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BURSTY EXPOSURE ON HIGHER-ORDER NETWORKS LEADS TO NONLINEAR INFECTION KERNELS

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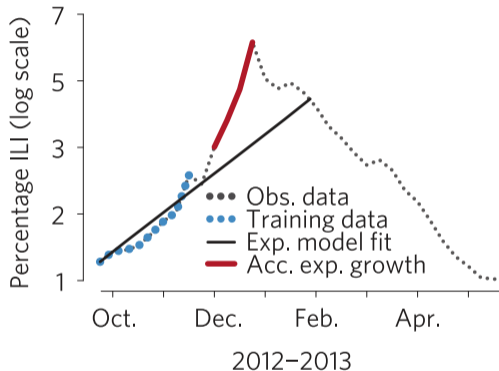
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Take-home message

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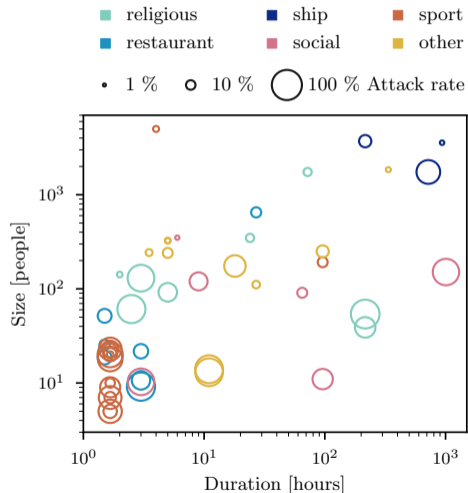
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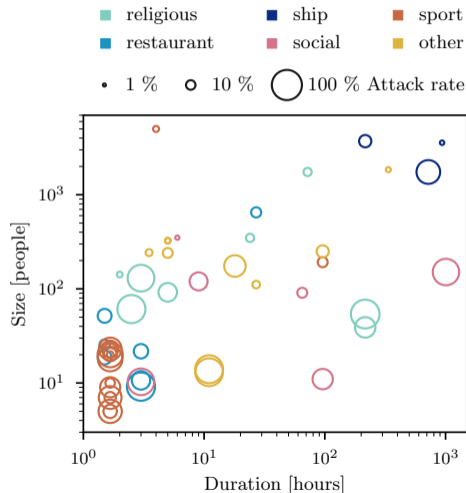
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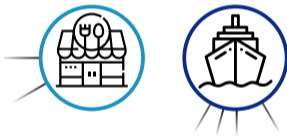
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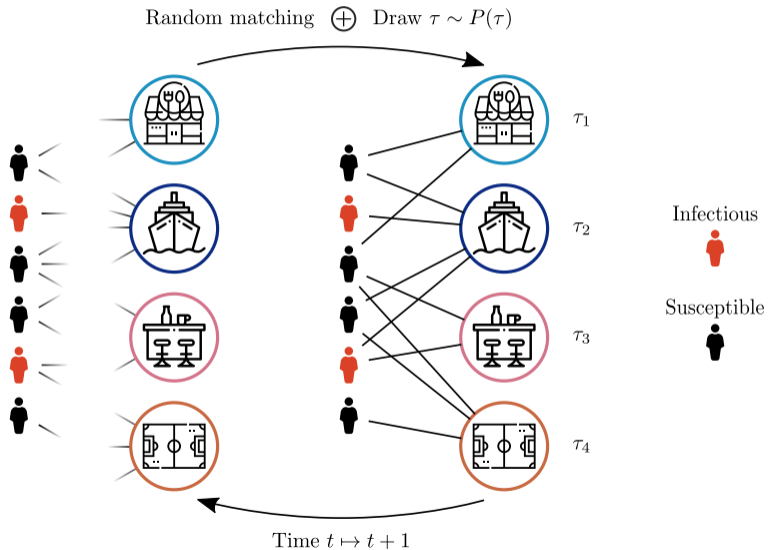
Environments



Individuals



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Universal Behavior in a Generalized Model of Contagion

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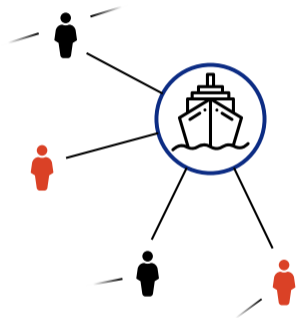
Infective dose model

- The fraction of infected individuals is ρ
- Individuals receive a dose $\kappa \sim \pi(\kappa; \rho, \tau)$
- The mean dose received is

$$\langle \kappa \rangle \propto \rho \tau$$

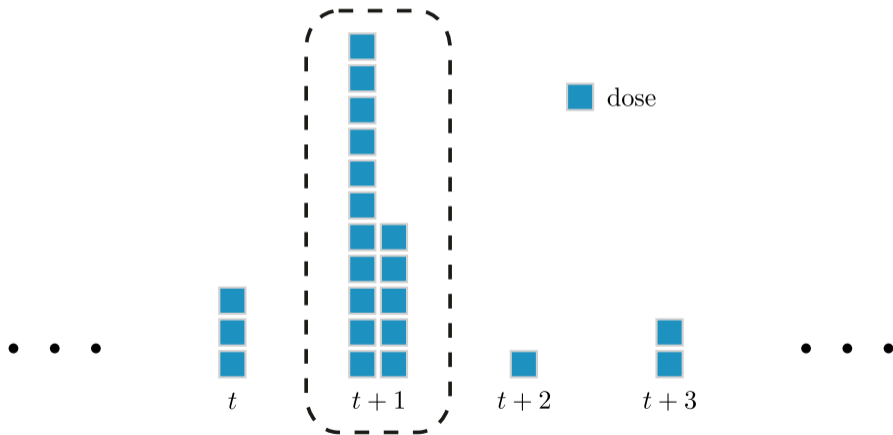
- An infection is triggered if $\kappa \geq K$, with probability

$$\bar{\Pi}(K; \rho, \tau) = \int_K^{\infty} \pi(\kappa; \rho, \tau) d\kappa$$



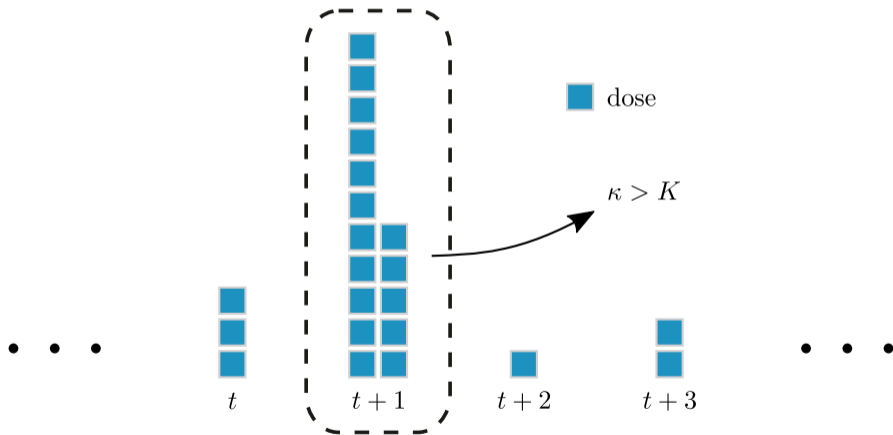
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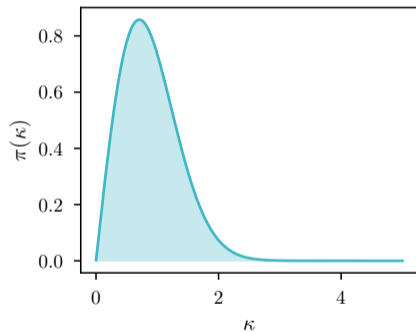
1. $P(\tau) \propto \tau^{-\alpha-1}$;
2. *Some technical conditions for the asymptotic analysis*;

for a large class of dose distribution π , we recover the *universal* infection kernel

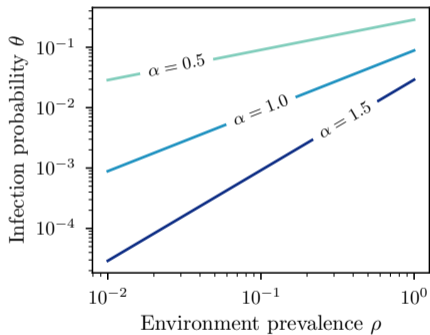
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Weibull dose distribution

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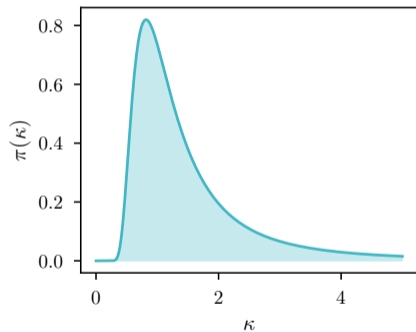


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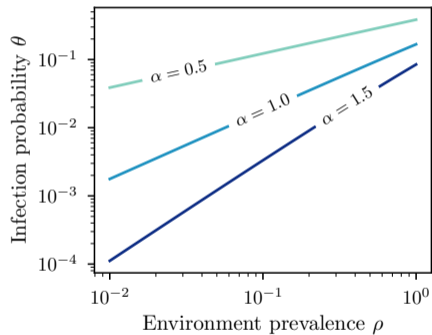


Frechet dose distribution

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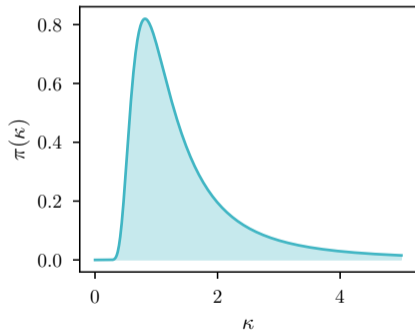
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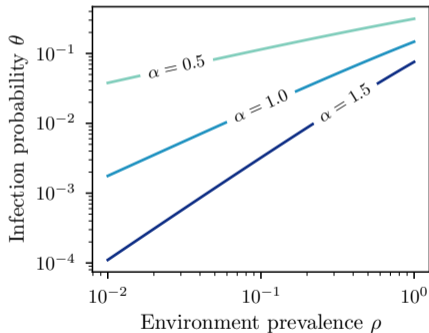
Asymptotically power-law duration of events distribution

$P(\tau) \propto \tau^{-\alpha-1}$ only for large τ

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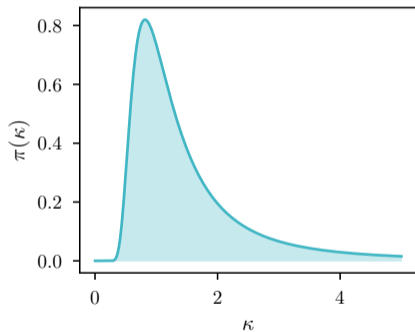


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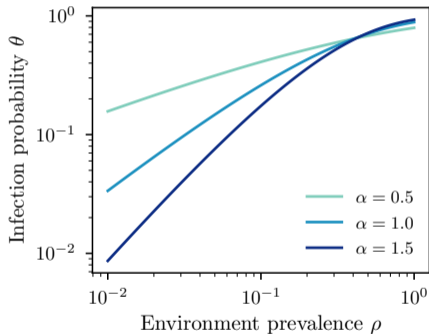


Conditions for the asymptotic analysis partially satisfied

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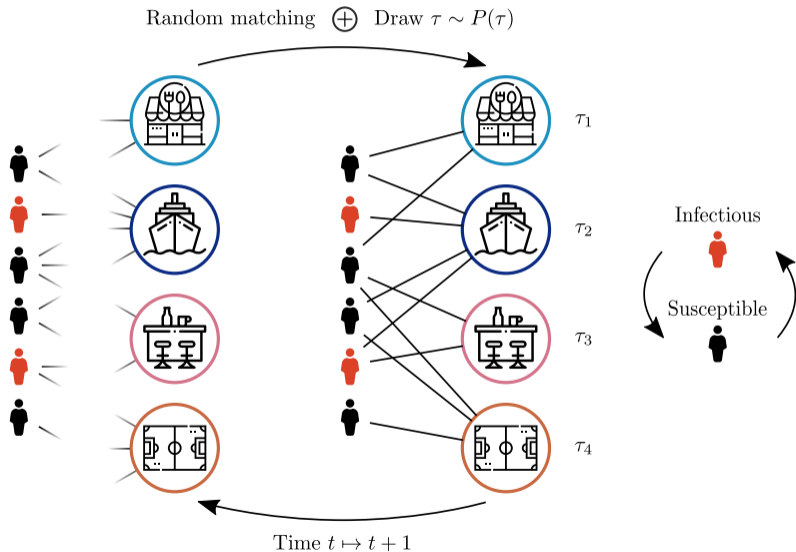
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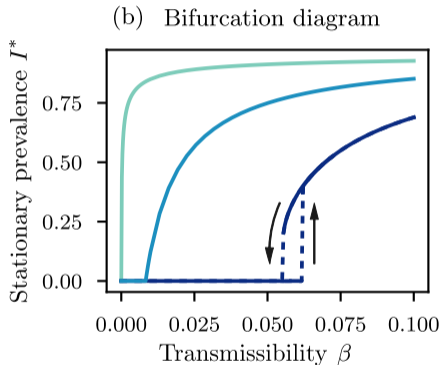
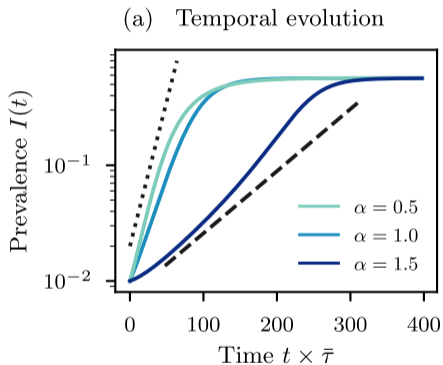
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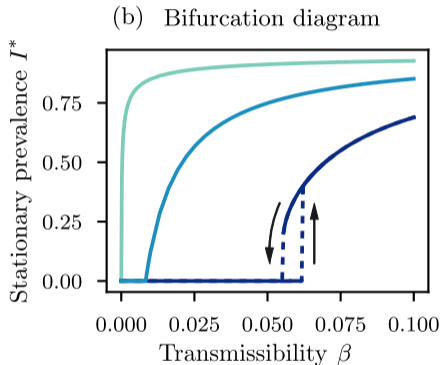
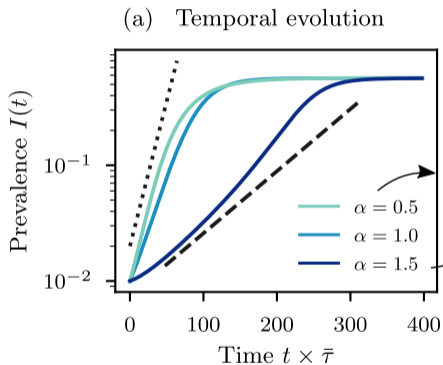
Consequences of nonlinear infection kernel



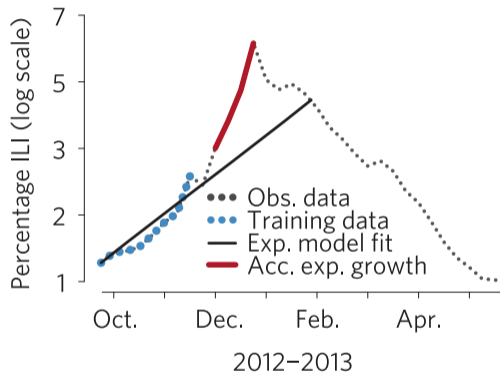
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For a standard SIR model, this could look like

$$\frac{dS}{dt} \approx -\beta S I^\nu .$$

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APPENDIX

Mathematical description for $N \rightarrow \infty$

We track $\rho_k(t)$ the fraction of infected nodes of membership k using

$$\rho_k(t+1) = (1 - \mu)\rho_k(t) + (1 - \rho_k(t))\Theta_k ,$$

where

$$\Theta_k(\bar{\rho}) = 1 - [1 - \bar{\theta}(\bar{\rho})]^k , \quad \bar{\rho}(t) = \sum_k \rho_k(t) \frac{k\tilde{P}(k)}{\langle k \rangle} , \quad \bar{\theta}(\bar{\rho}) = \sum_m \bar{\theta}_m(\bar{\rho}) \frac{m\hat{P}(m)}{\langle m \rangle} ,$$

and

$$\bar{\theta}_m(\bar{\rho}) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{m-1}{i} \bar{\rho}^i (1 - \bar{\rho})^{m-1-i} \theta_m \left(\frac{i}{m-1} \right) .$$