



## Epidemic networks - modelling the relevant structure

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Modelling of infectious diseases requires a balance between over simplification and models which although closer to reality contain many parameters which are unidentifiable. I will summarise some of the use of network models in epidemic modelling and some challenges that arise in the choice of distributions over the large space of possible networks. I will describe the use of bipartite networks or hypergraphs as an alternative approach to the modelling of contact structures in epidemics.