

Data literacy

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Network dismantling – case study 1

The screenshot shows the ETH Zurich website homepage. The top navigation bar includes the logo 'ETH zürich', links for 'Student portal' and 'Alumni association', and a search bar with 'Keyword or person' and a dropdown for 'Departments'. A secondary navigation bar lists 'News & events', 'ETH Zurich', 'Studies', 'Doctorate', 'Research', 'Industry & society', 'Campus', and 'Services & resources'. The main content area features a large network visualization of a globe with glowing connections. Below the visualization is a news article titled 'How to stop network trouble' with a sub-headline 'ETH researchers have developed a new method to contain problems spreading through networks more efficiently.' To the right is a green sidebar with the text 'ETH Zurich Where the future begins' and a 'Read more' button.

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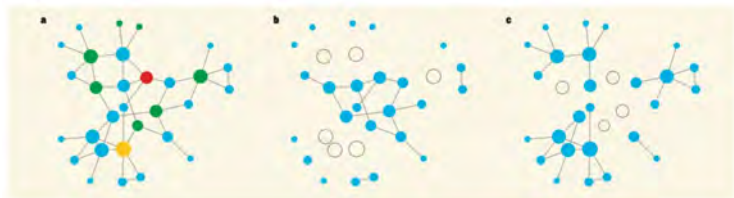
Destruction perfected

Pinpointing the nodes whose removal most effectively disrupts a network has become a lot easier with the development of an efficient algorithm. Potential applications might include cybersecurity and disease control. [SEE LETTER P.65](#)

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which deletion would cause maximum damage is a non-deterministic polynomial-time hard (NP-hard) problem. This means that it is

(known as influencers) and recalculating the collective influence of the rest following each iteration. The authors show that, for large



2. Cost of attack

Current assumption*:

cost of removing any node in a network is the same.

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2. Cost of attack

Our assumption**:

cost of removing any node in a network is **not the same**. It can be arbitrary non-negative weight e.g. degree.

**Weights taken into the account:

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Ren XL, Gleinig N, Tolic D, Antulov-Fantulin N (2017) Underestimated cost of targeted attacks on complex networks, arxiv:1710.03522

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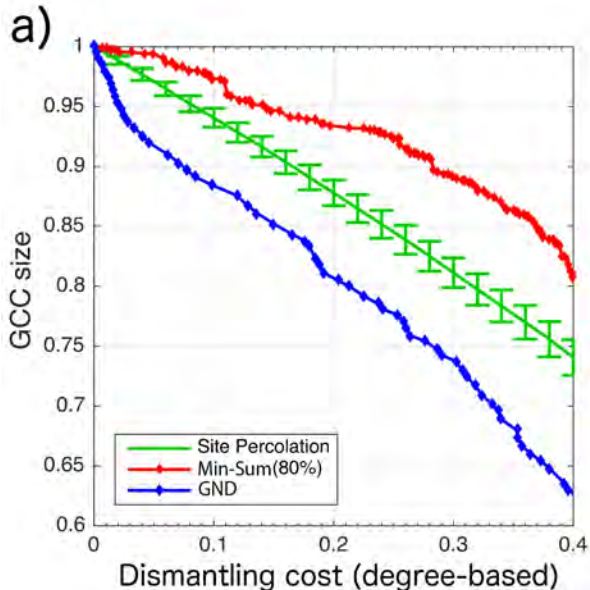
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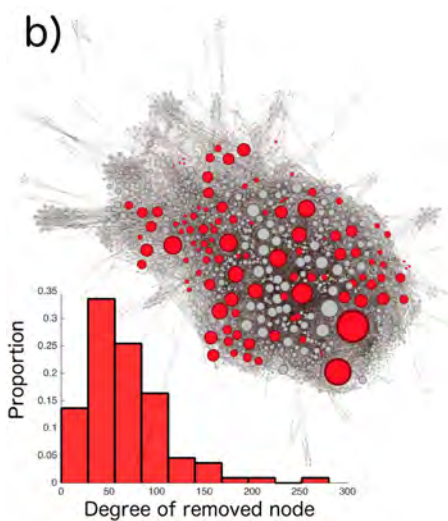
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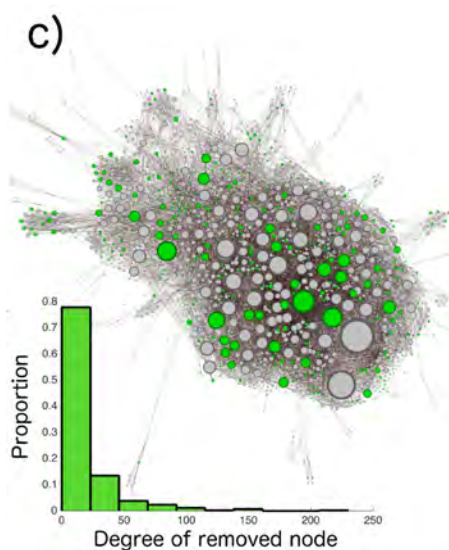
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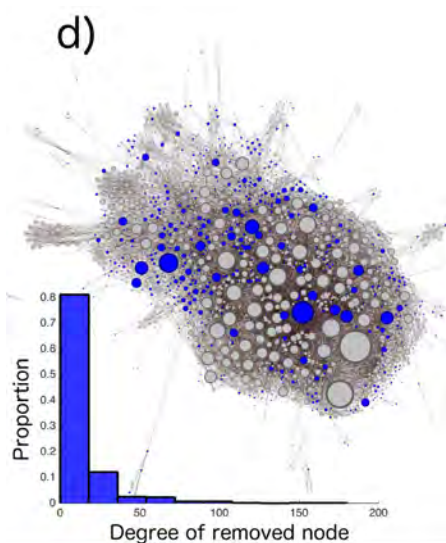
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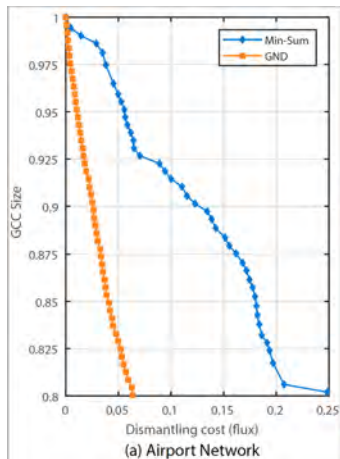
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Generalized network dismantling

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Finding an optimal subset of nodes in a network that is able to efficiently disrupt the functioning of a corrupt or criminal organization or contain an epidemic or the spread of misinformation is a highly relevant problem of network science. In this paper, we address the generalized network-dismantling problem, which

find good approximations of the optimal dismantling strategy. For example, novel approximations (17–23) have been proposed based on spin-glass and optimal percolation theory. However, all these methods make the implicit assumption that the cost of removing nodes is the same. Only recently have people been

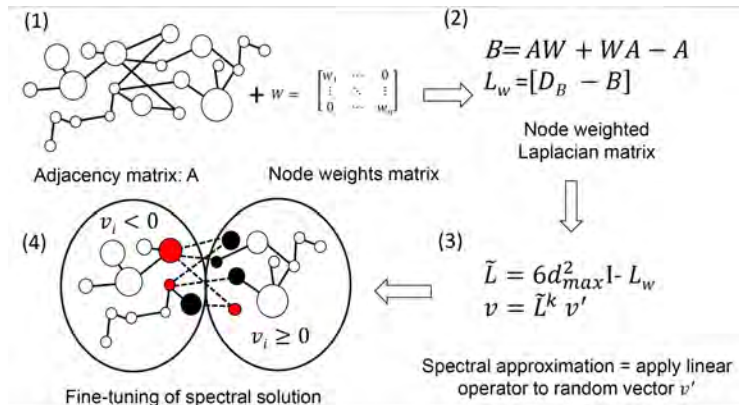
3. New approach – objective function

Then the upper bound for the cost of removing a subset of nodes that are adjacent to the edges separating clusters M and \overline{M} is:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} -\frac{1}{2} (v_i v_j - 1) A_{i,j} (w_i + w_j - 1), \quad (1)$$

where the matrix A denotes the adjacency matrix of the network.

Overall



Visualize math!

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Statistical manifold embedding



Circle Limit III by M. C. Escher. Wood engraving, 1959.

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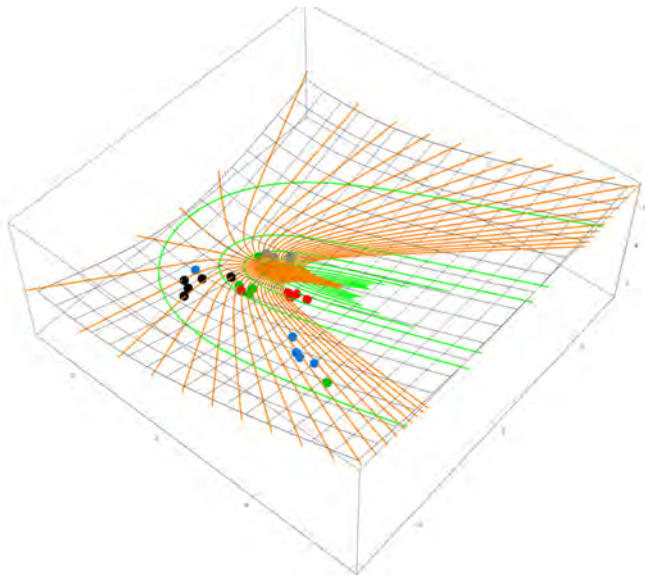
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Dynamical process – Spreading process

In this talk, we will focus on the class of the dynamical process that are **compartmental**, **stochastic** and have **monotone** dynamics.

Generalized SIR process:

- ▶ $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$ (monotone dynamics)
- ▶ $X + Y \xrightarrow{\psi(\tau)} Y + Y$ (network modulated)
- ▶ $Y \xrightarrow{\phi(\tau)} Z$

For Poisson process, this process has exponential inter-event time distributions:

$$\psi(t) = \beta e^{-\beta t} \text{ (spread)}$$

$$\phi(t) = \gamma e^{-\gamma t} \text{ (recovery).}$$

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Dynamical process – Spreading process



Again art – not to be boring!

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Source Inference

For a given snapshot r^* of a spreading process at time t_0 on a network, how does one detect the source node that generated the snapshot?



Figure: Visualization of aggregated empirical temporal network (≈ 3500 nodes) of sexual contacts in Brazil, used for source detection (Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 248701)

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Every lecture I try to learn something new !

Do not fool yourself.