

# Randomized Rumour Spreading on Random $k$ -trees

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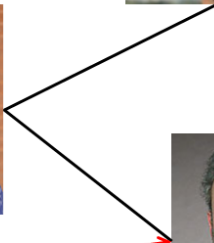
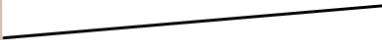
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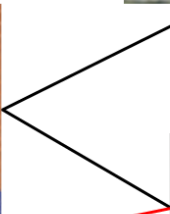
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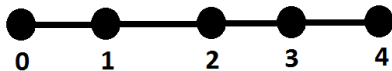
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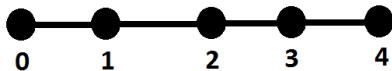
Rumour spreading advantages:

- ✓ Simplicity, locality, no memory
- ✓ Scalability, reasonable link loads
- ✓ Robustness

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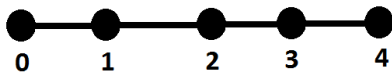


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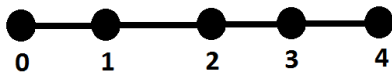


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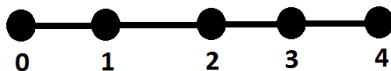


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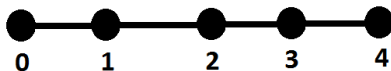
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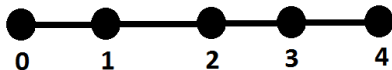
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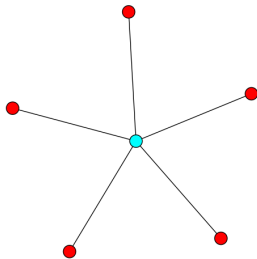
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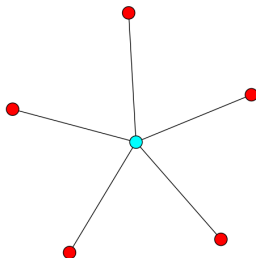
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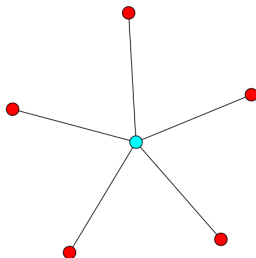


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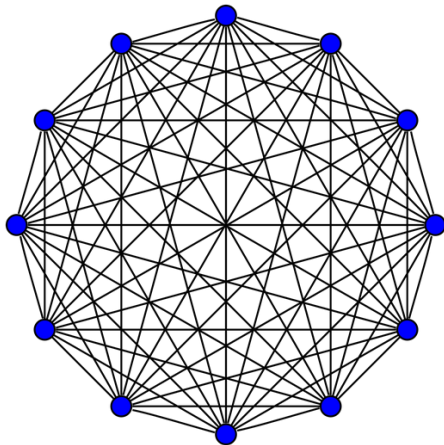


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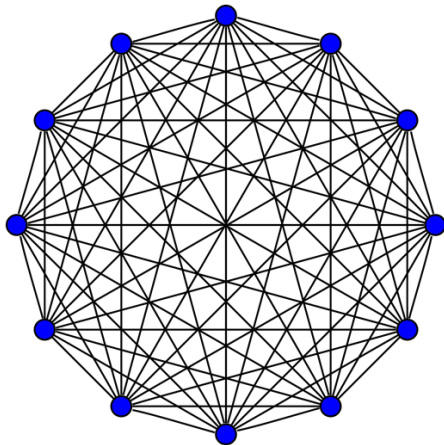
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$$\mathbb{E}[\text{Spread Time}] \approx \log_2 n + \ln n \quad [Pittel'87]$$

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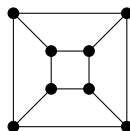
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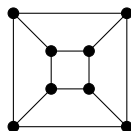


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3. If  $pn \geq (1 + \varepsilon) \ln n$  then Spread Time of  $G(n, p) = \Theta(\log n)$   
[Feige et al.'90]

# Improving the protocol

Uninformed vertices ask the informed ones...

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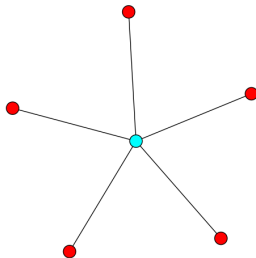
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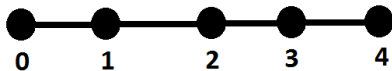
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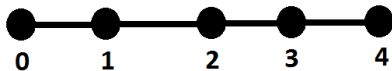
push protocol:  $n \ln n$  rounds

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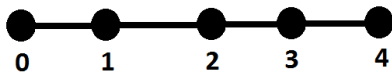


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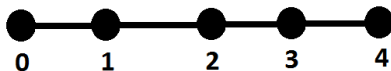


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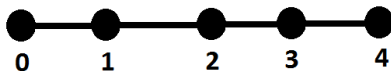
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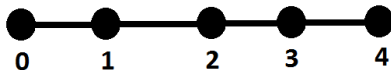
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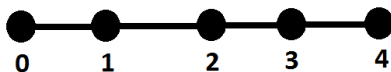
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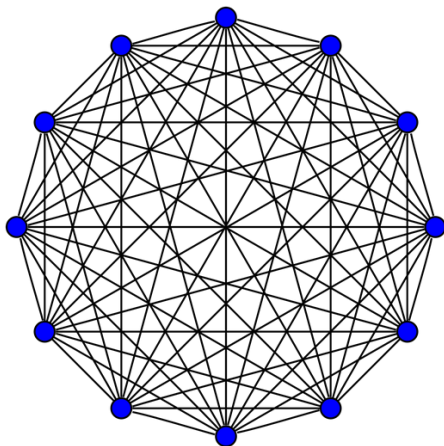
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$$= \frac{4}{3}n - 2 \quad (\text{versus } 2n - 3 \text{ for push})$$

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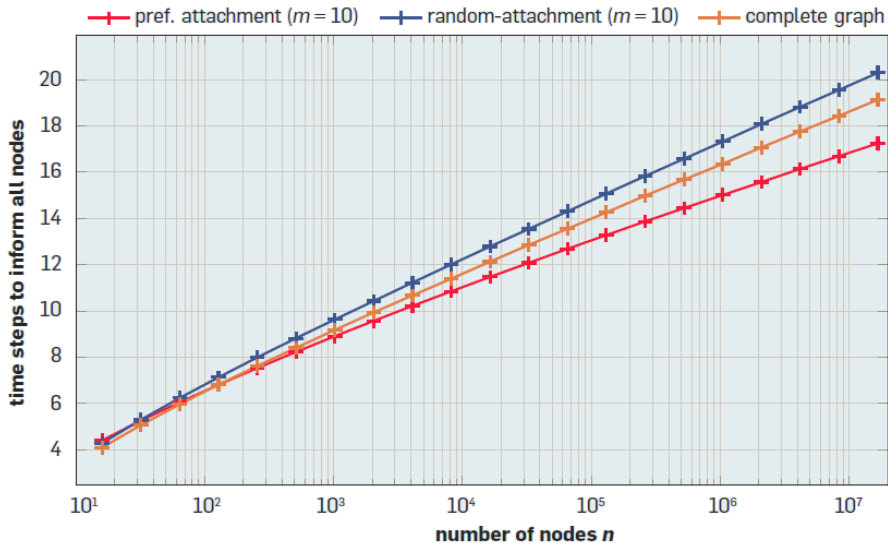
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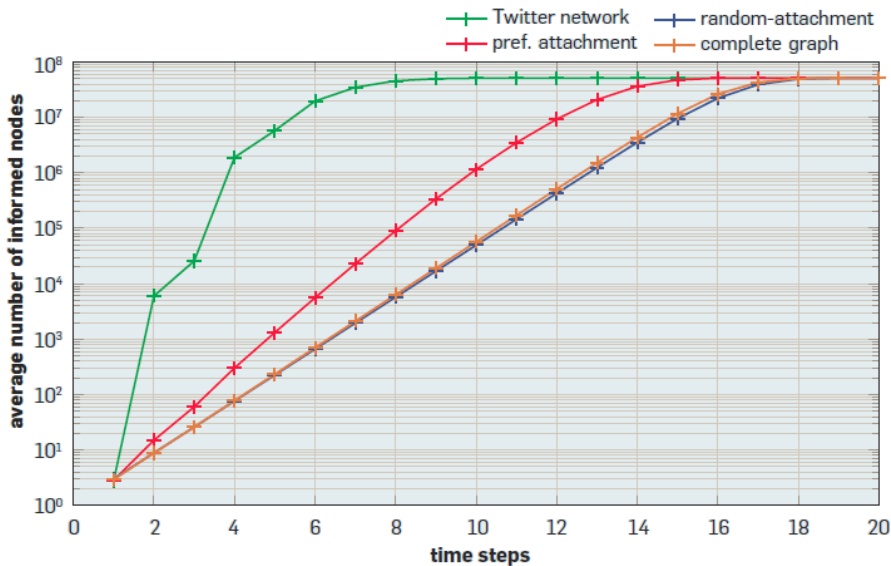
[Karp, Schindelhauer, Shenker, Vöcking'00]

## Other results on push-pull protocol

1. Barabasi-Albert preferential attachment graph has Spread Time  $\Theta(\log n)$ ,  
PUSH alone has Spread Time  $\text{poly}(n)$ .
2. Random graphs with power-law expected degrees (a.k.a. the Chung-Lu model) with exponent  $\in (2, 3)$  has Spread Time  $\Theta(\log n)$ .
3. If  $\Phi$  is Cheeger constant (conductance) and  $\alpha$  is the vertex expansion (vertex isoperimetric number),  
Spread Time  $\leq C \max\{\Phi^{-1} \log n, \alpha^{-1} \log^2 n\}$ .

Let's see some simulation results...





$$n \approx 5 \times 10^7, \quad 64n \text{ edges}$$

# Reference

Graphs in the previous slides were taken from:  
Doerr, Fouz, Friedrich,  
“Why rumors spread so quickly in social networks,”  
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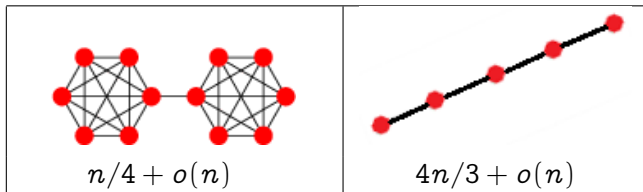
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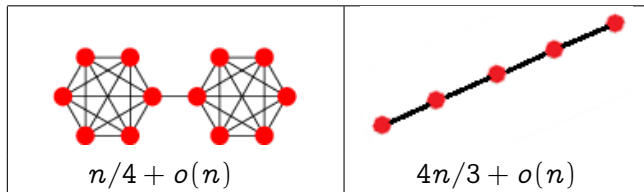
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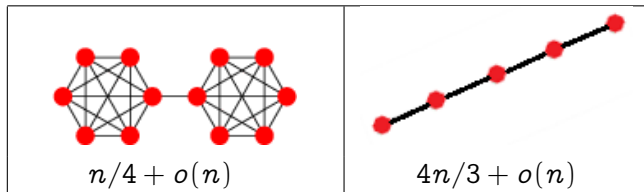
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joint work with Ali Pourmiri

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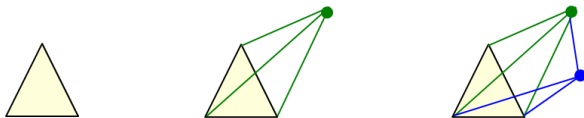
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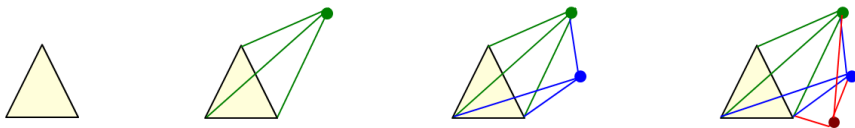
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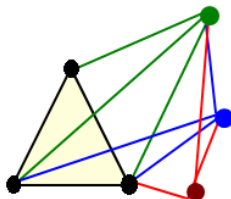
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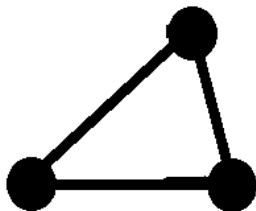


- ✓ Logarithmic diameter
- ✓ Power law degree sequence:  
fraction of vertices with degree  $d \approx d^{-2-\frac{1}{k-1}}$
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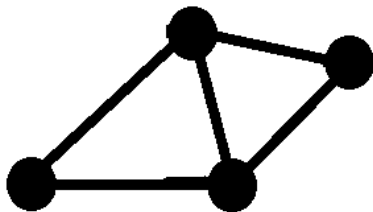
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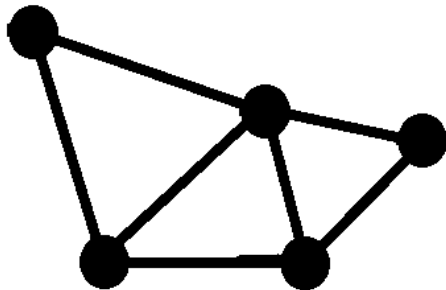
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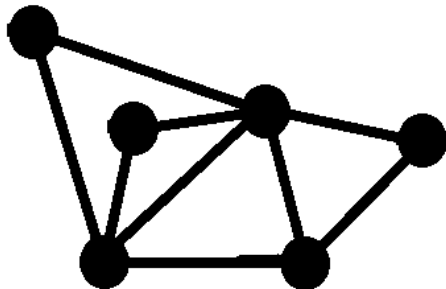
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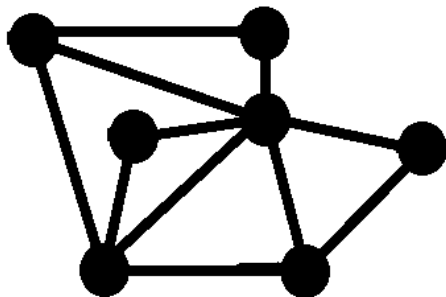
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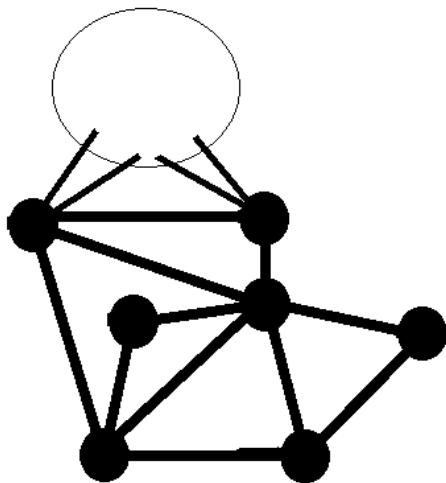
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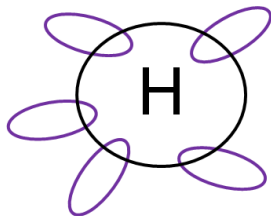
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$\leq$  sum of  $l$  independent  $\text{Geo}(1/d)$  random variables

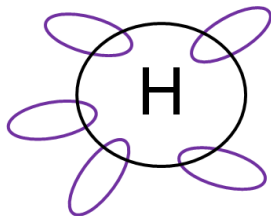


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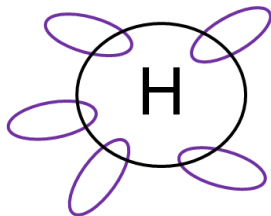
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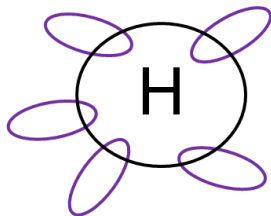
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4.  $\exists$  an almost-spanning tree of  $H$  of height  $O(\ln n)$  consisting of fast edges.



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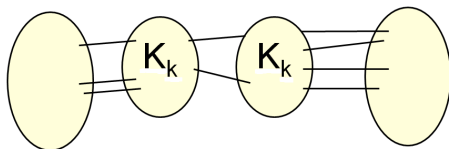
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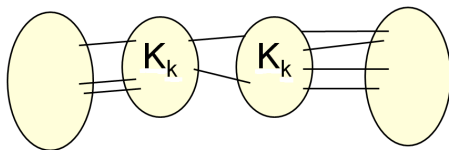
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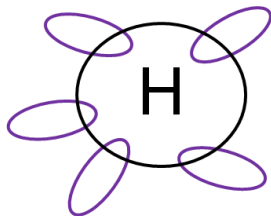


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## Lemma

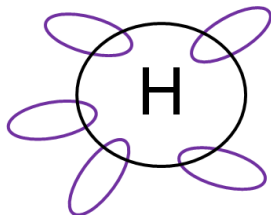
A random  $k$ -tree has a  $\Omega(n^{1-1/k})$ -barrier with prob.  $\geq \Omega(n^{-k})$

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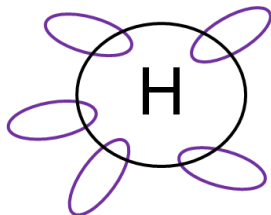
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3. Since  $km((n/km)^{-k}) \rightarrow \infty$  and by independence of pieces, with prob.  $1 - o(1)$  there exists a  $(n/km)^{1-1/k}$ -barrier.

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Push-Pull protocol on random  $k$ -trees ( $k > 1$  fixed):

Theorem (M, Pourmiri'14+)

*If initially a vertex knows the rumour,  
a.a.s. the average Spread Time is  $> n^{1/3k}$*

## Some open problems

1. Design a (deterministic) approximation algorithm for finding the 'average' Spread Time of a given graph.
2. Is the average Spread Time at most linear?!
3. These questions may be asked about the 'asynchronous' model.

