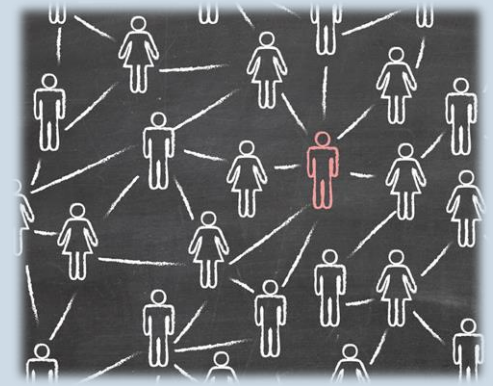


# SUPPRESSING EPIDEMICS ON ARBITRARY NETWORKS USING TREATMENT RESOURCES OF LIMITED EFFICIENCY

APPLICATIONS IN SOCIAL / HEALTH SCIENCES AND MARKETING



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# ML+NETWORKS @ CMLA



- **CMLA:** Centre de Mathématique et de Leurs Applications (ENS Cachan)
- **MLMDA:** Machine Learning and Massive Data Analysis
  - Director: Nicolas Vayatis, 2 researchers. 3 post-docs,
  - 8 PhD students, 3 MSc interns, 2 BSc interns
- **Machine Learning on Networks**
  - 1 researcher, 2 PhD students, 3 MSc interns

# TALK SUMMARY

- Diffusion processes and epidemic models
- Overview of diffusion suppression control approaches
- A greedy method with dynamic resource allocation
- A dynamic method based on priority planning
- Conclusions

# DIFFUSION PROCESSES ON NETWORKS

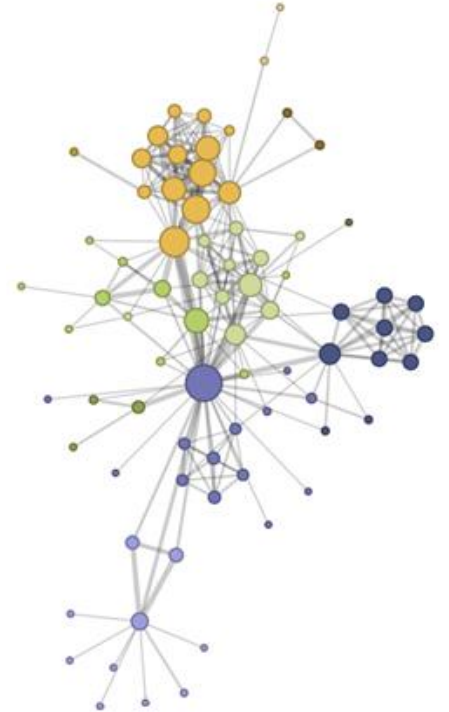
## Basics

DPs arise in systems with interconnected agents (real or electronic network)

- each agent has a *variable state*
- agent behavior depends on, and propagates to, its close environment
- the propagation causes changes in agents' state according to some “*rules*”

Propagating entities: ***from disease epidemics to... digital and social epidemics***

- *Epidemiology*: diseases/viruses
- *Computer systems*: computer viruses, fault cascade, computational errors (e.g. sensor networks)
- *Social and information networks*: information, ideas, rumors, social behaviors...



# MOTIVATION:

FROM DISEASE EPIDEMICS TO... DIGITAL AND SOCIAL EPIDEMICS



[5] Brockmann et al. *The Hidden Geometry of Complex, Network-Driven Contagion Phenomena*, Science, 2013.

# DIFFUSION PROCESSES ON NETWORKS

## Diffusion Models

### Diffusion model

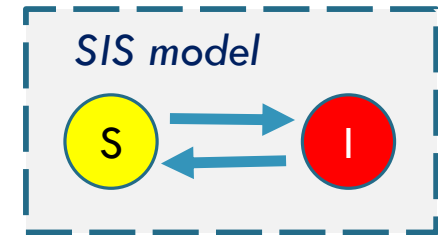
- a mathematical model that encodes the “*propagation rules*”
- no single model able to describe all possible complex diffusion phenomena

### Well-studied models

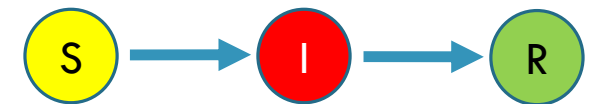
- **compartmental models** from epidemiology (SIS, SIR, SEIR, ...)
- other models from statistical physics (e.g. Percolation)
- common characteristic: constant propagation rates

### Modern information-oriented models

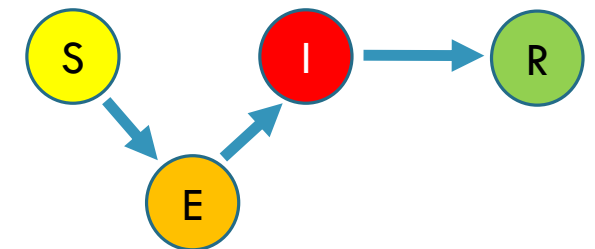
- Information Cascades, Hawks Processes, ...
- Common direction: propagation rates variable in time to model user interest



*SIR model*



*SEIR model*



S: susceptible | E: exposed  
I: infected | R: recovered



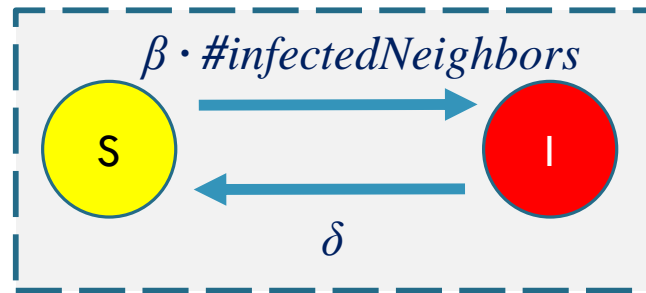
# DIFFUSION PROCESSES ON NETWORKS

## Diffusion Models – SIS demo

### Example

- uncontrolled SIS process on contact network

Homogeneous  
continuous-time  
SIS model  
for one node

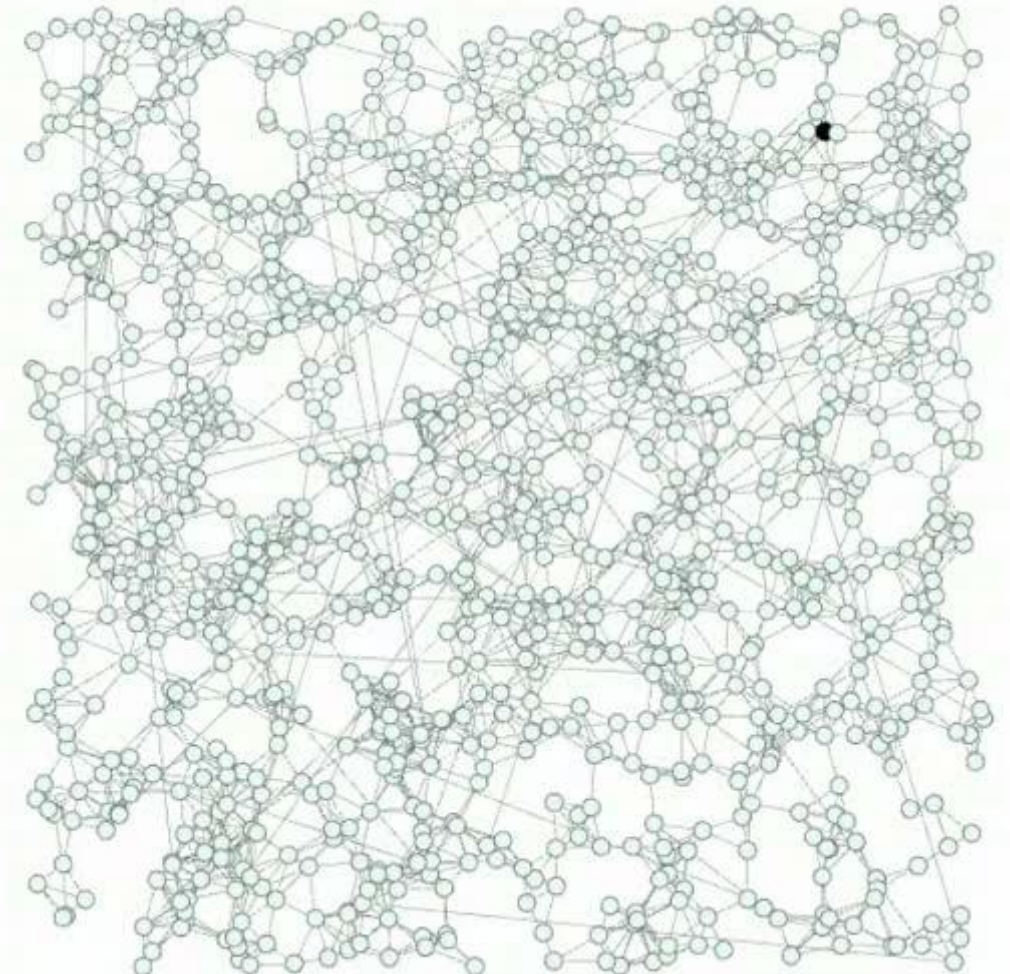


$X_i(t): 0 \rightarrow 1$  at rate  $\beta \sum_j A_{ji} X_j(t)$

$X_i(t): 1 \rightarrow 0$  at rate  $\delta$

- spreading rate  $\beta$
- node self-recovery rate  $\delta$
- adjacency matrix  $A$
- network state  $X$
- **two possible events each time:** infection or recovery

SIS diffusion process in a contact network



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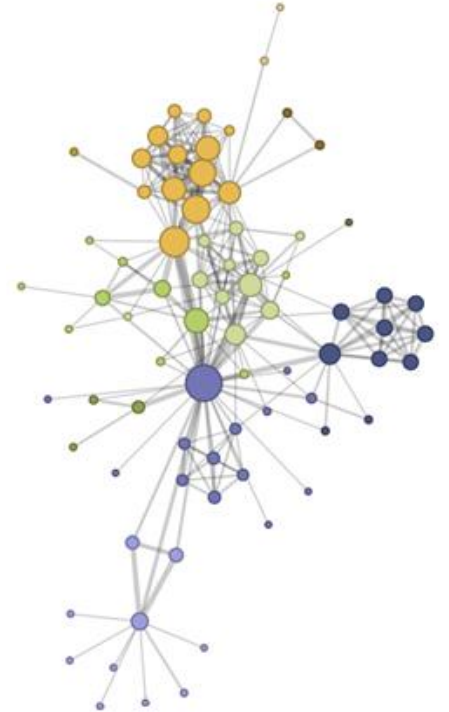
# DIFFUSION PROCESSES ON NETWORKS

## *Directions of research*

Depending on the situation, a DP can be desired or undesired

Roughly three directions of research

- **Network assessment:** worst case analysis, risk/vulnerability assessment
- **DP engineering:** influence maximization, (viral) marketing
- **DP suppression and control:** containment of viruses, rumors, social behaviors, etc., using *control actions*

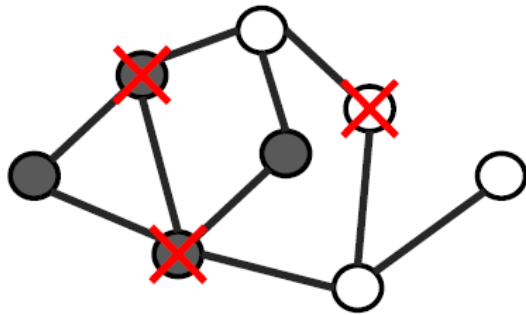




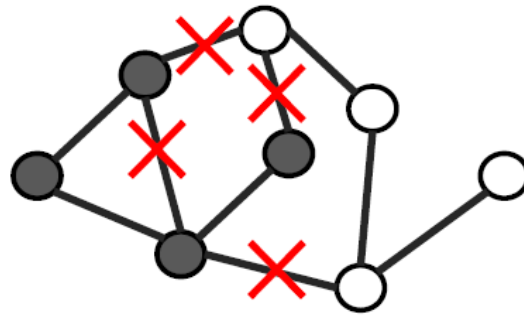
# DIFFUSION SUPPRESSION AND CONTROL

*Possible control actions*

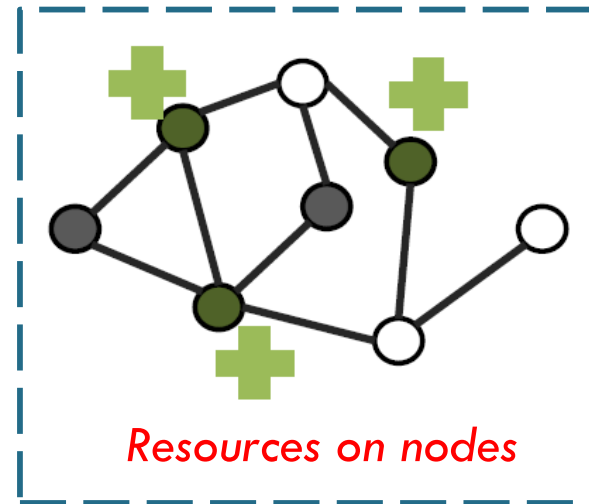
**DP suppression and control** using *control actions* on nodes or edges



*Node deletion*



*Edge deletion*

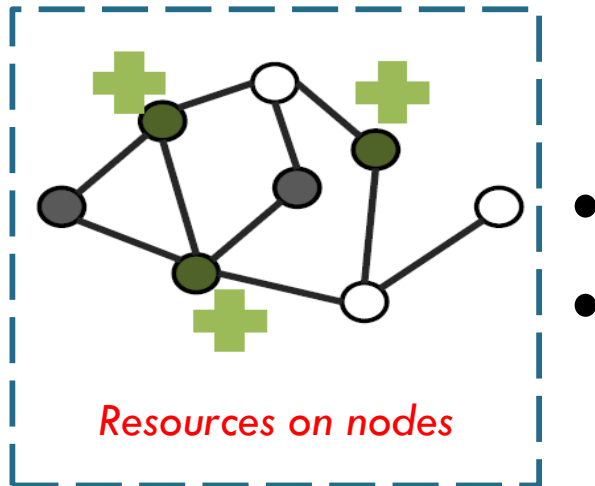


*Resources on nodes*

# DIFFUSION SUPPRESSION AND CONTROL

*Healing resources on nodes – more variations*

DP suppression and control using **control actions** on nodes



preventive

vaccines

preparatory

antidotes

**Dynamic Resource Allocation**

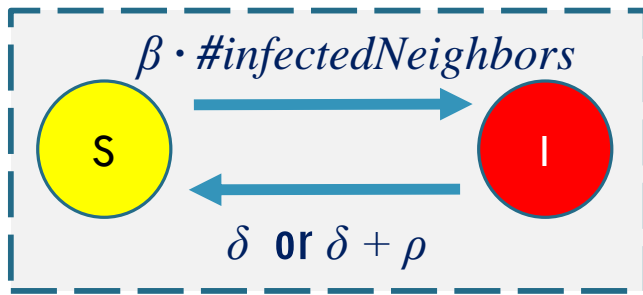
corrective

treatments

# DYNAMIC RESOURCE ALLOCATION (DRA)

*Modelling and control framework*

*SIS model for one node*



$X_i(t): 0 \rightarrow 1$  at rate  $\beta \sum_j A_{ji} X_j(t)$

$X_i(t): 1 \rightarrow 0$  at rate  $\delta + \rho R_i(t)$

## Continuous-time SIS model

- treatment efficiency  $\rho$
- resource allocation  $R$

## DRA objective

$$\min_R C_\gamma(R) = \int_{t=0}^{+\infty} e^{-\gamma t} \mathbb{E}[N_I(t)] dt$$

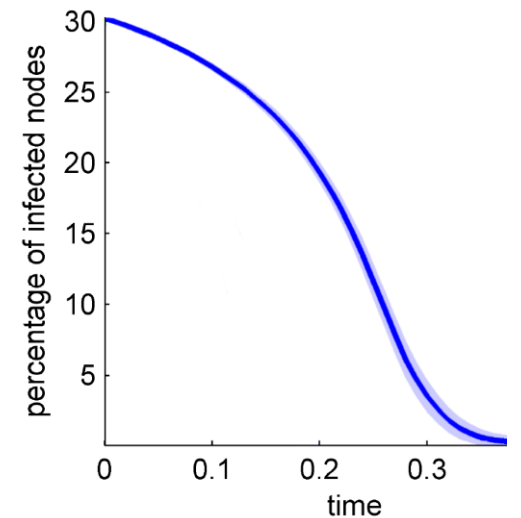
## Formally a DRA strategy

$$R: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^N$$

$$\text{s.t. } \forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \sum_i R_i(t) \leq b(t)$$

## Constraints for tractability

- unlimited resources disposed at constant rate
- inability to store resources



# DYNAMIC RESOURCE ALLOCATION (DRA)

*Modelling and control framework*

## Score-based DRA strategies

$$R_i(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } S_i(X(t)) \geq \theta_t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\sum_i R_i(t) = b_{tot}$

## Complexity

- update  $O(E+N\log N)$
- but much lower for scores that are based on local graph properties

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## Algorithm Applying a score-based DRA strategy

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**Input** : infection state vector  $X(t)$ , budget size  $b_{tot}$ , scoring function  $S$ .

**Output:** the resource allocation vector  $R(t)$ .

**if**  $\sum_i X_i(t) < b_{tot}$  **then**  
    **return**  $X(t)$

**end if**

Let  $R(t)$  a zero  $N$ -dimensional vector

Let  $V \leftarrow \{S_i(X(t))\}_{i=1}^N$  a vector containing the node scores

Sort the elements of  $V$  in *descending* order

and let  $I$  the node indexes of the ranking

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $b_{tot}$  **do**

$R_{I(i)}(t) \leftarrow 1$

**end for**

**return**  $R(t)$

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## Examples

Strategy	Scoring function $S^i(X)$ for node $i$
RAND	$\sigma(X_i) + R_i$ , where $R_i$ is i.i.d. uniform in $[0, 1]$
MN	$\sigma(X_i) + \sum_j A_{ij}$
PRC	$\sigma(X_i) + P_i$ , where $P_i$ is the PageRank score for node $i$
LRSR	$\sigma(X_i) + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_1^{G \setminus i})$ , where $\lambda_1$ is the largest eigenvalue of $A$ , and $\lambda_1^{G \setminus i}$ the largest eigenvalue of the matrix $A^{G \setminus i}$ for the network without node $i$
MSN	$\sigma(X_i) + \sum_j A_{ij} \bar{X}_j$
LIN	$\sigma(X_i) - \sum_j A_{ji} X_j$
LRIE	$\sigma(X_i) + \sum_j [A_{ij} \bar{X}_j - A_{ji} X_j]$ , sums MSN and LIN

- $\sigma(1) = 0$  and  $\sigma(0) = -\infty$
- $X(t)$  the infection state,  $\bar{X}(t) = \mathbb{1} - X(t)$

# OPTIMAL GREEDY DRA

LRIE - Largest Reduction of Infectious Edges



## Derivation

- rewrite the DRA objective according to the Markovian property

$$\min_R C_\gamma(R) = \int_{t=0}^{+\infty} e^{-\gamma t} \mathbb{E}[N_I(t)] dt$$

$$\min_R C_\gamma(R, t, X) = \int_{u=0}^{+\infty} e^{-\gamma u} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[N_I(t+u) | X(t) = X]}_{\Phi_{t,X}(u)} du$$

- then, a second order approximation

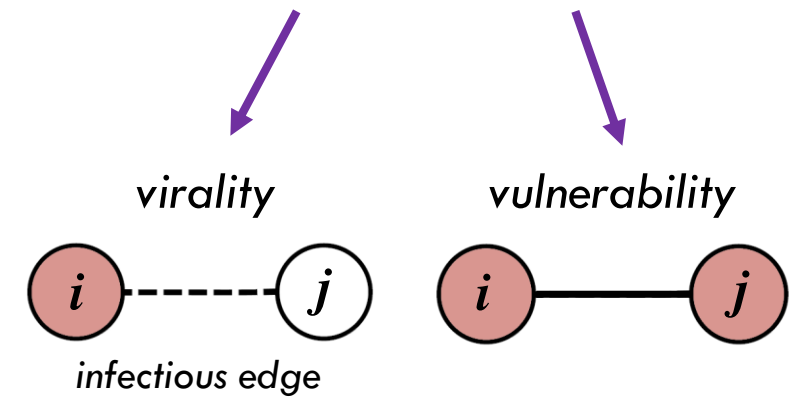
$$C_\gamma(R, t, X) = \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_i X_i + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \Phi'_{t,X}(0) + \frac{1}{\gamma^3} \Phi''_{t,X}(0) + O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^4}\right)$$

⋮

$$S_{\text{LRIE}}(X(t)) = A\bar{X}(t) - A^\top X(t) = \left[ \sum_j [A_{ij}\bar{X}_j(t) - A_{ji}X_j(t)] \right]_{i=1}^N$$

For an infected node  $i$

$$\sum_j [A_{ij}\bar{X}_j(t) - A_{ji}X_j(t)]$$



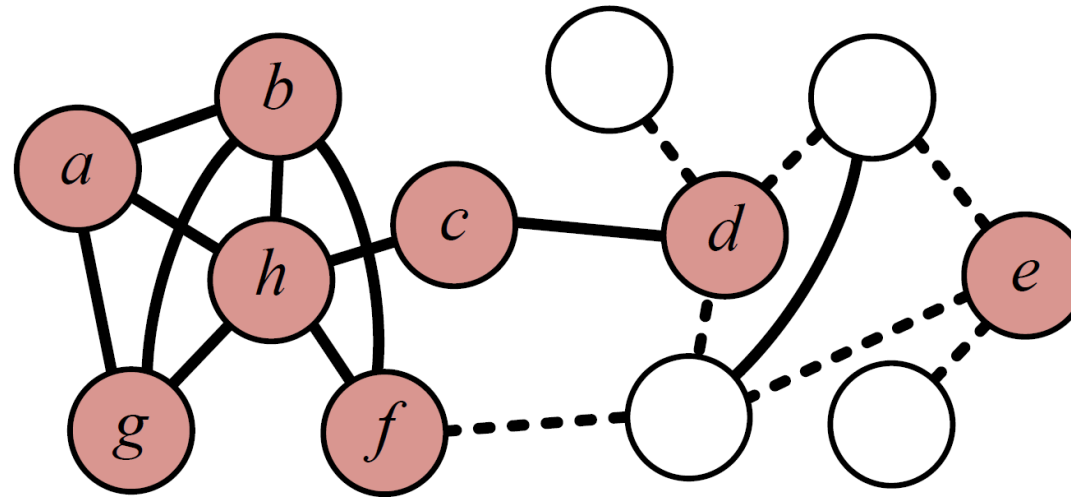
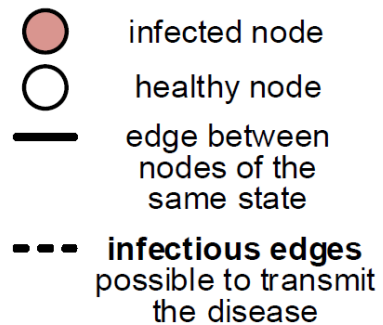


# OPTIMAL GREEDY DRA

*LRIE - Largest Reduction of Infectious Edges*



## Toy example



- Node *h* is the most central
- Node *e* and *d* are the most viral
- Node *e* is the least vulnerable (safest)

## LRIE node ranking

Priority 1: *e* /  $S_e=3-0$

Priority 2: *d* /  $S_d=3-1$

Priority 3: *f* /  $S_f=1-2$

⋮

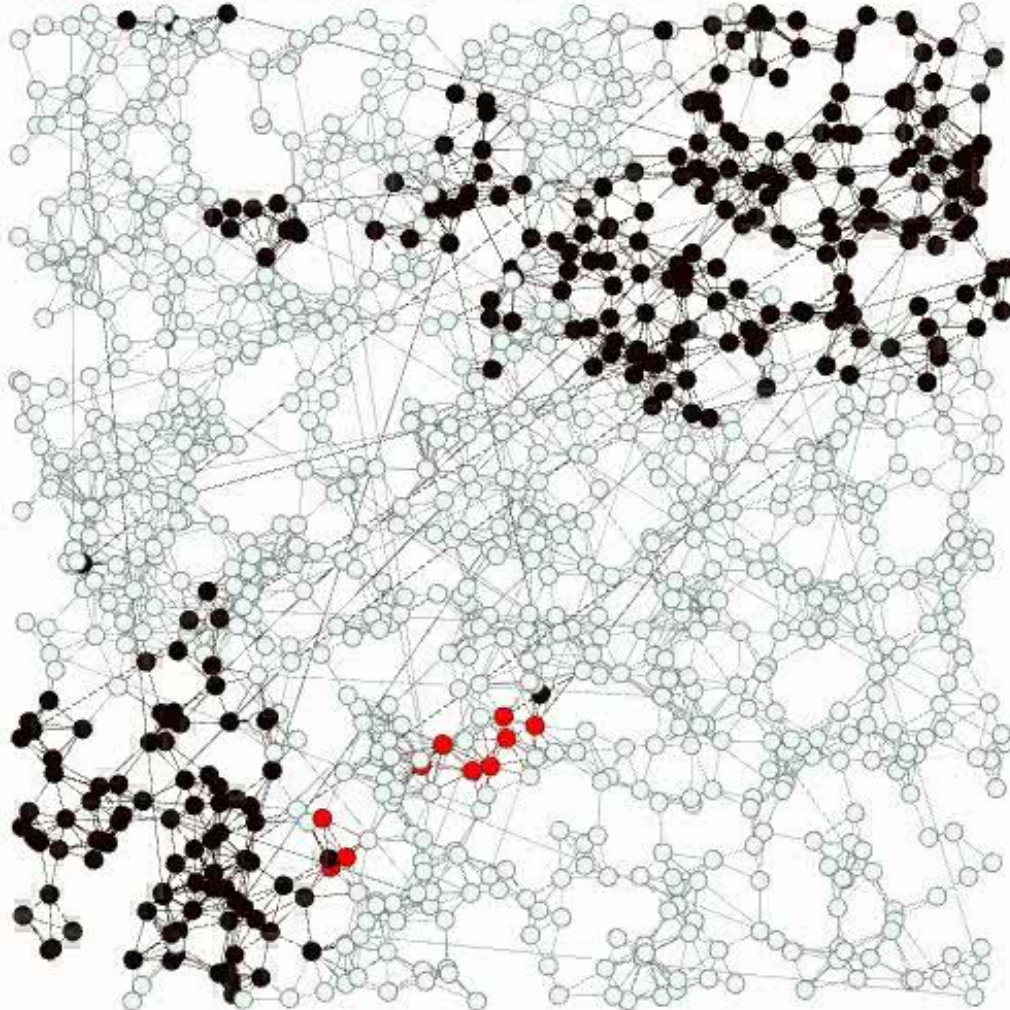
# OPTIMAL GREEDY DRA

*Demonstration on an artificial contact network*

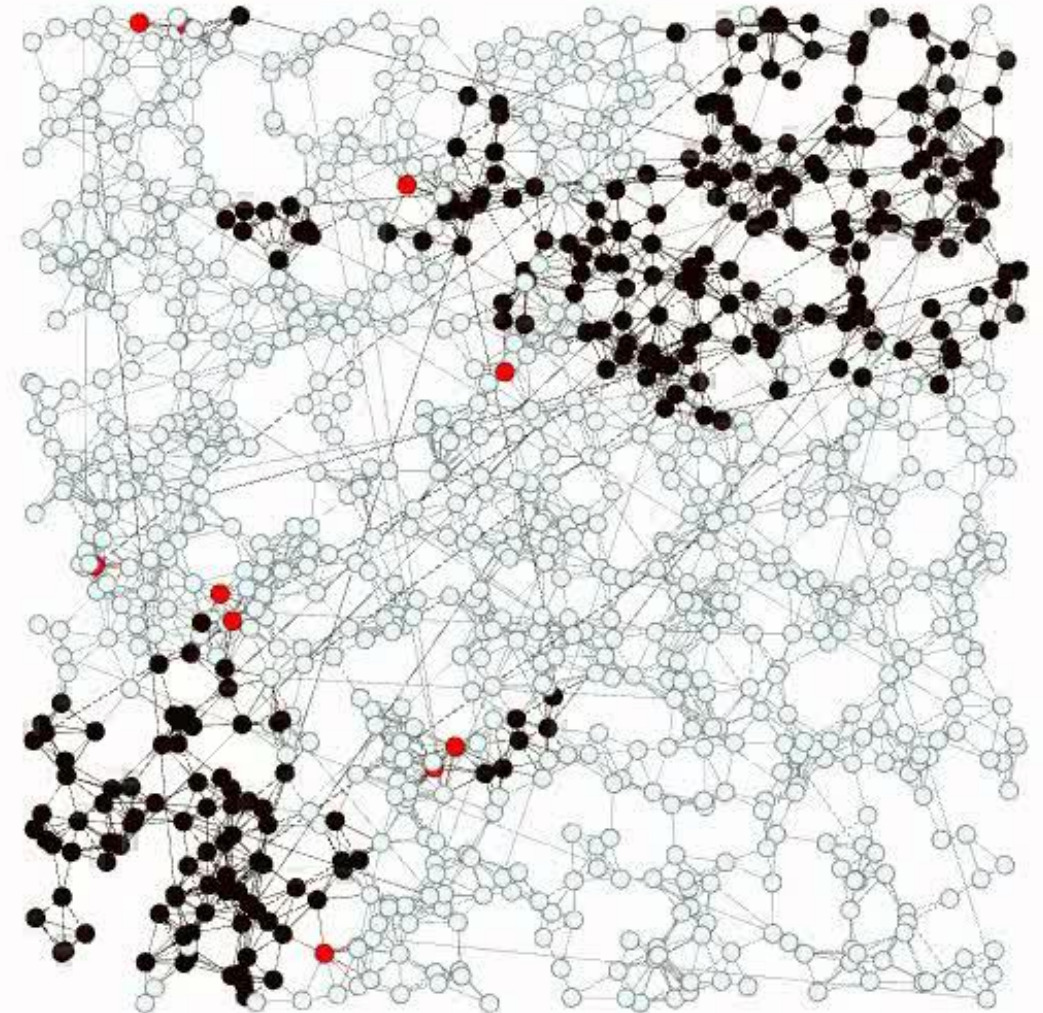


Comparison of Resource Allocation strategies for diffusion control

*Largest Reduction of Spectral Radius - LRSR*



*Largest Reduction of Infectious Edges - LRIE*



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# RESULTS

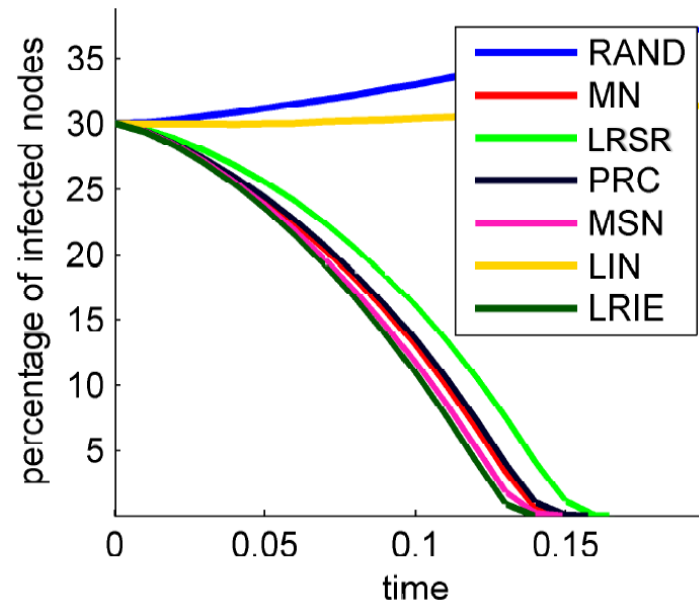
*Random graph model: scale-free*

**Scale-free network:**

$N = 10^4$  nodes

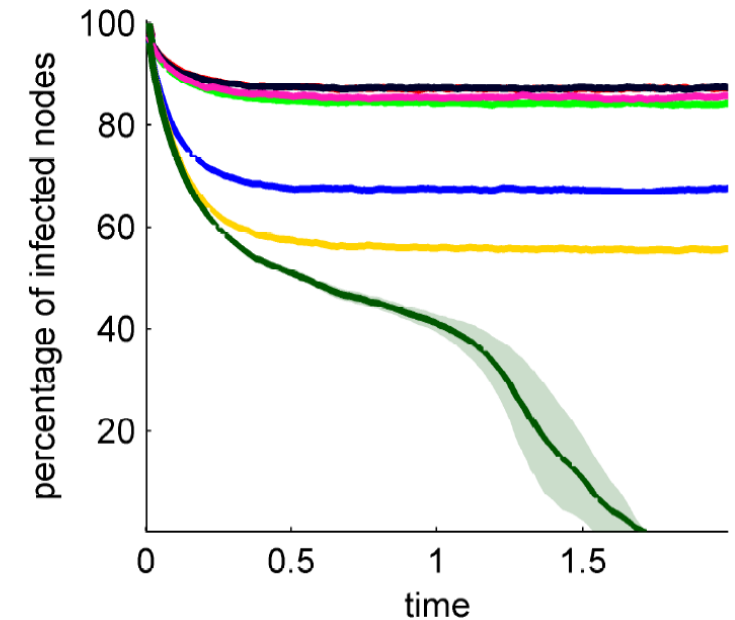
$p = 0.001$

$m = 5$



(a)  $e = 4000$

$r = 2, b_{tot} = 10$



(b)  $e = 3000$

$r = 2, b_{tot} = 10$



# RESULTS

*Random graph model: Erdős-Rényi*

## Heatmaps of avg. AUC ratio

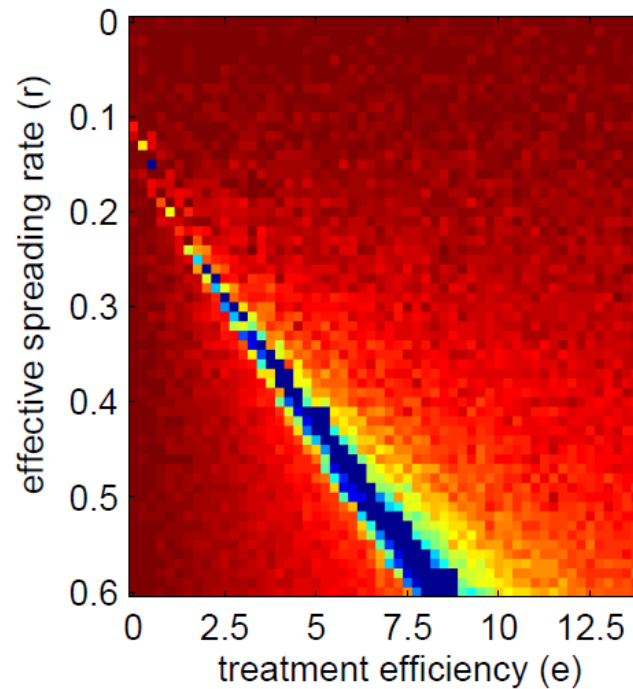
$\text{AUC}(\text{LRIE}) / \text{AUC}(\text{LRSR})$

**Erdős-Rényi networks:**

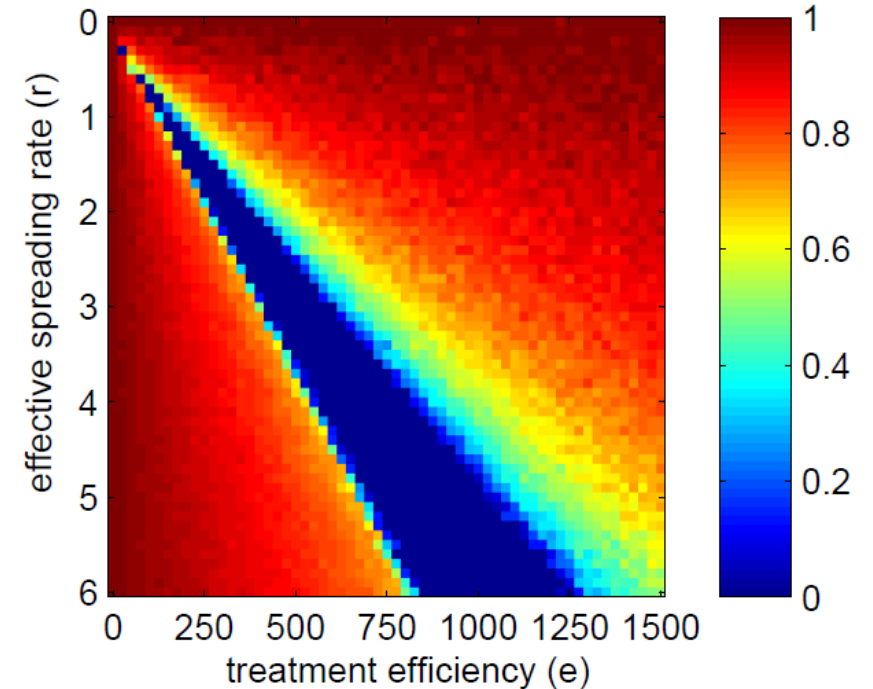
$N = 1,000$  nodes,  $p = 0.01$

*Small and large values for*

$$r = \beta / \delta \text{ and } e = \rho / \delta$$



(a)  $b_{tot} = 100$ ; small  $r, e$



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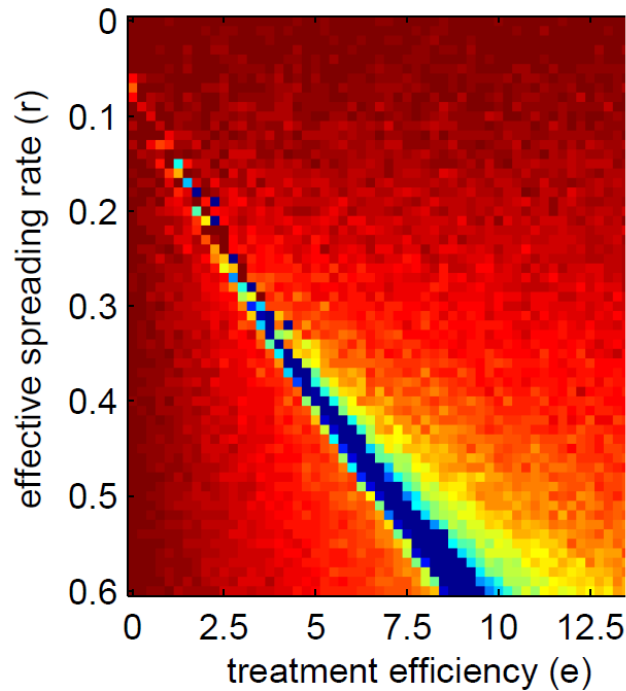
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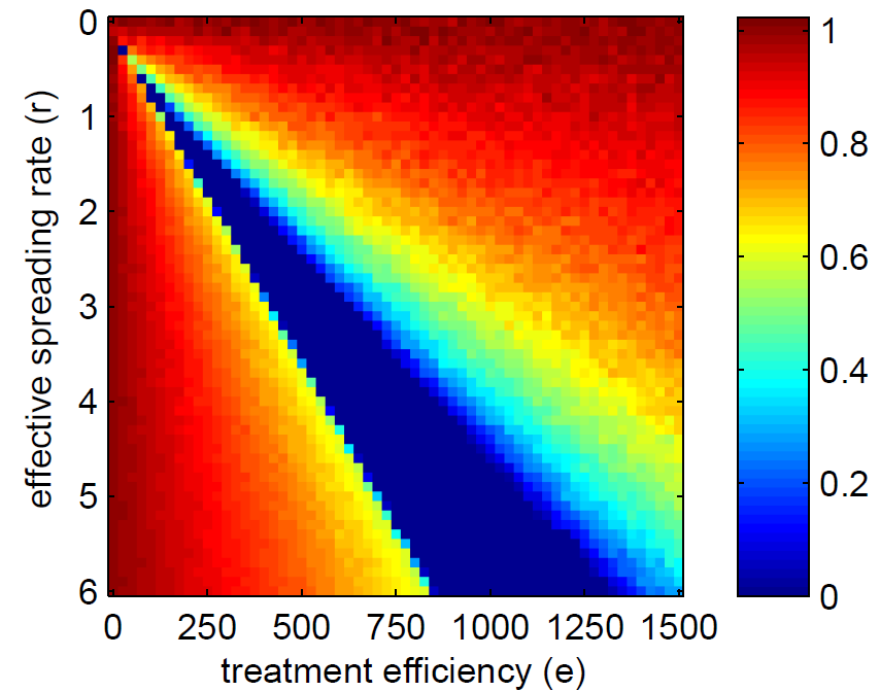
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# RESULTS

## Real-world networks



### Twitter subgraph

1,000 ego-networks

$N = 81,306$  nodes,  $E = 1,342,303$  edges



### US air traffic

$N = 2,939$  nodes,  $E = 30,501$  edges

Network	DP scenario				Strategy	AUC $\downarrow$	$T_{ext}\downarrow$	$N_I(T)\downarrow$
	$\delta$	$r$	$e$	$b_{tot}$				
Twitter subgraph	1	0.2	300	100	RAND	$\infty$	$\infty$	30.6%
					MN	$\infty$	$\infty$	33.4%
					LRSR	246,476	7.70	0%
					MSN	89,671	2.52	0%
					<b>LRIE</b>	<b>64,425</b>	<b>2.07</b>	<b>0%</b>
	1	0.2	200	100	RAND	$\infty$	$\infty$	37.3%
					MN	$\infty$	$\infty$	42.3%
					LRSR	161,195	5.11	0%
					<b>LRIE</b>	<b>87,600</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>0%</b>
	1	0.2	50	100	RAND	$\infty$	$\infty$	46.4%
					MN	$\infty$	$\infty$	48.5%
					LRSR	$\infty$	$\infty$	48.9%
					MSN	$\infty$	$\infty$	44.4%
					<b>LRIE</b>	$\infty$	$\infty$	<b>29.2%</b>
US air traffic	1	2	210	50	RAND	$\infty$	$\infty$	26.1%
					MN	$\infty$	$\infty$	73.8%
					LRSR	3,723	1.81	0%
					MSN	3,235	1.65	0%
					<b>LRIE</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0%</b>
	1	2	150	50	RAND	$\infty$	$\infty$	38.9%
					MN	$\infty$	$\infty$	76.6%
					LRSR	$\infty$	$\infty$	76.5%
					MSN	$\infty$	$\infty$	76.4%
					<b>LRIE</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>0%</b>
	1	2	100	50	RAND	$\infty$	$\infty$	49.7%
					MN	$\infty$	$\infty$	79.0%
					LRSR	$\infty$	$\infty$	79.2%
					MSN	$\infty$	$\infty$	77.4%
					<b>LRIE</b>	$\infty$	$\infty$	<b>23.1%</b>



# LRIE: PROS & CONS



## Advantages

- brings the intuitive idea of reduction of infectious edges (front)
- optimal greedy, fast and quite efficient
- can adapt to network and/or budget changes
- not difficult to imagine a distributed version

## Disadvantages

- ignores macroscopic network properties (e.g. clusters)
- cannot apply co-ordinated actions

# PROBLEM SOLVED?

## Question

*Is there a way to make an efficient plan that respects the network properties, and follow it persistently throughout the whole process?*

*What kind of guarantees could be provided?*

# GLOBAL PRIORITY PLANNING

## Definitions

**Priority-order:** a bijection  $\ell : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, N\}$

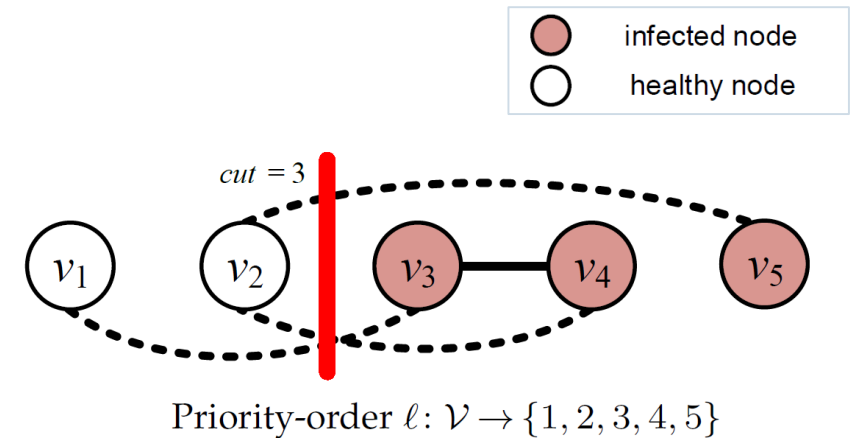
s.t.  $\ell(v)$  the position of node  $v$  in the order

**Priority planning:** DRA strategies that are based on a priority-order

- limited budget  $r$ , max resource per node  $\rho$ , healing top- $q(t)$  nodes (i.e. left-most)

$$q(t) = \min \left\{ \lceil \frac{r}{\rho} \rceil, \sum_i X_i(t) \right\}$$

$$\rho_i(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{r}{\lceil \frac{r}{\rho} \rceil} & \text{if } X_i(t) = 1 \text{ and } \ell(v_i) \leq \theta(t); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# GLOBAL PRIORITY PLANNING

*Graph theoretic properties of a priority-order*

**Cut at position  $c$ :**  $C_c(\ell) = \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{\{\ell(v_i) < c \leq \ell(v_j)\}}$

**MaxCut of  $\ell$ :**  $\mathcal{C}^*(\ell) = \max_{c=1,\dots,N} C_c(\ell)$

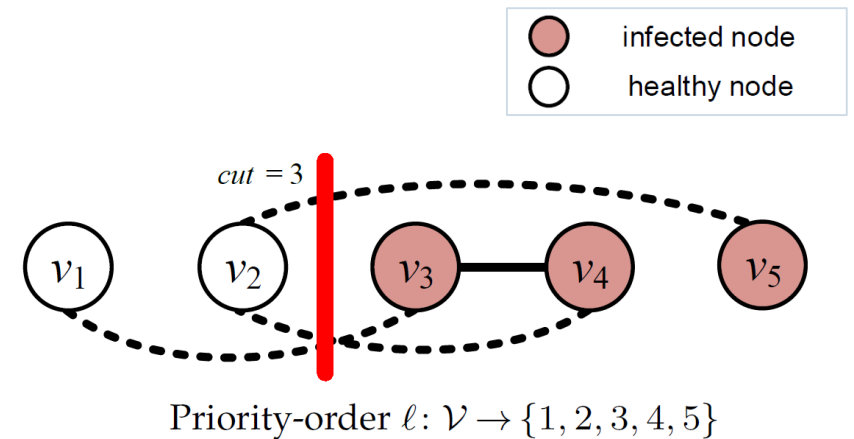
**Cutwidth of  $G$ :**  $\mathcal{W} = \min_{\ell} \mathcal{C}^*(\ell)$

**Extinction time:**  $\tau_x = \min\{t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \mid X(0) = x, X(t) = \mathbf{0}\}$

- non-inf random quantity depending on the DRA strategy
- *sub-critical* behavior:  $\mathbb{E}[\tau_x] \leq \text{polynomial function}$
- *super-critical* behavior:  $\mathbb{E}[\tau_x] > \text{exponential function}$

**Requirement** for designing a strategy:

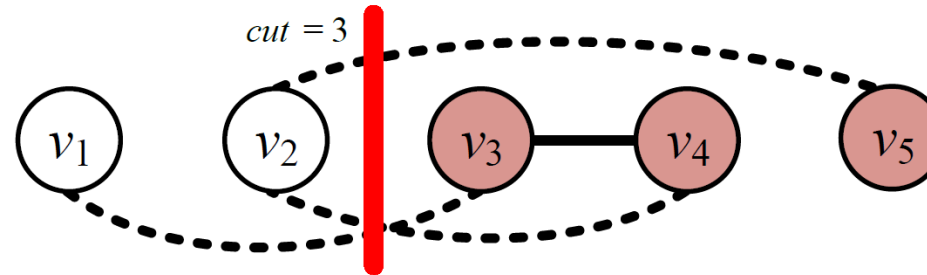
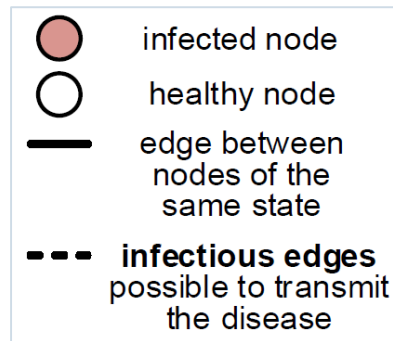
- connect the properties of the order  $\ell$  to  $\mathbb{E}[\tau_x]$



# GLOBAL PRIORITY PLANNING

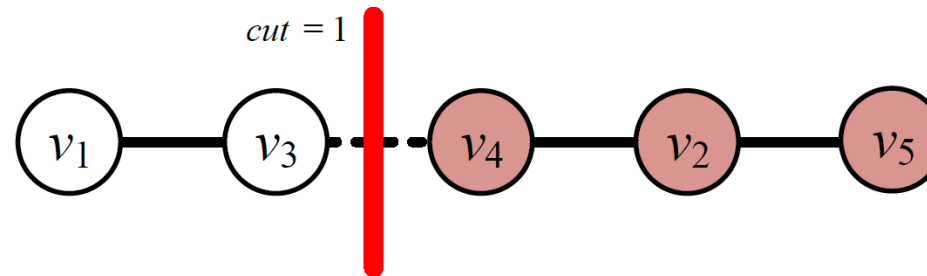
*Explaining the role of MaxCut*

## Toy example



(a) Priority-order  $\ell: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

*Priority-order with  
MaxCut = 3*



(b) Priority-order  $\ell': \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \{1, 3, 4, 2, 5\}$

*Priority-order with  
minimal MaxCut = 1*

- Red vertical line: the **front** separating the healthy (left) from the infected part (right) of the network
- The MaxCut indicates highest vulnerability for the healthy part and is the most difficult step of the priority plan

# THEORETICAL RESULTS

*How good priority-orders are?*

## UPPER BOUND

Let  $d$  the maximum number of neighbors,  $q = \lceil \frac{r}{\rho} \rceil$  the number of treated nodes, and  $\epsilon = \frac{d(3+2 \ln N+4q)}{C^*(\ell)}$ . Assume that:

$$r + \delta q > \beta C^*(\ell) (1 + 2\sqrt{\epsilon} + \epsilon)$$

Then the following upper bound holds for the expected extinction time  $\mathbb{E}[\tau_1]$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[\tau_1] \leq \frac{6N}{\beta} .$$



# MAXCUT MINIMIZATION (MCM)

MCM Strategy [2, 3, 4]

## MCM strategy

- seeks for the priority-order  $\ell$  with the **minimum MaxCut**  $C^*(\ell)$  of edges
- heals the  $q(t)$  leftmost infected nodes in  $\ell$
- uses a relaxation of  $\ell_{MCM}(\mathcal{G}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\ell} C^*(\ell)$

by

$$\text{MpLA: } \phi(\mathcal{G}, \ell) = \left( \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} |\ell(v_i) - \ell(v_j)|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

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### Algorithm 1 MCM strategy

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▷ *Prior to the diffusion process:*

Compute the priority-order  $\ell = \ell_{MCM}(\mathcal{G})$  by minimizing the maxcut  $C^*(\ell)$

Order the nodes of  $\mathcal{G}$  according to  $\ell$ , i.e. compute the node list  $(v_1, \dots, v_N)$  s.t.  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\}, \ell(v_i) = i$

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▷ *During the diffusion process:*

**Input:** network  $\mathcal{G}$ , state vector  $X(t)$ , resource budget  $r$ , resource threshold  $\rho$

**Output:** the resource allocation vector  $\rho(t)$

$q \leftarrow \lceil \frac{r}{\rho} \rceil$

if  $\sum_i X_i(t) < q$  then  
  return  $\frac{r}{q} X(t)$

end if

$\rho(t) \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$

// a zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^N$

$budget \leftarrow q$

$i \leftarrow 1$

while  $budget > 0$  do

  if  $X_{v_i}(t) = 1$  then

$\rho_{v_i}(t) \leftarrow \frac{r}{q}$

$budget \leftarrow budget - 1$

  end if

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

end while

return  $\rho(t)$

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# MAXCUT MINIMIZATION (MCM)

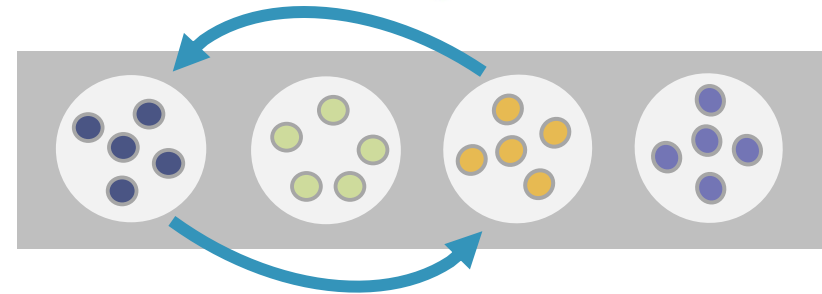
*Solving the MLA problem*

## Learning an ordering for a network

1. find communities in  $G$  and order them (high-level nodes) with *spectral sequencing*
2. order nodes inside each cluster with *spectral sequencing*, orient to each other, and then optimize with *node swaps* internally to clusters
3. apply the swap-based approach again to the overall node ordering



1 b.



2 a.



2 b.



2 c.



3.

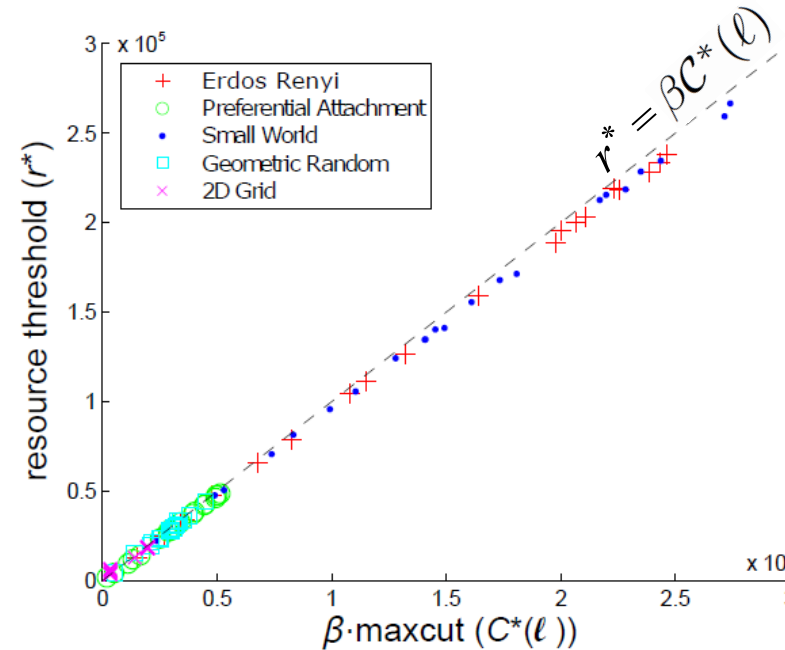


# RESULTS

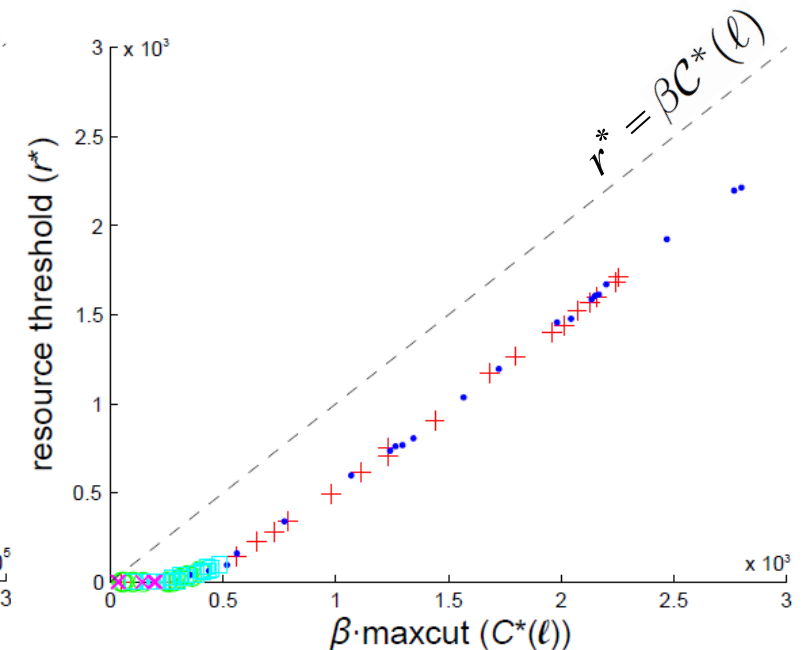
## Quality of the theoretical bound

### Verifying

$$r^* \approx \beta C^*(\ell)$$



(a) high infectivity:  $\beta = 10$

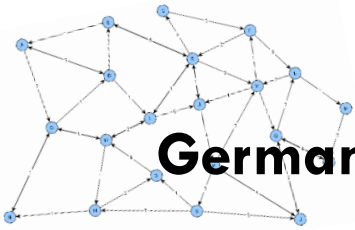


(b) low infectivity:  $\beta = 0.1$

- picks orderings at random out of MCM, RAND, MN, LN, LRSR
- various random network models,  $N = 1,000$ ,  $q = \{1, \dots, 100\}$
- $r^*$  was estimated empirically with simulations

# RESULTS

## Experiments on real-networks



### GermanSpeedway

$N = 1,168$  nodes,  $E = 1,243$  edges,  
 $\max(d) = 12$ ,  $\beta=1$ ,  $\delta = 0$ ,  $q = 1$

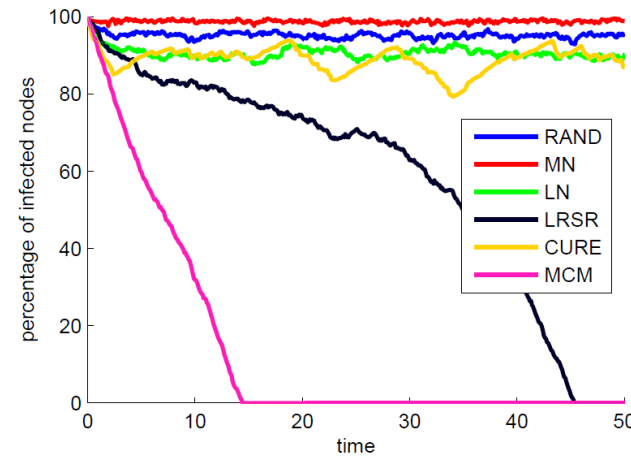
MaxCut: 650+/-50 RAND, 379 MN and LN,  
104 LRSR, 29 CURE and MCM



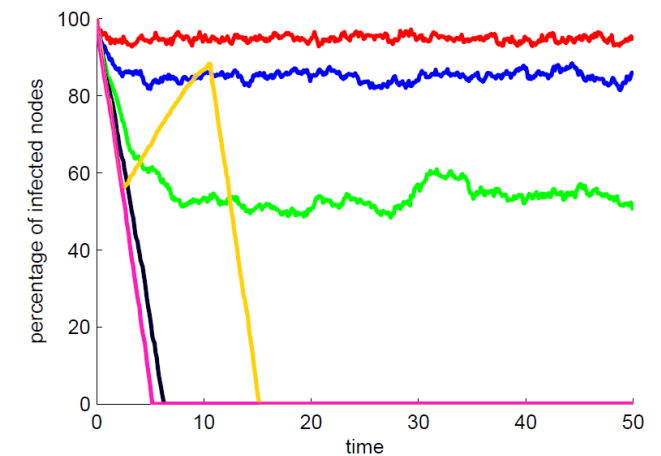
### OpenFlights

$N = 2,939$  nodes,  $E = 30,501$  edges,  
 $\max(d) = 242$ ,  $\beta=1$ ,  $\delta = 0$ ,  $q = 1$

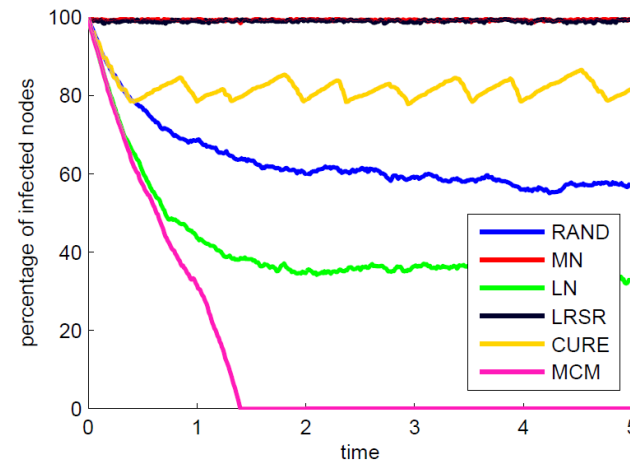
MaxCut: 7,800+/-100 RAND, 7,504 MN and LN,  
6,223 LRSR, 2,231 CURE and MCM



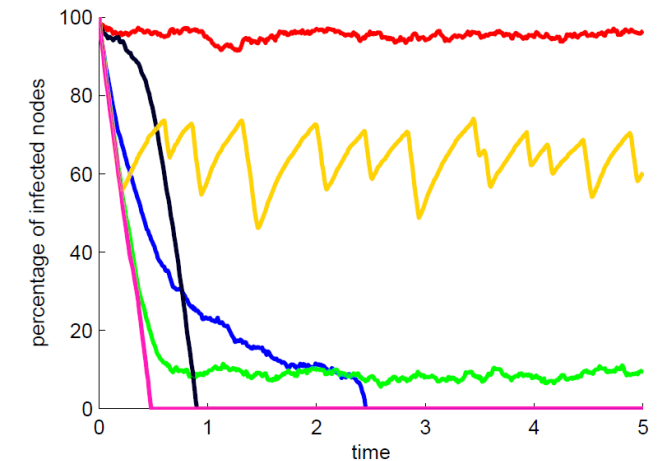
(a) low resource budget:  $r = 100$



(b) high resource budget:  $r = 250$



(a) low resource budget:  $r = 3000$



(b) high resource budget:  $r = 7000$

# GLOBAL PRIORITY PLANNING

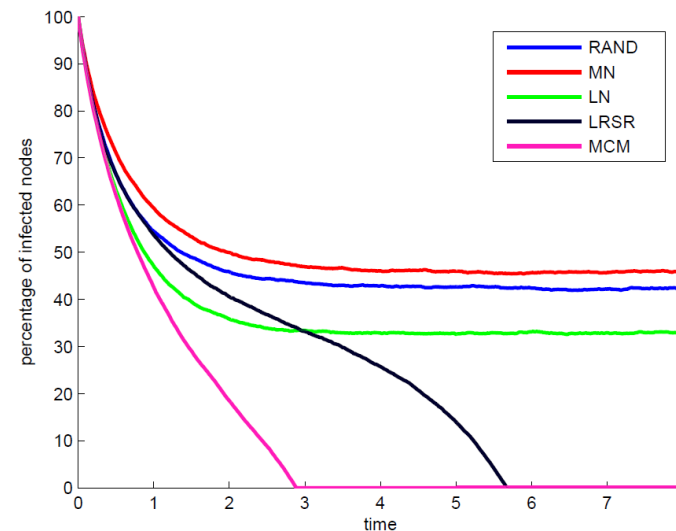
*Experiments on real-networks*

*Subset of Twitter network  
with 81.306 nodes*

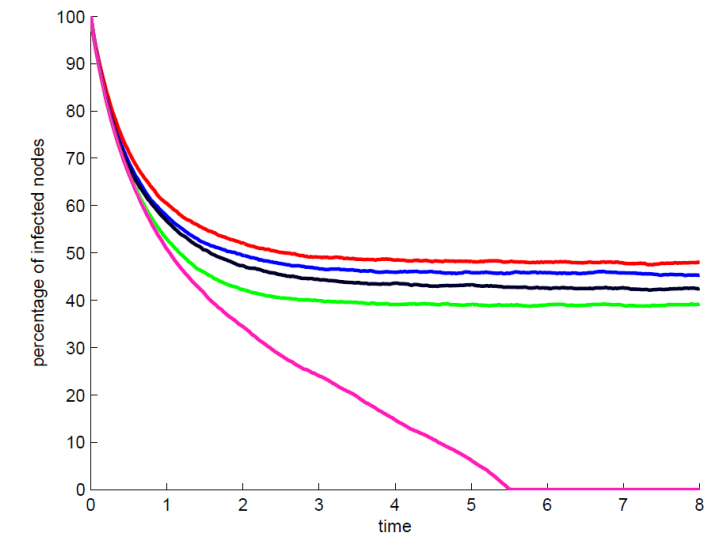


*MCM can remove the contagion  
with ~5 times less resources  
than its best competitor !!*

Strategy	Maxcut	Maxcut % w.r.t. RAND	Expected resource threshold ( $\delta = 1, \beta = 0.1, q = 100$ )
RAND	$670,000 \pm 1000$	100.0 %	67,000
MN	628,571	93.8 %	62,957
LN	628,571	93.8 %	62,957
LRSR	349,440	52.2 %	34,944
<b>MCM</b>	<b>71,956</b>	<b>10.7 %</b>	<b>7,196</b>



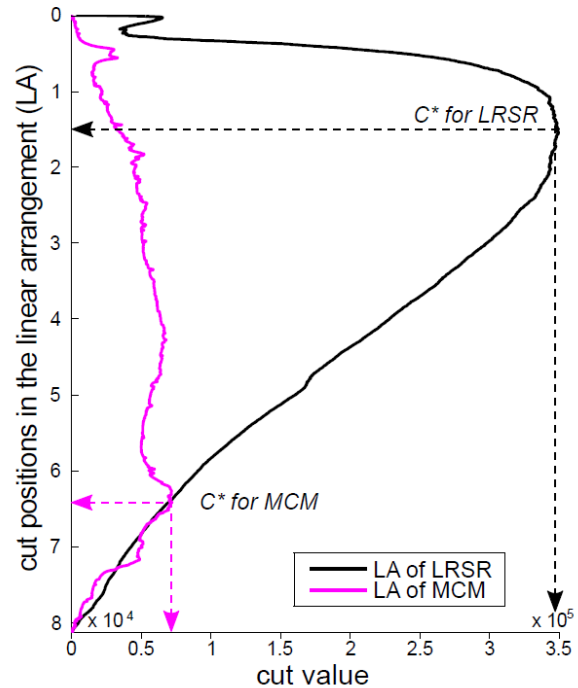
(a) high resource budget:  $r = 20,000$



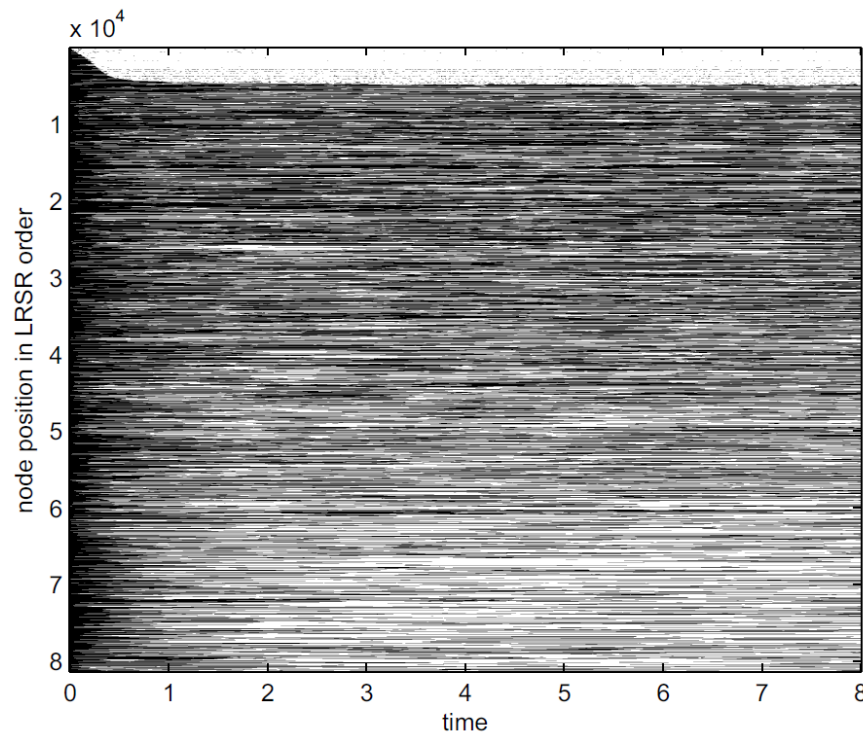
(b) low resource budget:  $r = 12,000$

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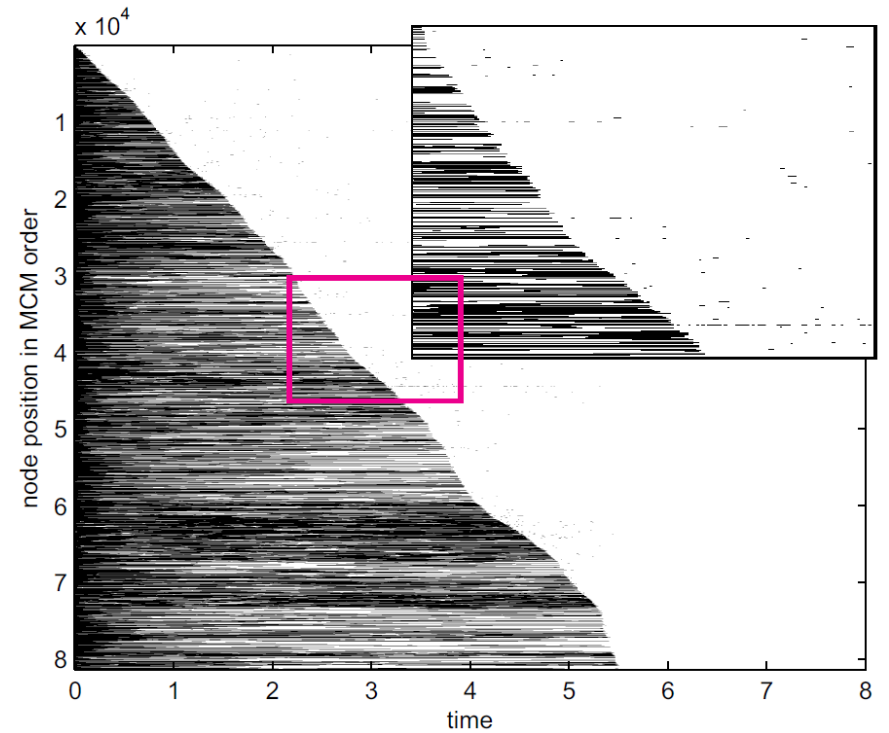
*Experiments on real network (TwitterNet)*



(c) cuts and maxcuts



(d) network state under LRSR



(e) network state under MCM

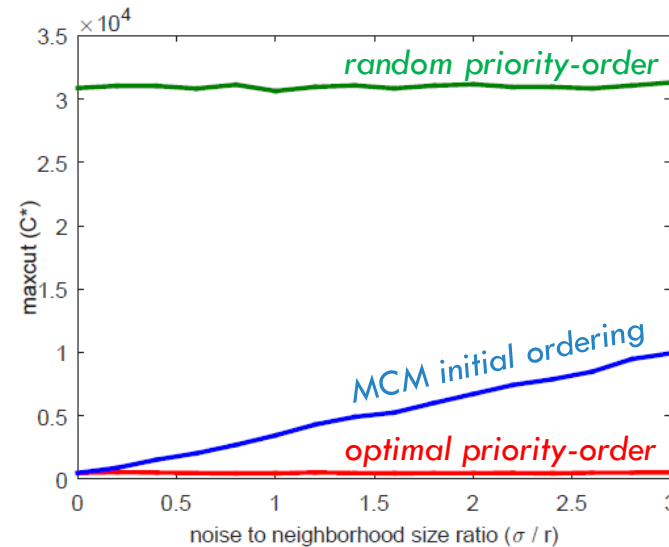


# ROBUSTNESS ANALYSIS

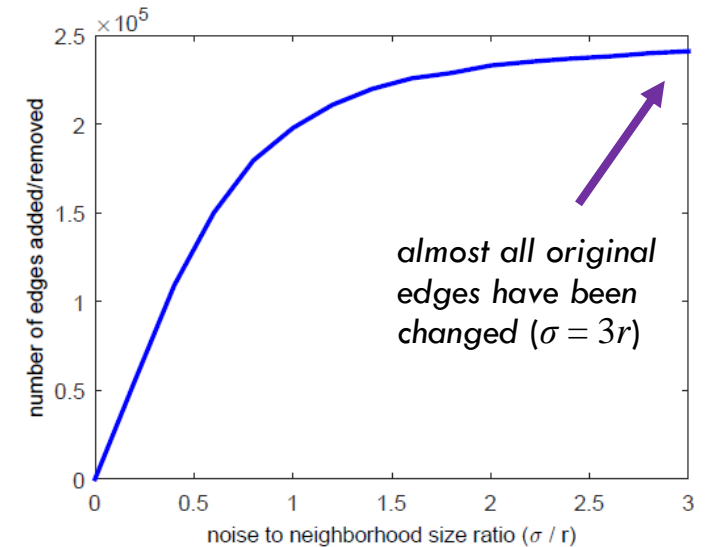
*Experiments on an increasingly perturbed contact network*

Contact network in  $[0,1]^2$  where each node is connected with all nodes in radius  $r$

*The priority ordering remains valid after local modifications of the network connectivity*



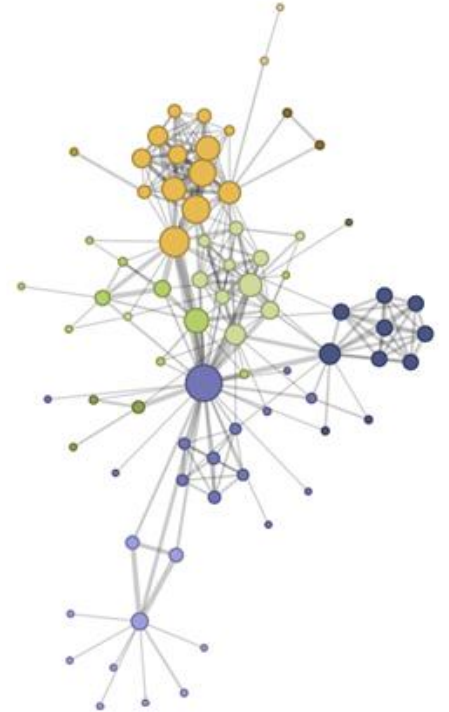
(a)  $\mathcal{C}^*(\ell)$  value as a function of noise



(b) number of edges added or removed as a function of noise

# CONCLUSION

- Diffusion processes and control... introduced
  - DPs are super-significant in the new socio-economic context
- Two efficient methods were presented for dynamic resource allocation
  - Computational approaches which can be applied in multiple network resolutions
  - They can be used for epidemic control, MCM also as an assessment tool
    - a. The **MaxCut** assesses the quality of a plan
    - b. The **Minimum MaxCut** assess the resource needs of a network



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# QUESTIONS

Thank you!

