



Simulating damages from biosecurity risks on the sea container pathway

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Question

Can we estimate the global damages caused by leakage on the container pathway?

Estimating damages for a pathway

Linking a pathway model with a consequences model

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Volume/Year

Approach rate

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- Travellers
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- Conveyances
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Pathway
model

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Hazards

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Arrival rate

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- Plant Disease
- Animal Disease
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Model

Establishment rate

Assets

Damage/Year

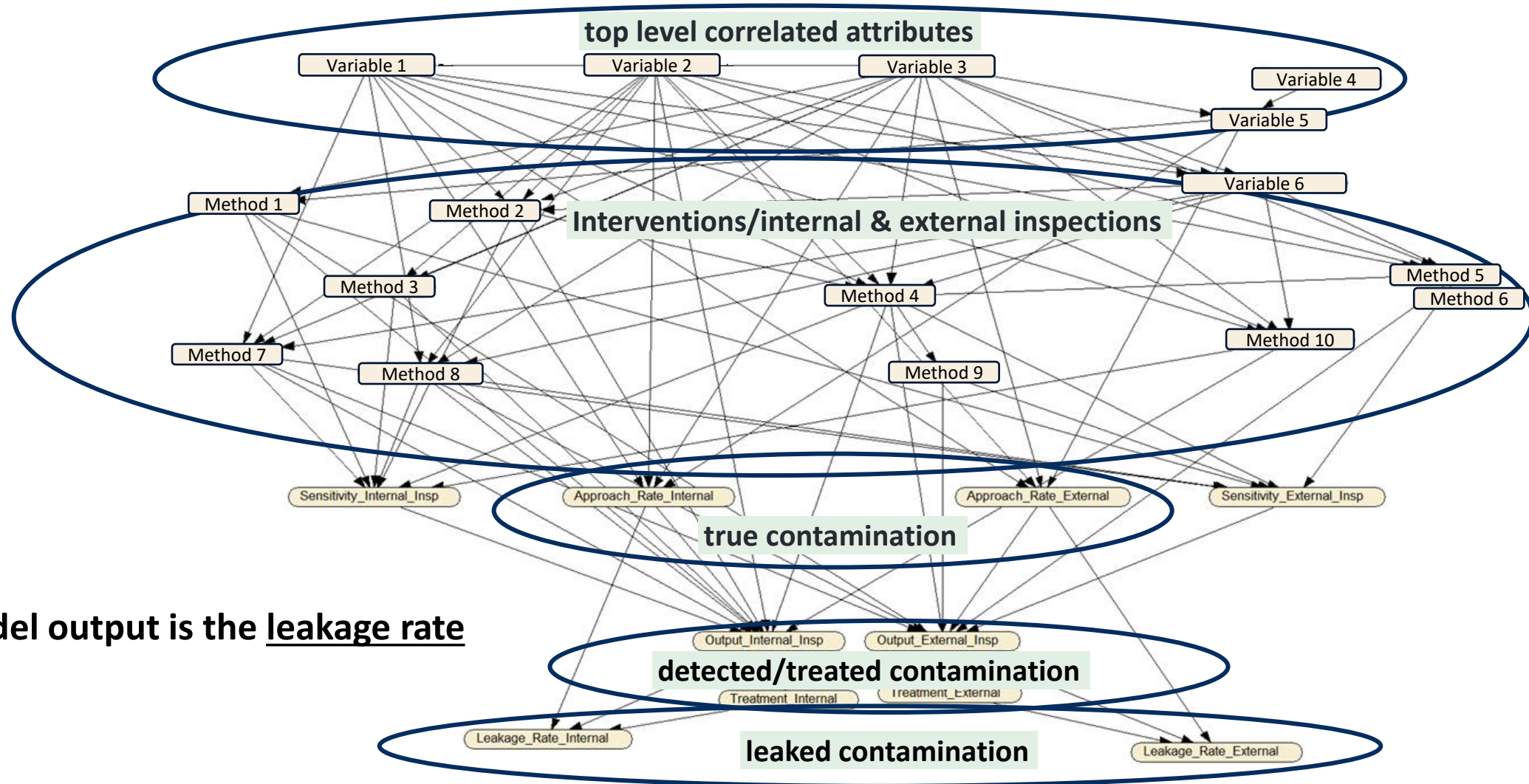
- Agriculture
- Ecosystem Services
- Recreation
- Domestic Animals
- Infrastructure



Case study: container pathway in Australia

- Conceptual diagram of the container pathway
- Model structure

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Model output is the leakage rate

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- Import management and interception data
- Conditional probability tables
- Parametrise the model → Simulation model

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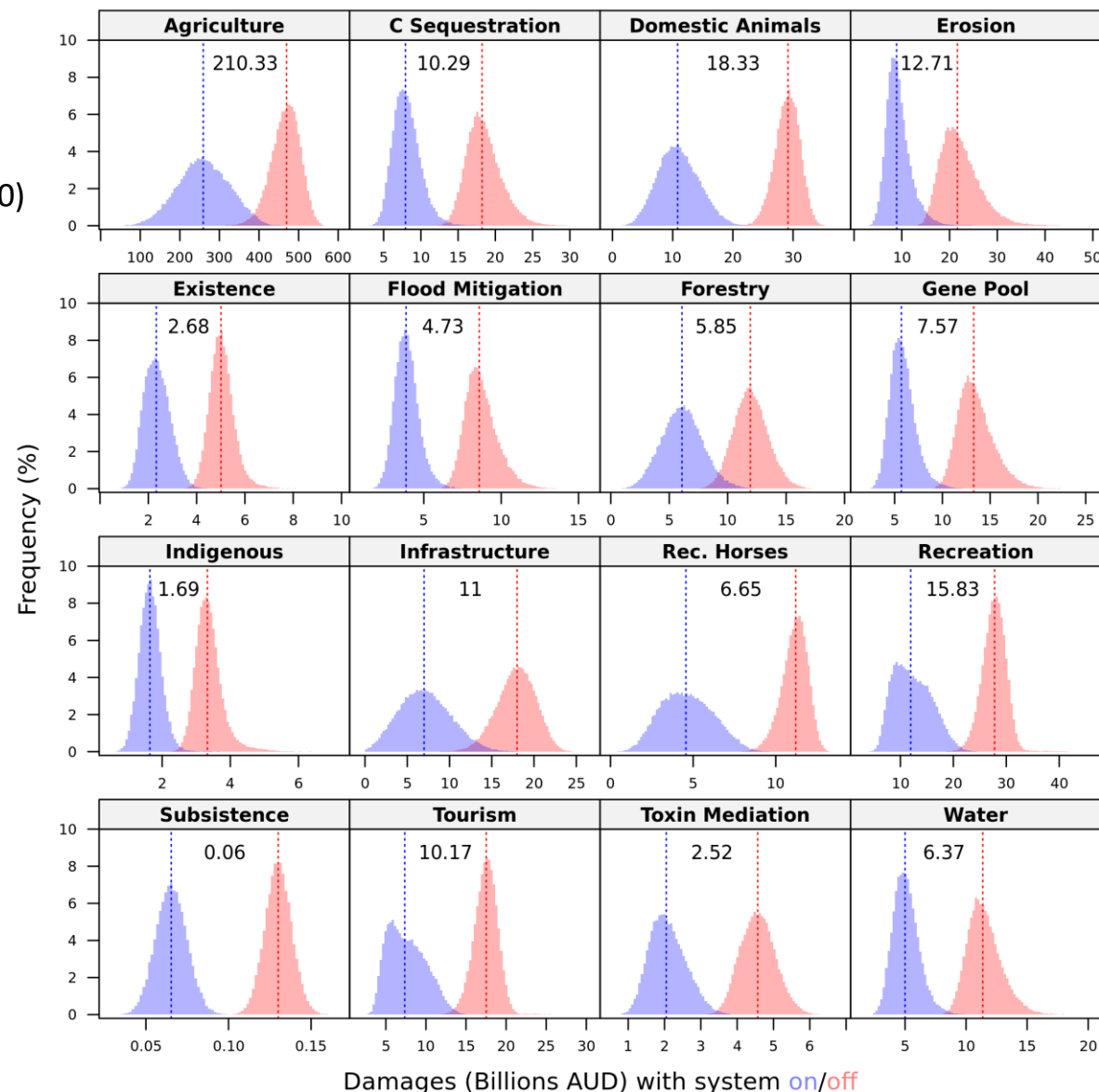
The 'Value' Model

- Spatio-temporal simulation model (see Dodd et al. 2020)
- Developed for valuing AUS biosecurity system
- Models arrival, spread, and impact
- No double-counting of damages

Parameter	Setting
Spatial resolution	AUS, 2500m x 2500m (1.3M pixels)
Assets at risk	16
Biological hazards	40 functional groups
Temporal resolution	50 years, 1-year intervals
Iterations	50,000 of each state (on/off)
Discount rates	5% financial, 3% environmental

$$\text{Damage per pixel} = \% \text{ yield reduction} \times \text{asset value}$$

(If asset and species are present in pixel)



Summary of needed inputs

- **A parametrised model of the container pathway**
 - Conceptual model of the pathway
 - Import management data (volumes, container attributes, directions)
 - Interception data (contamination rates: BRM or per hazard)
- **Value model (consequences)**
 - Distribution of cells susceptible to a hazard (land use layer)
 - Establishment rates for functional groups
 - Spread characteristics per hazard
 - Asset values (see Stoeckl et al., 2023)
 - Damage functions

Challenges and potential extensions

- Challenges
 - Collecting and cleaning of data
 - If no interception data, find alternative data sets
 - Computational resources
- Potential extensions
 - Include post-border management (e.g., eradication)
 - Changes in container volumes between countries over time
 - Changes in the susceptibility of landscape over time (climate change)



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