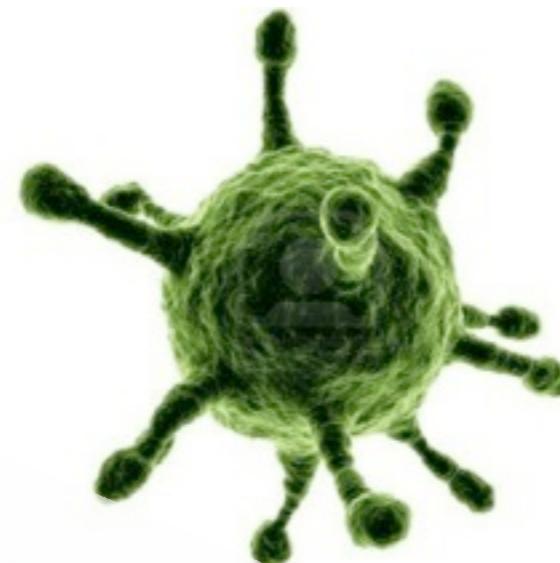


# Epidemics & Networks



Jesús Gómez Gardeñes  
*Instituto de Biocomputación y Física de  
Sistemas Complejos (BIFI)*  
Universidad de Zaragoza

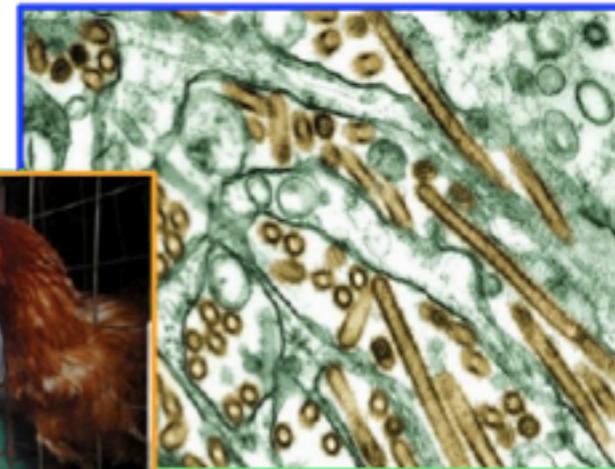
# DO WE NEED A MOTIVATION?

## SOS Epidemic Spreading (America, Asia & Africa)



**VIH** In 2007, more than 33.2 millions of people all over the world were infected.

**Dengue  
Epidemics  
in Bolivia  
2009**  
*Aedes aegypti*



**Avian Influenza  
Virus H5N1** (REUTERS  
& EFE)

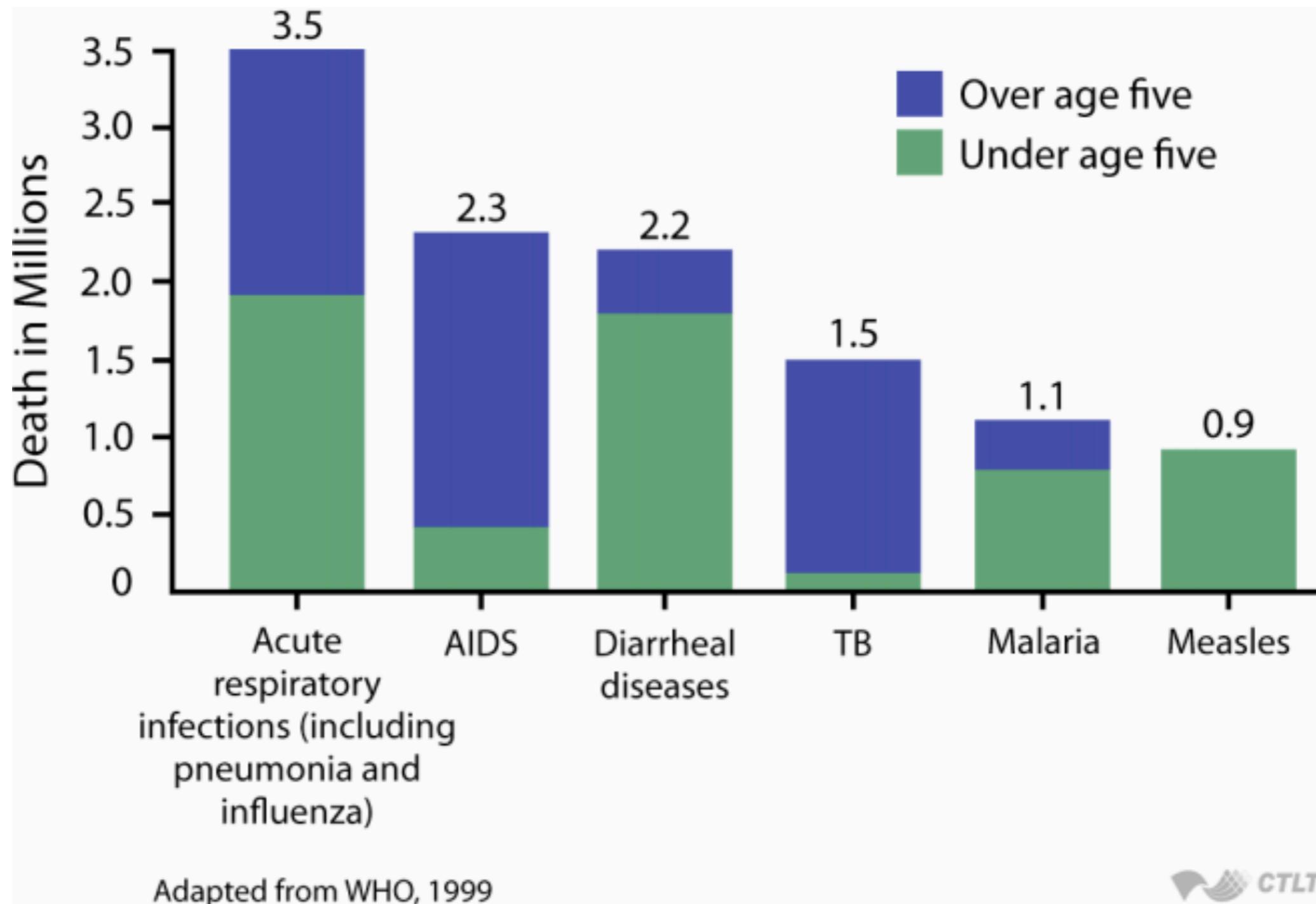
## Swine Fever Epidemics in Mexico



## Cholera Outbreak in Zimbabwe 2008



# Infectious Disease Impact



# Lets Model!



# Compartmental models

Aimed at capturing the global (population-level) dynamics  
from the microscopic contagion processes

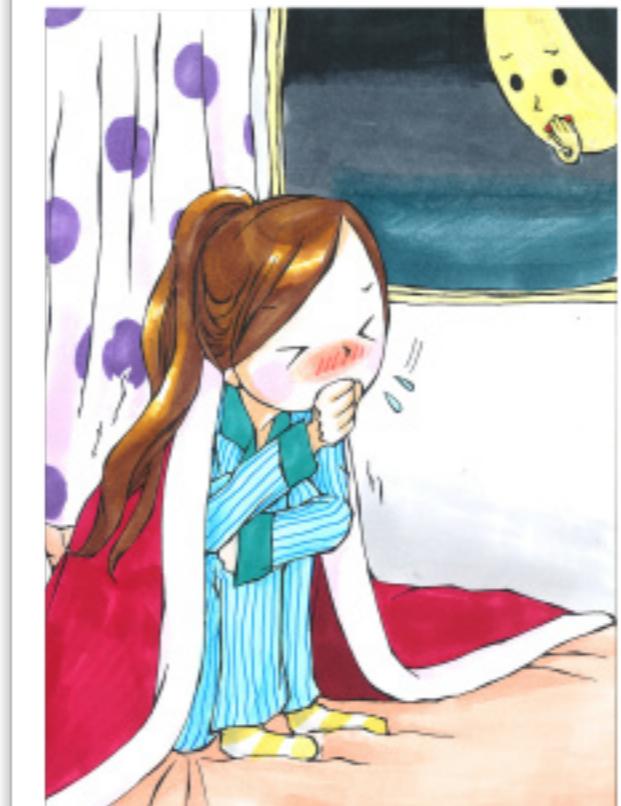
# Compartmental models

Aimed at capturing the global (population-level) dynamics from the microscopic contagion processes

Each individual can be in one of  $n$  states at time  $t$

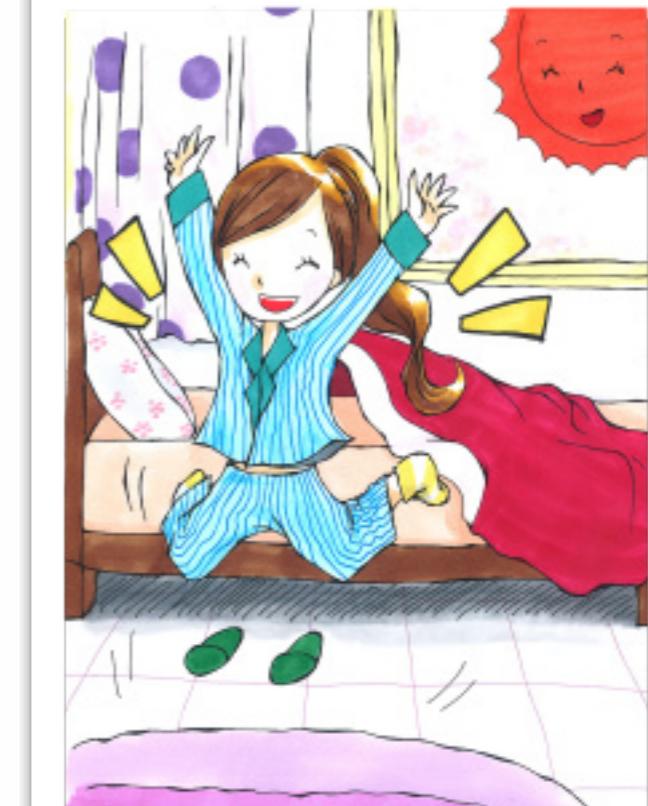


**S** - Susceptible (Healthy)



**I** - Infected (and infectious)

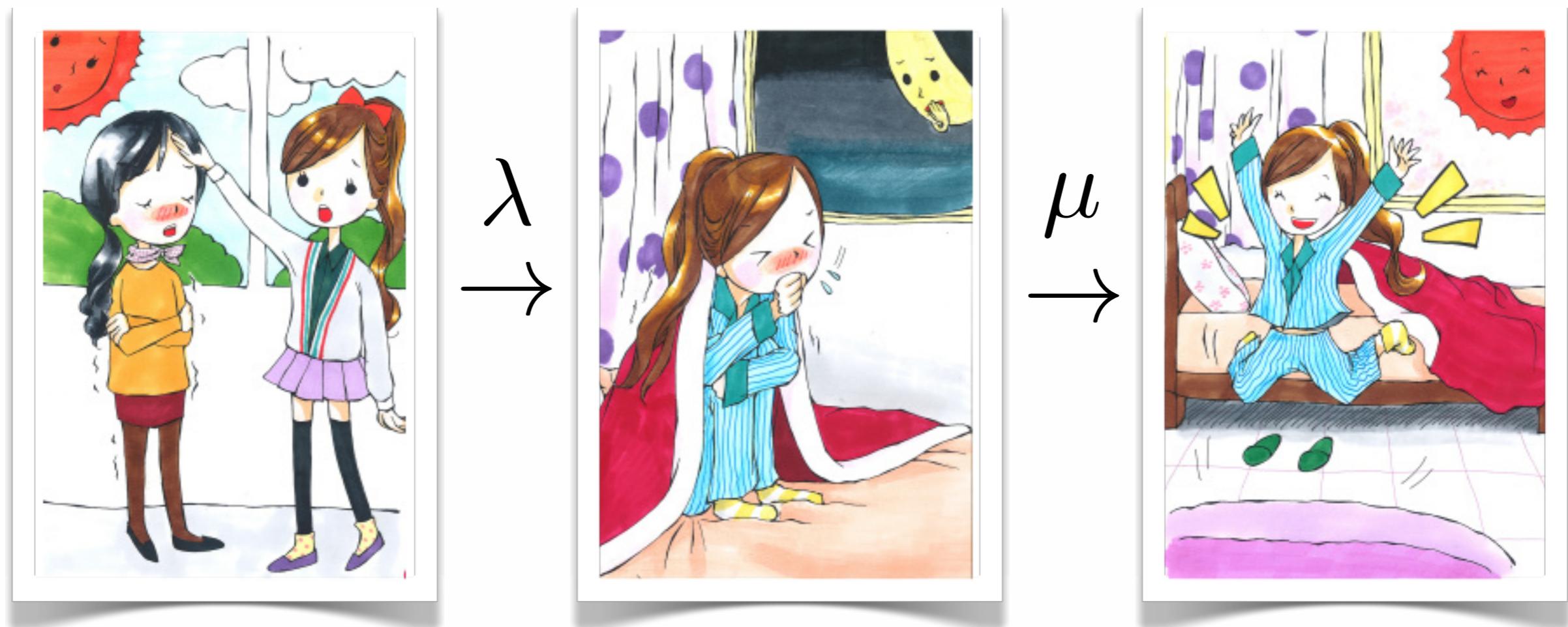
(From Petter Holme's blog)



**R** - Recovered (immune/dead)

# Compartmental models

The transitions (e.g.  $S \rightarrow I$ ) is mediated by some rates ( $\lambda$ ) and the encounters between individuals.



**S** - Susceptible (Healthy)

**I** - Infected (and infectious)

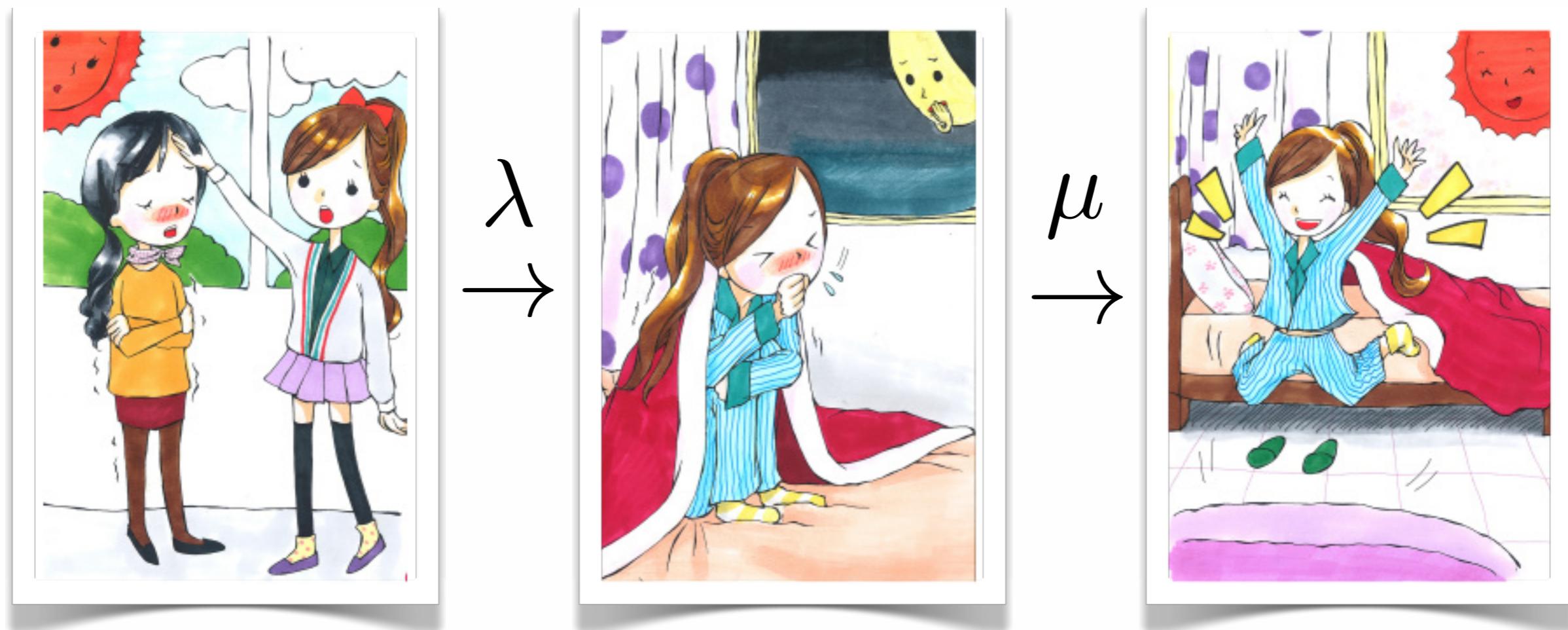
(From Petter Holme's blog)

**R** - Recovered (immune/dead)

# Compartmental models

The transitions (e.g.  $S \rightarrow I$ ) is mediated by some rates ( $\lambda$ ) and the encounters between individuals.

The final impact of an SIR epidemic is given by the fraction of affected (Recovered) individuals



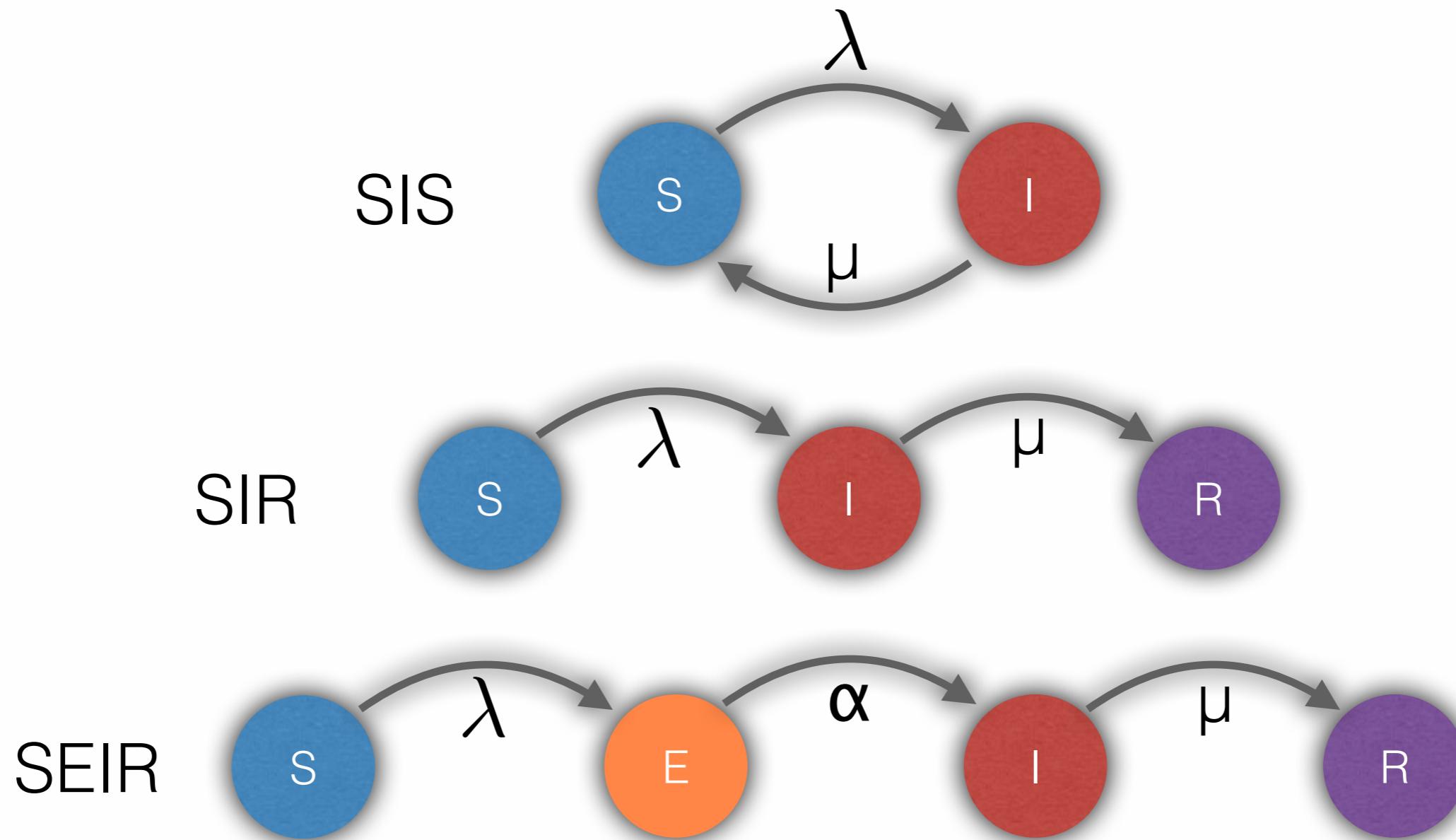
**S** - Susceptible (Healthy)

**I** - Infected (and infectious)

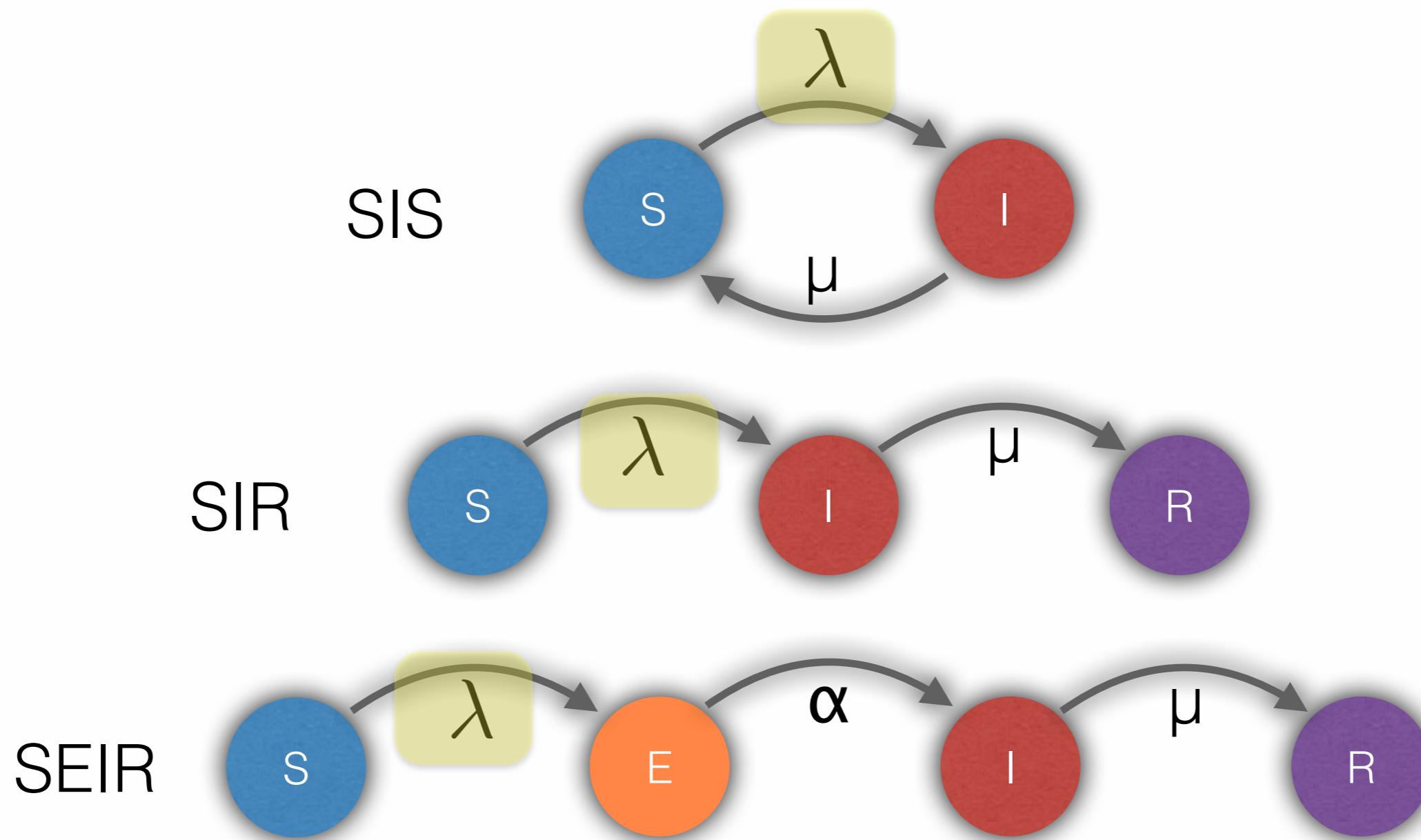
**R** - Recovered (immune/dead)

(From Petter Holme's blog)

# Some examples



# Some examples



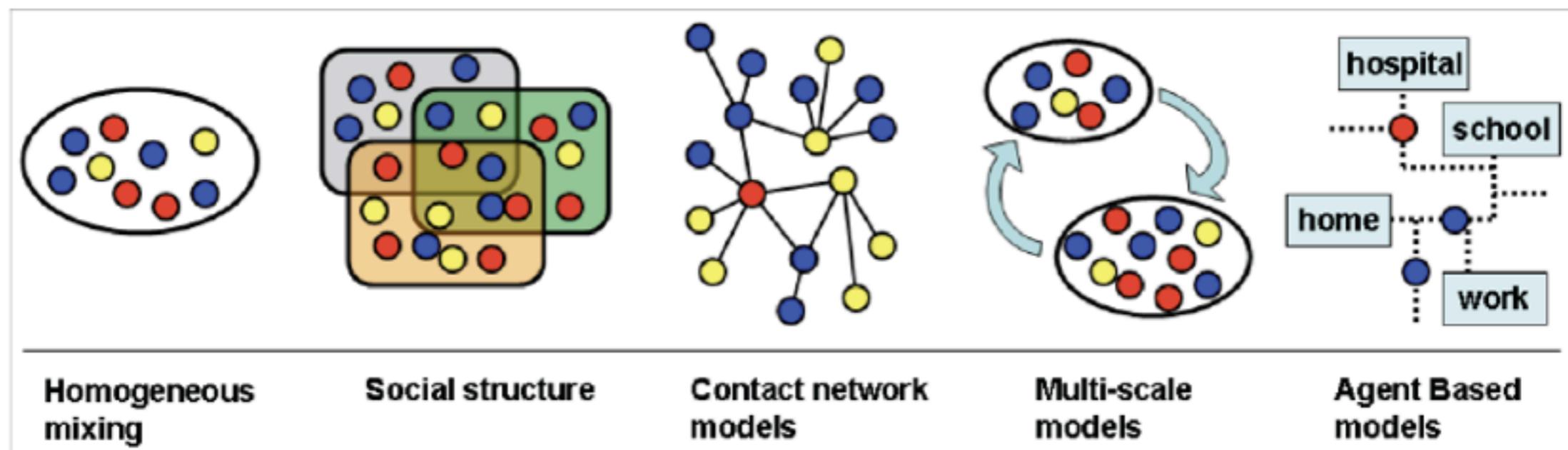
**QUESTION:** What is the minimum value of  $\lambda$  for the epidemic outbreak to take place?

# Part I

# Simple Models

# Approaches to Epidemic Modeling

From ideal (simple) to real (complex) interactions



**Simple**



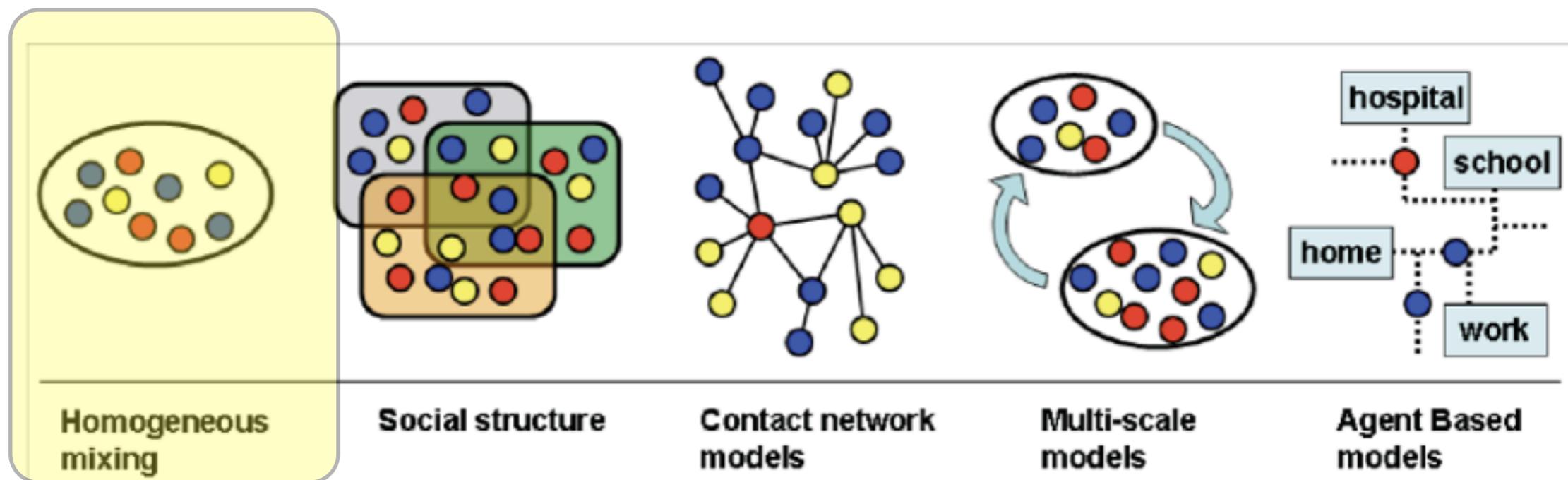
**Realistic**

Ability to explain (caveats)  
trends at a population level

Model realism loses in  
transparency.  
Validation is harder.

# Approaches to Epidemic Modeling

From ideal (simple) to real (complex) interactions



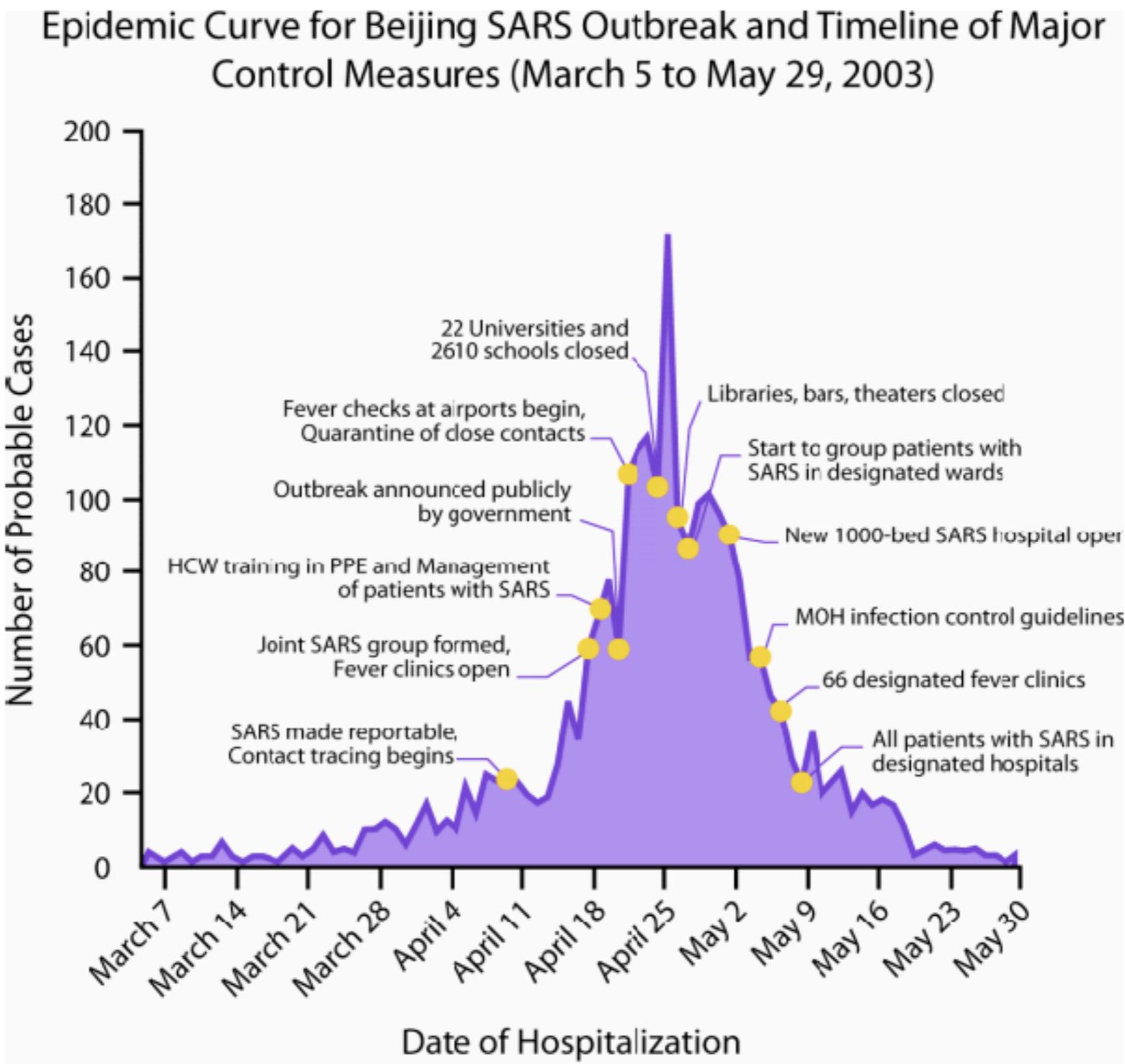
**Simple**

**Realistic**

Ability to explain (caveats)  
trends at a population level

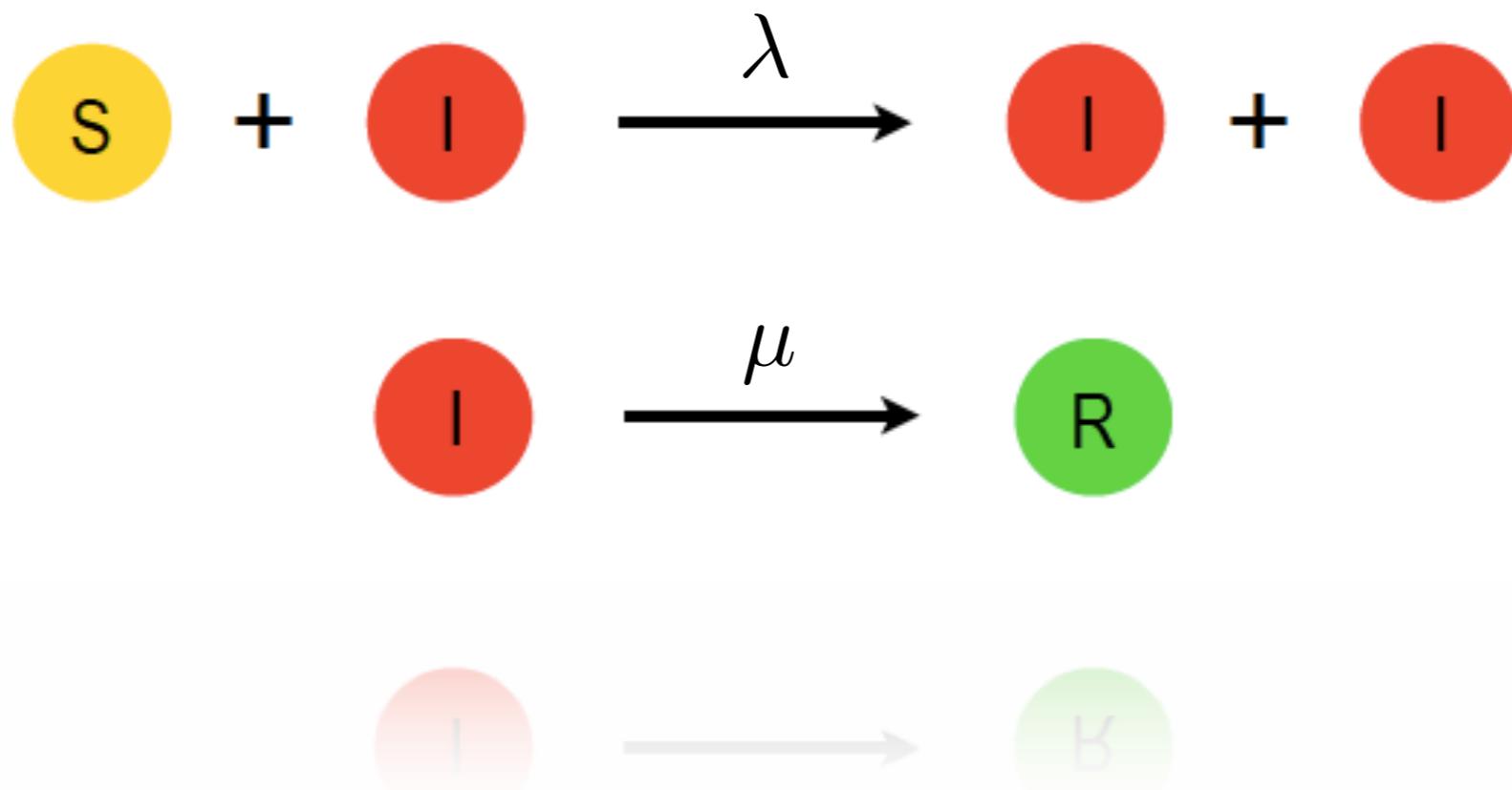
Model realism loses in  
transparency.  
Validation is harder.

# population level



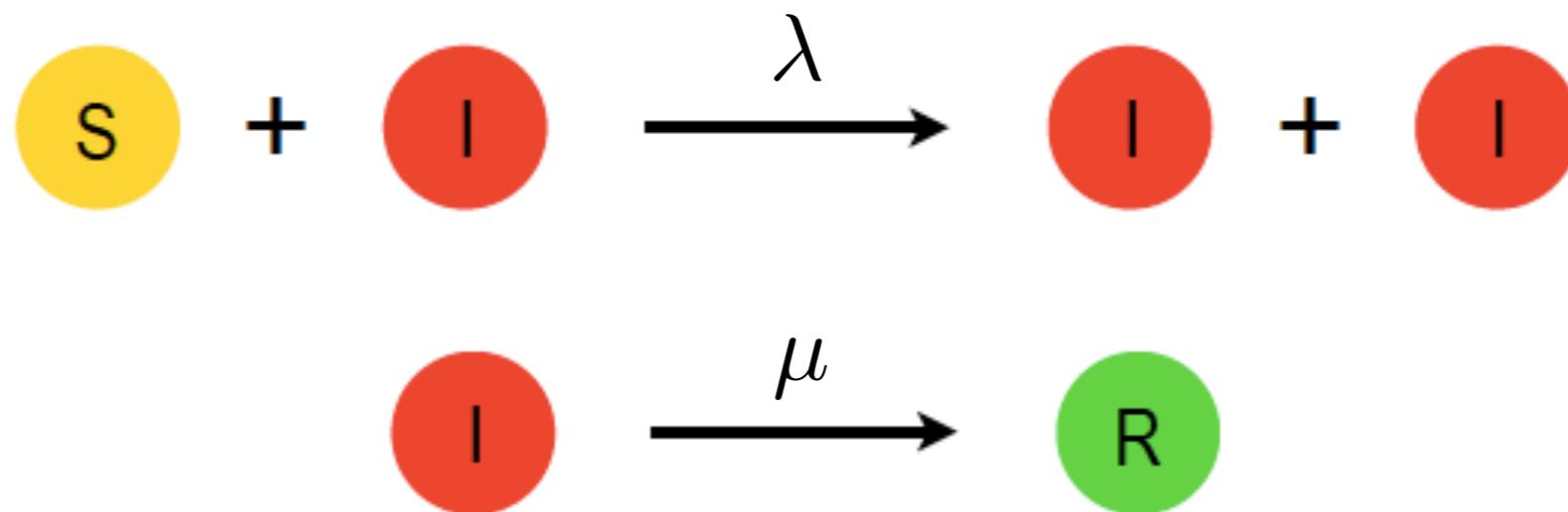
# SIR model

## SIR basic processes

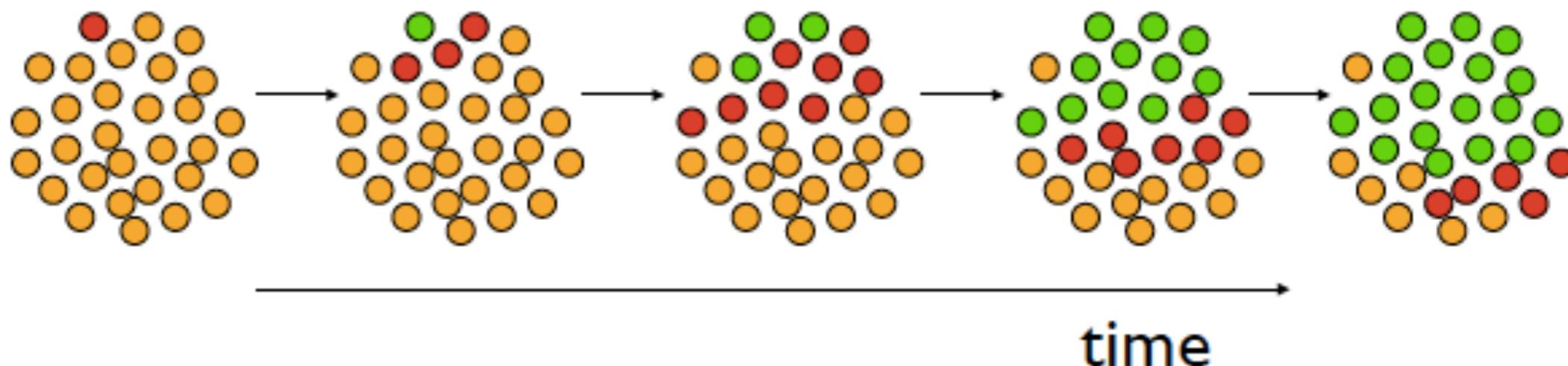


# SIR model

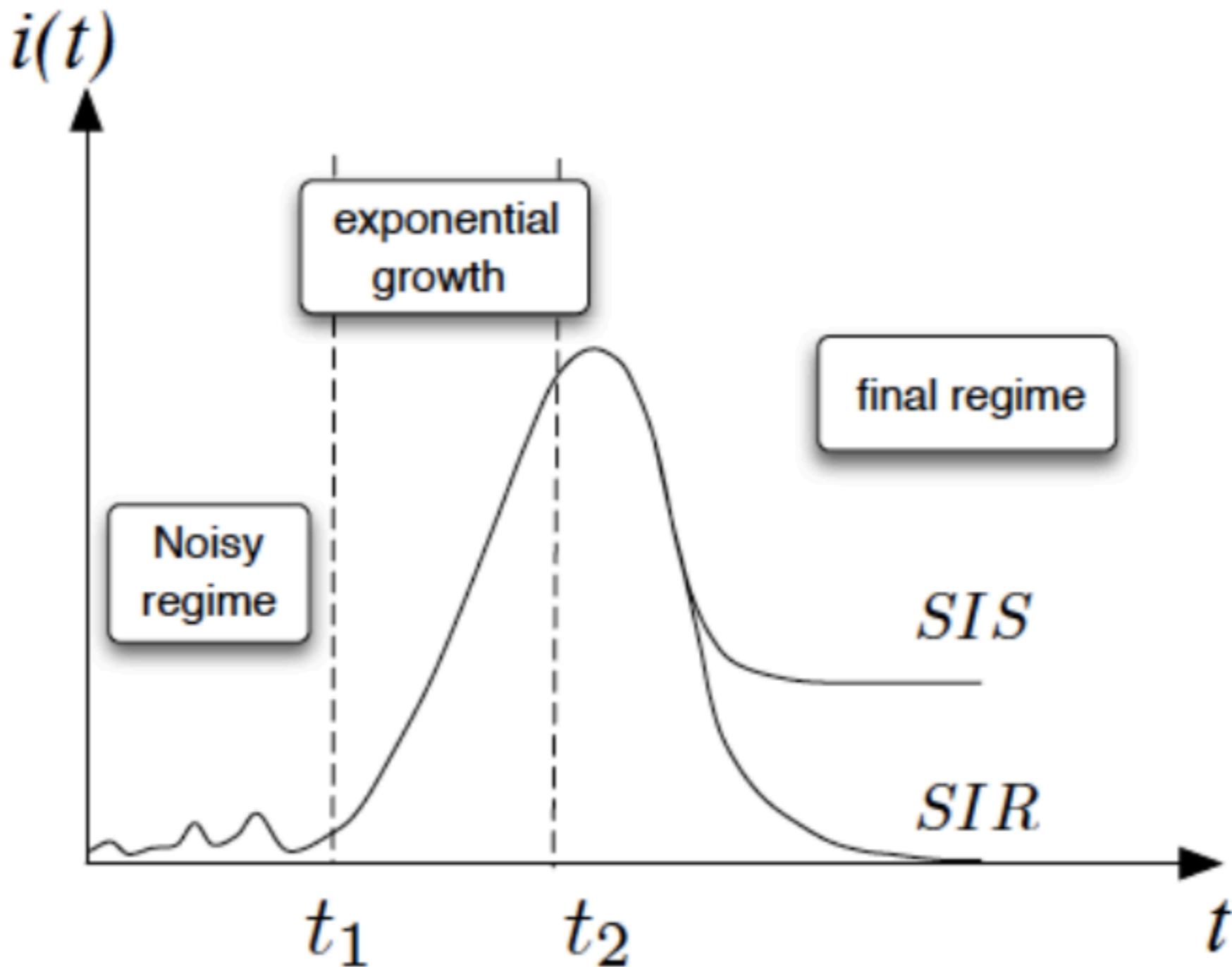
## SIR basic processes



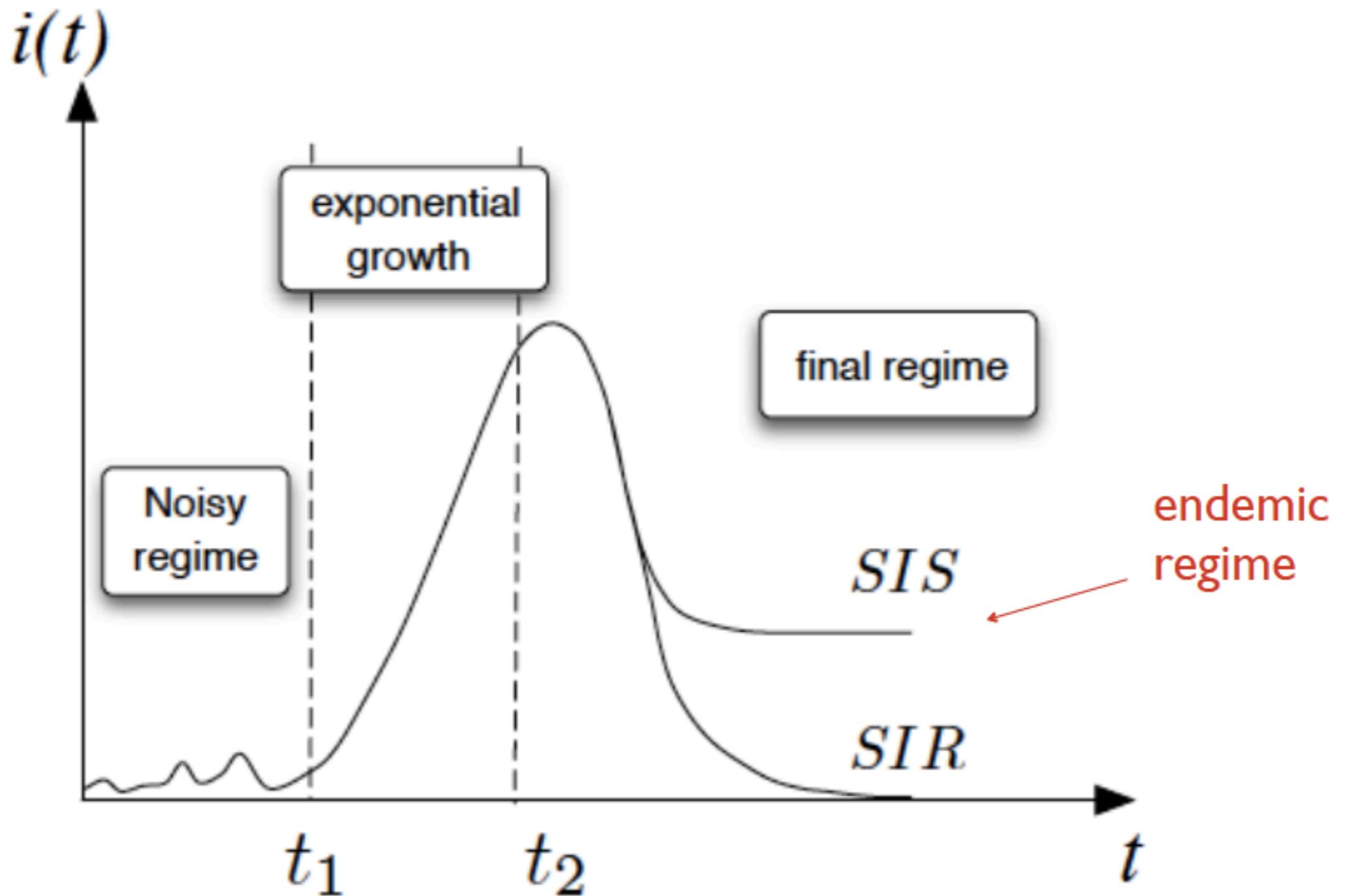
homogeneous mixing



# SIS versus SIR



# SIS versus SIR



# SIR model

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle S \frac{I}{N} - \mu I$$

# SIR model

new infections      loss of infectiousness

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle S \frac{I}{N} - \mu I$$

# SIR model

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle S \frac{I}{N} - \mu I$$

new infections      loss of infectiousness      average #contacts  
 |  
 $\beta = \lambda \langle k \rangle$  per-contact transmissibility

# SIR model

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle S \frac{I}{N} - \mu I$$

new infections      loss of infectiousness      average #contacts  
 |  
 $\beta = \lambda \langle k \rangle$  per-contact transmissibility

$$i = I/N \text{ prevalence}$$

# SIR model

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle S \frac{I}{N} - \mu I$$

new infections      loss of infectiousness      average #contacts  
β = λ⟨k⟩ per-contact transmissibility

$$i = I/N$$

prevalence

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle si - \mu i$$

# SIR model

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle S \frac{I}{N} - \mu I$$

new infections      loss of infectiousness      average #contacts  
β = λ⟨k⟩ per-contact transmissibility

$$i = I/N$$

prevalence

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle s i - \mu i \simeq \frac{s \simeq 1}{\lambda \langle k \rangle} i - \mu i$$

# SIR model

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle S \frac{I}{N} - \mu I$$

new infections      loss of infectiousness      average #contacts  
β = λ⟨k⟩ per-contact transmissibility

$$i = I/N$$

prevalence

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle s i - \mu i \simeq \frac{s \simeq 1}{\lambda \langle k \rangle} i - \mu i > 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda \langle k \rangle - \mu > 0$$

# SIR model

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle S \frac{I}{N} - \mu I$$

new infections      loss of infectiousness      average #contacts  
|  
 $\beta = \lambda \langle k \rangle$  per-contact transmissibility

$$i = I/N$$

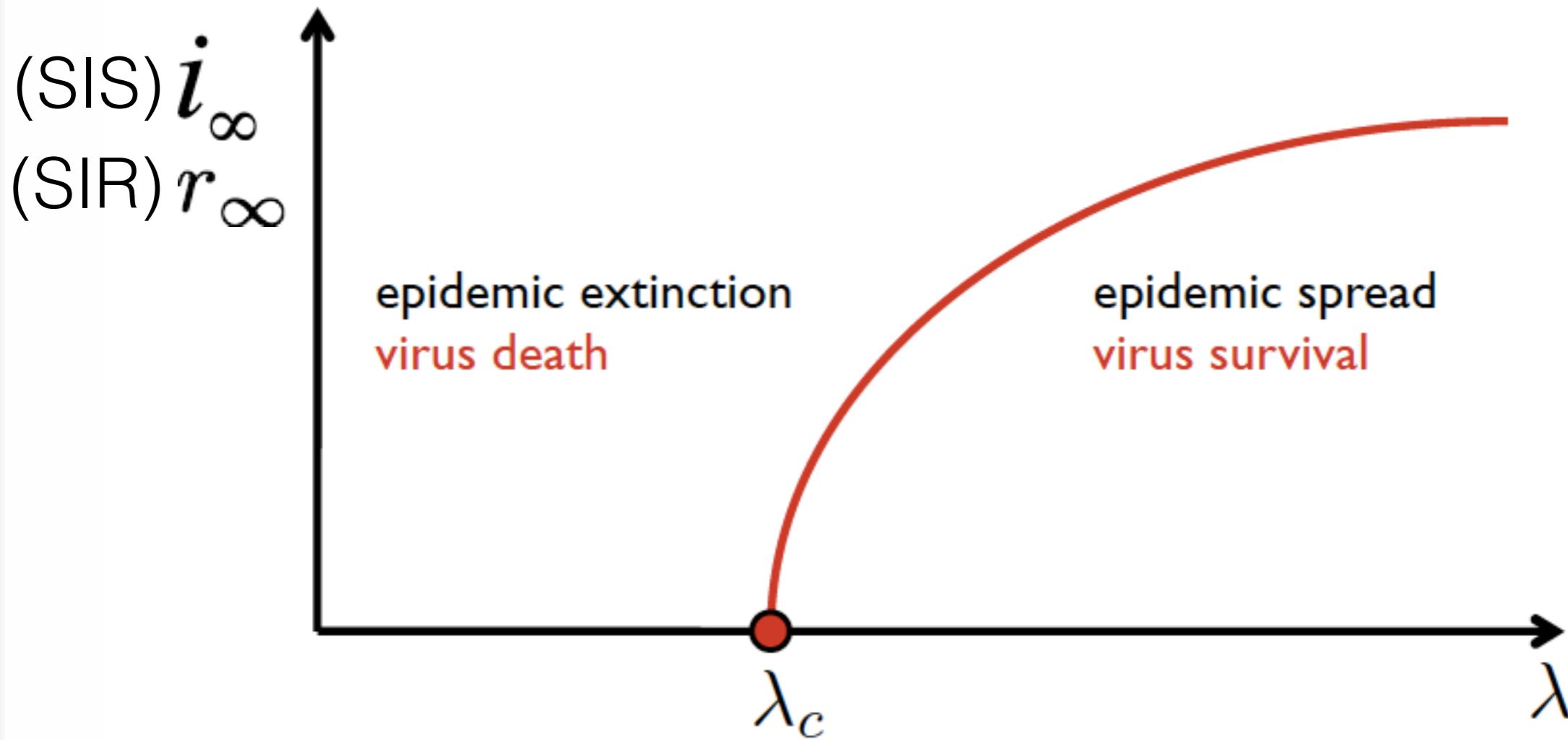
prevalence

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \lambda \langle k \rangle si - \mu i \simeq \frac{s \simeq 1}{\lambda \langle k \rangle i - \mu i > 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda \langle k \rangle - \mu > 0}$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\lambda > \lambda_c = \mu / \langle k \rangle}$$

epidemic threshold

# epidemic threshold



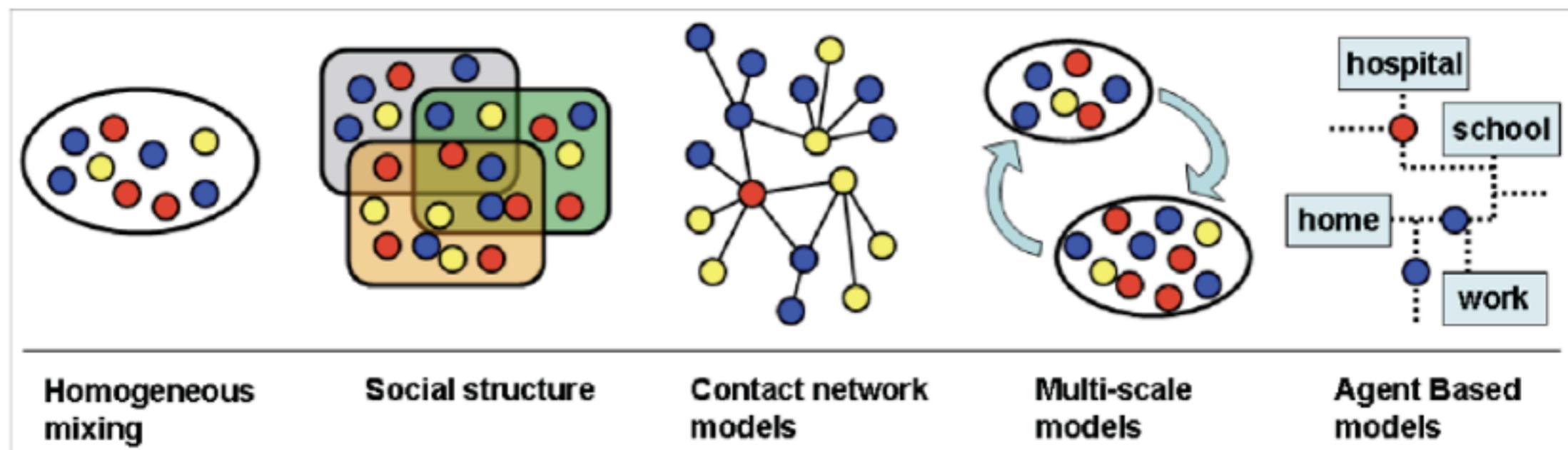
- very general result (SI, SIS, SEIR, ...)
- related to the **reproductive number**

# Part II

# Beyond Mean field

# Approaches to Epidemic Modeling

From ideal (simple) to real (complex) interactions



**Simple**



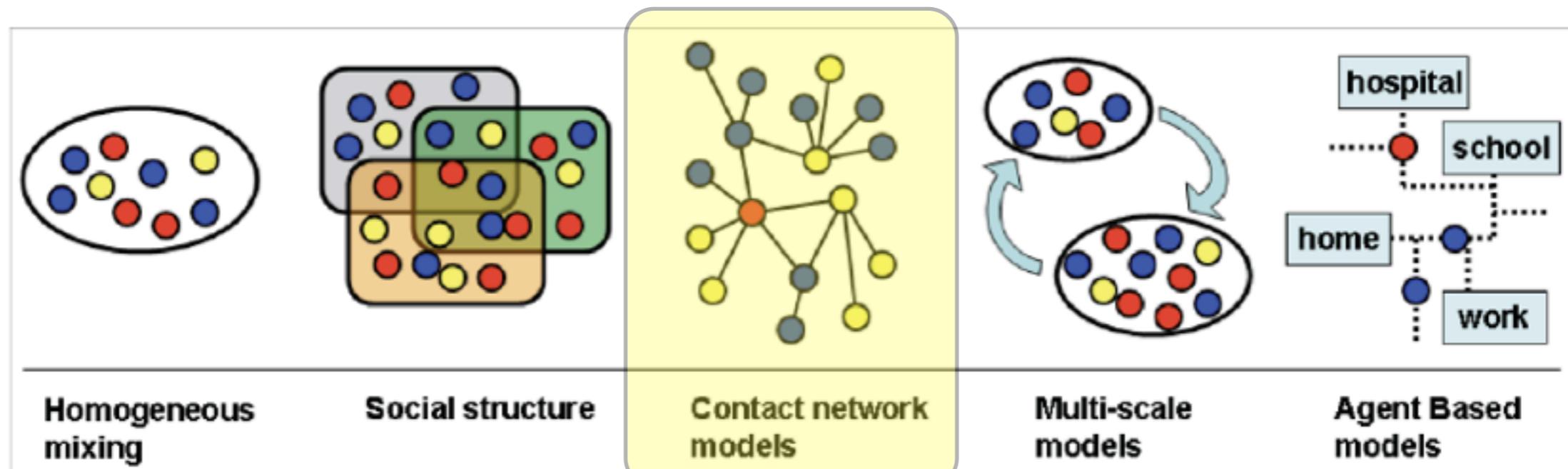
**Realistic**

Ability to explain (caveats)  
trends at a population level

Model realism loses in  
transparency.  
Validation is harder.

# Approaches to Epidemic Modeling

From ideal (simple) to real (complex) interactions



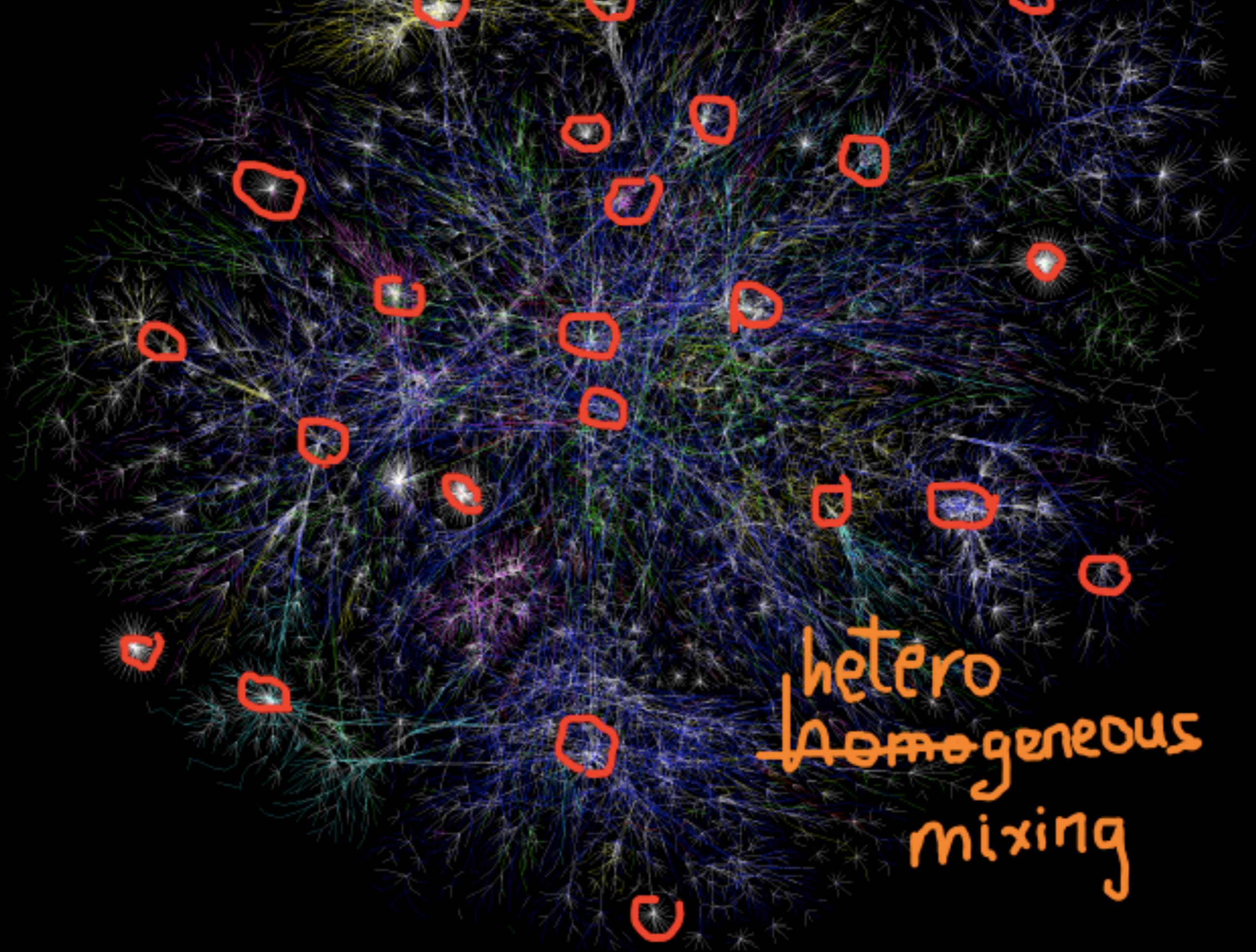
**Simple**



**Realistic**

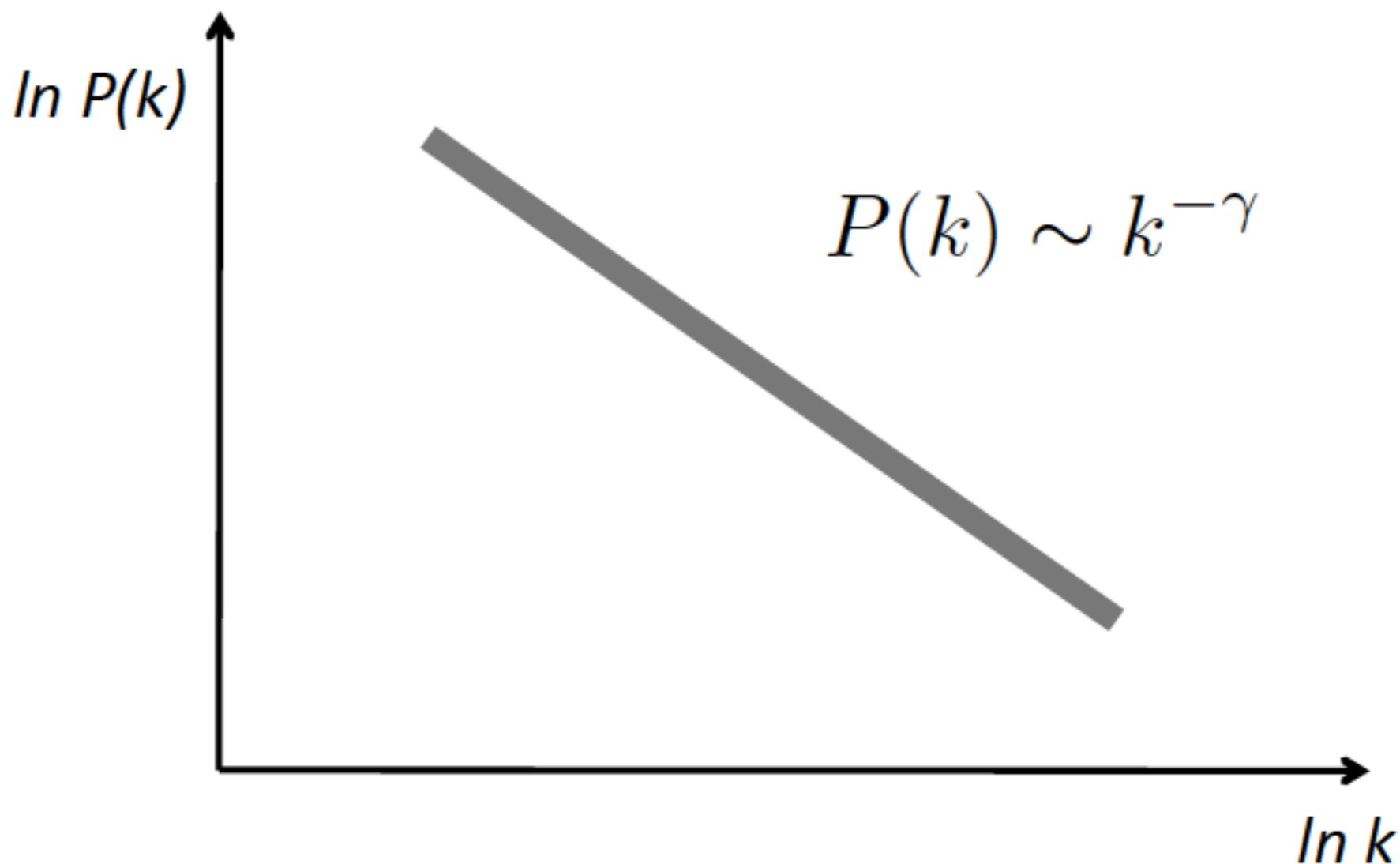
Ability to explain (caveats)  
trends at a population level

Model realism loses in  
transparency.  
Validation is harder.

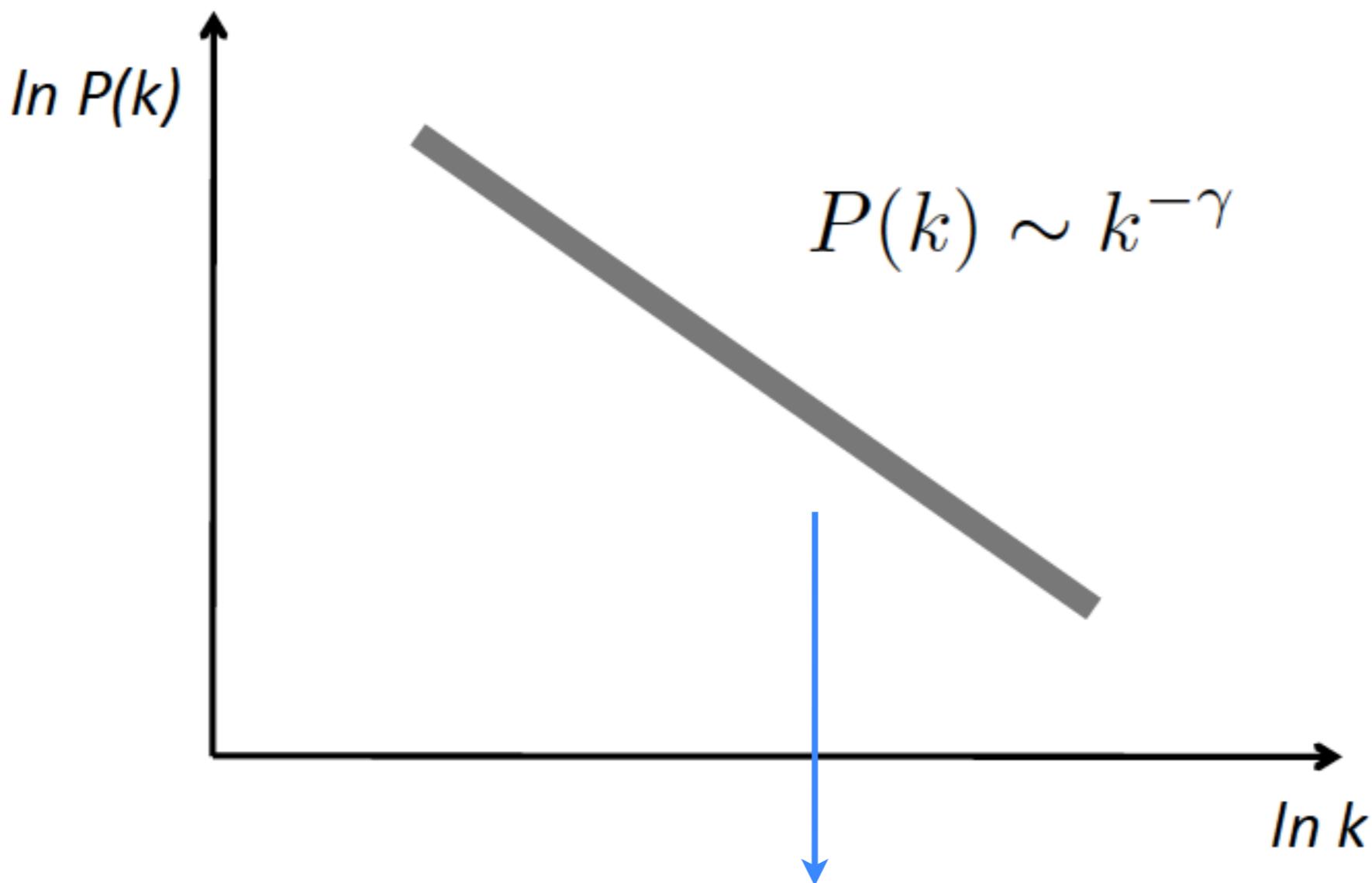


hetero  
homo<sup>geneous</sup>  
mixing

# heterogeneous networks

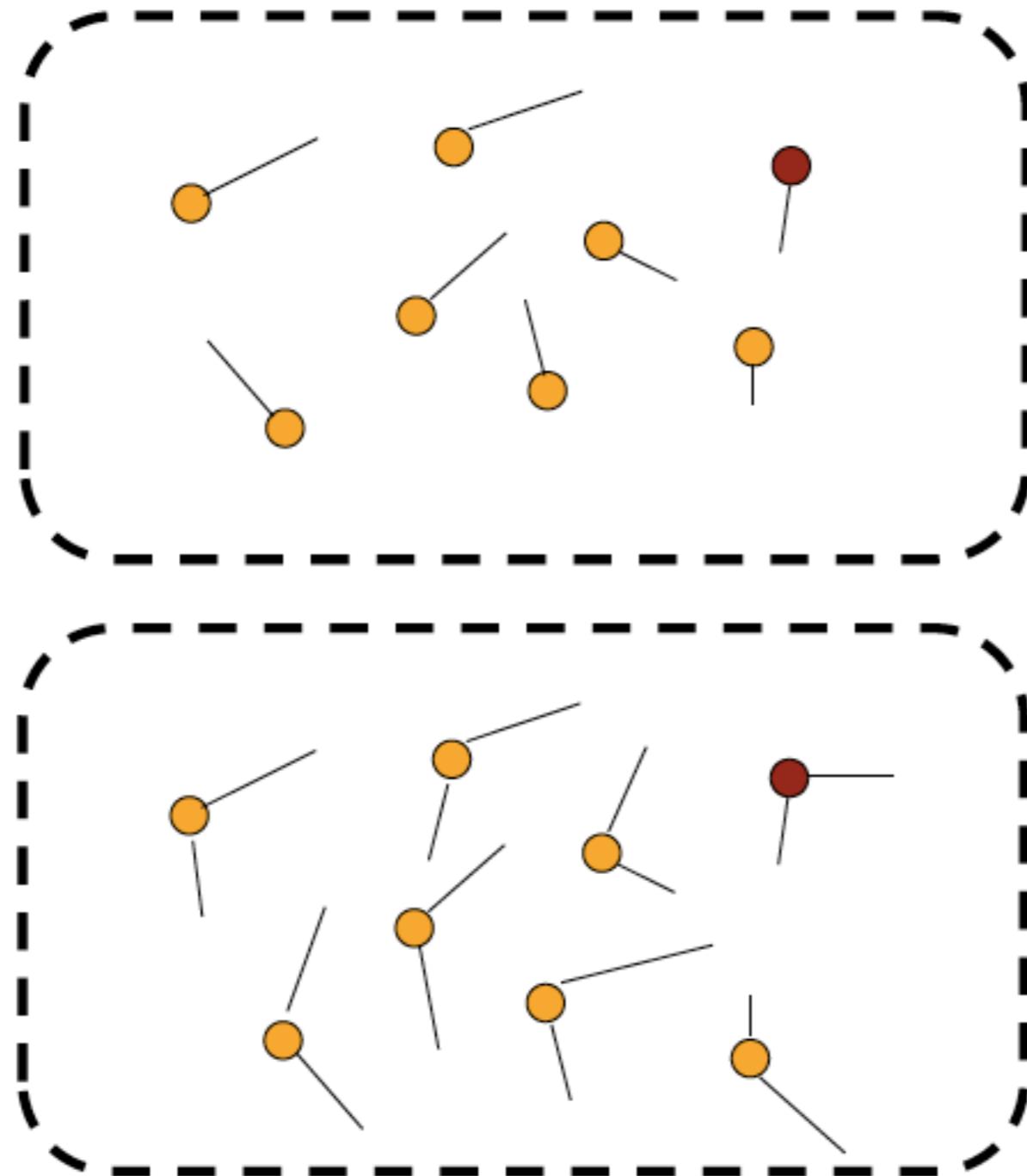


# heterogeneous networks



heterogeneous mean field

# degree-based representation or HMF



class of individuals with  
degree  $k=1$

class of individuals with  
degree  $k=2$

etc.

# Contagion Processes & Networks

Probably the most prolific area of Network Science:  
more than 5000 papers since 2001

VOLUME 86, NUMBER 14 PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 2 APRIL 2001

## Epidemic Spreading in Scale-Free Networks

Romualdo Pastor-Satorras<sup>1</sup> and Alessandro Vespignani<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Departament de Física i Enginyeria Nuclear, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Campus Nord, Mòdul B4, 08034 Barcelona, Spain*

<sup>2</sup>*The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), P.O. Box 586, 34100 Trieste, Italy*

(Received 20 October 2000)

The Internet has a very complex connectivity recently modeled by the class of scale-free networks. This feature, which appears to be very efficient for a communications network, favors at the same time the spreading of computer viruses. We analyze real data from computer virus infections and find the average lifetime and persistence of viral strains on the Internet. We define a dynamical model for the spreading

more than 3300 citations in  Google scholar

# SIS on heterogeneous networks

In heterogeneous networks  
the approximation  $k \sim \langle k \rangle$   
doesn't hold

Solution:  
Degree Block approximation

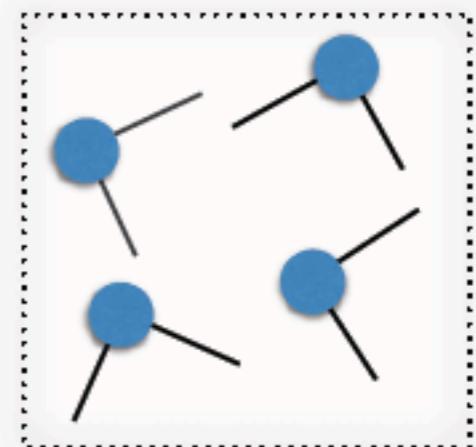
All the nodes are statistically equivalent  
All the nodes with the same degree are statistically equivalent

$$i_k = \frac{I_k}{N_k}$$

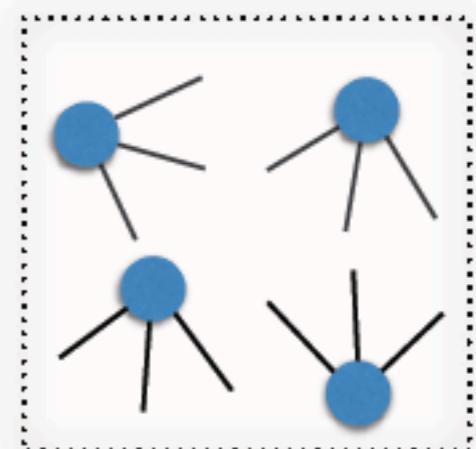
$$s_k = \frac{S_k}{N_k}$$

$$i = \sum_k P(k) i_k \quad s = \sum_k P(k) s_k$$

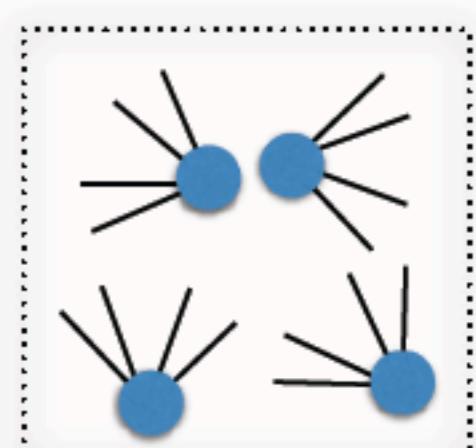
$k = 2$



$k = 3$



$k = 4$



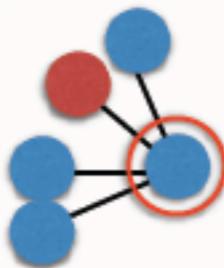
# SIS on heterogeneous networks

formulation

$$\frac{di_k(t)}{dt} = \lambda k [1 - i_k] \underline{\Theta_k(t)} - \mu i_k(t)$$

Density of infected neighbors  
for a node of degree  $k$

$\Theta_k(t)$  probability that a given link of a node of degree  $k$  points to an infected node



$$\Theta_4(t) = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{in homogeneous networks } \Theta_k(t) = i_k(t)$$

# SIS on heterogeneous networks

the form of  $\Theta_k(t)$

if we assume no degree correlations

Probability of a node of degree  $k$  to be connected with a node with degree  $k'$

$$P(k'|k) = \frac{k' P(k')}{\sum_{k'} k' P(k')} = \frac{k' P(k')}{\langle k \rangle}$$

$P(k'|k)$  doesn't depend on  $k$

thus

$$\Theta_k(t) = \Theta(t) = \frac{\sum_{k'} k' P(k') i_{k'}(t)}{\langle k \rangle}$$

# SIS on heterogeneous networks

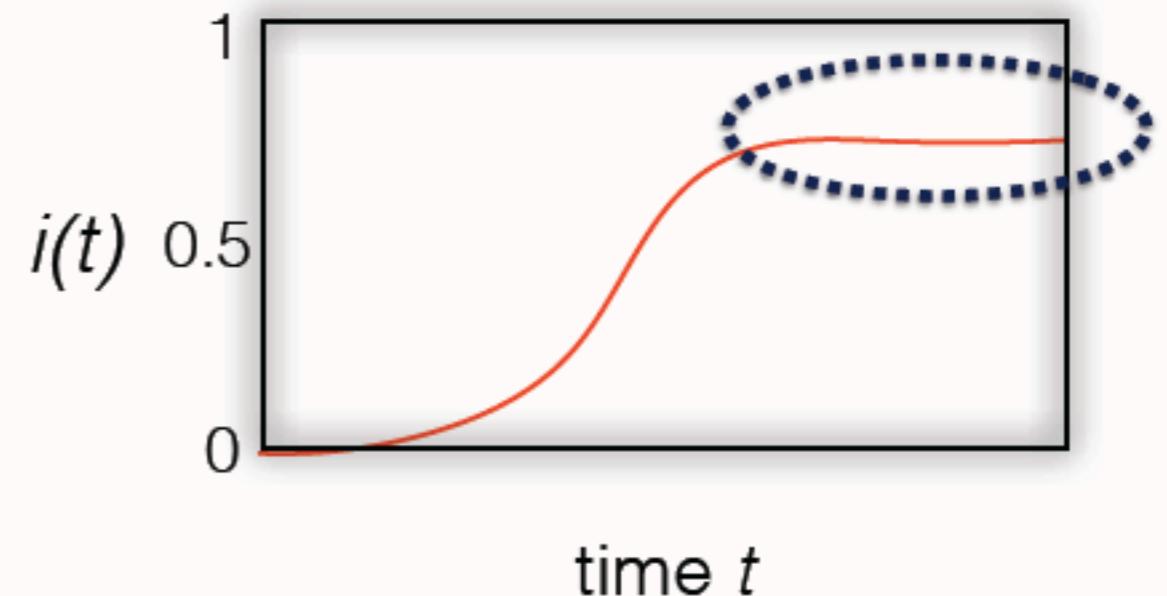
Epidemic threshold:  
outline of the solution

- consider the stationary state
- write  $i_k$  as function of  $\Theta$
- Substitute  $i_k$  in the expression of  $\Theta$  and get a self-consistent equation
- Solve it with the **graphical method**

# SIS on heterogeneous networks

the stationary state

$$i_k(t) = i_k \quad \Theta(t) = \Theta \quad \frac{di_k(t)}{dt} = 0$$



$$\frac{di_k(t)}{dt} = \lambda k [1 - i_k] \Theta_k(t) - \mu i_k(t) \rightarrow 0 = \lambda (1 - i_k) k \Theta - \mu i_k$$

$$i_k = \frac{k \lambda \Theta}{\mu + k \lambda \Theta}$$

# SIS on heterogeneous networks

Substitute  $i_k$  and get  
a self-consistent eq

if we assume no degree correlations

$$i_k = \frac{k\lambda\Theta}{\mu + k\lambda\Theta}$$

$$\Theta_k(t) = \Theta(t) = \frac{\sum_{k'} k' P(k') i_{k'}(t)}{\langle k \rangle}$$

self-consistent  
expression

$$\Theta = \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k k P(k) \frac{k\lambda\Theta}{\mu + k\lambda\Theta}$$

always has the trivial solution ( $\Theta = 0$ ).  
We are interested in the non-trivial ones (endemic state)

# SIS on heterogeneous networks

idea

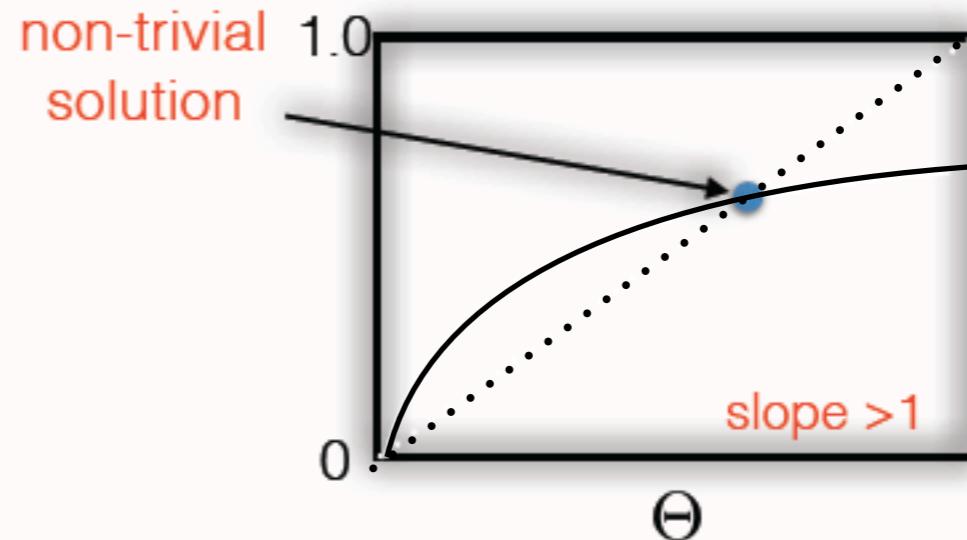
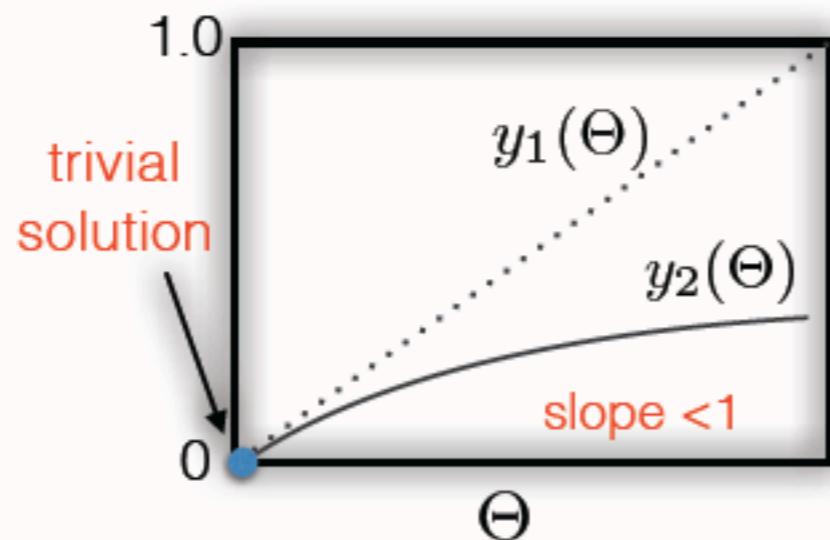
$$\Theta = \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k k P(k) \frac{k \lambda \Theta}{\mu + k \lambda \Theta}$$

plot the two sides of the eq. separately  
and look for their intersection

linear with slope 1  
 $y_1(\Theta) = \Theta$

monotonically increasing between  $\Theta=0$  and  $\Theta=1$

$$y_2(\Theta) = \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k k P(k) \frac{k \lambda \Theta}{\mu + k \lambda \Theta}$$

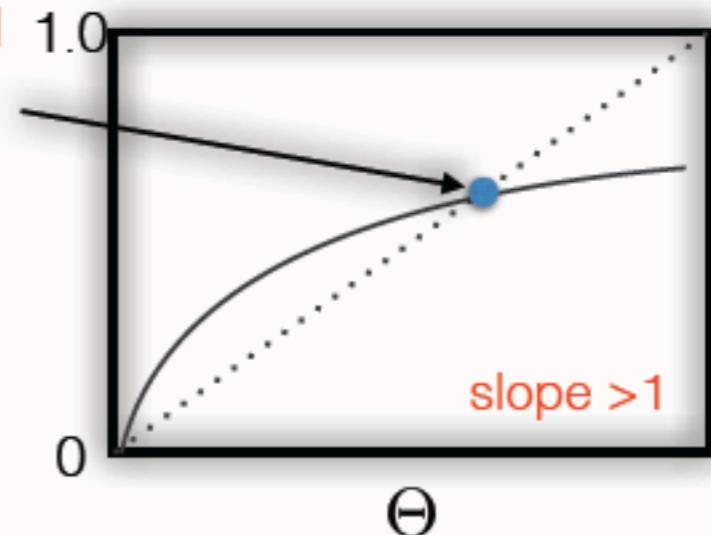


# SIS on heterogeneous networks

condition:

smallest ( $\Theta=0$ ) non-trivial solution

non-trivial  
solution



epidemic threshold:

$$\frac{dy_1(\Theta)}{d\Theta} = 1 \quad \left( \frac{dy_2(\Theta)}{d\Theta} \right)_{\Theta=0}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\Theta} \left( \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k k P(k) \frac{k \lambda \Theta}{\mu + k \lambda \Theta} \right)_{\Theta=0}$$

after some math

$$\frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k k P(k) k \lambda \left( \frac{\mu + k \lambda \Theta - k \lambda \Theta}{(\mu + k \lambda \Theta)^2} \right)_{\Theta=0} = \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k k P(k) k \lambda \frac{\mu}{\mu^2}$$

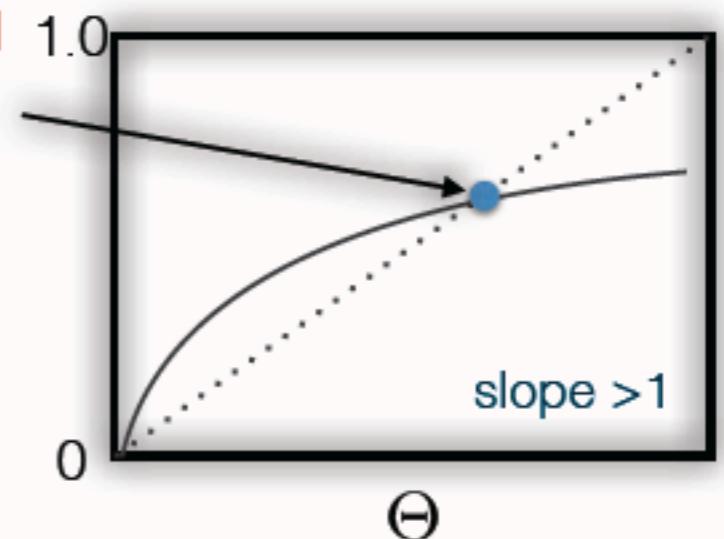
# SIS on heterogeneous networks

simplifying:

$$\frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k k P(k) k \lambda \frac{\mu}{\mu^2} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \langle k^2 \rangle$$

epidemic threshold:

non-trivial  
solution



at the critical point the two derivatives are equal

$$\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle} = 1$$



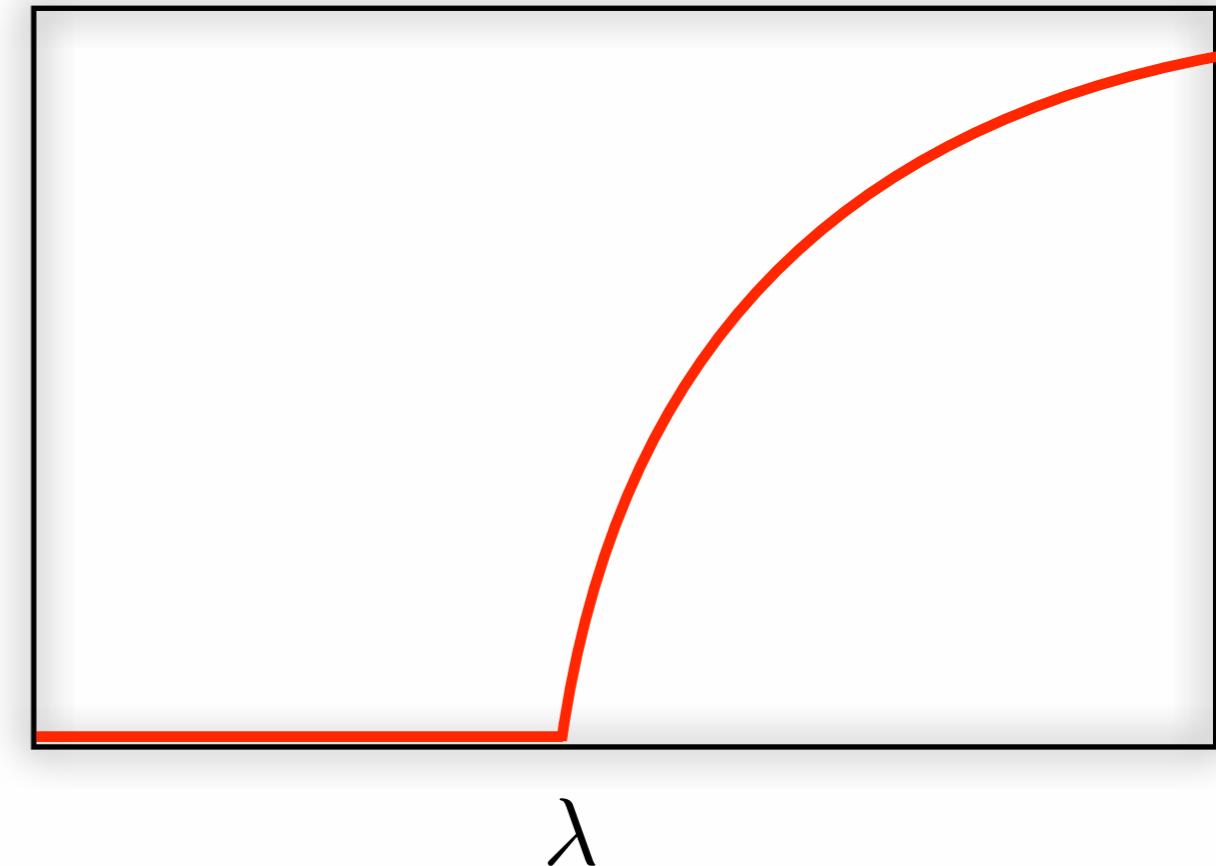
$$\lambda_c = \frac{\mu \langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle} \neq \frac{\mu}{\langle k \rangle}$$

# Epidemics on general Networks

$$\lambda_c \sim \frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle}$$

- in **Homogenous** networks:

$$\langle k^2 \rangle = \langle k \rangle^2 \longrightarrow \lambda_c \sim \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle}$$



# Epidemics on general Networks

$$\lambda_c \sim \frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle}$$

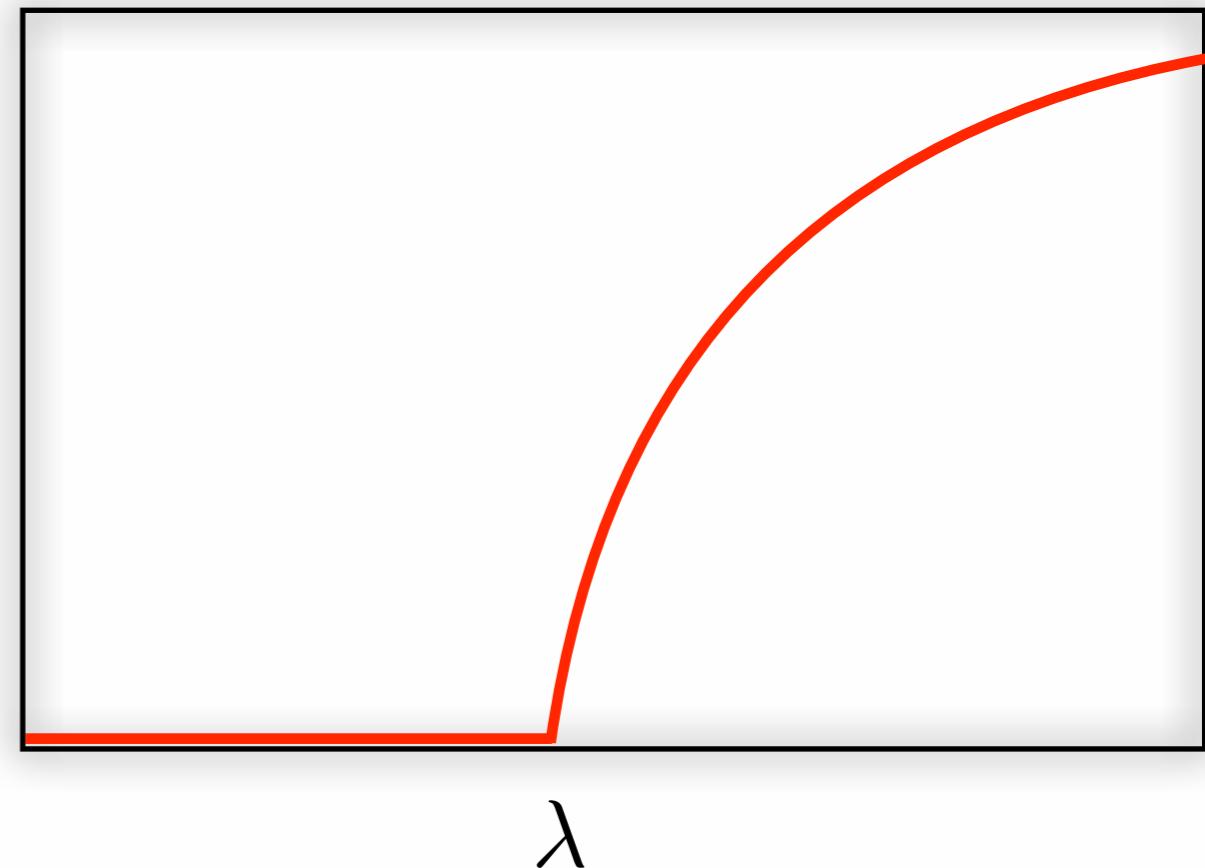
- in **Homogenous** networks:

$$\langle k^2 \rangle = \langle k \rangle^2 \longrightarrow \lambda_c \sim \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle}$$

- in **Scale-Free** networks  $P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma} i$

if  $2 < \gamma < 3$  then  $\langle k^2 \rangle \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lambda_c \rightarrow 0$$



# Epidemics on general Networks

$$\lambda_c \sim \frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle}$$

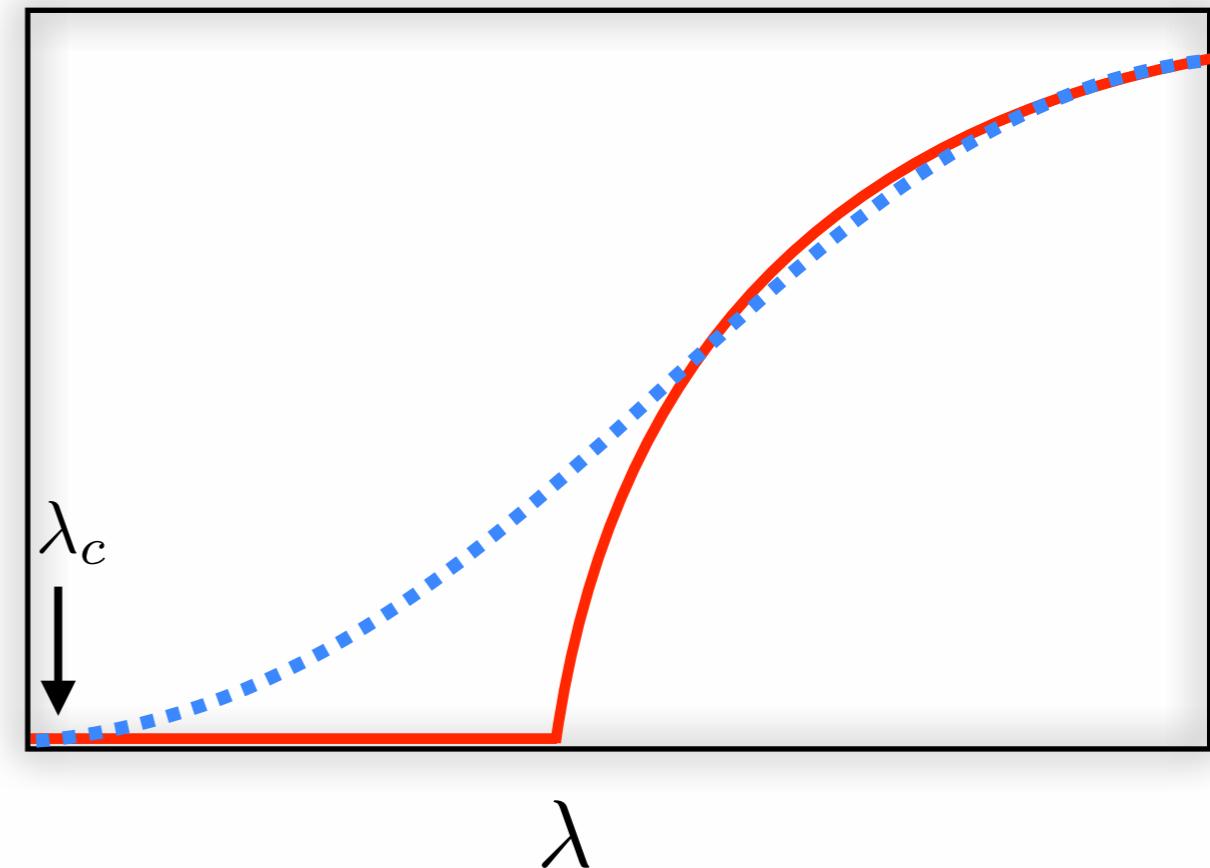
- in **Homogenous** networks:

$$\langle k^2 \rangle = \langle k \rangle^2 \longrightarrow \lambda_c \sim \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle}$$

- in **Scale-Free** networks  $P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma} i$

if  $2 < \gamma < 3$  then  $\langle k^2 \rangle \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lambda_c \rightarrow 0$$



# **Alternative Analysis**

## **Microscopic Markov Chain Approach**

# SIS model

$p_i(t)$ : Probability that agent (node)  $i$  is infected at time  $t$

# SIS model

$p_i(t)$ : Probability that agent (node)  $i$  is infected at time  $t$

$$p_i(t+1) = \frac{p_i(t)(1 - \mu) + (1 - p_i(t)) q_i(t)}{\text{Prob. it remains inf. if inf.} + \text{Prob. it gets infected if healthy}}$$

# SIS model

$p_i(t)$ : Probability that agent (node)  $i$  is infected at time  $t$

$$p_i(t+1) = \frac{p_i(t)(1 - \mu) + (1 - p_i(t)) q_i(t)}{\text{Prob. it remains inf. if inf.}}$$

$$q_i(t) = 1 - \prod_{j=1}^N [1 - \lambda A_{ij} p_j(t)]$$

# SIS model

$p_i(t)$ : Probability that agent (node)  $i$  is infected at time  $t$

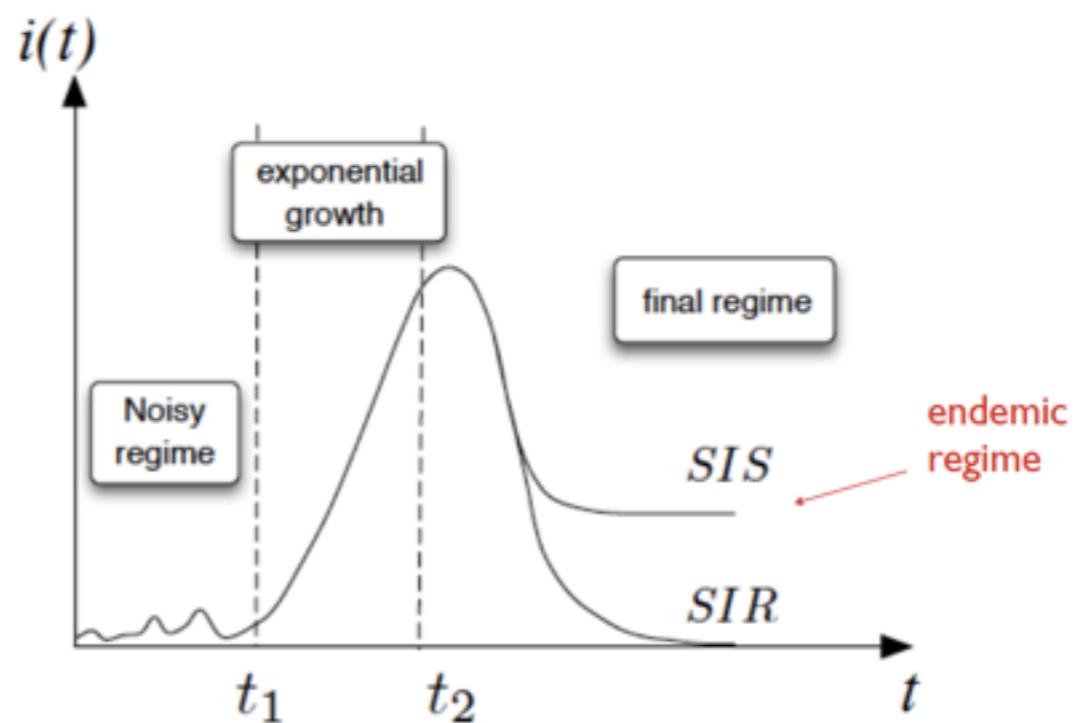
$$p_i(t+1) = \frac{p_i(t)(1 - \mu) + (1 - p_i(t)) q_i(t)}{\text{Prob. it remains inf. if inf.}}$$

$$q_i(t) = 1 - \prod_{j=1}^N [1 - \lambda A_{ij} p_j(t)]$$

$$\langle I \rangle(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i(t)$$

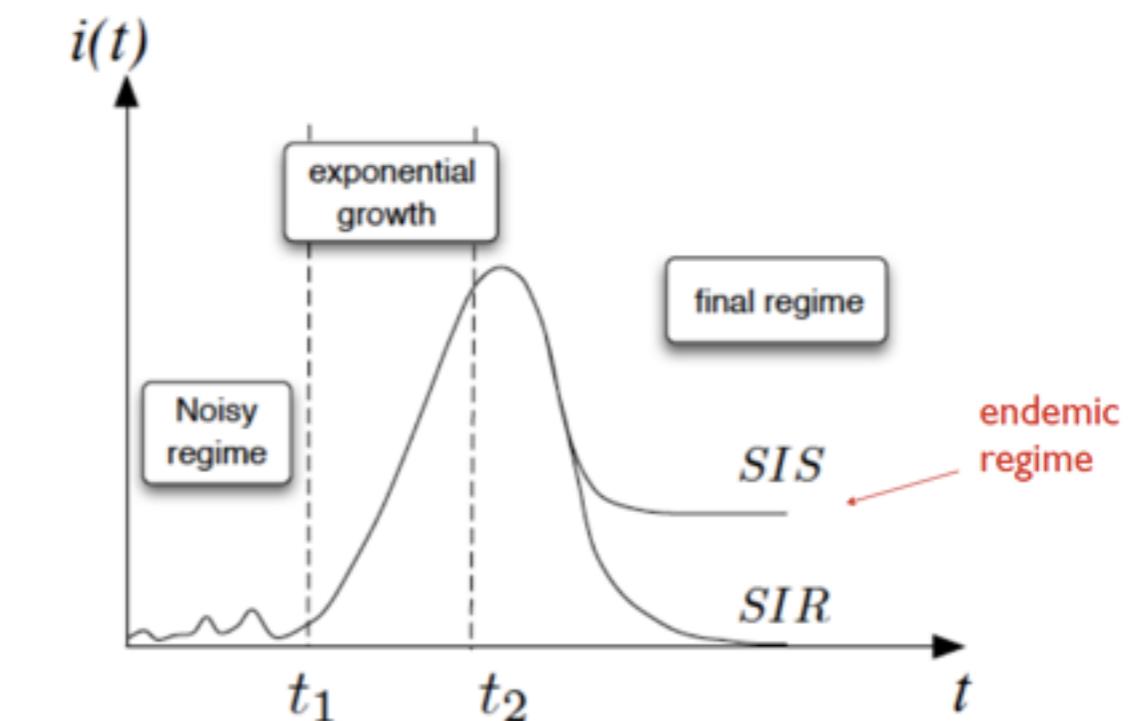
# SIS model

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_i(t) \rightarrow p_i^*$$



# SIS model

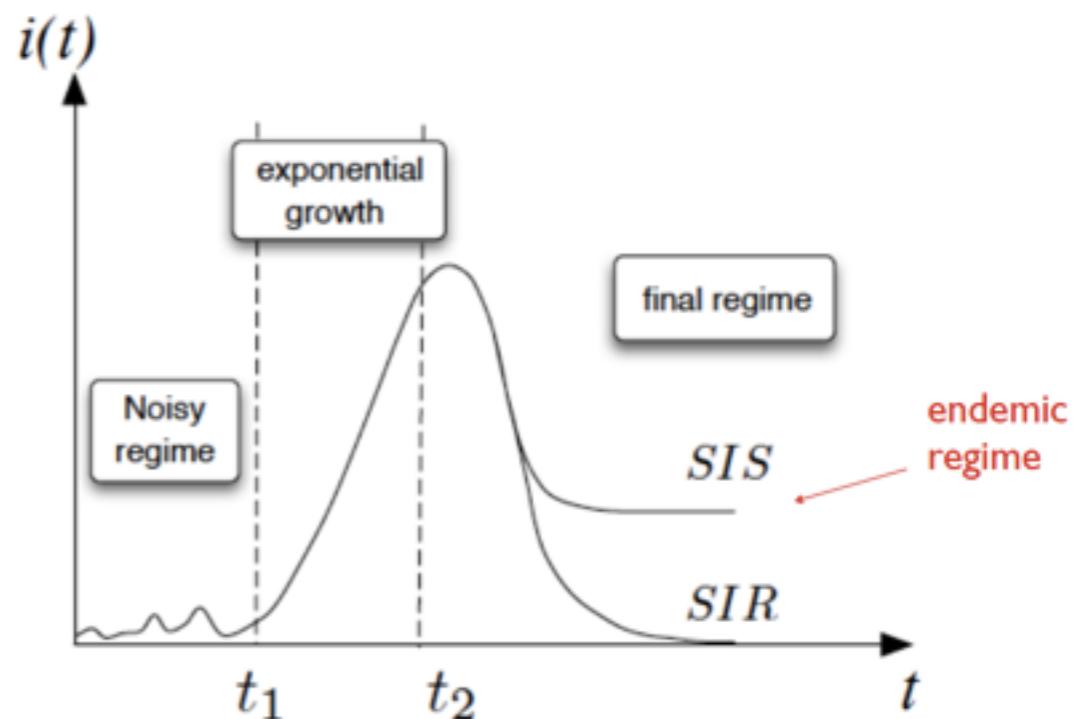
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_i(t) \rightarrow p_i^*$$



$$p_i(t+1) = p_i(t) = p_i^*$$

# SIS model

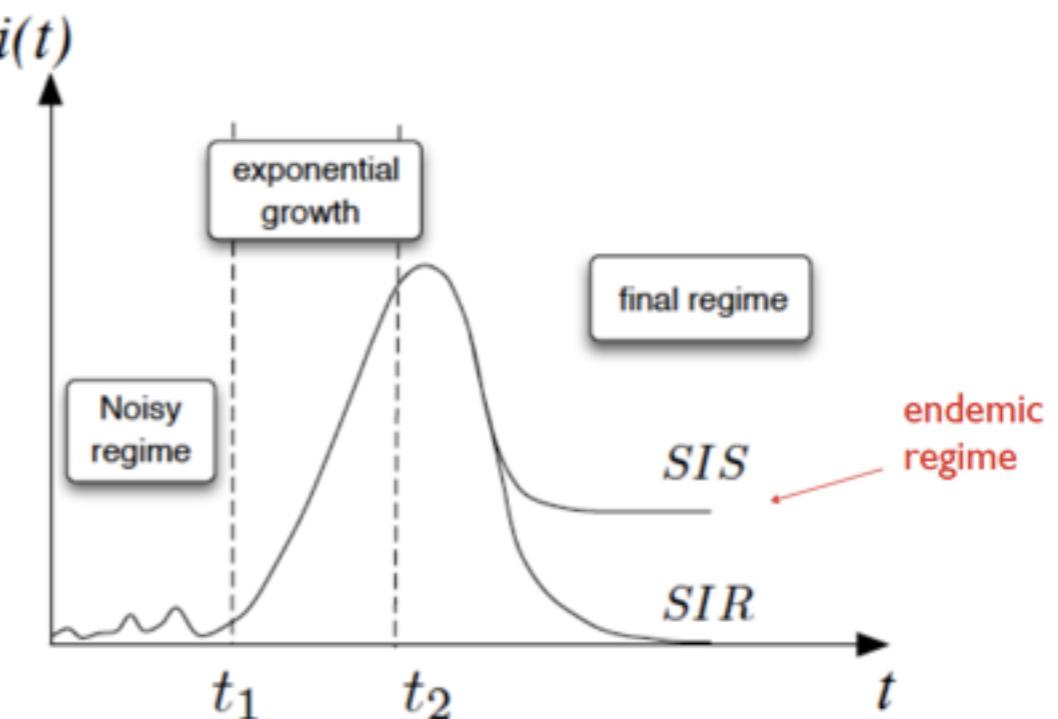
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_i(t) \rightarrow p_i^*$$



$$p_i(t+1) = p_i(t) = p_i^* \longrightarrow \mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*)q_i^*$$

# SIS model

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_i(t) \rightarrow p_i^*$$

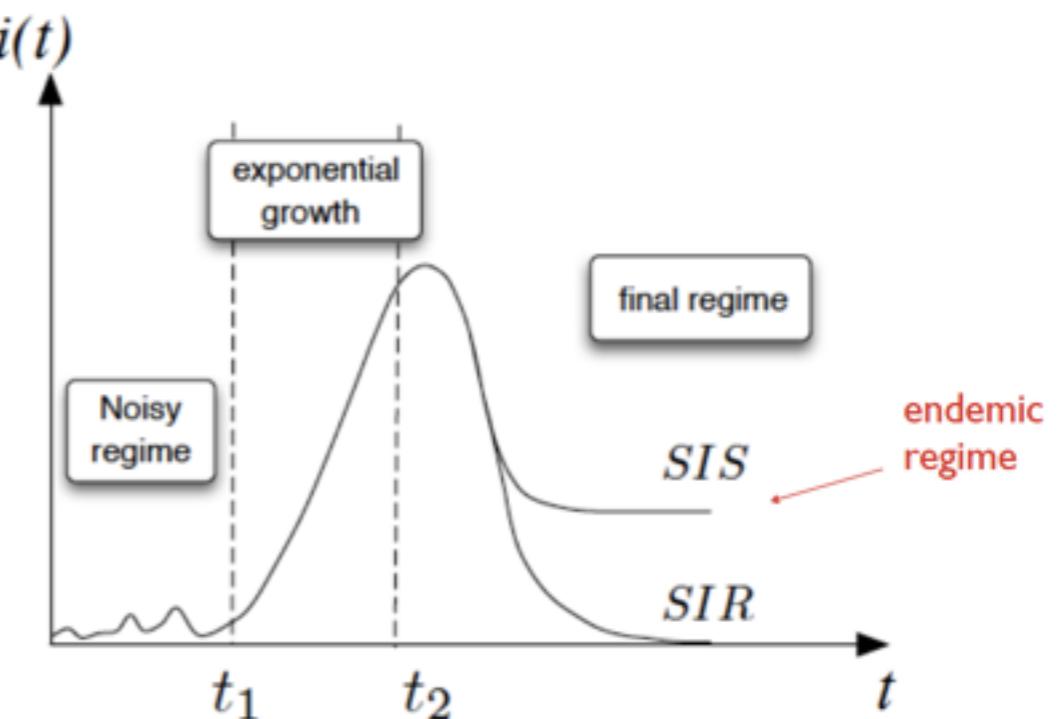


$$p_i(t+1) = p_i(t) = p_i^* \longrightarrow \mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$

$$q_i^* = 1 - \prod_{j=1}^N [1 - \lambda A_{ij} p_j^*]$$

# SIS model

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_i(t) \rightarrow p_i^*$$



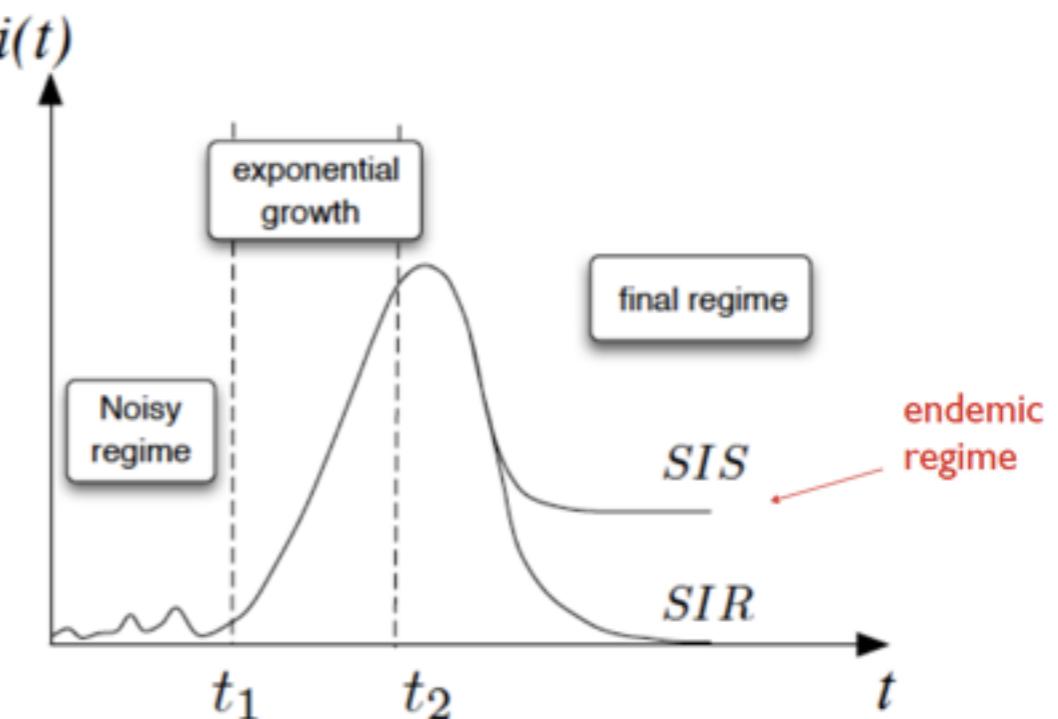
$$p_i(t+1) = p_i(t) = p_i^* \longrightarrow \mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$

$$q_i^* = 1 - \prod_{j=1}^N [1 - \lambda A_{ij} p_j^*]$$

Epidemic Onset  $\longrightarrow p_i^* = \epsilon_i^* \ll 1$

# SIS model

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_i(t) \rightarrow p_i^*$$



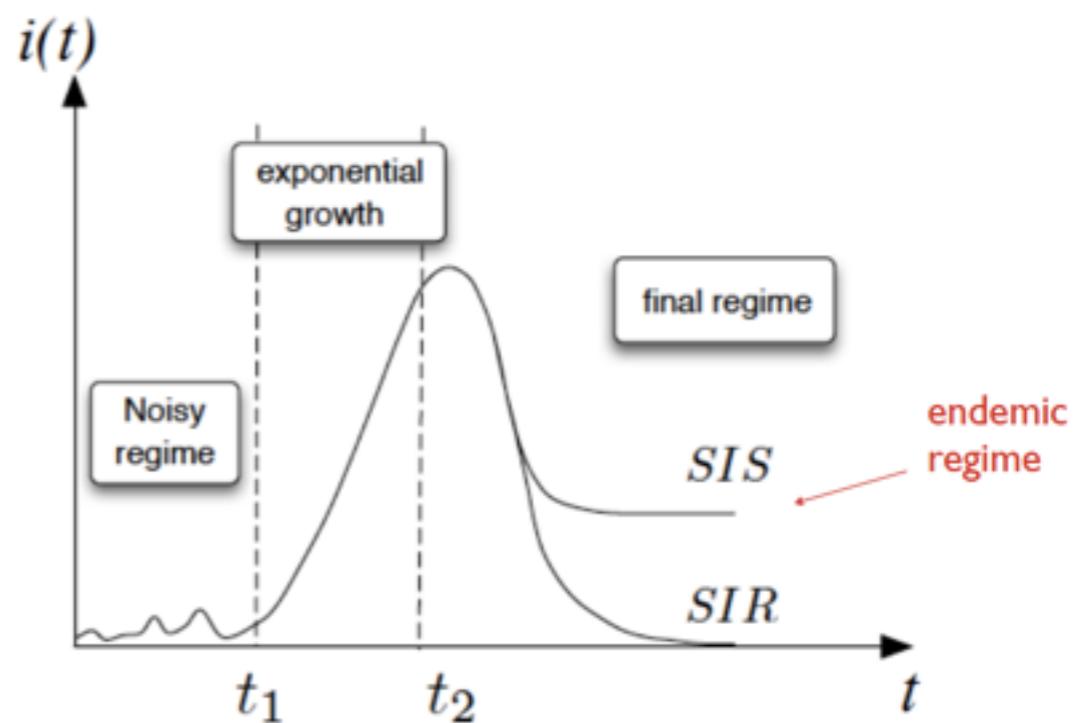
$$p_i(t+1) = p_i(t) = p_i^* \longrightarrow \mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$

$$q_i^* = 1 - \prod_{j=1}^N [1 - \lambda A_{ij} p_j^*] \simeq \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

Epidemic Onset  $\longrightarrow p_i^* = \epsilon_i^* \ll 1$

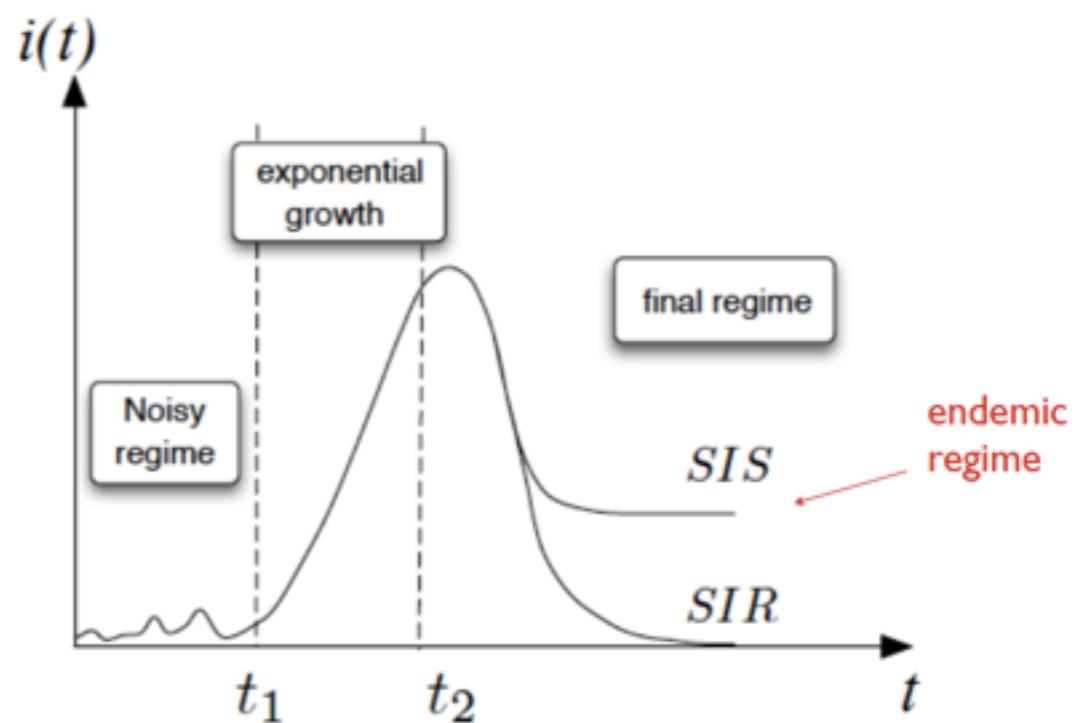
# SIS model

$$\mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$



# SIS model

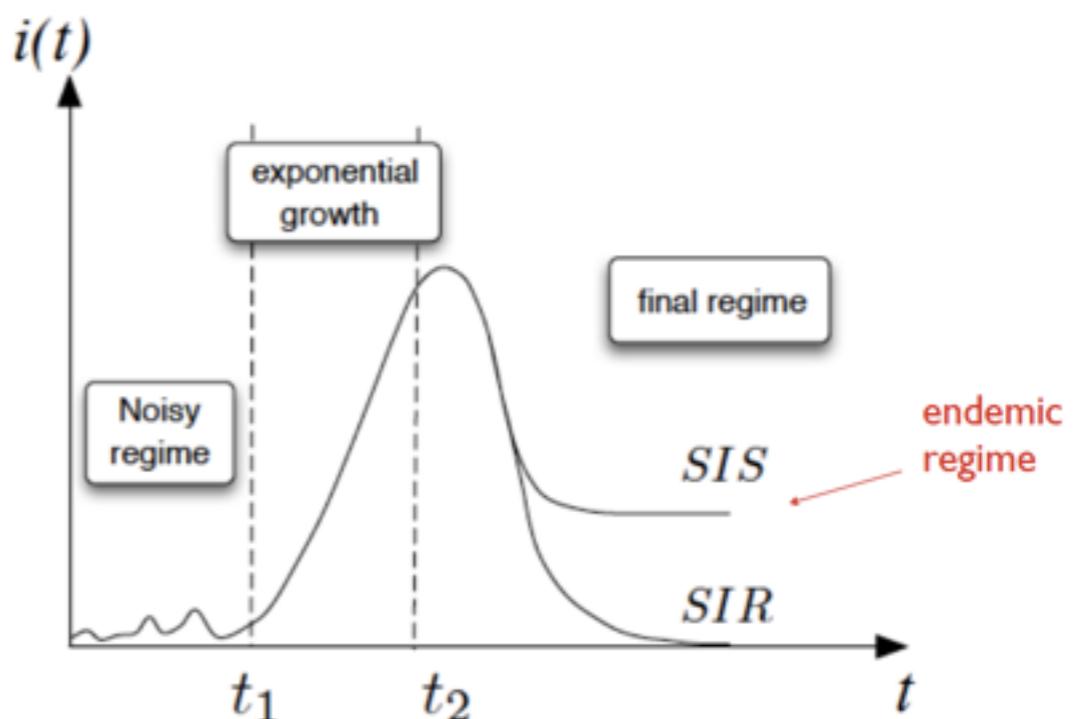
$$\mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$



$$p_i^* = \epsilon_i^* \ll 1$$

# SIS model

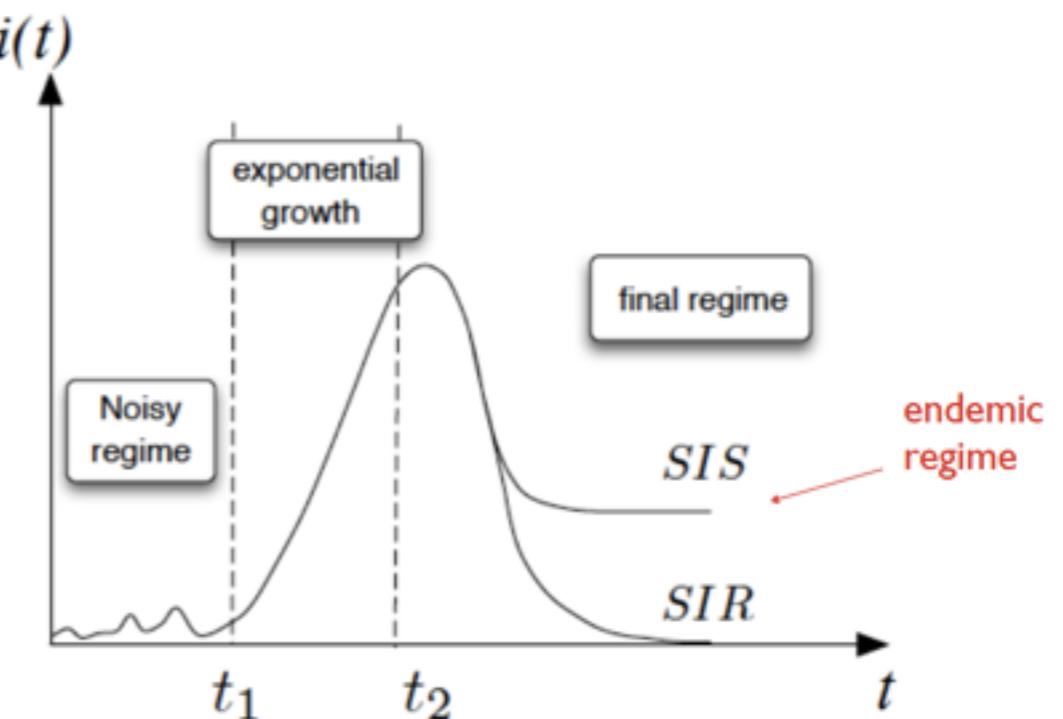
$$\mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$



$$p_i^* = \epsilon_i^* \ll 1 \longrightarrow \mu \epsilon_i^* = (1 - \epsilon_i^*) \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

# SIS model

$$\mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$

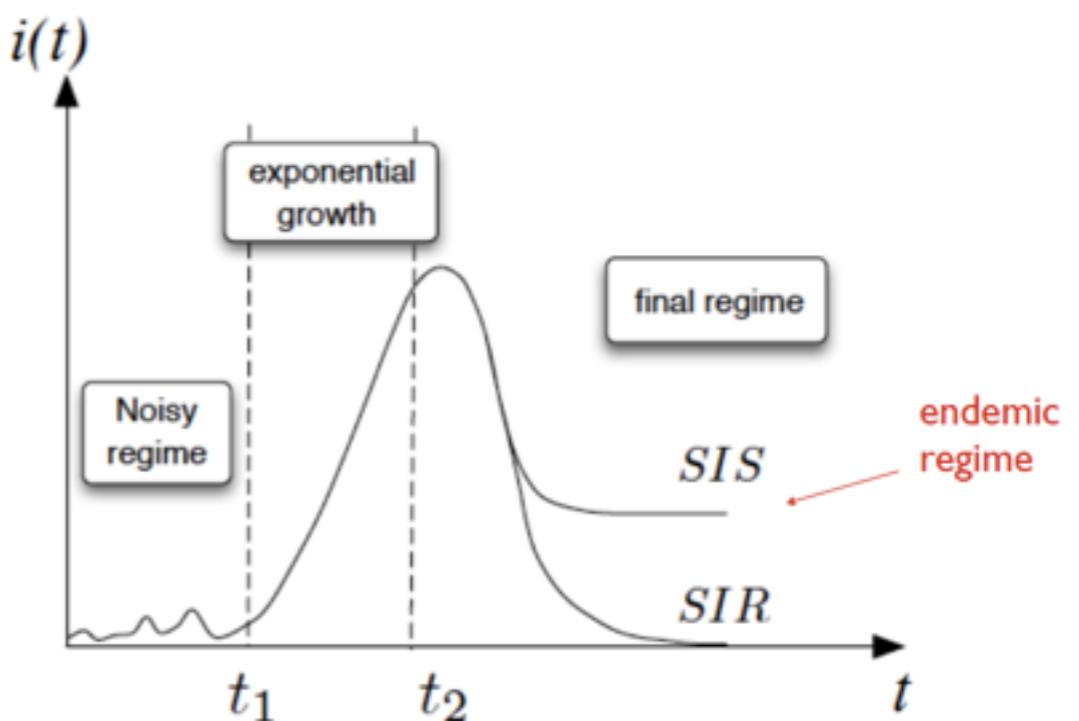


$$p_i^* = \epsilon_i^* \ll 1 \longrightarrow \mu \epsilon_i^* = (1 - \epsilon_i^*) \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

$$\mu \epsilon_i^* = \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^* - \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_i^* \epsilon_j^*$$

# SIS model

$$\mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$

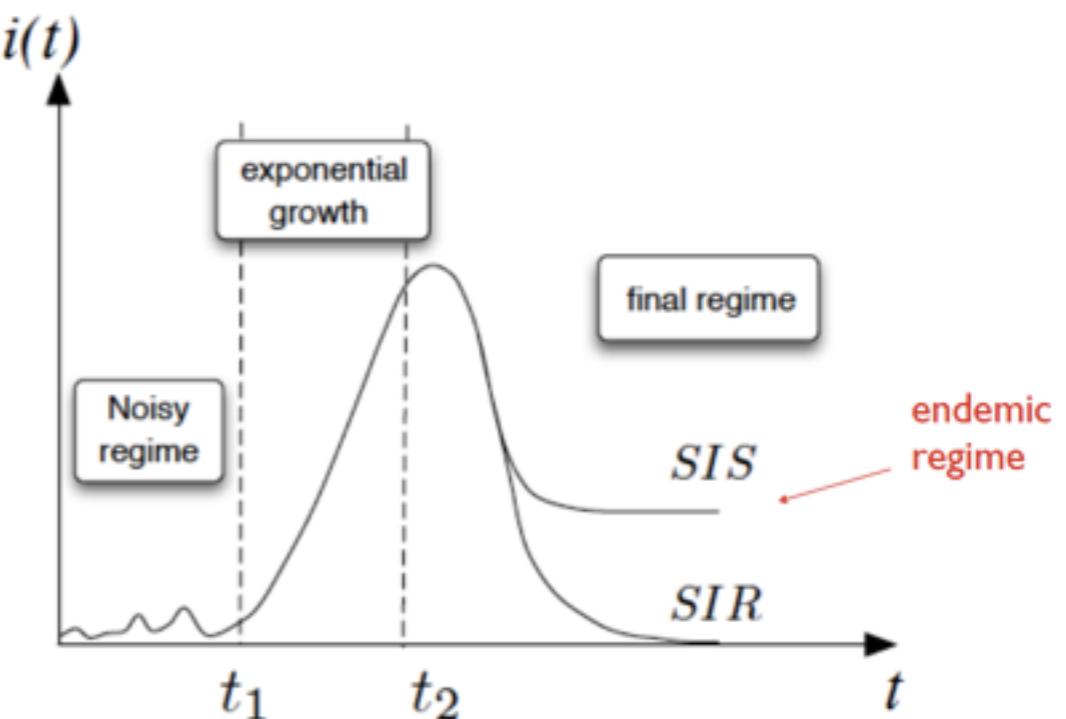


$$p_i^* = \epsilon_i^* \ll 1 \longrightarrow \mu \epsilon_i^* = (1 - \epsilon_i^*) \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

$$\mu \epsilon_i^* = \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

# SIS model

$$\mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$



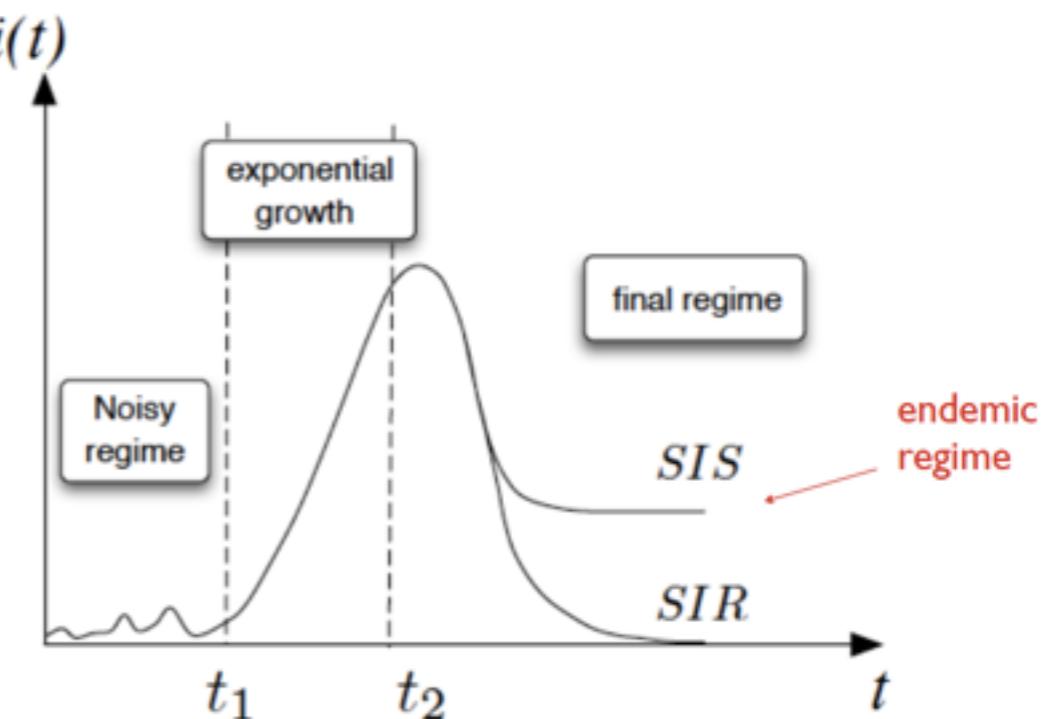
$$p_i^* = \epsilon_i^* \ll 1 \longrightarrow \mu \epsilon_i^* = (1 - \epsilon_i^*) \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

$$\mu \epsilon_i^* = \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

$\frac{\mu}{\lambda}$  should be an eigenvalue of the Adjacency matrix

# SIS model

$$\mu p_i^* = (1 - p_i^*) q_i^*$$



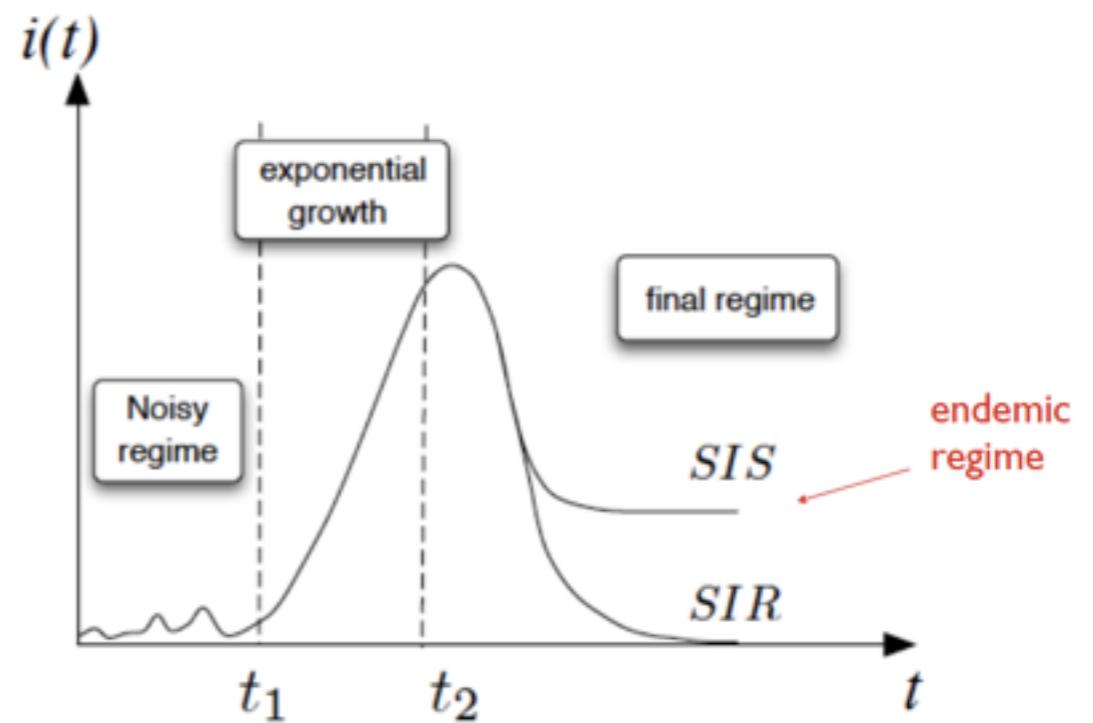
$$p_i^* = \epsilon_i^* \ll 1 \longrightarrow \mu \epsilon_i^* = (1 - \epsilon_i^*) \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

$$\mu \epsilon_i^* = \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \epsilon_j^*$$

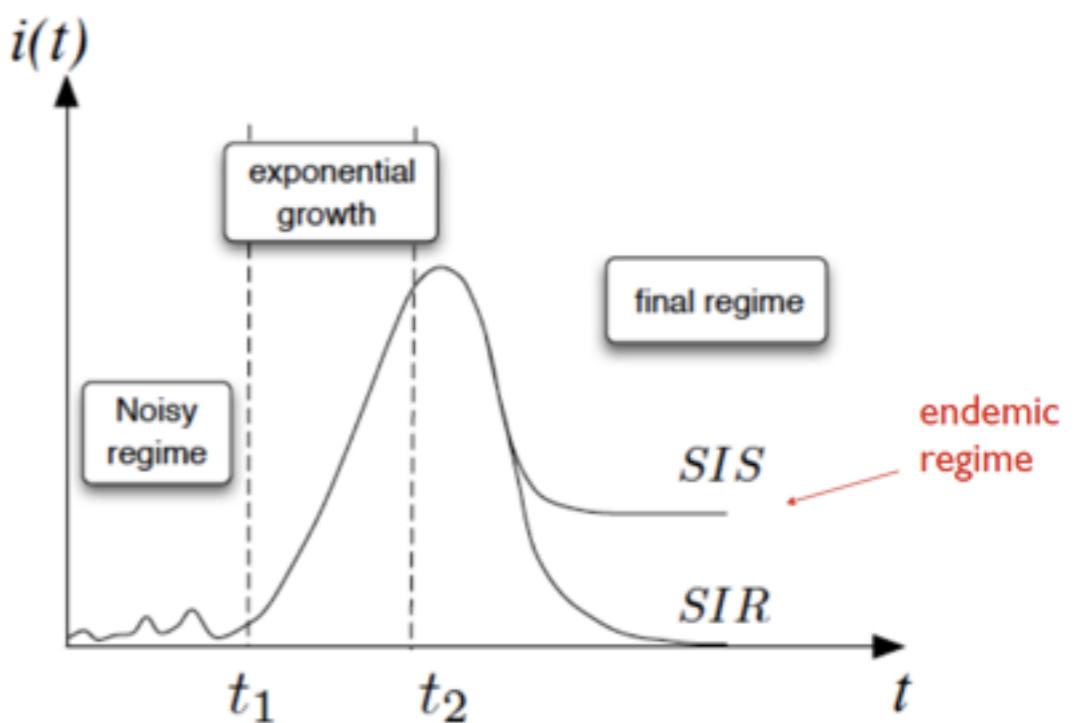
$\frac{\mu}{\lambda}$  should be an eigenvalue of the Adjacency matrix

$$\lambda_c = \frac{\mu}{\Lambda_{max}(A)}$$

# SIS model

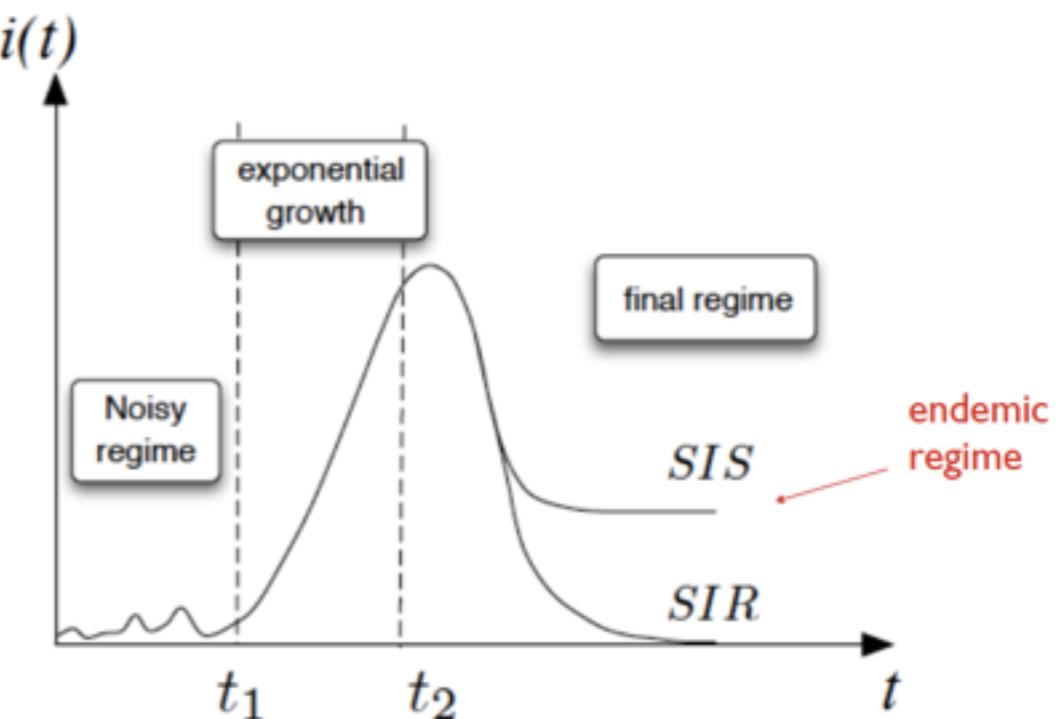


# SIS model



$$\lambda_c = \frac{\mu}{\Lambda_{max}(A)}$$

# SIS model

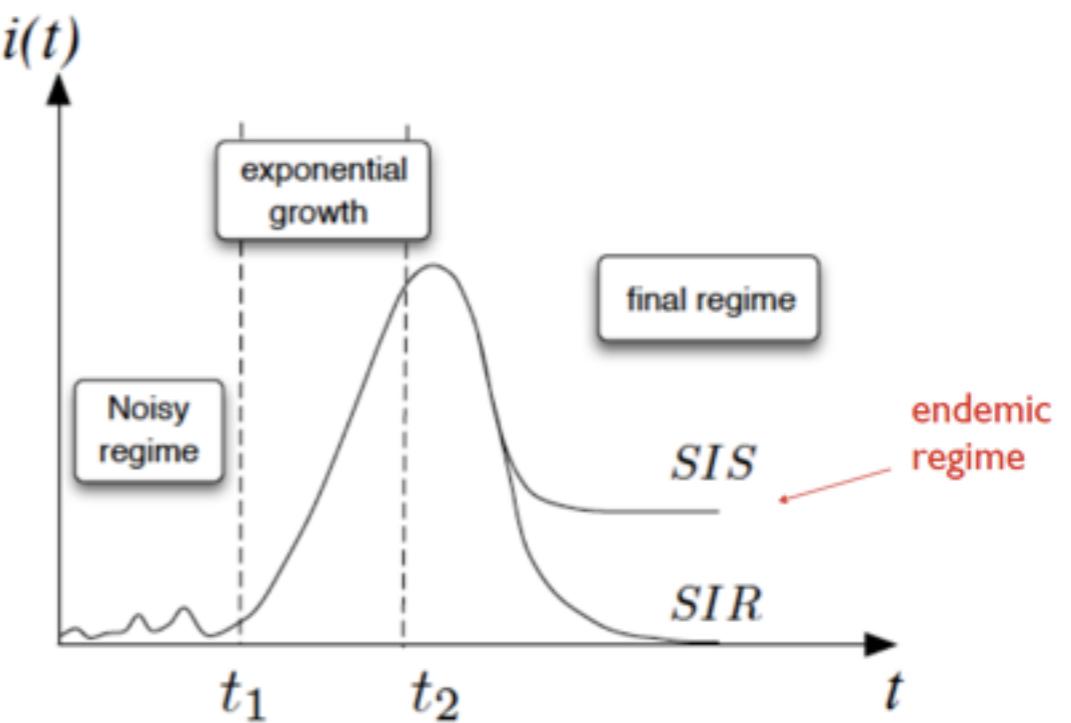


$$\lambda_c = \frac{\mu}{\Lambda_{max}(A)}$$

$$\Lambda_{max}(A) \sim \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle}$$

Chung F., et al. *Spectra of random graphs with given expected degrees*, PNAS 100, 6313 (2003)

# SIS model



$$\lambda_c = \frac{\mu}{\Lambda_{max}(A)}$$

$$\Lambda_{max}(A) \sim \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle}$$

$$\lambda_c \simeq \frac{\mu \langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle}$$

Chung F., et al. *Spectra of random graphs with given expected degrees*,  
PNAS 100, 6313 (2003)

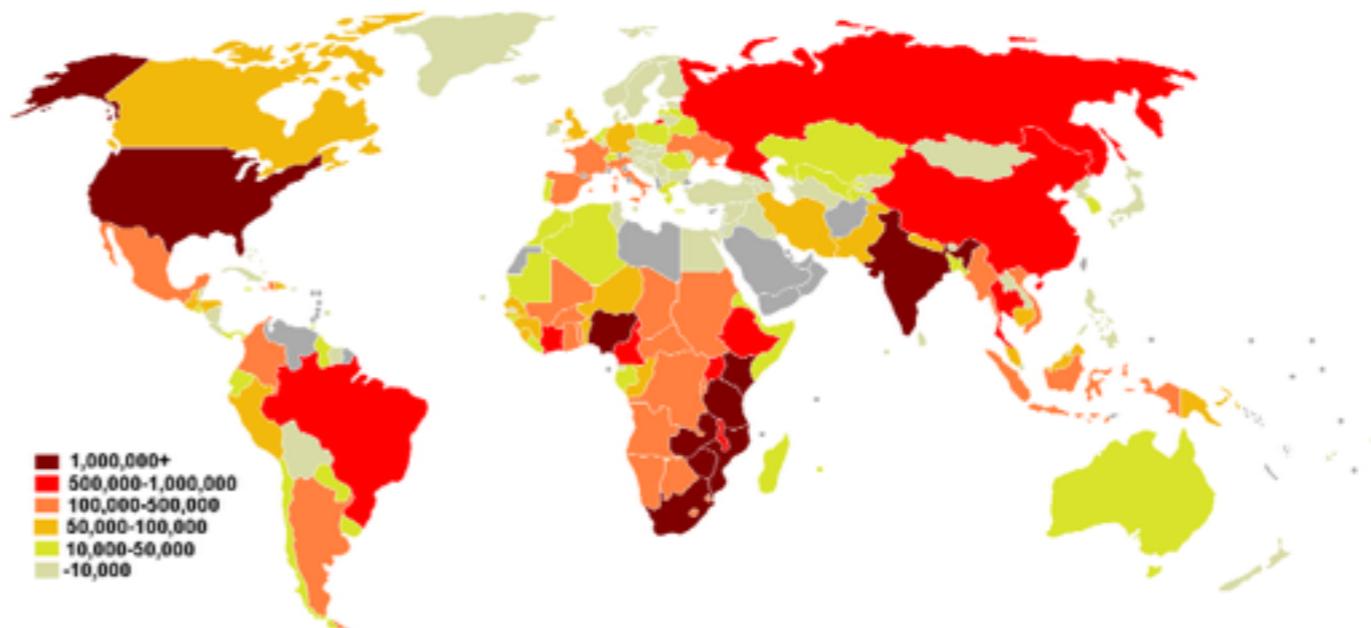
# Part III

# Metapopulation Models

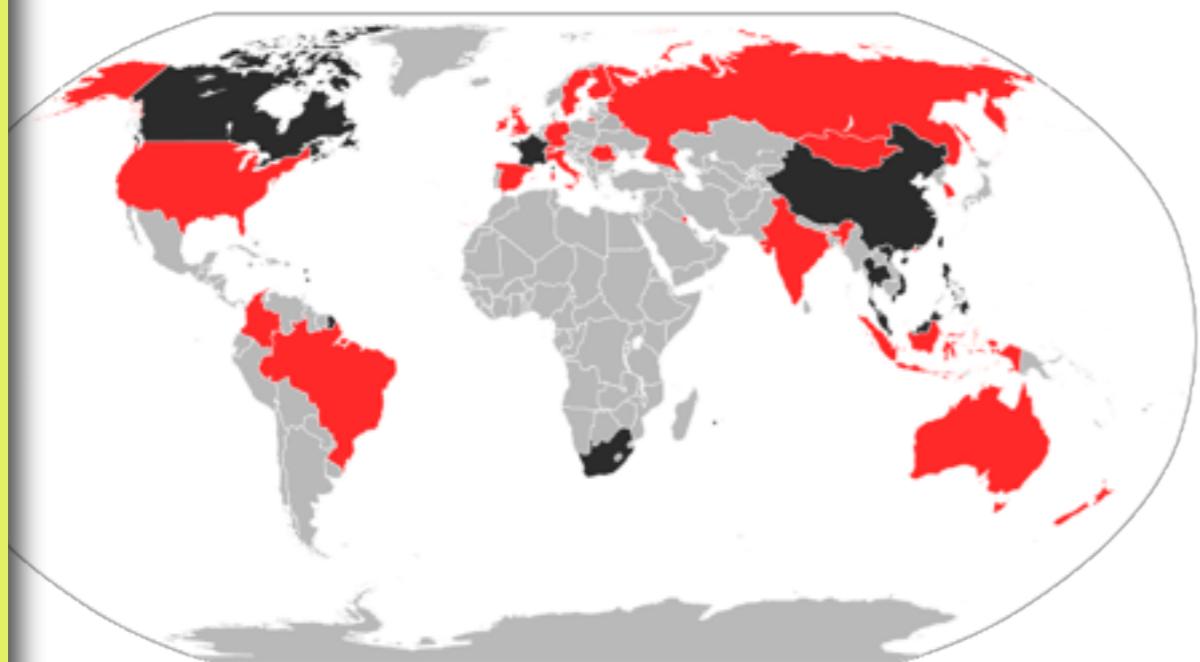
# Beyond contact networks: Facing a global challenge



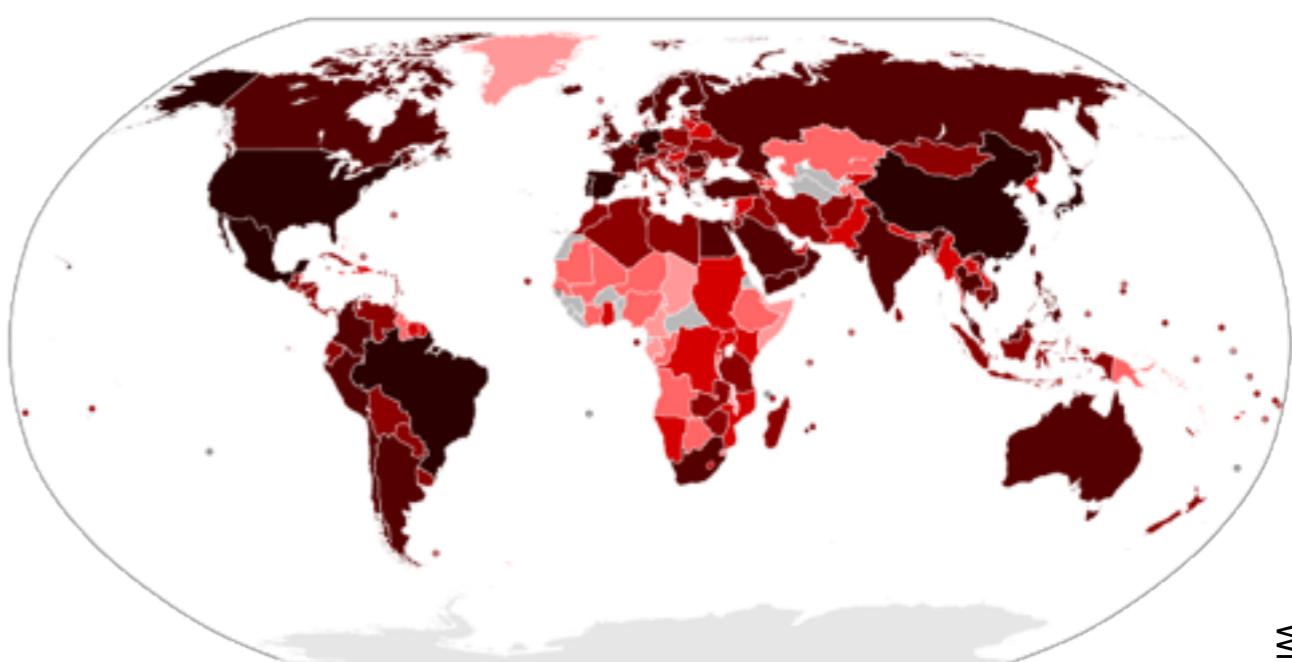
The black death (~ 700 years ago)



HIV (2008)



SARS (2009)

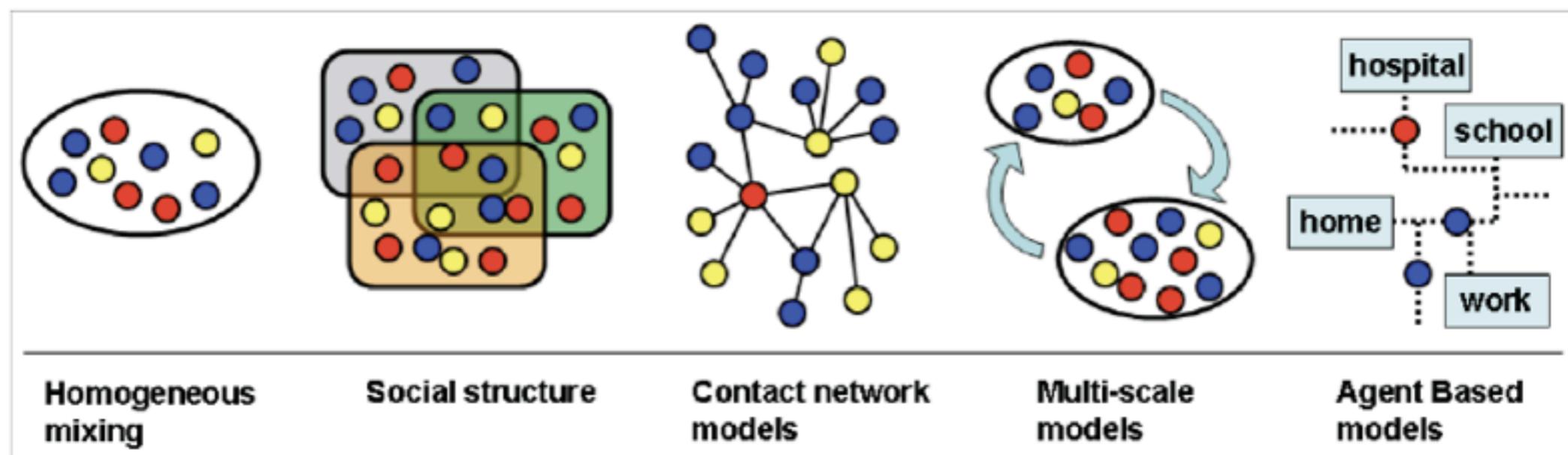


H1N1 (2011)

Wikipedia

... so let's Model!

## Approaches to Epidemic Modeling: From Simple to Complex



**Simple**

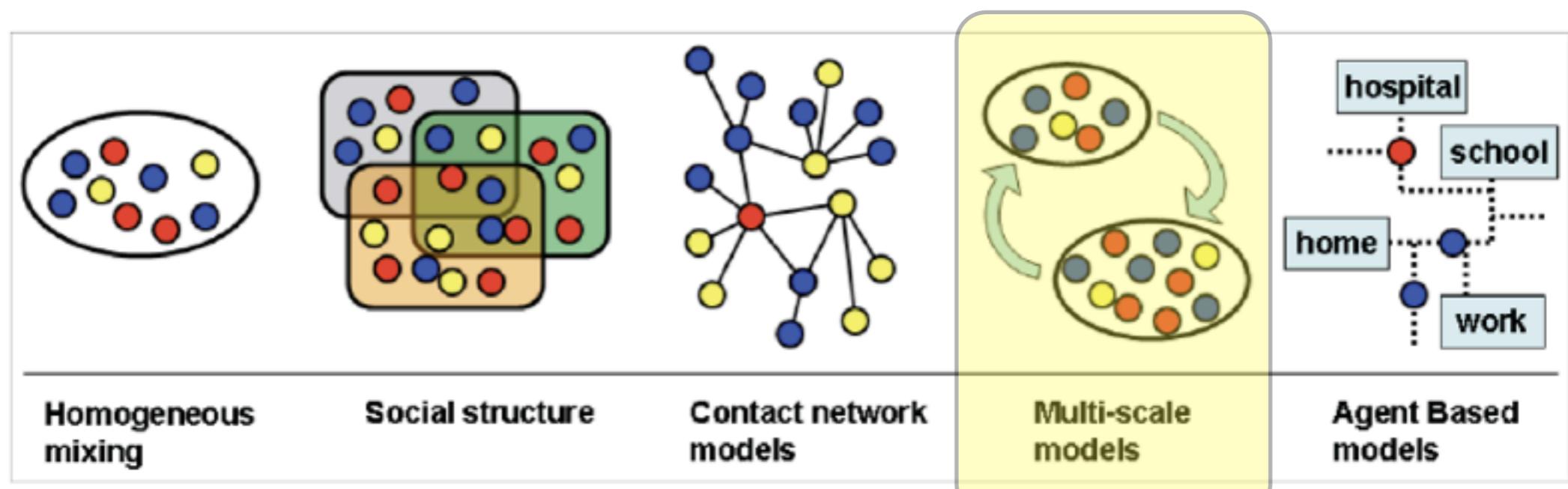


**Realistic**

Ability to explain (caveats)  
trends at a population level

Model realism loses in  
transparency.  
Validation is harder.

## Approaches to Epidemic Modeling: From Simple to Complex



**Simple**

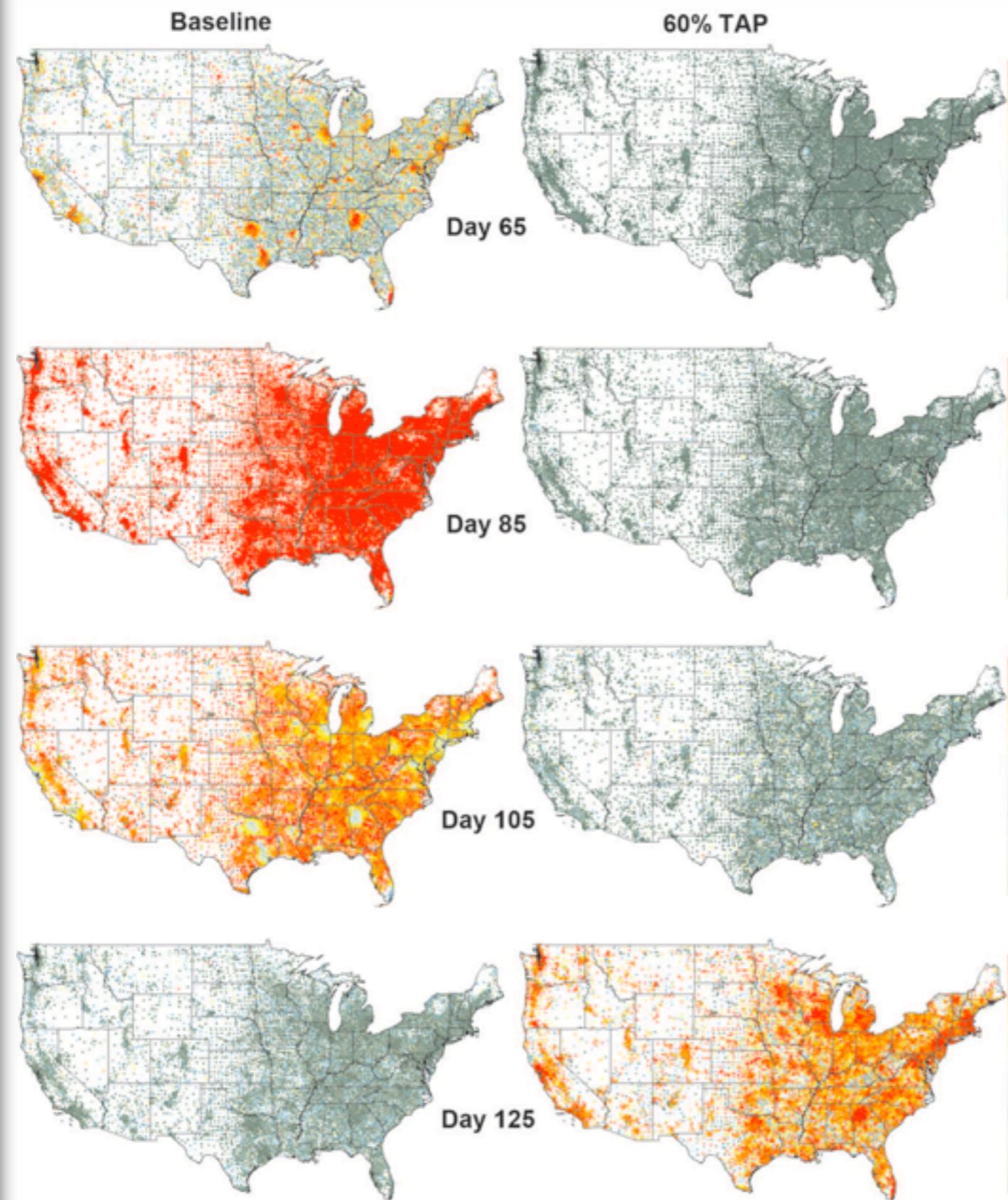


**Realistic**

Ability to explain (caveats)  
trends at a population level

Model realism loses in  
transparency.  
Validation is harder.

# Computational Epidemiology



## Goal

Add Spatial Resolution  
&  
Design Localized  
Immunization policies

Mitigation strategies for pandemic influenza in the United States

Timothy C. Germann\*,†, Kai Kadau\*, Ira M. Longini, Jr.‡, and Catherine A. Macken\*

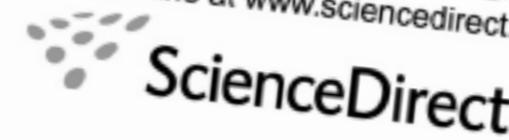
PNAS 103, 5935 (2006)

**Fig. 1.** Two simulated pandemic influenza outbreaks with  $R_0 = 1.9$ , initiated by the daily entry of a small number of infected individuals through 14 major international airports in the continental U.S. (beginning on day 0). The tract-level prevalence of symptomatic cases at any point in time is indicated on a logarithmic color scale, from 0.03% (green) to 3% (red) of the population. No mitigation strategies are used in the baseline simulation (Left), resulting in a 43.5% attack rate. (Right) A 60% TAP intervention begins at day 31, or 7 days after the pandemic alert. At day 99, the nationwide supply of 20 million antiviral courses is exhausted, leading to a nationwide pandemic.

# Theory



Available online at [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com)



*Journal of Theoretical Biology* 251 (2008) 450–467

Journal of  
Theoretical  
Biology

[www.elsevier.com/locate/jtbi](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/jtbi)

## Epidemic modeling in metapopulation systems with heterogeneous coupling pattern: Theory and simulations

Vittoria Colizza<sup>a,\*</sup>, Alessandro Vespignani<sup>b,c</sup>

### Multiscale mobility networks and the spatial spreading of infectious diseases

Duygu Balcan<sup>a,b</sup>, Vittoria Colizza<sup>c</sup>, Bruno Gonçalves<sup>a,b</sup>, Hao Hu<sup>d</sup>, José J. Ramasco<sup>b</sup>, and Alessandro Vespignani<sup>a,b,c,1</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Center for Complex Networks and Systems Research, School of Informatics and Computing, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47408; <sup>b</sup>Pervasive Technology Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47404; <sup>c</sup>Computational Epidemiology Laboratory, Institute for Scientific Interchange Foundation, 10133 Torino, Italy; and <sup>d</sup>Department of Physics, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47406

Edited by H. Eugene Stanley, Boston University, Boston, MA, and approved October 13, 2009 (received for review June 15, 2009)

Among the realistic ingredients to be considered in the modeling of infectious diseases, human mobility represents a major challenge both on the theoretical side and in view of the availability of empirical data. To study the interplay between

ARTICLE

### Reaction-diffusion processes and metapopulation models in heterogeneous networks

VITTORIA COLIZZA<sup>1,2\*</sup>, ROMUALDO PASTOR-SATORRAS<sup>3</sup> AND ALESSANDRO VESPIGNANI<sup>1,2\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Complex Networks Lagrange Laboratory, Institute for Scientific Interchange (ISI), Torino 10133, Italy

<sup>2</sup>School of Informatics and Department of Physics, Indiana University, Bloomington 47406 Indiana, USA

<sup>3</sup>Departament de Física i Enginyeria Nuclear, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Campus Nord B4, 08034 Barcelona, Spain

\*e-mail: vcolizza@indiana.edu, vcolizza@isi.it

# Applications

OPEN ACCESS Freely available online

PLOS one

## Human Mobility Networks, Travel Restrictions, and the Global Spread of 2009 H1N1 Pandemic

Paolo Bajardi<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Chiara Poletto<sup>1,3</sup>, Jose J. Ramasco<sup>3</sup>, Michele Tizzoni<sup>1,4</sup>, Vittoria Colizza<sup>5,6,7\*</sup>, Alessandro Vespignani<sup>8,9,10\*</sup>

**1** Computational Epidemiology Laboratory, Institute for Scientific Interchange (ISI), Torino, Italy, **2** Centre de Physique Théorique (CNRS UMR 6207), Marseille, France, **3** Instituto de Física Interdisciplinar y Sistemas Complejos IFISC (CSIC-UIB), Palma de Mallorca, Spain, **4** Scuola di Dottorato, Politecnico di Torino, Torino, Italy, **5** INSERM, U707, Paris, France, **6** UPMC Université Paris 06, Faculté de Médecine Pierre et Marie Curie, UMR S 707, Paris, France, **7** Complex Systems Lagrange Laboratory, Institute for Scientific Interchange (ISI), Torino, Italy, **8** Center for Complex Networks and Systems Research (CNetS), School of Informatics and Computing, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, United States of America, **9** Pervasive Technology Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, United States of America, **10** Institute for Scientific Interchange (ISI), Torino, Italy

### Abstract

After the emergence of the 2009 H1N1 influenza A virus, travel restrictions were imposed worldwide to contain the spread of the disease during the early phase of the pandemic.

**BMC Medicine**

Research article

**Seasonal transmission potential and activity peaks of the 2009 H1N1 influenza A(H1N1): a Monte Carlo likelihood analysis based on human mobility**

Duygu Balcan<sup>†,2</sup>, Hao Hu<sup>†,2,3</sup>, Bruno Goncalves<sup>†,2</sup>, Paolo Bajardi<sup>†,4,5</sup>, Chiara Poletto<sup>†,4</sup>, Jose J Ramasco<sup>4</sup>, Daniela Paolotti<sup>4</sup>, Nicola Perra<sup>1,6,7</sup>, Michele Tizzoni<sup>4,8</sup>, Wouter Van den Broeck<sup>4</sup>, Vittoria Colizza<sup>4</sup> and Alessandro Vespignani<sup>\*1,2,4</sup>

Received 2 September 2003; accepted 30 March 2004; doi:10.1038/nature02534. Anisotropic radical-pair model<sup>28</sup> with an isotropic hyperfine coupling,  $a$ , of lifetime of flavin-tryptophan radical pairs<sup>29</sup>). We solved the stochastic Liouville equation to determine the triplet yield in the presence of a static magnetic field of 46 μT. We then calculated, by direct numerical integration of the stochastic Liouville equation, the change in triplet yield,  $\Delta\Phi_{OMP}$ , caused by an additional 1.3 MHz oscillating magnetic field in resonance with the splitting due to the 46 μT static field. For comparison, we also calculated the triplet yield change,  $\Delta\Phi_{static}$ , resulting from a decrease of 12 μT in static field, noting that such a change led to disorientation in the magnetic compass orientation responses of robins<sup>29</sup>. The intensity of the oscillating field required for  $\Delta\Phi_{OMP}$  to equal  $\Delta\Phi_{static}$  is 0.033 μT, that is, less than any of the intensities employed in our experiments.

Received 2 September 2003; accepted 30 March 2004; doi:10.1038/nature02534.

1. Wiltschko, W. & Wiltschko, R. Magnetic compass of European robins. *Science* 176, 62–64 (1972).
2. Wiltschko, R. & Wiltschko, W. *Magnetic Orientation in Animals* (Springer, Berlin, 1995).
3. Kirschvink, J. & Gould, J. Biogenic magnetite as a basis for magnetic field detection in animals. *BioSystems* 13, 181–201 (1981).

## Modelling disease outbreaks in realistic urban social networks

Stephen Eubank<sup>1</sup>, Hasan Guclu<sup>2</sup>, V. S. Anil Kumar<sup>1</sup>, Madhav V. Marathe<sup>1</sup>, Aravind Srinivasan<sup>3</sup>, Zoltán Toroczkai<sup>4</sup> & Nan Wang<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Basic and Applied Simulation Science Group, Los Alamos National Laboratory, MS M997, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545, USA

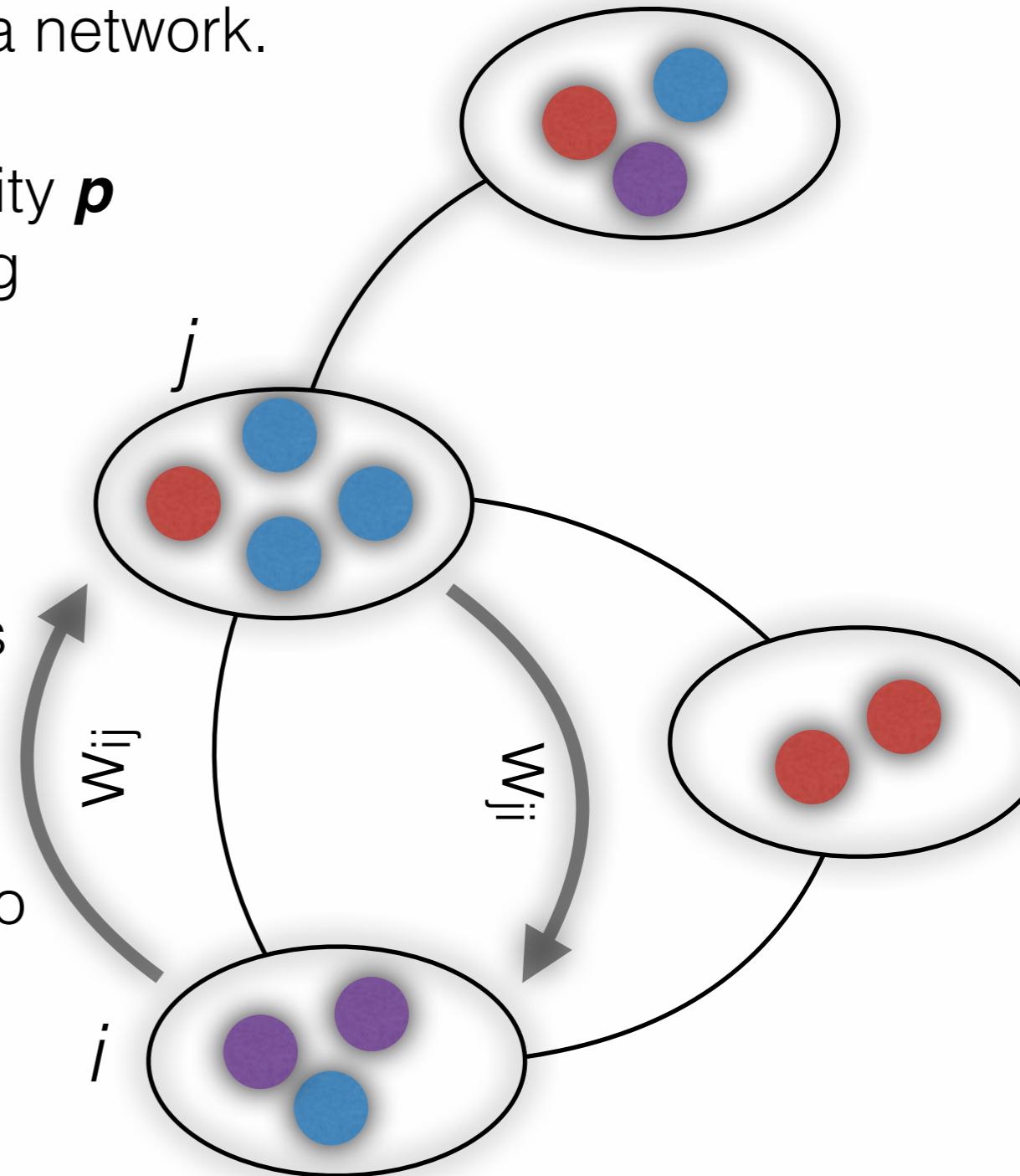
<sup>2</sup>Department of Physics, Applied Physics and Astronomy, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 110 8th Street, Troy, New York 12180-3590, USA

<sup>3</sup>Department of Computer Science and Institute for Advanced Computer Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742, USA

<sup>4</sup>Centre for Nonlinear Studies and Complexity, Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM 87545, USA

# Basic Model

- Different populations connected as a network.
- Each individual moves with probability  $p$  from one population to a neighboring one, according to the empirical observations\*.
- Inside each subpopulation, at each time step, epidemic dynamics takes place ( $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ ).
- Then, each individual comes back to its original subpopulation (node).



**Lets construct the Markov  
Equations!**