

# A brief tour through Network Science

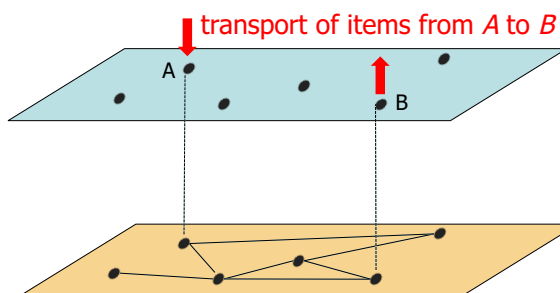
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## Network: service(s) + topology



### Service (function)

software, algorithms

### Topology (graph)

hardware, structure

### Service and topology

- own specifications
- both are, generally, time-variant
- service is often designed independently of the topology
- often more than 1 service on a same topology

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## Network Science

Theory of processes on graphs

What is new?  **Duality**: both process & graph

Basic question: relation between process & graph

processes "proportional" to the graph



services **independently** designed of the graph

electrical & water flow

Laplacian relation between  
flow and potential

conservation & physical laws

Internet

actor networks

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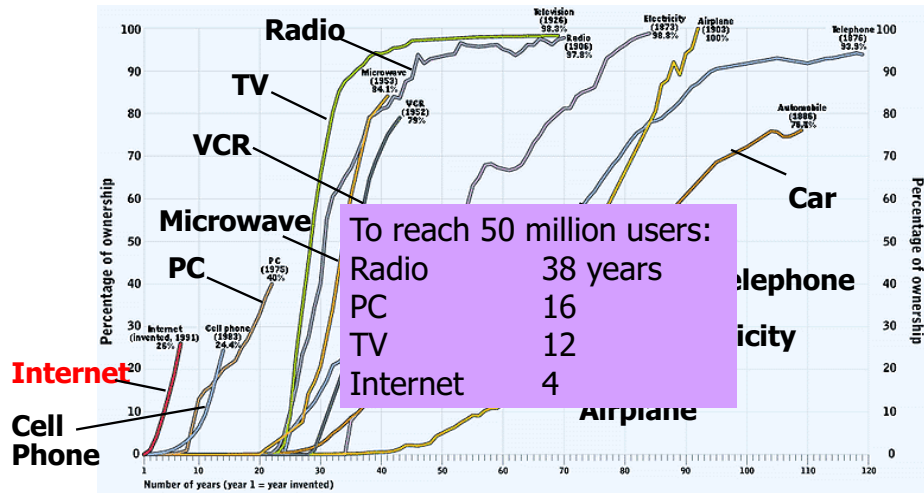
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Function and graph

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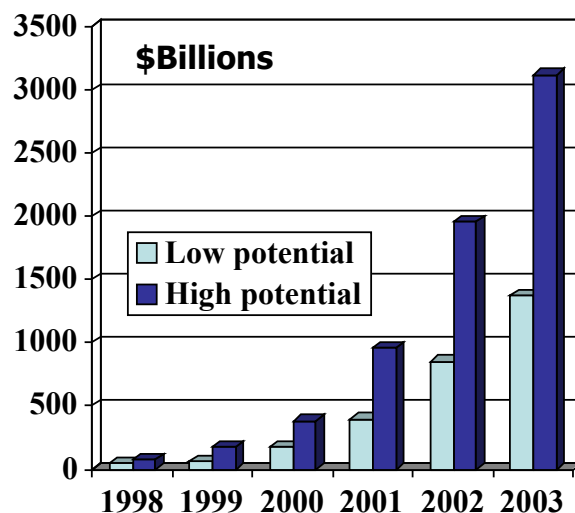
## Technology Adoption (1997)



Forbes Magazine July 7th, 1997

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## World ICommerce Sales (1999)



**Internet:**  
*a Hype or Fact?*

**Internet Advertising**

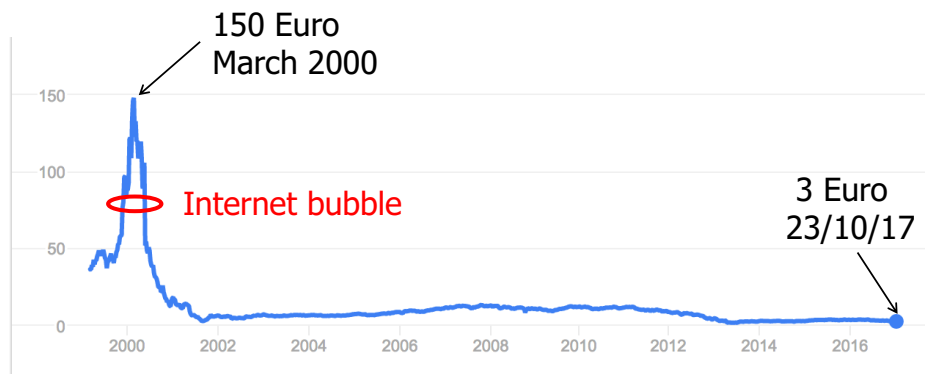
\$0 in 1993  
\$300 million in 1996  
\$3.7 billion in 1999

**Internet Revolution?**

growth in GDP: 2.8%  
Internet economy: 175%  
from 1995 to 1998

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## KPN stock over time



KPN: largest Dutch telecom provider (incumbent)

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Google finance

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## Focal *technical* question in the telecom world before 2000

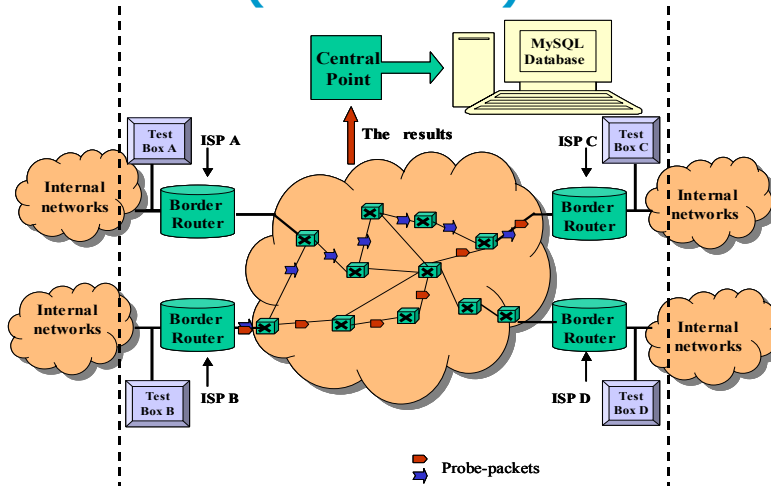
Can a **time-ignorant** protocol as the **Internet** provide **real-time services** such as telephony and real-time video?

Is the end-to-end delay below roughly 100ms between any pair of communicating nodes?

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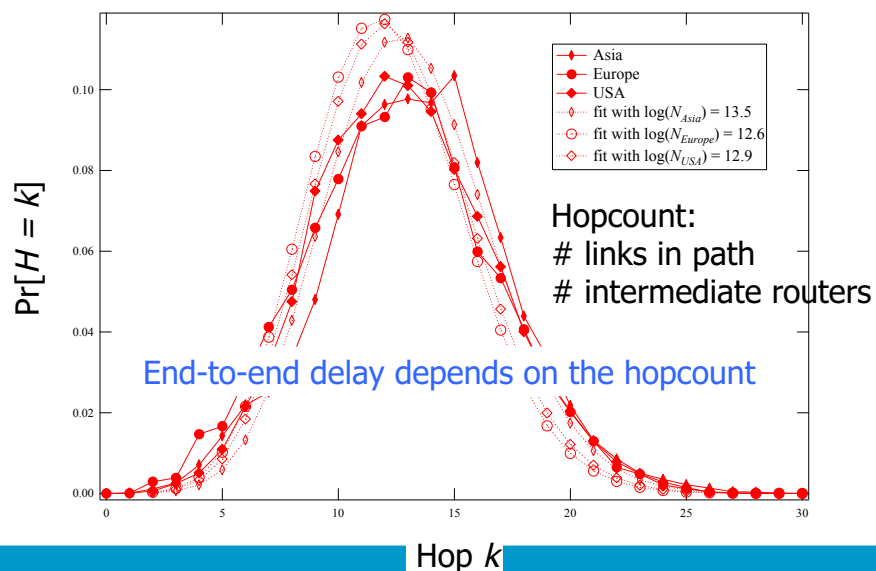
## RIPE trace-route measurements (1998-2005)



RIPE NCC (the Network Coordination Centre of the Réseaux IP Européen)  
Amsterdam



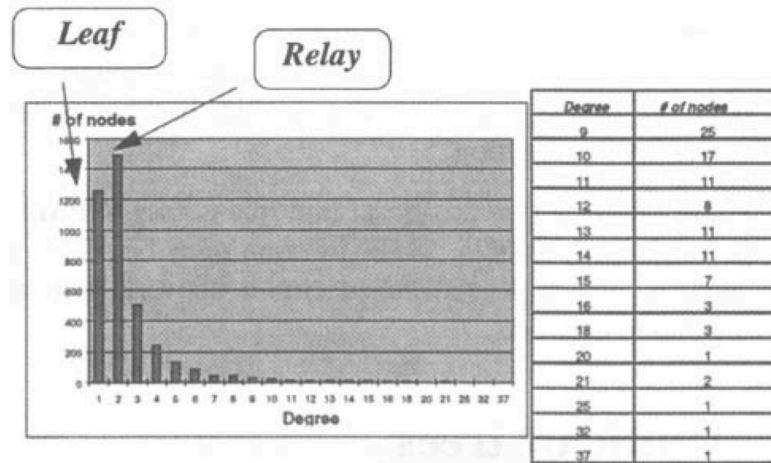
## Hopcount of Internet paths (2004)



P. Van Mieghem, "Performance Analysis of Complex Networks and Systems",  
Cambridge University Press, 2014.



## Trace-routes in the Internet 1995

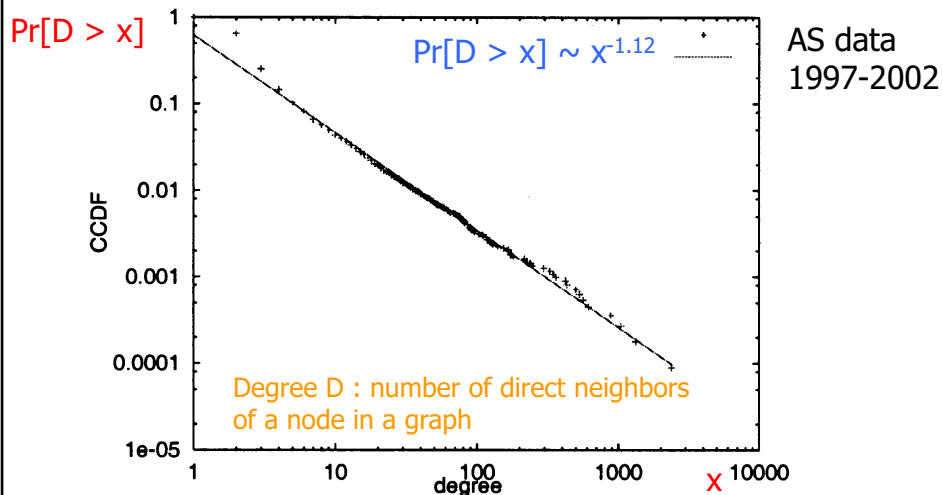


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J.-J. Pansiot and D. Grad, "On Routes and Multicast Trees in the Internet", ACM Computer Communication Review, Vol. 28, pp. 41-50, 1998.



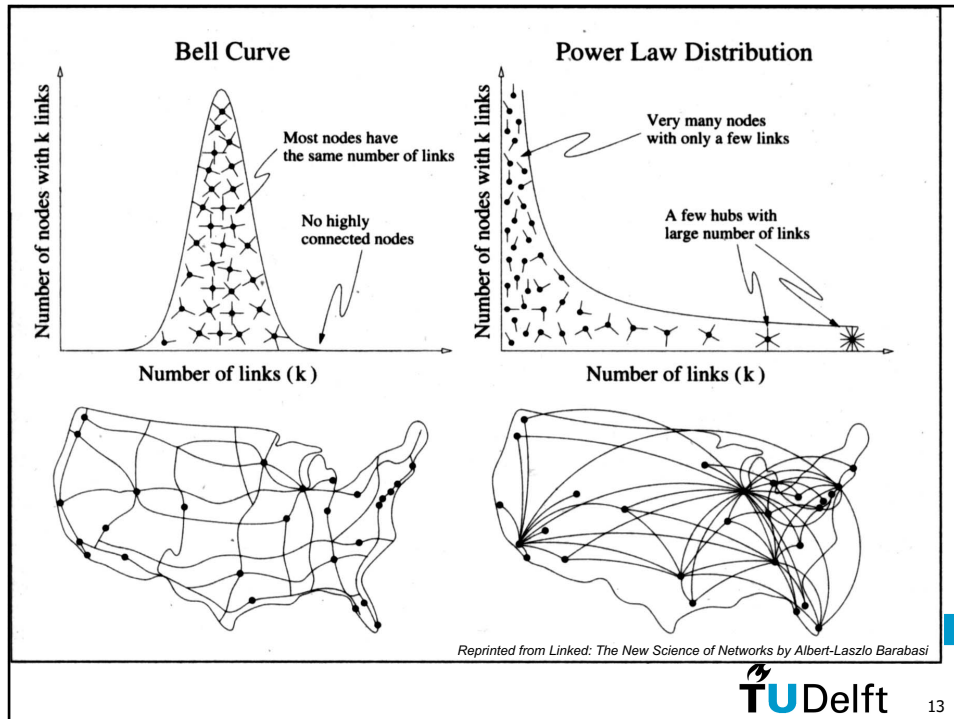
## Internet: Power law degree distribution



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G. Siganos, M. Faloutsos, P. Faloutsos & C. Faloutsos, "Power Laws and the AS-Level Internet Topology", IEEE Trans. On Networking, Vol. 11, No. 4, pp. 514- 524, 2003.





## Birth of Network Science (around 2000)

- Observation of **power law degree** in many more networks:
  - World-Wide Web
  - movie actor collaboration network,
  - the human respiratory system
  - the size and location of earthquakes,
  - stock-price fluctuations
  - the web of human sexual contacts
  - biological cellular networks
  - scientific citation network
  - ...
- Pareto (1896), Zipf (1949), Bak (1996), Barabasi (1999)

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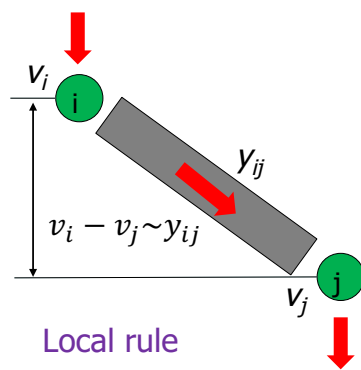


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### Outlook

## Simple dynamics on networks

We study a dynamic process that is "proportional to" or "linear in" in graph of the network



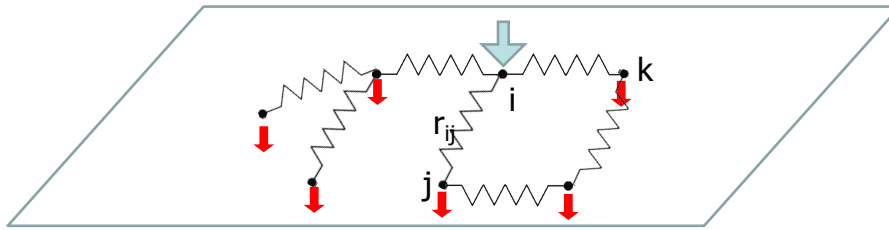
#### Examples:

- water (or gas) flow is proportional to pressure
- displacement (in spring) is proportional to force
- heat flow is proportional to temperature
- electrical current is proportional to voltage

#### Linear systems & the concept of superposition

R. P. Feynman, R. B. Leighton and M. Sands,  
*The Feynman Lectures on Physics*  
Vol.1, Chapt. 25, 1963





Inverses:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Q}^\dagger \mathbf{x}$  with the convention for voltages  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = 0$

$\mathbf{Q}$  : weighted Laplacian of the graph

$\mathbf{Q}^\dagger$  : pseudo-inverse of the weighted Laplacian:  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^\dagger = \mathbf{Q}^\dagger \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{J}$

$\mathbf{x}$ : vector with external nodal current

$\mathbf{v}$ : vector with nodal potentials

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{Q}^\dagger_{ii} \quad \text{If } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}_i - \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{u}$$

The best spreader is the node  $k$  with minimum  $\mathbf{Q}^\dagger_{kk}$

P. Van Mieghem, K. Devriendt and H. Cetinay, 2017, "Pseudo-inverse of the Laplacian and best spreader node in a network", Physical Review E, vol. 96, No. 3, p 032311.



## Interpretation: best spreader node

Inverses:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Q}^\dagger \mathbf{x}$  Clearly:  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = 0$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{Q}^\dagger_{ii} \quad \text{is same as} \quad \mathbf{Q}^\dagger_{ii} = v_i - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N (v_i - v_k)$$

The best spreader minimizes the sum of potential differences *between its own and all other node potentials*



"closeness" minimization of average distance to all other nodes



best spreader lies in center of "gravity"

$$\boldsymbol{\zeta} = (\mathbf{Q}^\dagger_{11}, \mathbf{Q}^\dagger_{22}, \dots, \mathbf{Q}^\dagger_{NN})$$

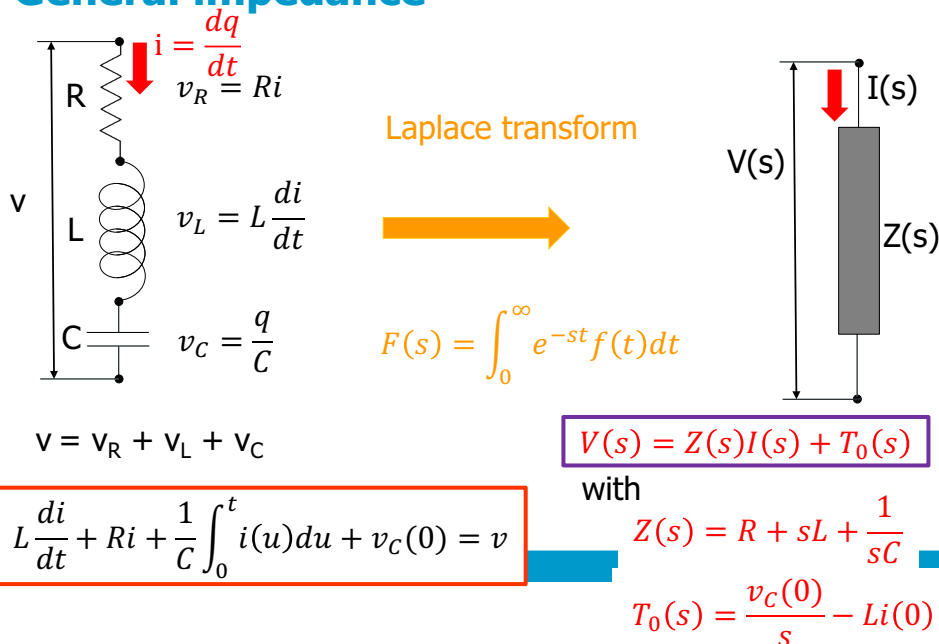


## Contemplation: best spreader node

- *Valid for any weighted Laplacian*
  - Not heuristic, but based on the **law of conservation**
  - If resistances  $r_{ij} = 1$ : pure graph focus
  - The infinitesimal generator of a continuous-time Markov chain (MC) is minus a weighted Laplacian (which is not necessarily symmetric!)
    - Huge potential as nearly all processes can be approximated by a MC, provided the state space is sufficiently large
- *Interpretations:*
  - Ranking of nodes according to “diffusive centrality” or dynamic connectivity to all others
  - Resilience/Robustness: Safe-guarding nodes in this ranking to secure dynamic processes

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## General impedance



## Generalizing to an impedance network

The Laplace-transformed weighted Laplacian  $\mathbf{x}(s) = \mathbf{Q}(s)\mathbf{v}(s)$

- Formally, extend the concept of effective resistance matrix towards an  $N \times N$  effective impedance matrix  $\Omega(s)$
- Spectral decomposition of  $\mathbf{Q}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \mu_k(s) \mathbf{z}_k(s) \mathbf{z}_k^T(s)$
- Effective Graph Impedance

$$Z_G(s) = N \text{trace} \left( \mathbf{Q}^\dagger(s) \right) = N \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\mu_k(s)}$$

*Suggested Problem:*

- Analyze the poles of  $Z_G(s)$ ; compute the inverse Laplace transform towards the time-domain; deduce stability of the impedance network
- modify the graph  $G$  to enhance or change the stability region
- game ?

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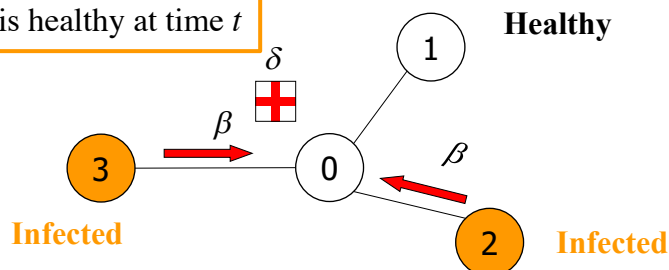


## Continuous-time SIS model on networks

- Constant infection rate  $\beta$  on all links
  - Constant curing rate  $\delta$  for all nodes
- $\tau = \beta / \delta$ : effective spreading rate

$X_j(t) = 1$  node  $j$  is infected at time  $t$

$X_j(t) = 0$  node  $j$  is healthy at time  $t$



**Infection and curing are independent Poisson processes**

P. Van Mieghem, J. Omic, R. E. Kooij, "Virus Spread in Networks", IEEE/ACM Transaction on Networking, Vol. 17, No. 1, pp. 1-14, (2009).



## Governing SIS equation for node $j$

$$\frac{dE[X_j]}{dt} = E \left[ -\delta X_j + (1 - X_j) \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} X_k \right]$$

time-change of  
 $E[X_j] = \Pr[X_j = 1]$ ,  
probability that  
node  $j$  is infected

if *infected*:  
probability of  
curing per  
unit time

if *not infected (healthy)*:  
probability of  
infection per  
unit time

$$\frac{dE[X_j]}{dt} = -\delta E[X_j] + \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} E[X_k] - \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} E[X_j X_k]$$

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R. Pastor-Satorras, C. Castellano, P. Van Mieghem and A. Vespignani,  
"Epidemic processes in complex networks", Review of Modern Physics,  
2015



## SIS Prevalence

- Fraction of infected nodes in the graph  $G$

$$S(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j(t) \quad (\text{random variable!})$$

- Prevalence**: Expected fraction of infected nodes in  $G$

$$y(t) = E[S(t)] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \Pr[X_j(t) = 1]$$

also called **order parameter** in statistical physics

P. Van Mieghem, F. Darabi Sahneh and C. Scoglio, 2014, "Exact Markovian  
SIR and SIS epidemics on networks and an upper bound for the epidemic  
threshold", Proceedings of the 53rd IEEE Conference on Decision and  
Control (CDC'14), December 15-17, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
(also on <http://arxiv.org/abs/1402.1731>).

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## "Local rule - global emergent properties" class

$$\frac{dE[X_j(t)]}{dt} = E \left[ -\delta X_j(t) + (1 - X_j(t)) \beta \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kj} X_k(t) \right]$$



Local SIS rule

Global emergent SIS spread

$$\frac{dy(t^*)}{dt^*} = -y(t^*) + \frac{\tau}{N} E[w^T(t^*) Q w(t^*)]$$

The Laplacian  $Q = \Delta - A$   
 The normalized time  $t^* = \delta t$   
 Bernoulli state vector  
 $w(t^*) = (X_1(t^*), X_2(t^*), \dots, X_N(t^*))$

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P. Van Mieghem, 2016, "Approximate formula and bounds for the time-varying SIS prevalence in networks", Physical Review E, Vol. 93 No. 5, p. 052312.

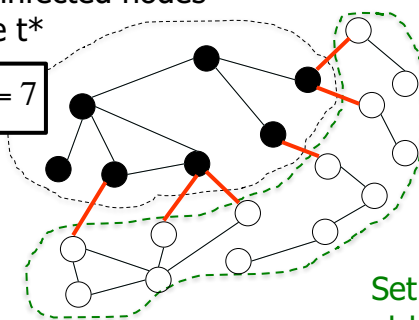


## SIS prevalence dynamics

$$\frac{dy(t^*)}{dt^*} = -y(t^*) + \frac{\tau}{N} E[w^T(t^*) Q w(t^*)]$$

Set of infected nodes  
at time  $t^*$

$$NS(t^*) = 7$$



$$w^T(t^*) Q w(t^*) = 6$$

**Cut-Set:** set of links with 1 infected node at time  $t^*$

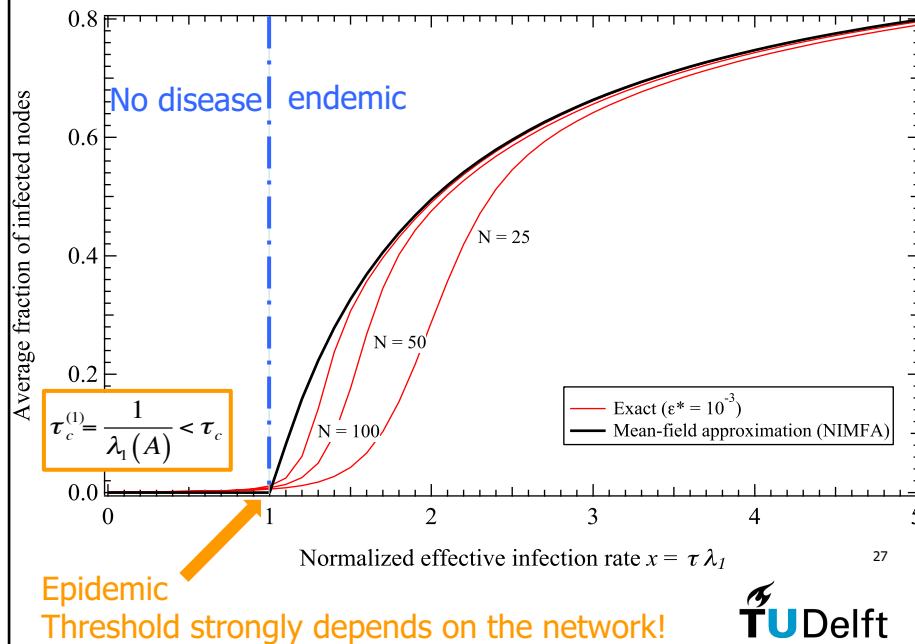
Set of susceptible nodes  
at time  $t^*$

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P. Van Mieghem, 2016, "Universality of the SIS prevalence in networks", Delft University of Technology, report20161006 (<http://arxiv.org/abs/1612.01386>).



## SIS Prevalence versus viral infectiousness



## Tragedy for large networks

$$\tau_c > \tau_c^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1(A)}$$

For large power law networks, the maximum degree  $d_{\max} \rightarrow \text{large}$



Mean-field epidemic threshold  $\tau_c^{(1)} \rightarrow \text{zero}$



End of the world



$\lambda_1(A)$ : spectral radius of the adjacency matrix  $A$  of graph = largest eigenvalue of  $A$

$$\sqrt{d_{\max}} \leq \lambda_1(A) \leq d_{\max} \rightarrow \frac{1}{d_{\max}} \leq \tau_c^{(1)} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{\max}}}$$

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## Is everything really so bad?

Most real contact networks have bounded degree ( $d_{\max} < \text{constant}$ )



Mean-field epidemic threshold  $\tau_c^{(1)} > 0$



But, **control of epidemics** is key

- *Underlying graph*: resilience of networks (NAS, TUDelft)
- *Dynamic epidemic process*: 'dynamic' control policies (cut-set, immunization,...)



Game theoretical approach?

$$\tau_c > \tau_c^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1(A)}$$

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## Applications to game theory

- several SIS studies in the past
  - game theory together with Ariel Orda, then Eitan Altman & co-workers
- optimal control of cut (**time-dependent rule**)
- containing epidemic spread:
  - modification of graph + process
  - adaptive epidemics (**graph-update rule**)
- combination with 'social information' or 'awareness'
  - multilayer view
  - *what is the best strategy (subject to which constraints)*

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## Robust design of networks

- major difficult: what is robustness?
  - besides network & services, regulation & money
  - human actors (game theory)
- optimization problem?
  - **network science**: local-rule, global emergent properties
  - **control/system theory**: operational points around instabilities ('phase transition')
  - **game theory**: discover the rules & strategy of the game



**autonomous networking**  
(i.e. with minimum human interference)



## Big data: *nihil novum sub sole*

### Invention of the telescope (17<sup>th</sup> century)

Large: Galileo → Kepler → Newton → Einstein

Small: van Leeuwenhoek → viruses → quantum mechanics (QM)

### Newton (genius!) saw order in the chaos of his time

TODAY: we encounter similar chaos and difficulties as in his time:

complexity of systems (too many variables and actors)

inconsistency between large (RT, relativity theory) and small (QM)

### Amazingly:

- quantum gravity: the connection towards consistency between RT and QM seems to lie in “networks”
- new telescope: gravitational waves!

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Thank You

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