

# Modeling Traffic on Networks as Complex Dynamical System

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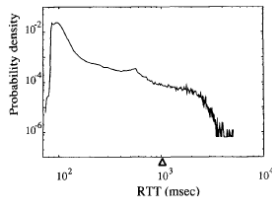
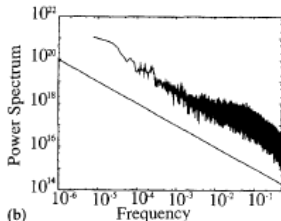
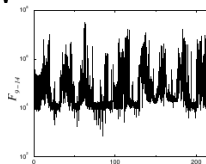
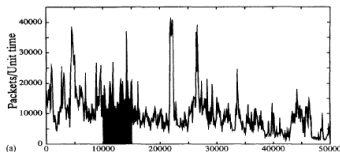
# PHYSICS OF THE INTERNET

- ▷ Internet is a *complex dynamical system*, endogeneously driven (by users); clustered-SF network structure; known protocols for information traffic;
- ▷ Research concerns:
  - Micro Rules  $\Rightarrow$  Macro Behavior (emergence! control?);
  - Recognize relevant rules & quantities to describe the behavior;
  - Complexity: Fractal time series; Long-range correlations; Power-law PDFs
  - Scale-invariance (of the processes): Stable laws (SLP) & Reduced number of control parameters!



# Empirical Evidence of complexity in traffic on networks

Internet traffic measurements: rtt, flow jamming, time series



[Takayasu (1996), Moreno (2004), Barthelemy (2002), ...]



# MODELING TRAFFIC & NETWORK STRUCTURE

- Minimal rules to take into account the traffic complexity (produce statistically the same type of behavior as in the empirical data)
- Understand the role of the network structure in the process (growing different network topologies/with given properties and simulating traffic on these different networks)



# INFORMATION TRAFFIC ON NETWORKS: MINIMAL RULES

## MODEL\*:

Traffic of information packets on networks of  $N = 1000$  nodes and given topology (cSF,seG); Model with:

- Creation and assignment; (Rate:  $R$ )
- Navigation; (Local; Depth  $r = 2$ )
- Queuing; (LIFO queue; Buffer:  $H = 1000$ )
- delivery (at destination; traffic stationarity)

## PARAMETERS:

- Creation rate  $R$  (alt. constant density  $\rho$ );
- Buffer size  $H$ ; Searched depth  $r = 2$ ;

[Tadić & Rodgers, Adv. Compl. Syst. (2002), Tadić, LNCS (2003)]



# STATISTICAL MEASURES OF TRAFFIC

Statistical properties of traffic are monitored at *local* (individual Nodes and Edges) and *global* level of the entire network:

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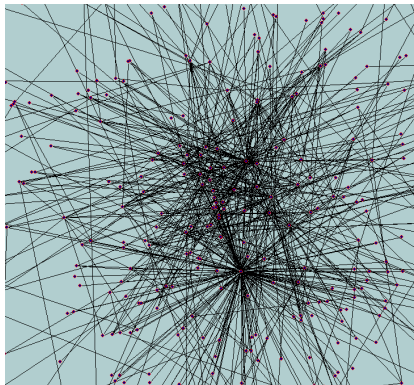
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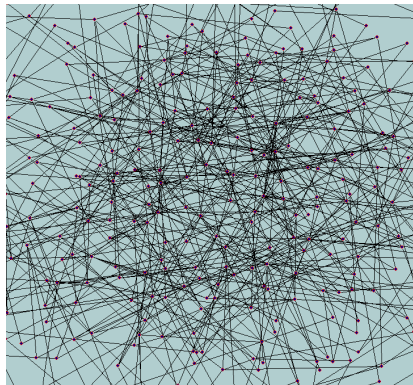


# Two Network Structures

*Low-traffic-density: cSF; High-traffic-density: Homogeneous*



WebGraph

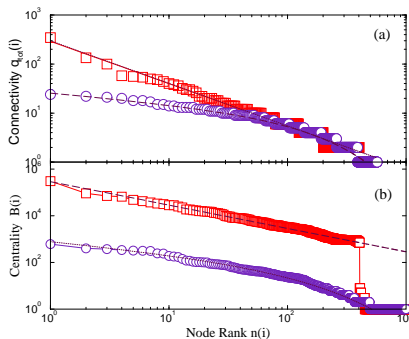


StatNet

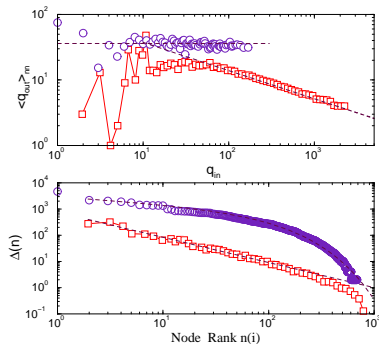


# Correlations in Network Structures

▷ Networks' topol. properties, relevant to traffic:



Connectivity; Centrality



Correlations; Clustering

[Tadić, in "Systems self-assembly", elsevier (2008)]

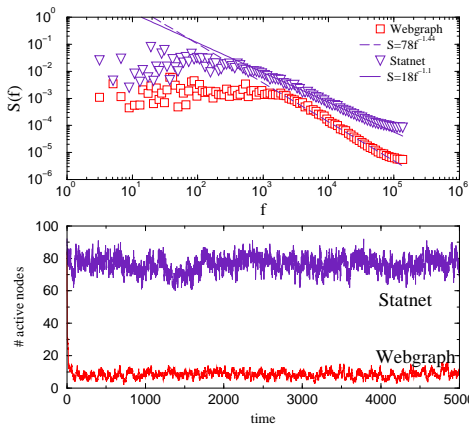


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# STATIONARITY of TIME SERIES



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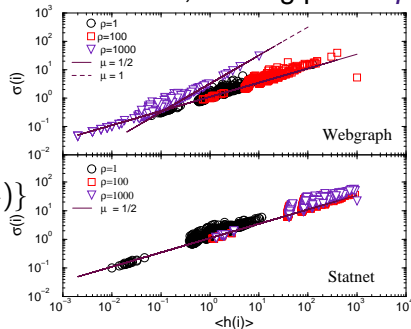
[Tadić, Rodgers & Thurner, Int. J. Bifurcation & Chaos (2007) review



# more from TIME SERIES

Time-series of number of packets within a given time window processed by each node (or a link [Refs.]) in the network contain useful information about traffic; Scaling plot *dispersion*

vs. average of set  $\{h_i(t_k)\}$



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[Kujawki et al. New J. Phys. 2007]

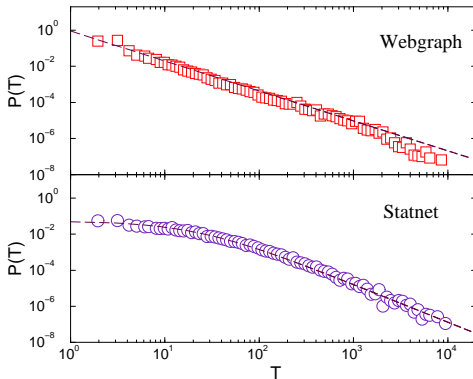


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# PDFs TIME STATISTICS: Travel times



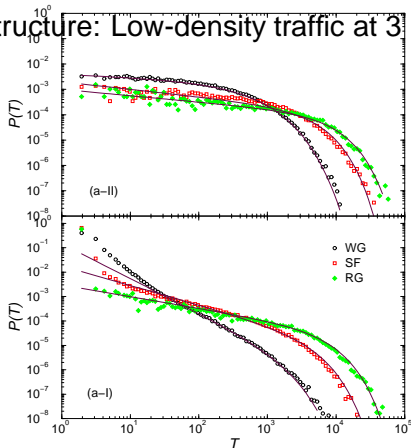
Levy; q-exponential

[Tadić, Rodgers & Thurner, Int. J. Bifurcation & Chaos (2007)]



# RTT on different TOPOLOGIES: Search vs. RW

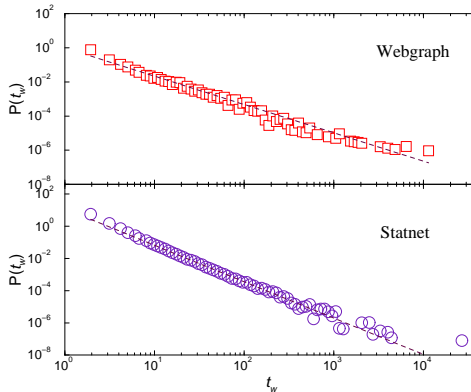
Effects of network structure: Low-density traffic at 3 networks



[Tadić and Thurner, Physica A, Vol. 332, pp. 566 (2004)]



# PDFs QUEUING STATISTICS: Waiting times

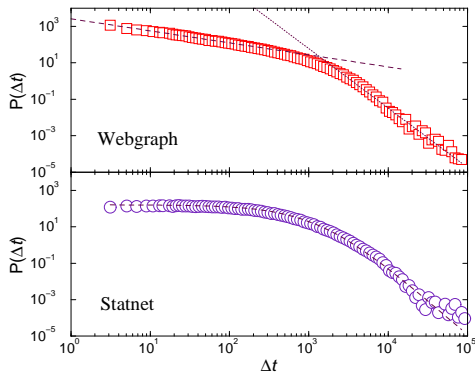


Power-laws:  $\rho$ -dependent!

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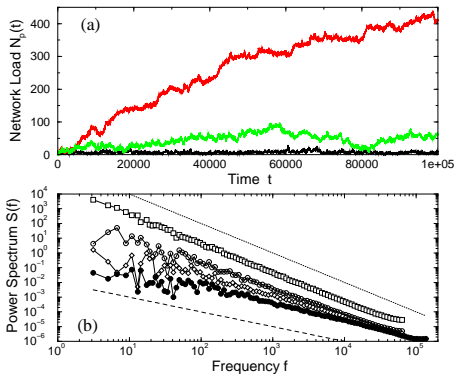


two slopes; q-exponential

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# TIME SERIES ANALYSIS: const.RATE & JAMMING



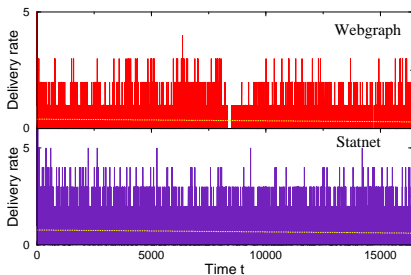
$R$  varied: WG; Power-Spectrum de-correlations!

[Tadić, Thurner & Rodgers, Physical Review E, Vol. 69, 036102 (2004)]

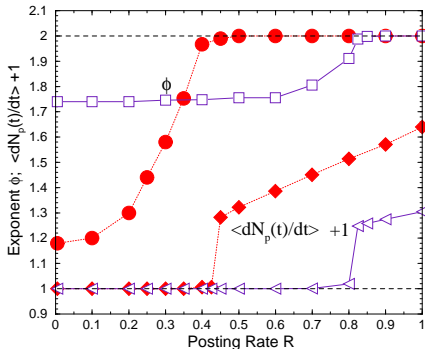


# Jamming on Networks: OrderParameter

Def. jamming rate:  $J \equiv \langle dN_p(t)/dt \rangle = R - \lambda$



delivery rate  $\lambda$



OP: 2 Nets

[Tadić, Rodgers & Thurner, Int. J. Bifurcation & Chaos (2007)]



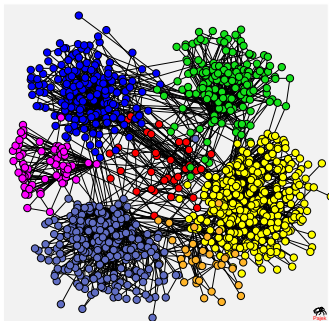
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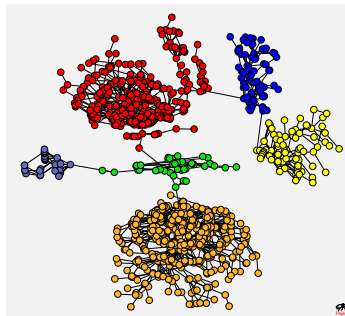


# CASE OF MODULAR NETWORKS

- ▷ Network modularity  $\Leftrightarrow$  Function; // Topological vs. Dynamical Modules



Clustered modular network



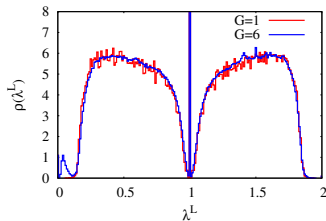
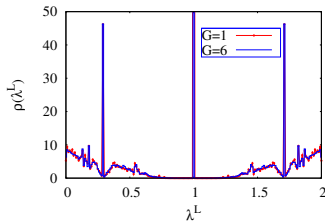
Tree-of-trees

[Mitrović & Tadić: Physical Review E, vol. 80, 026123 (2009)]



## SPECTRAL DENSITY vs. MODULARITY

- ▷ Eigenvalue Spectrum & EV.Vectors have characteristic behavior on modular networks  $\leftrightarrow$  ways to detect modules

Clustered modular:  $M=2$ 

Trees

[spectra of modular networks: Phys.Rev.E vol. 80, 026123 2009]



# EV LOCALIZATION

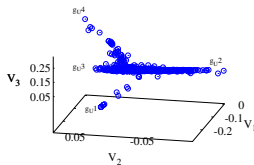
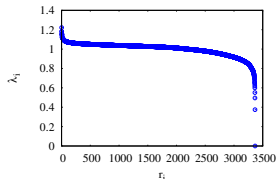
Adjacency matrix  $\rightarrow$   
Laplacian

$$L_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - \frac{A_{ij}}{\sqrt{l_i l_j}}$$

$$l_i \equiv \sum_j A_{ij}$$

includes weights;  
Eigenvectors  $\lambda_i \sim 0$   
Localize on network  
modules;

Example:



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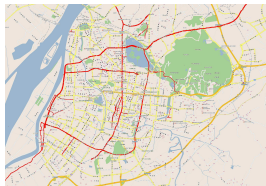
## Application of the model:

Discrete-time dynamics on dual graph  $\Leftrightarrow$  Queuing in city traffic

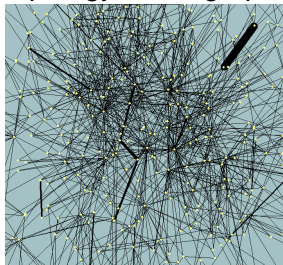


# CITY MAP & DUAL GRAPH

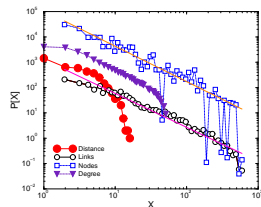
Given geographical area of city with known streets & crossings  
 $\Rightarrow$  Dual graph [Refs.]; Topology of the graph fixed: measures;



map:



dual graph



topology

[H-L. Zeng et al., IEEE-Xplore 2009; Latora et al. PHYSICA 2007]



## (modified)TRAFFIC RULES

Traffic model with **Local Navigation** within *nnn* & Queuing:

- (c) Creation Rate  $R$ : pref. at large streets;
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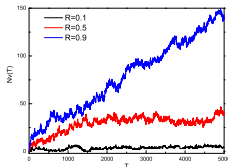
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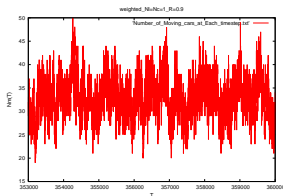


## TRAFFIC TIME SERIES

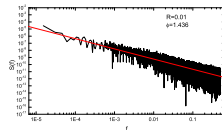
Traffic signals: temporal fluctuations of *number of cars on the network*, *number of moving/waiting*, *number processed by each node/edge in  $T_{WIN}$* , ... are fractal t.s.; depending on density;



network Load



Moving Cars

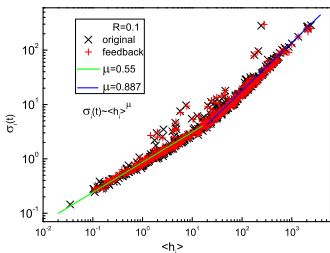


Correlations: PS

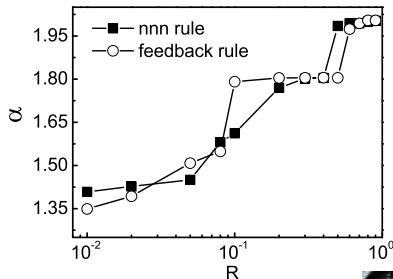


# DIFFERENTIATING DYNAMIC REGIMES

Analysis of t.s. reveals **two classes of nodes** (by their participation in the dynamics) and **three different dynamical regimes** (by degree of correlations, R-dependent), different for OR and FB rule:



scaling: fixed R



varying PS exponent



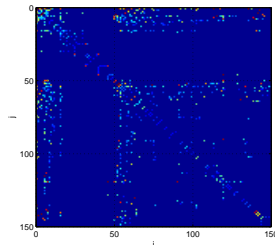
# SPECTRAL ANALYSIS of weighted Flow Matrix

Use normalized Laplacian matrix (diffusion):

$$L_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - \frac{F_{ij}}{\sqrt{l_i l_j}}$$

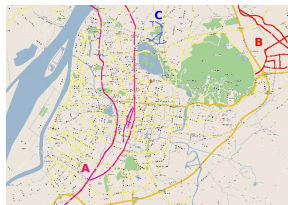
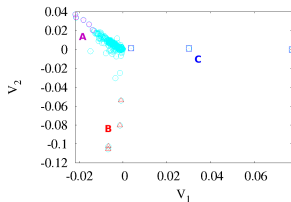
Spectrum  $\lambda_i \in [0, 2]$ ;  
Lowest nonzero  $\lambda$ 's: E.Vectors  
localized on subgraphs!

Flow Matrix  $F_{ij}$  : weighted



# DYNAMIC COMMUNITIES revealed by Spectral Analysis

Eigenvector localization on weighted/topological subgraphs of the dual graph are seen in the **Scatter-Plott** as separate branches A, B, C:  $\Rightarrow$  here mapped back to the real space:



E.Vectors scatter-plot      Areas w. different dynamical behavior  
[H-L. Zeng et al., IEEE Xplore 2009, DOI:  
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## Networks from Data: Blogs

High-resolution Streaming Data  $\Rightarrow$  Networks of Users & Posts



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# BIPARTITE NETWORKS REPRESENTATION

## USERS + BLOGS

Users(==registered by IDs)

Blog(==Posts + Comments)

are two **natural partitions**

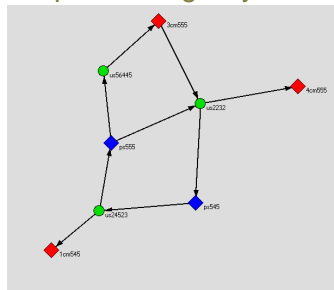
Linking  $\Rightarrow$  network emerges:

$U \rightarrow P$ ;  $P \rightarrow U \rightarrow cmP$ , ..

$U \rightarrow cmcmP$ , ...

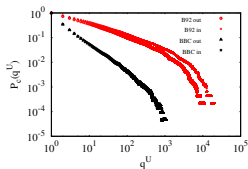
**directed links;**

## Graph: Linking ways...

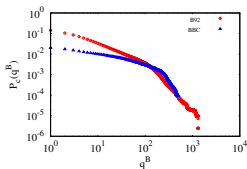


# LINKS & COMMONS

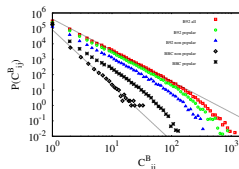
Complex topology of emergent networks; suggests how to select Normal- and very-Popular subjects (Posts & Comments):



U-degree



B-degree



Commons

Similar features found in movie-data, diggs, ... M. Mitrović & B. Tadić, Eur.Phys.J. B, 2009, DOI:10.1140/epjb/e2009-00431-9]



# PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITIES

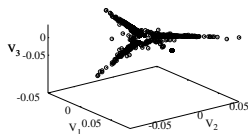
DATA  $\Rightarrow$  bipartite.Network  $\Rightarrow$  projected.Network(weighted links  
== commons);

SpectralAnalysis (Laplacian)  $\Rightarrow$  E.Vector-scatterplots  $\Rightarrow$   
Community Branches! ( $\Rightarrow$  IDs of nodes  $\Rightarrow$  IDs of Posts )

$$L_{ij}^U = \delta_{ij} - \frac{C_{ij}^B}{\sqrt{l_i l_j}}$$

$$C_{ij}^B, l_i \equiv \sum_j C_{ij}^B$$

Example:



[M. Mitrović & B. Tadić, Eur.Phys.J. B, 2009,  
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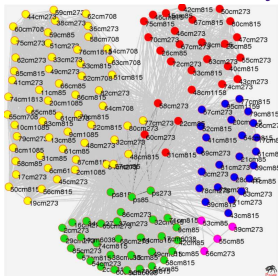
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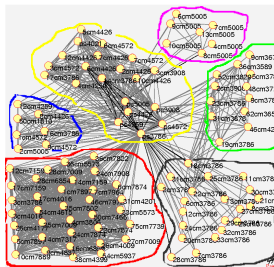


# WHAT'S ON BLOGS?

Example: Posts and Comments made by users in 2 different groups on B92 Blogs: Further splitting of their posts into: **Author-related** or **Subject-related** groups!



P+cmP of Ug4:  
urban architecture

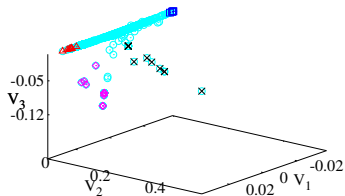


P+cmP of Ug1:  
sports

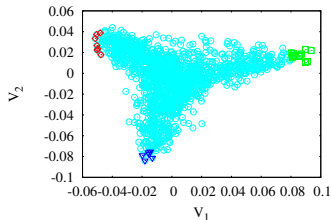


# SPECTRAL ANALYSIS reveals USER COMMUNITY in Movie Database

▷ Weighted User/Movie Networks: Spectrum  $\Rightarrow$  Communities



user: unselective ... or fan



movie: three dominant genres

[Grujić et al., IEEE Xplore 2009, DOI:10.1109/ICDSP.2009.5201238]



# CONCLUSIONS

- **Traffic on Networks: Rule & Structure:**  
Minimal rules that take into account effects of network structure; Collective traffic behavior on networks can be classified (Dynamic universality classes);
- **Spectral Analysis of (weighted) Networks:**  
Methodology to determine emergent *dynamic subgraphs* on a given topology and known dynamic rules;
- **Users & Posts + Comments make Cyber society:**  
Data mapped onto Bipartite Network; Quantitative analysis using graph theory & spectral methods;



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