

## Project 27: Robustness of Noisy Quantum Networks

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### 1 | ER random graphs

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### 1.1 Introduction to the ER study

The aim here is to replicate the results obtained via simulations of the graphs in figure 3 of the original paper. The study is of both the diameter of an ER network for different wiring probabilities p and the size of its LCC. Finally, we find the size of the LCC for different values of the percolation probability  $p_{ext}$  by obtaining the relative optimal value of the probability  $p_{op}$  that a link has enough entangled pairs to perform a functional connection. This pairs of values  $(p_{ext}, p_{op})$  are the ones satisfying the condition  $l(p_{op}) = D(p_{op}p_{ext})$  and were obtained from the simulation results.

### 1.2 Hysteresis in the first order phase transition

The first step is to obtain the minimum value of  $p_{op}$  for a given value of  $p_{ext}$ . In the paper an exponential distribution of qbit pairs is assumed,  $g(n) = \exp(-n)$  such that the functional dependence of  $l_{op}$  on  $p_{op}$  is:

$$l_{op} = n_{op}^{1/\alpha} \tag{1.1}$$

$$p_{op} = \int_{n_{op}}^{+\infty} dn A \exp(-n/\langle n \rangle) dn$$
 (1.2)

$$= -A\langle n\rangle \left[0 - \exp\left(-n_{op}/\langle n\rangle\right)\right] \tag{1.3}$$

$$l_{op} = \left[ -\langle n \rangle \log \left( \frac{p_{op}}{A \langle n \rangle} \right) \right]^{1/\alpha} \tag{1.4}$$

$$A: \quad \int_0^{+\infty} dn A \exp\left(-n/\langle n \rangle\right) dn = 1 \tag{1.5}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{\langle n \rangle} \tag{1.6}$$

Since the condition is  $l_{op}(p_{op}) = D(p_{op}p_{ext})$ , for a given value of  $p_{ext}$  we can find  $p_{op}$ .

So the idea is:

- Find the average diameter of the ER graphs of some finite ensemble for varying p
- Get the corresponding critical value for  $p_{op}$  (more than one for the hysteresis region)
- Calculate the average backbone for all pairs  $(p_{ext}, p_{op})$

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But we encounter right away the first problem: the histeresis region appears only with really high numbers of nodes  $N \sim 10^5$ , which is far too much for my laptop since a fundamental part of the analysis consists in calculating over and over the diameter of a huge network (and multiple times). I wasn't able to replicate the results in time and it seems that the transition to the coexistance of phases is quite sharp, since even at  $5 \cdot 10^4$  nodes it wasn't showing up. In order to widen the coexistance region, the following results were calculated for  $\alpha = 2$ .

The results are in graphs Figure 1.1.

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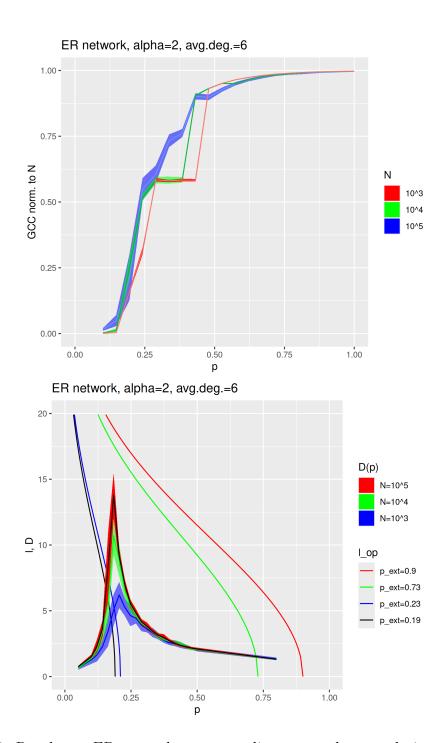


Figure 1.1: Results on ER networks: average diameter under percolation and  $l_{op}$ , size of the GCC. No hysteresis can be seen as the critical condition  $l_{op}(p_{op}) = D(p)$  is hardly ever met if  $N < 10^5$ .