

# Infectious Disease Models

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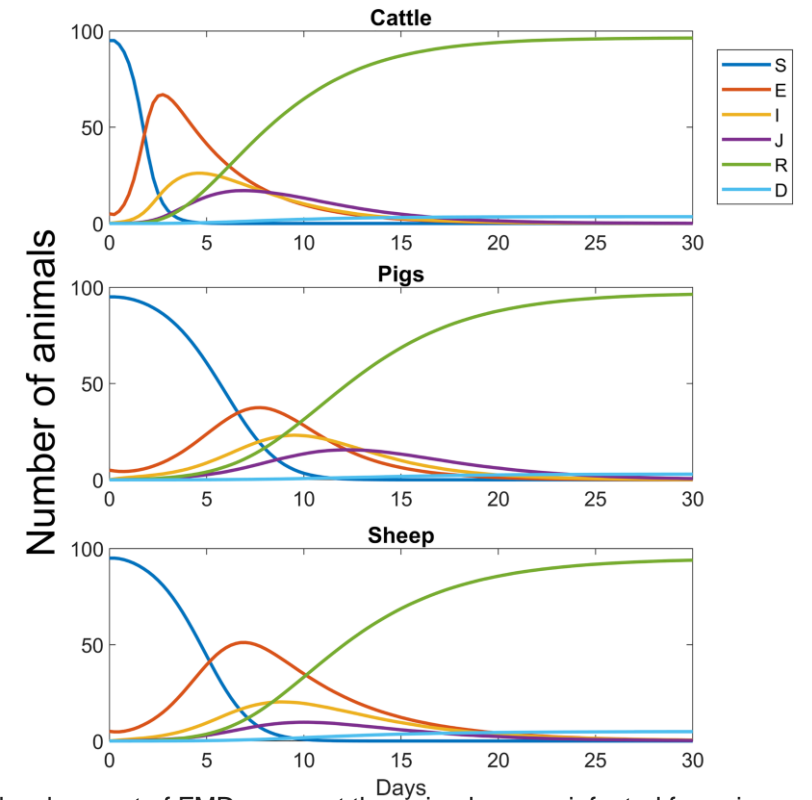
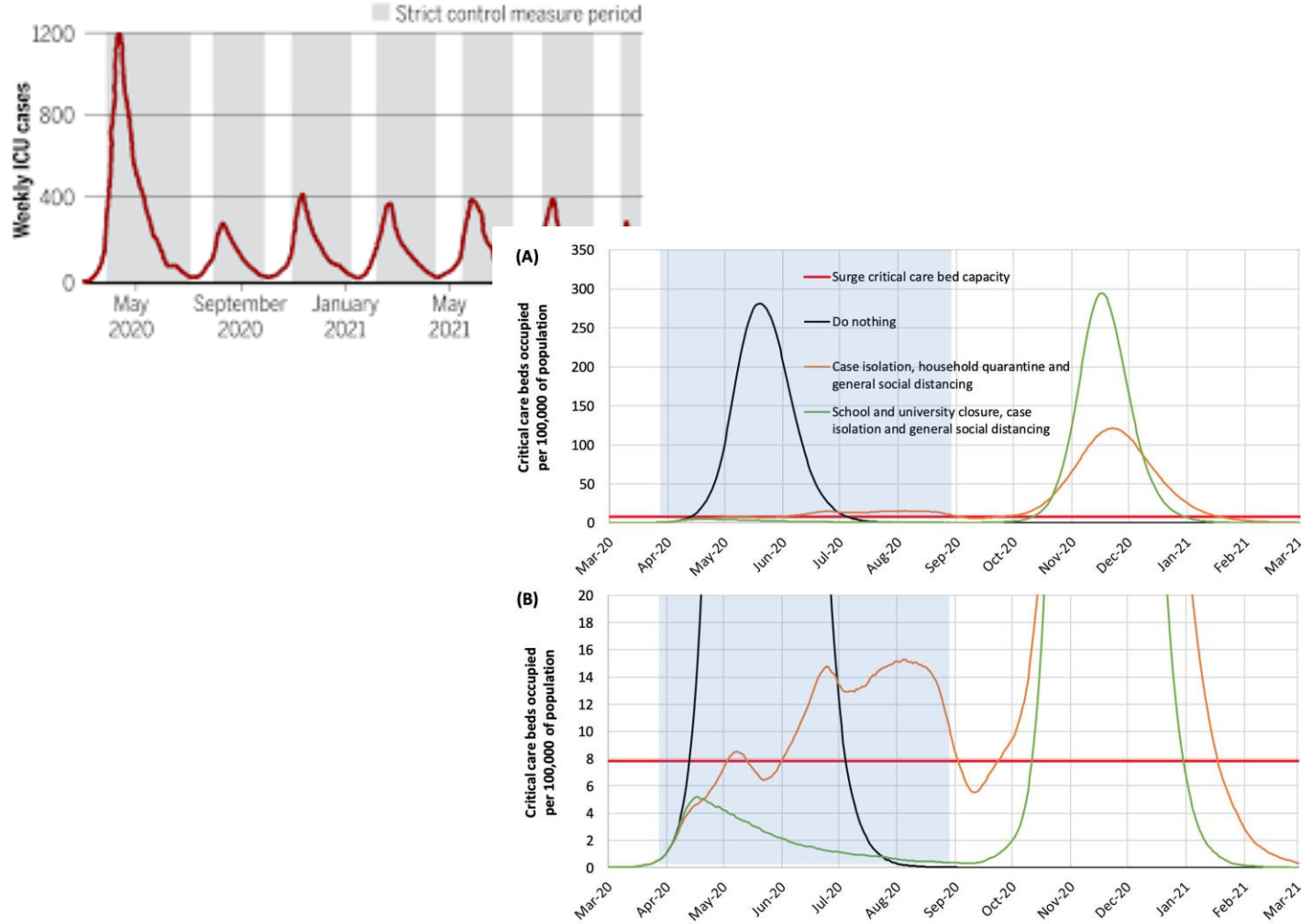
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Infectious disease models provide information that can be used to understand transmission and compare controls options.

# Modeling a bleak future

U.K. control measures could be let up once in a while, a model suggests, until demand for intensive care unit (ICU) beds hits a threshold.

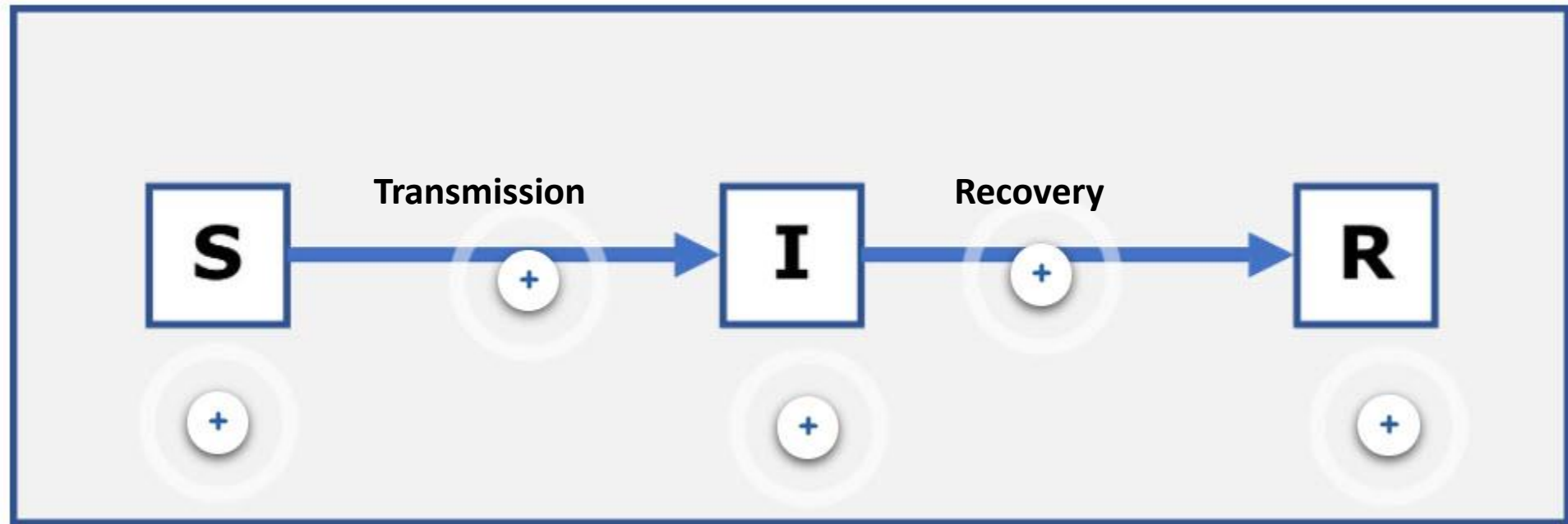


The development of FMD amongst the animals on an infected farm, i.e. intrafarm disease spread. The disease is initiated with 5 infected and 95 uninfected animals in all cases. The disease develop quickest in the case with cattle and slowest for pigs.

# Review Module 1

# Infectious Disease Models

- Use mathematics to describe transmission and evaluate controls



# Infectious Disease Models

- Transmission is determined by:
  - Contact Rate
  - Probability of transmission
  - Level of infection (i.e. what proportion of contacts will be with infectious animals)
- Recovery is determined by the duration an animal is infectious

# Stochastic Process = Chance

- Imagine rolling a die the probability of rolling a six would be  $1/6$
- Probability theory says if we roll the die six times we should expect to have one 6
- But will we?
- No because of chance



# Infectious Disease Model

- To sum up the key concepts:
  - SIR models classify animals according to their current status (e.g. susceptible, infectious and recovered)
  - We use mathematical formulas to determine how many animals will be susceptible, infectious, and recovered each day.
  - SIR models have parameters that are fixed for a given scenario but can vary among scenarios.
  - We can include chance and when we do it is called a stochastic model



# Review Module 2

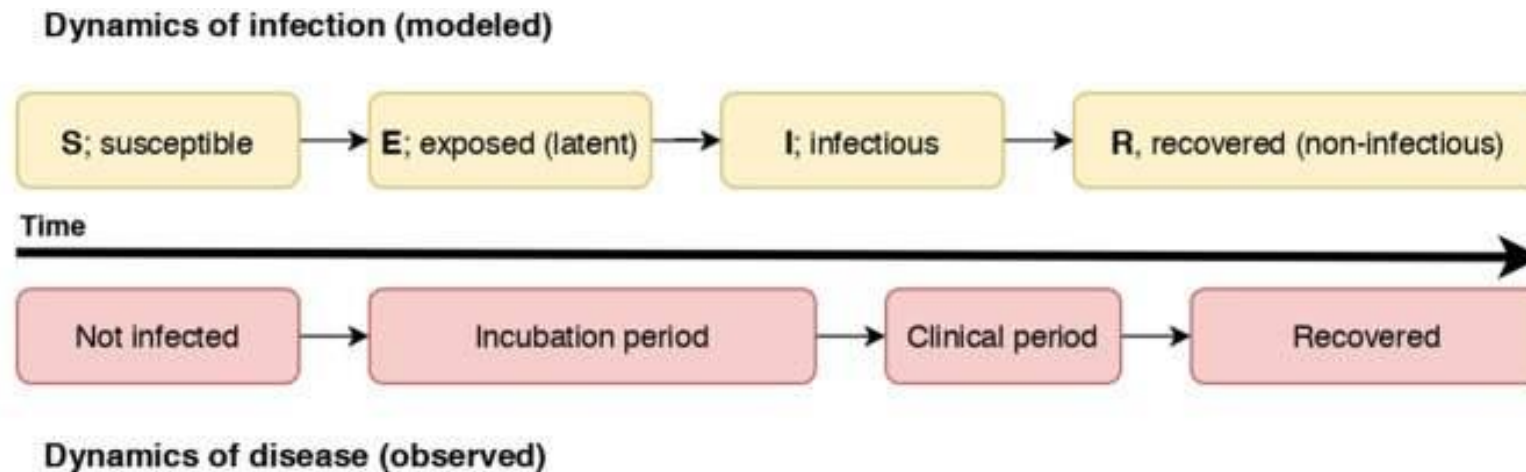
# Terminology

- Unit of interest
  - Are we interested in an individual animal or a group (e.g. farm, flock), or region
- Dynamic
  - The model includes time
- Homogeneous v's heterogenous contacts
  - Homogeneous = all units (e.g. animals or farms) have the same contact patterns
  - Heterogenous = we allow for different contact patterns for different types of units.

# Terminology

- Disease states

- Disease spread models represent the progression of the units of interest through different disease states. For instance, susceptible (S), infectious (I), and recovered (R).



# Terminology

- Individual-based model
  - When we use an individual-based model each individual unit is followed separately to see what happens. In the HPAI scenario that means we would be following all 100,000 flocks of poultry.

# What to do before programming a model

## 1. Define the purpose:

Involves identifying the question or questions to be answered, the system to be modelled, and the outputs to track

## 2. Identify the unit of interest

When modelling spread of an outbreak in a country or region we then to focus on the farm

## 3. Identify what is known about the disease and population to be modelled.

## 4. Determine the model type

# Collating information

- The distribution of disease is determined by:
  - Dynamics of the underlying population (e.g. movement patterns between farms, types of farms)
  - Disease transmission

# Type of model

Comprises of two parts:

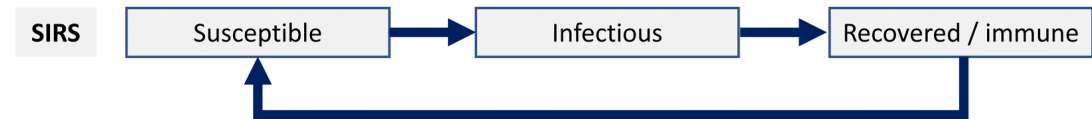
- How do you want to conceptualise the model?
- Will you create a deterministic or stochastic model?

# Conceptualising the model

## Susceptible-Infectious-Susceptible



## Susceptible-Infectious- Recovered/Immune-Susceptible





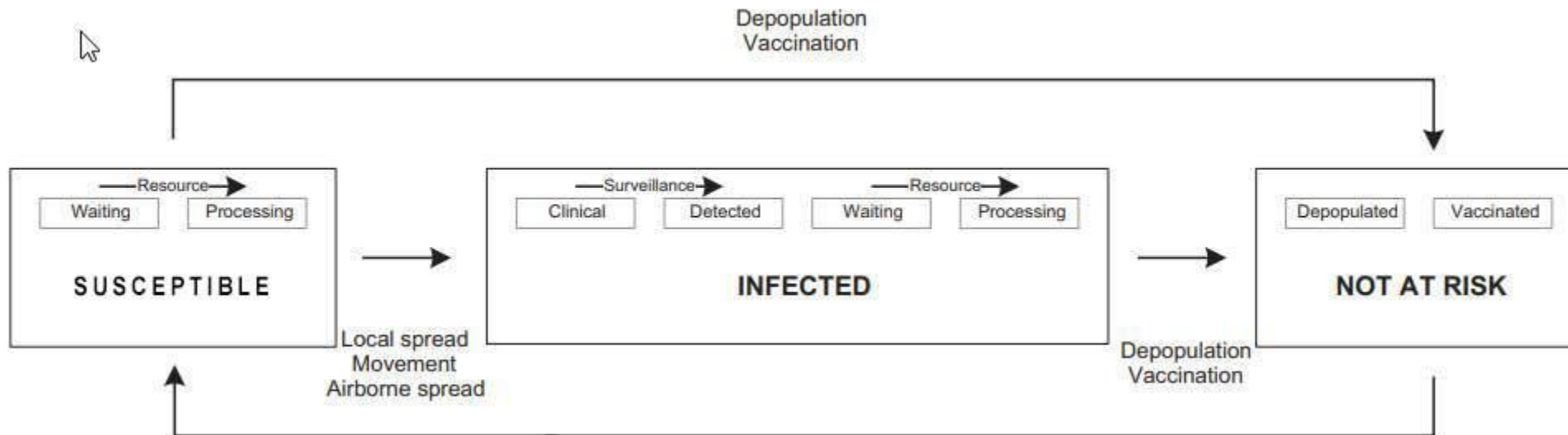
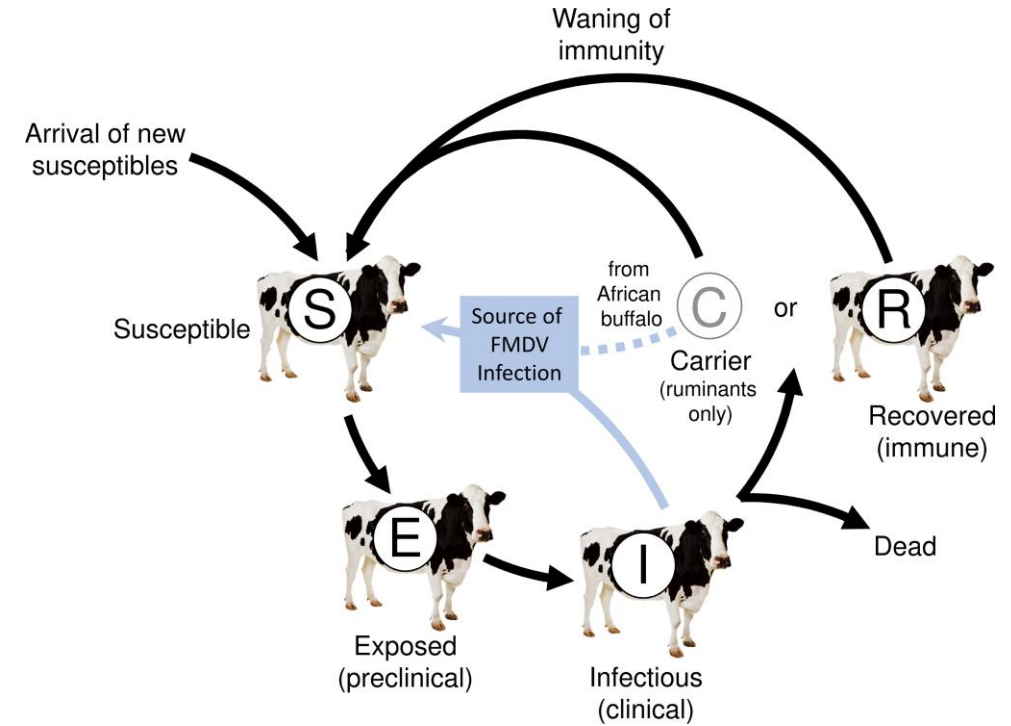
# Conceptualising the model

## Susceptible-Exposed-Infectious-Recovered-Susceptible

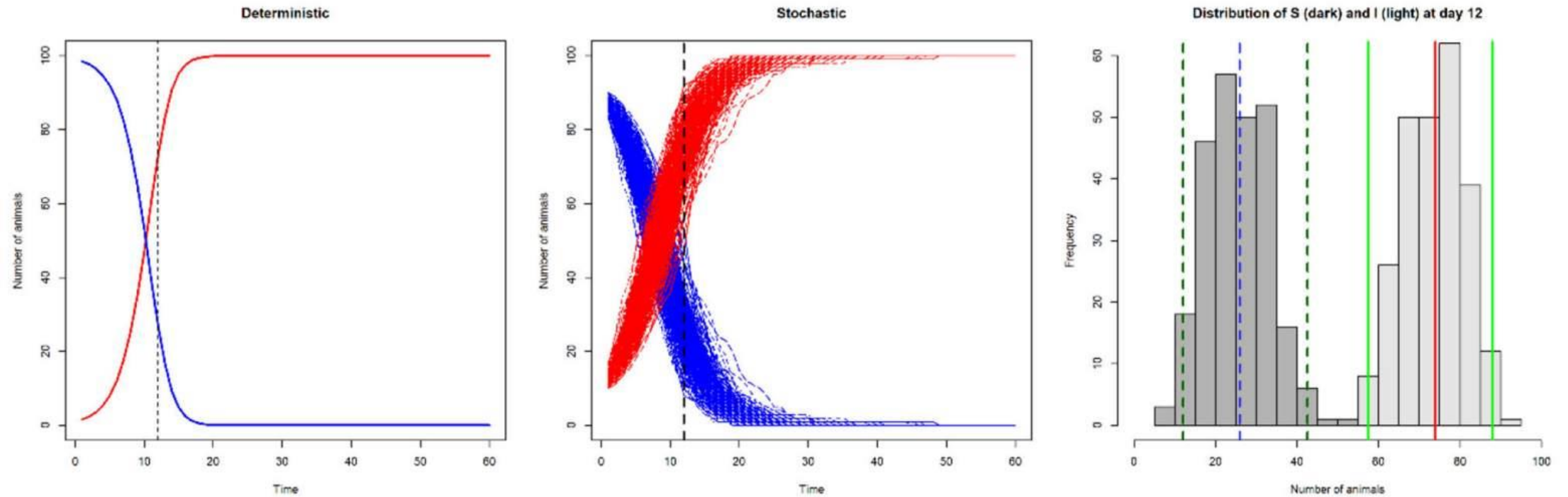


# Conceptualising the model

- We are not limited to standard formats



# Deterministic V Stochastic



Key difference is that for each day we have multiple possible values.

# Conclusion

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2. Identify the unit of interest
3. Identify what is known about the disease and population to be modelled.
4. Determine the model type

Breakout rooms



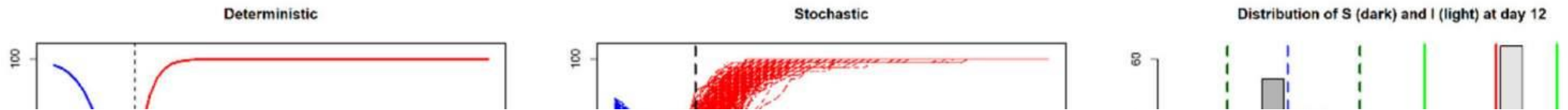
# Naomi's Breakout Rooms

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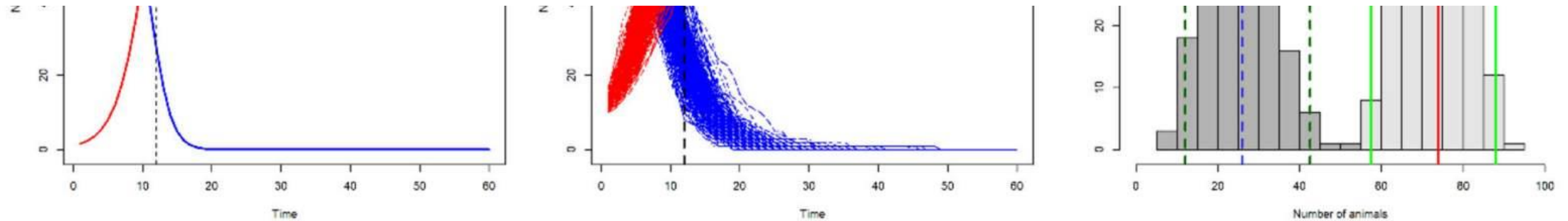
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Coming next

# Coming next week



If there are many possible answers how do we decide what to do?



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