# Chemical distance in geometric random graphs with long edges and scale-free degree distribution

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- Given the marks, vertices are connected by an edge independently with probability

 $\frac{1}{Ng(s,t)}.$ 

• The kernel g depends on the marks s and t of the endvertices of the potential edge.

## Ultrasmallness in scale-free networks

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• ultrasmall for $\gamma > 1/2$ and $\frac{d(x,y)}{\log \log N} \rightarrow \frac{c}{\log \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}}$ with high probability as $N \rightarrow \infty$ for randomly chosen vertices $x, y$ by Dereich, Mönch, Mörters ('12)	
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- The profile function ρ non-increasing with ρ(x) ~ cx<sup>-δ</sup> for chosen δ > 1.
- The *kernel* g is symmetric and non-decreasing in both arguments.

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Have scale-free degree distribution with power-law exponent  $\tau = 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}$ . For  $g^{prod}$  analogous behaviour to the non-spatial case is identified. See Deijfen, van der Hofstad, Hooghiemstra ('13), Deprez, Wüthrich ('19) and Bringmann, Keusch, Lengler ('18).

#### Main Result

Theorem (Gracar, G., Mörters ('21))

Let  $\mathscr{G}$  be the weight-dependent random connection model with kernel  $g^{pa}$ ,  $g^{sum}$  or  $g^{min}$ .

- If  $\gamma < \frac{\delta}{\delta+1}$ , then  $\mathscr{G}$  is **not ultrasmall**.
- If  $\gamma > \frac{\delta}{\delta+1}$ , then  $\mathscr{G}$  is **ultrasmall** and, for  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d \times (0, 1)$ , under  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}}(\cdot \mid \mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{y})$  we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})}{\log\log|x-y|} \to \frac{4}{\log\frac{\gamma}{\delta(1-\gamma)}}$$

with high probability as  $|x - y| \rightarrow \infty$ .

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- Let (ℓ<sub>k</sub>)<sub>k=ℕ0</sub> be a decreasing sequence. A path of length n is good if the k-th (resp. n − k-th) vertex of the path has a mark larger than ℓ<sub>k</sub> for all k = 0,..., n.

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}} \left\{ d(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) \leq 2\Delta \right\} \\ & \leq \sum_{n=1}^{2\Delta} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}} \left\{ \exists \text{ good path of length } n \text{ between } \mathbf{x} \text{ and } \mathbf{y} \right\} \\ & + \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}} \left\{ \exists \text{ bad path starting in } \mathbf{x}, \text{ resp. } \mathbf{y} \right\} \end{split}$$

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  - If  $\gamma < \frac{\delta}{\delta+1}$ , connection of two powerful vertices via a connector is not beneficial in comparison to a direct connection.

#### Are connections via multiple connectors better than via one?



#### Lemma

Let **x** and **y** be two given vertices and  $\{\mathbf{x} \stackrel{k}{\leftrightarrow} \mathbf{y}\}$  be the event that **x** and **y** are connected via k - 1 connectors. Then, there exists C(k, l) > 0, depending on k and the truncation, such that

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}}\left\{\mathbf{x}\stackrel{k}{\leftrightarrow}\mathbf{y}
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ho(rac{1}{eta}(t\wedge s)^{\gamma}(t\vee s)^{\gamma/\delta}\,|x-y|^d).$$





 $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \exists \text{ path starting in } \mathbf{x} \text{ with optimal structure fails to be good after exactly } n \text{ steps} \right\}$   $\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \times (\ell_{2}, t_{0}]} \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^{d} \times (\ell_{n-2}, t_{0}]}_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \times (0, \ell_{n}]} \int_{i=1}^{n/2} C\rho \left( \kappa^{-1/\delta} u_{i}^{\gamma} u_{i-1}^{\gamma/\delta} |z_{i} - z_{i-1}|^{d} \right),$ 



 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{x}$ 



$$\ell_n pprox b \exp\left(-B\left(rac{\gamma}{\delta(1-\gamma)}
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,y  $\{d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \le 2\Delta\} \le \epsilon + o(1)$  for  $\Delta \le rac{2\log\log|x-y|}{\log\left(rac{\gamma}{\delta(1-\gamma)}
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# General assumption for the results on lower bounds of the chemical distance

#### Assumption

There exists  $\kappa > 0$  such that, for every set of pairs of vertices  $I \subset \mathcal{X}^2$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{X}}igg(igcap_{(\mathbf{x}_i,\mathbf{y}_i)\in I}\{\mathbf{x}_i\sim\mathbf{y}_i\}igg) \ \leq \prod_{(\mathbf{x}_i,\mathbf{y}_i)\in I}\kappa\,(t_i\wedge s_i)^{-\delta\gamma}(t_iee s_i)^{\delta(\gamma-1)}\,|x_i-y_i|^{-\delta d}$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_{i} = (x_{i}, t_{i}), \ \mathbf{y}_{i} = (y_{i}, s_{i}).$ 

## Thank you!