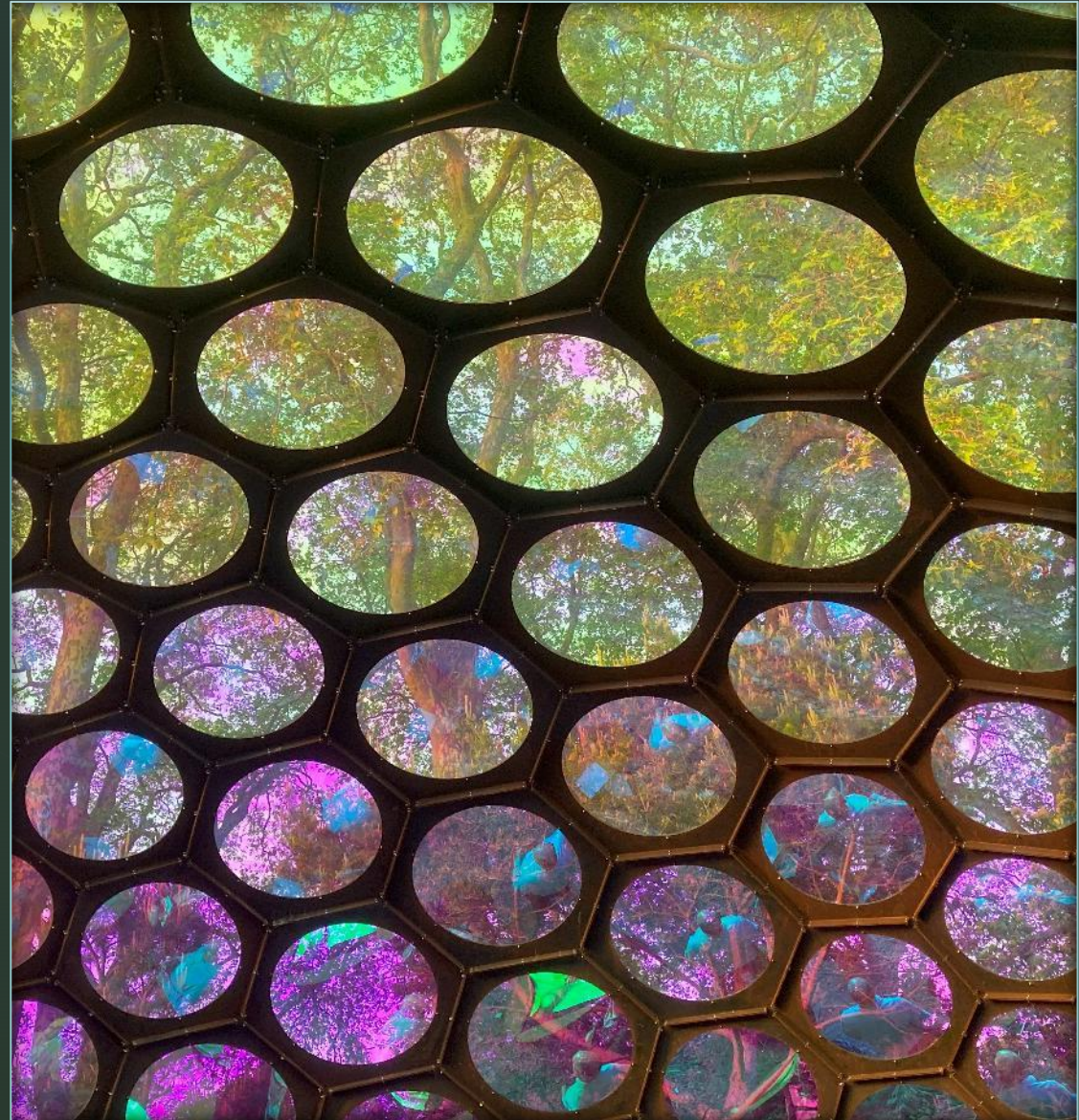


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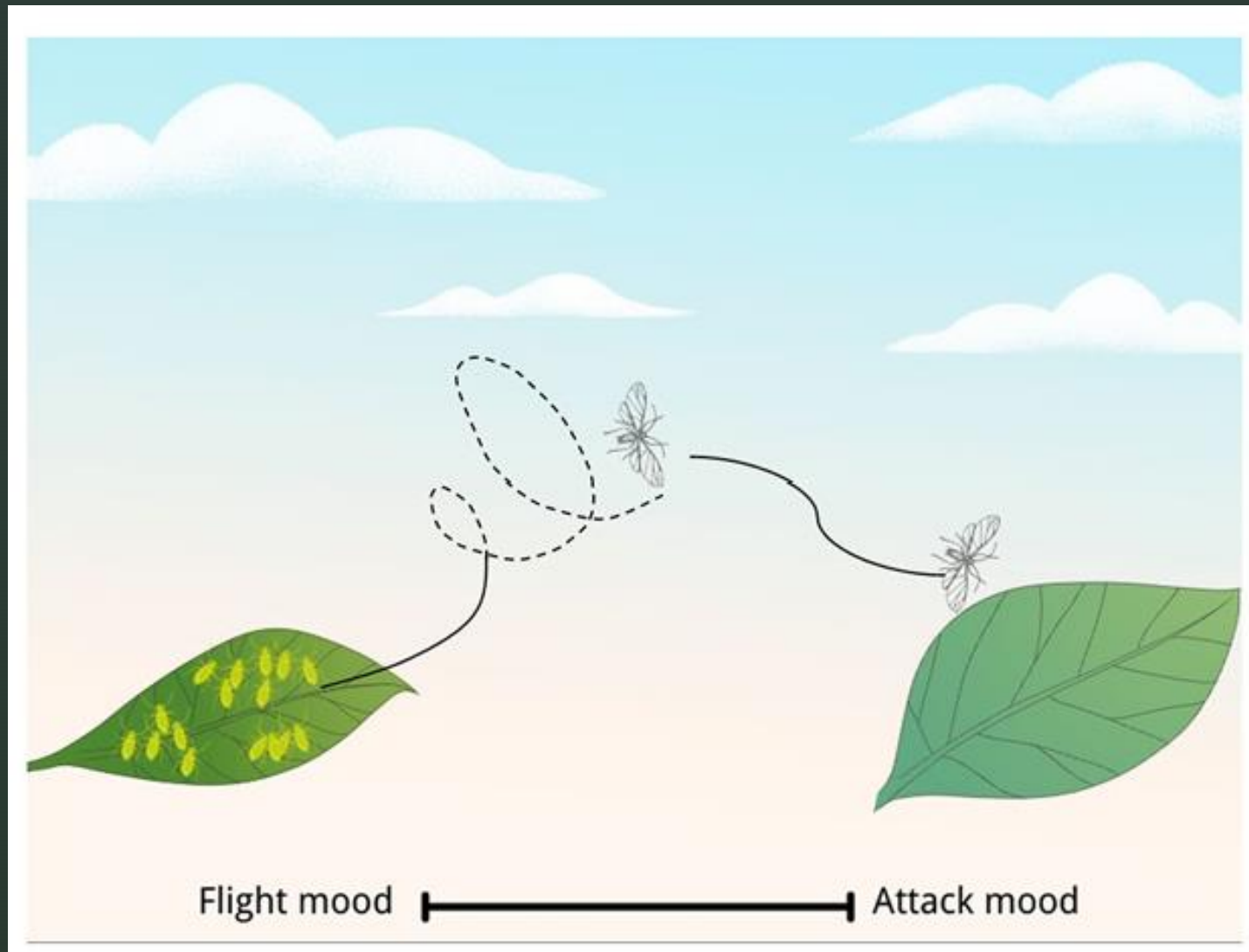
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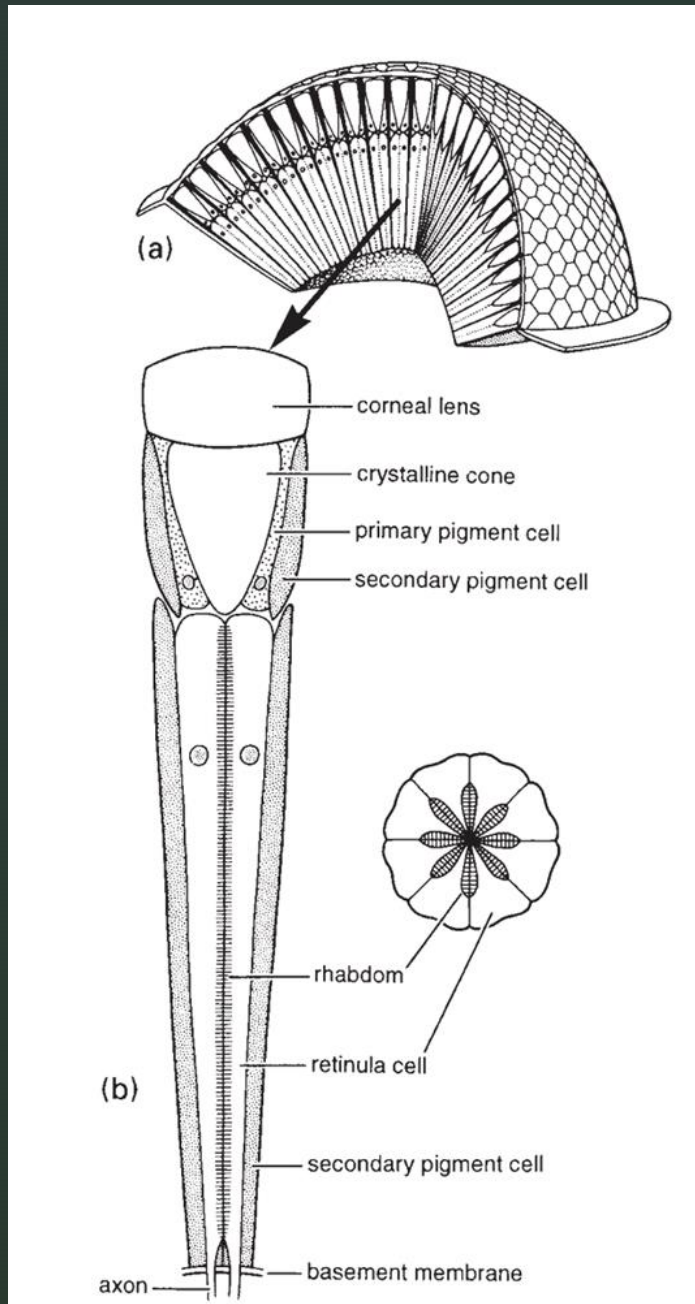
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Quality

Escape
Predation



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Visual Cues

Pure Yellow (- UV Reflectance)



Orange

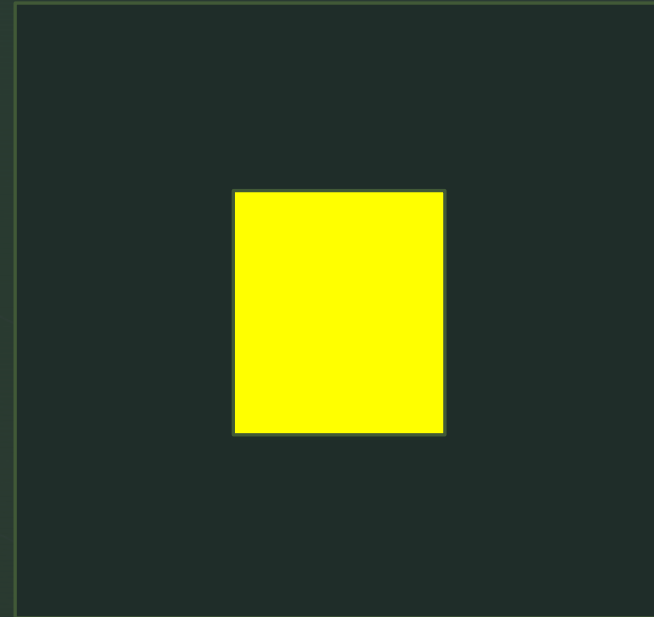


Yellow/Green



Green

~~Red, Blue, Purple,~~
~~White.~~



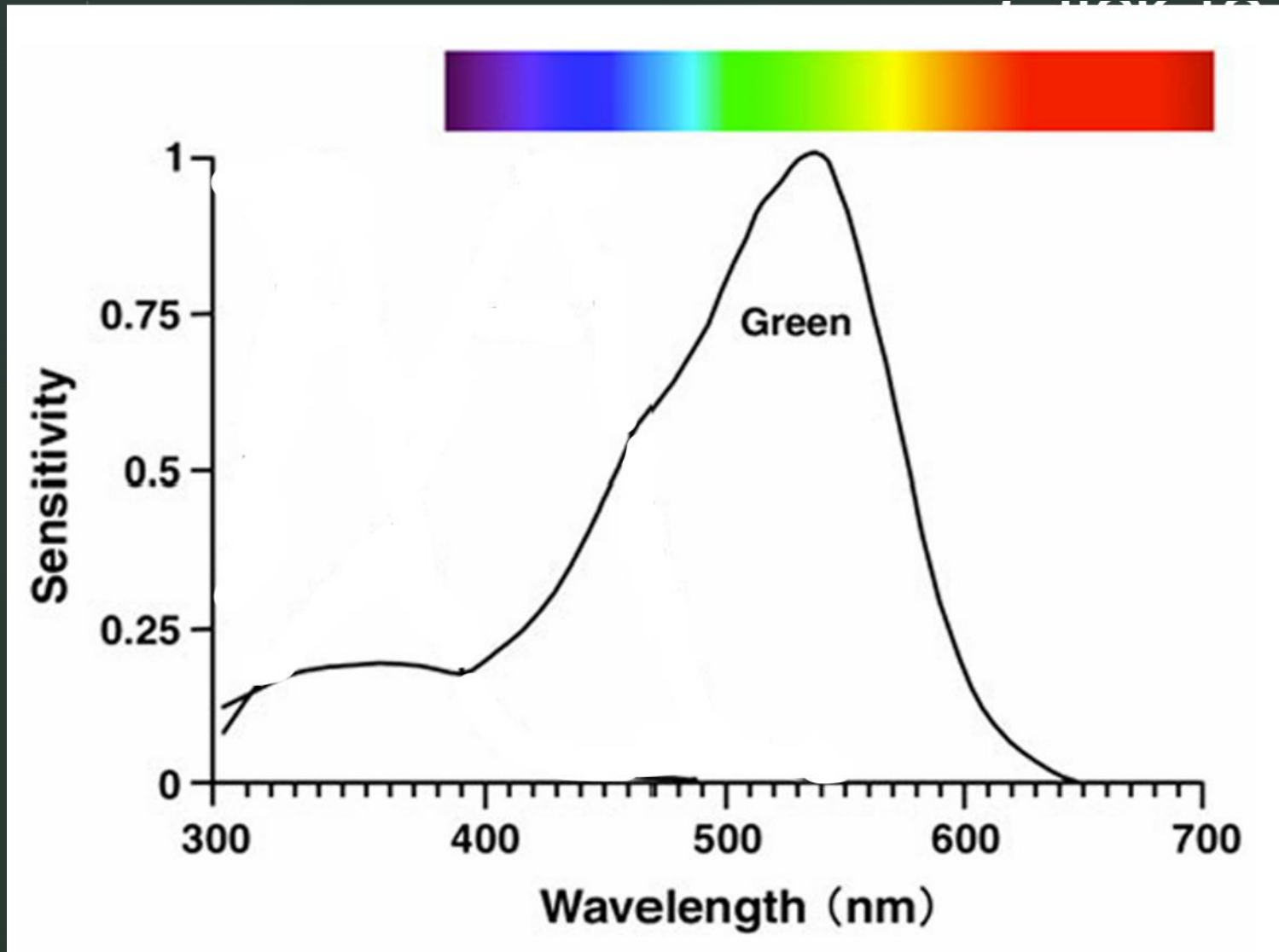


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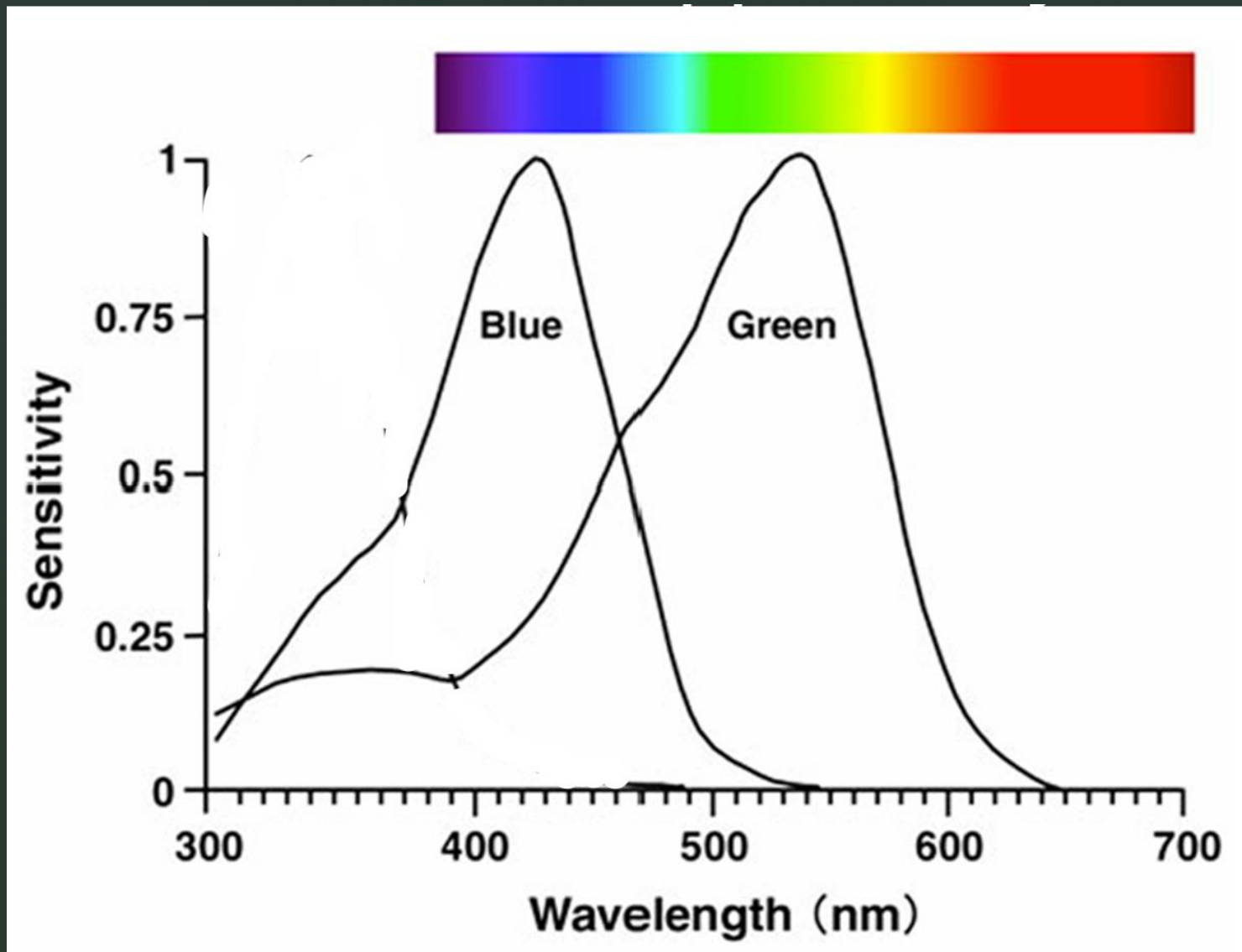


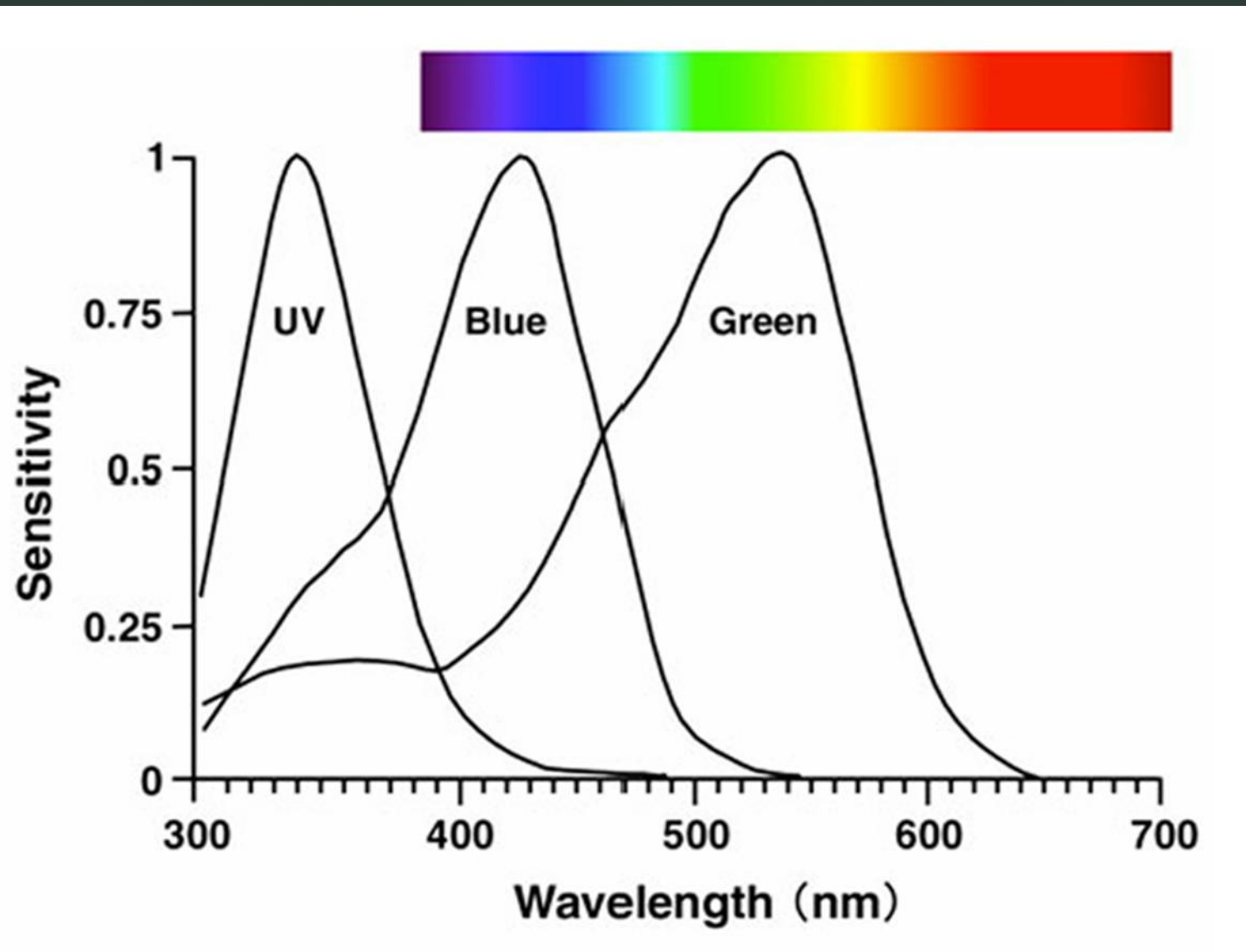


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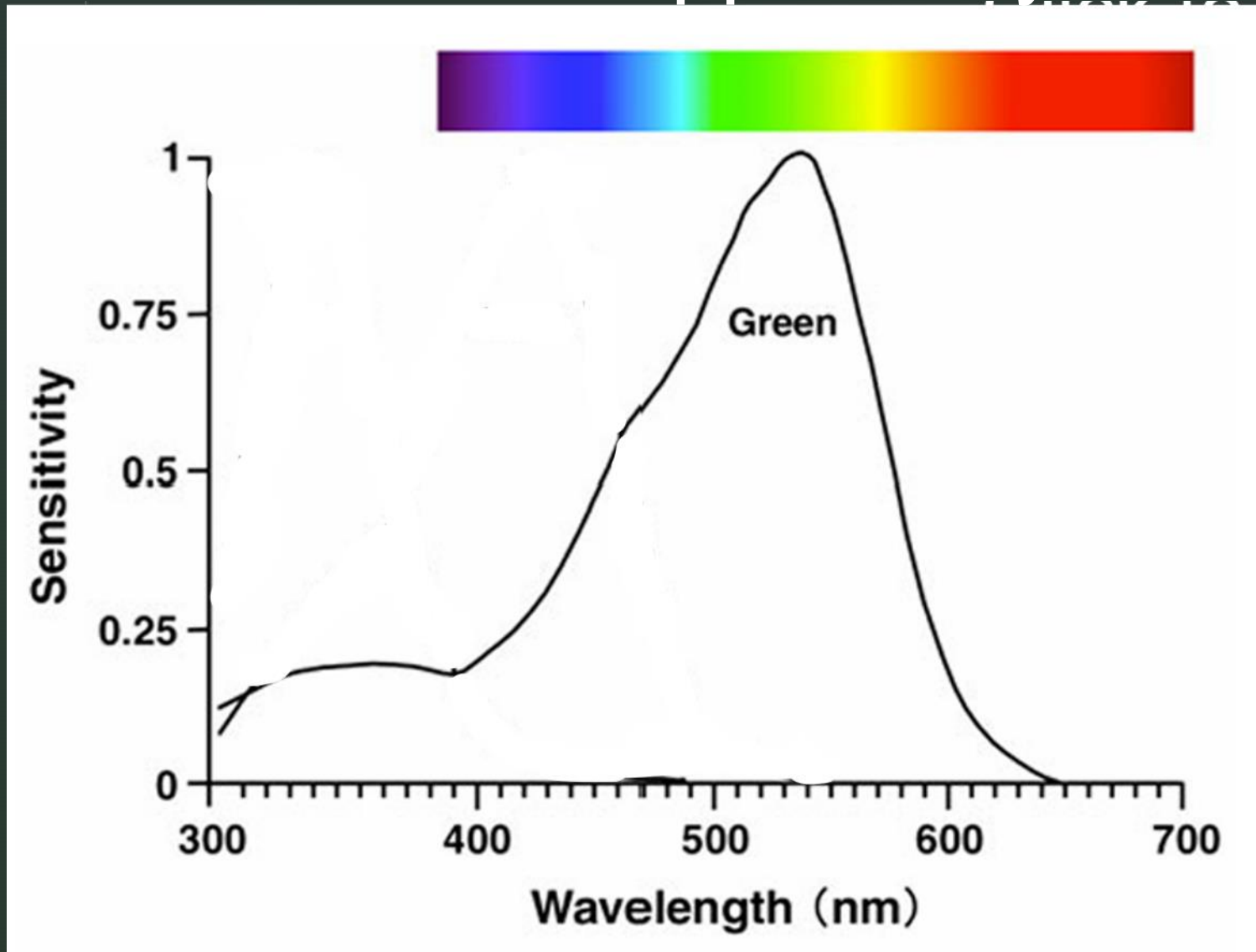


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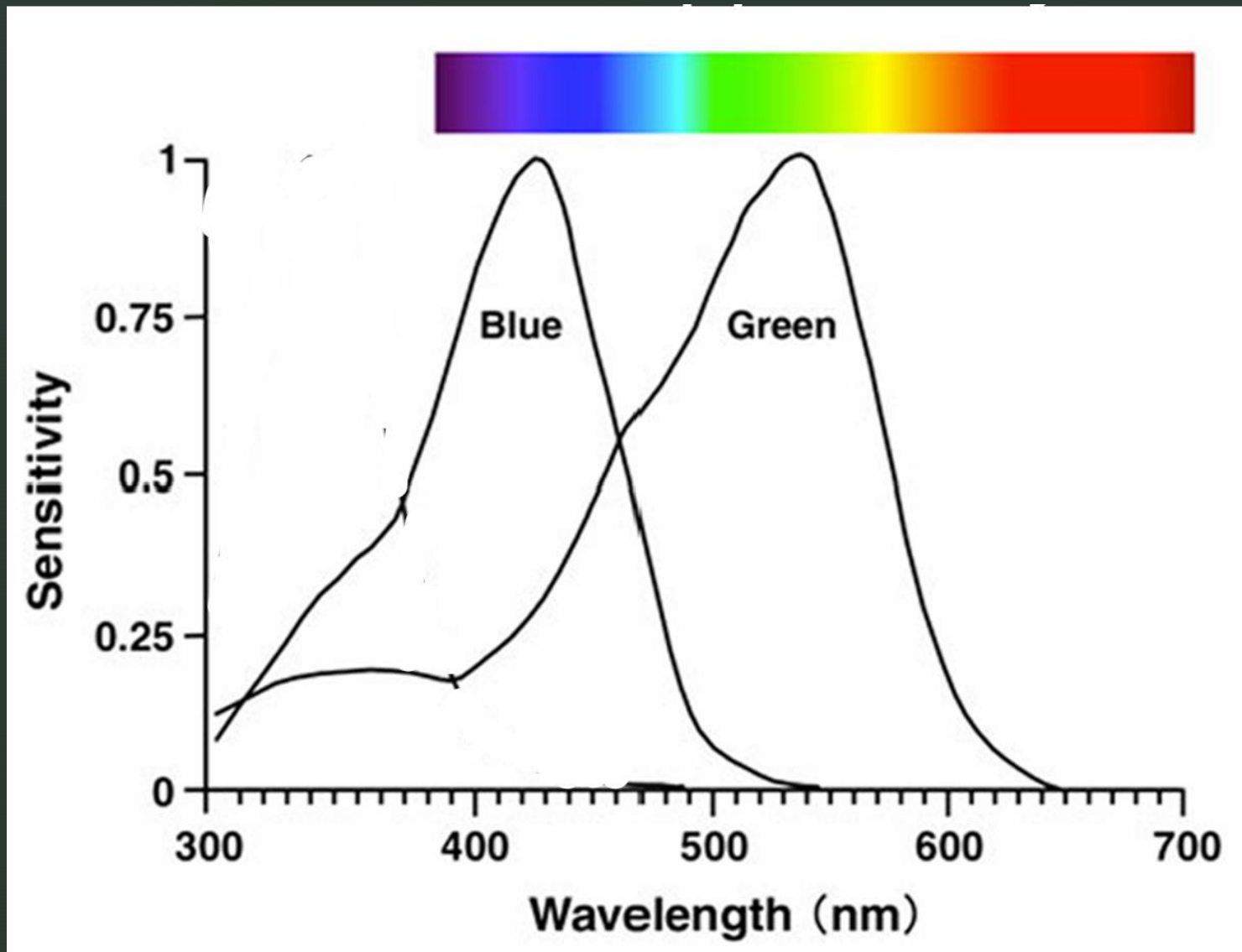




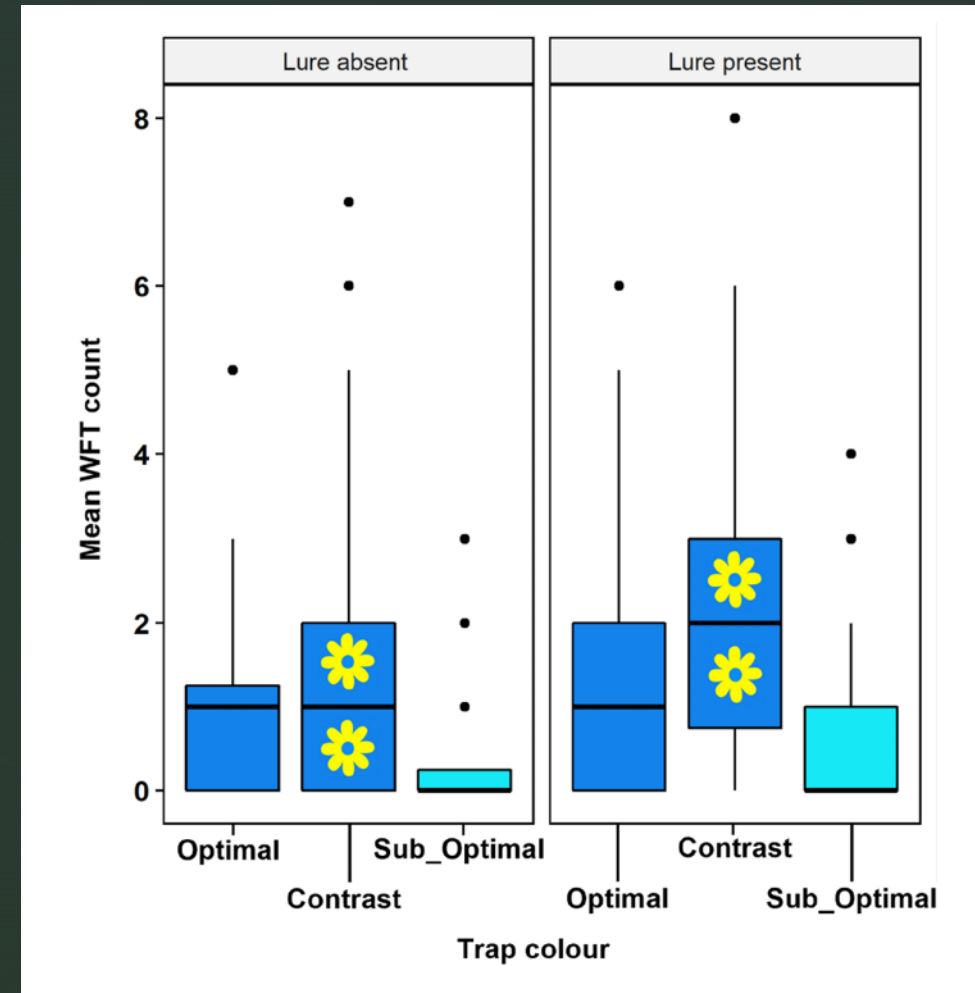
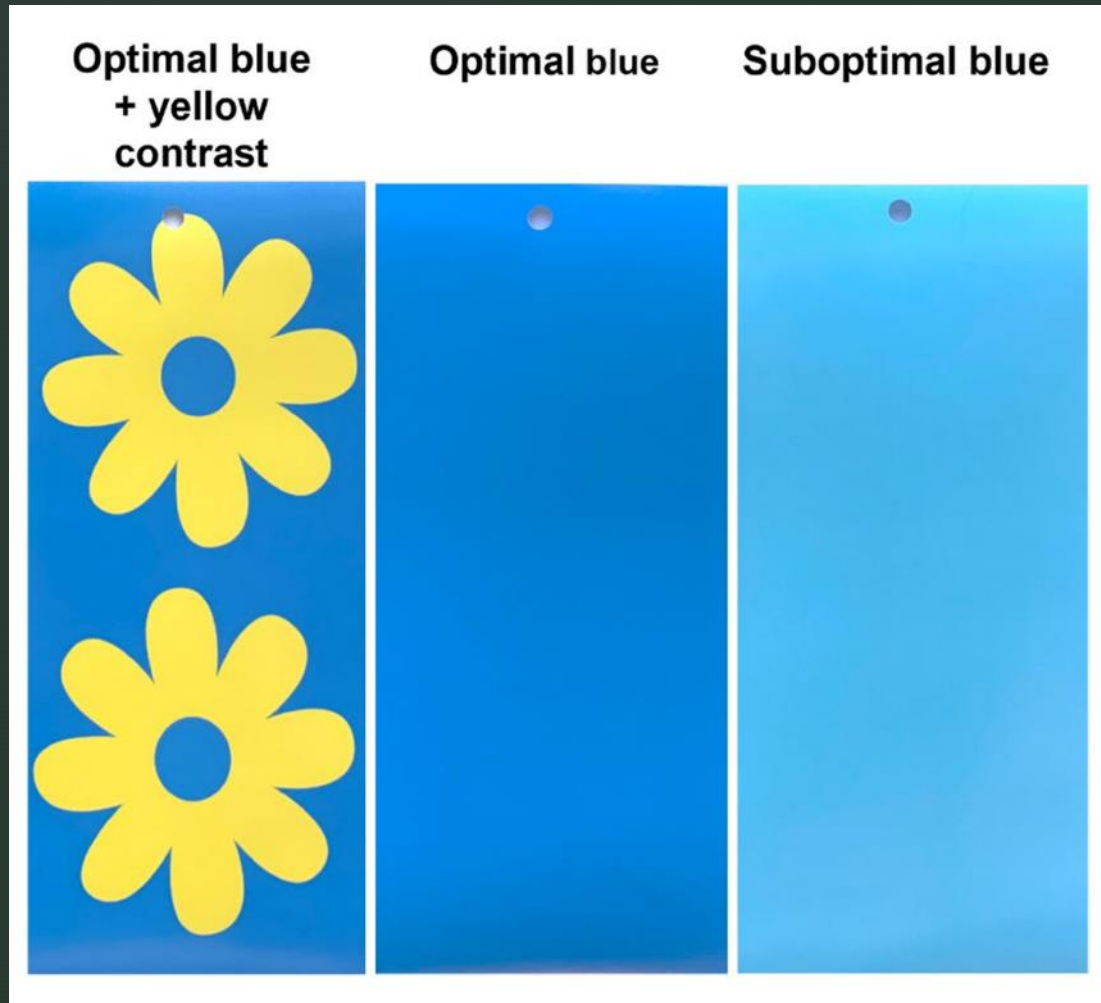
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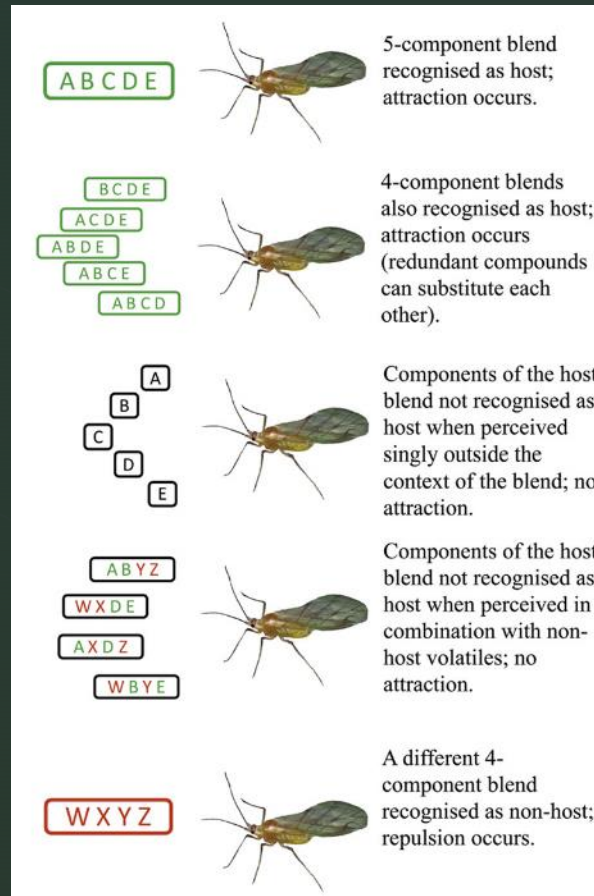
- Carvone - Carrot willow aphid (*Cavarielta aegopodii*)
- Primary host location
- Positive and negative Anemotaxis
- Arrestment
- Reduced landing behaviour

Host Specific Compounds

Alium species - dipropyl trisulphide
and diallyl disulphide

Brassicas - isothiocyanates

Blend of Ubiquitous Compounds



Other Volatile Compounds

Semiochemicals

(*E*)- β -farnesene ($E\beta f$)

Herbivore Induced Plant
Volatiles

methyl salicylate (MeSA)

Host Selection

STAGE 1: PRE-ALIGHTING BEHAVIOUR

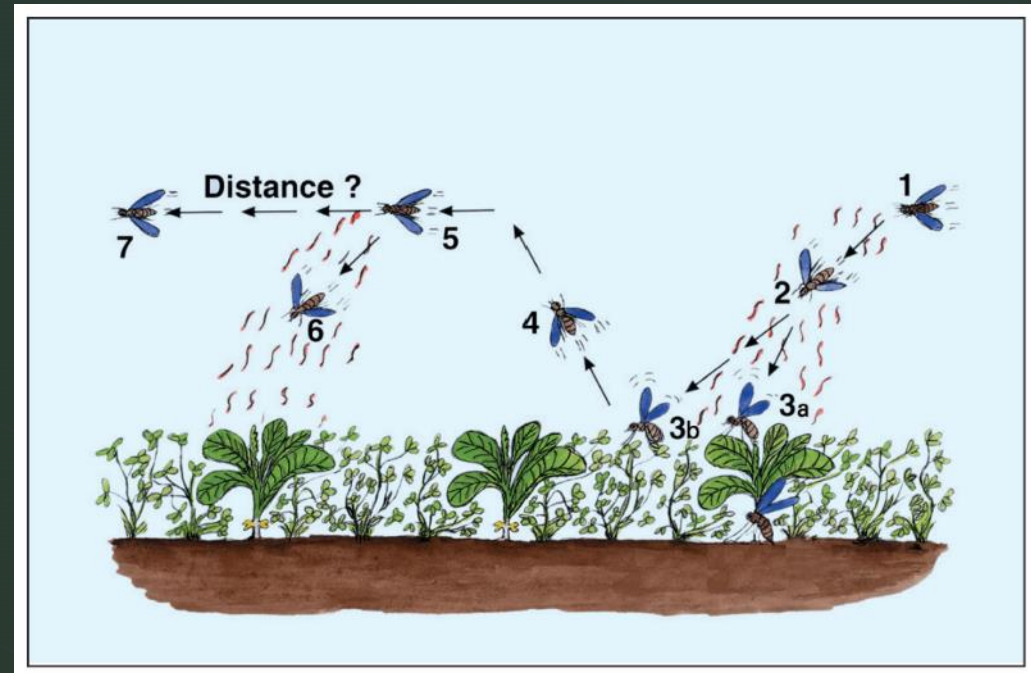
STAGE 2: INITIAL PLANT CONTACT AND ASSESSMENT OF SURFACE CUES BEFORE STYLET INSERTION

STAGE 3: PROBING THE EPIDERMIS

STAGE 4: STYLET PATHWAY ACTIVITY

STAGE 5: SIEVE ELEMENT PUNCTURE AND SALIVATION

STAGE 6: PHLOEM ACCEPTANCE AND SUSTAINED INGESTION



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