

Challenges and Opportunities for Modeling Dengue and Chikungunya

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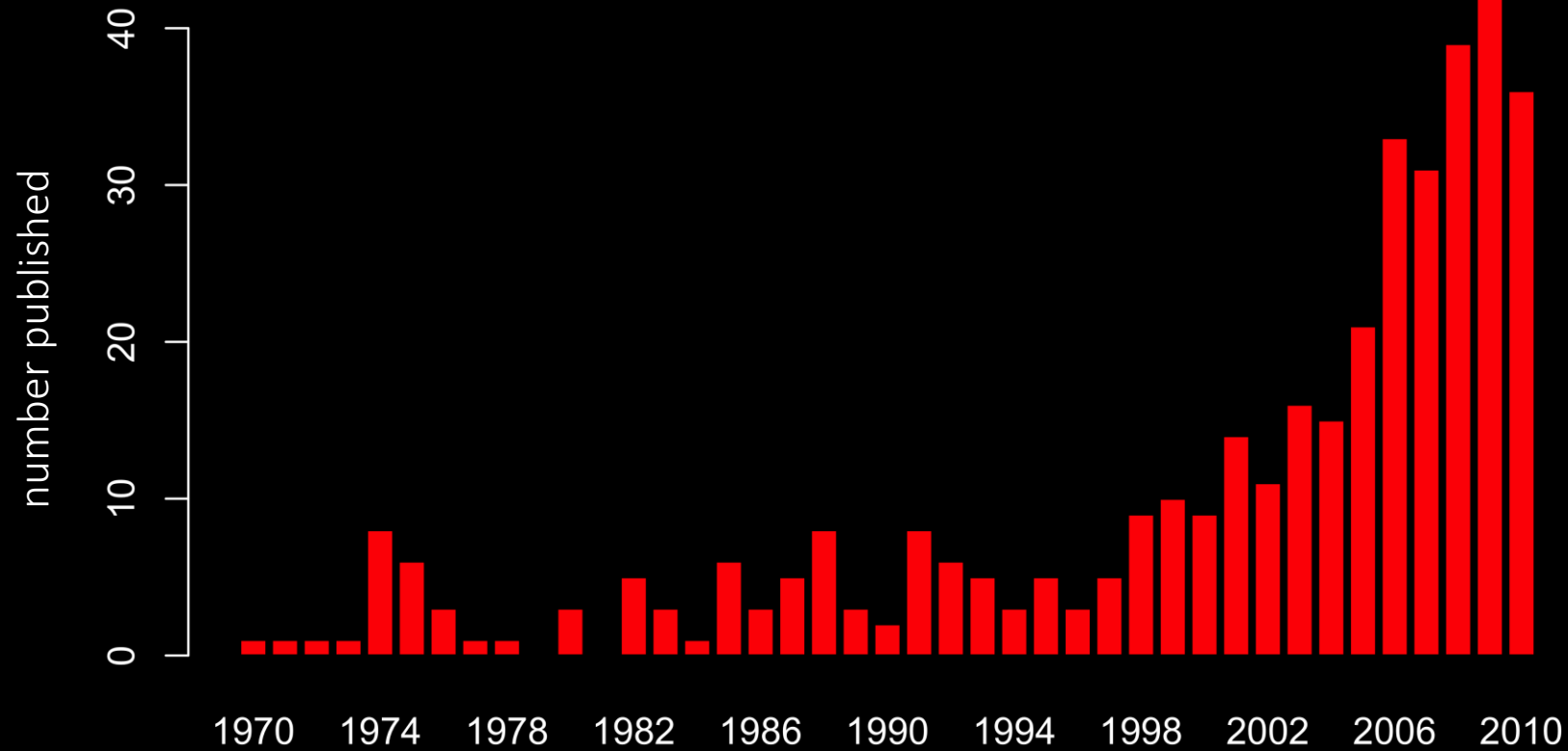


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Mosquito-borne disease models



Modeling for decisions: chikungunya & dengue

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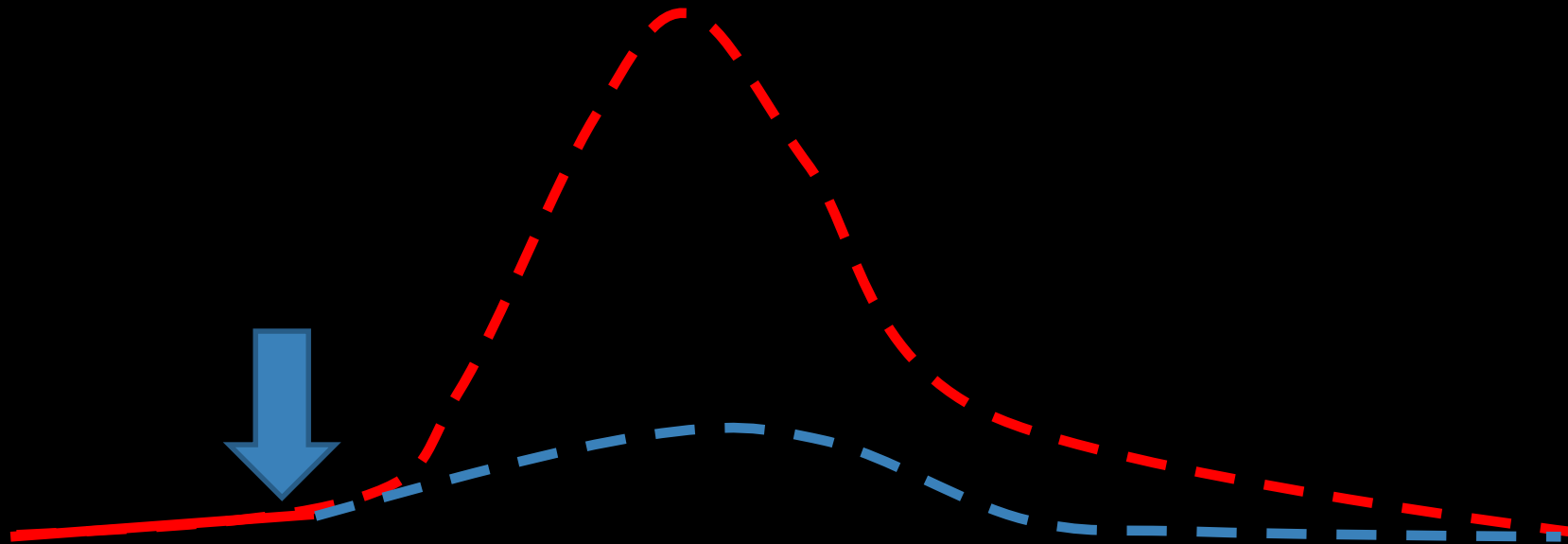
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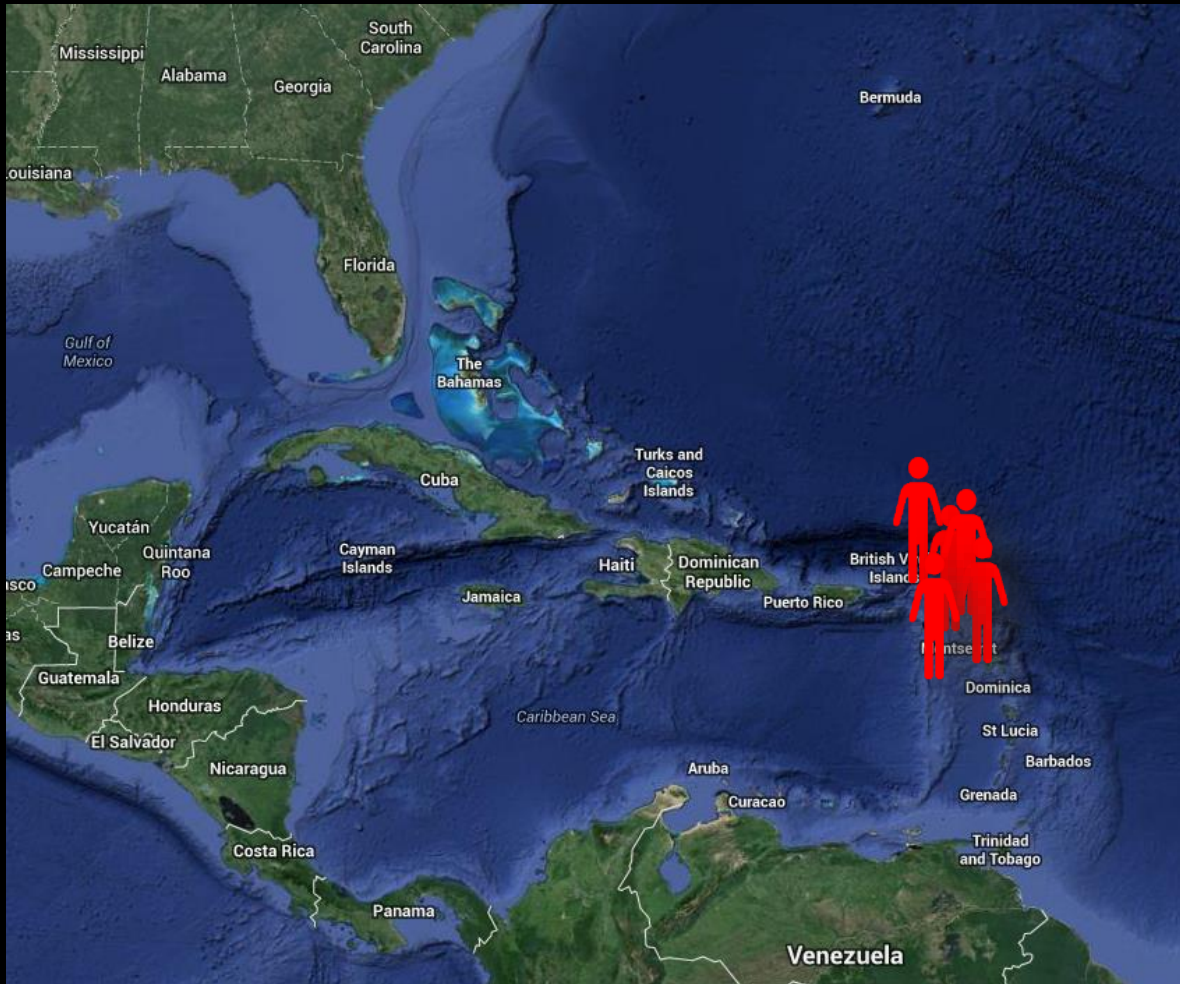
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How?

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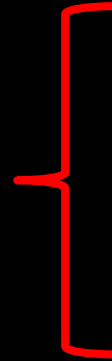
A pathway for informing decisions

1. Establish objectives and **targets**
2. Identify, acquire, and/or simulate **data**
3. Formulate **models**
4. **Evaluate** predictions



Targets

Key characteristics



Common language

Decision-oriented

Measurable

Targets

What is the probability of an infected traveler arriving and initiating local transmission in _____?

Data

Key characteristics

Outcome-oriented

Training & testing

Future availability

Public

Data

1. Incidence

Asymptomatic
Unreported

Country/Territory		Week ^a	Suspected Cases ^b		Confirmed Cases ^b		Deaths	Population ^d X 1000
			Number	Incidence rate ^c	Number	Incidence rate ^c		
Latin Caribbean								
Cuba							0	11,266
Dominican Republic							0	10,404
French Guiana (*)		Week 13	0	0	36	14.5	0	249
Guadeloupe (**)		Week 13	2737	587	802	172.1	1	466
Haiti							0	10,317
Martinique		Week 13	11400	2,822	1,284	317.8	2 ^{##}	404
Puerto Rico							0	3,688
Saint Barthelemy		Week 13	432	4,854	135	1,516.9	0	9
Saint Martin (French part) (***)		Week 13	2840	7,957	790	2,213.5	3 [†]	36
		<i>Subtotal</i>	17409	47	3,047	8.3	6	36,839
Non-Latin Caribbean								
Anguilla [§]		Week 13		0	33	206.3	0	16
Antigua & Barbuda				0	0	0.0	0	90
Aruba [§]		Week 6		0	1	0.9	0	109
Bahamas				0	0	0.0	0	377
Barbados				0	0	0.0	0	289
Cayman Islands				0	0	0.0	0	54
Curacao				0	0	0.0	0	147
Dominica (****)		Week 13	558	764	81	111.0	0	73
Grenada				0	0	0.0	0	110
Guyana				0	0	0.0	0	800
Jamaica				0	0	0.0	0	2,784
Montserrat				0	0	0.0	0	5
Saint Kitts & Nevis		Week 8		0	1	2.0	0	51
Saint Lucia [¶]		Week 13		0	1	0.6	0	163
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines				0	0	0.0	0	103
Sint Maarten (Dutch part) [‡]		Week 12		0	123	307.5	0	40
Suriname				0	0	0.0	0	539
Trinidad & Tobago				0	0	0.0	0	1,341
Turks & Caicos Islands				0	0	0.0	0	48
Virgin Islands (UK)		Week 10		0	7	21.9	0	32
Virgin Islands (US)				0	0	0.0	0	105
		<i>Subtotal</i>	558	8	247	3.4	0	7,276
TOTAL			17967	41	3,294	7.5	6	44,115

Data

1. Incidence

2. Movement

Long-term change

Differences for cases

Response to epidemic



Data

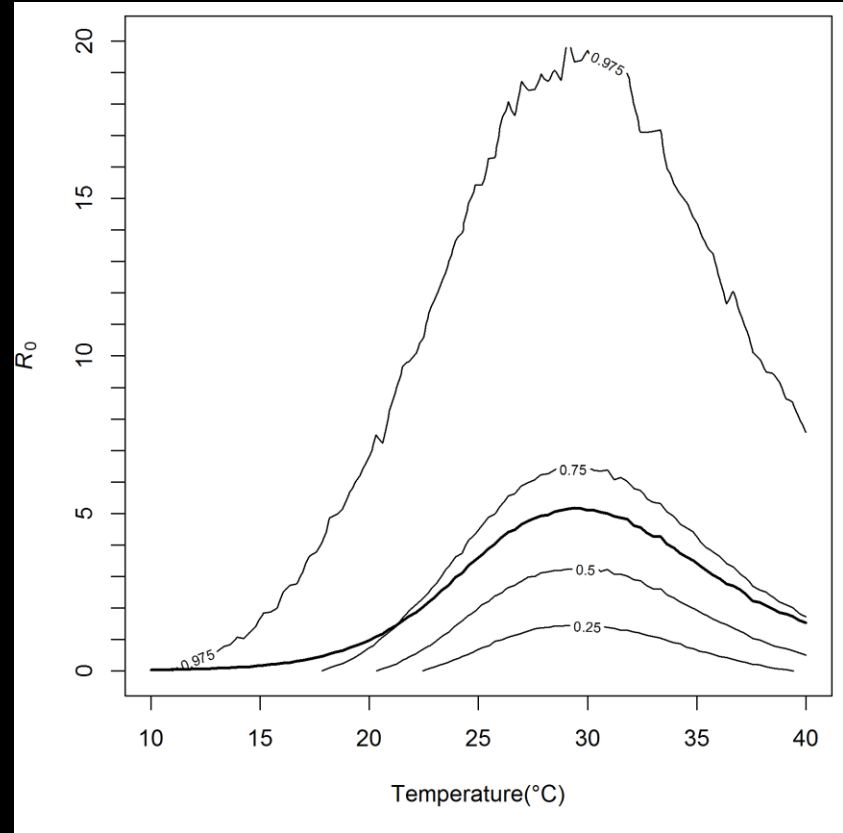
1. Incidence
2. Movement
3. Transmissibility

Infectious period

Mosquito spp./strain

Mosquito abundance

Vector competence

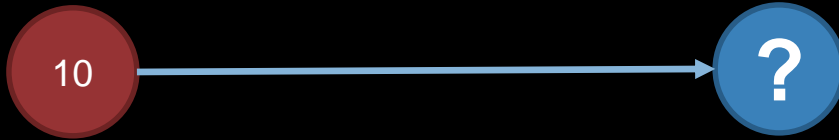


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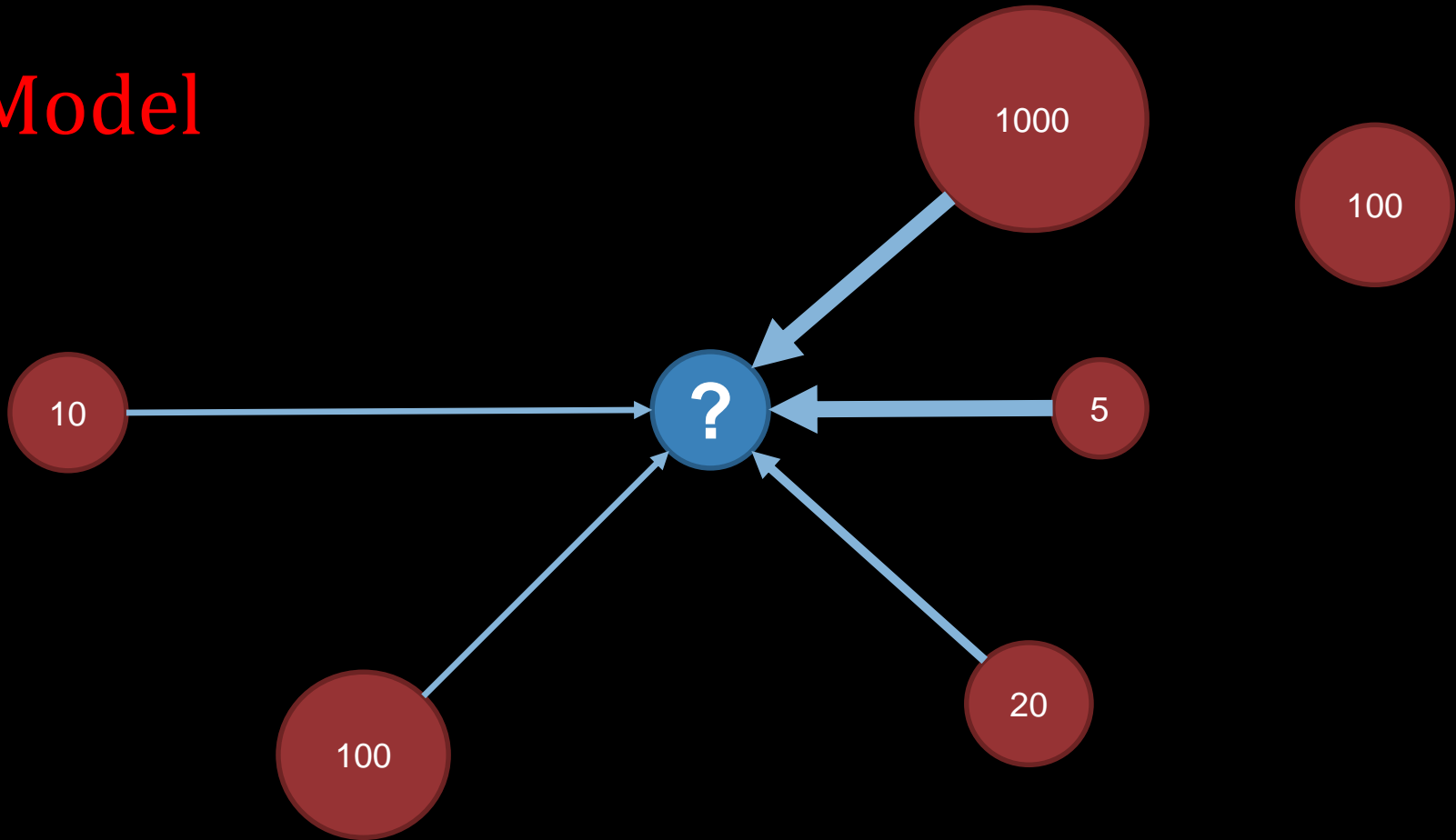
Probability of local transmission

$$p_{AUTO}(i, m) = 1 - \prod_{s \in S} \left(1 - p_{i,s,m} + p_{i,s,m} e^{R_{0i,m}^{HM}} (e^{-R_{0i,m}^{MH}} - 1) \right)^{I_{s,m}^D}$$

Model



Model



Evaluation

Key characteristics

Make predictions public

Use a baseline

Evaluate on external data

Estimate accuracy

Compare uncertainty



Russia

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Nowcasting the Spread of Chikungunya Virus in the Americas

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Abstract

Background: In December 2013, the first locally-acquired chikungunya virus (CHIKV) infections in the Americas were reported in the Caribbean. As of May 16, 55,992 cases had been reported and the outbreak was still spreading. Identification of newly affected locations is paramount to intervention activities, but challenging due to limitations of current data on the outbreak and on CHIKV transmission. We developed models to make probabilistic predictions of spread based on current data considering these limitations.

Methods and Findings: Branching process models capturing travel patterns, local infection prevalence, climate dependent transmission factors, and associated uncertainty estimates were developed to predict probable locations for the arrival of CHIKV-infected travelers and for the initiation of local transmission. Many international cities and areas close to where transmission has already occurred were likely to have received infected travelers. Of the ten locations predicted to be the most likely locations for introduced CHIKV transmission in the first four months of the outbreak, eight had reported local cases by the end of April. Eight additional locations were likely to have had introduction leading to local transmission in April, but with substantial uncertainty.

Conclusions: Branching process models can characterize the risk of CHIKV introduction and spread during the ongoing outbreak. Local transmission of CHIKV is currently likely in several Caribbean locations and possible, though uncertain, for other locations in the continental United States, Central America, and South America. This modeling framework may also be useful for other outbreaks where the risk of pathogen spread over heterogeneous transportation networks must be rapidly assessed on the basis of limited information.

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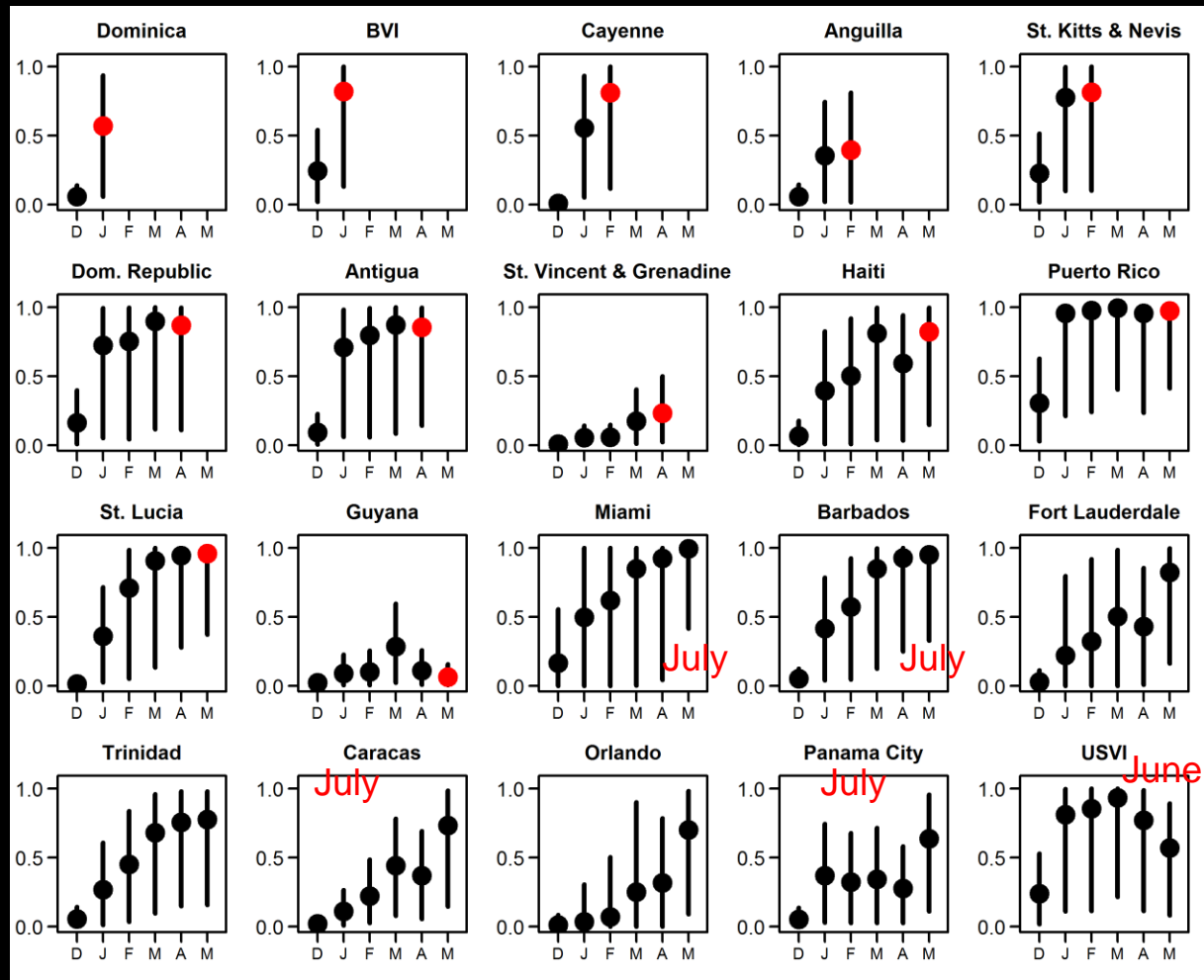
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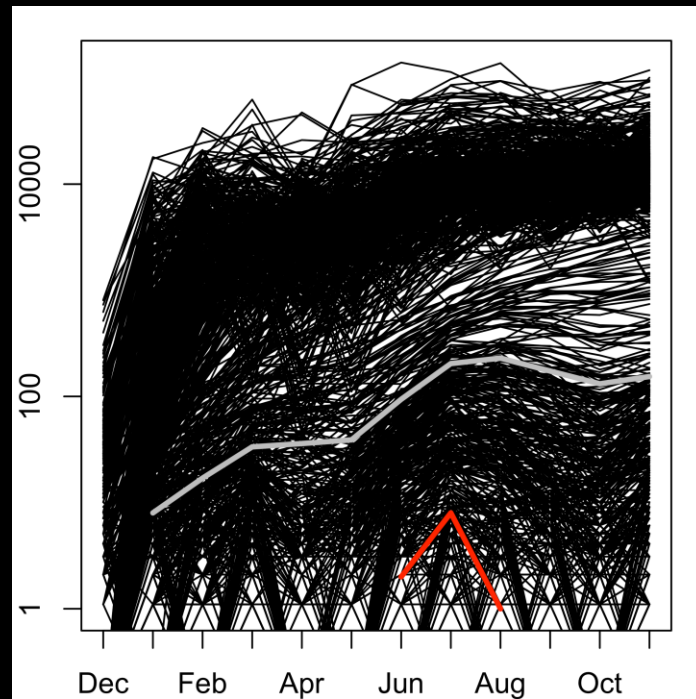
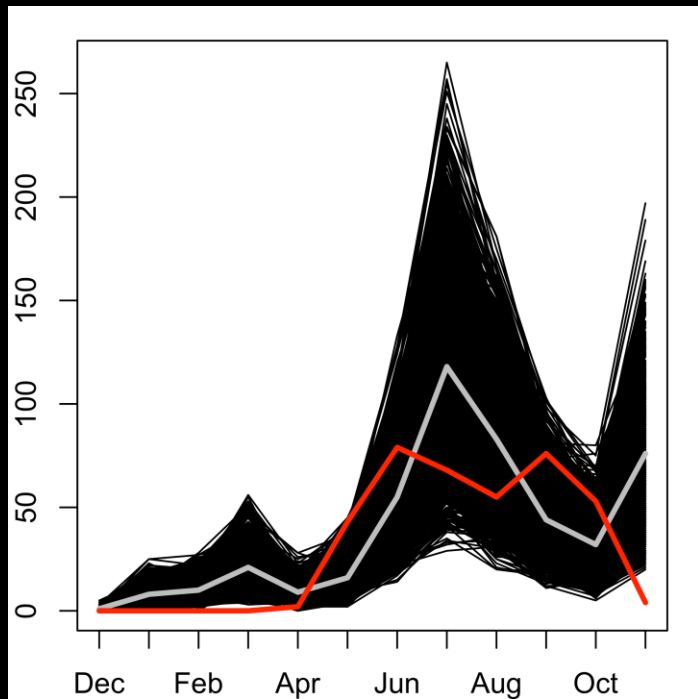
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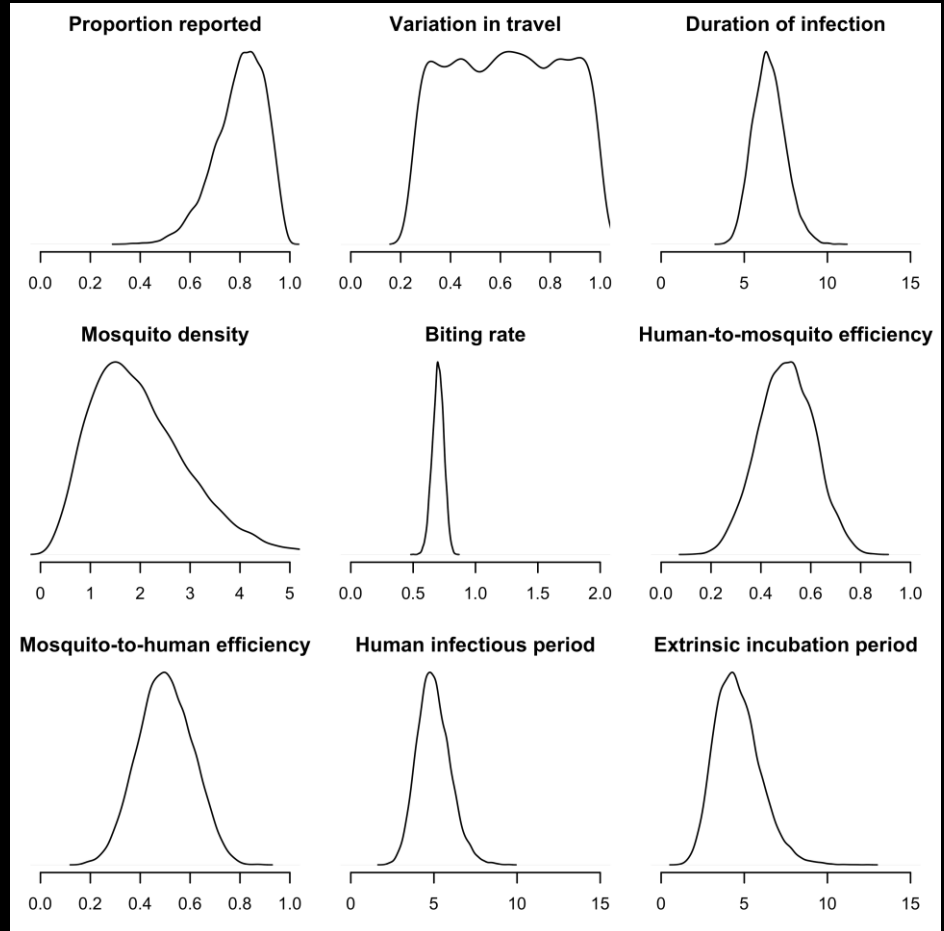
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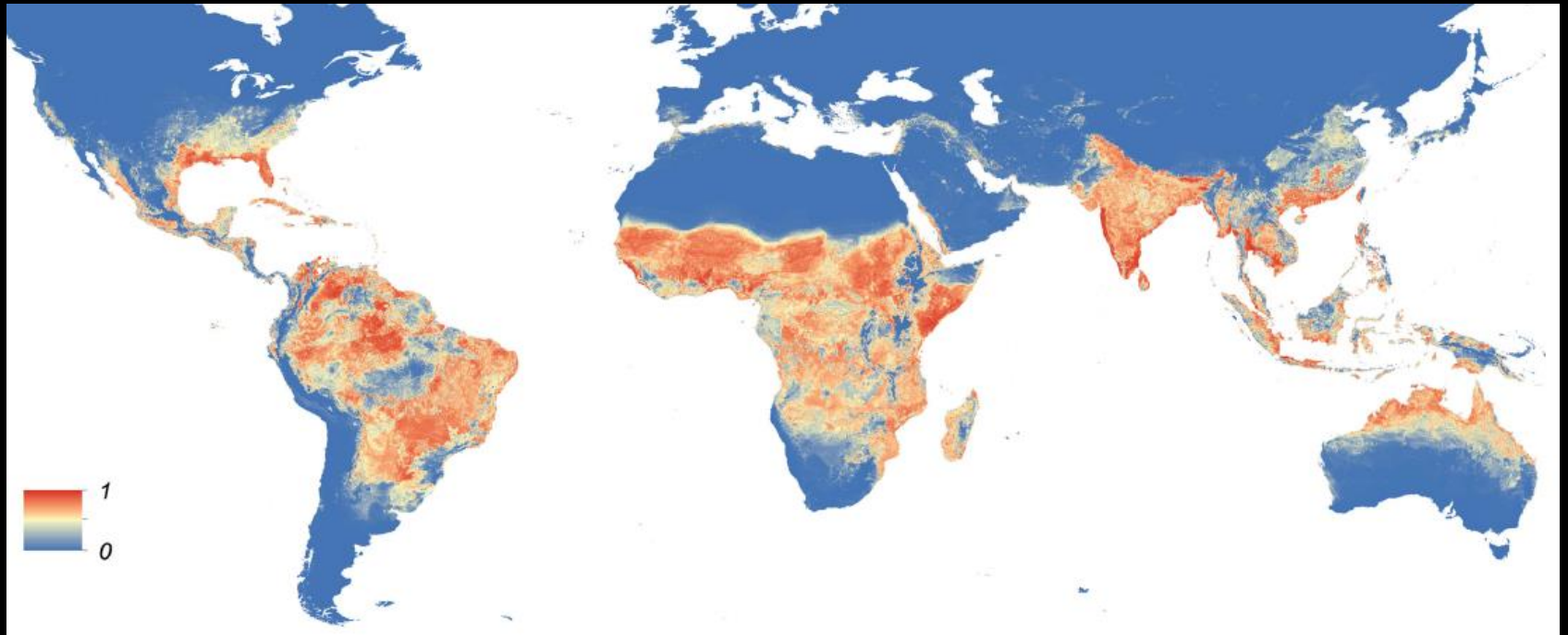
Evaluation



Uncertainties



Estimated suitability for *Aedes aegypti*



Complex interactions

Nuevo Laredo
Mexico

Recent
Infection

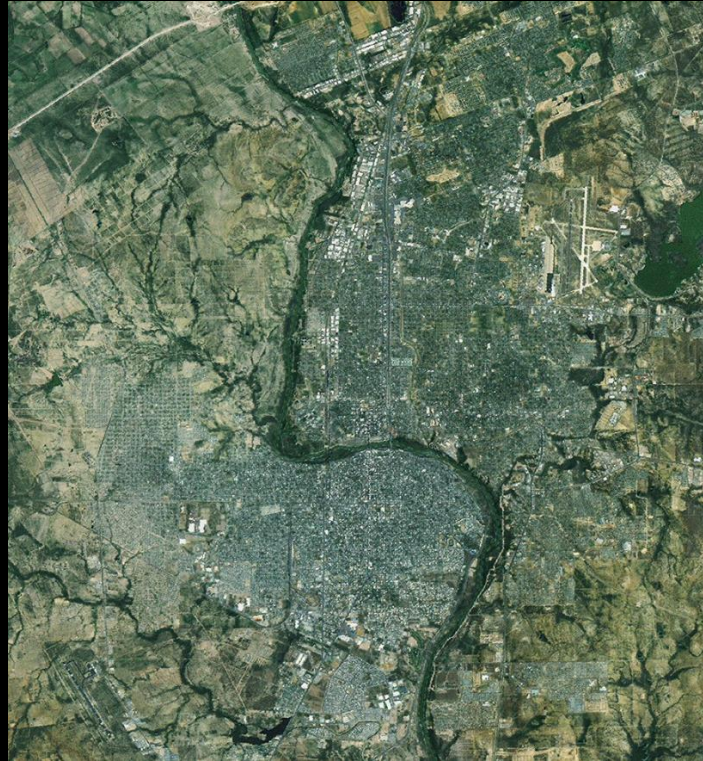
16%

Past
Infection

48%

Ae. aegypti
index

25%



Laredo
USA

Recent
Infection

1%

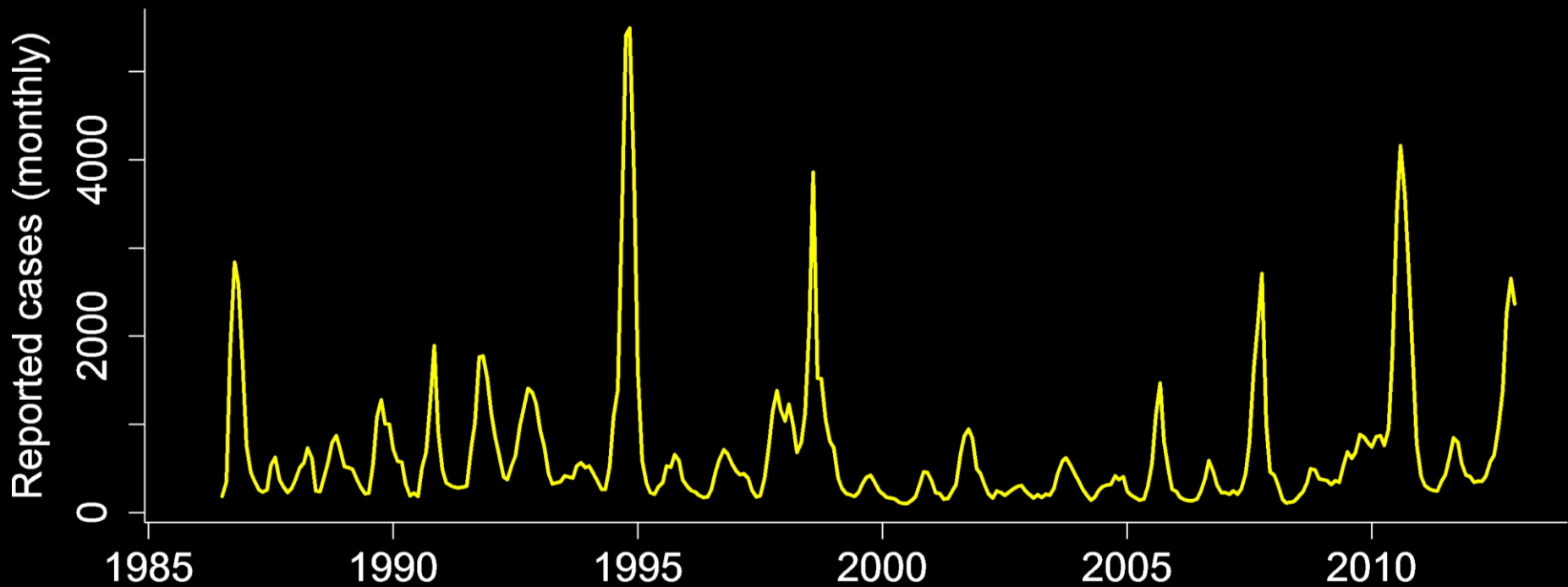
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23%

Ae. aegypti
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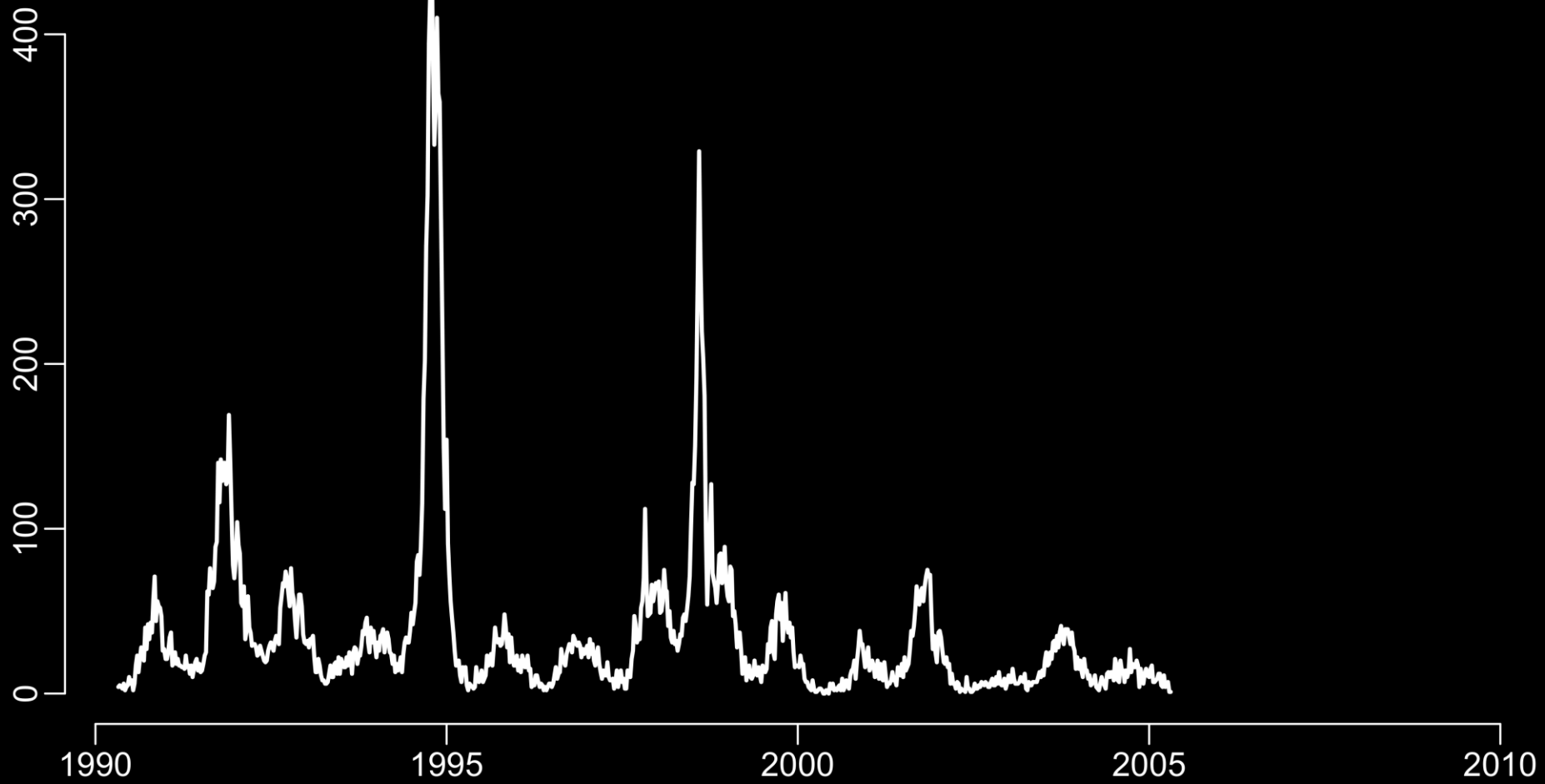
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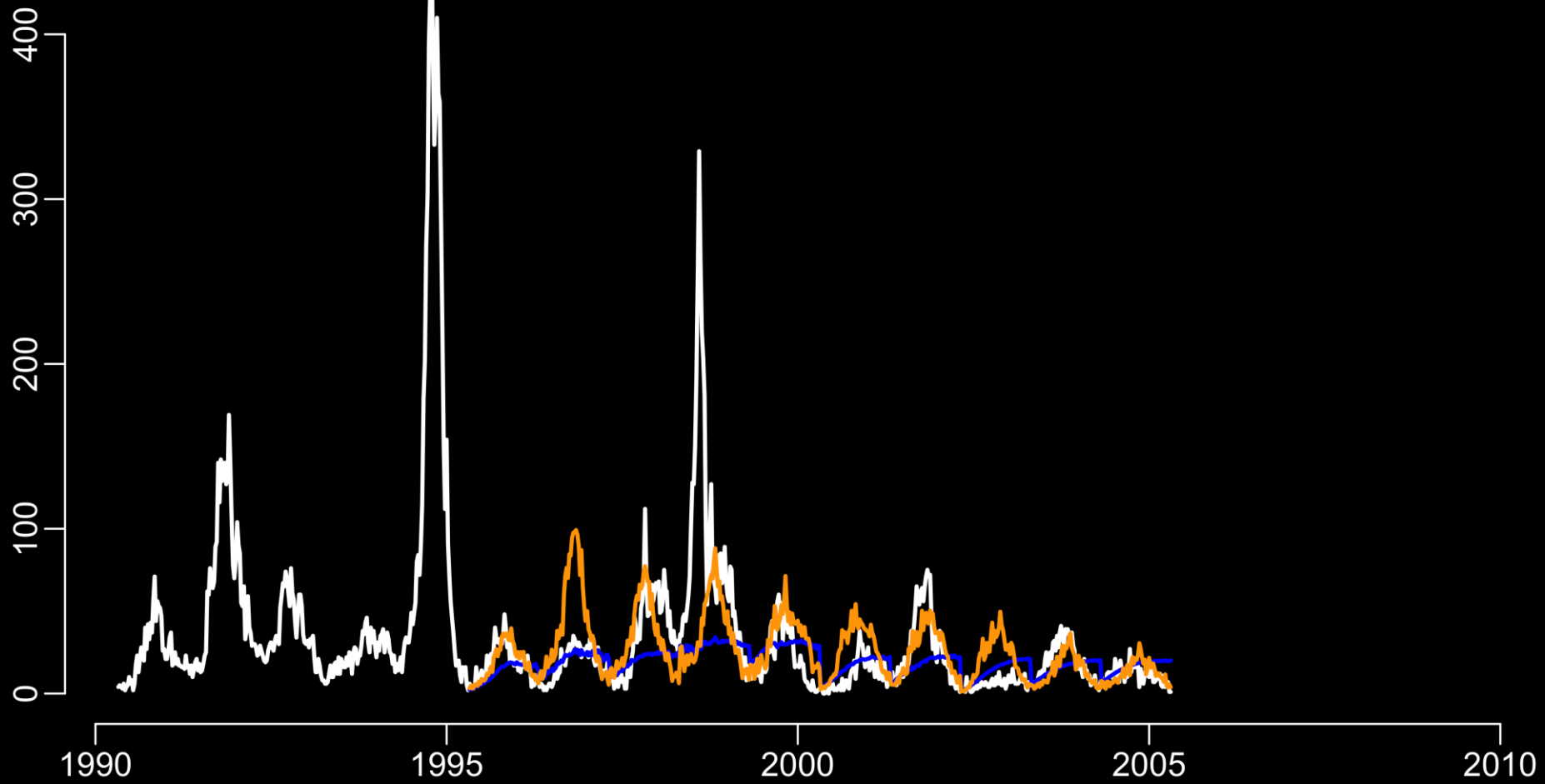
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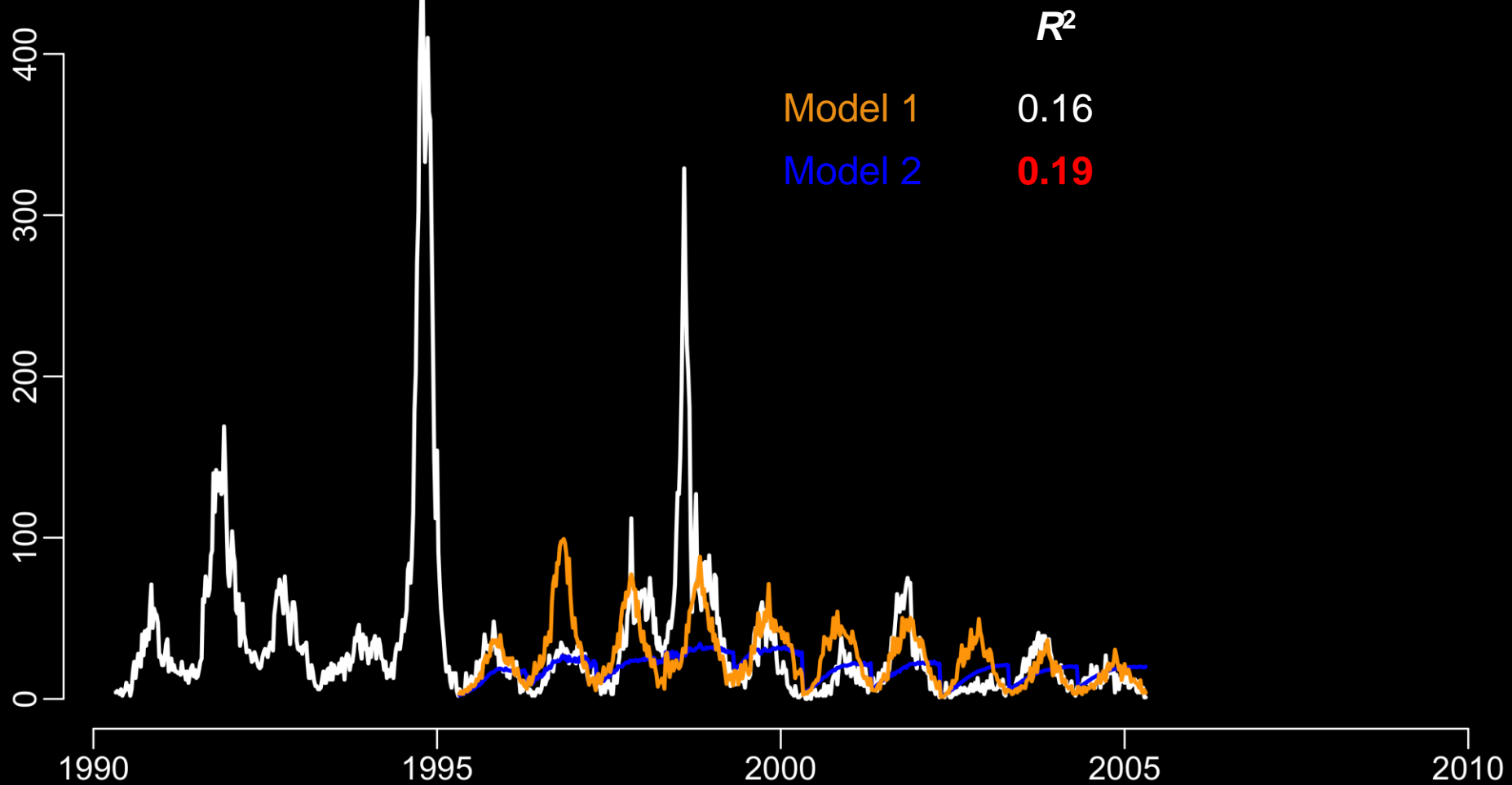


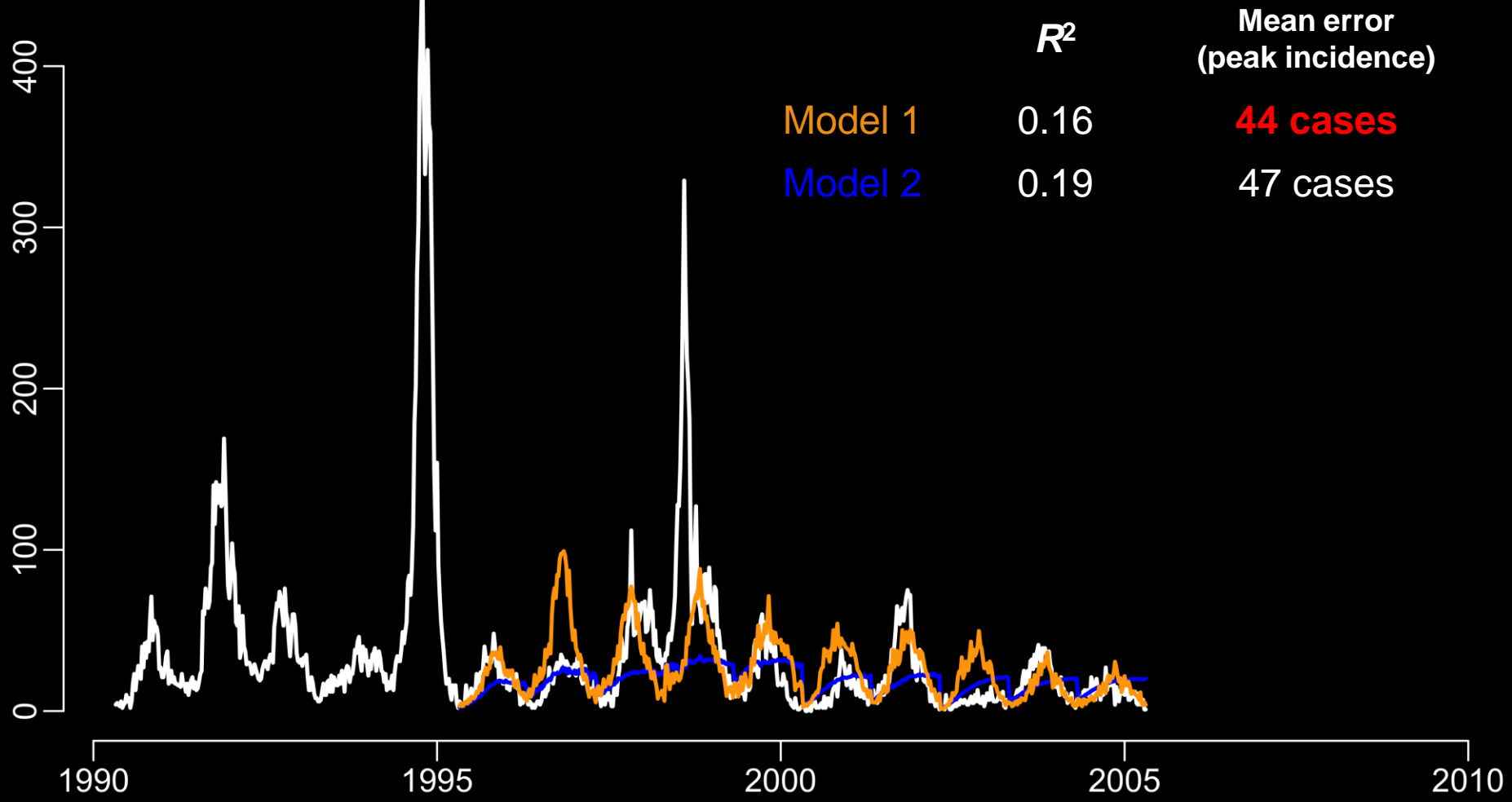
Targets

What will the peak incidence be?









R^2

Mean error
(peak incidence)

Model 1

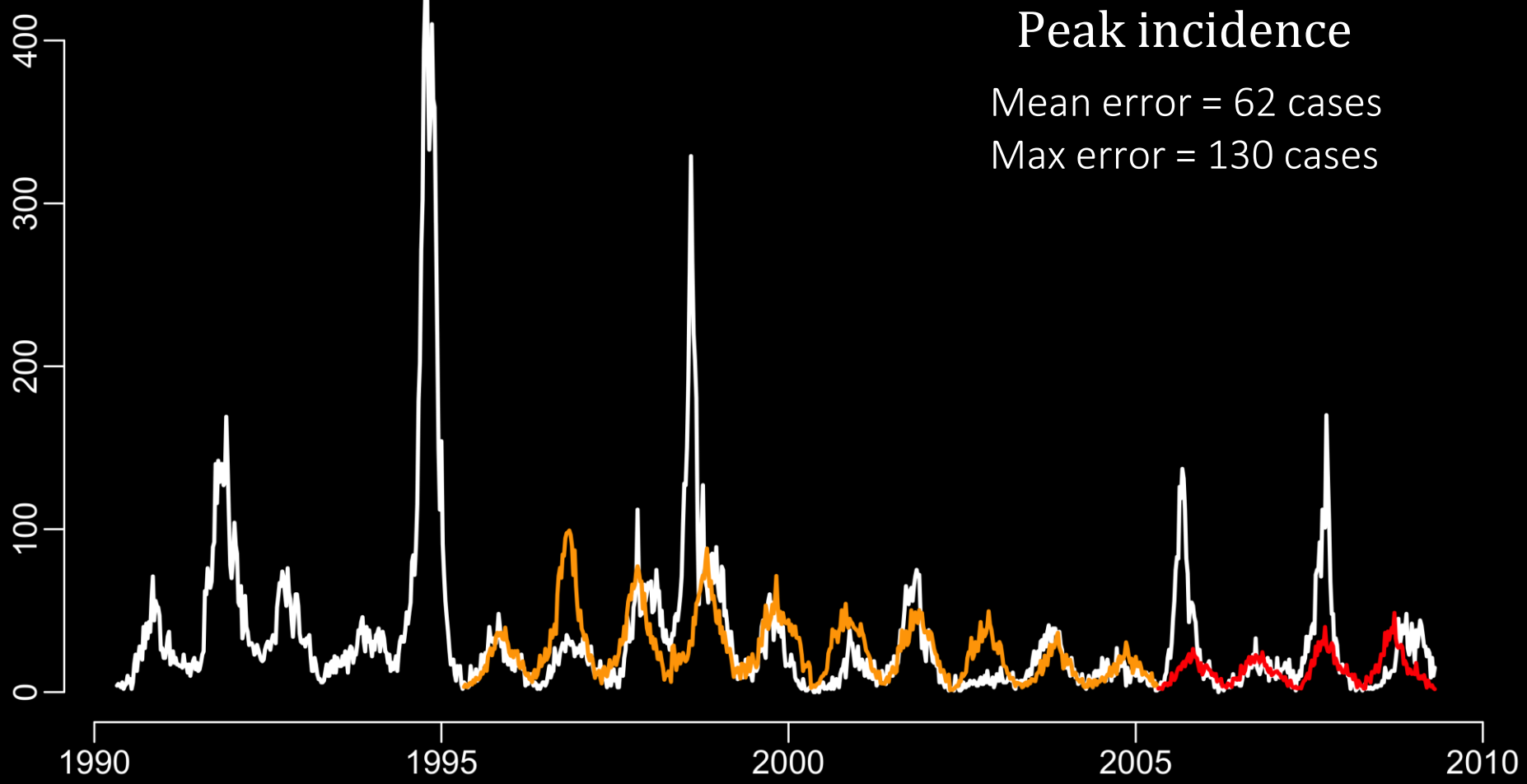
0.16

44 cases

Model 2

0.19

47 cases

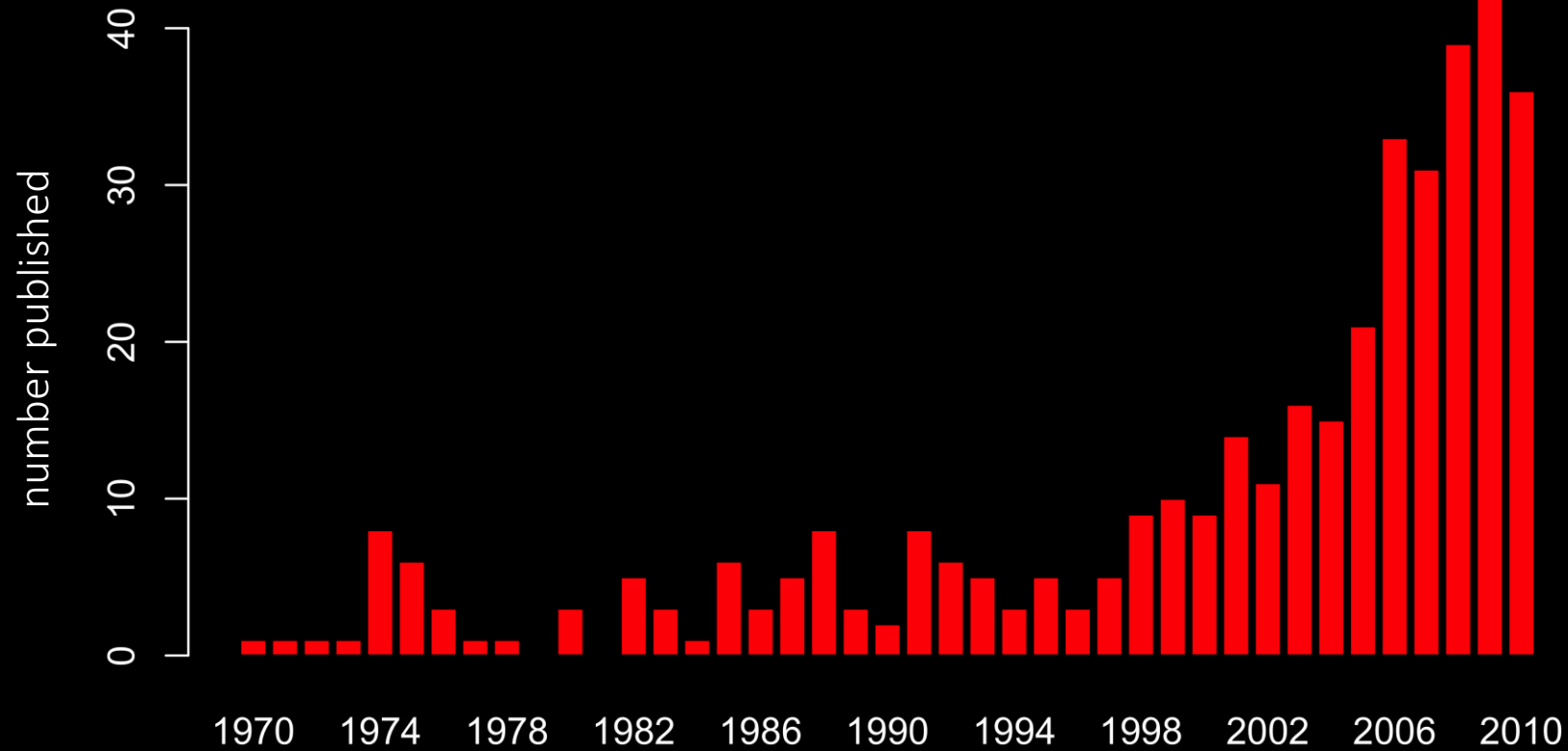


Peak incidence

Mean error = 62 cases

Max error = 130 cases

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Dengue Forecasting Project

Targets: Peak incidence, peak timing, and total cases

Data: Public data release: San Juan and Iquitos
(inc. serotype + environmental)

Evaluation: Testing/training, quantitative metrics

Models: Any

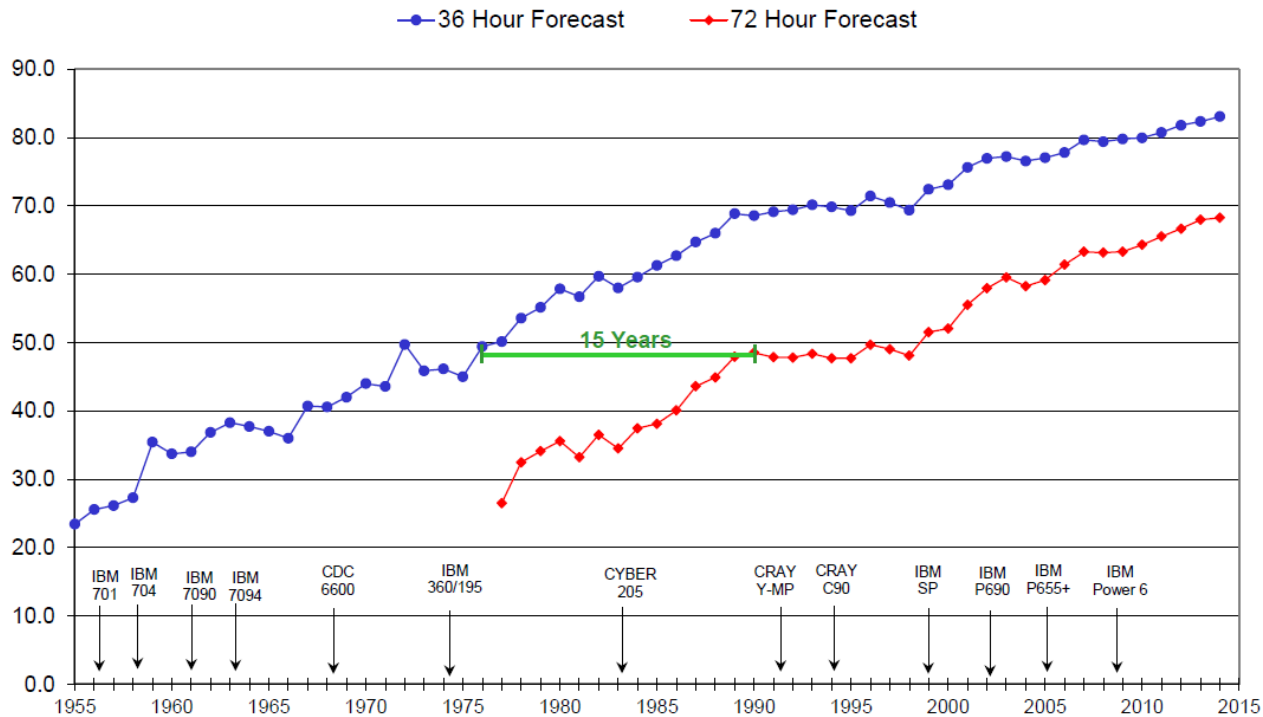
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NCEP Operational Forecast Skill

36 and 72 Hour Forecasts @ 500 MB over North America [100 * (1-S1/70) Method]



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