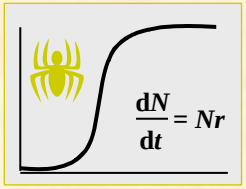


Predation

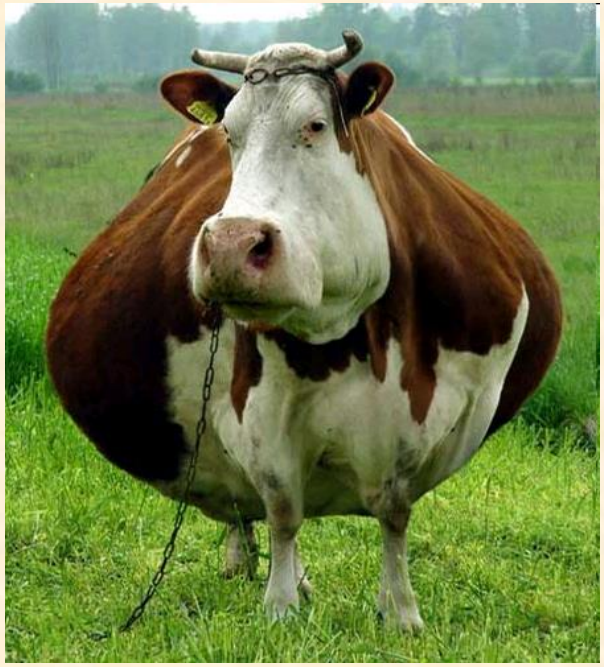
"Populační ekologie živočichů"

Stano Pekár

Plant-Herbivore

- consume small amount of many different plant species
- consume a lot during life to obtain sufficient amount of N
- plant tissue contains about 1% of N
- grazers, granivores, frugivores, folivores
- plants are not killed only reduced in biomass

- bottom-up control – herbivore abundance is regulated by quantity and quality of plants
- top-down control – herbivore abundance is regulated by enemies



Herbivory-regrowth model

- Turchin (2003)

- assumptions

- continuous herbivory (grazing)
- herbivore is polyphagous
- plant biomass is homogenous
- functional response Type II
- herbivore density is constant
- herbivore density is independent of a certain plant species biomass
- only small quantity of biomass is removed

V .. plant biomass
H.. herbivore density
r.. intrinsic rate of regrowth
K.. carrying capacity
f .. efficiency of removal
T_h.. handling time

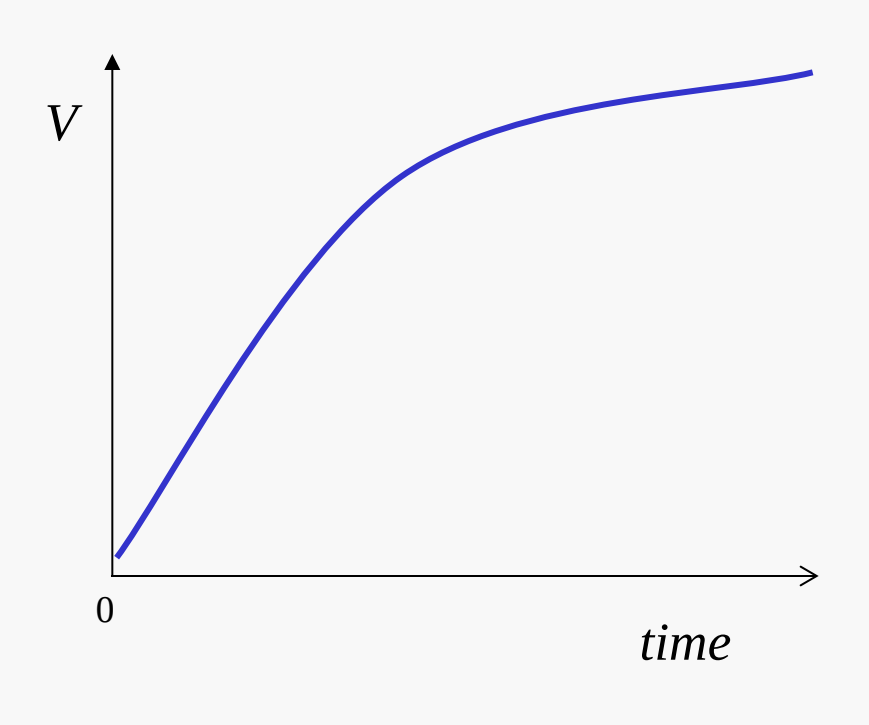
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = r\left(1 - \frac{V}{K}\right) - \frac{fHV}{1 + fHT_h}$$

- hyperbolic biomass growth

- because only small part of aboveground tissues is consumed

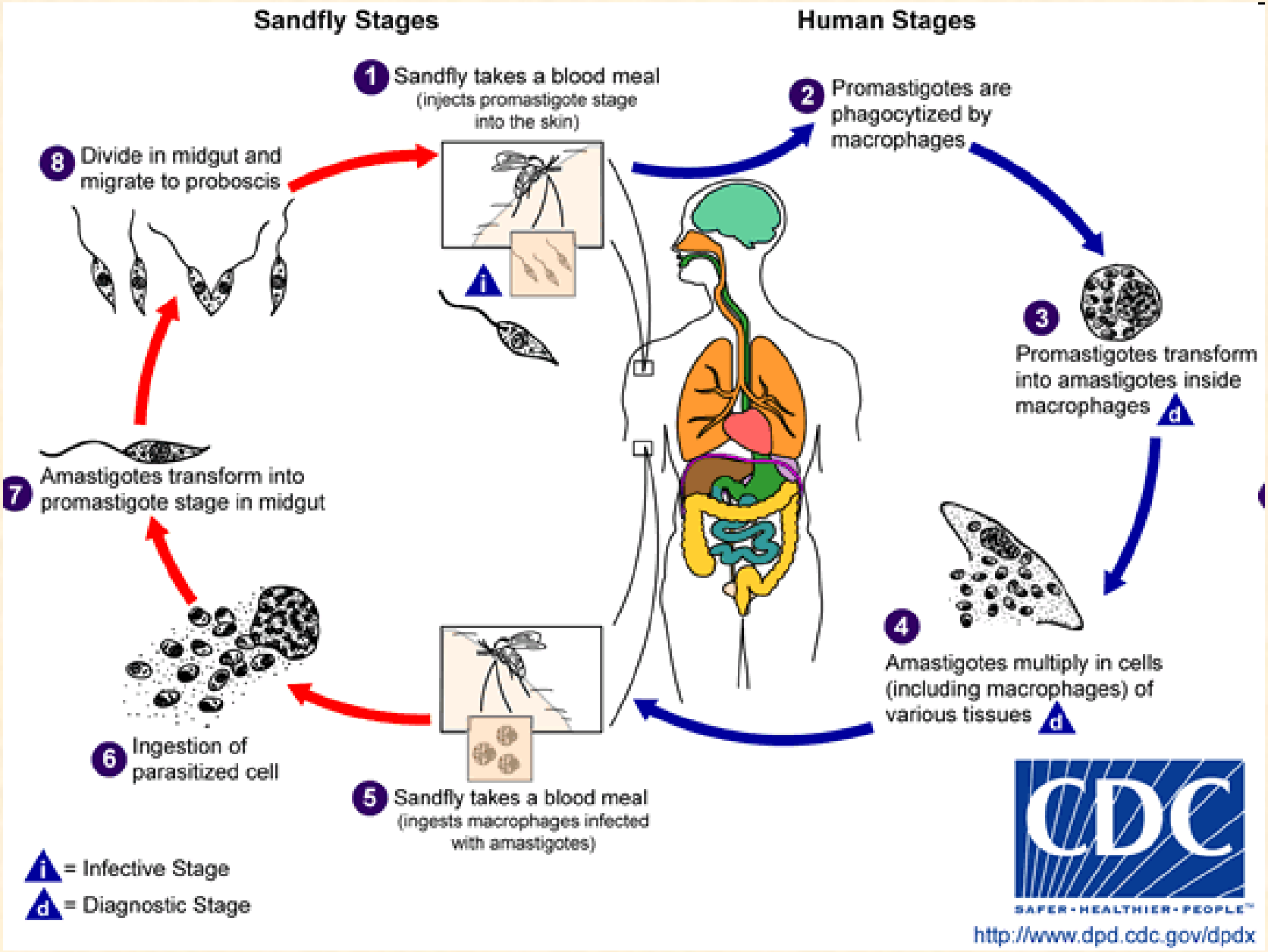
- sucking herbivores (aphids) are alike parasites

- granivores are like true predators



Host-Pathogen

Leishmania


Sandfly Stages
Human Stages
1 Sandfly takes a blood meal
(injects promastigote stage
into the skin)
2 Promastigotes are
phagocytized by
macrophages
3 Promastigotes transform
into amastigotes inside
macrophages
d
4 Amastigotes multiply in cells
(including macrophages) of
various tissues
d
5 Sandfly takes a blood meal
(ingests macrophages infected
with amastigotes)
6 Ingestion of
parasitized cell
7 Amastigotes transform into
promastigote stage in midgut
8 Divide in midgut and
migrate to proboscis
i = Infective Stage
d = Diagnostic Stage
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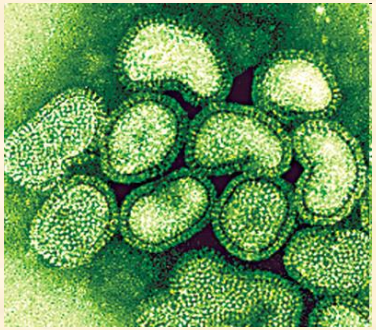
Agents

- microparasites: viruses, bacteria, protozoans

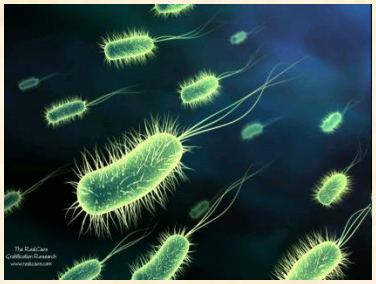
- reproduce rapidly in host
- level of infection depends not on the number of agents but on the host response



swine flu virus

- macroparasites - helminths

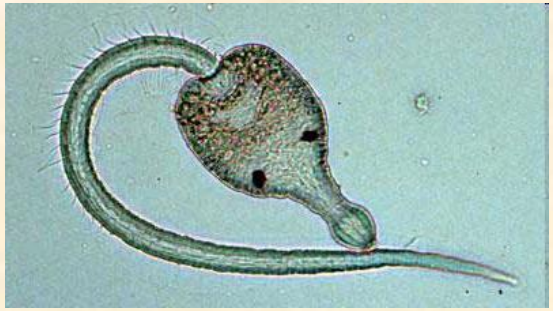
- reproduce in a vector
- level of infection depends on the number



E. coli (EHEC)

- incidence .. number of new infections per unit time
- prevalence .. proportion of population infected [%]

cercaria



nematode

Epidemiology

- predicts rates of disease spread
- predicts occurrence of epidemics
- predicts expected level of infection

- Epidmic/epizootic – fast spread of a disease in host population
- number of human deaths caused by diseases exceeds that of all wars

- affects also animals

- rinderpest (viral disease) introduced by cattle to South Africa in 1890
- 90% buffalo/cattle/wildebeast populations
- last case diagnosed 2001

- biological control

- *Cydia pomonella* granulovirus

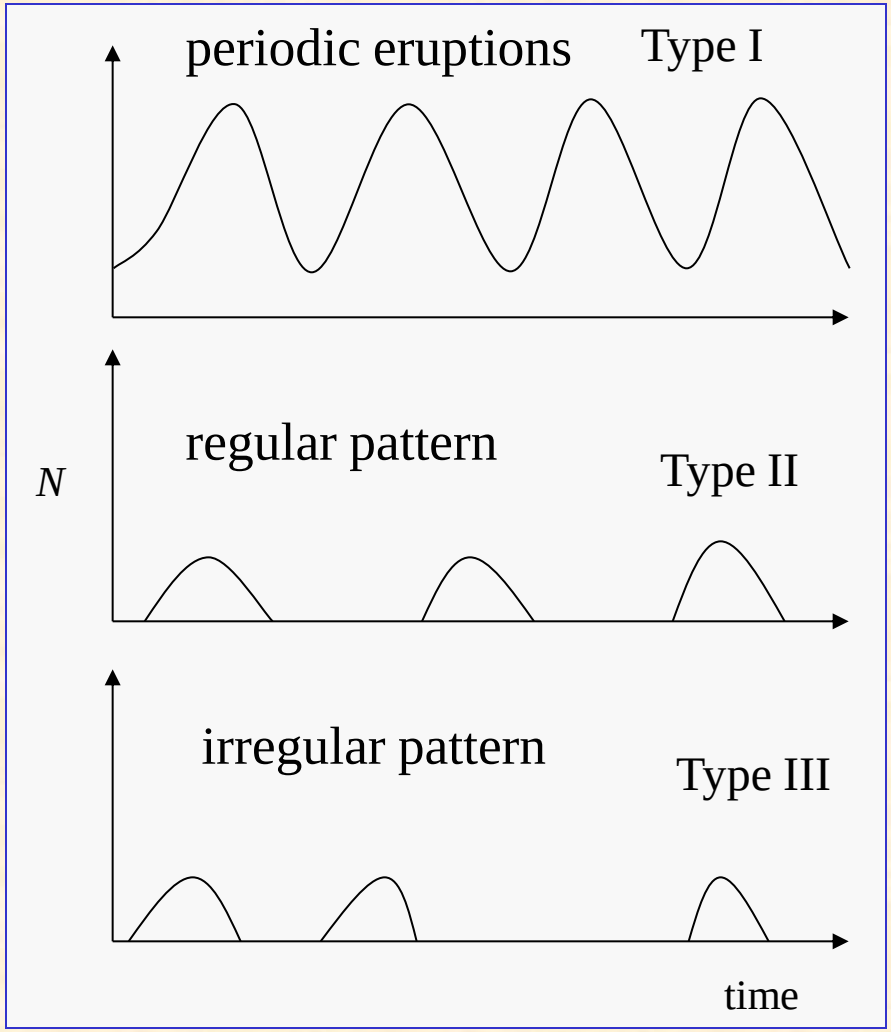
- epidemics occur in cycles
- follows 4 stages:

- establishment - pathogen increases after invasion

- persistence - pathogen persists within host population

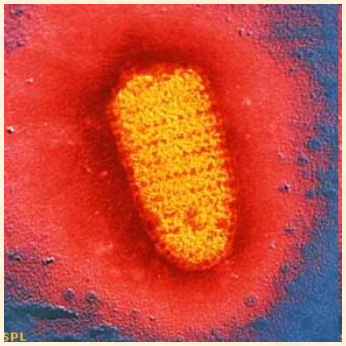
- spread - spreads to other non-infected regions, reaches peak

- epidemics terminates

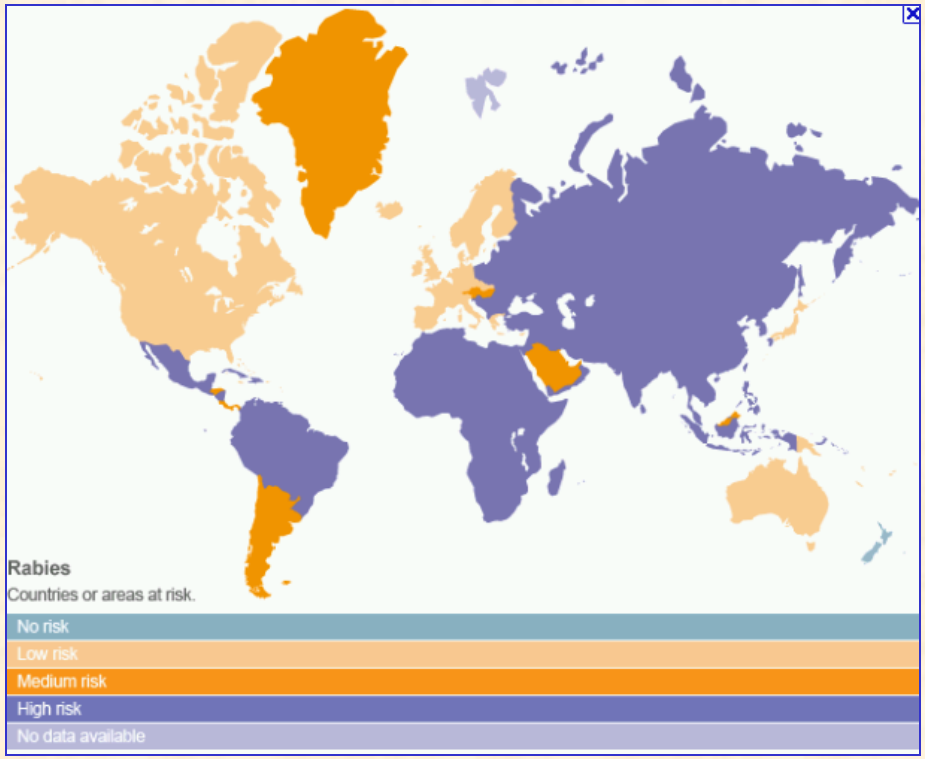


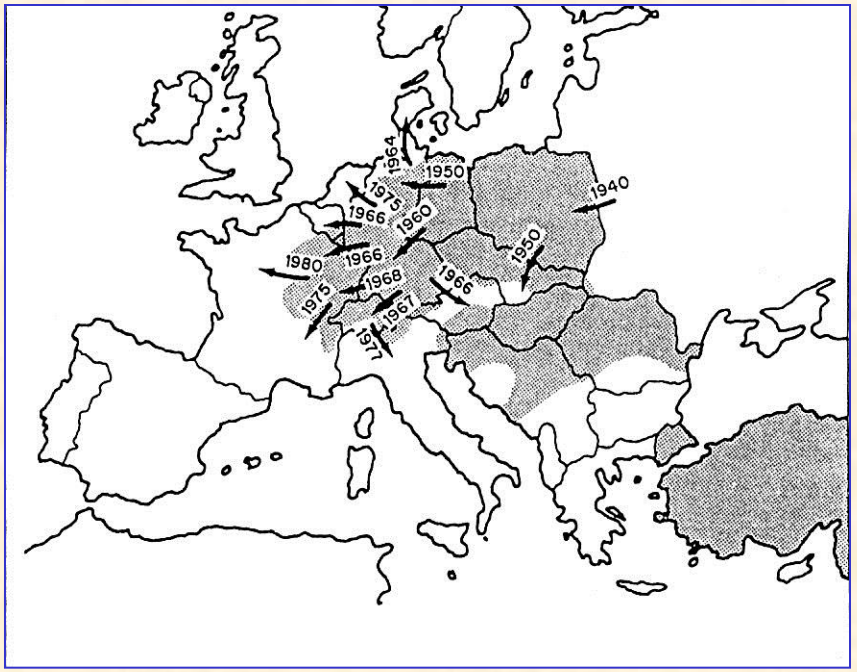
- rabies in Europe spread from Poland 1939
- hosts: foxes, badgers, roe-deer

- spread rate of 30-60 km/year



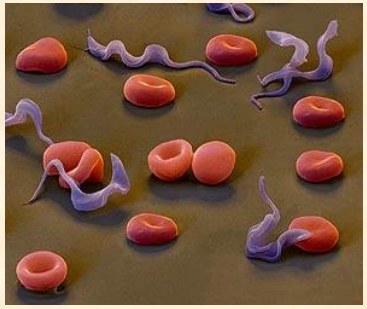
virus





Spread of rabies (Bacon 1985)

Host-pathogen/parasite system



- used to simulate spread of a disease
- pathogen is much smaller than host
- models:

- Kermack & McKendrick (1927)
- later developed by Anderson & May (1980, 1981)

- 3 components:

- *S* .. susceptible
- *I* .. infected
- *R* .. resistant/recovered and immune - can not transmit disease

- latent stage - infected but not infectious
- vectors (*V*) and pathogens (*P*)
- malaria is transmitted by mosquitoes, hosts become infected only when they have contact with the vector
- the number of vectors carrying the pathogens is important
- such system is further composed of uninfected and infected vectors

Kermack-McKendrick model

- β .. transmission rate - number of new infections per unit time

βSI.. density-dependent transmission function (proportional to the number of contacts)

- mass action
- analogous to search efficiency in predator-prey model

$1/\beta$ .. average time for encountering infected individual

- γ.. recovery rate of infected hosts

(either die or become immune)

γ = 1/duration of disease

Assumptions:

- $S_0 >> I_0$
- ignores population change (increase of S)
- incubation period is negligible

SI model

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta SI$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta SI - \gamma I$$

Outbreaks

- outbreak (epidemics) will occur if $S_0 > \frac{\gamma}{\beta}$

- i.e. transmission threshold, when density of S is high
- basic reproductive number, R_0, expected number of secondary infections per capita
- disease spreads if $R_0 > 1$

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta}{\gamma}$$

- herd immunity is achieved by vaccinating susceptible population so that its proportion (p_S) is

$$p_S < \frac{\gamma}{\beta}$$

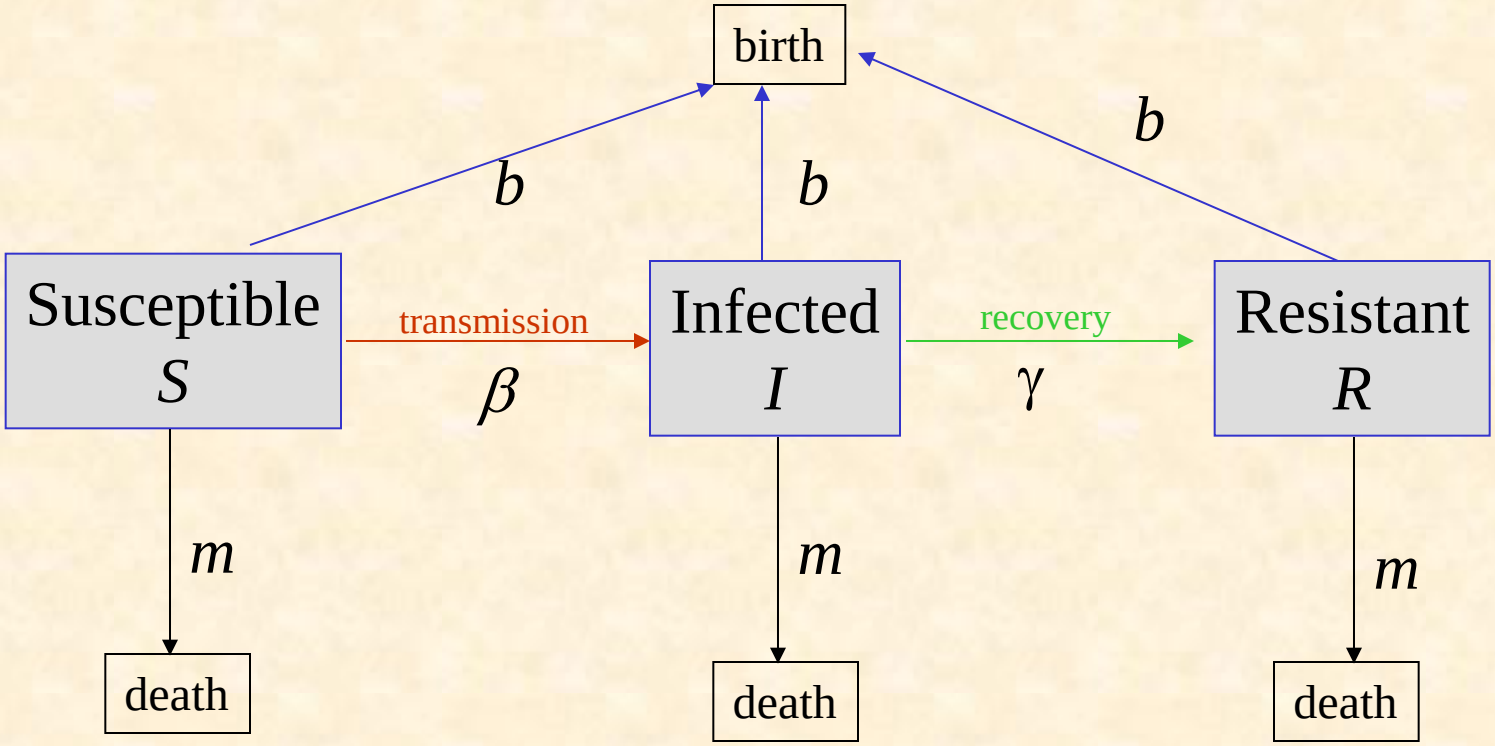
- it will halt the spread

- culling or isolation of I will stop disease spread

Anderson-May model

Assumptions:

- host population is dynamic
- newborns are susceptible
- *b* .. host birth rate
  =1/host life-span, given exponential growth and constant population size
- *m* .. host mortality due to other causes



SIR model

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = b(S+I+R) - \beta SI - mS$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta SI - \gamma I - mI$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I - mR$$

$$N = S + I + R$$

N .. total population of hosts per area:

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta N}{b + \gamma + m}$$

- R_0 .. basic reproductive rate of the disease
  - number of secondary cases that primary infection produces
  - if $R_0 > 1$ .. disease will persist, if $R_0 < 1$ .. disease will disappear
  - is dependent on N: R_0 is larger in large populations
  - after immunization the equilibrium of infection will decrease
  - transmission threshold:

$$S_0 = \frac{b + \gamma + m}{\beta}$$

Biological control

- fast biocontrol effect is achieved only with viruses with high β
- regulation is possible if pest r << mortality due to disease
- low host population is achieved with pathogens with lower β

Population dynamic of a moth and the associated granulosis virus