dt/ha
Growth stage: 22. 2nd side shoot visible

Growth conditions

Min. Temp.: 8°C Max. temp.: 14°C

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'Problem solver' - close-up

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Weed biology

Common Chickweed <> 🔑

Can be mistaken for

[Black Nightshade](#), which has hairy dicotyledon leaves and true leaves.

[Common Mouse-ear](#), which has hairy true leaves.

Characteristics


Cotyledons
Oblong, oval with entire leaf margins. Stalked. The surface is smooth (a few hairs near the stalk). Length approx. 5-7 mm.


True leaves
Circular to egg-shaped with entire leaf margins. Stalked. The surface is smooth (hairy stalk). Length approx. 6 mm.


Mature plant
Common Chickweed is a low-growing plant with 5-20 cm long, trailing stems. One row of hairs along the stems. The diameter of the flower is approx. 4-5 mm. *Seed production:* Up to approx. 15,000 seeds per plant.


Seed
Almost circular and somewhat flattened. The surface is finely nubby with the burrs in curving rows. One notch in the peripheral edge. Thousand grain weight approx. 0.6 g.


Biology
Propagation and dispersal


Seedling


Flower


Early stage


Mature plant


Seeds

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Weed growth stage: 3-4 leaves ▾ Print [?]

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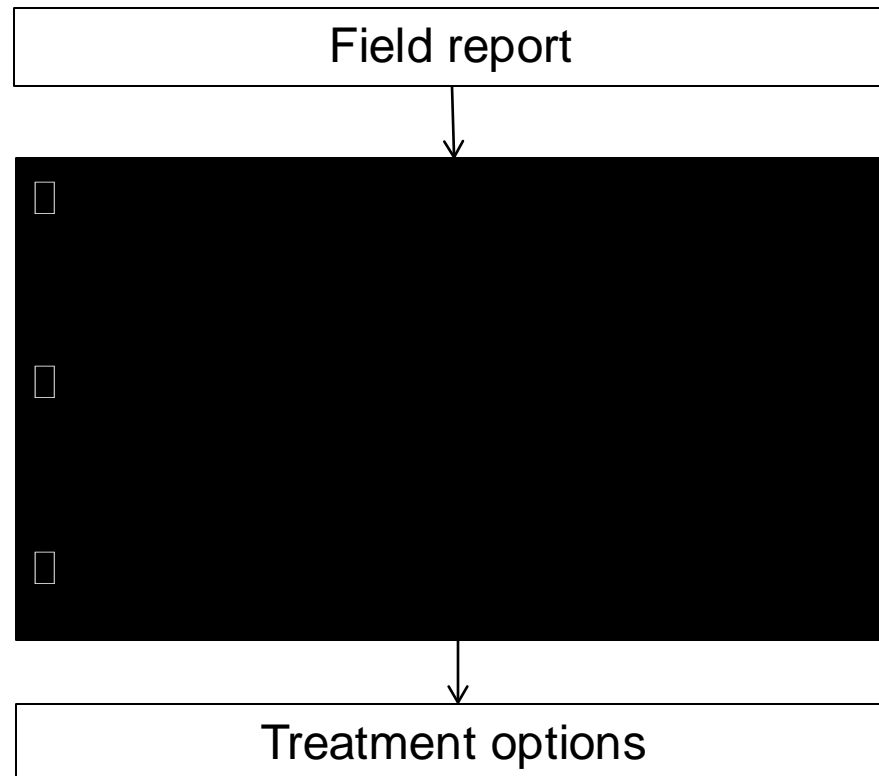
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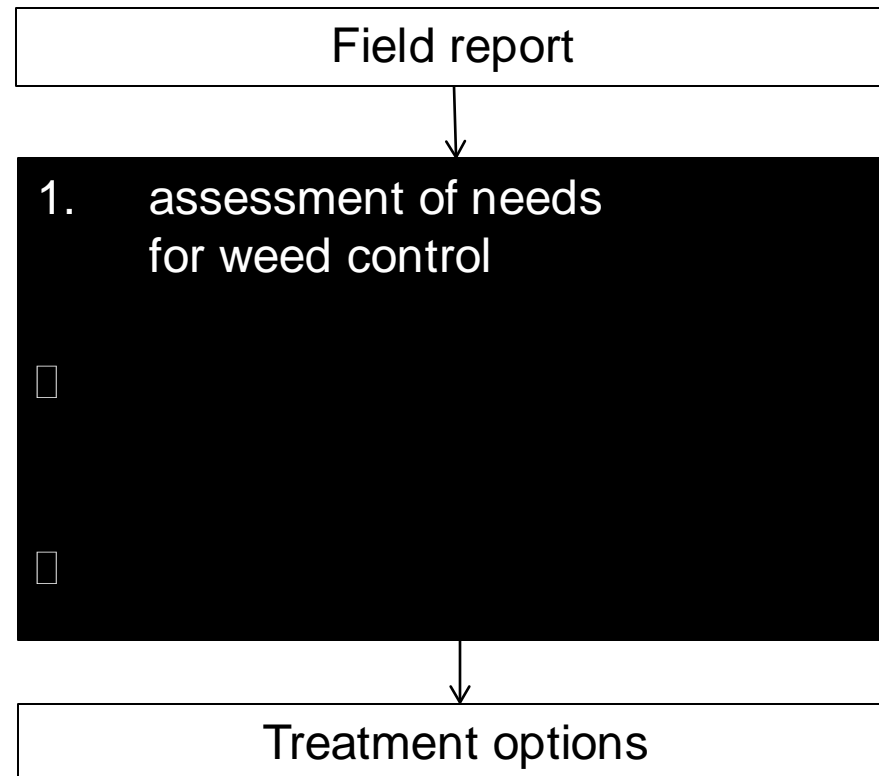
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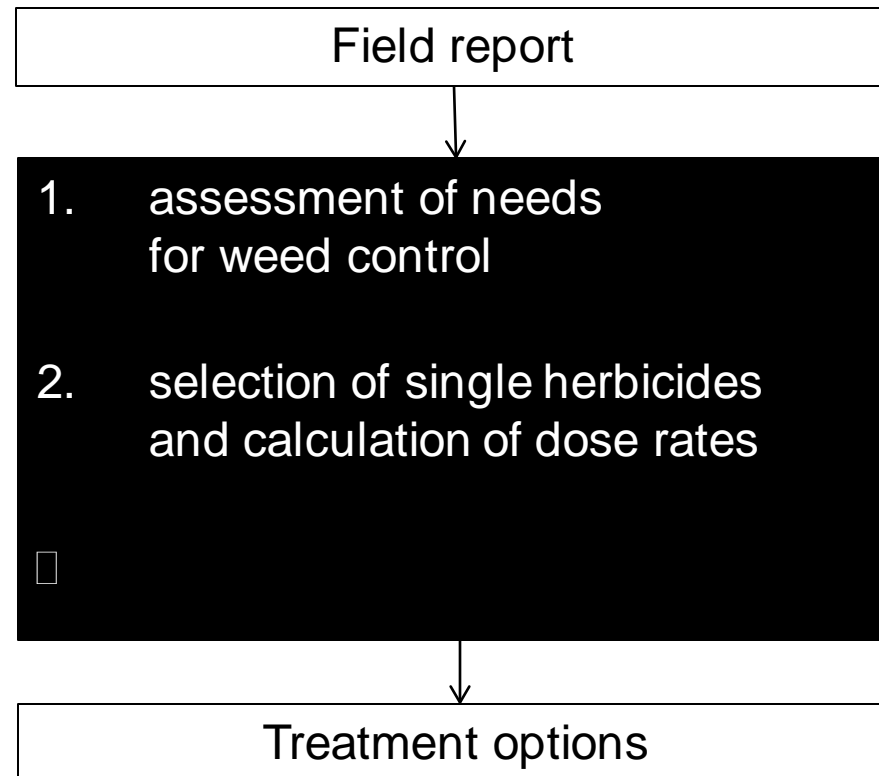
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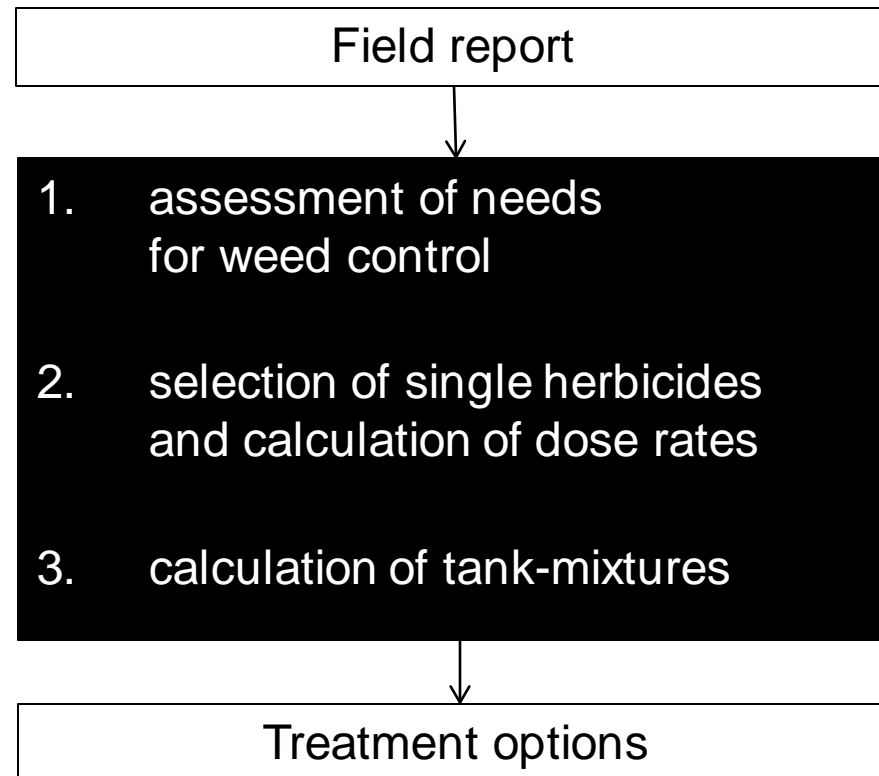
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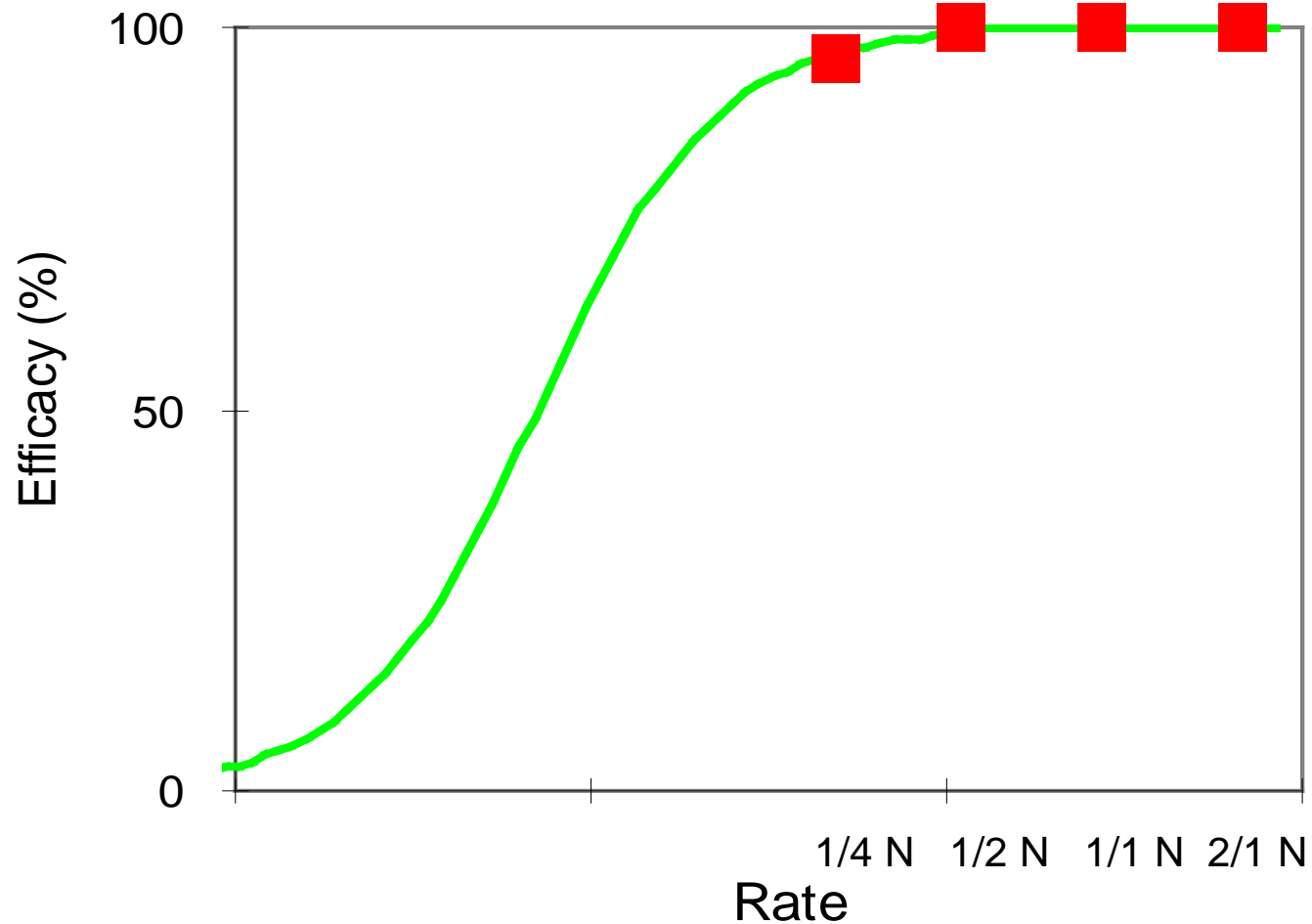
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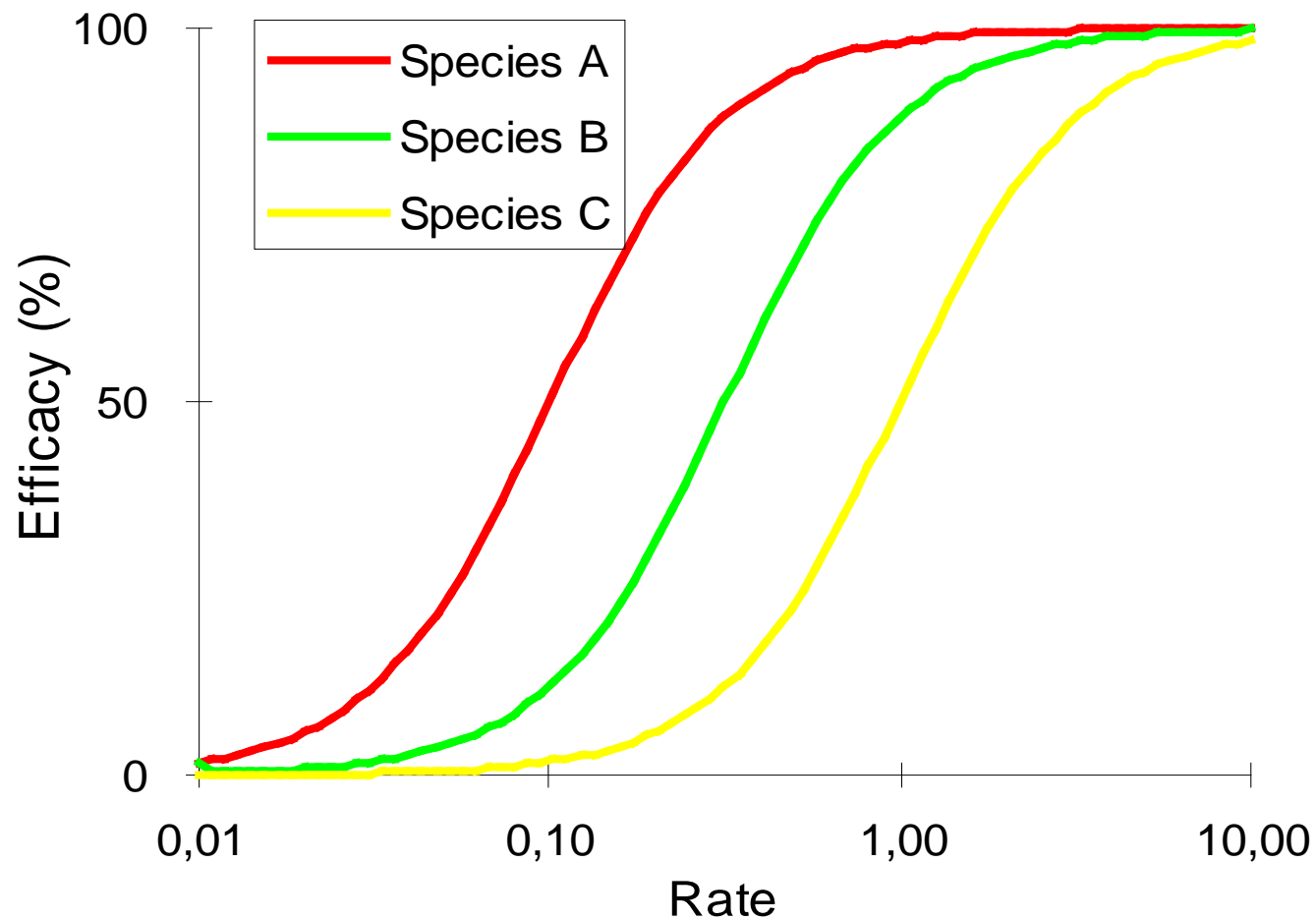
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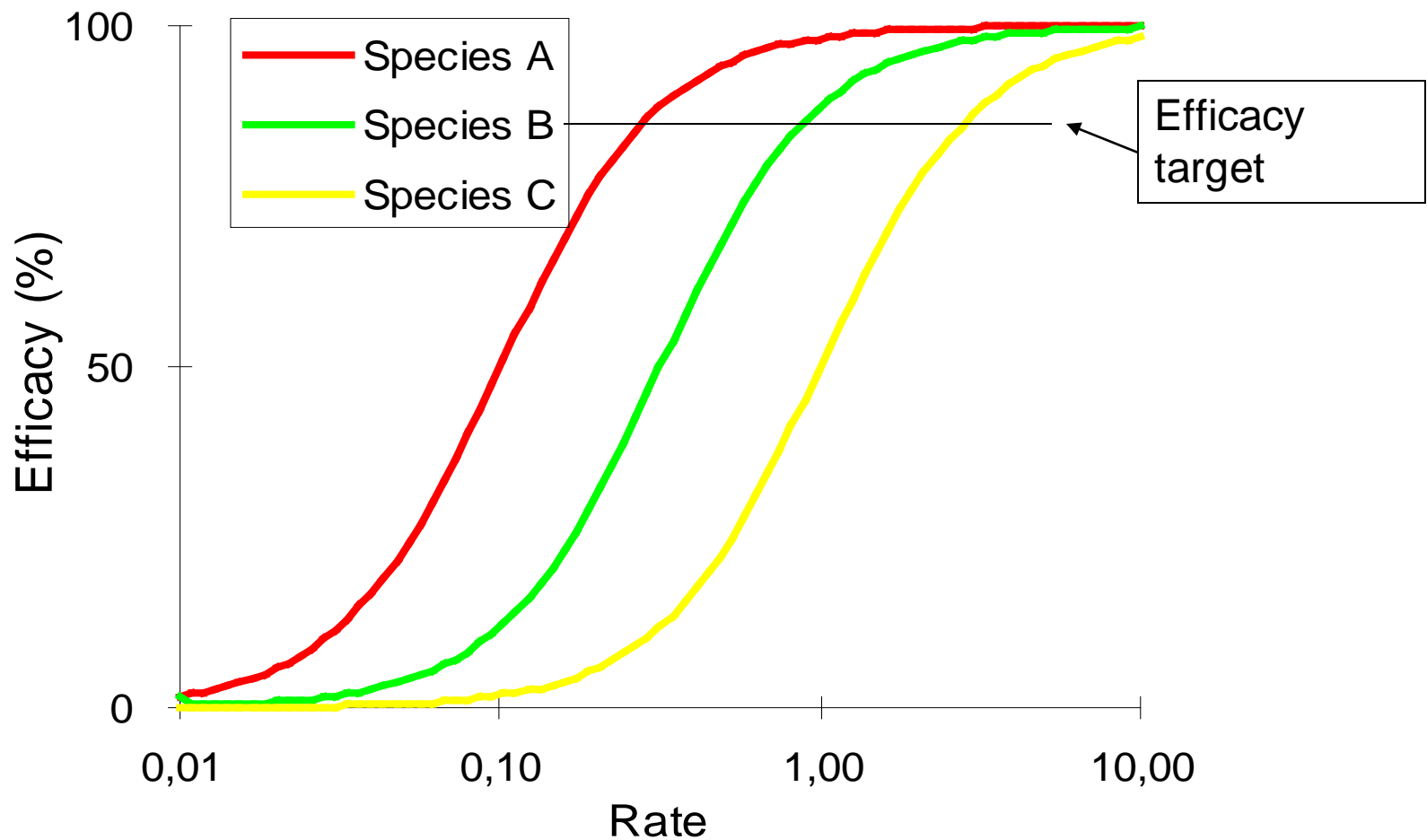
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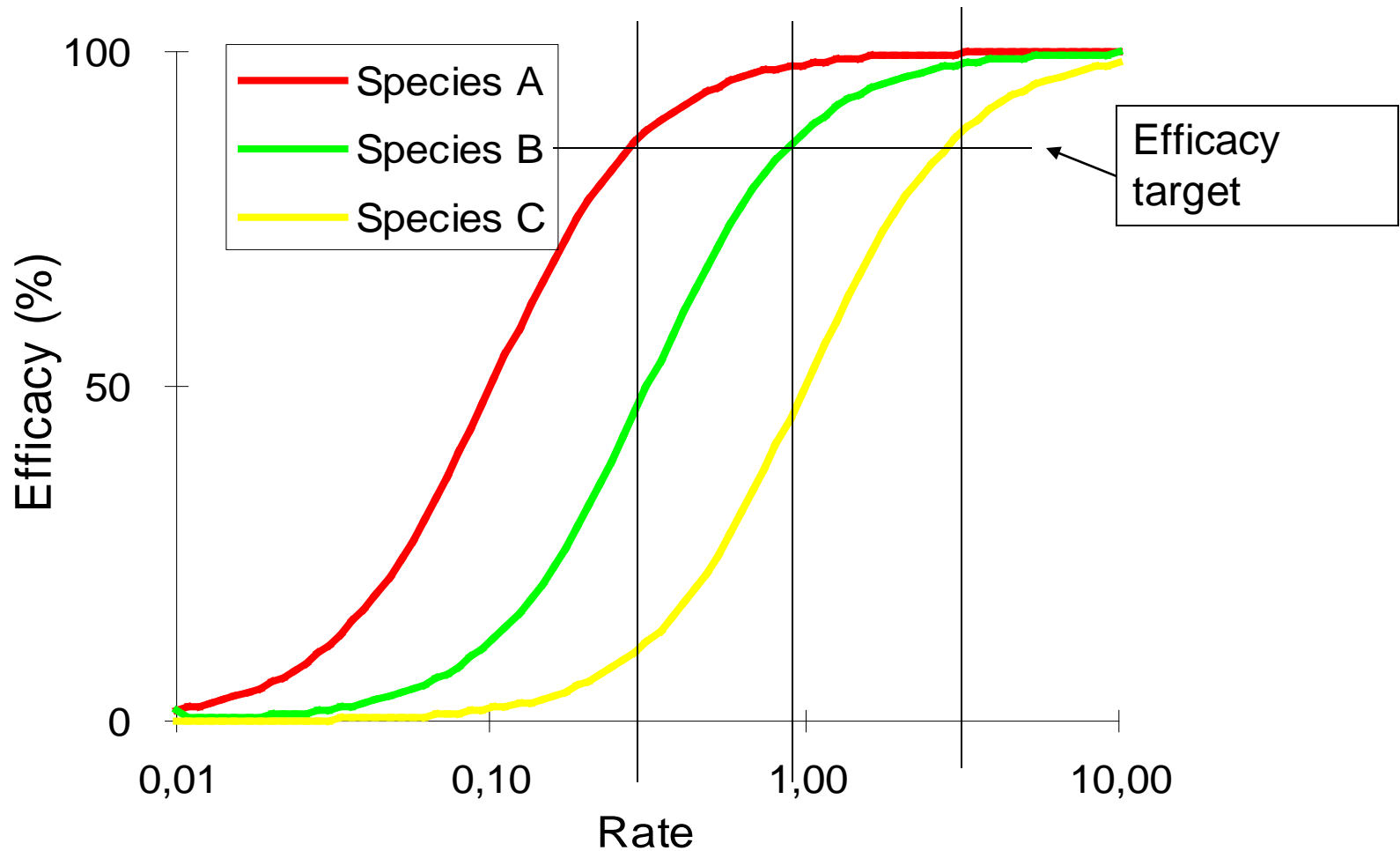
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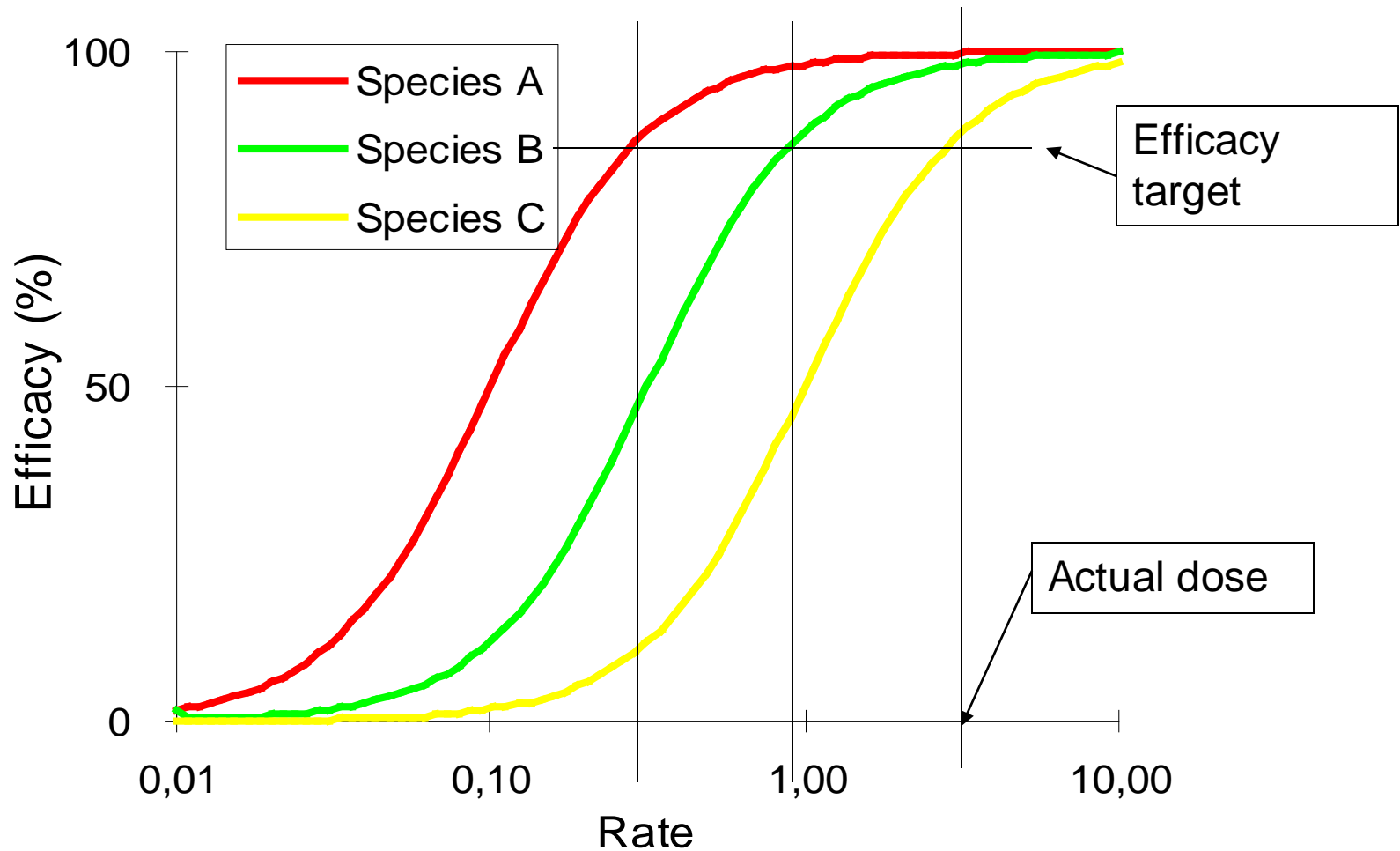
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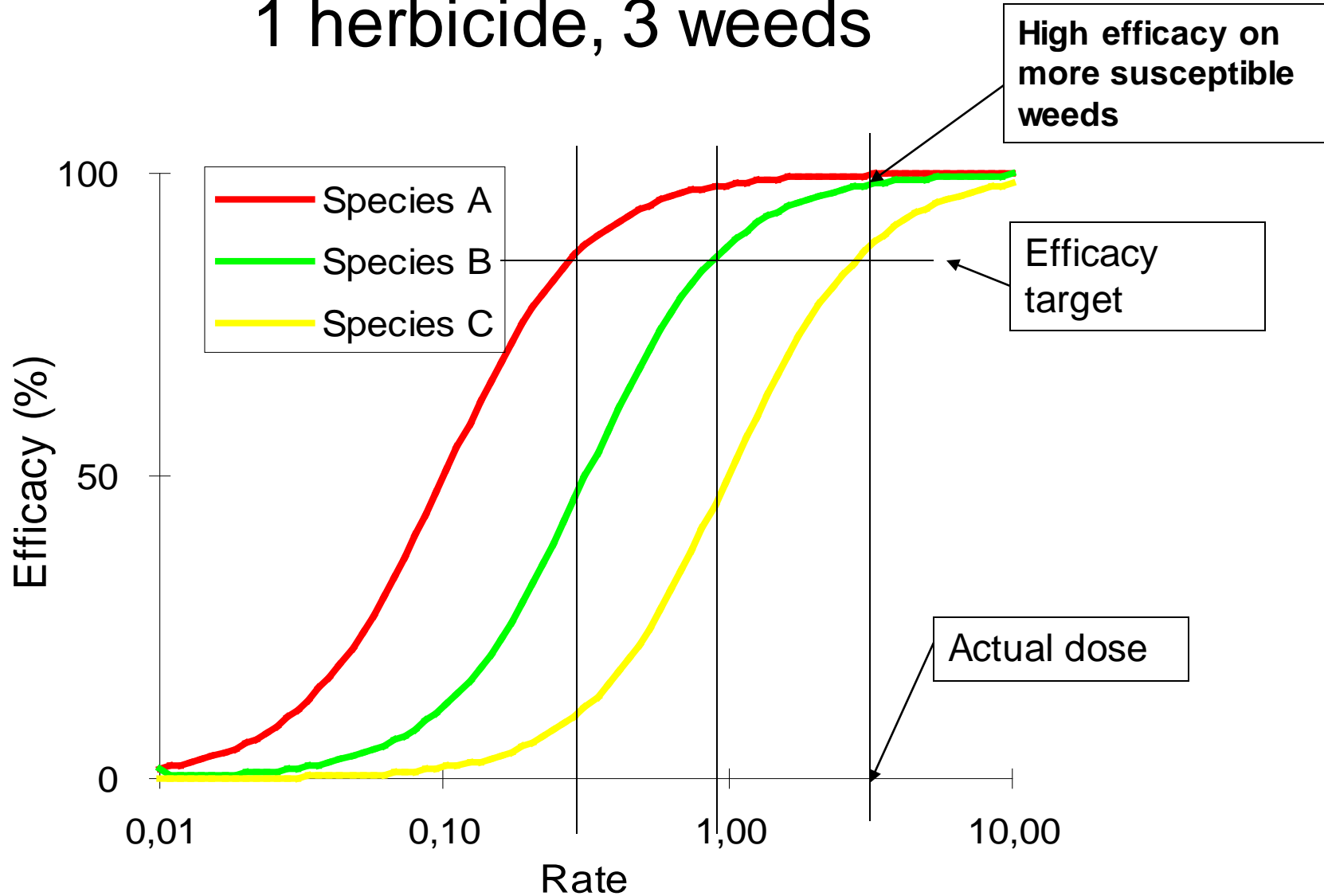
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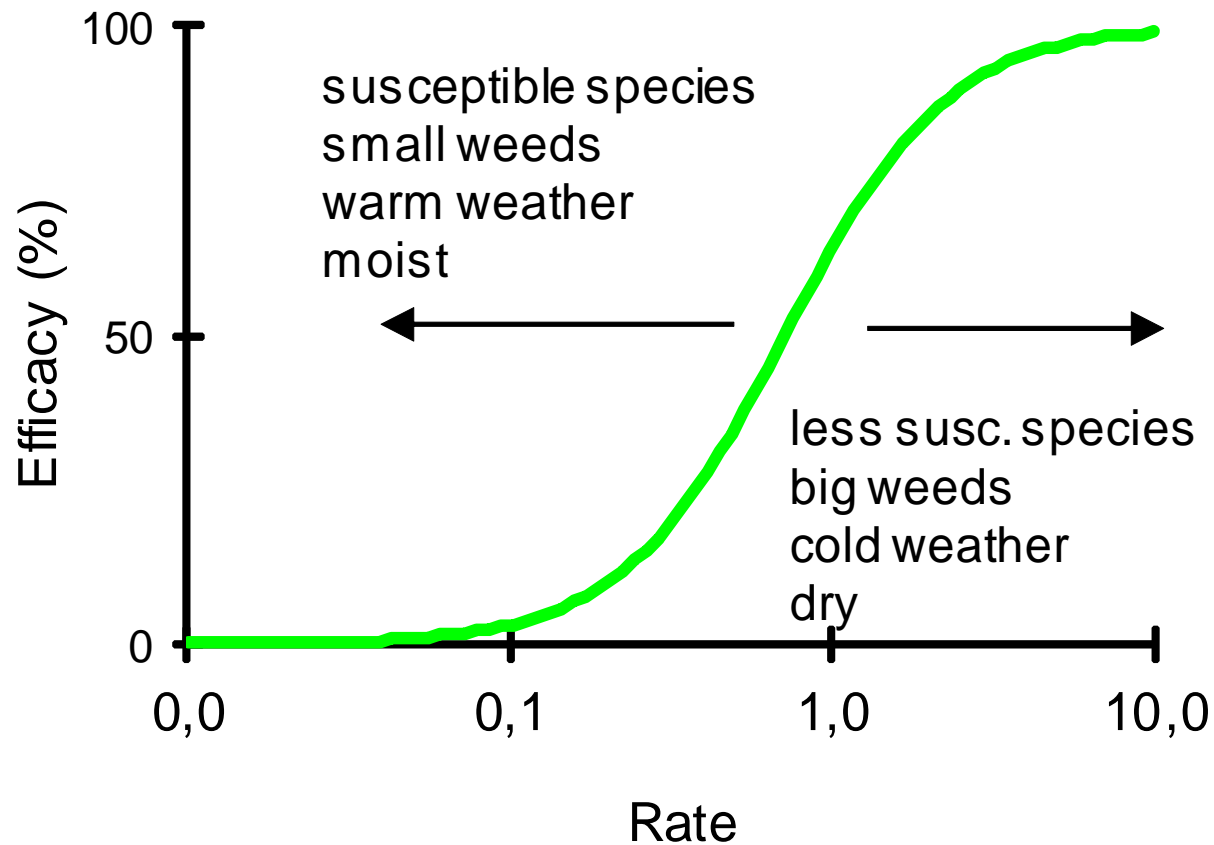
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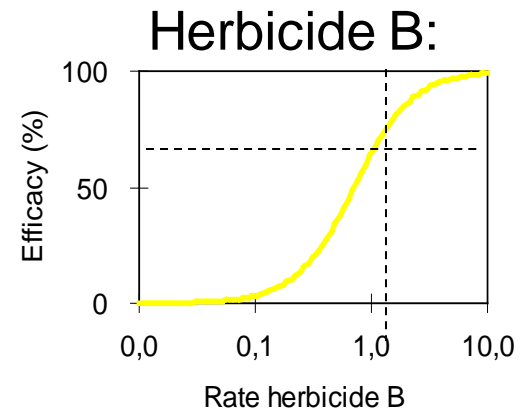
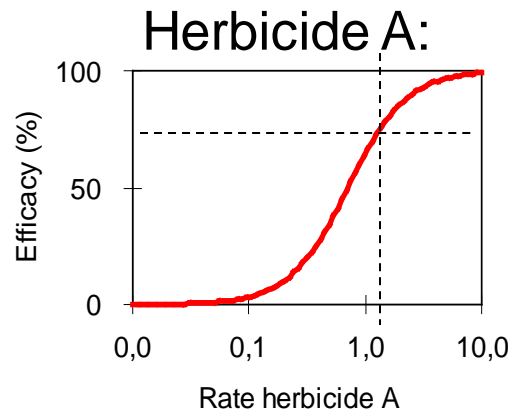
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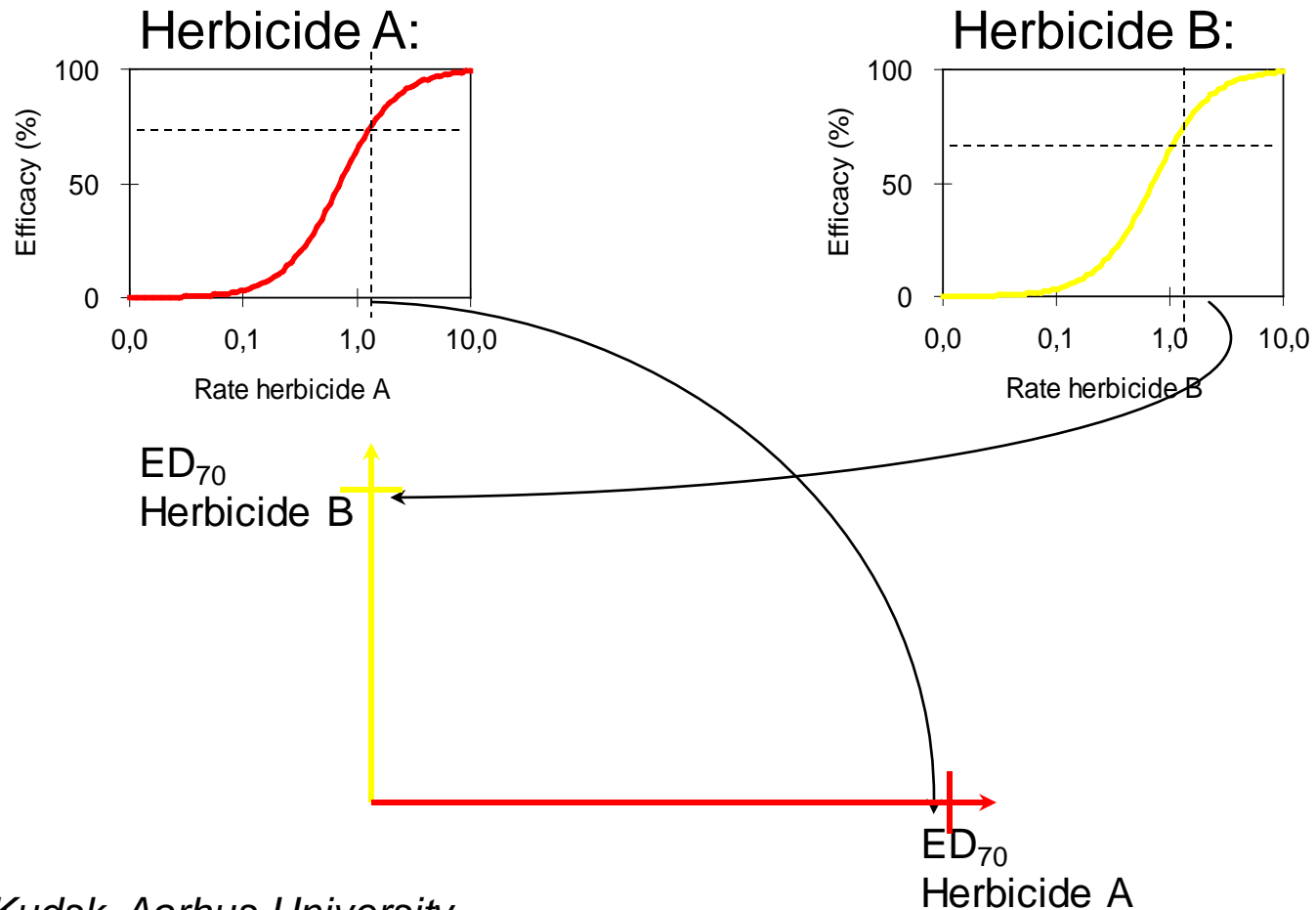
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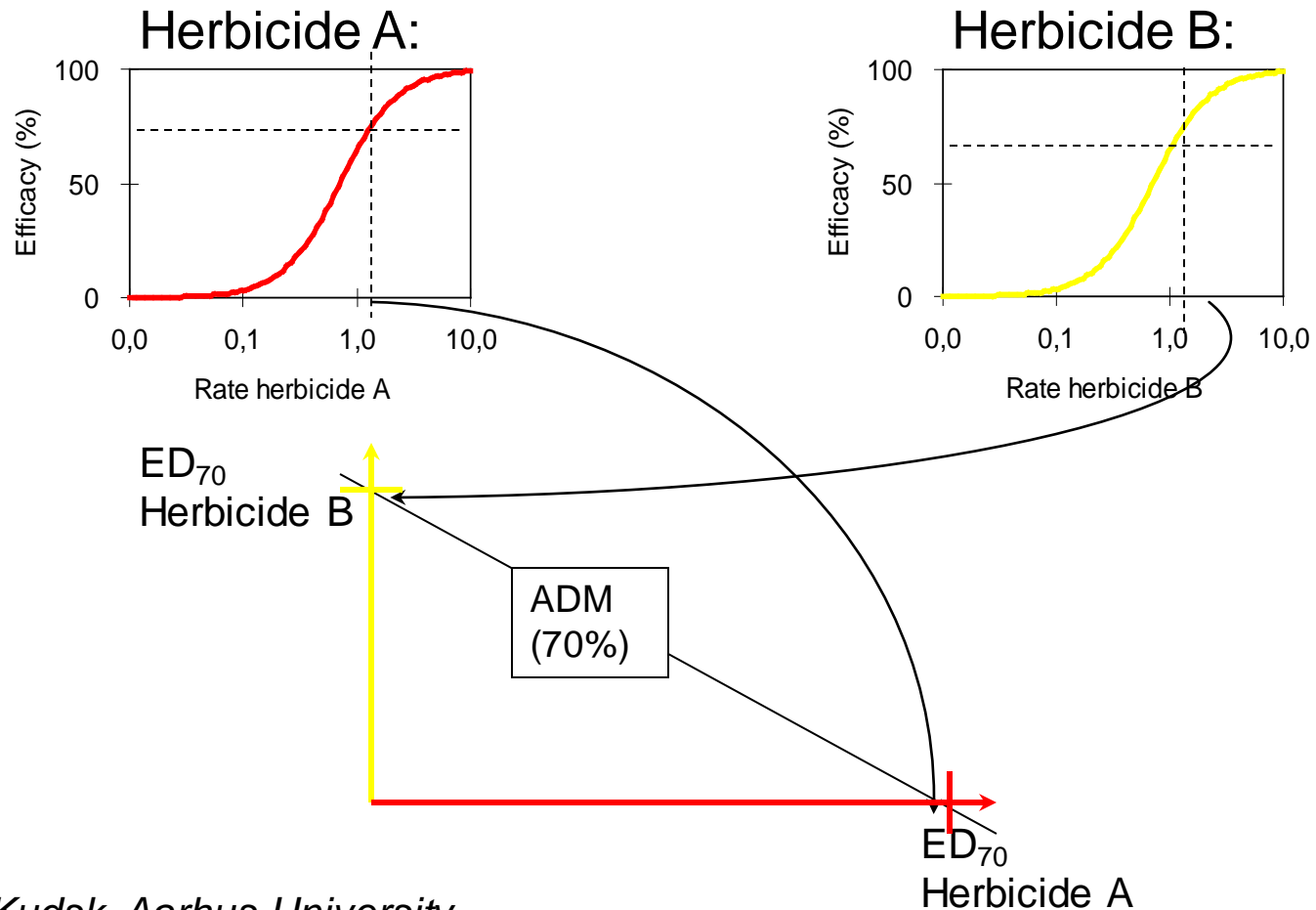
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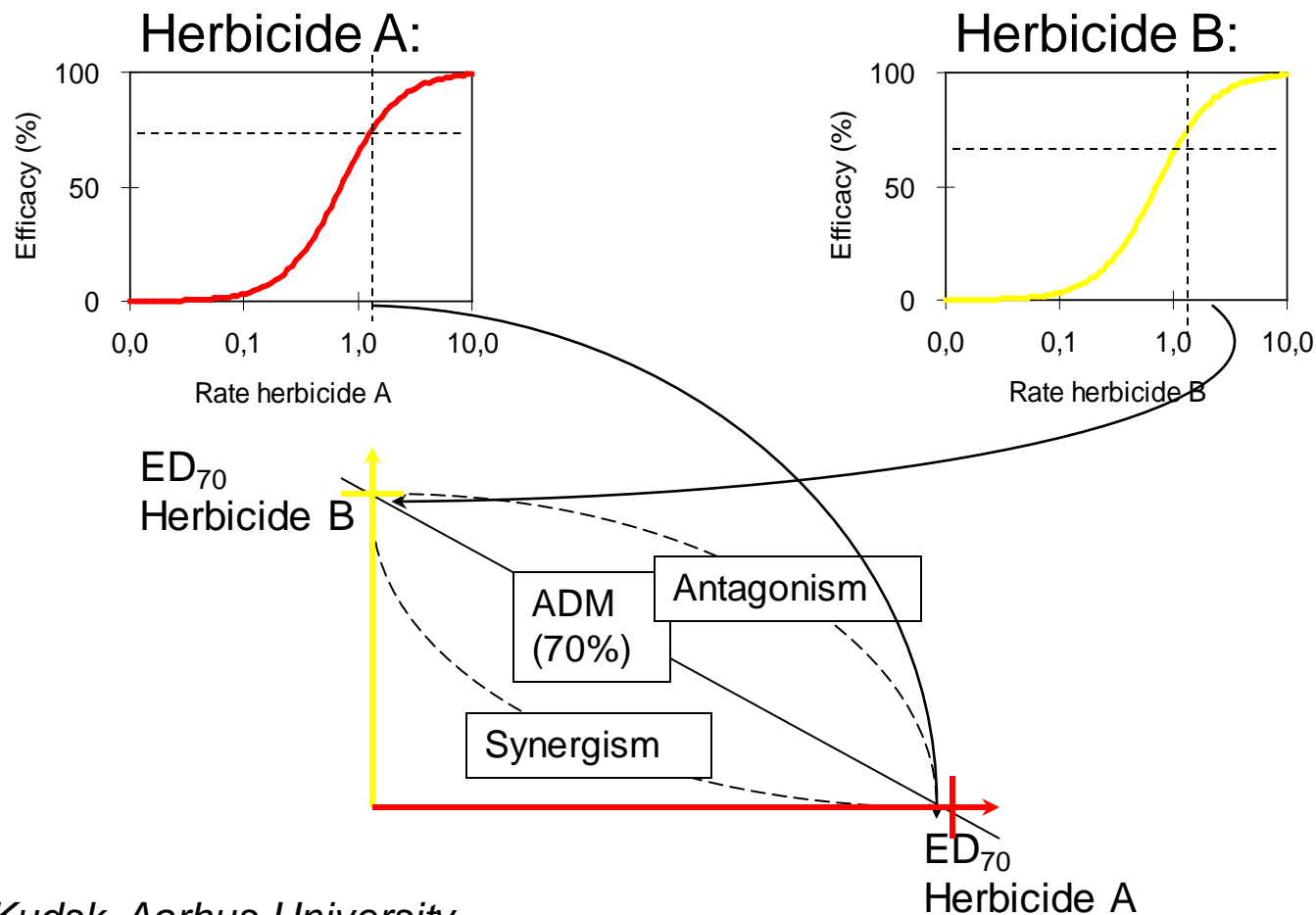
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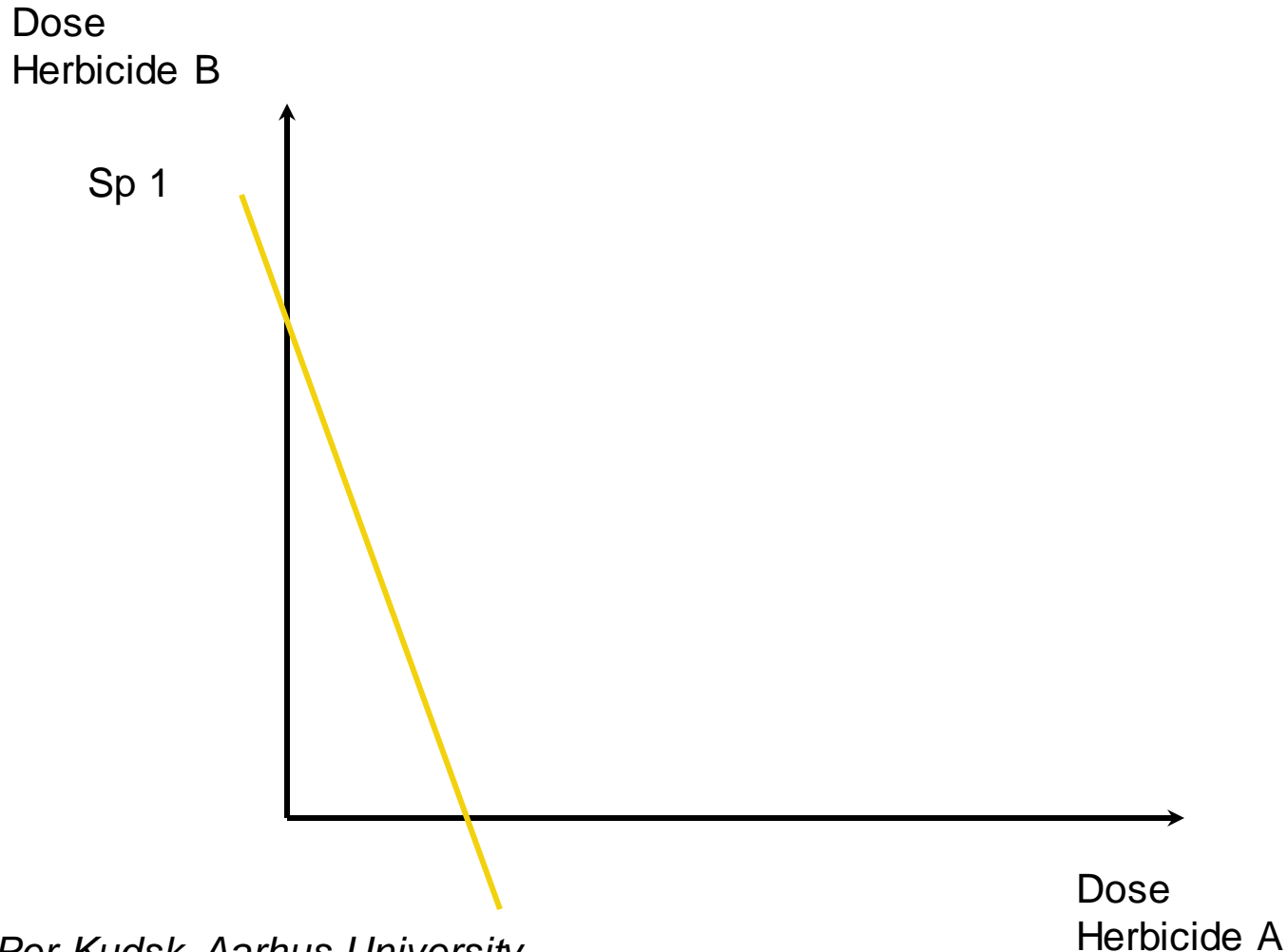
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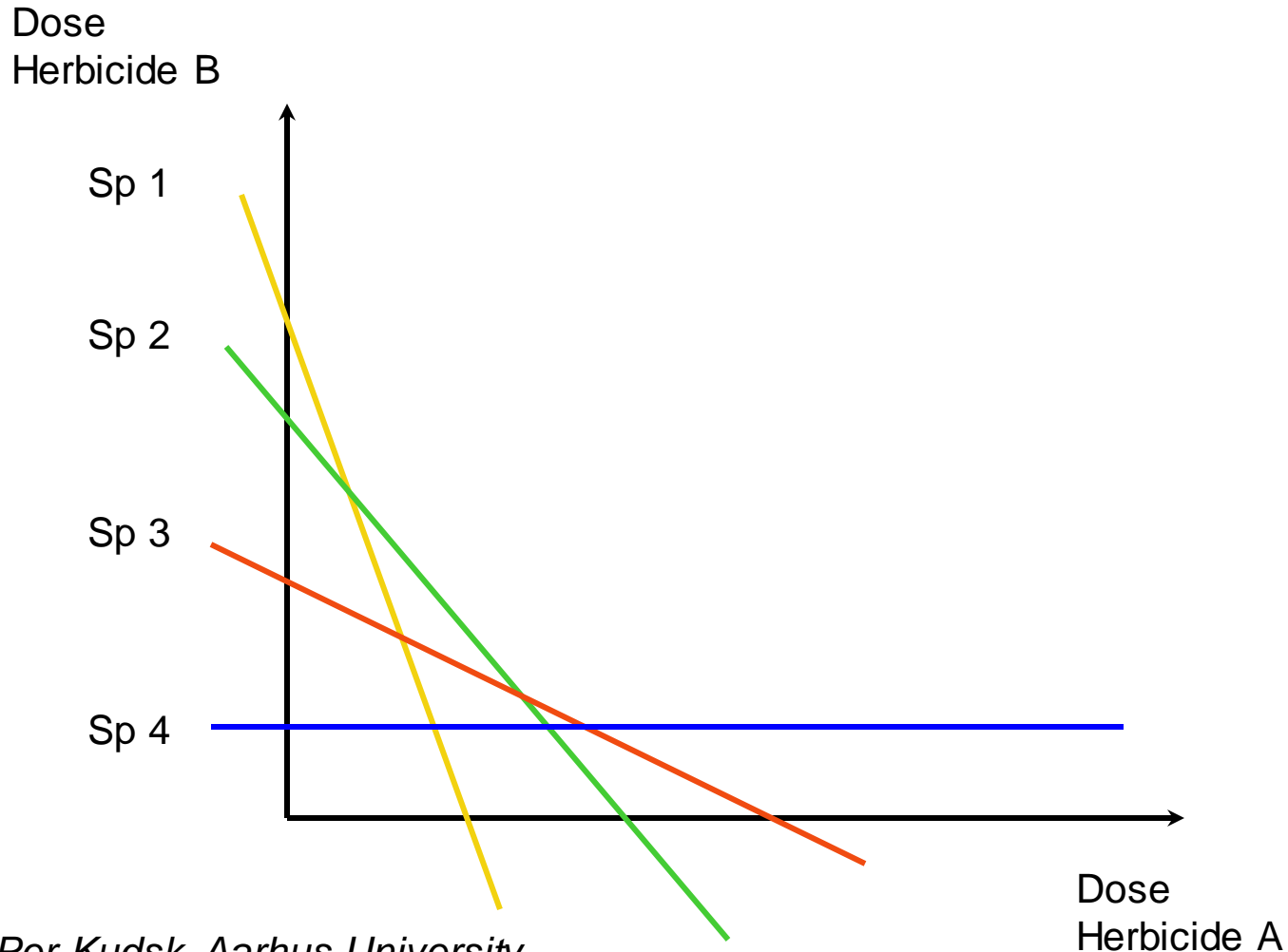


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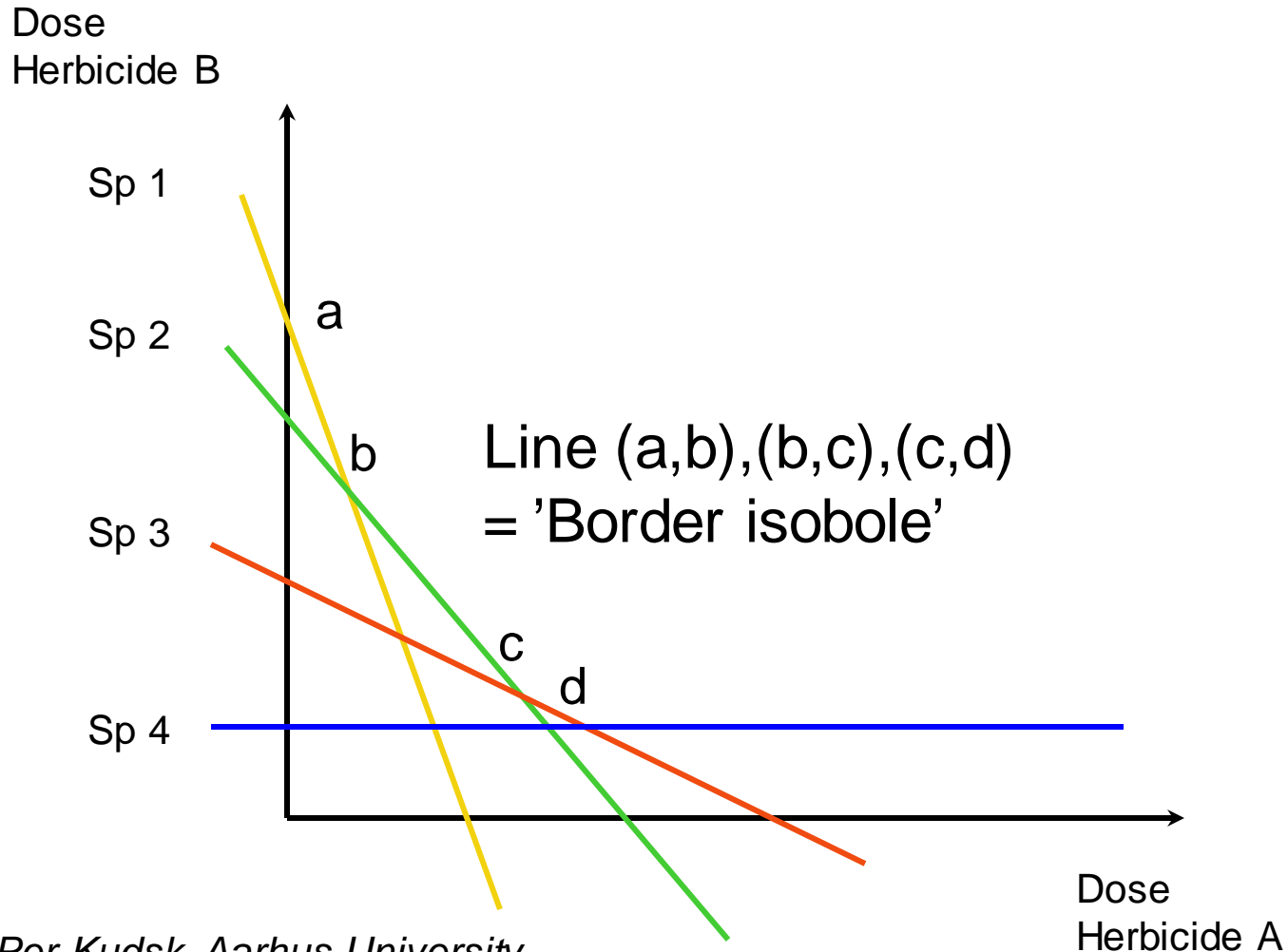
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(benchmarks)

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3	Use of thresholds to identify needs for control	Yes
4	Preference of non-chemical methods	(Yes)
5	Targeted use herbicides	Yes
6	Herbicide use on necessary levels	Yes
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