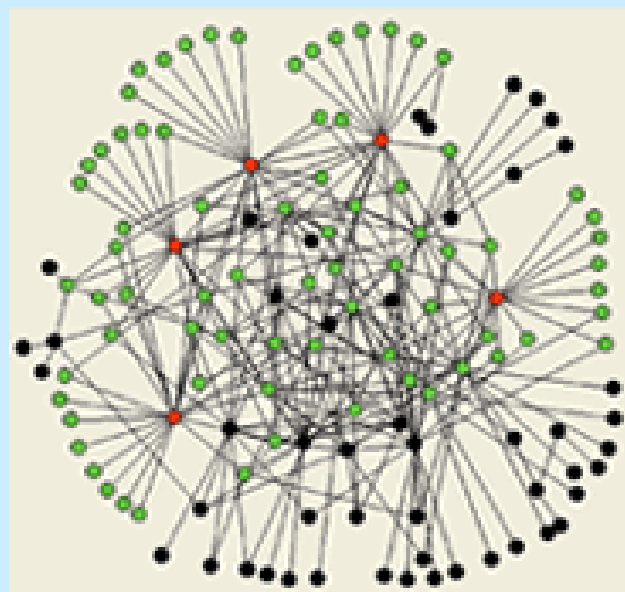
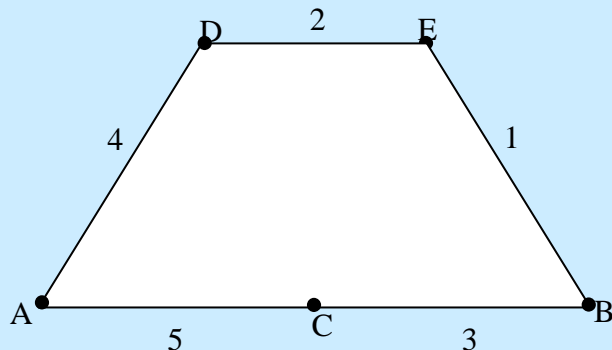


# Percolation in Complex Networks: Optimal Paths and Minimum Spanning Trees



# Optimal Distance - Disorder



Path from  
**A** to **B**

$$l_{\min} = 2(ACB)$$

$$l_{\text{opt}} = 3(ADEB)$$

$w_i$  = weight = price, quality, time.....

$$\sum_i w_i = \text{minimal} \Rightarrow \text{optimal path}$$

**Weak disorder (WD)** – all  $w_i$  contribute to the sum (narrow distribution)

**Strong disorder (SD)** – a single term dominates the sum (broad distribution)

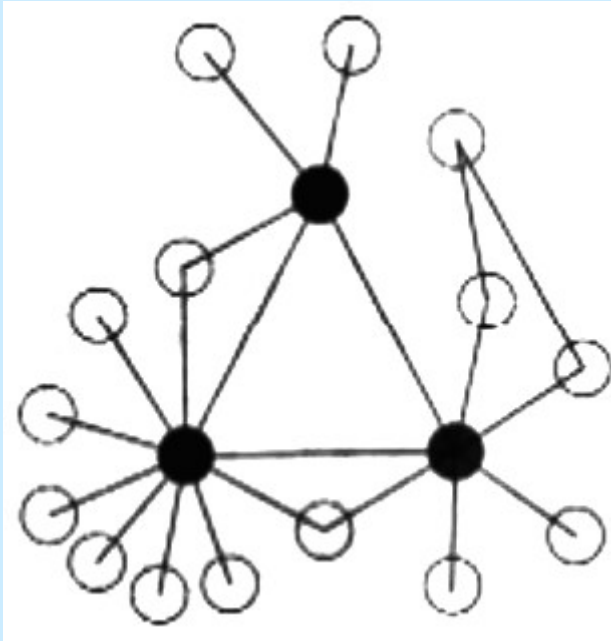
SD – example: Broadcasting video over the Internet,

a transmission at constant high rate is needed.

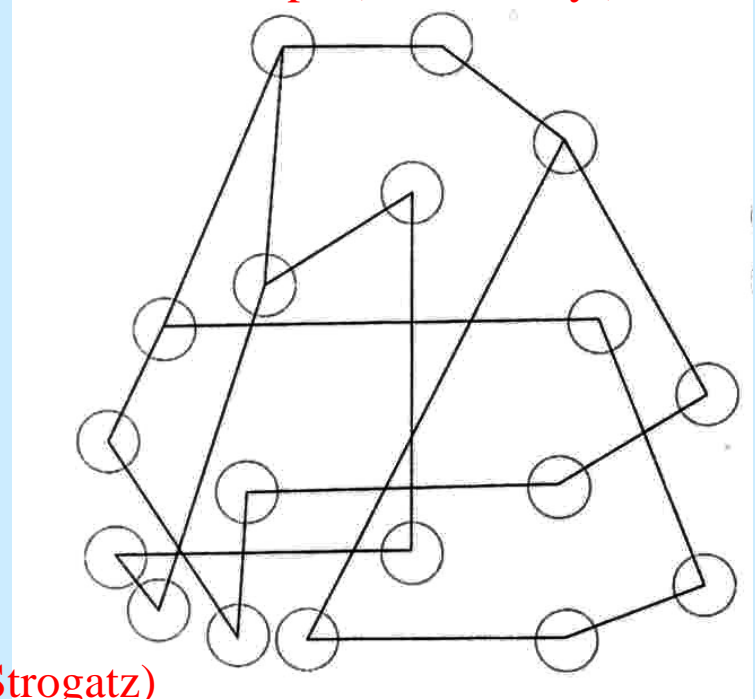
The narrowest band width link in the path

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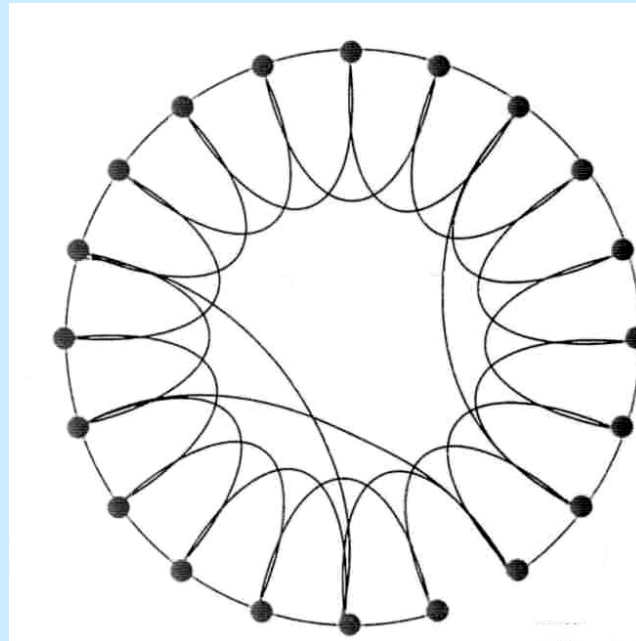
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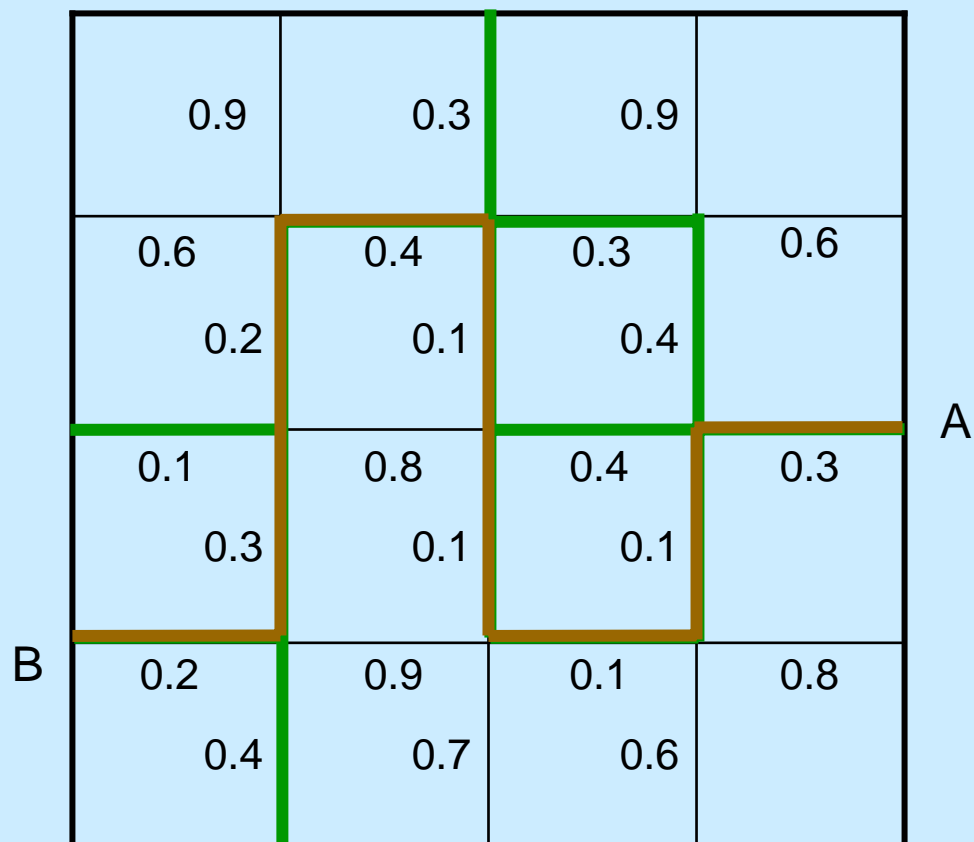
# Optimal Path

$$\ell_{opt} \sim r^{d_{opt}}$$

$$\ell \sim r^{d_{min}}$$

$d$	$d_{min}$	SD $d_{opt}$	WD $d_{opt}$
2	1.13	1.22	1
3	1.37	1.41	1
4	1.59		1
5			1
6	2	2	1

# Strong Disorder and Percolation



# Optimal path – weak disorder

## Random Graphs and Watts Strogatz Networks

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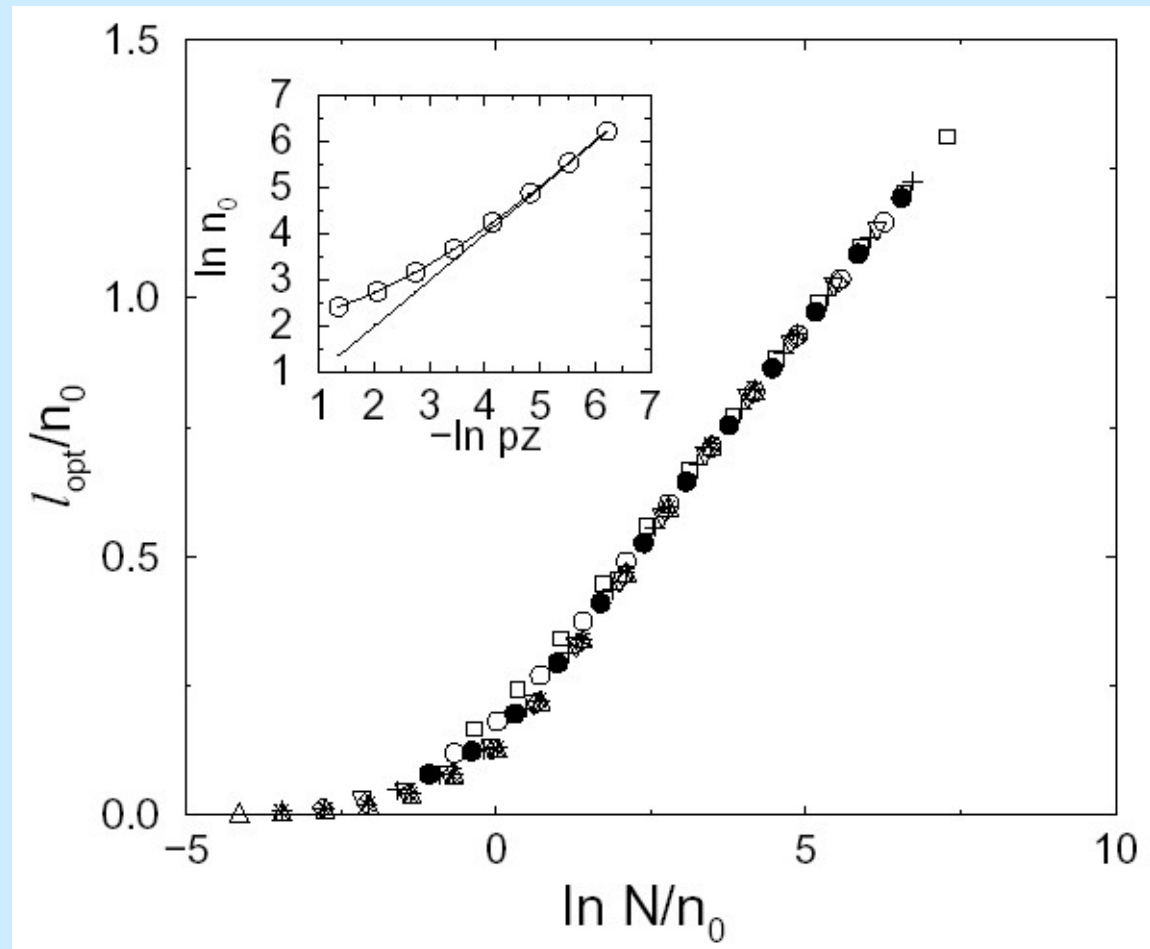
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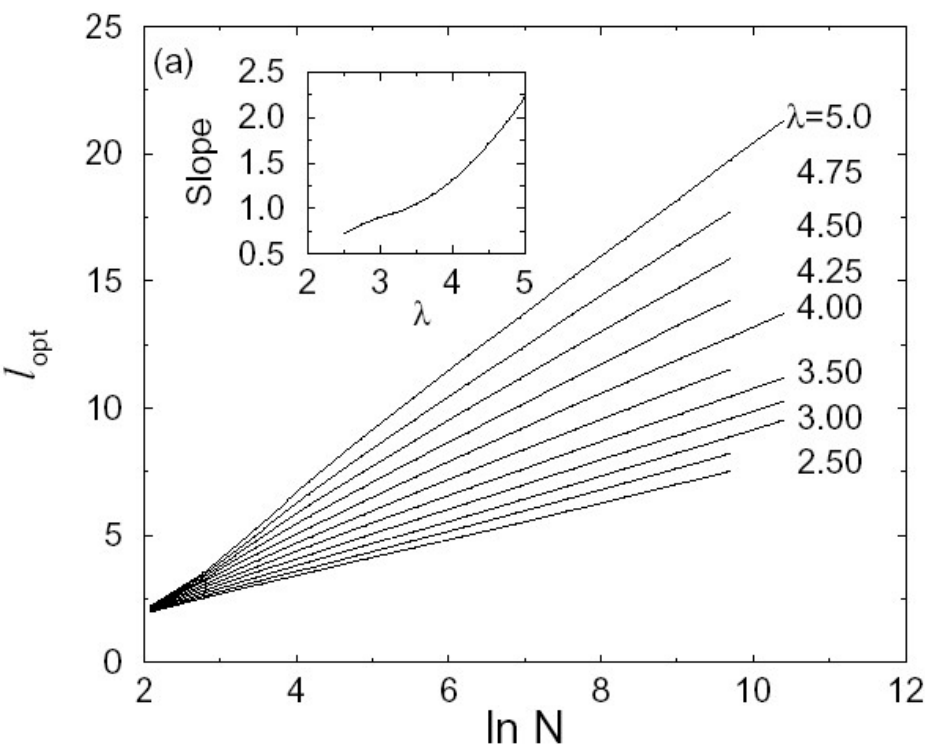
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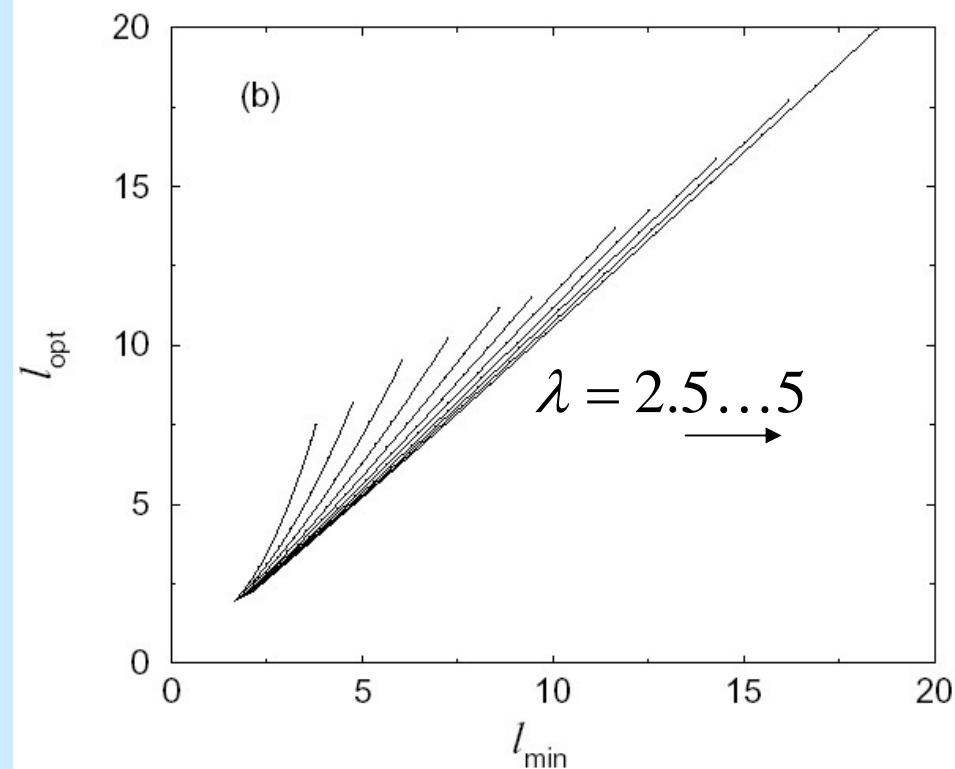
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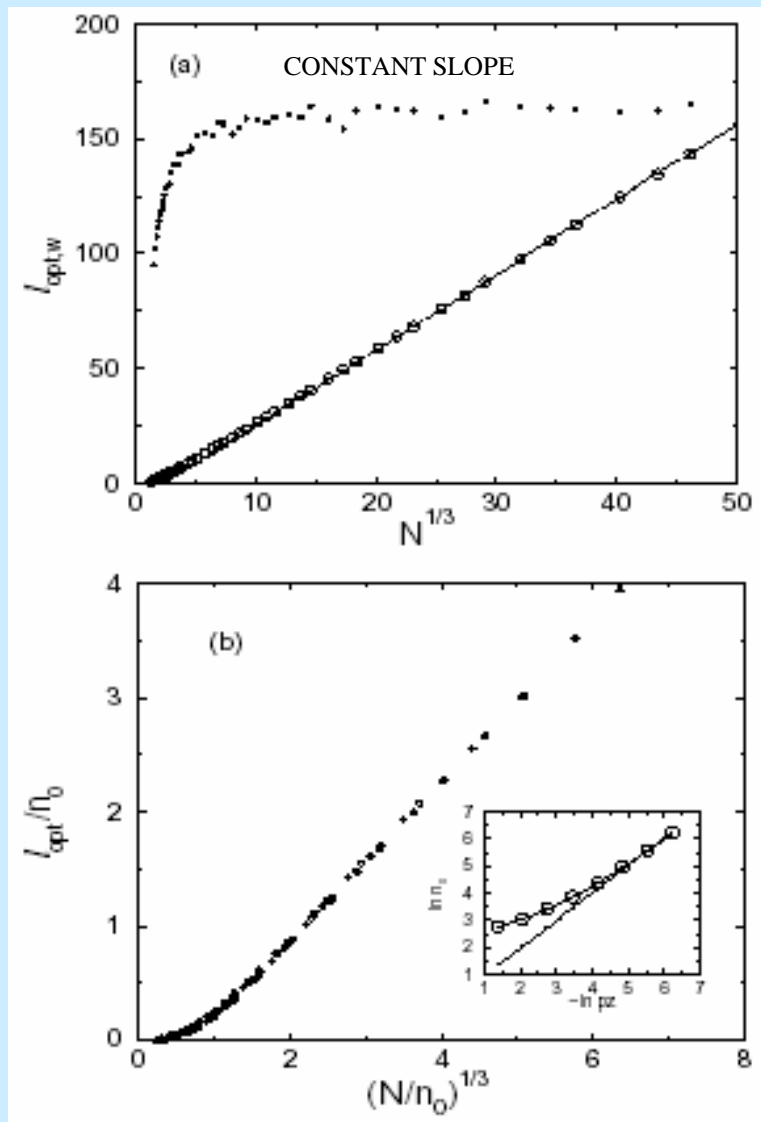
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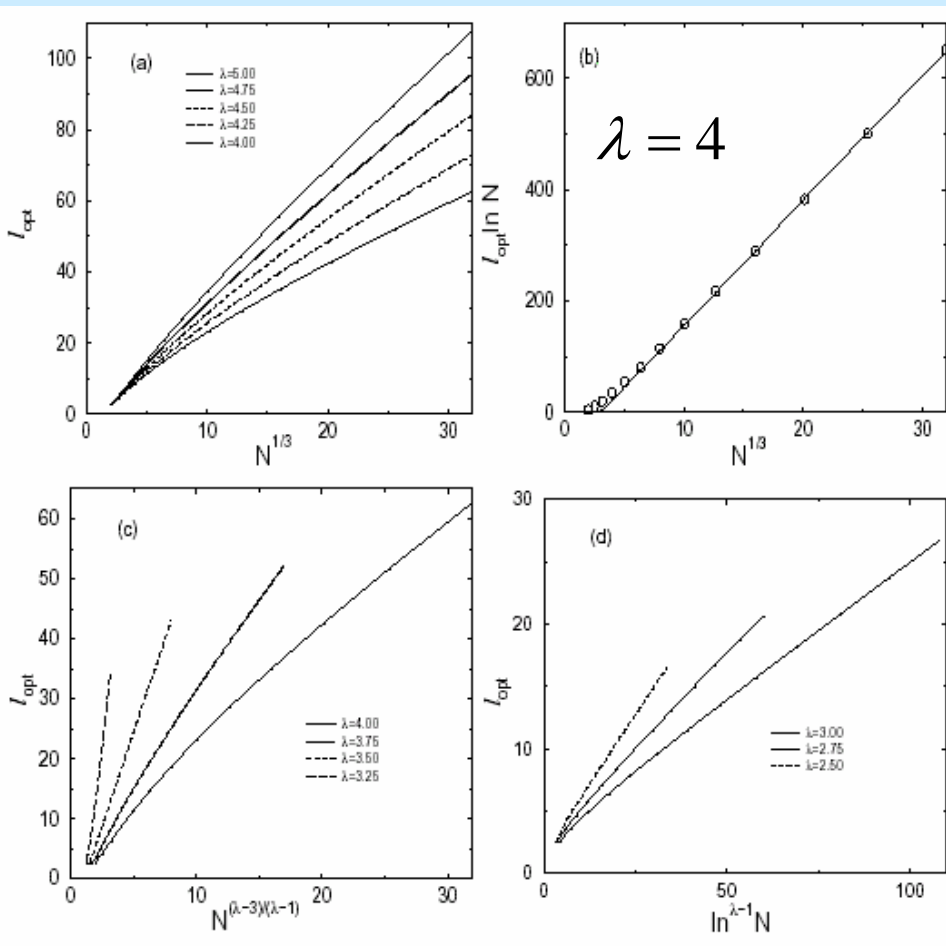
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## Strong Disorder

Theoretically

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Numerically

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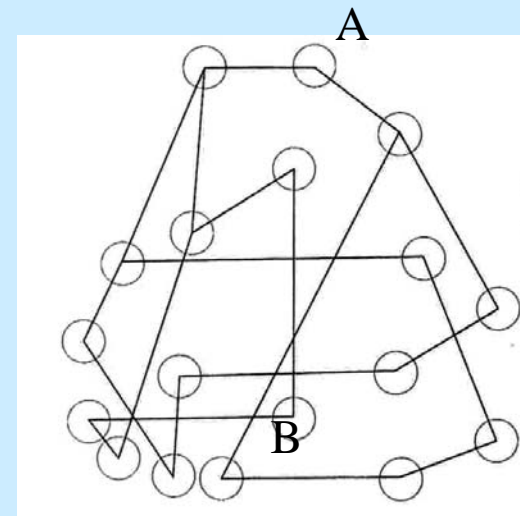
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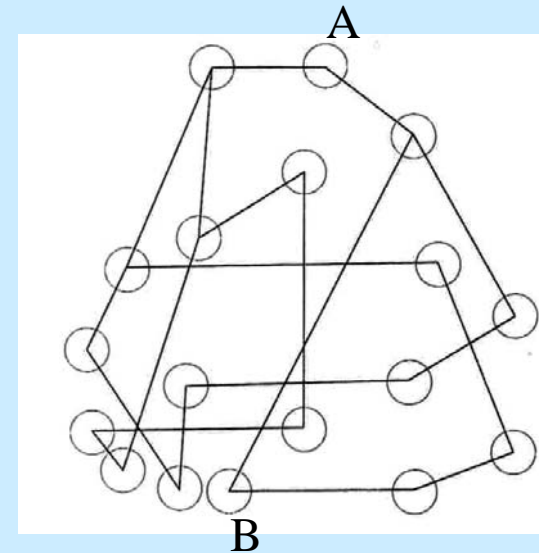
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What do we know about percolation clusters at criticality in networks?



## Theoretical Approach – Strong Disorder Conclusions

- (i) Percolation on random networks is like percolation in  $d \rightarrow \infty$  or  $d = d_c$ .
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Calculate the length of shortest path:

Mass of infinite cluster  $S \sim R^{d_f}$  where  $N \sim R^d$

For ER  $d_c = 6$ ,  $S \sim N^{d_f/d} = N^{4/6} = N^{2/3}$  (see also Erdos-Renyi, 1960)

From percolation  $S \sim l^2, (d_l = 2)$

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# Fractal Dimensions

From the behavior of the critical exponents the fractal dimension of scale-free graphs can be deduced.

Far from the critical point - the dimension is infinite - the mass grows exponentially with the distance.

At criticality - the dimension is finite for  $\lambda > 3$ .

Short path dimension:

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(upper critical dimension)

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Random Graphs – Erdos Renyi(1960)

Largest cluster at criticality

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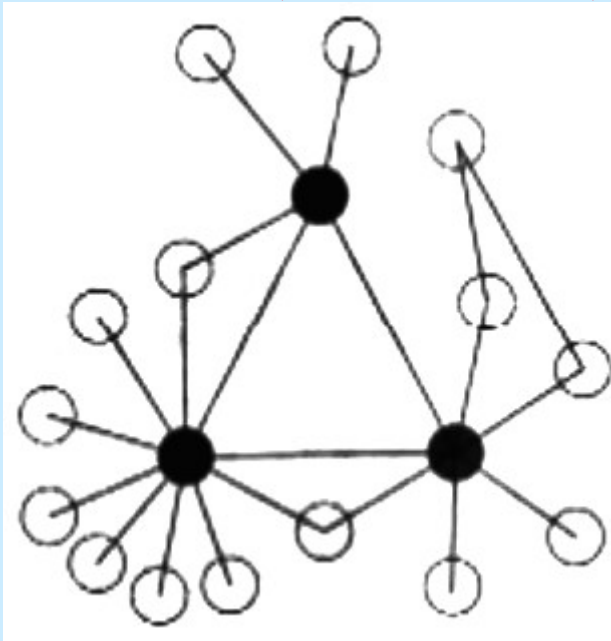
Scale Free networks

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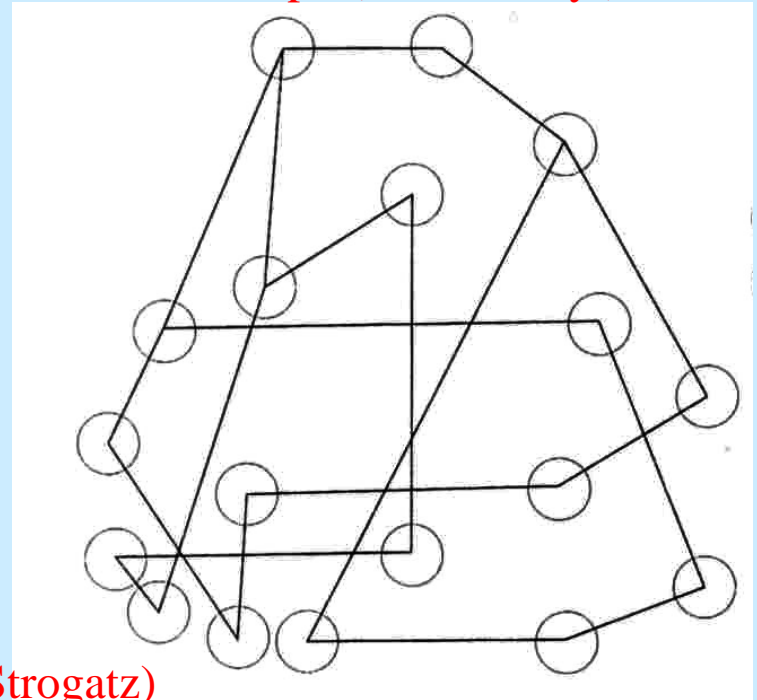
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**The dimensionality of the graphs depends on the distribution!**

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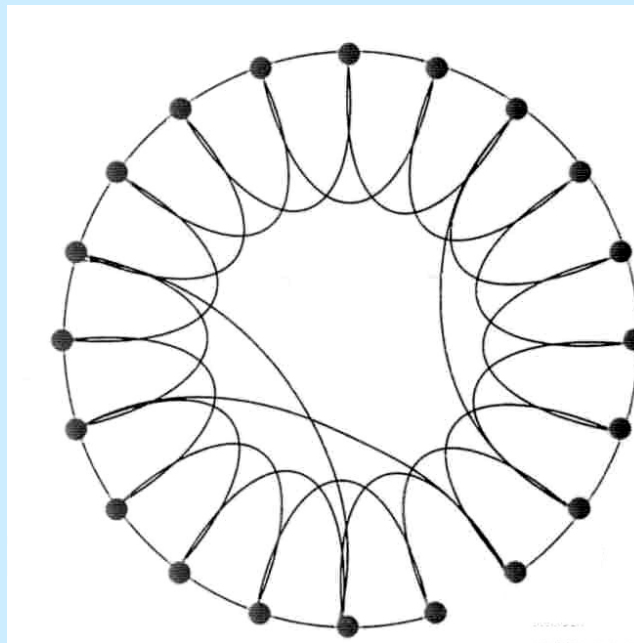


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$$P(k) = e^{-\langle k \rangle} \frac{\langle k \rangle^k}{k!}$$

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# Shortest Paths in Scale Free Networks

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$$d = \text{const.}$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

Ultra  
Small  
World

$$d = \log \log N \quad 2 < \lambda < 3$$

$$d = \frac{\log N}{\log \log N}$$

$$\lambda = 3$$

(Bollobas, Riordan, 2002)

Small World

$$d = \log N$$

$$\lambda > 3$$

(Bollobas, 1985)

(Newman, 2001)

Same as for ER and WS

Cohen, Havlin and ben-Avraham, in Handbook of Graphs and Networks

eds. Bornholdt and Shuster (Wiley-VCH, NY, 2002) Chap.4

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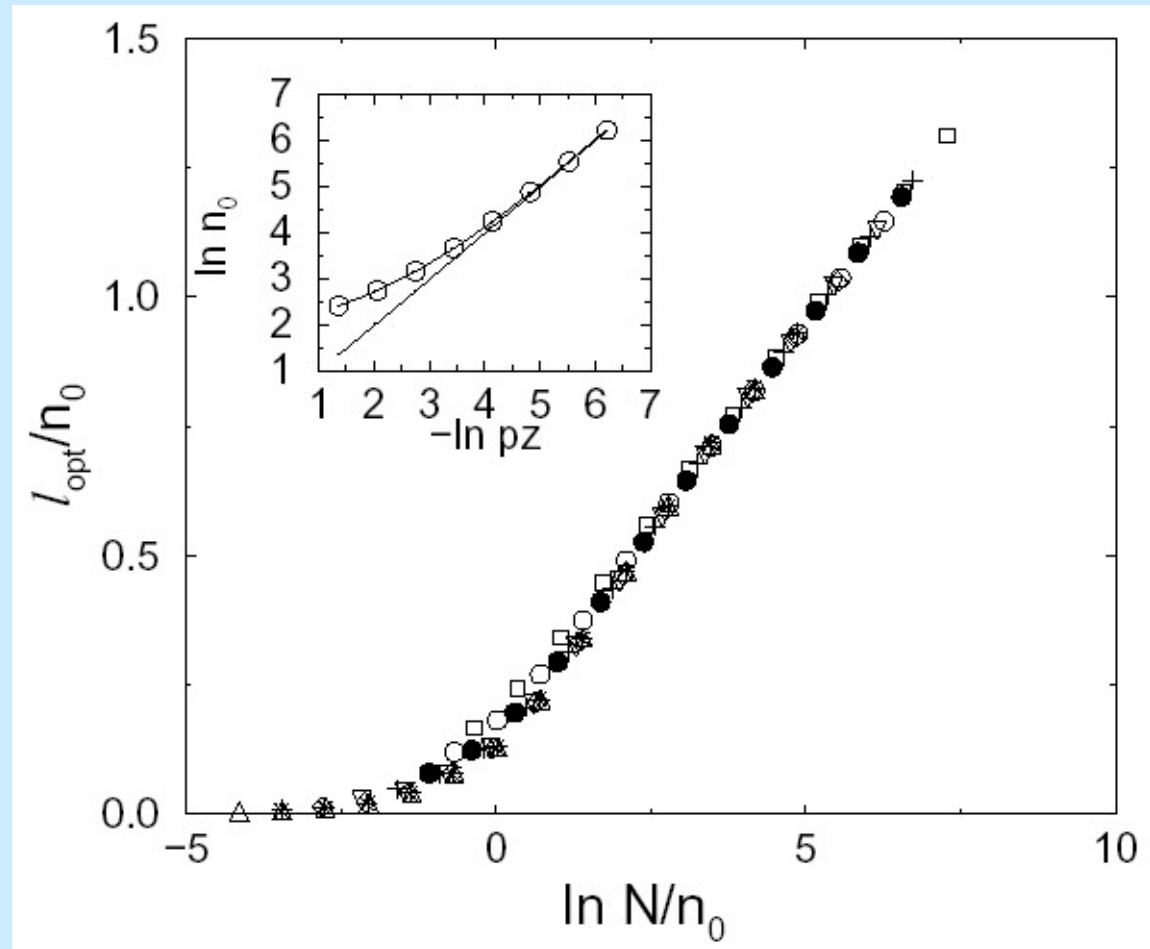
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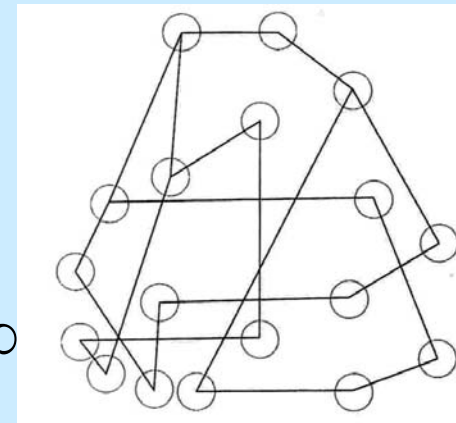
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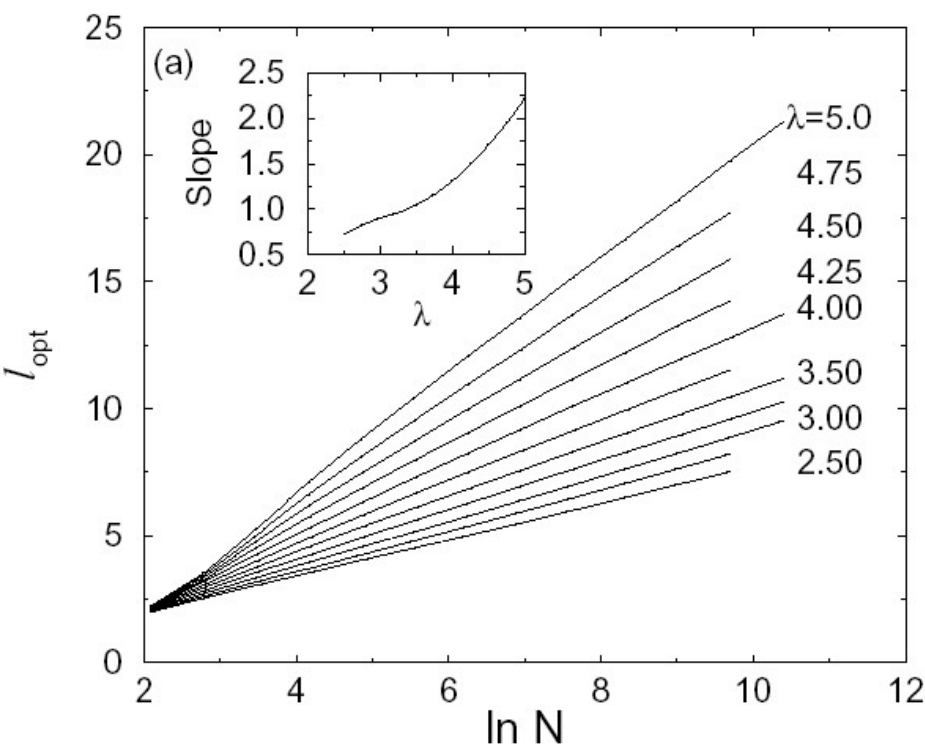
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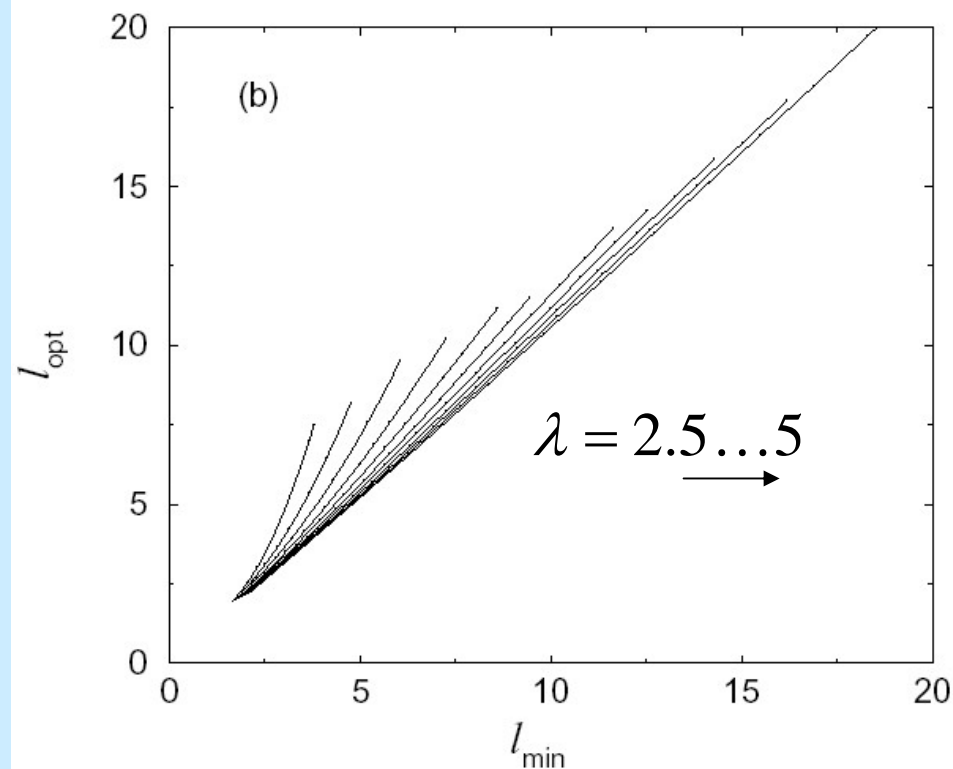


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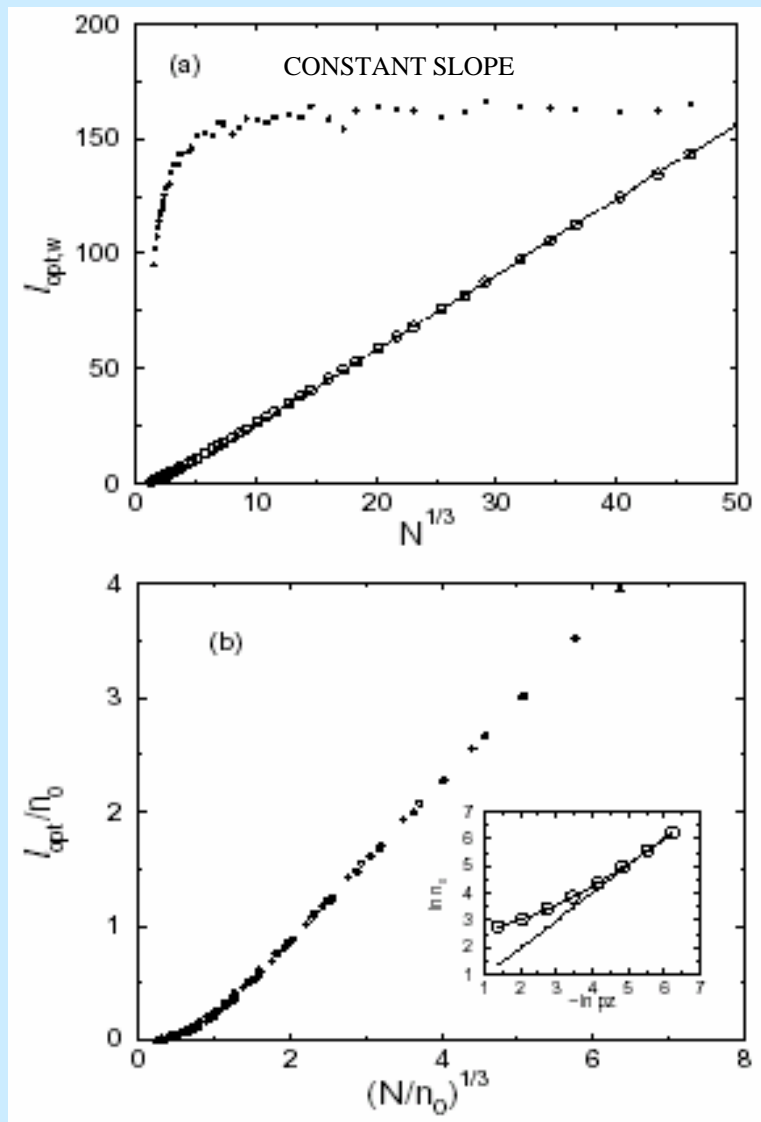
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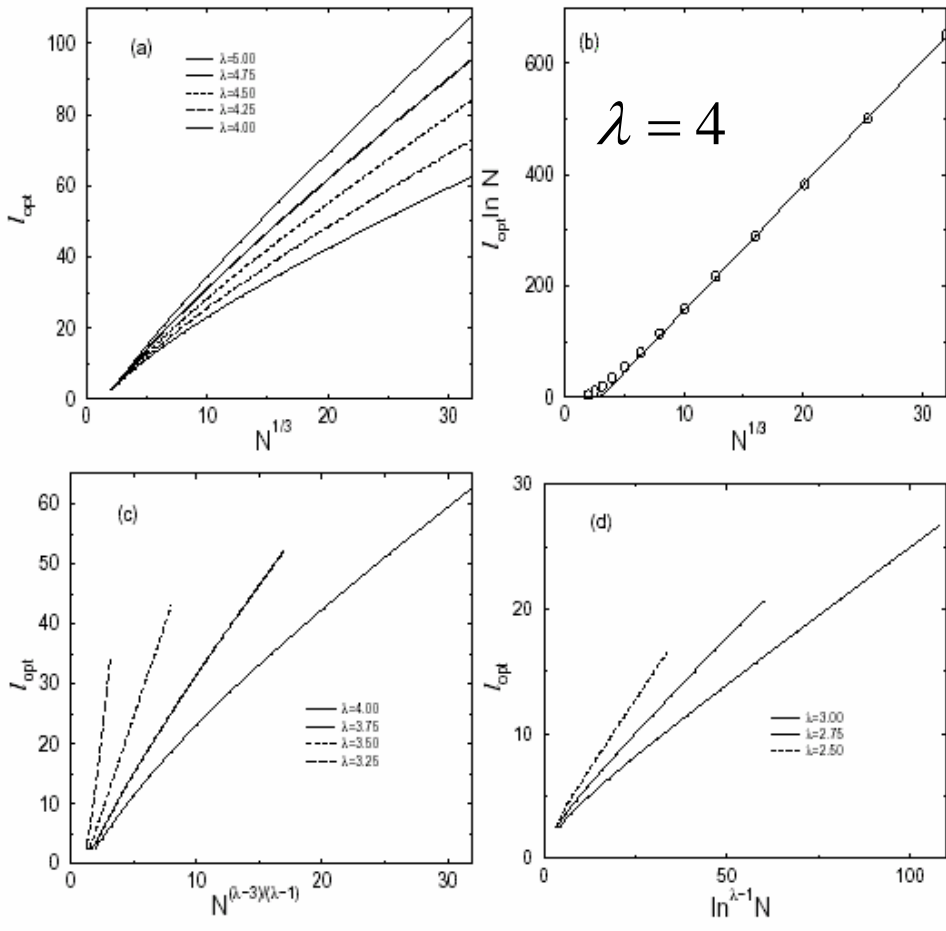
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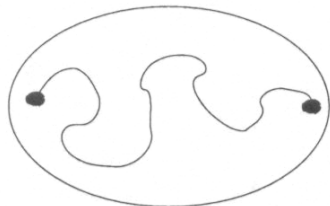
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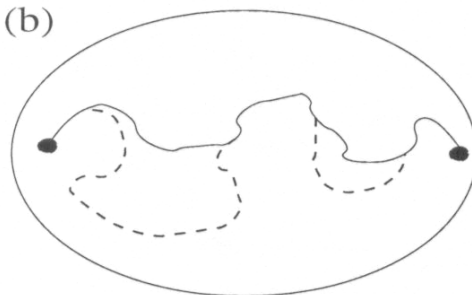
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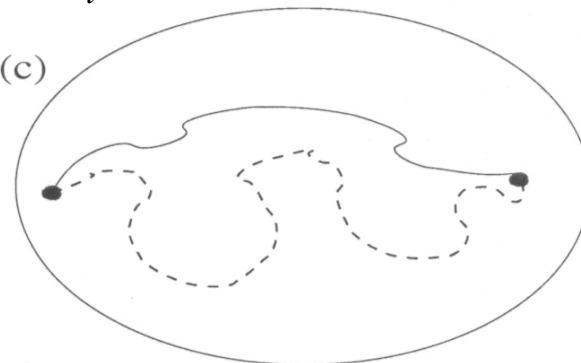
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(b)



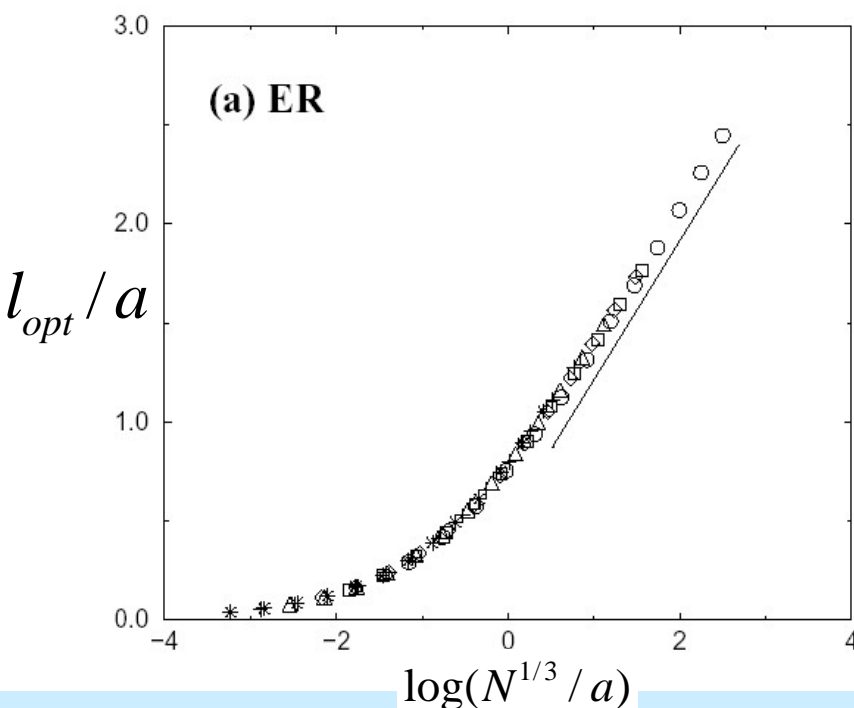
$$N = N^*$$

(c)



$$N > N^*$$

Weak Disorder



$$N^* = N^*(a)$$

$$l_{opt} \sim \log N \quad \text{for} \quad N^{1/3} > a$$

$$l_{opt} \sim \exp(\log N^{1/3}) \quad \text{for} \quad N^{1/3} < a$$

Sreenivasan et al Phys. Rev. E  
Submitted (2004)

For details see POSTER

# Conclusions and Applications

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- **Optimal distance – strong disorder – Random Graphs and WS**  $l_{opt} \sim N^{1/3}$  **Large World**
- scale free**

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$\Rightarrow$  **Large World**  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Small World**
- **Transition between weak and strong disorder**
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