Fear Effect on Epidemic Networks

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Aim

Visualize and quantify the effect of different types of fear on epidemic dynamics

- Attack rate vs R0
- Shape of Incidence, Death incidence vs t (we should see plateau-like behaviour)

How does the fear impact the epidemic dynamics?

Options

Kinds of networks:

- Homogeneous (Erdős - Rényi ER)
- Heterogeneous (Barabási - Albert BA)

Models of fear:

- No fear
- Random
- Based on prevalence of infected and deaths
  - Neighbours
  - Global

Compartmental models:

- SIRD1 = SIRD where only S have fear of getting infected
- SIRD2 = SIRD where both S and I have fear of getting infected and infecting respectively

Model

Parameters

β = infectious rate = 0.5

μ = recovery rate = 1/6

f_{d_min} = minimum fatality rate = μ/10

Data on β, μ are specifically chosen to model the COVID-19 epidemics (https://www.pnas.org/doi/full/10.1073/pnas.2009911117)

Basic Reproductive ratio:

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta}{\mu}\frac{\langle k^2\rangle - \langle k\rangle}{\langle k\rangle}$$

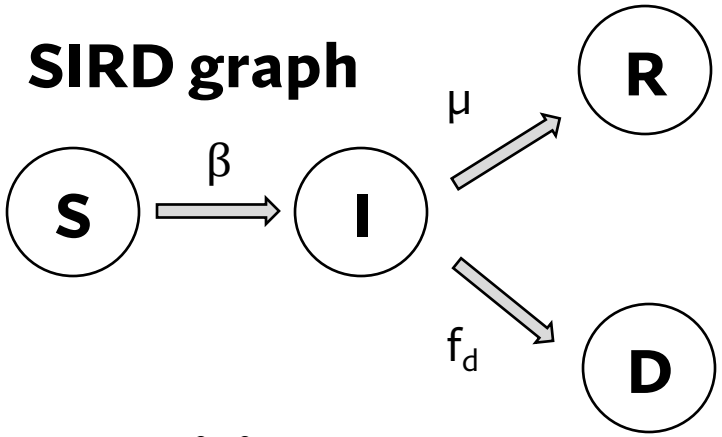
Network structure

N = # of nodes = 1000

p = probability of connection = 0.01 (Erdős - Rényi)

m = # of links made at each step = 5 (Barabási - Albert)

SIRD graph



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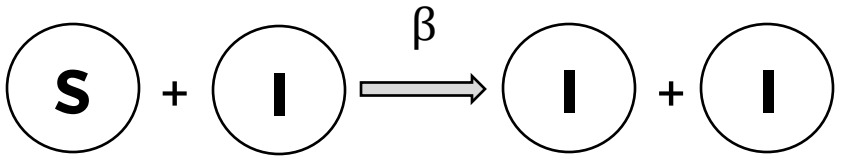

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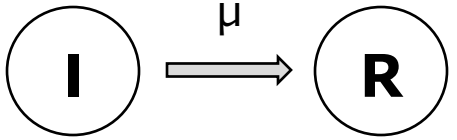

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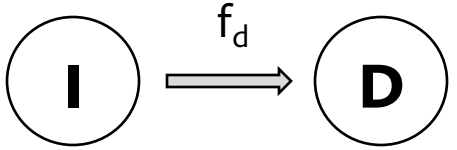

Spontaneous transition

Evolution of S,I,R,D

Erdős - Rényi SIRD with only susceptible have fear

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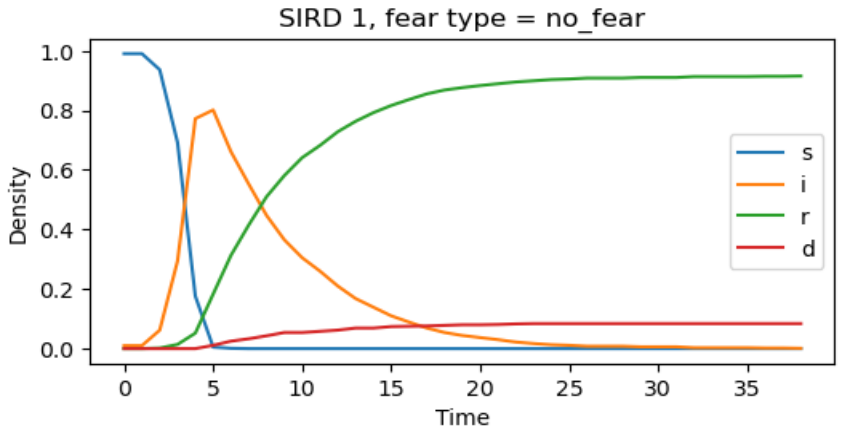

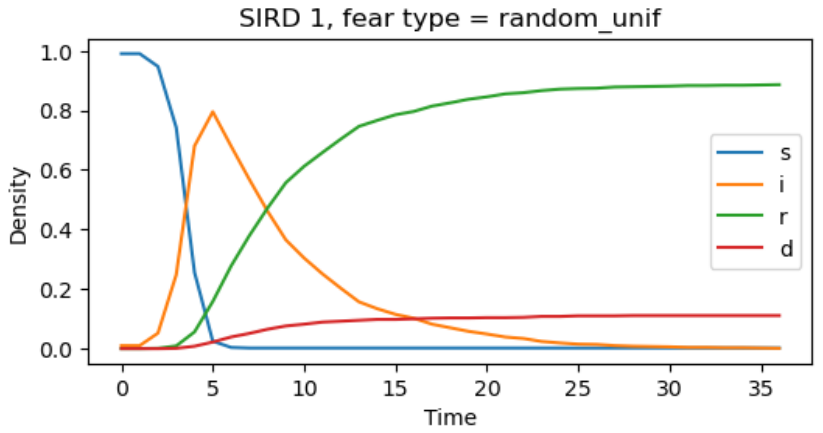

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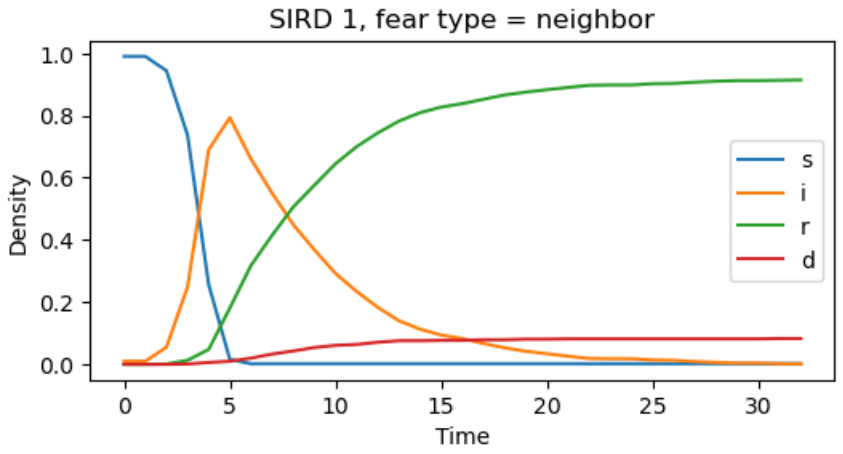

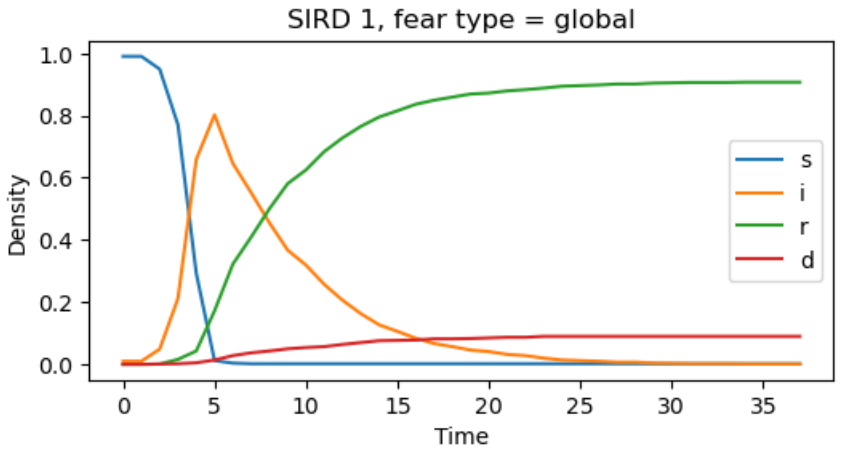

Cut edges = 422

The same can be observed for SIRD with susceptible and infected feared and for Barabási-Albert

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Change infectivity rate to better appreciate the fear impact: **β = 0.2**

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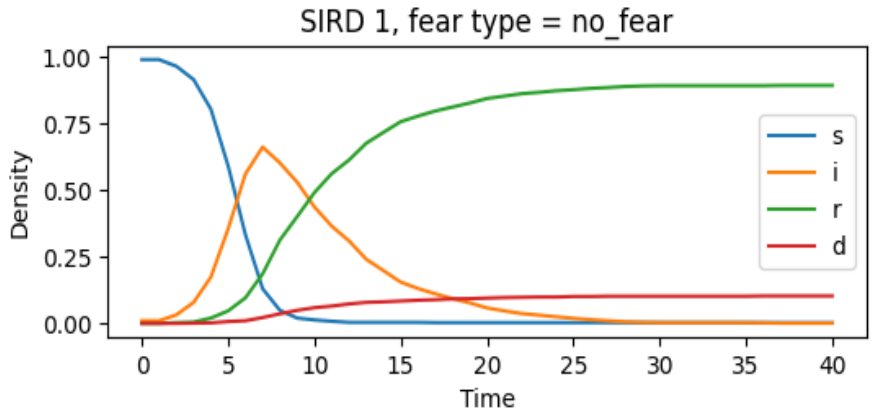

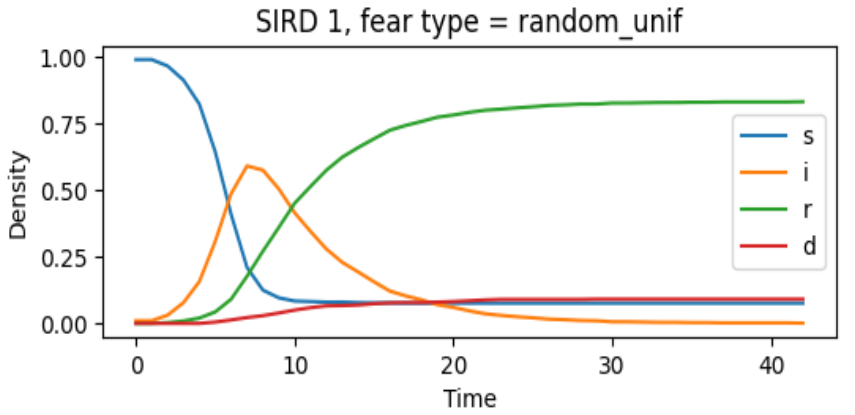

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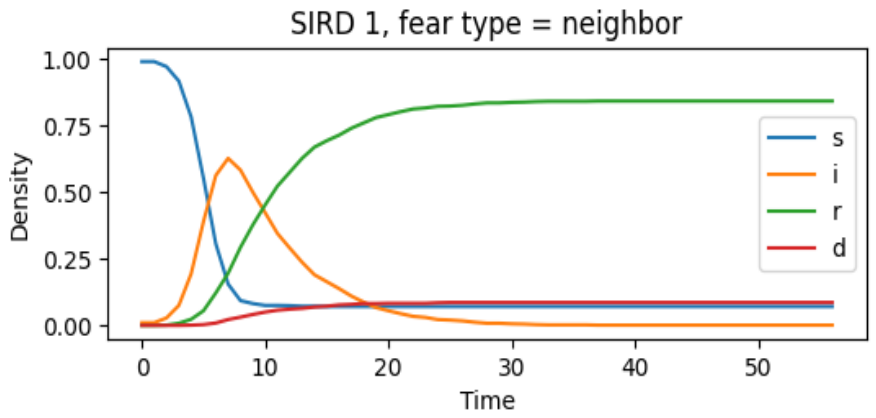

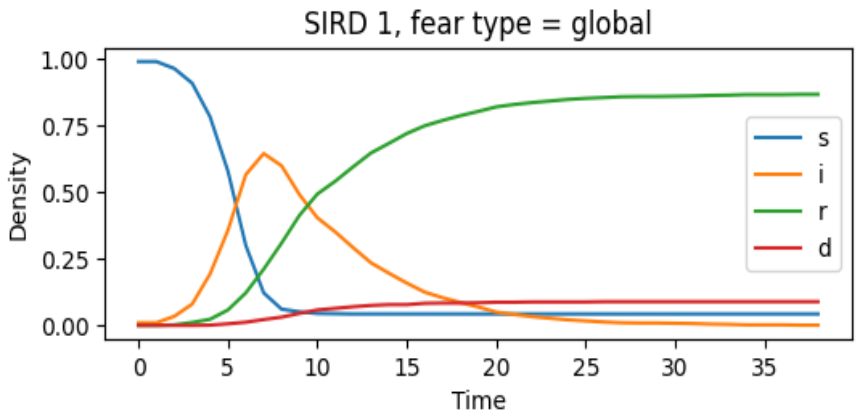

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Results (I)

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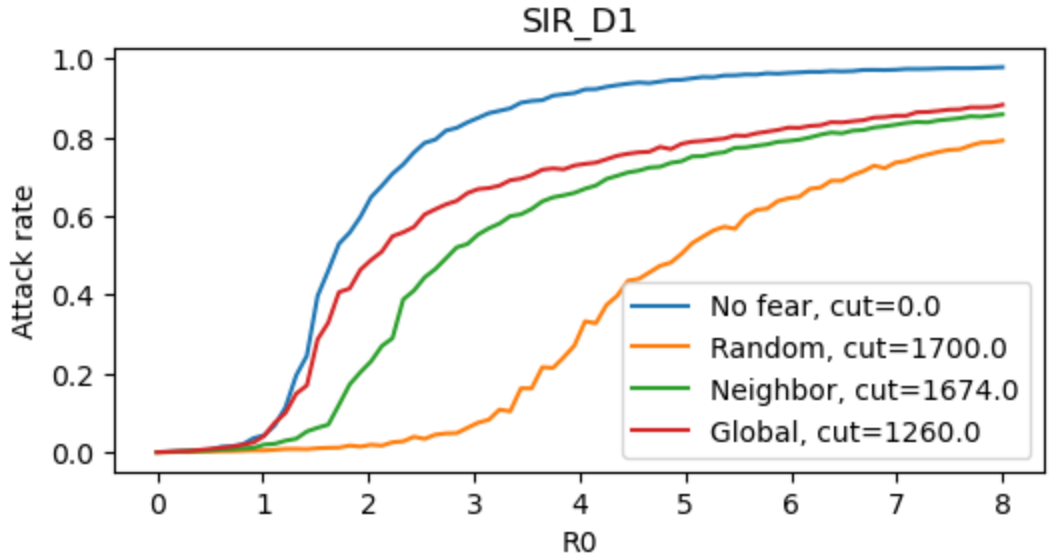
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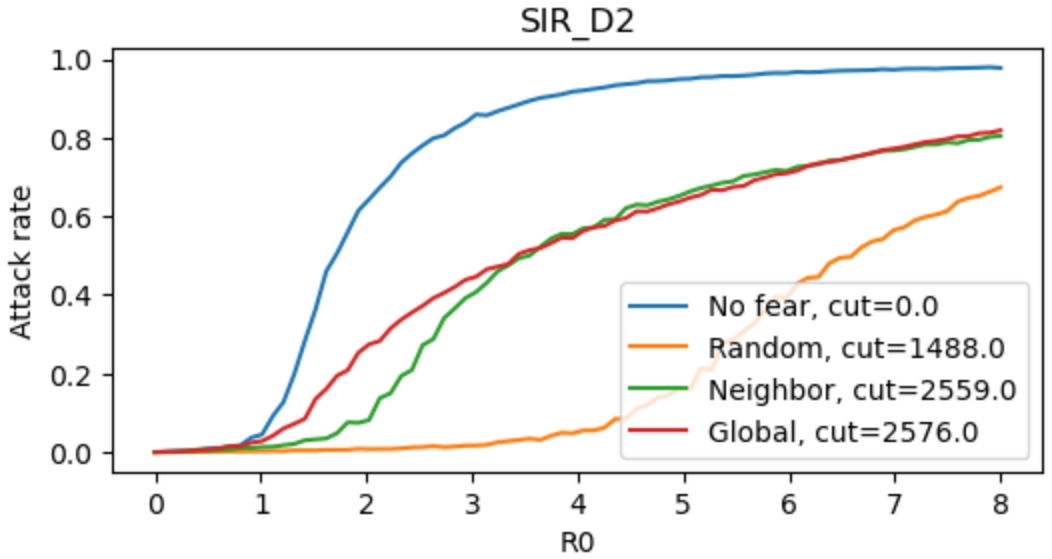
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Attack rate
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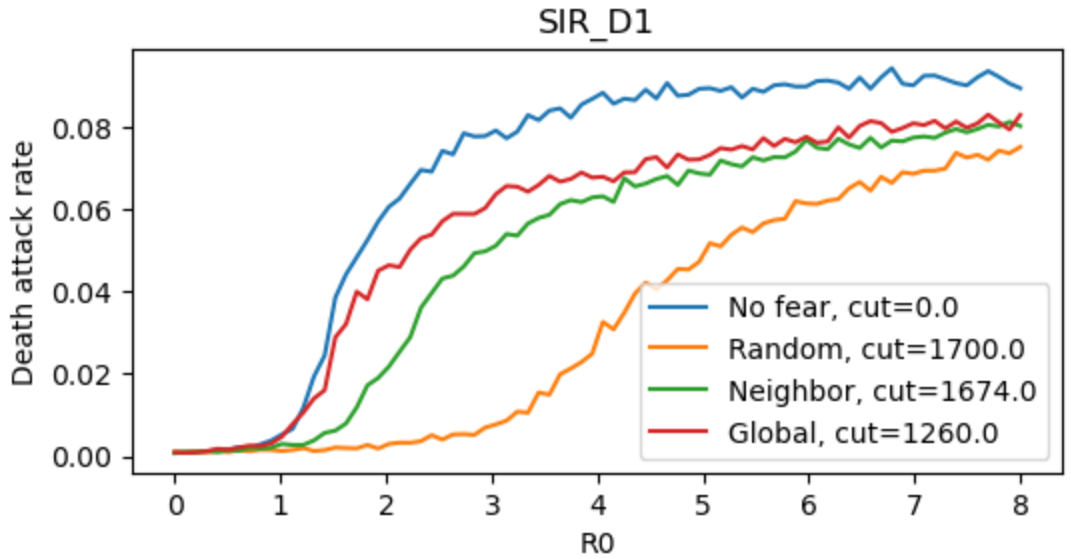
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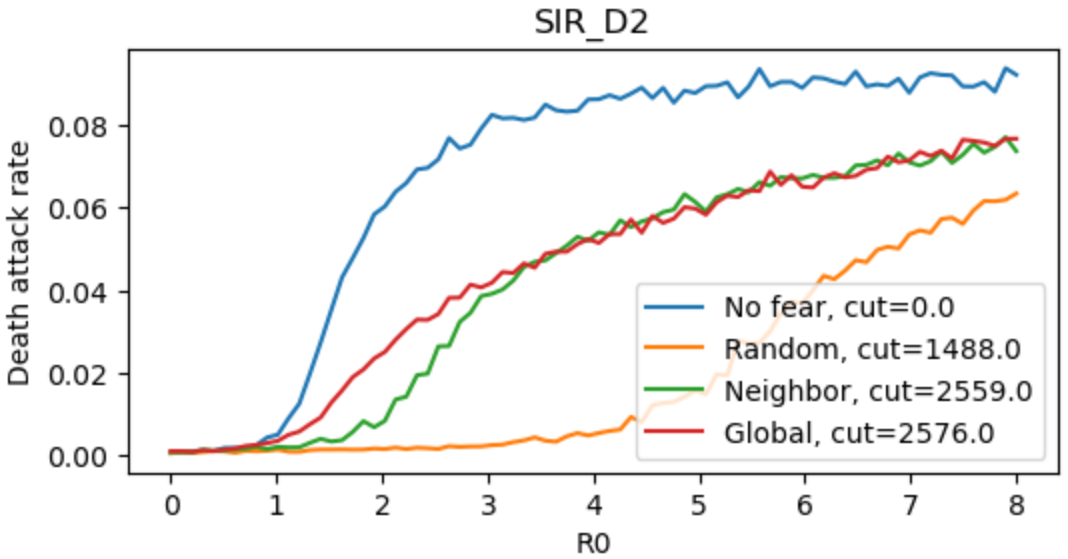
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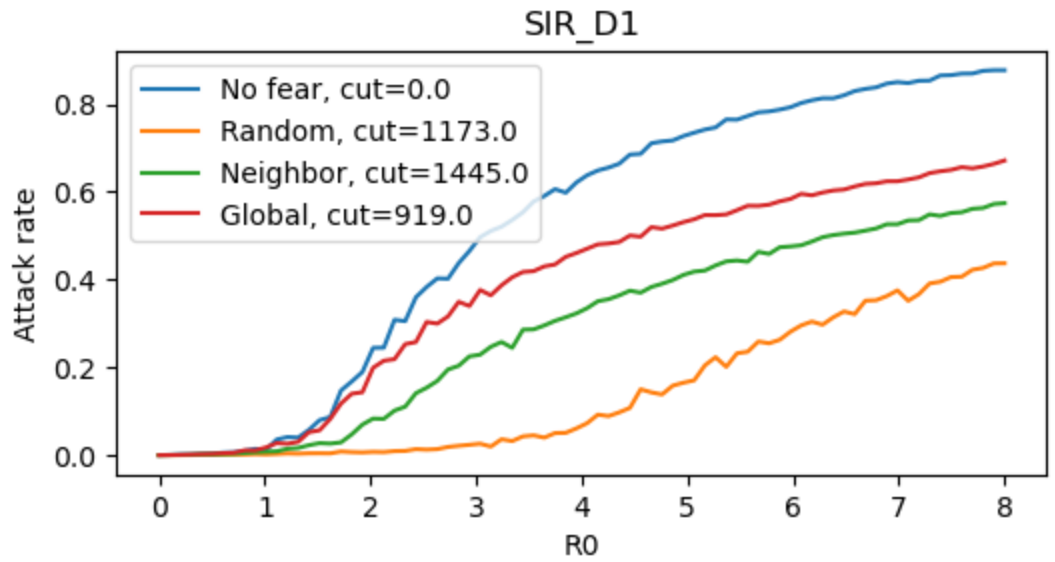

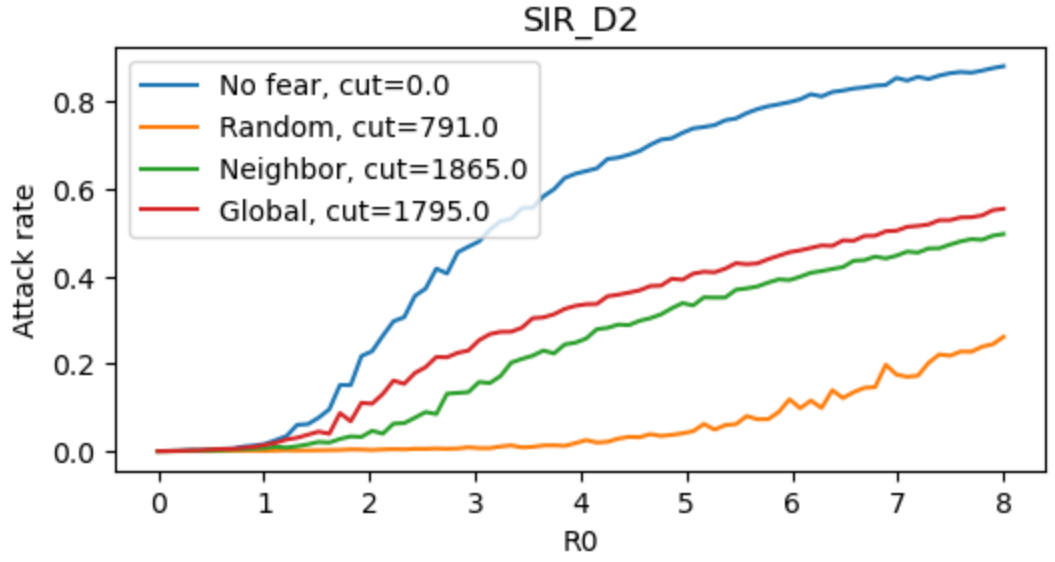

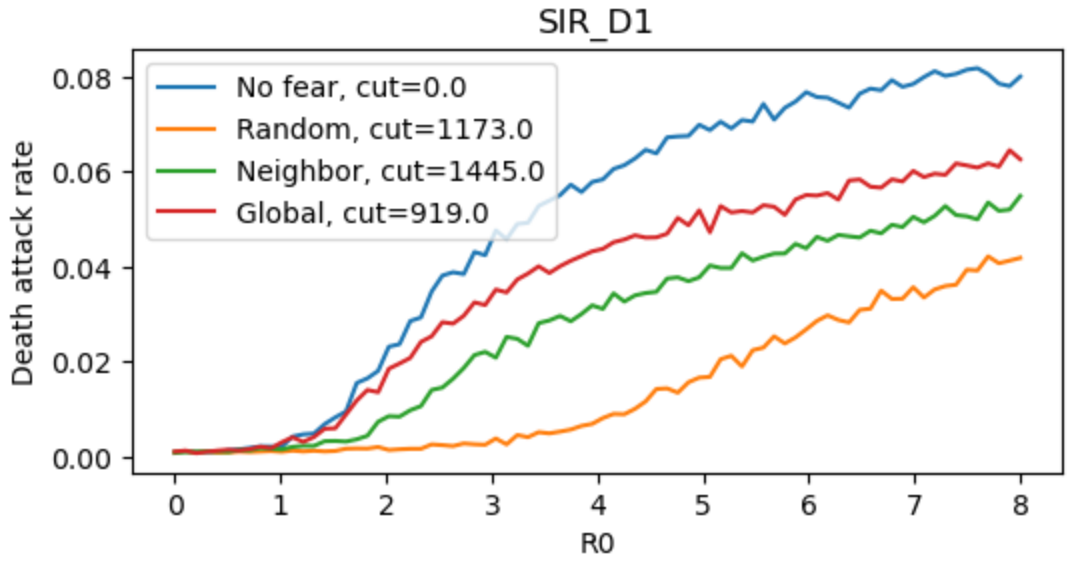

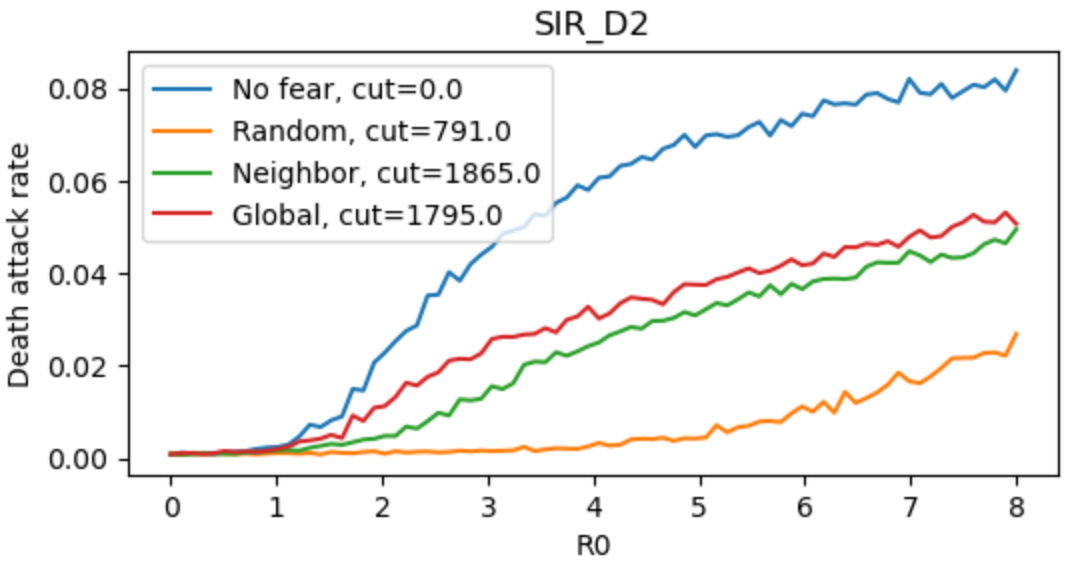

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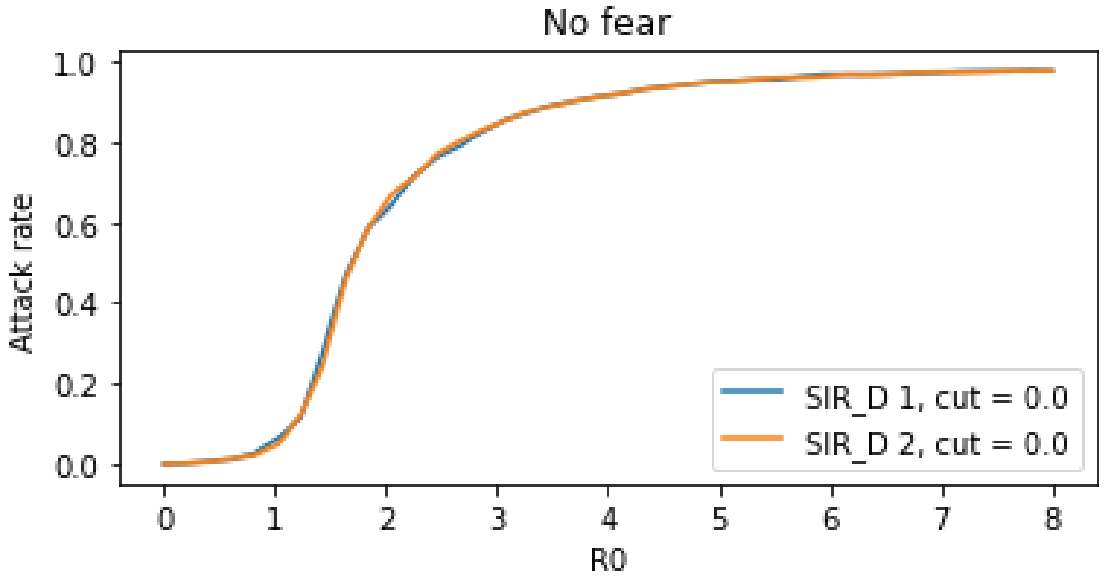

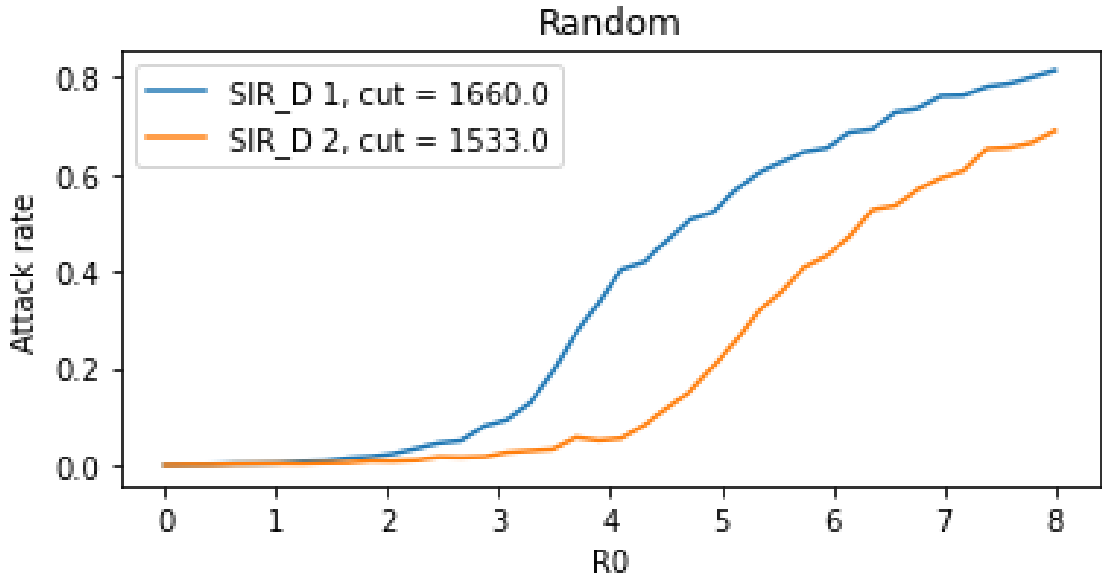

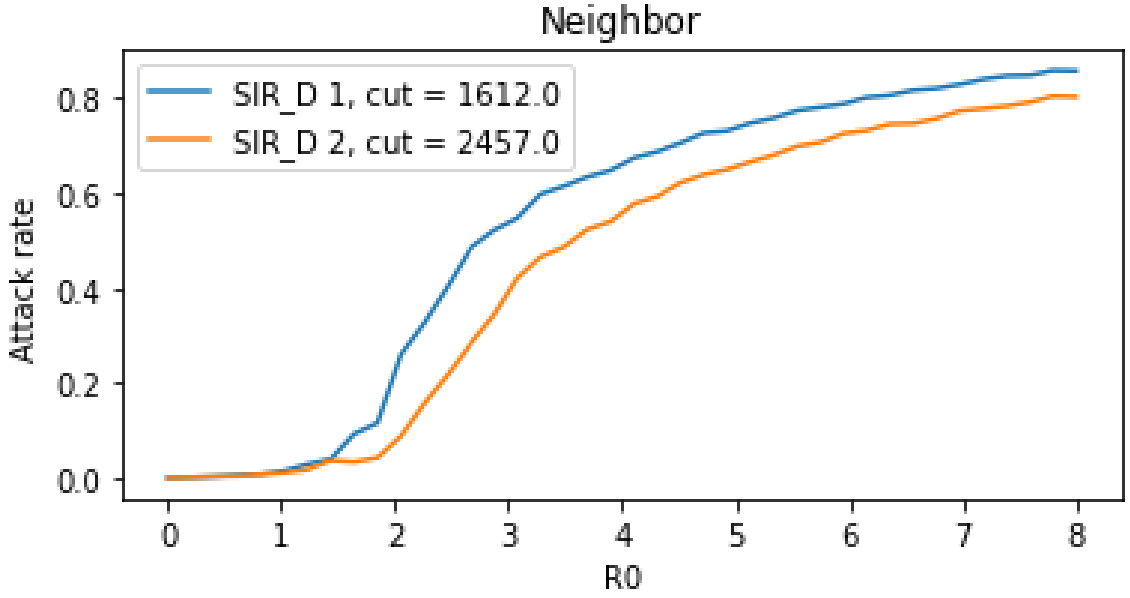

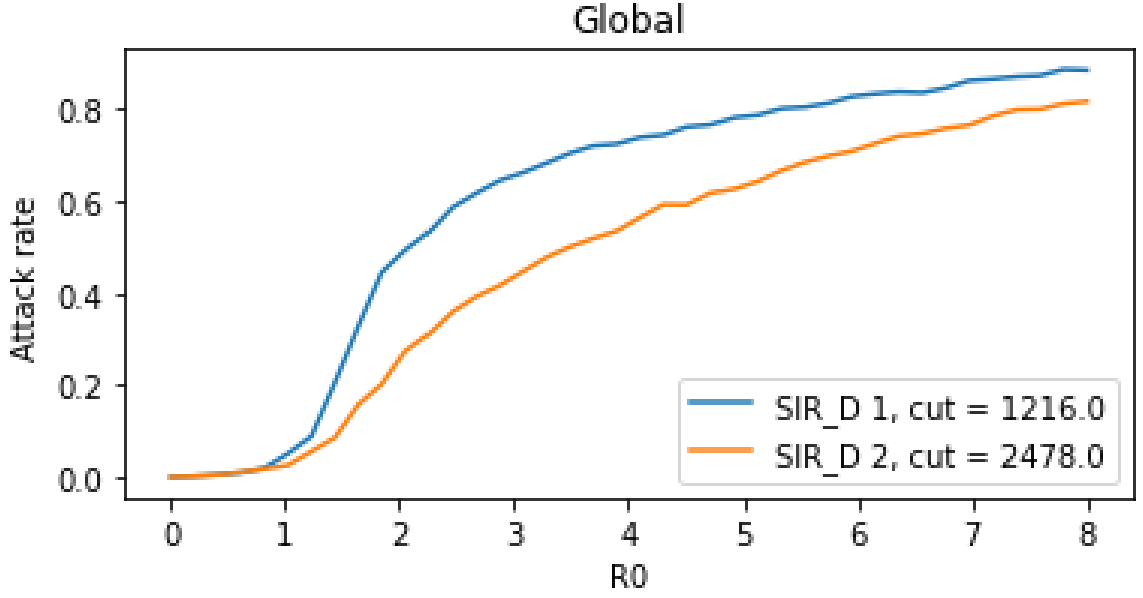

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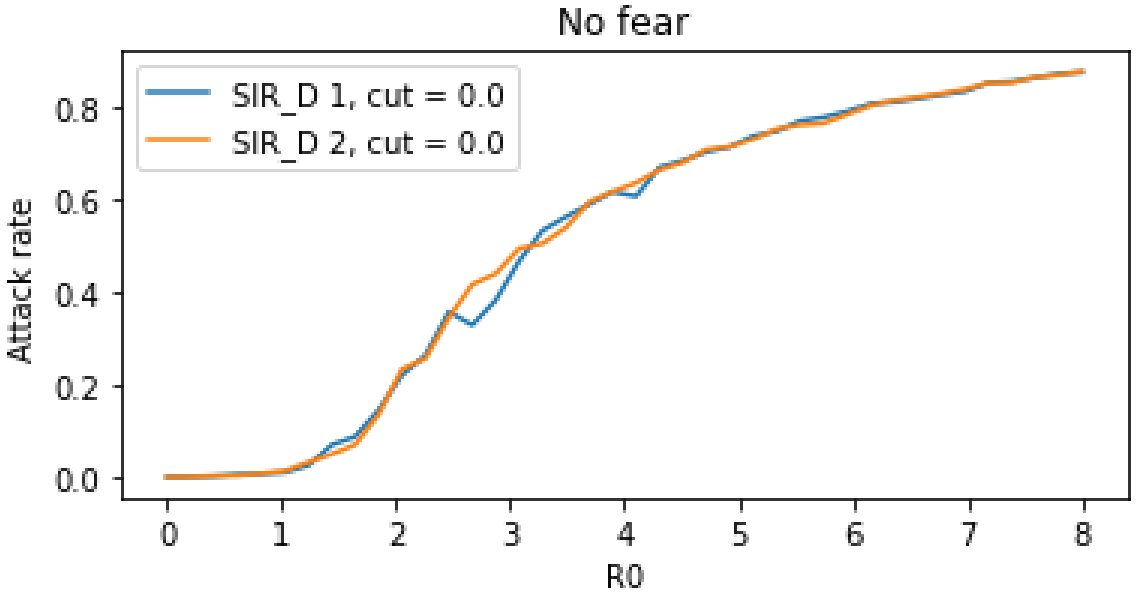

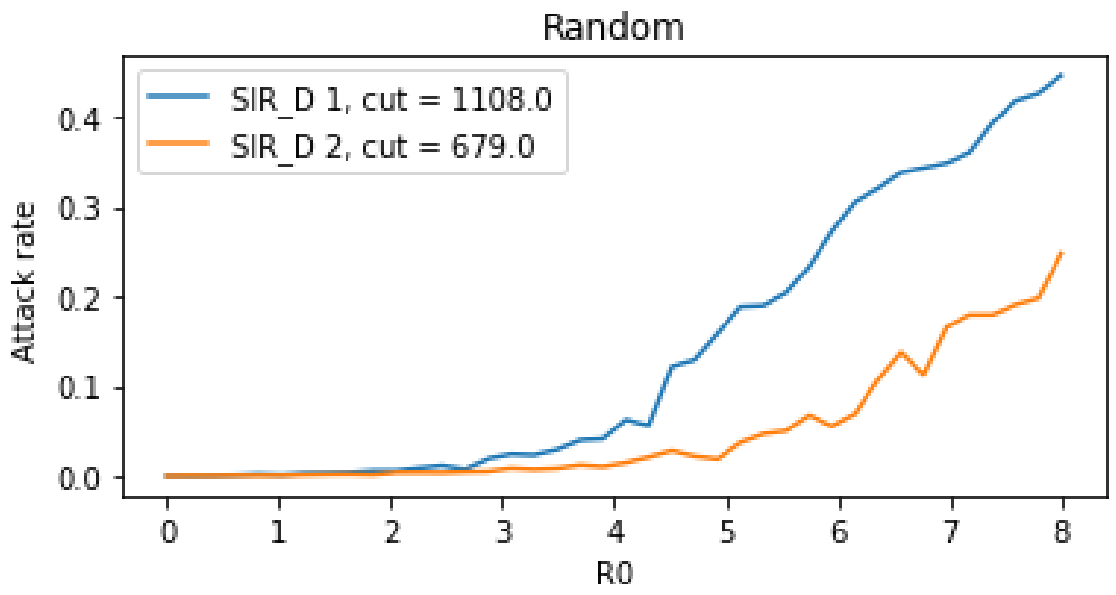

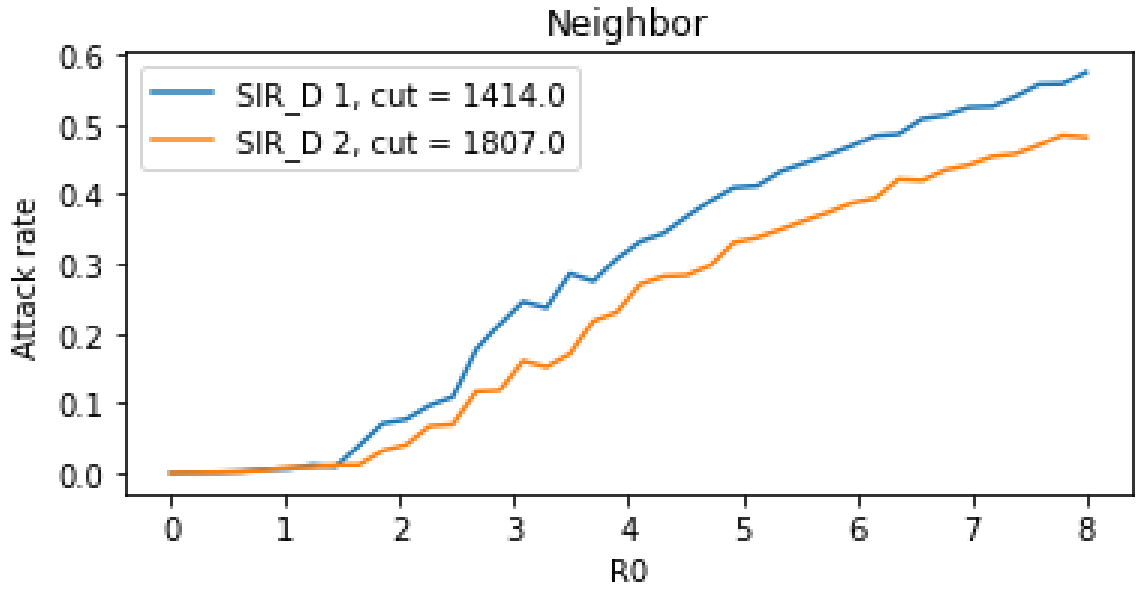

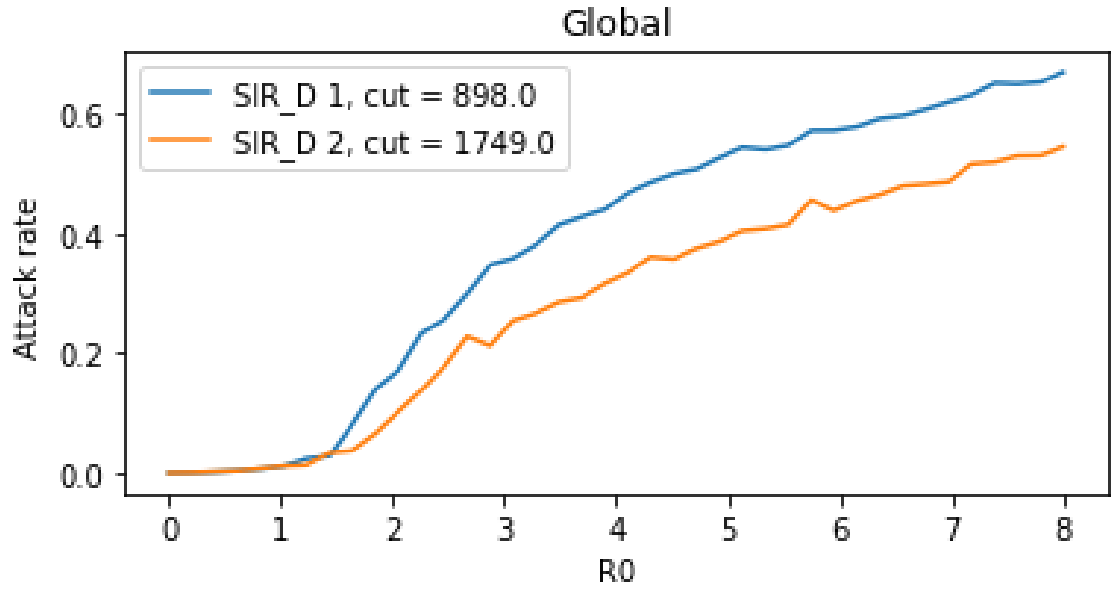

Results (III)

Incidence vs Time

How does the fear affect the **SHAPE** of the dynamics?

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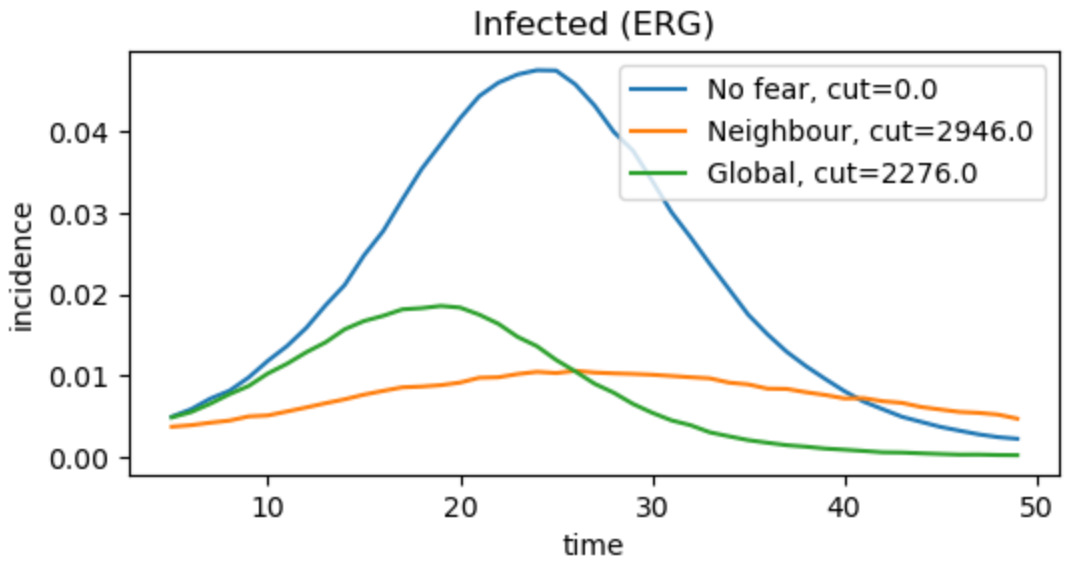

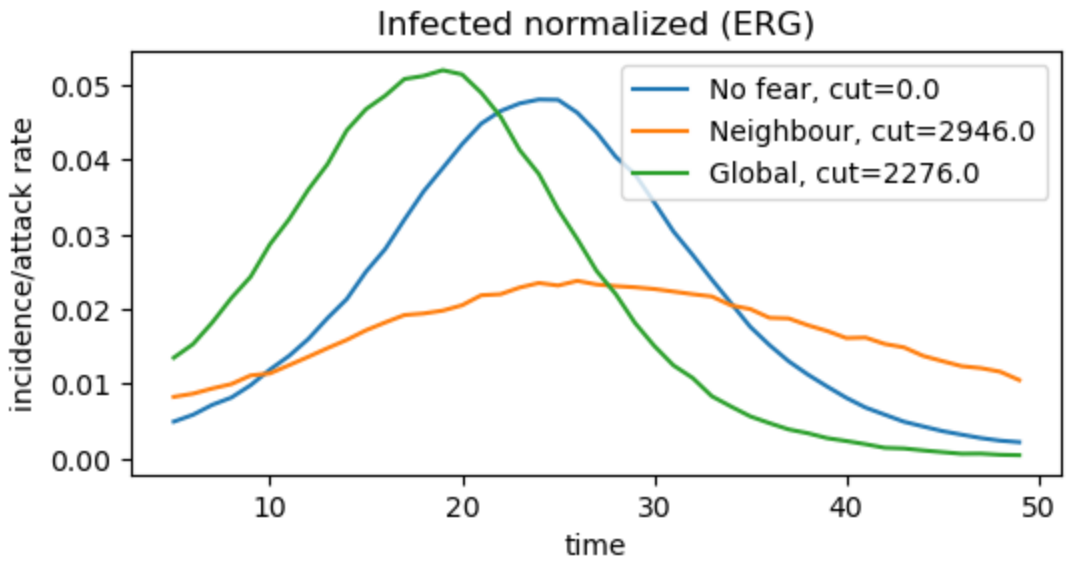

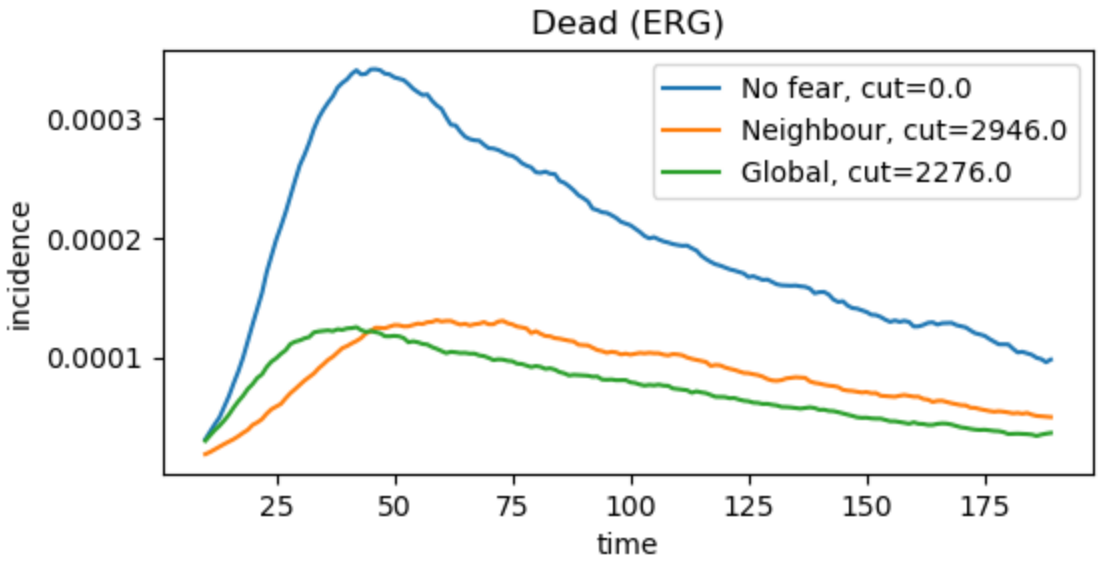

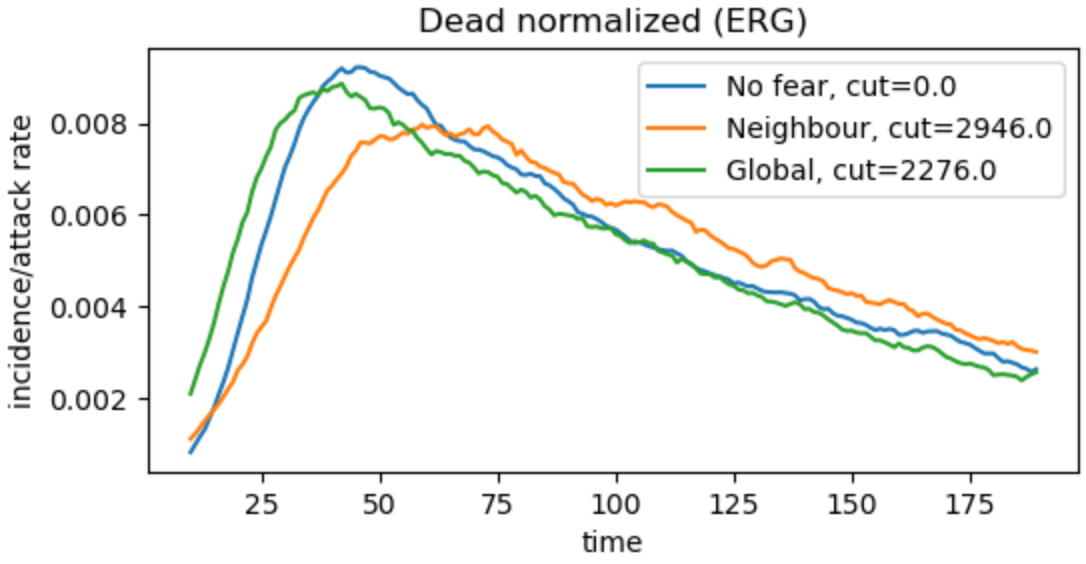

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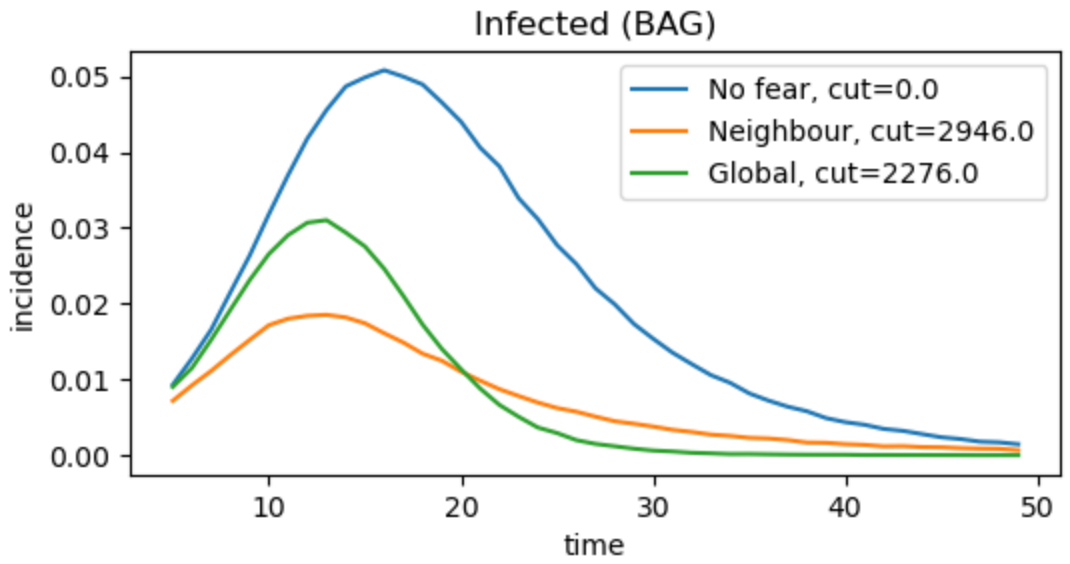

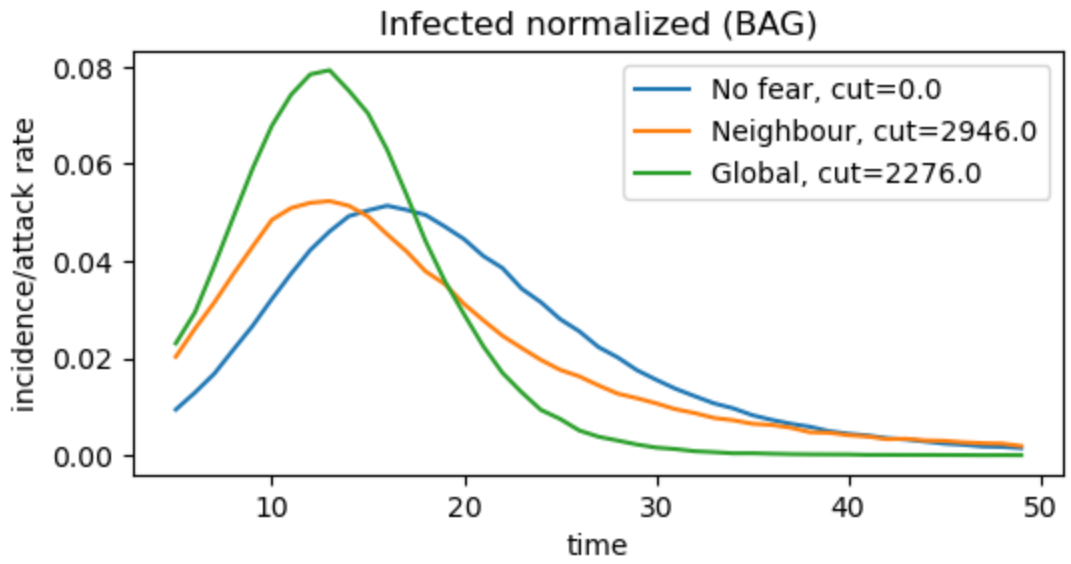

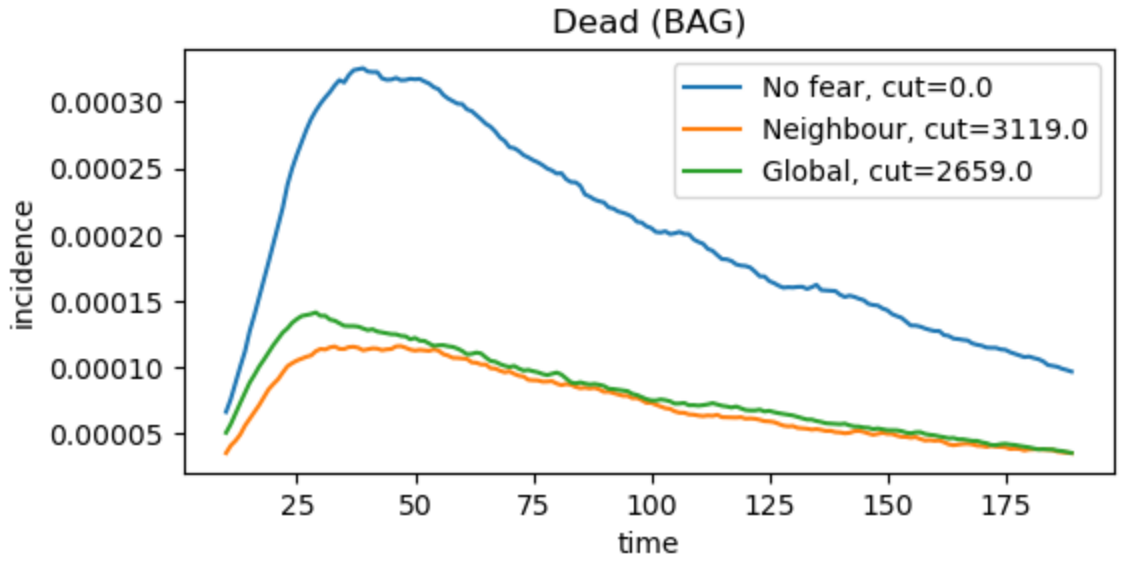

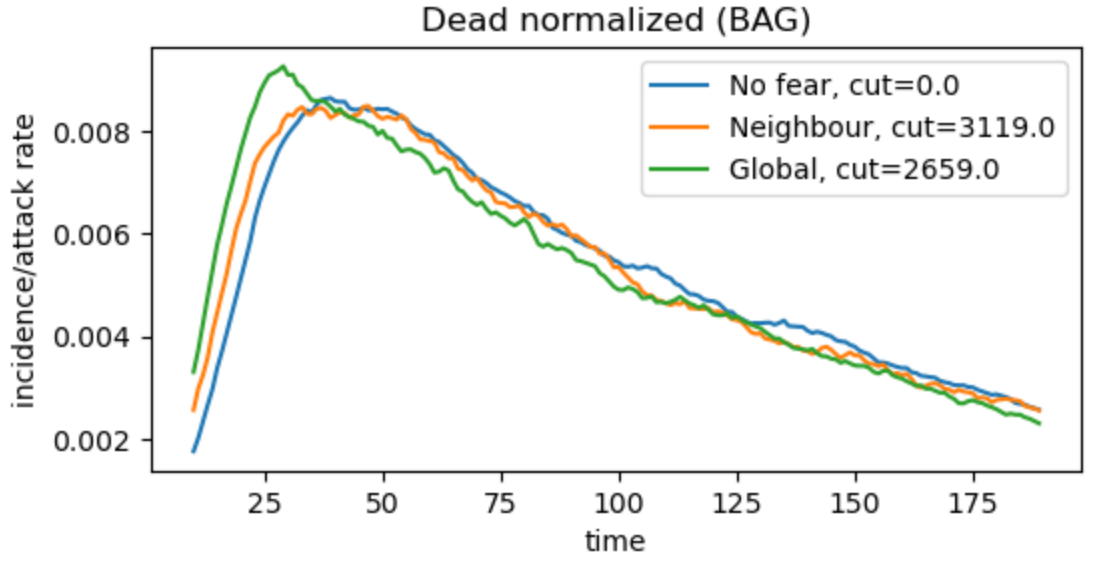

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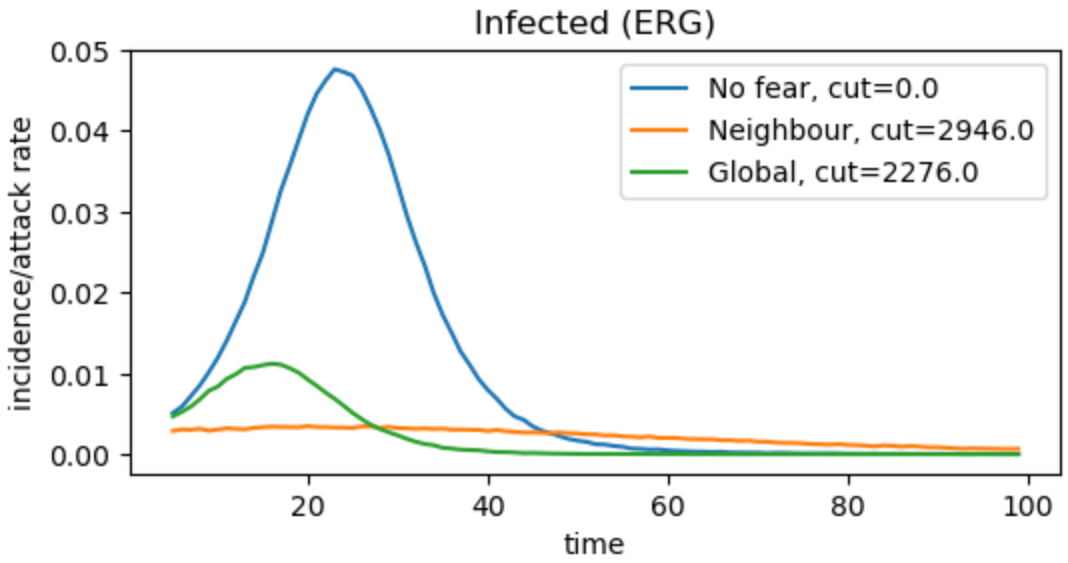

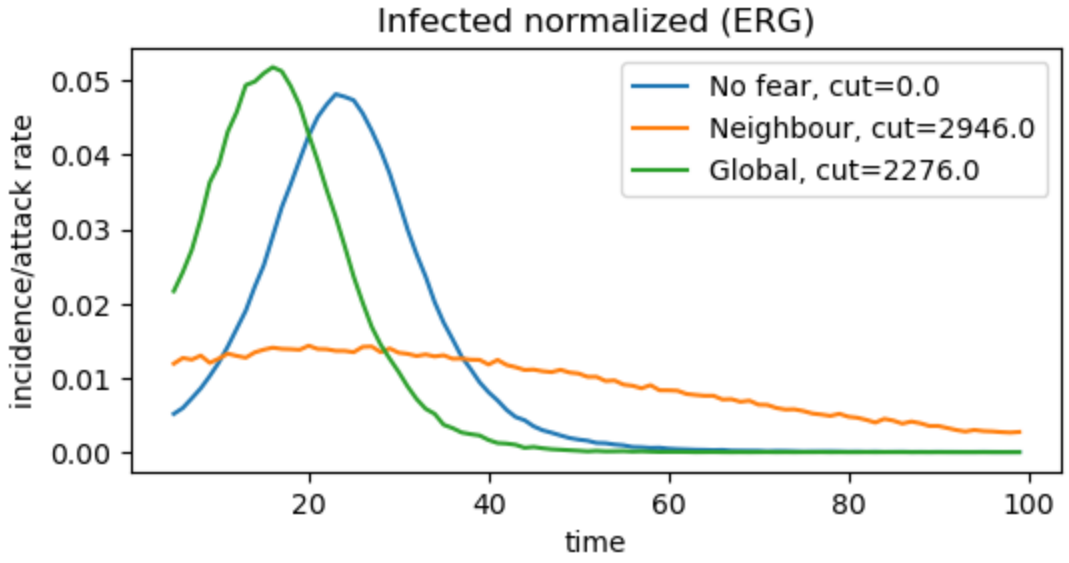

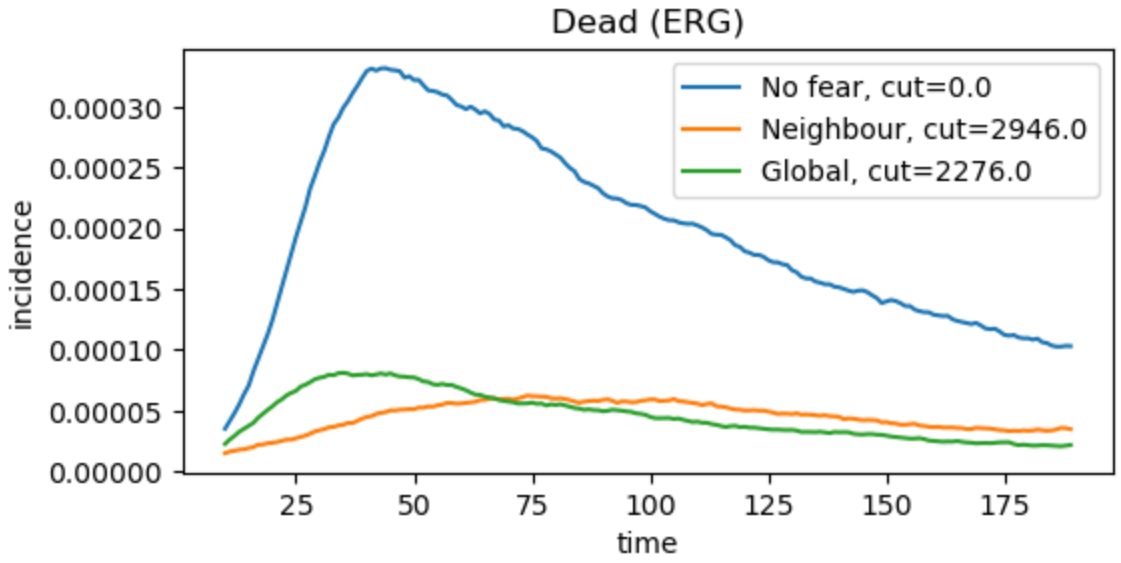

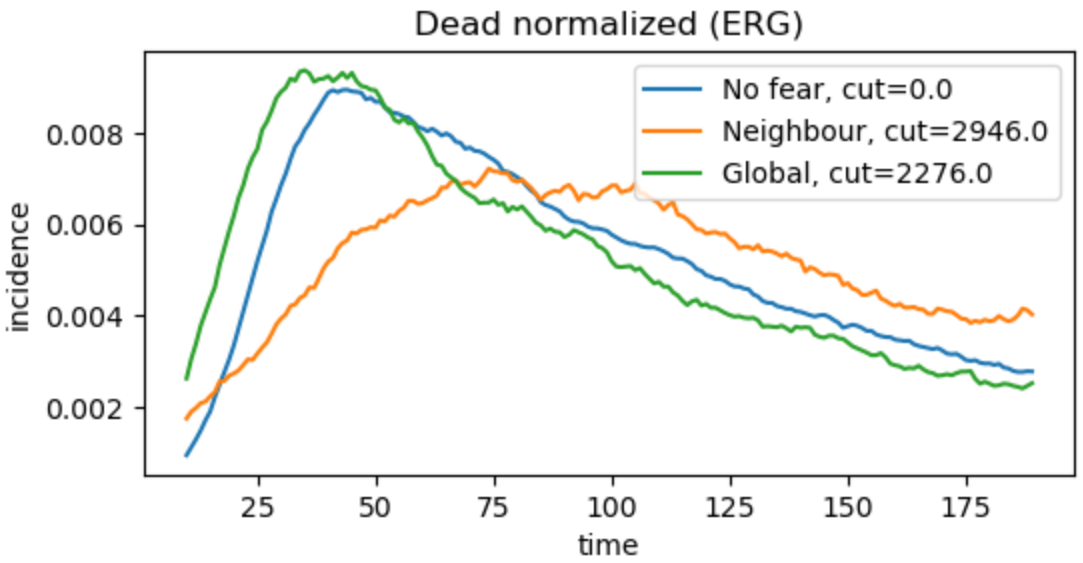

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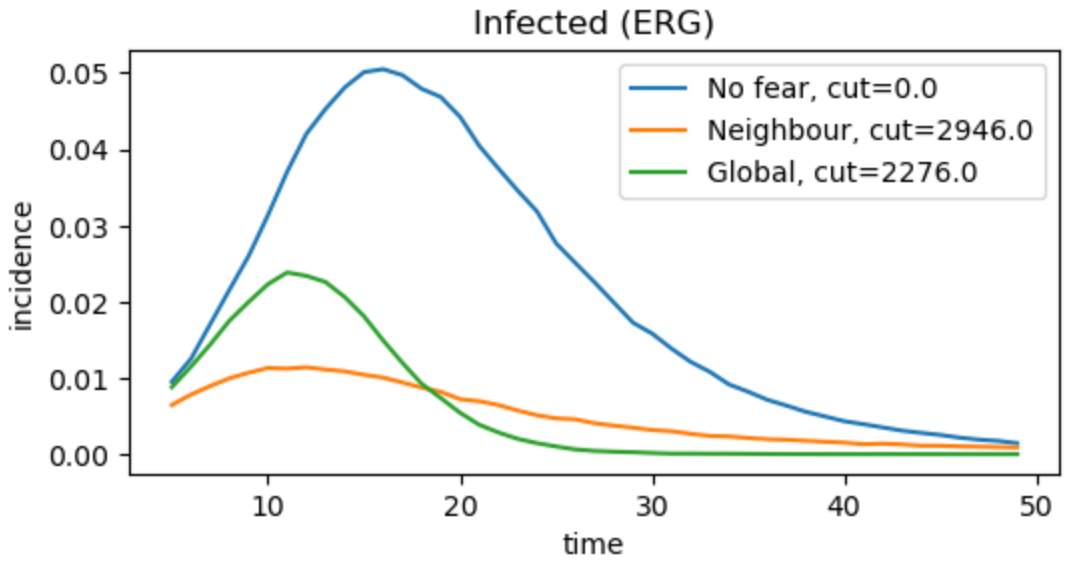

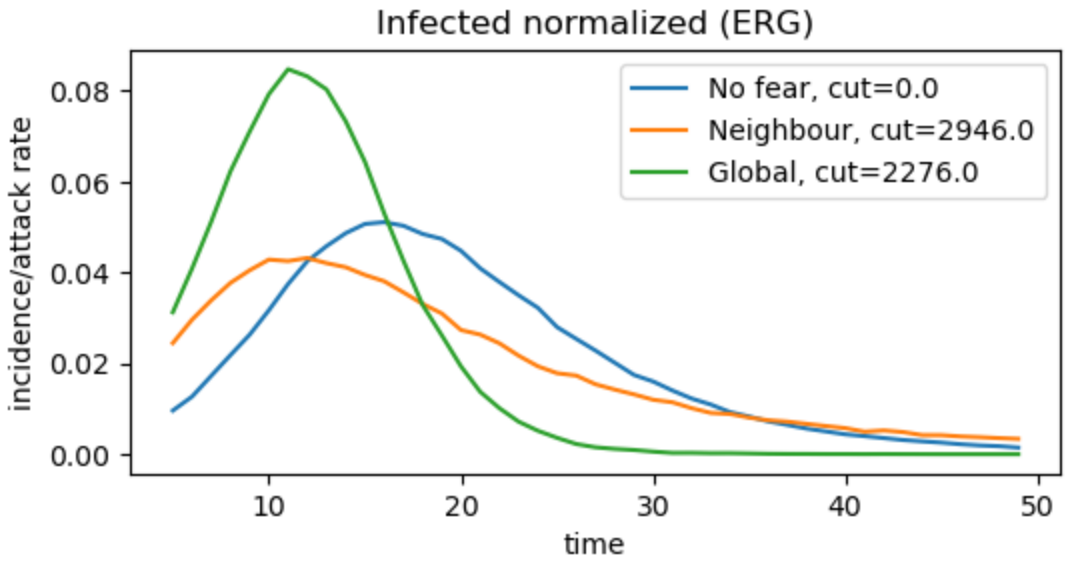

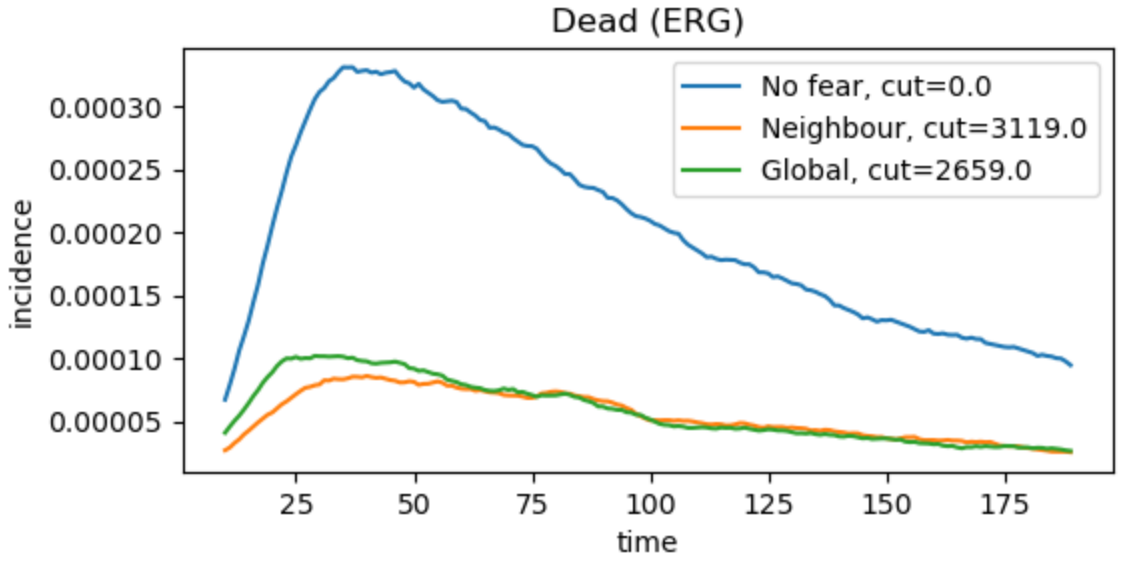

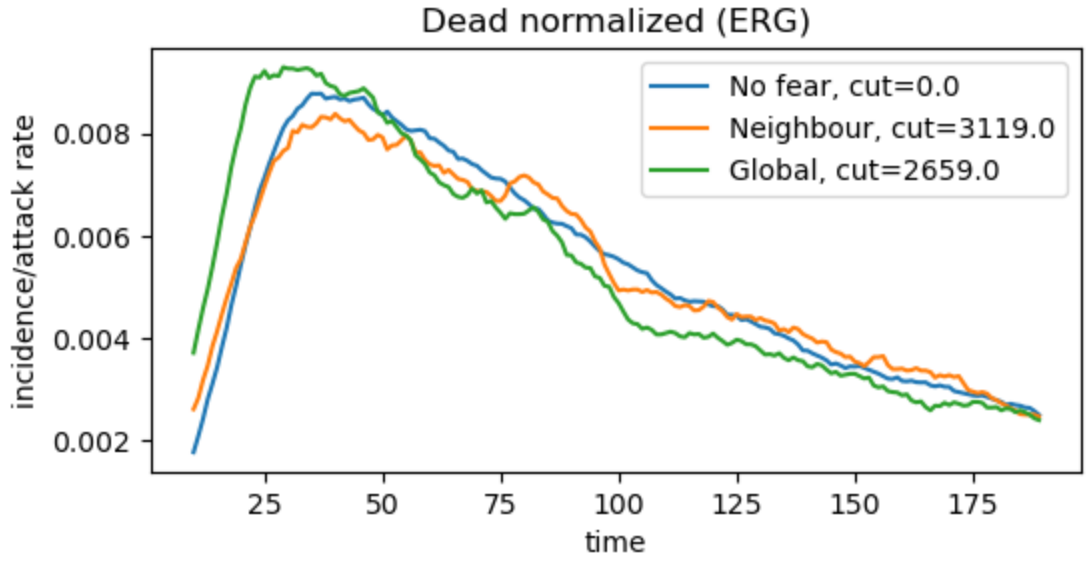

Conclusion

-We can conclude that the **fear** has an **impact** on the epidemic spreading:

-The most effective approach is the fear based on the **neighbours** of the nodes since it is more localized

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