



Modeling Critical Infrastructures with Networked Agent-based Approaches

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Resolving Infrastructure Issues Today

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Each Critical Infrastructure Insures Its Own Integrity



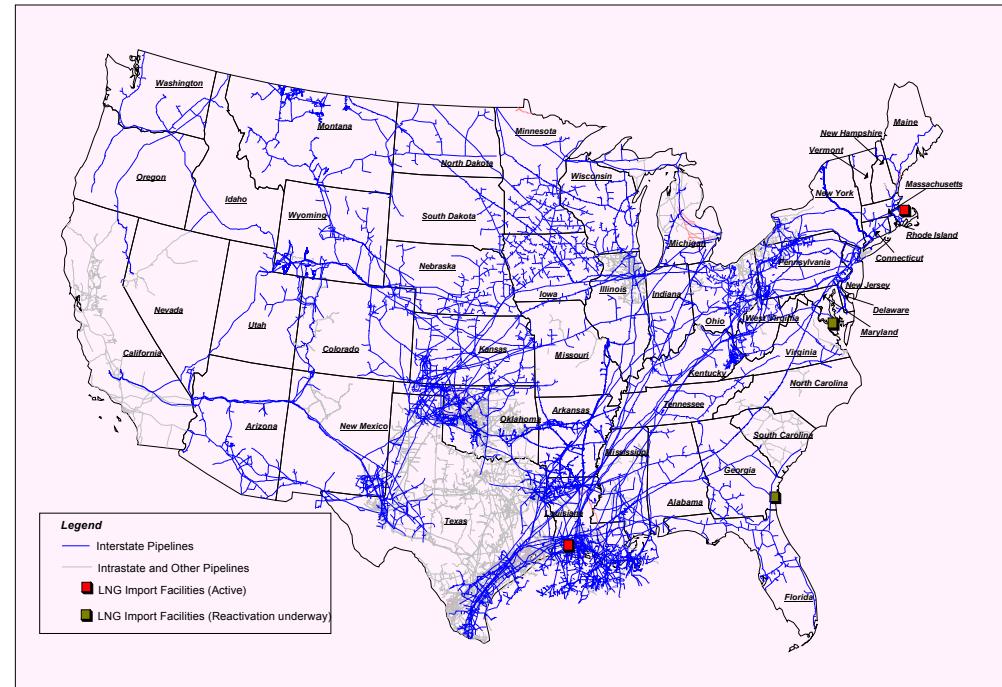
NISAC's Role:

Modeling, simulation, and analysis of critical infrastructures, their interdependencies, system complexities, disruption consequences



A Challenging if not Daunting Task

- Each individual infrastructure is complicated
- Interdependencies are extensive and poorly studied
- Infrastructure is largely privately owned, and data is difficult to acquire
- No single approach to analysis or simulation will address all of the issues



Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Oil & Gas

**Active Refinery Locations,
Crude and Product Pipelines**



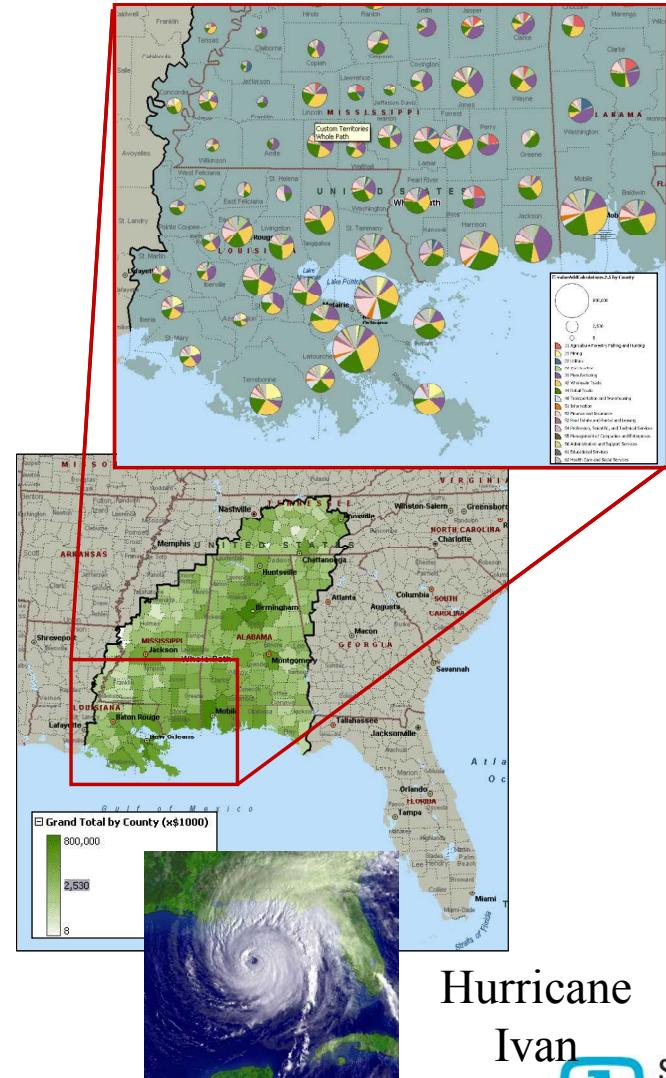
Example Natural Disaster Analysis: Hurricanes

Analyses:

- Damage areas, severity, duration, restoration maps
- Projected economic damage
 - Sectors, dollars
 - Direct, indirect, insured, uninsured
 - Economic restoration costs
- Affected population
- Affected critical infrastructures

Working towards:

- Robust Mitigation measures
- Evolving Resilience



Hurricane
Ivan



2003: Advanced Methods and Techniques Investigations (AMTI)

Critical Infrastructures are:

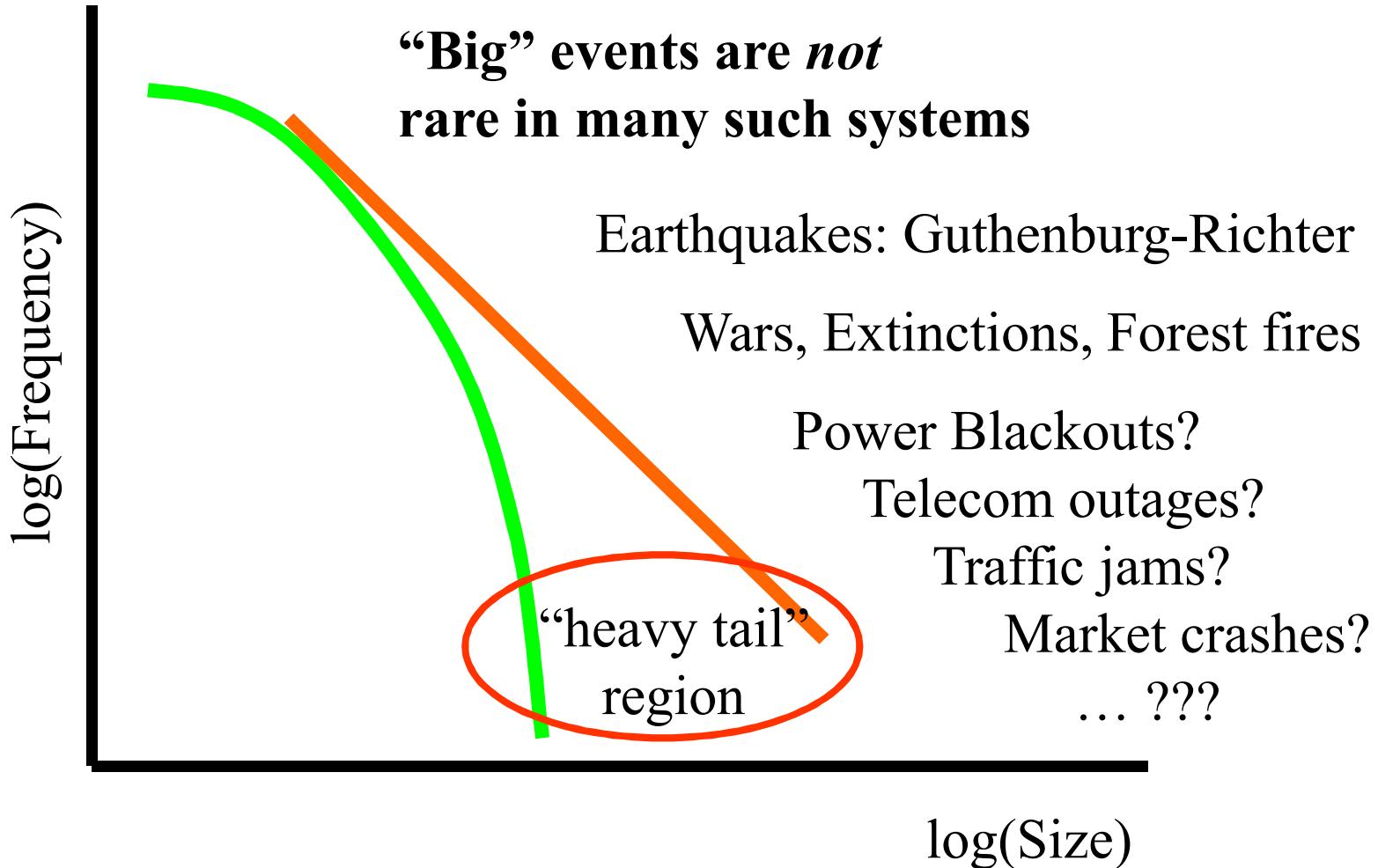
- *Complex*: composed of many parts whose interaction via local rules yields *emergent structure (networks) and behavior (cascades)* at larger scales
- *Grow and adapt* in response to local-to-global *policy*
- Contain *people*



*Critical infrastructures are
Complex Adaptive Systems*

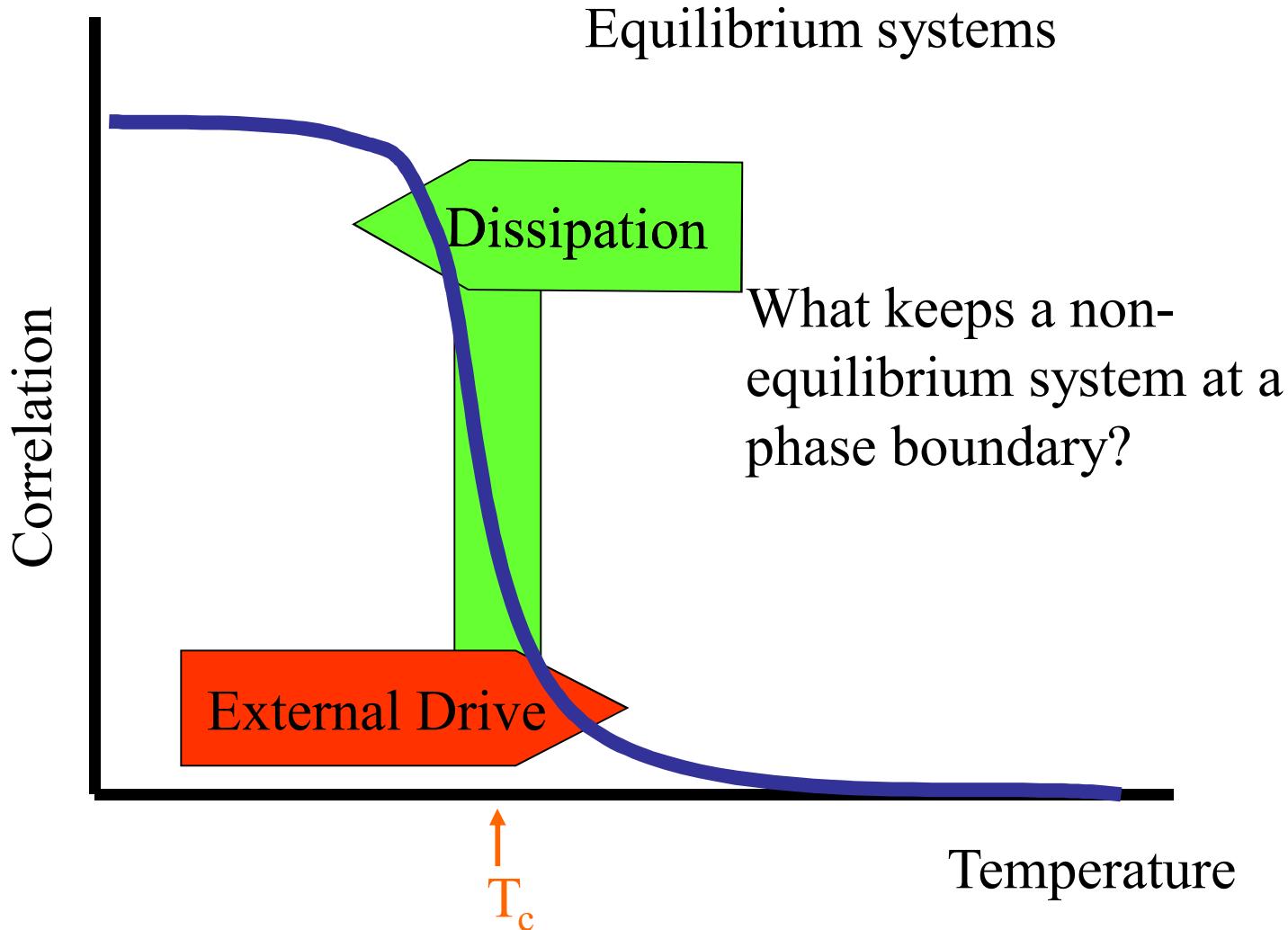


First Stylized Fact: Multi-component Systems often have power-laws & “heavy tails”





Power Law - Critical behavior - Phase transitions



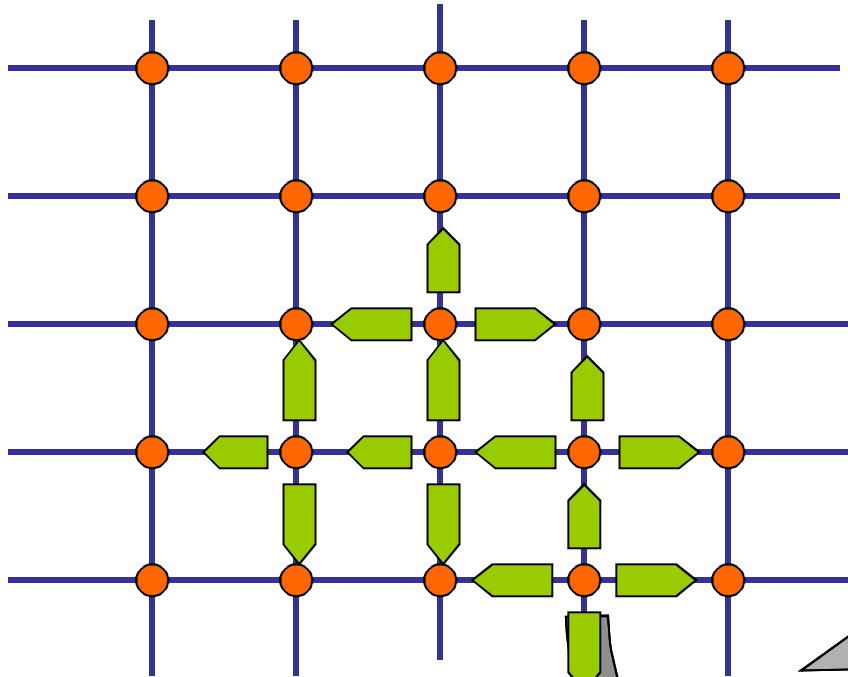
What keeps a non-equilibrium system at a phase boundary?



1987 Bak, Tang, Wiesenfeld's "Sand-pile" or "Cascade" Model

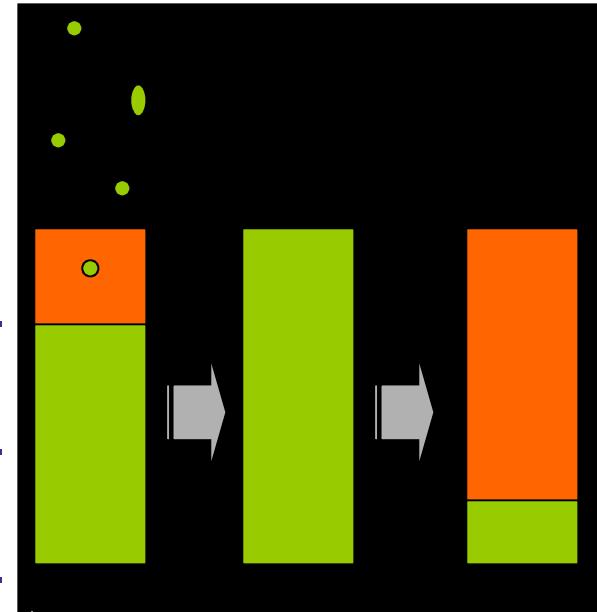
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Lattice



Cascade from
Local Rules

Drive



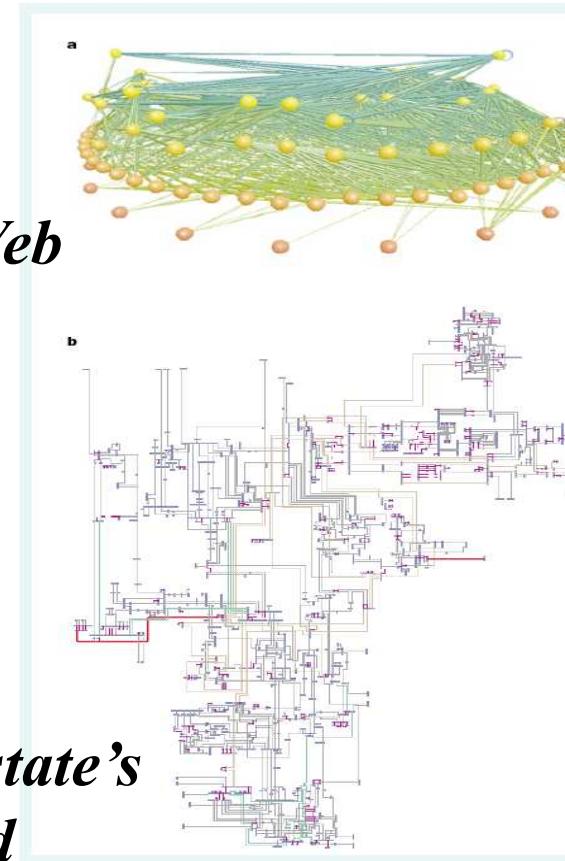
Relaxation

"Self-Organized Criticality"
power-laws

fractals in space and time
time series unpredictable

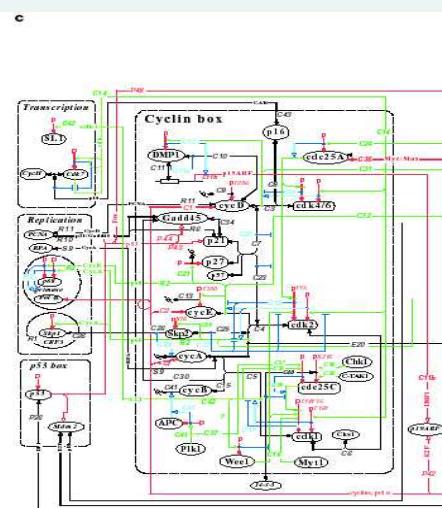
Second Stylized Fact: Networks are Ubiquitous in Nature and Infrastructure

Food Web



New York state's Power Grid

Figure 1 Wiring diagrams for complex networks. **a**, Food web of Little Rock Lake, Wisconsin, currently the largest food web in the primary literature⁵. Nodes are functionally distinct 'trophic species' containing all taxa that share the same set of predators and prey. Height indicates trophic level with mostly phytoplankton at the bottom and fishes at the top. Cannibalism is shown with self-loops, and omnivory (feeding on more than one trophic level) is shown by different coloured links to consumers. (Figure provided by N. D. Martinez). **b**, New York State electric power grid. Generators and substations are shown as small blue bars. The lines connecting them are transmission lines and transformers. Line thickness and colour indicate the voltage level: red, 765 kV and 500 kV; brown, 345 kV; green, 230 kV; grey, 138 kV and below. Pink dashed lines are transformers. (Figure provided by J. Thorp and H. Wang). **c**, A portion of the molecular interaction map for the regulatory network that controls the mammalian cell cycle⁶. Colours indicate different types of interactions: black, binding interactions and stoichiometric conversions; red, covalent modifications and gene expression; green, enzyme actions; blue, stimulations and inhibitions. (Reproduced from Fig. 6a in ref. 6, with permission. Figure provided by K. Kohn.)



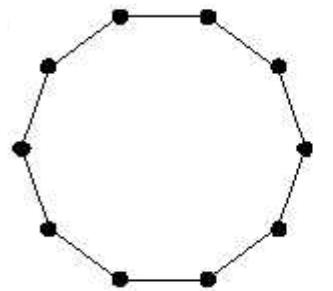
Molecular Interaction

Illustrations of natural and constructed network systems from Strogatz [2001].

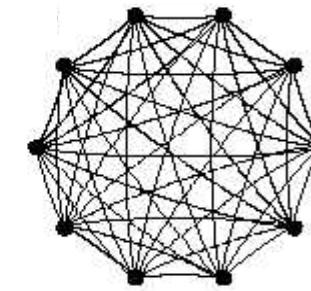


Idealized Network Topology

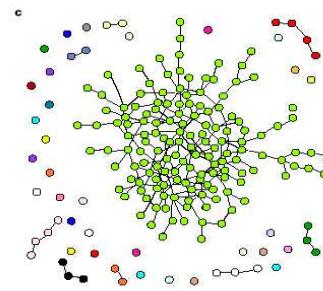
Regular



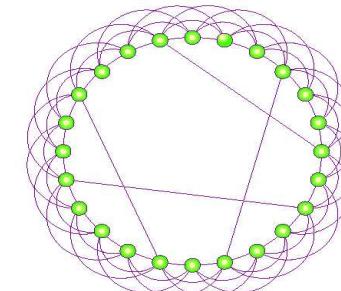
Fully connected



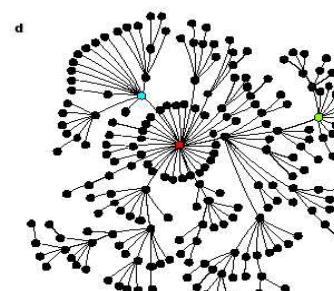
Random
“small world”



“Blended”
“clustering”
+
“small world”



“Scale-free”

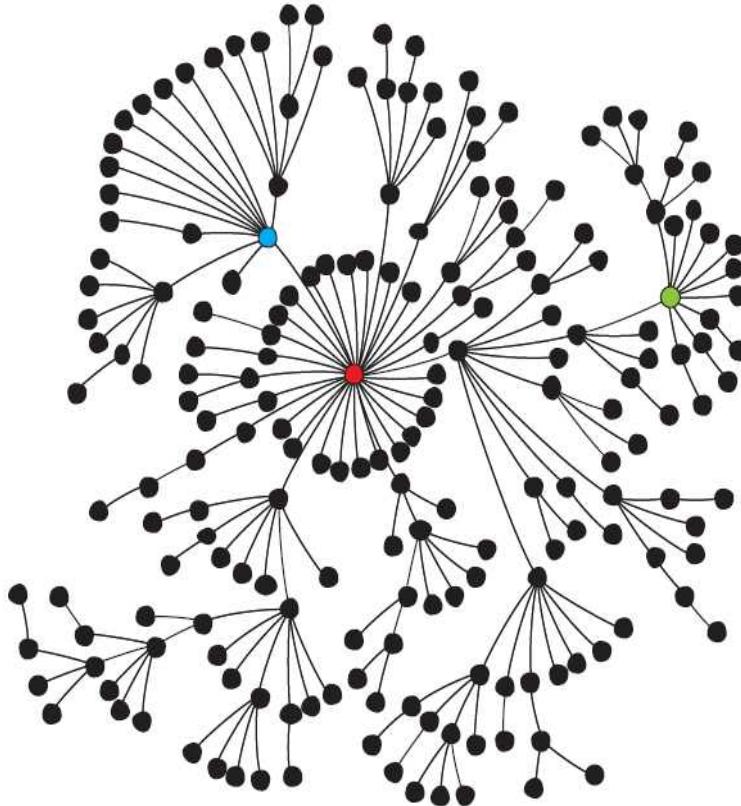


Degree
Distribution
Heavy-tailed

Illustrations from Strogatz [2001].



1999 Barabasi and Albert's “Scale-free” network



Simple Preferential attachment model:
“rich get richer”
yields
Hierarchical structure
with
“King-pin” nodes

Properties:
tolerant to random
failure...
vulnerable to
informed attack



Generalized Approach: Networked Agent-based Modeling

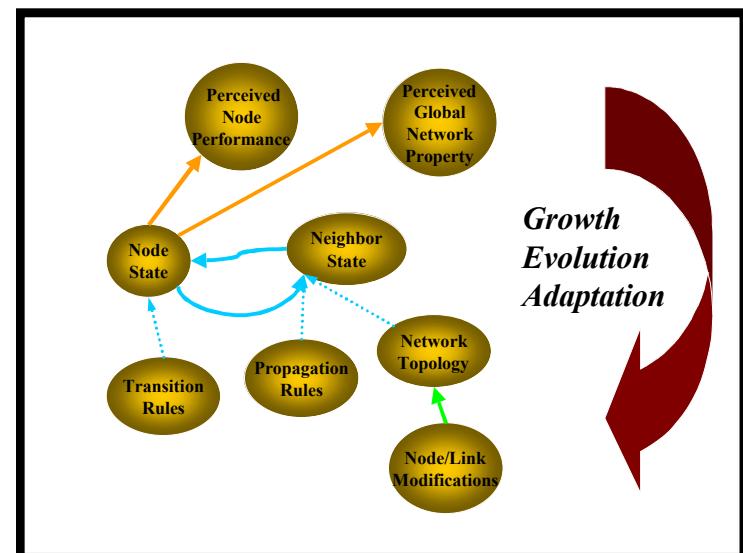
Take any system and Abstract as:

- Nodes (with a variety of “types”)
- Links or “connections” to other nodes (with a variety of “modes”)
- Local rules for Nodal and Link behavior
- Local Adaptation of Behavioral Rules
- “Global” forcing from Policy

Connect nodes appropriately to form a system (network)

Connect systems appropriately to form a System of Systems

“Caricatures of reality” that embody well defined assumptions





Towards a Complexity Science Basis for Infrastructure Modeling and Analysis

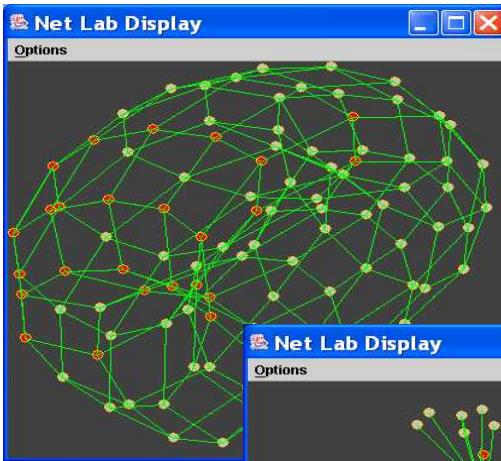
Systematically consider:

- Local rules for nodes and links (vary physics)
- Networks (vary topology)
- Robustness to perturbations
- Robustness of control measures (mitigation strategies)
- Feedback, learning, growth, adaptation
- Evolution of resilience
- Extend to multiple networks with interdependency

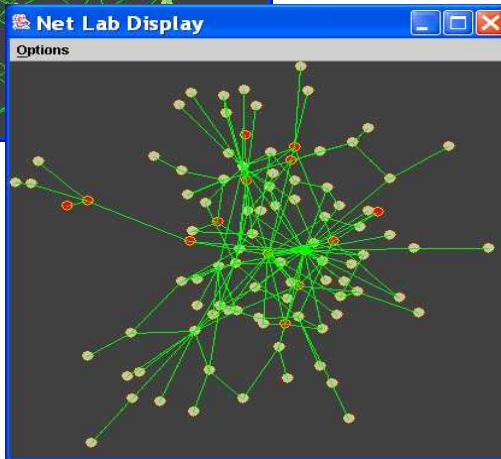
Study the behavior of models to develop a theory of infrastructures



Initial Study: BTW sand-pile on varied topology

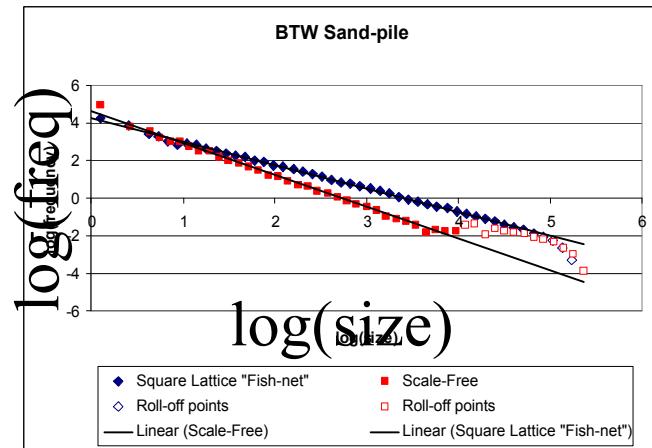
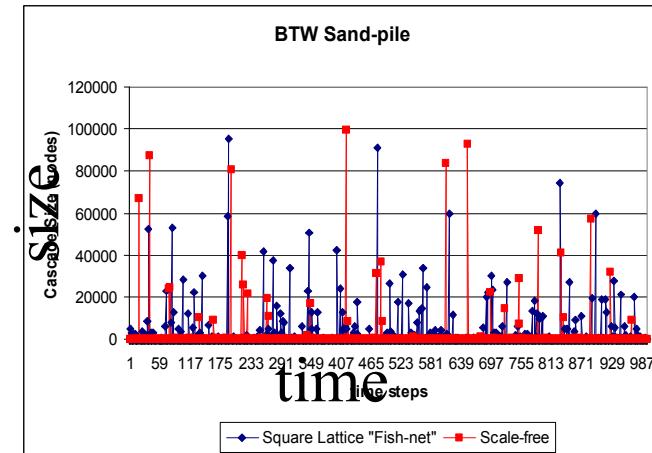


Fish-net
or Donut



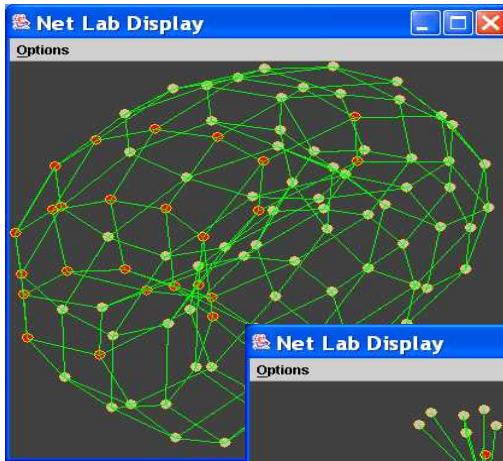
Scale-free

Random sinks
Sand-pile rules and drive
10,000 nodes

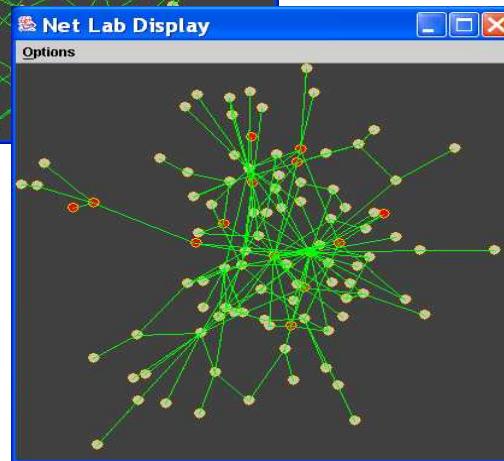




Initial Study: Abstract Power Grid Blackouts

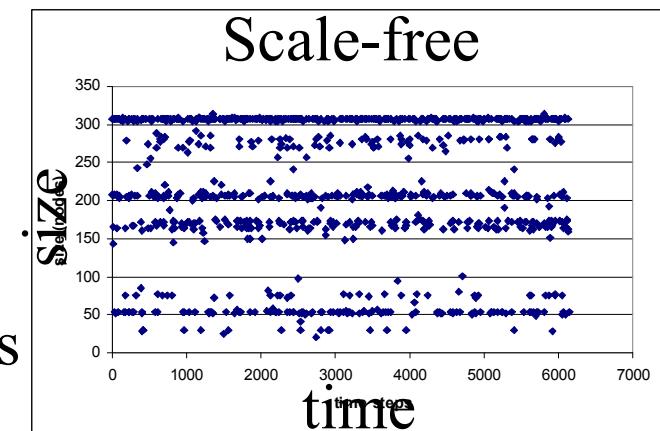
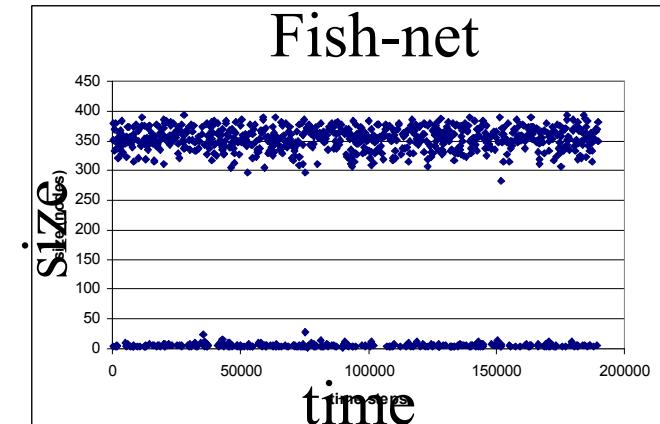


Fish-net
or Donut



Scale-free

Sources, sinks, relay stations, 400 nodes
DC circuit analogy, load, safety factors
Random transactions between sources and sinks





August 2003 Blackout...

Albert et al., Phys Rev E, 2004, Vulnerability of the NA Power Grid

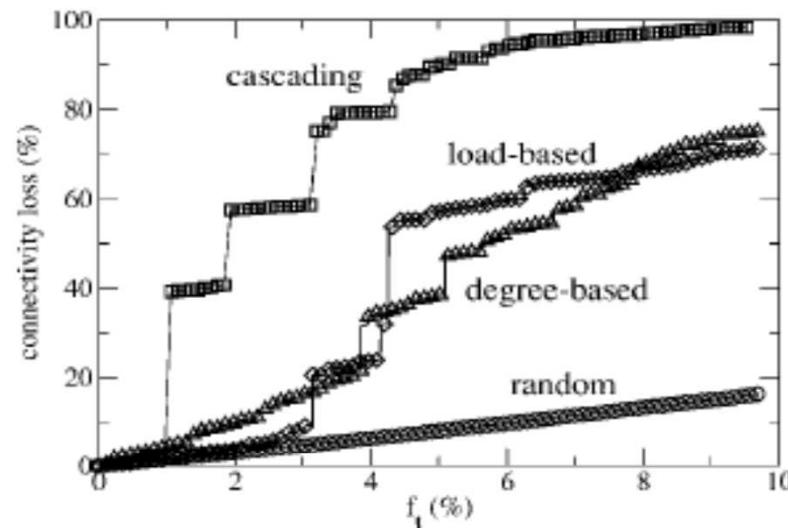
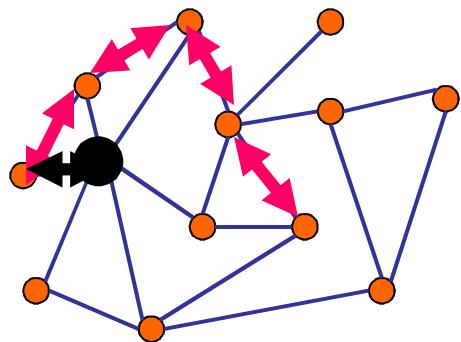


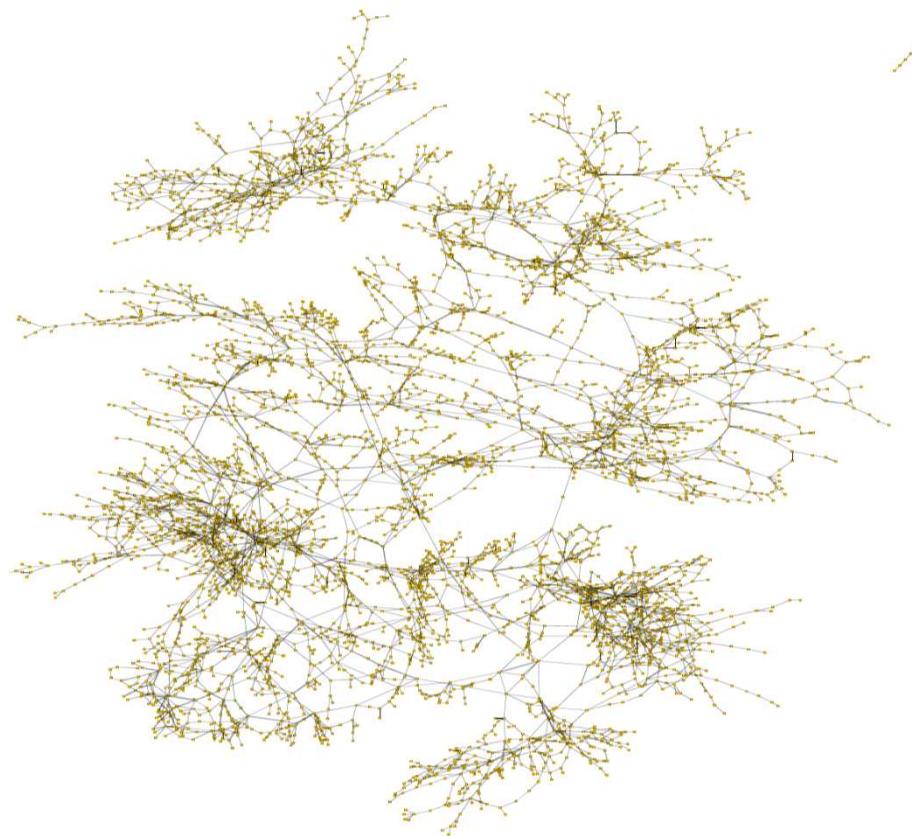
FIG. 4. Connectivity loss in the power grid due to the removal of nodes corresponding to transmission substations. We remove a fraction f_t of transmission nodes with four different algorithms: randomly (circles), in the decreasing order of their degrees (triangles) or loads (diamonds), and by recalculating the load every ten steps and removing the ten nodes with highest load (squares). The curves corresponding to random and degree-based node removal were averaged over ten runs. The load-based and cascading removal curves represent a single run.



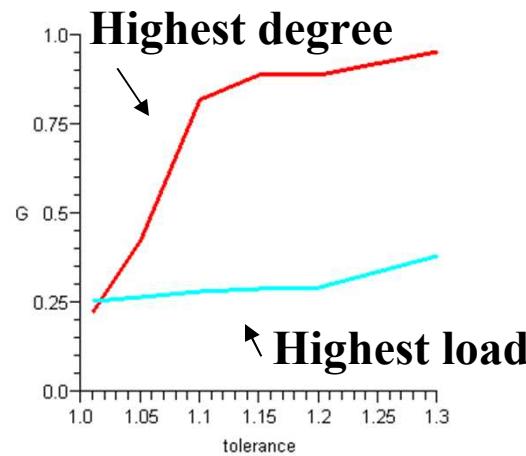
Initial Study: Congestive Failure of the WECC?



Western Power Grid (WECC) 69 kev lines and above



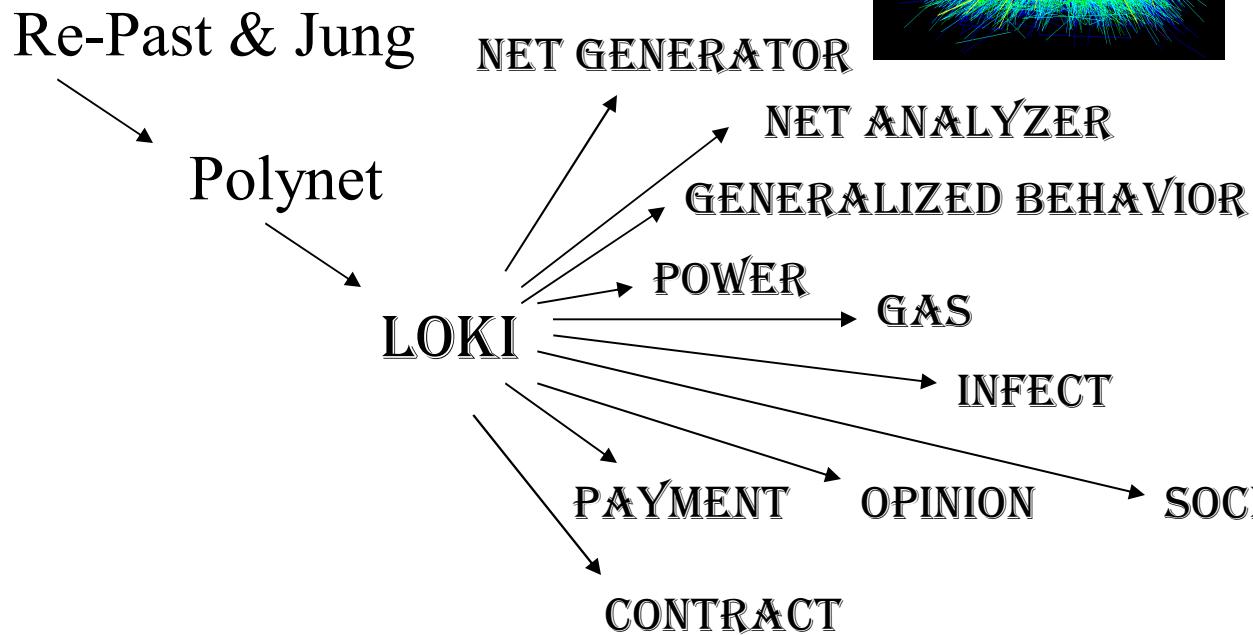
Betweeness + Tolerance





Loki Toolkit: Modeling and Analysis

Applications VERY Important



Modeling and analysis of multiple interdependent
networks of agents,
e.g., Physical+SCADA+Market+Policy Forcing



Example Application: Influenza Pandemic

Two years ago on Halloween NISAC got a call from DHS. Public health officials worldwide were afraid that the H5NI “avian flu” virus would jump species and become a pandemic like the one in 1918 that killed 50M people worldwide.

No Vaccine

Limited Antiviral drugs

What should/could we do?



Chickens being burned in Hanoi

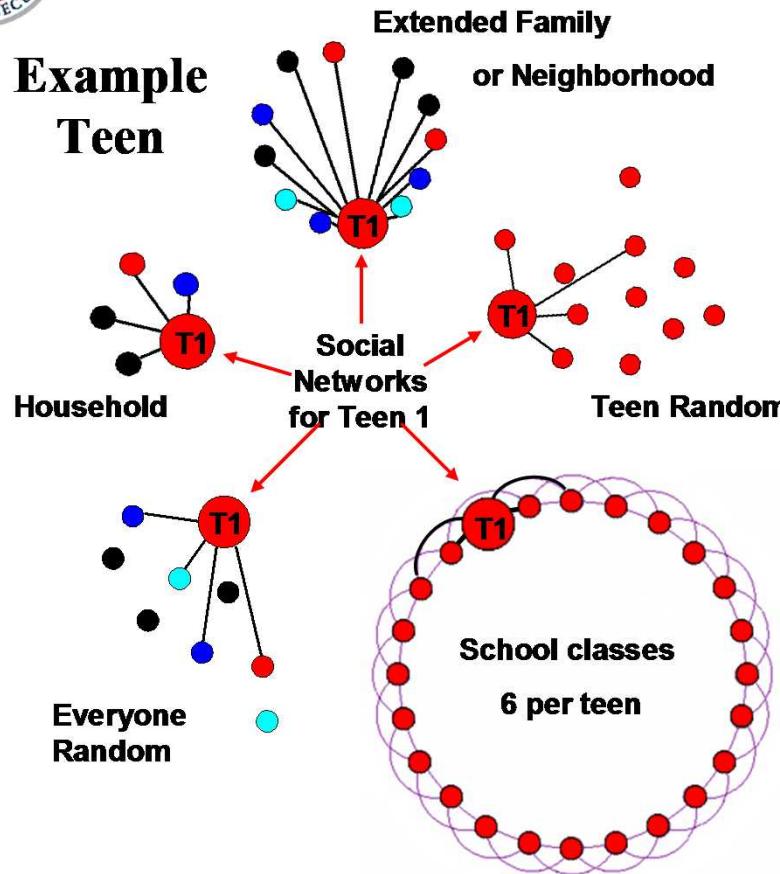


By Analogy with other Complex Systems

- **Forest fire:** You can *build fire breaks* based on where people throw cigarettes... or you can *thin the forest* so no that matter where a cigarette is thrown, a percolating fire (like an epidemic) will not burn.
- **Power grid blackout:** it's a cascade. But it runs on the interactions among people, the social network, instead of the wires of a power-grid.
- Could we target the social network and thin it?
- Could we thin it intelligently so as to minimize impact and keep the economy rolling?



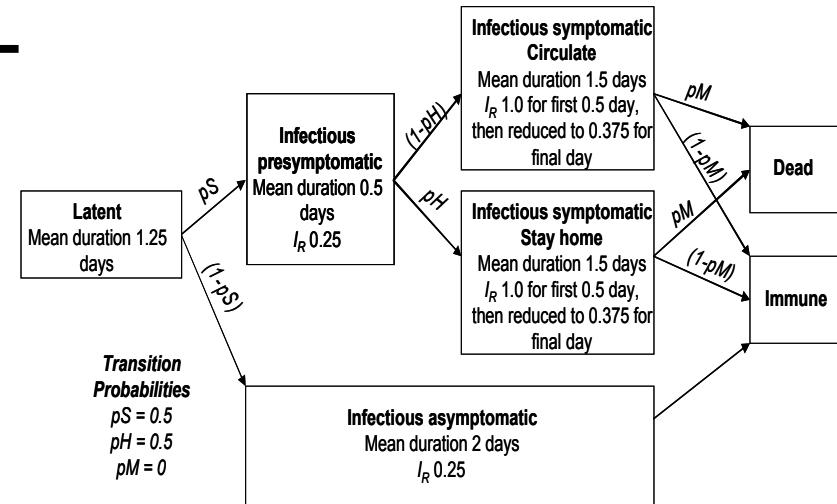
Example Teen



Influenza Model

Disease manifestation
(infectiousness and
behavior a function of
disease state)

+



Stylized Social Network
(nodes, links, frequency of interaction)
Based on expert elicitation and fits “common knowledge”



Simulation

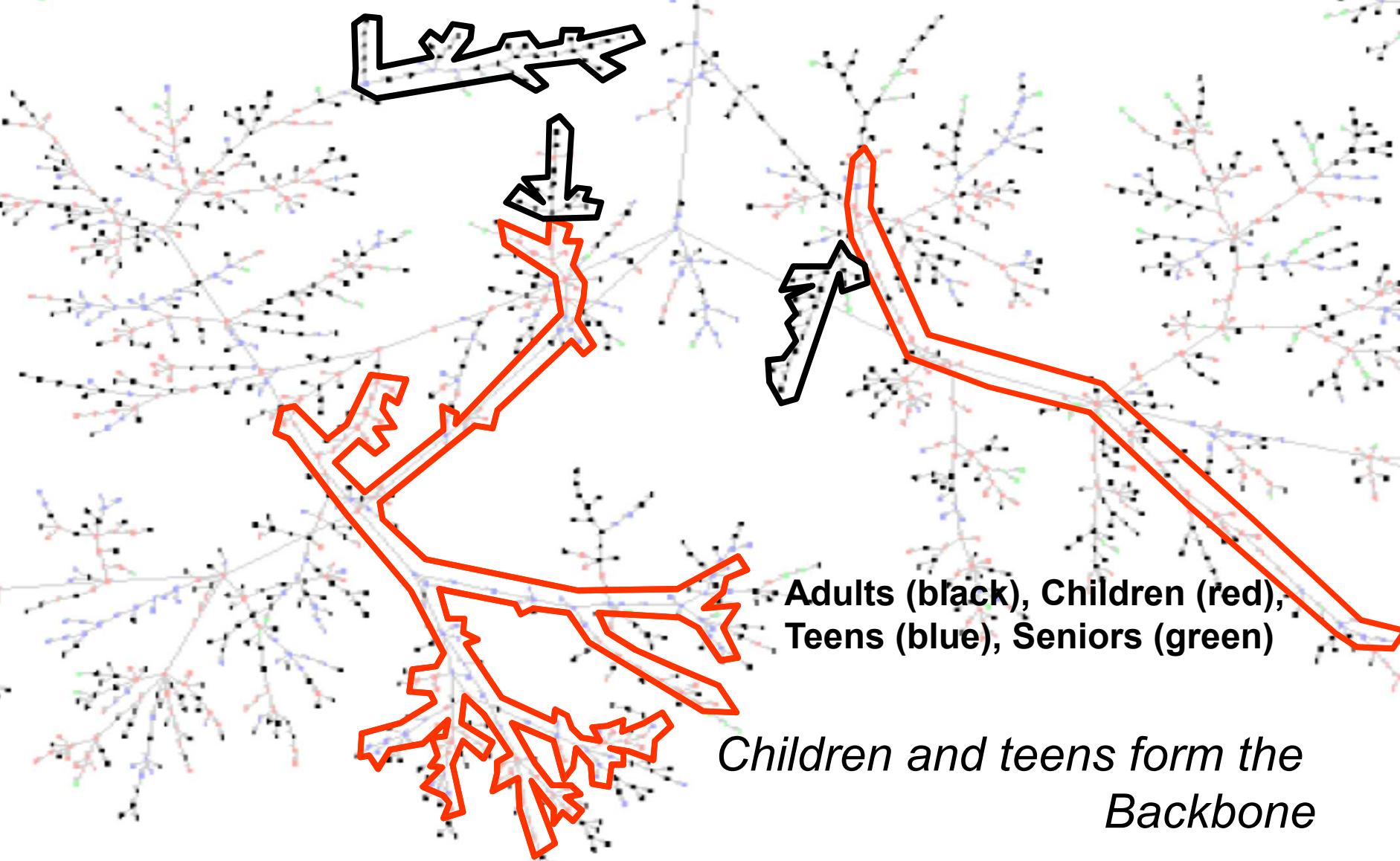
6 of 10 seeds
developed secondary
infections

1 of 10 seeds created the epidemic

Features of model:

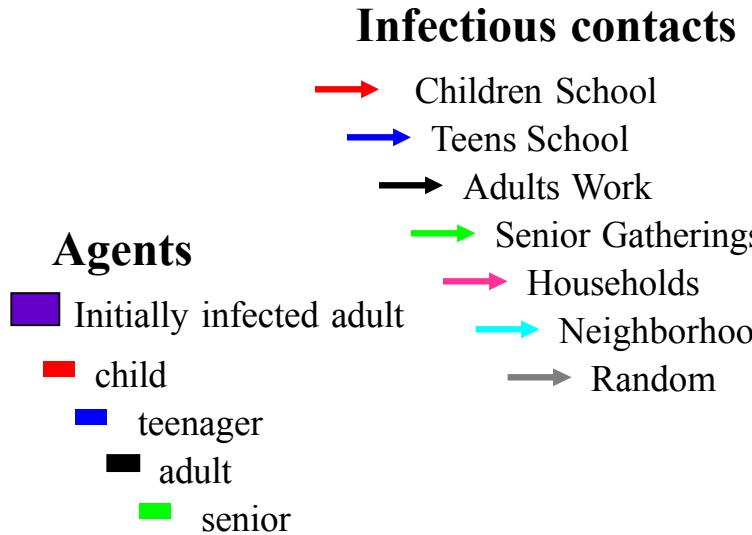
- Focused on community structure
- Groups not fully mixed
- Allows analysis of the backbone of infectious transmission
- One knob calibration for disease infectivity

Network of Infectious Contacts

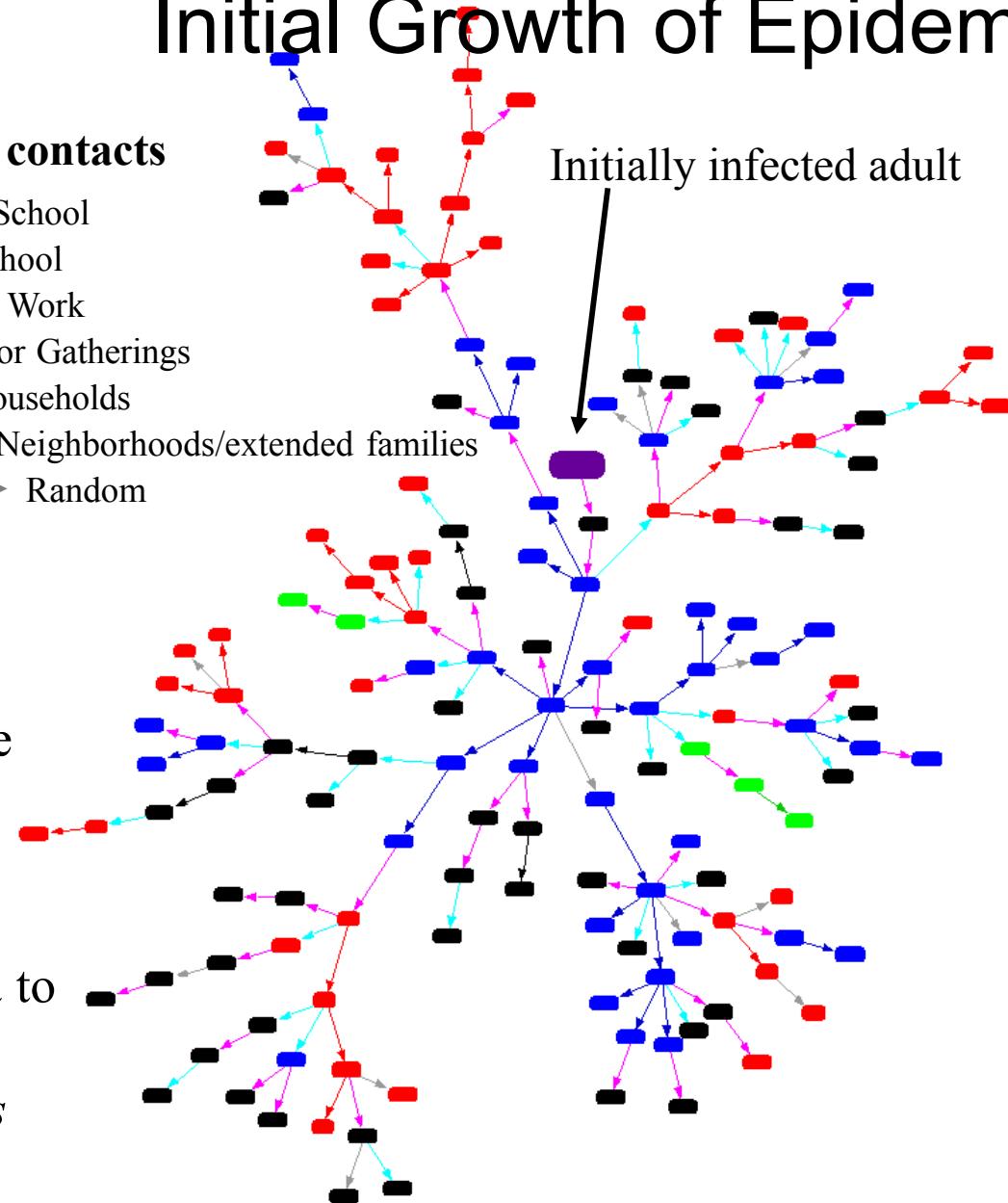




Initial Growth of Epidemic



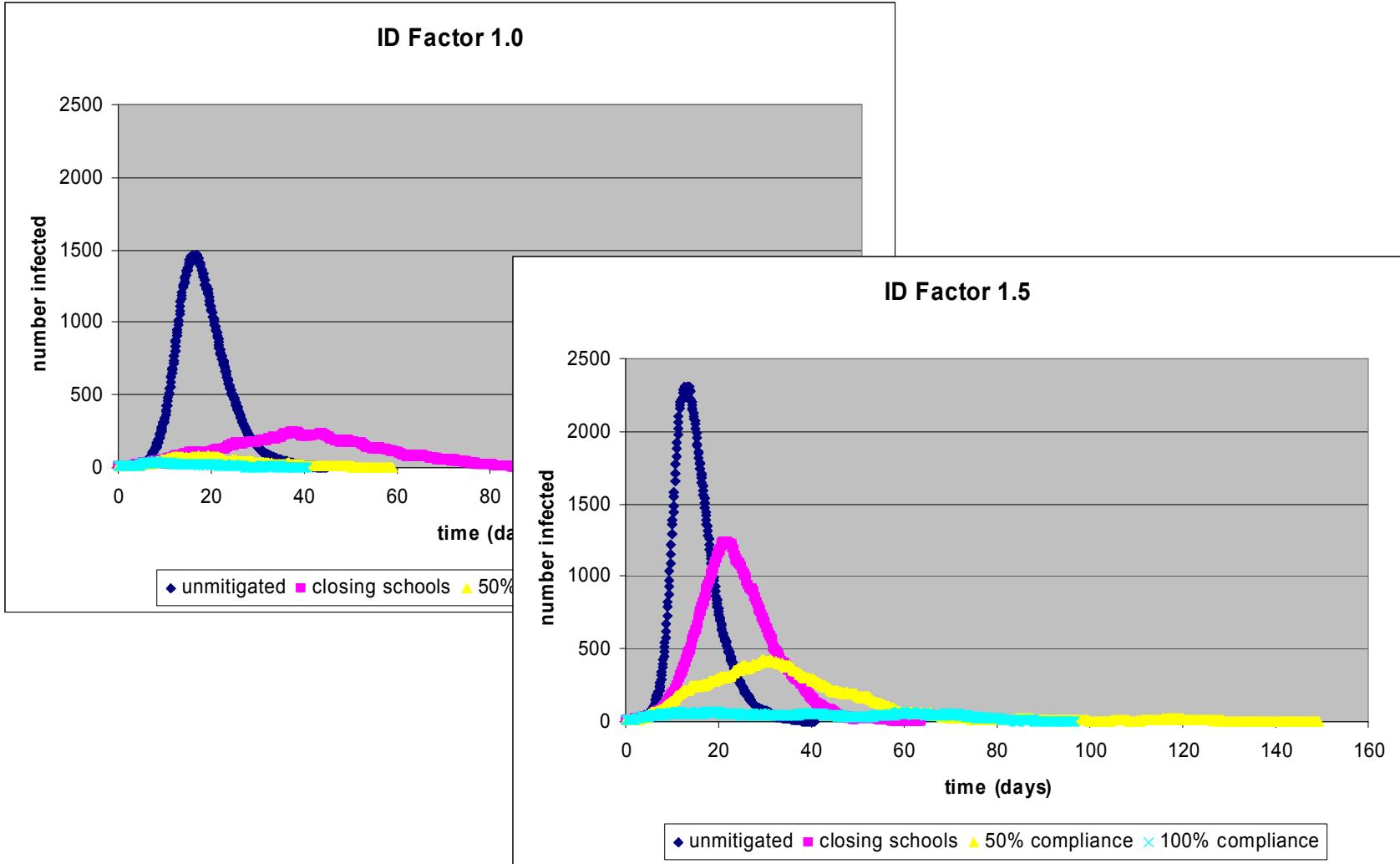
Tracing the spread of the disease: From the initial seed, two household contacts (light purple arrows) brings influenza to the *High School* (blue arrows) where it spreads like wildfire.





Closing Schools and Keeping the Kids Home

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Connected to HSC Pandemic Implementation Plan writing team

They identified critical questions/issues and worked with us to answer/resolve them

- How sensitive were results to the social net? Disease manifestation?
- How sensitive to compliance? Implementation threshold? Disease infectivity?
- How did the model results compare to past epidemics and results from the models of others?
- Is there any evidence from past pandemics that these strategies worked?
- What about adding or “layering” additional strategies including home quarantine, antiviral treatment and prophylaxis, and pre-pandemic vaccine?

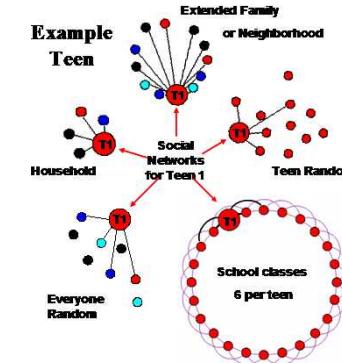
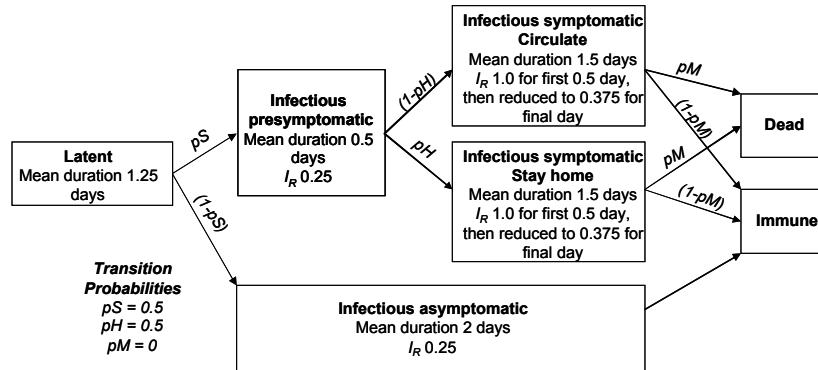
We extended the model and put it on Tbird... 10's of millions of runs later we had the answers to:

- What is the best mitigation strategy combination? (**choice**)
- How robust is the combination to model assumptions? (**robustness of choice**)
- What is required for the choice to be most effective? (**evolving towards resilience**)



Effective, Robust Design of Community Containment for Pandemic Influenza

- **Explicit social contact network:**
 - Stylized US community of 10000 (Census, 2000)
 - Agents: Child 18%, Teen 11%, Adult 59%, Senior 12%
 - Groups with explicit sub networks: Households, school classes, businesses, neighborhoods/extended families, clubs, senior gatherings, random
 - Household adult stays home to tend sick or sent home from school children in the family
- **Influenza disease manifestation:**
 - scaled normal flu, (Ferguson-like, ~viral shedding)
 - $p_{Symptomatic} = 0.5$, $p_{Home} = p_{Diagnosis} = 0.8$
 - Children 1.5 and Teens 1.25 times more infectious & susceptible than adults & seniors
 - Added 7 day recovery period for symptomatic (ill)



For Details see:

Local Mitigation Strategies for Pandemic Influenza, RJ Glass, LM Glass, and WE Beyeler, SAND-2005-7955J (Dec, 2005).

Targeted Social Distancing Design for Pandemic Influenza, RJ Glass, LM Glass, WE Beyeler, and HJ Min, *Emerging Infectious Diseases* November, 2006.

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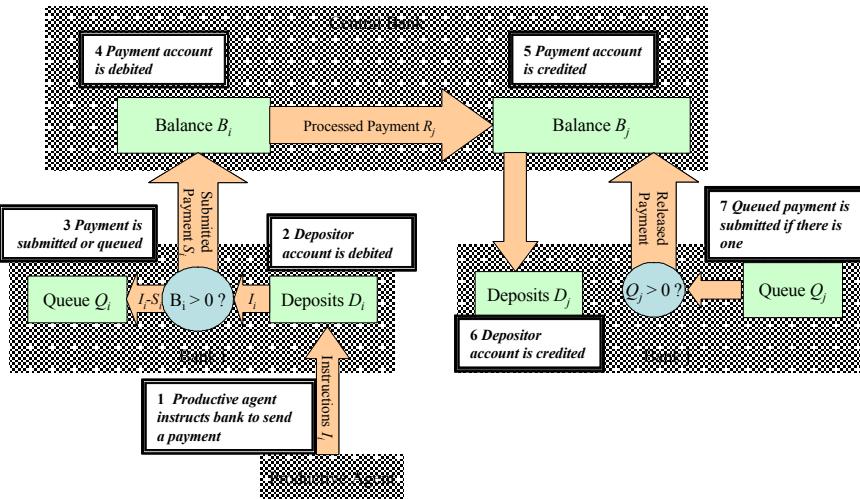
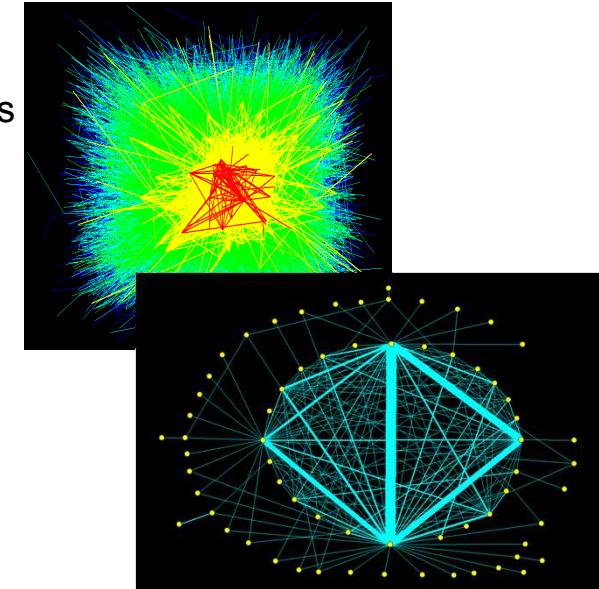
Social contact networks for the spread of pandemic influenza in children and teenagers, LM Glass, RJ Glass, *BMC Public Health*, February, 2008.

Rescinding Community Mitigation Strategies in an Influenza Pandemic, VJ Davey and RJ Glass, *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, March, 2008.



Application: Congestion and Cascades in Payment Systems

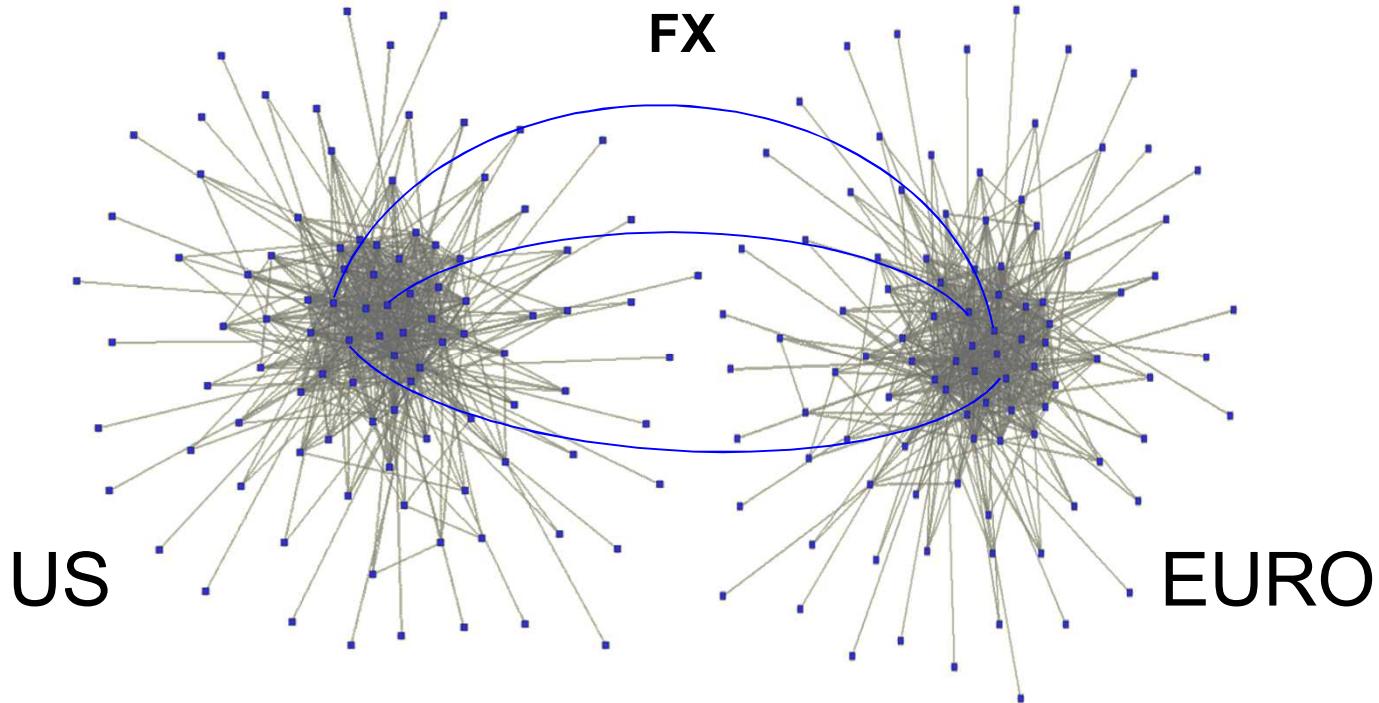
- **Network defined by Fedwire transaction data:**
 - Payments among more than 6500 large commercial banks
 - Typical daily traffic: more than 350,000 payments totaling more than \$1 trillion
 - Node degree and numbers of payments follow power-law distributions
- **Bank behavior controlled by system liquidity:**
 - Payments activity is funded by initial account balances, incoming payments, and market transactions
 - Payments are queued pending funding
 - Queued payments are submitted promptly when funding becomes available



For Details see:
The Topology of Interbank Payment Flows, Kimmo Soramäki, Morten L. Bech, Jeffrey Arnold, Robert J. Glass and Walter E. Beyeler, *PhysicaA*, 1 June 2007; vol.379, no.1, p.317-33.
Congestion and Cascades in Payment Systems, Walter E. Beyeler, Robert J. Glass, Morten Bech, Kimmo Soramäki, *PhysicaA*, 15 Oct. 2007; v.384, no.2, p.693-718.



Application: Coupled Payment Systems

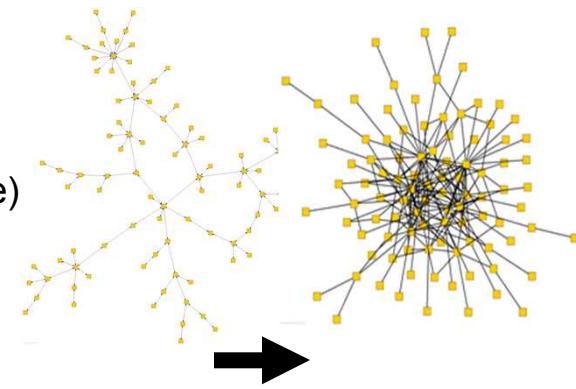
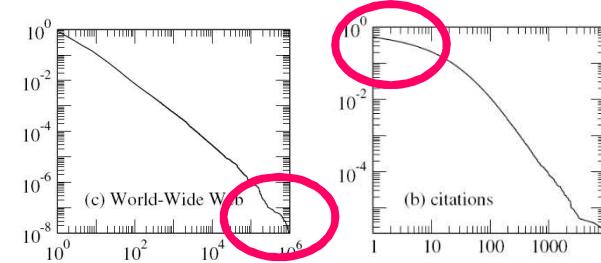
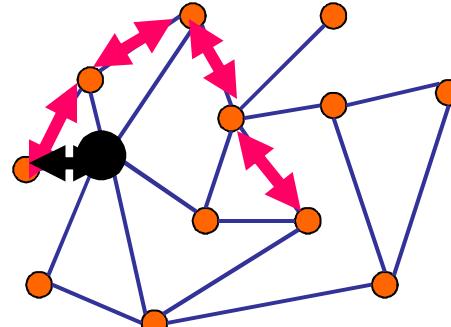


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Abstract: Generalized Congestive Cascading

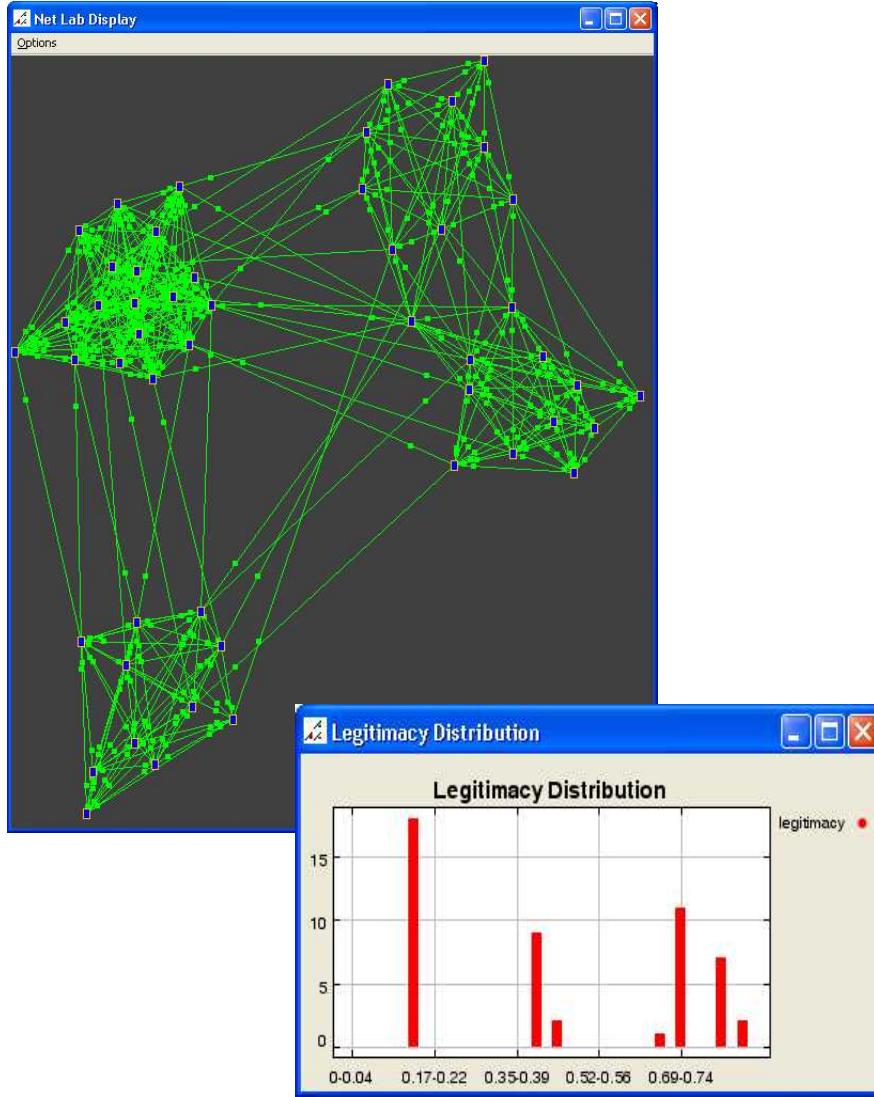
- **Network topology:**
 - Random networks with power law degree distribution
 - Exponent of powerlaw systematically varied
 - Rolloff at low and high values and truncation at high values controlled systematically
- **Rules:**
 - Every node talks to every other along shortest path
 - Calculate load as the betweenness centrality given by the number of paths that go through a node
 - Calculate Capacity of each node as (Tolerance * initial load)
 - **Attack:** Choose a node and remove (say, highest degree)
 - **Redistribute:** if a node is pushed above its capacity, it fails, is removed, and the cascade continues



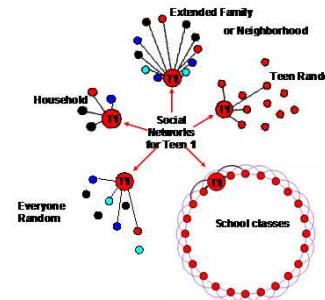
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Abstract: Group Formation and Fragmentation

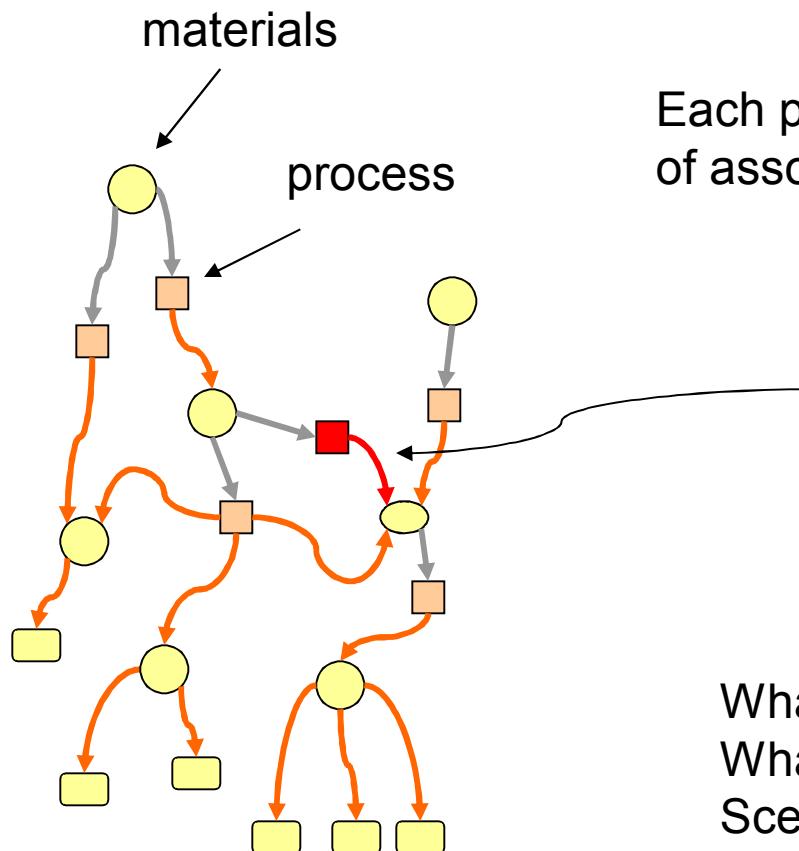


- Step 1: Opinion dynamics: tolerance, growing together, antagonism
- Step 2: Implementation of states with different behaviors (active, passive)
- Consider self organized extremist group formation, activation, dissipation
- **Application:** Initialization of network to be representative of community of interest

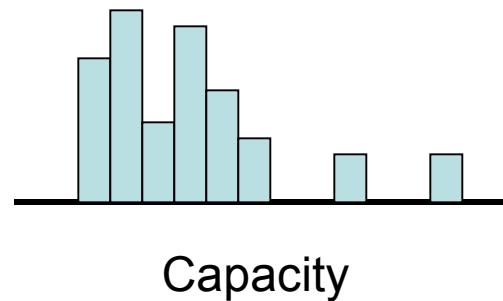




Application: Petrol- Chemical Supply chains



Each process/product link has a *population* of associated producing firms



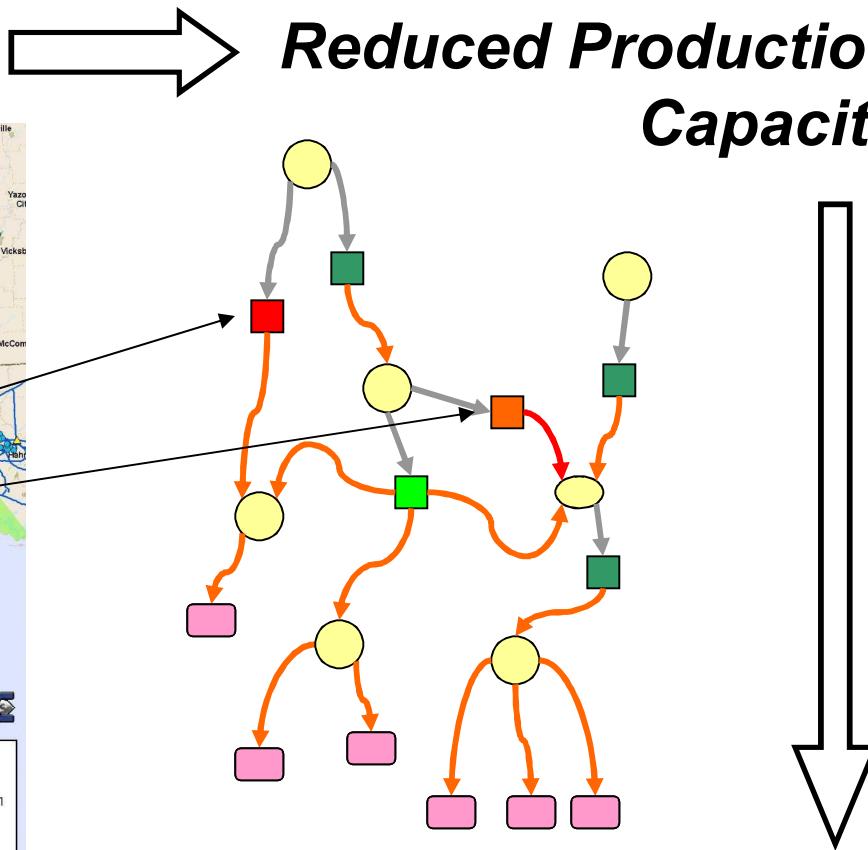
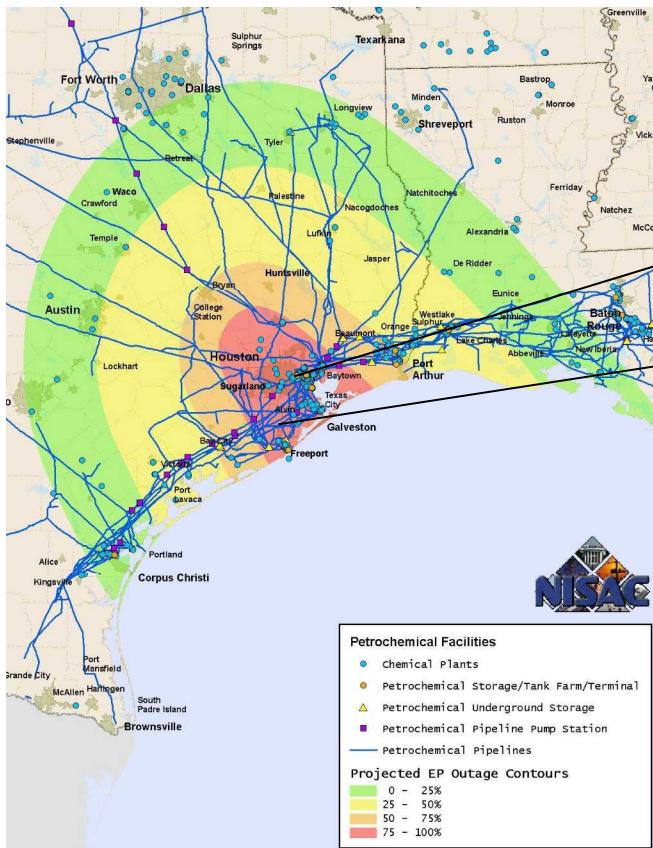
- What if an average firm fails?
- What if the largest fails?
- Scenario Analysis: What if a natural disaster strikes a region?



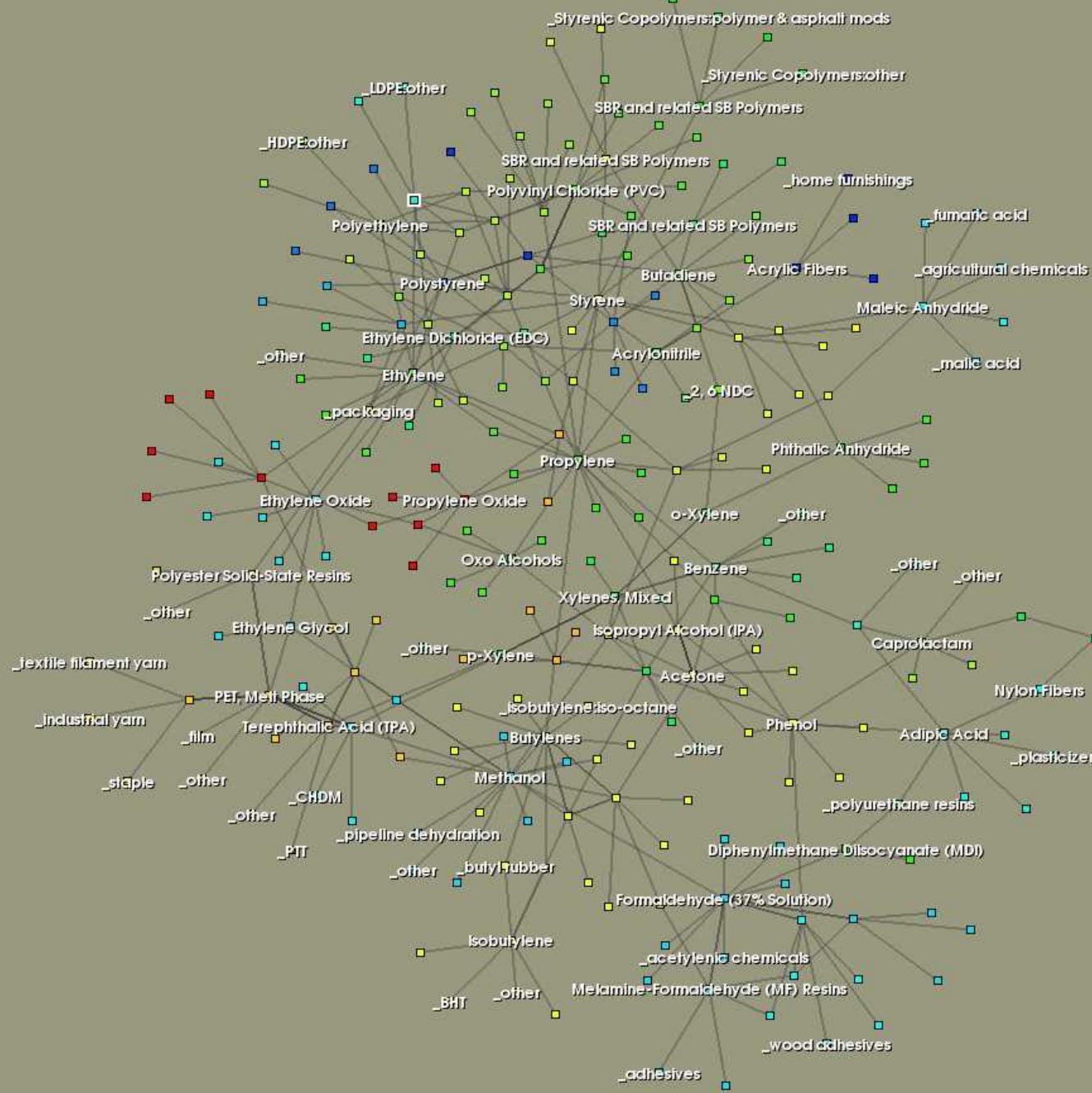
Scenario Analysis

Disrupted Facilities

Reduced Production Capacity

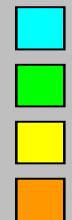


Diminished Product Availability



Explanation

High Availability

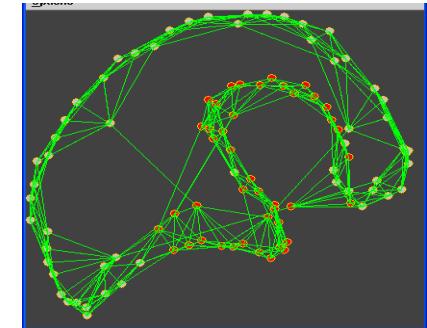


Low Availability



Summary & Future Directions

- Generic approach, many possible applications
- Data driven systems underway this year:
 - Chem industry
 - Natural gas and petroleum products
 - Power Grids
 - People
- Understanding and incorporating adaptation
- Extend to multiply connected networks to get at interdependency
- ***Back to Basics***: Build systematic understanding of the combination of link and nodal behavior and network topology
- CASoS: Complex Adaptive Systems of Systems





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- **Chem Industry:** Sue Downes and others
- **Natural Gas:** Jim Ellison and others
- **Social:** George Backus, Rich Colbaugh, Sarah Glass (Albuquerque Public Schools)