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Collective behavior in complex networks

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Three central concepts of complex networks

Small world phenomenon

We seem to be rather closely connected to one another.
Average path length between a pair of nodes $L \sim \ln N$.

Cliquishness, or clusterization

Overlap of the circle of acquaintances, cliques.
Clustering coefficient C .

Inhomogeneous connectivity

Not all the nodes have the same number of edges.
Distribution of the connectivity $P(k)$.

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Two paradigms

Small World Networks

Watts & Strogatz

To interpolate with a single parameter between regular lattices and random graphs.

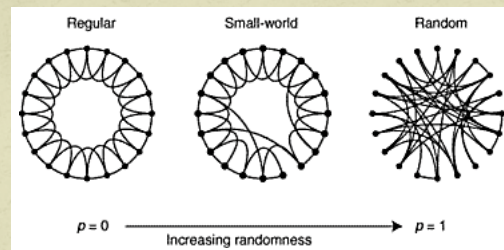
Scale-Free Networks

Albert & Barabási

To capture the highly inhomogeneous structure of the connectivity.

Small World Networks

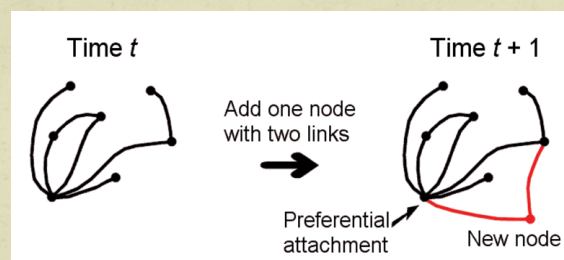
Watts & Strogatz, *Nature* (1998)



- Small average path length
(as in random graphs)
- High clusterization
(as in regular lattices)

Scale Free Networks

Albert & Barabási (1999)



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- High inhomogeneous connectivity
(degree distribution $P(k) \sim k^{-3}$)

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How does the dynamics of a propagation phenomenon depend on the structure of the system?

Traditional propagation problems

- Well-mixed population
- Diffusion
- Regular lattice
- Random graphs

Systems with a structure?

- Complex networks

Social networks,
public transportation,
power grids,
communications
networks, the WWW,
neural networks...

Simple epidemic models

Since 1920's...

S Susceptible
 I Infectious
 R Removed

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= -\beta SI \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \beta SI - \gamma I \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= \gamma I\end{aligned}$$

Mean field:

well mixed populations!

$S \rightarrow I \rightarrow R$
 $S \rightarrow I \rightarrow R \rightarrow S$
 $S \rightarrow I \rightarrow S$
 $S \rightarrow E \rightarrow I \rightarrow R$
 ...

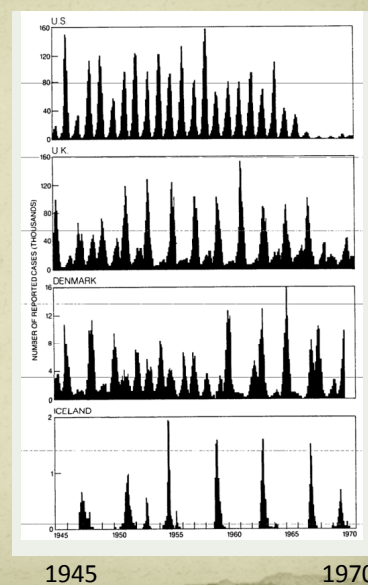
Transition:

epidemics \leftrightarrow no epidemics

Epidemics in a Small World?

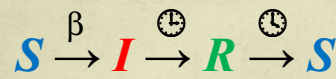
Do epidemic waves depend on
 the *structure of the population?*

Reported measles cases
 in four countries
Cliff & Haggett, Sci. Am. (1984)



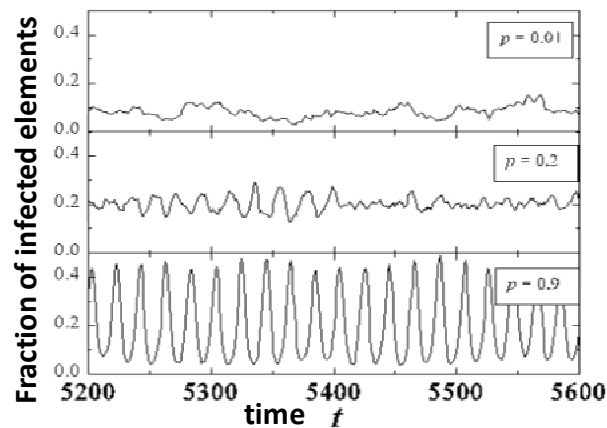
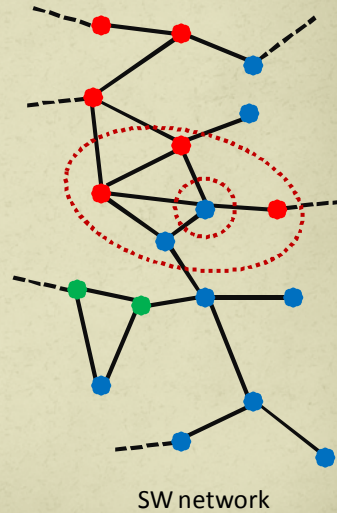
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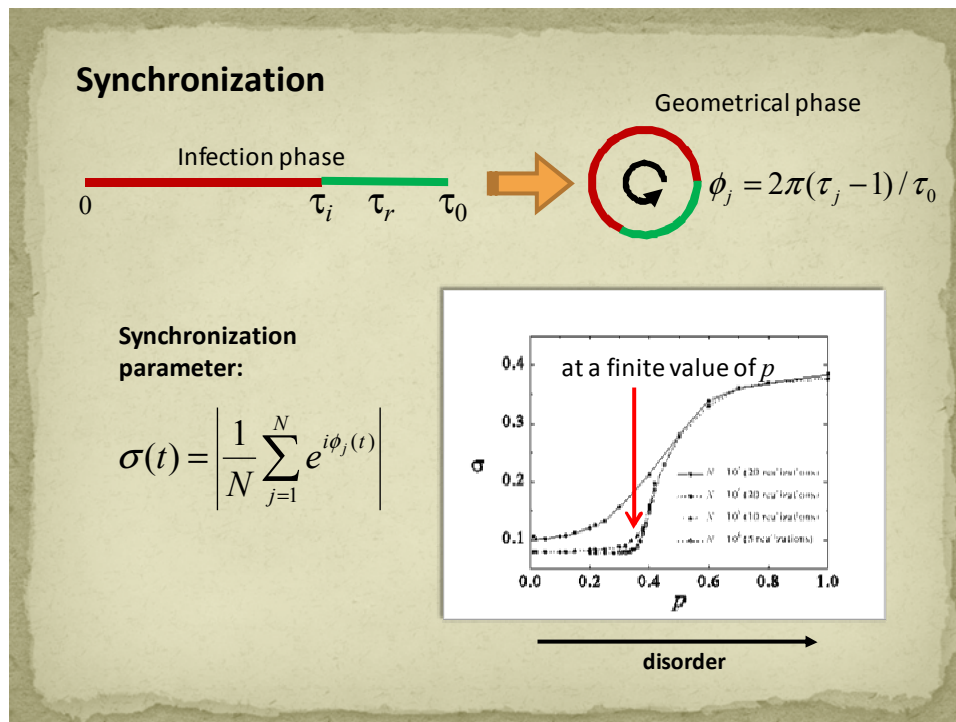
Kuperman & Abramson, PRL (2001)



- Stochastic contagion (local)
- Deterministic disease cycle

Transition to epidemic waves
as a function of the *structure*





Computer Virus Epidemics

Pastor-Satorras & Vespignani, PRL (2001)

Regular lattice models:

Critical value of an infectivity parameter λ_c

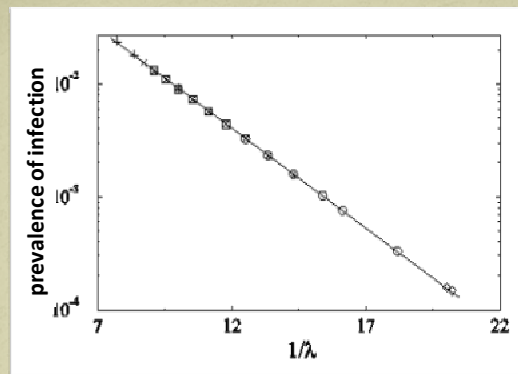
$\lambda < \lambda_c$ infection disappears exponentially

$\lambda \geq \lambda_c$ infection spreads and persists

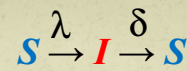
Computervirus epidemics:

Lack of epidemic threshold

The Internet is scale-free!



smaller infectivity



Albert-Barabási network

Stochastic contagion
with probability λ

Stochastic recovery at a
constant rate $\delta (=1)$

The threshold is zero!

Relevance? The network of human sexual
contacts might have a scale-free structure
Liljeros et al., Nature (2001)

Mean field model

Density of infected nodes with k links: ρ_k

$$\frac{\partial \rho_k(t)}{\partial t} = -\rho_k + \lambda k [1 - \rho_k(t)] \Theta(\lambda)$$

$$\text{Stationary value: } \rho_k = \frac{k \lambda \Theta(\lambda)}{1 + k \lambda \Theta(\lambda)} \quad (1)$$

Probability of pointing to an infected node with k links: $\Theta \propto k P(k) \rho_k$

$$\text{Probability of pointing to an infected node: } \Theta(\lambda) = \frac{\sum_k k P(k) \rho_k}{\sum_s s P(s)} \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \ \& \ (2): \quad \rho = \sum_k P(k) \rho_k, \text{ with } P(k) = 2m^2 / k^{-3}$$

$$\rho \approx 2e^{-1/m\lambda}$$

A reduction of
transmissivity does not
eradicate the infection!

SIR on a network

Newman, PRE (2002)

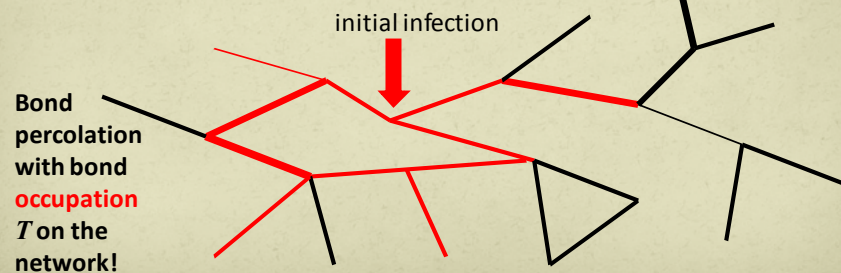
$$S \rightarrow I \rightarrow R$$

Rate of contacts between individuals: r_{ij}

+ Time to remain infected: τ_i

→ Probability of transmission: T_{ij}

→ Average in the population: $T = \langle T_{ij} \rangle$



Everything analytical:

Probability that a vertex has degree k : p_k

Generating function: $G_0(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k x^k$

Probability of arriving at a node with degree k , following a random edge: $G_1(x)$

Probability distribution of “occupied” edges, for a given T :

$$G_0(x; T) = G_0(1 + (x-1)T)$$

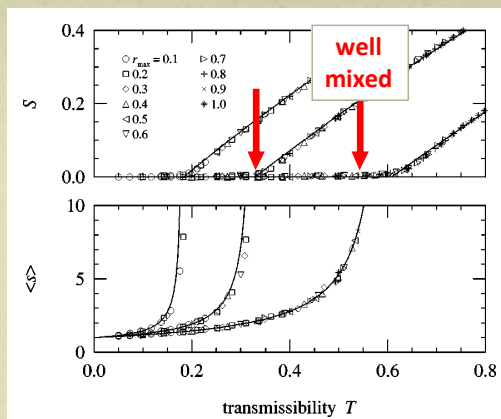
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Distribution of the size of outbreaks: $H_0(x, T)$

Example: $p_k \propto k^{-2} e^{-k/\kappa}$

Epidemic
size:

Average
outbreak
size:

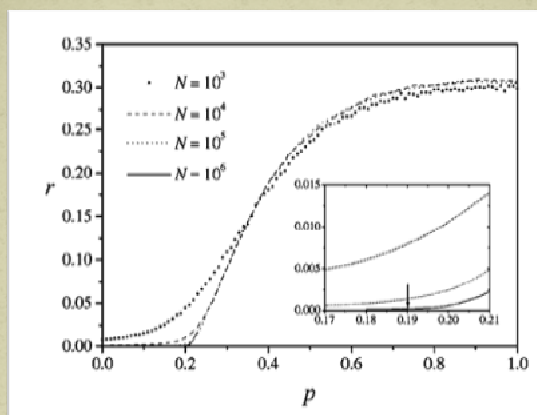


Fully mixed model

All outbreaks above the critical point give rise to epidemics

Network model

The probability that an outbreak becomes an epidemic is $S(T)$



Average fraction $r = \langle N_R/N \rangle$
of R at the end of the
evolution, as a function of the
disorder p

$$r \approx |p - p_c|^\gamma$$

($p_c = 0.19$, $\gamma = 2.2$ from a finite size scaling analysis)

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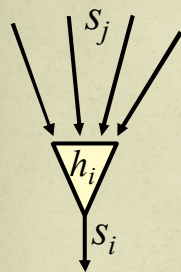
Order kills memory

Morelli, Abramson & Kuperman, EPJB (2004)

Dynamics of neurons:

Associative
memory
model

$$s_i(t) = \text{sign}[h_i(t)] \quad (\text{state: } s = 1 \text{ or } -1, \text{ fire or not fire})$$



Field: $h_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} s_j(t)$

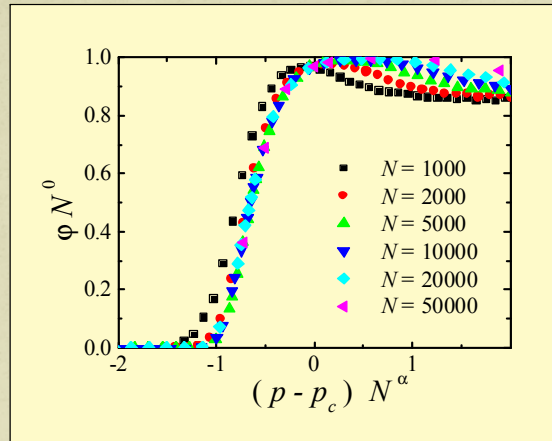
Weights: $w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu=1}^M c_{ij} \xi_i^\mu \xi_j^\mu$

connectivity



“Stored” patterns: ξ_i^μ , $\mu = 1 \dots M$
(neural states, recovered as fixed points of the dynamics)

Efficacy ϕ - The fraction of realizations that, from random initial conditions, retrieve one of the stored patterns (or their reversals).



disorder

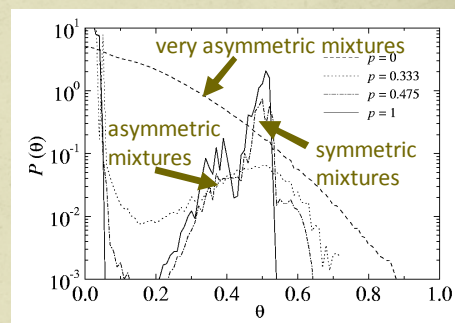
Small p : high clusterization, well defined neighborhoods far away from one another.

Greater p : neighborhoods disappear until at $p = 1$ the whole system is essentially a single neighborhood.

At $p = 0$ different regions of the network align themselves with different patterns \Rightarrow **completely asymmetric mixture**.

Asymmetric mixtures had been observed before, but are very rare in fully connected or randomly diluted networks.

Here they play an essential role in the destruction of the ability to retrieve patterns.

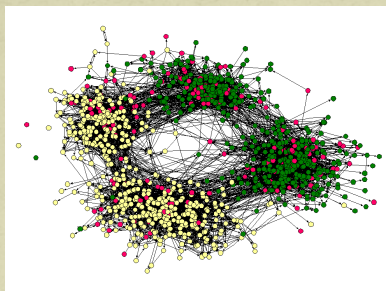


(mixture: a state that has a large overlap with more than one pattern)

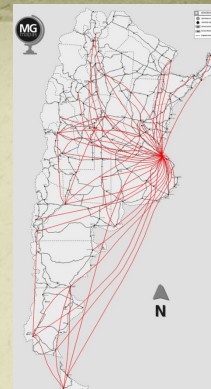
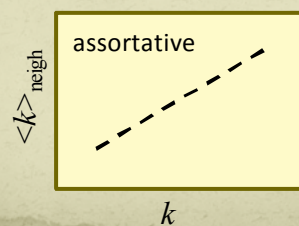
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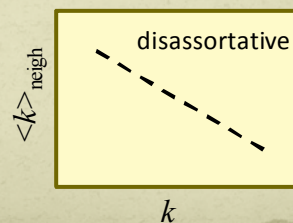
Community structure



Social networks: **communities**



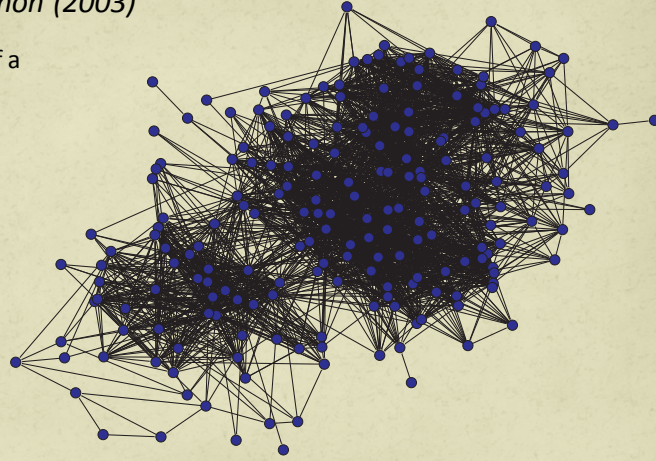
Technological networks: **hubs**



Jazz bands network (1920-1940)

Gleiser & Danon (2003)

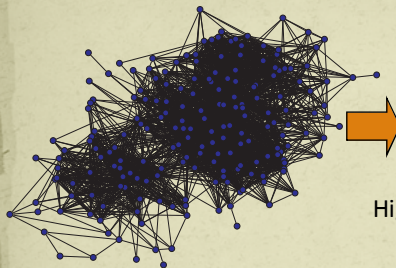
A case study of a
collaboration
network



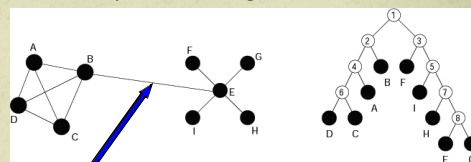
Two bands are connected if they share at least one musician

Community detection

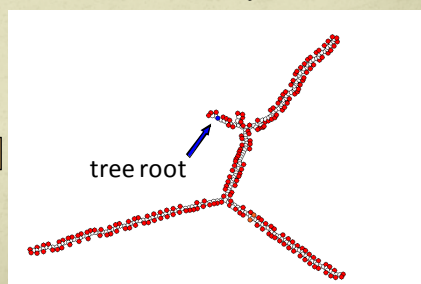
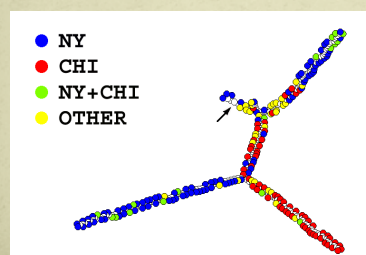
Jazz bands network



Community detection algorithm (Girvan-Newman)



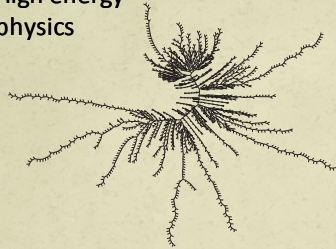
High betweenness edge



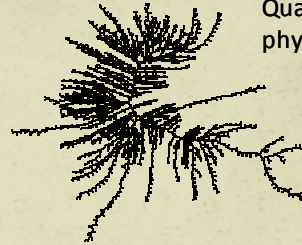
Other collaboration networks...

Arenas, Danon, Díaz-Guilera, Gleiser & Guimerà, EPJB (2004)

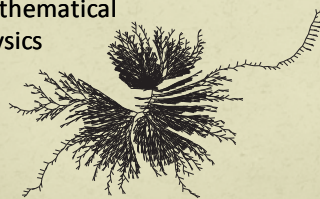
High energy
physics



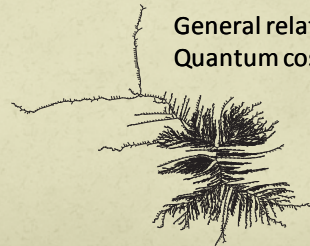
Quantum
physics



Mathematical
physics



General relativity
Quantum cosmology



An artificial collaboration network: the **MARVEL** Universe

Gleiser, J. Stat. Mech. (2007)



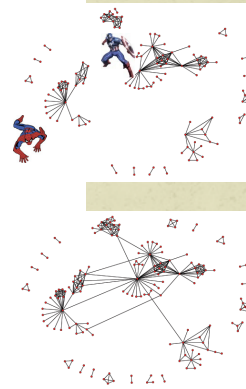
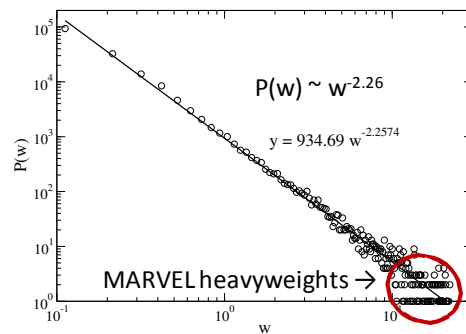
image from MARVEL website

The MARVEL network is **disassortative**, unlike natural social networks.

Still, **there are communities**, built around the most popular characters, and connected to one another by them.

$$w_{ij} = \sum_k \frac{\delta_i^k \delta_j^k}{n_k - 1} \quad \delta_i^k = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if character } i \text{ appears in book } k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Addition of links
according to
weight



220 links

300 links

Summarizing...

- Complex networks are able to capture some complexity of naturally occurring networks
Small world phenomenon, cliquishness, inhomogeneous connectivity, communities
- Richness in the dynamics of propagation phenomena in complex networks
- Model epidemics, rumor propagation, memory capacity, etc, depend on the structure of the network substrate
- Model epidemics in scale-free networks have no threshold
- Network concepts can identify community structure both in assortative and disassortative networks

Thank you!

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