



# **Current Sericulture Situation and the Silkworm Diseases Control in China**

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# Sericulture

## (Silkworm+Mulberry+Culture)

- It's an economic, cultural and traditional secondary agricultural activity, which is particularly providing clothes, and additional income to farmers in agro-regions.



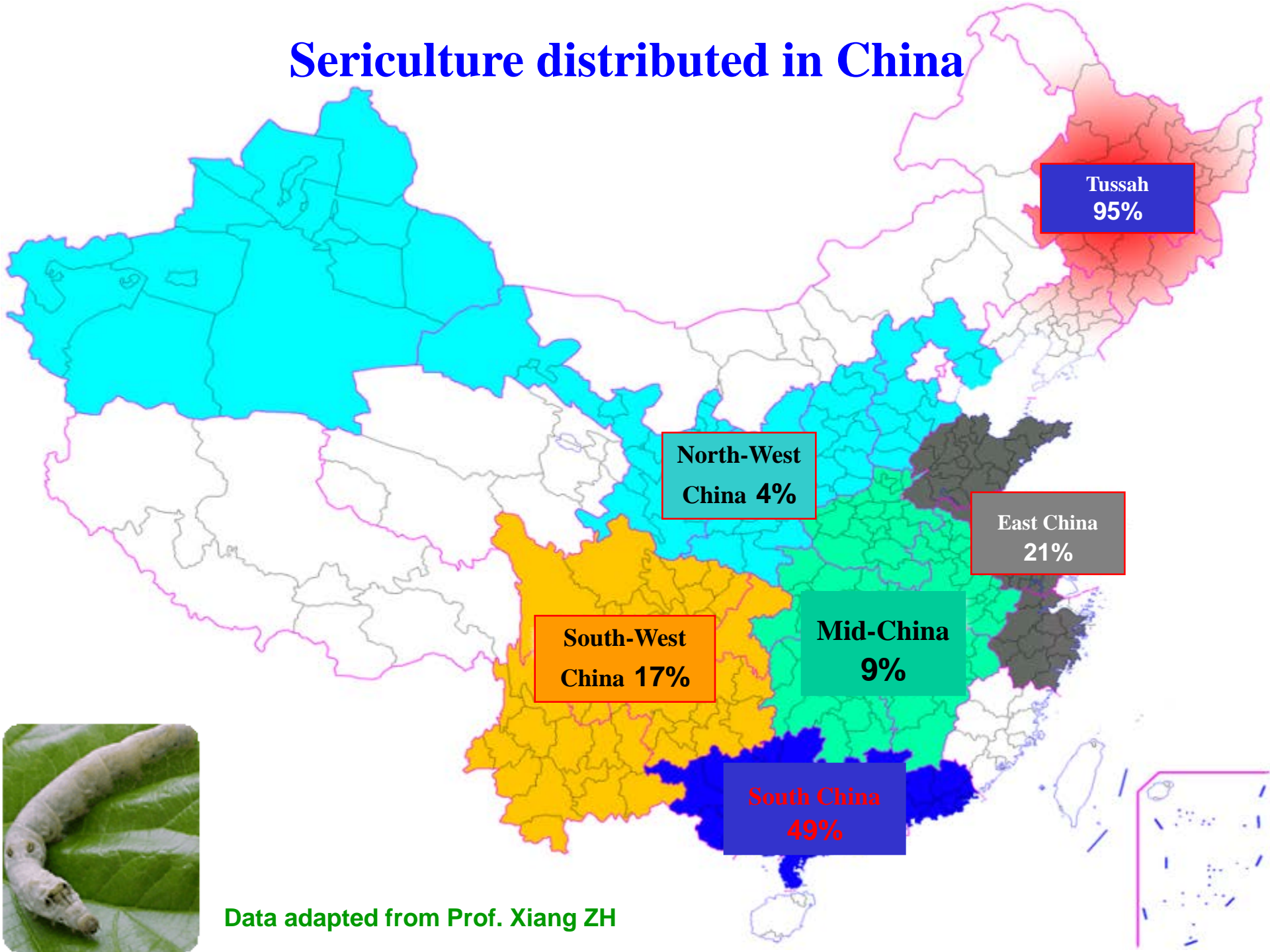


# 1. Introduction

- **Sericulture Changes in China**
- **within 1949 to 2014**
  - **Recovering (1949-1954)**
  - **Developing (1955-1959)**
  - **Adjustment (1960-1964)**
  - **Developing (1965-1985)**
  - **Improving and developing (1986-1995)**
  - **Adjustment(1996-2001)**
  - **Steady developing (2002-**
- **Sericulture Current Situation**



# Sericulture distributed in China



Data adapted from Prof. Xiang ZH

# Distribution: Sericulture Reforming



Roll out to other regions (e.g. west of China)

“ to improve economy of poor silkworm farmers ”



# Scale young silkworms co-rearing base ( cooperative rearing & saleable young larvae )



Yongfu, Guangxi, West China



Xinda Cocoon and Silk Ltd. Company, Wenyan, Guangdong



# Saving labour, promoting Semi-mechanized Farm Tools etc..



autocutting & branch feeding



air sterilization

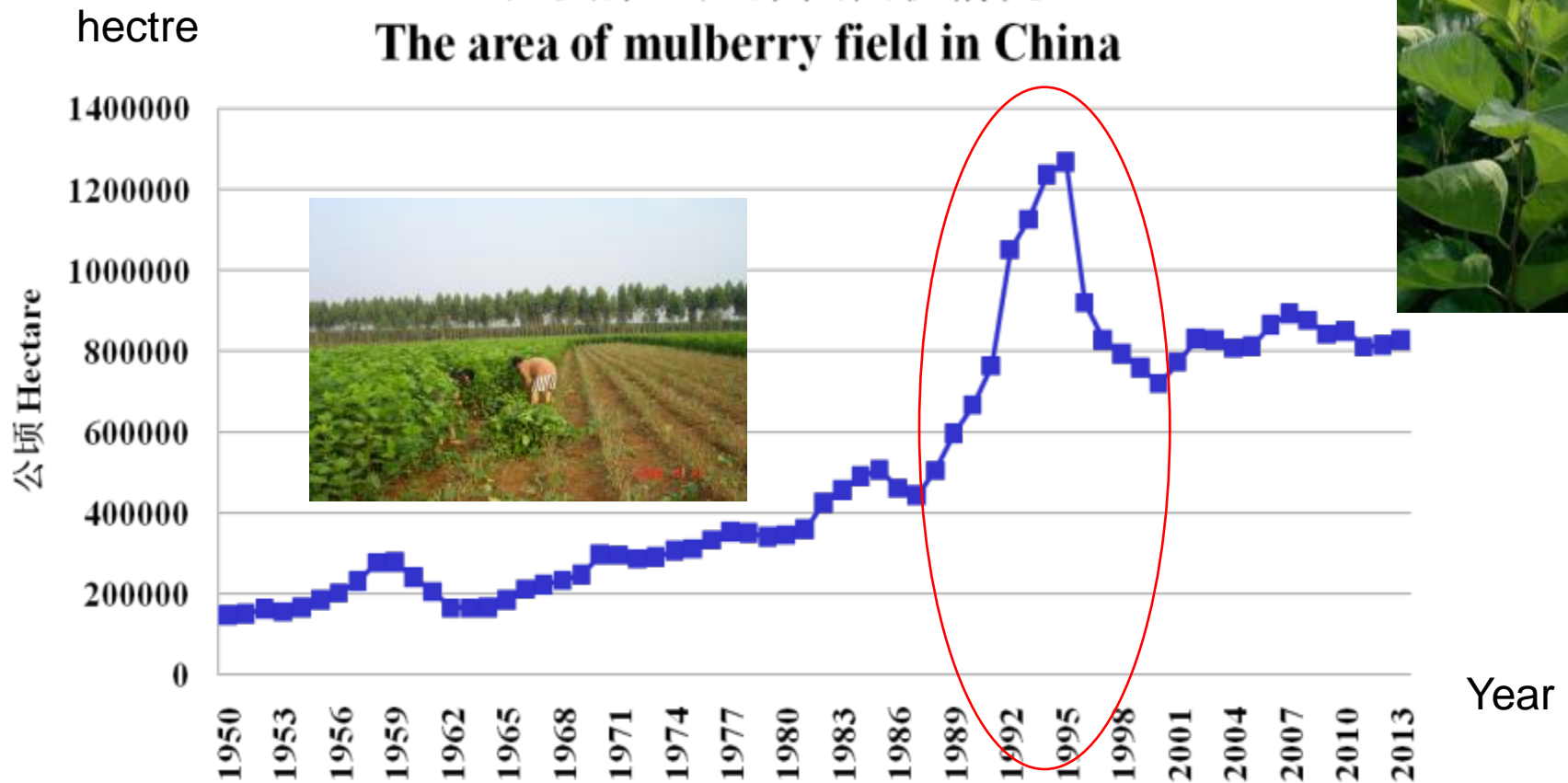


mechanization in reeling



# The area of mulberry orchards in China 1950-2013

全国蚕桑生产桑园面积情况  
The area of mulberry field in China



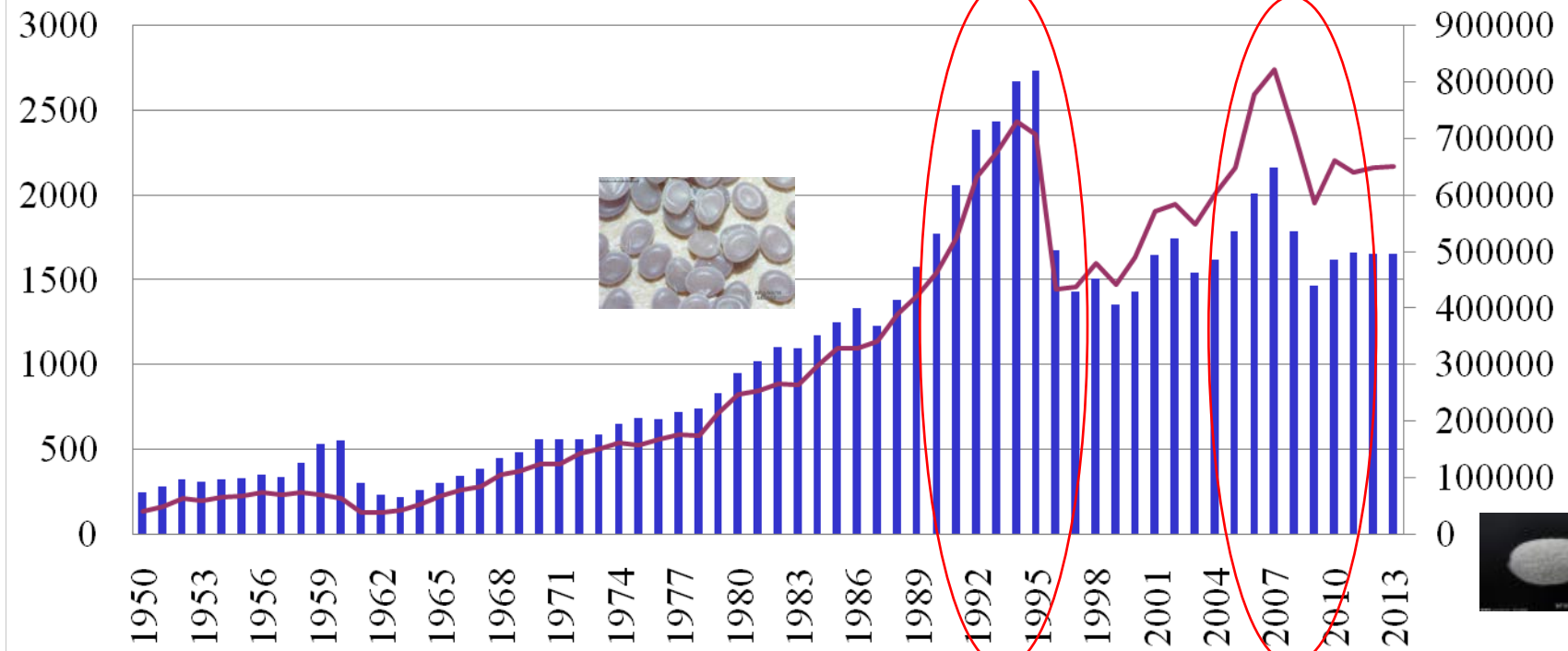
Data from Department of Plantation Management, MOA



# The amount of silkworm eggs for distribution and the total output of silkworm cocoons in China

**silkworm eggs**  
( Million boxes)

**cocoons output**  
(Ton)



**The amount of silkworm eggs( Million boxes)**

**The total output of silkworm cocoons(Ton)**

7/21/2015

Year

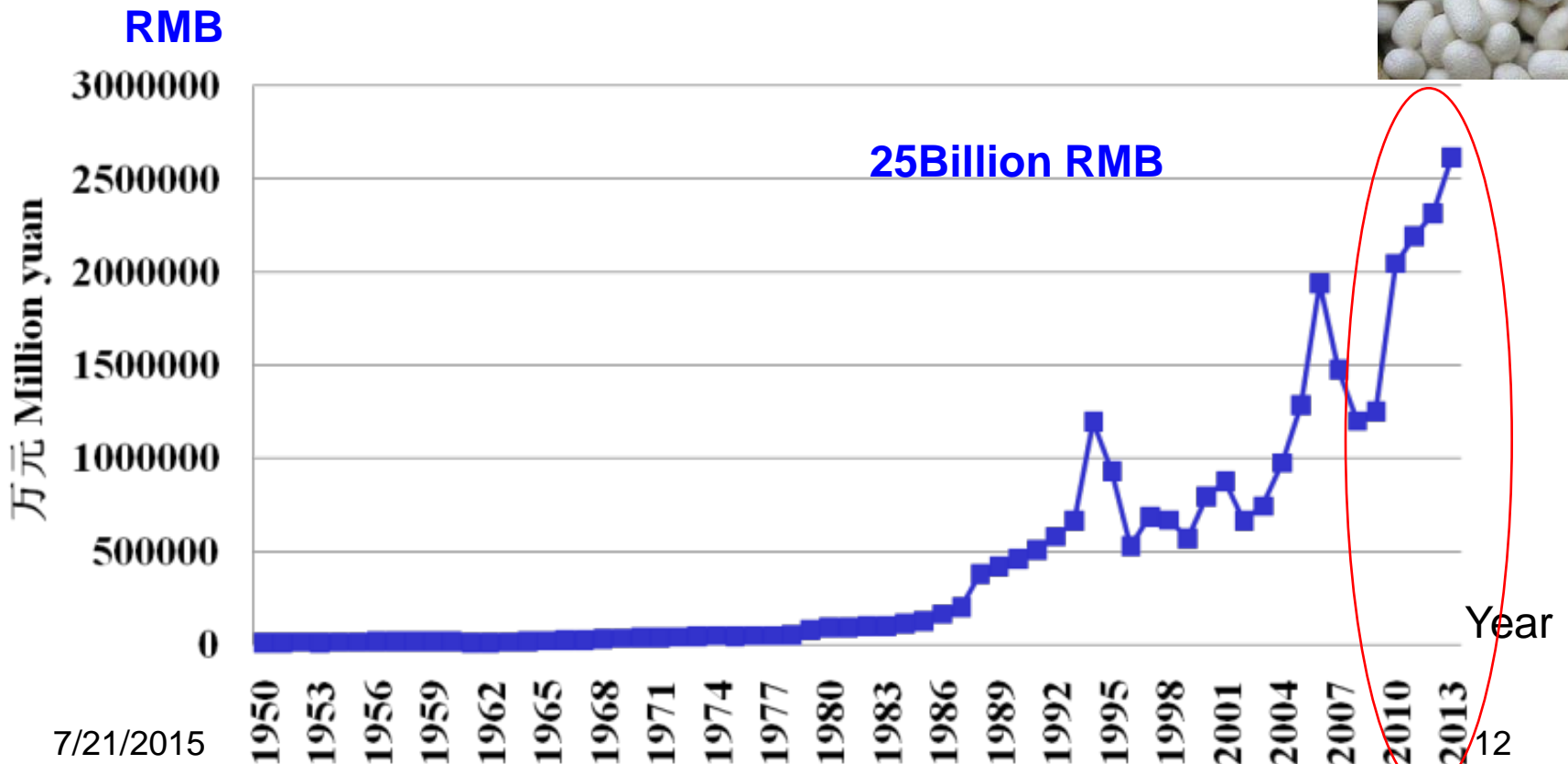
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# The total output value of silkworm cocoons in China

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The total output value of silkworm cocoons in China





# Output value per box of eggs and Cocoon production per box

Output value/box

Cocoon production  
(kg/box)

Data from Department of Plantation Management, MOA

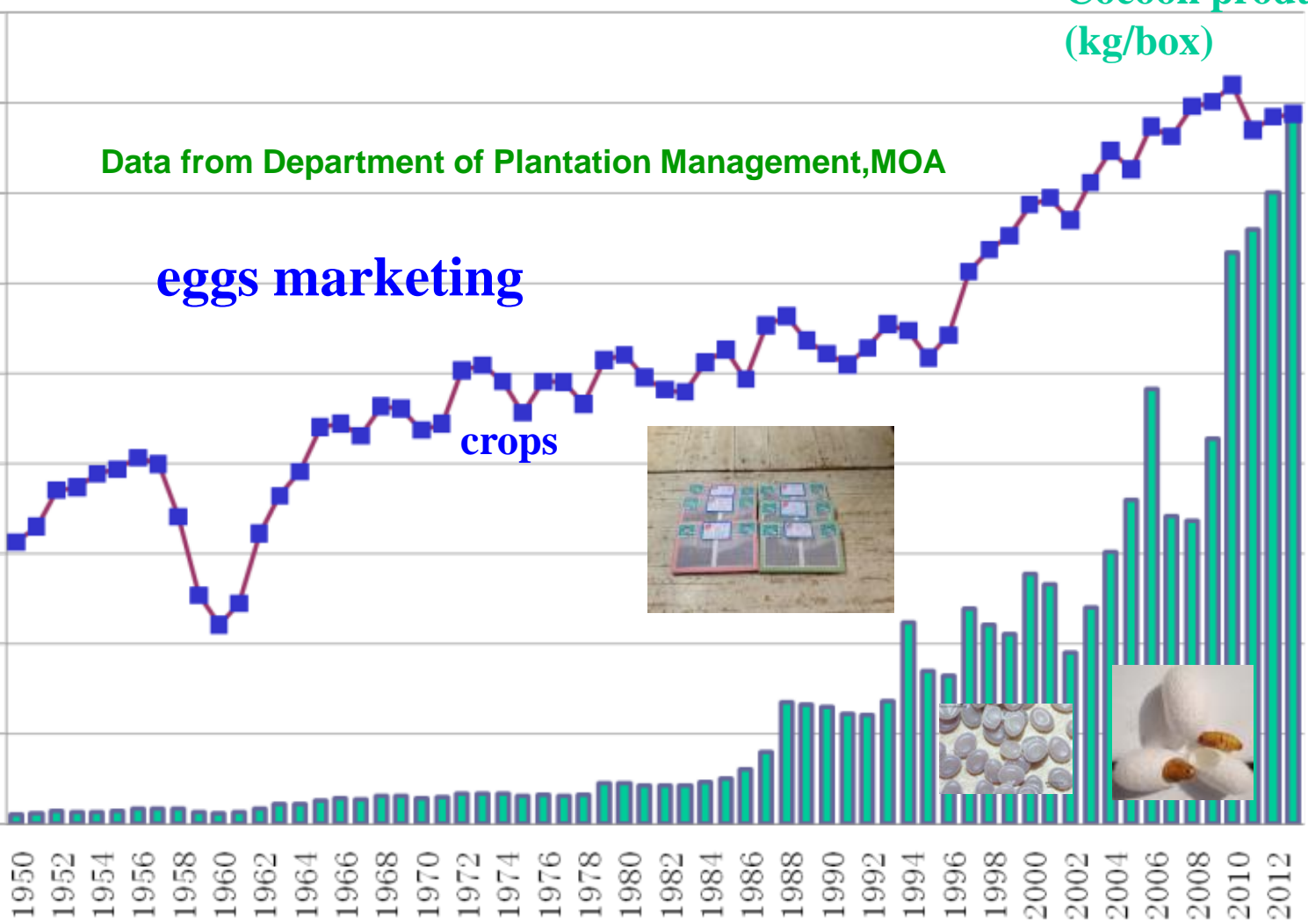
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crops

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Year



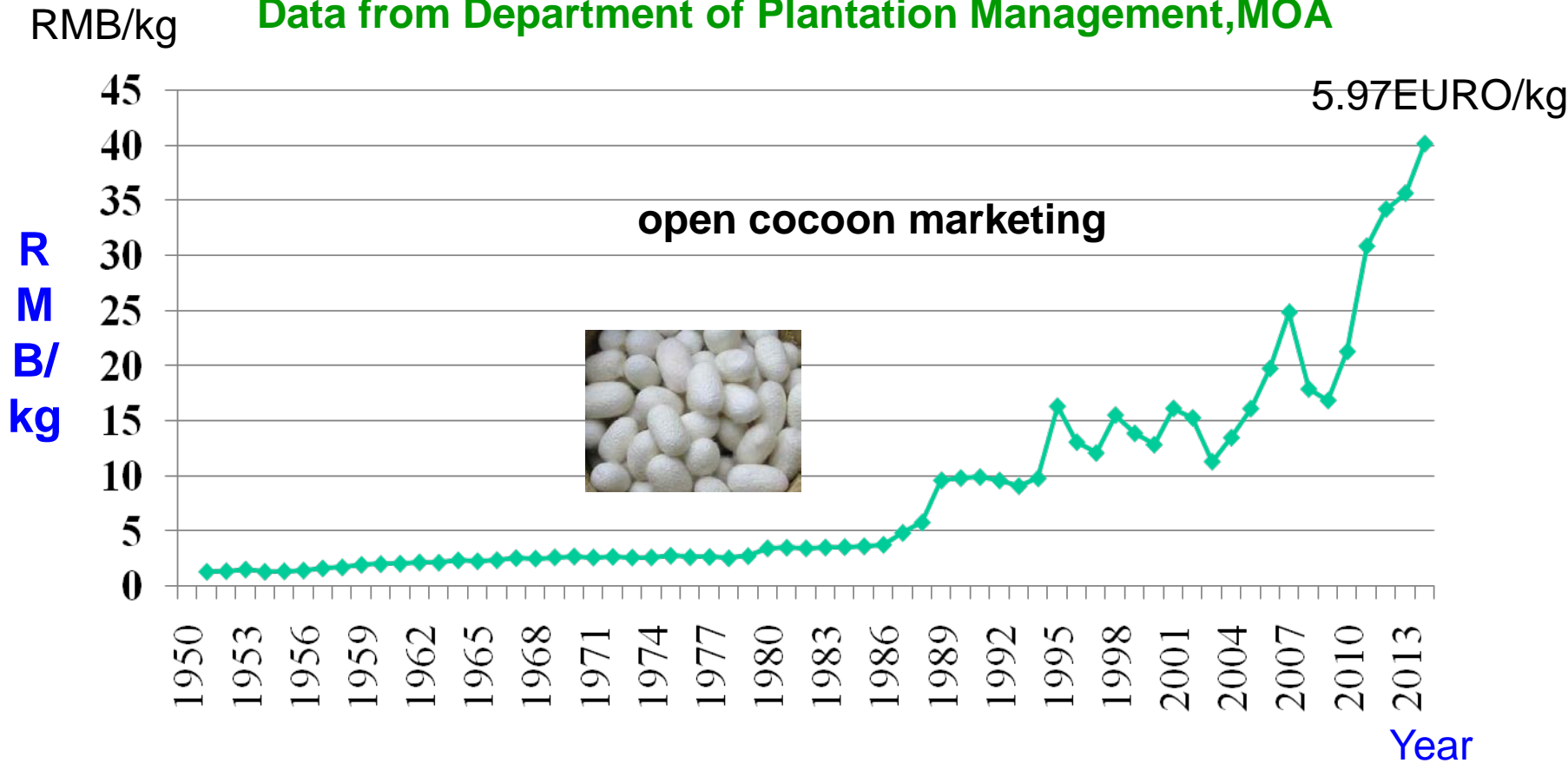
Output value per box of eggs

Cocoon production per box of eggs



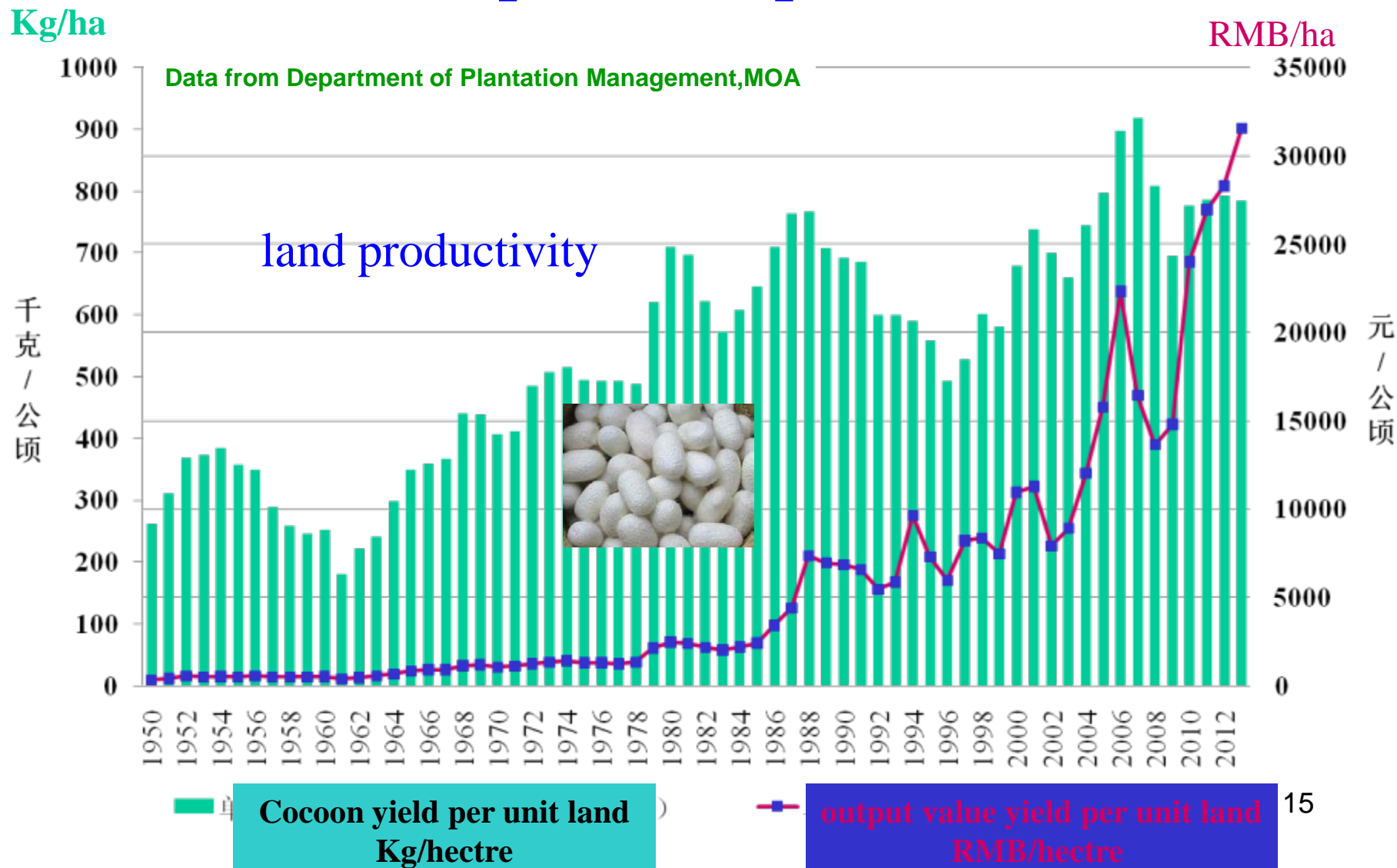
# The trends of average price of fresh cocoon in China

Data from Department of Plantation Management, MOA





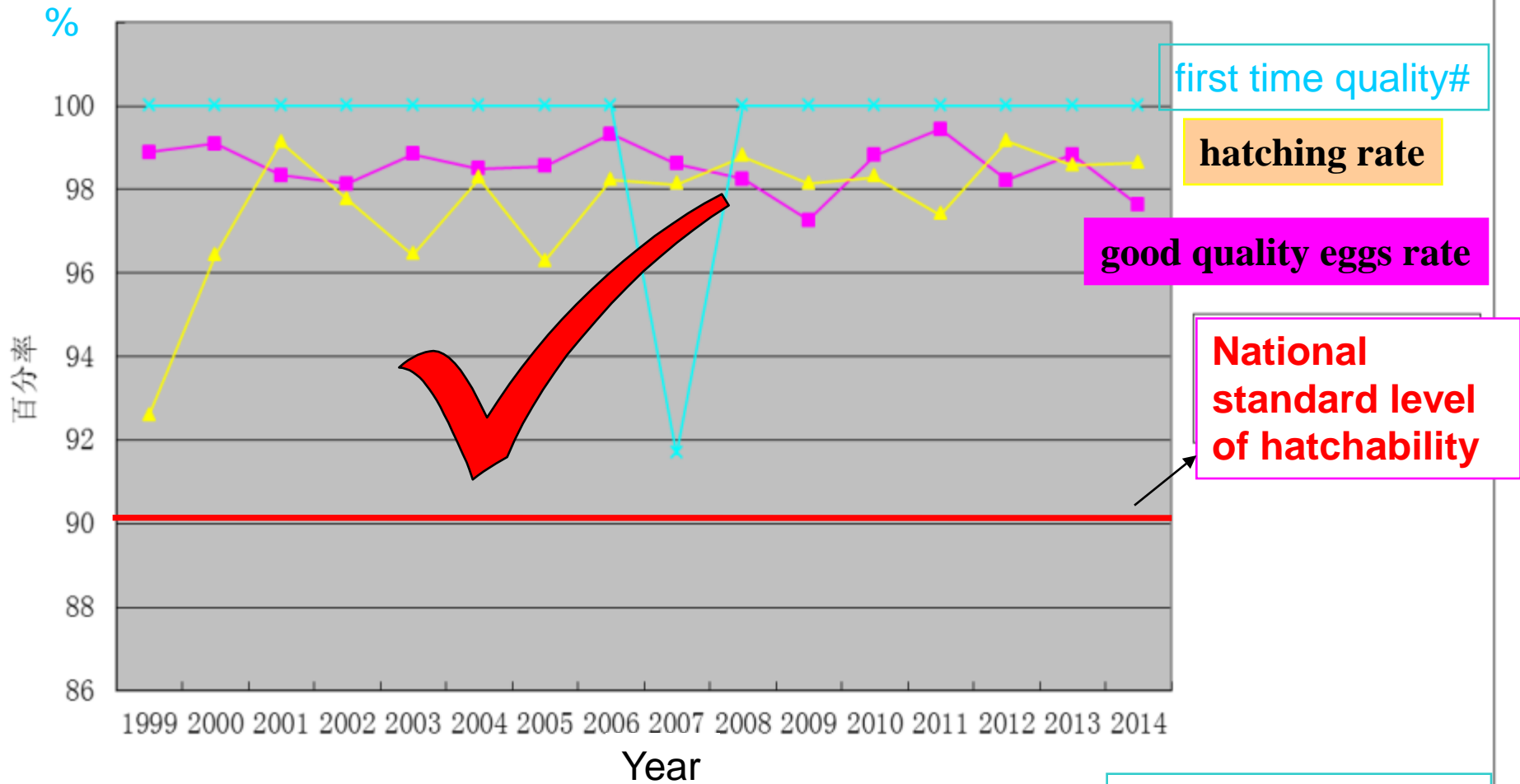
# Cocoon yield per unit of mulberry land and output value per unit land





# Sampling inspection of F1 hybrids in Guangdong(1999-2014)

Data from the Quality Inspection Center of the Ministry of Agriculture



FTP#free of pebrine



# The comprehensive utilization of sericulture resources



## mulberry resources

Mulberry leaves

Mulberry branches

Mulberry fruit

White mulberry root-bark

## silkworm resources

Young silkworms

Silkworm pupa

Silkworm moth

Silkworm excrement

Natural silk



1、桑叶产品开发

2、桑枝食用菌栽培

3、桑枝新材料开发

Wide consensus on efficient development and utilization of sericulture resources has been reached in the industry



5、蚕蛹综合利用产品开发



7、蚕茧和丝の利用



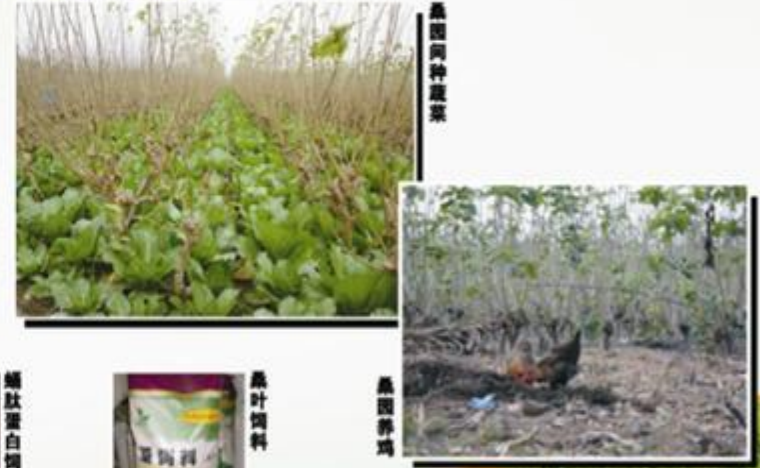
8、蚕沙资源化利用



6、蚕蛹保健产品开发



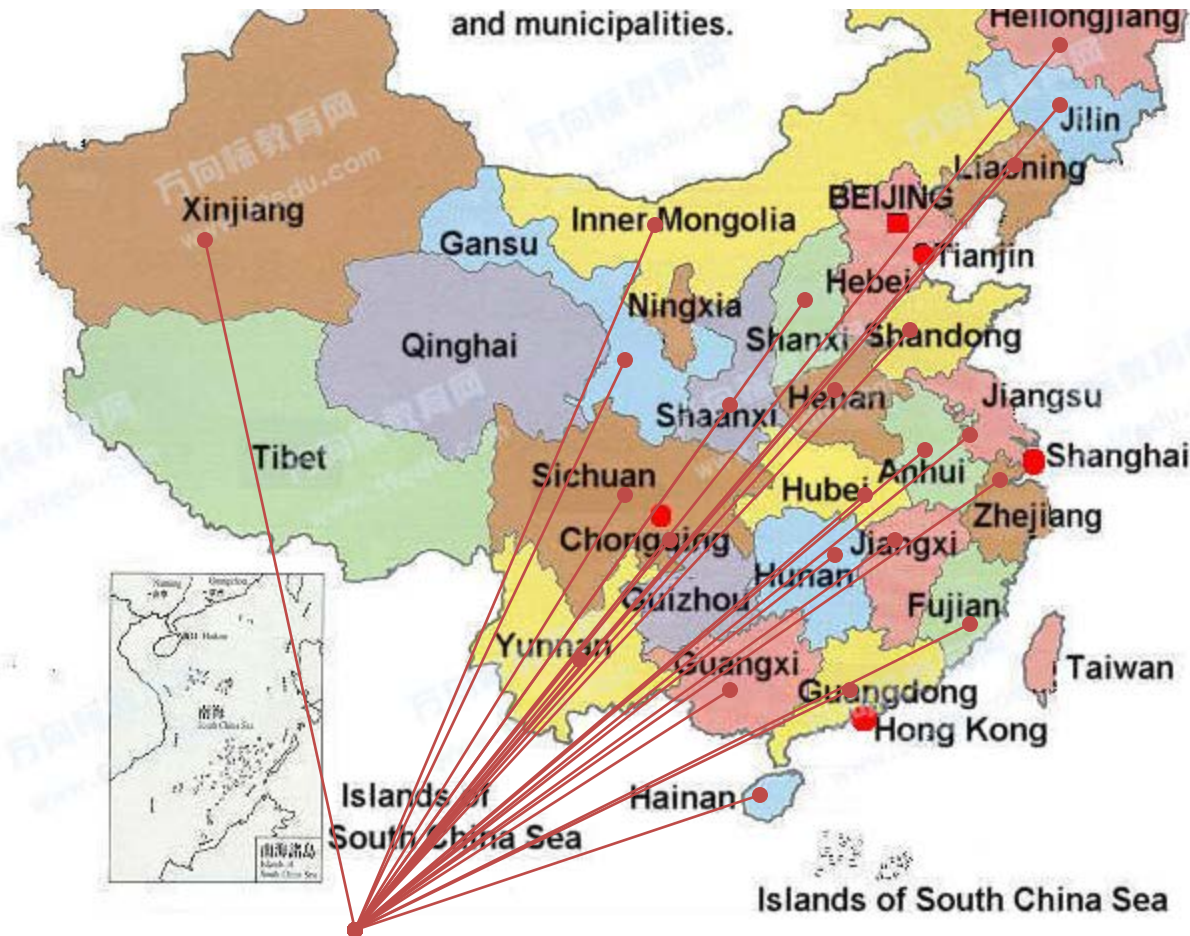
9、桑园立体种养



10、蚕桑动物饲料开发



# Comprehensive utilization of resources are very rich in sericulture



Sericulture resources all over the country's 26 provinces (cities, districts) more than 1,000 counties

The national annual output of **600,000 tons** of fresh cocoons resources:

- 
- 120,000 tons of silk
  - 480,000 tons of fresh pupa
  - 1.8 million tons of mulberry branches
  - 600,000 tons of mulberry Fruit
  - 900,000 tons of silkworm excrement
  - 810,000 tons residual mulberry



# Remarks

- ✓ **Volume of sericulture production Decreasing but Stable Business Development**
- ✓ **Sericulture swifiting to the West-South China**
- ✓ **Science & Technology reforming**
- ✓ **Land Productivity improvement**
- ✓ **Promotion more innovation technology in the fields(Reeling machines,Labors productivity,Marketing )**
- ✓ **Diversity in Sericulture.....**



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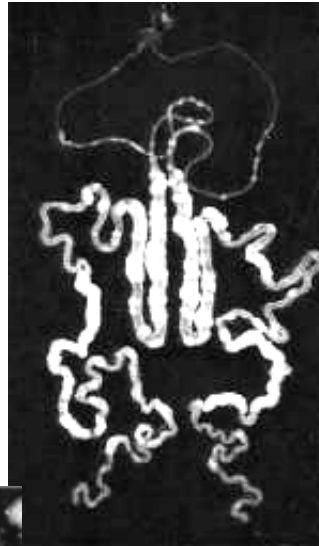
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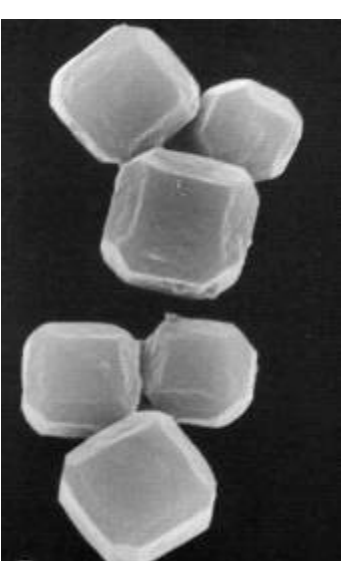
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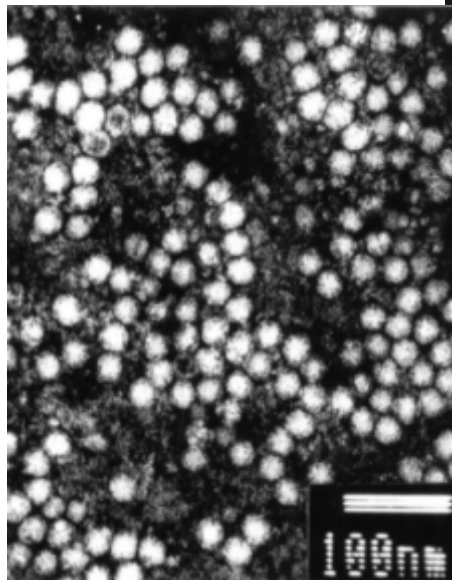
virus



pebrine



NPV



bacteria



lack of disinfection



# The threat of Viral Diseases



NPV Disease



CPV Disease

CPV&DNV



NPV Disease



# Muscardine & White Muscardine, *Beauveria bassiana* (Bals.) Vuill high prevalence on June, South China







# *Bombyx batryticatus*: traditional chinese medicinal materials



White Muscardine, \$40USD/kg



# New trend of silkworm Pebrine Disease in the field





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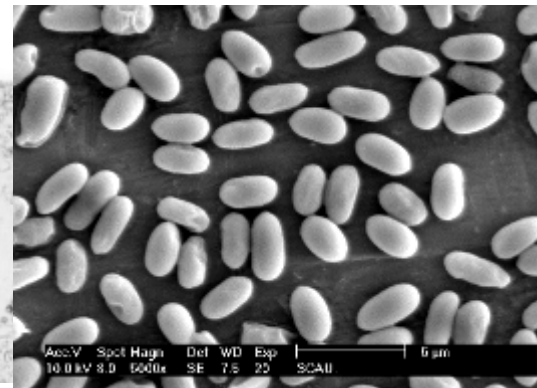
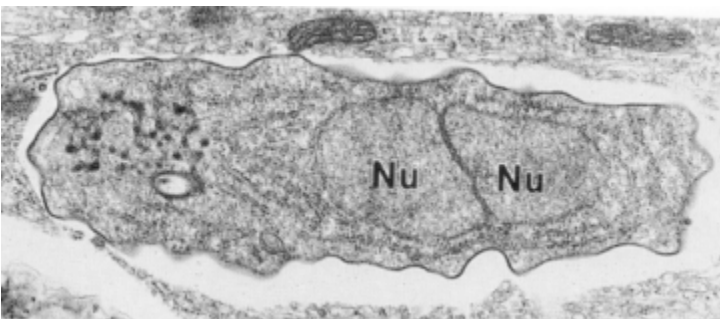
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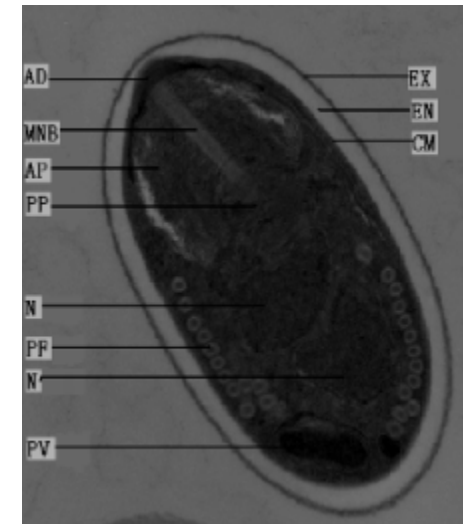


# Symptoms of Pebrine Disease

**Pebrine** is a devastating parasitic disease caused by microsporidian parasites, mainly *Nosema bombycis* and to a lesser extent *Variomorpha*, *Pleistophora* and *Thelophania* species.



*Nosema bombycis*



Microsporidia



# Pebrine disease in silkworms



not molting



Pepper spot



batch of silkworms

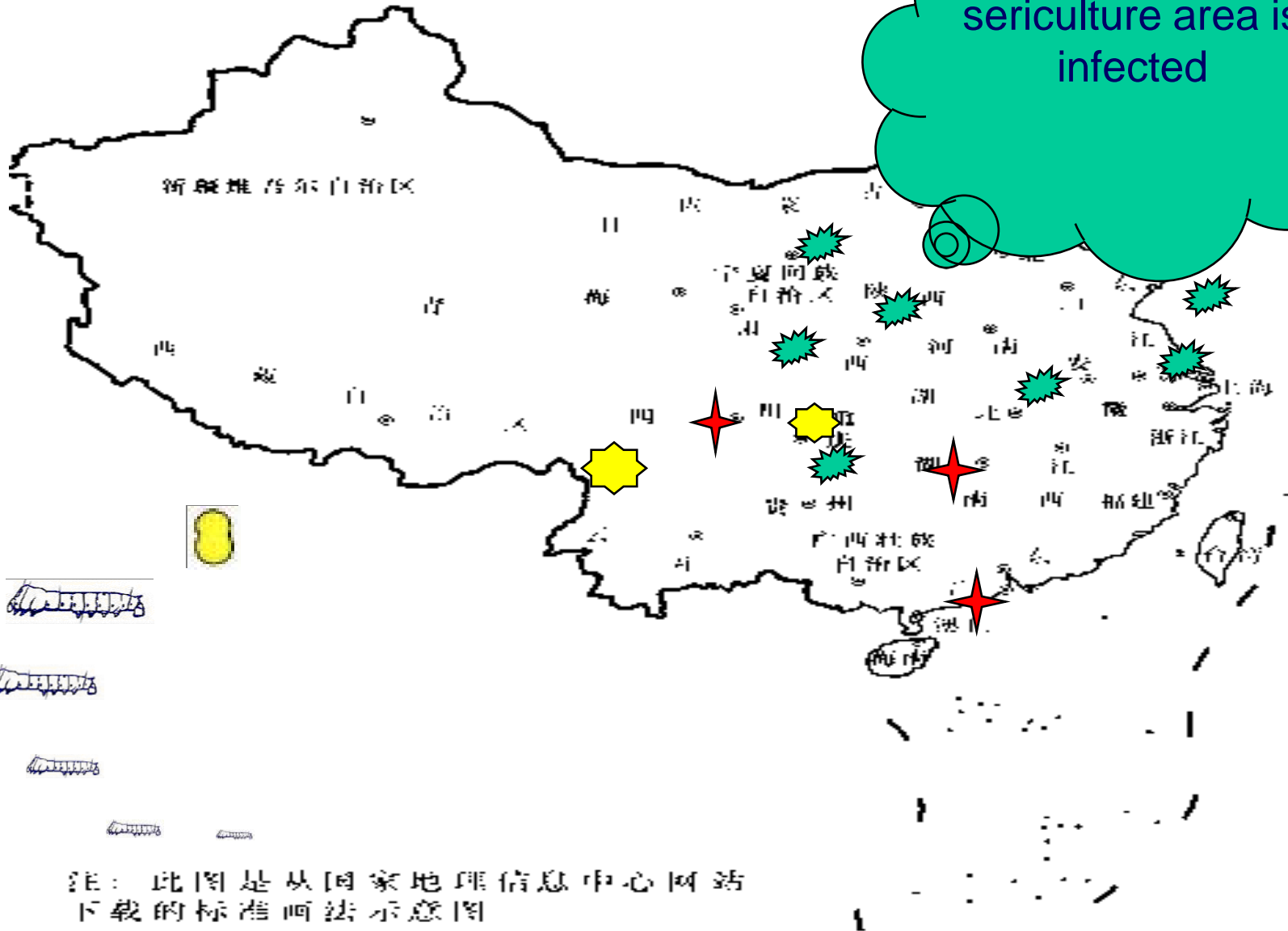


Infected silk gland



# Pebrine disease in China

Over 85% of the sericulture area is infected



注：此图是从国家地理信息中心网站下载的标准画法示意图



# Microsporidians discovered from silkworms

- I. Different genera: *Vairimorpha* ( Pilly,1976 )  
*Pleisiophora* (Gurley,1893)  
*Thelohania* ( Henneguy,1892 )  
*Endoreticulatus* (Wan *et.al*, 1995 )  
  
***Nosema***
- II. Same genera but different species: *Nosema* sp .
- III. Same species but different shapes. Sub-stains? serotype?

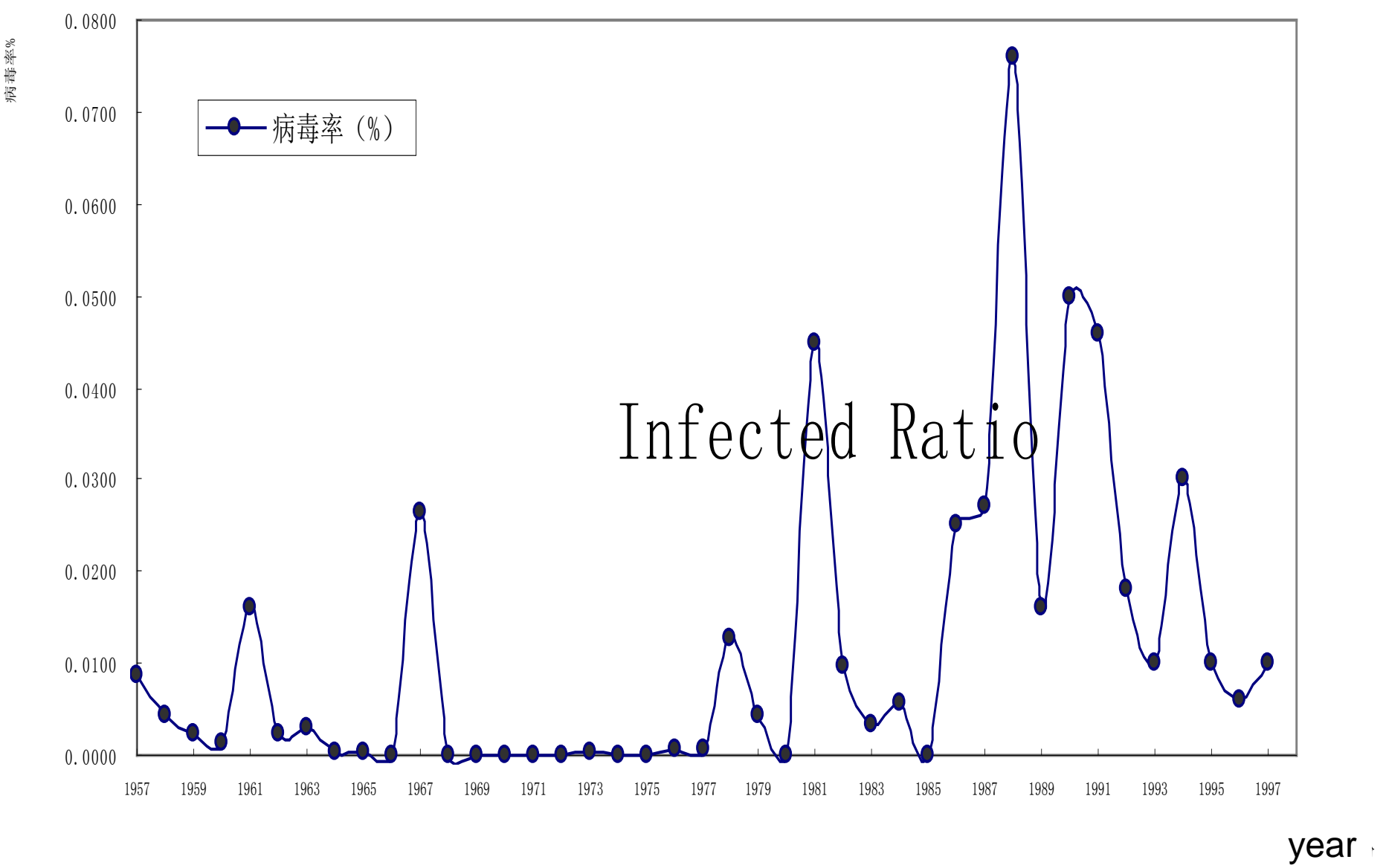


# Microsporidians discovered from silkworms: **pebrine & microsporidiosis?**

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# pebrine rate(%)

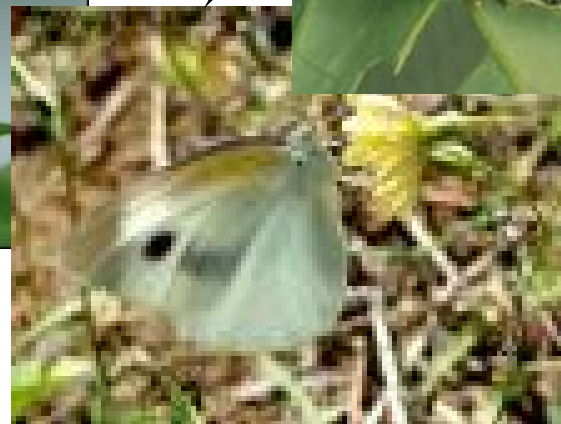




*Bombyx*



cabbage butterfly



diamond back moth

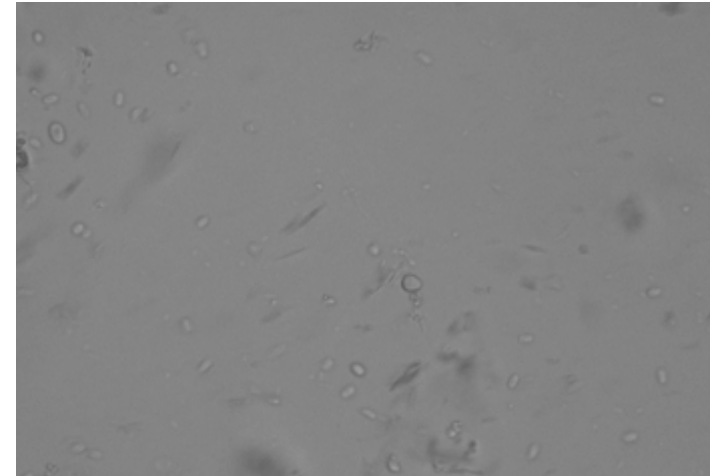


Infected pebrine silkworm

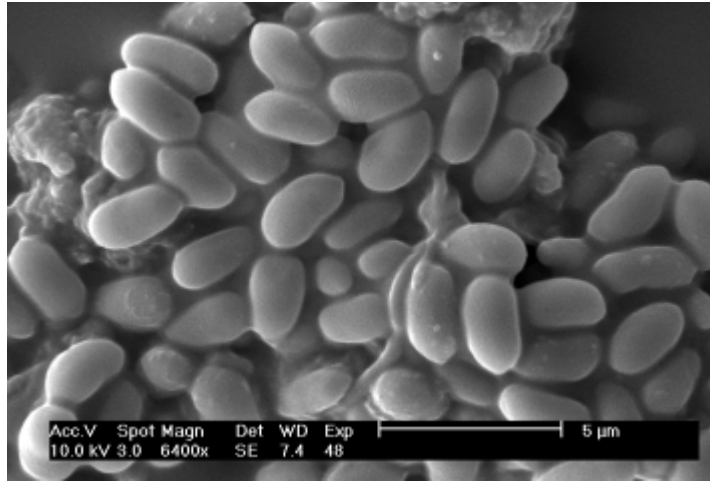


mulberry looper?





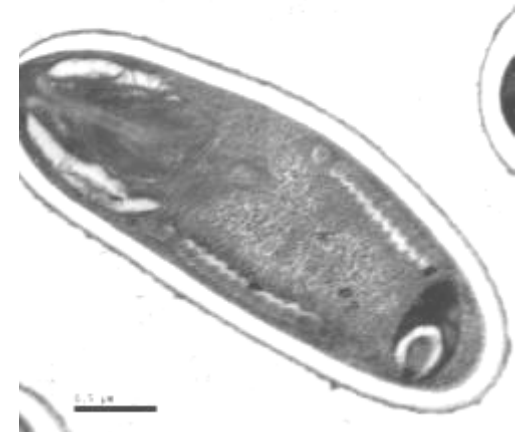
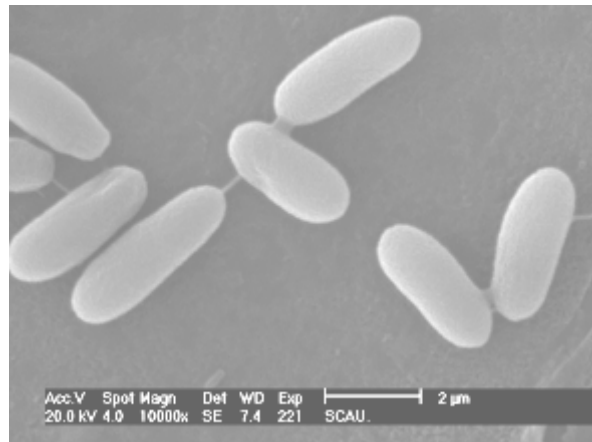
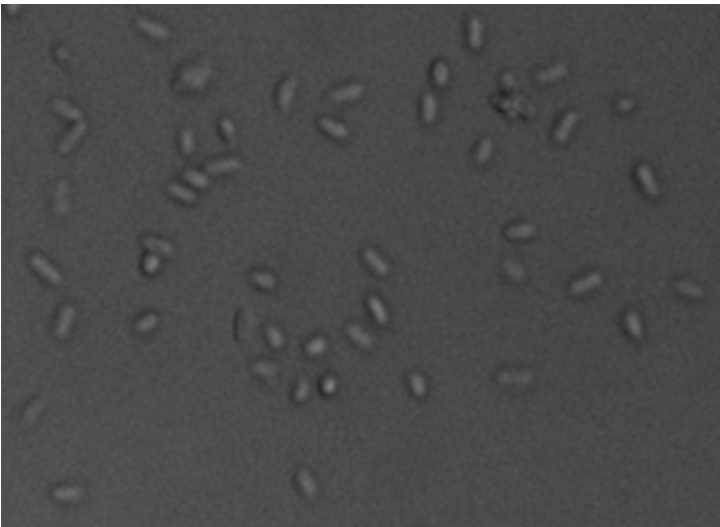
*Plutella xylostella* (Diamondback moth)



Microsporidian spores isolated  
From *Plutella xylostella*  
(abbreviation: XCE)



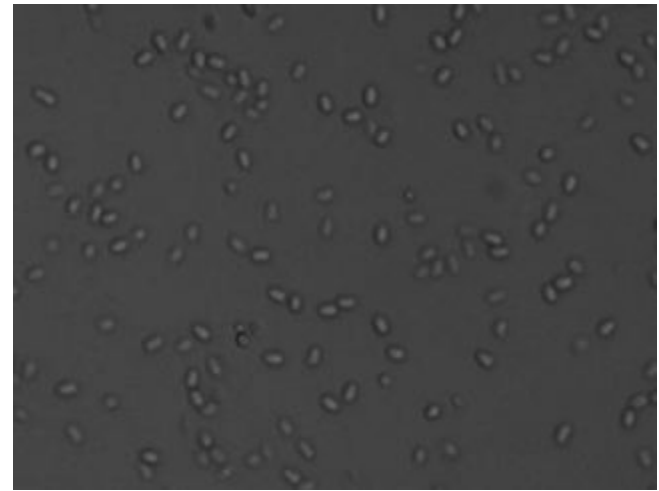
*Antheraea pernyi* (China oak silkworm)



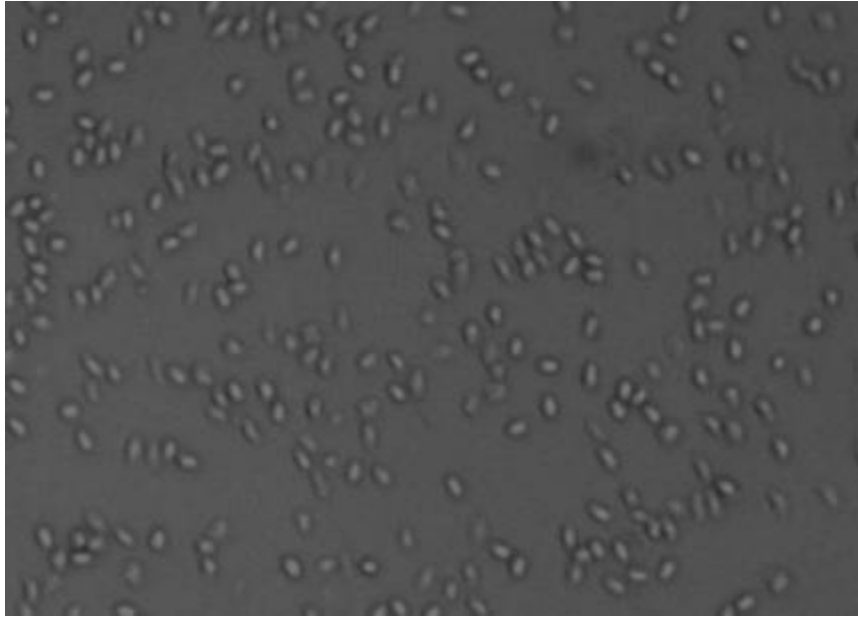
*N. antheraeae*



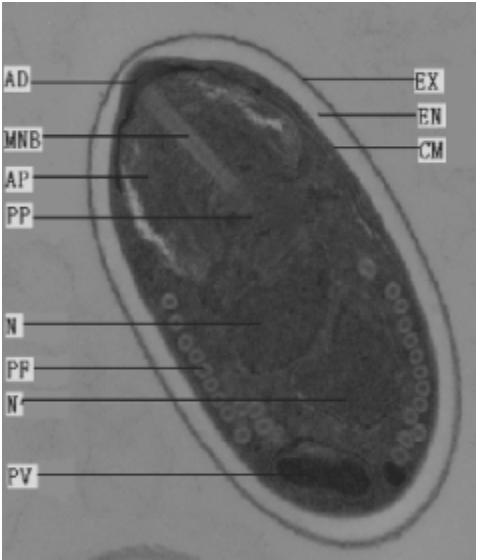
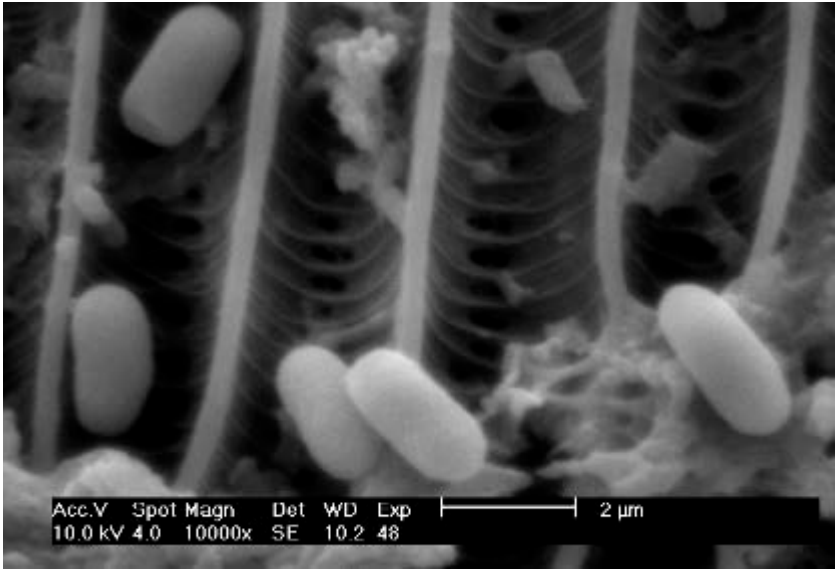
***Phthonandria atrilineata* Butler**  
(Mulberry geometrid )



Microsporidian spores isolated  
From ***Phthonandria atrilineata* Butler**  
( abbreviation: SCH )

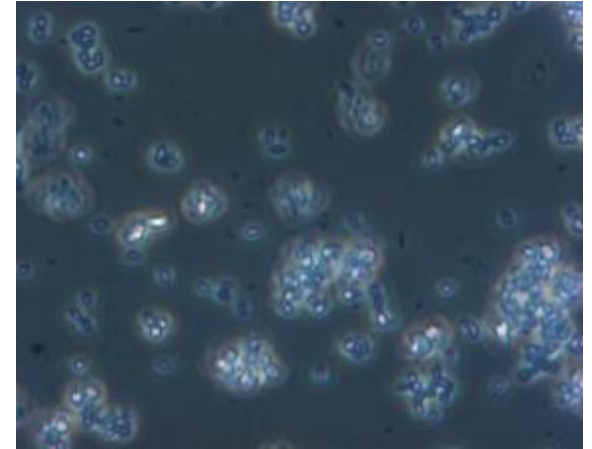


*Pieris rapae*  
(Cabbage butterfly)



Microsporidian spores isolated  
From *Pieris rapae* (abbreviation: CFD)

# Control pebrine with microscopy





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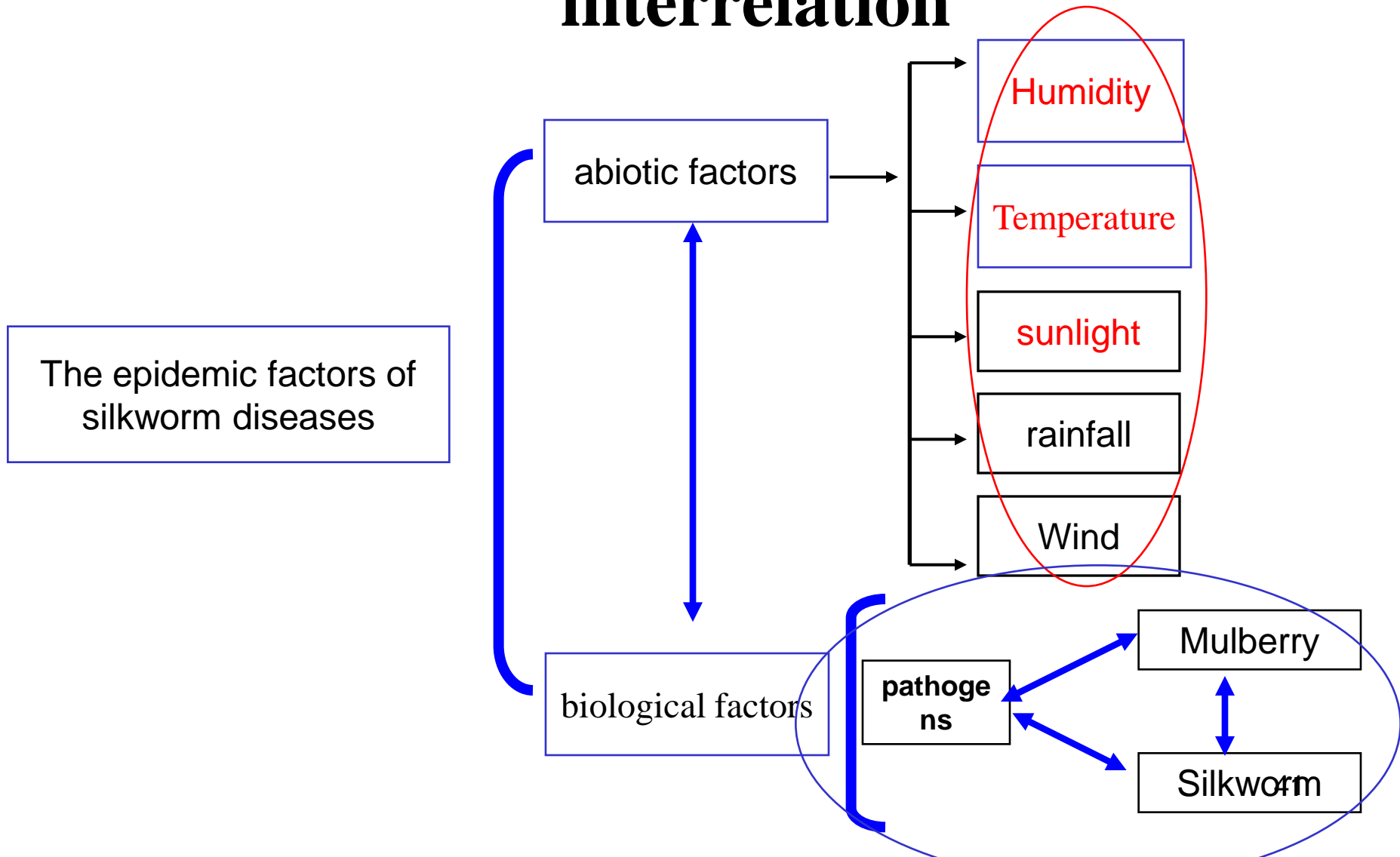
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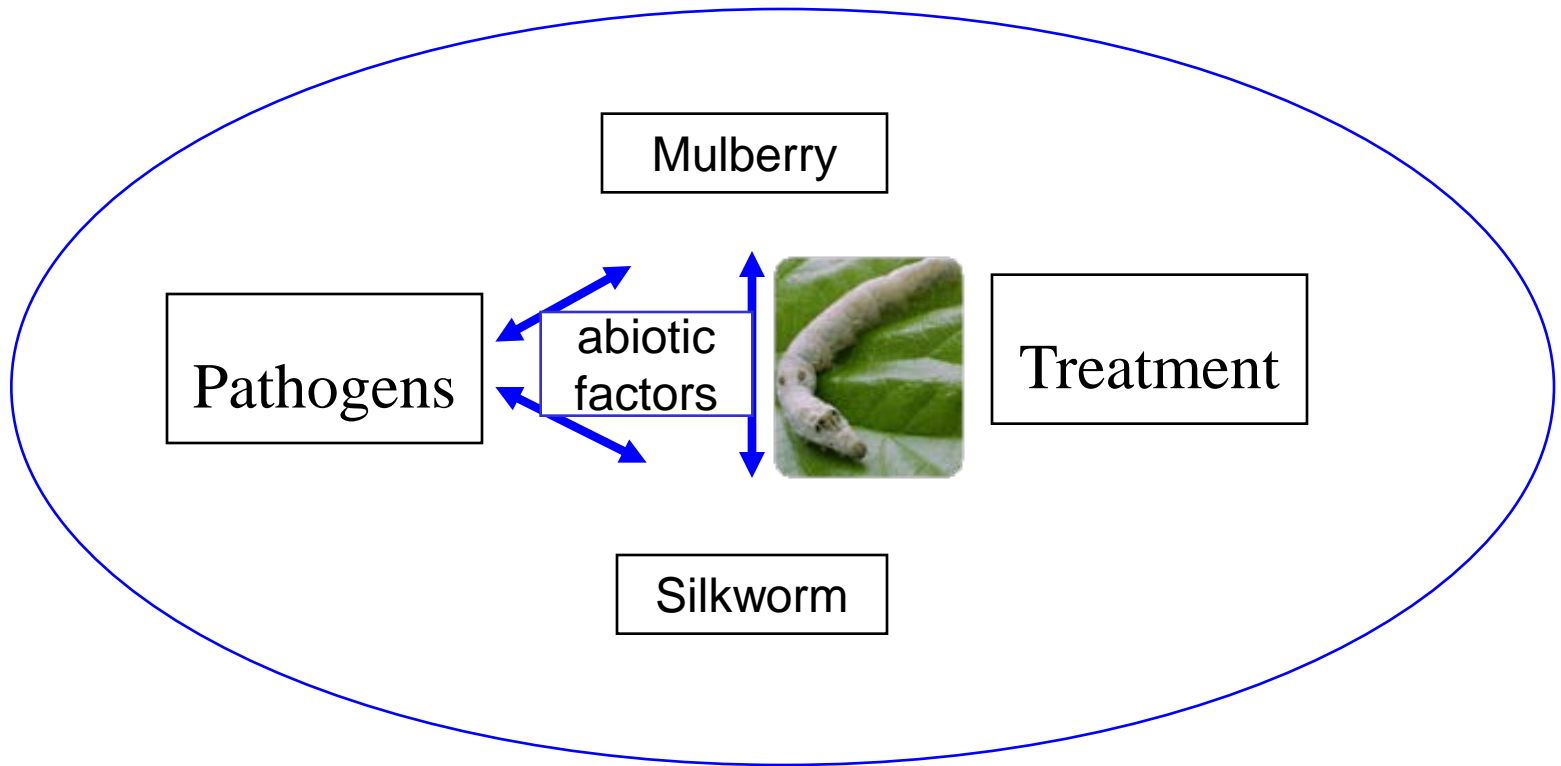


# 4.1 Influential factors of the occurrence of silkworm diseases and the interrelation





# How to control the silkworm diseases?



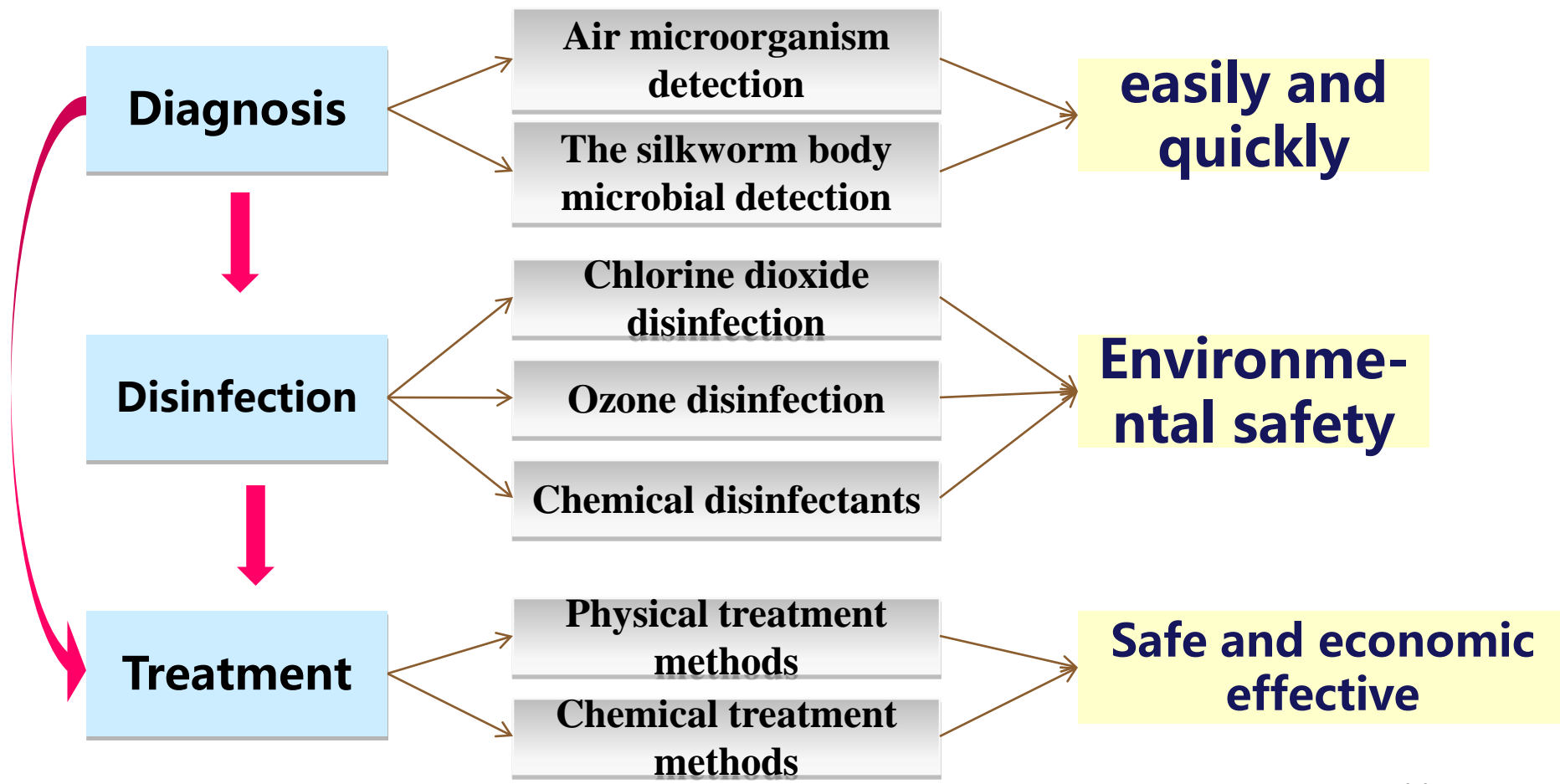


## 4.2 The new ideas of silkworm diseases prevention and controls





# The new ideas of prevention and control the silkworm diseases





## 4.3 Prevention and Management of Silkworm Diseases and its practicing

- 
1. Pebrine disease prevention and control system
  2. Standard and regulations of disease control
  3. Innovation of detection technology of silkworm diseases
  4. The reform of disinfection technology
  5. Study on the drug for silkworm disease
  6. Mulberry pest prevention and control
  7. Application of the Internet of things technology



# 1. Pebrine disease prevention and control system

- Prediction, and control oral infection
- Integrated Pebrine Management
- Systematic Control.



managing of mulberry field



Disinfecting the mulberry and rearing facility



## 2、 Standard and regulations of disease control

- Eggs production
- Young Larvae
- Mulberry fields





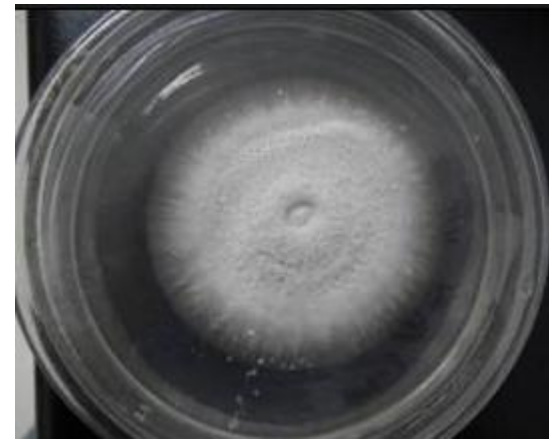
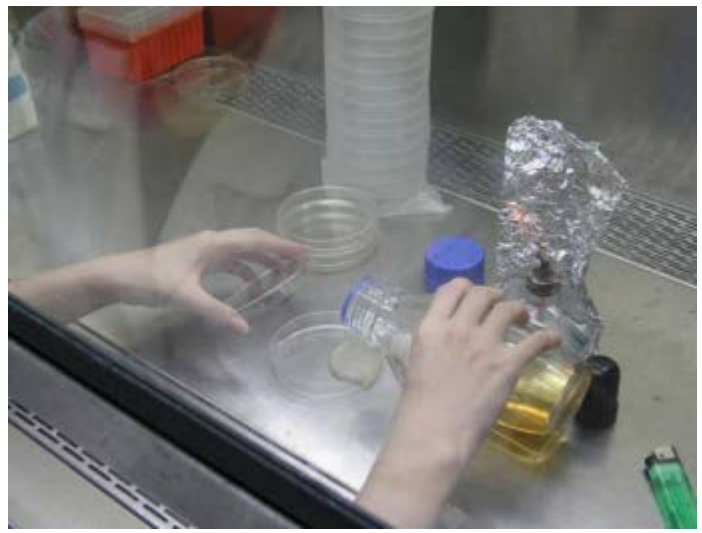
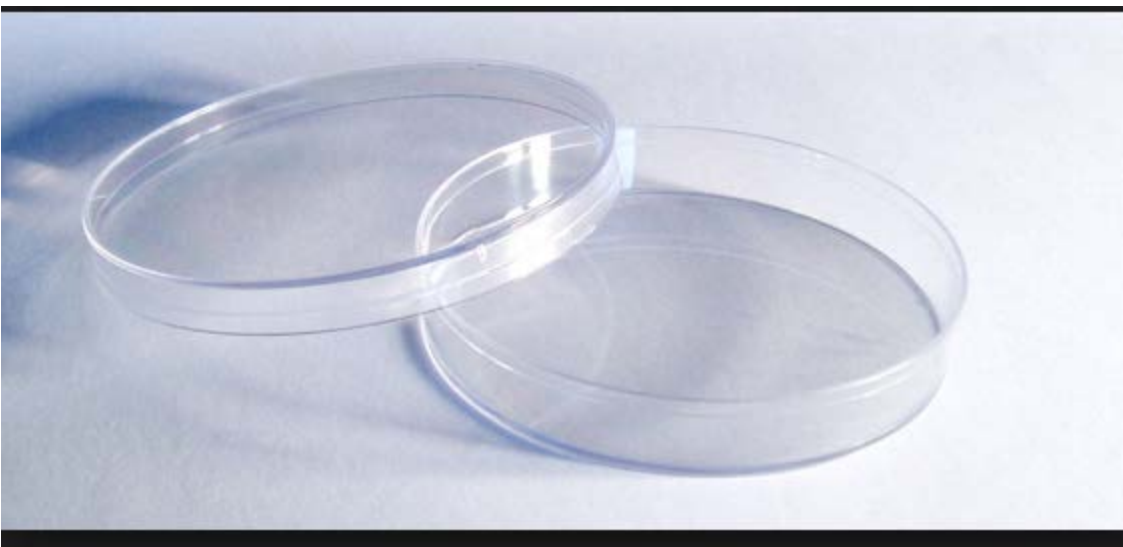
## **3、 Innovation of detection technology of silkworm diseases**

- 1) Classified collection of pathogens**
- 2) Separation and identification techniques of *B. bassiana***
- 3) Development of visual microscope**
- 4) PCR molecular diagnosis**
- 5) LAMP detection protocols**
- 6) Improvement of disinfection technology**
- 7) Exploration of ecological control of the mulberry pests**





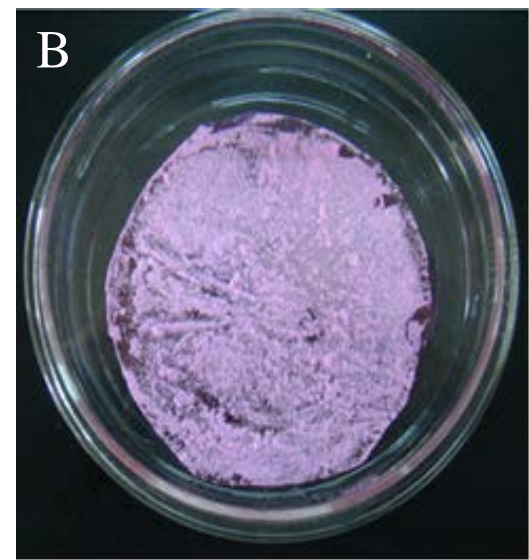
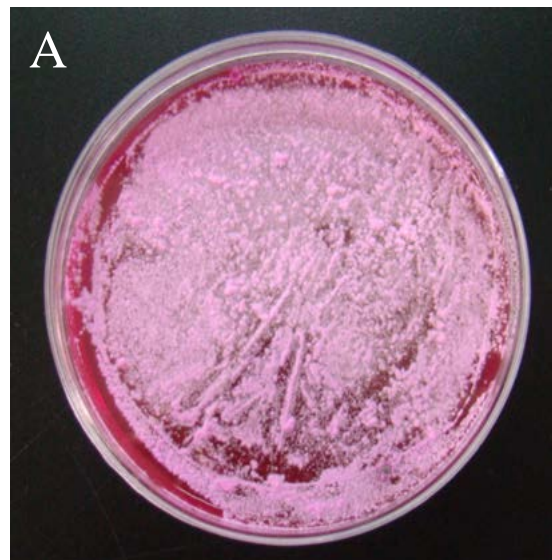
# 1) Collection ,classification and detection of pathogens





## 2) Separation and identification techniques of *Beauveria bassiana*

- ① Separation and purification method of *Beauveria bassiana*. Patent No. CN201310566645.7
- ② CN201320717411, Culture device applicable to microorganism separation and purification.



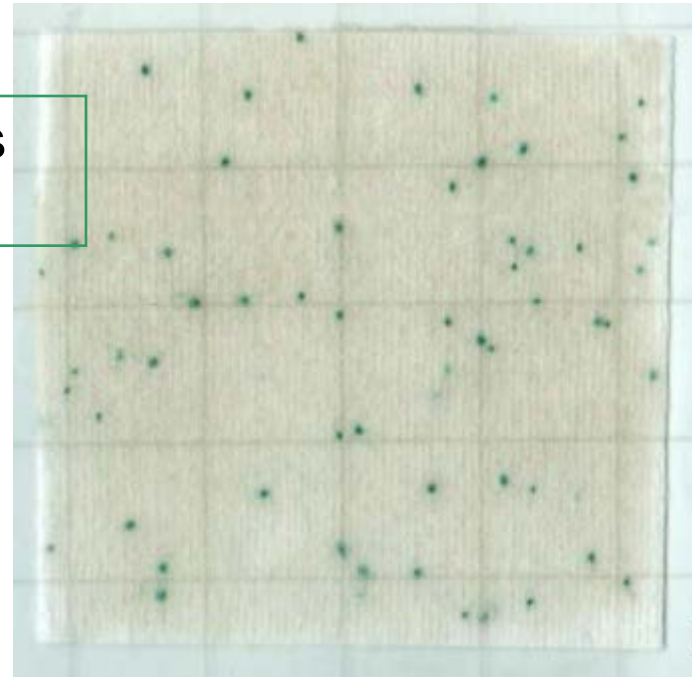
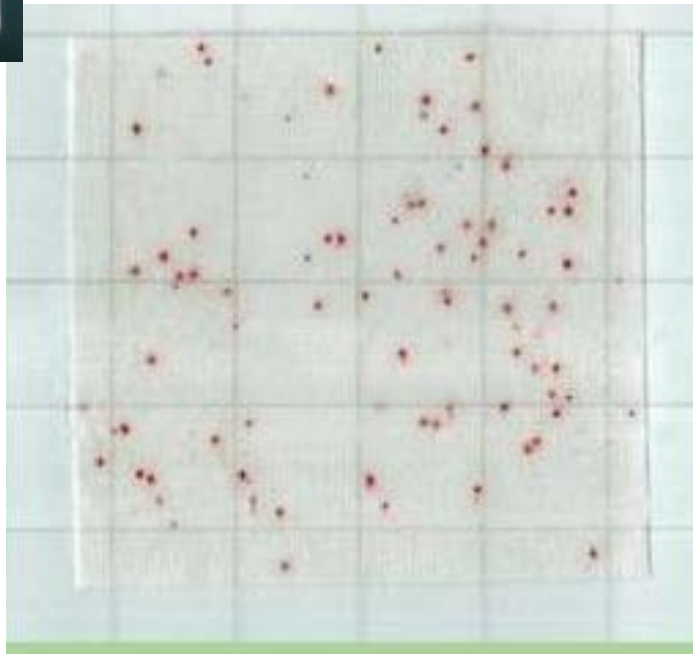


# Rapid detection of the environment pathogenic microorganisms



tests card

The total number of colonies tests



Fungal yeast tests card



## 2) Detection of pesticide residues in mulberry leaf



testing kit



negative



positive

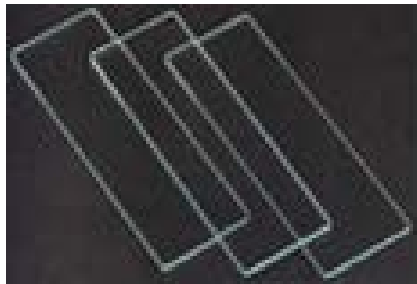




# 3) Digital multifunctional microscope



Stereology microscopy & Optical microscopy





# The visual microscope research and development





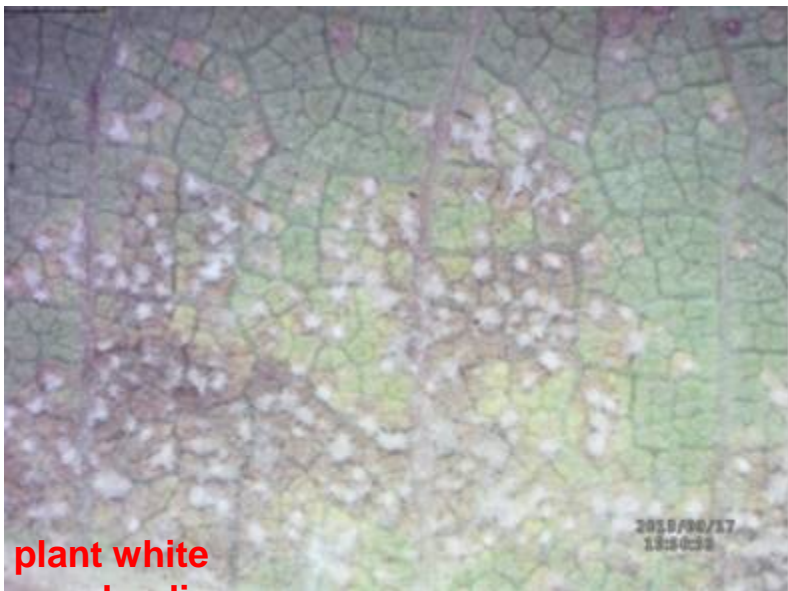
# Multi function digital LED microscope to observe the silkworm eggs







# Observe the plant diseases and insect pests



plant white powder disease



pest eggs



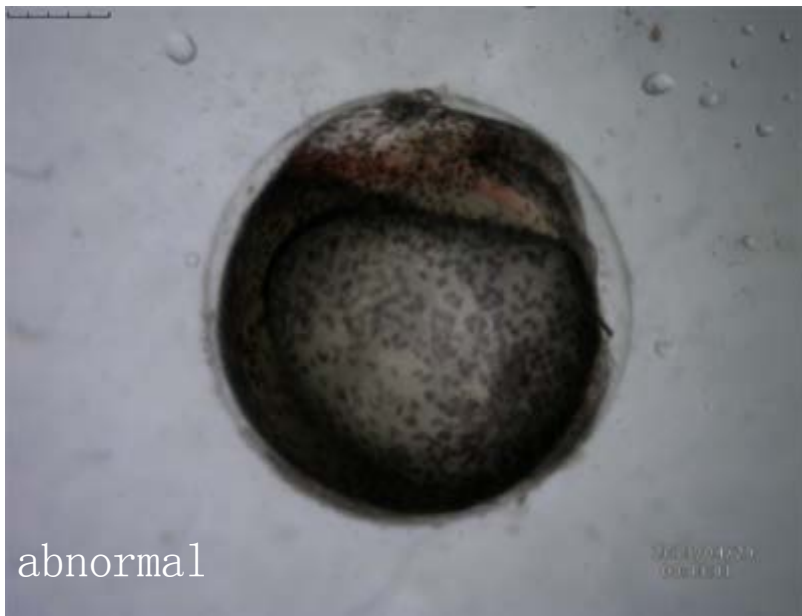
normal fish embryo

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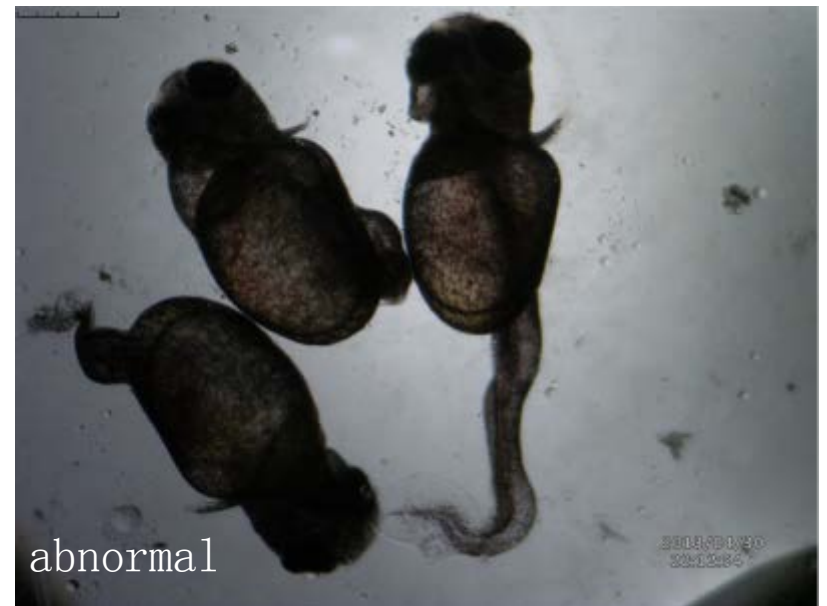
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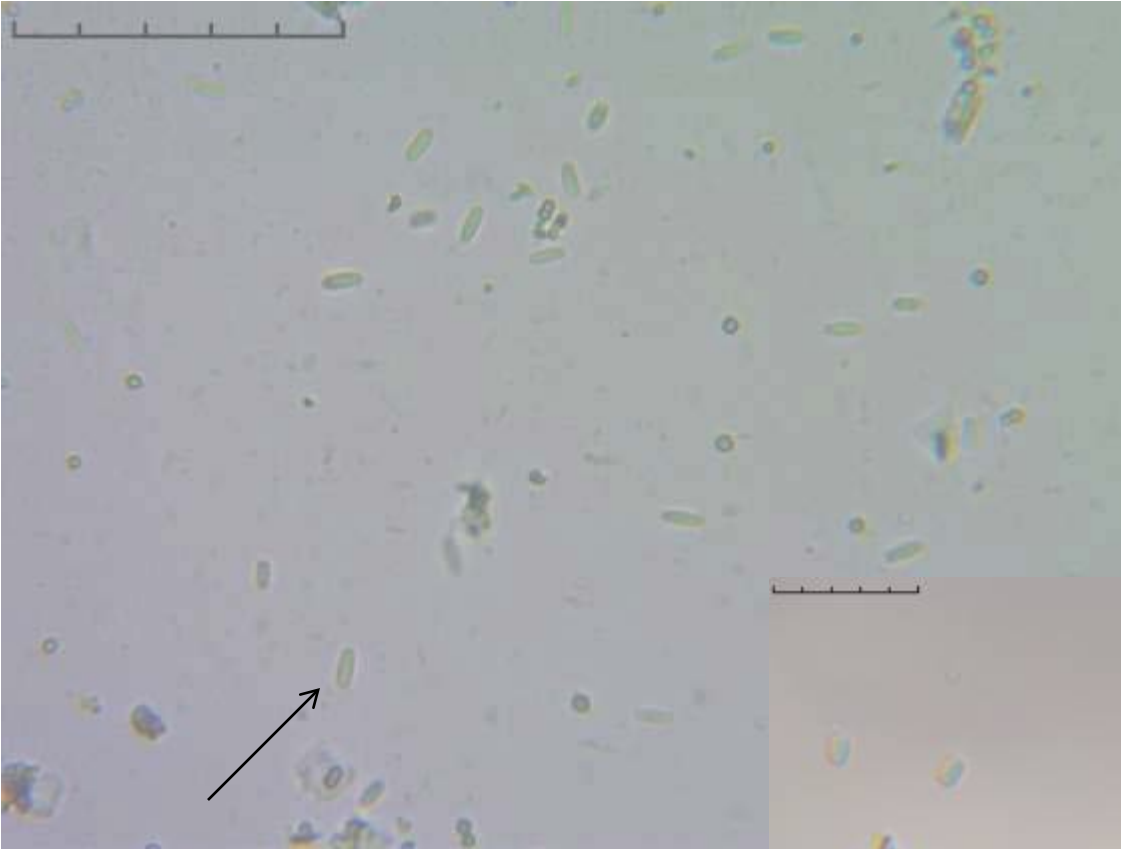


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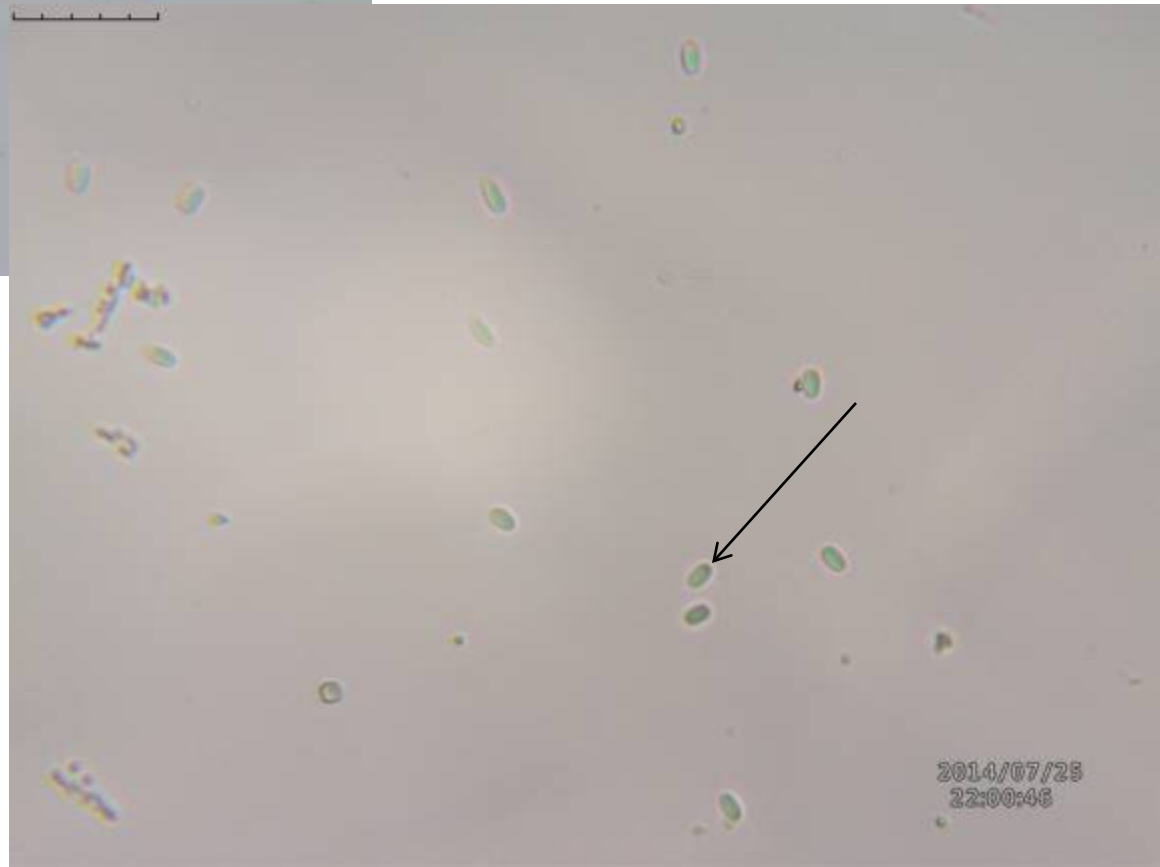
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# Observation by light microscope

*Nosema bombycis*

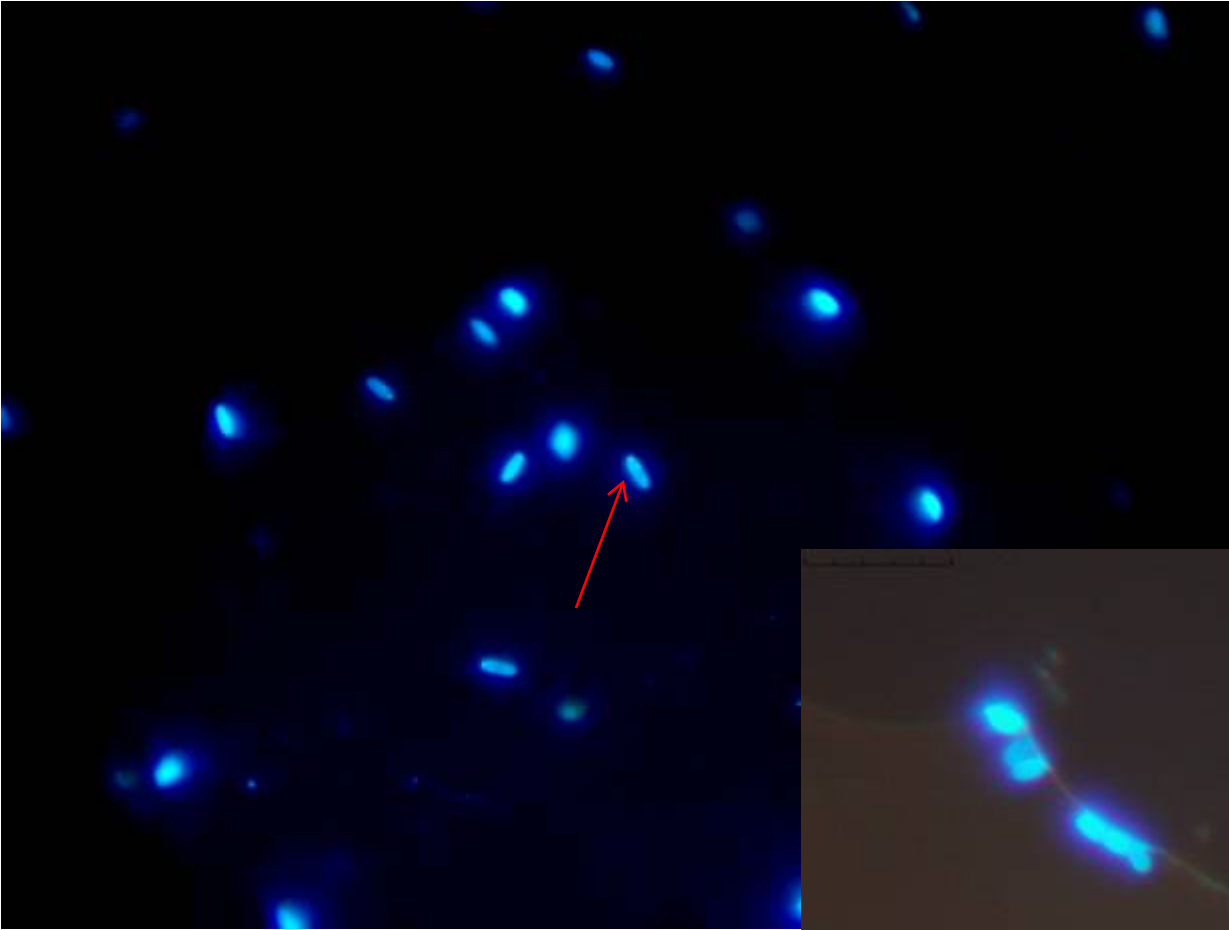


Microsporidian sp.



# Observation by fluorescence microscopy

*N.bombycis*



Microsporidian sp. stained with  
Calcofluor White M2R

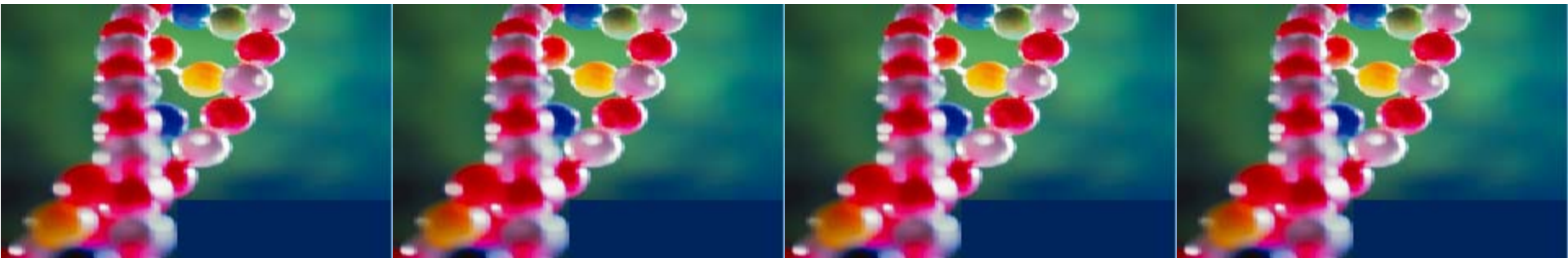


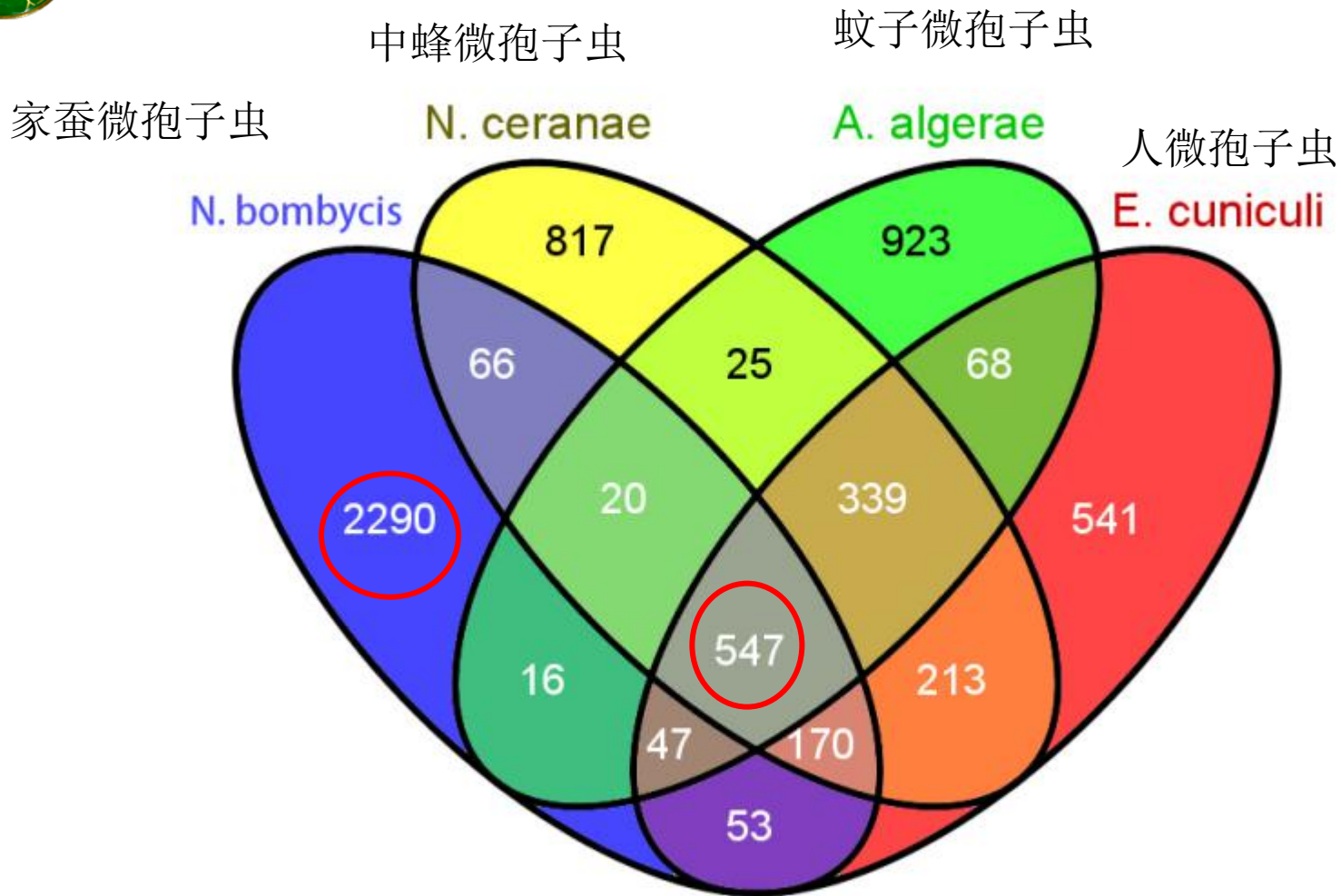


# 4) PCR molecular diagnosis technology



## PCR procedures





4种微孢子虫全基因组的比较



# A rapid DNA extraction method of *Nosema*- Boiling

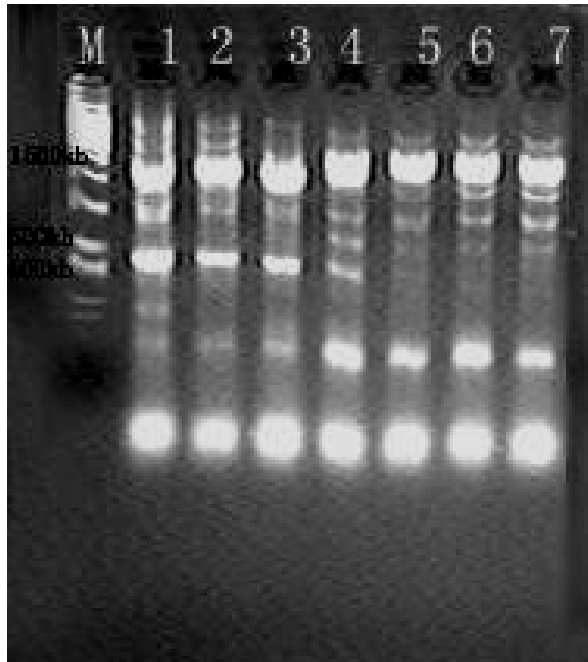


Fig. *Nosema bombycis* DNA electrophoresis

1: positive control; 2:  $10^8$ 个/mL spores; 3: $10^7$ 个/mL spores; 4: $10^6$ 个/mL spores;  
5: $10^5$ 个/mL spores; 6: $10^4$ 个/mL spores; 7:  $10^3$ 个/mL spores; M: 100bp DNA Ladder.



# PCR diagnostic techniques for silkworm pebrine —PCR Diagnostic kit

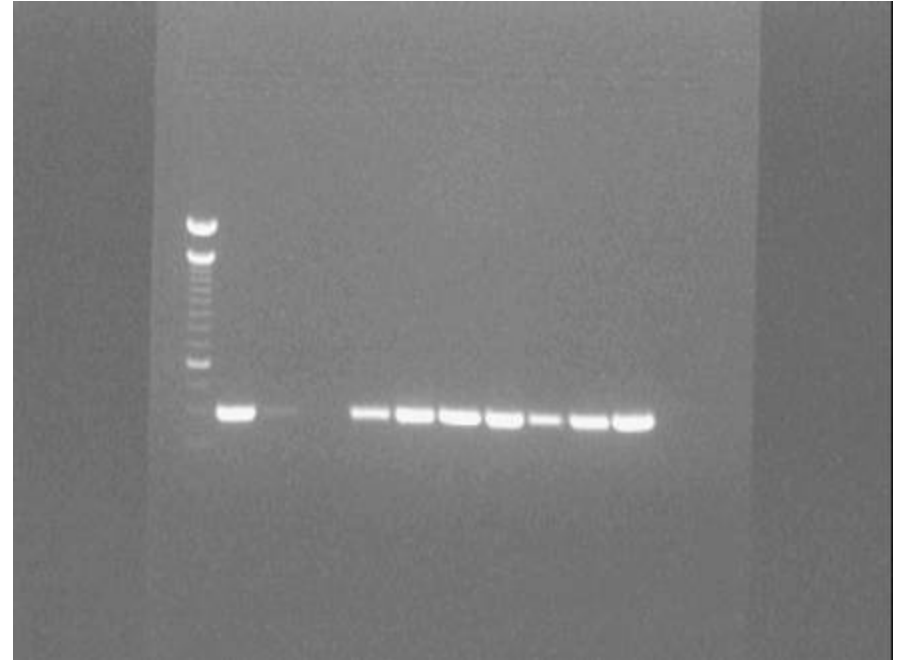


Fig. Sensitivity of PCR (primers V1f/530r) detection

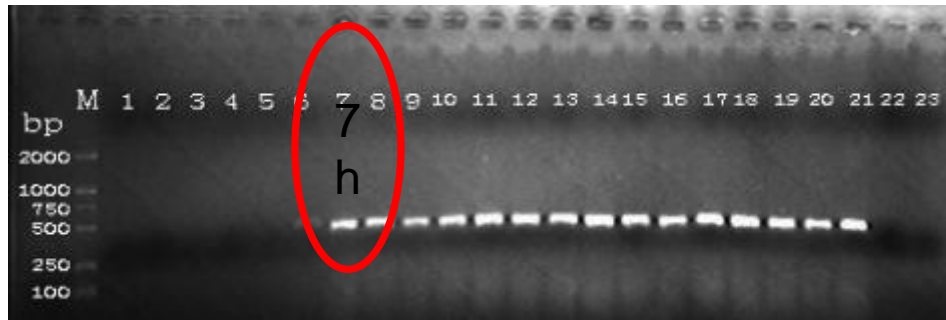
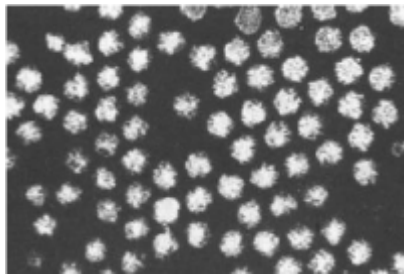
Left : Diagnostic kit

Right : Several pathogenic microsporidia PCR amplification test results





# PCR method for rapid detection of BmDENV



PCR detection Results

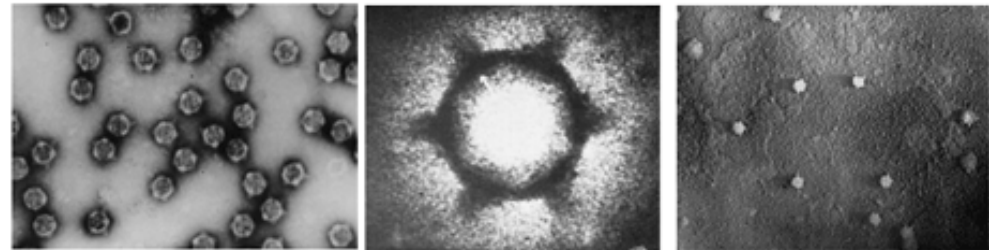
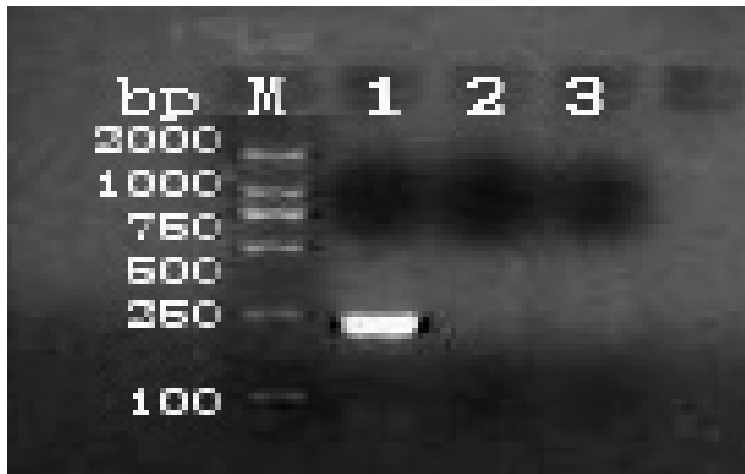
NB : M. DL2000 DNA 1 ~ 12 oral infected by BmDENV within 1 ~ 12hrs ; 13 ~ 20: 18 ~ 60h ( Sample time 6h ) ; 21. BmDENV ; 22.silkworm ; 23. ddH<sub>2</sub>O



专利号 ZL201010617198.X



# RT-PCR method for rapid detection of BmCPV



Result of RT-PCR detection BmCPV

注：M. DL2000 DNA；1. BmCPV；2. silkworm；3. ddH<sub>2</sub>O



# Detection of *Nosema bombycis* by Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification

On the basis of separation, purification of *N.bombycis* and collection of microscopy samples of female moths, according to the **pseudogene** of *N.bombycis*, LAMP **primers** for detecting species-specific for *N.bombycis* were designed and screened, and the specificity, sensitivity and practicability of production samples also were tested.



LAMP kit



# Detection of *Nosema bombycis* by Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification ( Idiotype )

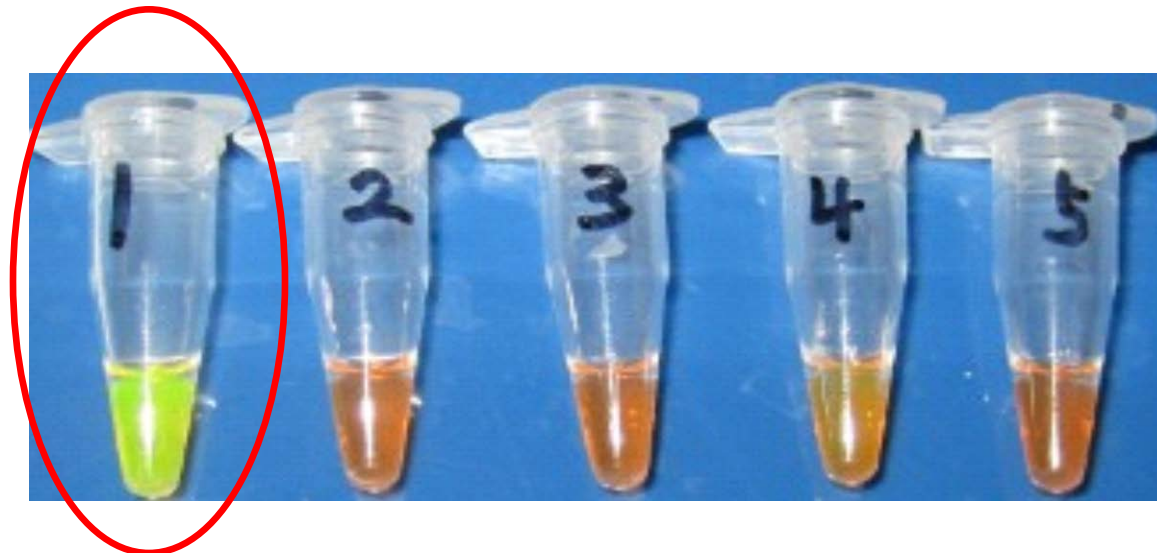


Fig. Primers FI2/BI2, F2/B2 LAMP detection

Note: 1: N.b DNA; 2: *N. locustae* spore DNA; 3: *N. a* DNA;  
4: Normal silkworm midgut DNA; 5: ddH<sub>2</sub>O



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# 4. Research and development of disinfection technology

1) Temperature and humidity control and air purification of the production environment



automatic controlling device for the air conditioning equipments



# 2) Evaluation of disinfection effects—— Effective chlorine of disinfectant testing



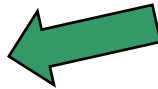
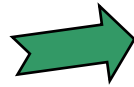
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100g 含氯石灰, 外用消毒剂



# Hygiene disinfection system for silkworm rearing



**Sanitation on Standard Operating Procedure (SSOP)**

**Disinfection on Standard Operating Procedure (DSOP)**





## 4) Disinfection instrument innovation application

- Air freshener
- Chlorine dioxide( $\text{ClO}_2$ ) air disinfection machine
- **Ozone generator( $\text{O}_3$ )**



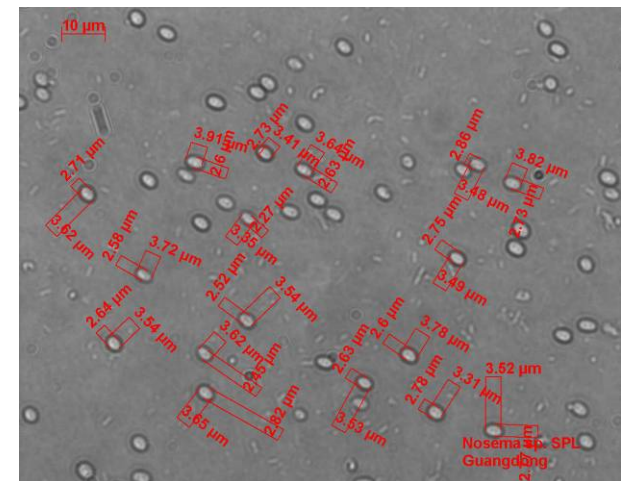
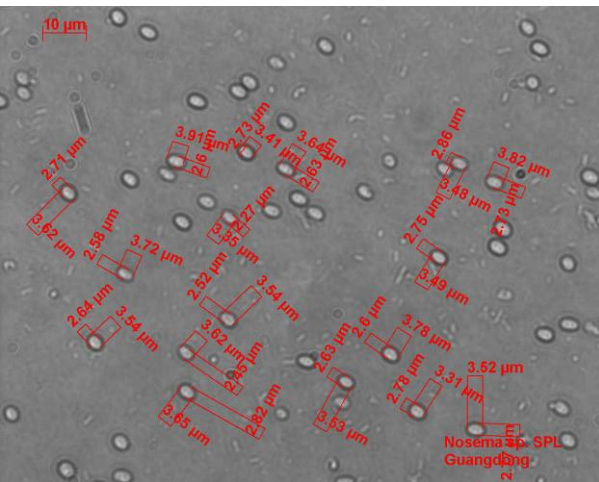






# 5、Pebrine treatment

- Drug treatment
- Albendazol Tablets
- Carbendazim, Benlate





## 6. Mulberry pest prevention and control

- **Solar insecticidal lamp**



*Doaphnia pyloalis* (Walker)





## **7. To explore with applying of the internet of things(IOT) technology**

- **Real-time monitoring of silkworm eggs protection**
- **Silkworm rearing temperature and humidity control**
- **Rearing environmental air quality monitoring and control**
- **Real time monitoring of water and fertilizer of mulberry field**
- **Mulberry pest real-time monitoring**
- **Real time monitoring of sericulture growth?**





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# **Cooperation between RSTC and Institutes in Asia-Pacific**

- 1. Jointly implement the sericulture project in your country under the international funds**
- 2. Feasibility report and agreement on cooperation**
- 3. Training for trainers and training for farmers**
- 4. Demonstration farm**
- 5. Supply of silkworm eggs and Mulberry seeds/seedlings to the farmers**
- 6. Technical extension**
- 7. Cocoon and silk processing**

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