# The Quest for the Virus

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#### The S.I.s.a.R model

Susceptible, Infected, symptomatic, asymptomatic, Recovered

- Making the *invisible visible*
- Shield against the odds

[using an agent-based model]

#### Preliminary note (1/4)

This is a simulation with random events, please do not take it a a sure forecasting machine, it is a reasoning machine, a sort of very complex "what if" mental experiment.

The New York Times offers us an analysis on the *The Covid-19 Riddle: Why Does the Virus Wallop Some Places and Spare Others?*]

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/03/world/asia/coronavirusspread-where-why.html (open link).

#### Preliminary note (2/4)

At the end of the article, we read: Roll of the Dice - Finally, most experts agree that there may be no single reason for some countries to be hit and others missed. The answer is likely to be some combination of the above factors, as well as one other mentioned by researchers: sheer luck.

In the same way, in the simulations run with this model we can have very different outcomes as we change the initial seed of the random numbers. Those values are determining mainly the movements at a tiny scale and so the interactions-infections chains.

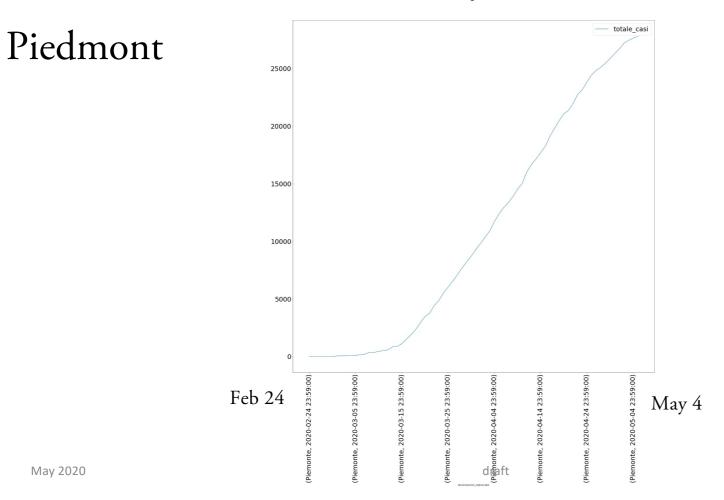
#### Preliminary note (3/4)

We can use the model in a comparative way, observing different range of results with different initial conditions (parameters).

Finally, to have a reference at an actual situation, the model is related to the Piedmont scale, with 4,350 agents vs. 4.35 millios of inhabitants.

We look also to the time series of the total infected people in Piedmont (an Italian region).

#### Preliminary note (4/4)



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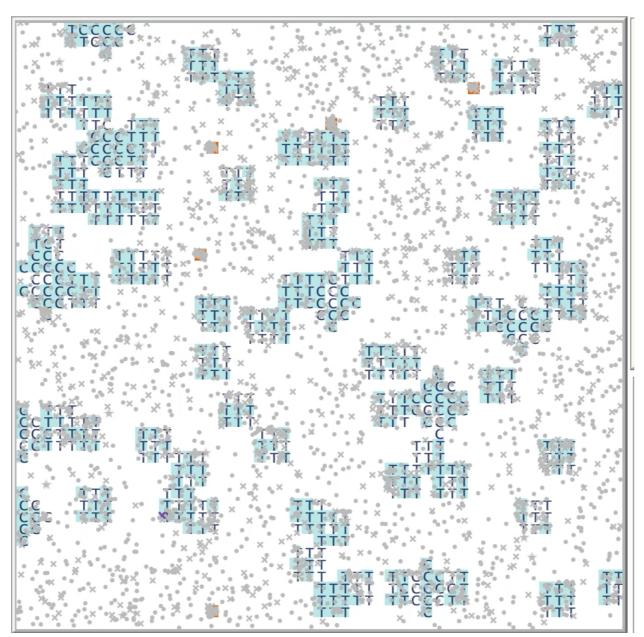
# Goals:

- verify and manage the contagion effect of the *nursing homes* (RSA in Italian);
- verify and manage the contagion effect of the *hospitals*;
- create scenarios of future developments, based on hypotheses and conditions; also run counterfactual simulations with different behaviors in the first phase (to learn for the future).

### Simulated experiment I

- Lockdown March 9; let us suppose the starting point 20 days before, so in the simulation the lockdown starts at day 20, with 5% off people anyway going around, in a limited way.
- Lockdown partially relieved at May 4, in the simulation at day 75, with 5% off people anyway going around plus 40% of *non fragile* people going around; all in a limited way.

An agent based-model in a <u>movie</u>



A nursing home spreading the contagion, look at the right up zone

In the pdf version of the slides you can see the movie clicking <u>here</u>

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# Simulated experiment I: summary of infected people (cumulated values)

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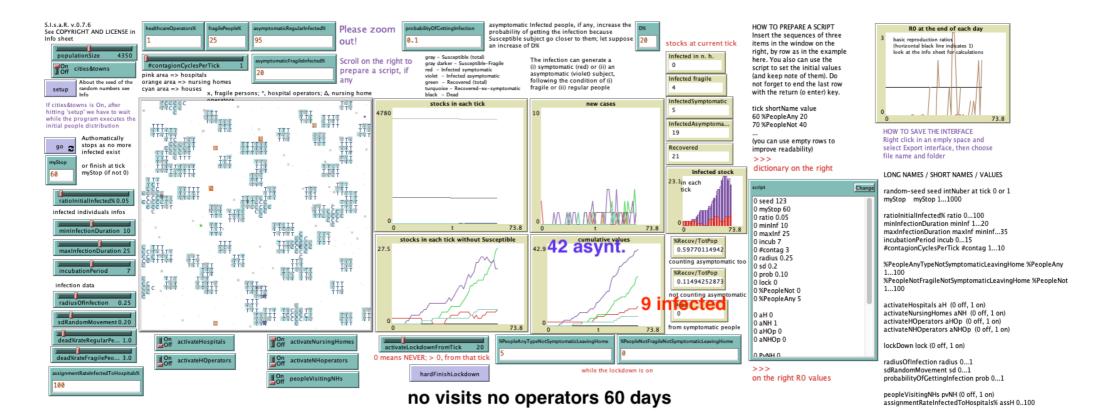
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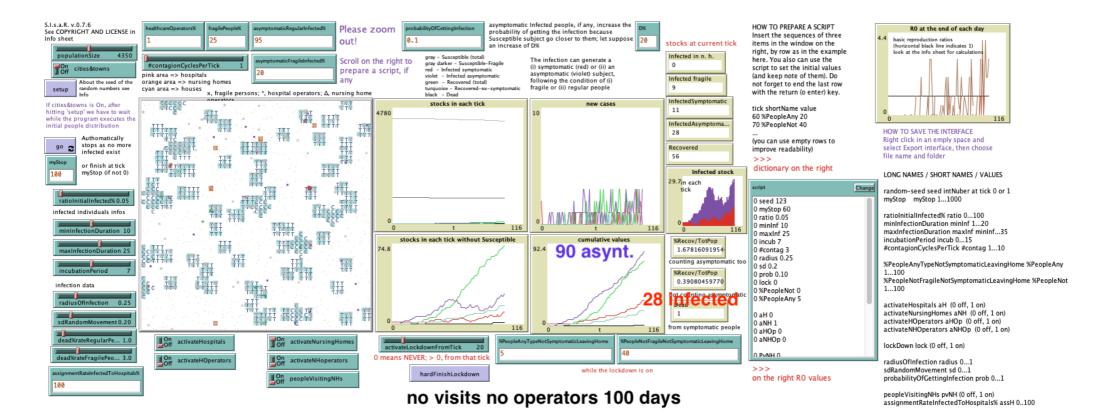
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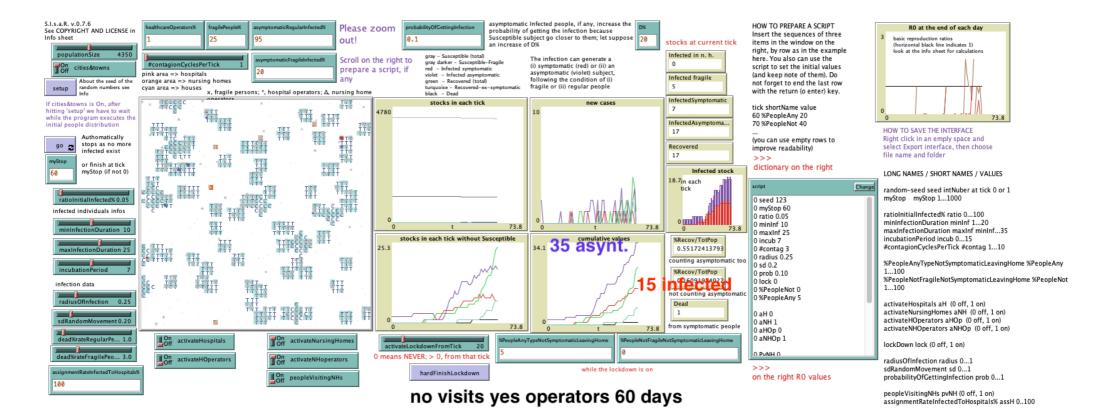
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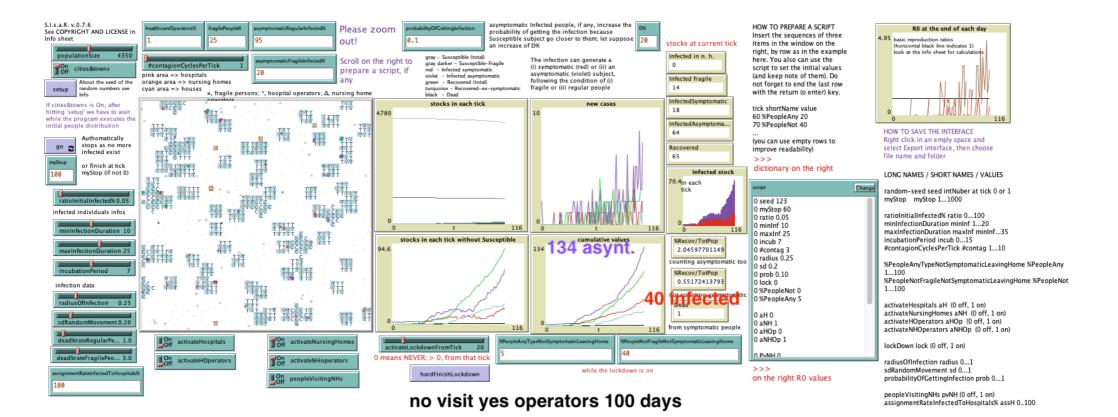
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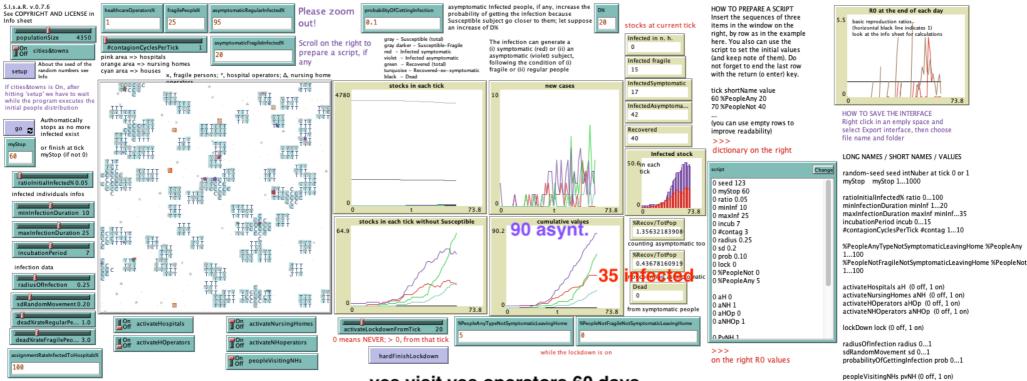
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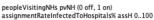


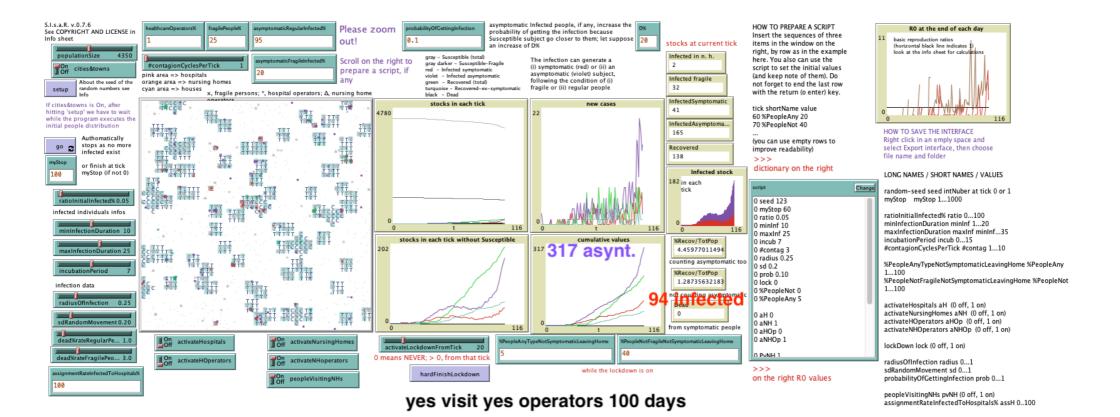






#### yes visit yes operators 60 days





# Thanks

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