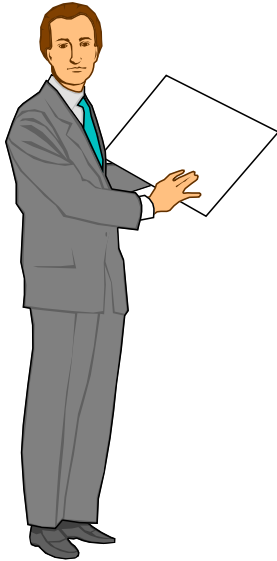


Epidemics on Networks

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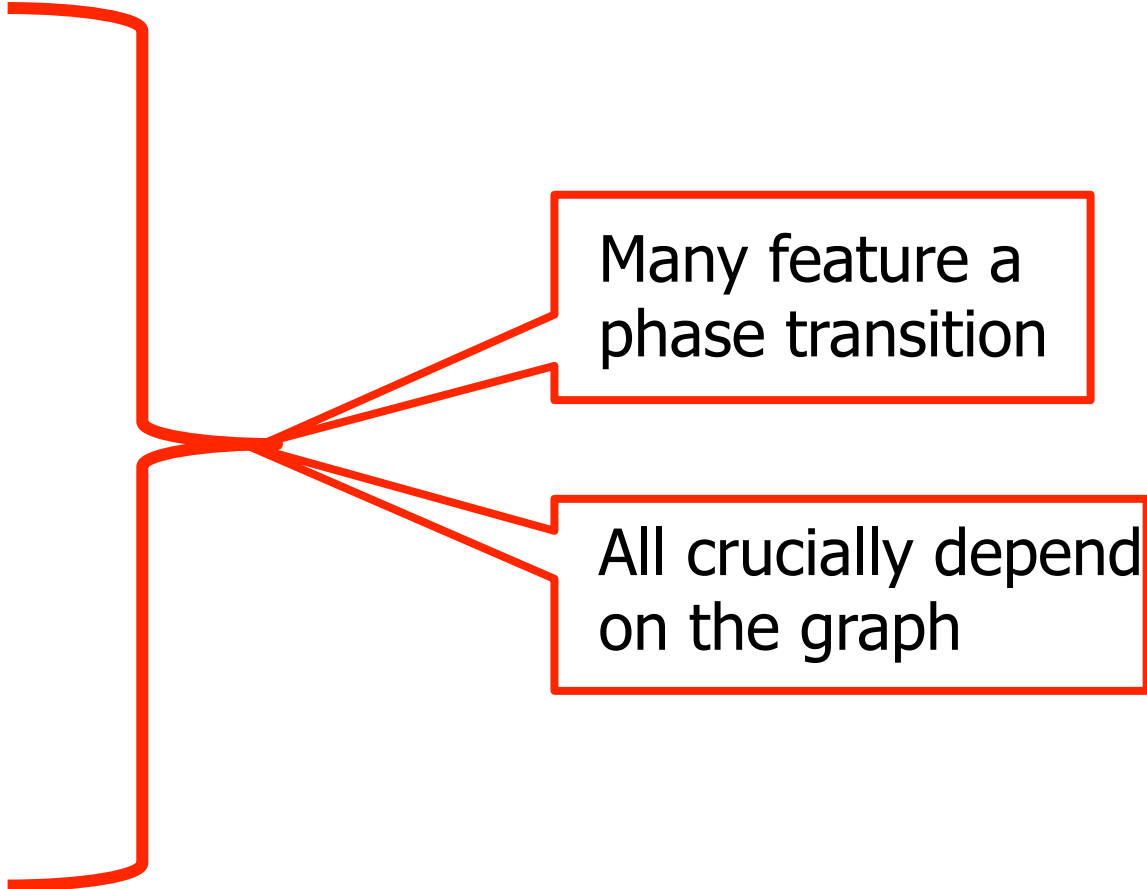
NIMFA: N-intertwined MF approximation

Recent developments

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

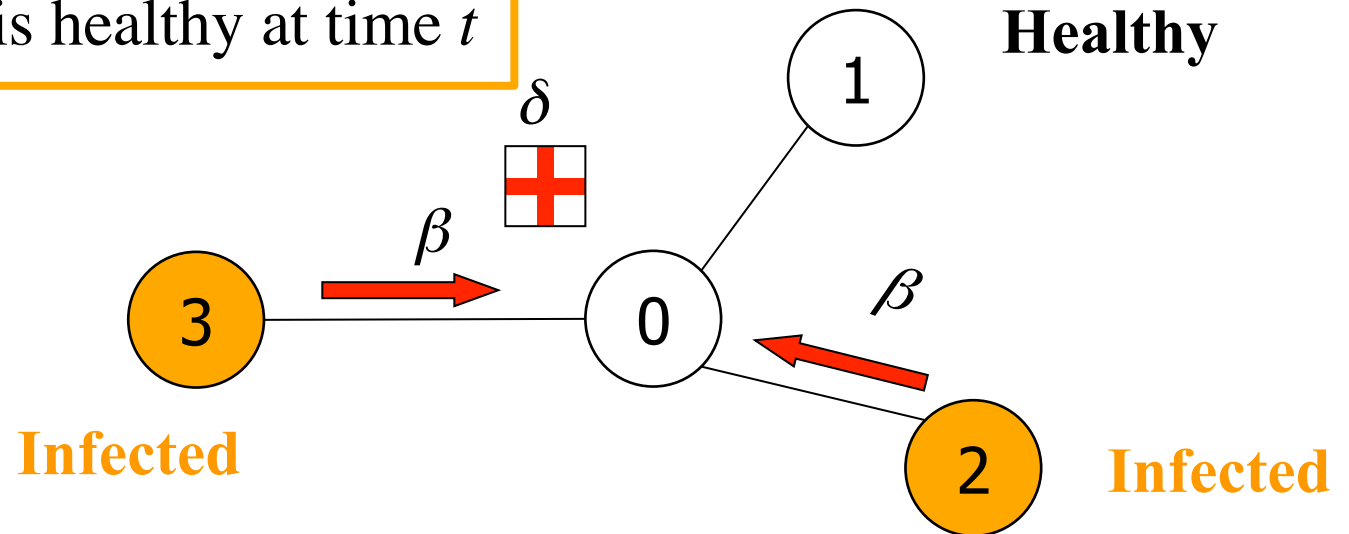
All crucially depend on the graph

Continuous-time SIS model on networks

- Constant infection rate β on all links
 - Constant curing rate δ for all nodes
- $\tau = \beta / \delta$: effective spreading rate

$X_j(t) = 1$ node j is infected at time t

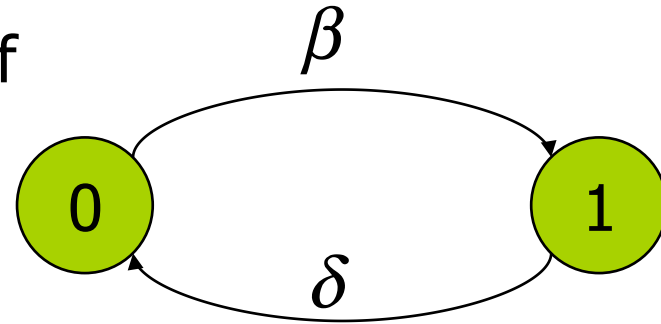
$X_j(t) = 0$ node j is healthy at time t



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 β
 - curing rate δ
- At time t :

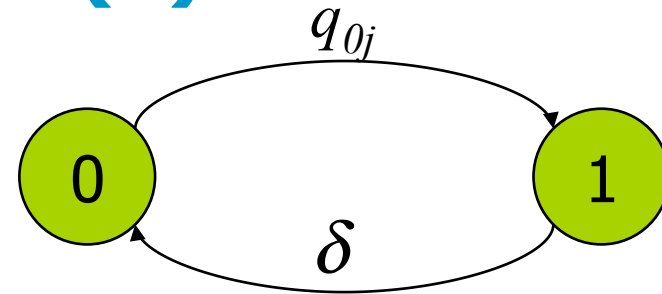


- $X_j(t)$ is the state of node j
- infinitesimal generator $Q_j(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -q_{0j} & q_{0j} \\ q_{1j} & -q_{1j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -q_{0j} & q_{0j} \\ \delta & -\delta \end{bmatrix}$

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

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

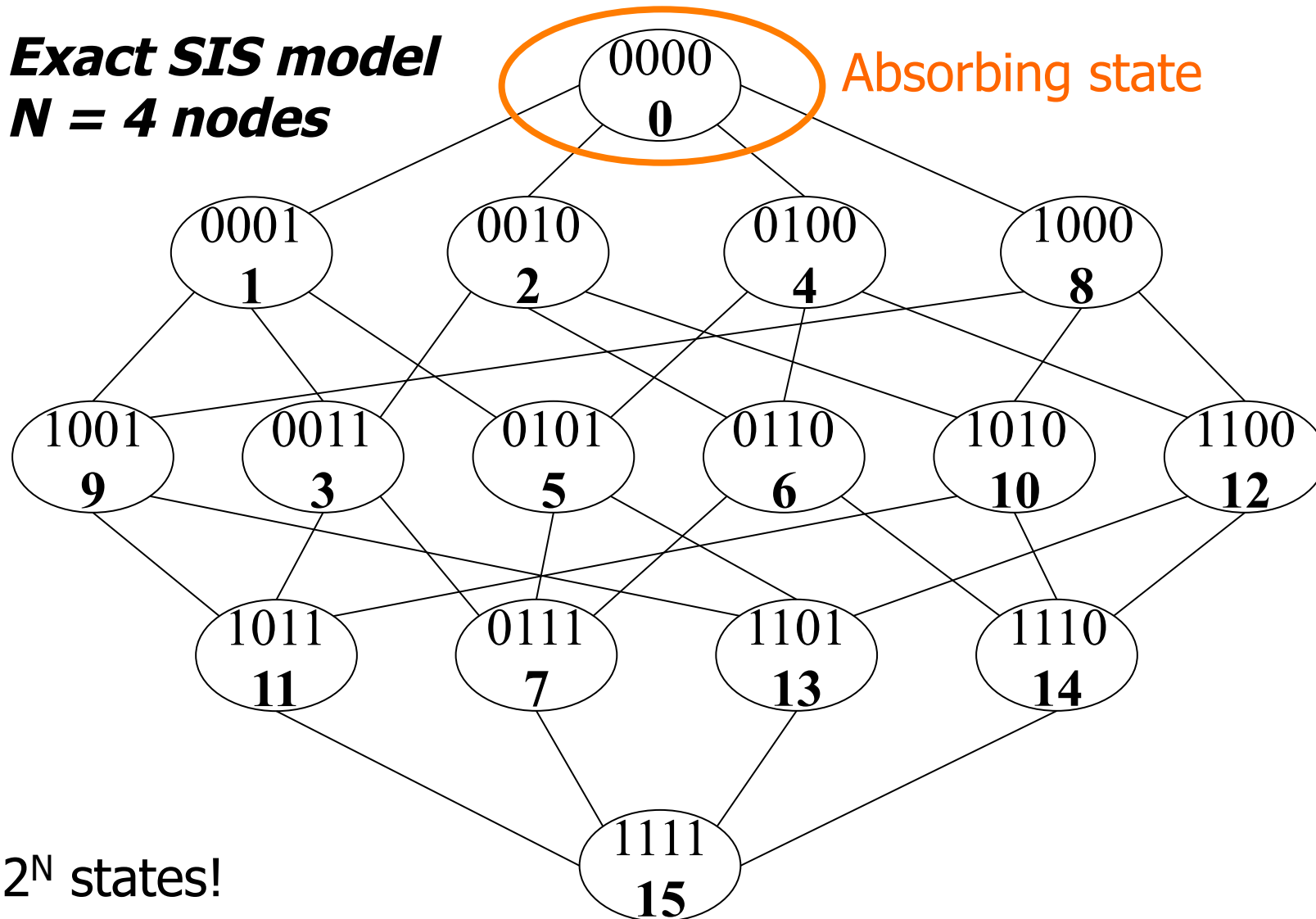
SIS model on networks (3)

- 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:

$$q_{0j}(t) = \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} X_k(t) \xrightarrow{\text{NIMFA}} q_{0j}(t) = \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} E[X_k(t)]$$

- 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



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
 $E[X_j] = \Pr[X_j = 1]$,
 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

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



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

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

$R_j > 0$

NIMFA: replace rv by its mean

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

NIMFA



$$X_j \Rightarrow E[\tilde{X}_j]$$

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

Bernoulli rv



$$E[\tilde{X}_j] = \Pr[\tilde{X}_j = 1] = v_j$$

$$\frac{dv_j}{dt} = -\delta v_j + (1 - v_j) \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} v_k$$

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 for **sufficiently large time** t . Hence, if

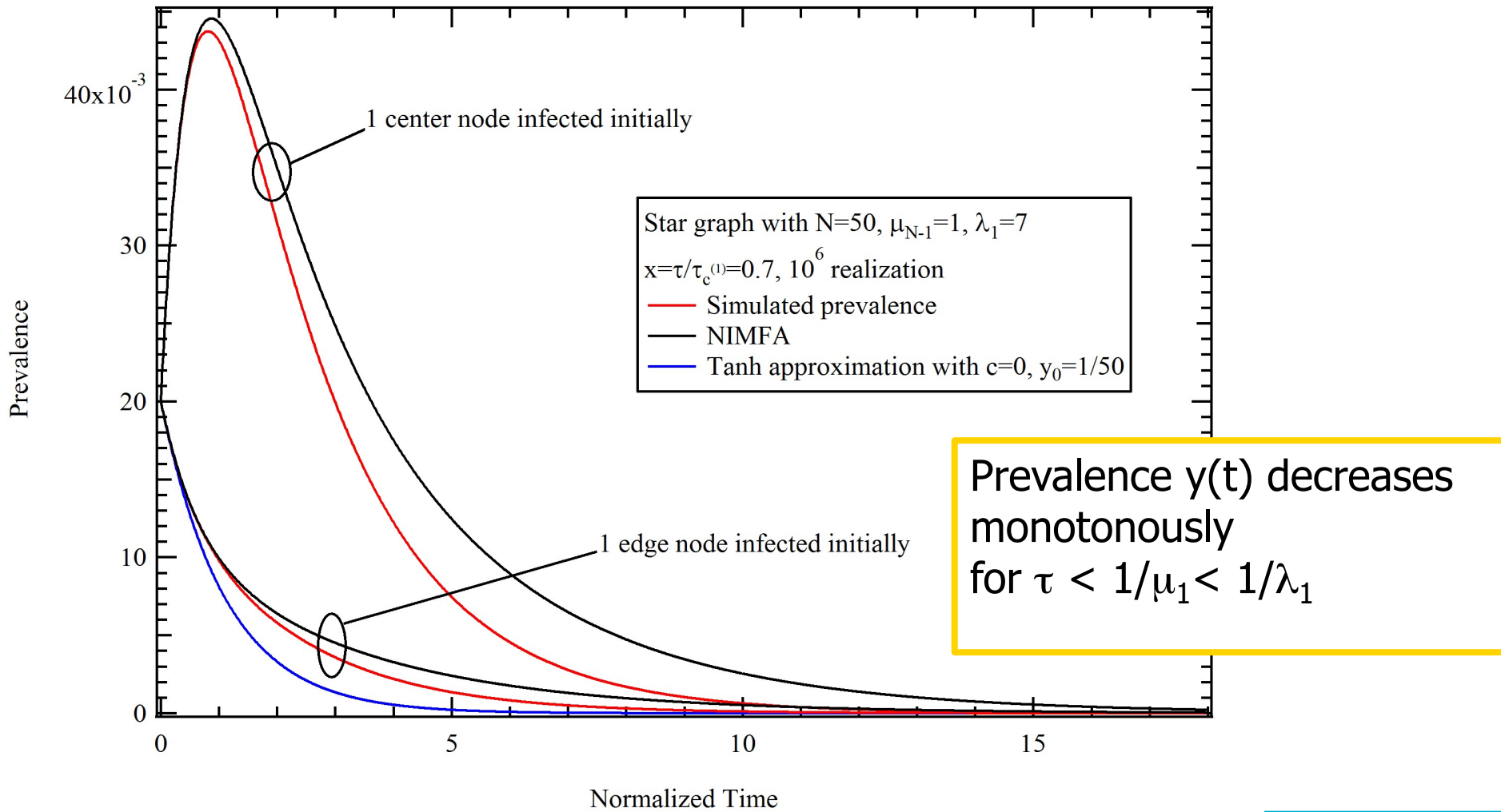
$$\beta \lambda_1(A) - \delta < 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tau = \frac{\beta}{\delta} < \frac{1}{\lambda_1(A)} < \tau_c$$

The NIMFA epidemic threshold is precisely

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

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

Below the epidemic threshold: $x = \lambda_1 \tau < 1$



What is so interesting about epidemics?

network protection

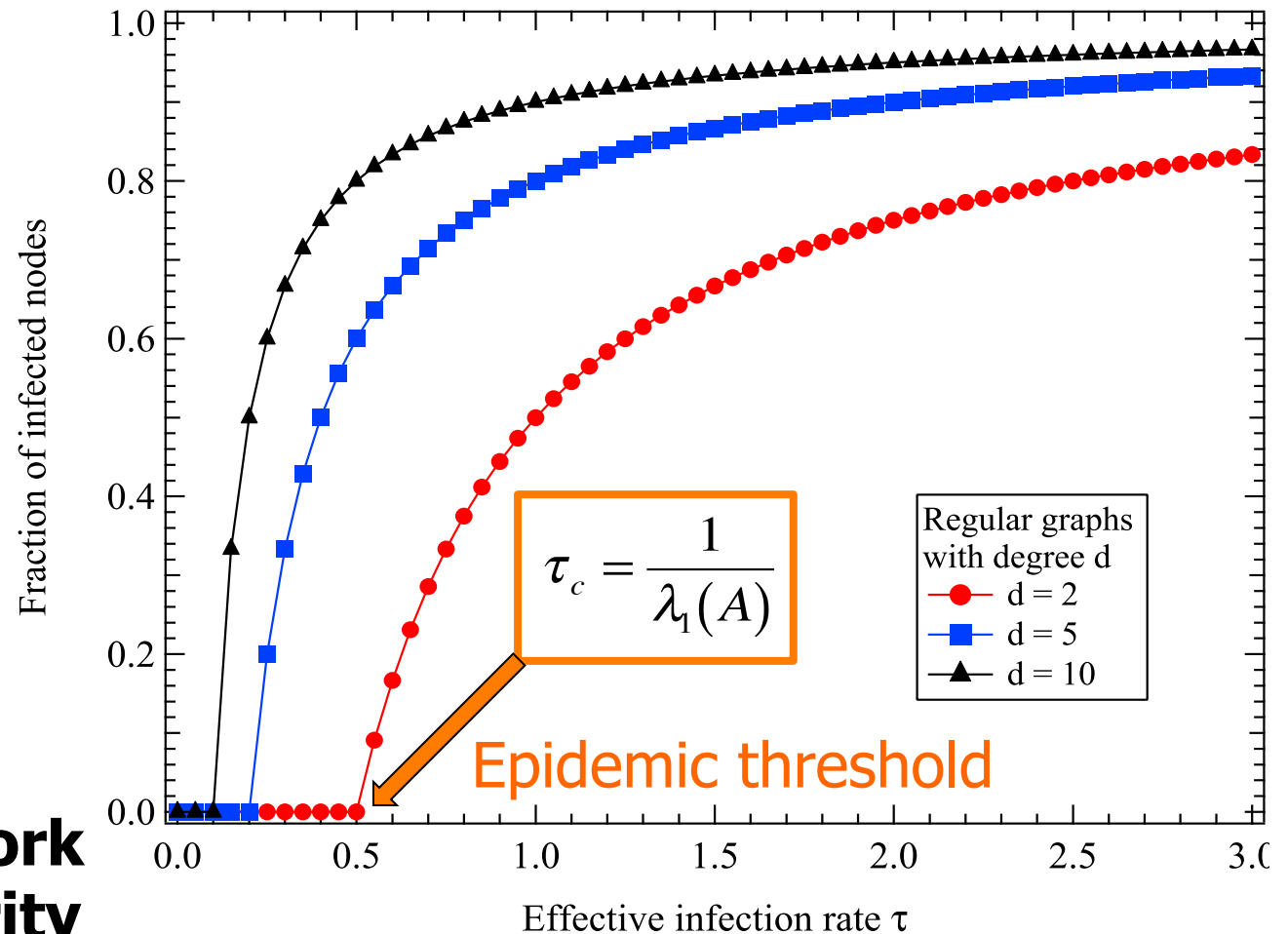
self-replicating
objects (worms)

propagation errors

rumors (social nets)

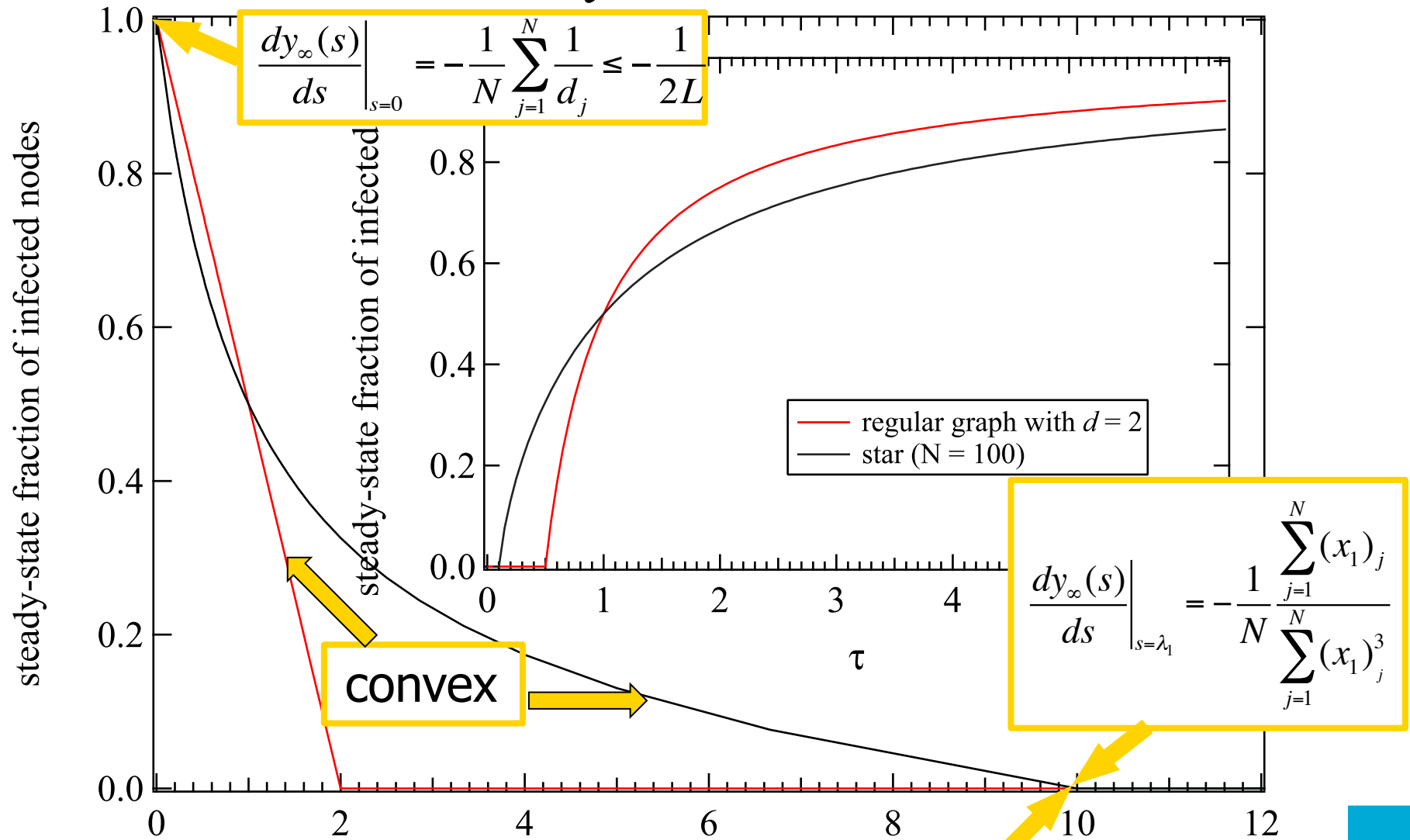
epidemic algorithms
(gossiping)

**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 β_i and δ_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", 50th 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.

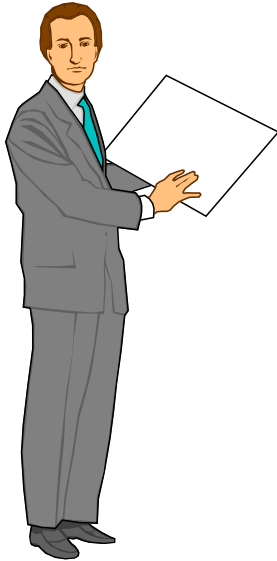
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Accuracy criterion

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For each node j , R_j assesses the deviation of NIMFA from exact

$$R_j = \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} c_{kj} \quad c_{kj} = \text{Cov}[X_j X_k] \geq 0$$

Choose the norm $\|R\|_1$ to assess accuracy of the graph

$$\|R\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^N |R_j| = \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} c_{kj} = \text{trace}(AC) = \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k(AC)$$

Accuracy criterion

Since:
$$\|R\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} c_{kj} \leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N a_{jk} = \frac{L}{2}$$

Normalized criterion:
$$r_T = \frac{2\|R\|_1}{L}$$

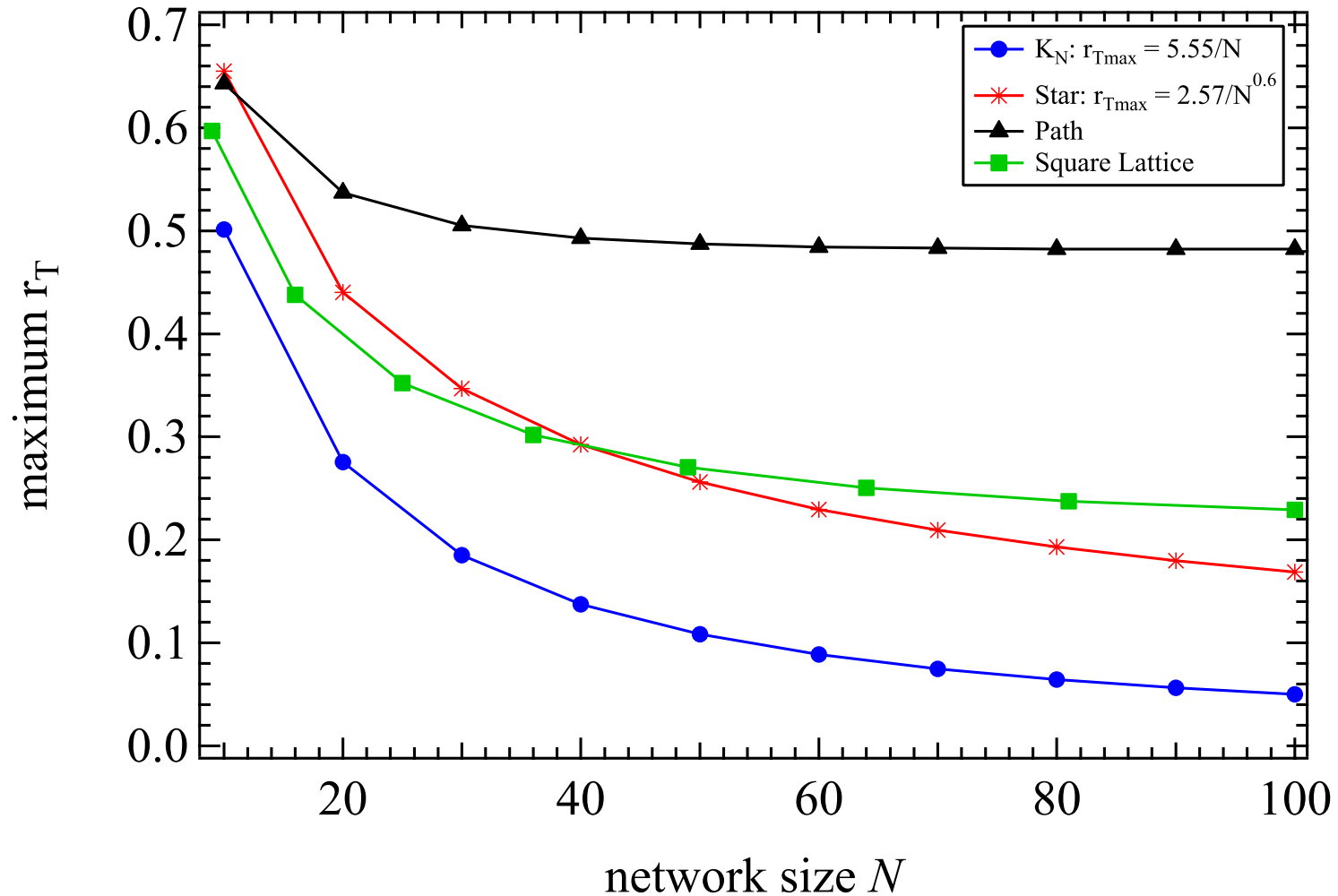
Bounds for
$$\|R\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k(AC)$$

Wielandt-Hoffman :
$$\sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k(AC) \leq \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k(A)\lambda_k(C)$$

Graph energy:
$$\sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k(A)\lambda_k(C) \leq \frac{E_G}{2}(\lambda_1(C) - \lambda_N(C))$$

$\max_{\tau} r_T$

$$r_T = \frac{2 \|R\|_1}{L}$$



Conjecture $\max_{\tau} r_T = O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1(A)}\right)$

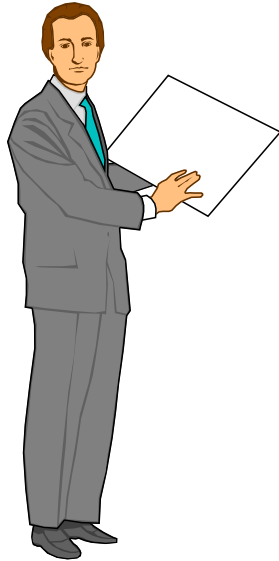
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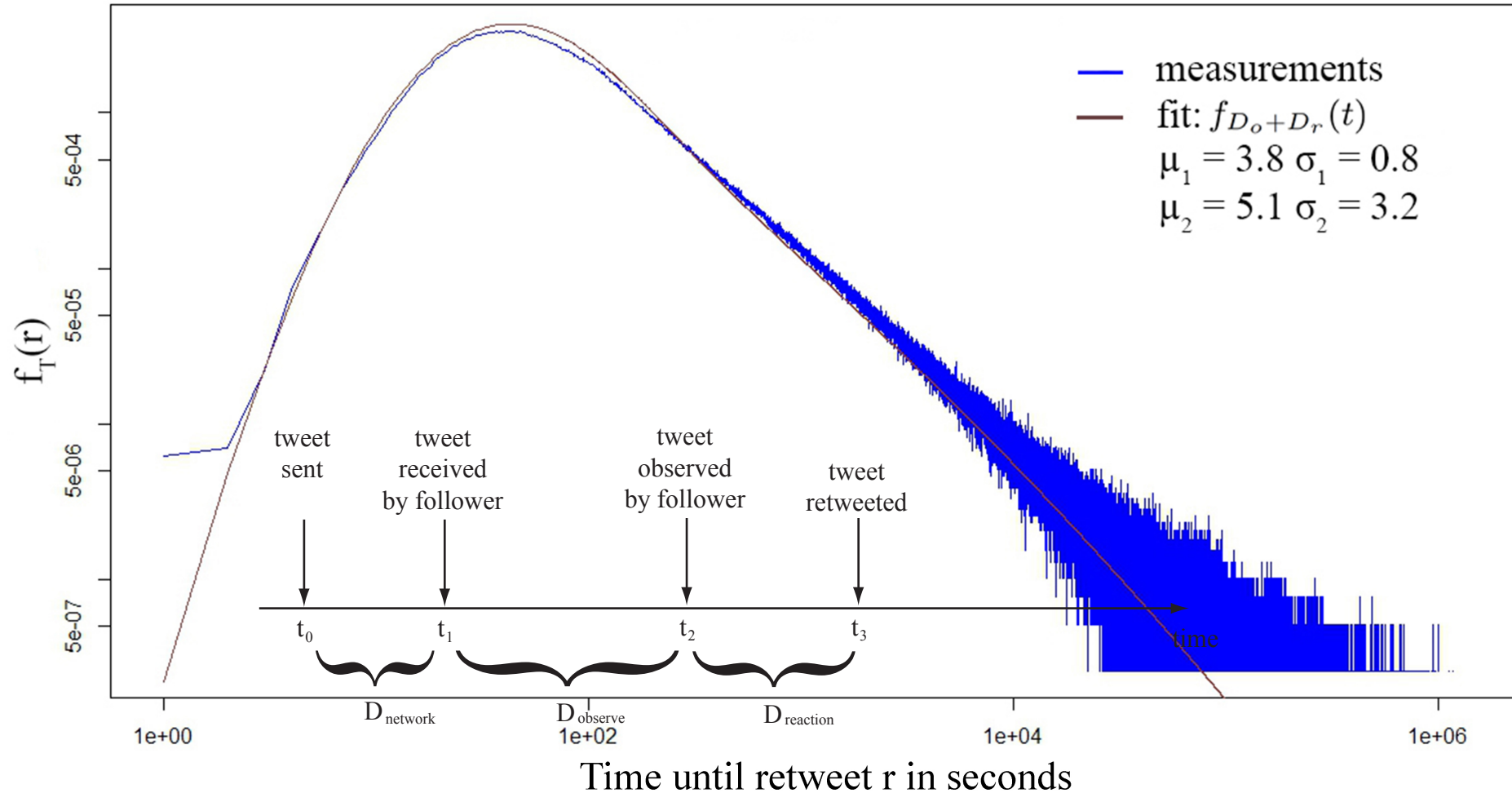
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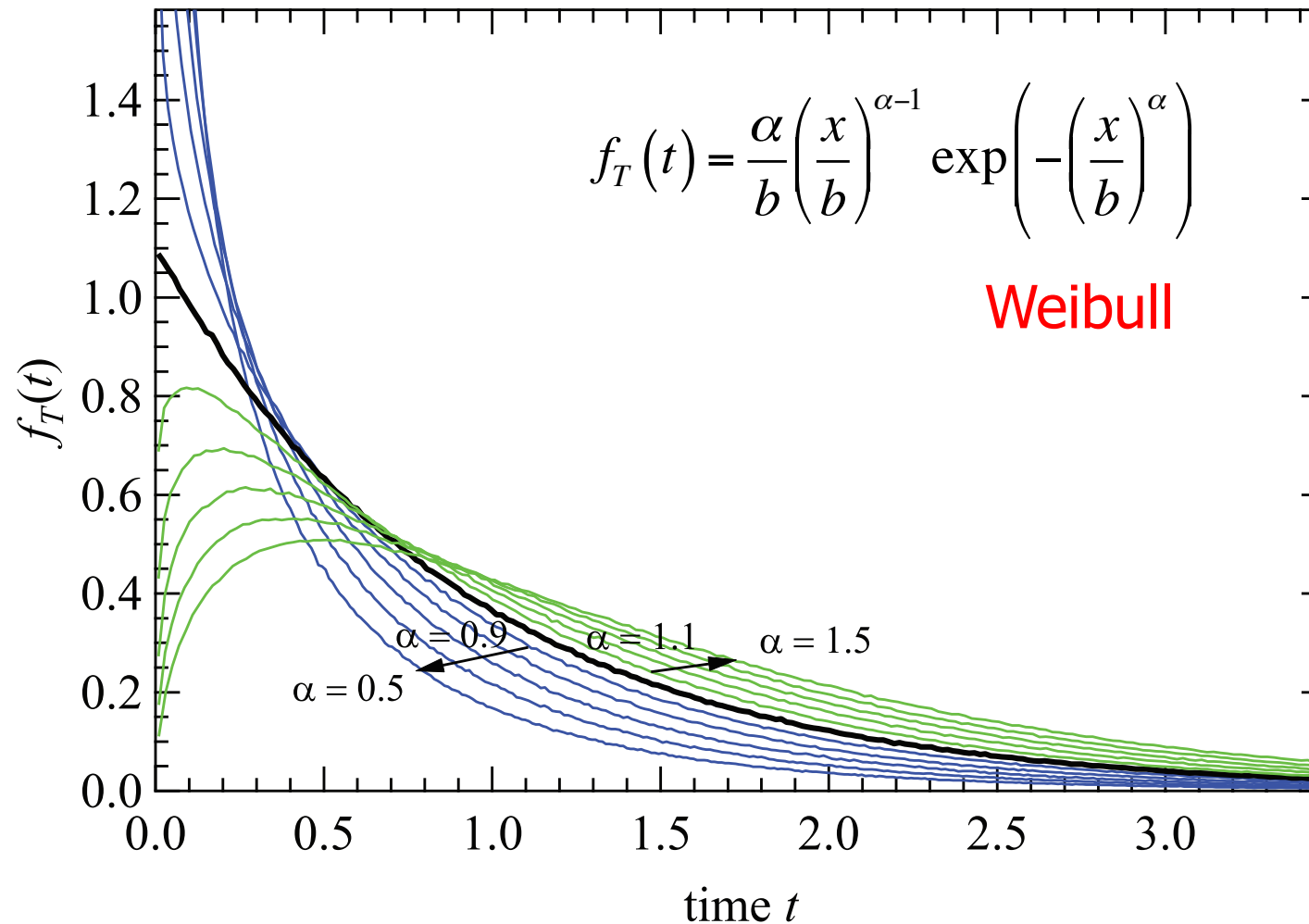
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Epidemic times are not exponential



Non-Markovian infection times

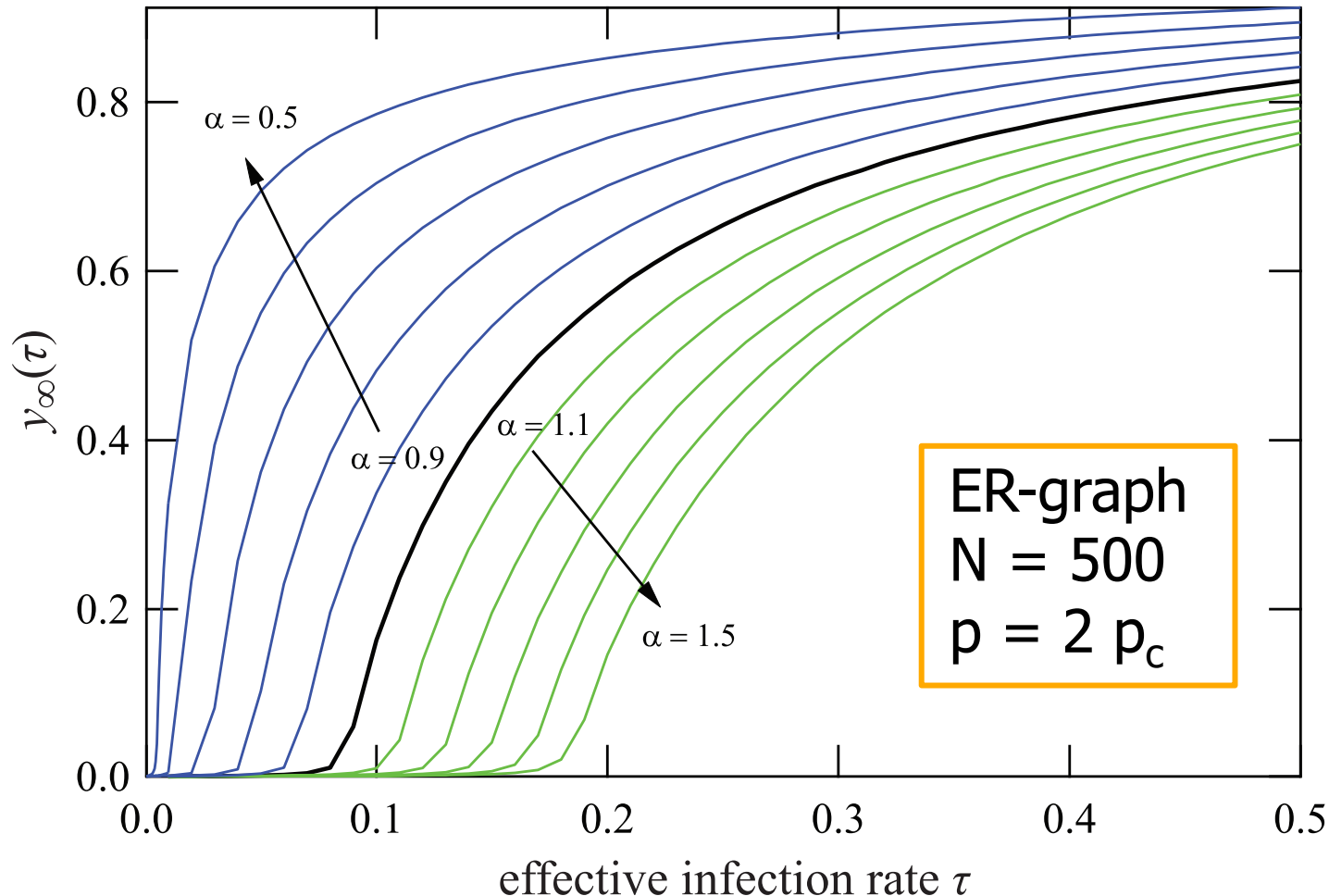


Same mean
 $E[T]$:

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

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.

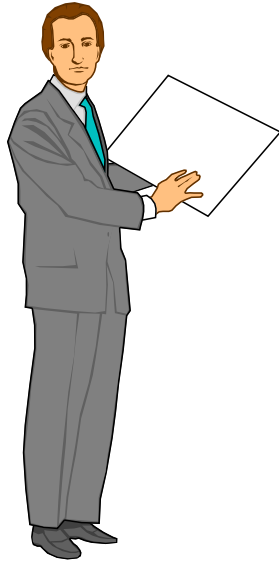
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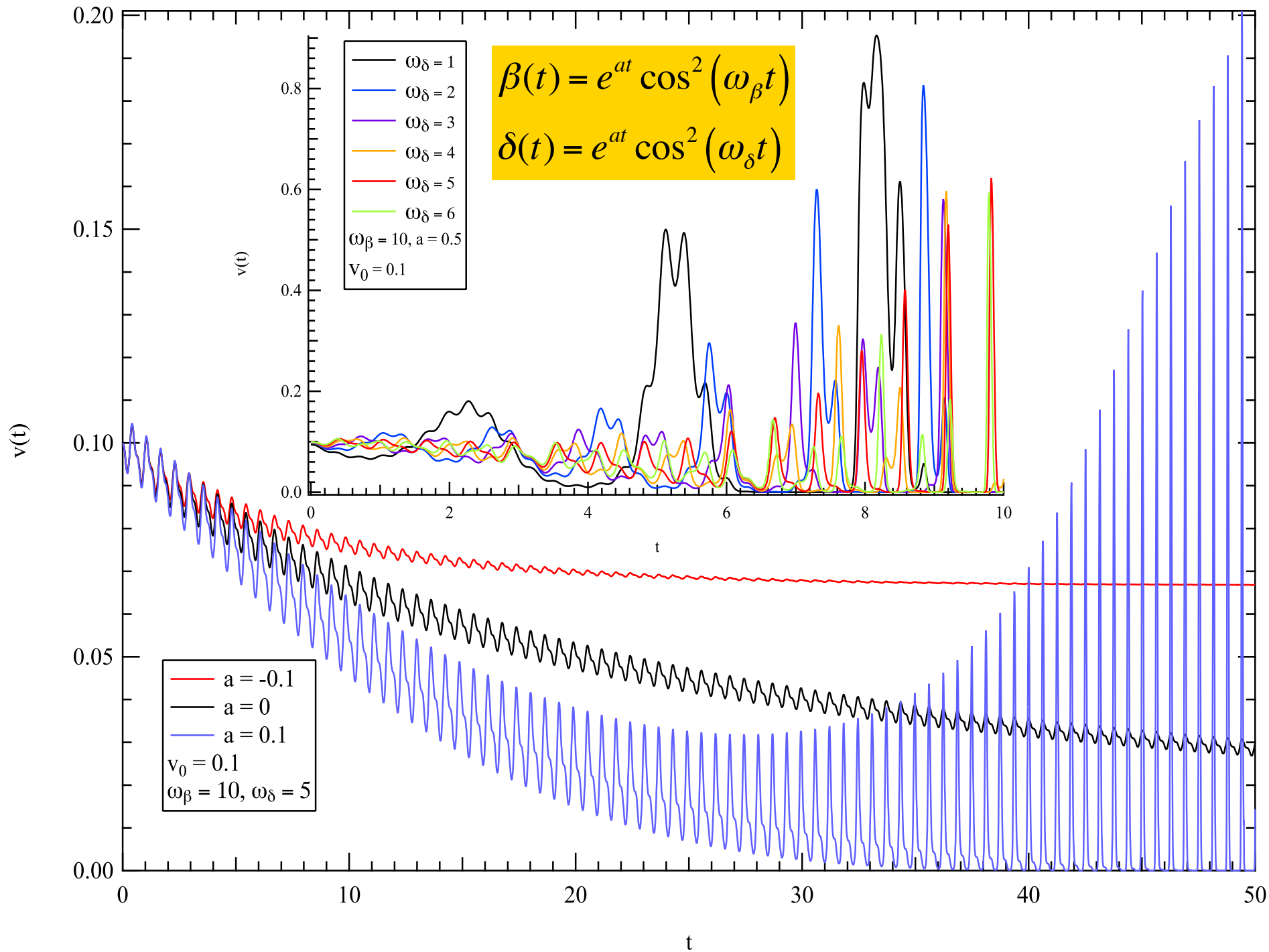


Time-dependent rates in NIMFA for regular graphs

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

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

Application: modeling of the time evolution of the Internet Conficker worm (submitted)



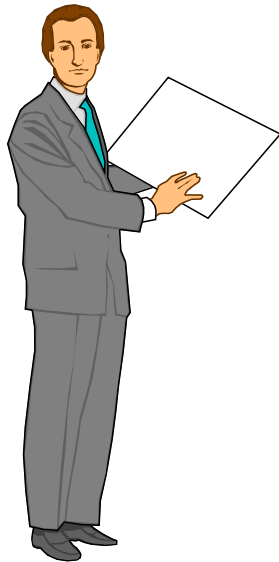
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Upper bounds for τ_c

From
$$\frac{dy(t^*)}{dt^*} = -y(t^*) + \frac{\tau}{N} E[w^T Q w]$$

where the fraction of infected nodes is $S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j = \frac{u^T w}{N}$
and $y = E[S]$

we have

$$\tau_c \leq \frac{1}{\mu_{N-1} \left(1 - 2\sqrt{\text{Var}[S_\infty(\tau_c)]} \right)}$$

Ring/Cycle graph:

$$(\tau_c)_c = \frac{1}{2 \left(1 - 2\sqrt{\text{Cov}[X_{1\infty}, X_{2\infty}] } \right)}$$

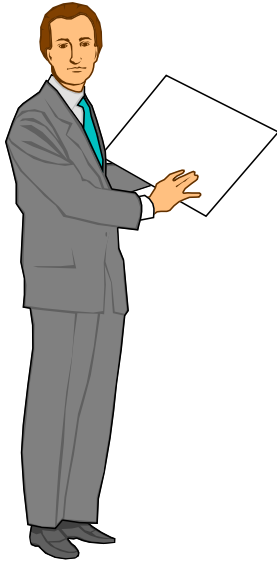
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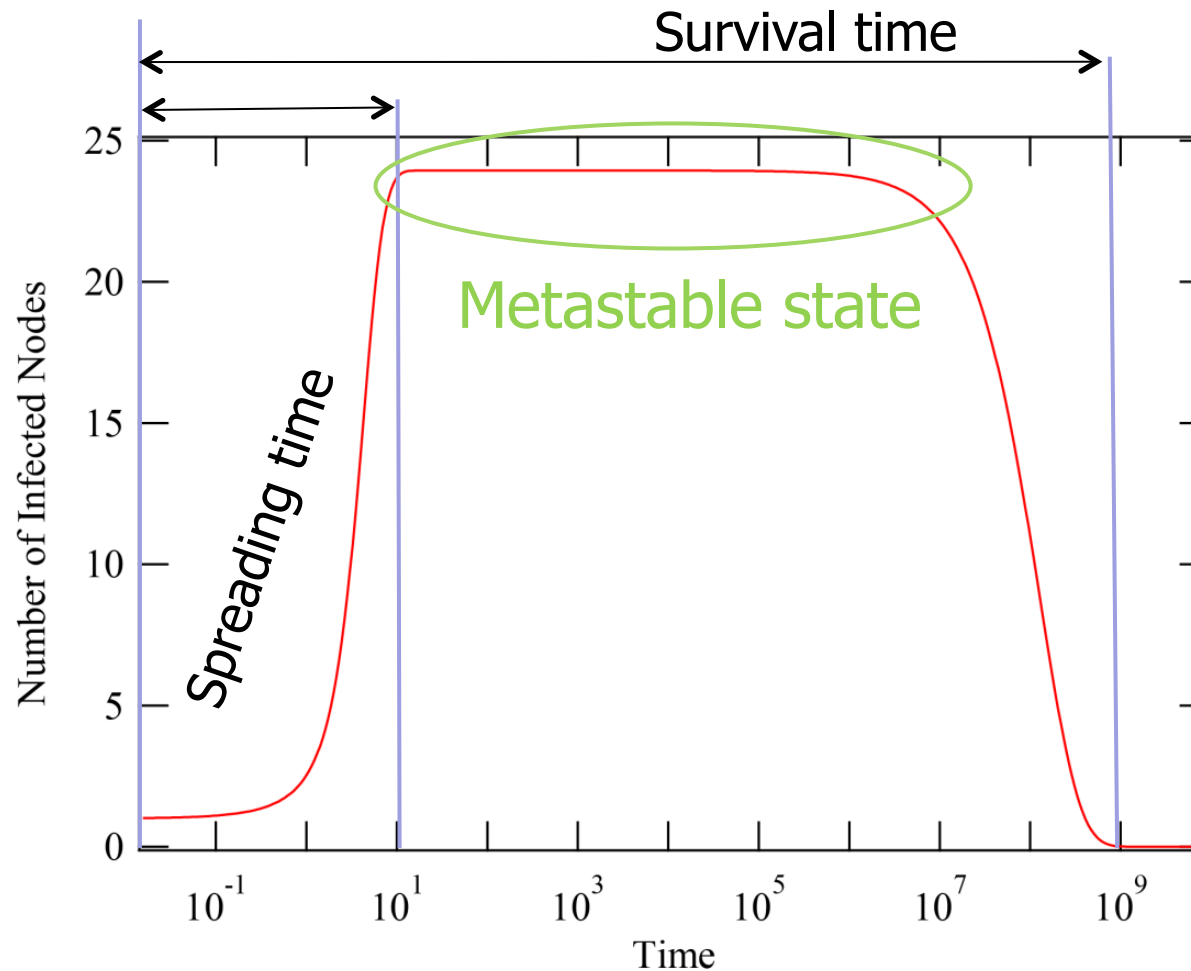
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Spreading and survival time



For the effect of different initial conditions, see also Fig. 17.2 on p. 457 in P. Van Mieghem, *Performance Analysis of Complex Networks and Systems*, Cambridge University Press, 2014.

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)

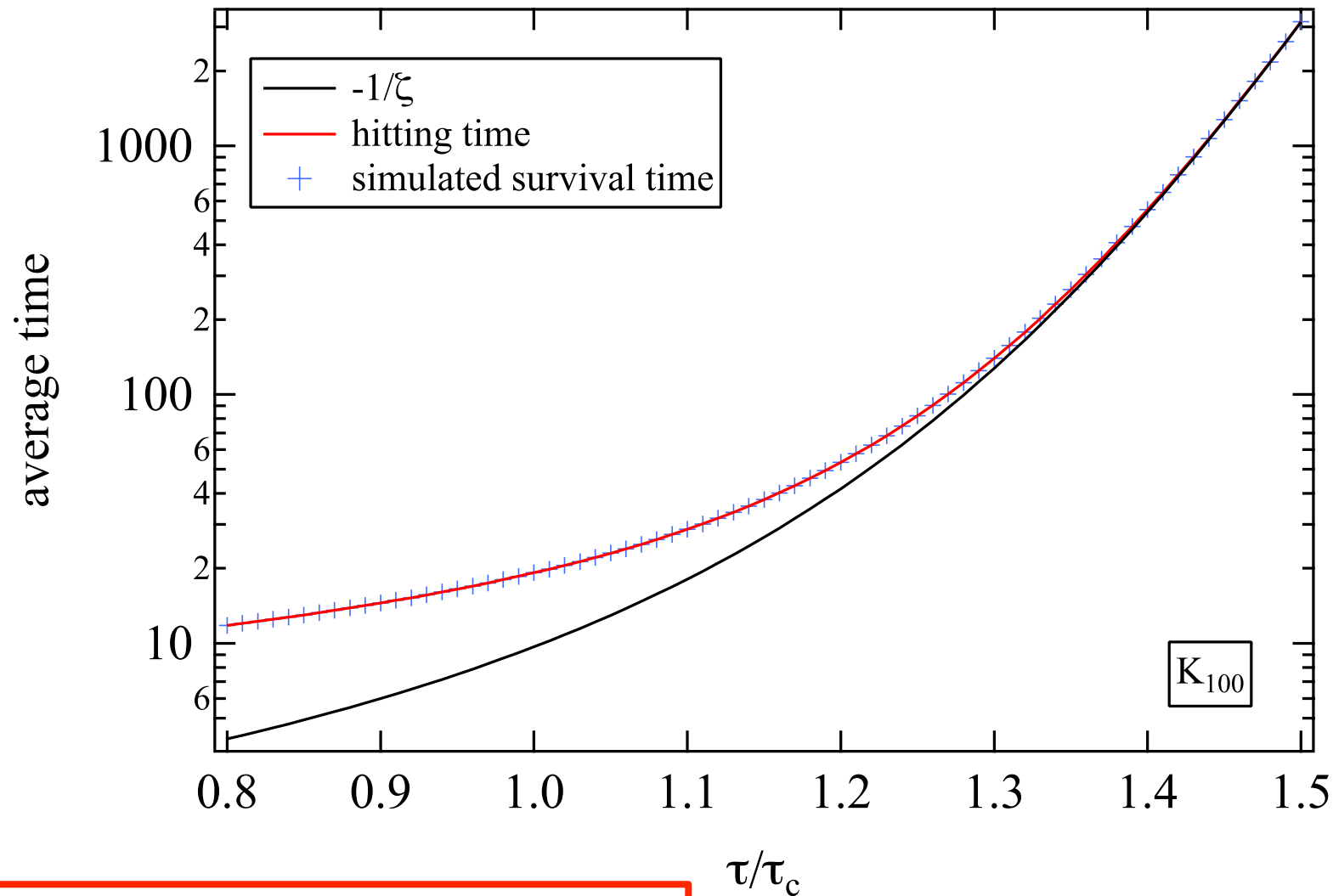
$E[T] = O\left(e^{cN}\right)$

Complete graph K_N :

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

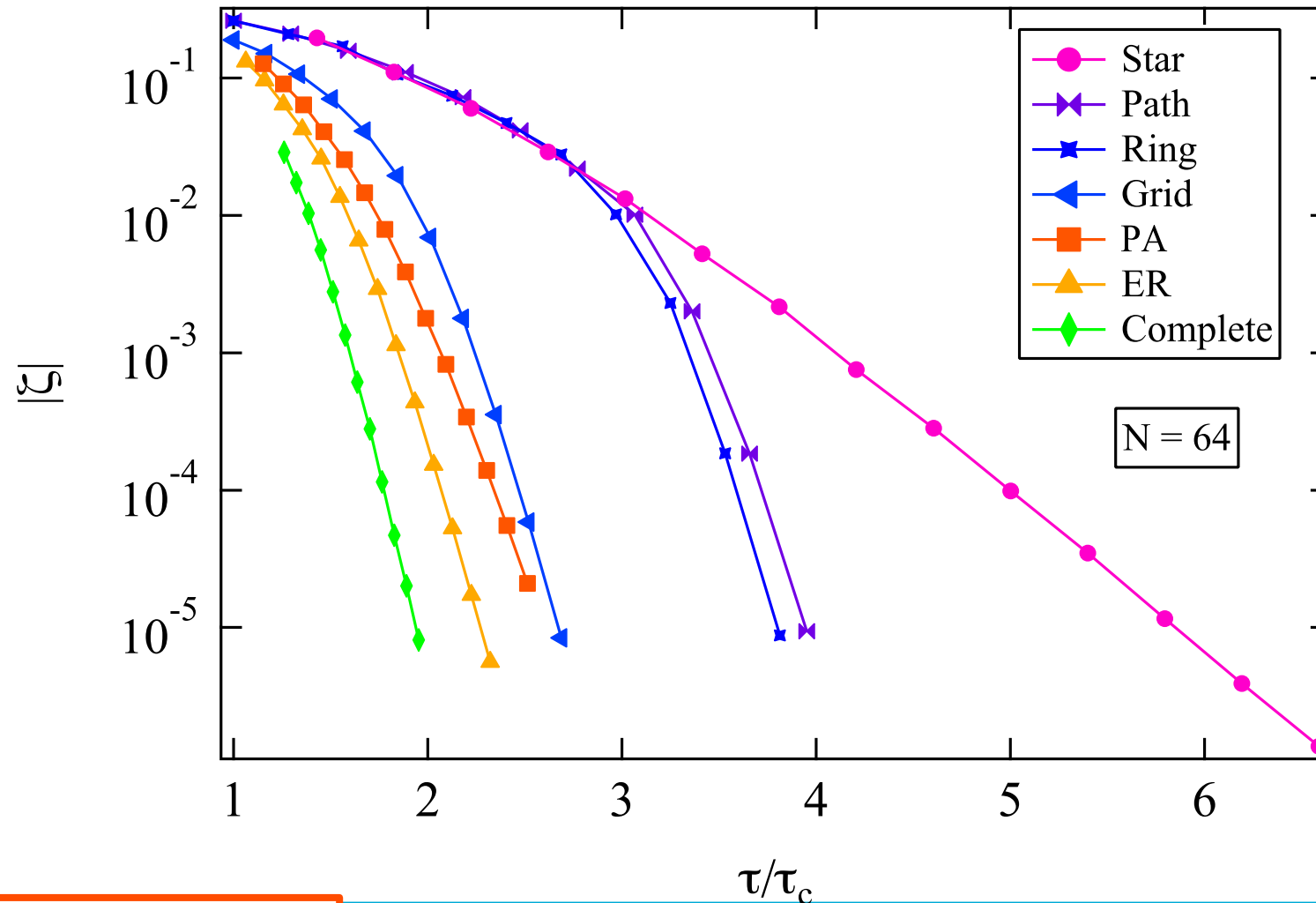
$$x = \tau N \approx \frac{\tau}{\tau_c} > 1 \quad F\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \sim \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{x \sqrt{2\pi}}{(x-1)^2} \frac{e^{N\left(\log x + \frac{1}{x} - 1\right)}}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Average survival time in K_N



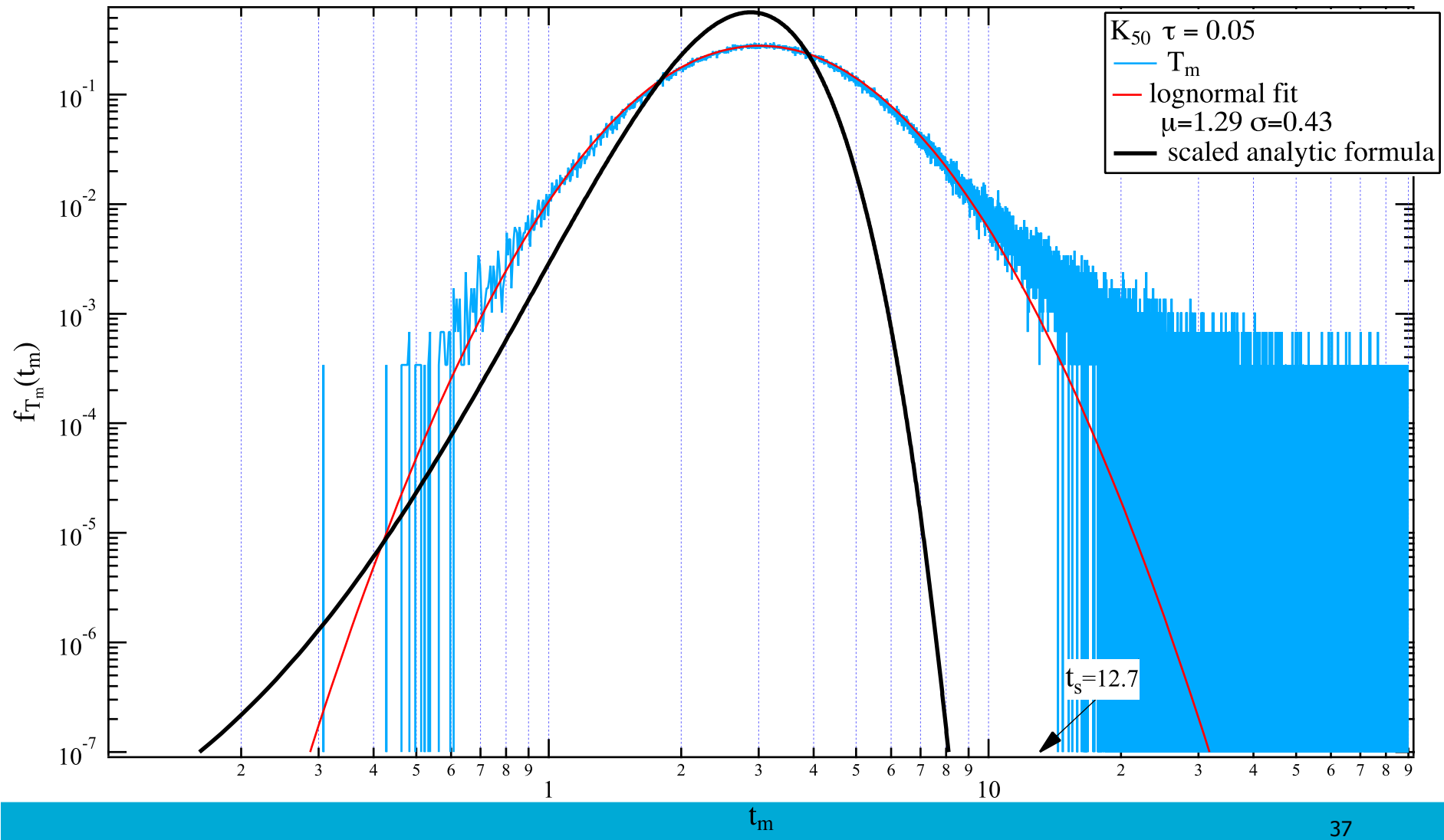
$$E[T] = F(\tau) = \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{r=0}^{j-1} \frac{(N-j+r)!}{j(N-j)!}$$

Second smallest eigenvalue Q in graphs



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

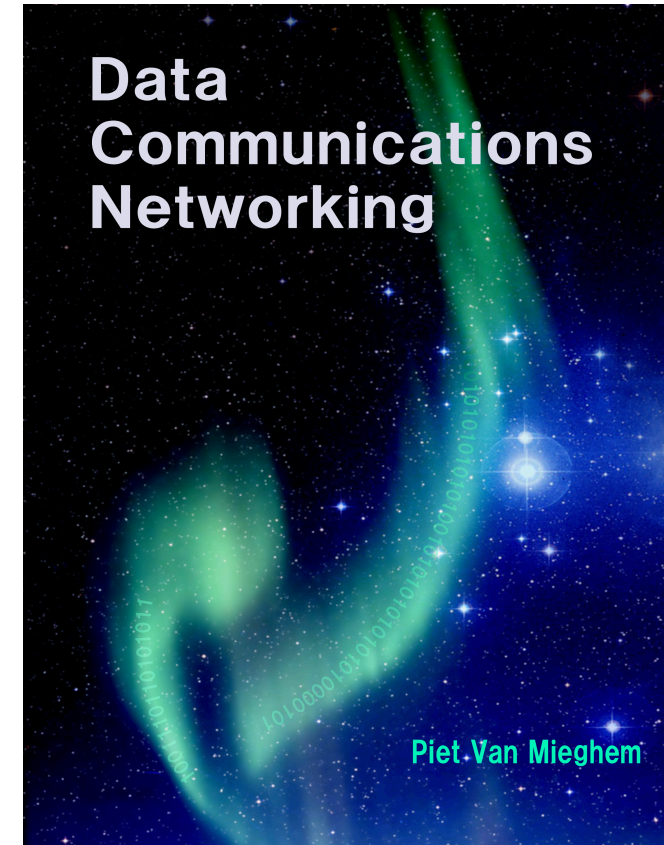
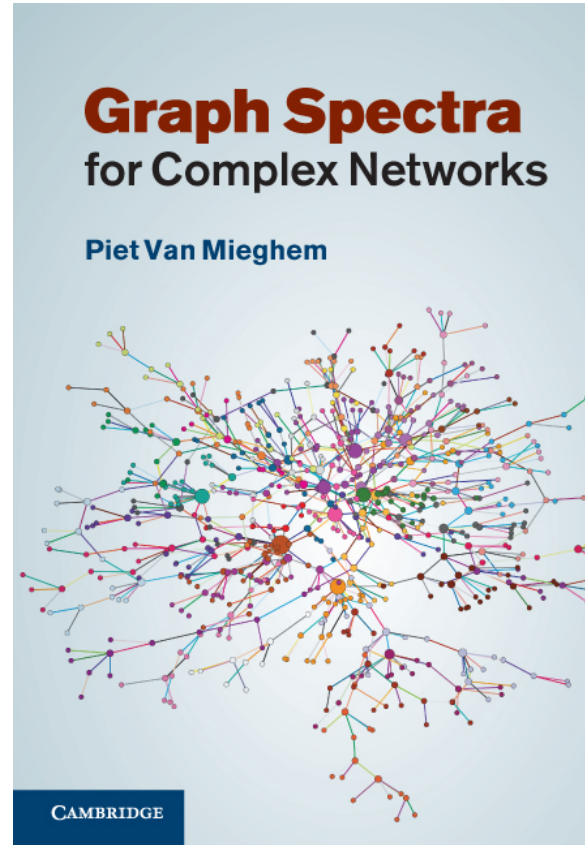
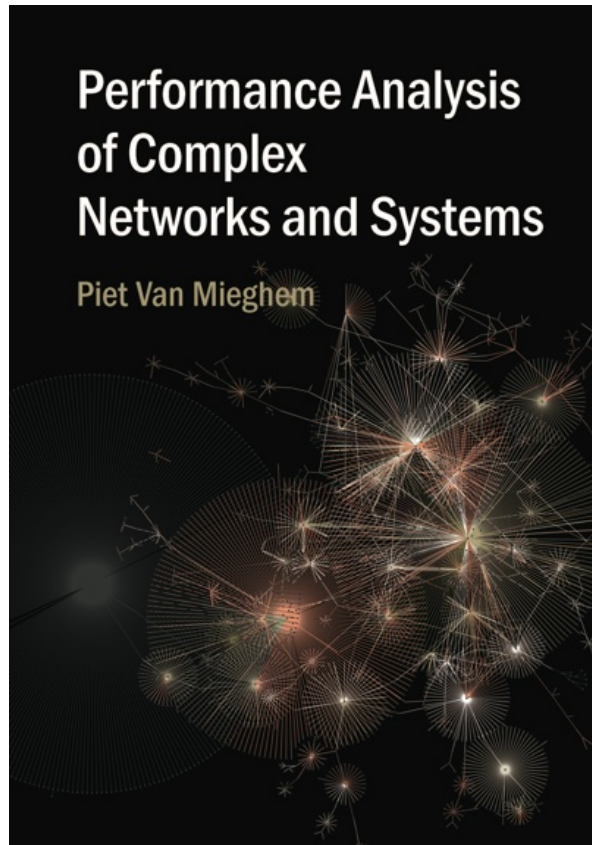
Pdf of the spreading time



Challenges for epidemics on networks

- A general mean-field criterion: for which graphs is NIMFA accurate? Is the conjecture true?
- Tight upper bound of the epidemic threshold (for any graph), or near to exact determination of τ_c
- Time-dependent analysis of SIS epidemics: beyond the tanh-formula
- Non-Markovian epidemics
- Epidemics on *evolving*, *adaptive* and *temporal* networks
- Competing and mutating viruses on networks
- Modeling of social contagion
- Control of epidemics on networks
- **Measured data** of epidemics (e.g. fraction of infected nodes, the underlying topology of the 'contact' network) in real-world networks!

Books



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

A photograph of a modern architectural structure, likely a stadium or arena, featuring a prominent conical roof structure with a metal framework. The building is situated on a green hillside with a paved walkway and a person walking. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Thank You

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