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Global modelling of transmission and mitigation measures

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Controllability once in the general population (2004-2006)

- The proportion of transmission occurring prior to symptoms (or asymptotically) is mostly determining controllability
- For flu the containment window ~60 days (from initial cluster)
- Travel restrictions can delay the spread of a pandemic flu, but they are unlikely to prevent it.

Strategies for containing an emerging influenza pandemic in Southeast Asia

Neil M. Ferguson^{1,2}, Derek A.T. Cummings³, Simon Cauchemez⁴, Christophe Fraser¹, Steven Riley⁵, Aronrag Meeyai¹, Sopon Iamsirithaworn⁶ & Donald S. Burke³

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Containing Pandemic Influenza at the Source

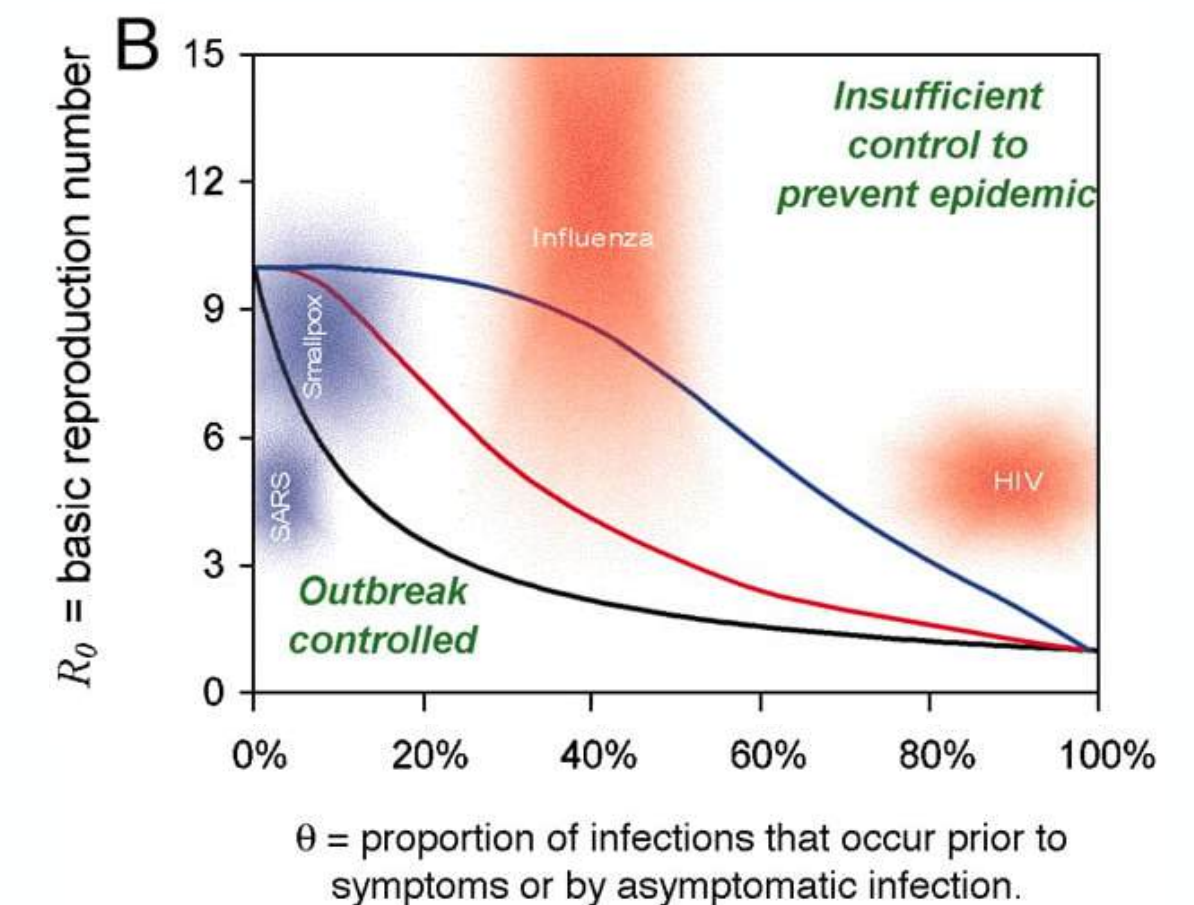
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Factors that make an infectious disease outbreak controllable

Christophe Fraser^{*†}, Steven Riley^{*}, Roy M. Anderson, and Neil M. Ferguson

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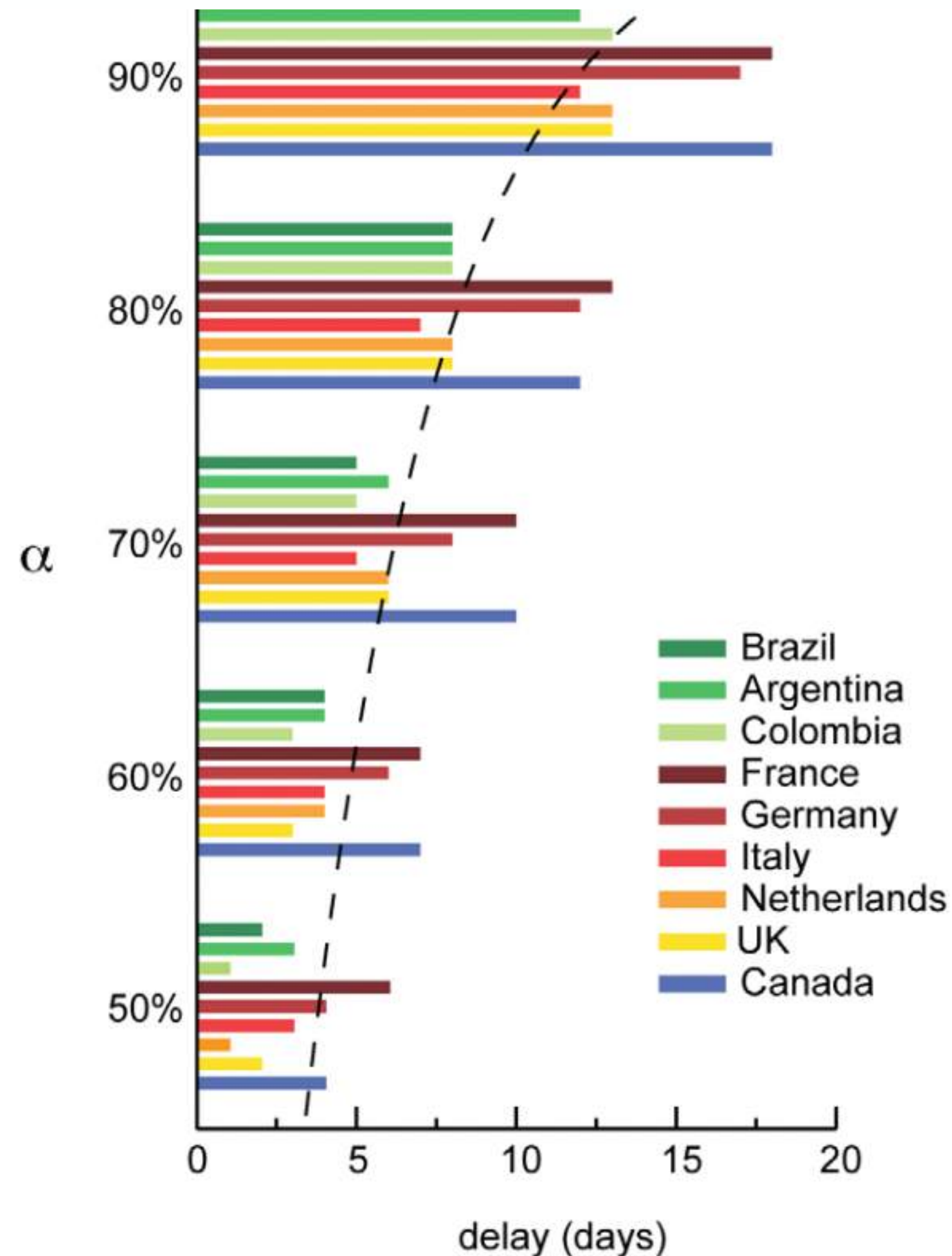


Will travel restrictions control the international spread of pandemic influenza?

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H1N1pdm targeted travel restrictions analysis

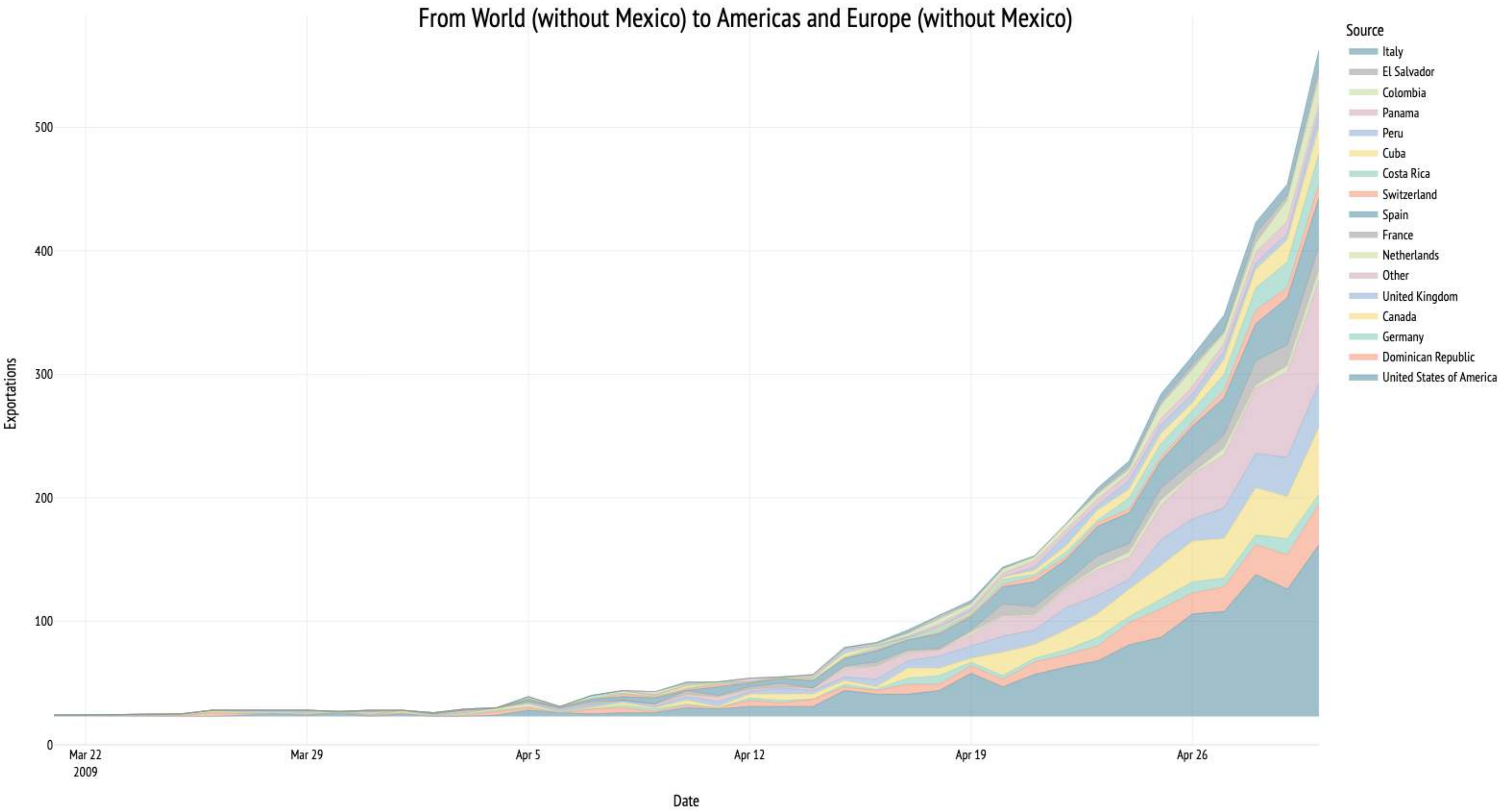


- Δt is a logarithmic function of the applied travel reduction magnitude
- Timing implementation shows very little differences

Human Mobility Networks, Travel Restrictions, and the Global Spread of 2009 H1N1 Pandemic

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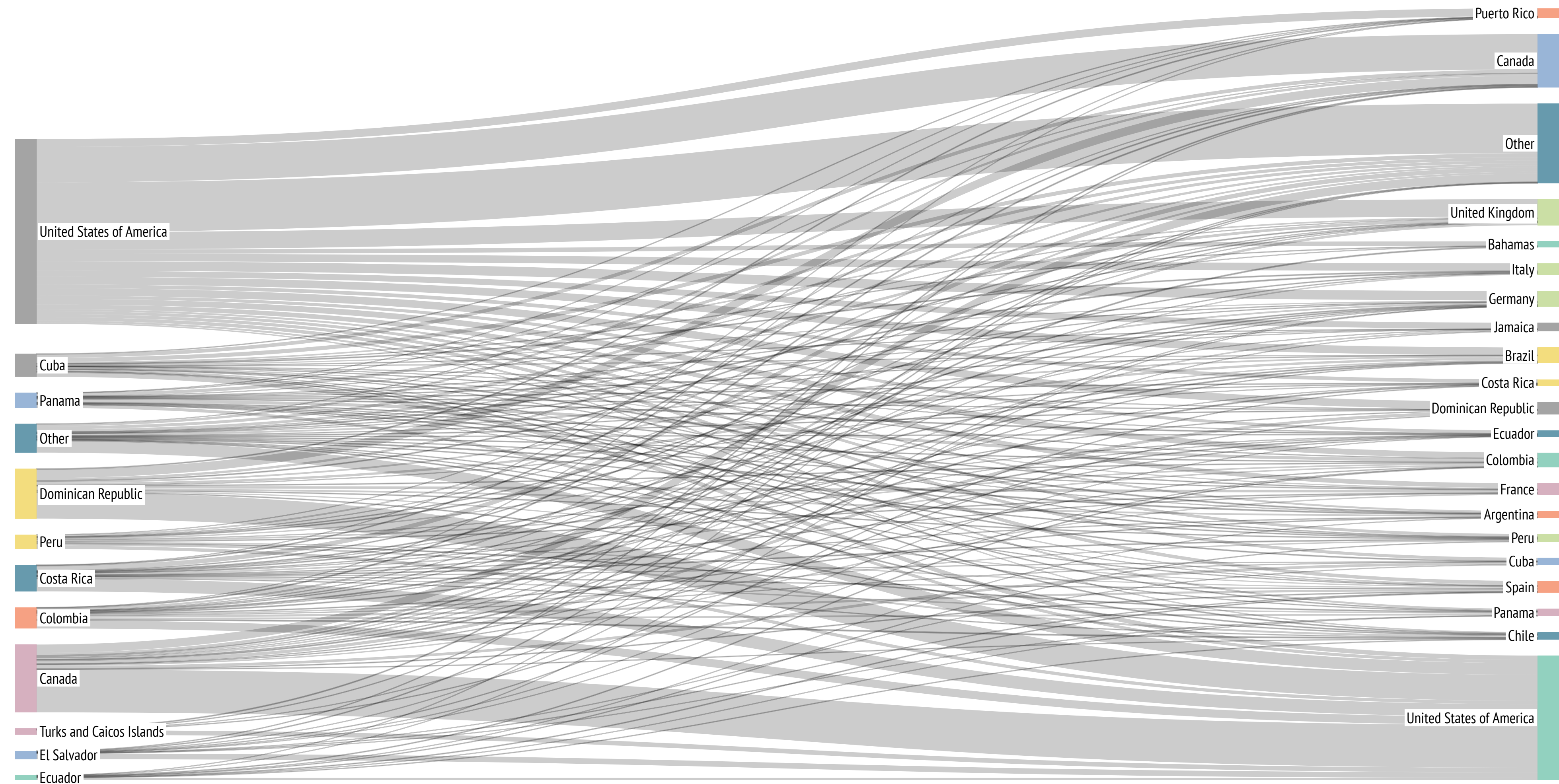
H1N1pdm non-local dynamic



Multimodeling approach to evaluating the efficacy of layering pharmaceutical and nonpharmaceutical interventions for influenza pandemics

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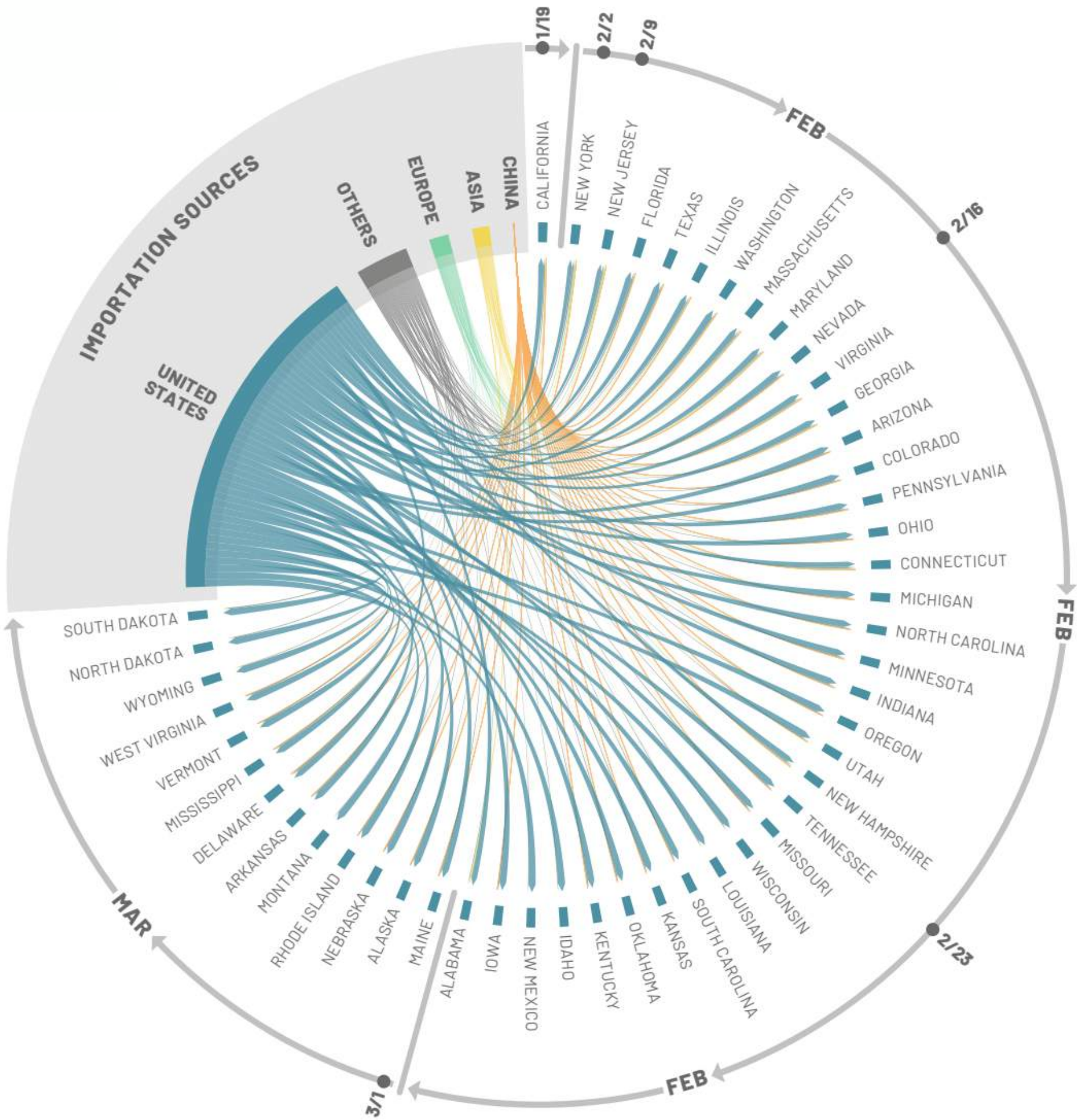
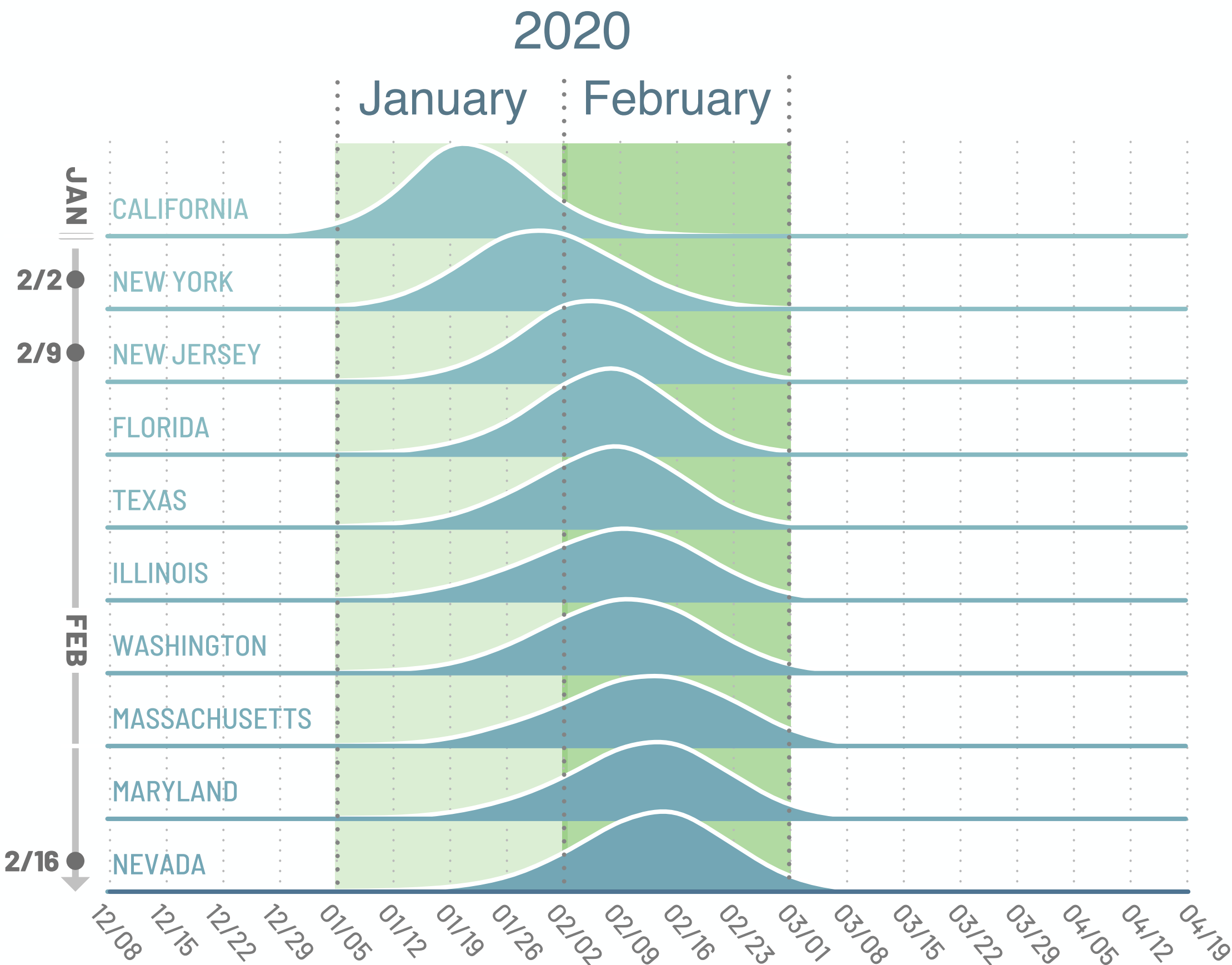
From Americas (without Mexico) to Americas and Europe (without Mexico, April 2009)



Cryptic transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and the first COVID-19 wave

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Jessica T. Davis^{1,11}, Matteo Chinazzi^{1,11}, Nicola Perra^{1,2,11}, Kunpeng Mu¹, Ana Pastore y Piontti¹, Marco Ajelli³, Natalie E. Dean⁴, Corrado Gioannini⁵, Maria Litvinova³, Stefano Merler⁶, Luca Rossi⁵, Kaiyuan Sun⁷, Xinyue Xiong¹, Ira M. Longini Jr⁸, M. Elizabeth Halloran^{9,10}, Cécile Viboud⁷ & Alessandro Vespignani¹✉



Controllability at the source “unlikely” in practice

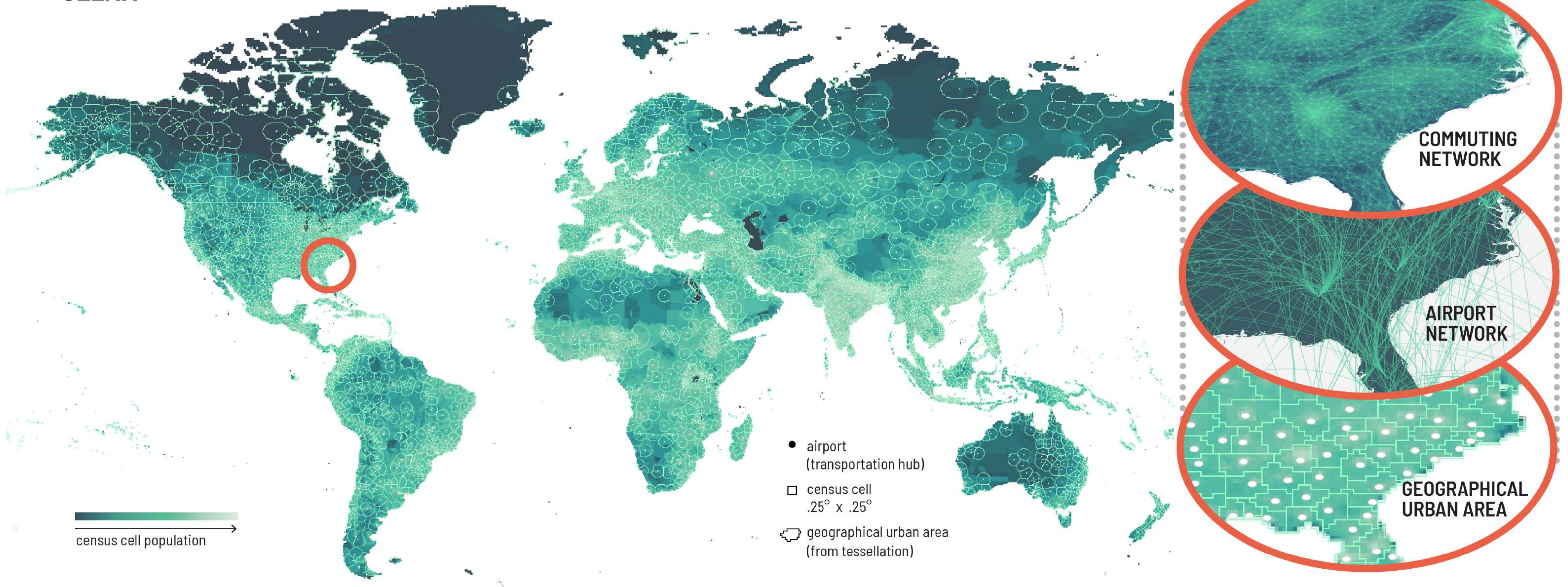
- Generally awareness is after a few hundreds if not thousand of infections
- With Flu we should assume a relatively high level of asymptomatic transmission (including “paucisymptomatic”).



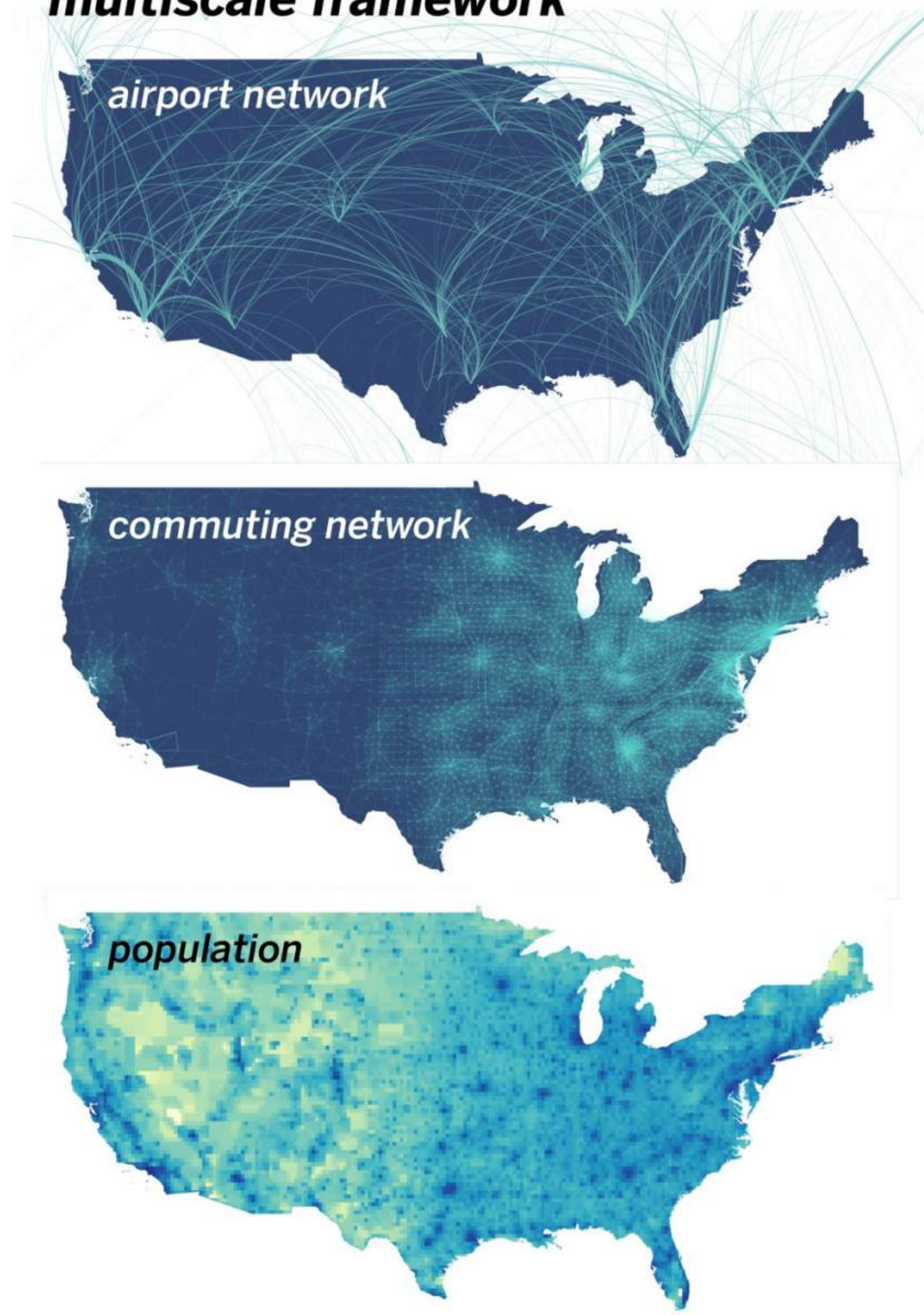
- How we can limit/delay global spreading
- What is the role of non-symptomatic transmission in international spreading?
- Targeted travel restrictions?
- Border screening?
- Travel bans?

Metapopulation modeling framework

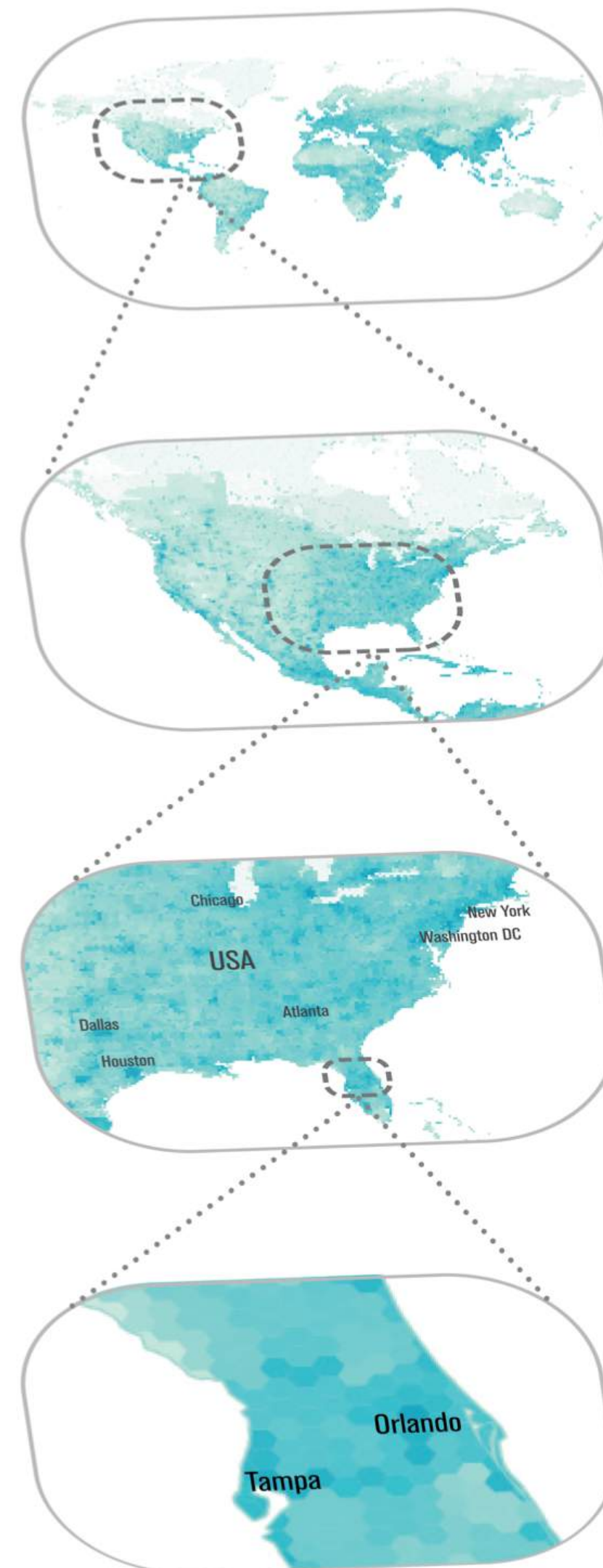
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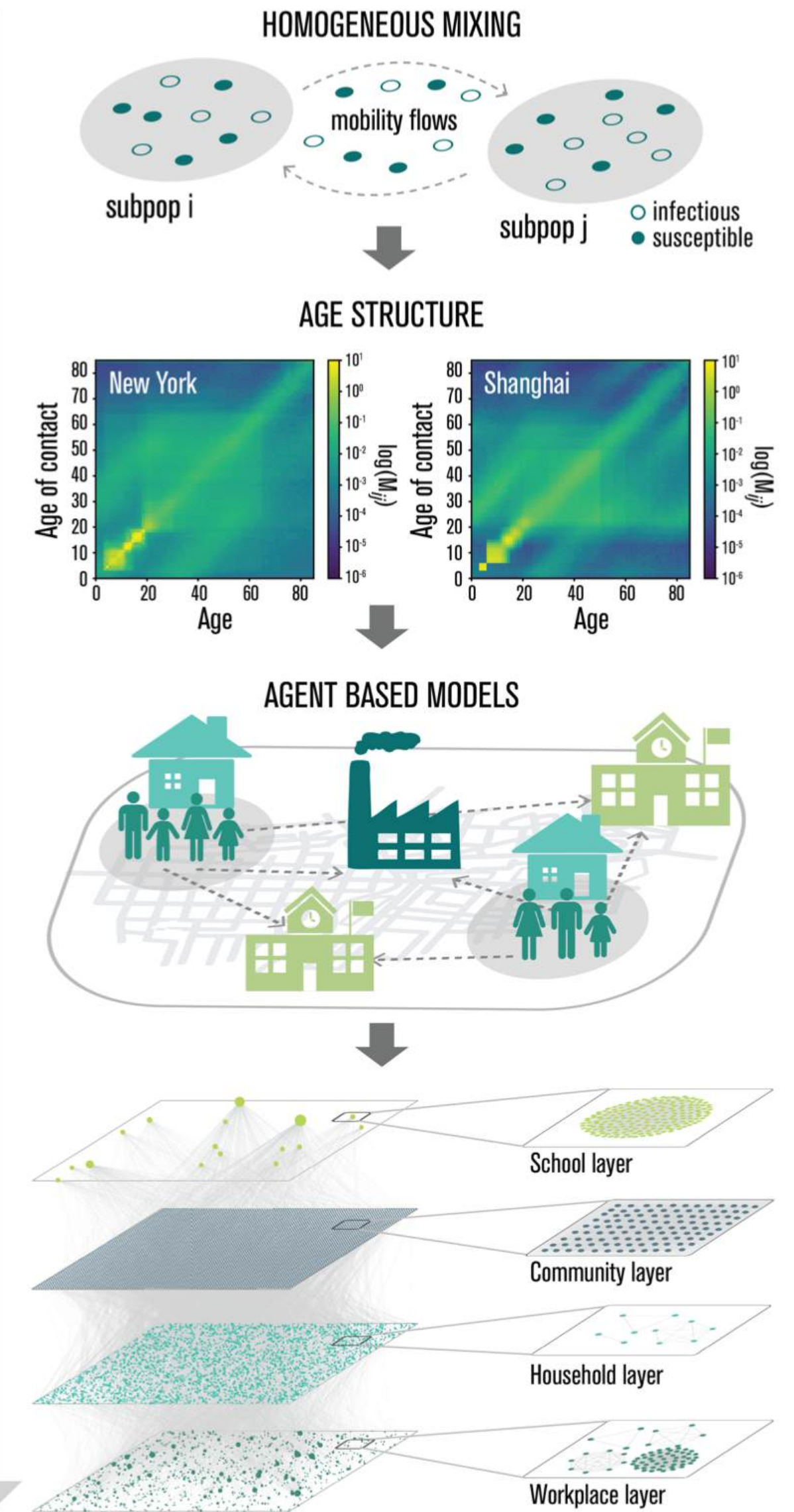
multiscale framework



GEOGRAPHICAL RESOLUTION



METHODOLOGY RESOLUTION



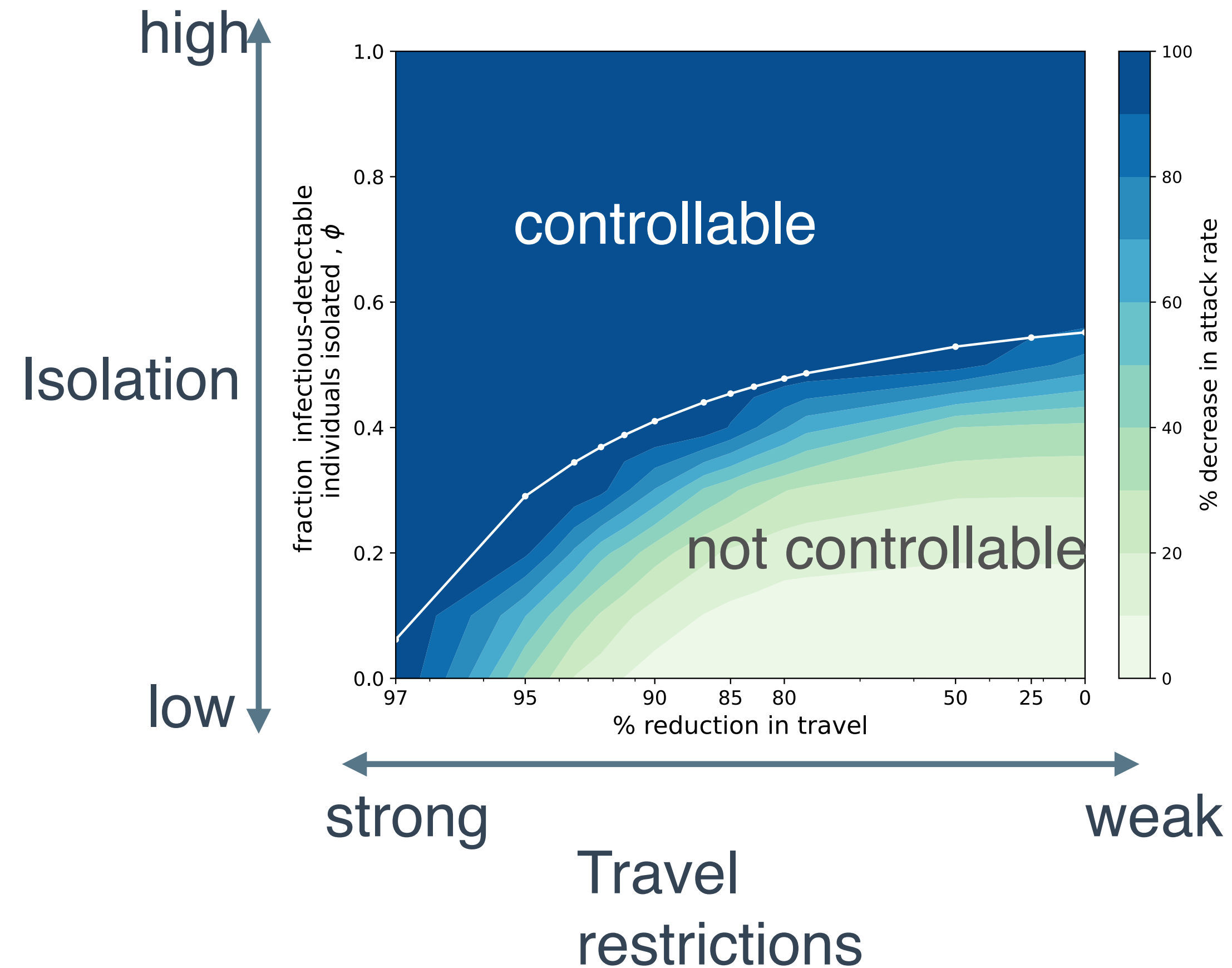




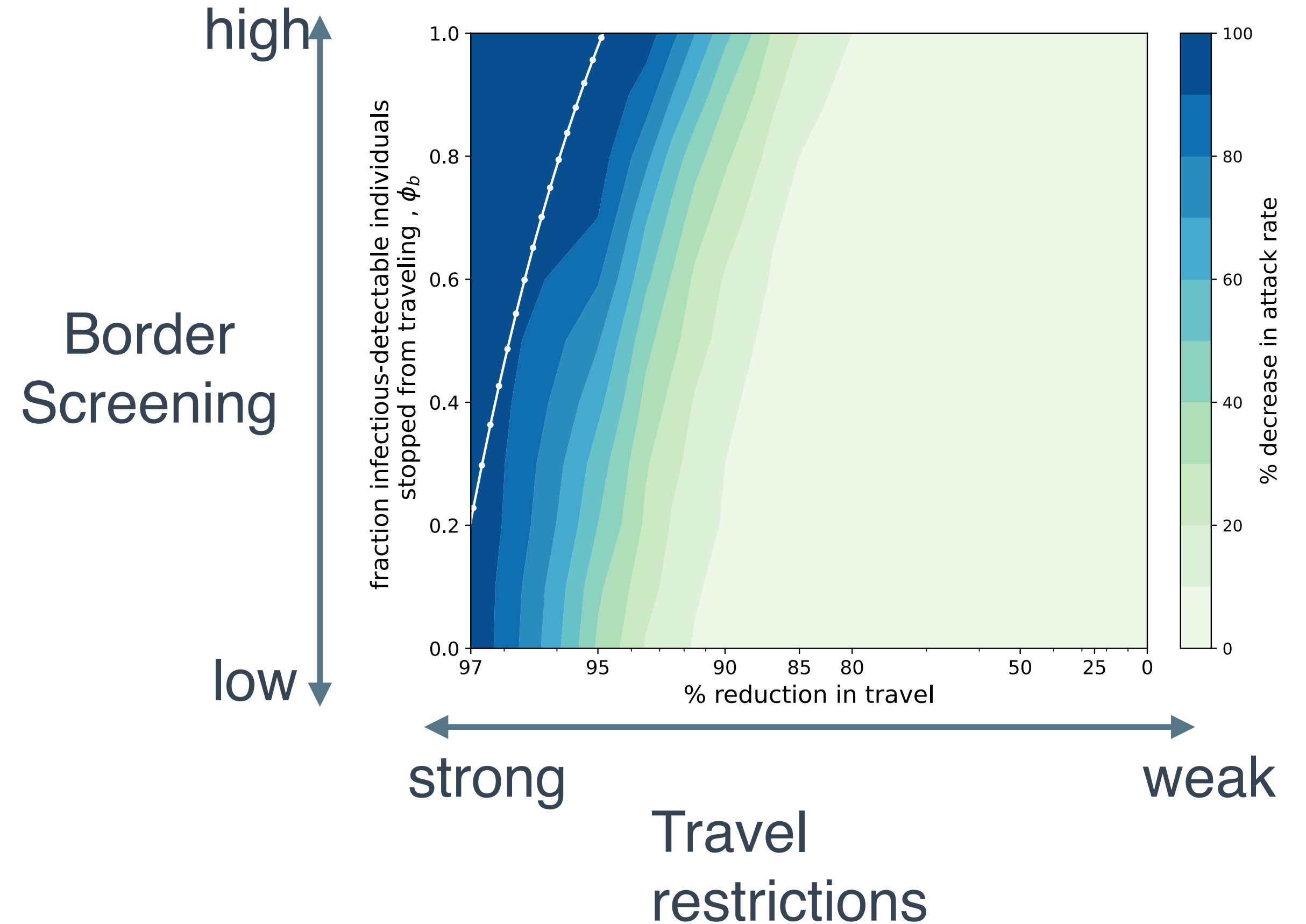
Where to put your resources.....

Clara bay, Jessica Davis 2024

Isolation & travel restrictions

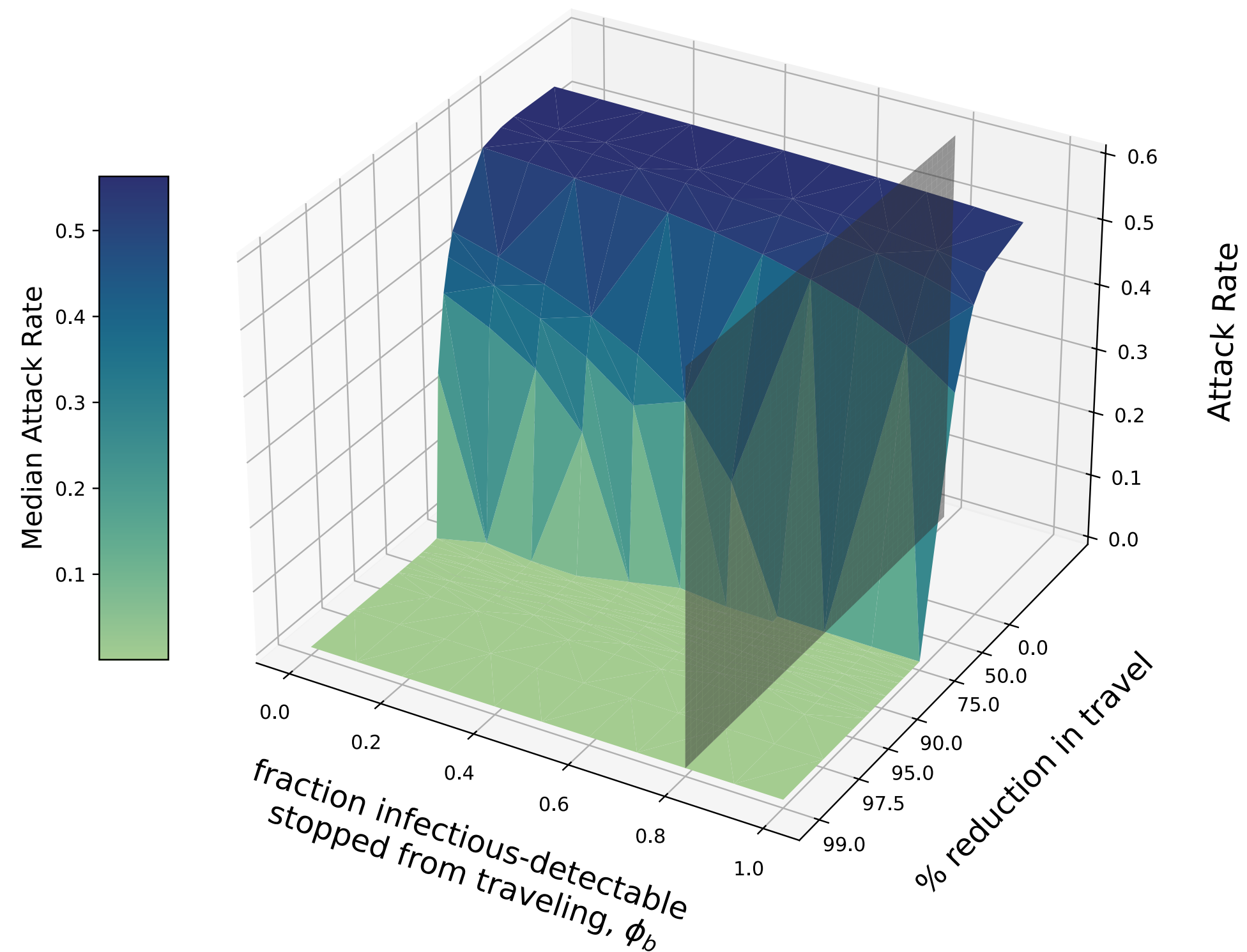


Border screening & travel restrictions



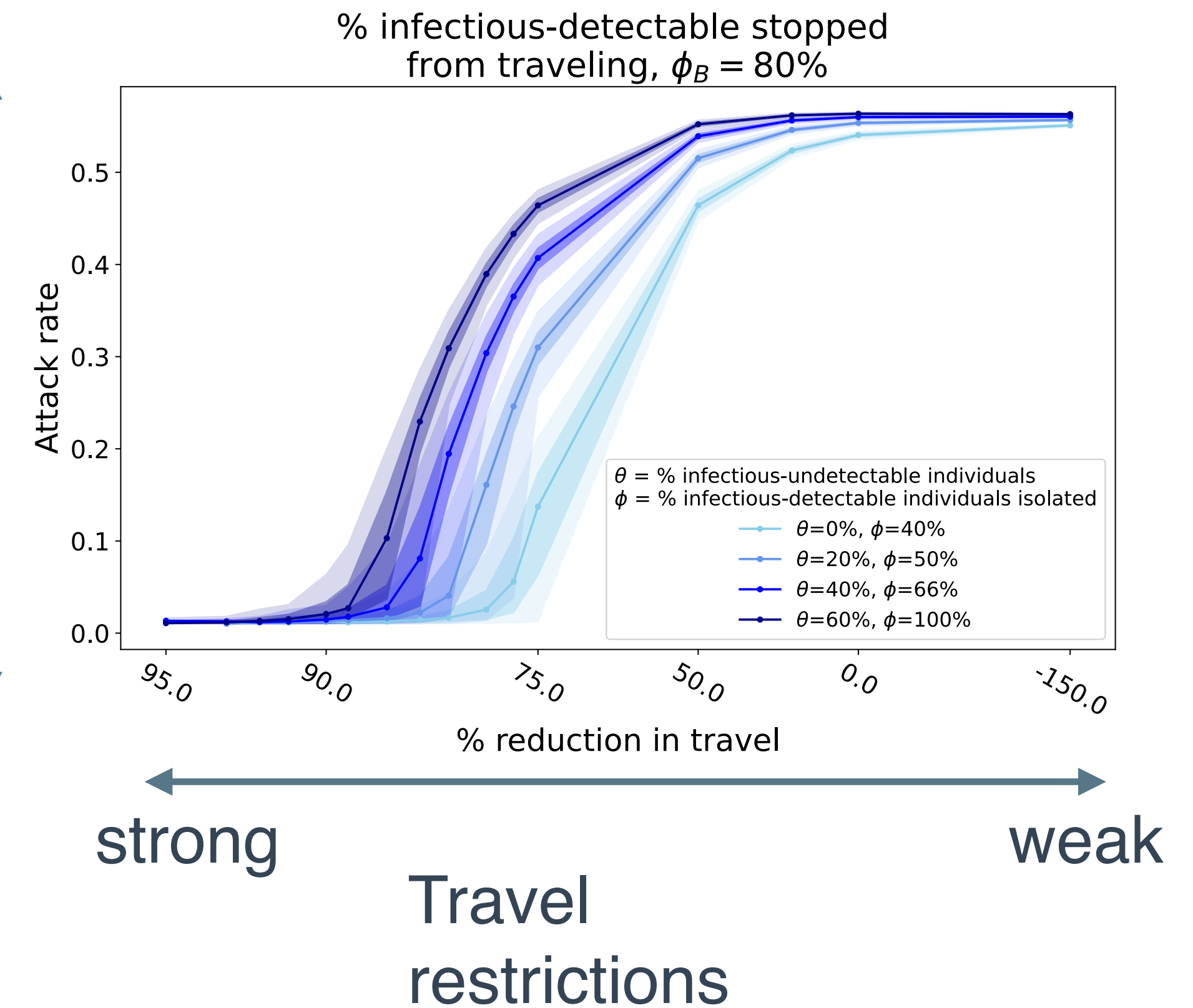
Local interventions are more effective at reducing the total number of individuals infected.

Combining interventions



high
low

Outbreak
size



Undetected cases shift threshold to a widespread global outbreak where more undetectable cases require stricter travel restrictions to control an outbreak.

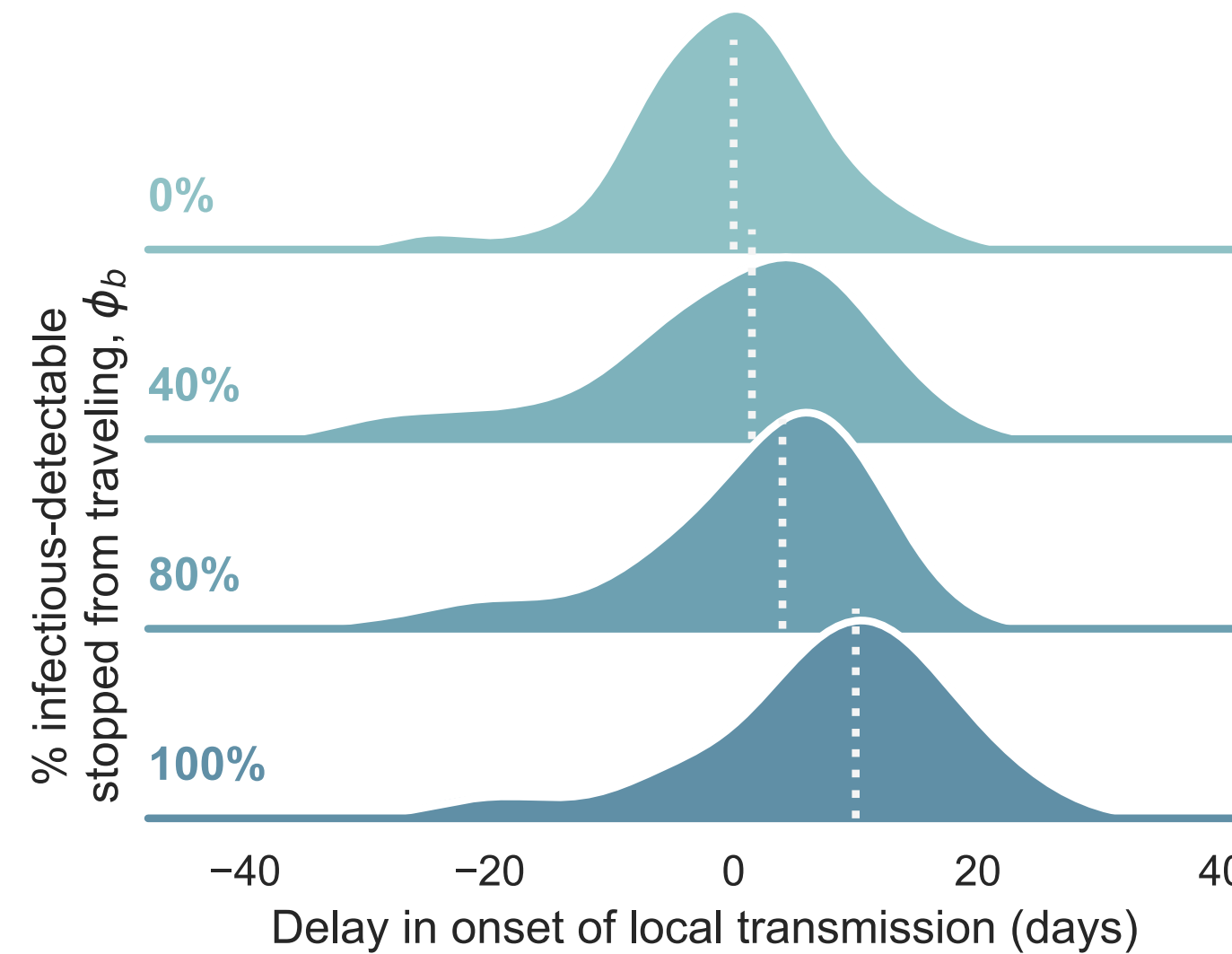
Highly effective border screening can delay the onset of local transmission by up to 10 days if there are no undetectable infections.

If 20% of cases are asymptomatic, this delay is reduced to 5 days.

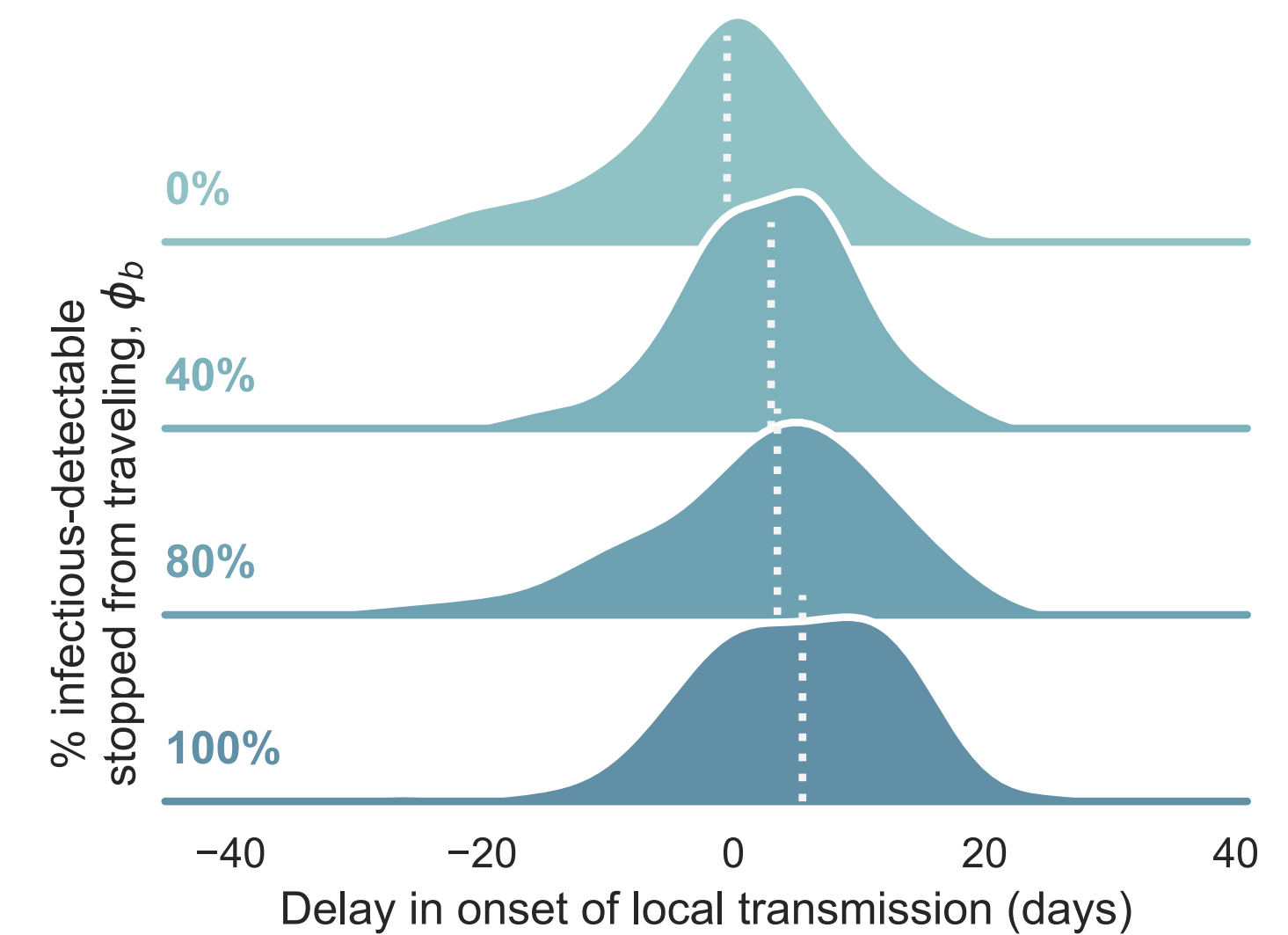
Border screening is ineffective for high levels of undetectable infections.

Onset of local transmission: time when 10 new transmission events occur in a

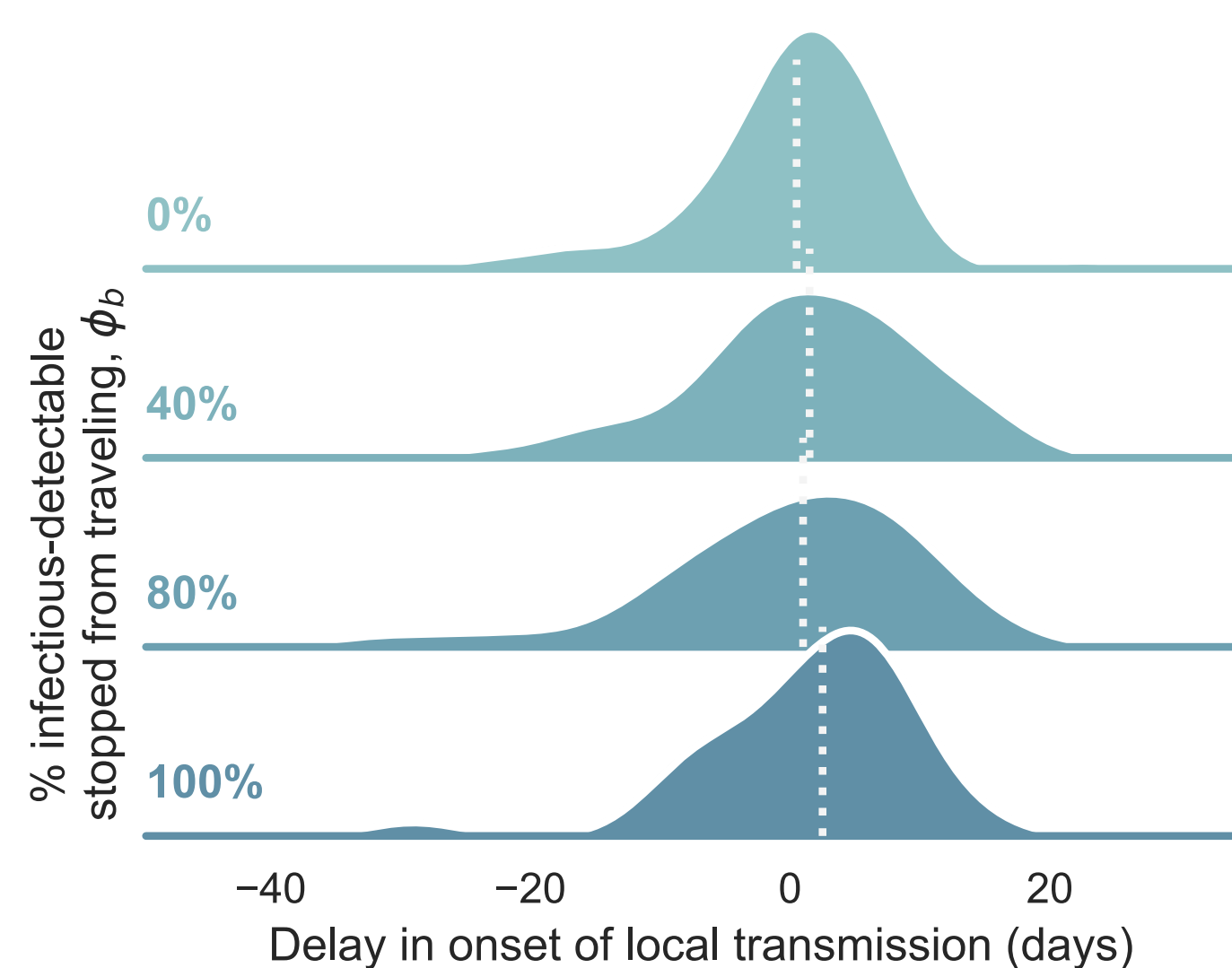
0% infectious-undetectable cases



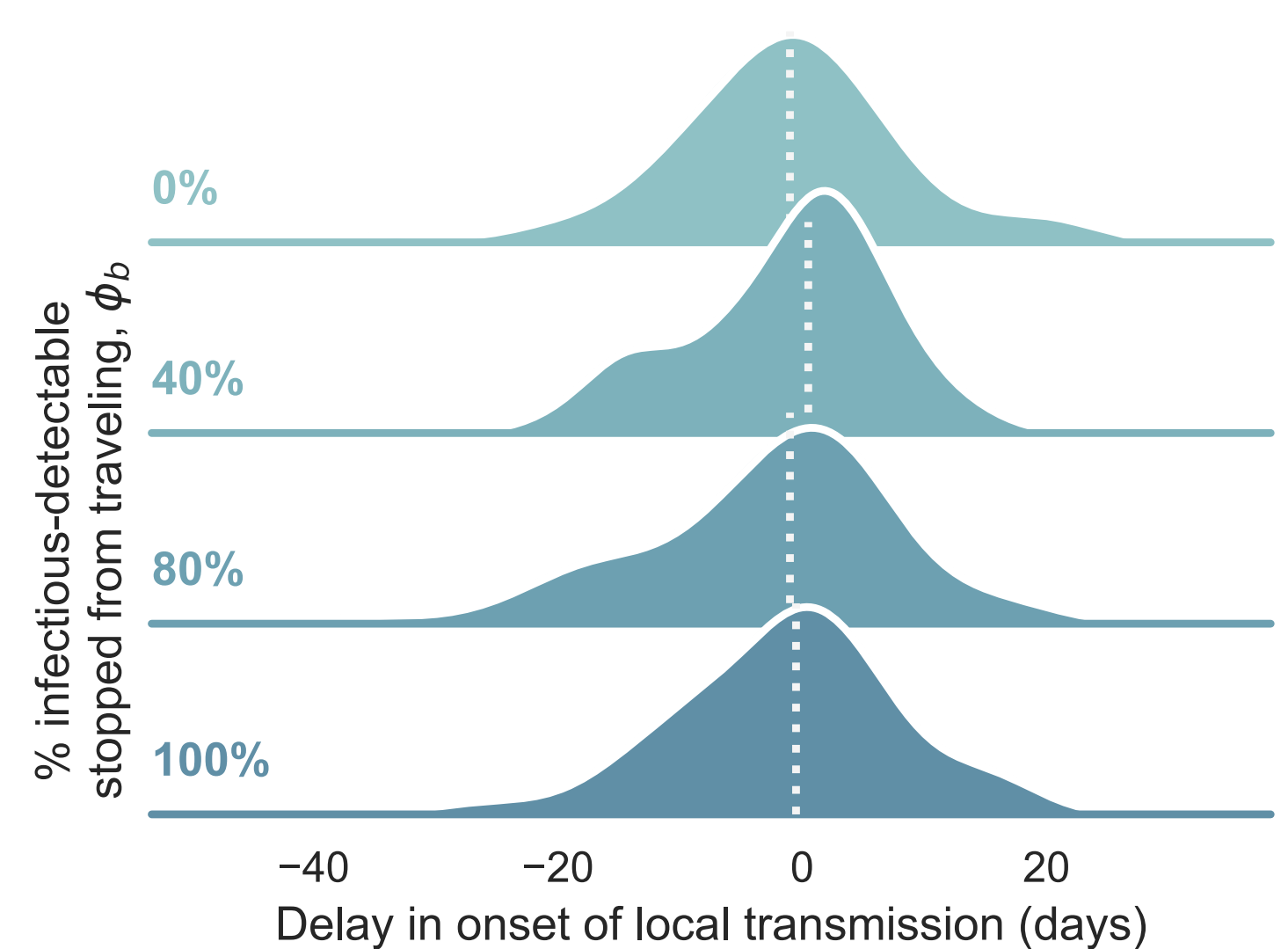
20% infectious-undetectable cases



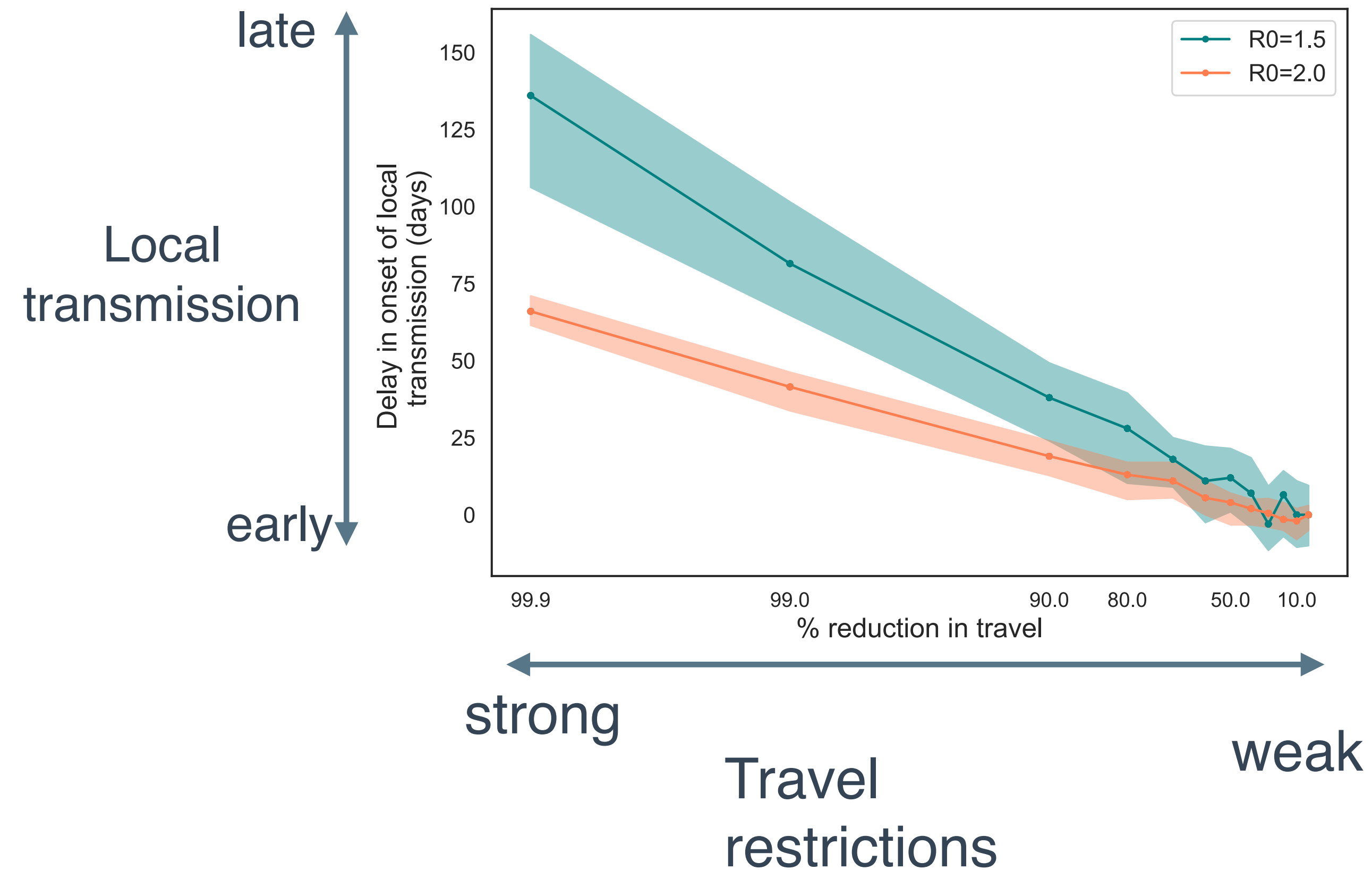
60% infectious-undetectable cases



100% infectious-undetectable cases



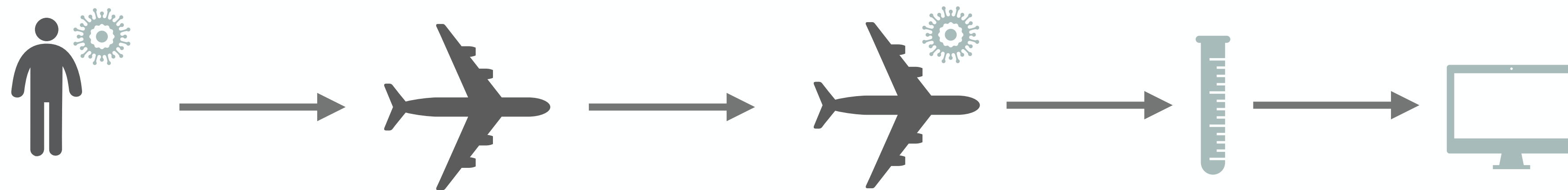
Timing of local transmission onset



Travel restrictions must be highly effective to reduce the number of cases, especially for higher R_0 .

Travel restrictions delay the onset of local transmission in a logarithmic manner.

Modeling platform simulating the detection of specific pathogens among international travelers on arrival (nasal swab) or through wastewater surveillance (WWS) during outbreaks or epidemics.



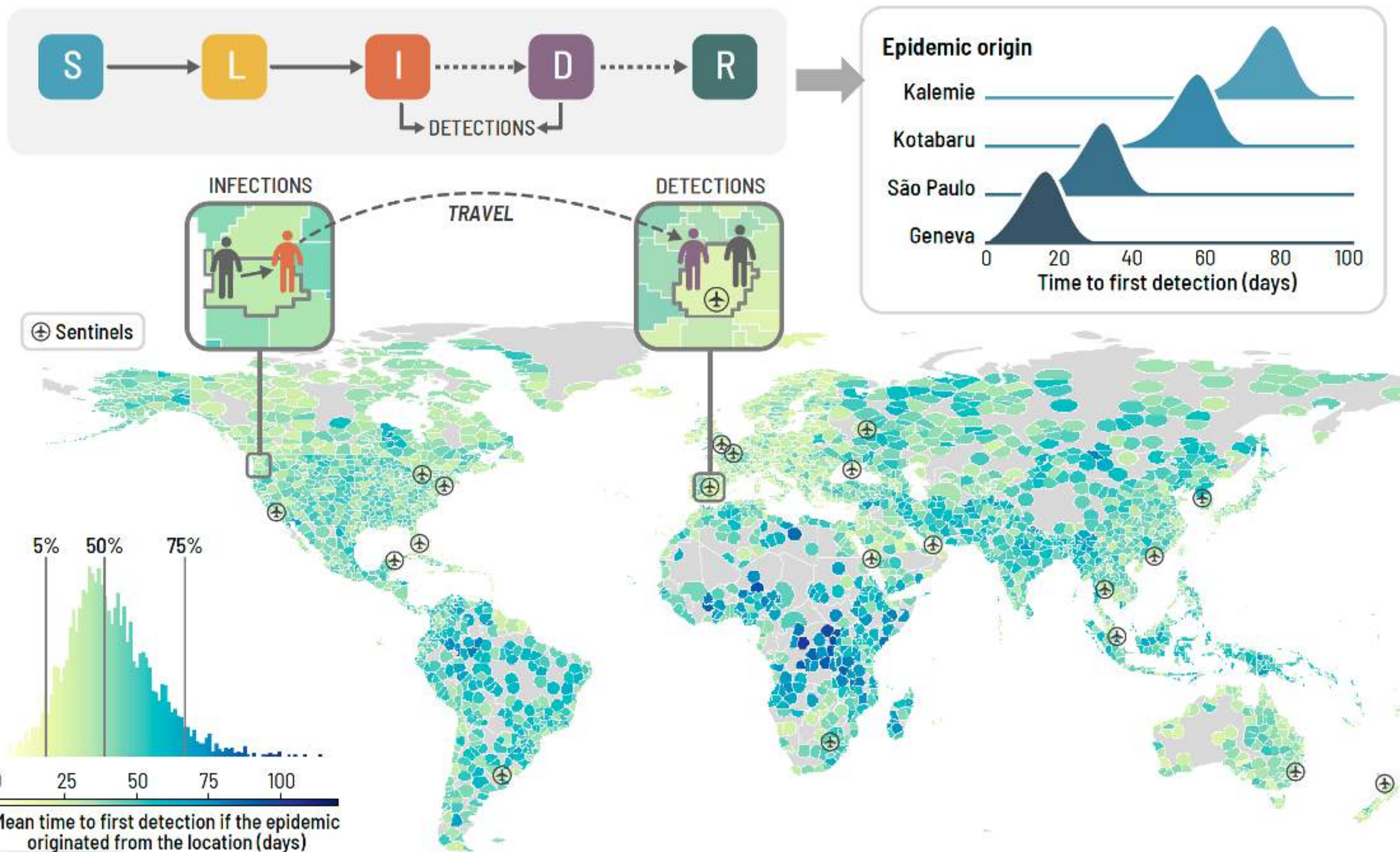
Collaborators&Stakeholders:

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- BMGF
- University of Vermont

Optimization and performance analytics of global aircraft-based wastewater surveillance networks

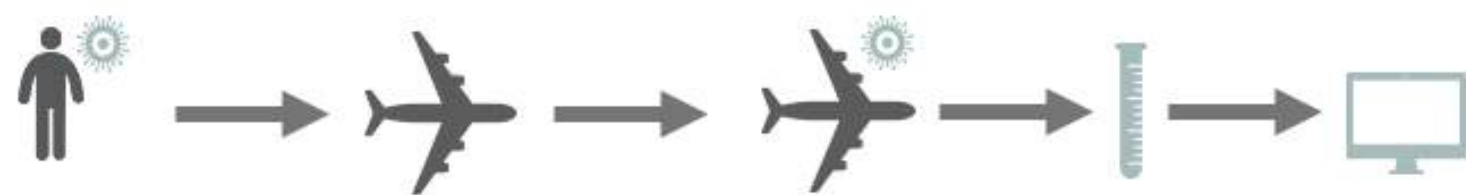
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Modeling platform for Travel-Based Genomic and Wastewater Outbreak surveillance



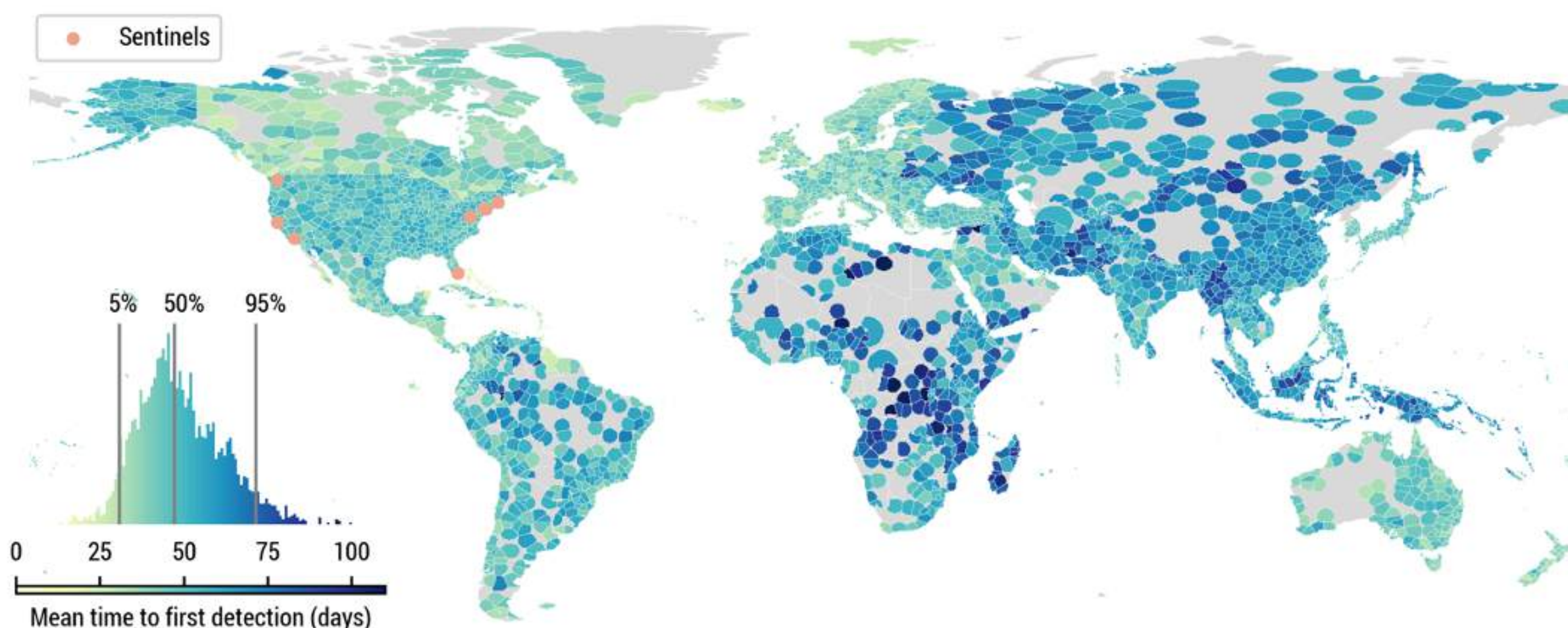
PARTICIPATING AIRPORTS

Seattle (SEA) Boston (BOS)
 San Francisco (SFO) New York City (LHR)
 Los Angeles (LAX) Newark (EWR)
 Washington D.C./Dulles (IAD)



Modeling objectives

- ▶ Which airports in the US?
- ▶ Which international flight routes?
- ▶ Performance analysis
- ▶ Adaptive strategies



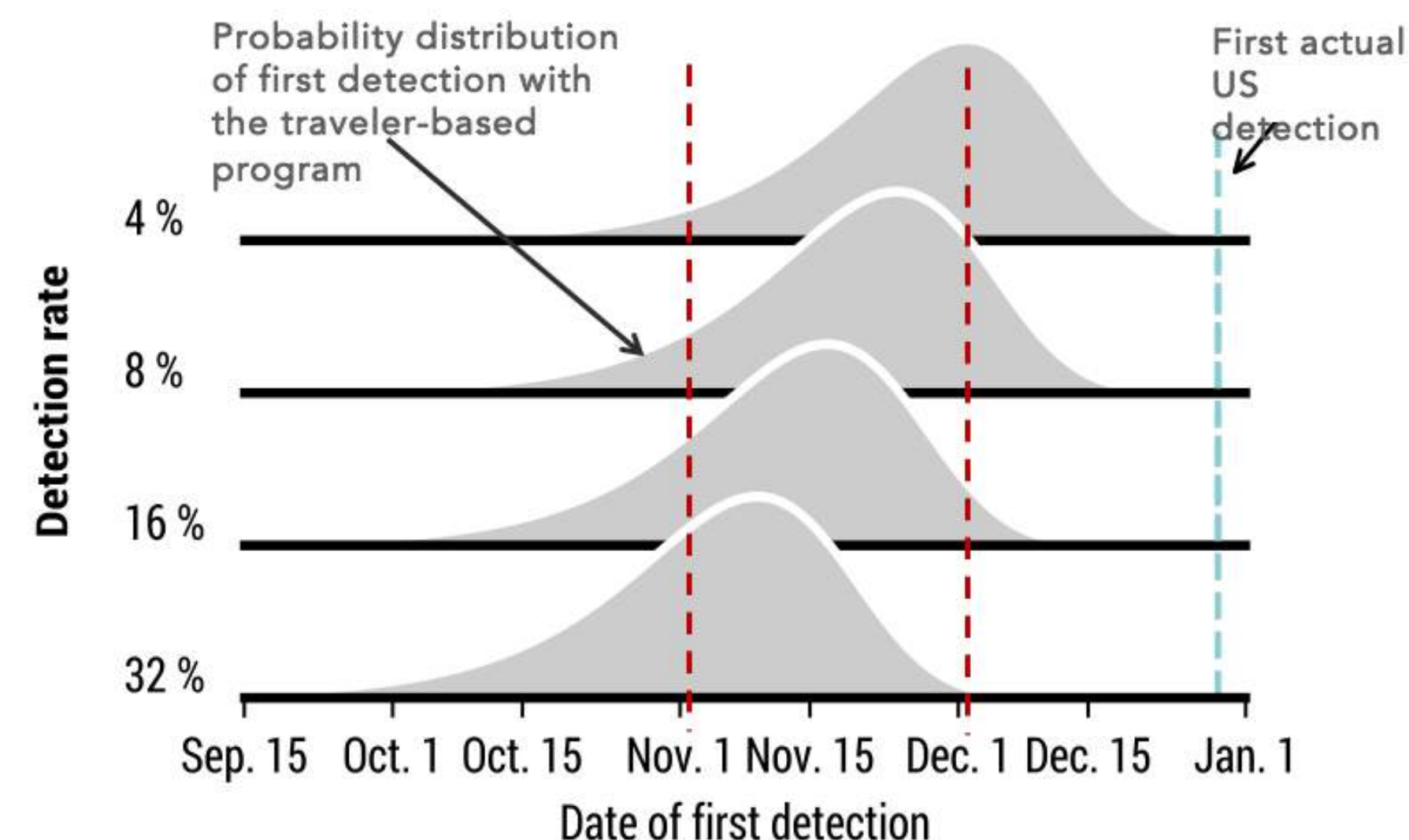
Optimization: top 10 sentinel locations in the US



- ▶ Darker color = higher reduction of the mean time to first detection

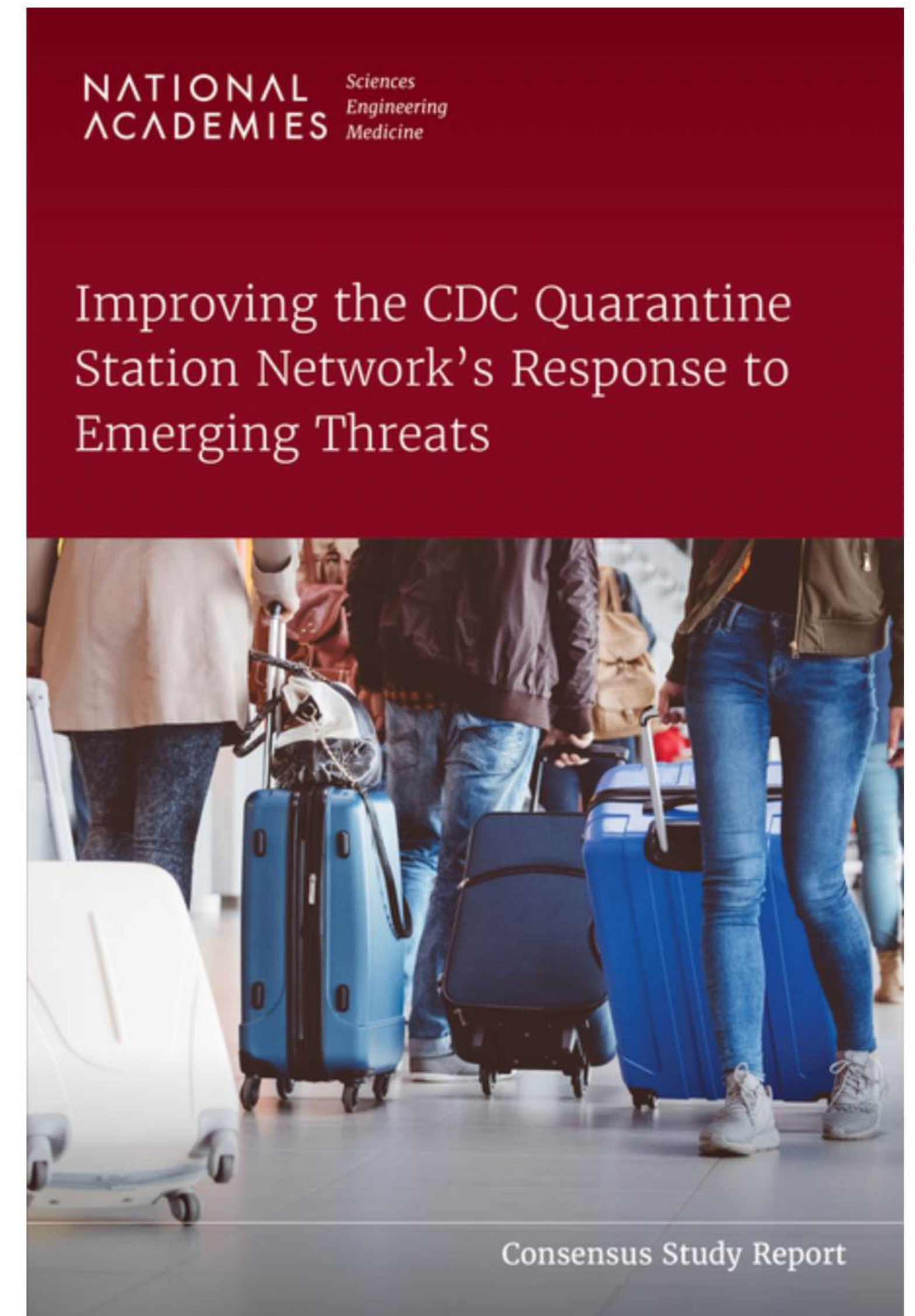
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Baltimore
Chicago
Boston
Houston
Orlando
Seattle

B.1.1.7 (Alpha variant) counterfactual



- ▶ Increase in reproduction number ~40%
- ▶ UK origin during the week of September 13–19, 2020
- ▶ Detection 1 to 2 month before actual detection

- Containment and monitoring for H5N1 should happen now when we have a smoking gun (poultry/cattle farming).
- More rapid modeling with specific information on the outbreak (seasonality, starting dates, intervention capacities)- SMH Insignnet effort.
- Developing a realistic playbook considering a large catalog of possible scenarios





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