

Travel distance, frequency of return and the spread of disease

Supplementary Material

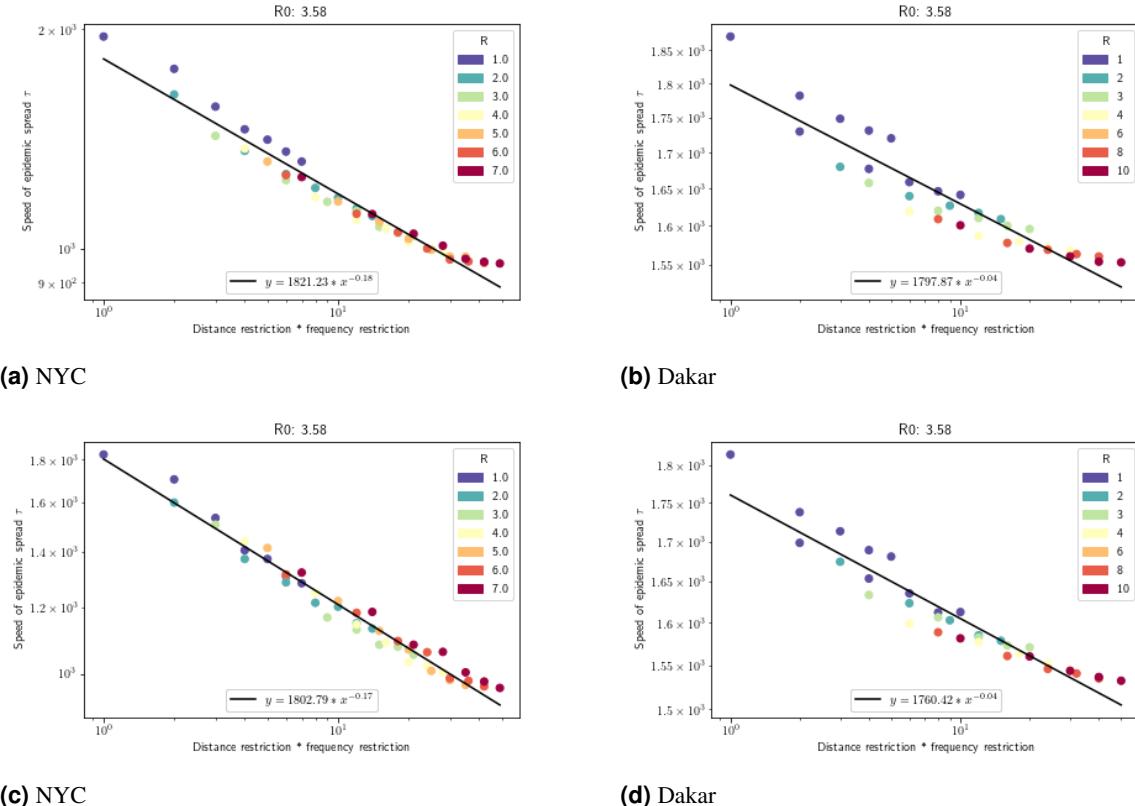


Figure S1. Scaling collapse in SI and SIR model. Top row: scaling collapse for SI model. R^2 values for best-fit lines are, from left to right, .958 and .896. Best-fit line parameters are $a = -0.18, b = 1821.23$ (NYC) and $a = -0.04, b = 1797.87$ (Dakar). Bottom row, scaling collapse for SIR model. R^2 values for best-fit lines are, from left to right, .974 and .937. Best-fit line parameters are $a = -0.17, b = 1802.79$ (NYC) and $a = -0.04, b = 1760.42$ (Dakar).

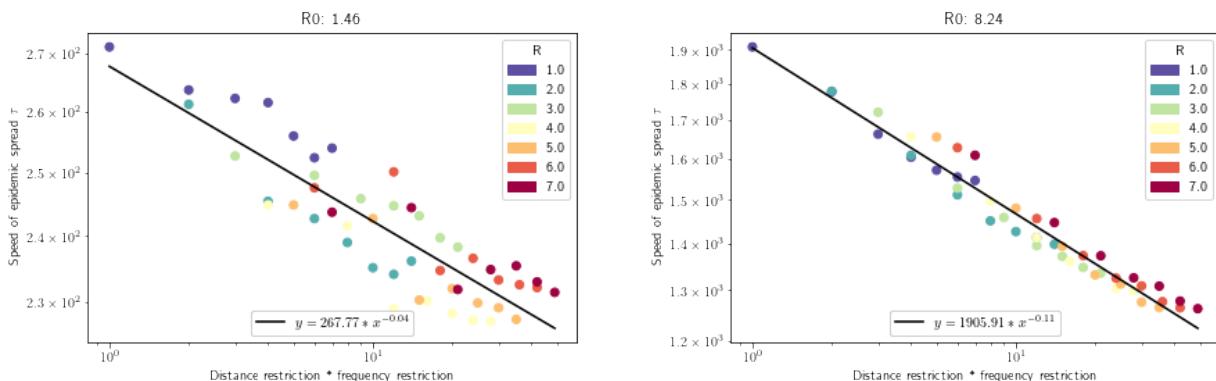


Figure S2. Epidemics sizes for NYC covid outbreak with lower $R_0 = 1.46$ (similar to the H1N1 epidemic) and higher $R_0 = 8.2$ (similar to the upper estimates of COVID-19 Delta variant contagion), suggesting the scaling collapse is robust. R^2 of best-fit lines are .925 and .9625, respectively.

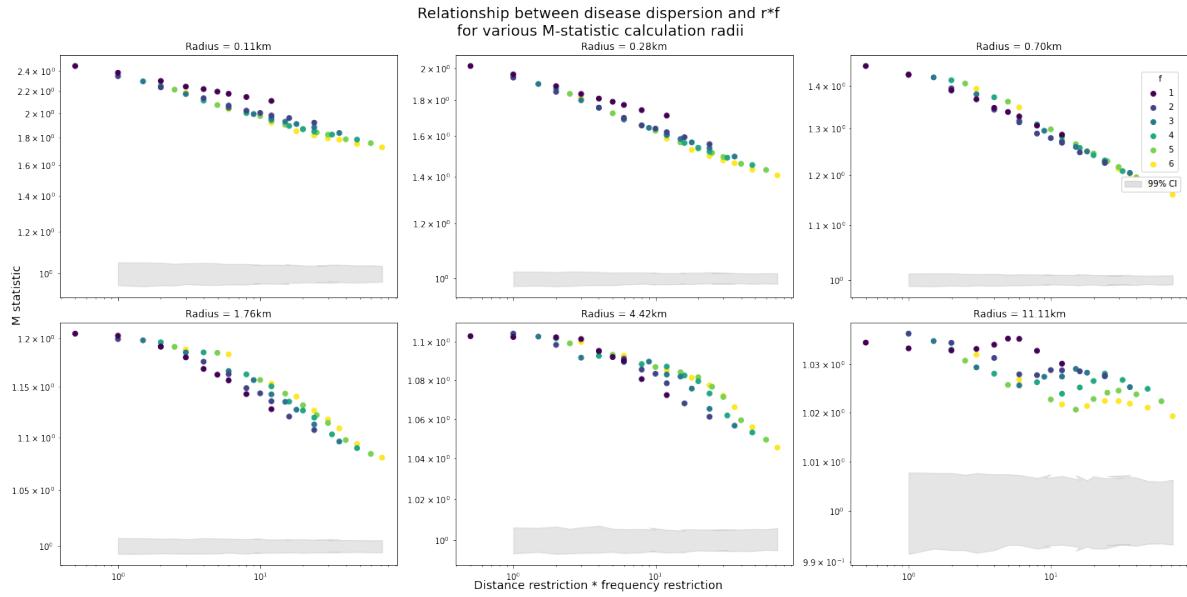
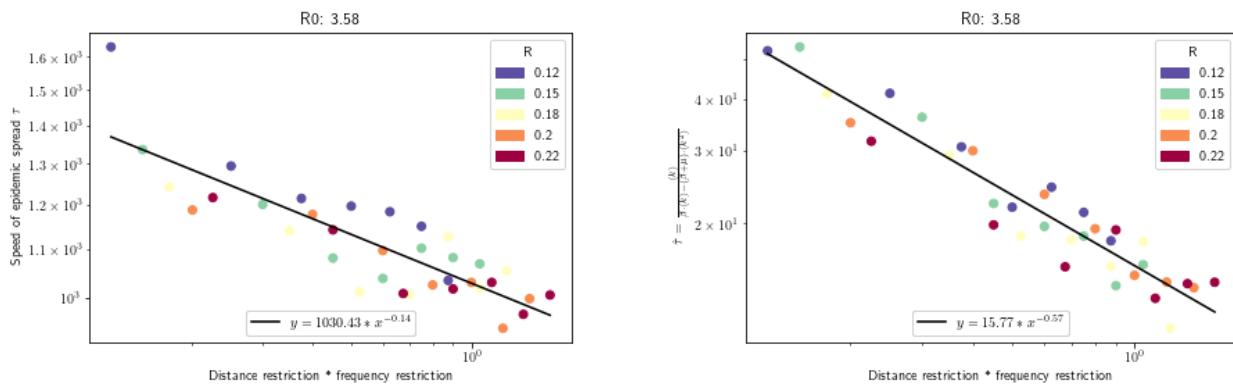


Figure S3. Collapse of spatial dispersion of infections for various k . Spatial dispersion $M(k)$ shows a scaling relationship with $r \cdot f$ regardless of k . 99% confidence bands are shown in gray, indicating that the spatial clustering in infections remains significant across values of $r \cdot f$.



(a) Relationship between distance restriction and τ in PEPR simulations.

(b) Relationship between distance restriction and $\hat{\tau}$ as predicted by $\langle k \rangle$, $\langle k^2 \rangle$ in PEPR simulations.

Figure S4. PEPR simulation results, where $P_{\text{travel}} = .40$. When we run SEIR models across a set of trajectories M_{sim} which have been created using the PEPR model with $P_{\text{travel}} = .40$, we see a similar relationship between $r \cdot f$ and τ to that in our real trajectories M_{real} .