

# Estimation of the Dispersal of Flavescence Dorée Using Multi-Annual, Landscape-scale Plant-to-Plant Surveys with Detection Delays

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## CONTEXT



- Flavescence dorée (FD) is a severe grapevine disease transmitted by the leafhopper *Scaphoideus titanus*
- In EU it is a **quarantine** disease with mandatory prospection & removal of infected plants *and* insecticide treatment
- **Detection delays** in prospection surveys can occur for: (1) delay in symptoms (2) efficiency in detection

### Objectives

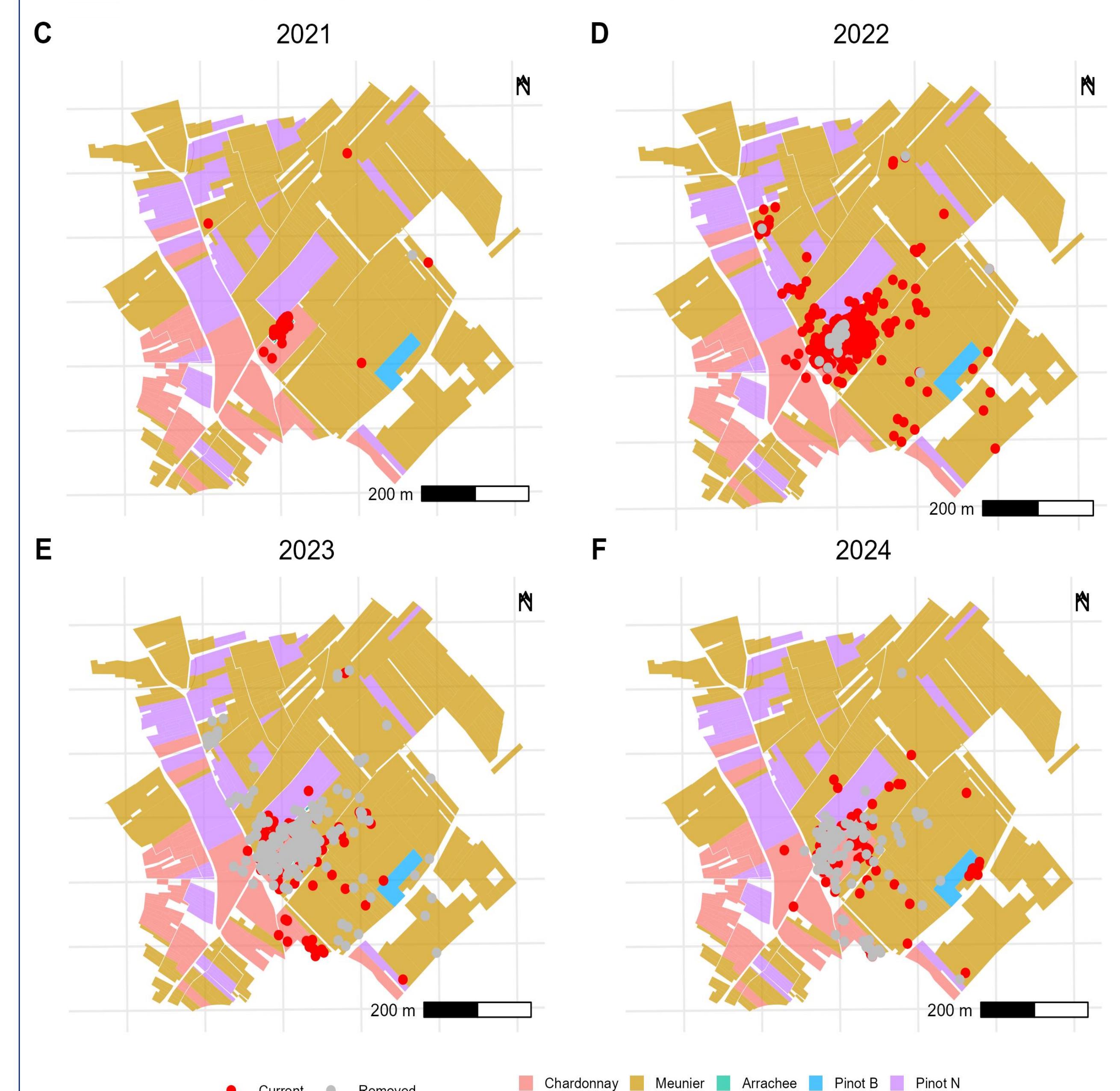
- Improvement of our (limited) knowledge of the dispersal of FD, and ultimately, the prospection strategies
- Methodological development accounting for detection delays, relevant across human, animal and plant epidemiology



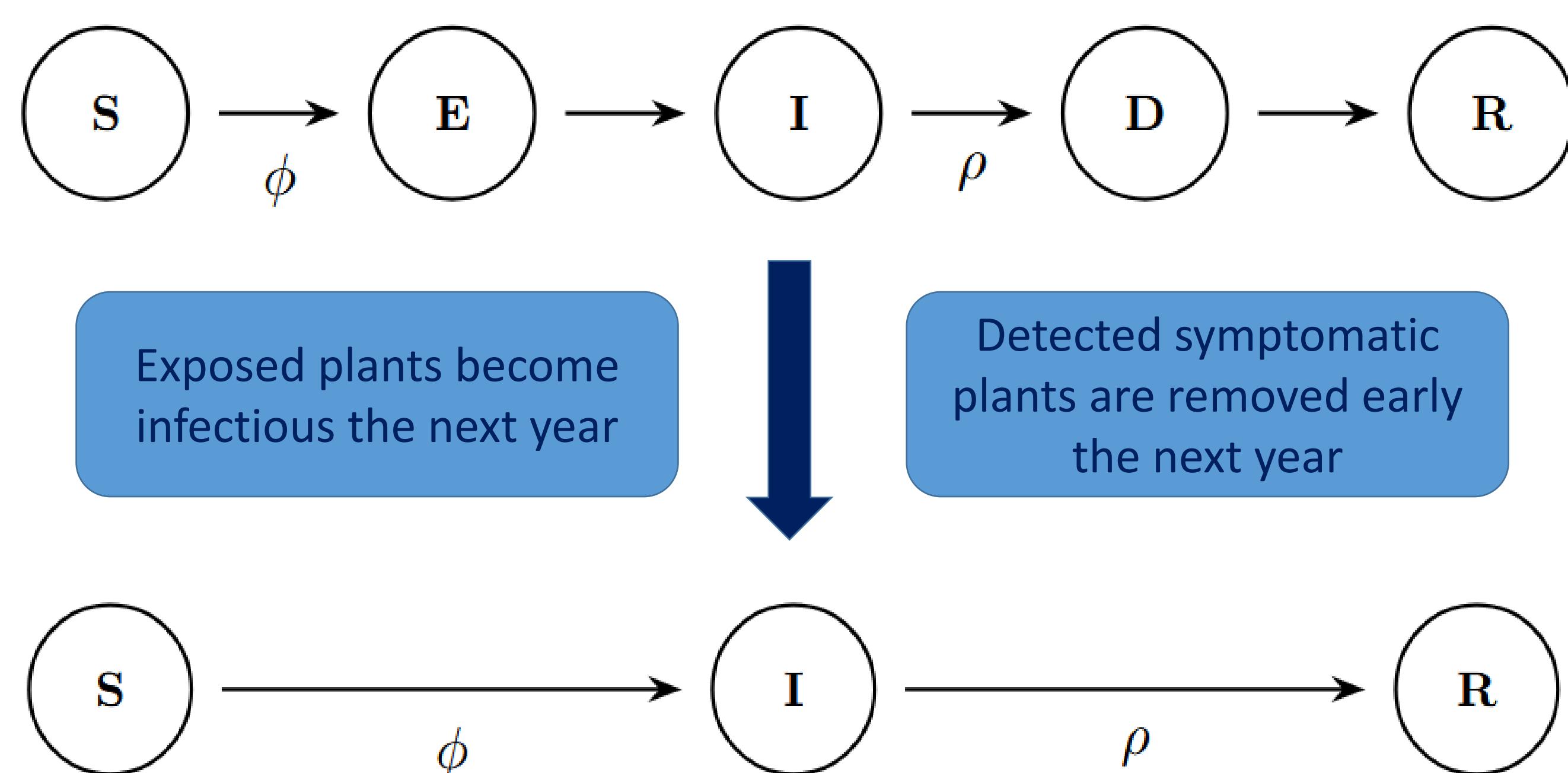
## Survey by CIVC in Champagne vineyard in France

- Period: 2021-2024 (sept., oct.)
- Plots: 4 cultivars
  - Meunier, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc
  - Possibly varying susceptibility to FD
- Size: 20 hectares,  $n_p = 3 \times 10^5$  plants
- Individual plants were monitored for FD symptoms
- 1-5 plant samples pooled to confirm FD infection by PCR
- Infectious plants removed before next year vector cycle

Data: Removal years  $y_i^R \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n_p$  and  $n=4$



## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL MODEL



- **p** : Probability of detecting a FD infected plant
  - $\phi_i(y)$  : Force of infection exerted on plant  $i$  on year  $y$
- $$\phi_i(y) = \underbrace{\beta_0(y)}_{\text{External infection force}} + \underbrace{\beta g(N_y)}_{\text{Effect of insecticide treatment}} \sum_{j \in I_{y-1}} c_j K(r_{ij}, \alpha) \underbrace{\qquad}_{\substack{\text{Effect of cultivar of} \\ \text{plant } j}}$$
- Effect of the distance  $r_{ij}$  through dispersal kernel  $K$

## LIKELIHOOD BASED INFERENCE

Year of removal $Y_i^R$ for observed period	Year of removal $Y_i^R$ for right censored period
$\sum_{\substack{\mathcal{I} \subset \{1, \dots, n_p\} \\ y_i^I \in \{1, \dots, n\}: i \in \mathcal{I}}} \mathbb{P}\left(Y_i^R = y_i^R : i \in \mathcal{R}; Y_i^R > n+1 : i \in \mathcal{R}^c; Y_i^I = y_i^I : i \in \mathcal{I}; Y_i^I > n : i \in \mathcal{I}^c\right)$	
Year of infection $Y_i^I$ for observed period	Year of infection $Y_i^I$ for right censored period
The true years of infection $y_i^I$ are unknown due to (potential) detection delay	

- $R$  (resp.  $R^c$ ) denote the set of plants **removed** during  $2 \leq y \leq n+1$  ( $y > n+1$ ).
- $I$  (resp.  $I^c$ ) denotes the set of plants that are **infected** during  $1 \leq y \leq n$  ( $y > n$ ).

- (1.1) **Likelihood:** treating  $y_i^I$  as latent variables
- (1.2) **Pseudo likelihood:**  $y_i^I = \max\{1, y_i^R - \delta\}$
- (1.3) **Partial likelihood:** for fixed values of  $\rho$

### (2) Parameter estimation

- Maximum likelihood approach
- Bayesian MCMC approach

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