

A mixed hidden Markov model for analyzing somatic cell scores

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1. Introduction

Biological marker

Accuracy of available marker

Resistance/tolerance

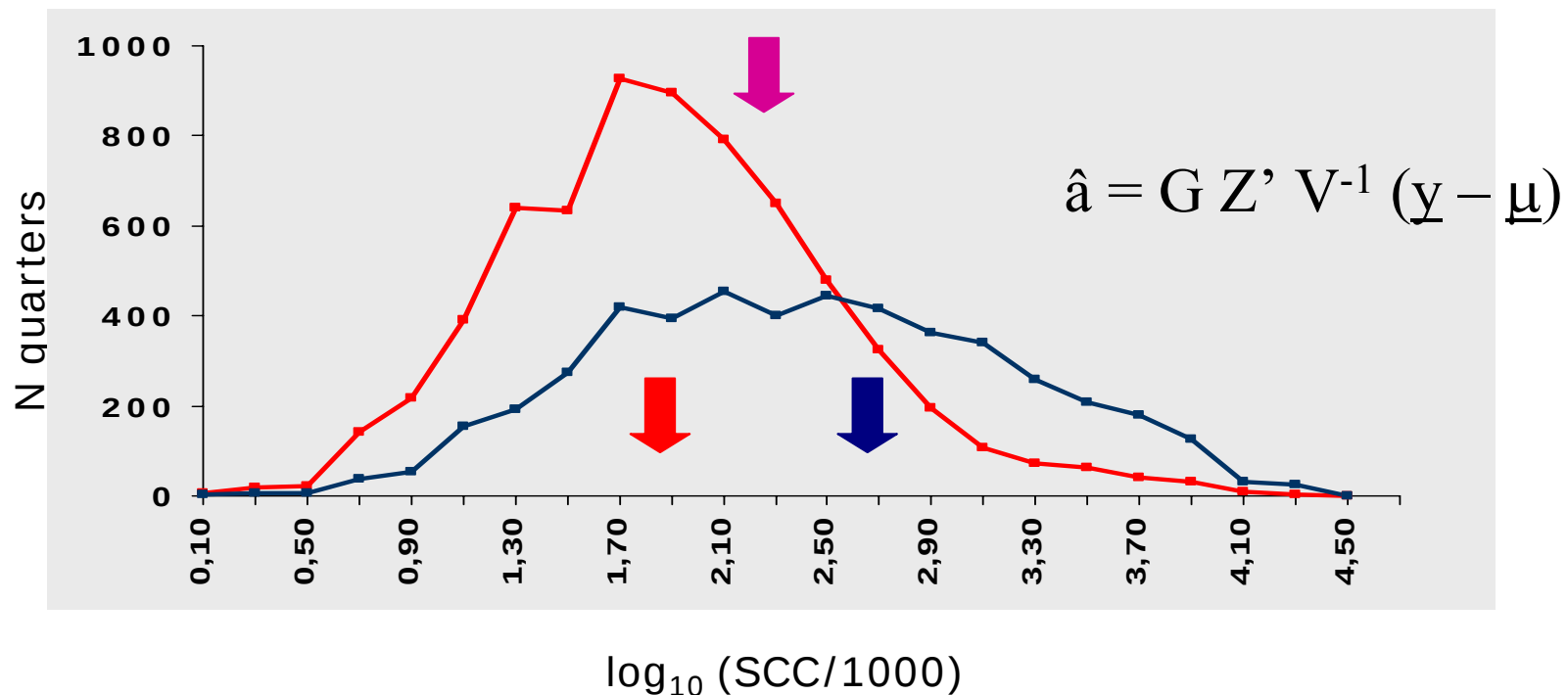
1a. Biological marker

- Reduction of bovine mastitis prevalence
(eg. breeding for disease resistance)
- Early detection of mammary infection (IMI)
 - Biomarker = objective indicator of disease state
(eg., SCC, M-SAA3, Hp, LDH, NAGase, ...)
 - Surrogate endpoint = substitute for disease endpoint
(eg. early predictor of infection, survival, or clinical signs)

→ mathematical models to estimate $pr(IMI)$

1b. Accuracy

Frequency distribution of SCC for IMI- or IMI+ quarters



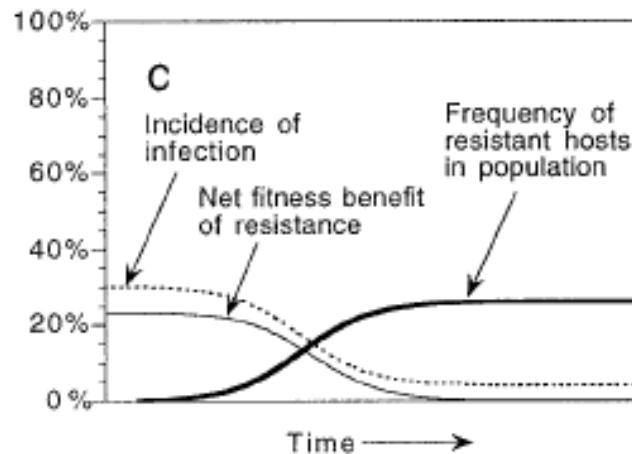
Imperfect detectability

→ misleading info on transmission dynamics
(prevalence, incidence, association with disease, ...)

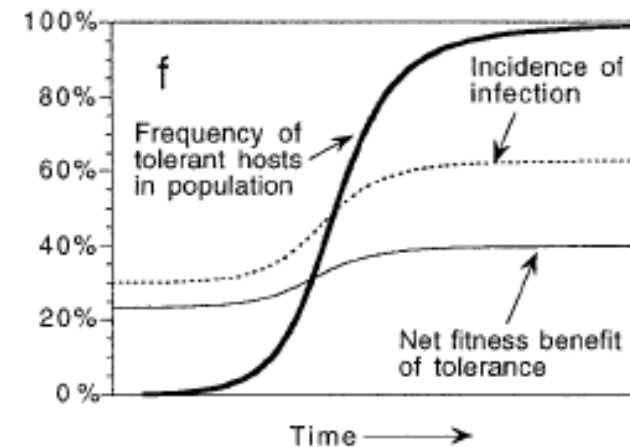
1c. Resistance/ tolerance

B. A. ROY¹ AND J. W. KIRCHNER² *Evolution*, 54(1), 2000, pp. 51–63

- Resistance = low proba of infection



- Tolerance = little fitness loss after infection



Breeding goals ?

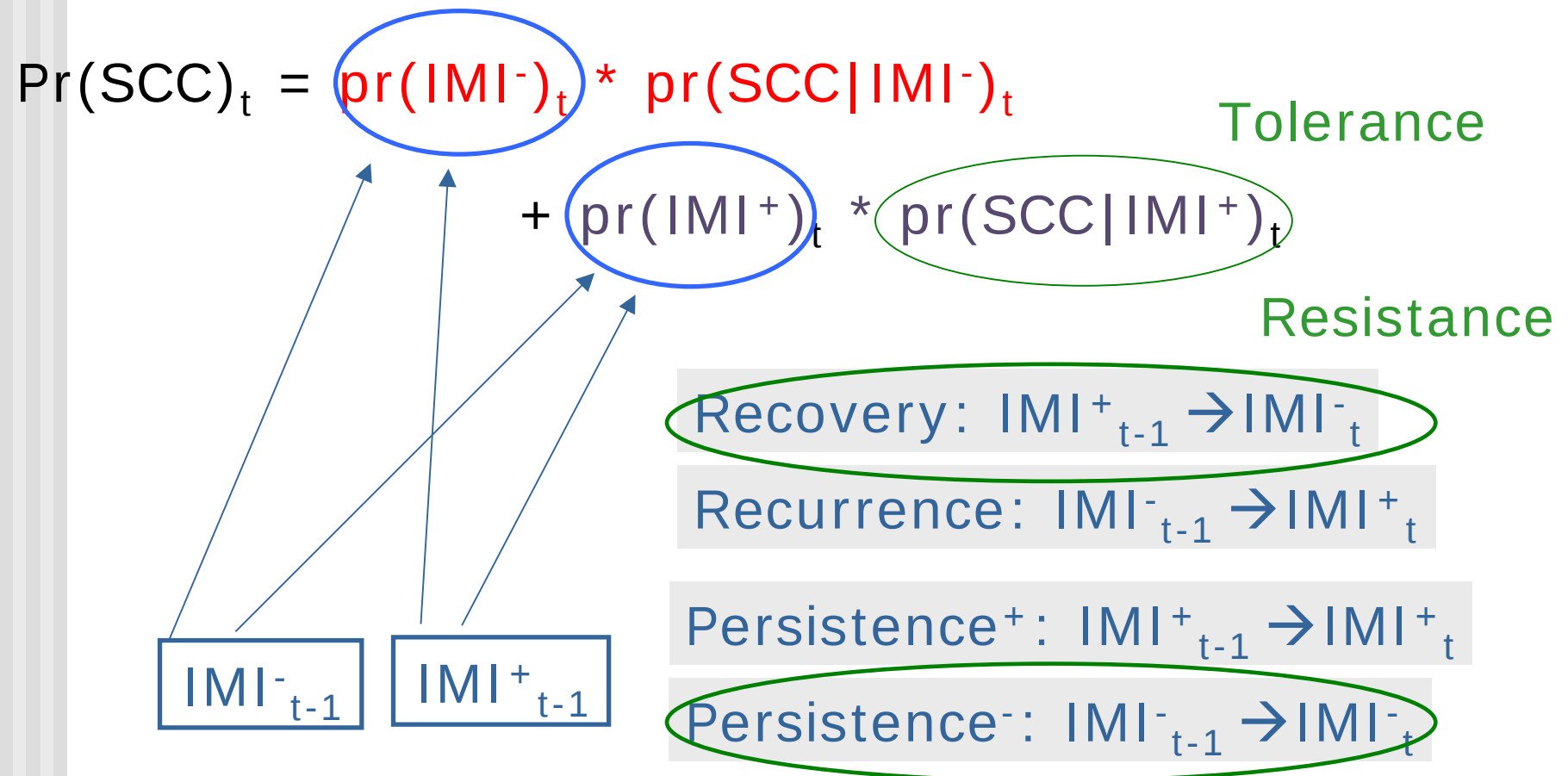
+ herd immunity
- natural selection

- disease spread
+ natural selection

2. Mixed hidden Markov model

General formulation
Bayes estimation

2a. Formulation



Time:

t=1

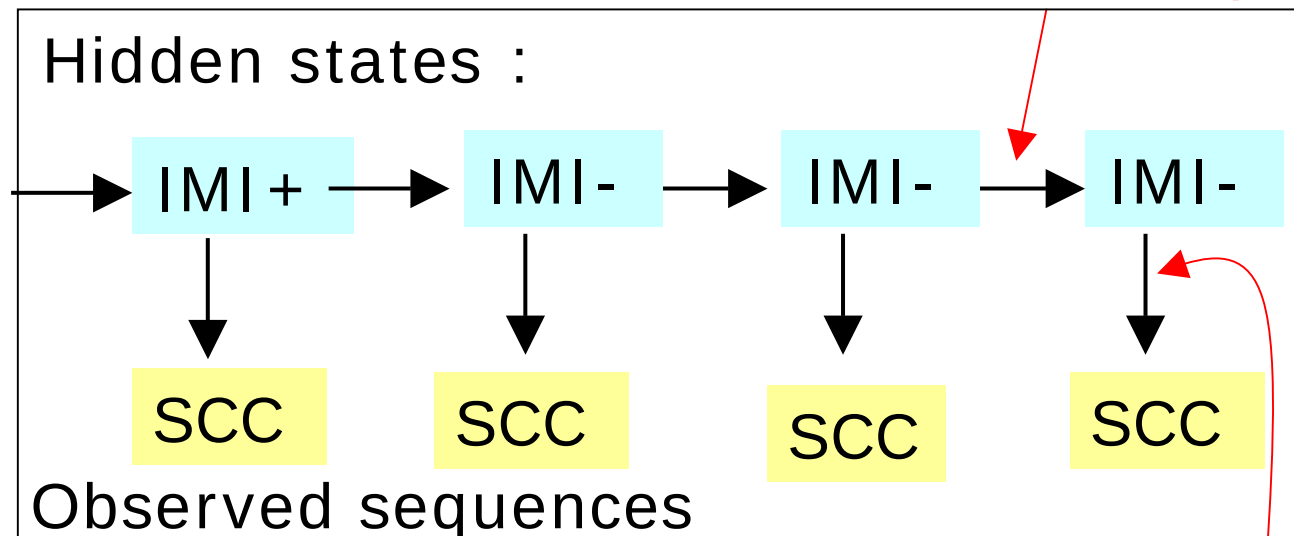
t=2

t=3

t=4

Transition probability

$P(IMI)$



Genetic values

Emission probability

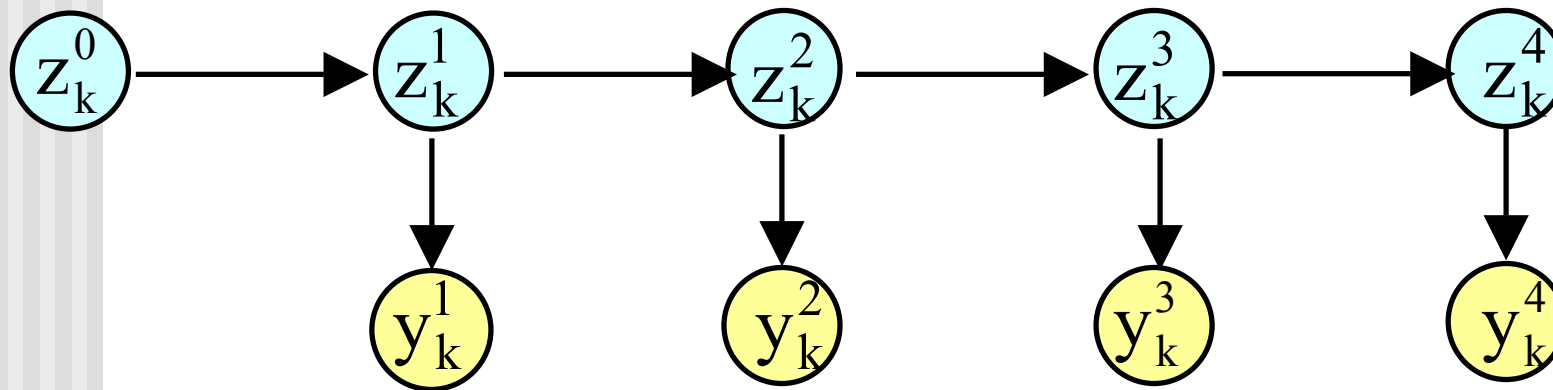
Time:

$t=1$

$t=2$

$t=3$

$t=4$



y_k^t = value of biomarker at t^{th} time on k^{th} cow

$z_k^t = 0$ if IMI-

$z_k^t = 1$ if IMI+

- Output independence: observations are independent given the unknown IMI state

$$p(y_k^t | z_k^t, y_k^{t-1}, y_k^{t-2}, \dots) = p(y_k^t | z_k^t)$$

- Time is discrete
- Markov property: the next state depends only on the current state

$$p(z_k^{t+1} | z_k^t, z_k^{t-1}, \dots, z_k^1) = p(z_k^{t+1} | z_k^t)$$

“Conditioned on the present, the past & future are independent”

- Stationarity: transition probabilities are time invariant

$$p(z_k^{t+1} = i | z_k^t = j) = a_k^{ij}$$

$$p(\underline{y} | \underline{\mu}_0, \underline{\mu}_1, \sigma_0^2, \sigma_1^2, \underline{a}, \underline{z}) \sim N(M_0 \underline{\mu}_0 + M_1 \underline{\mu}_1 + Z \underline{a}, R)$$

$\underline{y}$ = (NT X 1) vector of data

$\underline{z}$ = (NT X 1) vector of hidden states

$\underline{\mu}_0$ = (T X 1) vector of fixed effects for data on a IMI- cow

$\underline{\mu}_1$ = (T X 1) vector of fixed effects for data on a IMI+ cow

$\underline{a}$ = (N X 1) vector of random additive genetic effects

M_0 = (NT X T) matrix with elements = 1 if $z_k^t = 0$

M_1 = (NT X T) matrix with elements = 1 if $z_k^t = 1$

Z = (NT X N) incidence matrix relating $\underline{a}$ to $\underline{y}$.

$R \sim J_0 \sigma_0^2 + J_1 \sigma_1^2$ J_i = (NT X NT) matrix with elements = 1 if $z_k^t = i$

2b. Estimation

Prior distributions

$$\underline{\mu}_0 \sim N(\underline{1} \ m_0, I \ s_0^2)$$

$$\underline{\mu}_1 \sim N(\underline{1} \ m_1, I \ s_1^2)$$

$$\underline{a} \sim N(0, A \ \sigma_a^2)$$

$$\sigma_a^2 \sim \chi^{-2}(s_a^2)$$

$$\sigma_0^2 \sim \chi^{-2}(s_0^2)$$

$$\sigma_1^2 \sim \chi^{-2}(s_1^2)$$

$$z_k^0 \sim \text{Br}(\lambda_k)$$

$$(z_k^t = 0 \mid z_k^{t-1} = 0) \sim \text{Br}(\pi_k^{00})$$

$$(z_k^t = 1 \mid z_k^{t-1} = 0) \sim \text{Br}(\pi_k^{01})$$

$$\lambda_k, \pi_k^{00}, \pi_k^{01} \sim \text{Un}[0,1]$$

Joint posterior distribution

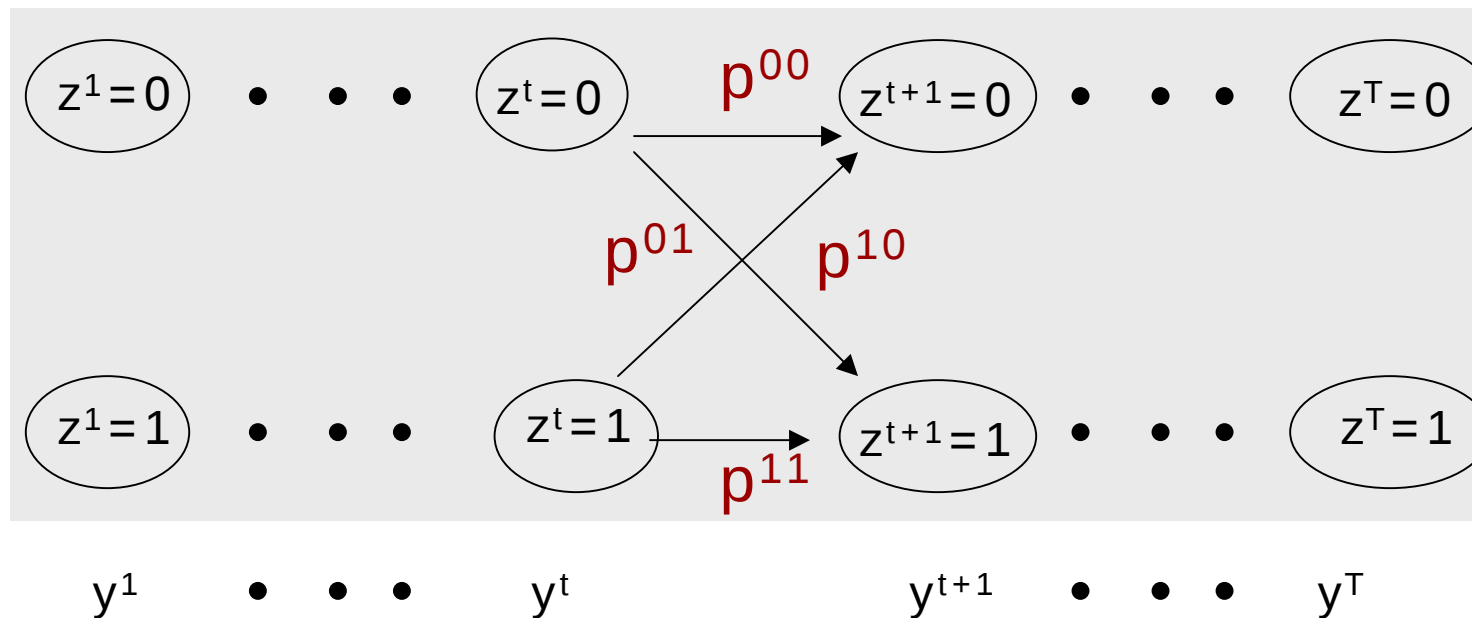
$$\theta = (\mu_0, \mu_1, \sigma_a^2, \sigma_0^2, \sigma_1^2, \underline{\pi}^{00}, \underline{\pi}^{01}, \underline{z}, \underline{a}, \underline{\lambda})$$

$$p(\theta | \underline{y}) = \sum_{\underline{z}} p(\underline{y} | \theta) p(\theta)$$

nb hidden sequences per cow = 2^T
→ total number of operations $\sim 4N^T$

Use of the trellis structure of HMM
→ Forward-backward algorithm

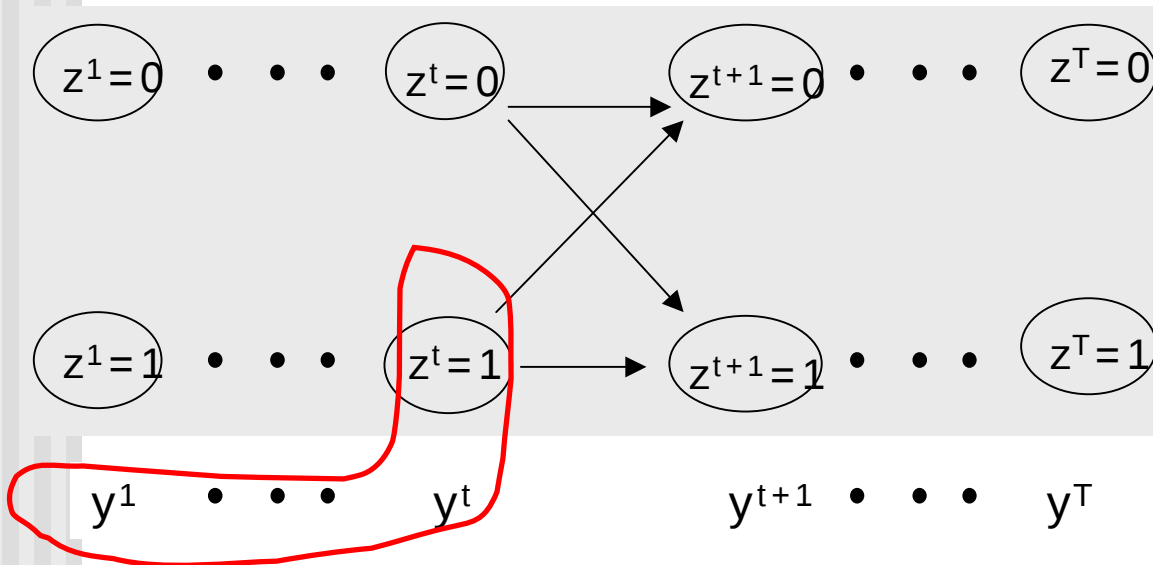
Forward-backward algorithm



The algorithm takes on the order of $4T$ computations

- **Forward probabilities** : proba that, given H , at time t , the state is i and the sequence of partial observation $(y_1 \dots y_t)$ has been generated

$$\alpha_k^t(i) = p(y_1^1 \dots y_k^t, z_k^t = i)$$



3 steps

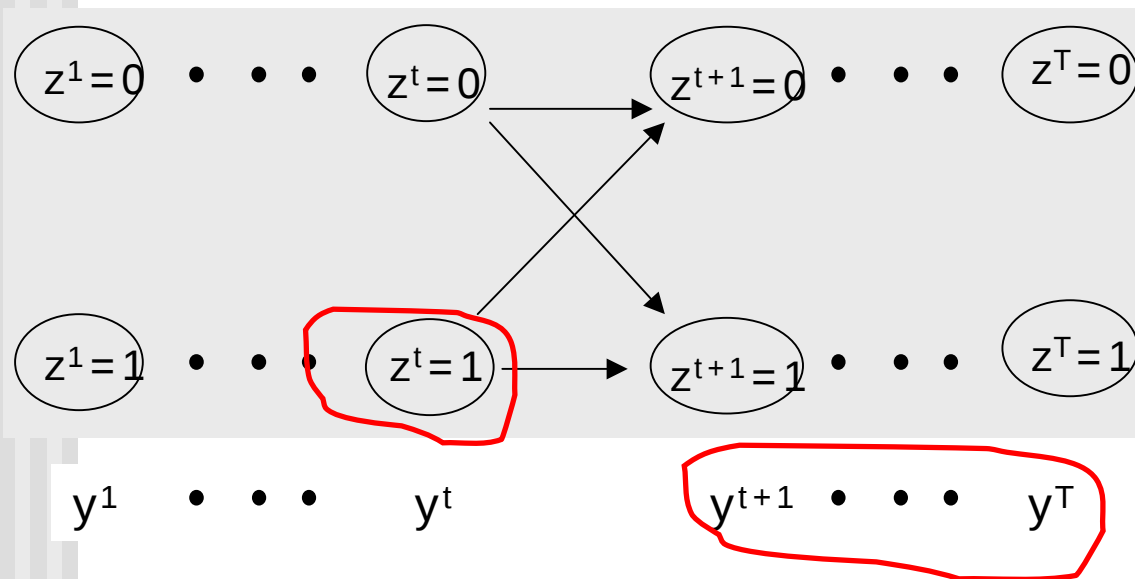
induction ($t=0$)

recursion (increasing t)

termination ($t=T$)

- **Backward probabilities** : proba that, given H and given the state i at time t , a sequence of partial observation $(y_{t+1} \dots y_T)$ has been generated

$$\beta_k^t(i) = p(y_k^T \dots y_k^{t+1} \mid z_k^t = i)$$



3 steps

induction (t=T)

recursion (decreasing t)

termination (t=1)

Fully conditional distributions

$$\mu_i^t \succsim N \left(\frac{s_i^2 \sum_k^N (y_k^t - a_k) I_k^{i,t} + m_i \sigma_i^2}{(s_i^2 \sum_k^N n_{i,k}^t) + \sigma_i^2}, \frac{s_i^2 \sigma_i^2}{(s_i^2 \sum_k^N n_{i,k}^t) + \sigma_i^2} \right)$$

$$\underline{a} \sim N(\tilde{\theta}_1, C_{11}^{-1}) \quad \tilde{\theta}_1 = C_{11}^{-1} [r_1 - C_{12} \theta_2]$$

$$(\sigma_a^2) \sim \chi_{N+v}^{-2} \quad (\underline{a}' A^{-1} \underline{a} + v s_a^2)$$

$$(\sigma_i^2) \sim \chi_{N_i+v}^{-2} \quad [v s_i^2 + (\underline{y} - M_i \underline{\mu}_i - Z \underline{a})' J_i (\underline{y} - M_i \underline{\mu}_i - Z \underline{a})]$$

$$\lambda_k \sim \text{beta}(I_k^{0,1} + 1; I_k^{1,1} + 1)$$

$$\pi_k^{00} \sim \text{beta}(n_k^{00} + 1, n_k^{10} + 1)$$

$$\pi_k^{01} \sim \text{beta}(n_k^{01} + 1, n_k^{11} + 1)$$

$$\underline{z}_k^1 \sim \text{Br}(\zeta_{0,k}^1) \quad \zeta_{0,k}^0 = p[z_k^0 = 0 \cap \underline{y}_k] = \alpha_k^1(0) \beta_k^1(0)$$

It is the probability of being healthy at start with the observation sequence $y_1 y_2 \dots y_T$.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{z}_k^t \sim \text{Br}(\xi_{ij,k}^t) \quad \xi_{ij,k}^t &= p[z_k^t = i \mid z_k^{t-1} = j, \underline{y}_k] \\ &= \frac{\alpha_k^{t-1}(j) \pi_k^{ij} \beta_k^t(i) \text{pr}(y_k^t \mid z_k^t = i)}{\alpha_k^{t-1}(j) \beta_k^{t-1}(j)} \end{aligned}$$

It is the probability of being in state i at time t given state j at time $t-1$ and the observation sequence $y_1 y_2 \dots y_T$.

4. Simulation

Survey of SCC

Pathogen

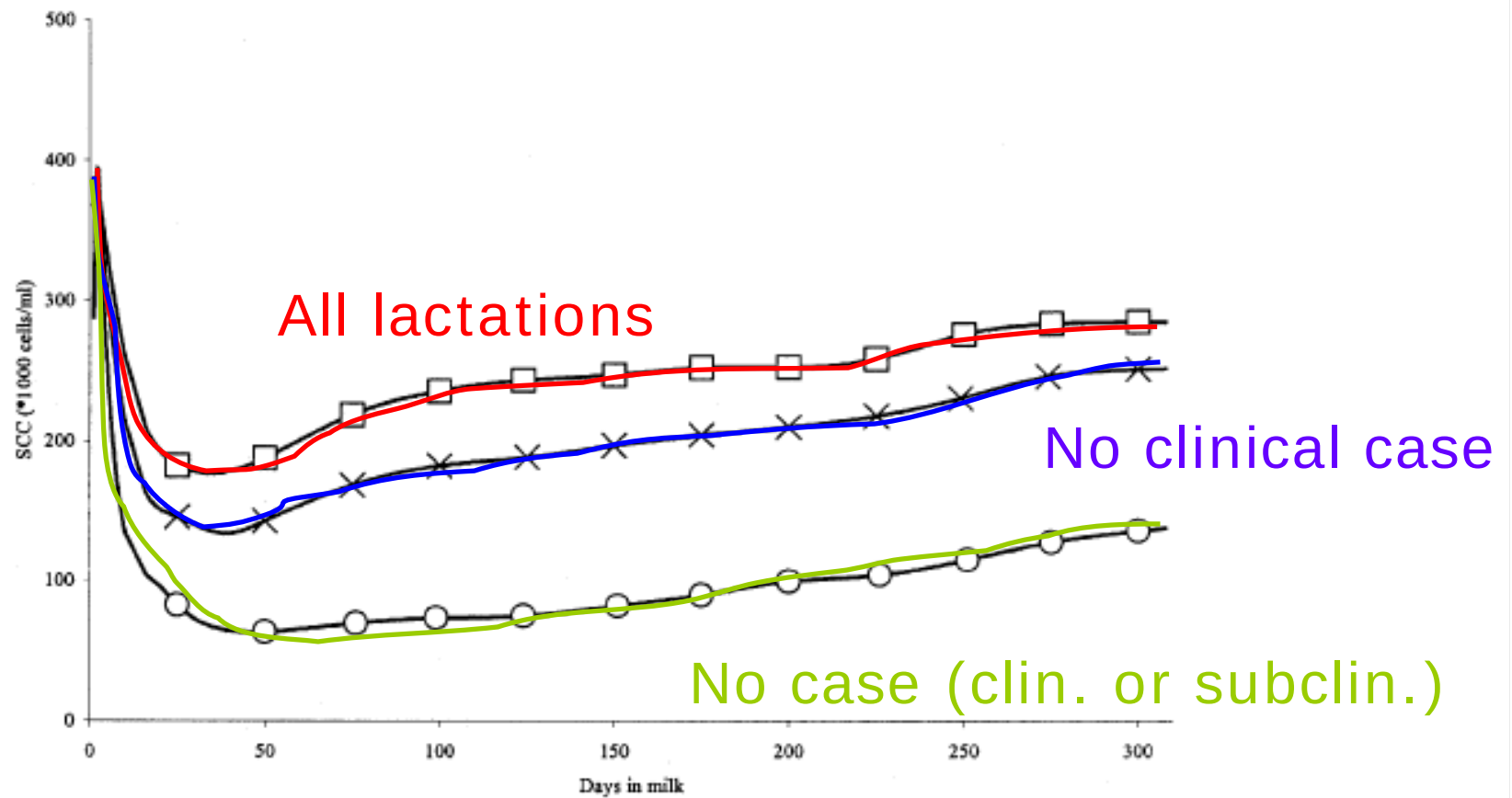
Severity of response

Genetics

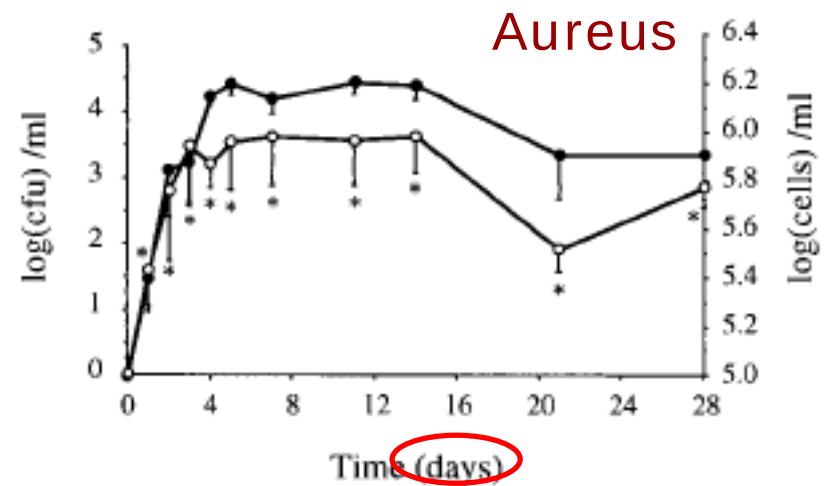
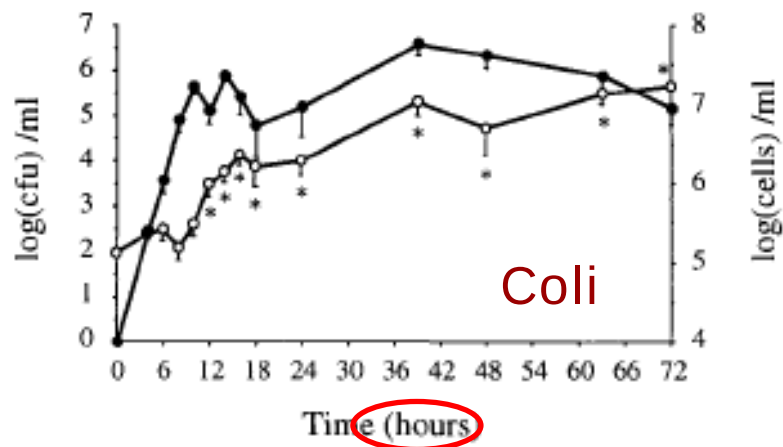
Data sets

Accuracy

4a. Survey (de Haas et al., 2002, 2004)

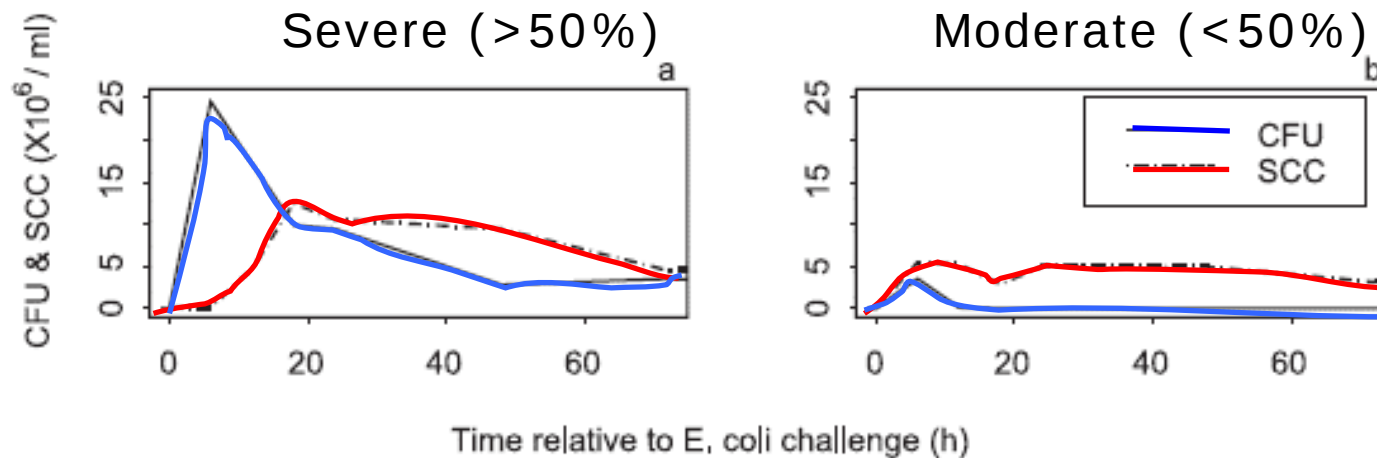


4b. Pathogen



CÉLINE RIOLLET, PASCAL RAINARD,* AND BERNARD POUTREL
CLINICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY IMMUNOLOGY, Mar. 2000, p. 161-167

4c. Severity of response



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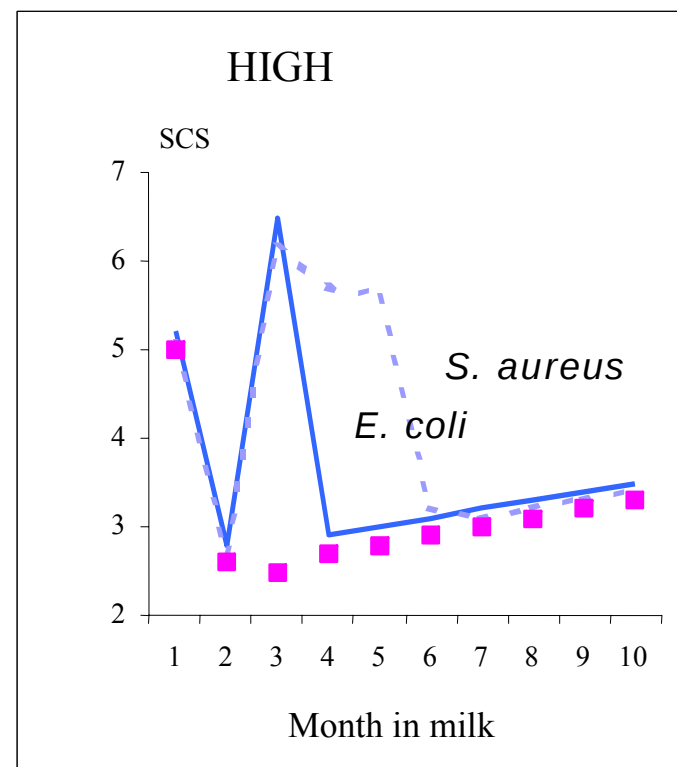
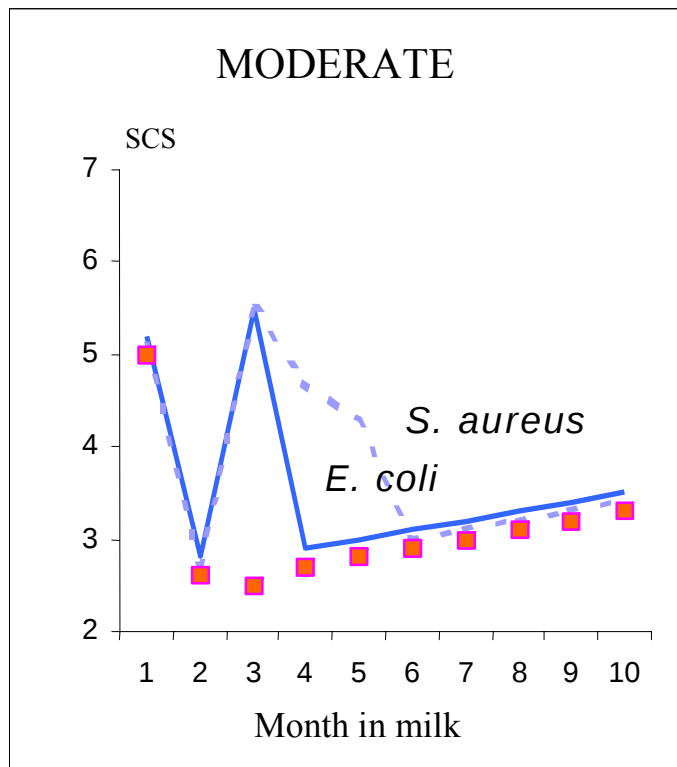
4d. Genetics

- 3 discrete generations with 400 cows per generation
- sires selected from 30 different bulls
- each cow was replaced by a daughter
- mating at random
- breeding values for base animals $\sim N(0, I \sigma_a^2)$
- additive variance of 0.15 or 0.25.
- breeding values for non-base animals $\sim N(\text{mid-parent}, \sigma_a^2/2)$
- No selection , no inbreeding

4e. Simulated data sets

μ_0^t for $t = 1$ to T

μ_1^t for $t = 1$ to T



Simulated data sets:

% infected cows = 20, 50%

% *E. coli* among infected cows = 0, 50, 100%

high and moderate responders: μ_1^t
 $\sigma_0^2 = 1.0$ or $1.4 \rightarrow$ residuals IMI- $\sim N(0, \sigma_0^2)$

$\sigma_a^2 = 0.15$ or 0.25

Gibbs sampler

1000 iterations

200 burn-in

10 replications

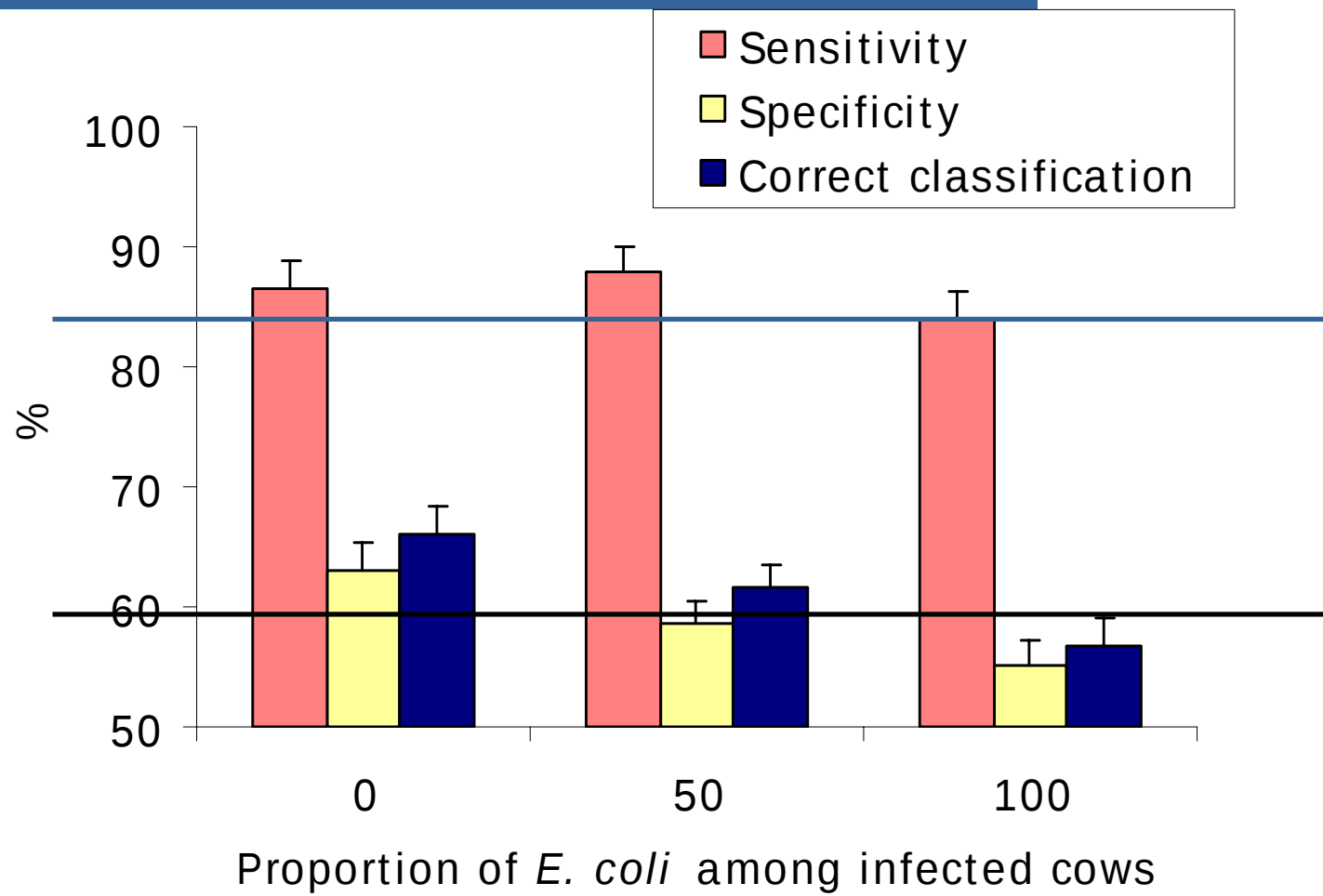
4f. Accuracy

- $\text{corr}(a, \hat{a})$
- differences : $\theta - \hat{\theta}$ for $\mu_0, \mu_1, \sigma_a^2, \sigma_0^2, \sigma_1^2$

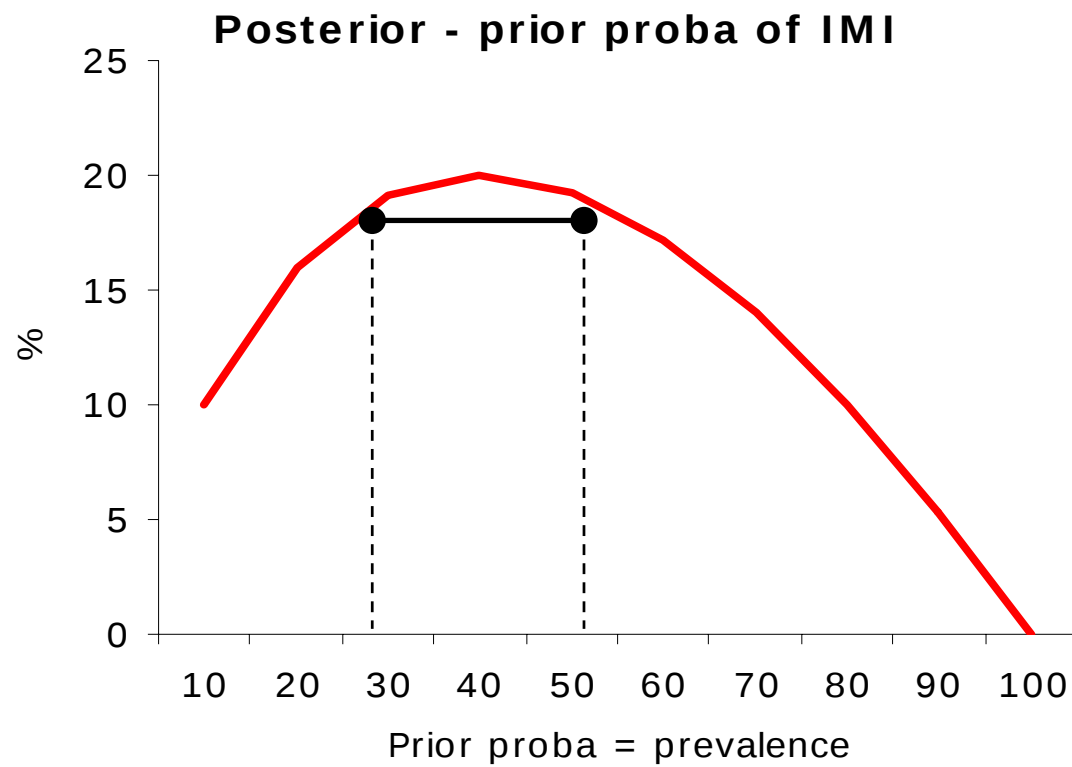
- sensitivity: $SE = \sum_{k=1, N} \sum_{t=1, T} p(\hat{z}_k^t = 1 | z_k^t = 1)$
- specificity: $SP = \sum_{k=1, N} \sum_{t=1, T} \text{pr}(\hat{z}_k^t = 0 | z_k^t = 0)$

- proba of correct classification:

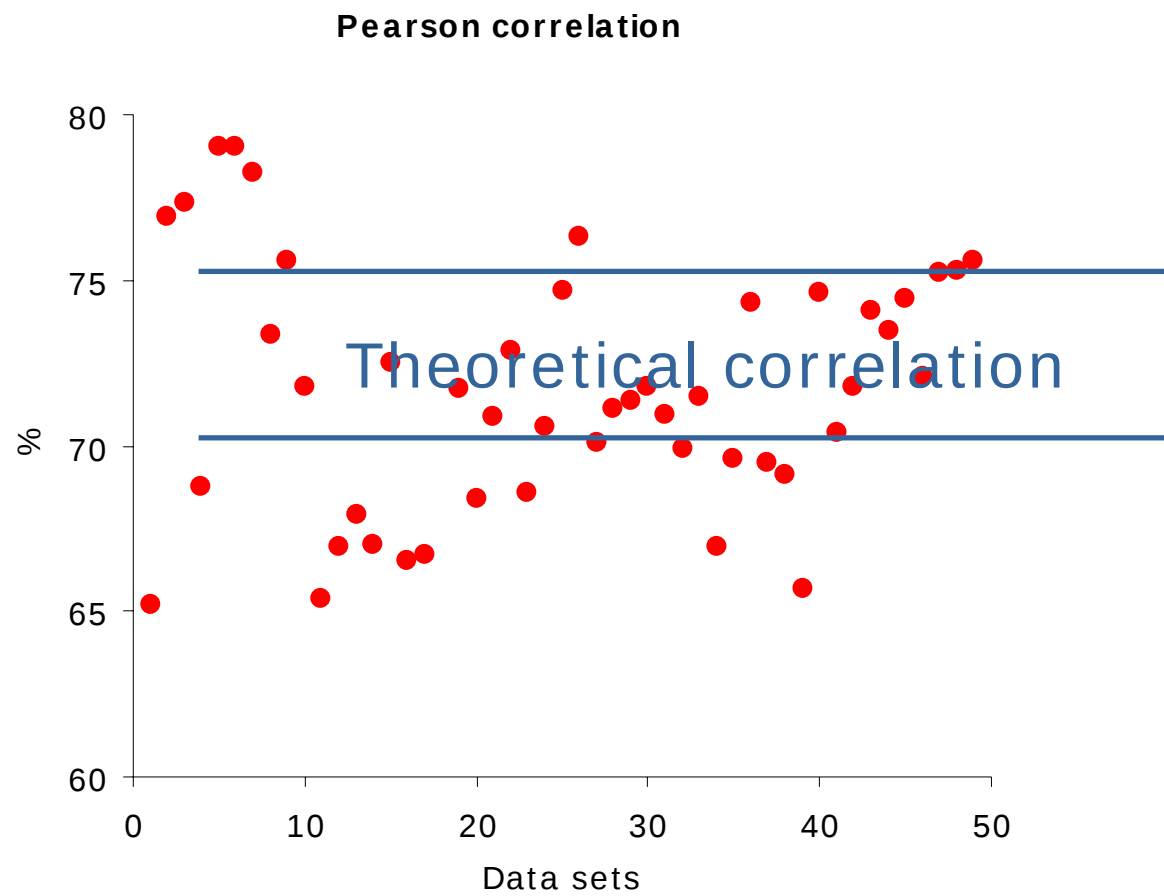
$$PCC = \sum_{k=1, N} \sum_{t=1, T} \text{pr}[(z_k^t = 1 \cap \hat{z}_k^t = 1) \cup (z_k^t = 0 \cap \hat{z}_k^t = 0)]$$



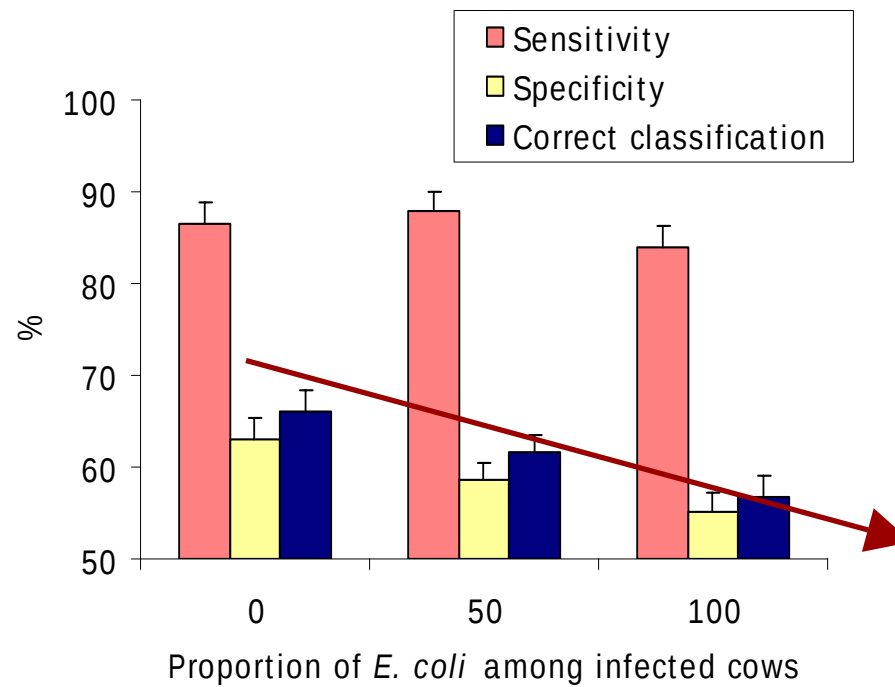
High SE = SNOOT



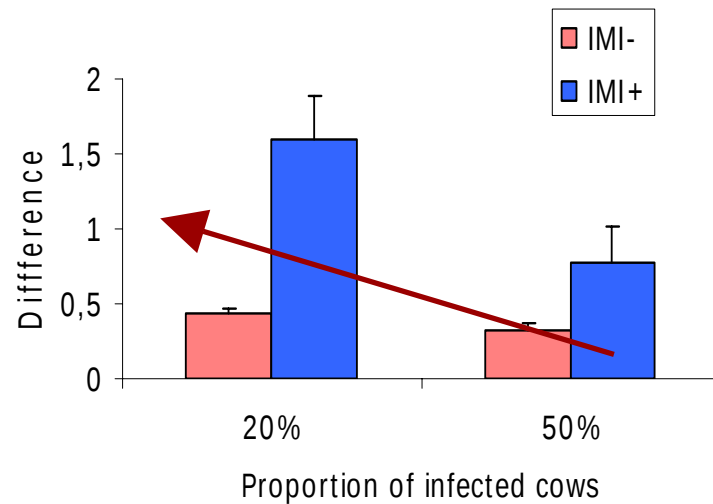
→ No further test



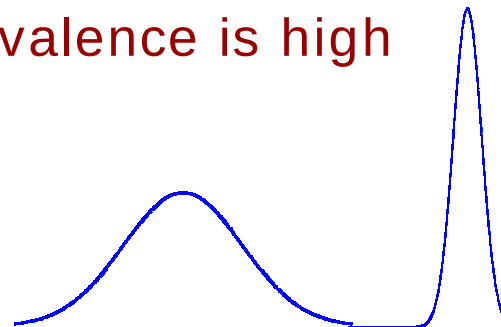
SP and PCC decreased when
% *E. coli* among infected increased



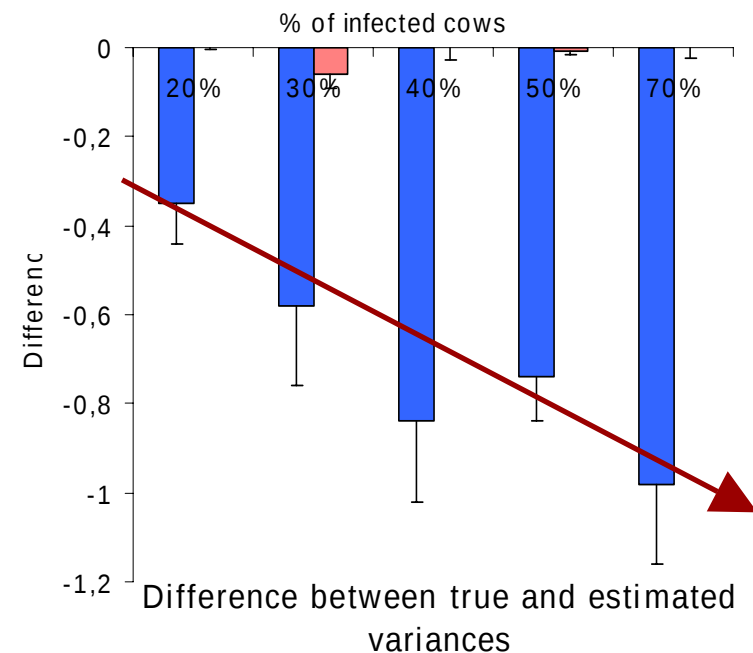
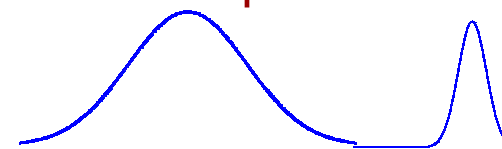
Difference between true and estimated means



Biases increased when disease prevalence is high



Biases increased when disease prevalence is low





Conclusions

■ Same amount of data

- Increased accuracy of MLE
- Resistance and tolerance
- Transition probabilities

■ Simplification of reality

- Age, season, herd, ..
- 'Isolated' proba of IMI-
- Genetic relationship between cows for IMI



Genetic relationship among IMI and SCC

