

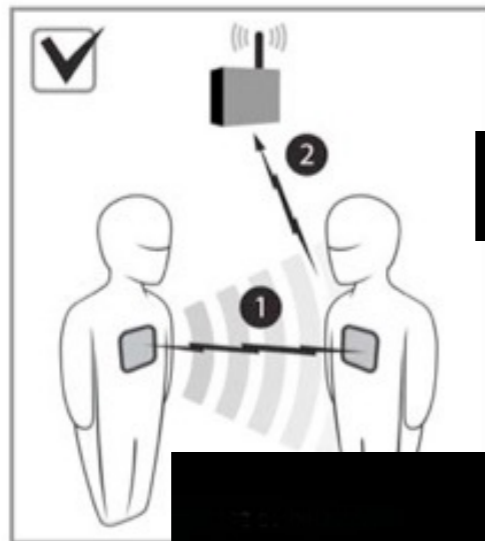
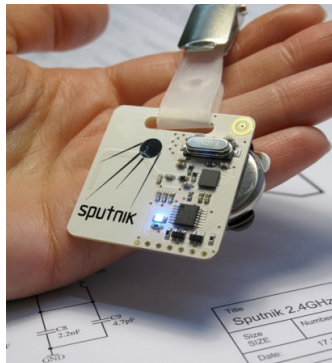
# LIFE DATA EPIDEMIOLOGY

*lect. 5: temporal networks*

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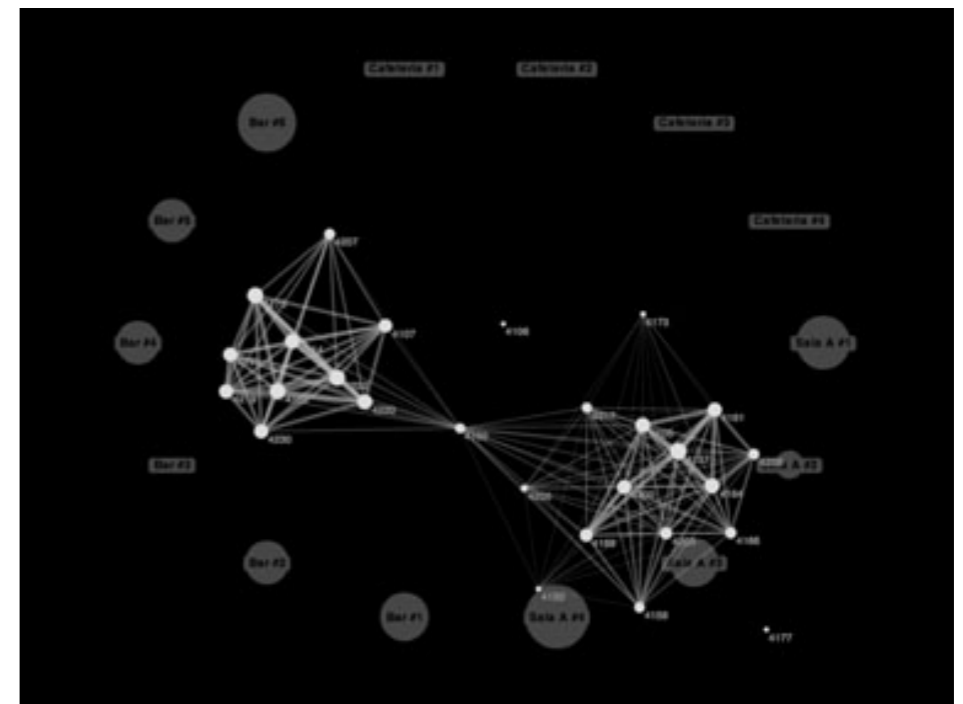
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# high resolution network data



face-to-face contacts

**RFID technology**



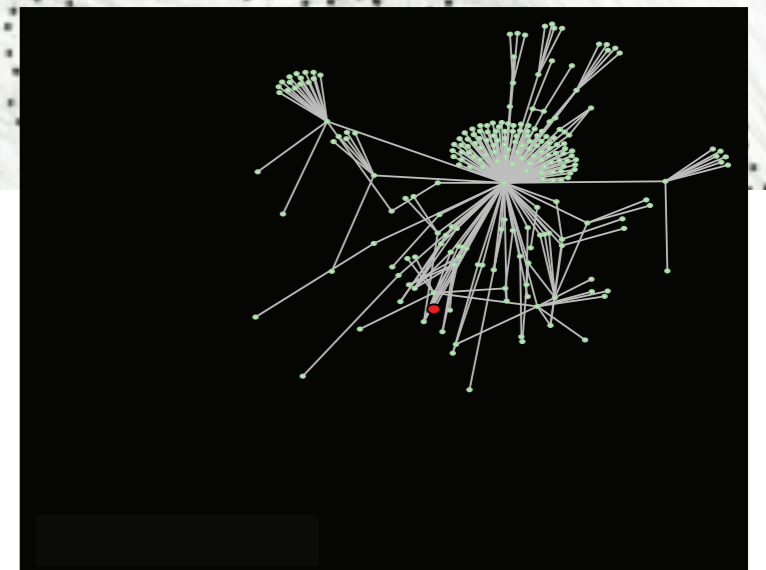
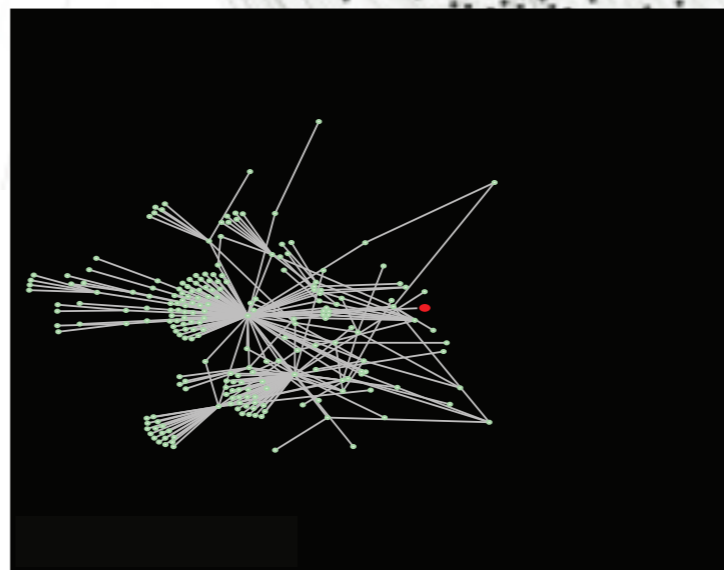
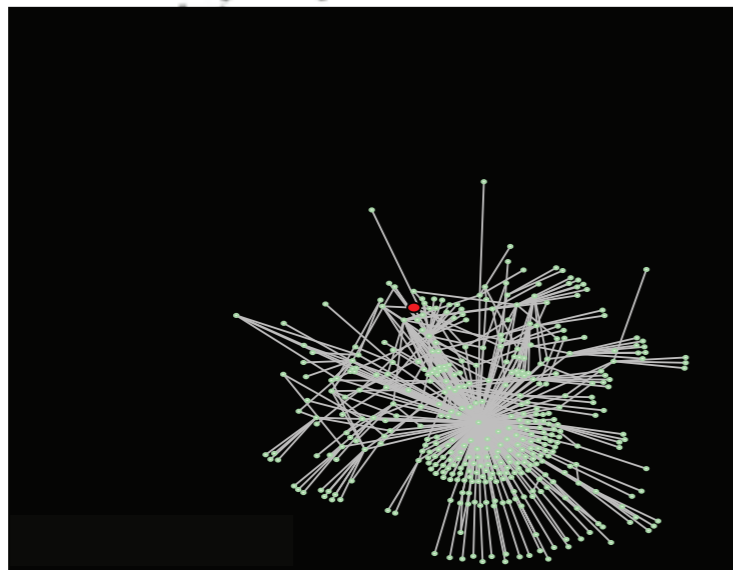
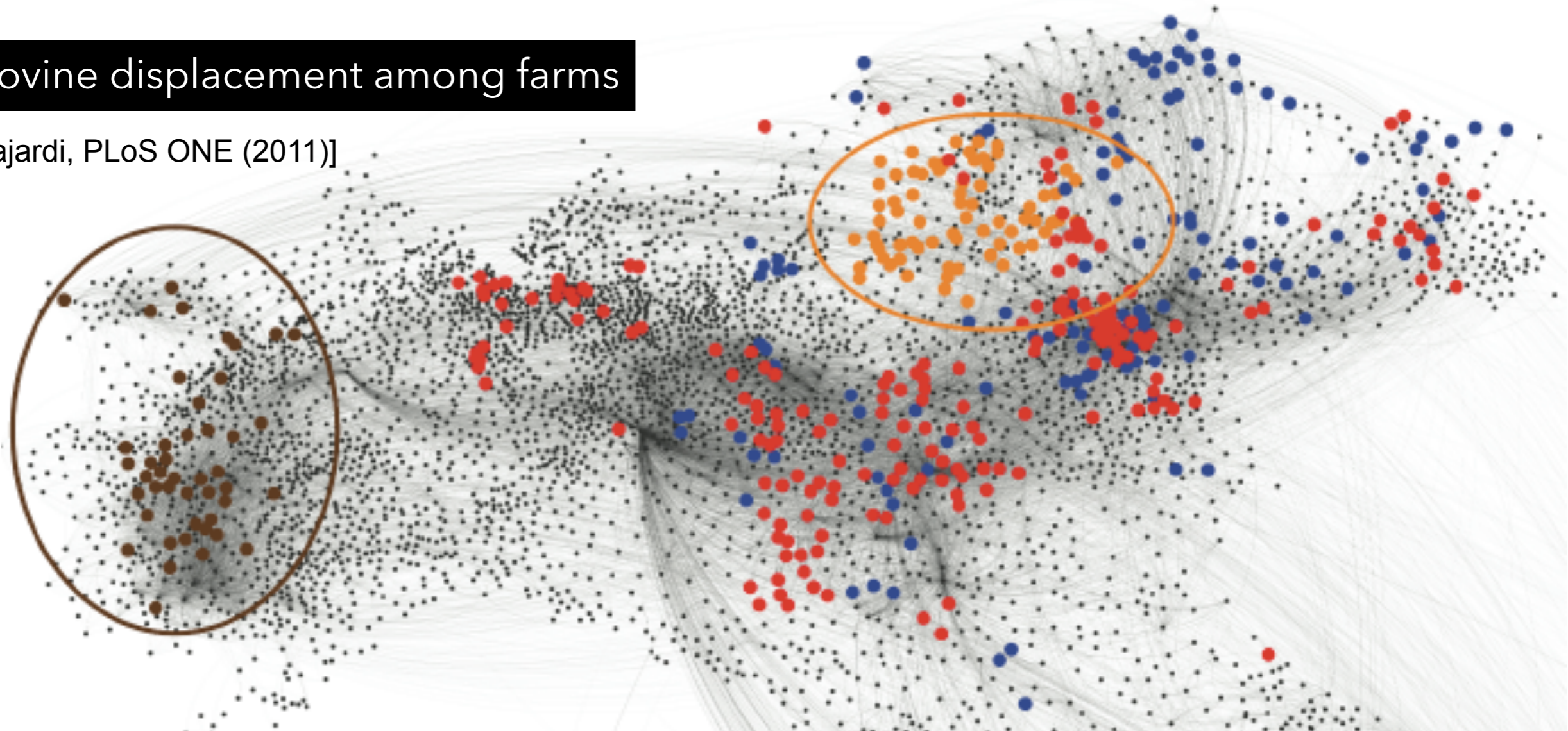
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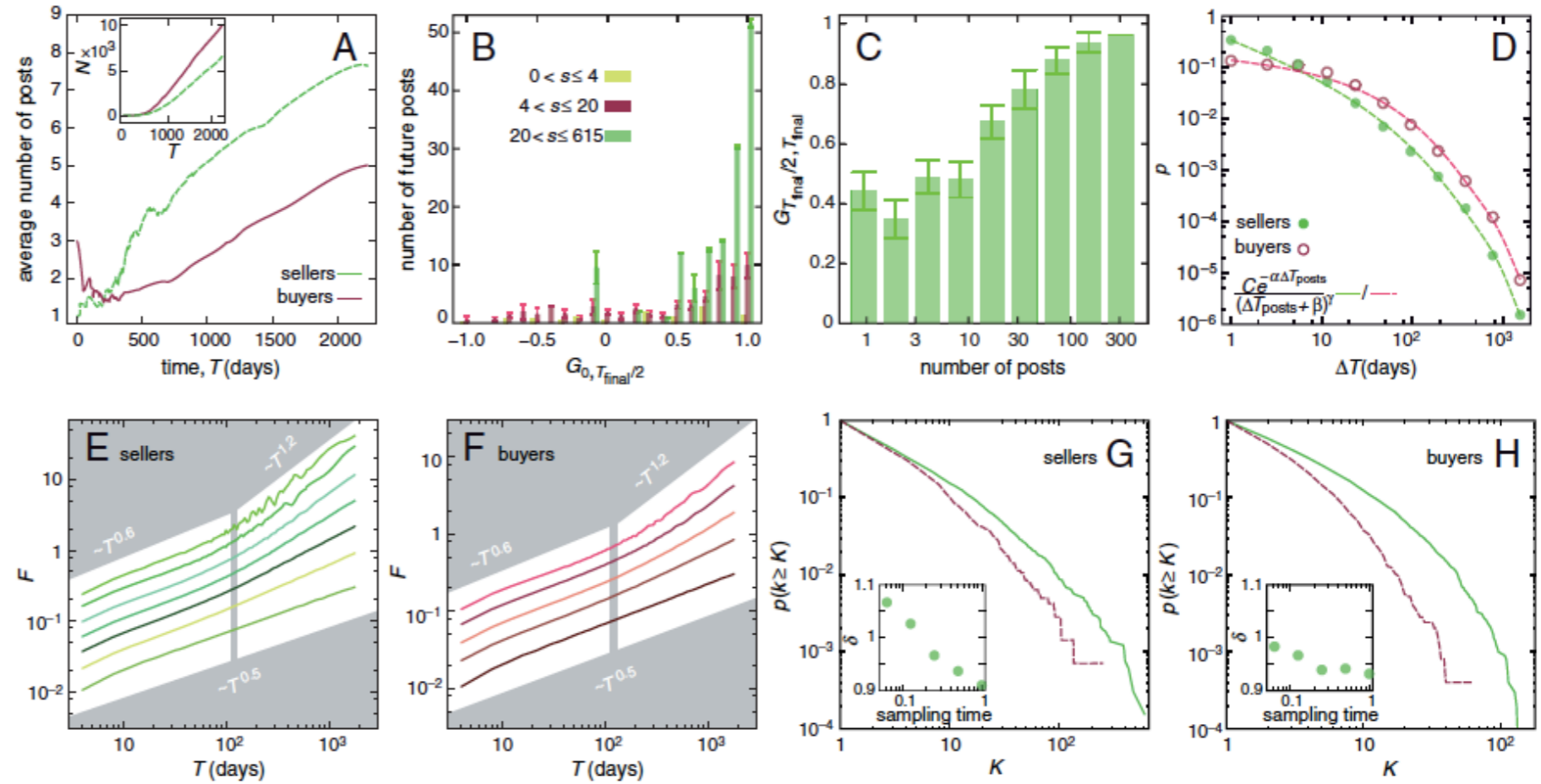
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bovine displacement among farms

[Bajardi, PLoS ONE (2011)]



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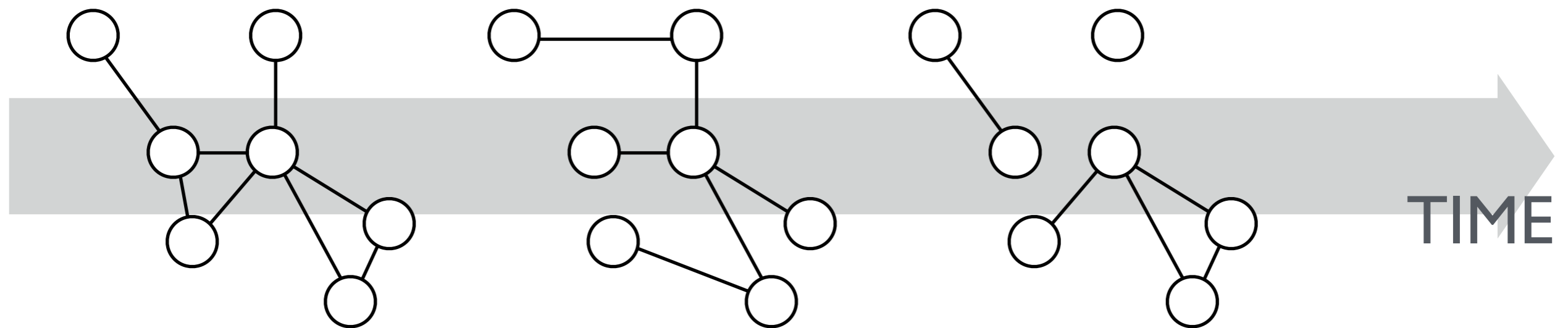
**Fig. 1.** Statistics of the dynamics of the community. (A) Time evolution of the average number of posts by sex buyers and about sex buyers. The *Inset* shows the growth in the number of sex sellers and sex buyers in the data. (B) The number of new posts according to the previous average grade at  $T_{\text{final}}/2=1,116$  days for three different activity levels, or total number of posts,  $s$ . The  $R^2$ -values of these data are 0.19 ( $0 < s \leq 4$ ), 0.29 ( $4 < s \leq 20$ ), and 0.33 ( $20 < s$ ). (C) The average future grade of sellers as a function of their number of contacts at half of the total sampling time (the data is logarithmically binned along the abscissa). (D) Shows the distribution of the time elapsed between two posts  $T_{\text{posts}}$  for buyers and sellers. Many posts were written during the same day, respectively,  $p(T_{\text{posts}} = 0) = 0.495$  and  $p(T_{\text{posts}} = 0) = 0.246$ . The distributions are well fitted by  $p(T_{\text{posts}}) = C \exp(-\alpha T_{\text{posts}}) = (T_{\text{posts}} + \beta)^\gamma$ , with:  $C = 2.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ days}^\gamma$ ,  $\alpha = 0.0023 \pm 0.0001 \text{ days}^{-1}$ ,  $\beta = 3.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ days}$ , and  $\gamma = 1.49 \pm 0.04$  (for sellers); and  $C = 12 \pm 8 \text{ days}^\gamma$ ,  $\alpha = 0.0021 \pm 0.0002 \text{ days}^{-1}$ ,  $\beta = 18 \pm 4 \text{ days}$ , and  $\gamma = 1.5 \pm 0.1$  (for buyers). (E) and (F) shows statistics the DFA fluctuation function as a function of the time-scale  $\Delta T$  for sellers and buyers, resp. The different curves correspond to different activity levels—from bottom to top they represent less than 3, 3–7, 8–20, 21–54, 55–148, 149–403, and more than 403 posts (about sellers or from buyers) resp. *Black Lines* are inserted for reference.  $T^{1/2}$  corresponds to uncorrelated interaction. (G) and (H) show degree distributions for sex sellers (G) and buyers (H) cumulative degree distributions for the full sampling time (*Solid Line*) and a yearlong window (starting one year after the full dataset; *Dashed Line*) for sex sellers and -buyers, resp. The *Insets* show the exponent of preferential attachment (Eq. 1).

internet mediated prostitution

sexual contacts between 6,624 escorts and 10,106 sex buyers extracted from an online community

[LEC. Rocha, et al, PNAS 2009]

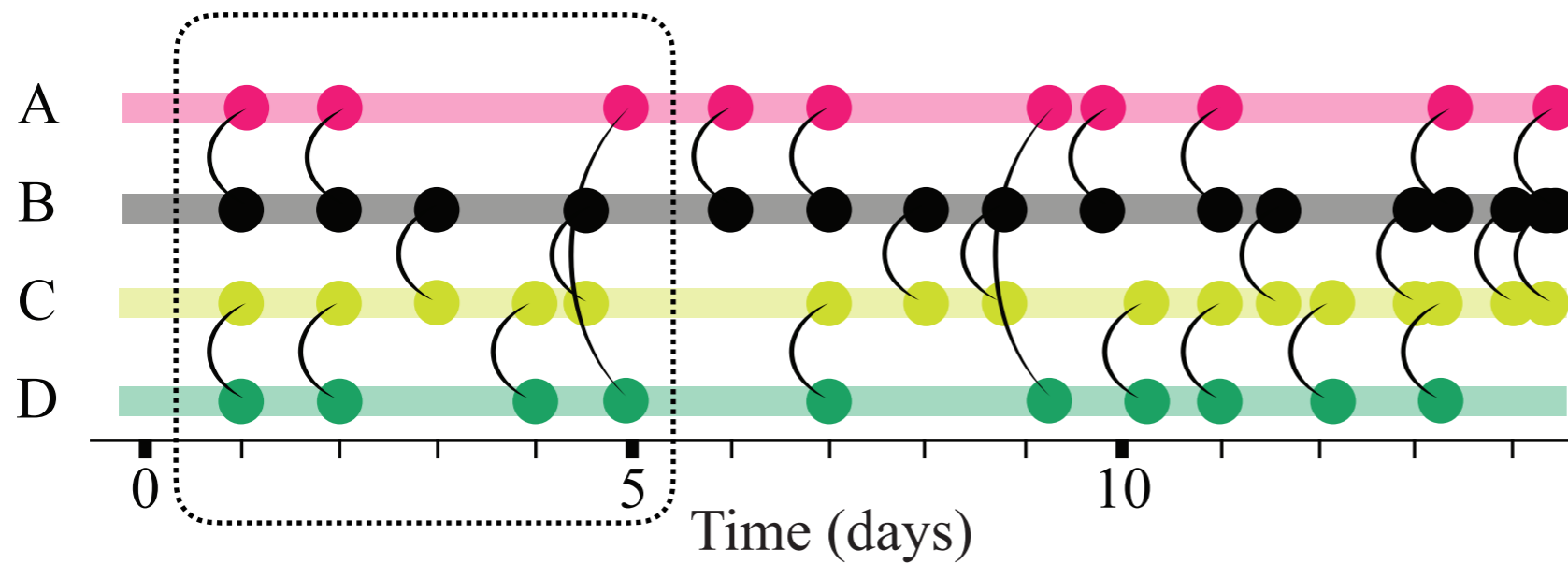
# temporal dimension of networks



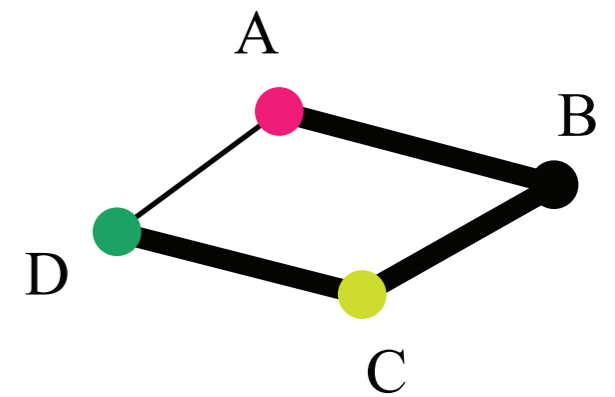
[Holme, Saramaki Phys. Rep. (2012)]

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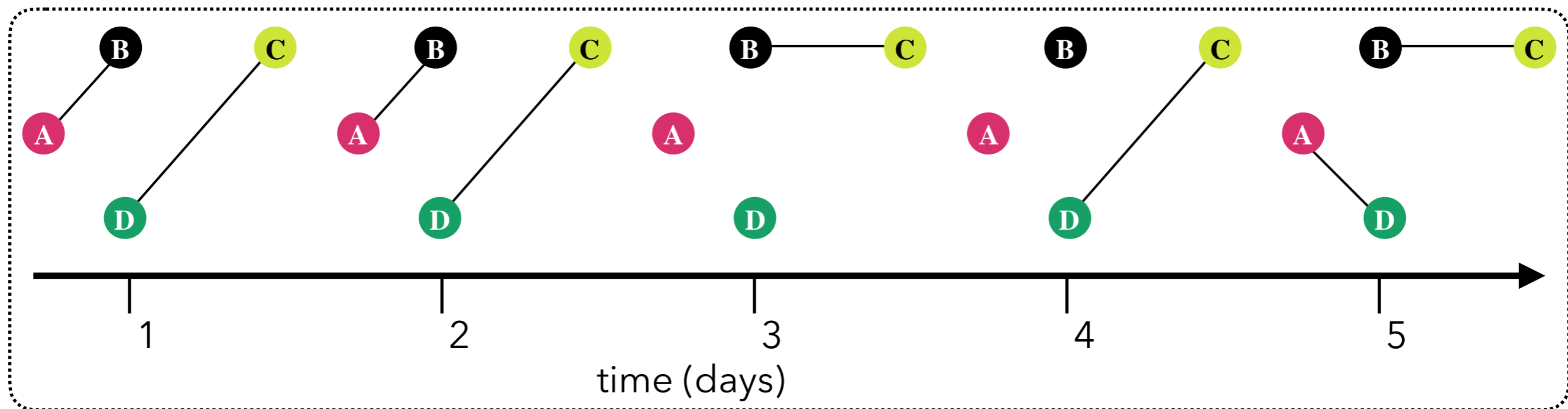
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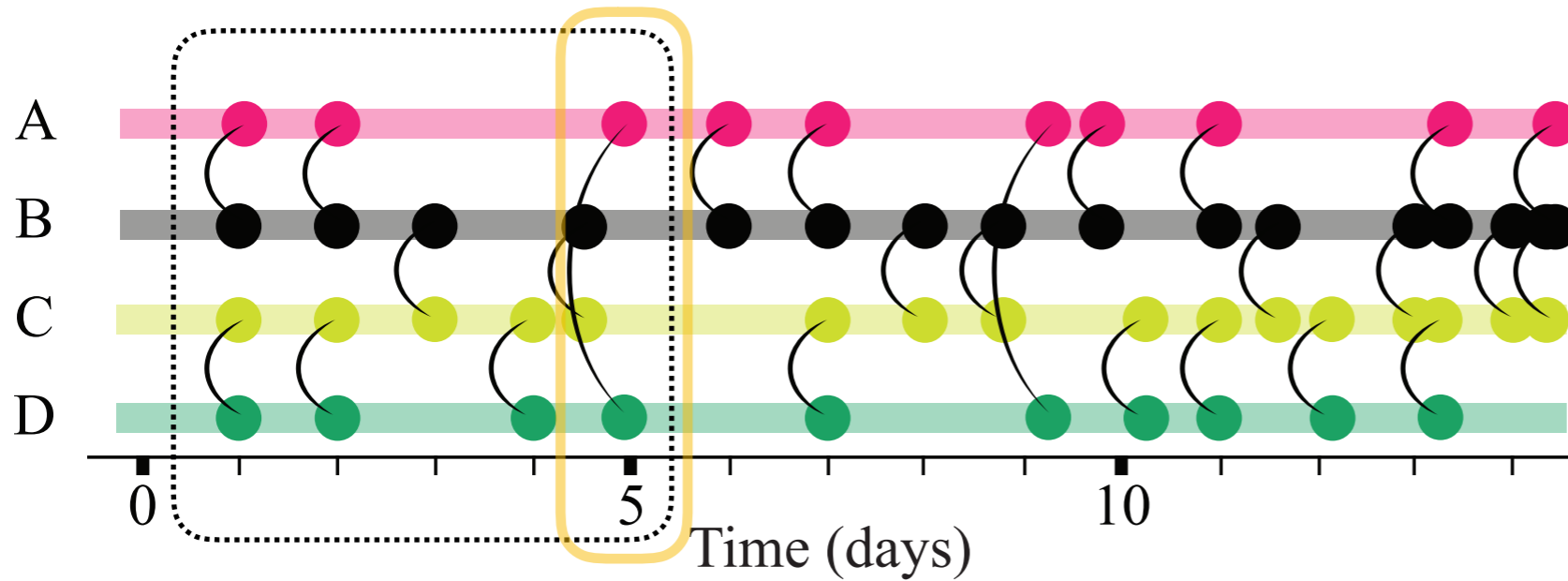


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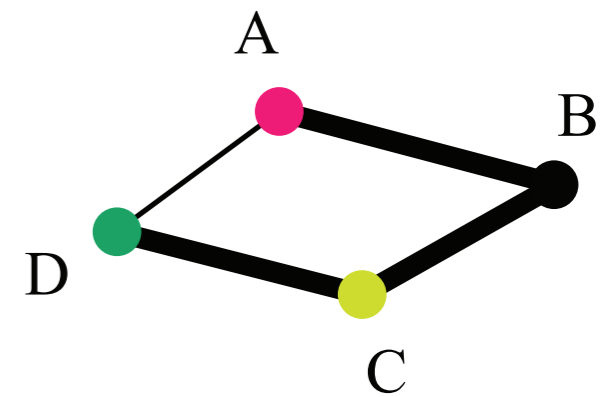


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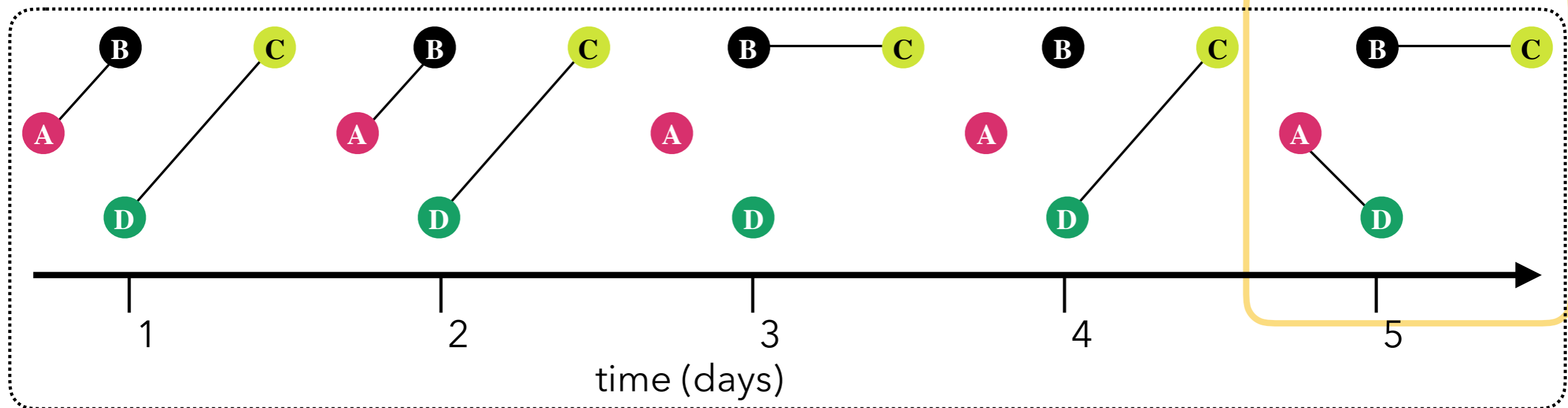
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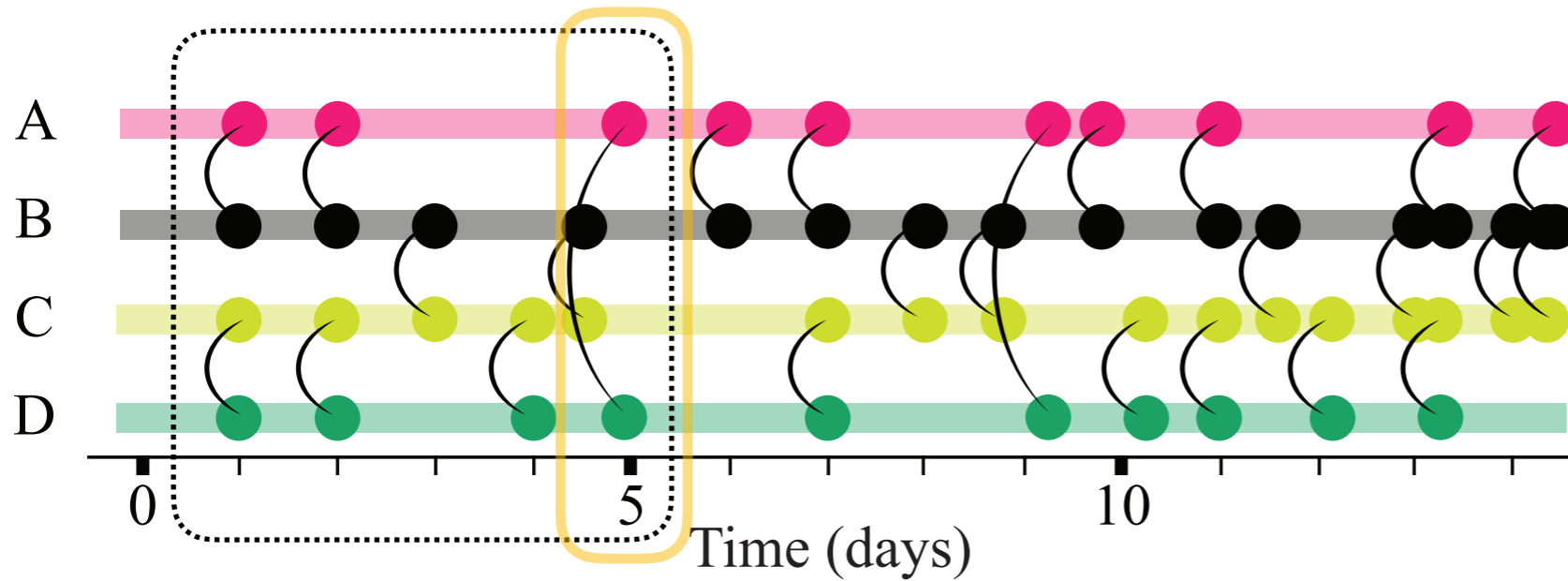


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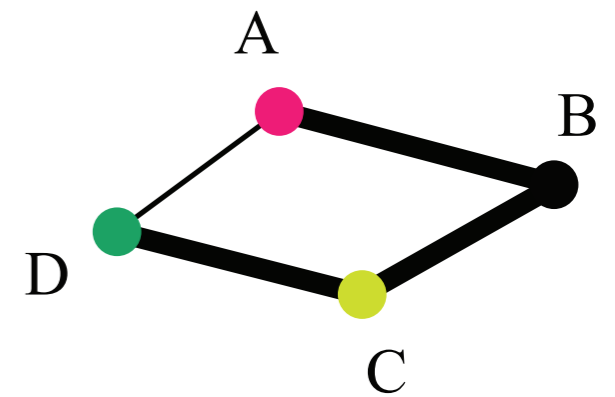


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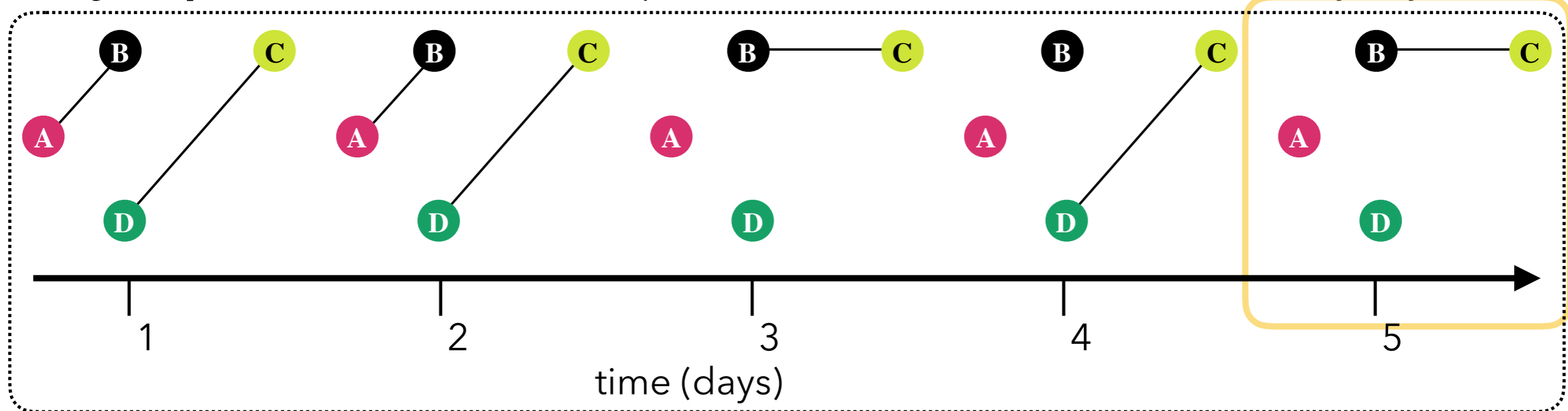
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**daily snapshot:** discrete time, I sample the network (I measure contacts every day at noon)

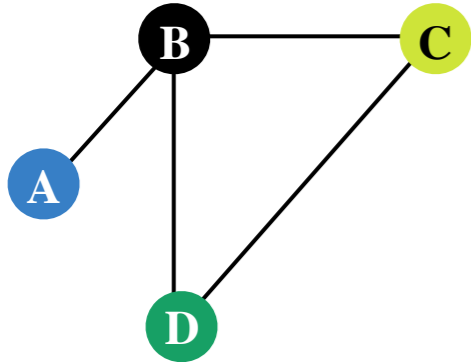




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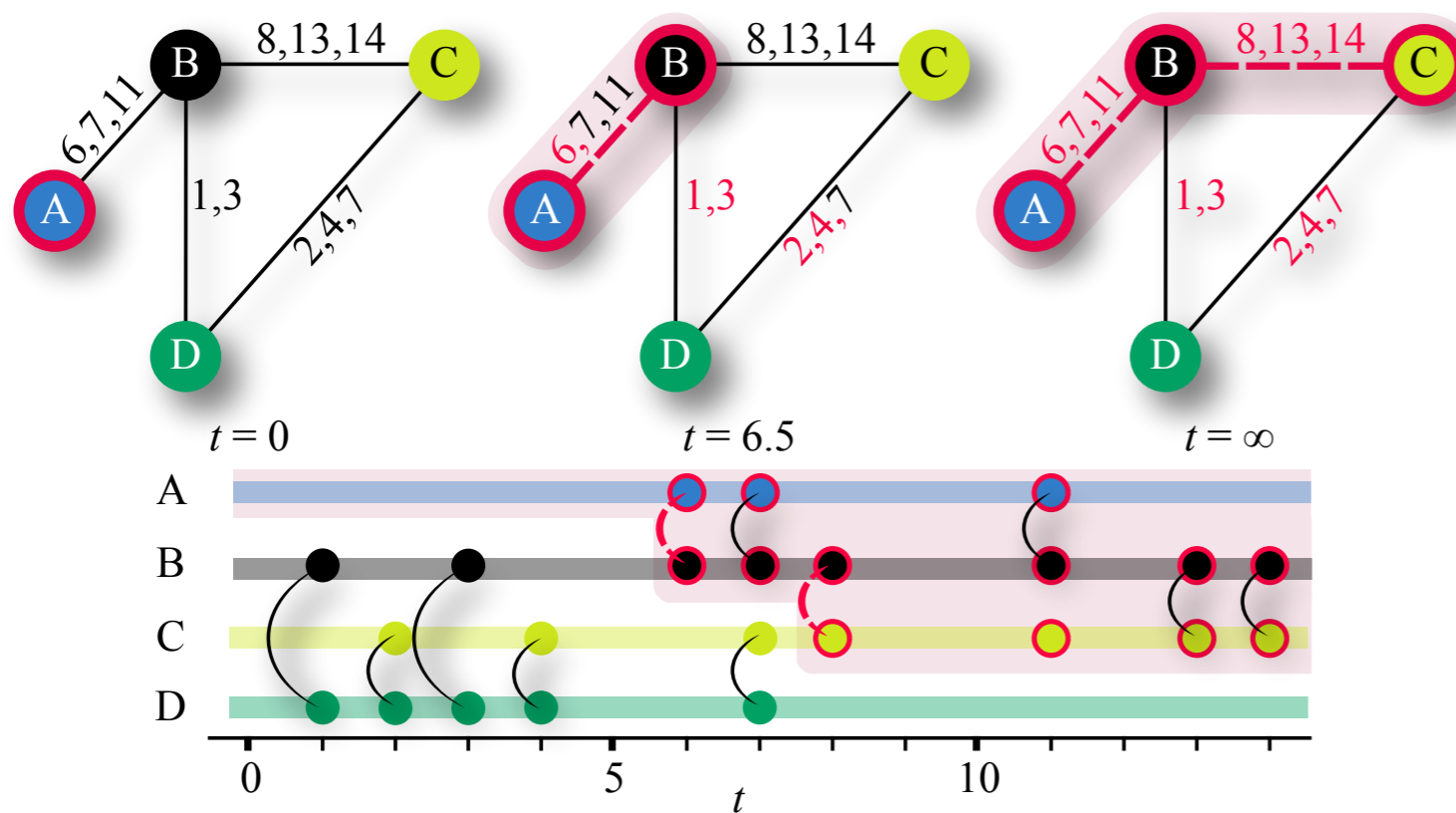


in an undirected static network every node is reachable from every node in its connected component

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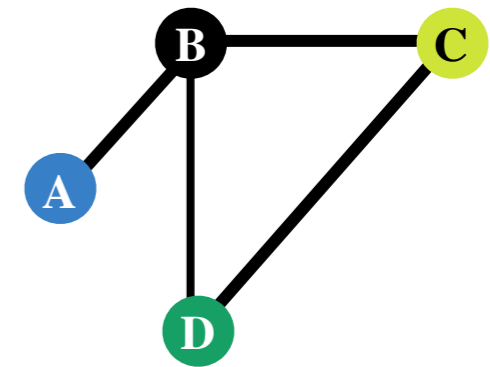
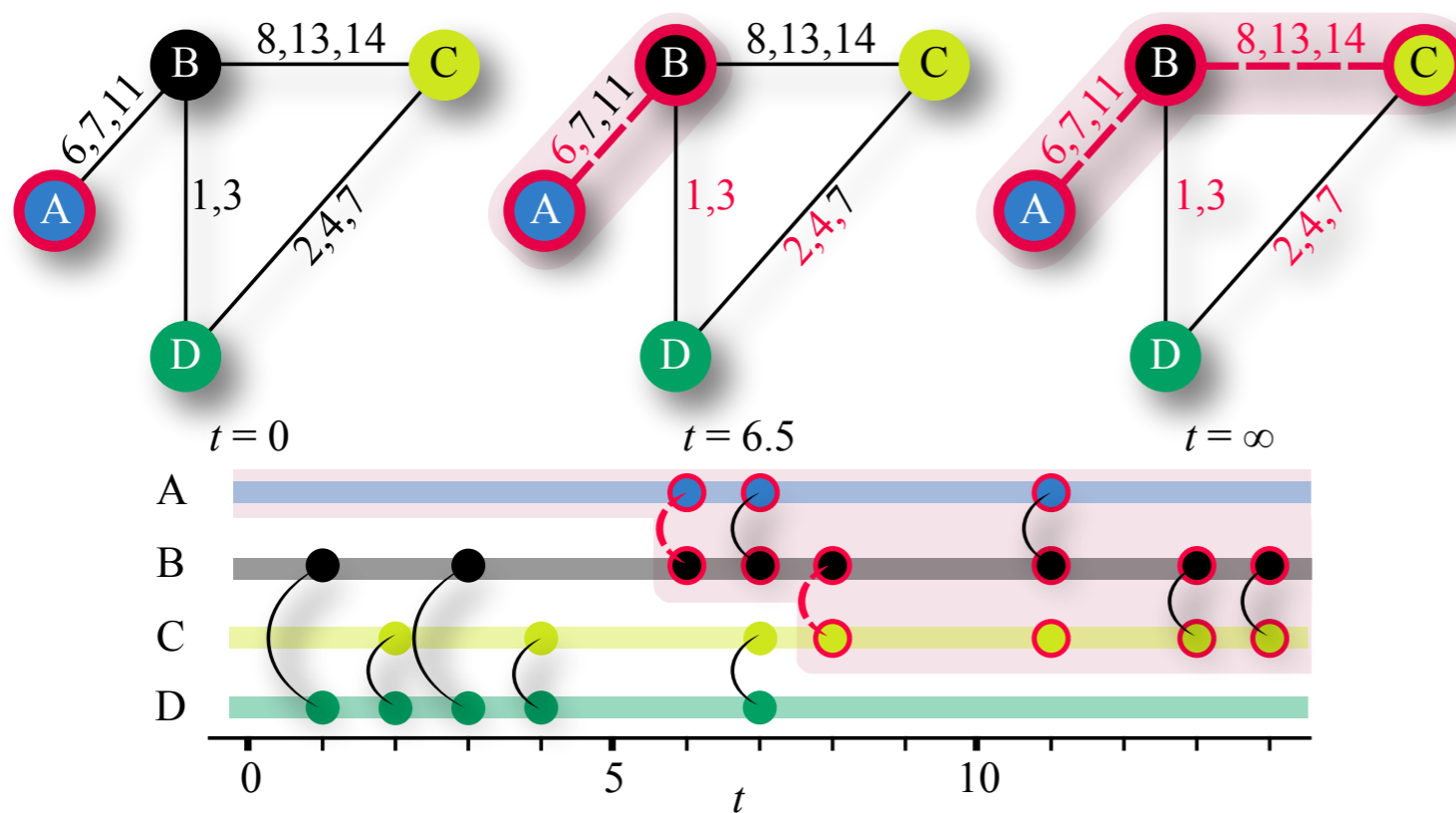


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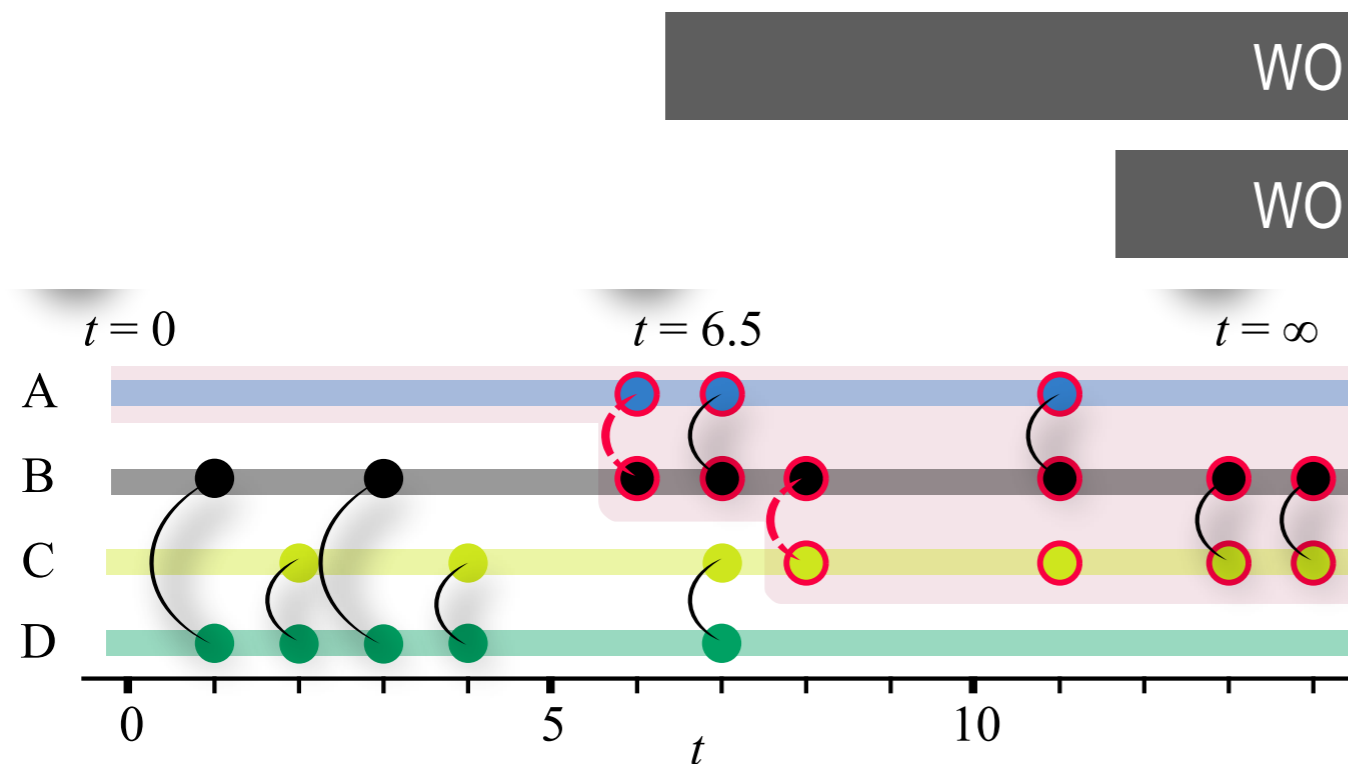


**In the weighted aggregated network I lose a lot of information!**

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**The existence of a time respecting path depends on the window  $[t, T]$  of observation**



For  $t = 6.5$  there is a path from A to C

For  $t = 11.5$  there is no path from A to C

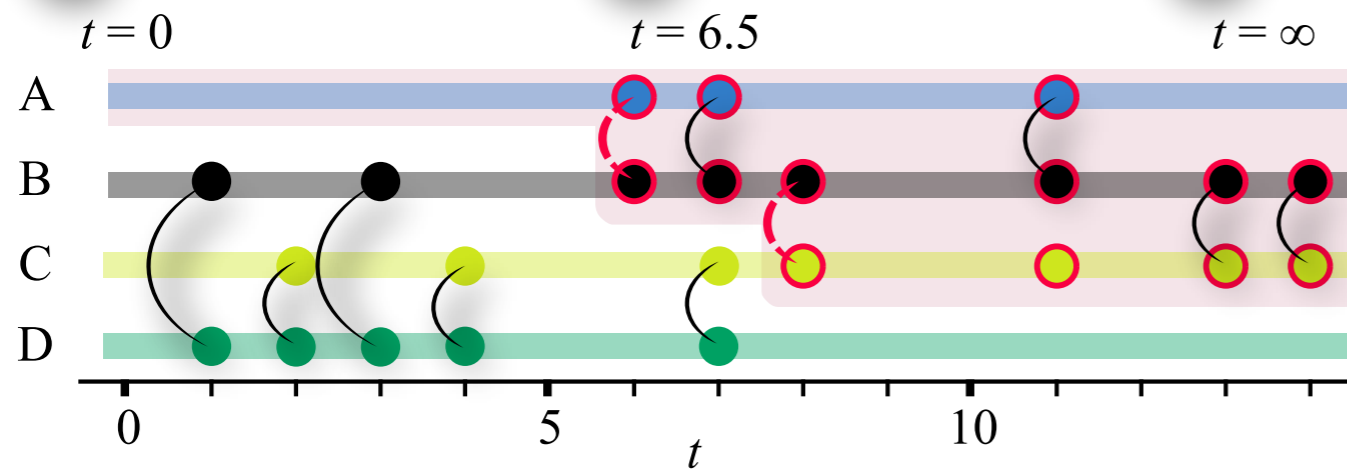
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In the window  $[t, T]$  a path exist from  $i$  to  $j$ . Is  $i$  able to infect  $j$ ?

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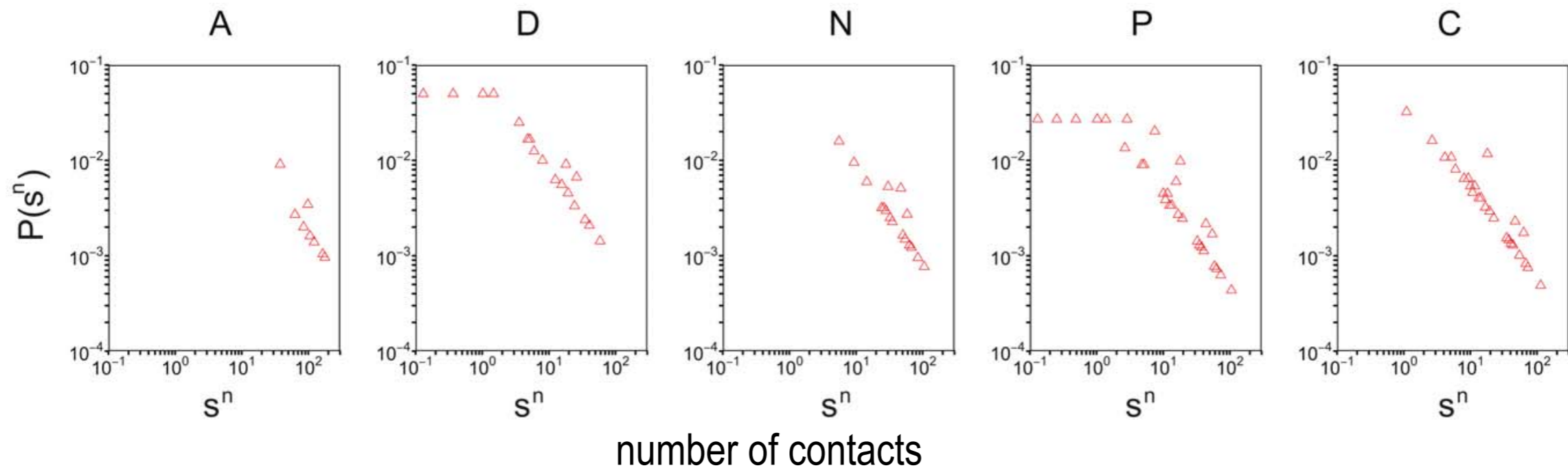
For  $\mu^{-1} = 3$  days YES

For  $\mu^{-1} = 1$  days NO



# issue #3: contact heterogeneities

probability density function of number of contacts

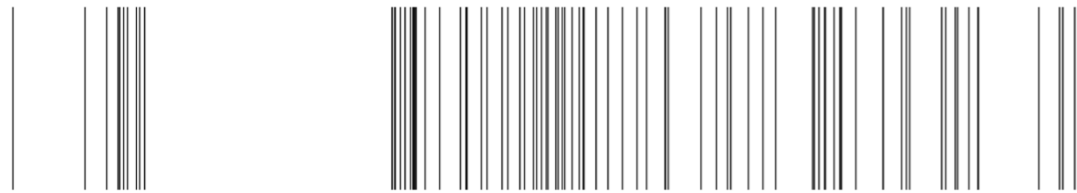


[Isella et al PLOS ONE 2011]

Cumulative number of contacts results from activation frequency and number of contacts made at each activation

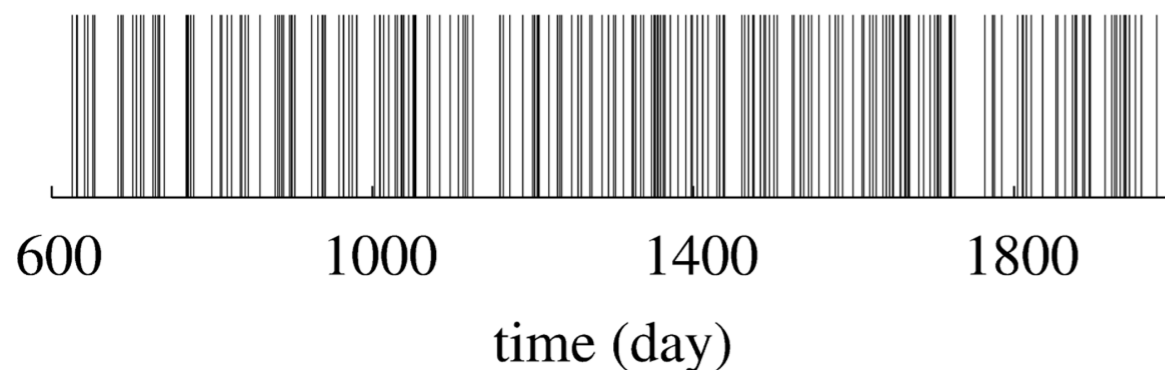
# issue #4: non homogenous activation

(A) Original [LEC. Rocha, et al, PNAS 2009]



more realistic model:  $P_E(\tau) = A\tau^{-\alpha}e^{-\tau/\tau_E}$

(B) Exponential



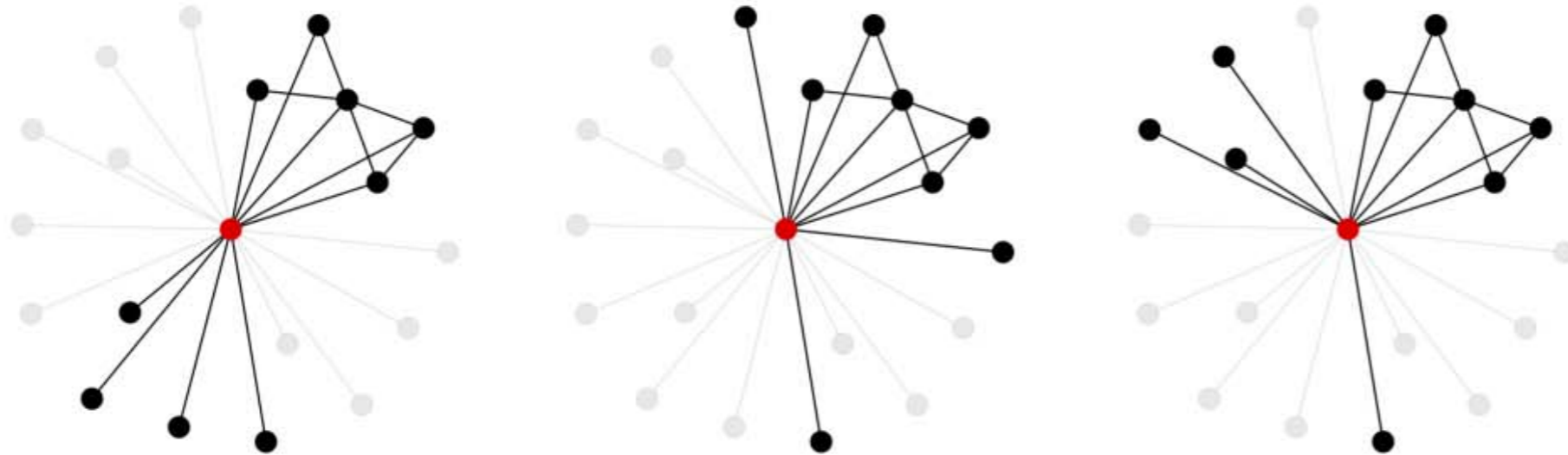
Poisson model:  $P_P(\tau) = \frac{e^{-\tau/\langle\tau\rangle}}{\langle\tau\rangle}$

inter-contact time: time from two consecutive activations

human behaviour is bursty

burstiness: broader-than-expected distributions of inter-contact times

# issue #5: temporal correlations



[Miritello, et al, Sci Rep 2013]

$k_{i,t}$  = degree of  $i$  in the network aggregated over the interval  $[t - \delta, t]$

$s_{i,t}$  = weighted degree of  $i$  in the network aggregated over the interval  $[t - \delta, t]$

**social strategy:**  $\gamma_{i,t} = \frac{k_{i,t}}{s_{i,t}}$

$\gamma \rightarrow 0$  : memory-driven behavior (a node tends to make contacts always with the same nodes)

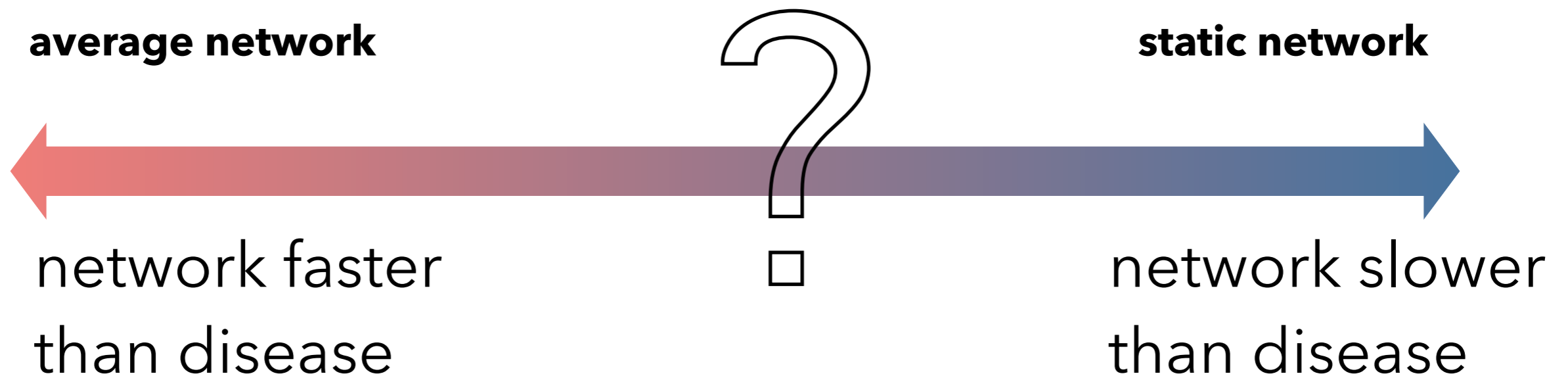
$\gamma \rightarrow 1$  : memoryless behavior (a node shows a more socially exploratory behavior)



# importance of contact dynamics

average infectious duration  $\mu^{-1}$

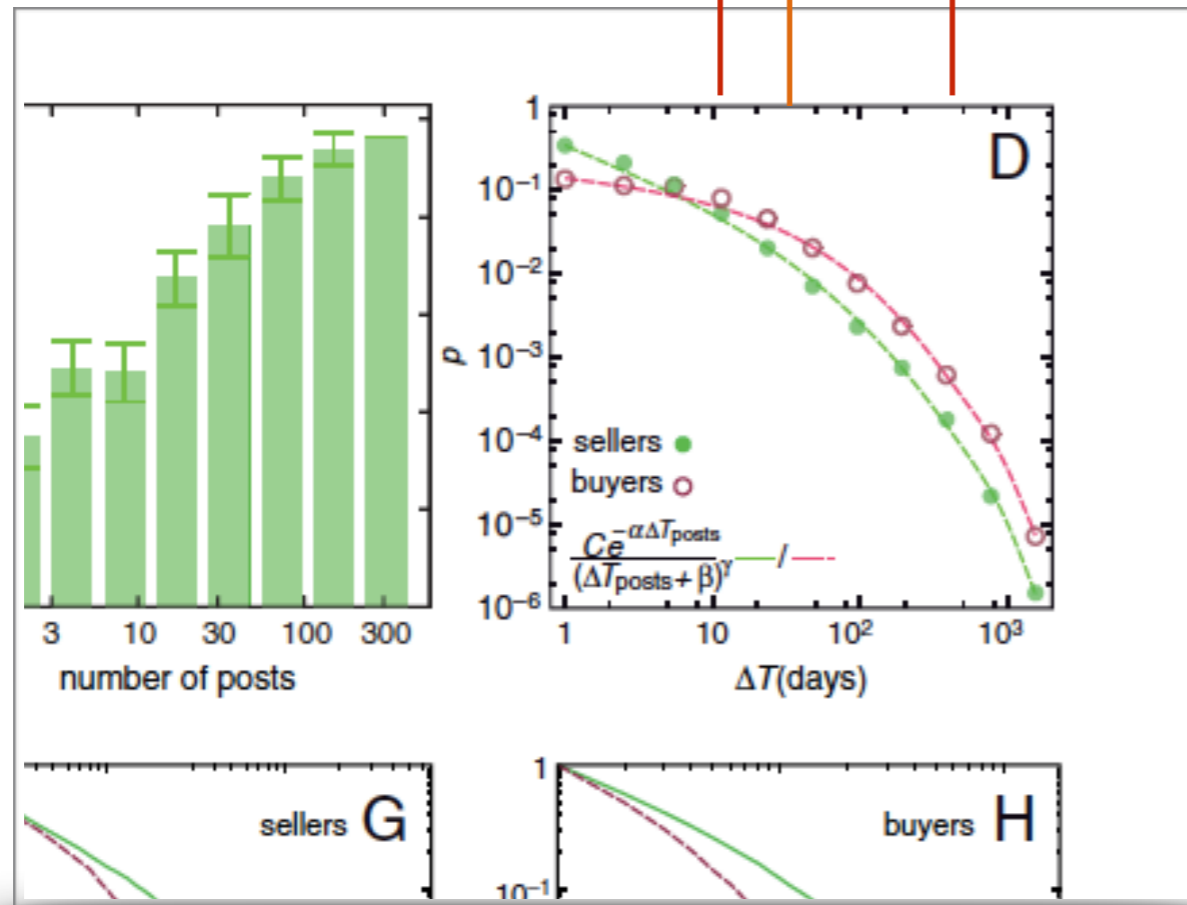
average inter contact time  $\tau$



# importance of contact dynamics

time scale separation not applicable in many cases

HIV  
SYPHILIS



internet mediated prostitution

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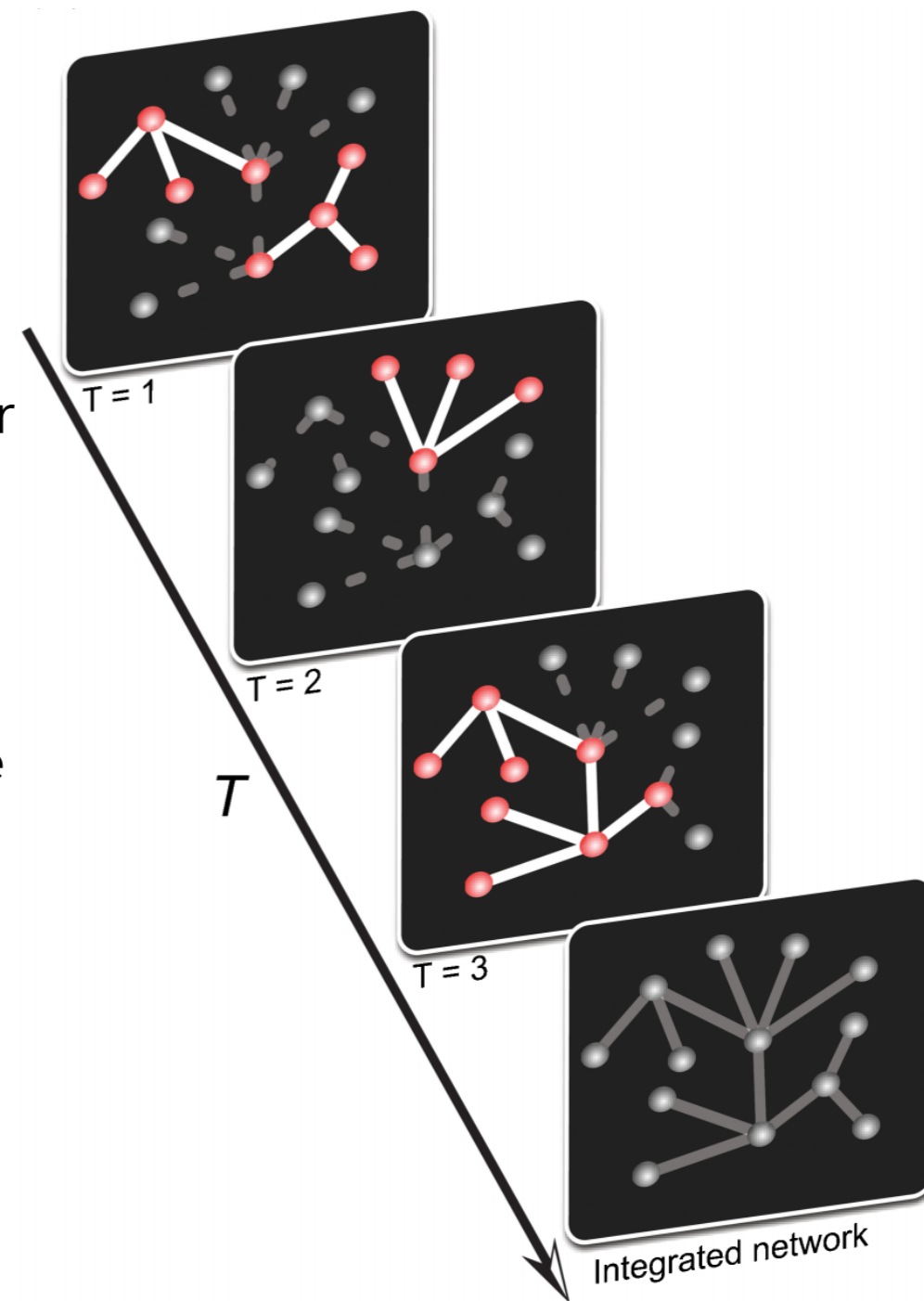
# activity driven model

## Model ingredients:

- discrete time (time step  $\Delta t$ )
- $N$ : number of nodes
- $x_i$ : activity potential,  $\epsilon \leq x_i \leq 1$ . This is e.g. number of activation of  $i$  during  $\Delta t$  normalised over the total number of activation.
- $F(x)$ : distribution of activity potential
- $a_i = \eta x_i$ : activation rate. Average number of active nodes  $\tilde{N} = \eta \langle x \rangle N$
- $m$ : number of connections made at each activation

## At each time steps:

- number of edges  $E_t = m \eta \langle x \rangle N$
- average degree  $\langle k \rangle_t = \frac{2E_t}{N} = m \eta \langle x \rangle$
- The network is homogeneous!



# activity driven model

## Integrated network over a time window $T$

- degree of a node  $i$  in the aggregated network  $k_T(i) = k_T^{\text{out}}(i) + k_T^{\text{in}}(i)$
- $k_T^{\text{out}}(i)$ :  $i$  makes  $Ta_i m$  links. How many different nodes does it connect to? (I don't count repeated links with the same node). Urn problem: # of different ball extracted from a urn with  $N$  balls after  $Ta_i m$  extractions
  - prob each ball is extracted  $p = 1 - \left[1 - \frac{1}{N}\right]^{Ta_i m}$
  - prob of extracting  $d$  balls is a Binomial  $P(d) = \binom{N}{d} p^d (1-p)^{N-d}$
  - average # balls  $k_T^{\text{out}} = Np = N \left[1 - e^{-Ta_i m/N}\right]$ , if  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\frac{T}{N} \rightarrow 0$

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  - prob a node were not target by  $i$  :  $\left[1 - \frac{1}{N}\right]^{Ta_i m} = e^{-Ta_i m/N}$
  - average number of links coming form these nodes  $mN\langle a \rangle$
  - They connect to  $i$  with probability  $\frac{1}{N}$
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$$k_T(i) = N \left[ 1 - e^{-Ta_i m/N} \right] + m \langle a \rangle e^{-Ta_i m/N} \simeq N \left[ 1 - e^{-Ta_i m/N} \right] = N \left[ 1 - e^{-T\eta x_i m/N} \right]$$

↑  
if  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\frac{T}{N} \rightarrow 0$

$$x(k) = -\frac{N}{\eta m T} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{k}{N} \right)$$

$$P_T(k) dk \sim F(x) dx$$

$$P_T(k) \sim F \left[ x(k) \right] \frac{dx(k)}{dk} = \frac{1}{T m \eta} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{k}{N}} F \left[ -\frac{N}{\eta m T} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{k}{N} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{k}{N} \rightarrow 0, \text{ valid if } T \rightarrow 0$$

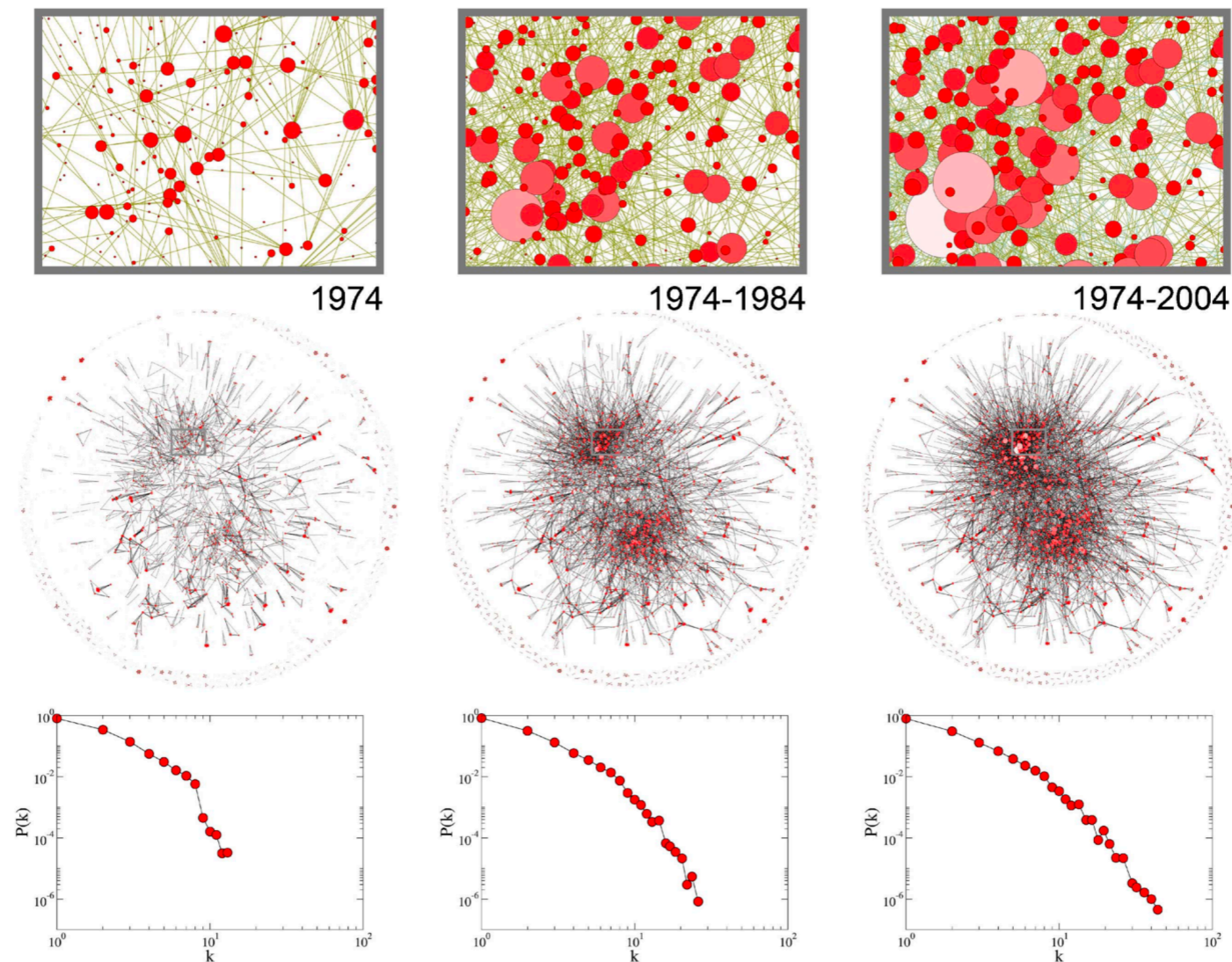
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# activity driven model

$$P_T(k) \sim \frac{1}{Tm\eta} F \left[ \frac{k}{Tm\eta} \right]$$

heterogenous topology in the aggregated network, over a window  $T$ , result from a heterogeneous activity potential



# activity driven model

## Effect of network dynamics on epidemic spreading

- activity block approximation
- SIR dynamics
- probability of transmission per contact  $\lambda$
- for simplicity let's assume  $m = 1$

$$I_a^{t+\Delta t} = -\mu\Delta t I_a^t + I_a^t + \lambda(N_a^t - I_a^t) a \Delta t \int da' \frac{I_{a'}^t}{N} + \lambda(N_a^t - I_a^t) \int da' \frac{I_{a'}^t a' \Delta t}{N}$$

$$\int da I_a^{t+\Delta t} = I^{t+\Delta t} = I^t - \mu\Delta t I^t + \lambda\langle a \rangle I^t \Delta t + \lambda\theta^t \Delta t$$

$$\theta^{t+\Delta t} = \theta^t - \mu\theta^t \Delta t + \lambda\langle a^2 \rangle I^t \Delta t + \lambda\langle a \rangle \theta^t \Delta t$$

$$\partial_t I = -\mu I + \lambda\langle a \rangle I + \lambda\theta,$$

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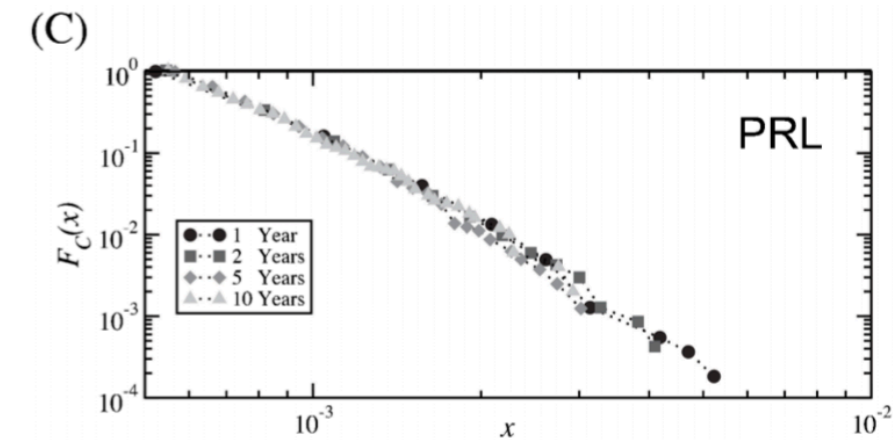
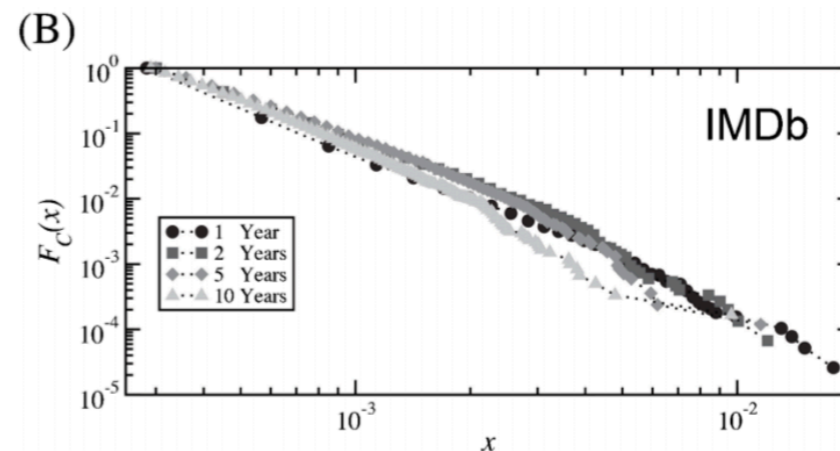
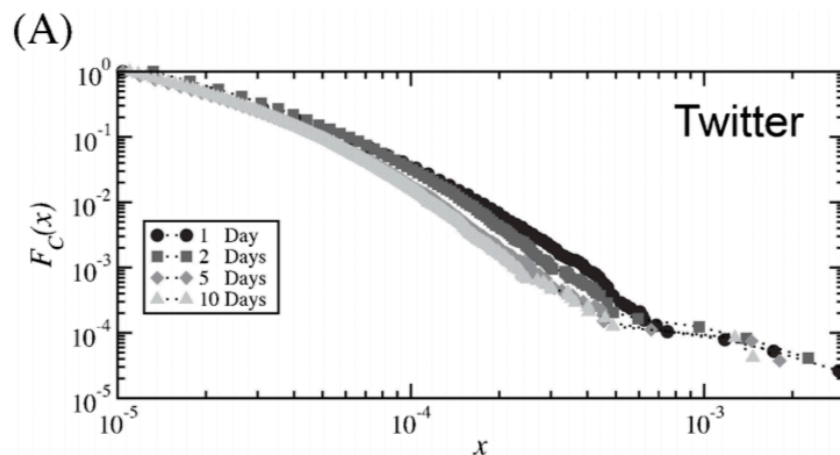
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$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t I &= -\mu I + \lambda \langle a \rangle I + \lambda \theta, \\ \partial_t \theta &= -\mu \theta + \lambda \langle a^2 \rangle I + \lambda \langle a \rangle \theta\end{aligned}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu + \lambda \langle a \rangle & \lambda \\ \lambda \langle a^2 \rangle & -\mu + \lambda \langle a \rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad \Lambda_{(1,2)} = \lambda \langle a \rangle - \mu \pm \lambda \sqrt{\langle a^2 \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{\mu} > \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle + \sqrt{\langle a^2 \rangle}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

heterogeneities in the activation rate lower the epidemic threshold

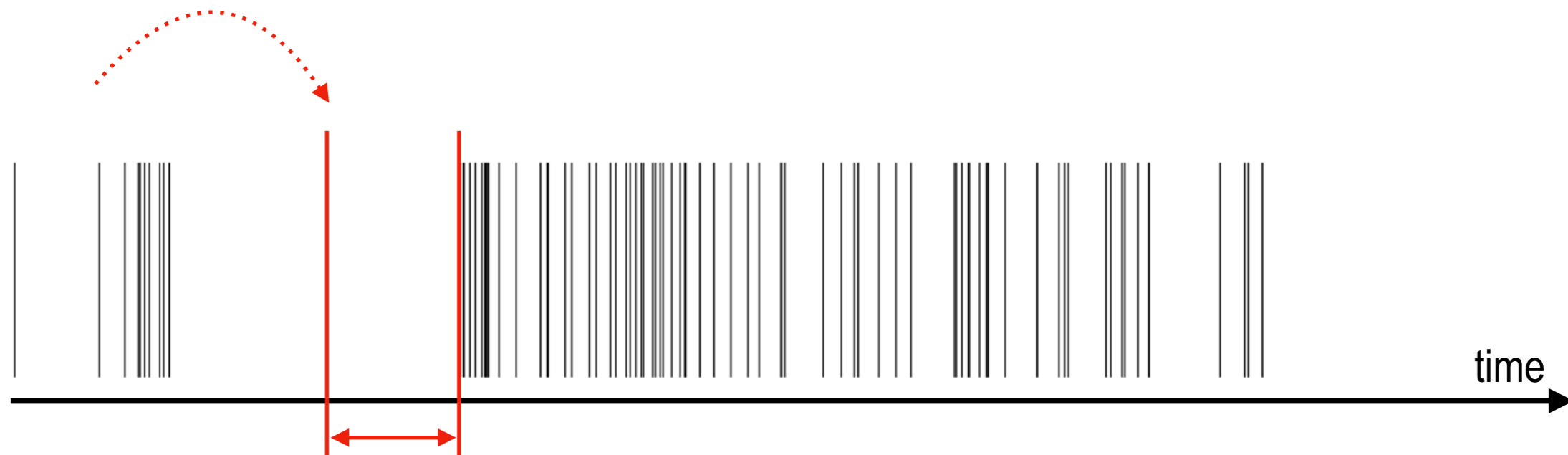


# activity driven model

- A model that captures a realistic property of human behaviour (face-to-face, sexual contacts, phone call, email, tweets)
- human have heterogeneous activity rate
- the contact network at a certain instant of time is sparse, with homogeneous degree
- the aggregated network over a certain window is well connected with heterogeneous degree
- pattern of activation unfolds at the same time scale of the spreading process
- calculation possible in the activity-block approximation (same scheme as the degree block approximation)
- contact heterogeneities lower the epidemic threshold

# bustiness & spreading

spread of computer viruses I receive an email. As soon as I open it the email is automatically sent to my contacts



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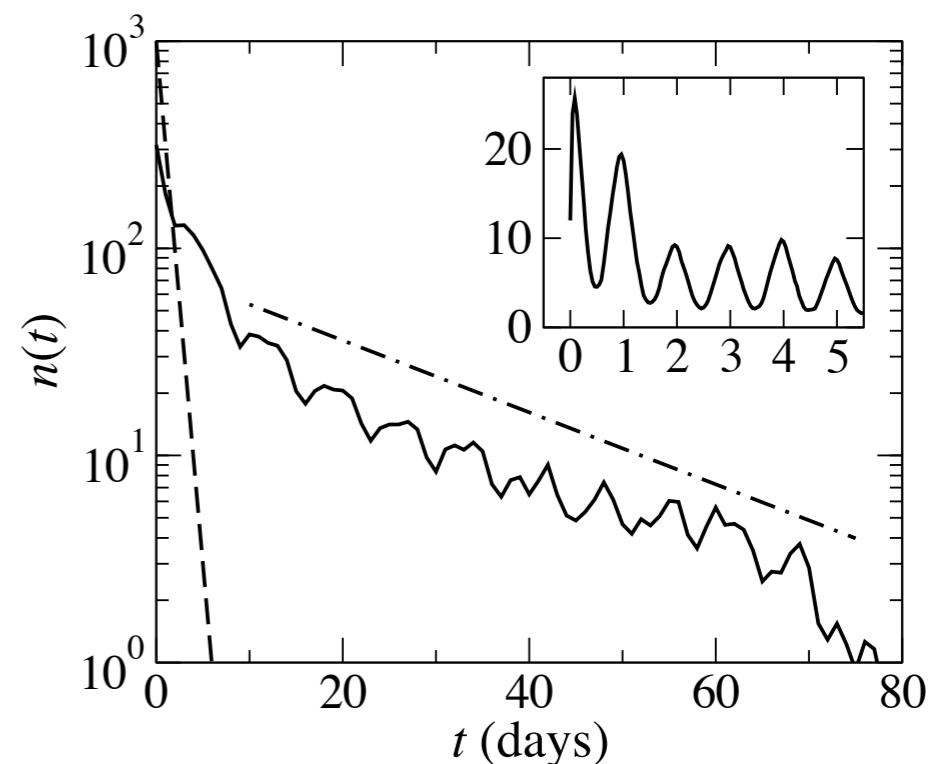
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-  $n(t) = F(t) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_0}\right)$ ; Poisson distribution  $\tau_0 = \langle \tau \rangle$ ; Power law

distribution  $\tau_0 = \tau_E$

$\tau_E \gg \langle \tau \rangle \Rightarrow$  long time decay in incidence

burstiness slow down spreading



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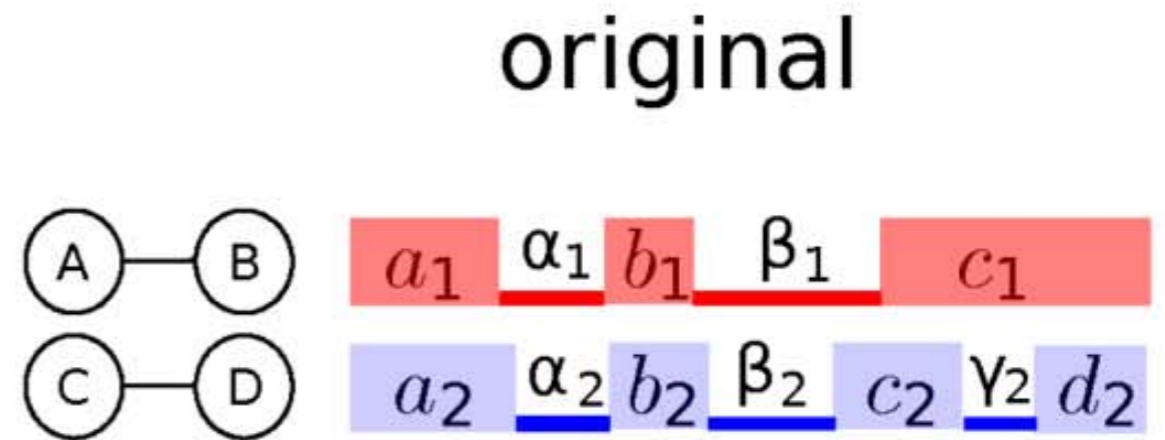
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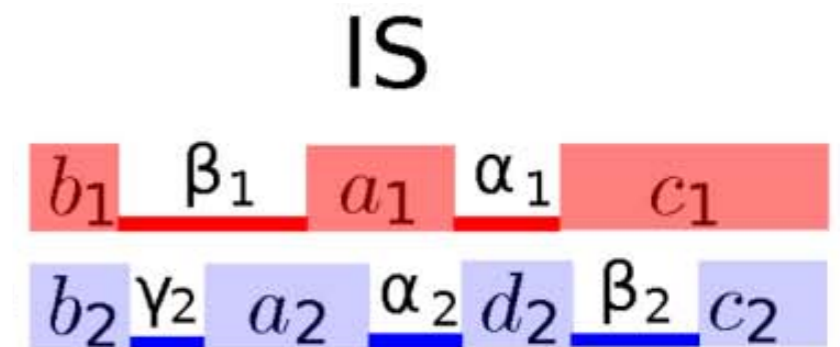
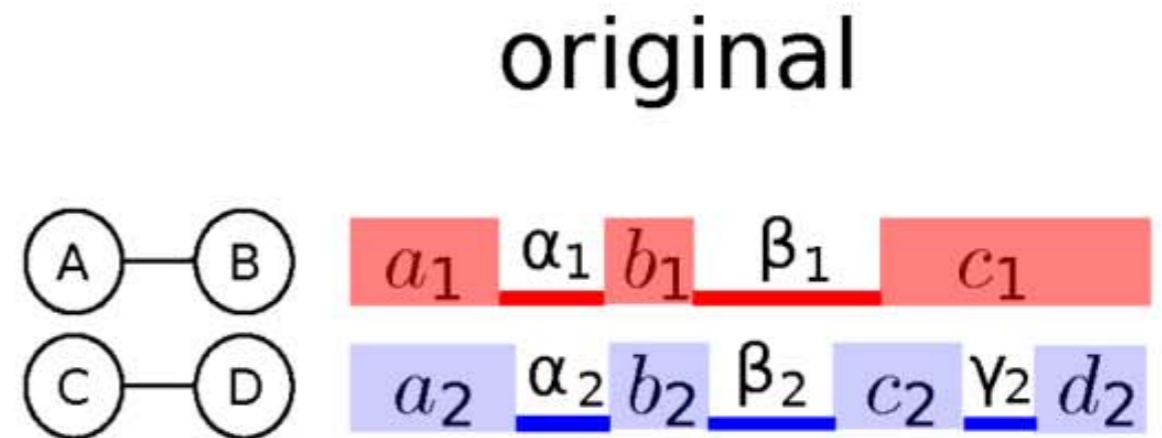
- $P(\tau)$ : inter-contact time distribution
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**interval shuffling (IS):** the sequences of contact and inter-contact durations are reshuffled for each link separately

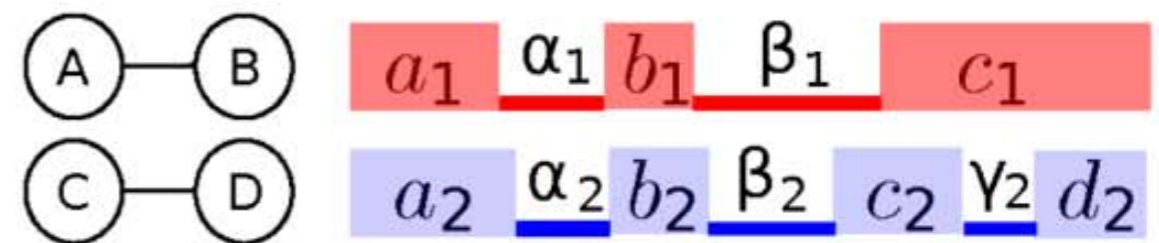
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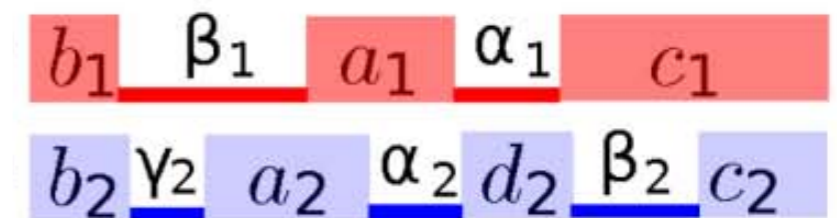
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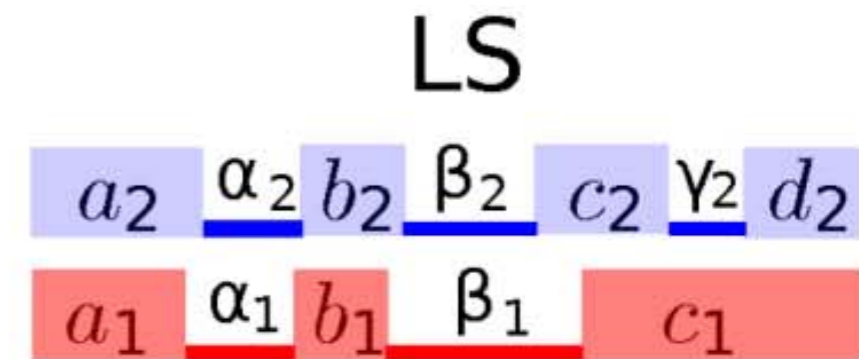
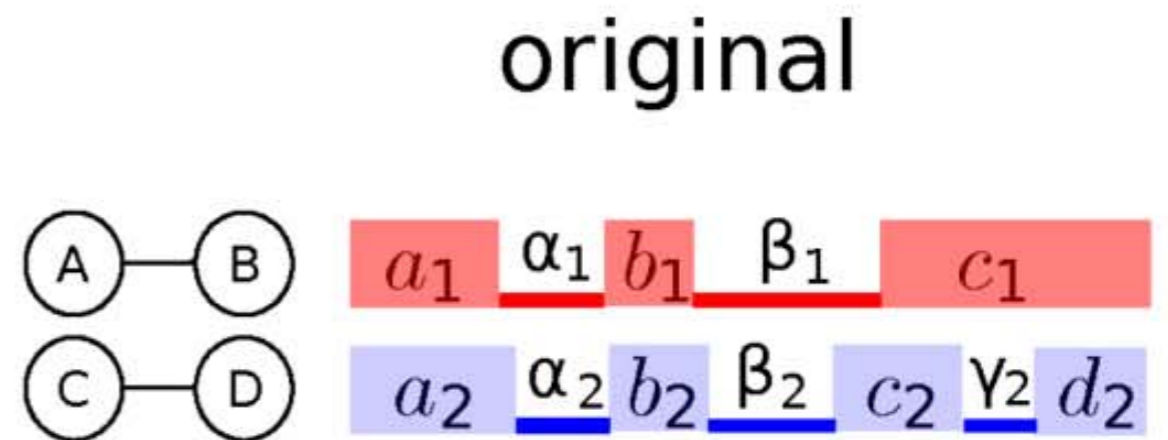
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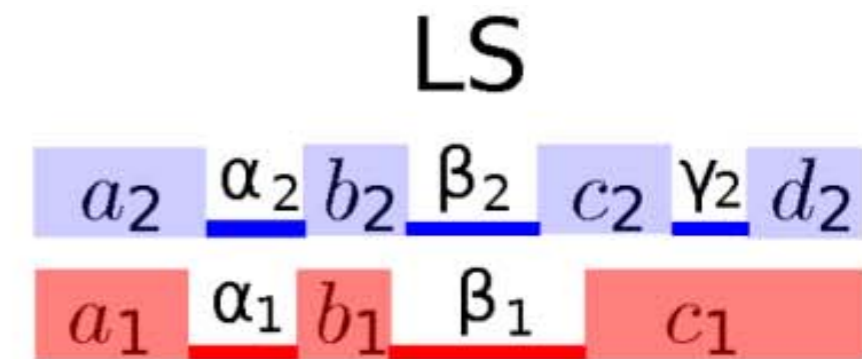
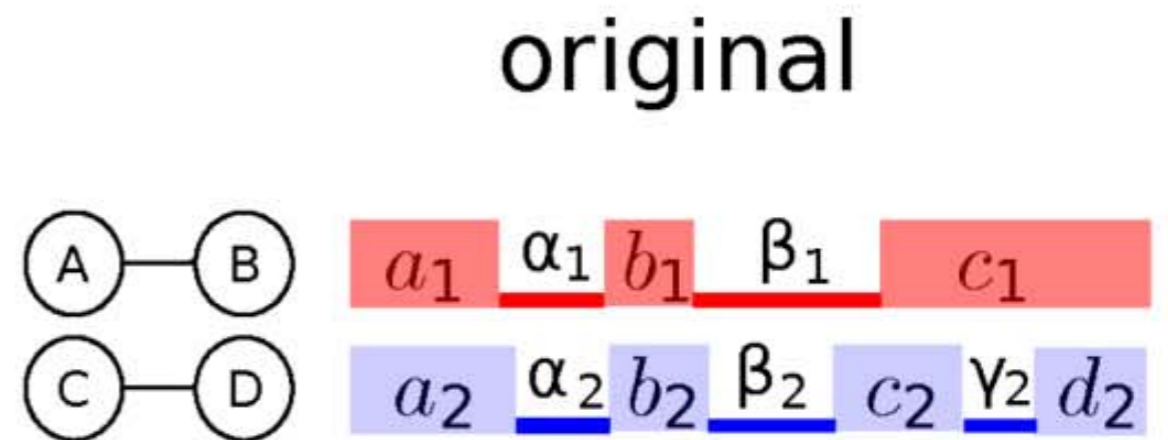


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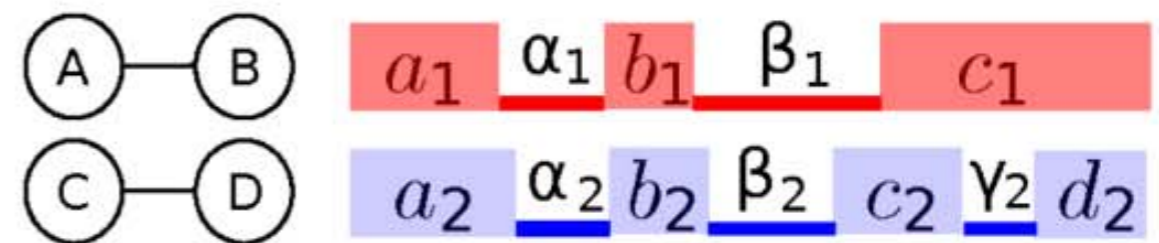
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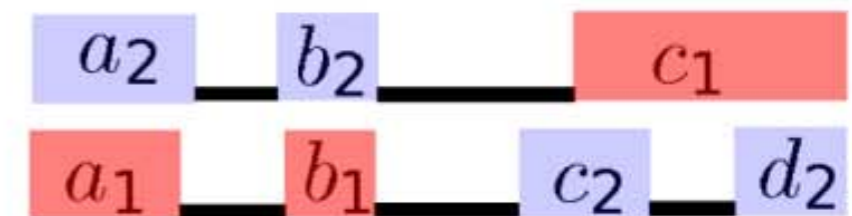
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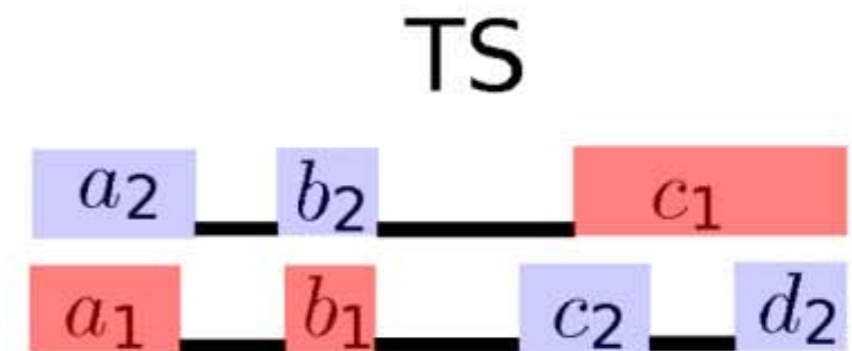
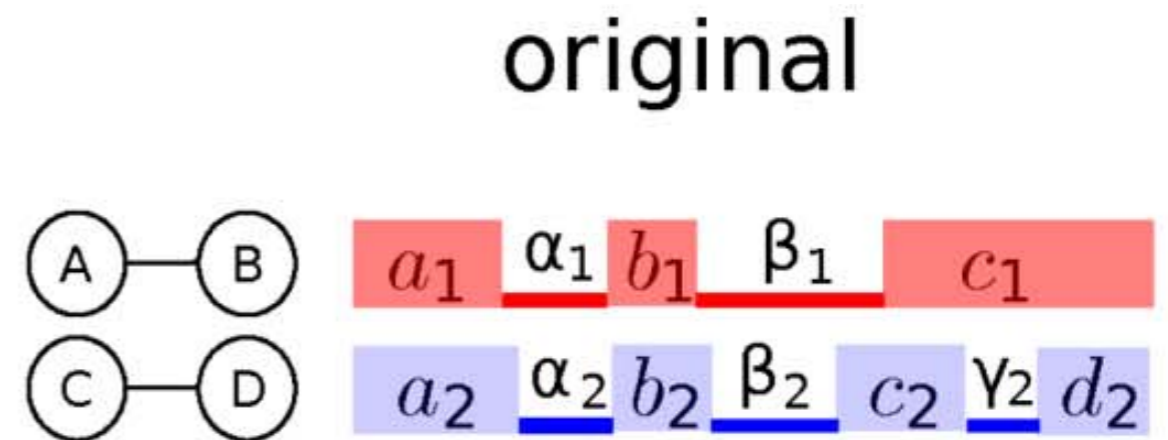


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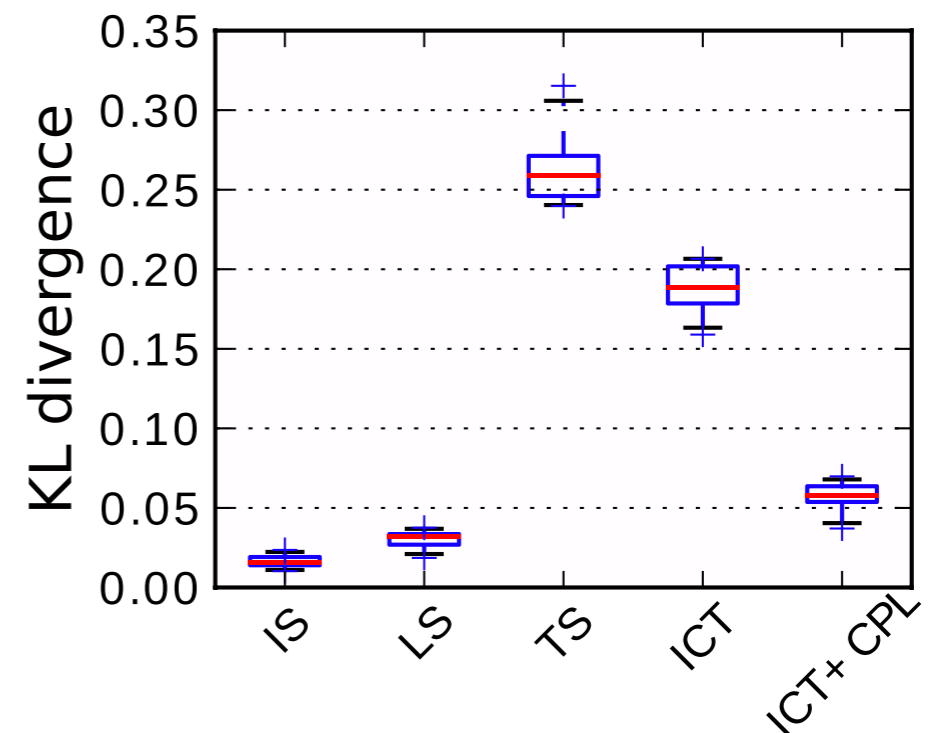
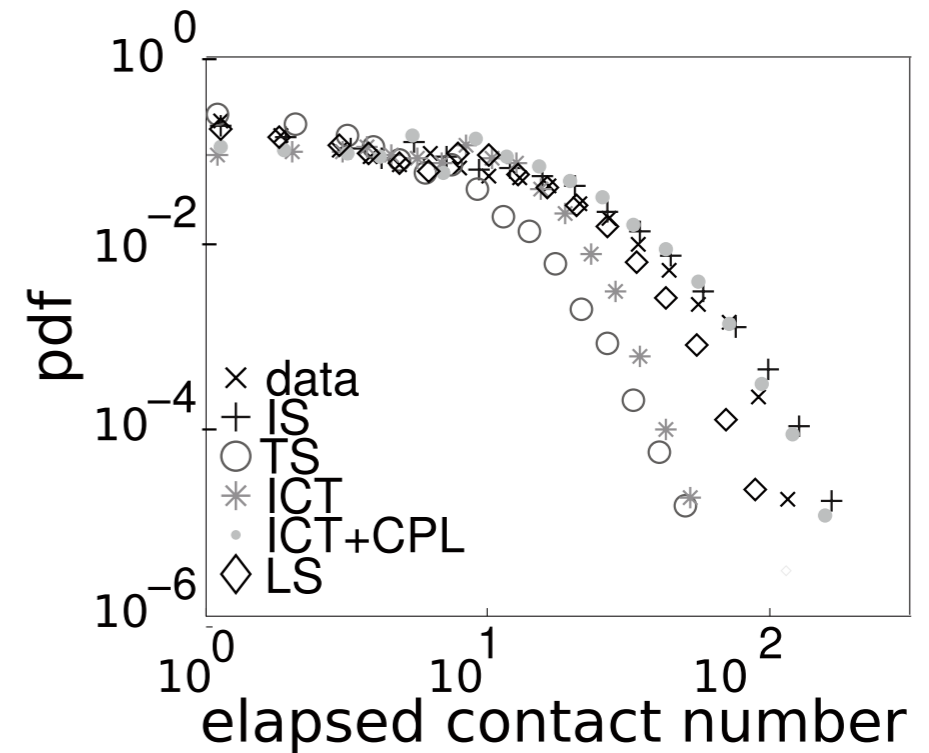


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