

# New Complex Networks for Social Relations

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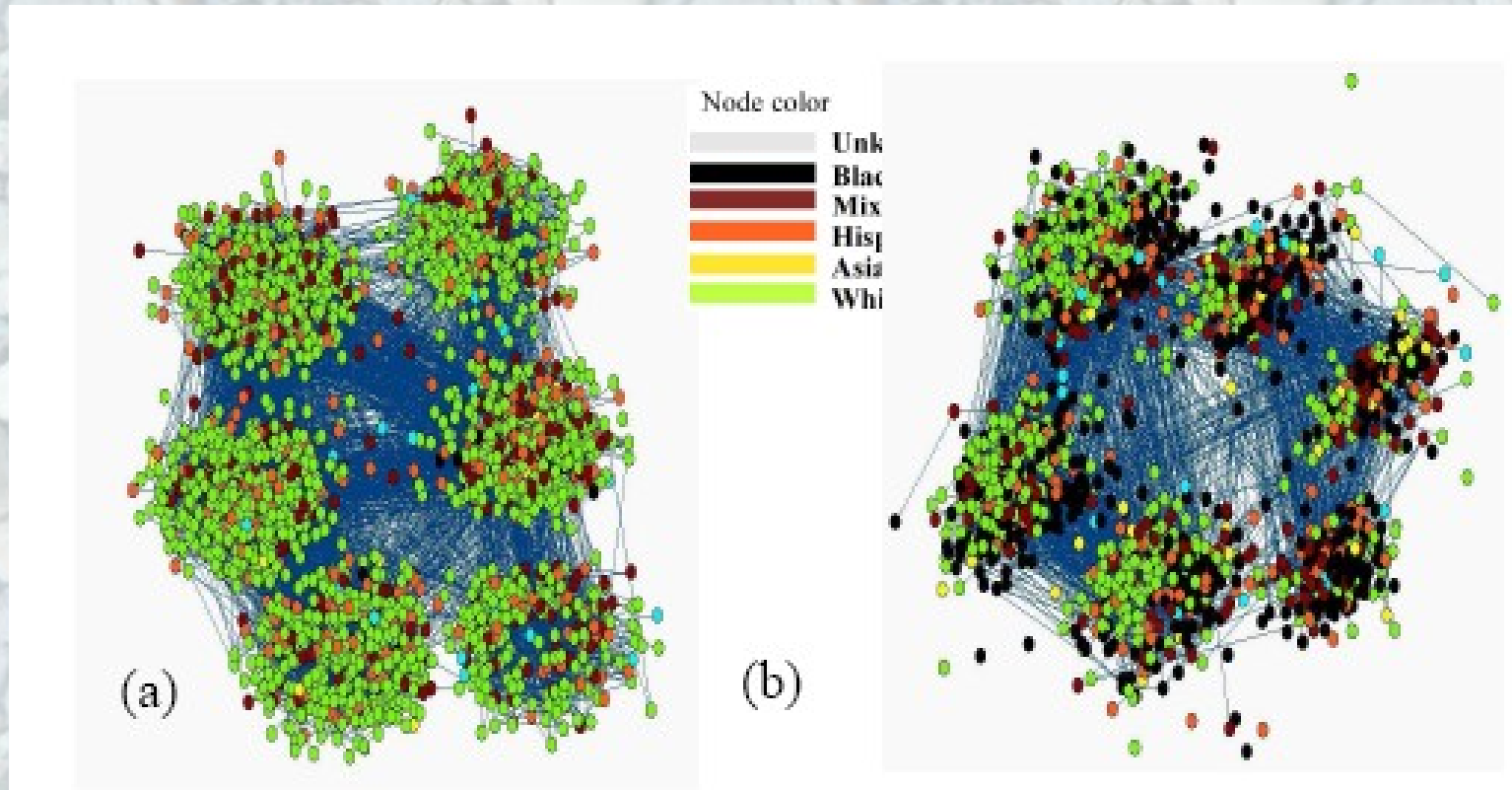
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# Motivation

- ❖ **The statistical spreading of information or contacts in societies has many practical implications. It involves non-equilibrium phenomena where fluctuations and correlations play an important role.**
- ❖ **Usually these processes are studied by sociologists using surveys including many parameters and obtaining qualitative results. Recently techniques from statistical physics and in particular complex networks and non-linear dynamics have been used to make simplified models and obtain quantitative laws.**

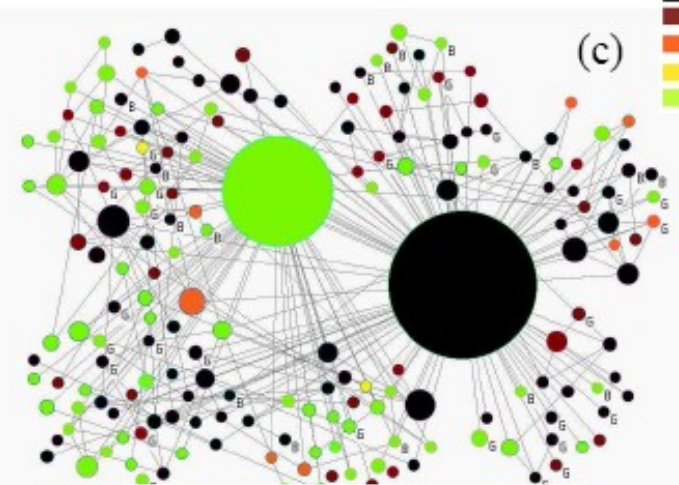
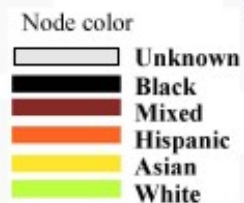
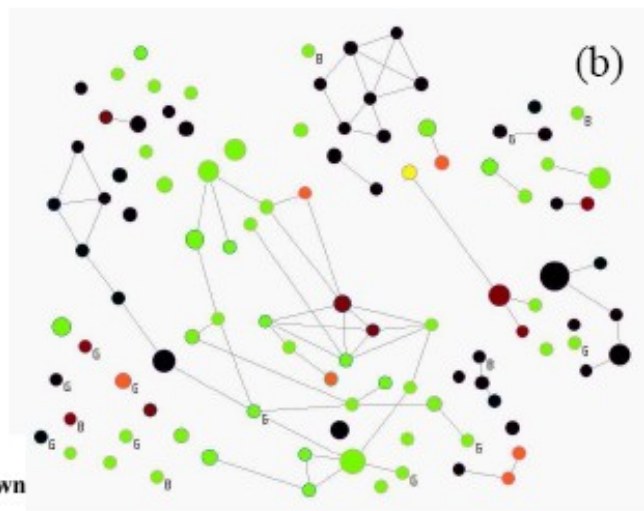
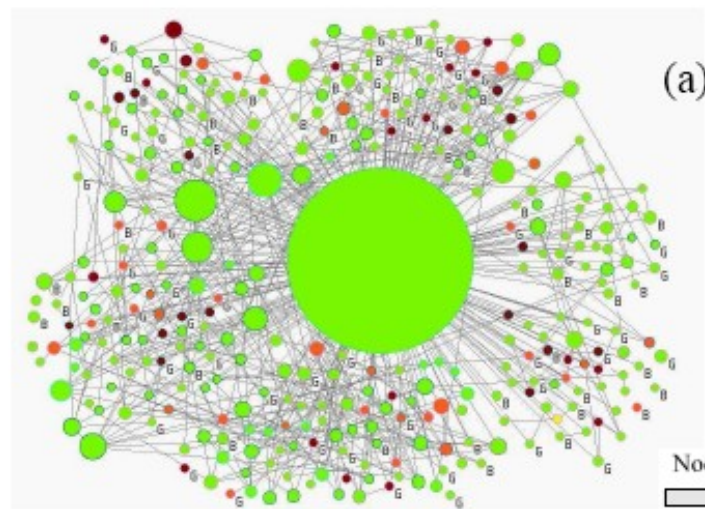
# Data from schools

Survey interviewing 90118 student from 84 schools in US  
(Add Health Program)



visualization using „pajec“

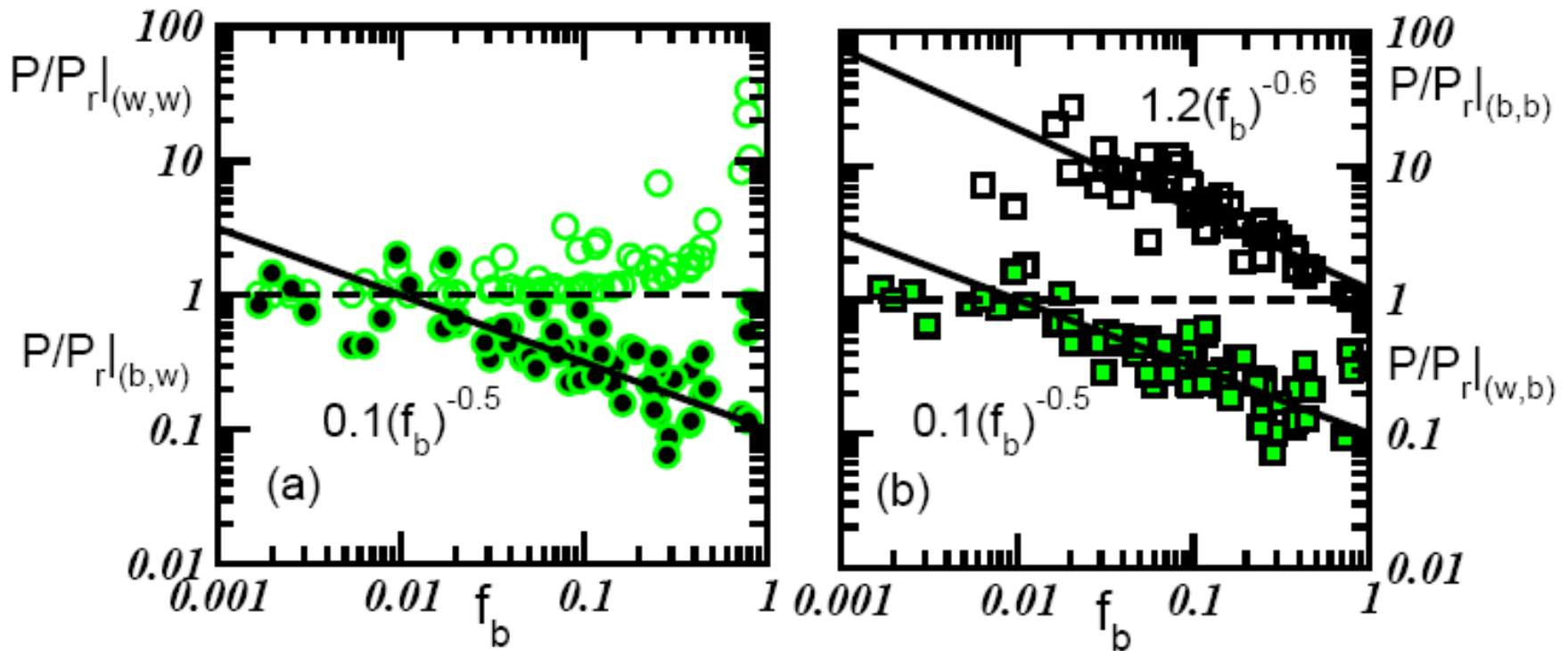
with T. Vicsek and J. Kertész



**3-cliques**

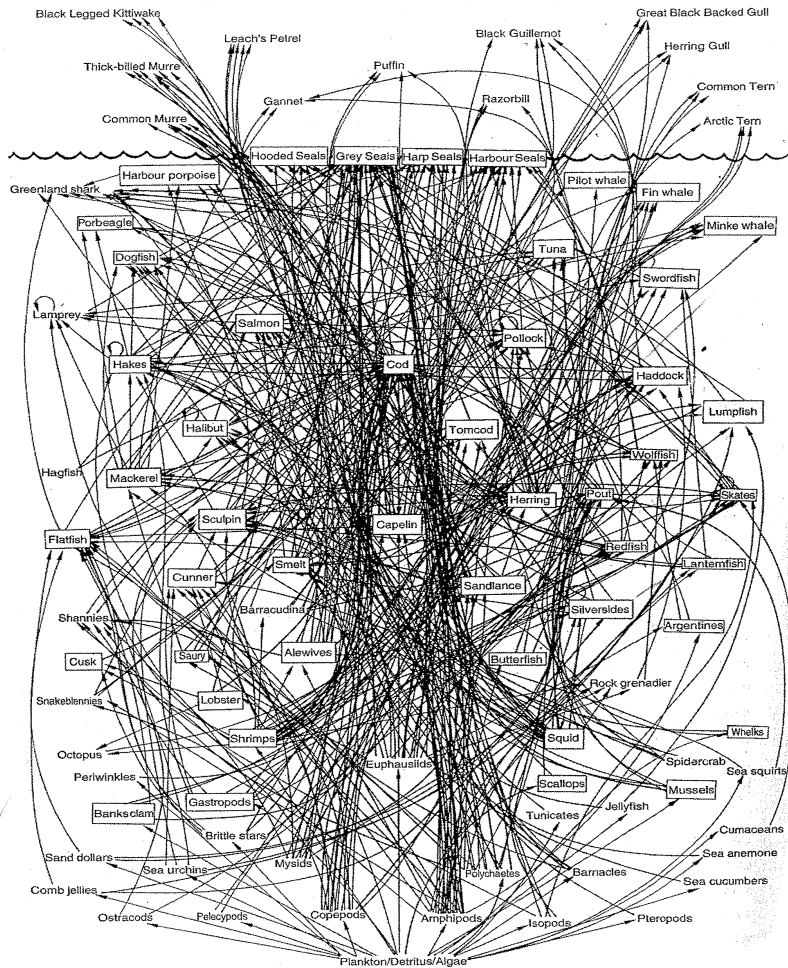
**4-cliques**

# Schools



**affinities between black and white students**

# Complex Networks



**Food web of the North Atlantic Ocean**

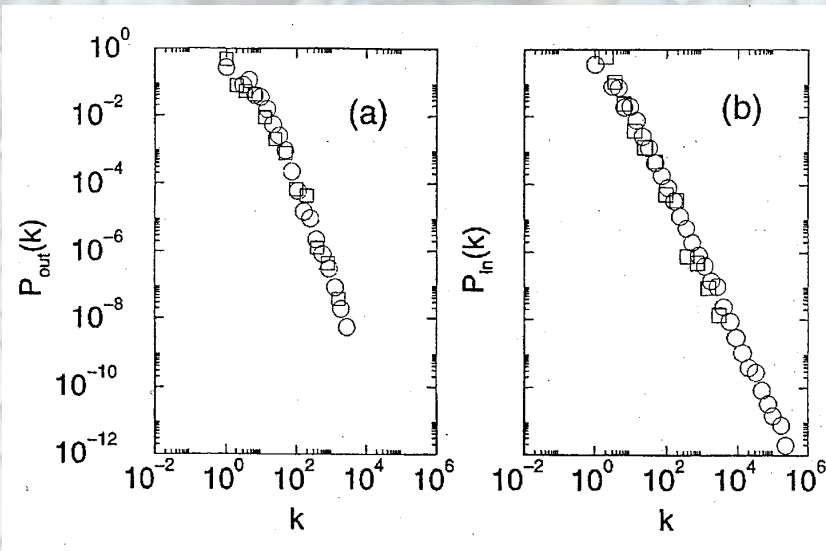
# Scale-free networks

$$P(k) \propto k^{-\gamma}$$

WWW:

$$\gamma_{out} = 2.4$$

$$\gamma_{in} = 2.1$$

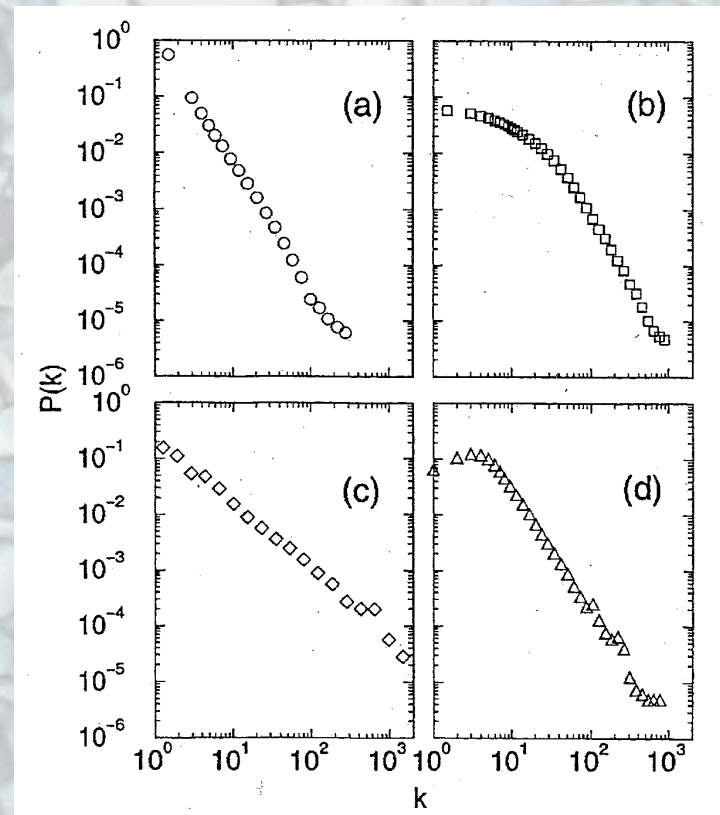


Internet

$$\gamma = 2.4$$

actors

$$\gamma = 2.3$$



HEP

neuroscience

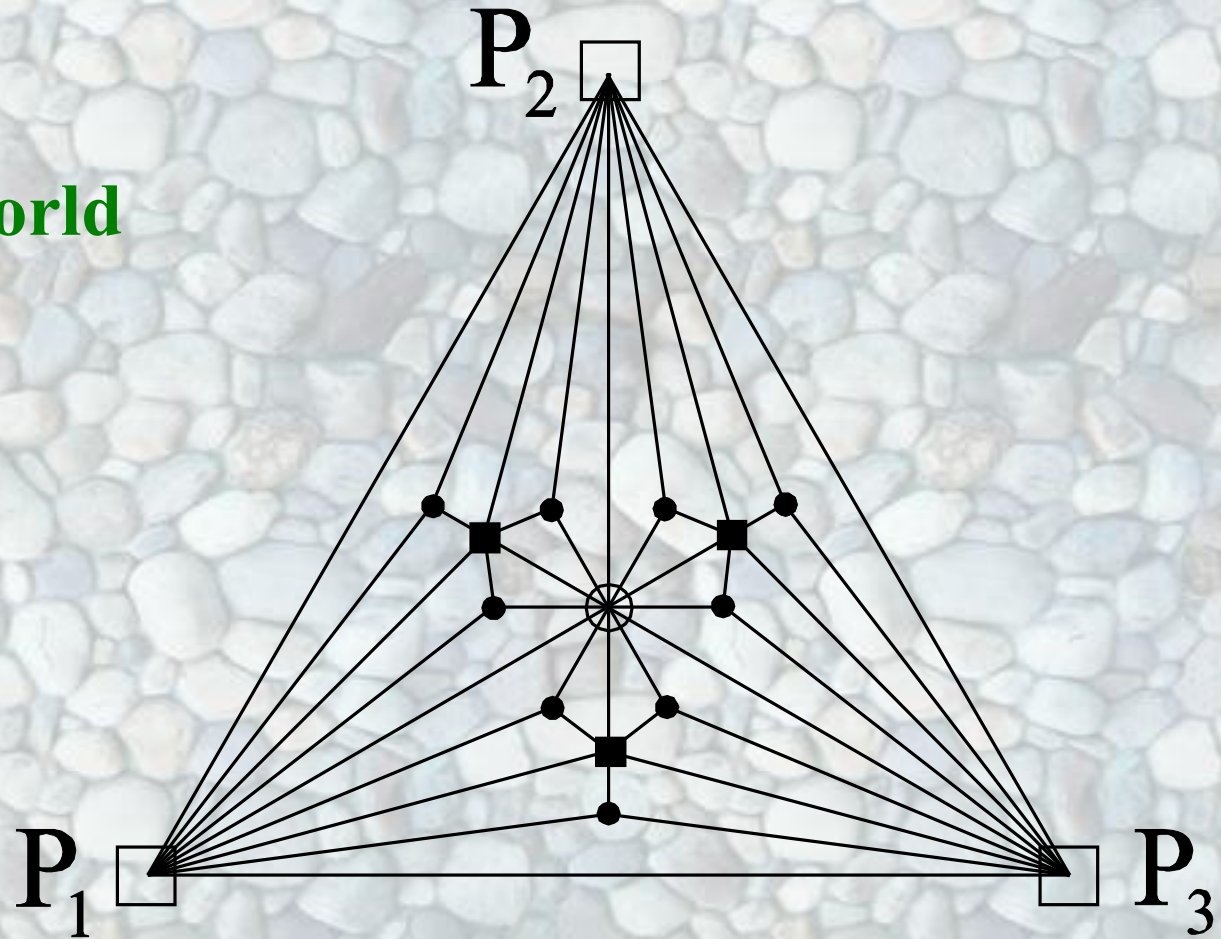
$$\gamma = 2.1$$

scientific collaborations

**Model: Barabasi-Albert  $\gamma = 3$**

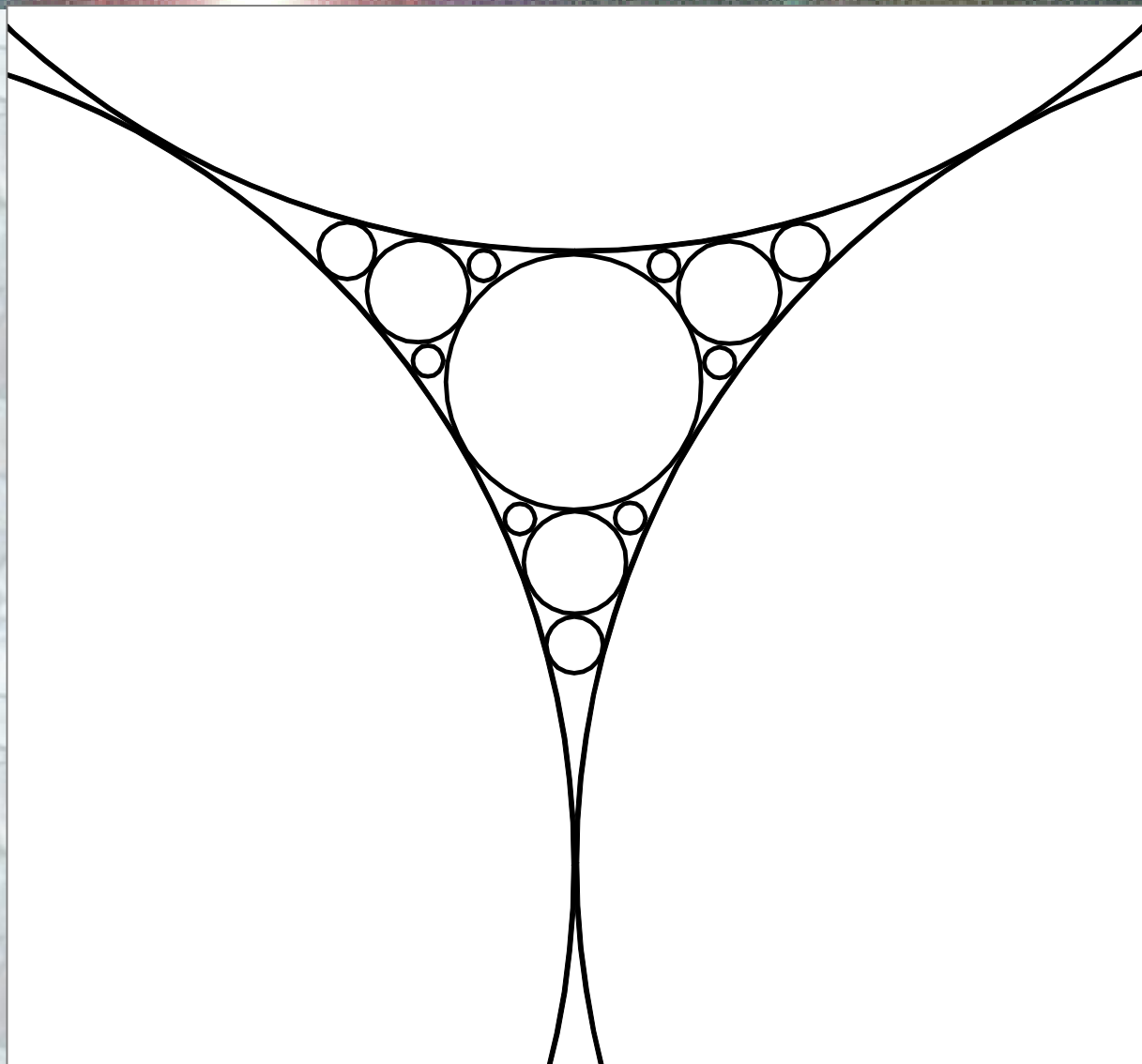
# Apollonian network

- scale-free
- (ultra) small world
- Euclidean
- space-filling
- matching





# Apollonian packing



# Other applications

- **Force networks in polydisperse packings**
- **Highly fractured porous media**
- **Networks of roads**
- **Systems of electrical supply lines**

# Degree distribution

scale-free:  $P(k) \propto k^{-\gamma}$

‡  $W(k) \propto k^{1-\gamma}$

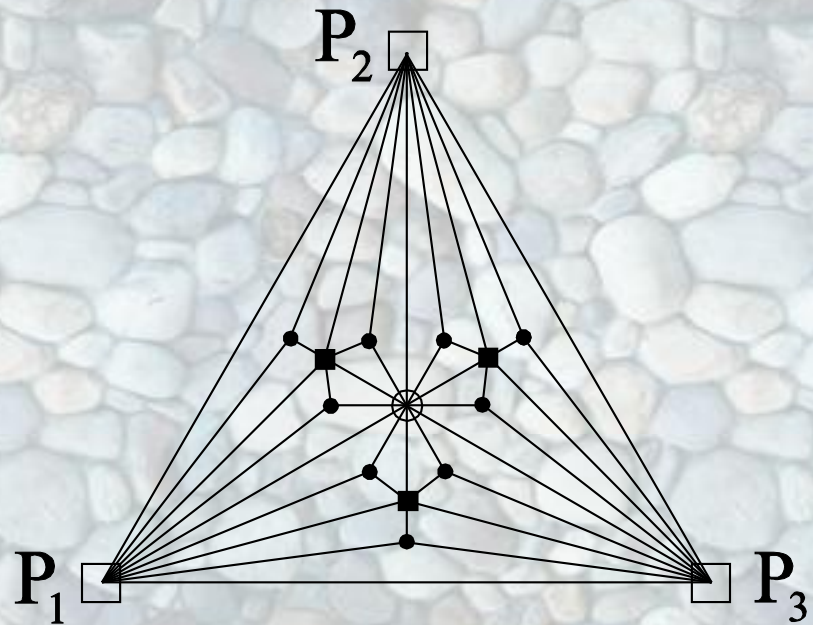
| $k$       | $m(k, n)$          |
|-----------|--------------------|
| $3^n$     | 3                  |
| $3^{n-1}$ | $3 \times 2$       |
| $3^{n-2}$ | $3 \times 2^2$     |
| $\vdots$  | $\vdots$           |
| $3^2$     | $3 \times 2^{n-1}$ |
| 3         | $3 \times 2^n$     |
| 1         | $2^{n+1}$          |

‡  $\gamma = 1 + \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} \approx 2.585$

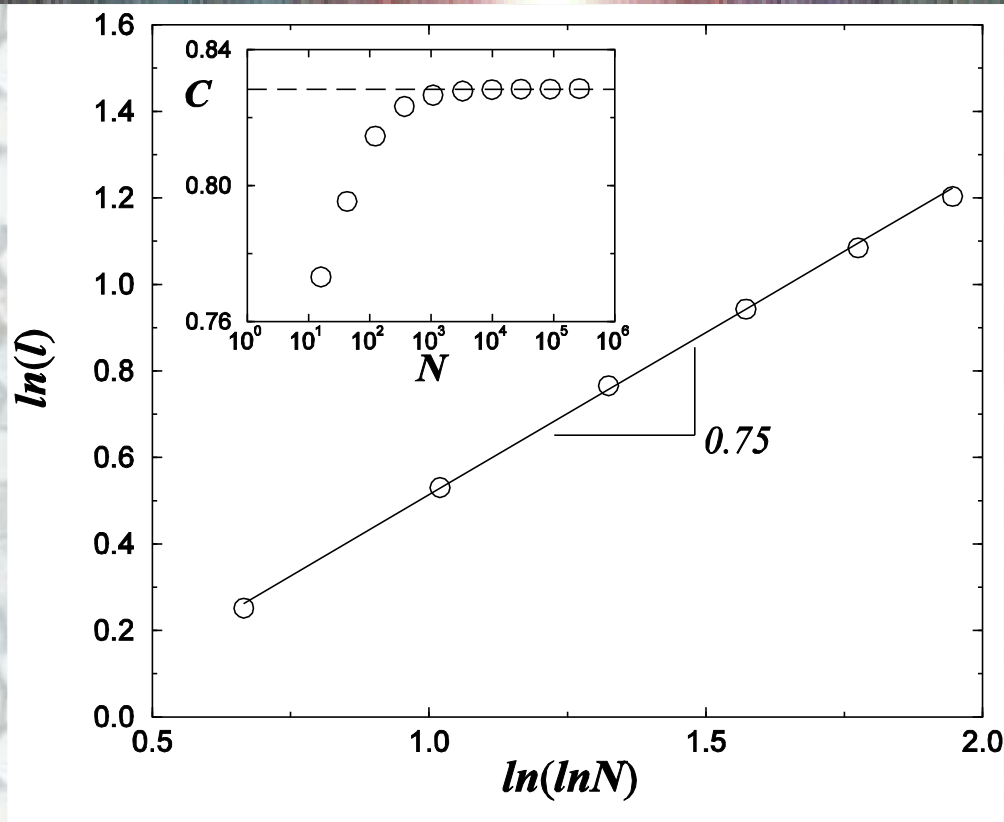
$N_n =$  number of sites at generation  $n$

$m(k, n) =$  number of vertices of degree  $k$

cummulative distribution  $W(k) = \sum_{k' > k} m(k', n) / N_n$



# Small-world properties



clustering coefficient

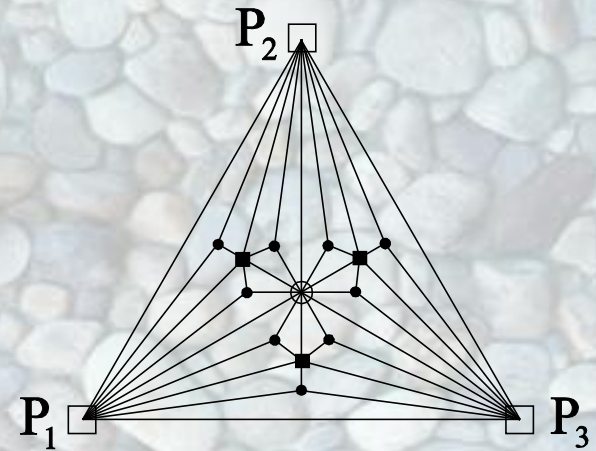
$$C = \frac{2}{k(k-1)} \times \text{number of connections between neighbors}$$

$$C = 0.828$$

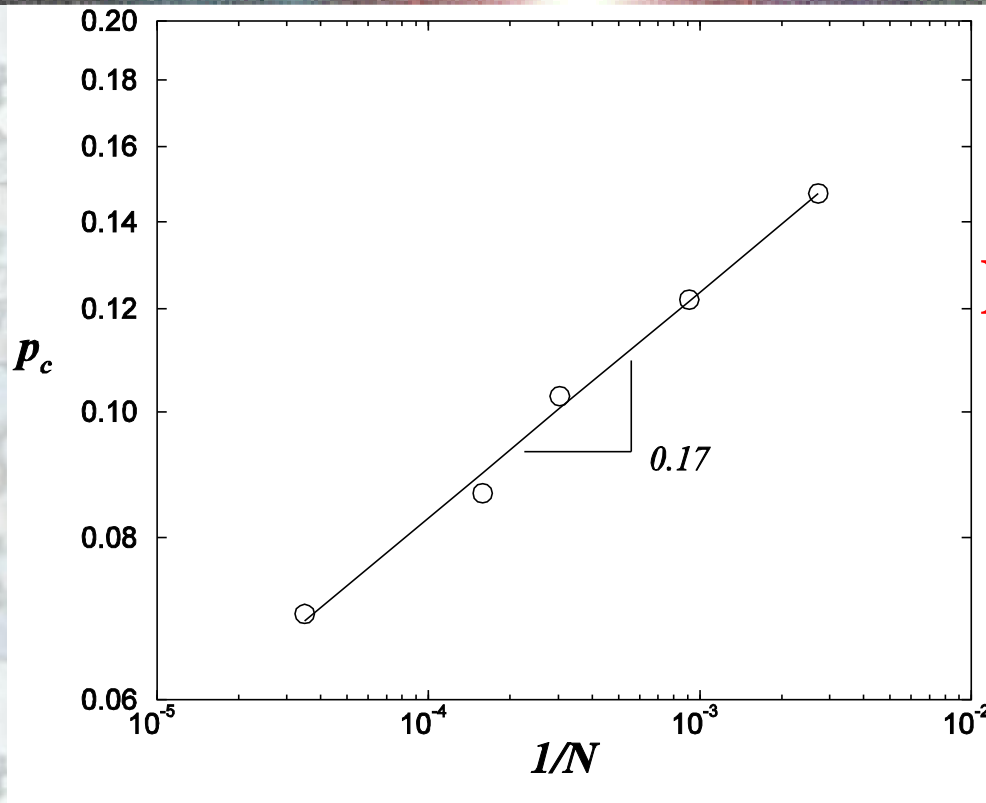
shortest path

$l = \langle \text{chemical distance between two sites} \rangle$

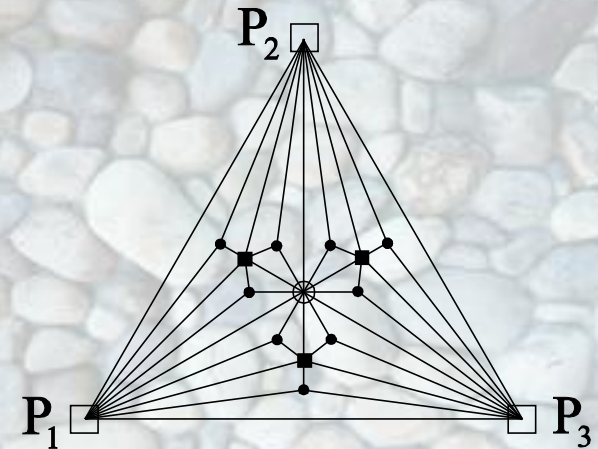
$$l \propto (\ln N)^{3/4}$$



# Percolation threshold



**epidemics**  
**random failure**

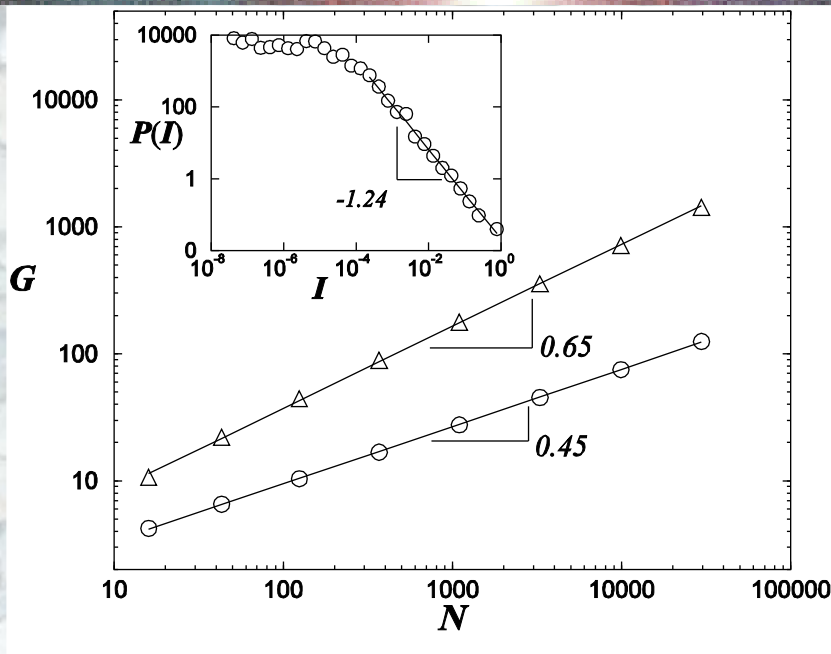


**bond percolation**  
at  $p_c$  :  $P_1, P_2$  and  $P_3$  simultaneously connected

$$p_c \propto L^{-\frac{1}{\nu}}, L = \sqrt{N} \uparrow \quad \nu \approx 3$$

porous media  $\uparrow$  Archie's law

# Electrical conductance



**flux**

**fuses =**

**malicious attack**

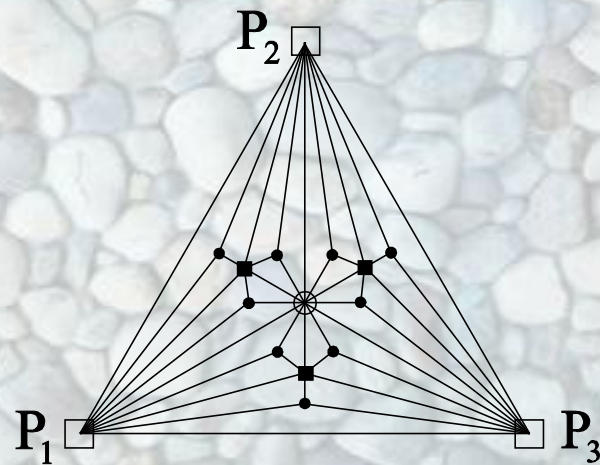
- from center to all sites of generation  $n$ :

$S_1$  } = number of outputs of { system  
 $S_2$  } { each site

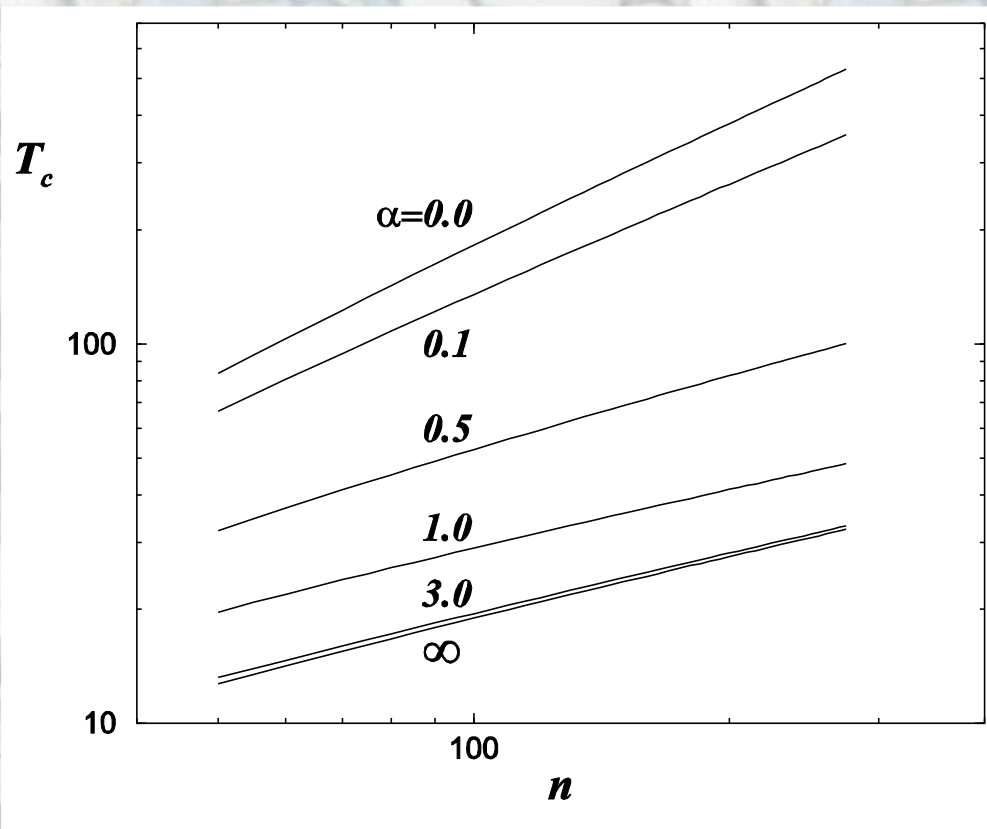
$n-1 \rightarrow n \uparrow \quad S_1 \rightarrow 3 * S_1, S_2 \rightarrow 2 * S_2 \uparrow \quad z = 2/3$

current distribution  $P(I) \propto I^{-1.24}$

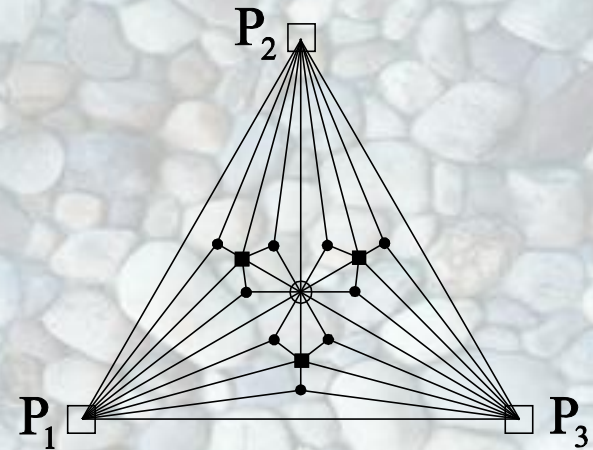
- from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ :  $z \approx 0.45$



# Critical temperature of Ising model



## opinion



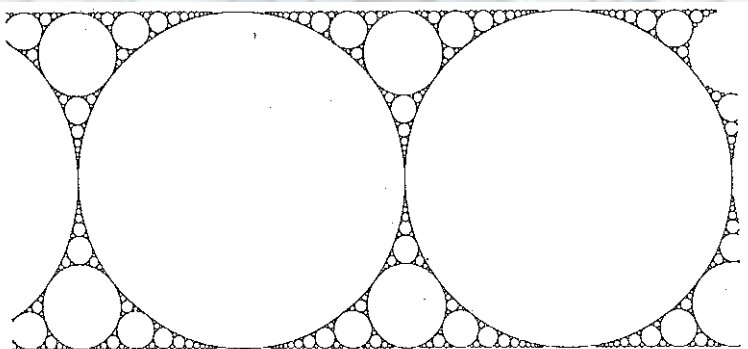
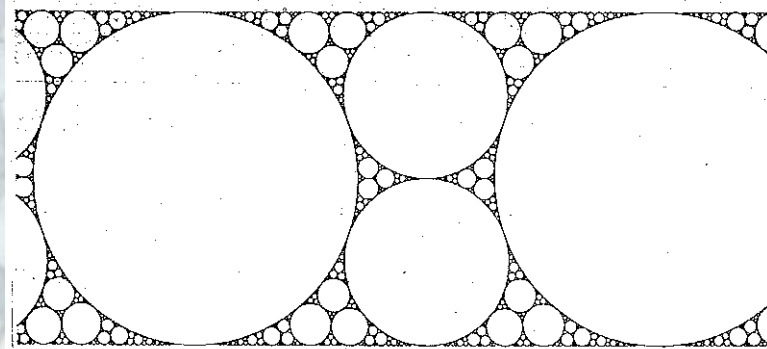
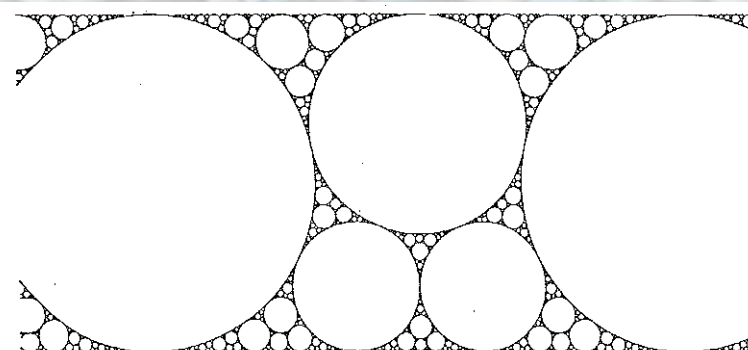
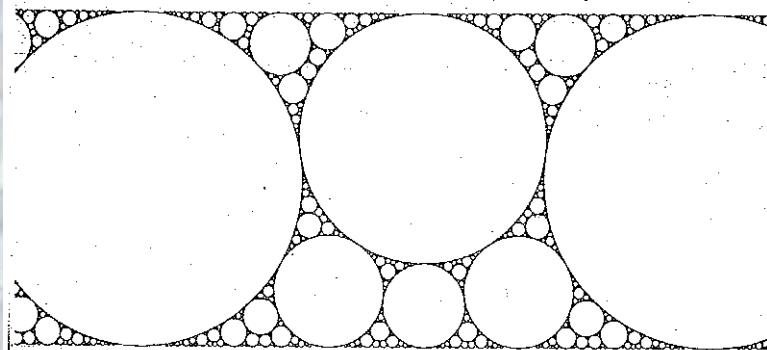
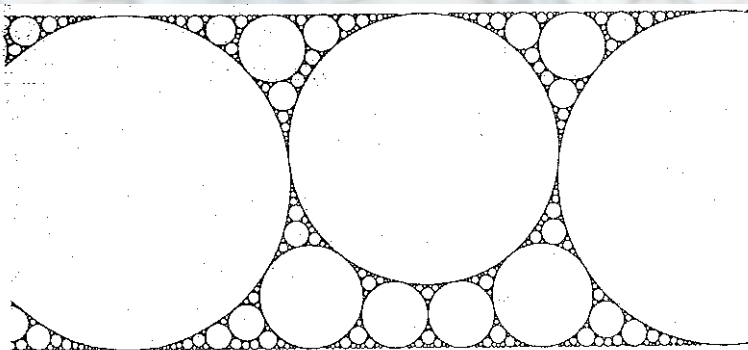
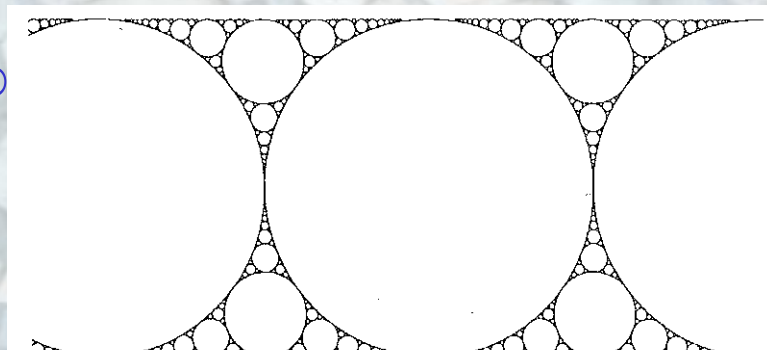
coupling constant  $J_n \propto n^{-\alpha}$

correlation length  $J_n$  diverges at  $T_c$

free energy, entropy, specific heat are smooth

magnetization  $m : e^{-T^h} \quad T \rightarrow A_t$

# Generalized Apollonians

 $m=0$  $n=\infty$  $m=1$  $m=2$  $m=3$  $m=4$  $m=\infty$ 



# Osculatory packing

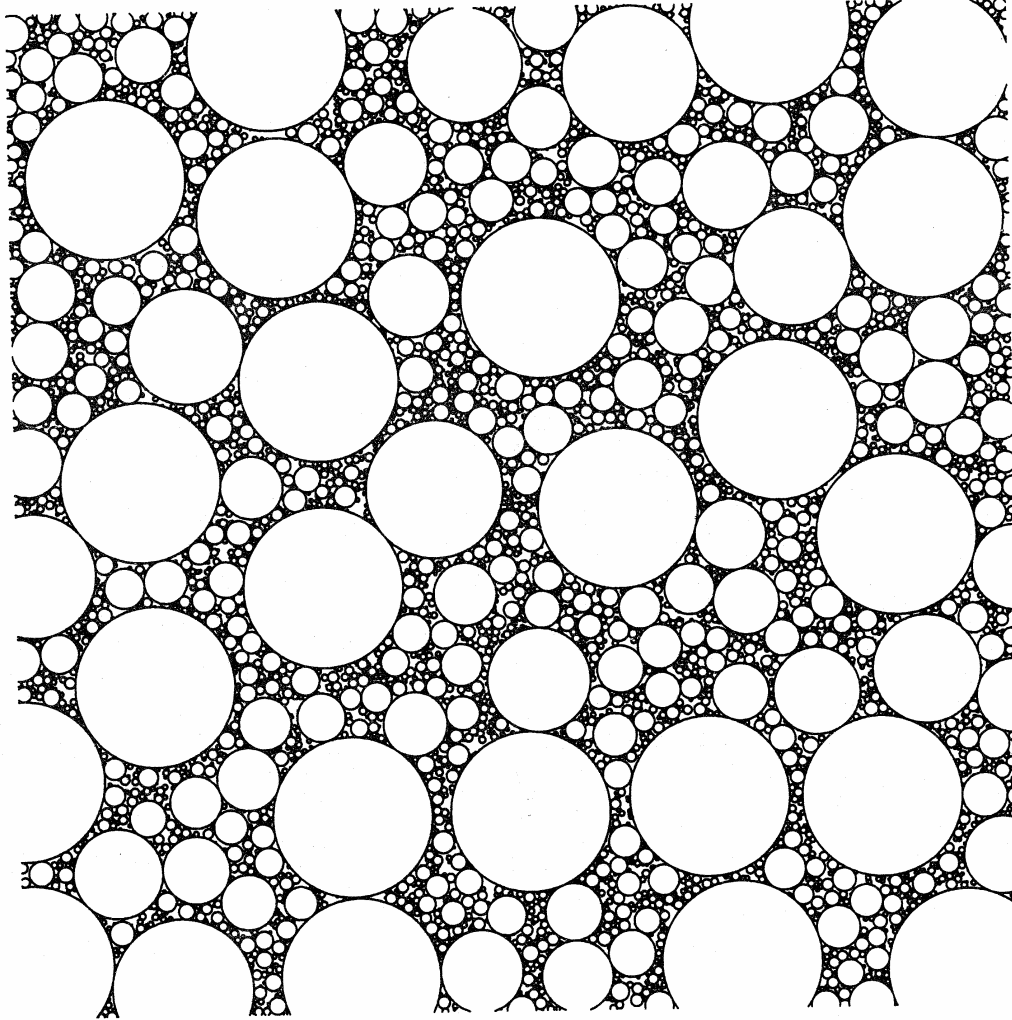
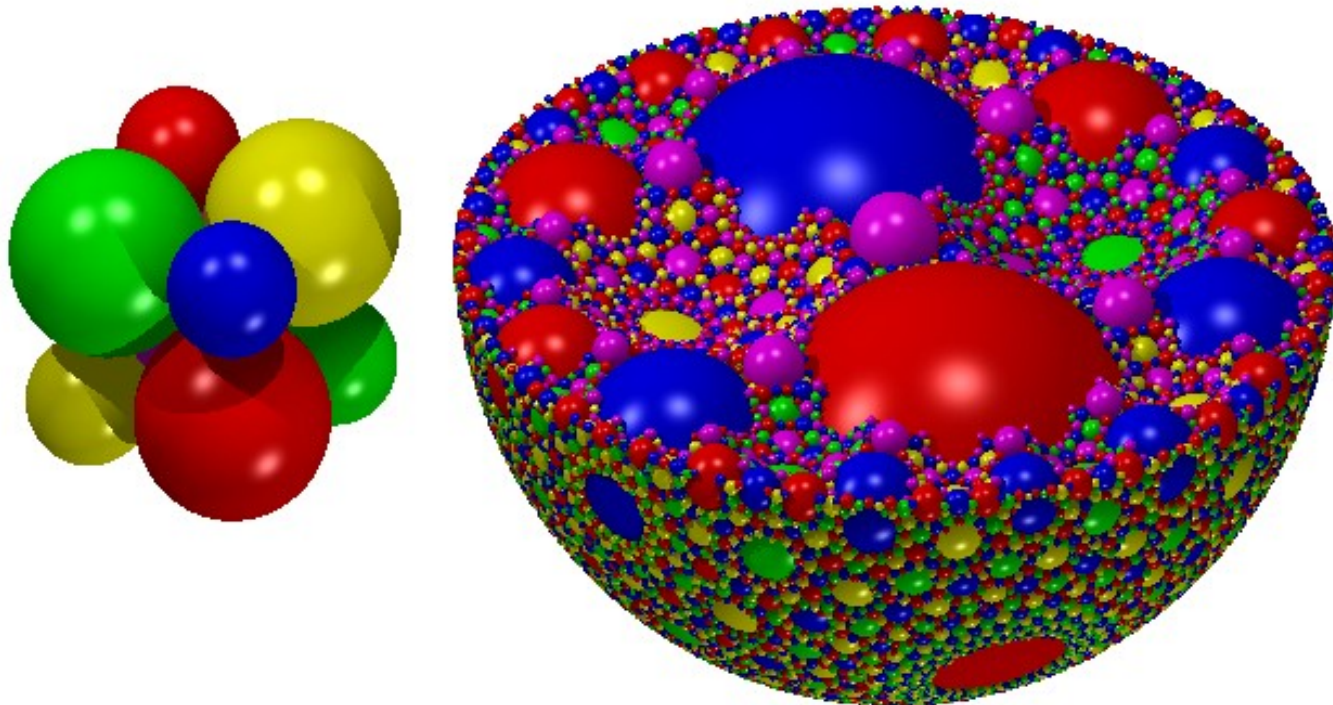


Fig. 3. Osculatory packing for white distribution of circle centers with an upper bound for allowed circle radii.

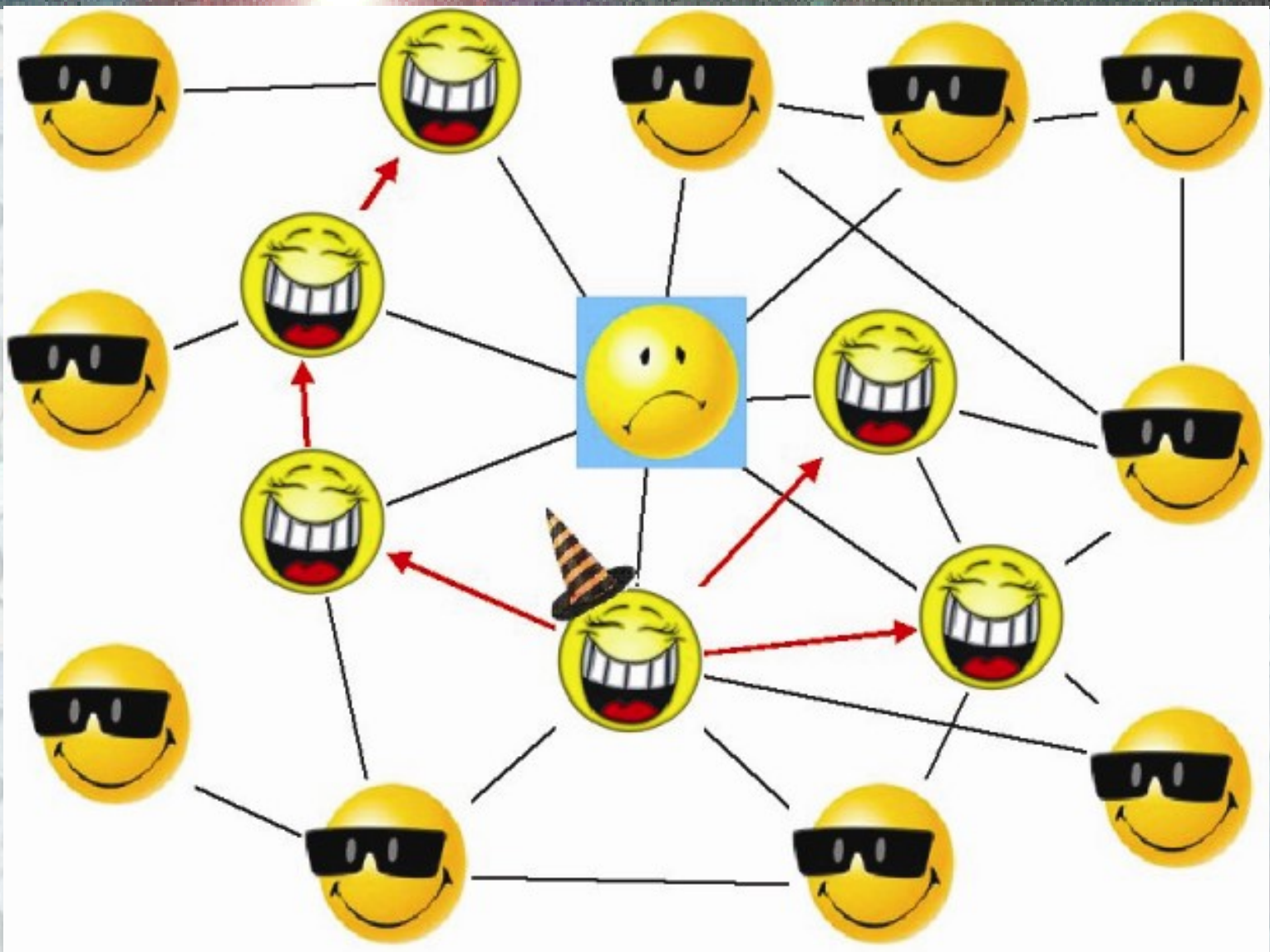
# Apollonian packing in 3D



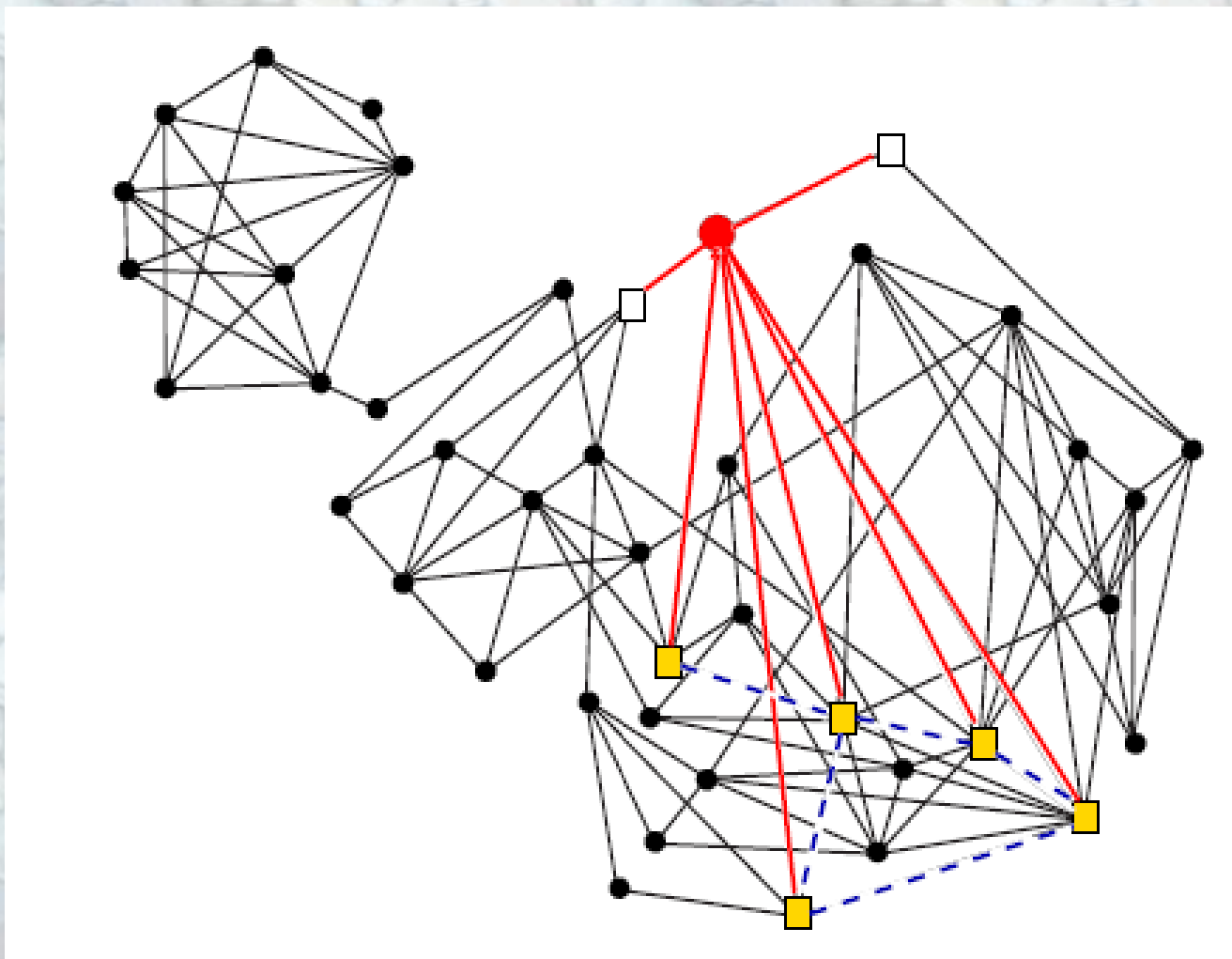
**Tetrahedron**

- Stable against random failure.
- Opinions stabilize at any interaction strength.
- Supply current distribution follows power-law while point-to-point distribution is log-normal.
- Apollonian networks are between small world ( $l \propto \ln N$ ) and ultrasmall world ( $l \propto \ln \ln N$ )
- Force networks of polydisperse packings have few contacts between grains and their rigidity increases with density like a power-law.
- Porous medium follows Archie's law.  $\Phi_{\chi} = 0$  .

# Gossip



# Gossip on network



# Gossip propagation

Spreading time  $\tau$  is the minimum time it takes for a gossip to reach all accessible persons.

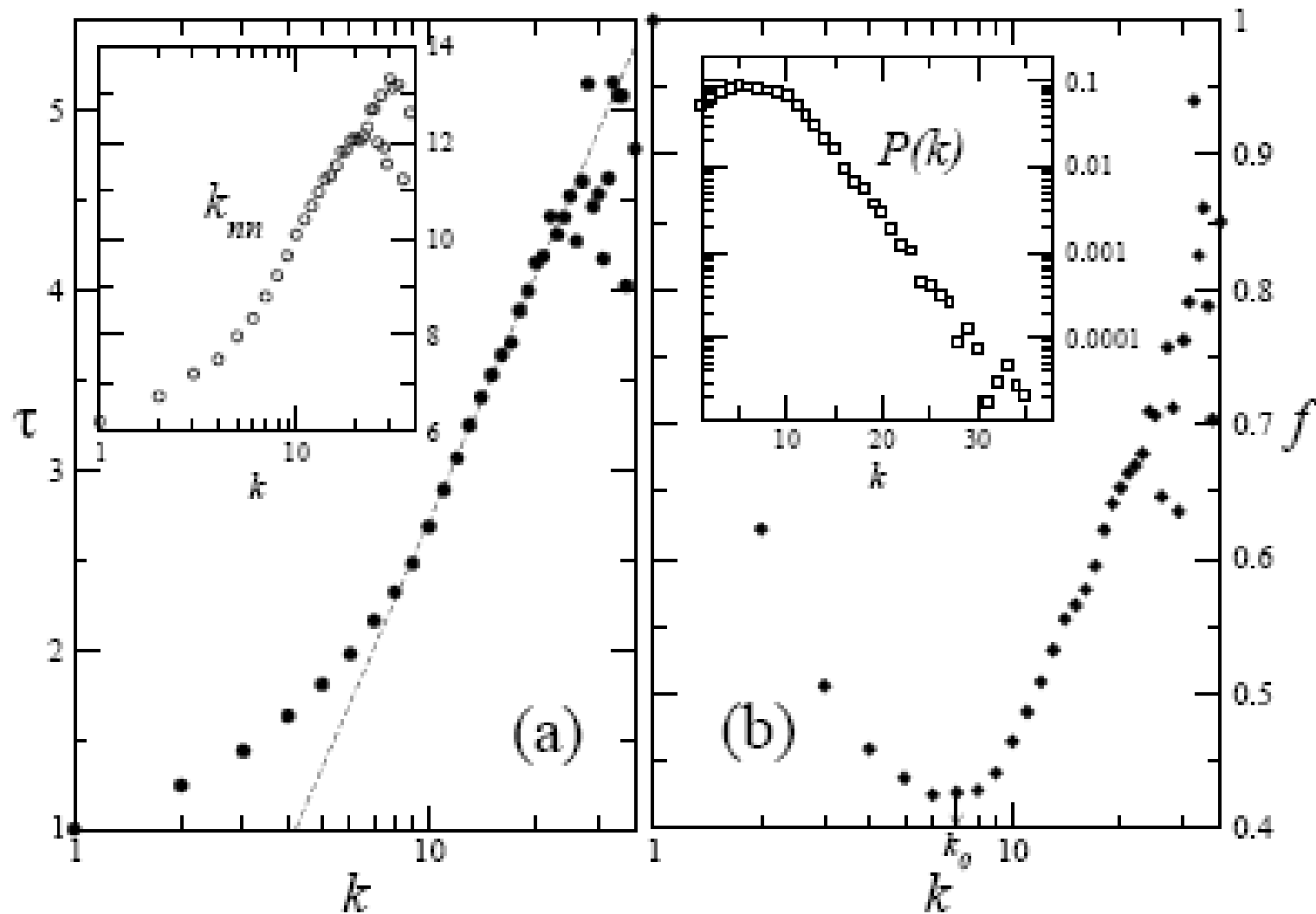
$f$

$n$  is the total number of persons that eventually get the gossip.

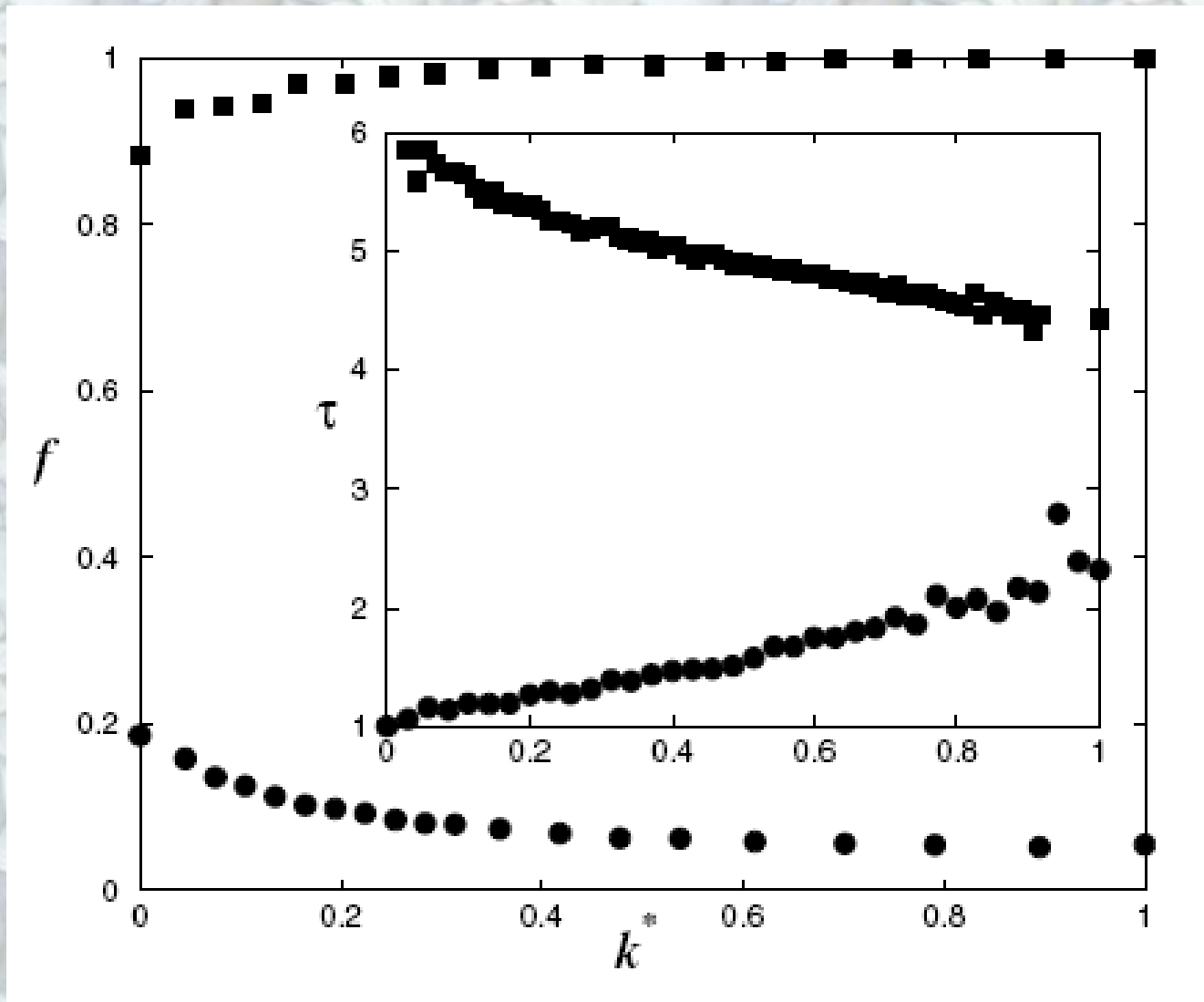
We also define the „spread factor“  $f$ :

$f = \frac{n}{k}$  where  $k$  is the degree of the victim.

# Gossip in schools



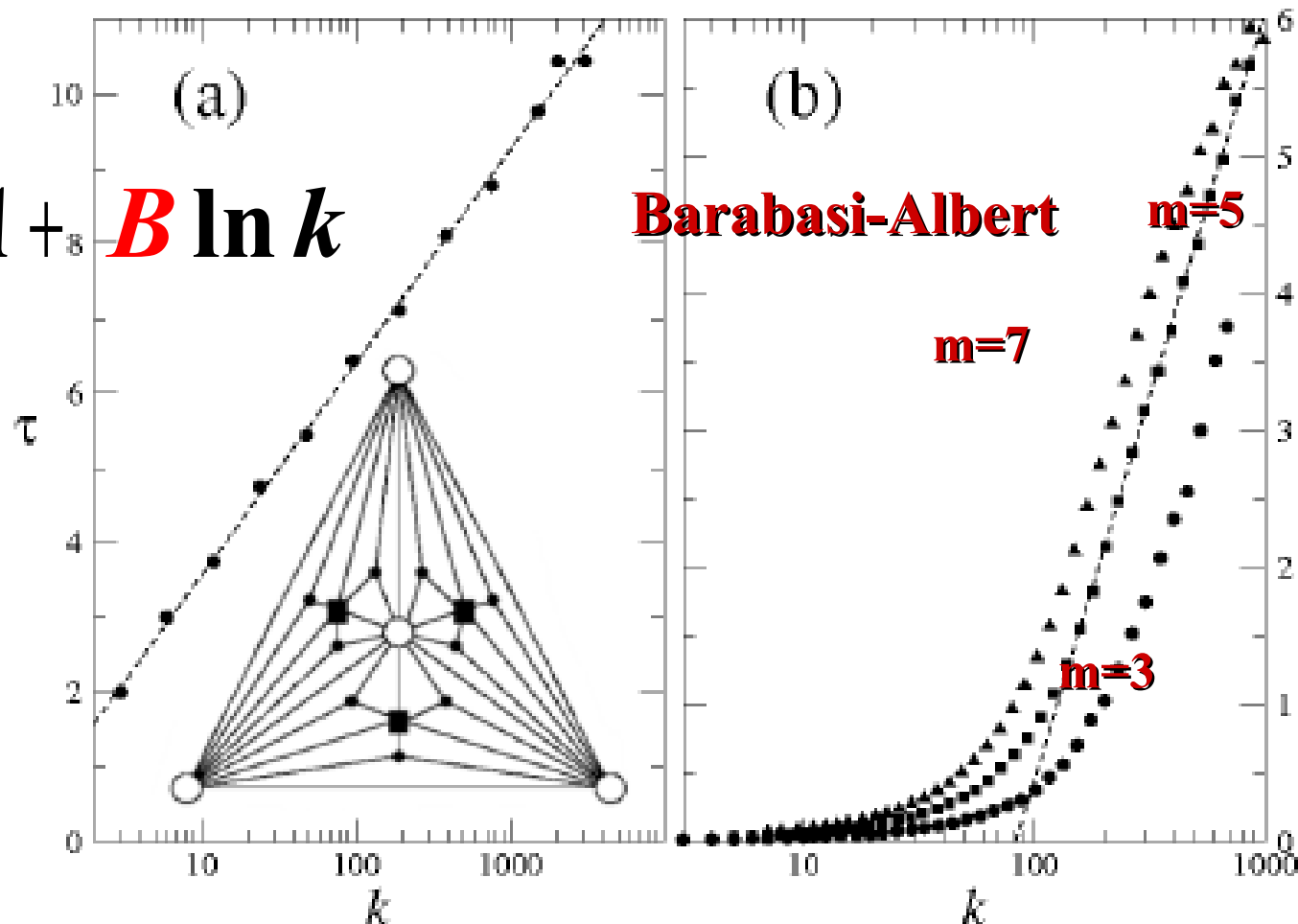
# Gossip on random graph



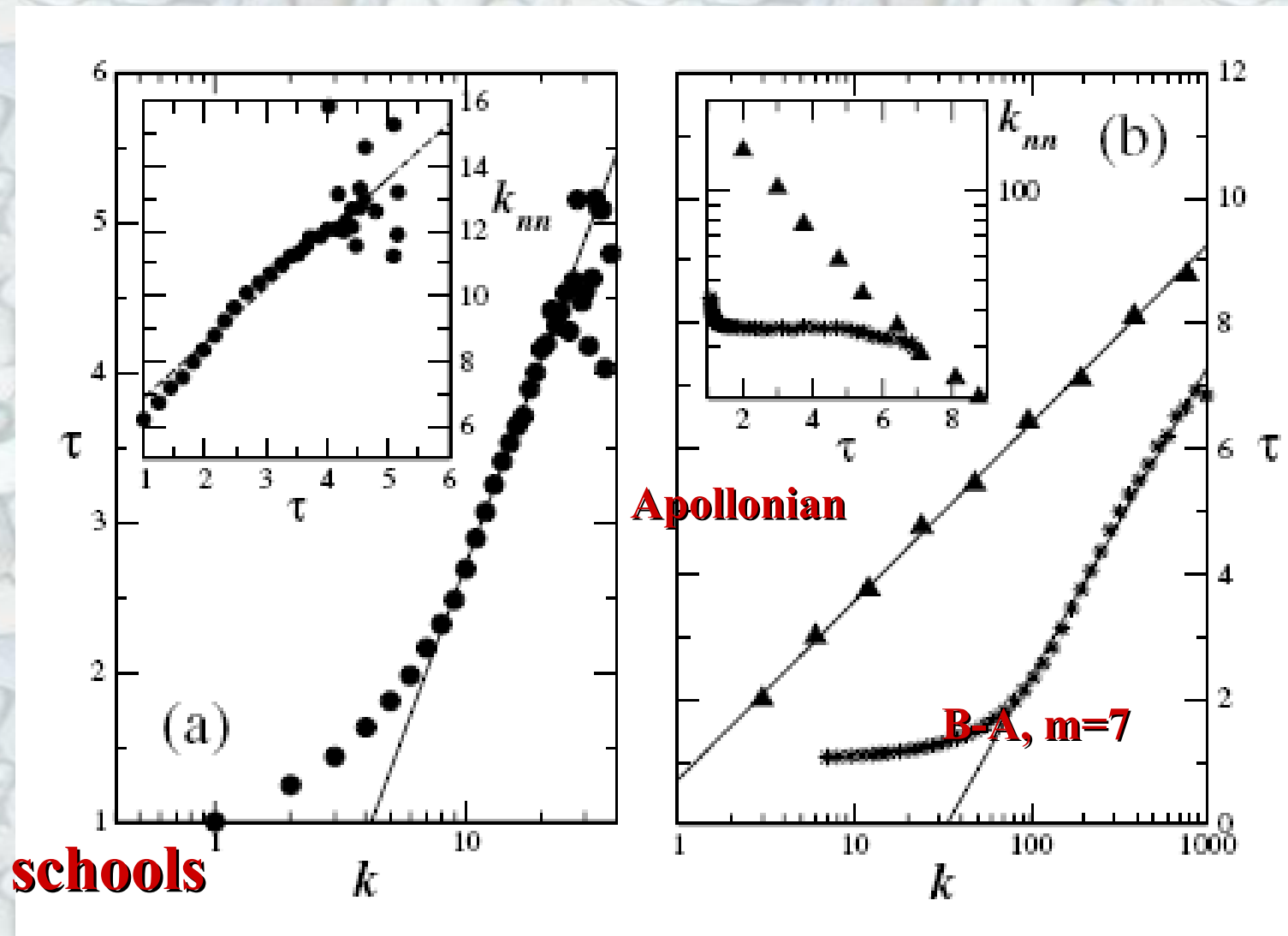


# Spreading time

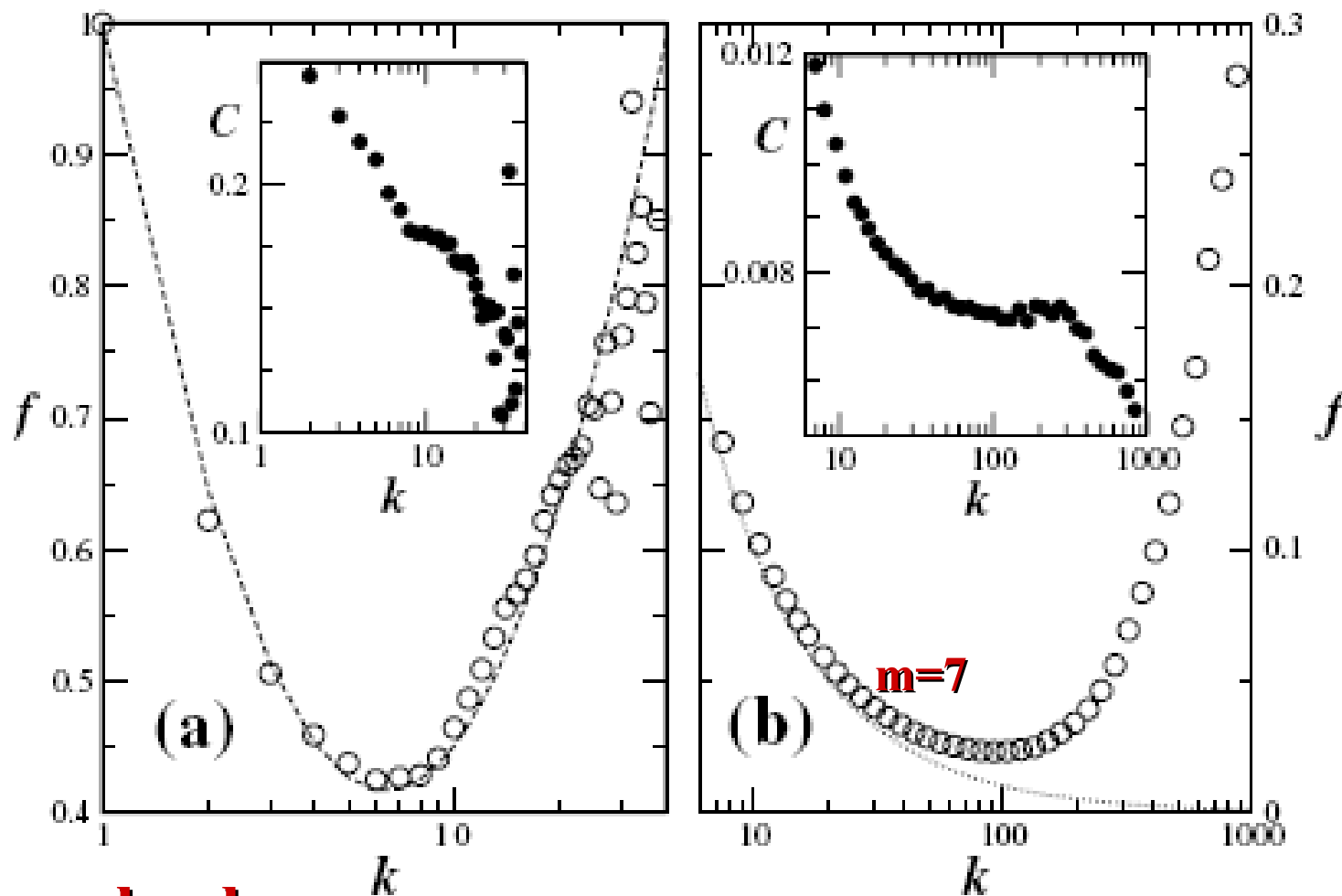
$$\tau = A + B \ln k$$



# Spreading time



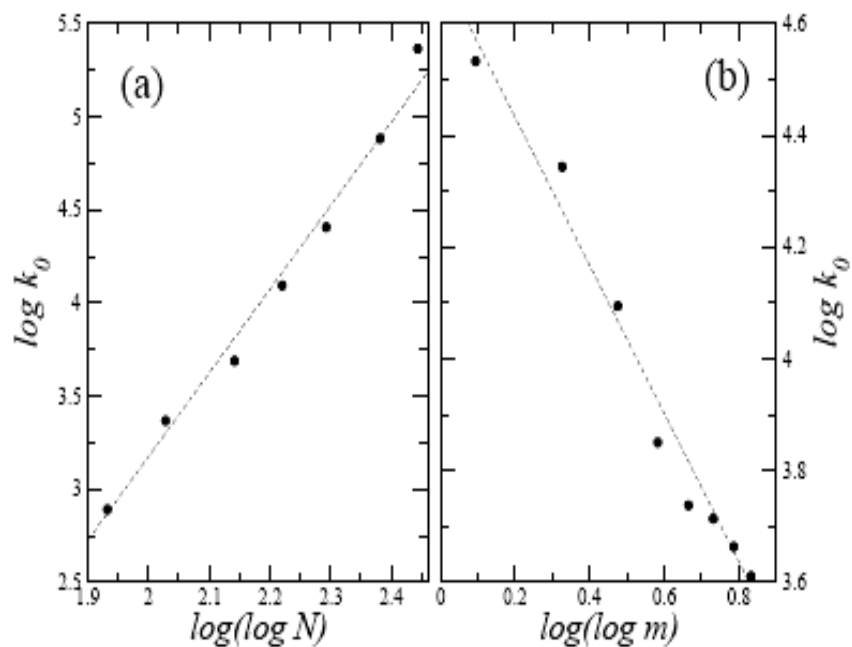
# Spreading factor



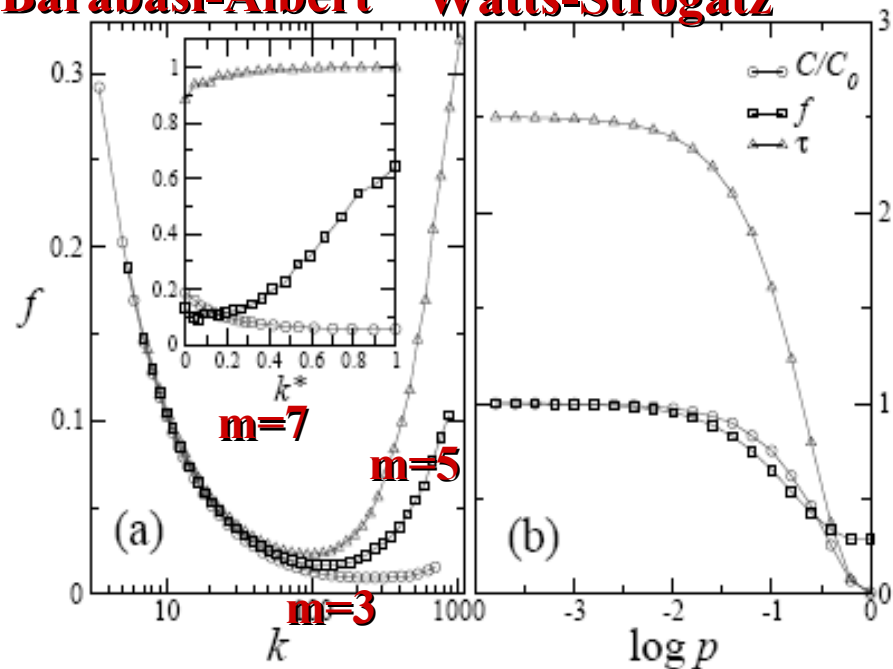
**schools**

**Barabasi-Albert network**

# Spreading factor



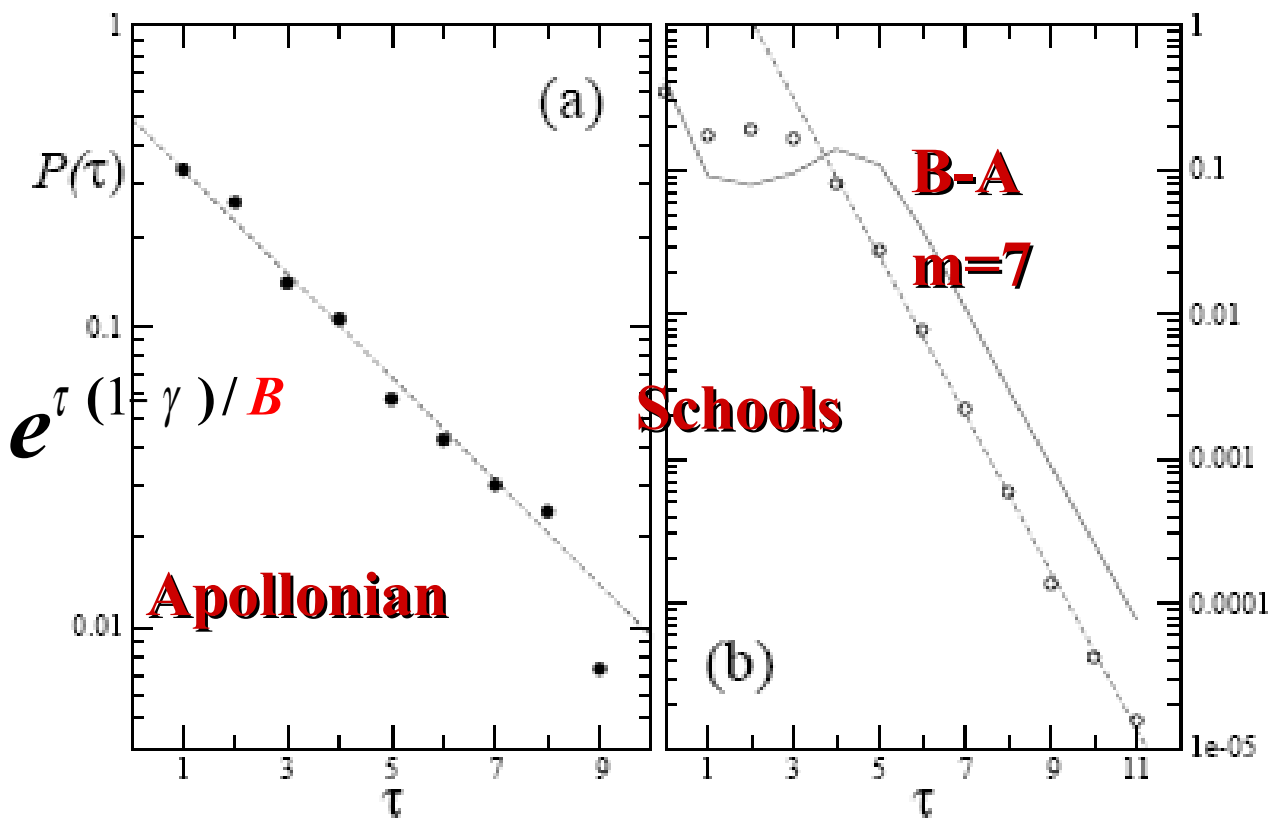
## Barabasi-Albert Watts-Strogatz



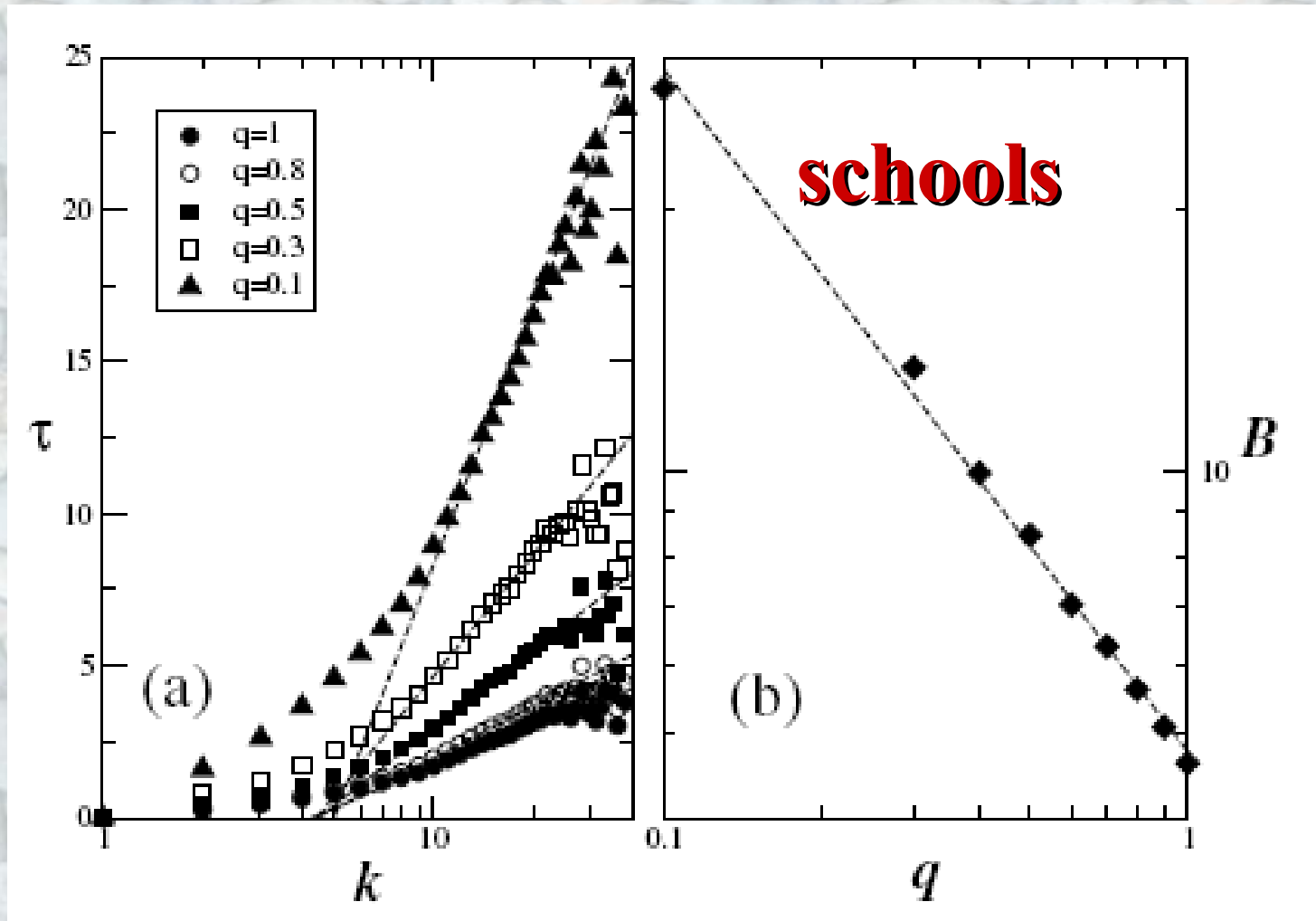
# Distribution of $\tau$

$$P(\tau) =$$

$$e^{\tau(1-\gamma)/B}$$

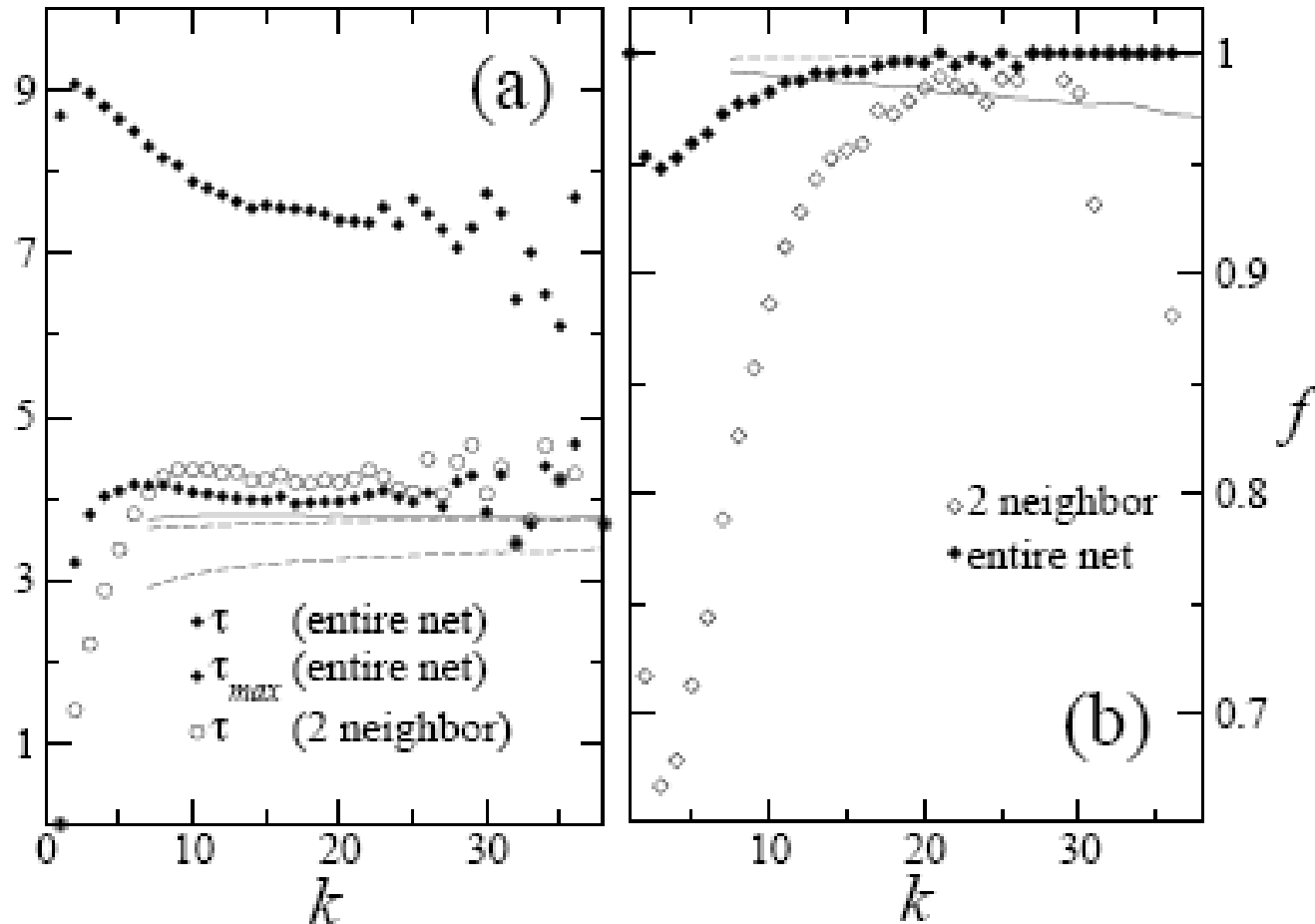


# Gossip with probability $q$

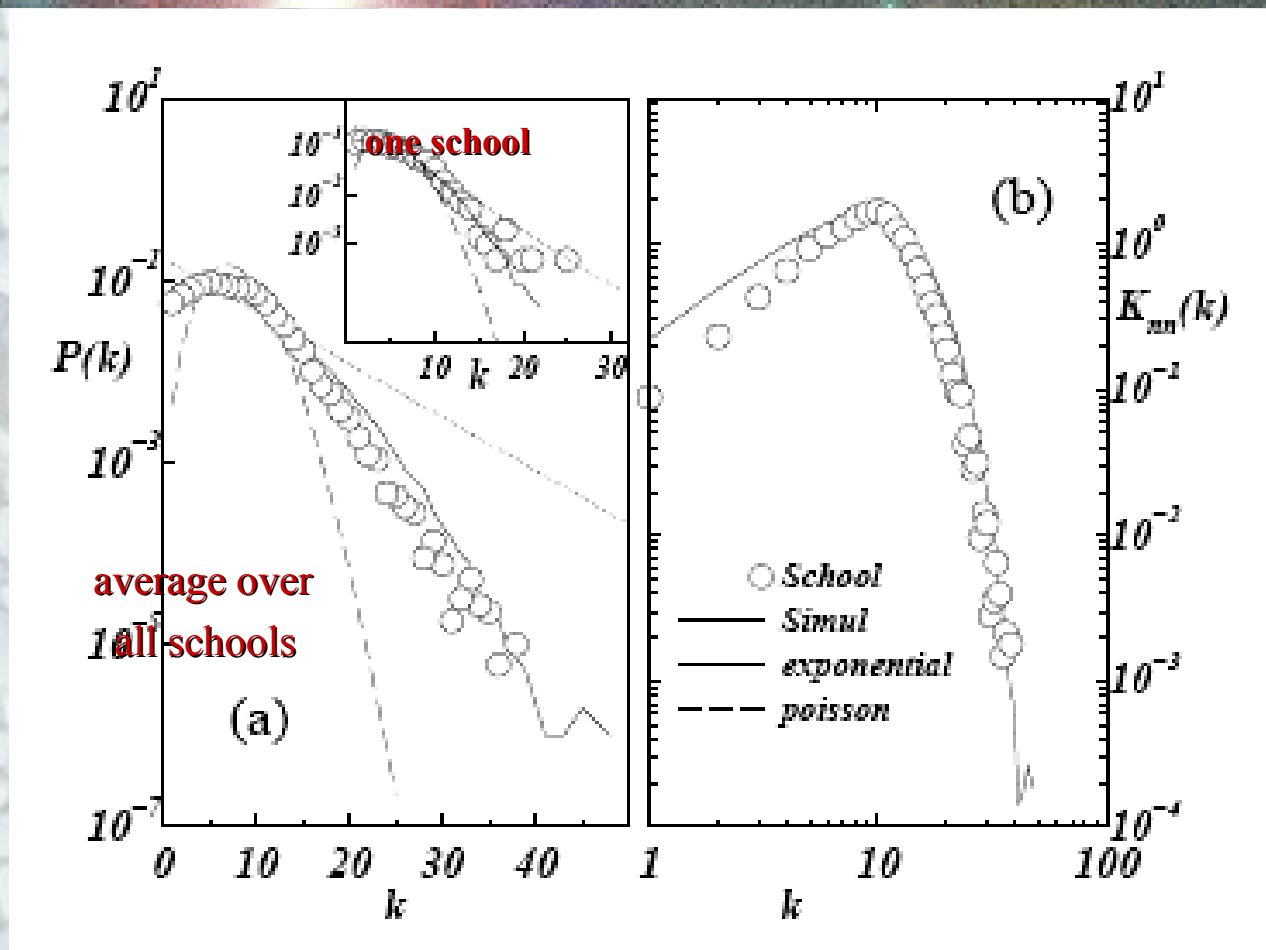


# Gossip about famous people

**symbols = schools**    **lines = Barabasi-Albert**



# Degree distribution

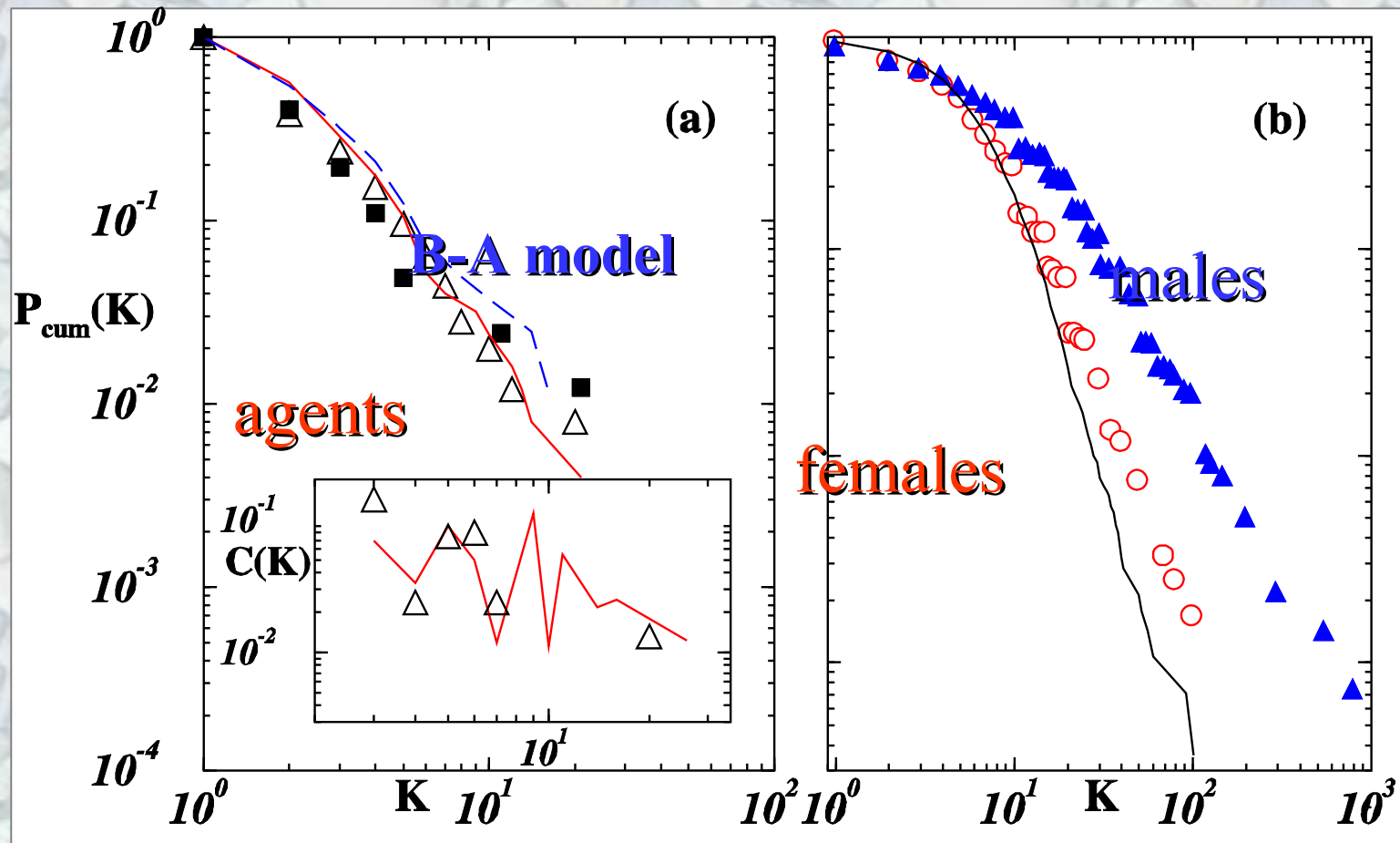




# Sexual contact networks

homosexual (Colorado Springs)

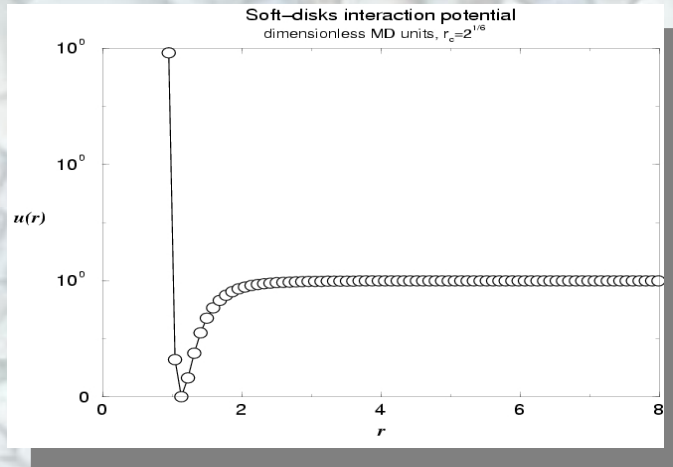
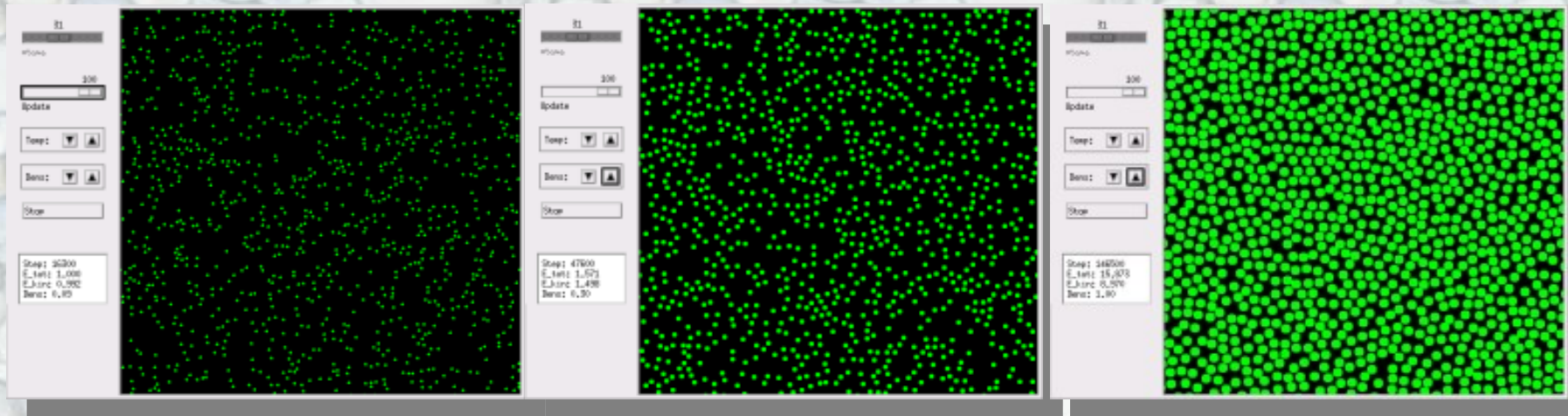
heterosexual (Sweden)



F. Liljeros et al, Nature 411, 907 (2001)

# Agent model

soft-disks in 2d



interaction potential

$$u(r_{ij}) = U_0 \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] + U_0, \quad r_{ij} \leq r_c = 2^{1/6} \sigma$$

collision time

$$\tau_{coll} = \frac{1}{\rho} \sqrt{\frac{m}{\pi T k_B}}$$

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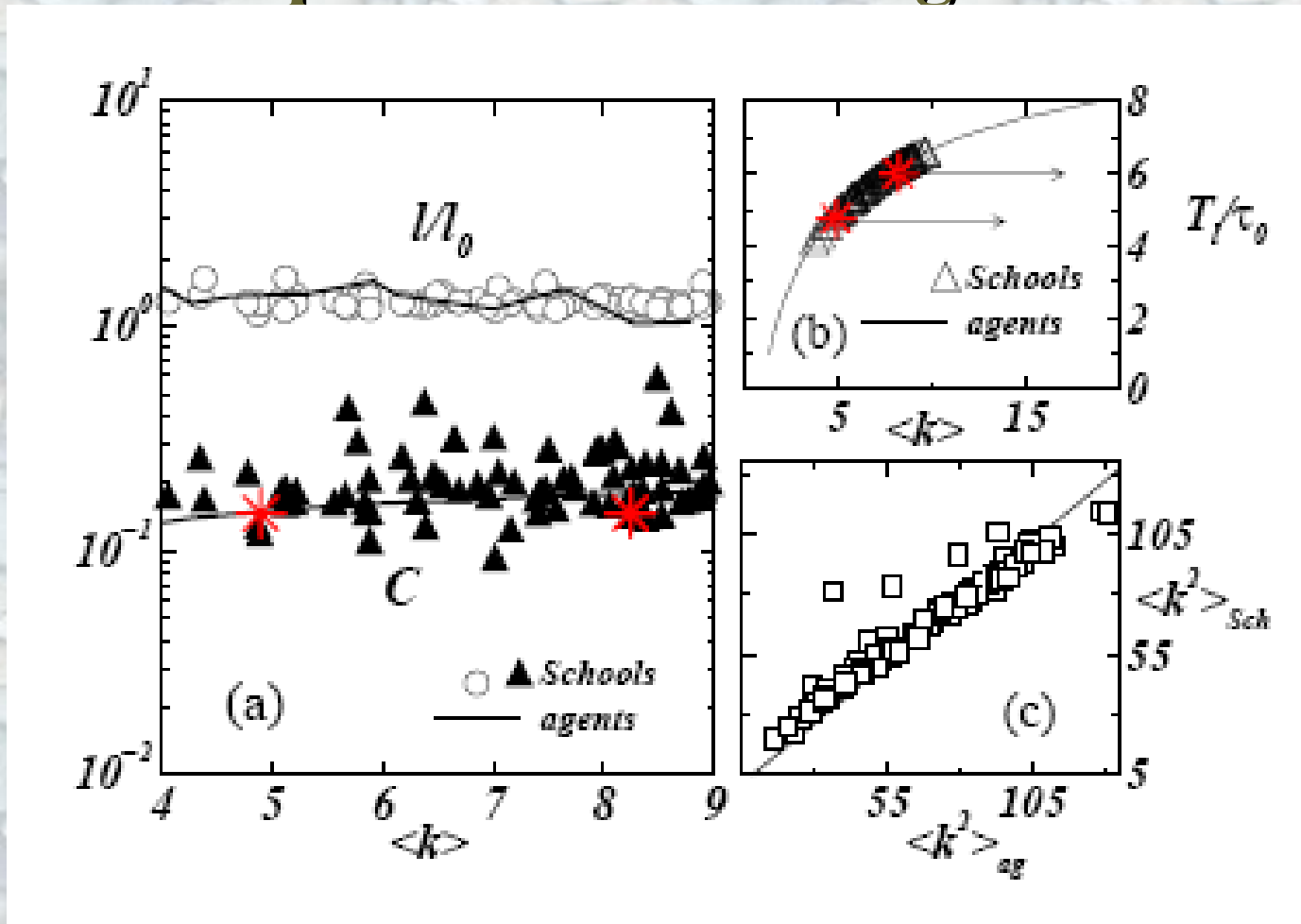
# Evolution of network





# Comparison to schools

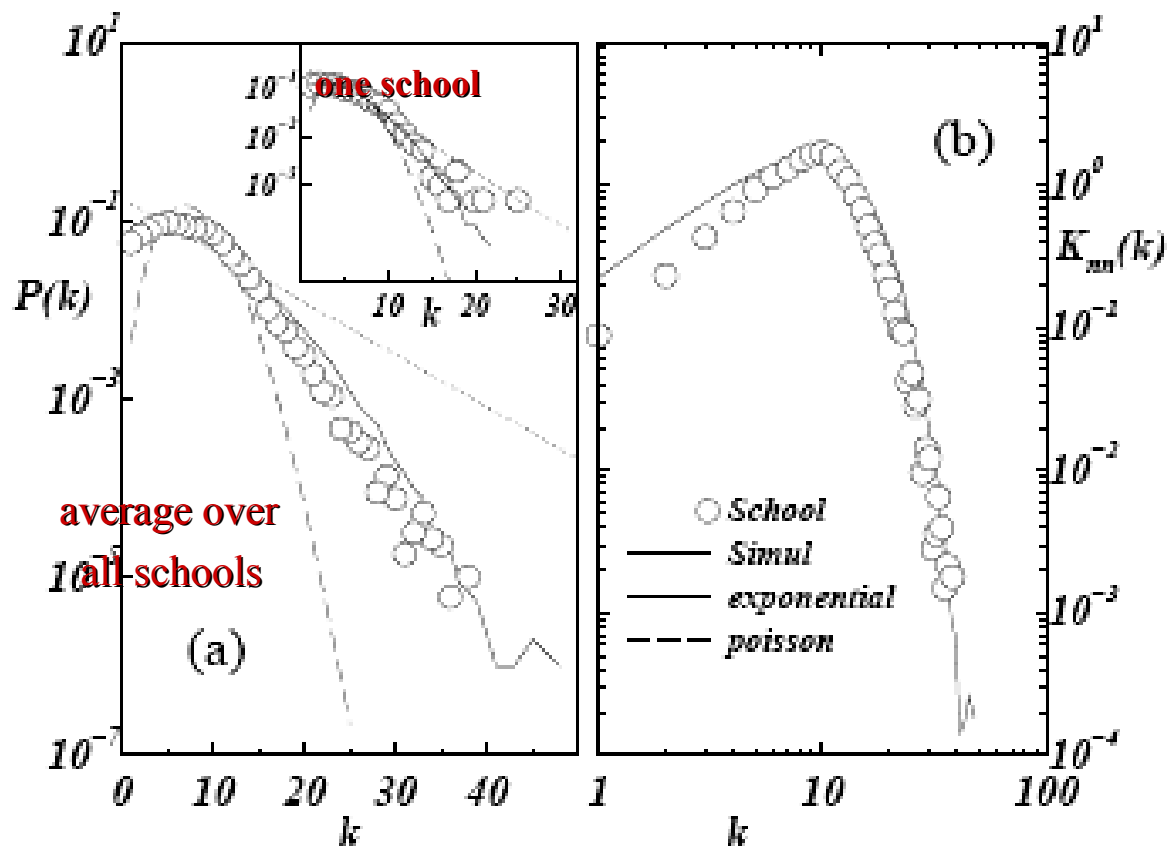
## Shortest path and clustering coefficient



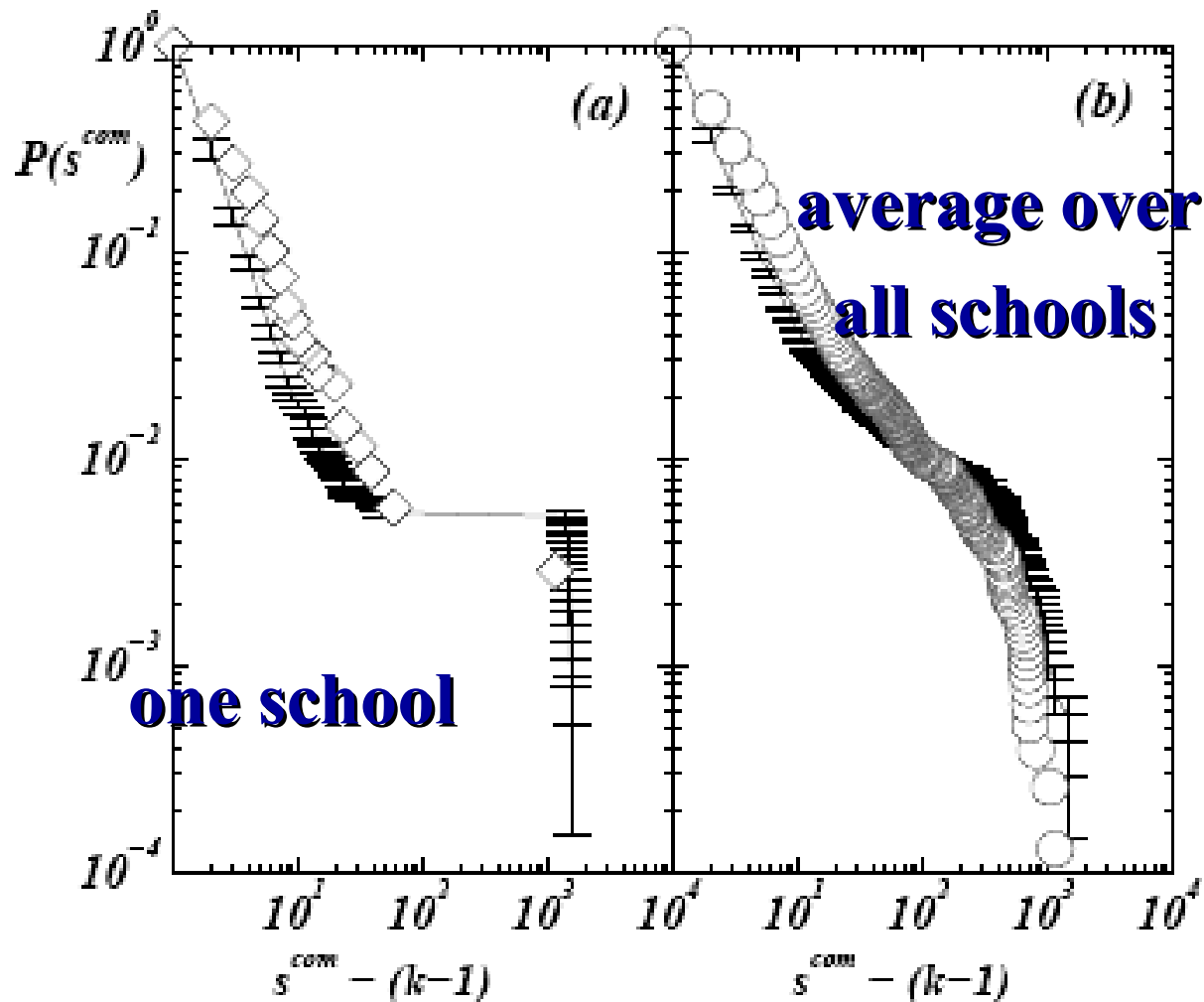
González, Lind and Herrmann, Physical Review Letters 96, 088702 (2006)

# Comparison to schools

## Degree distribution



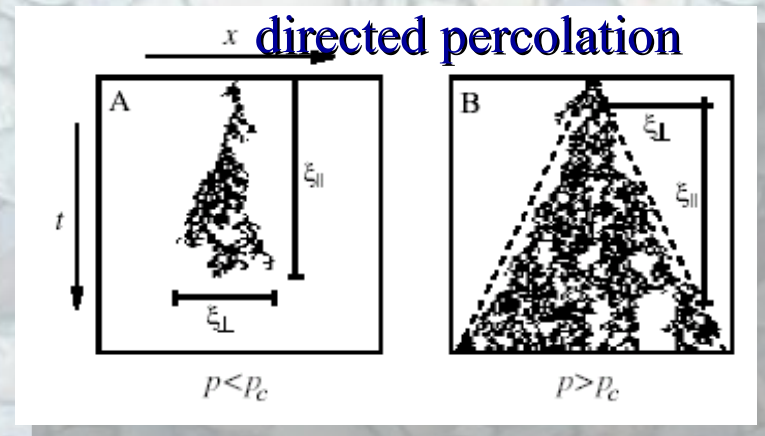
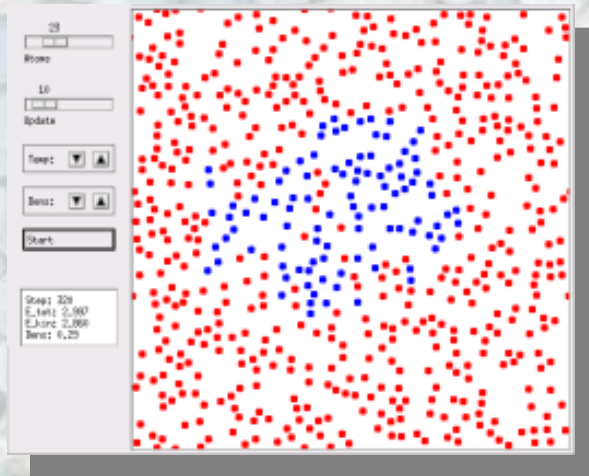
# 3-clique communities



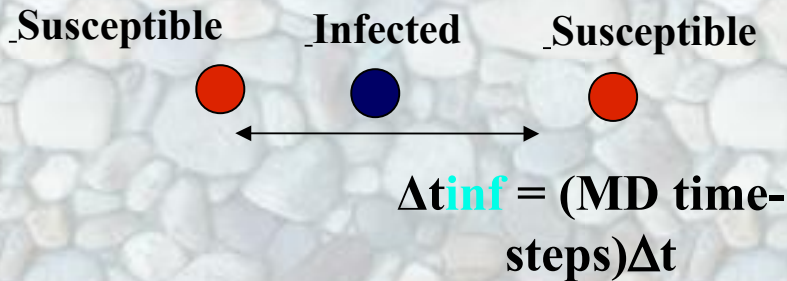
Open symbols:  
schools

Black lines:  
different model

# SIS model of epidemic



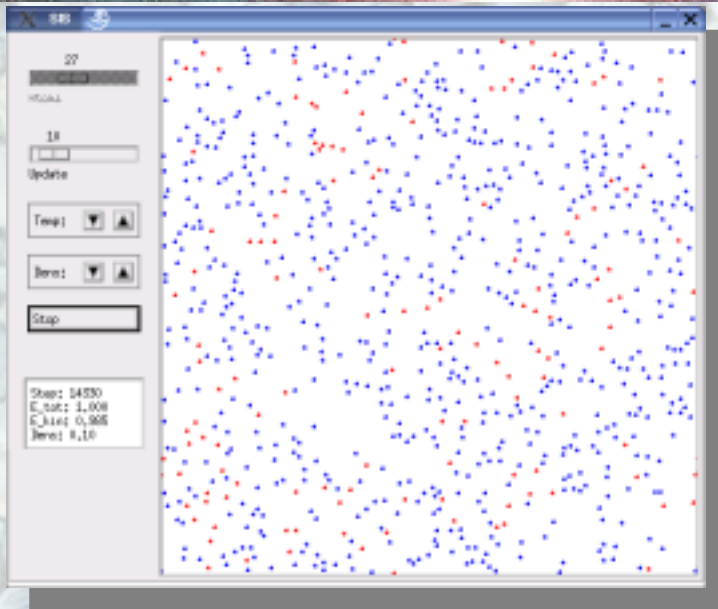
**infection rate  $\lambda$**



$$\lambda \propto \frac{\Delta t_{inf}}{\tau_{coll}} \propto \Delta t_{inf} \rho T^{1/2}$$

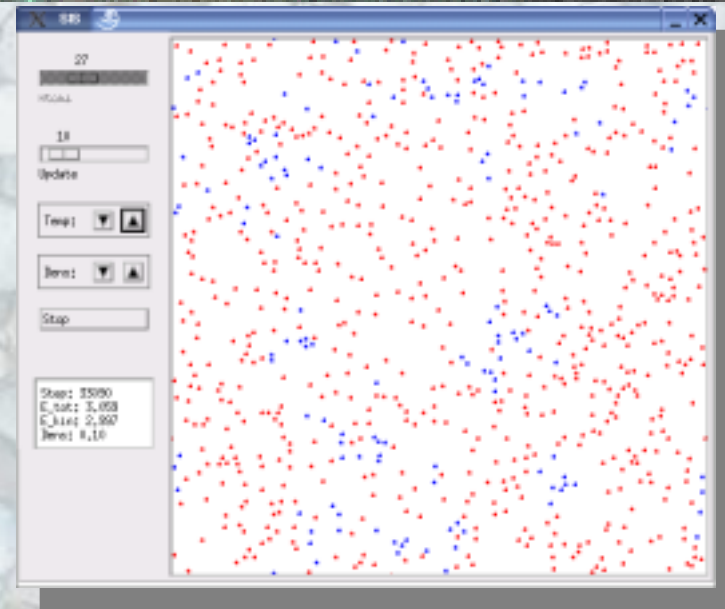


# SIS model for epidemics

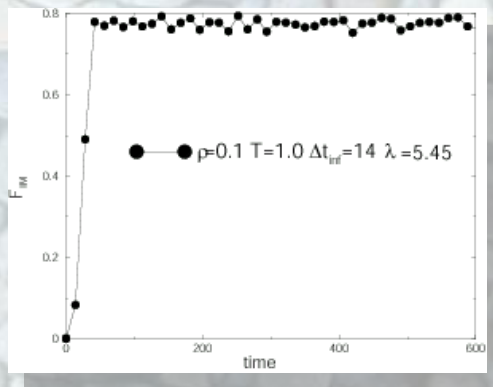


Susceptible ●

Infected ●

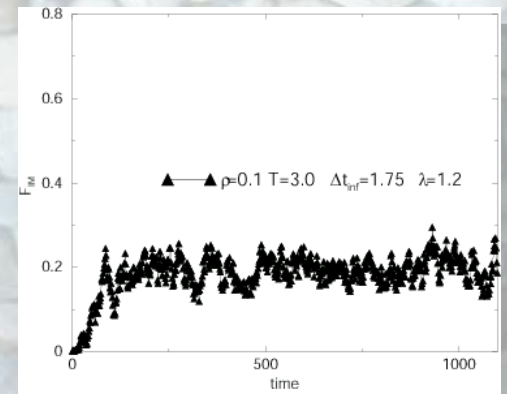


$\lambda = 5.45$



**Steady State**

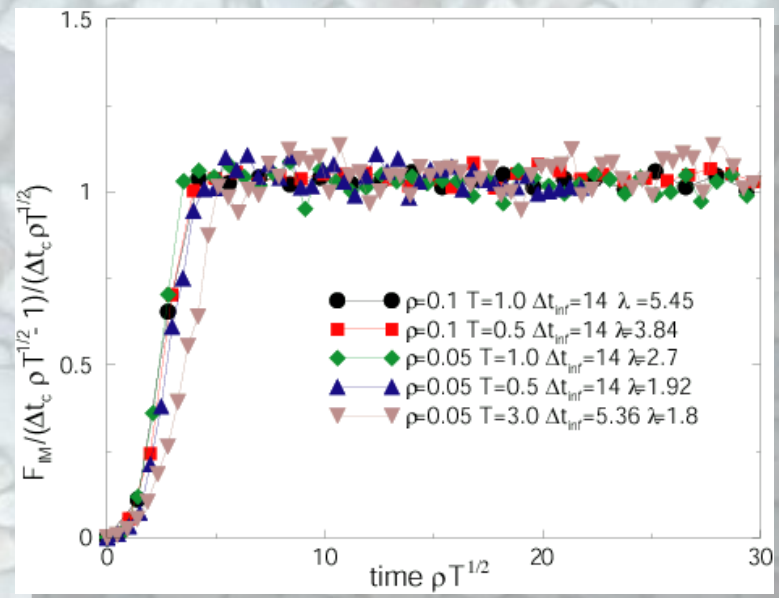
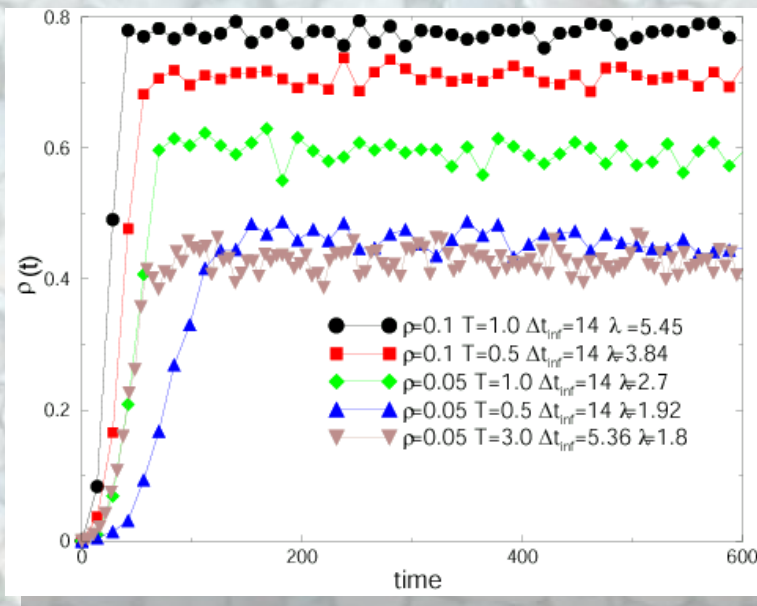
$\lambda = 1.2$



# Data collapse

**order parameter**

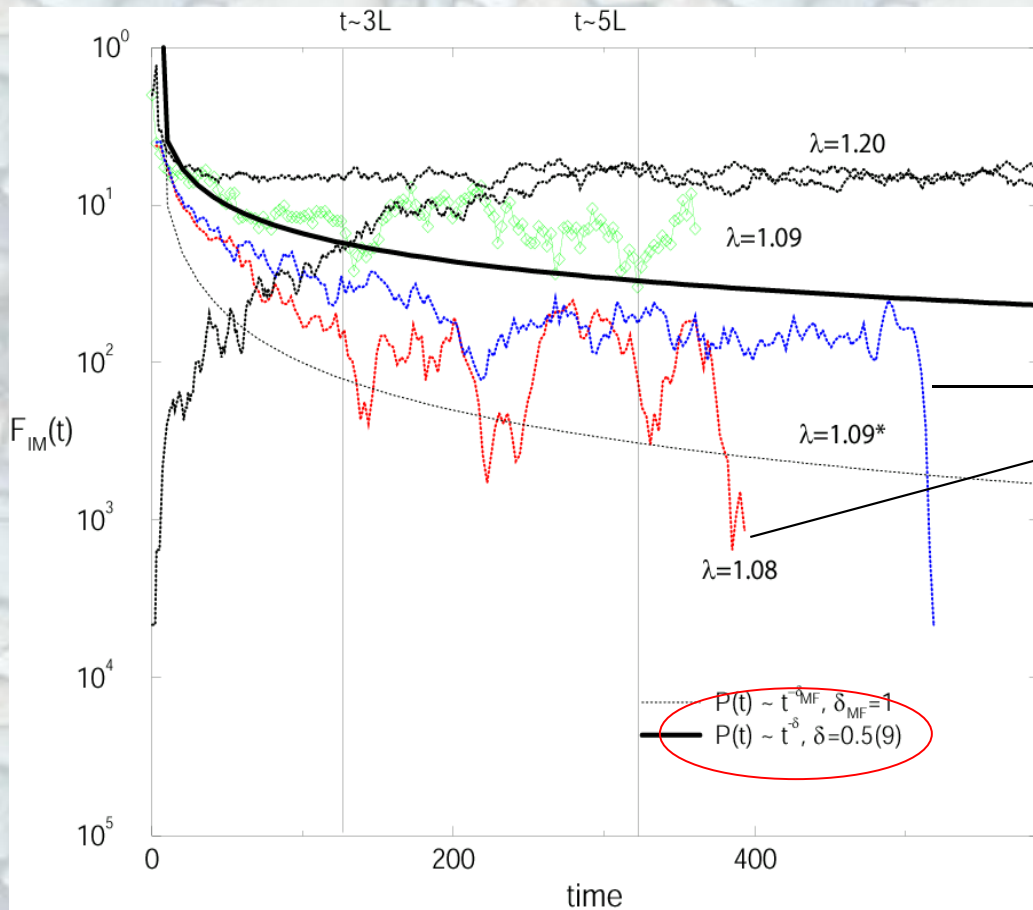
$$F_{IM}(\lambda) \approx \rho(t)_{\text{inf}} \Big|_{t \rightarrow \infty, \lambda > \lambda_c} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \lambda < \lambda_c \\ 1 & \text{for } \lambda > \lambda_c \end{cases}$$



**scaling law for  $\lambda > \lambda_c$ :**

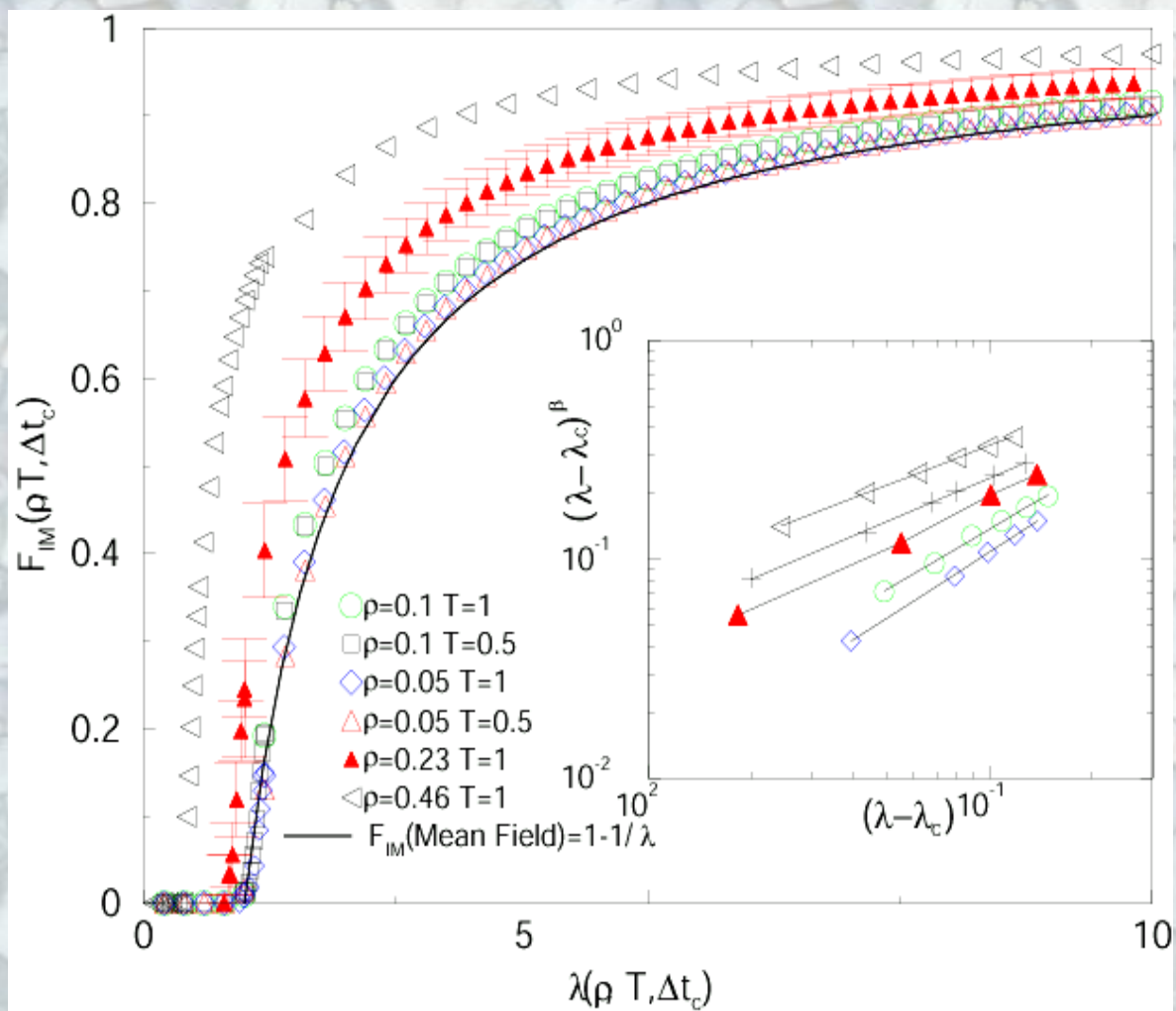
$$F_{IM}(\lambda) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda \equiv \frac{\Delta t_{\text{inf}}}{\tau_{\text{coll}}} \propto \Delta t_{\text{inf}} \rho T^{1/2}$$

# Non-equilibrium phase transitions

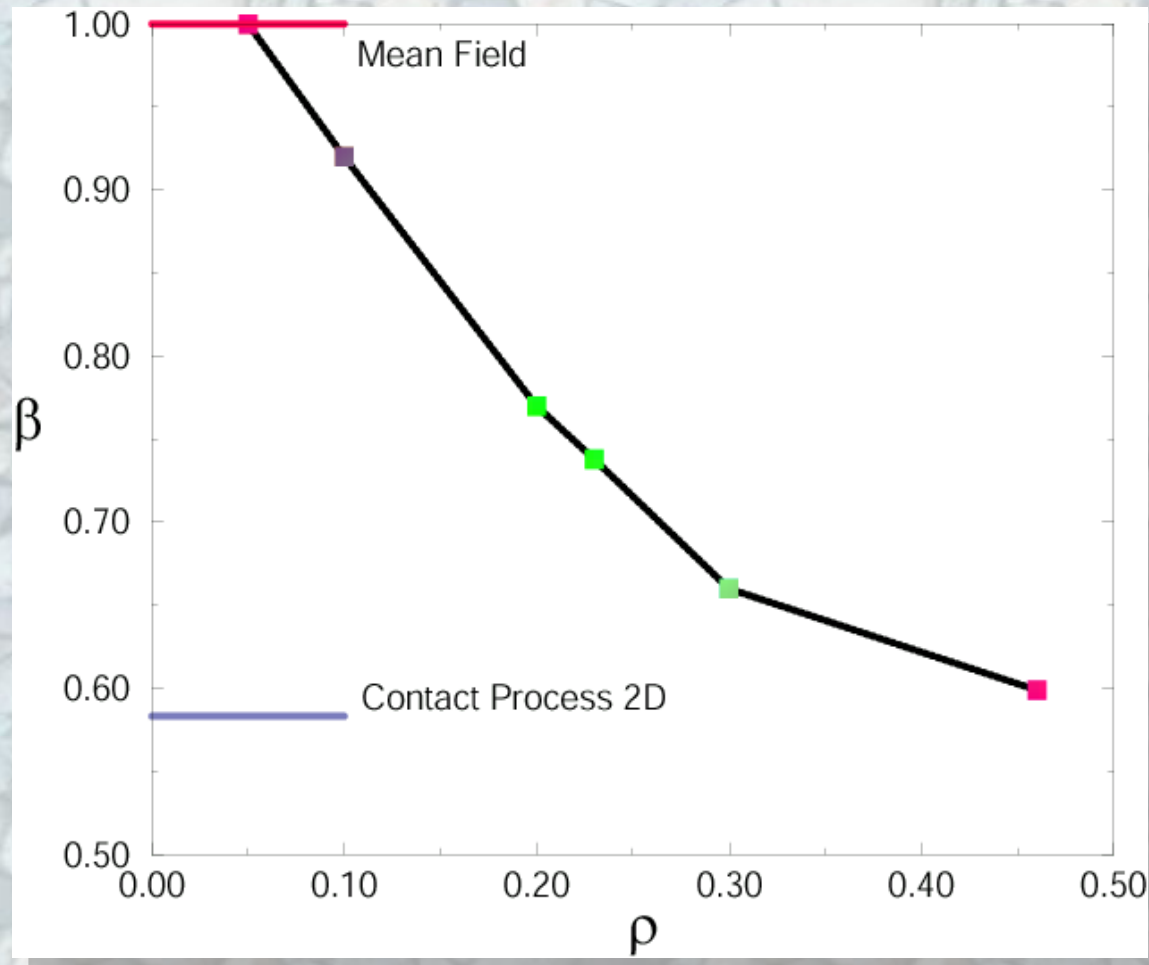


System goes into the absorbing state

# Influence of the density



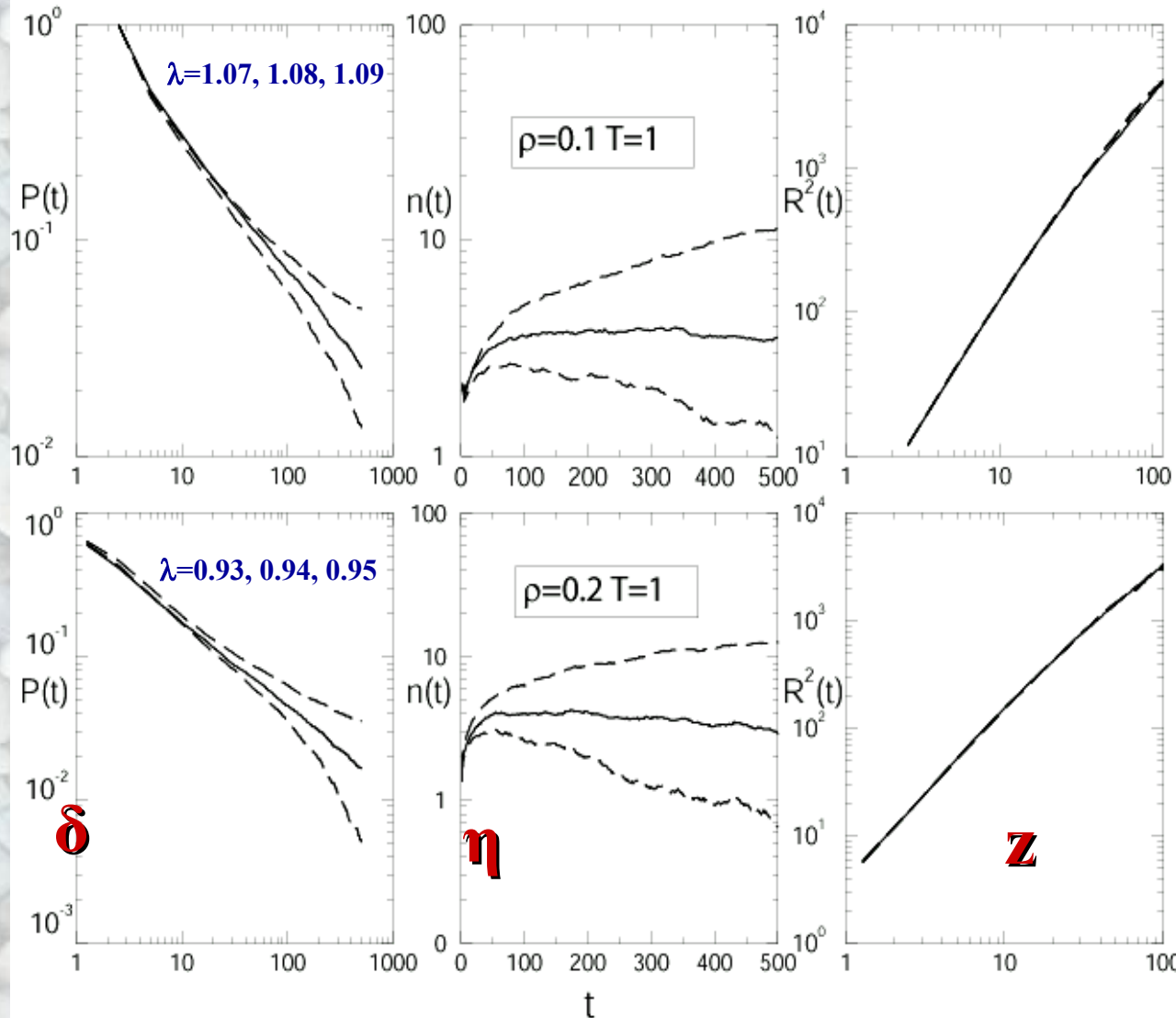
# Critical exponent $\beta$



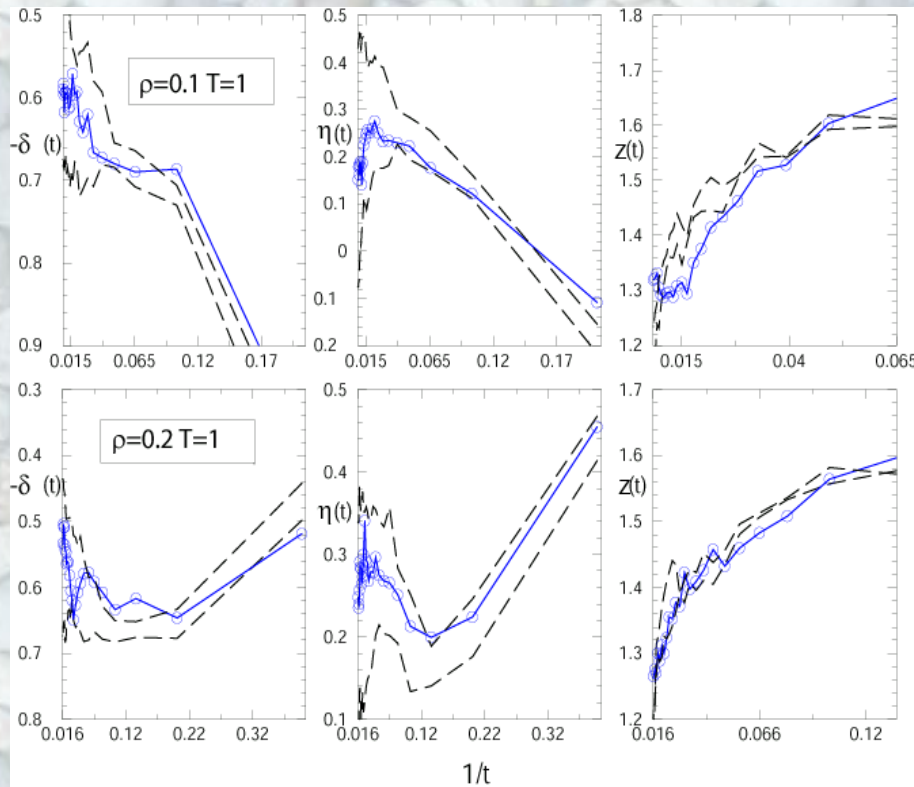
# Other critical properties

$P(t)$  = probability  
that infection stays

$\langle n(t) \rangle$  = average number  
of infected agents



# Critical exponents



$$\delta_t = \frac{\log[P(t)/P(t/\Delta)]}{\log \Delta}$$

$$P(t) \propto t^{-\delta} \left(1 + \frac{a}{t} + \frac{b}{t^{\delta'}} + \dots\right)$$

$$\delta_t \propto \delta + \frac{a}{t} + \frac{\delta' b}{t^{\delta'}} + \dots$$

★ *P. Grassberger, J. Phys. A., (1989) 3673-3679*

★ *J. Marro and R. Dickman, "Non-equilibrium Phase Transitions...", (1999) Cambridge University Press.*

# Critical exponents

|             | Mean Field | Moving Agents<br>$\rho=0.1$ | Moving Agents<br>$\rho=0.2$ | Contact Process 2D |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| $\lambda_c$ | 1          | 1.0(8)                      | 0.9(4)                      | 1.6488(1)          |
| $\beta$     | 1          | 0.9(2)                      | 0.7(7)                      | 0.583(4)           |
| $\delta$    | 1          | 0.5(9)                      | 0.5(3)                      | 0.4505(10)         |
| $\eta$      | 0          | 0.1(5)                      | 0.2(5)                      | 0.2295(10)         |
| $z$         | 1          | 1.3(0)                      | 1.2(7)                      | 1.1325(10)         |

**$4\delta+2\eta=dz$  holds.**



# Networks properties

## Labeling of Cluster sizes

Susceptible ○

RGB scale for  
cluster size



**density = 0.1  $T = 1, \lambda = 2$**

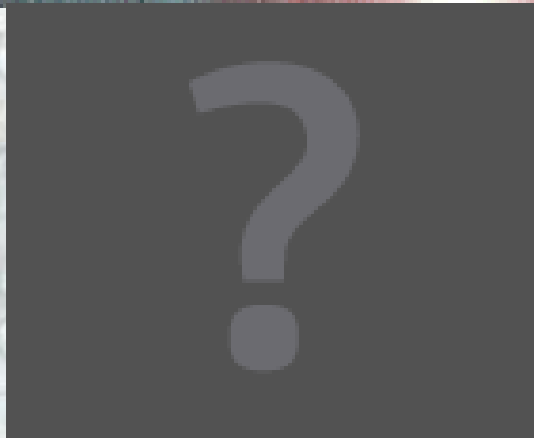


**density = 0.23  $T = 1, \lambda = 2$**

### *Rules for generating the network*

- ★ Each time one agent infects other a bond between the two is created.
- ★ The infection lasts ( $\Delta t_{inf}$  time steps), when one of the agents is recovered the bond disappears and the agent becomes susceptible to infection again.

# Cluster size distribution

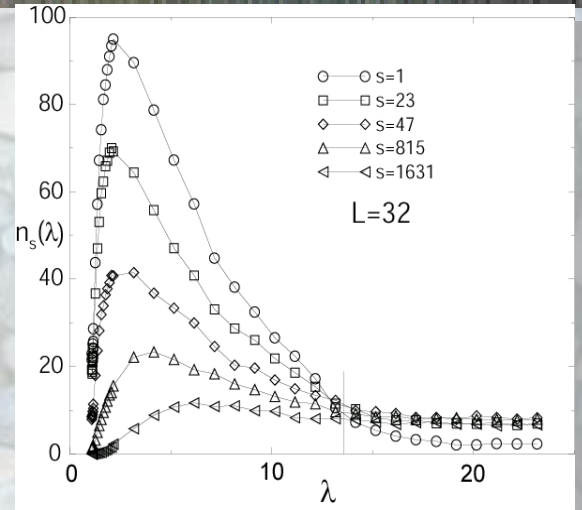


$N = 16, \rho = 0.1, \lambda = 10$

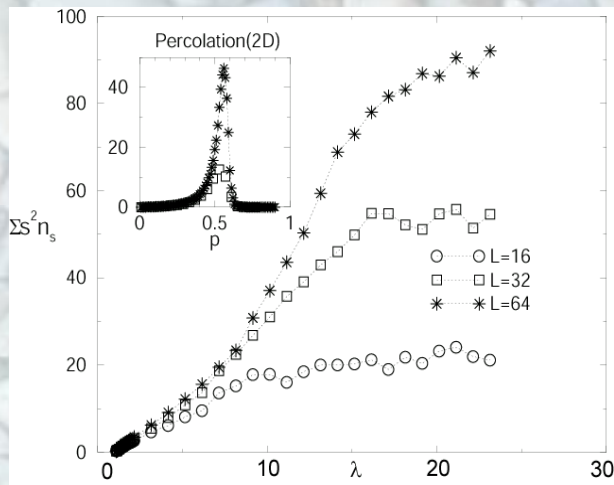
Second moment of the cluster size distribution

Susceptible  $\bigcirc$  Cluster numbers

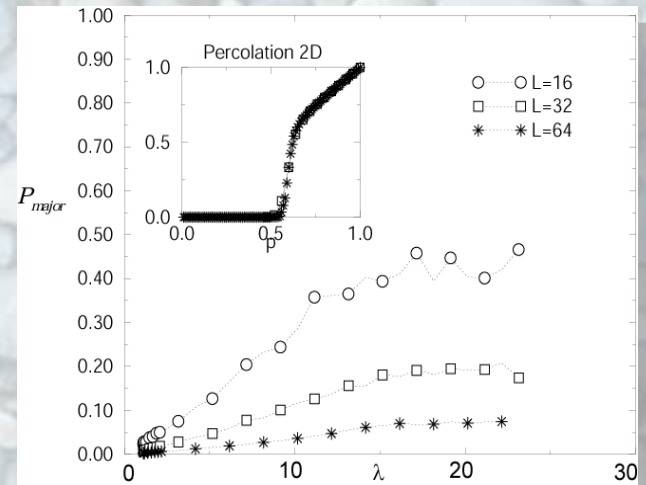
Clusters size same scaling as in percolation



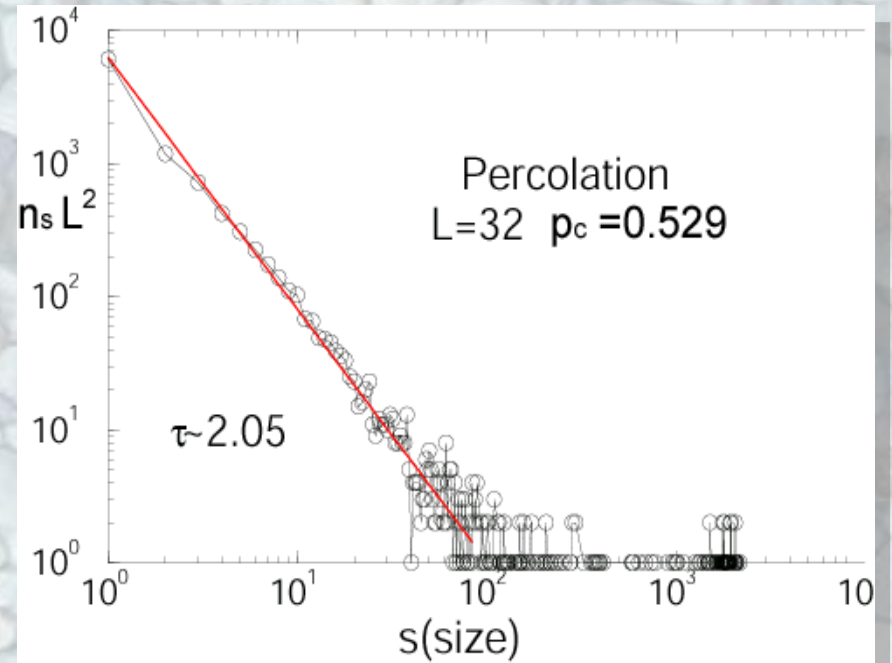
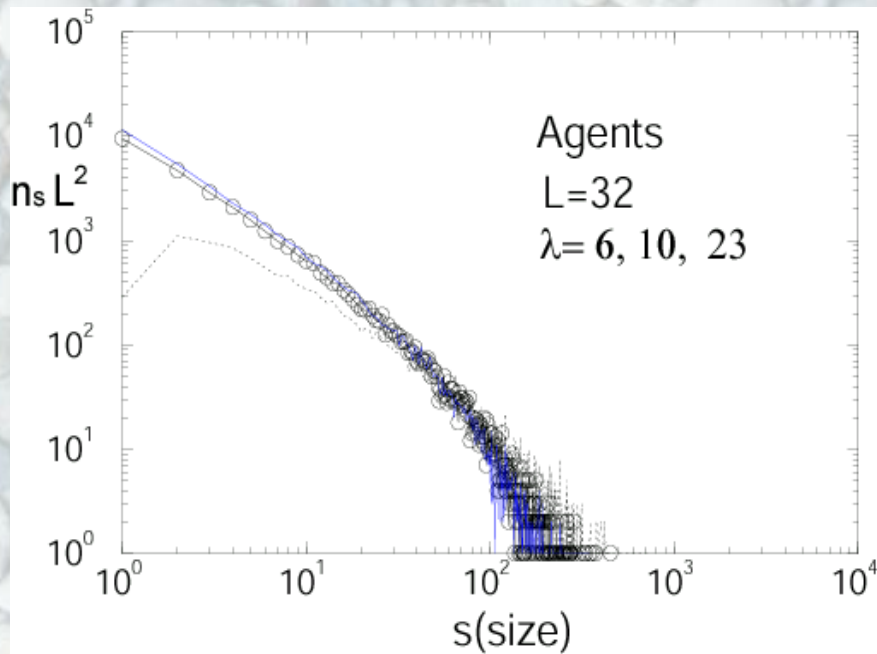
Probability that an agent belongs to the biggest cluster



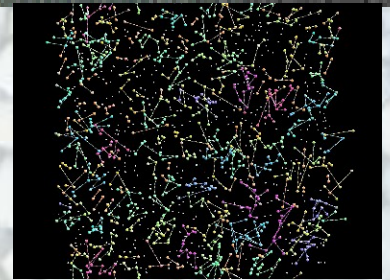
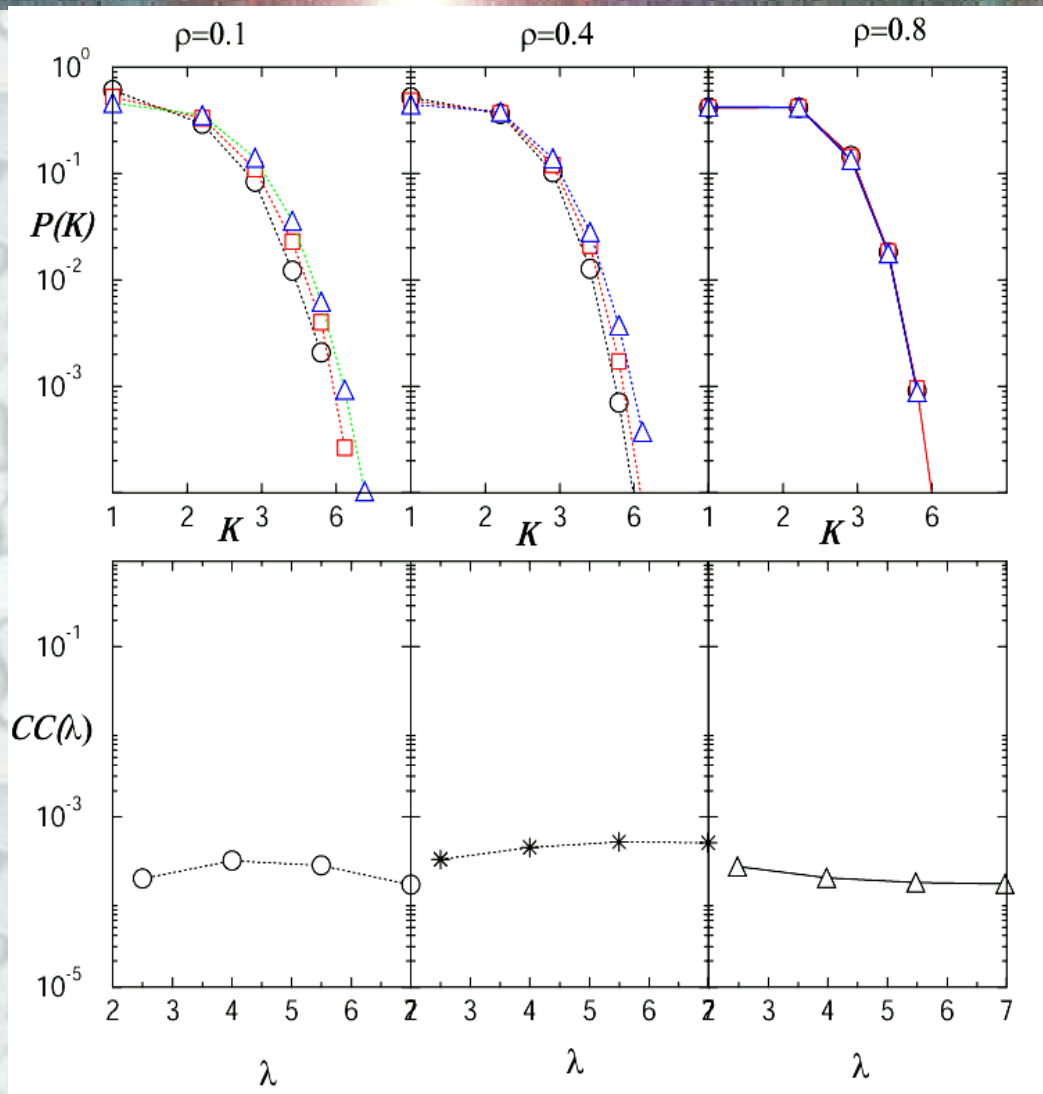
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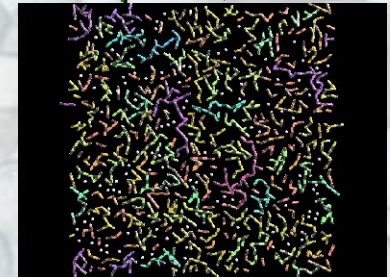
# Cluster numbers



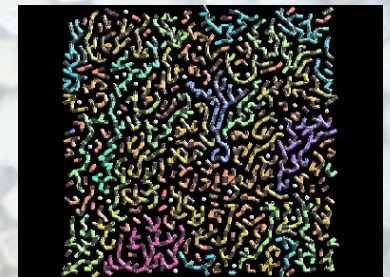
# Clustering coefficient and degree distribution



$\rho=0.1, \lambda=3$

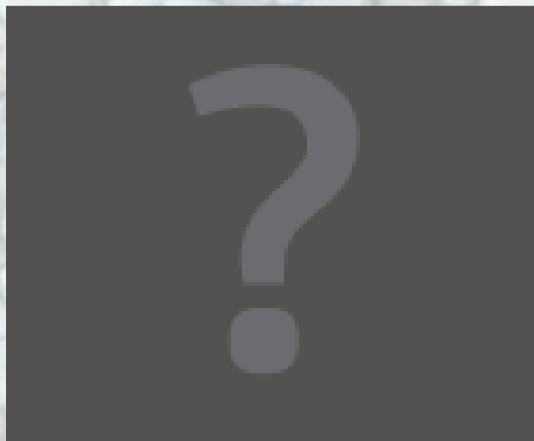


$\rho=0.4, \lambda=3$



$\rho=0.8, \lambda=3$

# Power-law distribution of infection time

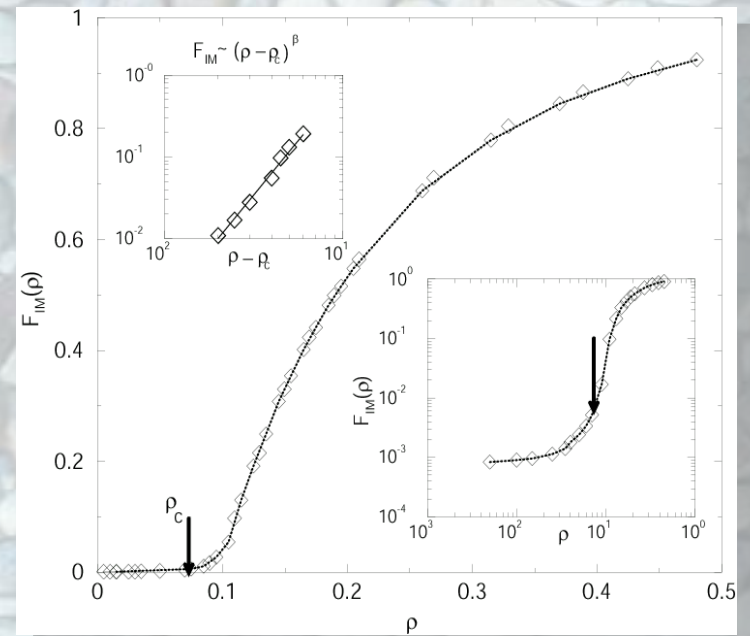


$$\rho = 0.1, \gamma = 2.4$$

Susceptible



Clusters size



$$P(\Delta t_{\text{inf}}) = (\gamma - 1) \Delta t_{\text{inf}}^{-\gamma} \quad 2 < \gamma \leq 3 \quad \Delta t_{\text{inf}} > 1$$

$$\lambda_c \equiv \frac{\langle t_{\text{inf}} \rangle}{\tau_{\text{coll}}} = \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma - 2} \rho 2r_o \sqrt{\frac{\pi T k_B}{m}} > 1$$

$$\rho_c|_{\text{calc}} = 0.00718$$

$$\rho_c|_{\text{num}} = 0.006(5)$$

$$\beta = 2.6(5)$$

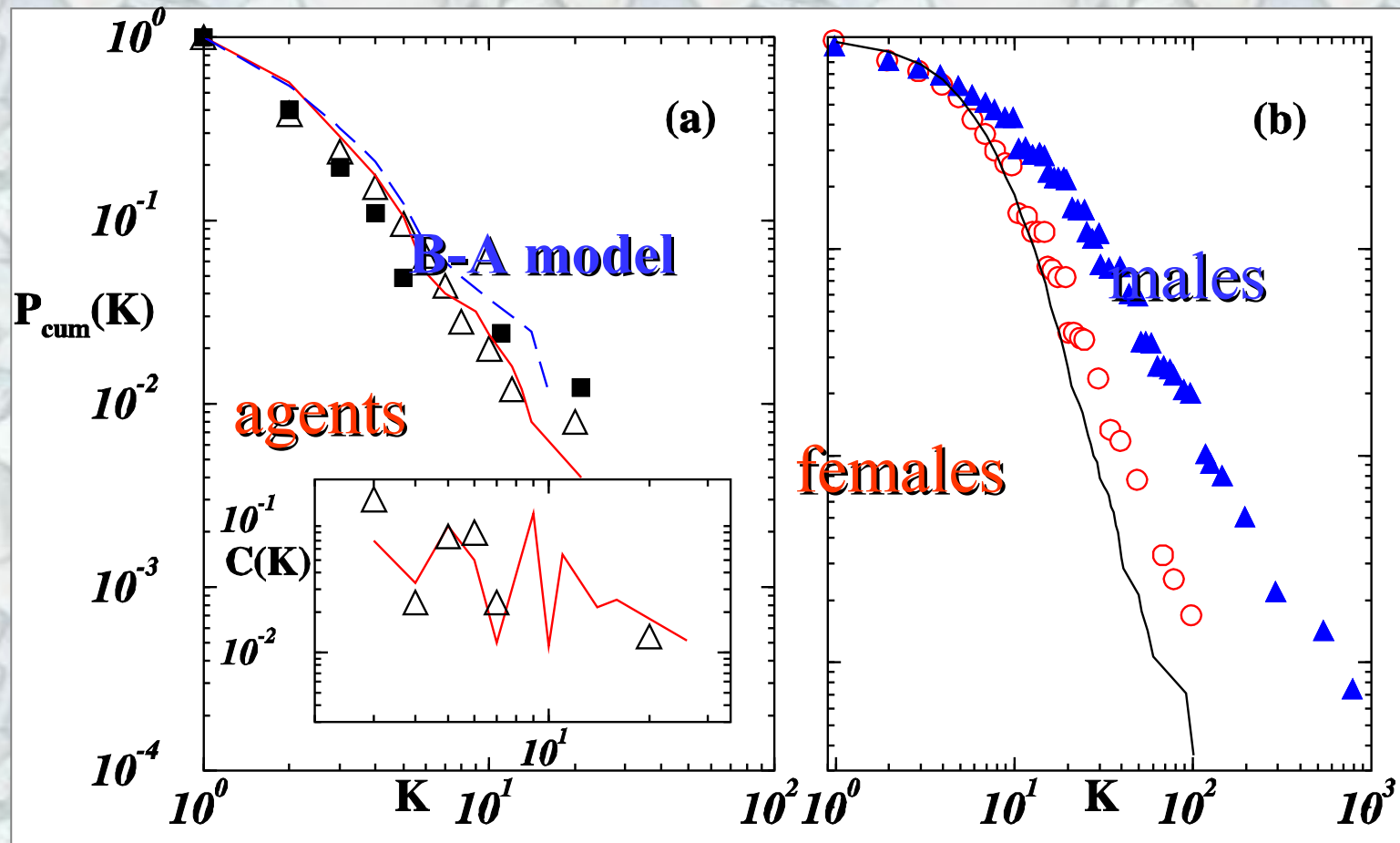
# Conclusions on epidemics

- ✓ **Novel effects are observed studying the SIS model of infection on a system of moving agents. A continuous range of critical exponents is found as a function of the density number of agents.**
- ✓ **Geometrical properties like the degree distribution and the clustering coefficient of the network of infected agents depend on the rate of infection and not on the density of agents. The distribution of cluster sizes is not a power law at the transition to spreading.**
- ✓ **Introducing a power law distribution of infection times the epidemic threshold becomes zero, but there is still a critical rate of infection that depends on the exponents of the distribution and the mean interaction time among the agents .**

# Sexual contact networks

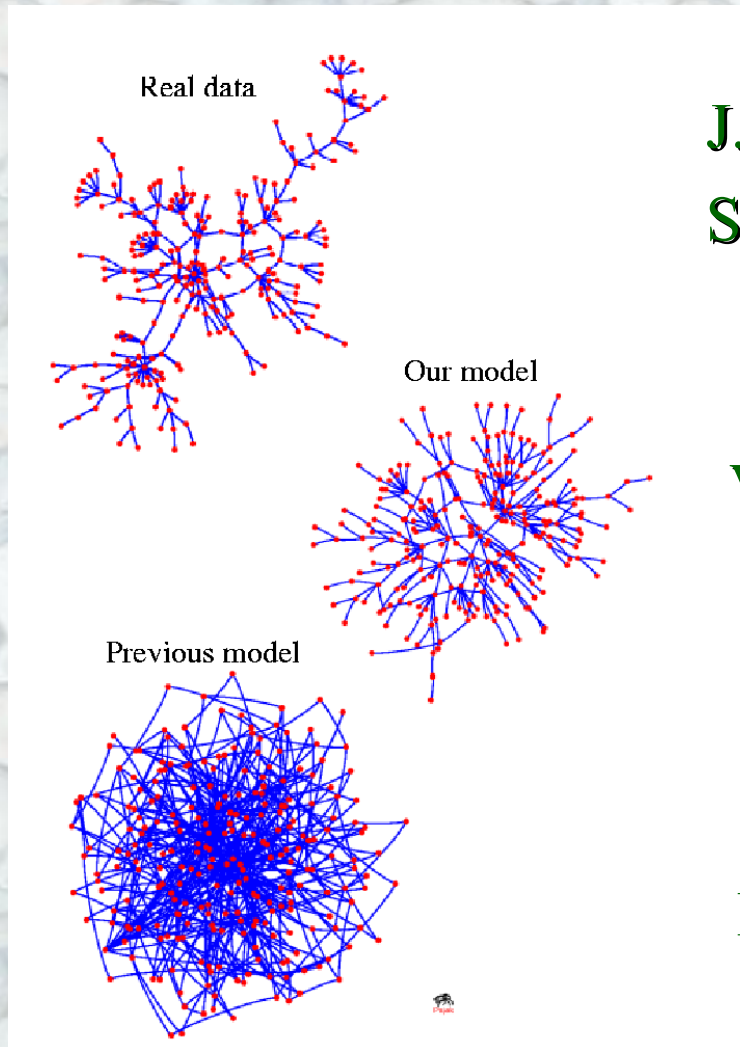
homosexual (Colorado Springs)

heterosexual (Sweden)



F. Liljeros et al, Nature 411, 907 (2001)

# Comparison with real data



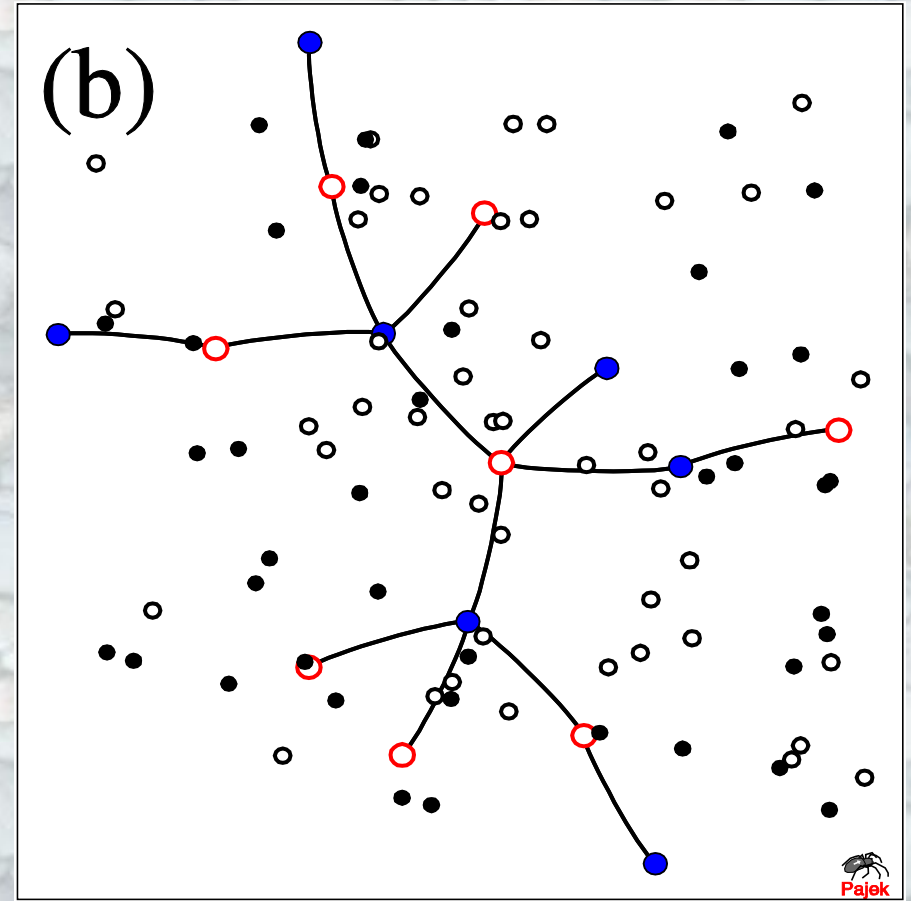
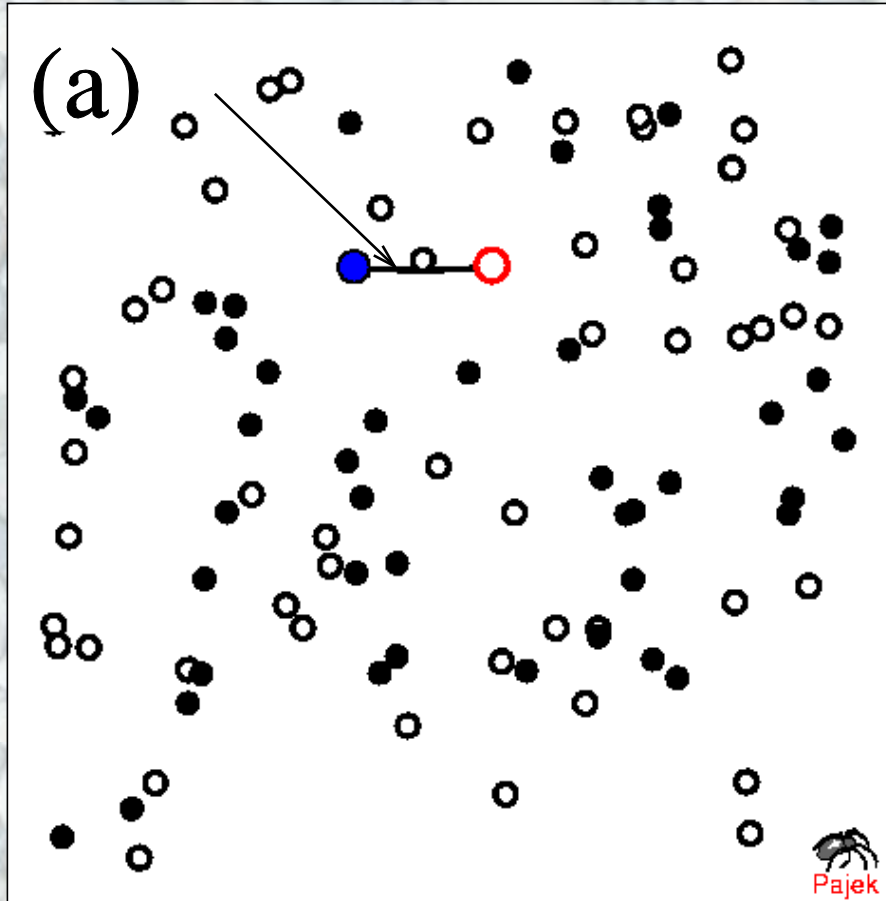
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*Sex. Transm. Infect.* **78**, 59 (2002)

**Velocity of agent proportional**

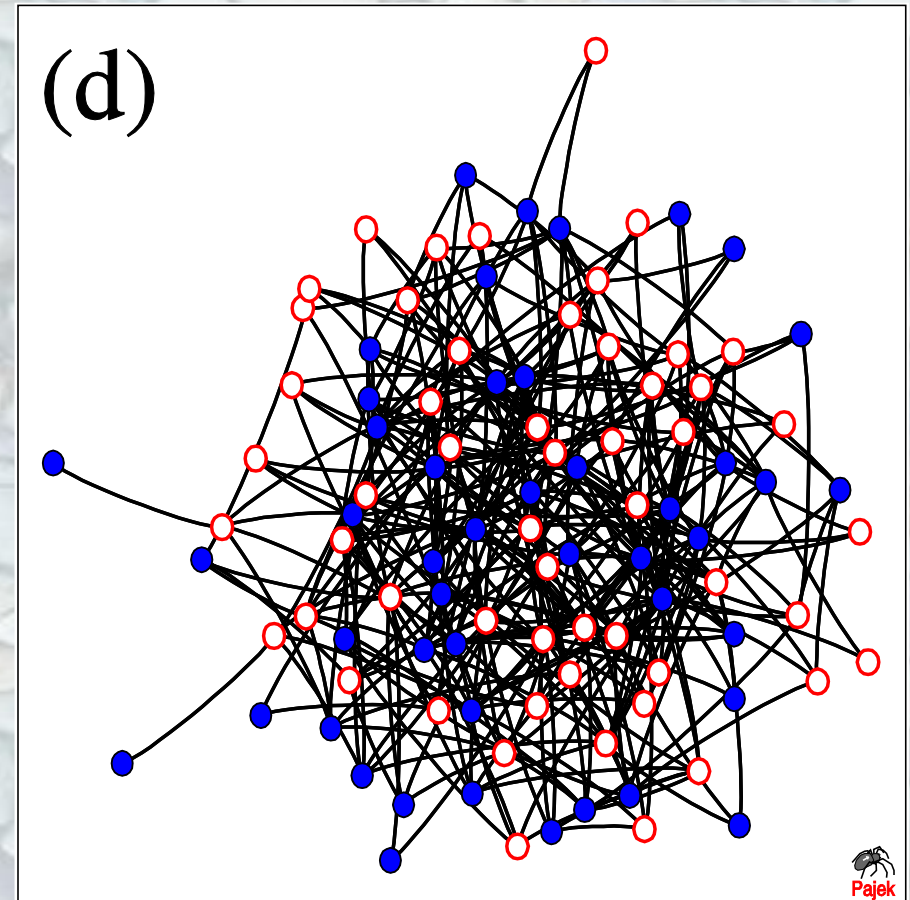
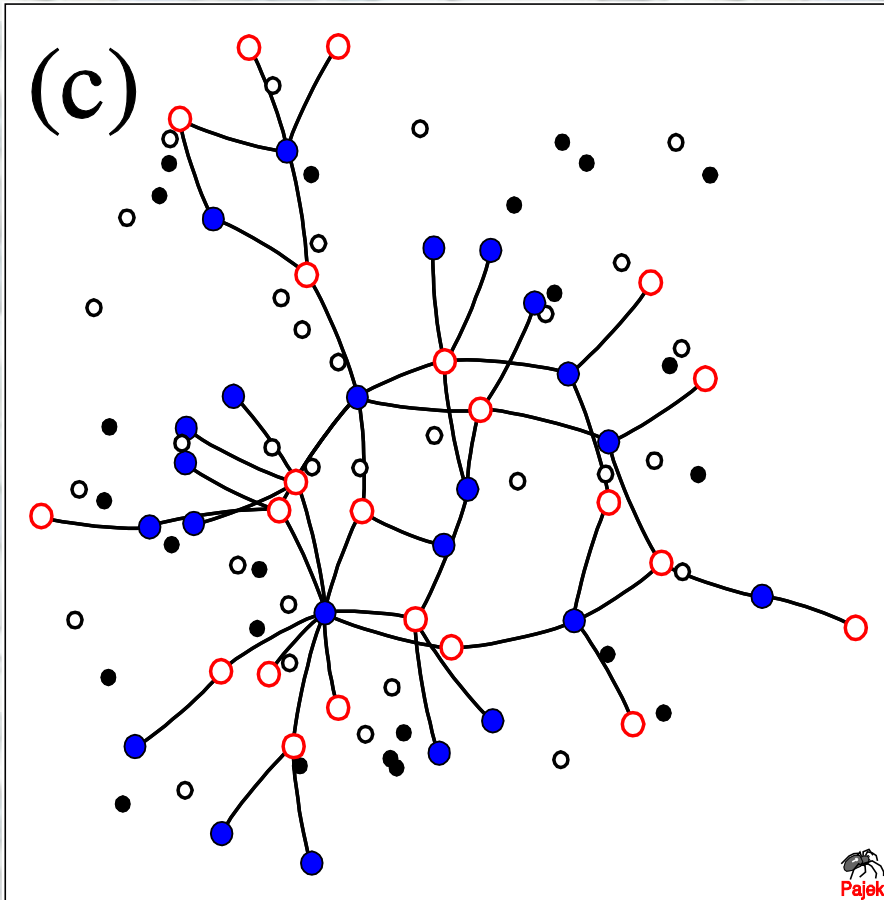
**Barabasi-Albert scale-free network**



# Bipartite growing network

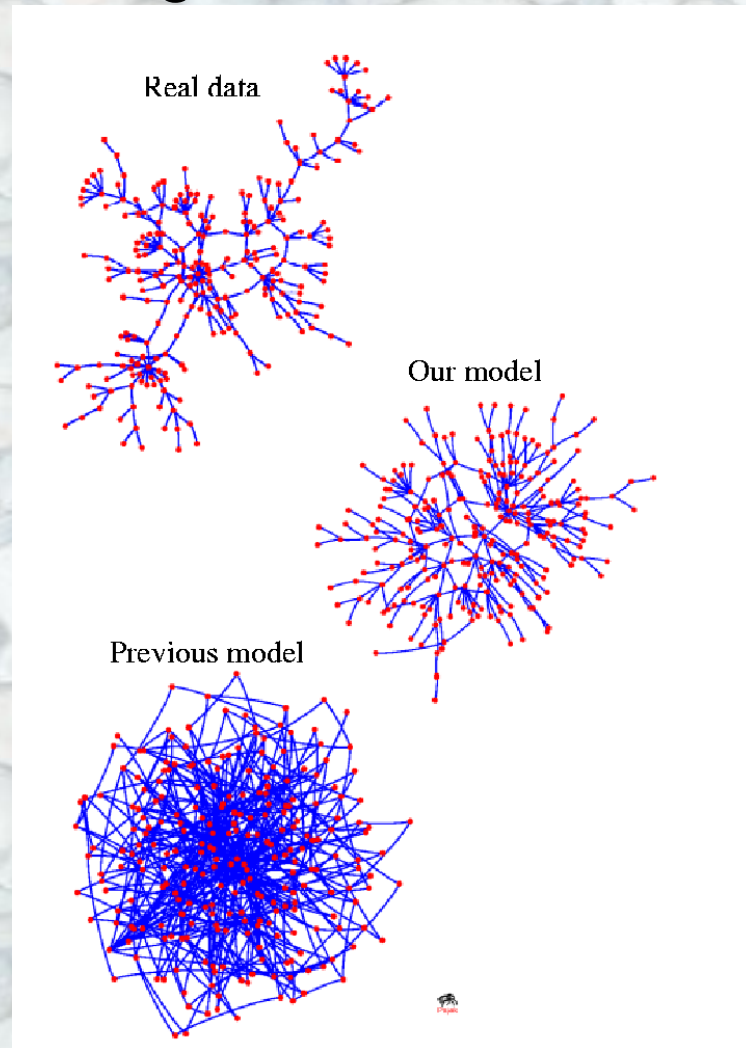


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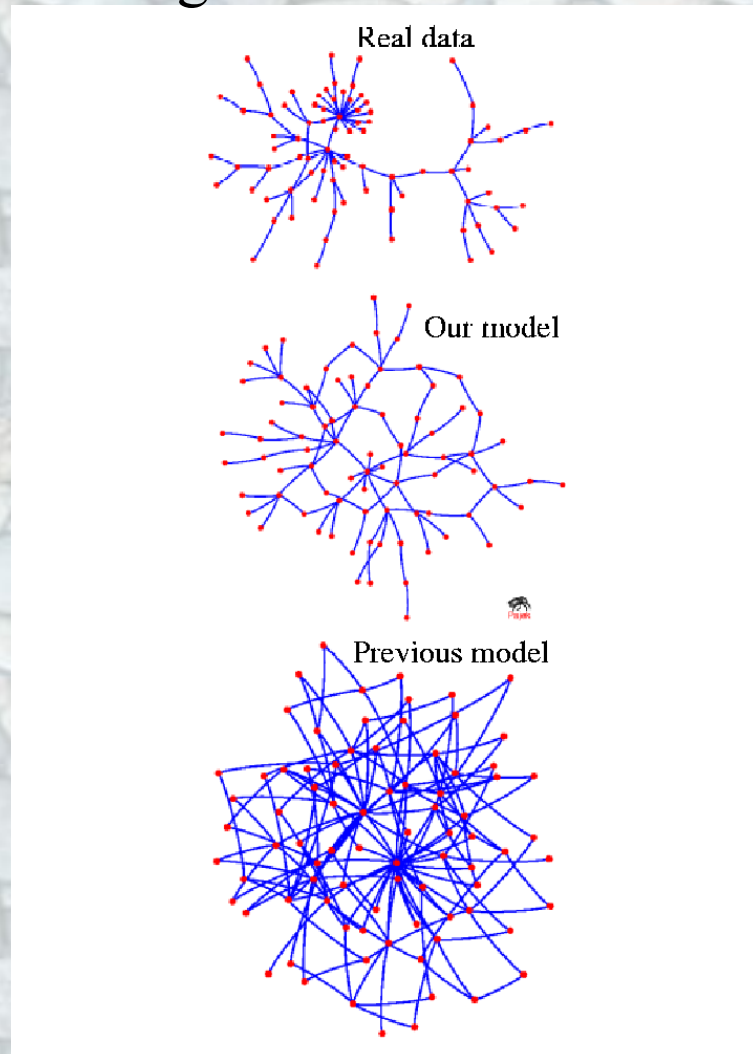


# Comparison with real data

homogeneous:

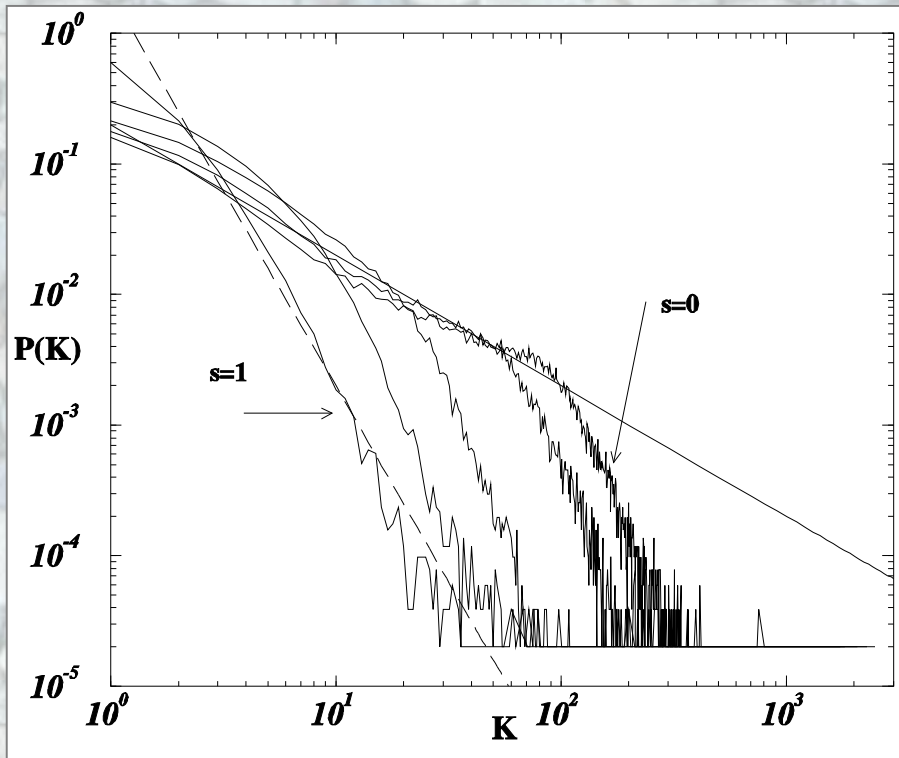


heterogeneous:

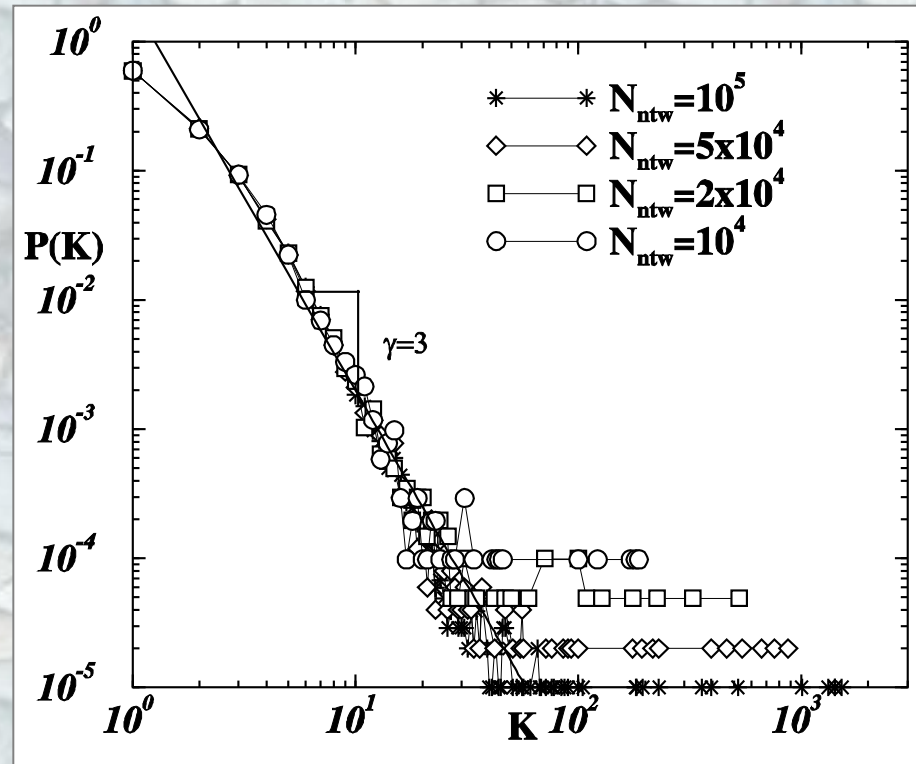


# Sexual contact networks

## Degree distribution



**Sexual contacts with  
any agent.**

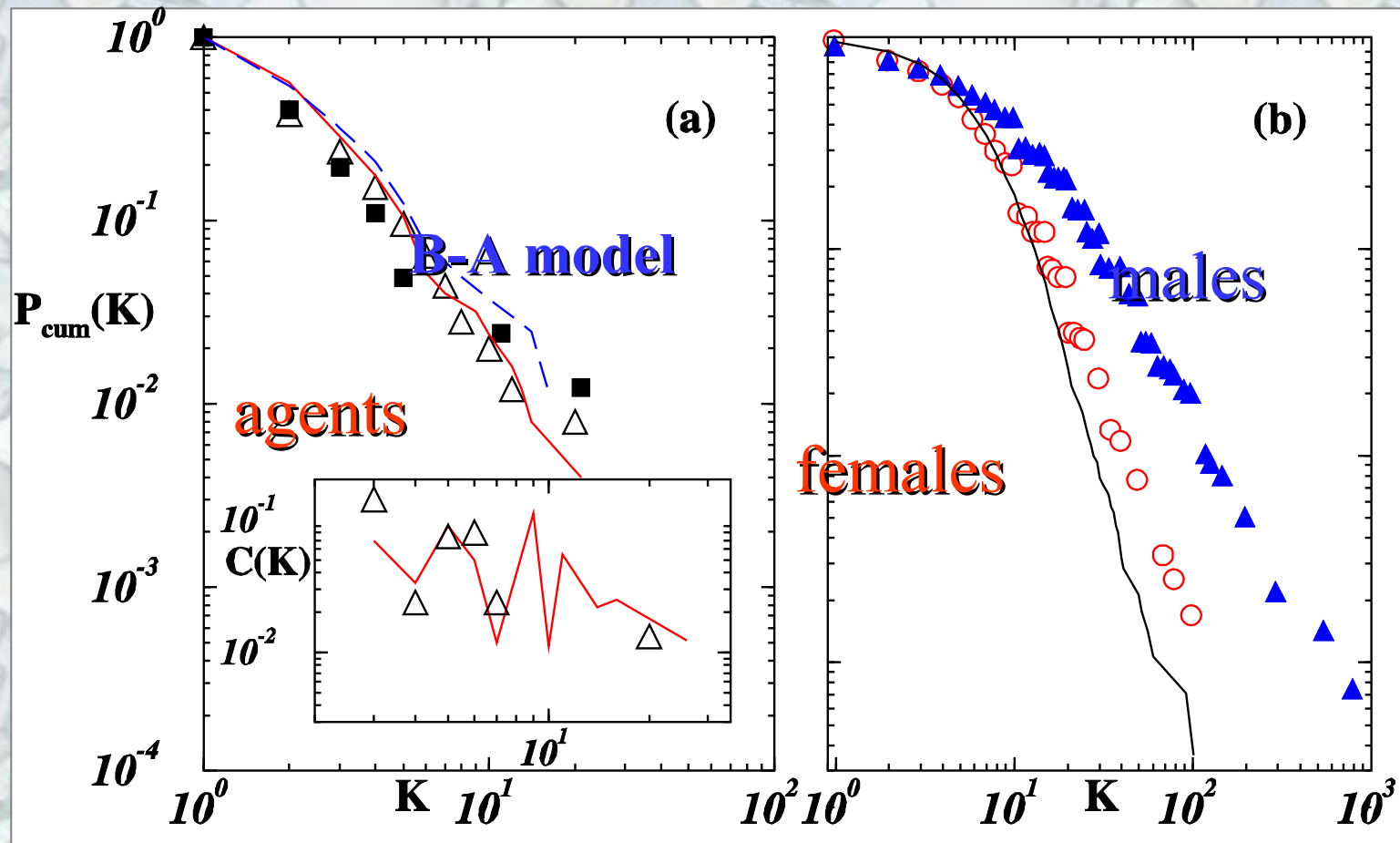


**Sexual contacts only with  
uninitiated agents.**

# Sexual contact networks

homosexual (Colorado Springs)

heterosexual (Sweden)

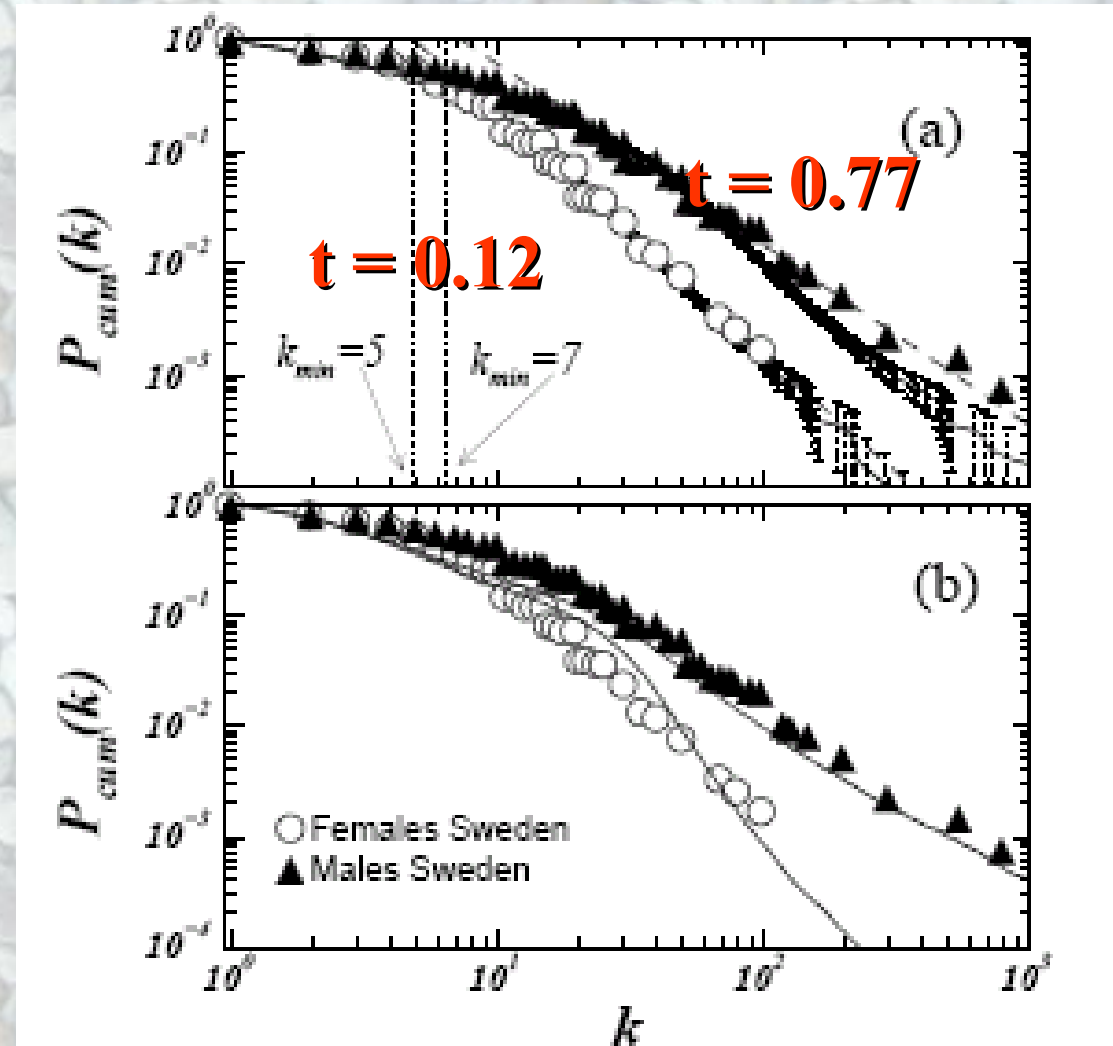


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# Sexual contact networks

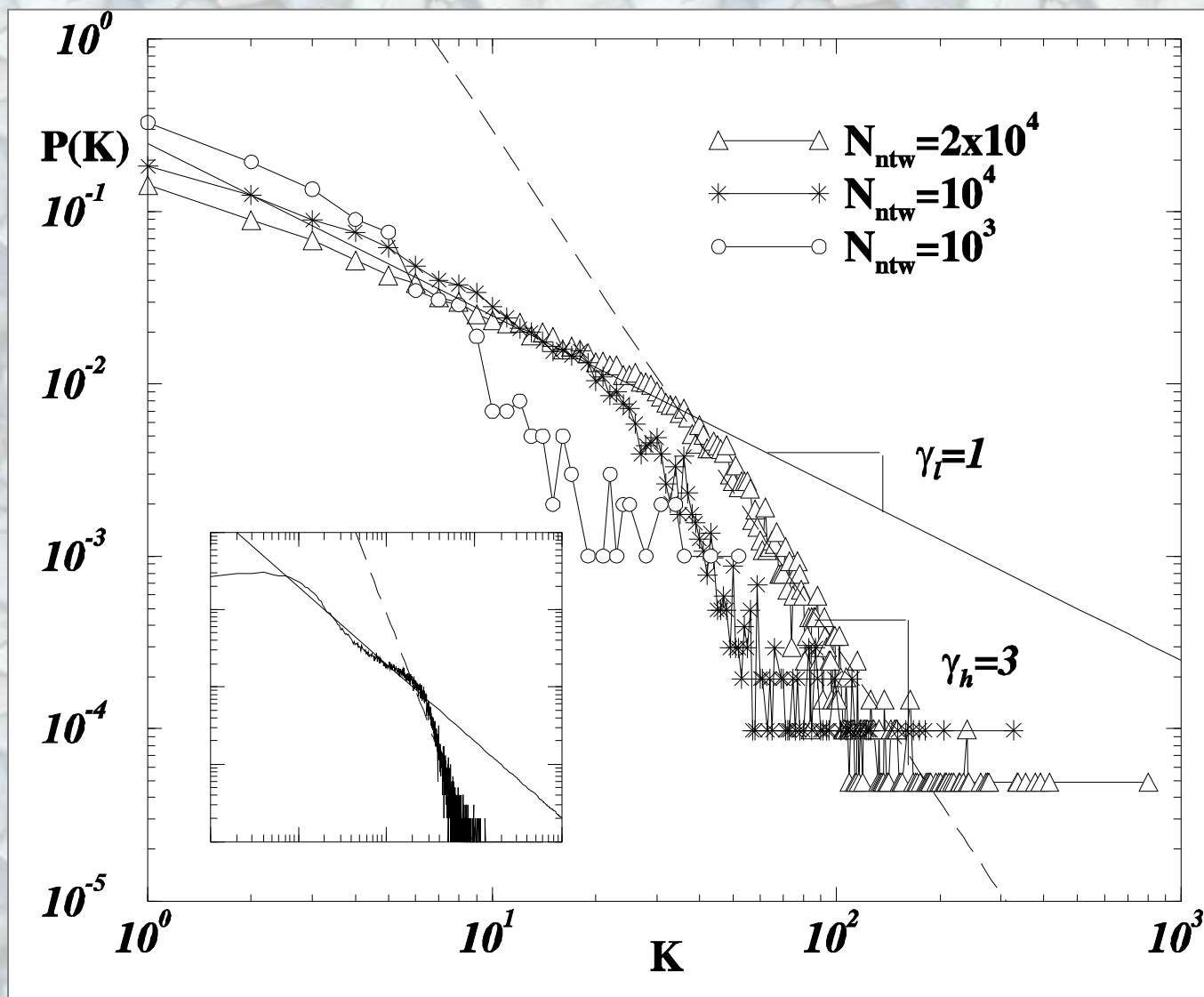
heterosexual

**58% females**  
**42% males**



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# Sexual contact networks



# Another friendship model

- **Goal**
  - **friendship network model (spatially independent) for a fixed setting (e.g. enrolling at a university)**
  - **reproduce experimentally measurable quantities**
  - **natural emergence of community structures**

Herman Singer, ETH



# Properties of the agent

- **agent properties**

- **affinity**  $a_i \in [0,1]$
- **list of past contacts, length**  $n_i$
- **maximal acquaintance parameter**  $\lambda_i$
- **absolute importance**

$$\Pi_i = \frac{k_i}{\sum_{j=1}^N k_j}$$

- **relative importance**

$$p_{ij} = \frac{f_{ij}}{\sum_{k=1}^{n_i} f_{ik}}$$

- **behavior**

- **agent can choose between meeting new contacts and meeting again already established contacts**
- **similar to aging but important difference:**

- **agent can accept new contacts throughout the simulations**
- **at the expense of dropping old ones**

- **every agent optimizes its interest**
- **local, self organized community structure emerges**

# Friendship in formulas

- friendship is written as the weighted sum of the contributions
  - number of times  $n_{ij}$
  - interest/affinity  $a_i, a_j$

$$f_{ij} = \gamma f_1(|a_j - a_i|) + (1 - \gamma) f_2(n_{ij})$$

- with  $\gamma > 0.8$

friendship functions:

- affinity  $f_1$

$$f_1(|a_j - a_i|) = \left(1 - |a_j - a_i|\right)^\kappa$$

- with  $\kappa \geq 2$ , here 2,3,5,10

- frequency  $f_2$

- exponential

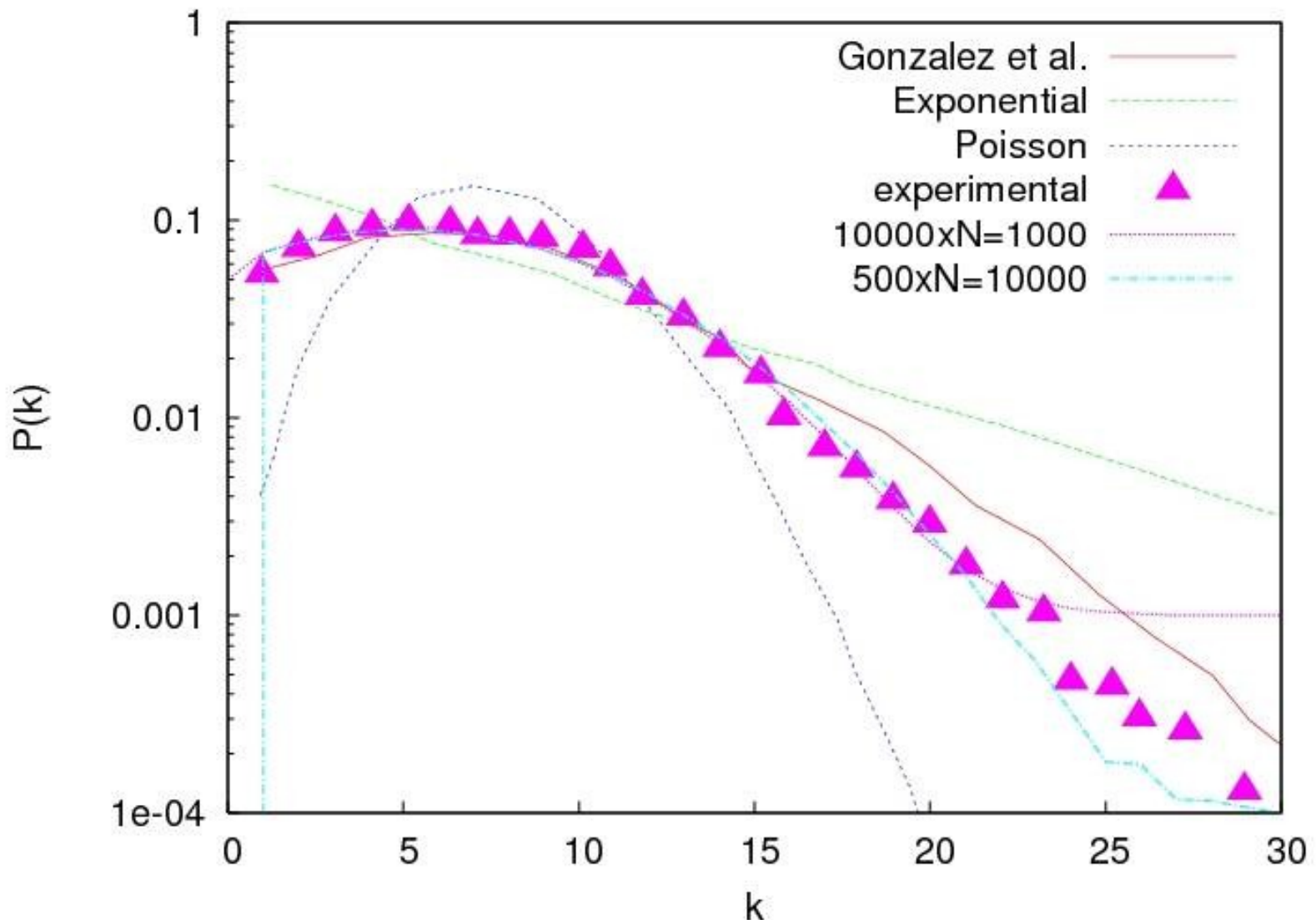
$$f_2(n_{ij}) = 1 - e^{-\lambda_f n_{ij}}$$

- with  $\lambda_f = 0.2 \leftrightarrow$  saturation on  $\sim 25$  contacts

# Algorithm

- **t=0: initialize N agents, no connections with parameters  $a_i, n_i=0, \lambda_i$**
- **t→t+1:**
  - **choose an agent randomly: i**
  - **decide on contact mode with probability  $p = 1 - e^{-\lambda_i n_i}$** 
    - **select an agent from pool with probability  $\Pi_j$** 
      - **add to contact list**
    - **otherwise select an agent in contact list with probability  $p_{ij}$**
- **prevent social isolation and take into account random encounters:**
  - **introduce threshold  $p \geq \theta_p$**

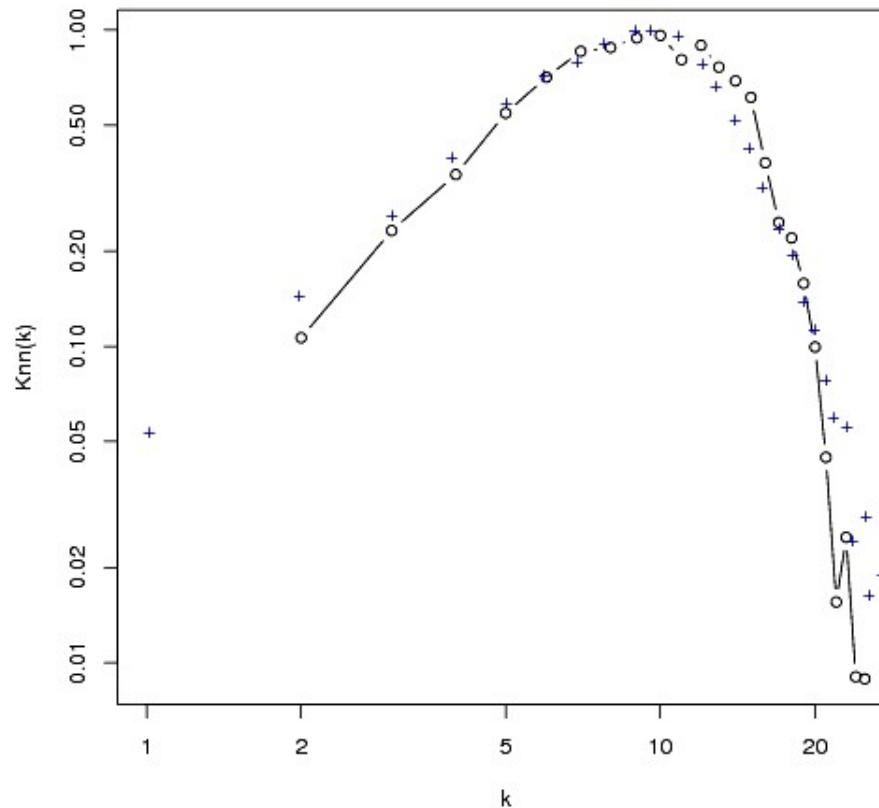
# Degree distribution



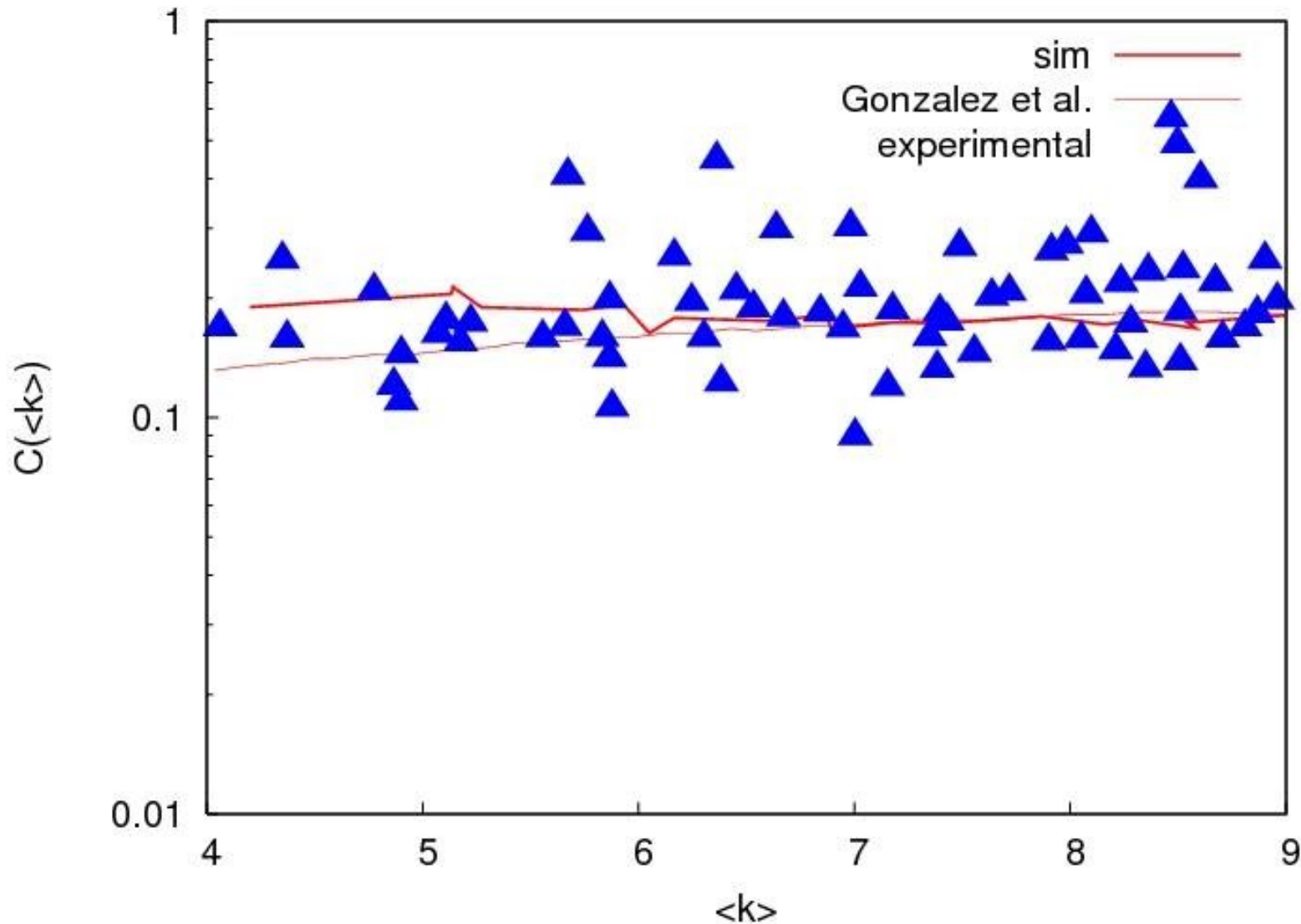
# Degree correlation

- $P(k|k')$ : probability at a node with  $k$  to find a neighbor with  $k'$

$$\rightarrow K_{nn}(k) = \sum_{k'=1}^N P(k|k')k'$$

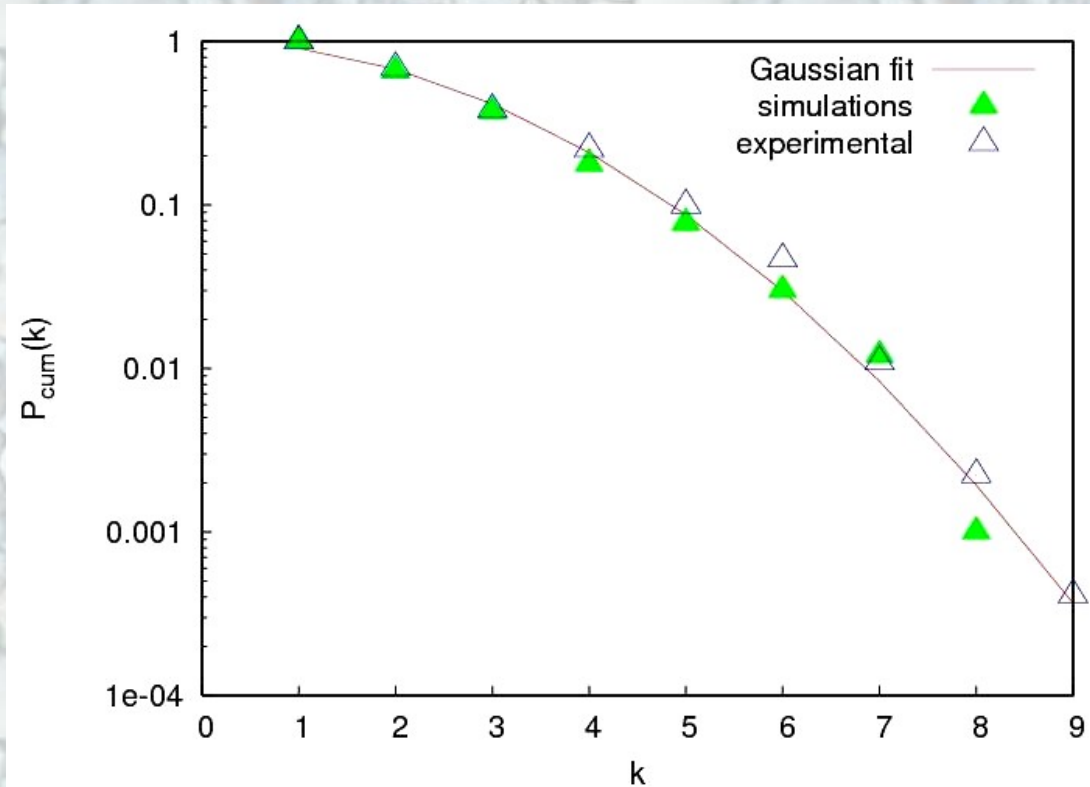


# Clustering coefficient



# Friendship distribution

- **Experimental results**
  - 417 high school students
  - "who are your best friends?"
  - probability that a person is mentioned  $n$  times



# Conclusion

- **Social relation is difficult to quantify.**
- **Many simplified models are possible.**
- **Parameters can be tuned to agree with some data.**
- **One can find general conclusions.**
- **But does anybody believe these generalities?**
- **Does anybody care about this research?**
- **Do we need socio-physics?**
- **What does one learn from modeling?**