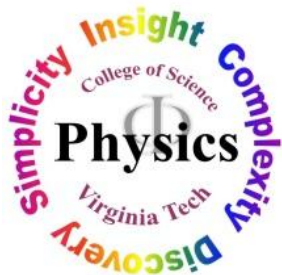# Epidemic spreading on preferred degree adaptive networks

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# Motivation

- Most epidemic models are based on regular lattices, *Erdös-Renyi or scale free networks* , with active nodes and static links.
    - ➤ Active nodes:  Links influence the nodes (epidemics, opinions, Ising model)
    - ➤ Active links: network topology changes

- Preferred degree networks: Nodes (individuals) have a preferred number of links (social connection). Make more realistic networks.

- Static epidemic model: active nodes, static links

- Adaptive model: active nodes and active links.
    - ➤ Feedback between Dynamics on the network and Dynamics of the network.

- Two community Coupled networks: Epidemic propagation from one community to other.

# Preferred degree networks

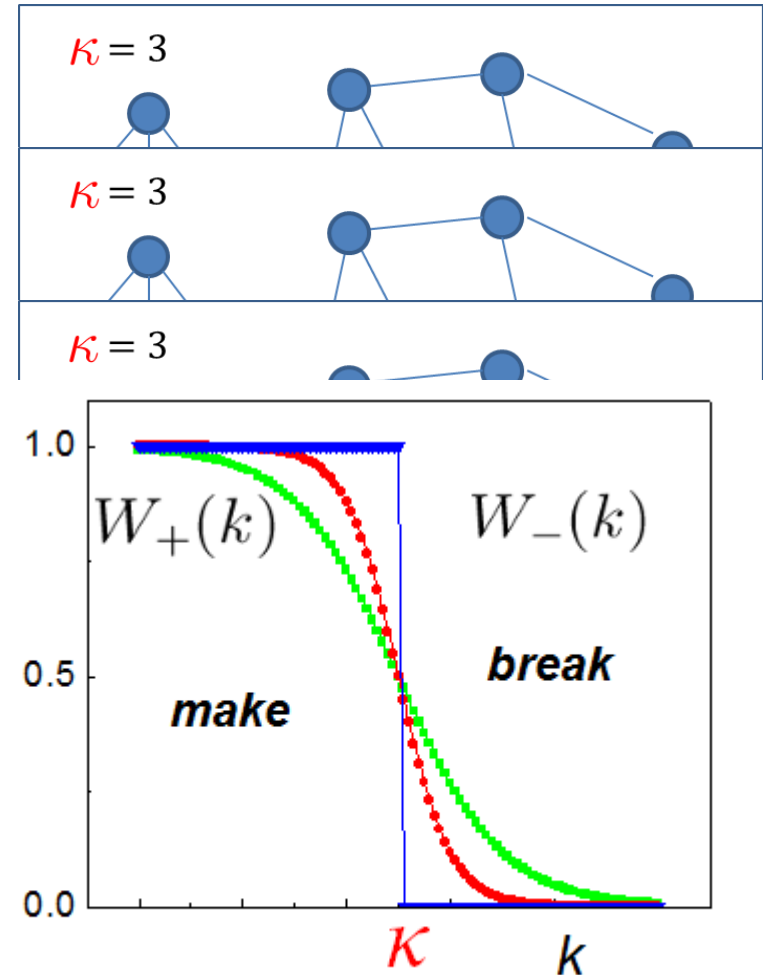- Nodes have preferred degree $\kappa$ (Initially homogeneous).

- Select a random node $j$ with degree $k_j$
  - ➢ Make a link: $W_+(k_j)$
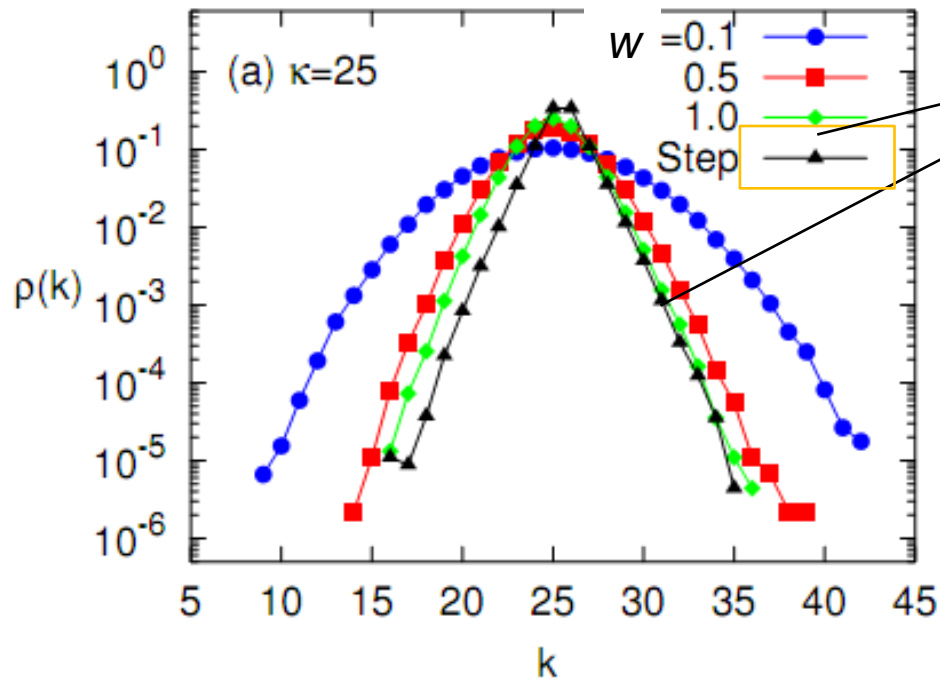  - ➢ Break a link : $W_-(k_j)$
  - $W_-(k_j) = 1 - W_+(k_j)$

- $W_+(k_j) = \dfrac{1}{1+\exp\left(\frac{k-\kappa}{w}\right)}$
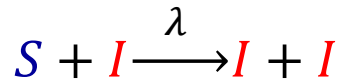


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# Degree distribution



(a) $\kappa=25$

$w = 0.1$
0.5
1.0
Step

Two tailed exponential (Laplace) distribution

$$\rho(k) = \frac{\exp[-(k-\kappa)/\sigma]}{2\sigma}$$

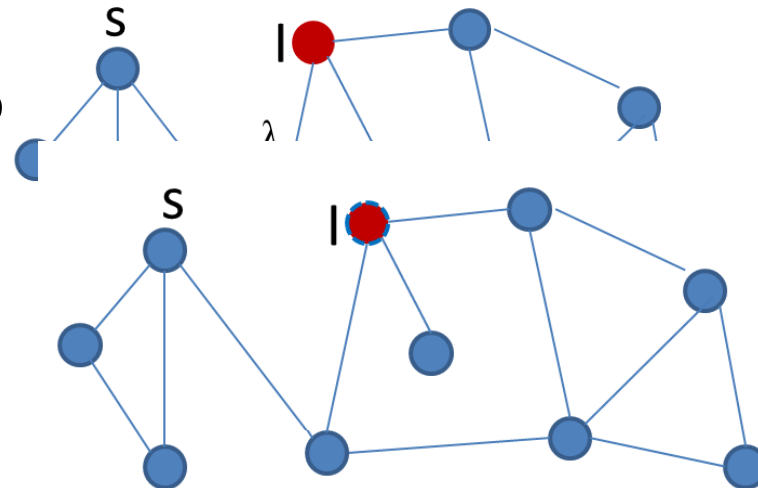**All have same preferred degree $\kappa$**

# SIS disease dynamics

- Individuals are either Susceptible (S) or Infected (I)

- Susceptible meets an Infected and gets infected with rate $\lambda$
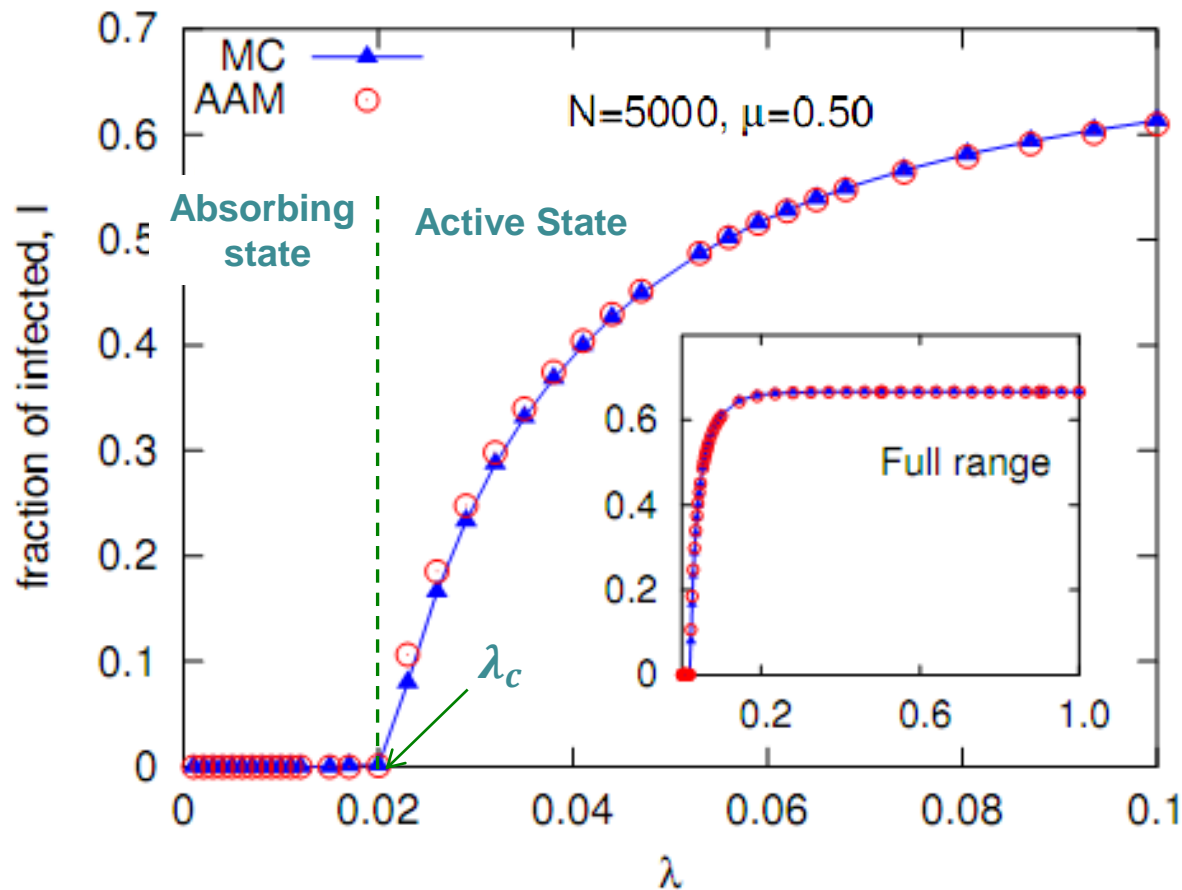
$$S + I \xrightarrow{\lambda} I + I$$

- All infected reco

- Neglect all spatial structure.

# SIS dynamics on static preferred degree network

Stationary Infection : $I(t \to \infty; \lambda)$



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

Heterogeneous mean field theory

# Adaptive behavior

- People exhibit 'social distancing' when there is a raging epidemic.

- Modifies the model parameters: Social distancing causes infection probability to decrease ($\lambda \downarrow$)

- Modifies the contact structure (Network).

  Adaptive preferred degree $\kappa(f)$

- Our model: $\kappa$ depends on global information directly linked to disease prevalence. ( Flu, SARS etc).
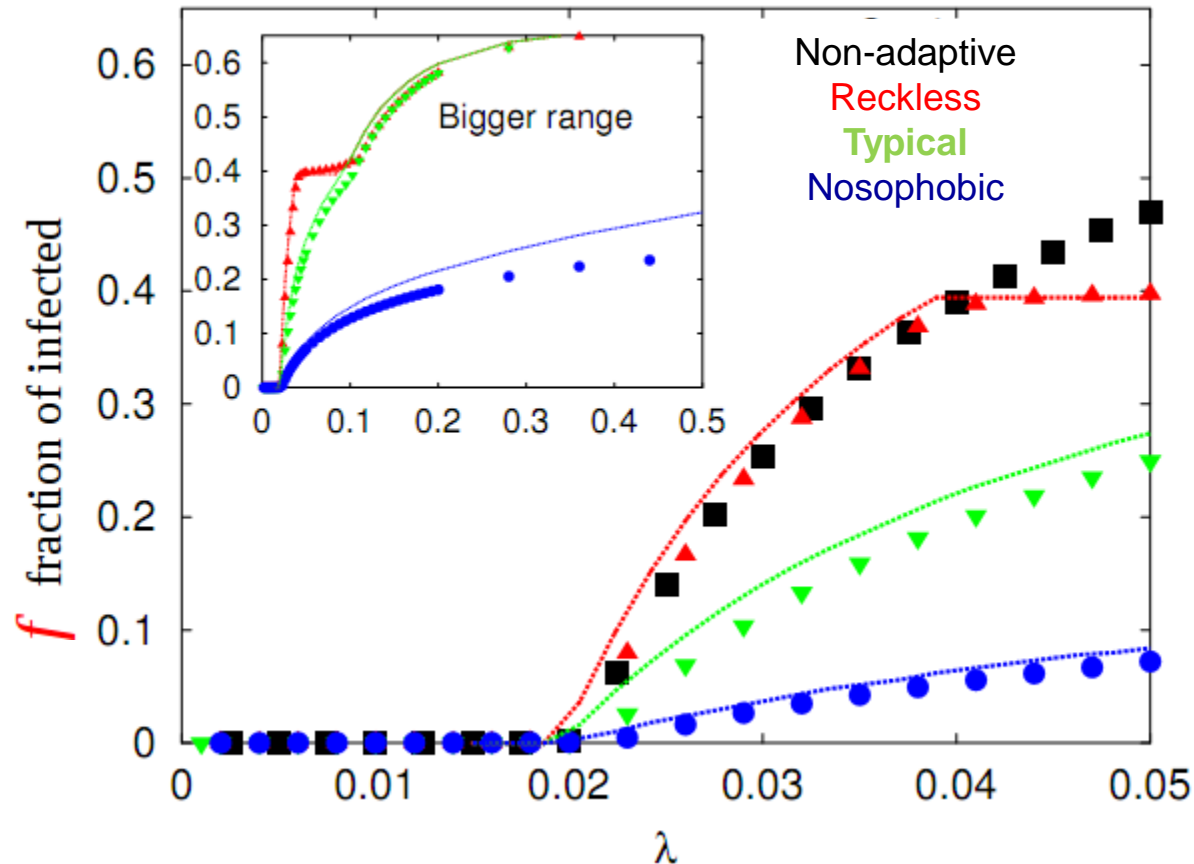
# Adaptive preferred degree $\kappa(f)$

$\kappa(f)$: Preferred degree of people depends on the state of the epidemic $f(t)$ (fraction of infected at time t).

- ## Reckless

- ## Typical

- ## Nosophobic
  (highly scared)
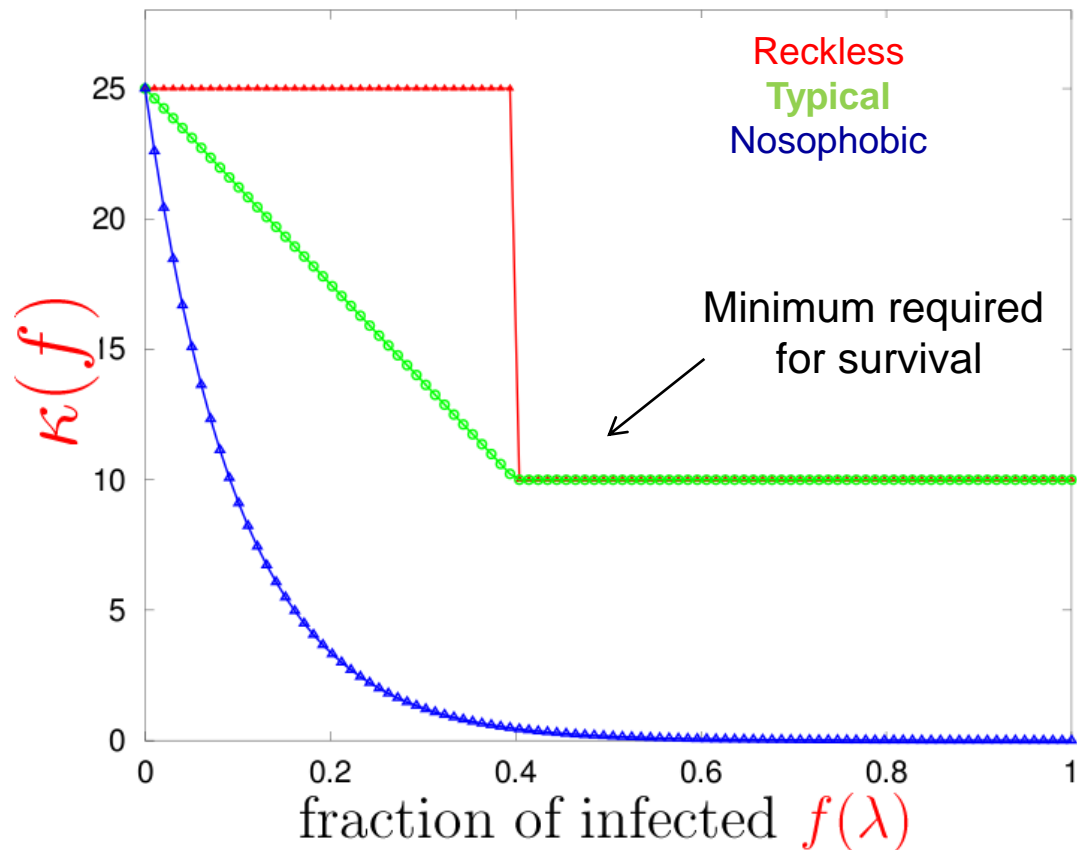
# Infection phase diagram : Adaptive SIS



Adaptive SIS model with varying preferred degree **doesn't change the epidemic threshold, but changes the level of infection** in the active state.

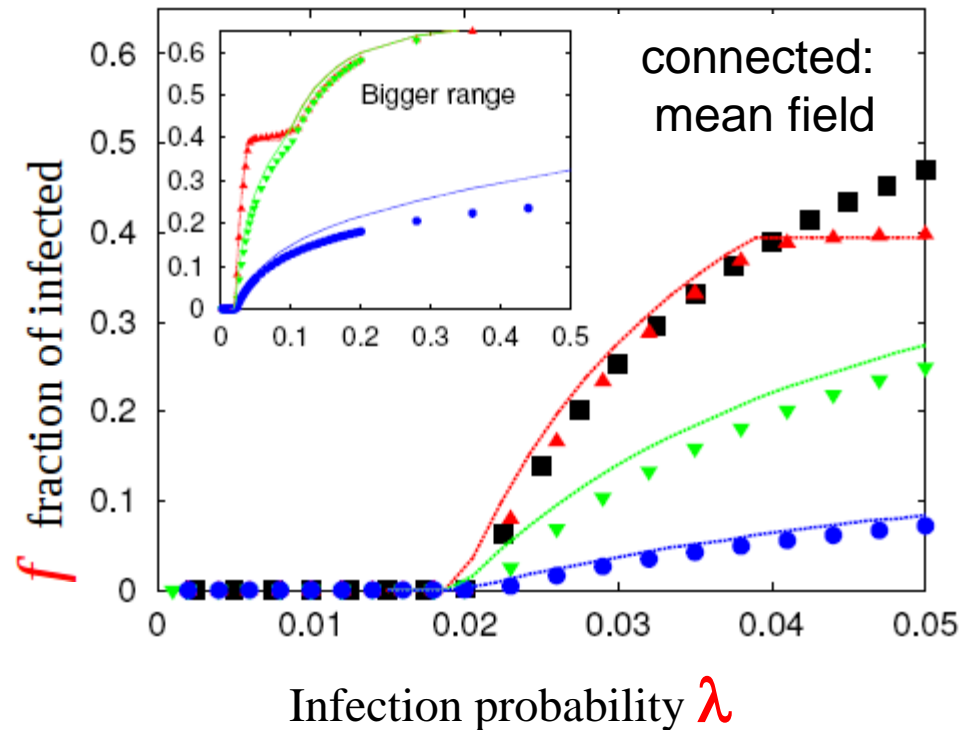# Mean field analysis

- $\kappa(I) = \kappa_m f(I)$

- Mean field equation

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = -\mu I + \lambda_{eff}(I) S$$

- $\lambda_{eff}(I) = 1 - (1 - \lambda)^{I\kappa(I)}$

  Assumption: fraction of infected is same around every node.

- Steady state solution $\frac{dI}{dt} = 0$



connected: mean field

Bigger range

f fraction of infected

Infection probability $\lambda$

Mean field predictions closely match simulations

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# Heterogeneous preferred degree

- Two community network (extroverts and introverts) different preferred degree and coupling
  - ➤ Simplest network with heterogeneous preference

- Questions:
  - ➤ How does disease spread across different communities?

  - ➤ Are extroverts more prone to contagious diseases?

  - ➤ How does disease depend on the interaction/coupling between the communities?
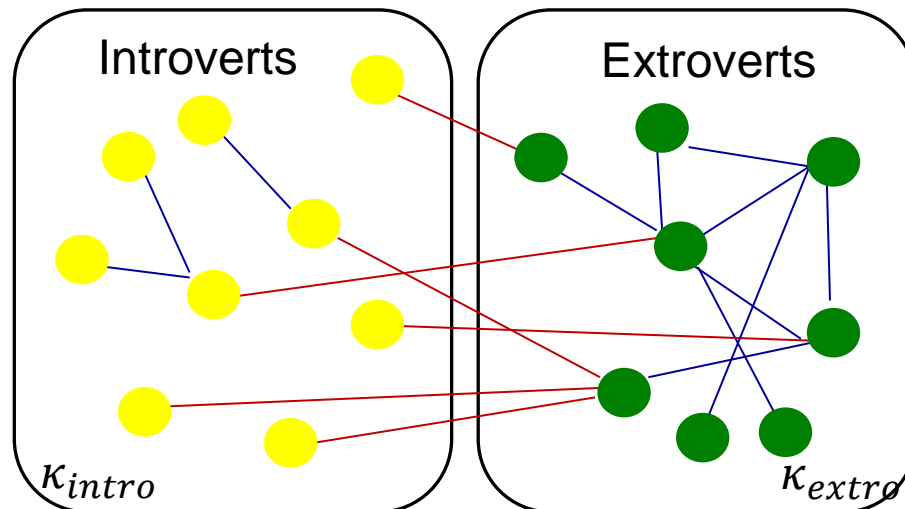
# Two community network

Decision to make *internal* (within) or *external* (across) link

$$p_{in} = \frac{k_{ex}}{k_{ex} + \alpha k_{in}} \qquad\qquad p_{ex} = 1 - p_{in}$$

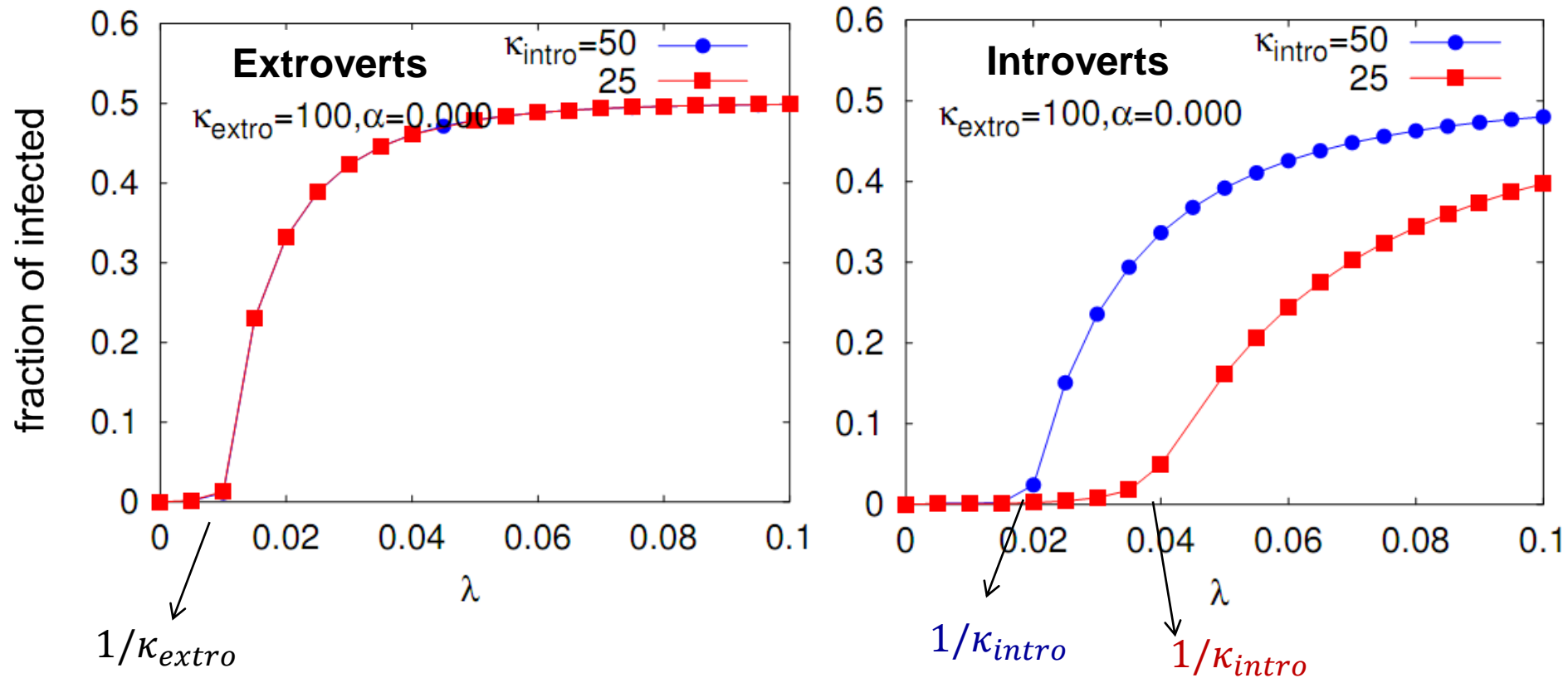$k_{ex}$  external (cross) degree        $k_{in}$  internal degree



$\alpha$: controls cross links        $\alpha = \begin{cases} 0, & p_{in} = 1 \\ \infty, & p_{in} = 0 \end{cases}$
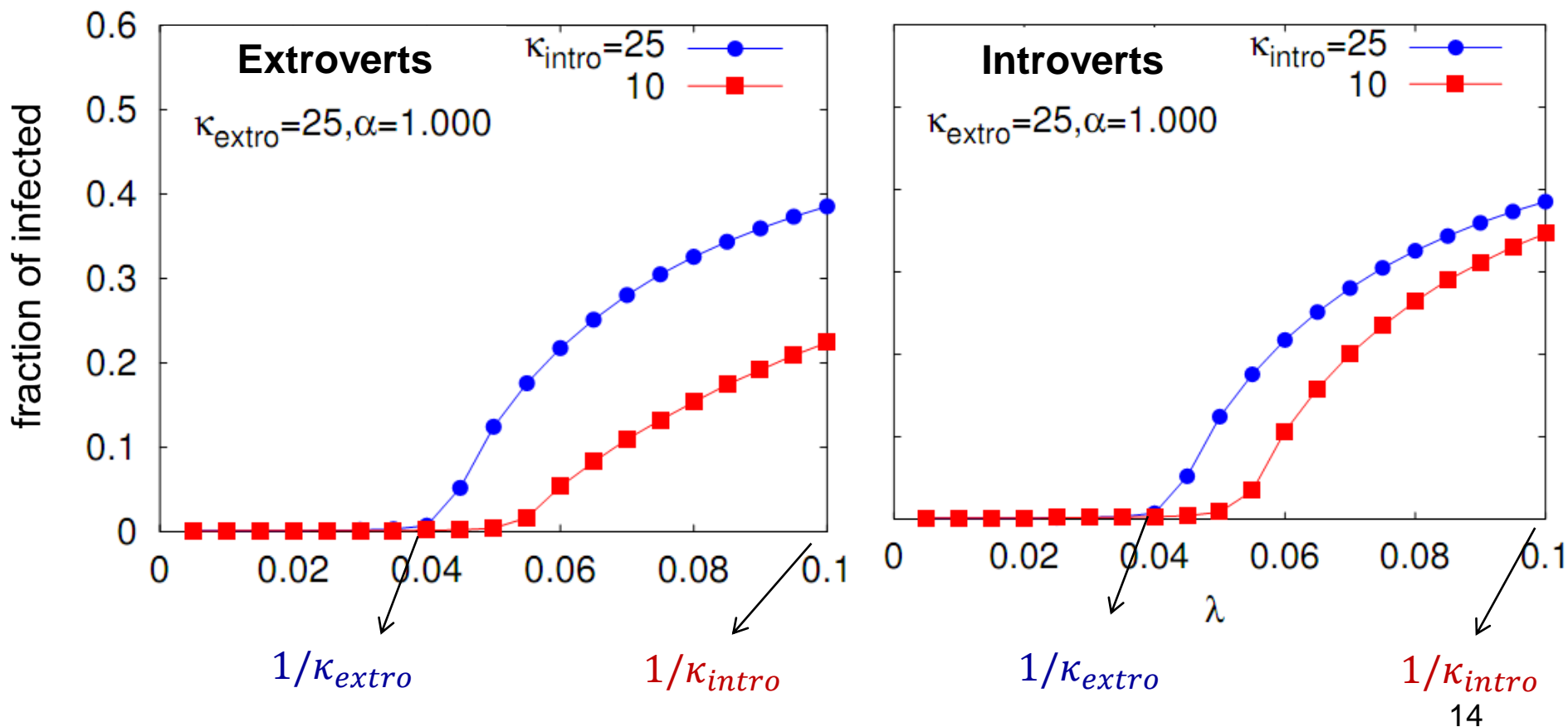
# Results- uncoupled communities

$\alpha = 0$ two transition points

# Coupled communities

$\alpha \neq 0$ transition point governed by **extroverts** and is not sharp

# Summary

- Behavior SIS model with active nodes and active links. Feedback between dynamics on the network and dynamics of the network.

- Adaptive SIS model with varying preferred degree doesn't change the epidemic threshold, but changes the level of infection in the active state.

- Generalizations to more realistic problems:
  - Population with different preferred degrees:
  - Epidemic on a realistic model network with different degree distribution
  - Population with mixed behavior:

$$N = N_{reckless} + N_{typical} + N_{nosophobic}$$

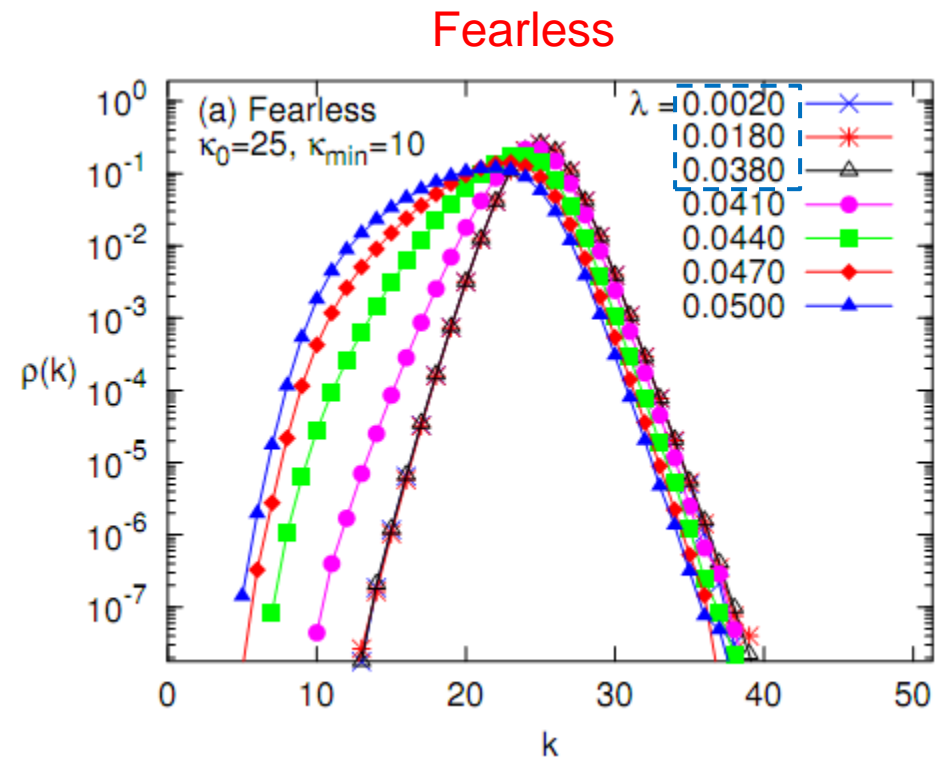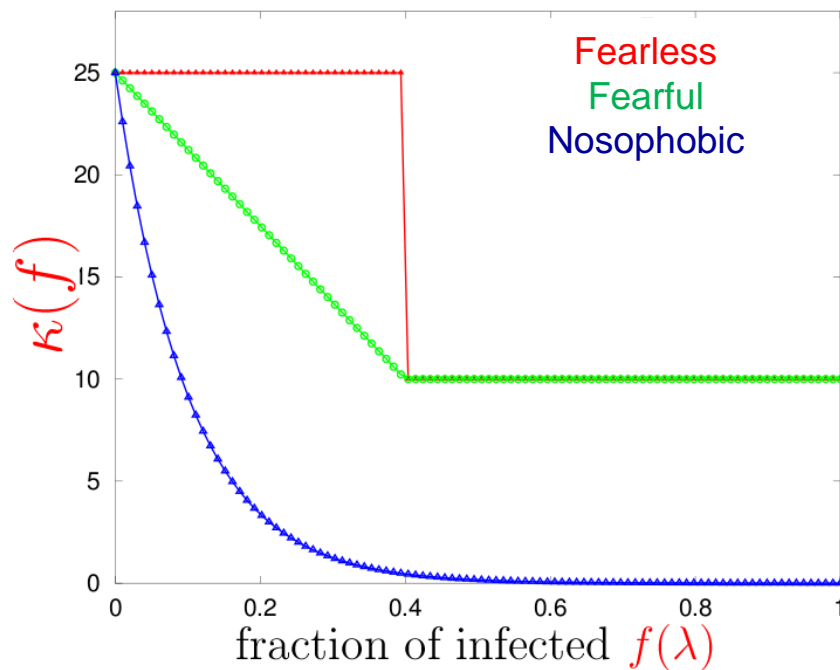# Collaborators



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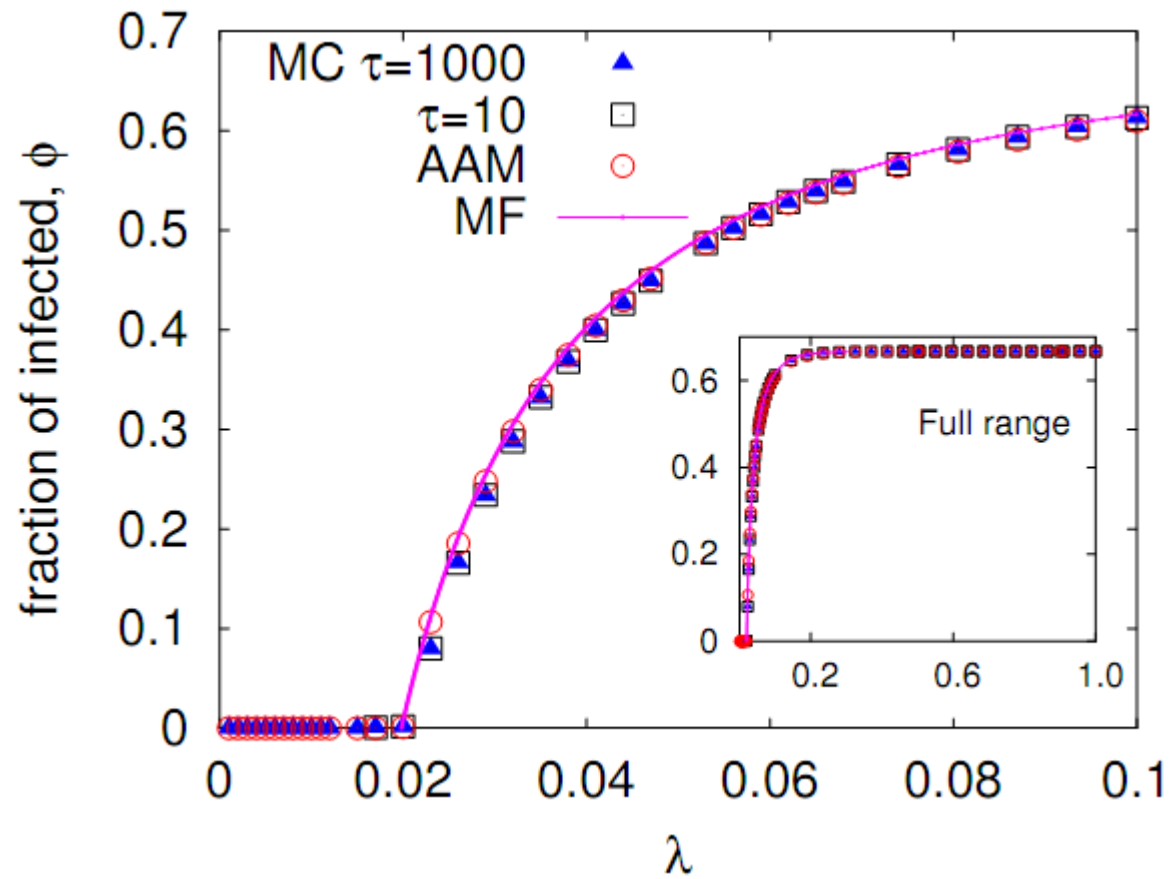


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# *Thank you!*

# Preferred degree networks

- Make new friends, break old ties (establish/cut contacts) according to some *preference*

- Preferences can be dynamic.

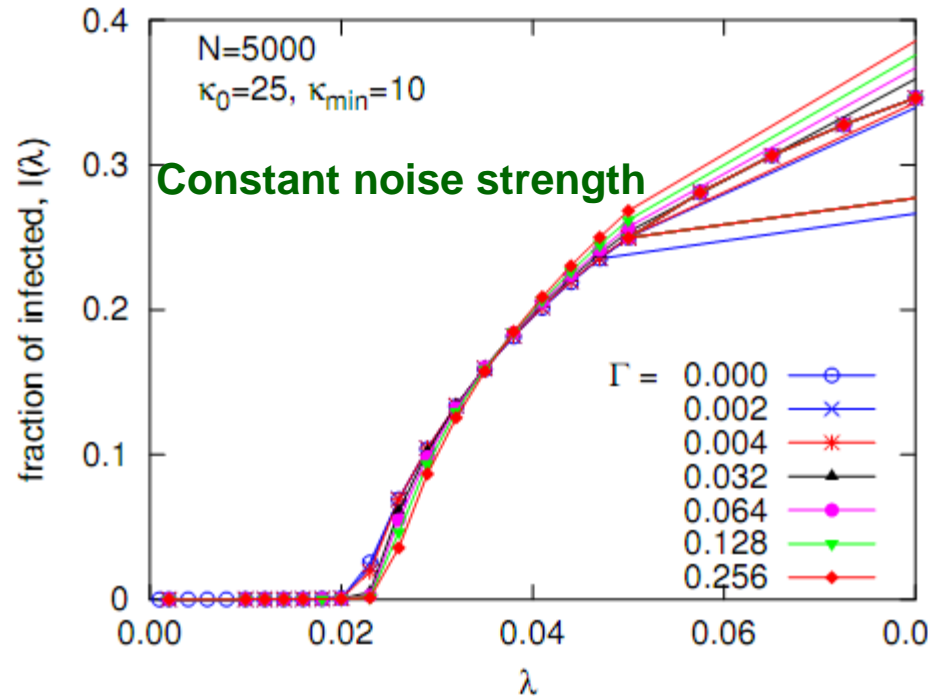- Preference can vary from person to person

# Effect on Network



Degree distribution peak centers at $\kappa(f)$, corresponding to fraction of infected $f(\lambda)$.
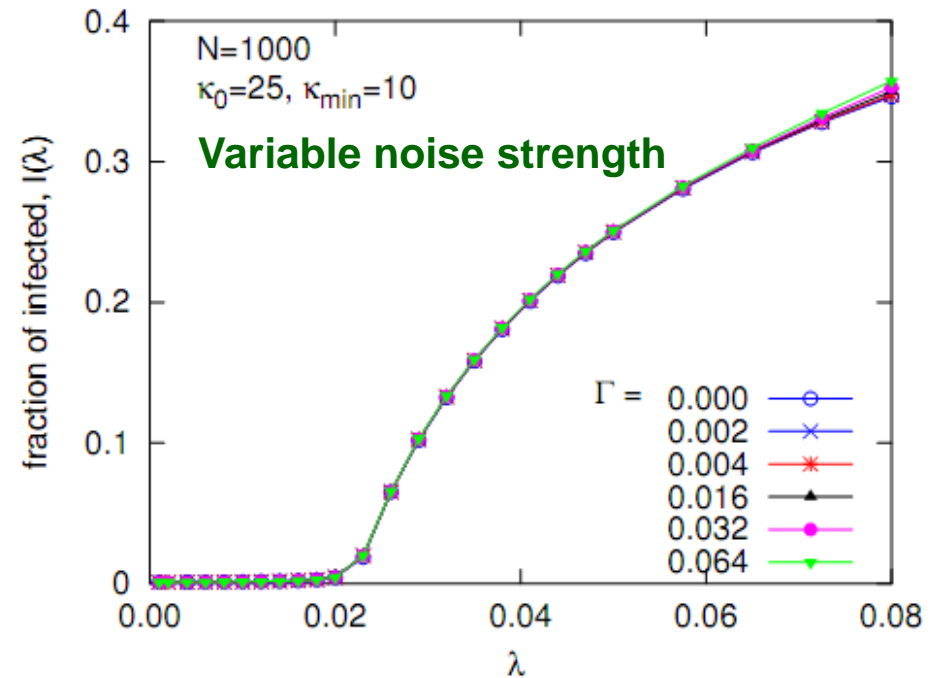
**SIS phase diagram near transition point, comparison with mean field theories.**

# Noisy perception

$$I_{perc}(t) = I(t) + \eta(t)$$

$$\langle \eta(t)\eta(t') \rangle = \Gamma\delta(t - t')$$

$$\langle \eta(t)\eta(t') \rangle = \Gamma I(t)\delta(t - t')$$