

How it is done – large scale geographical microsimulation model for pandemics

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Formal cooperation

- ❖ Membership in the advisory group for Ministry of Health Adam Niedzielski (weekly meetings)
- ❖ Trusted advisor of the Chancellery of Prime Minister (Centre for Strategic Analysis)
- ❖ ICM Forecasts are plugged in the GisCOVID-19 system led by Government **Centre** for Security
- ❖ Collaboration with Warsaw authorities.

ICM UW epidemiological model

- ❖ Agent-based model (microsimulation model),
- ❖ Idea of the model: detailed representation of the demographic and sociological structure of Poland combined with the probabilities of virus transmission.



- ❖ Geo-localisation of each agent (a person)
An agent is assigned (permanently or temporarily) to a context,



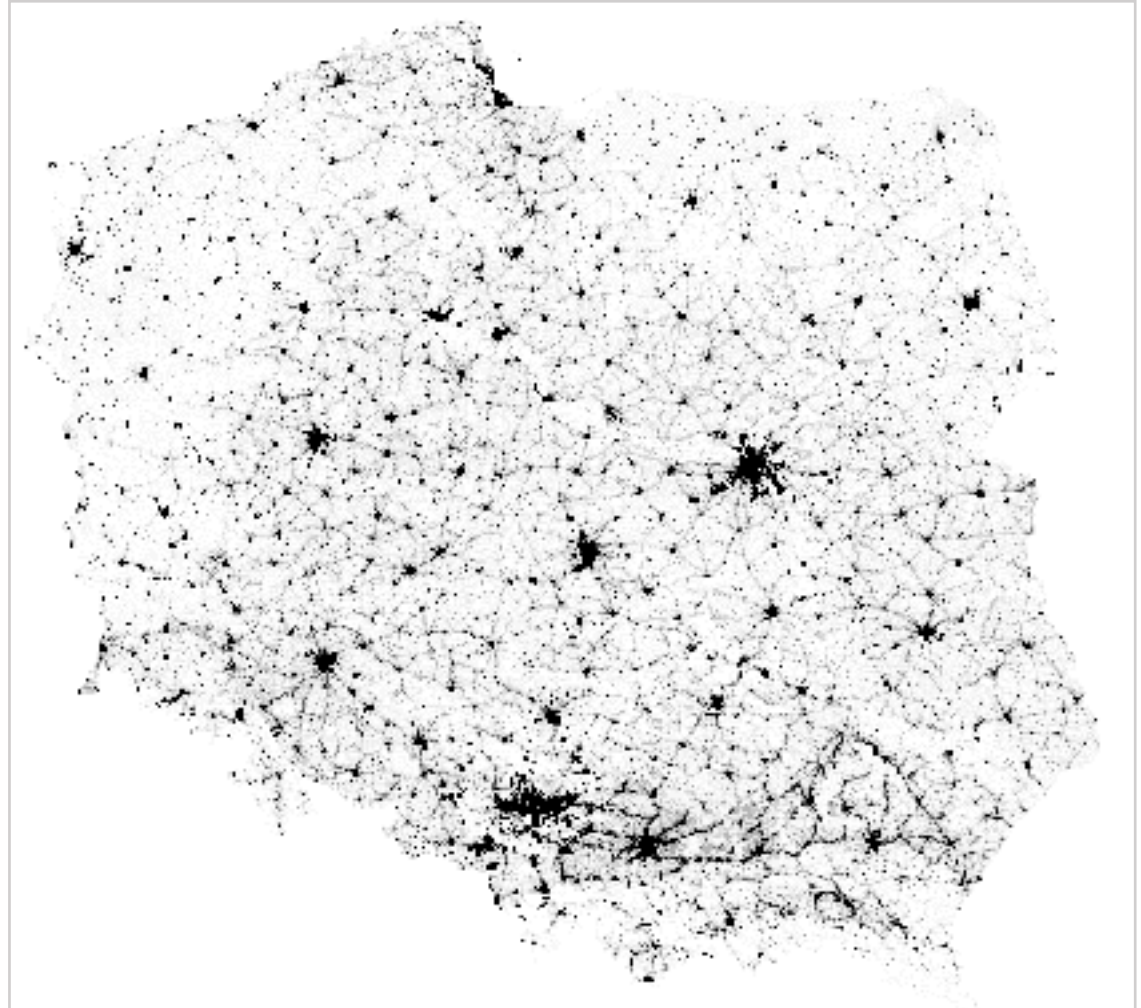
- ❖ Contexts: representations of possible contact spots:
kindergartens, households, schools, workplaces, etc...



- ❖ Transportation module
trains, cars, daily commutation.

Our model is geo-referential:

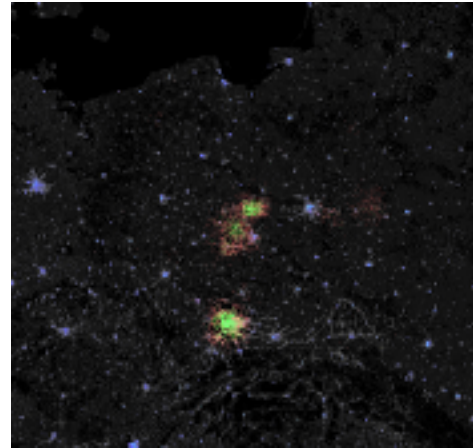
Based on the population density map:



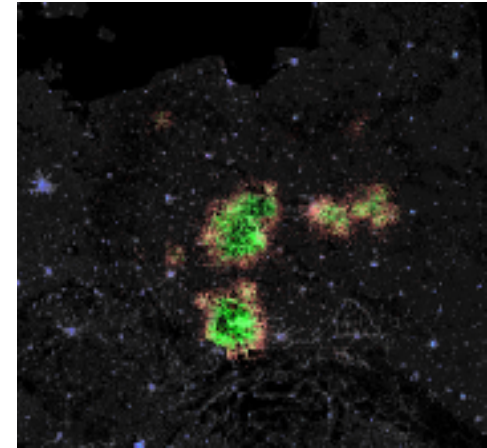
Reminder: ICM epidemic model is geo-referential



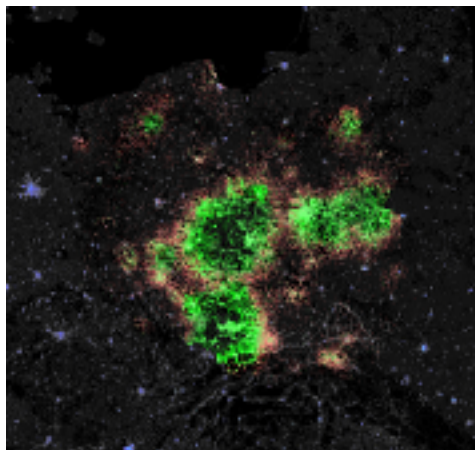
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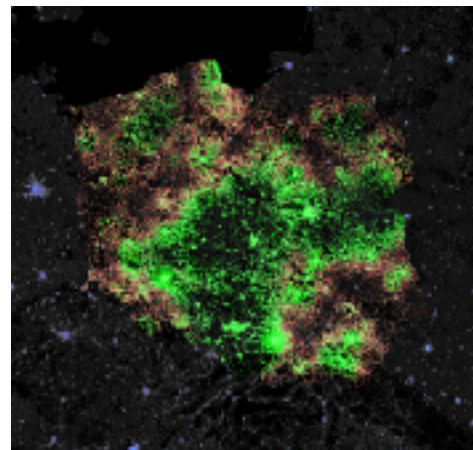
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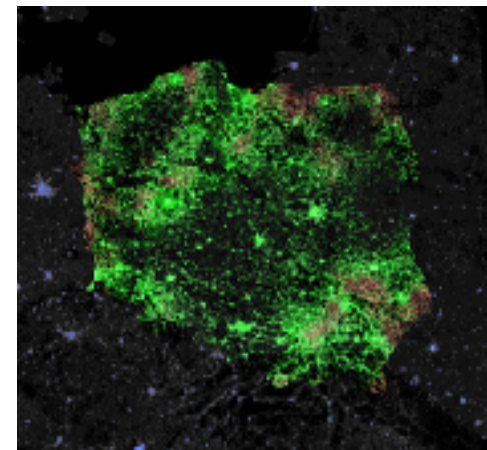
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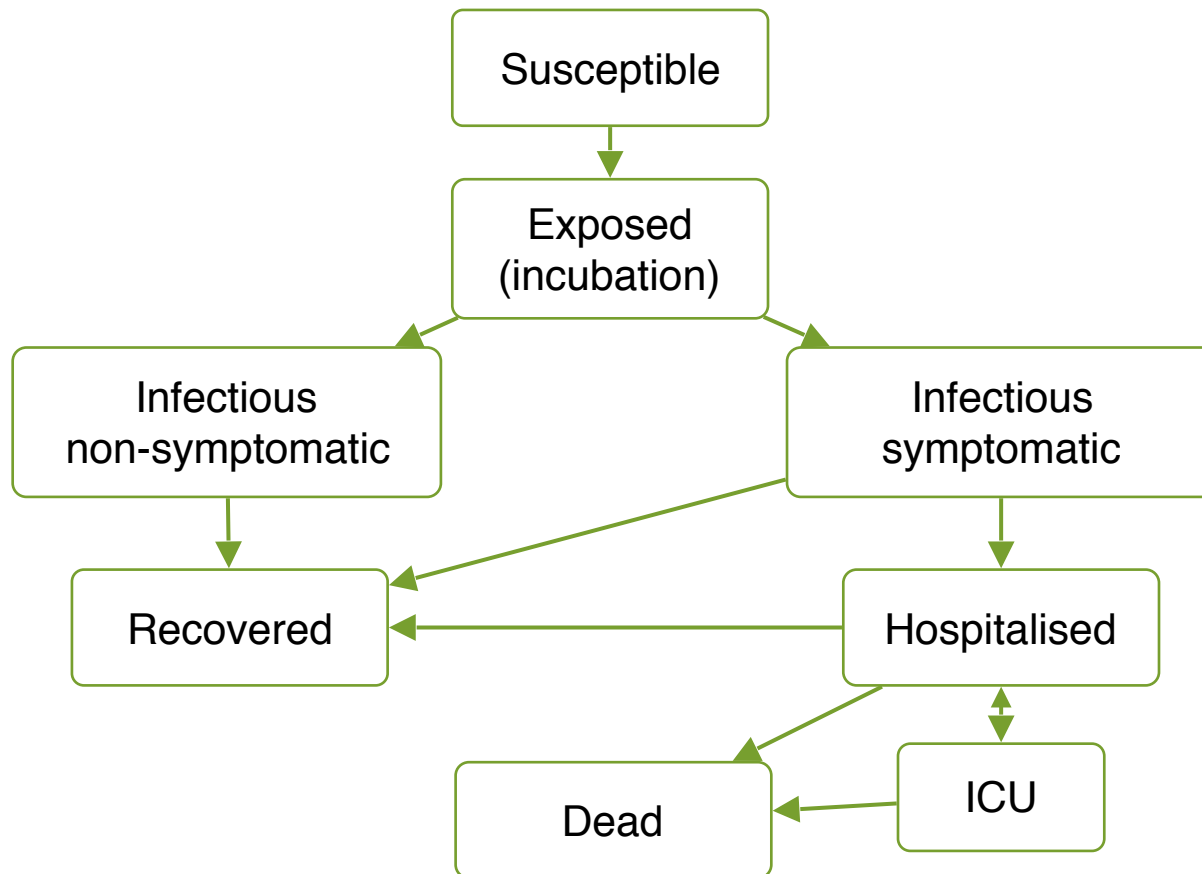


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Shockwave

Agent Based Model is also an (extended) SEIR model

Possible states of an agent



- ❖ The times of being in a given state can be approximated by means or given as distributions (e.g. gamma distr.)
- ❖ The probabilities of the transmission among states are given in a form of transmission matrix

Infection probability:

- ❖ Depends on the number of infected people met in a given context and the specific weight of the context.

$$p^j = 1 - \exp\left(-\alpha \beta_{hh} I_{hh}^j - \alpha \sum_i^{\text{contexts}} \beta_i \frac{f I_i^j}{1 - (1-f) I_i^j}\right)$$

f – fraction of people not staying at home when infected

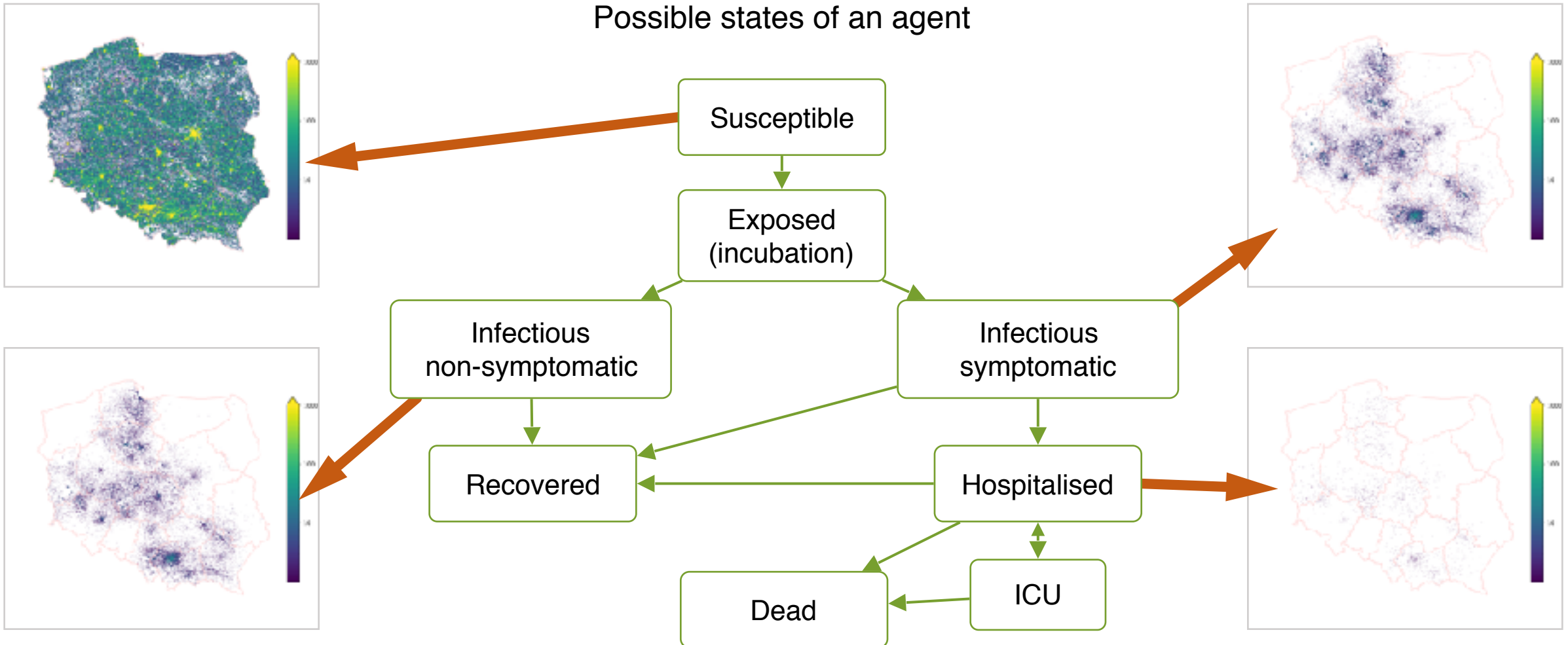
α – the relative infectivity of the virus

β – context's weights

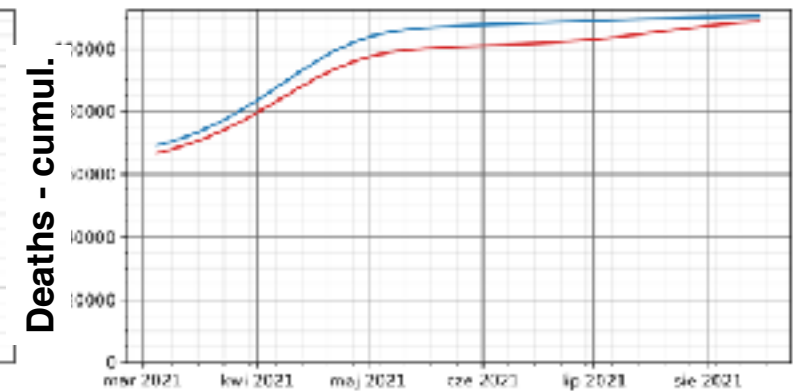
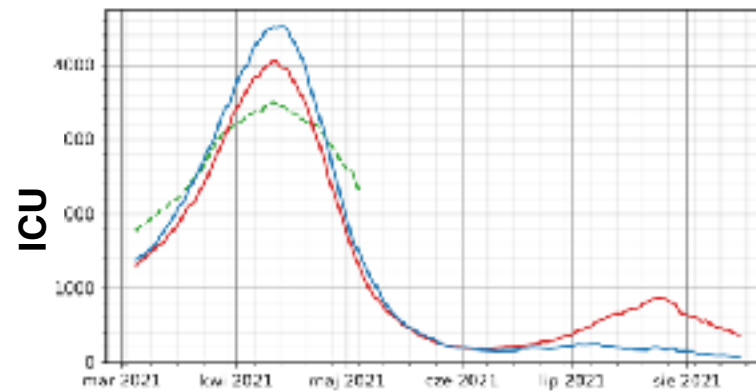
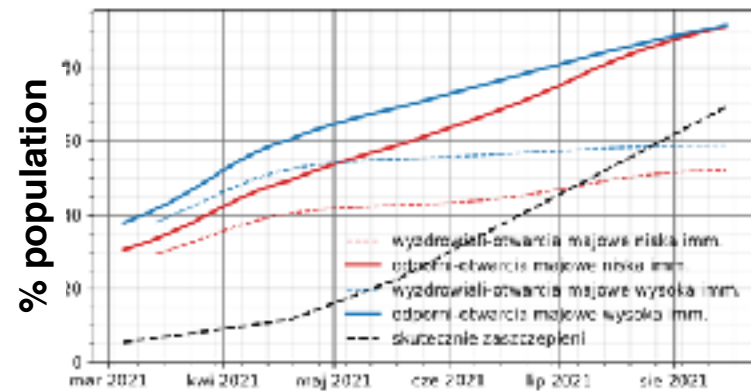
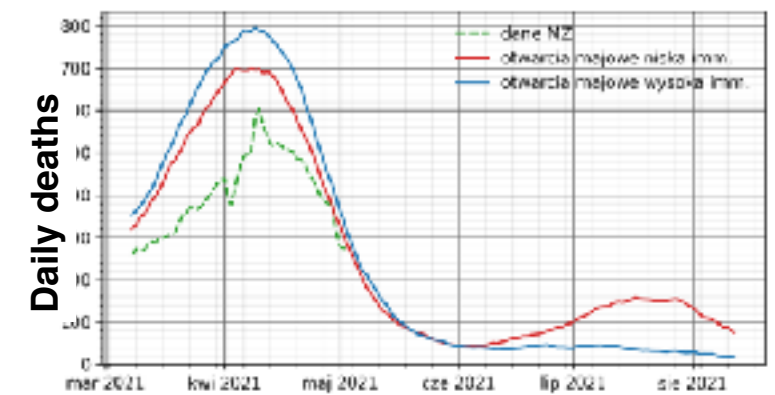
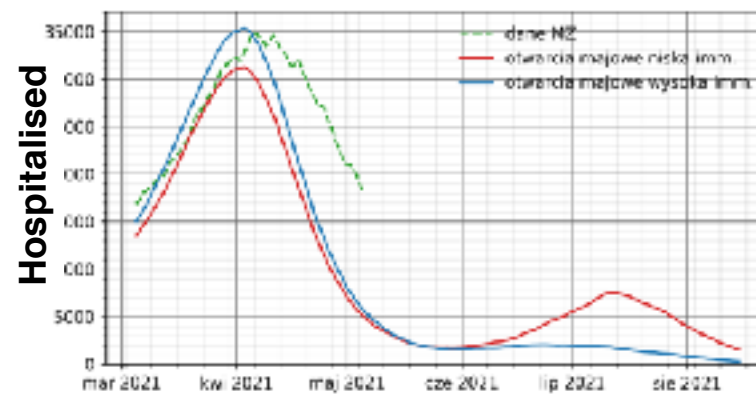
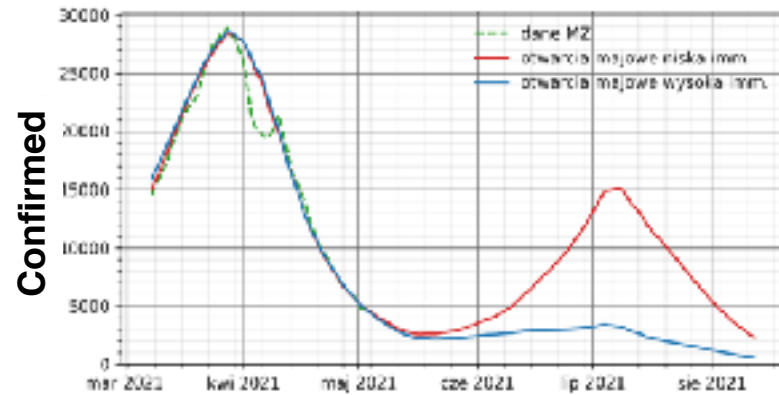
I – current infectivity of the context (as the whole).

Agent states can be visualised on the map

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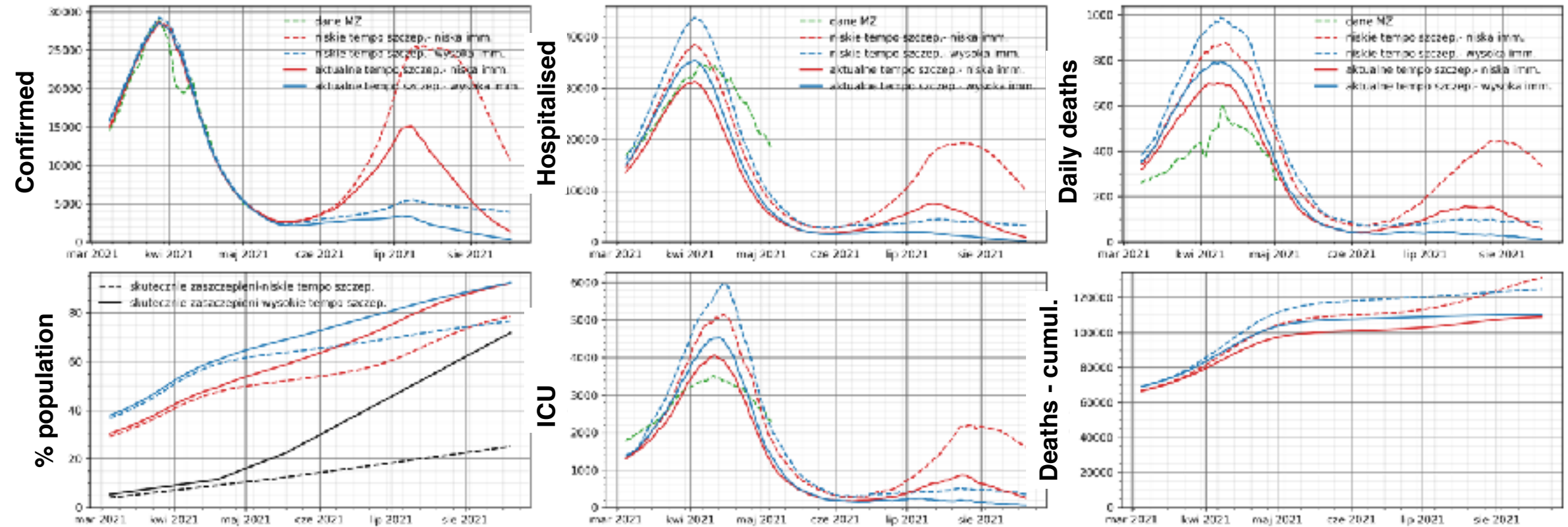


Current forecast (with variants)



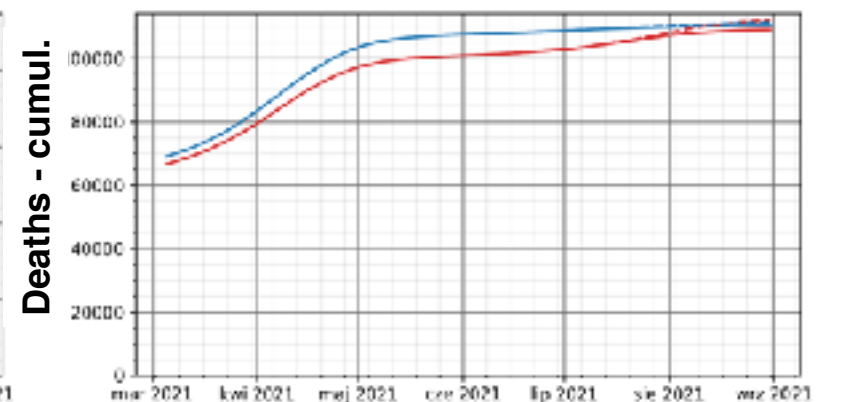
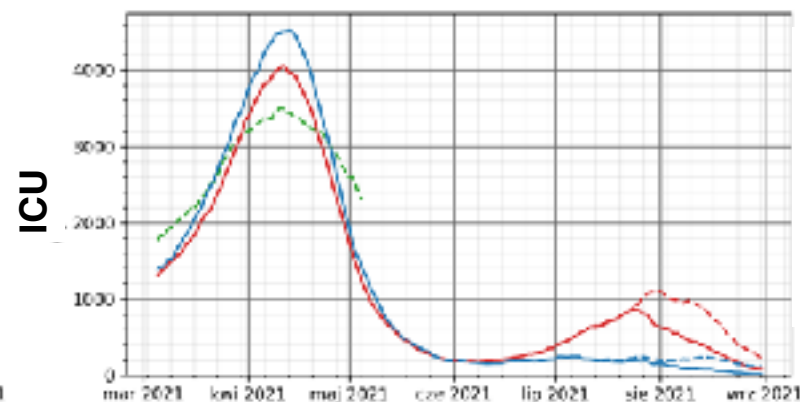
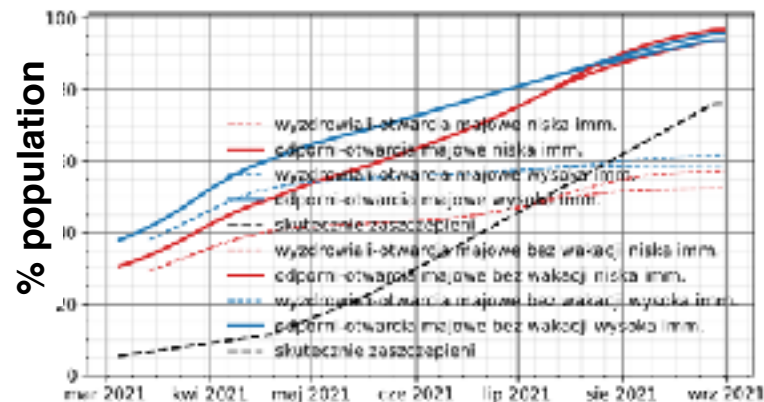
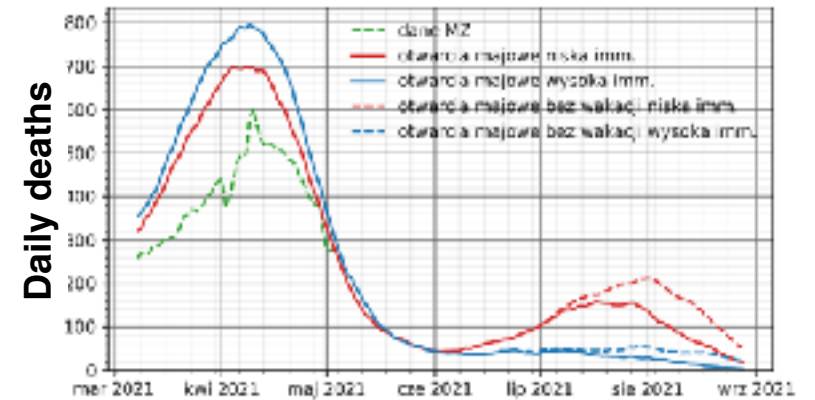
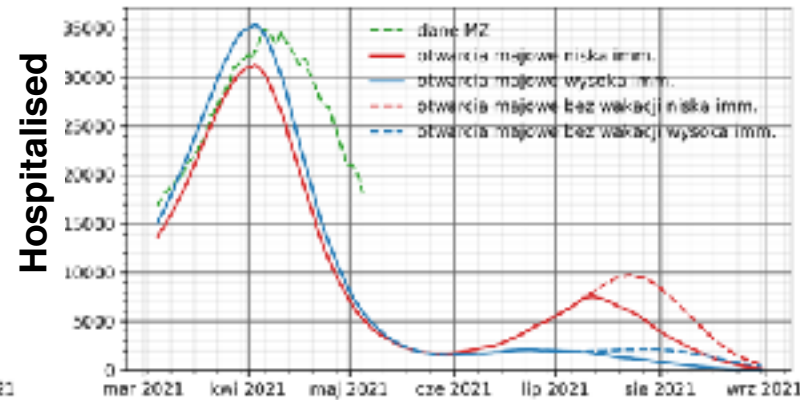
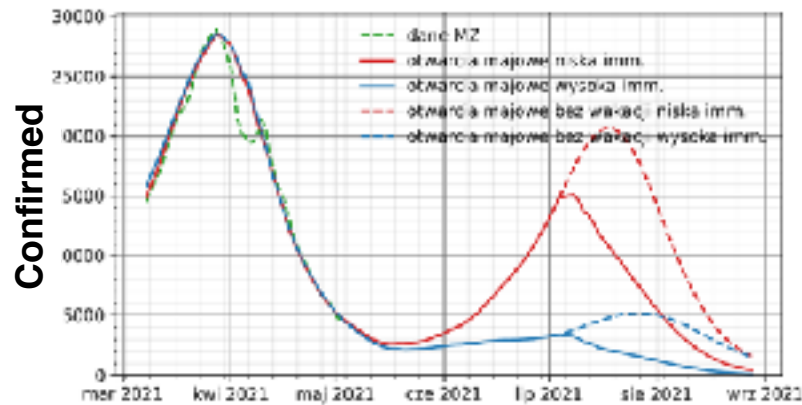
Hypothetical scenarios - What if?

What if vaccinations would be slower?



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What if schools would not be closed on 30 Jun



The greatest challenge: the data

(quasi) Stationary data

Virtual society reconstruction

(stationary contact structure)

- Households localisation and size distribution
- Schools, workplaces, etc...
- Public places (restaurants, sport, shopping)

Universal data

Medical:

- Course of the disease (e.g length of the incubation period)
- Hospitalisation rate
- Fatality rate

Virological:

- Transmissibility in various contacts
- Morbidity of virus variants
- Re-infection probability
- ...

Country specific data

Epidemiological:

- Statistics: confirmed, quarantined, death, etc...
- Administrative interventions

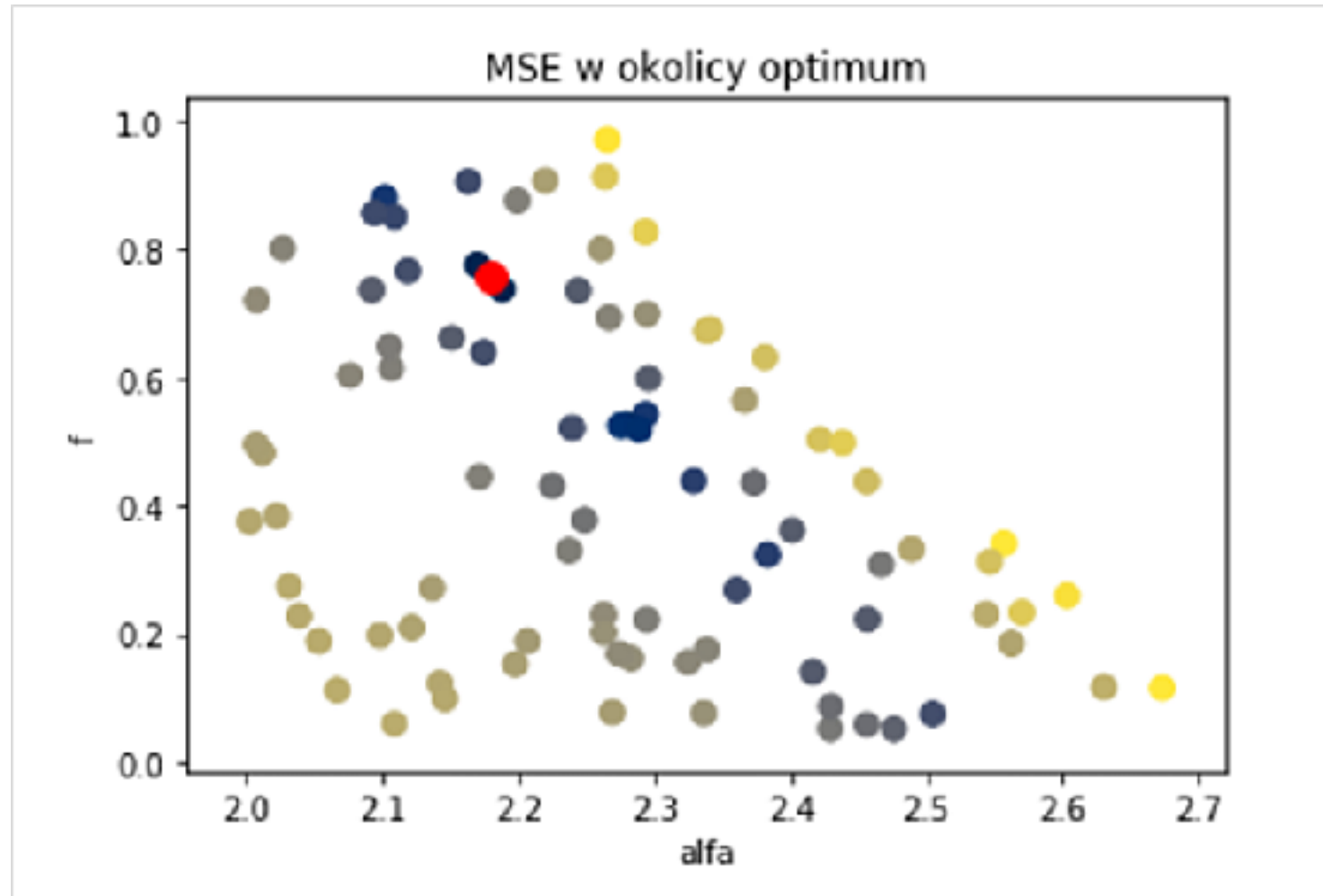
People's behavioural changes

- Visits in households
- Mobility
- Sanitary habits

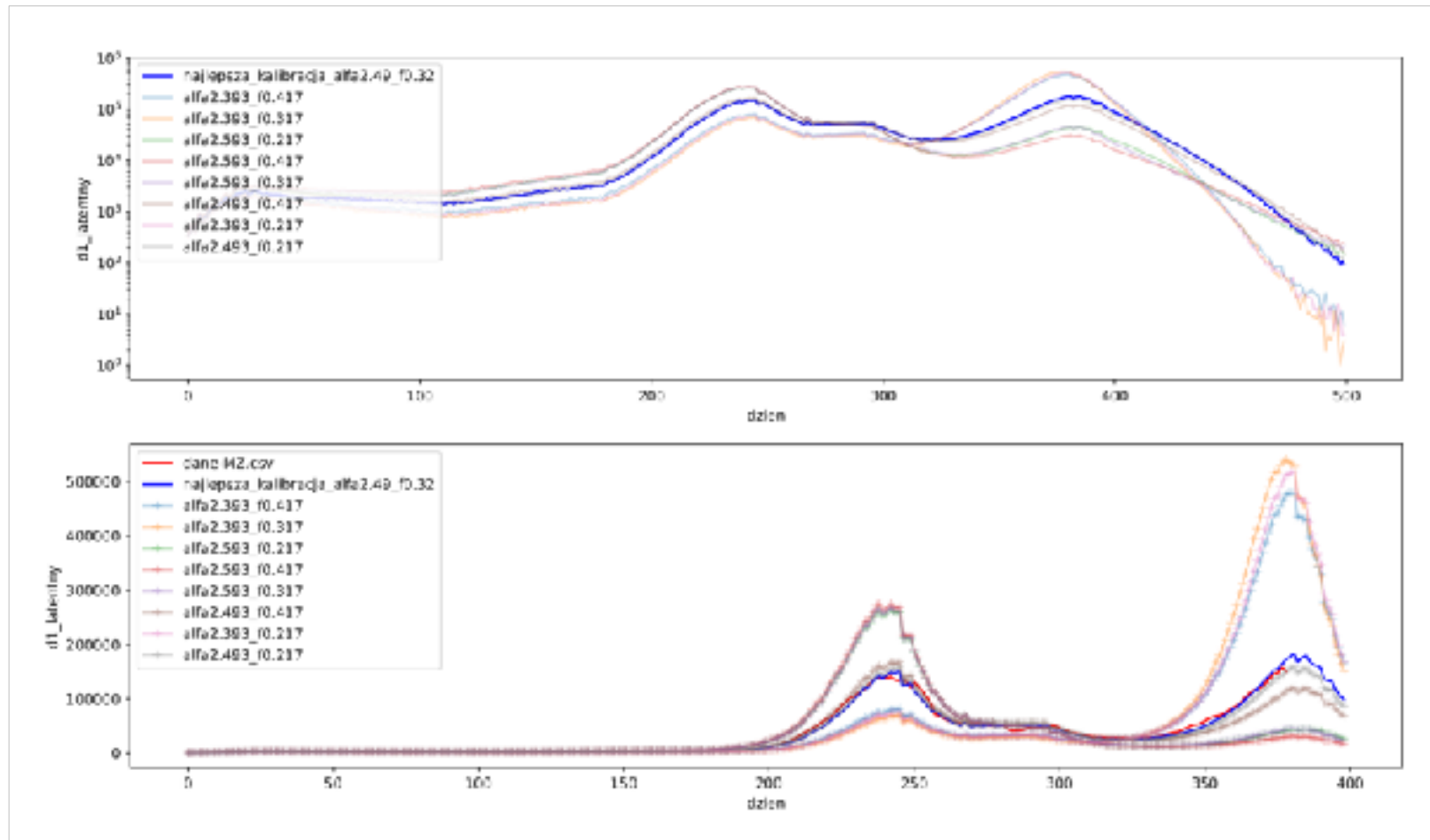
Calibration procedure

- ❖ Seeding of 'patients zero' (based on first reported cases on powiat level),
- ❖ State transition matrix estimation (Manual, Data driven, expert knowledge),
- ❖ Calibration of infectiousness (α) and ratio of symptomatic leaving home (f) (Bayesian Optimization),
- ❖ Calibration of the contexts weights (educated guess, expert knowledge).

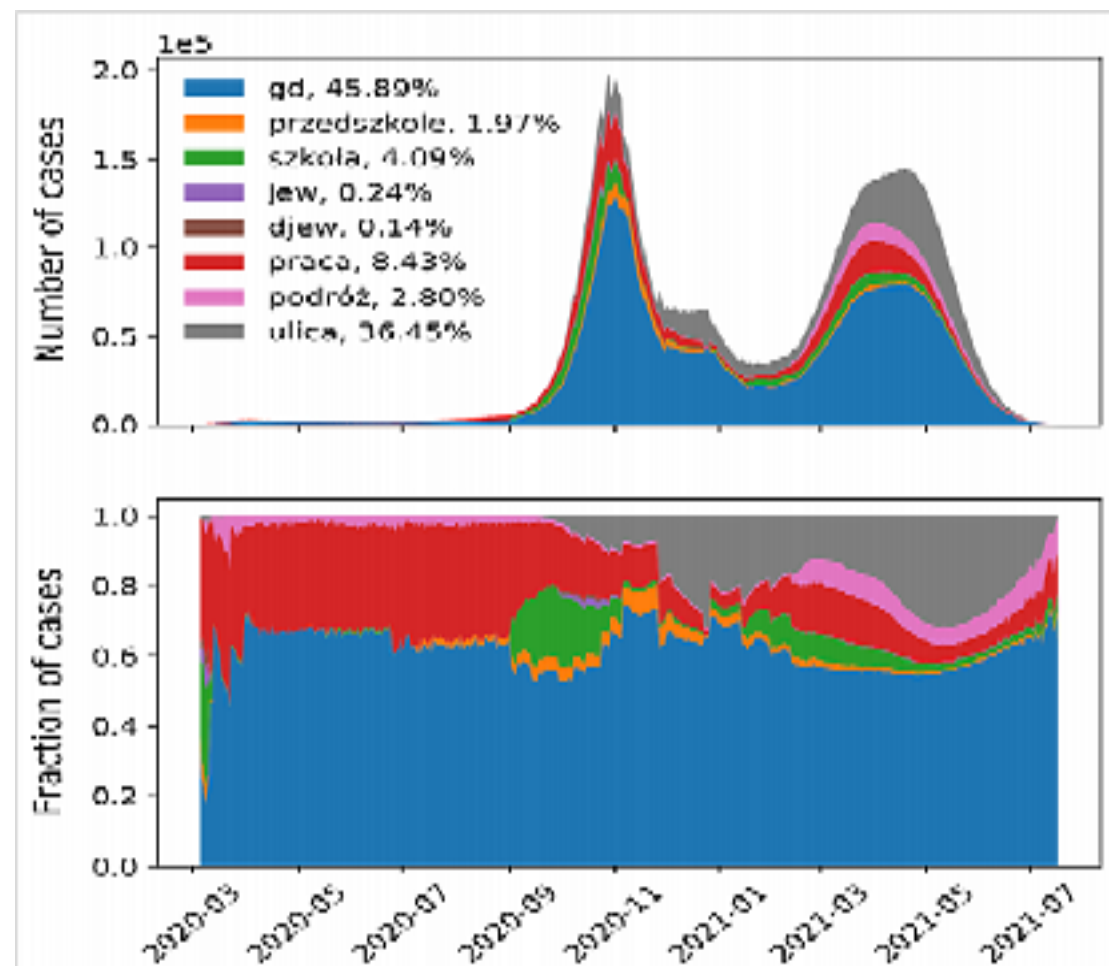
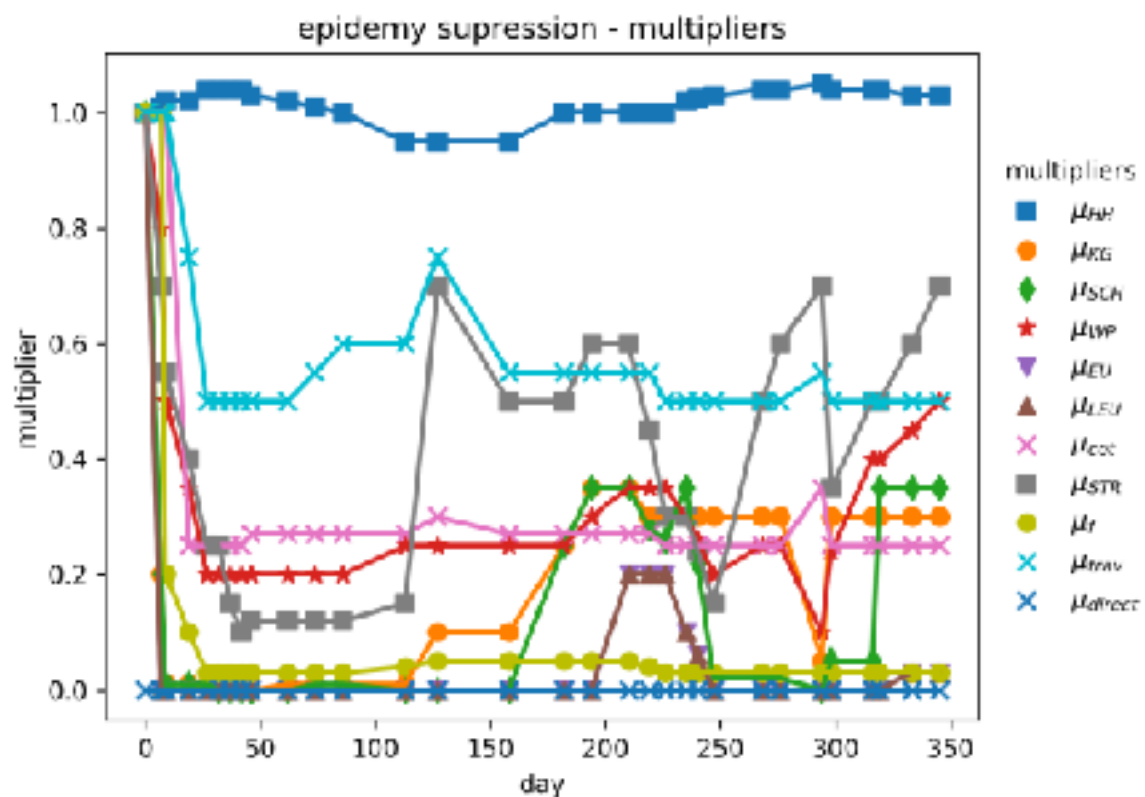
Calibration of α (infectiousness) and f (willingness to leave home)



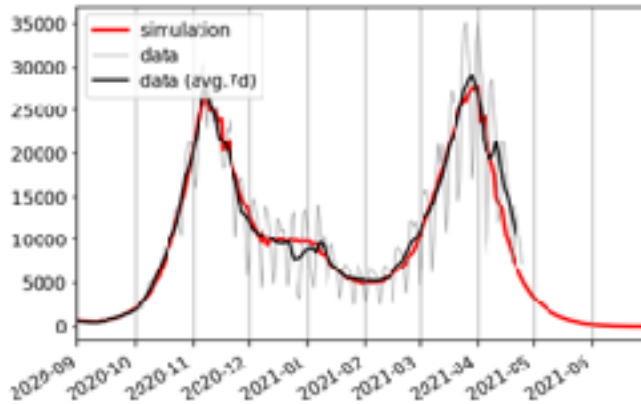
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Calibration of contexts weights

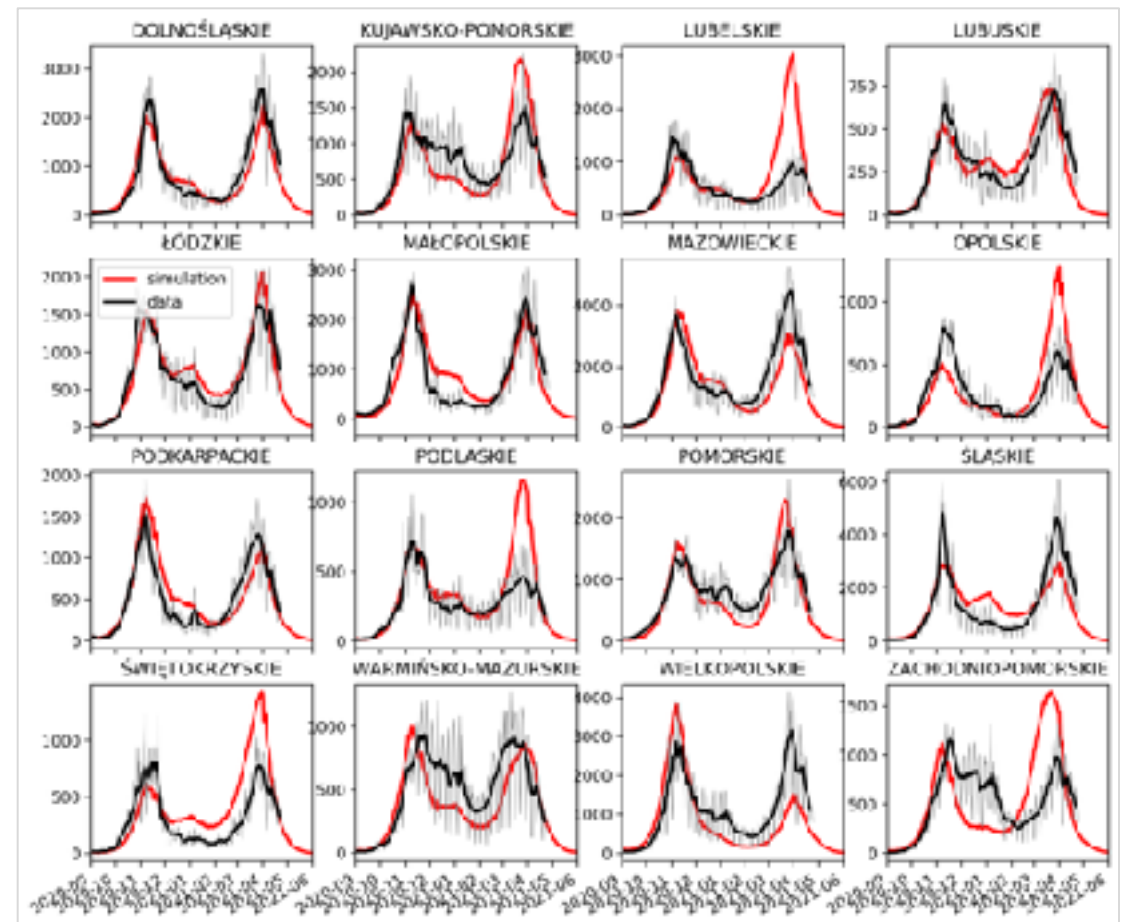


Voivodeships



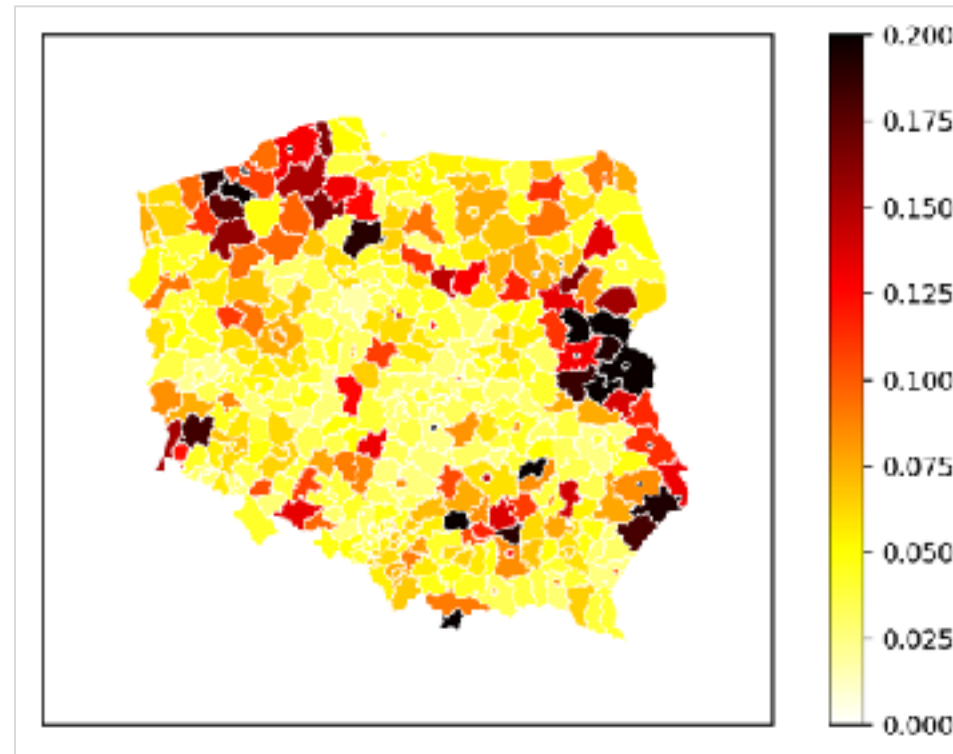
- No regional fitting, just plot of aggregated numbers
- Relatively good agreement at voivodeship level

Registered new cases

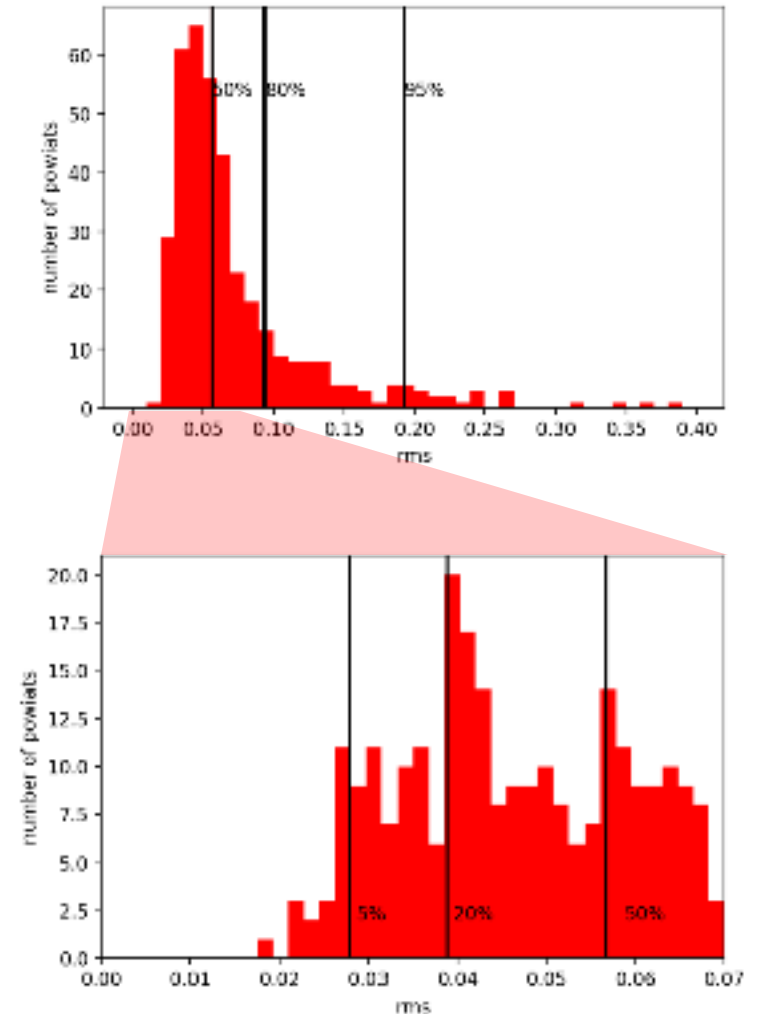


Counties

- ♦ rms as an averaged relative deviation between simulation and data,
- ♦ Z is „dark figure” – ratio of all cases to registered cases ($Z \approx 5$),
- ♦ some counties agree very well, some do not.

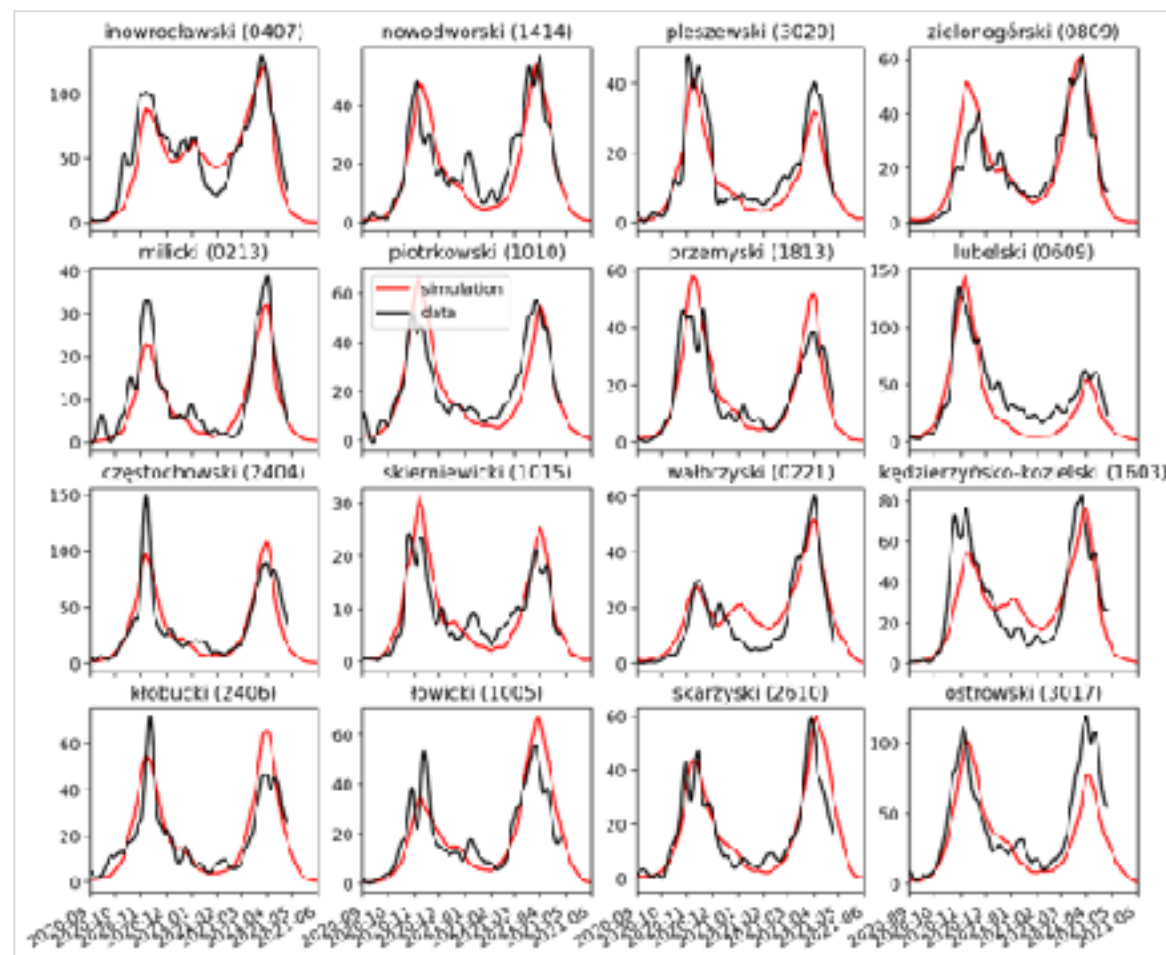
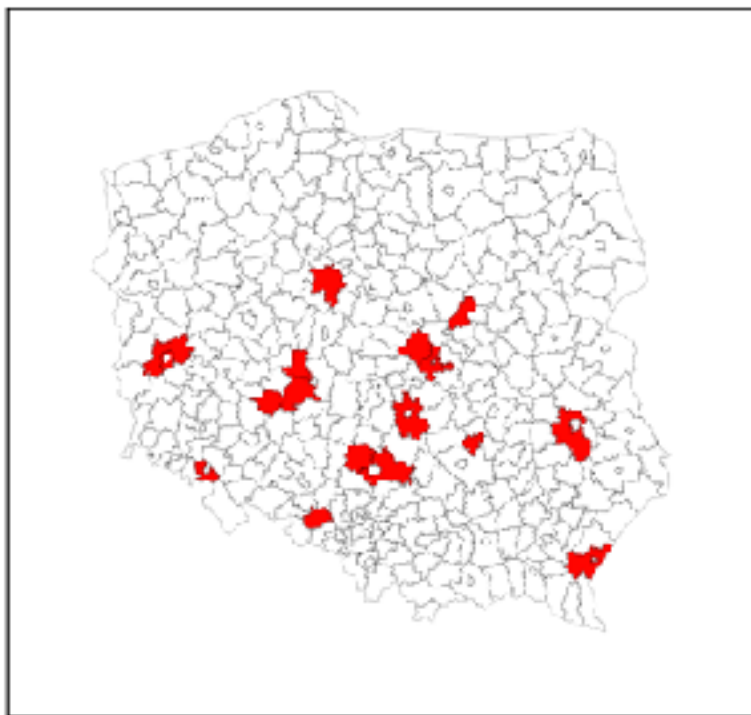


$$rms = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{time} (sim/Z - data)^2}}{\sum_{time} data}$$



Counties

Registered new cases, best rms



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