

# **Assessing the effect of social contact structure on the impact of pneumococcal conjugate vaccines**

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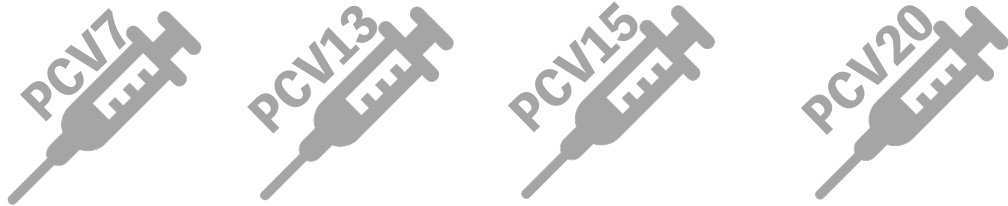
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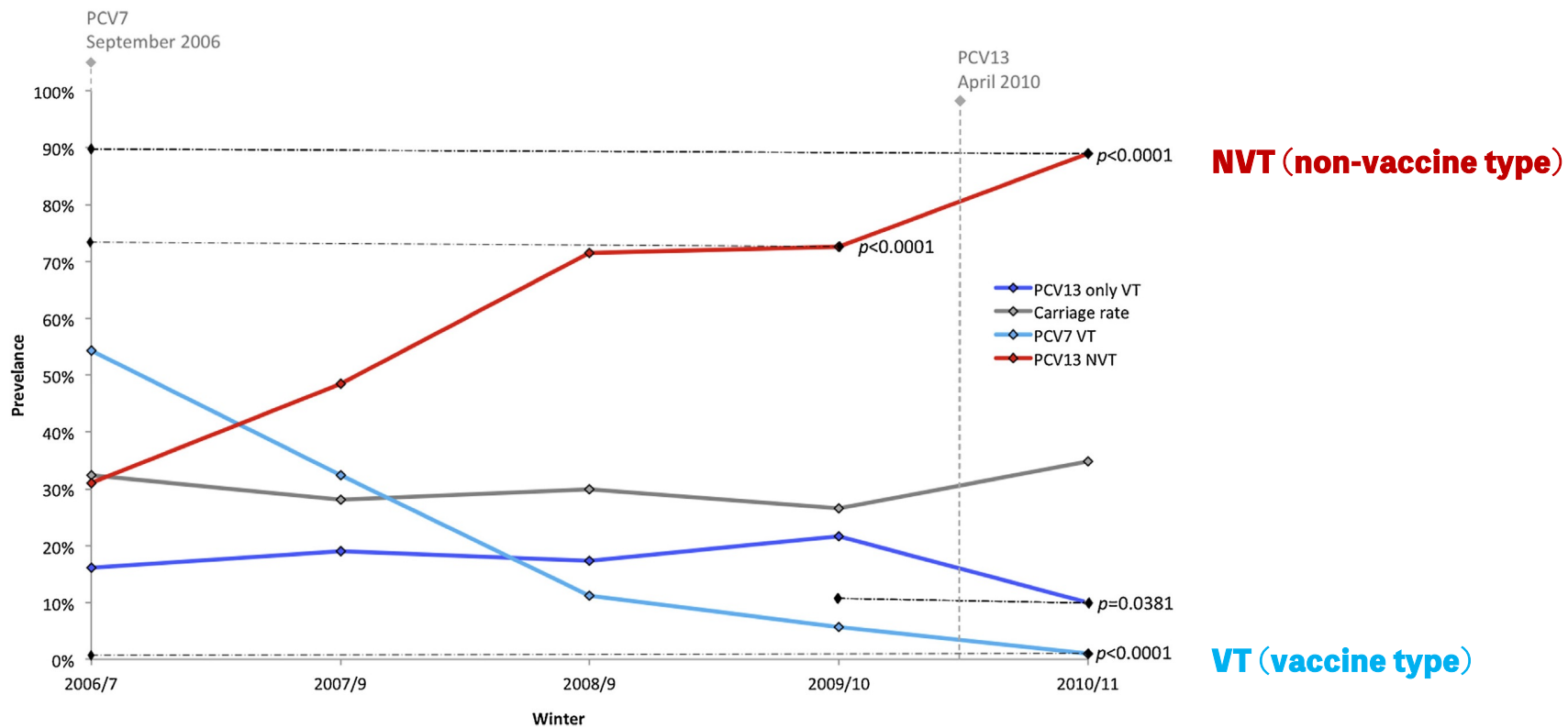
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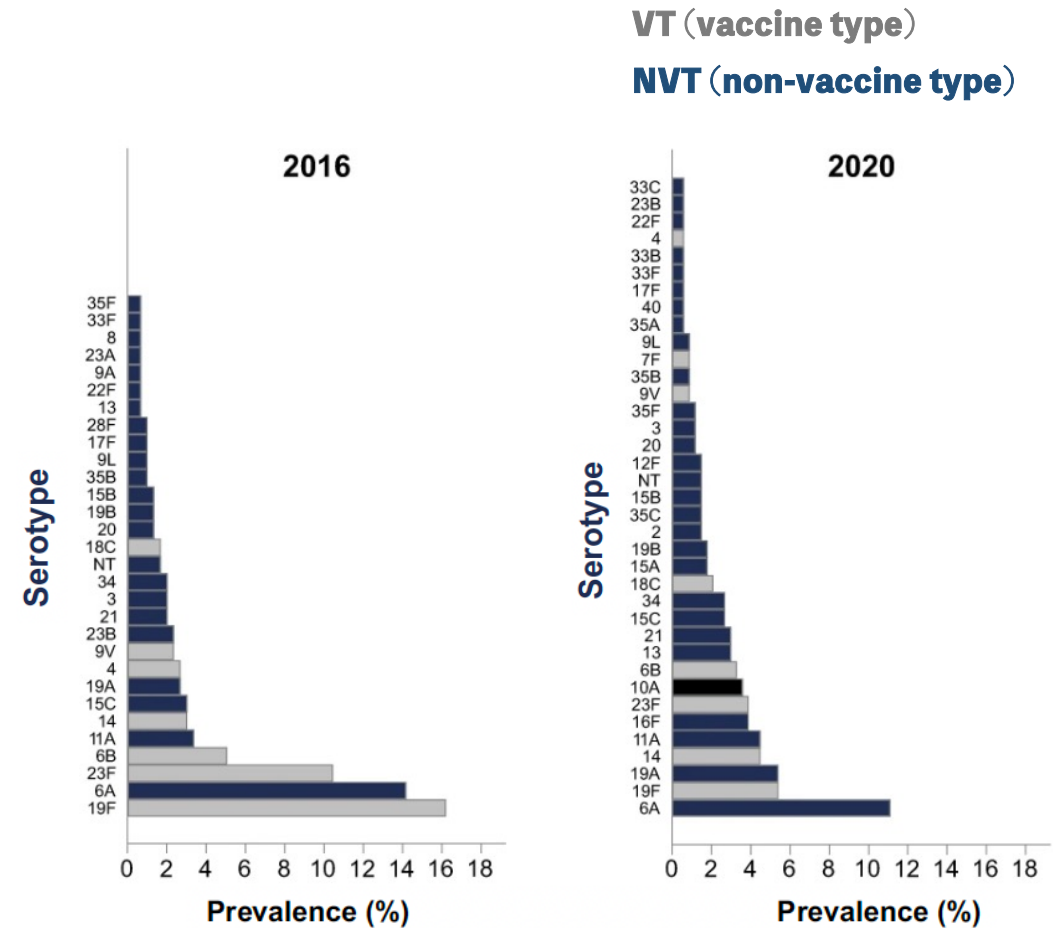
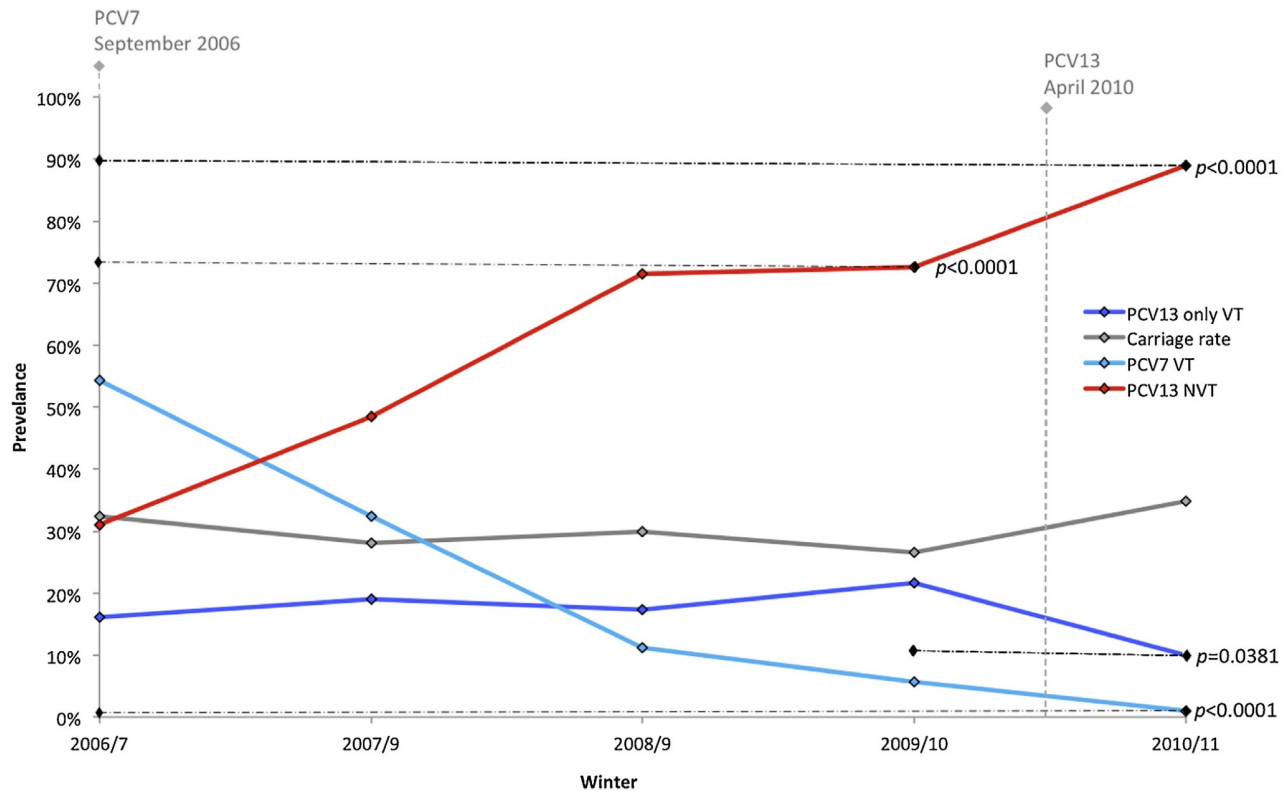
PCVs cover up to **15 / 20** out of **100 serotypes**<sup>1</sup>



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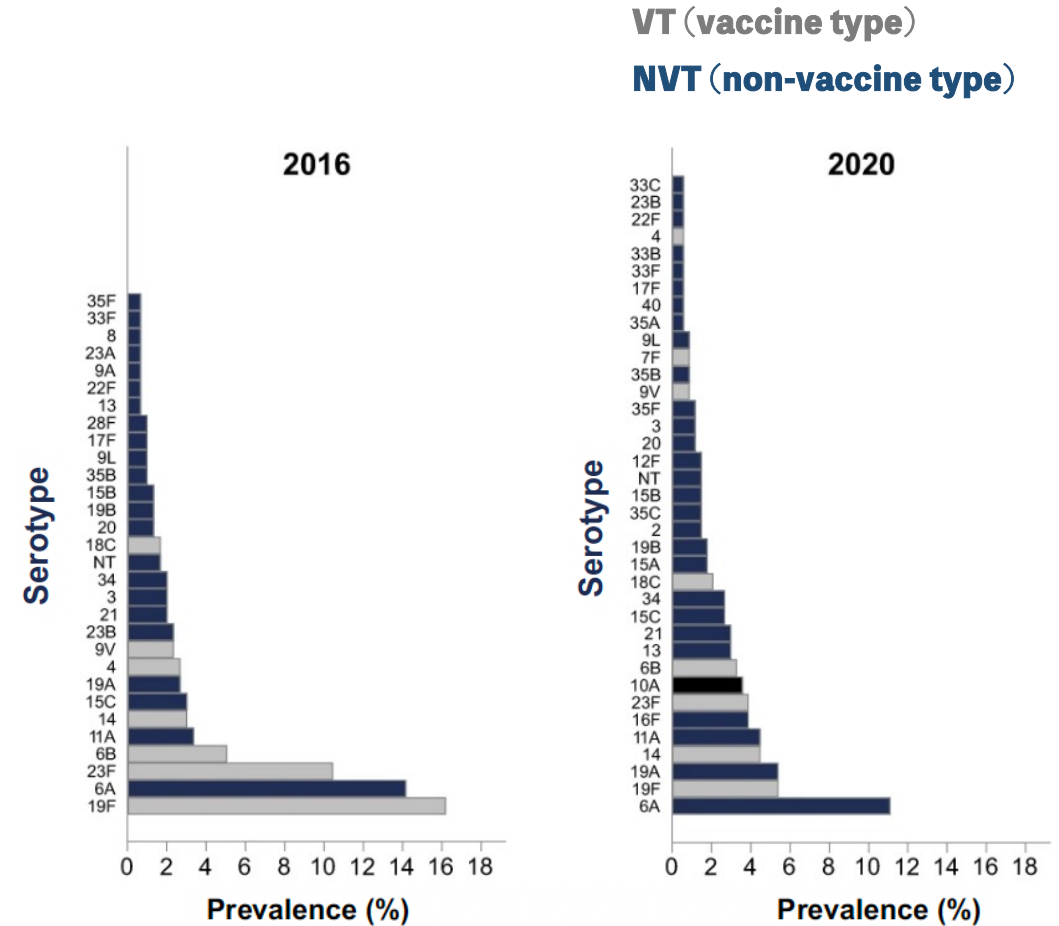
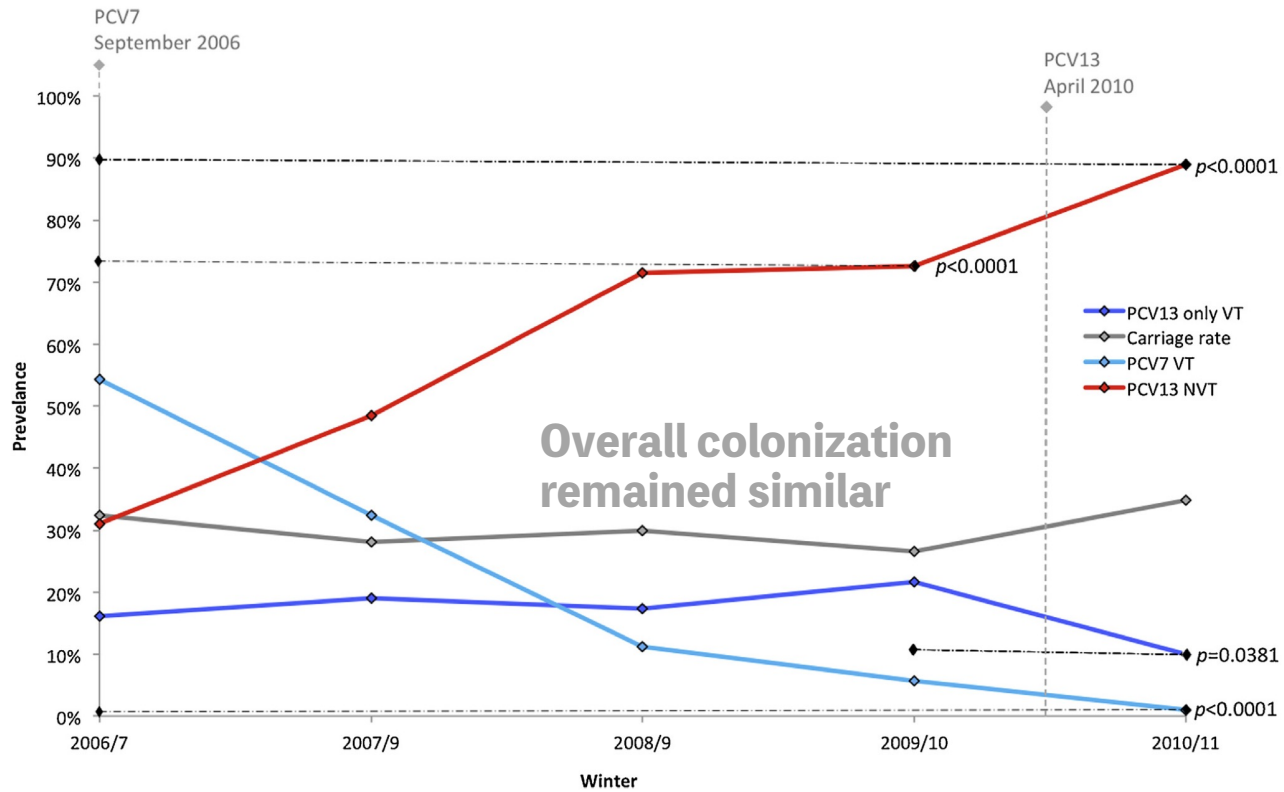


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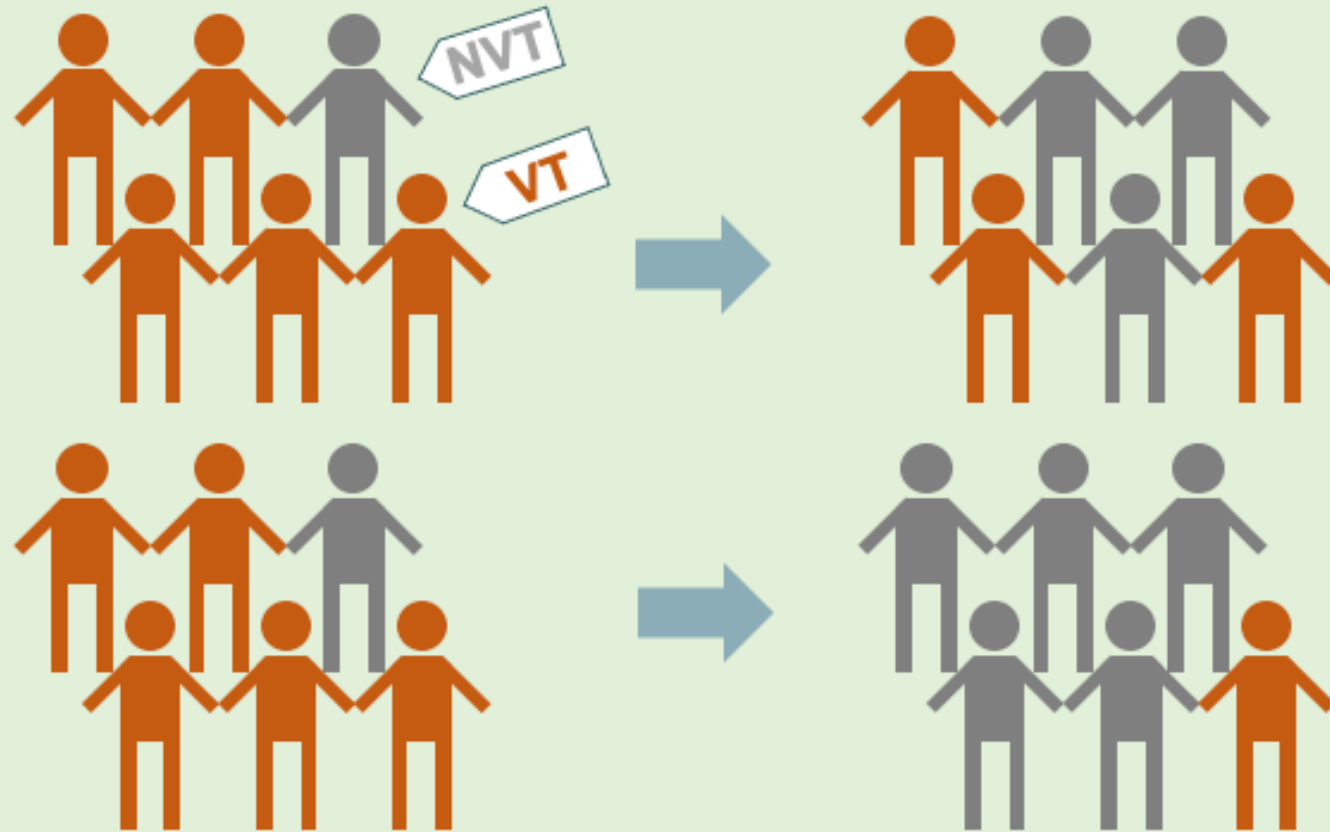
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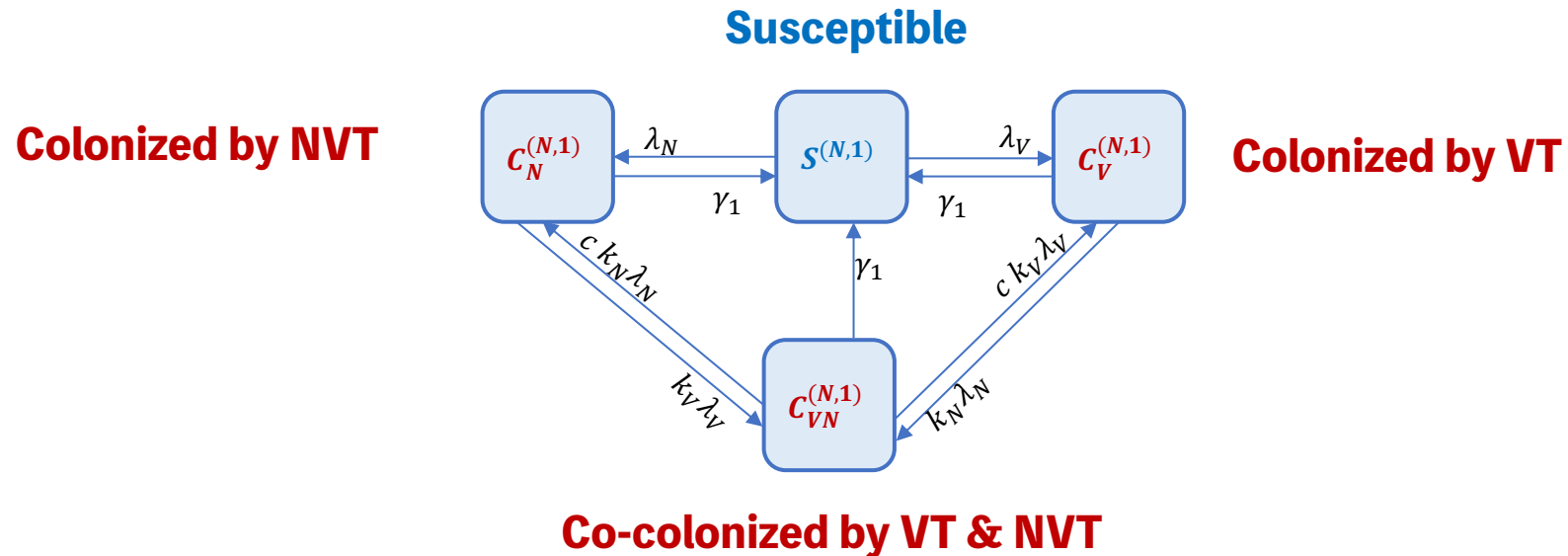


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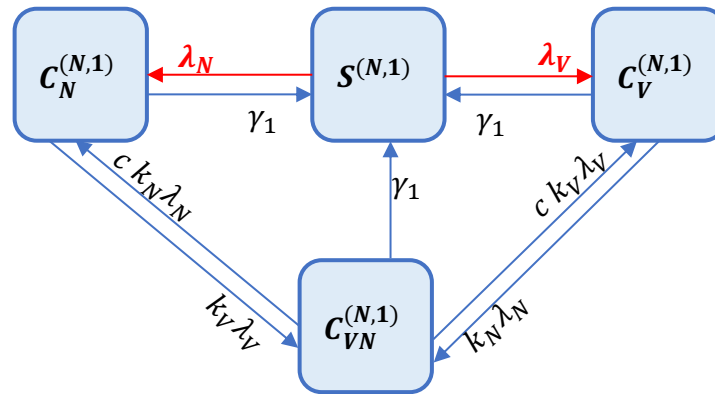


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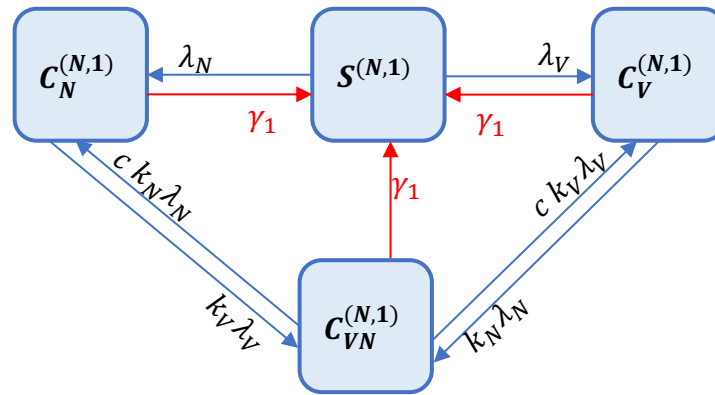
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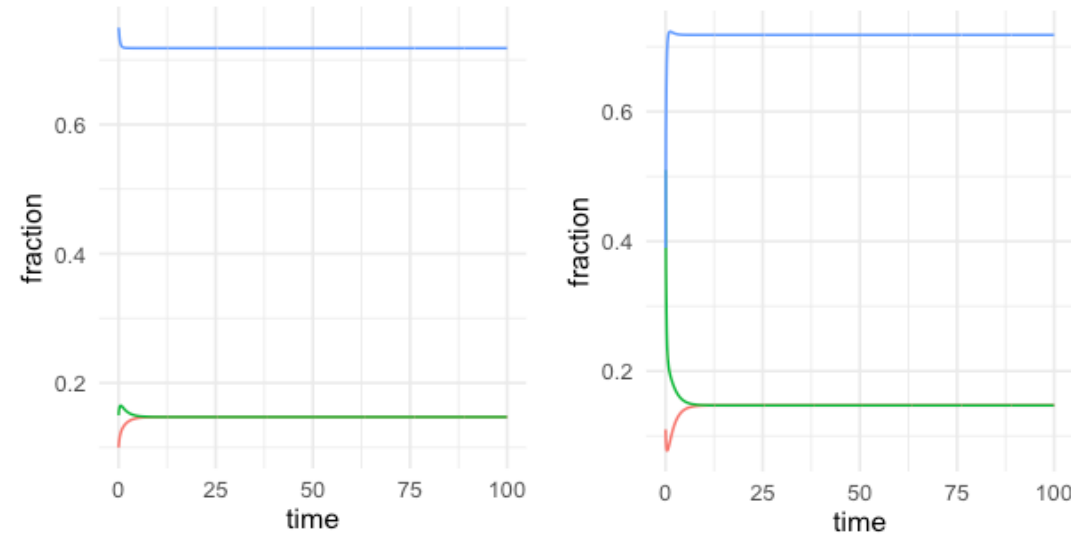


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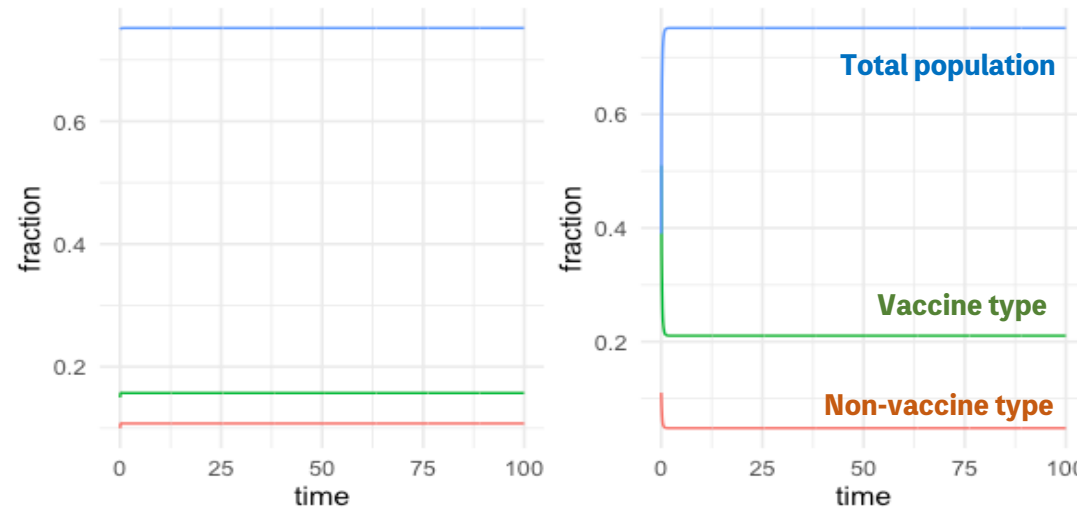


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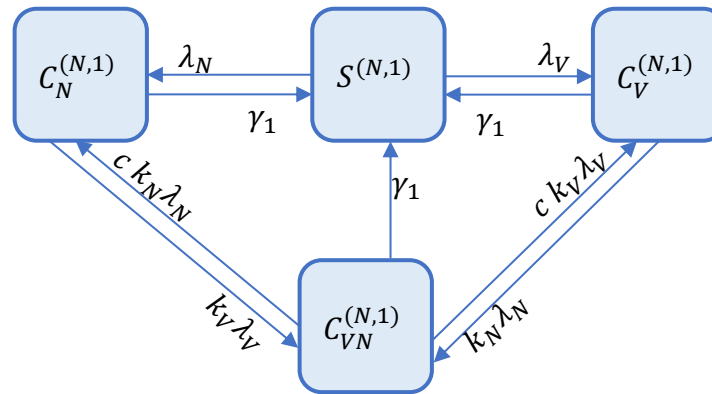
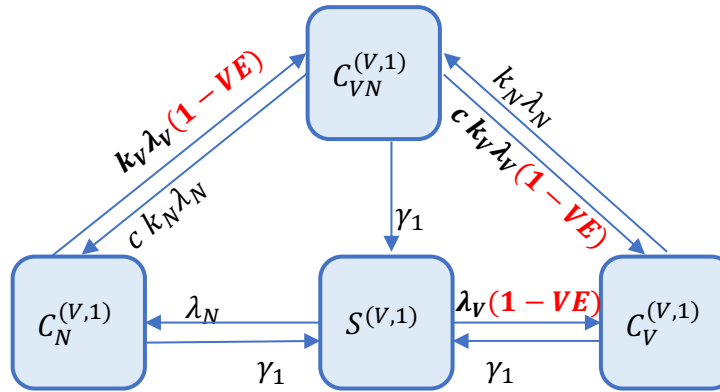
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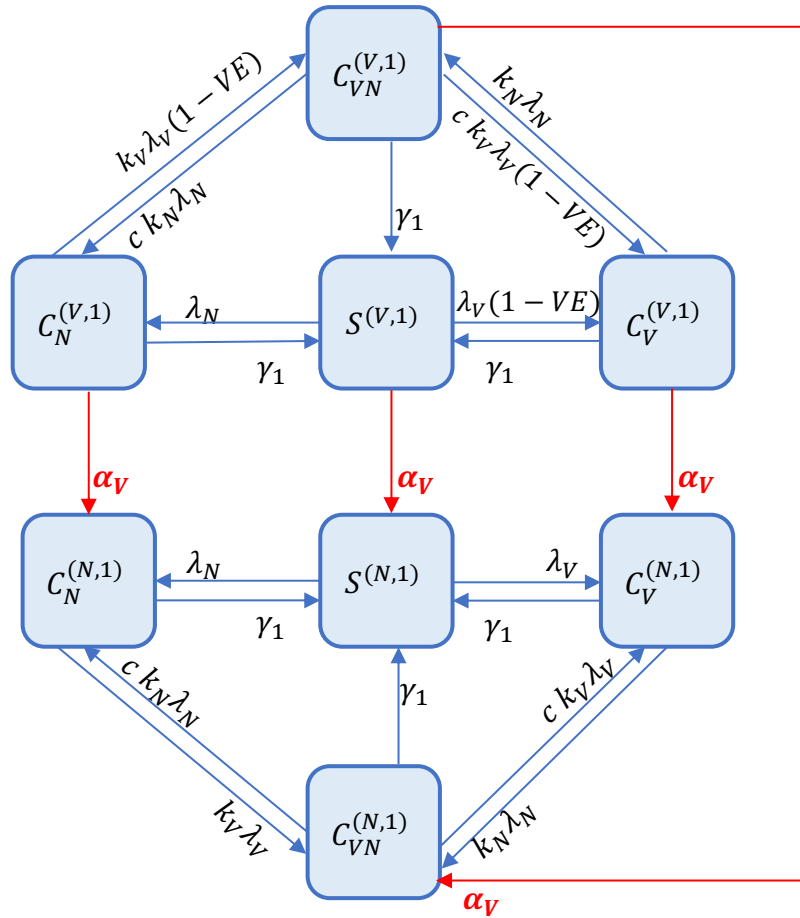


Neutral model

Can fix any prevalence



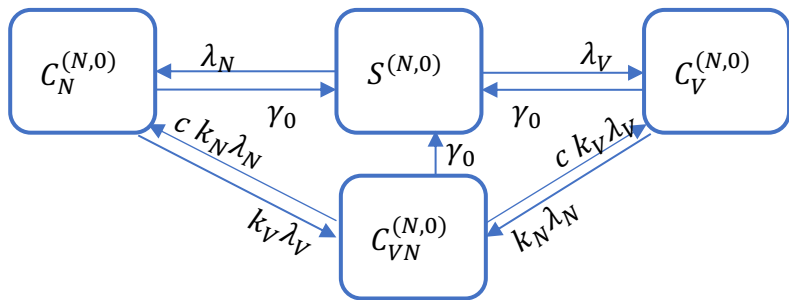
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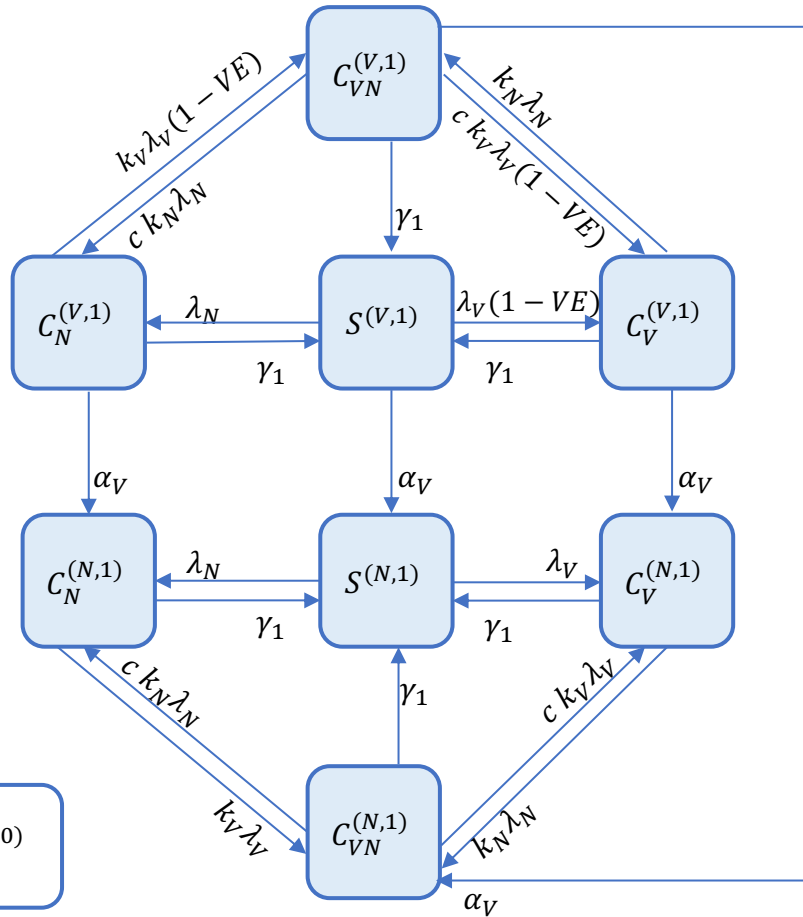
**Allow vaccine protection to wane over time**

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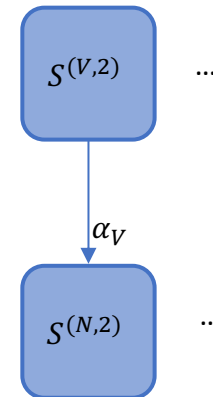
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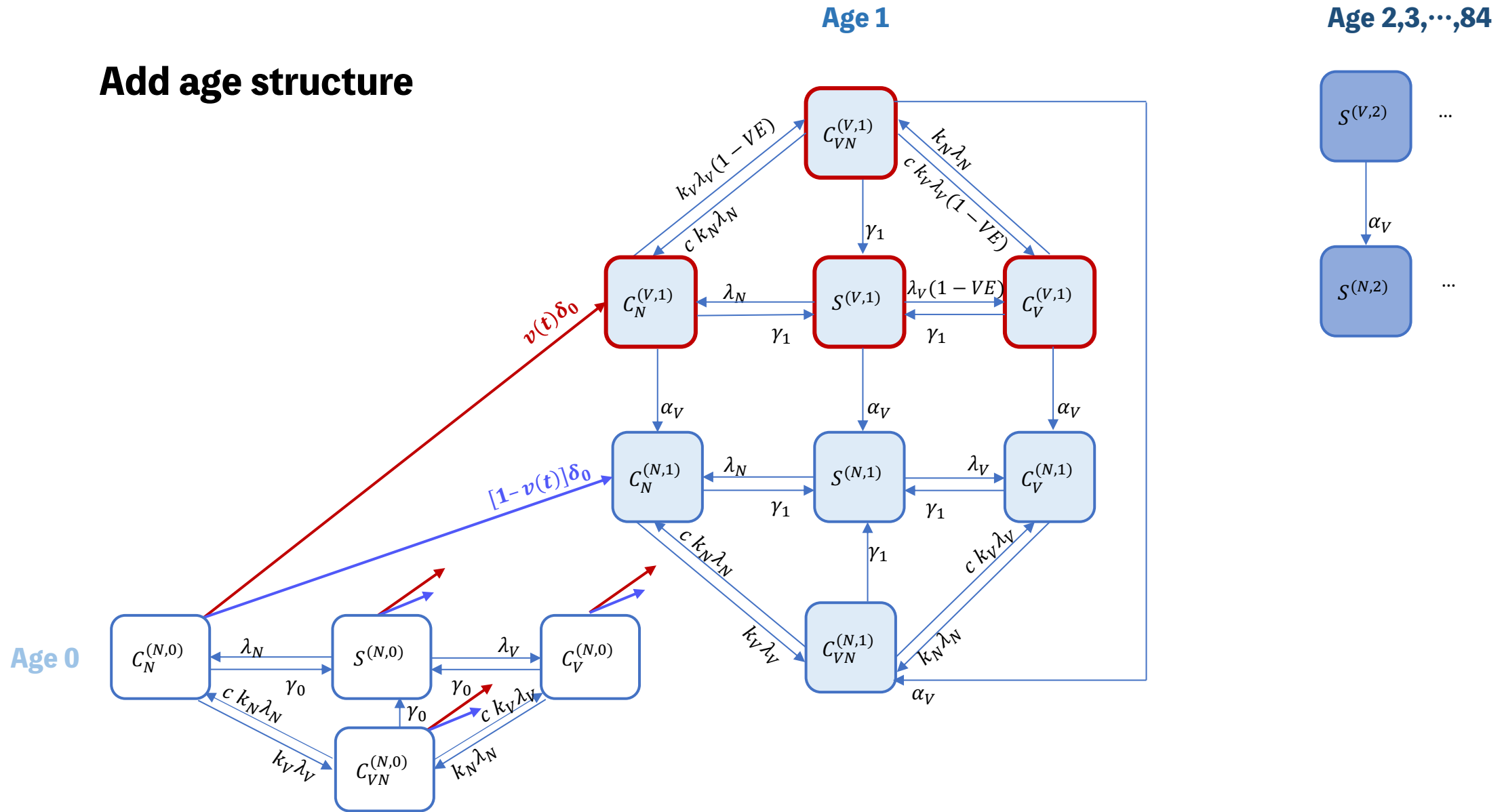
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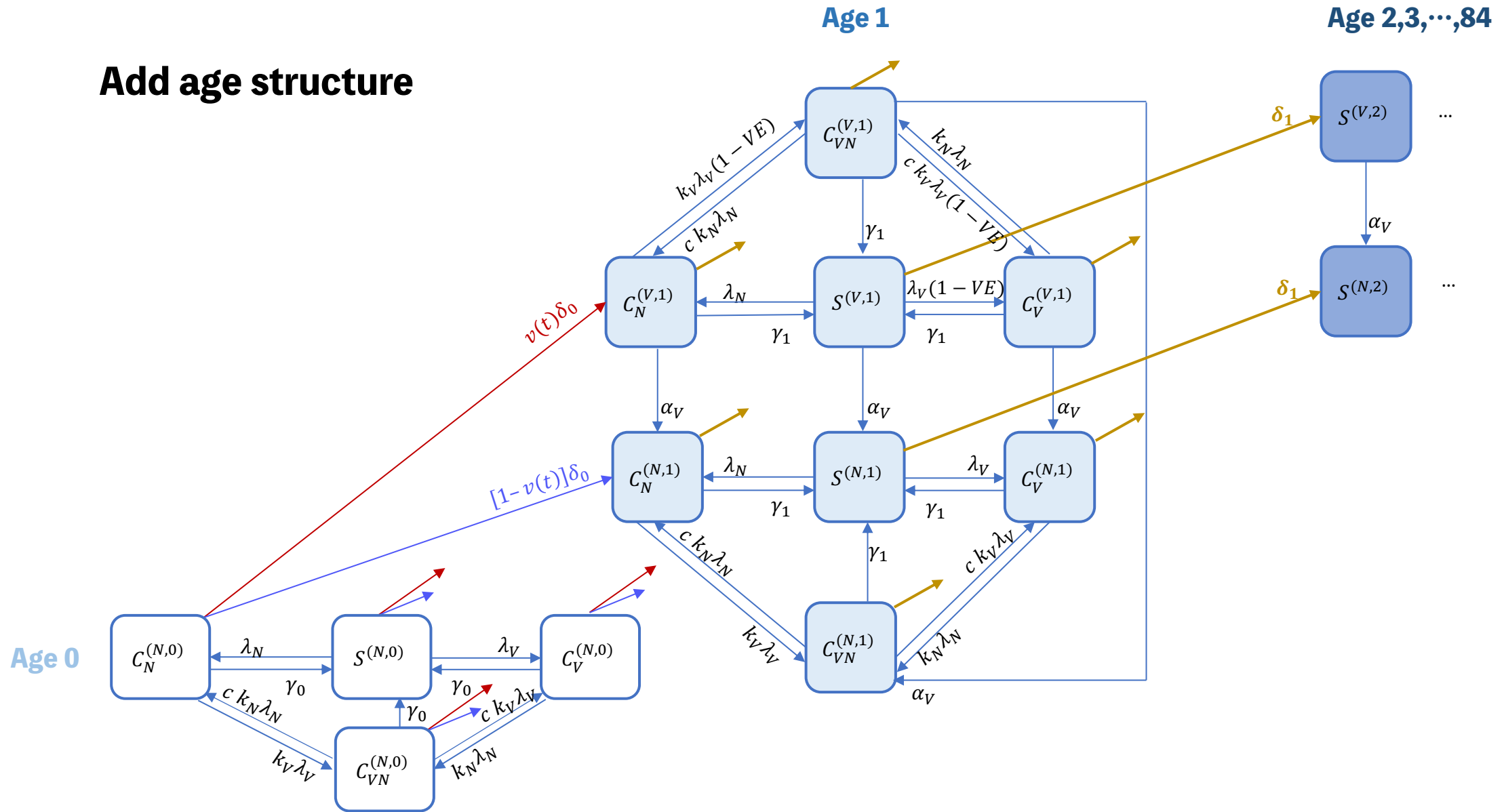
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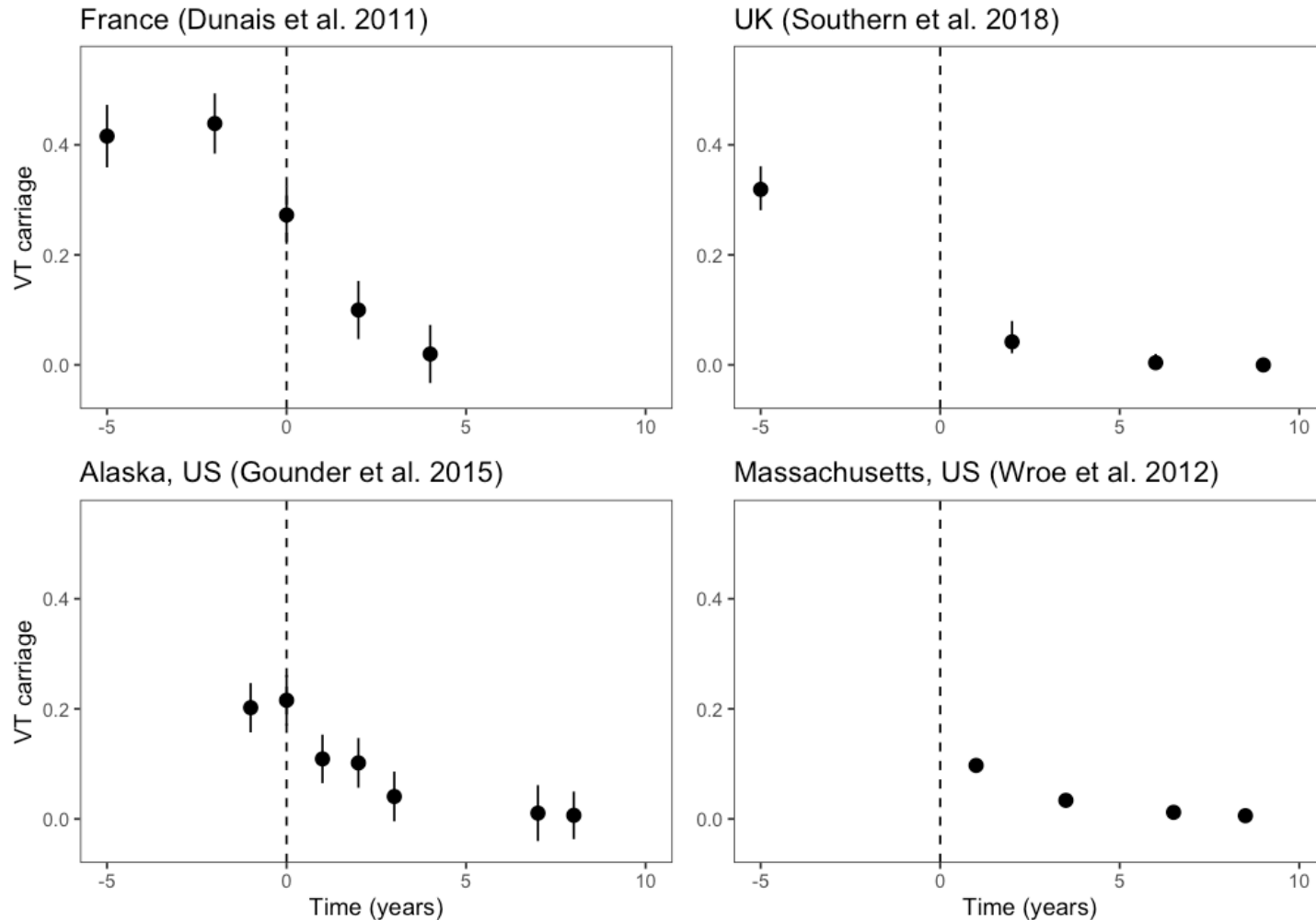


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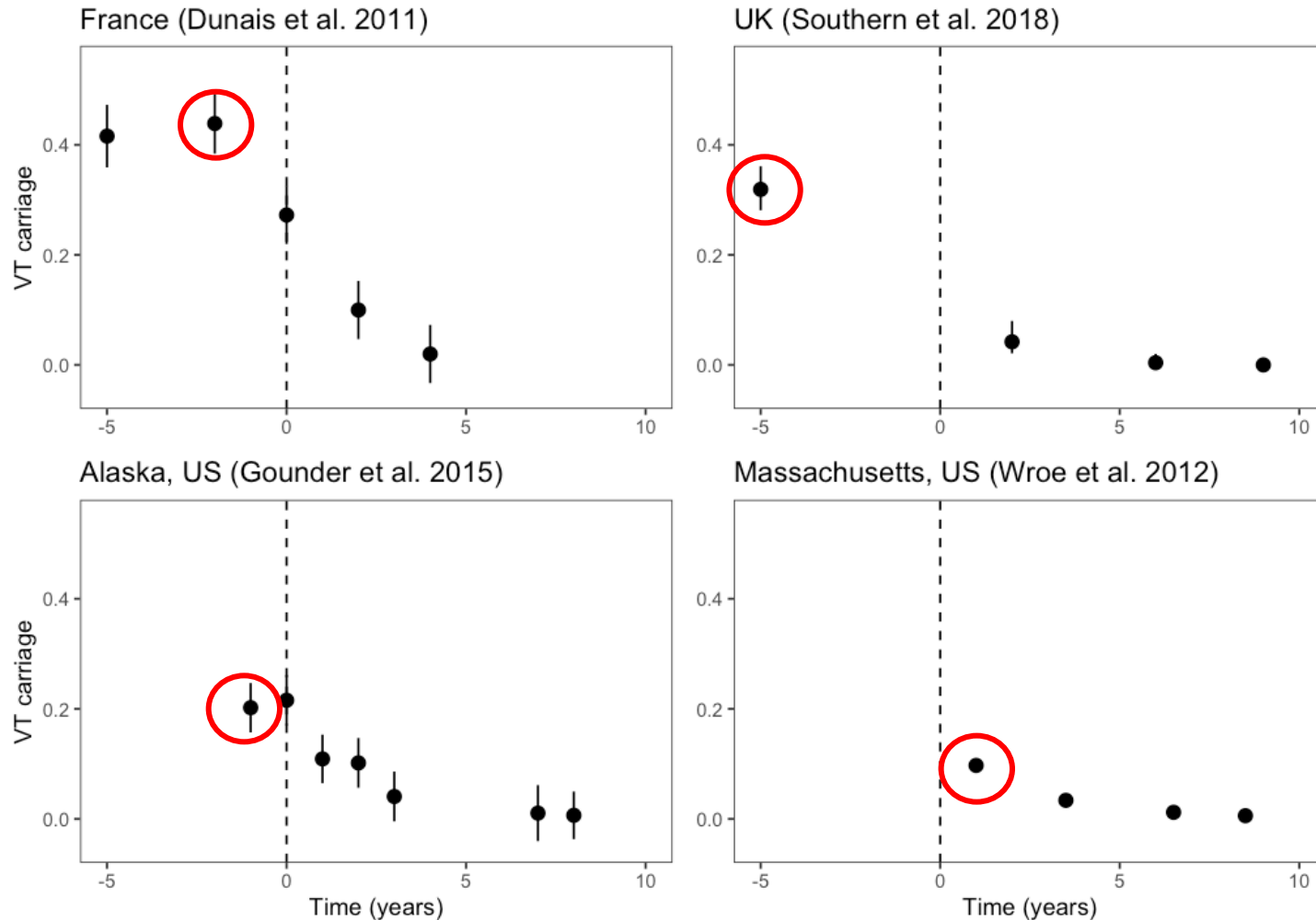


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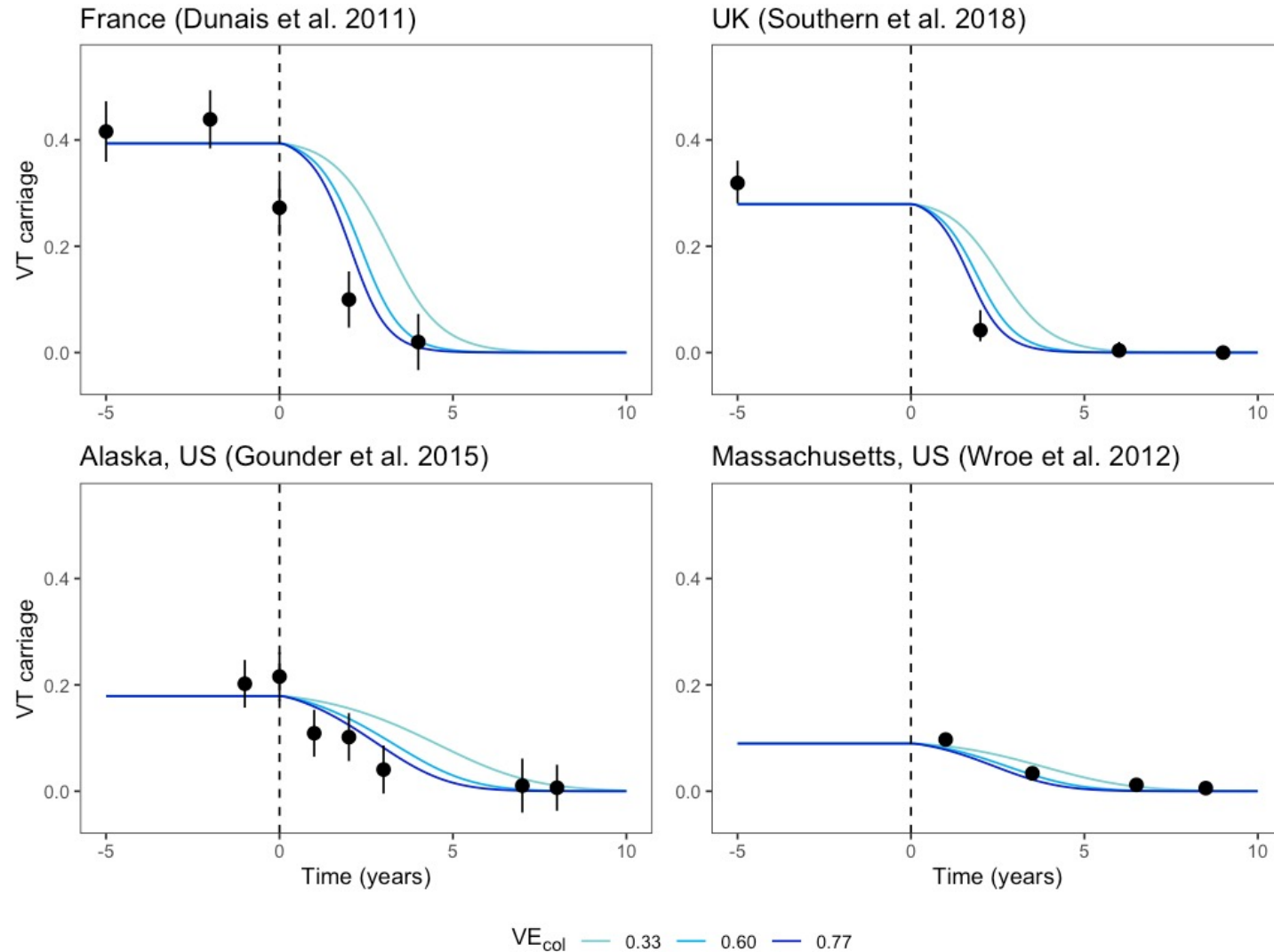
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Estimated:

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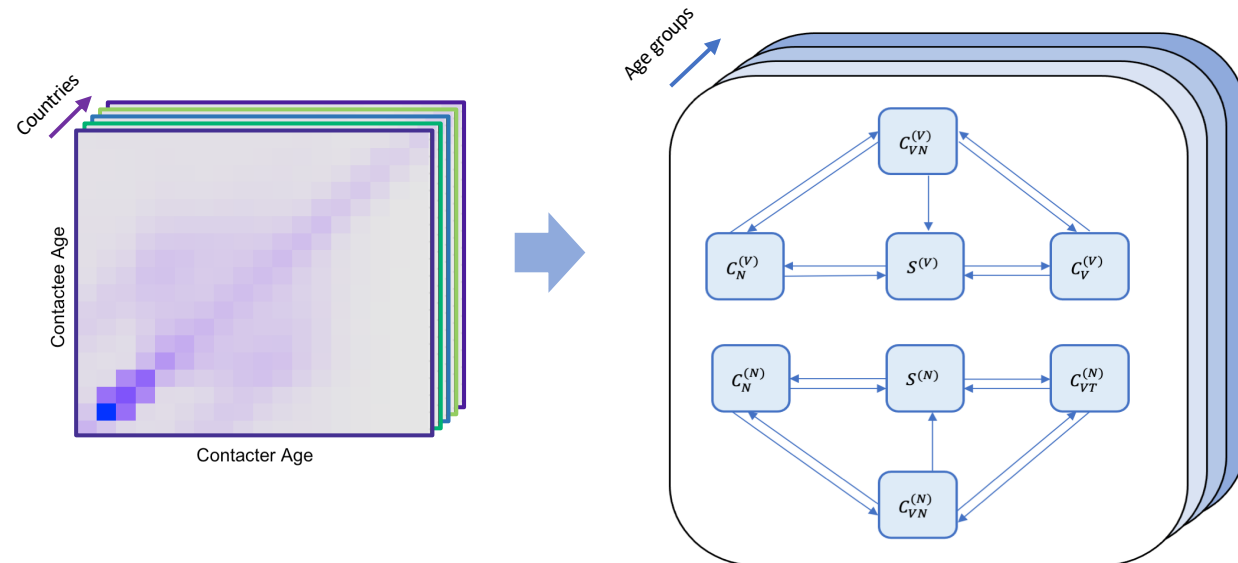
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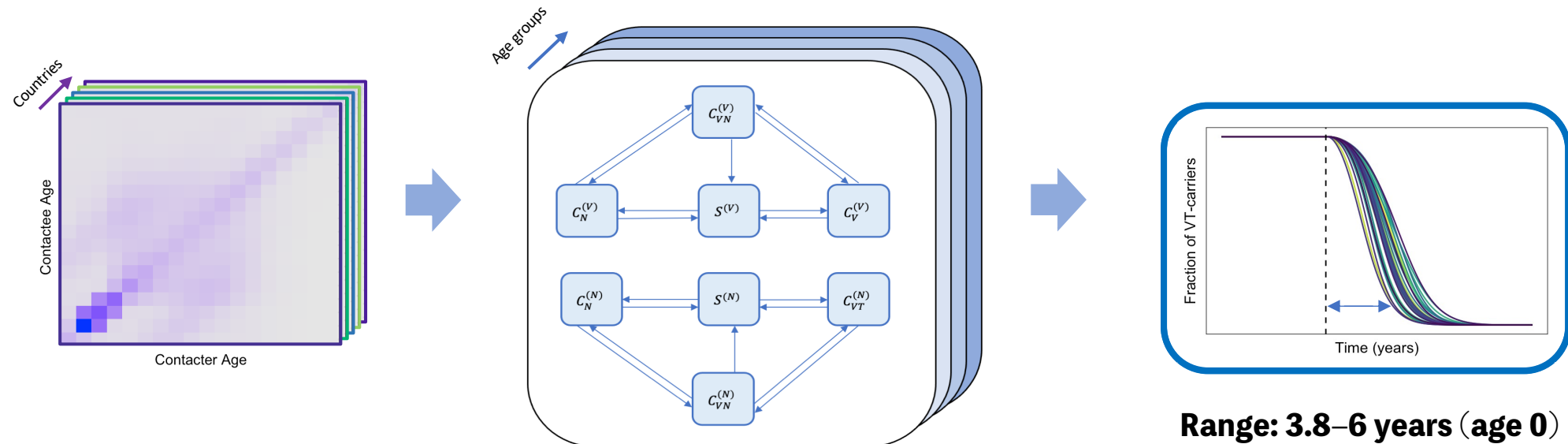
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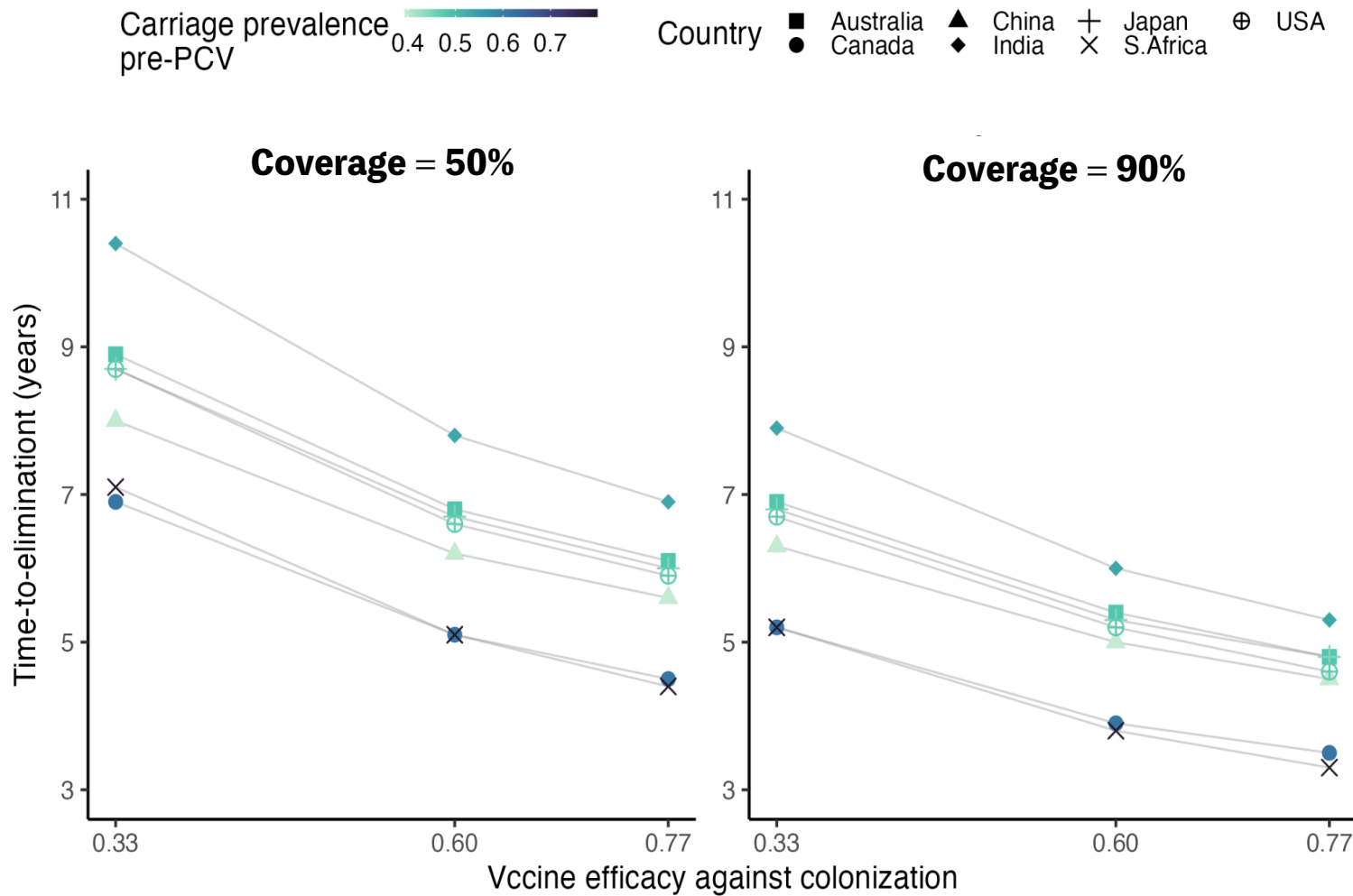


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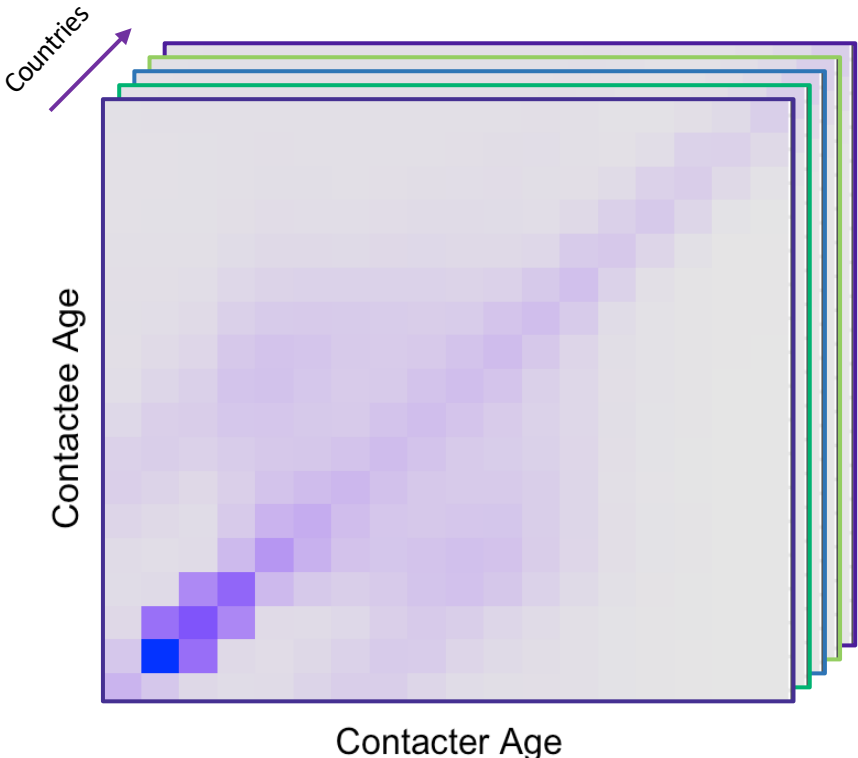
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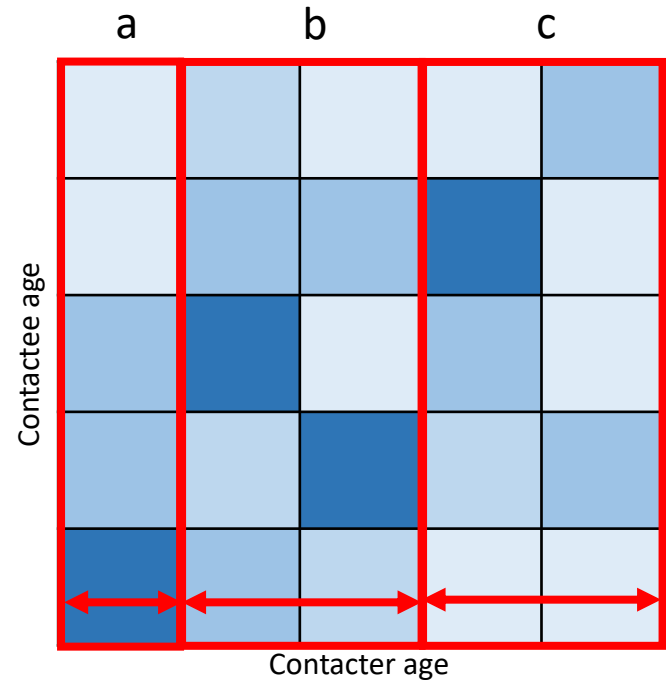
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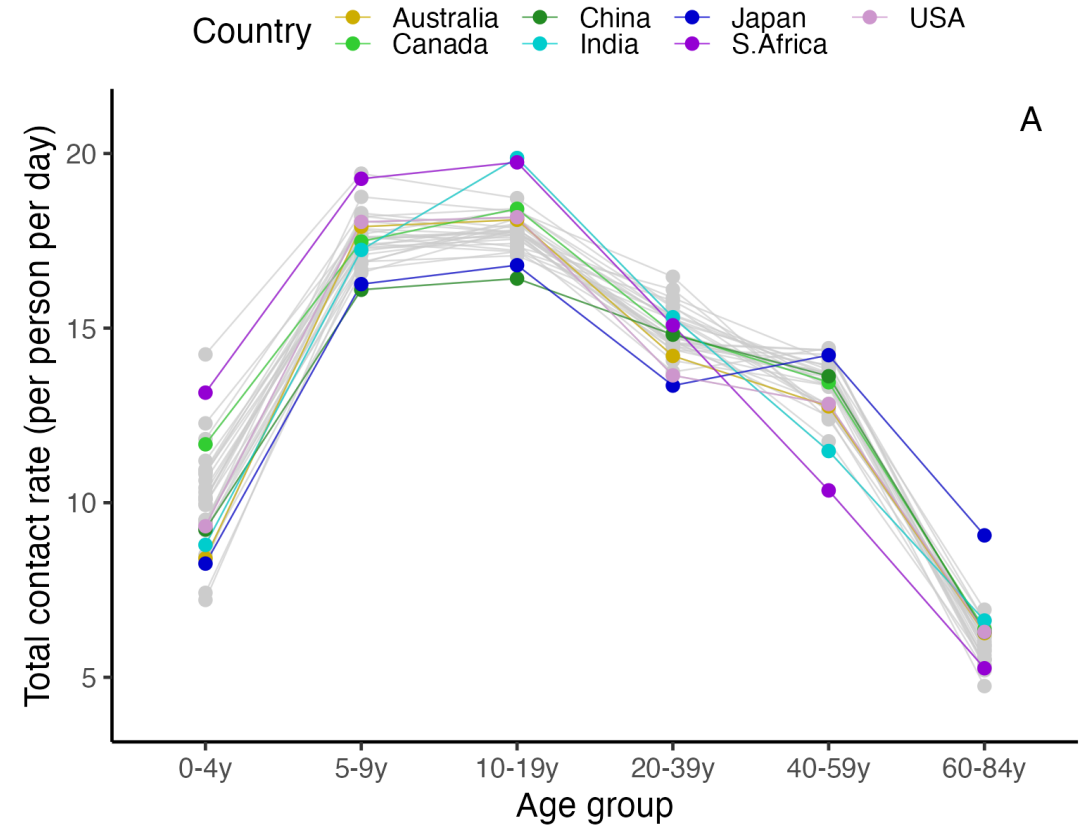
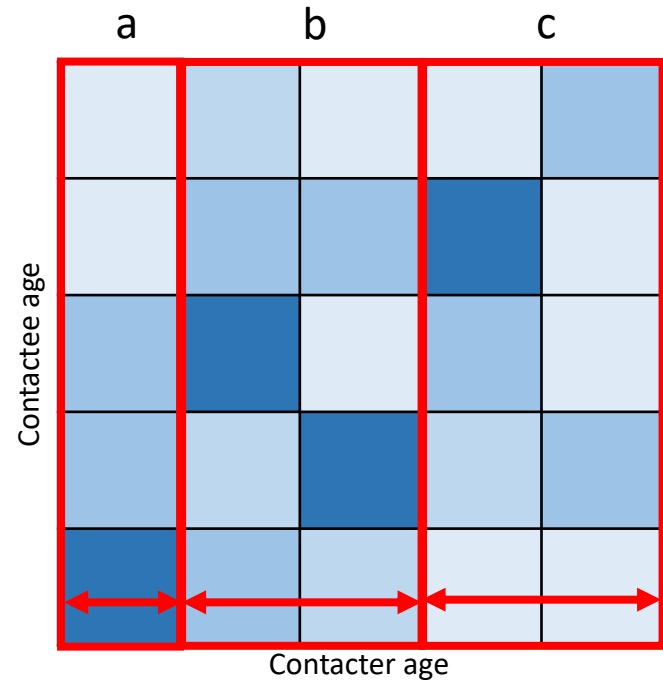
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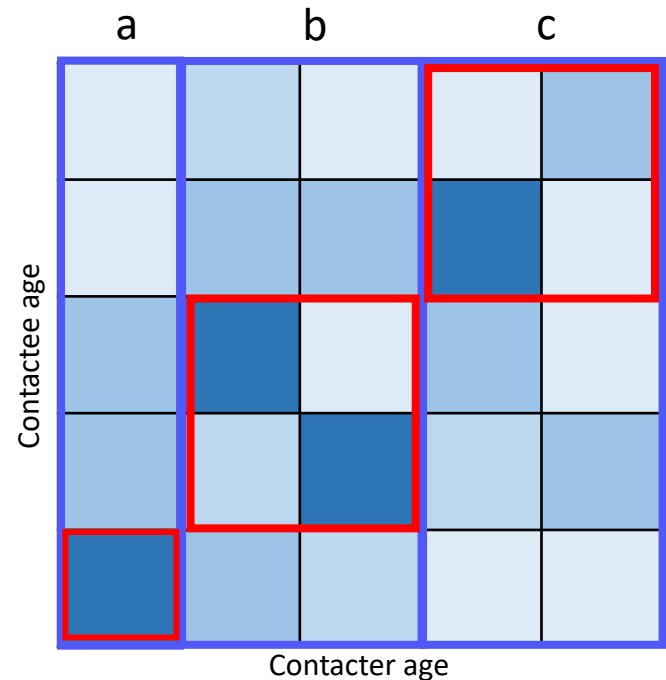
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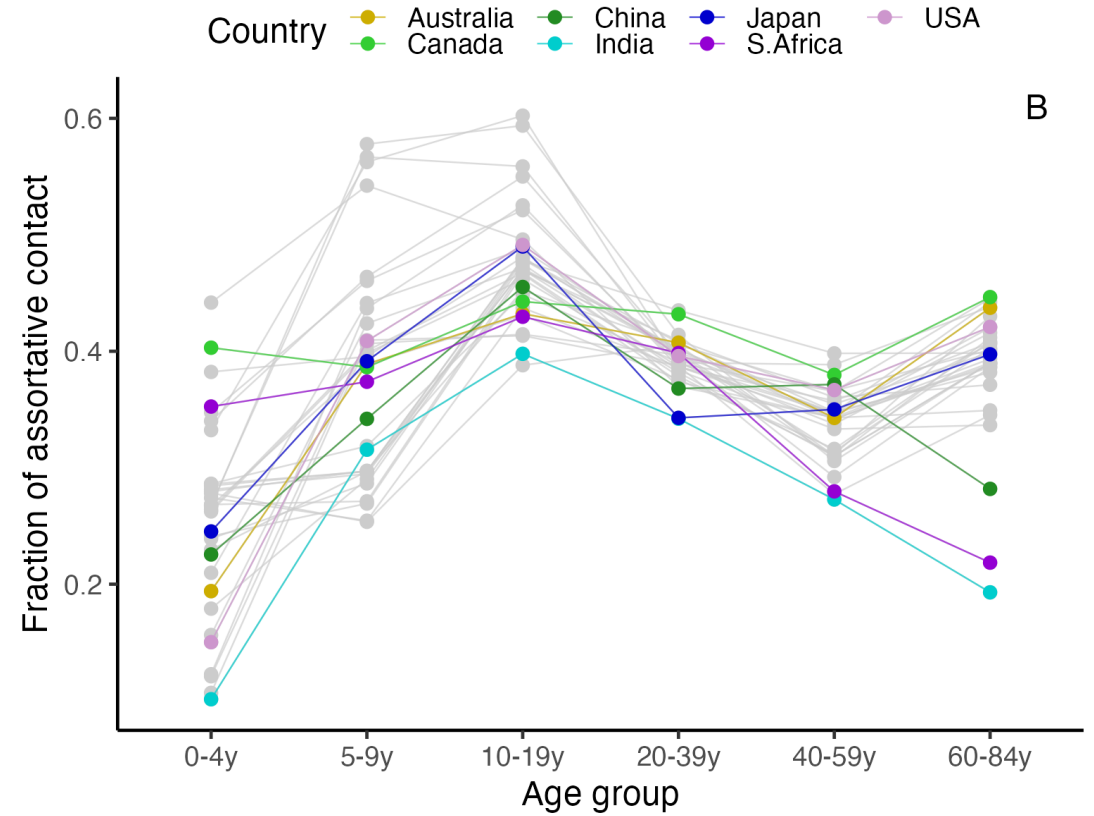
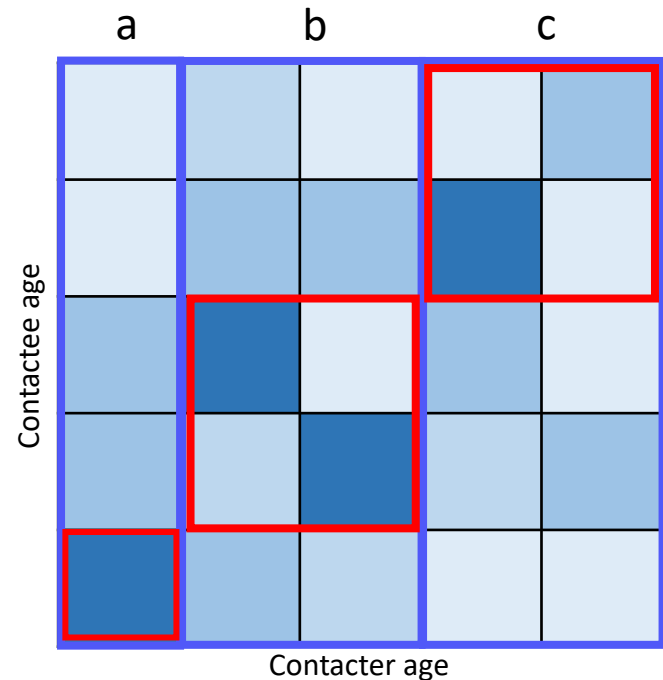
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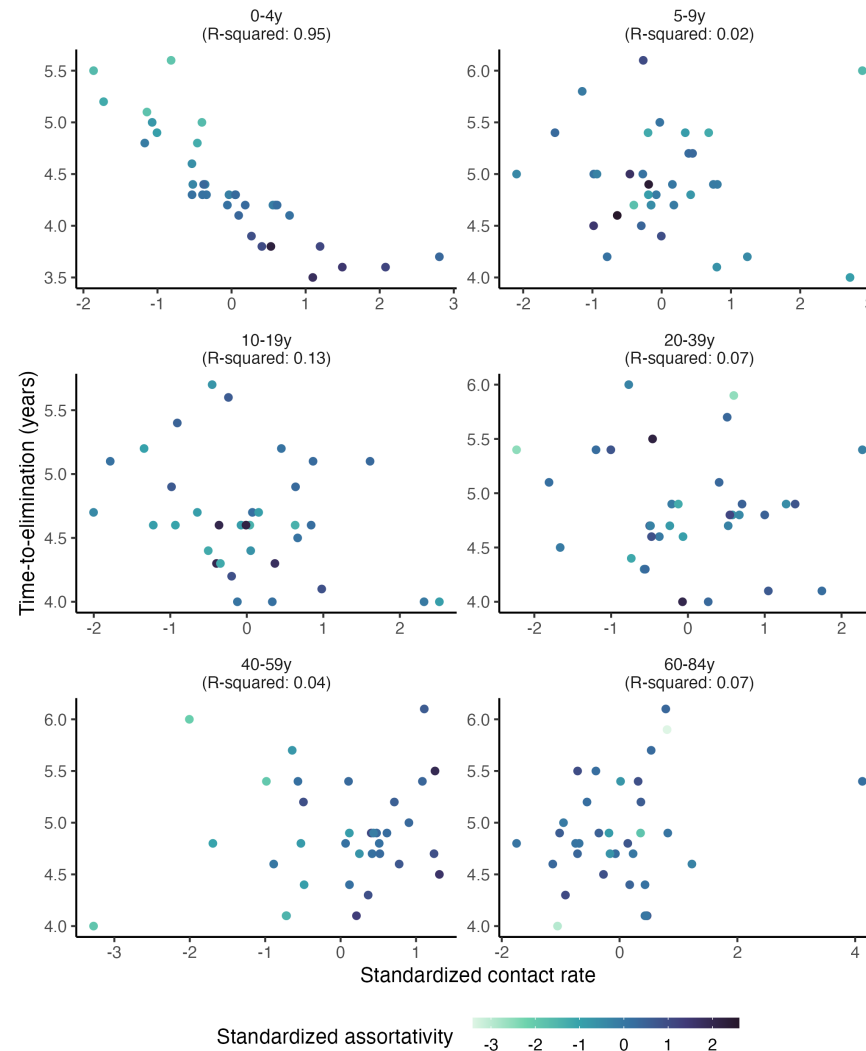
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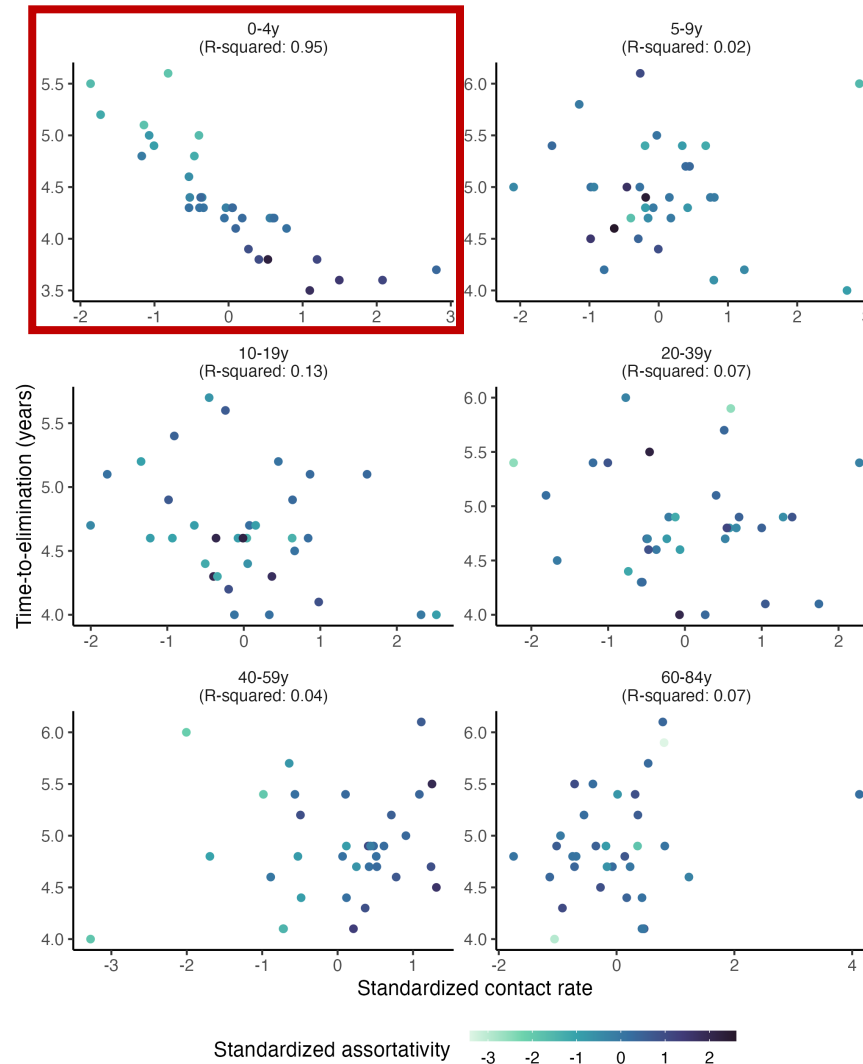
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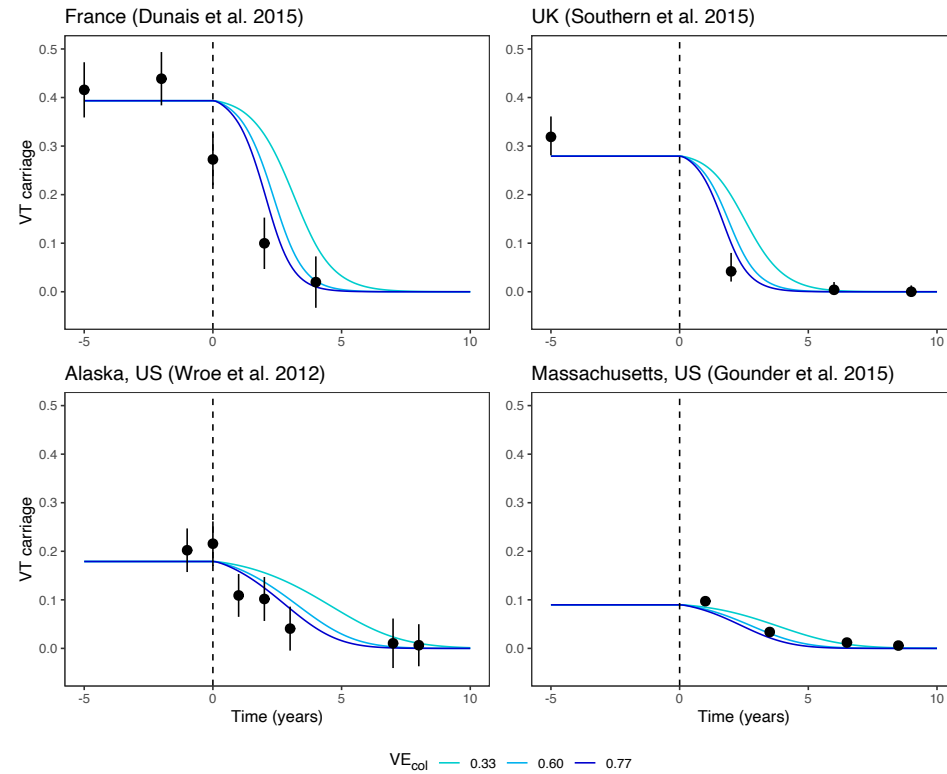
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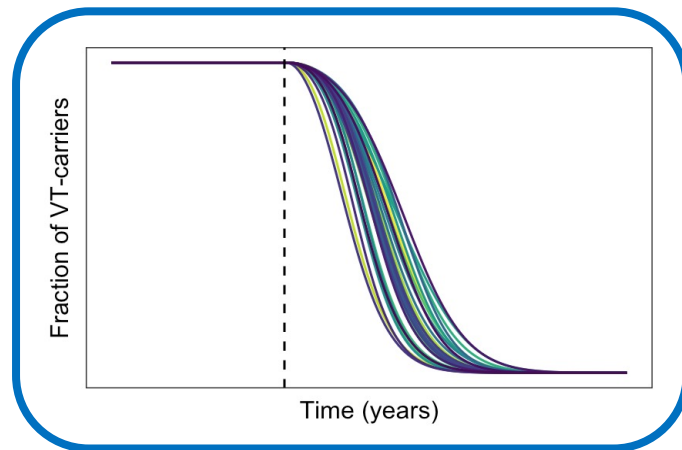
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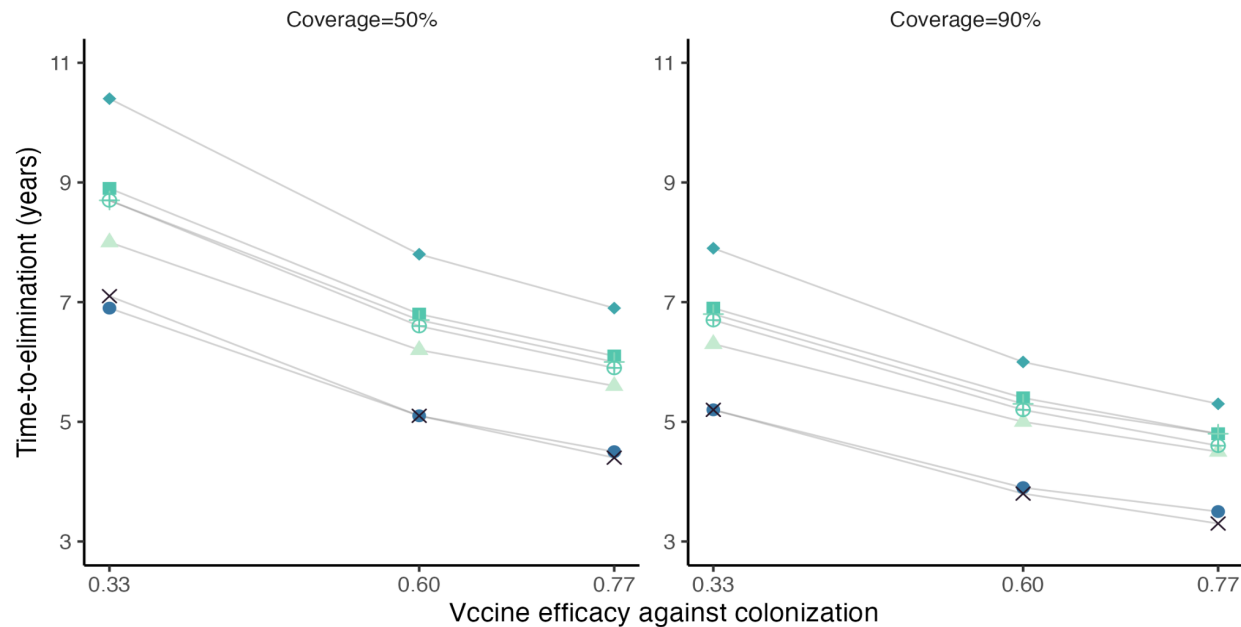
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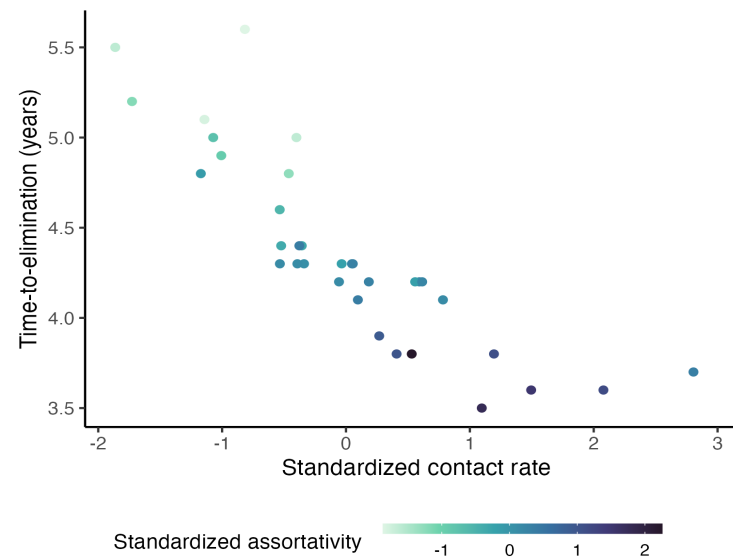
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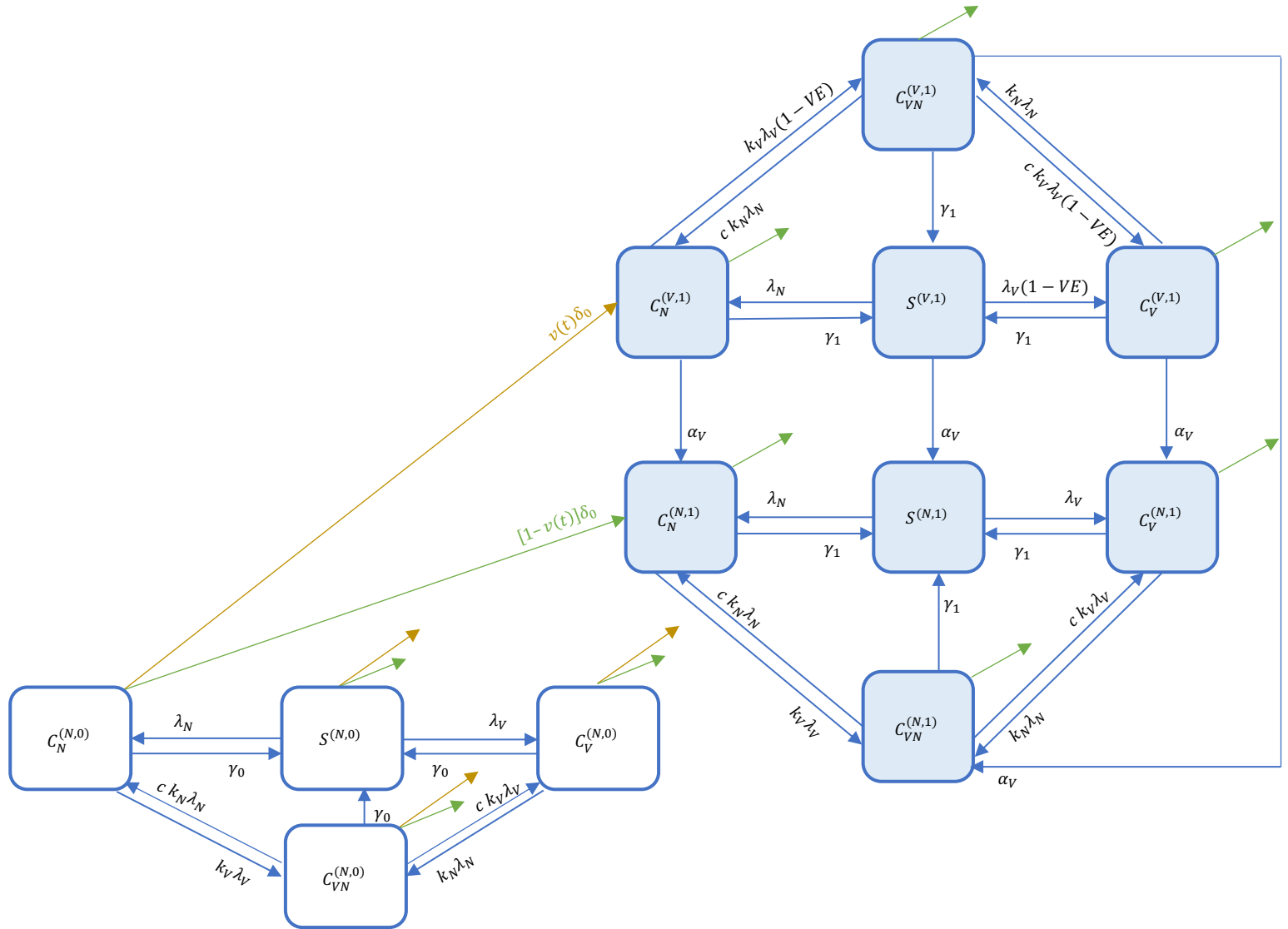


**Thank you!**

**Q&A**

# Parameters

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$\beta_V^{(i)} (= \beta_N^{(i)})$	Age-specific susceptibility to carriage acquisition	$\beta^{(0,\dots,4)} = 0.015$ $\beta^{(5,\dots,19)} = 0.004$ $\beta^{(20,\dots,59)} = 0.003$ $\beta^{(60,\dots,84)} = 0.005$  * $\pm 20\%$ for high and low population susceptibility respectively	[48]
$1/\gamma_i$	Age-specific average duration of carriage	See Supplementary Figure 1	Fitted to observed data (Supplementary Data 1)
$k_N (= k_V)$	Competition parameter: Effect of existing VT (NVT) carriage on acquiring NVT (VT) carriage	0.5	[36]
$c$	Fraction of co-carriers returning to $C_V$ ( $C_N$ ) upon reinfection with VT (NVT)	0.5	[15]
$q$	Relative infectiousness with each serotype for co-carriers	0.5	[15]
$\epsilon_V$	Vaccine efficacy against carriage acquisition	33%, 60%, 77%	[40]
$p_V$	Vaccine coverage	50%, 90%	[10]
$\alpha_V$	Waning rate of vaccine-conferred immunity	0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3 per year	[42,43]
$f_C^{(i)}(0)$	Initial prevalence of carriers in age group $i$	$f_C^{(0,\dots,4)}(0) = 0.5$ $f_C^{(5,\dots,19)}(0) = 0.2$ $f_C^{(20,\dots,59)}(0) = 0.1$ $f_C^{(60,\dots,84)}(0) = 0.1$	[23], observed data (Supplementary Data 2)
$f_V(0), f_N(0)$	Initial proportions of VT-, NVT-carriers	$f_V(0): 0.2-0.8$ $f_N(0): 0.2, 0.4$ where $f_V(0) + f_N(0) \leq 1$	Observed data (Table 2)



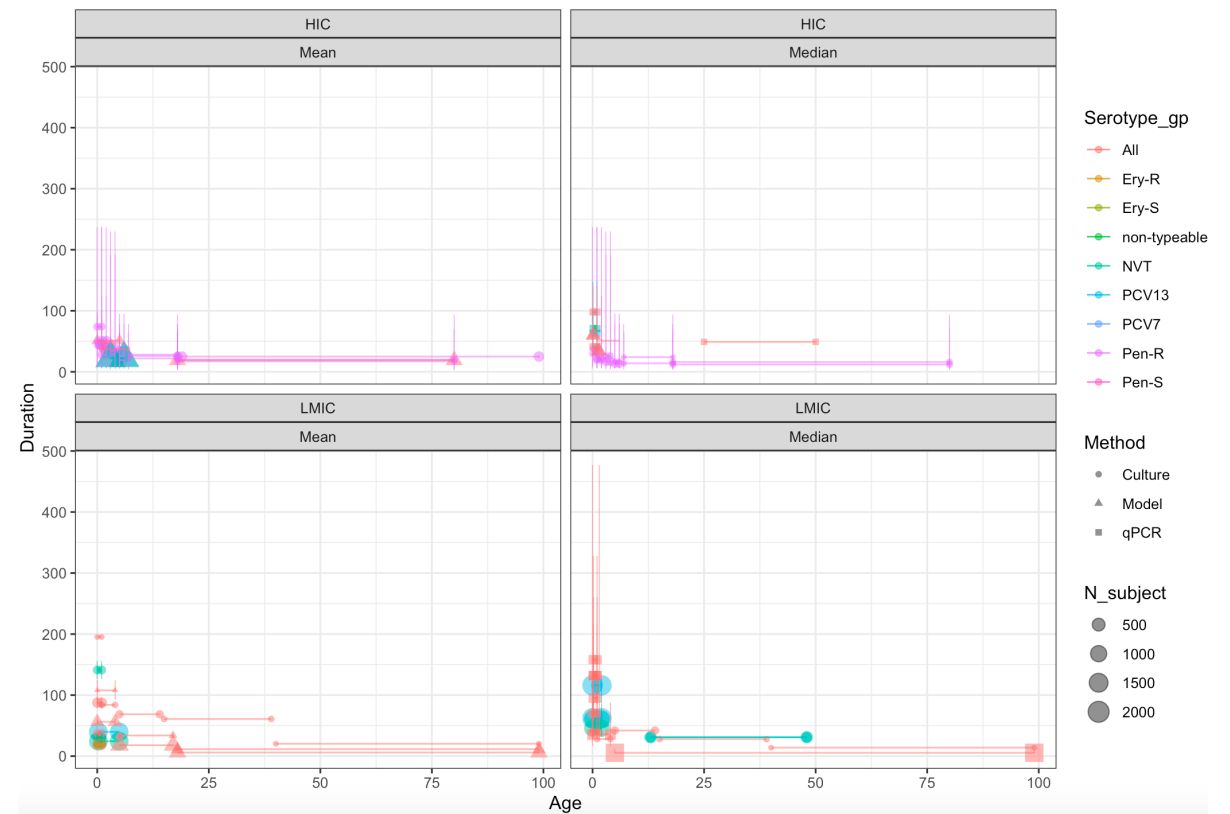
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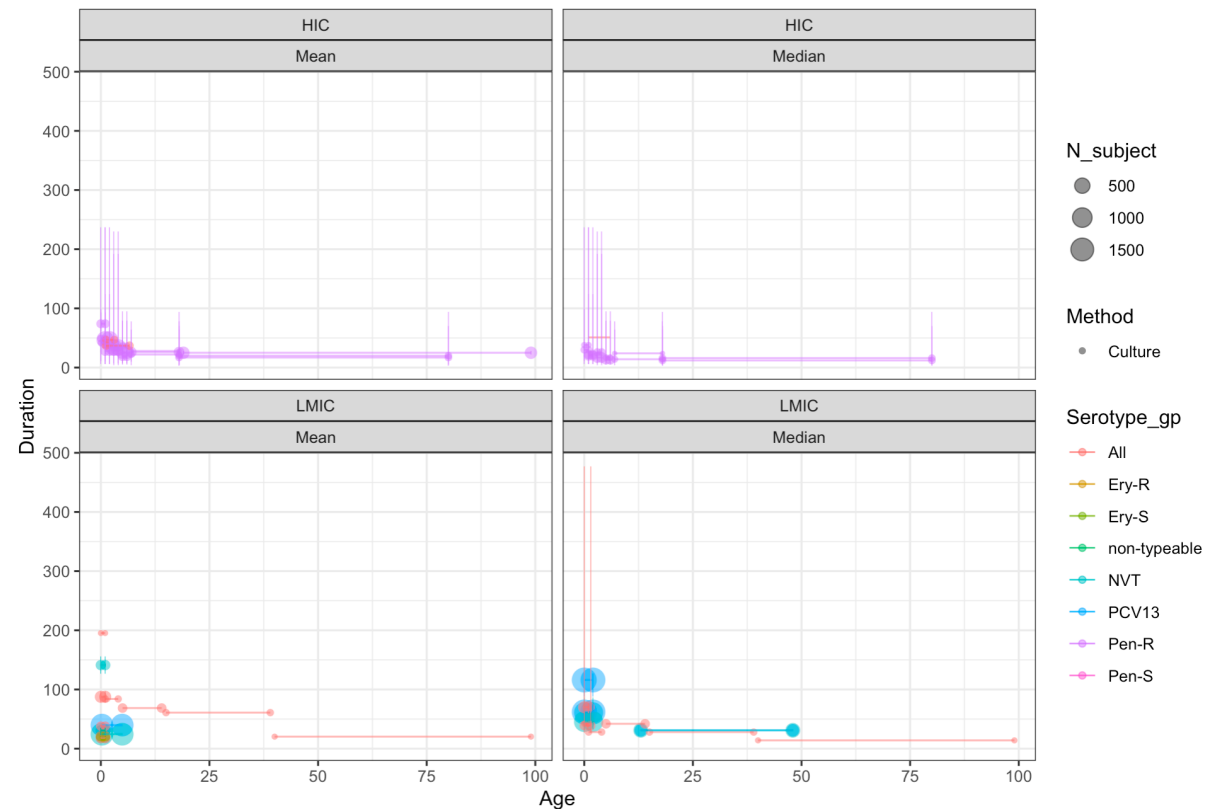
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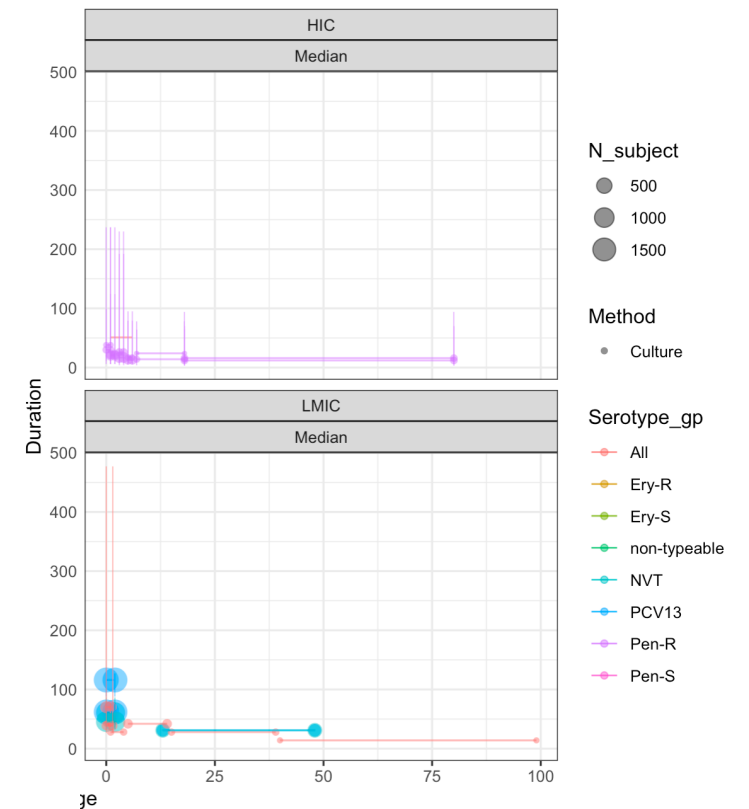


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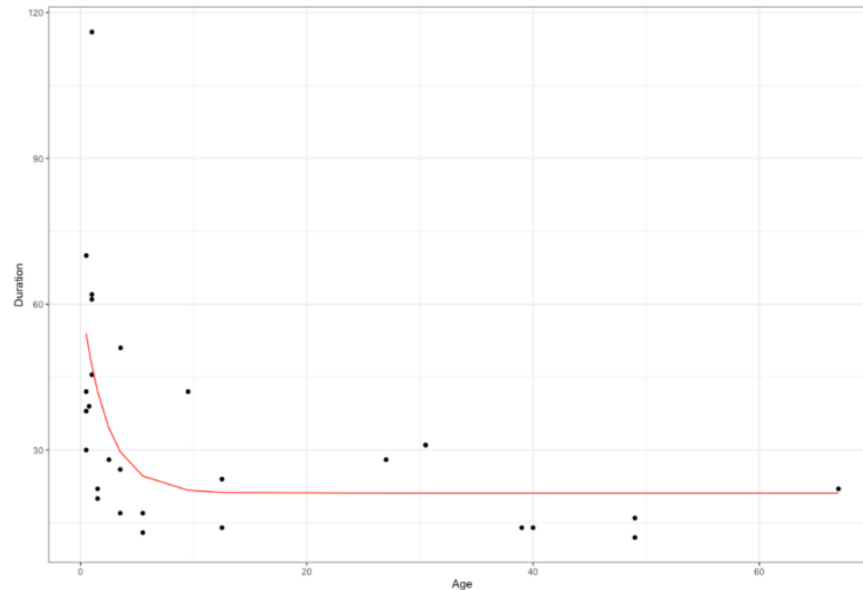


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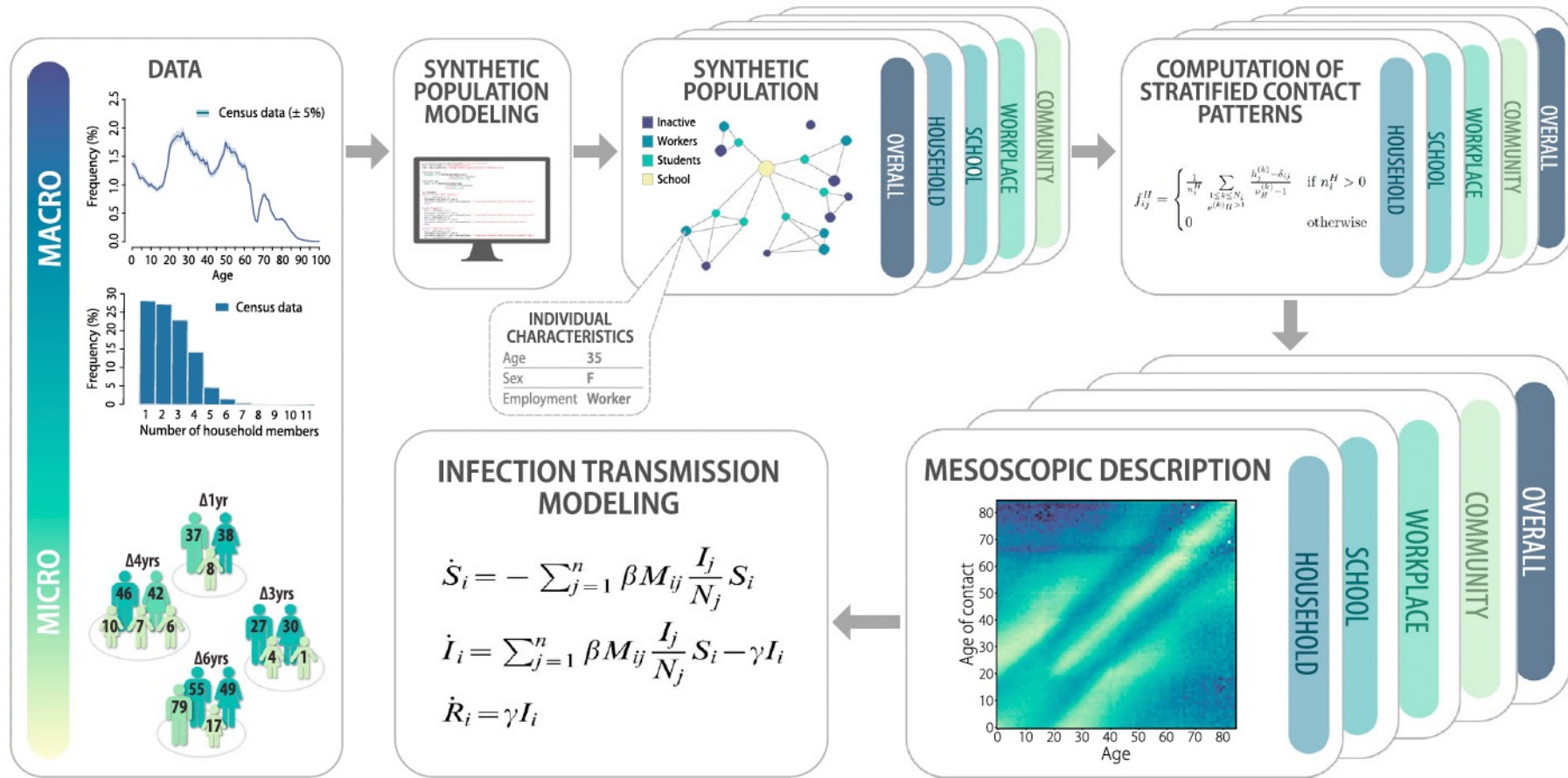
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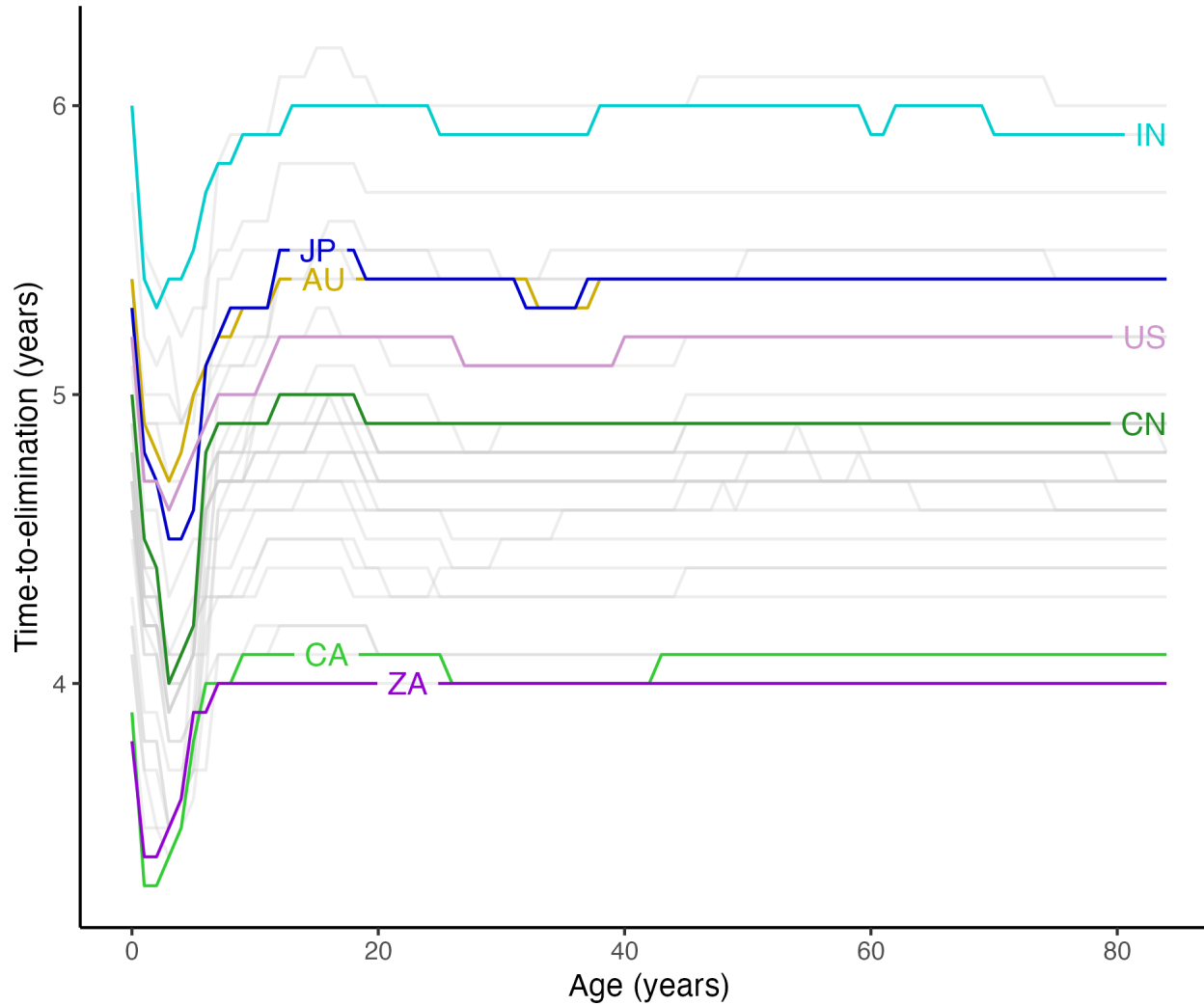


**Fig. 1 Modeling framework.** Schematic representation of the workflow for modeling human-mixing patterns and infection transmission dynamics.

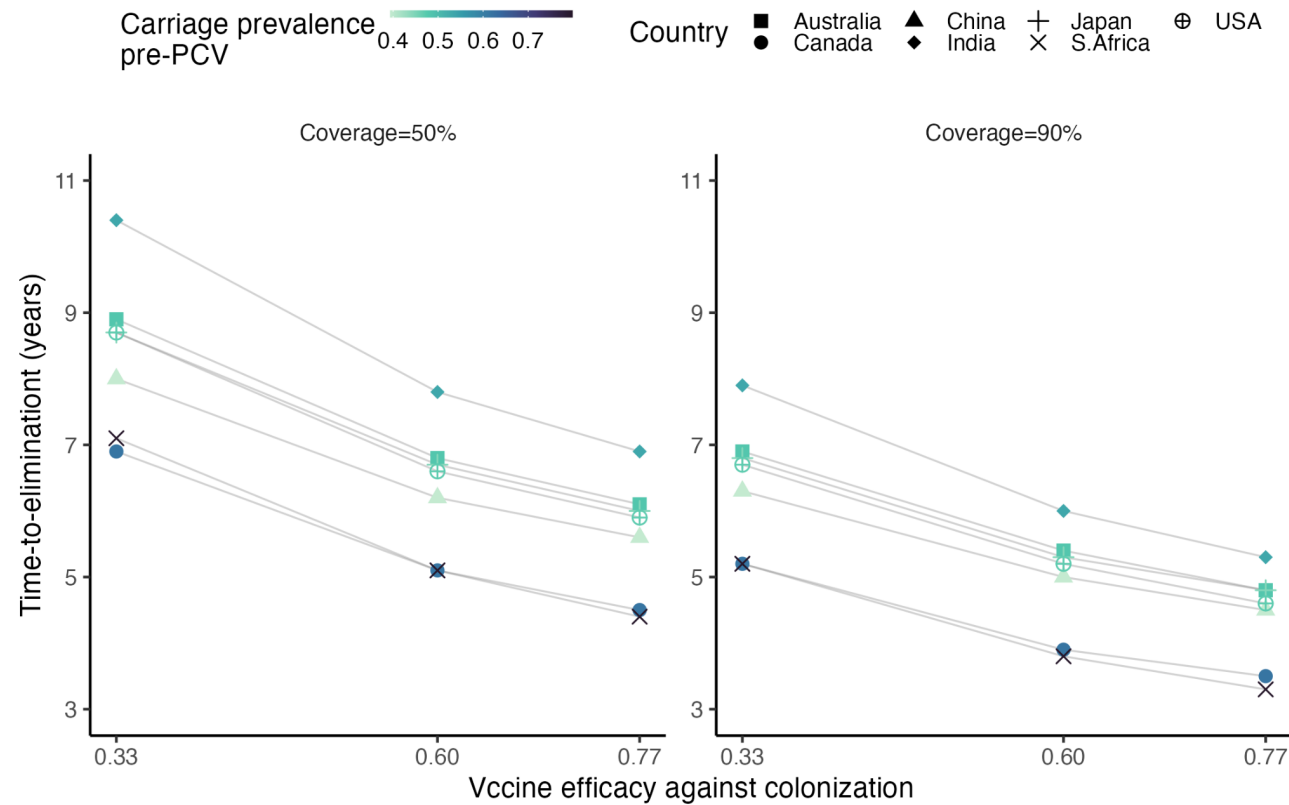
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Location	Sample characteristics	Overall carriage (age 0, 1-4, 5-17, 18-39, 40-59, 60-84)	Initial proportions of VT-, NVT-carriers	Vaccine coverage
France [16]	Children 3–40 months attending daycare center	0.59, 0.59, 0.30, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10 [16,23]	0.75, 0.25 [16]	2004-05: 61% 2005-05: 74% 2006-07: 86% 2007-08: 90% [30]
UK [17]	Children 1–5 years attending primary care practices	0.49, 0.49, 0.21, 0.08, 0.08, 0.08 [17]	0.659, 0.341 [17]	90% [49]
Alaska, US [18]	Children 3 months–5 years attending primary care practices	0.38, 0.38, 0.30, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10 [18,23]	0.53, 0.47 [18]	60% [18]
Massachusetts, US [19]	Children 3 months–7 years attending primary care practices	0.28, 0.28, 0.28, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10 [19,23]	0.36, 0.64 [19]	85% [19]

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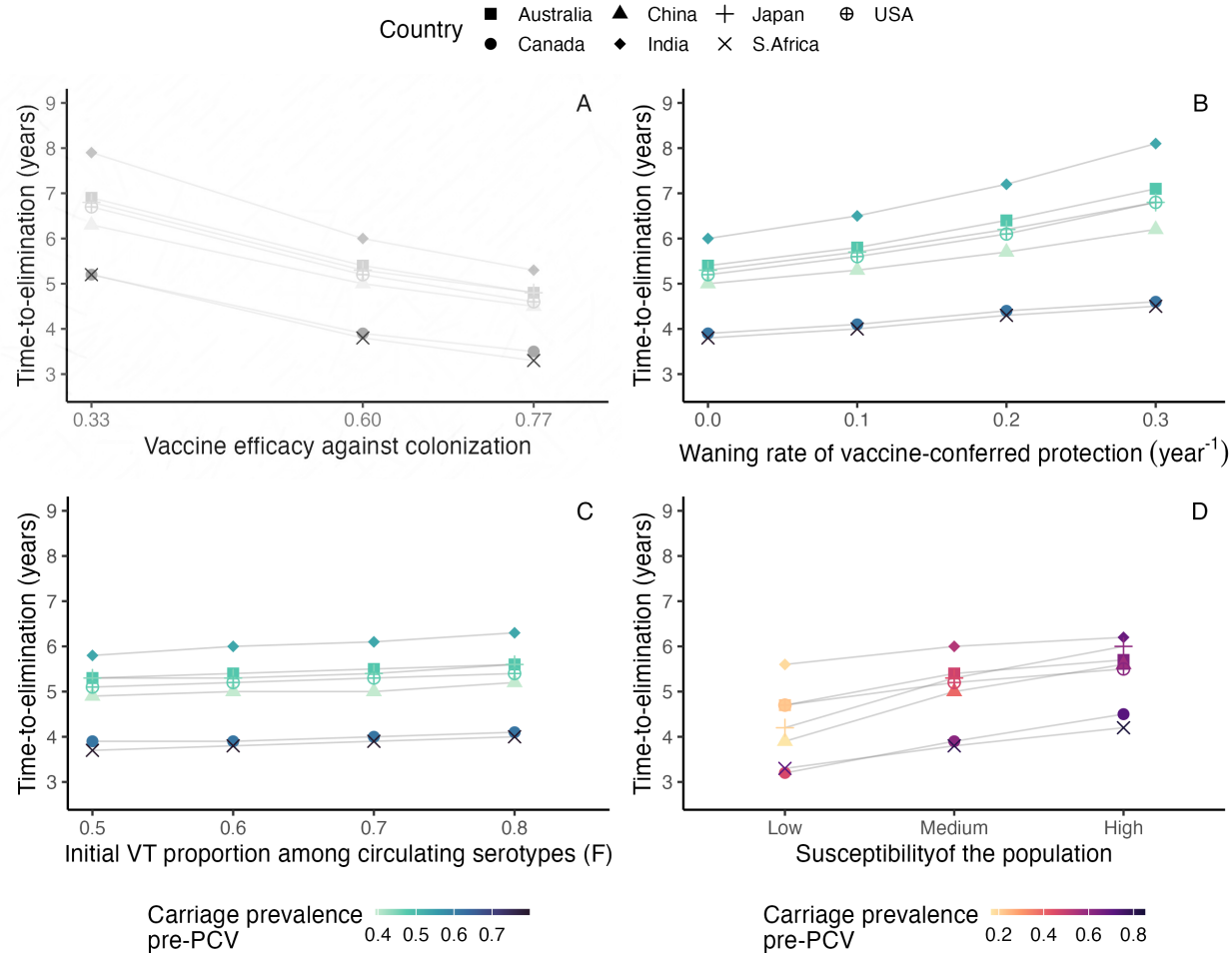
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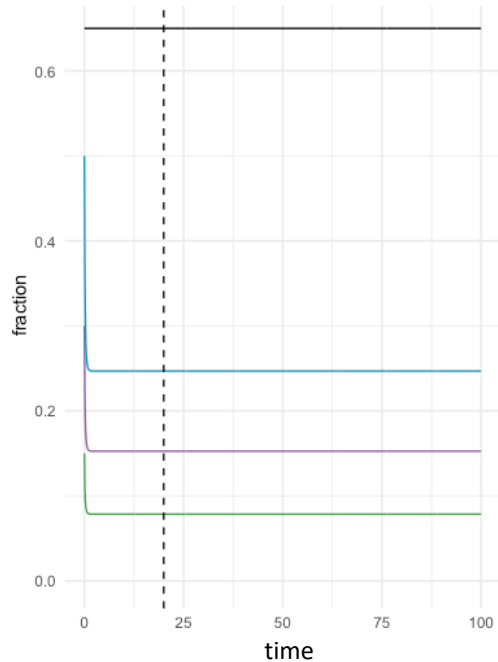


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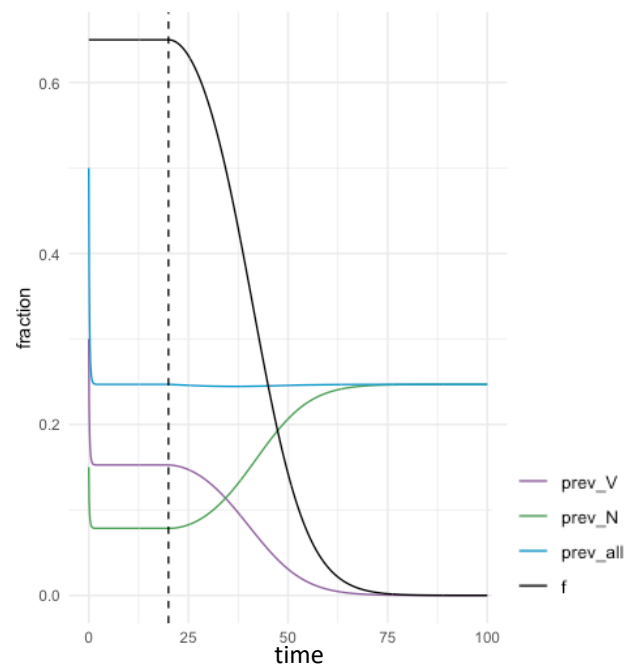
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# A neutral, S–C transmission model

**Null-impact vaccine**



**Effective vaccine**



- **Neutral model :**  
does not assume one serotype to have fitness advantage over the other
- **To check neutrality, track fraction of VT-carriers among all carriers ( $f$ )<sup>1</sup>**

$$f = \frac{C_{VT}^{NV} + q \times C_{VT,NVT}^{NV} + C_{VT}^V + q \times C_{VT,NVT}^V}{C_{VT}^{NV} + C_{NVT}^{NV} + C_{VT}^V + C_{NVT}^V + 2q(C_{VT,NVT}^{NV} + C_{VT,NVT}^V)}$$