## Dynamics on networks

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"How can the universe start with a few types of elementary particles at the big bang, and end up with life, history, economics, and literature? The question is screaming out to be answered but it is seldom even asked. Why did the big bang not form a simple gas of particles or condense into one big crystal? We see complex phenomena around us so often that we take for granted without looking for further explanation. In fact, until recently very little scientific effort was devoted to understanding why nature is complex."

Per Bak, 1997



Complexity: Inhomogeneity in space Fractal objects:

# Inhomogeneity in time:

"Fractal" time series





### Self-organized criticality

Sandpile model: emergence of scaling in driven systems



Slope is maintained constant with avalanches of inhomogeneous sizes and durations

### **Cellular automaton model**

1	2	0	2	3
2	3	2	3	0
1	2	3	3	2
3	1	3	2	1
0	2	2	1	2

1	2	0	2	3
2	3	2	3	0
1	2	4	3	2
3	1	3	2	1
0	2	2	1	2

1	2	0	2	3
2	3	3	3	0
1	3	0	4	2
3	1	4	2	1
0	2	2	1	2

1	2	0	2	3
2	3	3	4	0
1	3	2	0	3
3	2	0	4	1
0	2	3	1	2

1	2	0	3	3
2	3	4	0	1
1	3	2	2	3
3	2	1	0	2
0	2	3	2	2

1	2	1	3	3
2	4	0	1	1
1	3	3	2	3
3	2	1	0	2
0	2	3	2	2

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3	0	1	1	1
1	4	3	2	3
3	2	1	0	2
0	2	3	2	2

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1	3	1	3	3
3	1	1	1	1
2	0	4	2	3
3	3	1	0	2
0	2	3	2	2

1	3	1	3	3
3	1	2	1	1
2	1	0	3	3
3	3	2	0	2
0	2	3	2	2

1	3	1	3	3
3				1
2				3
3	3			2
0	2	3	2	2

At the boundary grains get lost

Adding a grain  $z(x, y) \rightarrow z(x, y) + 1$ Toppling  $z(x, y) \rightarrow z(x, y) - 4$   $z(x \pm 1, y) \rightarrow z(x \pm 1, y) + 1$  $z(x, y \pm 1) \rightarrow z(x, y \pm 1) + 1$ 



s: size of avalanche Similar power law for duration

Non-trivial, scaling behavior also on complex networks (if threshold is dependent on  $k_i$ ).

### Interacting systems

In the above (network) models temporal heterogeneity results from interaction. There are units, which interact and result in complex behavior

The units are not always simple (but we hope that details are unimportant):

- Earthquakes (complex material processes) → GR law
- Solar flares (magneto-hydrodynamic processes) universal scaling distributions
- Neural activity (electrochemistry of cells) → scaling distributions
- Economy (including human agents)  $\rightarrow$  price

#### Human communication

Interaction between people + human nature Take a "simpler" view: Consider temporal pattern at single persons (nodes in the communication network) and calculate average behavior over many.

Simple model: Poissonian

(used until recently to design telephone crossbar capacities)

Advantage: A single parameter is enough

Disadvantage: Totally wrong

### Poisson process

Events are separated by  $t_{ie}$  inter-event times with the independent distribution  $P(t_{ie}) = e^{-\lambda t_{ie}}$ The expectation value of the number of events in an interval  $\tau$  has a Poisson distribution:

$$P(N_{\tau}) = e^{-\lambda \tau} \frac{(\lambda \tau)^{N_{\tau}}}{N_{\tau}!}$$

Homogeneous Poisson process

If  $\lambda$  depends on t

$$P(N_{\tau}) = e^{-\lambda_{ba}} \frac{(\lambda_{ba})^{N_{\tau}}}{N_{\tau}!} \quad \text{with } \lambda_{ba} = \int_{a}^{b} \lambda(t) dt$$

Non-homogeneous Poisson process

# Poissonian vs bursty activity



Many bursty phenomena in human behavior and Nature

- Examples for Poisson process include:
- radioactive decay
- low density road traffic
- light bulbs burning out
- But MANY processes are not
- •Human communication pattern
- Solar flares
- Earthquakes
- Price changes above threshold
- neuron firing
- etc.

### Correspondence







Oliveira and Barabási, Nature (2005)

### Barabási model

**Priority list** 

Model:

- a) Pick the task with
  highest priority with
  probability p or
  randomly one with
  1- p and execute it
  b) generate a new task
- with a random priority
- waiting ≠ inter-event time
- Two types of tasks...

task	priority
1	x <sub>1</sub>
2	x <sub>2</sub>
3	x <sub>3</sub>
4	x <sub>4</sub>
5	<b>x</b> <sub>5</sub>
6	x <sub>6</sub>
•••	•••
L	x <sub>L</sub>

#### Info-communication data



Power law valid only within a day

 $\alpha$  close to 1

Measured are the inter-event times, not the waiting times.

### Priority arranged list model

Bursty behavior consists of excited (active) and normal periods. I.e., there is some persistence.



- a) Choose task *i* with probability  $w_i \sim i^{-\sigma}$
- b) Put task *i* to position 1
- c) Shift all tasks  $1 \rightarrow i-1$  by one to the right

There are 2 kinds of tasks: A and B  $\rightarrow$  inter-event times

Markovian property

### ABAABBAAAAB... AABAABBAAAB... BAABAABAAAB...

$\underline{P}_A(t+1) = \underline{P}_A(t)A$			Γ	Master	equation
	$\int w_1$	$\sum_{i=2}^{N} w_i$	0		0)
	<i>w</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>w</i> <sub>1</sub>	$\sum_{i=3}^{N} w_i$	0	:
A =	<i>w</i> 3	0	$w_1 + w_2$	$\sum_{i=4}^{N} w_i$	0
	÷	:	0	·•.	WN
	$\langle w_N$	0		0	$\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} w_i$

### Solution for the inter-event time

There is only one A task  $q_n(t)$  is the prob. that A is at *n* at time *t* for the first time.

$$q_n(0) = (1 - w_1)\delta_{n,2}$$

$$q_n(t+1) = \begin{cases} P_1 q_2(t) & \text{if } n = 2, \\ P_{n-1} q_n(t) + (1 - P_{n-1})q_{n-1}(t) & \text{if } n > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$P_n = \sum_{k=1}^n w_i$$

 $Q(t) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} q_n(t)$  is the prob. not to recur until t and the prob. of first recurrence at t is Q(t) - Q(t+1)

/ajna et al. 2012

Introducing discrete Laplace transformation  $\Gamma(\lambda,t) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} q_k(t)e^{-k\lambda}$  and using the form of  $w_i$  we get

$$\Gamma(\lambda, t+1) = \Gamma(\lambda, t) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{-\sigma+1} q_k(t) e^{-k\lambda} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+1)^{-\sigma+1} q_k(t) e^{-(k+1)\lambda}$$
Applying  $(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda})^{\sigma-1}$  to both sides
$$\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda}\right)^{\sigma-1} [\Gamma(\lambda, t+1) - \Gamma(\lambda, t)] = \left(e^{-\lambda} - 1\right) \Gamma(\lambda, t)$$

$$\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda}\right)^{\sigma-1} \frac{\partial \Gamma(\lambda, t)}{\partial t} = (e^{-\lambda} - 1) \Gamma(\lambda, t)$$

which has the scaling solution for small  $\lambda$ :  $\Gamma(\lambda,t) = t^{\frac{1}{\sigma}-1} \phi\left( \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\lambda} \\ \lambda t^{\sigma} \end{array} \right)$ 

leading to

$$P(t_{ie}) \sim t^{-(2-\frac{1}{\sigma})}$$

#### **Renewal processes**

Stochastic process of instanteneous events separated by random IID inter-event times  $\tau$ , distributed according to  $P_{ie}(\tau)$ . Generalization of the Poisson process, where  $P_{ie}(\tau)=\exp(-\alpha\tau)/\alpha$ 

Autocorrelation function

$$\mathscr{A}(t) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X(0)X(t)] - \langle \mathbb{E}[X(t)] \rangle_t^2}{\langle \mathbb{E}[X(t)] \rangle_t - \langle \mathbb{E}[X(t)] \rangle_t^2}$$

where X(t) is the indicator of the event

# Scaling law for renewal processes

For a renewal process with power law tailed interevent time  $P_{ie}(t) \sim t^{-\beta}$  we have  $\mathscr{A}(t) \sim t^{-\alpha}$  with a scaling law:  $\alpha + \beta = 2$  (\*)

The Laplace transform of A(t) can be expressed by that of  $P_{ie}(t)$ 

$$g(\lambda) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} A(t) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} P(t) = \{\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_m, \dots\} = 0$$

$$=\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathsf{E}(e^{-\lambda \tau_{m}}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathsf{E}(e^{-\lambda(\tau + \tau' + \tau'' + ... + \tau^{(m)})}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[\mathsf{E}(e^{-\lambda \tau})\right]^{m} =$$

$$= \left(1 - \mathsf{E}(e^{-\lambda \tau})\right)^{-1}$$

From which (\*) follows via Tauber theorems

#### Empirical results for the priority list model



 $\alpha$ =2- $\beta$ = 1/ $\sigma$  perfectly verified

# **Empirical autocorrelation function**

$$\mathscr{A}(t) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X(0)X(t)] - \langle \mathbb{E}[X(t)] \rangle_t^2}{\langle \mathbb{E}[X(t)] \rangle_t - \langle \mathbb{E}[X(t)] \rangle_t^2},$$

A(t)-s also decay as power law!



phone calls

Email

hØ

 $10^{4}$ 

## Renewal processes?

	α	β	α+β
Phone calls	0.5	0.7	1.2
SMS	0.6	0.7	1.3
Emails	0.7	1.0	1.7

 $\alpha + \beta < 2$ , i.e. the process is NOT a renewal one, there is dependence between the events.

## Renewal processes?

	α	в	α'	α'+β
Phone calls	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.8
SMS	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.8
Emails	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.8

 $\alpha + \beta < 2$ , i.e. the process is NOT a renewal one, there is dependence between the events.

If shouffled,  $\alpha' + \beta \sim 1.8$ , much closer to the scaling law holds

# Measuring dependence

Bursty behavior means that there are high activity periods separated by low activity ones

- We define a "bursty period" relative to a window  $\Delta t$ :
- A bursty period (or train of bursts) is a sequence of events separated from the rest by empty periods of at least  $\Delta t$  lengths.



Calculate the distribution P(E) of the number E of events within the trains

# The P(E) distribution measures dependence

# For any independent inter-event time distribution P(E) decays exponentially:

$$P(E=n) \sim \left(\int_{0}^{\Delta t} P(\tau) d\tau\right)^{n} = e^{-an}$$

Empirical results show the presence of intrisic correlations. We find:  $P(E) \sim E^{-\gamma}$ 

	α	6	Y
Phone calls	0.5	0.7	4.1
SMS	0.6	0.7	3.9
Emails	0.7	1.0	2.5



# Relation to memory

Power law P(E) shows: the process is non-Markovian: Memory

p(n) is the prob. that a bursty train, which has already the length n will get longer.



### Modeling

#### Can we construct a model for all features?

#### Two state model:

A normal state - it performs independent events with relatively long inter-event times B excited state - it performs correlated bursty events with relatively short inter-event times



Inter-event times are generated by reinforcement processes

- the longer an entity waits after an event, the larger the probability it will wait longer (see Stehlé, et al. PRE (2010)).
- Here the inter-event time of an event depends on the actual state
- Different reinforcement functions for state A and B

$$f_{A,B}(t_{ie}) = \left(\frac{t_{ie}}{t_{ie}+1}\right)^{\mu_{A,B}}$$

If  $\mu_A << \mu_B$  long bursty trains develop.  $\beta = \mu$ 

### Other systems

Very different systems show similar behavior (weak universality, exponents are different)



(a) Japanese earthquake sequence

Is there a common mechanism behind?

Threshold phenomena



Measuring burstiness

How to measure burstiness?

$$B \equiv \frac{\sigma_{\tau} - m_{\tau}}{\sigma_{\tau} + m_{\tau}}$$

with  $m_{\tau}$  being the mean and  $\sigma_{\tau}$  the variance of the empirical inter-event distribution.

- *B* = 0 for Poisson distribution
- B = -1 for delta distribution
- B = 1 if the second moment diverges

The larger *B* > 0 the more bursty

### Circadian pattern

### Activity pattern for mobile phone data



How is this related to the observed burstiness? Is there "intrinsic" burstiness? Deseasoning

### Rescaling time

$$dt^* = rac{c(t)}{C_T} \; dt = 
ho(t) dt$$

where c(t) is the event density at t,  $C_T$  is the average density over period T $\rho^*(t^*)dt^* = \rho(t)dt$ 



There is still circadian pattern observed!

#### **Activity classes**

When averaging over the whole sample, we mix a very inhomogeneous sample

Introduce classes of activities and do the rescaling on them.



Pattern is almost entirely removed!

#### Power spectrum



#### **Rescaled inter-event times**


### **Burstiness**



Burstiness and conflicts in Wikpedia edits

WP is a collaborative, free, WEB-based, multilingual encyclopedia written by volunteers from all around the world.

Fully recorded: Every single edit, discussion, interaction – the full history of a (special) society.

What is the mechanism of arriving at a consensus in a collaborative environment?

Mostly constructive activity, sometimes conflicts, edit wars.

English WP 2011 Identification of conflicts most controversial articles  $M = E \times$  $\min[N_i^d, N_i^r]$ George W. Bush Anarchism (*i*,*j*)∈reverters \max pair Muhammad E: total # of reverting editors Circumcision (larger army  $\rightarrow$  worse war) Race and intelligence  $N_i^d(N_i^r)$ : # of reverts of reverte**d(r) Global** warming **United States** (more mature editors  $\rightarrow$  worse war **Barack Obama** \ max pair: Avoid conflict btw 2 persons Jesus Christianity Michael Jackson

### Edit frequency

#### Edit patterns:



#### Average edit interval



#### **Burstiness**



All edits

Reverts

**Mutual reverts** 

#### Inter-event time distribution



**Conflict articles** 

Normal articles

#### **Spreading phenomena in networks**

- epidemics (bio- and computer)
- social contagion (rumors, information, opinion, innovation)

Difference in the transmission: Epidemics (in simple cases, like influensa) – binary Social contagion: complex (multiple nodes participate)

# Epidemic spreading theory

Epidemic spreading among individuals Different states – compartments:

- Susceptible
- Infected
- Recovered (immune)
- Exposed (infected but not yet infecting)

Resulting in different models in the spirit of Pastor-Satorras et al. Rev. Mod. Phys. (2015) reaction-diffusion processes, e.g.,  $S + I \rightarrow 2I$  (SI model).  $\beta, \mu, \eta, \gamma$  are rates by which the reactions happen. In the simplest case "homogeneous or perfect mixing" is assumed: Everybody can meet everybody with the probability proportional to the concentrations (mean field approximation).

In simple cases solvable, epidemic threshold, relation to percolation.



Spreading curve for SI (simplest model)



### Aggregate network



Granovetterian structure: Strength of week ties

Consequence of the Granovetterian structure: Strongly wired communities slow down spreading. Simulation: SI model with hopping rates *p<sub>ii</sub>* 

> (1) Empirical:  $p_{ij} \propto w_{ij}$ (2) Reference:  $p_{ij} \propto \langle w \rangle$



The process is in reality non-Poissonian! Inhomogeneities not only in the topology but also in the temporal behavior (remember the movie!)

Characterizing inhomogeneities 306 million mobile call records of 4.9 million individuals during 4 months with 1s resolution

- Burstiness (fat tailed inter-event time distribution)
- Circadian, weekly pattern
- Triggered activity, temporal motifs

M.Karsai et al. Phys. Rev. E83, 025102 (2011)



Scaled inter-event time distr. Binned according to weights (here: number of calls) Calls are non-Poissonian Inset: time shuffled

#### Bursty call patterns for individual users



**Correlations** influence spreading speed

- -Topology (community structure)
- Weight-topology (Granovetterian structure)
- Daily, weekly patterns
- Bursty dynamics
- Link-link dynamic correlations





- Link-link dynamic correlations Triggered calls, cascades, etc. Temporal motifs



Experiment: "Infect" a random node and assume that "infection" is transmitted by each call (SI).

How to identify the effect of the different correlations on spreading?

Introduce different null models by appropriate shuffling of the data.

Correlations: CS: community structure WT: Weight-topology BD: Bursty dynamics LL: Link-link correlations



# Time shuffled configuration network

- Using configuration model to destroy community structure, but keep N, |E| and the network connected
- Shuffle the event times to **destroy bursty dynamics**





# **Configuration network**

- Using the same configuration method to destroy community structure
- Only bursty dynamical behavior is kept
- The infection speed is slowed down by bursty dynamics

	WT	BD	LL	CS	25%m
Original	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	33.7
TimeConf	X	Х	X	Х	16.4
Config.	X	$\checkmark$	X	X	23.8



## Time shuffled event sequence

- Shuffle the event times but keep community structure and weighttopology correlations unchanged
- Bursty dynamics and link-link correlations are switched off

	WT	BD	LL	CS	25%m
Original	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	33.7
TimeConf	Х	X	X	×	16.4
Config.	Х	$\checkmark$	X	X	23.8
Time	$\checkmark$		X	$\checkmark$	22.9

Bursty event clustering is

slowing down the dynamics



#### Time shuffling



Destroyes burstiness (and link-link correlations) but keeps weight and daily pattern

## Link sequence shuffled event sequence

- Shuffle link call sequences between randomly chosen links
- Link-link and weight-topology correlations are switched off
- Weight-topology correlations also slow down the dynamics

	WT	BD	LL	CS	25%m
Original	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	33.7
TimeConf	Х	Х	X	X	16.4
Config.	Х	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	23.8
Time	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	$\checkmark$	22.9
Link	X	$\checkmark$	X	$\checkmark$	27.5



#### **Results:**

- Strong slowing down due to
- topology (communities)
- link-topology correlations
- burstiness

Minor effect:

- circadian etc. patterns
- temporal motifs



#### Small but slow world

# Effect of burstiness

- Empirically: Slowing down
- Analytical model (Infinite complete graph, Cayley tree): speeding up!
- Clean numerical models (ER, BA): Mostly speeding up, but:
- Model calculations for pure power law interevent time distributions
- CORRELATIONS (in addition to power law inter-event times)
- NON-STATIONARITY!

Karsai et al. Sci. Rep. 2012 Horvath and JK: NJP 2014 Jo et al. PRX 2014

### Spreading: Spatiotemporal process



Mobility pattern in West Africa as mapped out by cell phones

Successful efforts to simulate epidemic spreading real time → prediction Mobility and demographic data should be included. Vespignani group (Northeastern+ISI Torino) Social contagion

### Similarities and Differences

	Network	Transmission	External influence			
Physics systems	Lattice or amorphous	Contact	External field			
<b>Biological epidemics</b>	Social	Contact	None			
Social contagion	Social	Social pressure	Media			

Complex contagion process

(D. J. Daley, D. G. Kendall, Epidemics and rumours. Nature 204, 1118 (1964))

## **Cascading Phenomena**

Complex social contagion can be surprisingly fast. A triggering perturbation may release rapid spreading.

Examples:

Rumor (e.g., false Hungarian nuclear breakdown 2002) Political movements (Arab spring 2011)

Innovation: Twitter



Granovetter (Am. J. Sociology 1978) Threshold models D. Watts (PNAS 2002) Mathematical form

### **Threshold Model**

Random network with degree distribution  $p_k$ and average degree  $\langle k \rangle = z$ . Every node *i* has a threshold  $\phi_i$  indicating the critical ratio of adopting neighbors needed to make the node adopting.

- There are **vulnerable** nodes, which get infected if they have one adopting neighbor:  $\phi \leq 1/k$ .
- The others are **stable**.
- The phase diagram can be calculated.



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Cumulative distributions of cascade sizes at the lower and upper critical points, for n = 1,000and z = 1.05 (open squares) and z = 6.14 (solid circles), respectively.



Watts D J PNAS 2002;99:5766-5771



#### % US Housholds



#### Adoption speed can be very different for different innovations

http://www.nytimes.com/imagepages/2008/0 2/10/opinion/10op.graphic.ready.html

### **Generalized Watts Model**

In the Watts model the criteria for a dynamic process (cascades) is traced back to a static problem, the existence of the percolating vulnerable cluster.

Incomplete picture:

1. There are more than one spontaneous innovators due to external information(Korniss et al. 2013) (Still static.)

2. Some nodes are blocked. Some people are reluctant to adopt (have a satisfactory service, have some reasons on principle etc.) (still static)

3. There are spontaneous innovators appearing External information flows continuously (intrinsically dynamic)

### **Blocked Nodes**

Nodes are blocked with probability *r* (quenched disorder). Blocked nodes make it more difficult to fulfil the threshold criterion.

The problem can be solved similarly to the original Watts case, with the generating function method.

The result is a three-dimensional phase diagram:



ER graph with average degree z, uniform threshold  $\phi$  and blocking probability r.

### 3D Phase Diagram

For Erdős-Rényi graph  $p_k$  is Poisson, parametrized by z. Assuming uniform  $\phi$  with  $k_c = |1/\phi|$ 

$$(1-r)e^{-z}\sum_{k=2}^{\kappa_c}\frac{z^k}{(k-2)!} - z = 0$$



### Spontaneous Adopters + Blocked Nodes


### Spontaneous vs. Induced Adoption



#### spontaneous

induced

#### **Evolution of Adopter Density**

#### **Different mechnisms?**



ER, z = 7,  $\phi = 0.2$ ,  $p = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ 

 $r^* = 1 - 1/z = 0.86$  is the percolation threshold

Is there an  $r_{ imes} < r^*$  where the kinetics changes?

## Node types



Distribution of Induced Clusters ( $r < r_{x}$ )



r = 0.5, z = 7,  $\phi = 0.2,$   $p = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ 

#### Distribution of Induced Clusters ( $r_{\times} < r < r^*$ )



 $r = 0.78, \qquad z = 7, \qquad \phi = 0.2, \qquad p = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ 

 $r^* = 0.86$ 

Distribution of Induced Clusters (
$$r \sim r_{\times}$$
)



r = 0.73, z = 7,  $\phi = 0.2$ ,  $p = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ 

### Asymptotic Distribution of Induced Clusters



Ruan, et al. PRL 2016

# Instead of Anecdotes: Big Data

- •700+ million users world-wide
  - September 2003 March 2011 (2738 days)
  - Registration dates
  - Location & self reported demographic data
  - Spamming accounts are removed
- Link creation dynamics
  - Time stamped link addition events
  - Only confirmed links
- Free and Payed services
  - 6 free and 9 payed services
  - Time of adoption
  - Usage activity sequences

#### Country networks

- For calculations we selected users in single countries
- For selected users we considered all first neighbors
- Look for the behaviour of country users only

Information about:

- Basic service network
- Adoption of additional services
- Data about location (IP)



#### Social network layer

Social network

#### Online social network layer

Online social network

Social network



#### Online service network layer



unknown

Earlier work: M. Karsai, G. Iniguez, K. Kaski and J.K: Journal of the *Royal* Society *Interface* 11 (101), 20140694, 2014.

Here we know the underlying network: 520 M nodes of the Voice over Internet service. r=0.95. The network is NOT ER, broad degree distribution.

Shifted power law with γ=3.8 (z=8.56).





Empirical threshold distribution: log-normal  $\langle \varphi \rangle = 0.19$ 







Initiators

#### vulnerable clusters

adopters



Rates

#### Empirical Results – Comparison with Model



Model calculation with empirical threshold and degree distributions and evolution time. The density  $r_{emp}$  is determined from the plot:  $r_{emp} = 0.745$ .

### Empirical Results – Comparison with Model



Distribution of depth of vulnerable trees

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# Summary

- Cascade model can be extended to describe rich kinetics of spreading by inclusion of blocked nodes and spontaneous innovators.
- Blocked nodes problem can be solved by generating function method. 3D phase diagram.
- The general rate equation catches important features of the model. Fast and slow regimes.
- Simulations show that there is a percolation transition of induced clusters in the background.
- ICT based data help in understanding the laws of innovation spreading. Two levels of Skype data: Free and payed services
- The spreading of payed service is relatively slow due to the large number of "blocked" individuals.