

MCMaster HIV virulence evolution in structured epidemic models

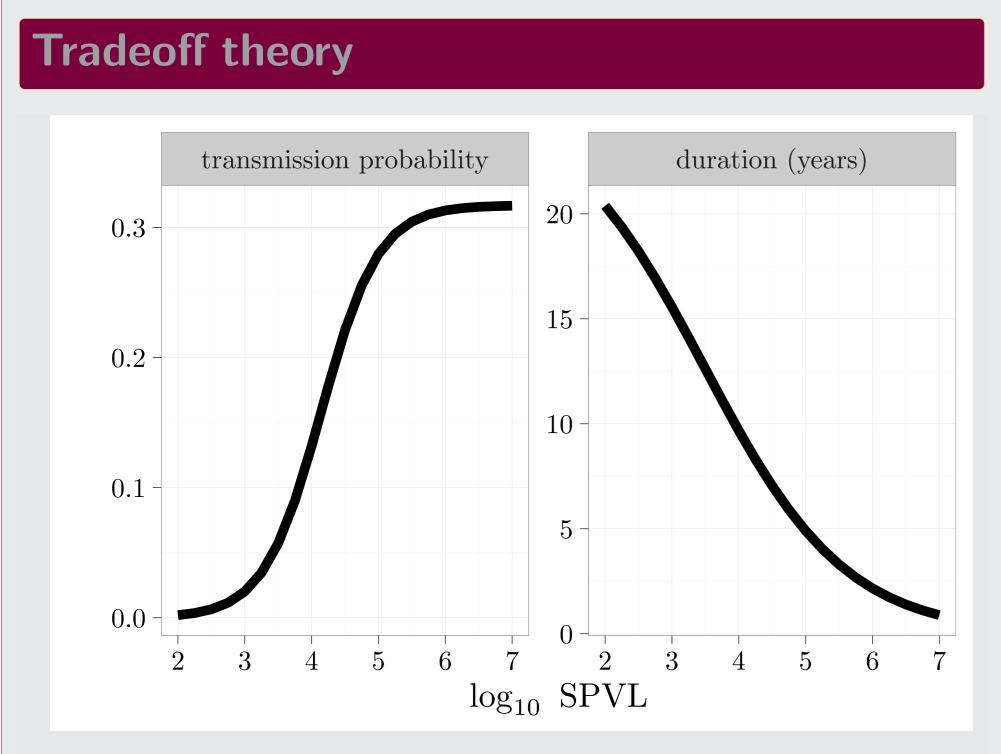
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Summary

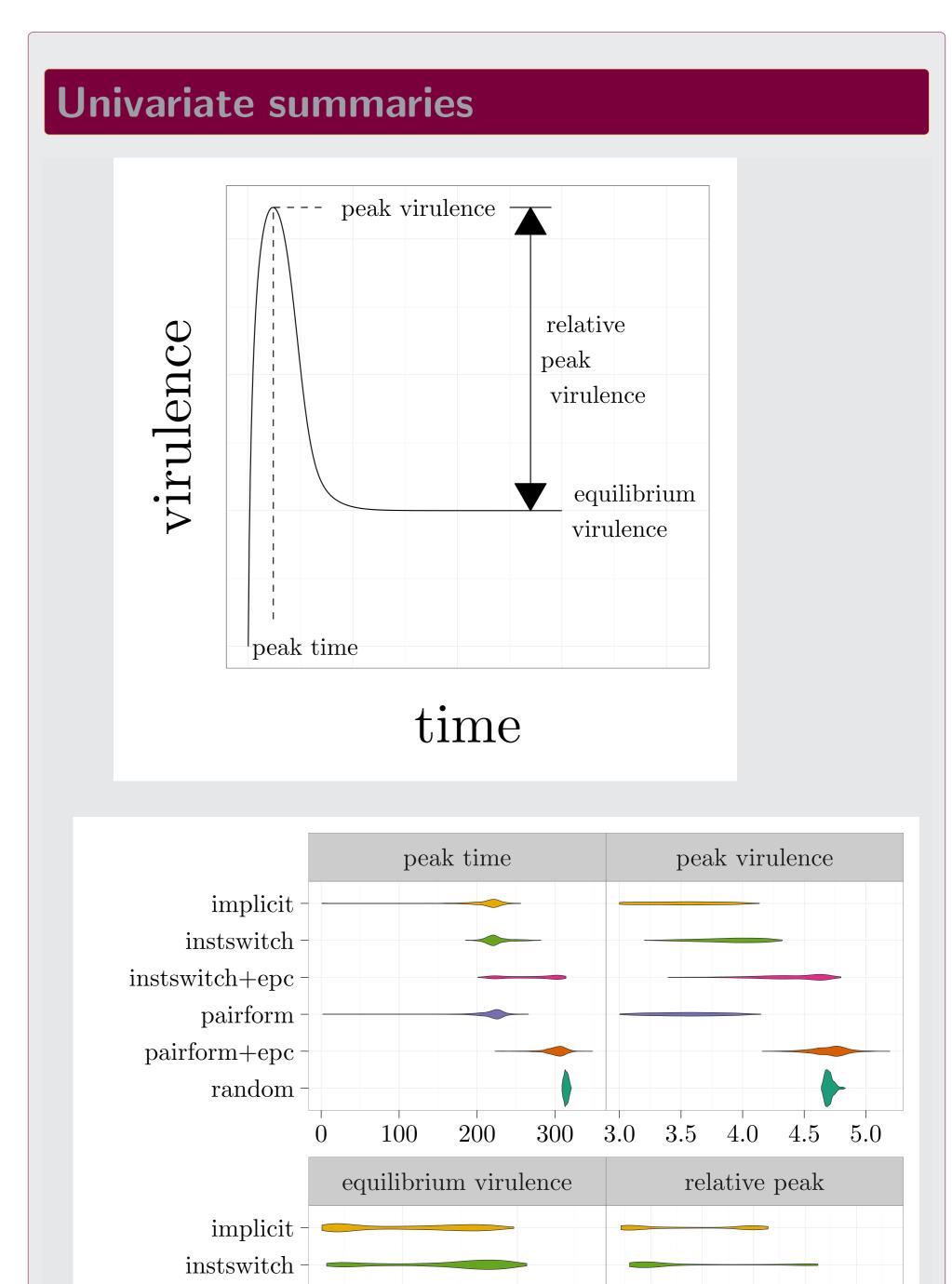
Pathogens can evolve rapidly in response to changing conditions (e.g., epidemic stage or public health interventions). Models of **eco-evolutionary dynamics** often neglect important epidemiological processes, such as the dynamics of sexual partnerships. We compared **models with a range of complexity** of partnership dynamics and extra-partnership contact.



- 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]

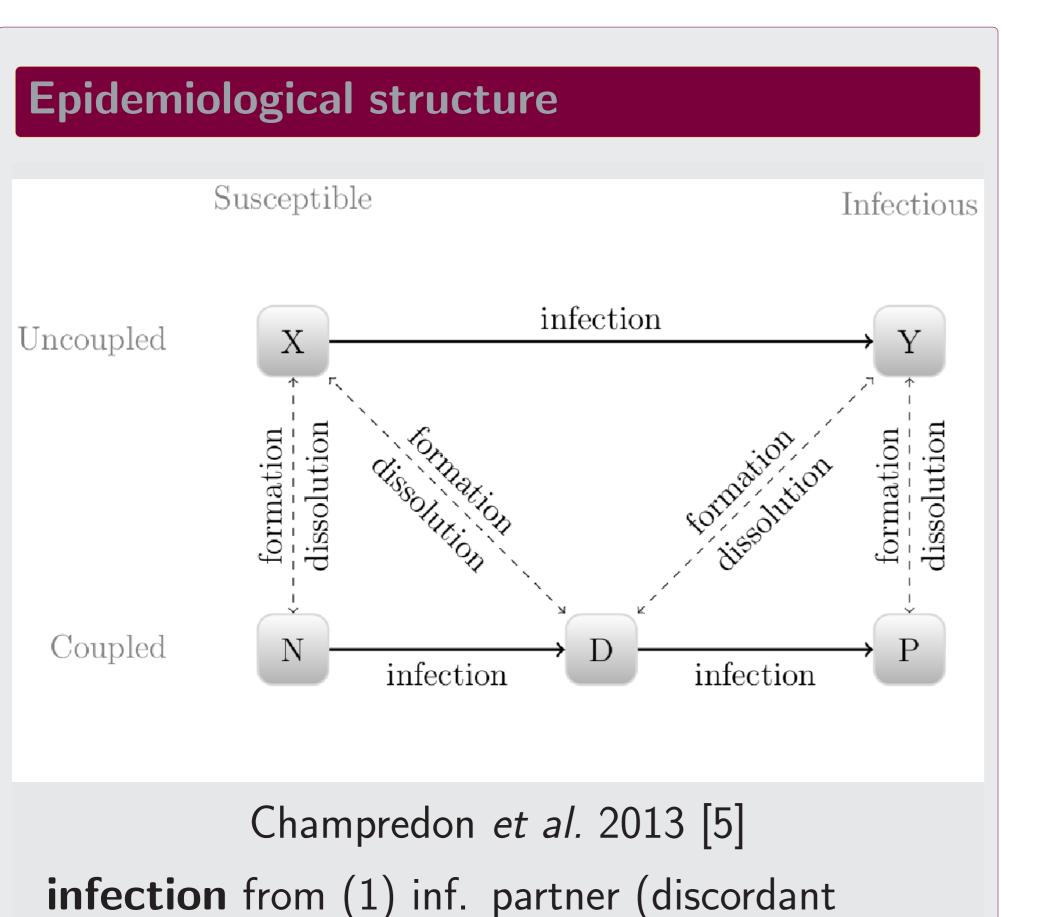
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- significant variation across model structures
- ▶ least (random) and most (pairform+epc) models most similar: single individuals and extra-pair contact wash out effects of structure
- implicit model is most different
- random-mixing model underestimates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

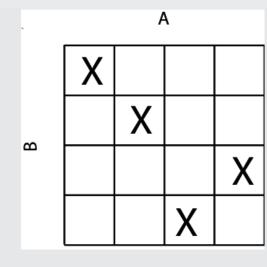


infection from (1) inf. partner (discordant couples); (2) other coupled inf.; (3) uncoupled inf. Model choices:

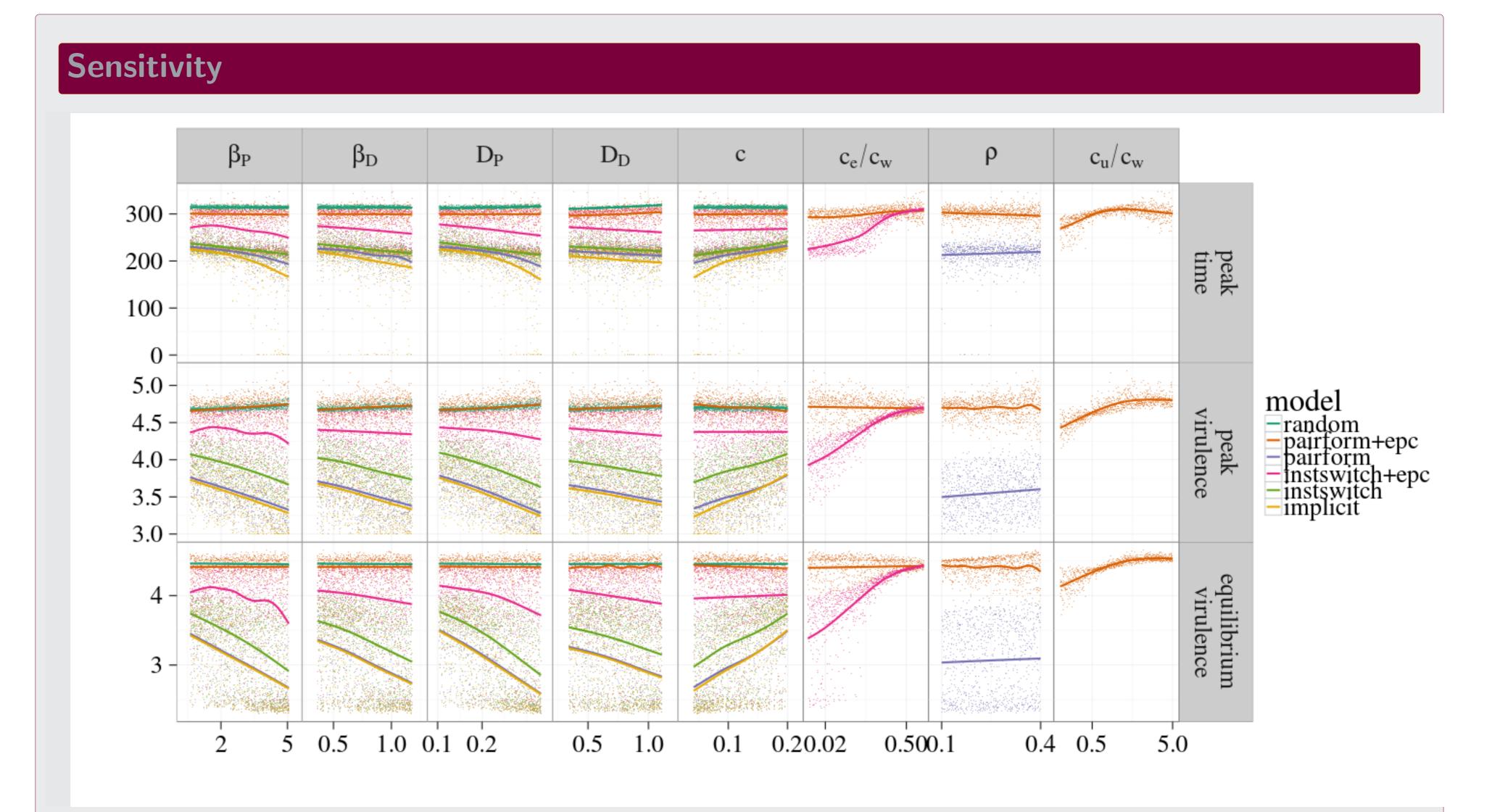
- **pair formation**: instantaneous or delayed?
- extra-pair contact (epc): present or absent?
- ▶ implicit model: no explicit partnerships, force of infection expression derived from \mathcal{R}_0 of pair-formation model (without epc)
- ► random-mixing model: standard SIR model Simplified disease model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



Sampling strategy



- ► Latin hypercube sampling: parameters from [5]
- parameters calibrated across models to the same initial epidemic growth rate (r)



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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pairform

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