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Coronavirus Covid-19 epidemic

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Methodology

- **Models of canonical form (GPoM tools) were obtained for the outbreaks of Covid-19 at ten locations: eight Chinese provinces (Hubei, Zhejiang, Henan, Hunan, Gouangdong, Anhui, Jiangxi and Heilongjiang), South Korea and Japan**
- **These models are applied to other outbreaks in 28 countries in Europe, South America, Africa and Asia**
- **The objective is to identify what scenarios are the closest when considering the recent evolutions of these outbreaks**

Analysis

- For each country, the **ten models are run** (several initial conditions are used to test the simulations robustness)
- Diverging models are directly rejected as inconsistent
- Other models are plotted. **Scenarios of inconsistent behavior are rejected** (example: a decreasing cumulative number of case proves that the scenario must be rejected)
- Among the remaining **consistent scenarios**, the ones showing the **best fit with the recent observations** are considered as currently **more realistic**

Note: Correction factor are applied to the time series in order to ensure their consistency.

Cumulative cases $C_{\Sigma}(t)$ scenarios

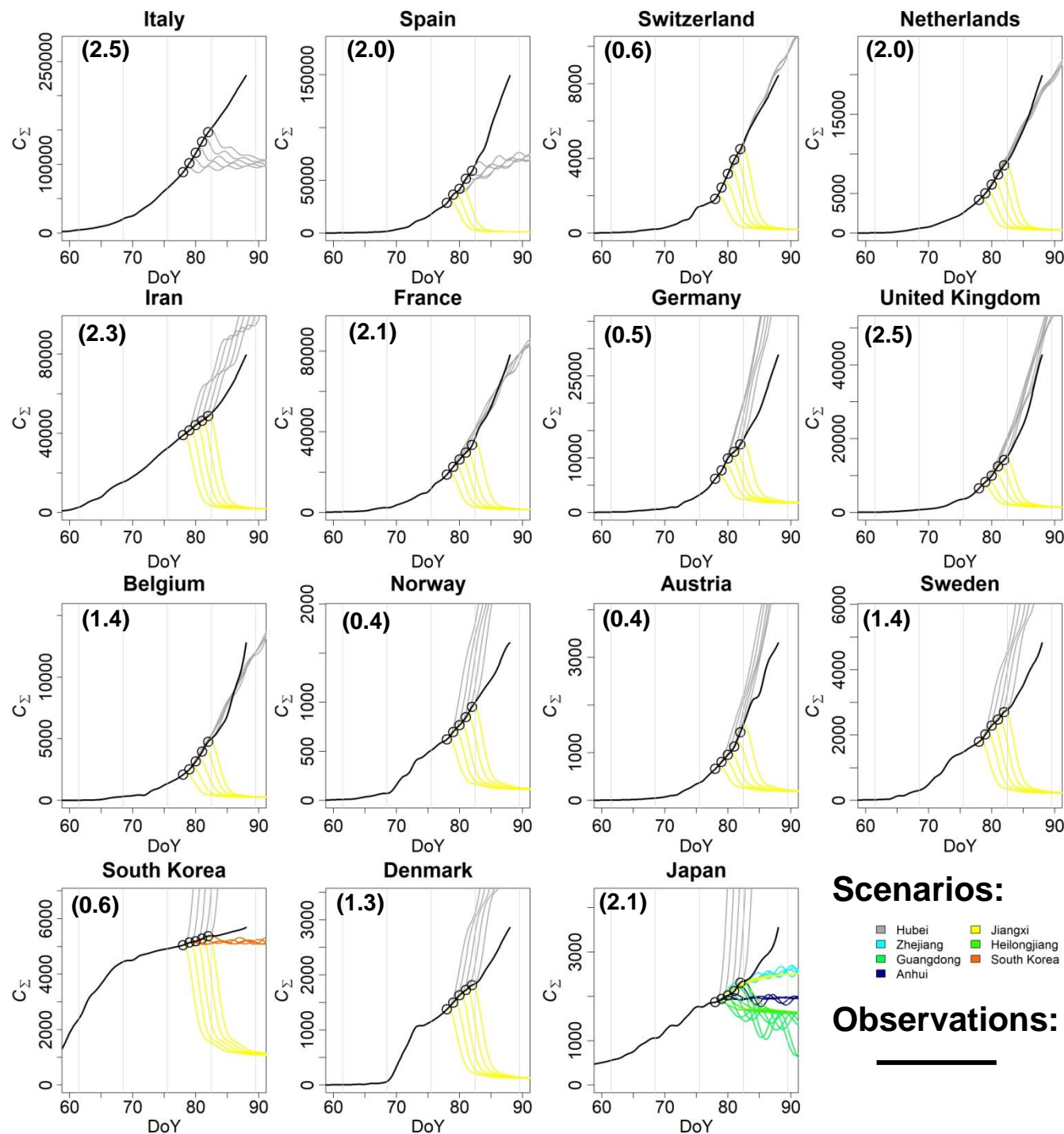
(Observed and Simulated)

Note:

- A correction factor is applied to each time series to account for the under-estimations of infected cases

- To do so, the Chinese data set is arbitrarily taken as a reference

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Daily new cases $C_1(t)$ scenarios

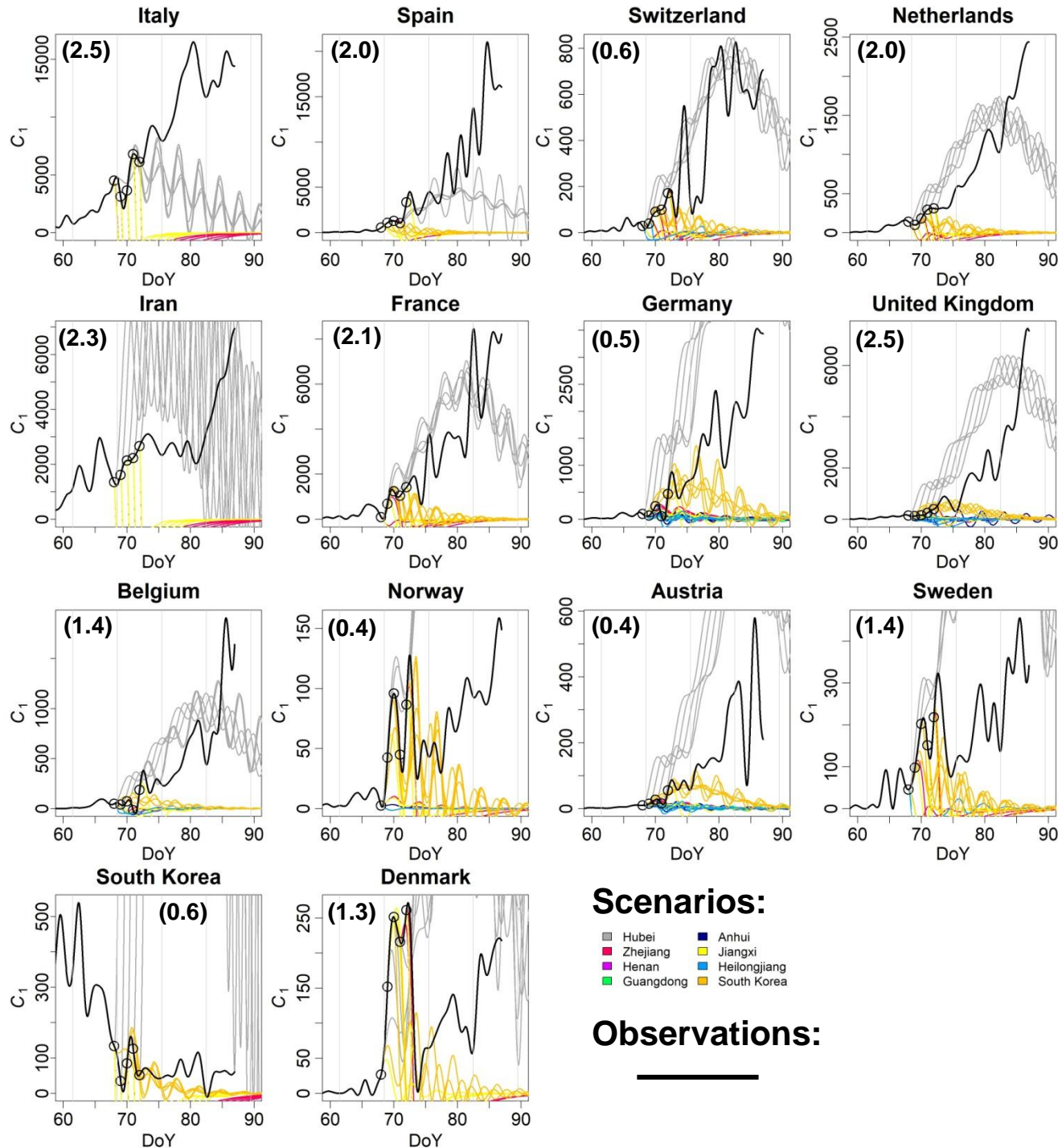
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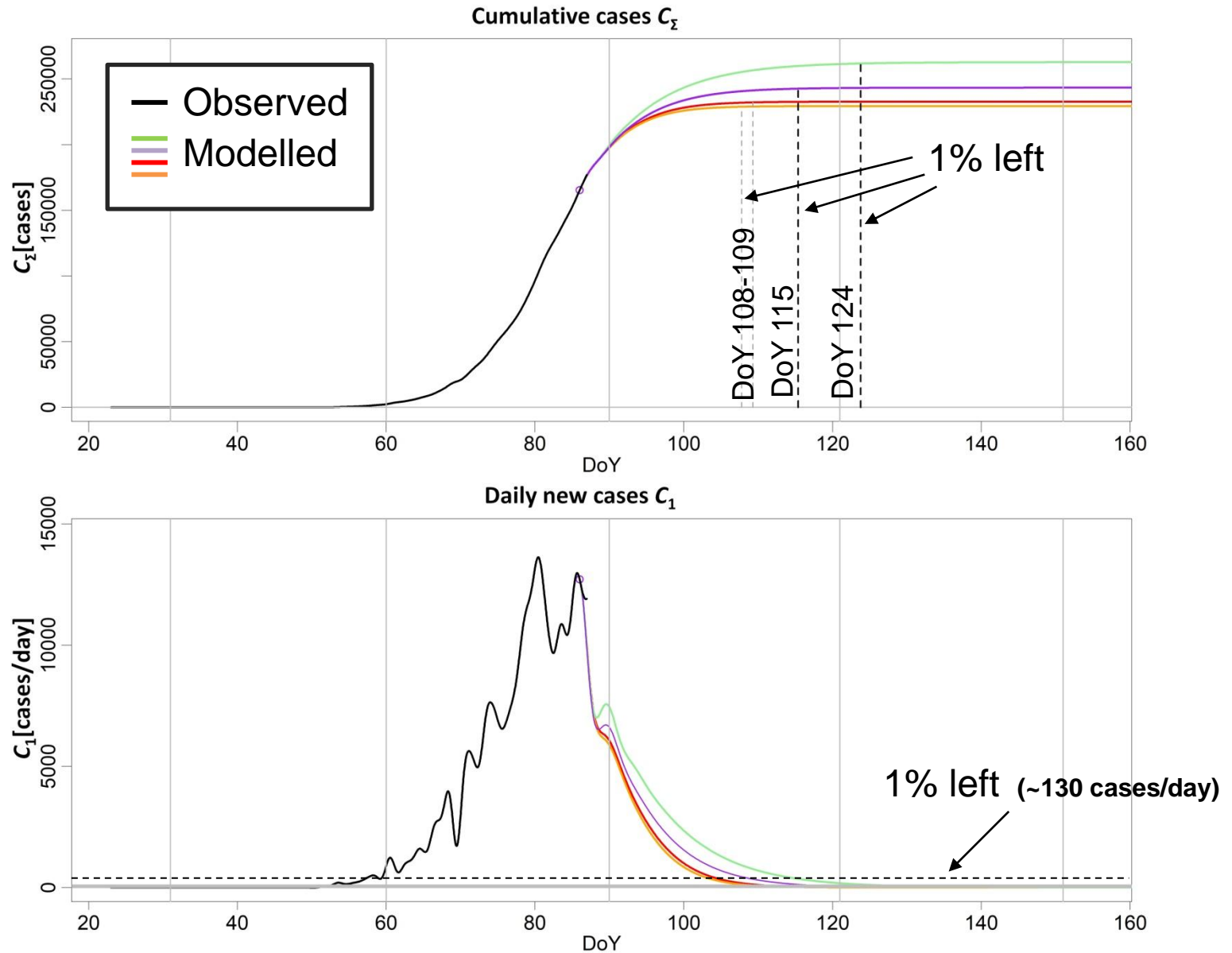
Results

- **Italy** and **Spain** have now **largely overtaken** the **hardest Chinese scenario** (Hubei provinces).
- **Netherlands, France, Belgium** and **United Kingdom** have also **overtaken** this scenario.
- **Switzerland** is presently on the Hubei scenario
- The other countries (**Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway** and **Denmark**) still remain under this scenario
- Control in **South Korea** is not complete but it still able to maintain the propagation of the epidemic at a relatively slow rate (<100 daily new ceases per day)
- **Japan** is experiencing a clear restart

Italy

- On last Thursday (26th of March), using the global modelling technique, a first model could be obtained for the outbreak in Italy
- This model suggests that the peak of the epidemic is close, or has already been reached, this, at least for the presently most active regions of the outbreak (however, new clusters cannot be excluded)
- This model enables us to performing forecasts of ending stages to come (threshold taken equal to 130 cases/day)

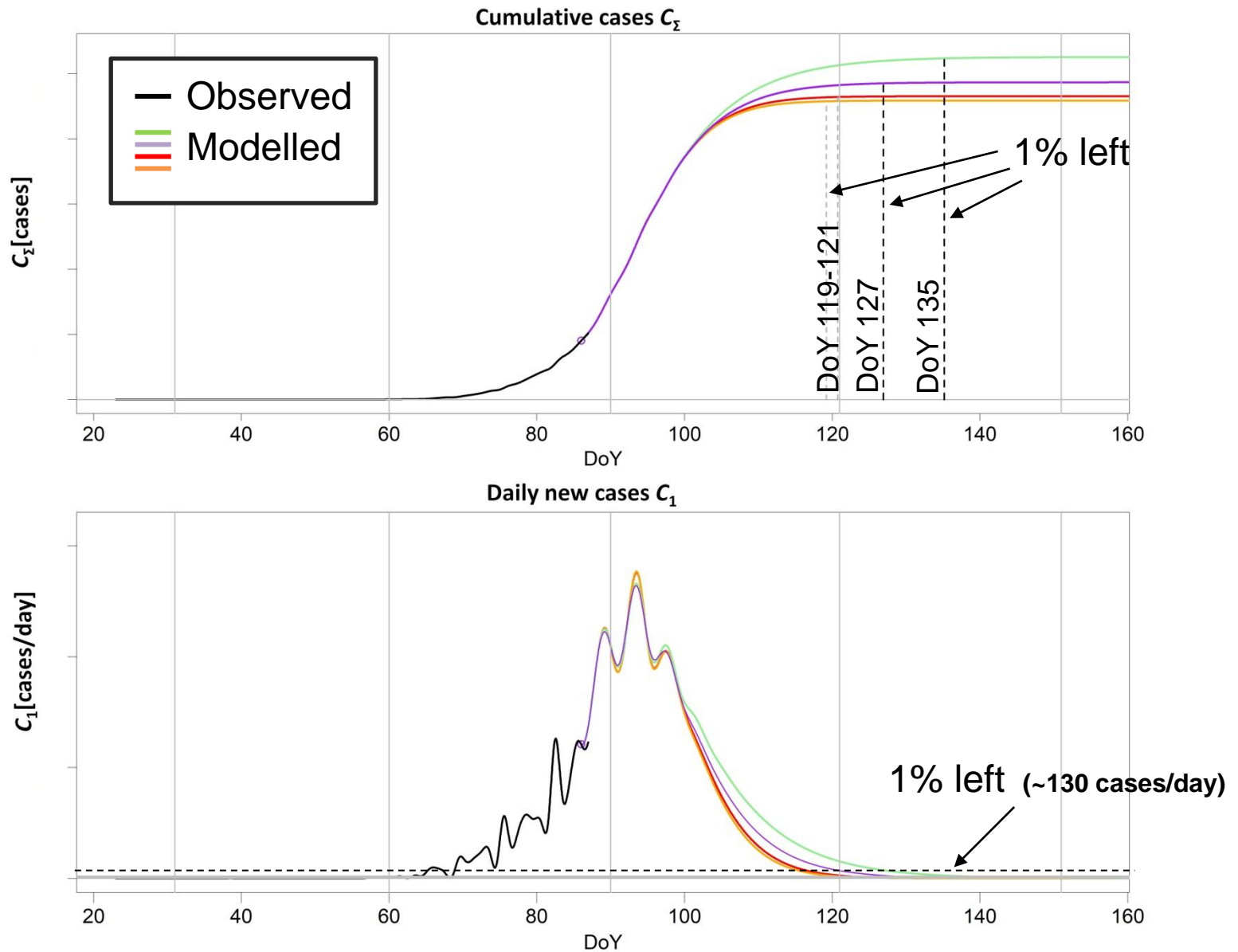
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Other countries

- Assuming that the model obtained for Italy can be applied to other countries, preliminary runs were also performed for **France**, **Spain** and **United Kingdom**

France



Slow stage propagation (<130 cases/day)*

When can this stage be reached?

Preliminary forecastings

	Day of Year	
Italy	108-124	17 avril – 3 mai
Spain	111-126	19 avril – 5 mai
France	119-135	28 avril – 14 mai
United Kingdom	123-139	2 – 18 mai

- Note that South Korea could stop the propagation of the disease, it is why a threshold close to zero appears poorly realistic at this stage

Commentary

- Although **Italy**, **France**, **Spain** and **United Kingdom** are of similar population sizes (by a factor 0.8 to 1.1), their strategies and their behaviors have been different.
- The application of this model can thus be only indicative



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