Thresholds, localization and centrality in epidemic spreading on networks

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- New epidemics constantly appear (HIV, SARS, Ebola...)





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HIV "patient zero" infected 40 of the 284 cases of AIDS in the USA

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• QMF + Chung et al. formula

$$\lambda_c \simeq \begin{cases} 1/\sqrt{k_{max}} & \gamma > 5/2\\ \frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle} & 2 < \gamma < 5/2 \end{cases}$$

The epidemic threshold always goes to zero

Zero threshold has not to do with the scale-free property

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Influential spreaders for SIR





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$$\frac{1/\Lambda_N}{1/\sqrt{k_{max}}} = 0.00735$$
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$$\frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle} = 0.00745$$

Transition governed by the maximum k-core



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• This picture is derived **within** QMF framework

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Boguna, Castellano and Pastor-Satorras, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2013)

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- New approach: take into account also dynamical correlations between distant neighbors (reinfection among distant hubs)
 - On long time scales reinfections can happen over long distances



New numerical simulations



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 For γ < 5/2, EC is localized around a mesoscopic subgraph: the max K-core.
 It is just proportional to degree centrality: f_i ~ k_i

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Real Networks



Take home message

- SIS epidemic threshold always vanishes in the large size limit
- Mean-field approaches capture only part of the picture
- Depending on heterogeneity
 - Different mechanisms trigger the epidemic transition
 - Different types of eigenvector centrality localization may occur
- Networks with $\gamma < 5/2$ are much different from those with $\gamma > 5/2$

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