

E²M²: Ecological and Epidemiological Modeling in Madagascar

Looking back: How far have we come?

Rétrospective : où en sommes-nous ?

Centre ValBio

Ranomafana National Park, Madagascar

December 2022

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- Modeling Insights from the Metapopulation Game ● Tutorial
- Introduction to Network Modeling ● Tutorial
- Research Snapshots

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● Programming

- Data
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```
dens <- density(data, n = npts)
dx <- dens$x
dy <- dens$y
if(add == TRUE)
  plot(0., 0,
       main = "Density Plot",
       ylab = "Density")
  if(orientation == "vertical")
    dx2 <- (dx - min(dx)) / max(dx)
    x[1.]
    dy2 <- (dx - min(dx)) / max(dy)
    y[1.]
    seqbelow <- rep(y[1.], length(dx))
    if(Fill == T)
      confshade(dx2, seqbelow, dy2)
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the **systematic observation** of natural events and conditions in order to **discover facts** about them and to **formulate laws and principles**

l'observation systématique des événements et des conditions naturelles afin de découvrir des faits à leur sujet et de formuler des lois et des principes fondés

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evidence to support a claim
preuves à l'appui d'une réclamation

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Correlation
Corrélation

Causation
Causalité

What?
Que?

How?
Comment?

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Formuler des questions de recherche

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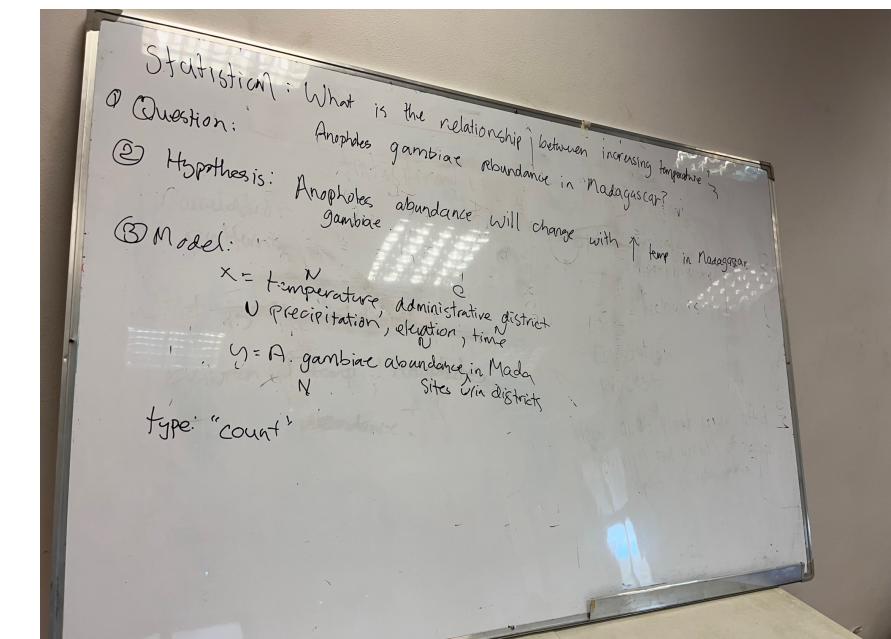
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Statistical: What is the relationship between increasing temperature and *A. gambiae* occurrence in Madagascar?

Statistique : Quelle est la relation entre l'augmentation de la température et la présence d'*A. gambiae* à Madagascar ?



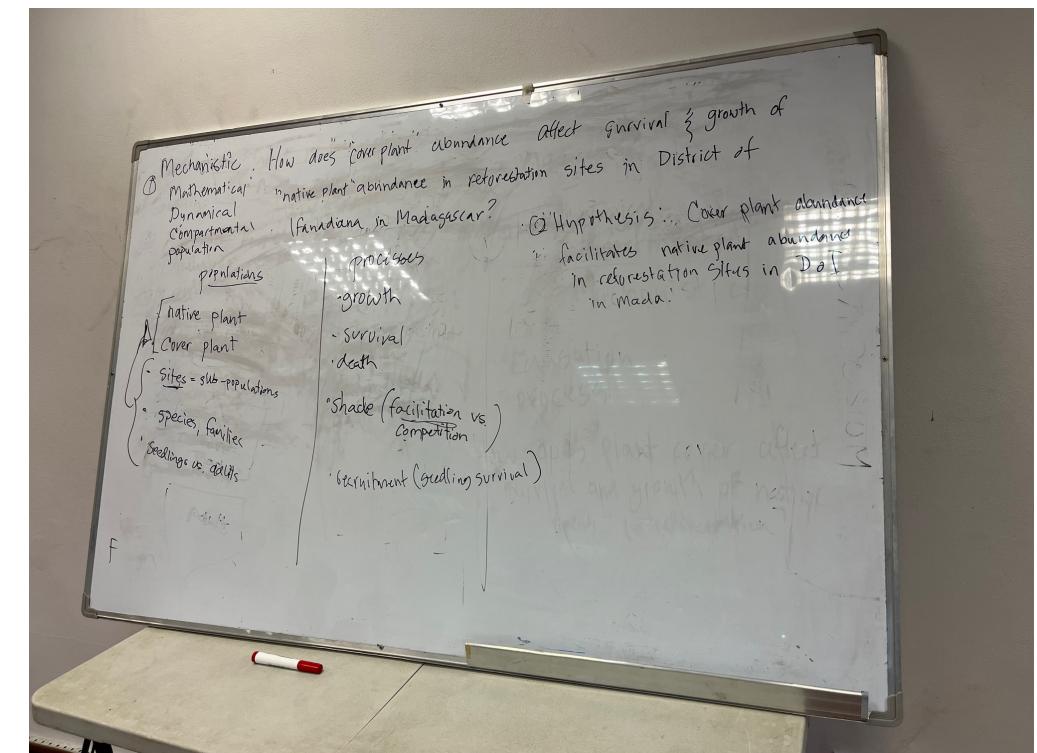
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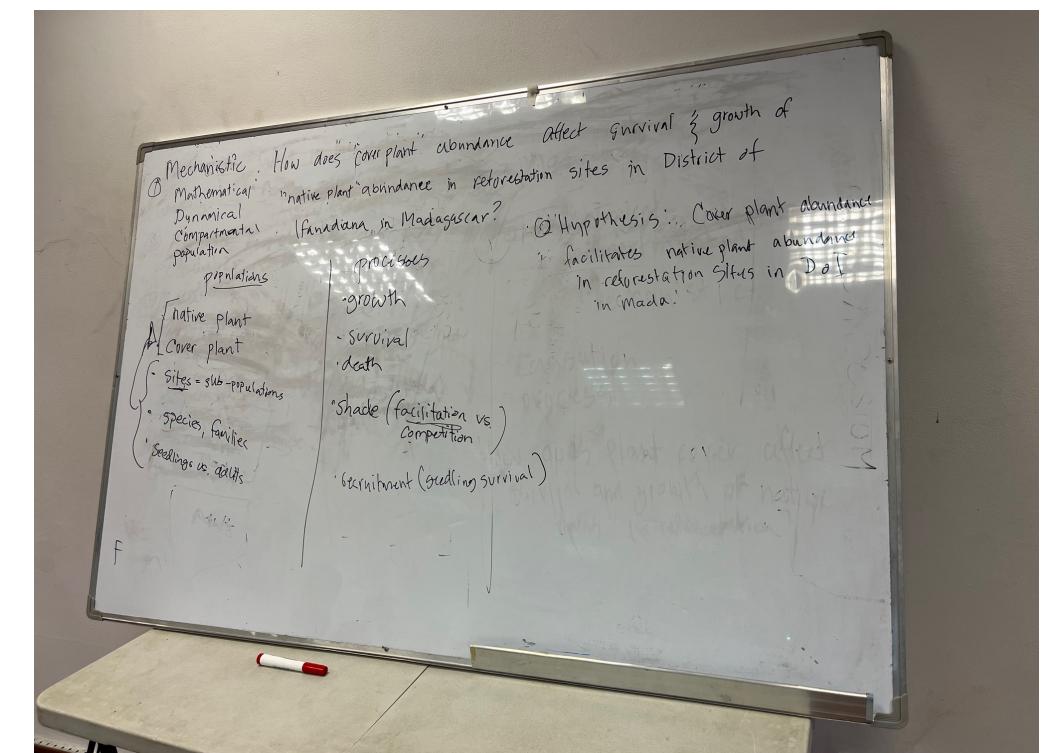
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Mechanistic: How does cover plant abundance affect survival and growth of native plants in reforestation sites in the District of Ifanadiana?

Mécaniste : comment l'abondance des plantes de couverture affecte-t-elle la survie et la croissance des plantes indigènes dans les sites de reboisement du district d'Ifanadiana ?



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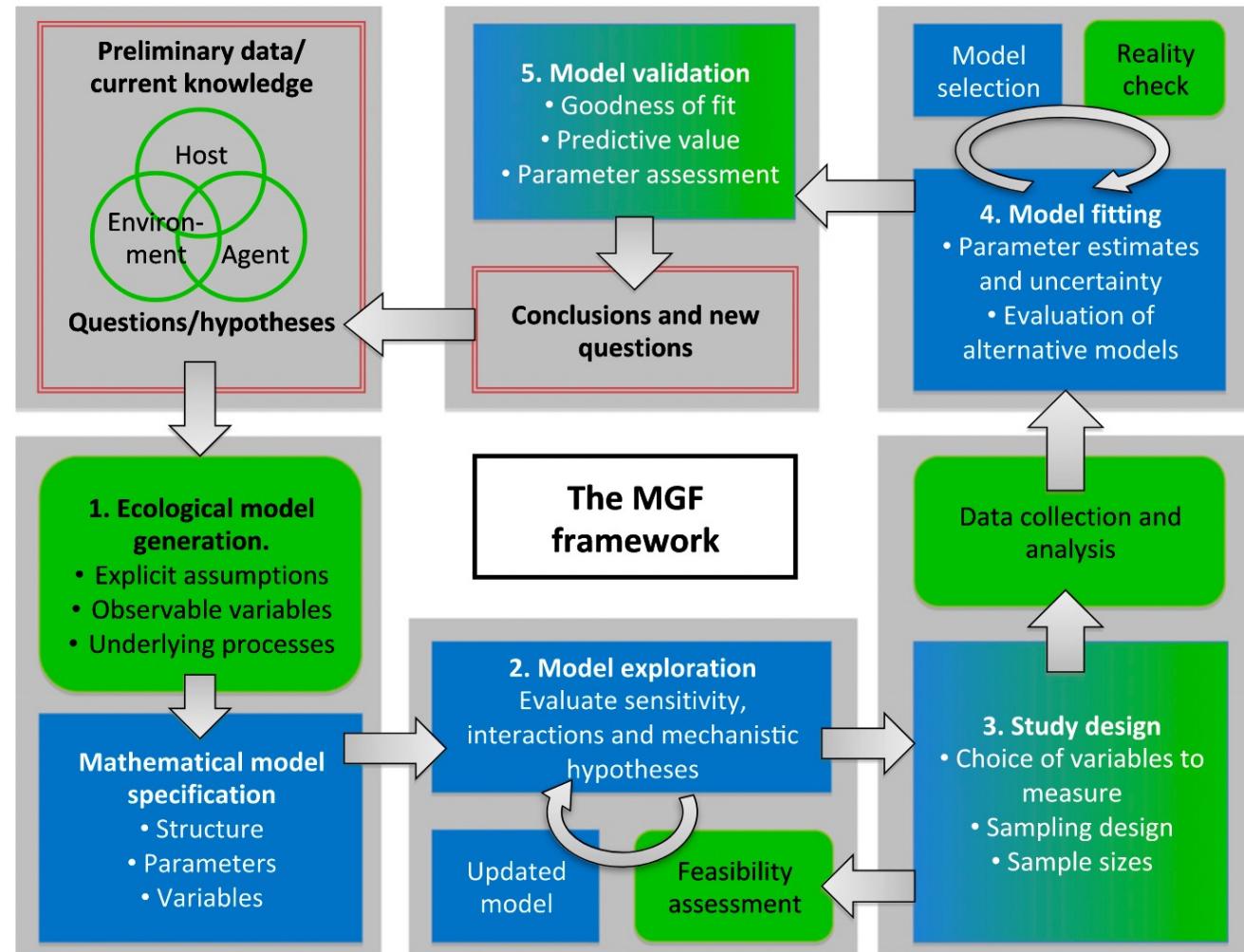
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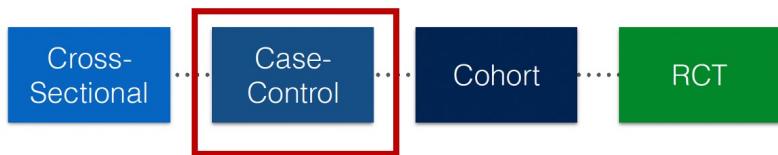
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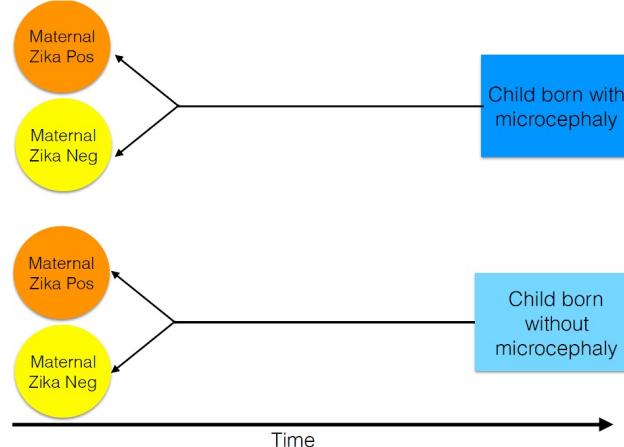
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General: Study Design



Case Control Study



Model-Guided Study Design

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```
> # independent t-test
> pwr2t <- pwr.t2n.test(d=0.2,
+ n1=175,
+ power = .8,
+ sig.level=0.05,
+ alternative="greater")
```



```
> # inspect
> pwr2t
```

t test power calculation

```
n1 = 175
n2 = 1333.83
d = 0.2
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.8
alternative = greater
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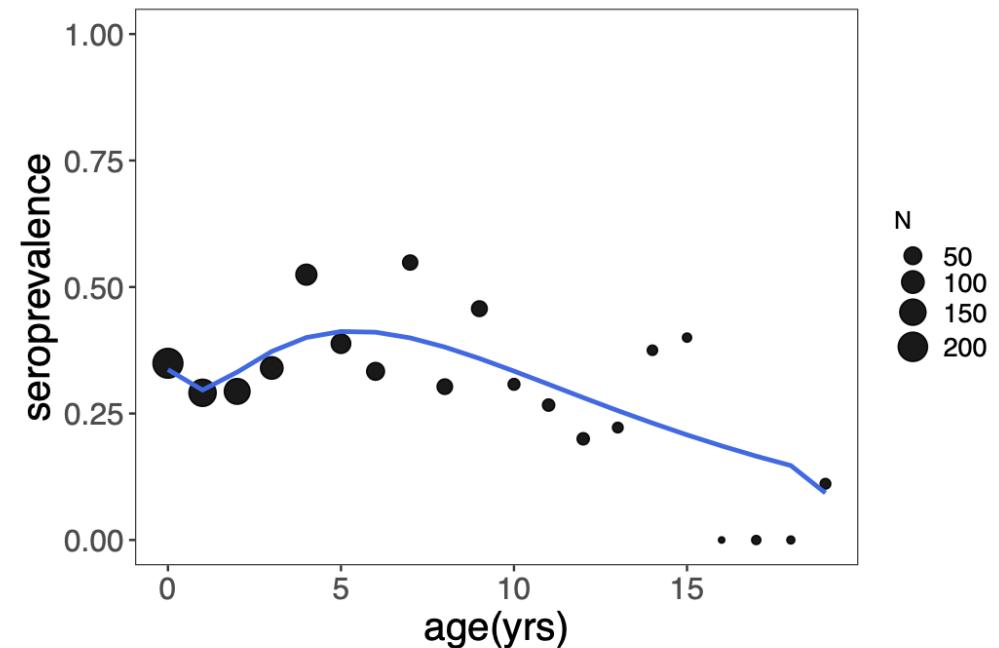
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Simulation and evaluation for mechanistic models
fitted lifelong immunity model (hyp1) to data subsample



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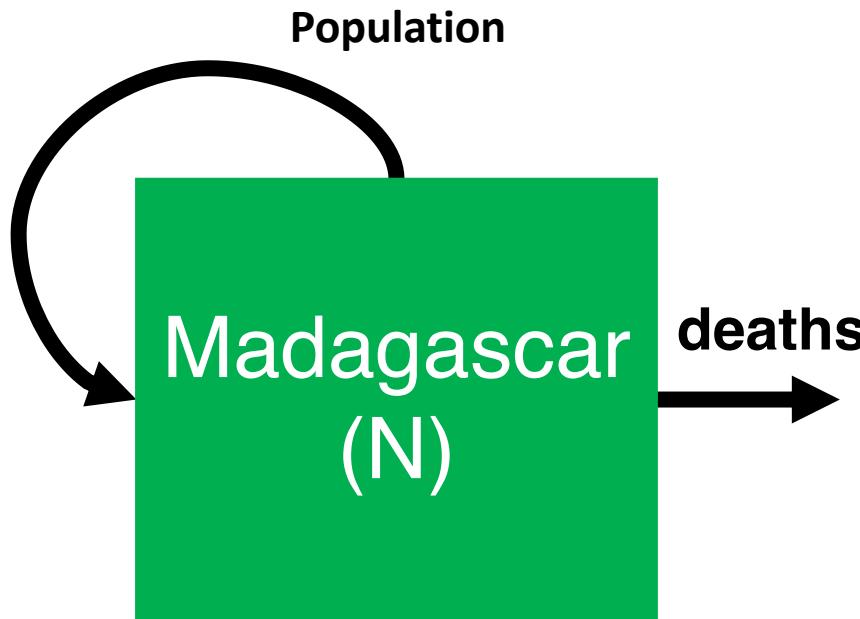
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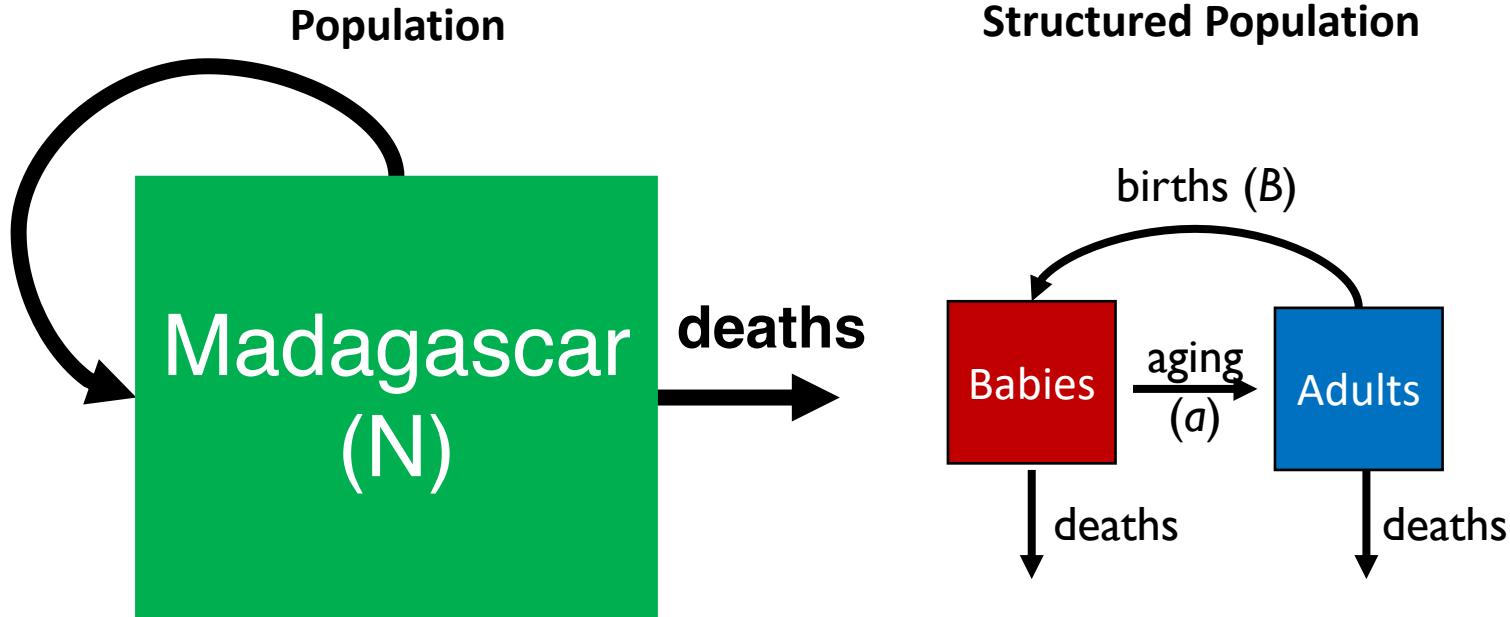
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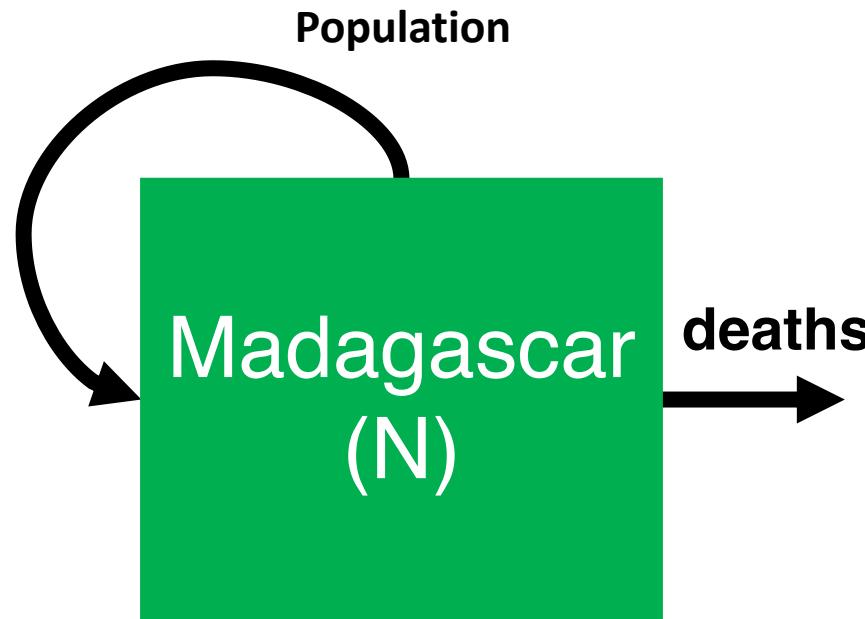


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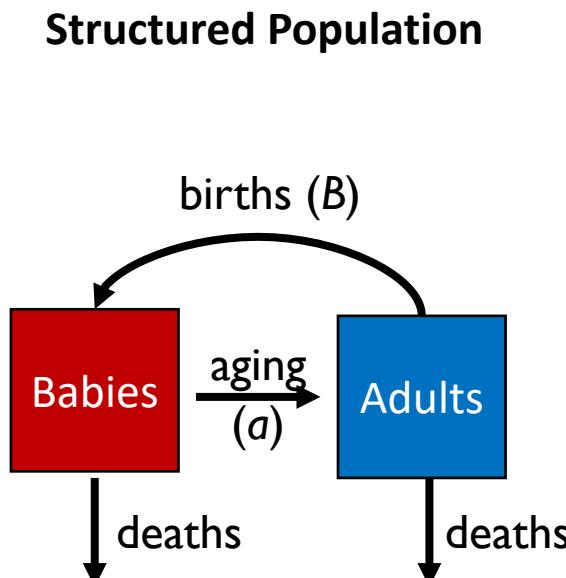
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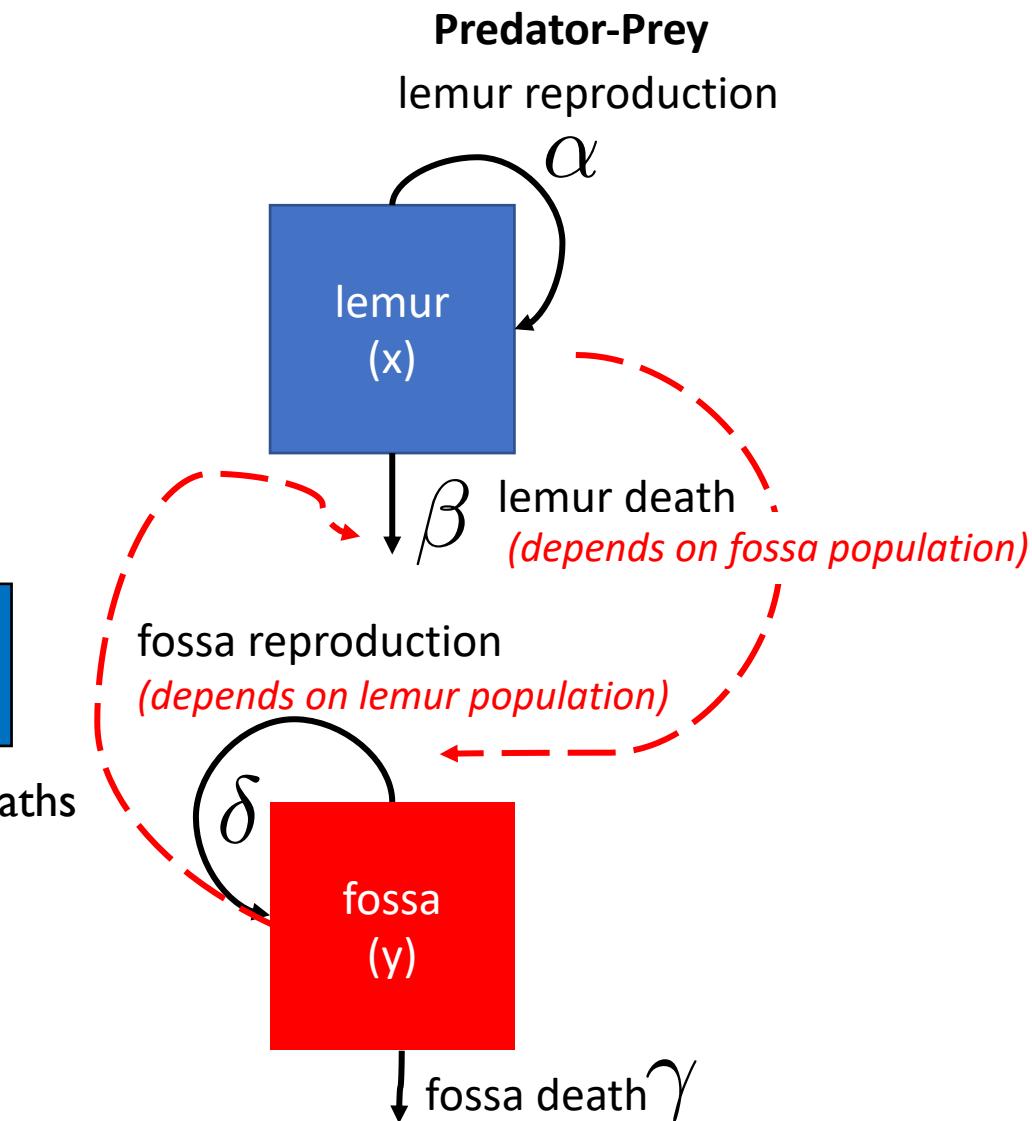
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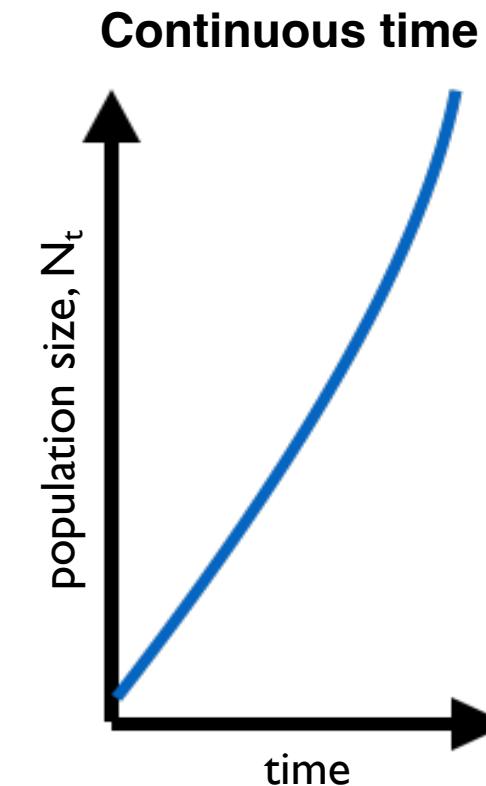
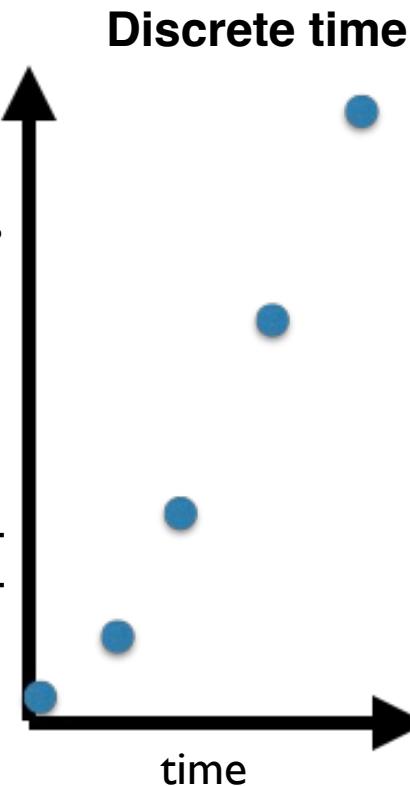


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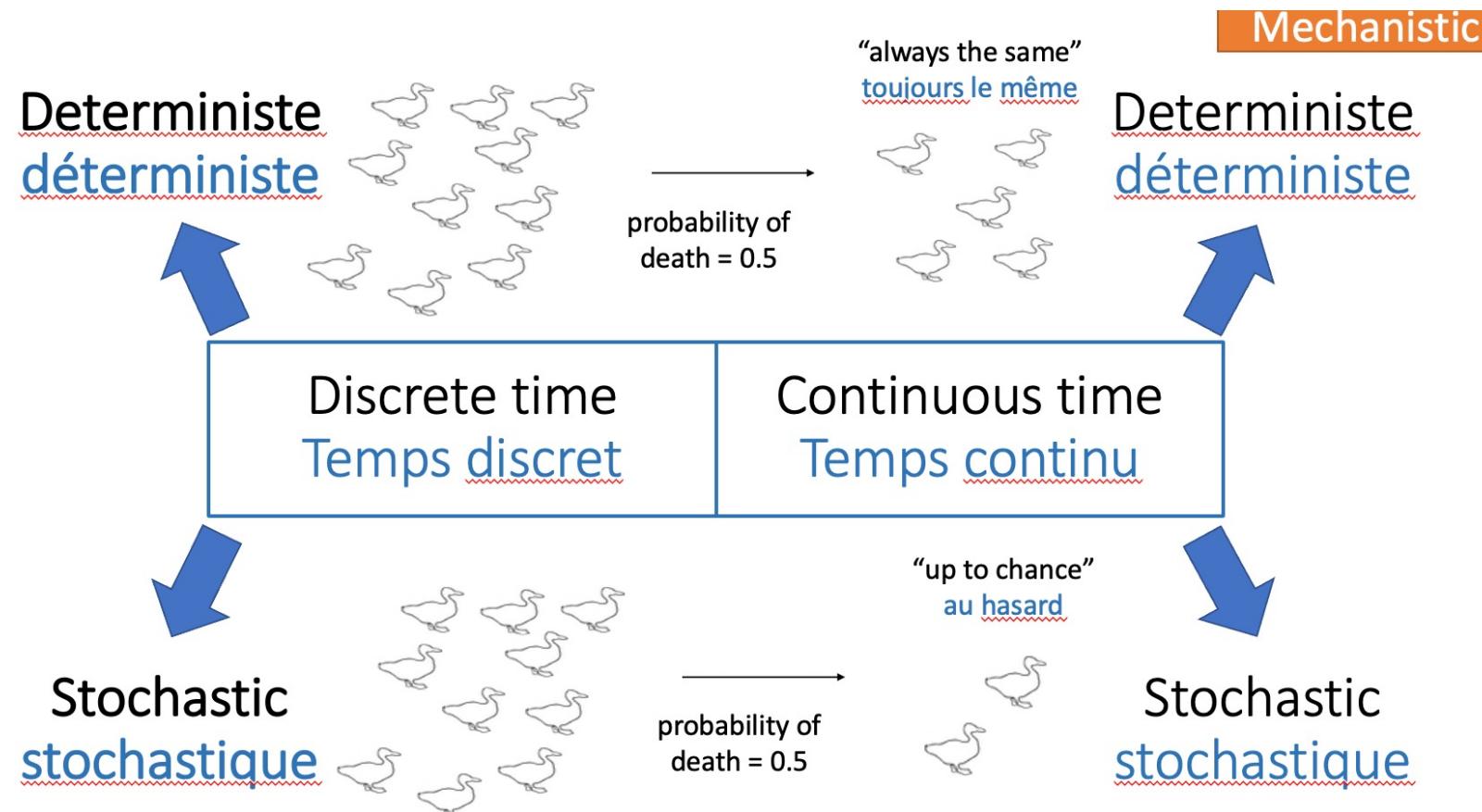


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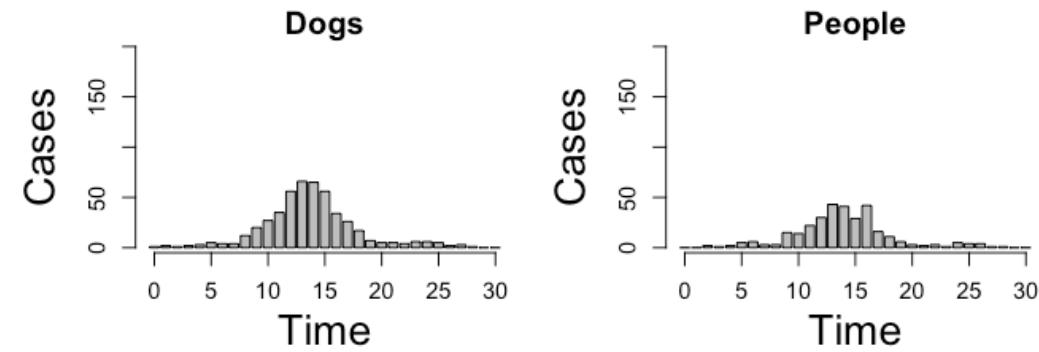
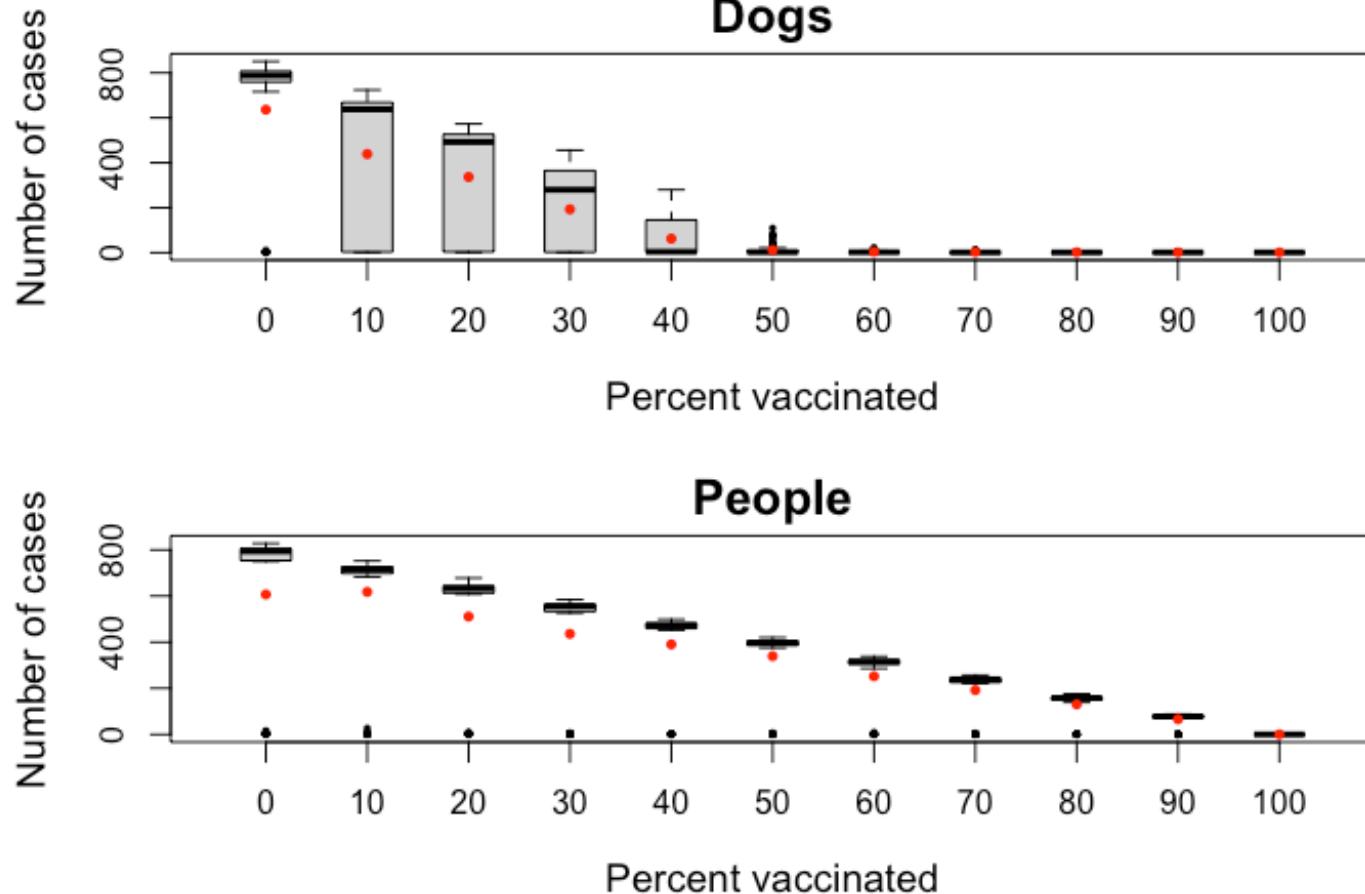
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Dynamical Fever Fièvre dynamique

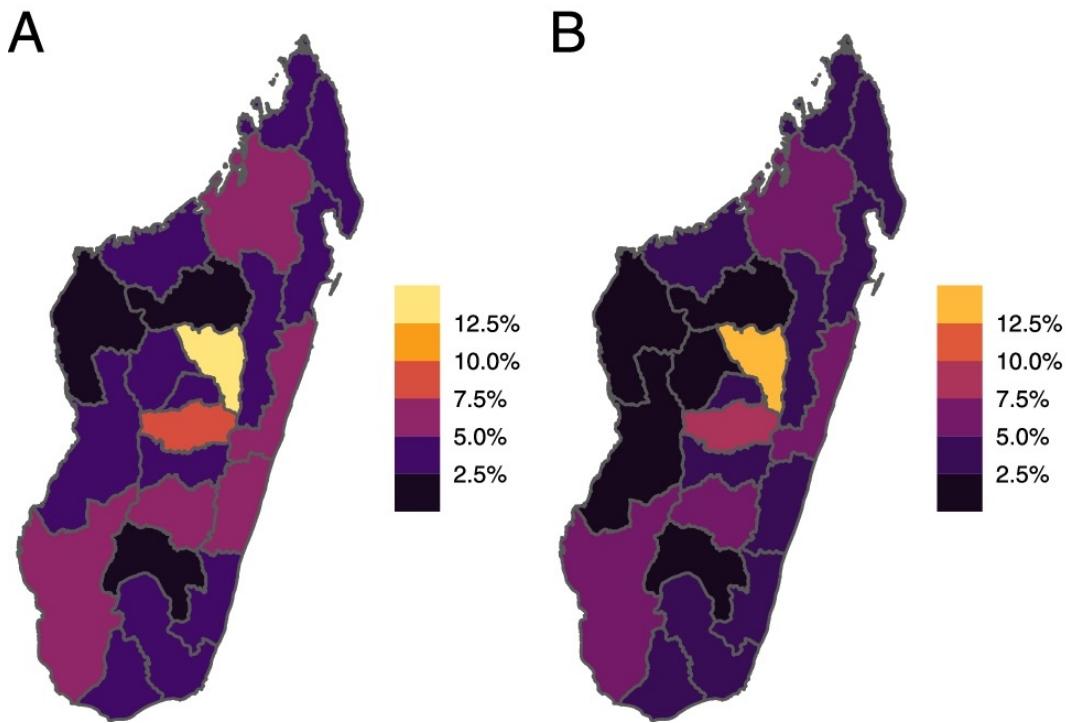


$$P_V = 1 - \frac{1}{R_0}$$

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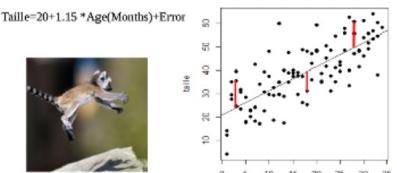
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Univariate linear model: simple linear regression

- Quantify the relationship between the response variable and each explanatory variable
- Linear relationship: $y = a + bx + \epsilon$
 - y : response variable, x : explanatory variable
 - a : intercept, b : slope, ϵ : Error or residual
- Minimize the error



Multilinear model

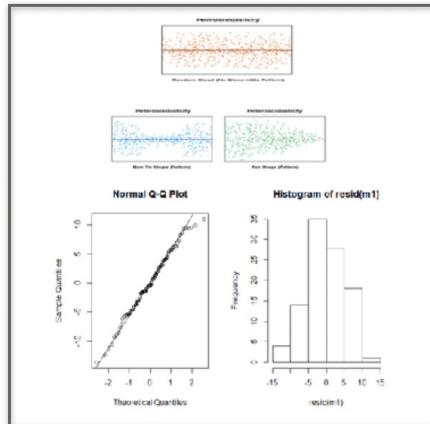
```
Call:
lm(formula = taille ~ age + sexe + Giparasites + malaria, data = lemur)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max 
-12.3695 -4.2168  0.8111  3.8715  9.9466 

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) 24.37448   1.40044 17.405 < 2e-16 ***
age          0.87527   0.05424 15.141 < 2e-16 ***
sexeMale    10.26143   1.04410  9.771 5.11e-16 ***
Giparasites -0.36176   0.026801 -11.598 < 2e-16 ***
malariaOut -0.18413   1.04683  -0.188   0.921  
...
Signif. codes:  '****' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 5.203 on 25 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.8463, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8399 
F-statistic: 136.8 on 4 and 25 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Model validation



Generalized linear model

- Extend the linear model framework by using a linear predictor and a link function
- link function: describe the relationship between the linear combination of the explanatory variables and the mean of the response variable
- R command: `glm(response_variable ~ explanatory_variable, family=family.distribution)`

Most common family function :

- Gaussian : identity
- Binomial : logit
- Poisson : log
- Neg binomial : log



Why use GLMMs?

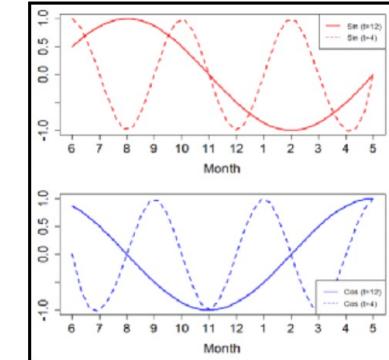
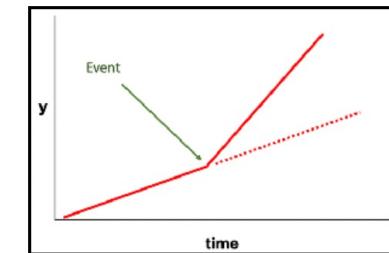
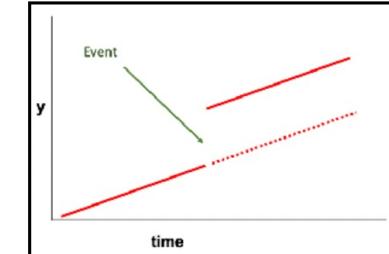
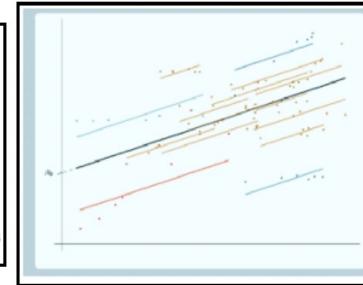
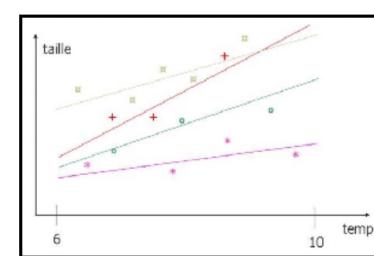
Generalized linear mixed models include both **fixed effects** and **random effects** in order to allow for:

- Repeated measures
- Temporal correlation
- Spatial correlation
- Heterogeneity
- Nested data

$$y = X\beta + Zb + \varepsilon_i$$

Fixed Effects Random Effects

The R function to fit a generalized linear mixed model is `glmer()` which uses the form `fitted.model <- glmer(formula, family="model family", data=data.frame)`



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Generalized linear mixed effect models modèles linéaires généralisés à effets mixtes

	linear	generalized
fixed	linear regression régression linéaire normal distribution <code>lm()</code>	generalized linear regression régression linéaire généralisée non-normal distribution <code>glm()</code>
mixed	linear mixed model modèle mixte linéaire normal distribution random effects effets aléatoires <code>lmer()</code>	generalized linear mixed model modèle mixte linéaire généralisé non-normal distribution random effects effets aléatoires <code>glmer()</code>



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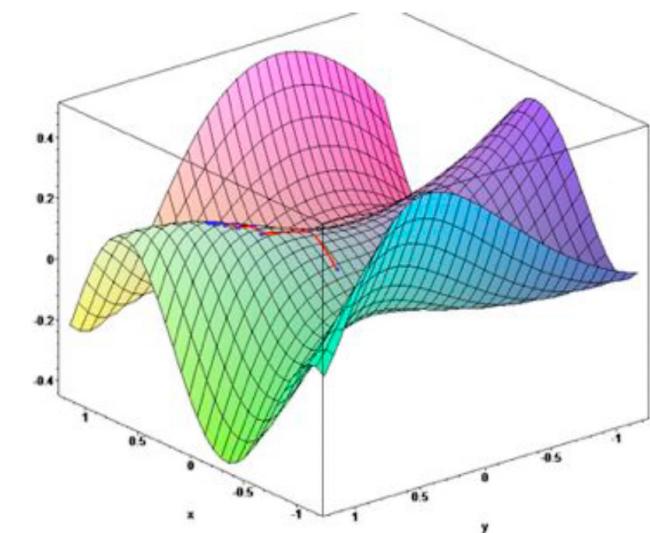
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Model Fitting in Science

1. Define your research question (*Definir votre question de recherche*)
2. Formulate a hypothesis (*Formuler une hypothèse*)
3. Collect Data (*Collection des données*)
4. Construct a model that demonstrates your hypothesis (*Construction d'un modèle qui démontre ton hypothèse*)
5. Assess model fit: assuming our model is true, how likely are we to recover the observed data? (*Evaluation du modèle: si le modèle est vrai, quelle est la probabilité qu'on récupère les données observées?*)
6. Optimize parameters behind the model to result in best model fit (*Optimization des paramètres du modèle pour avoir un modèle bien ajusté*)

Fitting Models to Data

Adapter les modèles aux données



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Statistical models are **data-driven**

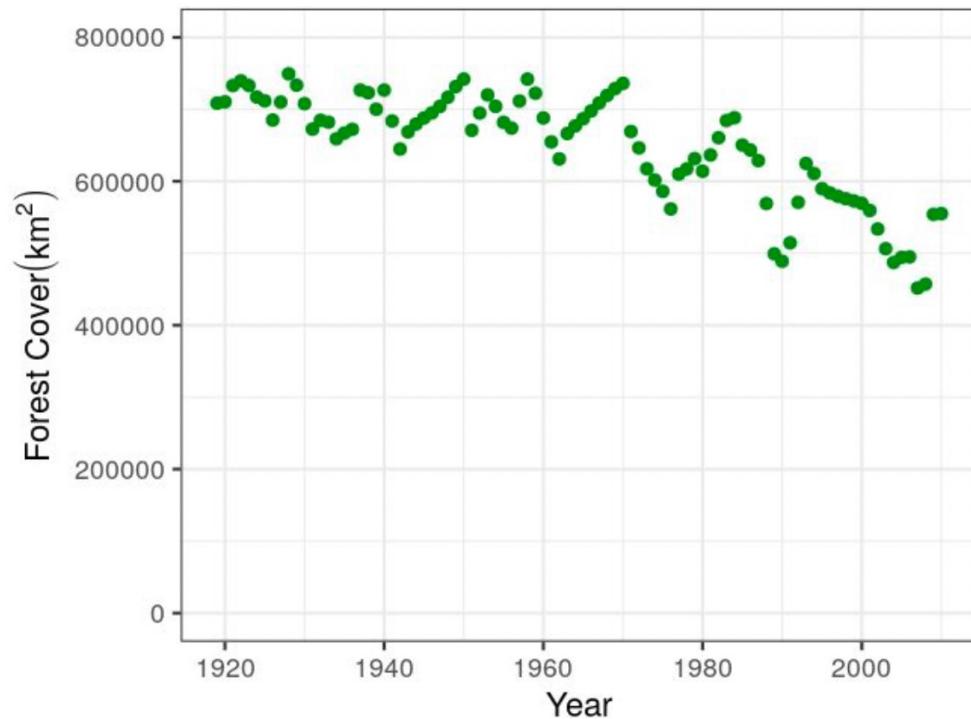
Les modèles statistiques sont basées sur les données

Goal: find patterns and correlations in data

Objectif: révéler des tendances et des corrélations dans les données

What is the trend in Madagascar's forest cover through time?

Quelle est la tendance de la couverture forestière de Madagascar dans le temps?



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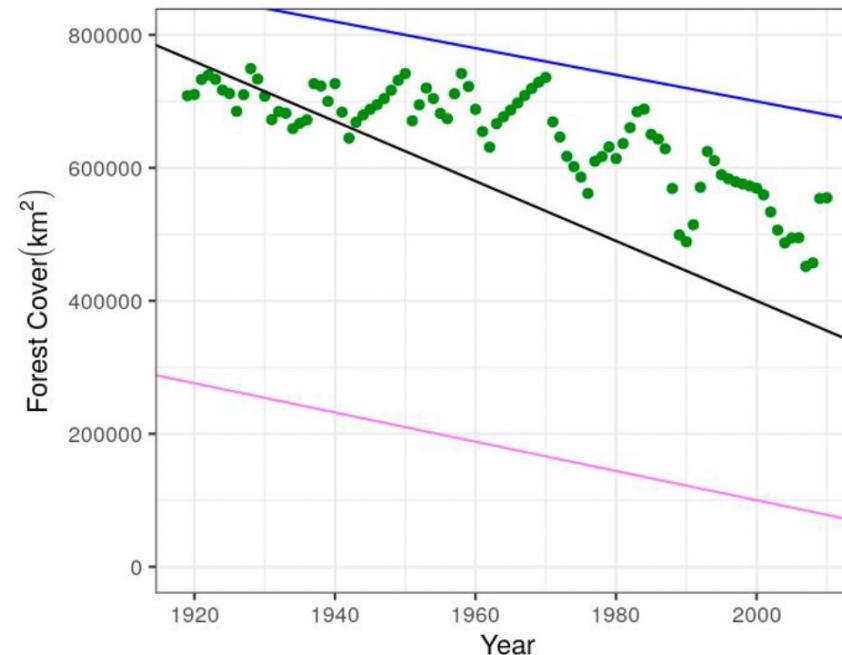
3. Optimize the parameters

Optimisation des paramètres

Optimize slope (m) and intercept (b)

Optimisez la pente (m) and intercept/ordonnée d'origine (b)

Slope (m)	Intercept (b)
-2200	4.5e6
-4500	9.4e6
-2000	4.7e6



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Mechanistic modeling is **process-driven**

La modélisation mécanistique est basée sur les processus

We want to understand what happened,
when it happened, and why it happened

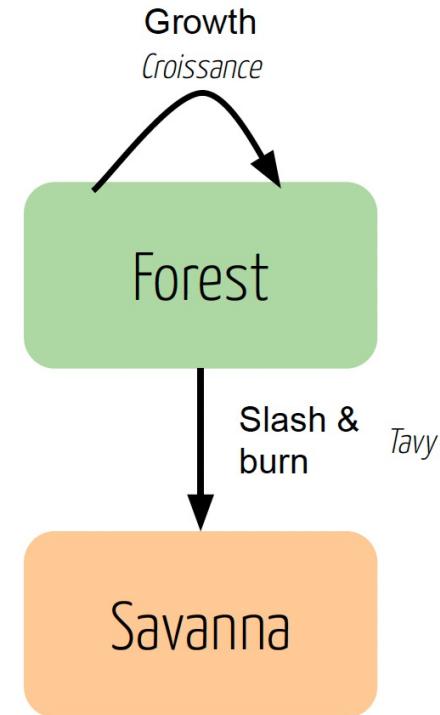
Build a model that uses explicit **processes**
to recover the same outcomes
("populations") as our data

What are the populations in our data?

Quelles sont les populations dans notre système?

What processes are in our data?

Quels sont les processus?



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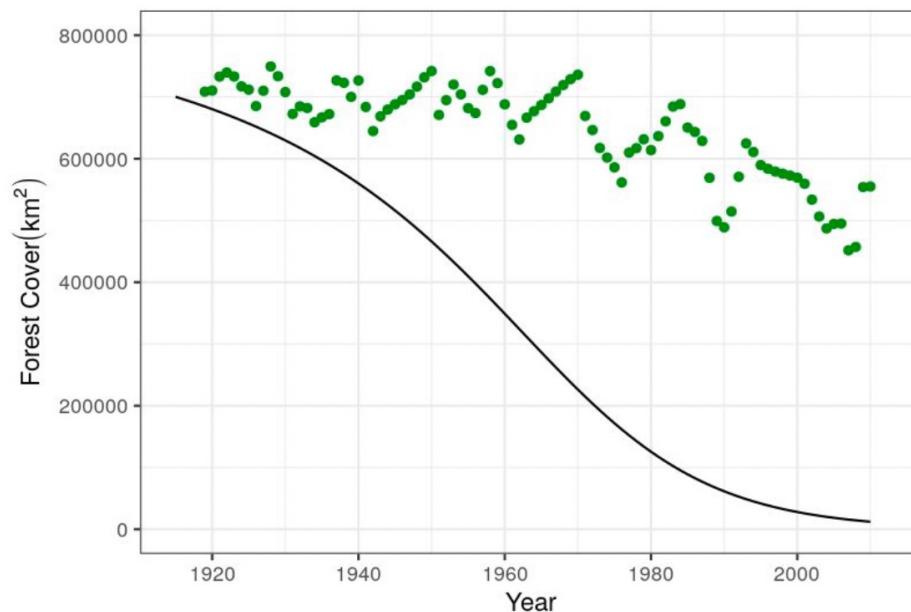
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Fitting Models to Data

Adapter les modèles aux données

2. Assess model fit

Évaluation du modèle



Our model predicts forest would decline faster than the data do

Notre modèle prévoit une réduction de la couverture forestière plus rapide que les données

What does this suggest about our guess for the slash and burn rate?

Qu'est-ce que cela suggère à propos de notre estimation du taux du tavy ?

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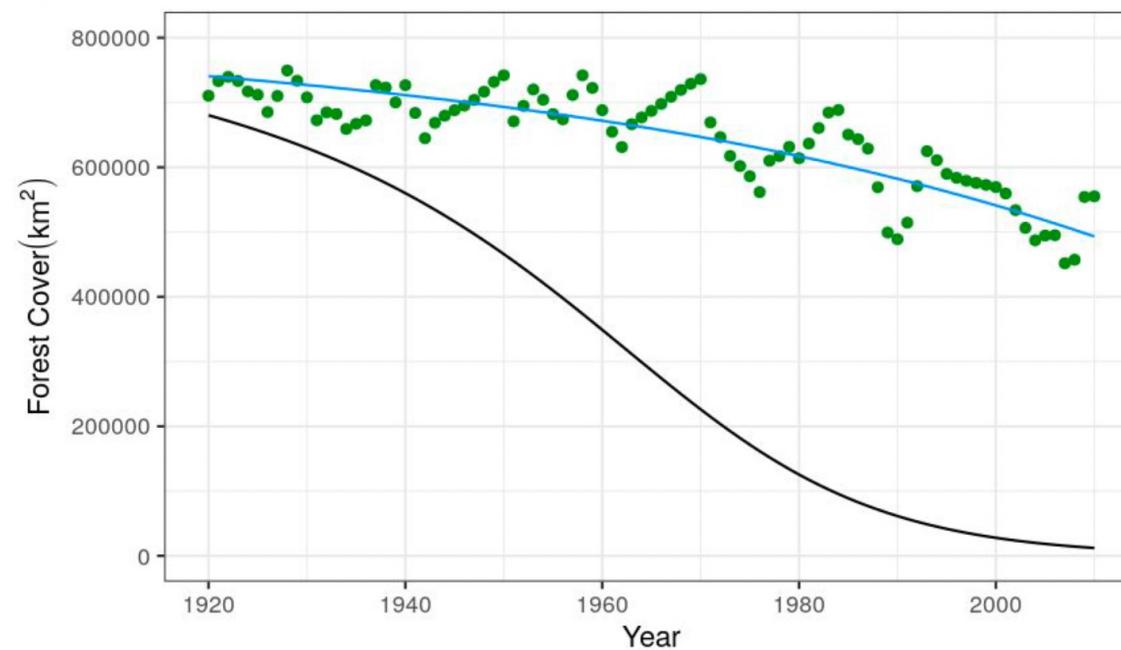
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Does this optimal value result in a model that better matches the data?

Est-ce que cette valeur optimale (en bleu) mieux explique les données?

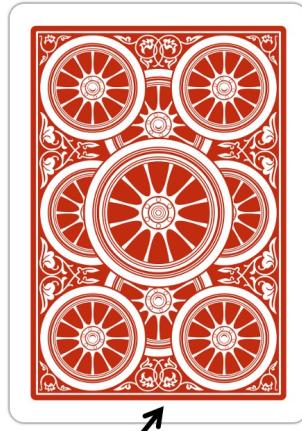


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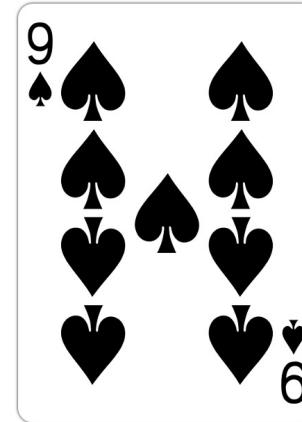
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The Set-Up



The population pile must ALWAYS maintain exactly 26 cards.

“current” pile
(EMPTY)



What is the equivalent assumption in defining a model world to represent an epidemic?

Round One

Timestep	Infecteds	Susceptibles	Trial	R0
1	1	25	1	2
2			1	2
3			1	2
4			1	2
5			1	2
6			1	2
7			1	2
8			1	2
9			1	2
10			1	2

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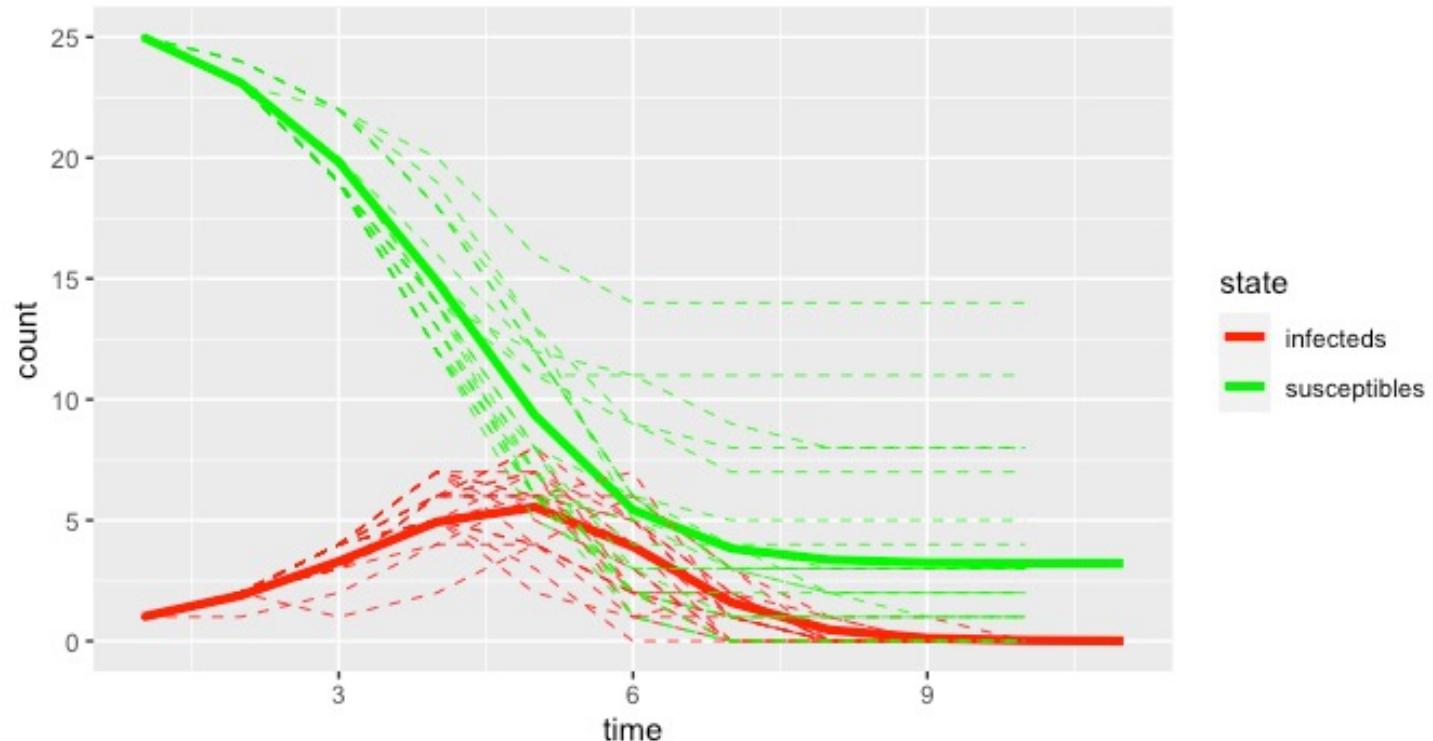
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## (12) Now, write a for-loop that iterates your discrete time model across the full length of the time series
## Essentially, write the R language that says the following:
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##      for (all variables, t, in the length of our time vector){
##          run my discrete time model (hint, use the equations from above, lines 88 and 89)
##      }

## S[t+1] = S[t] - (R0 * S[t]/N)*I[t]
## I[t+1]= (R0 * S[t]/N)*I[t]

for(t in 1:length(time)){
  model.S[t+1] = model.S[t] - (R0 * model.S[t]/N)*model.I[t]
  model.I[t+1]= (R0 * model.S[t]/N)*model.I[t]
}
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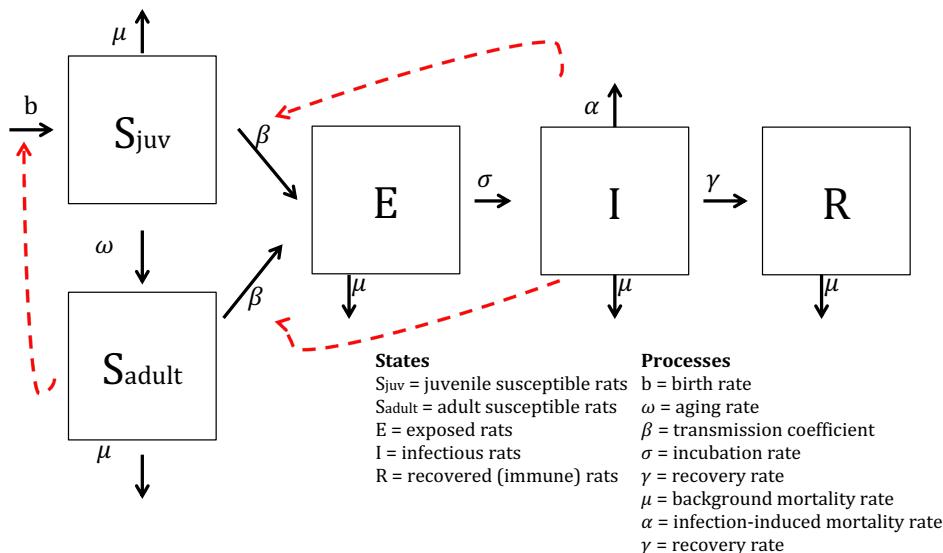
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Model Telephone Modèle de téléphone



Example:

Can the Malagasy black rat (*Rattus rattus*) population independently maintain transmission of the plague bacterium, *Yersinia pestis*?



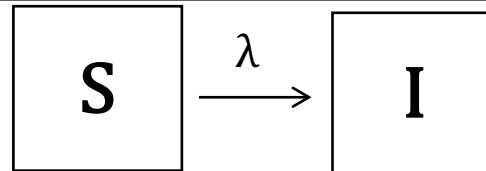
Example Model Description

Can the Malagasy black rat (*Rattus rattus*) population independently maintain transmission of the bacterium, *Yersinia pestis*, responsible for human plague?

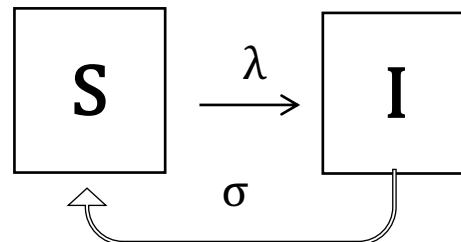
Susceptible juvenile rats enter the population through birth, at rate b , which is influenced by the proportion of uninfected (susceptible) adult rats in the population at a given time. Juvenile rats age into the adult class, on average $1/\omega$ time units after they are born. Both juvenile and adult susceptible rats can be infected by contact with infectious rats of any age, based on a force of infection proportional to the prevalence of infectious rats in the population. Once infected, rats enter the exposed class. The incubation period is $1/\sigma$ time units (on average), after which the animals develop clinical plague, which is equivalent to transitioning from the exposed class to the infectious class. A subset of rats recover from plague to become immune, based on rate γ . All rats in the population experience background mortality with hazard μ , and infectious rats experience an additional disease-induced hazard of mortality, α .

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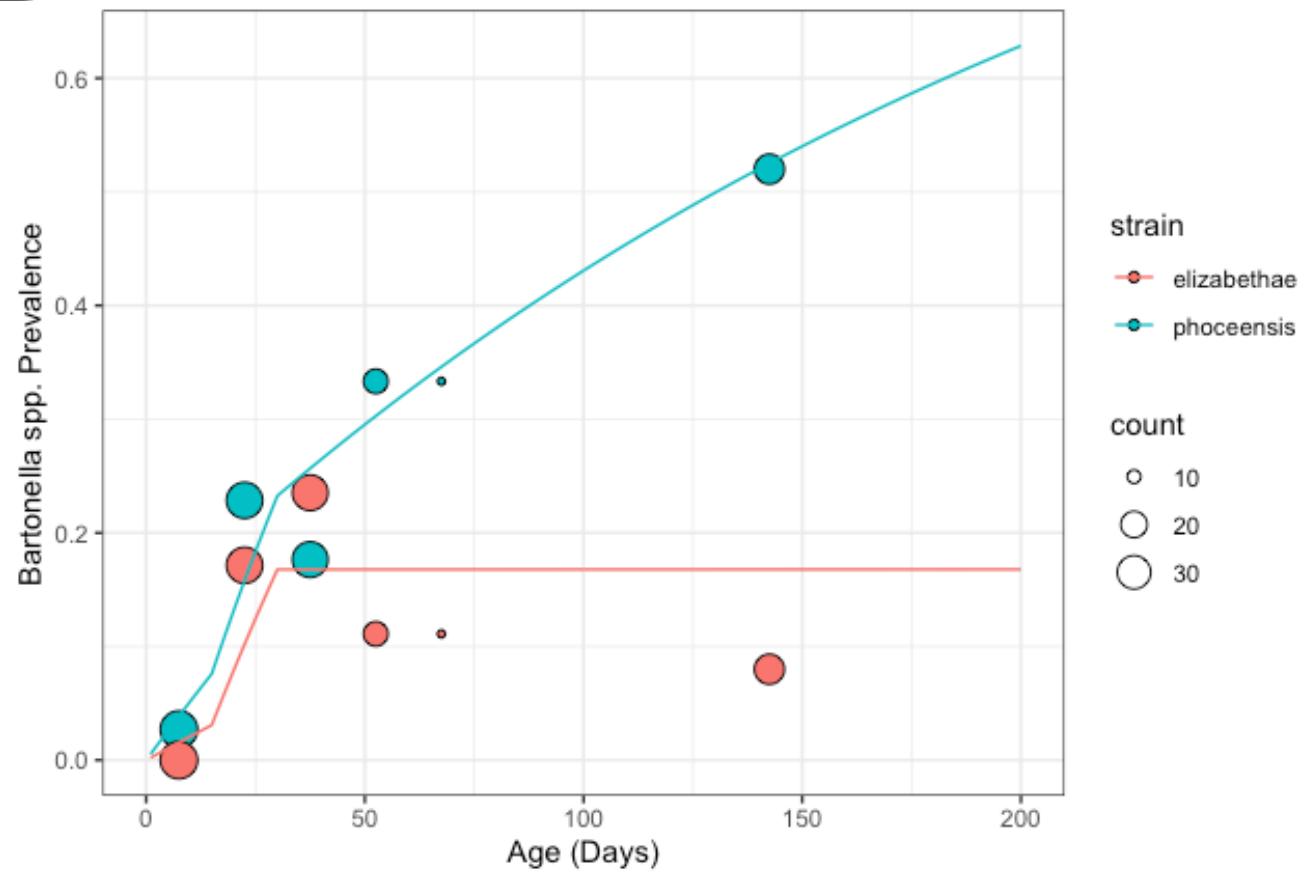


$$\frac{dI(a)}{da} = \lambda(a)(1 - I(a))$$



$$\frac{dI(a)}{da} = \lambda(a)(1 - I(a)) - \sigma I(a)$$

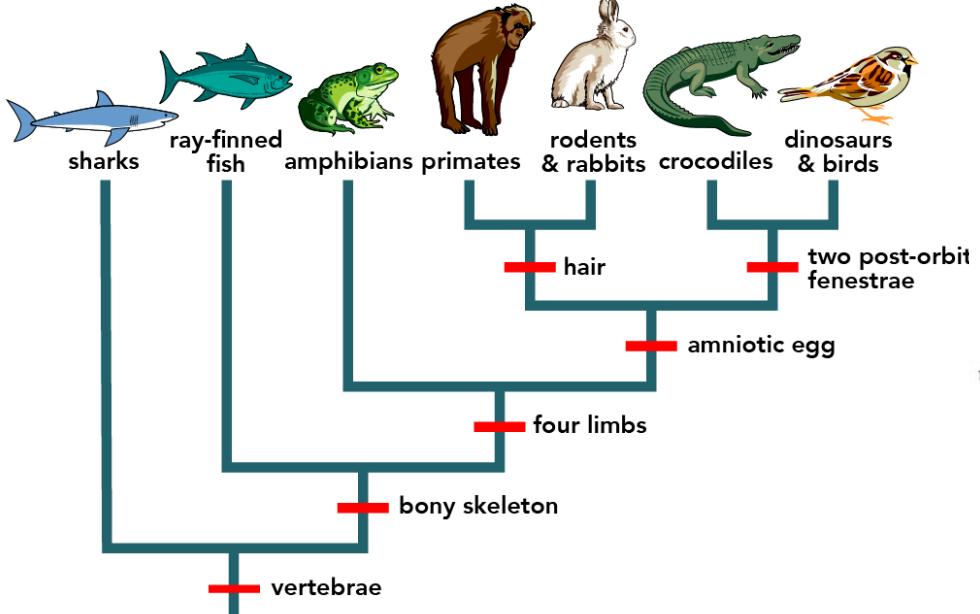
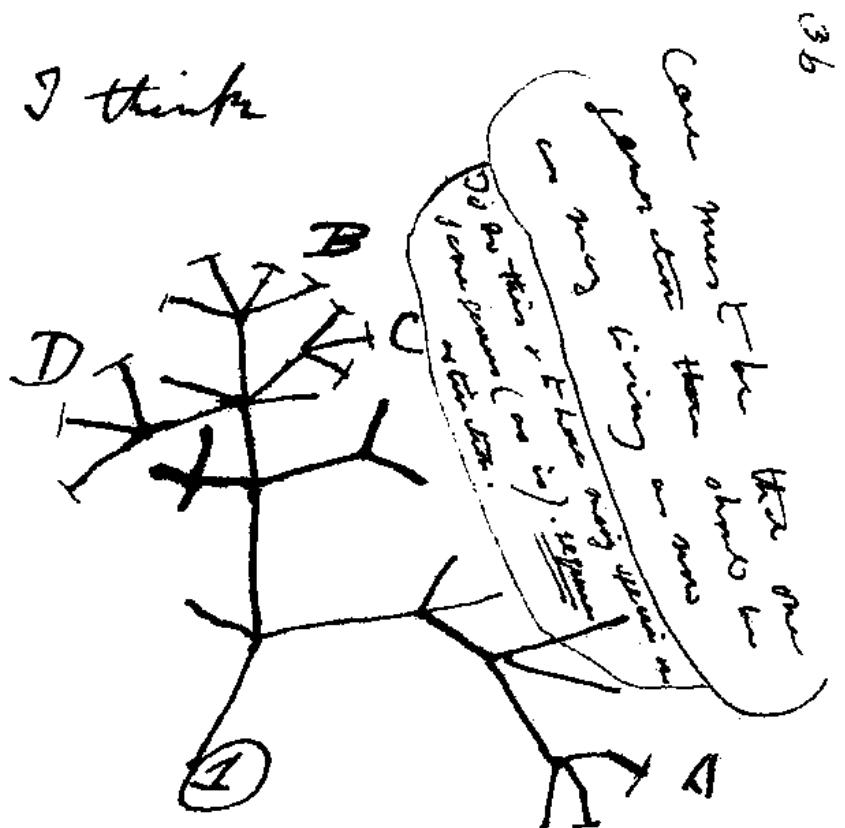
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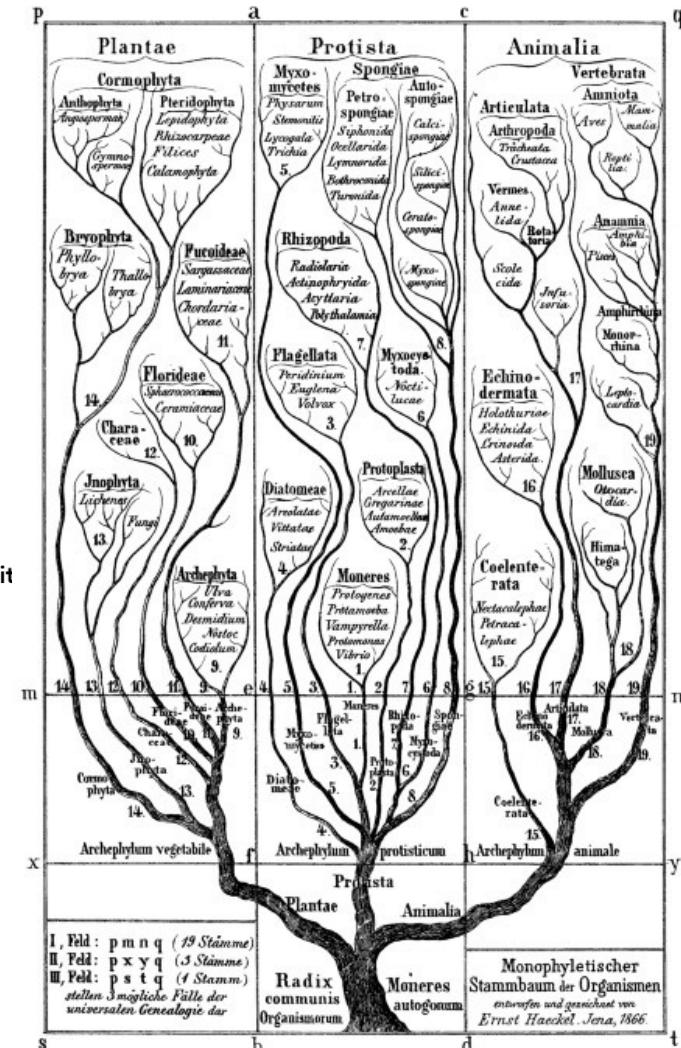
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Intro to Phylogenetic Modeling

Introduction à la modélisation phylogénétique



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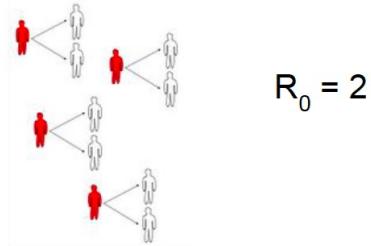
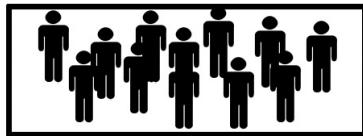
Introduction à la modélisation de réseau

Why do we use networks in epidemiology?

Pourquoi utiliser les réseaux dans épidémiologie?

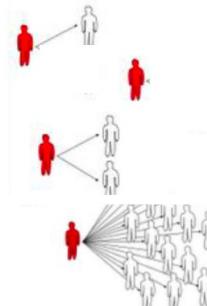
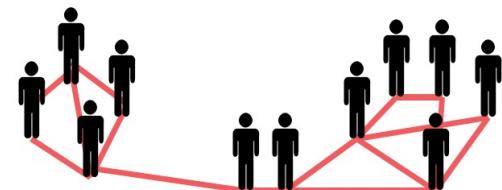
Classic epidemiological models assume full mixing (everyone can contact everyone)

Les modèles épidémiologiques classiques supposent un mélange complet (tout le monde peut contacter tout le monde)



Reality is better represented by a network

La réalité est mieux représentée par un réseau



Average $R_0 = 2$,

But more realistic heterogeneity

Friday: R Bootcamp

- Intro to R Studio
- Exploring and Visualizing Data in R
- For-loops, Functions, and If-Else Statements

Saturday: Travel

Sunday: "Getting Started with the Basics"

- Data and Models
- Student introductions & presentations
- Linear regression ● Tutorial
- Formulating research questions

Monday: "Using Models with Data"

- Model-Guided Study Design
- Study design tutorial
- Intro to Compartmental Models & Differential Equations
- Building mechanistic models in R
- Refining research questions for modeling
- Defining a model world

Thursday: "Bells and Whistle"

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- Dynamical Fever
- Introduction to Mixed Modeling
- Reading a Research Paper

● Programming

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- Research Development

Friday: "Putting it All in Perspective"

- The Life Cycle of a Modeling Project
- C4C Student Presentations

Saturday: Travel

January: "Sharing Your Work"

- Final student presentations

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