

# Controlling malaria with indoor residual spraying in spatially heterogeneous environments



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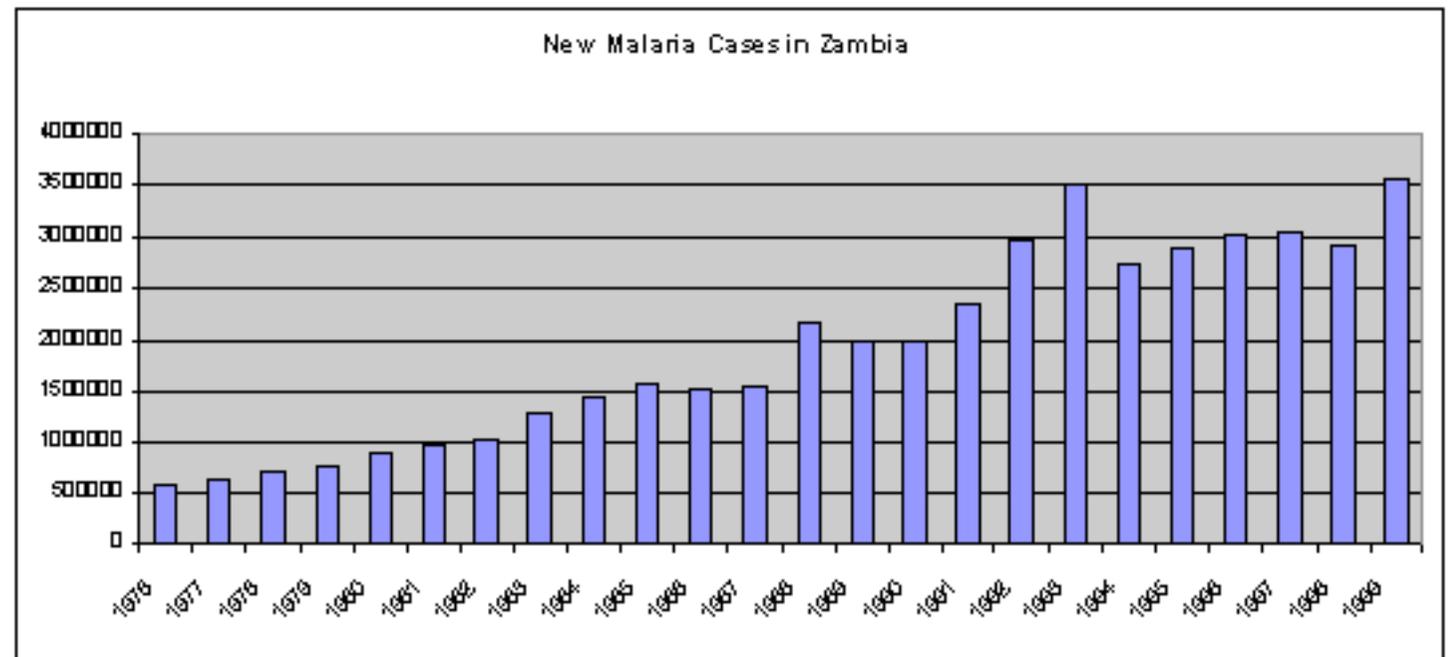
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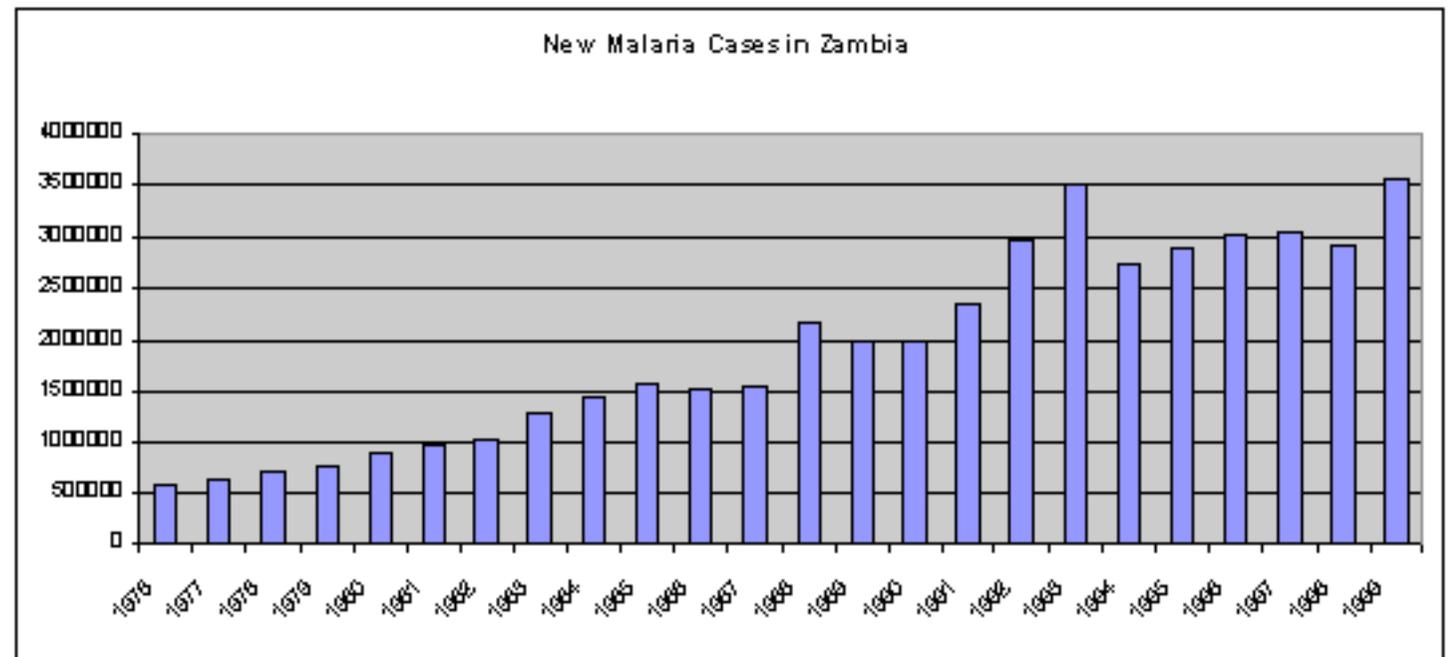
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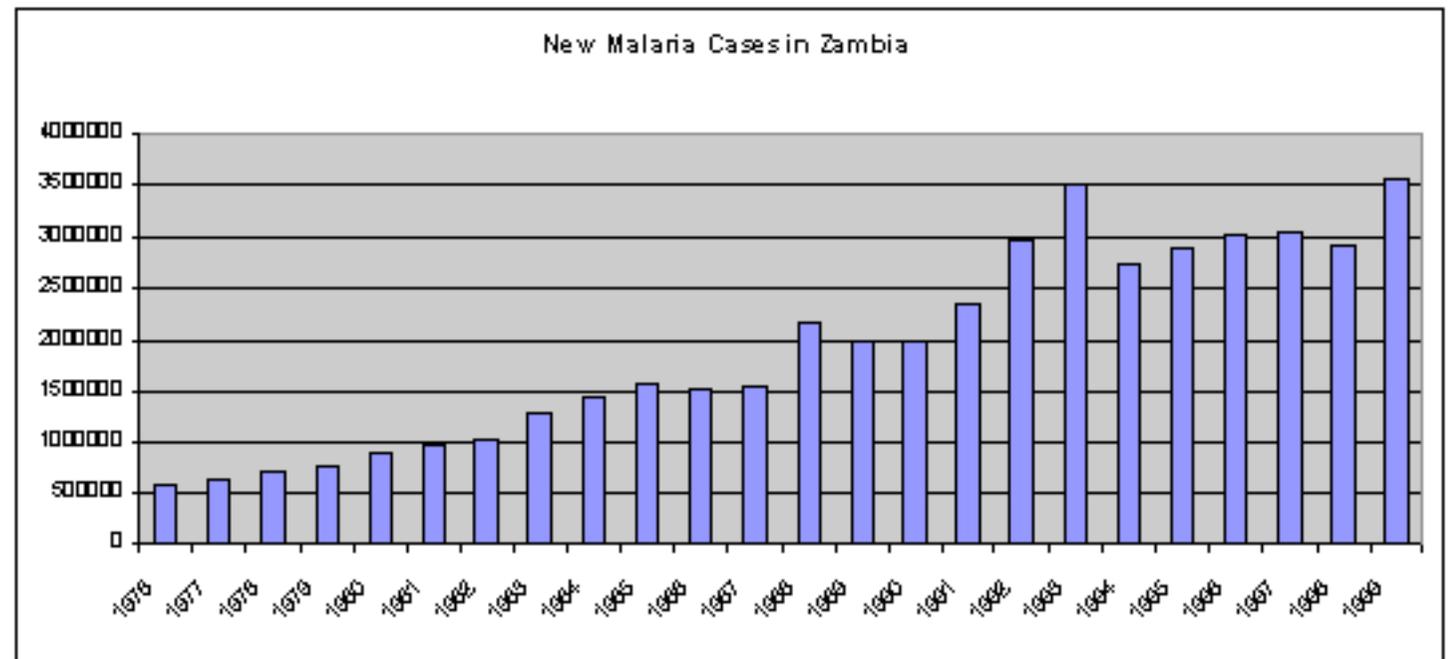
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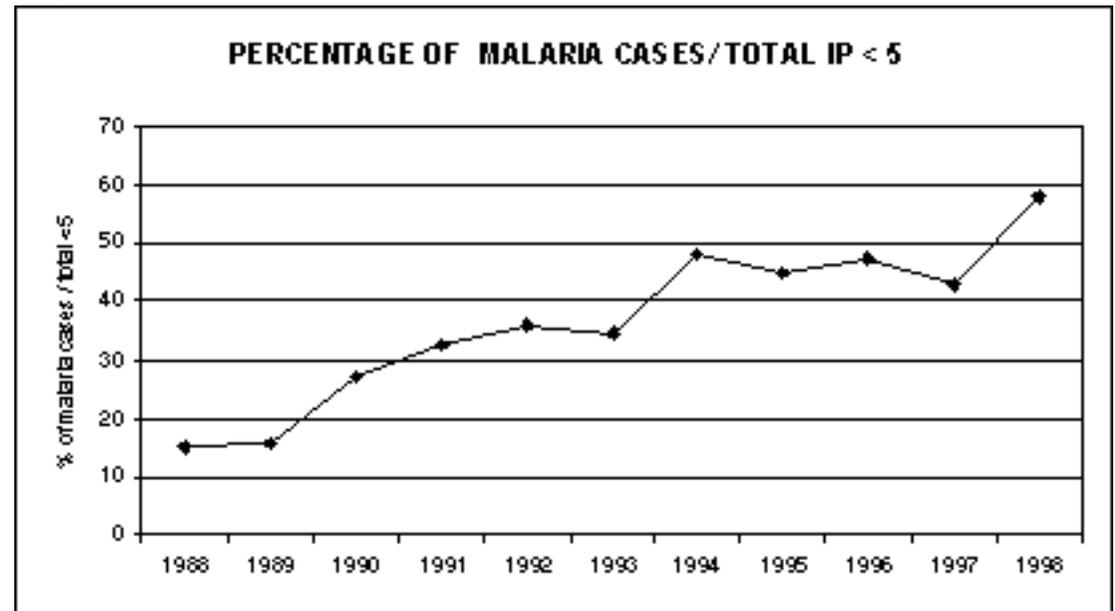
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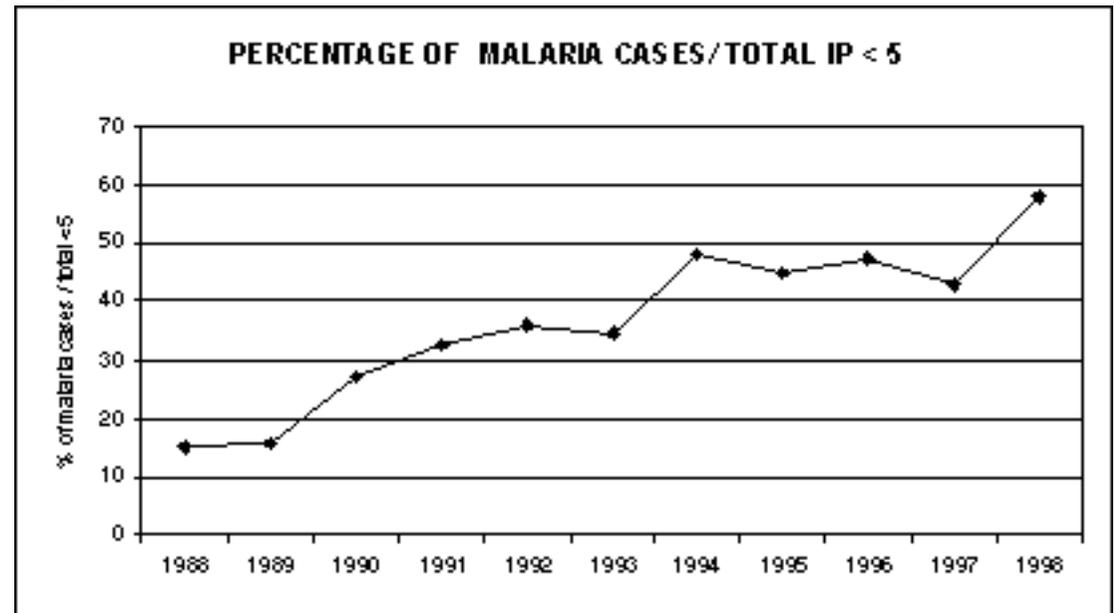
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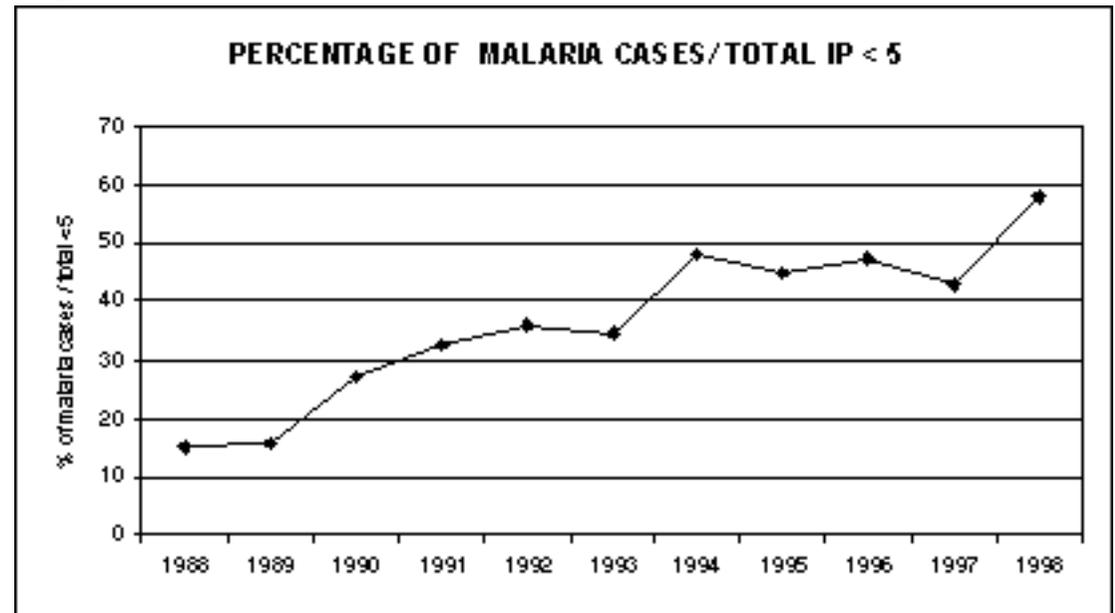
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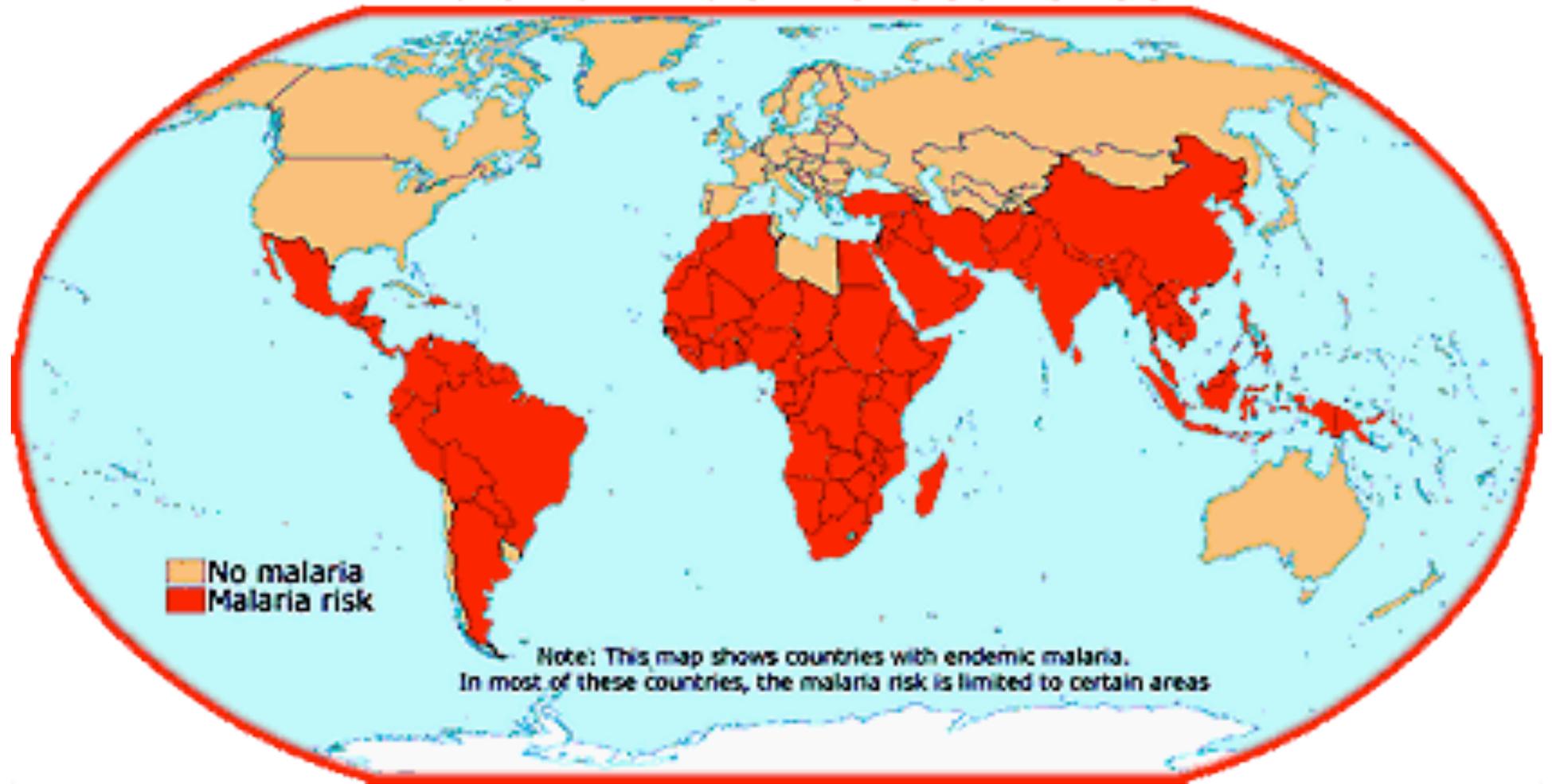
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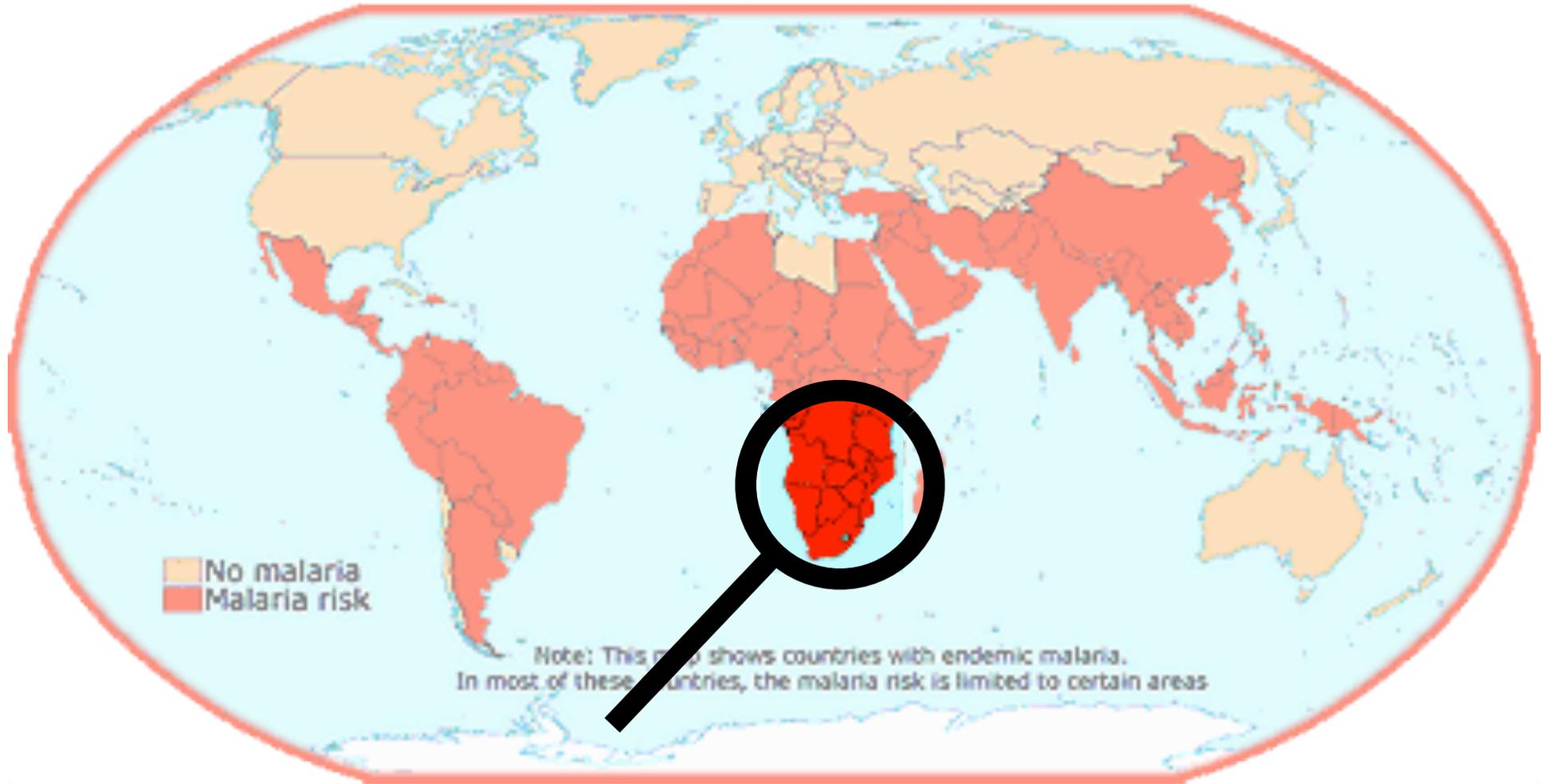


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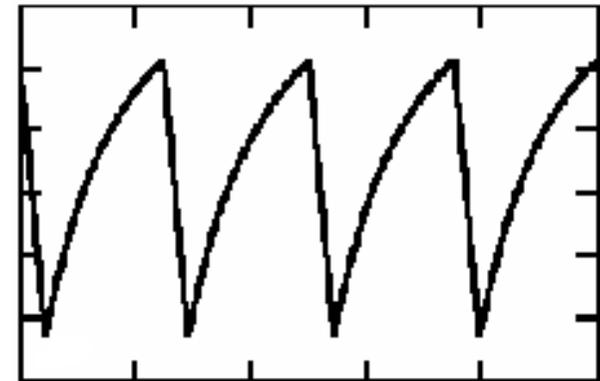
**Can we alter our control strategies to account for asymmetric phenomena such as wind?**



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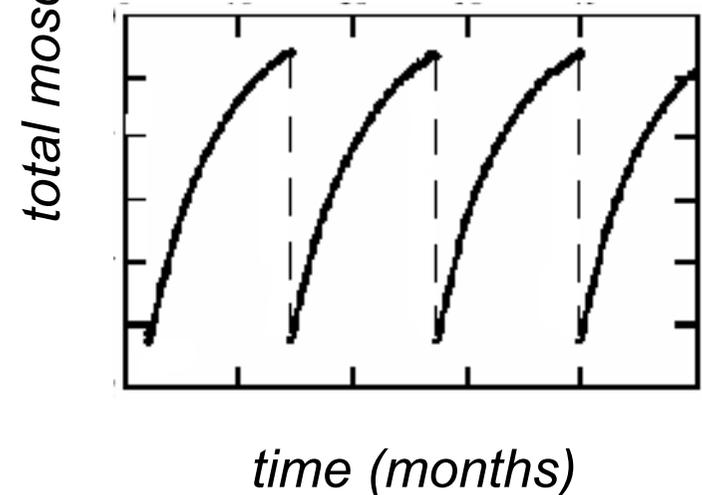
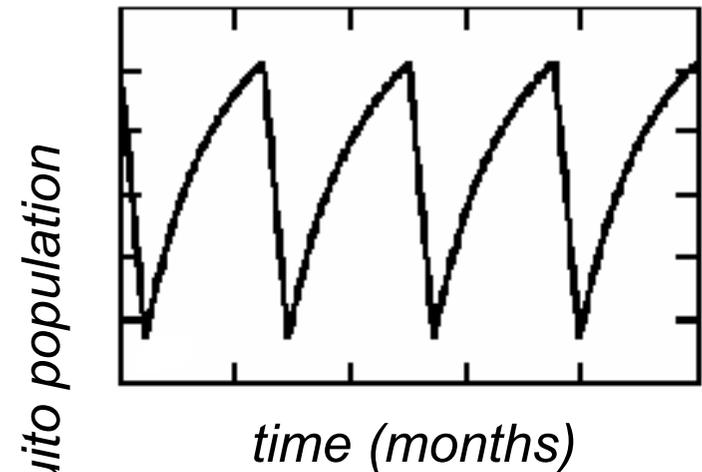


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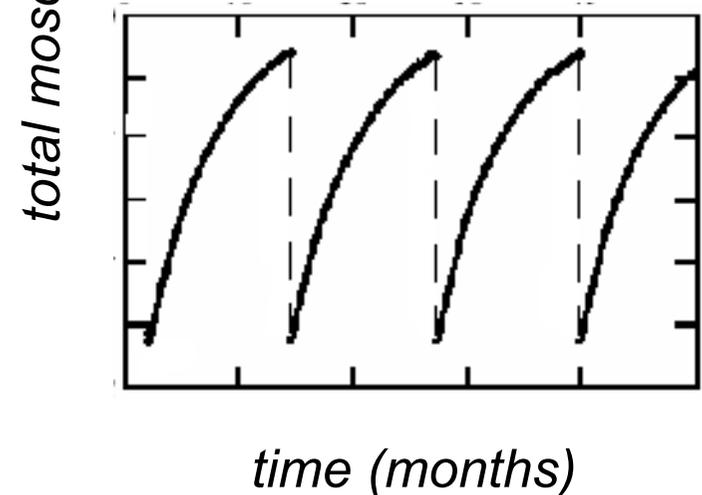
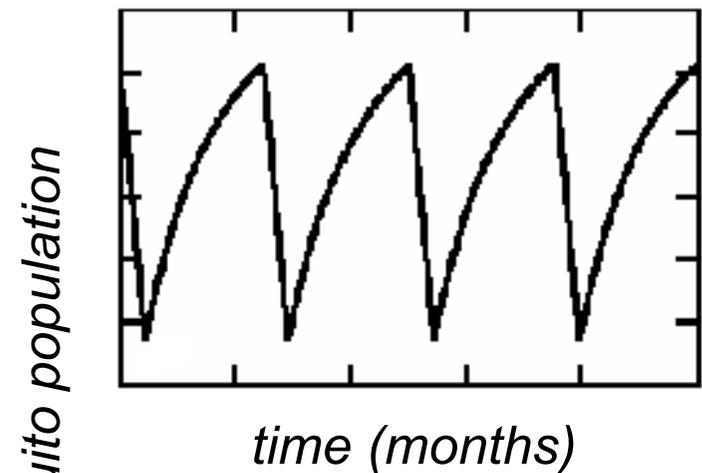
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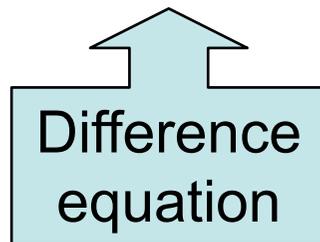
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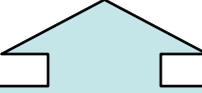
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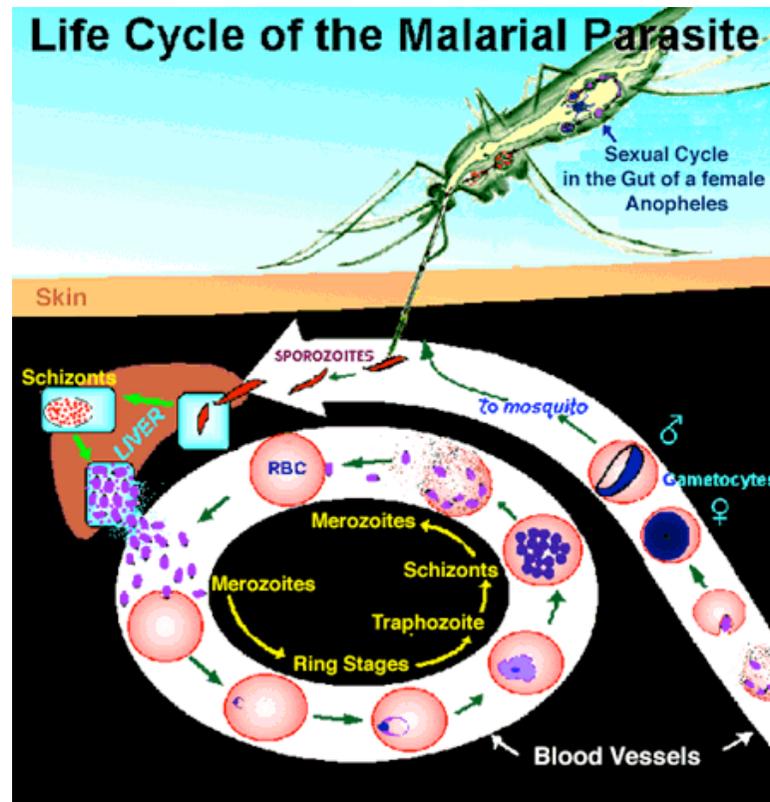
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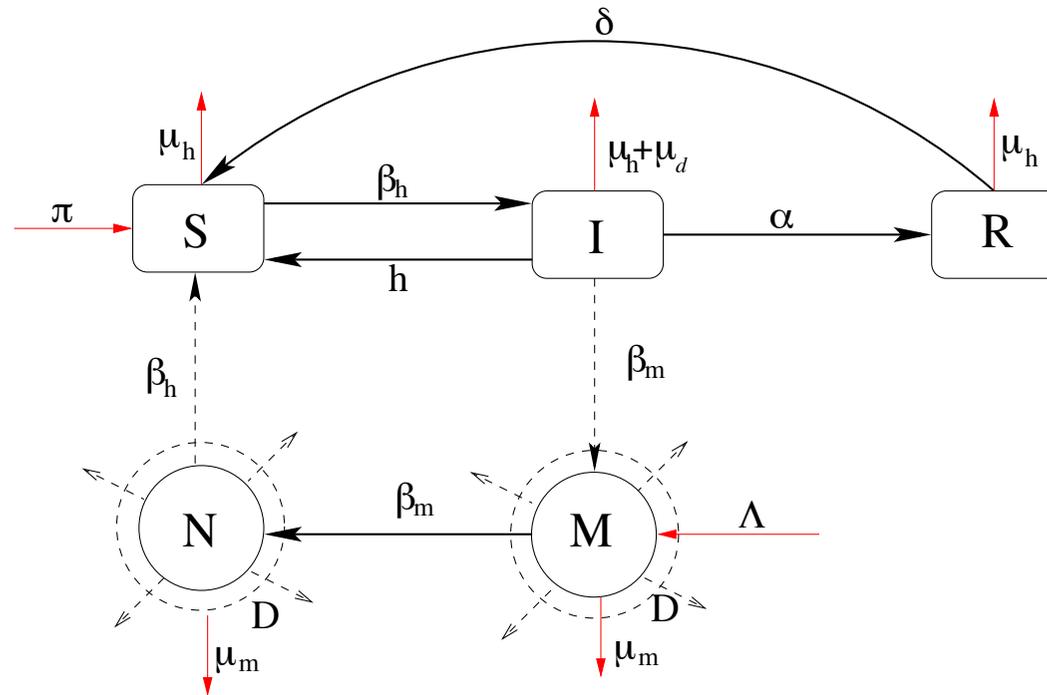
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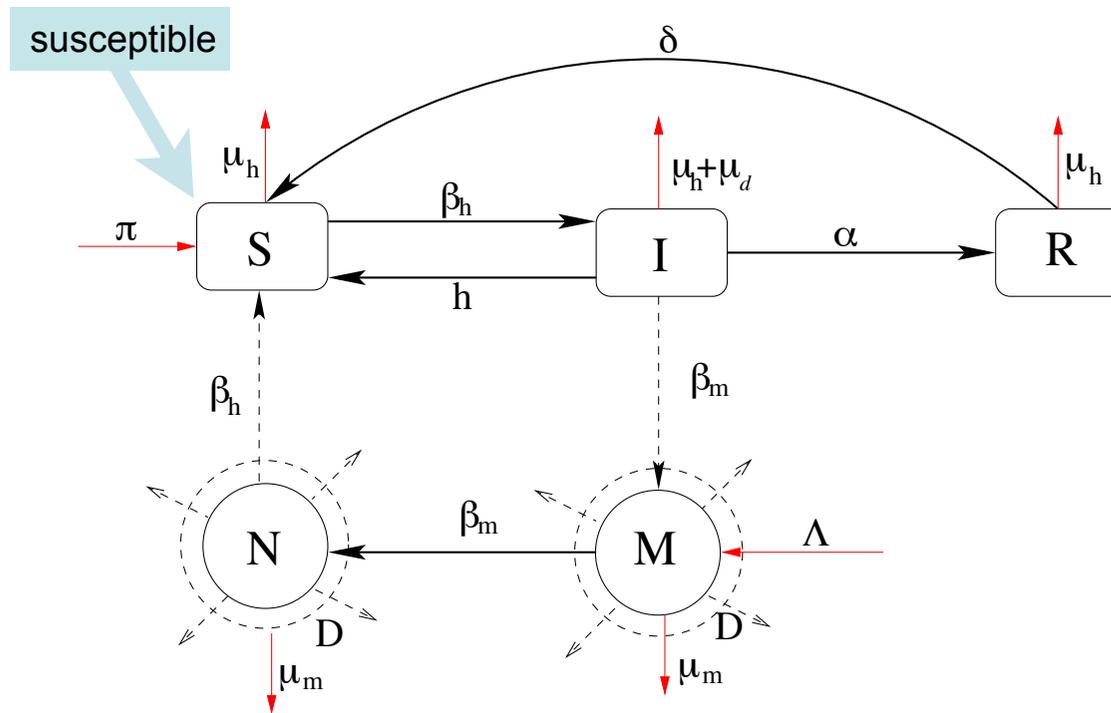
- The model thus consists of a system of ODEs (humans), together with PDEs and difference equations (mosquitos).



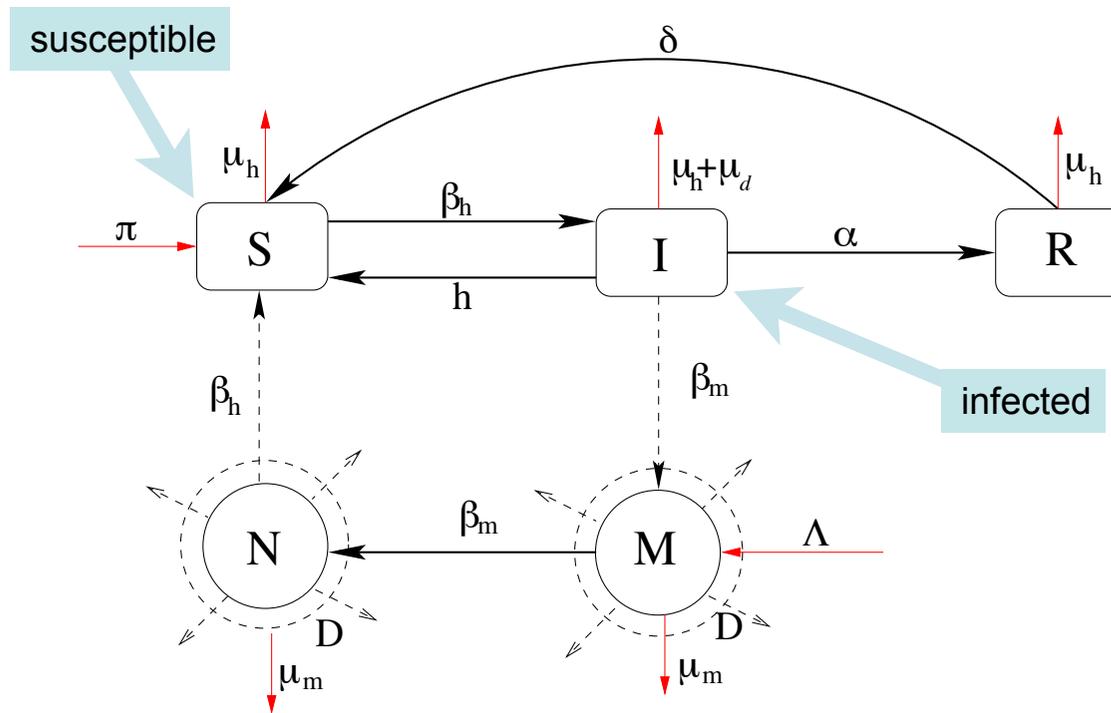
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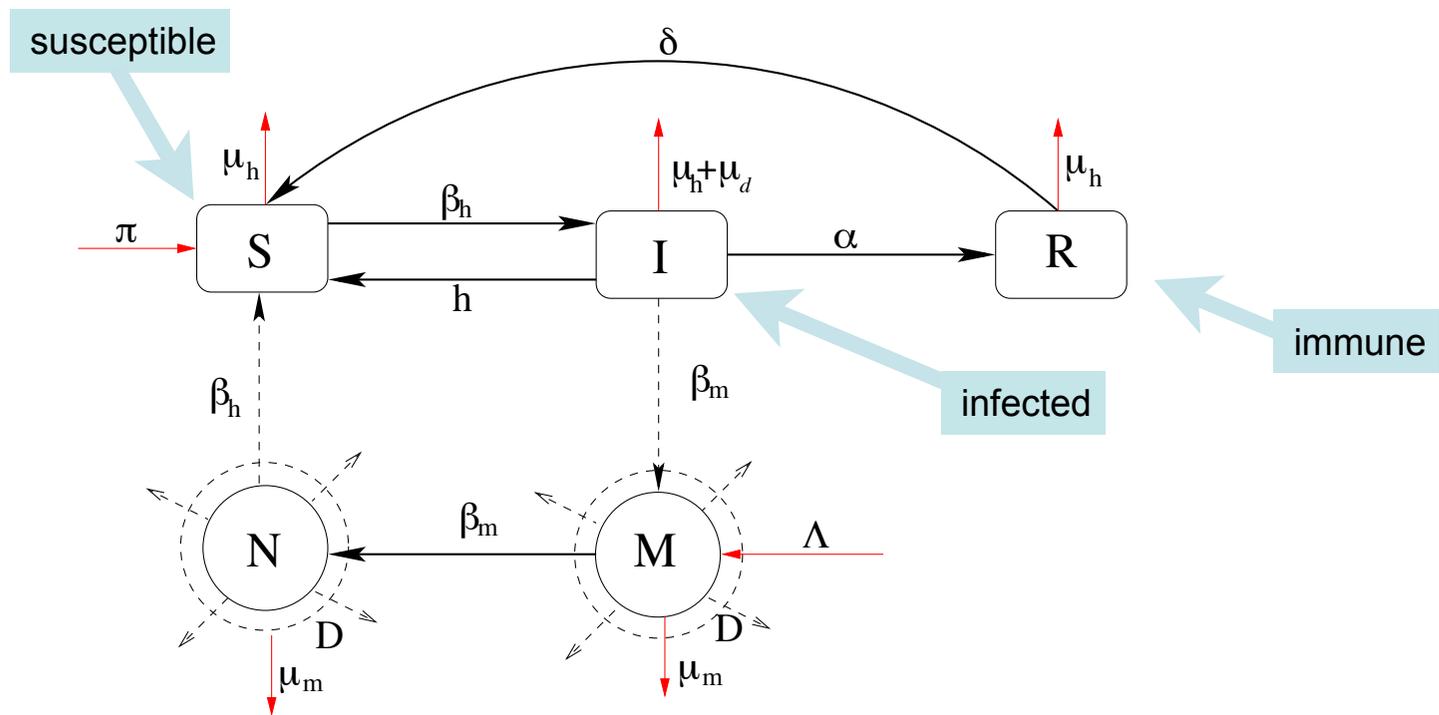
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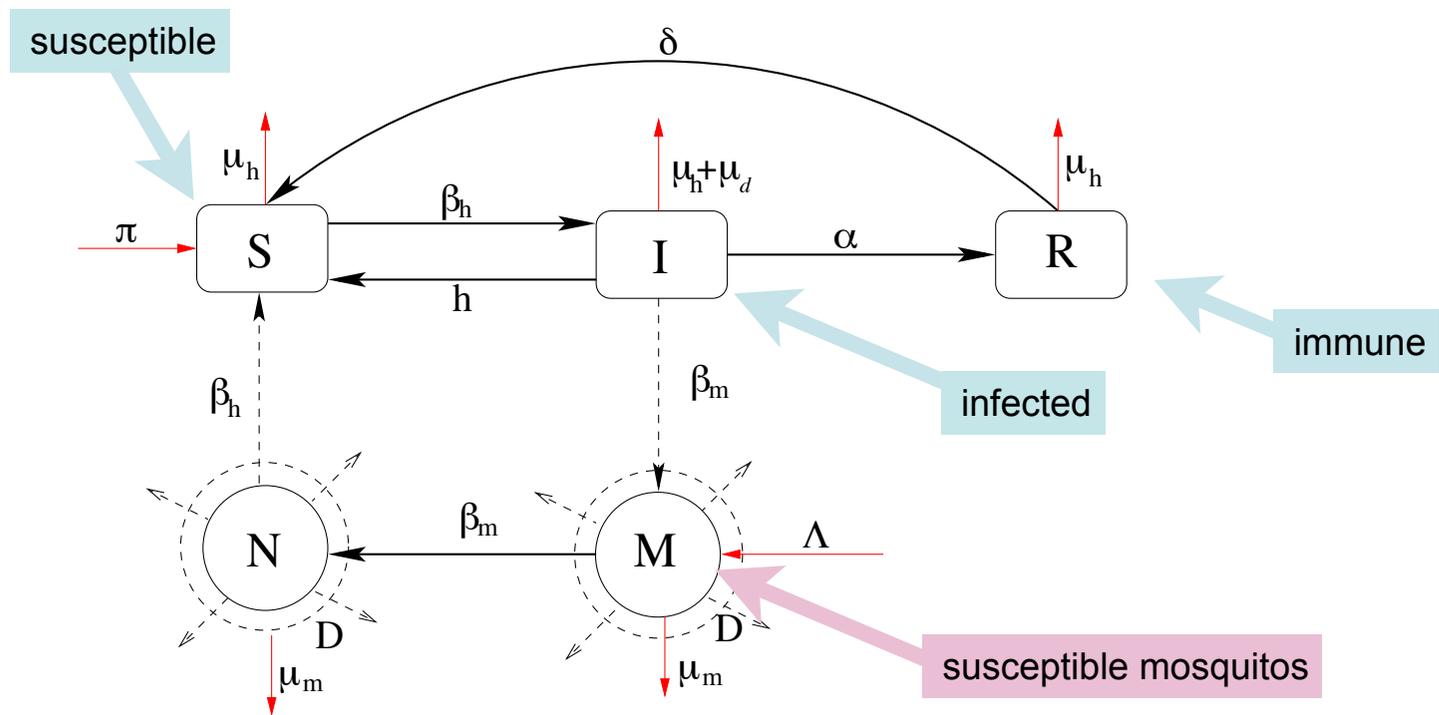
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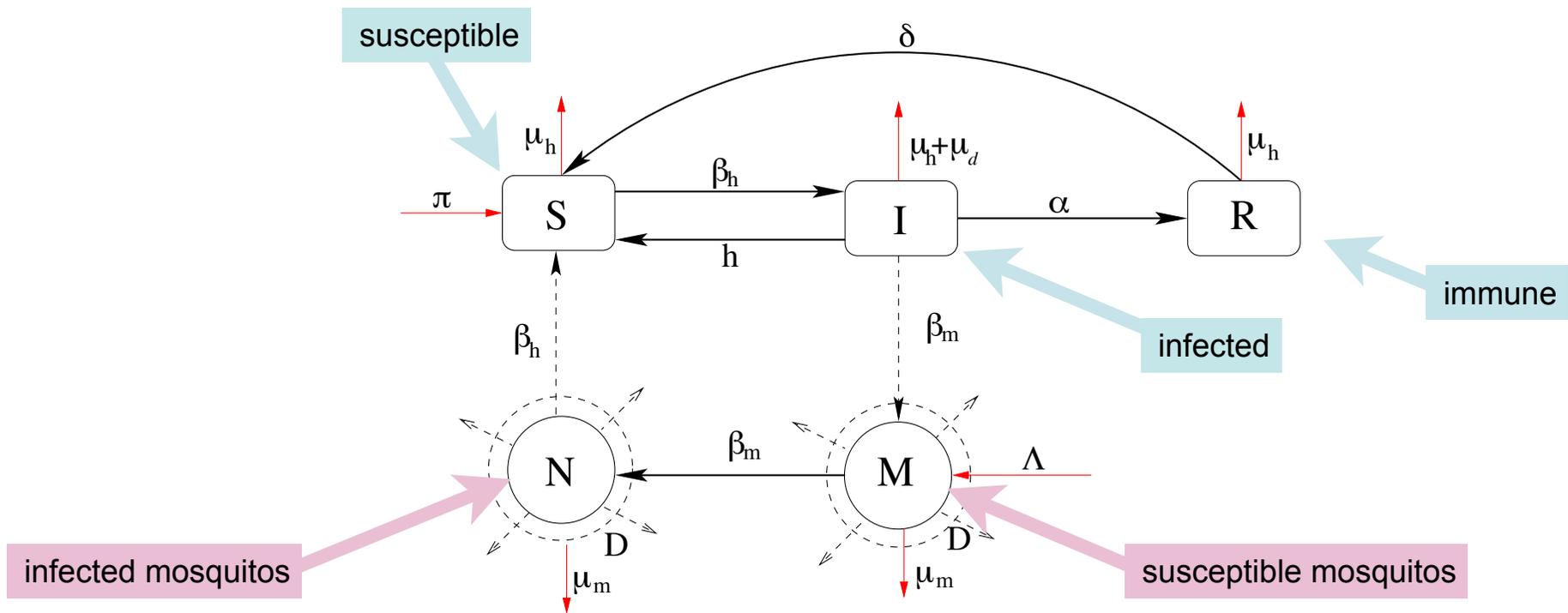
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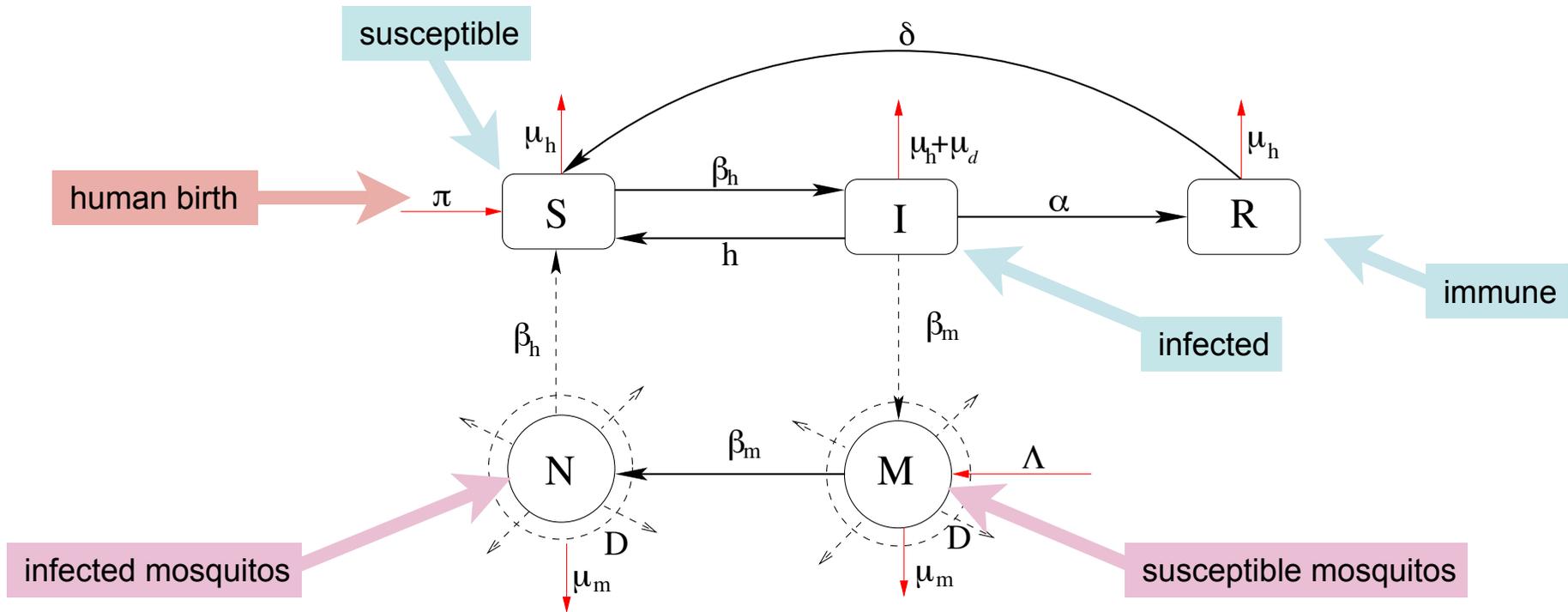
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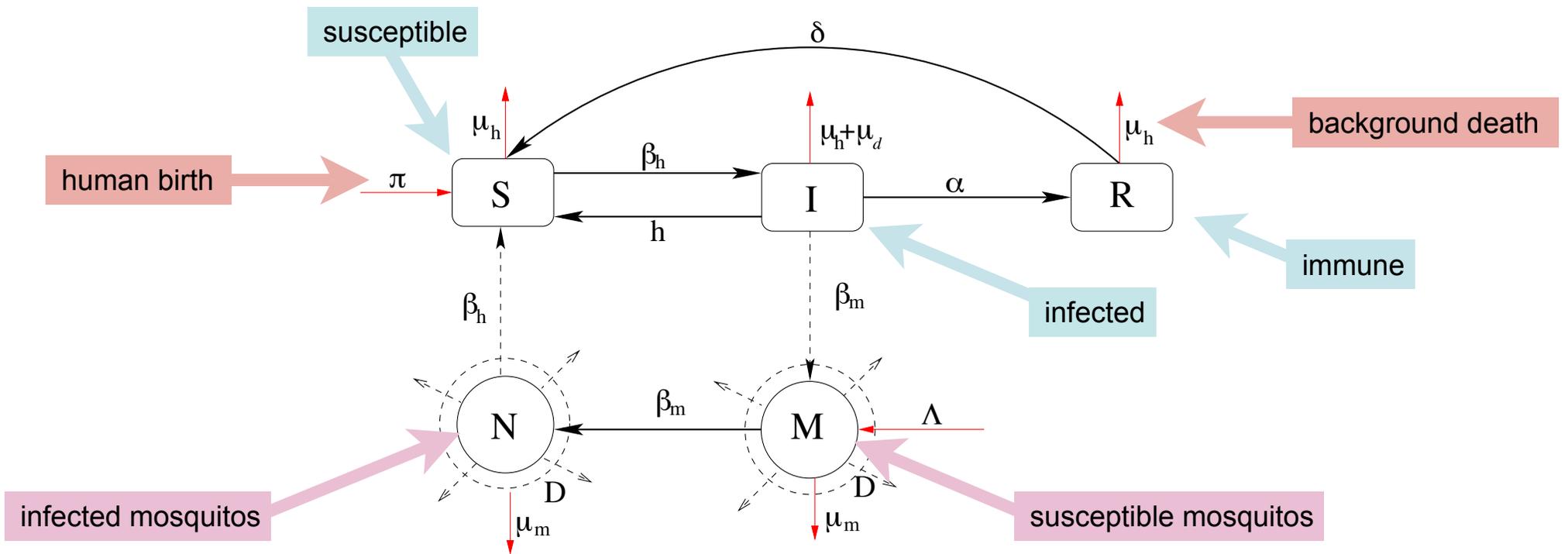
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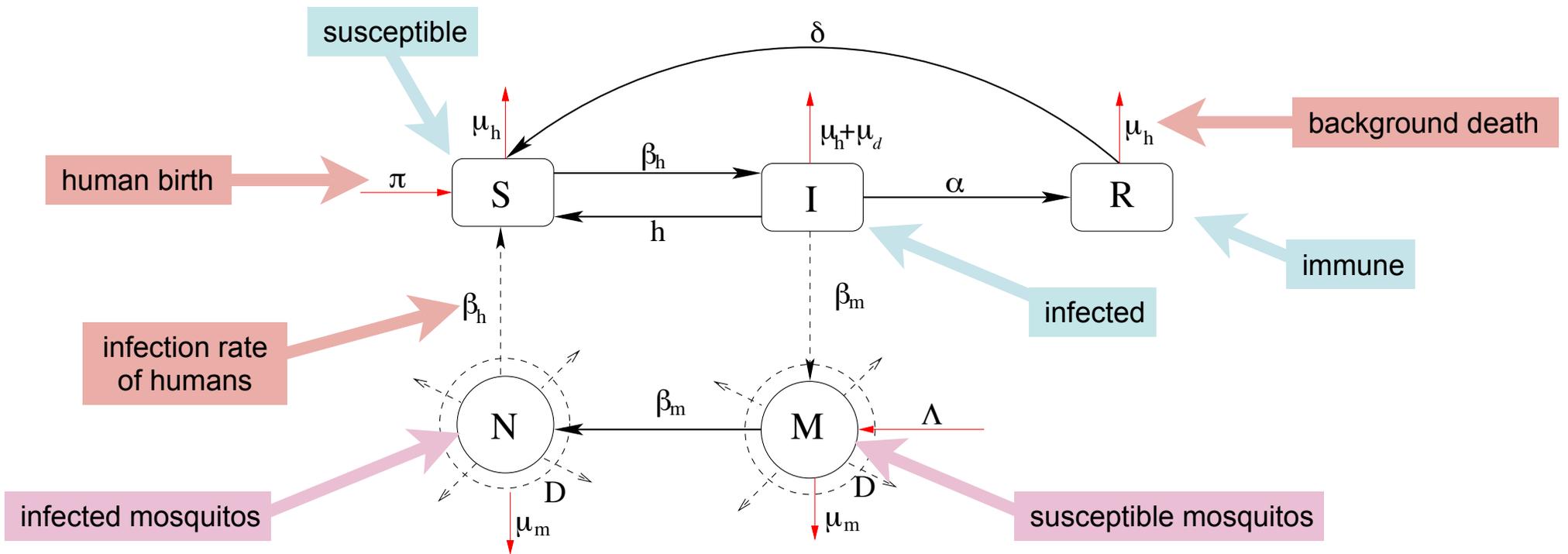
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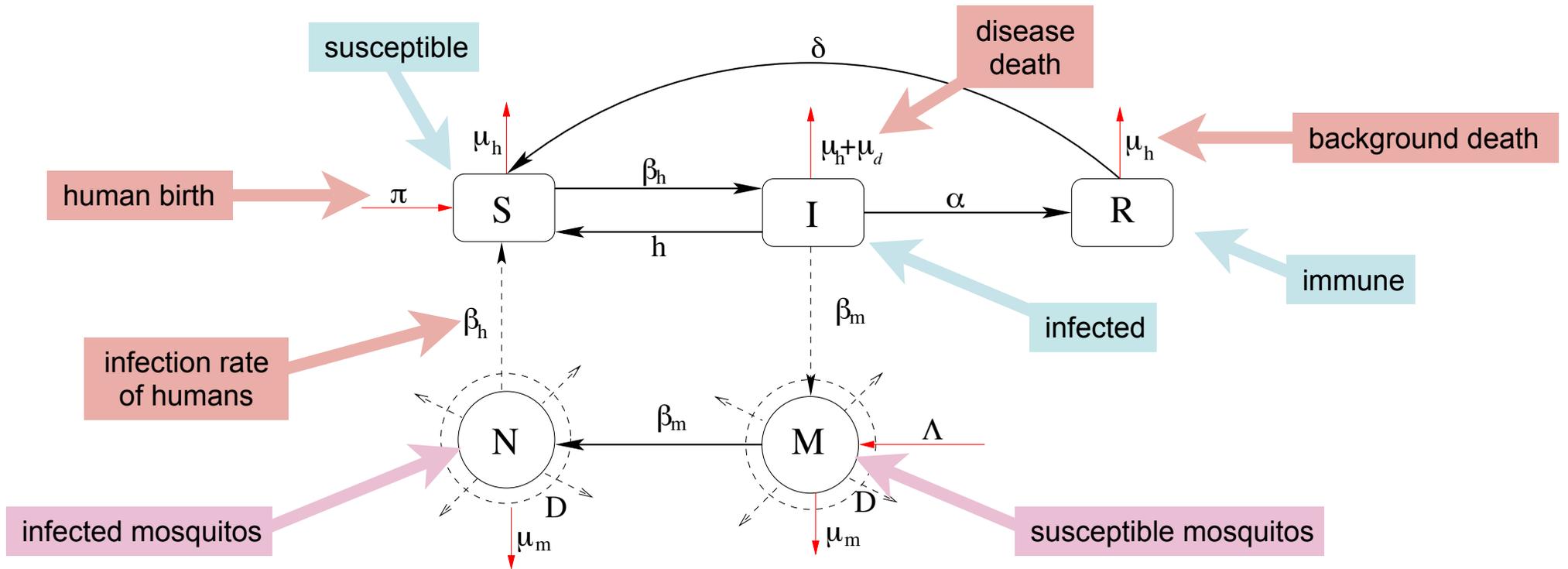
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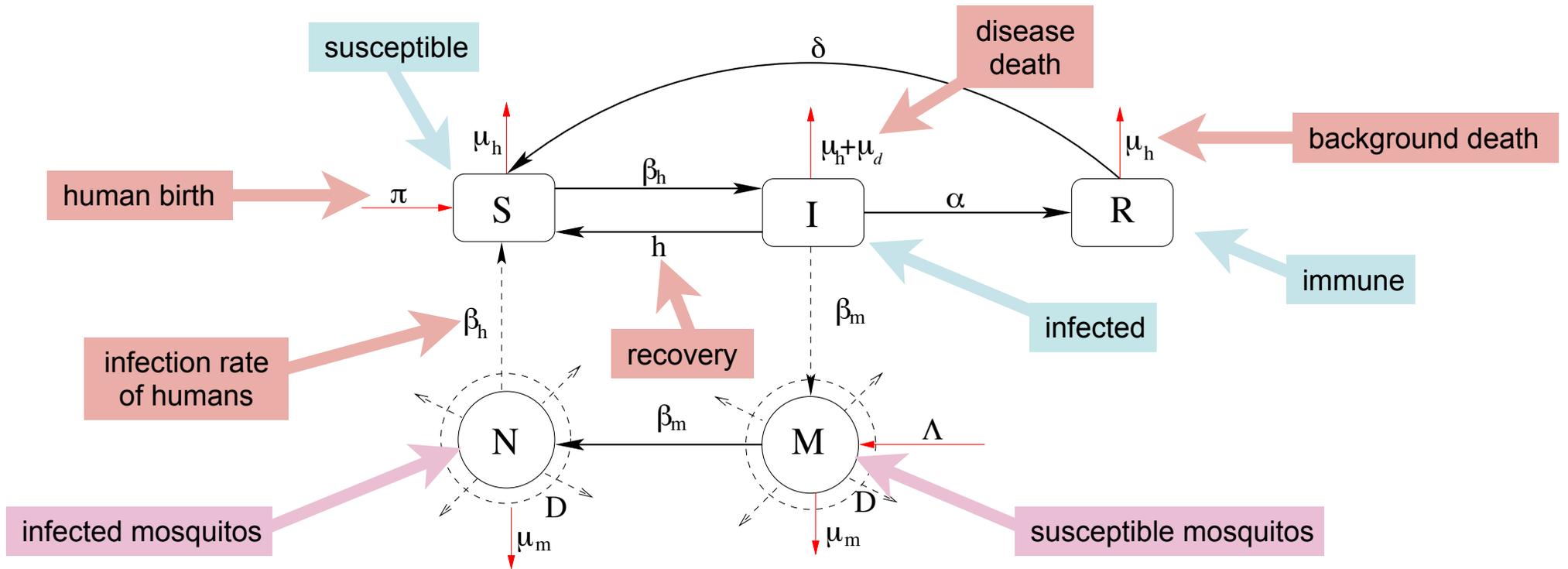
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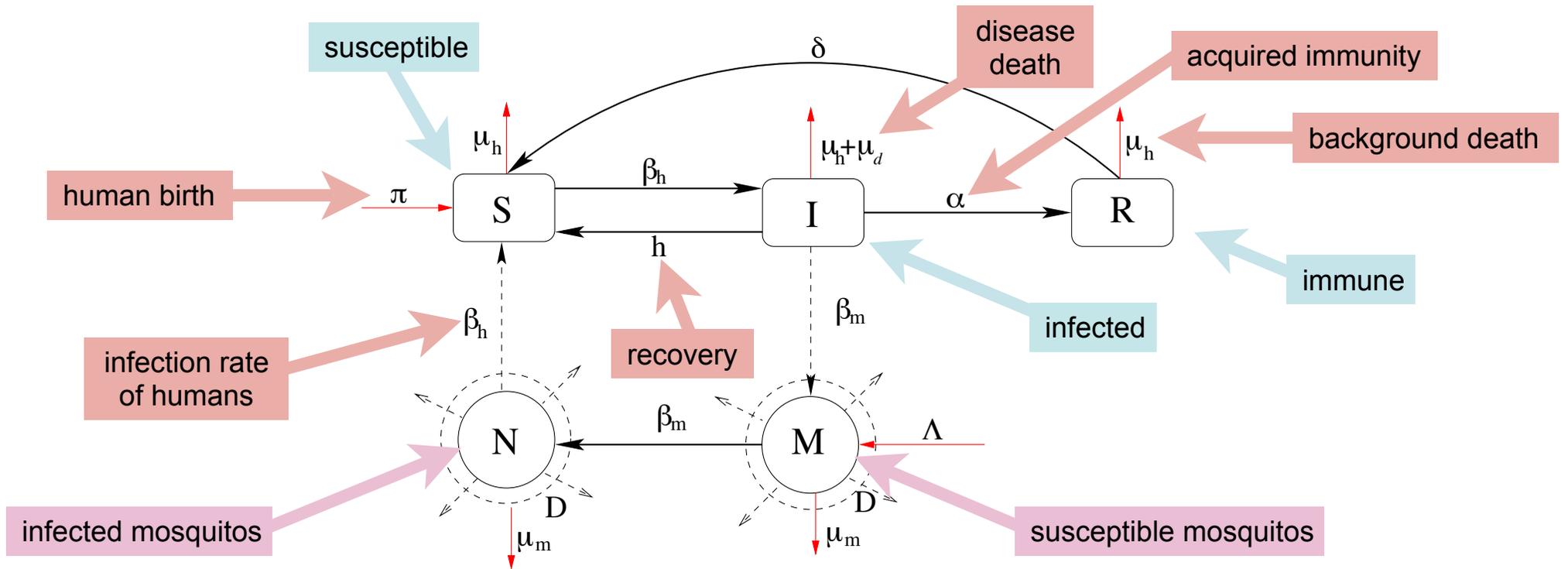
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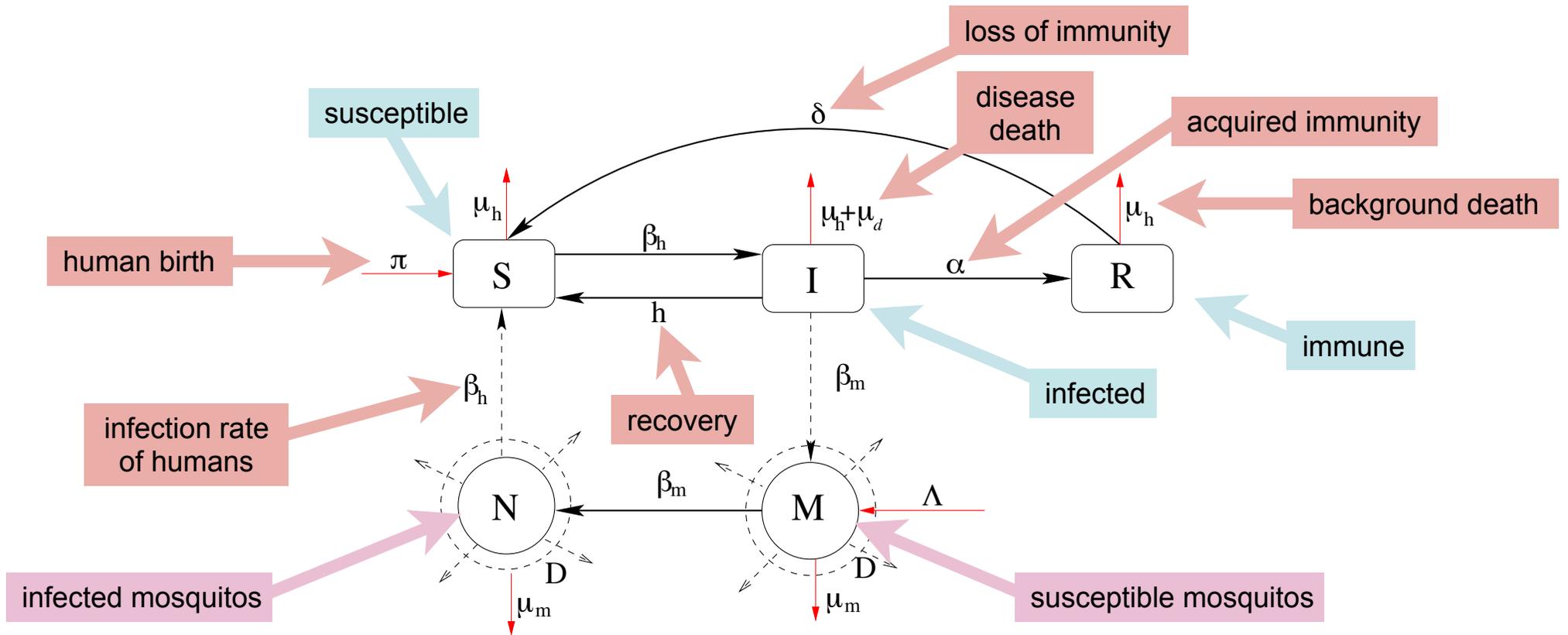
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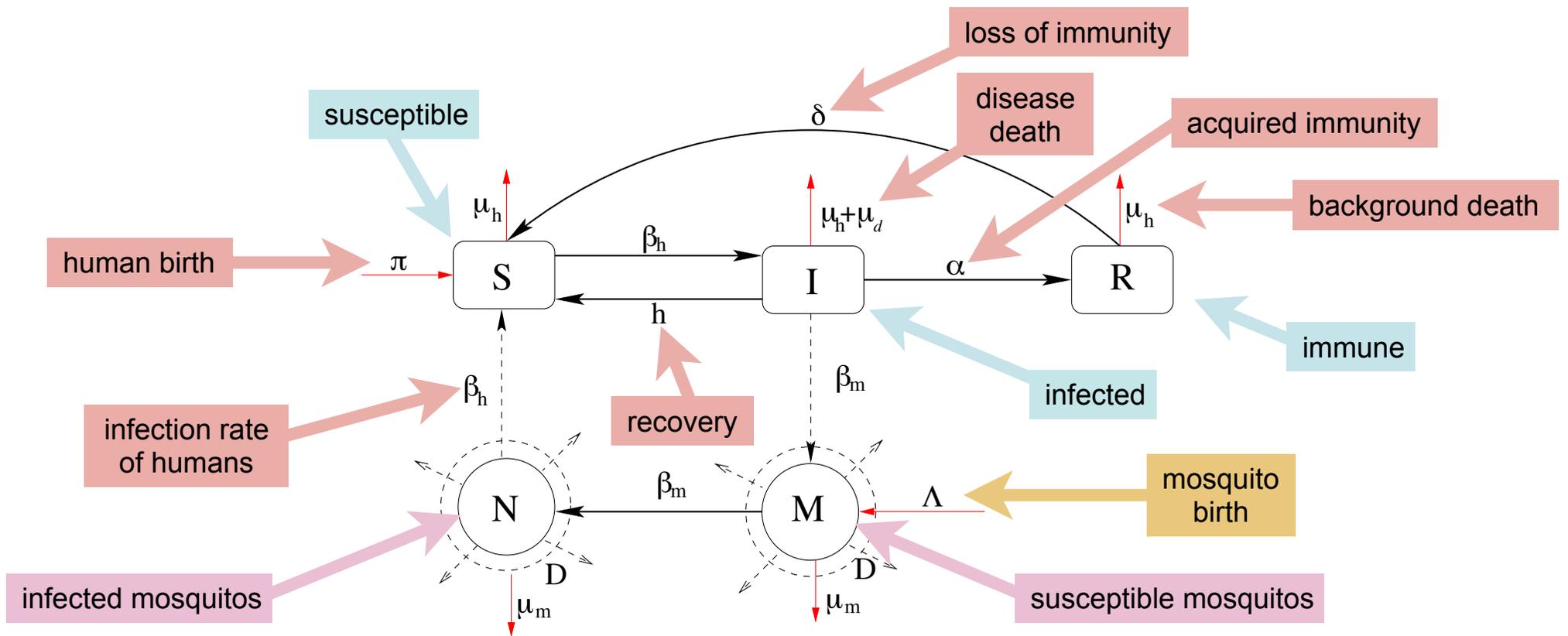
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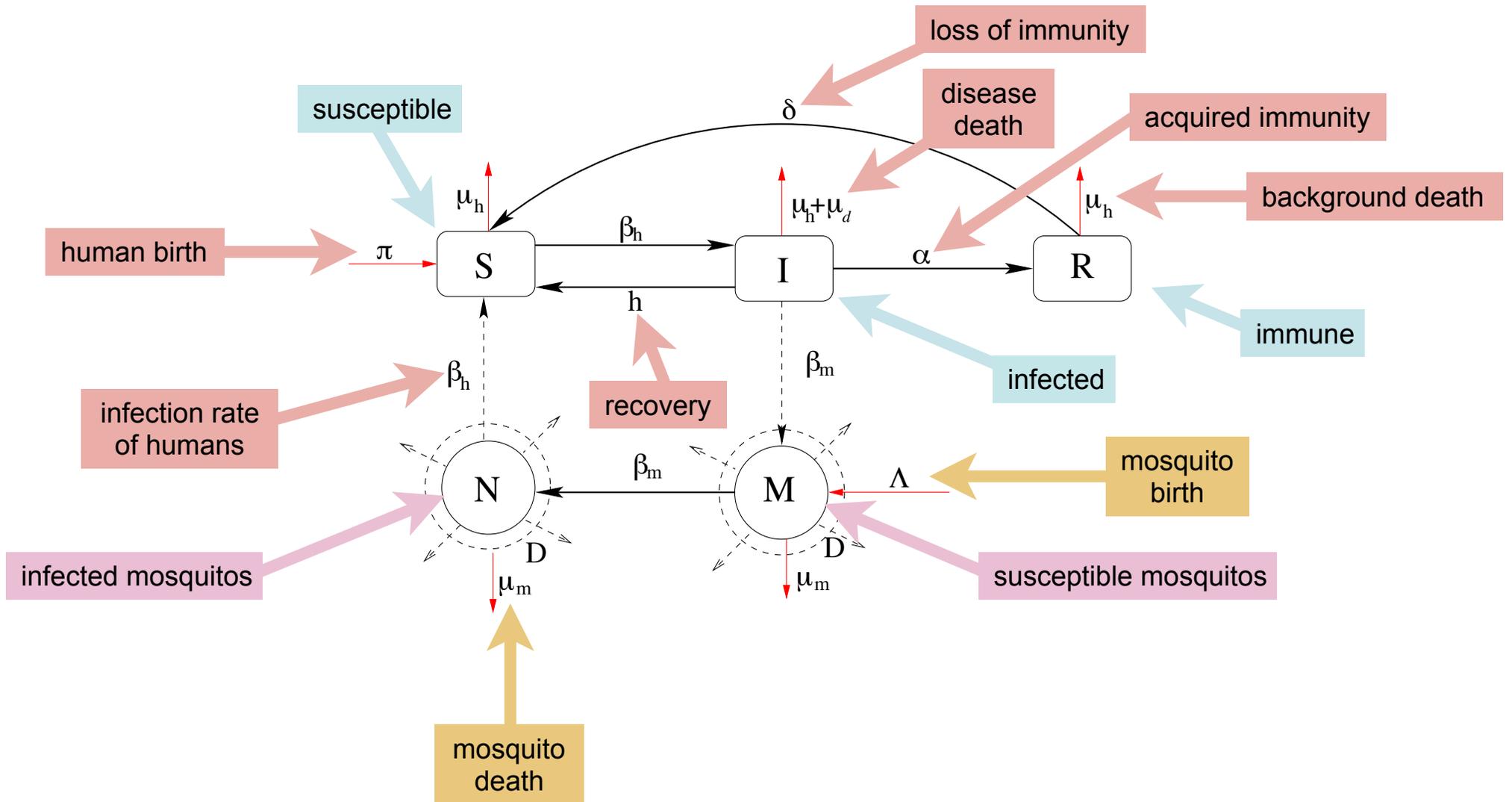
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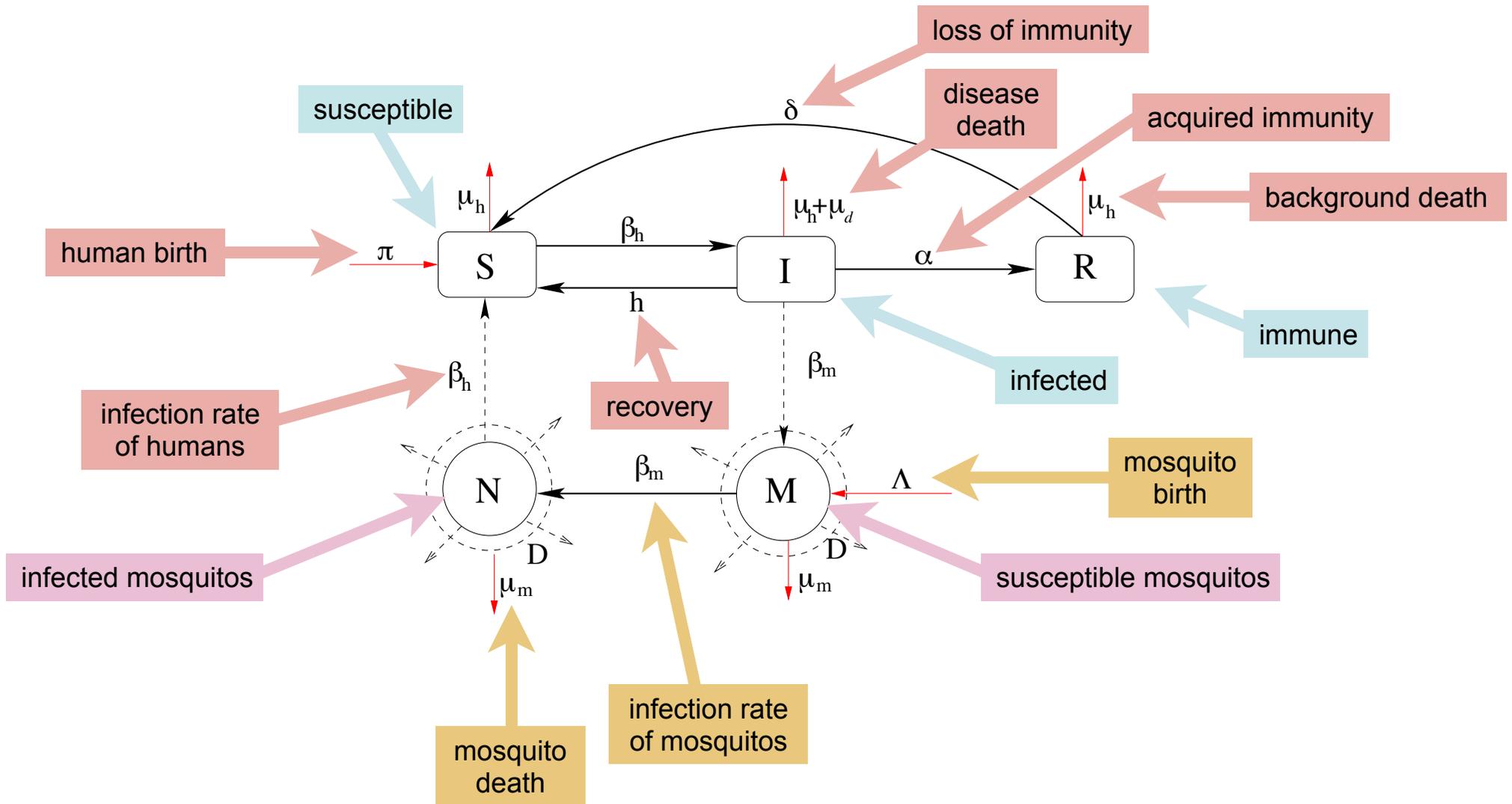
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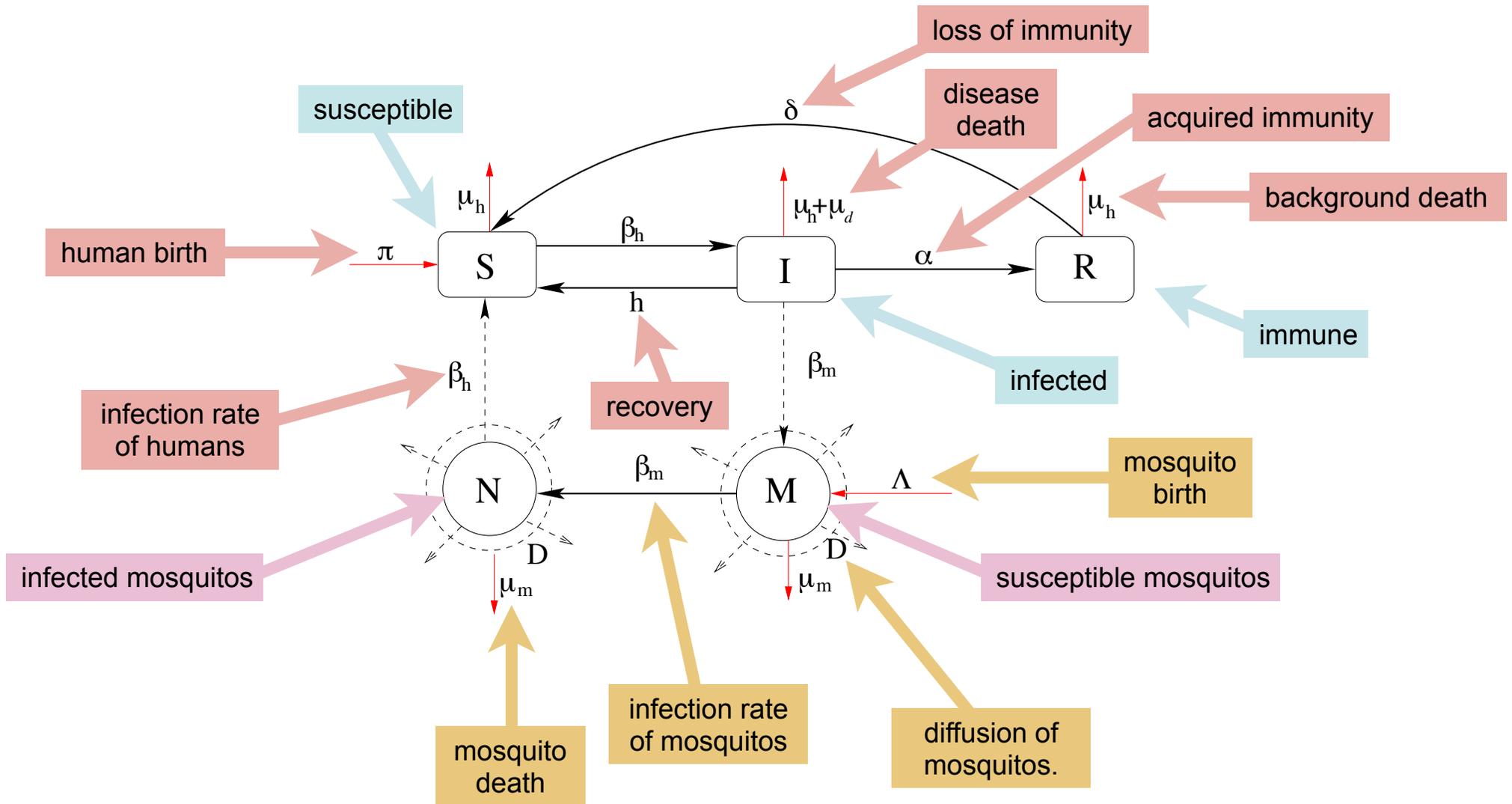
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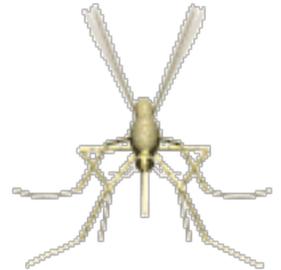
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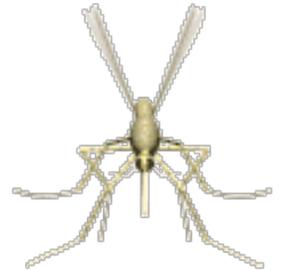
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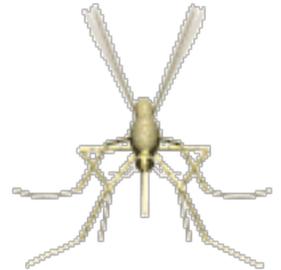
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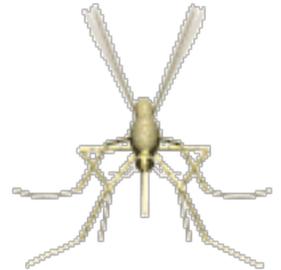
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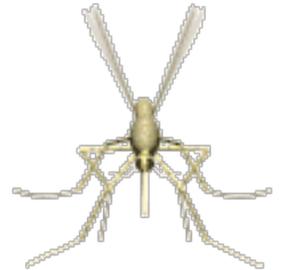
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then we have the partial differential equation

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with boundary condition

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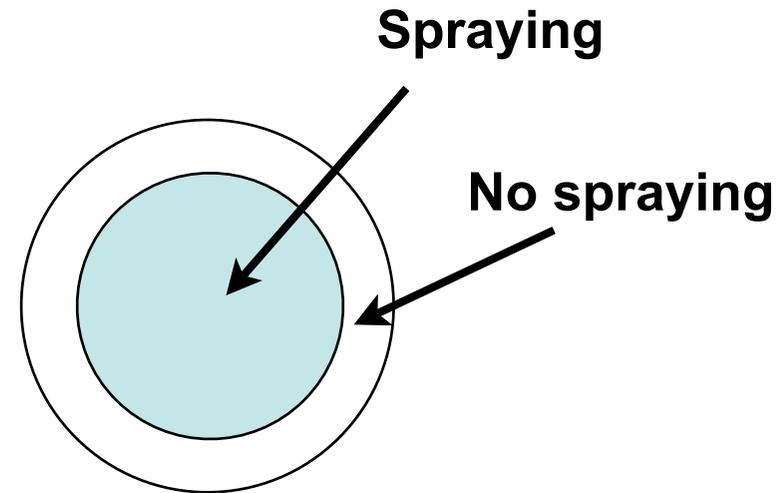
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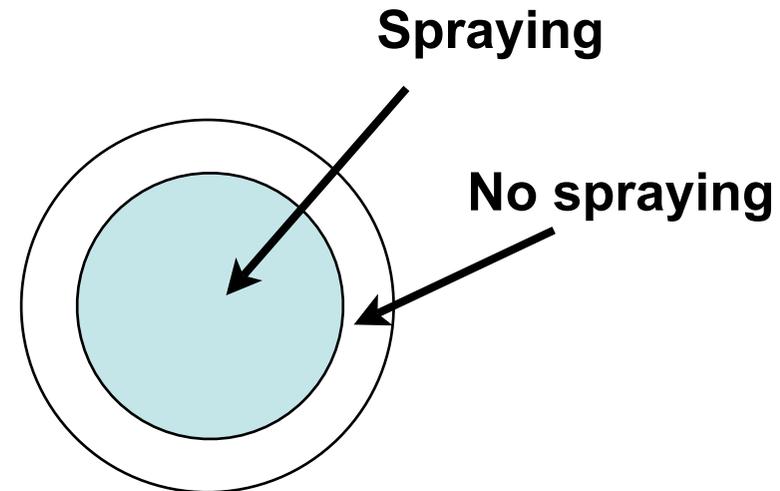
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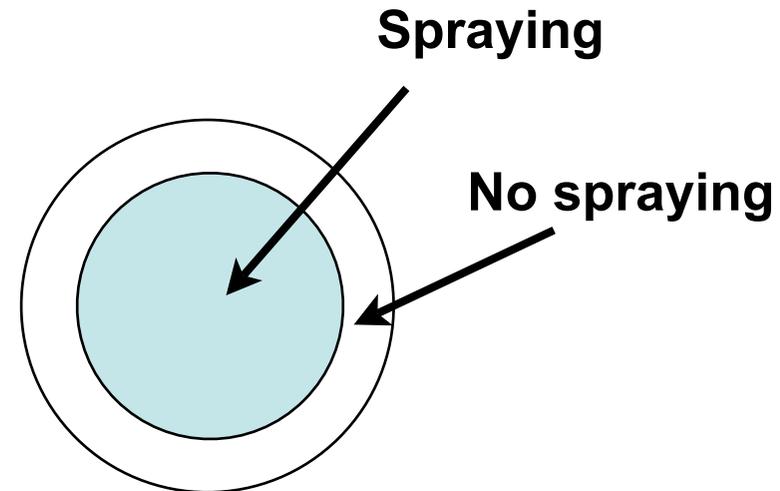
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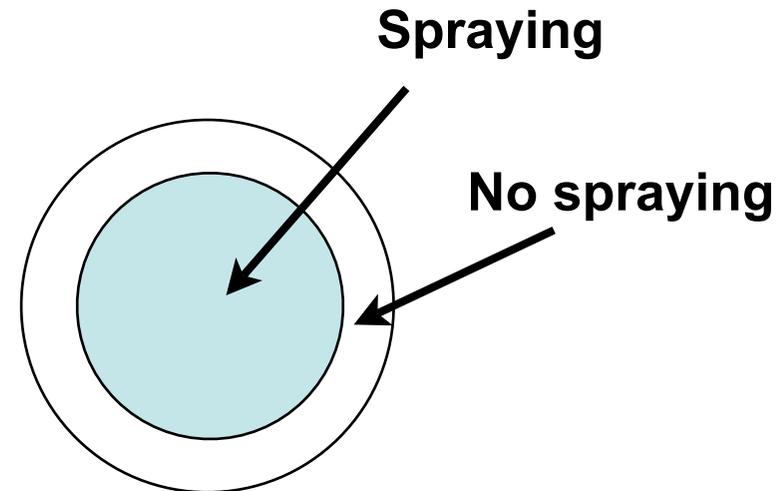
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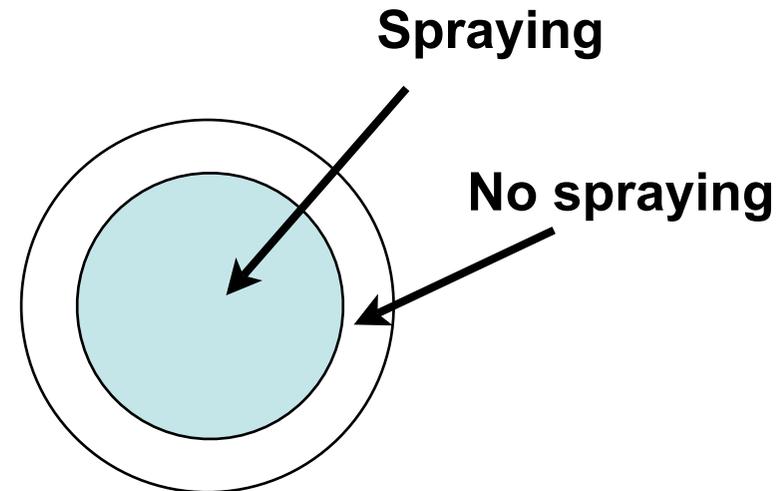
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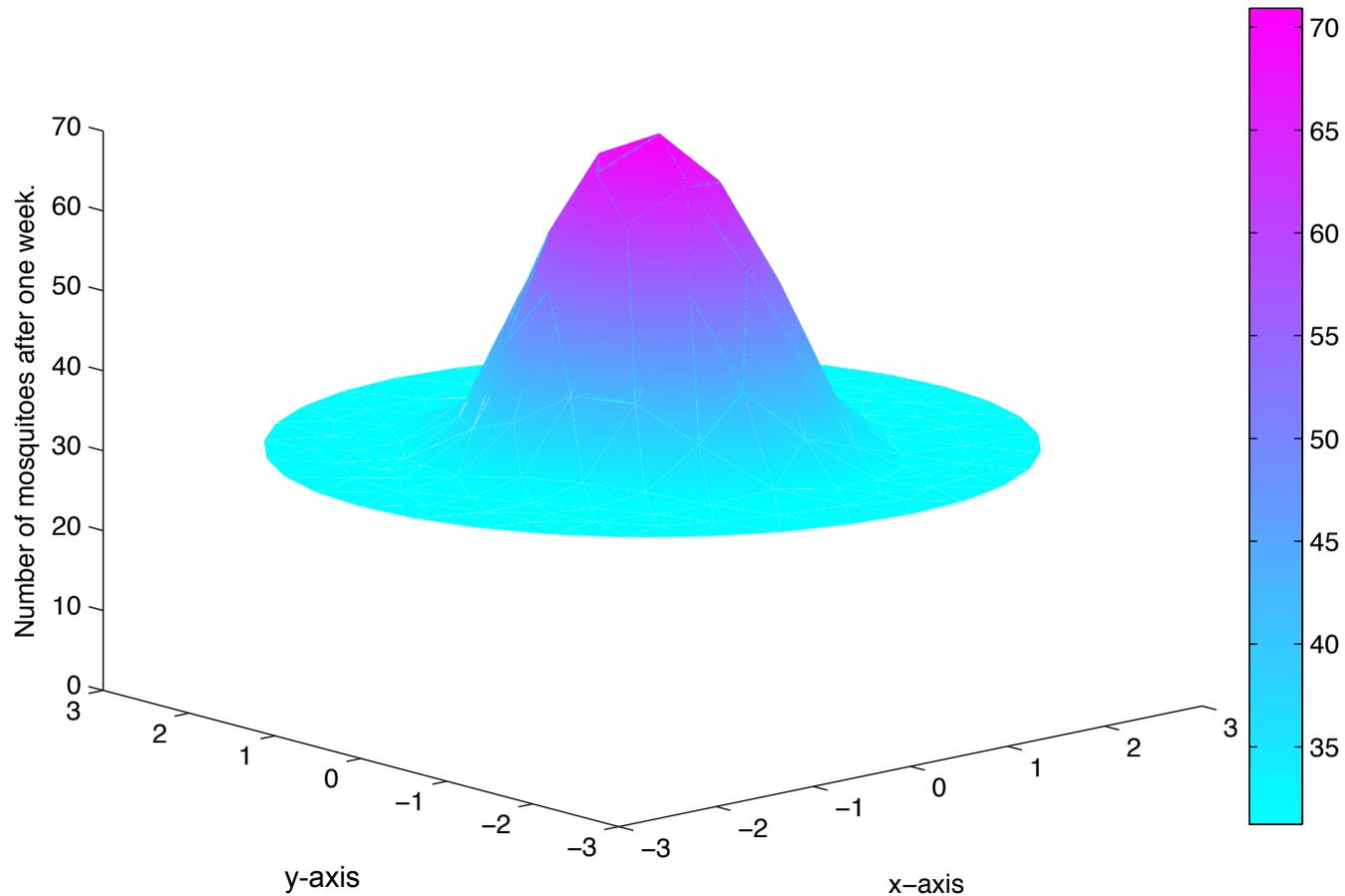
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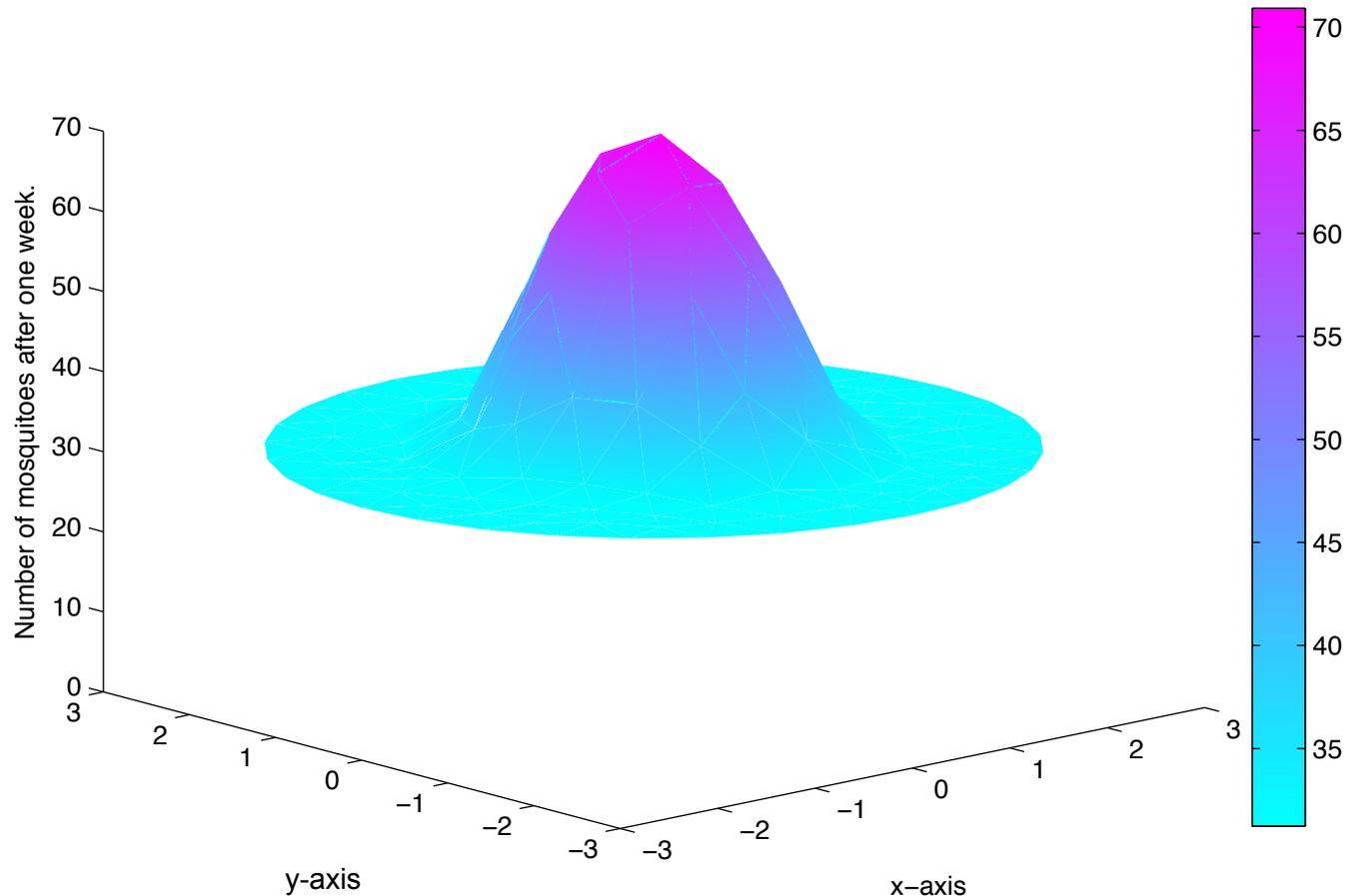
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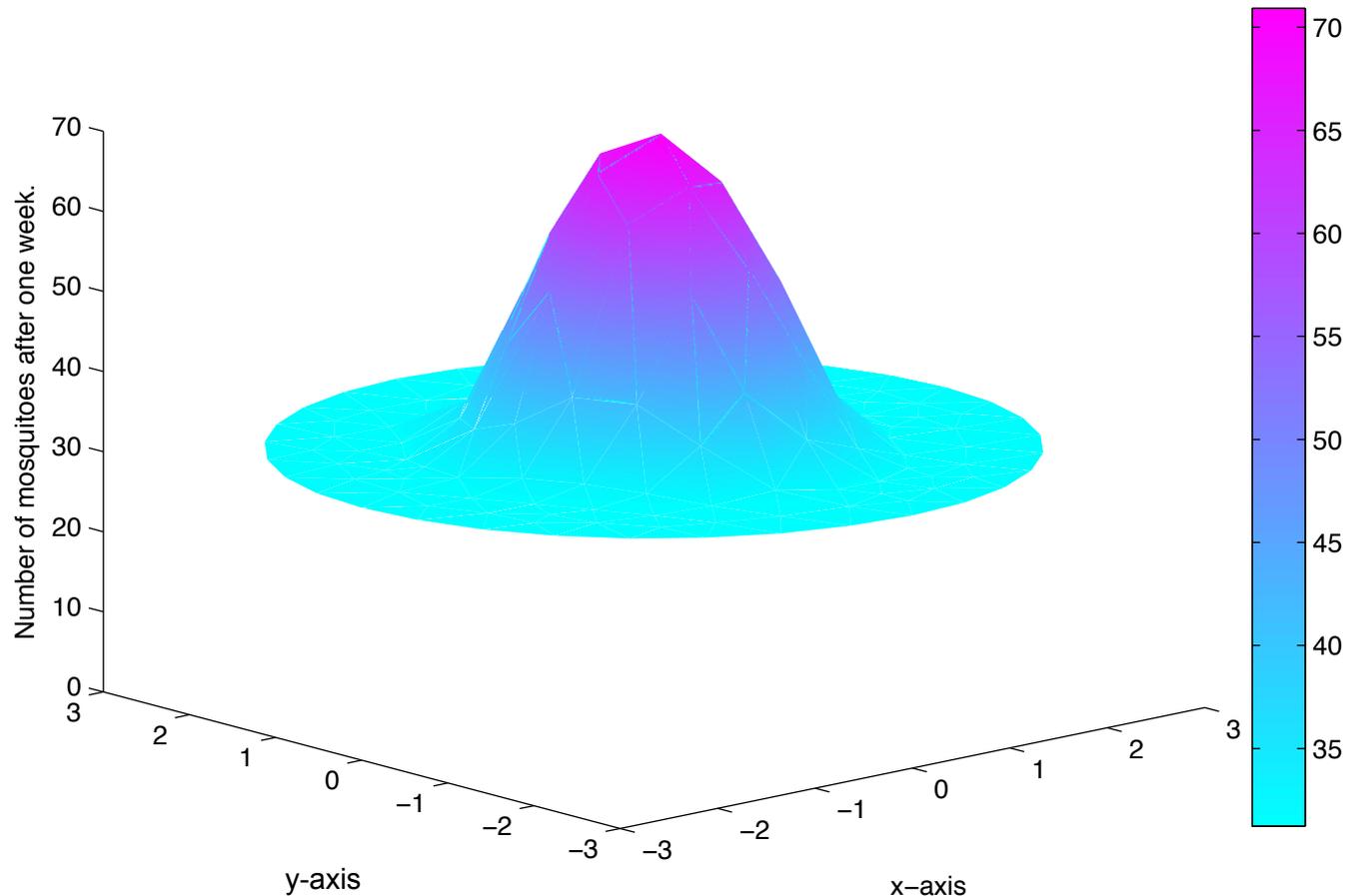
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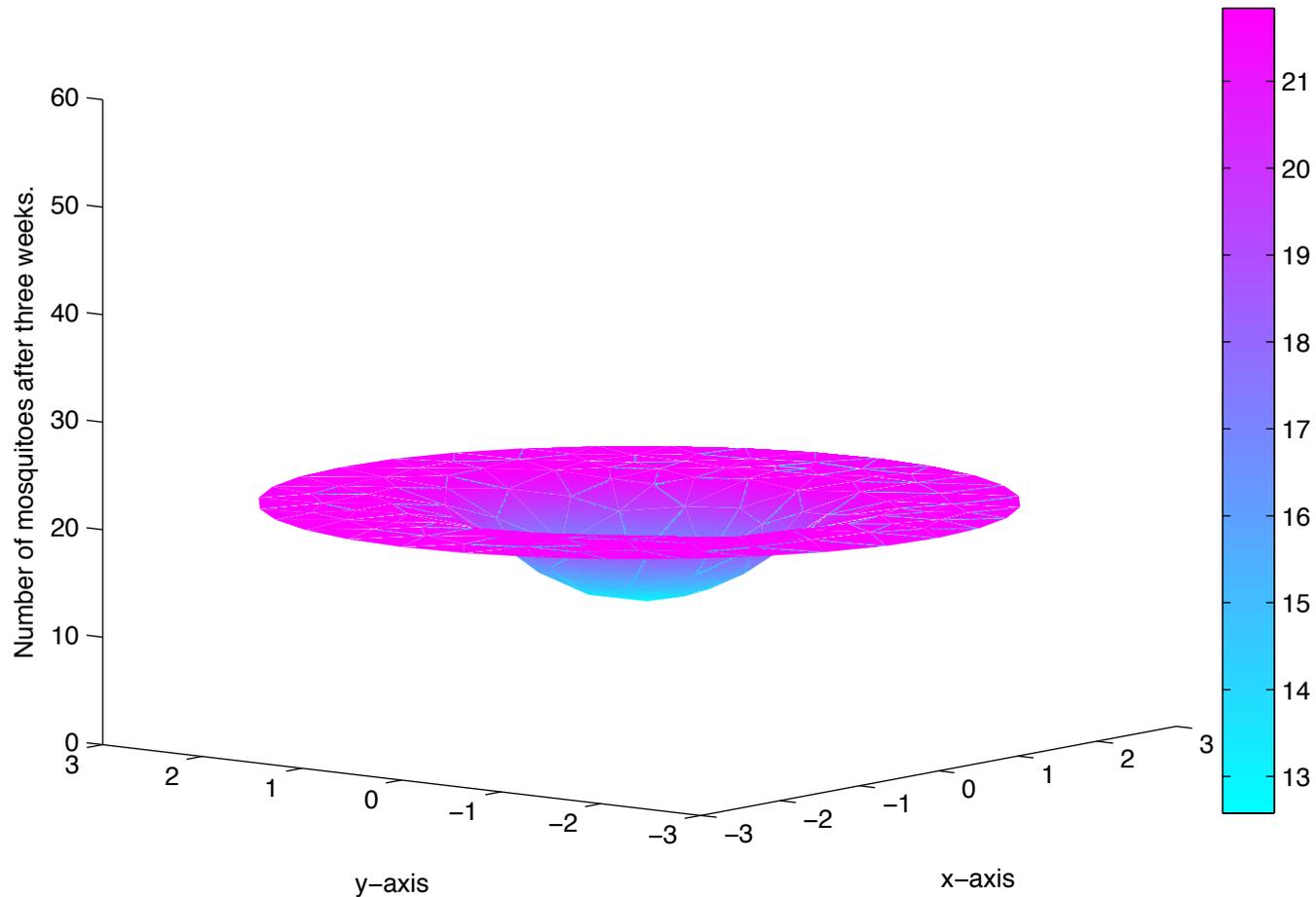


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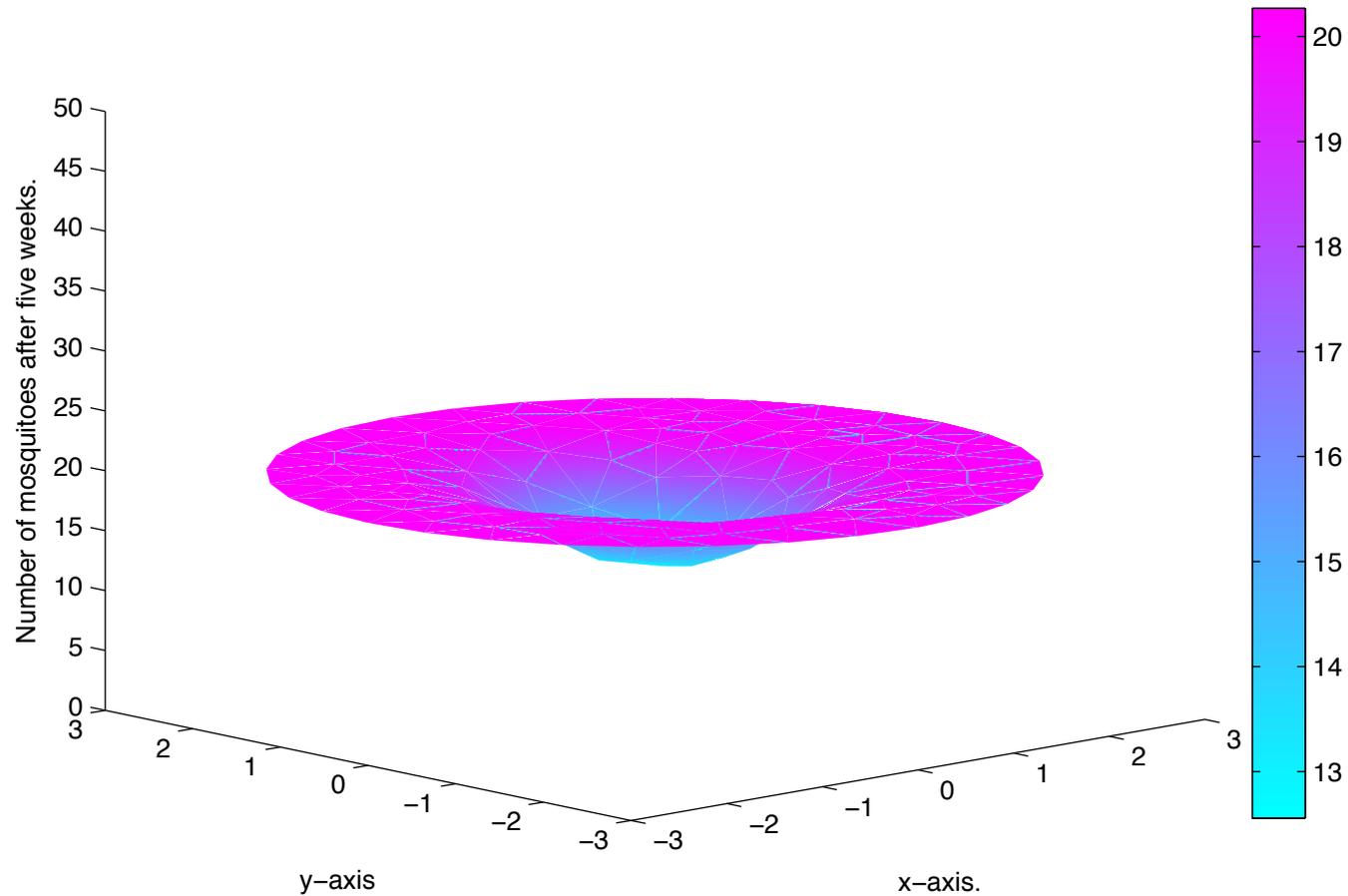
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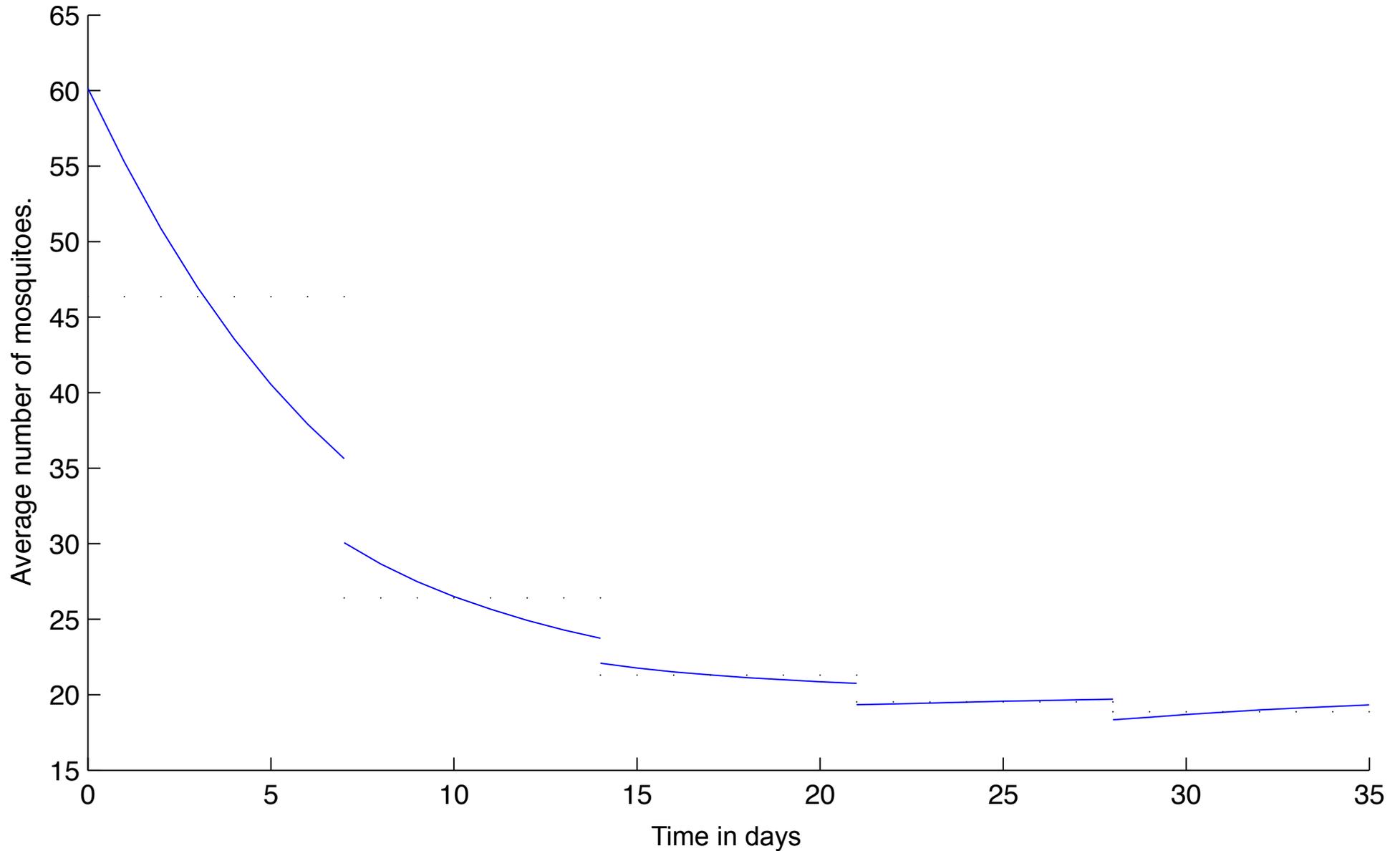
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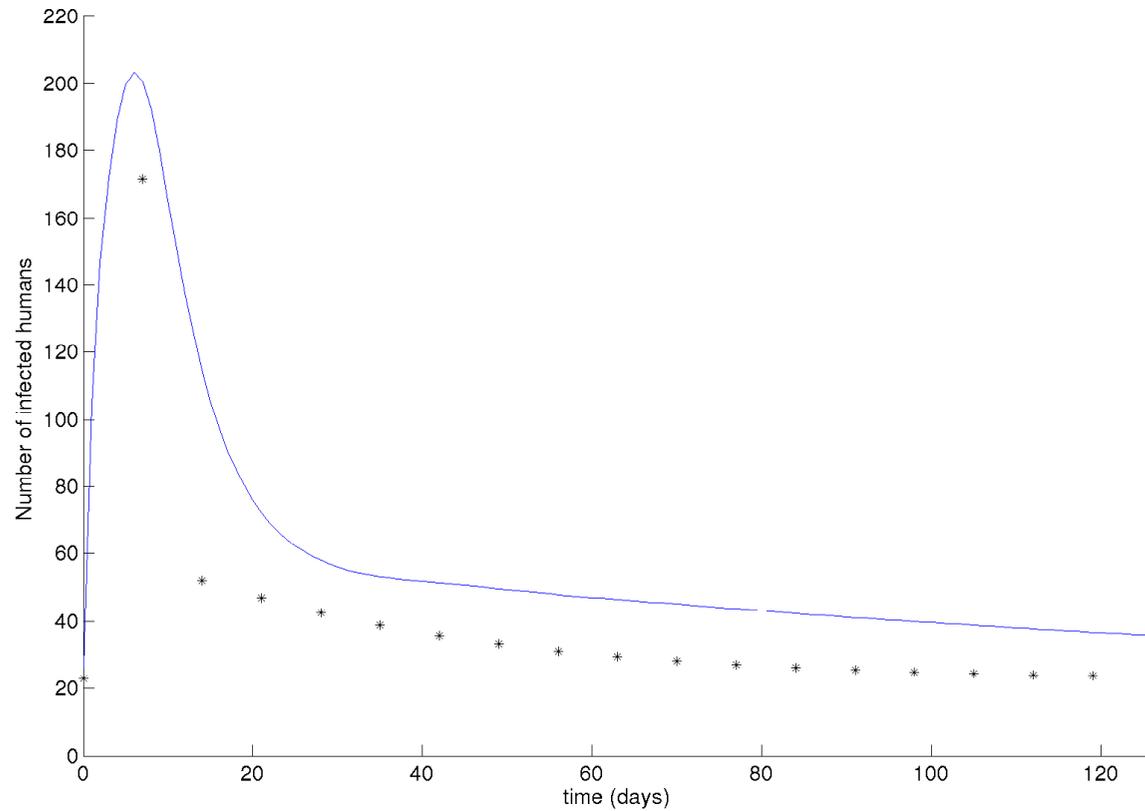
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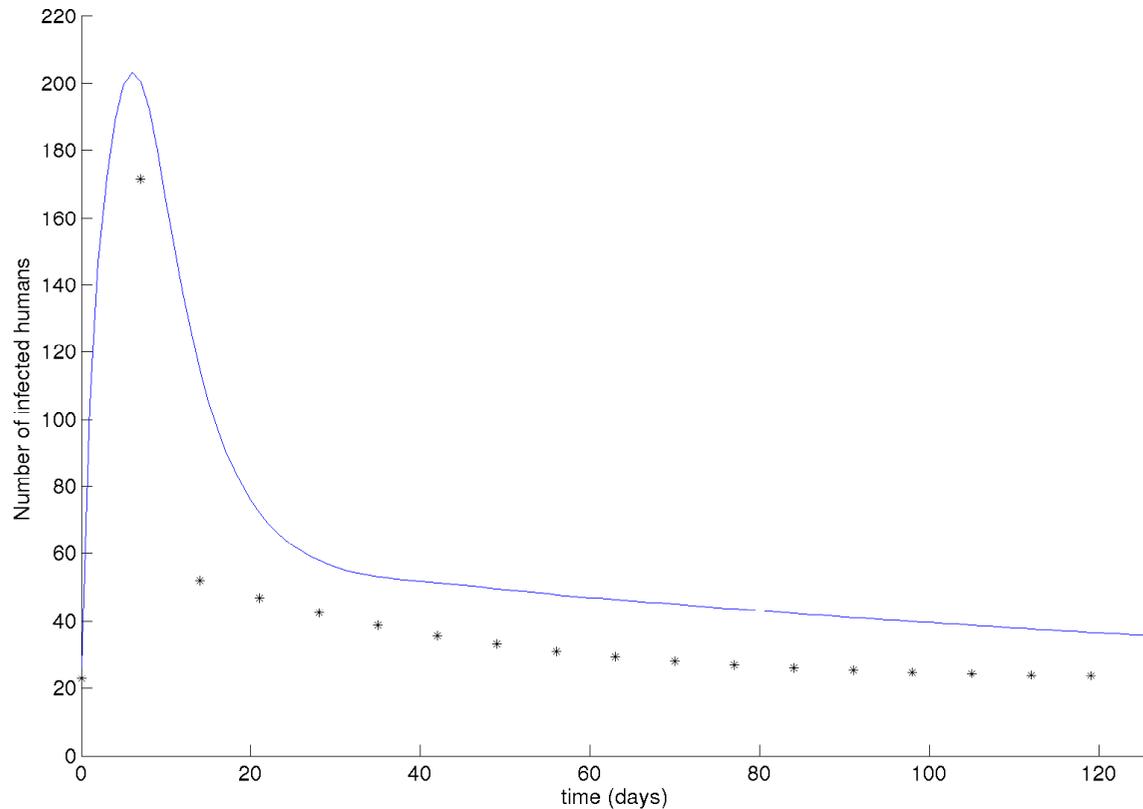
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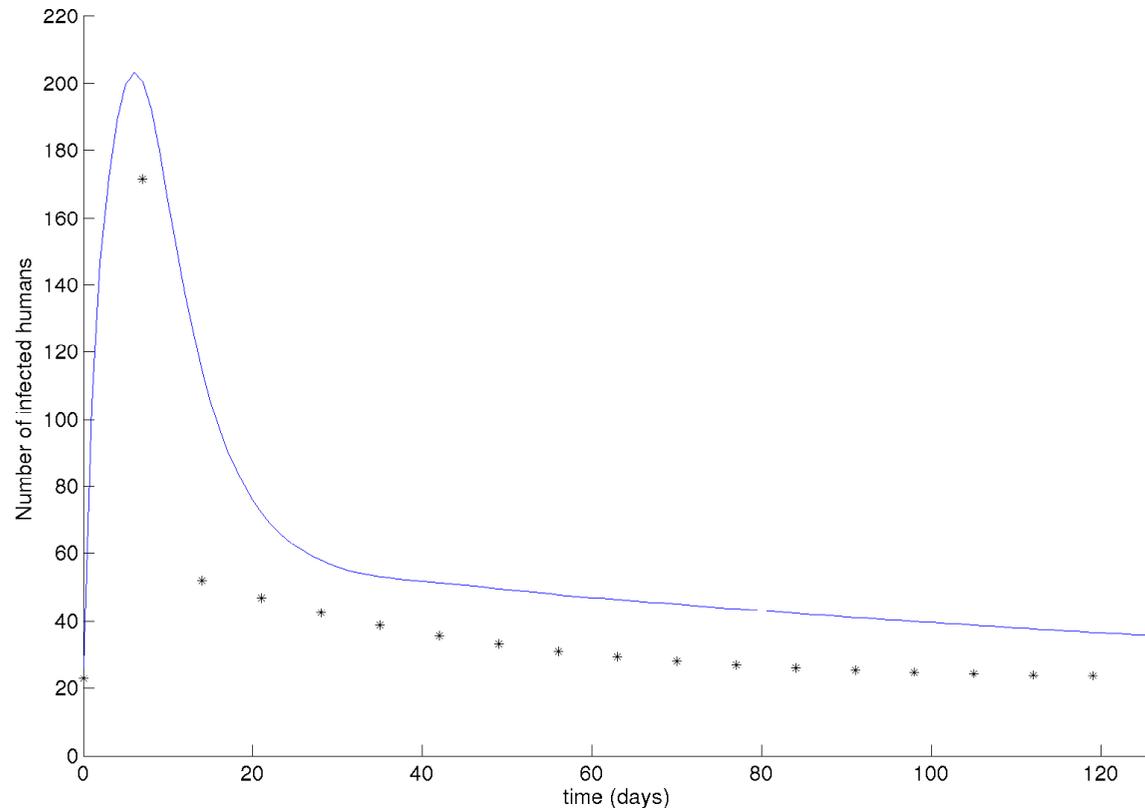


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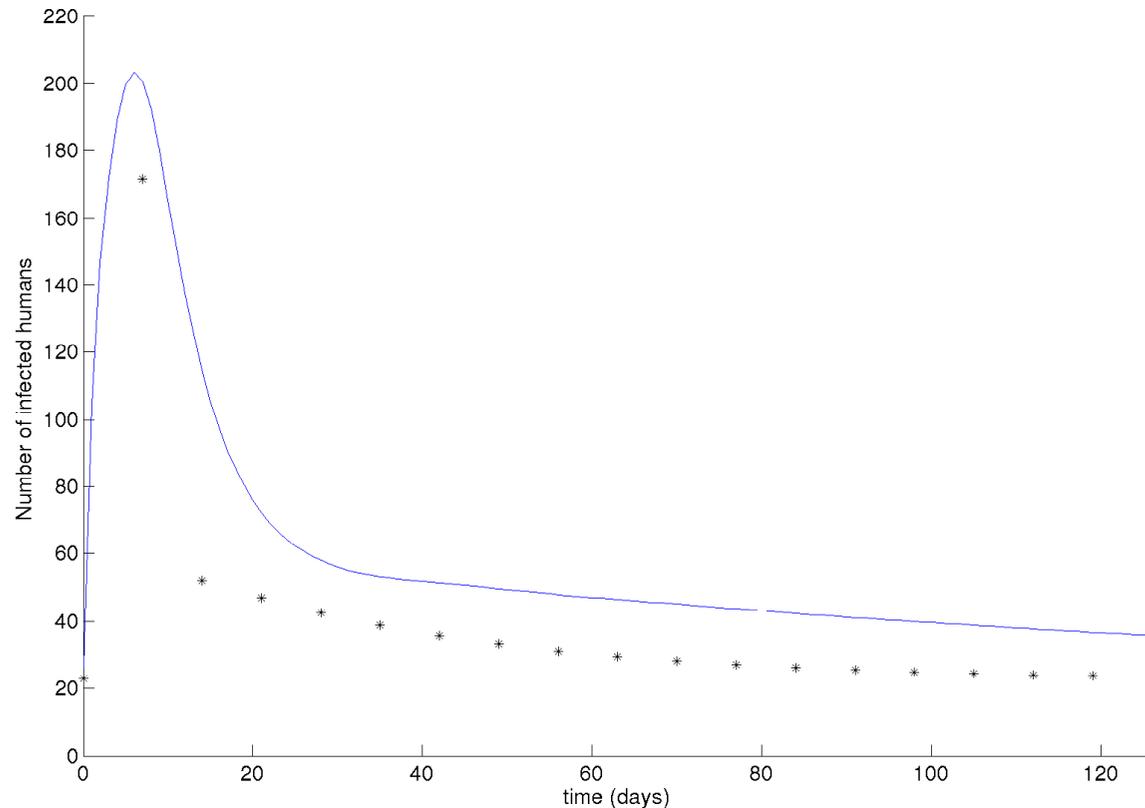


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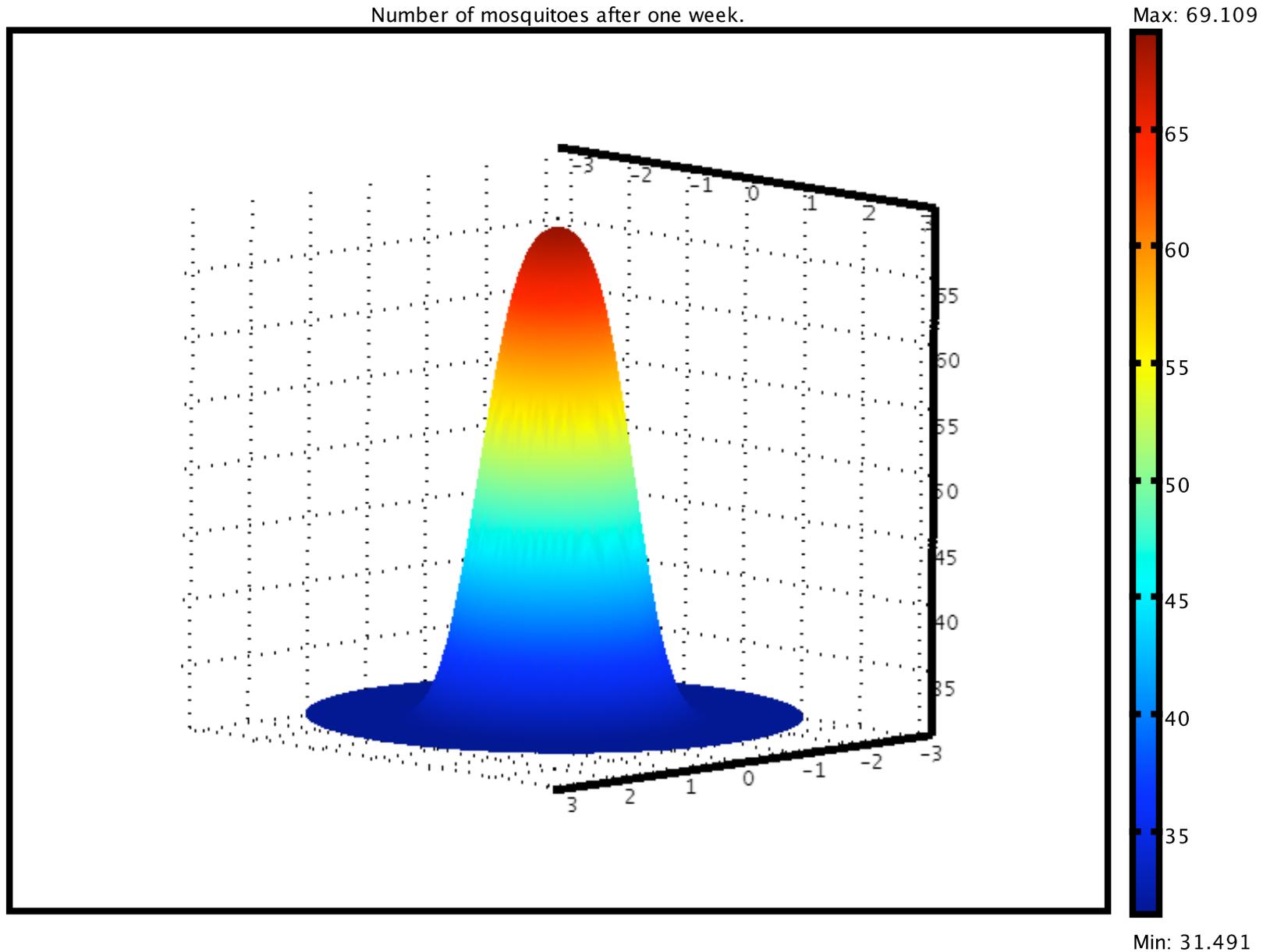
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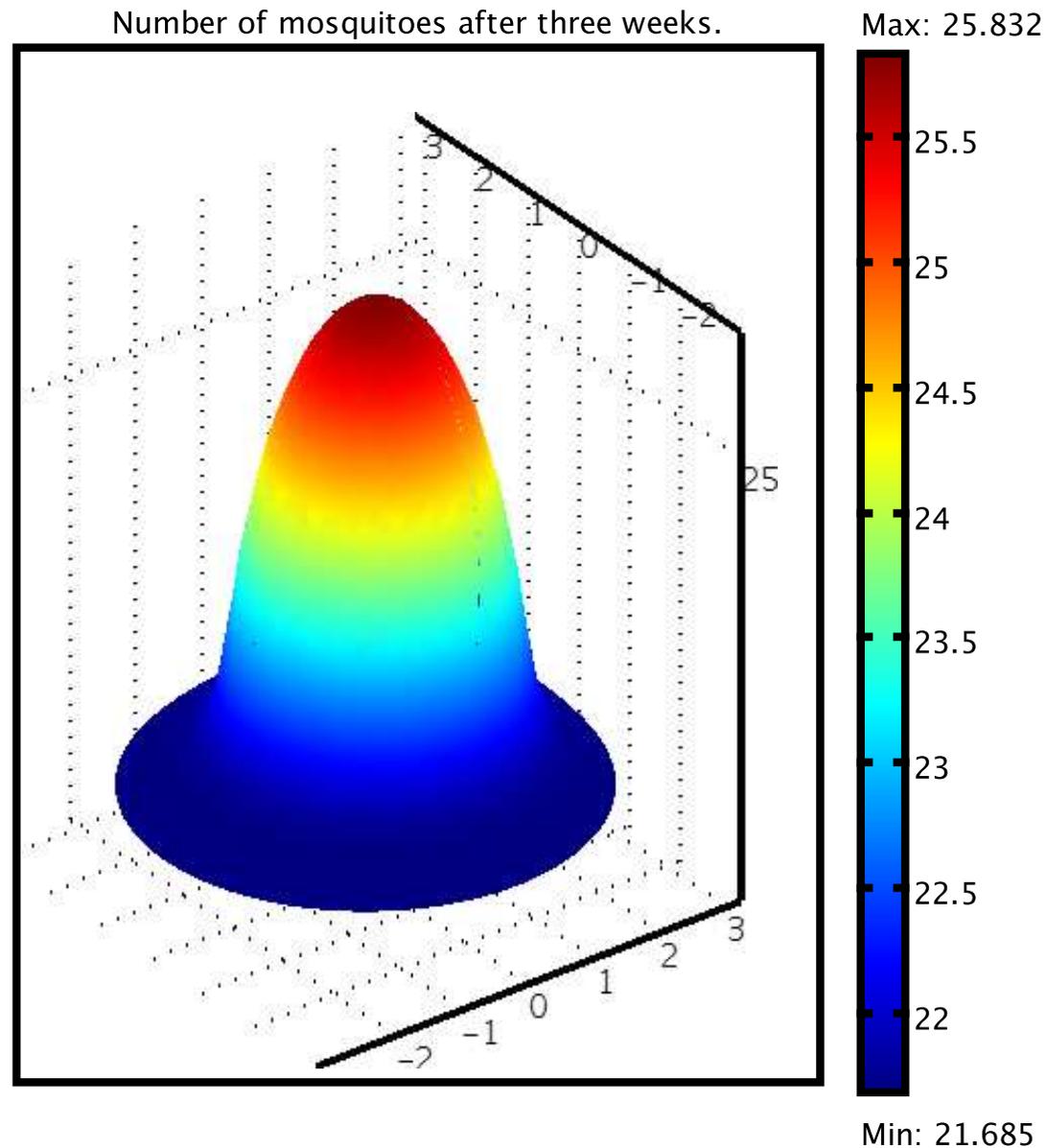
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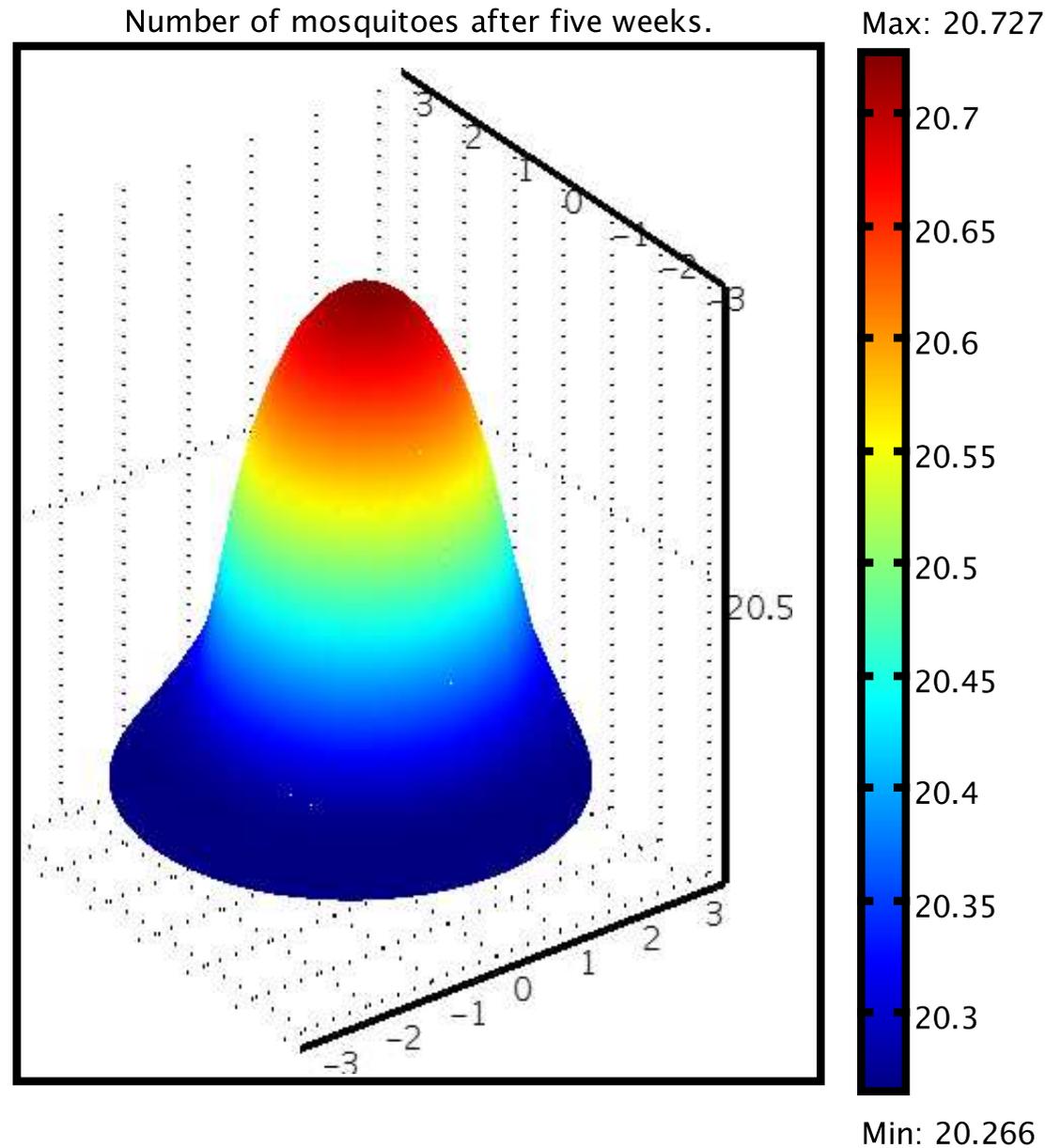
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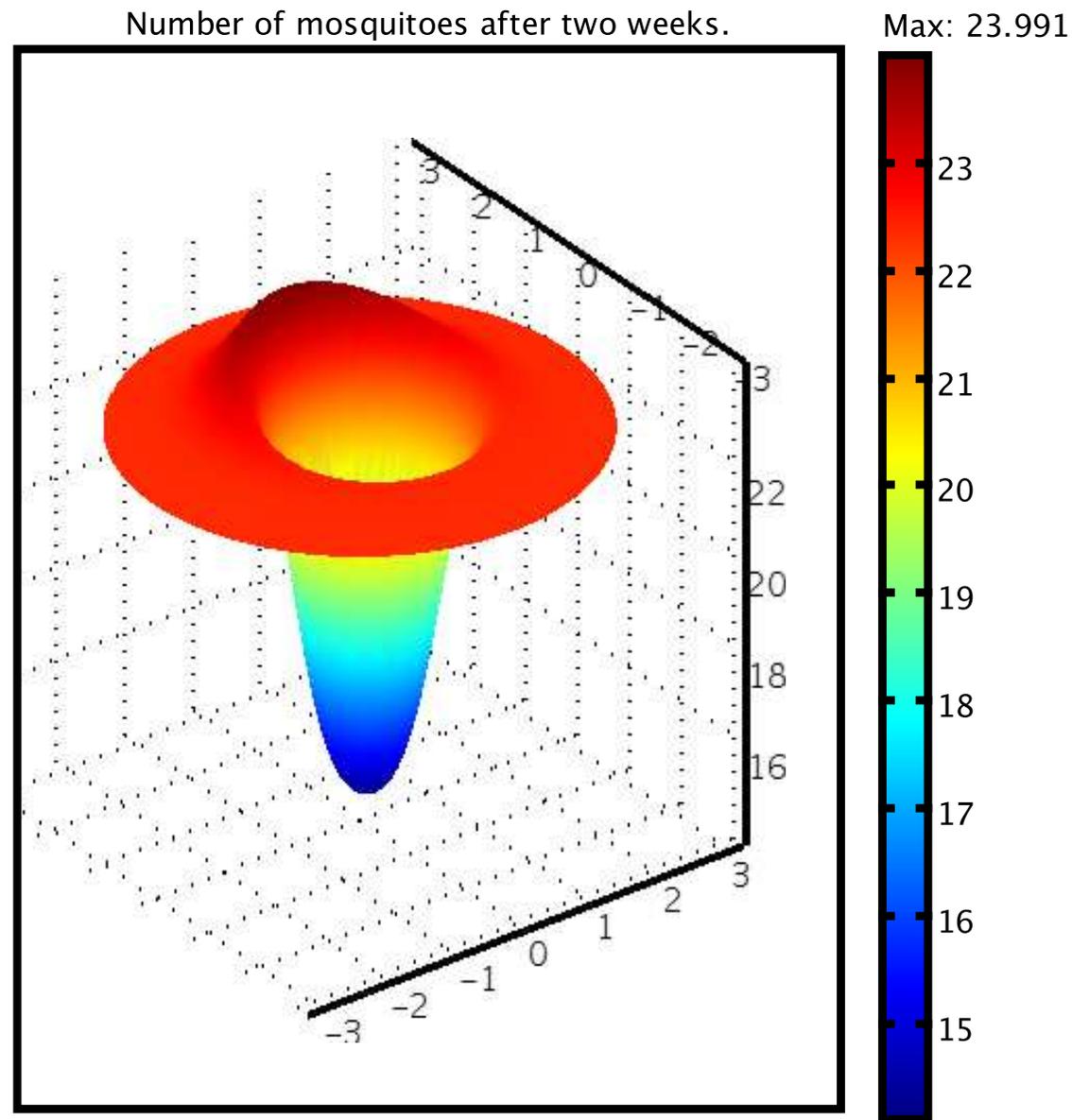
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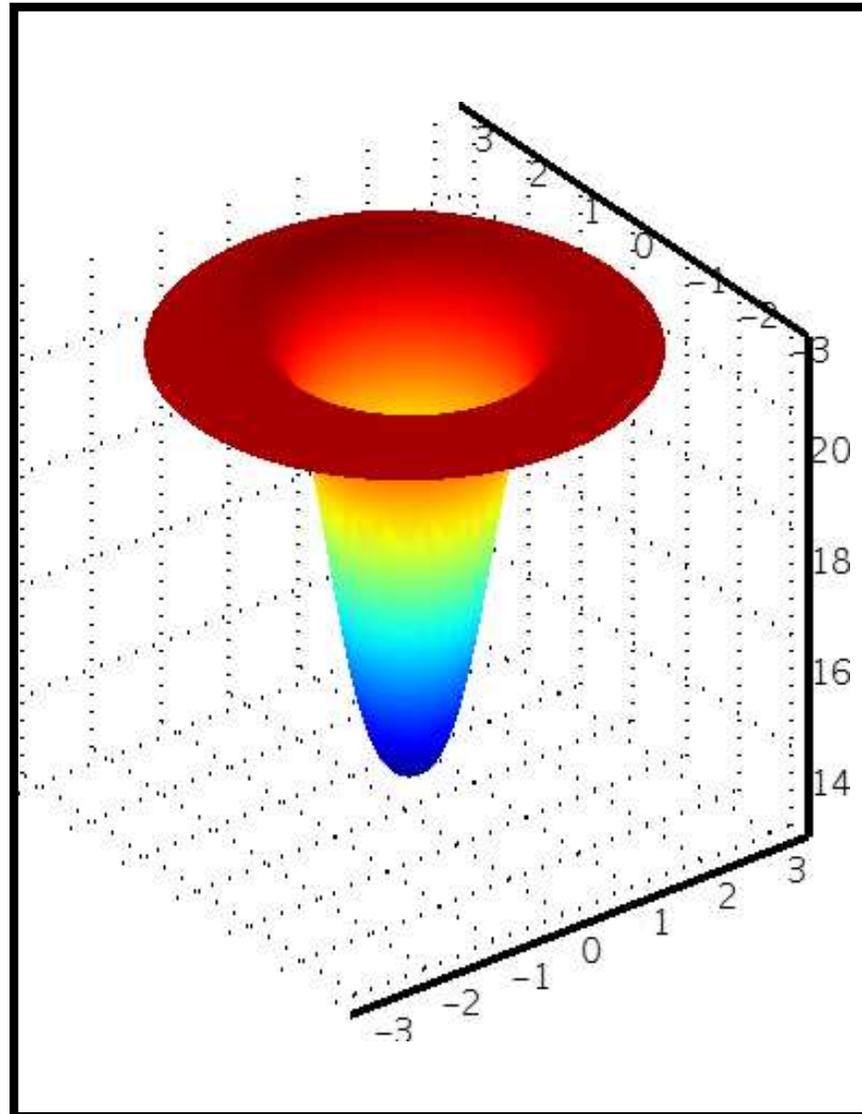
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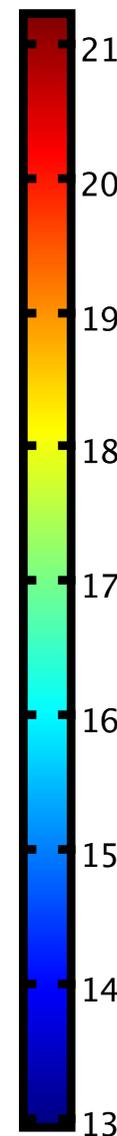


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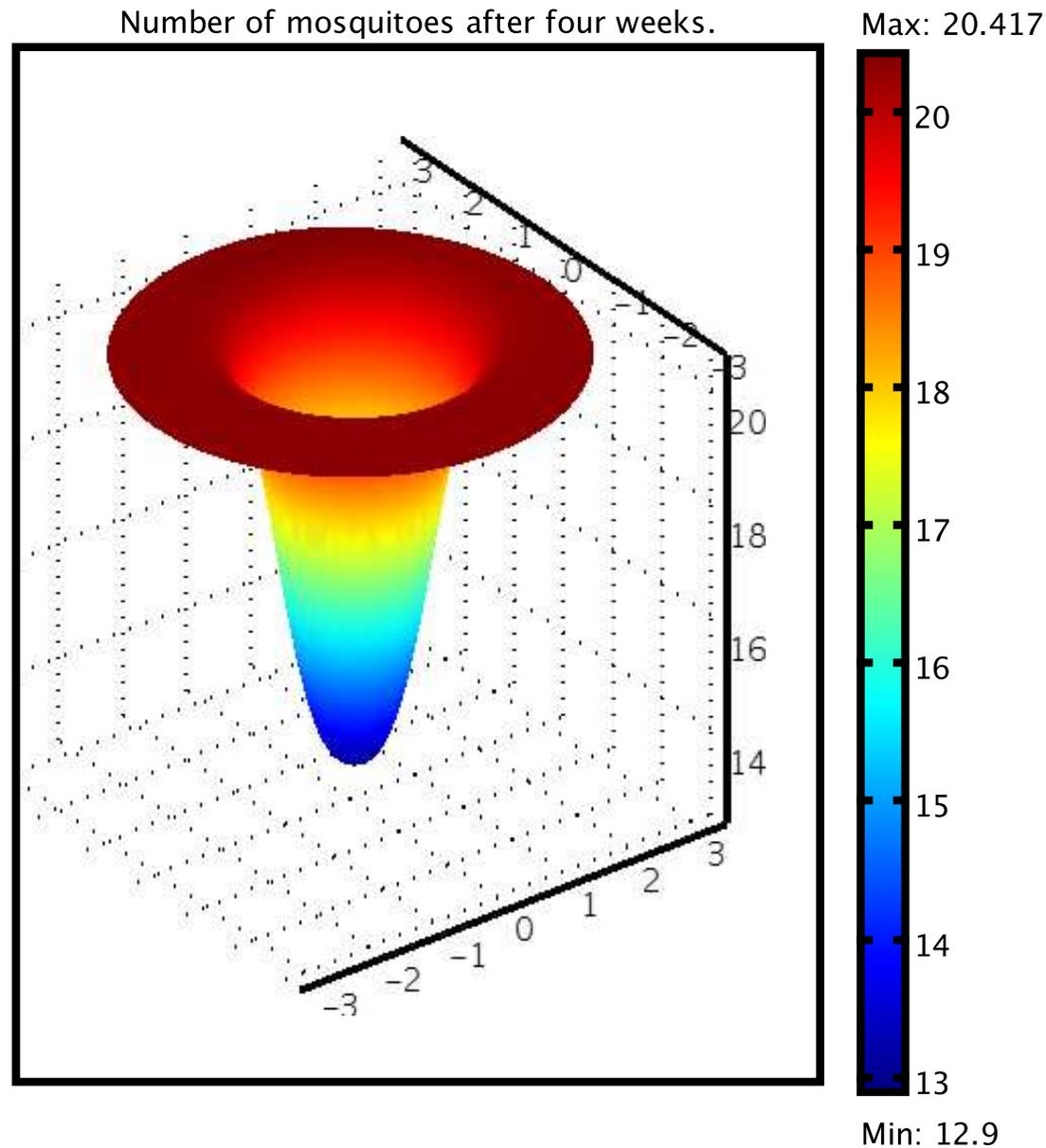


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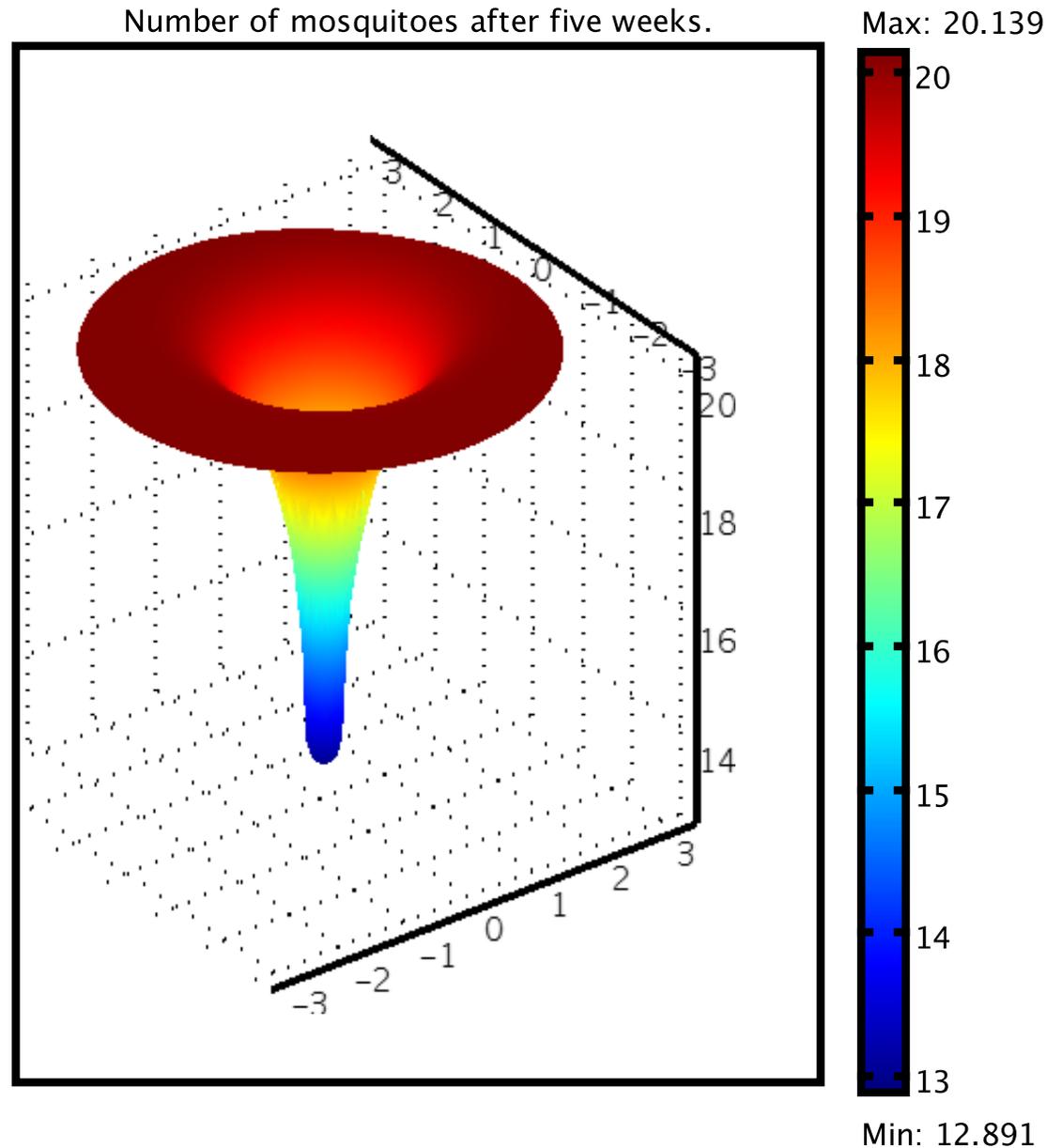


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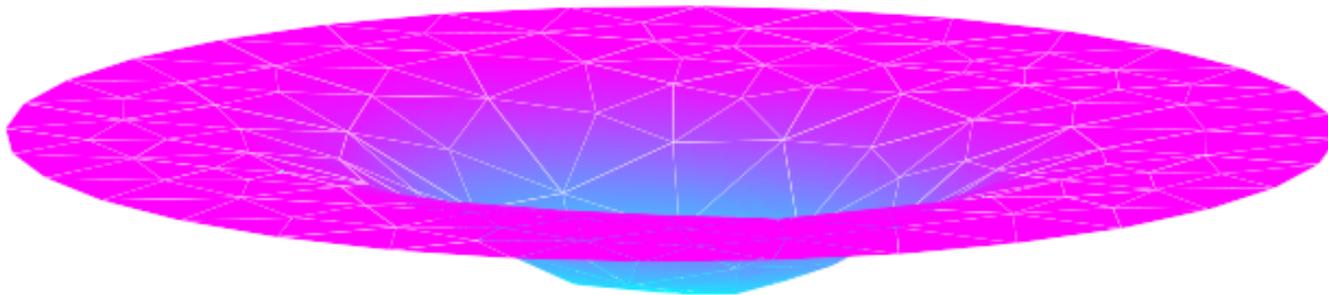
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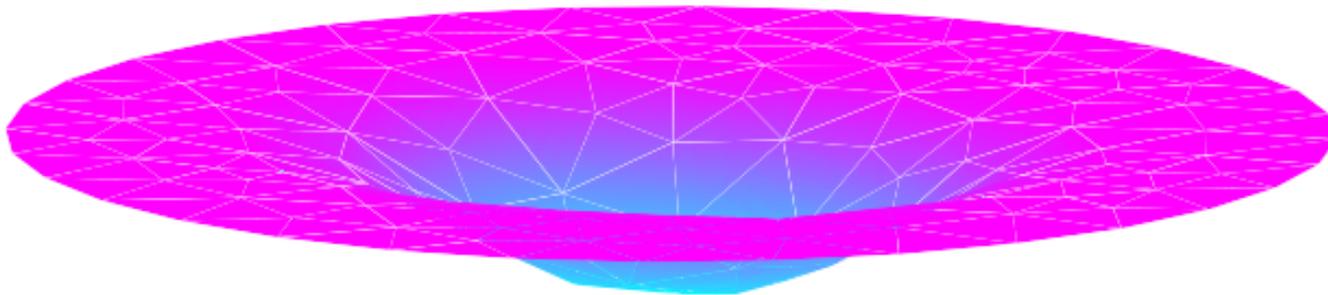


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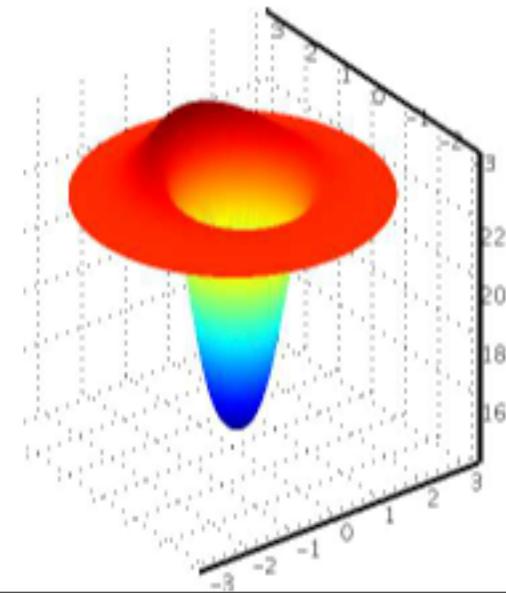
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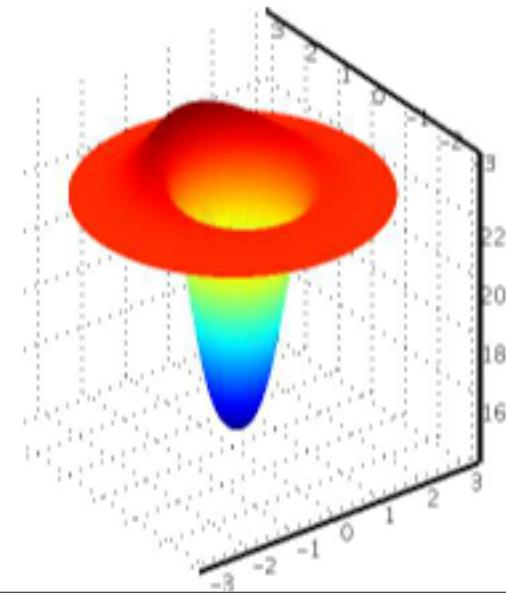


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$\Psi$ =total mosq. population  
 $\Lambda$ =mosq. birth rate  
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 $r$ =spraying effectiveness  
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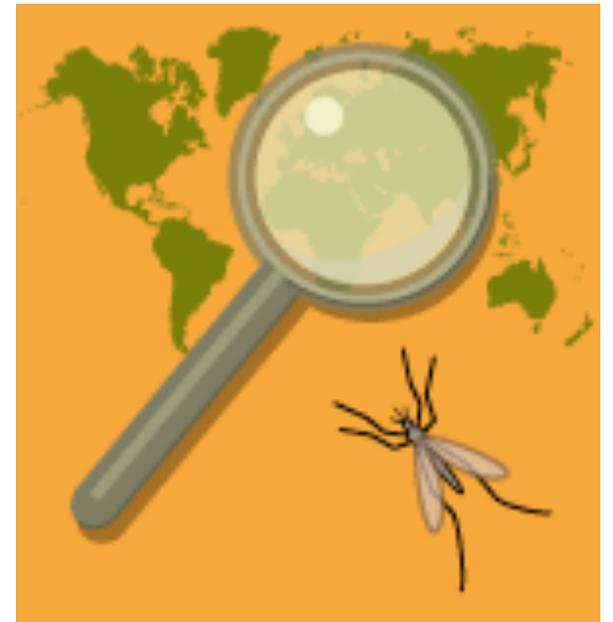
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