# Stability of point process, regular variation and branching random walk 

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## Questions?

- The underlying tree is a Galton-Watson tree.
- Various assumptions on displacements and positions can be assumed.
- Questions of interest: If $S_{v}$ denotes the position of a particle $v$ then the behaviour as $n \rightarrow \infty$ of

$$
N_{n}=\sum_{|v|=n} \delta_{a_{n}^{-1}\left(S_{v}-b_{n}\right)}
$$

- Position of the top most particle in the n-th generation and scaling limits.


## How did it begin? and state of the art!

Branching Brownian motion (BBM):

- At time 0, particle at $0 \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Particle moves by a Brownian motion until for exponential time.
- After the step, particle splits into two. Repeat independently.
- $N(t) \sim e^{-t}$ number of particles in time $t$ and positions be denoted by $S_{1}(t), \cdots, S_{N(t)}(t)$.

[Picture by Matt Roberts]


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u(t, x+m(t)) \rightarrow w(x) \quad m(t)=\sqrt{2} t-\frac{3}{2 \sqrt{2}} \log t .
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- Arguin-Bovier-Kistler (2013), Aidekon-Brunet-Berestycki-Shi (2013) showed the point process

$$
L_{t}=\sum_{1 \leq i \leq N(t)} \delta_{S_{i}(t)-m(t)} \rightarrow L, \text { where } L \text { is superposable. }
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- Non-boundary, heavy tails: Durrett (1979, 1983),Bhattacharya, H., Roy (2015, 2016), Bhattacharya, Maulik, Palmowski, Roy (2016+).


## Assumptions on Branching Mechanism

- Underlying tree is a Galton-Watson tree.
- $Z_{n}$ denotes the number of particles at n-th generation and $\mu:=\mathrm{E}\left(Z_{1}\right) \in(1, \infty)$.
- We shall assume that $\mathrm{P}\left(Z_{1}=0\right)=0$ (no leaves).
- Using martingale convergence theorem,

$$
\frac{Z_{n}}{\mu^{n}} \rightarrow W(\geq 0) \text { almost surely. }
$$

- Kesten-Stigum condition :

$$
\mathrm{E}\left(Z_{1} \log Z_{1}\right)<\infty \Leftrightarrow \mathrm{P}(W>0)=1 .
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- This convergence is introduced by Hult and Lindskog(2006) and have been extended by Das, Mitra, Resnick (2013), Lindskog, Resnick and Roy(2014).


## First main result

Let us denote the random point process of the positions of the particles by

$$
N_{n}=\sum_{|v|=n} \delta_{c_{n}^{-1} S_{v}}
$$

where $c_{n} \approx \mu^{n / \alpha}$.
Theorem (Bhattacharya, H. and Roy (2016))
Under our assumptions, the random point configuration converges in distribution to the Cox cluster process $N_{*}$ where

$$
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## Description of $N_{*}$ : One Large Bunch Phenomenon



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- This is an extension of main result of Durrett(1983).
- Extensions of point process result to multi-type in forth coming article by Bhattacharya, Maulik, Palmowski, Roy (2016+)


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Then

$$
b_{n}^{-1} \circ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{L}_{i} \Rightarrow \text { Strictly } \alpha \text {-stable Point Process }
$$

## Thank You

- Point process convergence for branching random walks with regularly varying steps: arXiv:1411.5646, to appear in Annales de I'Institut Henri Poincaré.
- Branching random walks, stable point processes and regular variation: arXiv:1601.01656, submitted.

