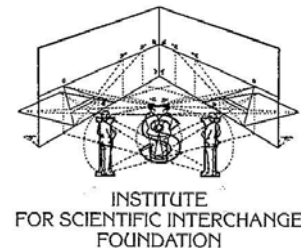
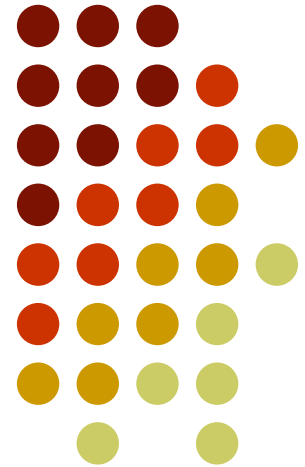


# Modeling the Internet: stat. observables, dynamical approaches, parameter proliferation.....



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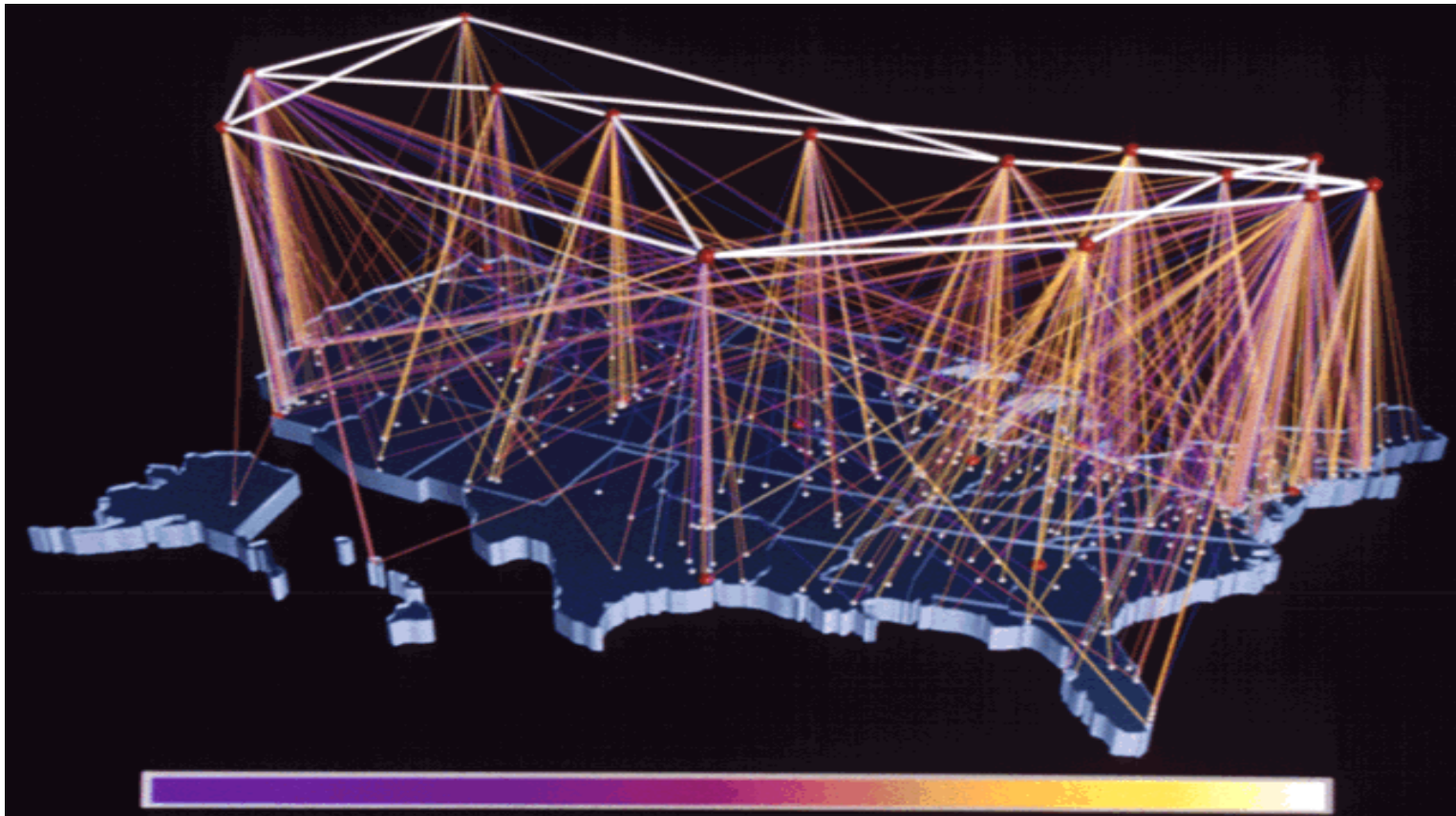




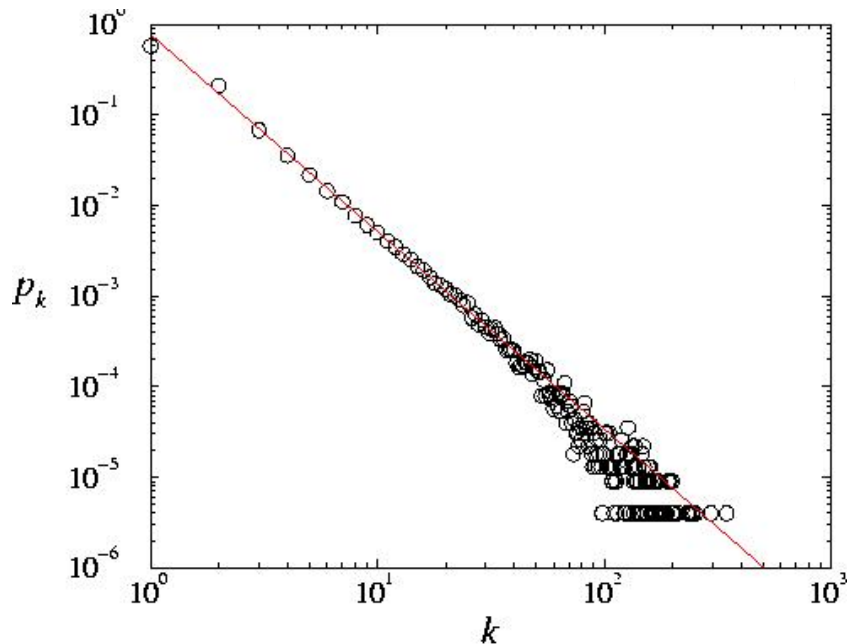
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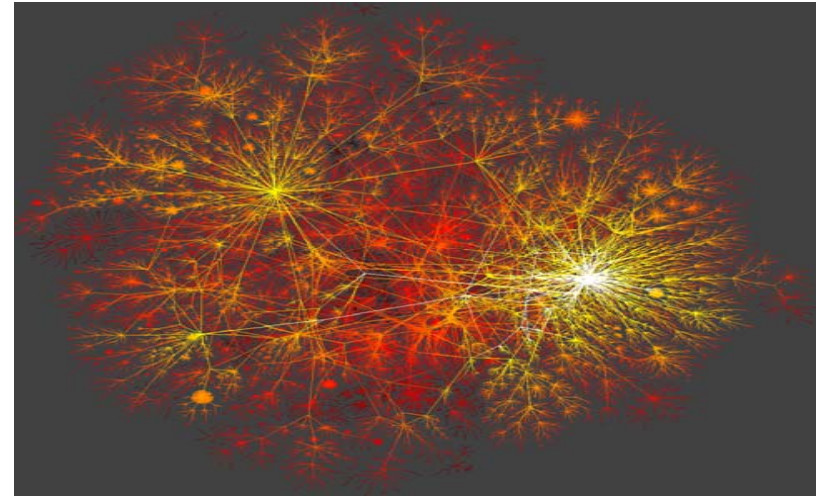


# The beginning.....



Faloutsos et al. 1999

Degree distribution of the Internet graph  
(AS and Router level)

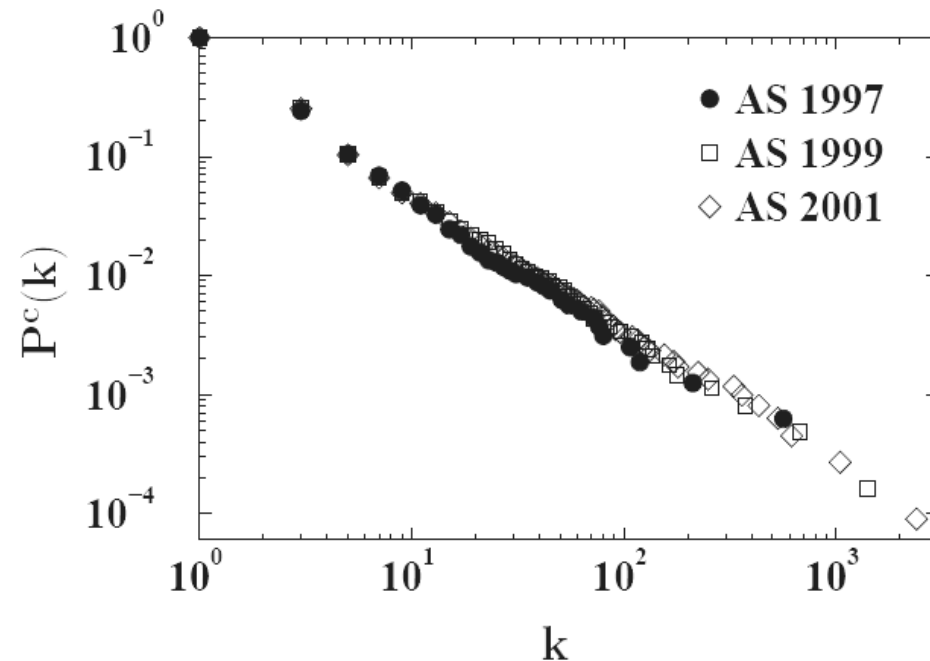


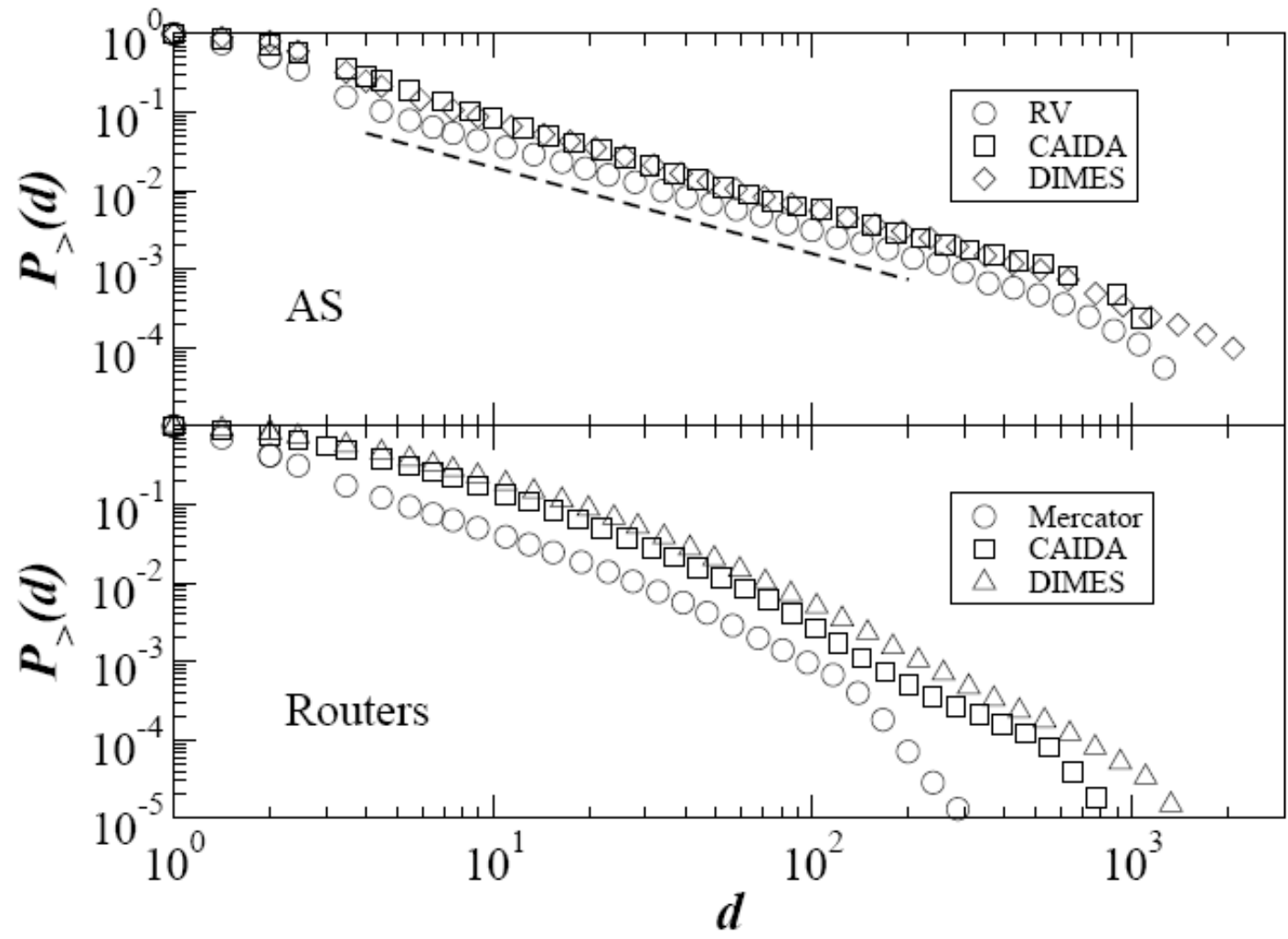
Measurement infrastructures  
Passive/active measurements  
(CAIDA; NLNR; Lumeta...)

# Internet graphs.....



- Skewed
- Heterogeneity and high variability
- Very large fluctuations (variance  $\gg$  average)
- Various fits : power-law+cut-off; Weibull etc.







- Higher order statistical characterization....
- Model validation.....
- Model construction.....

# Multi-point correlations

$$P(k, k')$$



- **0-dimensional projection (pearson coefficient)**

M. Newman (2002)

- **One-dimensional projection (average nearest neighbor degree)**

Pastor-Satorras & A.V. (2001)

- **Three dimensional analysis**

Maslov&Sneppen (2002)



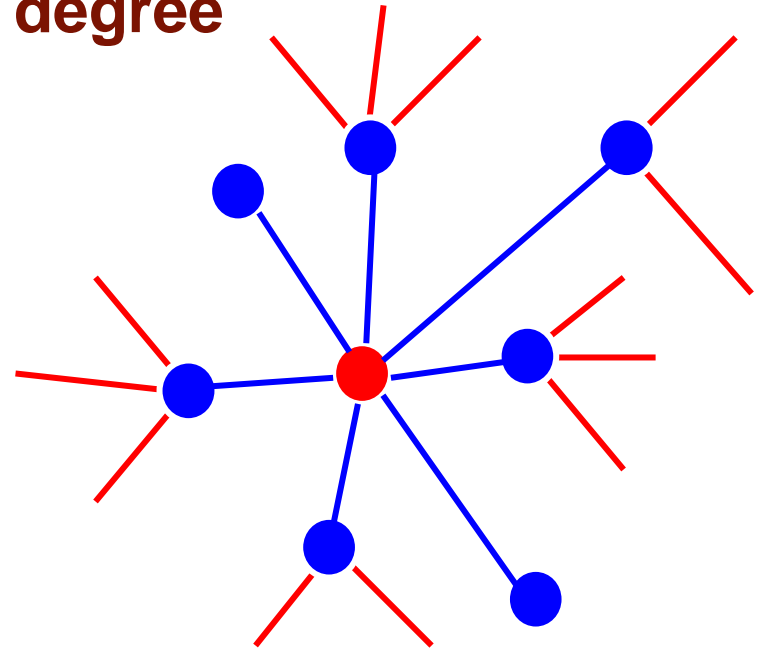
# Multi-point correlations

## $P(k, k')$



Average nearest neighbors degree

$$k_{\text{nn}}(i) = \frac{1}{k_i} \sum_j k_j$$



Correlation spectrum:

Average over degree classes  $\langle k_{\text{nn}}(k) \rangle$



$$\langle k_{nn}(k) \rangle = \sum_{k'} k' p(k'/k)$$



**Degree correlation function**

- **Assortative** behaviour: growing  $k_{nn}(k)$

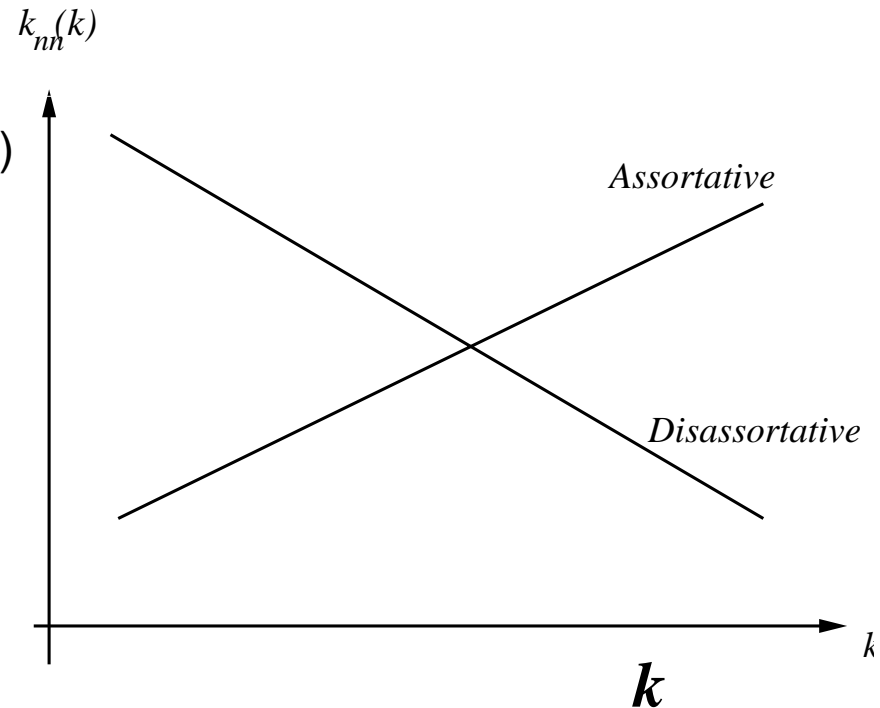
**Example: social networks**

**Large sites are connected with large sites**

- **Disassortative** behaviour: decreasing  $k_{nn}(k)$

**Example: internet**

**Large sites connected with small sites**





**Degree correlation function**

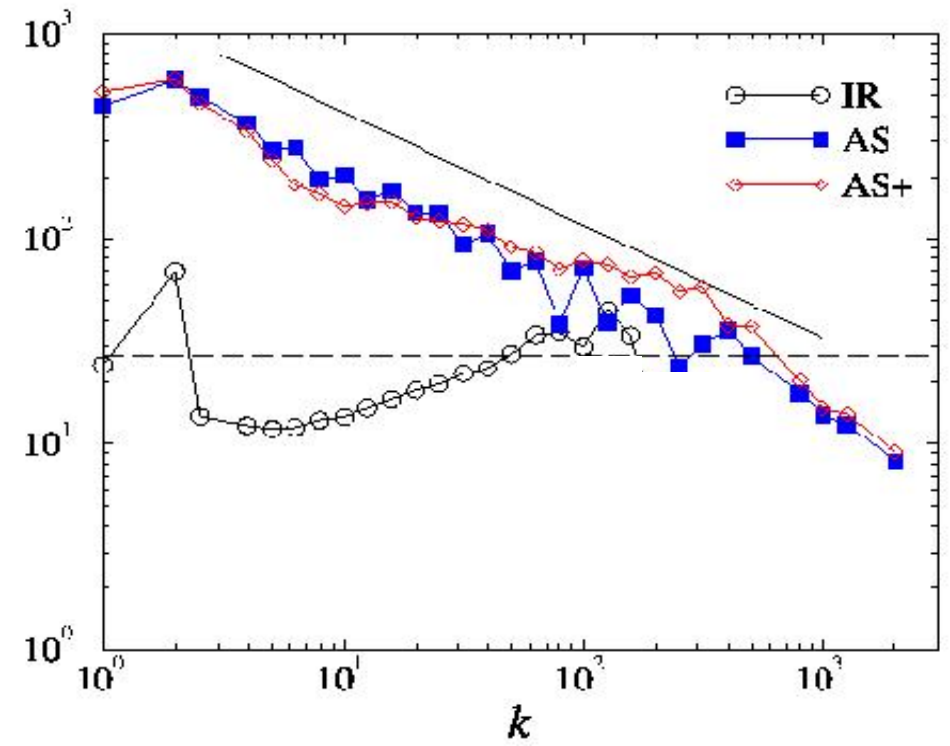
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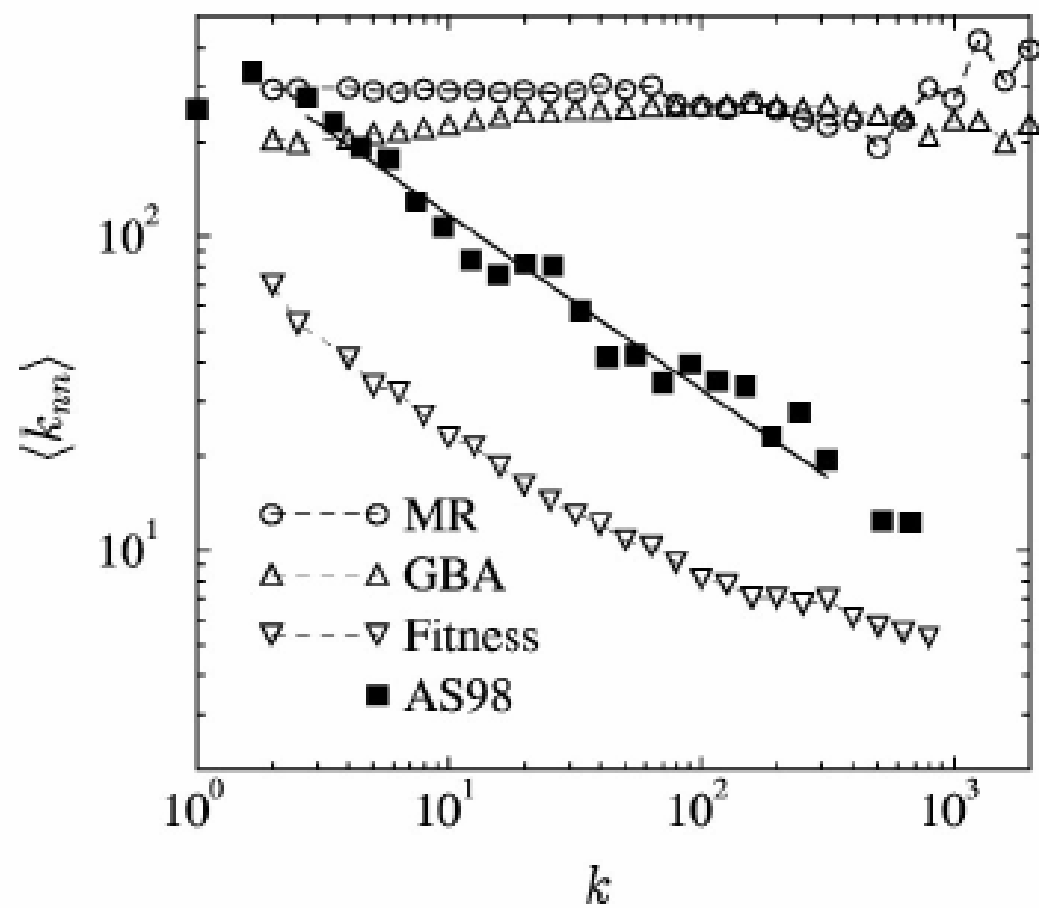
**Highly degree ASs connect to low degree ASs**

**Low degree ASs connect to high degree ASs**

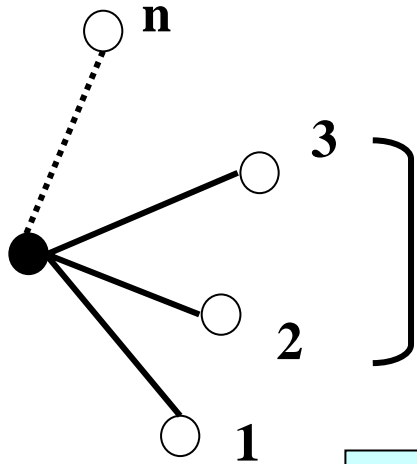
$\langle k_{nn} \rangle > k$



**No hierarchy for the router map**

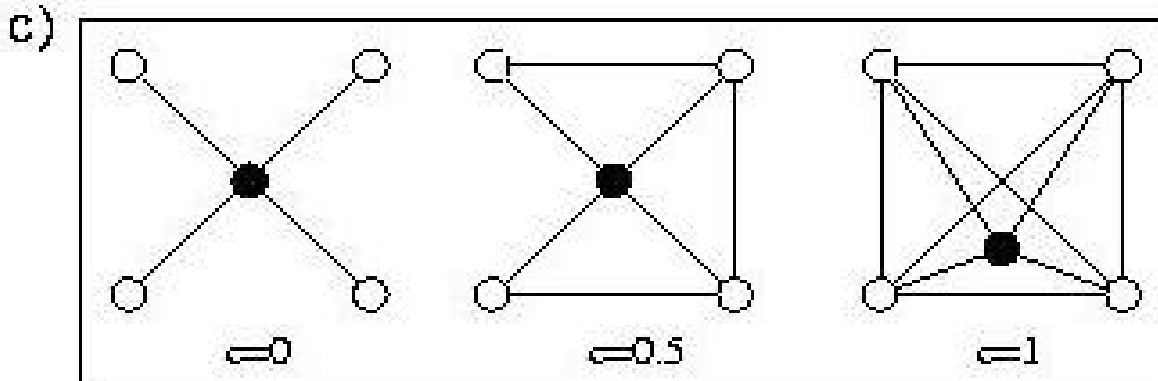


**Clustering coefficient** = connected peers will likely know each other



Higher probability to be connected

$$C = \frac{\text{\# of links between } 1, 2, \dots, k \text{ neighbors}}{k(k-1)/2}$$



# Clustering spectrum



$$C(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\sum_i \delta(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}) \mathbf{c}_i}{\sum_i \delta(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k})}$$

**Clustering spectrum**

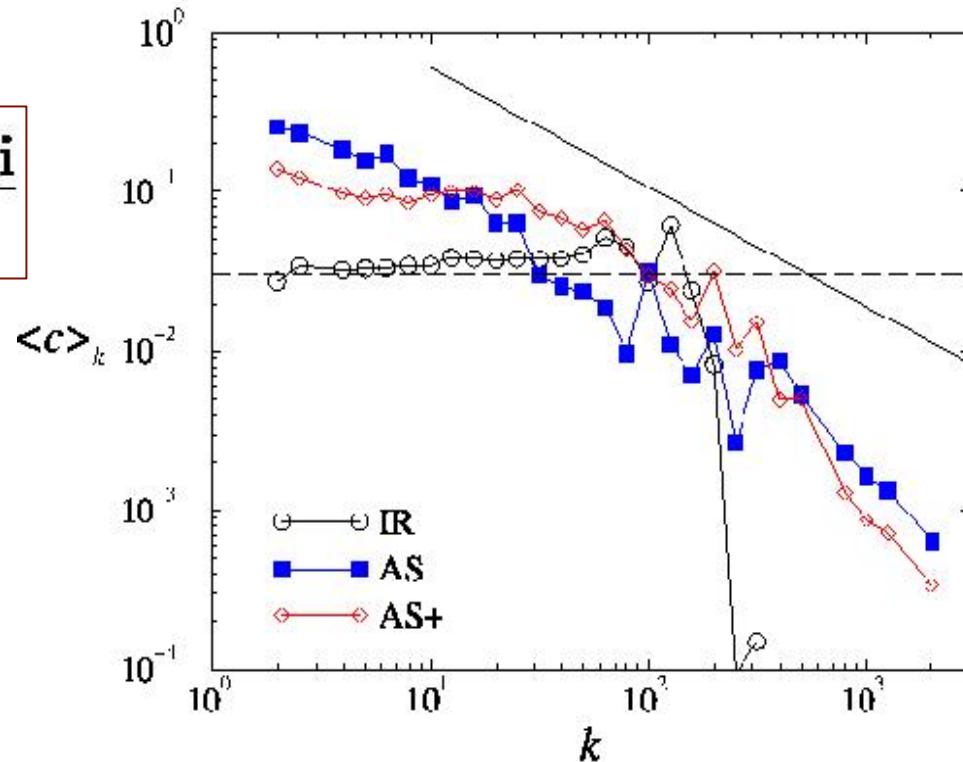
**This is a kind of three-points correlation function.....**

# Clustering Spectrum in the Internet

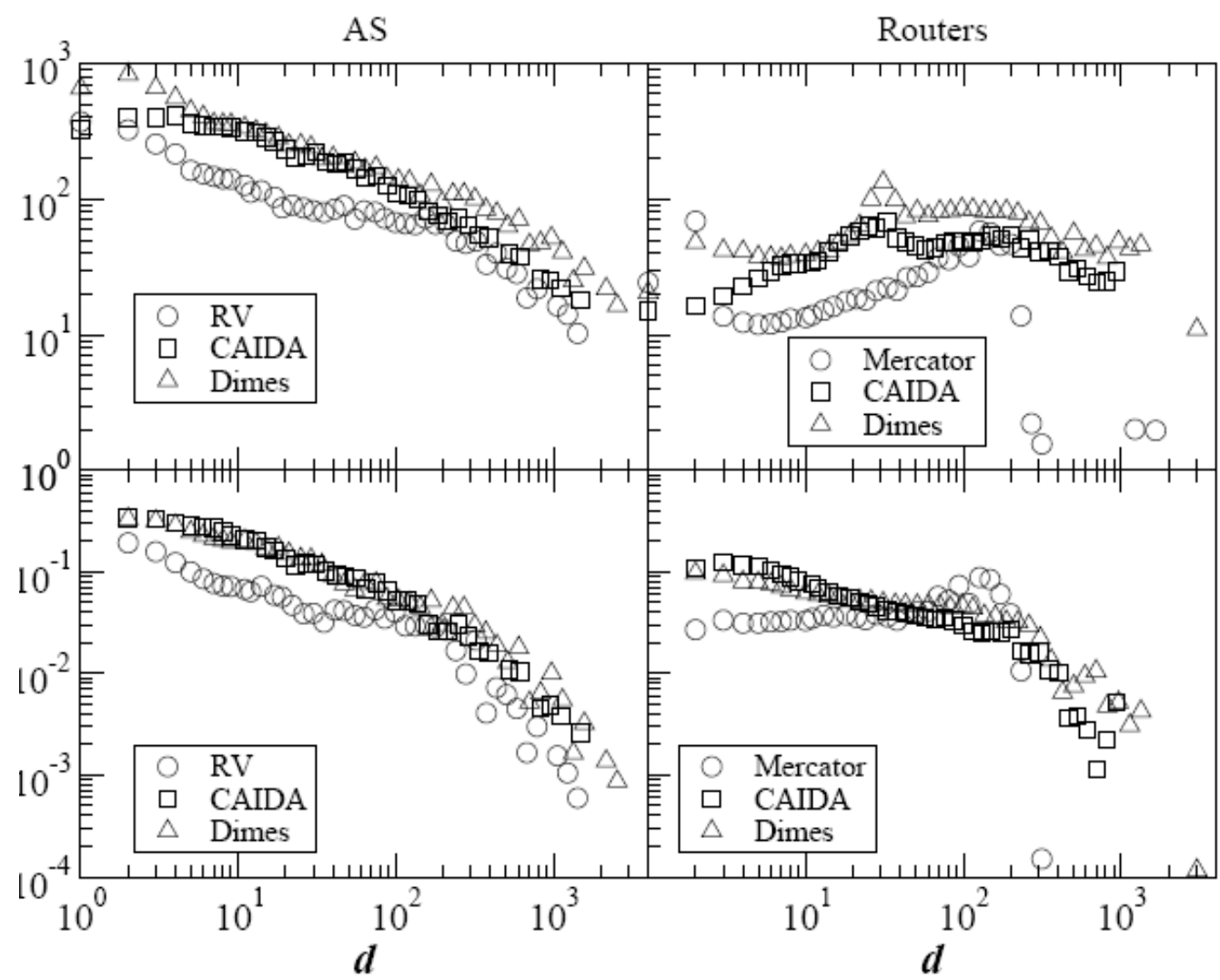


Clustering coefficient as a function of the vertex degree

$$C(k) = \frac{\sum_i \delta(k_i - k) c_i}{\sum_i \delta(k_i - k)}$$



**Highly degree ASs bridge not connected regions of the Internet**  
**Low degree ASs have links with highly interconnected regions of the Internet**







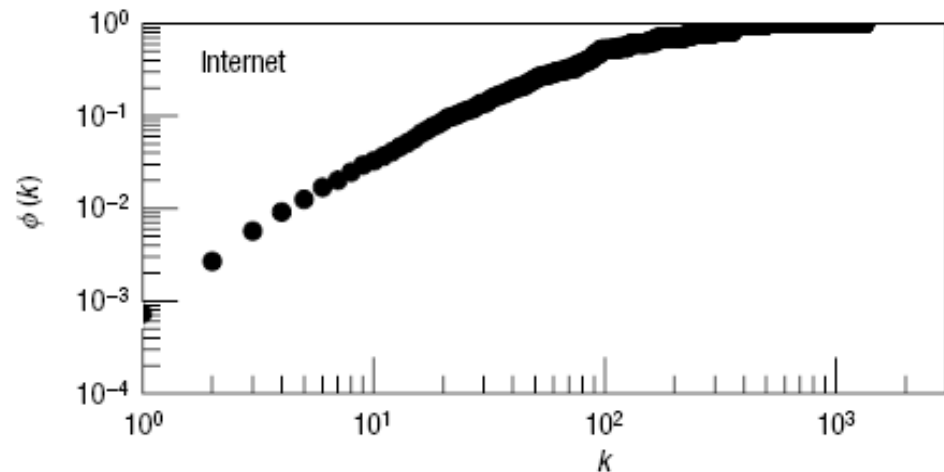
# Rich-Club coefficient

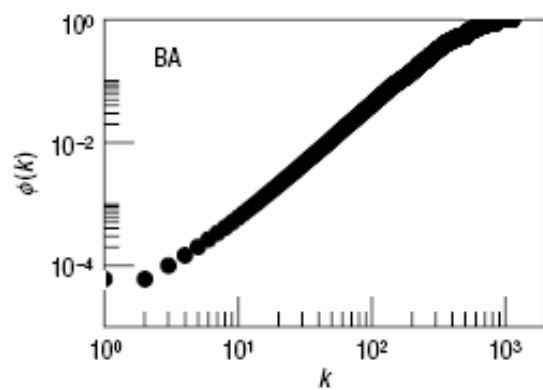
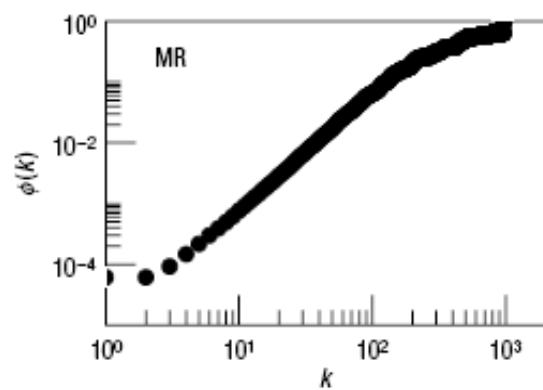
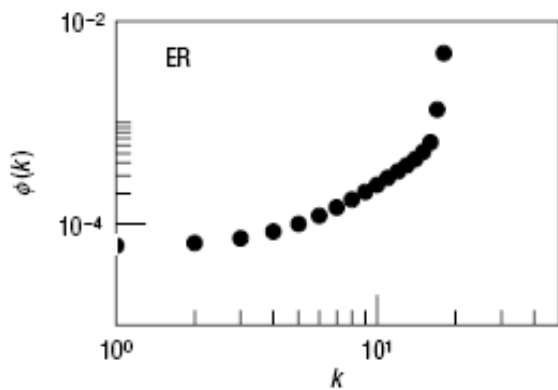
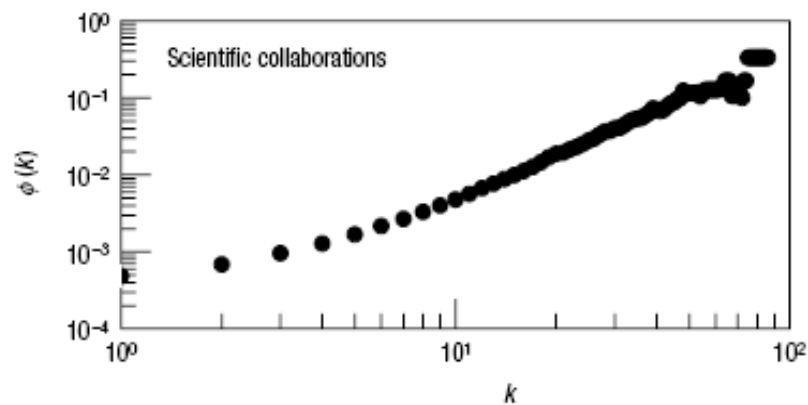
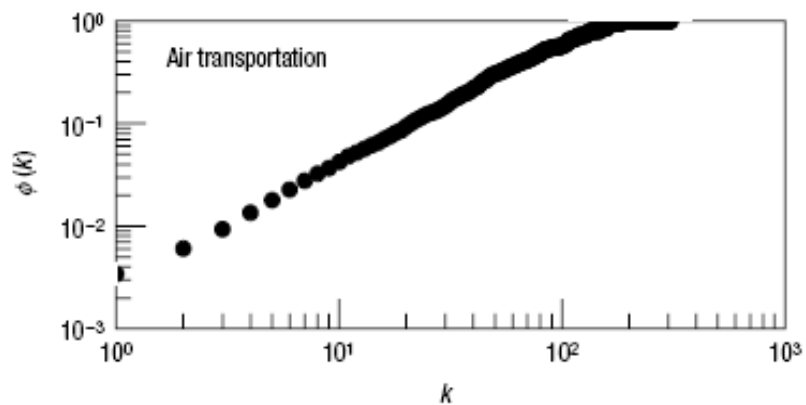
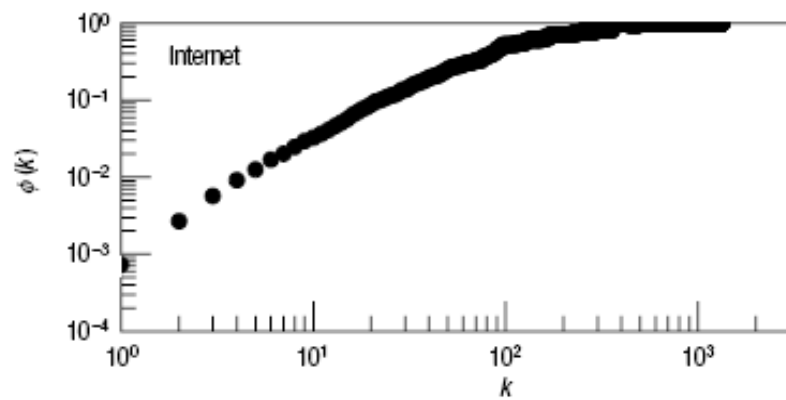
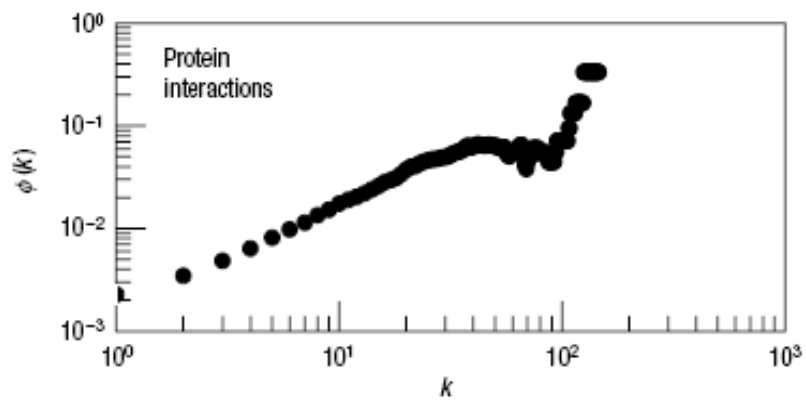
Fraction of edges shared by nodes of degree  $>k$  with respect to the Maximum allowed number.

$$\phi(k) = \frac{2E_{>k}}{N_{>k}(N_{>k} - 1)}$$

Increasing interconnectivity  
for increasing  $k$

**Rich-club phenomenon??**





# Normalized rich-club coefficient



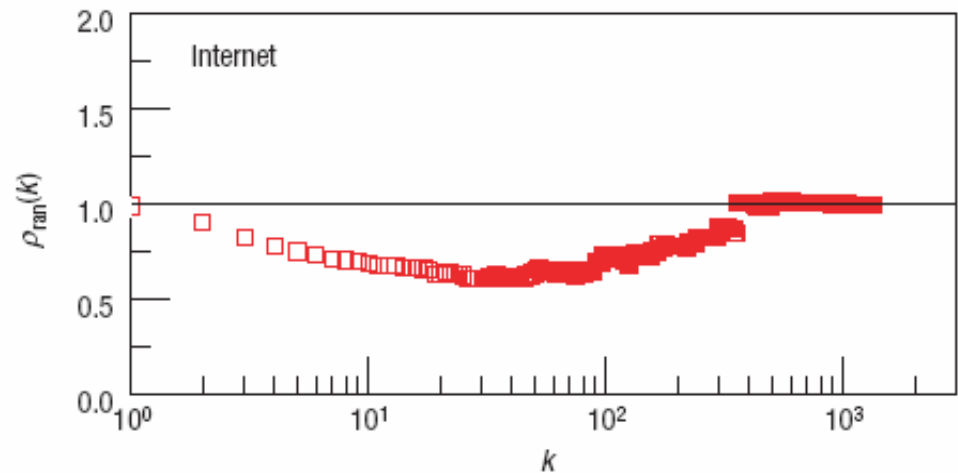
It is possible to show that for a completely uncorrelated network

$$\phi_{\text{unc}}(k) \underset{k, k_{\text{max}} \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{k^2}{\langle k \rangle N}$$

$$\rho_{\text{ran}}(k) = \phi(k) / \phi_{\text{ran}}(k)$$

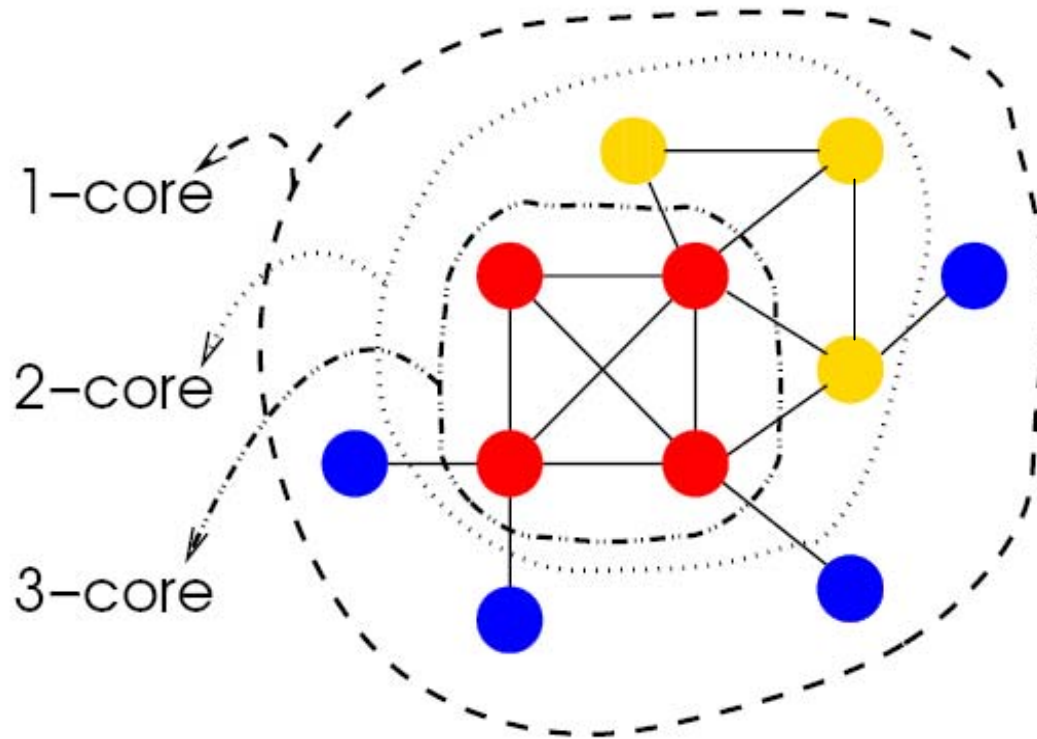


Coefficient of the maximally randomized equivalent graph



**NO rich club phenomenon**

# K-core decomposition

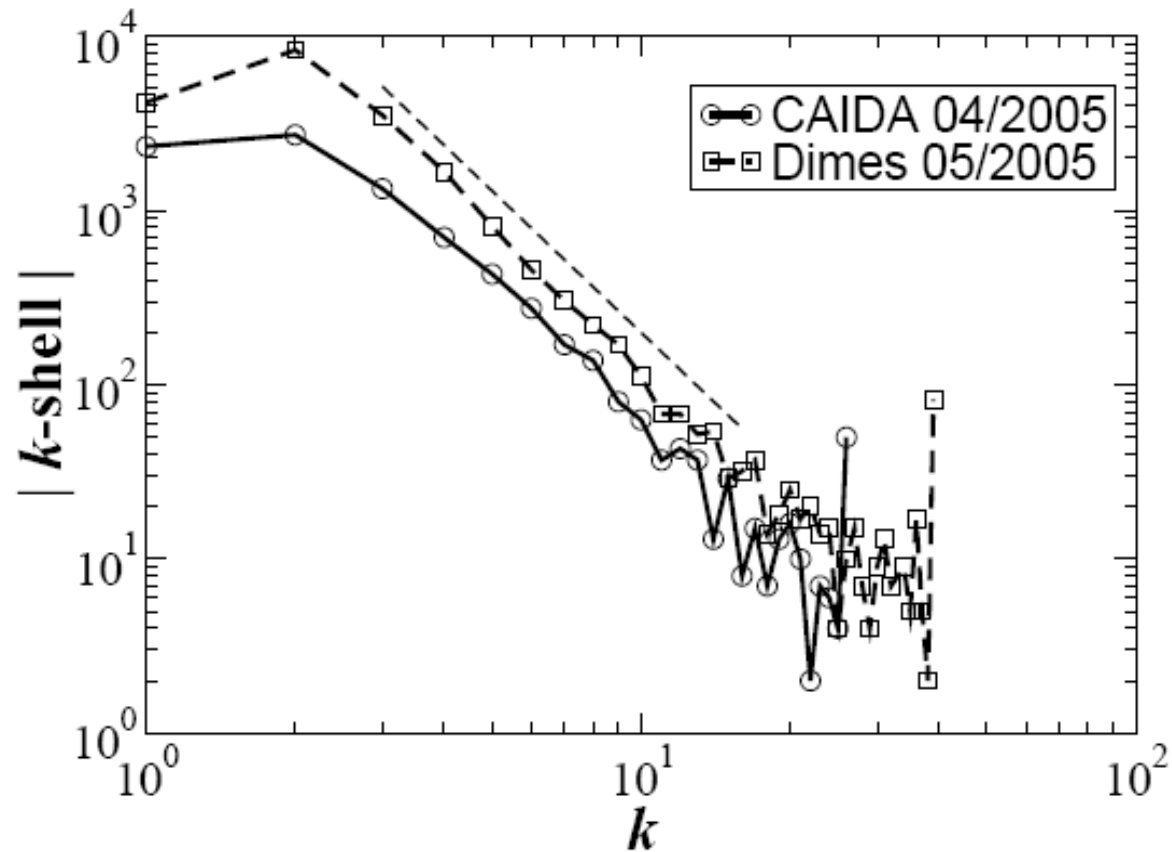


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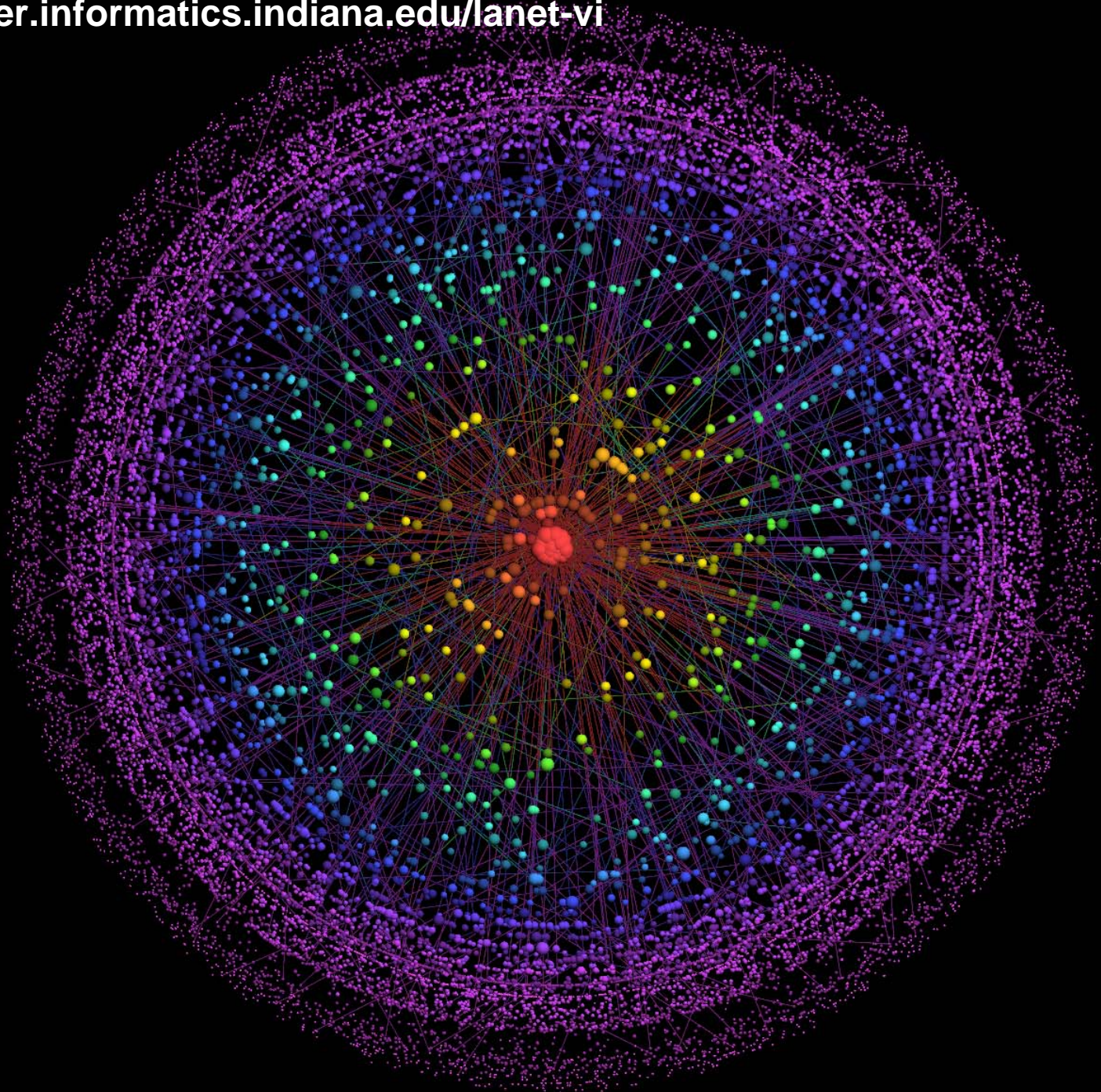
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**K-shell** 3 

# K-core structure...



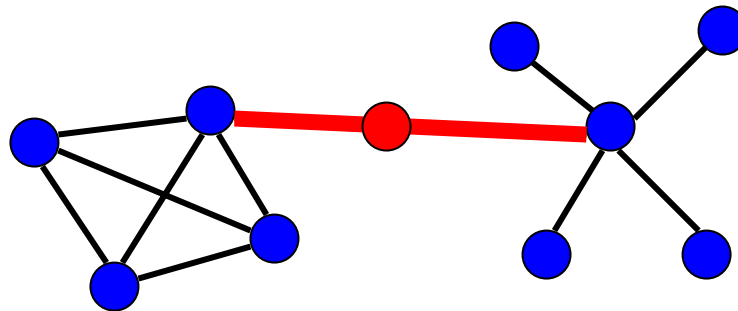
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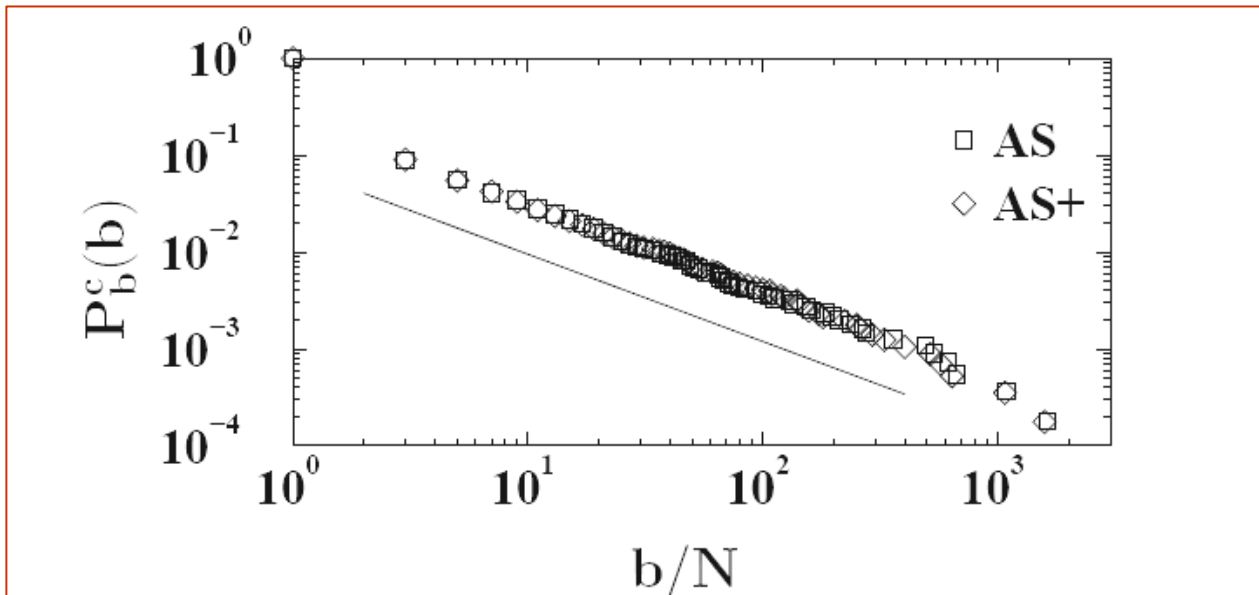
# Non-local measure of centrality



**Betweenness centrality** = # of shortest paths traversing a vertex or edge (flow of information) if each individuals send a message to all other individuals



# Betweeness Probability distribution



**Heavy-tailed and highly heterogeneous**



## Classical topology generators

- Waxman generator
- Structural generators
  - Transit-stub
  - Tiers



Exponentially  
Bounded  
Degree distributions



## Scale-free topology generators

**INET** (Jin, Chen, Jamin)

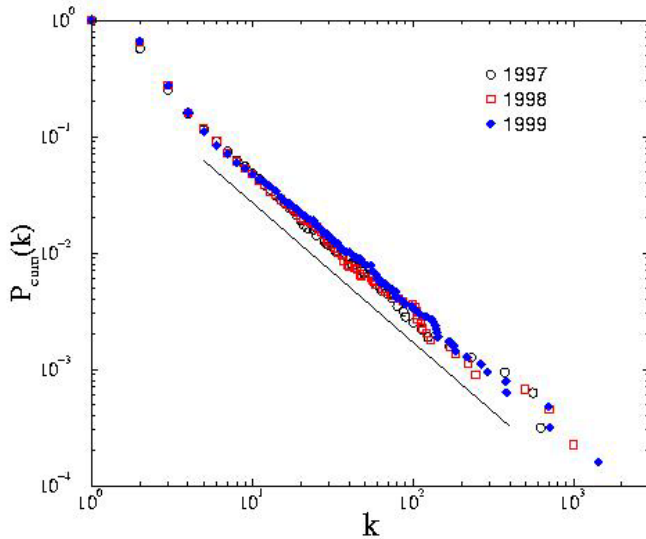
**BRITE** (Medina & Matta)

**Modeling of the Network structure with ad-hoc algorithms  
tailored on the properties we consider more relevant**

# What about the degree distribution ?



Heavy tails ?



**Static construction**

**Molloy-reed**

**Position model**

**Hidden variables**

**Etc.**

**Generalized random graphs with pre-assigned degree distribution**



**Shift of focus:**

**Static construction** → **Dynamical evolution**

**Direct problem**

**Evolution rules** → **Emerging topology**

**Inverse problem**

**Given topology** → **Evolution rules**

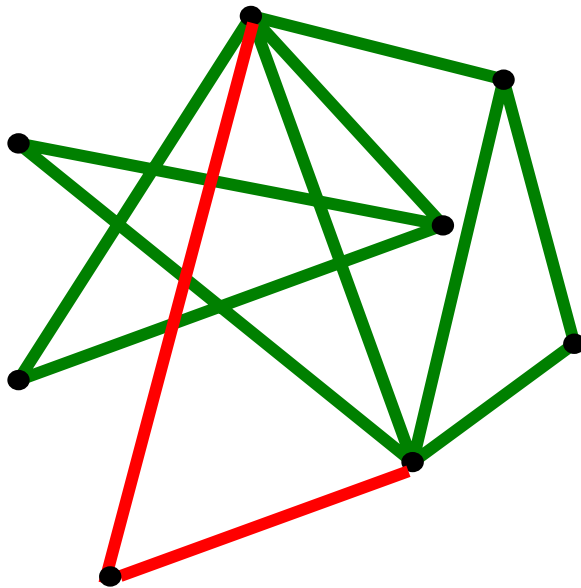
# The rich-get-richer mechanism

(Barabasi& Albert 1999)

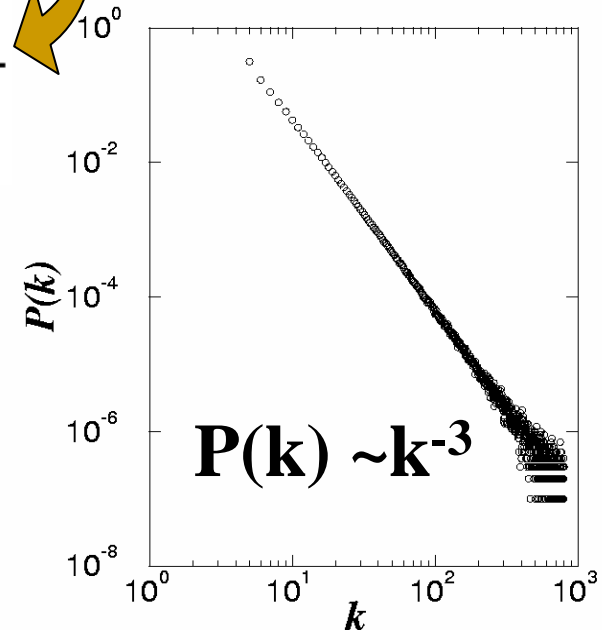


**Growth:** The network starts with a small core of  $m_0$  connected vertices. Every time step we add a new vertex, with  $m$  edges ( $m < m_0$ ) connected to old vertices in the system.

**Preferential attachment:** The new edges are connected to the old  $s$ -th vertex with a probability proportional to its degree  $k_s$ .



$$\Pi[k_s(t)] = \frac{k_s(t)}{\sum_j k_j(t)}$$





## Continuous approximations

Average degree value  $k_s(t)$  that the node born at time  $s$  has a time  $t$   
 $\{p(k, s, t) = \delta(k - k_s(t))\}$

### Evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial k_s(t)}{\partial t} = m\Pi[k_s(t)]$$

### Degree distribution

$$P(k, t) = \frac{1}{t + m_0} \int_0^t \delta(k - k_s(t)) ds \equiv -\frac{1}{t + m_0} \left( \frac{\partial k_s(t)}{\partial s} \right)^{-1} \Big|_{s=s(k,t)}$$

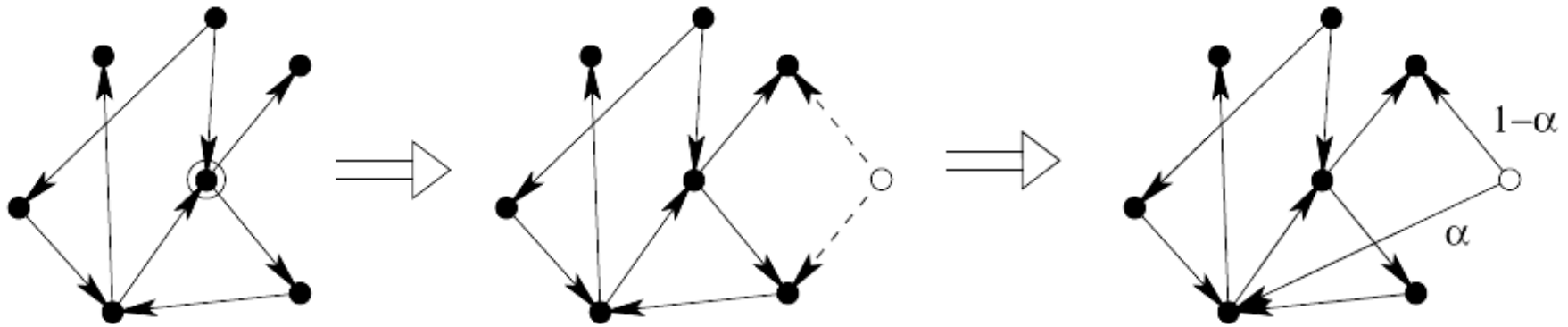


- **BA is a conceptual model....**
- **It has not been thought to specifically model the Internet**
- **More details/realism/ingredients needed**

# COPY MODEL



Illustration of the rules of the copying model. A prototype vertex (black dot surrounded by a circle) is selected and a new vertex (hollow dot) is created with virtual edges pointing to the neighbors of the prototype. With probability  $1 - \alpha$  the virtual edges are kept; with probability  $\alpha$  they are rewired to a randomly chosen vertex.



**Dynamical evolution**

**Preferential attachment component**

$$\frac{\partial k_{in,s}(t)}{\partial t} = m \left[ \frac{\alpha}{t} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{k_{in,s}(t)}{mt} \right]$$

**Degree distribution**

$$P(k_{in}) \sim k_{in}^{-(2-\alpha)/(1-\alpha)}$$

# More models



## •Generalized BA model

Non-linear preferential attachment :  $\Pi(k) \sim k^\alpha$

(Redner et al. 2000)

Initial attractiveness :  $\Pi(k) \sim A+k^\alpha$

(Mendes & Dorogovstev 2000)

Rewiring

(Albert et al.2000)

•Highly clustered

(Eguiluz & Klemm 2002)

$$\Pi(k_i) \cong \frac{\eta_i k_i}{\sum_j \eta_j k_j}$$

•Fitness Model

(Bianconi et al. 2001)

•Multiplicative noise

(Huberman & Adamic 1999)



# Heuristically Optimized Trade-offs (HOT)

Papadimitriou et al. (2002)



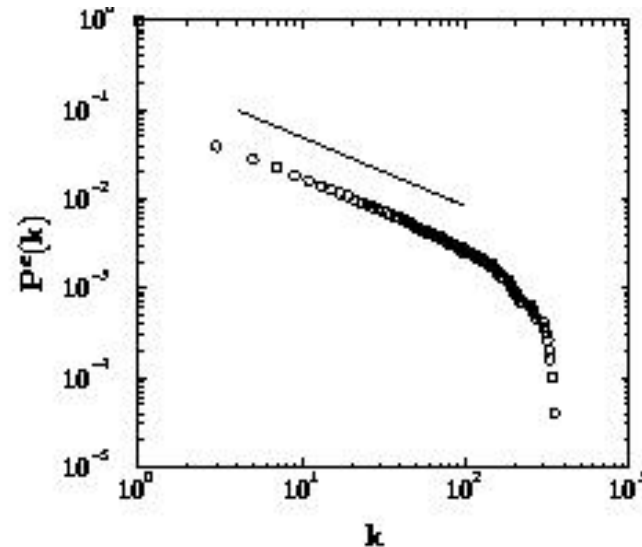
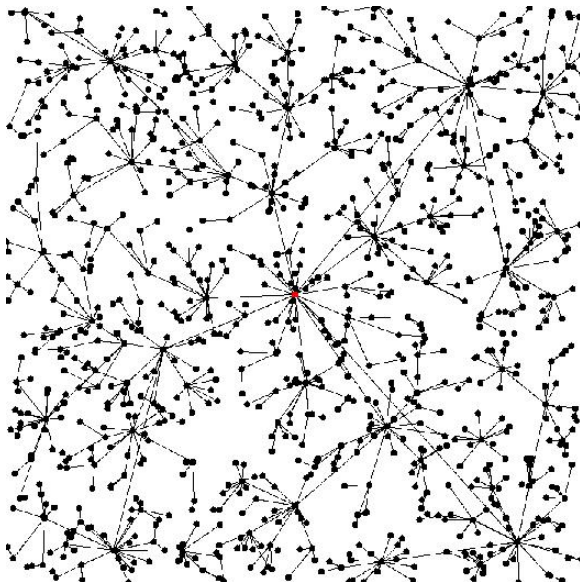
New vertex  $i$  connects to vertex  $j$  by minimizing the function

$$Y(i,j) = \alpha d(i,j) + V(j)$$

$d$ = euclidean distance

$V(j)$ = measure of centrality

## Optimization of conflicting objectives



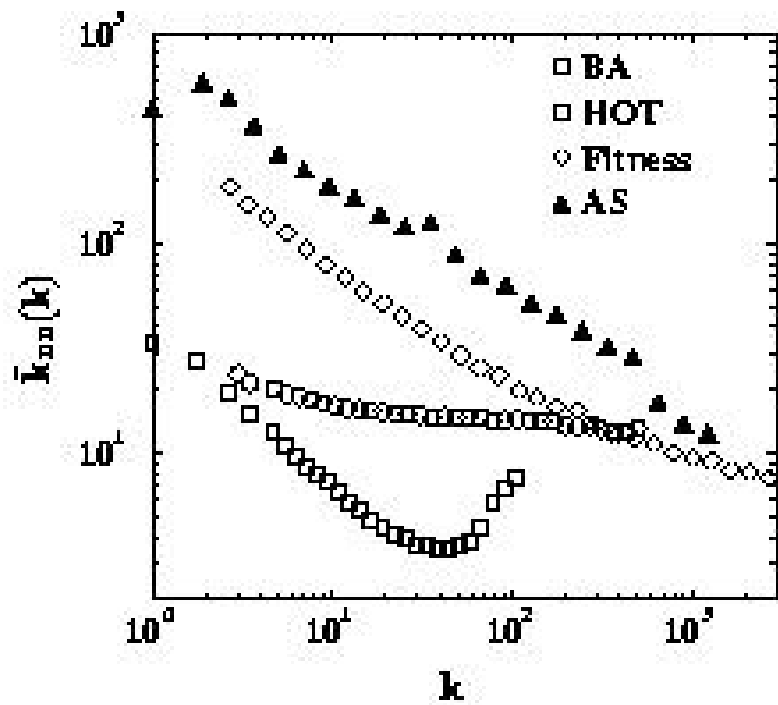
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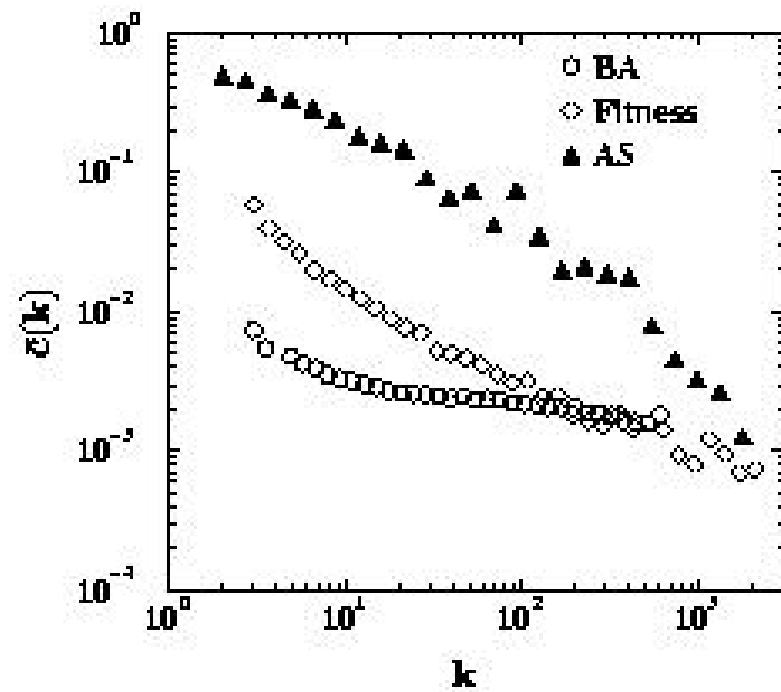
- Correlations
- Clustering
- Hierarchies (k-cores, modularity etc.)
- .....

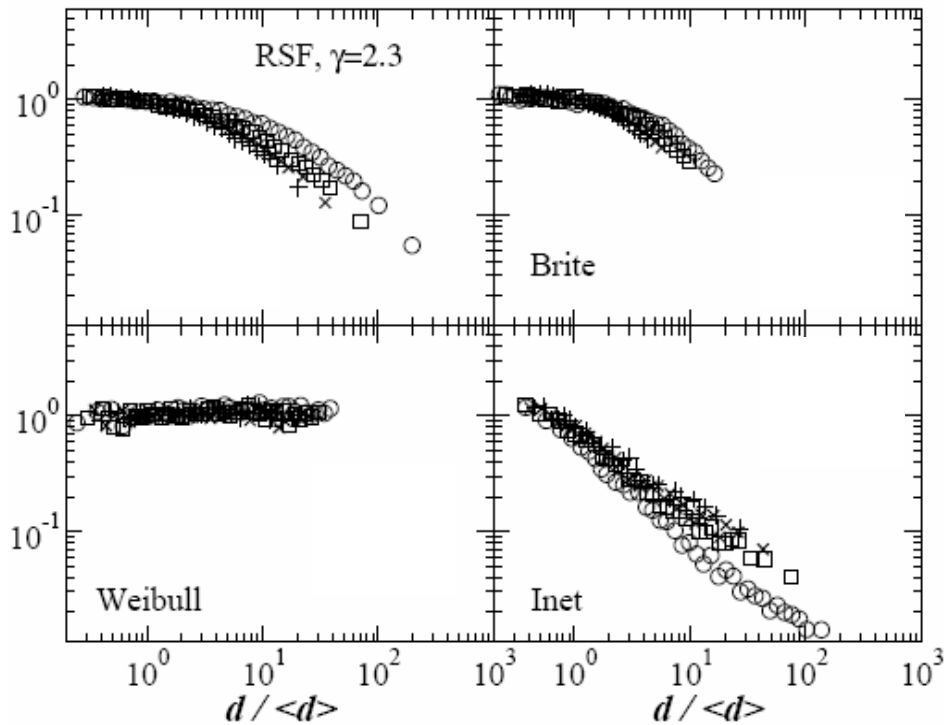


## Correlation spectrum



## Clustering spectrum



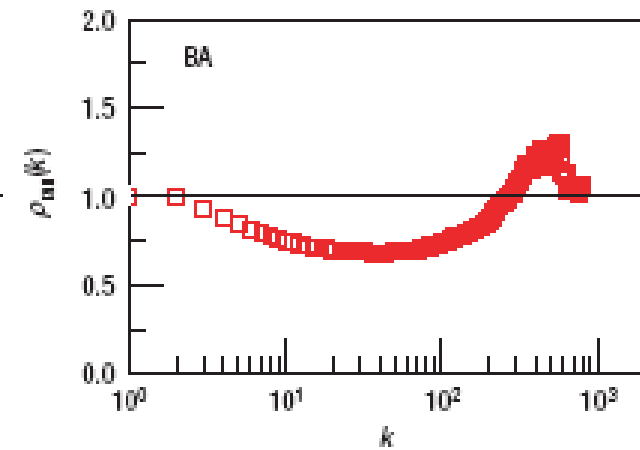
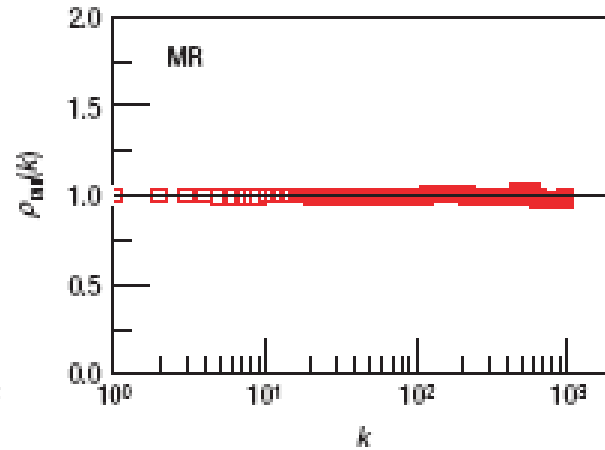
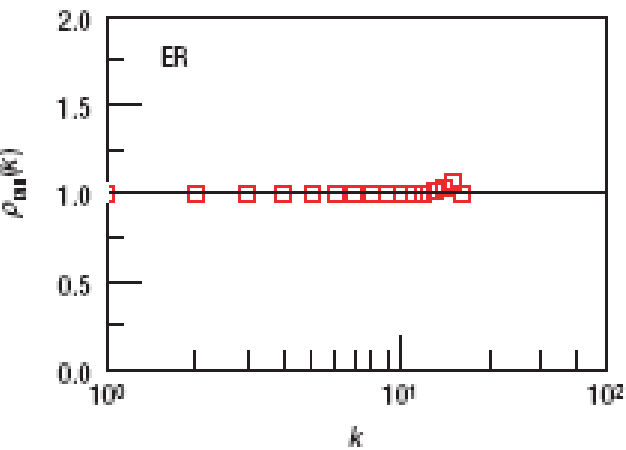
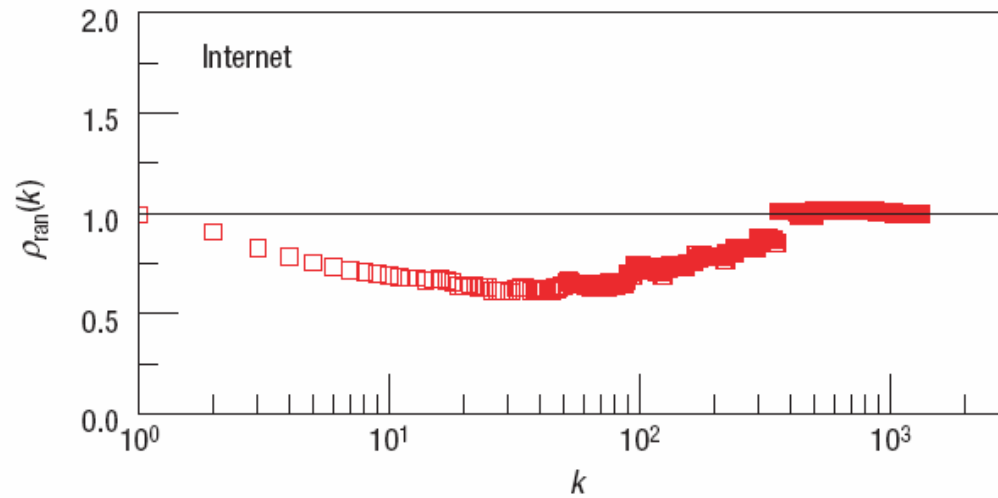


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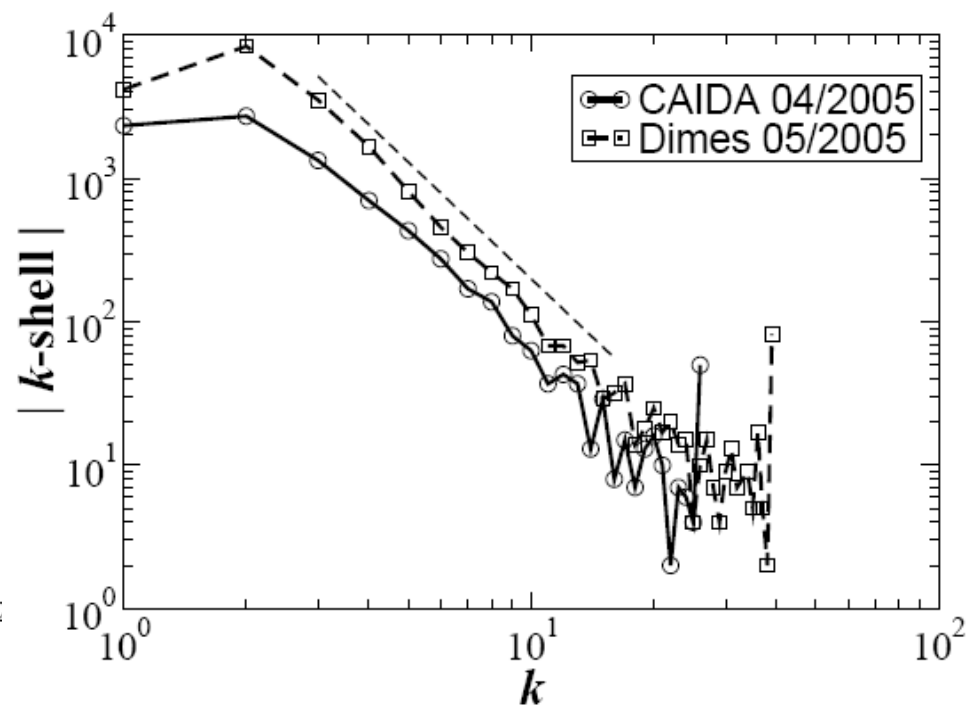
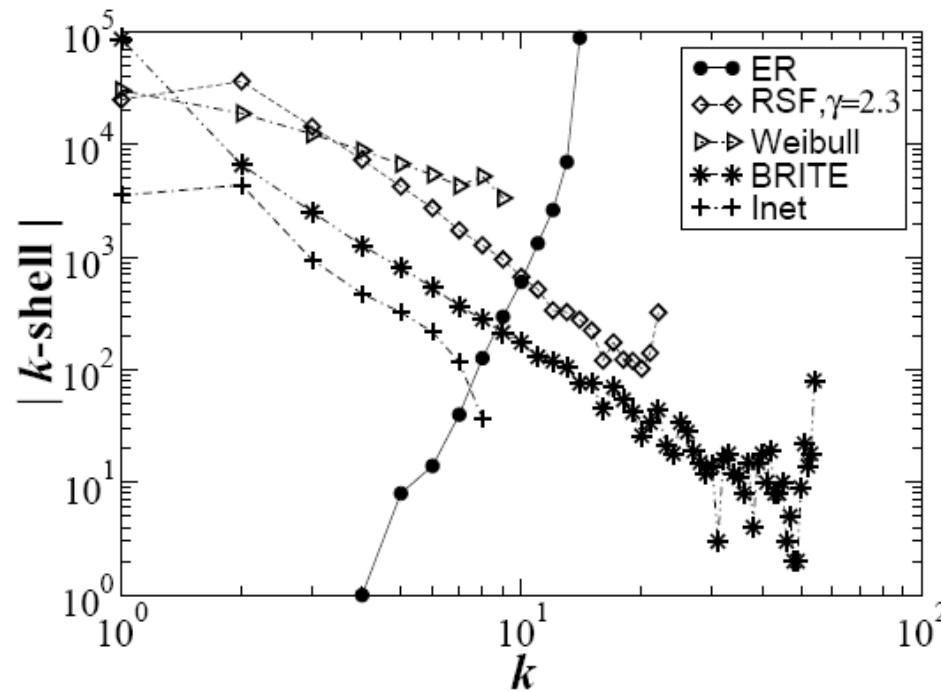
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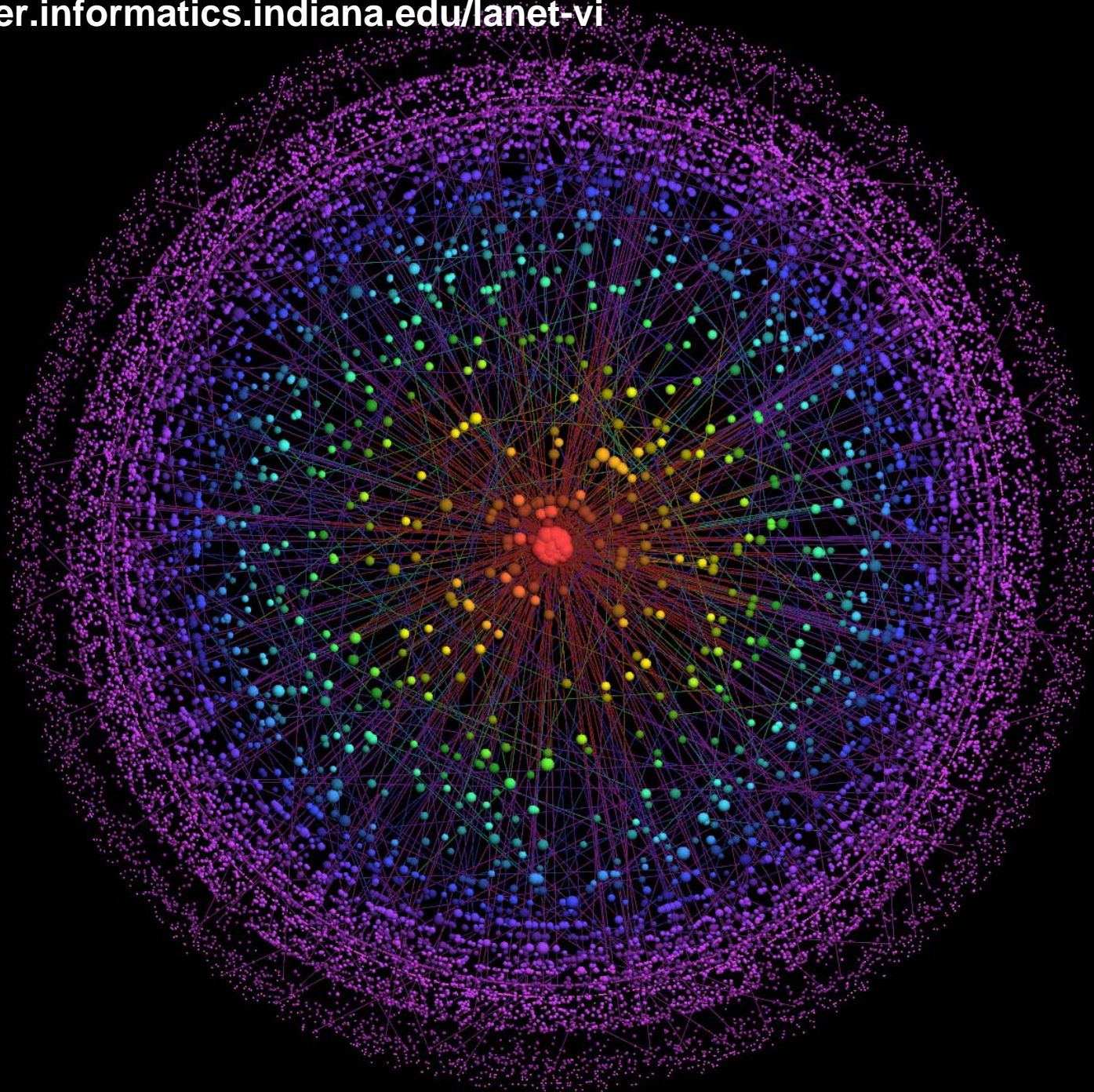
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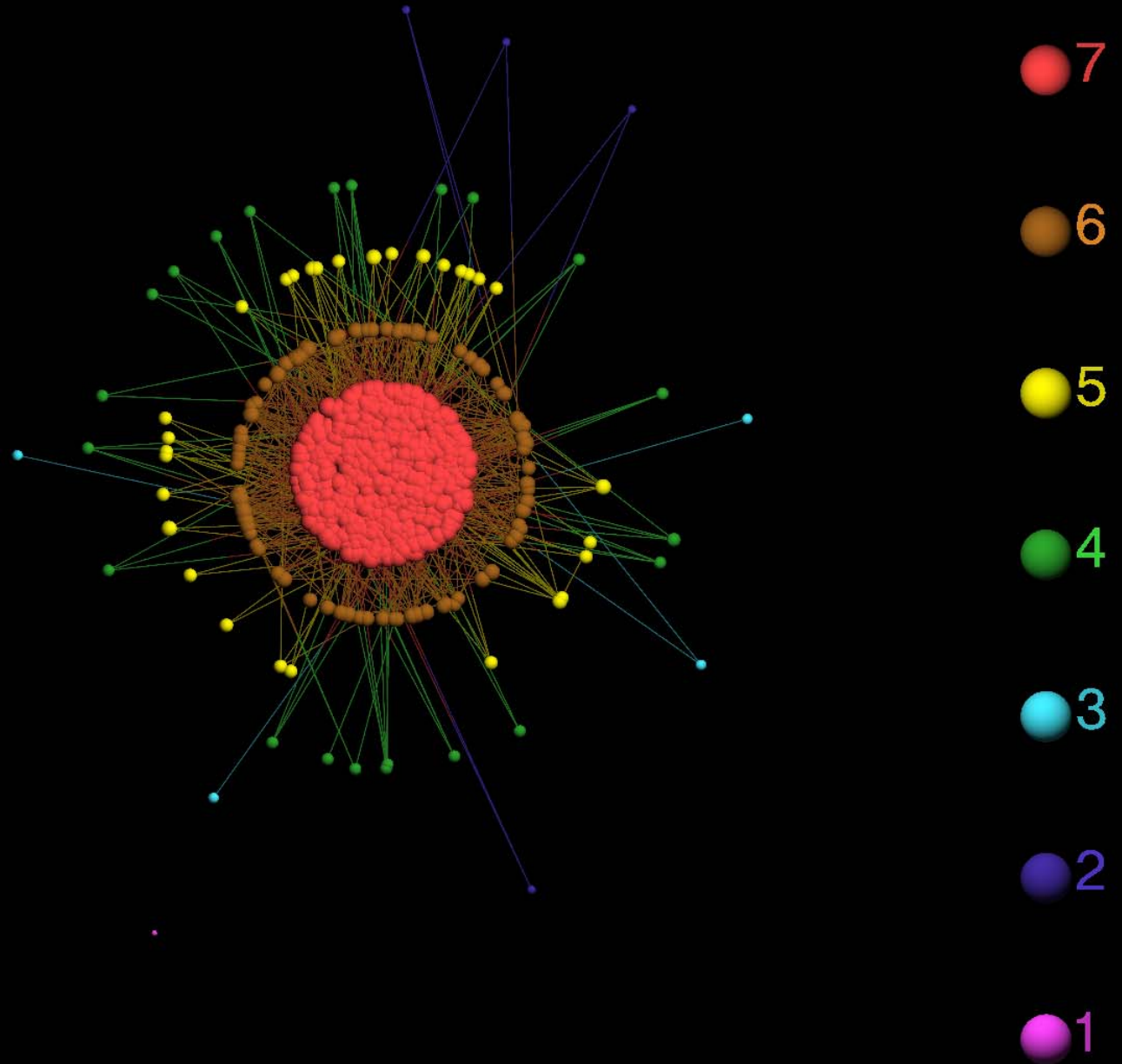
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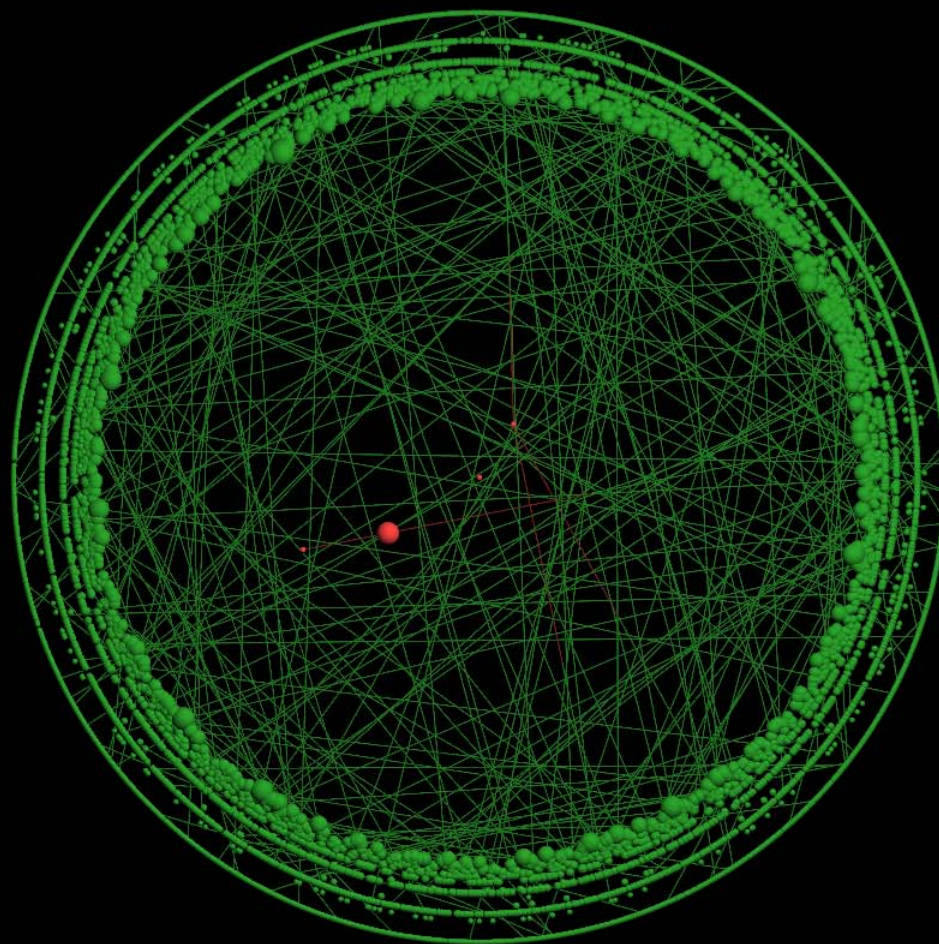


# E-R model





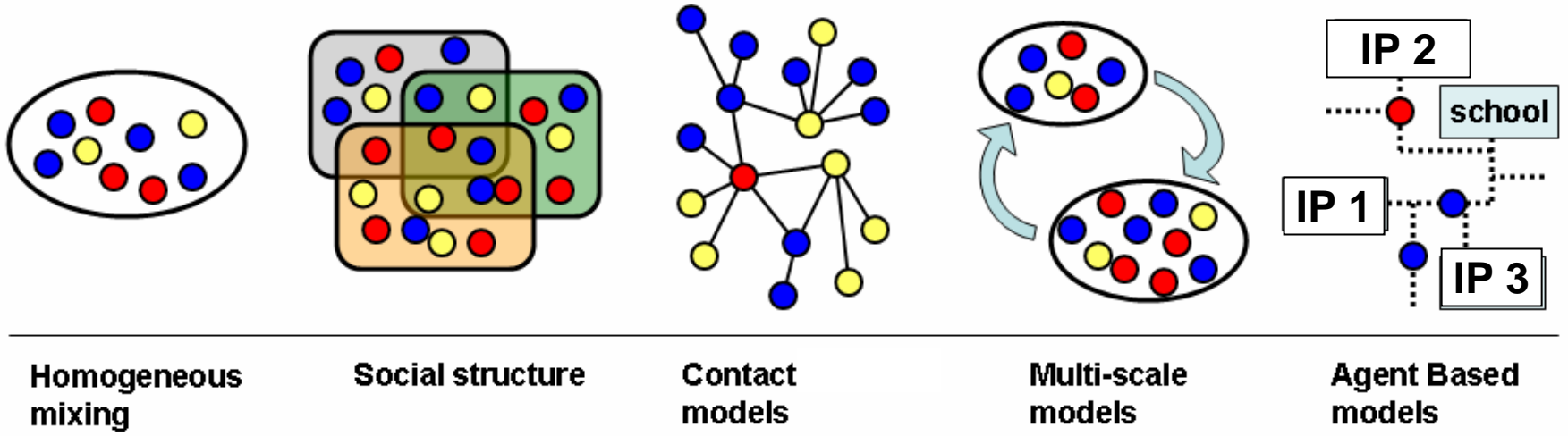
# B-A Model



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# Wide spectrum of complications and complex features to include...



Homogeneous mixing

Social structure

Contact models

Multi-scale models

Agent Based models

**Simple**

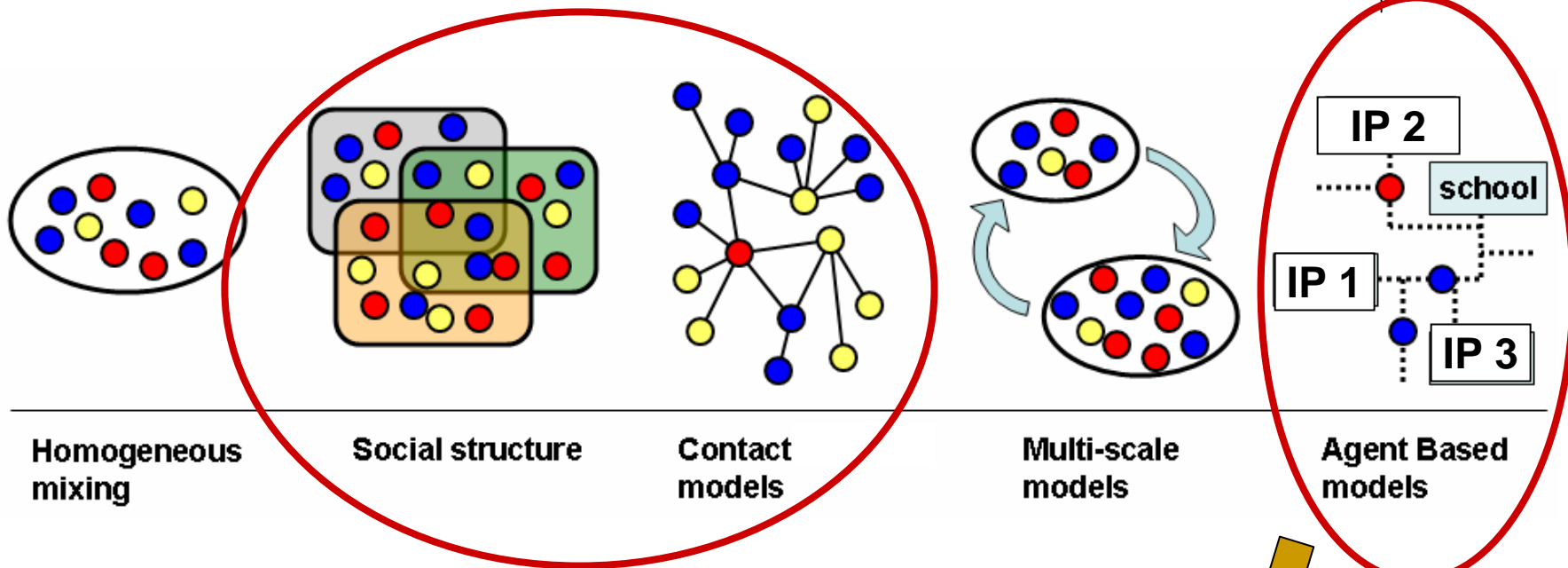


**Realistic**

Ability to explain (caveats) trends at a population level

Model realism loses in transparency. Validation is harder.

# Wide spectrum of complications and complex features to include...



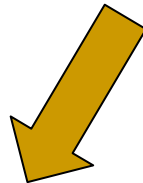
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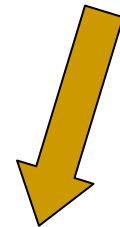
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Agent Based models



Conceptual/theoretical



Data driven  
Value if data are realistic and parameters are physical

# Agent Based Modeling



- The good...
  - Data driven:  
Demographic, societal, census data from real experiments
  - Sensibility analysis / scenario evaluation
- The bad...
  - **Non-physical** parameters
    - (non-measurable/fitness/unmotivated parameters etc.)...

# Physical Parameters ??



- Measurable quantity.
- Combination of measurable quantities.
- Parameters appearing from the symmetry and consistency of equations.

## Hints..

- Minimum number of free (measurable) parameters....
- Falsifiable requisite for the model....

## A few examples....



- BA model

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- Census/societal data
- Geographical data
- Traffic data
- In the lack of that .....topology generators!!

**(Using measurement data)**

# Effect of complex network topologies on physical processes



- Epidemic models
- Resilience & robustness
- Avalanche and failure cascades
- Search and diffusion.....