# Bayesian inference of cascades on networks 

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- Predicting of future development of an outbreak
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## Belief Propagation

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Single-instance RS cavity equations / Belief Propagation

- Fixed-point equation $\mathbf{m}=F_{B P}(\mathbf{m})$ for a vector $\mathbf{m}$ (called cavity marginals or messages) that is solved by iteration.
- On a fixed point (approximate) marginals $P\left(t_{i} \mid \mathbf{x}^{T}\right)$ or $P\left(x_{i}^{0} \mid \mathbf{x}^{T}\right)$ can be computed.
- Fast: each iteration is often linear in the number of edges, needed number of iterations is usually logarithmic
- Exact if the factor graph is acyclic


## Results on random graphs

$$
N=1000, k=4, \lambda=0.5, \mu=0.5, \gamma=10^{-6}
$$


unknown $T-t_{0}=10,60 \%$ observed nodes

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RRG $N=1000, k=4, \mu=0.5, T-t_{0}=10$ and preferential attachment $\langle k\rangle=4, N=1000, T-t_{0}=5$


- Belief Propagation
- Dynamic message-passing [Lokhov, Mézard, Ohta \& Zdeborová'14]
- Jordan centrality [Zhu \& Ying'12]


## Time-evolving networks

■ Temporal networks can be analyzed by using a modified $\omega_{i j}$


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- Gradient updates can be interleaved with BP updates to recover the parameters in one single convergence
- Same fixed points as EM but faster


## Inference of network topology

- The same approach can be used to infer single-link parameters from multiple cascades:

$$
\frac{\partial \log \left(\prod_{\mu=1}^{M} Z^{\mu}\right)}{\partial \lambda_{i j}}=-\sum_{\mu=1}^{M} \frac{\partial f^{\mu}}{\partial \lambda_{i j}}=\sum_{\mu=1}^{M}\left\langle\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_{i j}} \log \phi_{i j}\right\rangle_{\mu}
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- The factor graph consists in $M$ independent (fully-connected $N \times N$ ) networks that share the matrix $\lambda$

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$M=7$

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- ROC area with $N(N-1) / 2$ points using sorted inferred values $\lambda_{i j}$

Belief Propagation

## Conclusions

- The Bethe parametrization of the probability space of dynamical trajectories gives great flexibility!
- Gives a practical solution to the patient-zero problem on real and synthetic networks (exact on acyclic graphs) with many types of observations (incomplete, noisy, etc)
- Allows to tackle the problem of inferring edges (ij) in the supporting network having no direct access to co-infection events $x_{j}^{t-1}=\mathbf{I}, x_{i}^{t-1}=\mathbb{S}$ and $x_{i}^{t}=I$.
- More on: PRL 112(11) 118701 (2014), JSTAT (10), P10016 (2014)

Thank you!

