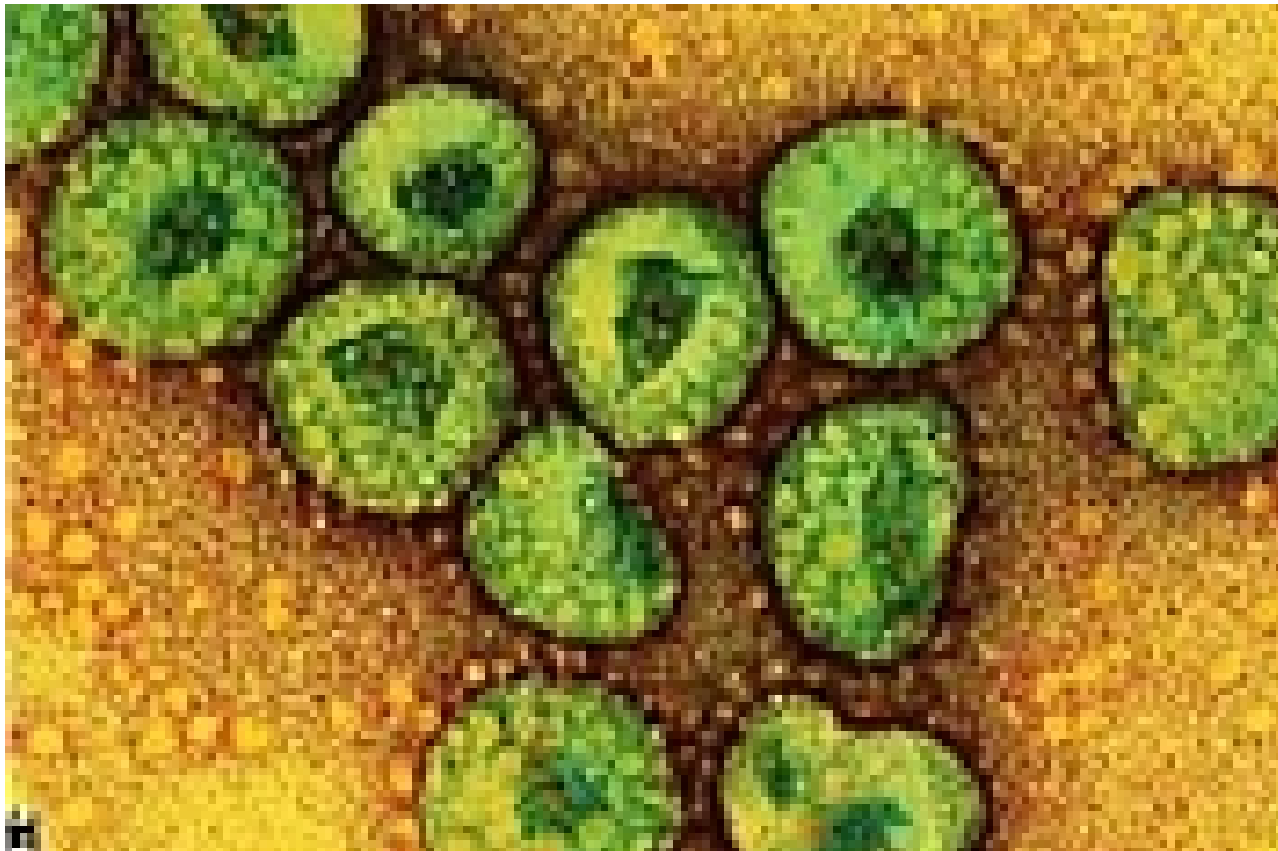
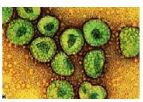


Disease Dynamics through Coupling of Strain Evolution and Immune Response

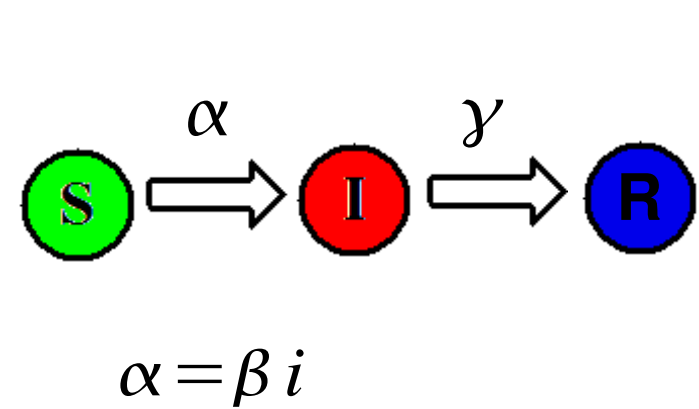
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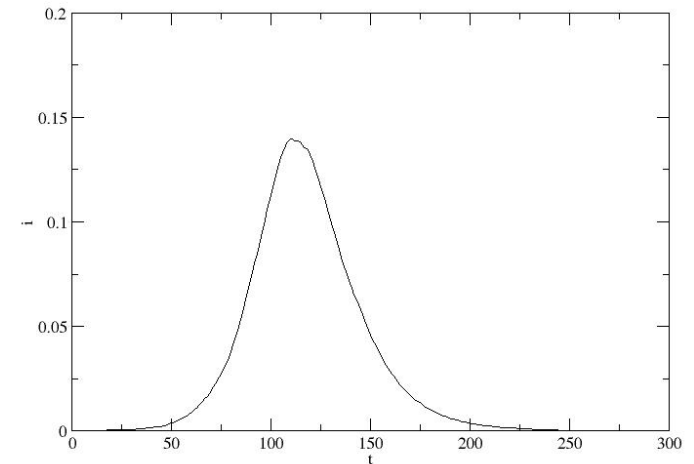
SIR Model



$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -\beta i s$$

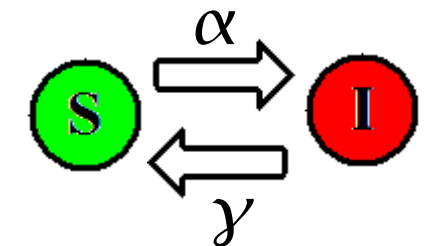
$$\frac{di}{dt} = \beta s i - \gamma i$$

$$s + i + r = 1$$



$\beta=0.02, \gamma=0.01$

SIS Model

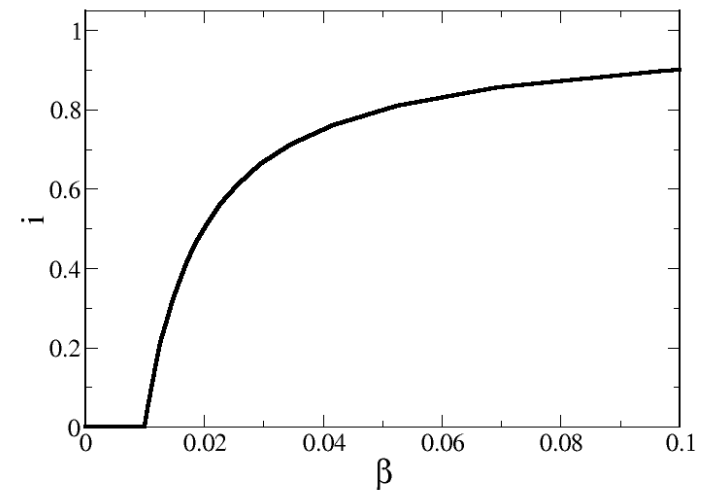


$$\frac{di}{dt} = \beta(1-i)i - \gamma i$$

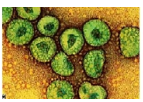
$$s + i = 1$$

epidemic threshold at

$$R_0 := \frac{\beta}{\gamma} = 1$$



$\gamma=0.01$

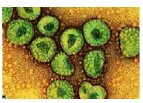


strain-based models capture

- competition of fixed number of multiple strains
- strain evolution through allowing for variable number of strains via mutation
- intra- and interseason epidemic dynamics

we want to

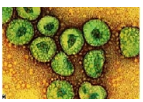
- model strain mutation and immune response (at *within-host level*)
- strain circulation and heterogeneity of immune response (at *population level*)
- couple all that to have a proper flu model



I. Basic Model

II. Refining Interaction of Virus and Immune Response

III. Heterogeneity in Immune Response



Basic SIRS Model

- immunity based on infection history->regain Markov property by introducing strain-specific infection classes
- host's immune response updated by currently hosted strain
- epitope of infecting strain mutates with rate μ , replaces original strain immediately during infection

$$\frac{d s}{d t} = -\beta s \sum_{m=1}^M i_m$$

$$\frac{d i_1}{d t} = \beta i_1 s - \gamma i_1 - \mu i_1$$

\vdots

$$\frac{d i_k}{d t} = \beta i_k \left(s + \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} r_m \right) - \gamma i_k + \mu (i_{k+1} - i_k)$$

\vdots

$$\frac{d i_M}{d t} = \beta i_M \left(s + \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} r_m \right) - \gamma i_M + \mu i_{M-1}$$

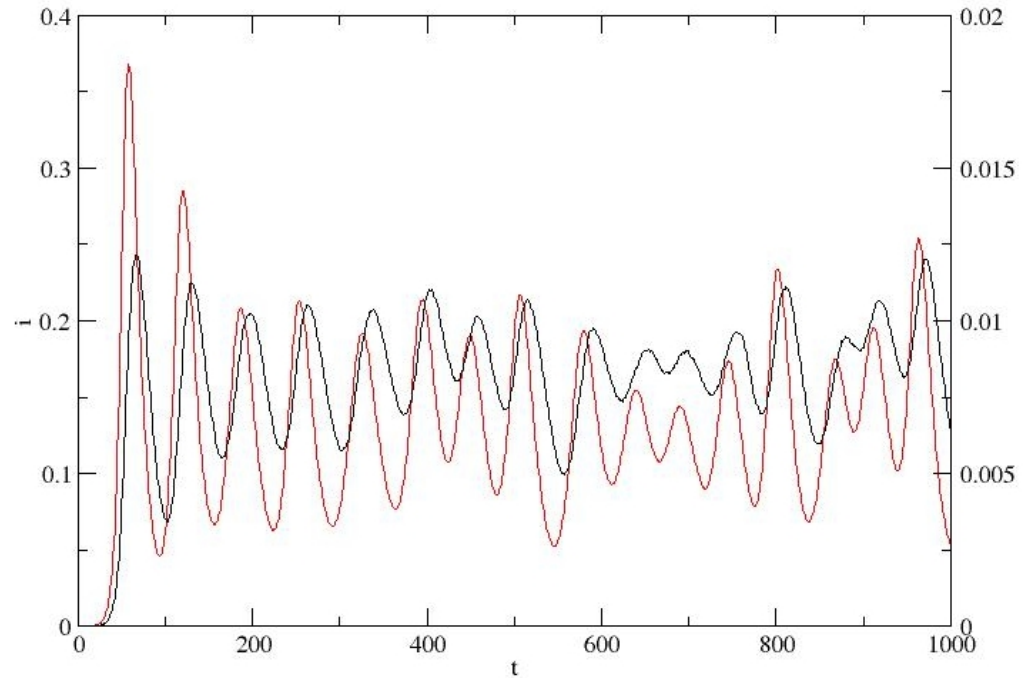
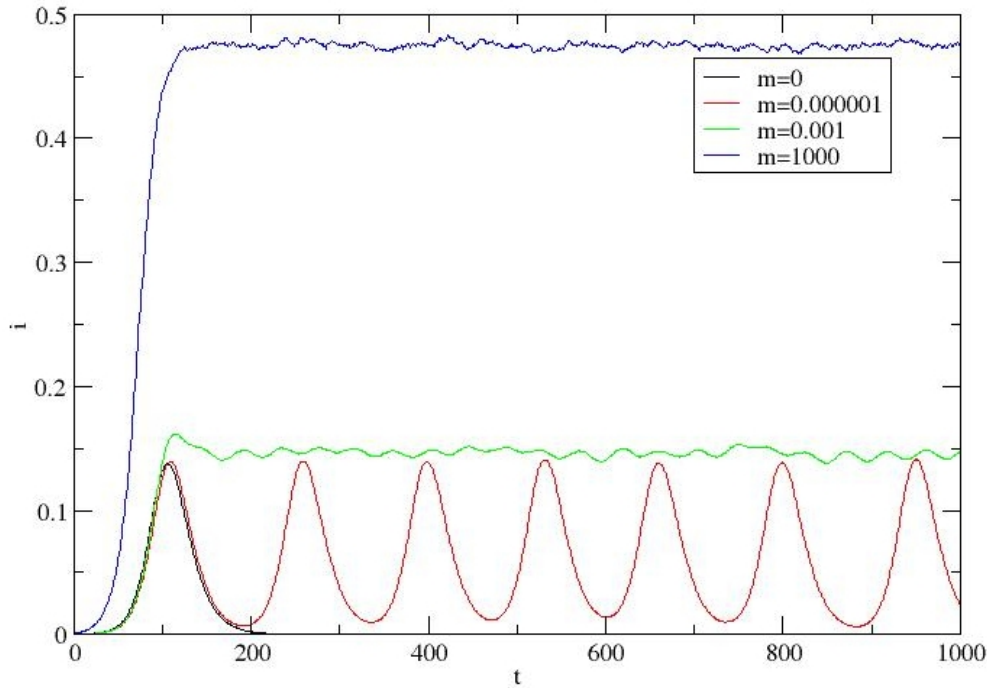
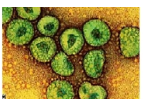
$$\frac{d r_1}{d t} = \gamma i_1 - \beta r_1 \sum_{m=2}^M i_m$$

\vdots

$$\frac{d r_k}{d t} = \gamma i_k - \beta r_k \sum_{m=k+1}^M i_m$$

\vdots

$$\frac{d r_M}{d t} = \gamma i_M$$

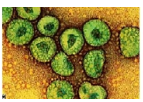


$N=10^6$ individuals, $I_0=100$ initially infected, $\beta=0.02, \gamma=0.01$

3 typical behaviours

- onset of oscillations for $\mu > 0$
- steady state from $\mu \sim \beta, \gamma$ on (limiting case $\mu \gg \beta, \gamma$ of SIS dynamics with $i \rightarrow 1 - 1/R_0$)
- stochastic extinction for $\mu \ll \beta, \gamma$

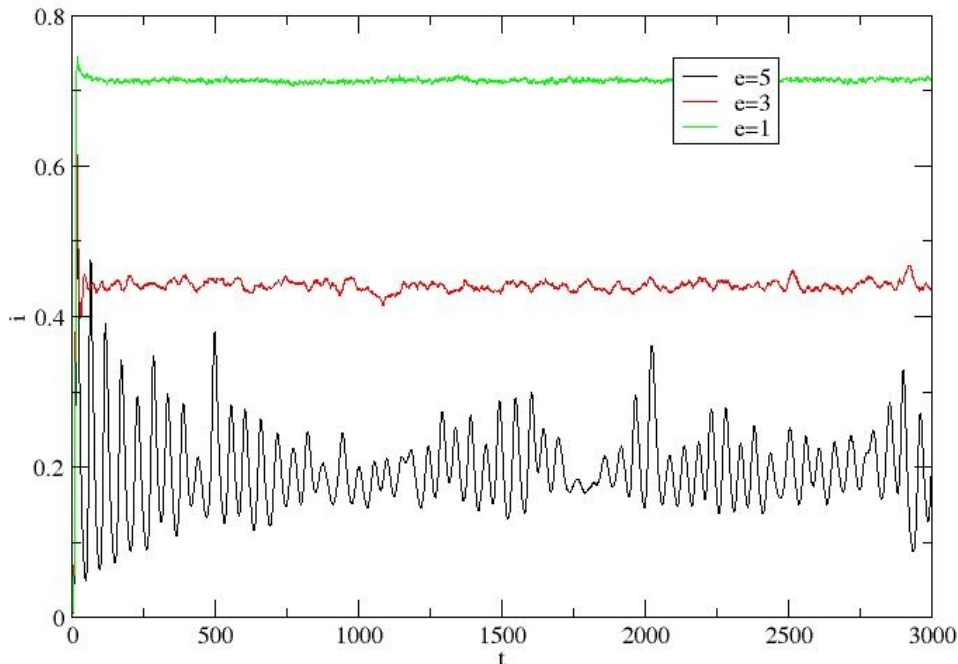
phase shift $\rho(\gamma)$ between strain density and prevalence in oscillatory regime



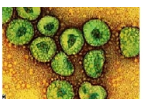
II. Refining Interaction of Virus and Immune Response

cross-immunity of virus through several epitopes

- mutations occur with μ at random epitope
- immune response only evaded if strain has accumulated mutations on *all* e epitopes

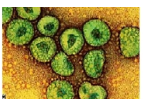


$N=10^6$ individuals, $I_0=100$ initially infected, $\beta=1, \gamma=0.01, \mu=0.001$



cross-immunity of virus through several epitopes

- the larger e , the lower number of strains in equilibrium \rightarrow the higher μ has to be to evade immunity
- still triggering oscillations at $m \sim p, r$
- higher epitope numbers e have same effect on mean prevalence as decreased μ
- multidimensionality in e nontrivial, cannot be offset by changing μ



III. Heterogeneity in Immune Response

young (unprimed) children have

- no immune memory (quick infection)
- antibody repertoire to just one virus epitope (sole producers of mutants, mutated on respective repertoire epitope)

⇒ coupling SIS dynamics (U kids) with SIRS dynamics ($N-U$ adults), mutations just in kids

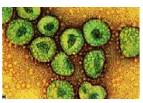
For $\mu=0$:

-steady-state prevalence lowered to

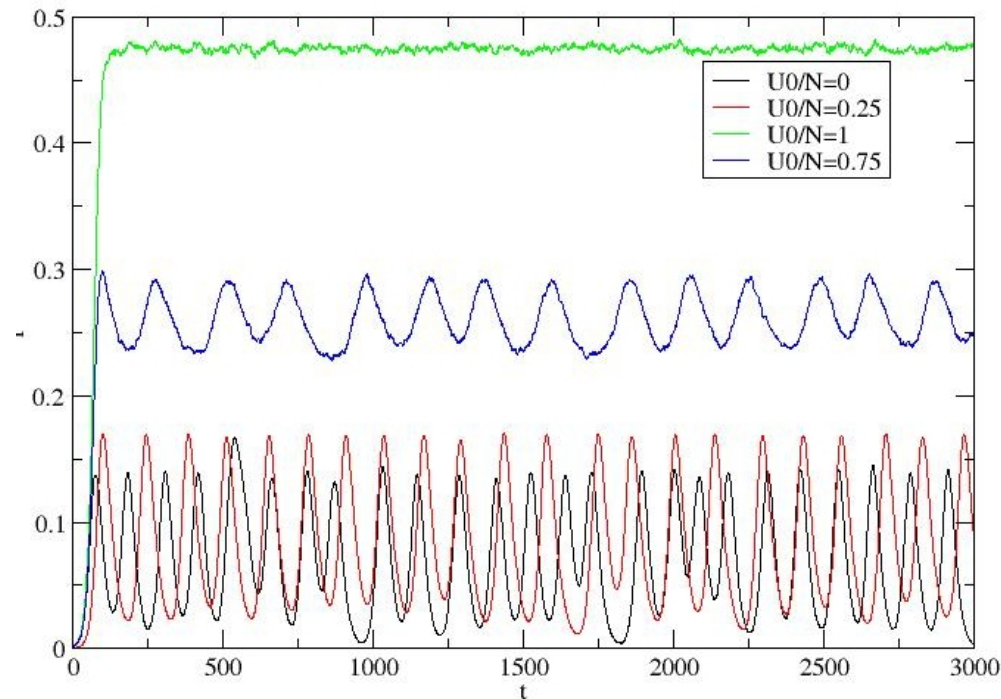
$$i \rightarrow \frac{U}{N} - \frac{N}{U R_0} < 1 - \frac{1}{R_0} \quad \forall \quad 0 < \frac{U}{N}, R_0 < 1$$

for all effective $R_0' = R_0 U/N \geq 1$

- epidemic threshold increases by N/U

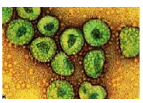


For $\mu > 0$:



$N=10^6$ individuals, $I_0=100$ initially infected, $\beta=1, \gamma=0.01, \mu=0.001, e=1$

- small $U/N \Rightarrow$ smaller $\langle i \rangle_t$, than in $U=0$ case (counter-intuitive)
- larger $U/N \Rightarrow$ larger $\langle i \rangle_t$, (significantly weaker overall immune response in population, converging to pure SIS dynamics for $U/N=1$)



Outlook

- mean-field model featuring population's immune response and viruses genetic drift

flu-specific aspects

- quantifying μ
- implementing more realistic immune response
- reproducing “cluster jumps”
- predicting next season's dominant strain