



# From Electrical Impedance Tomography to Network Tomography

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This talk will be divided into three parts

**Part I.** Tomography.

- Introduction to the Radon transform
- Some Applications of the Radon transform

**Part II.** Discrete analogues of tomography

- Electrical Tomography (network of resistors)
- Internet tomography (tree model)

**Part III.** Network tomography

- Communication networks
  - Weighted graph model

## Part I. Tomography.

The Radon transform of a reasonable function  $f(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined to be

$$Rf(\alpha, p) = \int_{l_{\alpha p}} f(x) dx,$$

where  $\alpha \in S^{n-1}$ ,  $S^{n-1}$  is the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$l_{\alpha p} = \{x \text{ such that } \alpha \cdot x = p\}$  is an hyperplane and  $dx$  is the Lebesgue measure on this hyperplane.

**QUESTION: How can one recover  $f(x)$  from  $Rf(\alpha, p)$ ?**



- $n=2$  , *CT scanners*. Original case studied by Radon, (1917)
- $n=3$ , (*MRI* ) *Minkowski, Fritz John (1934)*: Relation with PDE

## Inversion Formulae

If  $F_n$  stands for the  $n$ -dimensional Fourier transform then a standard inversion formula for the Radon transform in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is given by

$$f = F_2^{-1} F_1(Rf)$$

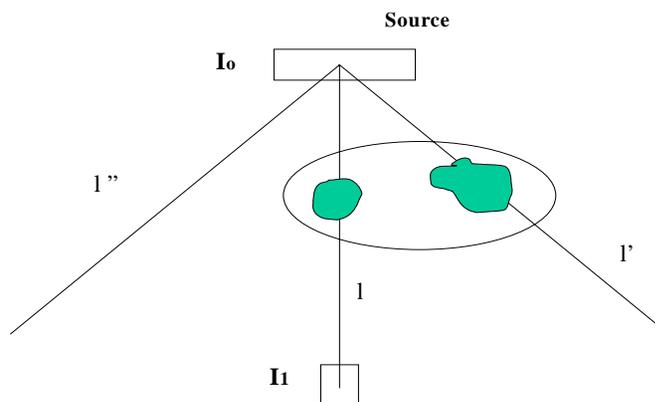
**Definition.** For  $g : S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the *backprojection operator*  $R^*$  is defined by

$$R^*g(x) = \int_{S^1} g(\alpha, p) d\alpha, \quad p = \alpha \cdot x$$

One can introduce the operator  $\Lambda$ , square root of the Laplacian operator  $\Delta$ , and we have the so called *backprojection inversion formula*

$$\Lambda(R^*Rf)(x) = f(x)$$

# CT Scans (X-ray transmission tomography $\mathbb{R}^2$ )



Schematic CAT scanner

The setup consists of a detector and an X-ray beam source. A cross-section of the human body is scanned.

Let  $f(x)$  be the attenuation coefficient of the tissue at the point  $x$ . Let  $\zeta$  be the straight line representing the beam,  $I_0$  the initial intensity of the beam, and  $I_1$  its intensity after having traversed the body. It follows that

$$\frac{I_1}{I_0} = \exp\left\{-\int_{\zeta} f(x) dx\right\}$$

**MRI in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\zeta = \text{plane}$**



# Electrical impedance tomography EIT

Finding the conductivity inside a plate by input-output current map

# Electrical impedance tomography EIT

Let  $D$  be the unit disk in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\beta > 0$  function on  $D$ , and let  $\Psi$  such that

$$\int_{\partial D} \Psi ds = 0$$

and  $u$  a solution of

$$\text{(NP)} \quad \begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(\beta \operatorname{grad} u) = 0, & \text{in } D \\ \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = \Psi, & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

**EIT Problem:** Find  $\beta$  from the knowledge of  $\Lambda_\beta$  (*inverse conductivity problem*).

*Nachman* proved injectivity of the map  $C: \beta \rightarrow \Lambda_\beta$

*Berenstein* and *Casadio* formulated an approximate solution of this problem in terms of hyperbolic geometry in the hyperbolic disk and the corresponding hyperbolic Radon transform  $R_H$

The input-output map  $\Lambda_\beta: \Psi \rightarrow u$  (the Calderon map)

## Approximate solution to the EIT problem

(Finding small cracks)

$\beta_0$  = Conductivity function of the material in normal conditions (Assume known)

$\beta$  = Actual conductivity

Problem: How much does  $\beta$  deviate from  $\beta_0$  ?

Assume  $\beta_0$  constant equal to 1, then the deviation  $\delta\beta$  is governed by

$$\beta = \mathbf{1} + \delta\beta, \text{ with } |\delta\beta| \ll \mathbf{1}$$

If no cracks on  $\partial D$  and  $U$  solution of (NP) for  $\beta=1$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad}U) = 0, & \text{in } D \\ \frac{\partial U}{\partial n} = \Psi, & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

For  $u$  solution of (NP) for  $\beta = 1 + \delta\beta$ ,

$$u = U + \delta U$$

The perturbation  $\delta U$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \Delta(\delta U) = -\langle \text{grad } \delta\beta, \text{grad } U \rangle & \text{in } D \\ \frac{\partial U}{\partial n} = -(\delta\beta)\Psi & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

With the only constraint

$$\int_{\partial D} \Psi ds = 0$$

Simplest input is a linear combination of dipoles  $-\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \delta_w$ ,  $\delta_w$  the Dirac delta at  $w$  in  $\partial D$

The problem for the dipole (input)  $-\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \delta_w$  at  $\omega$  now becomes

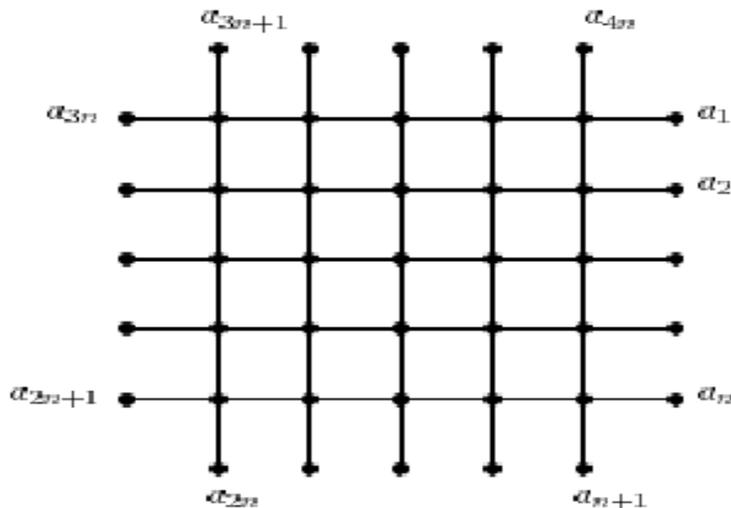
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta U_w = 0 \quad \text{in } D \\ \frac{\partial U_w}{\partial n} = -\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \delta_w \quad \text{on } \partial D \end{array} \right.$$

The solution  $U_w$  has level curves that are geodesics and thus the hyperbolic Radon transform appears naturally in this problem

## Part II. Discrete analogue of EIT

### Network Tomography

Consider a finite planar square network  $G(V,E)$ . The nodes of  $V$  are the integer lattice points  $p=(i,j)$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n+1$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n+1$ , the corner points excluded and  $E$  the set of edges. Let  $intV$ , interior of  $V$ , consisting of the nodes  $p=(i,j)$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Let  $\partial G$  the boundary of  $G$ . If  $\sigma \in E$  then  $\sigma$  connects a pair of two adjacent nodes  $p$  and  $q$  and is denoted  $pq$ . Let  $p$  a node and denote  $N(p)$  the set of neighboring nodes of  $p$



**Definition.** A network of resistors  $\Gamma = \Gamma(V, E, \omega)$  is a network  $G(V, E)$  together with a non-negative function  $\omega : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ . For each edge  $pq$  in  $E$ , the number  $\omega(pq)$  is called the *conductance* of  $pq$ , and  $1/\omega(pq)$  is the *resistance* of  $pq$ . The function  $\omega$  on  $E$  is called the *conductivity*.

**Definition.** Let  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $L_\omega f : \text{int}V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a function defined by

$$L_\omega f(p) = \sum_{q \in N(p)} \omega(pq)(f(q) - f(p))$$

The function  $f$  is called  $\omega$ -harmonic if  $L_\omega f(p) = 0 \quad \forall p \in \text{int}V$

Let  $\Phi(r)$  voltage applied at each boundary node  $r$ .  $\Phi$  induces a voltage  $f(p)$  at each  $p \in \text{int}V$ .

$$L_\omega f(p) = 0 \quad \forall p \in \text{int}V. \quad (\text{Kirchhoff's law})$$

On the boundary  $\partial V$  of  $V$ ,  $f$  determines a *current*  $I_\phi$  by Ohm's law.

For each conductivity  $\omega$  we define the linear Dirichlet-to-Neumann map  $\Lambda_\omega$  by  $\Lambda_\omega(\Phi) = I_\phi$

**Questions:** (i) Is the map  $\Lambda_\omega$  to  $\omega$  one-to-one ?

(ii) Is it true that  $\omega = \beta \Leftrightarrow \Lambda_\omega = \Lambda_\beta$  ? (uniqueness)

(iii) Is there a constructive algorithm to obtain  $\omega$  from  $\Lambda_\omega$  ?

(Curtis and Morrow)

## Interesting questions

- Is it possible to extend these results to more general finite graphs?. For instance, is (ii) true?.
- What type of boundary measurements and associated probes we need to construct  $\Lambda_\omega$  from the available boundary data and/or probes?

# Internet tomography

**Goal:** Understanding a large network like internet

**Typical problems:** Traffic delay, link level parameter estimation, topology, congestion in links, attacks

**Definition.** A tree  $T$  is a finite or countable collection of vertices  $\{v_j \ j=0, 1, \dots\}$  and a collection of edges  $e_{jk} = (v_j, v_k)$   
Natural domain to visualize internet  $\mathbb{H}^3$  (**Munzner**).

Locally, internet can be seen as part of a tree therefore natural domain is  $\mathbb{H}^2$  (**Jonckheere E.-2004** experimentally). Hence, a way to study *locally* this kind of network can be done using the hyperbolic Radon transform on trees. *C. A. Berenstein et al.* [5, 6]

Data we need can be obtained using probes via measurements (sender-receiver)

Software: NS2 network simulator gives a number of other measurable quantities

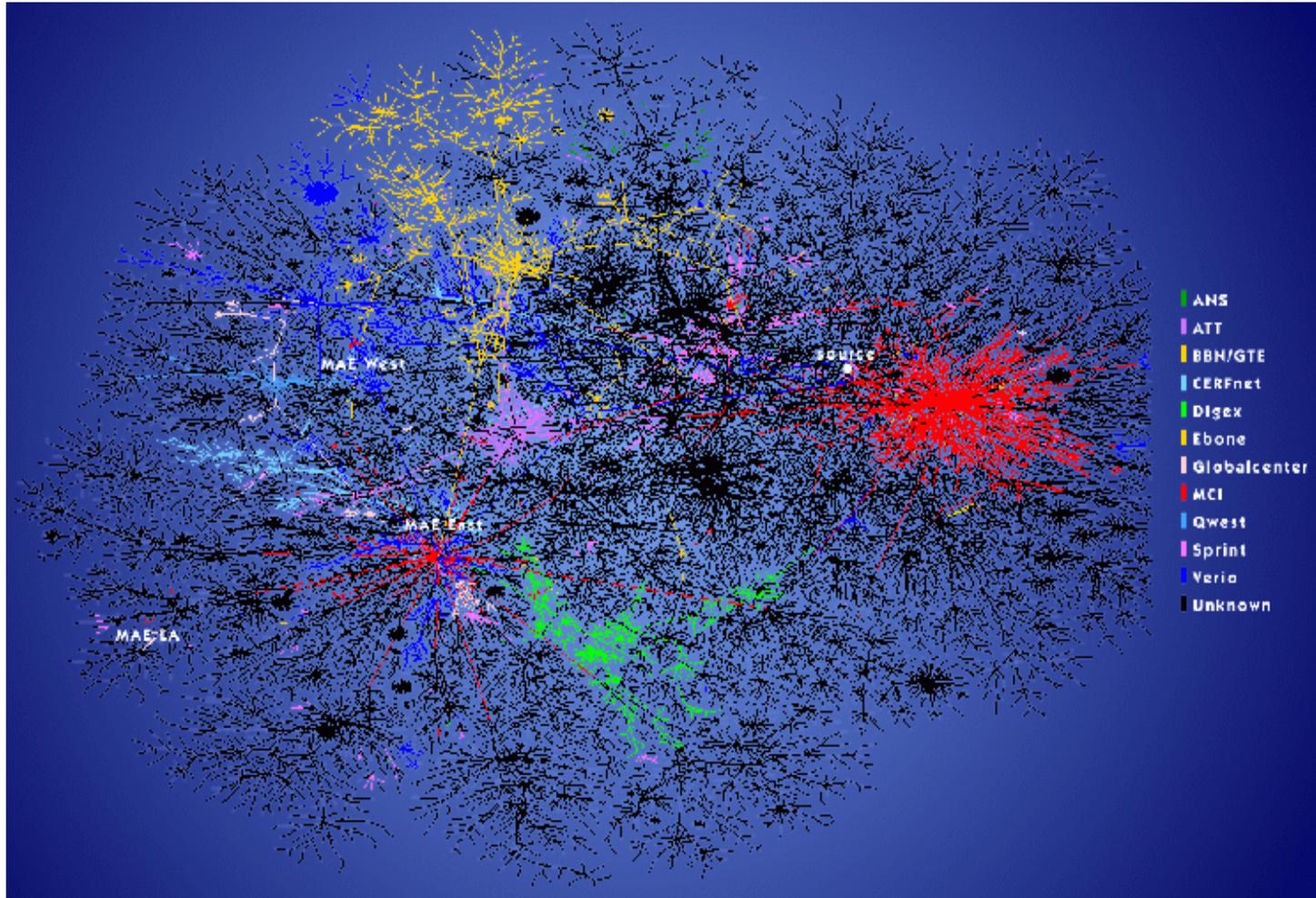
# Visualization in real hyperbolic space (Munzner)

- Radon transform in real hyperbolic spaces

trees  $\longrightarrow \mathbb{H}^2$

graphs  $\longrightarrow \mathbb{H}^3$

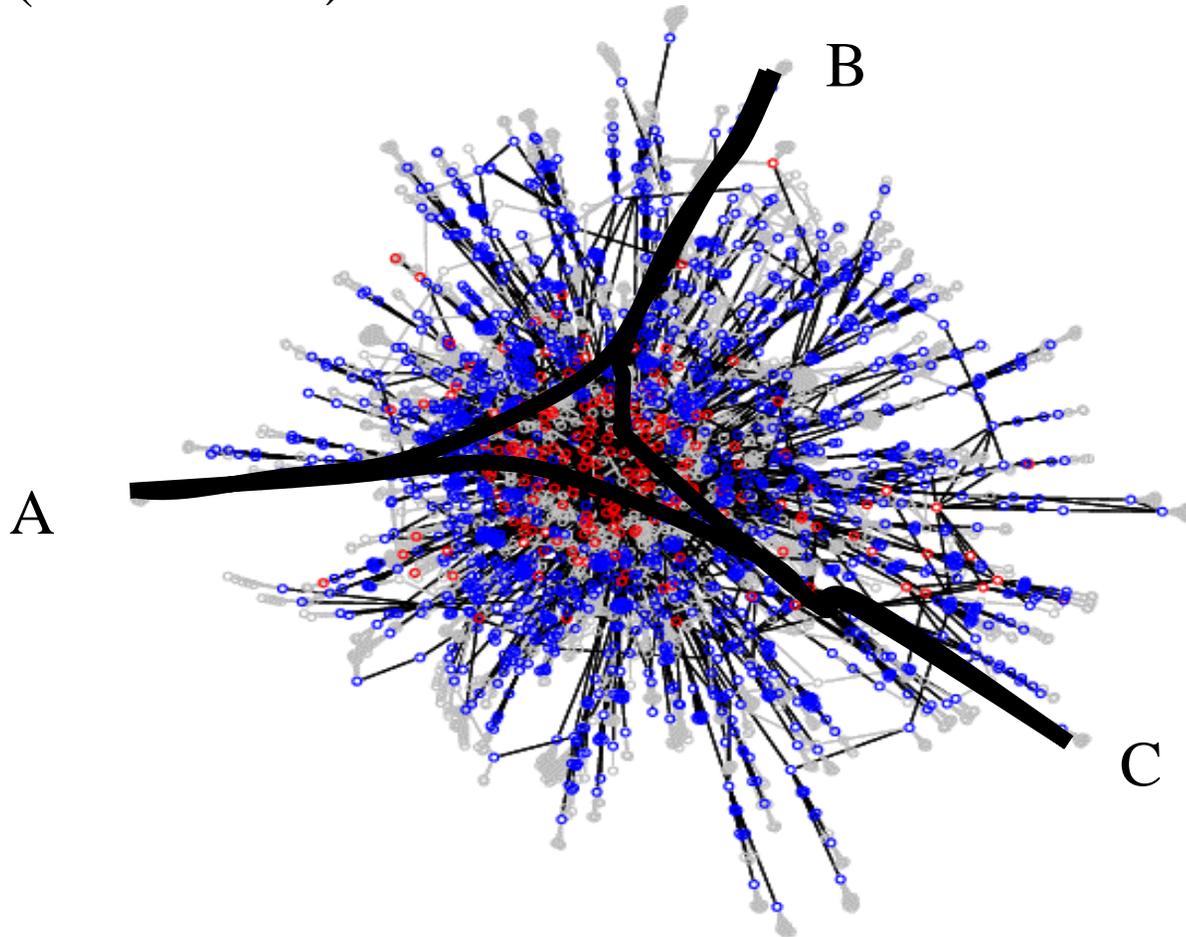
# NETWORK CONNECTIVITY



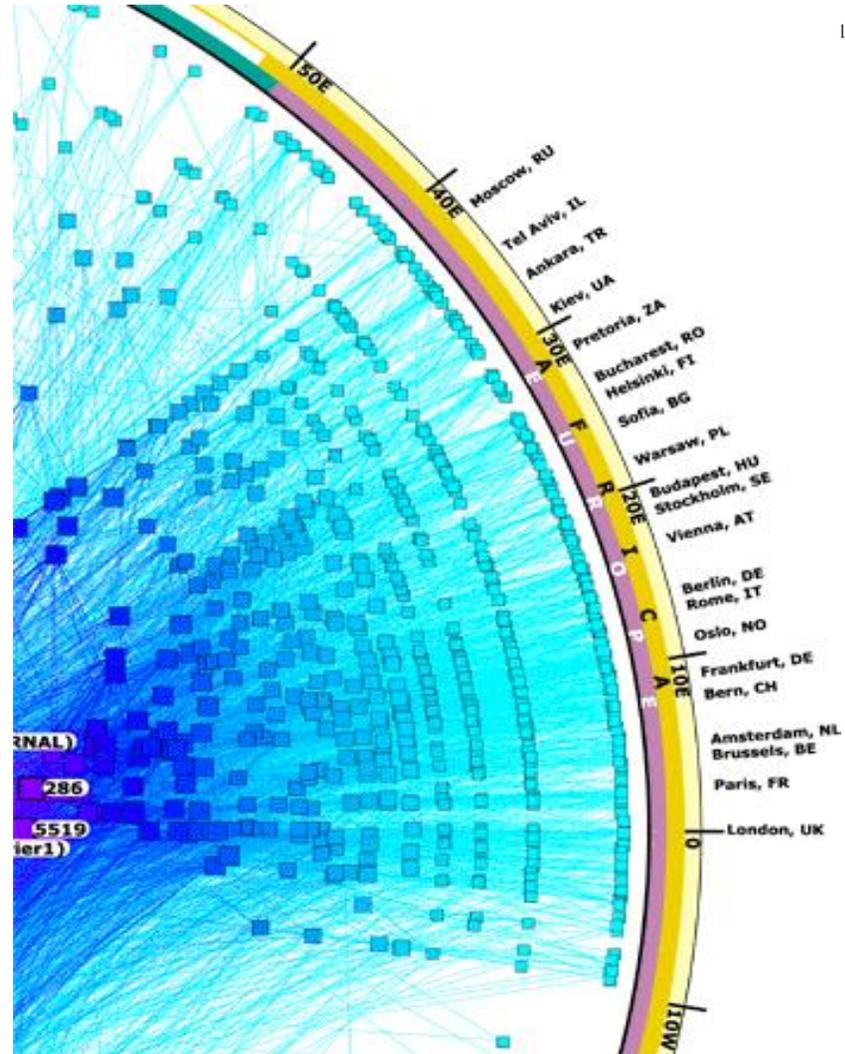
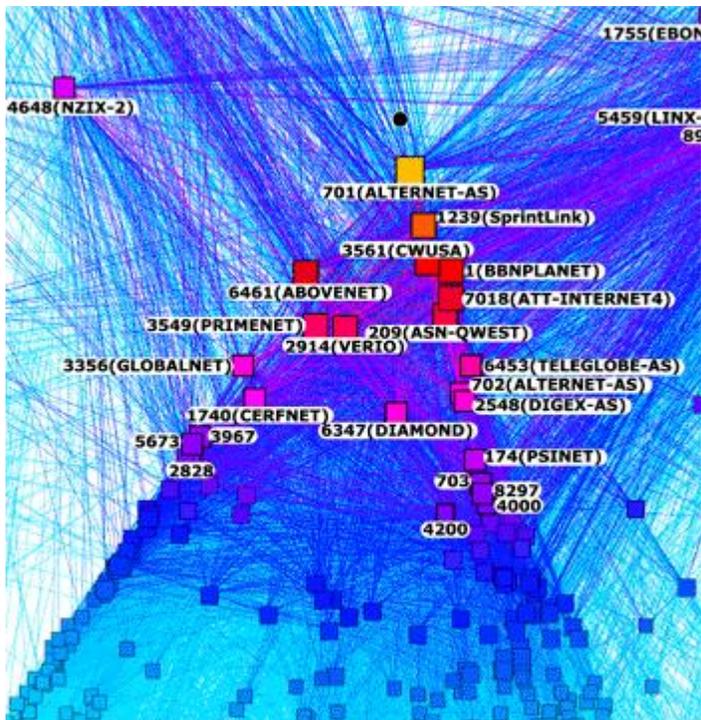
**Figure 1: Prototype two-dimensional image depicting global connectivity among ISPs as viewed from skitter host. Graph layout code provided by W. Cheswick and H. Burch (Lucent/Bell Laboratories).**

**Taken from:<http://www.nature.com/nature/webmatters/tomog/tomog.html>, Authors are members of CAIDA organization.**

Graphs with a highly connective core and long tendrils are hyperbolic because the sides of  $\Delta ABC$  are forced to go via the core (*Jonckheere*)







## Part III. Network Tomography

- Communication networks
  - Weighted graph model

**Networks:** ATM, Internet, highways, phone,

Typical network problems:

- Failure of some nodes  
(Topology configuration)
- Congestion in links  
(Link-level parameter estimation)

**Goal:** Obtain some information of the inner structure of network

Network  $\longleftrightarrow G(V, E)$  a finite planar connected graph with  $\partial G \neq \emptyset$

$\omega : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $G(V, E, \omega)$  weighted graph

weight  $\omega(x, y)$   $\longleftrightarrow$  total traffic between endpoints  $x$  and  $y$  of the edge

## Calculus on weighted graphs

**Definitions:** The degree of a node  $x$  in  $G(V, E, \omega)$  is defined by

$$d_{\omega}x = \sum_{y \in V} \omega(x, y).$$

The Laplacian operator corresponding to this weight  $\omega$  is defined by

$$\Delta_{\omega}f(x) = \sum_{y \in V} [f(x) - f(y)] \cdot \frac{\omega(x, y)}{d_{\omega}x}, \quad x \in V$$

The integration of a function  $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on a graph  $G = G(V, E)$  is defined by

$$\int_G f d_{\omega} = \sum_{x \in V} f(x) d_{\omega}x$$

A graph  $S = S(V', E')$  is a subgraph of  $G(E, V)$  if  $V' \subset V$  and  $E' \subset E$

For a subgraph  $S$  of  $G$ , the boundary of  $S$ ,  $\partial S$ , is defined by

$$\partial S = \{z \in V \mid z \notin S \text{ and } z \sim y \text{ for some } y \in S\}$$

the inner boundary of  $S$ ,  $inn\partial S$ , is defined by

$$inn\partial S = \{z \in S \mid z \sim y \text{ for some } y \in S\}$$

$\bar{S}$  is the graph whose edges and nodes are in  $S \cup \partial S$

the (outward) normal derivative  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial n_\omega}(z)$  at  $z \in \partial S$  is defined by

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial n_\omega}(z) = \sum_{y \in S} [f(z) - f(y)] \cdot \frac{\omega(z, y)}{d'_\omega z}$$

where  $d'_\omega x = \sum_{y \in S} \omega(z, y)$ .

Weighted graph model — two kinds of disruptions

1-Edge ceases to exist  $\Rightarrow$  Topology changes (F. Chung)

**Problem 1: Determine the topology**

*(F. Chung)*

2-Increase of traffic  $\Rightarrow$

- same topology
- weights  $\omega$  remain same or increase

**Problem 2: Determine  $\omega$**



CAN PROBLEMS 1 AND 2 BE SOLVED  
SIMULTANEOUSLY?

# **Problem 1: Determine the topology of the graph.**

*(F. Chung)*



## Problem 2. Determine the weights $\omega$

First, we need  $\omega$  to be distinguished from any other weight  $\beta$

We appeal to the following theorem of *C. Berenstein* and *S. Chung*- 2003

**TEOREMA [2] ( Berenstein-Chung )**

Let  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  be weights with  $\omega_1 \leq \omega_2$  on  $\bar{S} \times \bar{S}$  and

$f_1, f_2 : \bar{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions satisfying that for  $j=1, 2$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_{\omega_j} f_j(x) = 0, & x \in S \\ \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial n_{\omega_j}}(z) = \Phi(z), & z \in \partial S \\ \int_S f_j d\omega_j = K \end{cases}$$

for any given function  $\Phi : \partial S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\int_{\partial S} \Phi = 0$  and a given constant  $K$  with

$K > m_0$ , where

$$m_0 = \max_{j=1,2} |m_j| \cdot \text{vol}(S, \omega_j), m_j = \min_{z \in \partial S} f_j(z), j = 1, 2 \text{ and } \text{vol}(S, \omega_j) = \sum_{x \in S} d_{\omega_j} x$$

If we assume that

(i)  $\omega_1(z, y) = \omega_2(z, y)$  on  $\partial S \times \text{Int}(\partial S)$

(ii)  $f_1|_{\partial S} = f_2|_{\partial S}$ ,

then we have

$$f_1 \equiv f_2$$

and

$$\omega_1(x, y) = \omega_2(x, y)$$

for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\bar{S}$

## *Berenstein-Chung* (uniqueness theorem)



**Dirichlet-to-Neumann map  $\Lambda_\omega$  determines  $\omega$  uniquely**



**weight  $\omega$  can be computed from knowledge of Dirichlet data for convenient choices of the input Neumann data in a “similar” way to the one for resistors networks**

EIT  $\longleftrightarrow$  Neumann-to-Dirichlet problem

↑ continuous setting

Internet tomography  $\longleftrightarrow$  Neumann-to-Dirichlet problem in graphs

## CURRENT WORK

Based on the EIT approach, find the conductivity (weight)  $\omega$  (output)

where

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial n_\omega}(z), \quad f|_{\partial S} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega|_{\partial S \times \text{int} \partial S}$$

inputs (given or measured).



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