

Cholera dynamics, multiple transmission pathways, and disease spread in Haiti

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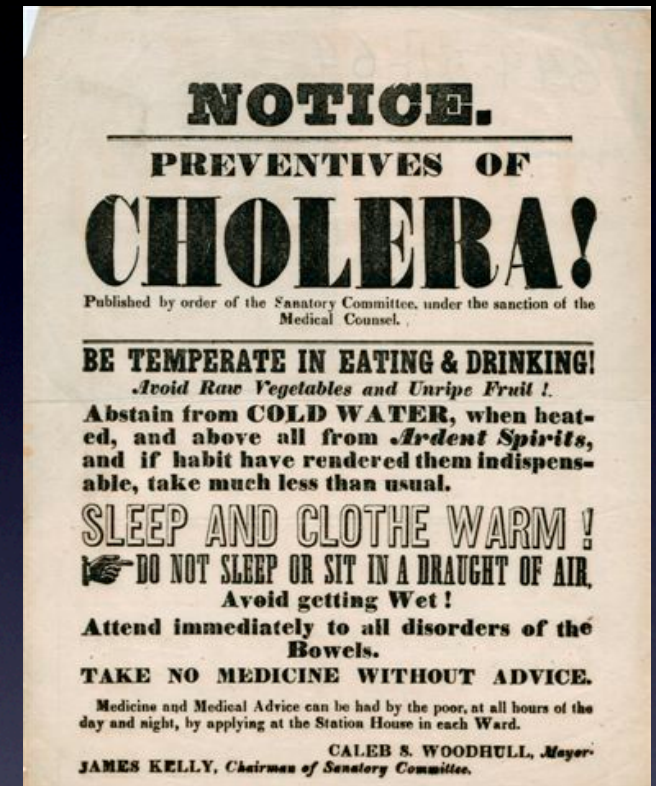
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Outline

- Introduction to cholera
- SIWR model
- Haiti epidemic - initial outbreak - gravity model
- Spatial spread, new data - case data, human movement data, displaced person camps
- Incorporating rainfall & environmental factors
- Ongoing & future work

Introduction

- Cholera: 3-5 million cases/year and over 100,000 deaths/year
- Several pandemics during 1800's
- Recent outbreaks include Angola, Zimbabwe, Haiti (>597,000 cases, >7555 deaths)
- Endemic in many regions of India, Bangladesh, Africa, Peru





Cholera



- Waterborne disease caused by bacterium *V. cholerae*
- Profuse, watery diarrhea, vomiting, dehydration
- Up to 50% fatal if untreated
- Infection-derived immunity
- Treatment: oral or IV rehydration
- Direct & environmental transmission

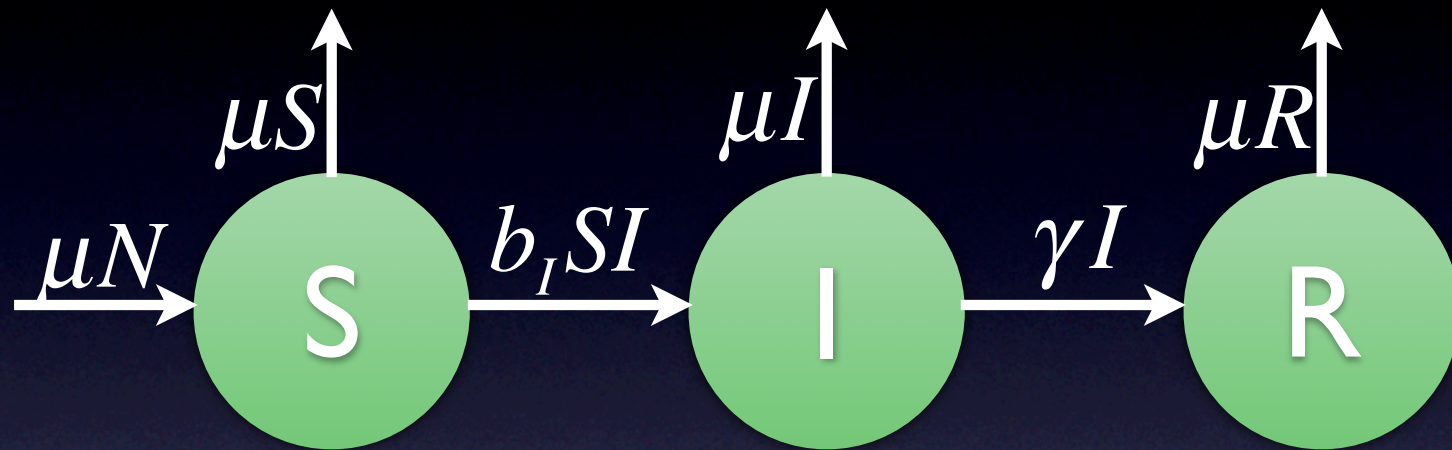


What are the implications of the different transmission pathways?

"In epidemic situations, a fundamental question regarding the epidemiology of cholera is: what is the relative importance of human-to-human (i.e. fecal-oral) versus environment-to-human transmission (i.e. exposure to the environmental reservoir of *Vibrio cholerae*)?"

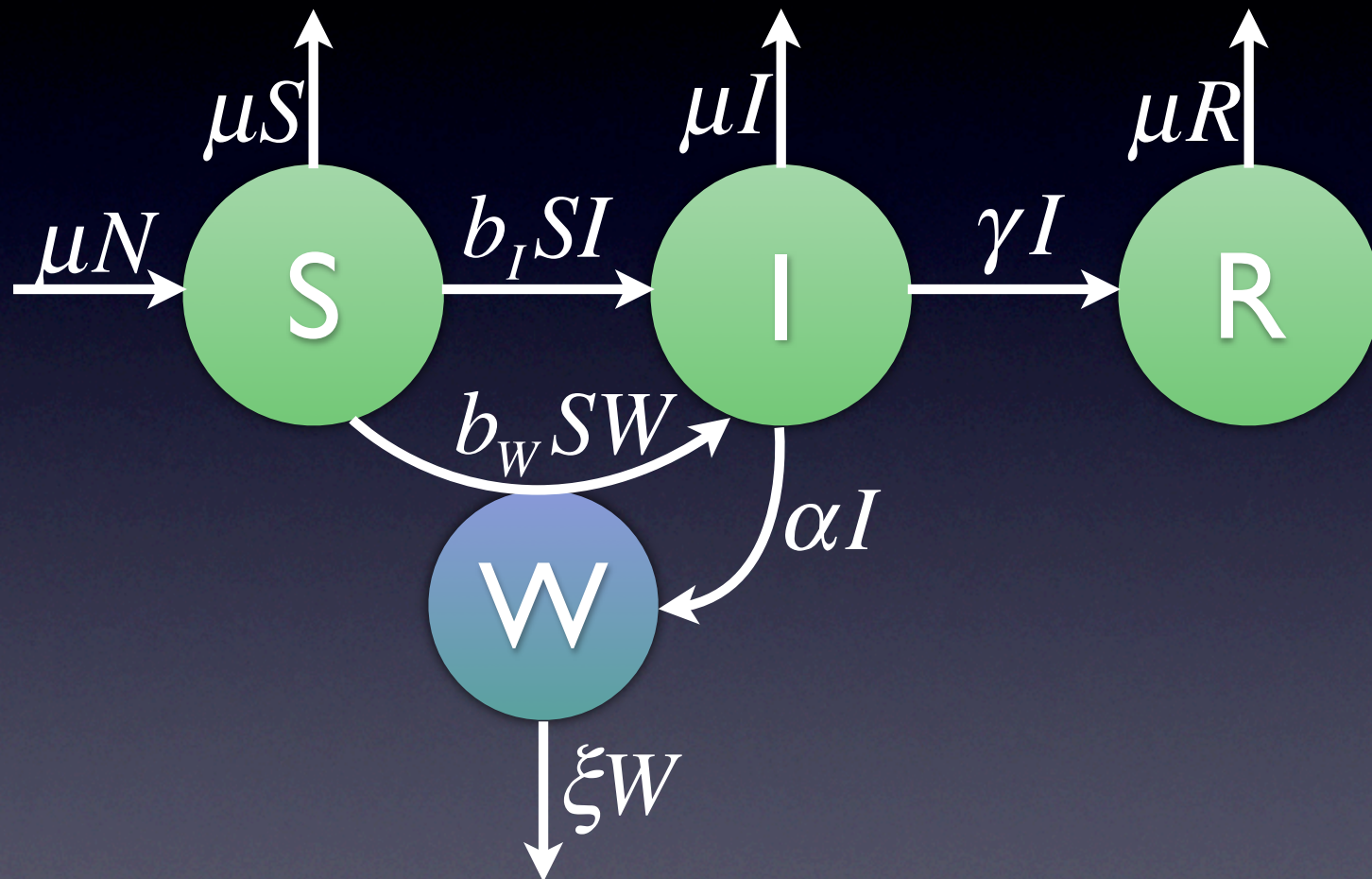
– Hartley et al, PLoS Medicine 2006

Cholera: SIWR Model



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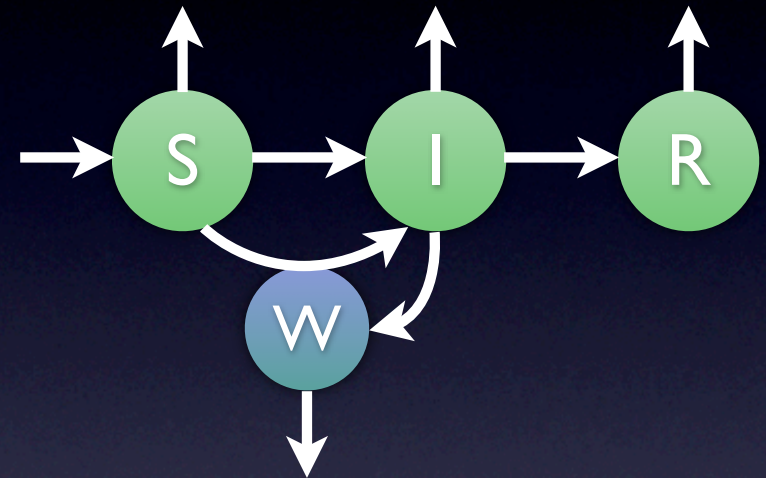
SIWR Model

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \mu N - b_w SW - b_I IS - \mu S$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = b_w SW + b_I SI - \gamma I - \mu I$$

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \alpha I - \xi W$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I - \mu R$$



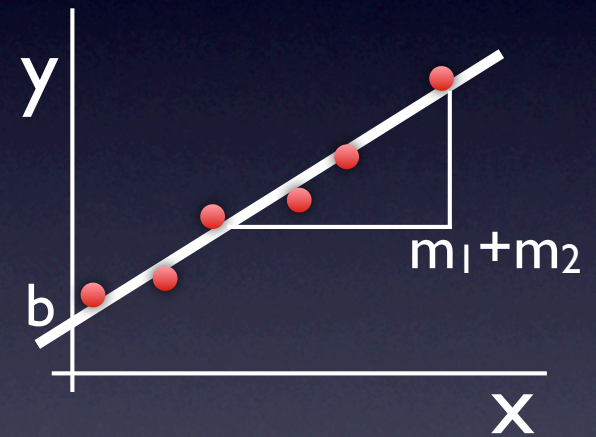
$$R_0 = \frac{b_I N + b_w N \frac{\alpha}{\xi}}{\mu + \gamma}$$

Cholera: SIWR Model

- Can we estimate R_0 ? Can we predict total cases? Epidemic time course? Seasonality?
- What is the relative importance of water vs person-to-person transmission? How is cholera spreading? Water vs human movement?
- Environment (rainfall, temp, etc) effects on cholera transmission?
- Parameter estimation and identifiability for the SIWR model

Identifiability & Parameter Estimation

- Can we estimate the model parameters from the data?
 - Transmission parameters?
 - R_0 ?
- Identifiability - structural vs practical
 - Differential algebra approach



$$y = (m_1 + m_2)x + b$$

SIWR Identifiability

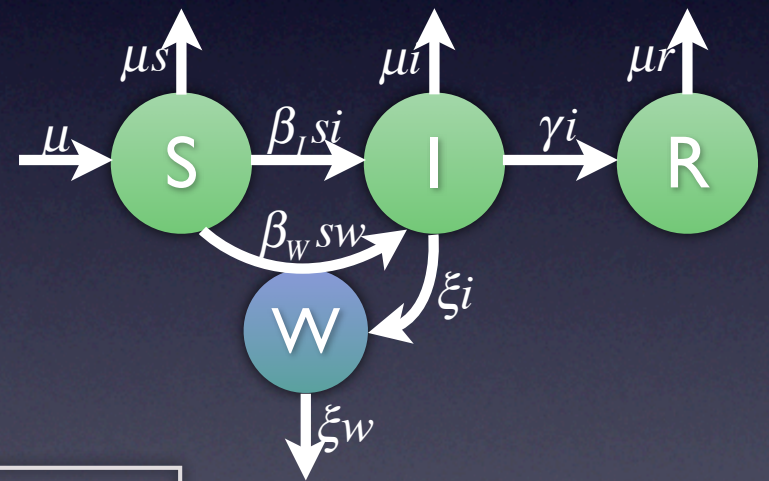
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$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \xi(i - w)$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \gamma i - \mu r$$

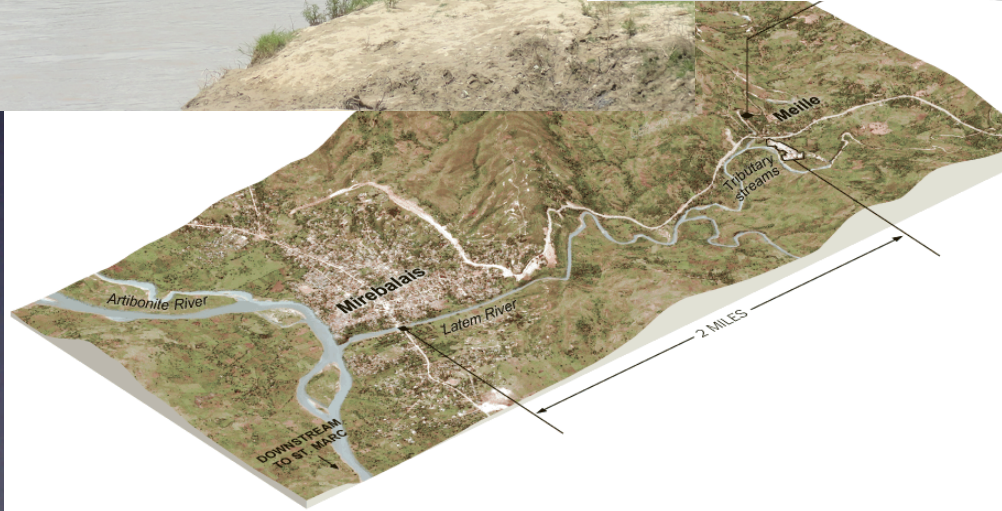
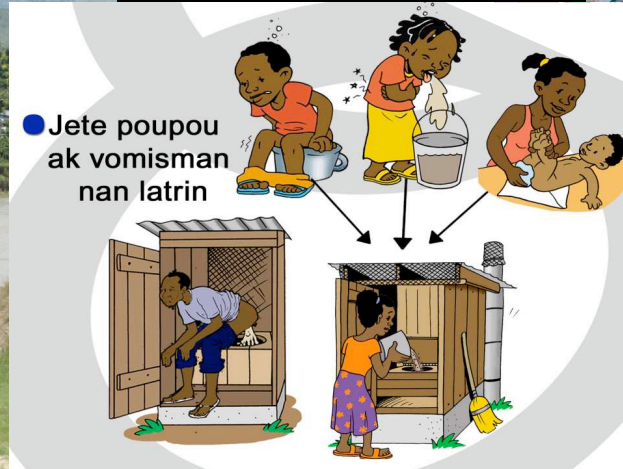


$$R_0 = \frac{\beta_I + \beta_W}{\mu + \gamma}$$

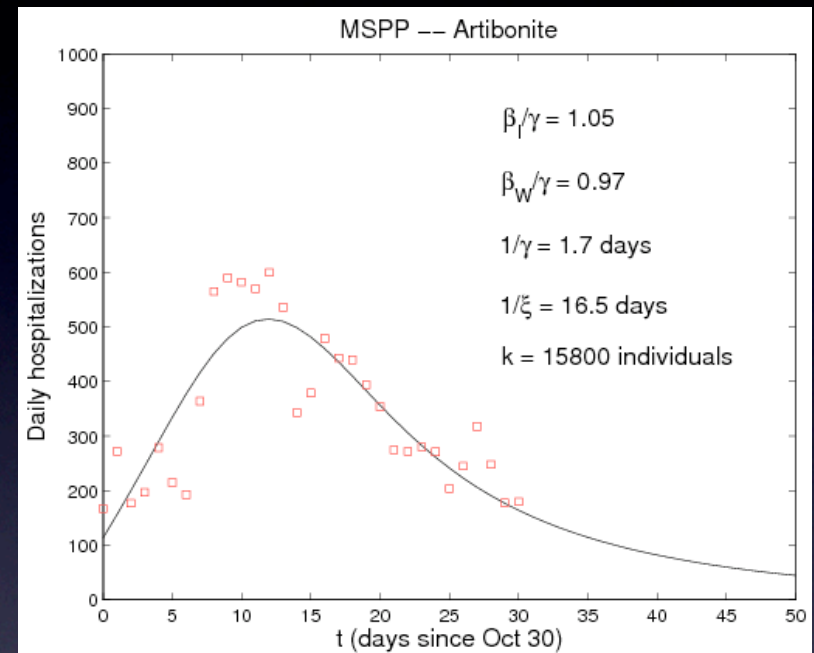
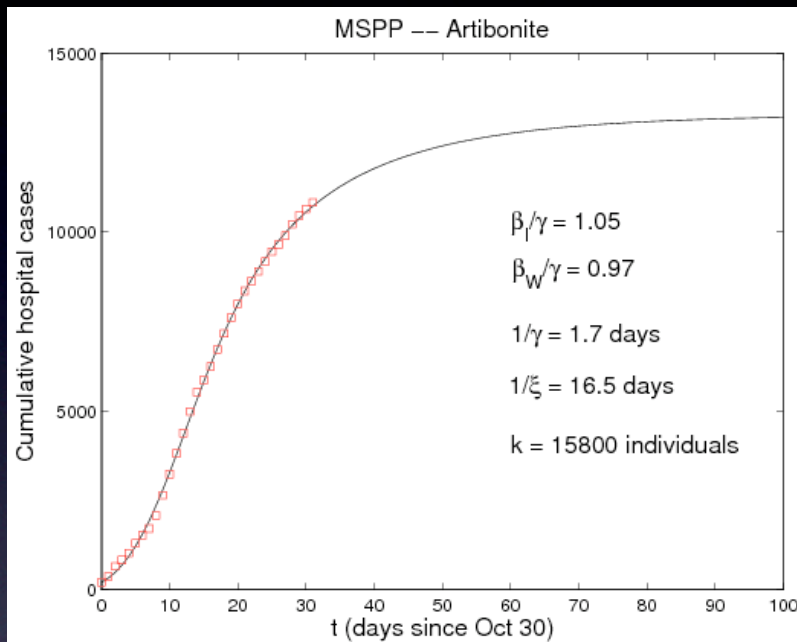
SIWR Identifiability

- SIWR model structurally unidentifiable
- Rescale to make globally identifiable (mostly)
 - Lose information about shedding rate α
- Identifiability can be lost if $\xi \rightarrow \infty$, yielding combination $\beta_W + \beta_I$
- Practical identifiability - dependence between β_W and $\xi \Rightarrow R_0$ unidentifiable
- Water measurements improve practical & structural identifiability

Haiti Cholera Outbreak



Artibonite Department



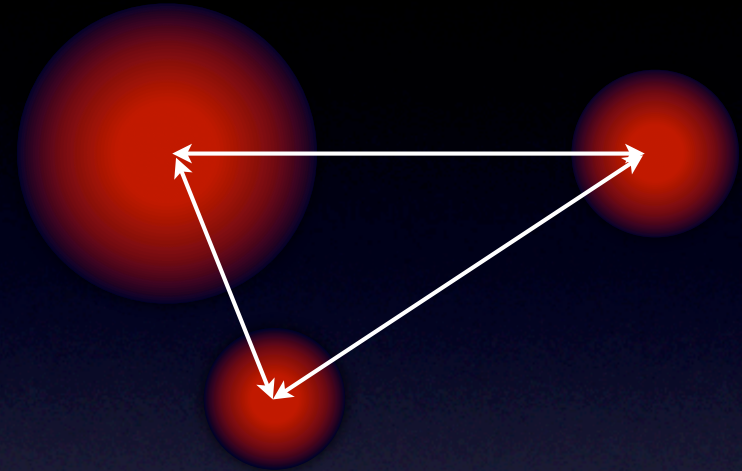
$$\mathcal{R}_0 \approx 2$$

$$1/\xi \approx 16.5 \text{ days}$$

- Outbreak began in St. Marc region of Artibonite Department
- Long tail in daily hospitalizations, due to persistence of *V. cholerae* in water

Modeling Spatial Spread in Haiti

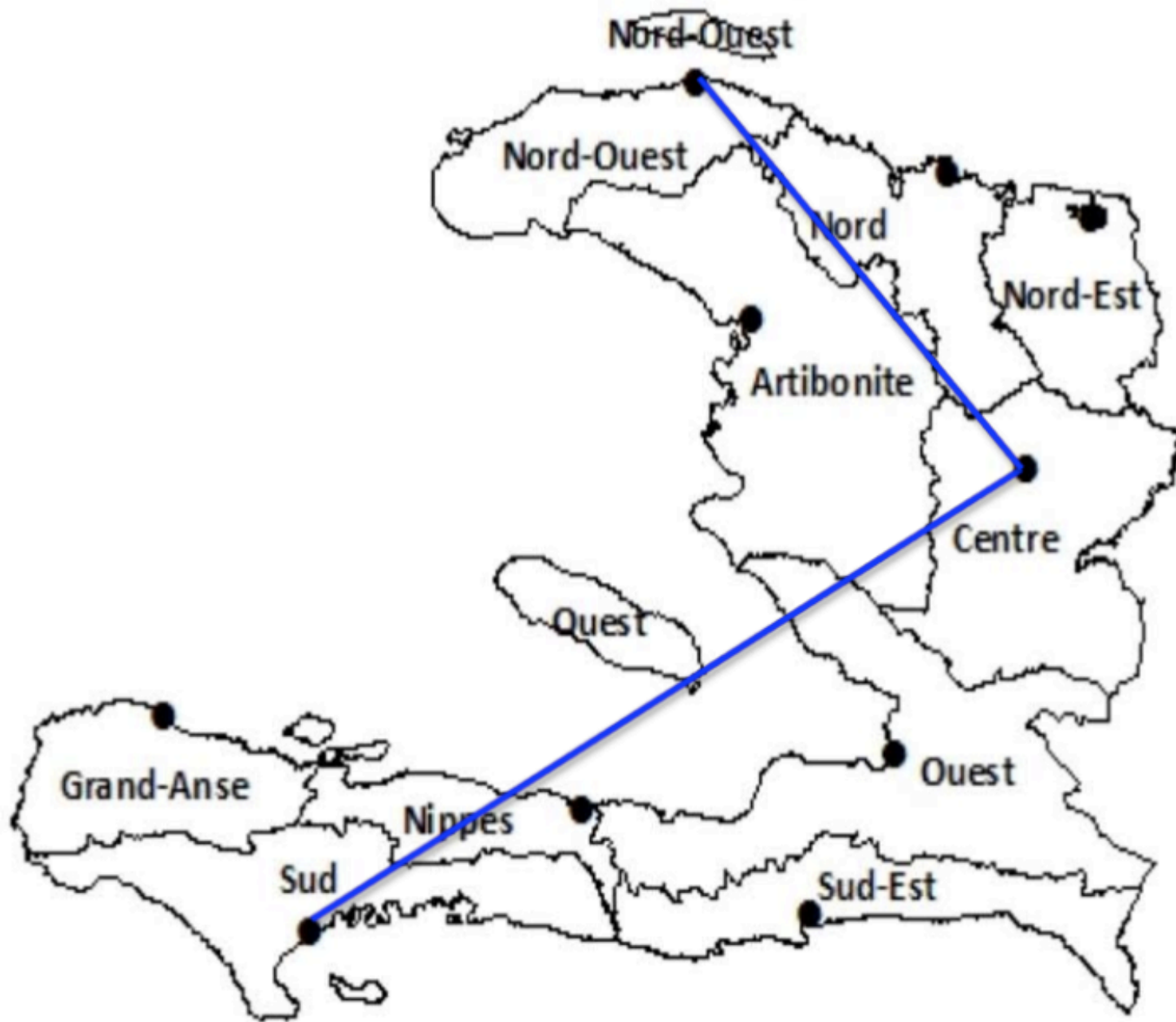
- Multi-patch SIWR model with coupling via “gravity”
- Fit to hospitalization data from MSPP



$$\dot{s}_j = -\beta_W w_j s_j - \lambda_j s_j$$
$$\lambda_j = \sum_{j,k} \theta_{jk} i_k$$
$$\theta_{jk} = \begin{cases} \beta_j, & j = k \\ \frac{\kappa N_j N_k}{d_{jk}^2}, & j \neq k \end{cases}$$





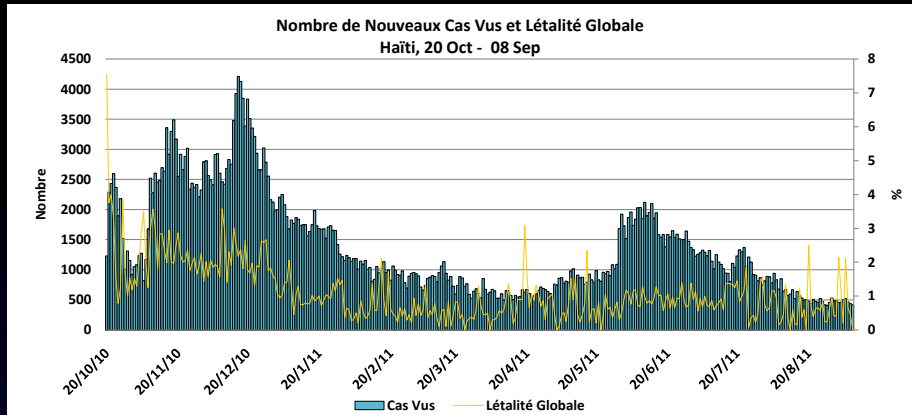


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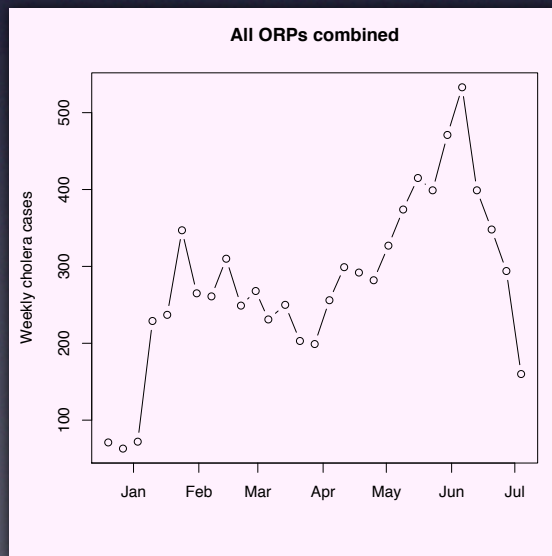
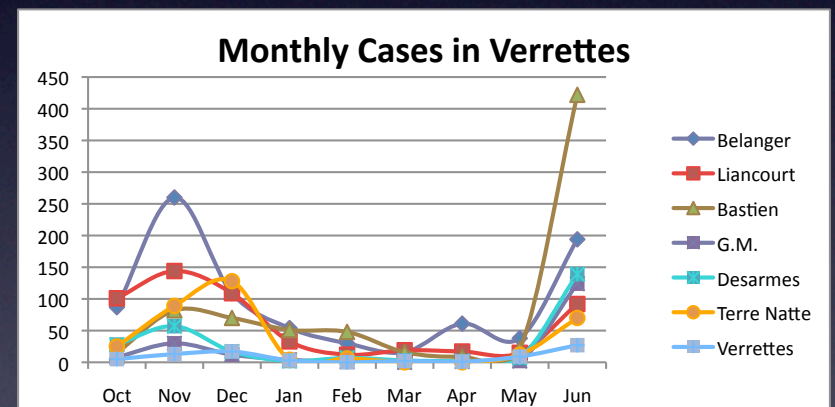
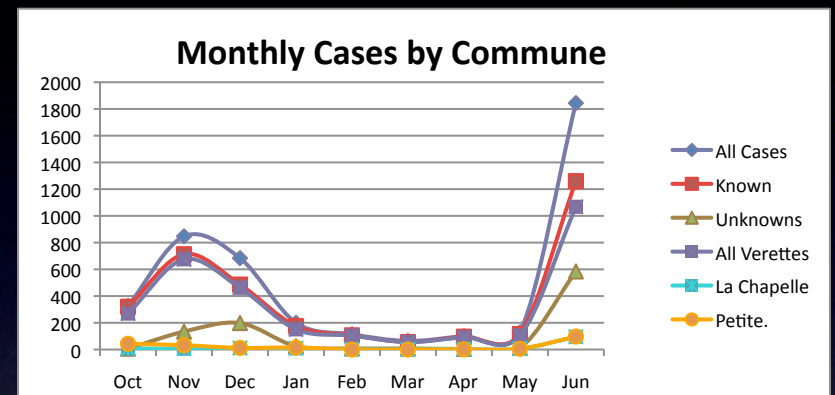
- Fits overall epidemic dynamics well
- Predicts department ordering & initial cases well (Spearman $\rho = 0.97, 0.92$)
- Useful for examining effect of interventions so far, evaluating additional interventions
- Mechanistic coupling: what drives the spread of cholera? Environment? Rainfall? Seasonality?



Case Data



Country, department,
commune



Hôpital Albert Schweitzer
Artibonite Valley

Displaced person camps

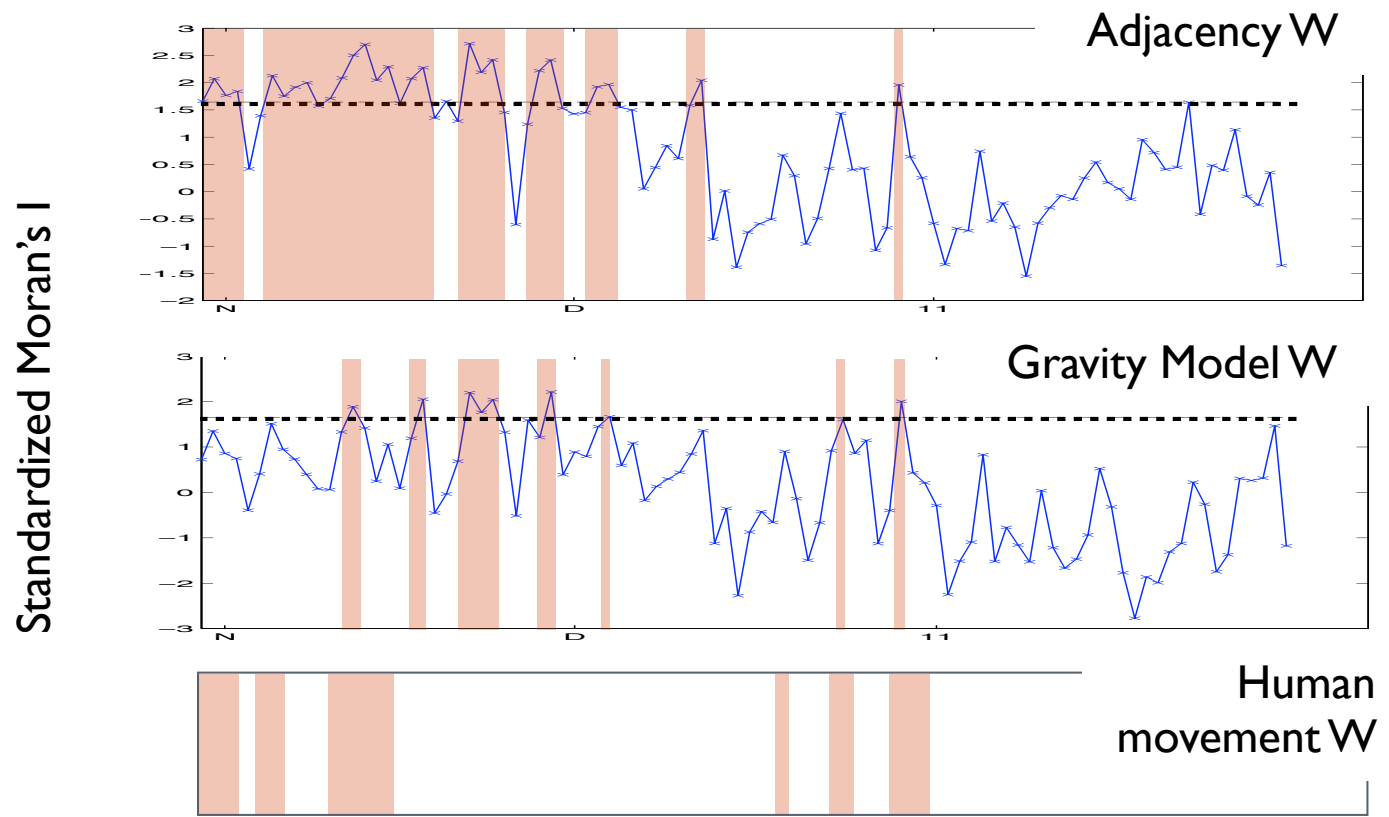
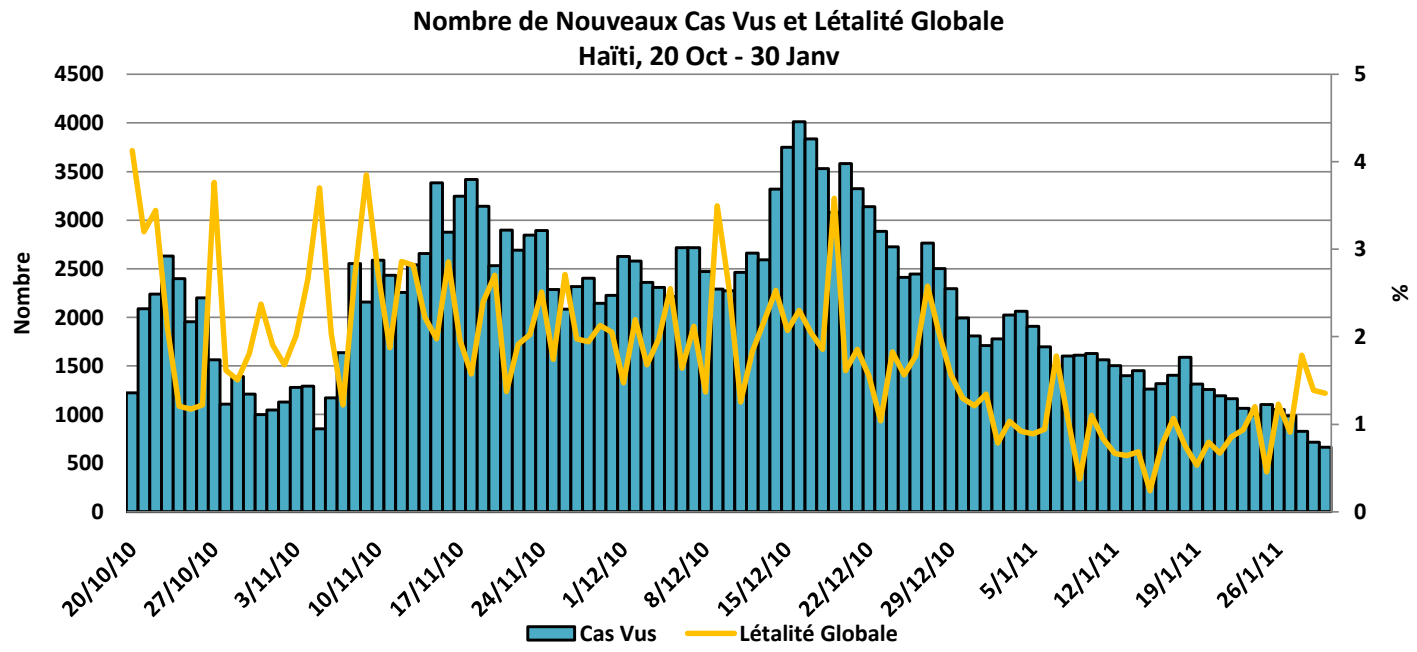
Spatial Patterns & Moran's I

- Measure of spatial clustering/patterns

$$I = \frac{n}{S_0} \sum_{i,j} W_{ij} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})$$

$$S_0 = \sum_{i,j} W_{ij}$$

- W = connectivity matrix
 - Human movement - cell phone data
 - Water movement - adjacency
 - Gravity model connectivity?



IDP Camp WASH Data

- Case data from >1000 camps across 13 communes
- Presence/absence data for toilets, water provision, bathing facilities, and waste management
- Chlorine residuals in drinking water

Table 1: Descriptive statistics of IDP camps reporting weekly cholera cases at ORPs

Characteristic	Count (%)	Range	Mean
Presence of toilets	58 (82.9)
Presence of water provision	35 (50.0)
Presence of bathing facilities	29 (41.4)
Presence of waste management	14 (20.0)
Number of people at IDP camp	...	65 – 24500	1279
Population density of IDP camp (individuals per square meter)	...	0.9 – 117.9	17.9
Area of IDP camp	...	649.2 – 116242.2	10486.3
Cumulative number of cholera cases reported at IDP camp	...	5 - 346	82

NOTE. IDP, Internally Displaced Person.



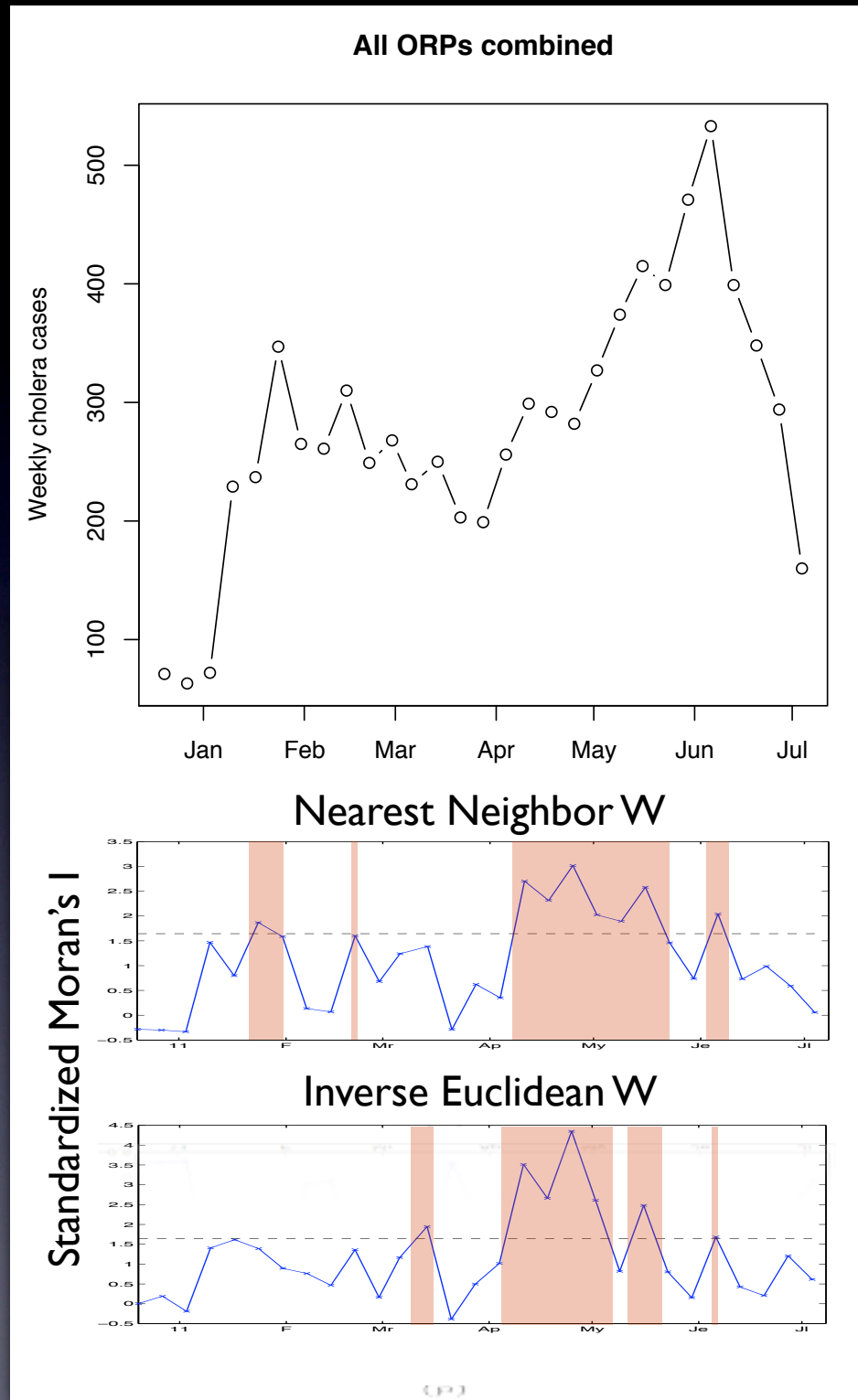
Te Roche Camp, Tabarre – June 2011

IDP Camp Wash Data

- IDP Camp cases - cholera risk
 - decreases with clean water, toilet availability, waste management
 - increases with bathing (why?)
- Kuhn-Kuenne Centroid shows initial invasion period in first months of disease

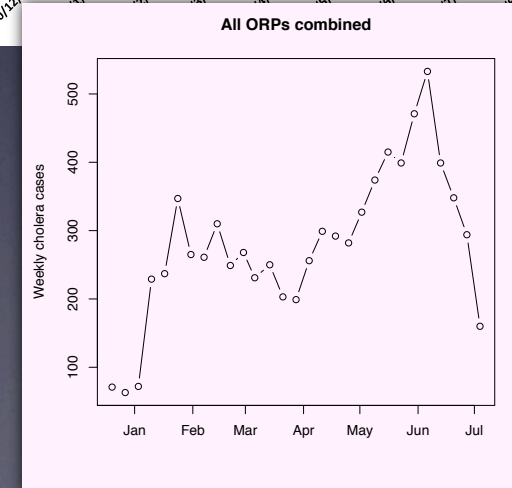
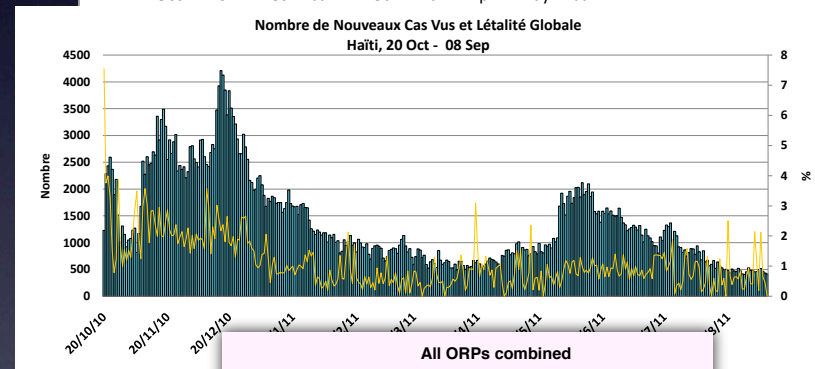
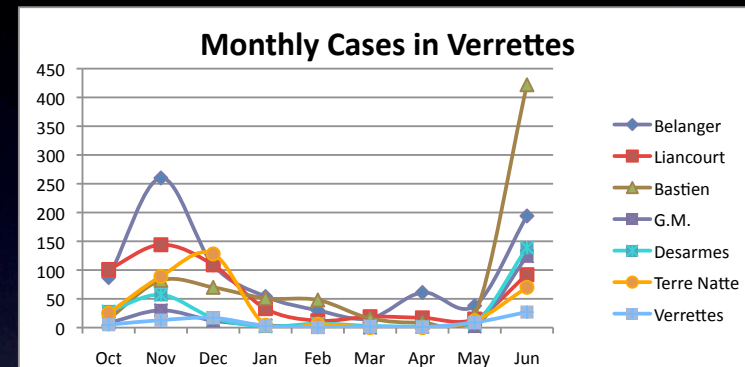
IDP Camp Moran's I

- Spatial autocorrelation/ clustering appears later
- IDP camps spared early wave of cholera, likely due to early intervention efforts of WASH NGOs

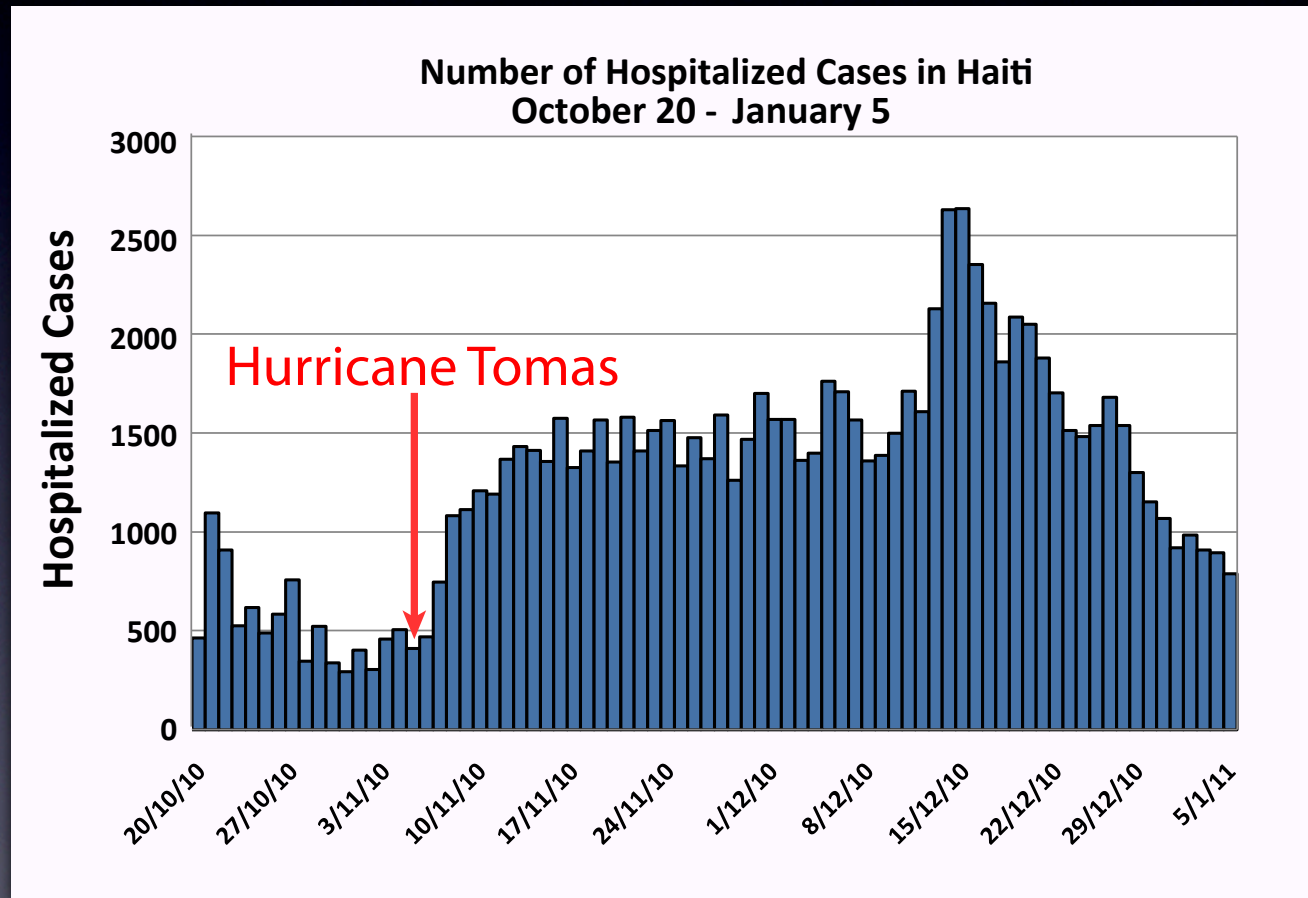


Preliminary Results

- Initial pattern of spatial spread during first weeks/months
- Both water movement & human movement may play a role
- Summertime surge in cases seen at all levels
- Later cases - environment, rainfall important?

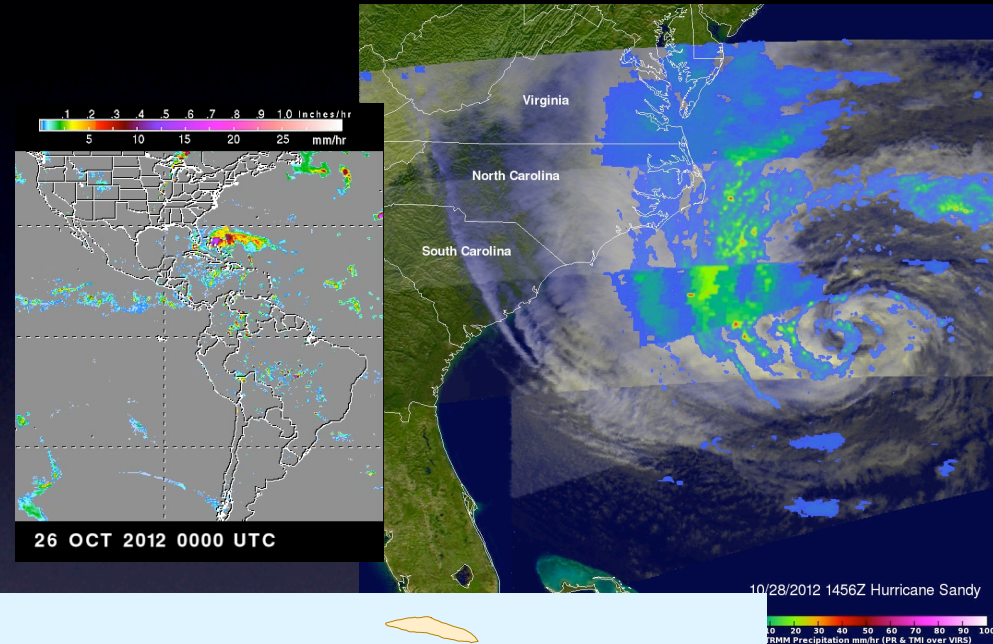


Cholera & the environment

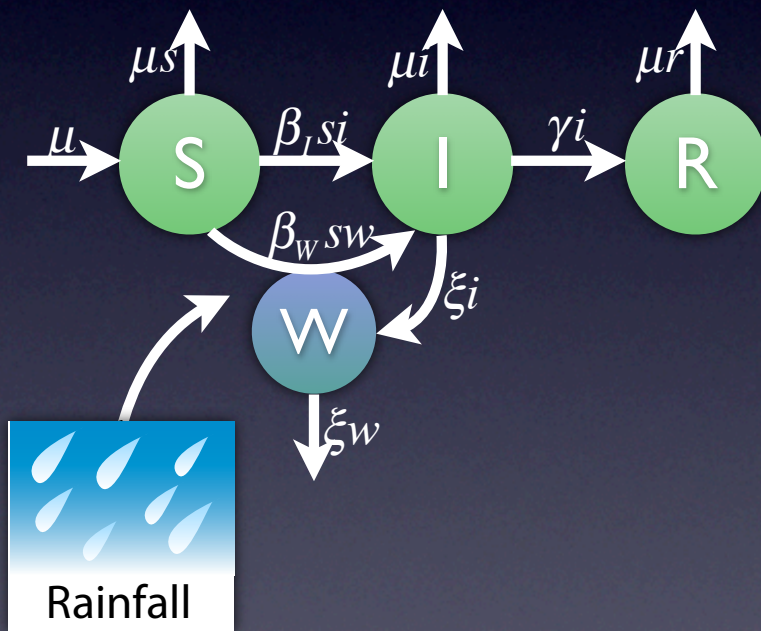


Rainfall Data

- NASA TRMM Data - satellite precipitation data (resolution $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$) averaged over each area
- USGS Rain Gauges in the Morne Gentilehomme and Foret de Pins regions



SIWR Model & Rainfall



$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \mu - \beta_W f_{rain}(t)ws - \beta_I si - \mu s$$

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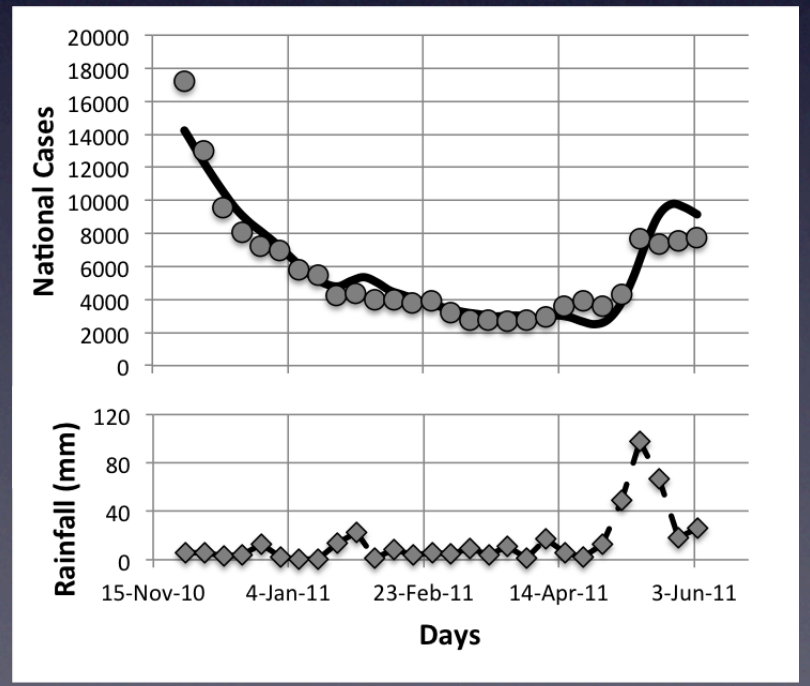
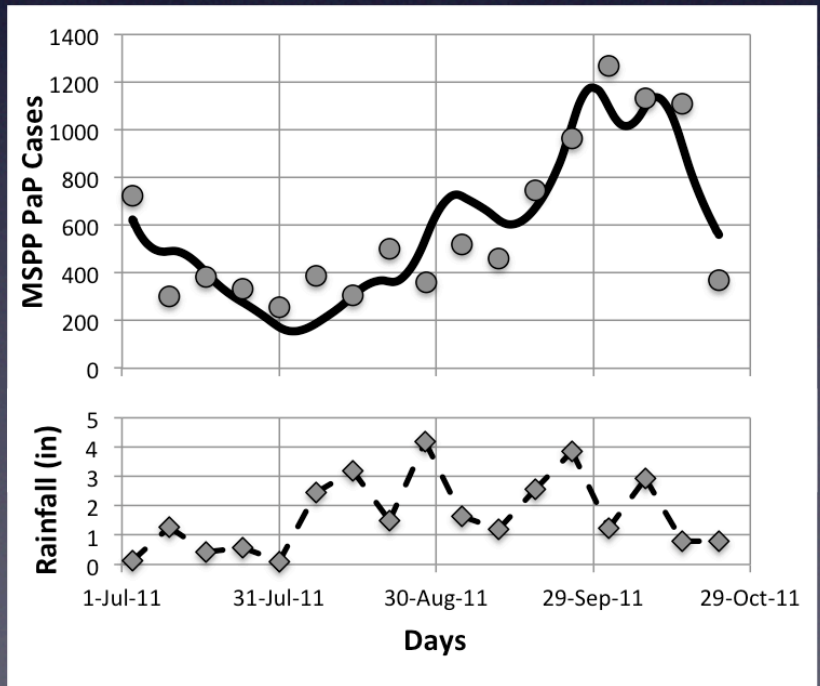
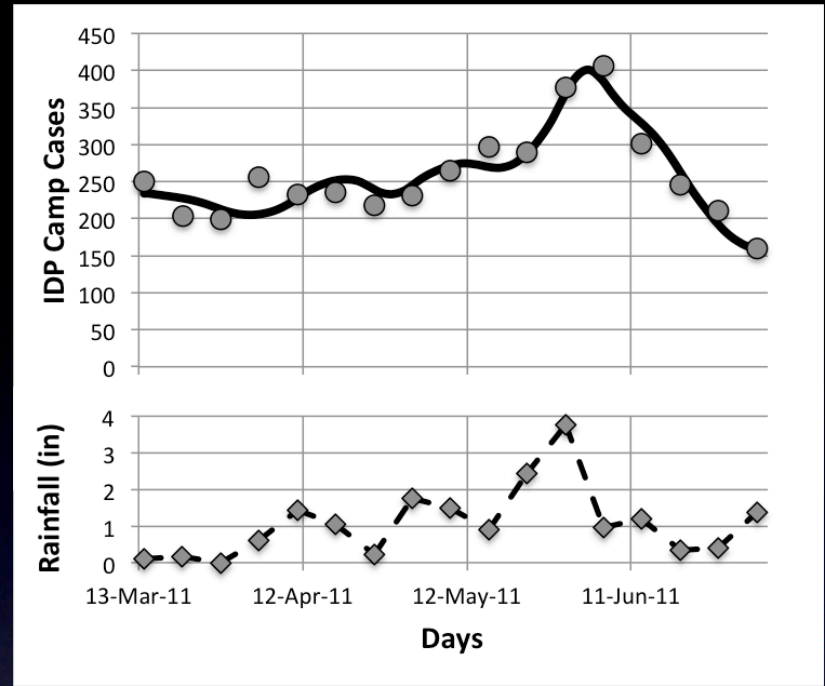
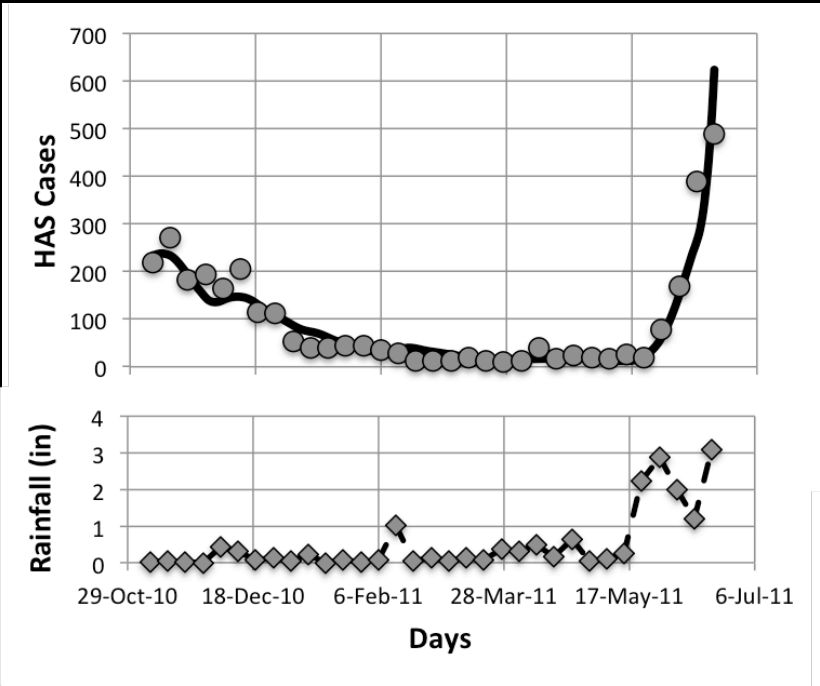
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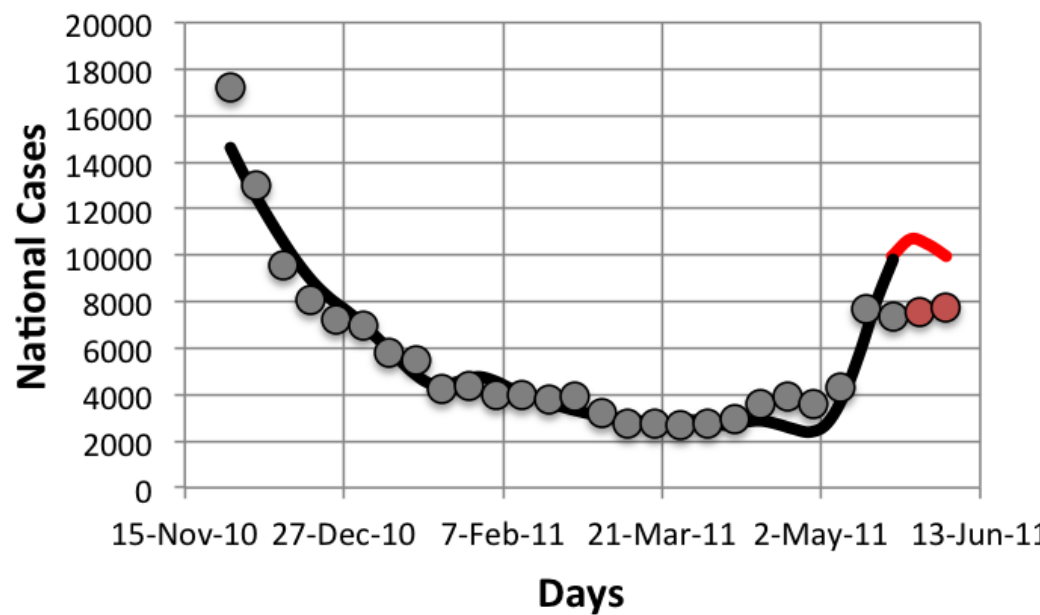
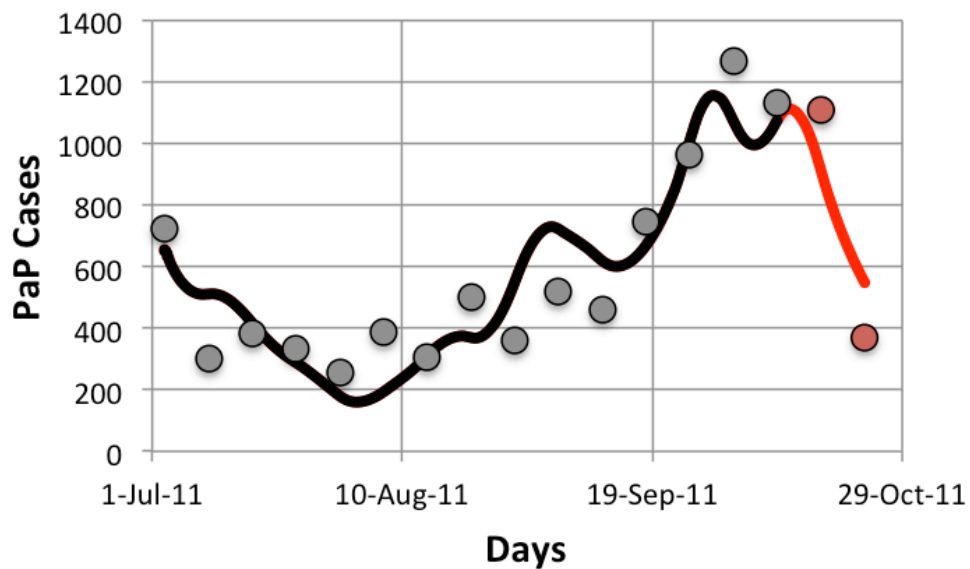
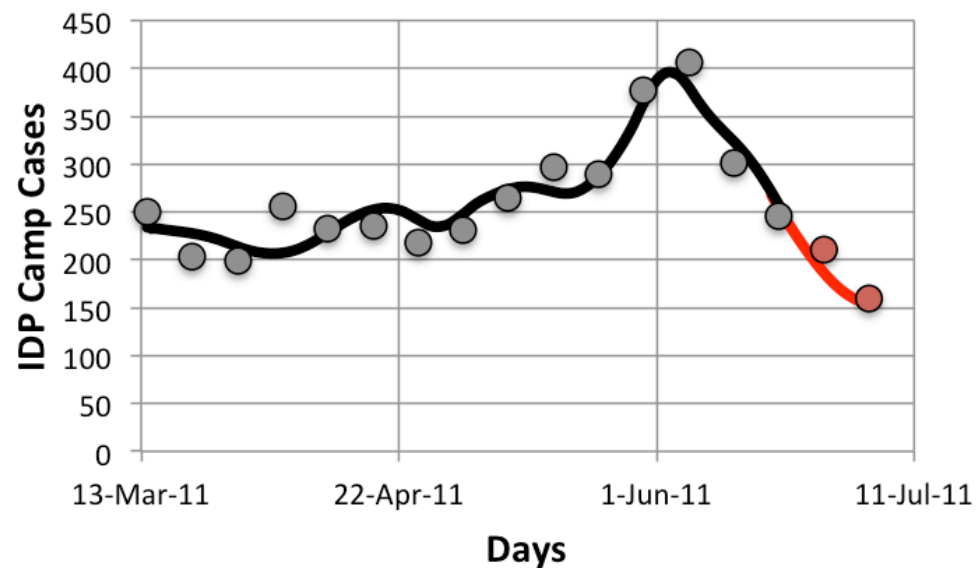
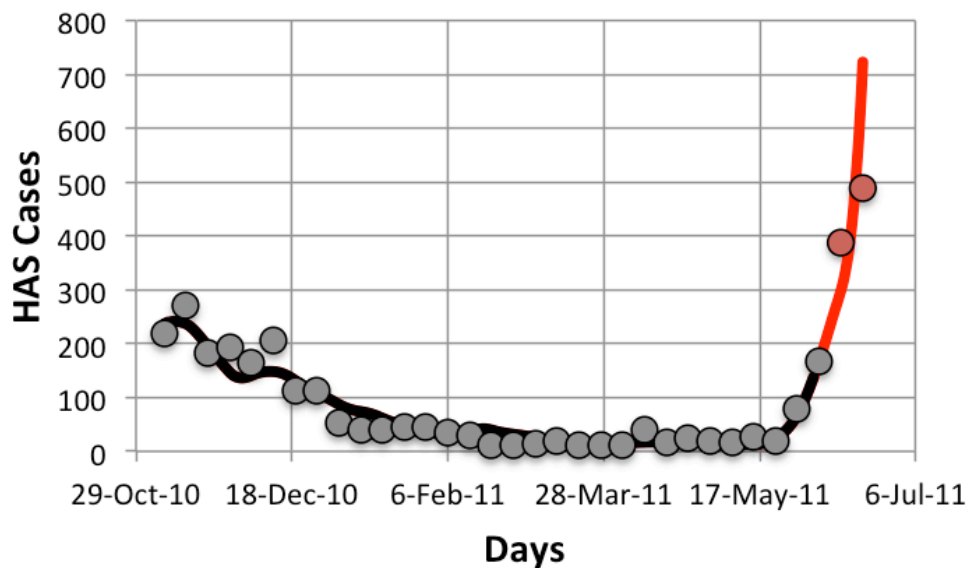
$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \gamma i - \mu r$$

$$y = ki$$

Rainfall Forcing & Identifiability

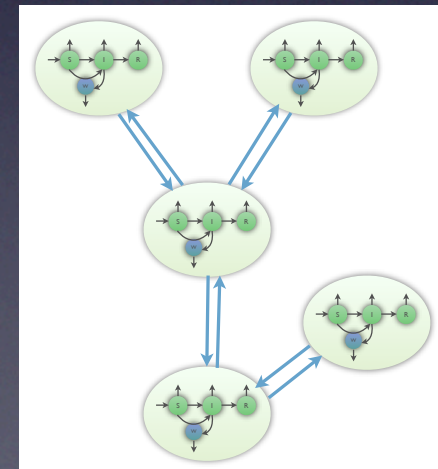
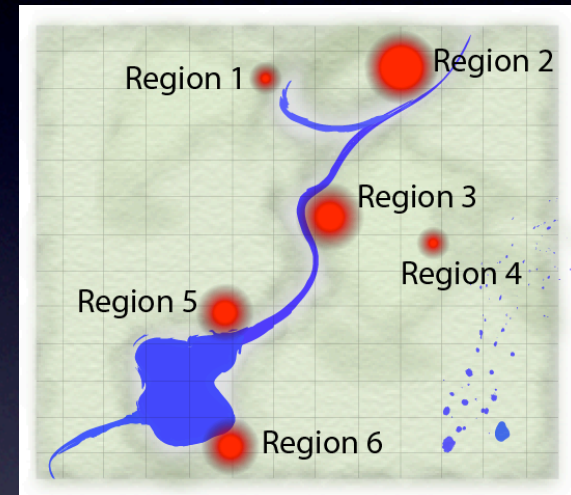
- Adding the rainfall forcing function corrects the structural identifiability problem when $\xi \rightarrow \infty$
- Allows β_W and β_I to be estimated separately
- Can also improve practical identifiability





Ongoing Work: Hotspots, Disease Risk & Spatial Spread

- How does the arrangement of good/bad patches affect disease spread? (hotspots)
- Water movement among patches - pathogen decay vs. water movement
 - decay \gg movement - patches decouple
 - movement \gg decay - weighted average accounting for network topology



Conclusions

- Range of modeling approaches & data sets
- Initial invasion phase with spatial clustering
 - Spatial spread depends on both human & water movement
- Rainfall & environment are key factors for capturing cholera dynamics going forward
 - Water & rainfall information can improve identifiability
 - Rainfall-based predictions?



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