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Quantification of the effect of a microwave treatment for insect removal in rice

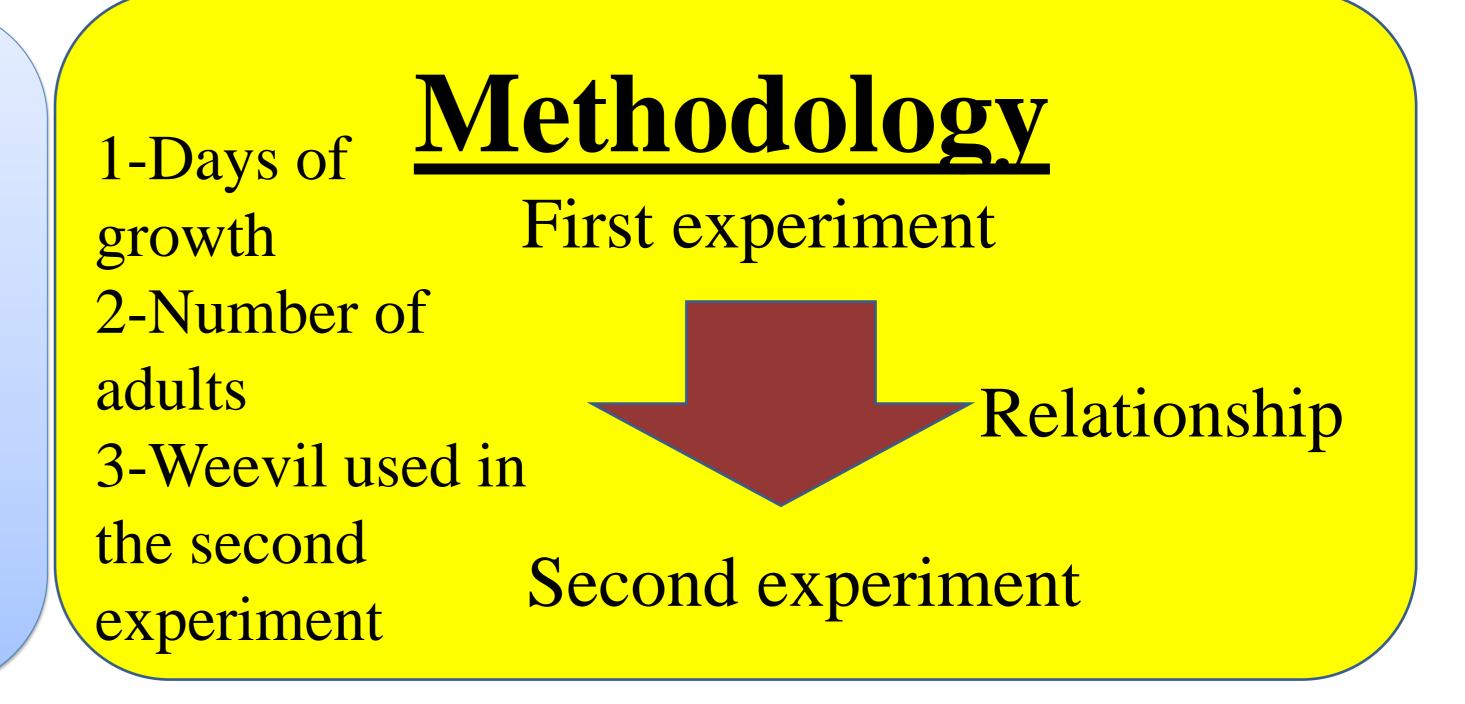
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Introduction: Millions of people consume rice daily and it's one of the most consumed products worldwide. Nowadays, weevils are causing many problems to rice producers and they are losing tons of product. The factor that has caused the greatest growth is the global warming due to the global increase temperature. Finally, the strategies used by the producers are not the most suitable, for this reason, we will seek an effective solution to combat weevils.

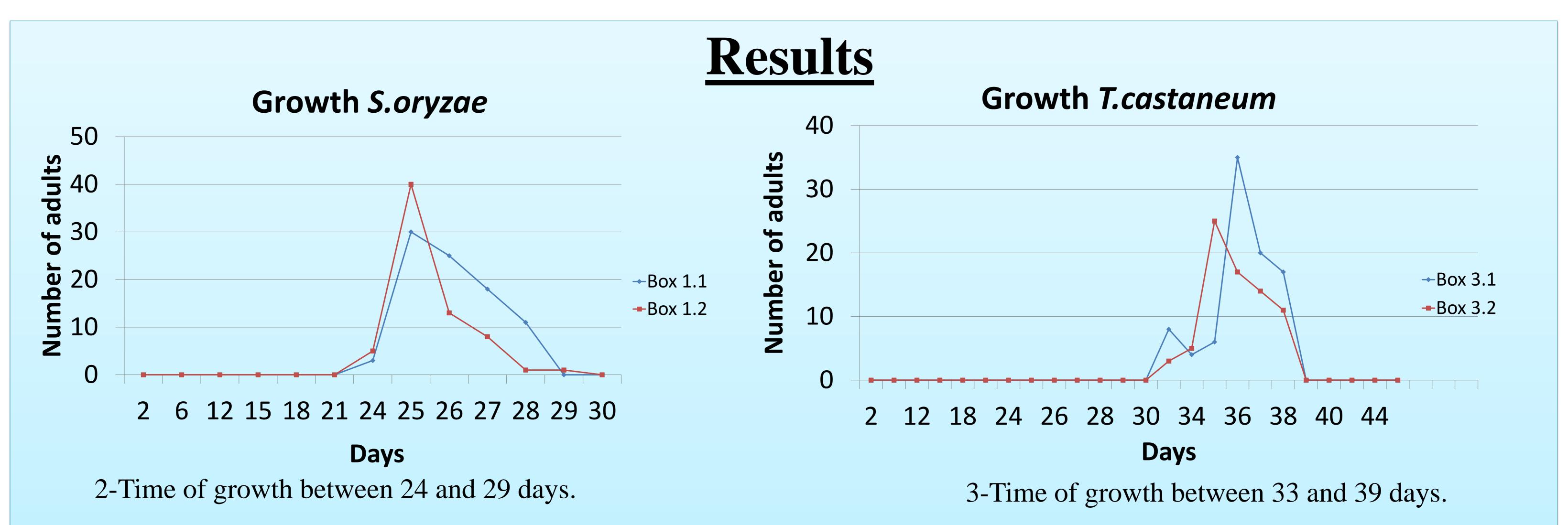


1-Find a microwave treatment that inhibits the growth of S. oryzae larvae in rice.

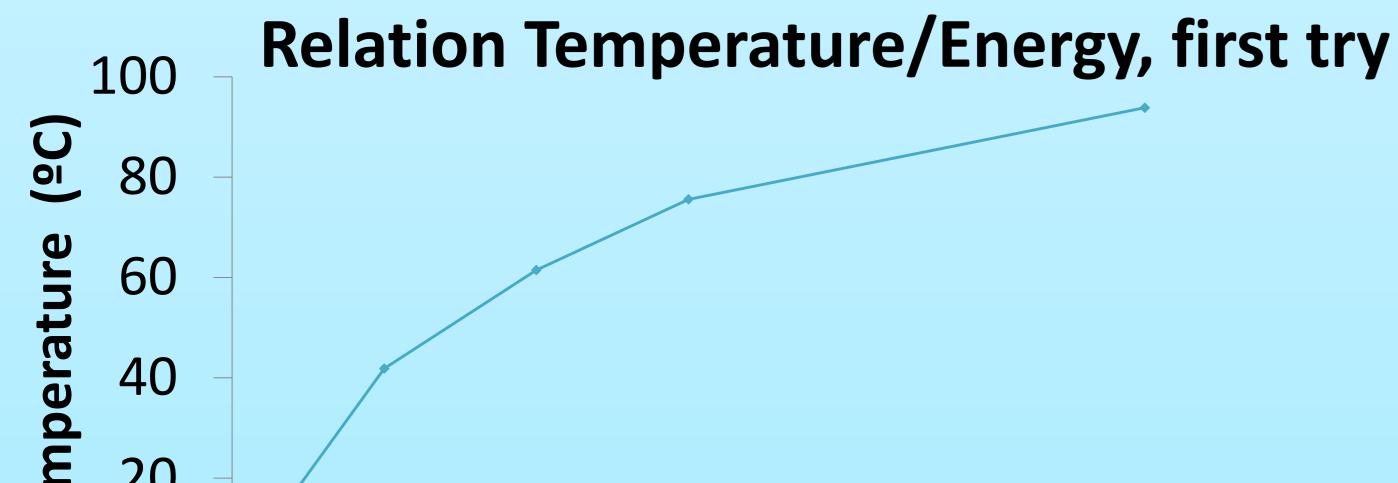
2-Evaluate the growth time of S. oryzae, T. castaneum and O. surinamensis.

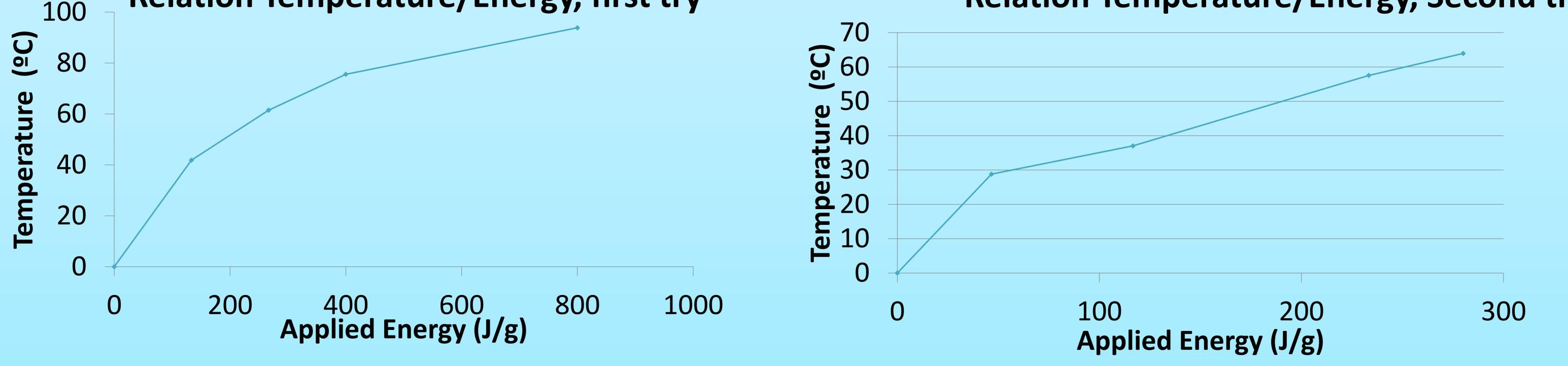


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1-O. Surinamensis no growth.





Relation Temperature/Energy, Second try

In this first try, the applied energy was excessive.

The applied energy has been reduced but there hasn't been growth

Conclusions:

1-The main objective has not been achieved, however, in the specific objective we have obtained results. 2-Limitations: time, technology.

3-In the future, we can change the food used, which also implies a change in the weevil.