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# Modeling Forest Malaria Using a Time-at-Risk Based Approach

Incorporating Human Movement into the Equation

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# Background

- What makes forest malaria different?
  - Risk is spread across different “populations” based on time spent in certain locations
  - Forest-going population has different risk than those who stay in village
  - Transmission is occurring away from home
    - People who travel to the same place form a different population

# Contrasting Malaria Models

- Ross-Macdonald Model
  - Entire human population exposed to the same mosquito population
  - One transmission location
- Forest Model
  - Transmission occurs at home and away from home
  - Multiple human populations exposed to multiple mosquito populations

# Objectives

- Show how reproductive rates and time-at-risk can be used together to model malaria prevalence in a forest system
- Show why time-at-risk and forest reproductive rates have an impact on elimination in villages

# Reproductive Rate

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Mosquitoes Per Human

Higher values increase R

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Mosquito Biting Rate

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Proportion of Bites That  
Cause Infection

Higher values increase R



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Time for Sporogonic  
Cycle

Higher values decrease R

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Mosquito Death Rate

Higher values decrease R

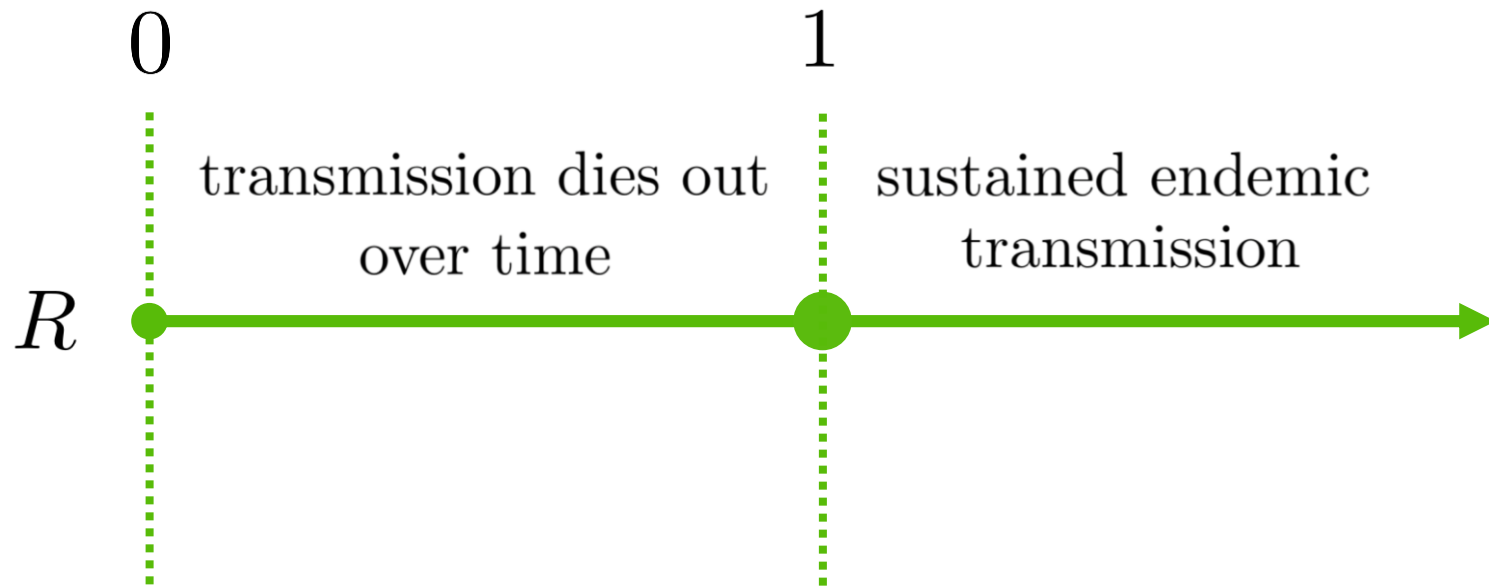
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Human Disease  
Recovery

Higher values decrease R

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# Time-at-Risk

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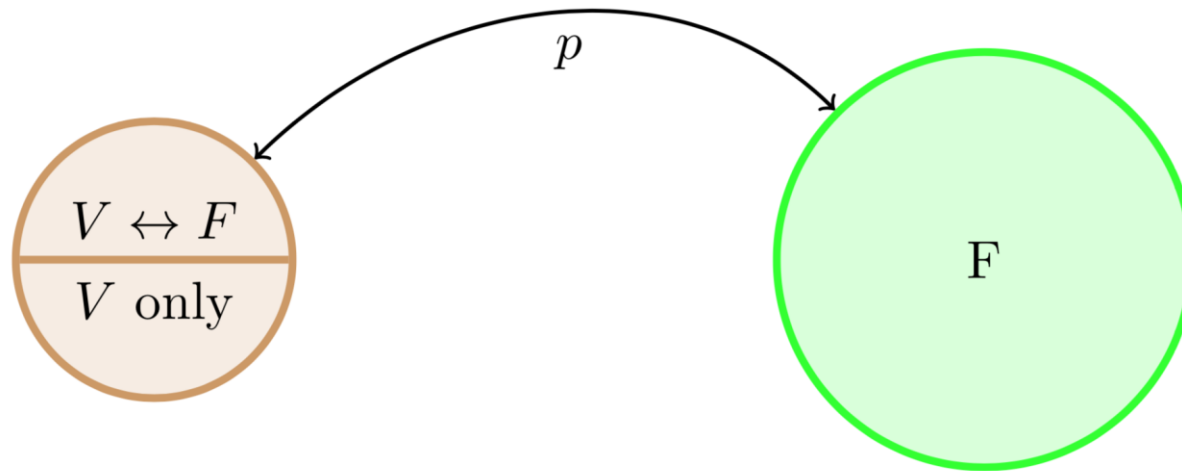
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Proportion of time spent by population 1 in location 2

Rows Sum to 1

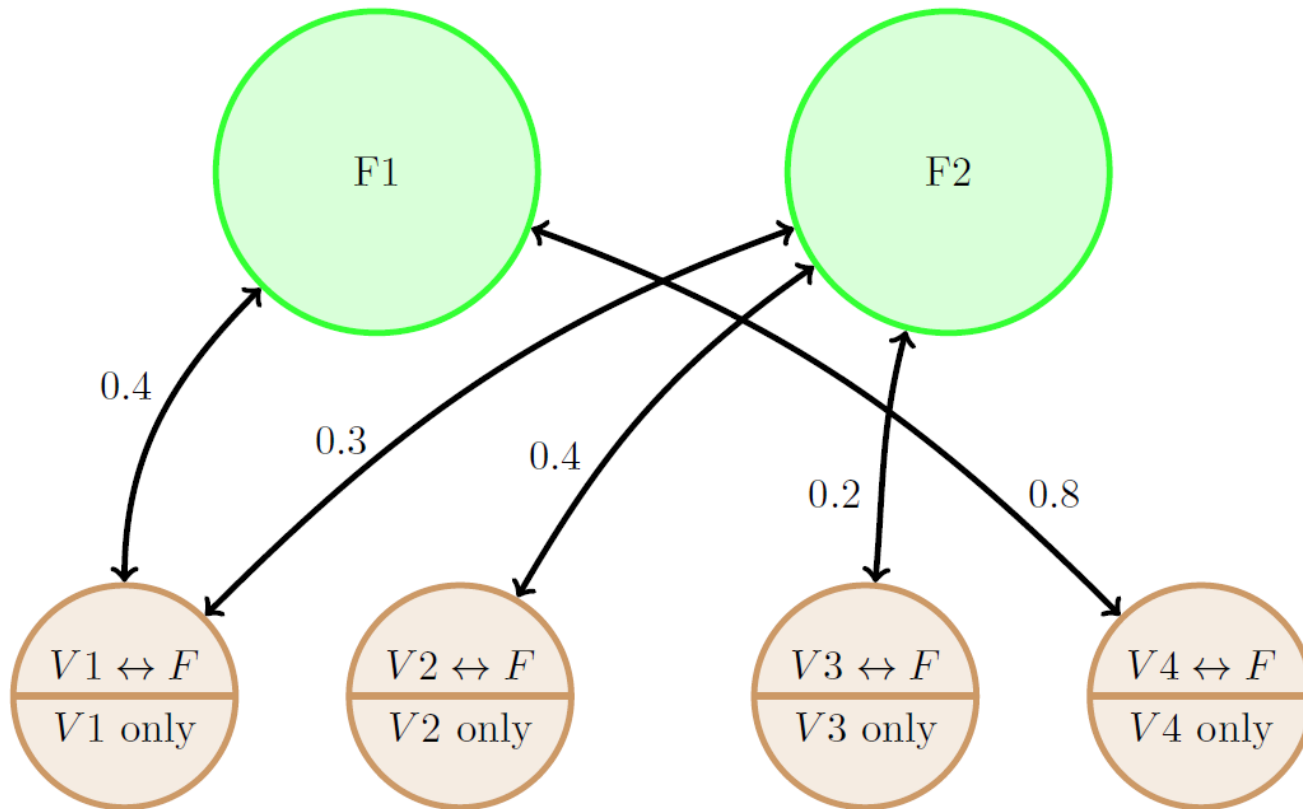


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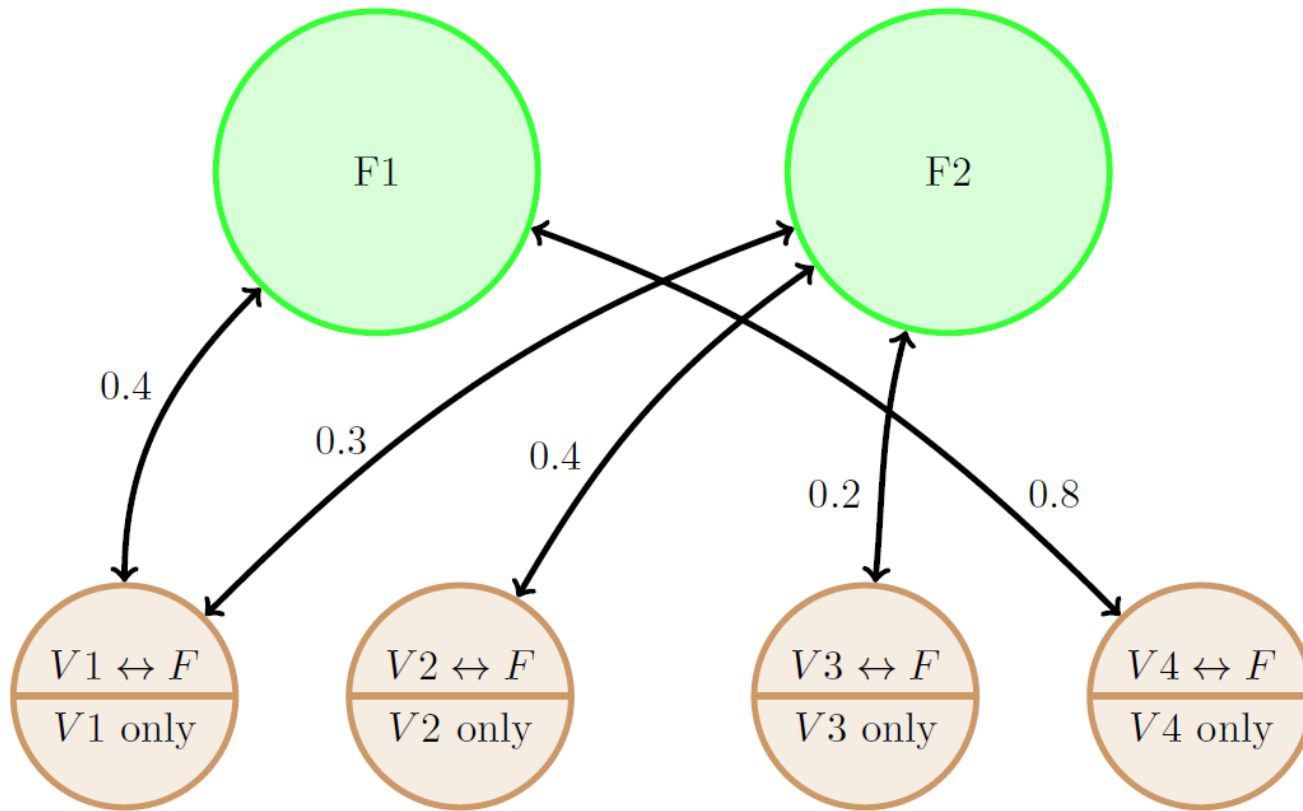


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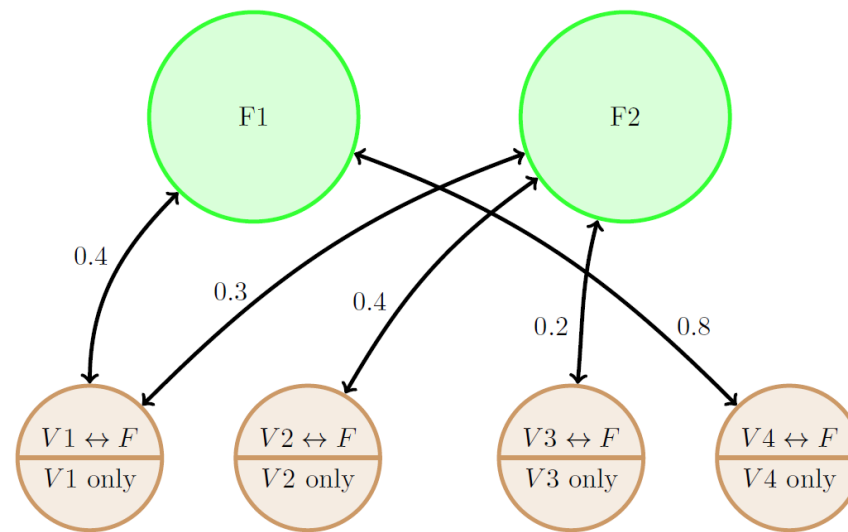
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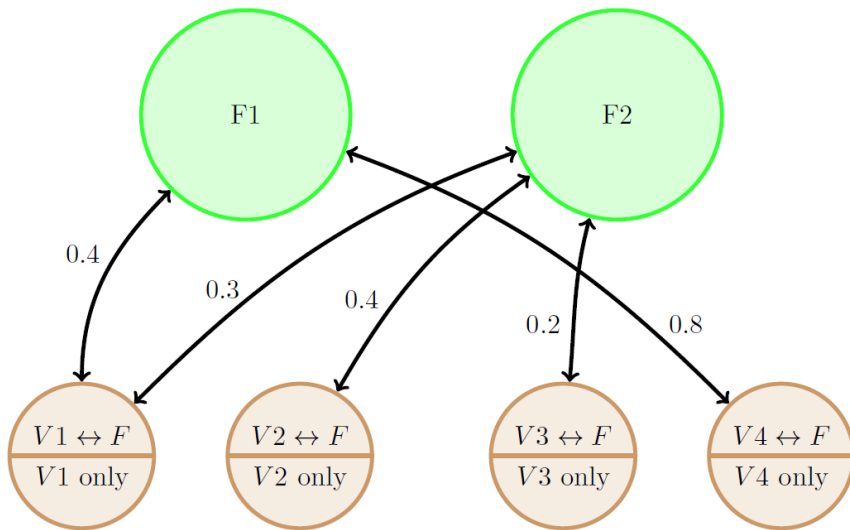
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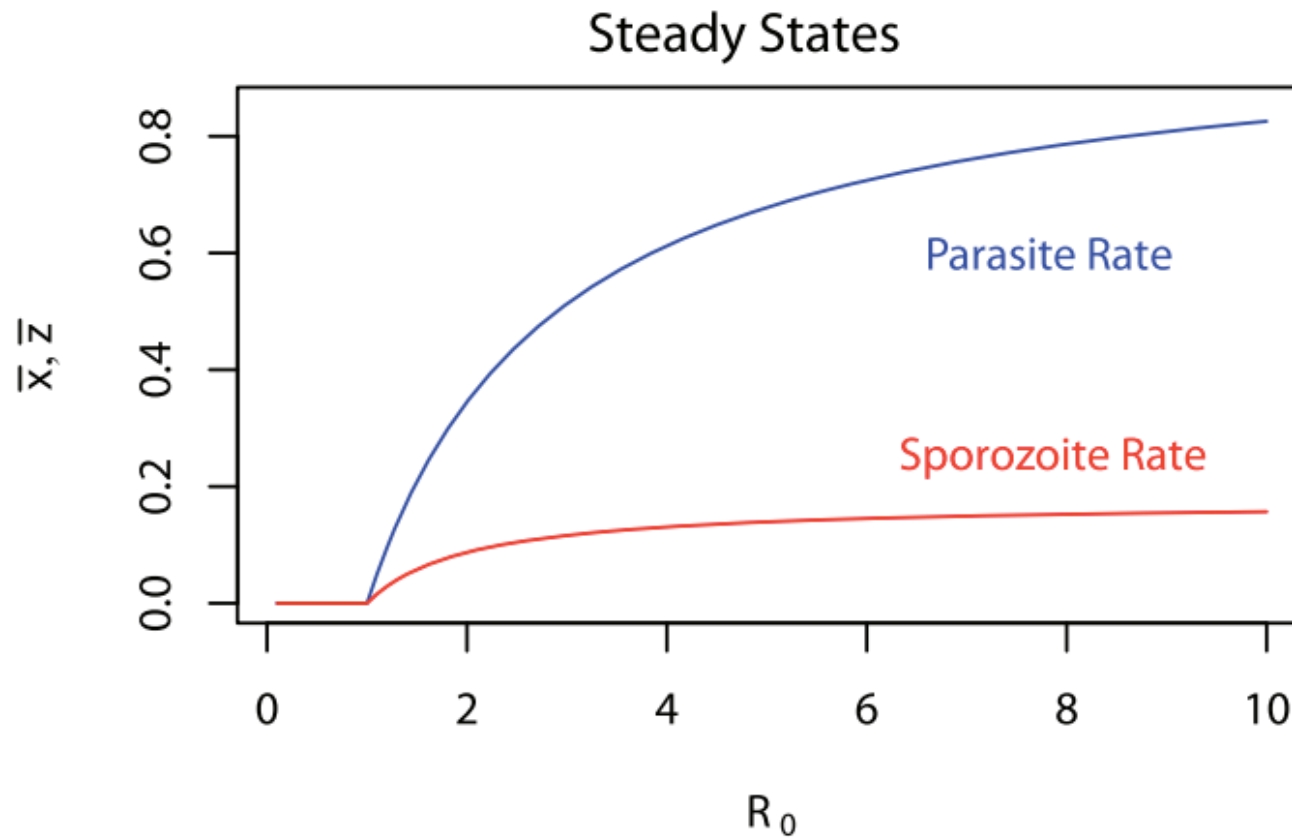
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# How Forest R and Time-at-Risk Affect Village Transmission

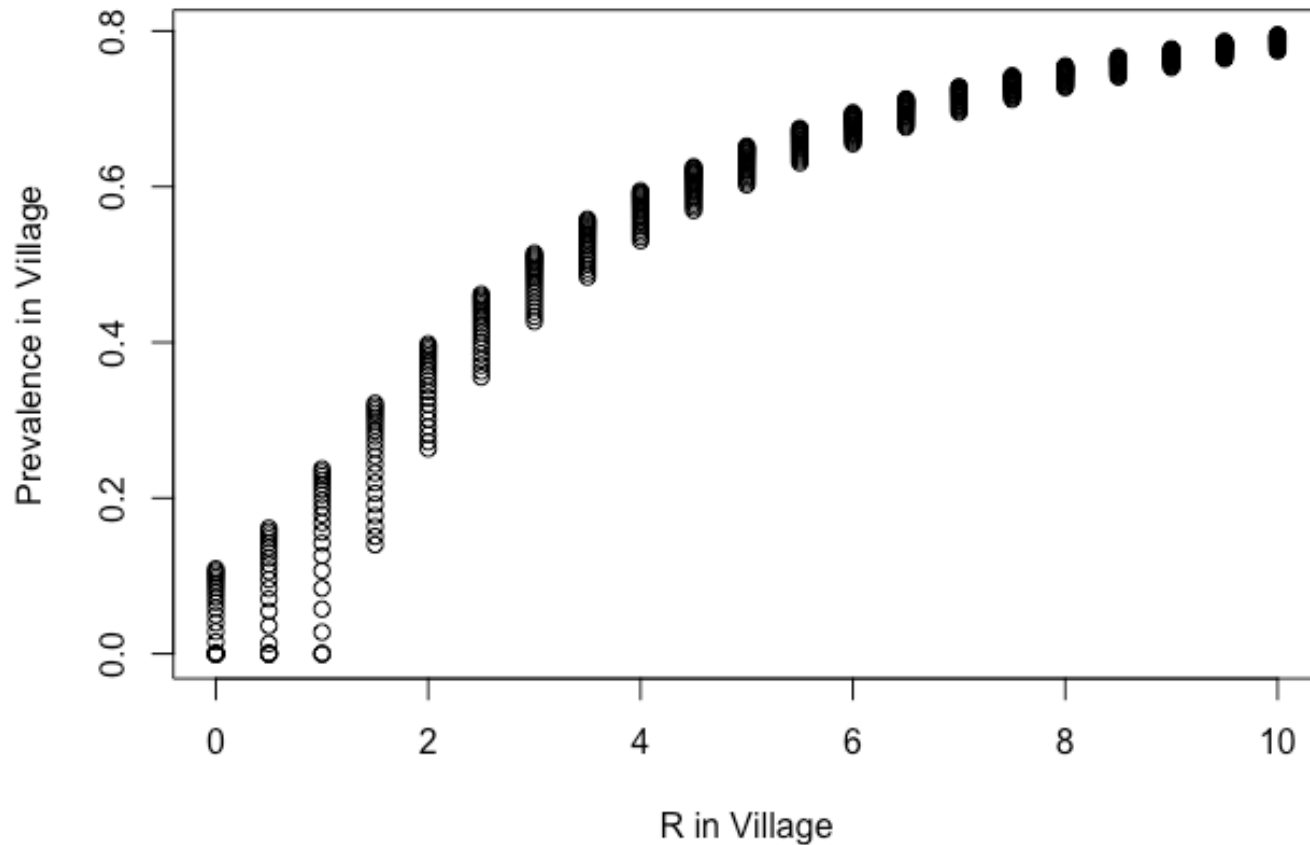
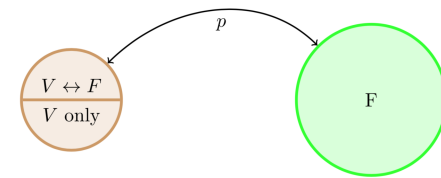
# Traditional Model



Every  $R$  value has an associated steady state prevalence  
(derived from parasite rate)

# Forest Model – Effect of Forest R

## Steady States

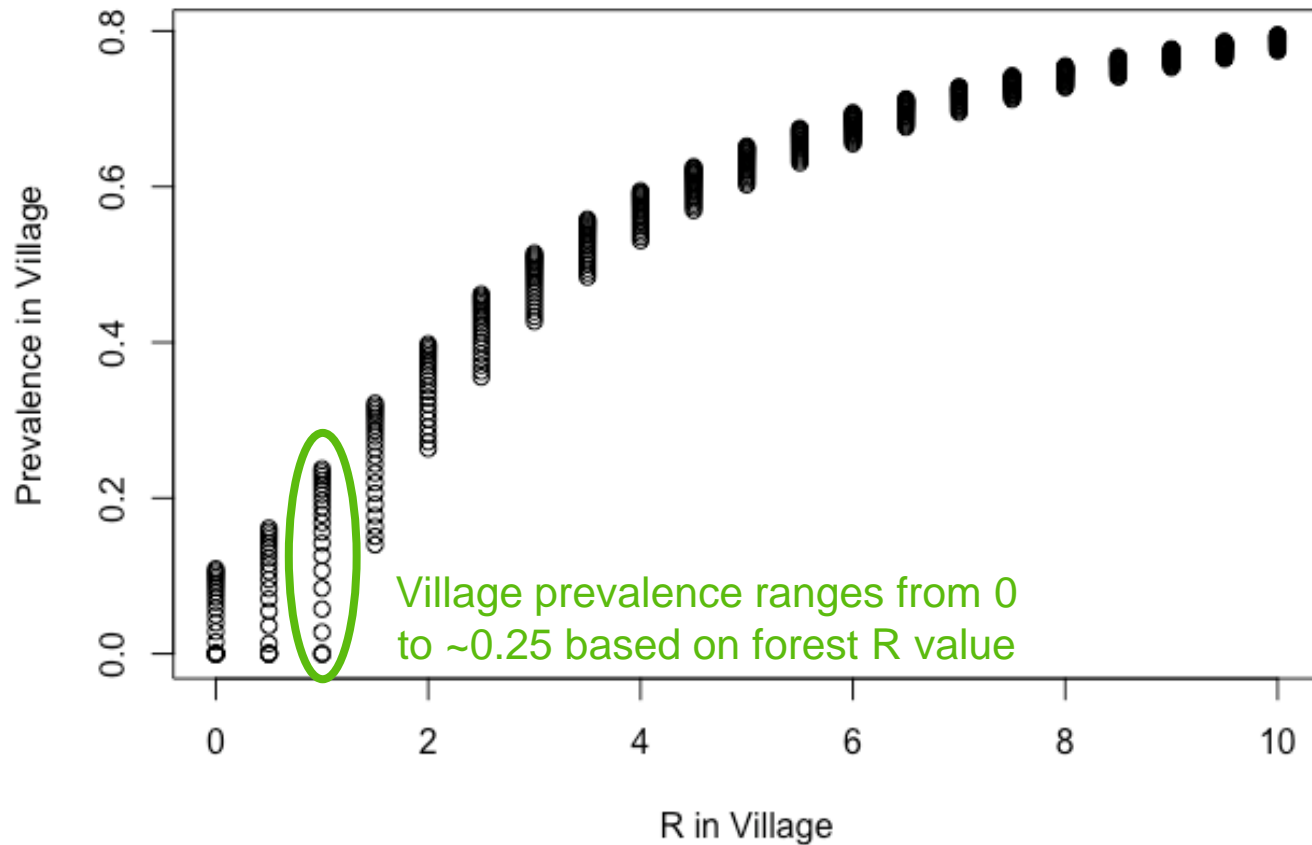
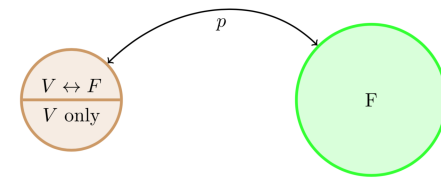


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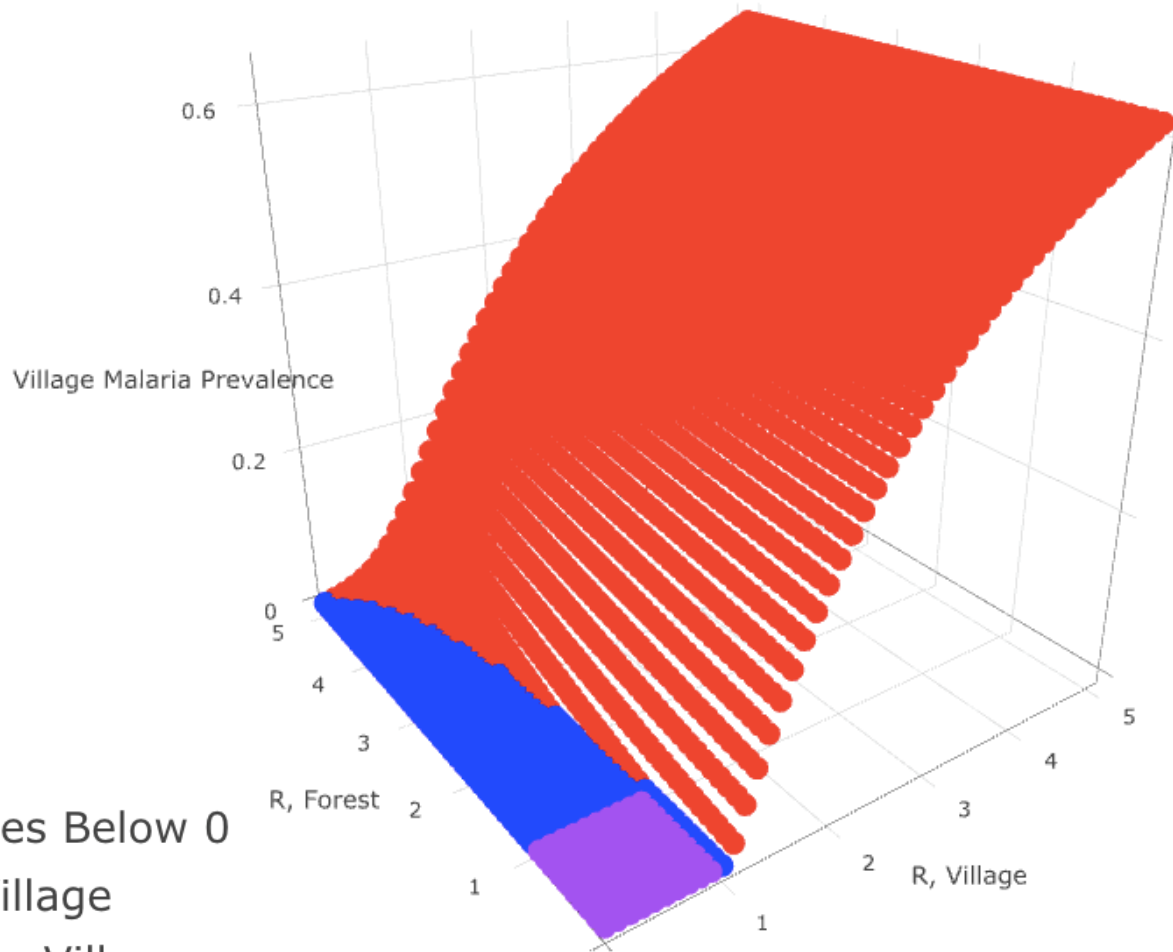
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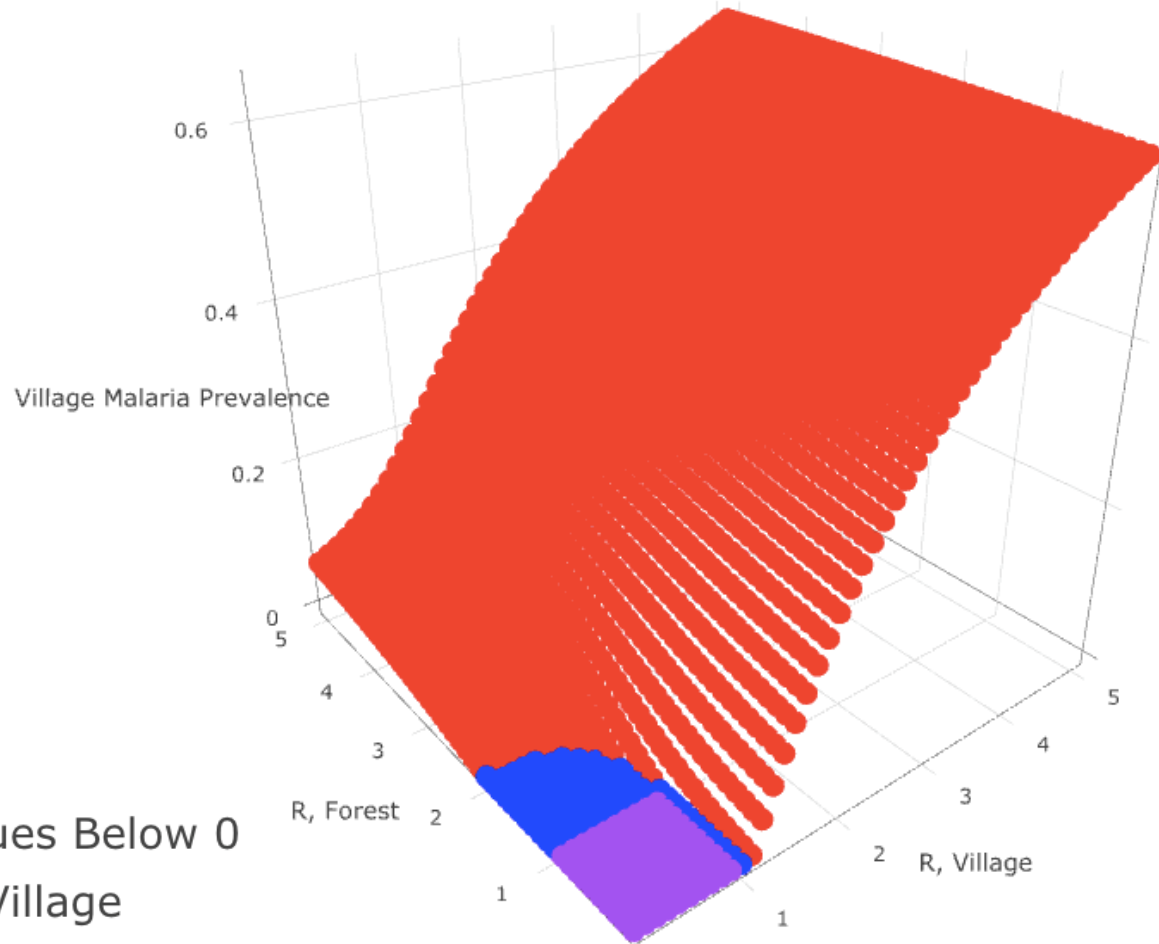
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Malaria in Village

No Malaria in Village

# Forest Model – Effect of Time-at-Risk

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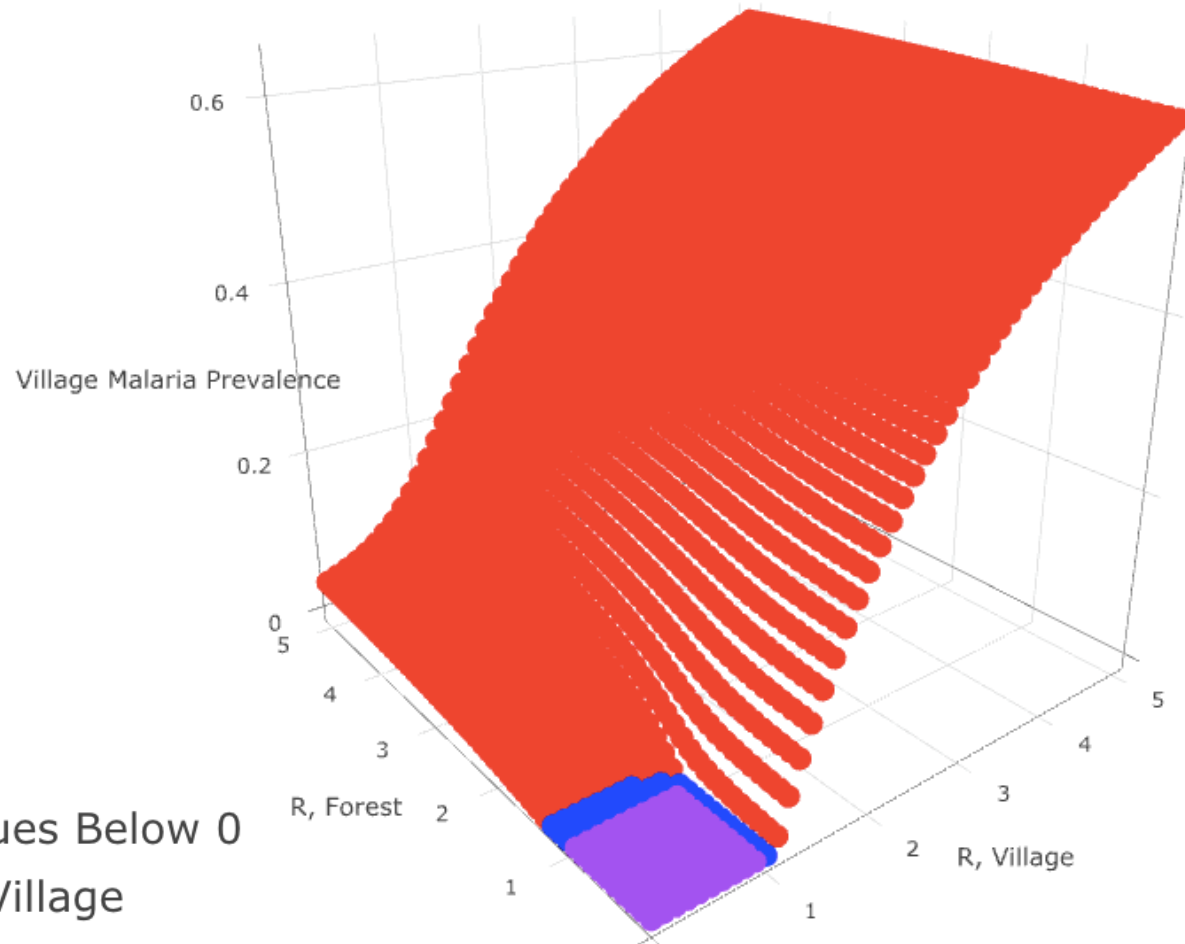
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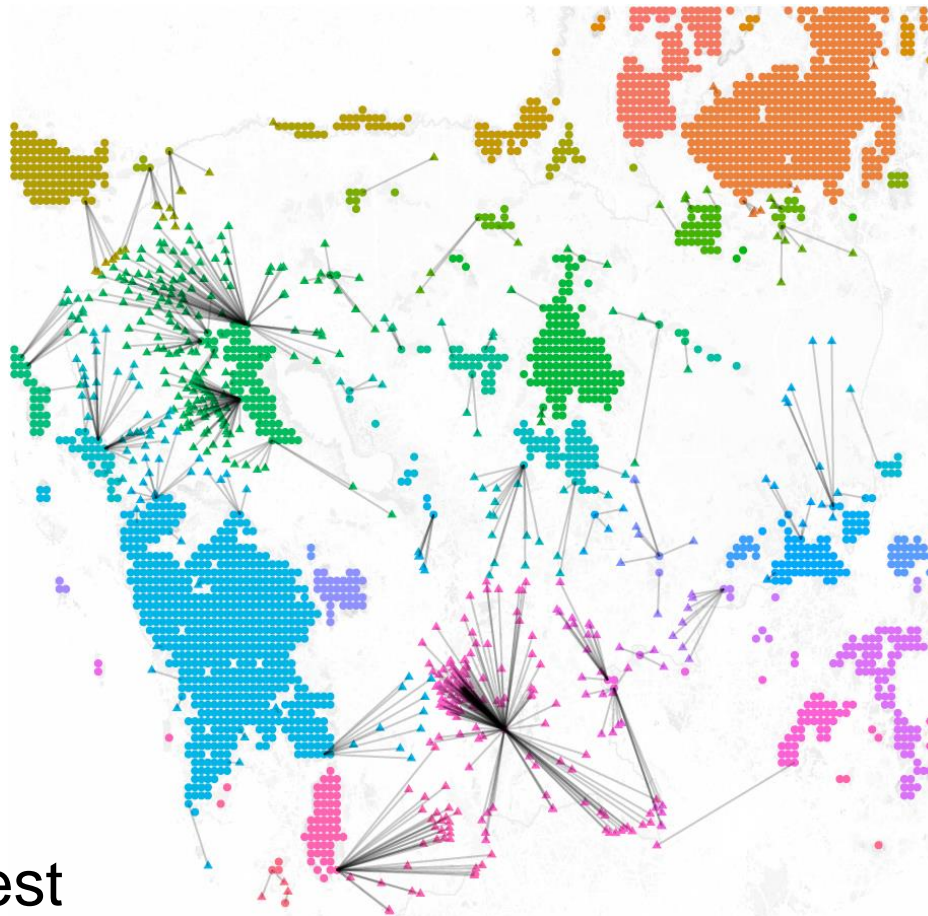
$$p = 0.8$$



- Both R Values Below 0
- Malaria in Village
- No Malaria in Village

# Next Steps

# Data, Data, Data



Connecting  
villages to closest  
forest by travel  
time

*Sources:*  
Satellite landcover data,  
OSM village locations,  
Friction travel surface

# Data, Data, Data

**Table 1.4: Details of travellers, risk zones 1-4**

	Total		Domain 1		Domain 2	
	N	% [95% CI]	N	% [95% CI]	N	% [95% CI]
	3,906	100	2,013	100	1,893	100
<b>Last travelled away from home</b>						
Last night	110	3.1 [2.1, 4.6]	47	2.6 [1.4, 4.6]	63	3.8 [2.3, 6.2]
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Other	1,512	40.0 [34.1, 46.2]	805	42.4 [32.8, 52.7]	707	37.3 [31.7, 43.2]
<b>Trips away from home past 3 months</b>						
1-2	2,689	69.5 [66.1, 72.8]	1,500	74.8 [70.5, 78.6]	1,189	63.7 [58.1, 69.0]
3-5	669	17.2 [14.6, 20.0]	267	13.8 [10.4, 18.1]	402	20.9 [17.4, 25.0]
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Travel  
surveys

Source:  
Cambodia Malaria Survey  
2013

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Use data to build a realistic TaR matrix



# Takeaways

- Standard Ross-Macdonald models are not sufficient for modeling forest malaria
- Time-at-Risk accounts for human travel and its impact on population definitions
- Transmission dynamics in the forest can have a large impact on transmission dynamics in the village
- Data from high and low level sources are needed to accurately represent the TaR matrix

# Questions?