

COVID-19 Modelling

*Scenario Analysis for
the Piedmont Region*

2021-02-09 | *SEPI-SEREMI*

Overview

Data

- Population
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- Policy

Modelling

- Structure
- Initialization
- Calibration

Work in Progress

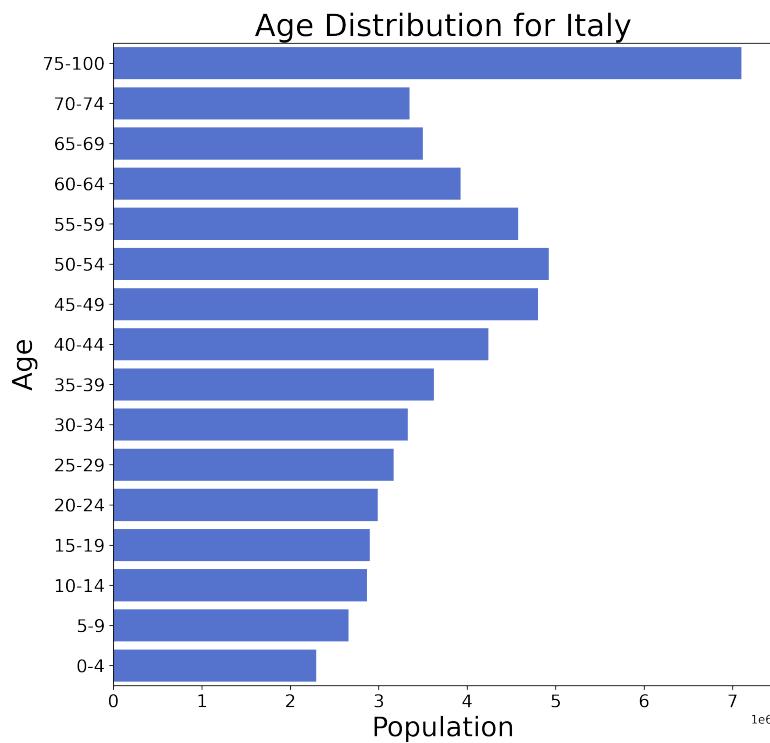
- Multi-Method R_t Estimation
- Identifiability Analysis
- Sensitivity Analysis
- Validation

Questions

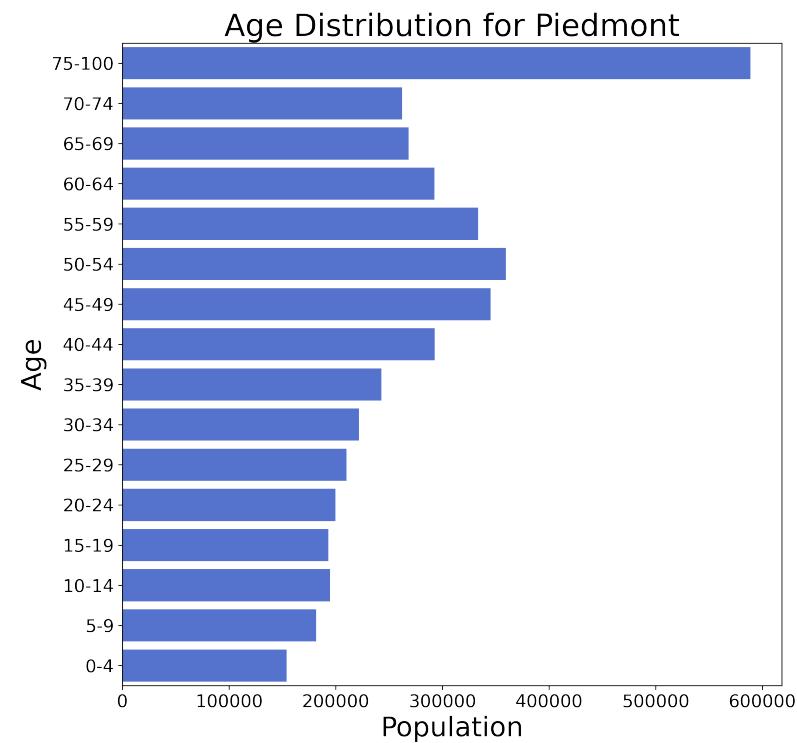
- Events
- Transition Delays
- Hospital & ICU Capacity
- Diagnostic Capacity

Population Data

National



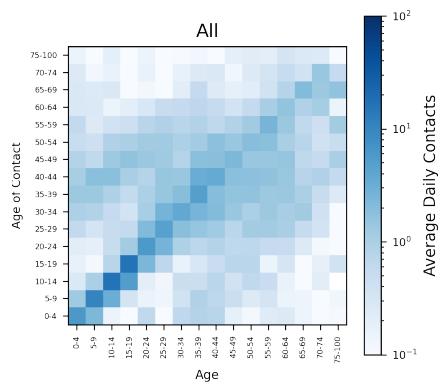
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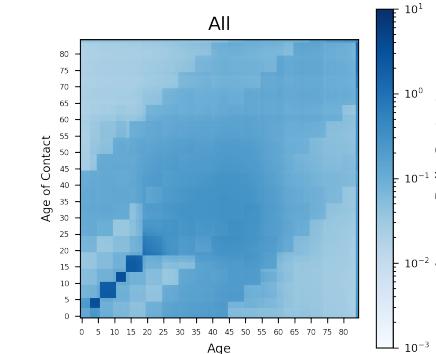
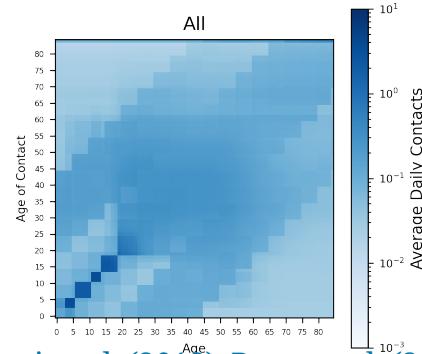
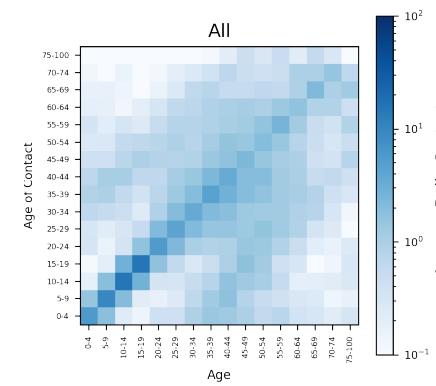
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Contact Data

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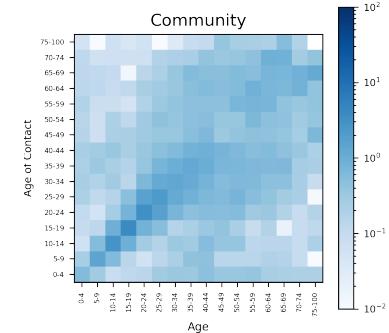
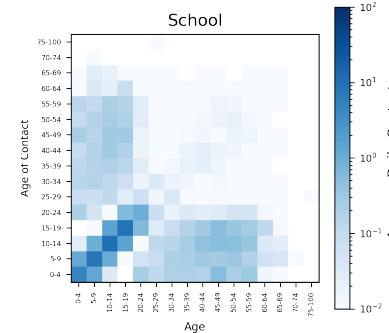
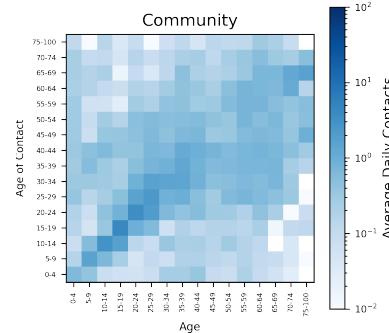
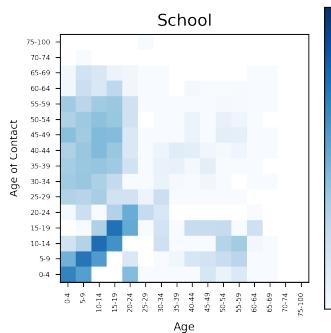
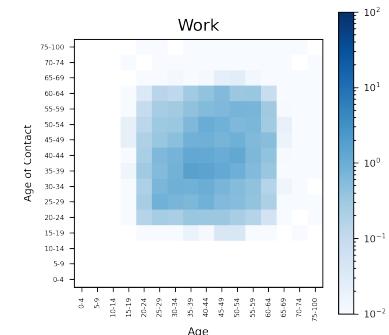
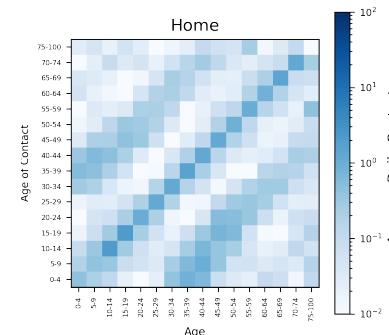
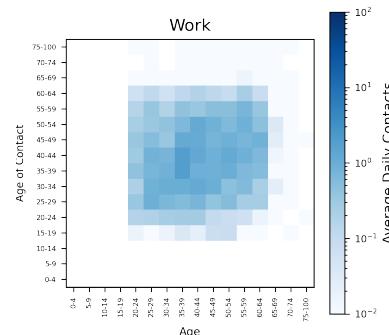
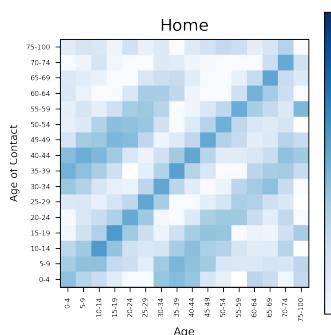


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Contact Data: Medium Resolution

National

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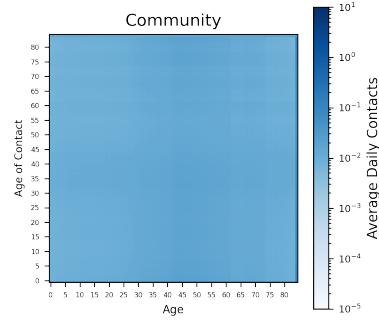
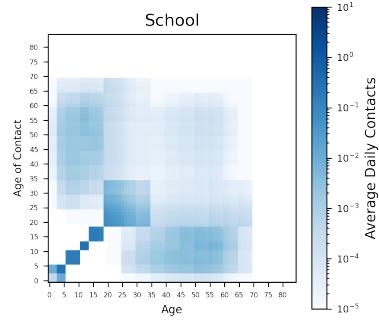
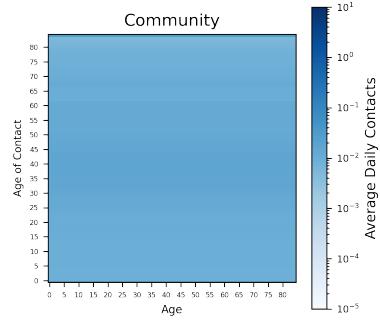
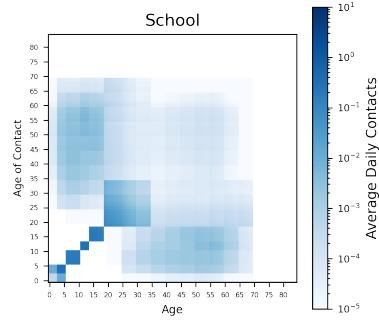
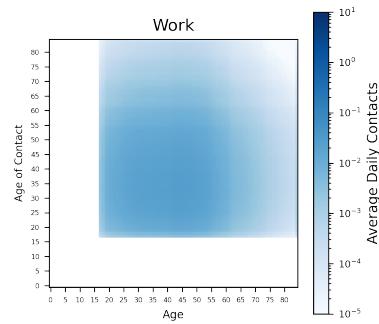
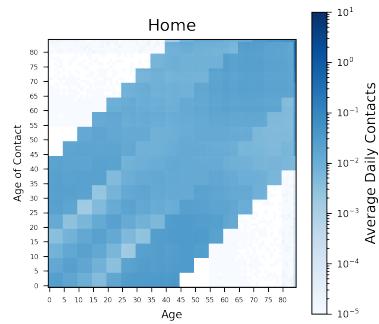
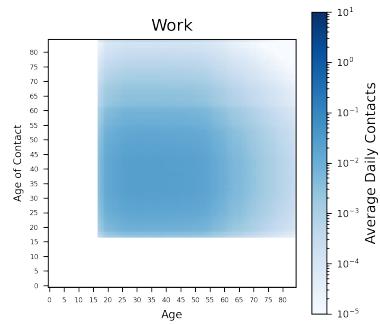
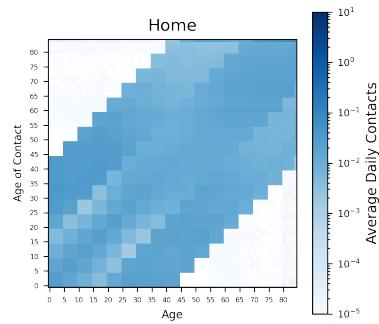


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Contact Data: High Resolution

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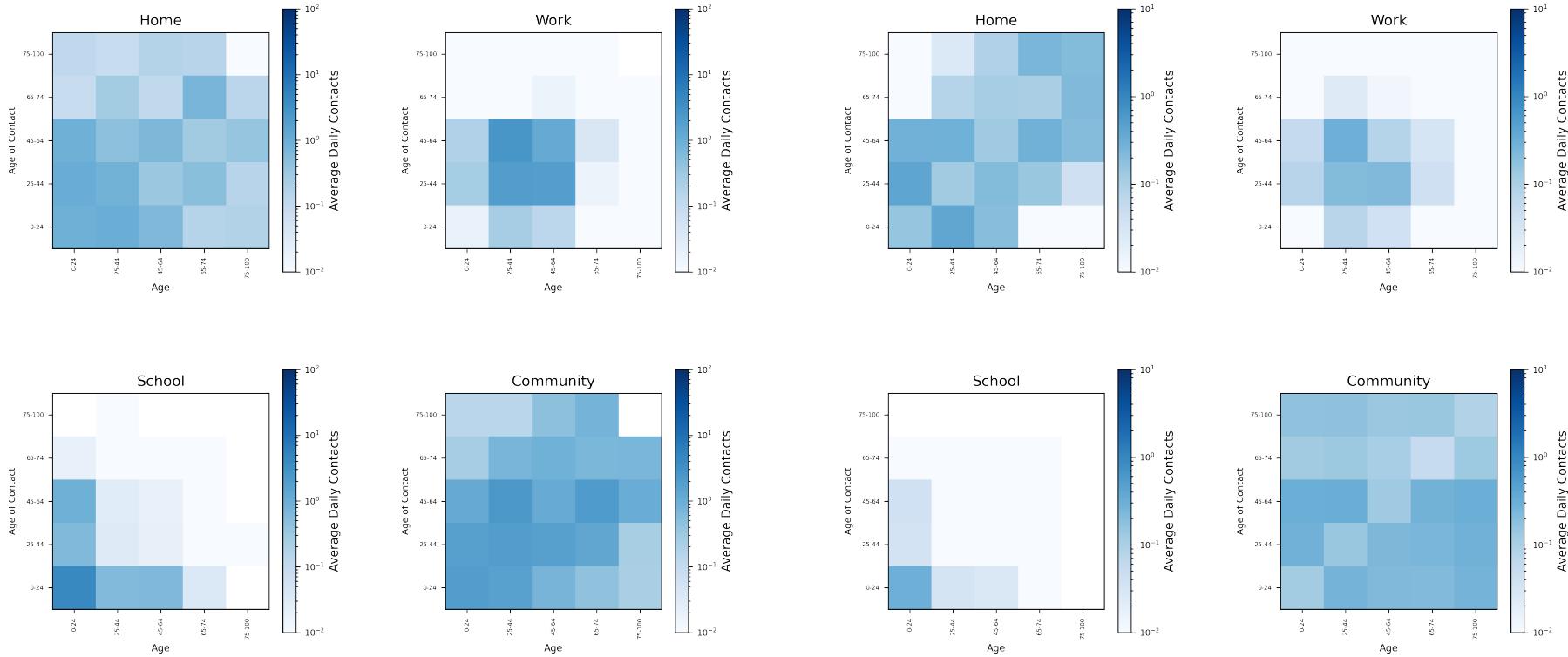


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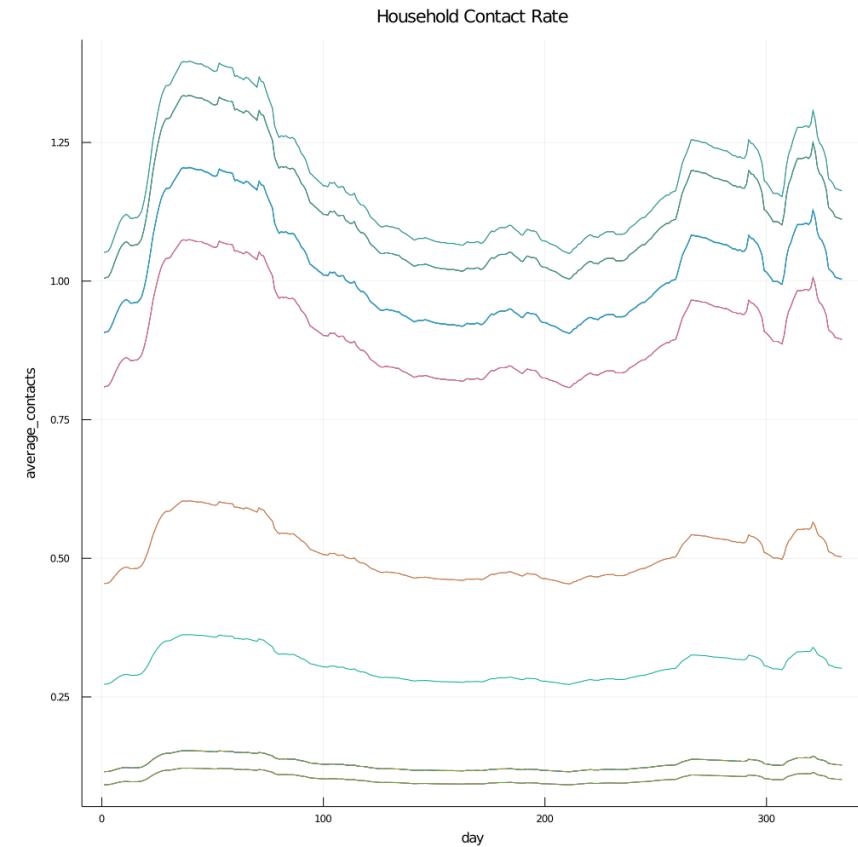
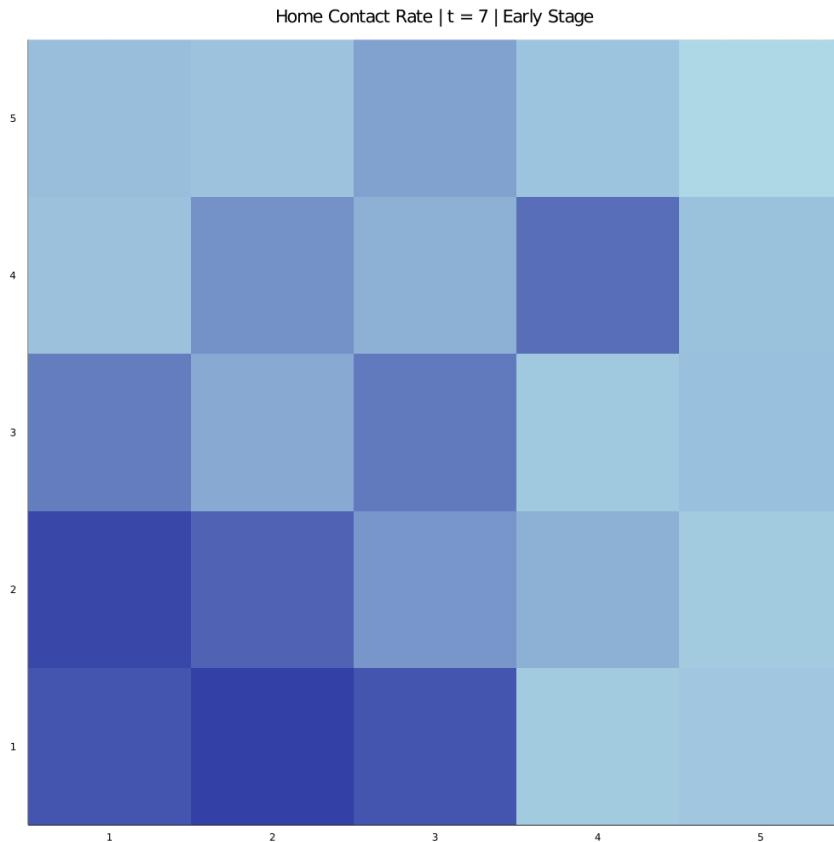
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High Resolution



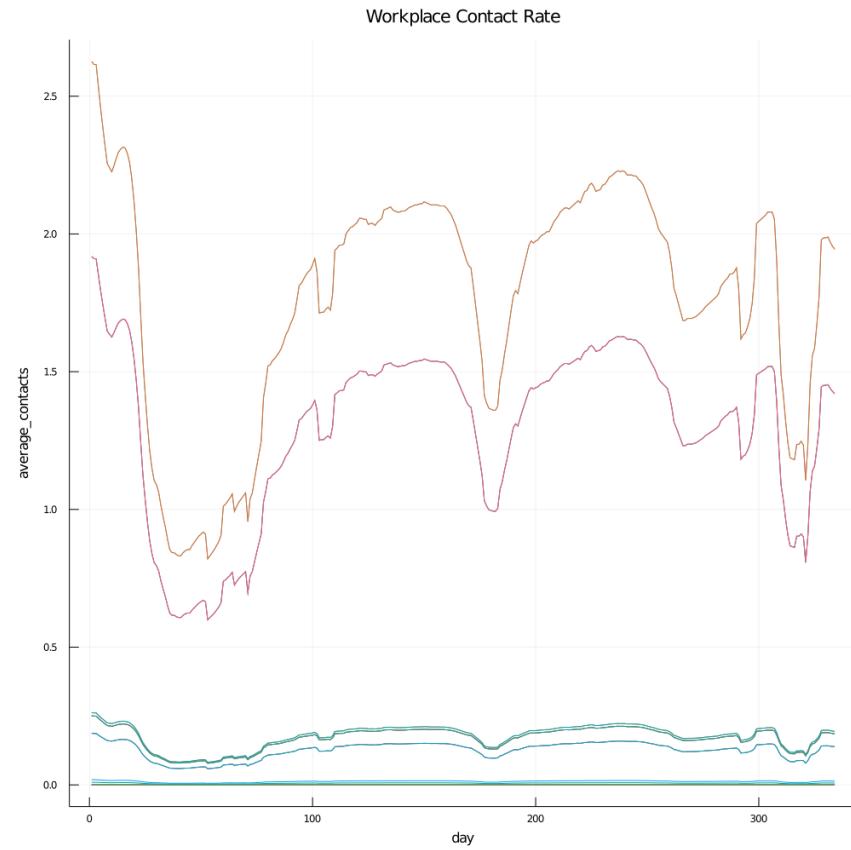
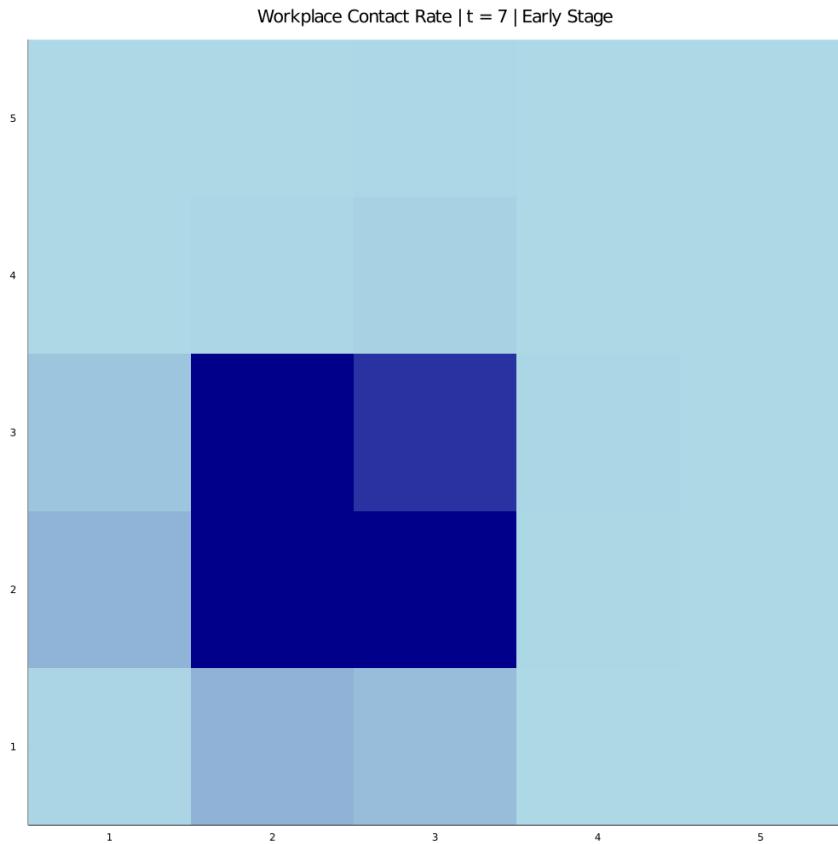
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Behavioural Data: Home



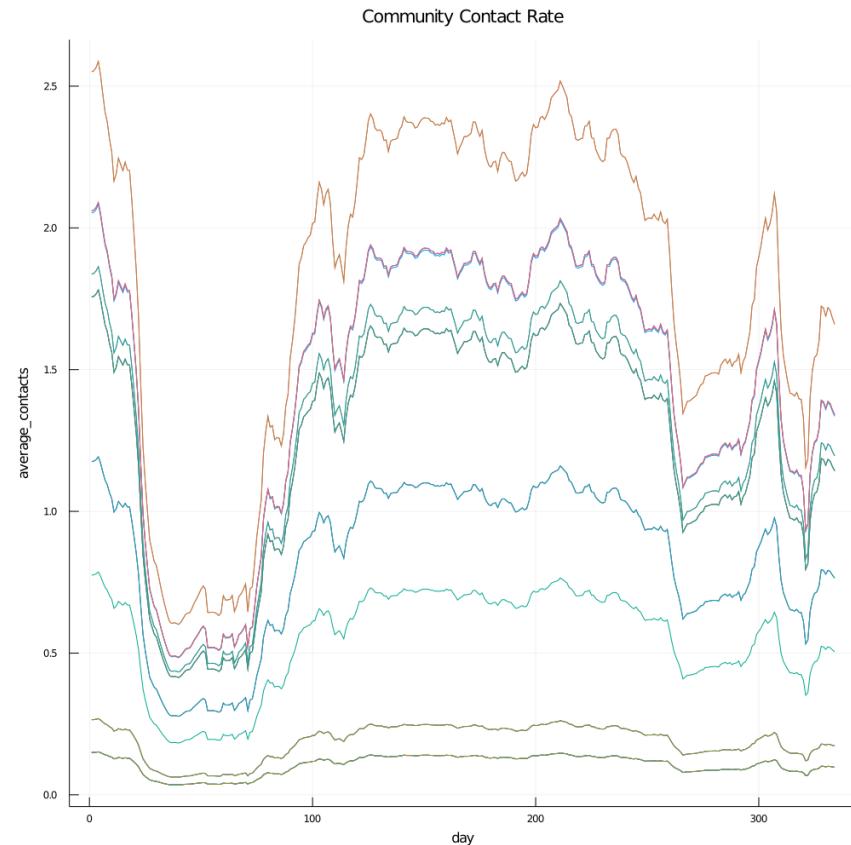
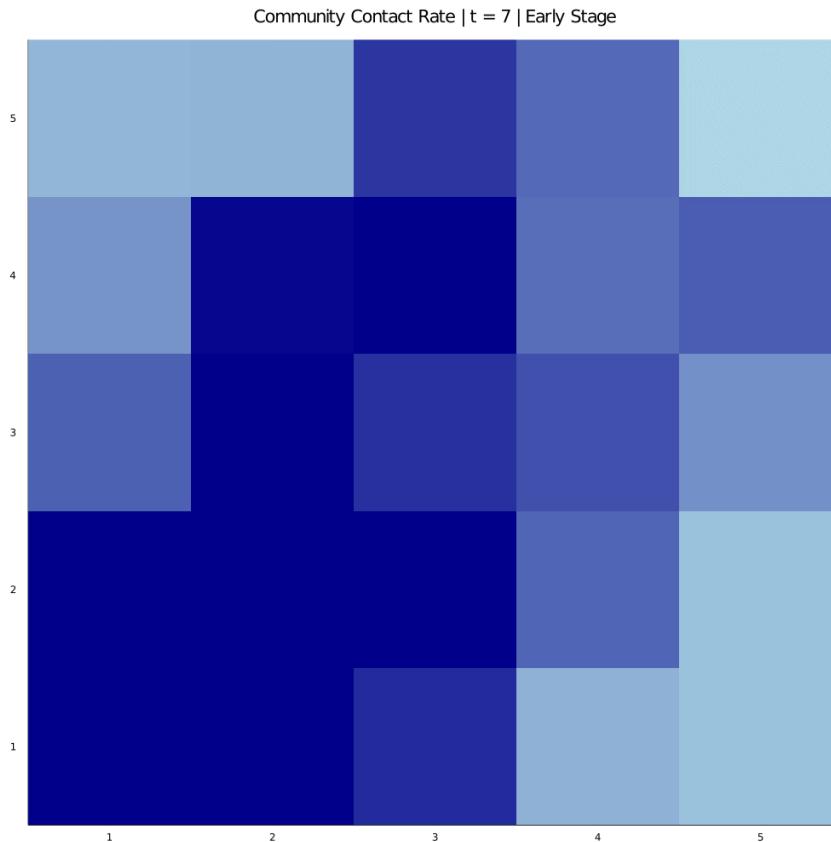
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Behavioural Data: Work



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Behavioural Data: Community

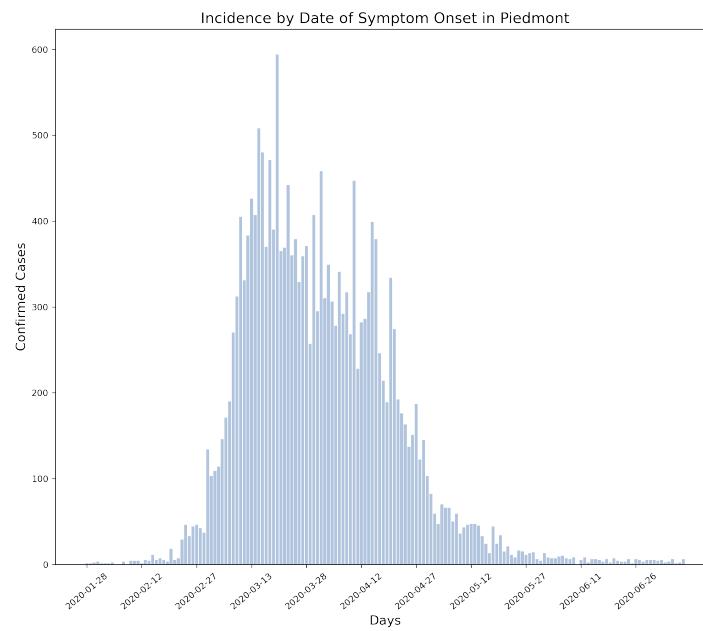
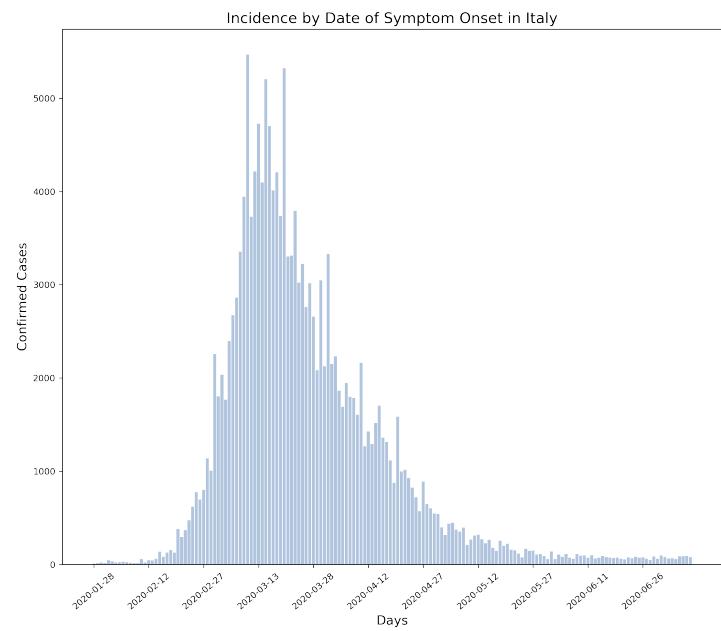


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Surveillance Data: Symptoms

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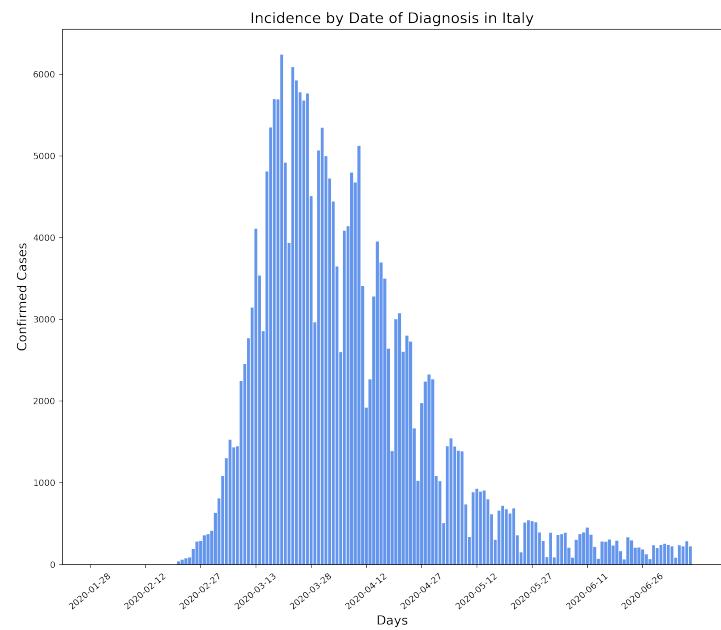


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Surveillance Data: Diagnosis

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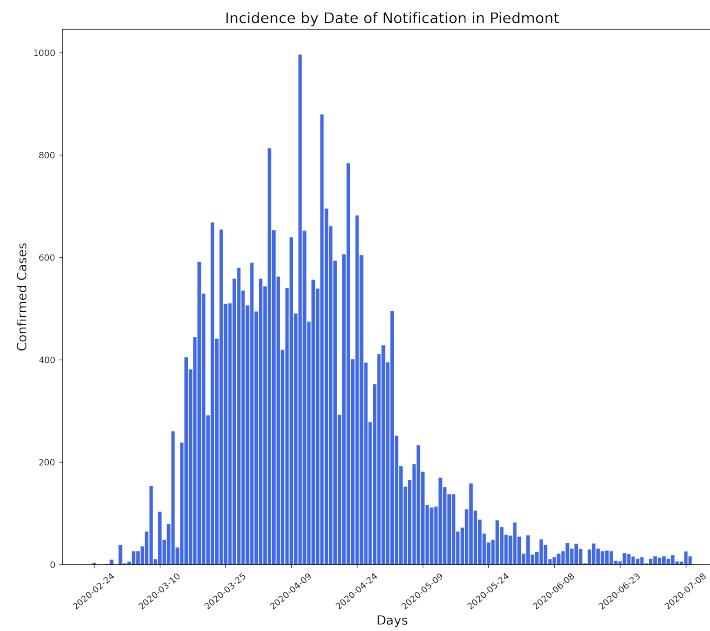
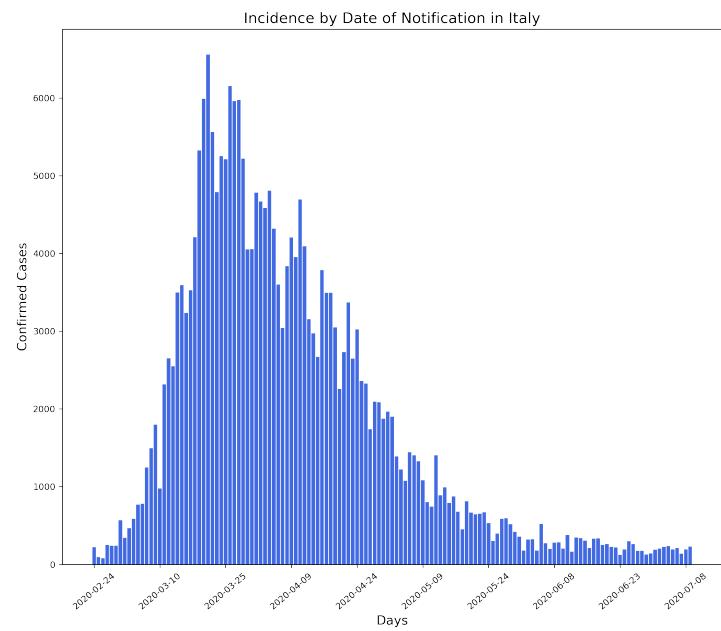
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Surveillance Data: Notification

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Sources: [PCM-DPC \(2020\)](#), [ISS \(2020\)](#), [SEPI-SEREMI \(2020\)](#)

Policy Data

Phase	Interventions	Start Date	End Date
1	School Closure	24-02-2020	09-03-2020
2	Weak Lockdown	09-03-2020	22-03-2020
3	Medium Lockdown*	22-03-2020	03-04-2020
4	Strong Lockdown	03-04-2020	04-05-2020
5	Weak Reopening*	04-05-2020	18-05-2020
6	Strong Reopening	04-05-2020	10-07-2020

***Optional phase:** could be contained in "strong lockdown" and "strong reopening" phases respectively.

Source: [Regione Piemonte](#)

Model Structure

Model States

Clinical

Variable	Description
S	Susceptible
E	Exposed / Latent
I_p^a	Pre-asymptomatic
I_p^s	Pre-symptomatic
I_a^t	Asymptomatic to be tested
I_s^t	Symptomatic to be tested
I_a^u	Asymptomatic not to be tested
I_s^u	Symptomatic not to be tested
R_u	Undetected recovered
D_u	Undetected deceased
R_t	Tested recovered
D_t	Tested deceased

Surveillance

Variable	Description
T_a	Tested asymptomatic
T_s	Tested asymptomatic
P_a	Confirmed asymptomatic
P_s	Confirmed symptomatic
Q_a	Quarantined asymptomatic
Q_s	Quarantined symptomatic
H	Hospitalized
ICU	Intensive care unit
N_p	Notified/reported confirmed cases
N_q	Notified/reported quarantined cases
N_h	Notified/reported hospitalized cases
N_{icu}	Notified/reported ICU cases
N_r	Notified/reported recovered cases
N_d	Notified/reported deceased cases

Model Parameters

Fixed

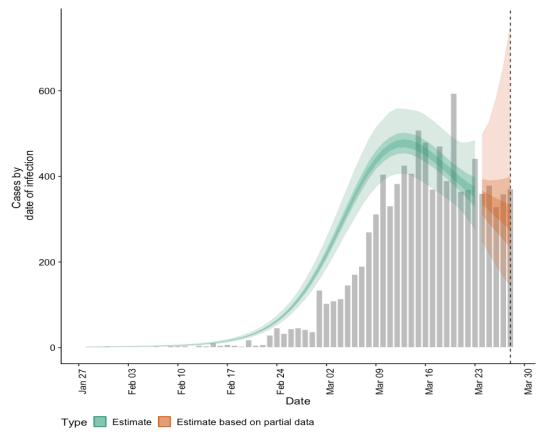
Parameter	Description
θ	Susceptibility to infection
σ	Symptomatic fraction
η	Infection hospitalization ratio
δ	Infection fatality ratio
δ_s	Symptomatic infection fatality ratio
δ_h	Hospitalization fatality ratio
δ_{icu}	Critical care fatality ratio

Free

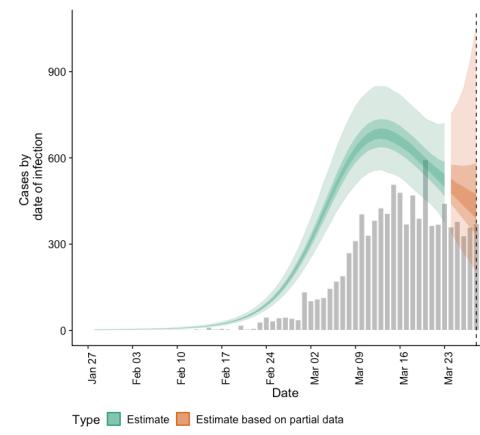
Parameter	Description
$\beta_{p/a/s}$	Transmissibility
$\epsilon_{p/a/s}^{-1}$	Pre- / Infectious period
$\tau_{a/s}$	Ascertainment rate
λ_t^{-1}	Onset to diagnosis
λ_p^{-1}	Diagnosis to confirmation
λ_q^{-1}	Confirmation to isolation
λ_h^{-1}	Confirmation to H admission
λ_{icu}^{-1}	H admission to ICU admission
λ_r^{-1}	Onset to recovery
λ_d^{-1}	Onset to death
λ_{hd}^{-1}	H admission to death
λ_{icud}^{-1}	ICU admission to death
λ_{xn}^{-1}	Notification period

Model Initialization

100% Ascertainment



70% Ascertainment



30% Ascertainment

10% Ascertainment

Model Calibration

Method	Package	Package Description	Application	Pros	Cons	References
ABC	ApproxBayes.jl [1]	Adopts Approximate Bayesian Computation to perform parameters posterior inference	None, implemented for completeness	Very fast sampling	Very inaccurate parameter estimation, especially for complex models	Sunnåker et al. (2013) & Minter, Retkute (2019)
BFGS	Optim.jl [2]	Provides various optimizers and losses to carry out non bayesian (GD-based) optimization	Initialization of more advanced calibration algorithms	Very good optimizer, excellent for initializing the other samplers	Does not produce a posterior, only a set of values.	
MCMC	Turing.jl [3]	Exposes a variety of HMC samplers, including the most advanced NUTS	Main parameter estimation tool	Very customizable and easy to use	It suffers from bad priors choiche	Ravenswaaij et al. (2016) & Betancourt (2017)
ADVI	Turing.jl [1]	Implements Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference	Main parameter estimation tool	Very quick sampler, and more accurate than ABC. In the future, it could be used to bootstrap the priors to be passed to MCMC methods	Assumes parameters uncorrelation by default	Turing.jl Documentation

[1] Some of its features are used via [DiffEqBayes.jl](#)

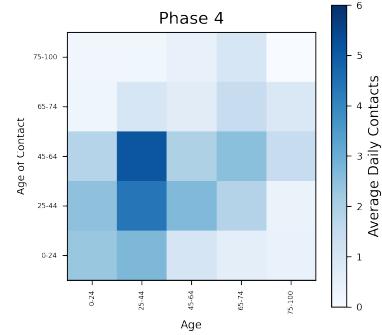
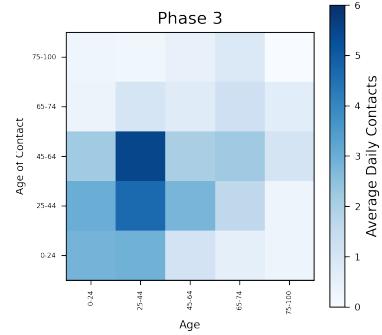
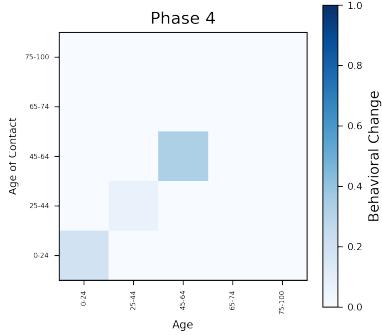
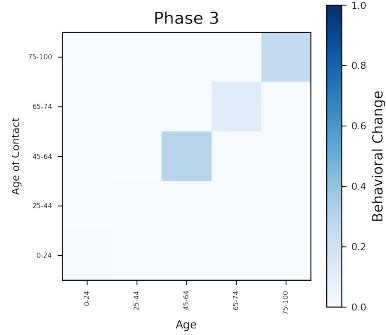
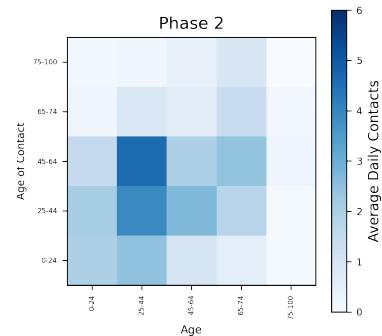
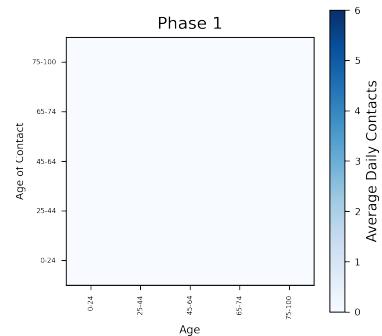
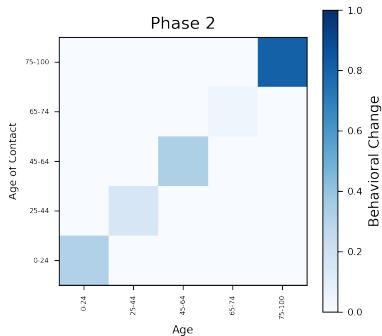
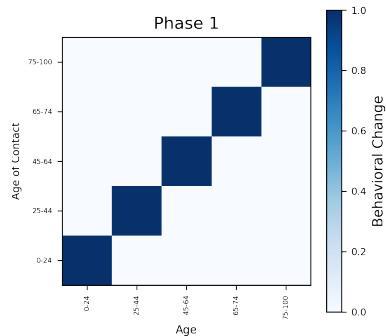
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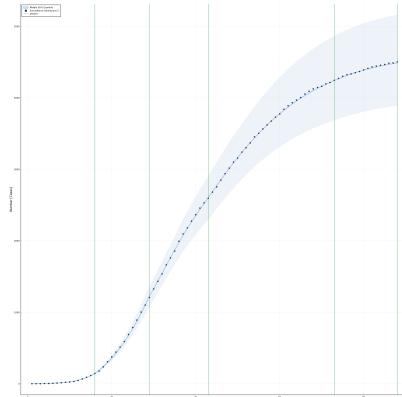
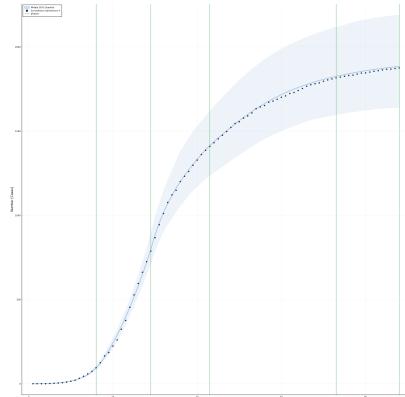
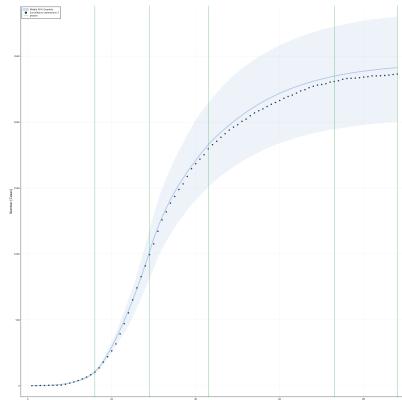
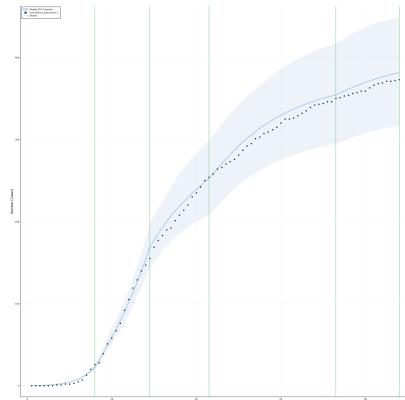
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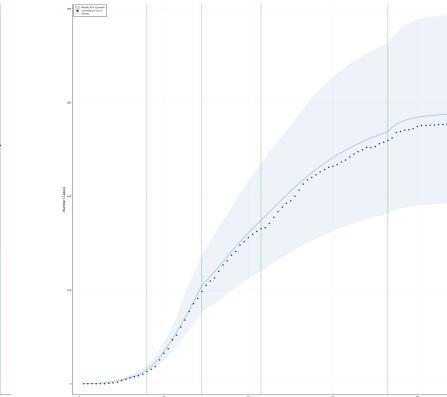
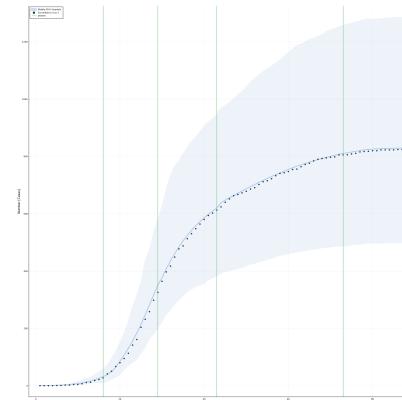
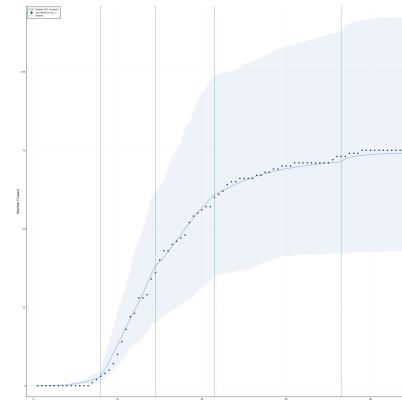
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Model Calibration

Hospital Admissions



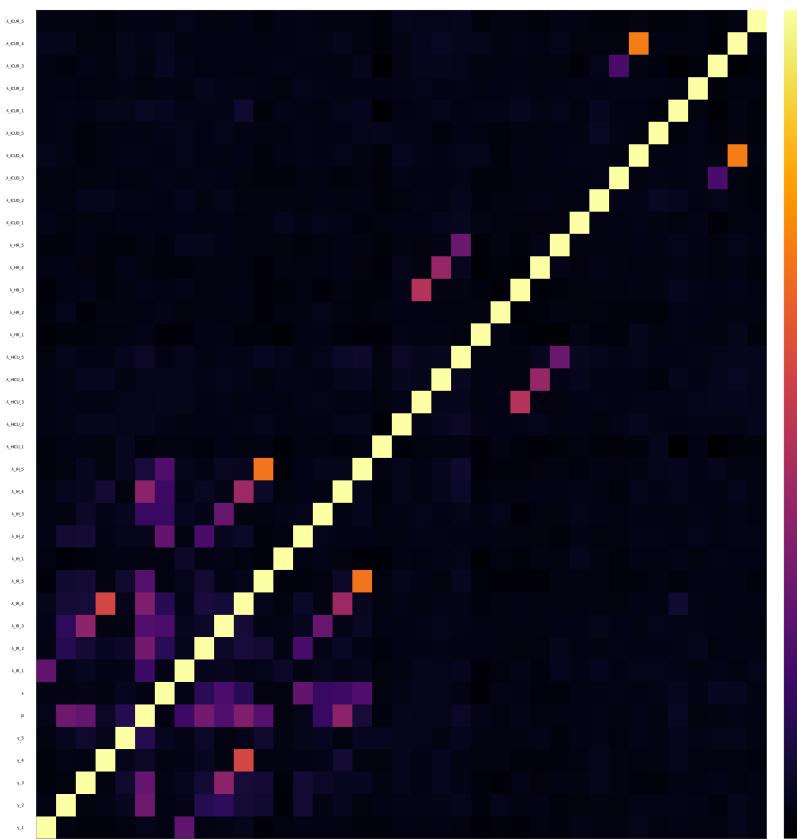
ICU Admissions



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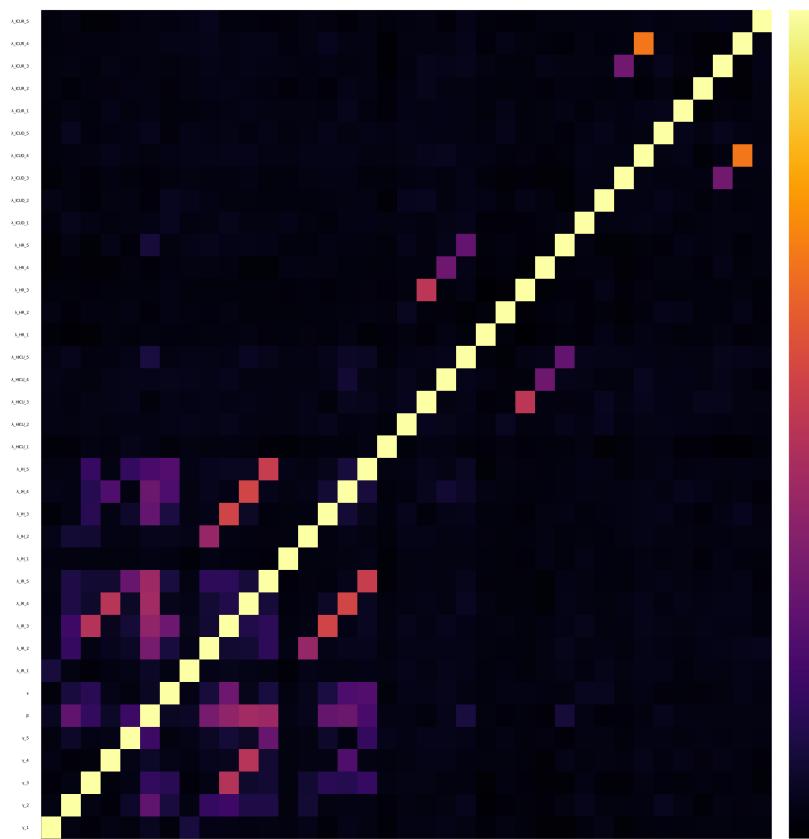
Correlation Analysis

School Closure



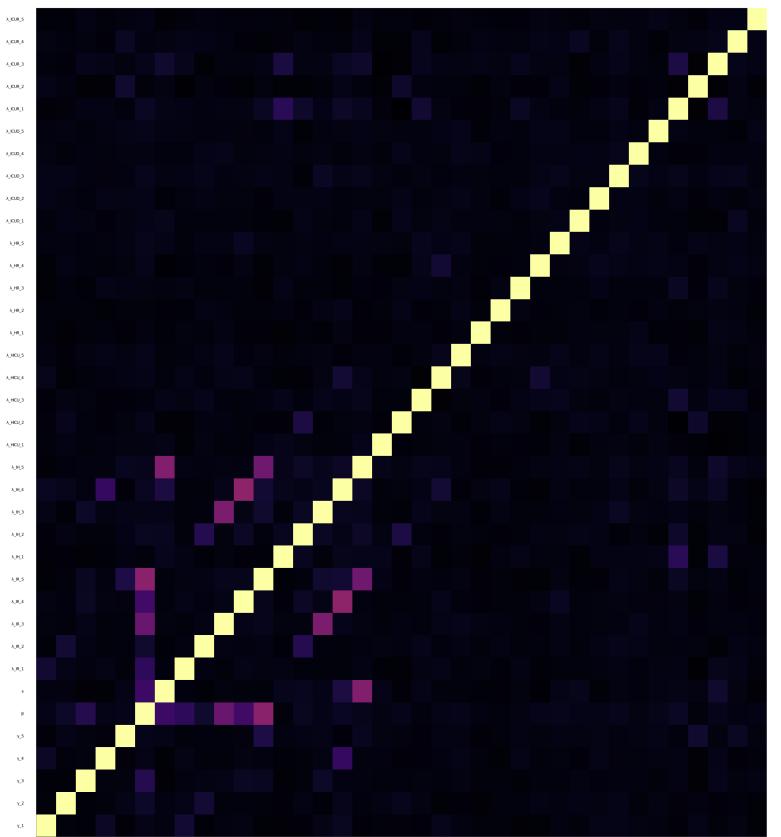
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Weak Lockdown

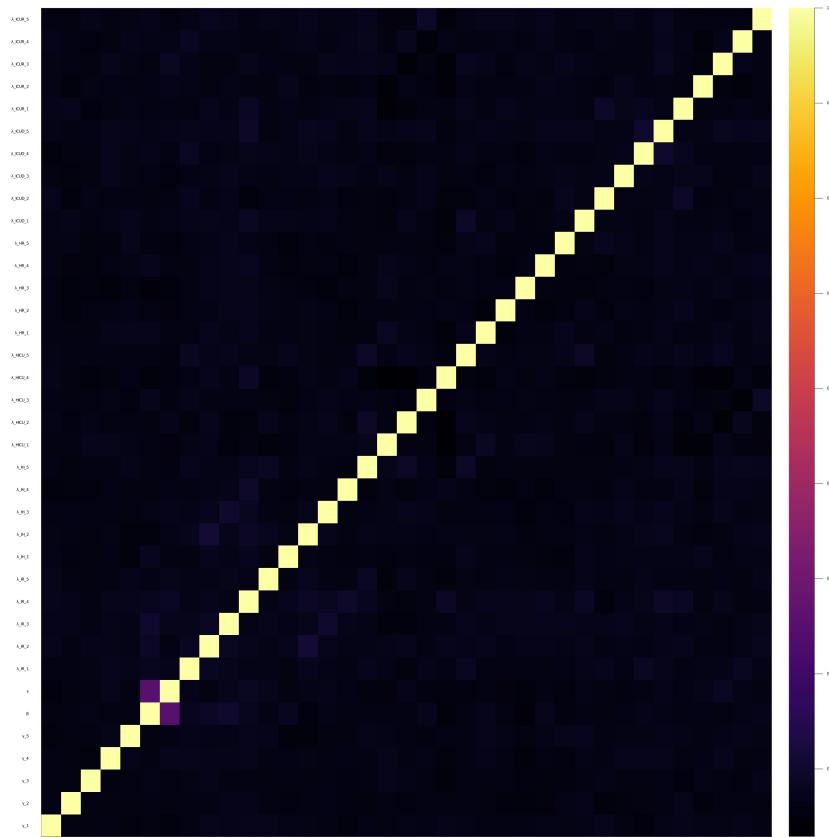


Correlation Analysis

Strong Lockdown



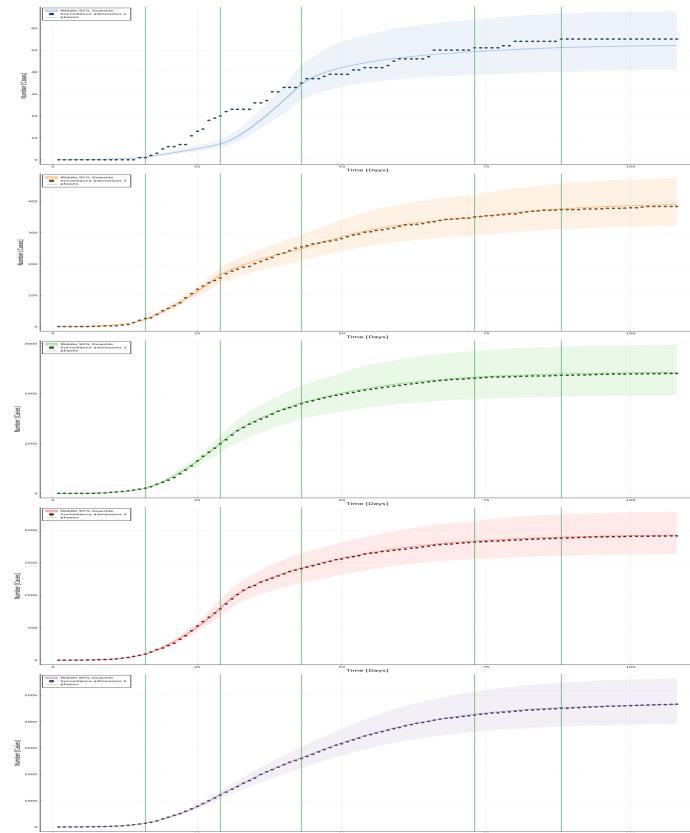
Weak Reopening



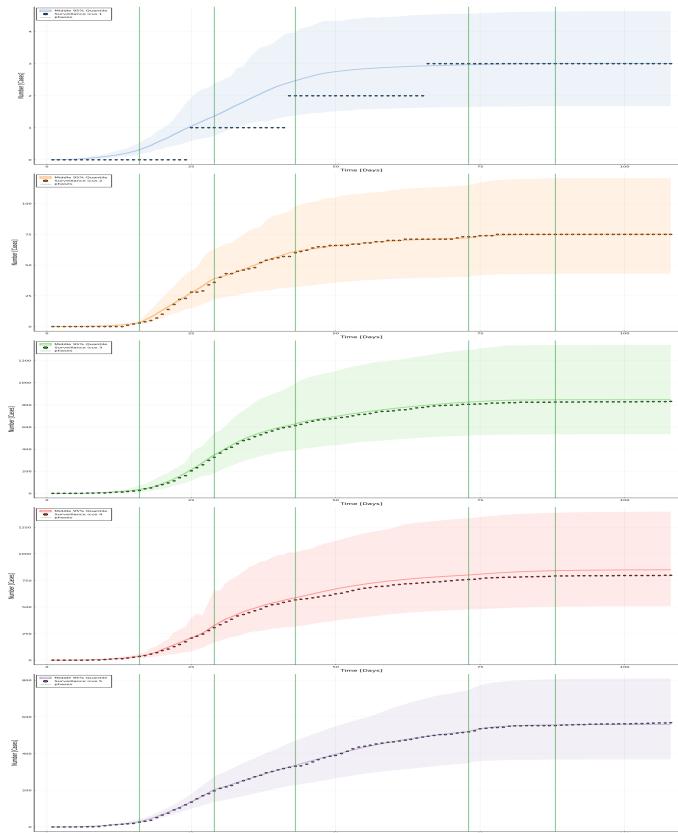
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Model Projection

Hospital Admissions



ICU Admissions



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Work in Progress

Rt Estimation

- {EpiEstim2} by [Thompson et al. \(2019\)](#)
- {EpiNow2} by [Abbott et al. \(2020\)](#)
- $NGM_{eff}(t)$

Identifiability

- Structural identifiability analysis
- Practical identifiability analysis

Sensitivity

- Local sensitivity analysis
- Global sensitivity analysis

Validation

- **Effective Reproduction Number:** simulated incidence based vs. observed incidence based R_t estimation
- **Infections:** simulated infections vs. estimated infections
- **Prevalence:** simulated prevalence vs. observed prevalence ([ISTAT \(2020\)](#))
- **Mortality:** simulated mortality (detected and undetected) vs. observed (ISTAT, ISS) and estimated (Economist, Scortichini et al.) excess mortality

Scenarios

- Retrospective Scenario Analysis
- Prospective Scenario Analysis

Questions

1. Ordinary, intensive and deaths caused by respiratory diseases (e.g. pneumonia) for 2015-2019 and 2020.
2. Line-list data for empirical delay distribution together with event-based `date_notification`.

ID	age	date_onset	date_diag	date_conf	date_in_H	date_out_H	date_in_ICU	date_out_ICU	date_death
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3. General update
 4. Non-survived ordinary and intensive discharges by date of discharge
 5. Finest age classes
 6. Both flow and stock hospitalization data
 7. Status-stratified confirmed cases by date of diagnosis and by date of confirmation
 8. Status-stratified quarantined/isolated cases
 9. Dynamics of diagnostic capacity (laboratories and tests)

date	number_laboratories	number_tests
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10. Dynamics of ordinary and intensive hospitalization capacity
[SEPI-SEREMI \(2020\)](#)

date	H_bed_capacity	ICU_bed_capacity	medical_personnel
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