

# Diffusions et cascades dans les graphes aléatoires

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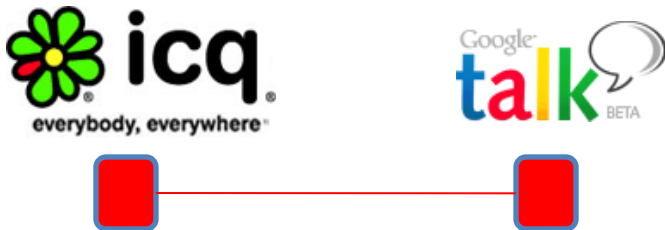
# Game-theoretic diffusion model...



- Both receive payoff  $q$ .



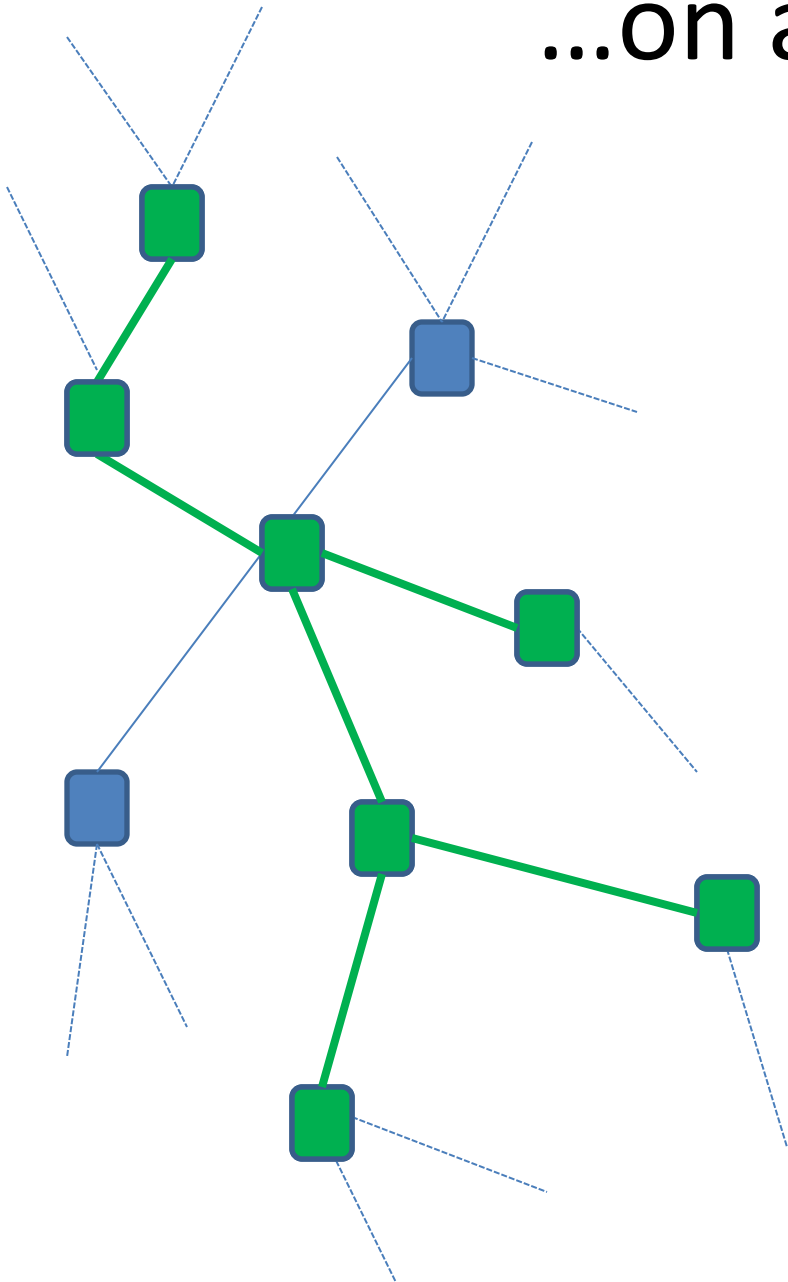
- Both receive payoff  $1-q > q$ .





- Both receive nothing.

Morris (2000)

# ...on a network.



- Everybody start with  **icq**  
everybody, everywhere™
- Total payoff = sum of the payoffs with each neighbor.
- A fraction of the population is forced to  **talk** BETA
- If  $2(1-q) > 3q$ , i.e.

$$2 > 5q$$

# Threshold Model

- State of agent  $i$  is represented by

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \text{icq} \\ 1 & \text{if } \text{talk} \end{cases}$$

- Switch from  to  if:

$$\sum_{j \sim i} X_j \geq qd_i$$

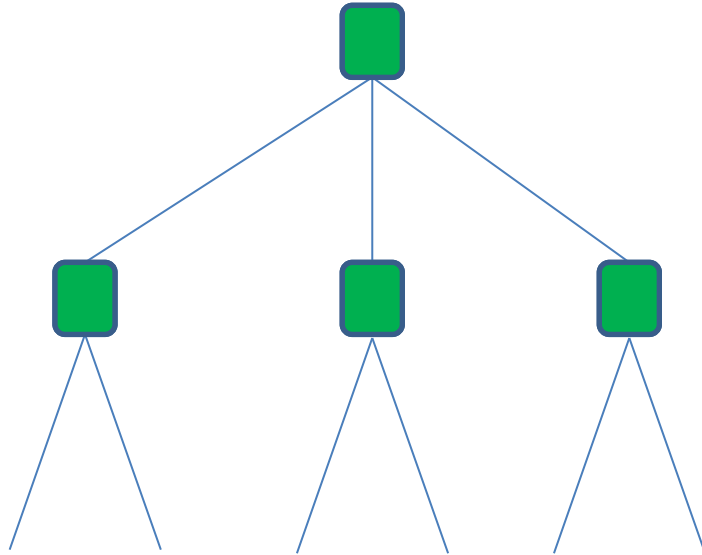
# Morris, Contagion (2000)

- Does there exist a **finite** group of players such that their action under **best response** dynamics spreads **contagiously** everywhere?
- **Contagion threshold**:  $q_c$  = largest  $q$  for which contagious dynamics are possible.
- Example: interaction on the line

$$q_c = \frac{1}{2}$$



# Another example: d-regular trees



$$q_c = \frac{1}{d}$$

# What happens for random graphs?

- Random graphs with given degree sequence introduced by Molloy and Reed (1995).
- Examples:
  - Random regular graphs.  $D = d$
  - Erdős-Rényi graphs,  $G(n, \lambda/n)$ .  $D \stackrel{d}{=} Poi(\lambda)$
- We are interested in large population asymptotics.
- $D$  is the asymptotic degree distribution.

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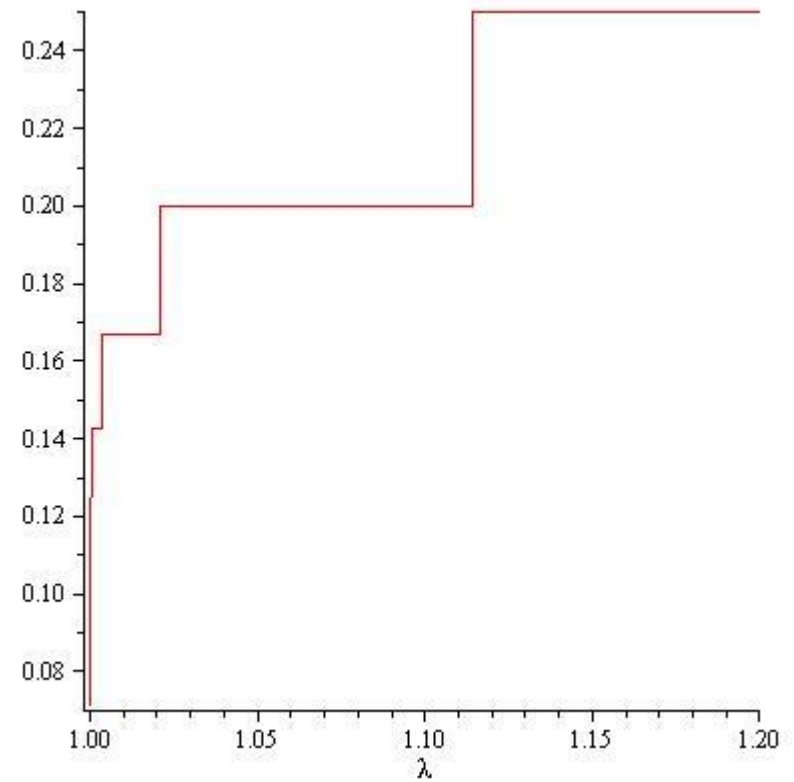
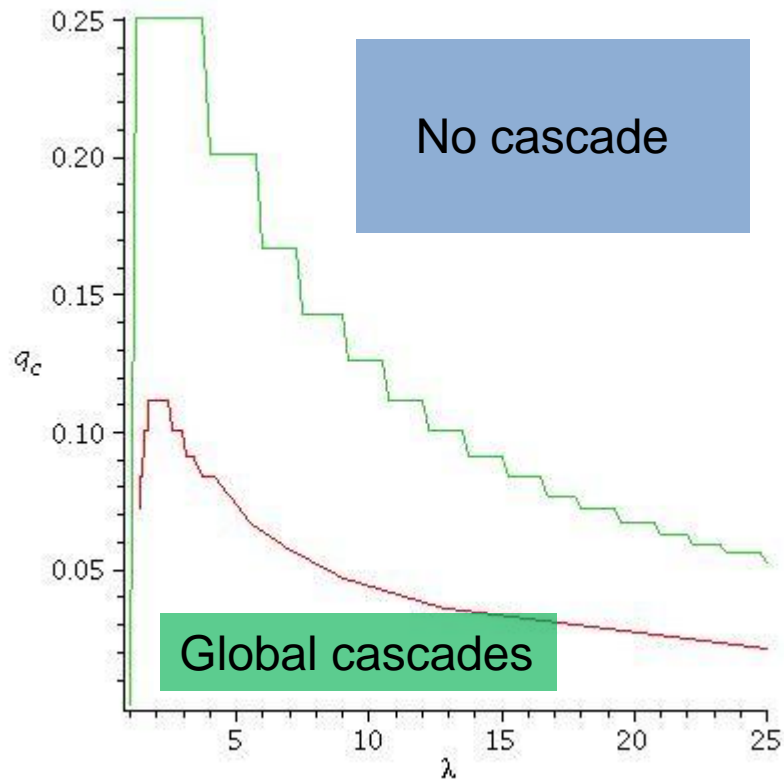
- Random graphs are locally tree-like.

$$q_c = \sup \left\{ q : \mathbb{E} \left[ D(D-1) \mathbf{1} \left( D < q^{-1} \right) \right] > \mathbb{E}[D] \right\}$$

- Random  $d$ -regular graph:  $q_c = \frac{1}{d}$

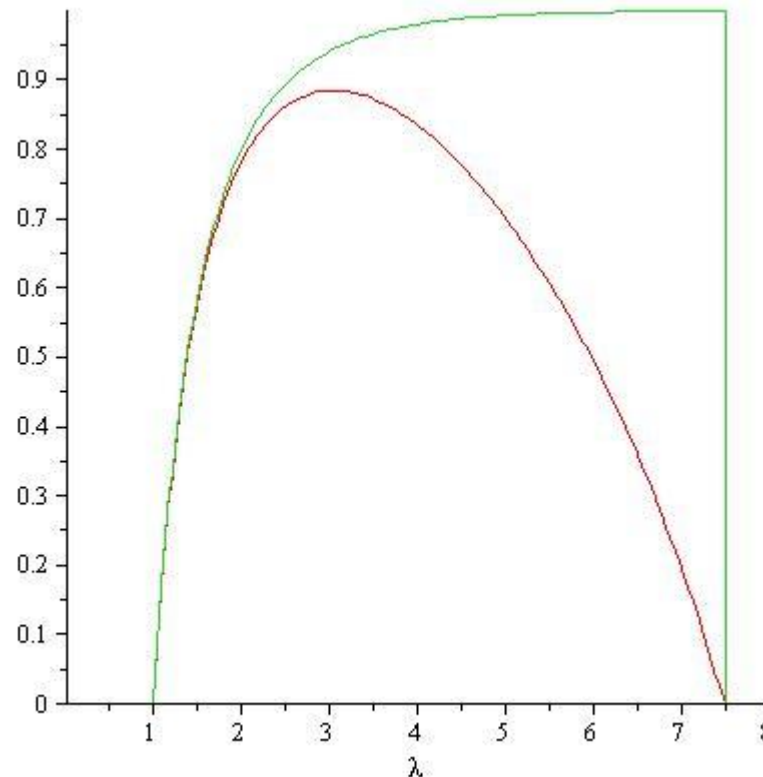


# Erdős-Rényi graphs $G(n, \lambda/n)$



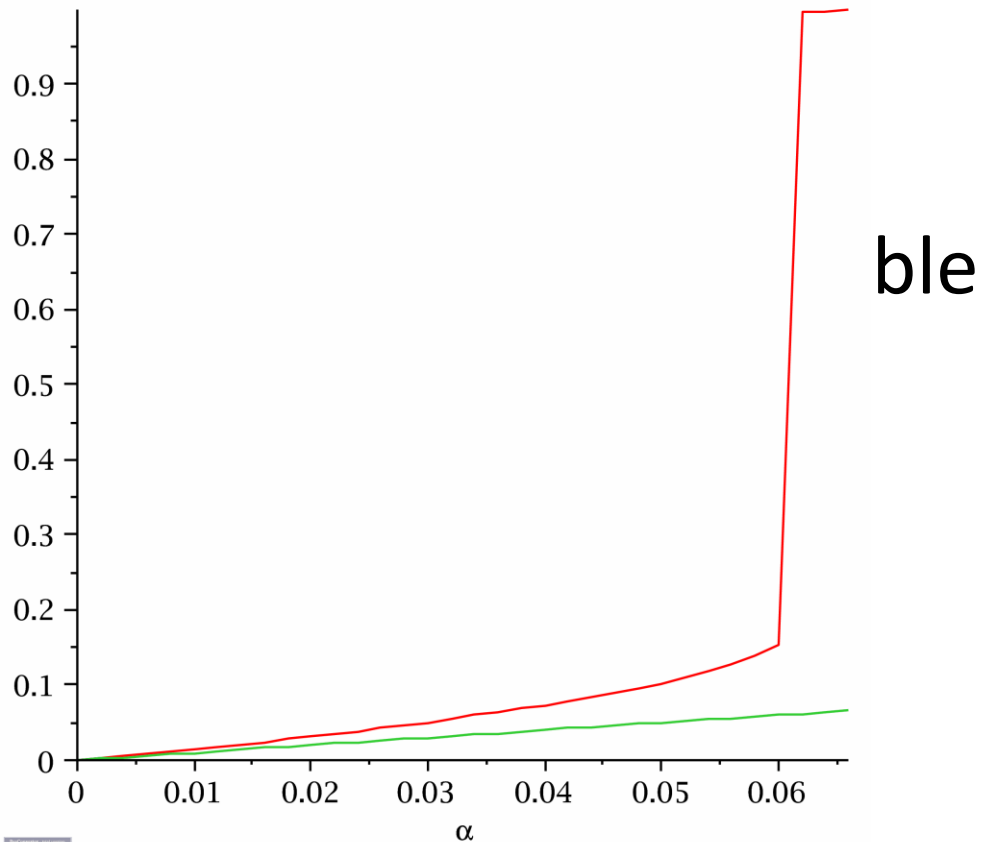
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- **Pivotal players:** giant component of the subgraph with degrees  $\leq q^{-1}$

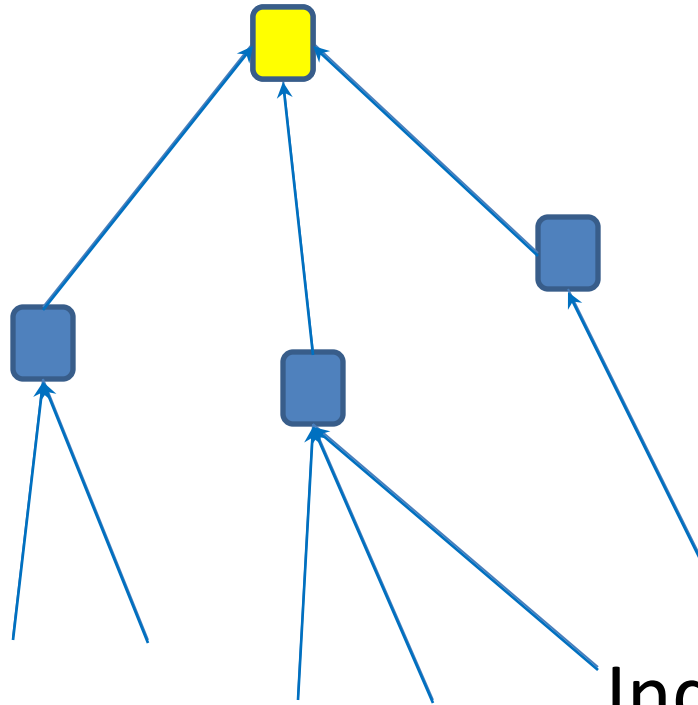


# Phase transition continued

- What happens when  $q$  is bigger than the cascade capacity?
  - If the seed pla
  - In a finite grap
- monotone.  
final state for t



# Locally tree-like



Independent  
computations on  
trees

# Branching Process Approximation

- Local structure of  $G$  = random tree
- Recursive Distributional Equation (RDE) or:

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if infected from 'below'} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$Y_i = 1 - (1 - \sigma_i) \mathbb{1} \left( \sum_{\ell \rightarrow i} Y_\ell \leq qd_i \right)$$

# Solving the RDE

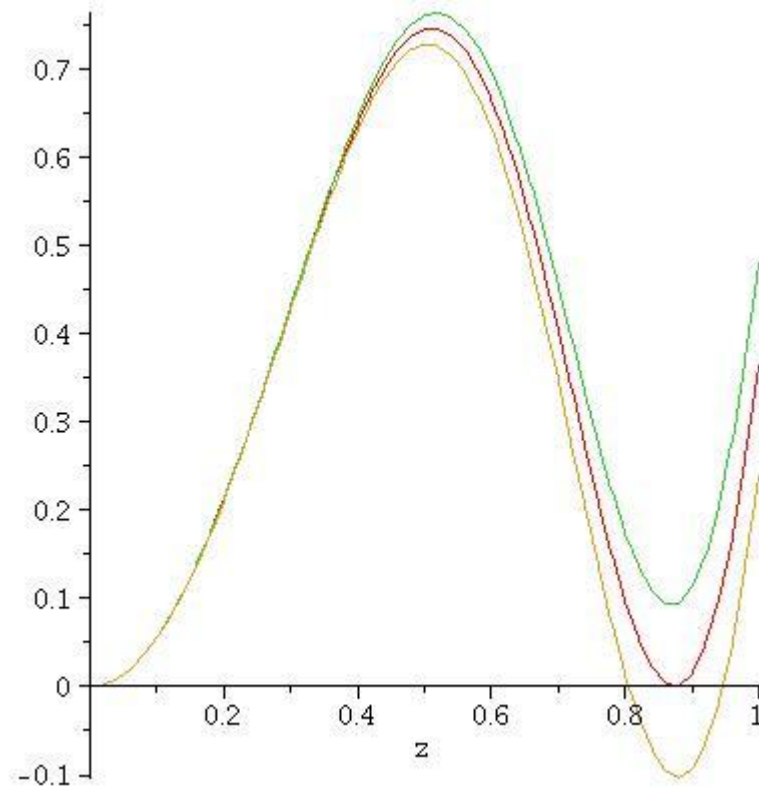
$$Y \stackrel{d}{=} 1 - (1 - \sigma) \mathbb{1} \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^{\hat{D}-1} Y_{\ell} \leq q\hat{D} \right)$$

$$z = \mathbb{P}(Y = 0)$$

$$\lambda z^2 = (1 - \alpha) h(z)$$

$$h(z) = \sum_{s,r \geq s - \lfloor qs \rfloor} r p_s \binom{s}{r} z^r (1 - z)^{s-r}$$

# Phase transition in one picture



$$z^* = \max\{z \in [0, 1], \lambda z^2 - (1 - \alpha)h(z) = 0\}$$

# Conclusion

- The locally tree-like structure gives the intuition for the solution...
- ... but not the proof!
- Configuration model + results of Janson and Luczak.
- Generic epidemic model which allows to retrieve basic results for random graphs...
- .... and new ones: contagion threshold, phase transitions.



# Merci!

- Diffusion and Cascading Behavior in Random Networks.  
Available at <http://www.di.ens.fr/~lelarge>