

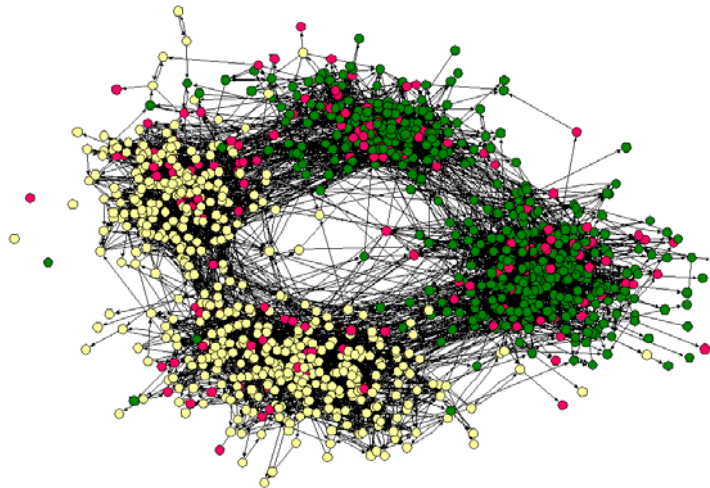
# Uncovering the overlapping modular structure of complex networks

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## Why modules (densely interconnected parts)?

The internal organization of large networks is responsible for their function.

Complex systems/networks are typically *hierarchical*.

The units organize (become more closely connected) into groups which can themselves be regarded as units on a higher level.

We call these densely interconnected groups of nodes as modules/communities/cohesive groups/clusters etc. They are the “building blocks” of the complex networks on many scales.

For example:

Person->group->department->division->company->industrial sector

Letter->word->sentence->paragraph->section->chapter->book

## Questions:

How can we recover the hierarchy of overlapping groups/modules/communities in the network if only a (very long) list of links between pairs of units is given?

What are their main characteristics?

## Outline

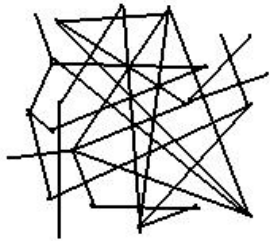
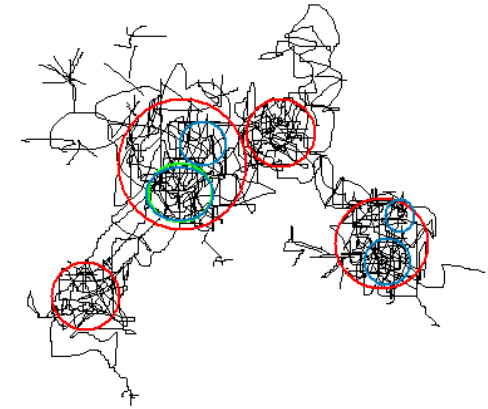
- Basic facts and principles
- Community finding *versus*  $k$ -clique percolation
- Results for protein interaction, word association, phone calls, school friendship and collaboration networks

## Basic observations:

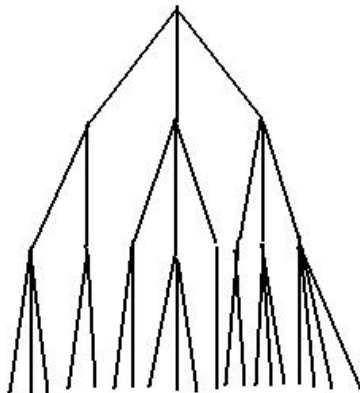
A large complex network is bounded to be highly structured (has modules; function follows from structure)

The internal organization is typically hierarchical (i.e., displays some sort of self-similarity of the structure)

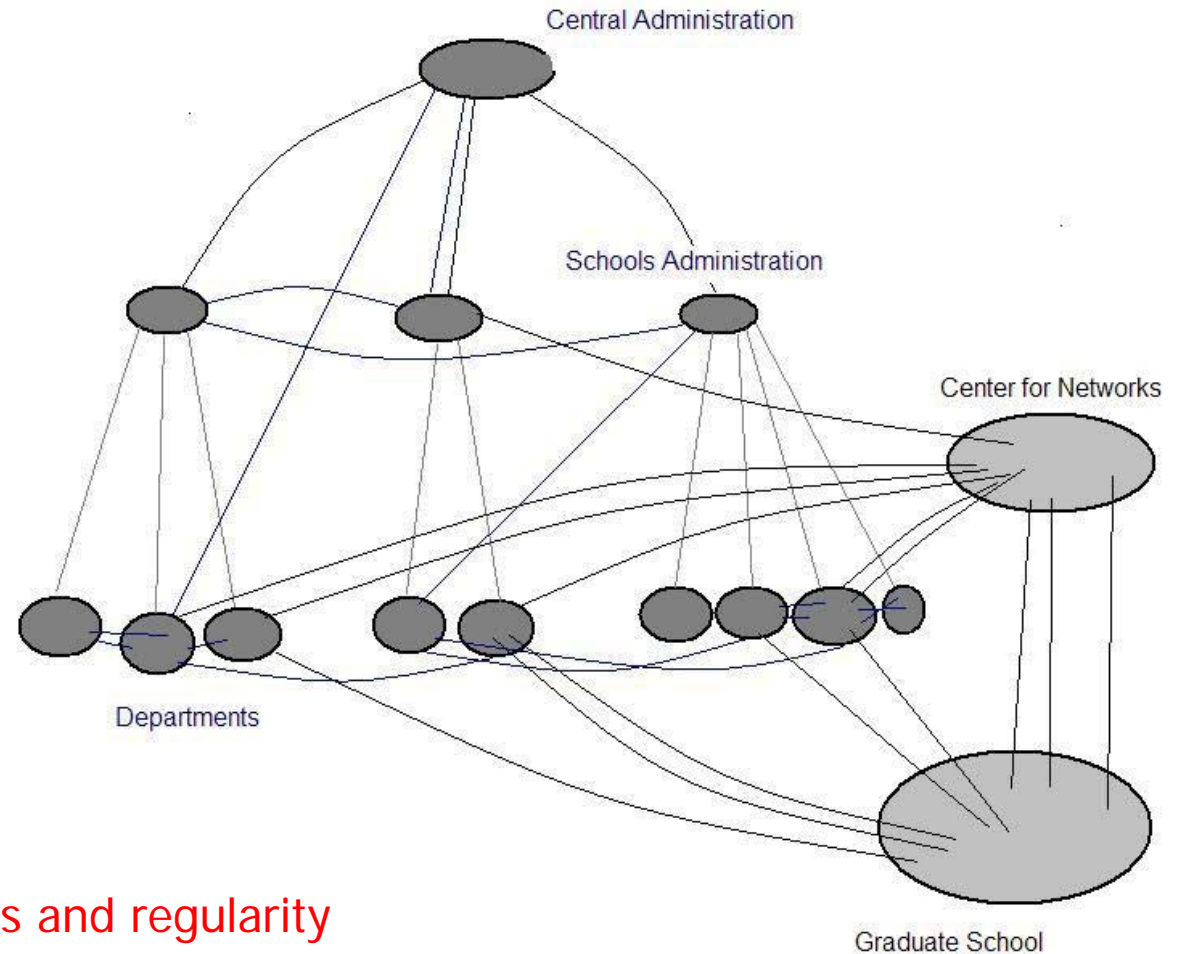
An important new aspect: Overlaps of modules are essential



"mess", no function

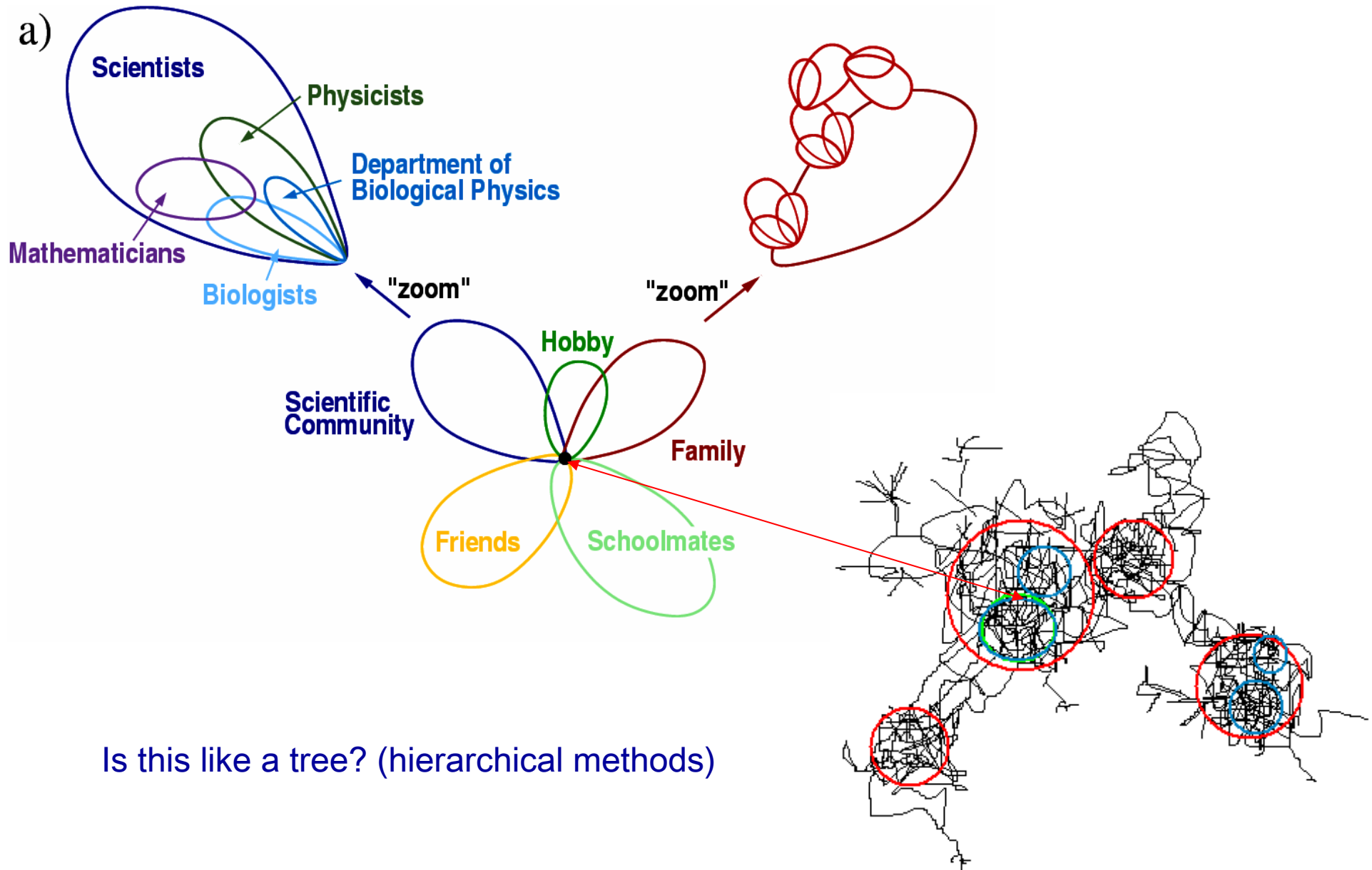


Too constrained, limited function



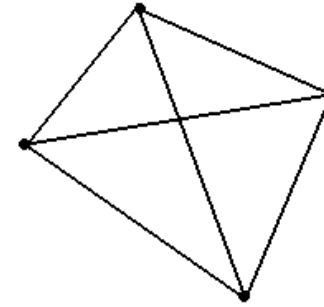
Complexity is between randomness and regularity

# Role of overlaps

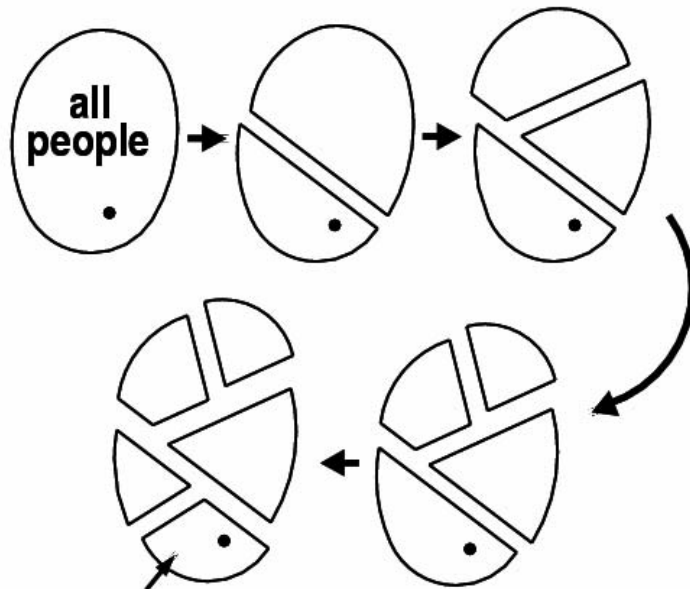


# Finding communities

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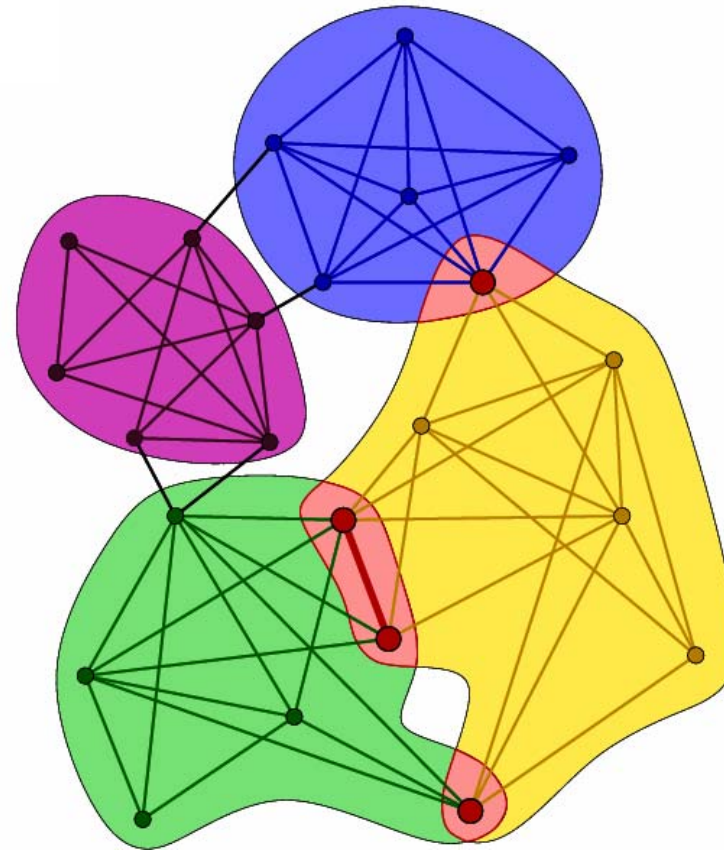


Hierarchical methods



Includes colleagues, friends, schoolmates, family members, etc.

$k$ -clique template rolling

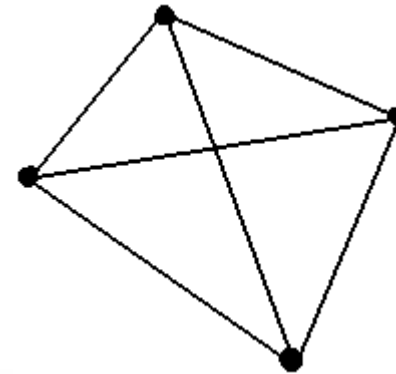


Two nodes belong to the same community if they can be connected through adjacent  $k$ -cliques

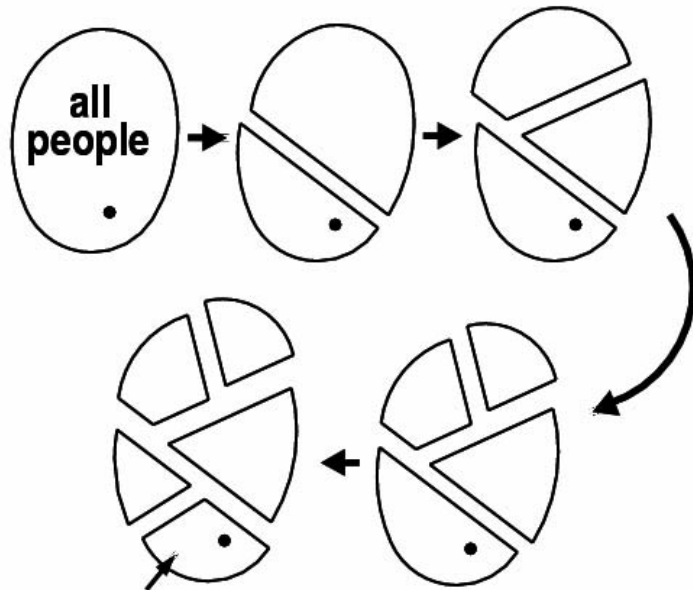


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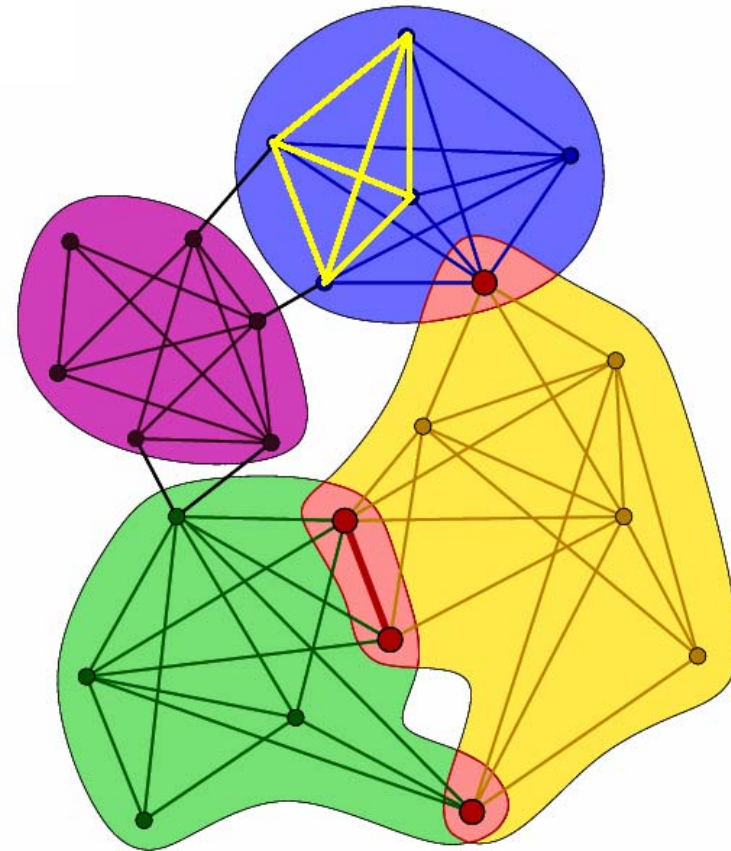


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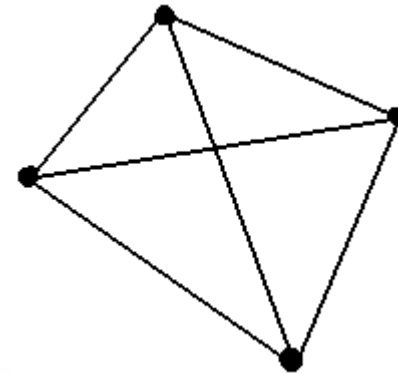
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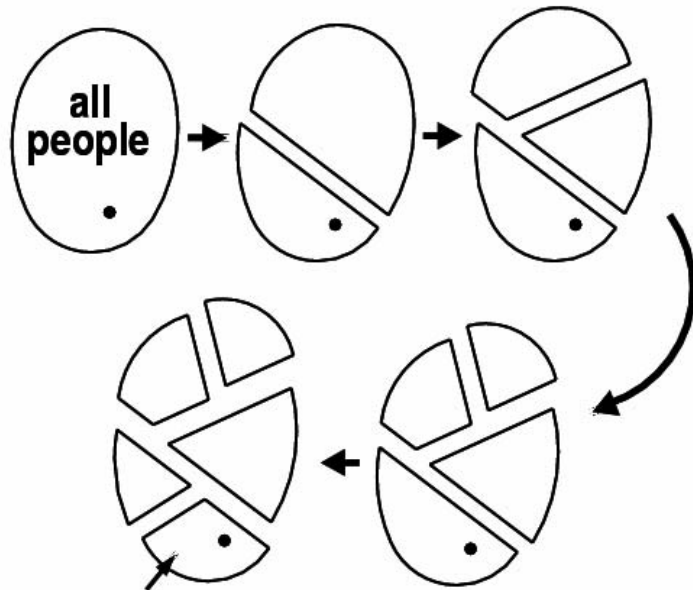
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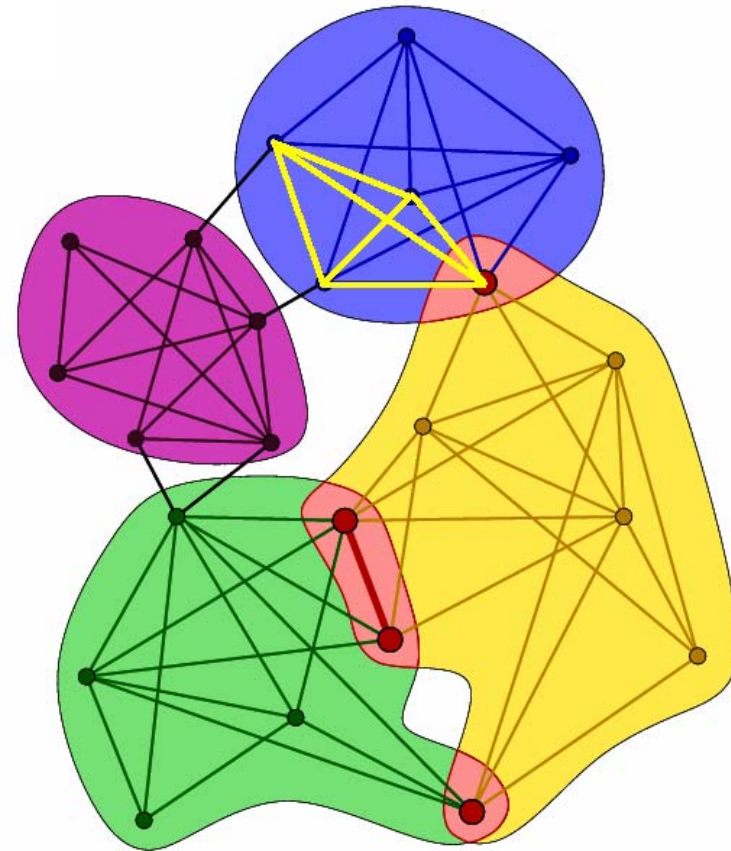


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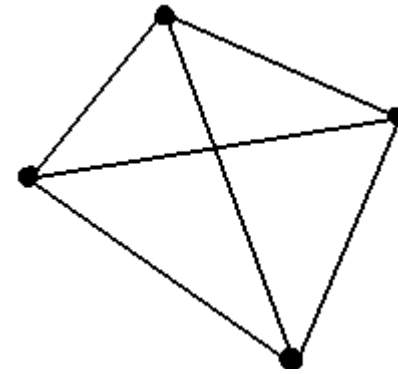


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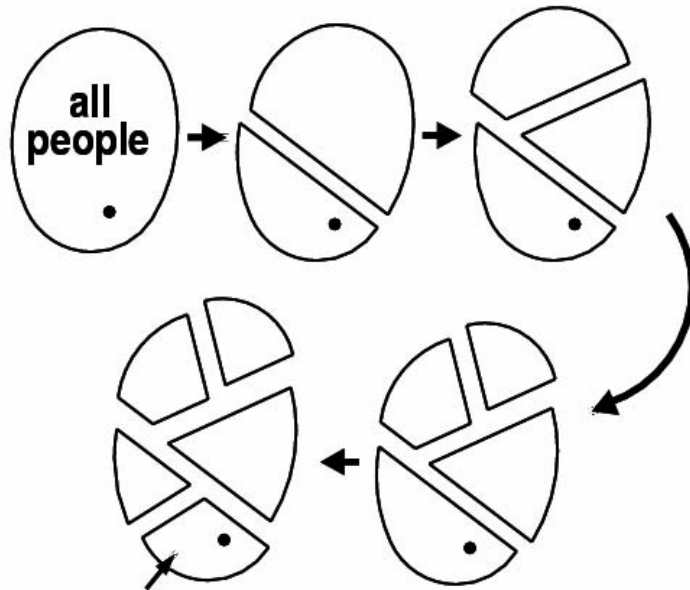


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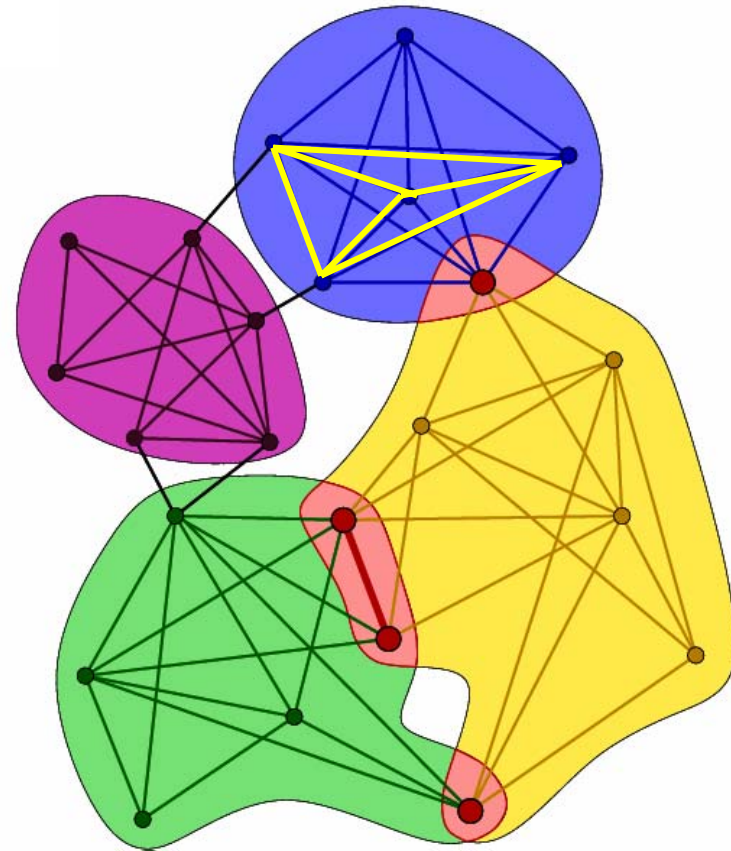


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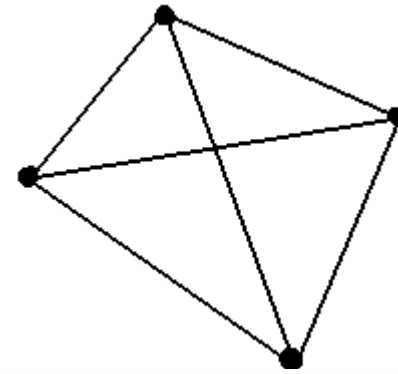
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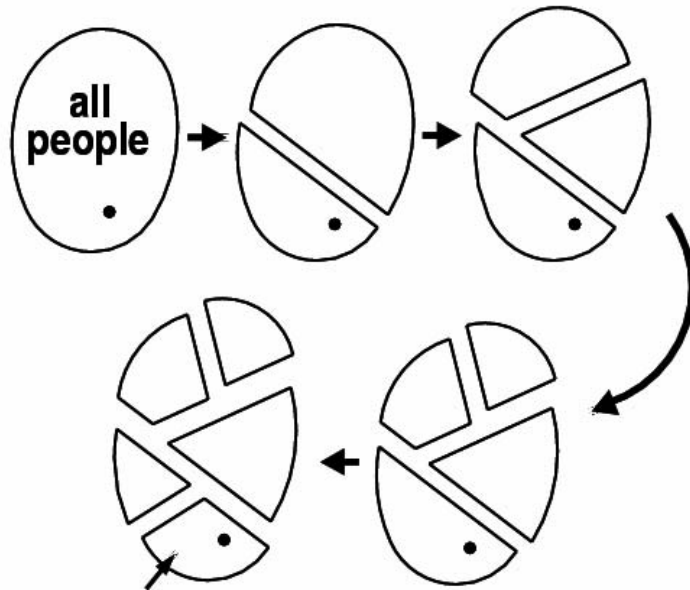
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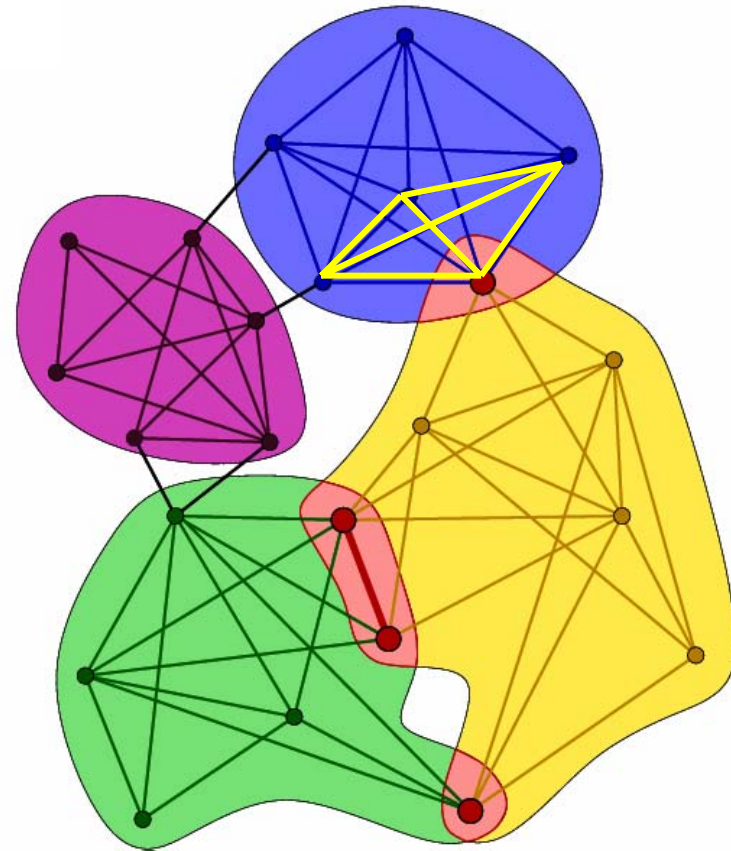


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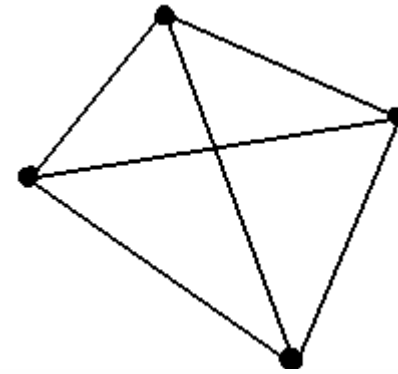
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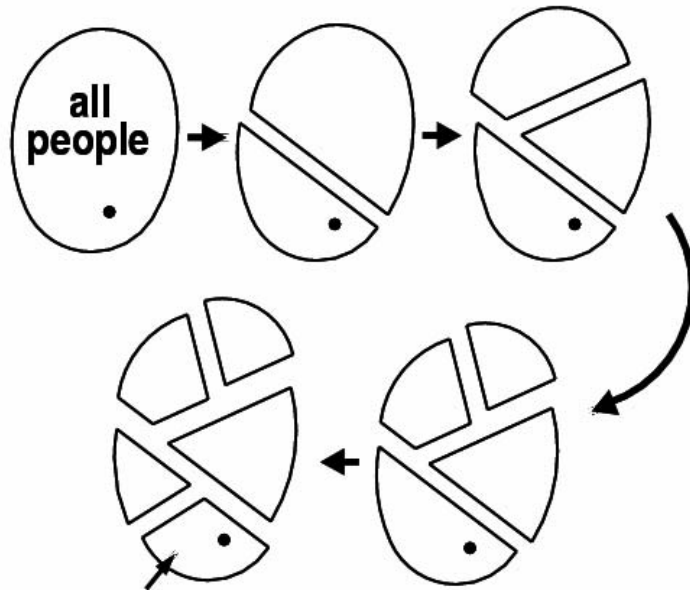
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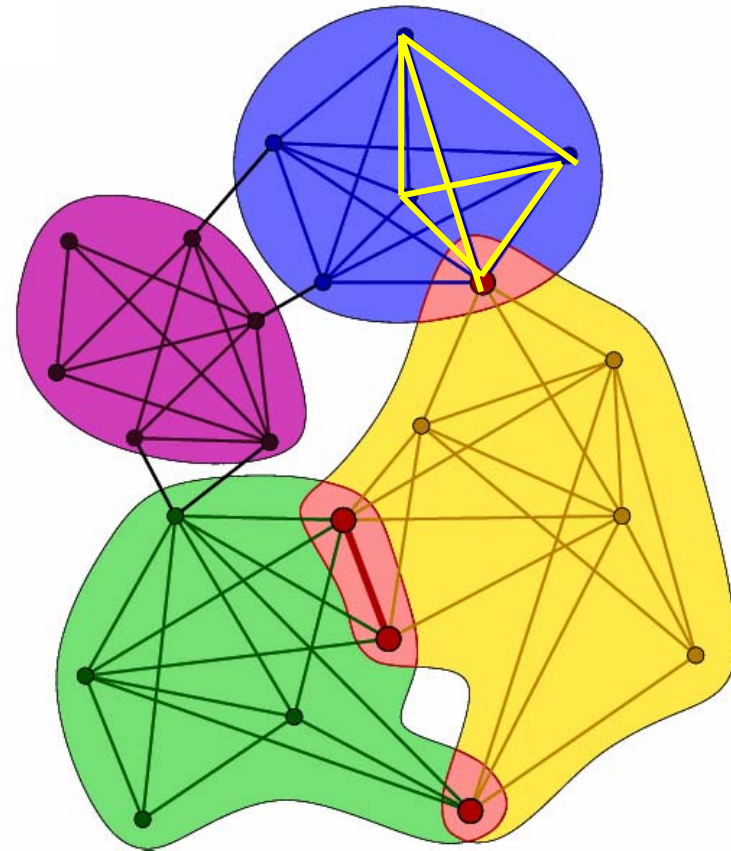


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## Hierarchical versus template rolling clustering

Common clustering methods lead to a partitioning in which someone (a node) can belong to a single community at a time only.

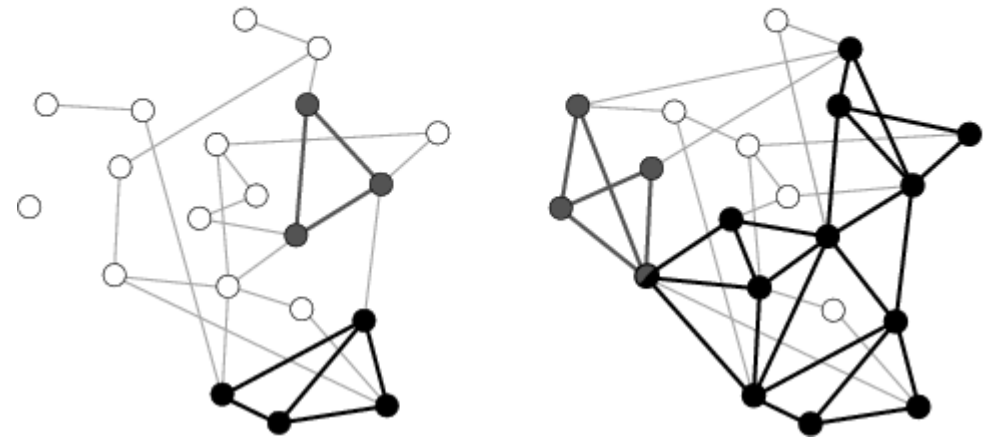
For example, I can be located as a member of the community “physicists”, but not, at the same time, be found as a member of my community “family” or “friends”, etc.

*k*-clique template rolling allows large scale, systematic (deterministic) analysis of the network of overlapping communities

# ***k*-CLIQUE PERCOLATION**

with I. Derényi and G. Palla

## Definitions



*k*-clique: complete subgraph of *k* vertices

*k*-clique adjacency: two *k*-cliques share a *k*-1 – clique

*k*-clique walk: series of steps to adjacent *k*-cliques

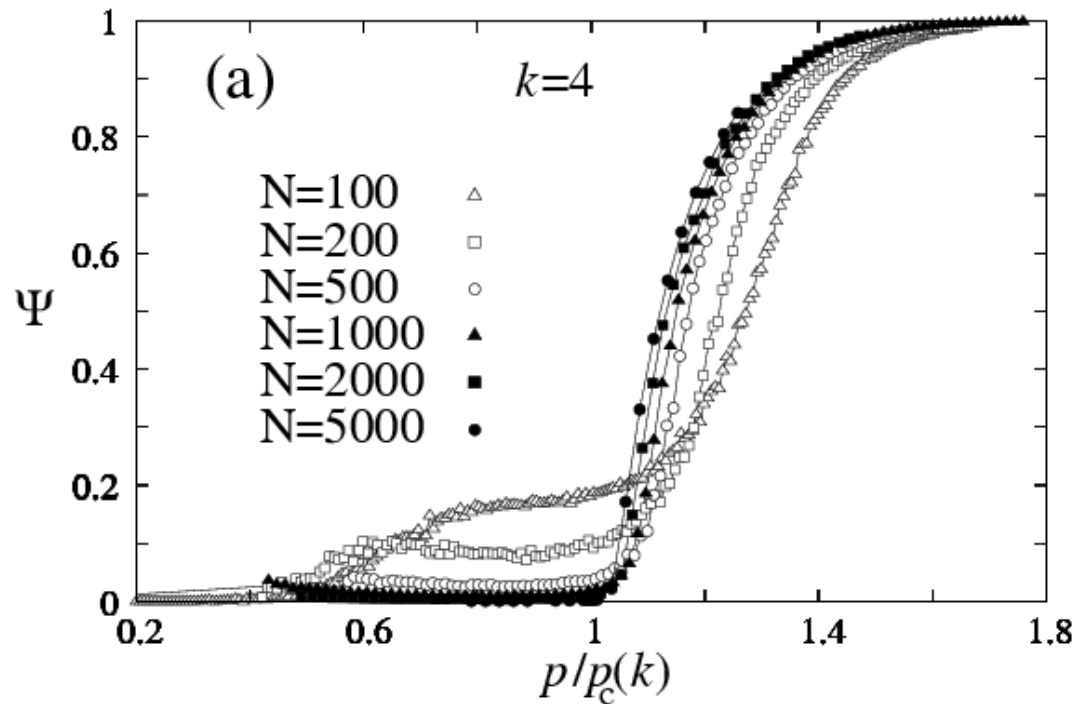
*k*-clique cluster: set of vertices of all *k*-clique walks from a given *k*-clique

(E-R percolation is the *k*=2 case)



Details

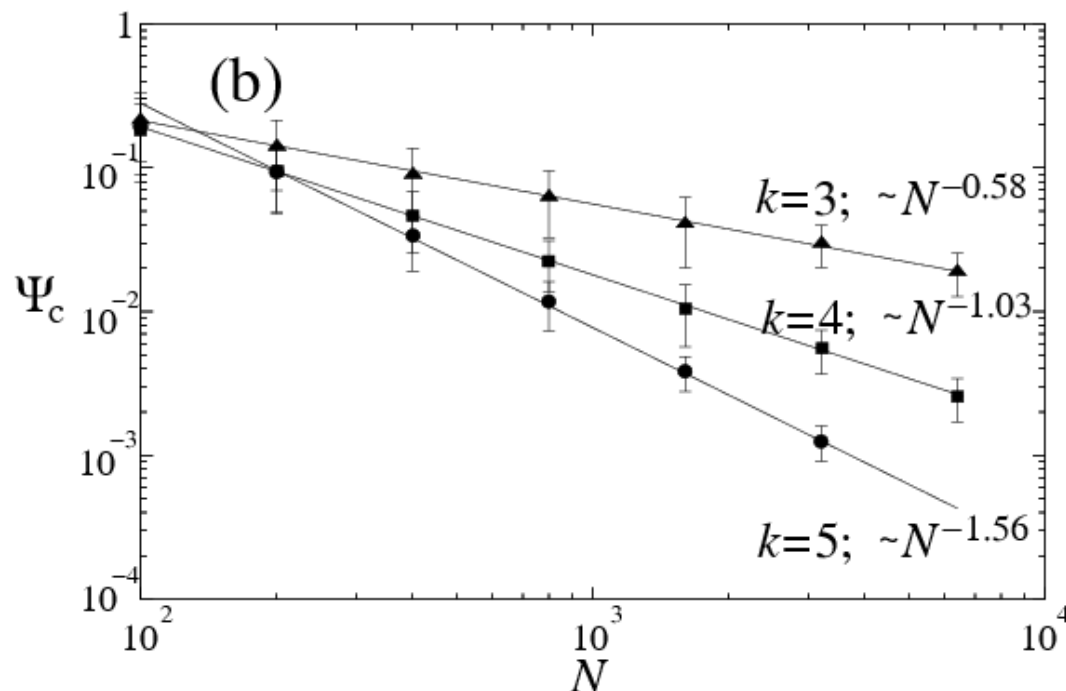
I. D, G. P. and T.V., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 2005



Order parameter for clique percolation,  $k=4$

Percolation threshold at

$$p_c(k) = [(k-1)N]^{(-1/(k-1))}$$



The scaling of the relative size of the giant cluster of  $k=3,4$  and 5-cliques at  $p_c$

For  $k \leq 3$ ,  $N_k^*/N_k(p_c) \sim N^{-k/6}$

For  $k > 3$   $N_k^*/N_k(p_c) \sim N^{1-k/2}$



# UNCOVERING THE OVERLAPPING COMMUNITY STRUCTURE OF COMPLEX NETWORKS IN NATURE AND SOCIETY

with G. Palla, I. Derényi, and I. Farkas

## Definitions

An order  $k$  community is a  $k$ -clique percolation cluster

Such communities/clusters obviously can overlap

This is why a lot of new interesting questions can be posed

New fundamental quantities (cumulative distributions) defined:

$P(d^{com})$	community degree distribution
$P(m)$	membership number distribution
$P(s^{ov})$	community overlap distribution
$P(s)$	community size distribution (not new)

# DATA

**cond-mat** (electronic preprints, about 30,000 authors)

**protein-protein** (DIP database, yeast, 2,600 nodes)

**word association** (sets of words associated with given words, questionnaire, 10,600 words)

**mobile phone** (~ 4,000,000 users calling each other)

**school friendship** (84 schools from USA)

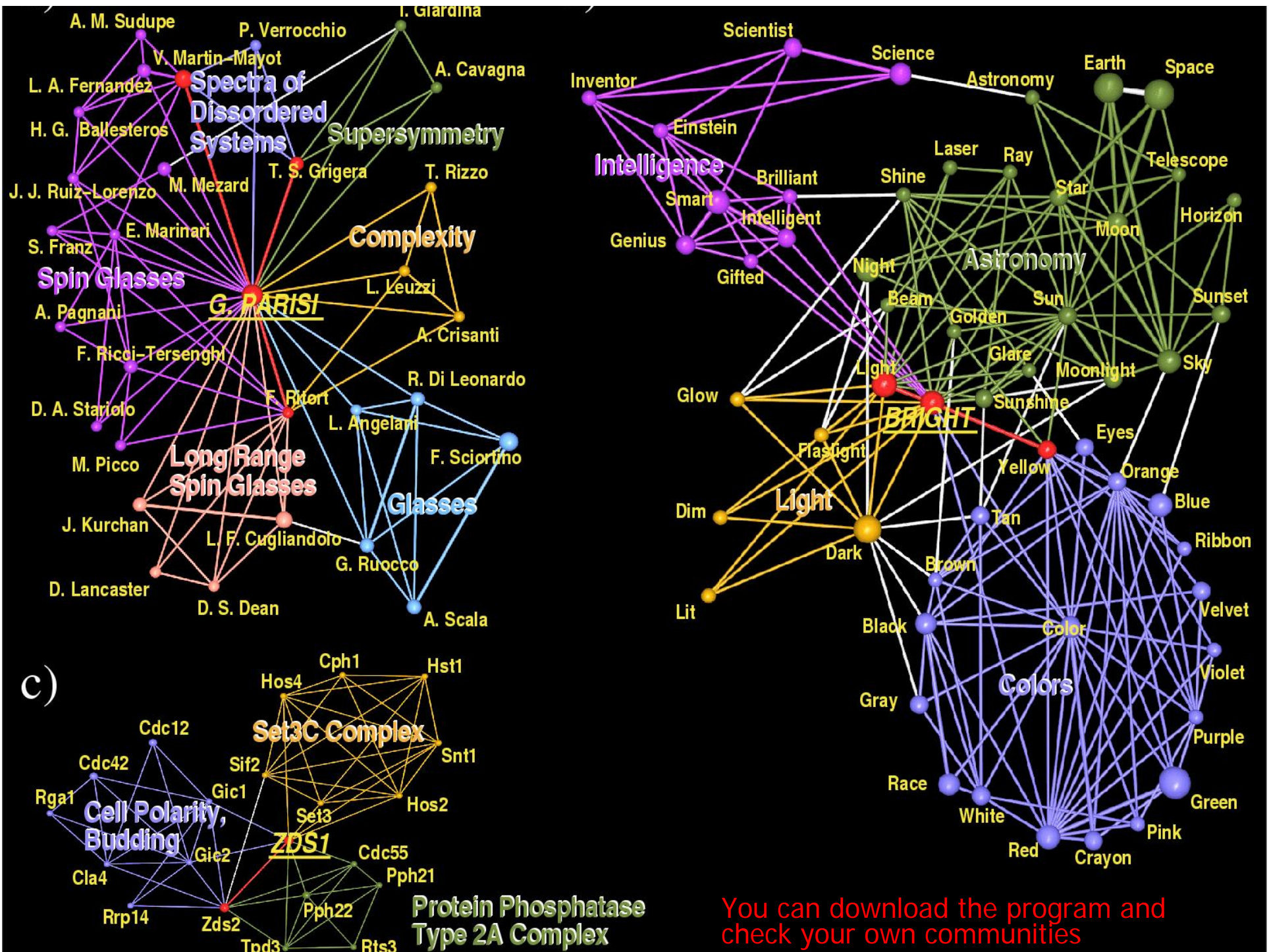
large data sets: efficient algorithm is needed! Our method is the fastest known to us for these type of data

## Steps:

determine: cliques (not  $k$ -cliques!)  
clique overlap matrix  
components of the corresponding  
adjacency matrix

Do this for “optimal”  $k$  and  $w$ , where optimal corresponds to the “richest” (most widely distributed cluster sizes) community structure

**Method**



You can download the program and check your own communities

# “Web of networks”

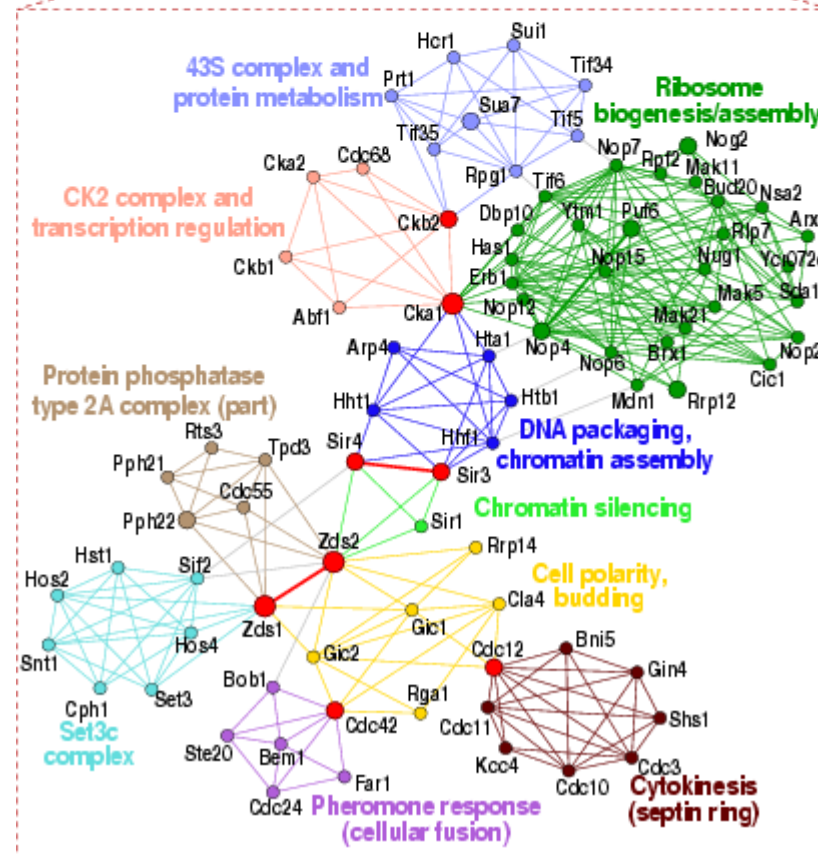
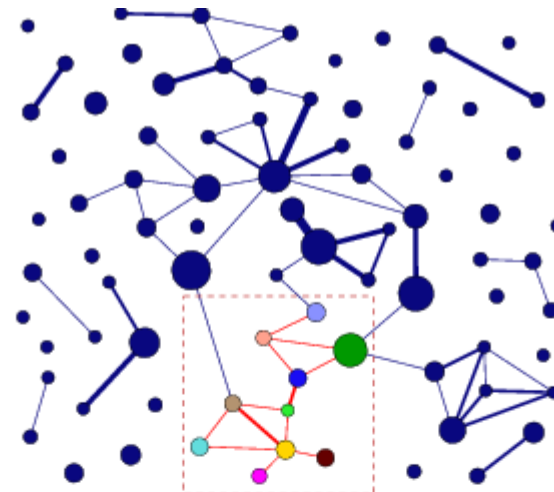
Each node is a community

Nodes are weighted for community size

Links are weighted for overlap size

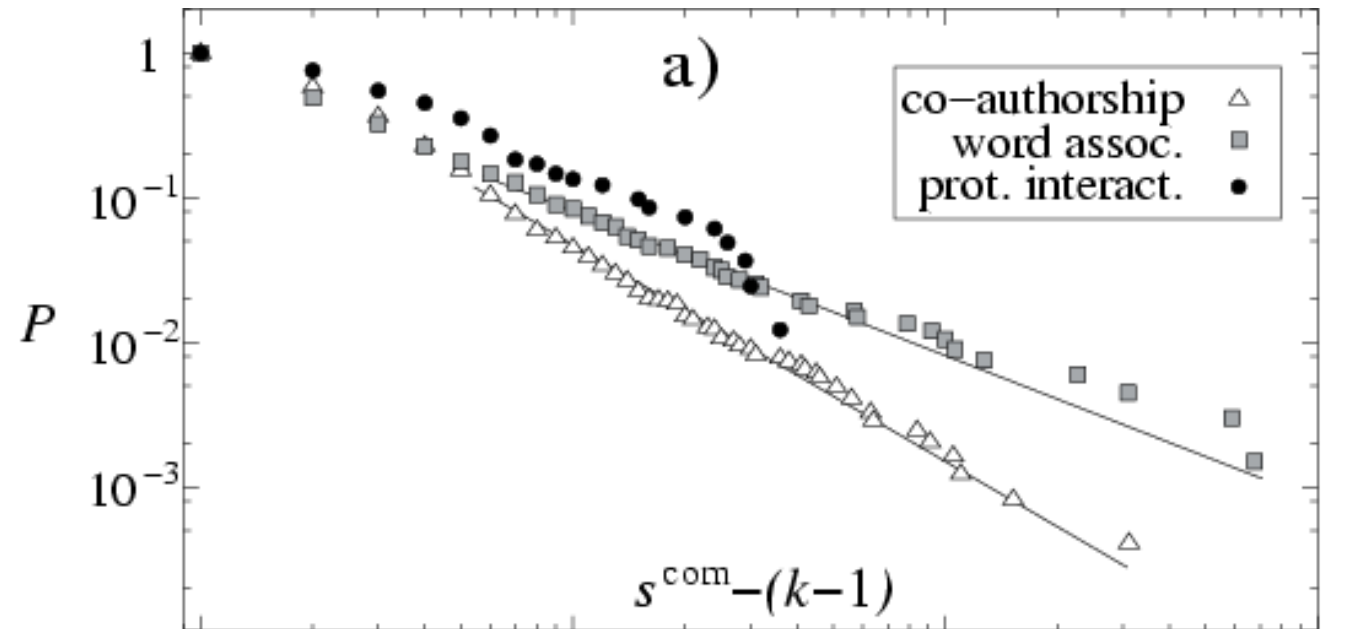
DIP “core” data base of protein interactions (*S. cerevisiae*, a yeast)

The other networks we analysed are much larger!!

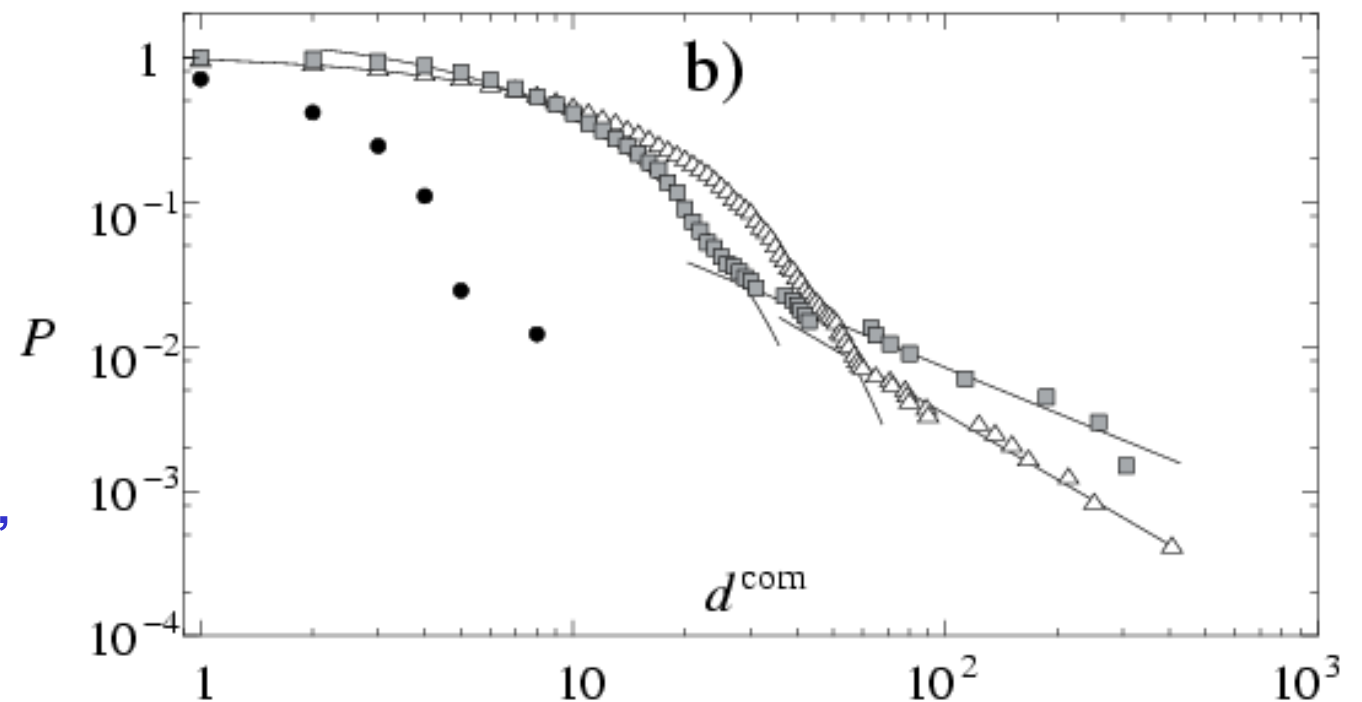




Community size distribution

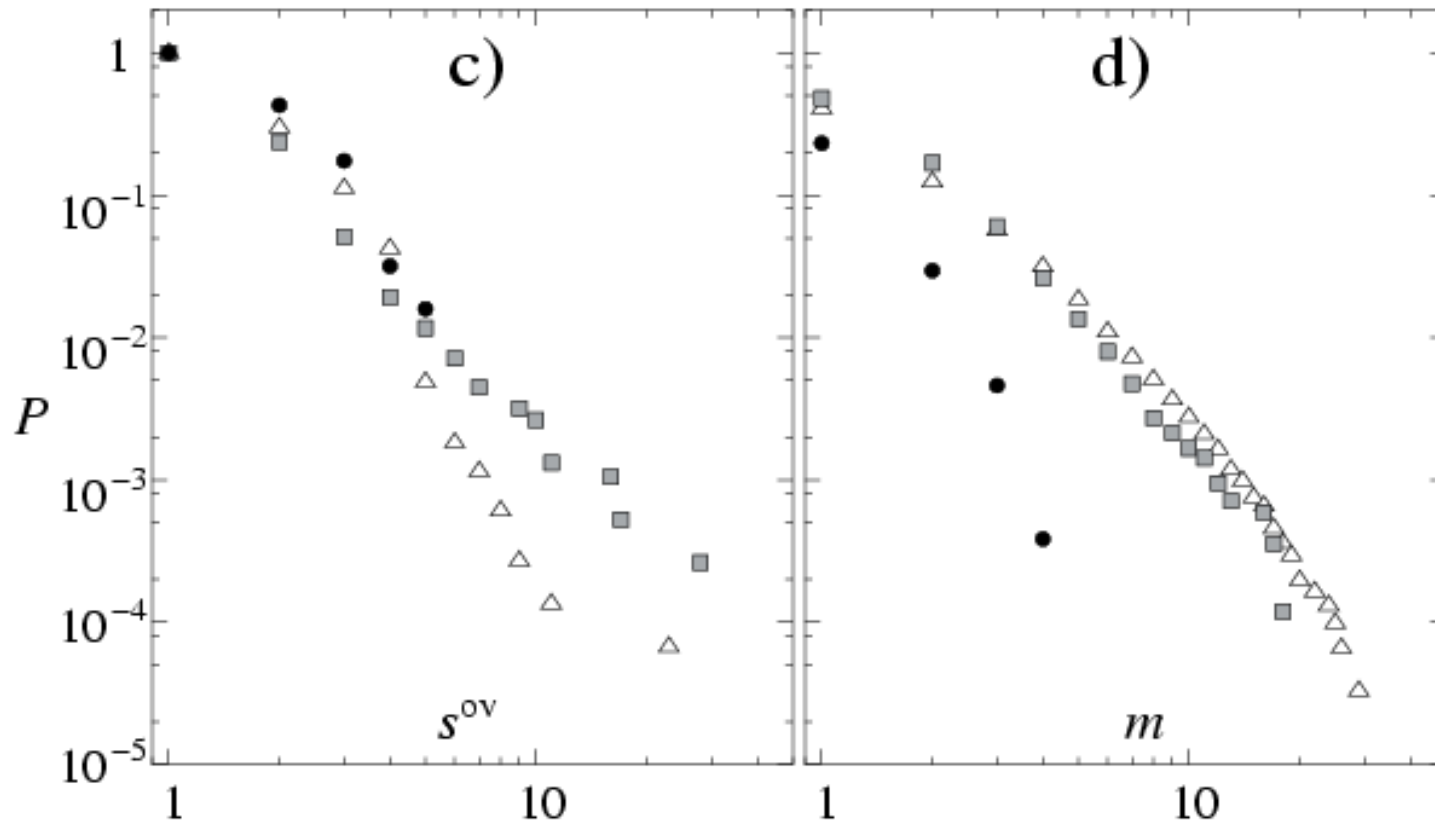


Community degree distribution



Combination of exponential and power law!

Emergence of a new feature as going “up” to the next level



**Community overlap size**

**membership number**



## **Case studies + dynamics**

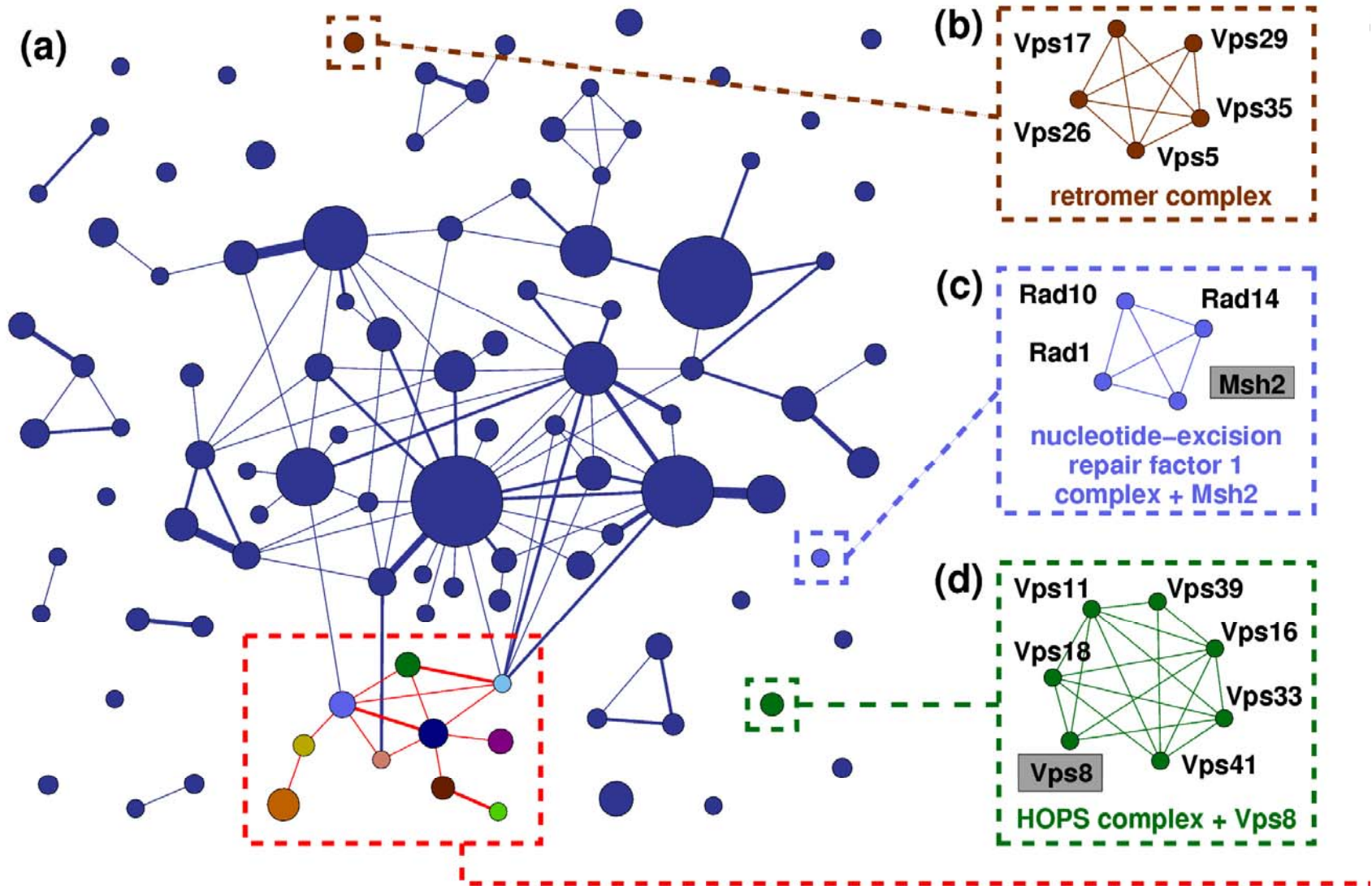
Protein interaction (prediction of function)

School friendship (disassortativity of communities, role of races)

Social group evolution in a co-authorship and  
a mobile phone network

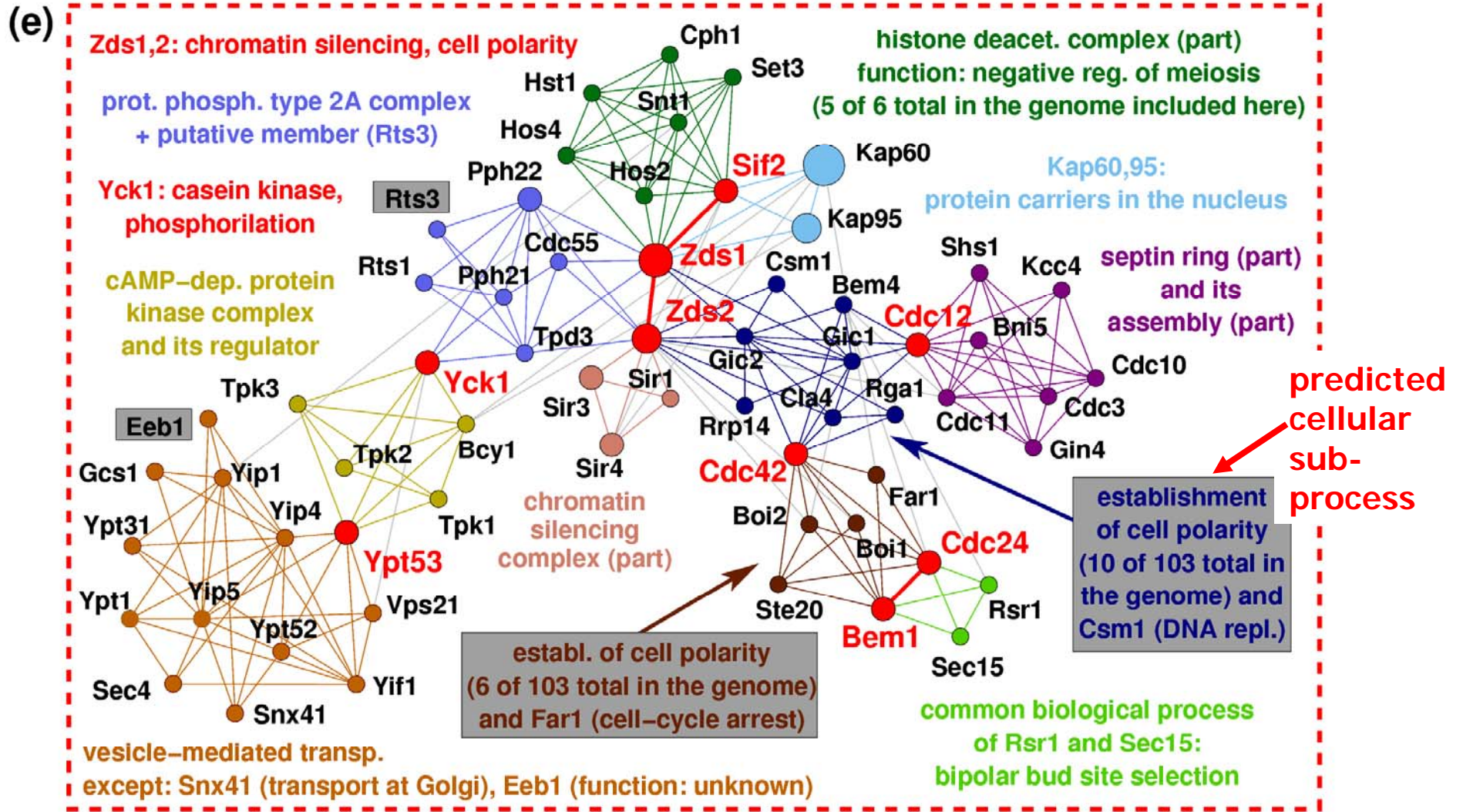
# network of yeast PPI modules

node: module of proteins, link: overlap of modules



# enlarged portions of the network of modules **Marked:**

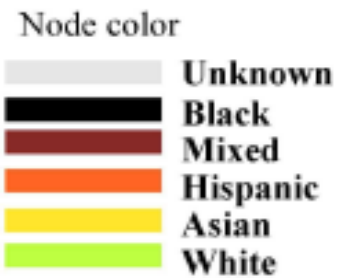
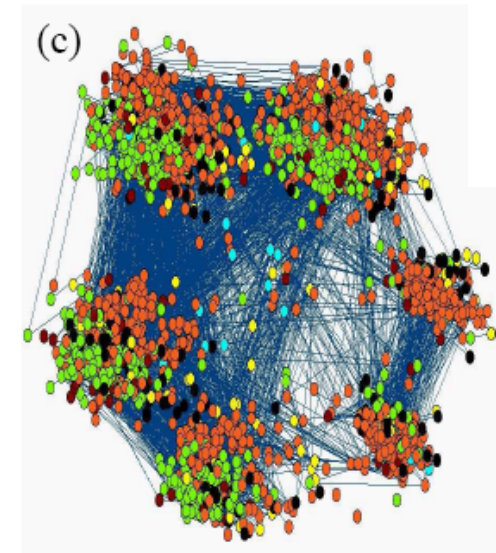
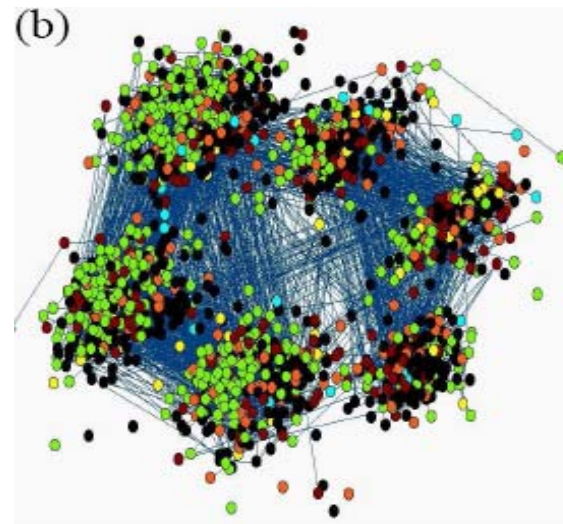
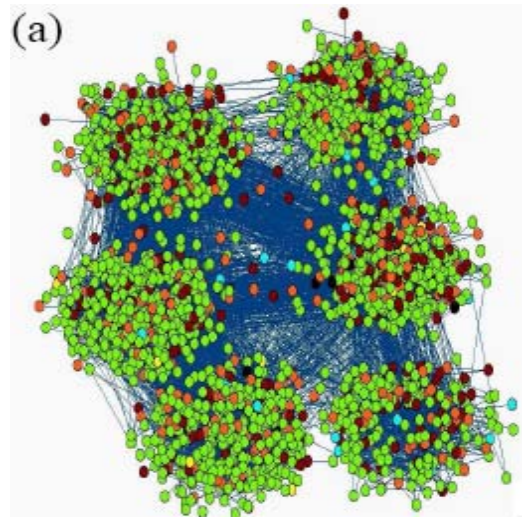
single proteins (function prediction) and groups (anticipated new modules)





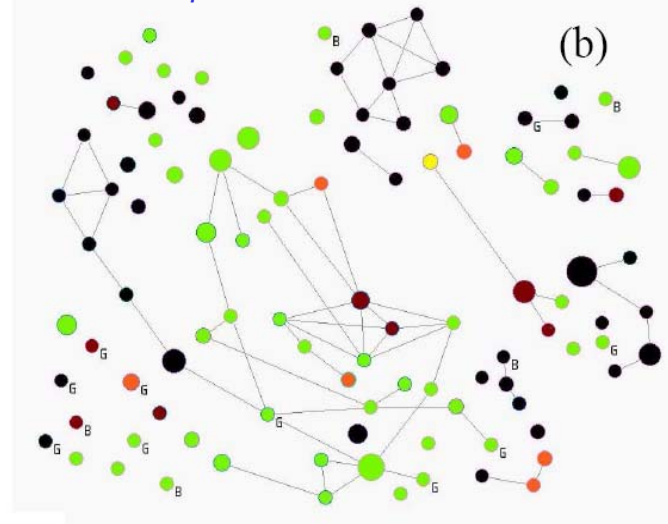
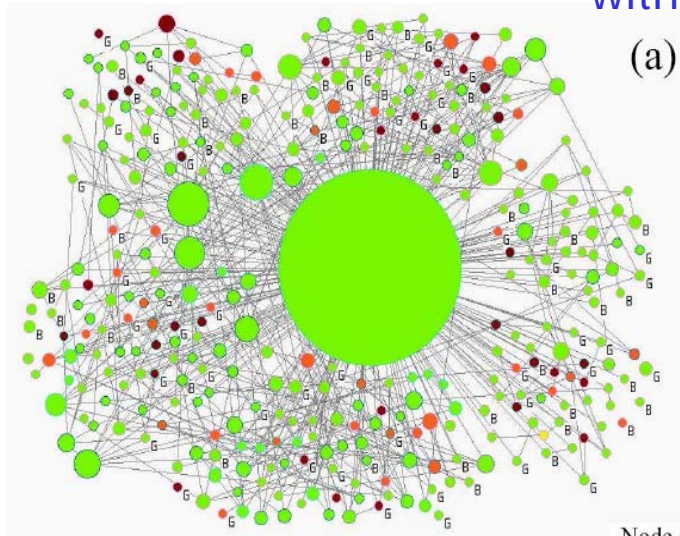
# Three schools from the Add-Health school friendship data set

Grades 7-12

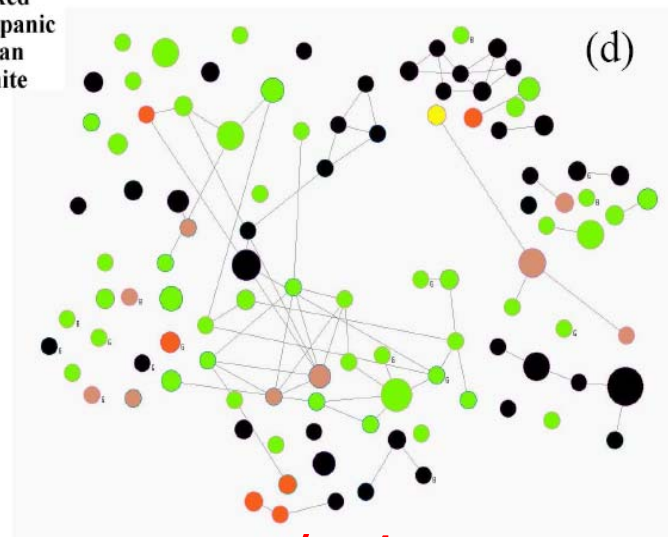
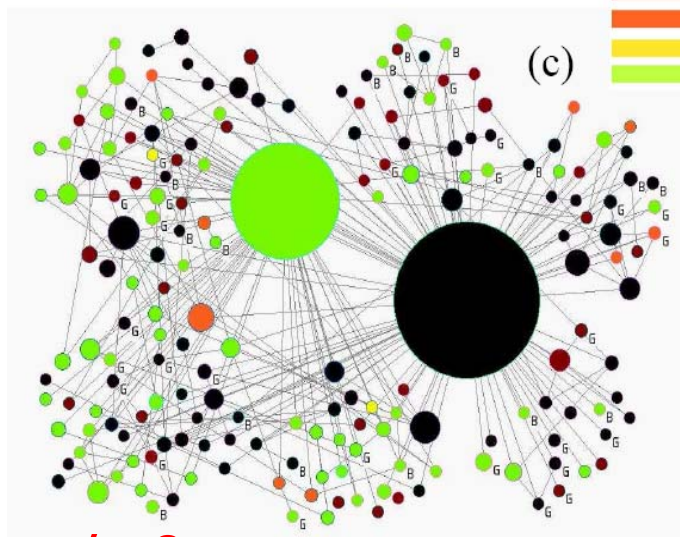
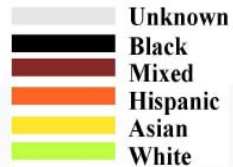


# Network of school friendship communities

with M. Gonzalez, J. Kertész and H Herrmann



Node color



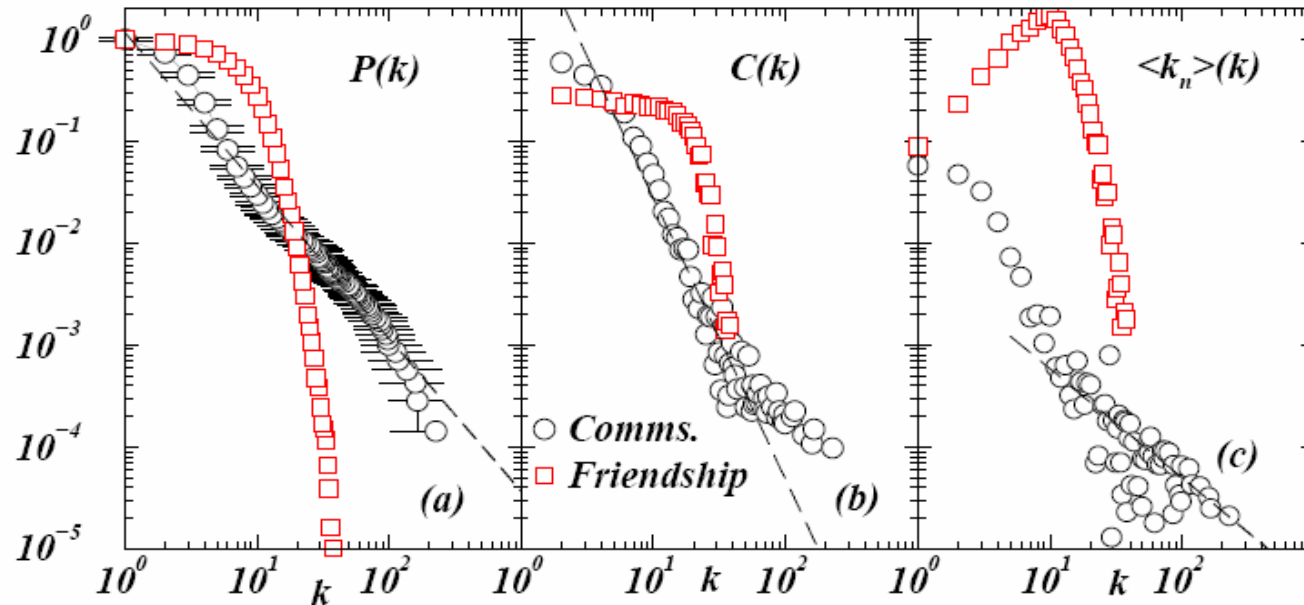
$k=3$  (looser)

$k=4$  (more dense)

Minorities tend to form more densely interconnected groups

# Distribution functions (for $k=3$ )

○ communities      □ individuals



$P(k)$  – degree distribution

$C(k)$  – clustering coefficient

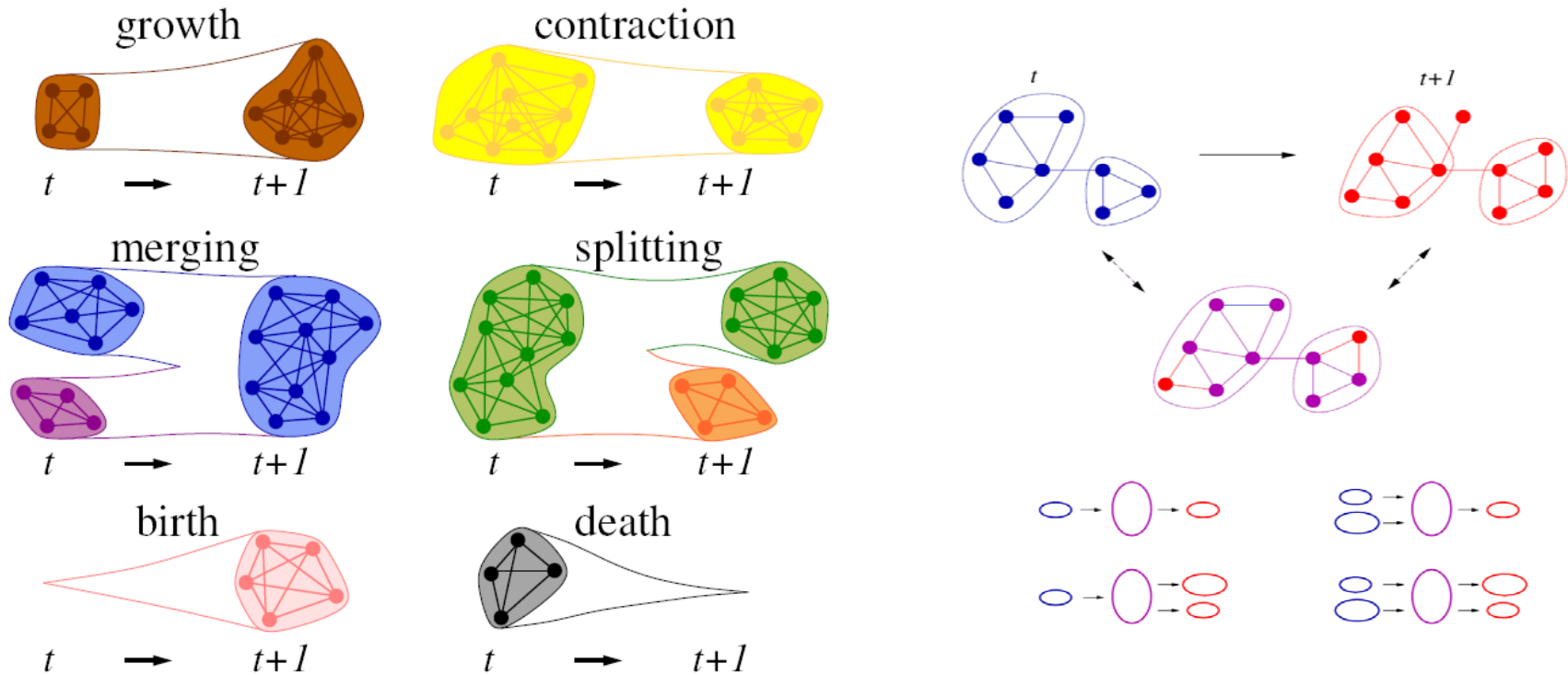
$\langle k_n \rangle(k)$  – degree of neighbour (individuals: assortative

communities: diassortative)

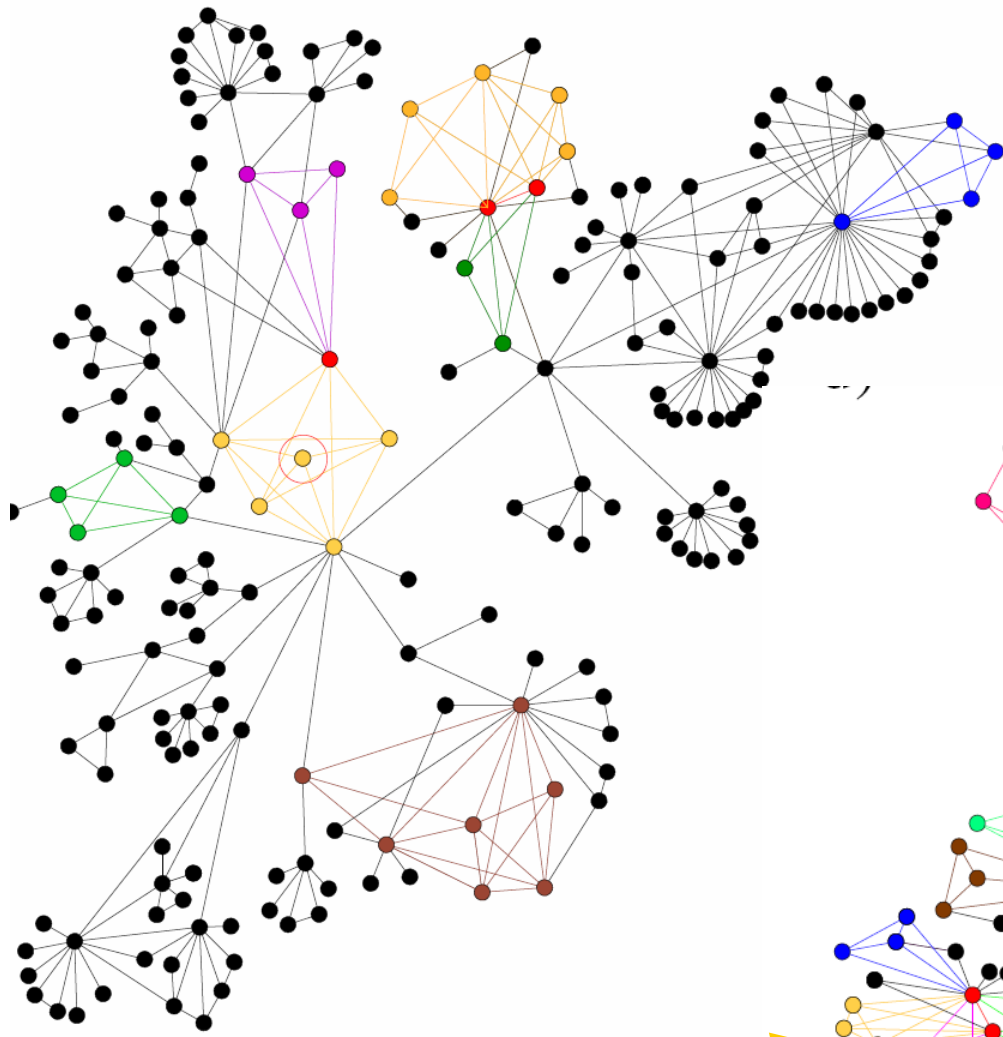


# Quantifying social group evolution

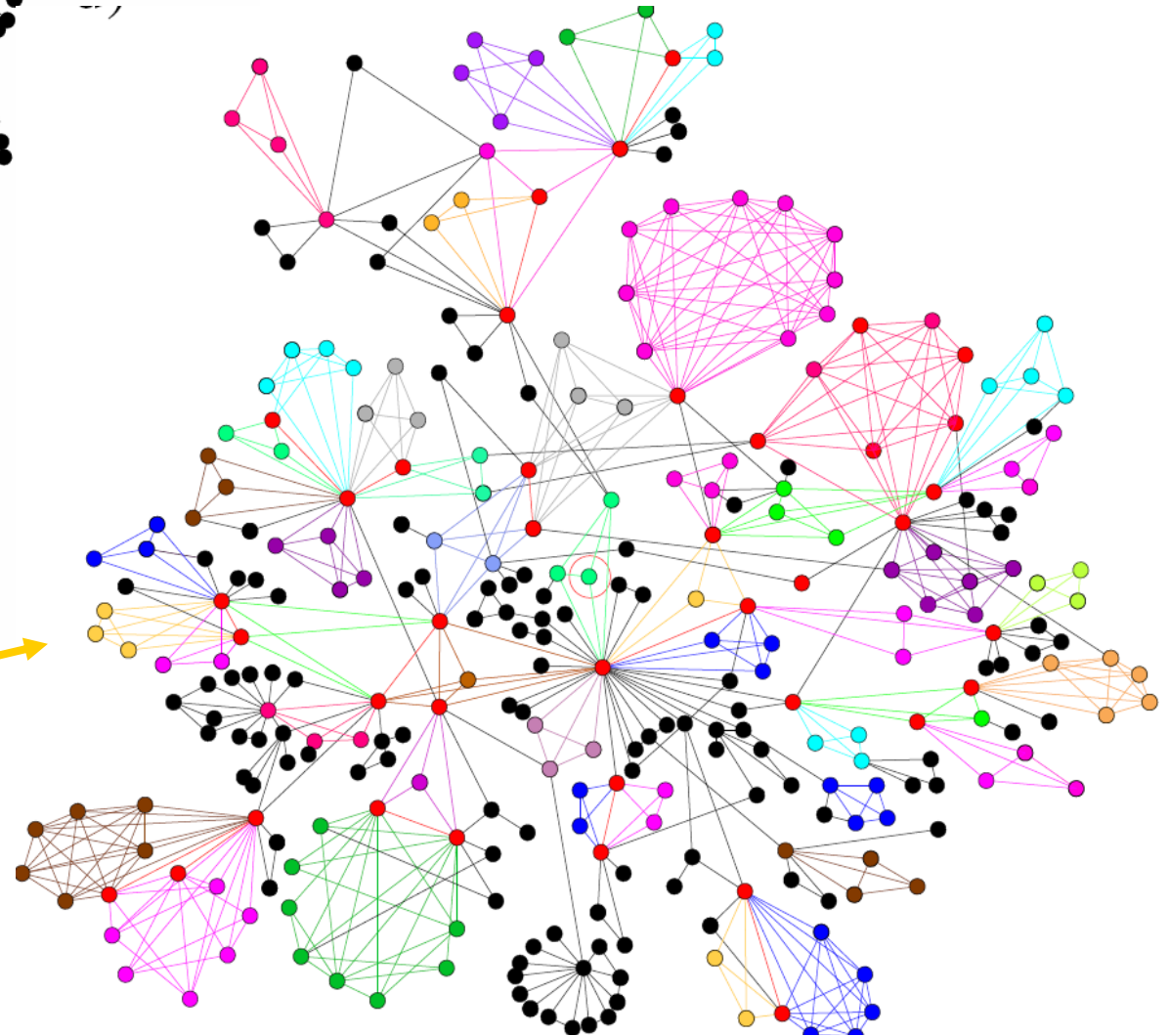
with G. Palla and A-L Barabási (*Nature*, April 2007)



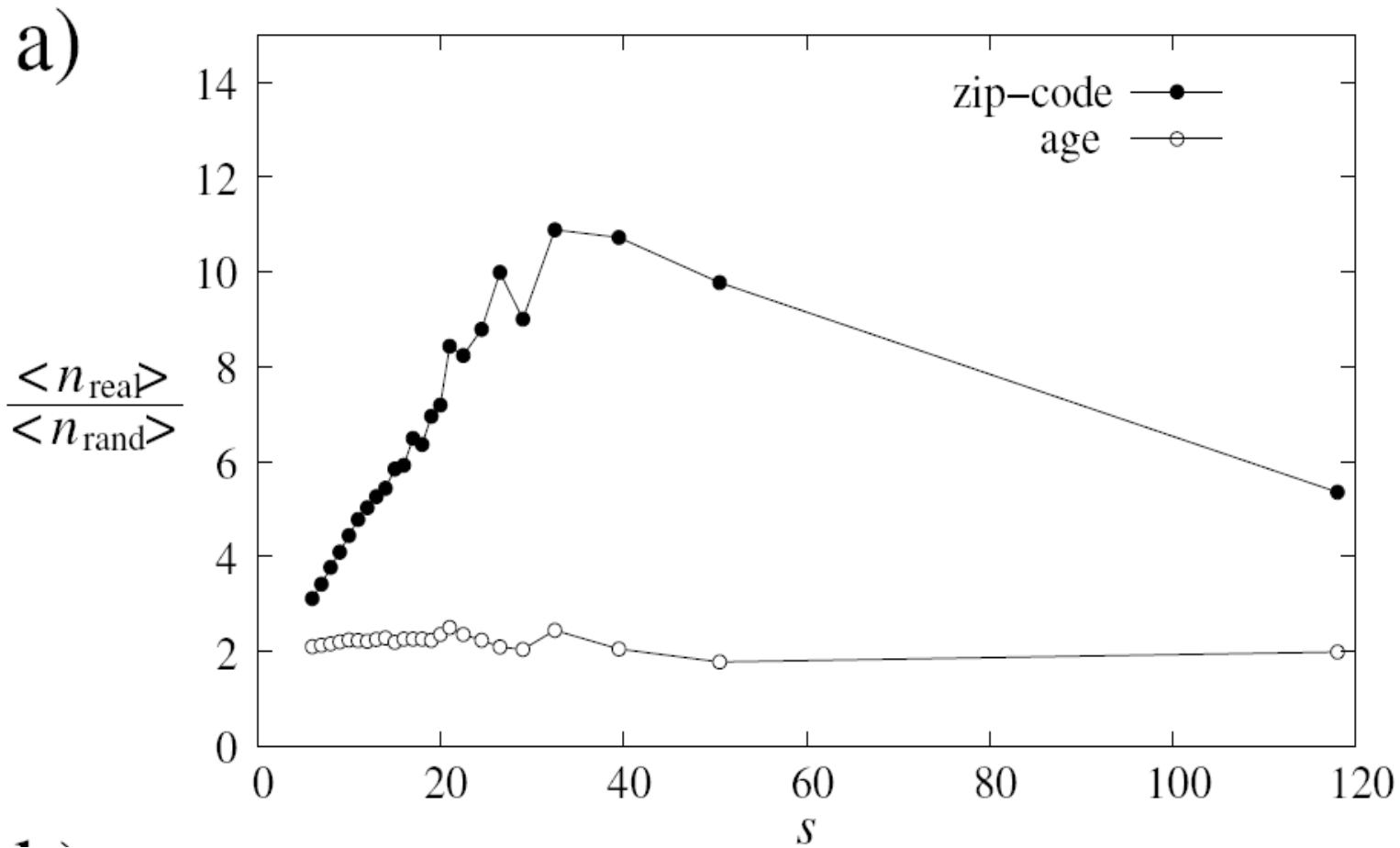
Small part of the phone call network (surrounding the circled yellow node up to the fourth neighbour)



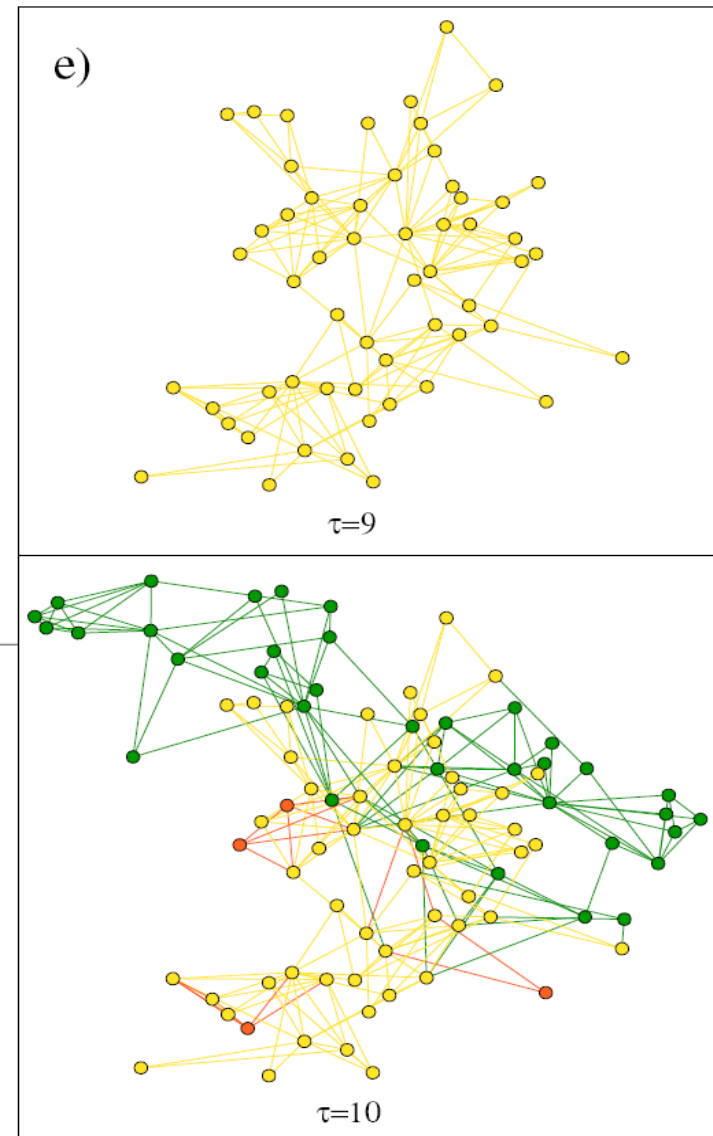
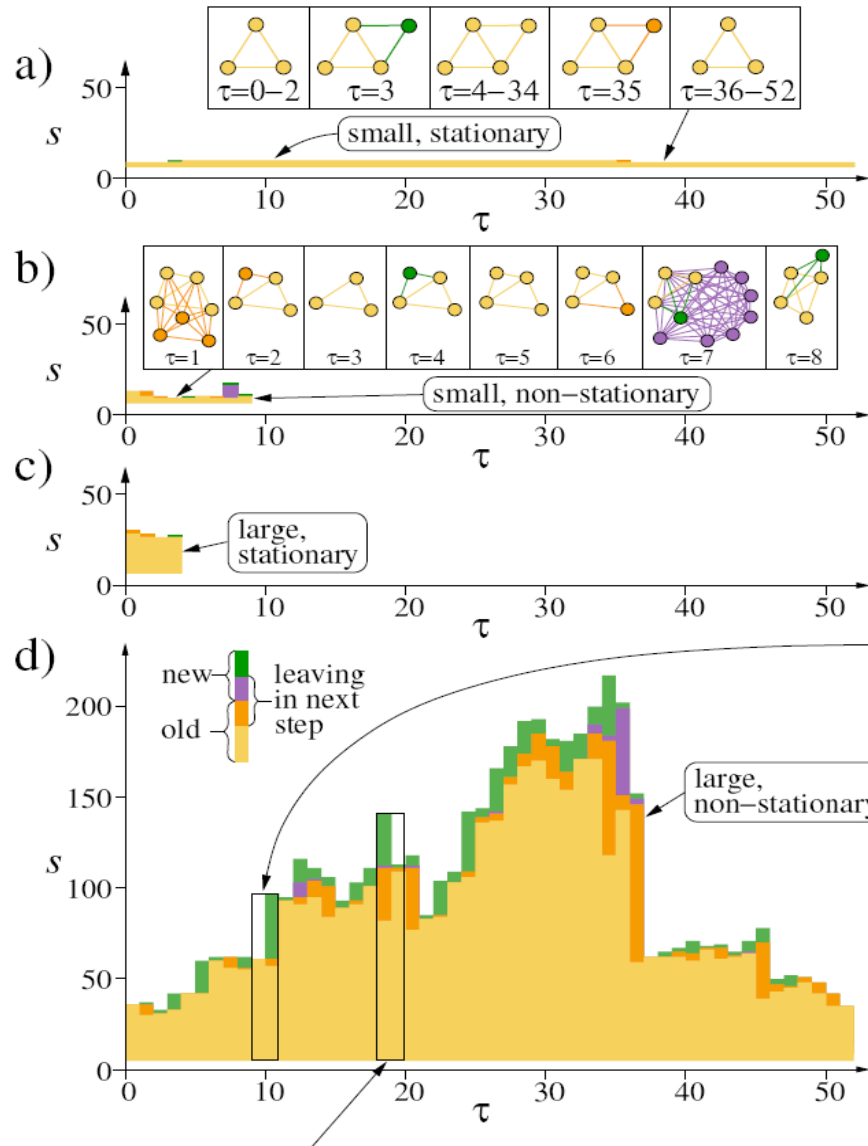
Small part of the collaboration network (surrounding the circled green node up to the fourth neighbour)



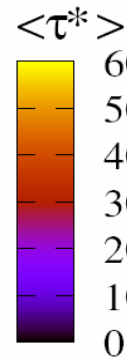
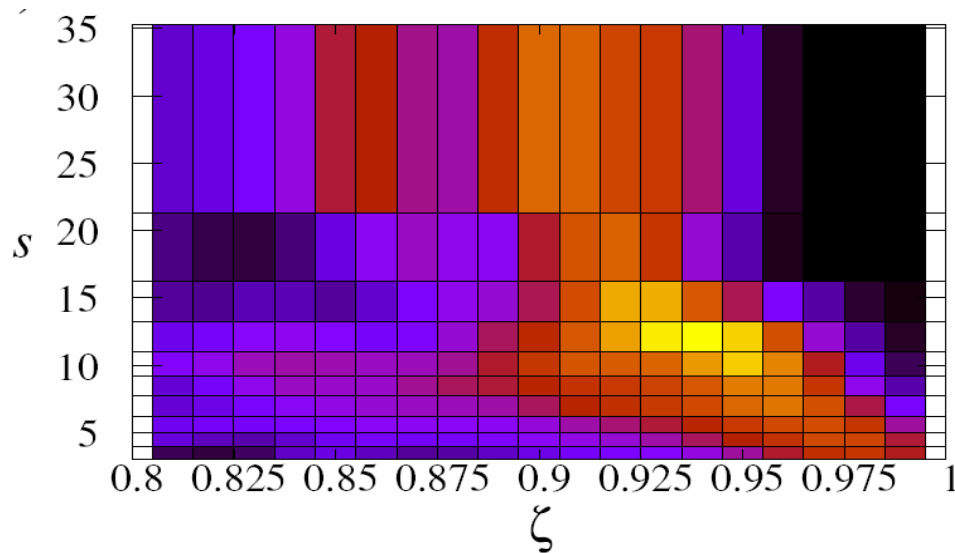
Callers with the same zip code or age  
are over-represented in the communities we find



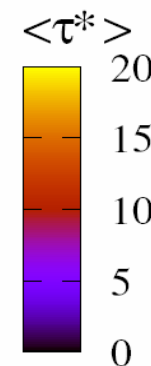
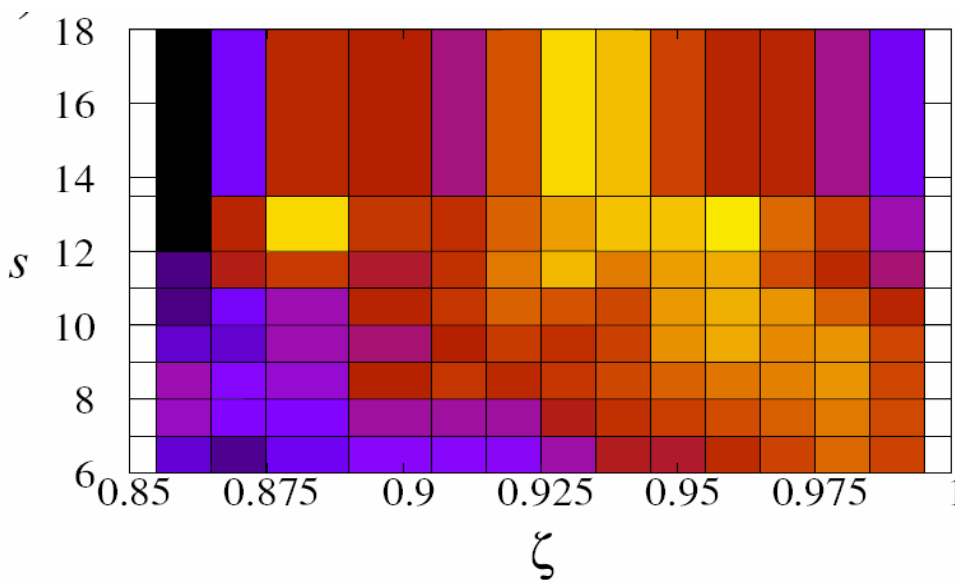
# Examples for tracking individual communities.



# Lifetime ( $\tau$ ) of a social group as a function of stability (steadiness, $\zeta$ ) and size ( $s$ )



Cond-mat collaboration network

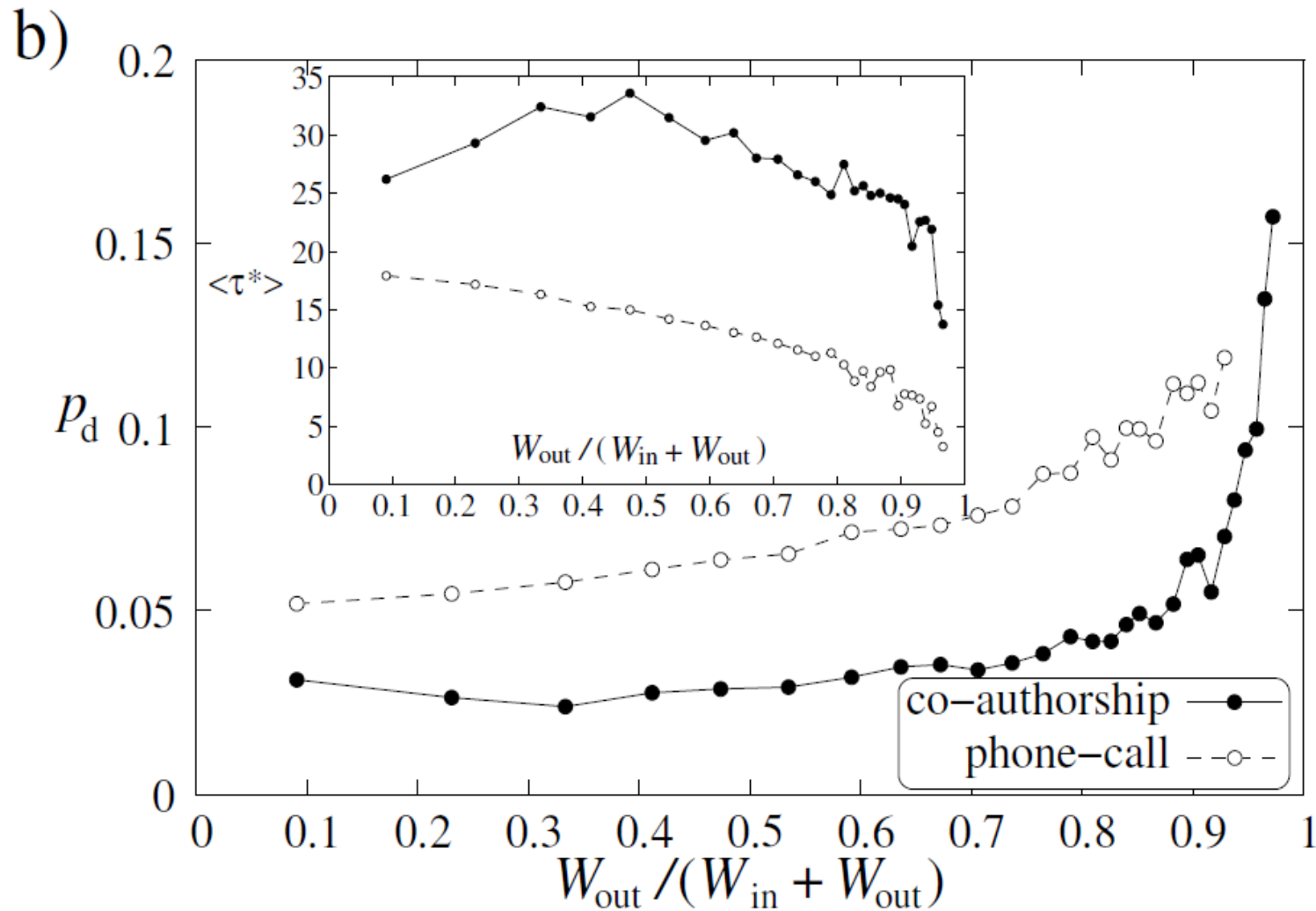


Phone call network

*Thus, a large group is around longer if it is less steady (and the opposite is true for small groups)*



Probability of disintegrating ( $p_d$ ) and the lifetime ( $\tau^*$ ) of a community whose members have a total amount of “commitments” to other communities equal to  $W_{out}$



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**CFinder** is a free software for finding overlapping dense groups of nodes in networks, based on the Clique Percolation Method (CPM) of Palla et. al. [nature 435](#), 815 (2005).

**NEW** **CFinder** has been recently applied to quantifying the evolution of social groups: Palla et. al. [nature 446](#), 664 (2007).

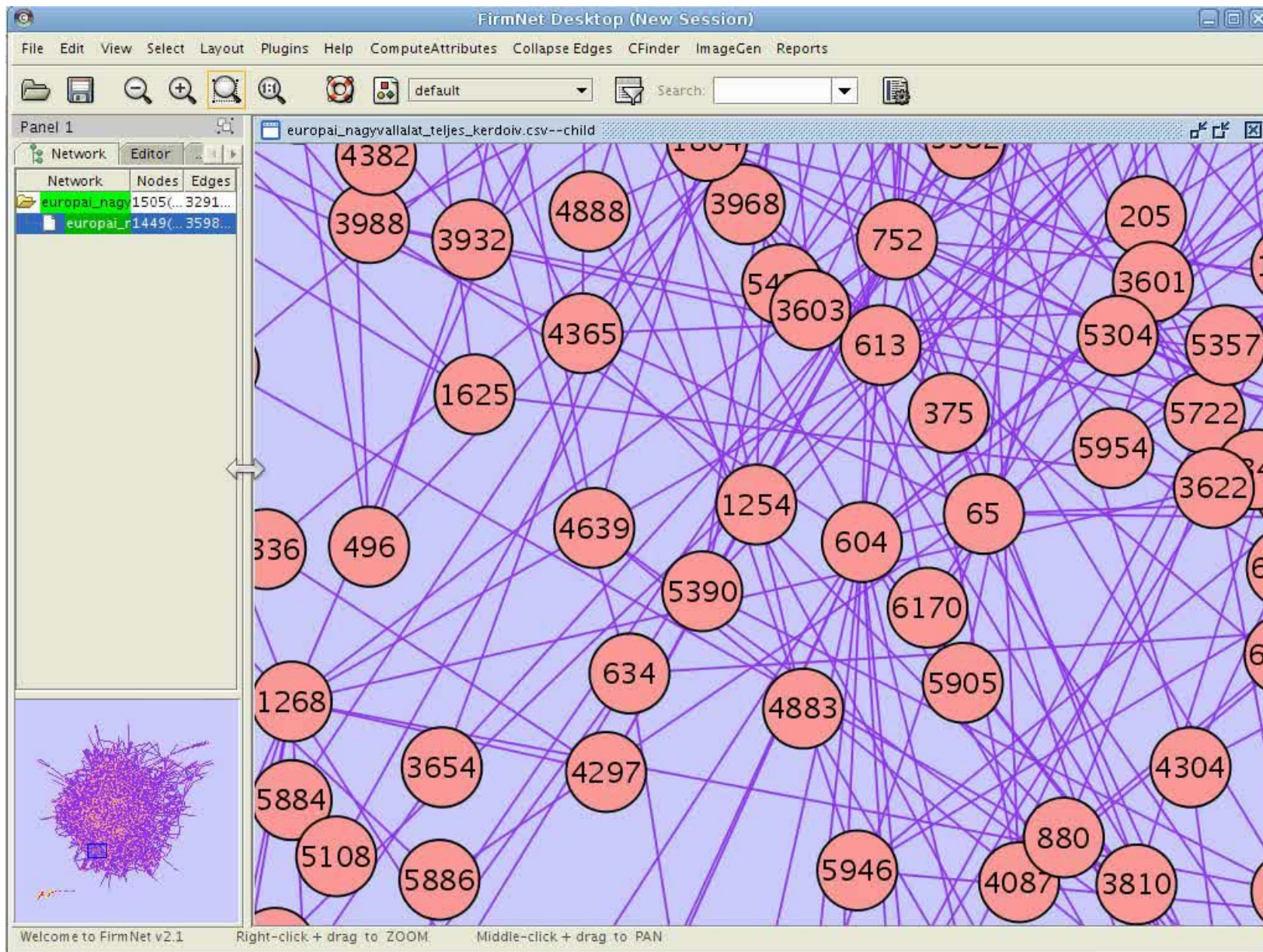
**CFinder** offers a fast and efficient method for clustering data represented by large graphs, such as genetic or social networks and microarray data. CFinder is also very efficient for locating the cliques of large sparse graphs.

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A cluster -- also called a community or module -- in a network is a group of nodes more densely connected to each other than to nodes outside the group. In real networks clusters often overlap. Examples for overlapping clusters obtained by CFinder in a protein-protein interaction network and a word association graph are reproduced here from [Palla et al. \(2005\)](#). Click on the images to view them enlarged in a separate window.

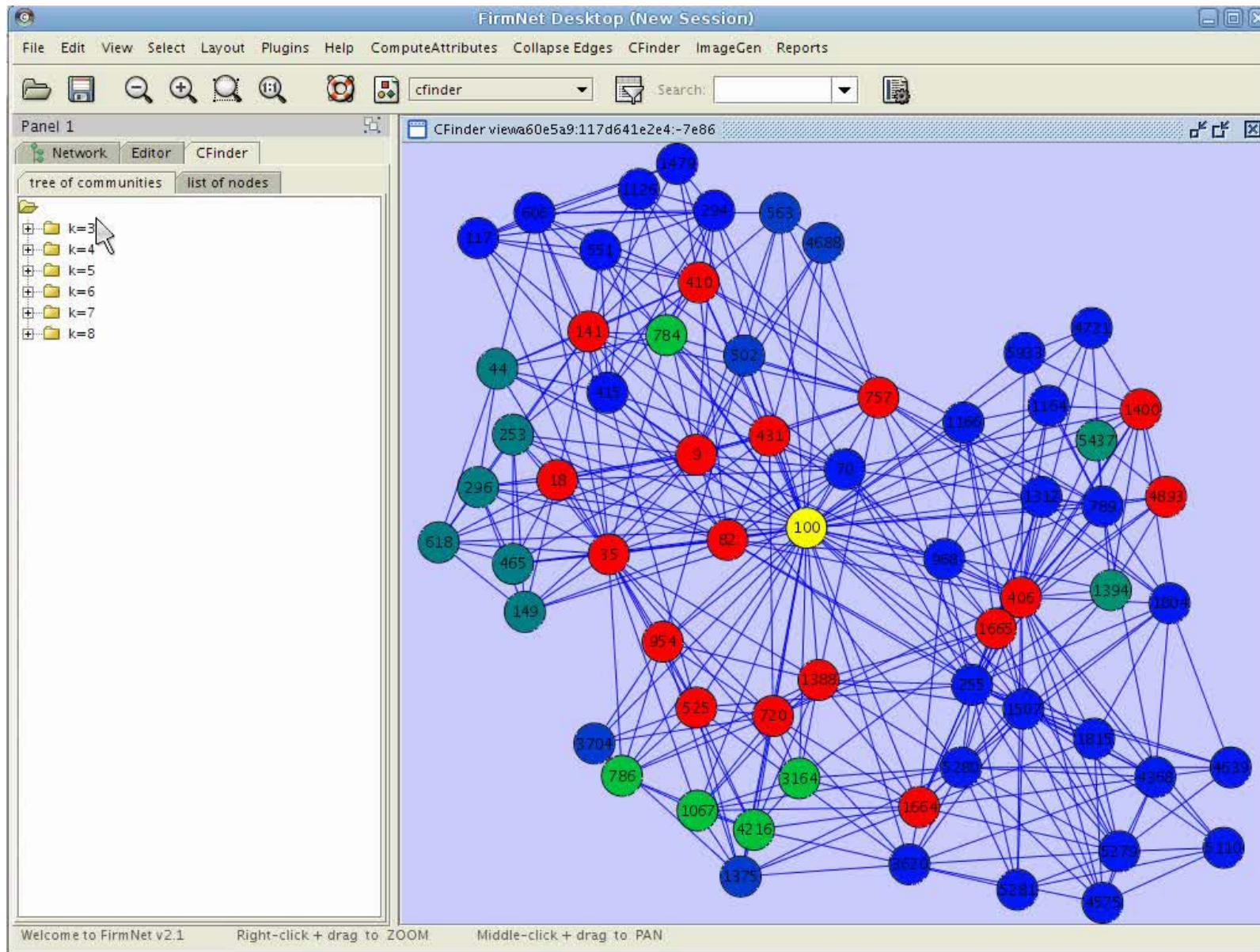






**Social network of the 3000 employees of an European company determined from an on-line survey. Visualization of the betweenness centrality**





Visualization of the communities for the same company shown here using an adaptation of our **CFinder-Firmnet** software.

**Theridion** provides organizational development services based on network analysis.

## Outlook:

### Networks of networks

- hierarchical aspects
- correlations, clustering, etc.,  
i.e., everything you can do for vertices
- applications, such as protein function prediction or organizational development





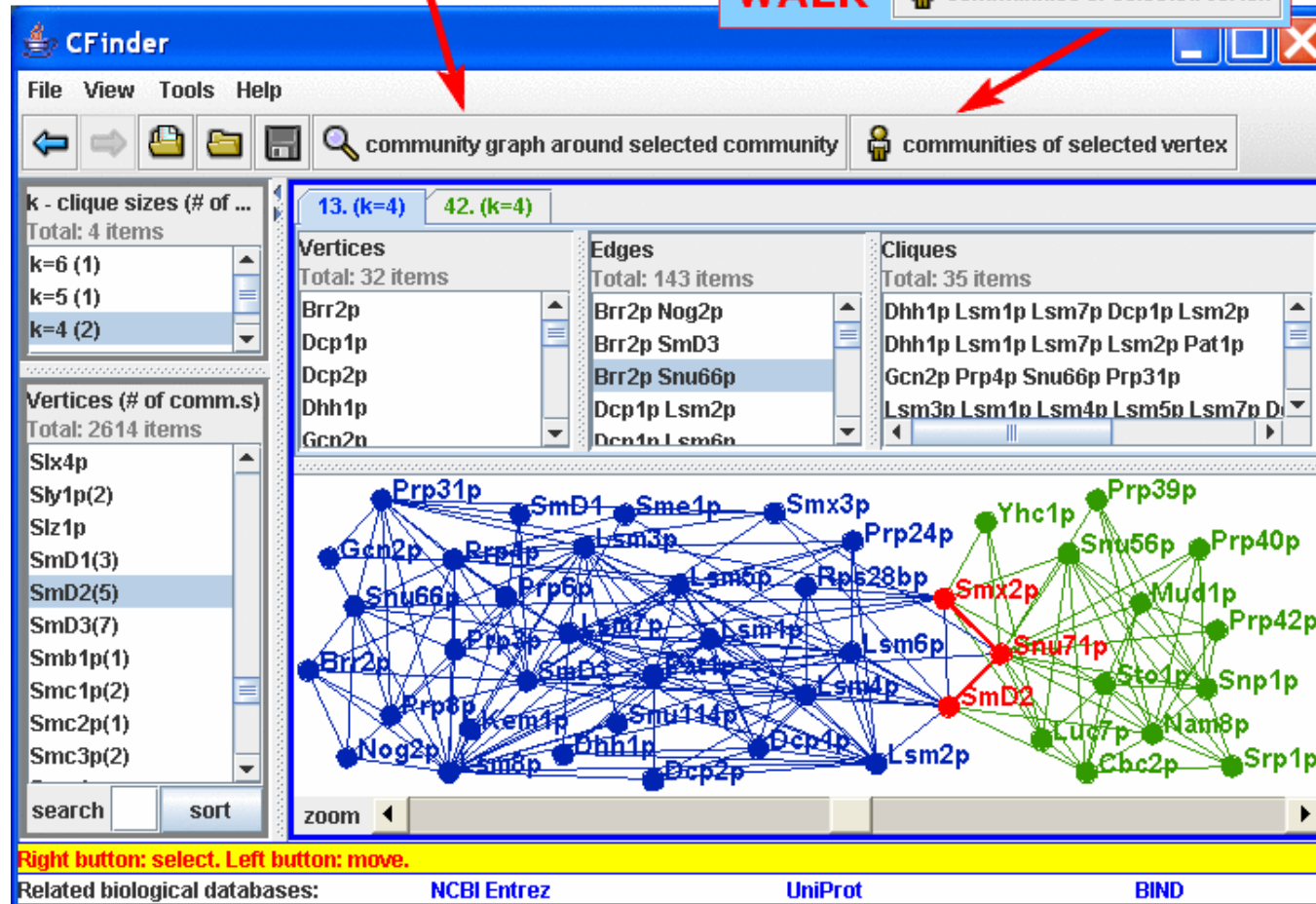
**ZOOM**

community graph around selected community

Screen shot of CFinder

**WALK**

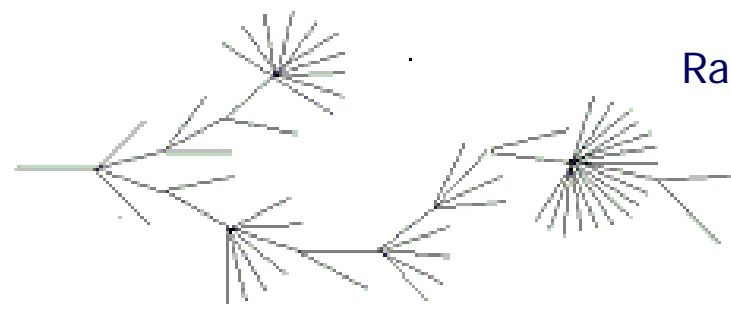
communities of selected vertex



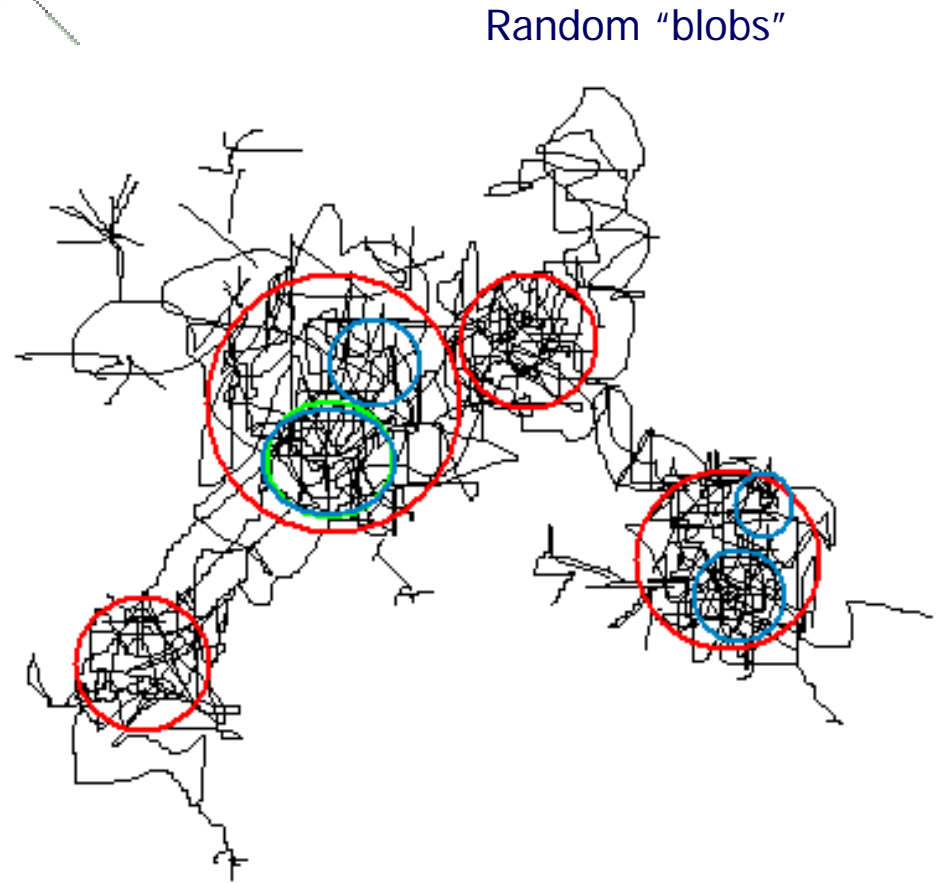
This will also become a commercial product by **Firmlinks** with **GORDIO**, a Budapest based HR company

# Internal organization of large complex networks in terms of their modular structure

- Research on modules/communities is a very active field (Amaral, Barabási, Newman + many further groups)
- How does a large complex network may look like?

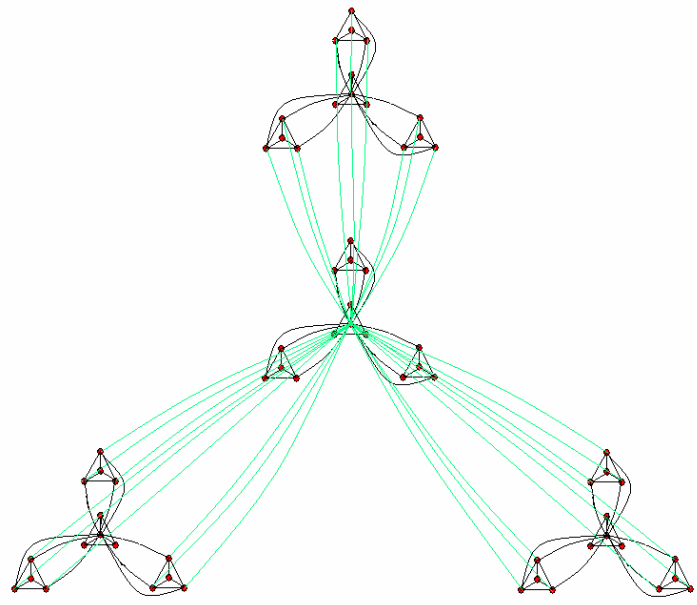


Random tree



Random "blobs"

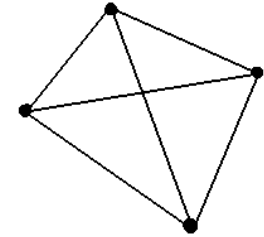
Deterministic, loops



To find overlapping communities we

consider: connected groups (clusters) of motifs e.g. a 4-clique

define: a cluster of adjacent complete subgraphs (cliques) is a community (simple assumption)



Two aspects

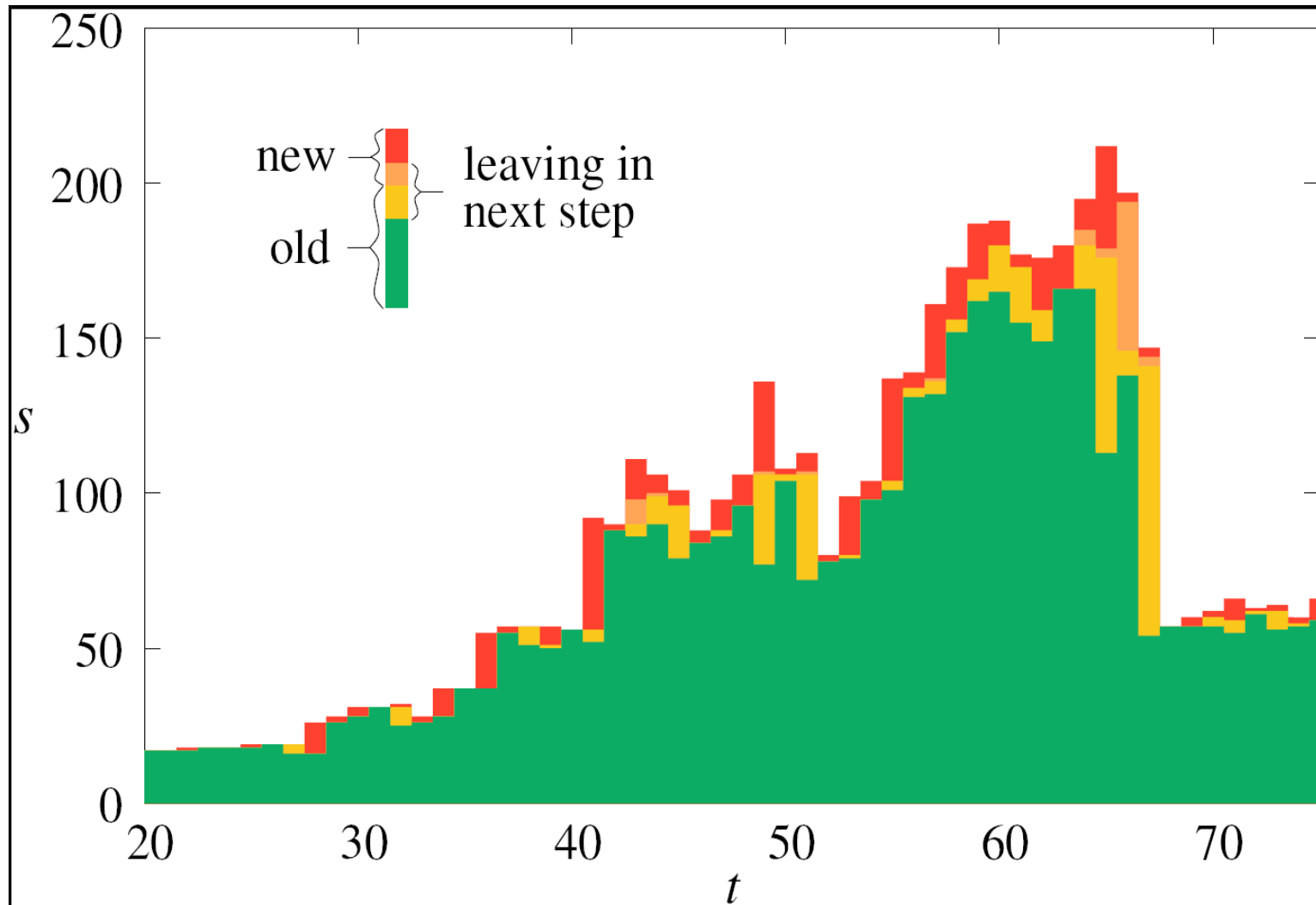
I)  $k$ -clique percolation

II) communities in large real networks:

overlaps and their statistics

# Evolution of a single large community of collaborators

$s$  – size (number of authors),  $t$  – time (in months)





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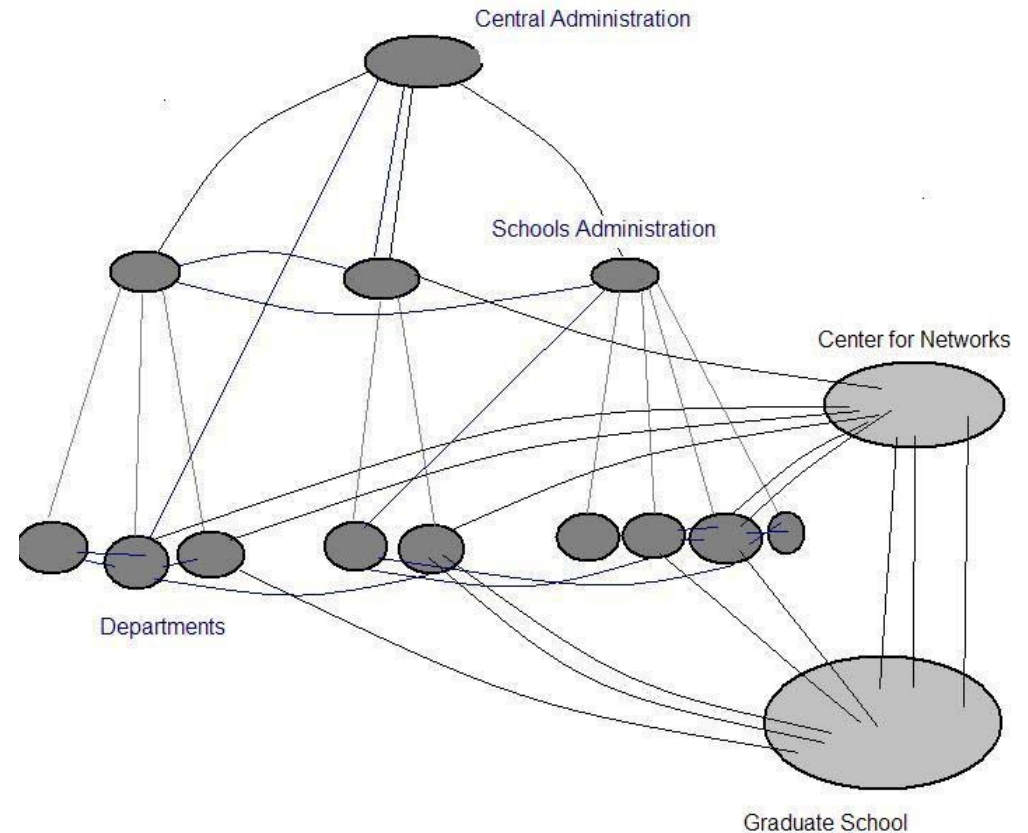
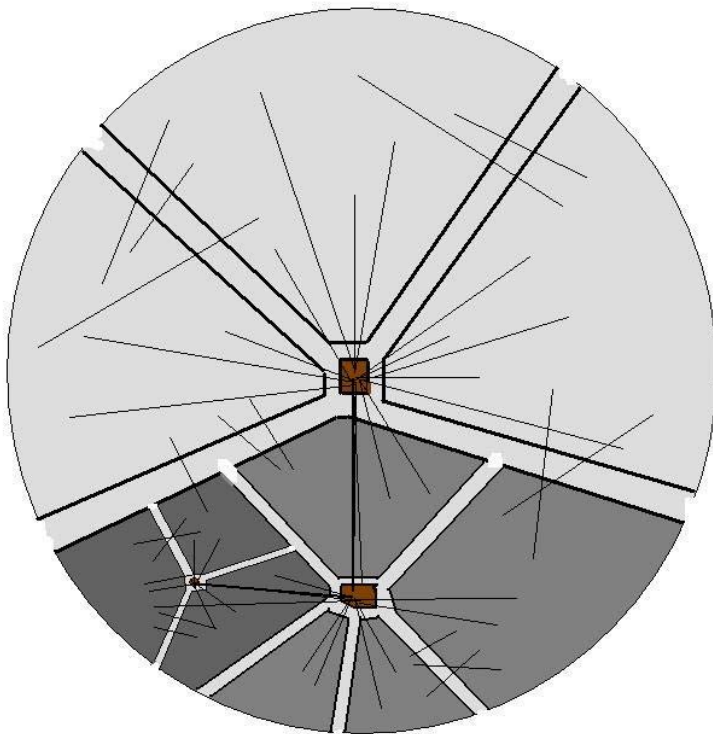
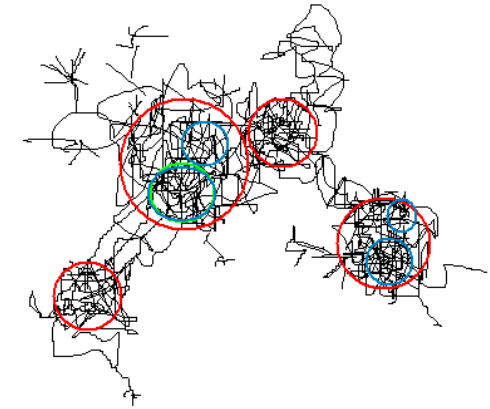
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## Basic observations:

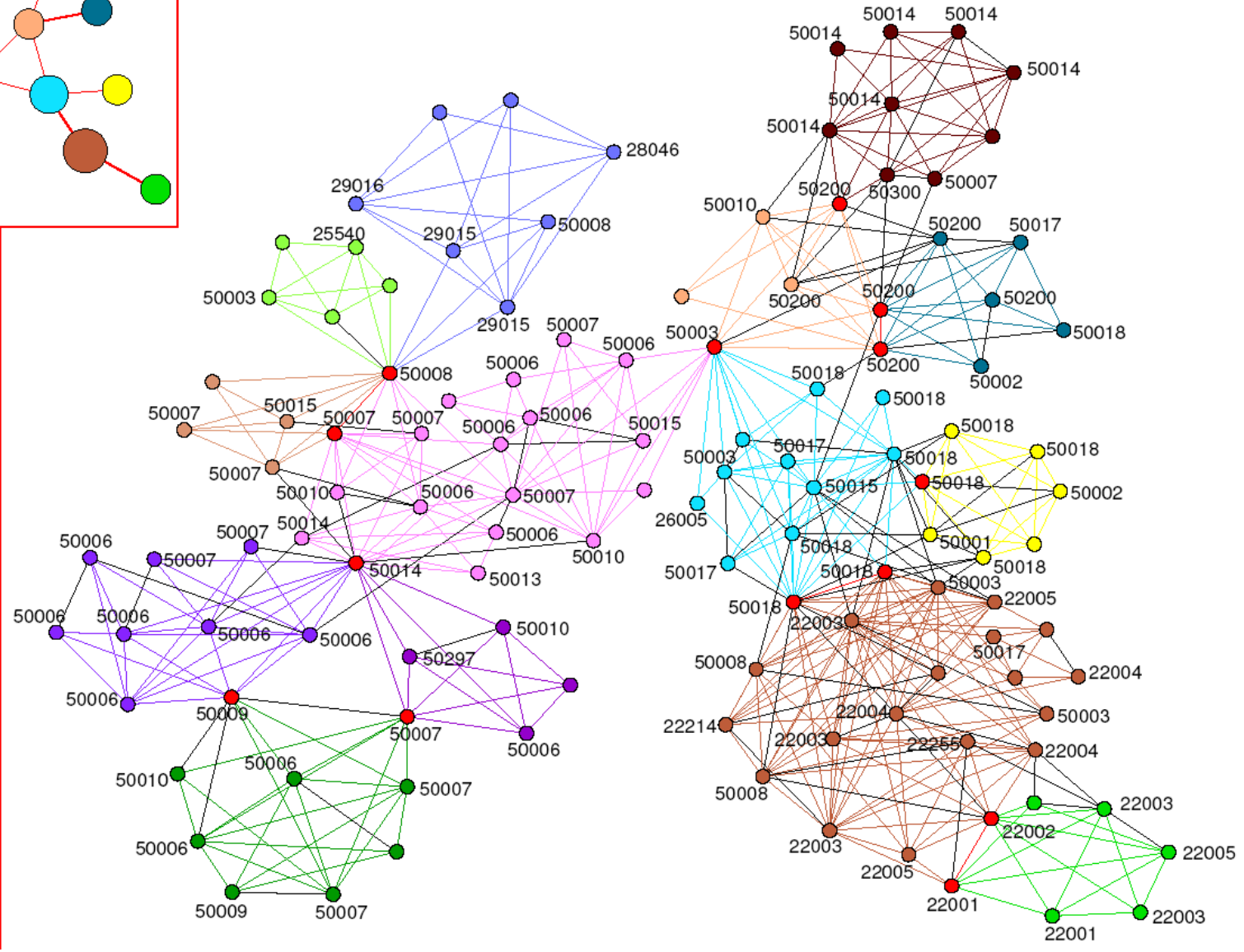
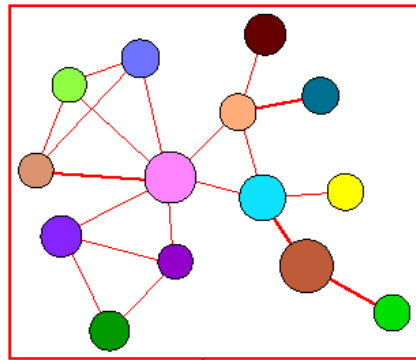
A large complex network is bounded to be highly structured (has modules; function follows from structure)

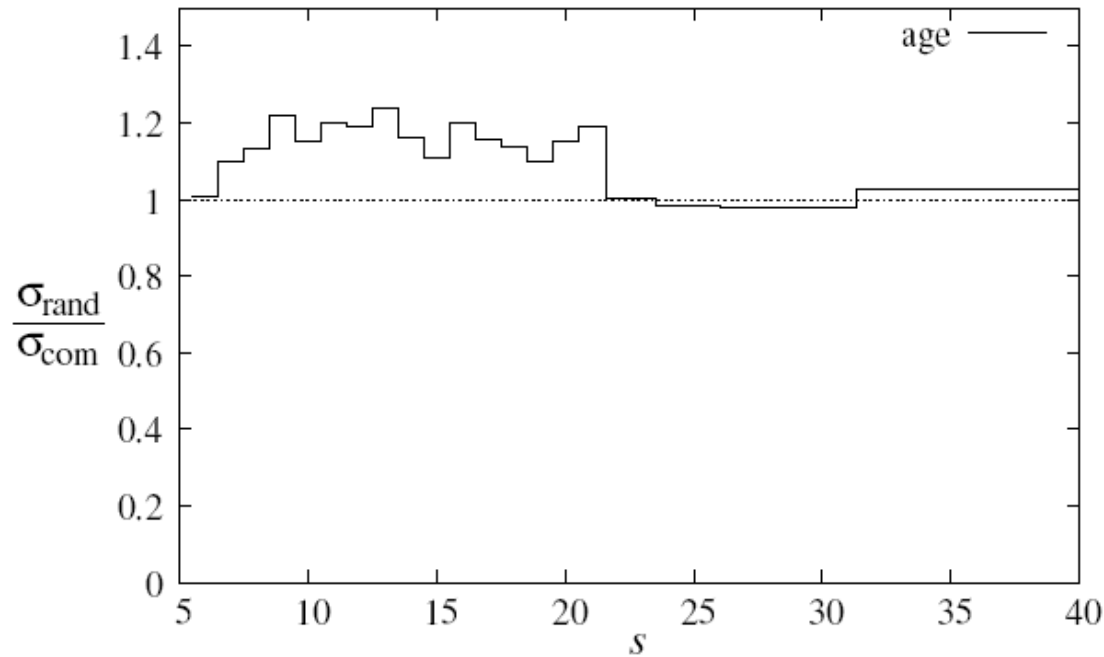
The internal organization is typically hierarchical (i.e., displays some sort of self-similarity of the structure)

An important new aspect: Overlaps of modules are essential

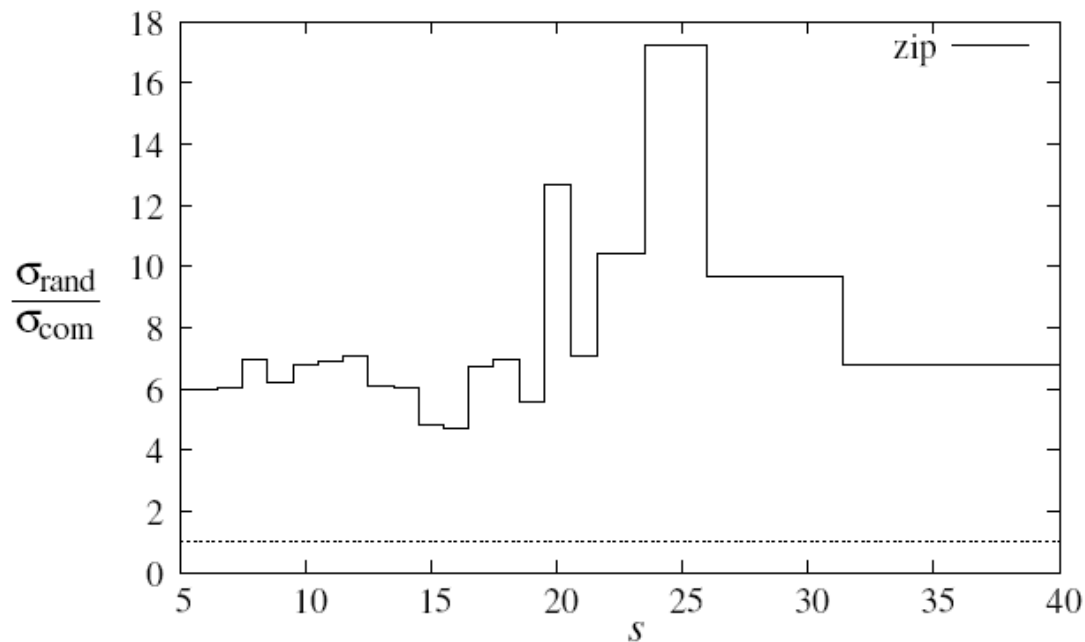


# Communities in a "tiny" part of a phone calls network of 4 million users (with A-L Barabási and G. Palla *Nature*, April 5 2007)



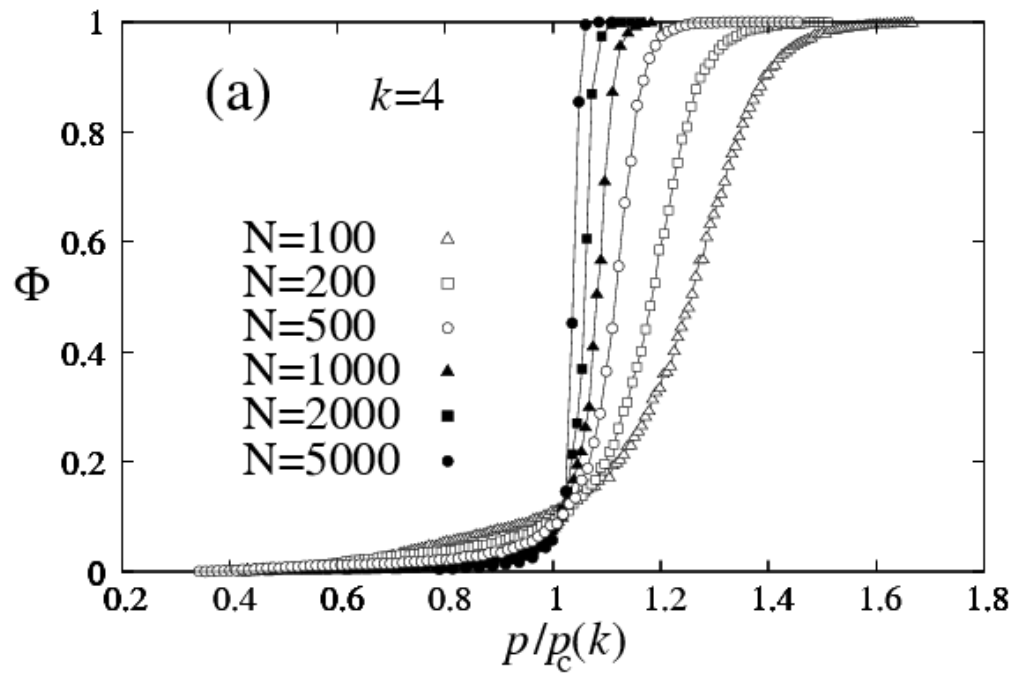


Information about the age distribution of users in communities of size  $s$  (Ratio of the standard deviation in a randomized set over actual)

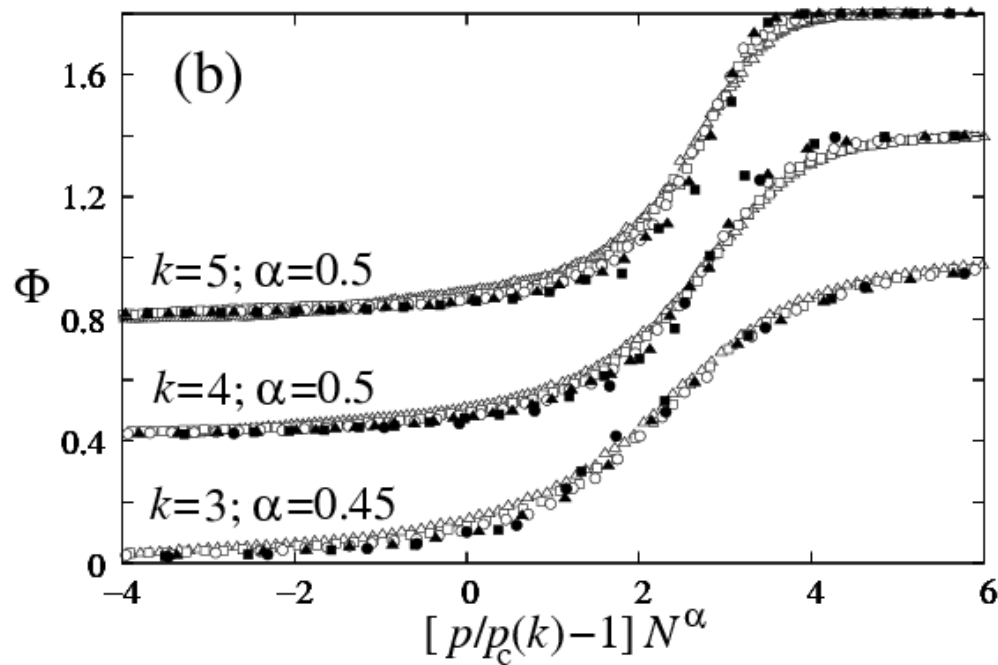


Information about the Zip code (spatial) distribution of users in communities of size  $s$

(Ratio of the standard deviation in a randomized set over actual)



The number of vertices in the largest component

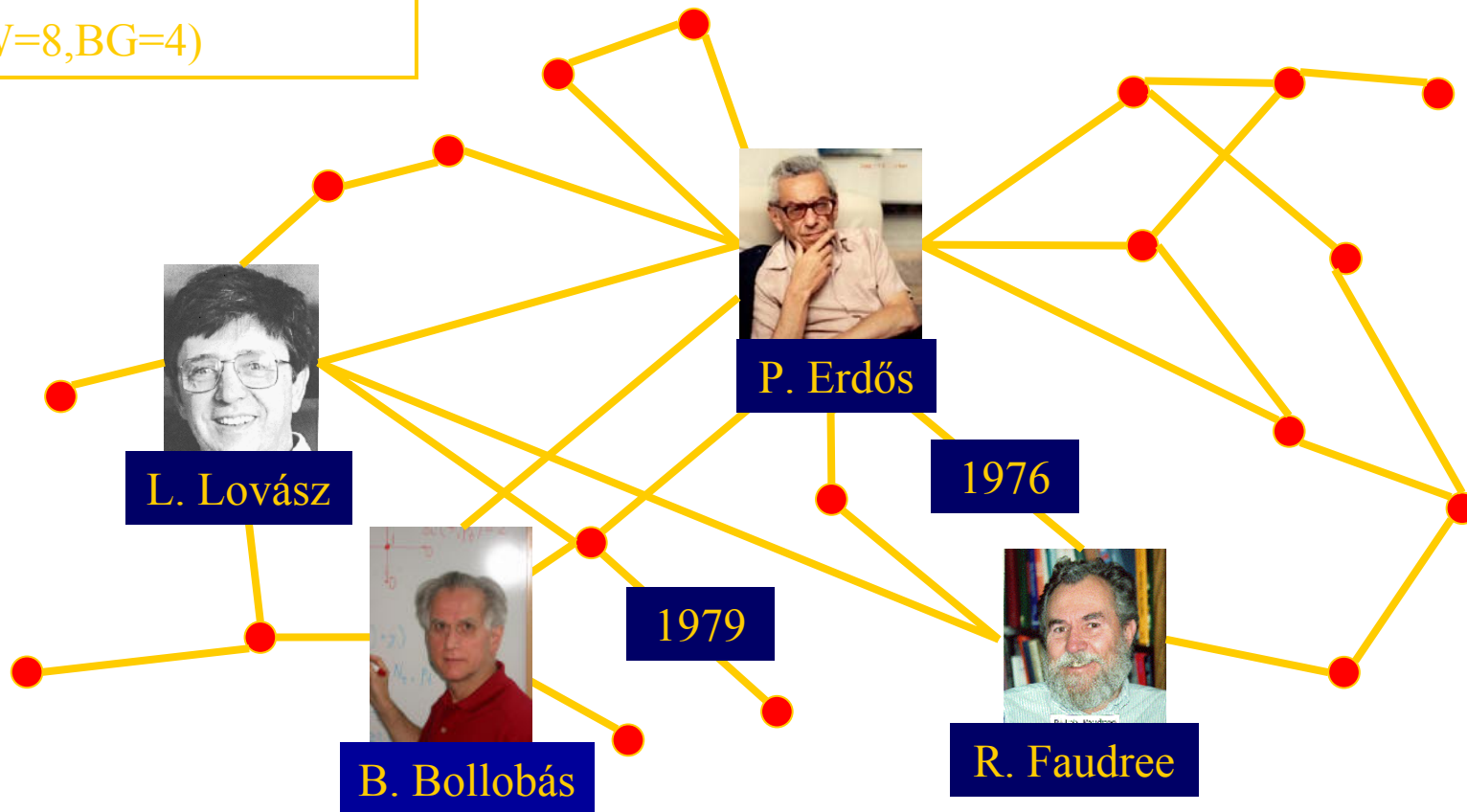


As  $N$  grows the width of the quickly growing region decays as  $1/N^{1/2}$



A.-L. B., H.J, Z.N., E.R., A. S., T. V. (Physica A, 2002)

The Erdős graph and  
the Erdős number  
( $E_i=2, W=8, BG=4$ )



Data: collaboration graphs in (M) Mathematics and (NS) Neuroscience

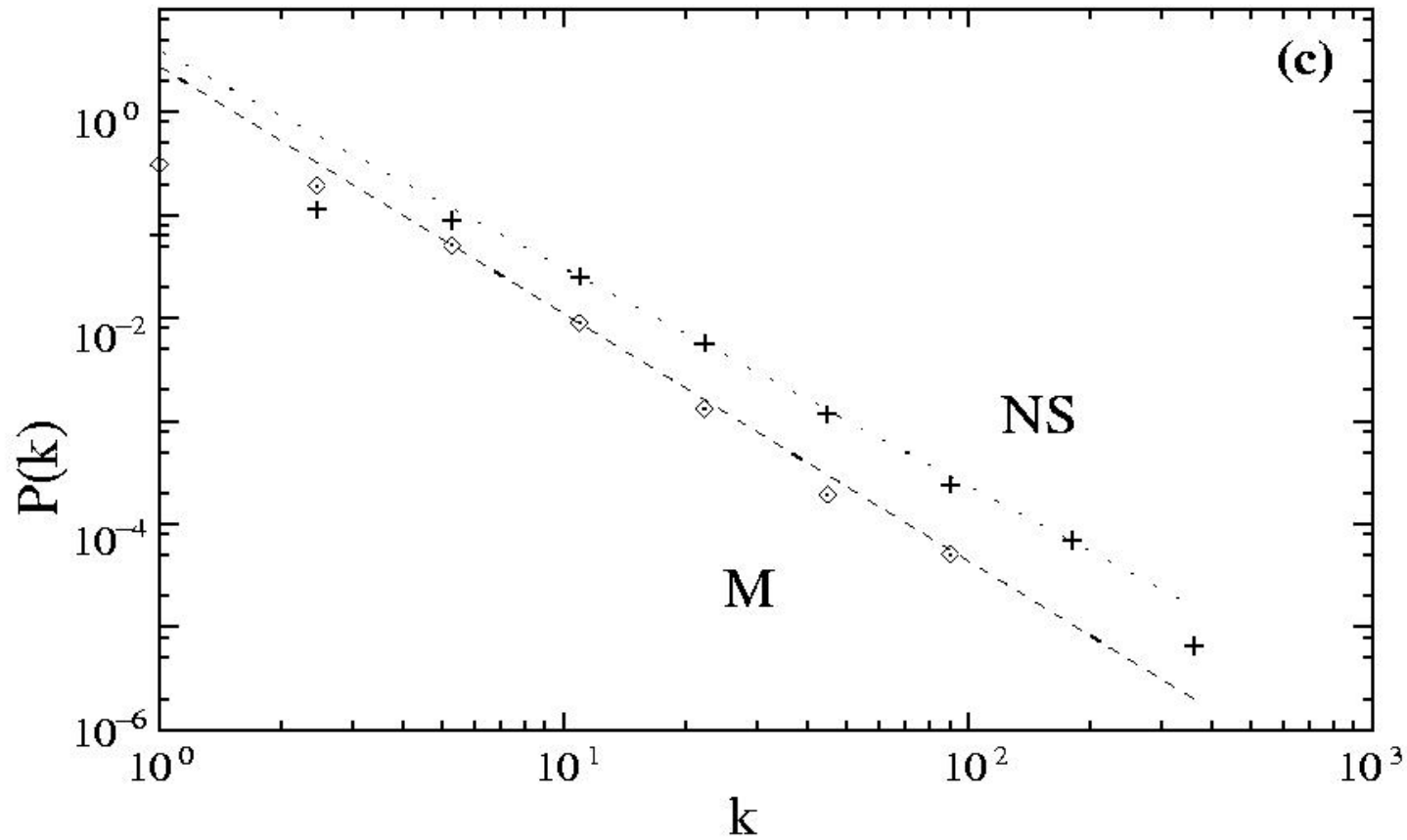
Cumulative data, 1991 - 98

Degree distribution:

power-law with

$\gamma_M = 2.1, \gamma_{NS} = 2.4$

due to growth and preferential attachment

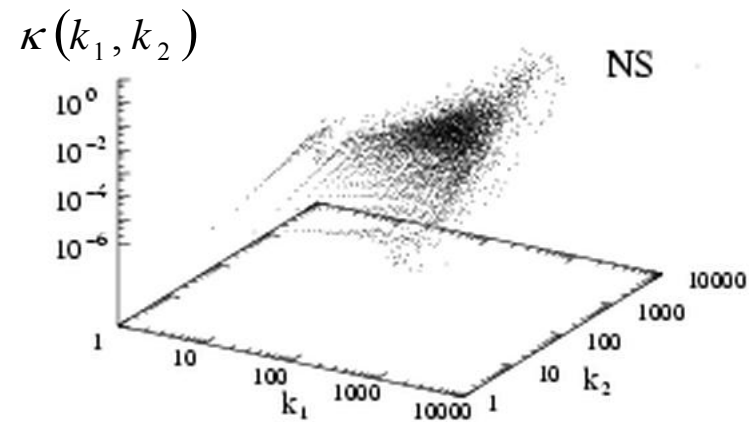
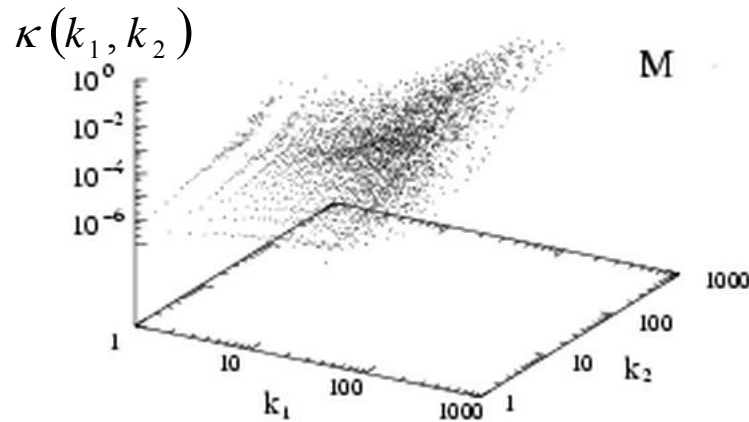


# Internal preferential attachment:

# Collaboration network

cumulative attachment rate:

$$\kappa(k_1, k_2) = \int_1^{k_1 k_2} \Pi(k_1, k_2) d(k_1, k_2)$$



Measured data shows:

$$\kappa(k_1, k_2)$$

is quadratic in  $k_1 k_2$

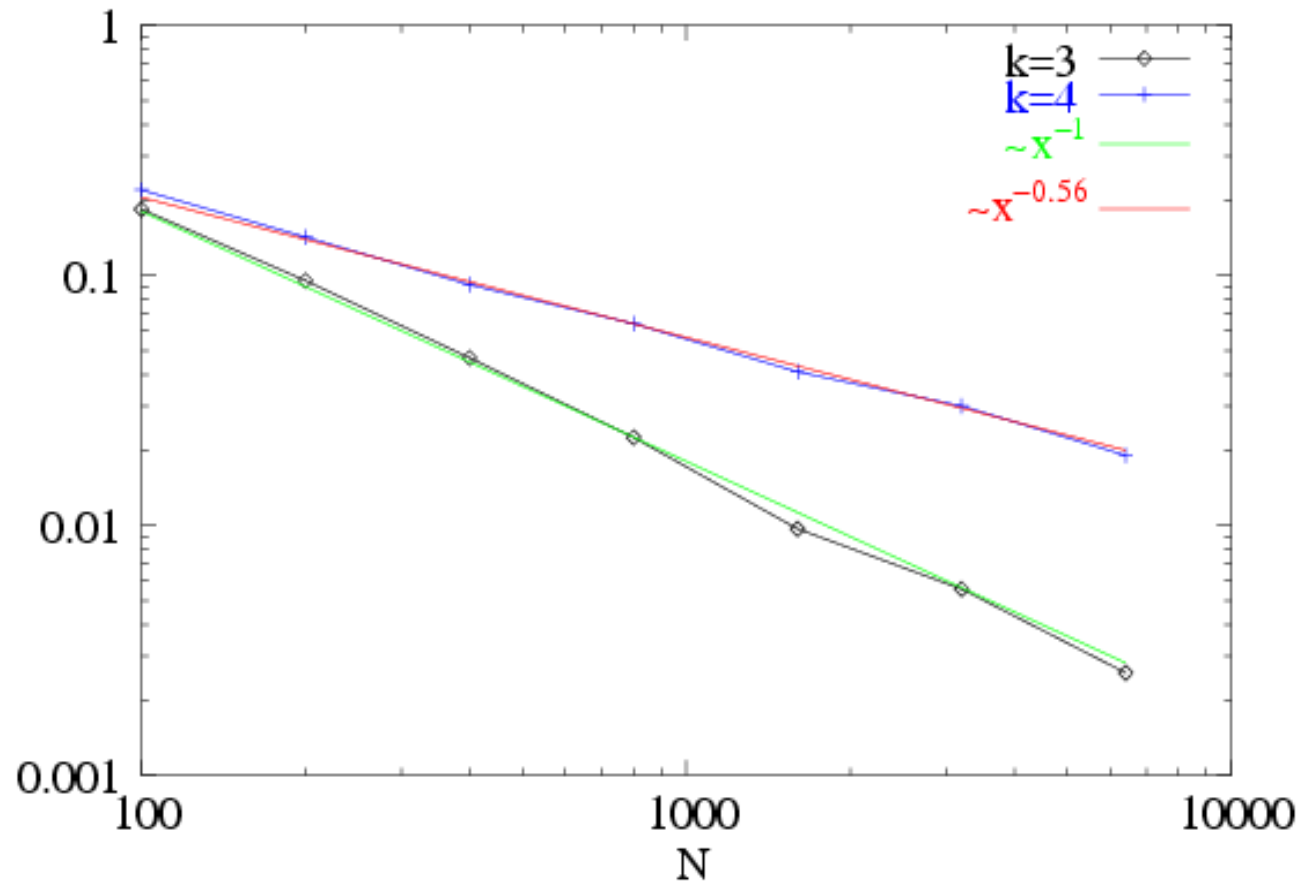
**Attachment rate**

$$\Pi(k_1, k_2)$$

is linear in  $k_1 k_2$

**communities of collaborators are formed**

# The scaling of the relative size of the giant cluster of $k$ -cliques at $p_c$

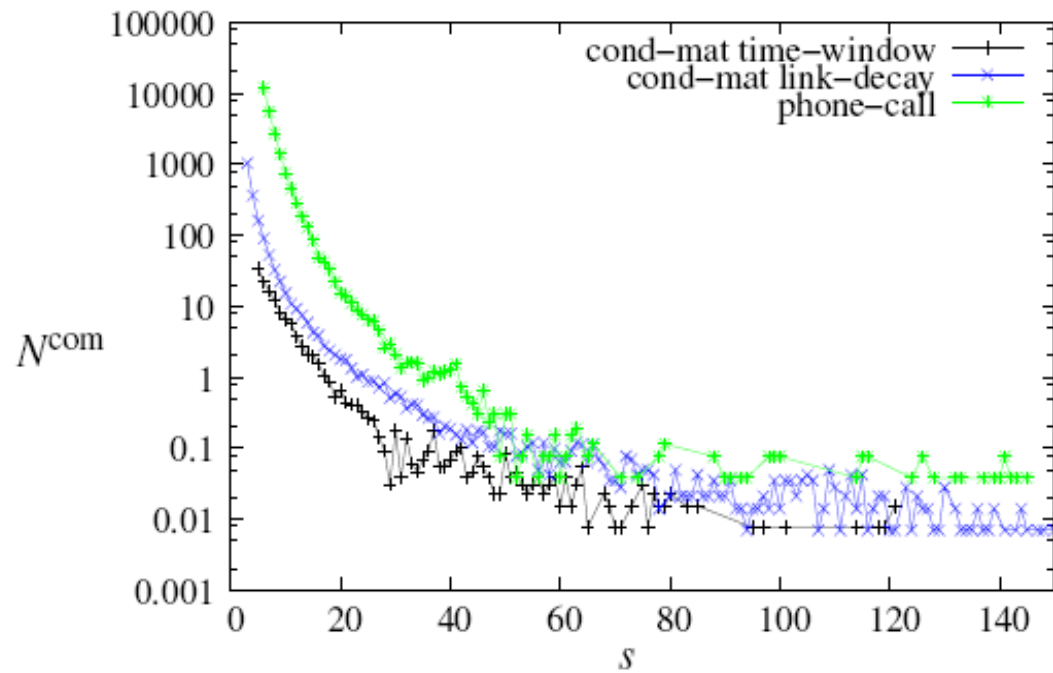


For  $k \leq 3$ ,  $N_k^*/N_k(p_c) \sim N^{-k/6}$

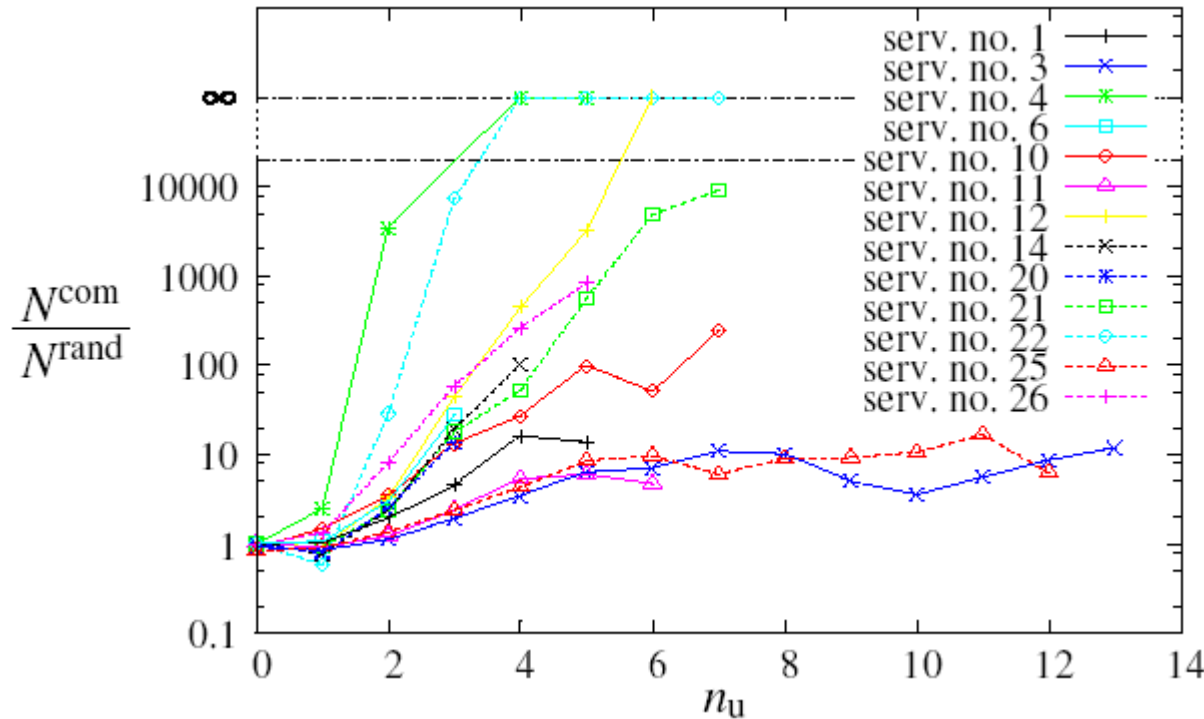
For  $k > 3$   $N_k^*/N_k(p_c) \sim N^{1-k/2}$







Distribution of community sizes

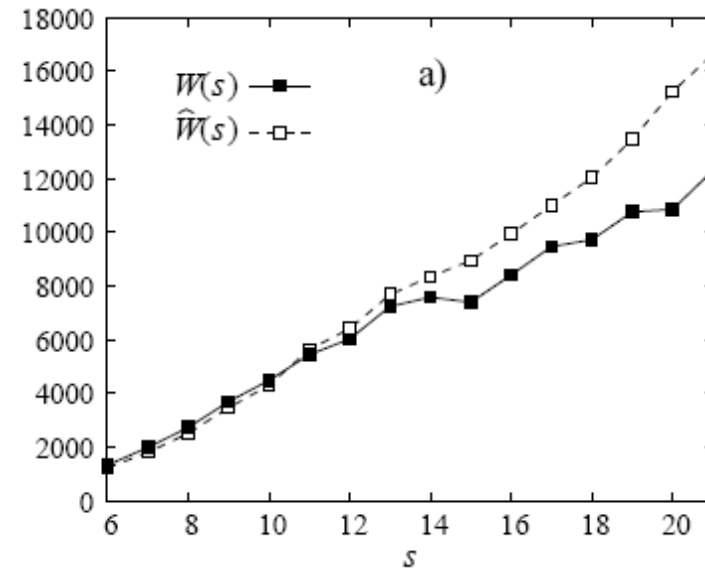
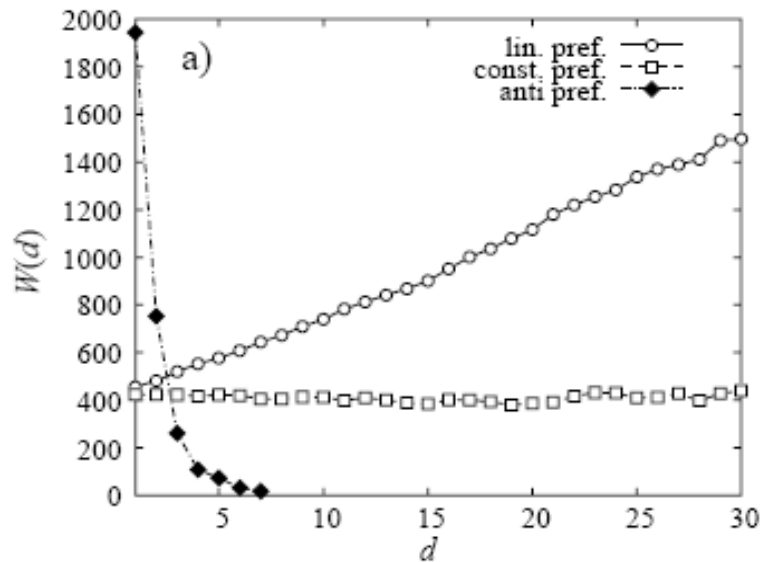


Over-representation of the usage of a given service as a function of the number of users in a community

# Community dynamics

with P. Pollner and G. Palla

Dynamics of community growth: the preferential attachment principle applies on the level of communities as well



The probability that a previously unlinked community joins a community larger than  $s$  grows approximately linearly (for the cond-mat coauthorship network)