

Alright Max

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Behaviour of a nest maintenance worker.

■ Some explanatory background:

While there is a lot of data about speed of reaction of nest maintenance workers I can't seem to find how they are recruited, so I decided to pull a 213.

■ My model

At the beginning of the day after the trail patrollers have come back one ant goes outside the nest as a nest maintenance worker

If he finds a piece of crap he tries to move it

If it moves faster than a given speed he moves it

(this won't be relevant yet but if we incorporate Hanna's stuff it will be important)

If he can't he goes and recruits an inactive to help him

inactive assumes nest maintenance code

While wandering around if a nest maintenance worker meets another nest maintenance worker they have a 10% chance of going back to the nest and becoming an inactive (get rid of excess)

If a nest maintenance worker hasn't seen a forager for x number of ticks he goes back inside. (signal the end of the day)

■ Experiments I would like to propose:

1. My camera experiment for which we place a camera above a nest for a day, this can simply be done with the ones here at CU for simplicity
2. Place a high frequency microphone near the ant nest.