

Predictive models for infectious diseases spread

BDVA - Are we using data in the best way to manage the COVID-19 Pandemic?

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Motivation

Predictive modelling for infectious diseases spread

Preventive policies

Decision-making

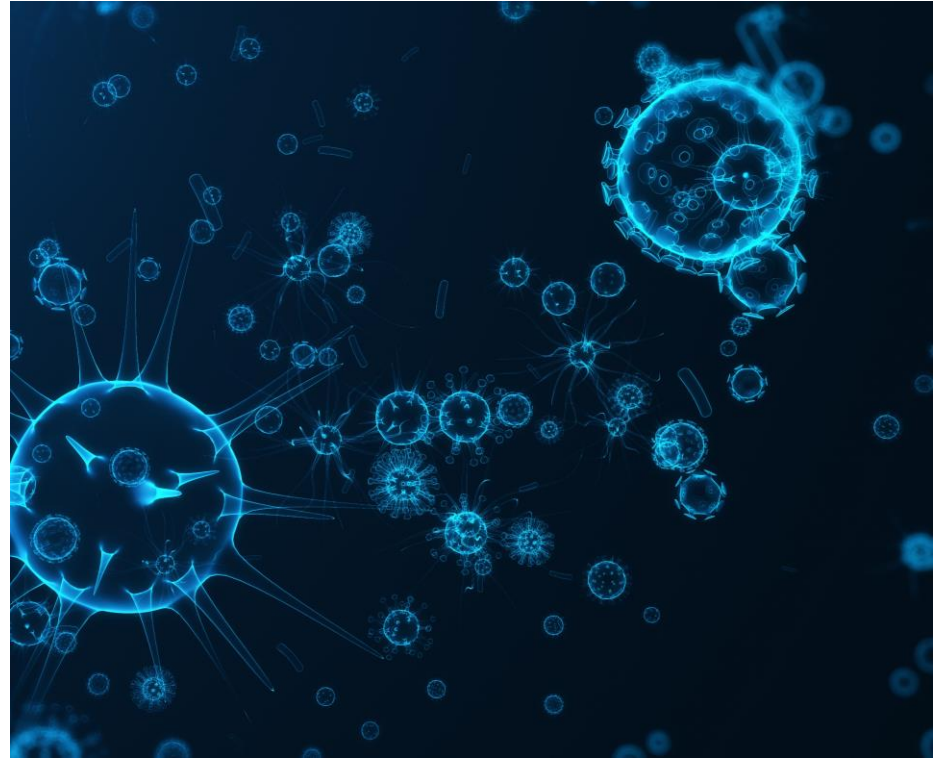
Allocation of medical resources

Raise awareness

Arrangement of production activities

Economical impact

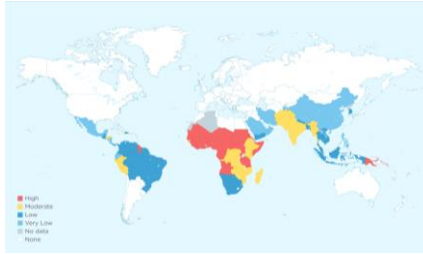
Seasonal prediction



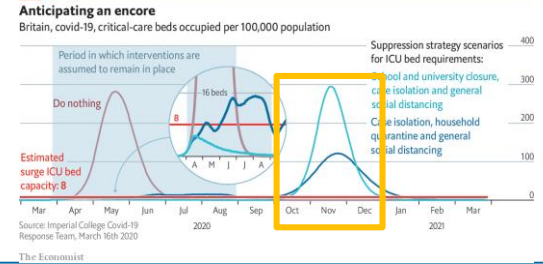
Disease prediction models

Corley CD, Pullum LL, Hartley DM, et al. Disease prediction models and operational readiness. *PLoS One*. 2014;9(3):e91989. Published 2014 Mar 19. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0091989

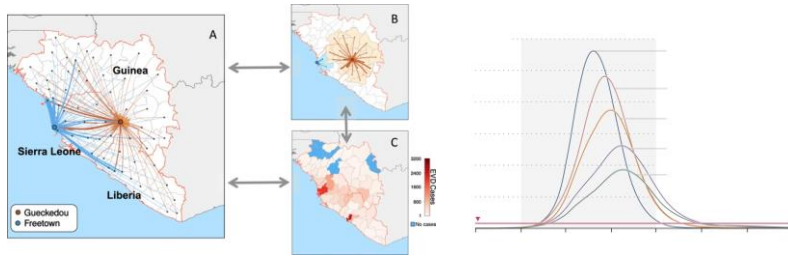
Risk assessment



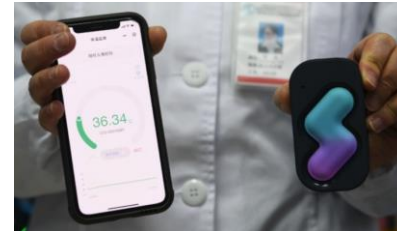
Event prediction



Spatial / dynamical models



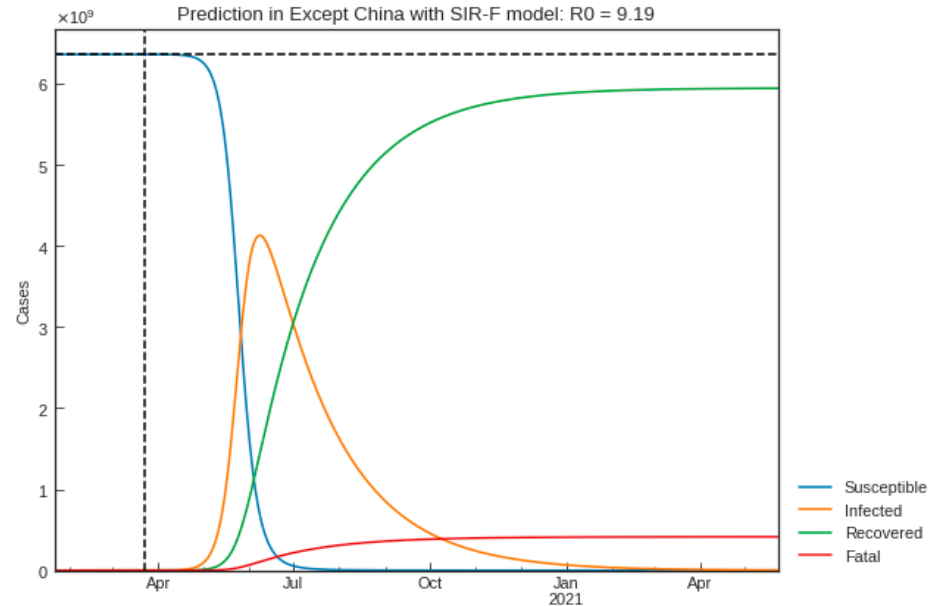
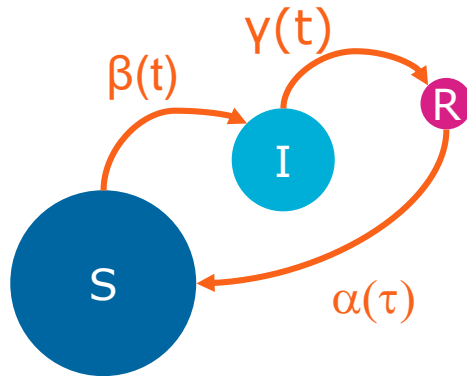
Event detection



Mathematical modelling

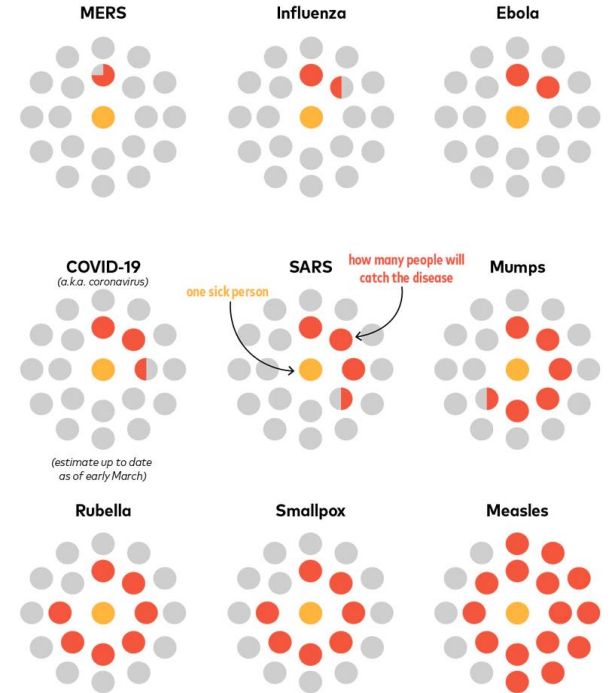
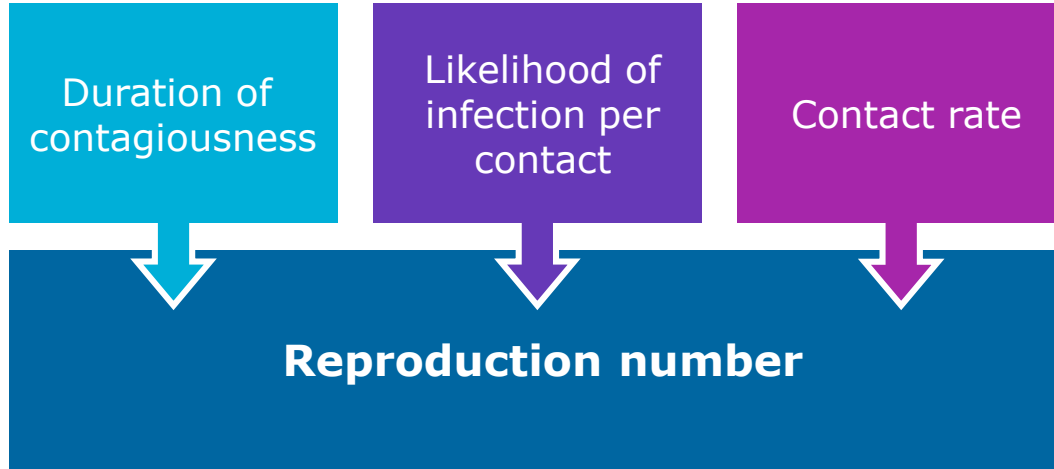
► SIR model (Susceptible, Infectious, Recovered)

- Compartment model
- Human to human transmission
- Based on differential equations
- Improvements and elaborations
 - SIS, carriers, SEIR (exposed), etc



Mathematical modelling

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<https://www.popsoci.com/story/health/how-diseases-spread/>



AI for spread prediction

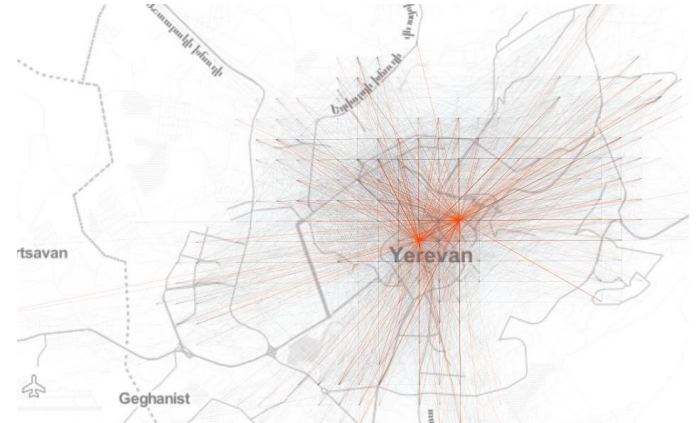
► SIR parameters estimation

- Machine Learning (MLP, CNN, LSTM) can be used to estimate SIR parameters from time series data as a supervised problem.
- ML models learn faster than Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC).
- Tessmer, H. L., Ito, K., & Omori, R. (2018). Can machines learn respiratory virus epidemiology?: A comparative study of likelihood-free methods for the estimation of epidemiological dynamics.
- Maziar Raissi, Niloofar Ramezani & Padmanabhan Seshaiyer (2019) On parameter estimation approaches for predicting disease transmission through optimization, deep learning and statistical inference methods



Big Data for spread prediction

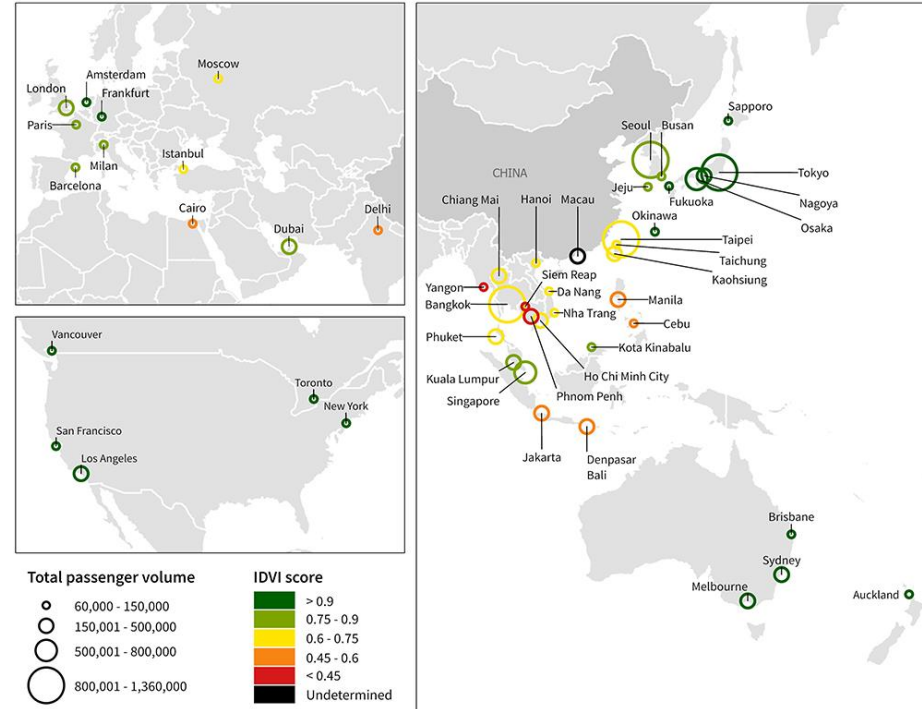
- ▶ Spatiotemporal spread prediction using data
 - Traffic Origin Destination (OD) matrix can be used to predict spread considering population flows.
 - OD matrix can be obtained from real data.
 - Models show that there is a positive correlation between the population input and the number of confirmed cases.
 - <https://lexparsimon.github.io/coronavirus/>



AI & BigData for spread prediction

▶ BlueDot spread prediction

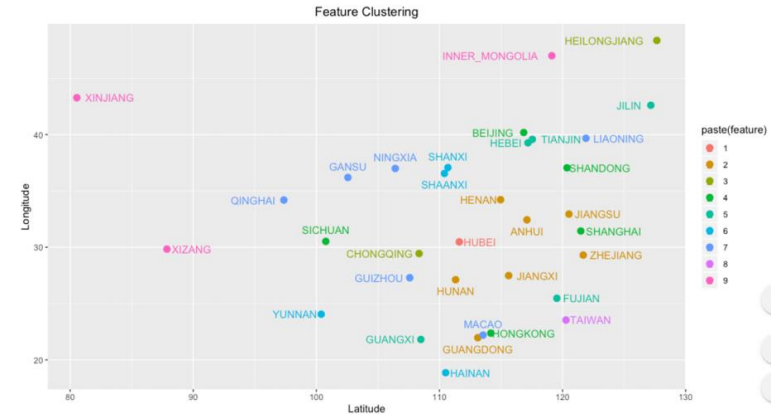
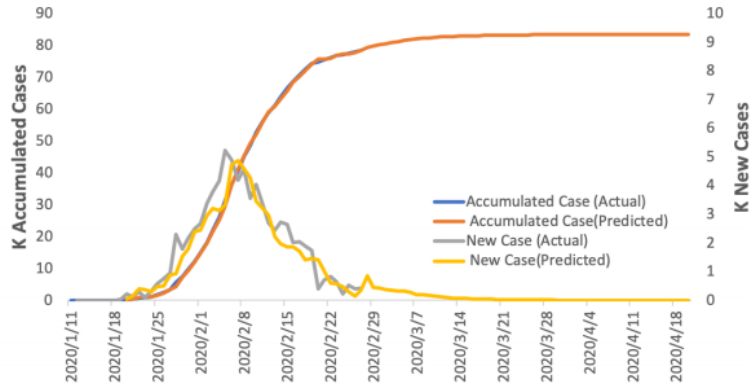
- Published in 2020/01/27
- Using 2019 data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- Infectious disease vulnerability index (IDVI) for each receiving country
- 11 of the cities at the top of their list were the first places to see COVID-19 cases.
- Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 2, March 2020, taaa011



AI for spread prediction

► Real-time forecasting using auto-encoders

- Modified auto-encoders forecast number of accumulative and new confirmed cases.
- Clustering for provinces and cities is done using k-means.
- Hu, Z., Ge, Q., Jin, L., & Xiong, M. (2020). Artificial intelligence forecasting of covid-19 in China.



COVID-19 datasets (global)

| Dataset | Frequency | Information | Level of detail | Format |
|--|-----------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| John Hopkins University | Daily | Confirmed, deaths, recovered, active | Per country and region (US) | Daily reports and Time-series (csv) |
| WHO situation reports | Daily | Confirmed, deaths, transmission classification | Per country | Situation report (pdf) and API |
| European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control | Daily | New cases and new deaths | Per country | Situation report (pdf) and Time-series (csv) |

COVID-19 datasets (national)

| Dataset | Frequency | Information | Level of detail | Format |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---|----------------------|--------|
| Spain | Daily | Cases, hospitalized, ICU, deaths | By province | CSV |
| South Korea | Daily | Cases, patients info, age, gender, etc | By case | CSV |
| Italy | Daily | Positive cases | By province & region | CSV |
| Brazil | Daily | Suspects, refuses, cases, deaths | By state | CSV |
| Indonesia | Daily | Tested, confirmed, negative, isolated, released, patient metadata | By case | CSV |
| India | Daily | Confirmed, cured, deaths, patient metadata | By case | CSV |

Challenges

**Access to quality,
accurate, and
complete data**

**Small amount of
available data**

**Effects of quarantine
and actions**

**Variability over the
time**

**Variability between
regions**

**Compliance with
privacy regulations**

Challenges

“Right now the quality of the data is so uncertain that we don't know how good the models are going to be in projecting this kind of outbreak”

Marc Lipsitch, epidemiologist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Thank you

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