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to be positive. Evidence for positive mean–variance scaling relationships comes from dynamics of animal and plant populations (Reuman et al. [2017](#))

networks represent an interesting way to explore temporal variation in network structure, and, if representative of more general sexual contact networks, are an indispensable resource for understanding other types of sexual contact

3 Results

3.1 Commercial sex worker networks

Sex worker networks were broadly distributed over the USA (Fig. 1

