# Estimating and Simulating a SIRD Model of COVID-19 for Many Countries, States, and Cities

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Extended results for Mississippi

Based on data through October 9, 2020

## Outline of Slides

- Basic data from Johns Hopkins CSSE (raw and smoothed)
- Brief summary of the model
- Baseline results ($\delta = 1.0\%$, $\gamma = 0.2$, $\theta = 0.1$)
- Simulation of re-opening – possibilities for raising $R_0$
- Results with alternative parameter values:
  - Lower mortality rate, $\delta = 0.8\%$
  - Higher mortality rate, $\delta = 1.2\%$
  - Infections last longer, $\gamma = 0.15$
  - Cases resolve more quickly, $\theta = 0.2$
  - Cases resolve more slowly, $\theta = 0.07$
- Data underlying estimates of $R_0(t)$

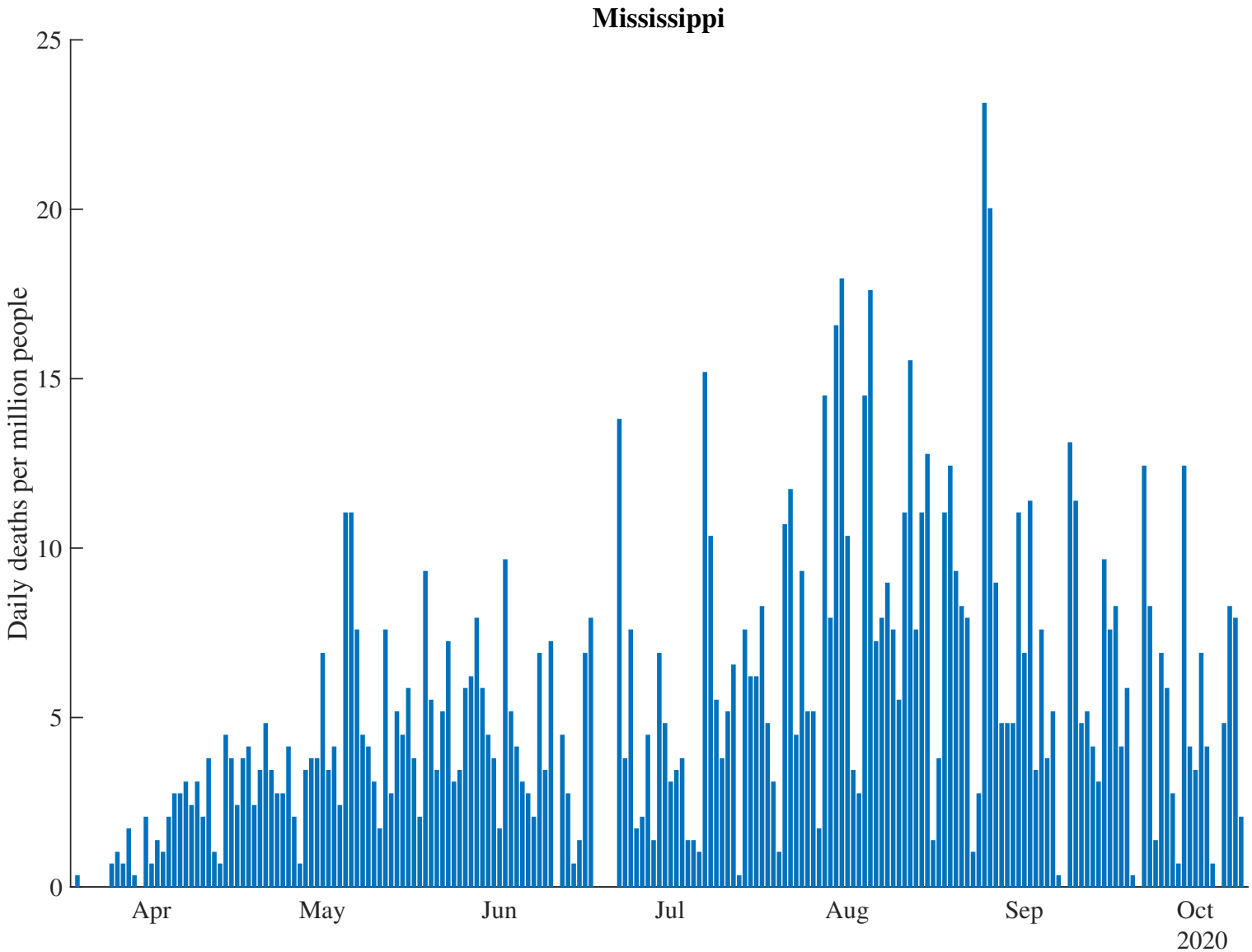
# Underlying data from Johns Hopkins CSSE

– Raw data

– Smoothed = 7 day centered moving average

– No “excess deaths” correction (change as of Aug 6 run)

# Mississippi: Daily Deaths per Million People



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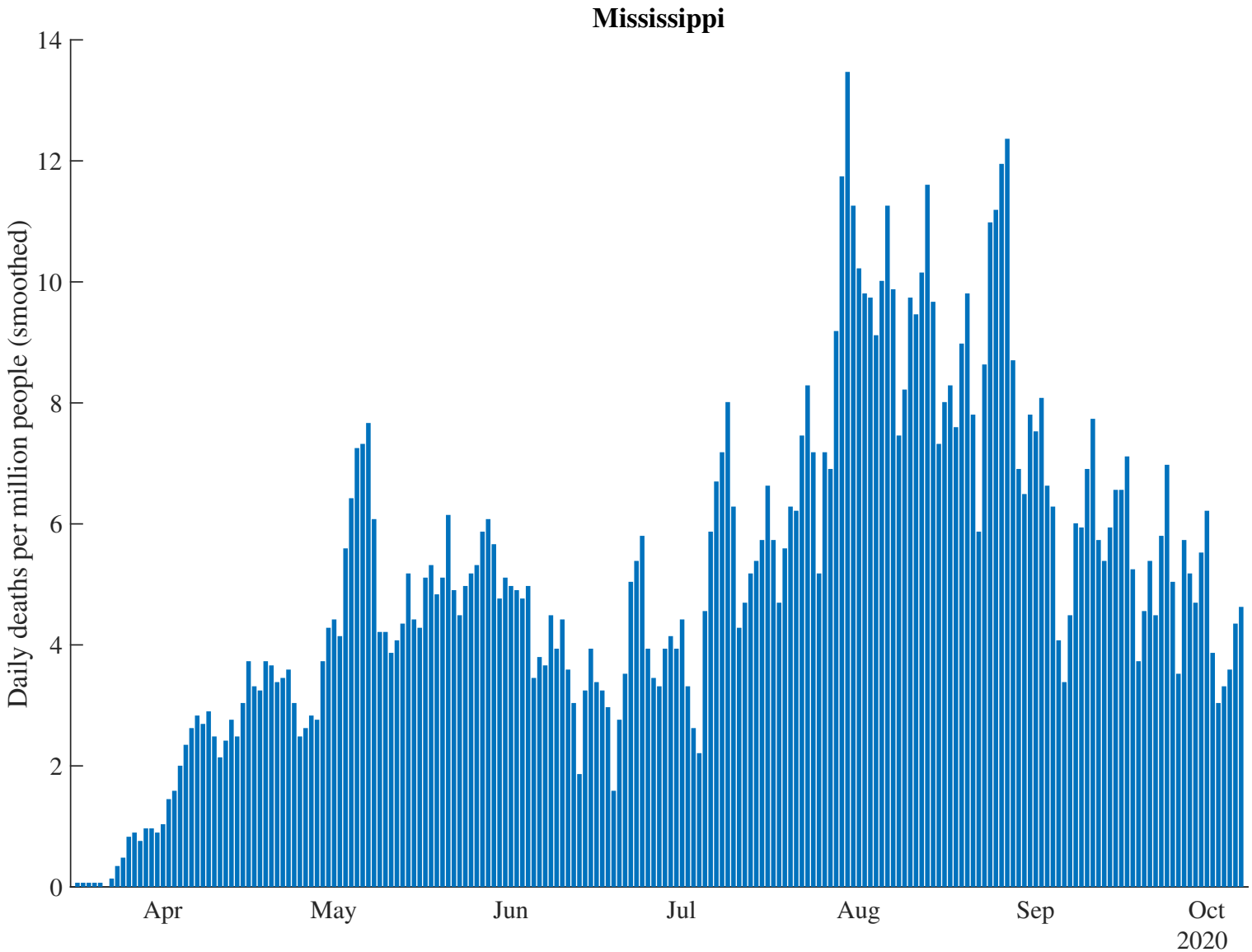

## Brief Summary of Model

- See the paper for a full exposition
- A 5-state SIRDC model with a time-varying $R_0$

| Parameter | Baseline | Description |
|---|---|---|
| $\delta$ | 1.0% | Mortality rate from infections (IFR) |
| $\gamma$ | 0.2 | Rate at which people stop being infectious |
| $\theta$ | 0.1 | Rate at which cases (post-infection) resolve |
| $\alpha$ | 0.05 | Rate at which $R_0(t)$ decays with daily deaths |
| $R_0$ | ... | Initial base reproduction rate |
| $R_0(t)$ | ... | Base reproduction rate at date $t$ ($\beta_t/\gamma$) |

# Estimates of Time-Varying $R_0$

– Inferred from daily deaths, and

– the change in daily deaths, and

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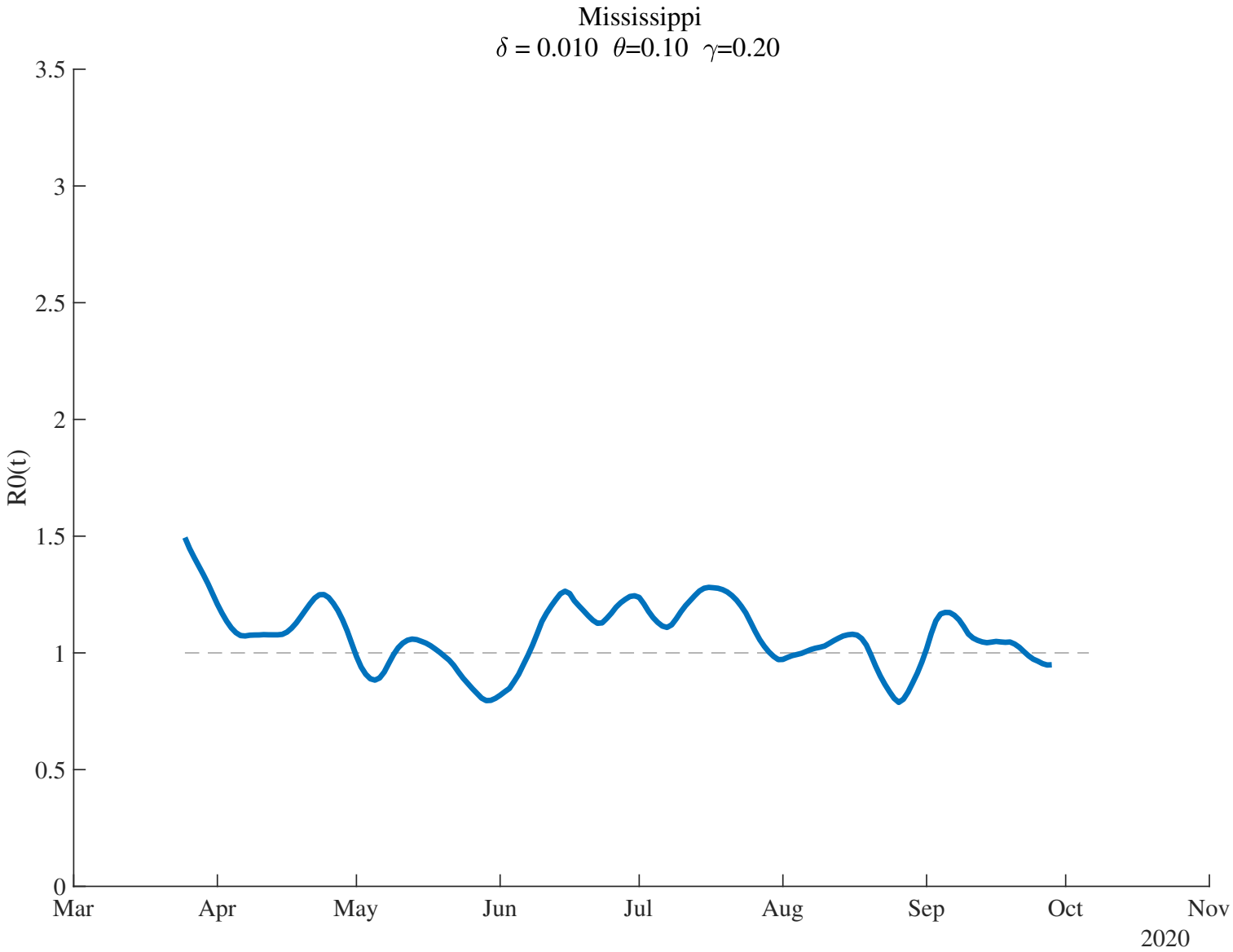
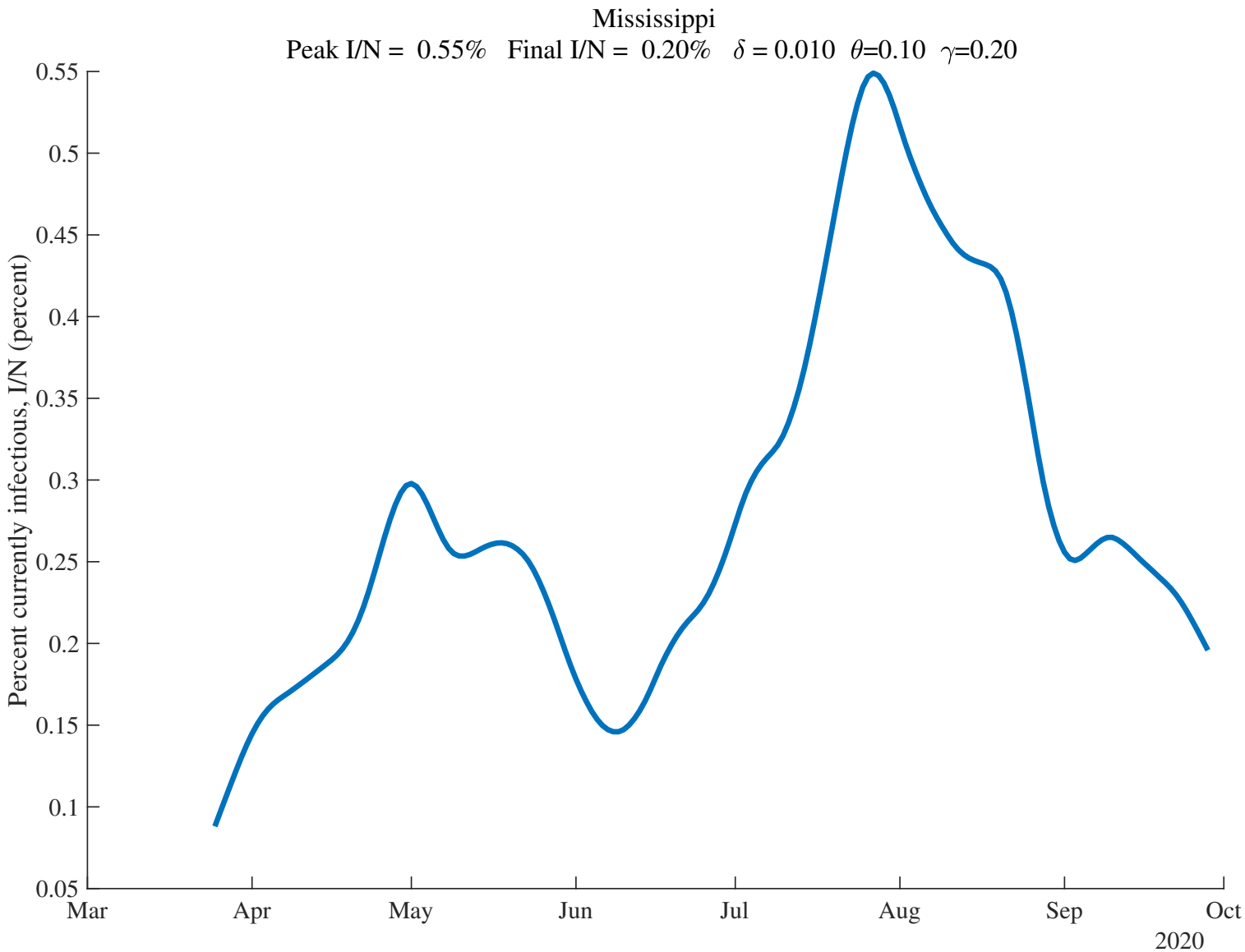
(see end of slide deck for this data)

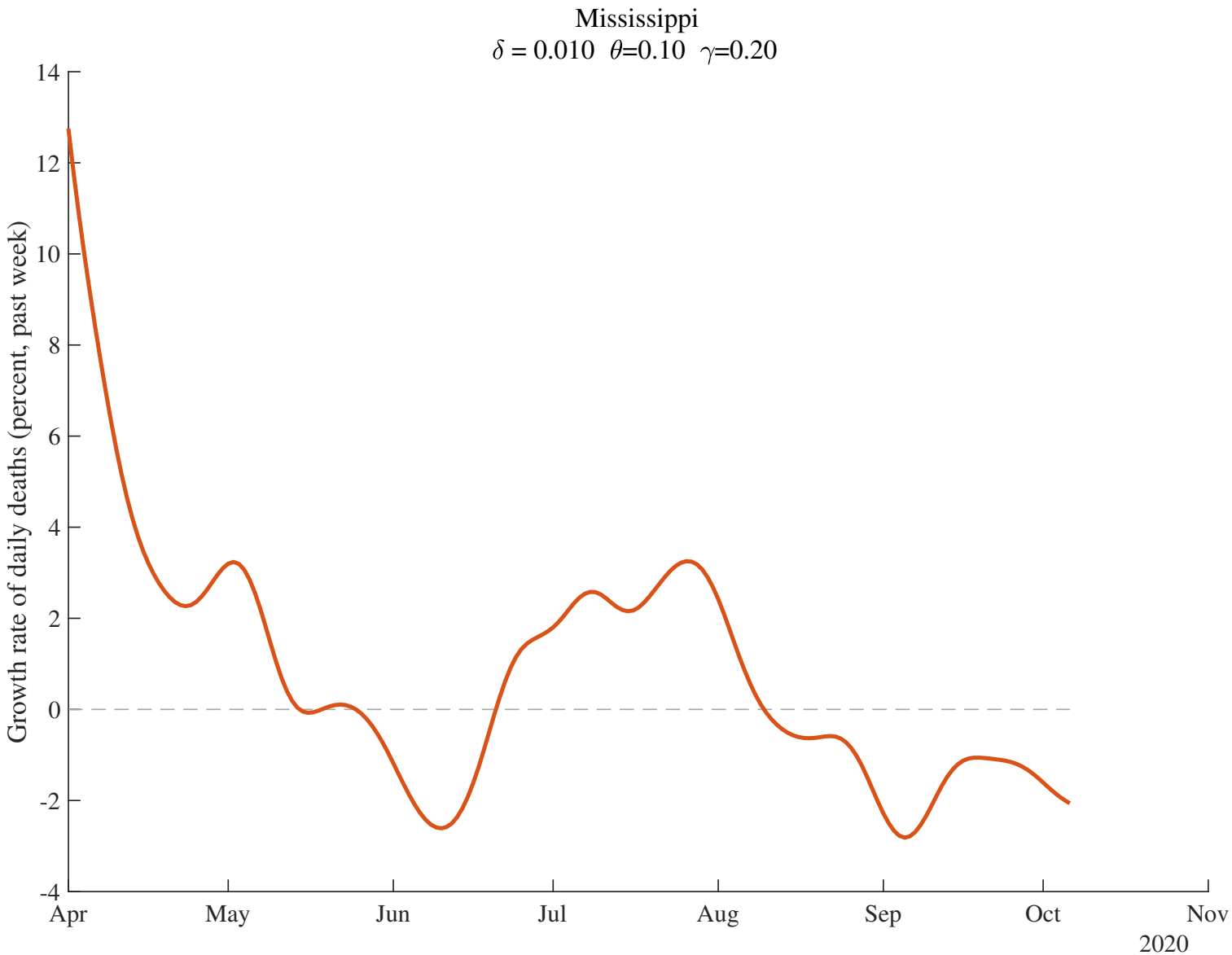
# Mississippi: Estimates of $R_0(t)$



# Mississippi: Percent Currently Infectious



# Mississippi: Growth Rate of Daily Deaths over Past Week (percent)



# Notes on Intepreting Results

## Guide to Graphs

- Warning: Results are often very uncertain; this can be seen by comparing across multiple graphs. See the original paper.
- 7 days of forecasts: Rainbow color order!
  ROY-G-BIV (old to new, low to high)
  - Black=current
  - Red = oldest, Orange = second oldest, Yellow =third oldest...
  - Violet (purple) = one day earlier
- For robustness graphs, same idea
  - Black = baseline (e.g. $\delta = 1.0\%$)
  - Red = lowest parameter value (e.g. $\delta = 0.8\%$)
  - Green = highest parameter value (e.g. $\delta = 1.2\%$)

## How does $R_0$ change over time?

- Inferred from death data when we have it
- For future, two approaches:
  1. Alternatively, we fit this equation:

$$\log R_0(t) = a_0 - \alpha(\text{Daily Deaths})$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \approx .05$$

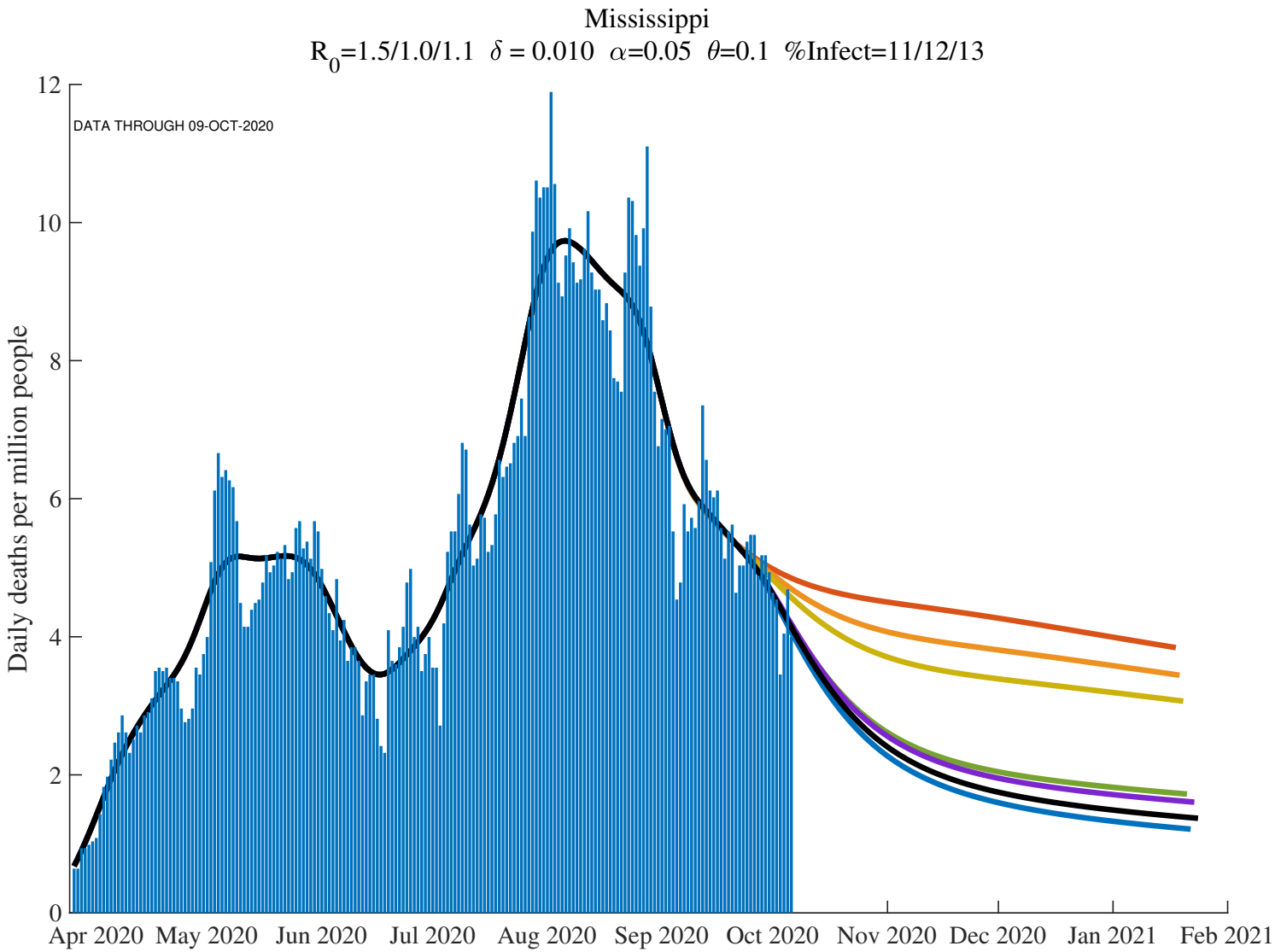
*$R_0$ declines by 5 percent for each new daily death, or rises by 5 percent when daily deaths decline*

- Robustness: Assume $R_0(t) =$ final empirical value. Constant in future, so no $\alpha$ adjustment $\rightarrow \alpha = 0$

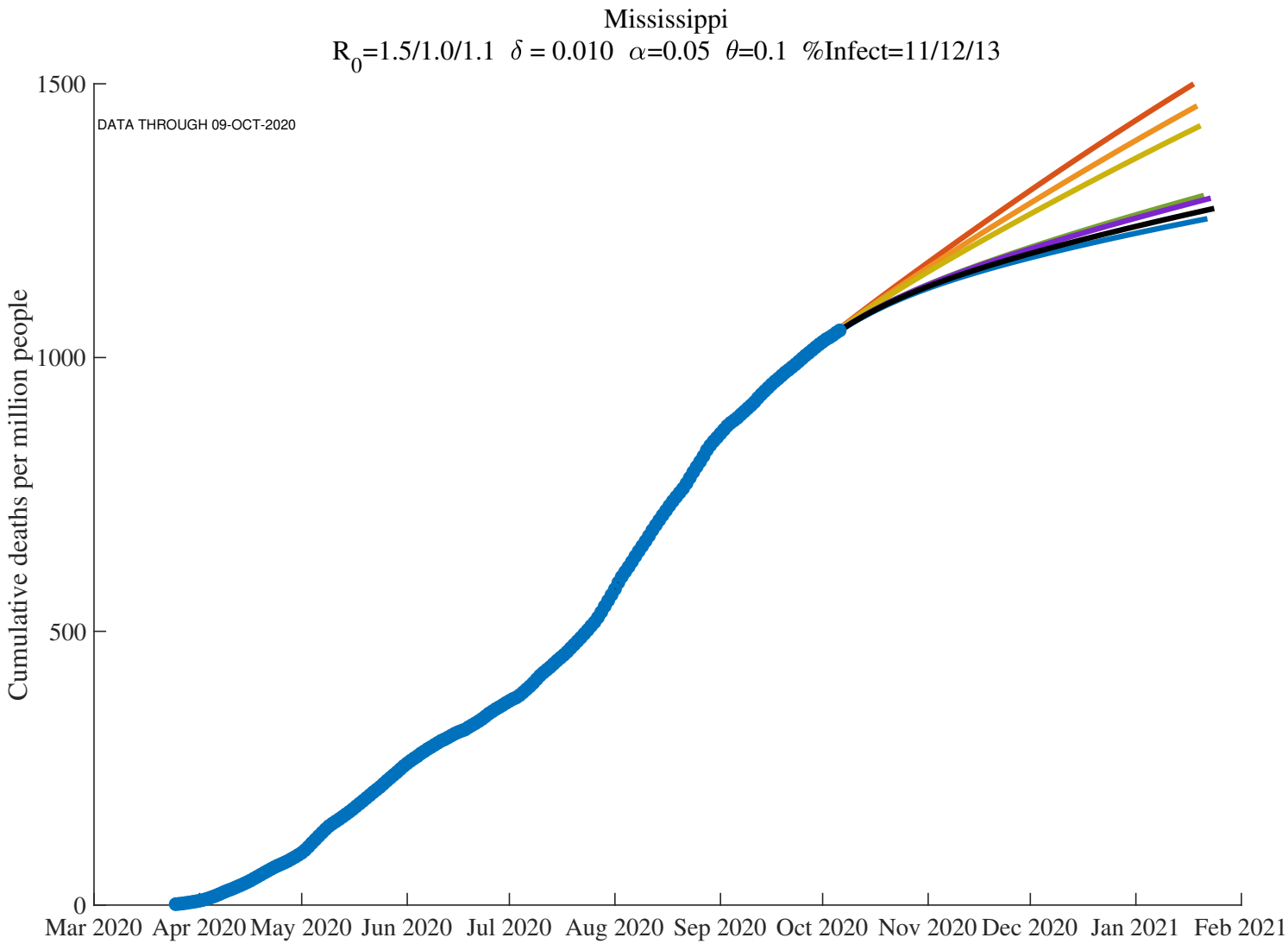
# Repeated "Forecasts" from the past 7 days of data

- After peak, forecasts settle down.
- Before that, very noisy!
- If the region has not peaked, do not trust
- With $\alpha = .05$ (see robustness section for $\alpha = 0$)

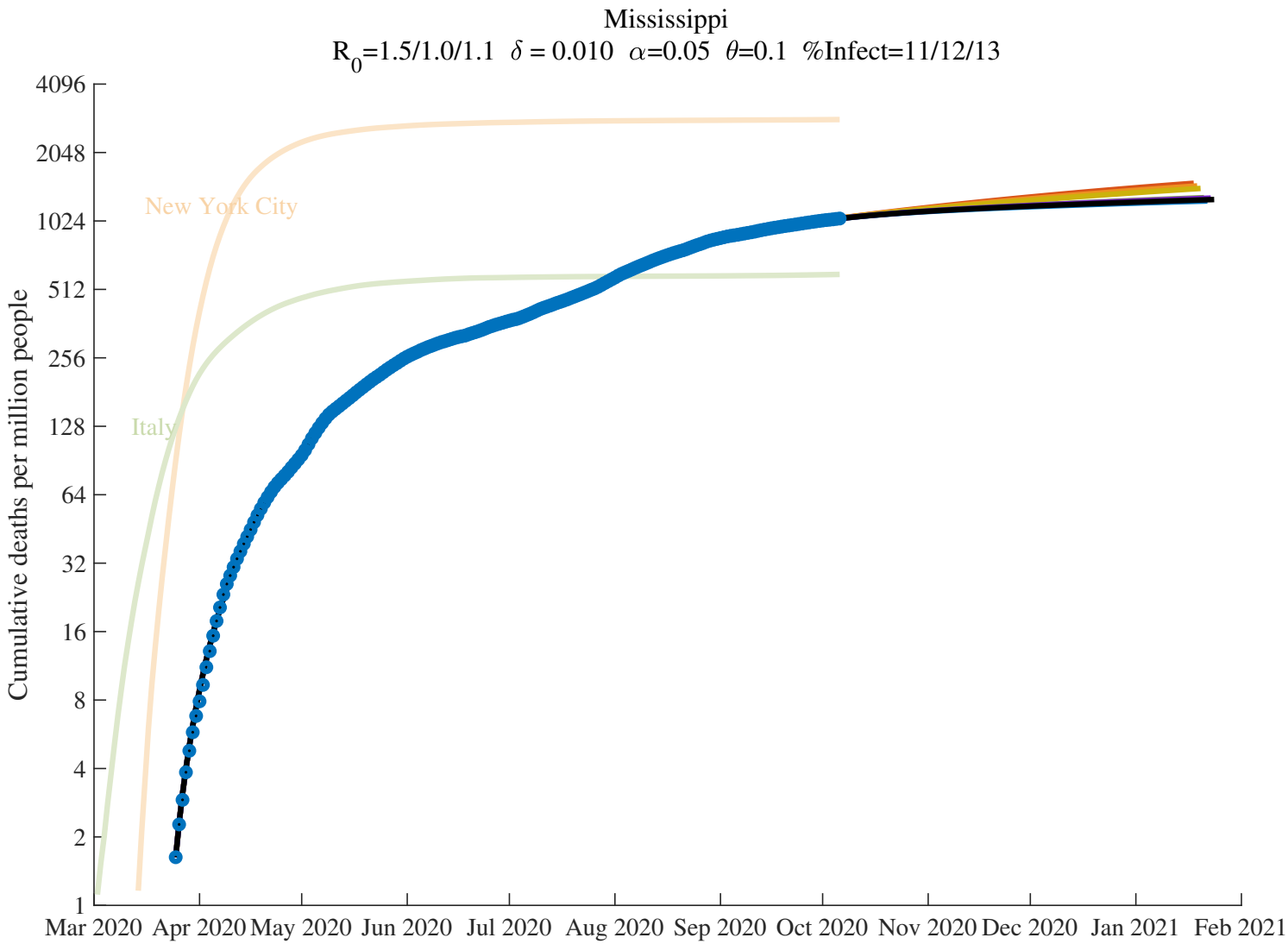
# Mississippi (7 days): Daily Deaths per Million People ($\alpha = .05$)



# Mississippi (7 days): Cumulative Deaths per Million (Future, $\alpha = .05$)

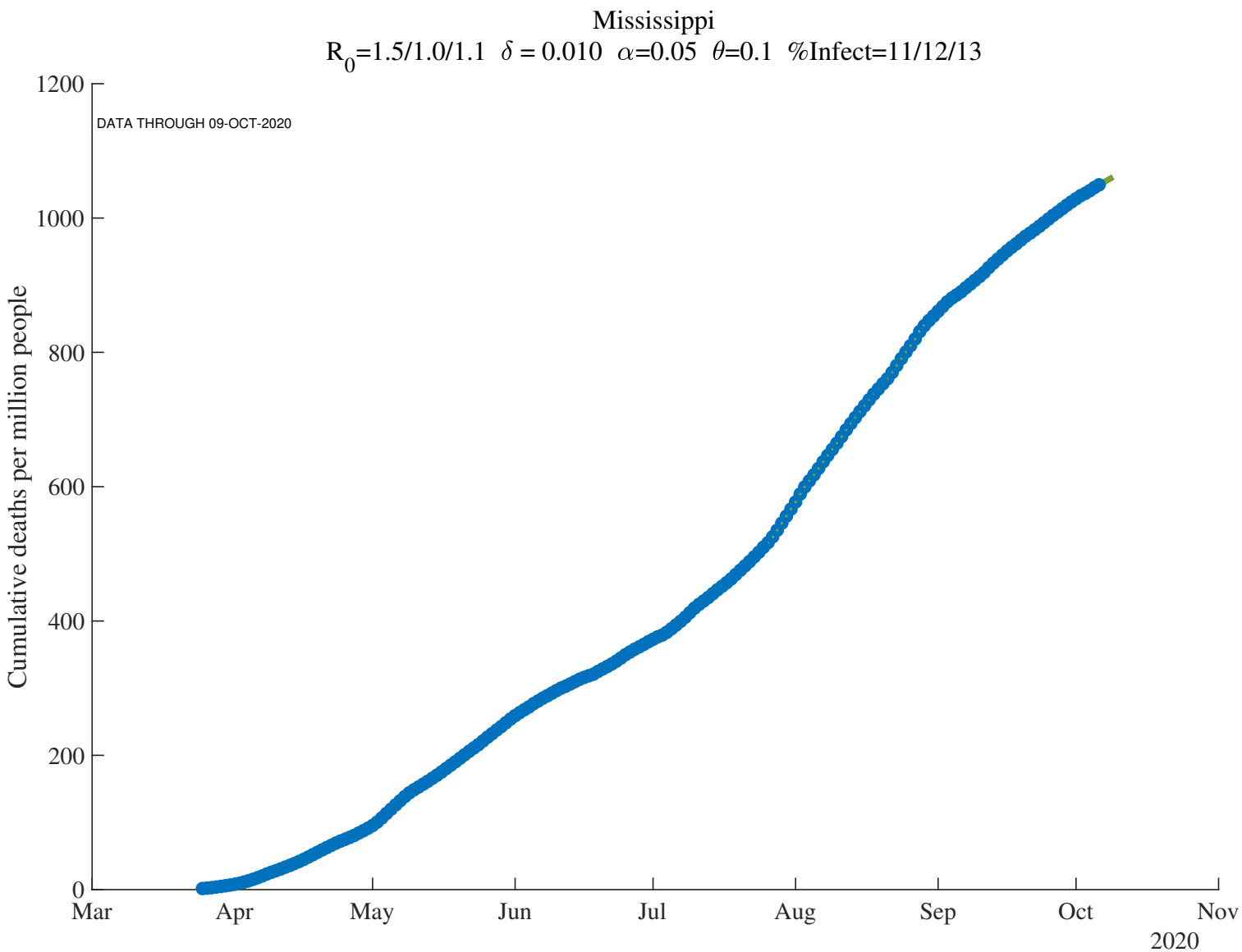


# Mississippi (7 days): Cumulative Deaths per Million, Log Scale ($\alpha = .05$



# Robustness to Mortality Rate, $\delta$

# Mississippi: Cumulative Deaths per Million ($\delta = .01/.008/.012$)



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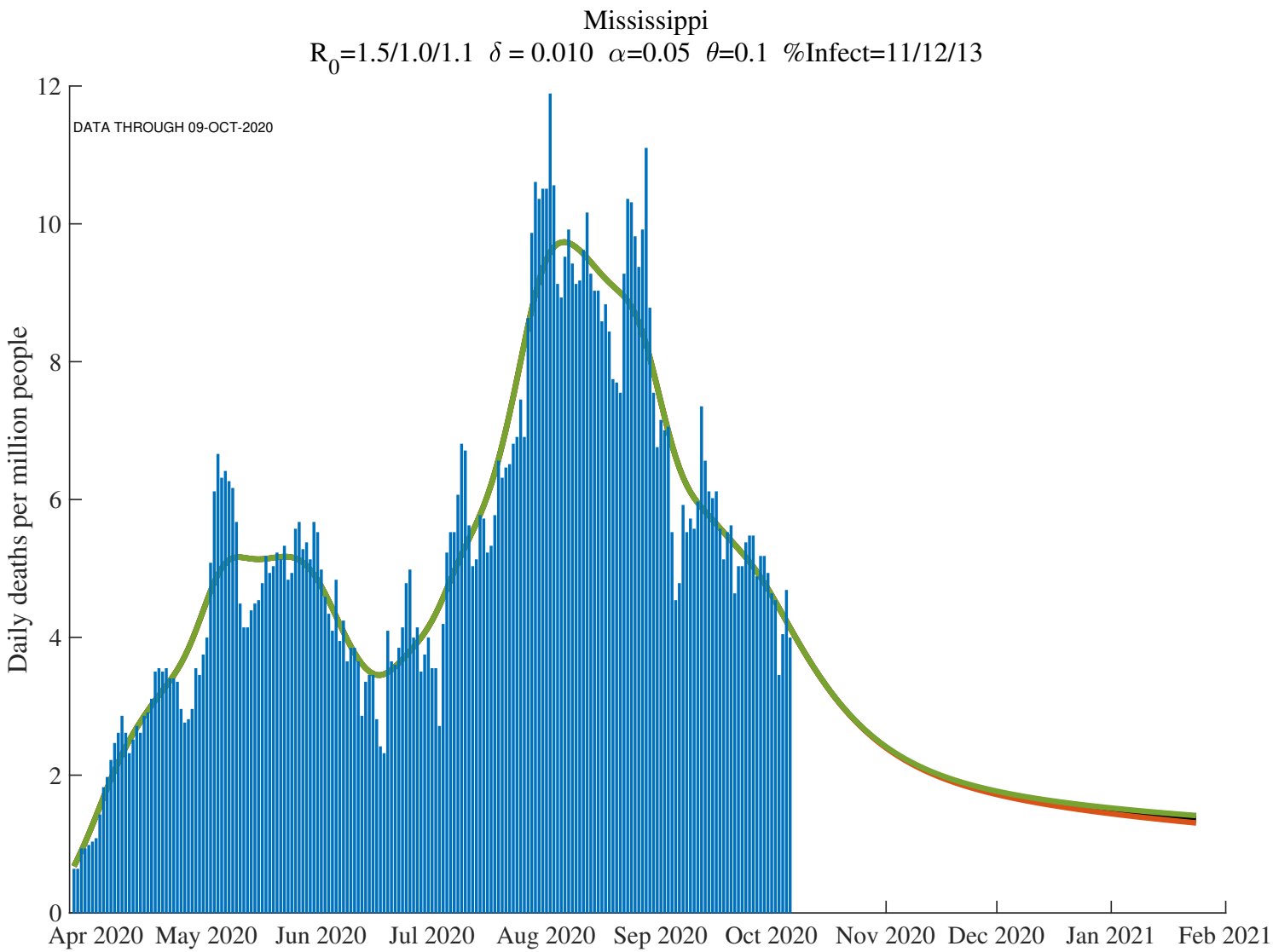

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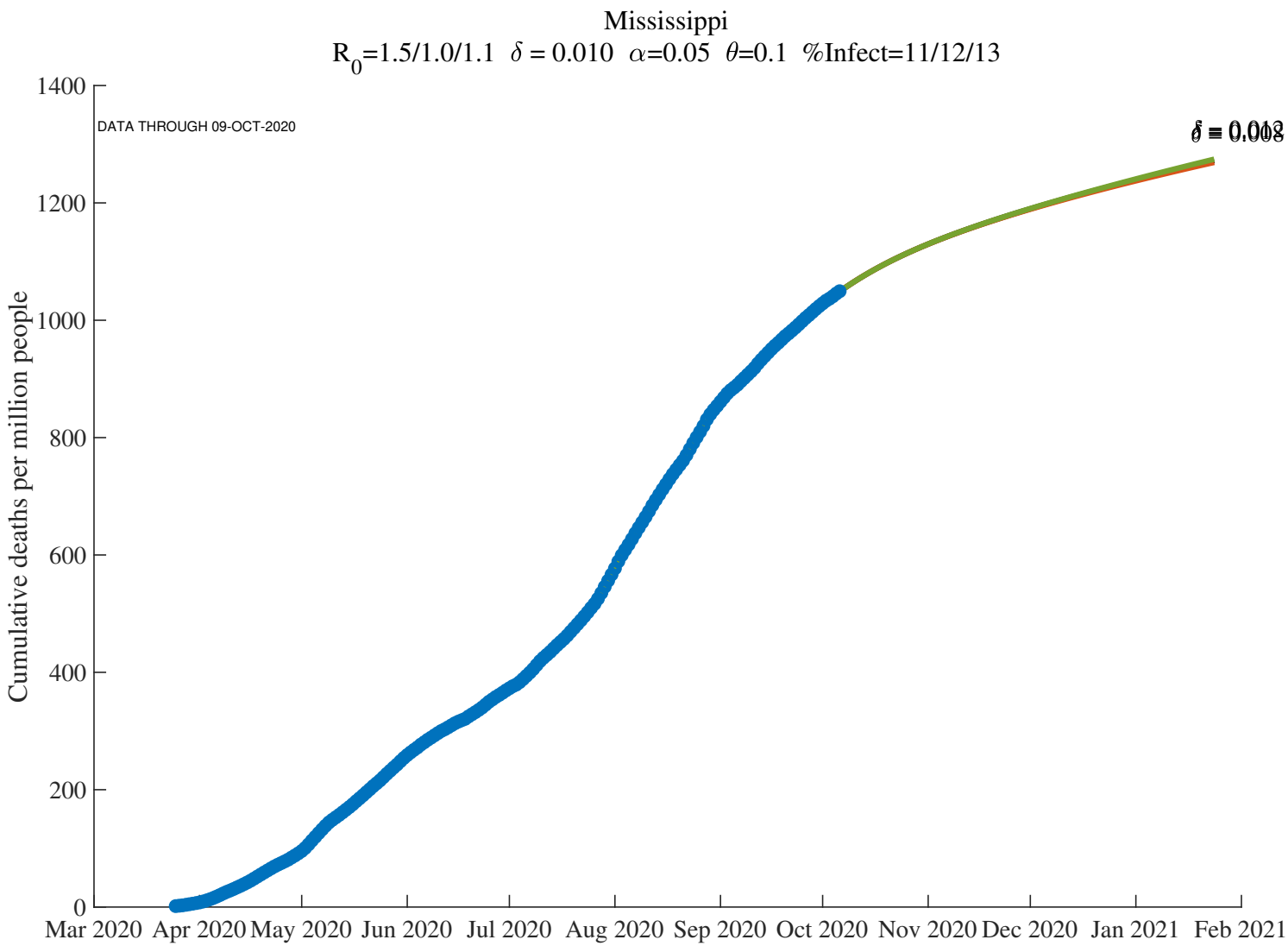


# Reopening and Herd Immunity

– Black: assumes $R_0$(today) remains in place forever

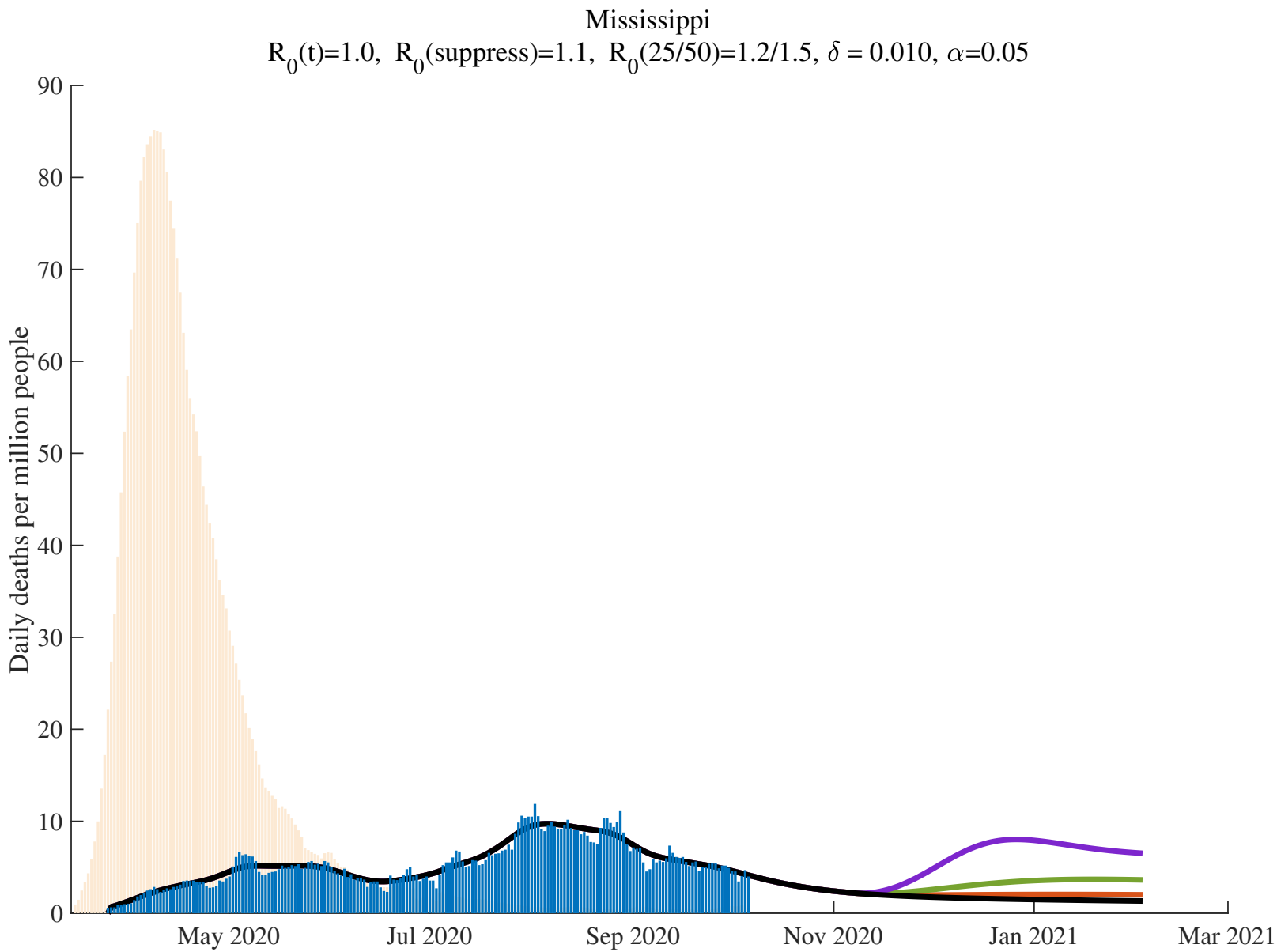
– Red: assumes $R_0$(suppress)$= 1/s(today)$

– Green: we move 25% of the way from $R_0$(today) back to initial $R_0$ = "normal"

– Purple: we move 50% of the way from $R_0$(today) back to initial $R_0$ = "normal"

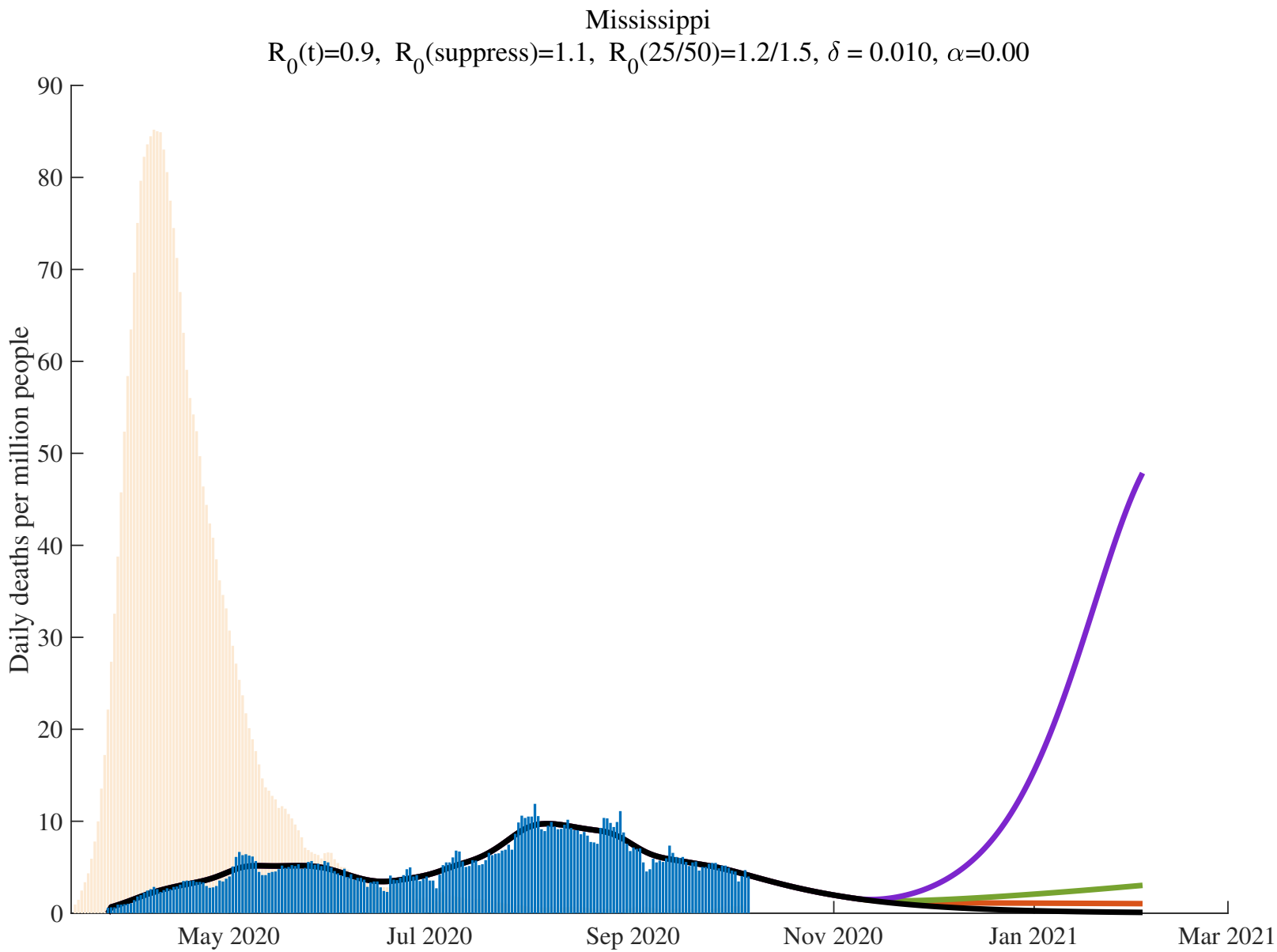
NOTE: Lines often cover each other up

# Mississippi: Re-Opening ($\alpha = .05$)




(Light bars = New York City, for comparison)

# Mississippi: Re-Opening ($\alpha = 0$)

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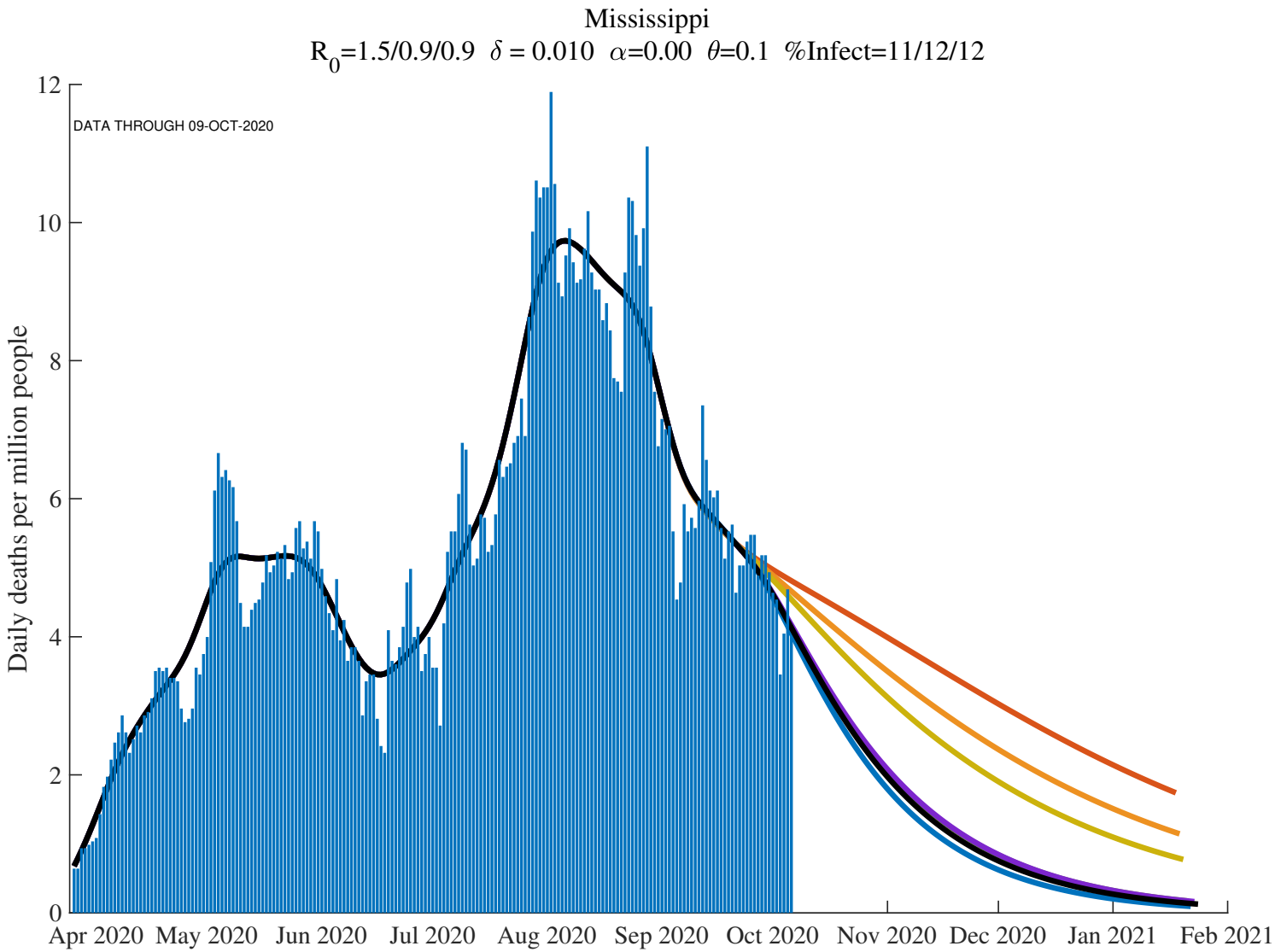
# Results for alternative parameter values

# Mississippi (7 days): Daily Deaths per Million People ($\alpha = 0$)



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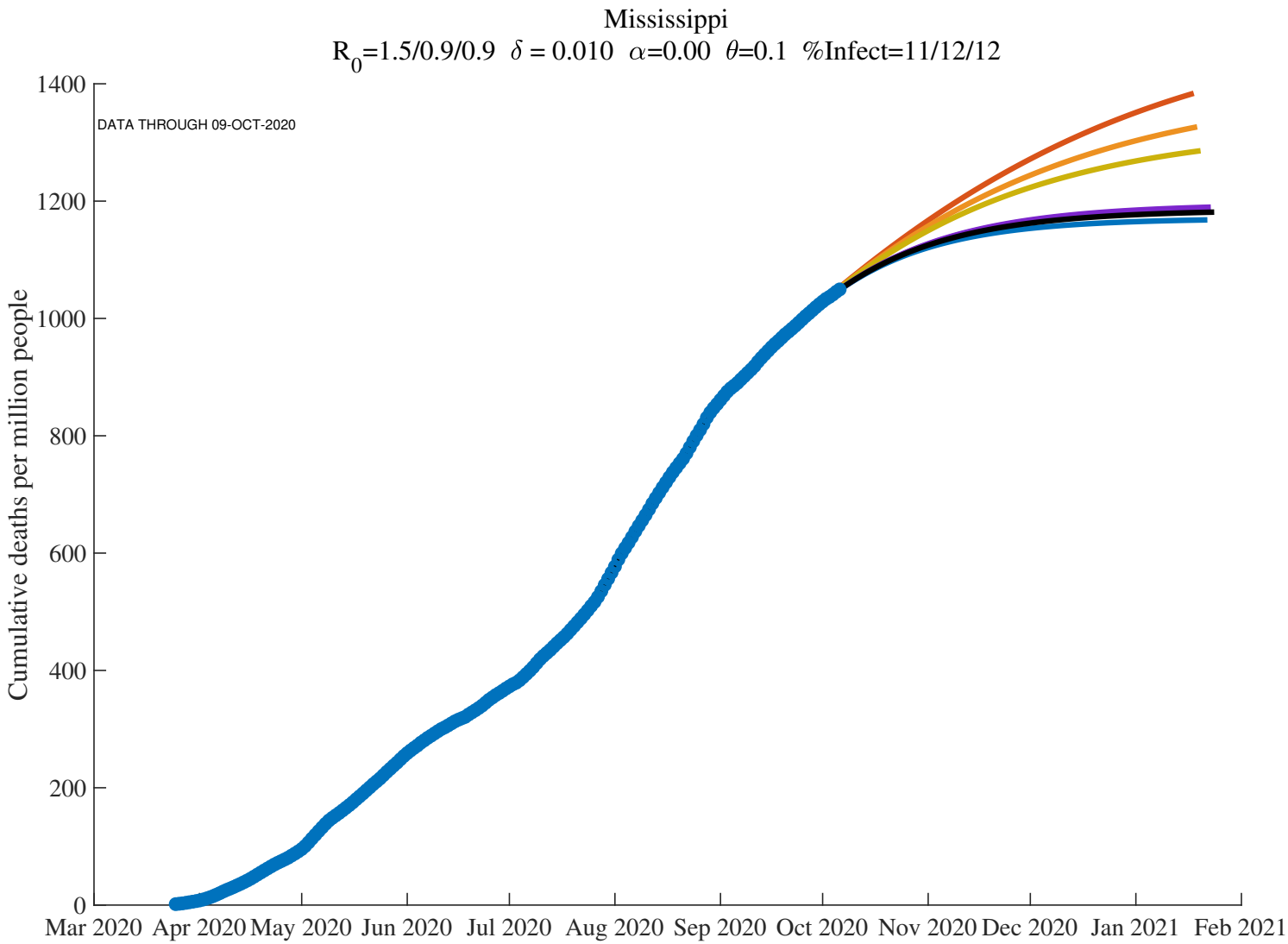

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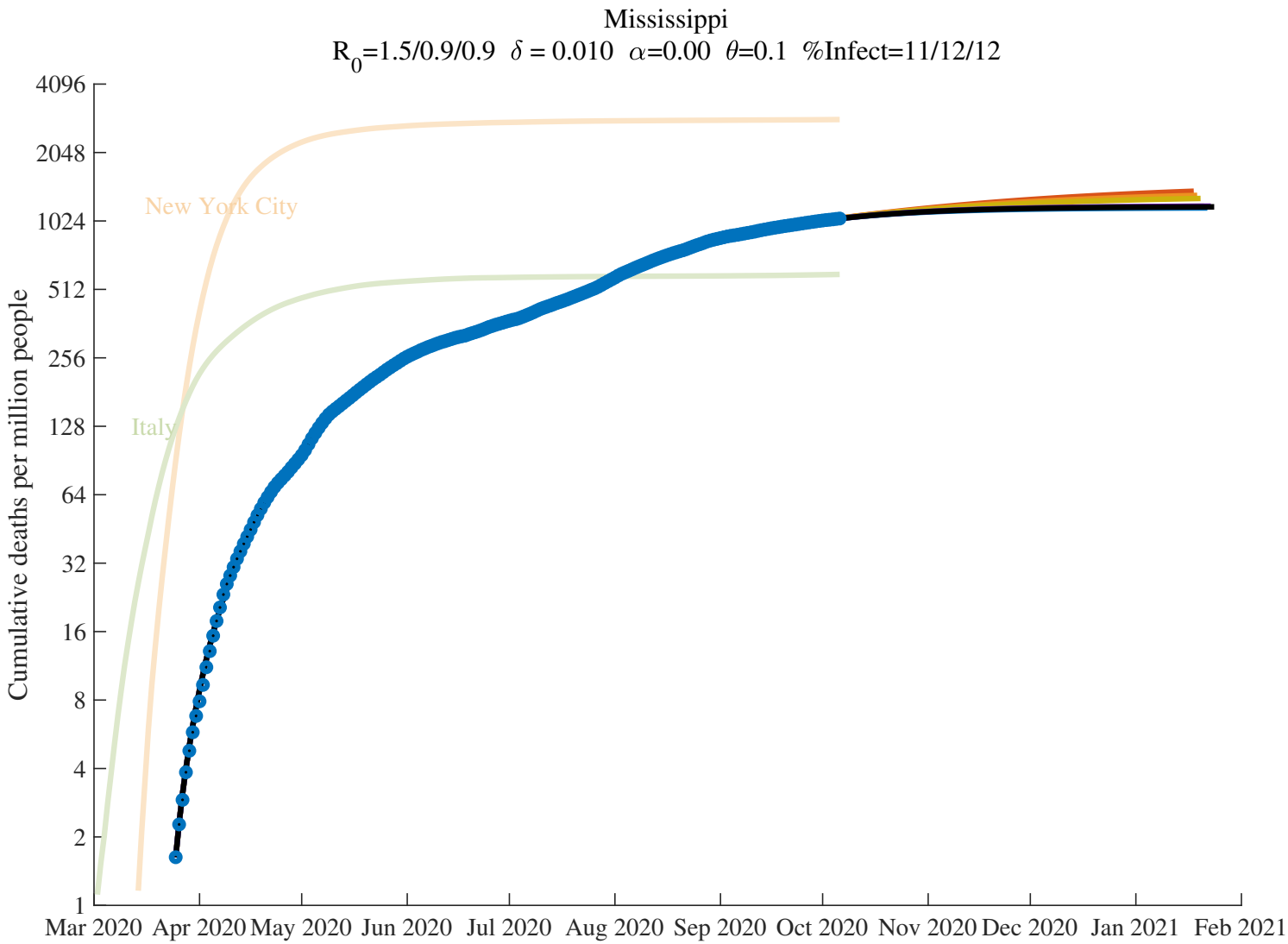

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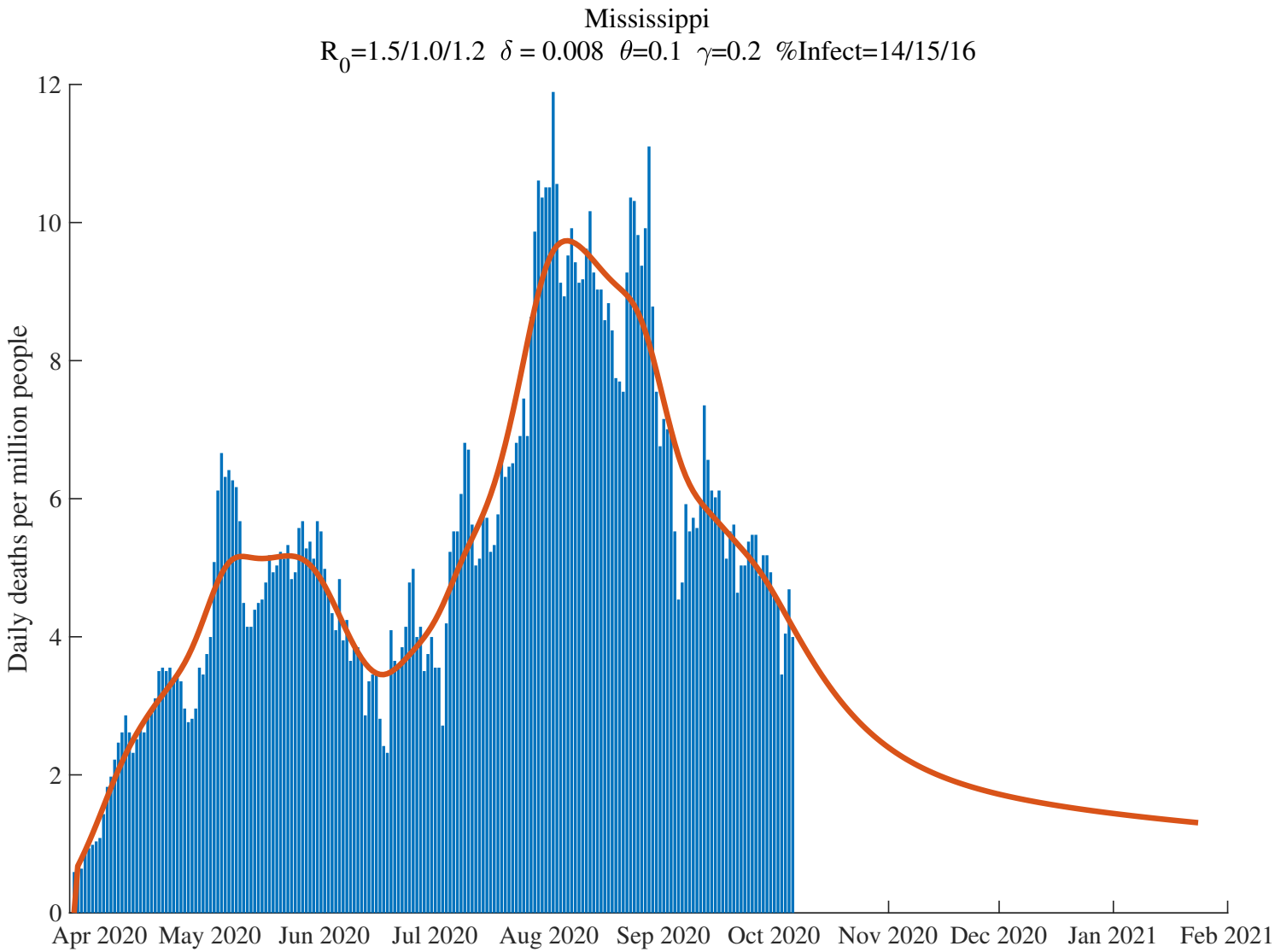

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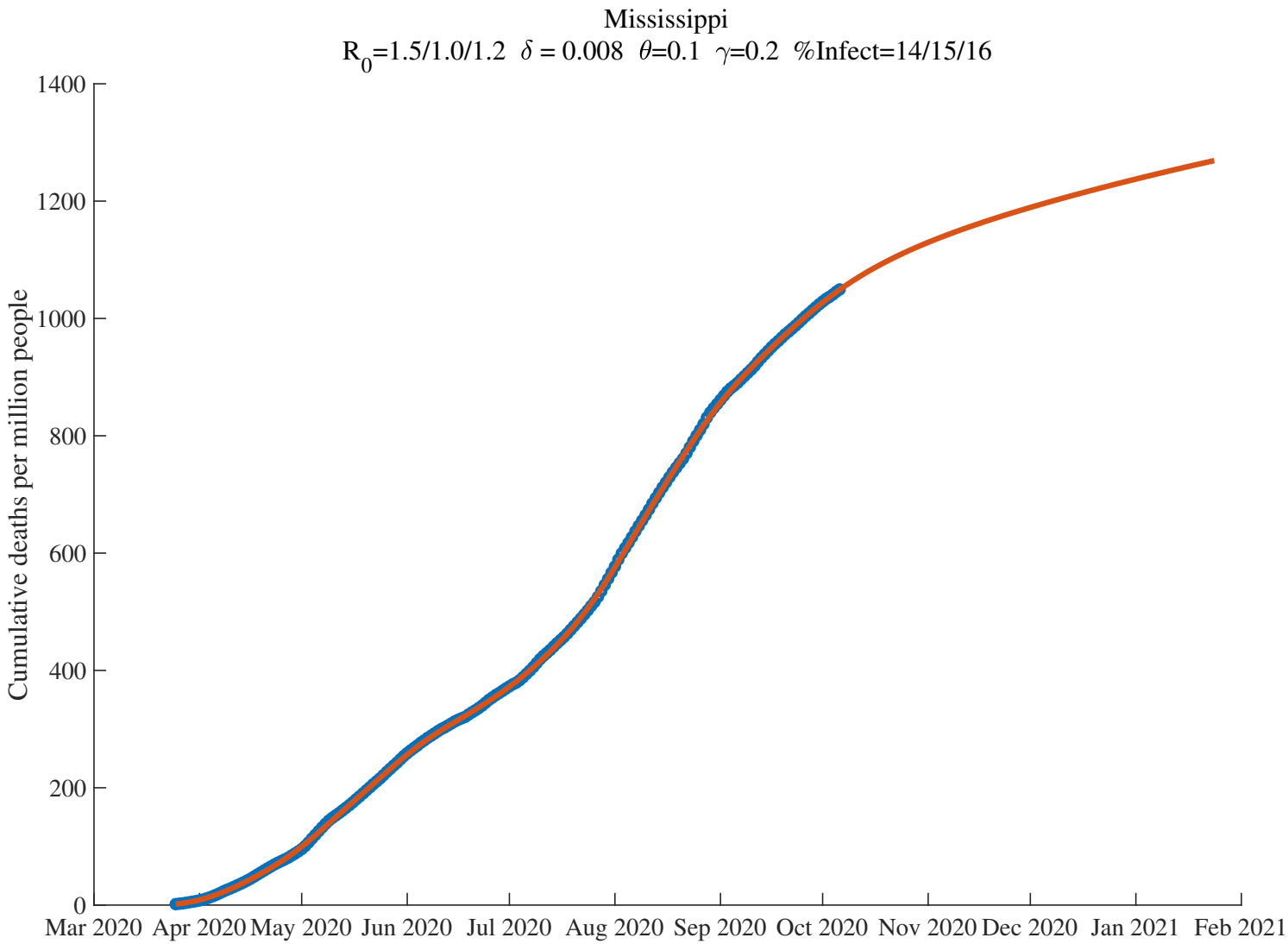

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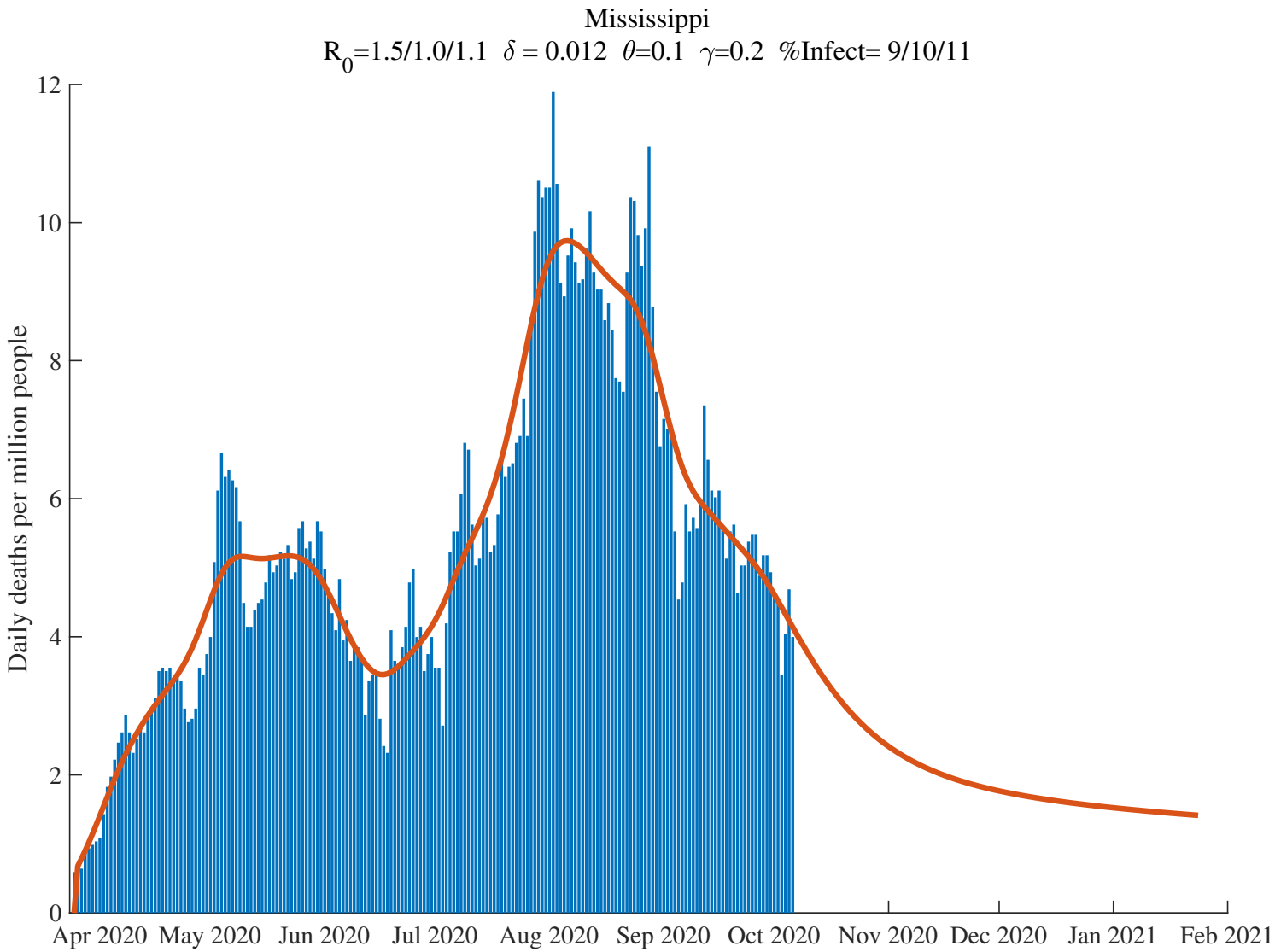
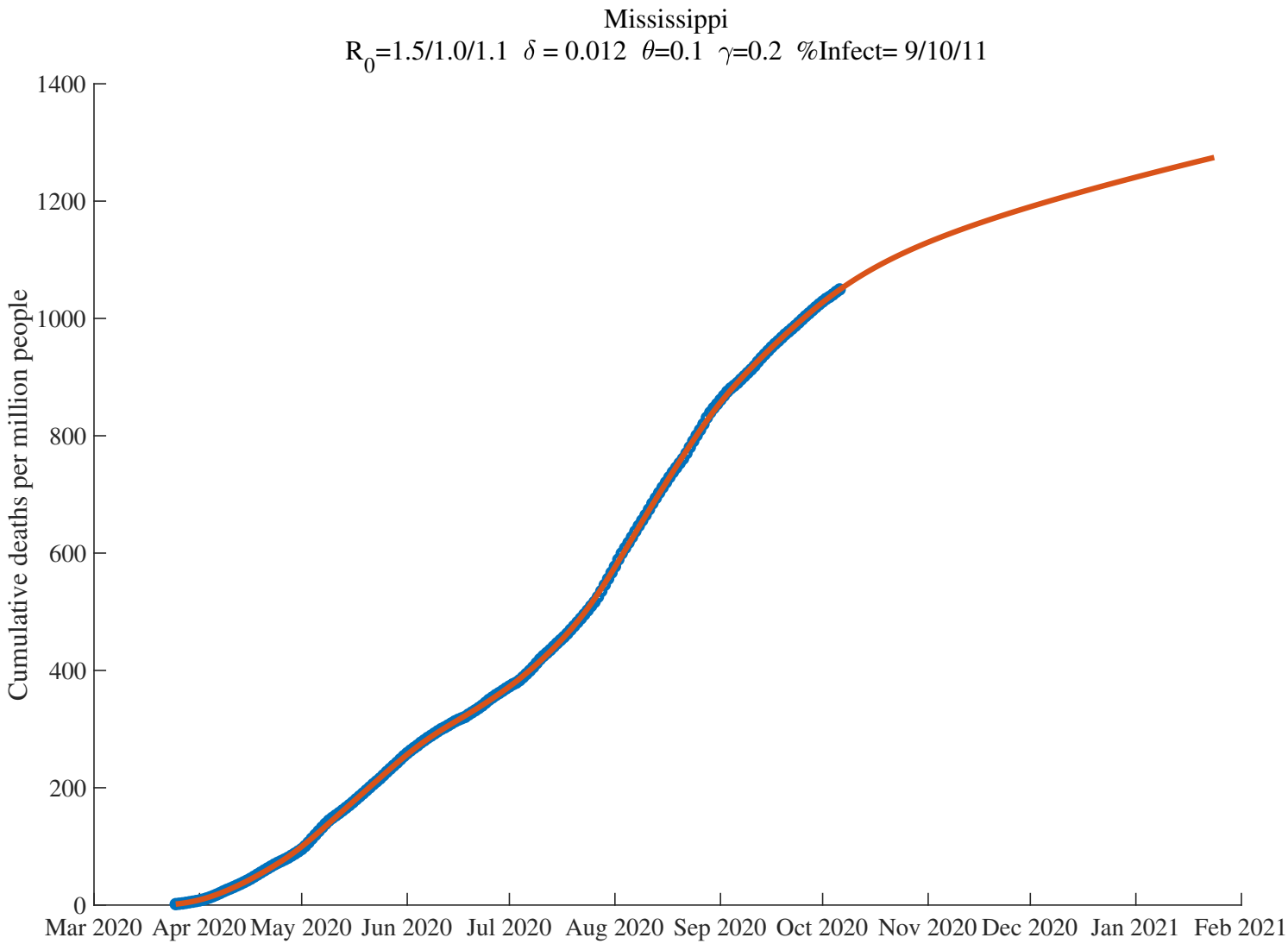


# Mississippi: Cumulative Deaths per Million ($\delta = 1.2\%$)



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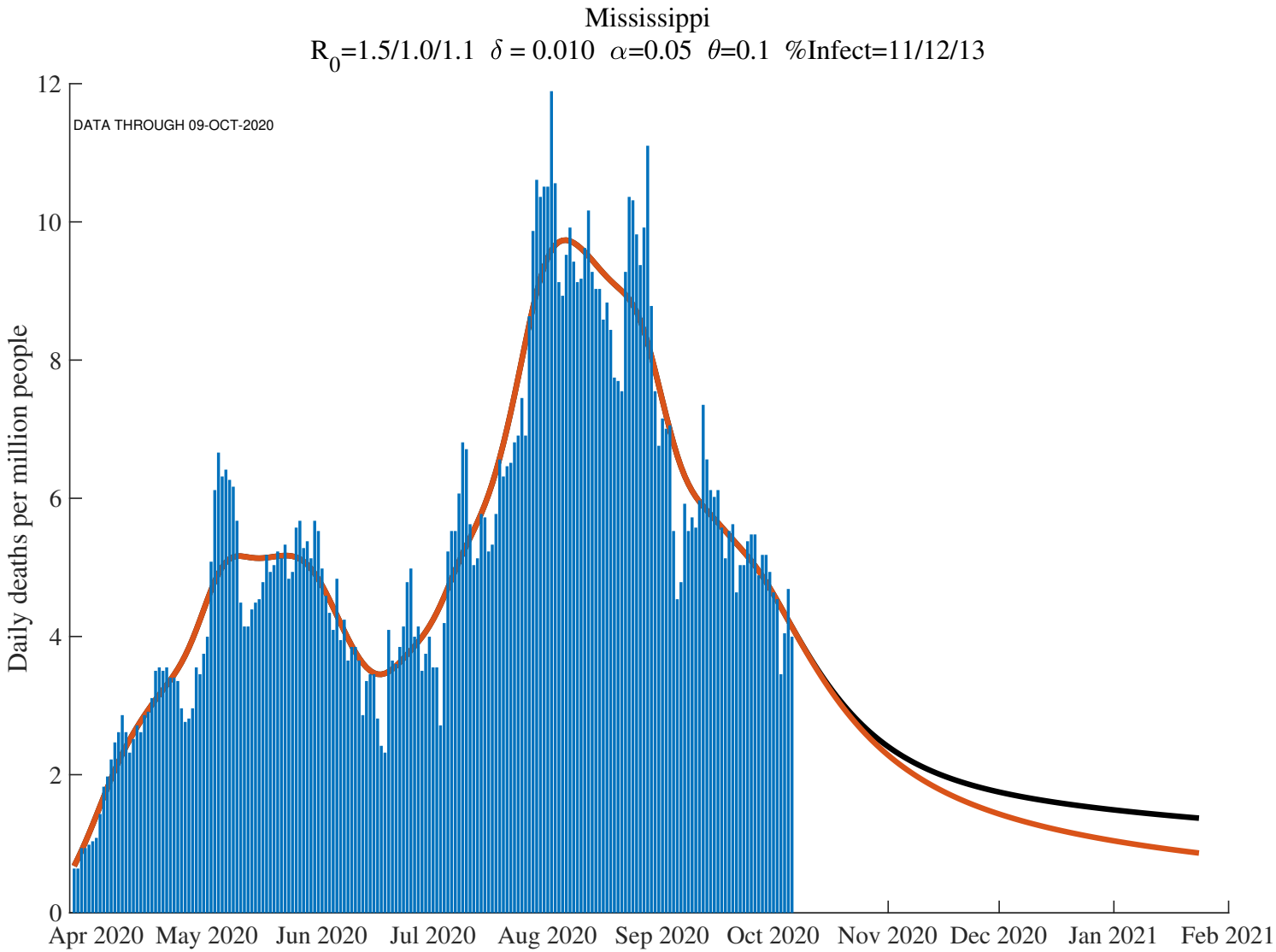

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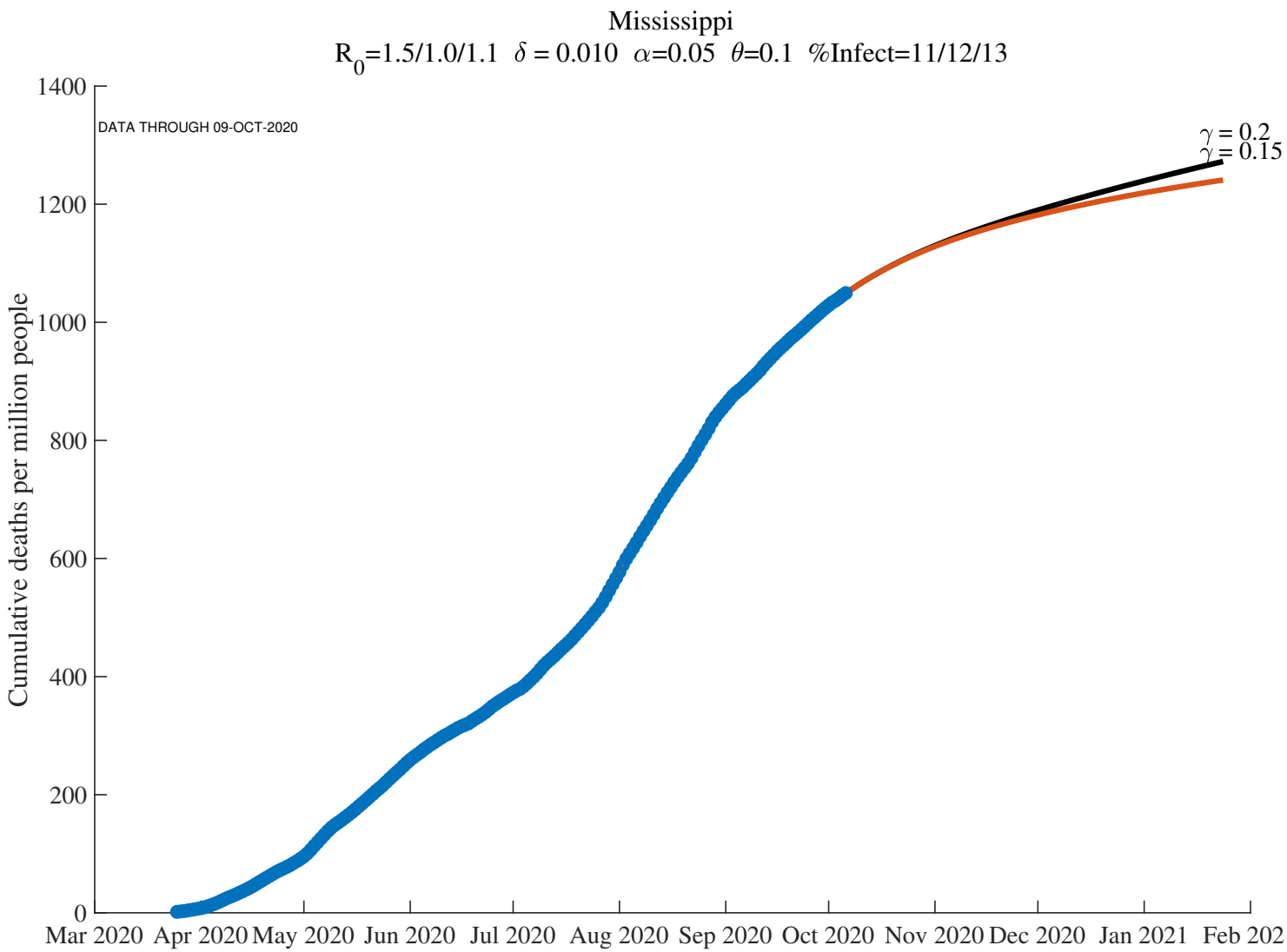

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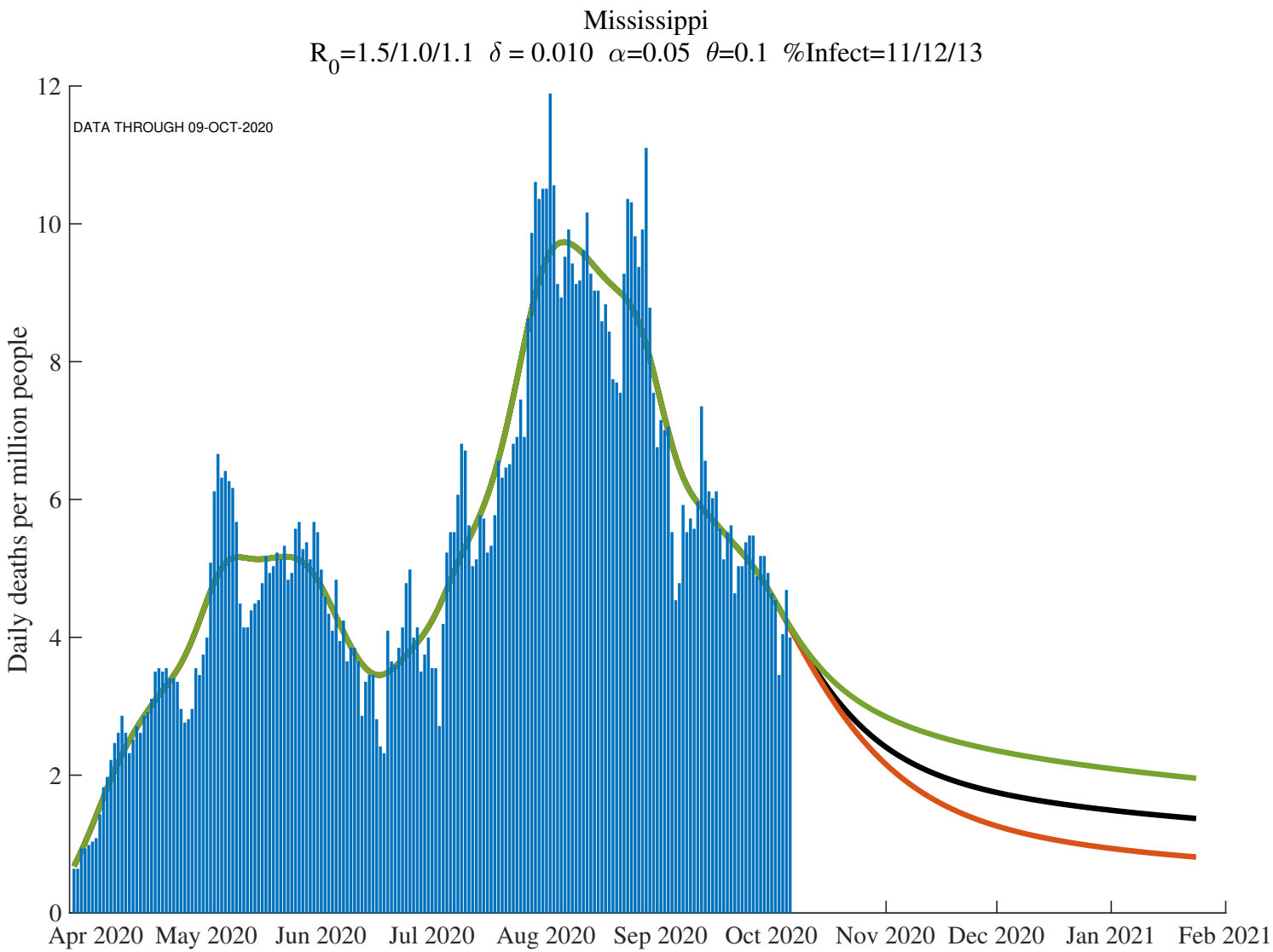

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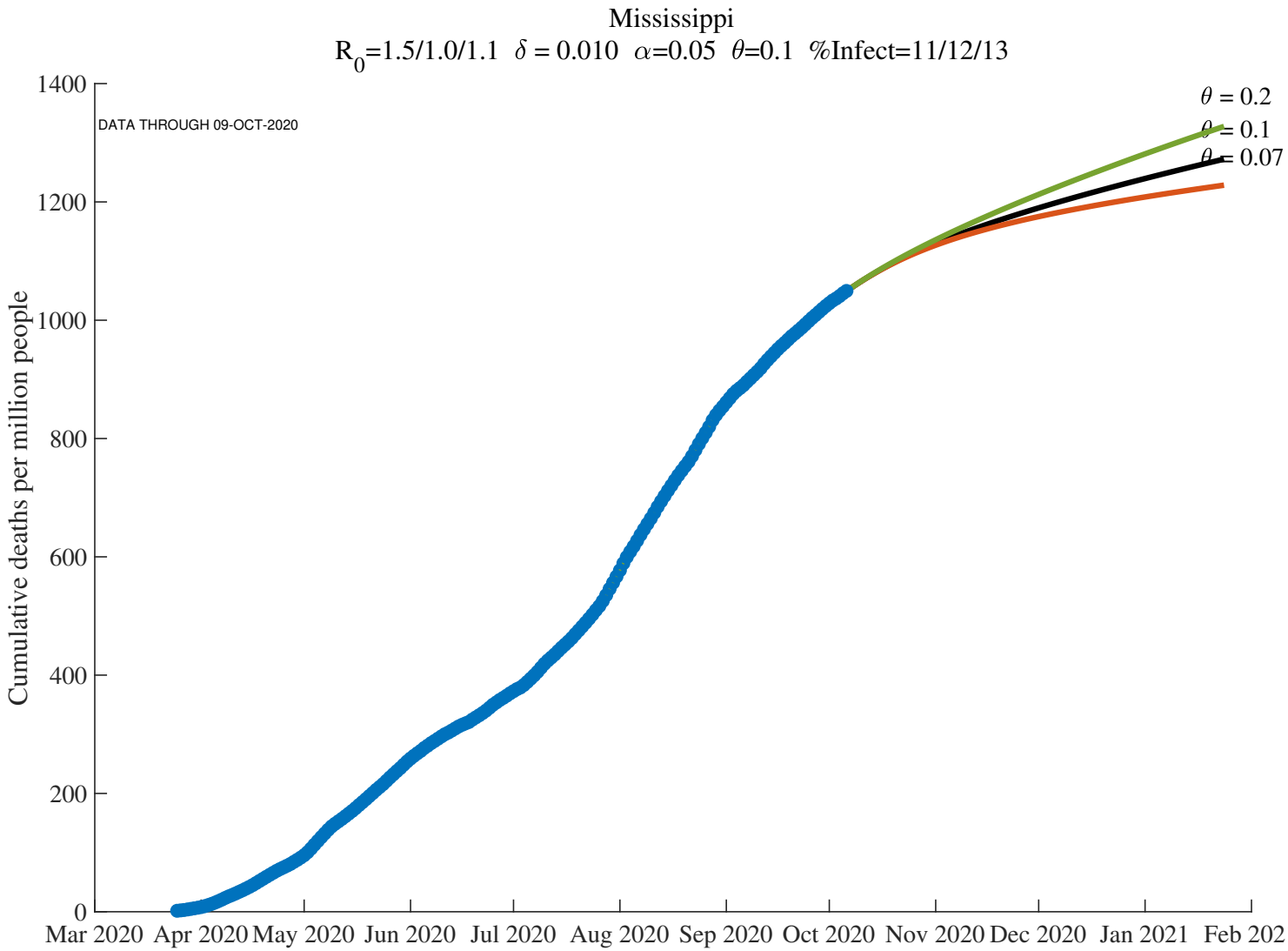

# Data Underlying Estimates of Time-Varying $R_0$

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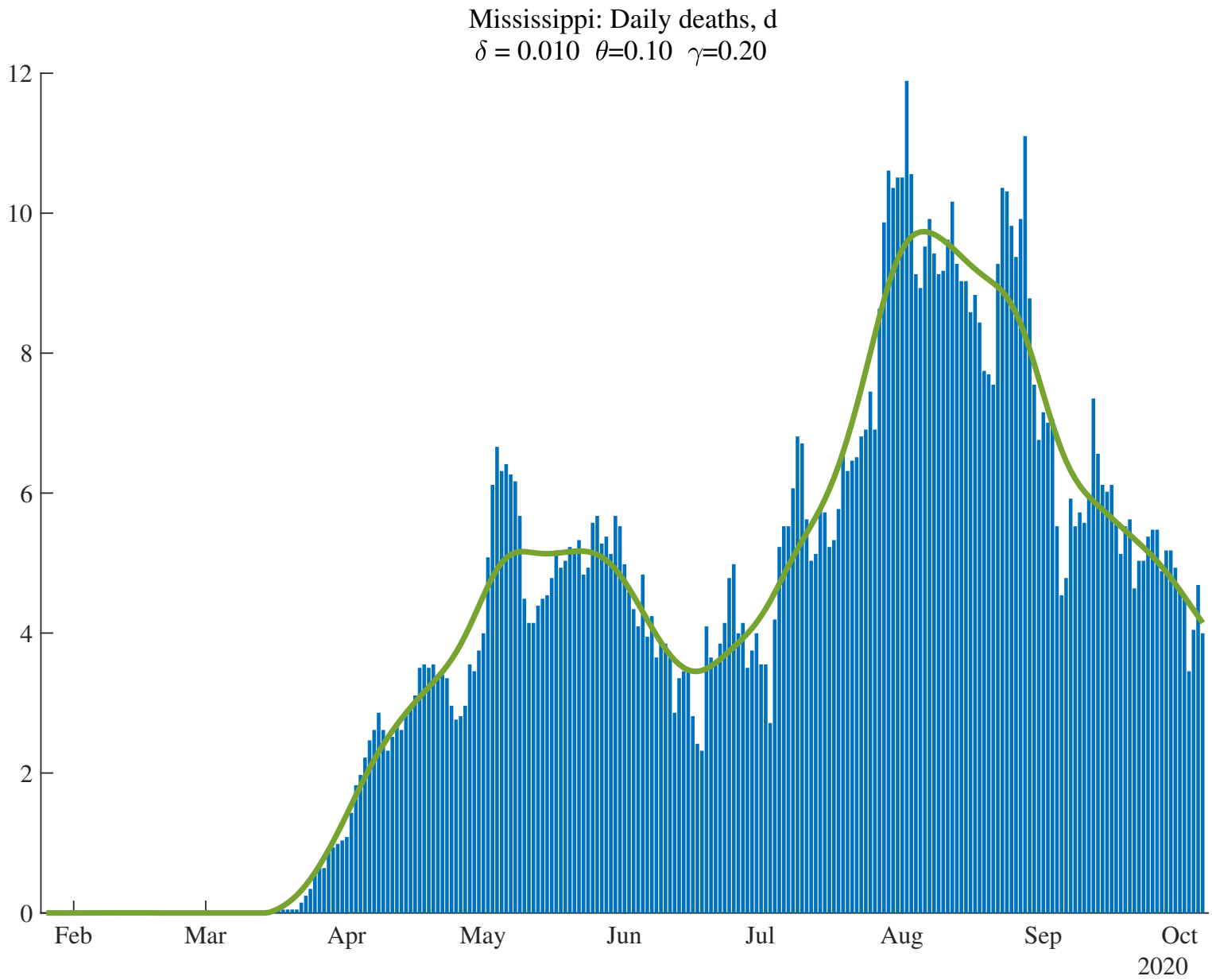
# Mississippi: Daily Deaths, Actual and Smoothed



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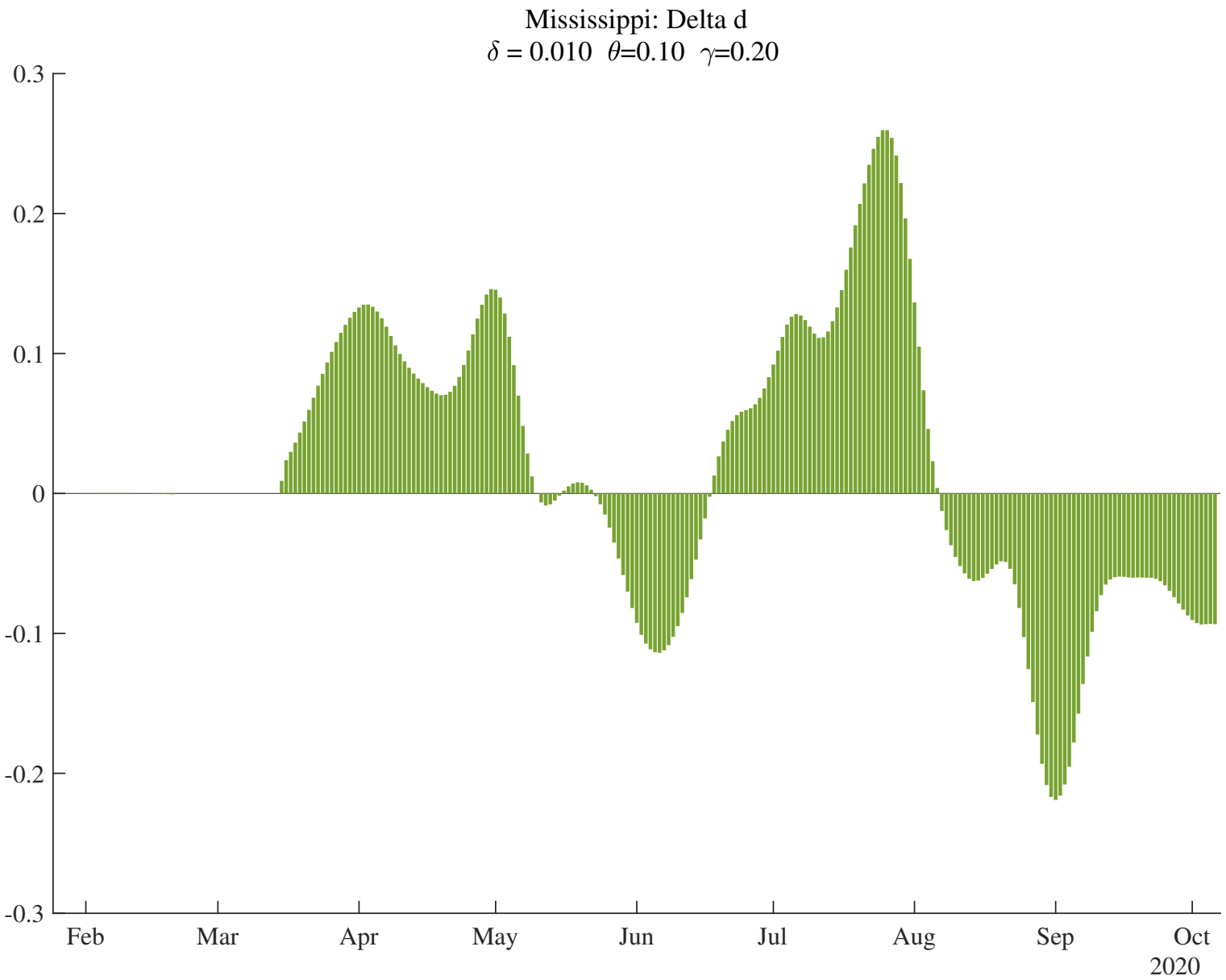
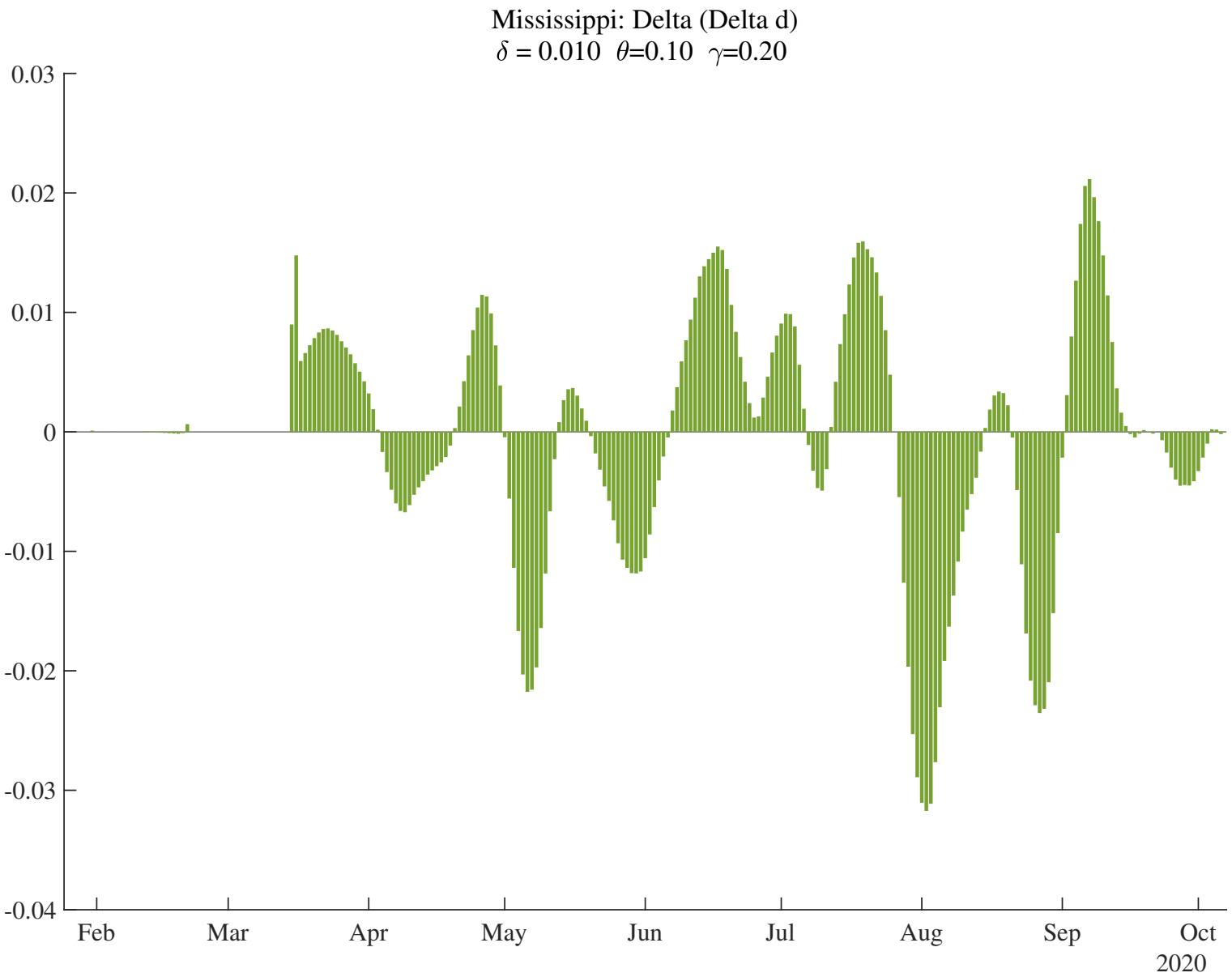
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