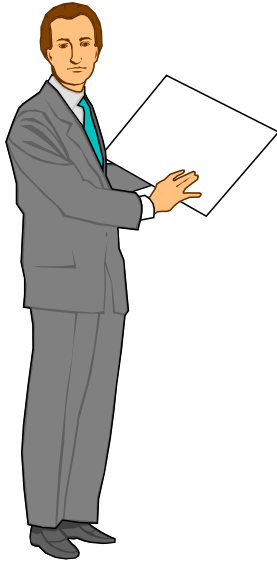


# Epidemics on Networks

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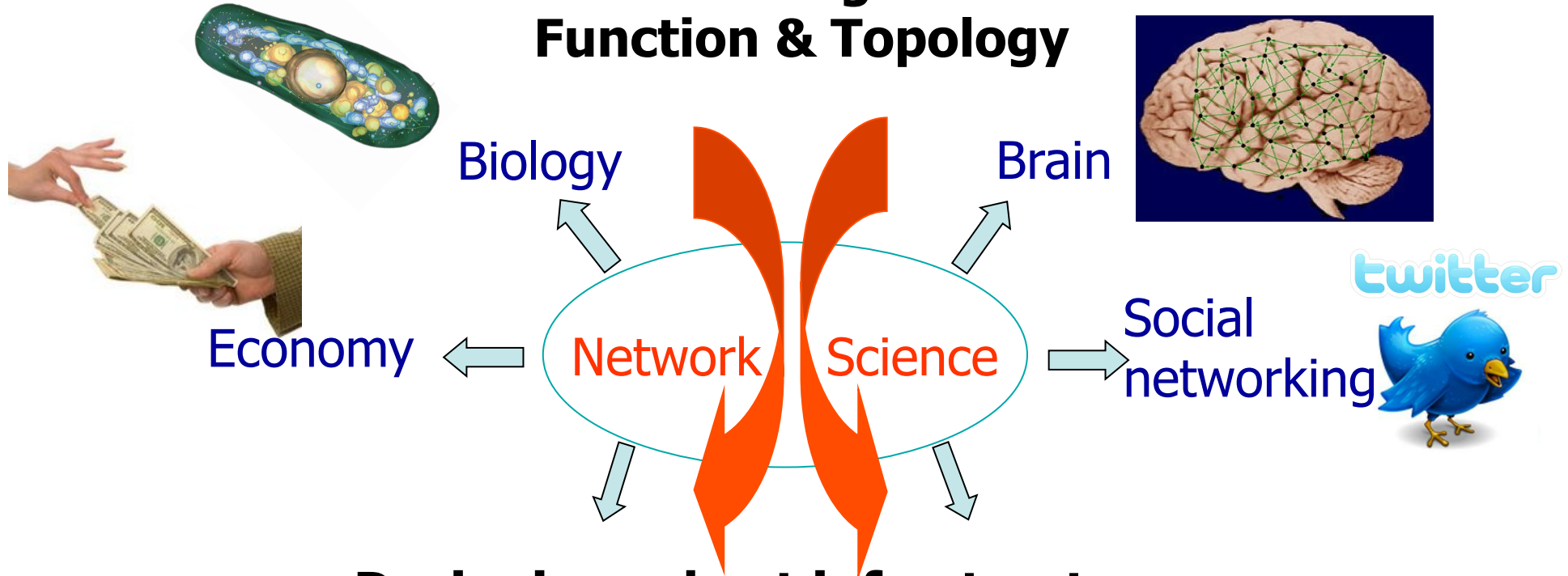
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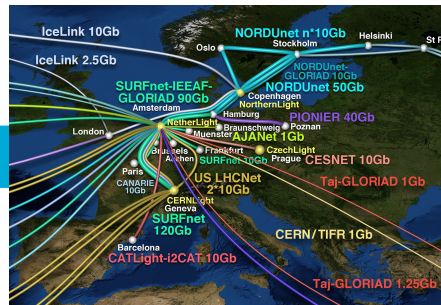
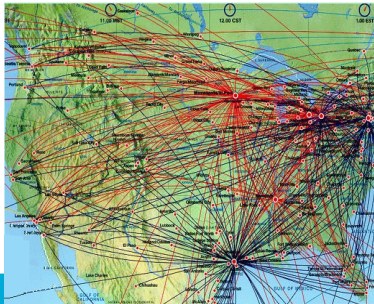
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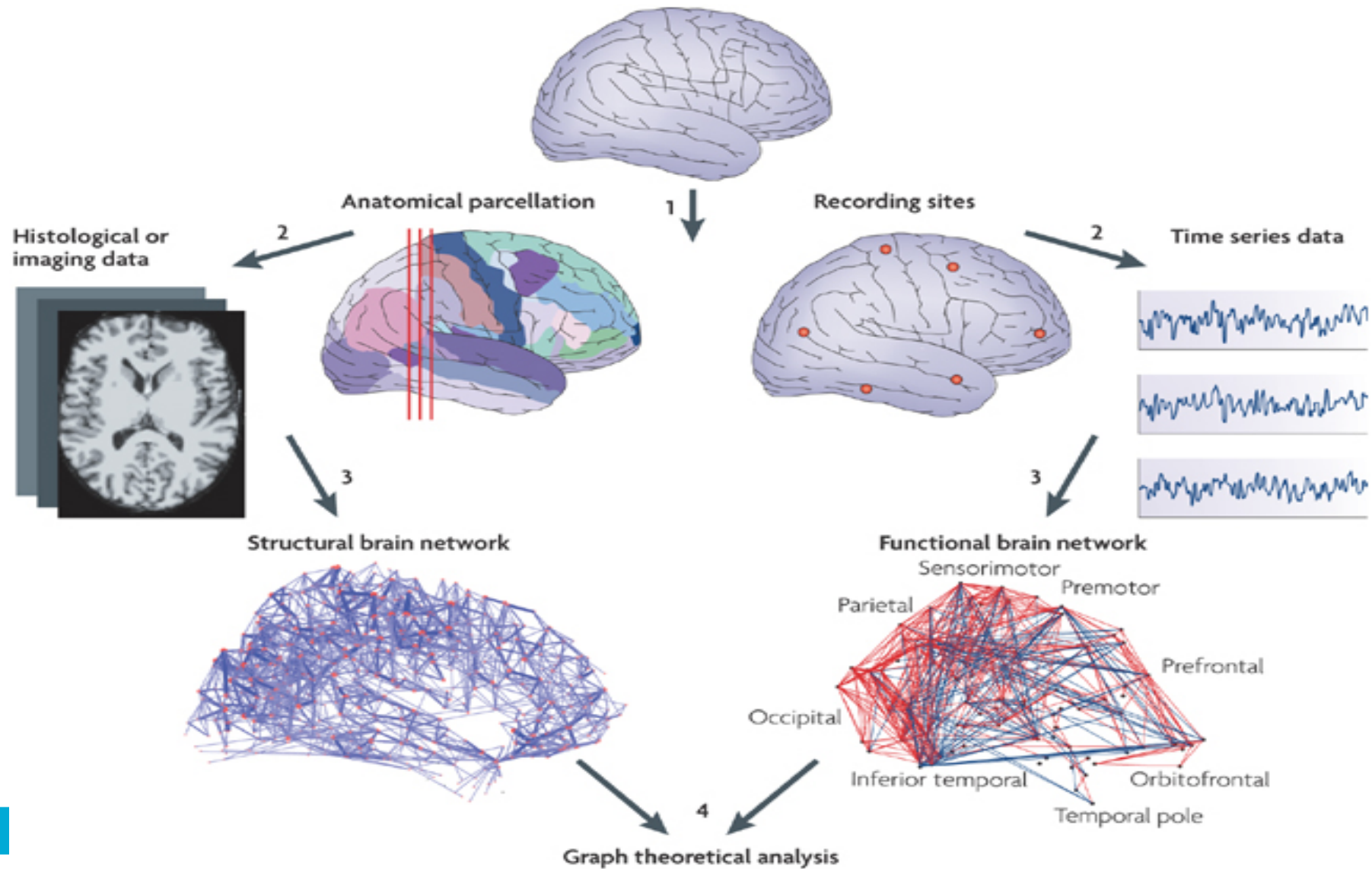
# Understanding Network Function & Topology



## Designing robust infrastructures Internet, electricity grid, ...



# Functional brain network

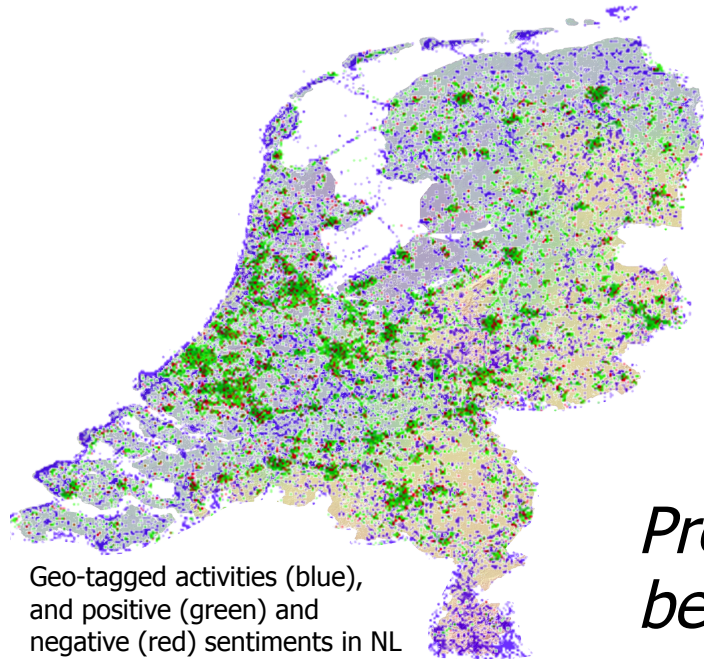


Collaboration with VU Medical Center, Amsterdam  
(<http://home.kpn.nl/stam7883/index.html>)

# Trends in Social Networks

Monitoring **entire** communities (>1.5 billion relations)

*Evolution of social networks: organic growth, saturation or dying out?*



*How does content spread?  
Keys to success?*

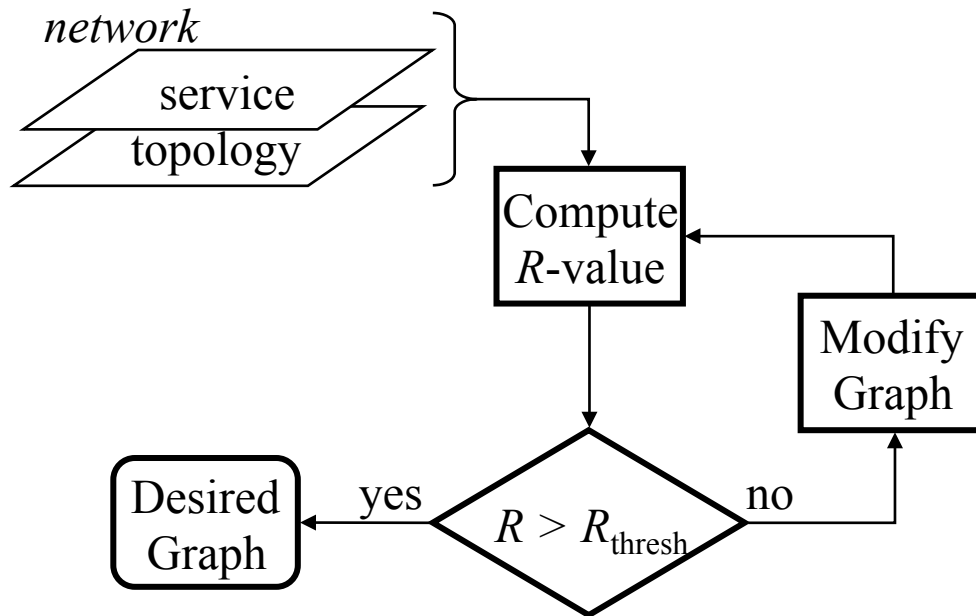
*Your friends' influence on  
your opinions and decisions*

*Predicting patterns of human  
behavior*



*How much does the Net know about you?*

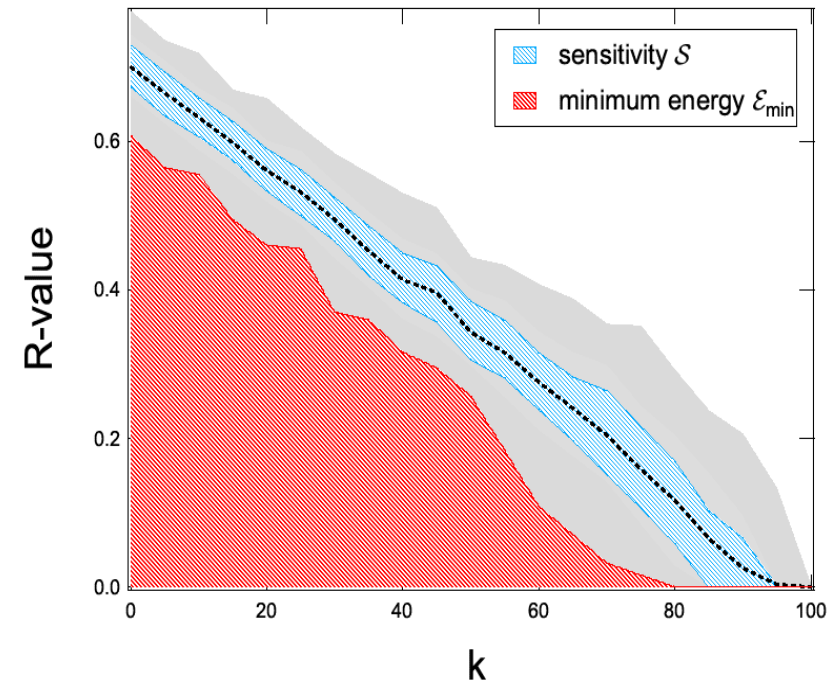
# Robustness of Networks



**R-value: network robustness metric**

**R = 0: no robustness**

**R = 1: ideal**



Higher **sensitivity** results in better stability.

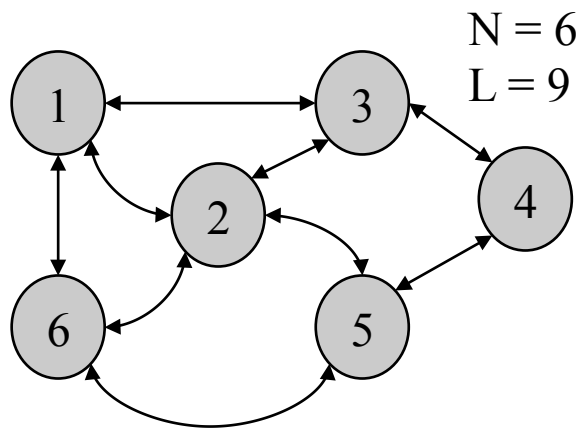
Higher **energy** results in better average R-value.

S. Trajanovski, J. Martin-Hernandez, W. Winterbach and P. Van Mieghem, 2013, "Robustness Envelopes of networks", Journal of Complex Networks, vol 1., p. 44-62

P. Van Mieghem, C. Doerr, H. Wang, J. Martin Hernandez, D. Hutchison, M. Karaliopoulos and R. E. Kooij, 2010, "A Framework for Computing Topological Network Robustness", Delft University of Technology, report 2010.1218

# Graph theory

Any graph  $G$  can be represented by an adjacency matrix  $A$  (and other graph related matrices such as the incidence matrix  $B$  and the Laplacian  $Q$ )



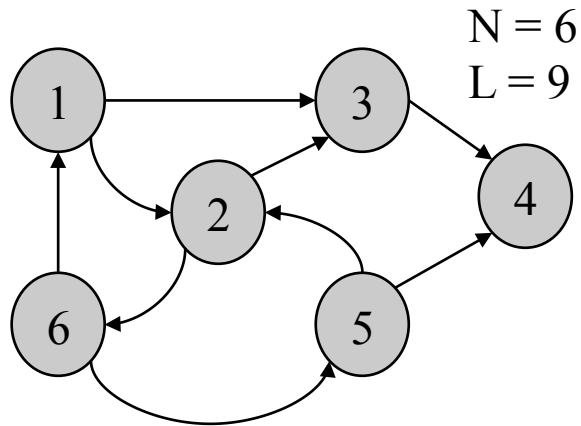
$$A_{N \times N} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A^T$$

Graph metrics: degree, clustering, path length, modularity, ...

# Topology domain

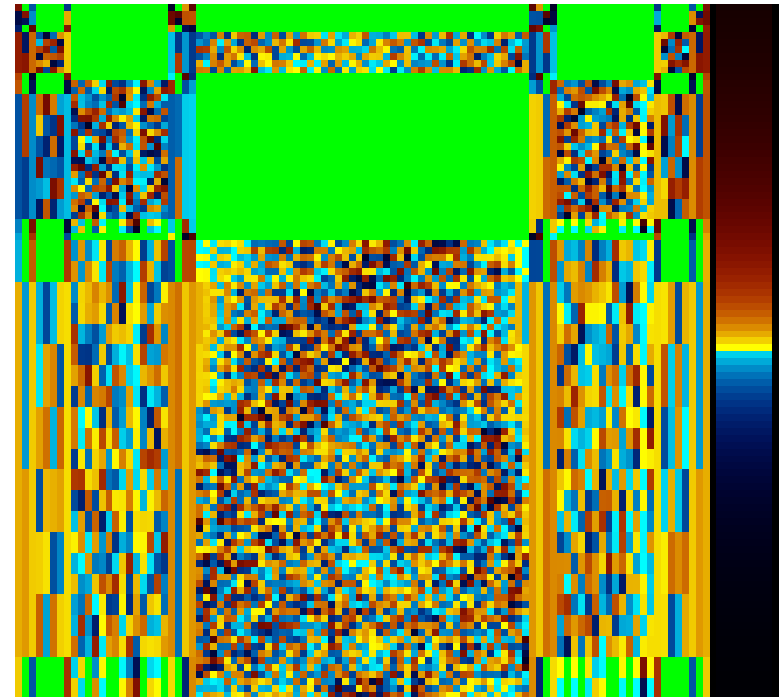
# Spectral domain

$$A = X \Lambda X^T$$



Most network problems:

- shortest path
- graph metrics
- network algorithms



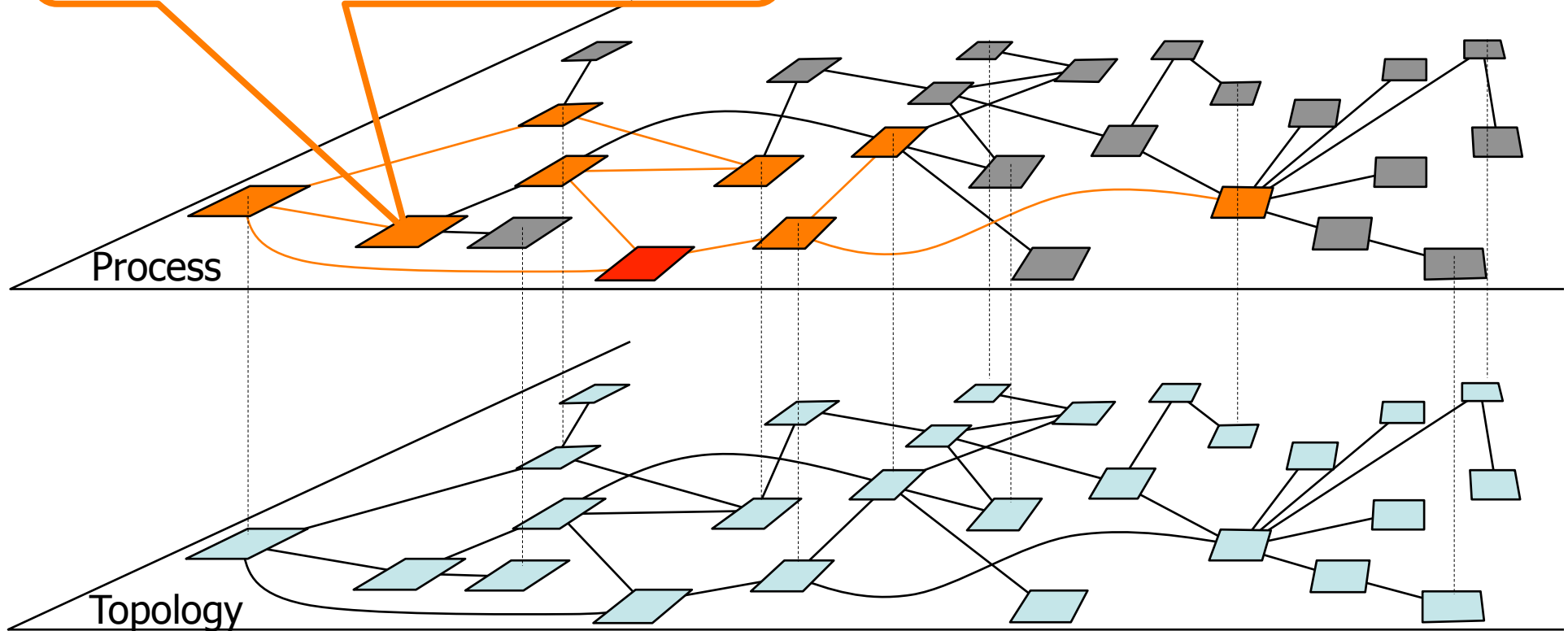
$X_{3\text{-ary tree}}$  : green = 0

What is the physical interpretation of eigenvalues and of eigenvectors of A?

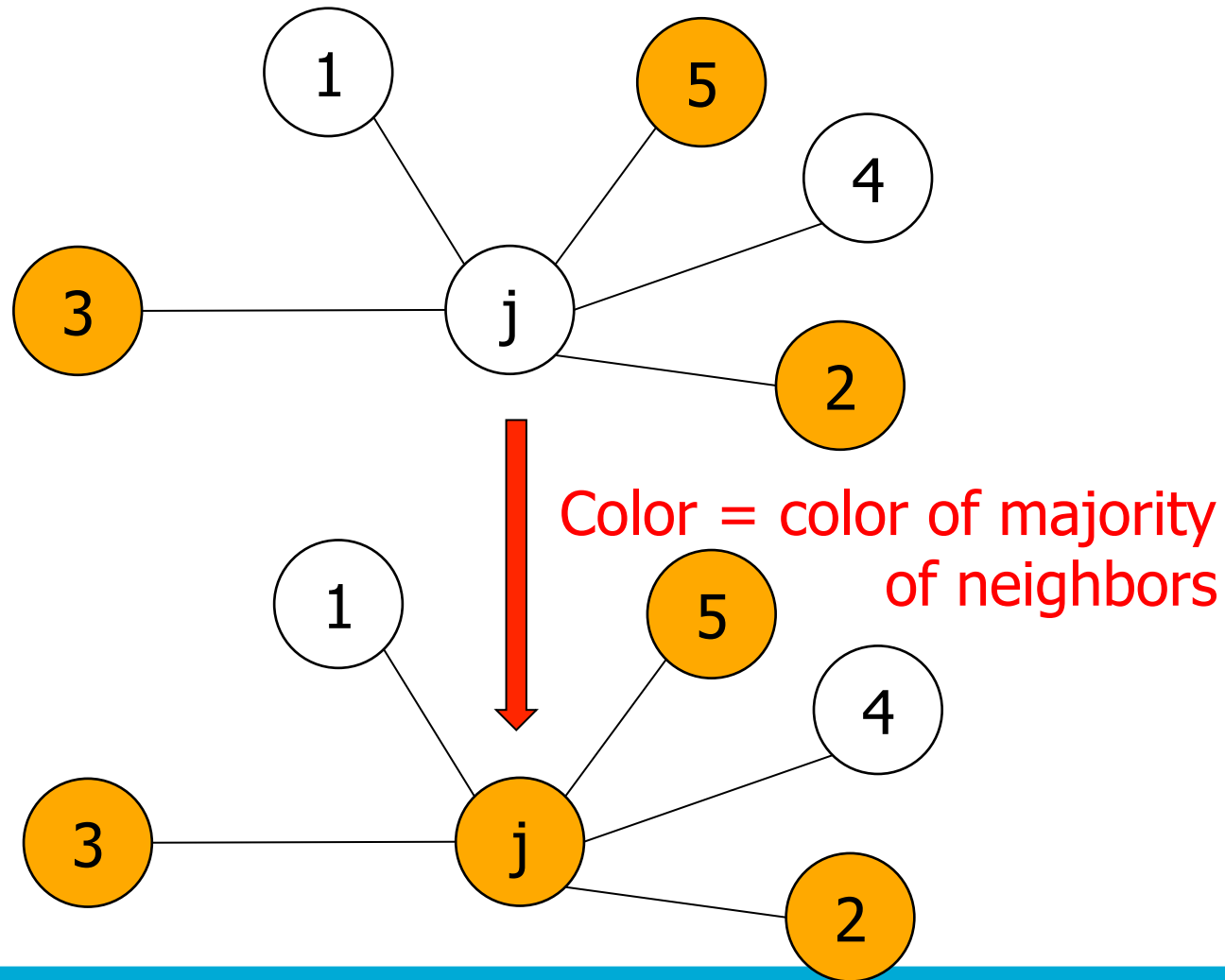


# Local Rule – Global emergent property

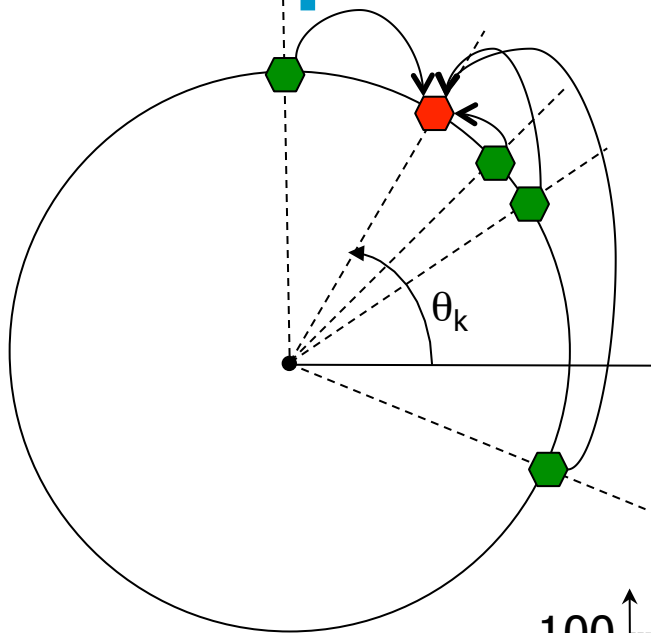
If orange, then infect a neighbor;  
after some time, become grey.



# Opinion model(s)



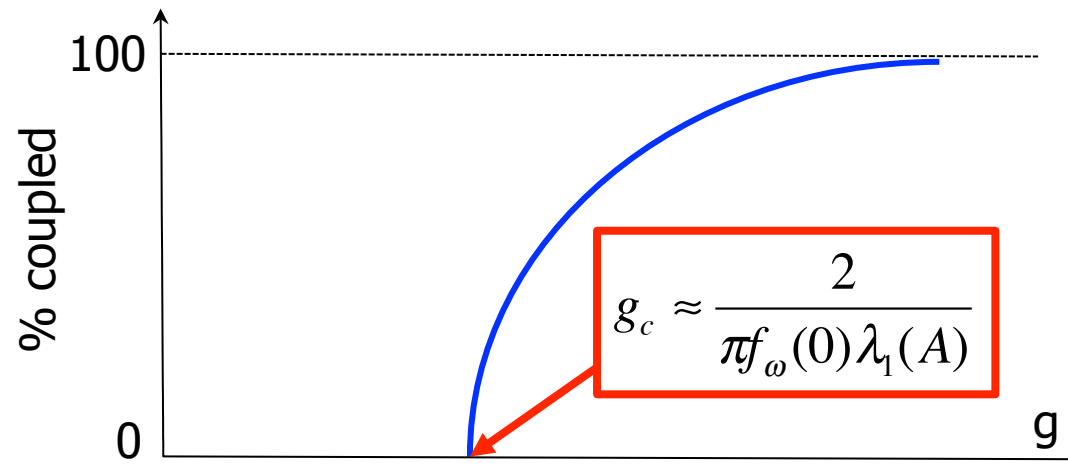
# Coupled oscillators (Kuramoto model)



Interaction equals sums of sinus of phase difference of each neighbor:

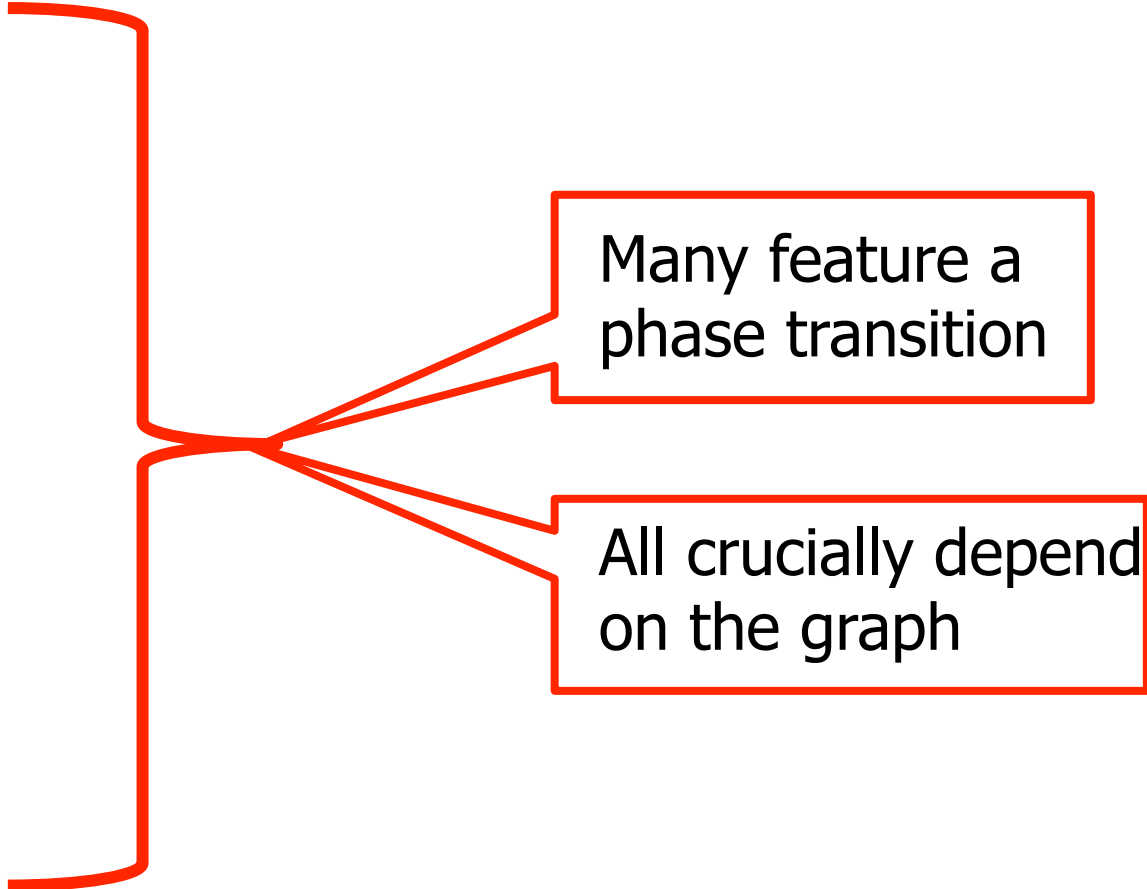
$$\dot{\theta}_k = \omega_k + g \sum_{j=1}^N a_{kj} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_k)$$

↑                    ↑  
natural frequency    coupling strength



# *Local rule – Global emergent property* models on networks

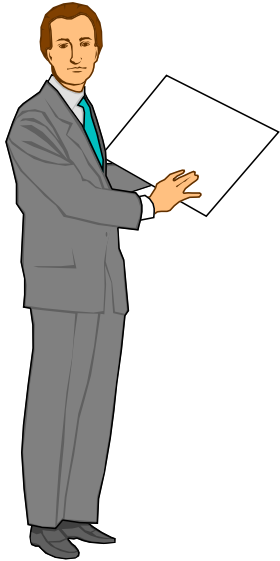
- Opinion models
- Synchronization
- Automata
- Ising-Spin model
- Sandpile models
- ...
  
- **Epidemics on networks**



Many feature a phase transition

All crucially depend on the graph

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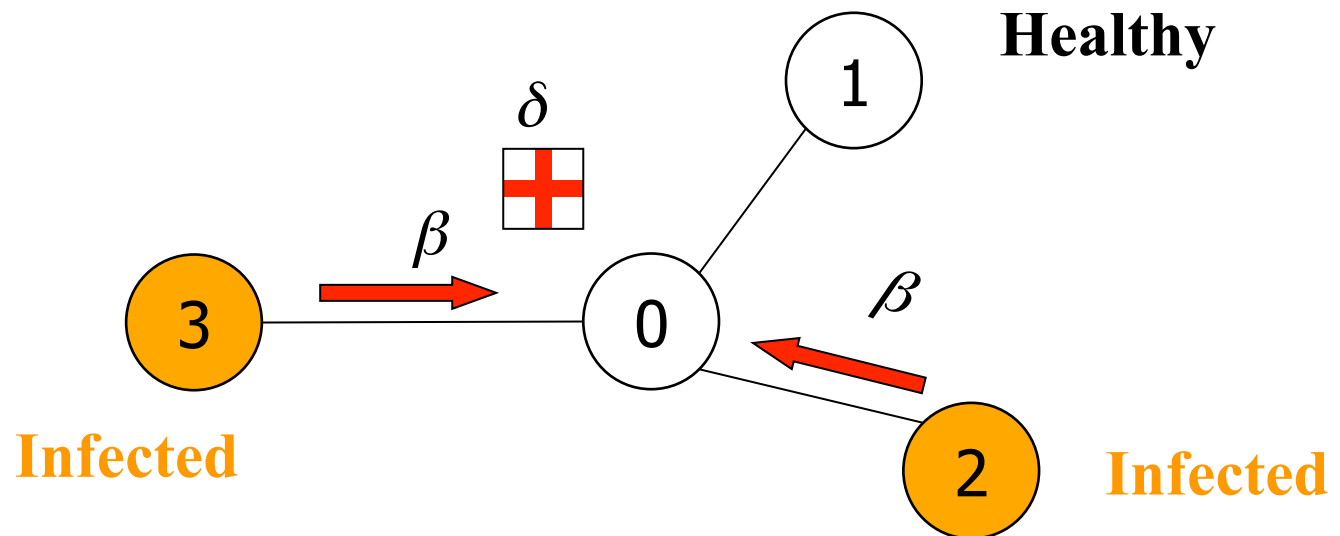
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# Simple SIS model on networks

- Homogeneous birth (infection) rate  $\beta$  on all links between infected and susceptible nodes
- Homogeneous death (curing) rate  $\delta$  for infected nodes

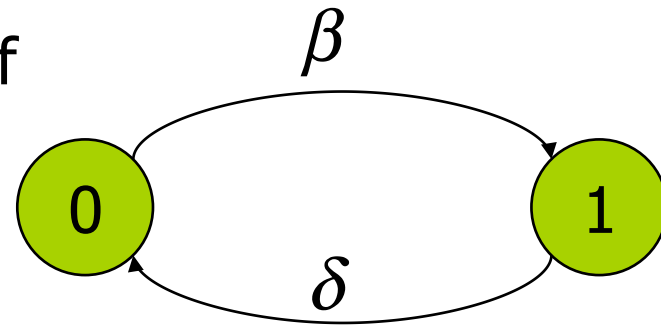
$\tau = \beta / \delta$  : effective spreading rate



**Infection and curing are independent Poisson processes**

# SIS model on networks (1)

- Each node  $j$  can be in either of the two states:
  - “0”: healthy
  - “1”: infected
- **Markov continuous time:**
  - infection rate  $\beta$
  - curing rate  $\delta$
- At time  $t$ :

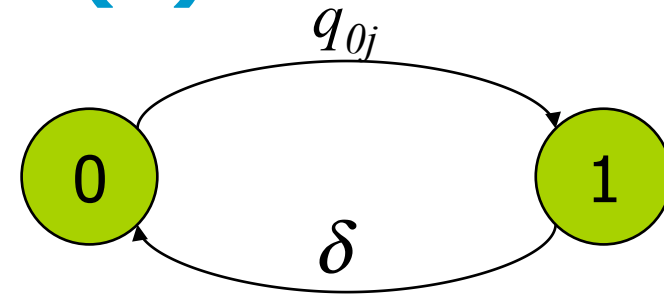


- $X_j(t)$  is the state of node  $j$
- infinitesimal generator  $Q_j(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -q_{0j} & q_{0j} \\ q_{1j} & -q_{1j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -q_{0j} & q_{0j} \\ \delta & -\delta \end{bmatrix}$

# SIS model on networks (2)

- Nodes are interconnected in graph:

$$Q_j(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -q_{0j} & q_{0j} \\ \delta & -\delta \end{bmatrix}$$



where the infection rate is due all infected neighbors of node  $j$ :

$$q_{0j}(t) = \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} X_k(t)$$

and where the adjacency matrix of the graph is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1N} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \dots & a_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$



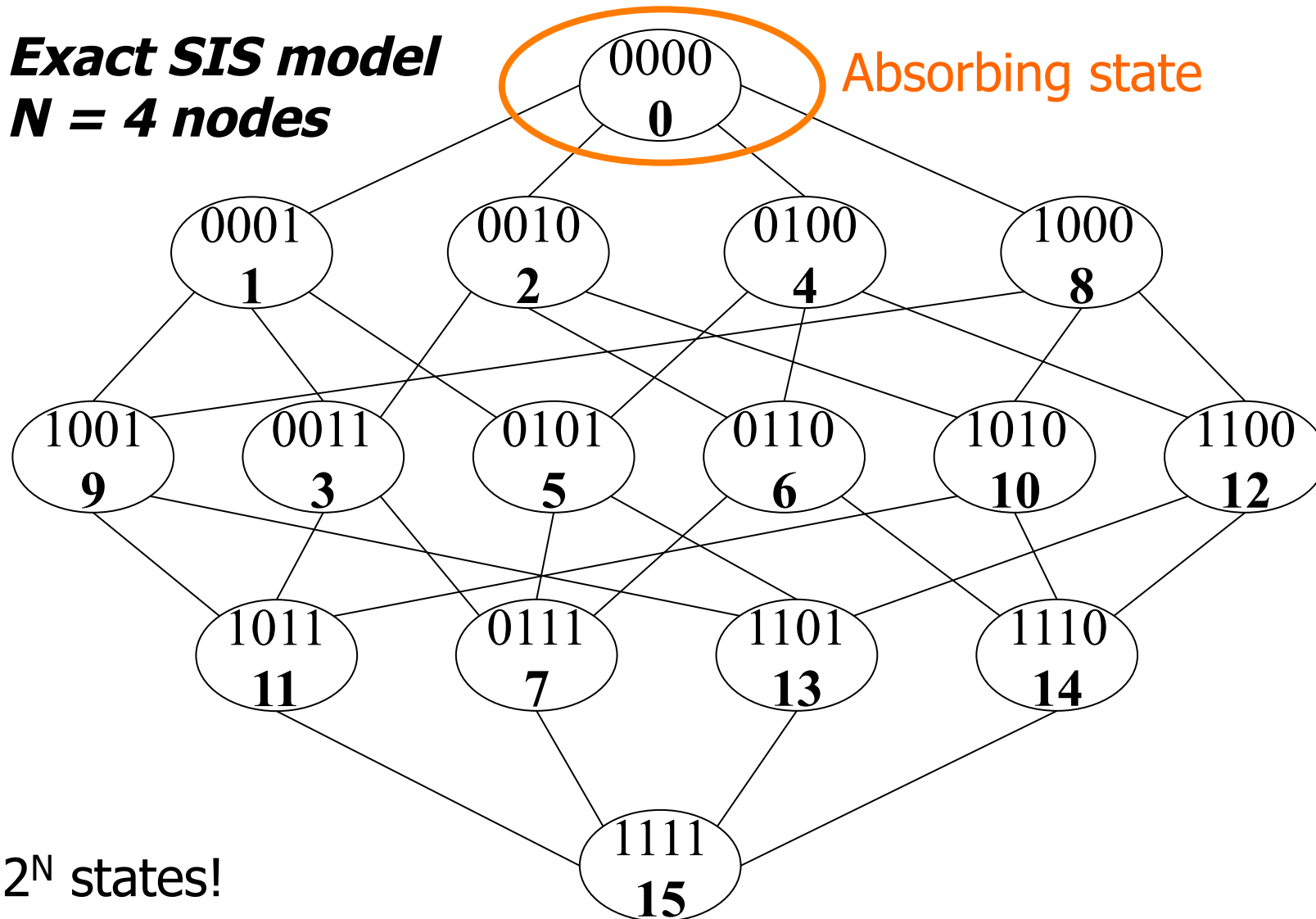
## SIS model on networks (3)

- Markov theory requires that the infinitesimal generator is a matrix whose elements are **not** random variables
- However, this is not the case in our simple model:

$$q_{0j}(t) = \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} X_k(t)$$

- By conditioning to each possible combination of infected states, we finally arrive to the exact Markov continuous SIS model
- *Drawback*: this exact model has  $2^N$  states, where  $N$  is the number of nodes in the network.

**Exact SIS model**  
 **$N = 4$  nodes**



$2^N$  states!

## Governing SIS equation for node $j$

$$\frac{dE[X_j]}{dt} = E \left[ -\delta X_j + (1 - X_j) \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} X_k \right]$$



time-change of  
 $E[X_j] = \text{Pr}[X_j = 1]$ ,  
 probability that  
 node  $j$  is infected



if *infected*:  
 probability of  
 curing per  
 unit time



if *not infected (healthy)*:  
 probability of  
 infection per  
 unit time

$$\frac{dE[X_j]}{dt} = -\delta E[X_j] + \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} E[X_k] - \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} E[X_j X_k]$$

# Joint probabilities

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dE[X_i X_j]}{dt} &= E\left[\left\{-\delta X_i + \beta(1 - X_i) \sum_{k=1}^N a_{ik} X_k\right\} X_j + X_i \left\{-\delta X_j + \beta(1 - X_j) \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} X_k\right\}\right] \\ &= -2\delta E[X_i X_j] + \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{ik} E[X_j X_k] + \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} E[X_i X_k] - \beta \sum_{k=1}^N (a_{jk} + a_{ik}) E[X_i X_j X_k]\end{aligned}$$

Next, we need the  $\binom{N}{3}$  differential equations for  $E[X_i X_j X_k] \dots$

In total, the SIS process is defined by  $2^N = \sum_{k=1}^N \binom{N}{k} + 1$  linear equations

# Markov Theory

- SIS model is exactly described as a continuous-time Markov process on  $2^N$  states, with infinitesimal generator  $Q_N$ .
- **Drawbacks:**
  - no easy structure in  $Q_N$
  - computationally intractable for  $N > 20$
  - steady-state is the absorbing state (reached after unrealistically long time)
  - very few exact results...

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# NIMFA: N-intertwined mean-field approxim.

$$\frac{dE[X_j]}{dt} = -\delta E[X_j] + \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} E[X_k] - \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} E[X_j X_k]$$



$$\text{Cov}[X_j X_k] = E[X_j X_k] - E[X_j]E[X_k] \geq 0$$

E. Cator and P. Van Mieghem, 2014, "Nodal infection in Markovian SIS and SIR epidemics on networks are non-negatively correlated," Physical Review E, Vol. 89, No. 5, p. 052802.

$$\frac{dE[X_j]}{dt} = \underbrace{-\delta E[X_j] + \beta \left(1 - E[X_j]\right) \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} E[X_k]}_{\text{NIMFA: upper bounds SIS}} - \underbrace{\beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} \text{Cov}[X_j X_k]}_{R_j > 0}$$

NIMFA: upper bounds SIS

$R_j > 0$

# Lower bound for the epidemic threshold

$$\frac{dv_j(t)}{dt} = -\delta v_j + \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} v_k - \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} E[X_i X_k] \quad v_k(t) = E[X_k(t)]$$

Ignoring the correlation terms

$$\frac{dV(t)}{dt} \leq (-\delta I + \beta A) V(t) \quad \longrightarrow \quad V(t) \leq e^{(-\delta I + \beta A)t} V(0)$$

If all eigenvalues of  $\beta A - \delta I$  are negative,  $v_j$  tends exponentially fast to zero with  $t$ . Hence, if

$$\beta \lambda_1(A) - \delta < 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tau = \frac{\beta}{\delta} < \frac{1}{\lambda_1(A)} < \tau_c$$

The NIMFA epidemic threshold is precisely

$$\tau_c^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1(A)} < \tau_c$$

$$\tau_c^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1(A)} < \tau_c^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1(H)} < \tau_c$$



# What is so interesting about epidemics?

network protection

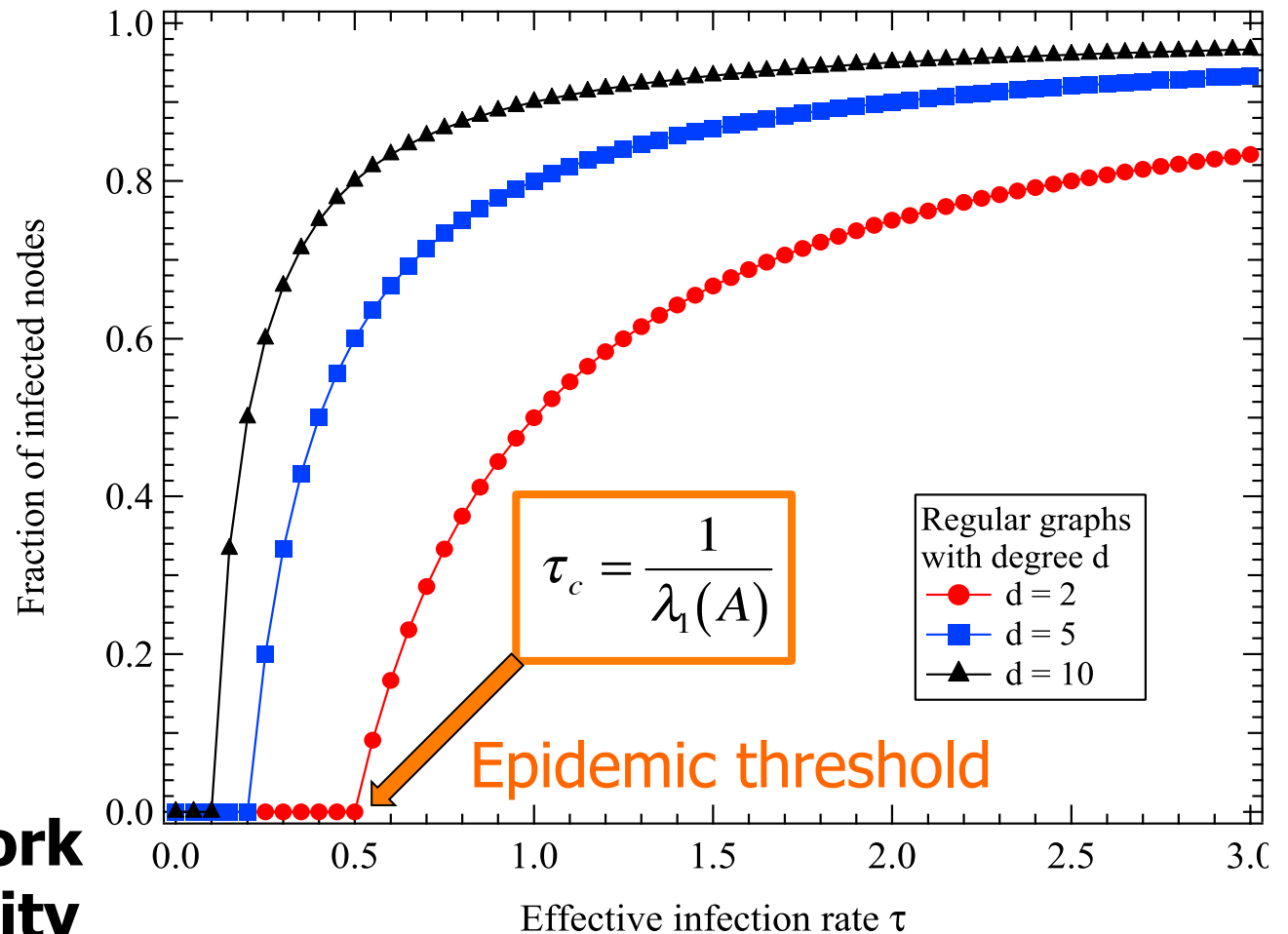
self-replicating  
objects (worms)

propagation errors

rumors (social nets)

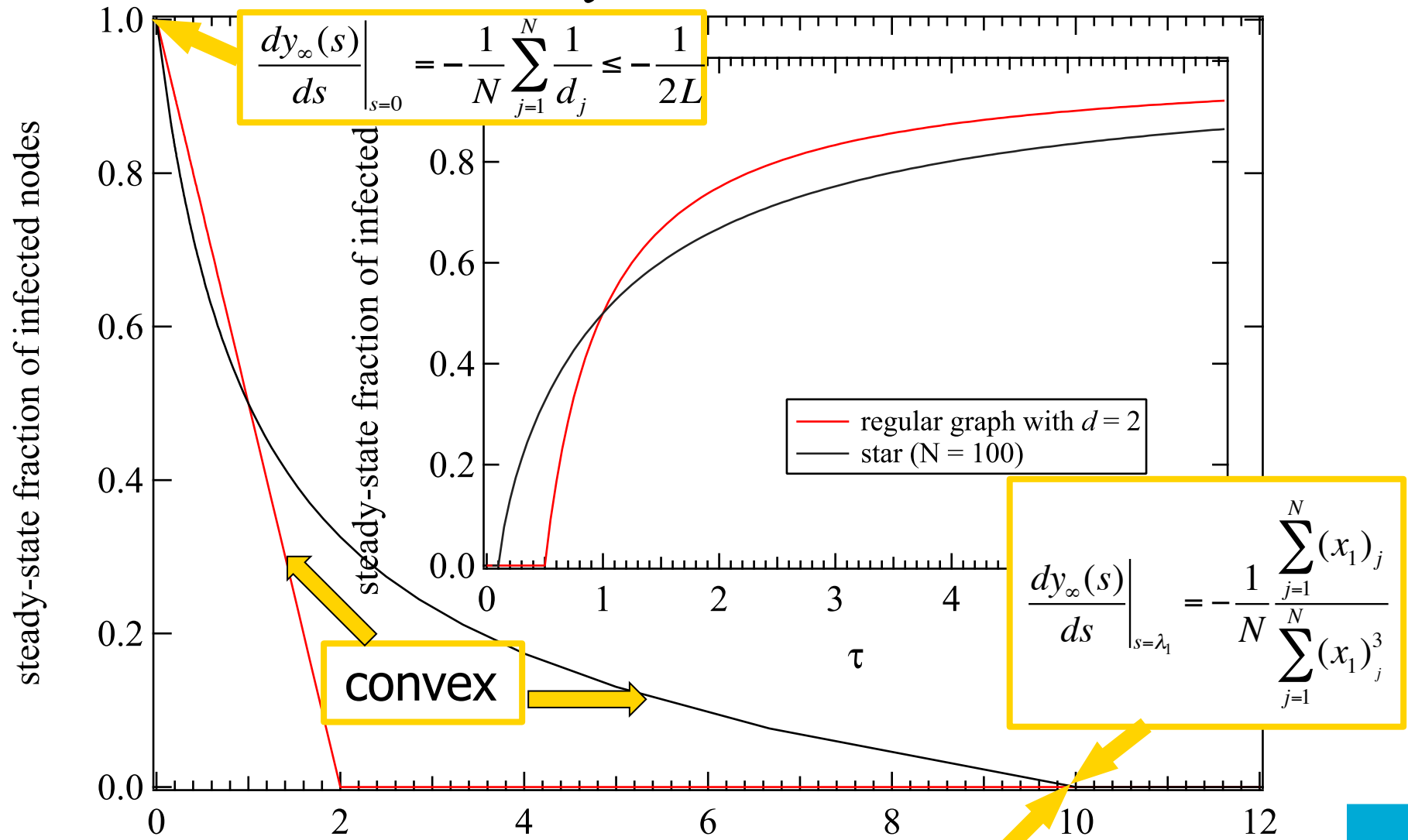
epidemic algorithms  
(gossiping)

**cybercrime : network  
robustnes & security**



$$\max \left( E[D] \sqrt{1 + \frac{\text{Var}[D]}{(E[D])^2}}, \sqrt{d_{\max}} \right) \leq \lambda_1(A) \leq d_{\max}$$

# Transformation $s = \frac{1}{\tau}$ & principal eigenvector



Van Mieghem, P., 2012, "Epidemic Phase Transition of the SIS-type in Networks", *Europhysics Letters (EPL)*, Vol. 97, Februari, p. 48004.

# Extensions of the NIMFA

- **In-homogeneous:** each node  $i$  has own  $\beta_i$  and  $\delta_i$ :  
P. Van Mieghem and J. Omic, 2008, "In-homogeneous Virus Spread in Networks", (arxiv.org/1306.2588)
- **SAIS** (Infected, Susceptible, Alert) and **SIR** instead of SIS:  
F. Darabi Sahneh and C. Scoglio, 2011, "Epidemic Spread in Human Networks", 50<sup>th</sup> IEEE Conf. Decision and Control, Orlando, Florida.  
"M. Youssef and C. Scoglio, 2011, An individual-based approach to SIR epidemics in contact networks" Journal of Theoretical Biology 283, pp. 136-144.
- Generalized Epidemic mean-field model (**GEMF**): general extension of NIMFA to  $m$  compartments (includes both SIS, SAIS, SIR,...):  
F. Darabi Sahneh, C. Scoglio, P. Van Mieghem, 2013, "Generalized Epidemic Mean-Field Model for Spreading Processes over Multi-Layer Complex Networks", IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, Vol. 21, No. 5, pp. 1609-1620.
- NIMFA on **Interdependent networks**  
Wang, H., Q. Li, G. D'Agostino, S. Havlin, H. E. Stanley and P. Van Mieghem, 2013, "Effect of the Interconnected Network Structure on the Epidemic Threshold", Physical Review E, Vol. 88, No. 2, August, p. 022801.

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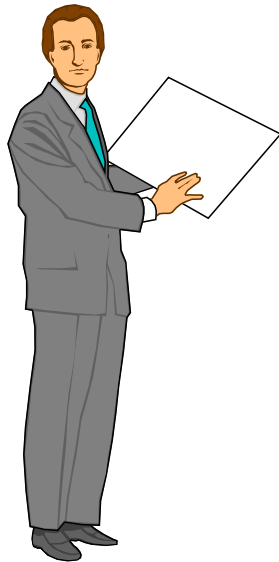
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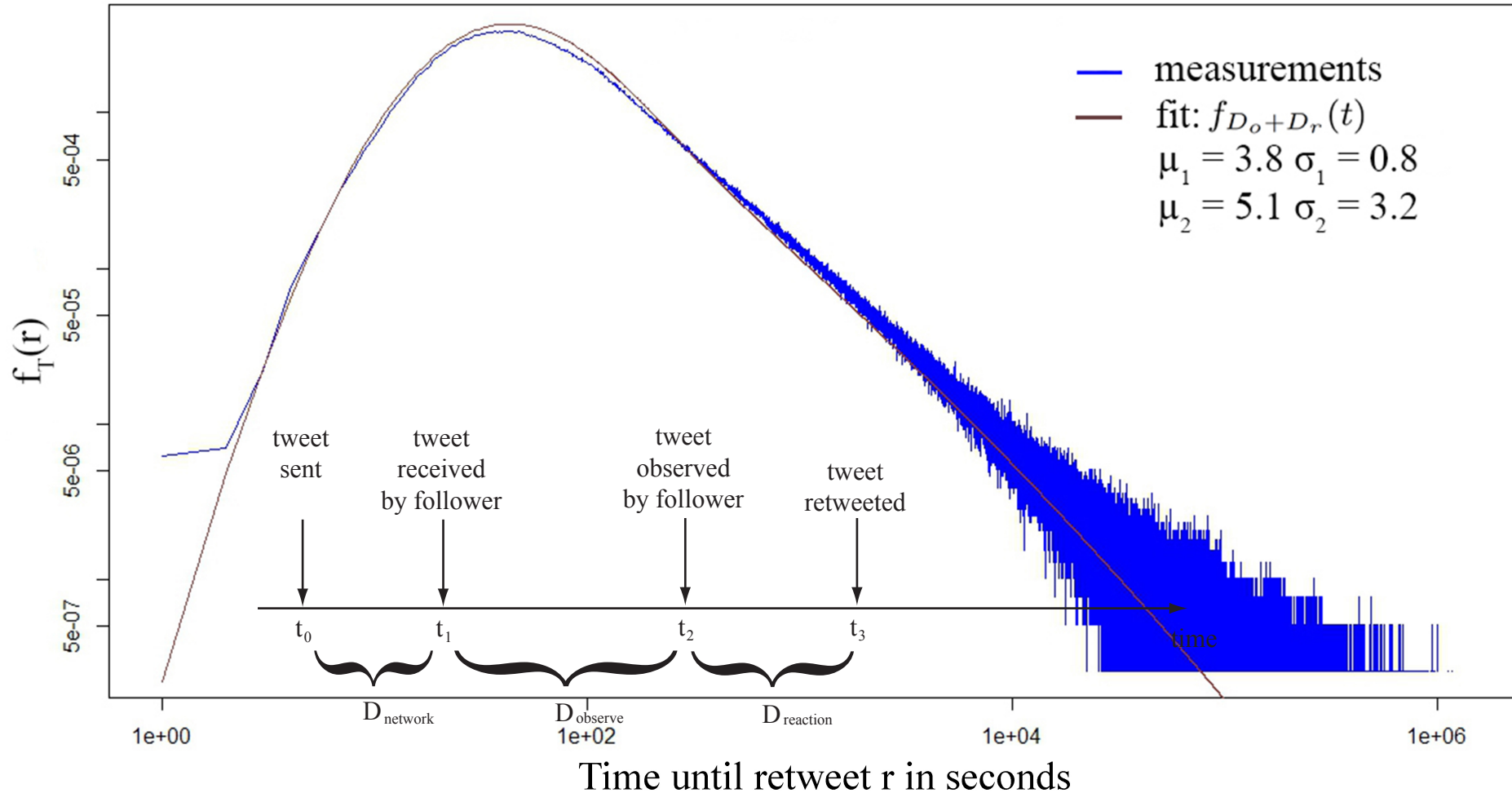
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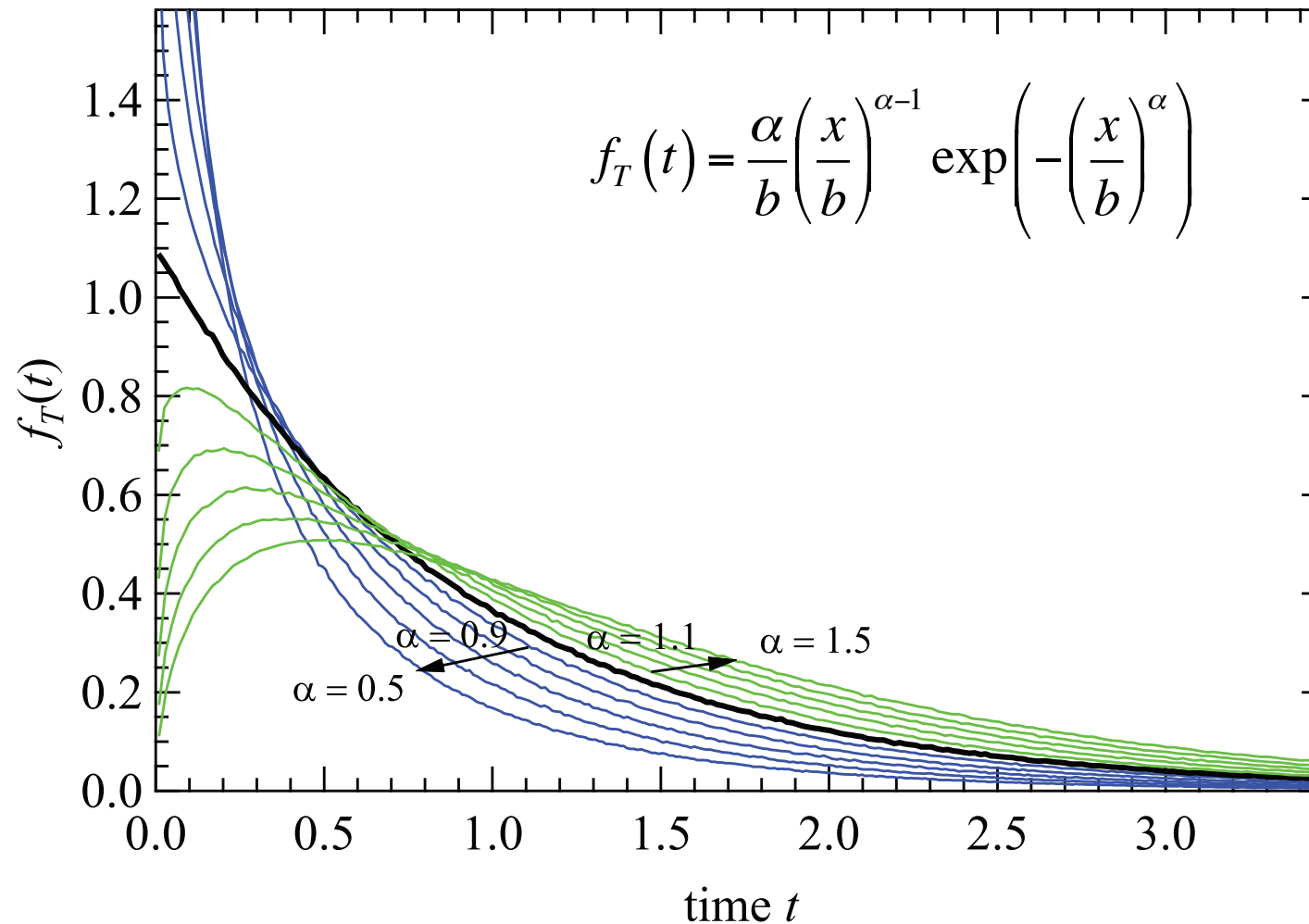
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- Time-dependent rates
- Survival time



# Epidemic times are not exponential



# Non-Markovian infection times

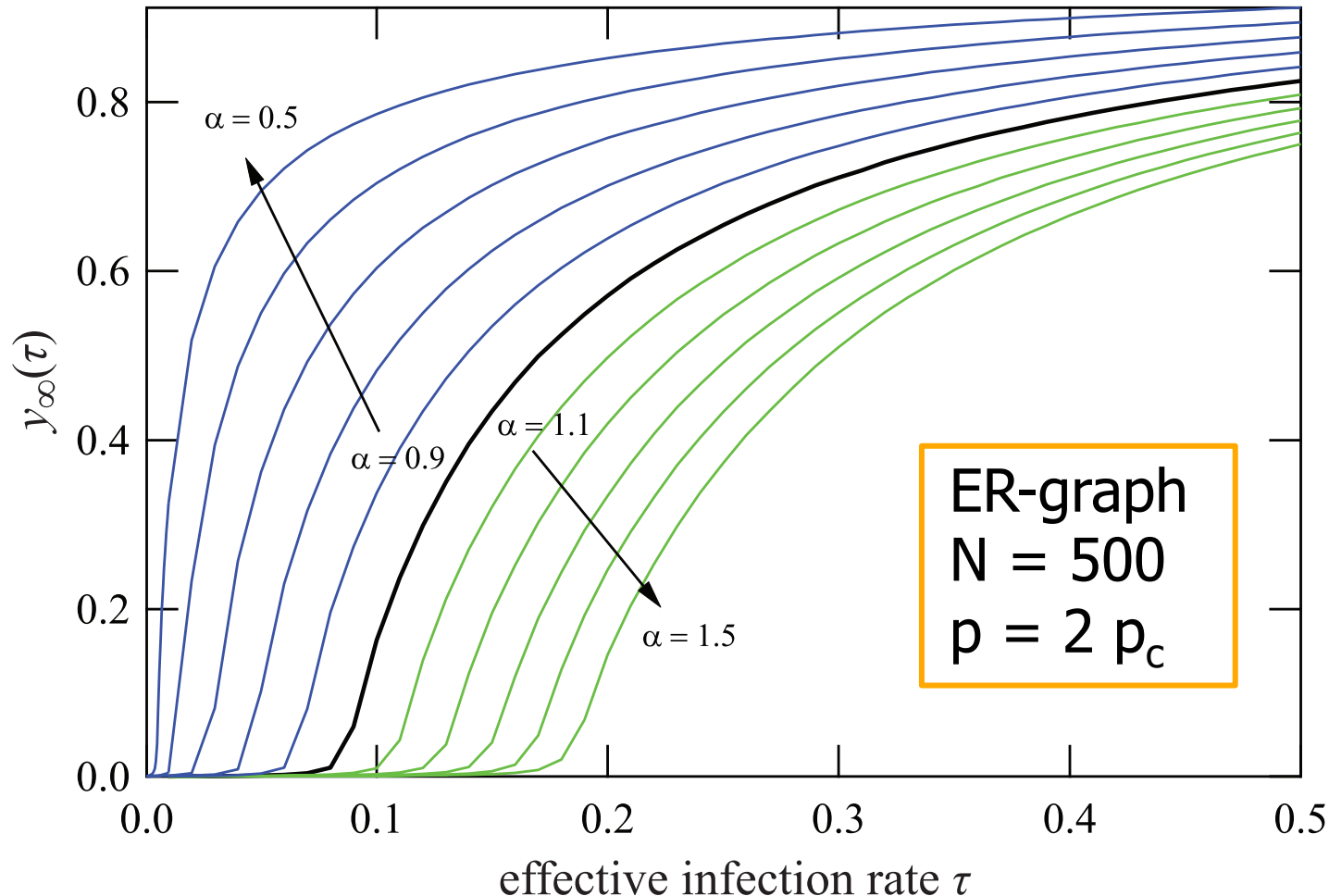


Same mean  
 $E[T]$ :

$$b = \frac{1}{\beta \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}$$

$T$  is the time to infect a neighboring node

# Non-Markovian epidemic threshold



**Non-exponential infection time has a dramatic influence!**

P. Van Mieghem and R. van de Bovenkamp, "Non-Markovian infection spread Dramatically alters the SIS epidemic threshold", *Physical Review Letters*, vol. 110, No. 10, March, p. 108701.

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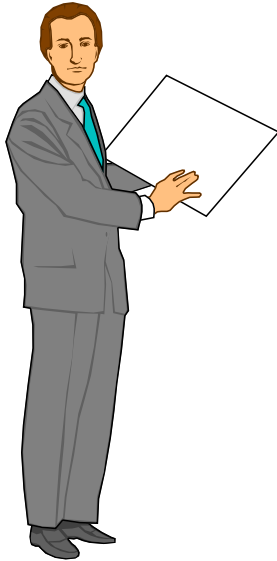
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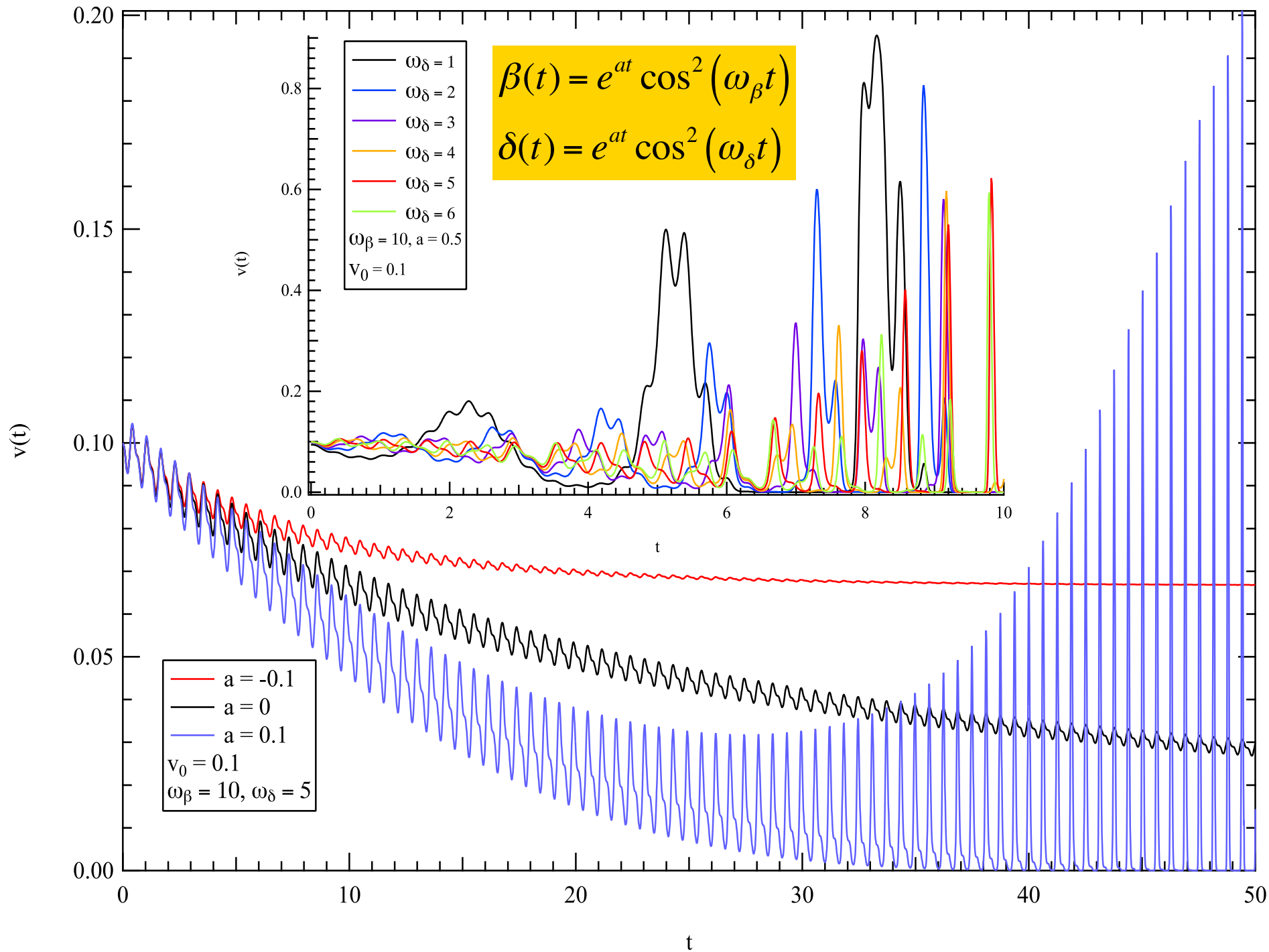
# Time-dependent rates in NIMFA for regular graphs

$$\frac{dv(t)}{dt} = r\beta(t)v(t)(1-v(t)) - \delta(t)v(t)$$

$$v(t) = \frac{\exp\left(\int_0^t \{r\beta(u) - \delta(u)\} du\right)}{\frac{1}{v(0)} + \int_0^t r\beta(s) \exp\left(\int_0^s \{r\beta(u) - \delta(u)\} du\right) ds}$$

Reduces to the classical case (constant rates): Kephart & White (1992)

$$v(t) = \left( \frac{1}{v(0)} \exp(\{\delta - r\beta\}t) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{r\tau}\right)^{-1} (1 - \exp(\{\delta - r\beta\}t)) \right)^{-1}$$



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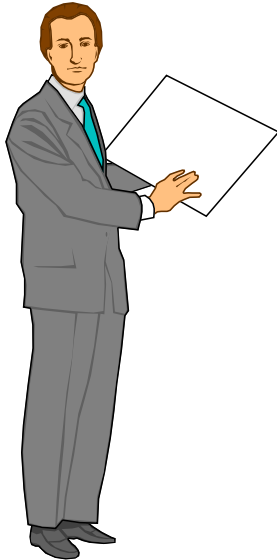
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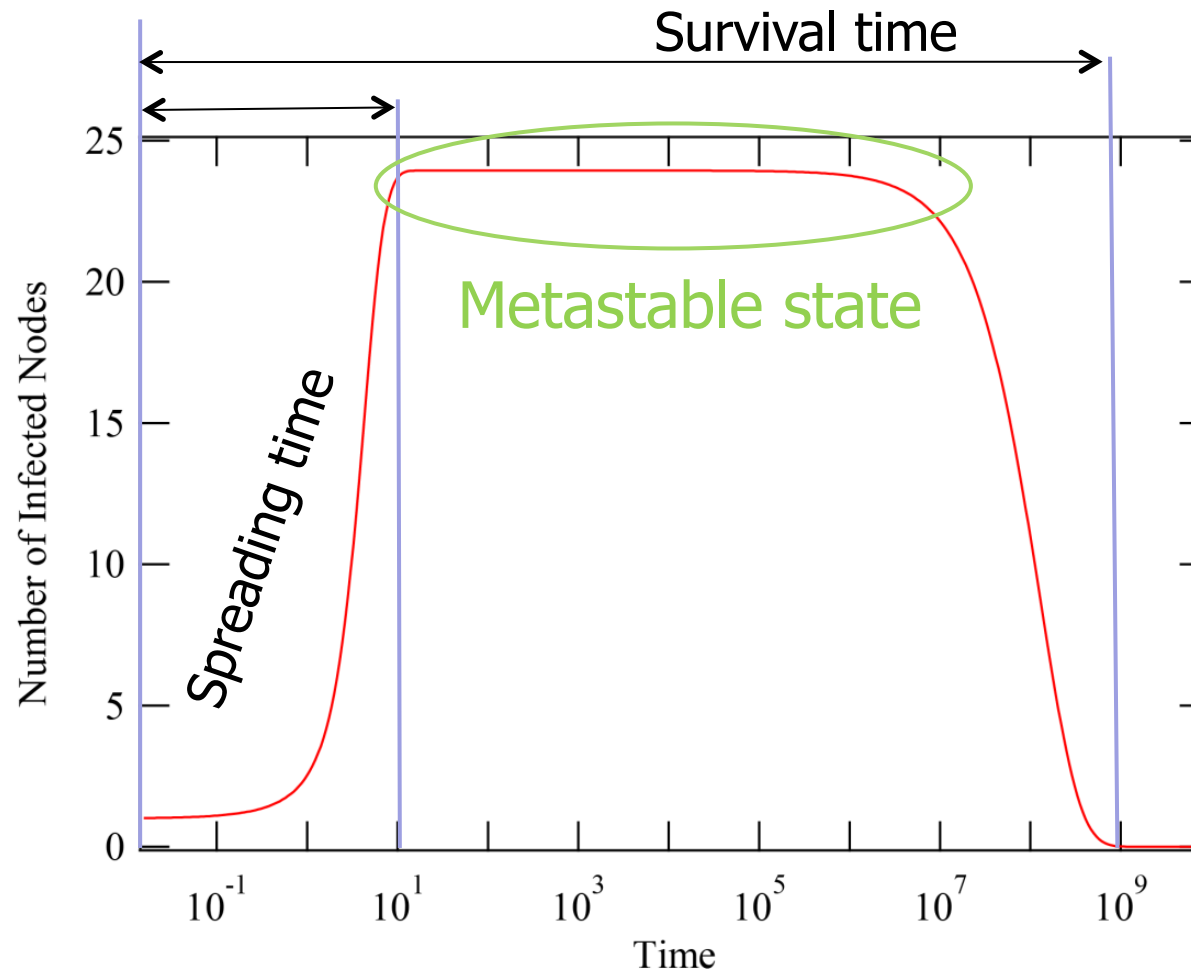
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# Spreading and survival time



# Average Time to Absorption (Survival time)

Ganesh, Massoulié, Towsley (2005):  $E[T] \leq \frac{1 \log N + 1}{\delta (1 - \tau \lambda)_1} \quad \tau < \tau_c$

$E[T] = O\left(e^{bN^a}\right) \quad \tau > \tau_c$

Mountford *et al.* (2013):  
(regular trees w. bounded degree)

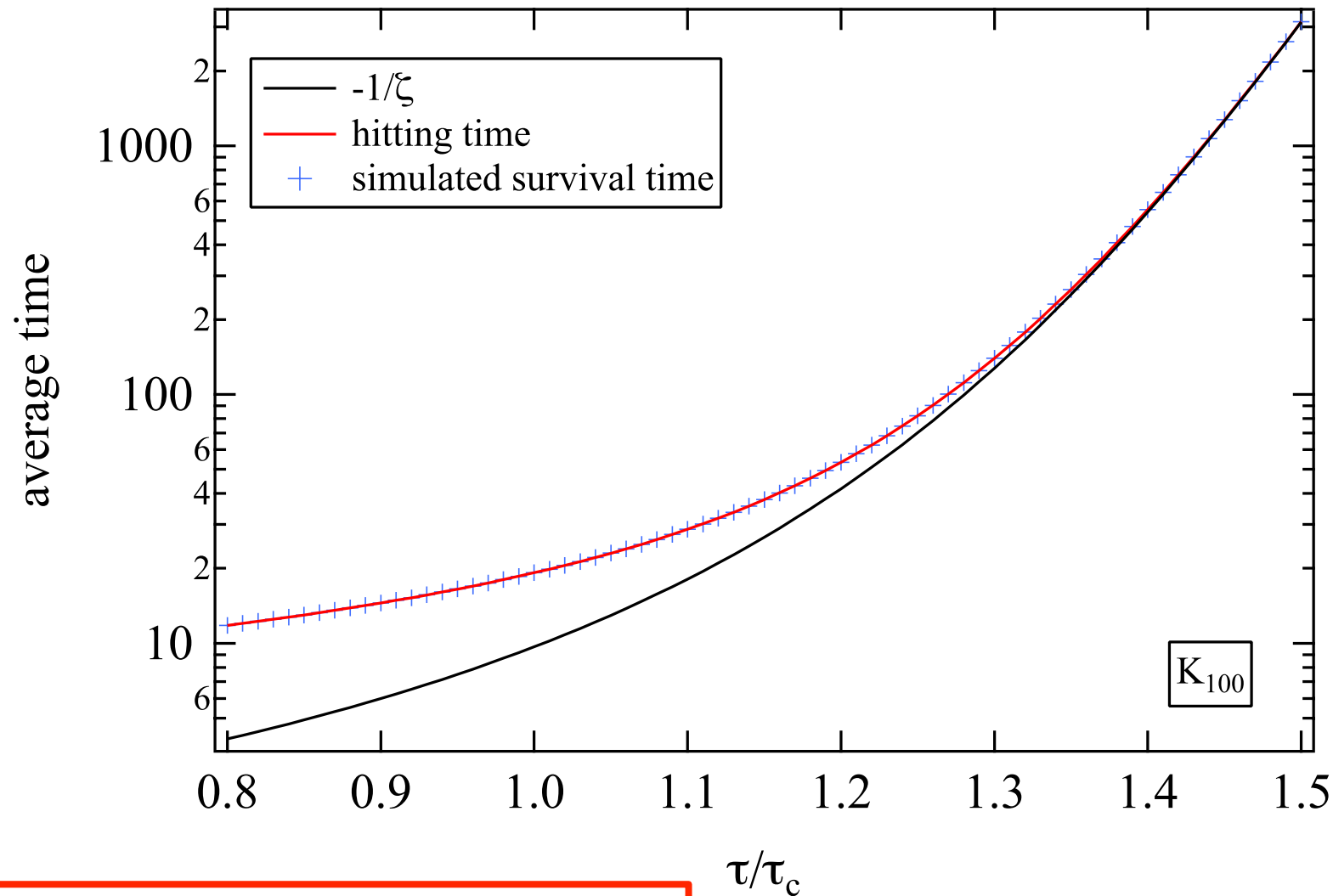
$E[T] = O\left(e^{cN}\right)$

Complete graph  $K_N$ :

$$E[T] = F(\tau) = \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{r=0}^{j-1} \frac{(N-j+r)!}{j(N-j)!}$$

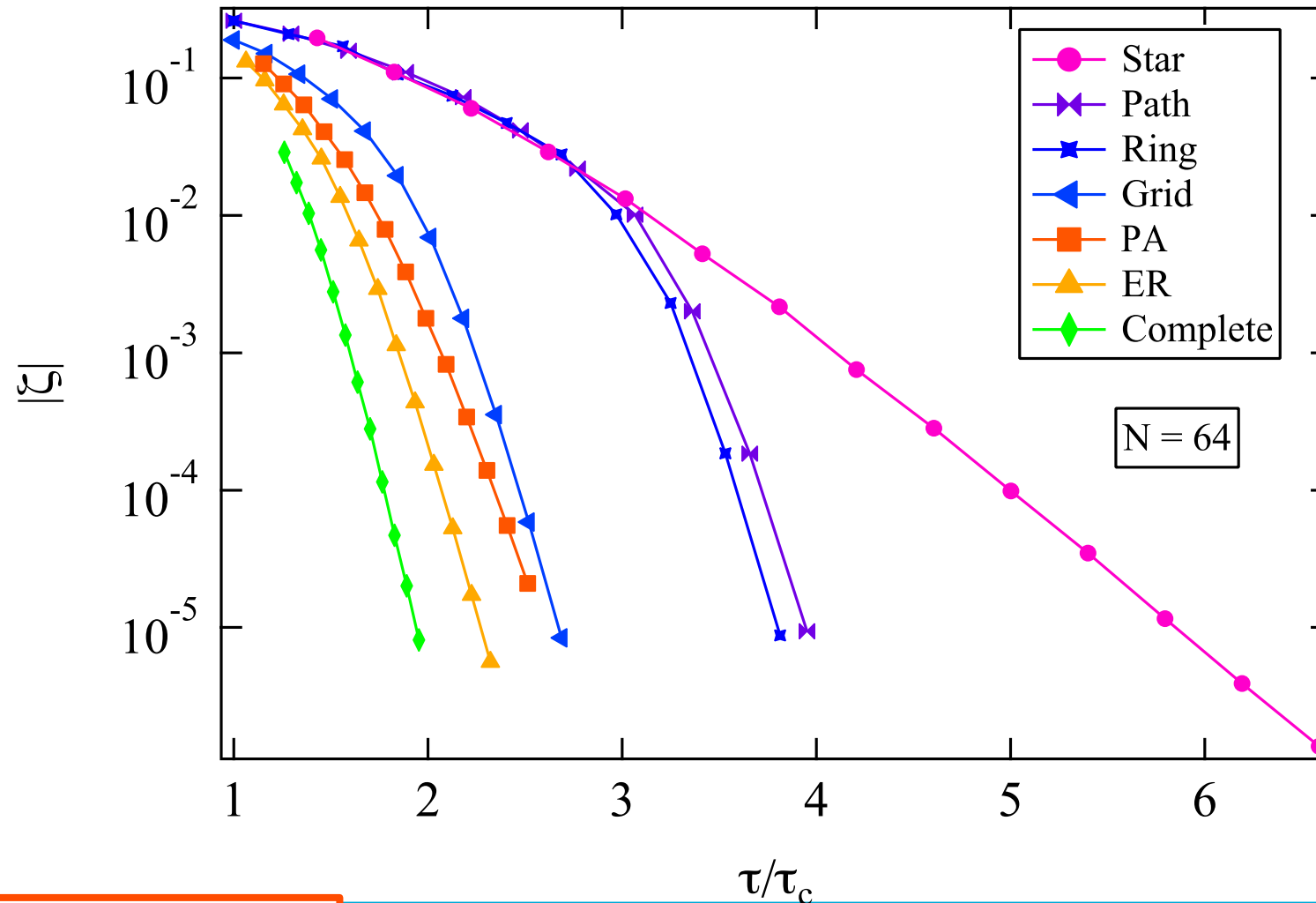
$$x = \tau N \approx \frac{\tau}{\tau_c} > 1 \quad F\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \sim \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{x \sqrt{2\pi}}{(x-1)^2} \frac{e^{N\left(\log x + \frac{1}{x} - 1\right)}}{\sqrt{N}}$$

# Average survival time in $K_N$



$$E[T] = F(\tau) = \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{r=0}^{j-1} \frac{(N-j+r)!}{j(N-j)!}$$

# Second smallest eigenvalue $Q$ in graphs



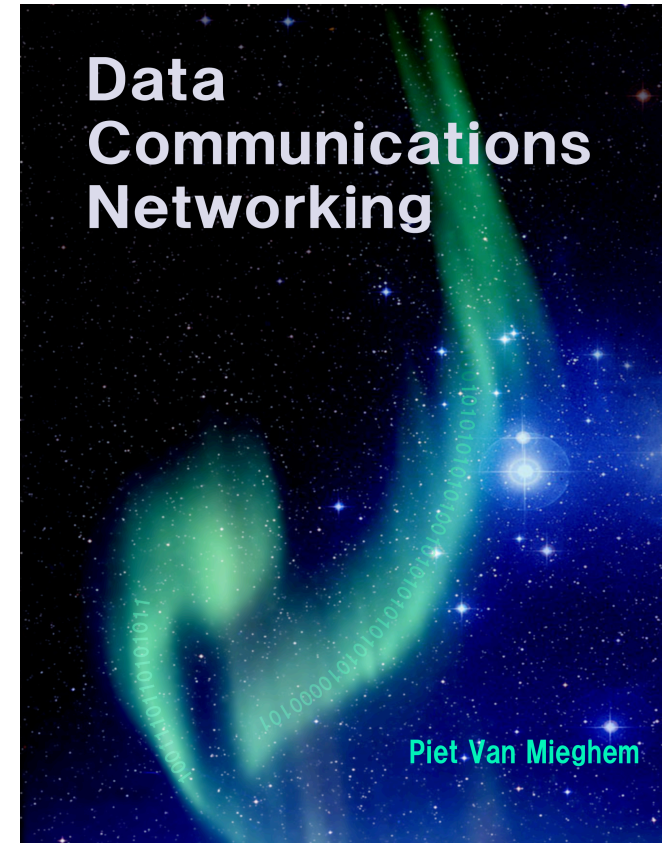
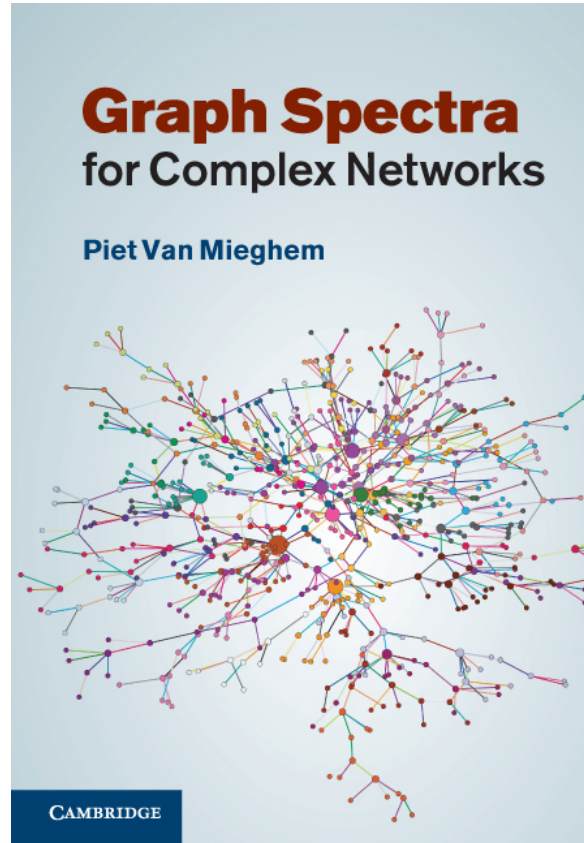
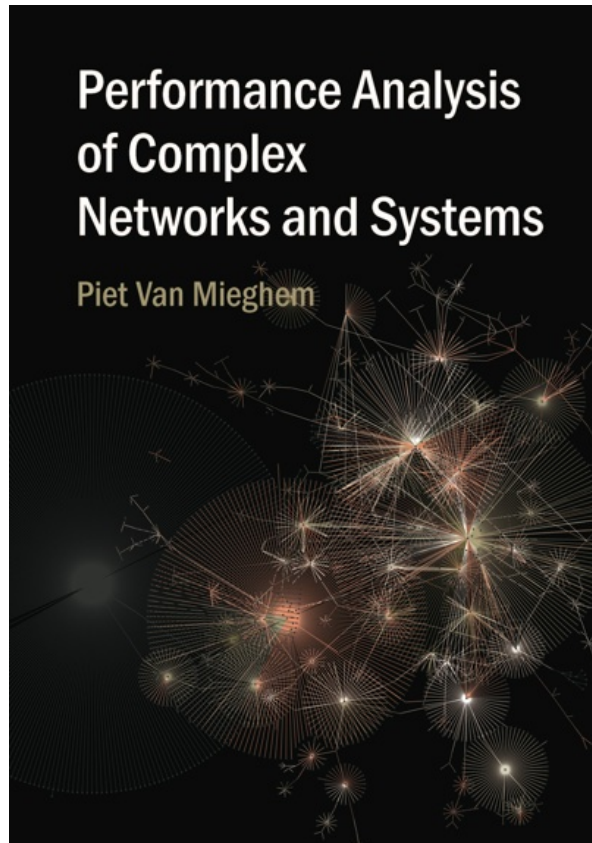
$$|\xi| \approx \frac{1}{E[T]}$$

# Challenges for SIS epidemics on nets

- Tight upper bound of the epidemic threshold (for any graph), or near to exact determination of  $\tau_c$
- A general mean-field criterion that specifies the graphs for which NIMFA is accurate
- Time-dependent analysis of SIS epidemics
- Non-Markovian epidemics
- Epidemics on *evolving* and *adaptive* networks
- Competing and mutating viruses on networks
- Modeling of social contagion
- **Measurements** of epidemics (e.g. fraction of infected nodes) in real-world networks are scarce



# Books



Articles: <http://www.nas.ewi.tudelft.nl>



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