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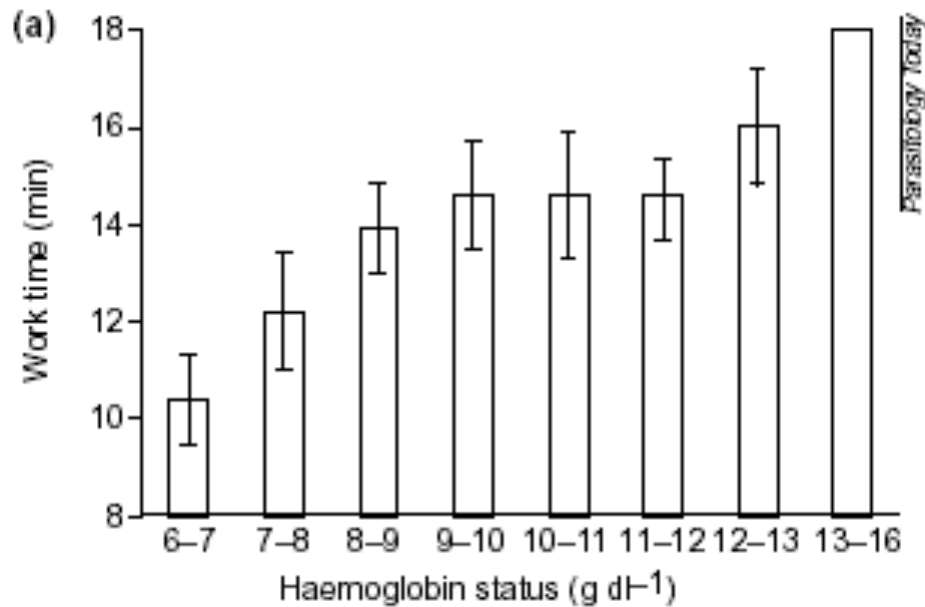
Sacculina

- œ Genus of barnacles that parasitize crabs
- œ Female larva finds a joint (chink in the armor), molts & injects itself into the crab
- œ Emerges as a sac on the crab's thorax
- œ Pretends it's eggs

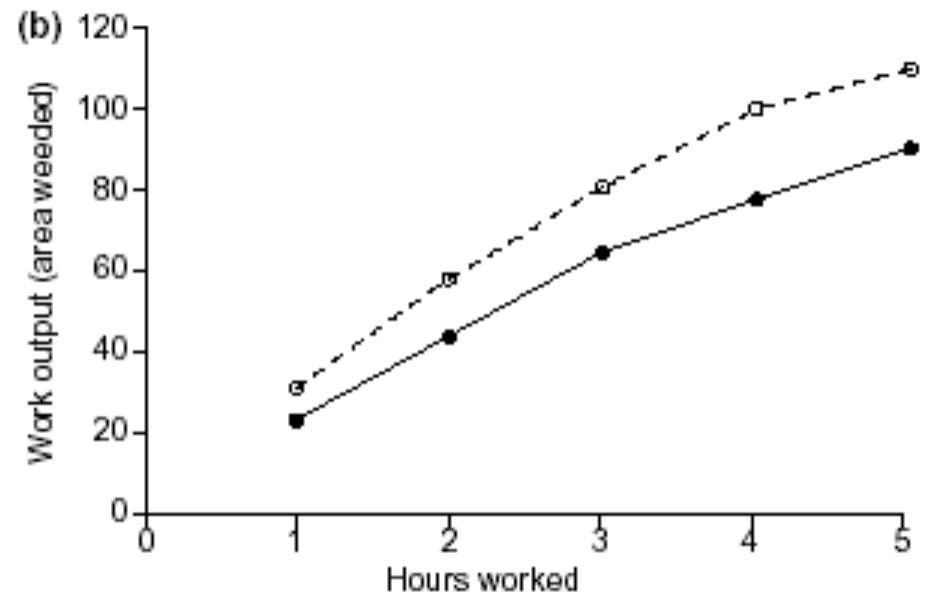


Sublethal effects of parasite infection: *anemia & fatigue*

Maximum treadmill work time of female tea planters in Sri Lanka in relation to hemoglobin levels

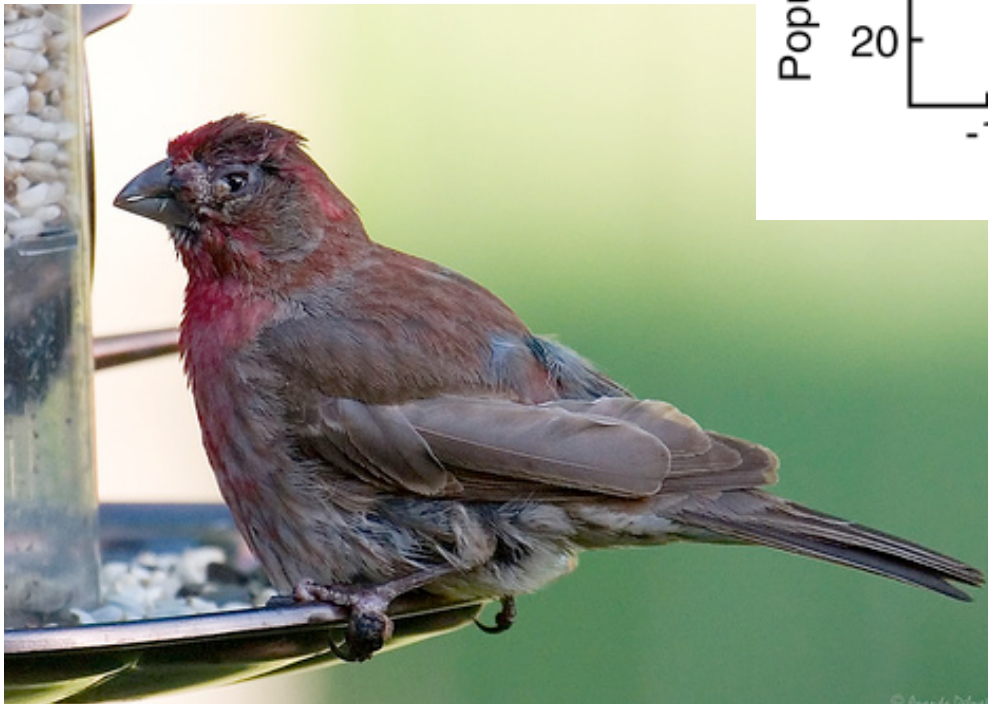
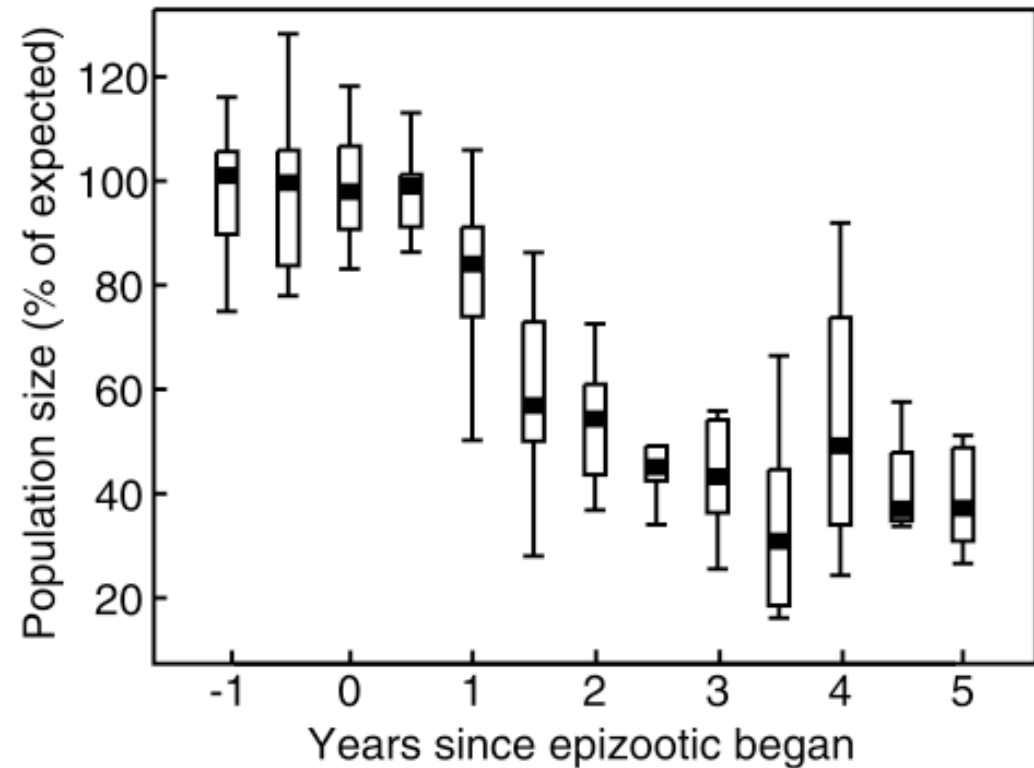


Productivity of Indonesian rubber plant weeders in a rubber plantation consistently lower amongst those with anemia



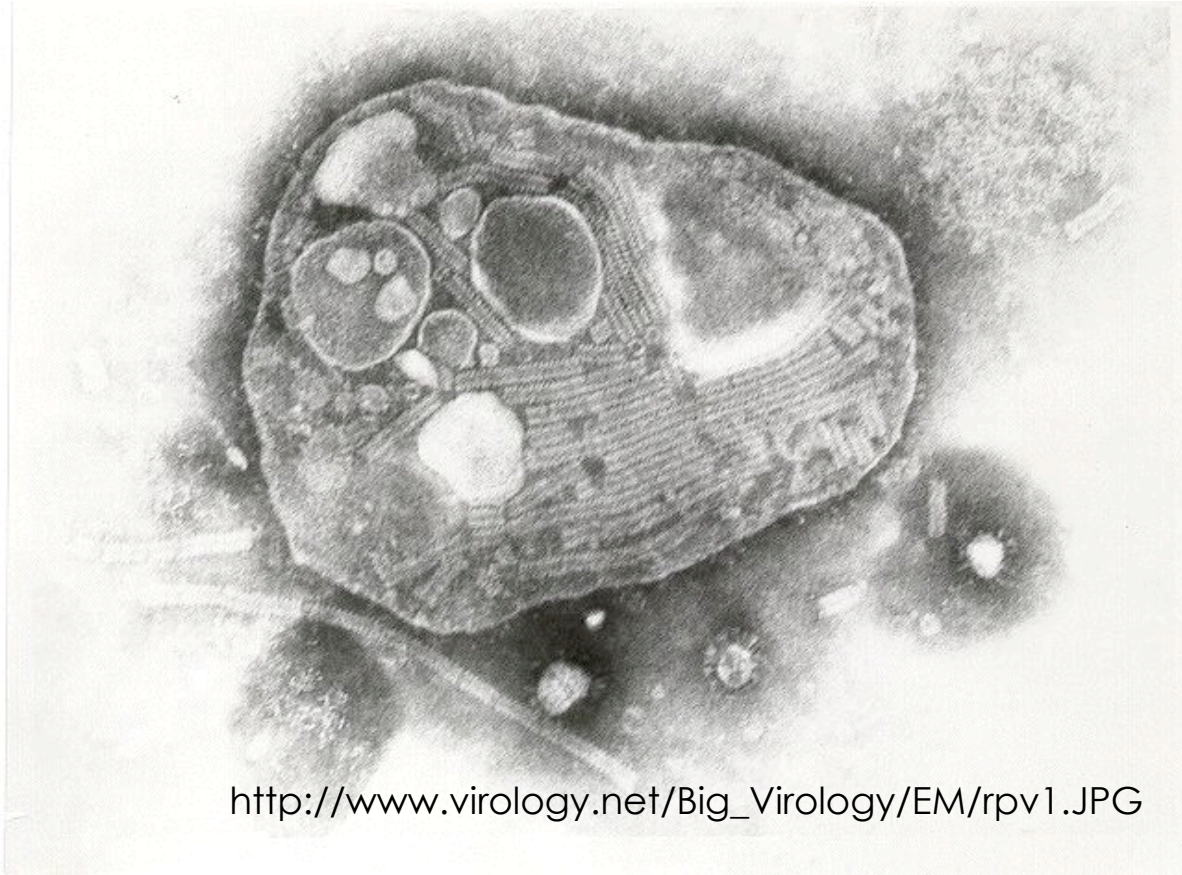
House Finch
abundance
after arrival of
mycoplasmal
conjunctivitis

60% reduction in host density!



Density-dependent decline of host abundance
resulting from a new infectious disease

Wesley M. Hochachka and André A. Dhondt*
PNAS | May 9, 2000 | vol. 97 | no. 10 | 5303-5306



http://www.virology.net/Big_Virology/EM/rpv1.JPG

Rinderpest

(aka Cattle Plague or Yearling disease)

A virus closely related to measles and canine distemper

Causes fever, anorexia, and depression. Forms lesions on the gums, tongue, and hard palate, which “rapidly enlarge to form cheesy plaques.” Animals may die from dehydration

Endemic/native to the Steppes of Central Asia, but made frequent forays into Europe, particularly during times of war

merckvetmanual.com

Introduced into Africa in 1887-1889
with the Italian campaign to
conquer Somaliland and Ethiopia
(probably ~5 infected cattle from India)

Spread swiftly through Ethiopia, was
in East Africa within a year, and
swept South Africa's Cape Province
by 1897



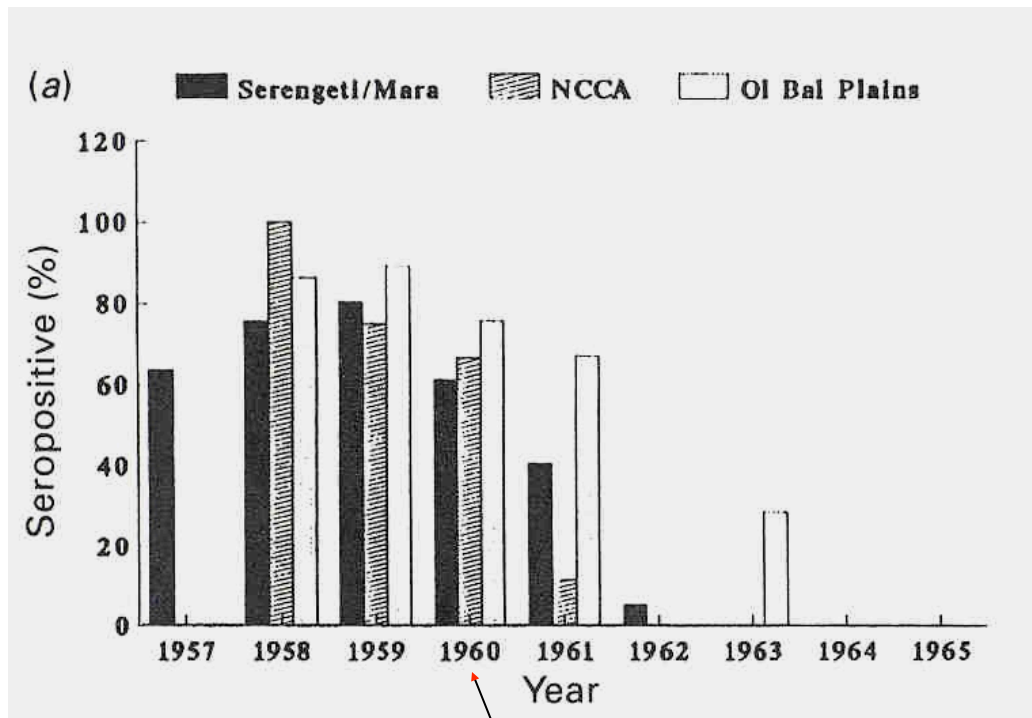
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Something on the order
of 80-90% of the cattle,
buffalo, and
wildebeests in Africa
died

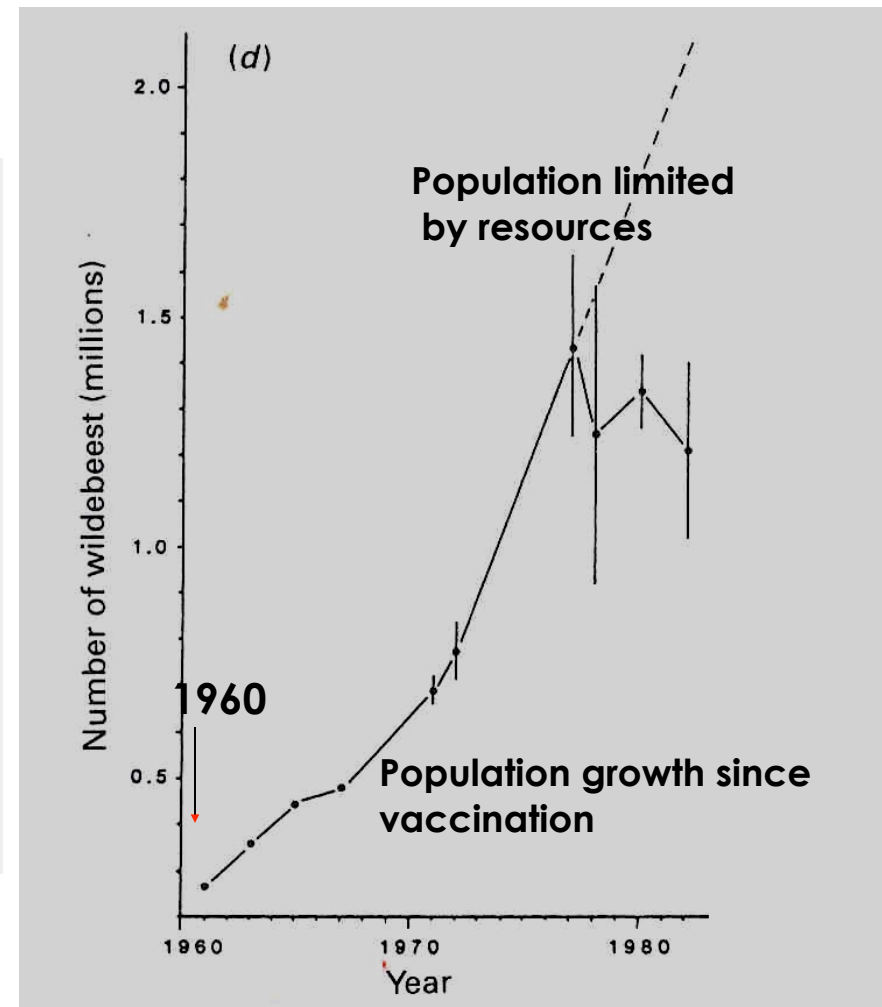
McNaughton (1992) The propagation of
disturbance in savannas through food webs.
J Veg Sci 3:301-314

Effect of recovery from rinderpest (due to cattle vaccination) on growth rate of wildebeest populations in the Serengeti

Note: in June 2011, FAO formally declared rinderpest eradicated



1960, Cattle vaccination

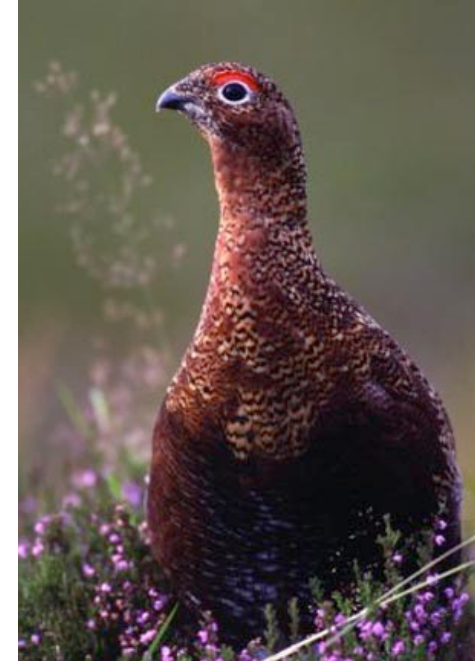
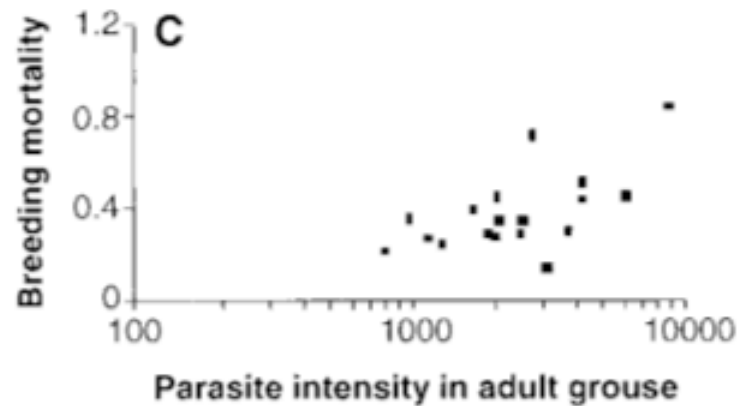
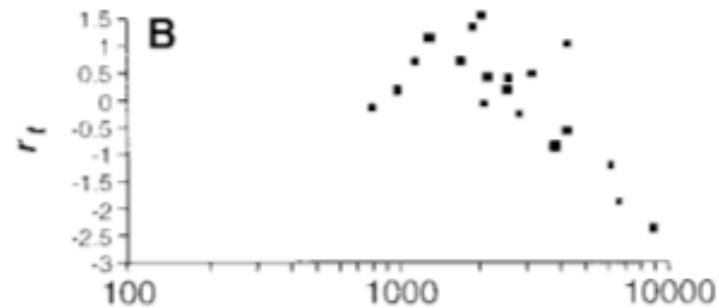
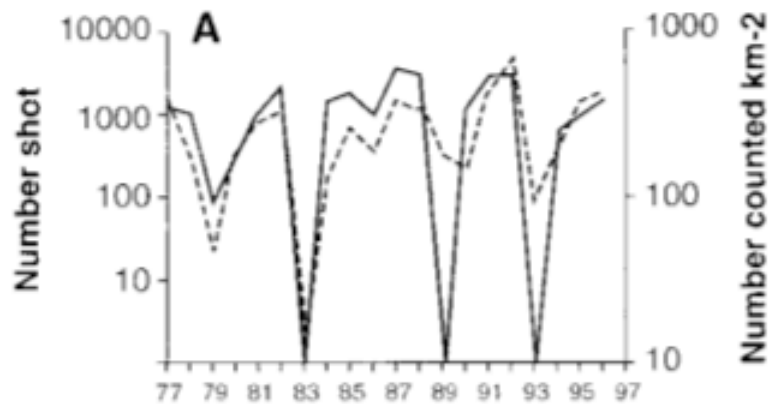


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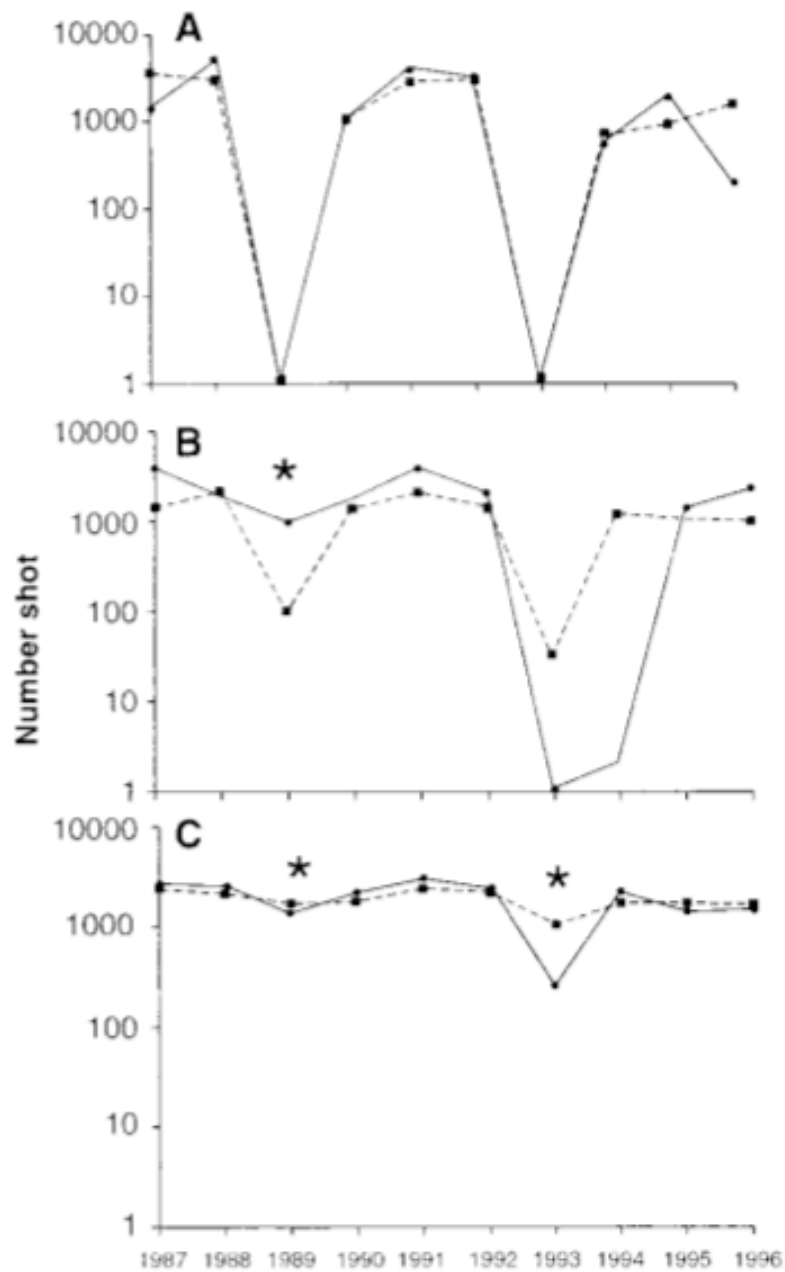
Trichostrongylus tenuis in
red grouse



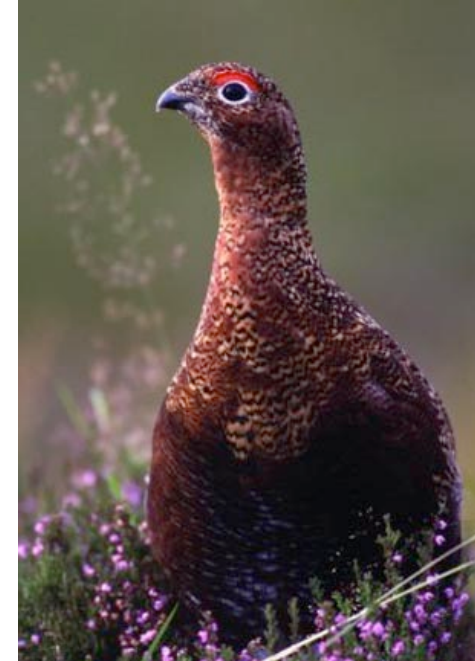
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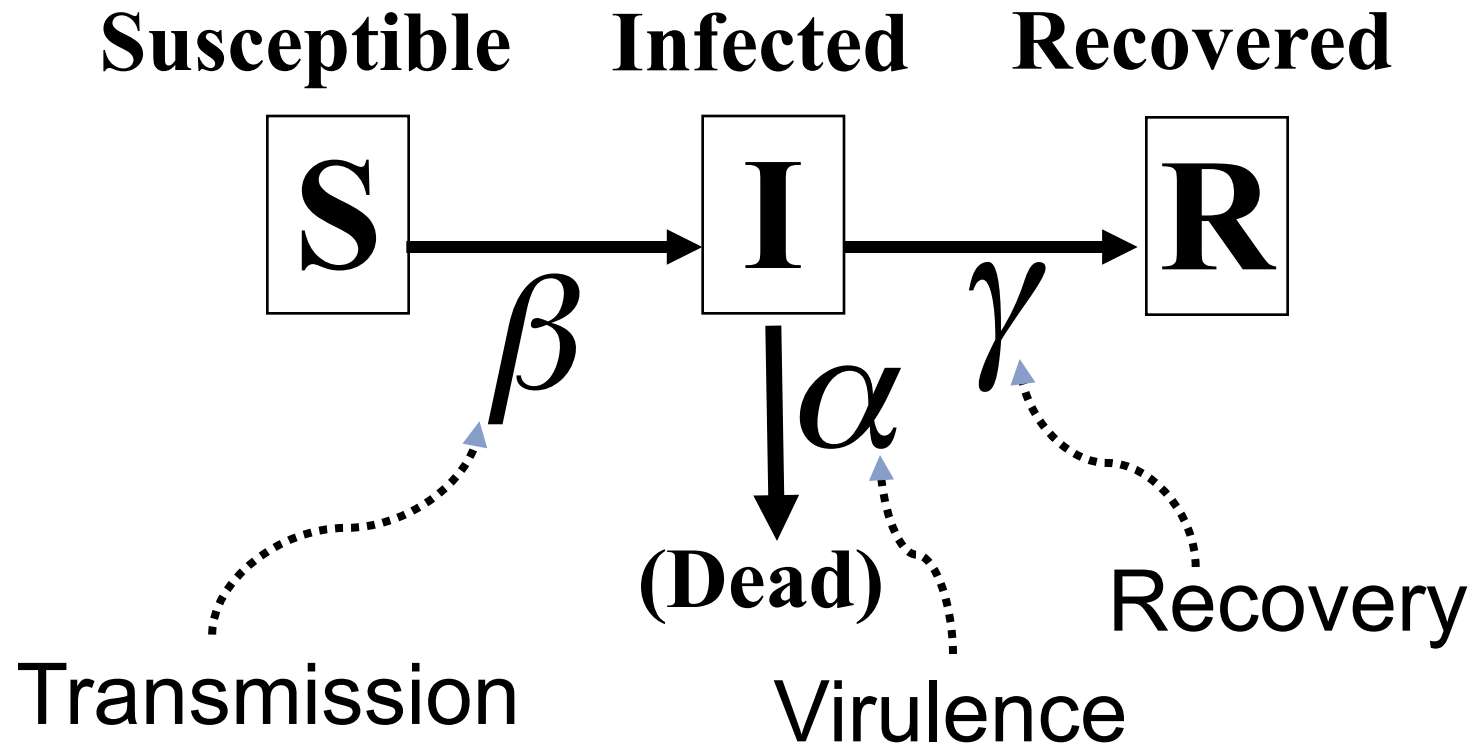
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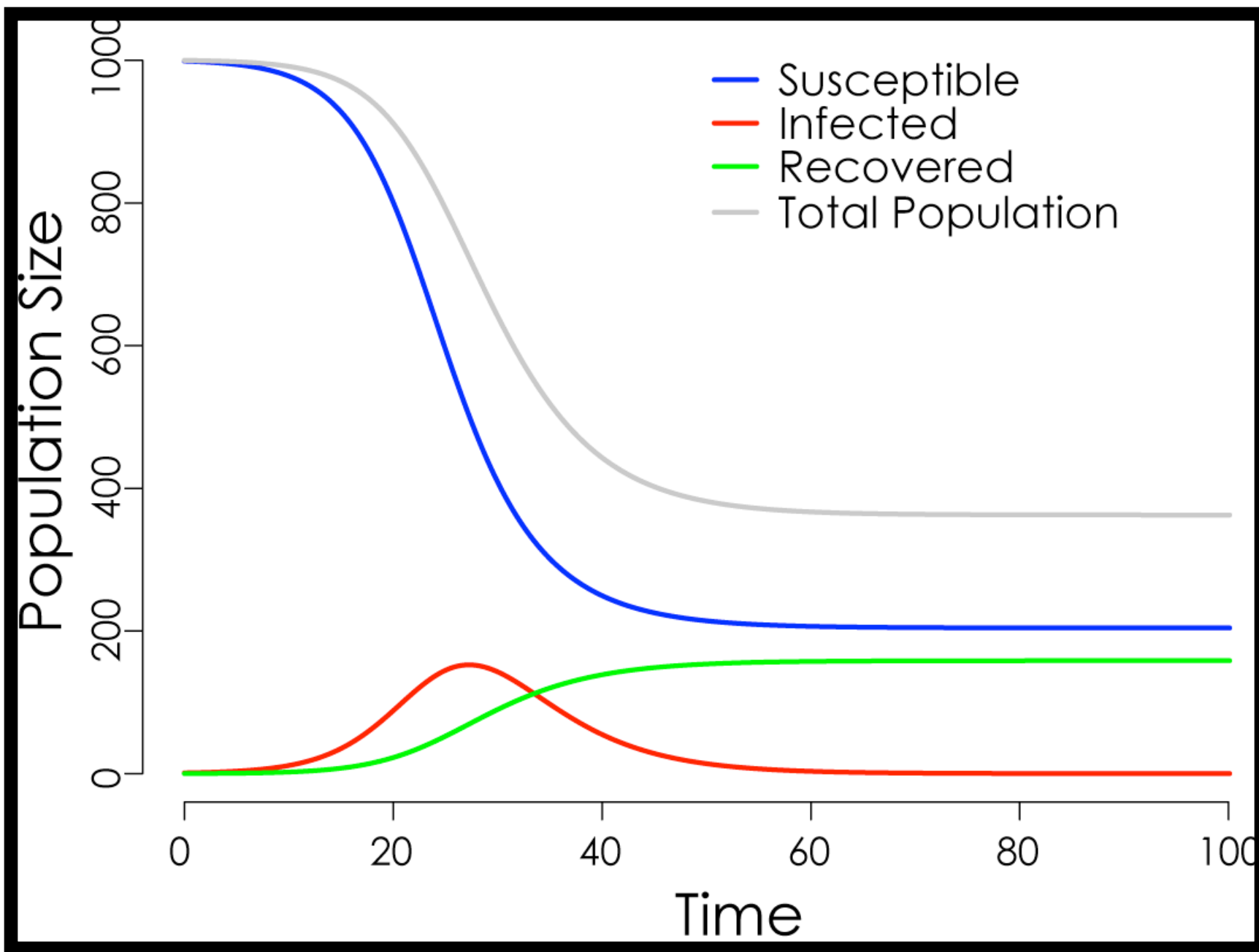
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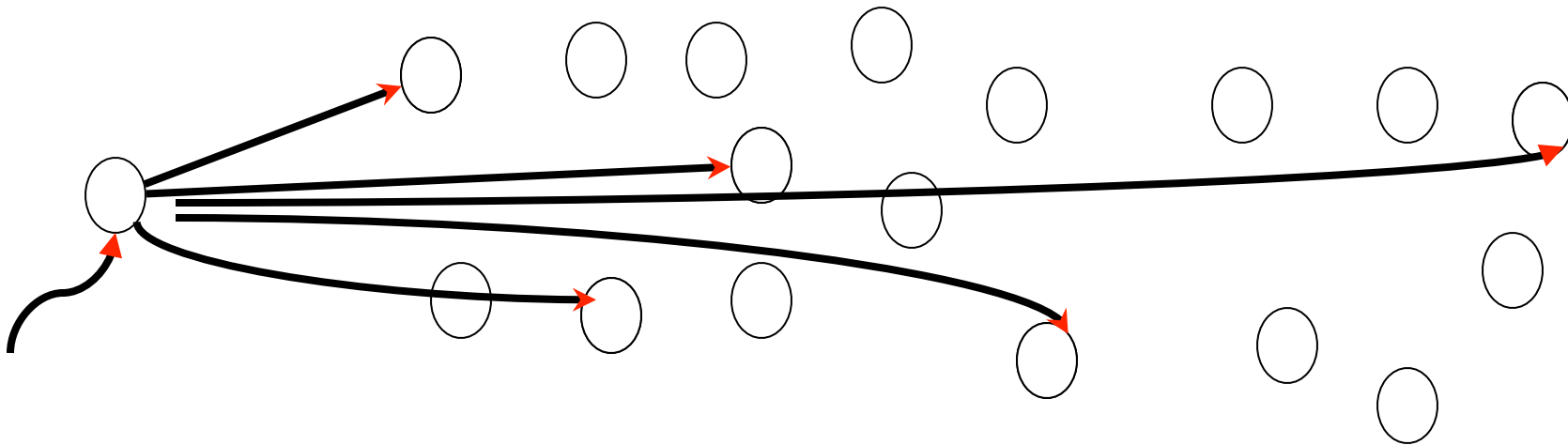
Trichostrongylus tenuis in red
grouse





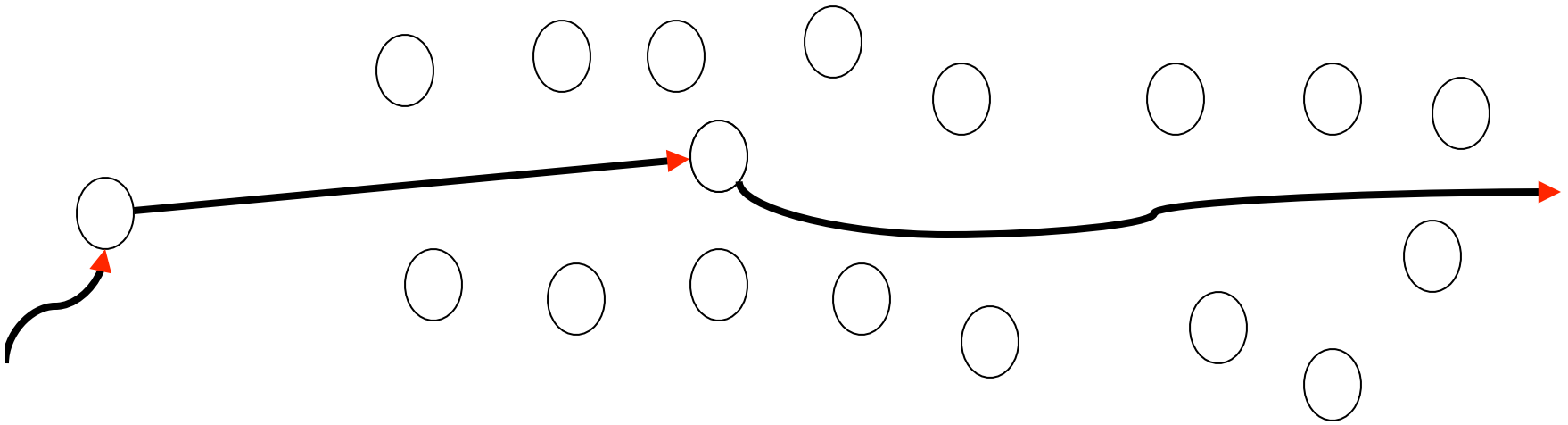


Basic reproductive number



- **# secondary infections produced by a single infected host in a susceptible population**
.....here $R_0=5$
- You need enough susceptibles for the chain of infection to establish

Rule #1: R_0 Must be > 1 for Invasion



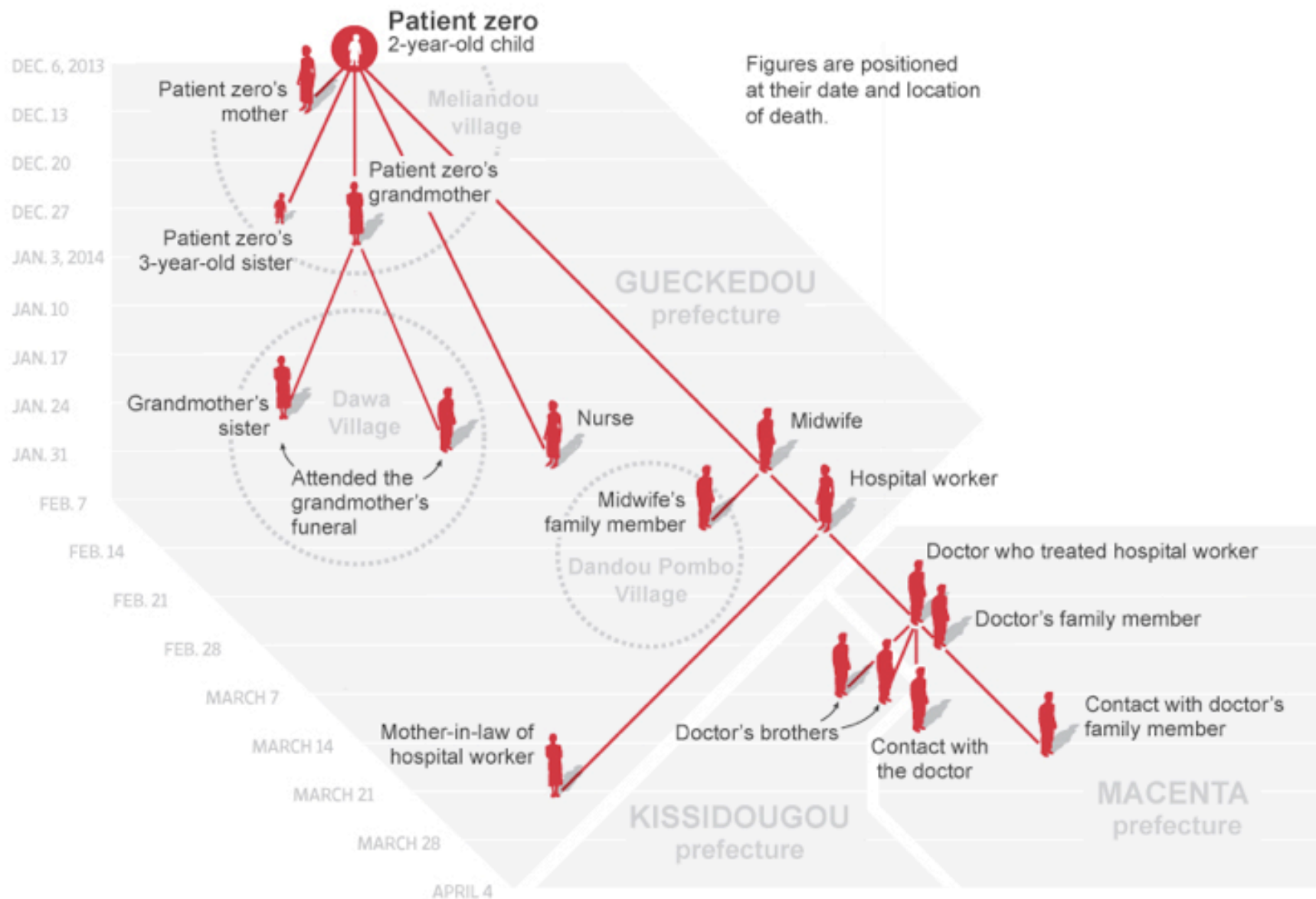
- When $R_0 > 1$ then Pathogen invades
- When $R_0 < 1$ then Pathogen no invasion
- When $R_0 = 1$ Pathogen just replaces itself

R_0 is the key to understanding disease invasion

Table 4.1 Estimated values of the basic reproductive rate, R_0 , for various infections (data from Anderson (1982*b*), Anderson and May (1982*d*, 1985*c*, 1988), Anderson *et al.* (1988), Nokes and Anderson (1988)).

Infection	Geographical location	Time period	R_0
Measles	Cirencester, England	1947–50	13–14
	England and Wales	1950–68	16–18
	Kansas, USA	1918–21	5–6
	Ontario, Canada	1912–13	11–12
	Willesden, England	1912–13	11–12
	Ghana	1960–8	14–15
	Eastern Nigeria	1960–8	16–17
Pertussis	England and Wales	1944–78	16–18
	Maryland, USA	1943	16–17
	Ontario, Canada	1912–13	10–11
Chicken pox	Maryland, USA	1913–17	7–8
	New Jersey, USA	1912–21	7–8
	Baltimore, USA	1943	10–11
	England and Wales	1944–68	10–12
Diphtheria	New York, USA	1918–19	4–5
	Maryland, USA	1908–17	4–5
Scarlet fever	Maryland, USA	1908–17	7–8
	New York, USA	1918–19	5–6
	Pennsylvania, USA	1910–16	6–7
Mumps	Baltimore, USA	1943	7–8
	England and Wales	1960–80	11–14
	Netherlands	1970–80	11–14
Rubella	England and Wales	1960–70	6–7
	West Germany	1970–7	6–7
	Czechoslovakia	1970–7	8–9
	Poland	1970–7	11–12
	Gambia	1976	15–16
Poliomyelitis	USA	1955	5–6
	Netherlands	1960	6–7
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (Type I)	England and Wales (male homosexuals)	1981–5	2–5
	Nairobi, Kenya (female prostitutes)	1981–5	11–12
	Kampala, Uganda (heterosexuals)	1985–7	10–11

} Whooping cough



Sources: New England Journal of Medicine

The Wall Street Journal

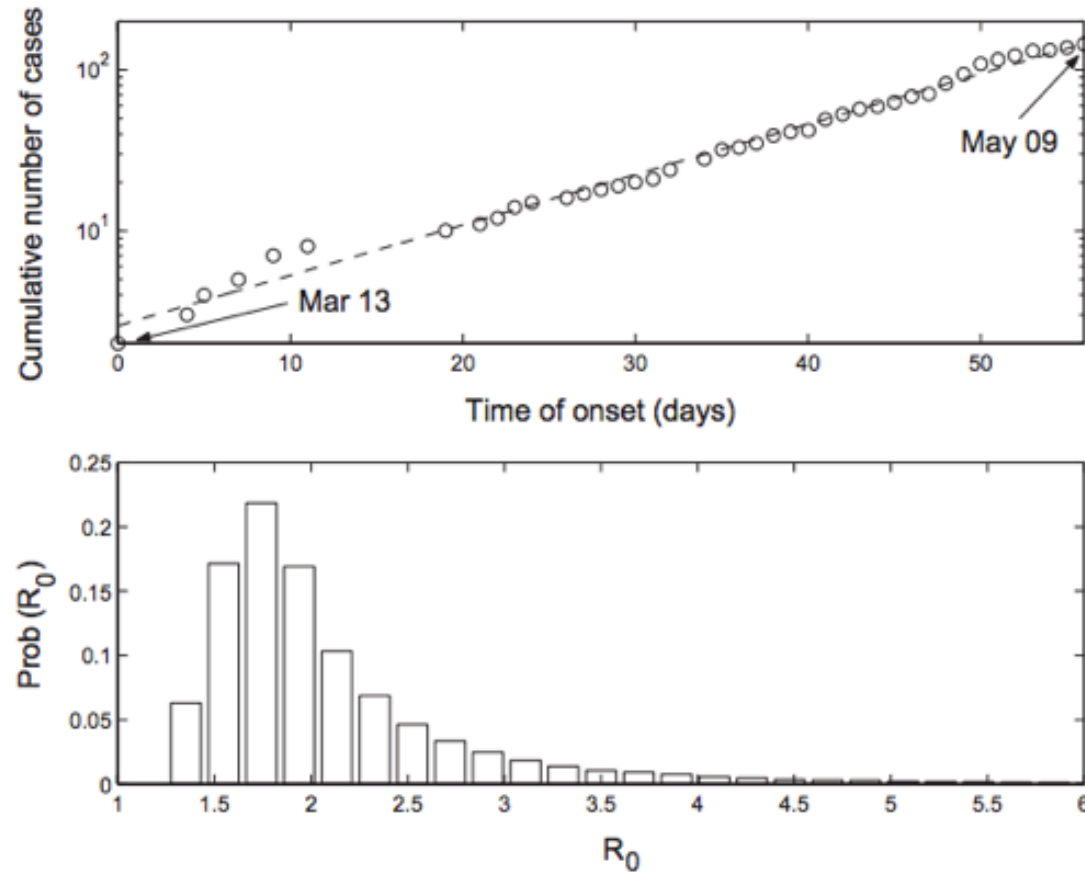
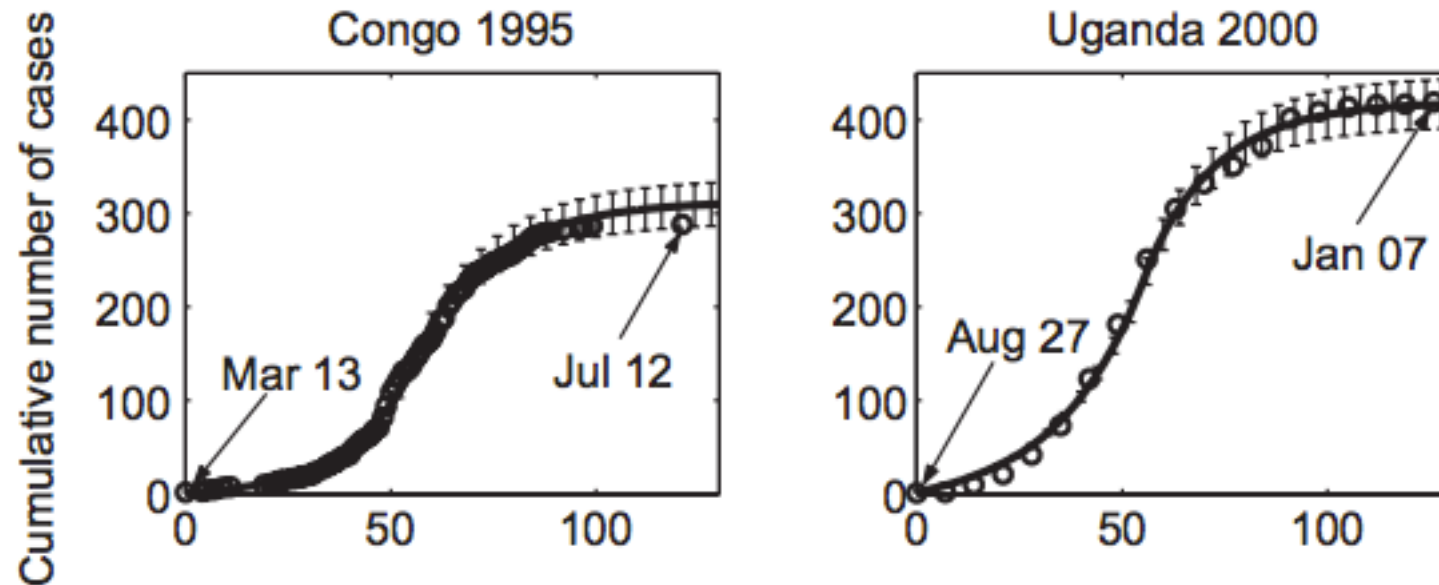


Fig. 4. (Top) cumulative number of cases (log-lin scale) during the exponential growth phase of the Congo 1995 epidemic as identified by the date of start of interventions (09 May 1995 (Khan et al., 1995)). The model-free initial growth rate of the number of cases for Congo 1995 is 0.07 (linear regression); (bottom) estimated distribution of R_0 from our uncertainty analysis (see text). R_0 lies in the interquartile range (IQR) (1.66–2.28) with a median of 1.89. Notice that 100% of the weight lies above $R_0 = 1$.

Estimates of R_0 based on exponential growth of the number of cases ($R_0 = \exp(\text{slope})^T = 1.83$)
And from epidemic (SEIR) models fit to data.

The basic reproductive number of Ebola and the effects of public health measures: the cases of Congo and Uganda

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Epidemics grow exponentially until they run out of resources (susceptibles) or interventions slow their growth

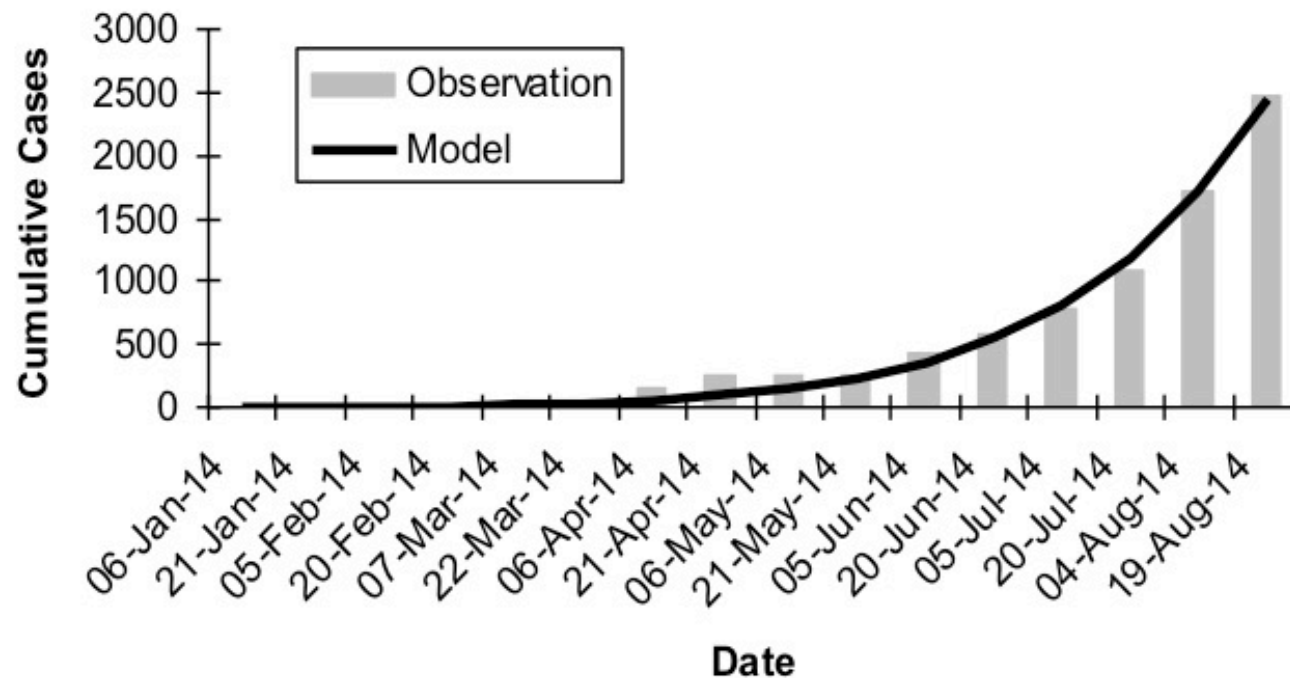
Early Epidemic Dynamics of the West African 2014 Ebola Outbreak: Estimates Derived with a Simple Two-Parameter Model

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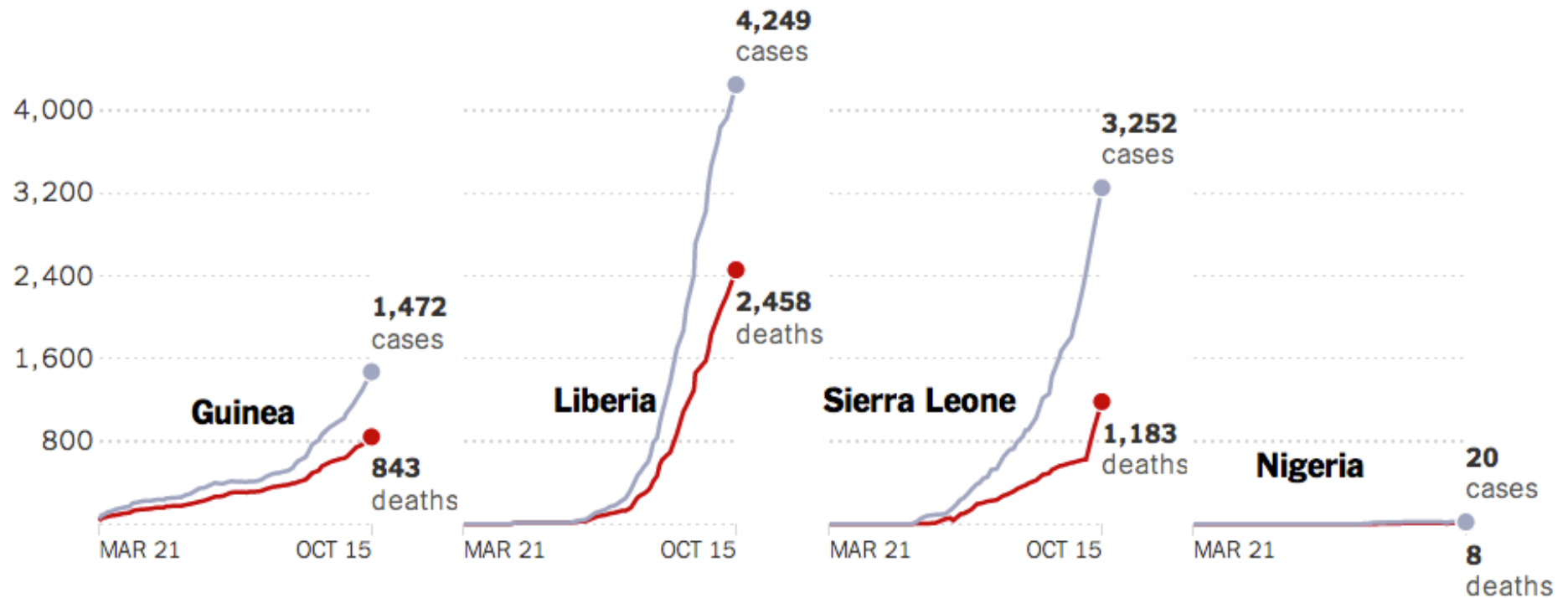
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Best fit model (dark curve) ($R_0 = 1.78$, $d = 0.009$) to observed cumulative incidence for West Africa by generation (gray bars). A 15 day serial interval is assumed, and first reported cases are assumed to have been reported in generation 5.

How many people have been infected in Africa?

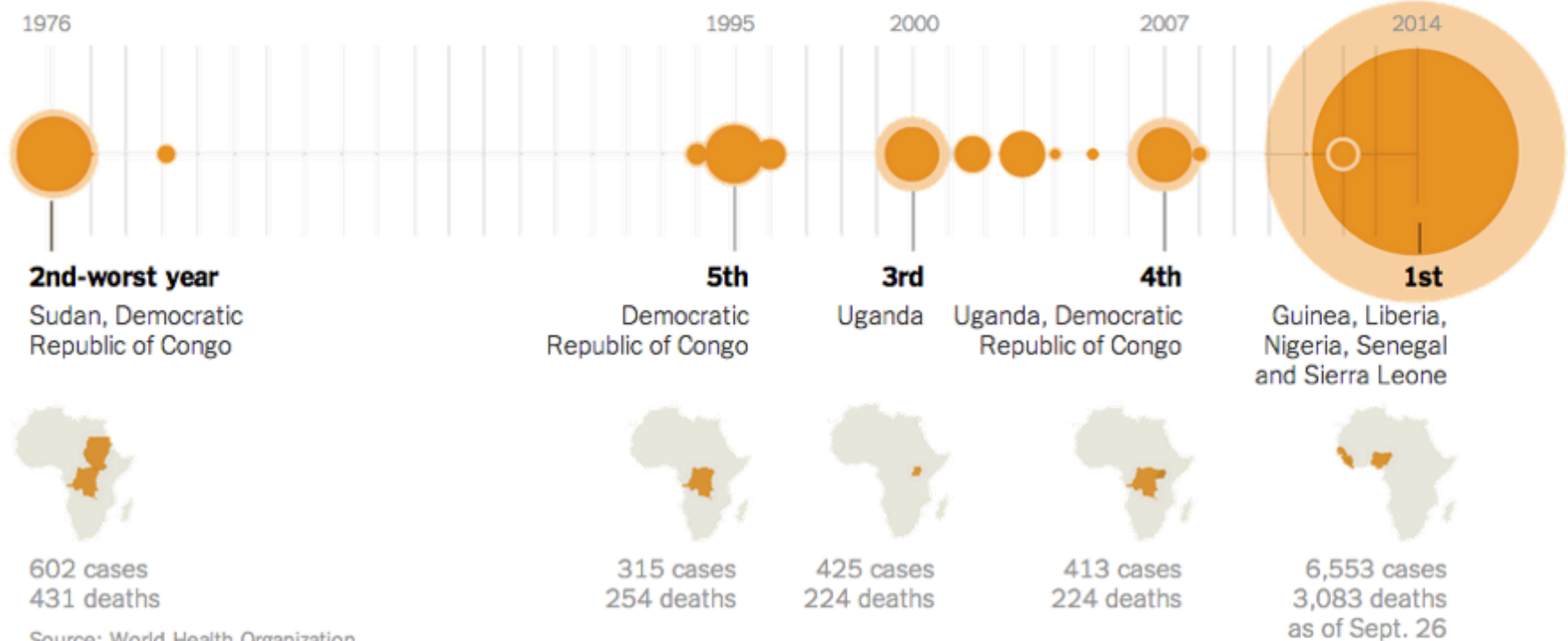
More than 8,900 people in Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone have contracted Ebola since March, according to the World Health Organization, making this the biggest outbreak on record. More than 4,400 people have died.



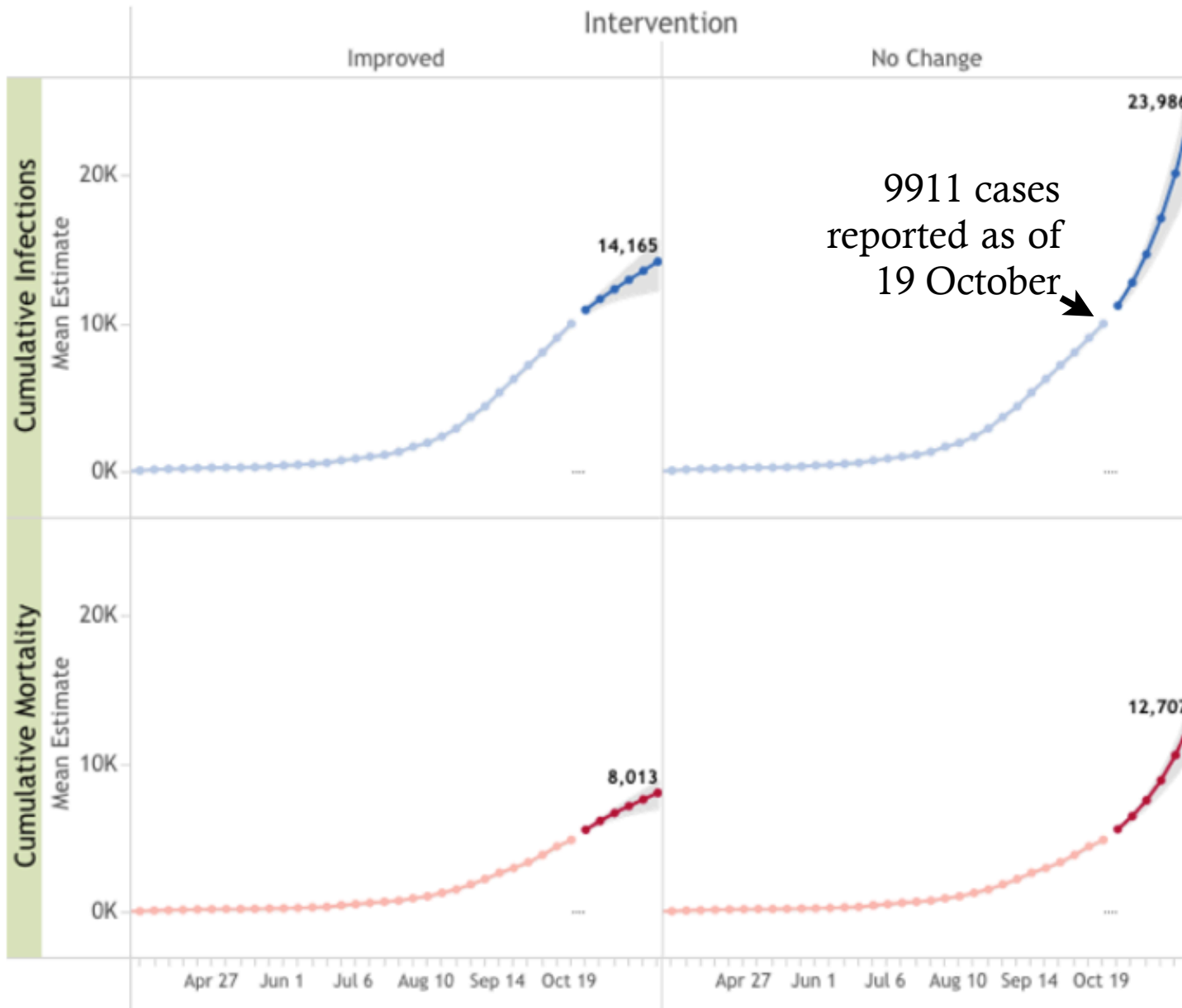
How does this compare to past outbreaks?

It is the deadliest, eclipsing an outbreak in 1976, the year the virus was discovered.

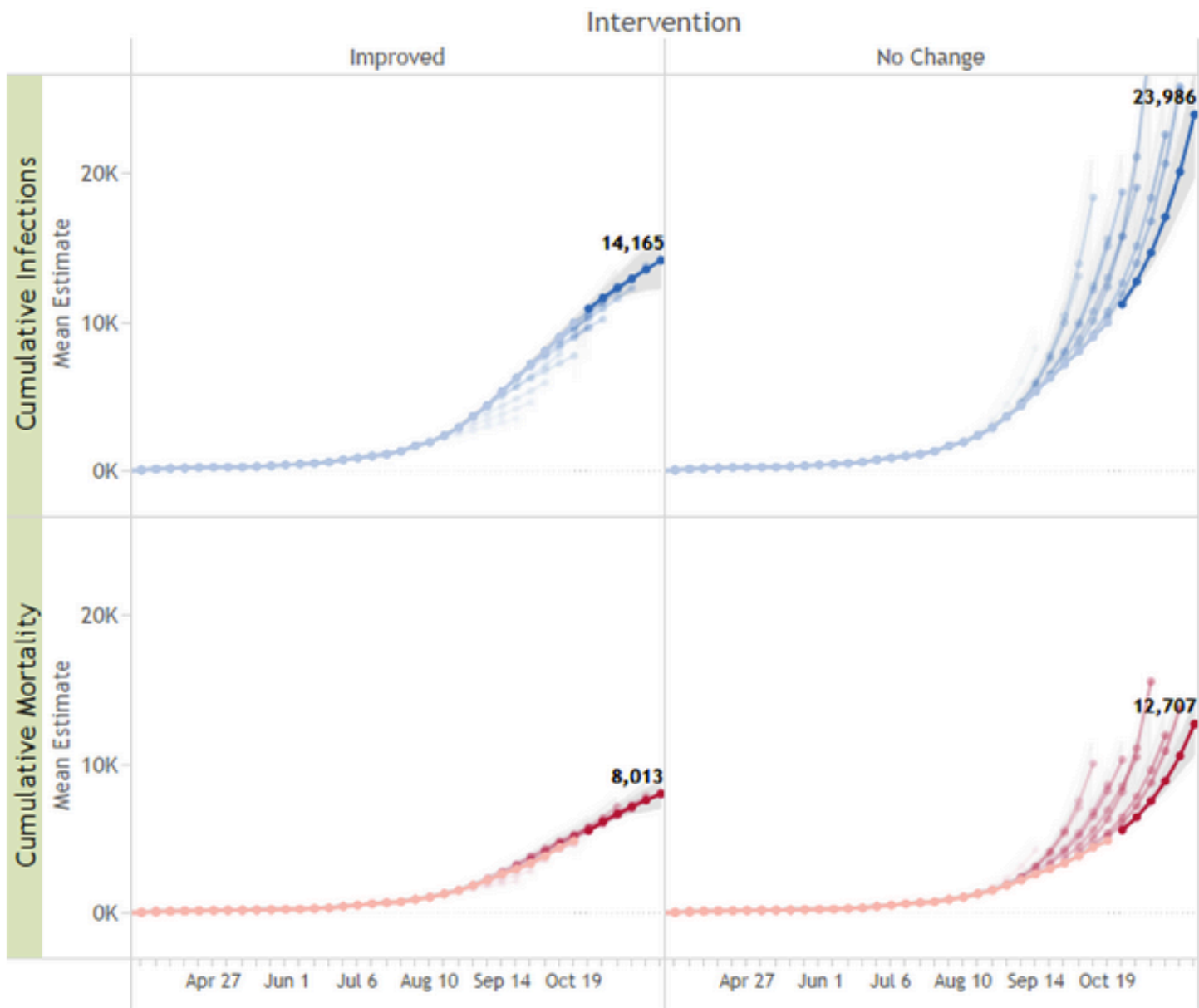
Ebola cases and deaths by year, and countries affected ● Cases ● Deaths



Source: World Health Organization

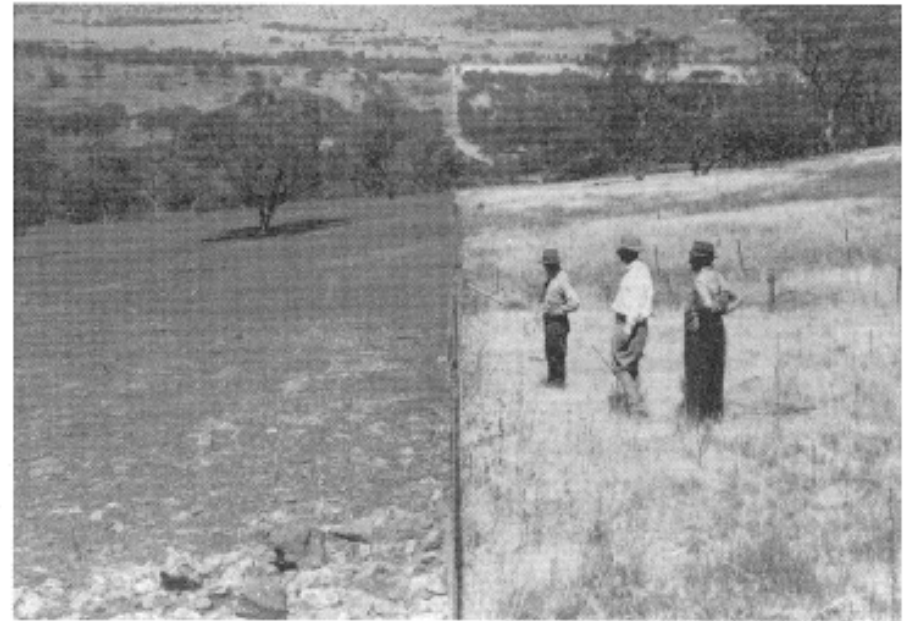
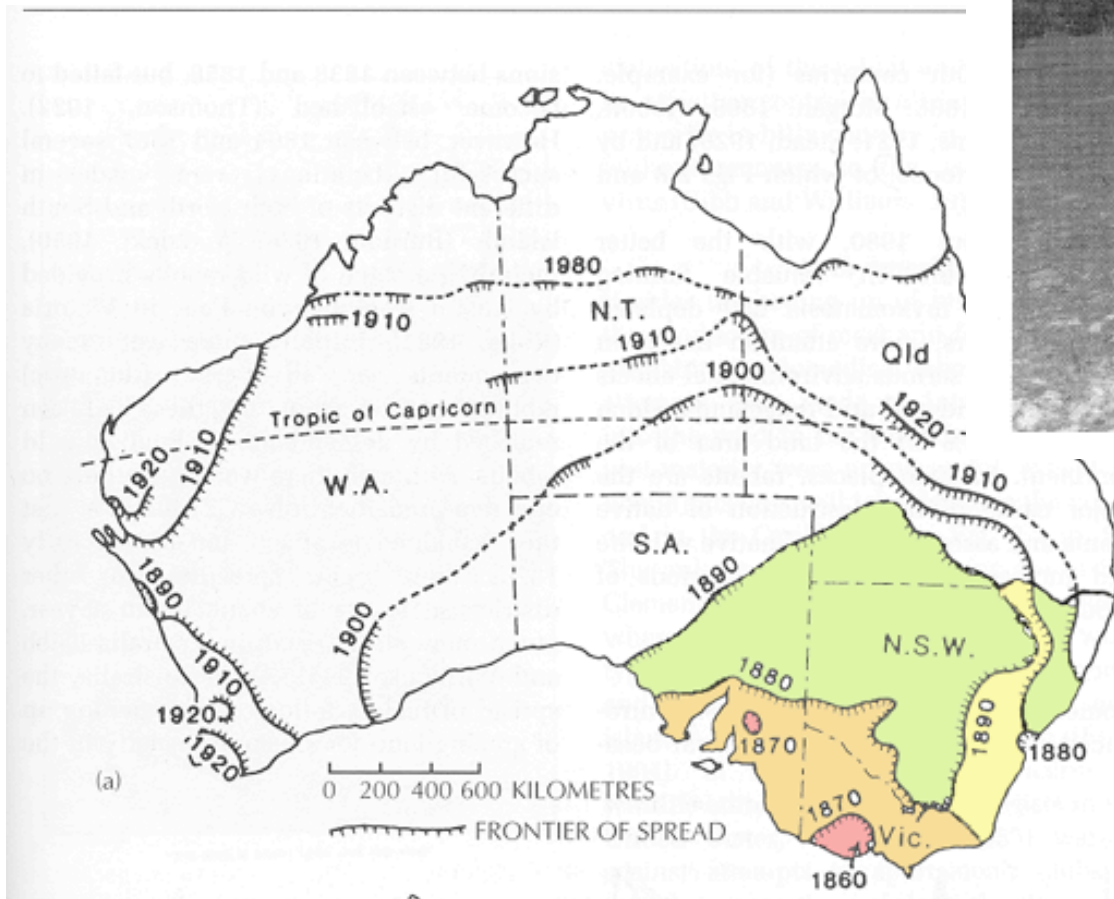


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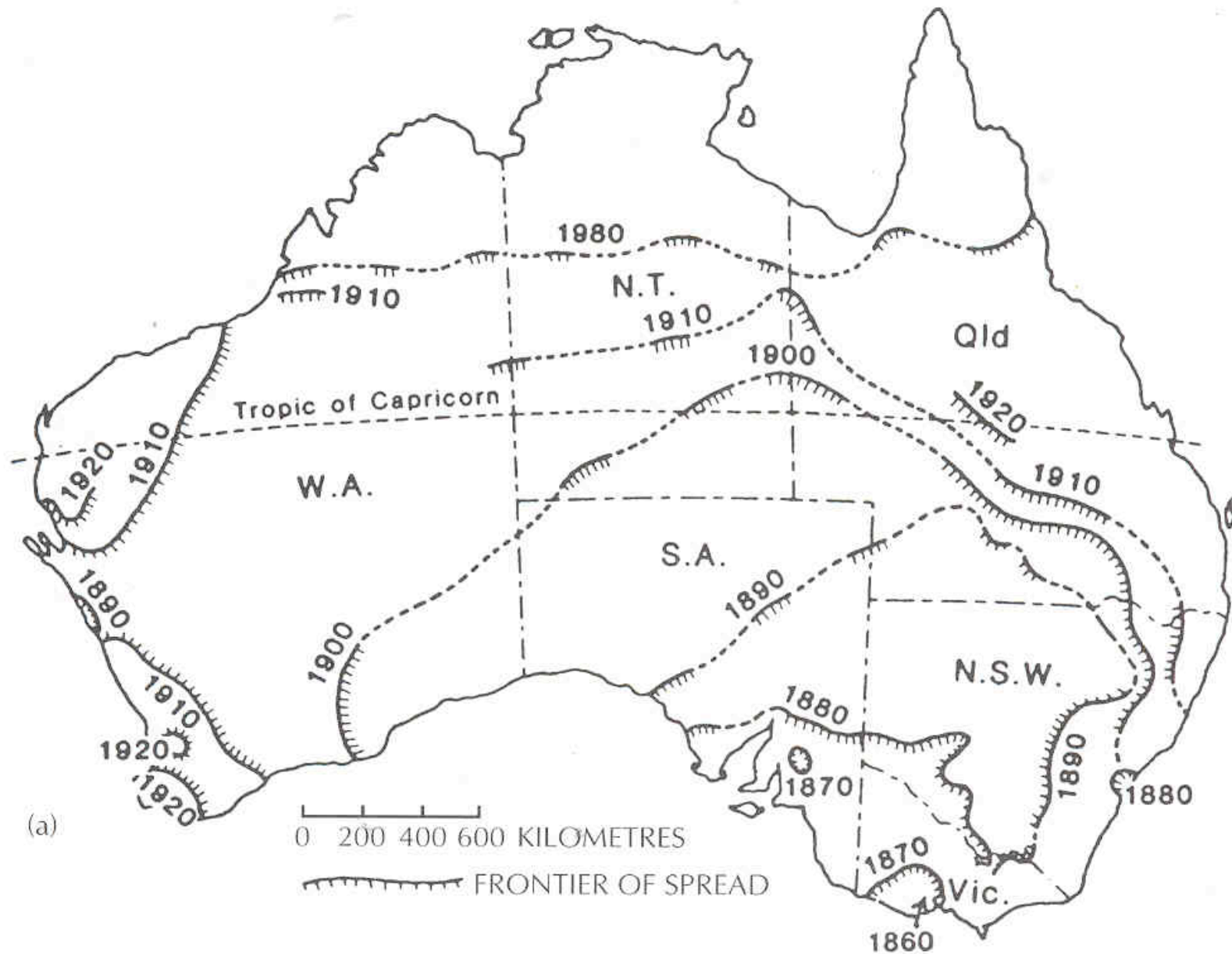


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Spread of rabbits in Australia



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Myxomatosis in Rabbits

Fenner, F., and Fantini, B. 1999. Biological control of vertebrate pests: The history of myxomatosis – an experiment in evolution. CABI Publishing, Oxford.

Introduction/trials of myxoma viruses from South American hares

- Highly lethal
- Host specific
- Transmitted by fleas
(turns out mostly
by mosquitoes)



1930's-1950's in Australia

- Early experiments failed
- Political pressures to control rabbits spearheaded by Dr. Jean MacNamara, a pediatrician and virologist

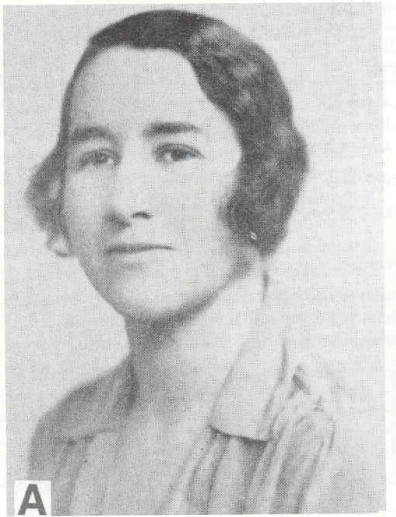
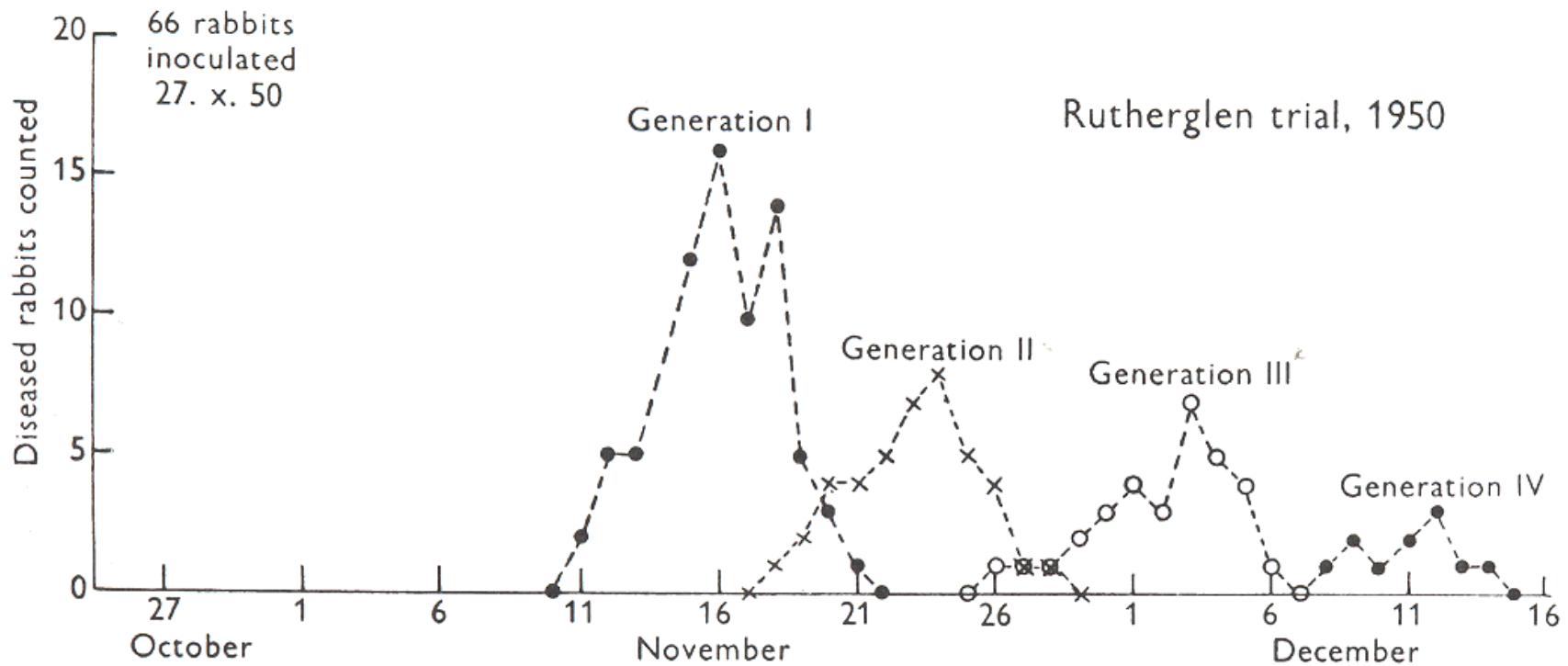


Fig. 6.1. (A) Annie Jean Macnamara (1899–1968).

Few advances would have been made in medical research if work had been abandoned after such a pathetically limited inquiry ... It is difficult to understand why the work was given up, why promising possibilities were not explored, why the virus was not tried on areas more favourable.

1950 “final last ditch effort”



By May of the following year...

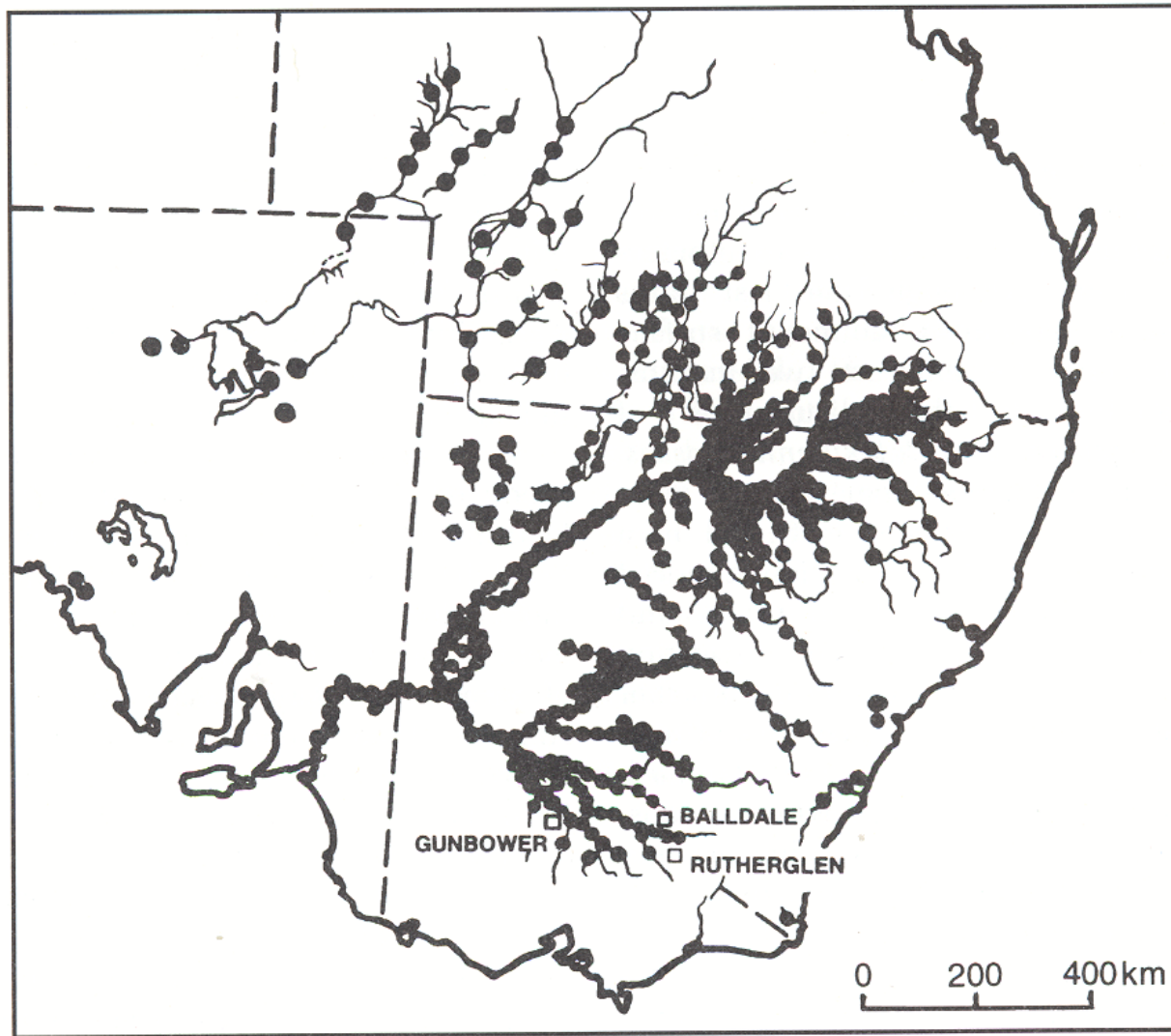


Fig. 6.10. The spread of myxomatosis in south-eastern Australia between December 1950 and May 1951.

Spread of myxomatosis in Australia

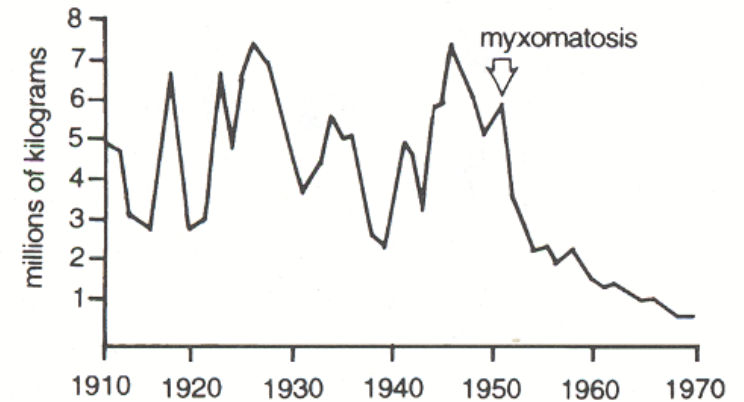
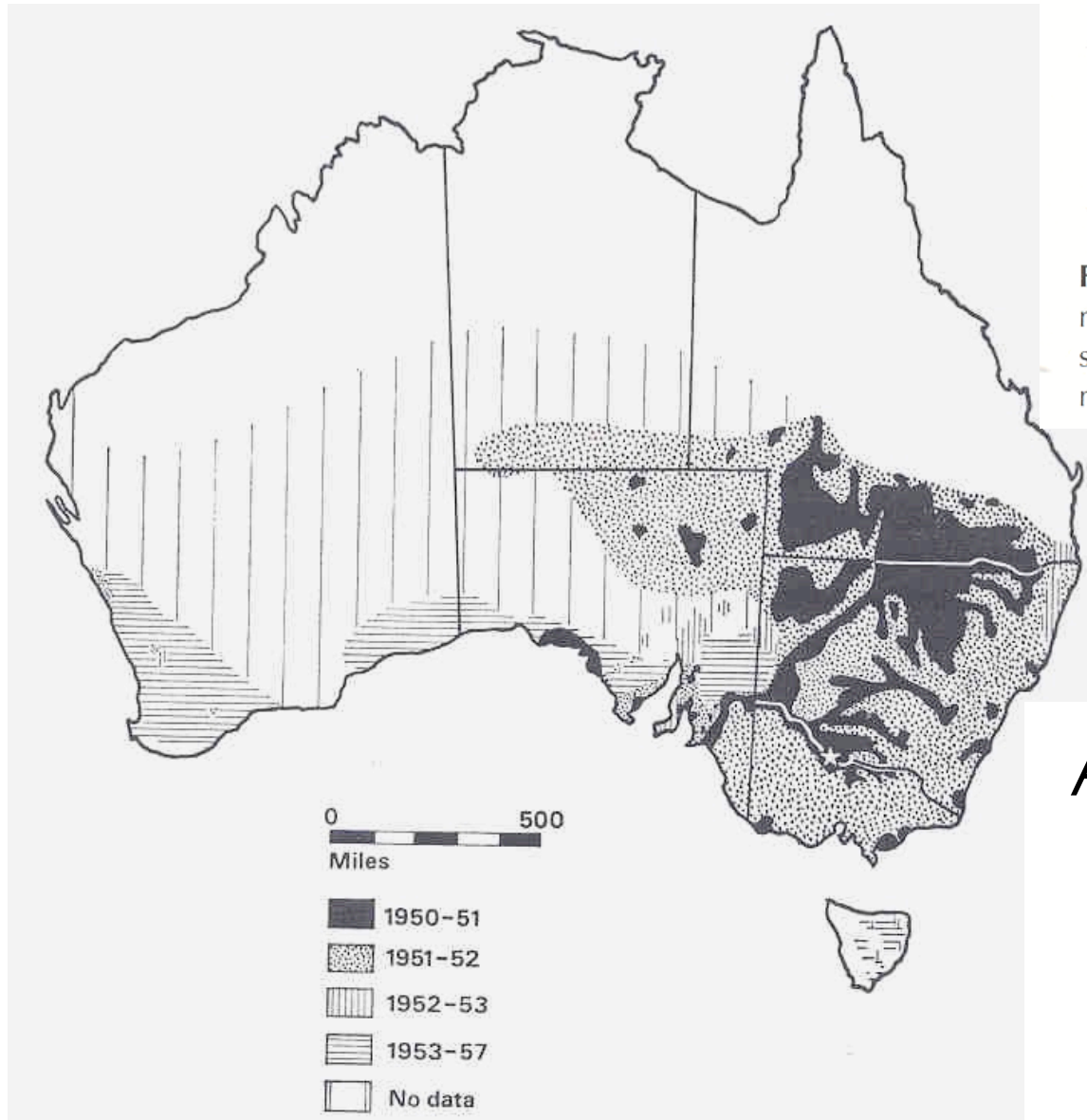
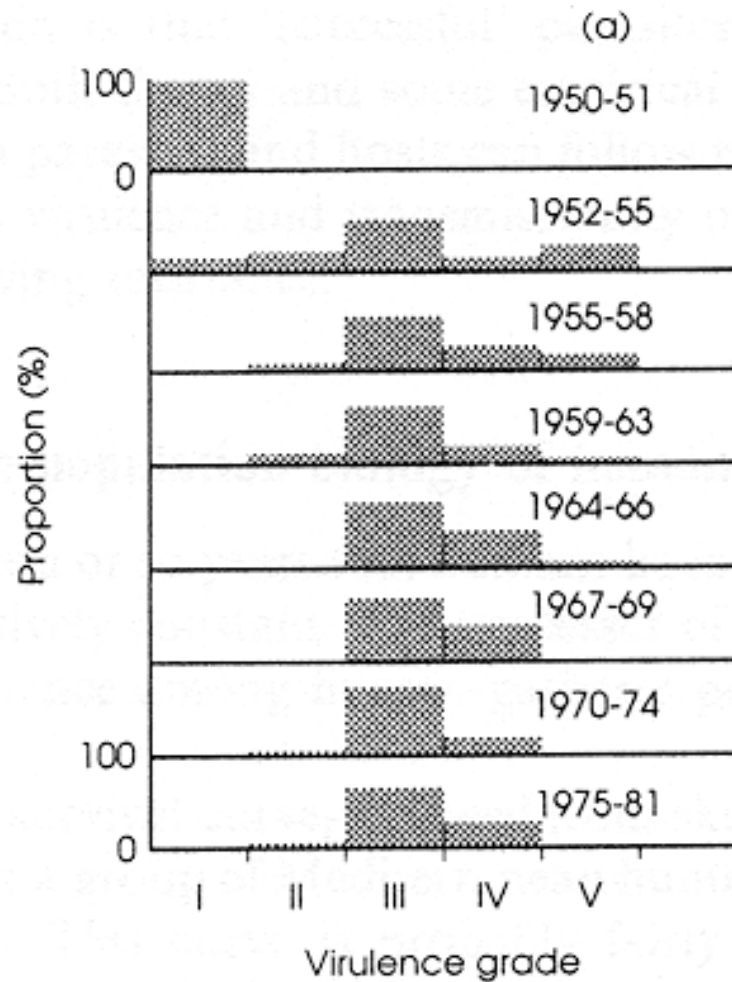


Fig. 2.10. Rabbit skins exported from Australia, in millions of kilograms, between 1910 and 1970, showing the abrupt fall after the spread of myxomatosis in the early 1950s.

Achieved substantial
(>90%) reduction in
rabbit numbers...
but, they

Australia 1950-81



Britain 1950-80

