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Eutrophication and parasitic infection of amphibians

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What is eutrophication?



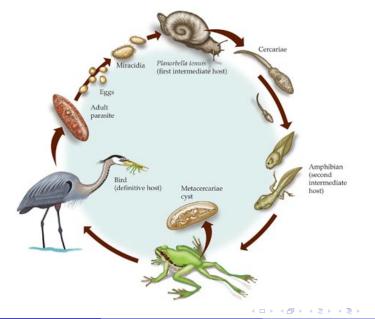




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Infection cycle - Ribeiroia ondatrae



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Our question

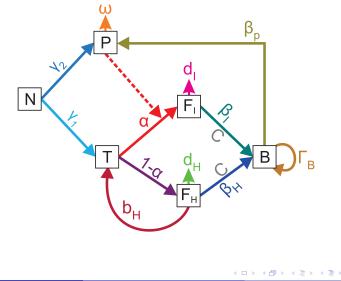
- Does eutrophication leads to frog extinction mediated by increasing prevalence of *R. ondatrae* infection?
- Objective: explore the dynamics of frog population in response to eutrophication.



Image: A matrix and a matrix

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Interaction diagram



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Populations

Population	Description
B(t)	Number of birds.
P(t)	Number of parasites.
T(t)	Number of tadpoles.
$F_H(t)$	Number of health frogs.
$F_I(t)$	Number of infected frogs.



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Parameters

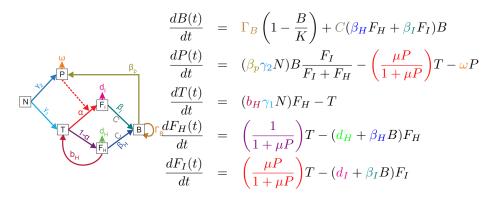
Summary of parameters that are used in the model.

Parameter	Description
d_H	Mortality rate in health frogs.
d_I	Mortality rate in infected frogs.
b_H	Birth rate of tadpoles produced by health frogs.
β_p	Rate of parasites shedded by birds.
β_I	Predation rate of infected frogs by birds.
β_H	Predation rate of health frogs by birds.
lpha	Infection rate.
γ_1	Rate of incorporation of N by tadpoles.
γ_2	Rate of incorporation of N by parasite.
ω	Mortality rate of parasite.
Γ_b	Survival rate of birds.
K	Carrying capacity for birds.
N	Amount of nutrients.
C	Conversion rate.



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Equations





Fixed points with B constant approximation

$$P^* = \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{b_H \gamma_1 N}{d_H + \beta_H B} - 1 \right)$$

$$T^* = b_H \gamma_1 N F_H^*$$

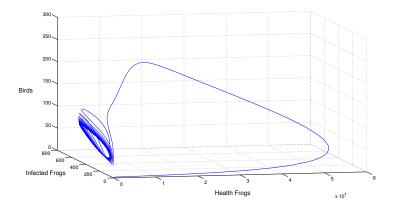
$$F_I^* = \frac{b_H \gamma_1 N \mu P^* F_H^*}{(d_I + \beta_I B)(1 + \mu P^*)}$$

$$F_H^* = \frac{\beta_P \gamma_2 N B \left(\frac{1+a}{a}\right) - \omega P^*}{\left(\frac{\mu P^*}{1+\mu P^*}\right) b_H \gamma_1 N}$$

Where
$$a = \frac{b_H \gamma_1 N \mu P^*}{(d_I + \beta_I B)(1 + \mu P^*)}$$

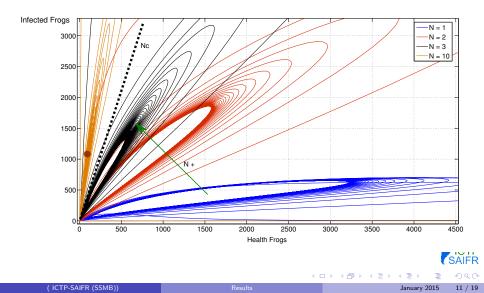


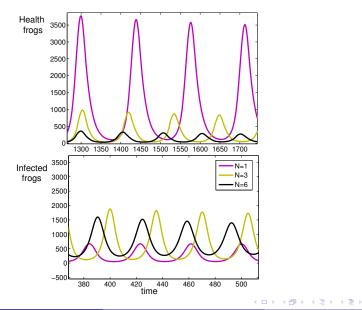
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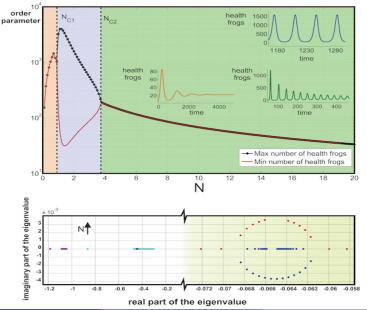




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Results

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Conclusion



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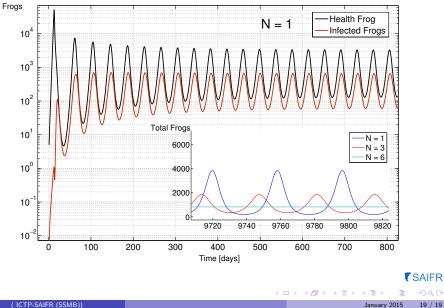
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