

What Can Be Estimated From Early Phase Fatality Data?

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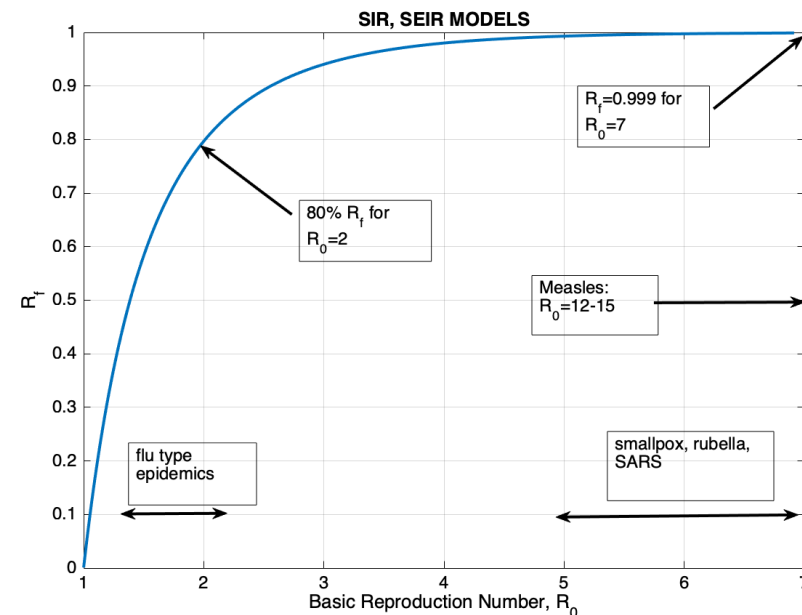
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The Susceptible-Infected-Removed (SIR) model

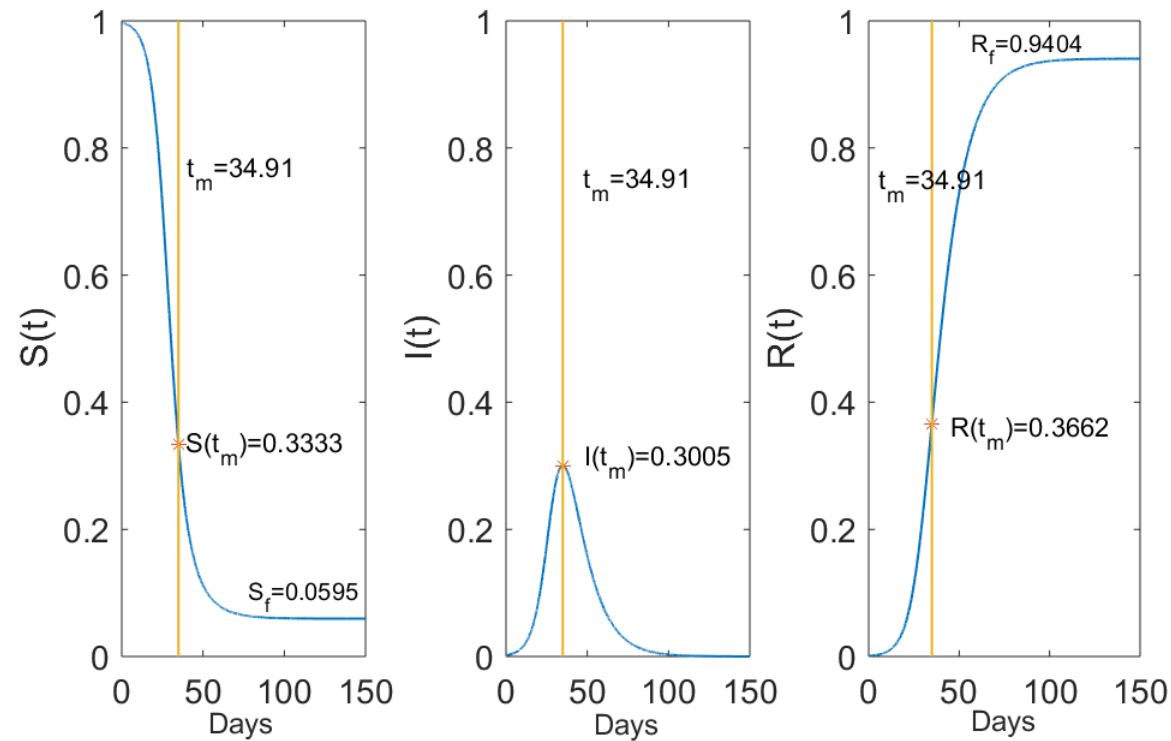
Assumptions

- Data is time homogeneous
- Susceptible individuals get infected upon contact with infected individuals.
- Infected individuals get well after a certain period and gain permanent immunity.
- $S' = -\beta SI$, $I' = \beta SI - \eta I$, $R' = \eta I$
- $R_0 = \beta / \eta$, $T = 1 / \eta$
- As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $I \rightarrow 0$, $R \rightarrow R_f$, $S \rightarrow S_f$

The relation between R_0 and R_f : If $R_0 > 3$, at the end of the epidemic, the proportion of Removed individuals will be 95%, those who will remain susceptible will be 5% (without vaccination)

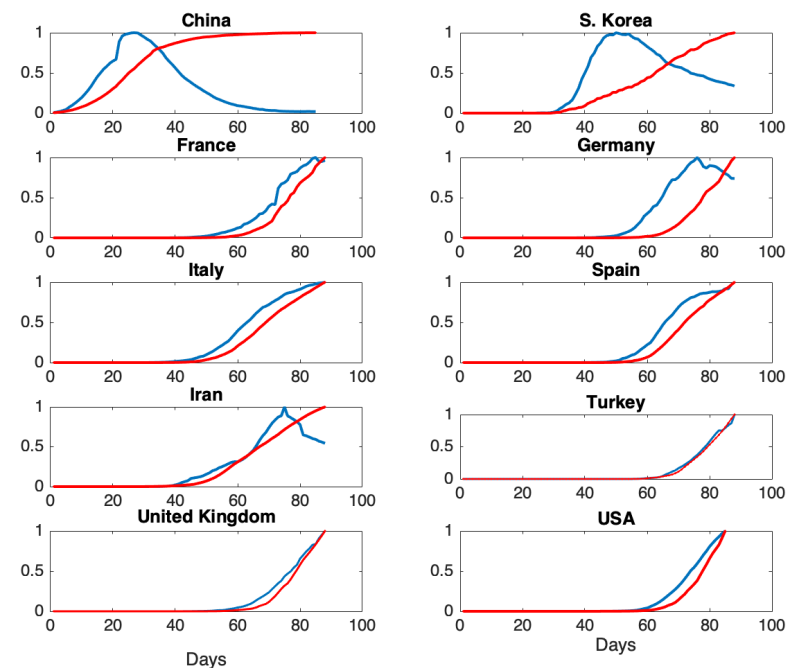


Peak of the epidemic at t_m : $S(t_m)=1/R_0$. The number of infections start decreasing only after the proportion of Susceptible individuals fall below $1/R_0$. If $R_0=3$, after only $1/3$ remain Susceptible, that means $2/3$ are affected (either still infectious or already gained immunity)



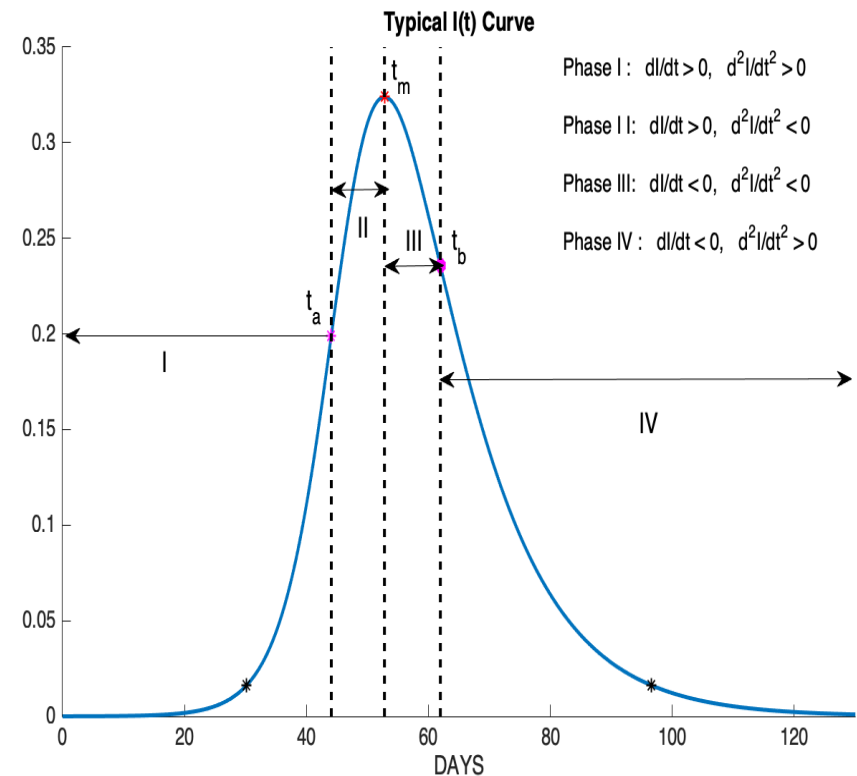
Data for daily infections and total fatalities over the period January 22-April 20, 2020

- The «first wave» of the epidemic is completed in China
- The fall off is very slow in South Korea
- Germany and Iran are beyond the peak of the epidemic
- Spain and France are near the peak
- All other countries are in the rising phase



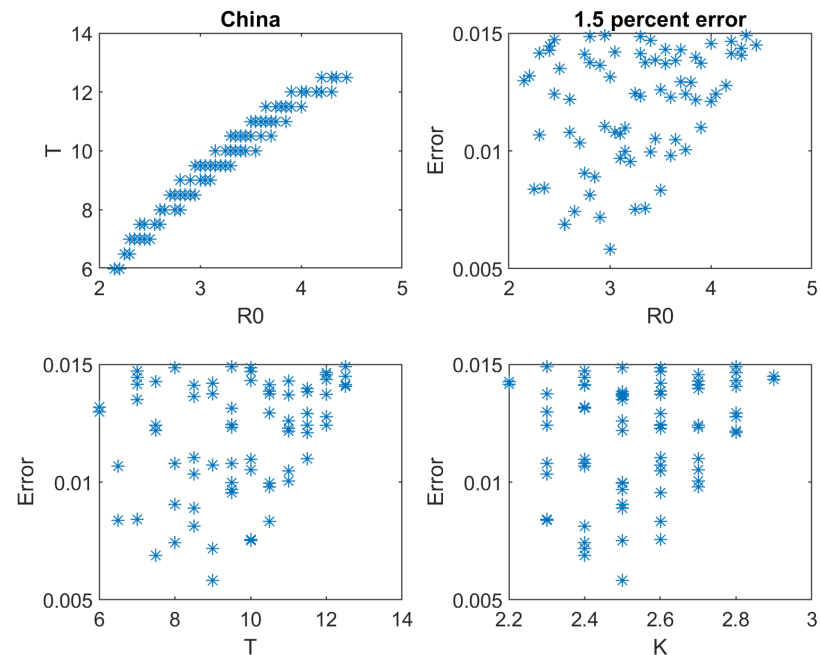
Phases of the epidemic wave $I(t)$

- Phase 1: $I(t)$ is increasing and concave up
- Phase 2: $I(t)$ is increasing but concave down
- Phase 3: $I(t)$ is decreasing and concave down
- Phase 4: $I(t)$ is decreasing and concave up
- The time t_a is the time of fastest increase
- The time t_m is the peak of the epidemic
- The time t_b is the time of fastest decrease.

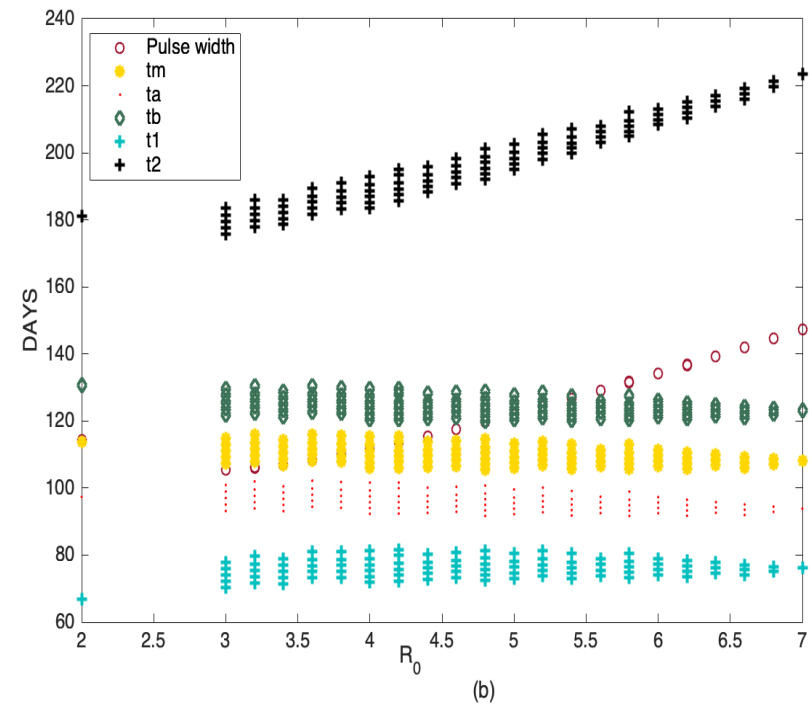
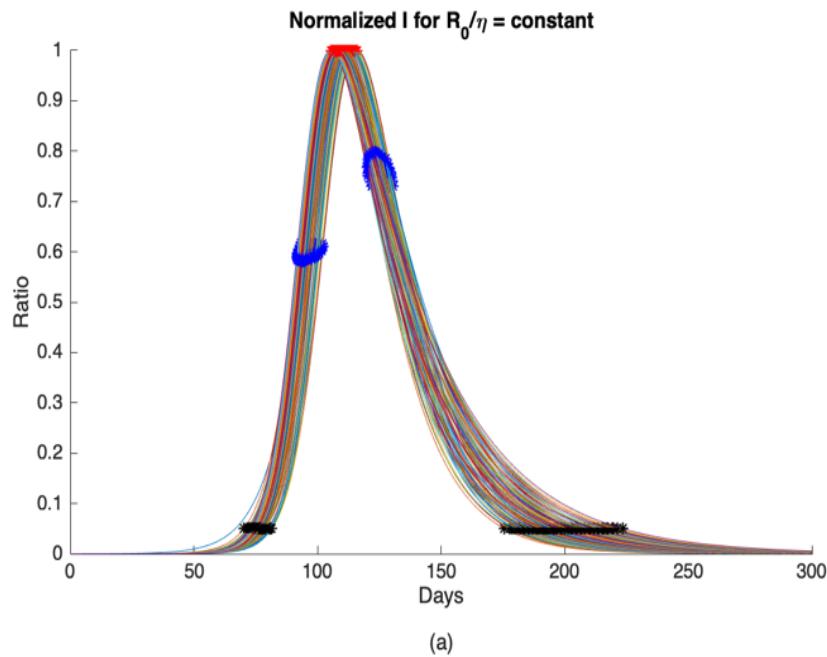


Best fitting models for China:

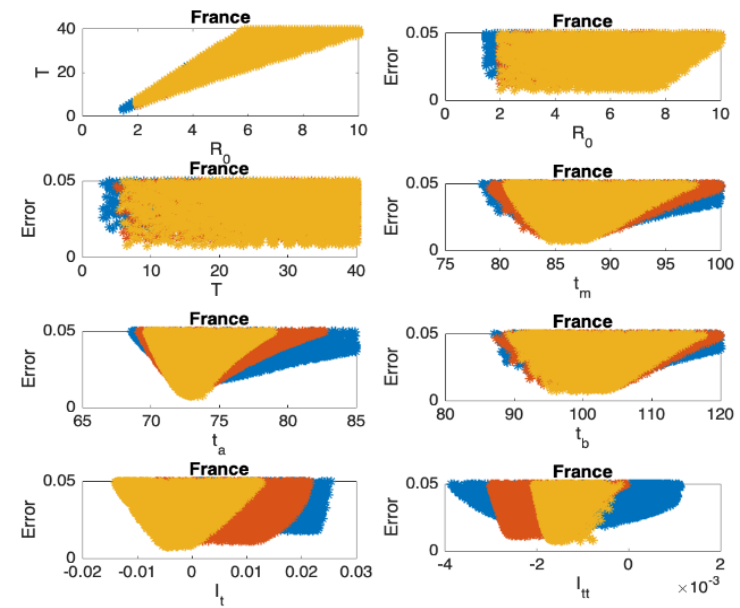
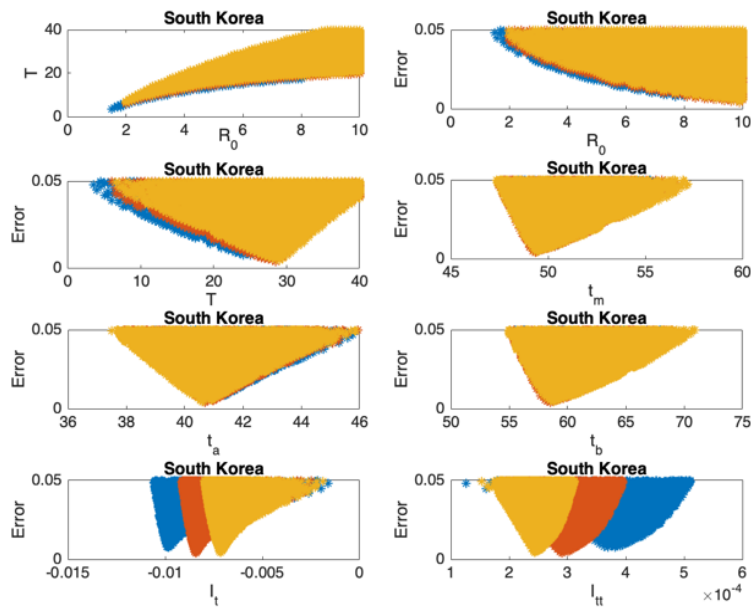
- Even for China, with a complete epidemic wave, R_0 and $T=1/\eta$ for best fitting models lie on a curve
- R_0/T is nearly constant
- R_0 is likely to be 3
- T is likely to be 9 days
- Initial value of $I(t)$ is 10^{-K} , $K=2.5$
- PROBLEM: WHAT CAN BE DETERMINED ROBUSTLY FROM THE DATA



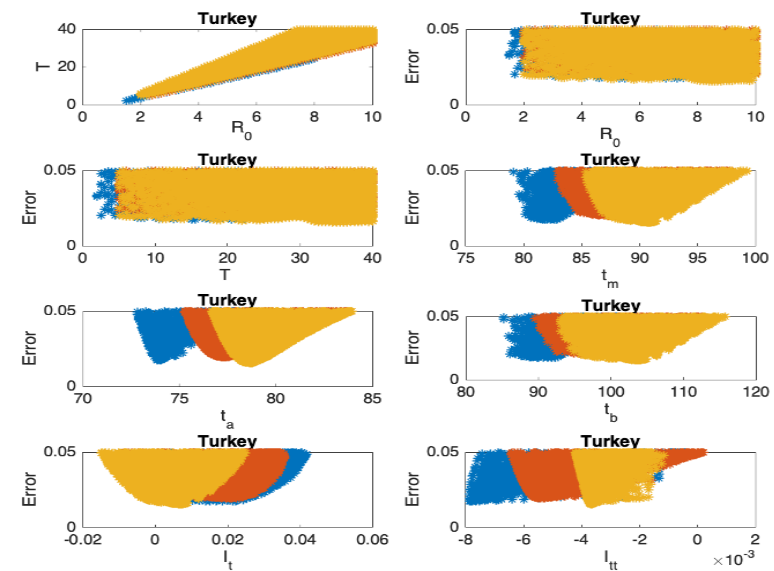
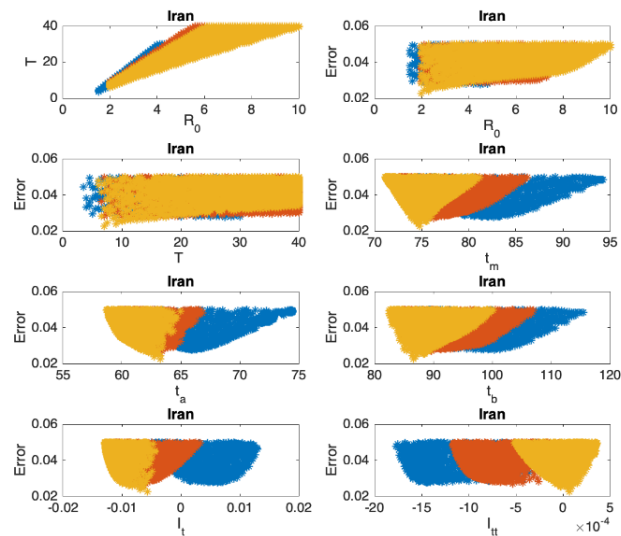
WHAT CAN BE DETERMINED ROBUSTLY FROM THE DATA? Normalized values of $I(t)$ for $3 < R_0 < 20$, together with the inflection points (t_a , t_b), the peak point (t_m) and the timing of the $R_0/T = 1/5$, initial (t_1) and final (t_2) points when the 5% of maximum value $I(t)$ epidemic, (b) Dependency of t_1 , t_a , t_m , t_b , t_2 on R_0 .



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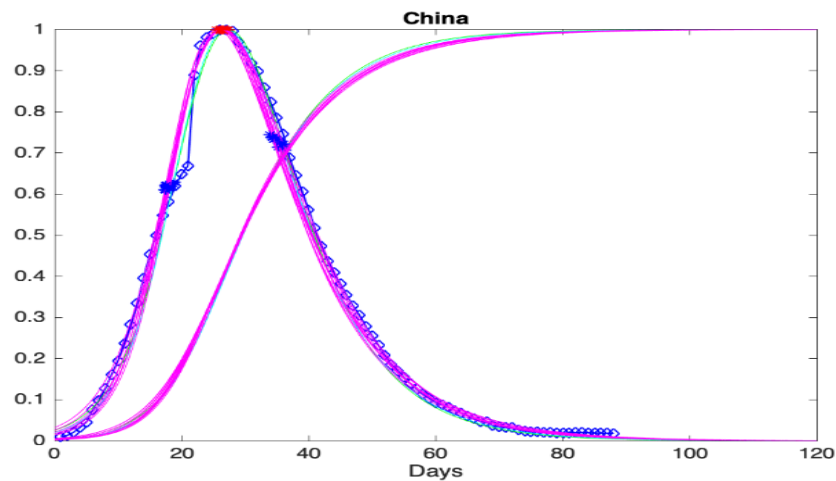


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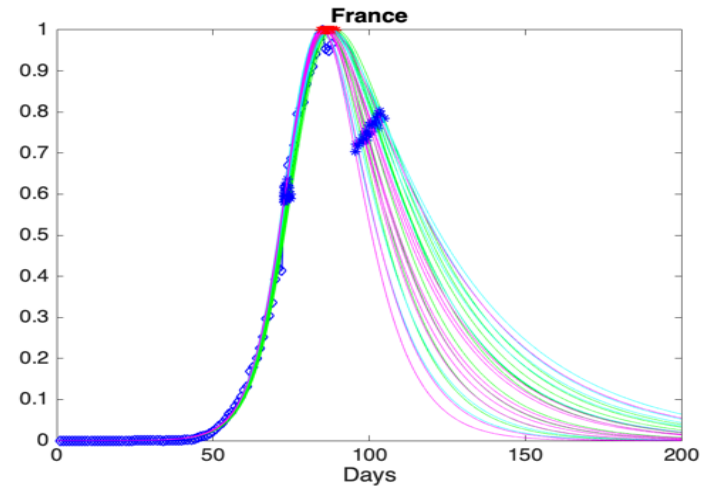


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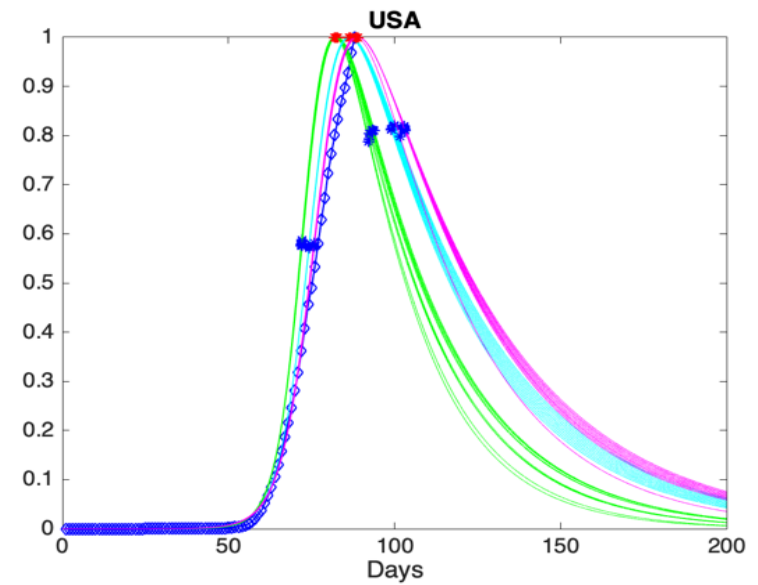
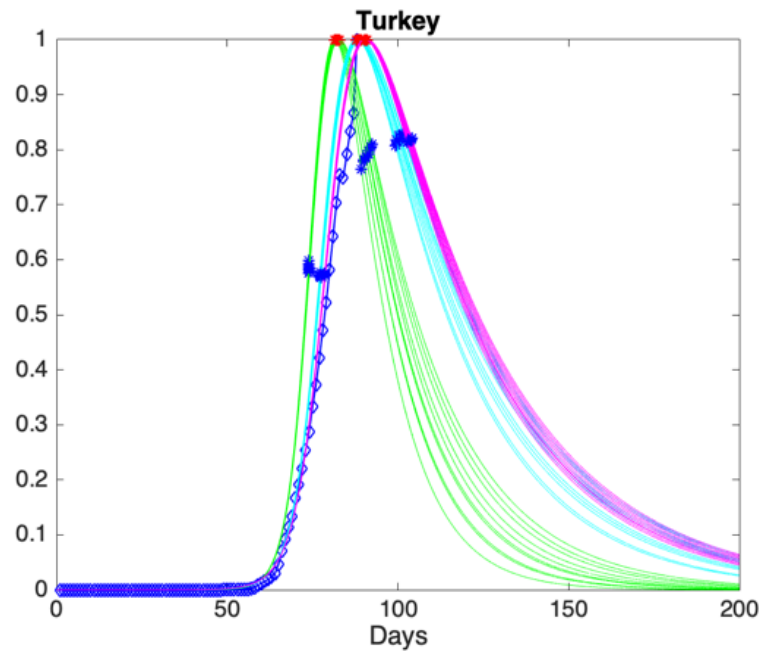
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