Forecasting the age structure of the scientific workforce in Australia

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Ideal labour force model

$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t} - D_{x,t} - R_{x,t} + G_{x,t} - C_{x,t} + N_{x,t}$$

x = Age
t = Year

$P_{x,t}$ = number of equivalent full-time workers

$D_{x,t}$ = number of deaths

$R_{x,t}$ = number of retirements

$G_{x,t}$ = number of graduates who work in science

$C_{x,t}$ = net number of people who have a career change

$N_{x,t}$ = net number of migrants

Pragmatic labour force model

$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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r_x = probability of retirement
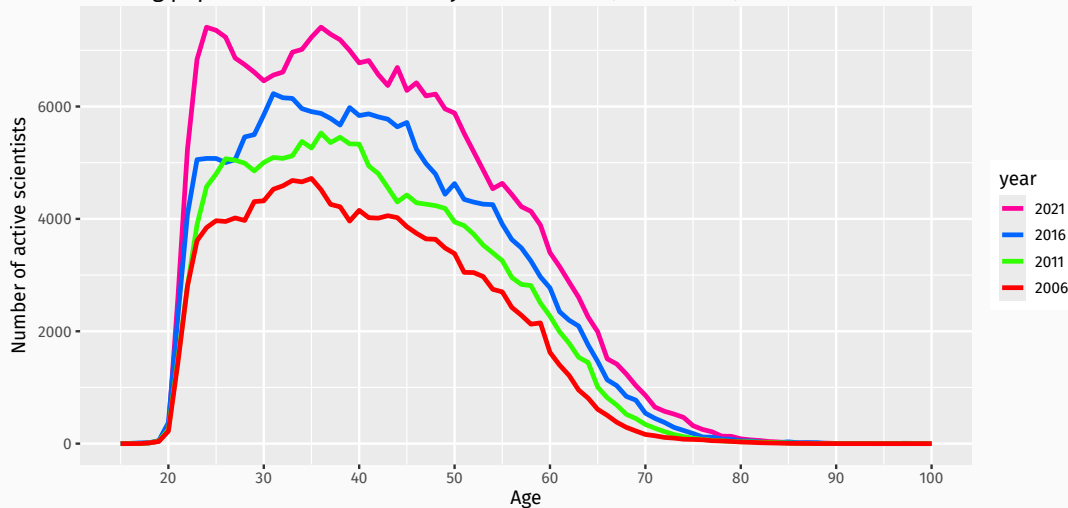
g_x = proportion of graduates by age

G_t = total number of graduates in science

$E_{x,t}$ = remainder

Working population: $P_{x,t}$

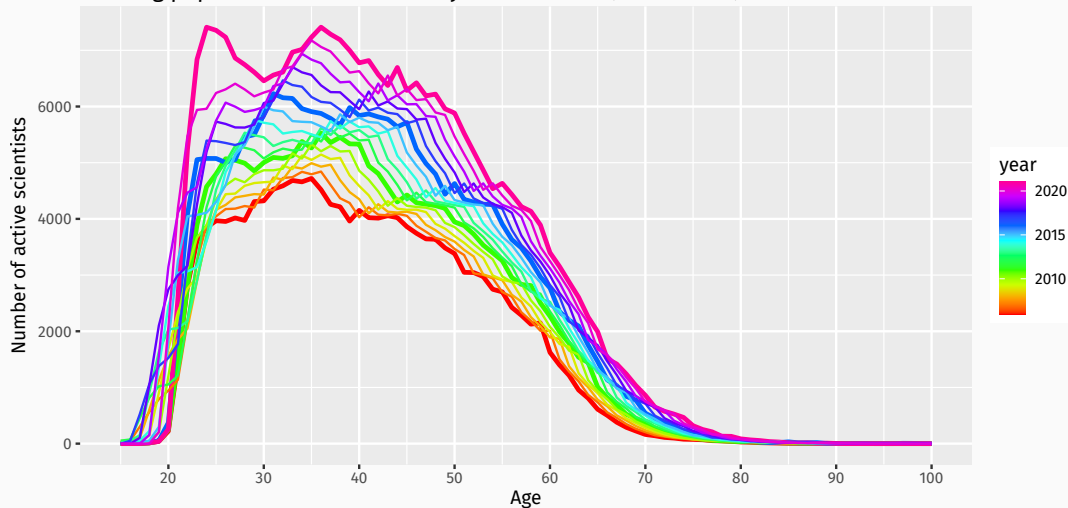$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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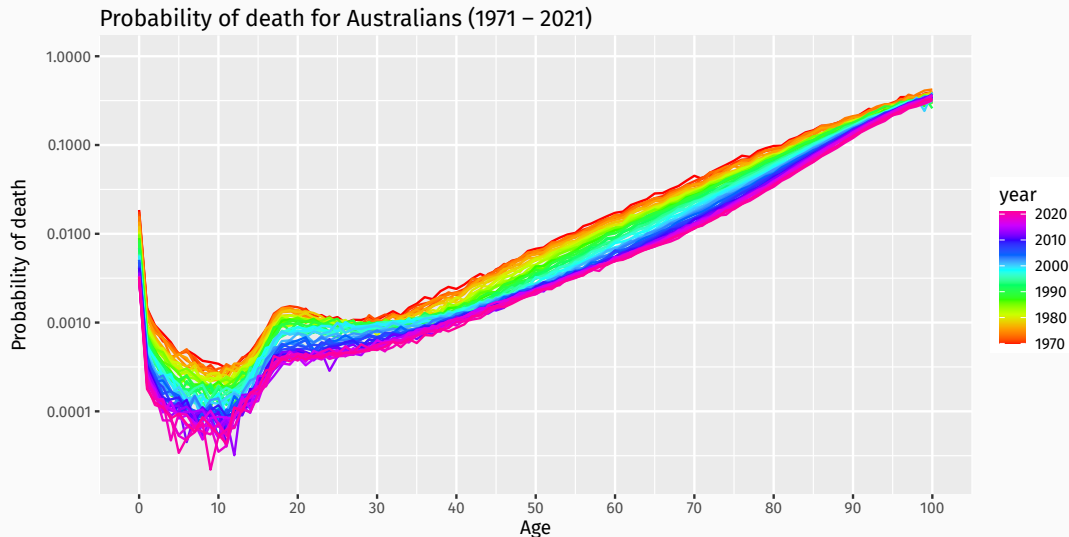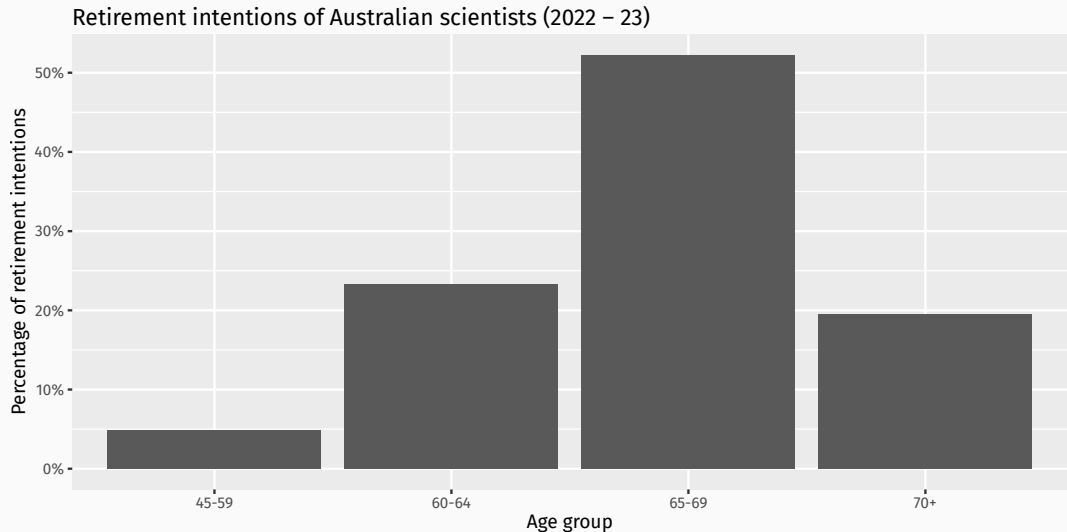
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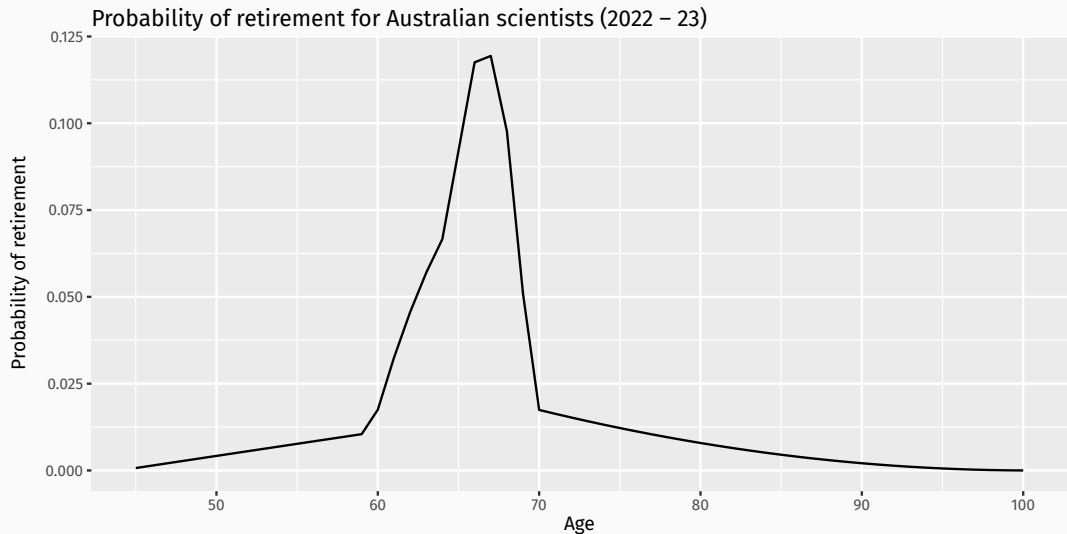$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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Retirement intentions of Australian scientists (2022 – 23)

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Total graduates: Natural and Physical Sciences (2006 – 2023)
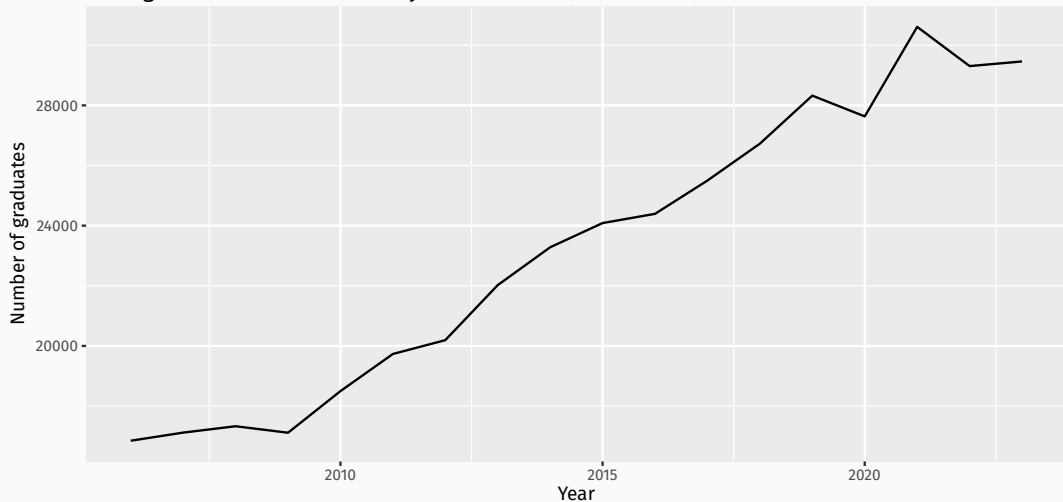
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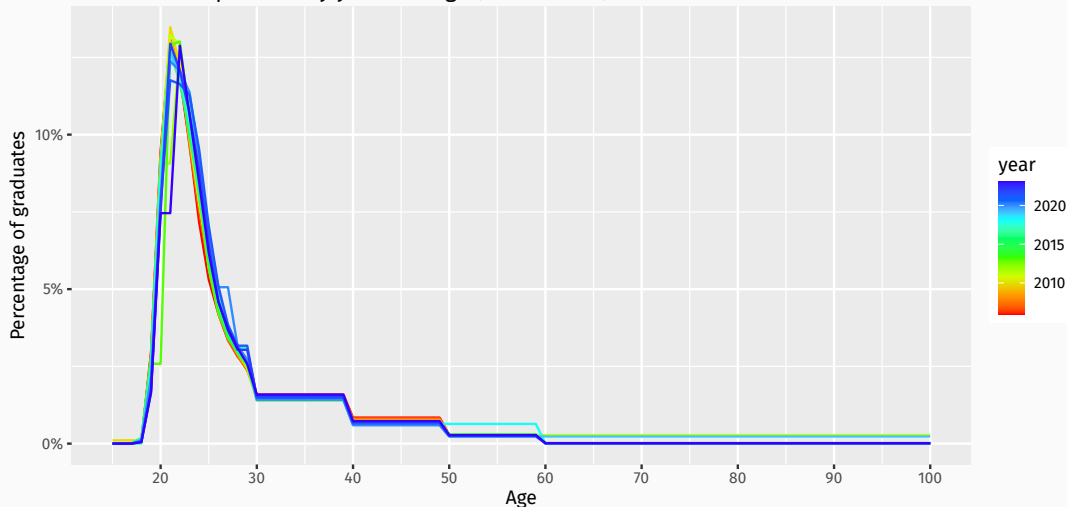
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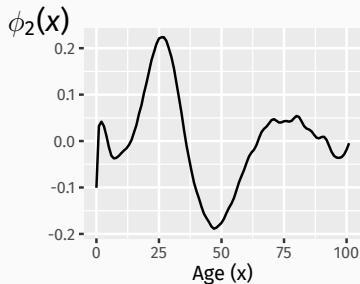
Average graduate completions by age (2006 – 2023)

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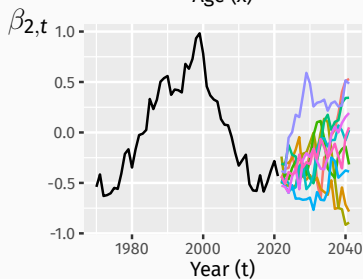$$E_{x,t} = P_{x+1,t+1} - P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) - g_x G_t$$
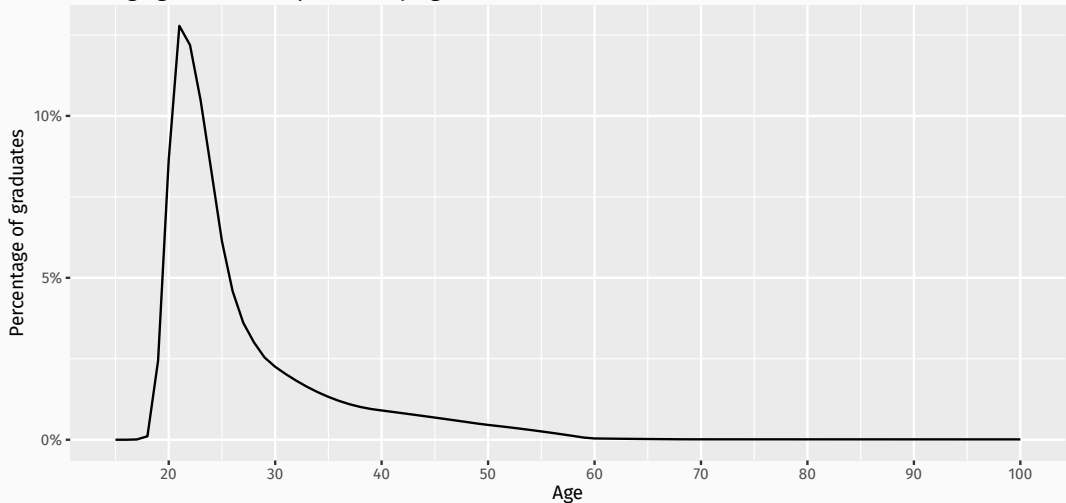
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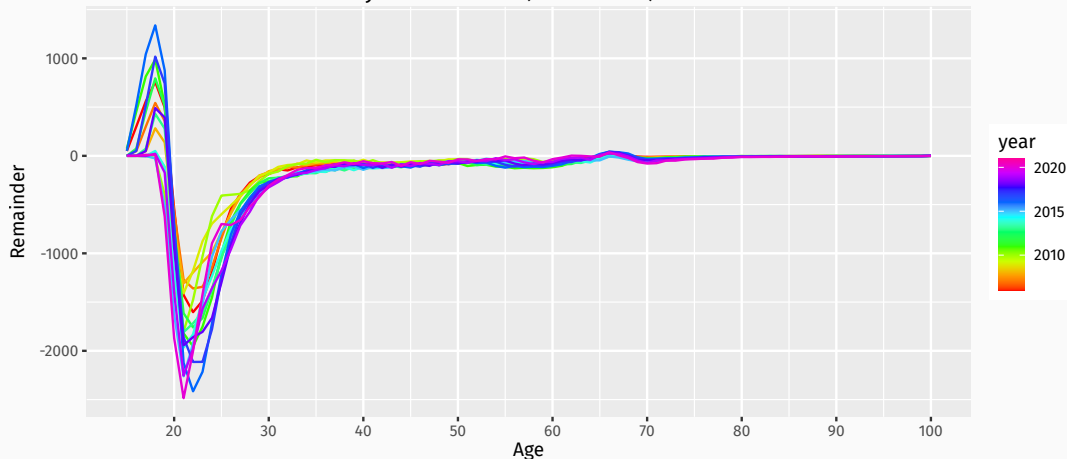
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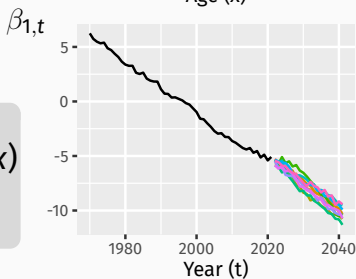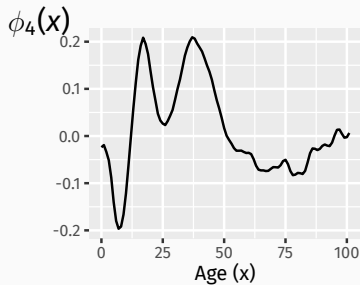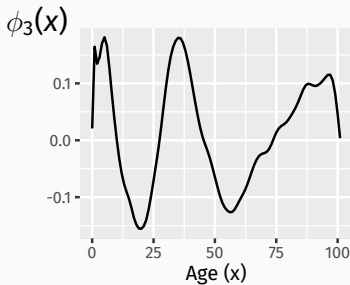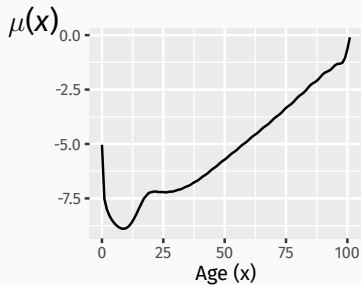$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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- Future sample paths of all components simulated to obtain probabilistic forecasts of $P_{x,t}$

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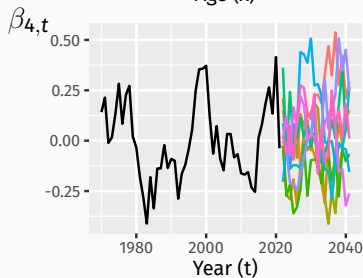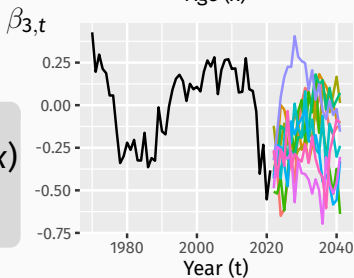Total Science Graduates: Australia
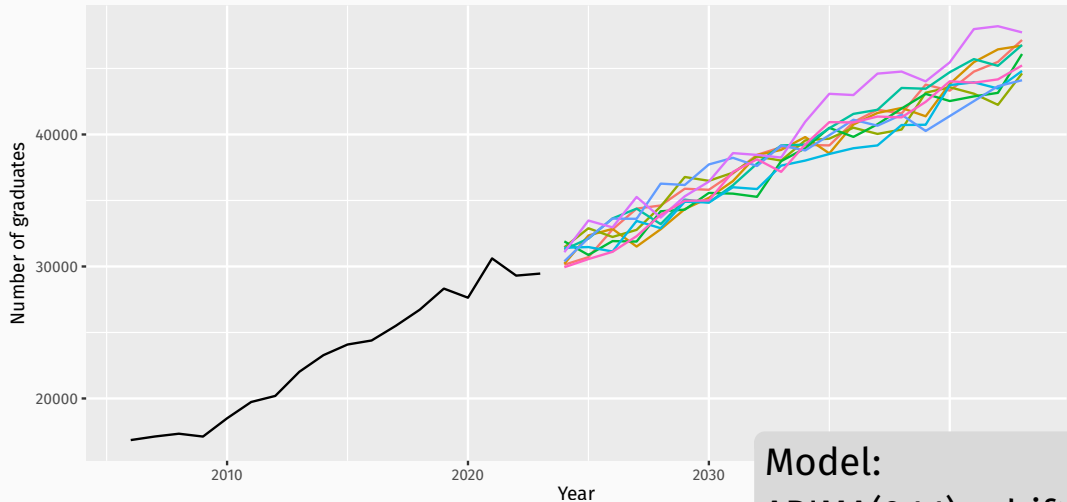
Model:
ARIMA(0,1,1) + drift

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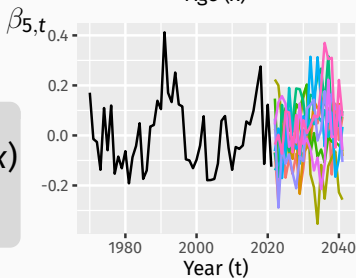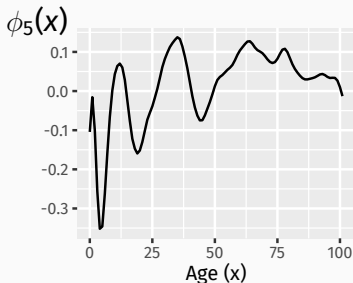$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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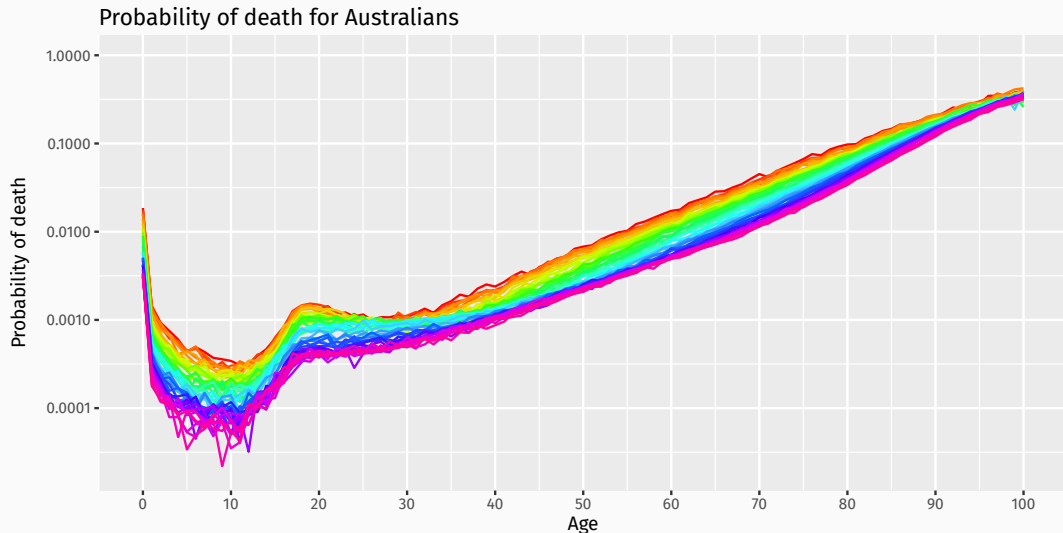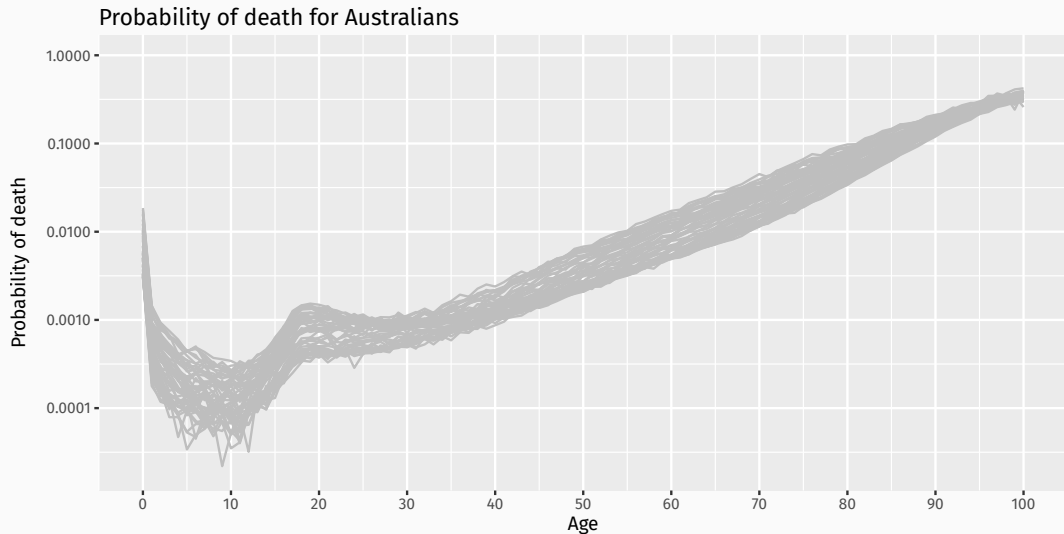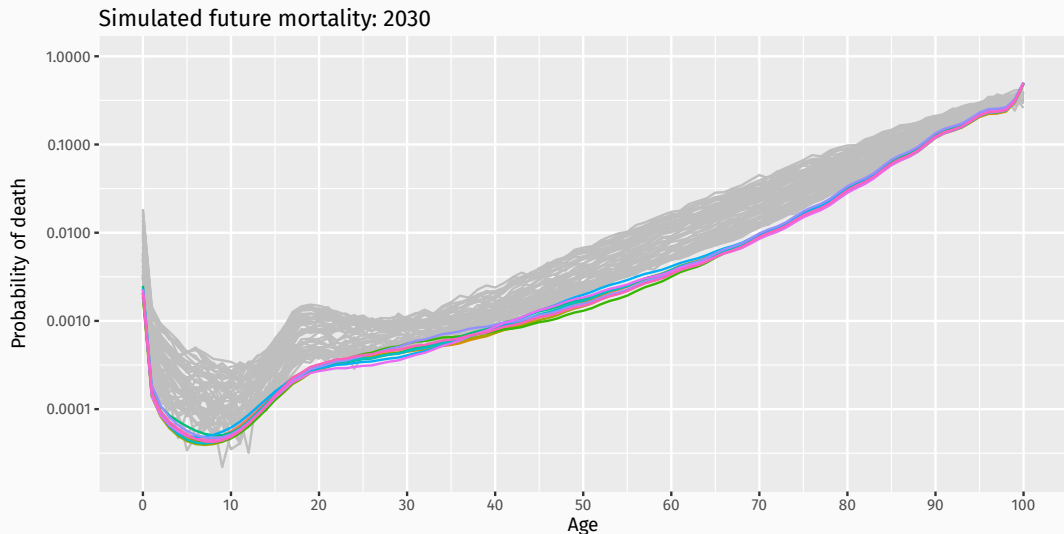$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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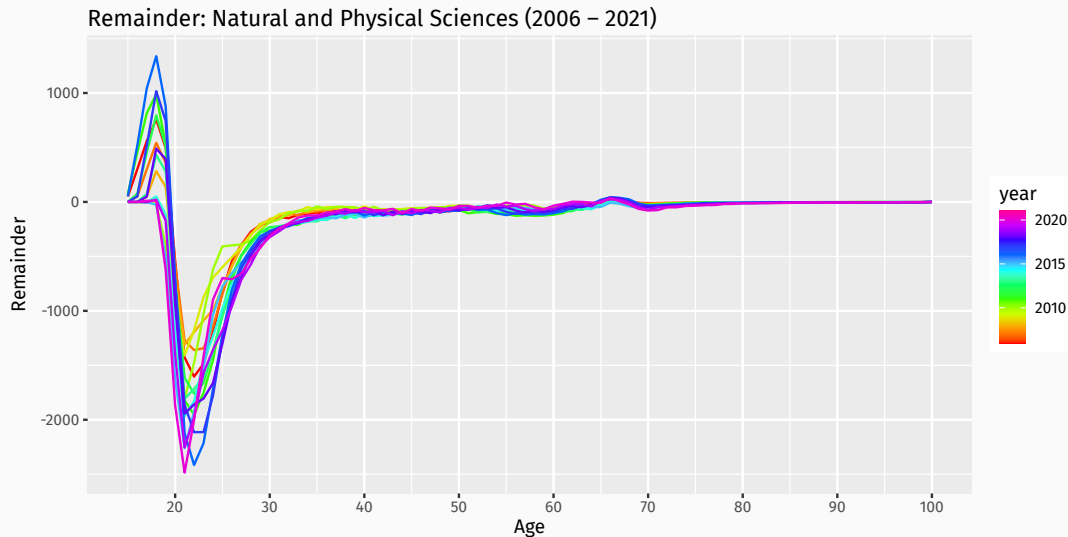
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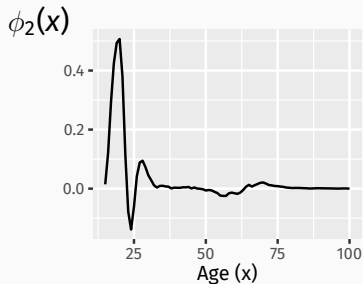# Forecasting models: $q_{x,t}$

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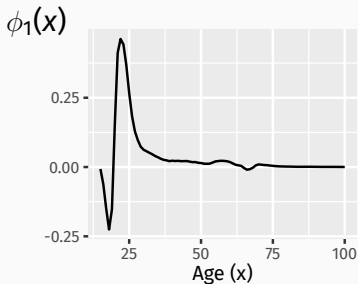# Forecasting models: $q_{x,t}$

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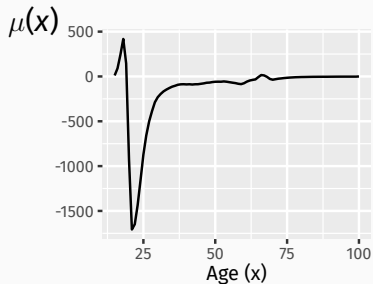$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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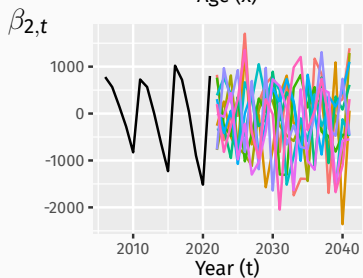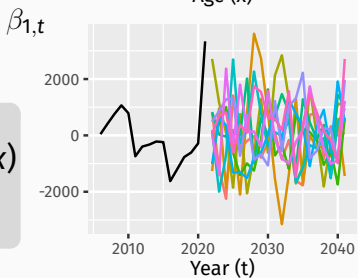# Forecasting models: $q_{x,t}$

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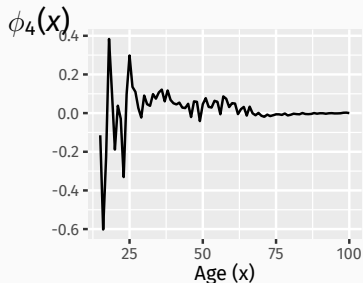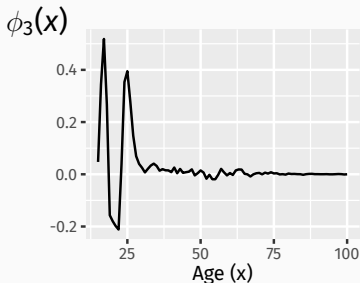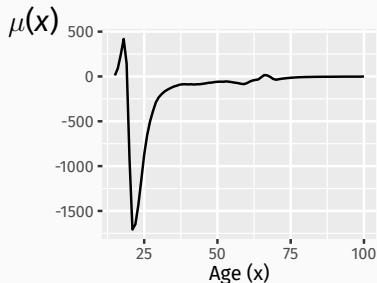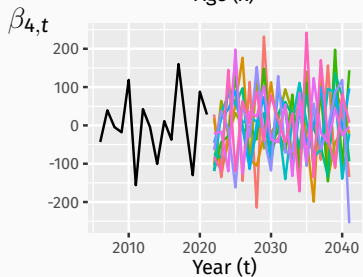$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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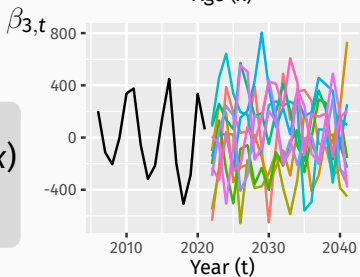
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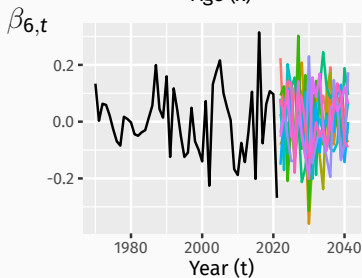
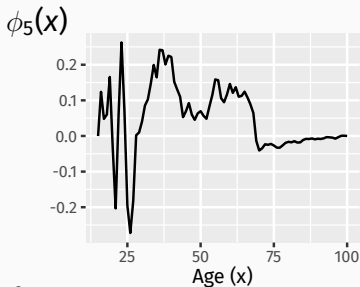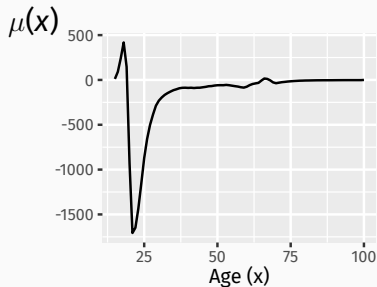$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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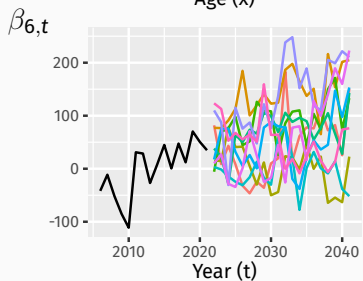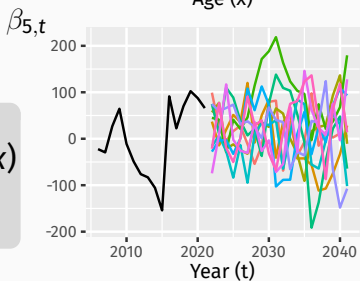
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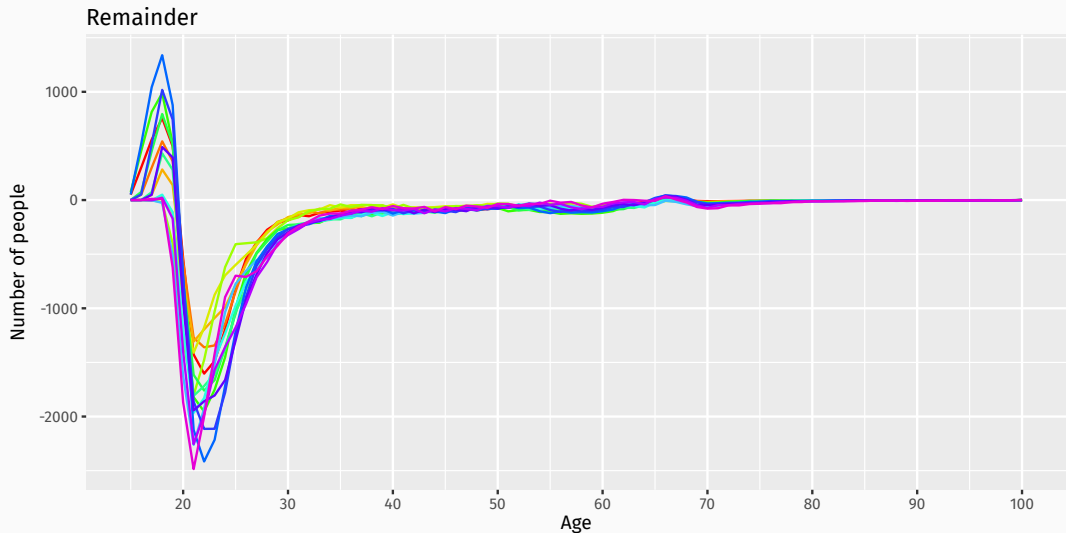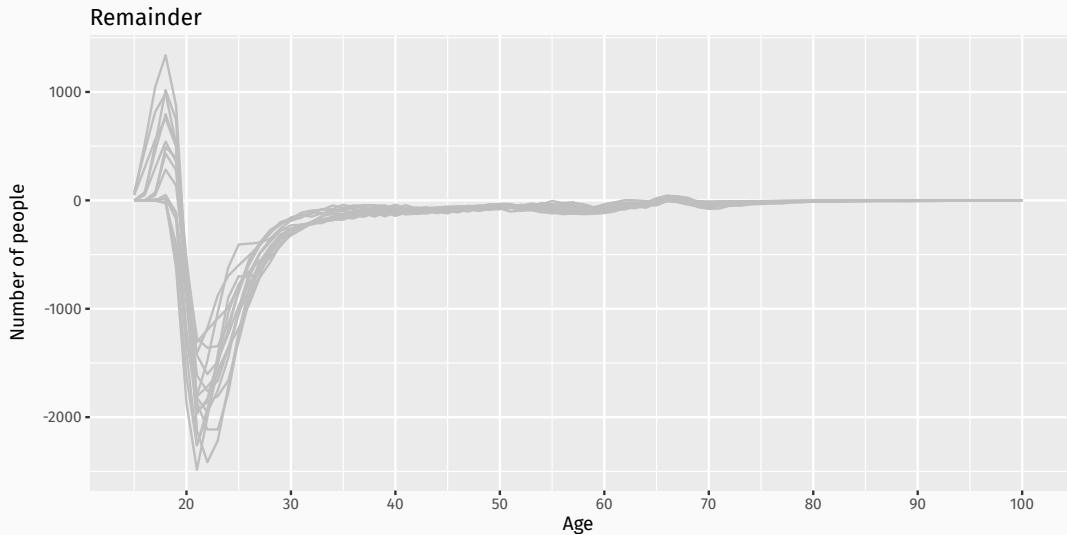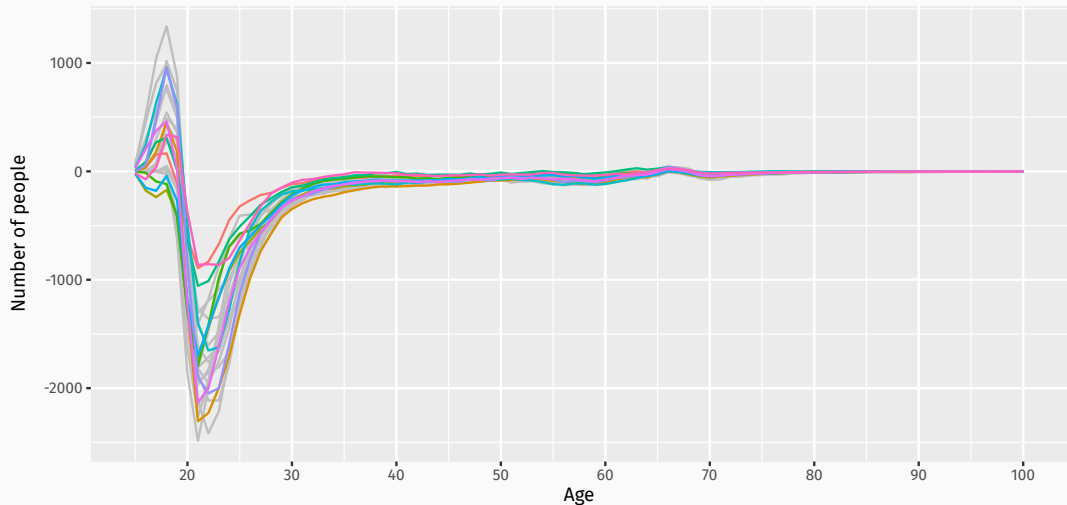$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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Remainder

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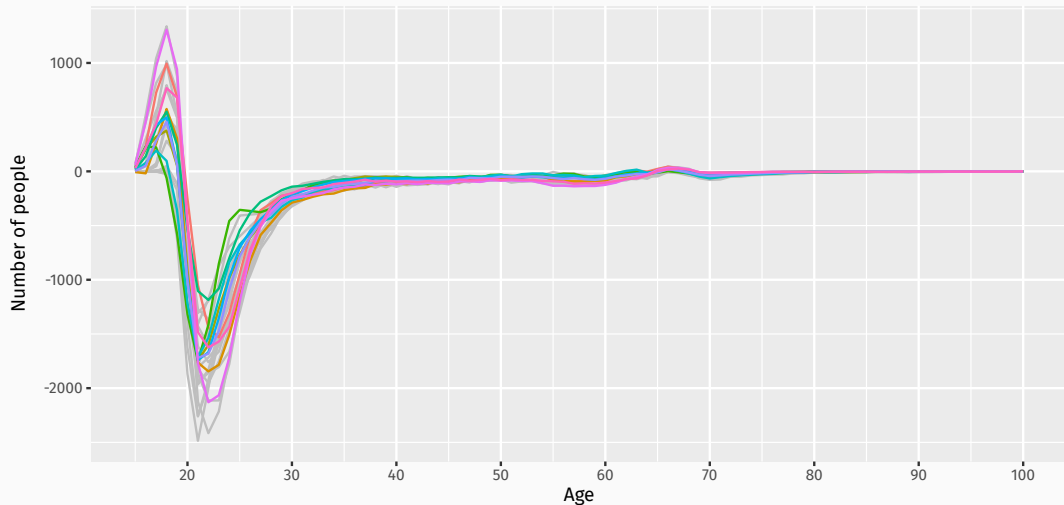$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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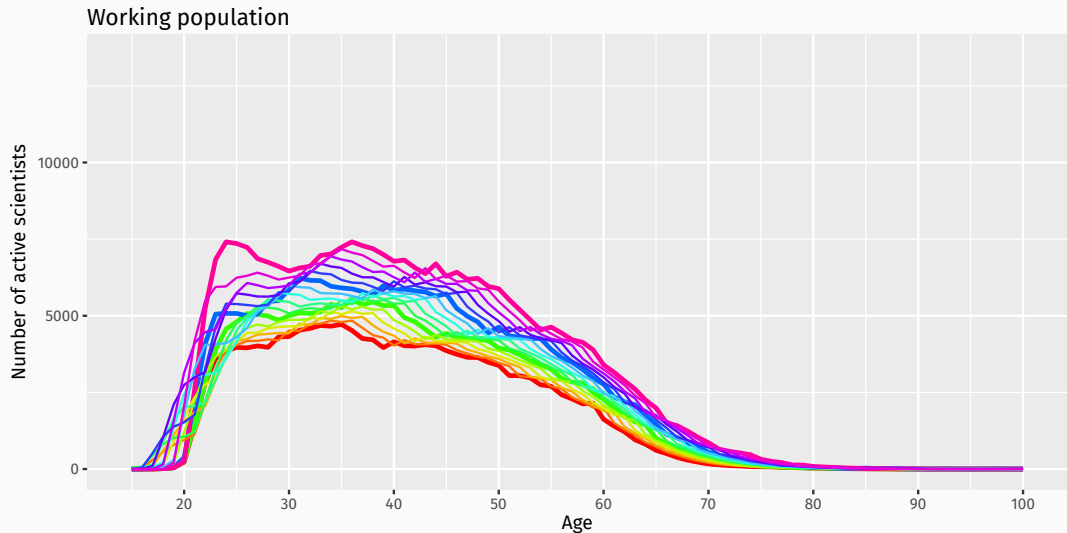
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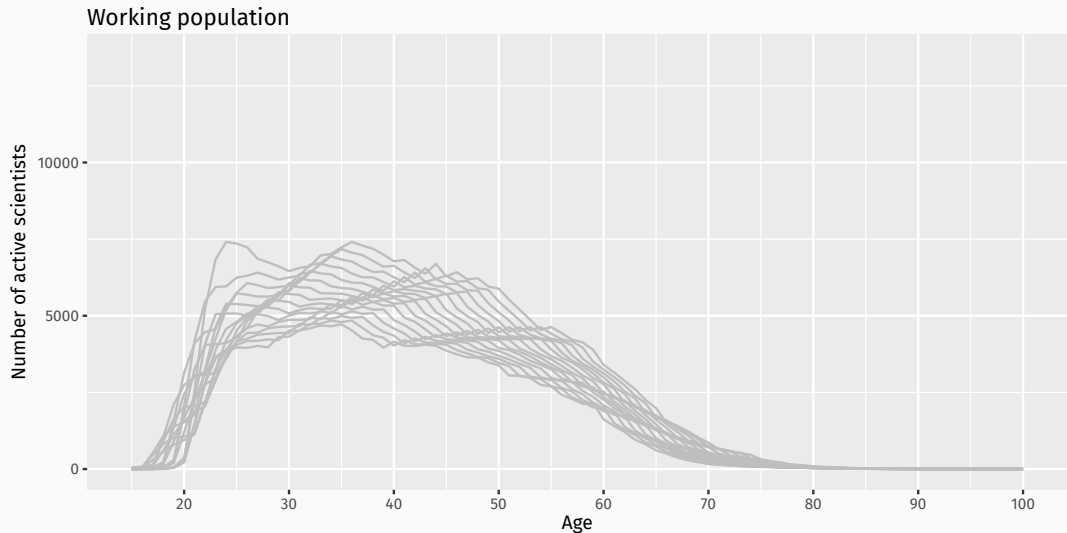

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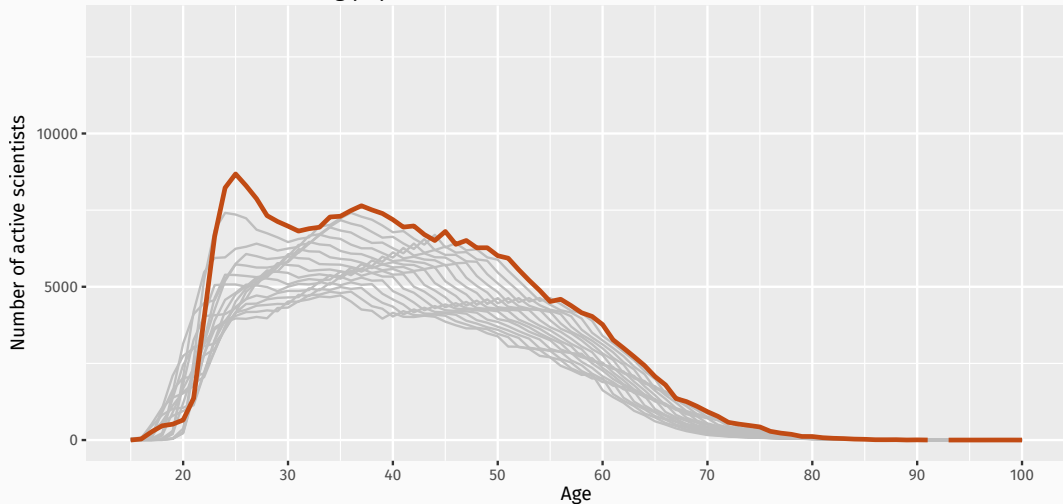$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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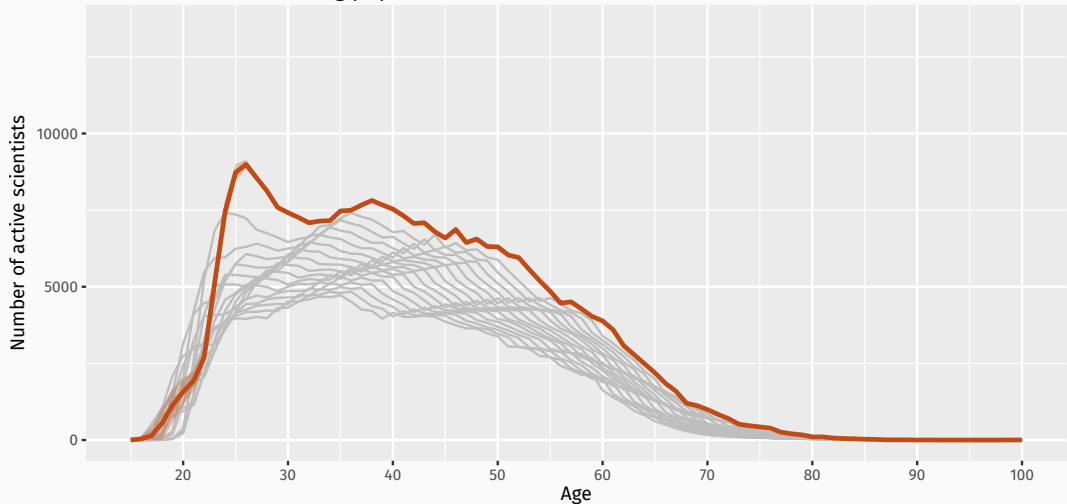$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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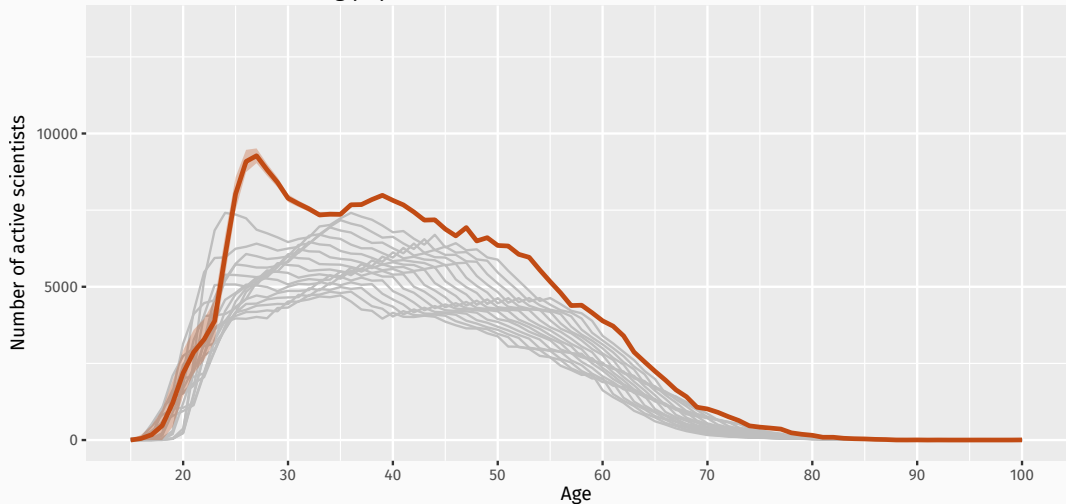$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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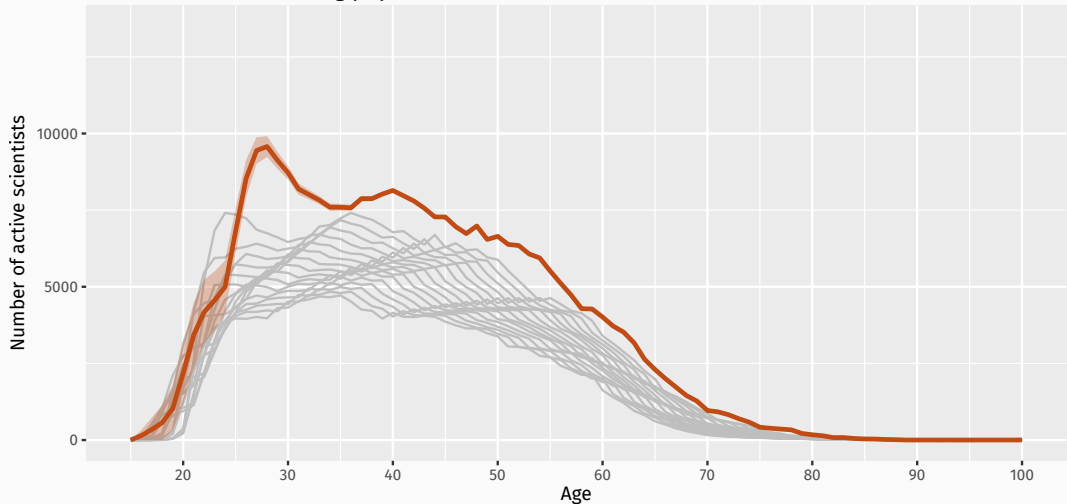$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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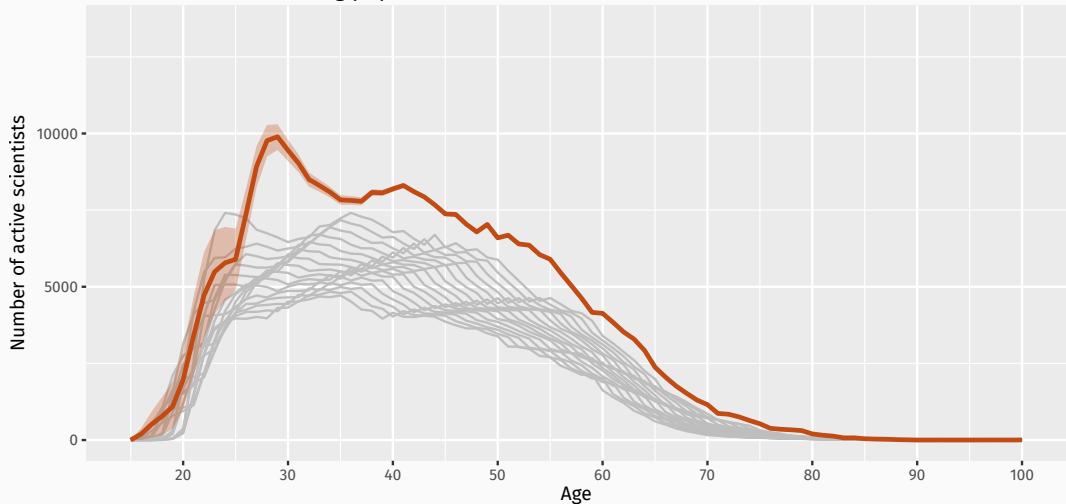$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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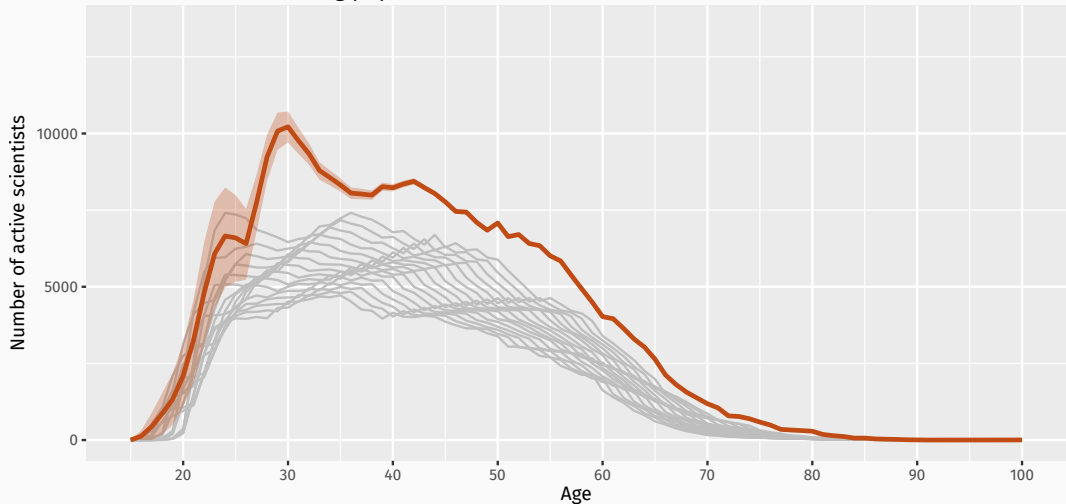$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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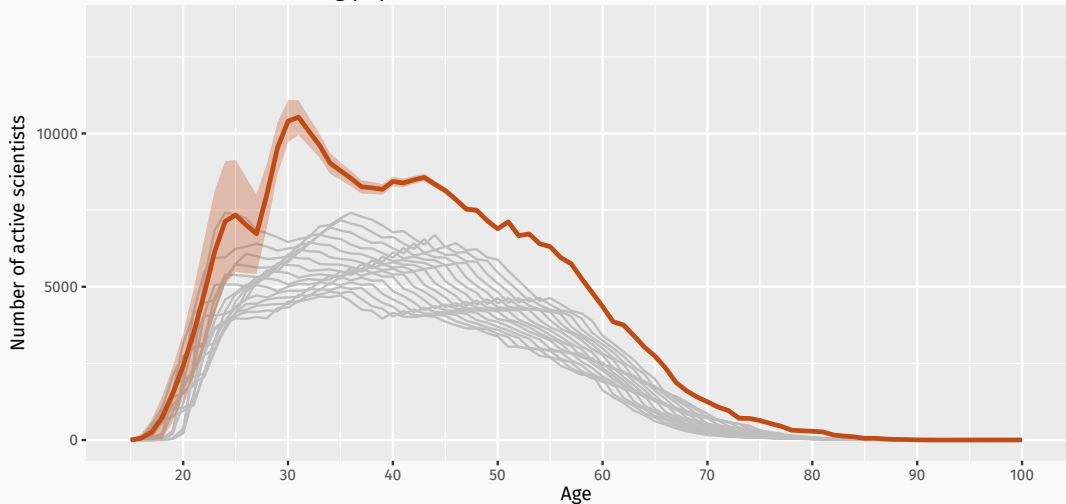$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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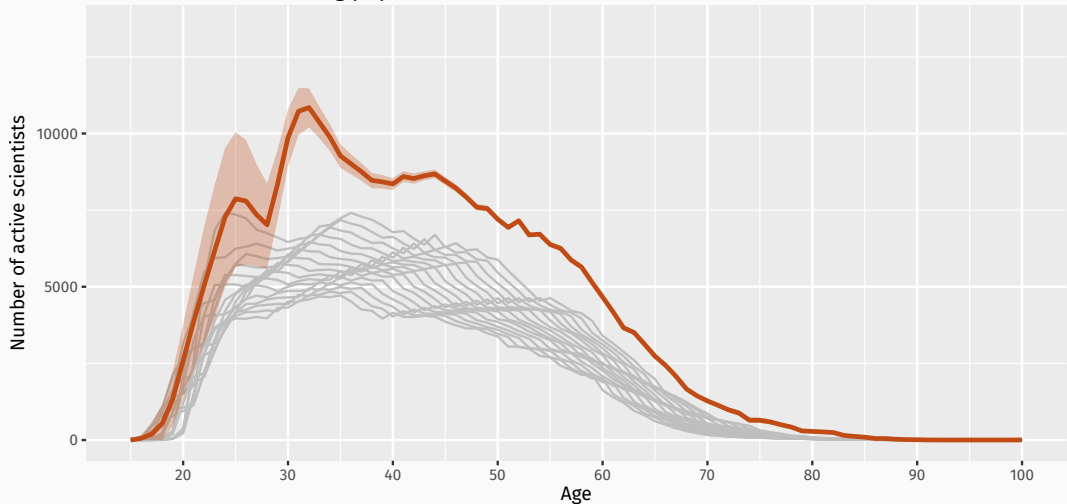$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

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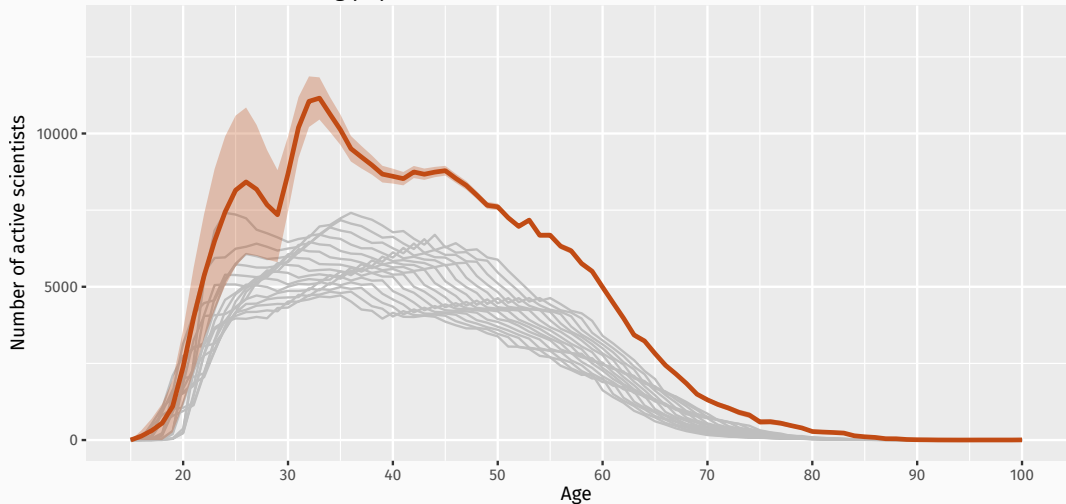$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

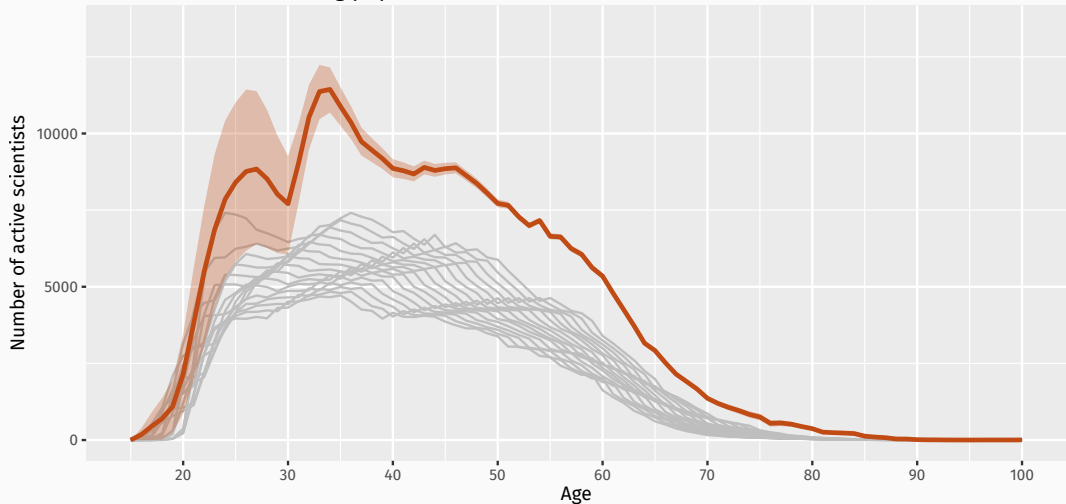Simulated future working population: 2029

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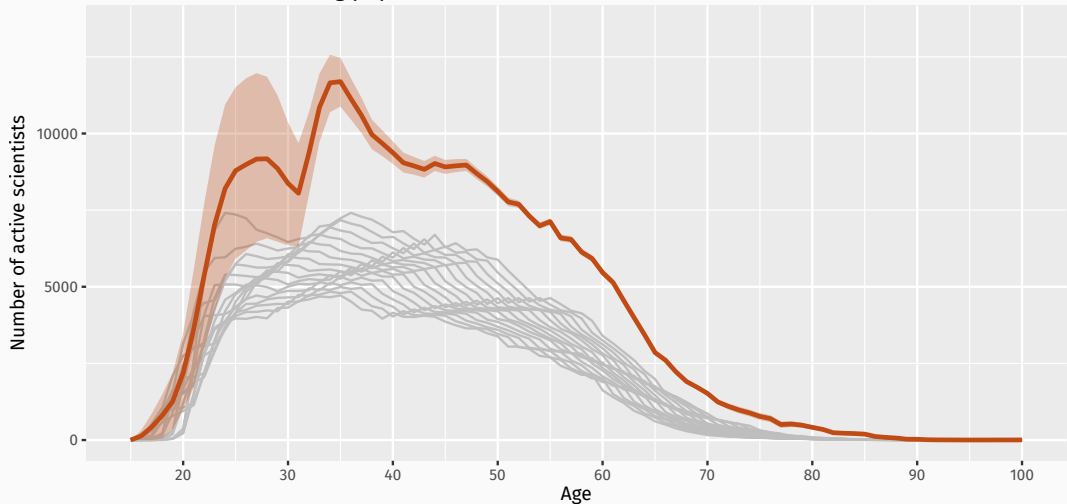

Simulated future working population: 2031

Final forecasts: $P_{x,t}$

$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$
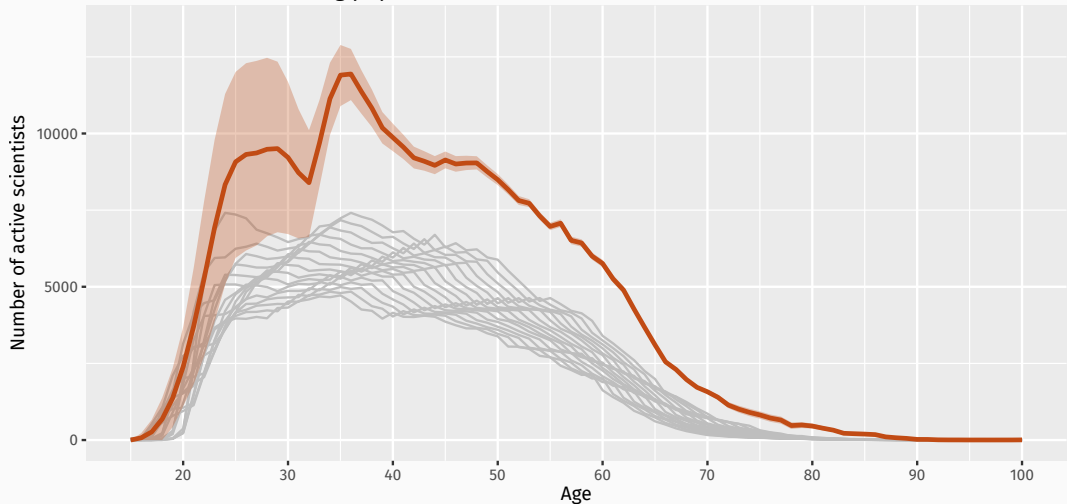

Simulated future working population: 2032

Final forecasts: $P_{x,t}$

$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

Simulated future working population: 2033

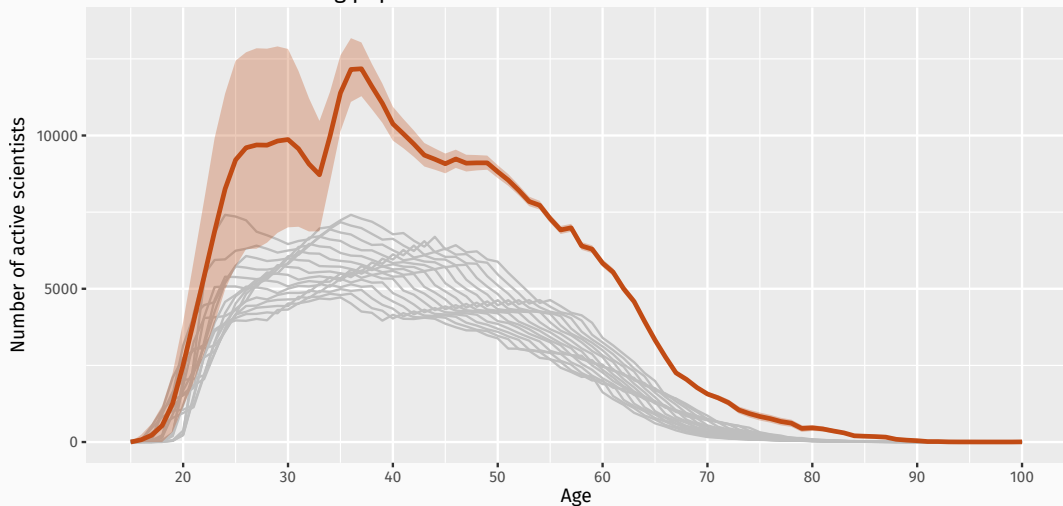$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$
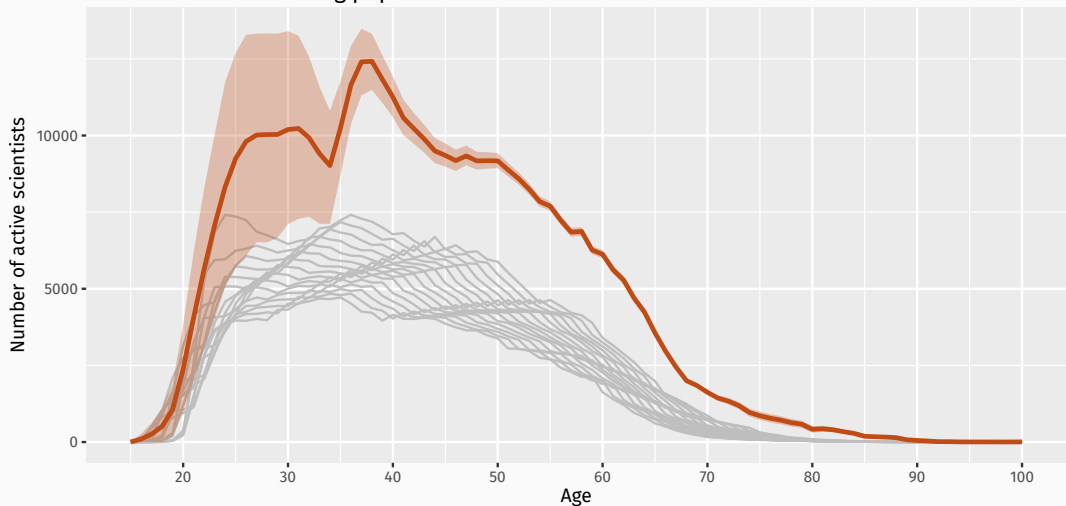

Simulated future working population: 2034

Final forecasts: $P_{x,t}$

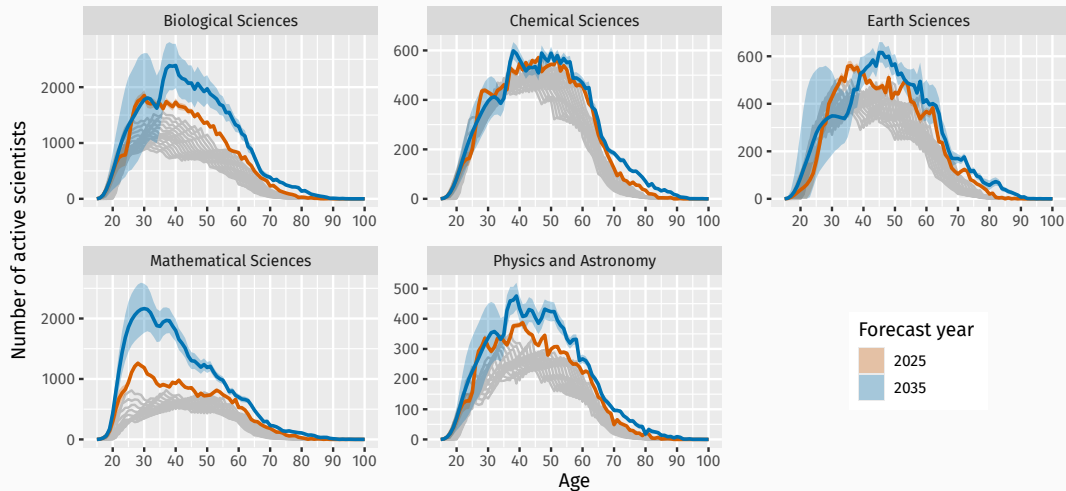$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

Simulated future working population: 2035

Final forecasts by discipline

$$P_{x+1,t+1} = P_{x,t}(1 - q_{x,t} - r_x) + g_x G_t + E_{x,t}$$

Forecast of working population by discipline

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