Modeling COVID-19 Spreading In A Network

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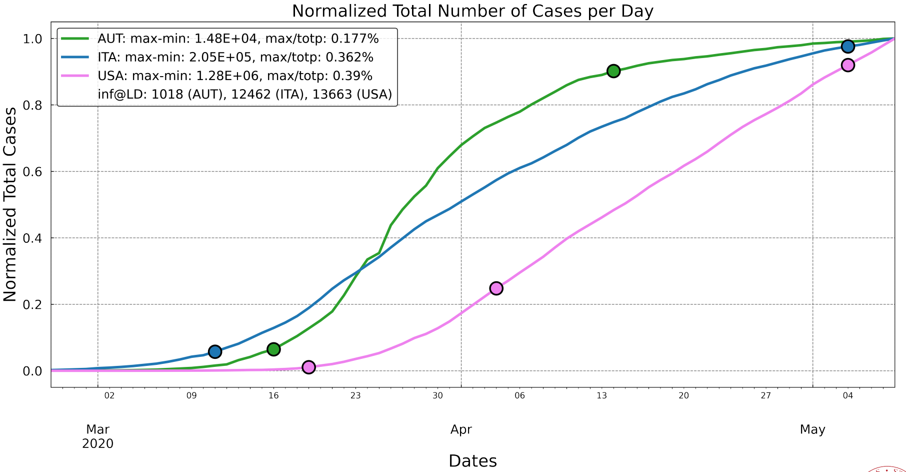
Motivations from COVID-19 Data



Goal: Study a SIR model on networks

- Order the Social Network models (Watts-Strogatz, Caveman, Poissonian-SW, Barabási-Albert) for controlling COVID-19;
- Estimate the time t_c of the peak of the infected after which the pathogen regresses;
- Propose the *epidemic severity* to capture the final fraction of the total cases;
- Introduce an *Order Parameter*:=SD(C) to look for a phase-like transition among regimes;
- Estimate the critical average of social contacts (D_c):
  - for $D < D_c$, linear growth at early times;
  - for $D > D_c$, exponential growth at early times.

SIR Models

No Network Structure → Homogeneous Mean-Field (MF) Model

$$\begin{cases} s + r + i = 1 \quad \text{HP: "closed + \textit{well-mixed} population"} \\ \\ \frac{ds}{dt} = -\beta D s i, \qquad D := \langle k \rangle \\ \\ \frac{di}{dt} = \beta D s i - \mu i = \mu (R_0 s - 1) i, \quad R_0 := \frac{\beta D}{\mu} \equiv D\lambda \\ \\ \frac{dr}{dt} = +\mu i \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

Network Structures → Degree-Based Mean-Field Model

$$\begin{cases} \frac{ds_k}{dt} = -\beta k s_k \Theta_k \\ \\ \frac{di_k}{dt} = \beta k s_k \Theta_k - \mu i_k = \beta k \left(1 - i_k - r_k\right) \Theta_k - \mu i_k \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

Thresholds for Regression

Homogeneous MF Model

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \mu(R_0 s(t) - 1)i(t) < 0 \Leftrightarrow R_0 s(t) < 1 \tag{3}$$

Degree-Based MF: $t \approx 0 \Rightarrow s, i \approx 1, i_0$ and $k \sim D$ for random net

$$\begin{cases} \frac{di_k}{dt} = \mu \left[\frac{\beta k}{\mu} \Theta_k(t) s_k(t) - i_k(t) \right] < 0 \\ \\ \Theta_k(t) = \frac{\sum_{k'} (k'-1) p_{k'} i_{k'}(t)}{\langle k \rangle} = i_0 \frac{D-1}{D} e^{t/\tau} = \Theta \\ \\ \tau := \left[\frac{\beta(\langle k^2 \rangle - D) - D\mu}{D} \right]^{-1} < 0 \Leftrightarrow R_0 := \frac{\beta D}{\mu} < \frac{D^2}{\langle k^2 \rangle - D} \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

Critical fraction of total cases $\pi(t_c)$

- Pathogen regression in Homogeneous SIR:

$$\begin{cases} R(t) := Ds(t)\lambda < 1 \\ s(t) = 1 - \pi(t) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \pi(t_c) = 1 - \frac{1}{R_0}, \quad R_0 := \frac{\beta D}{\mu} \tag{5}$$

- Pathogen decaying in Heterogenous SIR (at $t \approx 0$):

$$\begin{cases} R_0 < R_{c-net} := \frac{D^2}{\langle k^2 \rangle - D} \\ R(t) := (D - n(t))\lambda \qquad \forall\, t \\ n(t) \sim 1 + (D-1)(1-p)\pi(t) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \pi(t_c) = \frac{1}{1-p}\left[1 - \frac{R_{c-net}}{R_0 - \lambda}\right] \tag{6}$$

Epidemic Severity

Basic Reproduction Number R_0

$$R_0 := \frac{\beta D}{\mu} \tag{7}$$

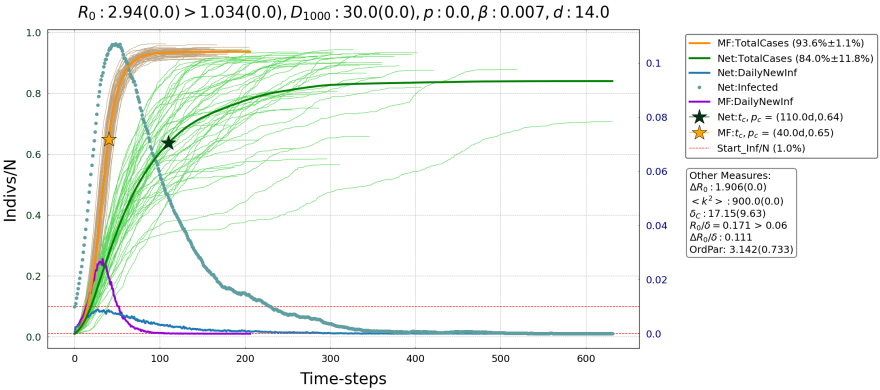
Definition of Epidemic Severity

$$\Delta R_0(\delta) := \frac{R_0 - R_{c-net}}{\delta} \tag{8}$$

where

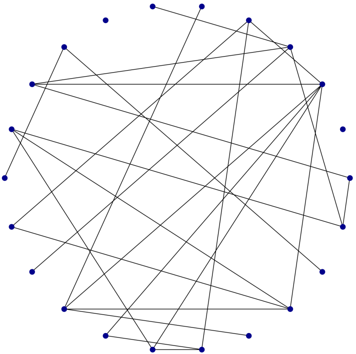
- $R_{c-net} := \frac{D^2}{\langle k^2 \rangle - D}$. Hence, if $\langle k^2 \rangle \uparrow \implies \Delta R_0(\delta) \uparrow$;
- $\delta := \langle l \rangle$ is the average path length, e.g. from $1 \leftrightarrow 10$. δ increases as the network is less "weaved togheter".

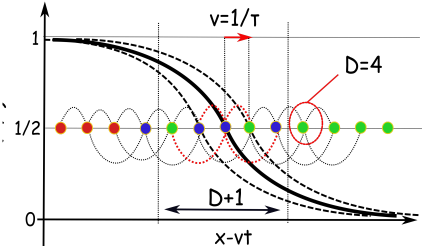
Example



$R_0: 2.94(0.0) > 1.034(0.0), D_{1000}: 30.0(0.0), p: 0.0, \beta: 0.007, d: 14.0$
Indivs/N
Time-steps
MF:TotalCases (93.6%±1.1%)
Net:TotalCases (84.0%±11.8%)
Net:DailyNewInf
Net:Infected
MF:DailyNewInf
Net:t_c, p_c = (110.0d,0.64)
MF:t_c, p_c = (40.0d,0.65)
Start_Inf/N (1.0%)
Other Measures:
$\Delta R_0: 1.906(0.0)$
$< k^2 >: 900.0(0.0)$
$\delta_C: 17.15(9.63)$
$R_0/\delta = 0.171 > 0.06$
$\Delta R_0/\delta: 0.111$
OrdPar: 3.142(0.733)

Erdös-Rényi and Fuse models





(b) Fuse model with $N = 13, D = 4$

(a) Erdös-Rényi model ($N = 22, p = 0.1$)

First Order-like Phase Transition

Order Parameter: standard deviation (SD) of the daily new cases C

- $\mathbb{O} := SD(C)$ where $C(t)$ are the new daily infected;

Critical average degree D_c for different topologies

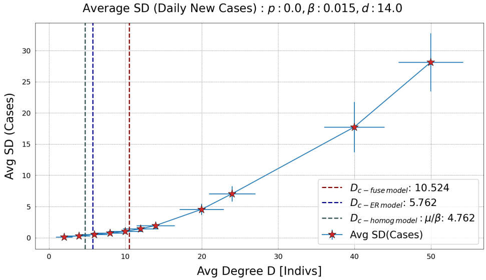
- *Homogenous MF*: $\frac{\beta D_c}{\mu} \stackrel{!}{=} 1 \Leftrightarrow D_{c-homog} = \frac{\mu}{\beta}$
- *Erdös-Rényi Degree-Based MF*:

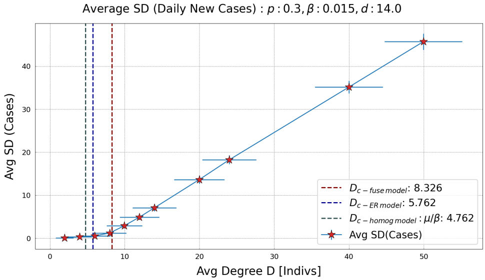
$$\begin{cases} n(t) \sim 1, \quad s(t \approx 0) \sim 1 \\ R(t) := (D - n(t))\lambda \stackrel{!}{=} R_{c-net} \sim 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow D_{c-ER} = 1 + \frac{\mu}{\beta} \tag{9}$$

- *Fuse-Model Degree-Based MF*:

$$n(t) \sim 1 + (D-1)(1-p)/2 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad D_{c-FM} = 1 + \frac{2\frac{\mu}{\beta}}{1+p} \tag{10}$$

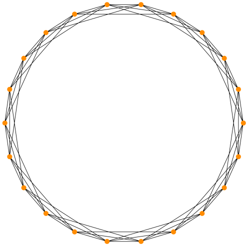
Examples of Order Parameters



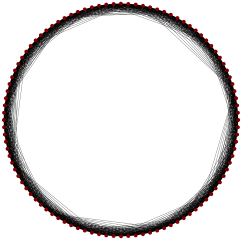


Social Networks & Results

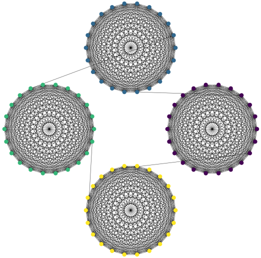
Regular Lattice



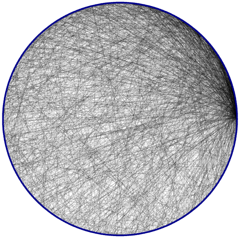
Overlapping PSW



Caveman Model



Barabási-Albert Model



Watts-Strogatz model

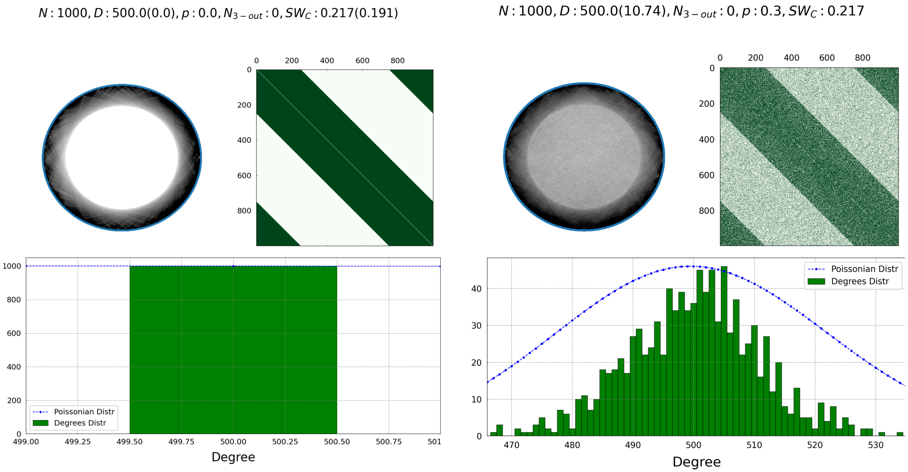
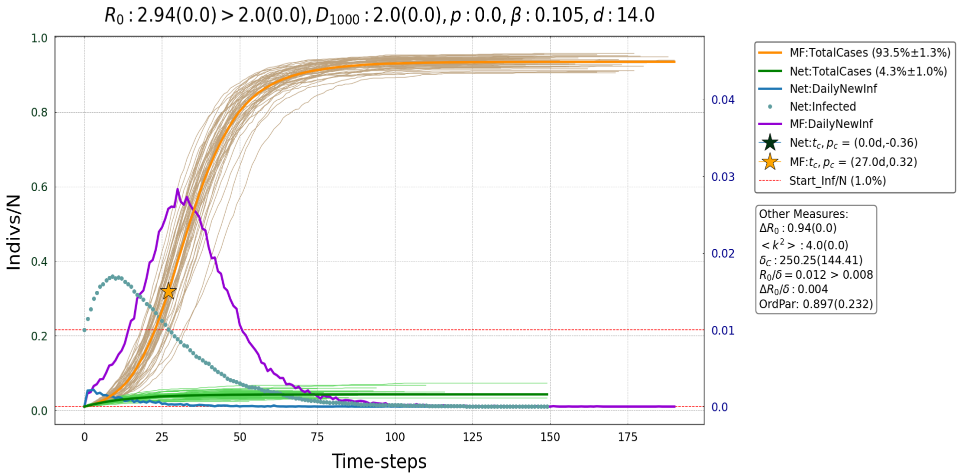
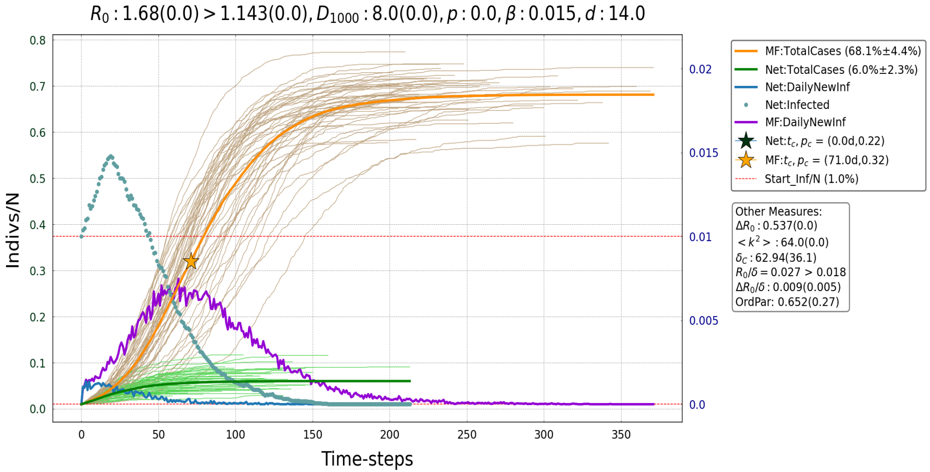


Figure: Regular lattice and extension with long-range interactions $p = 0.3$. From top left: Graph Realization, Adjacency Matrix, Degree Distribution.

Fixed R_0 SIR + Regular Lattice



COVID-19 SIR + Regular Lattice



Poissonian Small-World Networks

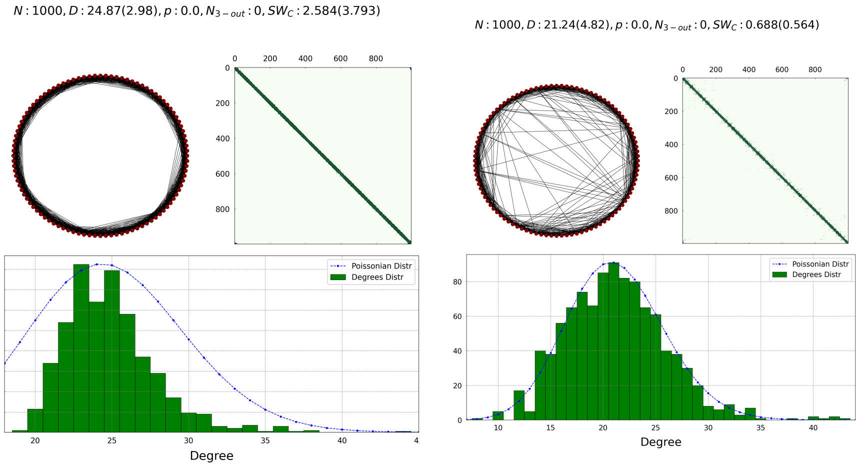
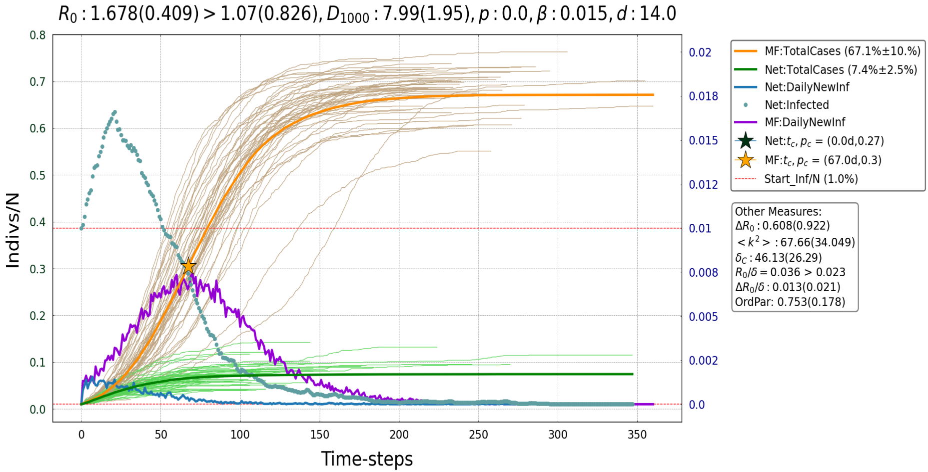


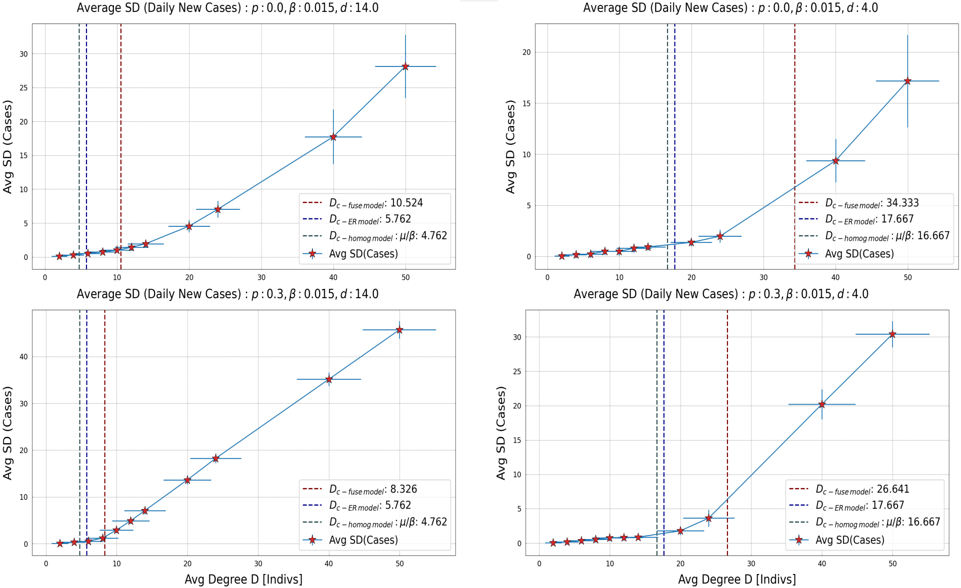
Figure: "Overlapping" PSW and "Sparse" PSW.

COVID-19 SIR + Overlapping PSW



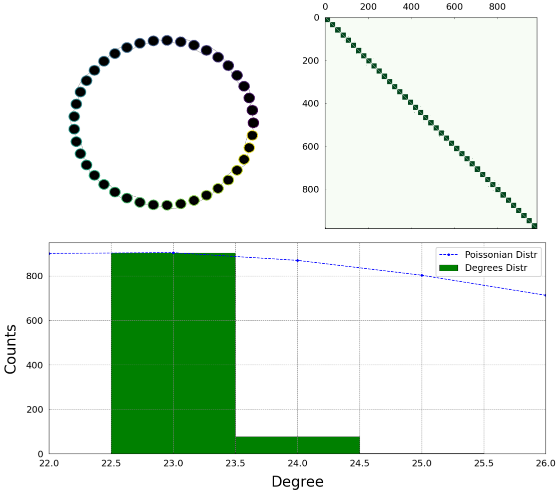
Other Measures:
$\Delta R_0 : 0.608(0.922)$
$< k^2 > : 67.66(34.049)$
$\delta_C : 46.13(26.29)$
$R_0/\delta = 0.036 > 0.023$
$\Delta R_0/\delta : 0.013(0.021)$
OrdPar: 0.753(0.178)

Order Parameter := $SD(C)$

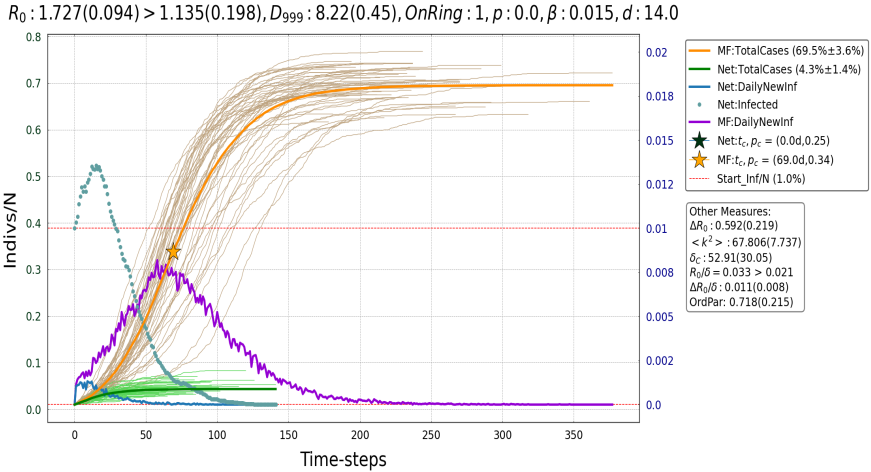


Caveman Model

$N_{24}: 984, D: 23.08(0.28), p: 0.0, Inlinks: 1, N_{3-out}: 0, SW_C: 3.043(4.409)$

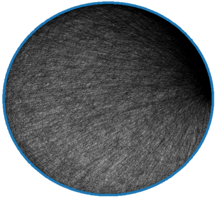


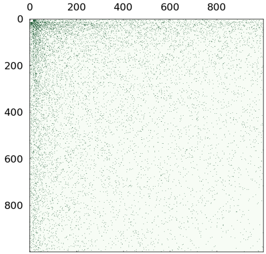
COVID-19 SIR + Caveman Model

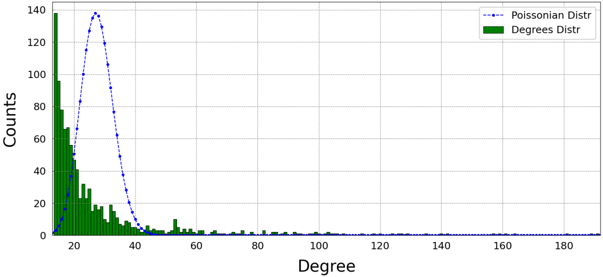


(Regular) Barabási-Albert Model

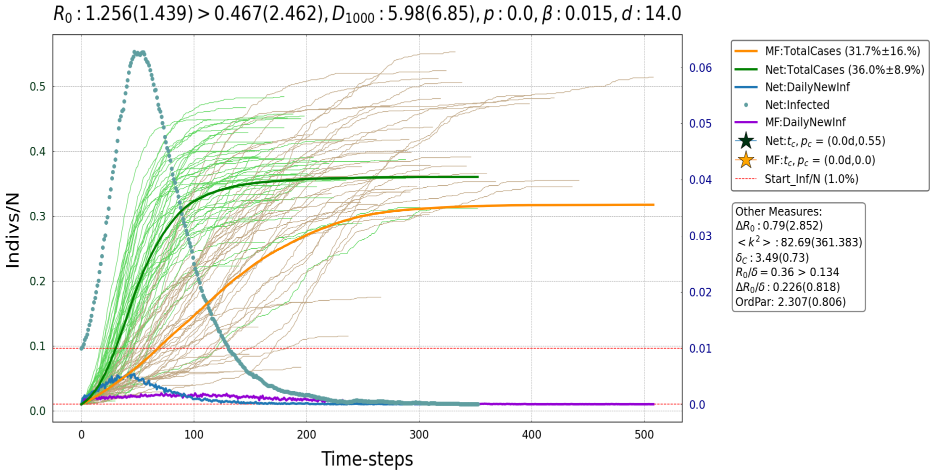
$N : 1000, D : 27.61(22.85), p : 0.0, N_{3-out} : 40, USW_C : 1.224(0.389), k_{max} : 191$





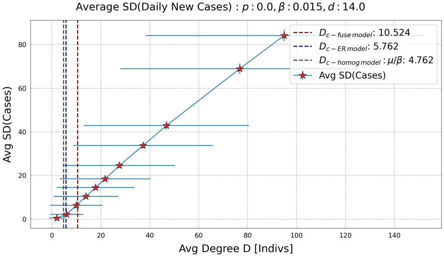


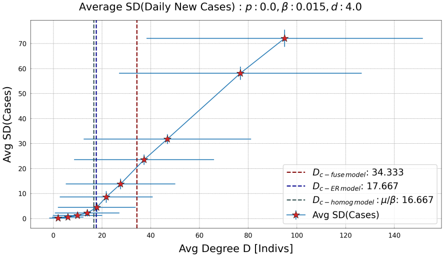
COVID-19 SIR + Barabási-Albert Model

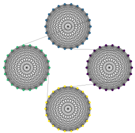
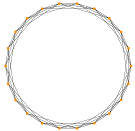
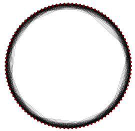
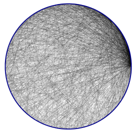


Other Measures:
$\Delta R_0: 0.79(2.852)$
$< k^2 >: 82.69(361.383)$
$\delta_C: 3.49(0.73)$
$R_0/\delta = 0.36 > 0.134$
$\Delta R_0/\delta: 0.226(0.818)$
OrdPar: 2.307(0.806)

Order Parameter := $SD(C)$





Final Outbreak Size			Degree Distribution
Networks	$D = 6$	$D = 8$	
	–	$(4.3 \pm 1.4)\%$	• Low Heterogeneity • Clustered Net
	–	$(6 \pm 2.3)\%$	Peaked
	–	$(7.4 \pm 2.5)\%$	Mid Heterogeneity (No Hubs)
	$(36 \pm 8.9)\%$	–	Highly Heterogeneity (Hubs)

Summary and Conclusions

1. Used a Regular Lattice to test the *epidemic severity* VS R_0;
2. The peak of the infected is well estimated only for mean-field approximation (yellow star);
3. Order the Social Network models for controlling COVID-19: *local* Caveman,Regular Lattice, Poissonian-SW, Barabási-Albert;
4. For Overlapping PSW, D_c is well estimated by the *Fuse model* only for $p = 0.3$, $\beta = 0.015$ and $d = 14$;
5. For Barabási-Albert model, estimates of D_c comes from *homogeneous mean-field*;

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