



Detection of Topological Patterns in Complex Networks: Correlation Profile of the Internet

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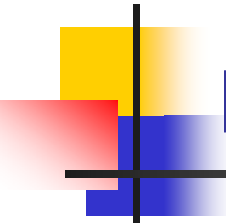
Outline

- **Two** intuitive **algorithms** to construct a randomized network with a given degree distribution
 - S. Maslov, K. Sneppen, Science (2002)
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cond-mat/0205379 at arxiv.org (2002),
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- Apply them to detect the 3D plot of **degree-degree correlations** in the Internet
- Is Internet really **disassortative**?



Which topological patterns are important?

- Which **topological patterns** of a large complex network are there for a **reason**:
 - design principles, functional constraints
 - generated by growth dynamics
- Compare the number of patterns in **real** and **properly randomized** (null model) networks

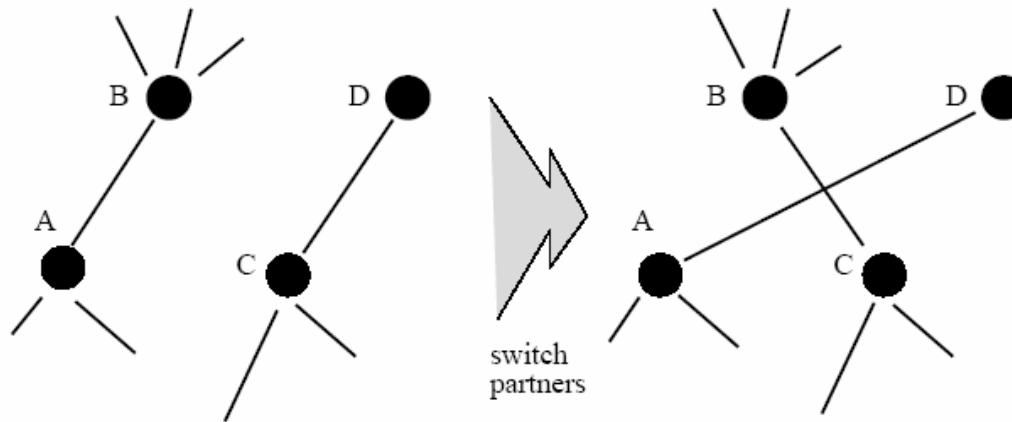


What to include in the null model?

- **Measurable** quantities that you deem important!
 - Degrees of individual nodes
 - Global connectivity
 - Clustering, geography, user-provider status, etc.
- To discover **novel high-level patterns** the **null model** should **include** all **low-level patterns** that are “understood” (or commonly accepted)

How to construct a proper
random network?

The basic edge swapping (rewiring) algorithm



- Randomly select and **rewire** two edges
- Repeat **many times**

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K. Sneppen,
Science (2002)

R. Kannan,
P. Tetali,
S. Vempala,
Random Structures
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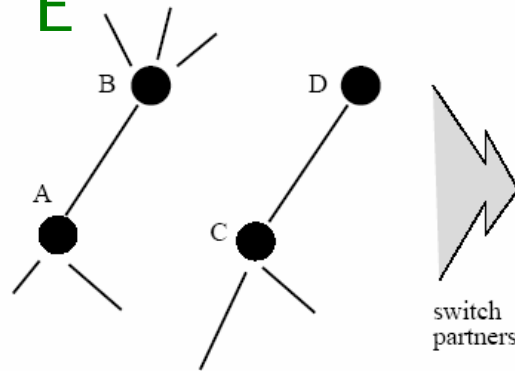


No multiple edges

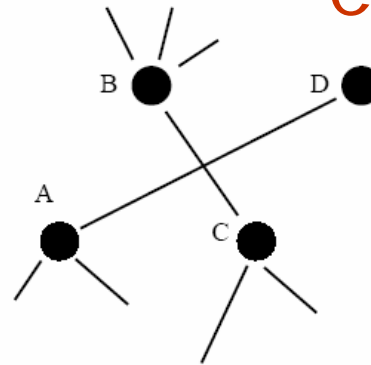
- When constructing a random network – **do not allow multiple edges**
- Expected number of edges between a pair of nodes is $E_{ij} = K_i K_j / (2E)$
- $E_{h_1 h_2}$ between the two largest hubs in the Internet circa January 2000 is $1458 * 750 / (2 * 12,573) = 43.5$ edges!
- Dangerous for $\gamma < 3$ as
[# of hub-to-hub edges] $\sim N^{(3-\gamma)/(\gamma-1)}$

Rewiring algorithm with a twist

“energy” E



“energy” $E + \Delta E$



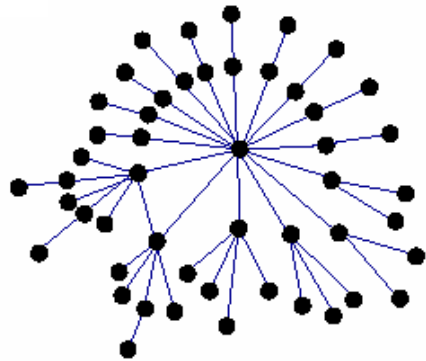
- Define energy function
$$E = (N_{\text{actual}} - N_{\text{desired}})^2 / N_{\text{desired}}$$
 - N_{actual} - the actual number of e.g. triangles
 - N_{desired} - what we want it to be
- Randomly select two edges and calculate change ΔE in the energy function
- **Rewire** with probability $p = \exp(-\Delta E/T)$

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K. Sneppen:
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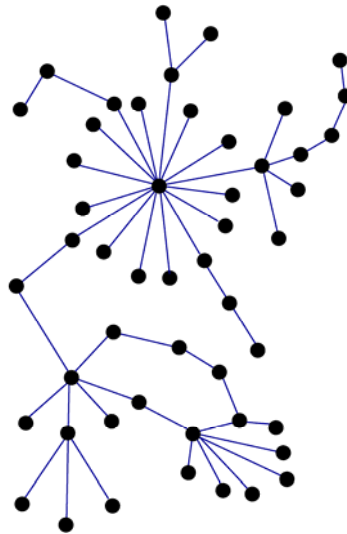
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Beyond degree distributions:
How is it all **wired together?**

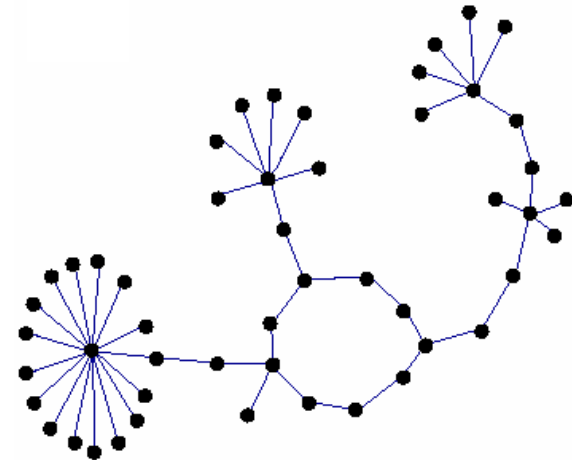
Central vs peripheral network architecture



Largest hub is
in the center
(very hierarchical)
"assortative"



Random



Hubs are peripheral
(very anti-hierarchical)
"disassortative"

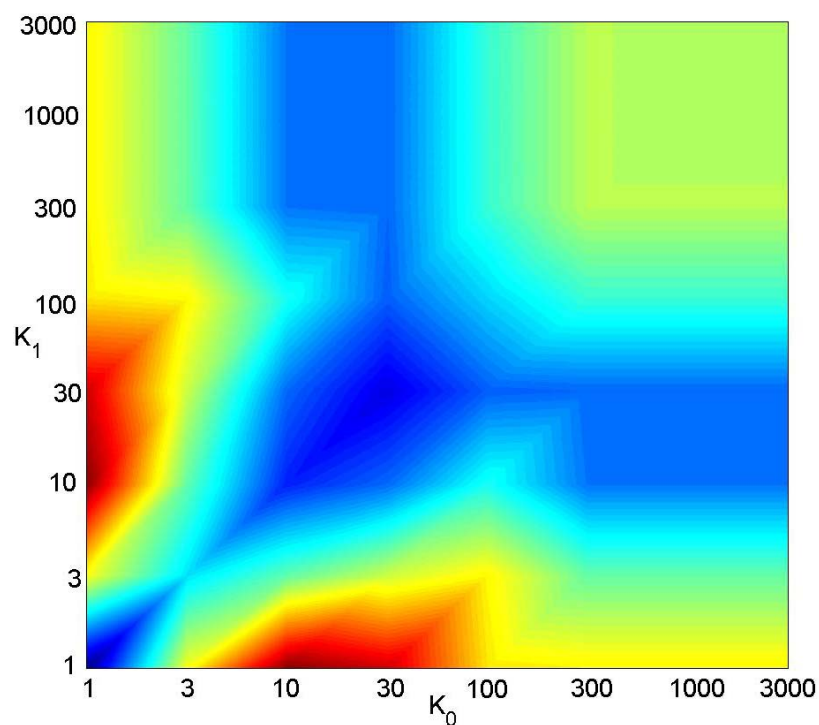


Correlation profile

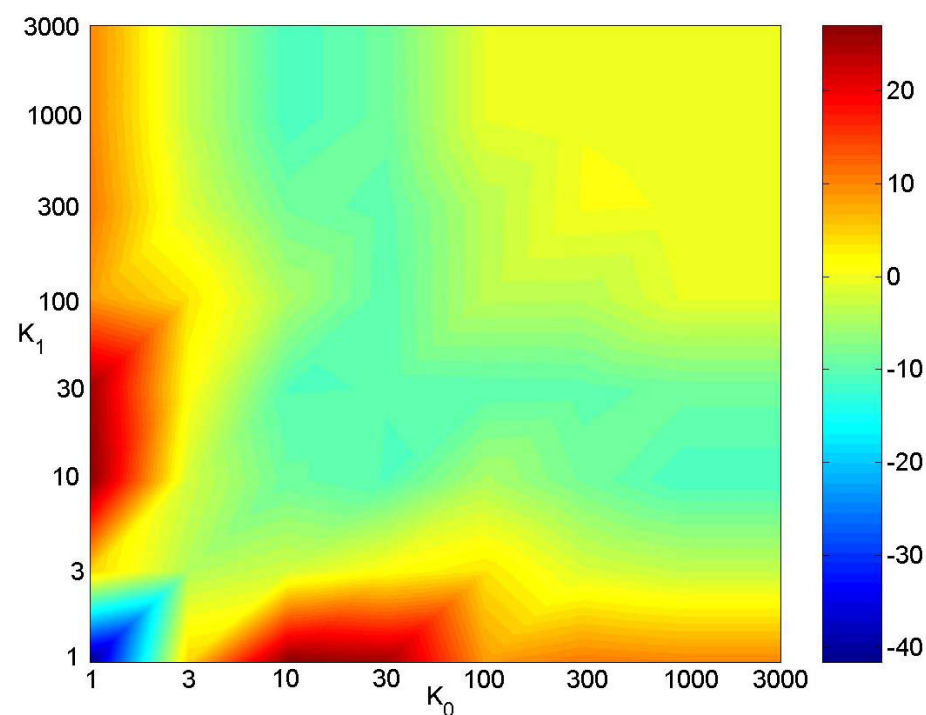
- Count $N(k_0, k_1)$ – the number of links between nodes with connectivities k_0 and k_1
- Compare it to $N_r(k_0, k_1)$ – the same property in a randomized network
- Randomized network conserves degrees of individual AS and the single-component nature of the Internet

Degree-degree correlations in the AS-network

$$N(k_0, k_1) / N_r(k_0, k_1)$$



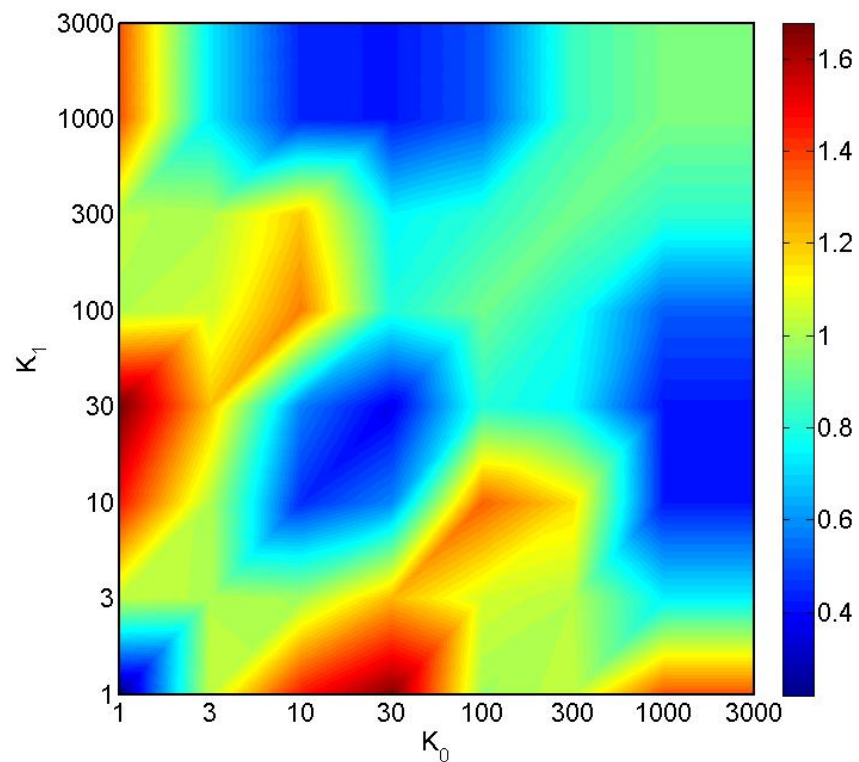
$$[N(k_0, k_1) - N_r(k_0, k_1)] / \Delta N_r(k_0, k_1)$$



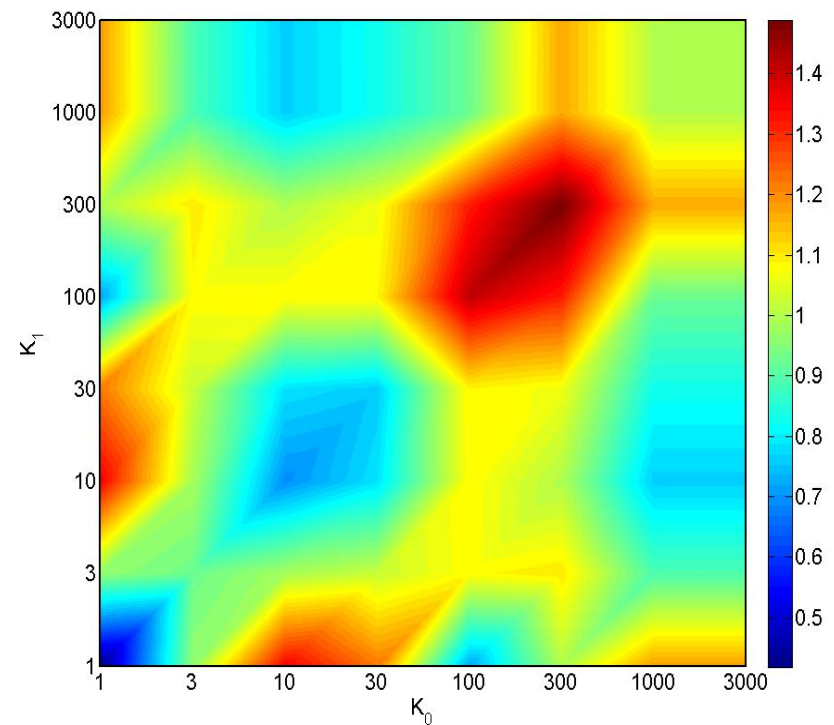


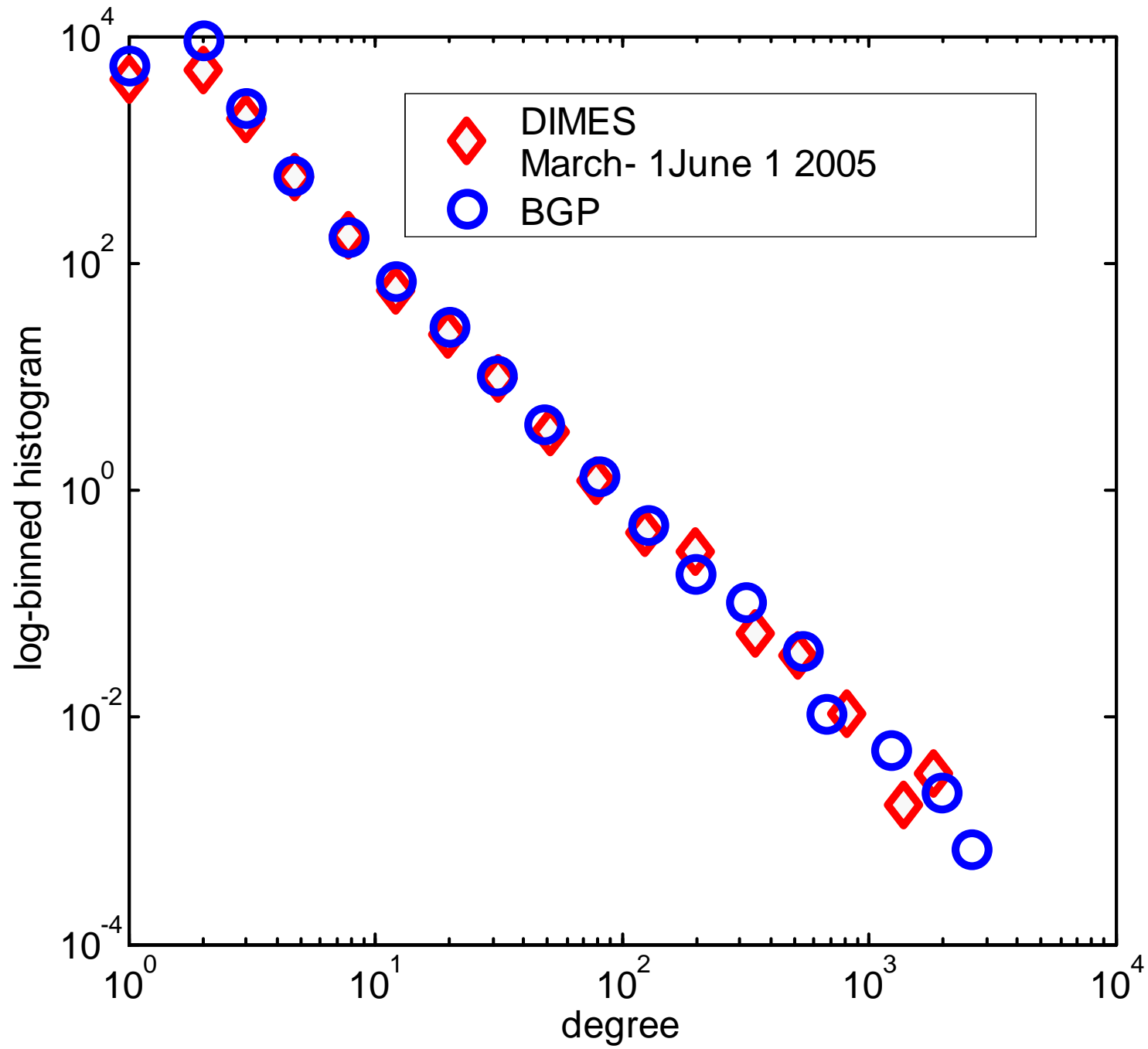
Does it hold for recent data?

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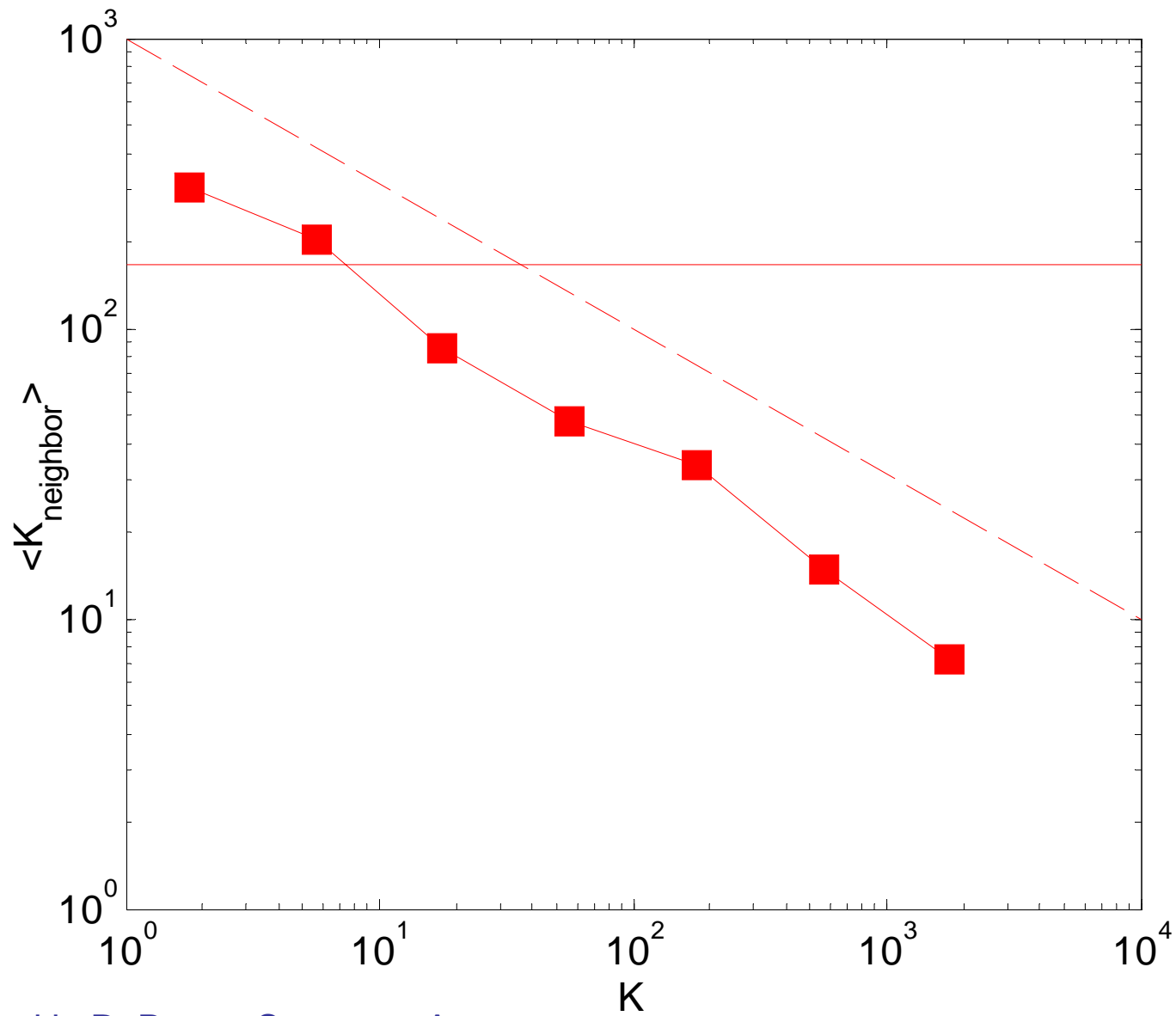


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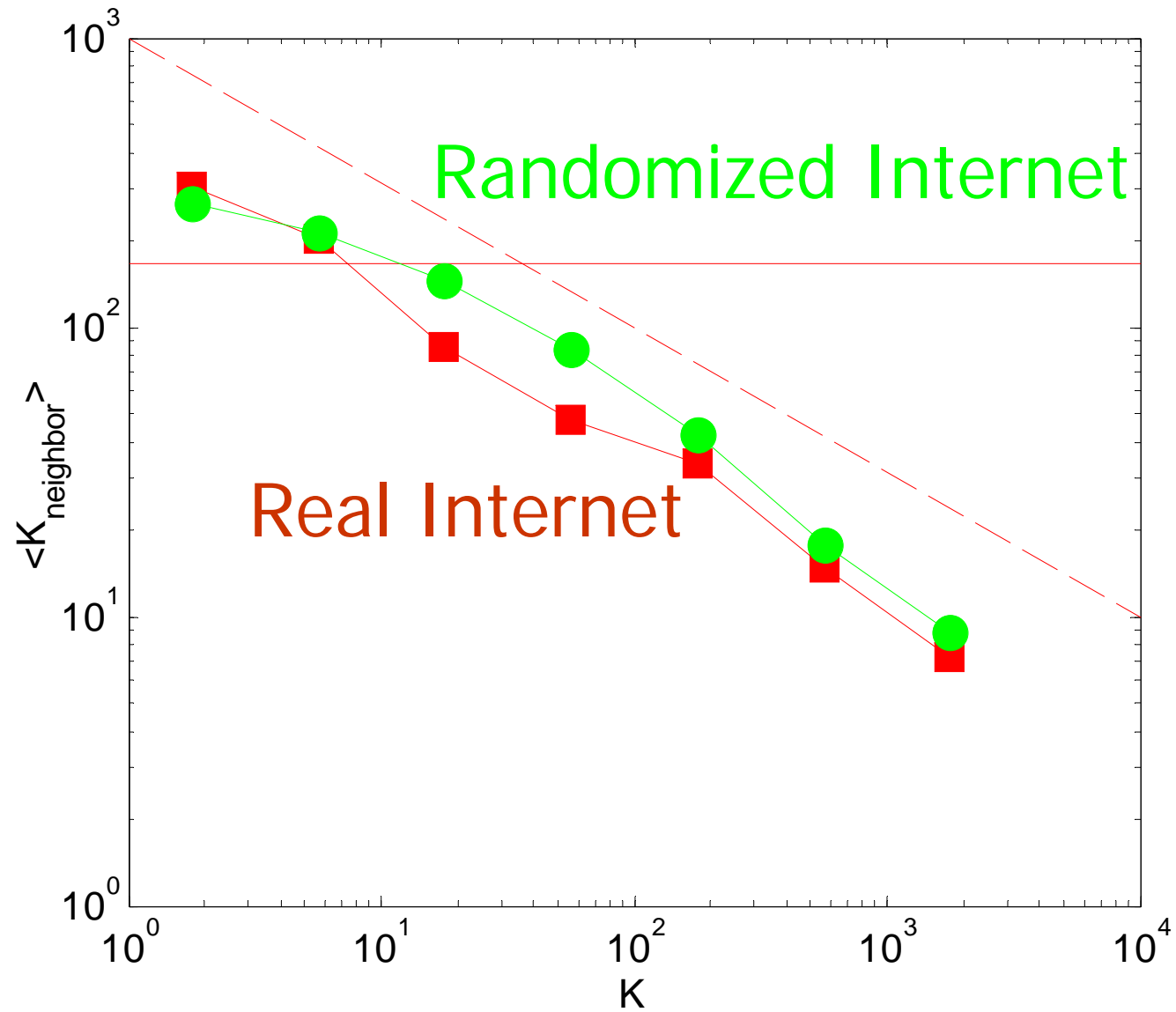




Is Internet disassortative?



First reported in R. Pastor-Satorras, A. Vázquez, and A. Vespignani. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2001)



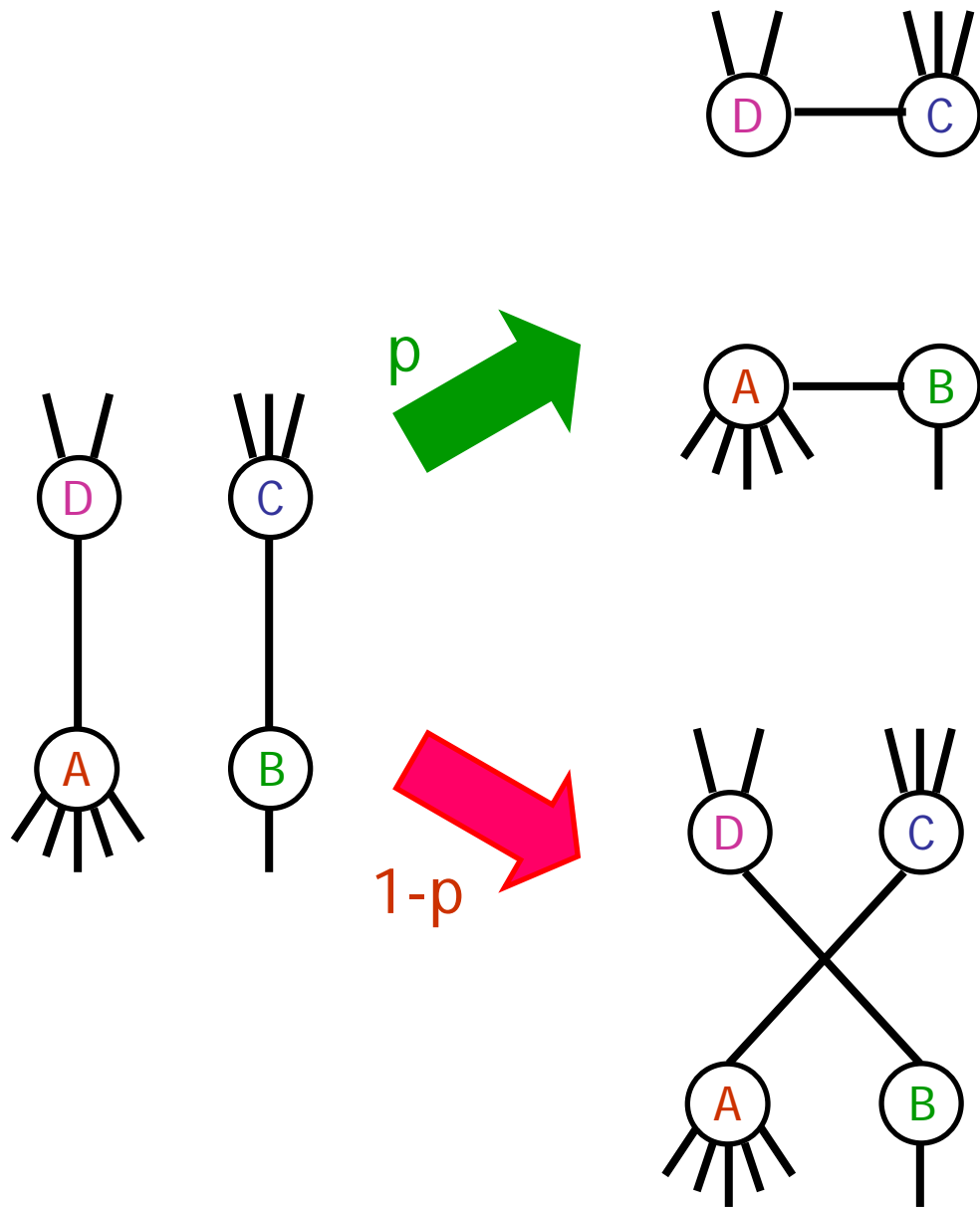
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What to include in a proper
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2nd generation of null models

- $N(k, k')$ may be conserved in addition to $N(k)$
- The null model could be generated by our rewiring algorithm with energy function
 - Bin the connectivity k into few bins per decade
- For a crude model one could use our hierarchical/anti-hierarchical rewiring model
 - A. Trusina, S. Maslov, P. Minnhagen, and K. Sneppen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 17870 (2004), cond-mat/0308339.





Conclusions

- Internet is NOT disassortative!
- Network rewiring with a twist – a useful tool to generate random networks with desired low-level topological properties
- Could be used to discover non-random topological features e.g. degree-degree correlations (and much more)
 - Super-hubs do not avoid other super-hubs in the AS-Internet (an artifact of multiple edges in a null model)
 - Mid-sized nodes like to connect to “user” nodes (degrees 1-3)
 - User nodes avoid other user nodes

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