

# Interacting social and disease dynamics in multiplex networks

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# Introduction

Main motivation of epidemic modeling:  
develop and test **methods** to control disease transmission.

# Individual prevention methods: quarantine/isolation, vaccination, face mask, social distancing, hand washing.

## COVID-19

How to avoid infection and spreading the virus



Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth



Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing



Practise physical distancing by staying 1.5m from others



Wear a mask when in crowded situations



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces



Stay home if you are feeling unwell

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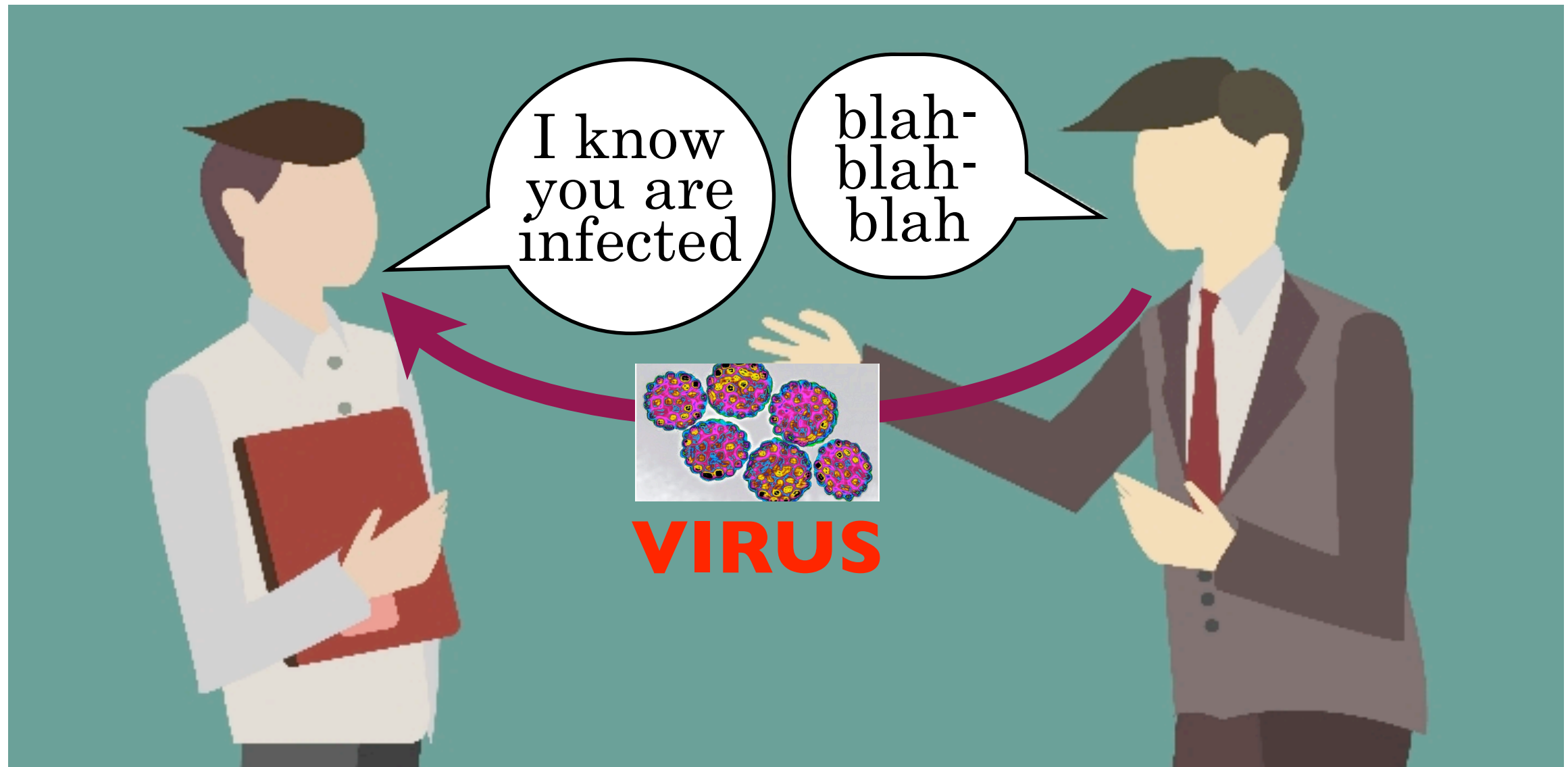
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Decision to adopt methods depends on human behavior.

Risk perception: I become **aware** of an epidemics by noticing that a relative/friend/colleague is infected.



## Spreading of awareness:

word-of-mouth propagation of information about the epidemics.



Aware individuals reduce their risk of infection (prevention methods).

How effective is the spreading of information awareness to prevent disease transmission?

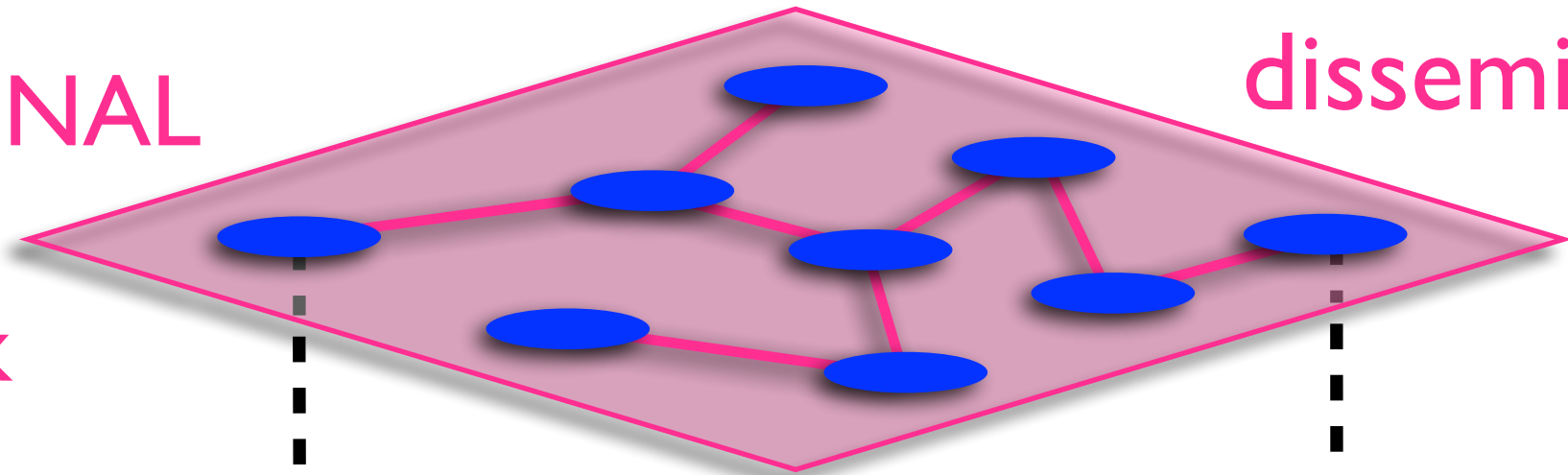
# Multiplex network model

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INFORMATIONAL  
LAYER

Social network

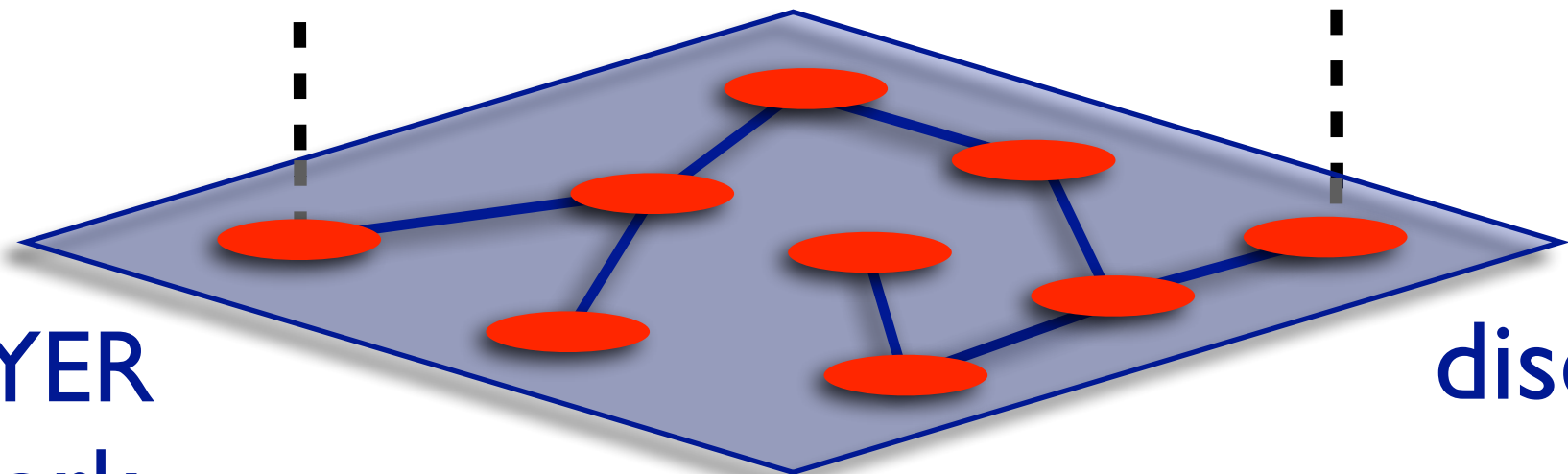
awareness  
dissemination



EPIDEMIC LAYER

Contact network

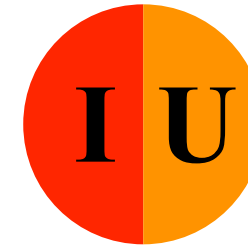
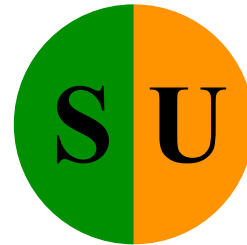
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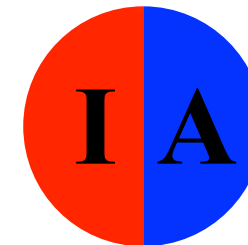
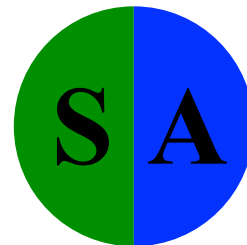


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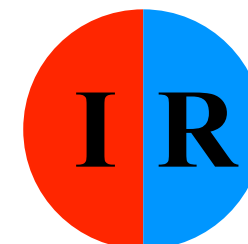
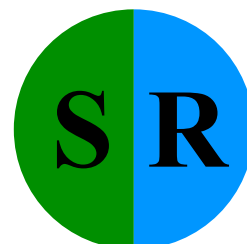
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(spreads info)



Stifler (R)  
(doesn't spread info)



INFORMATION

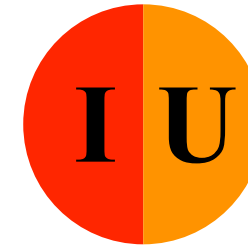
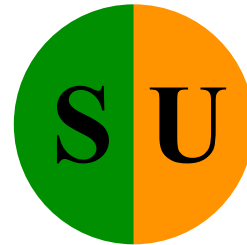
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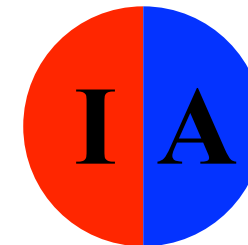
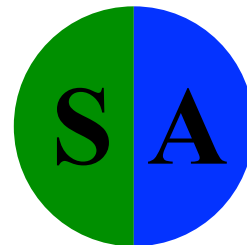
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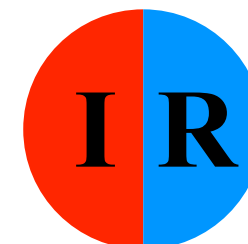
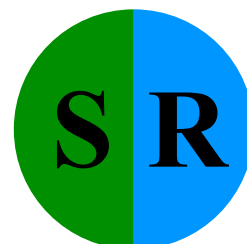
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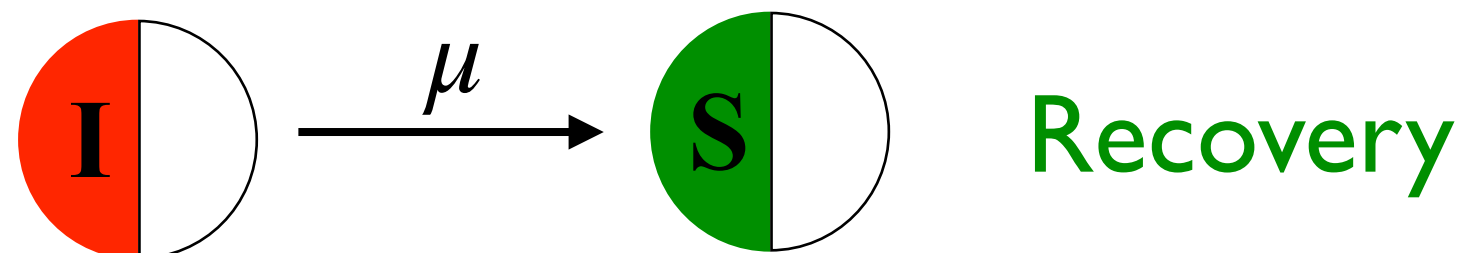
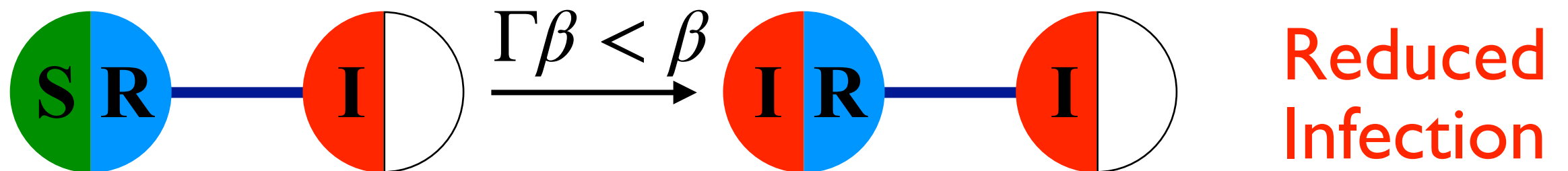
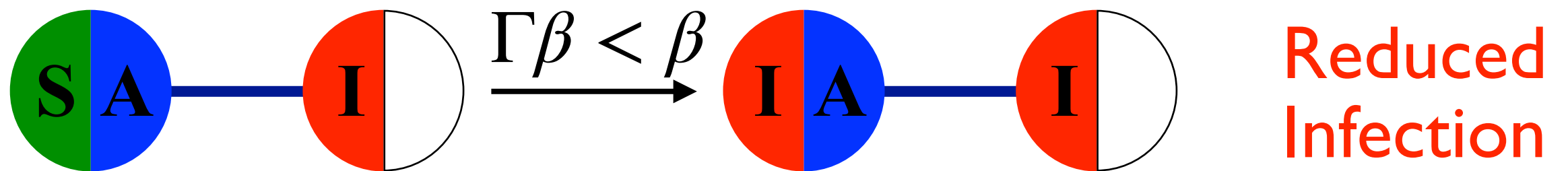
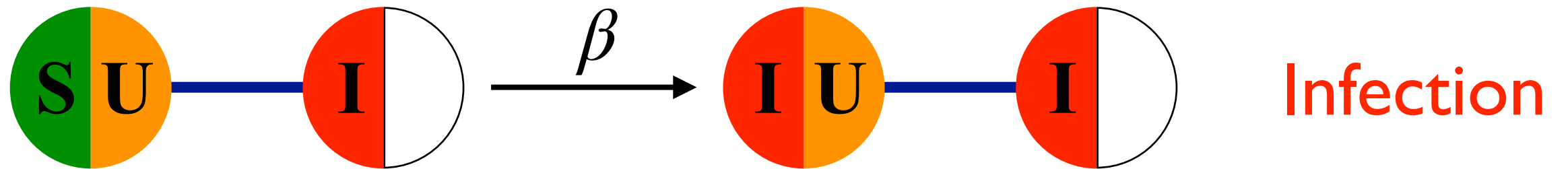
INFORMATION

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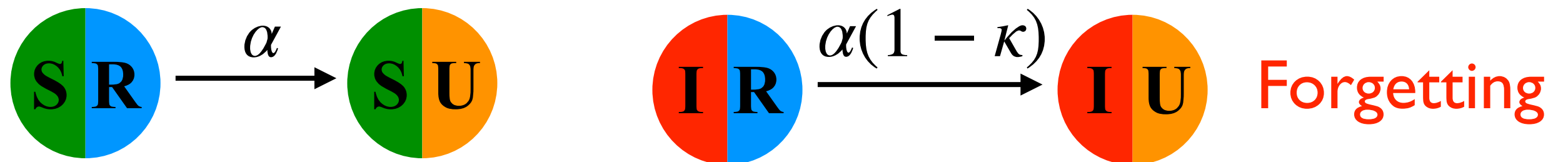
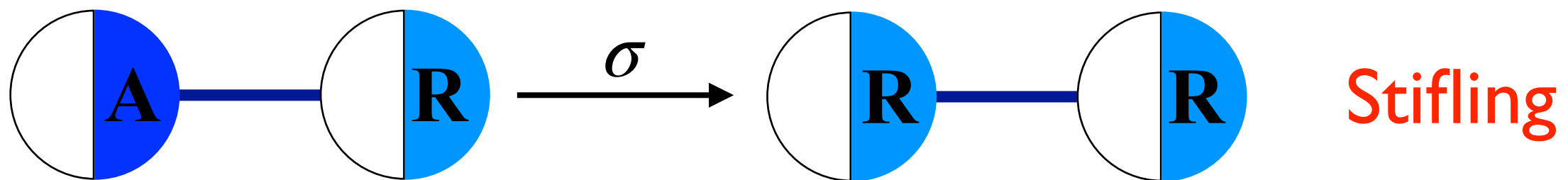
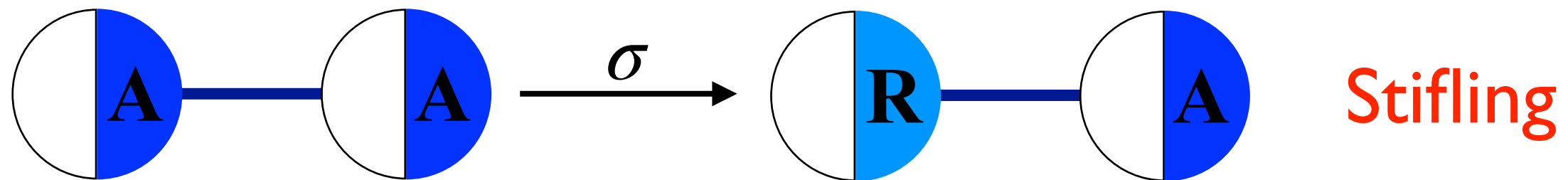
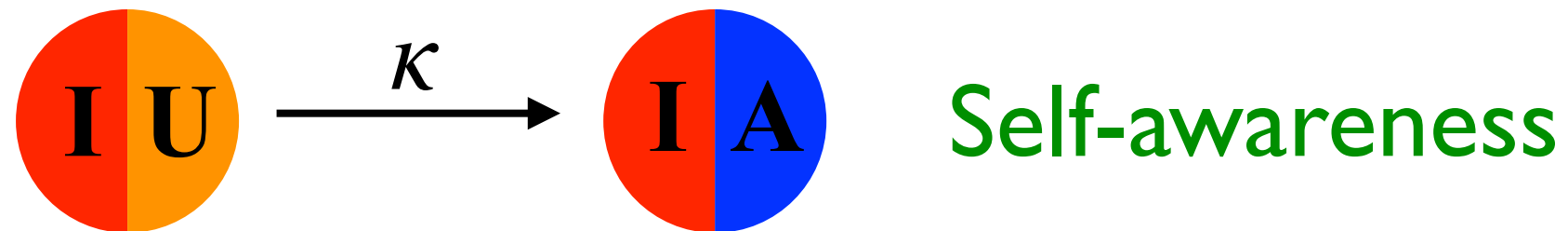
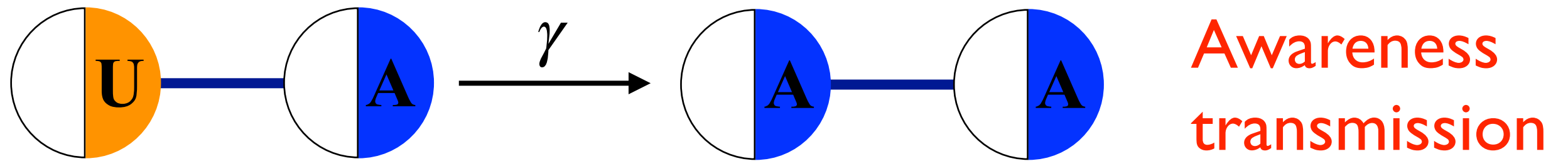
Infected (I)

DISEASE

## SIS disease dynamics ( $\Delta t = 1$ ):



# UARU (Maki-Thompson) information dynamics ( $\Delta t = 1$ ):



We consider that epidemic and awareness propagate and vanish at different time scales.

Relative **speed** of two processes controlled by parameter  $\Pi$ .

HIV:

life cycle ( $\sim$ years).

awareness spread and forgotten many times in this period.

Covid-19:

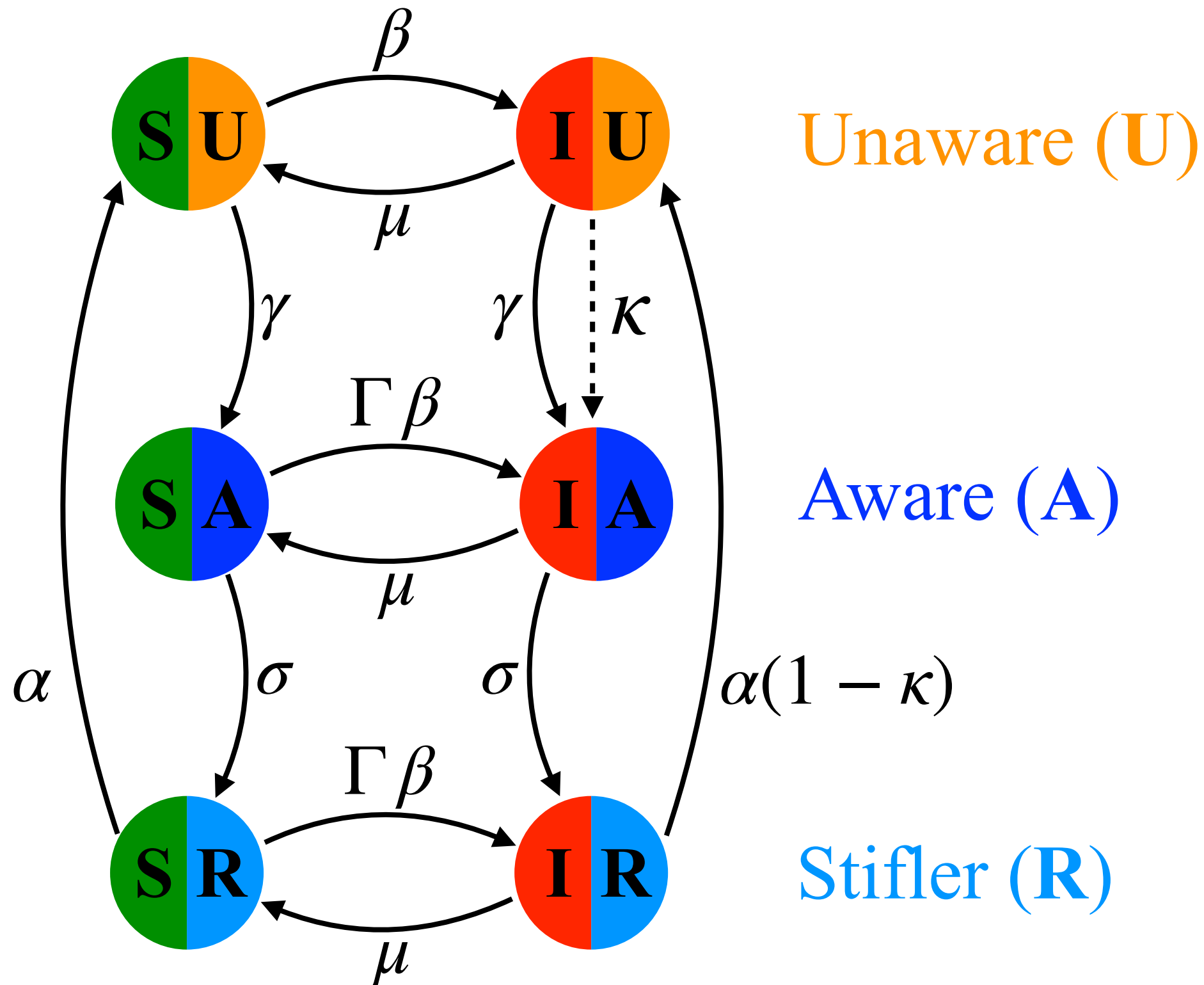
Infection-recovery-infection cycle ( $\sim$ months).

Information cycle awareness-forgotten-awareness ( $\sim$ year).

DISEASE (prob. =  $1 - \Pi$ )

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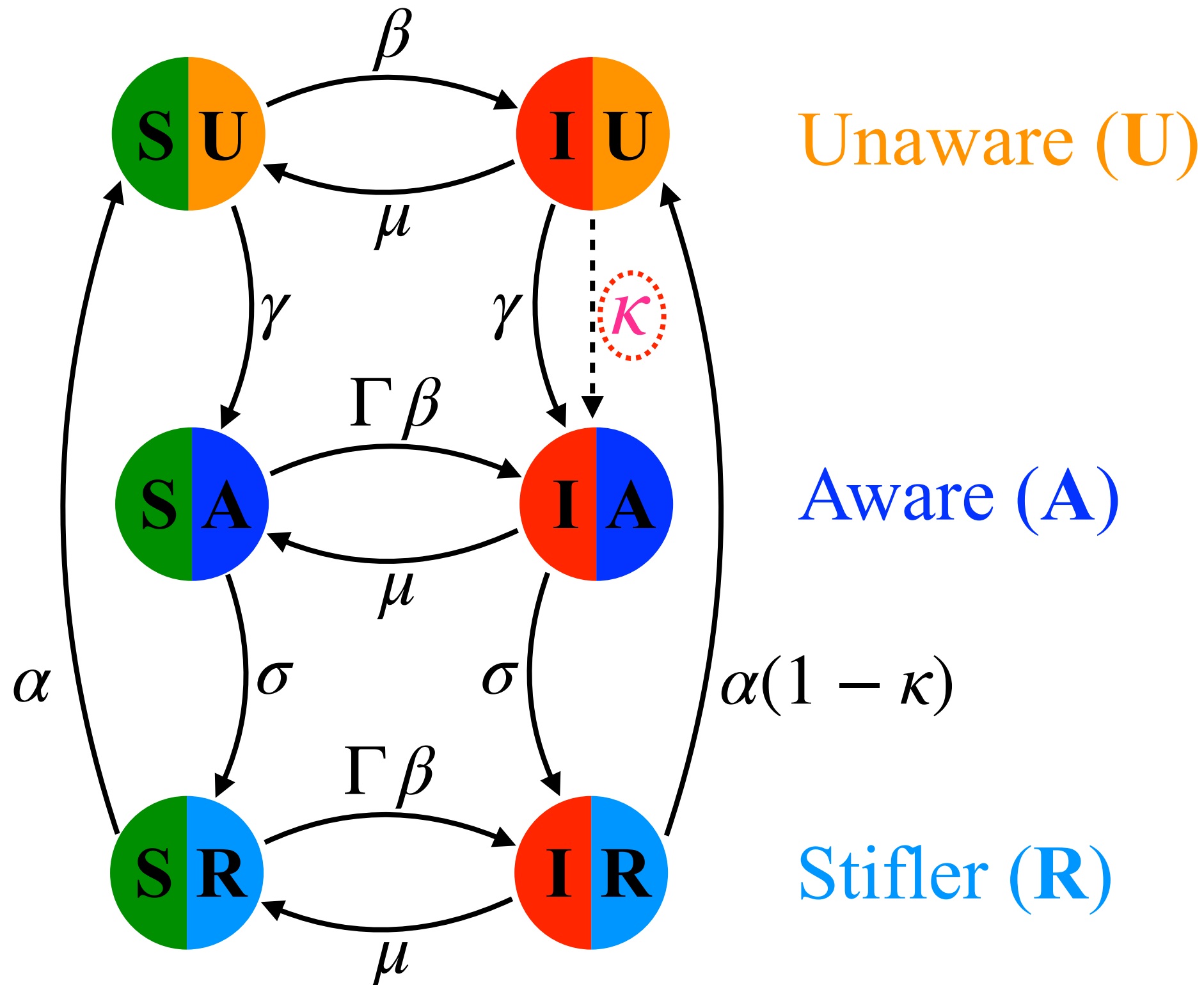


INFORMATION (prob. =  $\Pi$ )

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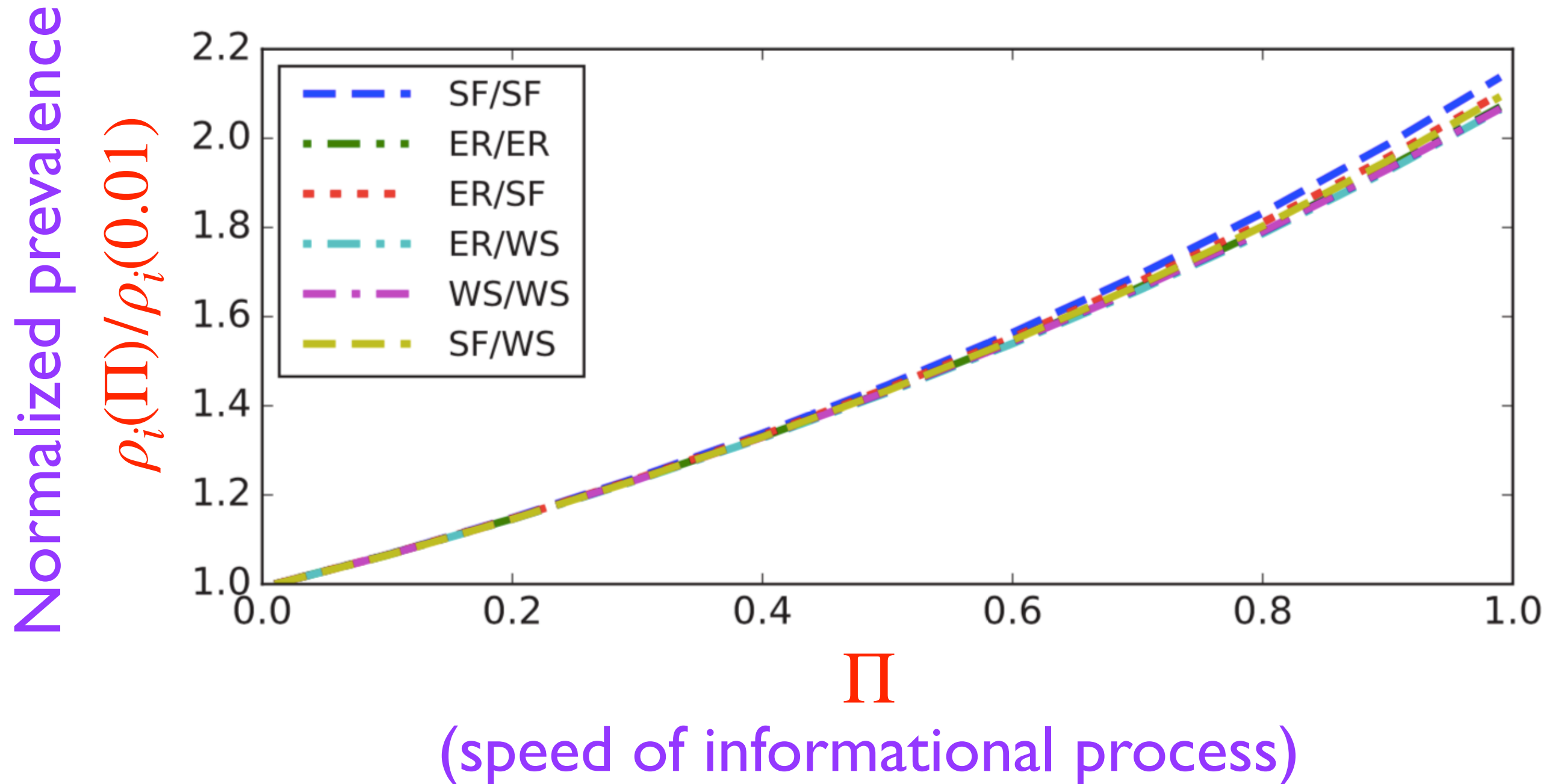
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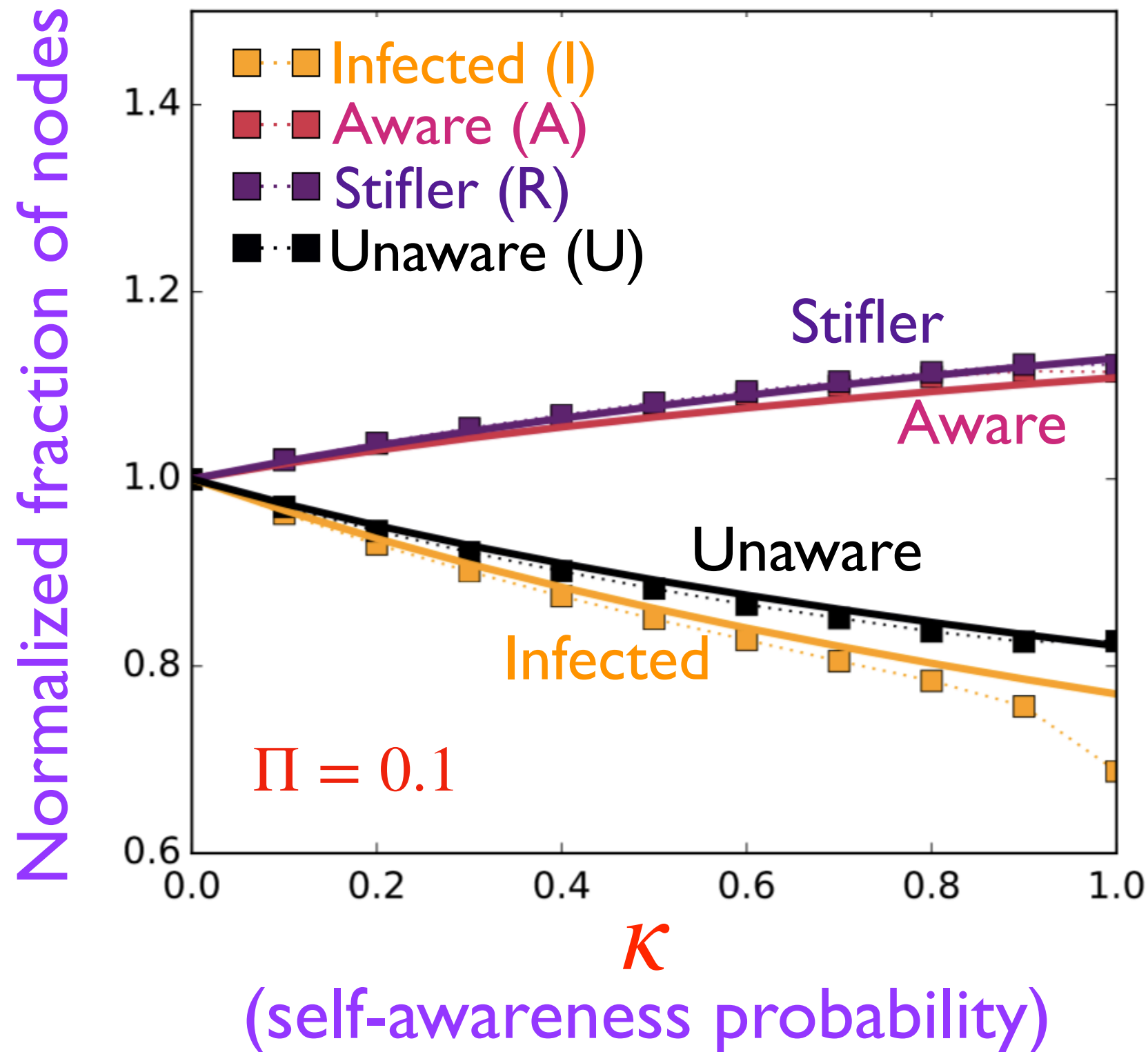
Disease prevalence (fraction of infected nodes)  
increases with faster information ( $\Pi \uparrow$ )





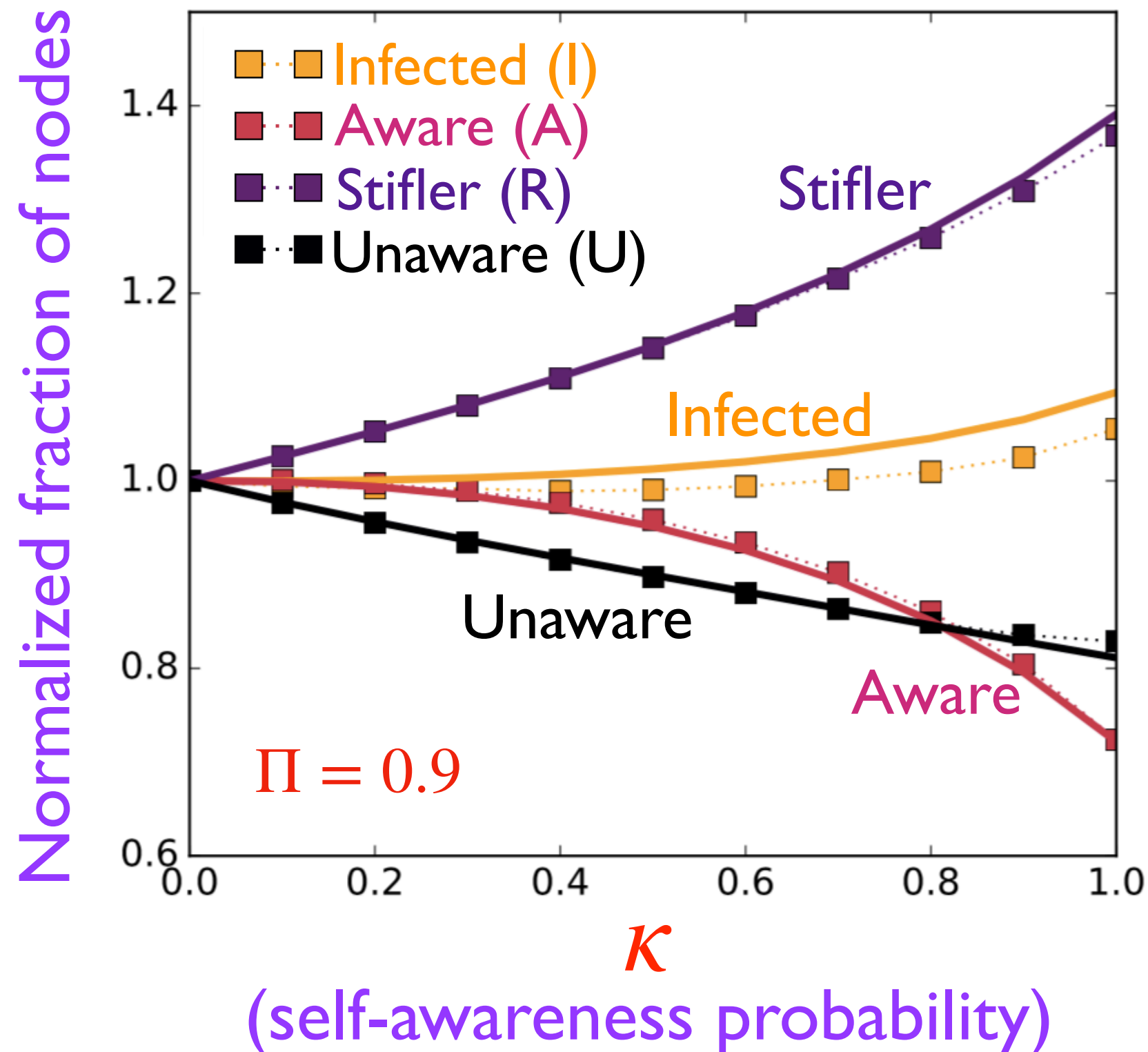
Slow information ( $\Pi = 0.1$ ):

Disease prevalence (infected) decreases with self-awareness.



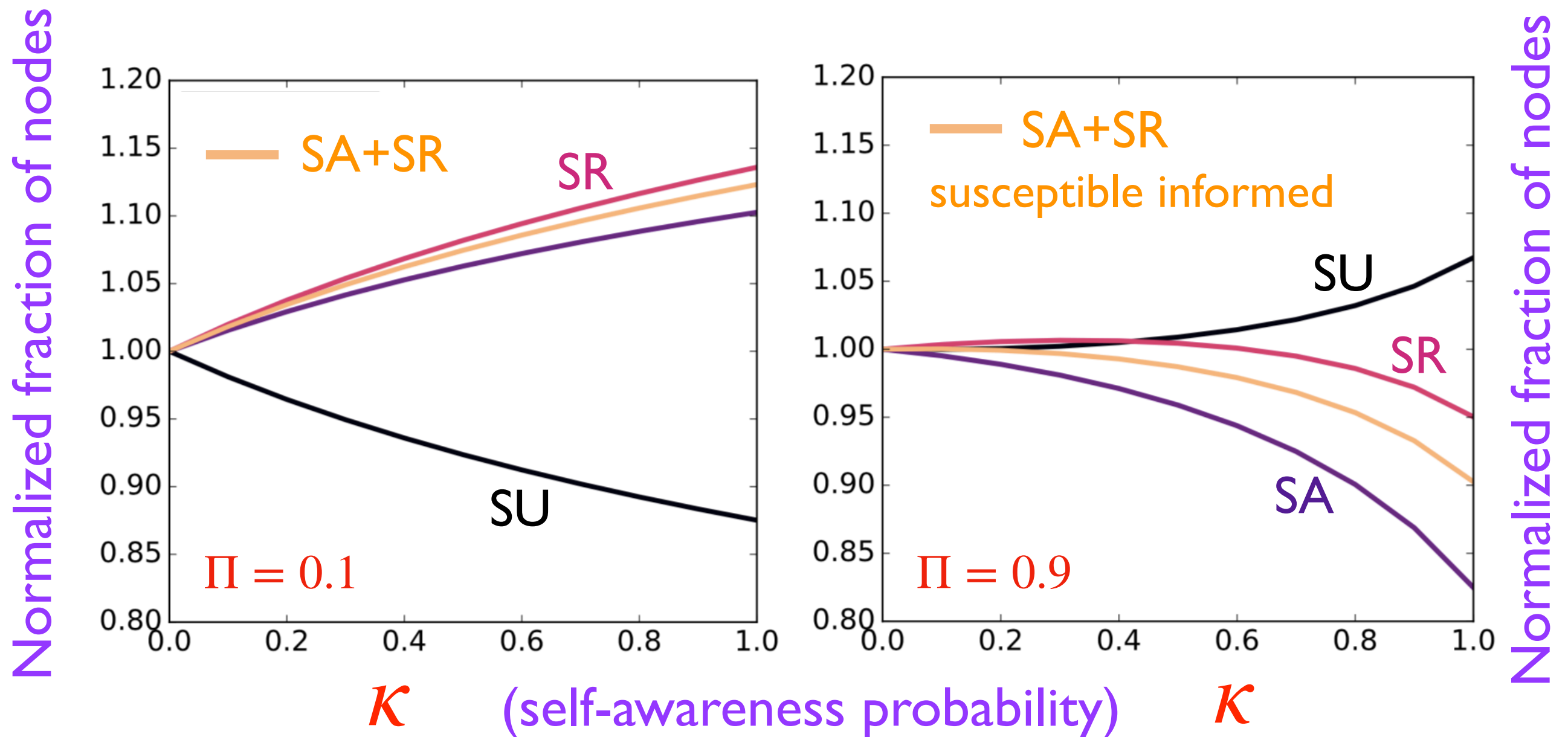
Fast information ( $\Pi = 0.9$ ):

Disease prevalence (infected) increases with self-awareness!



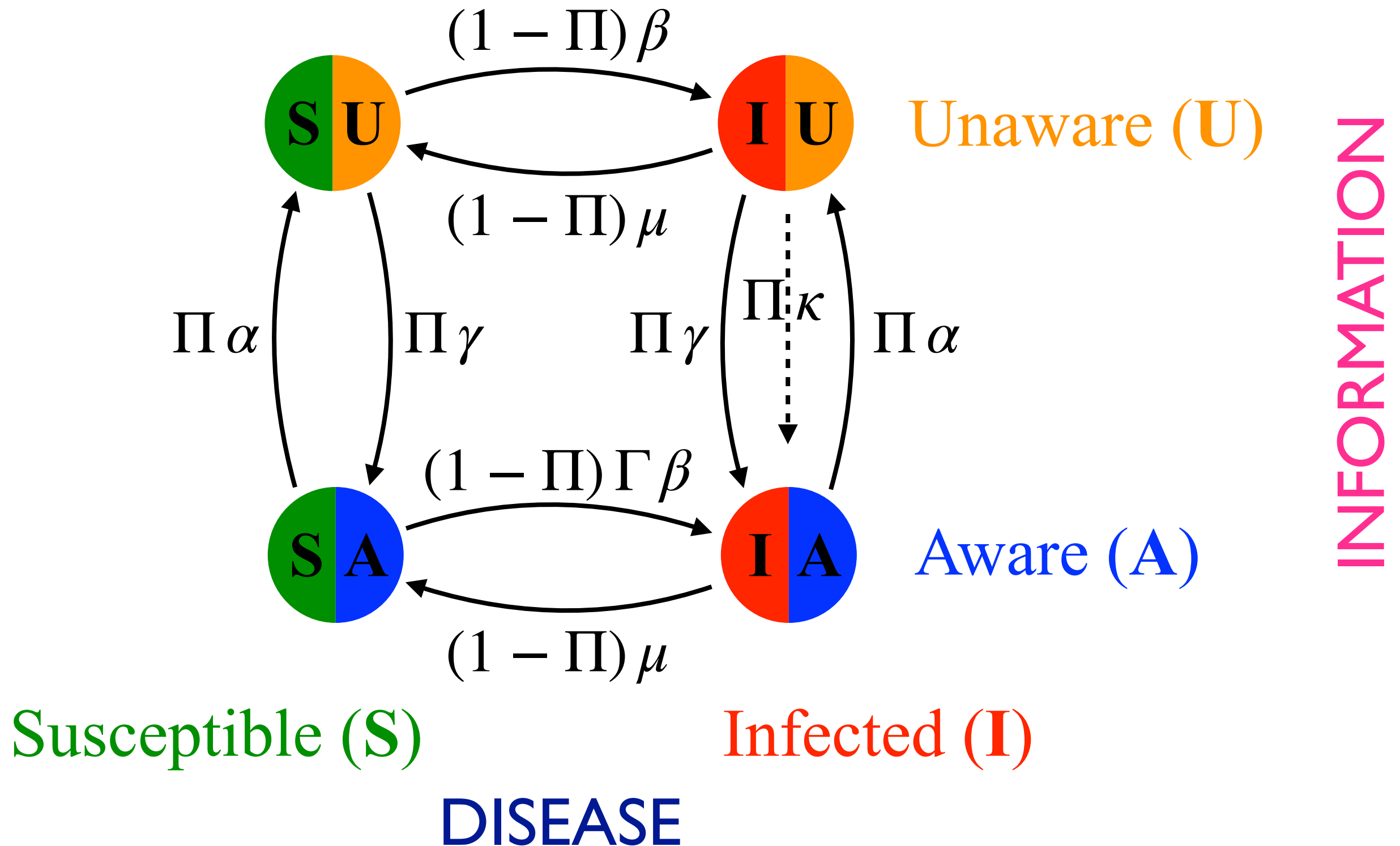
Fast information ( $\Pi = 0.9$ ):

Fraction of **susceptible informed nodes** decreases with self-awareness. Less protected susceptible nodes, larger **prevalence**.

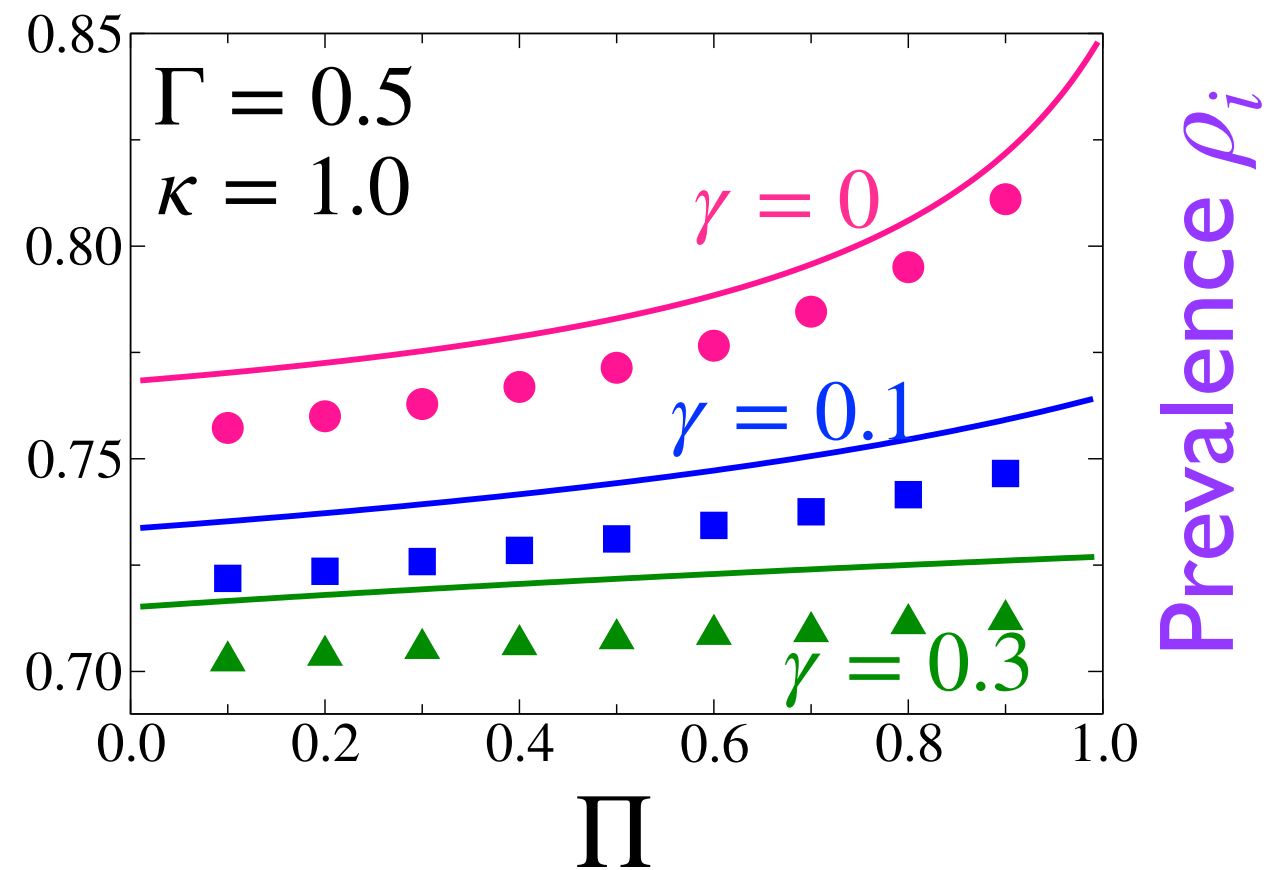
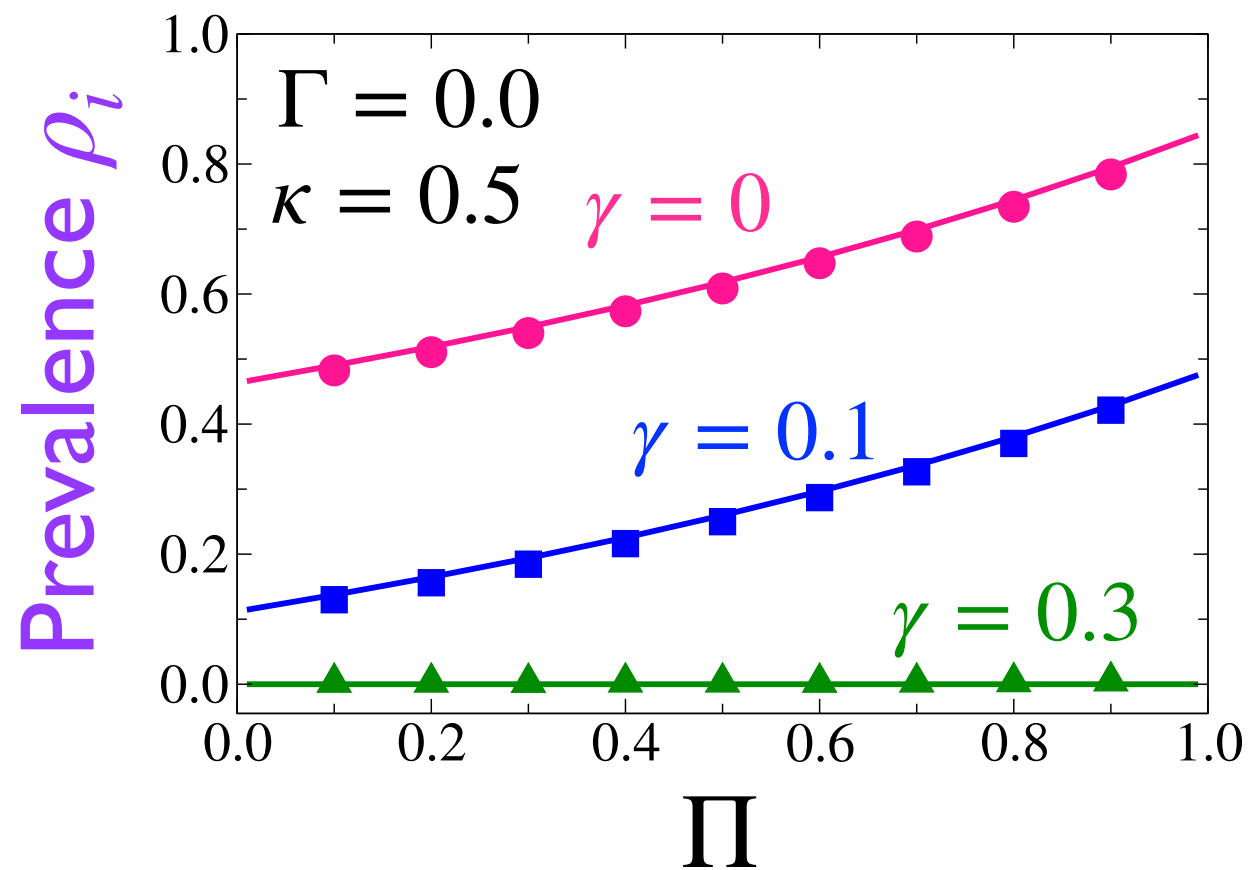


# Simpler model SIS - UAU (no stiflers):

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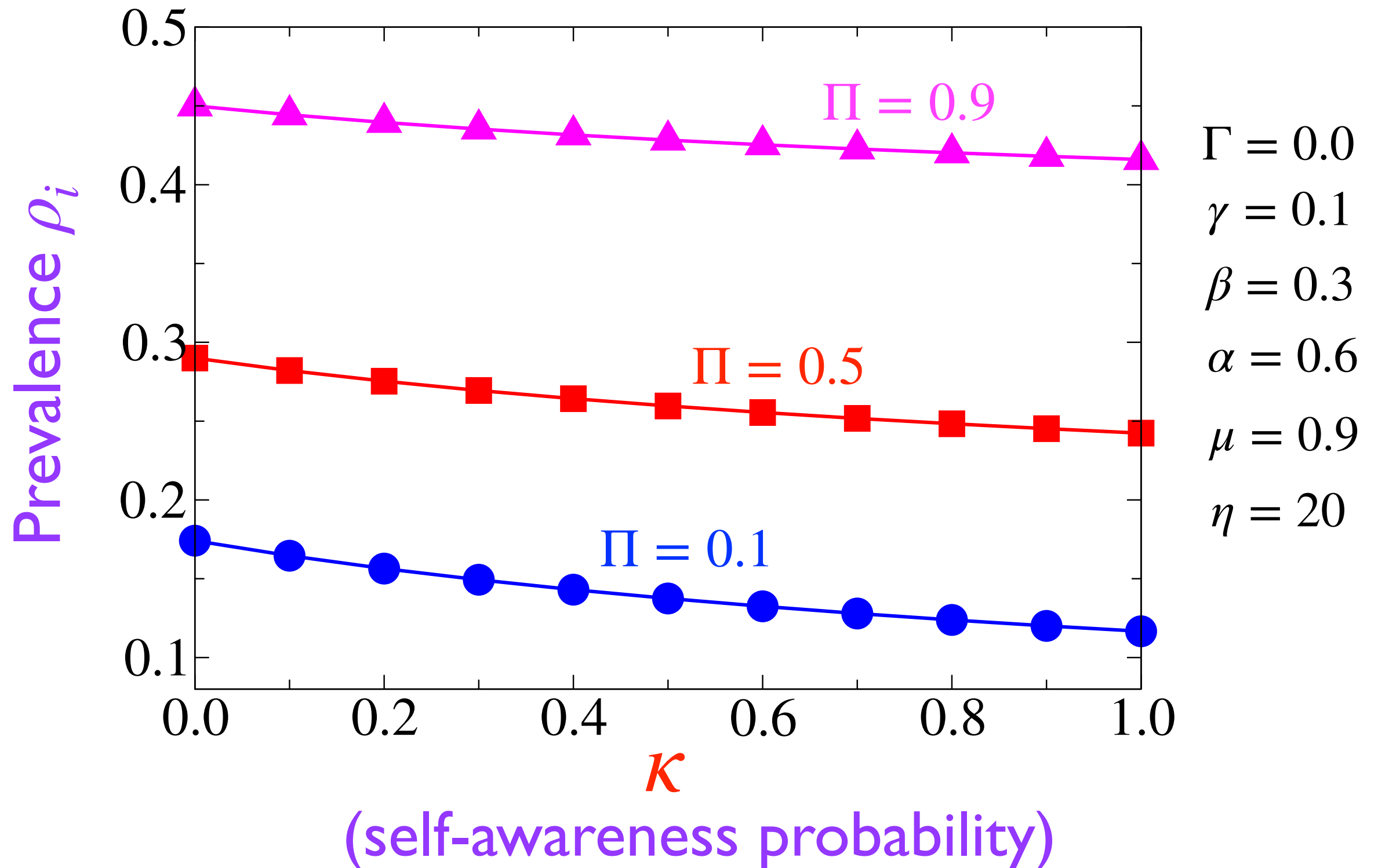


Prevalence increases with faster information, like in SIS/UAR

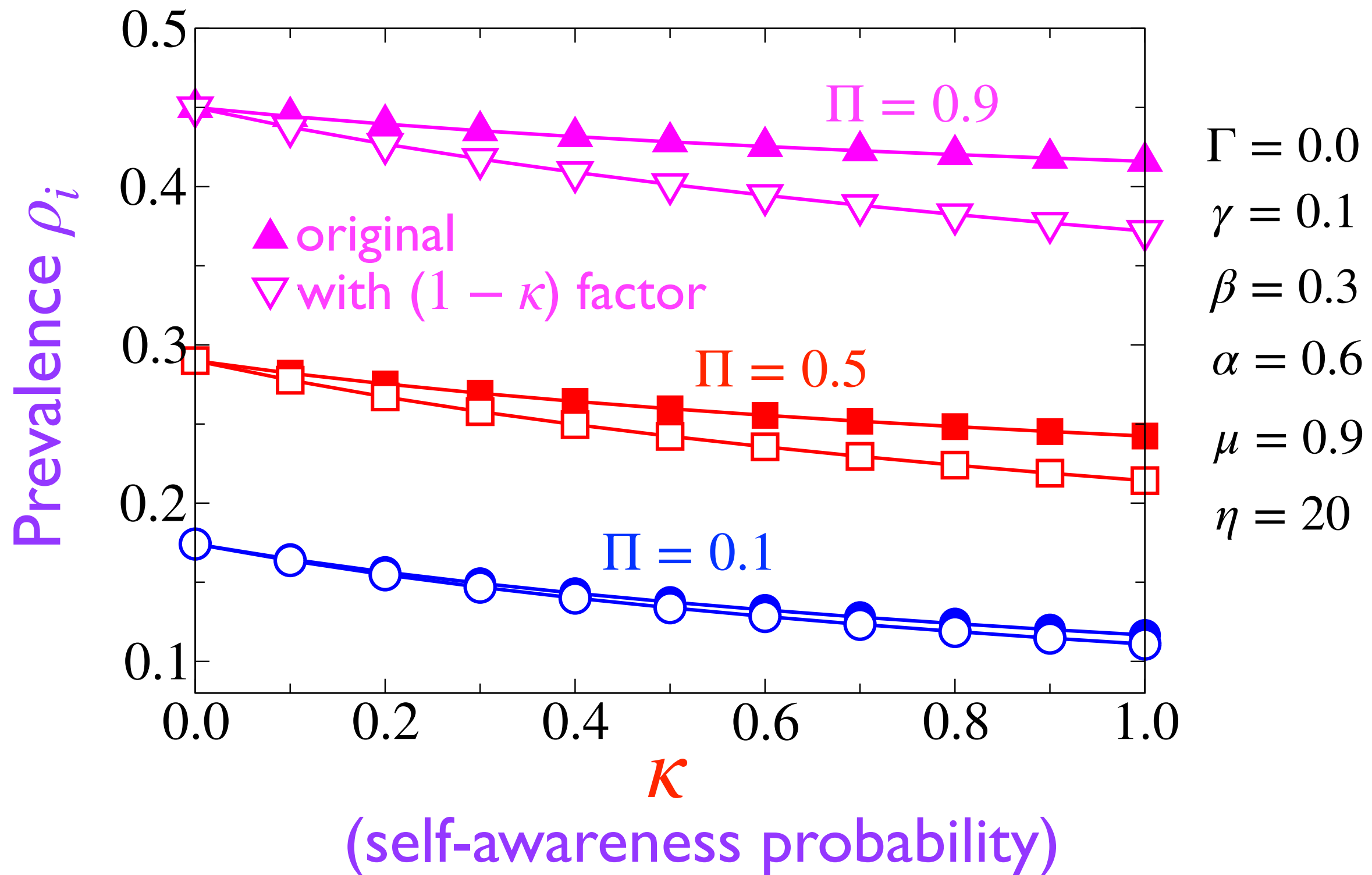


Effect of information's speed on prevalence is related to cyclic rumor dynamics of UARU or UAU.

Prevalence decreases with self-awareness for all  $\Pi$ ,  
unlike SIS/UARU model



# Effect of self-awareness on prevalence depends on stiflers



## Mean field equations:

$$\frac{d\rho_{iu}}{dt} = (1 - \Pi)\beta\eta\rho_{su}\rho_i + \Pi\alpha\rho_{ia} - (1 - \Pi)\mu\rho_{iu} - \Pi\kappa\rho_{iu} - \Pi\gamma\eta\rho_{iu}\rho_a$$

$$\frac{d\rho_{su}}{dt} = (1 - \Pi)\mu\rho_{iu} + \Pi\alpha\rho_{sa} - (1 - \Pi)\beta\eta\rho_{su}\rho_i - \Pi\gamma\eta\rho_{su}\rho_a$$

$$\frac{d\rho_{ia}}{dt} = \Pi\gamma\eta\rho_{iu}\rho_a + \Pi\kappa\rho_{iu} + (1 - \Pi)\Gamma\beta\eta\rho_{sa}\rho_i - \Pi\alpha\rho_{ia} - (1 - \Pi)\mu\rho_{ia}$$

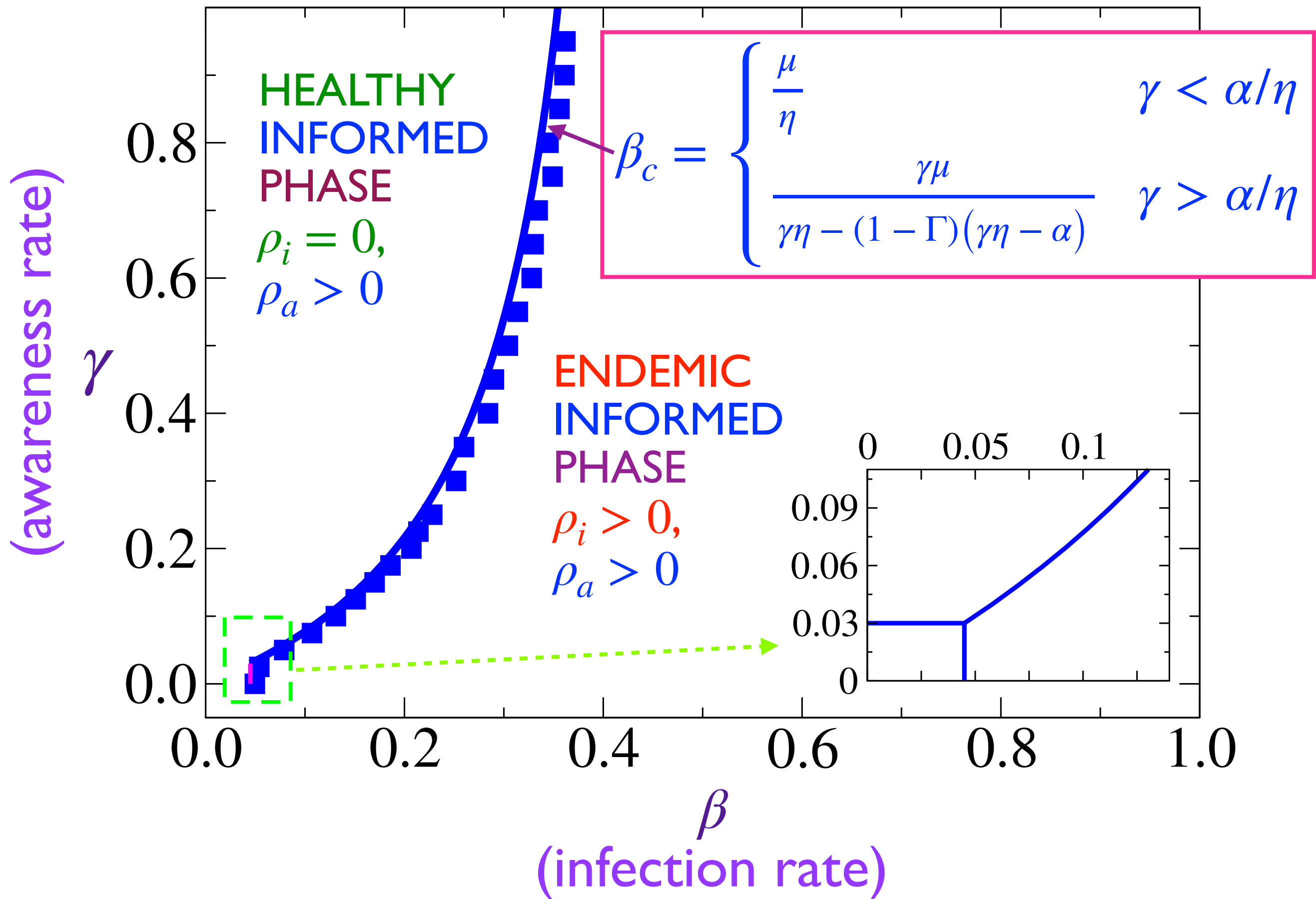
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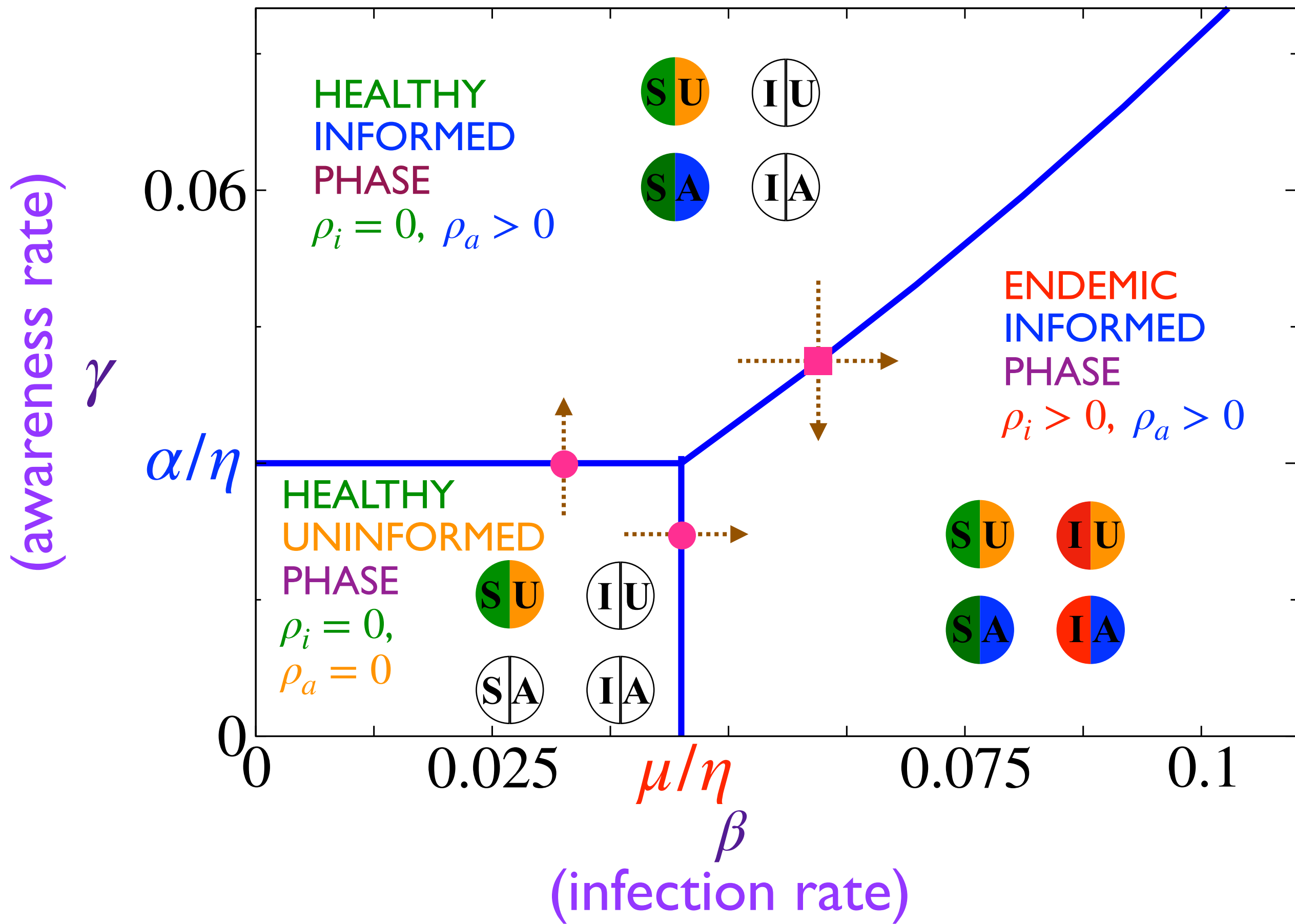
$$\rho_i = \rho_{iu} + \rho_{ia} \quad \rho_a = \rho_{ia} + \rho_{sa}$$

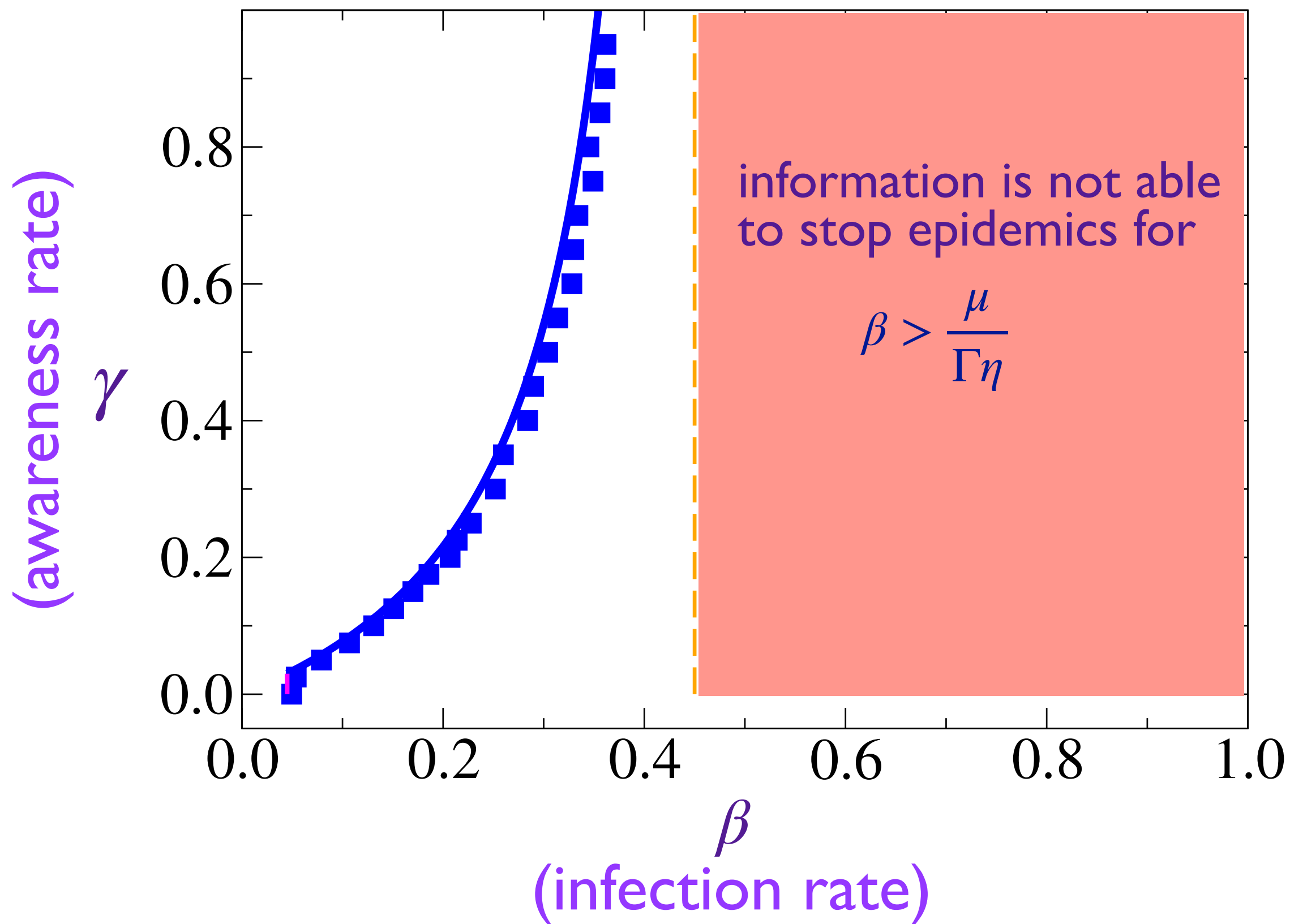
$$\rho_{iu} + \rho_{su} + \rho_{ia} + \rho_{sa} = \rho_i + \rho_s = \rho_a + \rho_u = 1$$

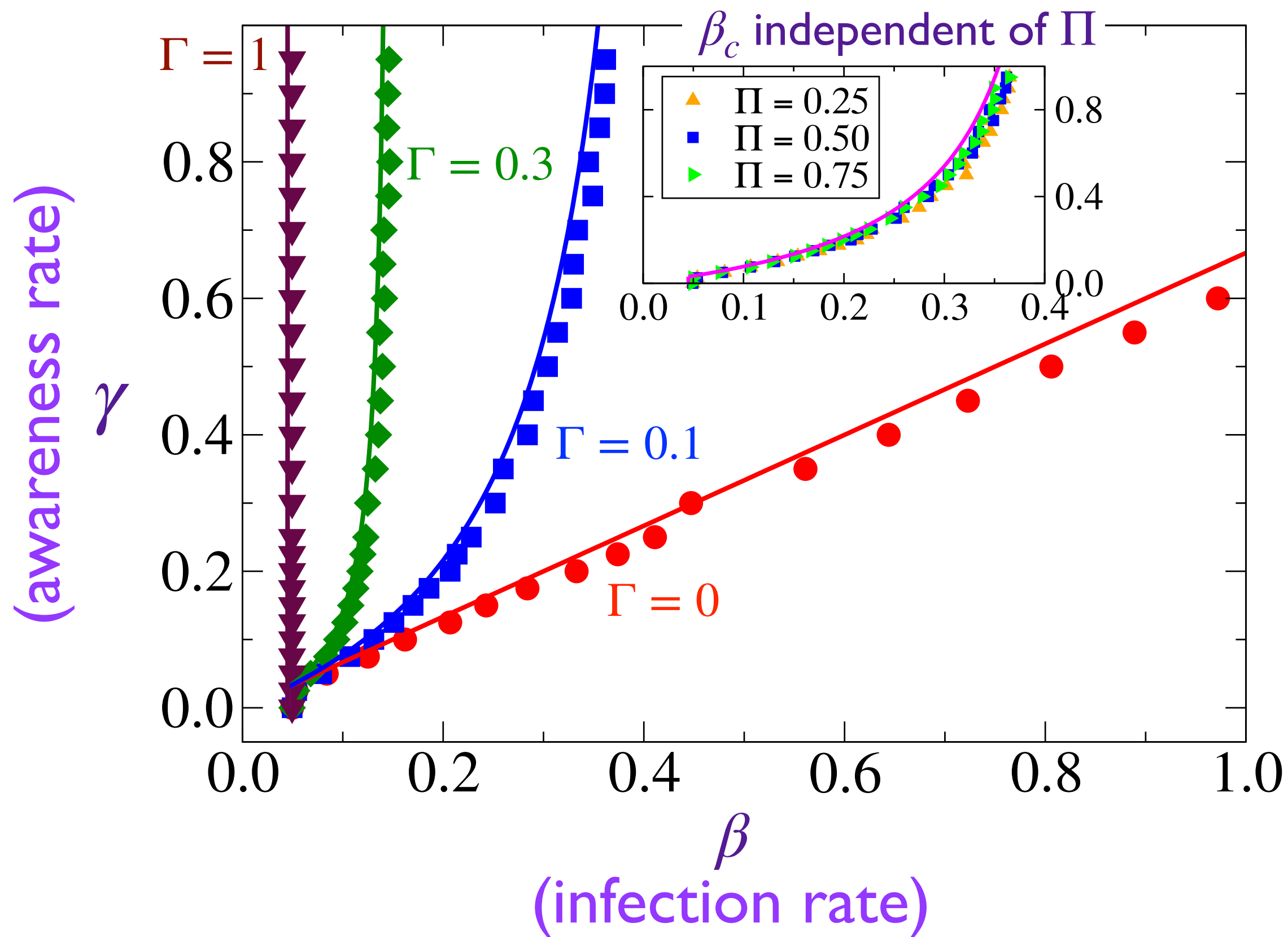
$\eta = \langle k \rangle$   
mean network  
degree











	SIS - UARU (stiflers)	SIS - UAU
Key ingredients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyclic Maki-Thompson rumor dynamics with stiflers (6 compartments).</li> <li>• Parameter <math>\Pi</math> controls relative speeds of two processes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyclic UAU dynamics without stiflers (4 compartments).</li> <li>• Parameter <math>\Pi</math> controls relative speeds of two processes.</li> </ul>
Main results	<p>Disease prevalence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increases with <math>\Pi</math>.</li> <li>• Decreases with <math>K</math> for low/moderate <math>\Pi</math>.</li> <li>• Increases with <math>K</math> for large <math>\Pi</math>.</li> </ul>	<p>Disease prevalence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increases with <math>\Pi</math>.</li> <li>• Decreases with <math>K</math> for all <math>\Pi</math>.</li> </ul>
Comment	Self-awareness leads to larger pandemic when speed of information spreading is much higher than that of disease.	Self-awareness is always beneficial for disease prevention.

## Conclusions/remarks

- Effect of speed of information  $\Pi$  is related to cyclic rumor dynamics UARU or UAU.
- Effect of self-awareness  $\kappa$  seems intrinsic to stiflers.

Relative speed  $\Pi$  between information and disease processes plays fundamental role:

- Equal speeds  $\Pi = 0.5$  (same time scales): prevalence decreases with self-awareness.
- Fast information  $\Pi \gtrsim 0.8$ : prevalence increases with self-awareness.

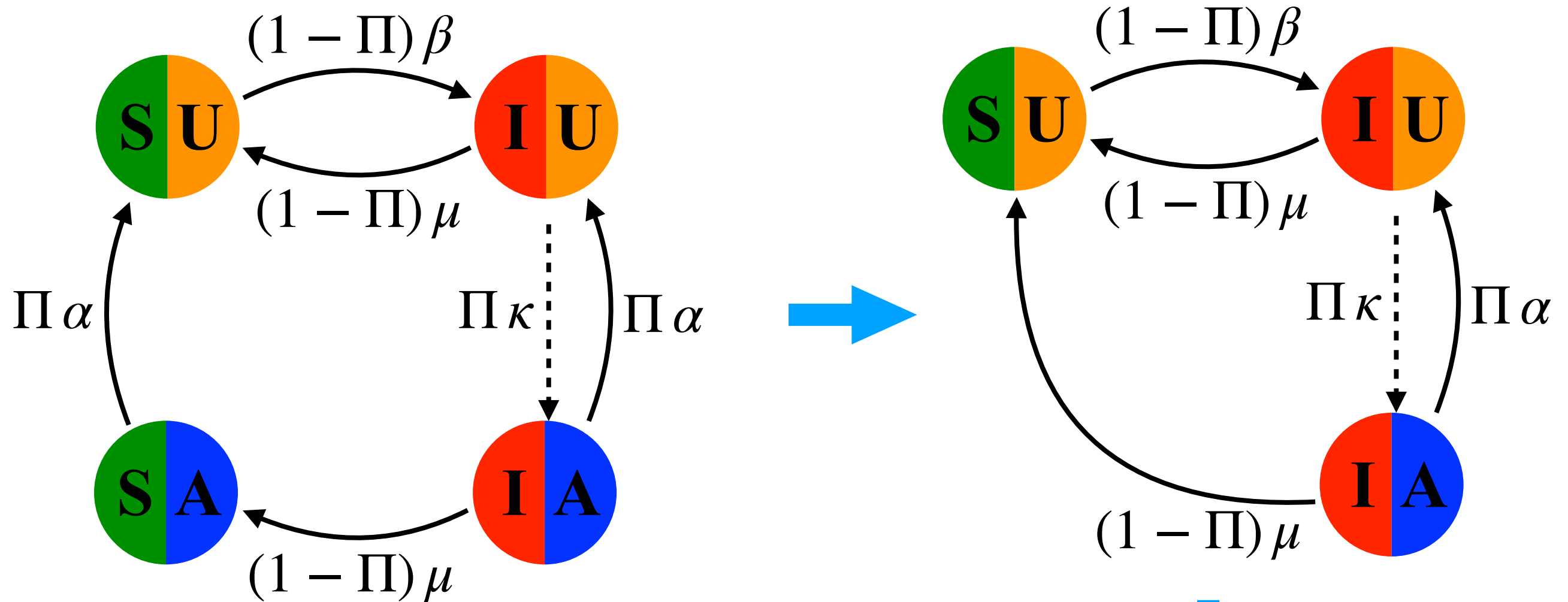
It's relevant to consider variable time scales for coupled processes.

Thank you!





Simplest nontrivial case  $\Gamma = 0, \gamma = 0$ :  $\rho_i$  increases with  $\Pi$



$$(1 - \Pi) \mu \rho_i = (1 - \Pi) \beta \eta \rho_{su} \rho_i$$

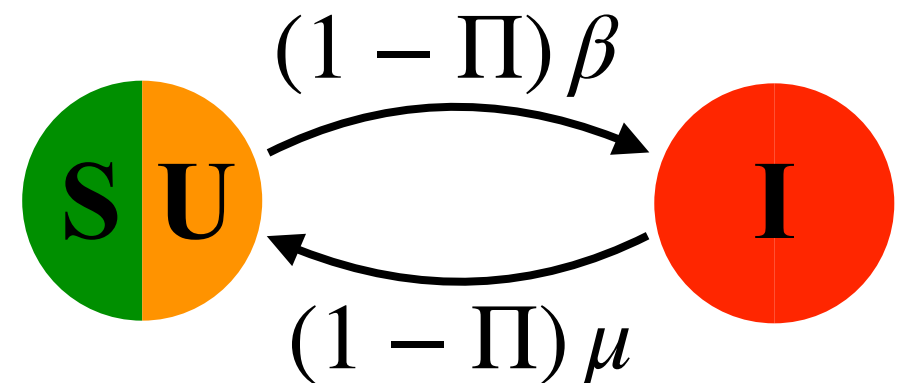
$$\rho_{su} = \frac{\mu}{\beta \eta}$$

$$\rho_i \neq 0$$

when  $\Pi \uparrow$ :

$$\rho_s = (\rho_{su} + \rho_{sa}) \downarrow$$

$$\rho_i = (1 - \rho_s) \uparrow$$



## Stationary solution for simplest nontrivial case

$\Gamma = 0, \gamma = 0$  and all  $\alpha, \beta, \kappa, \mu, \eta, \Pi$

### Original model

$$\rho_i = \frac{\alpha(\beta\eta - \mu) [\Pi(\kappa + \alpha) + (1 - \Pi)\mu]}{(\kappa + \alpha)\beta\eta [\Pi\alpha + (1 - \Pi)\mu]}$$

$$\rho_i = \frac{\alpha(\beta\eta - \mu)}{(\kappa + \alpha)\beta\eta} \left[ 1 + \frac{\kappa}{\alpha - \mu + \frac{\mu}{\Pi}} \right]$$

prevalence  $\rho_i \uparrow$  as  $\Pi \uparrow$

$$\rho_i = \frac{\alpha(\beta\eta - \mu)}{\beta\eta [\Pi\alpha + (1 - \Pi)\mu]} \left[ \Pi + \frac{(1 - \Pi)\mu}{(\kappa + \alpha)} \right]$$

prevalence  $\rho_i \downarrow$  as  $\kappa \uparrow$

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Modified  
model

$$\rho_i^{stat} = \frac{\alpha(\beta\eta - \mu) [\Pi(\kappa + \alpha - \kappa\alpha) + (1 - \Pi)\mu]}{\beta\eta [\Pi\alpha(\kappa + \alpha - \kappa\alpha) + (1 - \Pi)\mu(\kappa + \alpha)]}$$

prevalence  $\rho_i \uparrow$  as  $\Pi \uparrow$

prevalence  $\rho_i \downarrow$  as  $\kappa \uparrow$

Original and modified models have the same behavior