McMaster HIV virulence evolution in structured epidemic models

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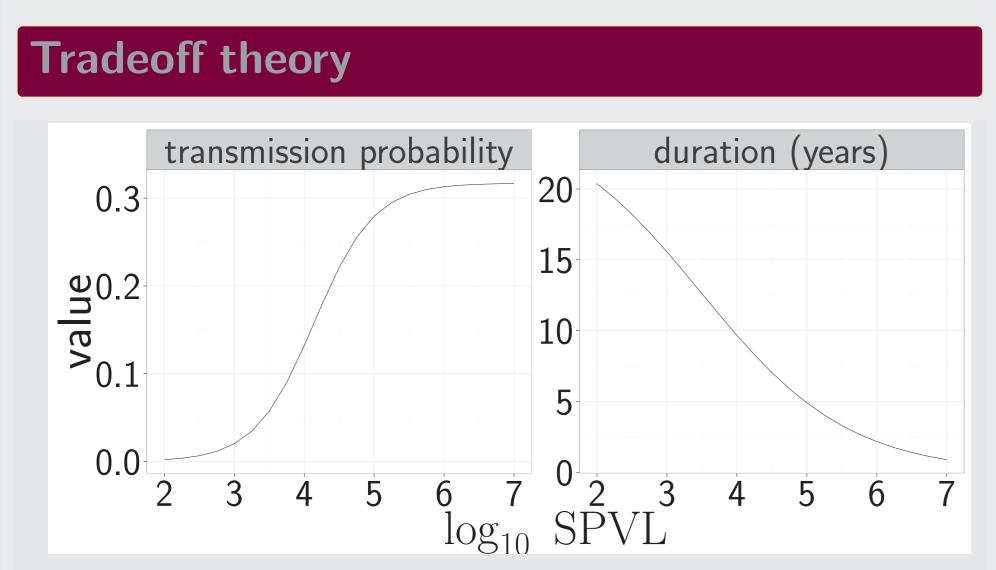
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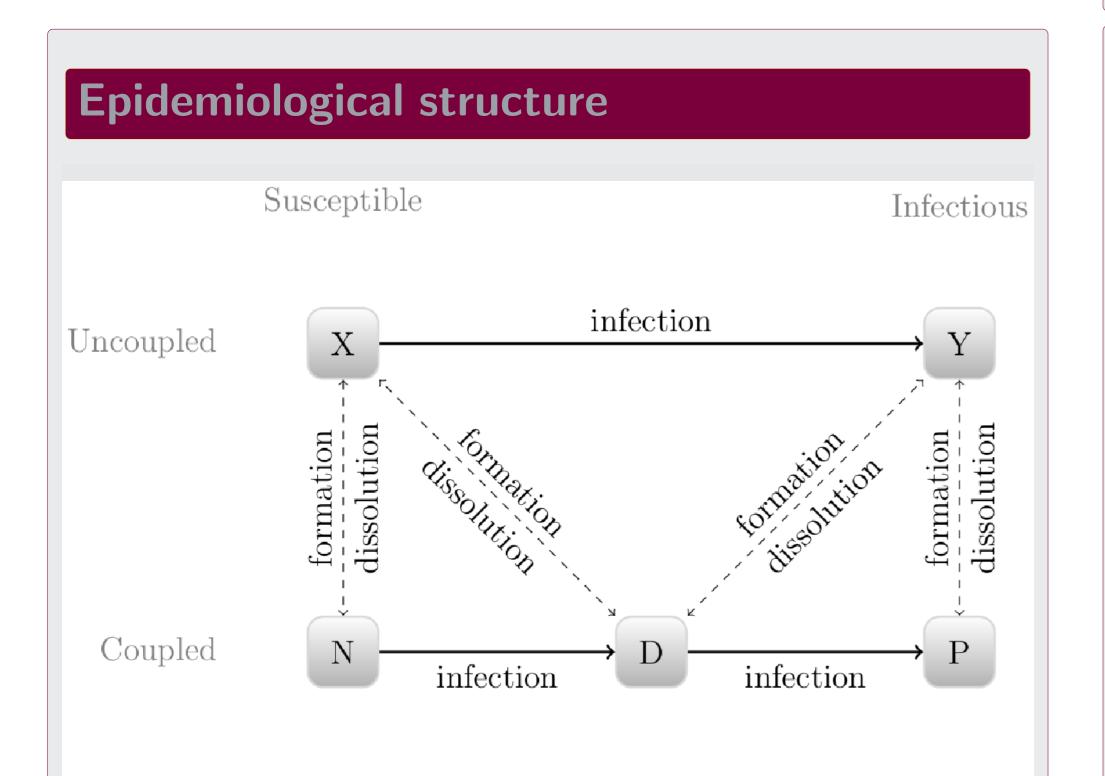
Summary

Pathogens can evolve rapidly in response to changing conditions (e.g., epidemic stage or public health interventions). Models of

eco-evolutionary dynamics often neglect important epidemiological processes, such as the dynamics of sexual partnerships. We compared models with a range of complexity of partnership dynamics and extra-partnership contact.



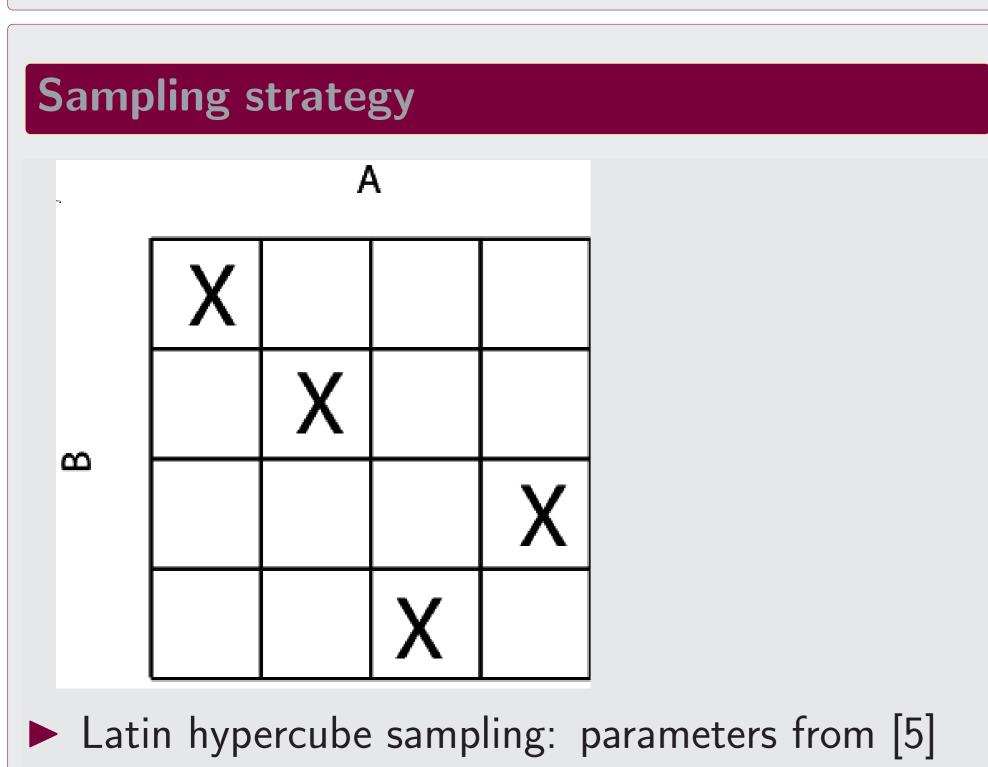
- ► tradeoff theory: virulence evolution mediated by transmission-vs-clearance tradeoff
- ▶ still debated [1, 2]
- ► HIV [3]: **set-point viral load** correlated with transmission probability, rate of progression to AIDS (data from Rakai, Uganda)
- eco-evolutionary virulence dynamics: [4]



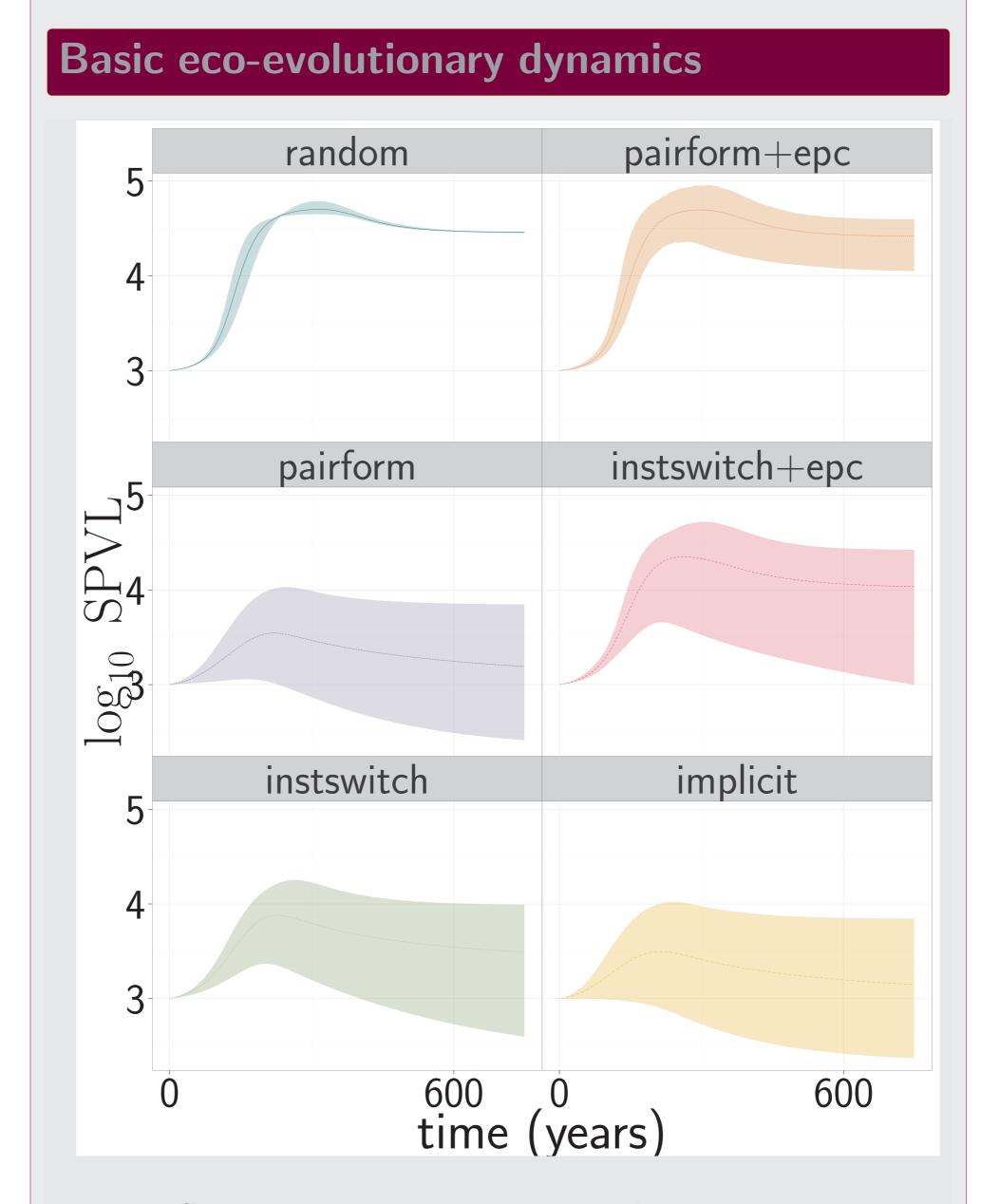
Champredon et al. 2013 [5]

Spectrum of model complexity:

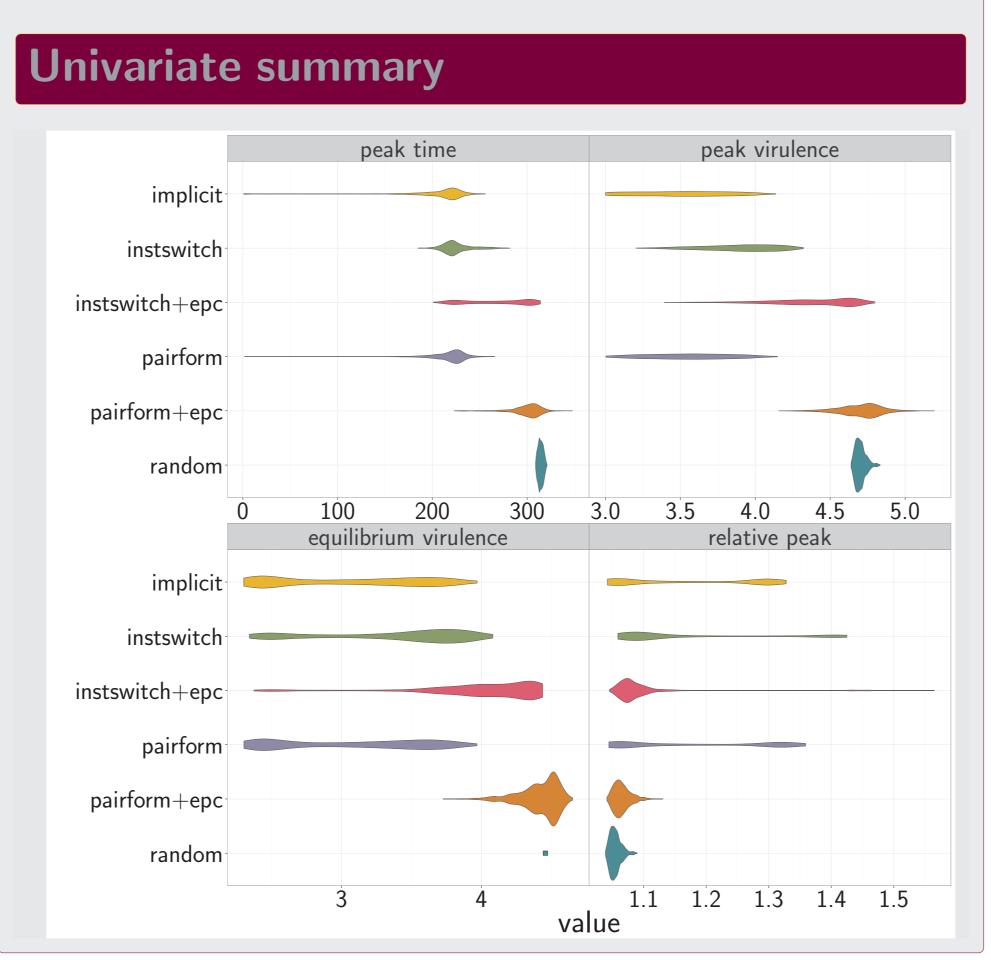
- **pair formation**: instantaneous or delayed?
- extra-pair contact (epc): present or absent?
- ▶ implicit model: no explicit partnerships, force of infection expression derived from \mathcal{R}_0 of pair-formation model (without epc)
- ► random-mixing model: standard SIR model Simplified disease model (single stage only)

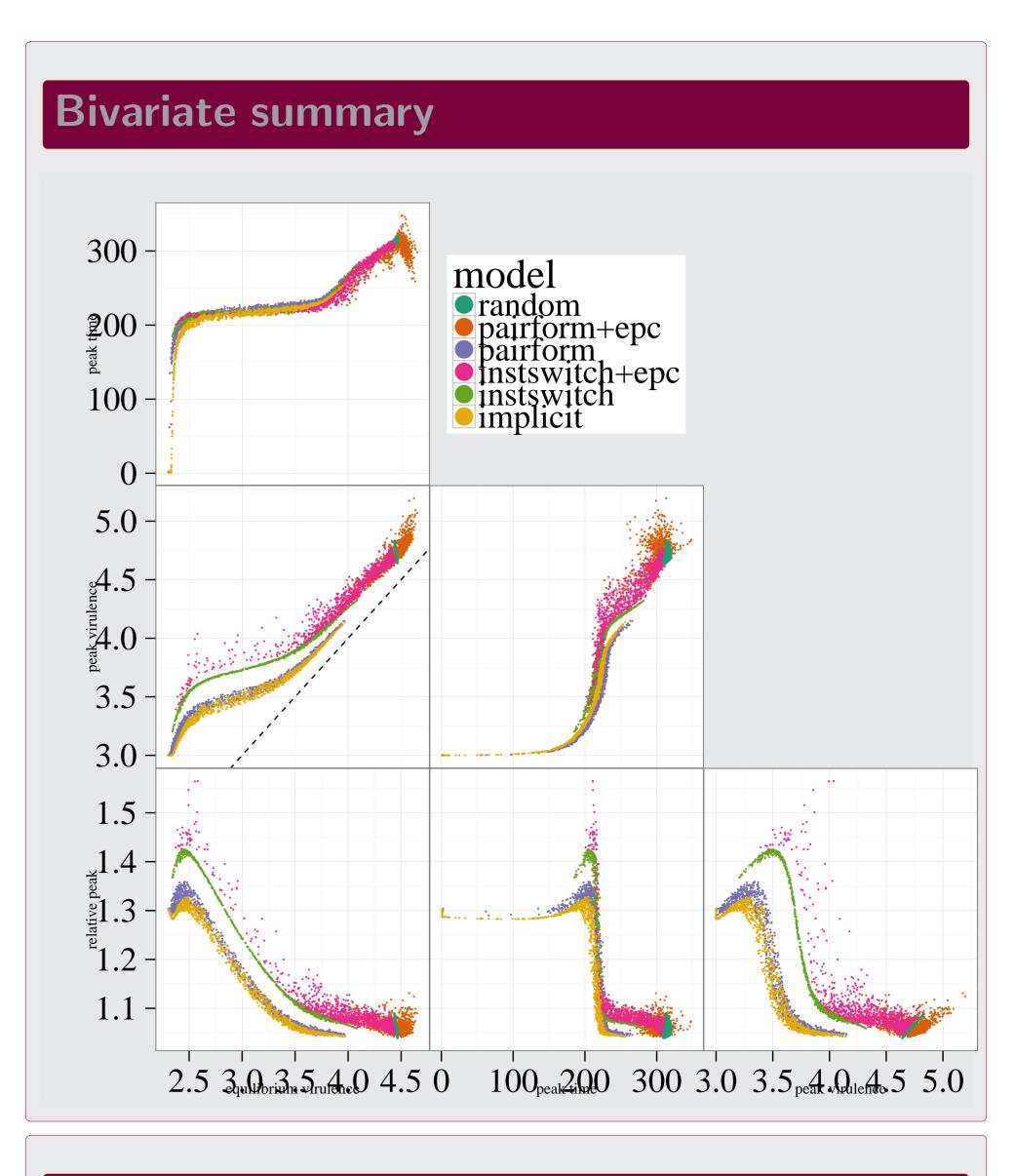


parameters calibrated across models to the same



- significant variation across model structures
- ▶ least (random) and most (pairform+epc) models most similar: single individuals and extra-pair contact wash out effects of structure
- implicit model is most different
- random-mixing model underestimates (?) variability





Conclusions and open questions

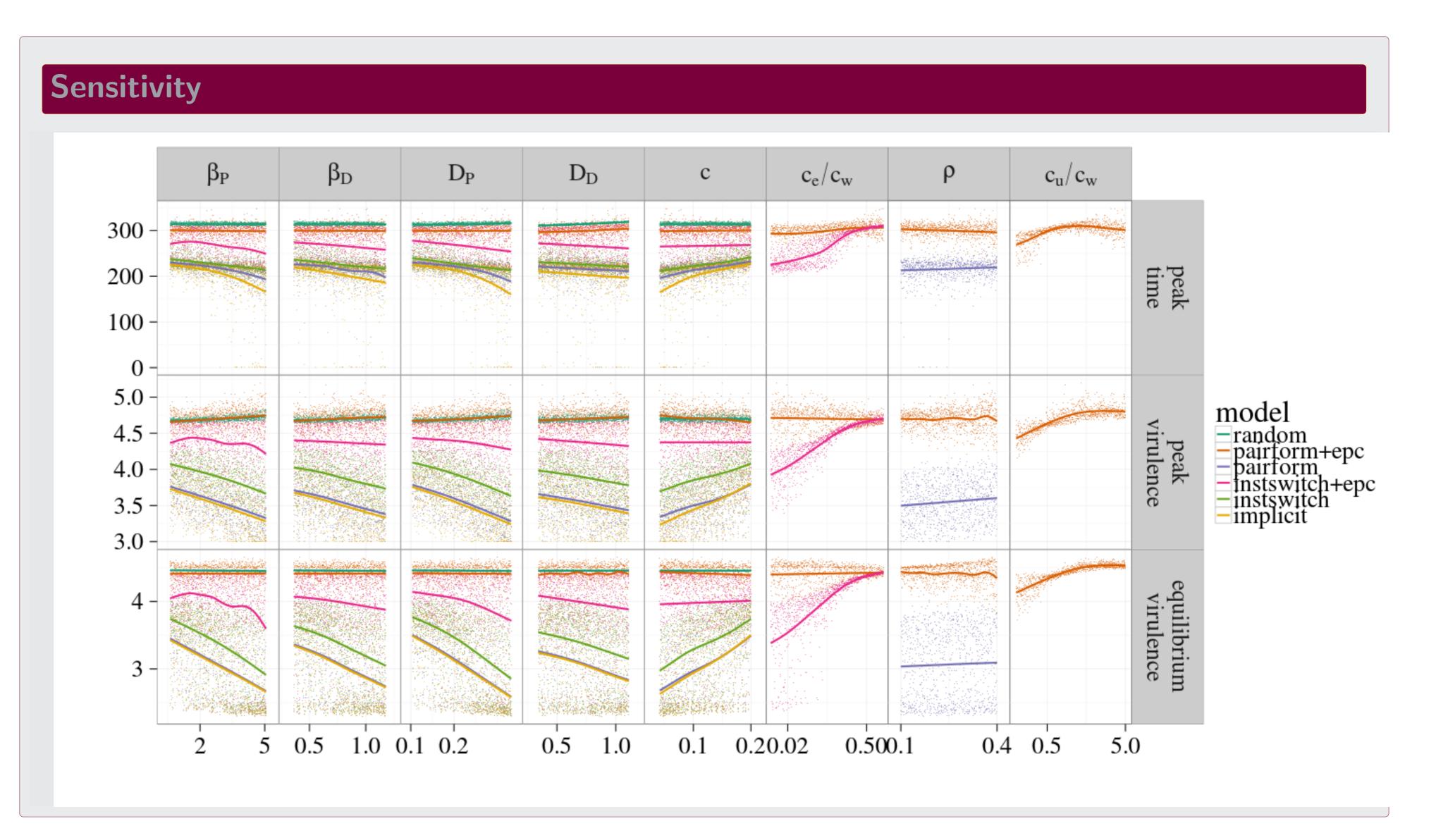
- ➤ Random-mixing models gave the closest match to the most realistic models; extra-pair contact washed out the effects of epidemiological structure
- ightharpoonup Variation among models (model structure) pprox variation within models (parameter uncertainty)
- Large differences in evolutionary dynamics among different epidemiological models suggest caution in predicting evolutionary responses

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