

21 Epidemics

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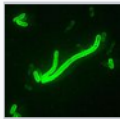
Death toll (estimate) ↕	Location ↕	Date ↕	Article ↕	Disease ▲	Ref. ↕
25–50 million; 40% of population	Europe, Egypt, West Asia	541–542	Plague of Justinian	plague	[4]
100,000+	Ctesiphon, Persia	627		plague	[5]
	British Isles	664–668	Plague of 664	plague	[6][<i>page needed</i>]
	British Isles	680–686		plague	[6][<i>page needed</i>]
	Byzantine Empire, West Asia, Africa	746–747		plague	[7]
75–200 million; 30–60% of population	Europe, Asia and North Africa	1346–1350	Black Death	plague <div data-bbox="1402 821 1650 1049" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>Yersinia pestis 🔍</p> </div>	[8]
	Europe	250–266	Plague of Cyprian	unknown, possibly smallpox	[3]
75,000–100,000	Greece	429–426 BC	Plague of Athens	unknown, possibly typhus	[1]
5 million; 30% of population in some areas	Europe, Western Asia, Northern Africa	165–180	Antonine Plague	unknown, symptoms similar to smallpox	[2]

Table 1. Behavioral Response to 2009 H1N1 Influenza during the Early Months of the Pandemic.*

Behavior	April 2009	May 2009	June 2009
	<i>% of respondents</i>		
Initial recommendation			
Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer more frequently	59	67	62
Make preparations to stay at home if you or a family member are sick	Not asked	55	Not asked
Take steps to avoid being near someone with flulike symptoms†	Not asked	35	38
Interaction with others			
Avoid places where many people are gathered together, such as sporting events, malls, or public transportation‡	25	25	16
Avoid people you think may have recently visited Mexico	20	16	Not asked
Avoid Mexican restaurants or grocery stores	17	13	Not asked
Reduce contact with people outside your own household as much as possible	Not asked	Not asked	20
Avoid large shopping areas or malls	Not asked	Not asked	14
Avoid air travel§	Not asked	27	13
Limit your use of public transportation, buses, and trains	Not asked	Not asked	12
Reduce your attendance at church, temple, mosque, or other place of worship	Not asked	Not asked	6
Avoid family or personal events, such as parties, wedding ceremonies, or funeral services	Not asked	Not asked	6
Physical contact with others during interaction			
Stop shaking hands with people†	Not asked	14	12
Stop hugging and kissing close friends or relatives†	Not asked	12	9
Wear a face mask	8	4	6
Contact with health professionals			
Talk with your doctor about health issues related to H1N1 or swine flu	5	8	Not asked
Get a prescription for or purchase an antiviral drug, such as Tamiflu or Relenza	1	2	3

* Data are from Harvard School of Public Health polls, April, May, and June 2009.

† The language in this question focused on "you personally" rather than on "you or anyone in your household."

‡ The June 28, 2009, poll did not include "or public transportation."

§ In April and May polls, respondents were provided with "yes" or "no" response options for this question. In June, respondents were given an additional explicit category of "No one in your household did this before the outbreak."

THE Susceptible Infected Recovered (SIR) MODEL

- Initially, some nodes are in the I state and all others are in the S state.
- Each node v that enters the I state remains infectious for a fixed number of steps t_I .
- During each of these t_I steps, v has a probability p of passing the disease to each of its susceptible neighbors.
- After t_I steps, node v is no longer infectious or susceptible to further bouts of the disease; we describe it as *removed* (R), since it is now an inert node in the contact network that can no longer either catch or transmit the disease.

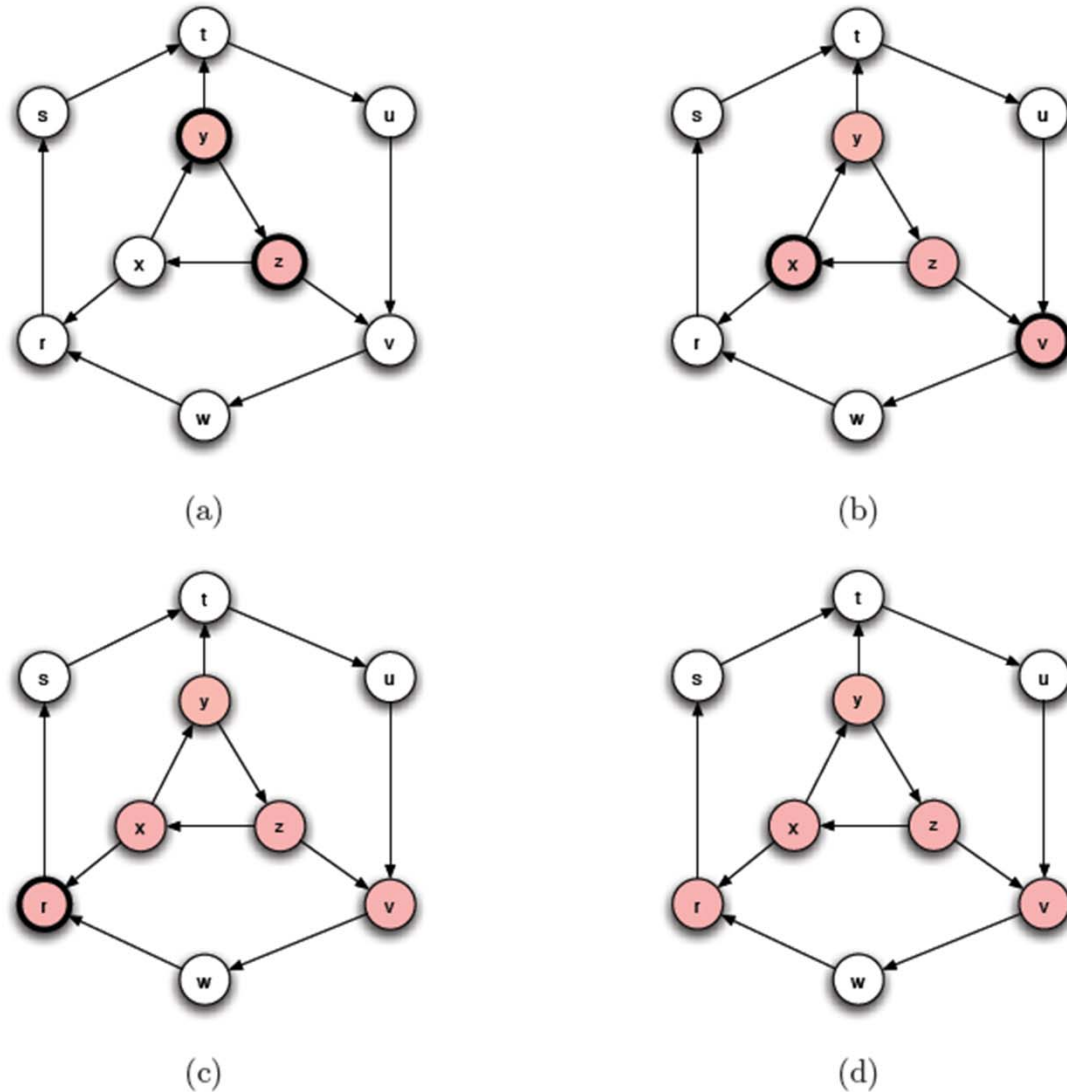
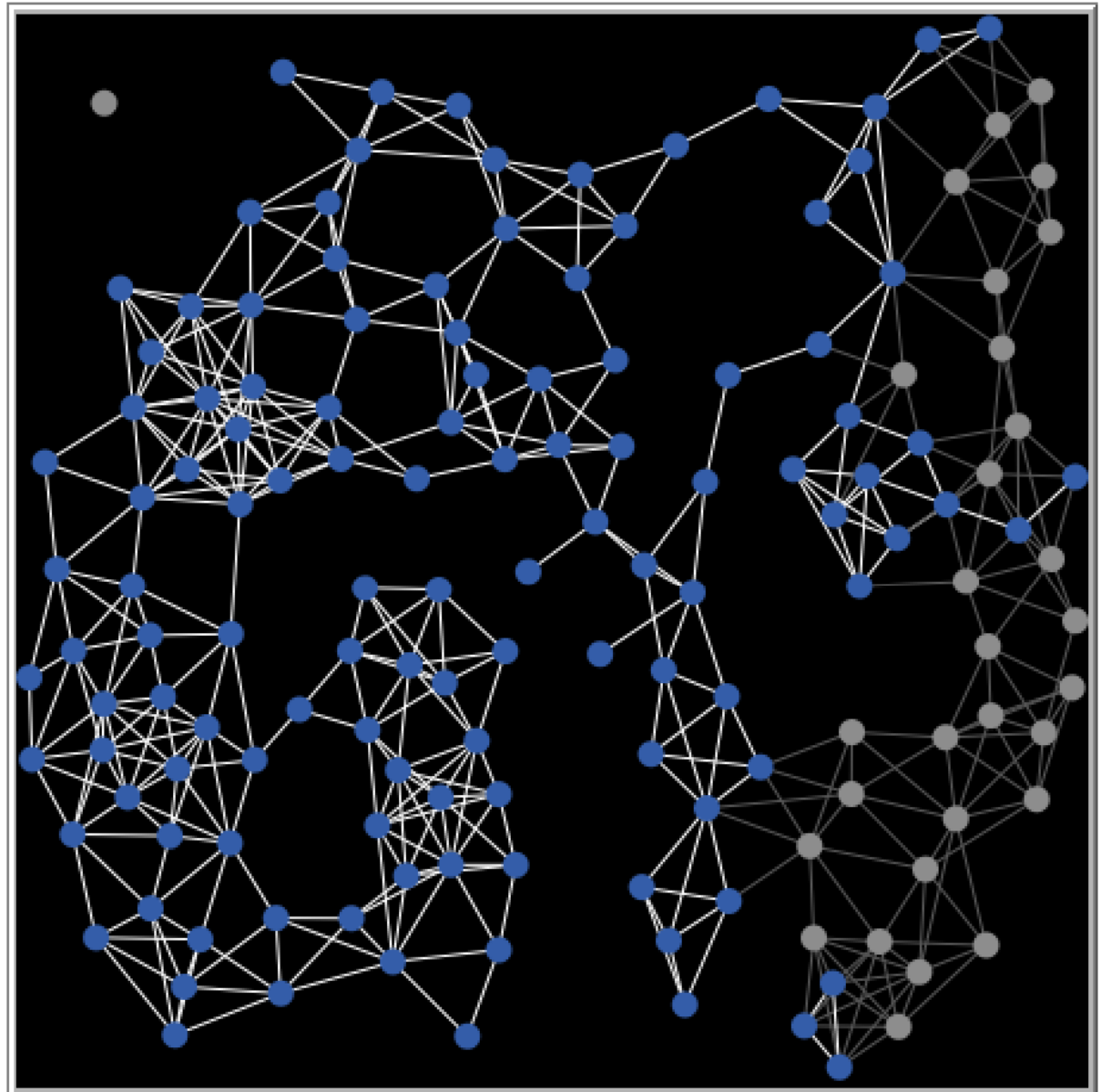
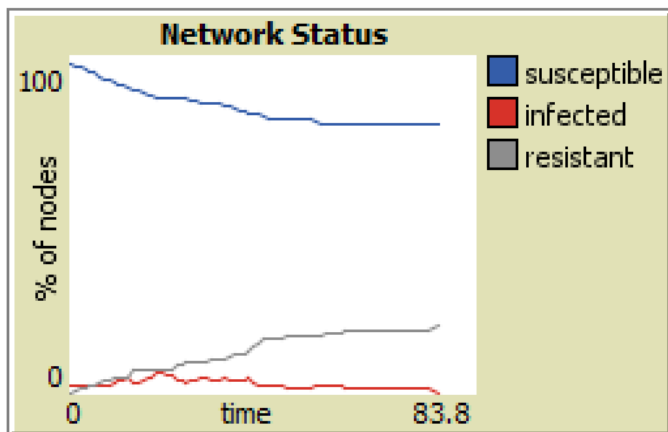
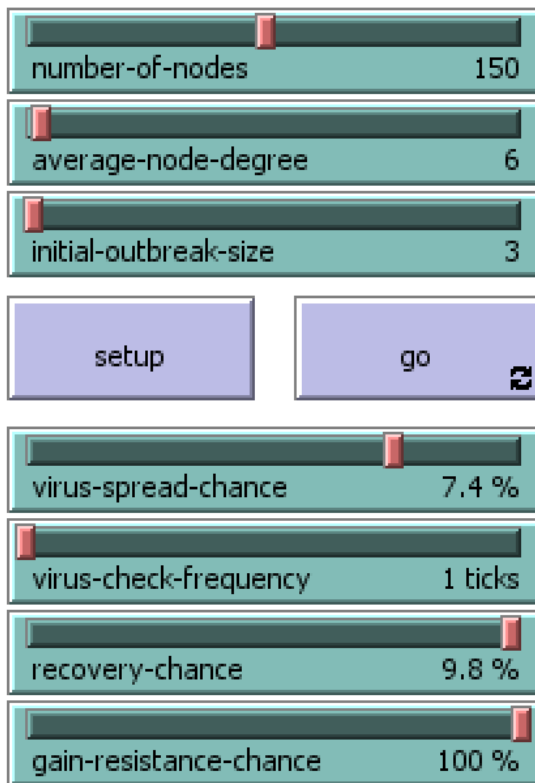
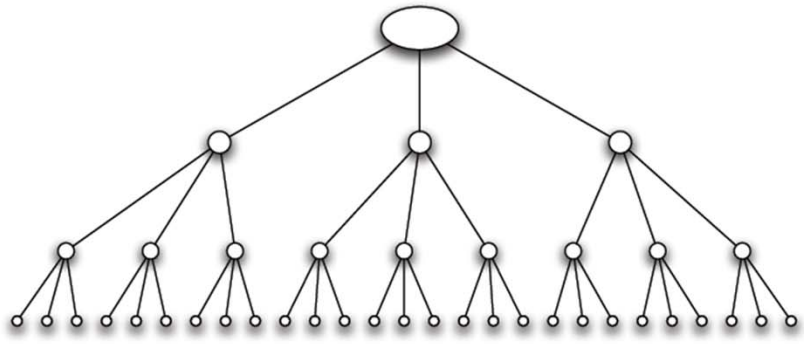
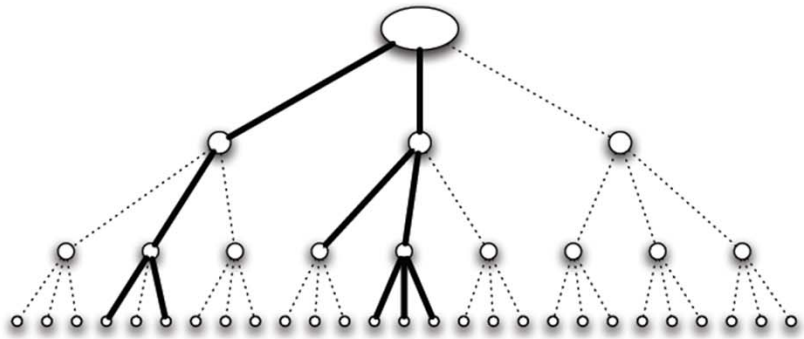


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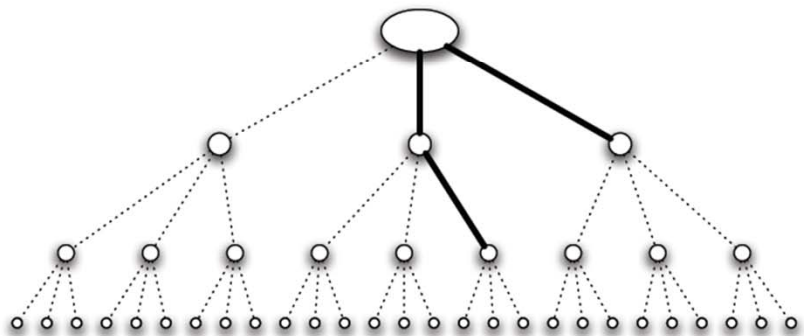




(a) *The contact network for a branching process*



(b) *With high contagion probability, the infection spreads widely*



(c) *With low contagion probability, the infection is likely to die out quickly*

Figure 21.1: The branching process model is a simple framework for reasoning about the spread of an epidemic as one varies both the amount of contact among individuals and the level of contagion.

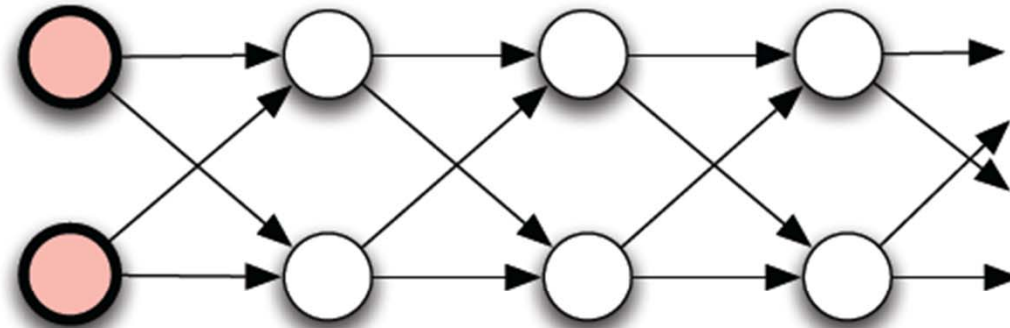
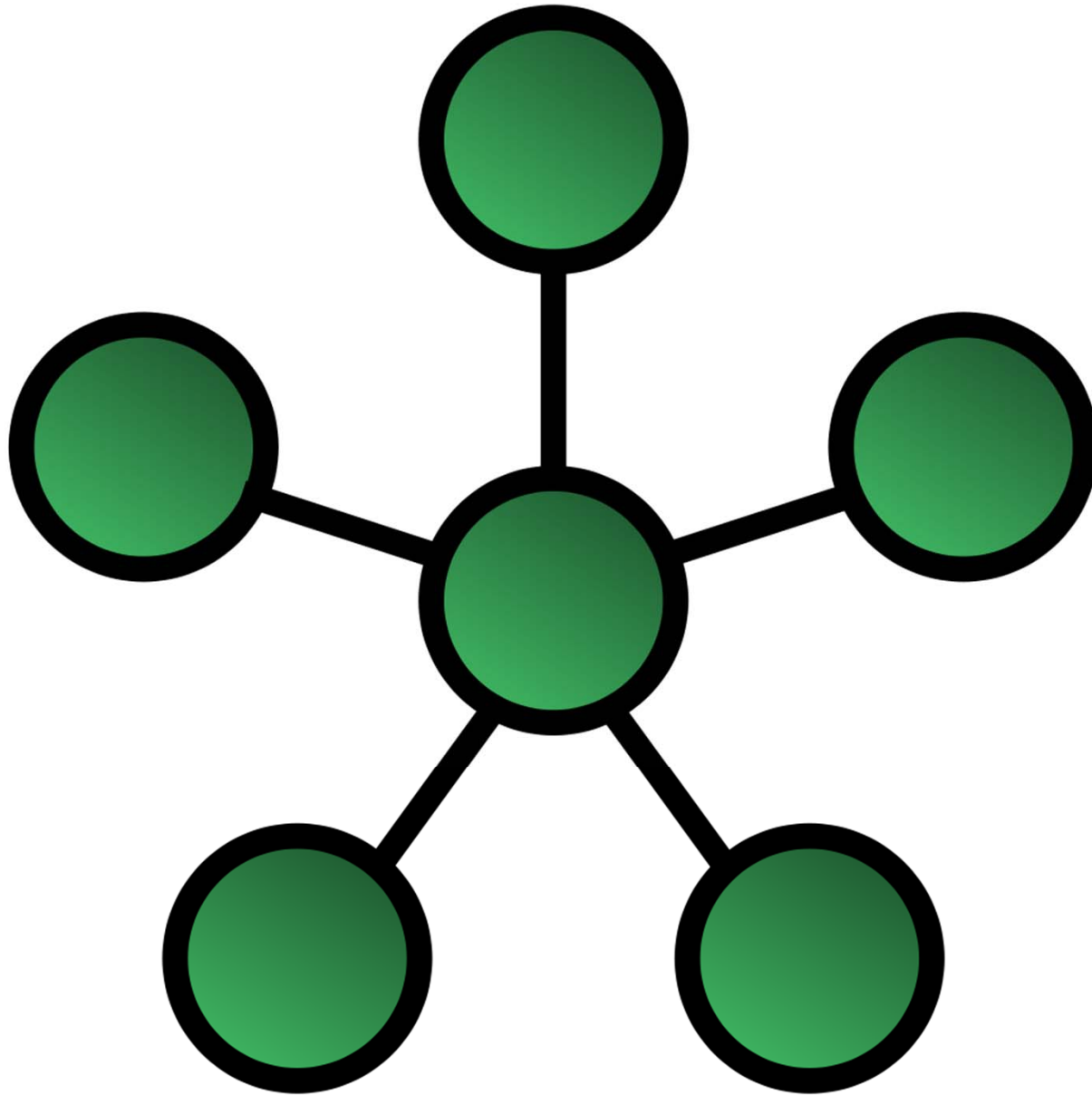


Figure 21.3: In this network, the epidemic is forced to pass through a narrow “channel” of nodes. In such a structure, even a highly contagious disease will tend to die out relatively quickly.



Basic reproductive number :

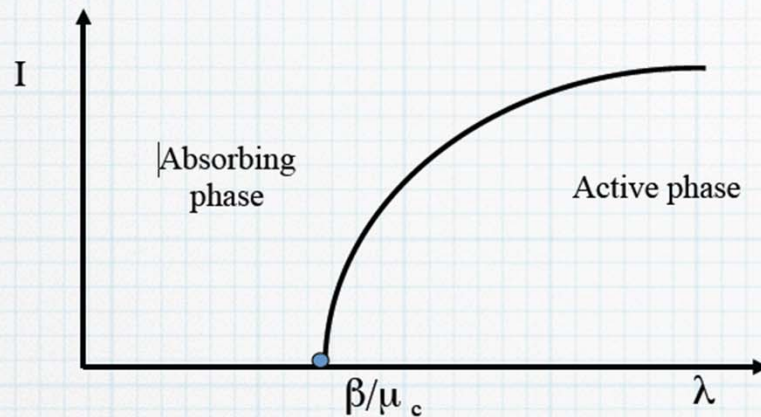
R_0 is the average number of individuals infected directly by an infected individual during his infectious period in a fully susceptible population.

β = average number of infections generated in a unit time step

$\tau = 1/\mu$ = average time an infectious individual stays infected

$$R_0 = \beta\tau = \frac{\beta}{\mu}$$

Epidemic threshold



$$\frac{\beta}{\mu} \geq \frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle}$$

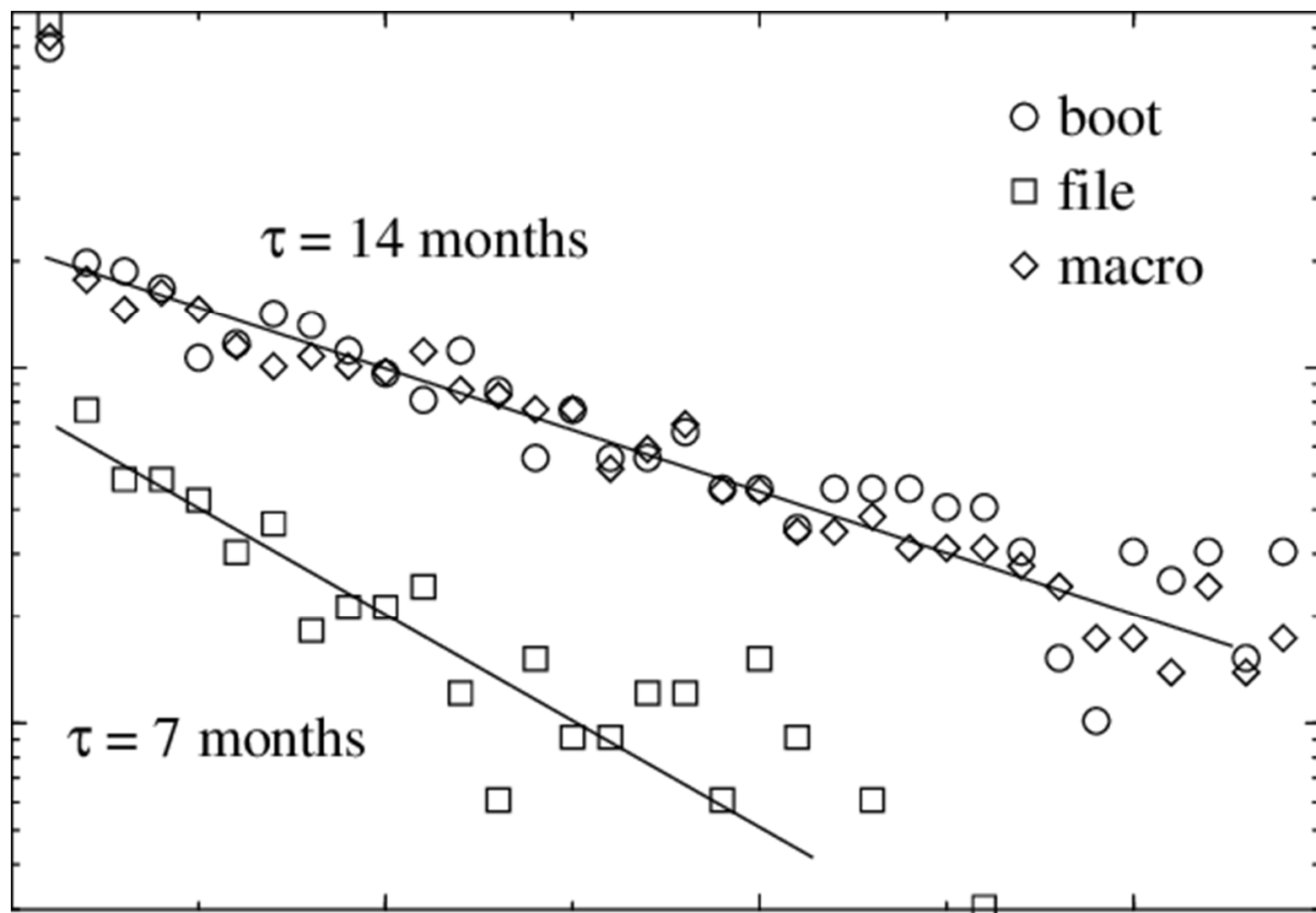
if $\langle k^2 \rangle \rightarrow \infty$

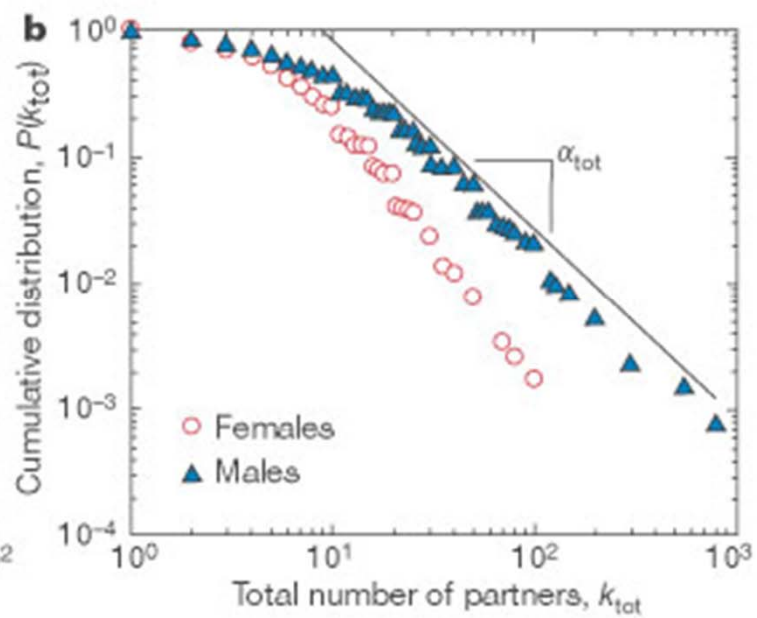
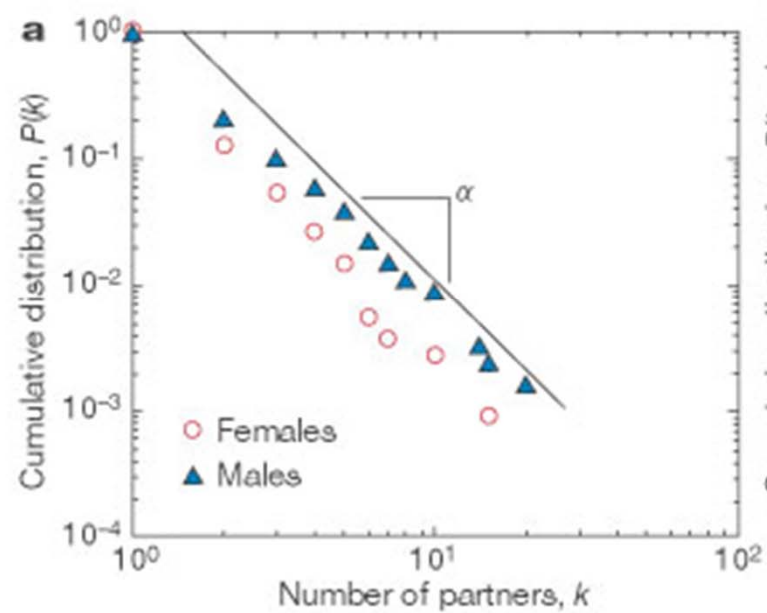
Heterogeneous networks

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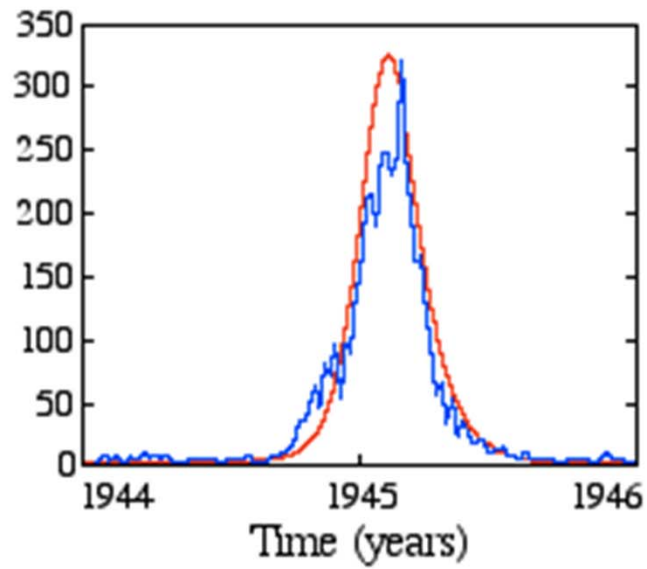
$$\beta/\mu \rightarrow 0$$

Vanishing epidemic threshold in the limit of large network with scale-free topology

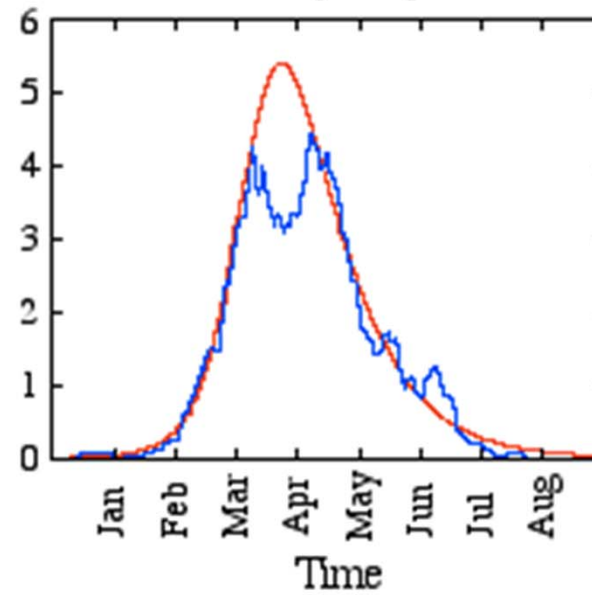




Weekly cases of measles in Bristol



Daily cases of Bubonic Plague in Sydney



www.youtube.com/watch?v=UG8YbNbdaco

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta SI$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta SI - \mu I$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \mu I$$

1. Equilibrium points
2. $\beta < \mu$
3. $\mu > \beta$
4. $R \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty}$
5. R_0
6. Extension to networks

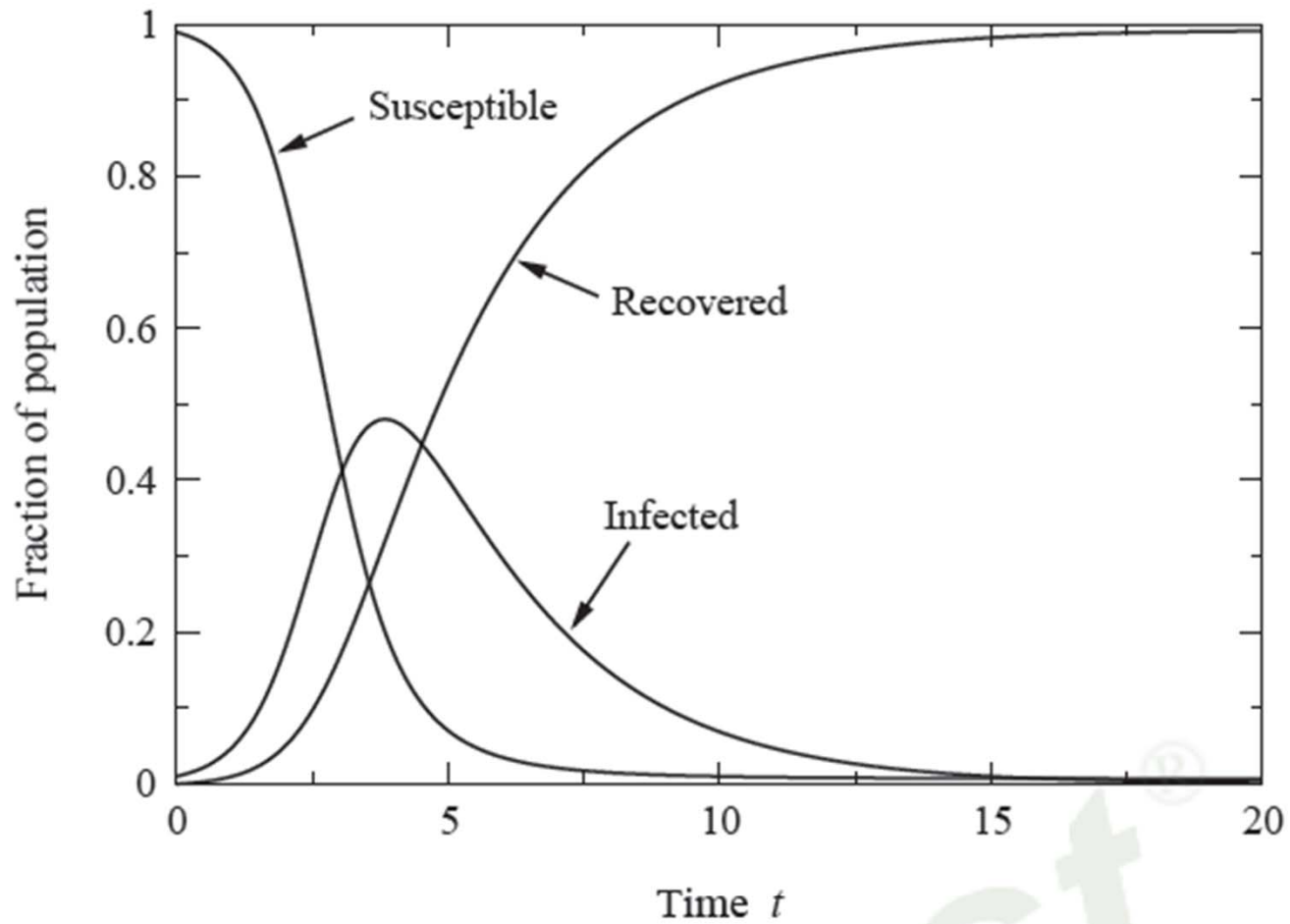
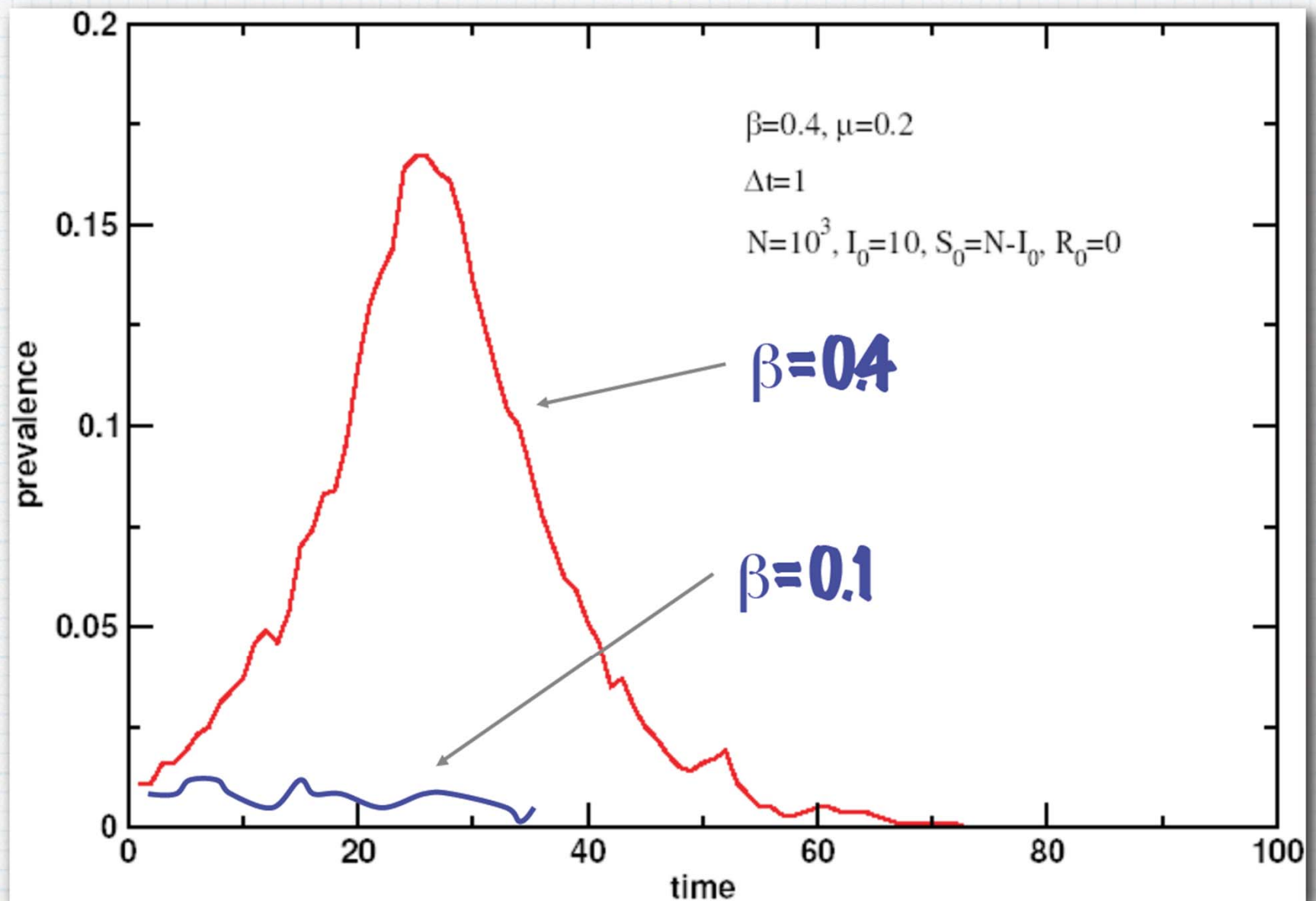
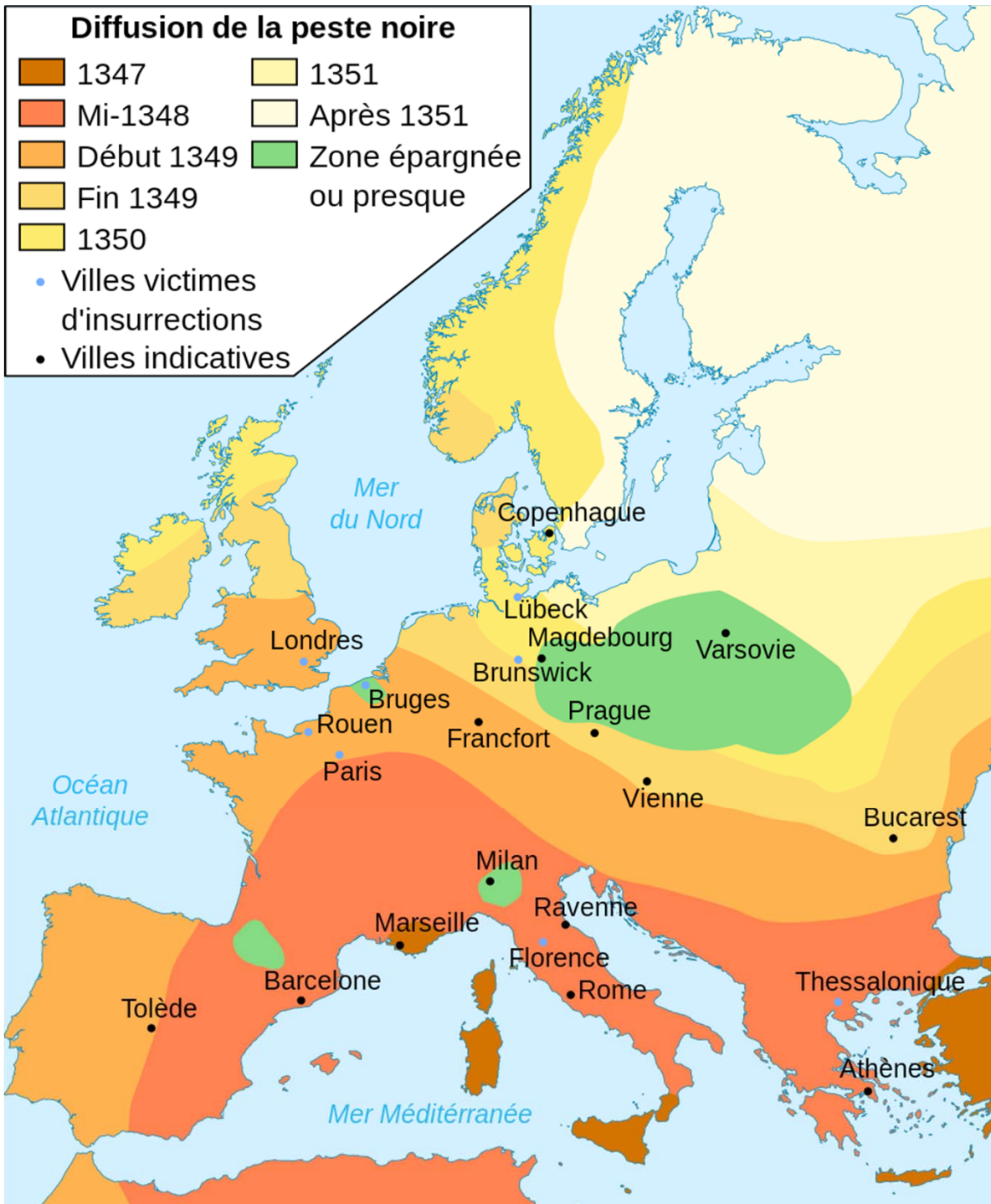


Figure 17.2: Time evolution of the SIR model. The three curves in this figure show the fractions of the population in the susceptible, infected, and recovered states as a function of time. The parameters are $\beta = 1$, $\gamma = 0.4$, $s_0 = 0.99$, $x_0 = 0.01$, and $r_0 = 0$.

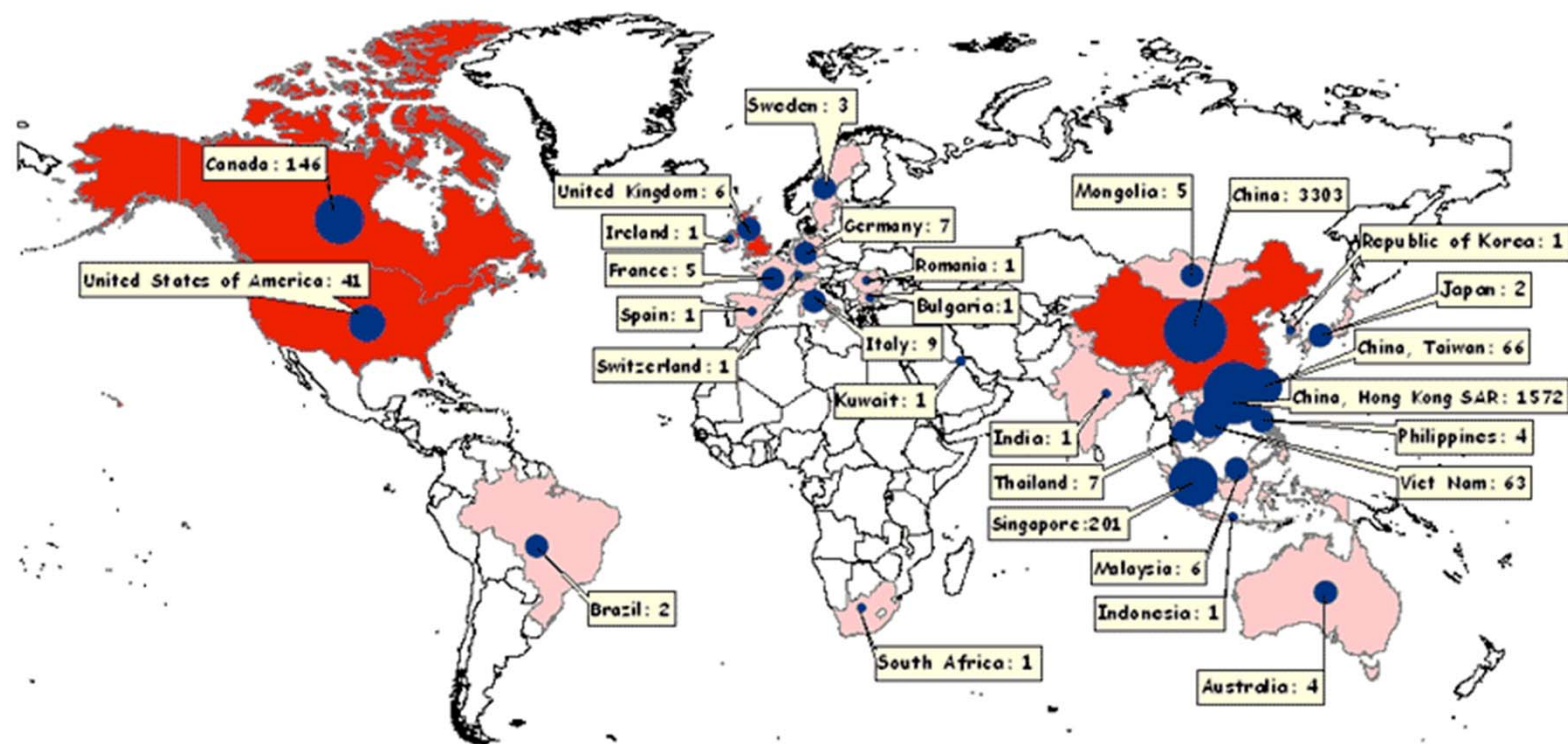
SIR model





SARS : Cumulative Number of Reported Probable Cases

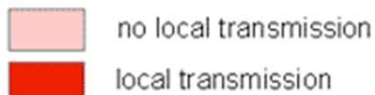
Total number of cases: 5462 as of 29 April 2003, 17:00 GMT+2



Cumulative number of Reported Cases
(From 1 November 02 to 29 April 03)



Type of transmission



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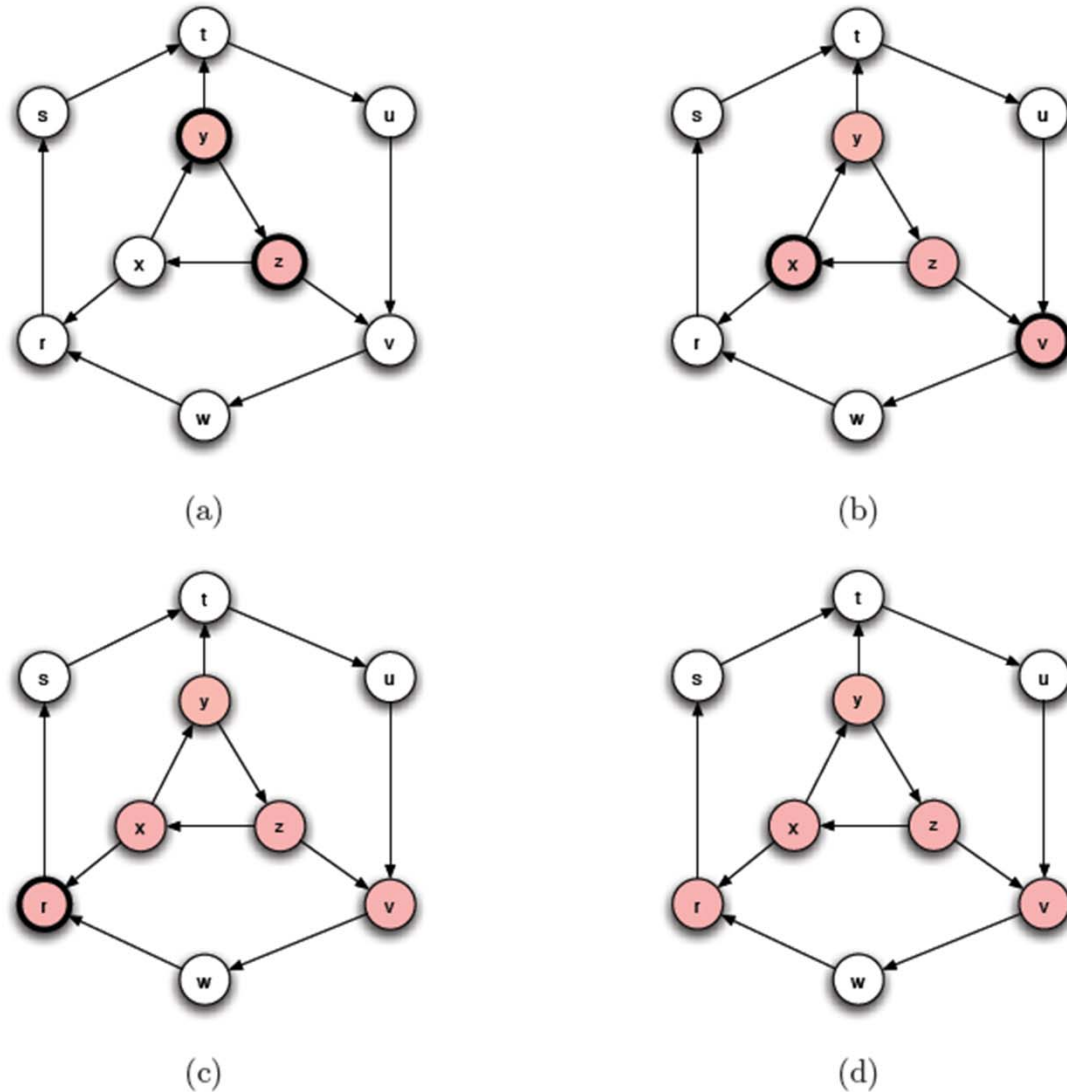


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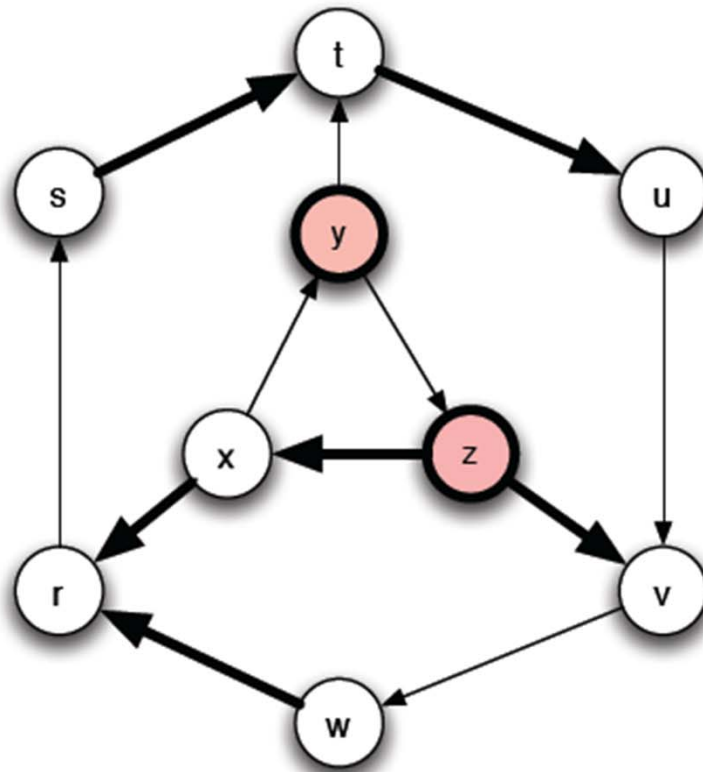
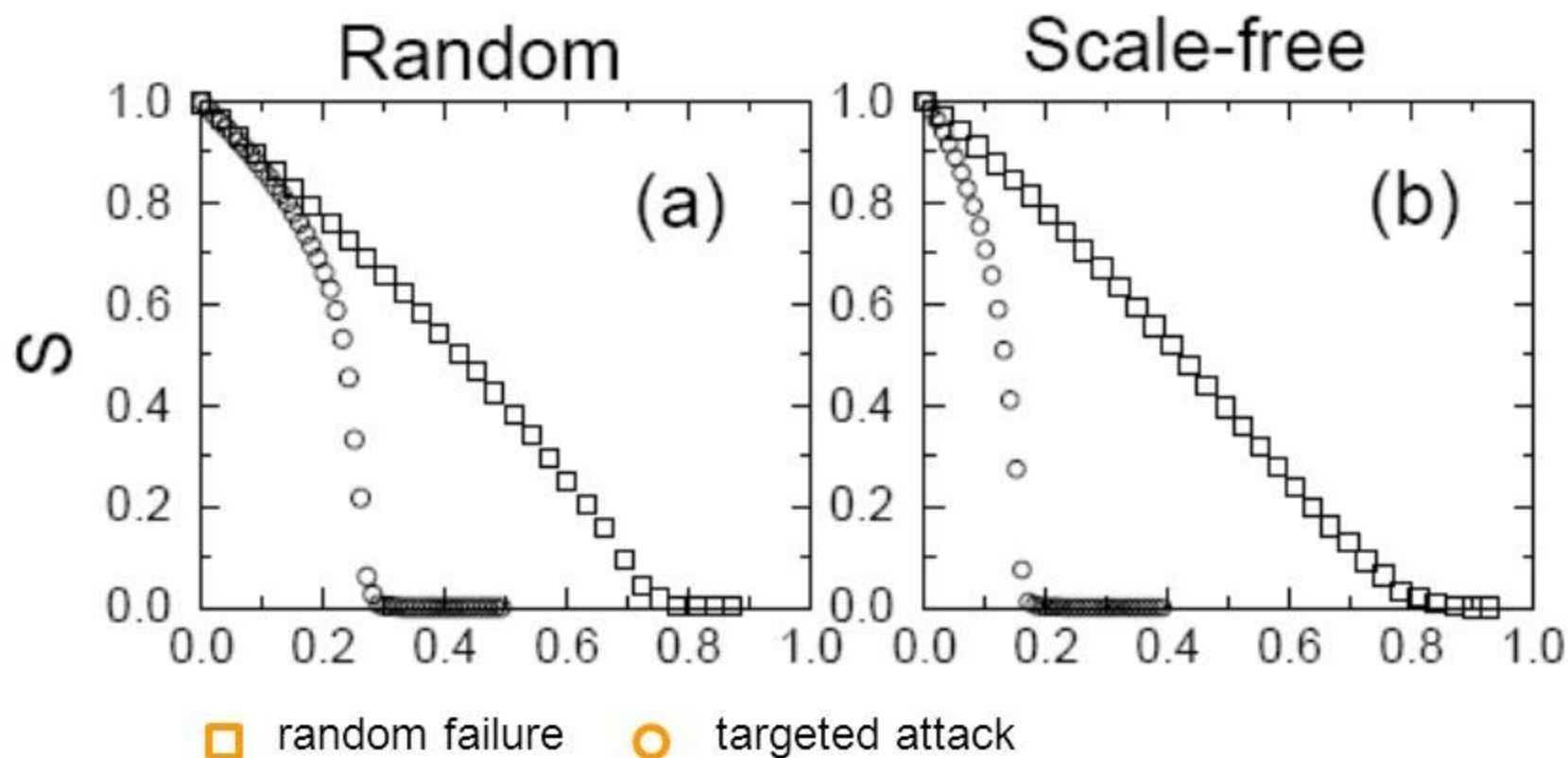
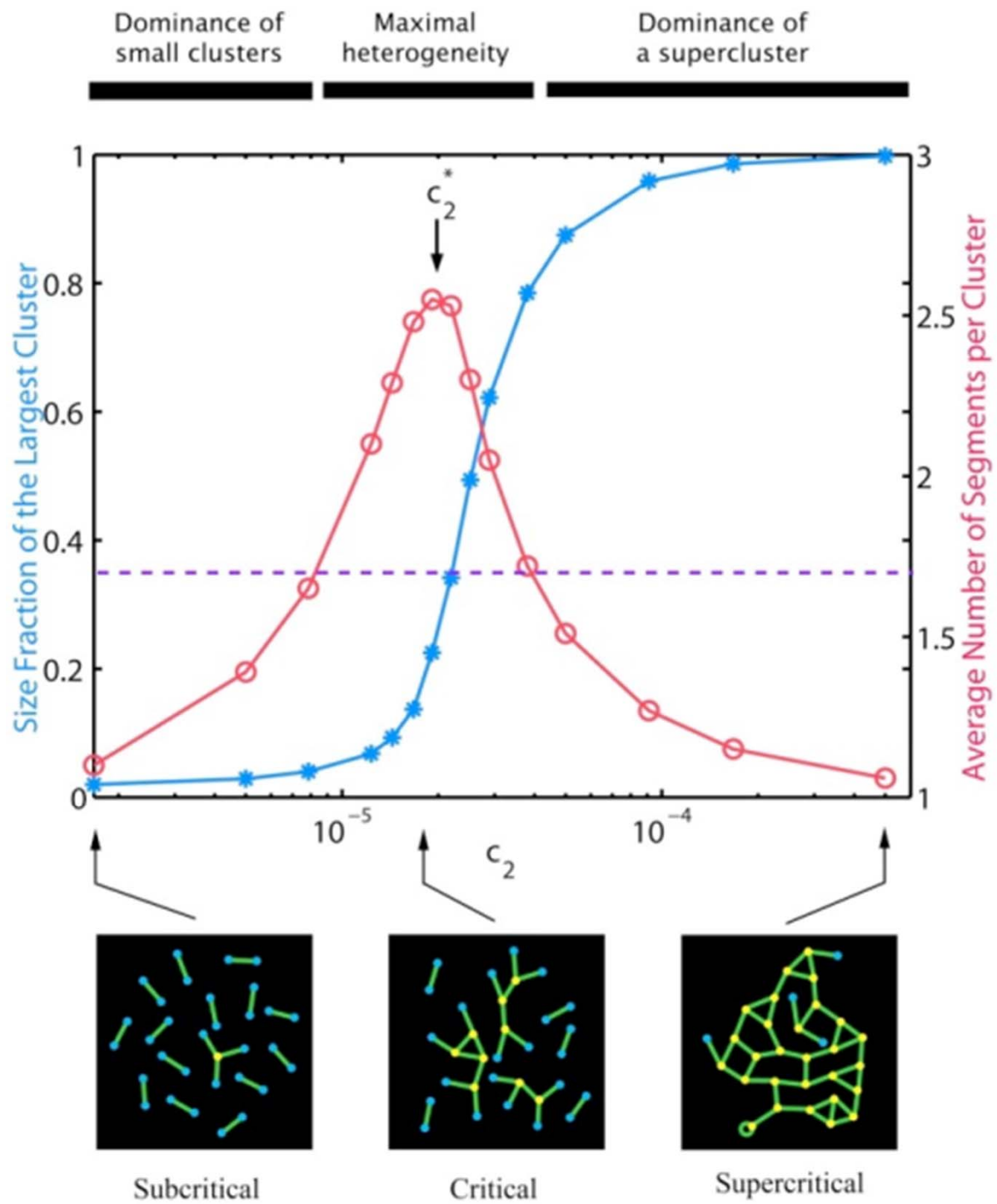


Figure 21.4: An equivalent way to view an SIR epidemic is in terms of *percolation*, where we decide in advance which edges will transmit infection (should the opportunity arise) and which will not.

Network resilience to targeted attacks

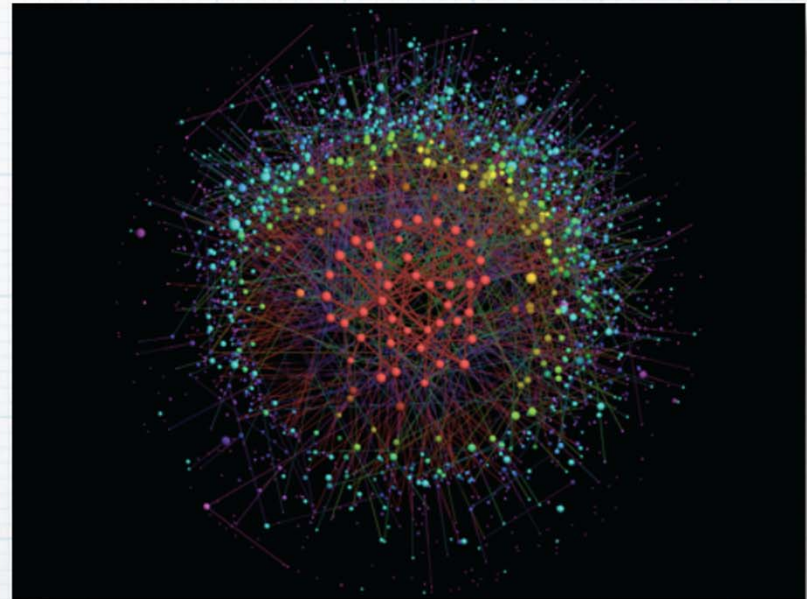
- Scale-free graphs are resilient to random attacks, but sensitive to targeted attacks.
- For random networks there is smaller difference between the two



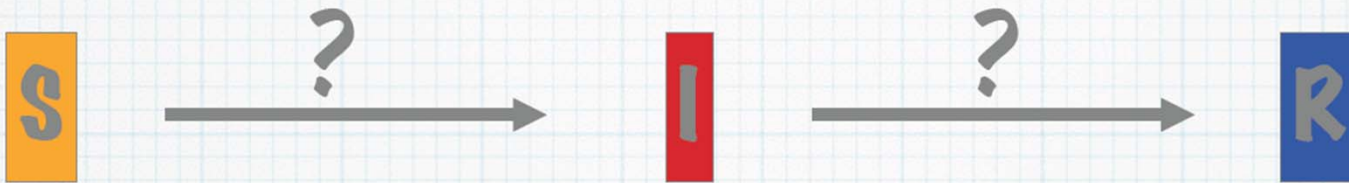


Diffusion and epidemic processes in real-world networks

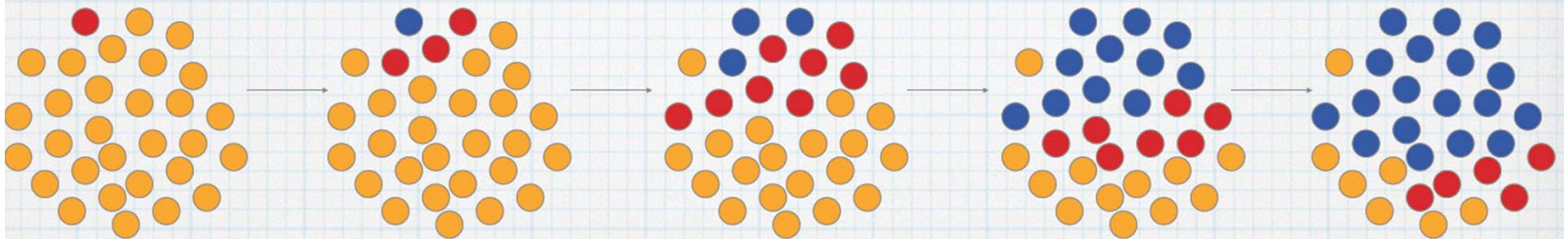
- * Epidemic processes
- * Opinion spreading
- * Stochastic data dissemination
- * Packets routing
- * Pattern formation
- * Transport in random media
- * ...



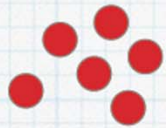
SIR model



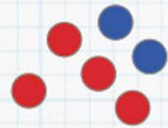
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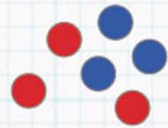
SIR model: $I \rightarrow R$



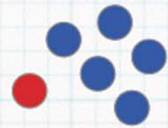
initial
condition



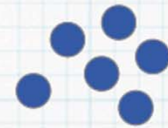
day 1



day 2



day 3



day 4

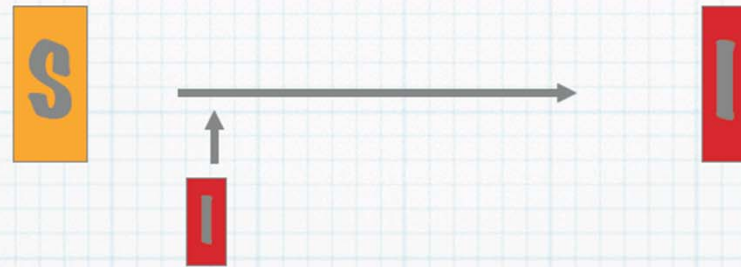
$$\mu = \frac{1}{\tau}$$

rate of recovery = inverse of
average infectious period

$$\Delta I = \mu I \Delta t$$

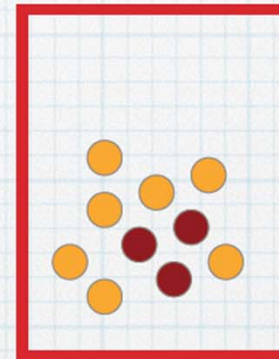
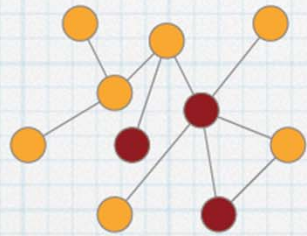
average number of infected
recovering in the time interval Δt

compartments: 2-body interactions

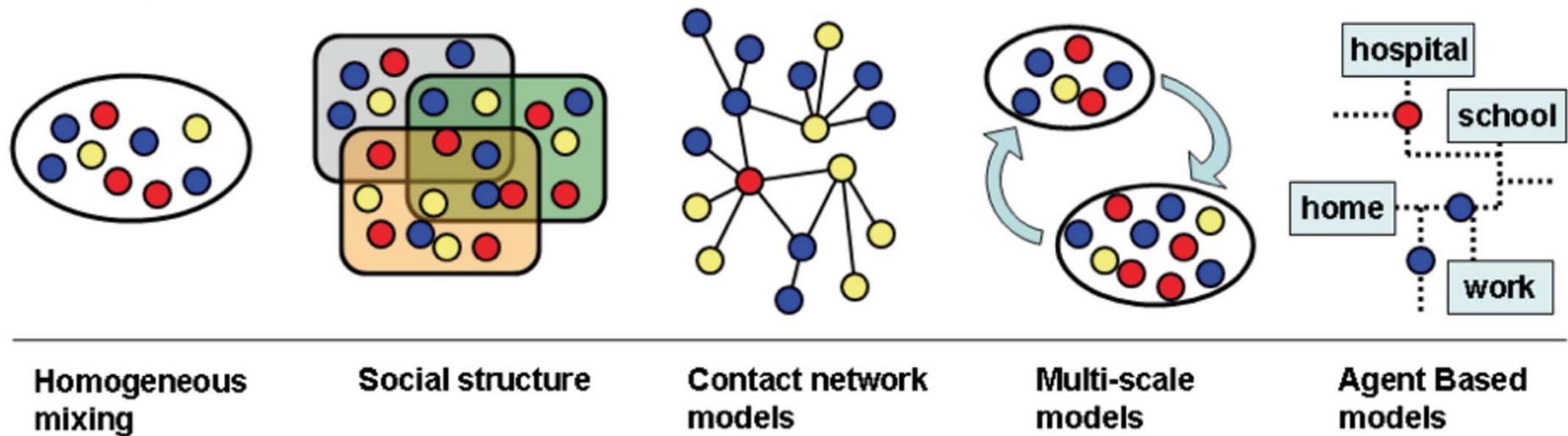


$$\Delta S = \beta \times S \frac{I}{N} \Delta t$$

RANDOM MIXING!



Wide spectrum of complications and complex features to include...



Simple



Realistic

Ability to explain (caveats) trends at a population level

Model realism at cost of transparency. Validation is harder

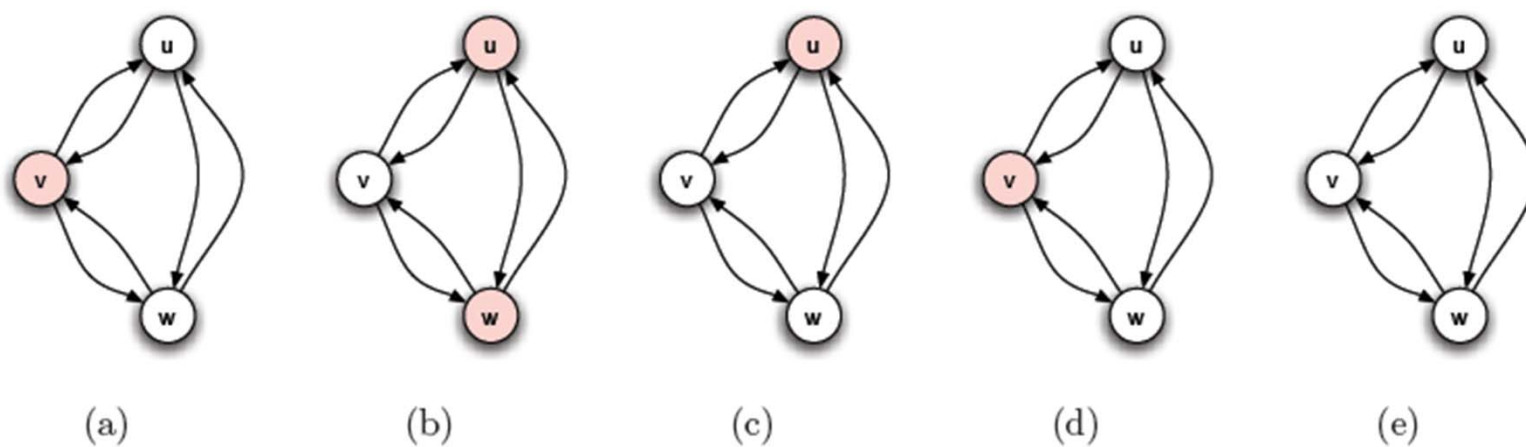
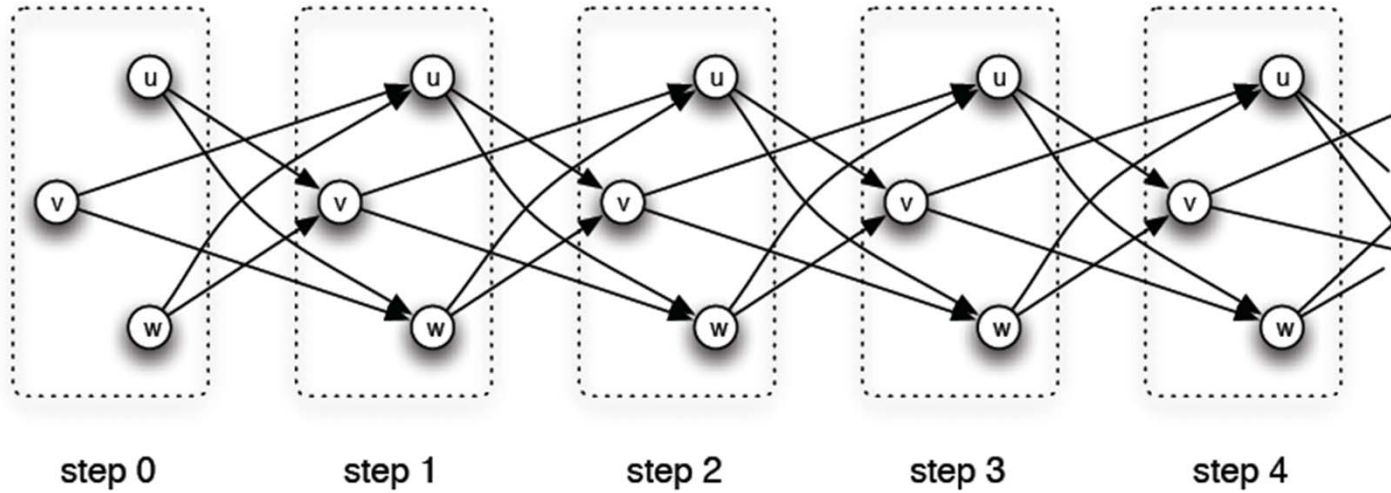
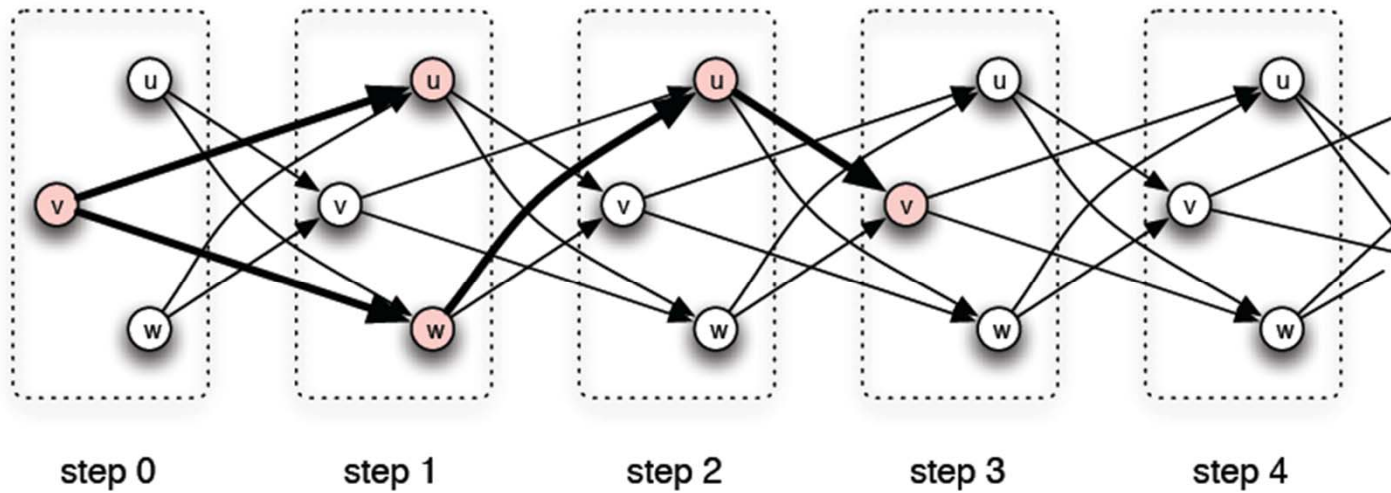


Figure 21.5: In an SIS epidemic, nodes can be infected, recover, and then be infected again. In each step, the nodes in the Infectious state are shaded.



(a) To represent the SIS epidemic using the SIR model, we use a “time-expanded” contact network



(b) The SIS epidemic can then be represented as an SIR epidemic on this time-expanded network.

Figure 21.6: An SIS epidemic can be represented in the SIR model by creating a separate copy of the contact network for each time step: a node at time t can infect its contact neighbors at time $t + 1$.