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# Modelling Population Dynamics of Phoretic Parasitism through Chemical Espionage of Anti-Aphrodisiacs By Parasitic Wasps



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# White Cabbage Butterfly and Anti-aphrodisiacs



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# Chemical Espionage



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# Assumptions During Modelling

- **Genetic Consistency**
- **Successful Attack Rates**
- **Consistent Birth Rates**
- **No Migration**
- **Exclusive Reproduction Methods**



# Model for Population Dynamics

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = [(iB - I_w) e_i - d_B B] (B_{\max} - B)$$

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Logistic  
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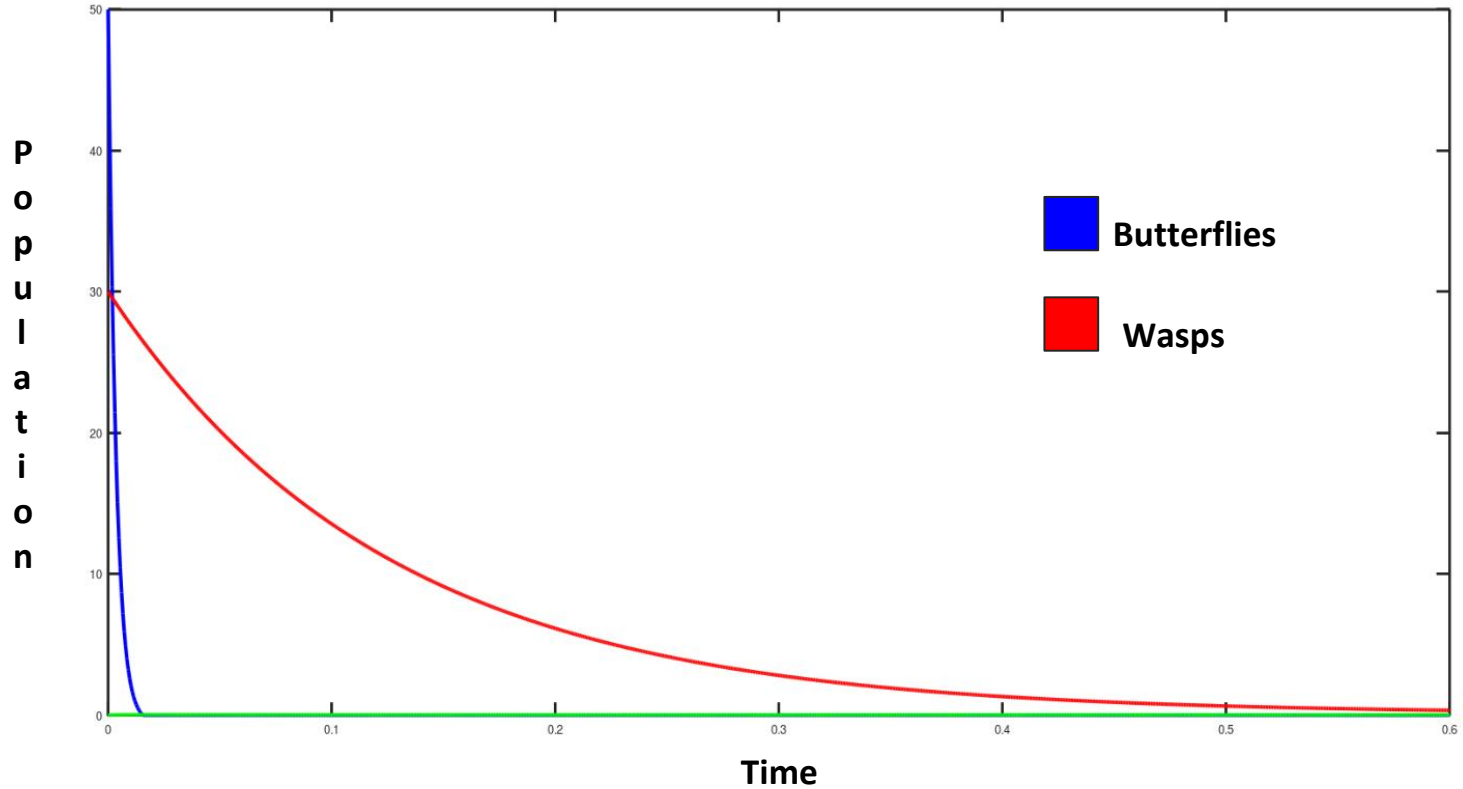
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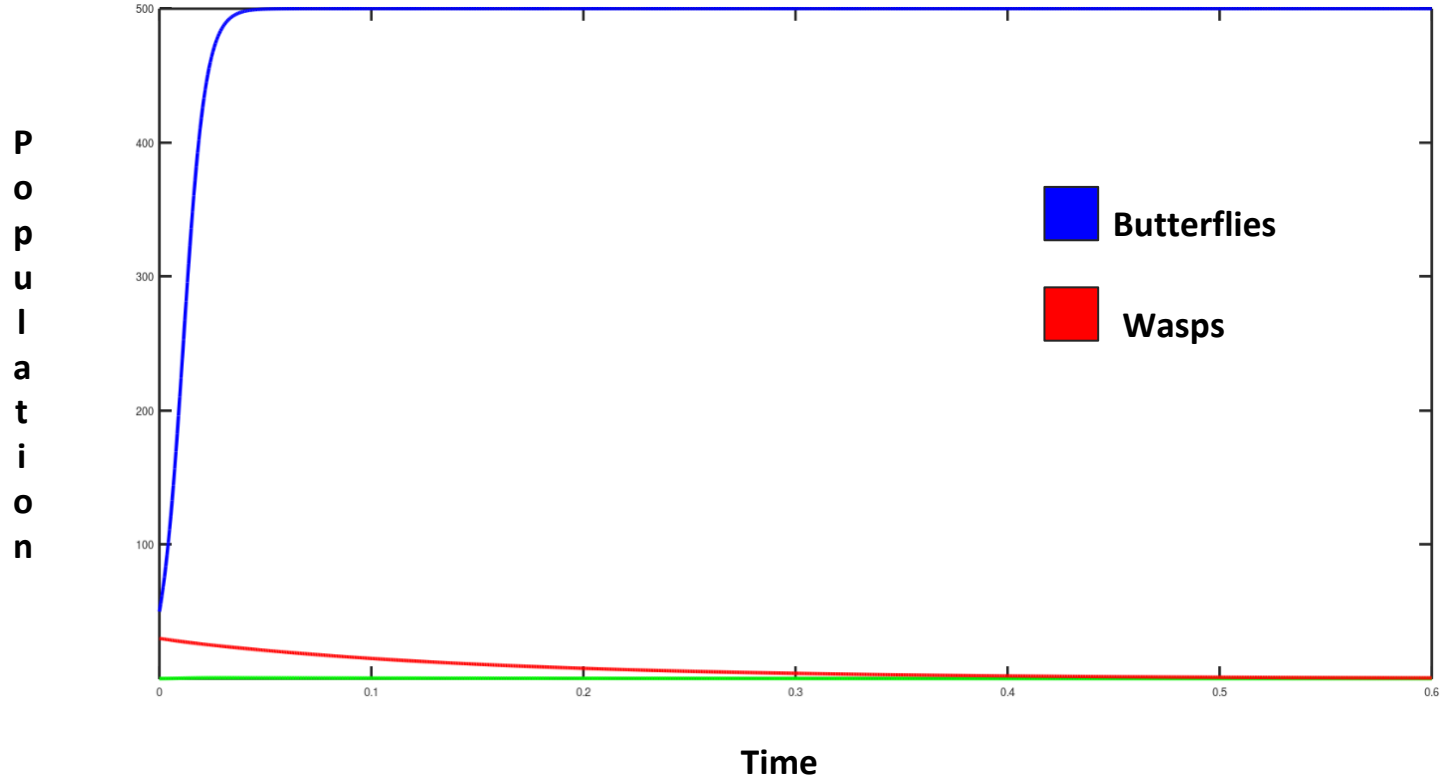
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High Attack Rate



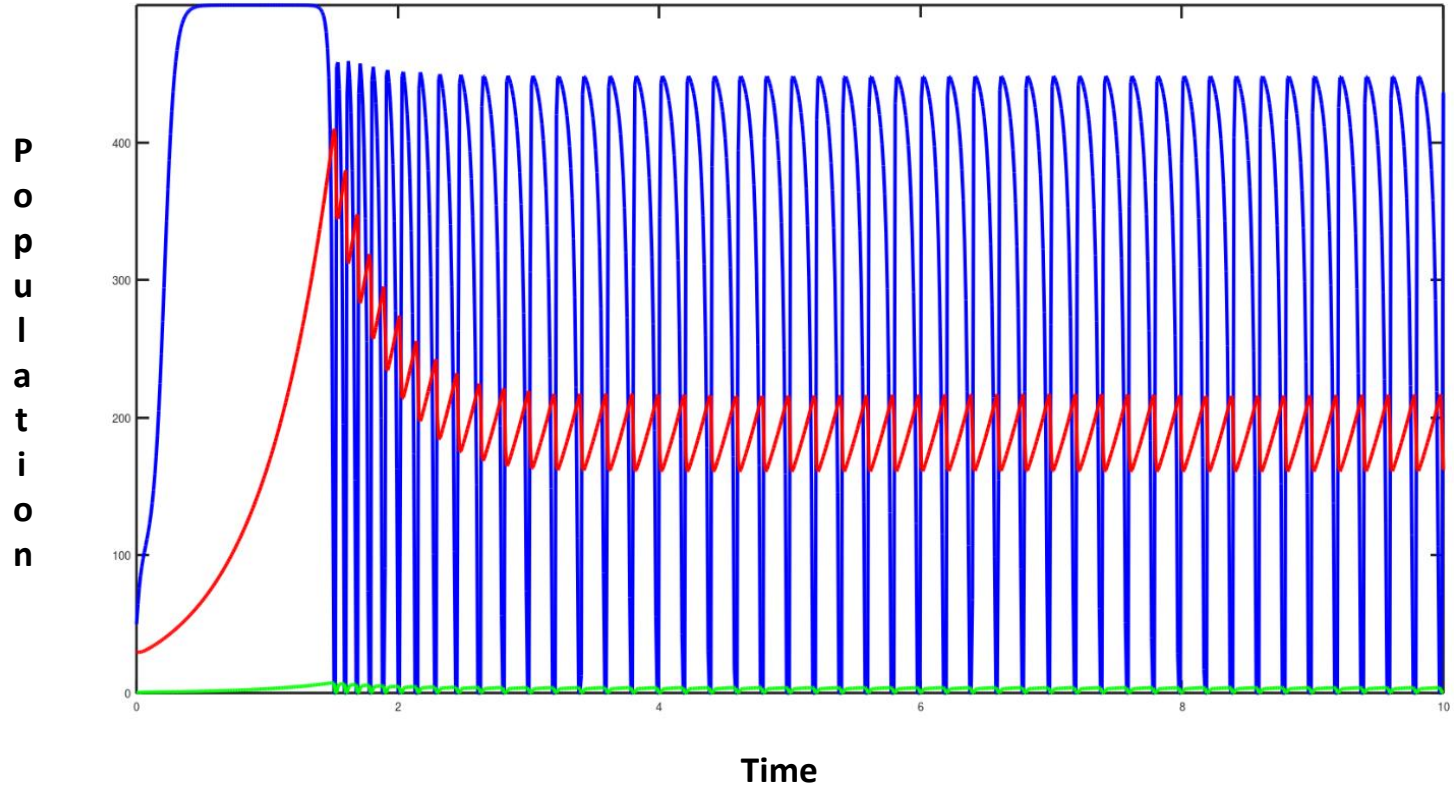
# Long Term Behaviors

Low Attack Rate



# Long Term Behaviors

Moderate Attack Rate



# Dispersion of Pheromones

$\eta$  = viscosity of air =  $1.81 \times 10^{-5}$  kg/(ms)

$a$  = pheromone radius =  $1.25 \times 10^{-4}$  m

$V(0) \cong 0.1$  m/s

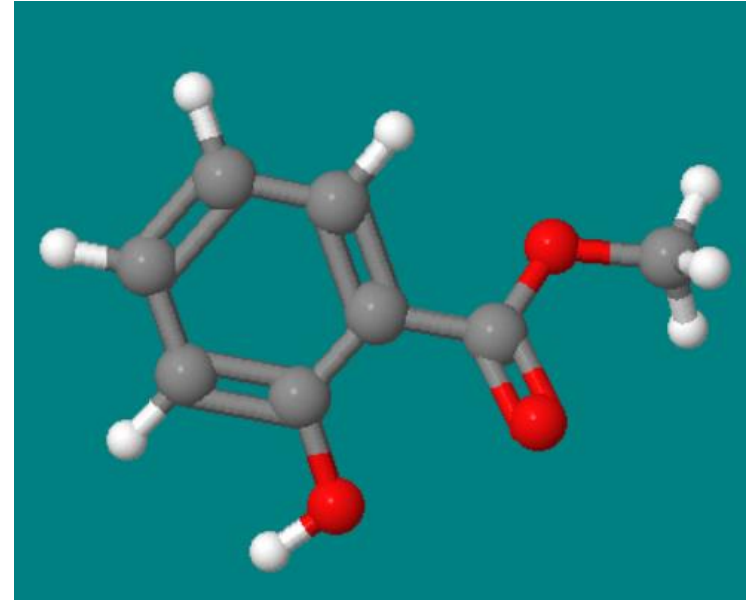
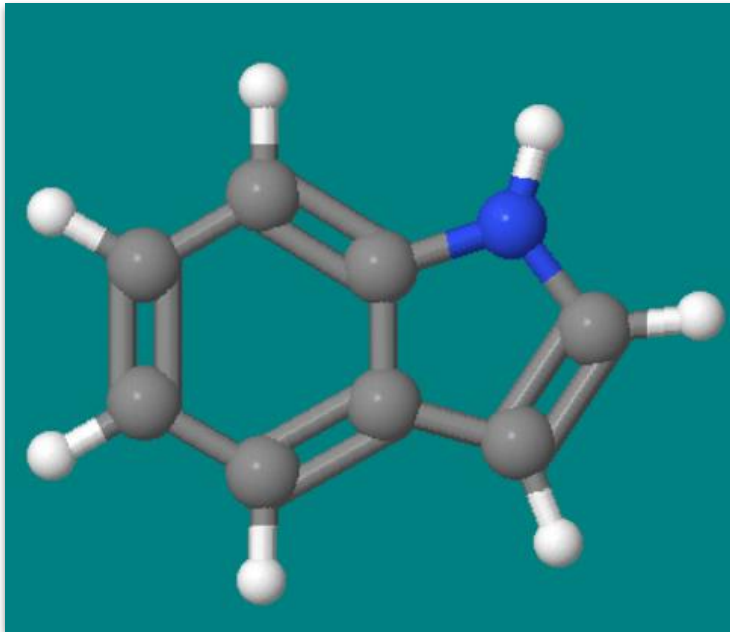
$M = 2 \mu\text{g}$

$\gamma = 6\pi\eta a = 4.26 \times 10^{-8}$  kg/s

$V(t) = V(0)e^{-tm/\gamma} = (0.1 \text{ m/s})e^{-t/21.3}$

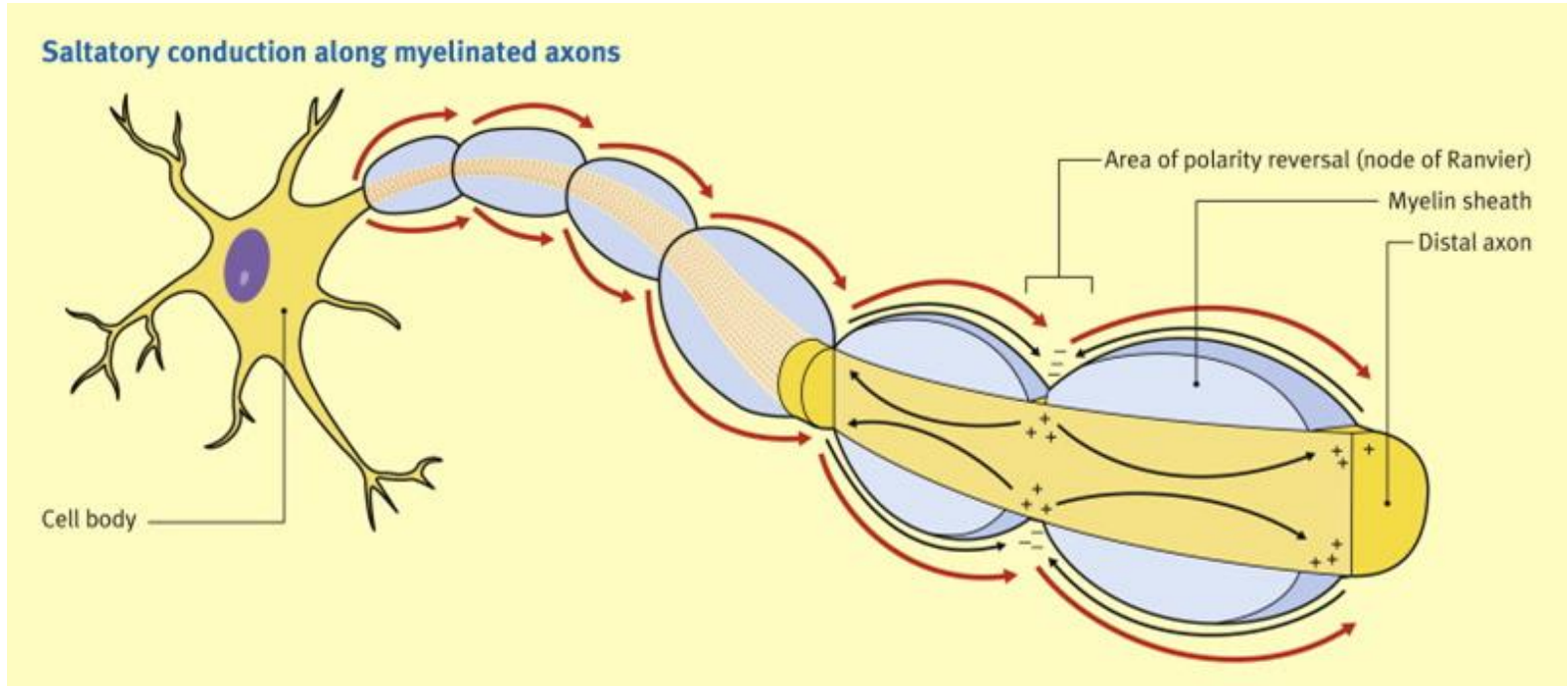
$X(t) = |V(0)(-\gamma/m)e^{-tm/\gamma}| = |(0.1 \text{ m/s})(-21.3 \text{ 1/s})e^{-t/21.3}|$

# Indole (L) and Methyl Salicylate (R)



<https://chemagic.org/molecules/amini.html>

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$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -L \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \text{ and } \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} = -C \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} - u^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial t^2} - u^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

$$u = 1/\sqrt{LC}$$





# Wasp Trajectory

$$dv_x/dt = F_x/m - c/m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)^{1/2}v_x$$

$$dv_y/dt = F_y/m - g - c/m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)^{1/2}v_y$$

$$dv_z/dt = F_z/m - c/m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)^{1/2}v_z.$$



# Additional Issue

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = [(iB - I_w) e_i - d_B B - d_P B] (B_{\max} - B)$$

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# Limitations and Future Directions

- ◉ Long Term Evaluation of Pheromone Propagation
- ◉ Limitations from Assumptions
- ◉ Equations of Aerodynamic Flight
- ◉ Expansion of Population Dynamics Equations

**Thank You for  
Your Time**

**Any Questions?**

