

# North American Animal Disease SpreadModel

## Disease Characteristics

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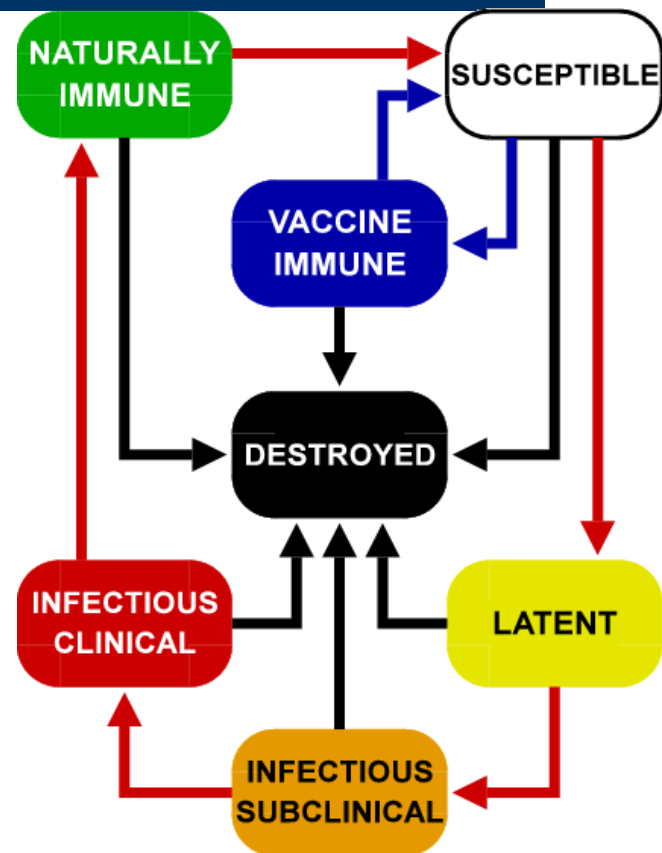
- What are disease characteristics in NAADSM?
- How does NAADSM use them?
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# What are disease characteristics?

- States of disease progression in which a unit (herd or flock) may exist
- Disease states in NAADSM:
  - Latent,
  - Infectious Subclinical,
  - Infectious Clinical,
  - Immune,
  - Vaccine Immune
- User-developed probability density functions entered that describe the duration of each state on a UNIT basis (not an animal!)
- Within-herd spread adjustment optional

# Basics of disease states

- Each unit has a state
- 3 actions can change states:
  - **Infect**
  - **Vaccinate**
  - **Destroy**
- Infection and vaccination set in motion a “natural progression” through states

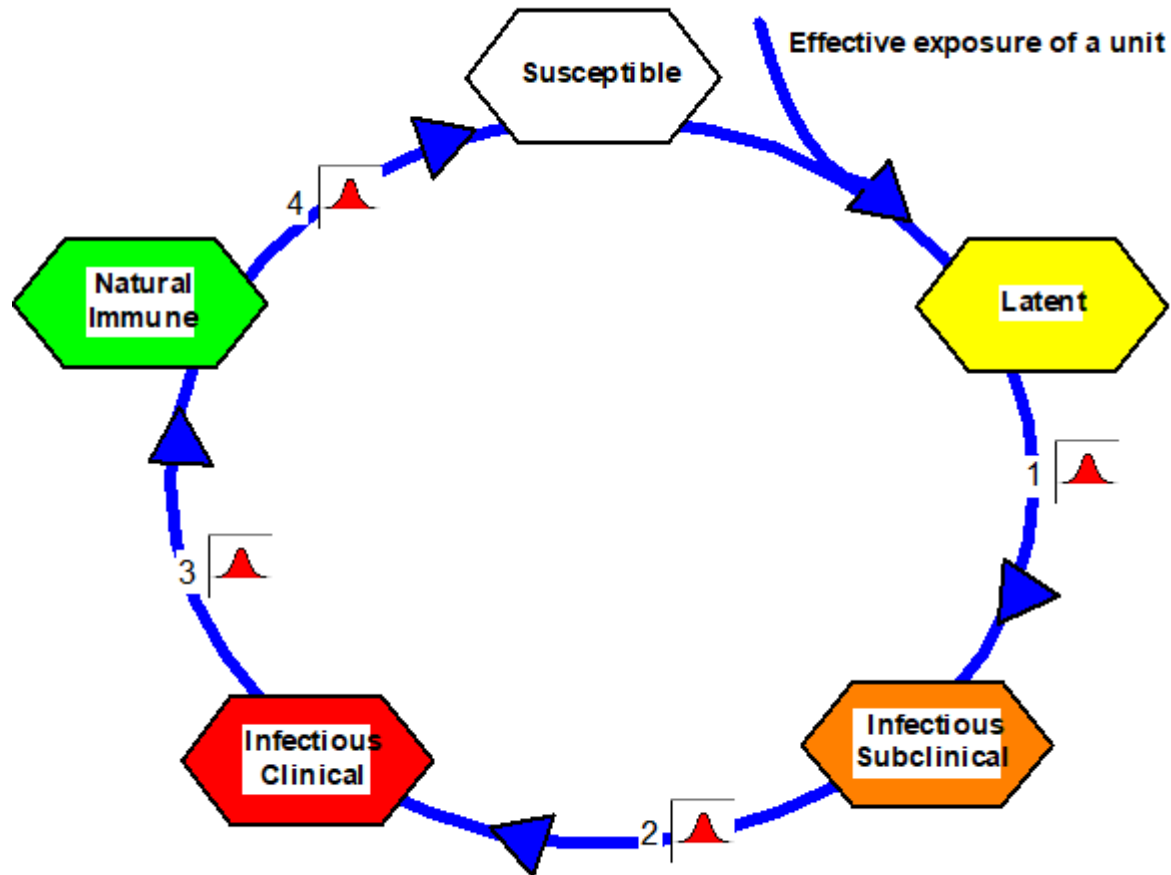


# Discussed later...

- Vaccine immunity characteristics entered in another area
  - when vaccination is set up
- Destruction entered elsewhere too
- Not disease characteristics

# Progression of an infection

Parameter-specified time intervals fitting into infection cycle



# With-in unit prevalence

- An optional add-on to disease states
- Affects disease transmission



# How does NAADSM use disease characteristics?

- Controls who can get infected, and how
- Controls who can spread infection, and how
- Affects how infection can be spread
- Affects when detection can occur
- Susceptible herds can be infected via any route
- Immune and Vaccine Immune herds cannot spread infection or be infected by other herds






# How does NAADSM use disease characteristics?

- Transmission via direct contact can occur if infected unit is Latent, Infectious Subclinical or Infectious Clinical
- Transmission of disease via indirect contact can occur if infected unit is either Infectious Subclinical or Infectious Clinical
- Transmission via airborne dispersion can occur when infected unit is Infectious Subclinical or Infectious Clinical

## How does NAADSM use disease characteristics?

- Detection occurs ONLY when unit is Infectious Clinical

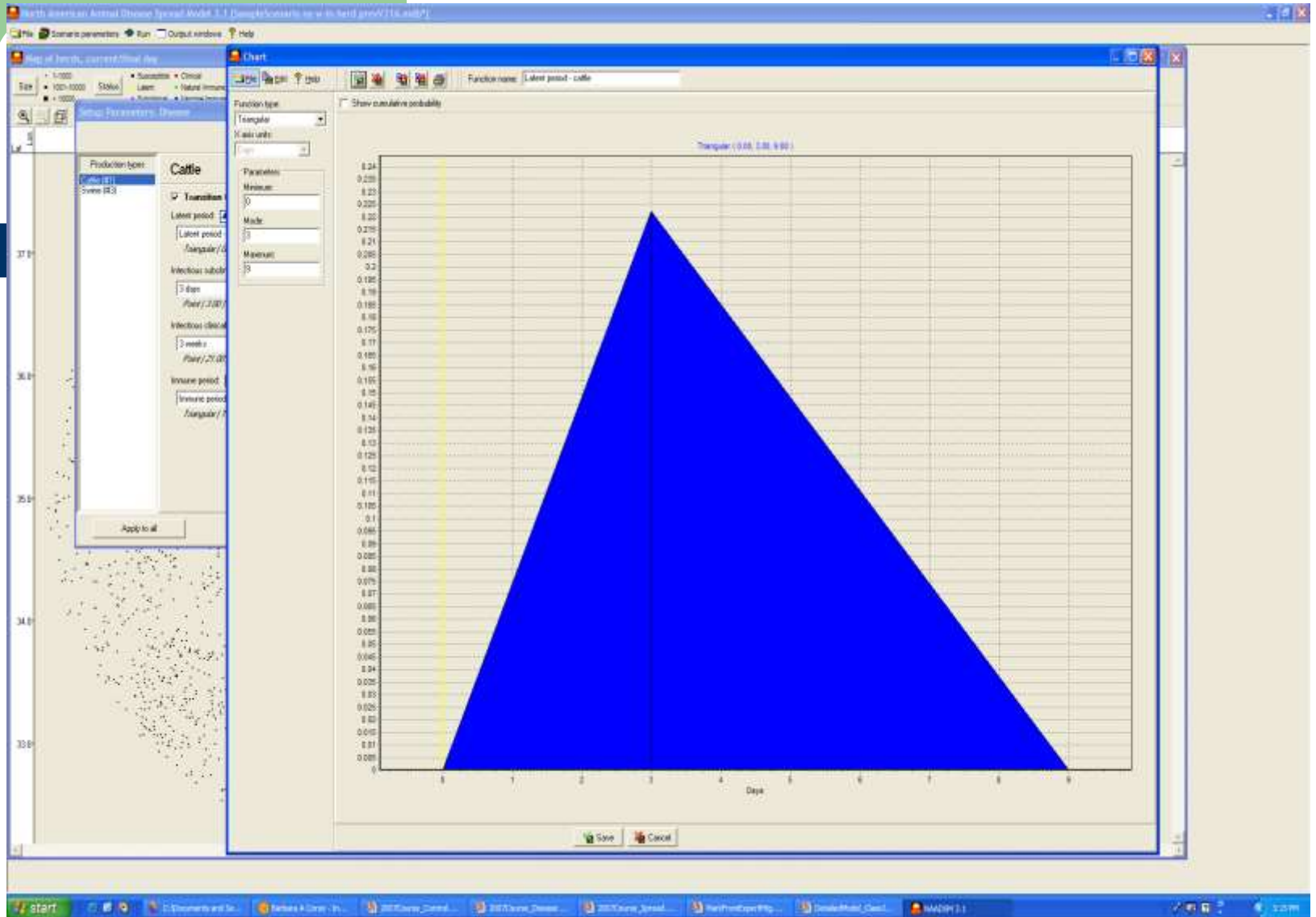
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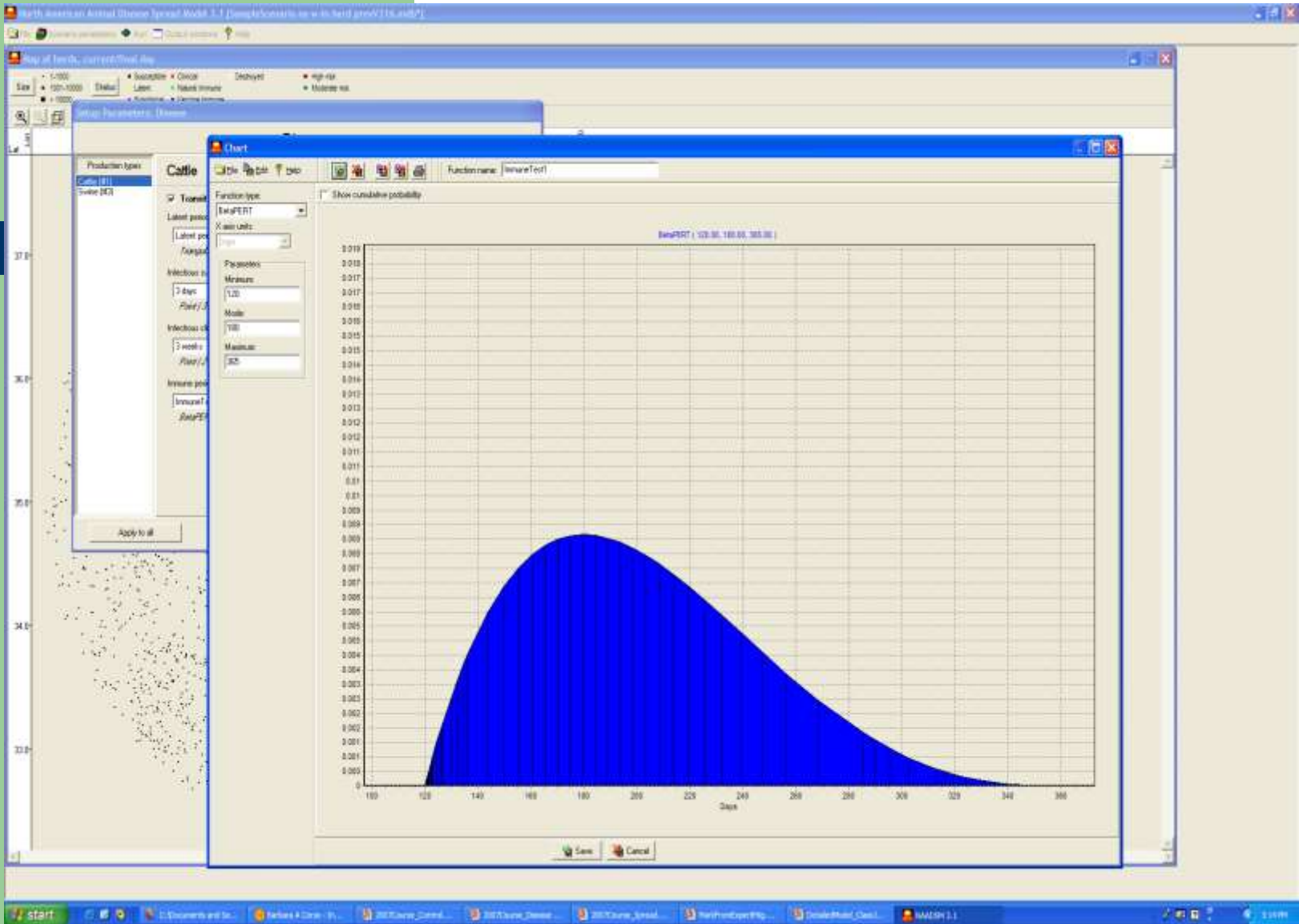
1. Latent period (days) 
2. Infectious subclinical period (days) 
3. Infectious clinical period (days) 
4. Natural immune period (days) 
5. Prevalence (0-1) vs. Time 

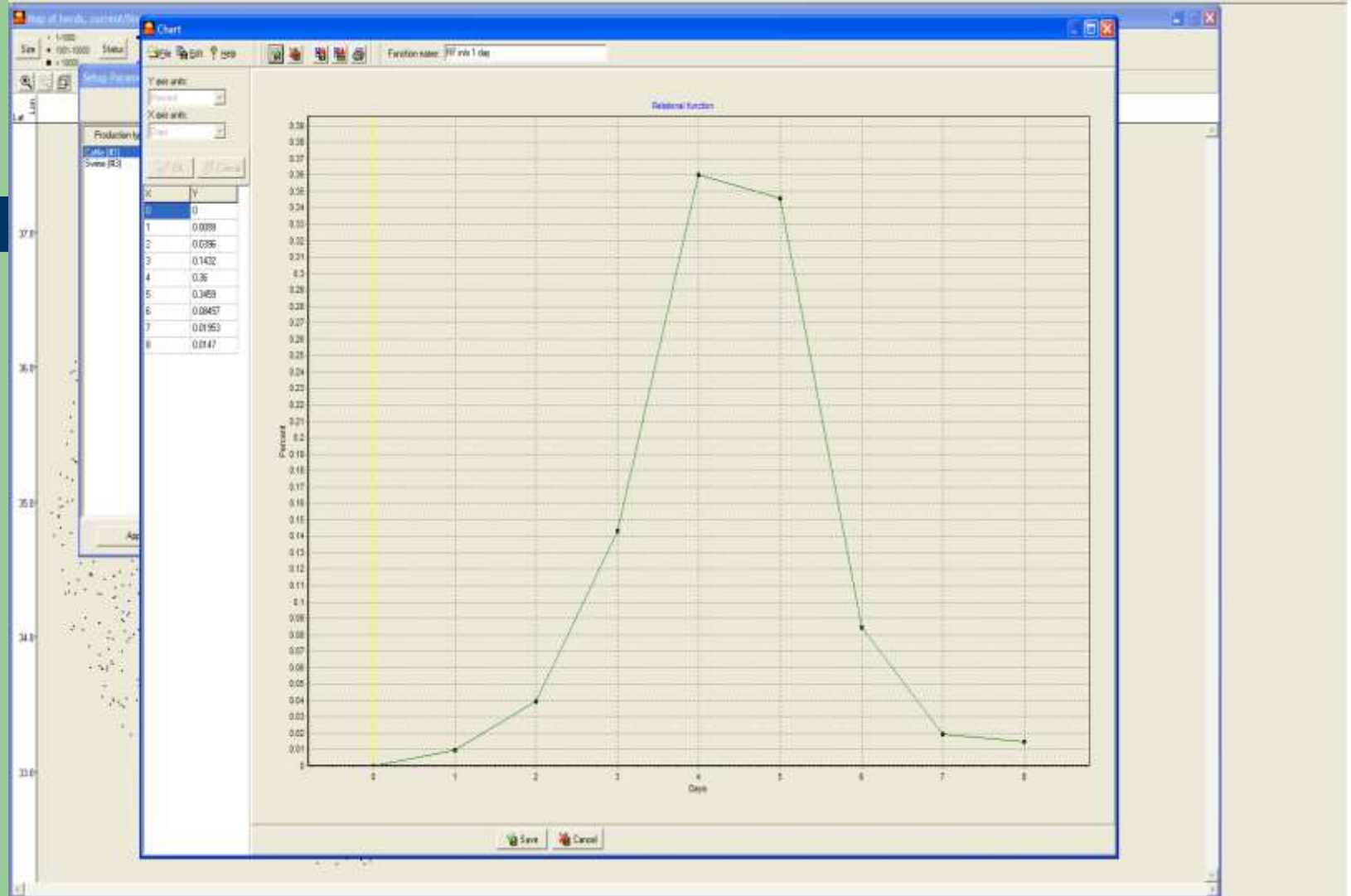
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\*  Indicates a probability function

\*  Indicates a relationship (x-y) chart



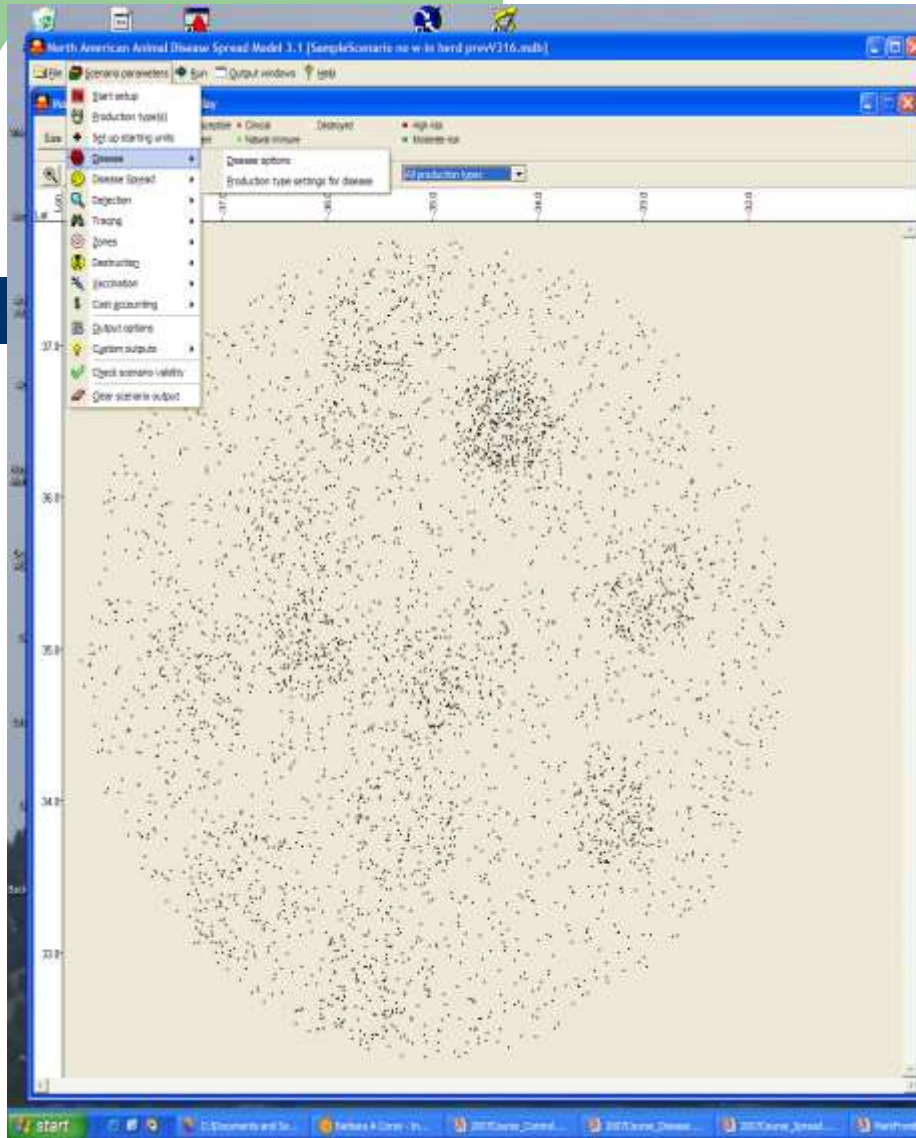




# How do you enter characteristics?

- Setup Parameters: Disease
- Enter values for each species in the model
- Enter value for each state that exists
- Can enter 0 to skip a state
- Numerous functions allowed: Fixed Value (point), Uniform, Triangular, BetaPERT, Piecewise
- Can import piecewise from another package





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Scenario parameters: Within-herd prevalence

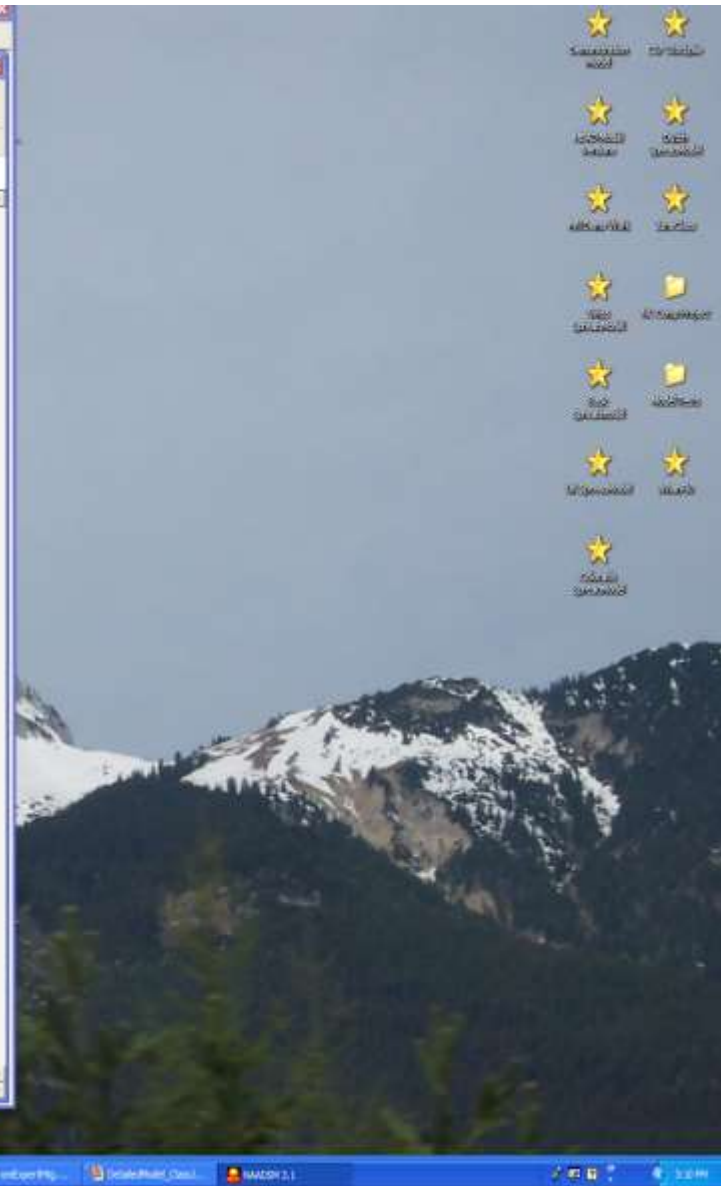
### Disease options

Would you like to exclude WITHIN-HERD PREVALENCE?

- Yes, use within-herd prevalence.
- No, use a specified probability of infection (outside instead).

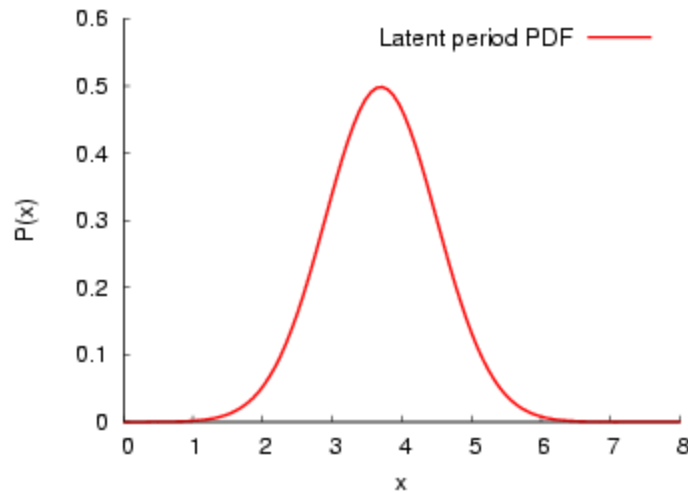
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Simulation software interface showing a "Setup Parameters: Disease" dialog box for "Cattle". The dialog includes a list of production types (cows, calves) and a "Transmission the disease is units of the production type" checkbox. Below this, there are four sections for defining periods: Latent period (1 year), Infectious subclinical period (3 days), Infectious clinical period (3 weeks), and Incubation period (180 days). Each section has a dropdown menu, a text input field, and "Edit", "New", "Clear", and "Remove" buttons. The background shows a map of a herd with a large number of small black dots representing animals. The software title bar indicates "Map of herds, control herd, map". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications including "2017Course\_Contra", "2017Course\_Disease", "2017Course\_Spread", and "HerdSim v1.0.0".

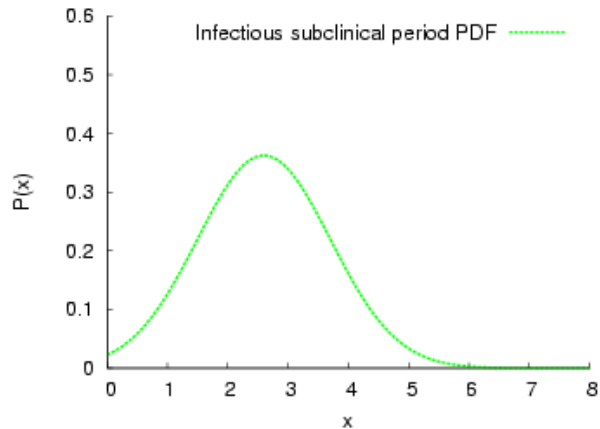


# Example: Input Disease Characteristic parameters

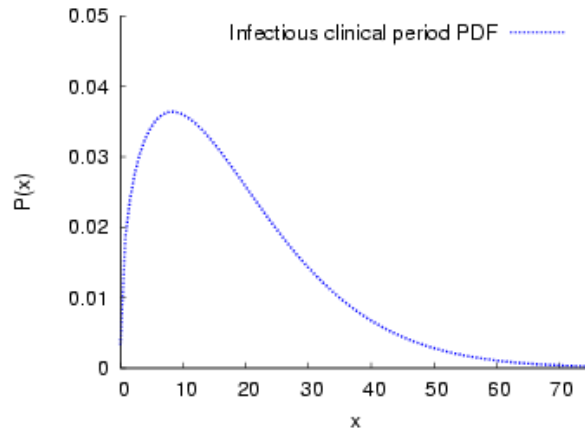
- Latent Period = normal (3.7, 0.8)



- Infectious subclinical period = normal (2.6, 1.1)



- Infectious clinical period = Weibull (1.4, 20.2)

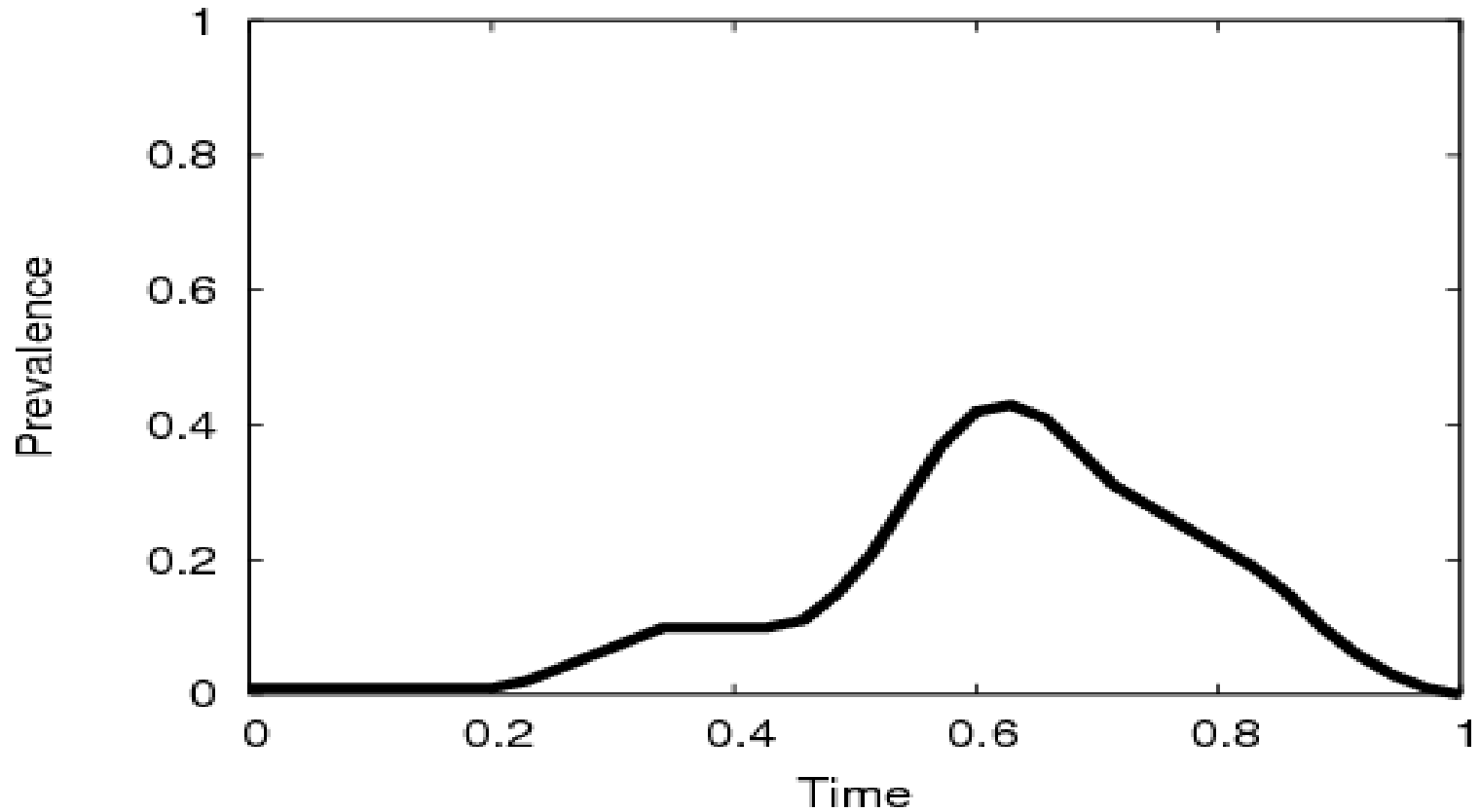


- Three different units become infected
- To determine duration of disease states we sample from our input distributions three times
- Results of three samplings
  - Latent = 4, Inf SubC = 3, Clin = 31 (38 days total)
  - 5, 1, 15 (21 days total)
  - 3, 1, 63 (67 days total)

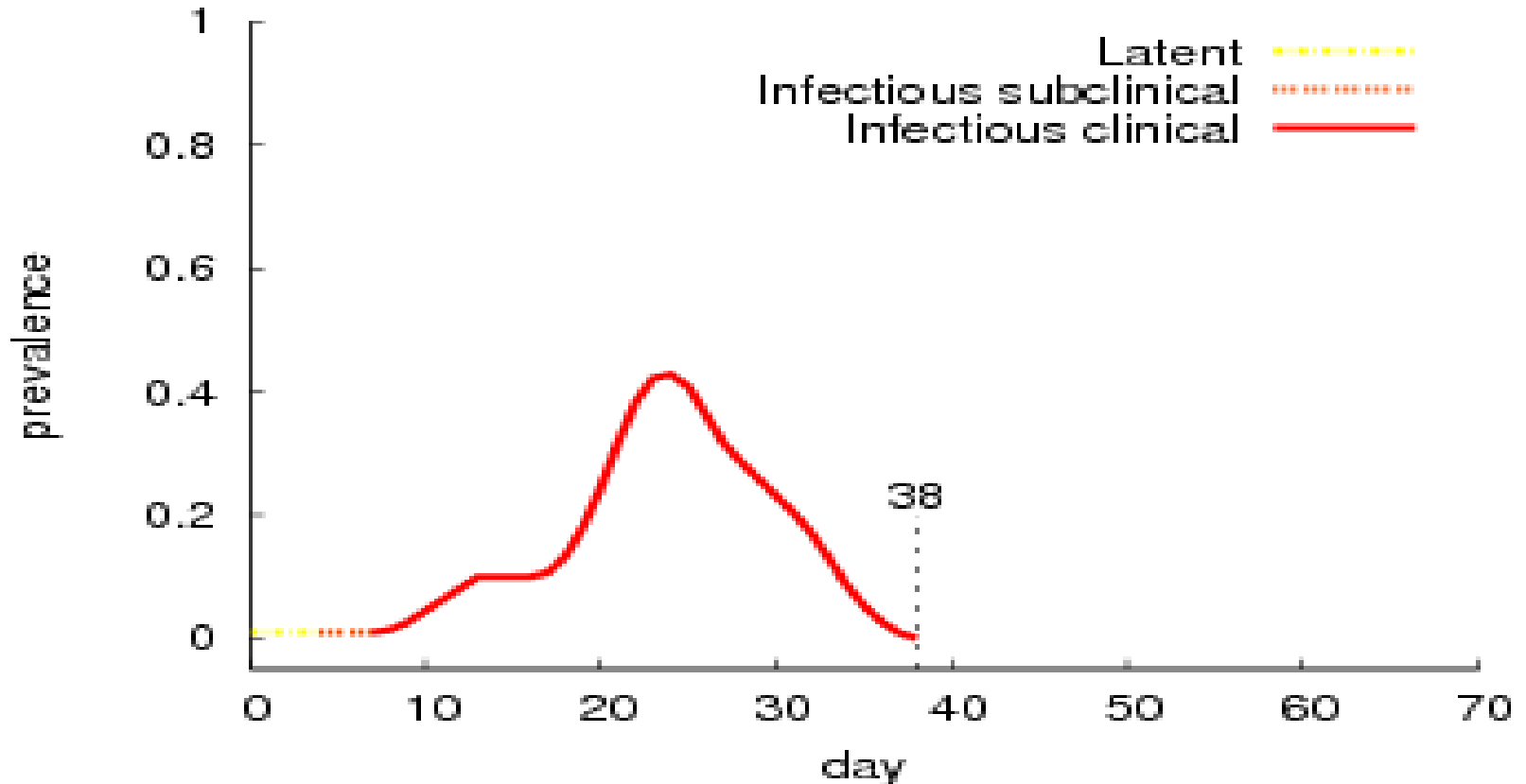
- Without the within-unit option, NAADSM assumes that the entire premises is in the determined state for that period of time
- How does within unit prevalence adjustment change that?
- Combination of state information and the within-unit curve



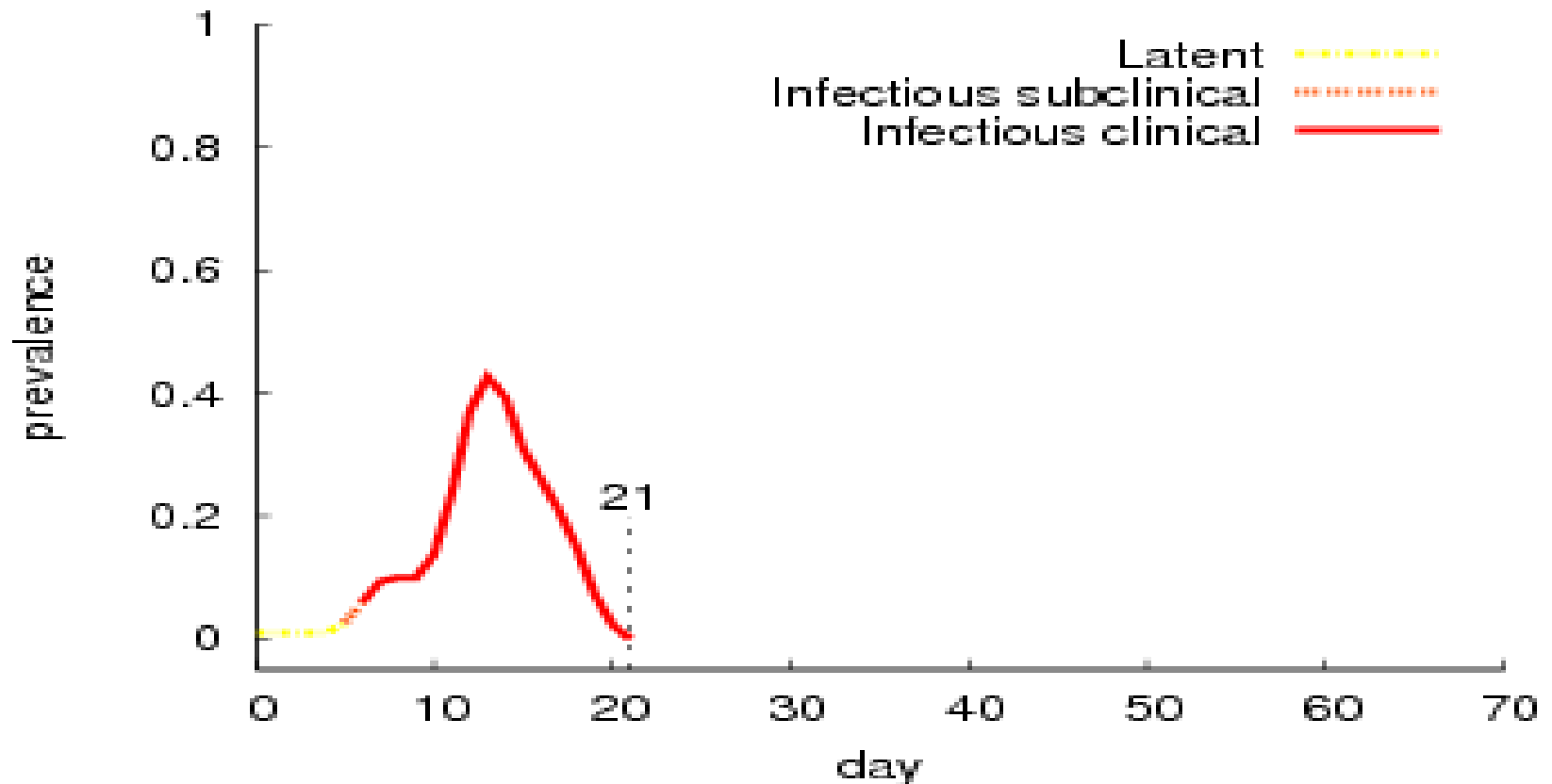
# Sample within-unit curve



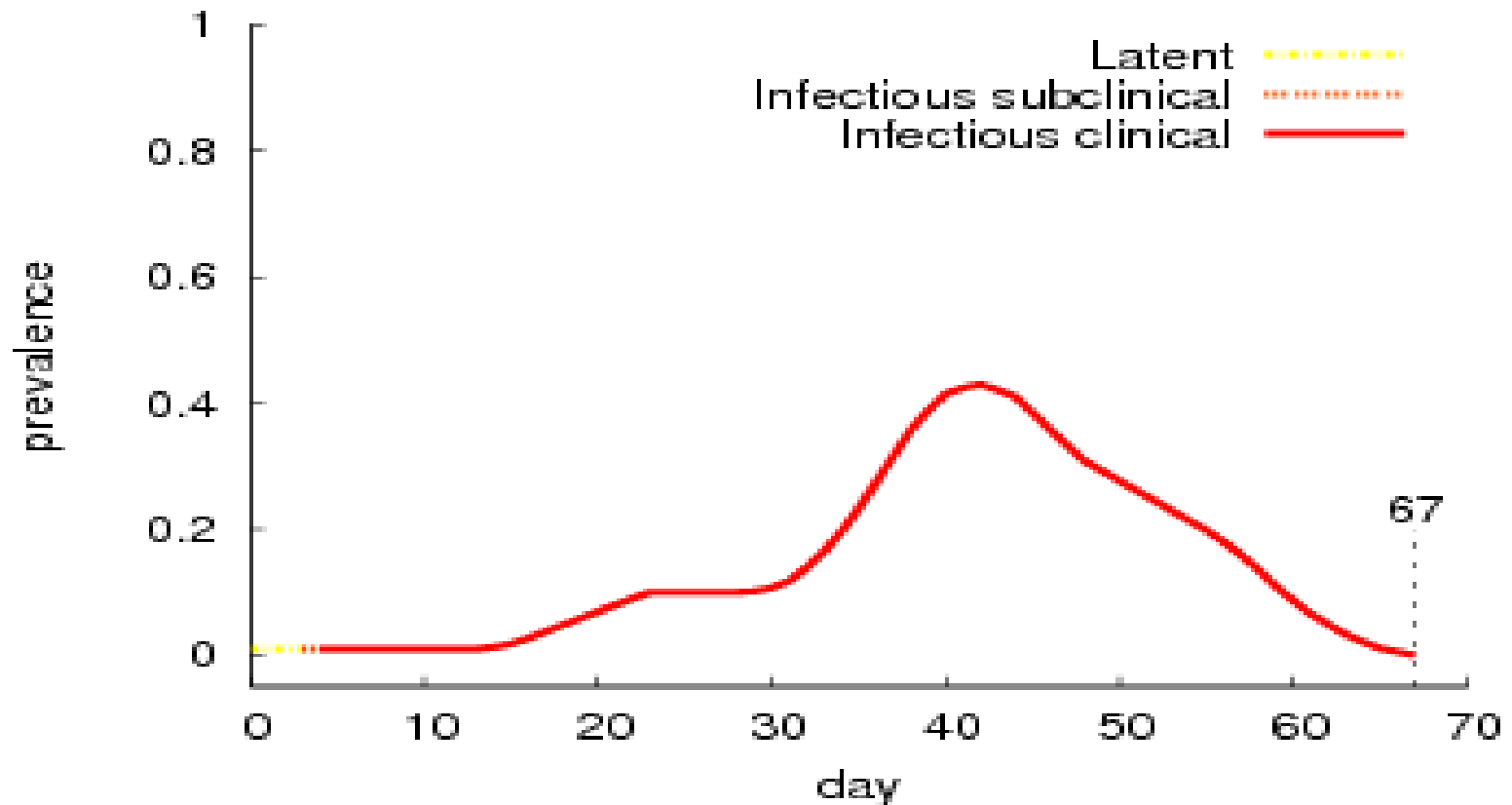
# For unit with 38 day “sick” period (4, 3, 31)



# For unit with 21 day period (5, 1, 15)



# For unit with 67 day period (3, 1, 63)



# Concerns

- How do you decide what the input parameters should be?
- Interactions in the model

**Questions?**

