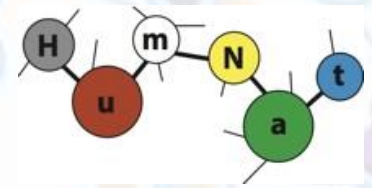
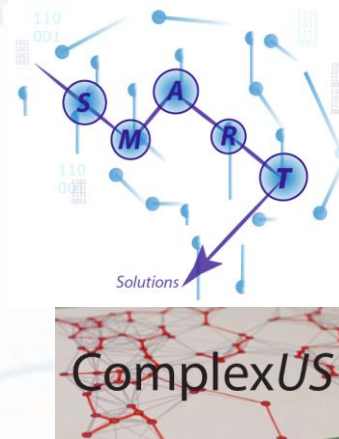


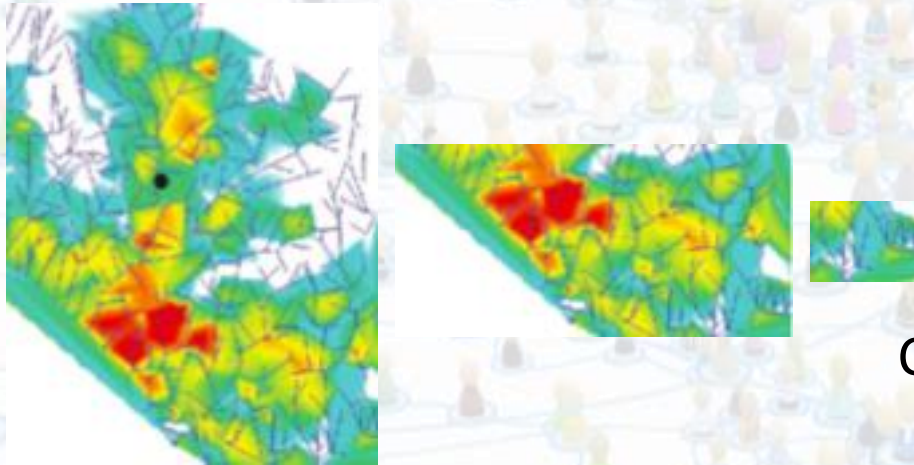
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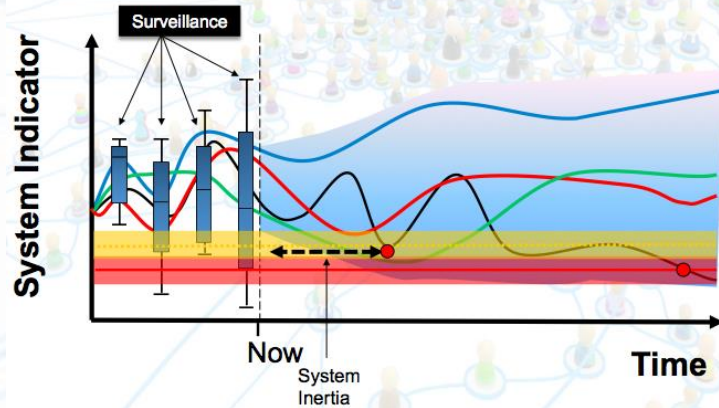
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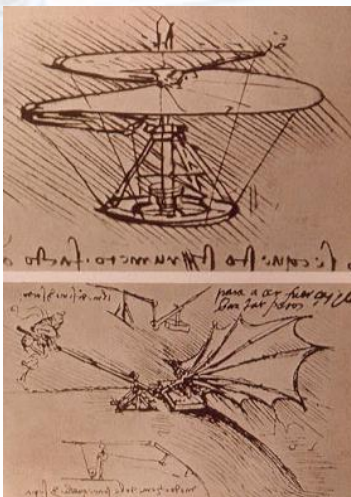
# Three Pillars



**Scalability and Universality**  
(Endemic/Epidemic  
Characterization & Macro Prediction)



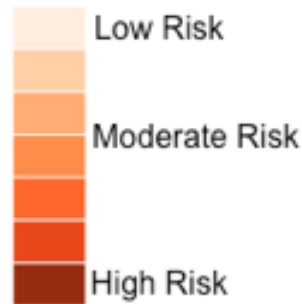
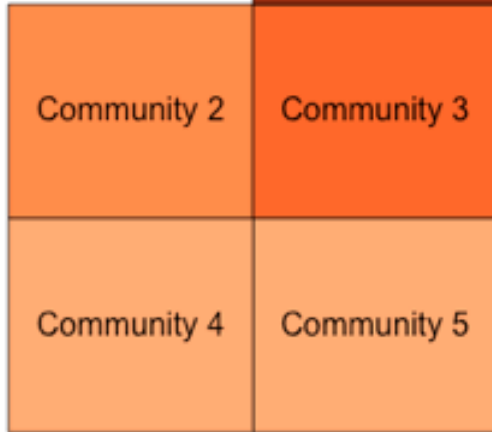
**Environmental Dynamics**  
(Early Warning and Real-time Fine Scale  
Forecasting)



**Systemic and Value-based Optimal  
Ecosystem Design**  
(Portfolio Decision Model)

## Outcome

(A)



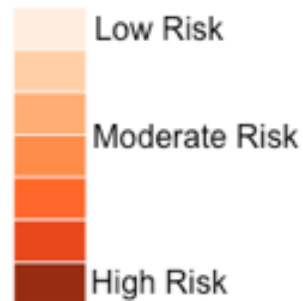
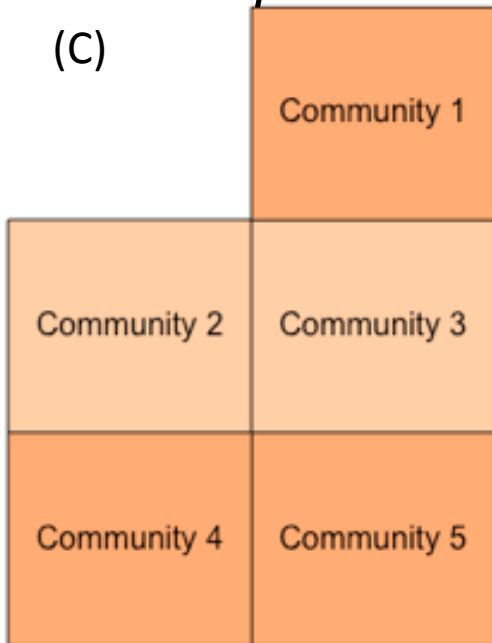
## Strategy

(B)



## Outcome post Management

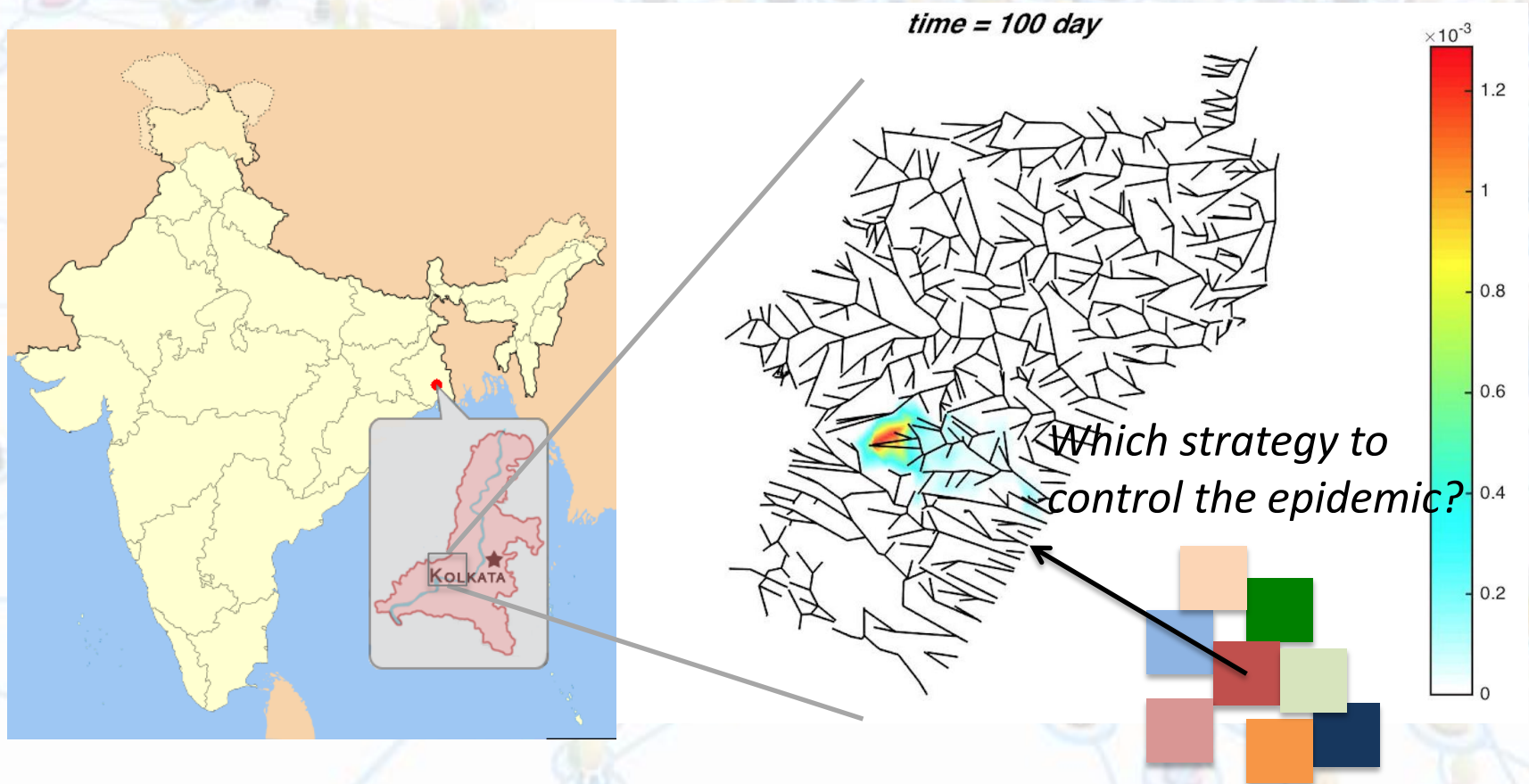
(C)



## Conceptual Idea

- (A) Output of the physical model” expected system risk based on the epidemiology model, environmental and mobility model
- (B) Output of the portfolio decision model, selection of the optimal control set at the community scale
- (C) Portfolio controlled solution: Lowest systemic risk.

# Portfolio Decision Modeling: Kolkata Case Study



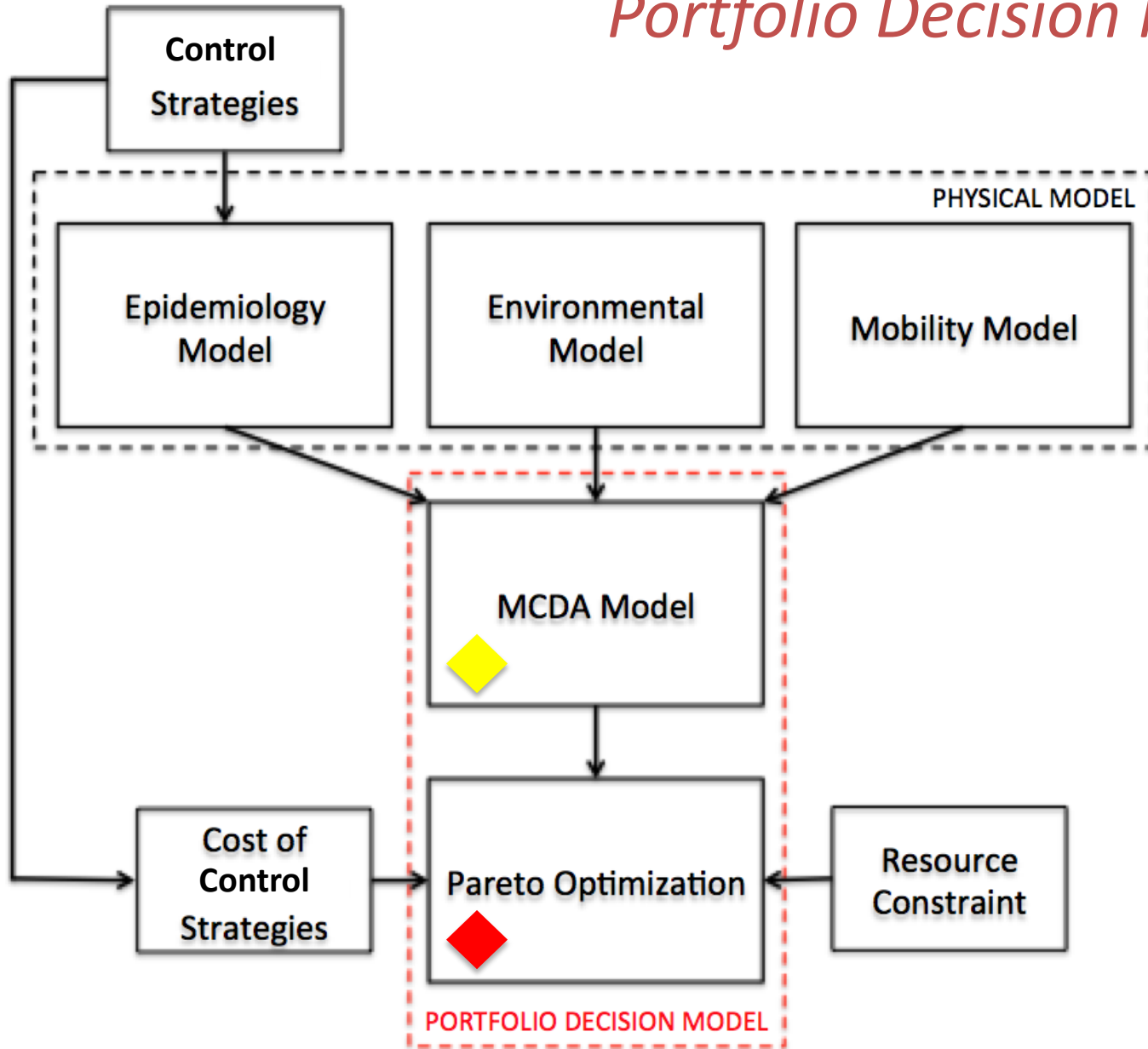
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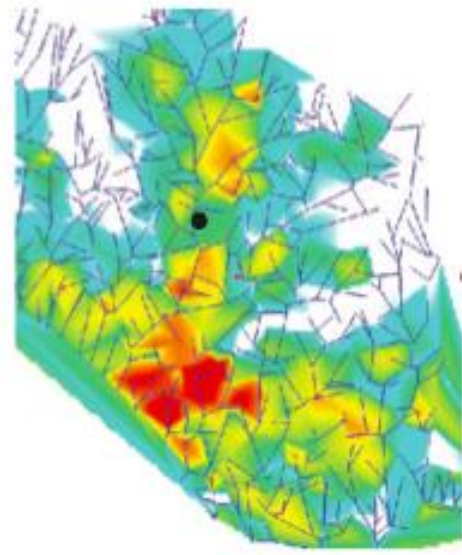
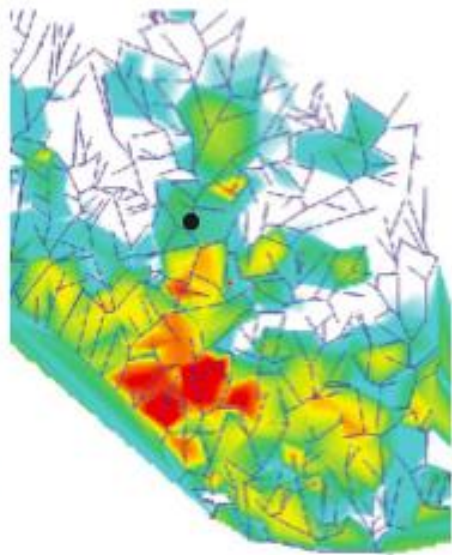
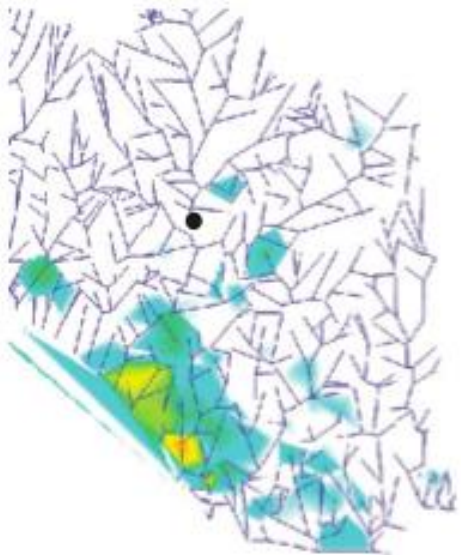
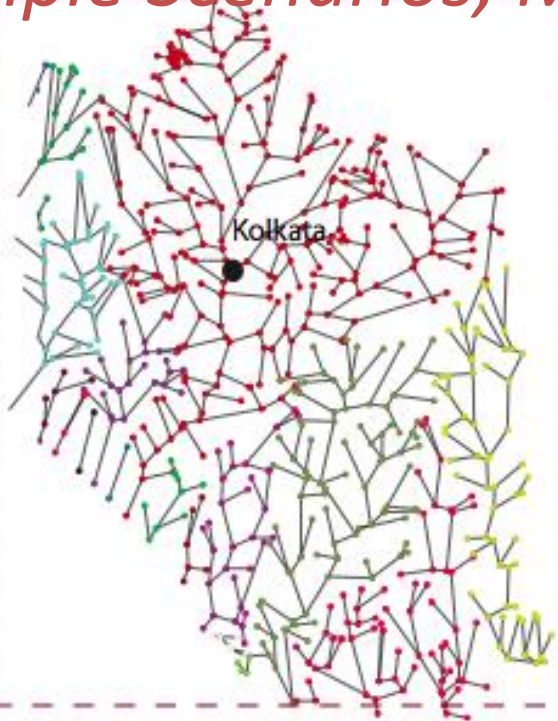
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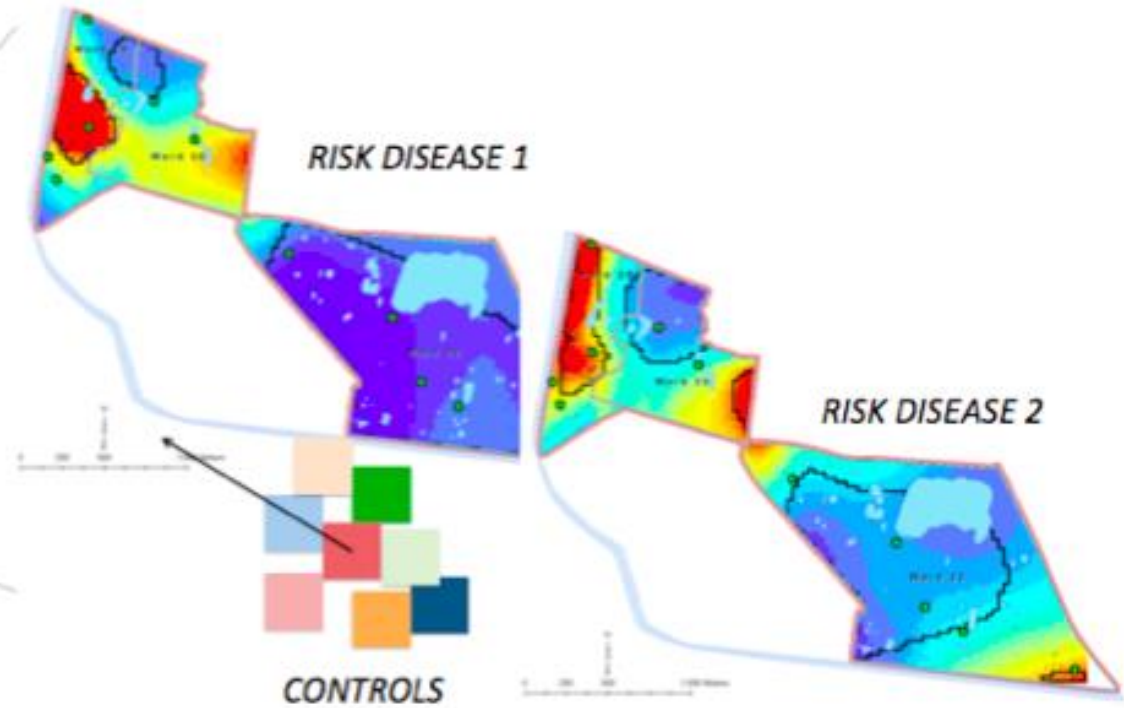
# Portfolio Decision Model



# Multiple Scenarios, Multiple Risks



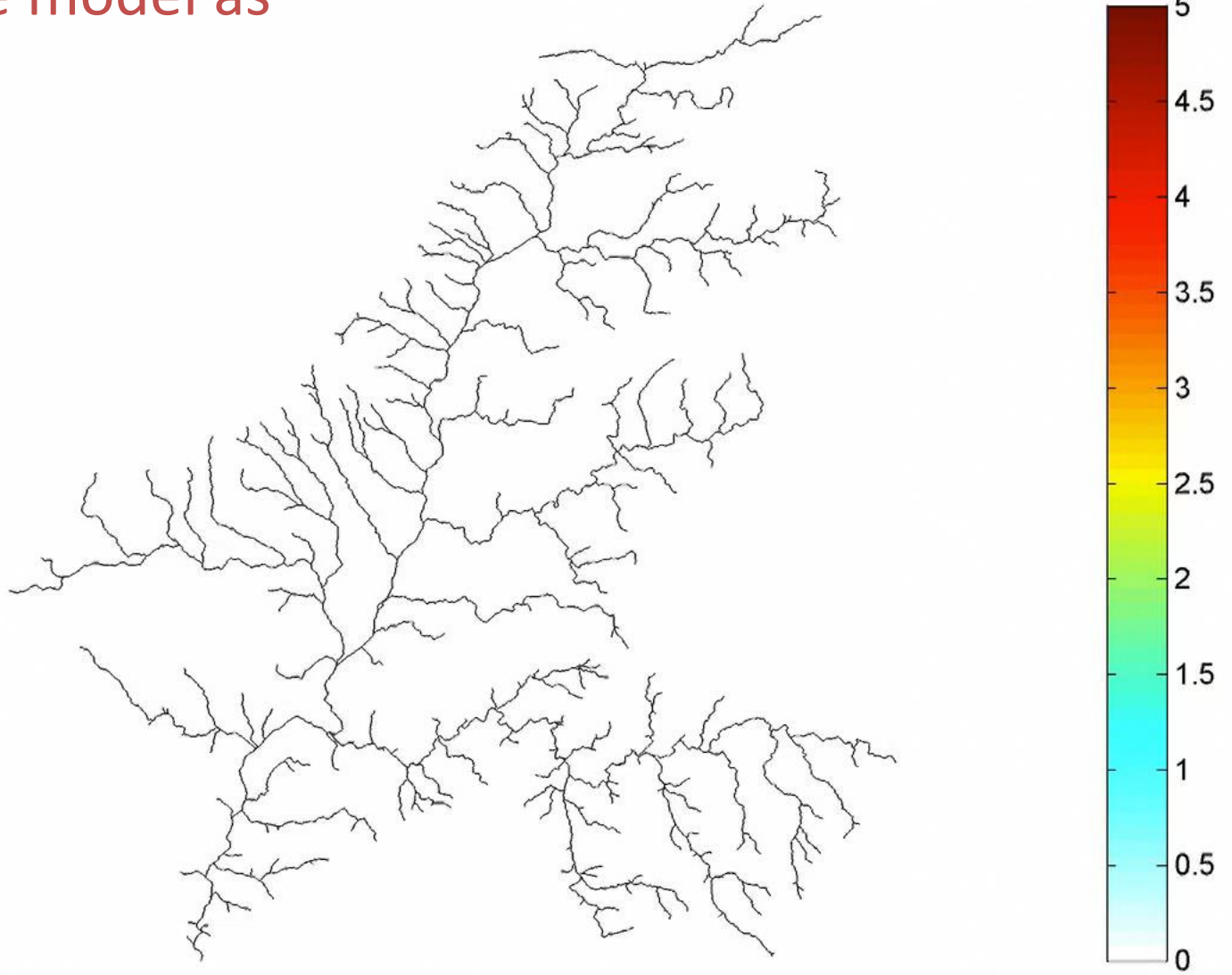
# Portfolio Decision Modeling: Multiple Scales



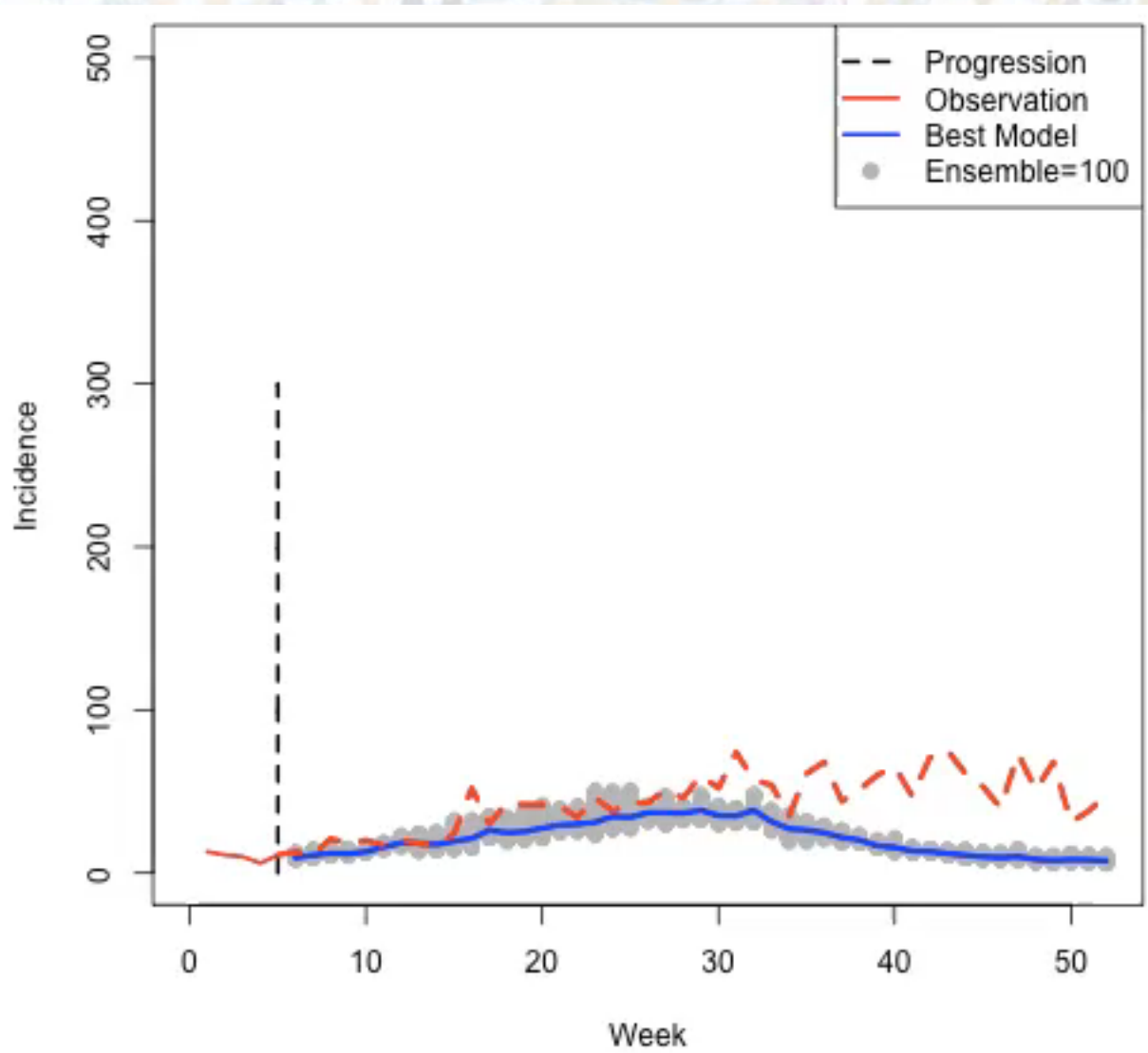
# A predictive model as the core

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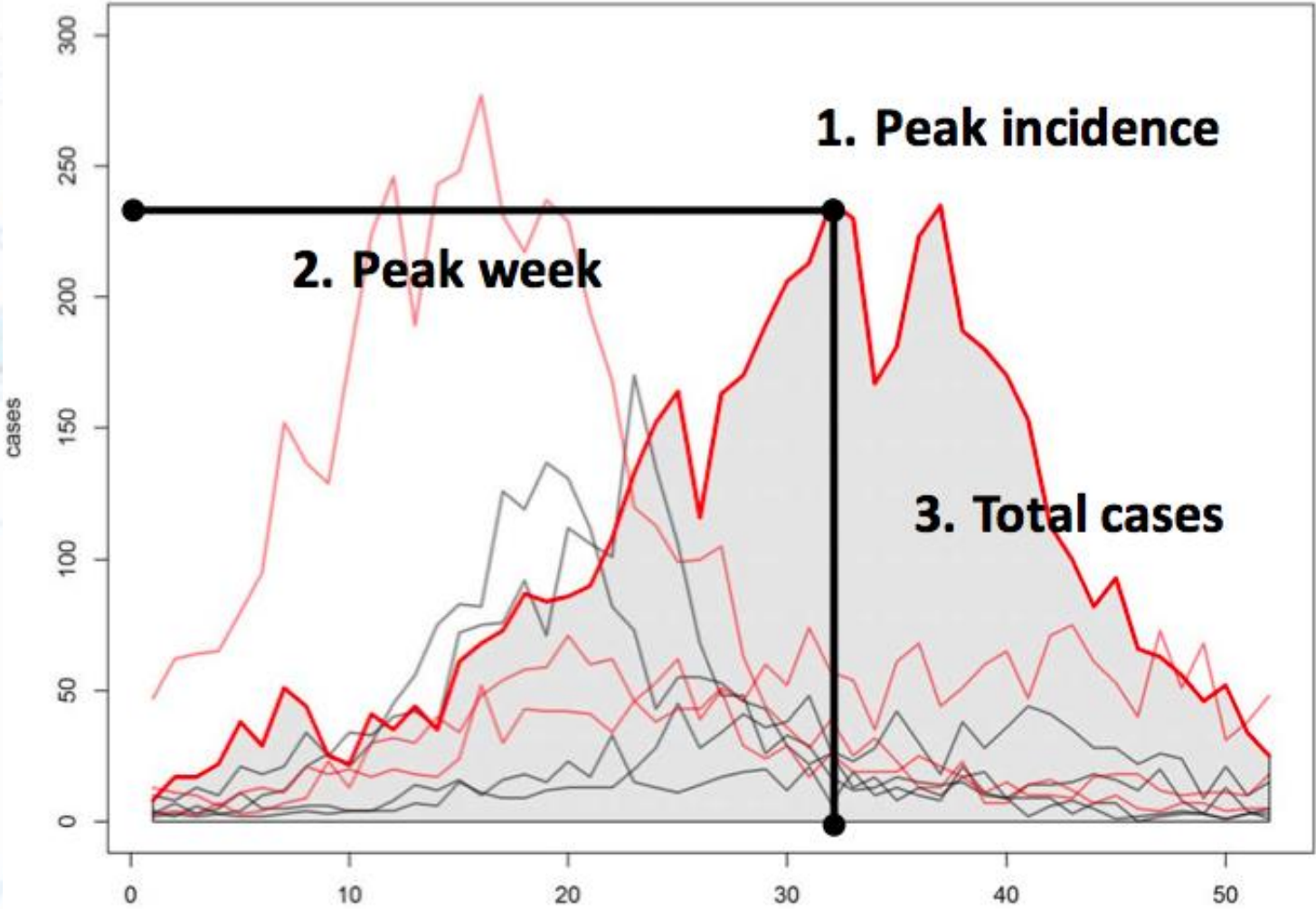
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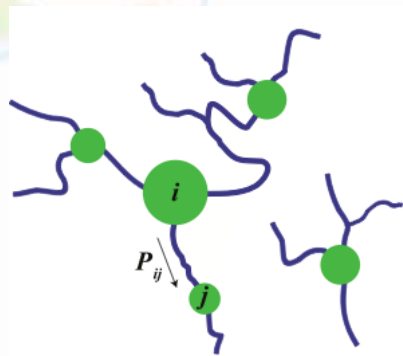
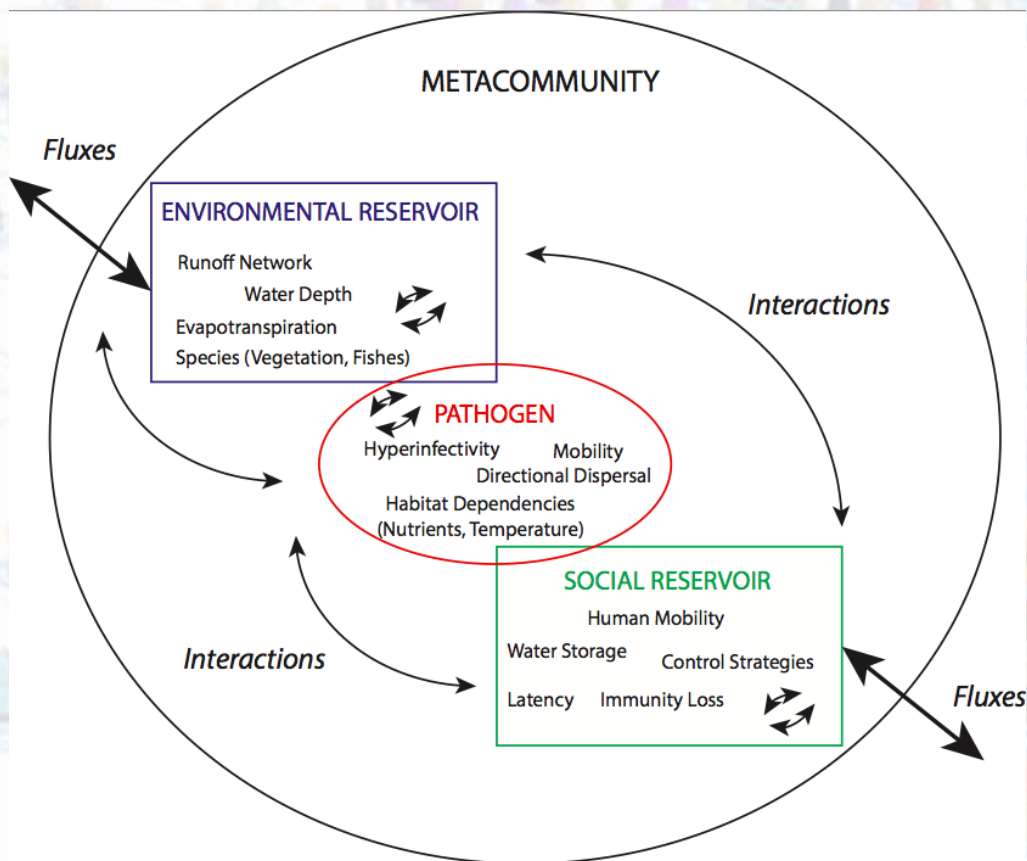


# Temporal Forecasts and Predictions

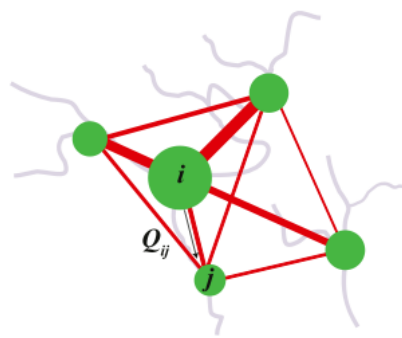


# Forecasting Model

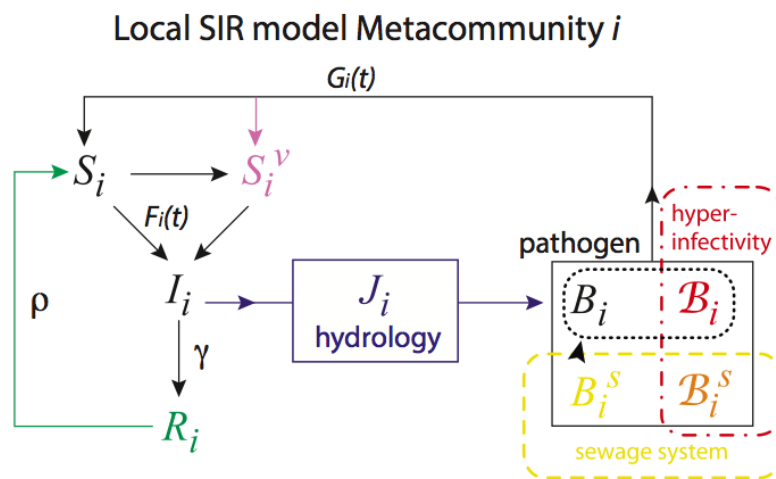




Hydrologic Network



Human-Mobility Network



# Connectopathies, Factorogenicity and Population Outcomes: A Morphological Effective Systemic EpiGraph model (MESE)

EPI (STATIC; RISK)      TRANSPORT (DYNAMICS; OUTCOME)

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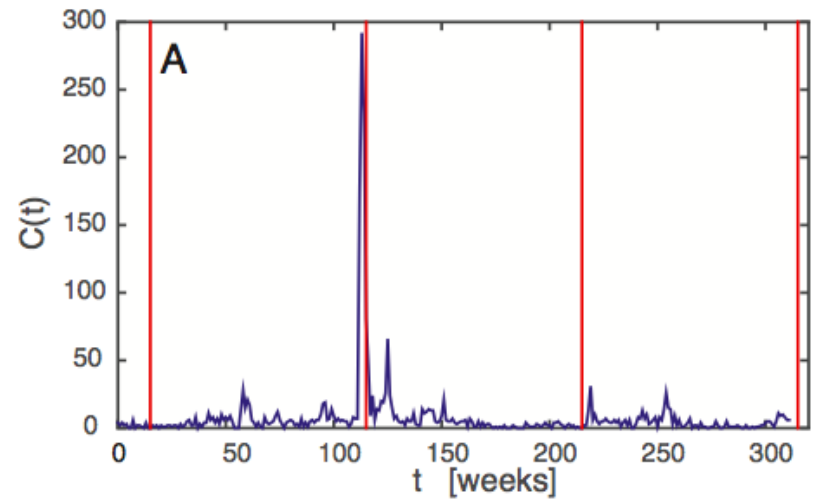
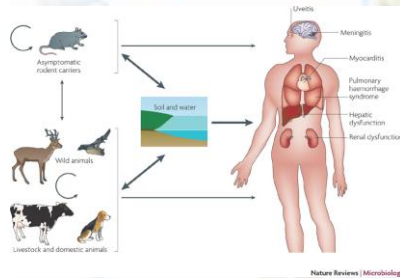
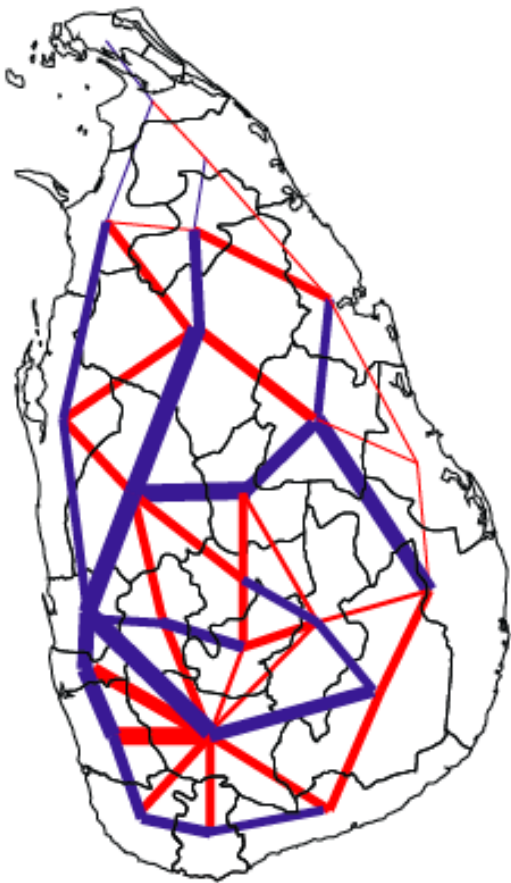
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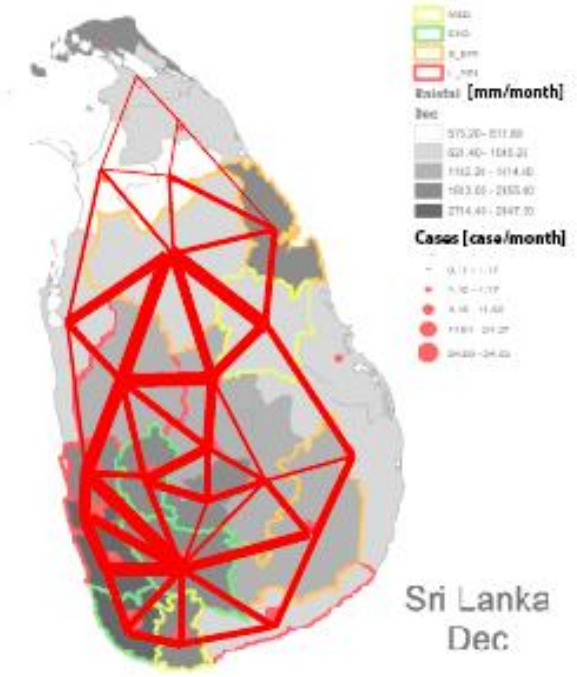
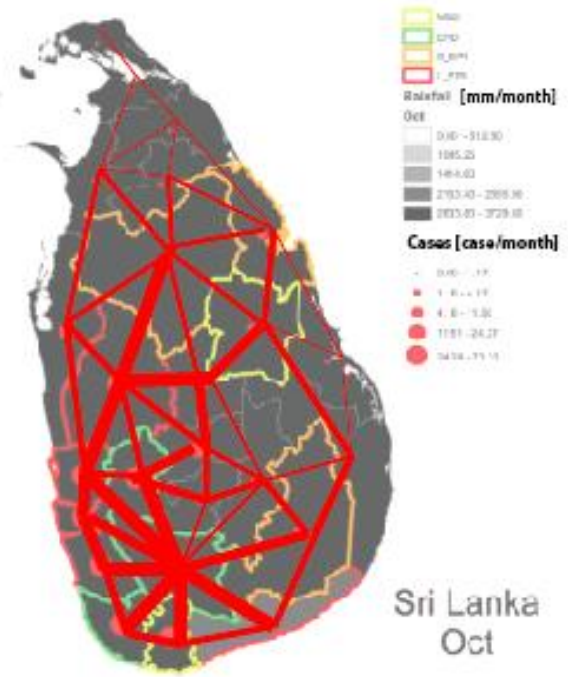
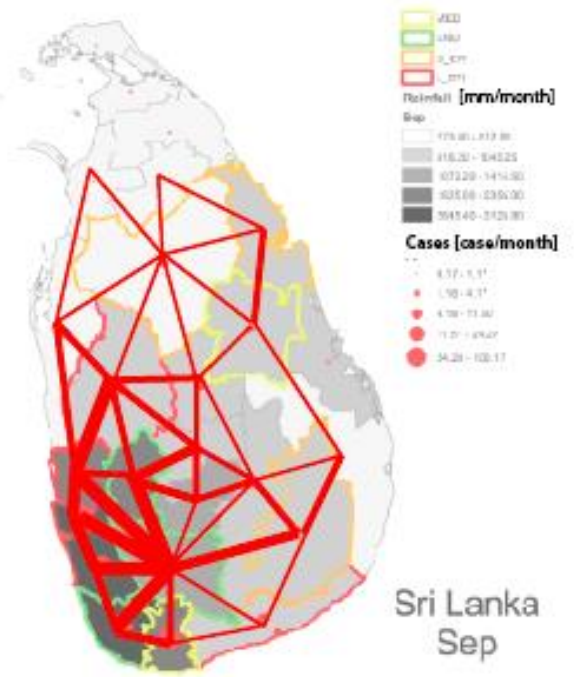
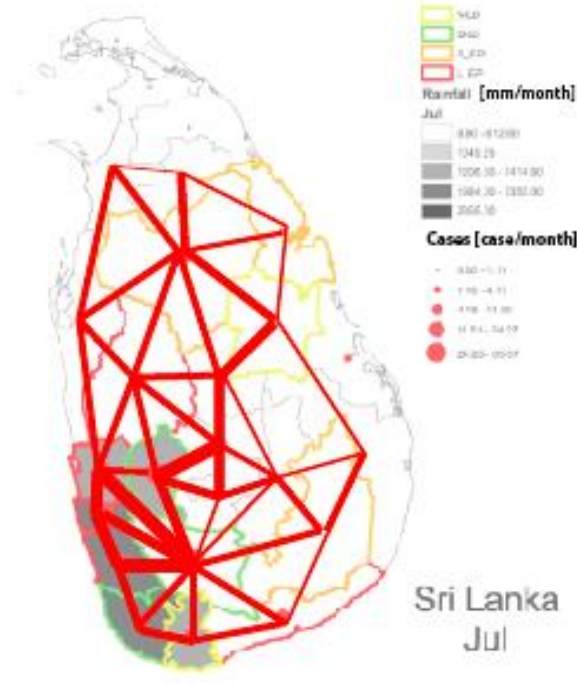
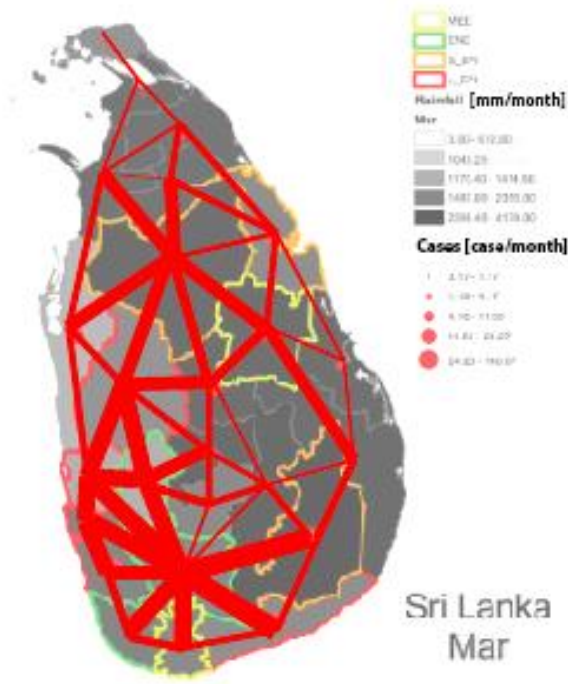
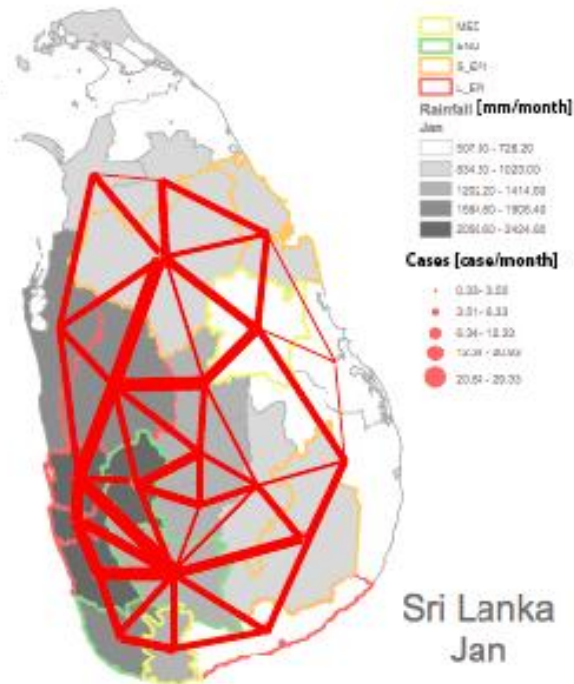
$$f_\gamma = pdf(L_\gamma) pdf(T_{L_\gamma}) \quad L = \text{network length}$$

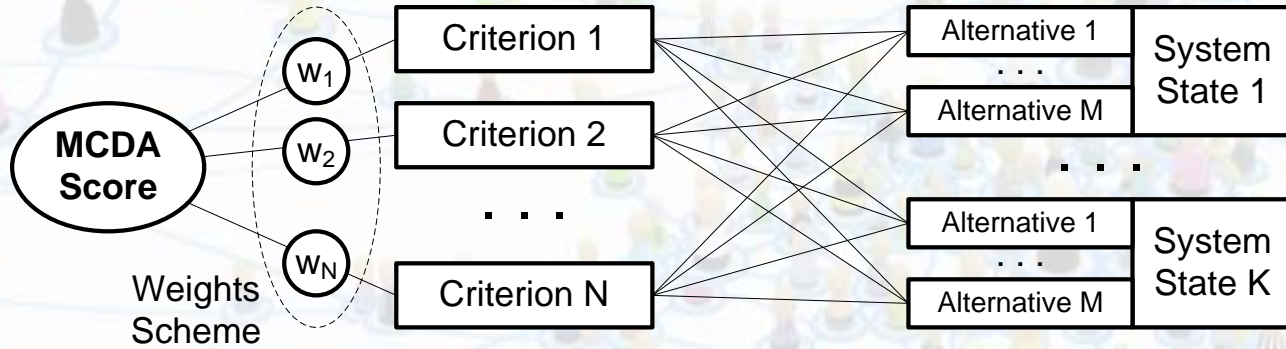
Travel Time distribution  $\sim$  Arrival Time distribution (of Cases)  $\sim$  (Residence Time)<sup>-1</sup>



# Scaling and Early Warning Models: Application to Leptospirosis in Sri Lanka







Alternatives	Criteria	System States			
		State 1	State 2	...	State K
Alternative 1	Criterion 1	$X_{1,1,1}$	$X_{2,1,1}$	...	$X_{K,1,1}$
	Criterion 2	$X_{1,1,2}$	$X_{2,1,2}$	...	$X_{K,1,2}$
	...	...	...	...	...
	Criterion N	$X_{1,1,N}$	$X_{2,1,N}$	...	$X_{K,1,N}$
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Alternative M	Criterion 1	$X_{1,M,1}$	$X_{2,M,1}$	...	$X_{K,M,1}$
	Criterion 2	$X_{1,M,2}$	$X_{2,M,2}$	...	$X_{K,M,2}$
	...	...	...	...	...
	Criterion N	$X_{1,M,N}$	$X_{2,M,N}$	...	$X_{K,M,N}$

## Local Population-adjusted Risk

$$\diamond V_{m,j}^*(\underline{R}) = (1 - \underbrace{v_j(\underline{R})}_{\substack{\text{Population} \\ \text{Vulnerability}}} \underbrace{f_{i(j)}}_{\substack{\text{Alternative} \\ \text{Effectiveness}} \sim \text{Efficacy}} R_{i(j),m} V_{m,j}(\underline{R})$$

(if available and meaningful)

## Systemic Risk

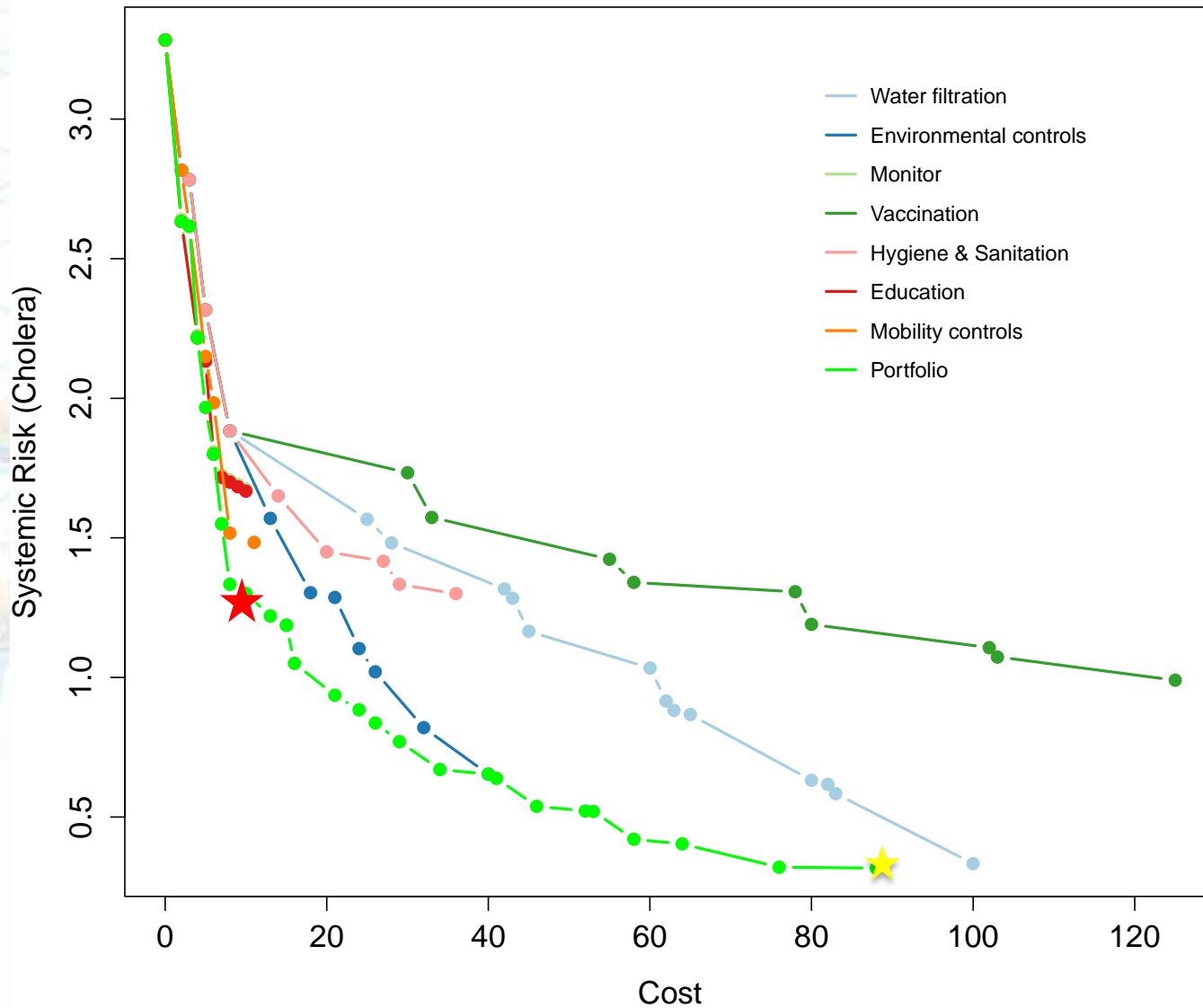
$$\diamond V_T(\underline{R}) = \sqrt{\sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^J (V_{m,j}^*(\underline{R}) \underbrace{w_j}_{\substack{\text{Stakeholder} \\ \text{Preferences}}})^2} = \sqrt{V_N(\underline{R})^2 + V_H(\underline{R})^2}$$

m=disease management alternative

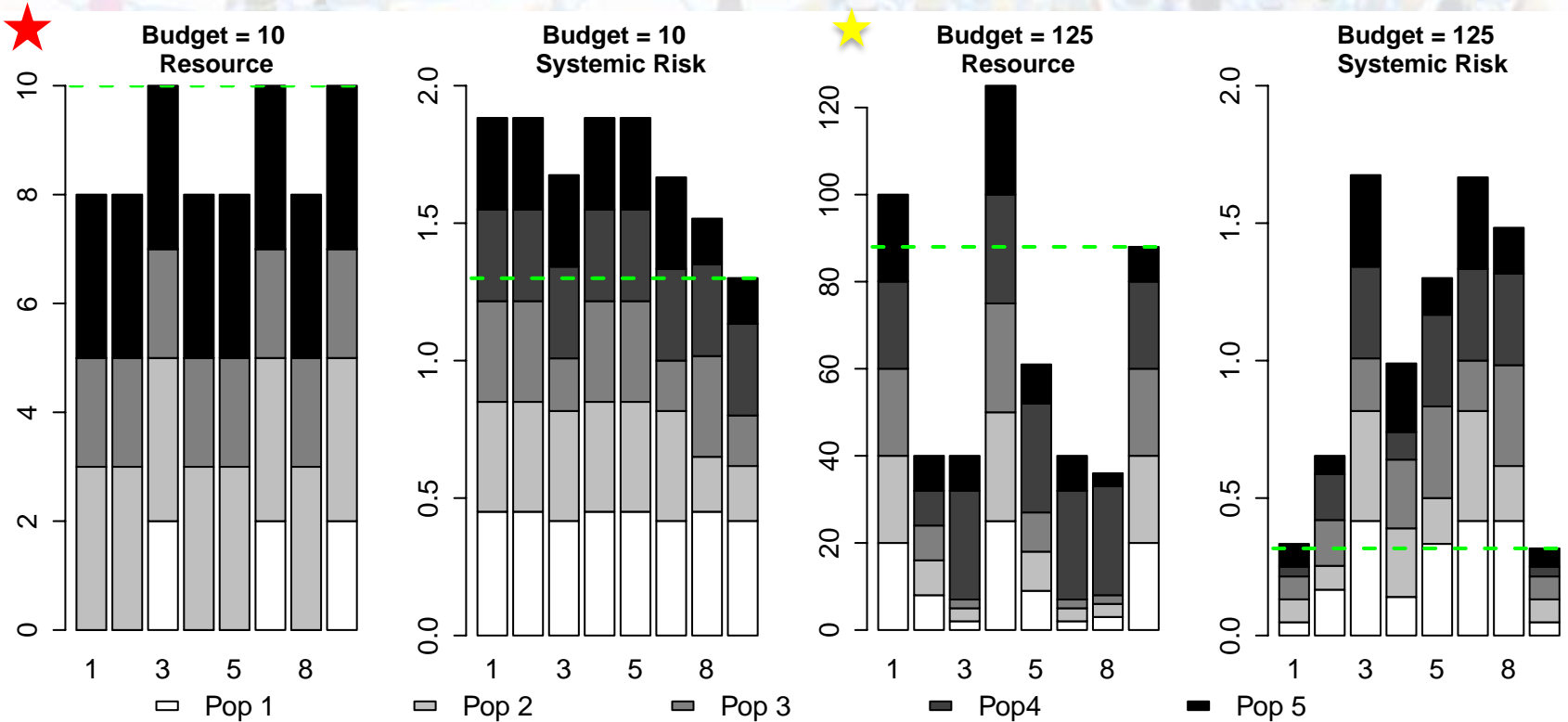
i=site

j=criteria or ecosystem services (e.g., incidence, water quality)

# Portfolio Optimality

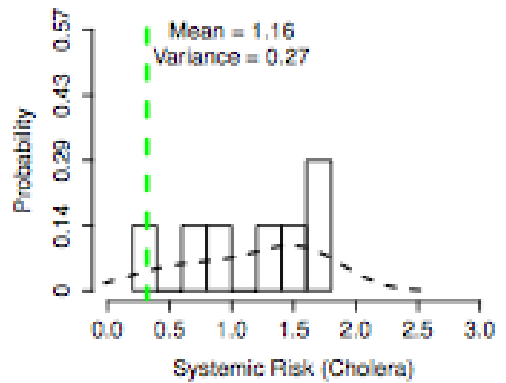
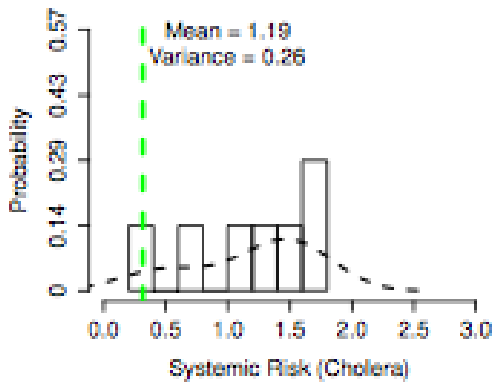
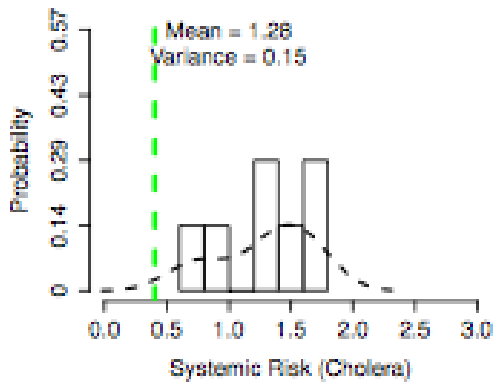
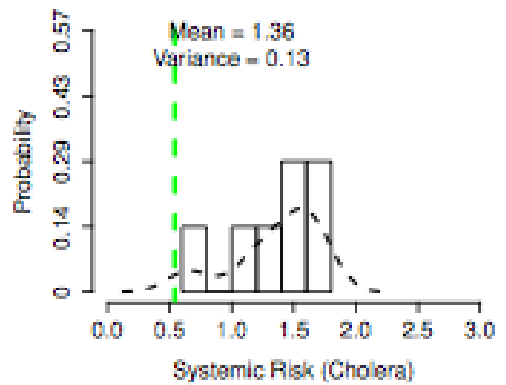
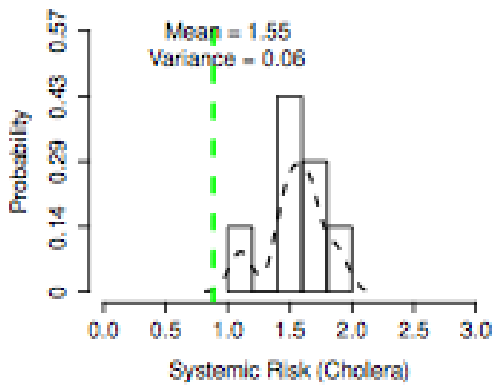
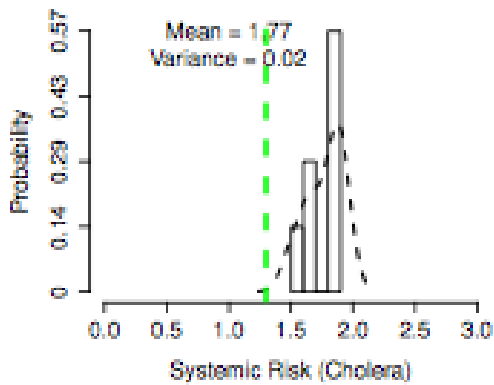


# Budget and Risk Diversification



The lower the budget the lower the expense of the portfolio and the higher the risk

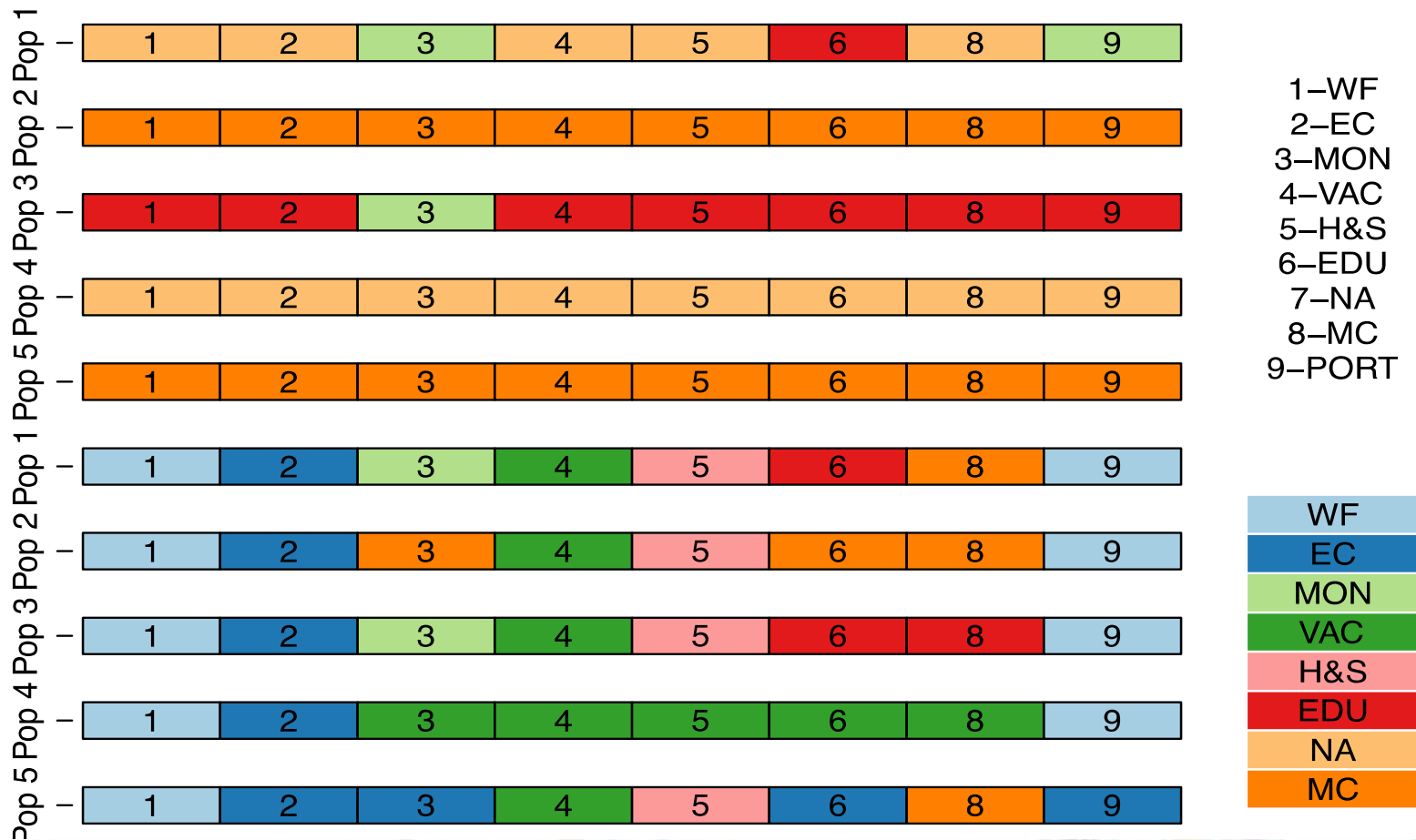
For high budget the effectiveness of each control is higher for a single and all subpopulations



Green=portfolio solution

The higher the budget the more platykurtic the pdf is

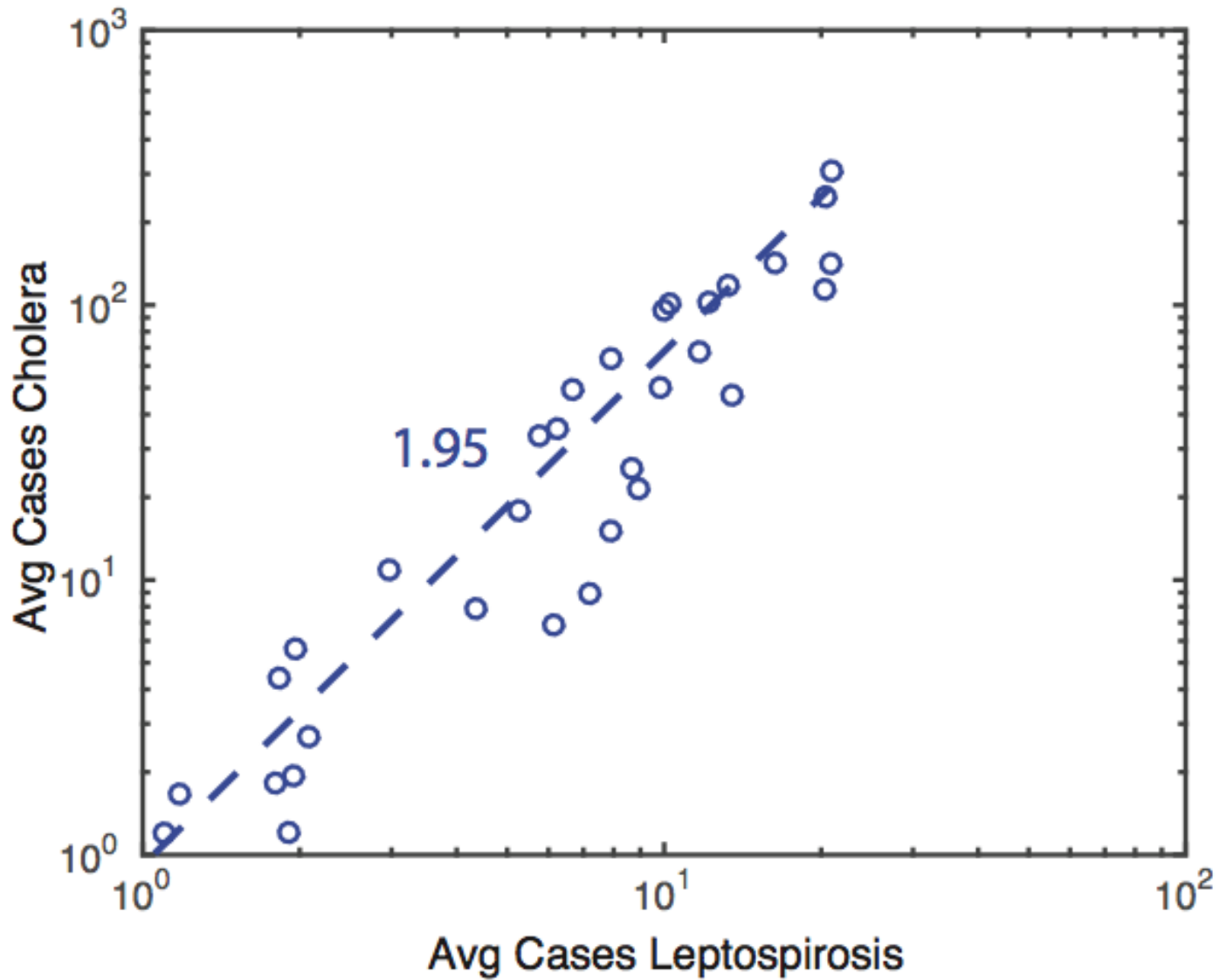
# Pareto Optimal Strategies



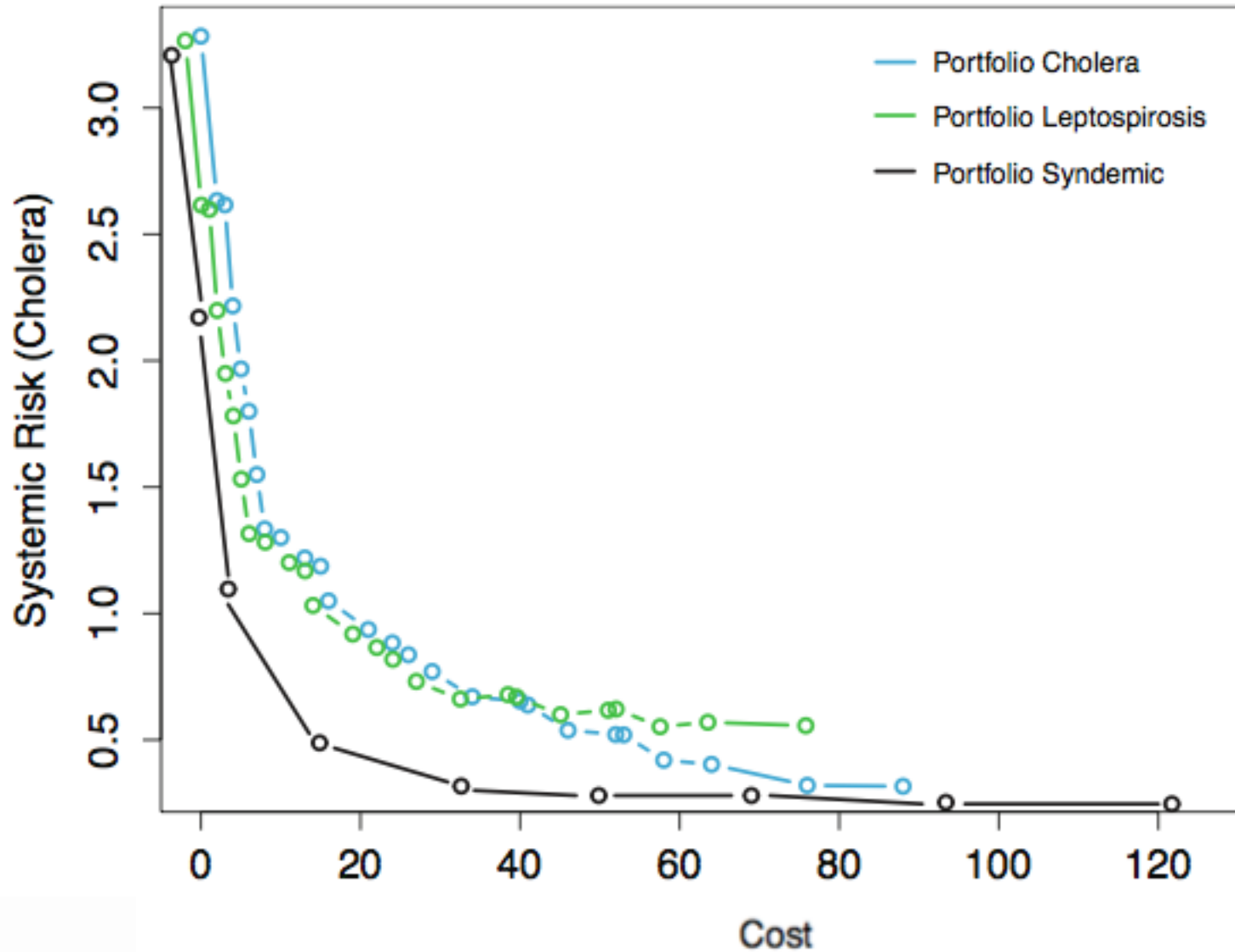
Monocontrol Strategy is not selecting one alternative a priori vs. a priori selected alternatives (in the latter scenario budget constraint may not allow to select the imposed alternative)

Portfolio does allow multiple alternatives

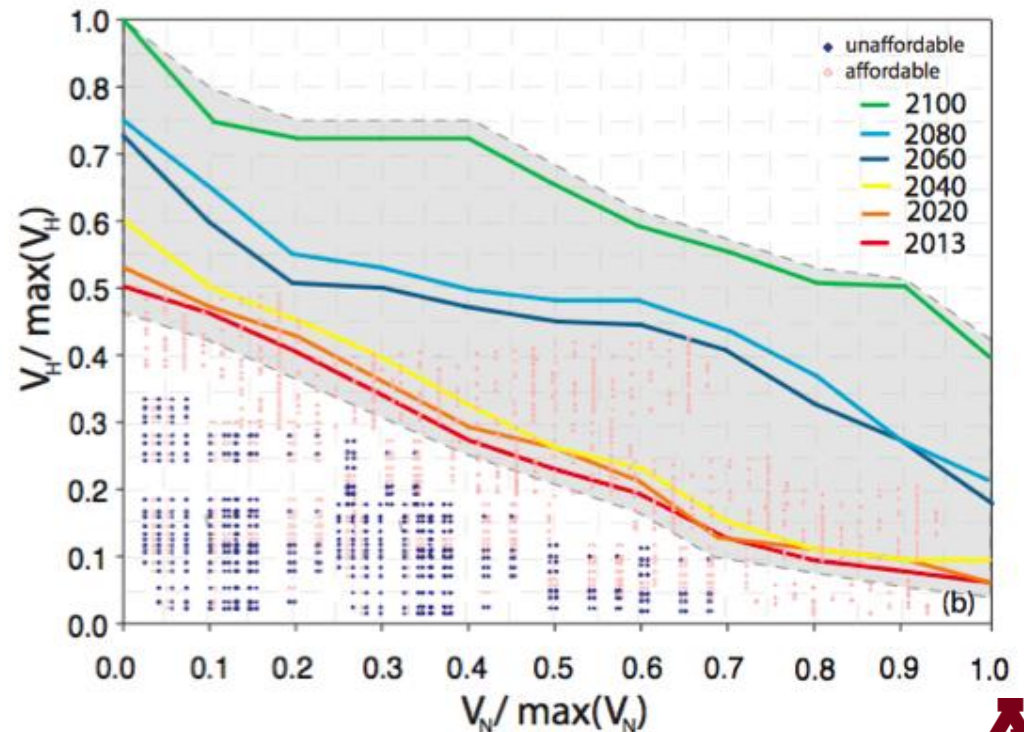
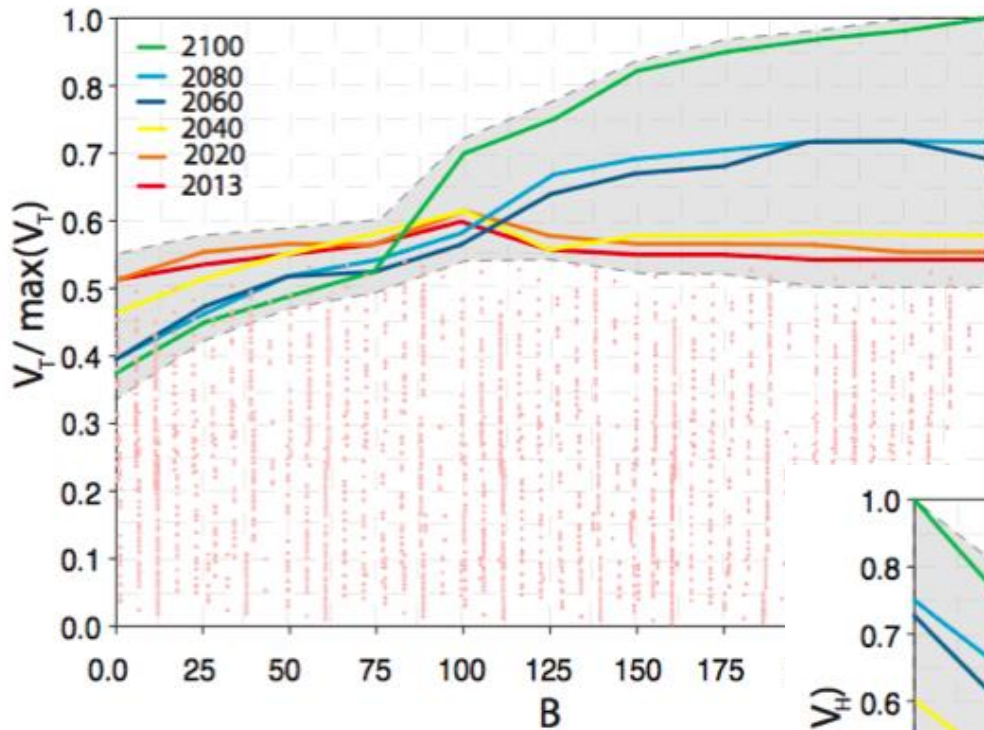
# Syndemic Scaling



# Optimizing Syndemic Management



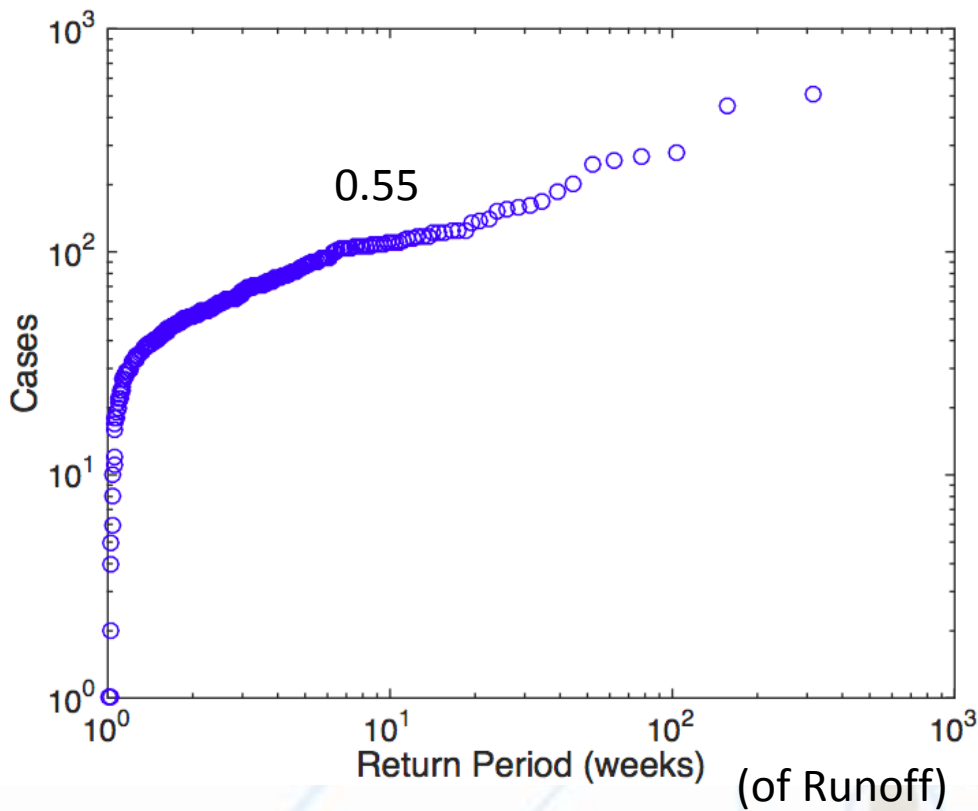
# Pareto Frontiers considering urban and rural benefits



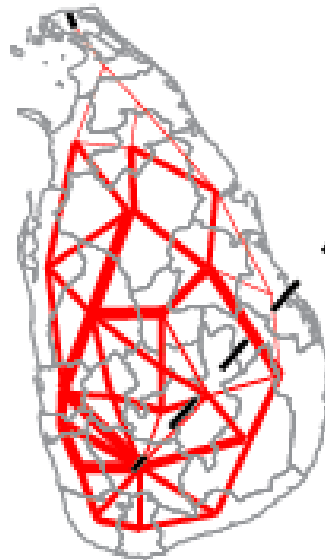
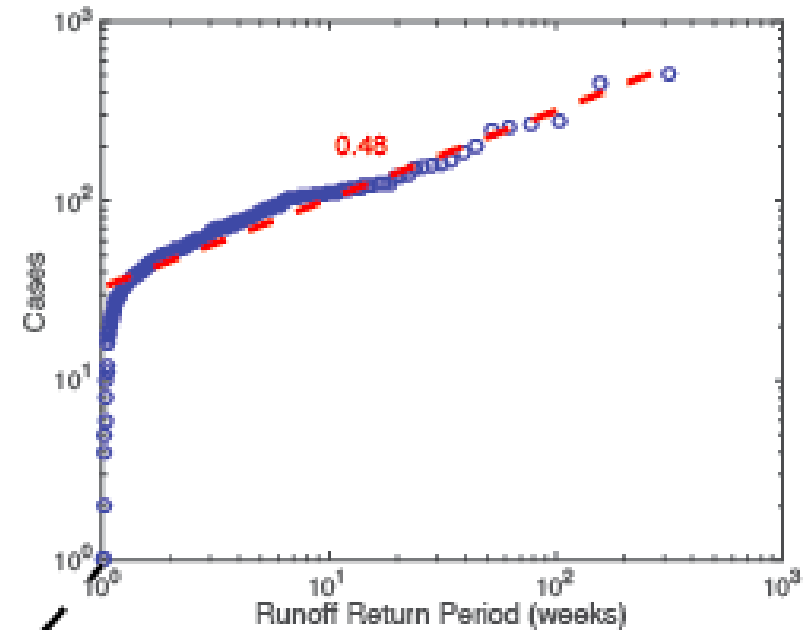
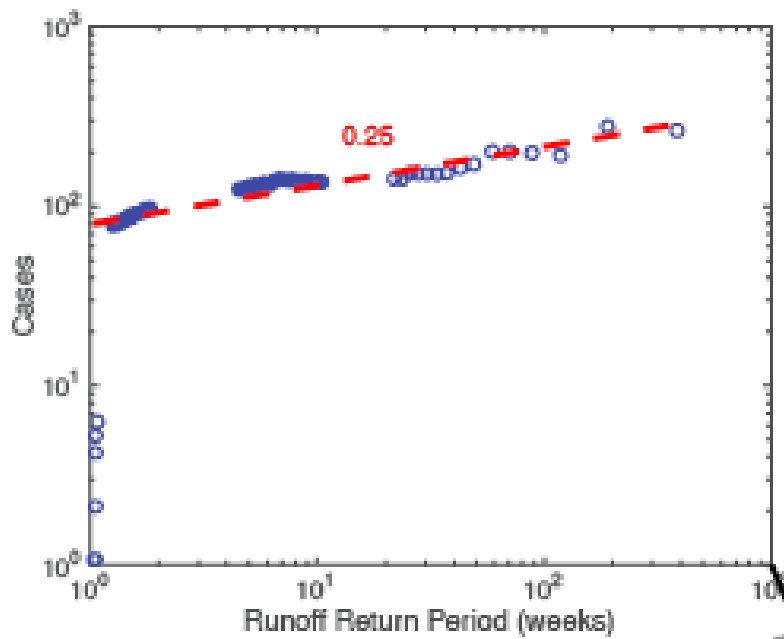
The relative values of urban and rural populations are assessed in the portfolio considering stakeholder preferences



# Scaling Epidemiology

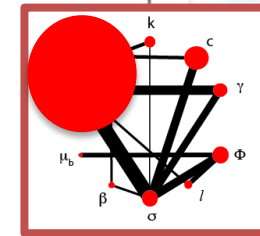
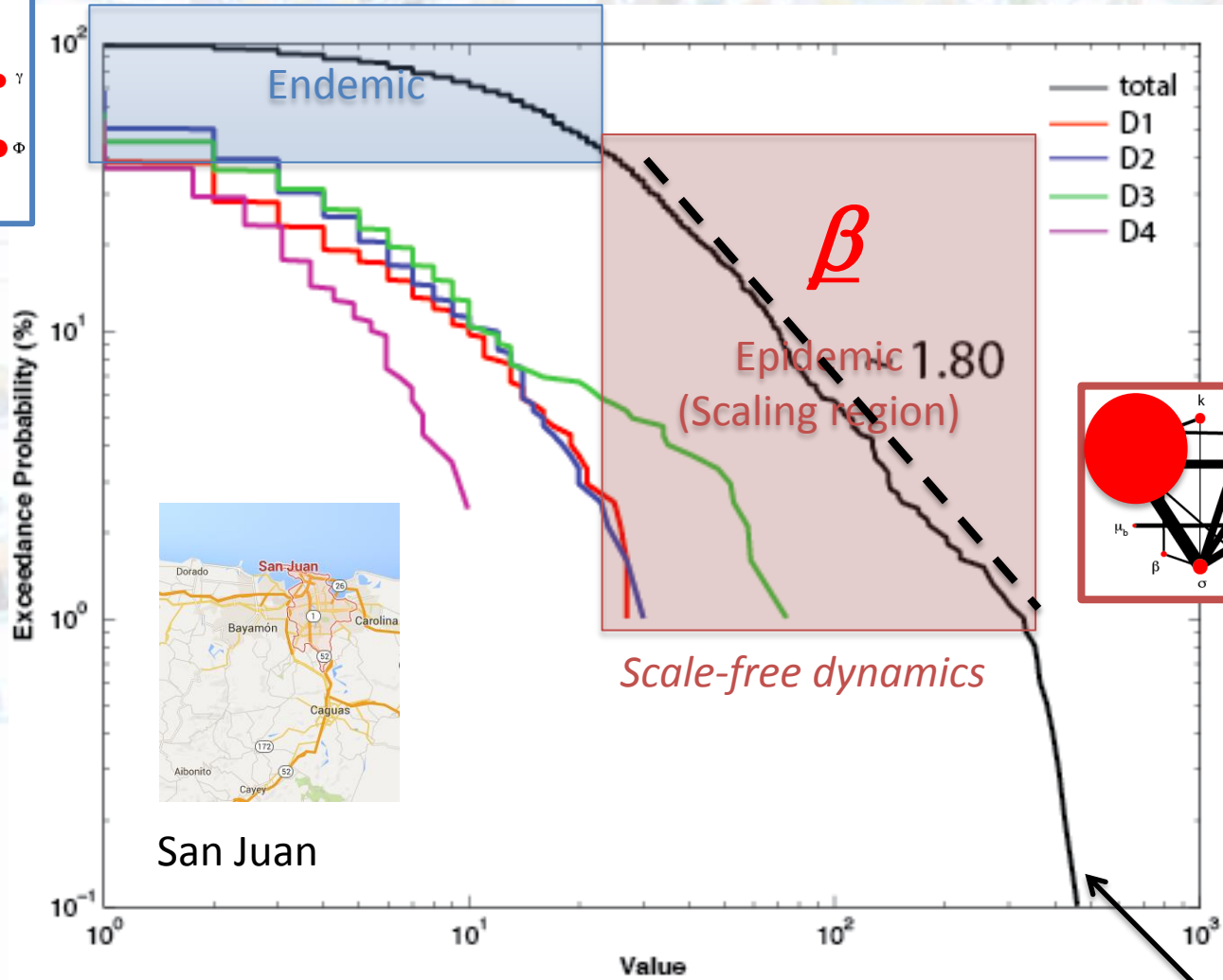
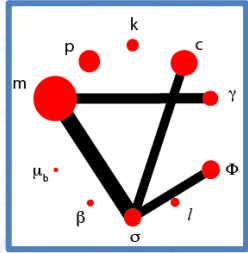


# From Large Scale Forcing to Disease Dynamics



# Distribution of EHL Outcomes

Exponential dynamics



$$P(I > i) \sim i^{-\beta}$$

Finite-size effects

# Portfolio Conclusions

The portfolio management approach, by combining environmental and decision models, provides **the most efficient allocation of resources in a quantitative sustainability perspective**

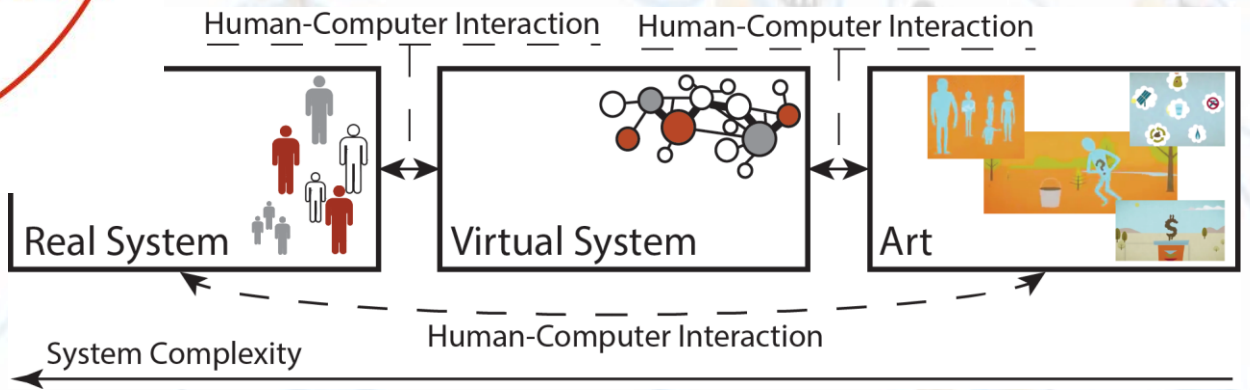
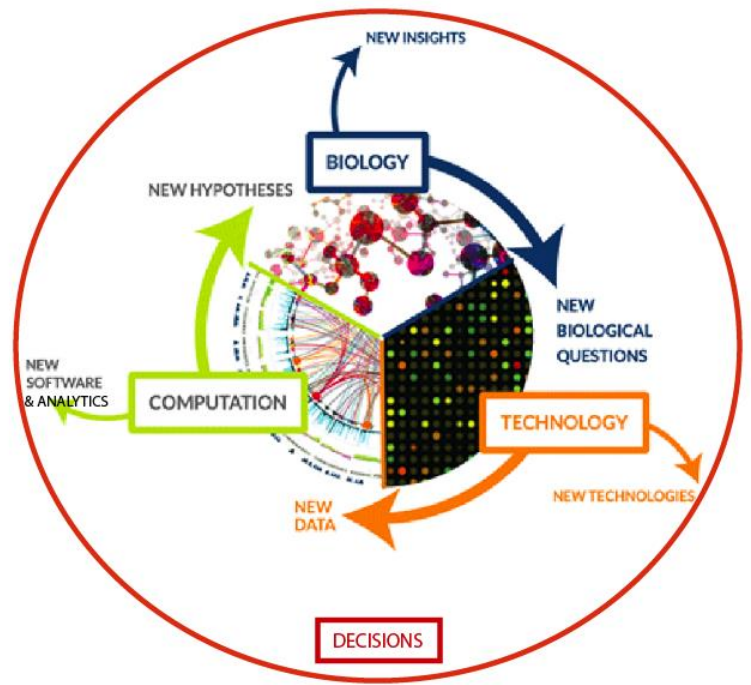
**Spatial heterogeneity and connectivity is critical** for reproducing infectious disease dynamics and for optimizing health management. **Model scale and resolution depends on stakeholder objectives**

**Global sensitivity and uncertainty analyses** of the model allows one to capture variability in epidemiological and management factors. It allows also **the detection and attribution of transmission pathways** as well as to **design the system**

The model directly translates science into optimal practice. The model can be used as a **real time technology for other affine syndemics** and can formally include **stakeholder mental models**



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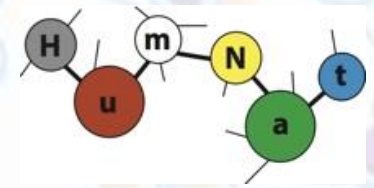
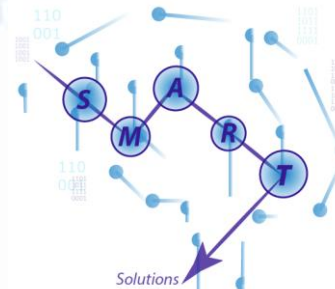
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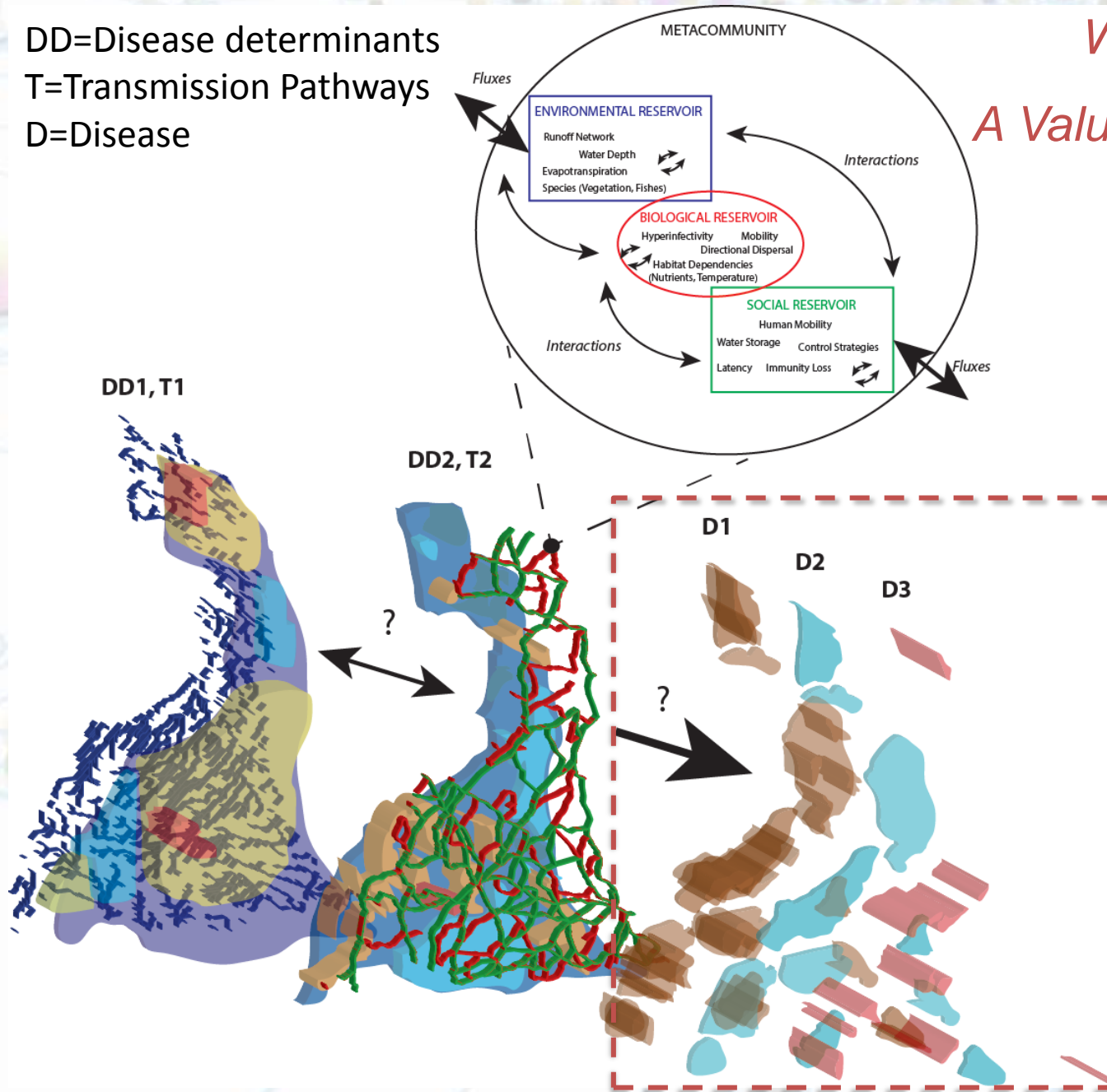




*Supplementary Material*

DD=Disease determinants  
 T=Transmission Pathways  
 D=Disease

*Web of "Causation"*  
*A Value-based Statistical  
 Physics Approach*



*Syndemics*



# Philosophical Foundations

**Probabilistic Dynamics (Static Analysis)** -> Return Period, Magnitude, Decay, and detection of disease regimes -> short term **predictions**

**Mutual Information (Causal Dynamic Analysis)** -> "hidden" and diverse functional networks of underpinning factors for different disease regimes -> long term **forecasts**

**Macro-scale evolution (Macro Analysis)** -> power-law growth of the disease (derived from the underlying or tendential criticality of disease dynamics) -> **macroscopic patterns**

*Corollary: Mimicking the emergent patterns in nature (biomimicking) is useful for understanding the fundamental processes underlying the observed patterns. This is what models should capture*

