

EnKFseir

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1 SEIR with age compartments

We have used the model described to run a sensitivity simulation to assess the impact of opening children schools and kinder gardens after Easter. The age based model considers 11 age groups as defined in Tab. 1. The R matrix used in the simulation after letting children back to kinder gardens and schools is presented in Tab. 2. Note that the P factors and the \mathbf{R} matrix are rather uncertain, and we should gather more data to calibrate these coefficients. A prior ensemble integration is first providing a prior prediction. The EnKF is then used to condition model parameters on todays accumulated deaths and the number of hospitalized patients. Then another ensemble prediction is run with the updated ensemble of model parameters, to provide the posterior prediction with uncertainty estimates.

From this simulation, opening of schools and kindergardens is likely to yield strong growth in new cases for the young agegroups followed by spreading of the virus to their parents, teachers, and the rest of the community. The continuous lockdown in the rest of the society stabilizes somewhat the growth, but we still see a large increase in the number of sick people, hospitalized people, and deaths.

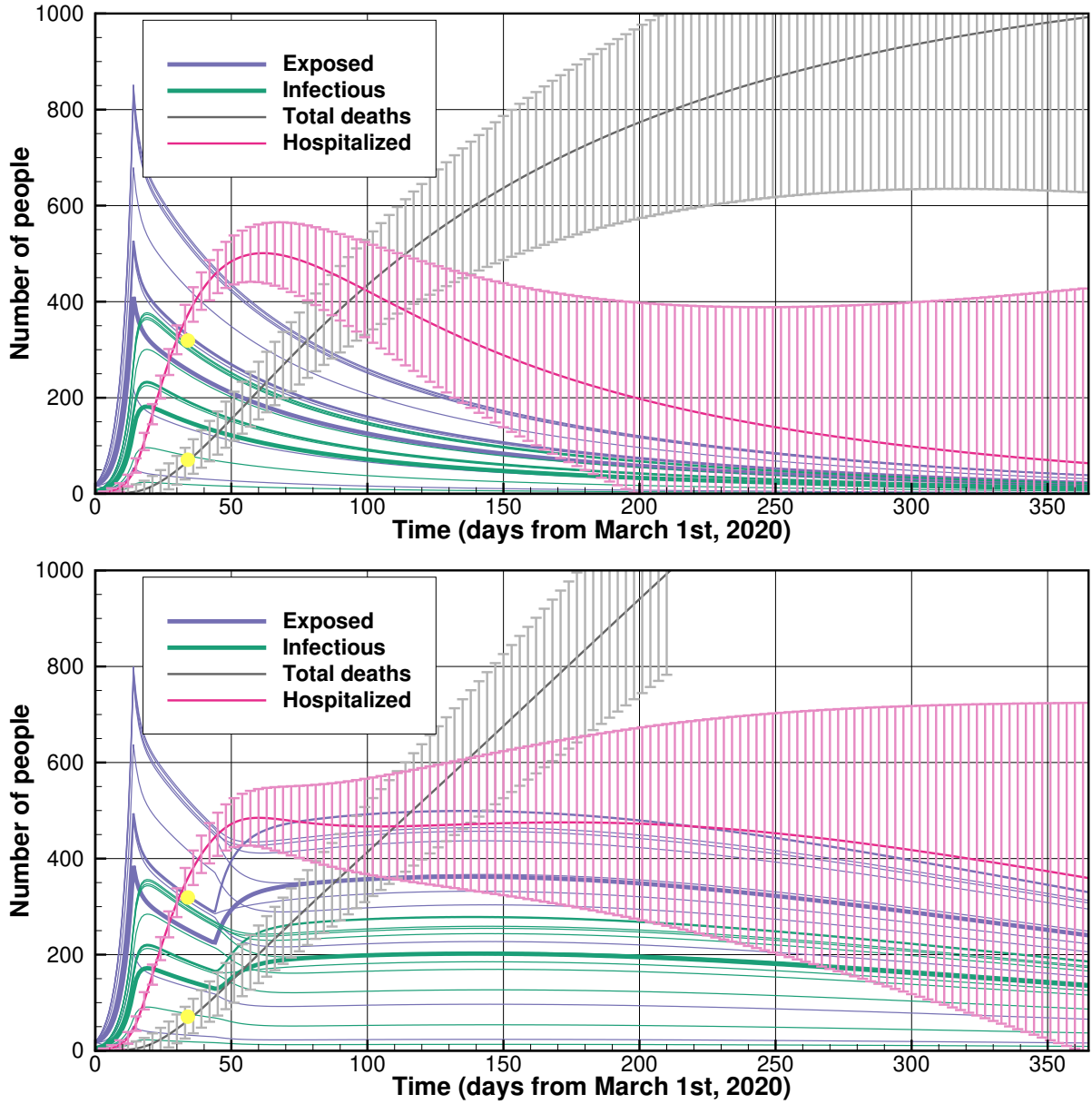


Figure 1: The upper plot is generated from an ensemble prediction where the current interventions are continued with $R = 0.8$. The lower plot shows the corresponding result when we open kinder gardens and schools for children aged 6–12 years old. The black curve is the ensemble average of accumulated deaths in the two scenarios while the red curve is the ensemble mean of the number of hospitalized persons. The error bars show plus minus two standard deviations. The blue and green curves are the number of exposed and infectious persons in the different age groups. The thickest blue and green lines corresponds to the youngest age group (0–5 years old) while the second thickest lines denote the second age group from (6–12 years old).

2 Model description

We have added age compartments to the standard SEIR model. The susceptible, exposed and infected populations is modeled per age group, while after they get sick we gather them in common groups.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_1 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow I_1 \\ \vdots \\ S_i \rightarrow E_i \rightarrow I_i \rightarrow \begin{cases} Q_m & \rightarrow R_m \\ Q_s \rightarrow Q_h & \rightarrow R_s \\ Q_f & \rightarrow D \end{cases} \\ \vdots \\ S_n \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow I_n \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

The model equations are as follows:

$$\frac{\partial S_i}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{inf}}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n R_{ij}(t) I_j \right) S_i \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial E_i}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{inf}}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n R_{ij}(t) I_j \right) S_i - \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{inc}}} E_i \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial I_i}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{inc}}} E_i - \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{inf}}} I_i \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_m}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{p_m^i}{\tau_{\text{inf}}} I_i - (1/\tau_{\text{recm}}) Q_m \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_s}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{p_s^i}{\tau_{\text{inf}}} I_i - (1/\tau_{\text{hosp}}) Q_s \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_f}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{p_f^i}{\tau_{\text{inf}}} I_i - (1/\tau_{\text{death}}) Q_f \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_h}{\partial t} = (1/\tau_{\text{hosp}}) Q_s - (1/\tau_{\text{recs}}) Q_h \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial R_m}{\partial t} = (1/\tau_{\text{recm}}) Q_m \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial R_s}{\partial t} = (1/\tau_{\text{recs}}) Q_h \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = (1/\tau_{\text{death}}) Q_f \quad (11)$$

3 Some model parameters

Age group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Age range	0–5	6–12	13–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60–69	70–79	80–89	90–105
Population	351159	451246	446344	711752	730547	723663	703830	582495	435834	185480	45230
P–mild	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9640	0.9185	0.9210	0.8900	0.9070	0.9120
P–severe	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0360	0.0720	0.0600	0.0720	0.0360	0.0120
P–fatal	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0095	0.0190	0.0380	0.0570	0.0760

Table 1: The population numbers are obtained from SSB and are accurate. The total Norwegian population is 5367580. The P numbers indicate the fraction of sick people in an age group ending up with mild symptoms, severe symptoms (hospitalized), and fatal infection (hospitalized and then dead). With the current numbers, the average case fatality rate is 0.0090 and the average percentage of severe (hospitalized) cases is 0.0280.

Age group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	3.80	2.00	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.10	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
2	2.00	3.80	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
3	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
4	1.50	1.50	1.00	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
5	1.50	1.50	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
6	1.10	1.50	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
7	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
8	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
9	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
10	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
11	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80

Table 2: The R matrix allows for using different transmission factors in between different age groups. This matrix was used after opening up children schools and kinder gardens. On the diagonal the value gives the transmission of disease within the same age group. The off-diagonal terms are the transmissions between age groups. Here it is assumed that open kinder gardens and schools leads to “normal” transmission within these groups $R = 3.8$. We also assume that there are increased transmission between parent groups and children.

3.1 Model paramters

$\tau_{2\text{death}} = 32.0$	$P(1)$	Days to death
$N = 5000000.0$	$P(2)$	Initial population
$I_0 = 50.0$	$P(3)$	Initial infectious (19 cases 1st march)
$R_0 = 2.2$	$P(4)$	Basic Reproduction Number
$\tau_{\text{inc}} = 5.2$	$P(5)$	Incubation period (Tinc)
$\tau_{\text{inf}} = 2.9$	$P(6)$	Duration patient is infectious (Tinf)
$\tau_{\text{recm}} = 14.0 - \tau_{\text{inf}}$	$P(7)$	Recovery time mild cases (11.1)
$\tau_{\text{recs}} = 31.5 - \tau_{\text{inf}}$	$P(8)$	Recovery time severe cases Length of hospital stay
$\tau_{\text{hosp}} = 5.0$	$P(9)$	Time to hospitalization.
$p_f = 0.02$	$P(10)$	Case fatality rate
$p_s = 0.2$	$P(11)$	Hospitalization rate % for severe cases
$R(t) = 0.8$	$P(12)$	Basic Reproduction Number during intervention
$\tau_{\text{intervention}} = 30.0$	$P(13)$	Interventions start here (15th march)
$\tau_{\text{death}} = \tau_{2\text{death}} - \tau_{\text{inf}}$		

3.2 Diagnostic variables

Number of hospitalized	$N(\mathbf{Q}_f + \mathbf{Q}_h)$
Number of recovered	$N(\mathbf{R}_m + \mathbf{R}_s)$
Number of deaths	$N\mathbf{D}$
Number of exposed	$N \sum \mathbf{E}_i$
Number of infectious	$N \sum \mathbf{I}_i$
Number of susceptible	$N \sum \mathbf{S}_i$
