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Transmission Dynamics of SARS-CoV-2: Inference and Projection

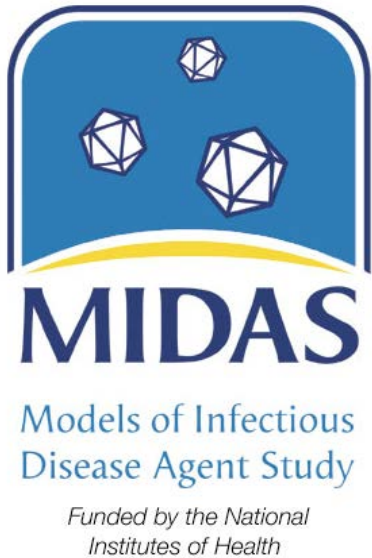


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- **Cohort** — 214 individuals from October 2016 to April 2018.
(two daycares, CUMC, pediatric and adult ED, high school). Weekly swabs + daily symptoms .

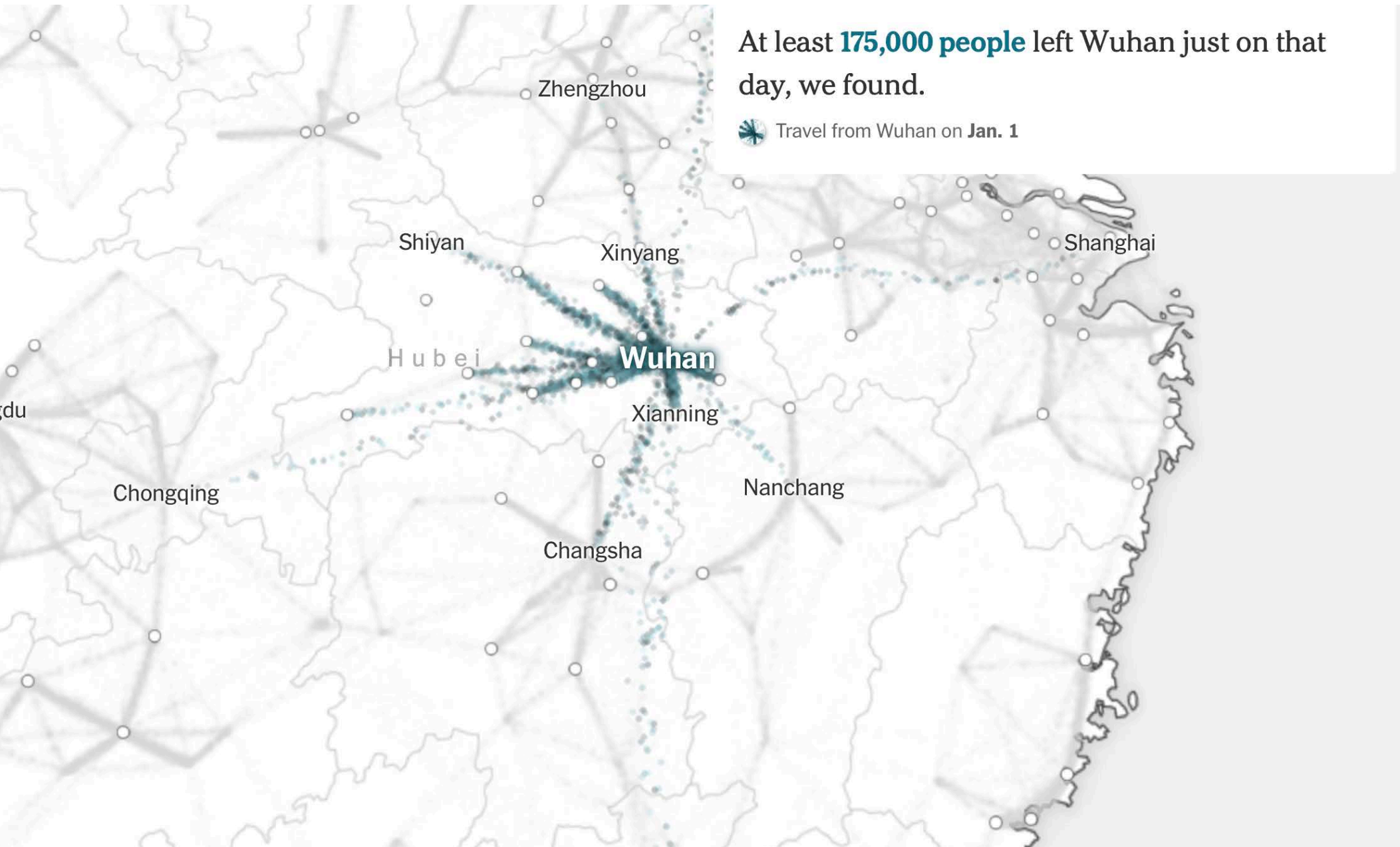
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Most Infections Undocumented

VIRUS	EPISODES*	MA	$P(\text{MA} v_i)$	HOME	$P(\text{HOME} v_i)$	MEDS	$P(\text{MEDS} v_i)$
Influenza	32	7	0.22	14	0.44	18	0.56
RSV	30	2	0.07	6	0.20	12	0.40
PIV	30	3	0.10	4	0.15	9	0.30
HMPV	20	4	0.20	7	0.35	10	0.50
HRV	275	24	0.09	31	0.11	70	0.25
Adenovirus	63	9	0.14	10	0.16	14	0.22
Coronavirus	137	6	0.04	13	0.09	36	0.25

*group of consecutive weekly specimens from a given individual that were positive for the same virus (allowing for a one-week gap to account for false negatives and temporary low shedding).

COVID-19 Rapid Spread



New York Times, March 22, 2020

Inference of Undocumented COVID-19 Infections

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$$\frac{dI_i^r}{dt} = \alpha \frac{E_i}{Z} - \frac{I_i^r}{D}$$

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$$N_i = N_i + \theta \sum_j M_{ij} - \theta \sum_j M_{ji}$$

- Metapopulation network model representing 375 cities in China
- Use Tencent travel records during the Chunyun spring festival
- Coupled with data assimilation methods
- Use daily observations from all 375 cities
- Simulate January 10-23

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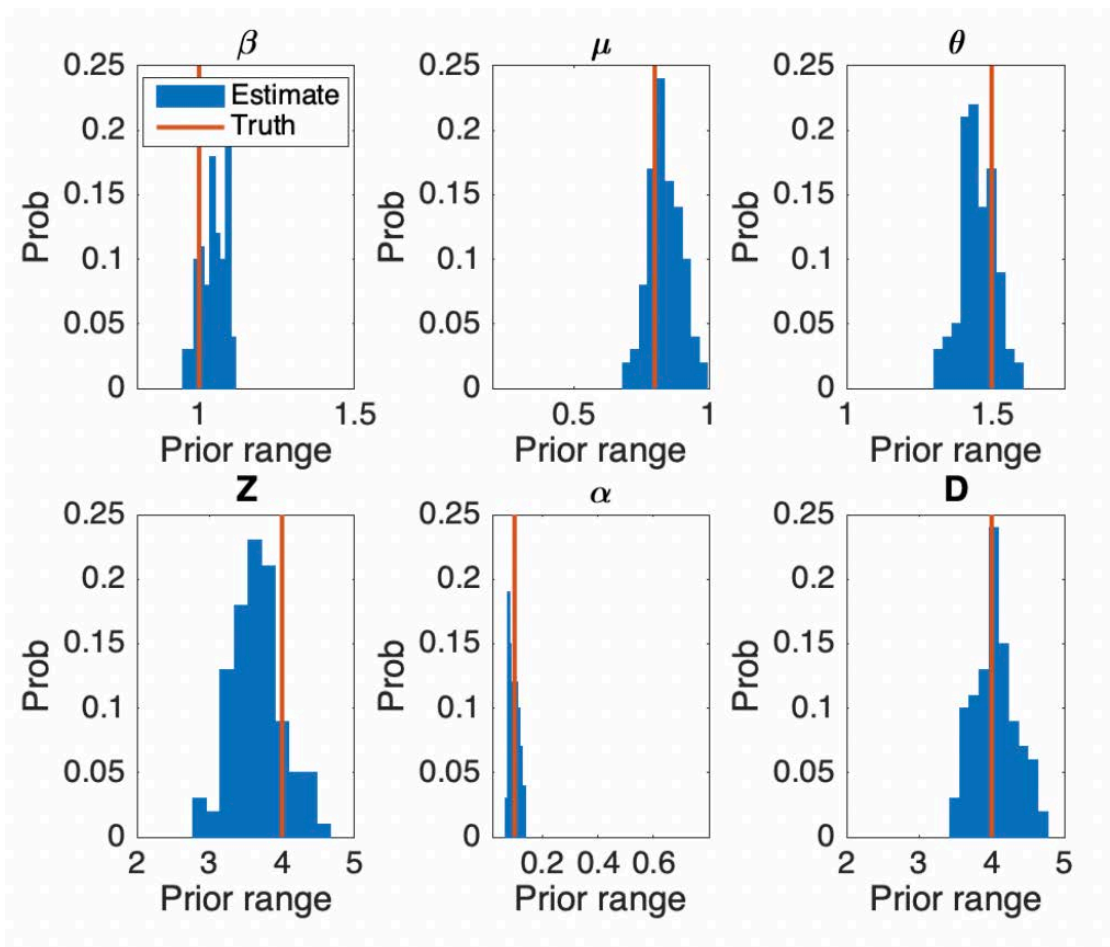
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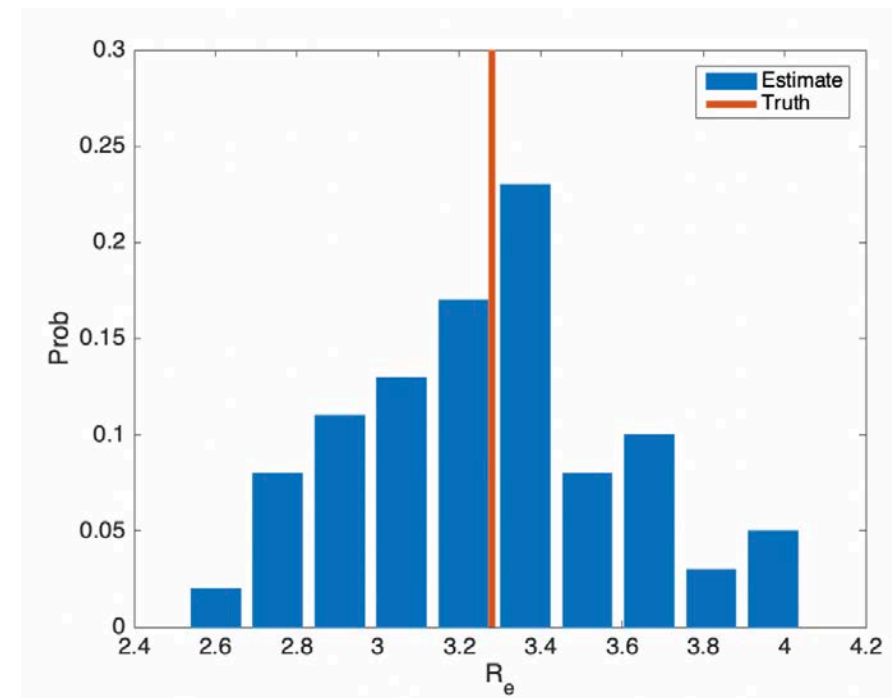
- Simulate January 10-23
- Prior to travel restrictions
- The model separately represents documented and undocumented infections
- The model has a separate contagiousness for documented/undocumented infections

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- Synthetic test of model-inference parameter estimation using model-generated observations



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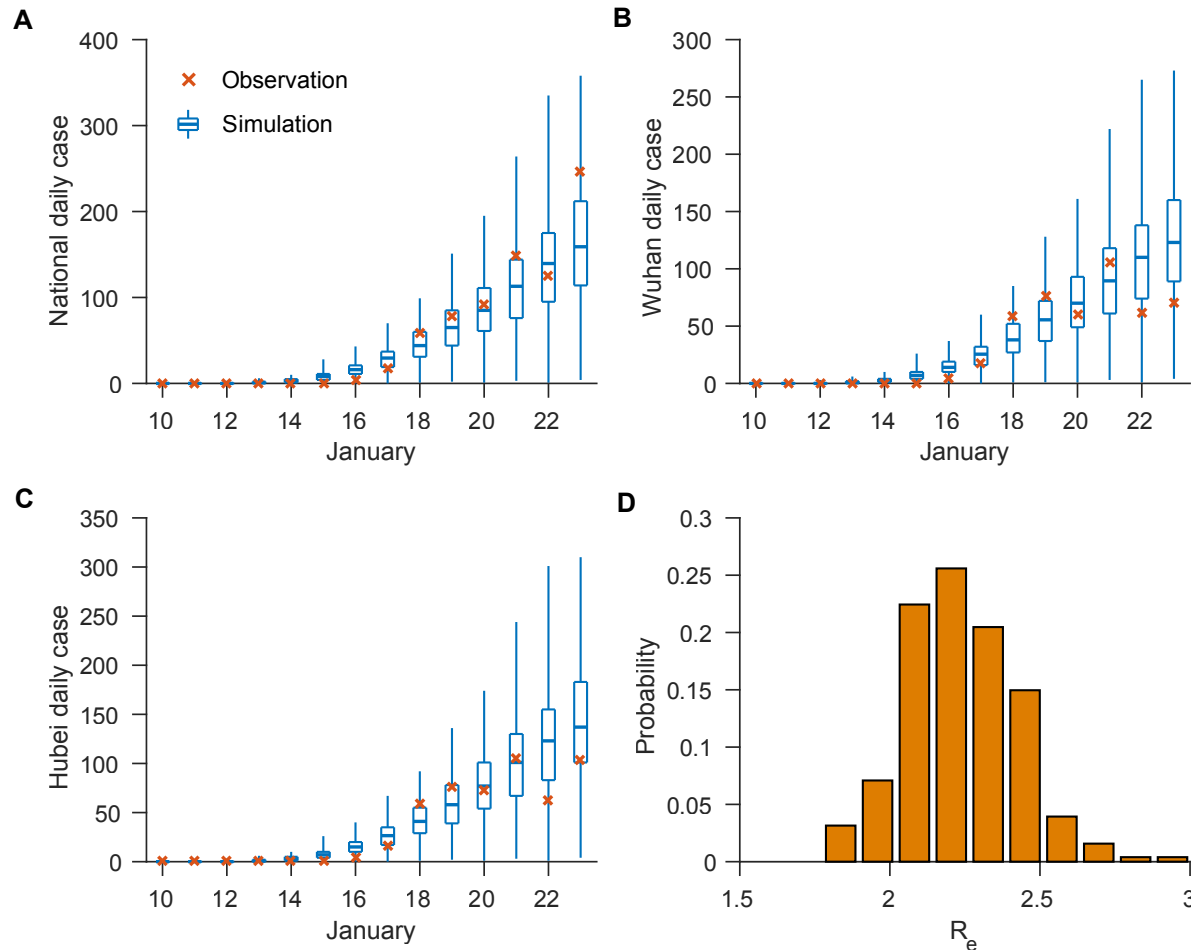
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Parameter	Median (95% CIs)
Transmission rate (β , <u>days⁻¹</u>)	1.12 (1.04, 1.18)
Relative transmission rate (μ)	0.55 (0.46, 0.62)
Latency period (Z , days)	3.69 (3.28, 4.03)
Infectious period (D , days)	3.48 (3.18, 3.74)
Reporting rate (α)	0.14 (0.10, 0.18)
Basic reproductive number (R_e)	2.38 (2.04, 2.77)
Mobility factor (θ)	1.36 (1.28, 1.43)

- Estimate that 14% of infections are documented
 - 86% are undocumented
 - Per person, undocumented infections are on average half as contagious (55%) as documented infections
- 2.38 reproductive number

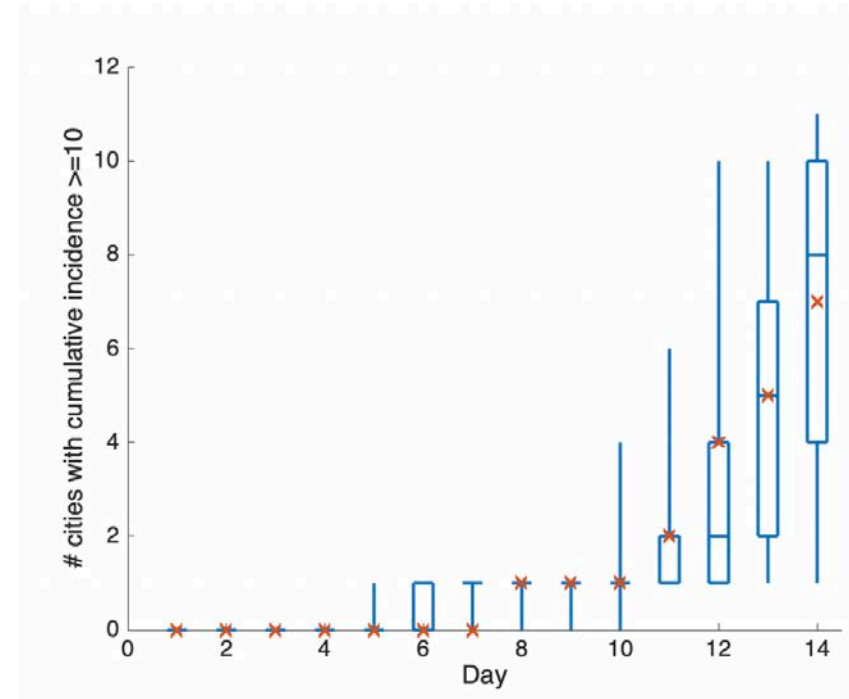
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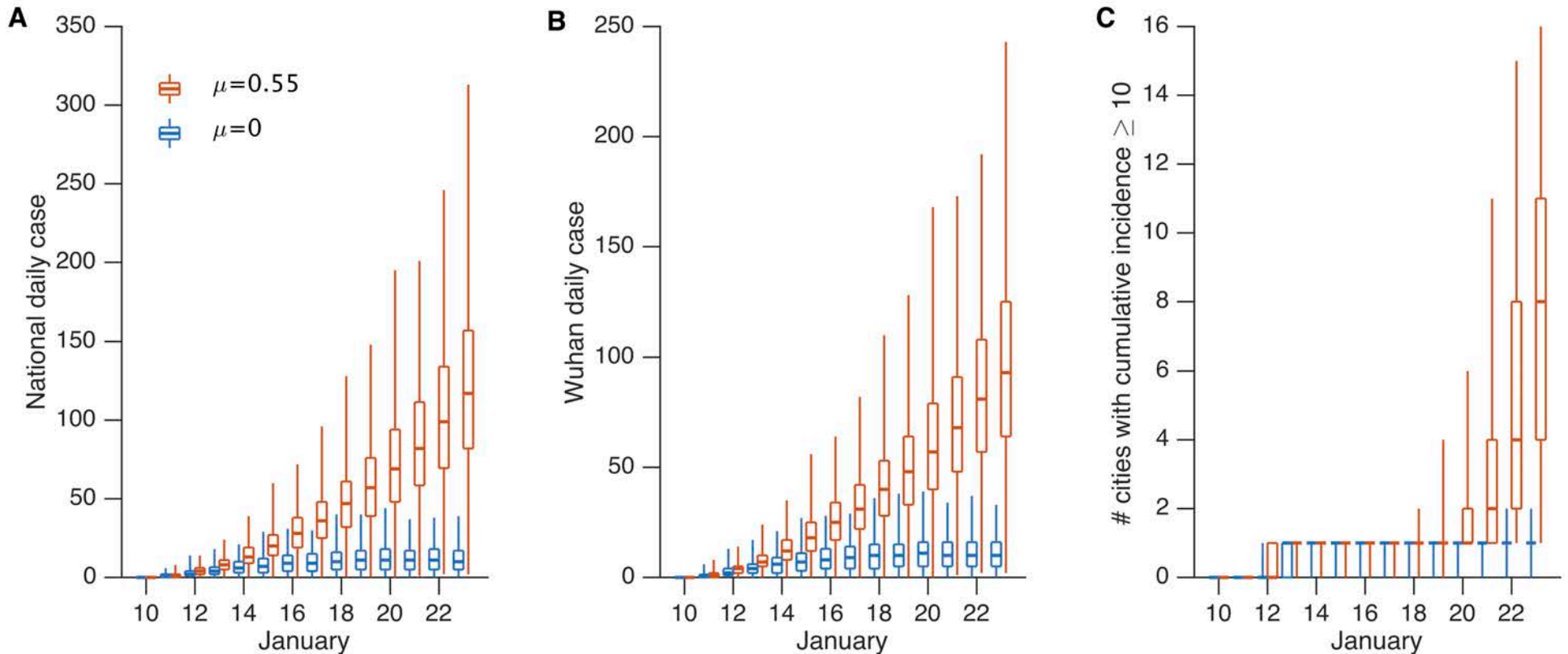
- Simulations with the parameter estimates match the observed outbreak

Li et al., 2020



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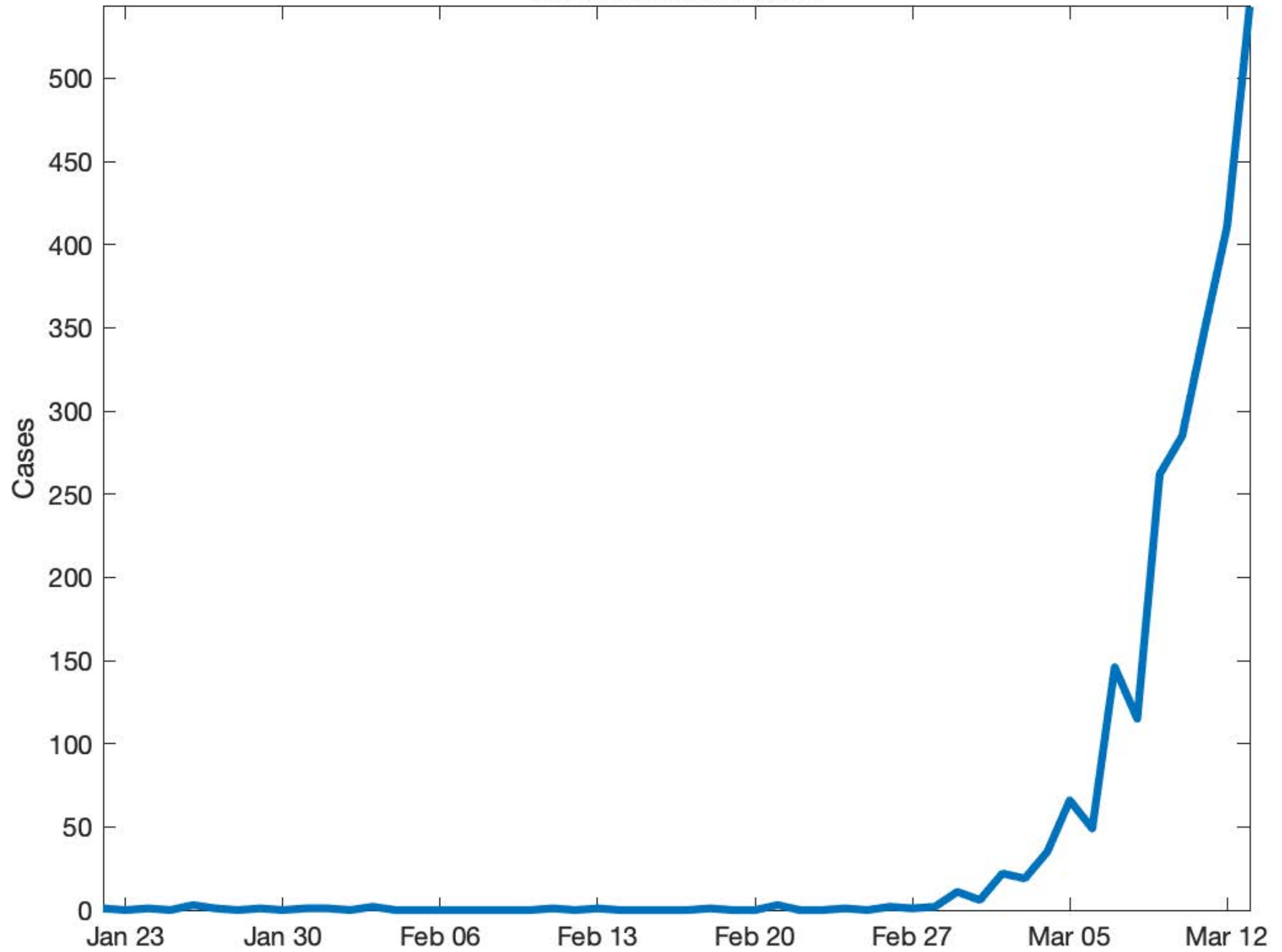


- Simulations show without transmission from undocumented cases, confirmed cases decrease 79%

Documentation History of CoV

- SARS: sub-clinical infection rates believed to be low (WHO, 2003)
- MERS: 21% of laboratory identified cases were mild or asymptomatic (WHO, 2018)
- Seasonal Coronaviruses (229E, OC43, NL63, HKU1)
 - 135 infection events
 - >60% mild or asymptomatic
 - 4% sought medical care (all had either OC43 or HKU1—the two seasonal betacoronaviruses) (Shaman and Galanti, 2020)
- Our model-inference approach identifies a 14% documentation rate prior to travel restrictions (Li et al. 2020) and indicates that undocumented infections contribute substantially to COVID-19 transmission.

US Confirmed Cases



Inference of Undocumented COVID-19 Infections and Key Epidemiological Parameters

$$S_{ij}(t + dt_1) = S_{ij}(t) - \frac{\beta S_{ij}(t) \sum_k I_{ki}^r(t)}{N_i^D(t)} dt_1 - \frac{\mu \beta S_{ij}(t) \sum_k I_{ik}^u(t)}{N_i^D(t)} dt_1 \\ + \theta dt_1 \frac{N_{ij} - I_{ij}^r(t)}{N_i^D(t)} \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{\bar{N}_{ik} \sum_l S_{kl}(t)}{N_k^D(t) - \sum_l I_{lk}^r(t)} - \theta dt_1 \frac{S_{ij}(t)}{N_i^D(t) - \sum_l I_{li}^r(t)} \sum_{k \neq i} \bar{N}_{ki} \quad (1)$$

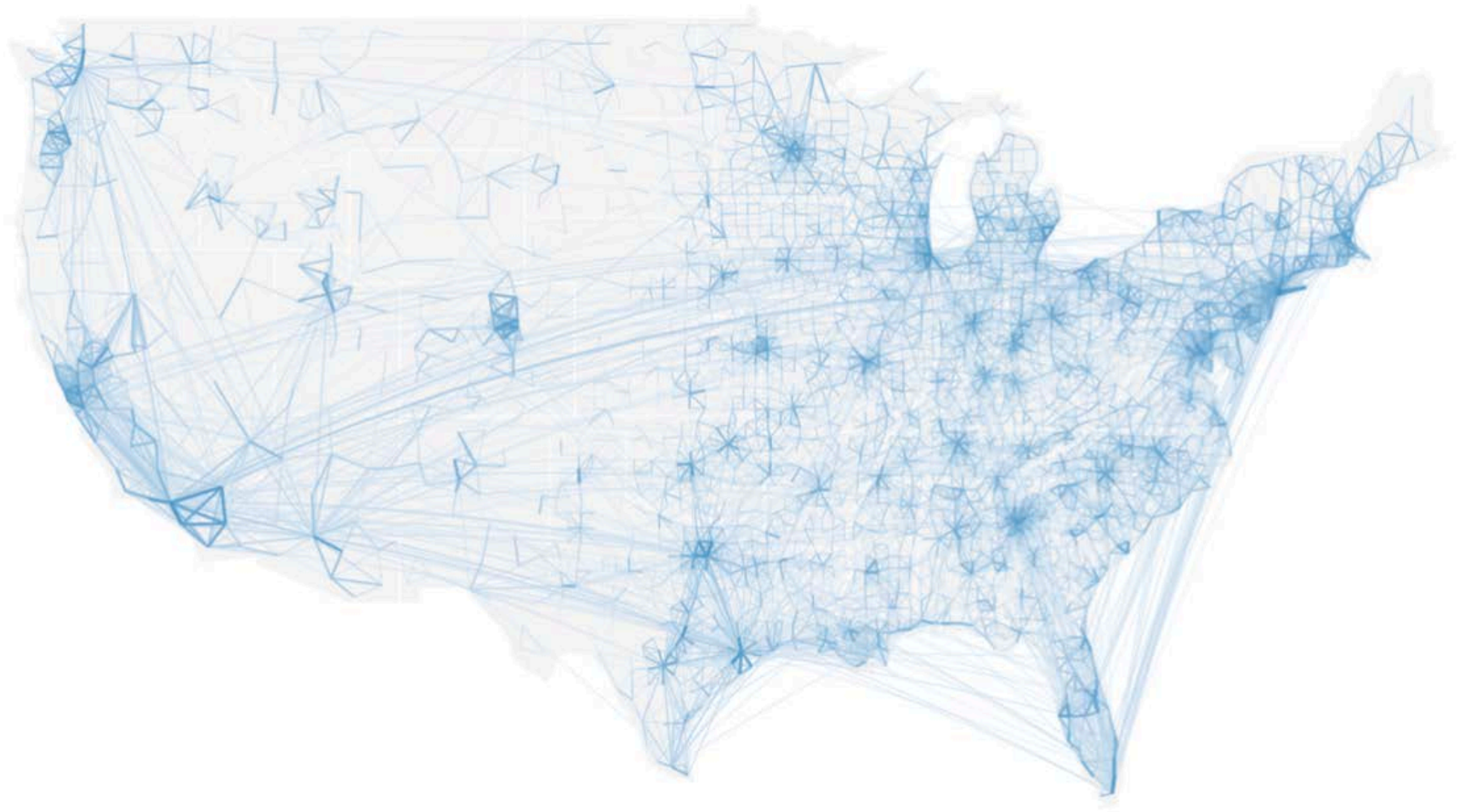
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$$N_i^D(t) = N_{ii} + \sum_{k \neq i} I_{ki}^r(t) + \sum_{k \neq i} (N_{ik} - I_{ik}^r(t)) \quad (5)$$

Inter-county commuting data from US census survey



Initial Estimates for the US (through March 13, 2020)

Parameter	Median (95% CIs)
Transmission rate (β , days ⁻¹)	0.95 (0.84, 1.06)
Relative transmission rate (μ)	0.64 (0.56, 0.70)
Latency period (Z , days)	3.59 (3.28, 3.99)
Infectious period (D , days)	3.56 (3.21, 3.83)
Reporting rate (α)	0.080 (0.069, 0.093)
Basic reproductive number (R_e)	2.27 (1.87, 2.55)
Mobility factor (θ)	0.15 (0.12, 0.17)

Additional Features

$$S_{ij}(t + dt_1) = S_{ij}(t) - \frac{\beta S_{ij}(t) \sum_k I_{ki}^r(t)}{N_i^D(t)} dt_1 - \frac{\mu \beta S_{ij}(t) \sum_k I_{ik}^u(t)}{N_i^D(t)} dt_1 \\ + \theta dt_1 \frac{N_{ij} - I_{ij}^r(t)}{N_i^D(t)} \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{\bar{N}_{ik} \sum_l S_{kl}(t)}{N_k^D(t) - \sum_l I_{lk}^r(t)} - \theta dt_1 \frac{S_{ij}(t)}{N_i^D(t) - \sum_l I_{li}^r(t)} \sum_{k \neq i} \bar{N}_{ki} \quad (1)$$

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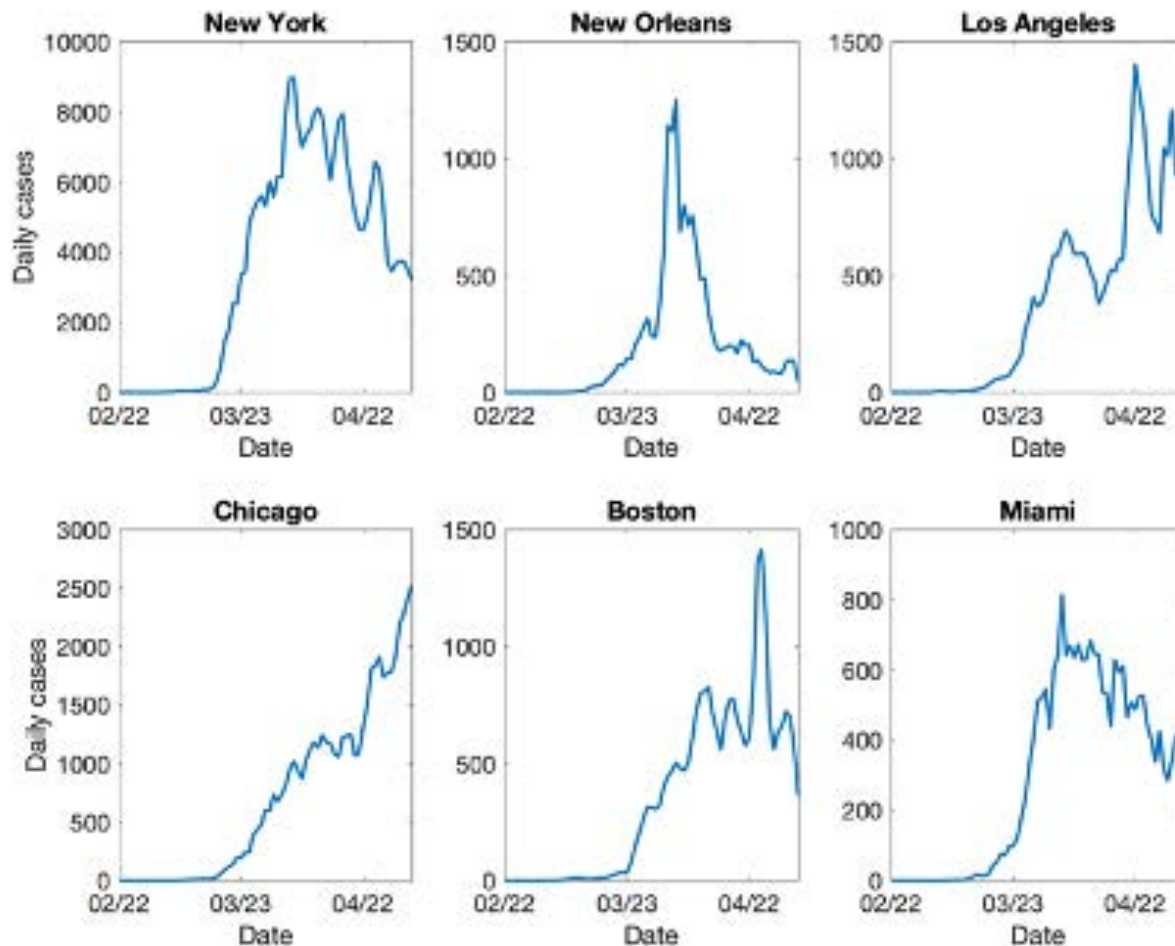
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- Assimilate Cases and Deaths
- Allow certain parameters to vary through time
- Allow certain parameters to vary by county

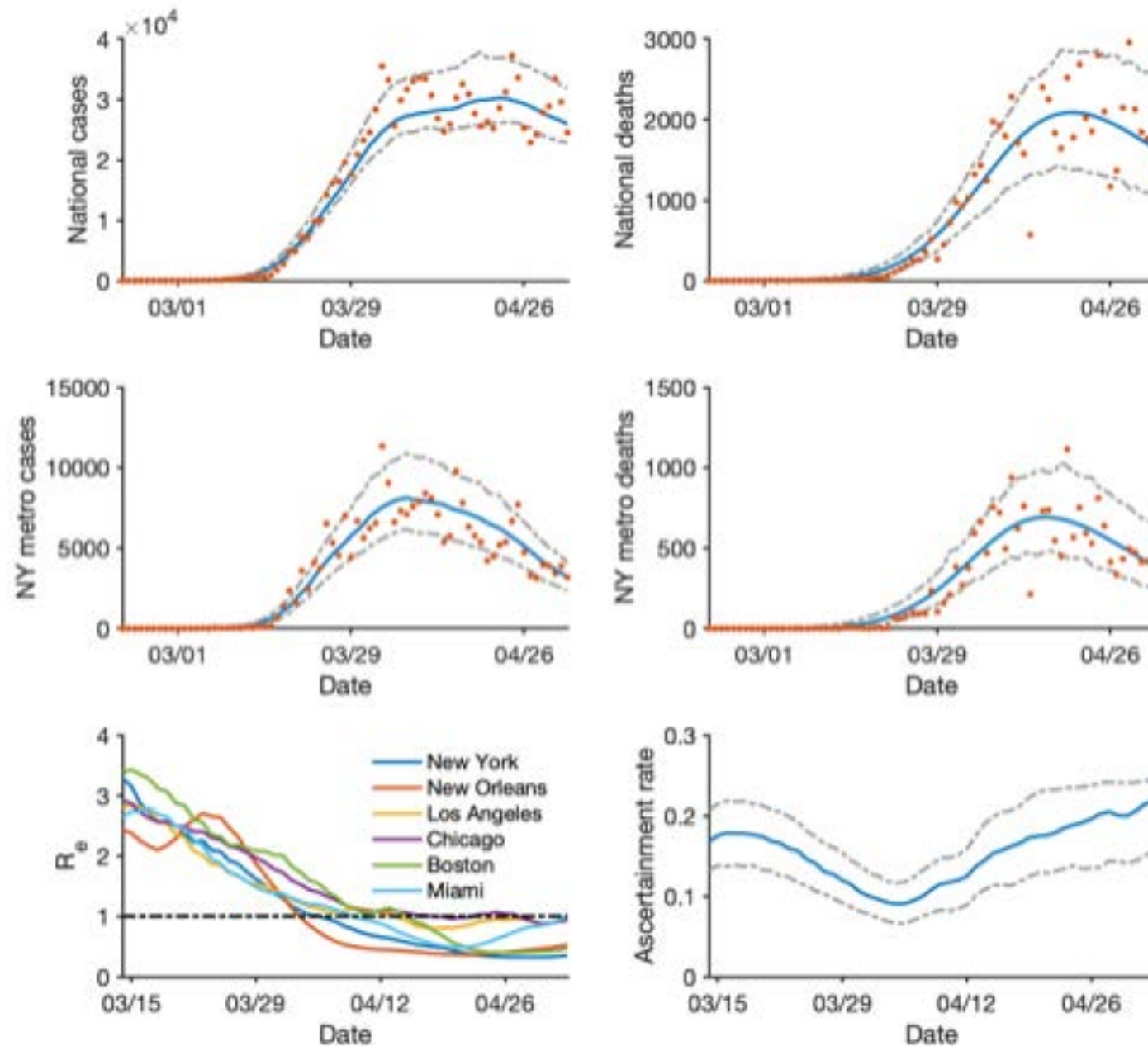
Inference, Fitting and Projection



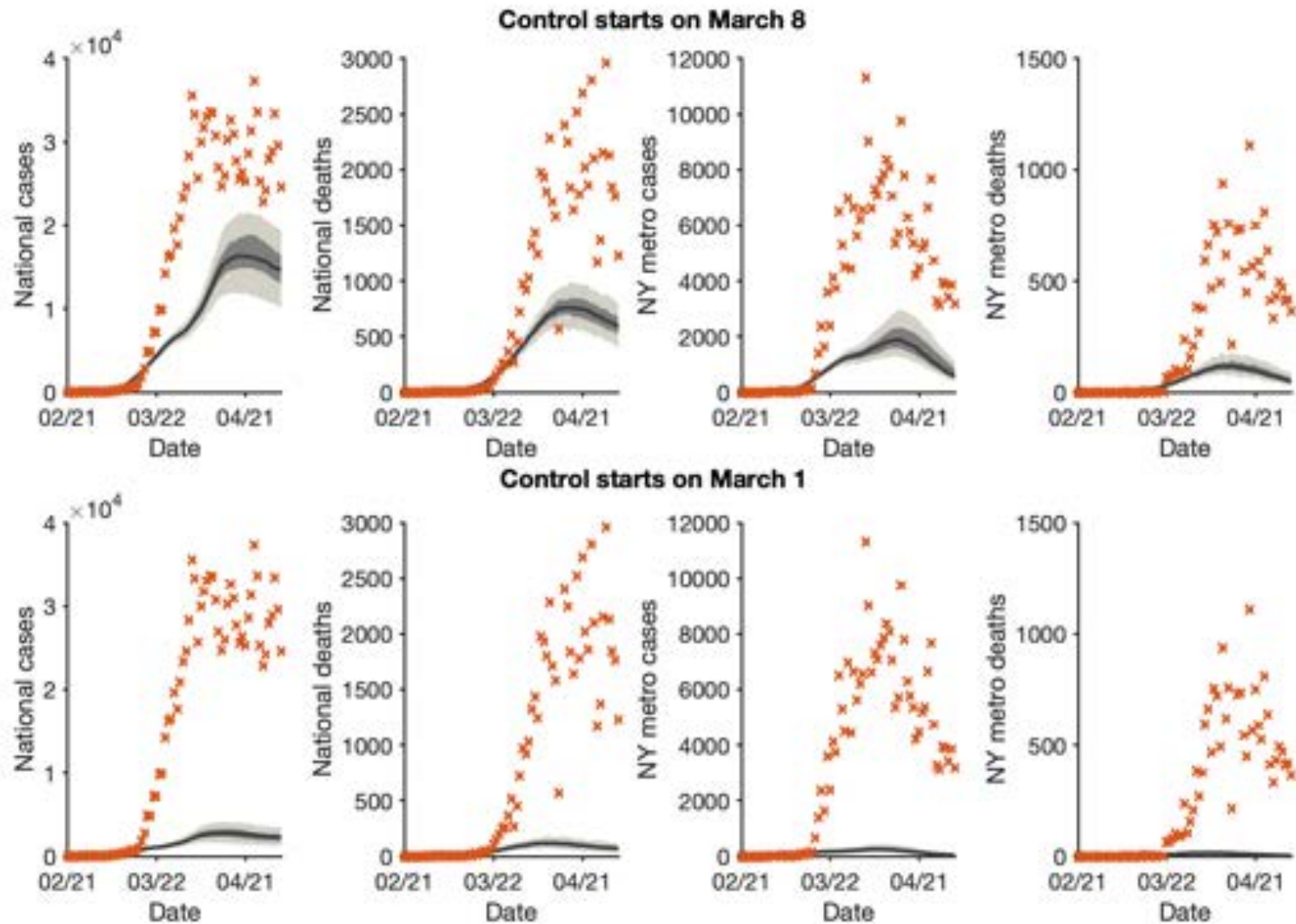
- Estimate β in all counties with more than 400 cumulative cases as of May 3, 2020
- Vary movement between counties using Safe Graph location-based mobility data
- Spotlight activity in six metropolitan areas. These counties are:

1. New York: Kings County NY, Queens County NY, New York County NY, Bronx County NY, Richmond County NY, Westchester County NY, Bergen County NJ, Hudson County NJ, Passaic County NJ, Putnam County NY, Rockland County NY
2. New Orleans: Jefferson Parish LA, Orleans Parish LA, St. John the Baptist Parish LA, St. Tammany Parish LA
3. Los Angeles: Los Angeles County CA, Orange County CA
4. Chicago: Cook County IL, DuPage County IL, Kane County IL, McHenry County IL, Will County IL
5. Boston: Norfolk County MA, Plymouth County MA, Suffolk County MA
6. Miami: Miami-Dade County FL, Broward County FL, Palm Beach County FL

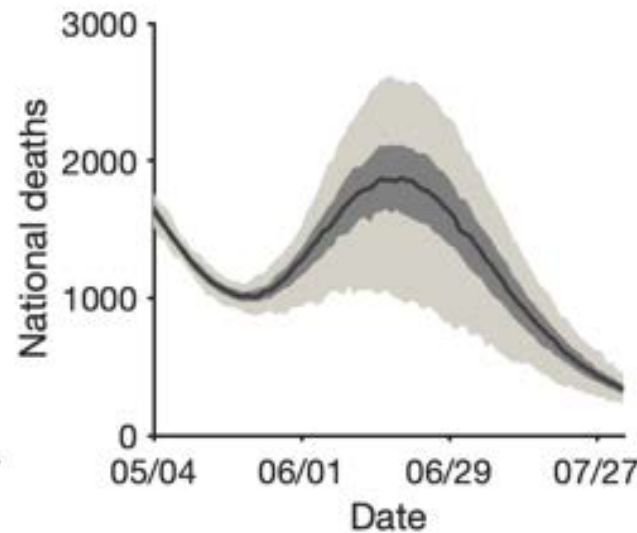
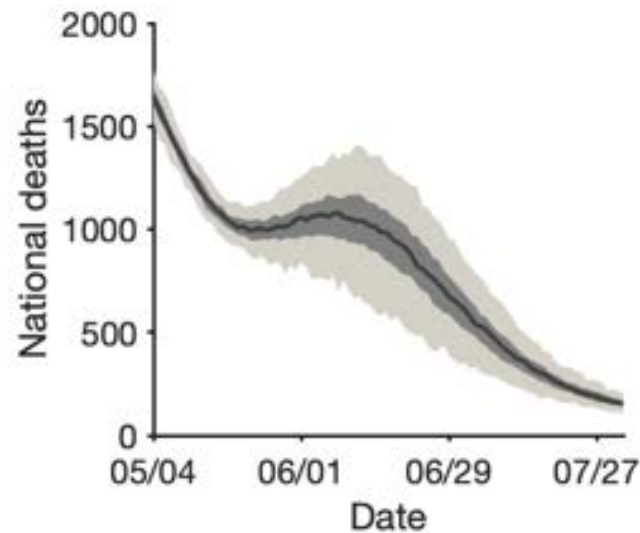
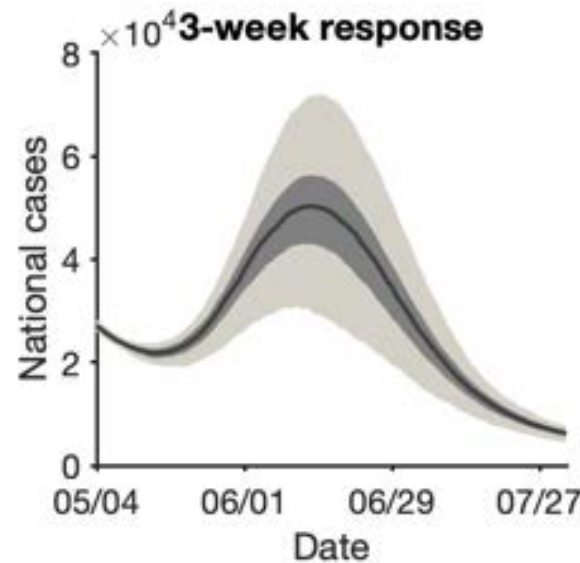
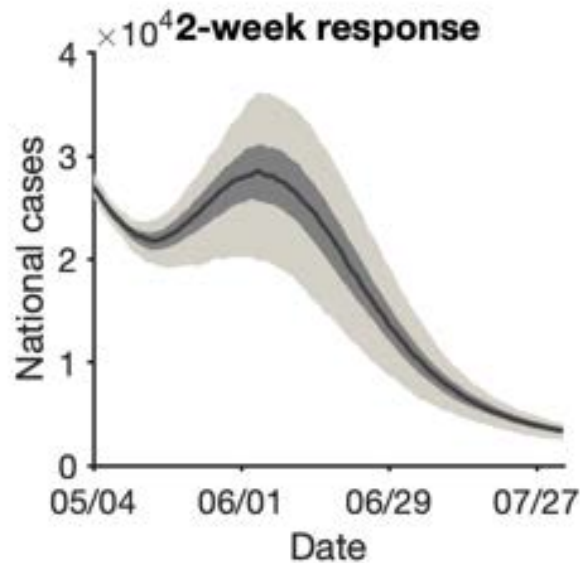
Fitting and Inference



Counterfactuals



Going Forward



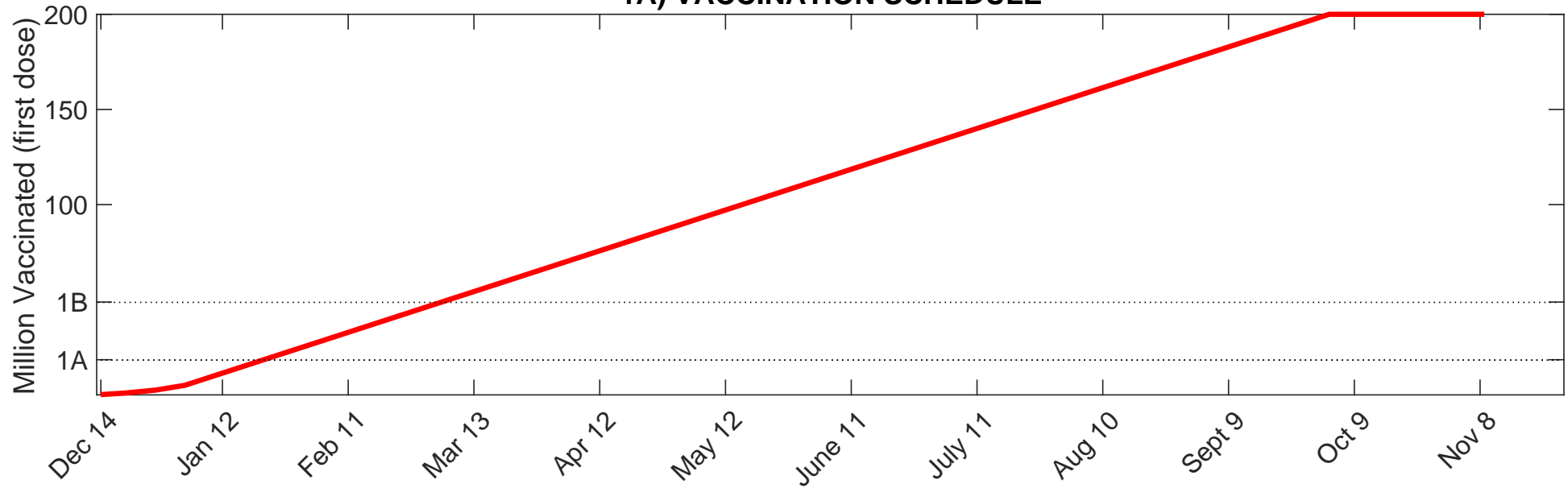
- Rebound outbreaks confront a similar problem
- A one-week further delay to the resumption of control measures results in tens of thousands of extra deaths

Vaccination

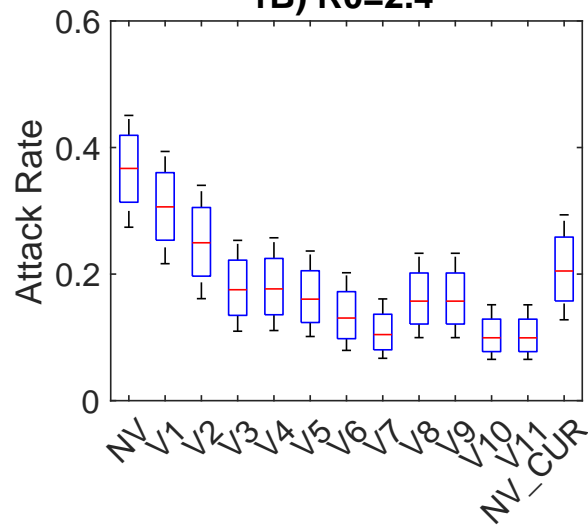
NV	NPIs fully relaxed on December 4th ; no vaccination
V1	NPIs fully relaxed on December 4th ; vaccination
V2	NPIs maintained at currently estimated levels then fully relaxed after PHASE1 (HC+LTCF) vaccination
V3	NPIs maintained at currently estimated levels then fully relaxed after PHASE2 (EW) vaccination
V4	NPIs maintained at currently estimated levels then gradually relaxed after PHASE1 (HC+LTCF) vaccination
V5	NPIs maintained at currently estimated levels then gradually relaxed after PHASE2 (EW) vaccination
V6	NPIs strengthened to $R_0=1.4$, then gradually relaxed after PHASE1 (HC+LTCF) vaccination
V7	NPIs strengthened to $R_0=1.4$, then gradually relaxed after PHASE2 (EW) vaccination
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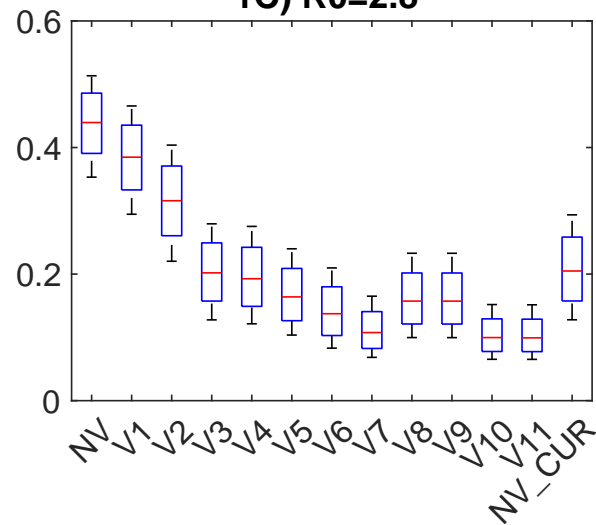
1A) VACCINATION SCHEDULE



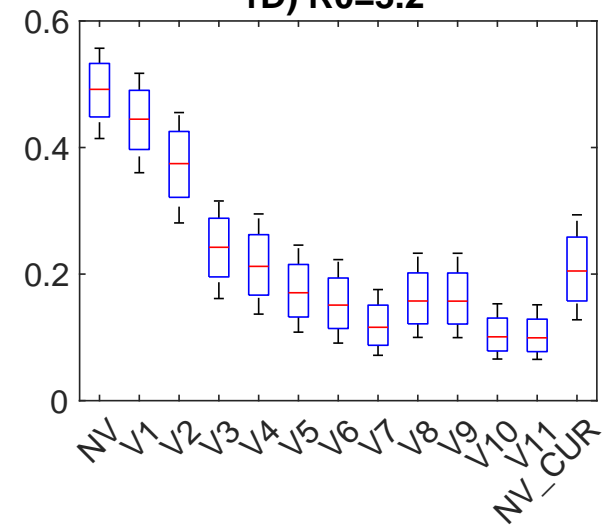
1B) $R_0=2.4$



1C) $R_0=2.8$

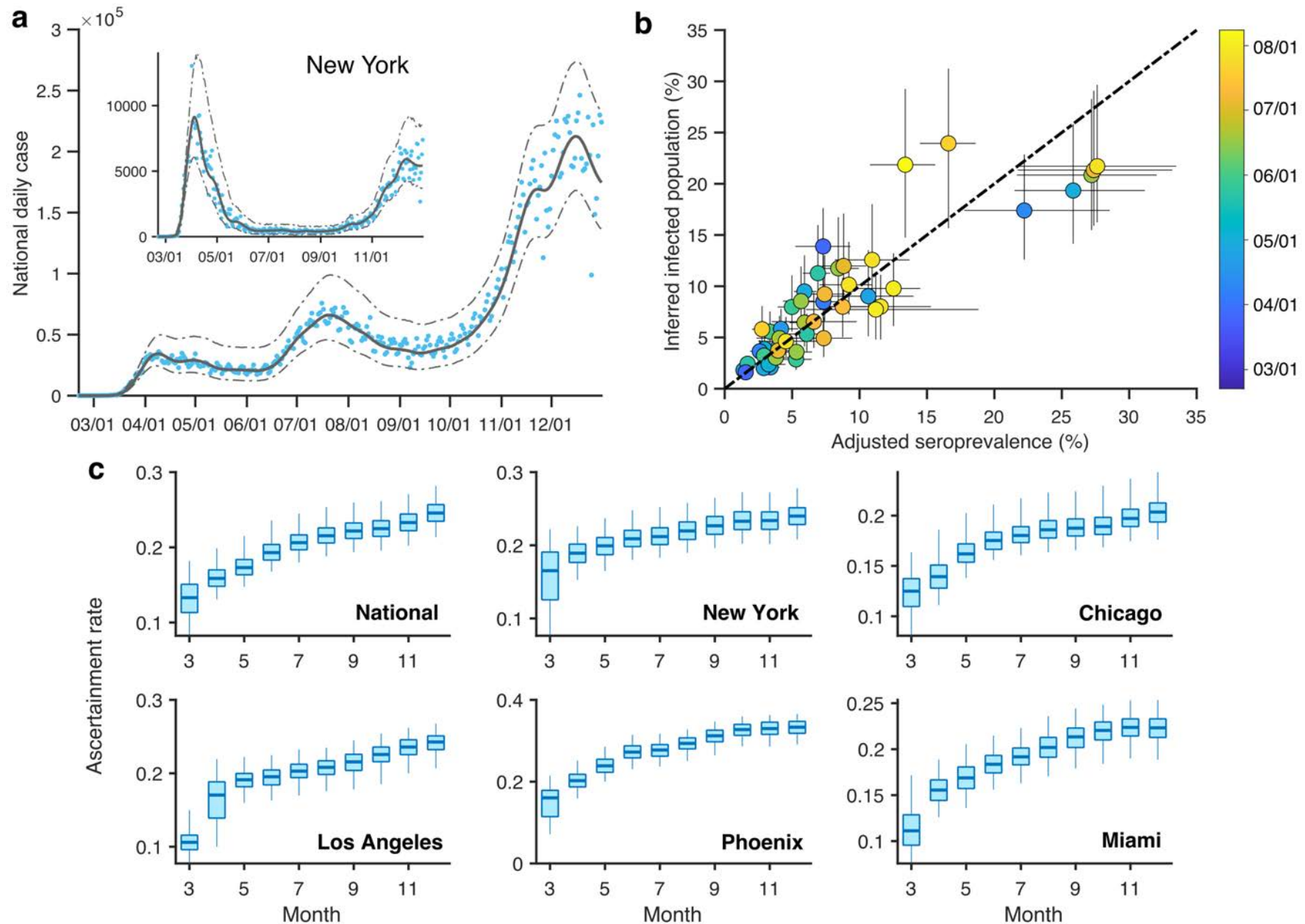


1D) $R_0=3.2$



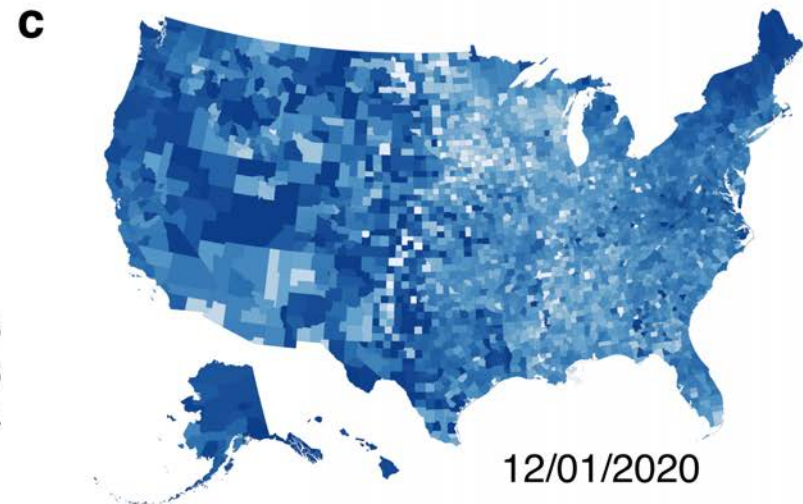
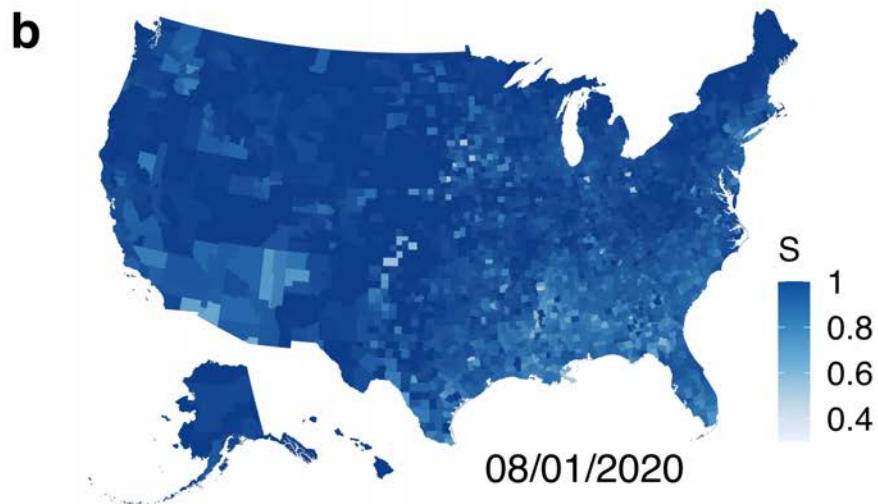
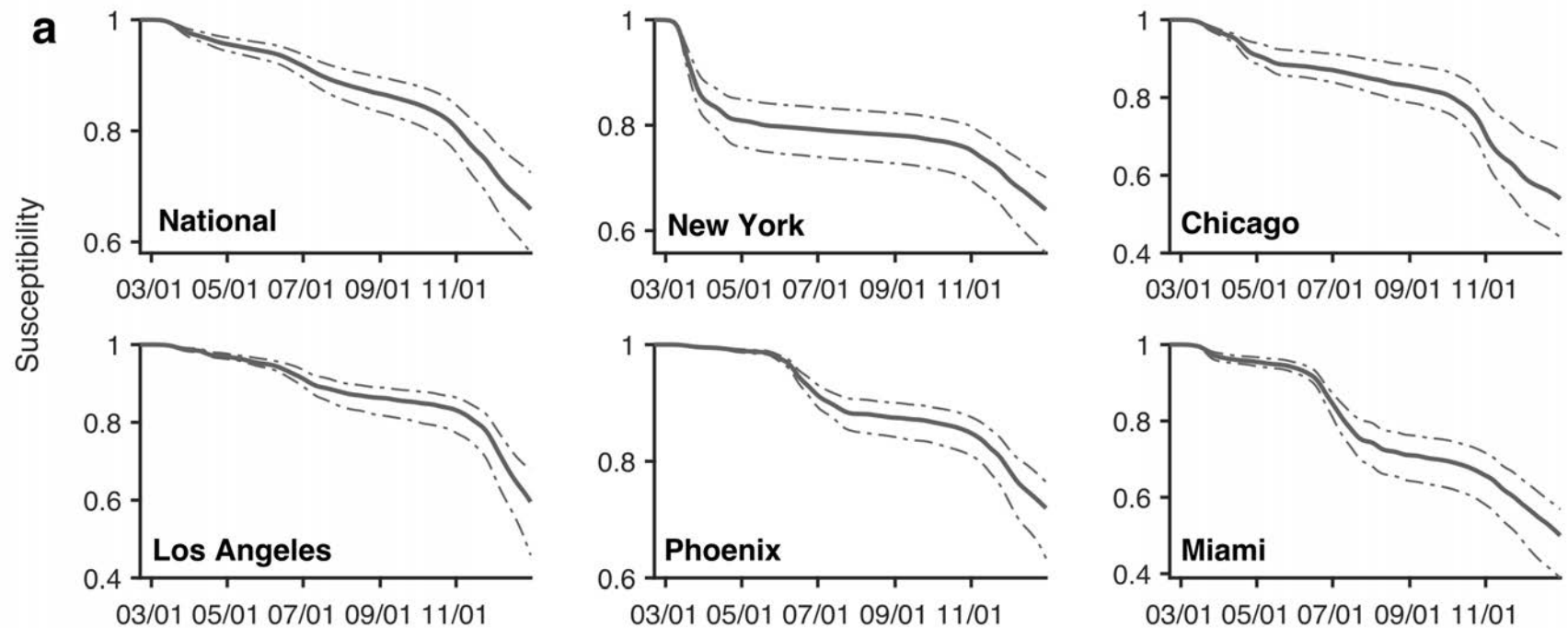
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