

# Analyzing ABMs

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Now that I have an Agent-Based  
Model how can I use it?

# The Spread of Disease

- If a disease infects 5 people before the original person recovers ( $r_0 = 5$ ), then in three steps of the infection, the disease will infect 156 people (fast growth).
- On the other hand, the number of possible infections will quickly tail off because the disease may run out of new hosts (resource limits).
- Other Complications
  - No truly uniform mixing
  - Different susceptibilities to disease
  - Environmental interactions

variant

mobile

num-infected

3

num-people

200

Infected

91

setup

go once

go

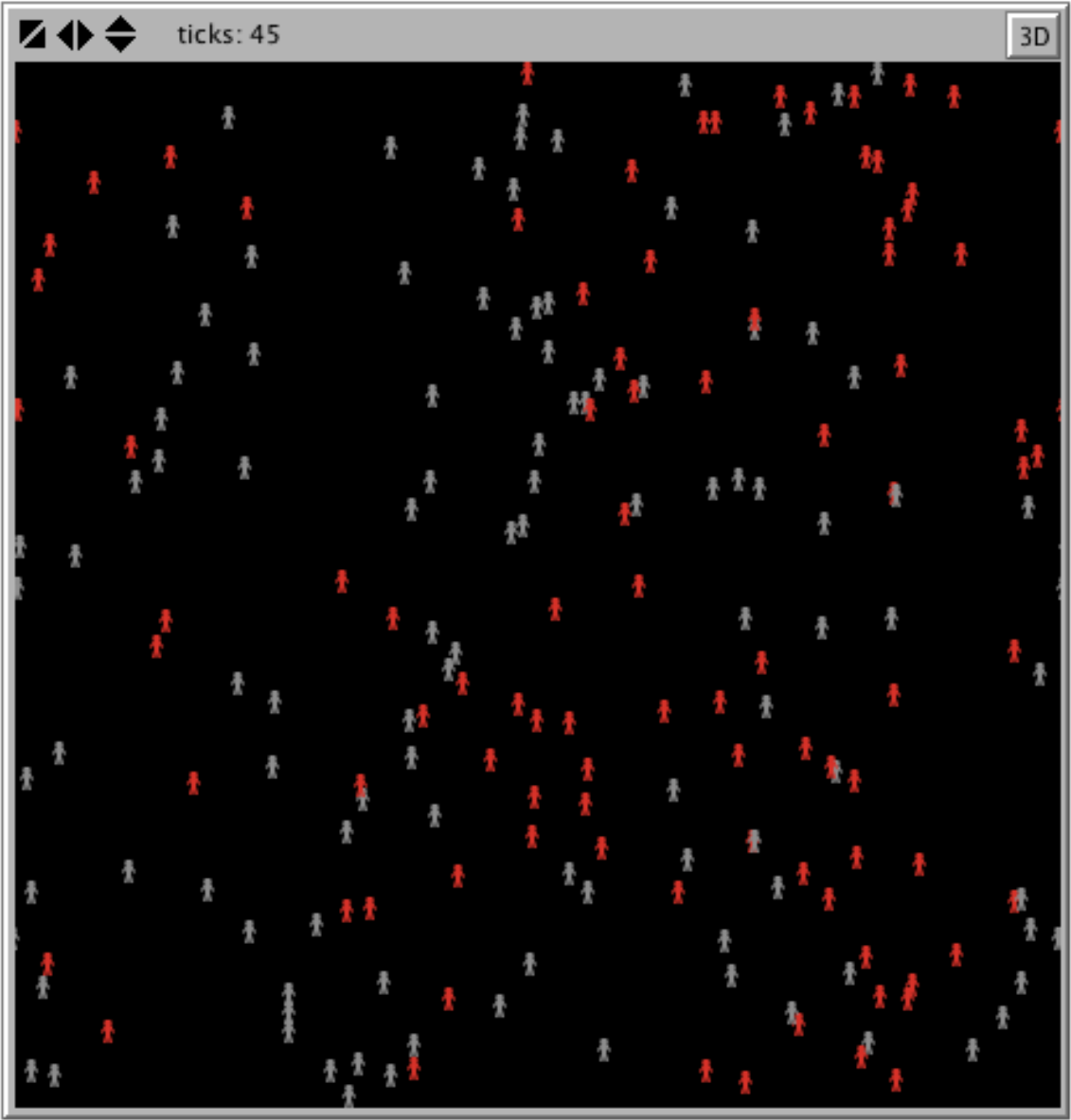
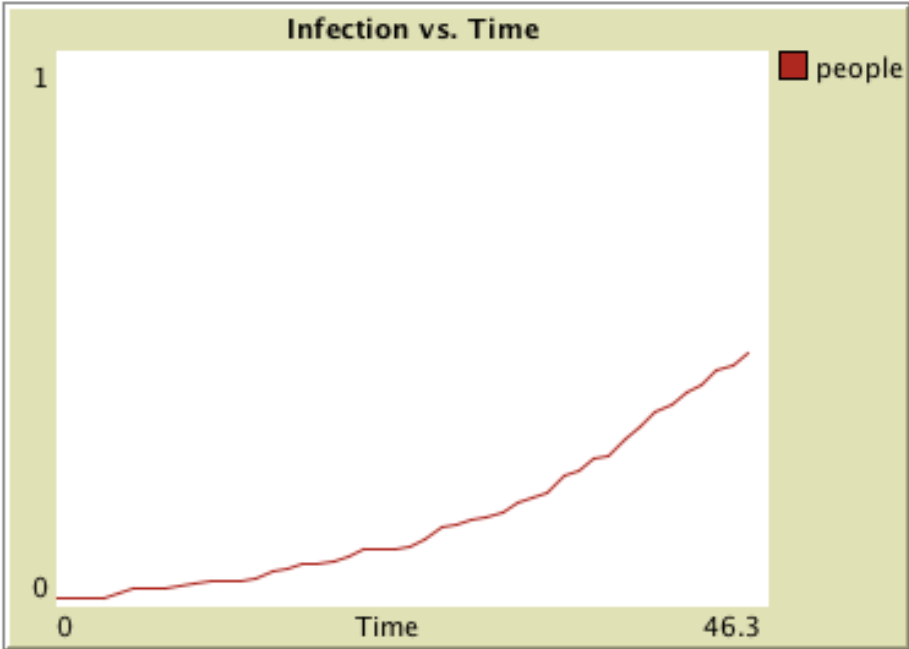
redo layout

connections-per-node

1.0

disease-decay

10 ticks



Spread of Disease

# An Initial Investigation

- What if we decide to investigate how population density affects the spread of disease?
- A couple of researchers decide to run experiments to investigate this
- We examine how population density affects the time to 100% infection

# Different Results

## First Run

Population	50	100	150	200
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Time to 100% Infection	419	188	169	127
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## Second Run

Population	50	100	150	200
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Time to 100% Infection	305	263	118	126
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Maybe we need to do more runs?

# Raw Data

Population	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Run 7	Run 8	Run 9	Run 10
50	419	365	305	318	323	337	432	380	430	359
100	188	263	256	205	206	205	201	181	202	231
150	169	118	163	146	143	167	137	121	140	140
200	127	126	113	111	133	129	109	101	105	133

# The Necessity of Multiple Runs

- Since many of these models are stochastic, we need to run the model several times to understand the behavior
- There are several different ways to execute multiple runs in NetLogo or in any ABM platform



# Within the Model

```
repeat 10 [  
  set num-people 50  
  setup  
  while [ count turtles with [ not infected? ] > 0 ]  
    [ go ]  
  print ticks  
]
```

Experiment

Experiment name

Vary variables as follows (note brackets and quotation marks):

["connections-per-node" 1]  
["disease-decay" 10]  
["num-infected" 3]  
["variant" "mobile"]

Either list values to use, for example:  
["my-slider" 1 2 7 8]  
or specify start, increment, and end, for example:  
["my-slider" [0 1 10]] (note additional brackets)  
to go from 0, 1 at a time, to 10.  
You may also vary max-pxcor, min-pxcor, max-pycor, min-pycor, random-seed.

Repetitions

run each combination this many times

Measure runs using these reporters:

count turtles

one reporter per line; you may not split a reporter  
across multiple lines

☒ Measure runs at every step  
if unchecked, runs are measured only when they are over

Setup commands:

Go commands:

☐ Stop condition:  
the run stops if this reporter becomes true

☐ Final commands:  
run at the end of each run

Time limit

stop after this many steps (0 = no limit)

Cancel

OK

Experiment

Experiment name

Vary variables as follows (note brackets and quotation marks):

["variant" "mobile"]  
["connections-per-node" 4.1]  
["num-people" [50 50 200]]  
["num-infected" 1]  
["disease-decay" 0]

Either list values to use, for example:  
["my-slider" 1 2 7 8]  
or specify start, increment, and end, for example:  
["my-slider" [0 1 10]] (note additional brackets)  
to go from 0, 1 at a time, to 10.  
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Cancel

OK

# Raw Data

BehaviorSpace results (NetLogo 5.3.1)						
Spread of Disease.nlogo						
population-density						
09/26/2016 15:07:32:848 -0400						
min-pxcor	max-pxcor	min-pycor	max-pycor			
-20	20	-20	20			
[run number]	variant	connections-per-node	num-people	num-infected	disease-decay	[step]
2	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	
7	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	
5	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	
8	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	
6	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	
1	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	
4	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	
11	"mobile"	4.1	100	1	0	
10	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	
3	"mobile"	4.1	50	1	0	

# Summary Statistics

Summary statistics provide us with a way of characterizing a large data set.

Easy to do in R.

Population	Mean	Std. Dev.
50	366.8	47.39385802
100	213.8	27.40154091
150	144.4	17.65219533
200	118.7	12.12939497

Mean

Standard Deviation

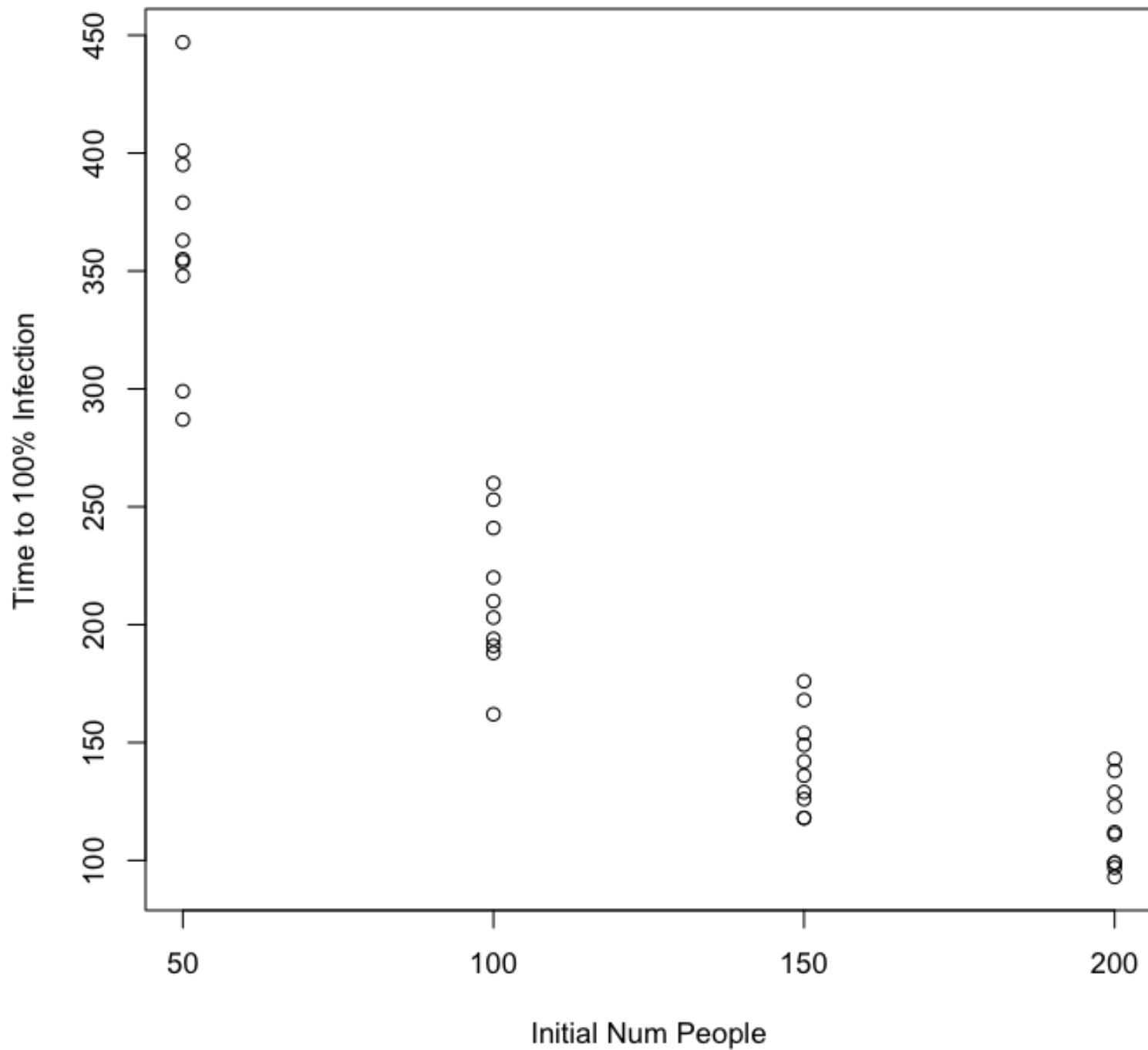
$$\mu = \frac{x_1 + x_1 + \cdots + x_n}{N}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}[(x_1 - \mu)^2 + (x_2 - \mu)^2 + \cdots + (x_n - \mu)^2]}$$

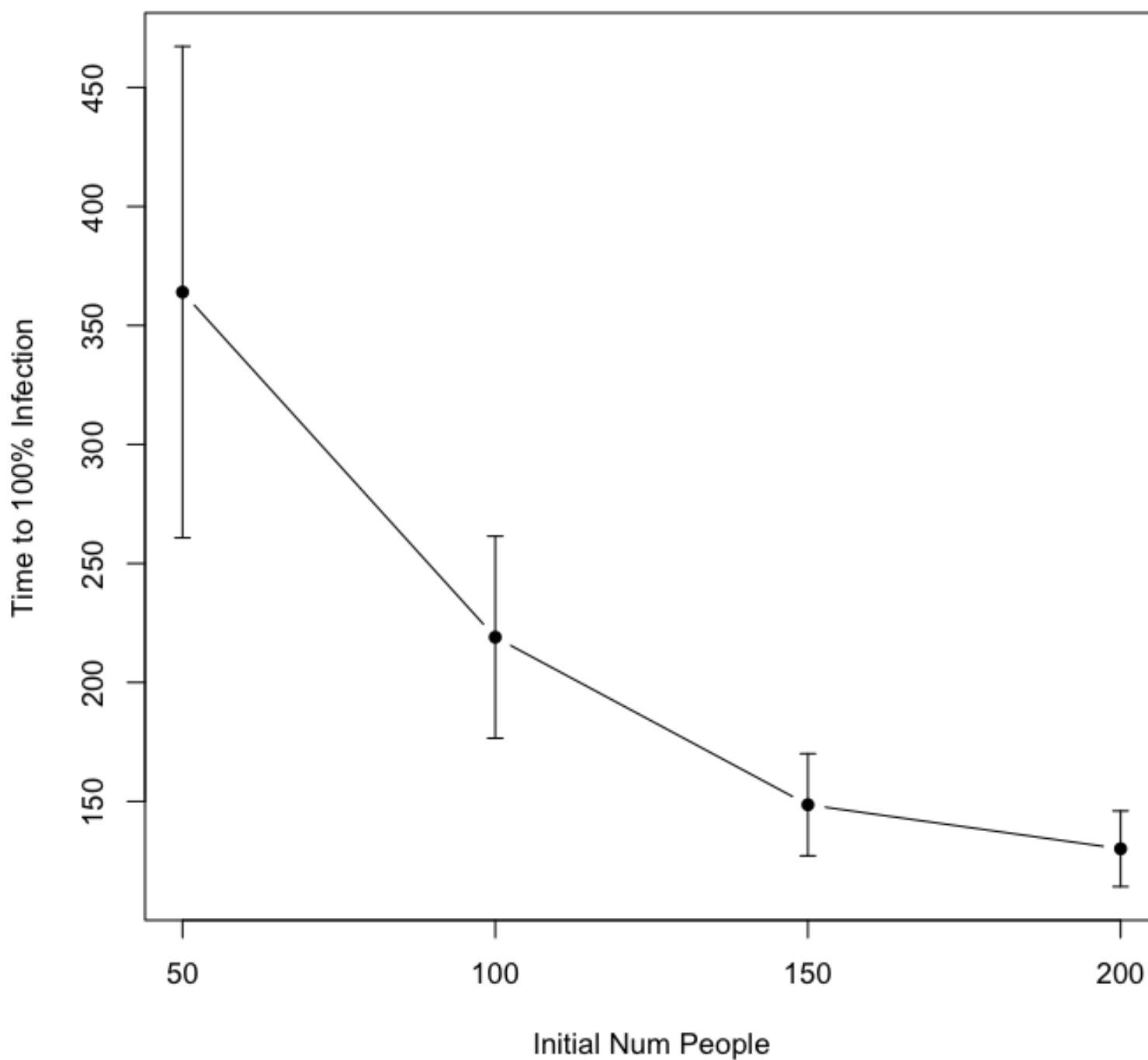
# Creating Graphs

- Graphs provide a visual way to summarize the data
- They are not better or worse than summary statistics just different
- Many different graphs have been created
- Always useful to start by looking at all data
- Again, easy to do in R

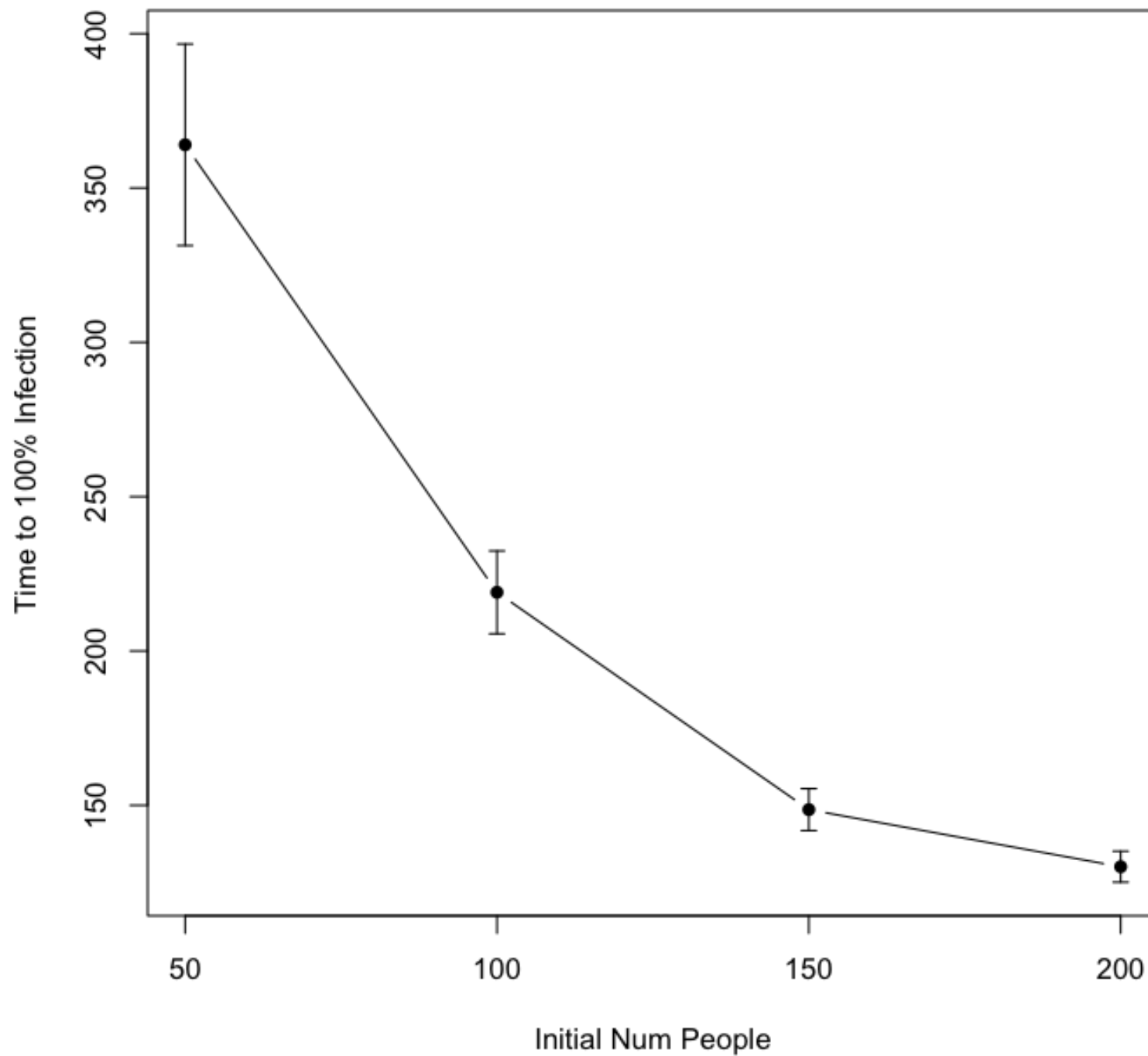
**Time to 100% Infection vs. Population**



**Time to 100% Infection vs. Initial Population**  
**Errorbars are 1 SD**



**Time to 100% Infection vs. Initial Population**  
**Errorbars are 1 SE**

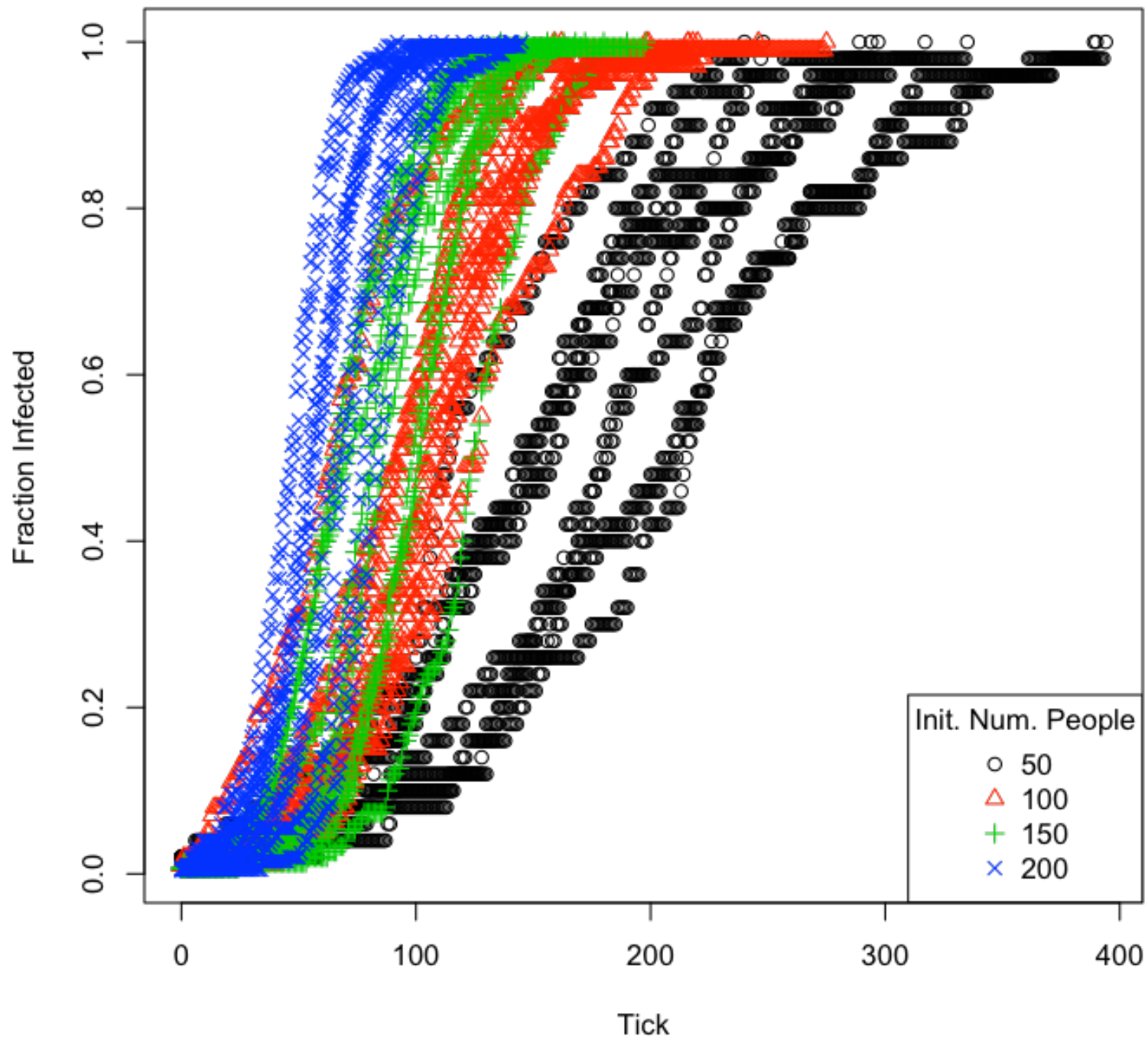




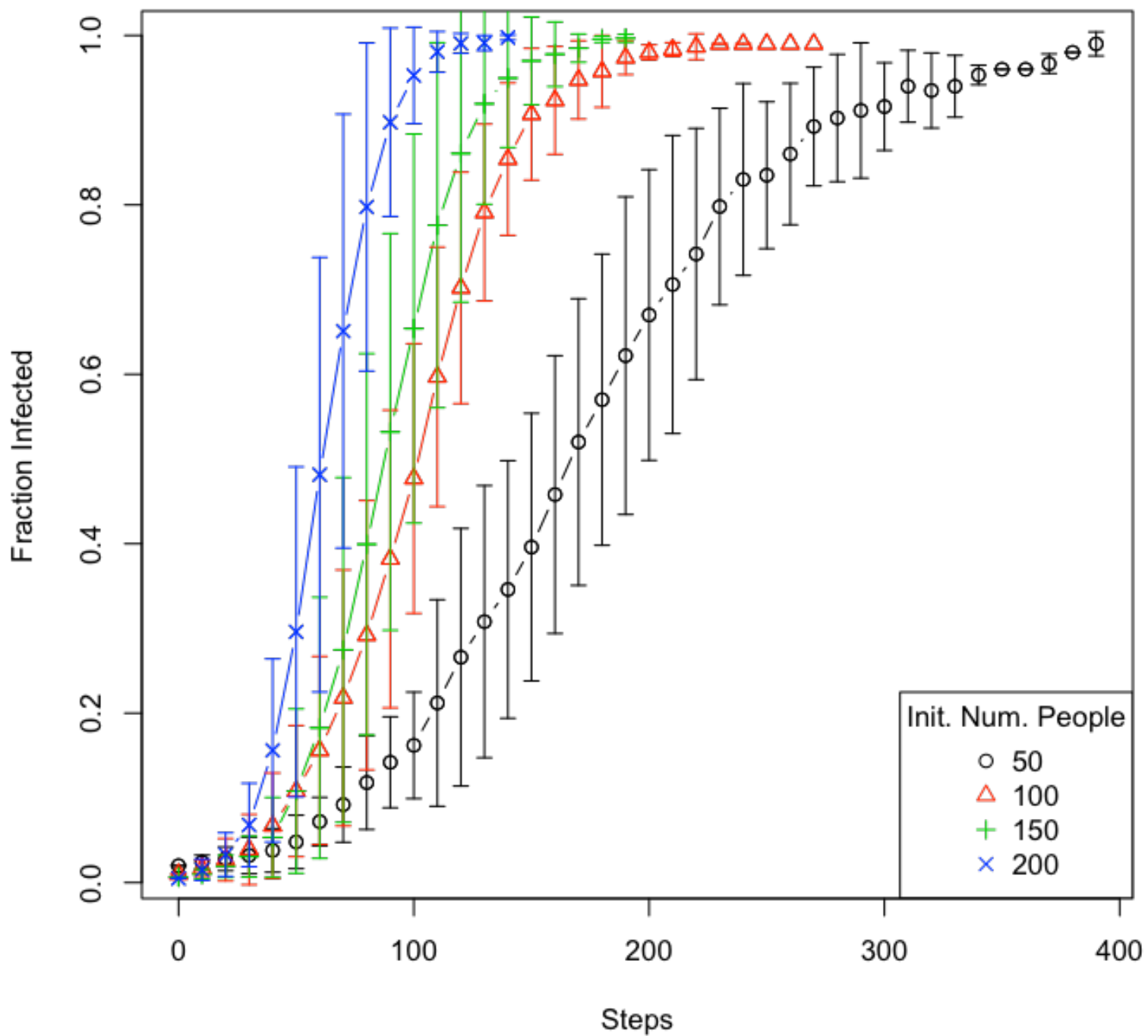
# Time Series Graphs

- The graphs so far are all end of run results
- One important aspect of ABM is that you also have transitionary data recorded
- Runtime graphs are useful to look at, but they require lots of data

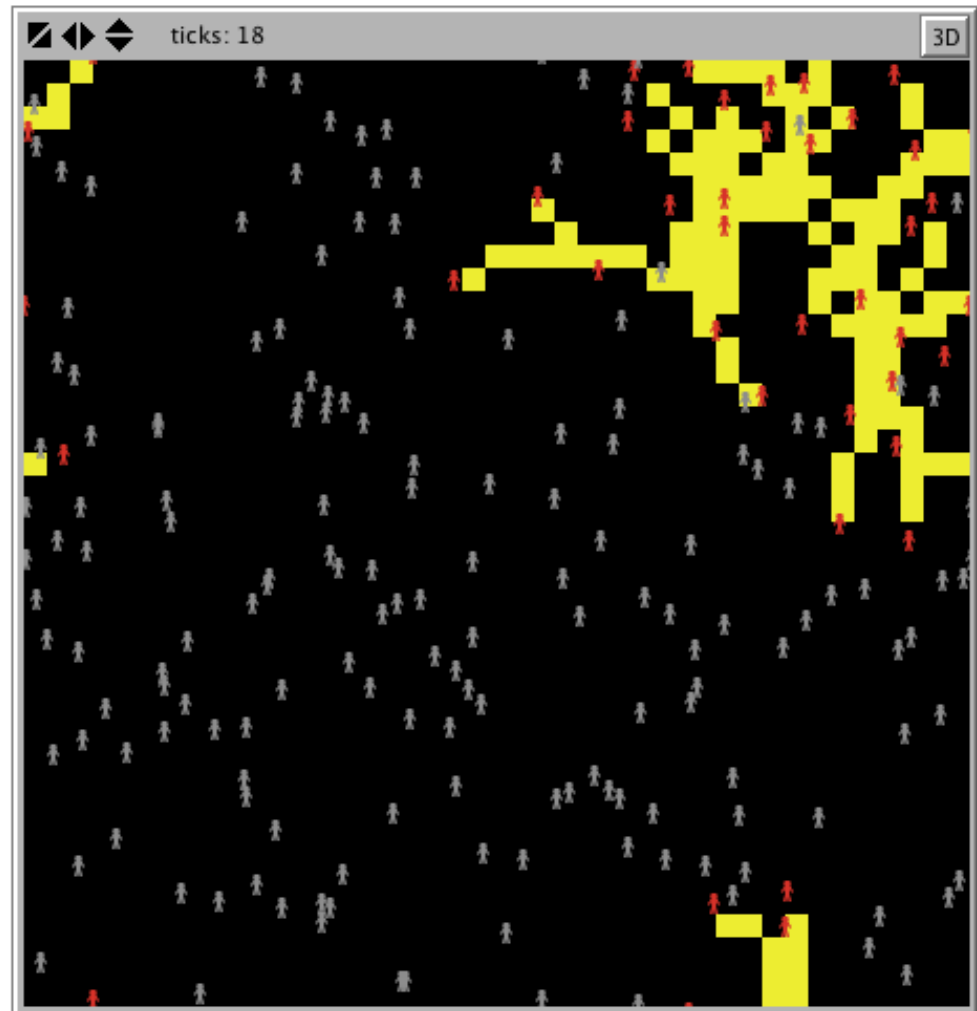
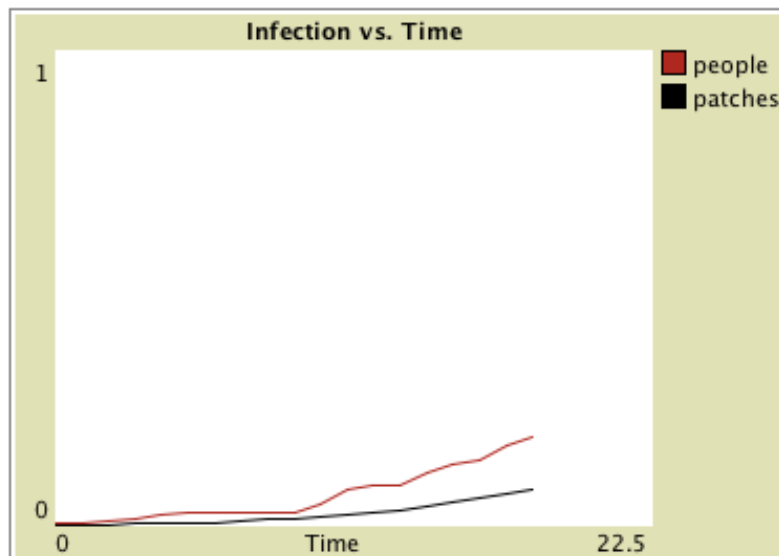
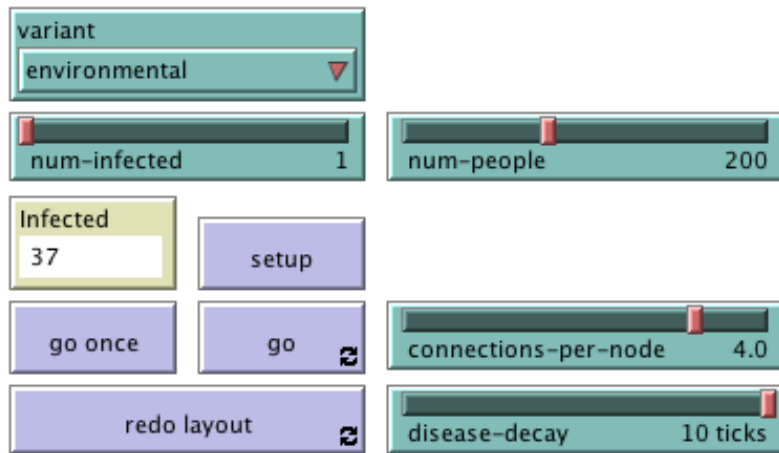
Infected over Time



**Infected over Time**



# An Environmental Variant



# Environmental Changes

- Set number of people to a constant
- Add new variable called disease decay
- Anyone entering an area where the disease still is will be infected

Experiment

Experiment name

vary variables as follows (note brackets and quotation marks):

```
[ "num-people" 200 ]  
[ "connections-per-node" 4 ]  
[ "disease-decay" [ 0 1 10 ] ]  
[ "variant" "environmental" ]  
[ "num-infected" 1 ]
```

Either list values to use, for example:  
["my-slider" 1 2 7 8]  
or specify start, increment, and end, for example:  
["my-slider" [0 1 10]] (note additional brackets)  
to go from 0, 1 at a time, to 10.  
You may also vary max-pxcor, min-pxcor, max-pycor, min-pycor, random-seed.

Repetitions   
run each combination this many times

Measure runs using these reporters:

ticks

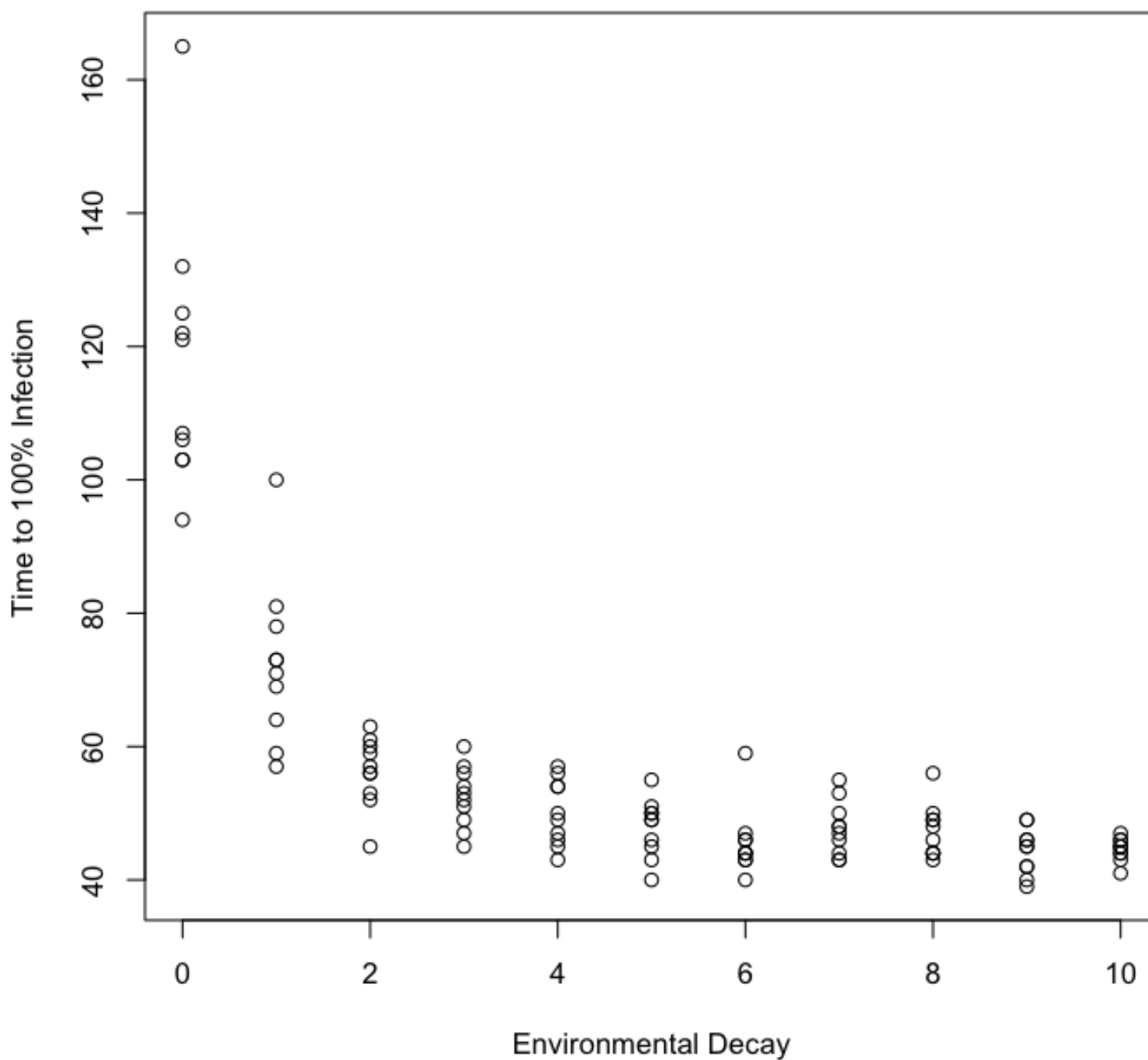
one reporter per line; you may not split a reporter across multiple lines

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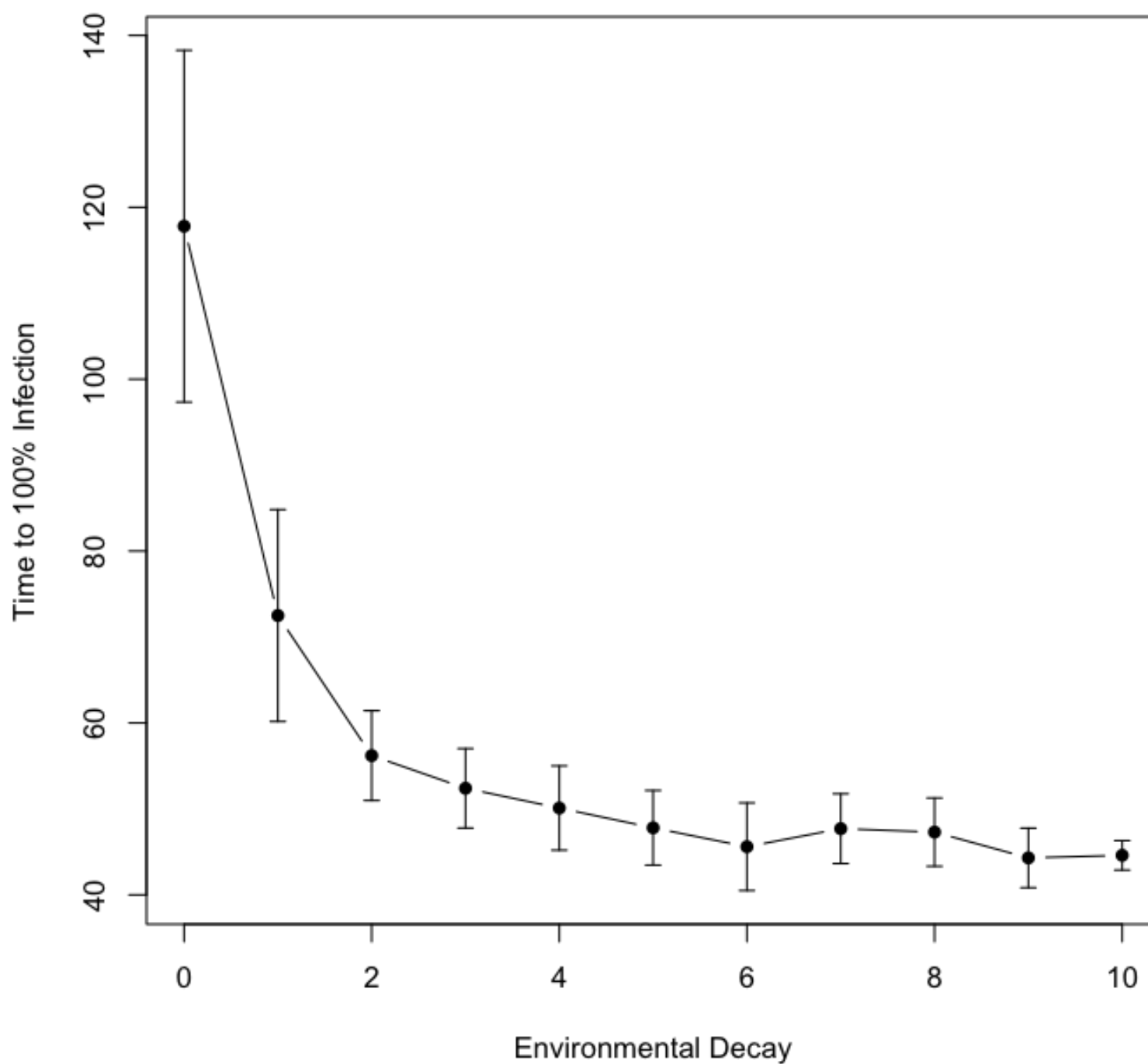
Setup commands:

Go commands:

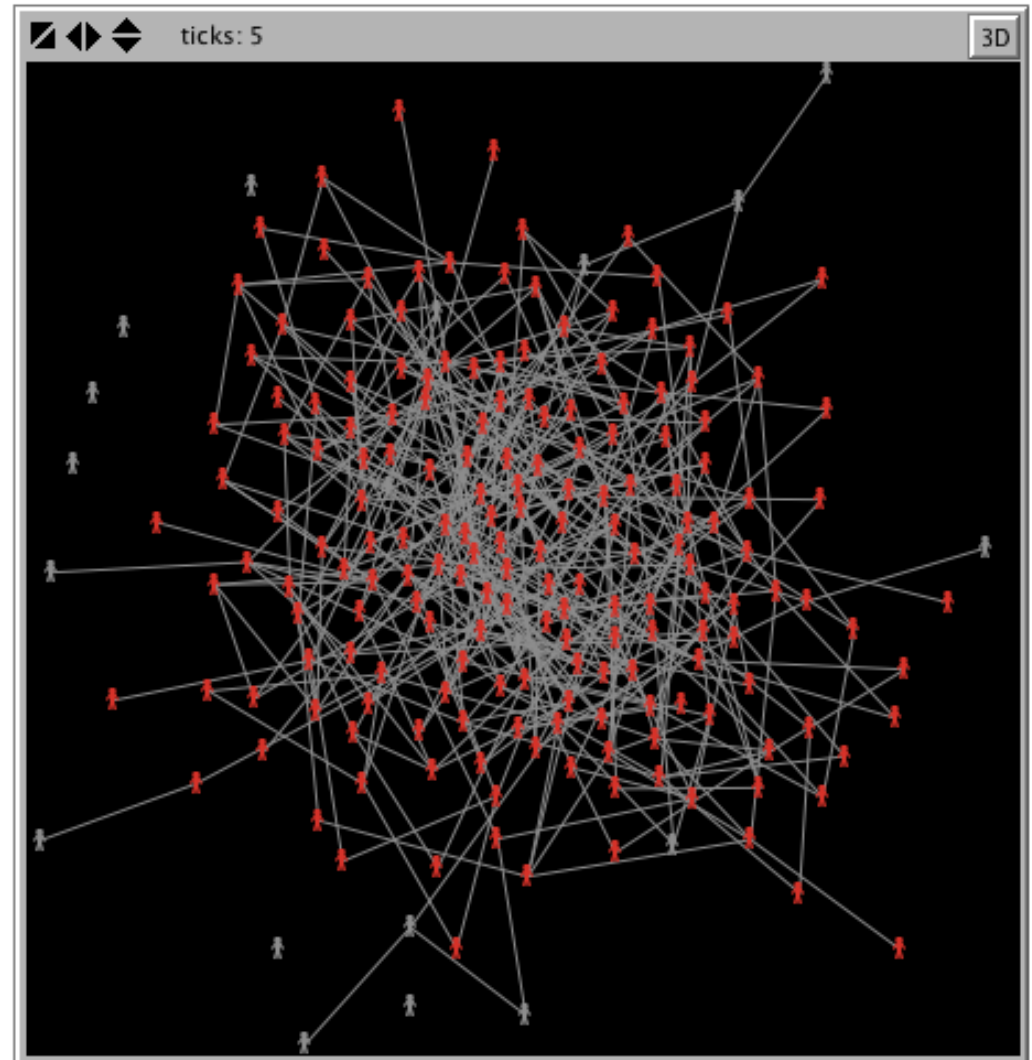
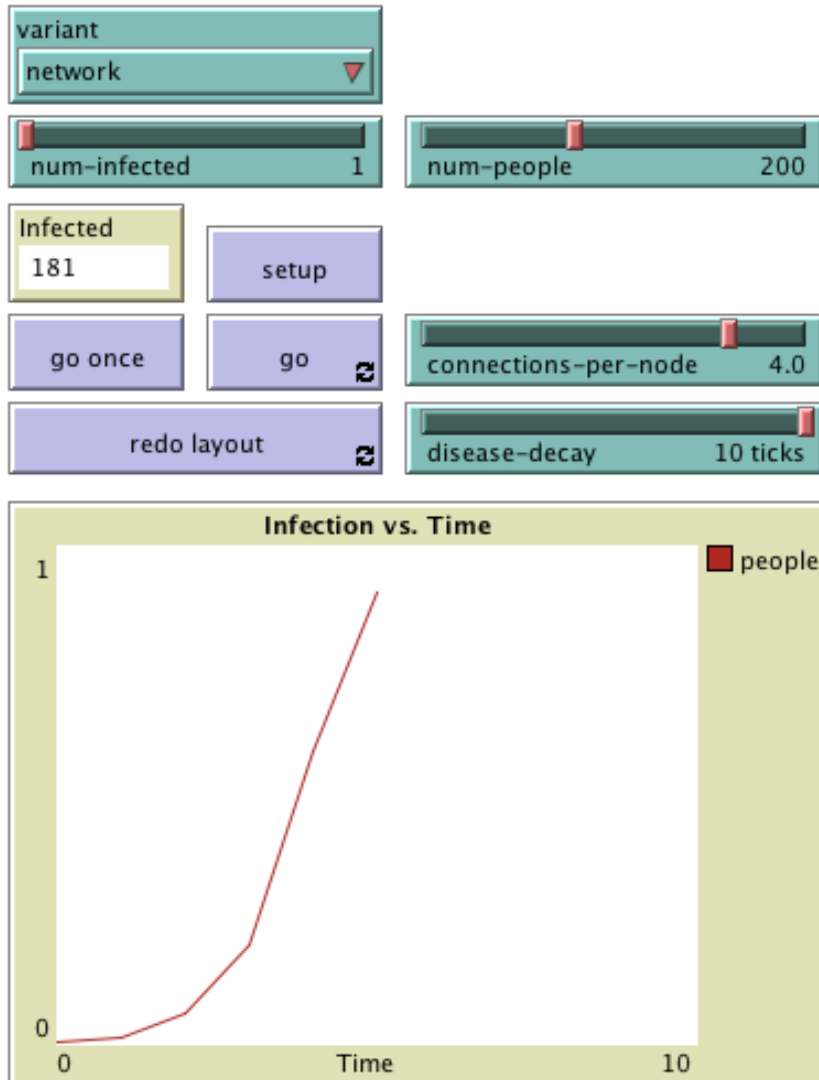
**Time to 100% Infection vs. Environmental Decay**



**Time to 100% Infection vs. Environmental Decay**



# A Network Variant





# Network Changes

- 100% Infection is no longer guaranteed
- Measure spread until a certain time
- Record number infected at that time

The screenshot shows the 'Experiment' dialog box in NetLogo. The 'Experiment name' field contains 'degree'. The 'Initial values (use quotation marks):' section contains three lines of code: `["num-people" 200]`, `["connections-per-node" [0.5 0.5 4]]`, and `["disease-decay" 10]`. Below these is a line `["num-infected" 1]`. A text block explains that values can be lists or ranges, and lists variables like `max-pxcor` that can be varied. The 'Repetitions' field is set to 10. The 'Measure runs using these reporters:' section contains `count turtles with [infected?]`. A checkbox for 'Measure runs at every step' is unchecked. The 'Setup commands:' field contains 'setup', and the 'Go commands:' field contains 'go'. The 'Stop condition:' section has a 'Time limit' of 50. The 'Final commands:' field is empty. 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons are at the bottom right.

Experiment name: degree

Initial values (use quotation marks):

```
["num-people" 200]
["connections-per-node" [0.5 0.5 4]]
["disease-decay" 10]
["num-infected" 1]
```

Either list values to use, for example:  
["my-slider" 1 2 7 8]  
or specify start, increment, and end, for example:  
["my-slider" [0 1 10]] (note additional brackets)  
to go from 0, 1 at a time, to 10.  
You may also vary max-pxcor, min-pxcor, max-pycor, min-pycor, random-seed.

Repetitions: 10

Measure runs using these reporters:

```
count turtles with [infected?]
```

one reporter per line; you may not split a reporter across multiple lines

☐ Measure runs at every step  
if unchecked, runs are measured only when they are over

Setup commands: setup

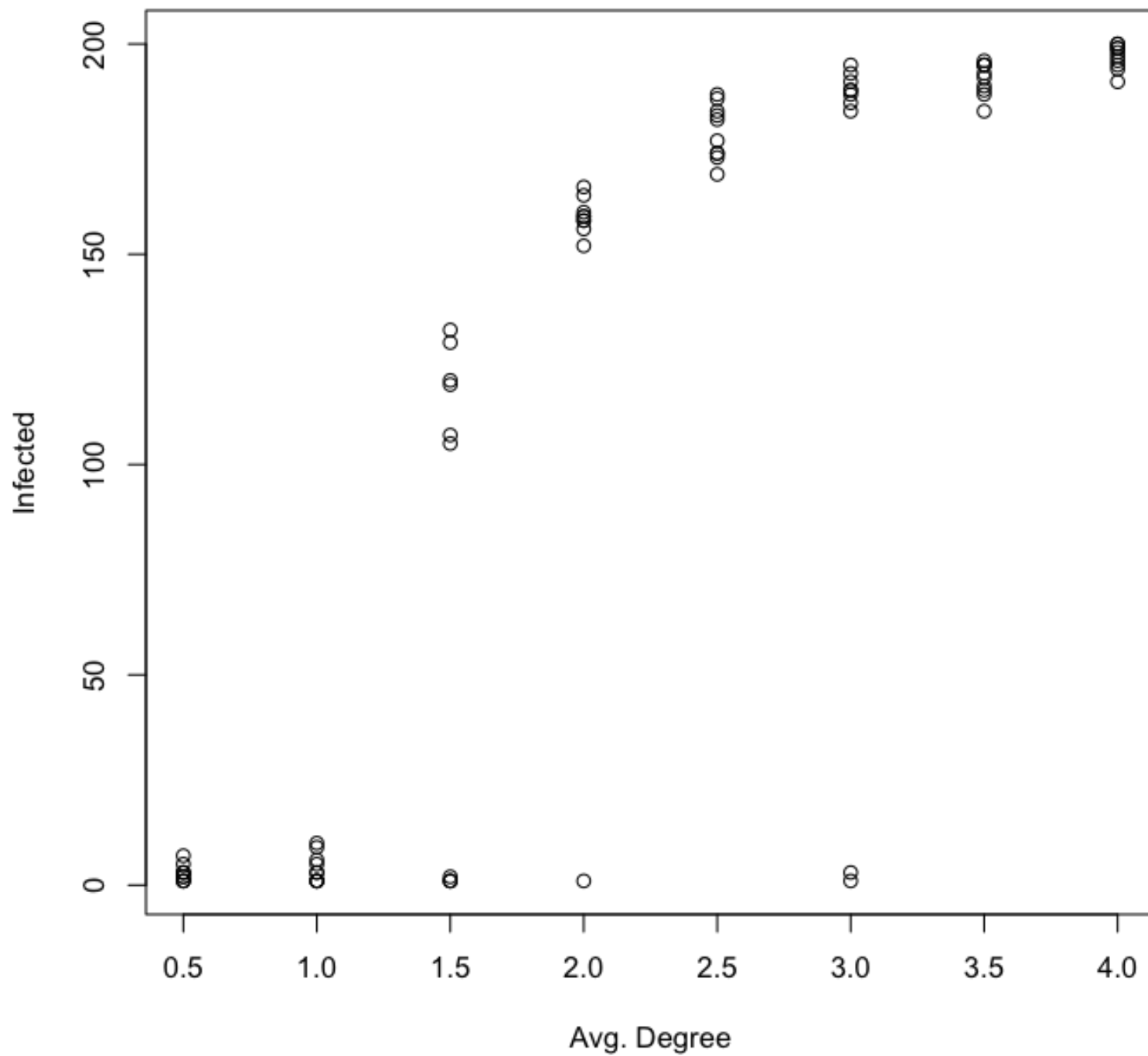
Go commands: go

Stop condition: Time limit 50  
stop after this many steps (0 = no limit)

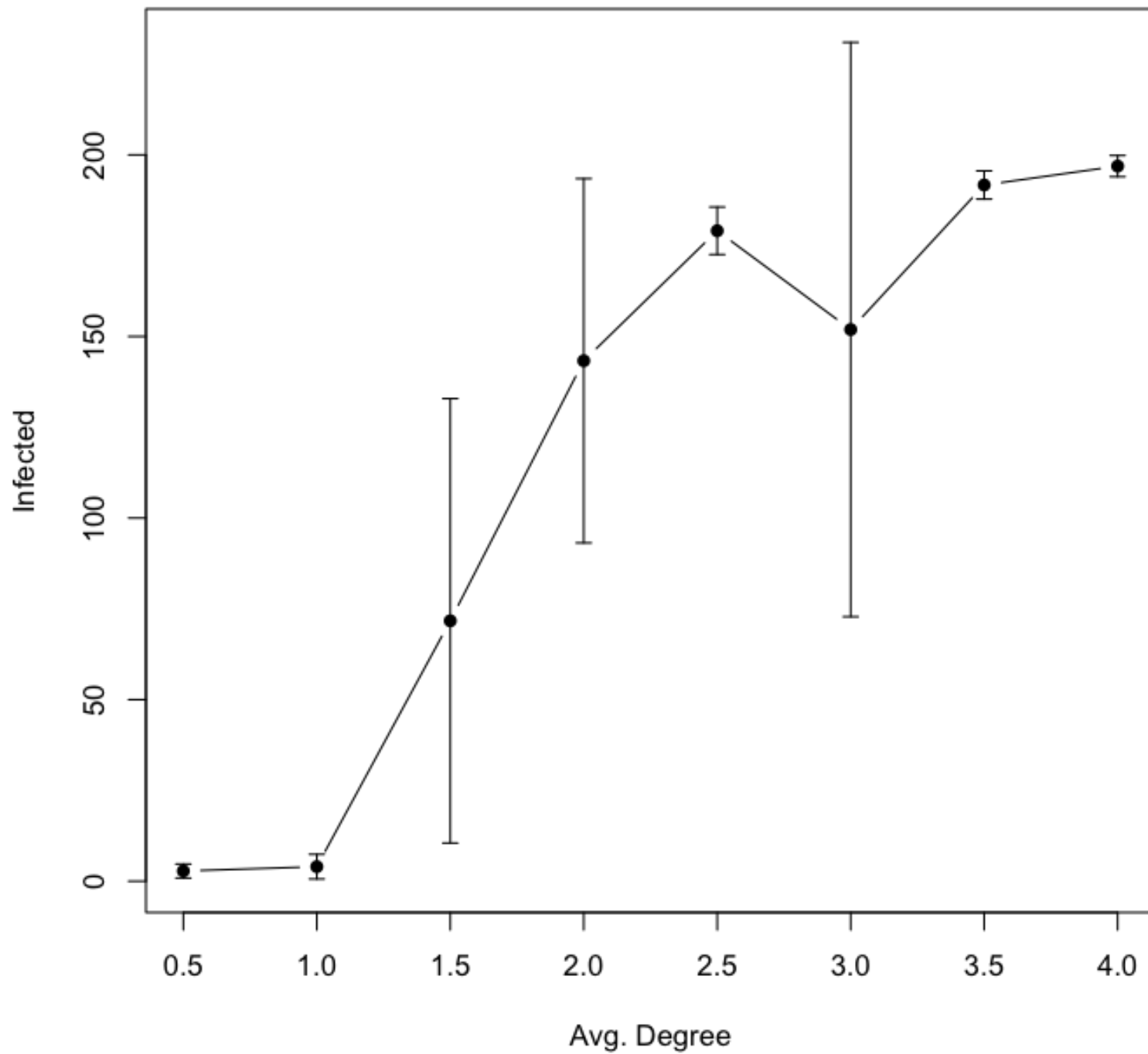
Final commands: run at the end of each run

Cancel OK

### Infected (after 50 steps) vs. Avg. Degree



**Infected (after 50 steps) vs. Avg. Degree**



# Multivariate Analysis

- Our analysis so far has been about one input and one output
- What if you wanted to look at multiple inputs simultaneously?
  1. Establish base settings and vary from that
  2. Aggregating over all other variables
  3. 3D Charts of combinations
  4. Regression

# Density and Decay

- We will vary population density and disease decay simultaneously
- Observe the results
- 440 Runs

Experiment

Experiment name

Vary variables as follows (note brackets and quotation marks)

```
[ "disease-decay" [0 1 10]
  "num-infected" 1
  "num-people" [50 50 200] ]
```

Either list values to use, for example:  
["my-slider" 1 2 7 8]  
or specify start, increment, and end, for example:  
["my-slider" [0 1 10]] (note additional brackets)  
to go from 0, 1 at a time, to 10.  
You may also vary max-pxcor, min-pxcor, max-pycor, min-pycor, random-

Repetitions   
run each combination this many times

Measure runs using these reporters:

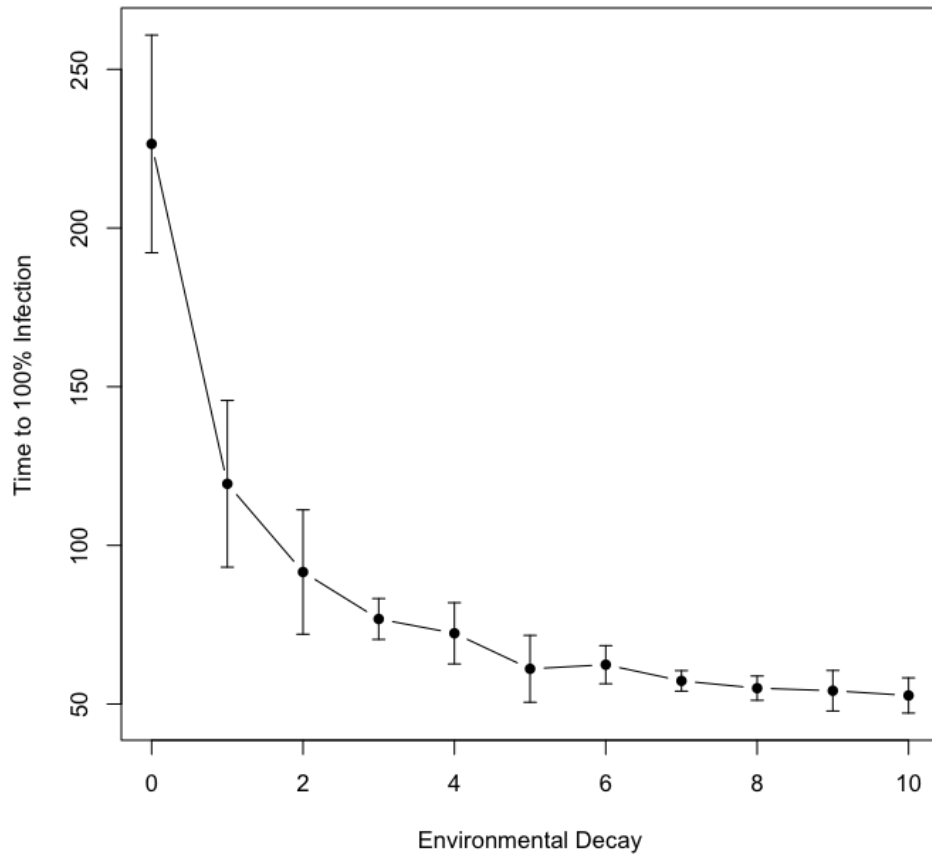
```
ticks
```

one reporter per line; you may not split a reporter across multiple lines

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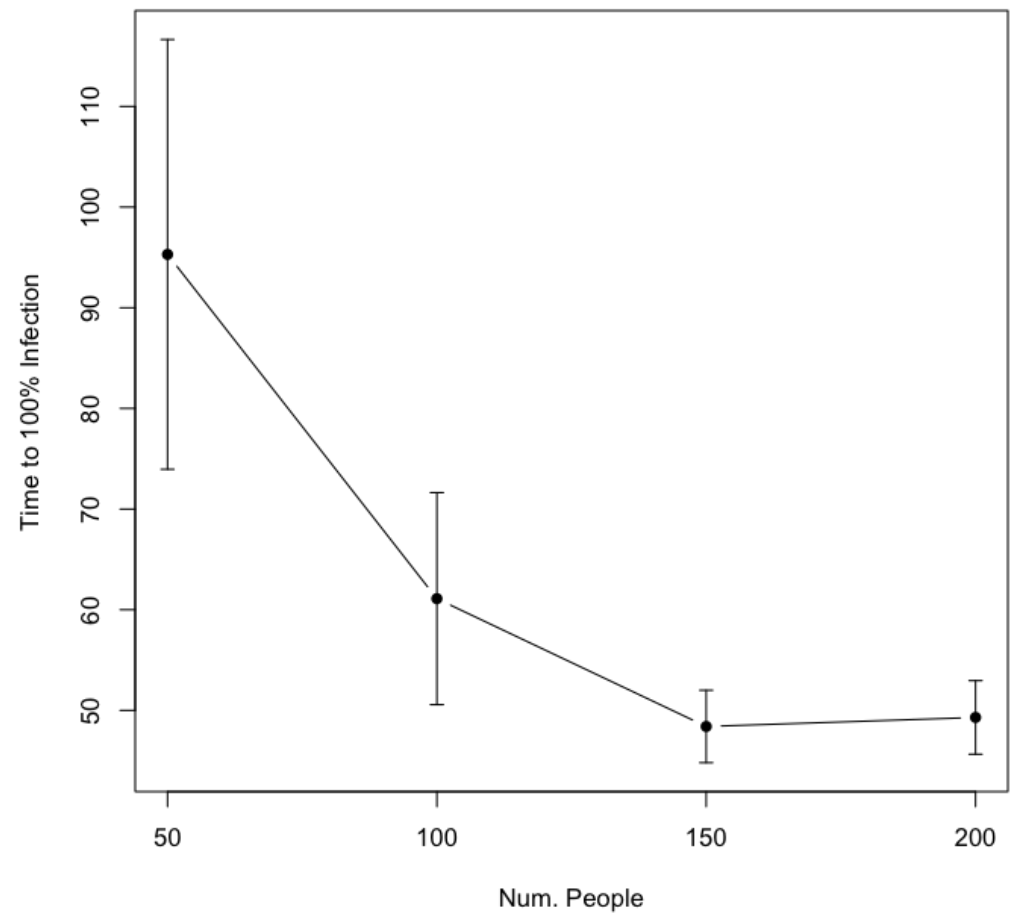
Setup commands:  Go commands:

**Time to 100% Infection vs. Environmental Decay**  
**Num. People = 100**

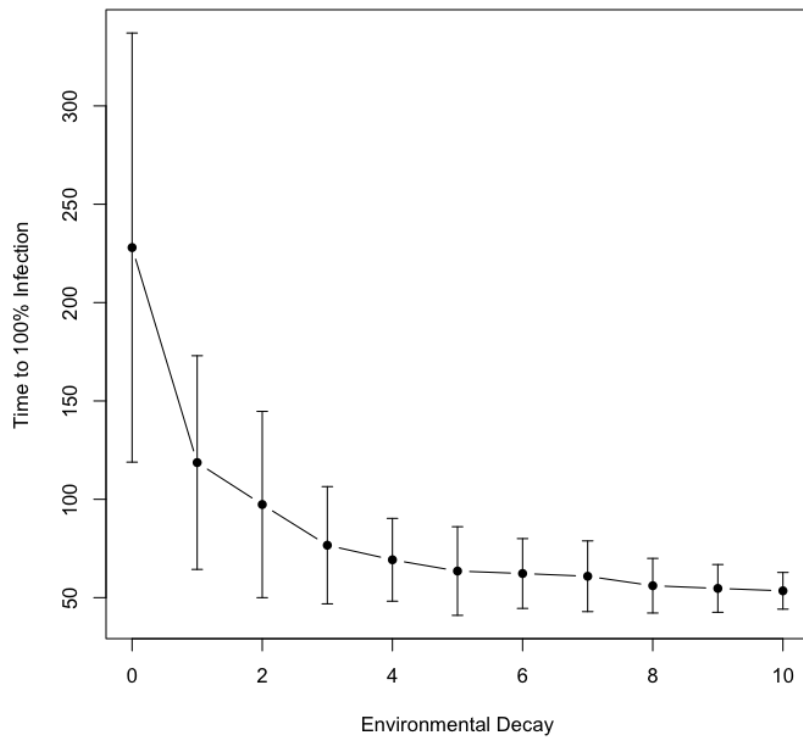


## 1. Base Case and Variants

**Time to 100% Infection vs. Num. People**  
**Disease Decay = 5**

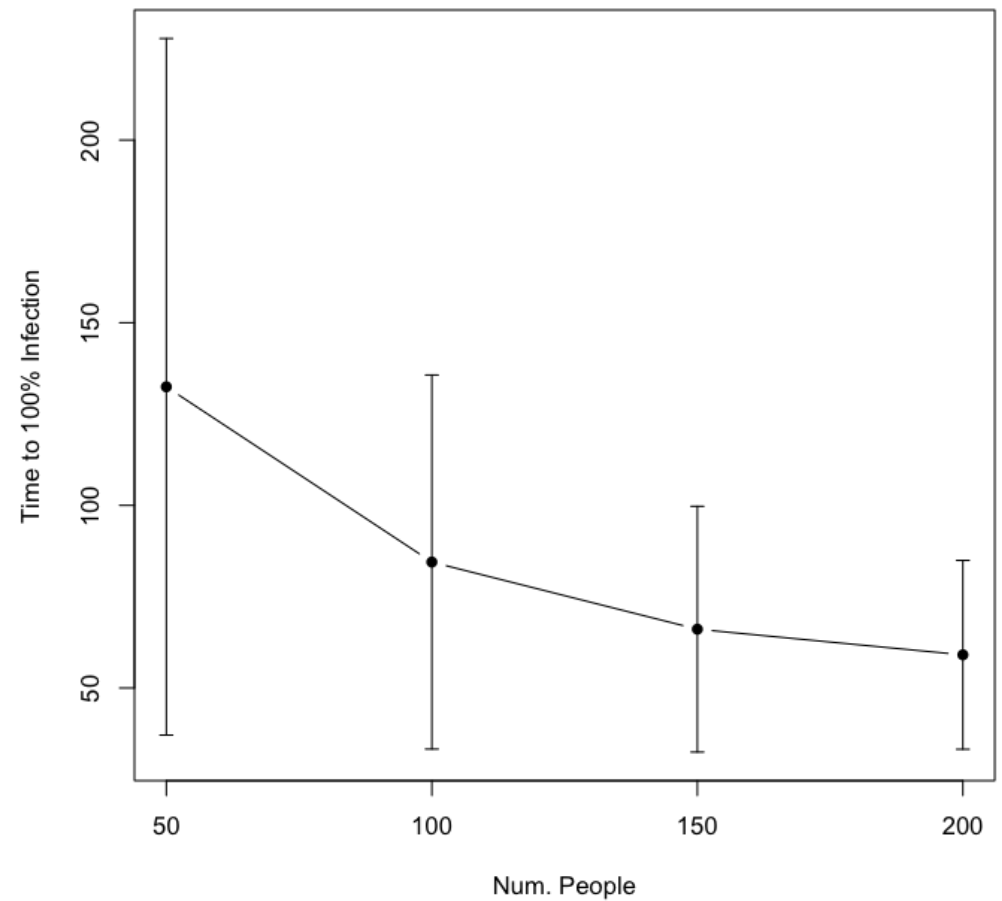


**Time to 100% Infection vs. Environmental Decay**  
**Agg. over Num. People**

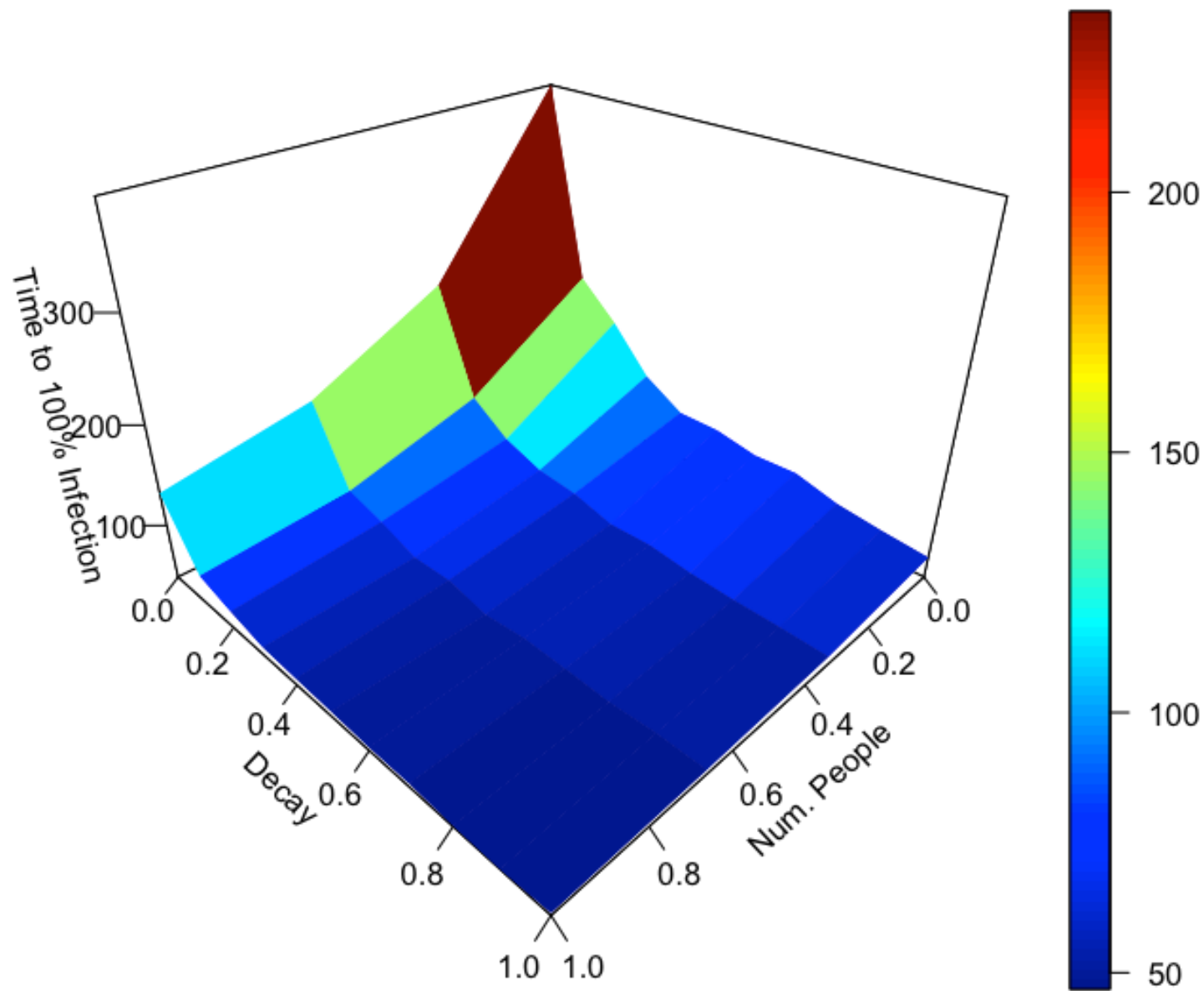


## 2. Aggregating over Variation

**Time to 100% Infection vs. Num. People**  
**Agg. over Environmental Decay**



**Time to 100% Infection vs. Num. People and Decay**



### 3. 3D Plots



## 4. Regression

- If the model is really complex we can regress our output variable on all of our inputs
- This gives us a sense of how critical each input is to driving the output
- We can also look at the interactions

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	-3.428e-14	1.143e-14	-2.998e+00	0.00465	**
agg\$num.people	1.000e+00	8.350e-17	1.198e+16	< 2e-16	***
agg\$disease.decay	2.643e-15	1.933e-15	1.367e+00	0.17912	
agg\$num.people:agg\$disease.decay	-1.586e-17	1.411e-17	-1.123e+00	0.26793	

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1