

Epidemics on inhomogeneous spatial random graphs

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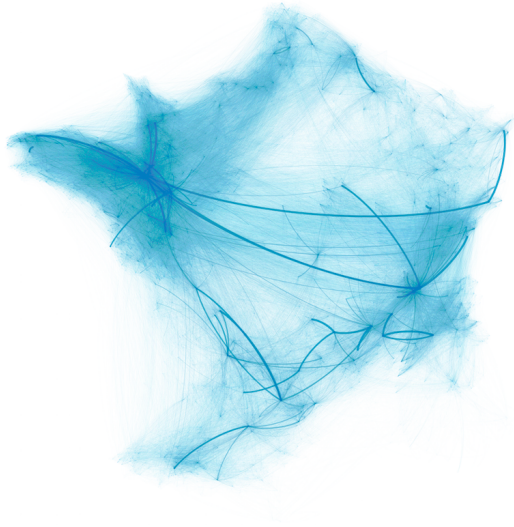
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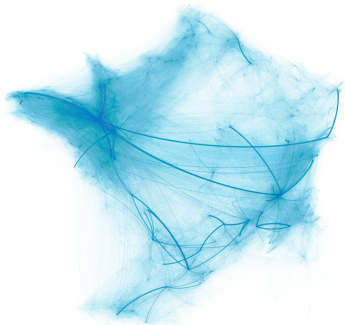
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Combine motion + demography (metapopulation)

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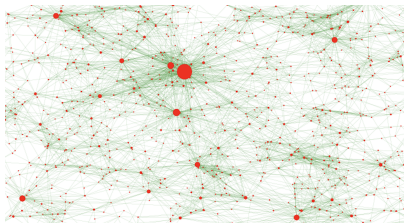
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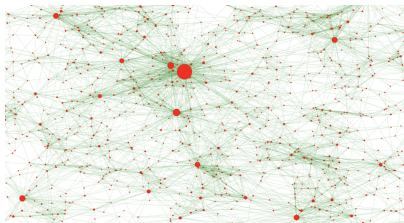
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Dynamics $(\eta_t(\cdot))_{t \geq 0}$.

Fix $G(\omega)$. Under P^ω independent particles that

- Jump from x to y at rate $r(x, y) = e^{-\|x-y\|} \mathbb{1}_{\{x \leftrightarrow y\}}$
- Give birth to new particle at rate b on site.
- Die at rate d .

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View model as first stages of SIR epidemics in a large population: b is then infection rate, d is the recovery rate.

Note: Approximation valid on a time window where infected population remains locally small compared to population size.

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😊 Holds for any choice of $\mathbb{P}(x \leftrightarrow y)$!

😐 $b = d = 0$ independent random walks, easy.

😞 Available techniques (Liggett, Andjel, Ganguly-Ramanan) don't apply:

- Jump rates are not bounded
- Restriction on initial conditions

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Extend to infinite initial conditions by monotonicity and previous bound:

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$$\stackrel{(\text{MON})}{=} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E^\omega[\text{ghosts}(K) + \text{particles}(K) \text{ at } T \text{ with } \eta_0^N] \leq C_K(\omega) Me^{bT}.$$

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$$\pi_t^N = \pi^N(\eta_t^N) = N^{-n} \sum_{x \in V} \eta_t^N(x) \delta_{x/N} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

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The sequence of processes $\{(\pi_t^N)_{t \in [0, T]}\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges in law in $\mathcal{D}([0, T], \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ to the deterministic trajectory $(\rho(t, u) du)_{t \in [0, T]}$, where $\rho(\cdot, \cdot) : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the unique weak solution of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho = \sigma \Delta \rho + (b - d) \rho \\ \rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_0 \end{cases}.$$

Here

$$\sigma^2 := \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\psi \in B(\Omega)} \mathbb{E}_0 \left[\sum_{y \in V} r(0, y) (y_1 + \psi(\theta_y \omega) - \psi(\omega))^2 \right].$$

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Limit of (π_t^N) is unique and has density $\rho(t, u)$: $\partial_t \rho = \sigma \Delta \rho + (b - d)\rho$.

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[Faggionato, 2023 & 2023+]: Take a point process and rates s.t. \mathbb{P} -a.s.

A1 \mathbb{P} is stationary and ergodic

A2 Finite and positive intensity $0 < \mathbb{E}[\mu_\omega([0, 1]^n)] < \infty$

A3 $\theta_g \omega \neq \theta_{g'} \omega$

A4 μ_ω is stationary and $r_{\theta_g \omega}(x, y) = r_\omega(\tau_g x, \tau_g y)$

A5 $r(x, y) = r(y, x)$

A6 The graph is connected

A7 $\mathbb{E}_0[\sum_{x \in V} r(0, x) \|x\|^k] < \infty$ for $k = 0, 2$

A8 $L^2(\mathbb{P}_0)$ is separable

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Proof: For each initial particle look at **single branch** of the ancestral line, say of length ℓ . Dominate with indep. r.w.'s with **percolated initial distribution**: keep each particle with $\mathbb{P}(\text{particle has } \ell \text{ births up to time } T)$. Use reversible K-V (1). Union bound.

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Future developments

🔗 What happens when jumping rates decay slower?

🔗 We only accelerated by N^2 the jumps.

What happens if consider faster births/deaths? (rapid stirring)

🔗 Consider more realistic birth/death mechanism.

Example: For $d_x(\eta) = d + c\eta(x)$ should obtain in the limit

$$\partial_t \rho = \sigma \Delta \rho + (b - d - c\rho)\rho.$$

Or births/deaths that depend via a non-local kernel on the population size in a surrounding region.



Thank you!

