

# CoDatMo: Creating a Common Epidemiological Framework with Bayesian Models

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## How

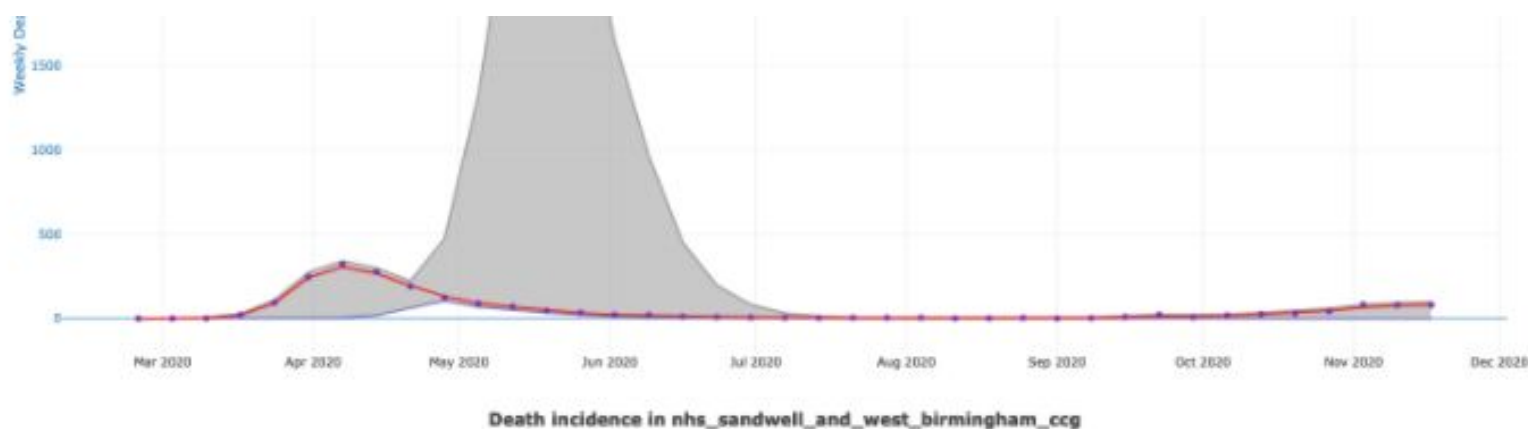
- UKRI Big Hypotheses EP/R018537/1
- NSF RAPID grant 2055251

# Outline

- Overview CoDatMo
- Brief intro to Bayesian Modeling and Stan
- Go over 'model reproduction checklist'
- Resources

# CoDatMo Goals and History

1. August 2020:
  - a. Stan--a popular language for modeling COVID-19 epidemiology ~ 20 models
  - b. The UK Joint Biosecurity Center (JBC) uses many models but similarities/differences
  - c. Liverpool/Columbia decide to create an online resource for comparative COVID modeling
    - i. Improve the models
    - ii. Share ideas
2. November 15, 2020: NSF RAPID grant 2055251 for COVID awarded
3. December 2, 2020: <https://github.com/codatmo> up and running
  - a. Model example
  - b. Data
4. Submissions:
  - a. December 2, 2020: Liverpool
  - b. December 8, 2020: Ye Old Lancaster
  - c. December 20, 2020: Simple SIR
  - d. ....Rethinking appeal of CoDatMo to external contributors
  - e. March 14, 2020: UNINOVE Sao Paulo
5. April 14, 2020: This presentation



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## Welcome to the CoDatMo site

CoDatMo (COvid DATa MOdel) exists to replicate and host COVID-19 models written in the Bayesian modeling languages like Stan or PyMC. The goals include:

- Reproduce COVID-19 models with an eye to:
  - Get the word out on important COVID-19 models by offering well documented examples approachable by statisticians, programmers and researchers.
  - Increase the impact of the original researchers and get them additional exposure.
  - Help researchers improve their models via the replication process
- Provide a common language for implementing various models.
- Facilitate information exchange between model developers.
- Provide public access to models.

## CombineR

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## UNINOVE\_Sao\_Paulo

Covid Modeling work at UNINOVE Brazil

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## Data

Collection of open-source data sources for the United Kingdom and the rest of the world. To be used for testing of the various models.

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## Liverpool

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### Top languages

 HTML  R  Stan

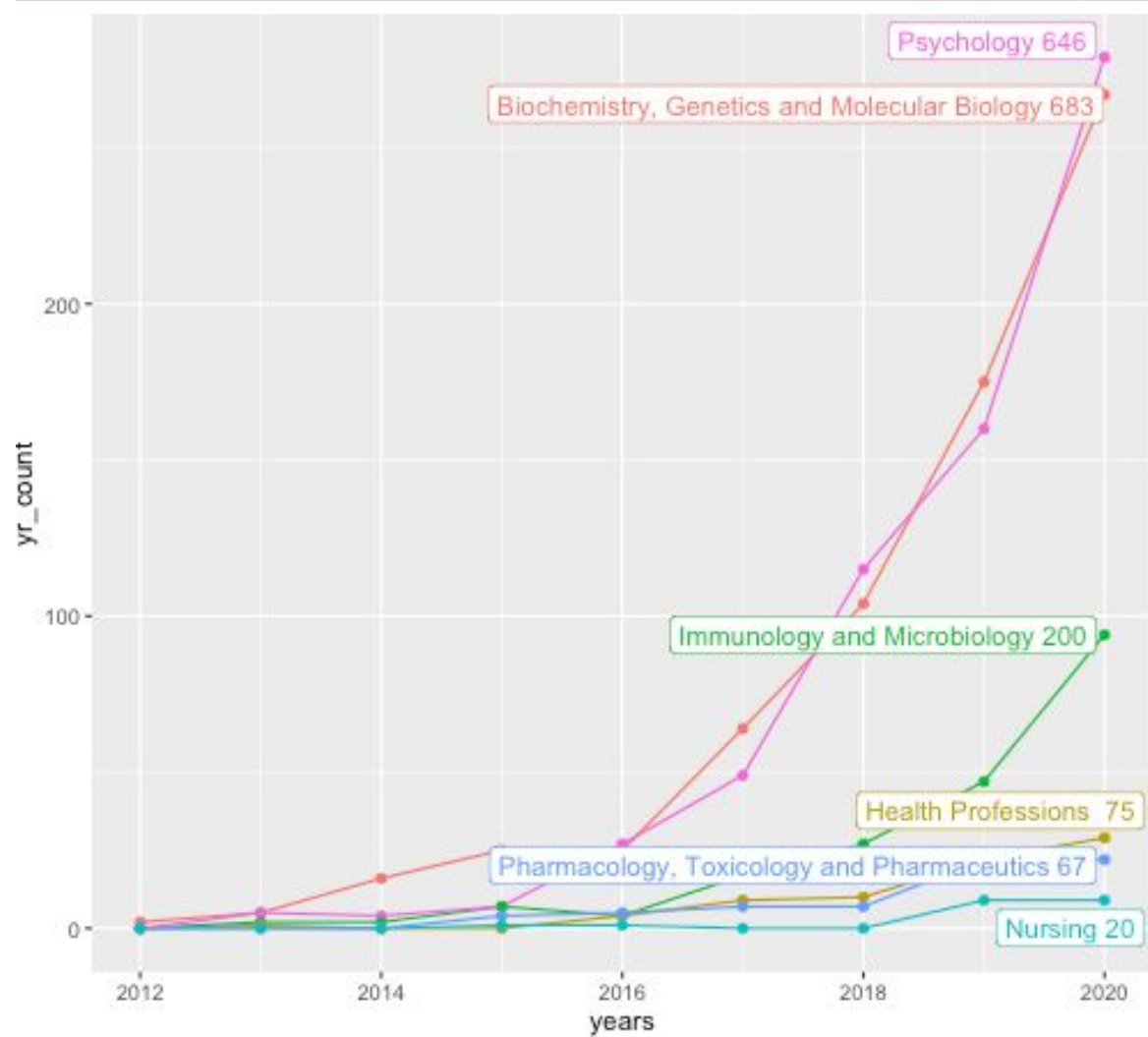
### People



Invite someone

# Over 50 models for COVID-19 written in Stan: Why?

- Hierarchical models
- Noise tolerant models with small to medium data sets
- Lots of room for integration of prior knowledge
- Can be very interpretable models to support counterfactual reasoning etc...
- Very robust uncertainty handling
- Huge effort on inference safety
  - Bayesian workflow
  - Inference diagnostics
  - Self monitoring gradient crawler
- Generative models
  - Mechanistic
  - Human interpretable
  - Simulation





# Deep Learning

# Repos in CoDatMo

[https://codatmo.github.io/Simple\\_SIR/](https://codatmo.github.io/Simple_SIR/)

[https://github.com/codatmo/UNINOVE\\_Sao\\_Paulo](https://github.com/codatmo/UNINOVE_Sao_Paulo)

# Resources

- Codatmo project: <https://codatmo.github.com>
- Slides:  
[https://github.com/codatmo/documentation/blob/main/talks/CovidSymp\\_4\\_16\\_2021.pdf](https://github.com/codatmo/documentation/blob/main/talks/CovidSymp_4_16_2021.pdf)
- Modern Bayesian modeling packages:
  - Stan: <https://mc-stan.org>
    - R, Python, Scala, .... <https://mc-stan.org/users/interfaces/>
    - High level interfaces in lme4 tradition (R only)
      - brms: <https://paul-buerkner.github.io/brms/>
      - RStanArm: <https://mc-stan.org/rstanarm/>
  - PyMC Python HMC/NUTS: <https://pypi.org/project/pymc/>
  - TensorFlow/PyTorch
- Statistical Rethinking, Second Edition, by Richard McElreath
  - Youtube lectures <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDcUM9US4XdNM4Edgs7weyIguLSToZRI>
  - brms implementation of 1st Edition at: <https://bookdown.org/content/4857/>
- Bayesian Statistics for the Social Sciences GR5065 in <http://www.qmss.columbia.edu/>:
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