

A SEIR-SEI model calibration for the Zika virus epidemic in Brazil

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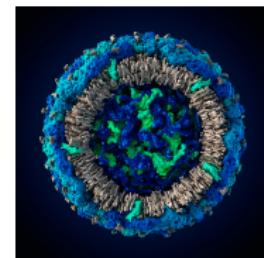
Section 1

Introduction



Zika virus (ZIKV)

- Member of *Flaviviridae* virus family
- First isolated in 1947 at Uganda, Africa
- Mainly spread by *Aedes* mosquitoes
- W.H.O declared it a public health emergency of international concern
- More than 130,000 confirmed cases in Brazil since 2015
- International consensus that ZIKV is a cause of:
 - Guillain–Barré syndrome
 - Microcephaly



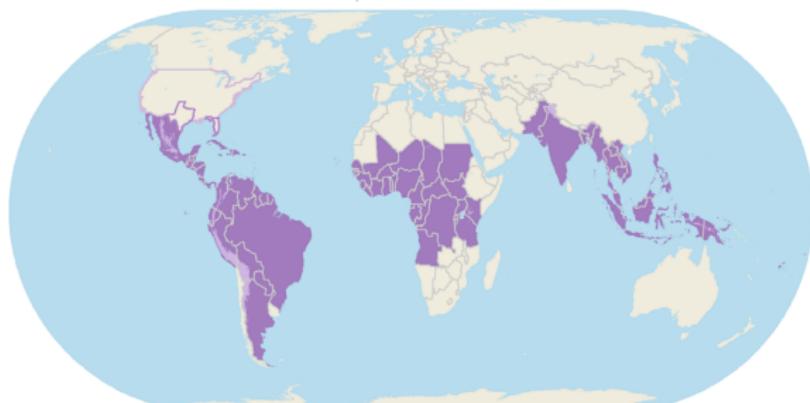
Zika virus



Aedes aegypti

Global outbreak of Zika virus

World Map of Areas with Risk of Zika



International areas and US territories

- [Dark Purple] Area with risk of Zika infection (below 6,500 feet)*
- [Light Purple] Area with low likelihood of Zika infection (above 6,500 feet)*
- [Yellow-Green] Areas with no known risk of Zika infection

United States areas

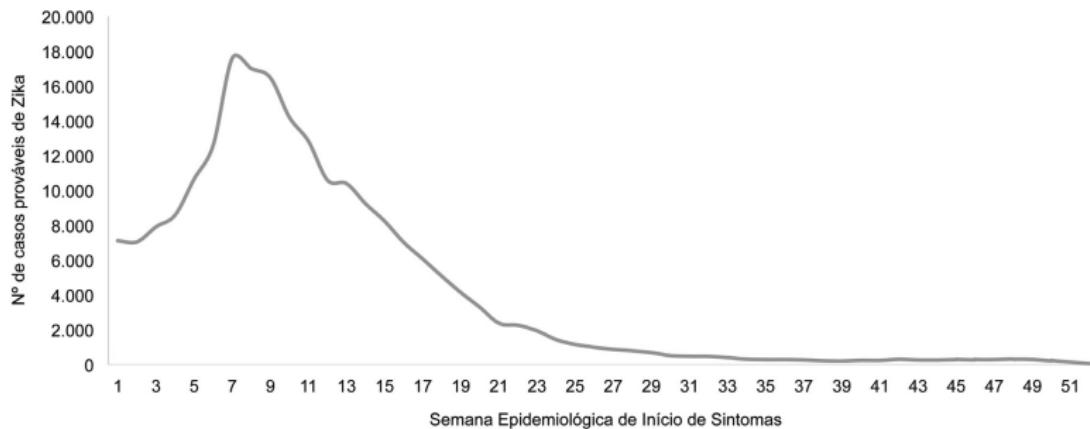
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *World Map of Areas with Risk of Zika, March 2018*.

Zika virus outbreak in Brazil

New cases in Brazil by epidemiological week of 2016



Secretaria de Vigilância em Saúde. *Zika virus - Boletim Epidemiológico v. 48, n. 14, 2017.*

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Research objectives

The objectives of this research are:

- Develop an epidemic model to describe the Zika virus outbreak in Brazil
- Verify (qualitatively and quantitatively) the epidemic model capacity of prediction
- Calibrate this epidemic model with real data to obtain reliable predictions
- Construct a stochastic model to deal with data uncertainties and made more robust predictions

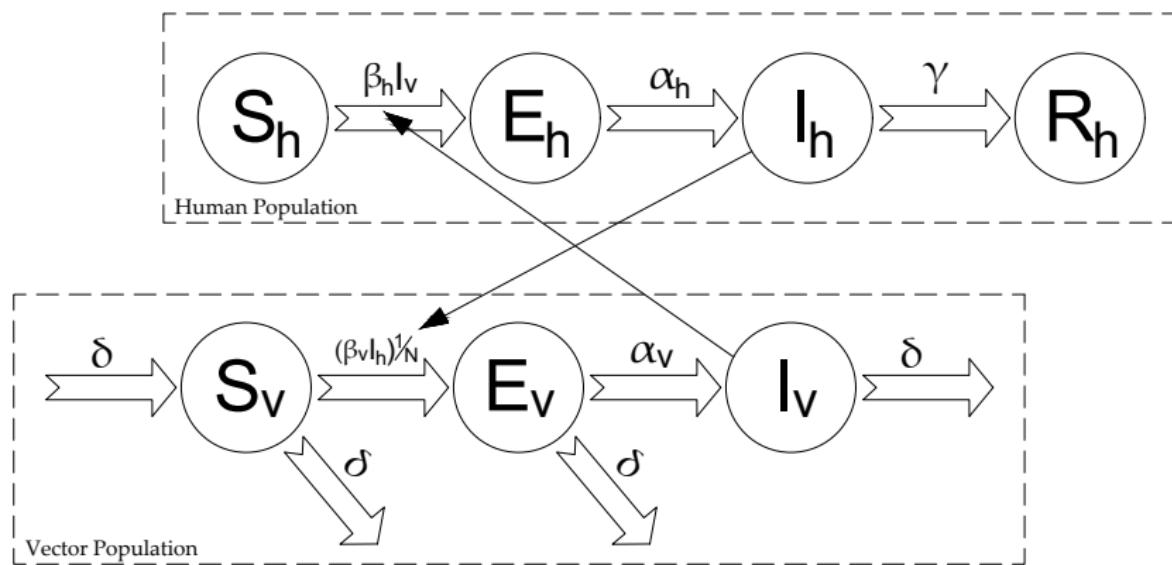


Section 2

SEIR-SEI Model



SEIR-SEI model for Zika virus dynamics



A. J. Kucharski et al. *Transmission Dynamics of Zika Virus in Island Populations: A Modelling Analysis of the 2013–14 French Polynesia Outbreak*. PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases, 2016.



Dynamic system associated to the SEIR-SEI model

$$\frac{dS_h}{dt} = -\beta_h S_h I_v$$

$$\frac{dS_v}{dt} = \delta - \beta_v S_v \frac{I_h}{N} - \delta S_v$$

$$\frac{dE_h}{dt} = \beta_h S_h I_v - \alpha_h E_h$$

$$\frac{dE_v}{dt} = \beta_v S_v \frac{I_h}{N} - (\delta + \alpha_v) E_v$$

$$\frac{dI_h}{dt} = \alpha_h E_h - \gamma I_h$$

$$\frac{dI_v}{dt} = \alpha_v E_v - \delta I_v$$

$$\frac{dR_h}{dt} = \gamma I_h$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \alpha_h E_h$$

+ initial conditions

S - Population of susceptible
E - Population of exposed
I - Population of infected
R - Population of recovered
N - Population of humans

C - Infected humans cumulative
 α - Incubation ratio
 δ - Vector lifespan ratio
 β - Transmission rate
 γ - Recovery rate

h - Human-related
v - Vector-related



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SEIR-SEI model parameters

Model parameters and outbreak data are obtained from:

- open scientific literature



- Brazilian health system

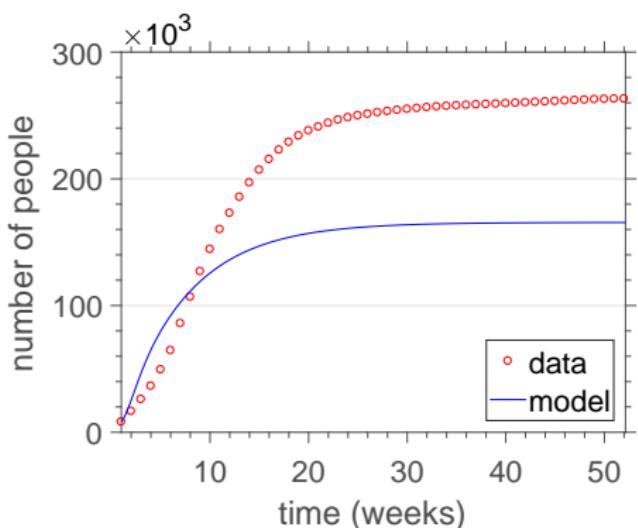
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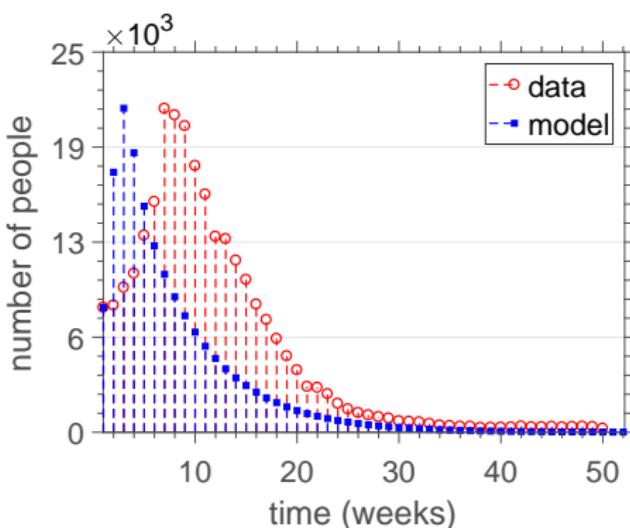
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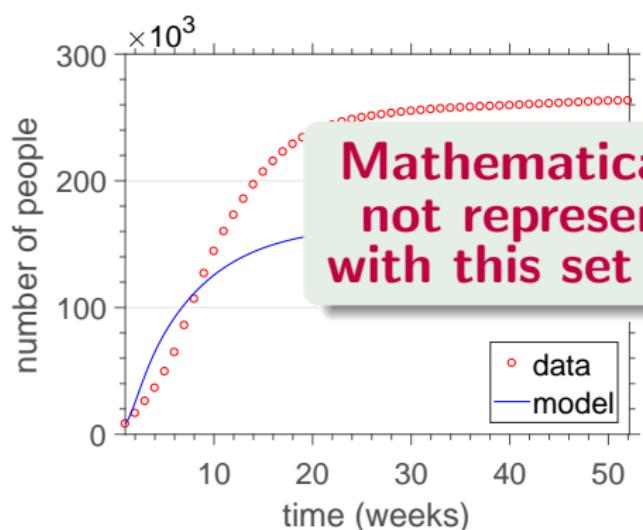


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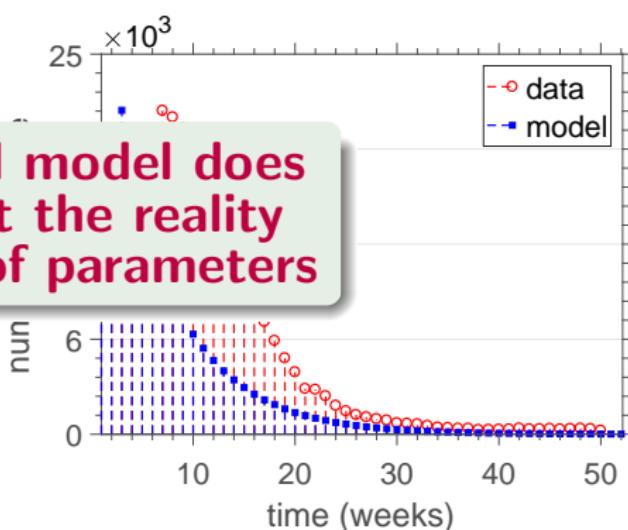


New infectious cases

Nominal model: predictions vs observations



**Mathematical model does
not represent the reality
with this set of parameters**



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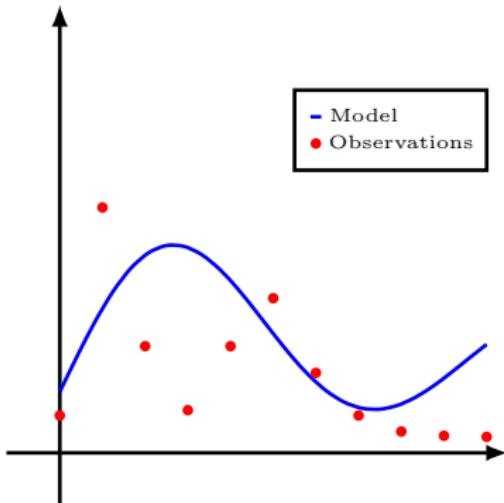
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Section 3

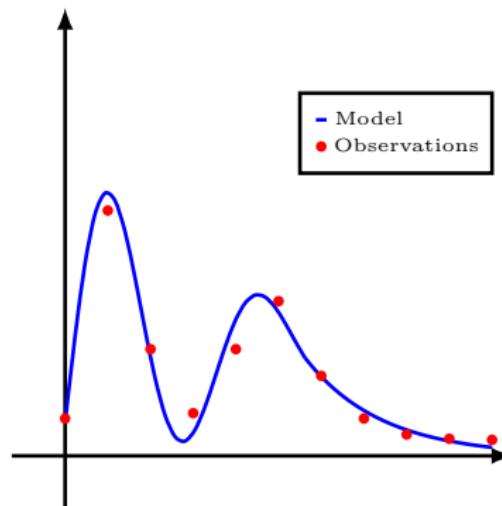
Inverse Problem

Model calibration

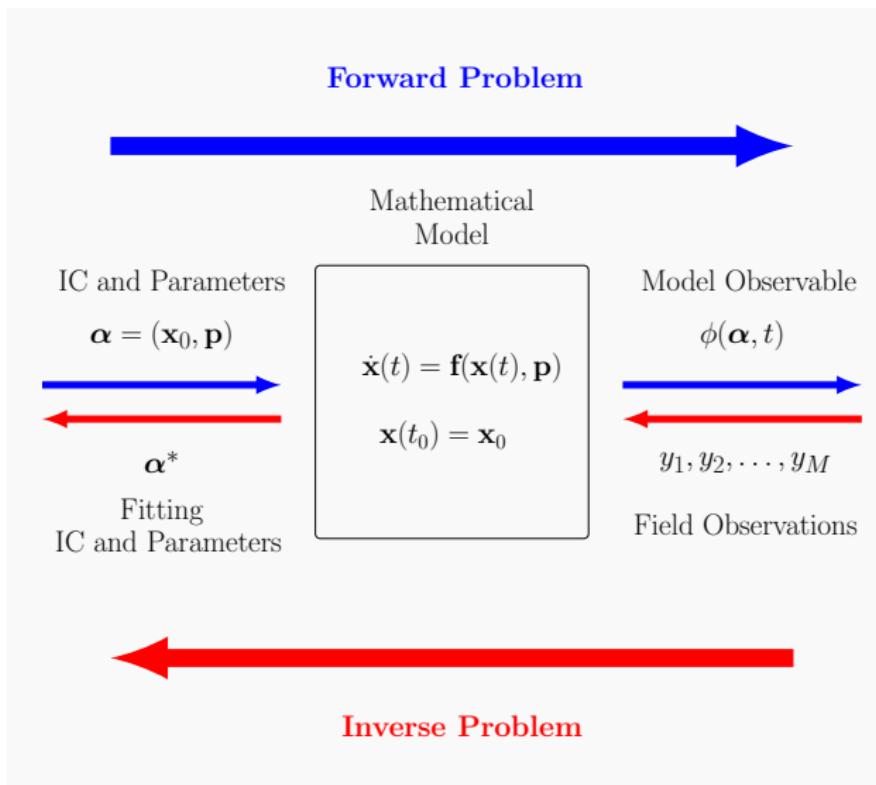
Uncalibrated Model



Calibrated Model



Forward and inverse problems



Inverse problem formulation

Find a **vector of parameters** such that

$$\alpha^* = \arg \min_{\alpha \in C} J(\alpha).$$

- **data space:** $F = \mathbb{R}^M$
- **parameter space:** $C = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{12} \mid \alpha_{min} \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_{max} \right\}$
- **observation vector:** $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M) \in F$
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- **misfit function:**

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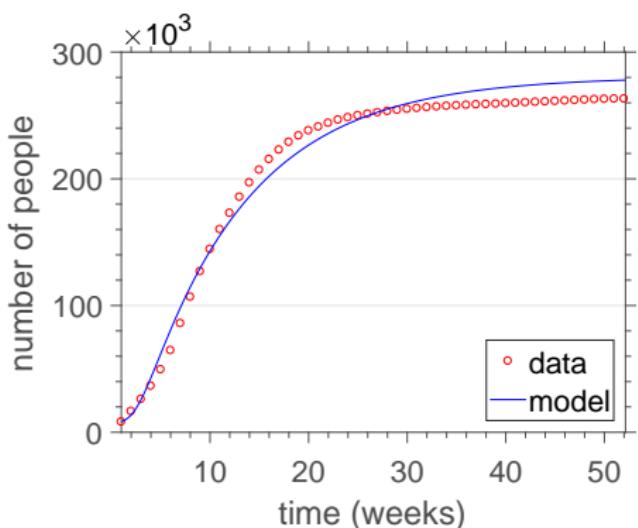
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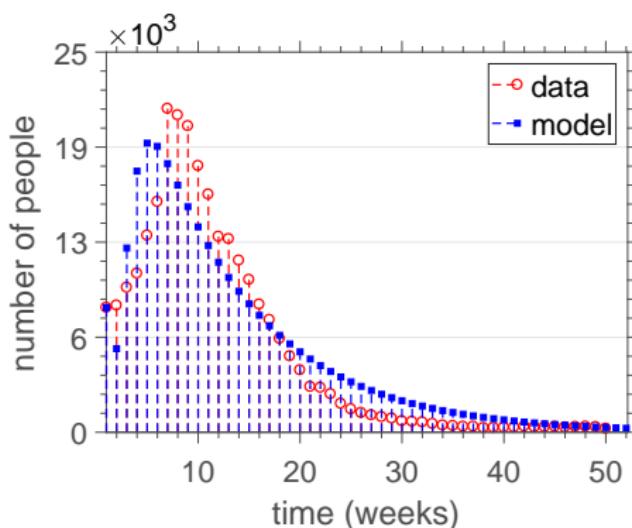
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- \implies Q-wellposed: existence, uniqueness, unimodality and local stability
 \implies Solution algorithm: bounded trust-region-reflective

Calibrated model: predictions vs observations



Cumulative number of infectious



New infectious cases



Bayesian updating (ongoing research)

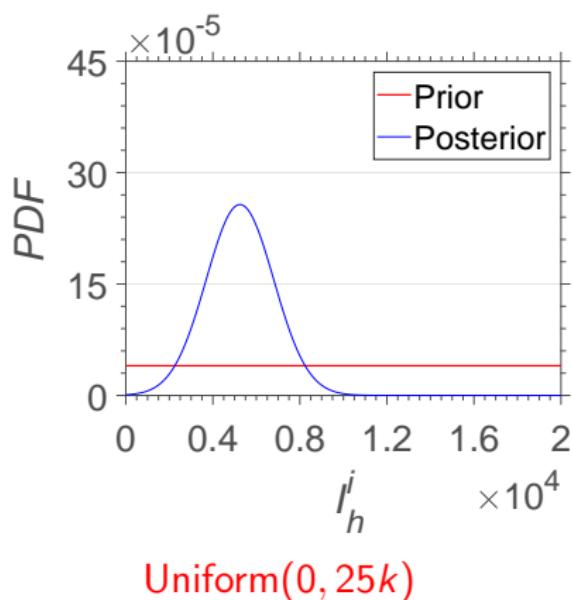
Bayesian formalism for model calibration:

$$\underbrace{\pi(\text{model} \mid \text{data})}_{\text{posterior}} \propto \underbrace{\pi(\text{data} \mid \text{model})}_{\text{likelihood}} \times \underbrace{\pi(\text{model})}_{\text{prior}}$$

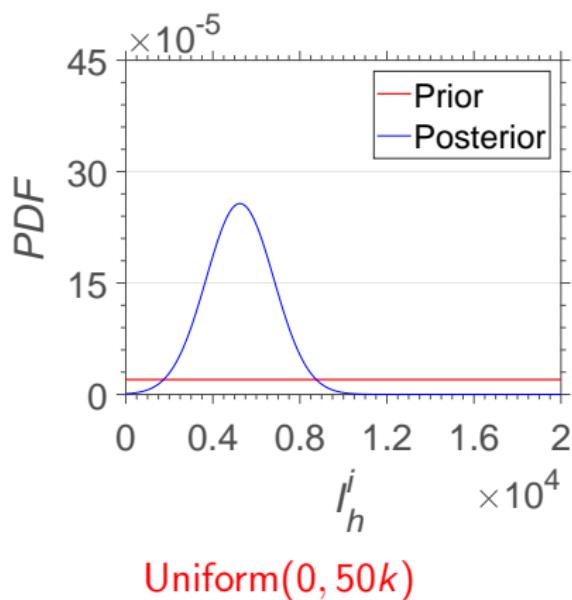
- additive noise hypothesis
- likelihood: Gaussian (MaxEnt principle)
- prior: uniform / gamma



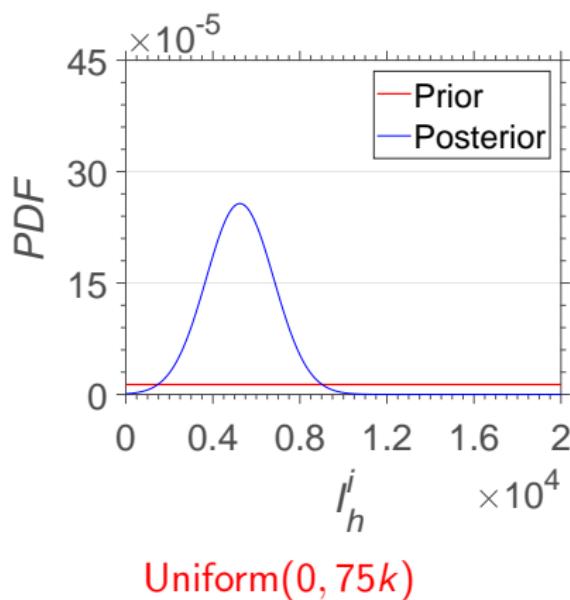
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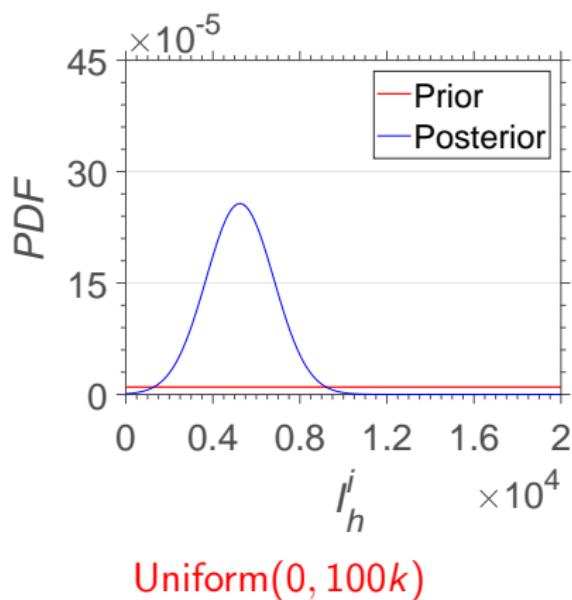
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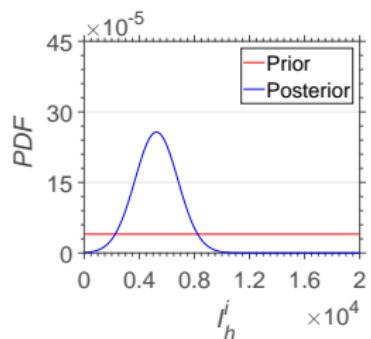
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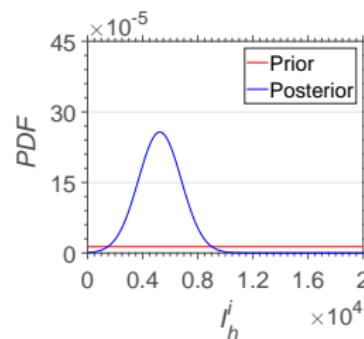
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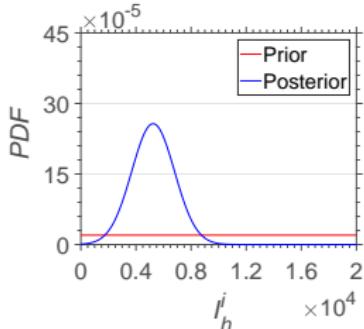
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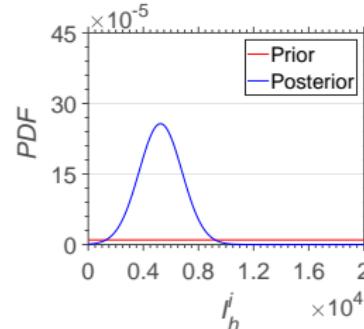
Uniform(0, 25k)



Uniform(0, 75k)

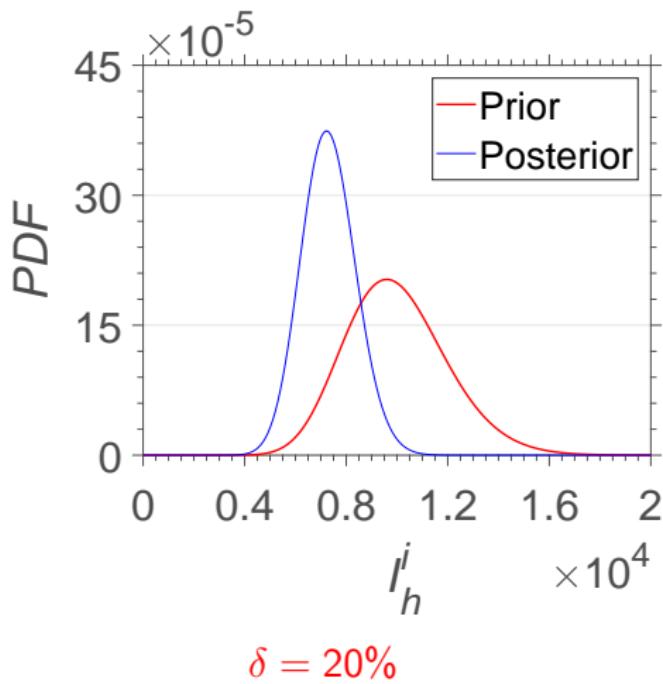


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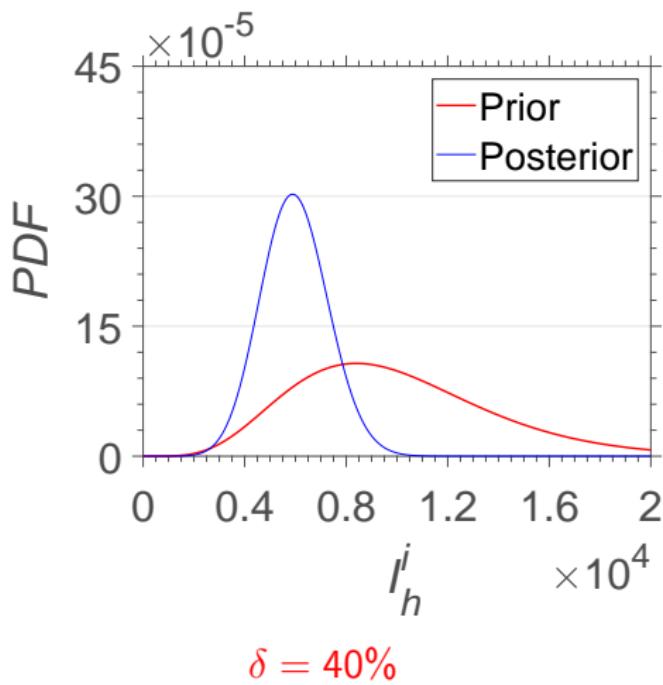


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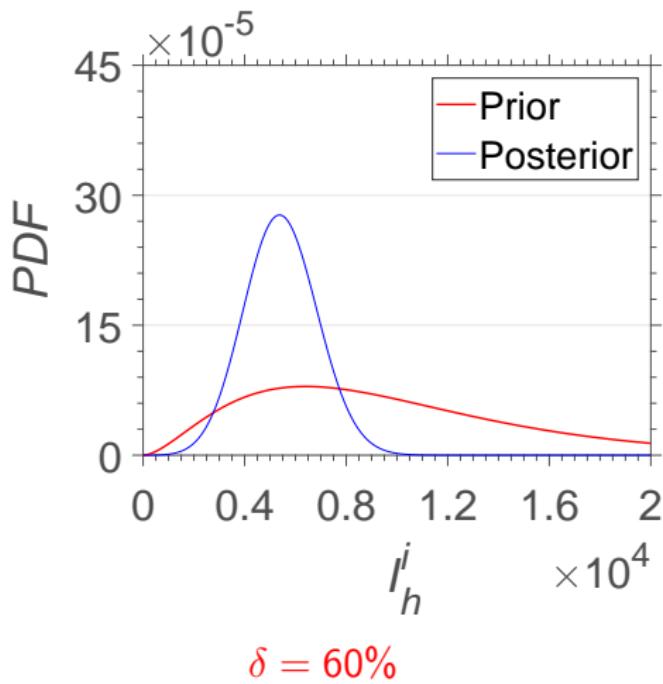
Gamma priors for initial infectious



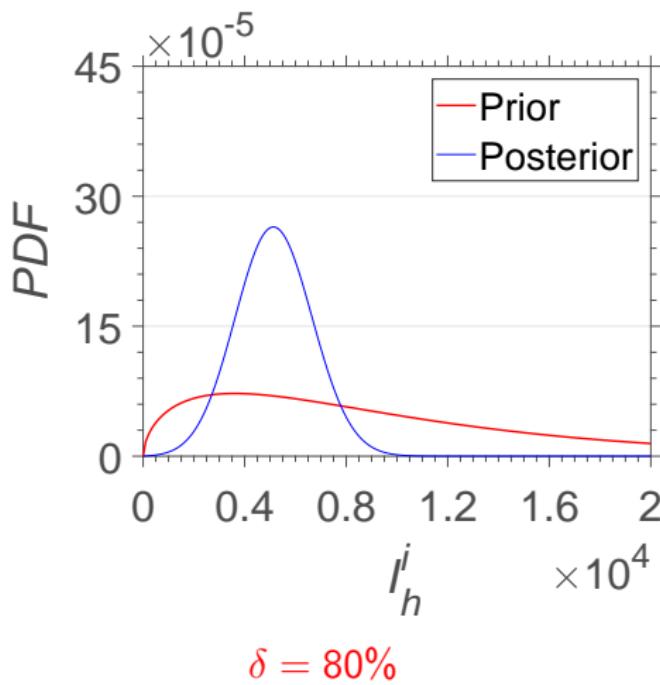
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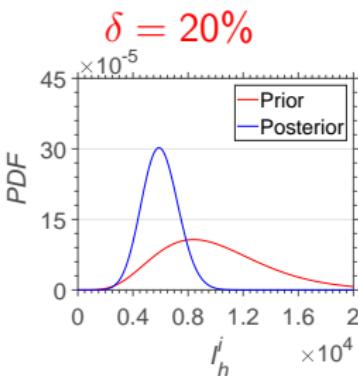
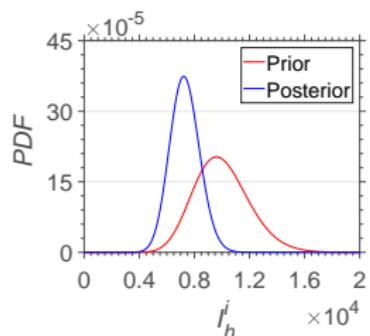
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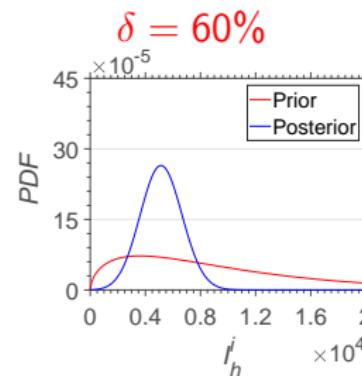
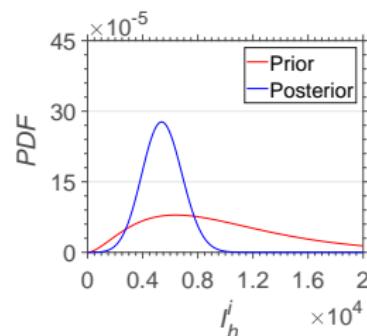
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$\delta = 40\%$



$\delta = 80\%$

Section 4

Uncertainty Quantification



Uncertainties in the mathematical model

The mathematical model is subjected to uncertainties:

- **model uncertainty**

- lack of knowledge about dynamical system
(significative, but ignored in a first analysis)

- **data uncertainty**

- model parameters (pronounced)
- initial conditions (very pronounced)



C. Soize, *Uncertainty Quantification: An Accelerated Course with Advanced Applications in Computational Engineering*, Springer, 2017.



Stochastic model of uncertainties

- random parameters:

$$\boldsymbol{X} = (S_h^0, E_h^0, I_h^0) \text{ (initial conditions)}$$

- initial conditions constraint:

$$0 \leq E_h^0 \leq X_{max} \text{ and } 0 \leq I_h^0 \leq X_{max}$$

$$\mathcal{K} : S_h^0 + E_h^0 + I_h^0 = N - R_h^0 \text{ (affine manifold)}$$

- initial conditions distributions:

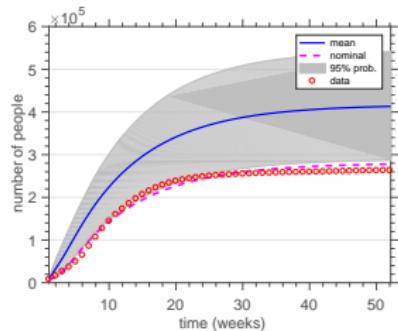
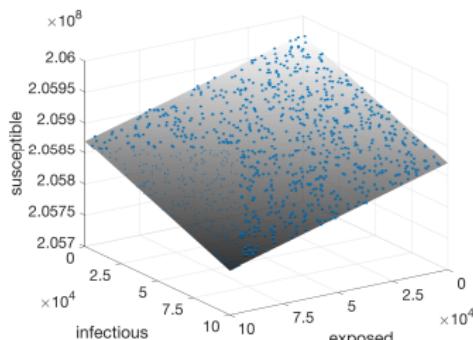
$$\boldsymbol{X} \sim \text{Uniform}(\mathcal{K})$$

- model response:

$$\boldsymbol{U} = h(\boldsymbol{X}) \text{ (random vector)}$$

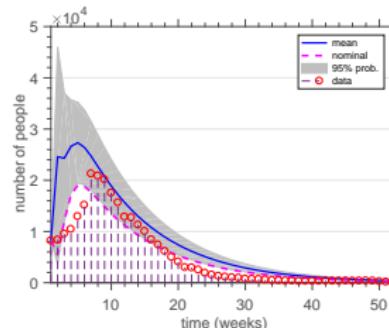
- Monte Carlo is used for propagation of uncertainties

Uncertainty propagation



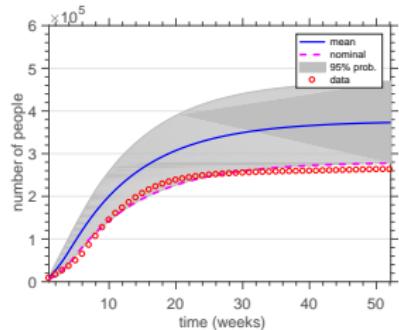
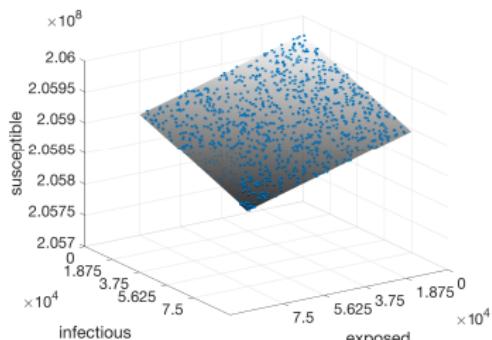
Cumulative infectious

$$X_{max} = 100 \times 10^3$$



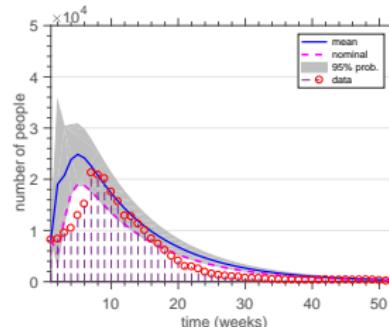
New infectious cases

Uncertainty propagation



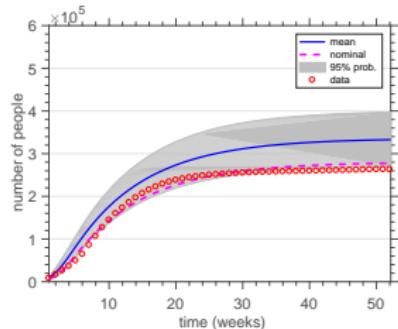
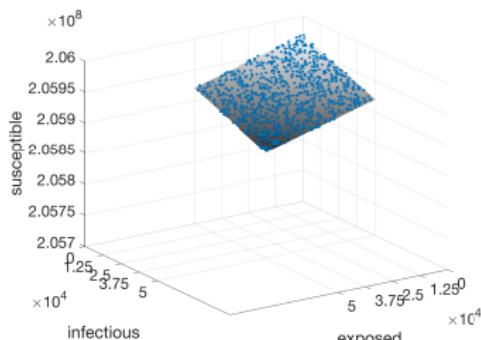
Cumulative infectious

$$X_{max} = 75 \times 10^3$$



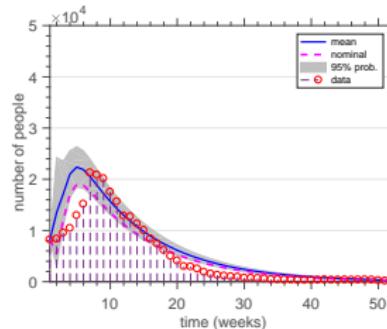
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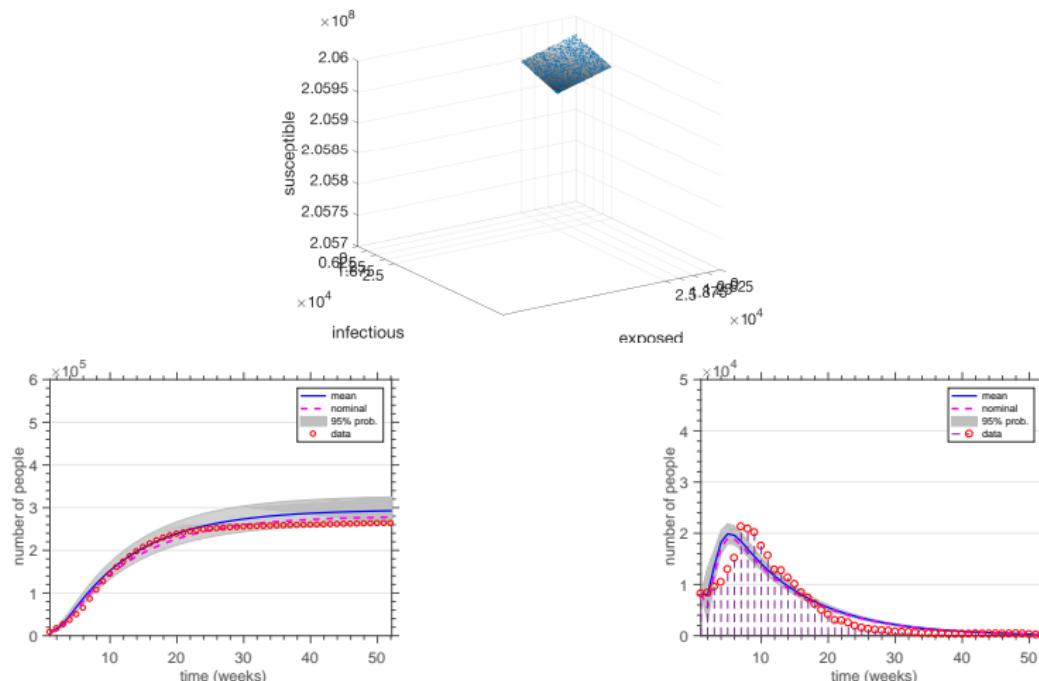
Cumulative infectious

$$X_{max} = 50 \times 10^3$$



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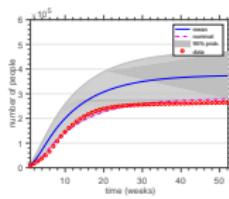
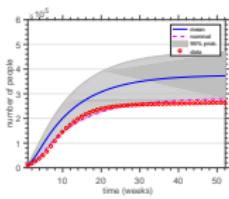
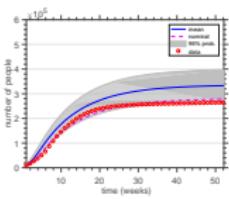
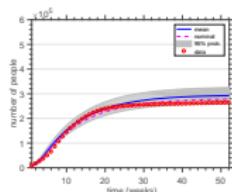
Cumulative infectious

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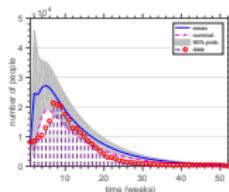
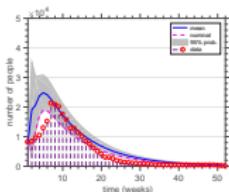
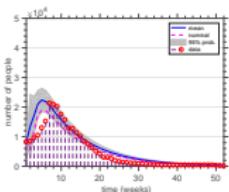
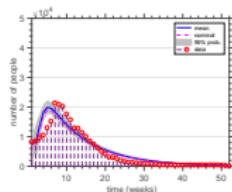
New infectious cases

Uncertainty propagation

Cumulative infectious



New infectious cases



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$$X_{max} = 75 \times 10^3$$

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Section 5

Final Remarks

Concluding remarks

Contributions:

- Development of a SEIR-SEI epidemic model to describe Zika virus outbreak in Brazil
- Calibration of this SEIR-SEI model with epidemic real data
- Construction of a probabilistic model to describe uncertainties

Ongoing research:

- Bayesian updating to improve the model calibration
- Describe model and other parameters uncertainties

Future directions:

- Design of experiments via Active Subspace
- Data-driven identification of epidemiological models



Monica Heilbron Prize

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Complementary Theory



Number of new cases per week

A set of 52 points to represent the number of new infectious cases of Zika fever at each week is defined as follows:

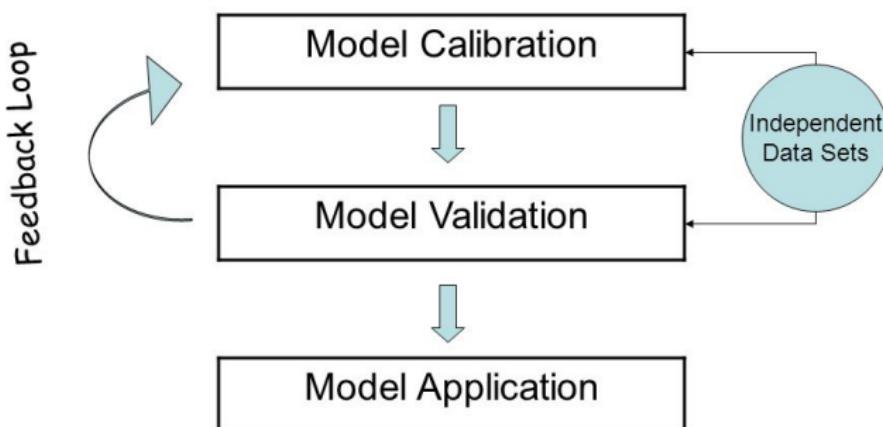
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N}_w &= C_w - C_{w-1}, \\ \mathcal{N}_1 &= C_1,\end{aligned}$$

where C_w is the cumulative number of infectious humans in the w th epidemiological week.



Calibration vs Validation

Model Calibration and Validation



* Picture from NHI course on Travel Demand Forecasting

Results for Nominal Model

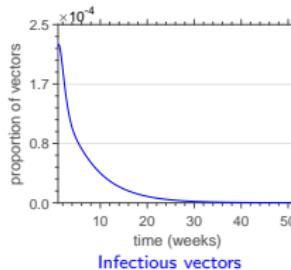
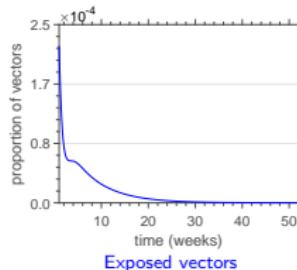
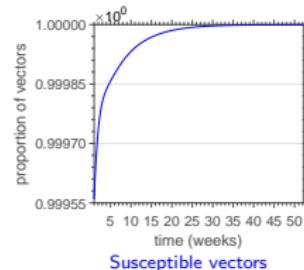
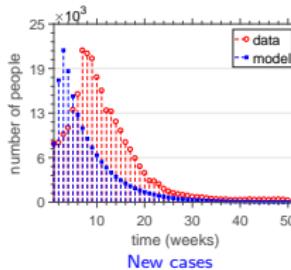
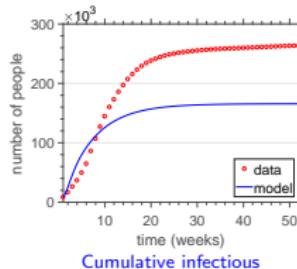
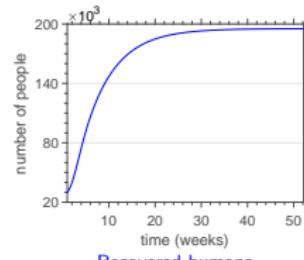
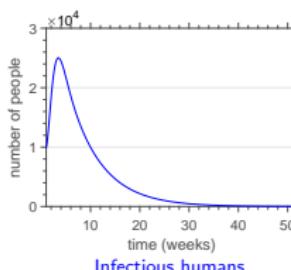
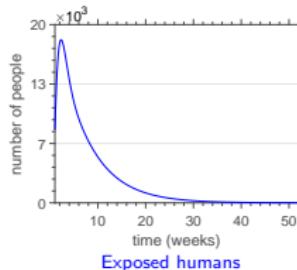
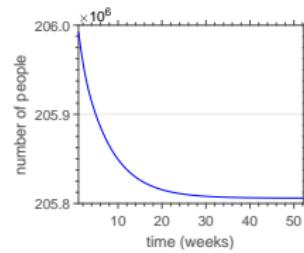


Nominal parameters and initial conditions

α	value	unit
α_h	$1/5.9$	days^{-1}
α_v	$1/9.1$	days^{-1}
γ	$1/7.9$	days^{-1}
δ	$1/11$	days^{-1}
β_h	$1/11.3$	days^{-1}
β_v	$1/8.6$	days^{-1}
N	206×10^6	people
S_h^i	205,953,959	people
E_h^i	8,201	people
I_h^i	8,201	people
R_h^i	29,639	people
S_v^i	0.99956	—
E_v^i	2.2×10^{-4}	—
I_v^i	2.2×10^{-4}	—

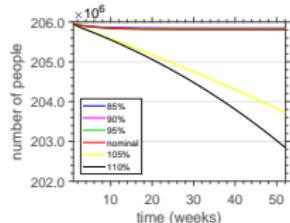


Curves for nominal model

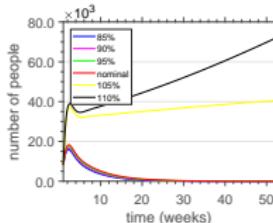


Analysis of Sensitivity

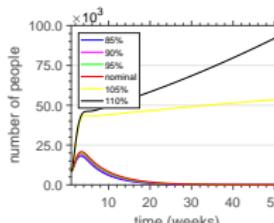
Sensitivity curves for β_h



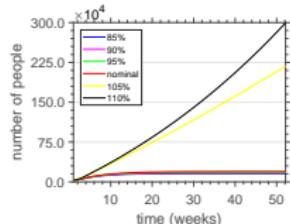
Susceptible humans



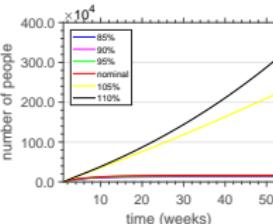
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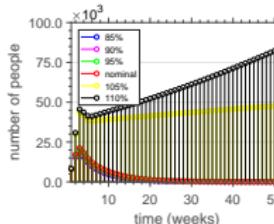
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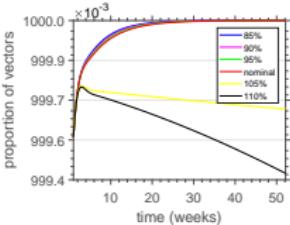
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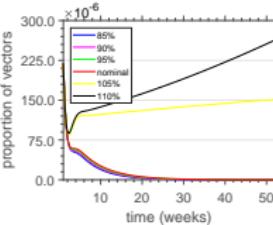
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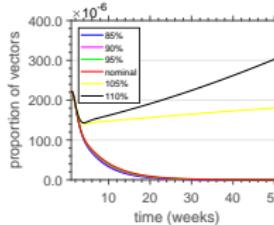
New cases



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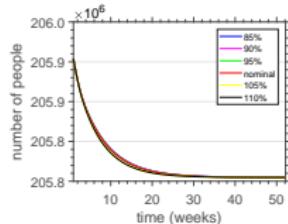


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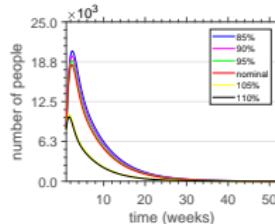


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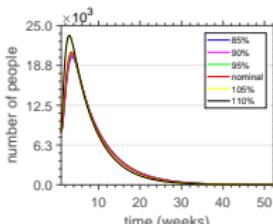
Sensitivity curves for α_h



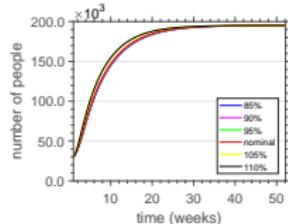
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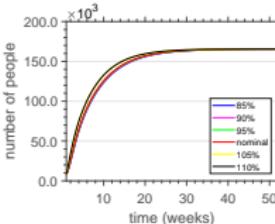
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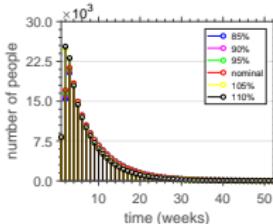
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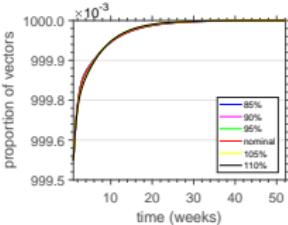
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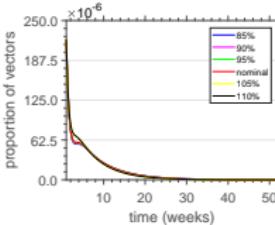
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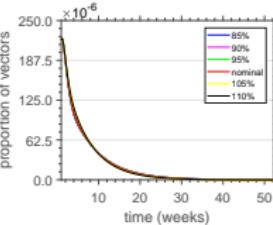
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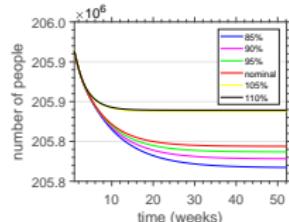


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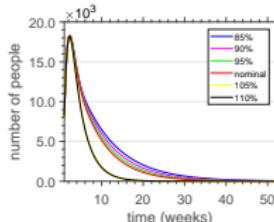


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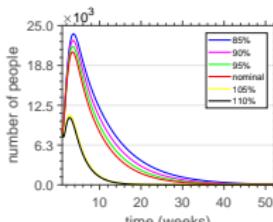
Sensitivity curves for γ



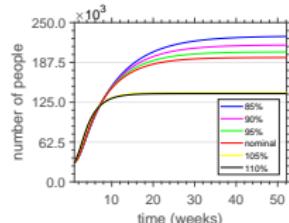
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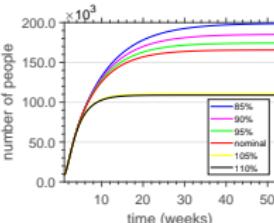
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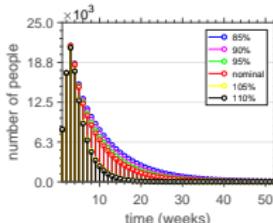
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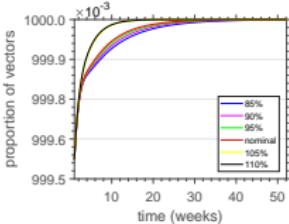
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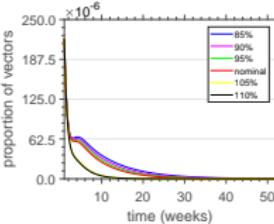
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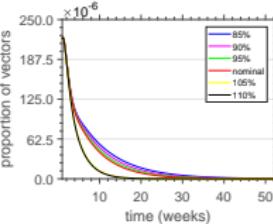
New cases



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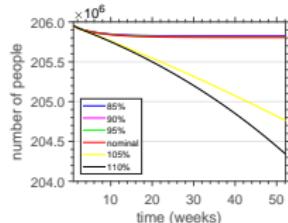


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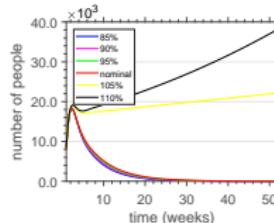


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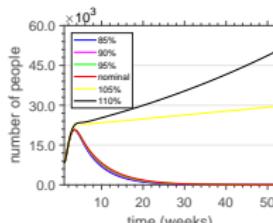
Sensitivity curves for β_V



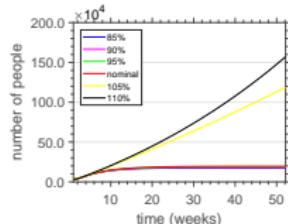
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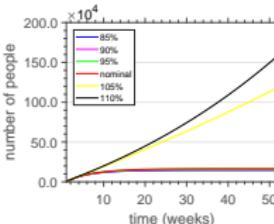
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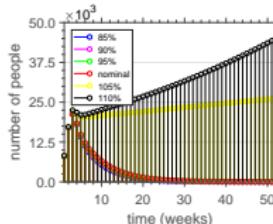
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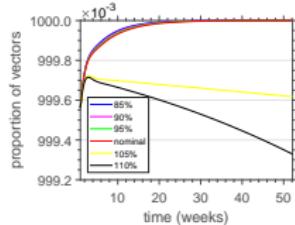
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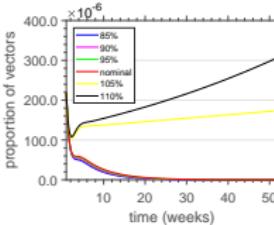
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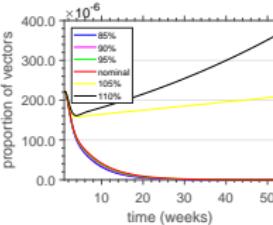
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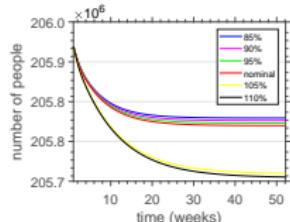


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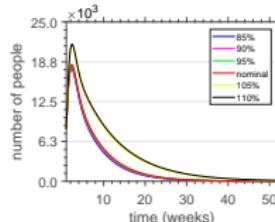


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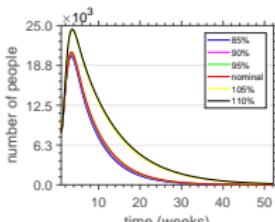
Sensitivity curves for α_V



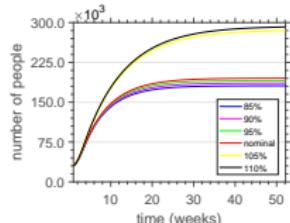
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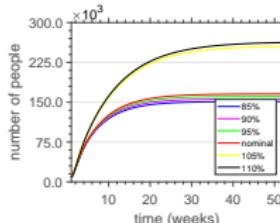
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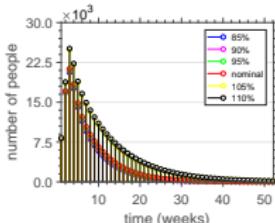
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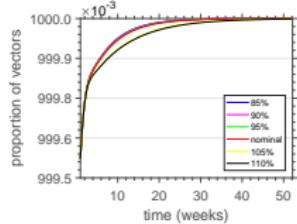
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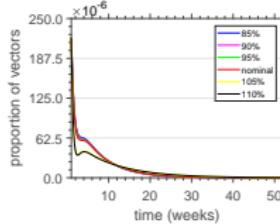
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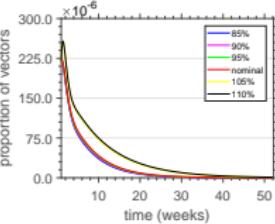
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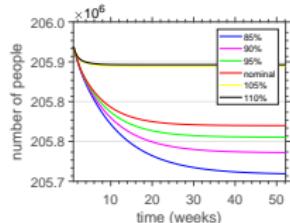


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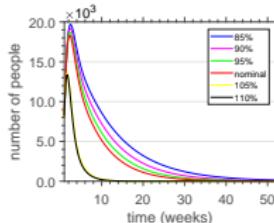


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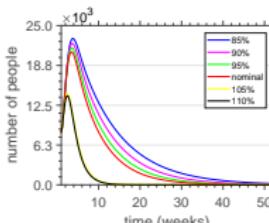
Sensitivity curves for δ



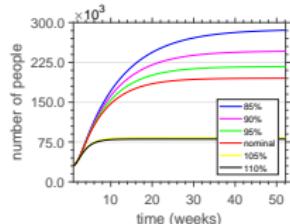
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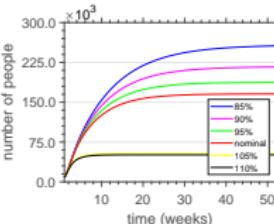
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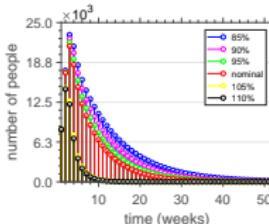
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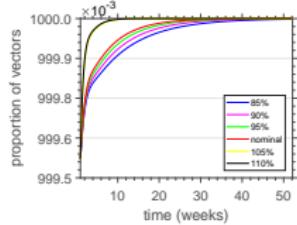
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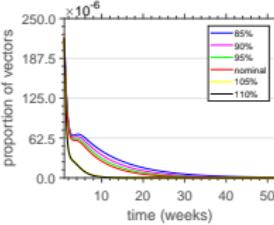
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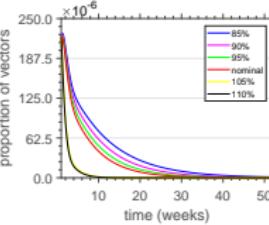
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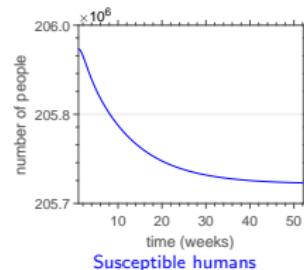
Infectious vectors

Results of Model Calibration

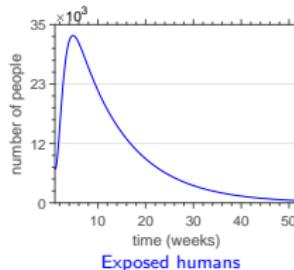
Calibration parameters and IC

α	TRR input	lb	ub	TRR output
α_h	1/5.9	1/12	1/3	1/12
α_v	1/9.1	1/10	1/5	1/10
γ	1/7.9	1/8.8	1/3	1/3
δ	1/11	1/21	1/11	1/21
β_h	1/11.3	1/16.3	1/8	1/10.40
β_v	1/8.6	1/11.6	1/6.2	1/7.77
S_h^i	205,953,959	$0.9 \times N$	N	205,953,534
E_h^i	8,201	0	10,000	6,827
I_h^i	8,201	0	10,000	10,000
S_v^i	0.9996	0.99	0.999	0.999
E_v^i	2.2×10^{-4}	0	1	4.14×10^{-4}
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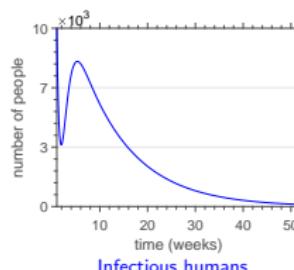
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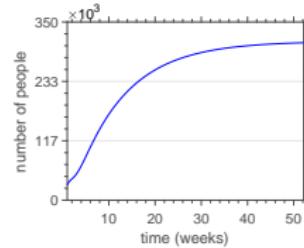
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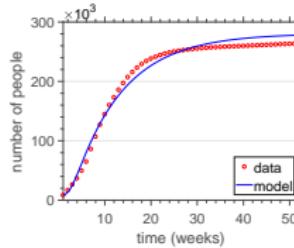
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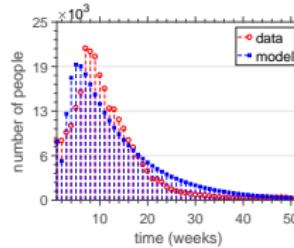
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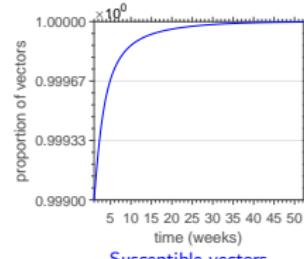
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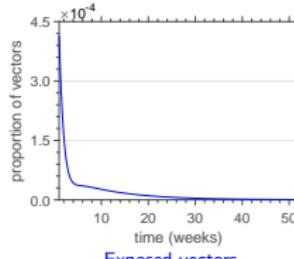
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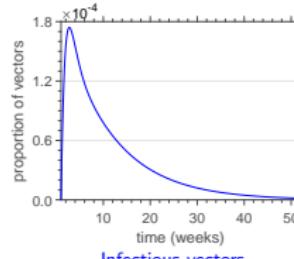
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