## **Phenology Models for BMSB**

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## Model Phenology to Make Predictions about Populations



- *Extreme* overlap among life stages
- Traditional DD models lose accuracy for insects with overlapping life stages
- Traditional DD models don't incorporate mortality or physiological variation
- Simple to use and interface with weather-based software

## Develop an Individual Based Stage-Specific Phenology Model

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Life Stage	Process	Stochastic	Drivers				
Adult	Overwintering survivorship	Х	Time				
	Diapause termination and	Photoperiod					
	induction						
	Preoviposition Temper						
	Fecundity (clutch size, interval,	Time					
	number)						
	Sex Ratio						
Eggs and	Survivorship	Х	Temperature and				
Nymphs			Time				
	Development Rate and	Х	Temperature and				
	Thresholds		Time				

1000 individuals, Results pooled from 100 runs per simulation









# **Population Dynamics in Bridgeton, NJ**



Nielsen, Chen, and Fleischer Front Phys 2016; 2017

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# **Population Dynamics – Same DD**



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## Population Dynamics of Population Baiofix



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# Adult Population Size, 2005 - 2015



- Differences in stage structure between locations
- Population size differs between geographic populations
- + Suggests landscape features may play an important role as well as population haplotype

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### Peak Population Periods in Pheromone Trap Captures and Phenology Model Simulations

State	Adults		Days between population	Nymphs		Days between population
	t	Р	peak dates (vs. phenology models)	t	Р	peak dates (vs. phenology models)
Pyramid trap						
Michigan	2.14	0.1131	16.67	4.88	0.0099	37.67
Maryland	-0.53	0.6301	7	3.02	0.0422	31
Georgia	2.46	0.072	15.67	-0.86	0.4667	20
Oregon	0.92	0.4382	12.33	4.33	0.0444	37
Clear sticky trap						
Michigan	2.14	0.1131	16.67	1.76	0.3051	31.83
Maryland	-0.09	3.9894	1.33	1.66	0.1731	14.67
Georgia	-0.93	0.4417	18	-1.01	0.3937	19.33
Oregon	-1.97	0.1638	27.67	1.89	0.1970	27

# NC State: Number of Living Adults and Eggs Laid



- Empirical model based on developmental data of cohorts of bugs from winter through fall.
  - Western NC (Mills River, 2067 ft elevation)
  - Eastern NC (Goldsboro, 79 ft elevation)
- Using DD accumulations, predicts cumulative oviposition and eclosion of adults from each generation.
- Biofix Initiation of reproductive development (Nielsen et al. 2017)
  - 12.7 hr photoperiod (4 April in NC)
- Temperature thresholds (Nielsen et al. 2008)
  - 14.2 and 35.6 °C

### Cumulative Oviposition and Adult Eclosion vs. Degree-Day Accumulations





Bridgeton, NJ 2012 - Adults













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# Next Steps

- Incorporate any geographic differences in phenology
  - Overwintering survivorship
  - Critical diapause cues
- Refine impact of biotic factors
- Incorporate landscape influences
- Develop a decision aid system with BMSB model
- Increase parasitism!