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**Emergence and Resilience of Social Networks:  
A General Model**

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# Emergence and resilience of social networks: a general model

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## General Model

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- N nodes
- links: adjacency matrix  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$
- nodes have 'attribute'  $x_i$

dynamics:

- attribute  $x_i$  depends on neighbours of node  $i$
- $a_{ij}$  depends on attributes

## The Model

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- N nodes
- links: adjacency matrix  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$
- nodes have 'attribute'  $x_i$ , an integer from 1 to q
- nodes choose their attribute to align with neighbours' attributes
- nodes form links with nodes of same attribute AT RATE  $\eta$
- links decay at rate  $\lambda$  ( $\lambda = 1$ )

## Attribute dynamics

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### Coordination Game

node  $i$  gets payoff 1 from interaction with  $j$  if  $x_i = x_j$ , 0 otherwise

total payoff for node  $i$ :  $Payoff = \sum_j \delta_{x_i, x_j}$

at rate  $\nu \gg 1$ , nodes change their states:

$x_i \rightarrow x_{i_{new}}$  with probability 1 if  $Payoff_{new} > Payoff_{old}$   
with probability  $\exp(-\frac{1}{T}(Payoff_{old} - Payoff_{new}))$  if  $Payoff_{new} > Payoff_{old}$

Potts model.

## What Happens ?

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- 2 parameters:
- $\eta$  - link formation rate
- $T$  - noise, error rate, 'temperature'
  
- assume  $n$  large
- set  $q = 10$ , for  $q > 2$ , qualitative behaviour unchanged
- $\nu \gg 1$  i.e. coordination game played much faster than network rewiring

## What Happens ?

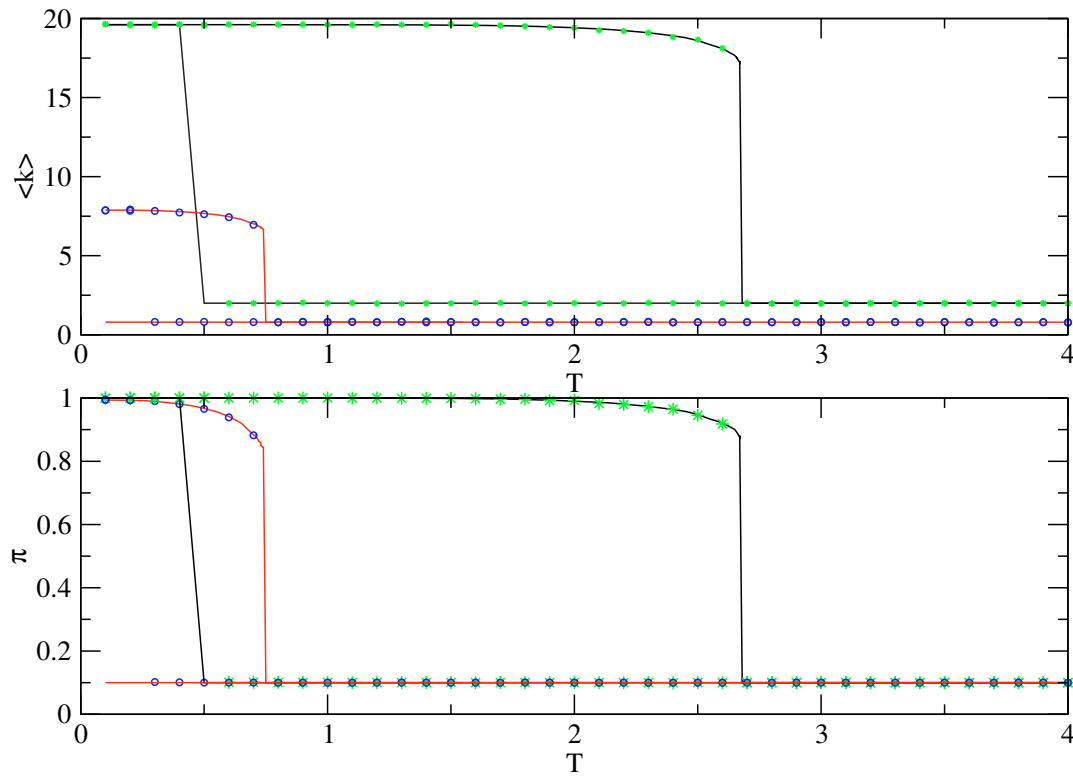
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low  $\eta$ : low connectivity.      high  $\eta$ : high connectivity and Giant Component.  
high  $T$ : no coordination.      low  $T$ : coordination.

- for ordering (coordination), need to have a Giant Component
- positive feedback:
- ordered state enhances link formation  $\rightarrow$  more connected network
- highly connected network enhances ordering

## What Happens

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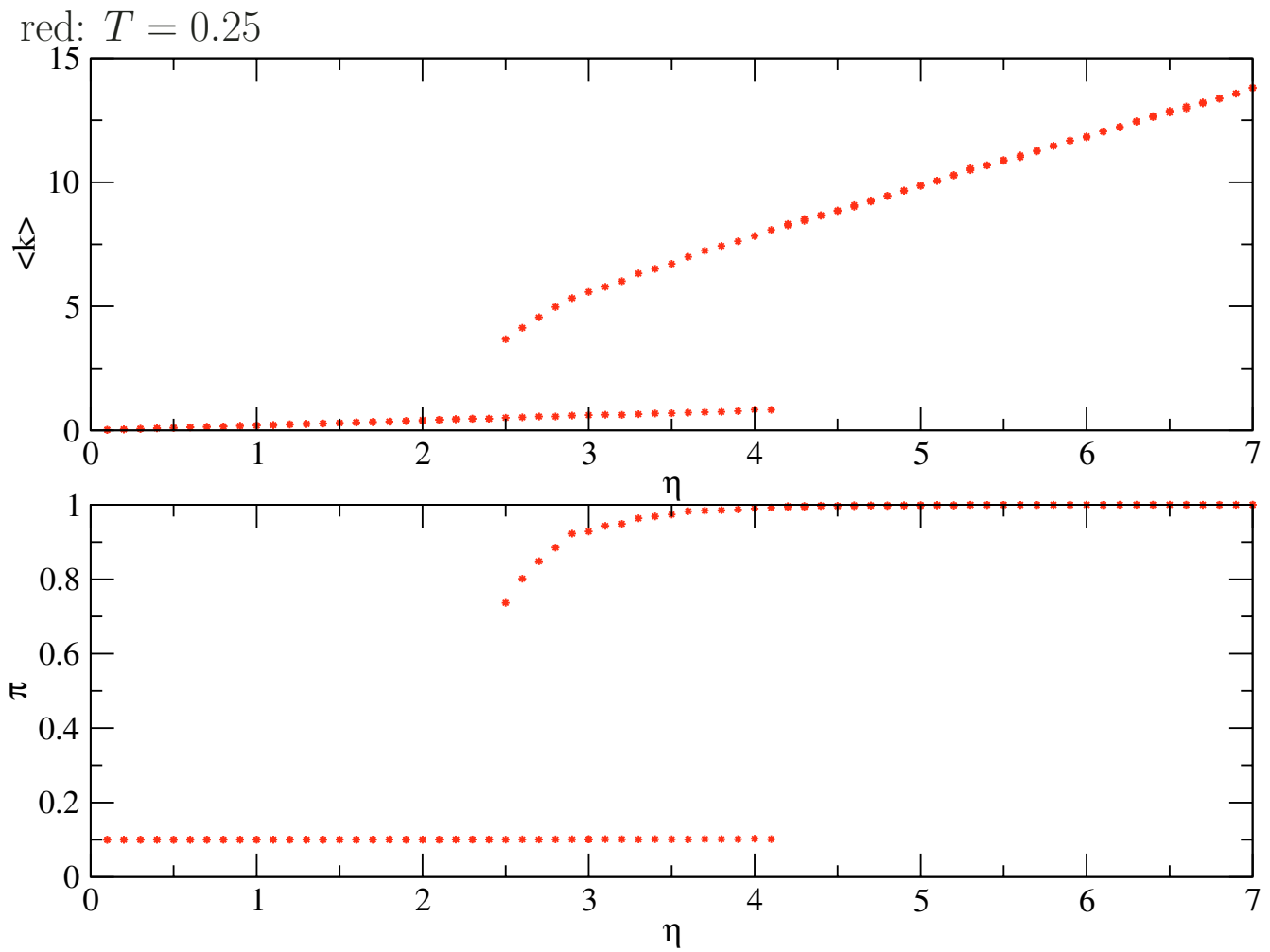


black and green:  $\eta = 10$  theory and simulation.  
red and blue:  $\eta = 4$  theory and simulation.  
 $n=1000$



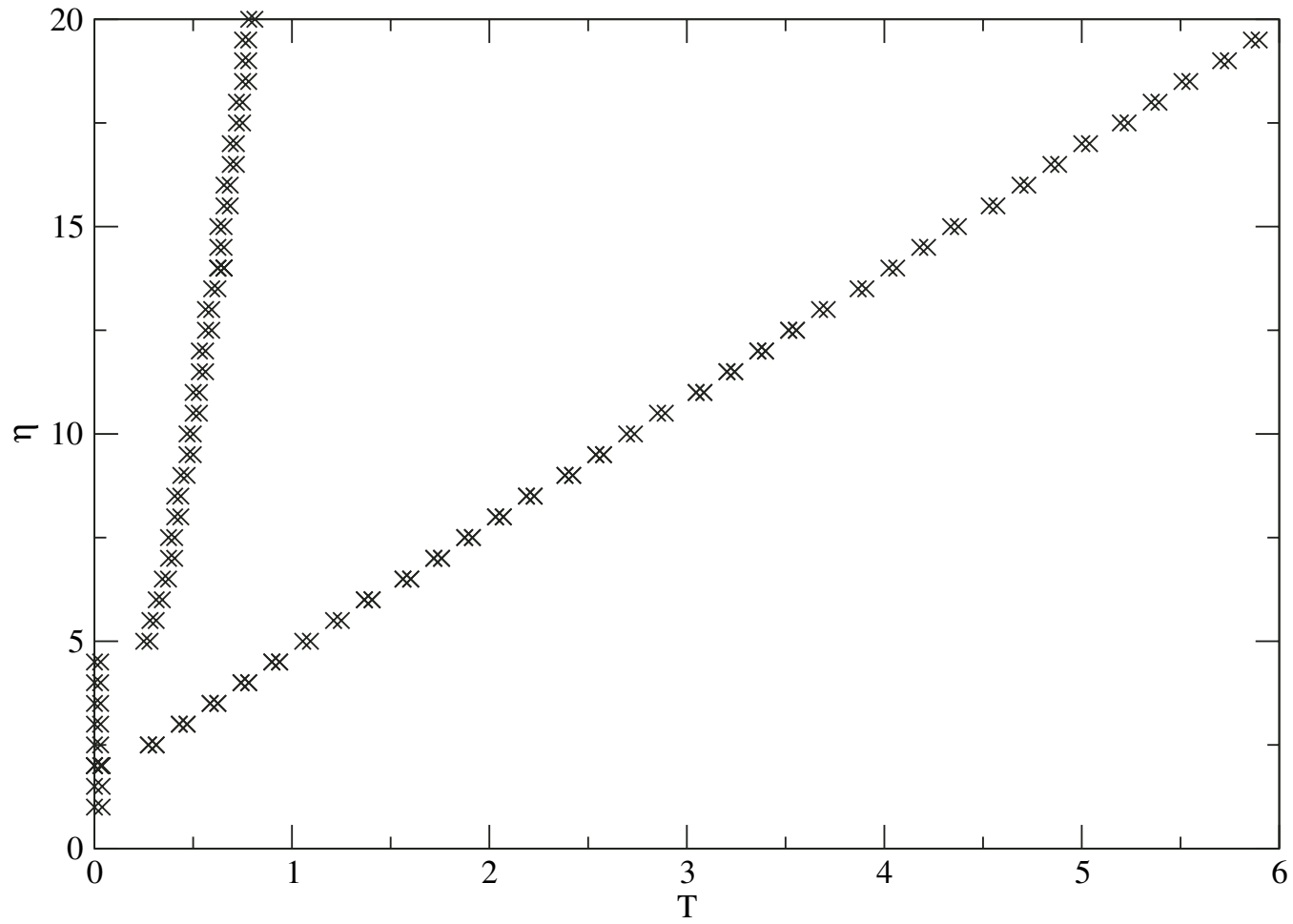
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# phase diagram. simulations

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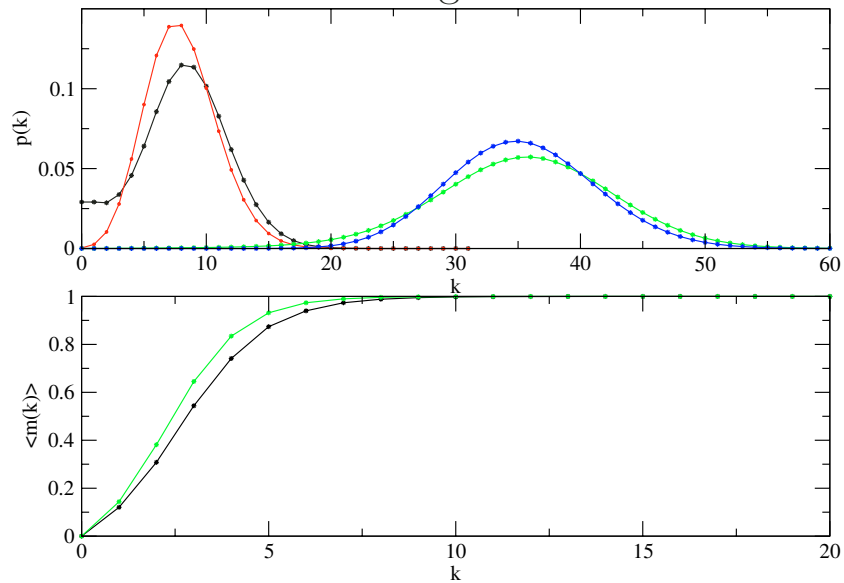


## THEORY

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need to know  $p(k)$

need to know  $\pi$ , the probability 2 nodes are in the same state - by solving Potts model to find magnetisation



simulation results

so  $p(k)$  NOT poissonian

$\langle m_i \rangle$  depends on  $k_i$

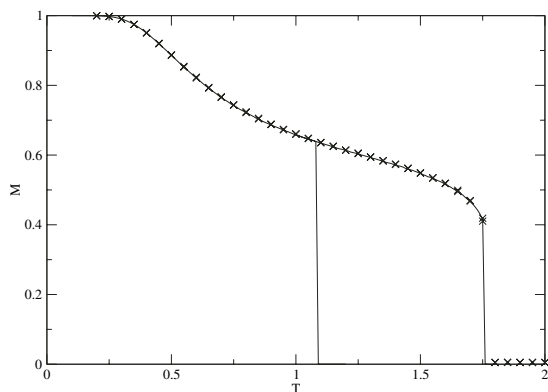
## Potts model on random graph

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from  $p(k)$ , for a given  $T$ : find magnetisation

use local tree-like nature of the network



for Giant Component only !

## Find magnetisation

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Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j} - b \sum_i \delta_{\sigma_i, 1} \quad (1)$$

Partition function

$$Z = \sum_{\{\sigma\}} \exp \left( K \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j} + H \sum_i \delta_{\sigma_i, 1} \right) \quad (2)$$

Magnetisation of site  $i$

$$m_i = \frac{q \langle \delta_{\sigma_i, 1} \rangle - 1}{q - 1} \quad (3)$$

Solve iteratively

$$g_{1,i}(\sigma_0) = \sum_{\{\sigma_l\}} e^{\sum_{\langle l,m \rangle} K \delta_{\sigma_l, \sigma_m} + K \delta_{\sigma_0, \sigma_i} + H \sum_l \delta_{\sigma_l, 1}} \quad (4)$$

$$Z = \sum_{\sigma_0} e^{H \delta_{\sigma_0, 1}} \prod_{i=1}^{k_0} g_{1,i}(\sigma_0) \quad (5)$$

Recursion relation for  $g_{r,i}(\sigma_{r-1})$

$$g_{r,i}(\sigma_{r-1}) = \sum_{\sigma_r} e^{K\delta_{\sigma_r, \sigma_{r-1}} + H\delta_{\sigma_r, 1}} \prod_{j=1}^{k_{r,i}-1} g_{r+1,j}(\sigma_r) \quad (6)$$

$k_{r,i}$  is the degree of node  $(r, i)$ .

$$x_{r,i} = \frac{g_{r,i}(\alpha)}{g_{r,i}(1)}, \quad \alpha > 1 \quad (7)$$

$$x_{r,i} = \frac{e^H + (q - 2 + e^K) \prod_{j=1}^{k_{r,i}-1} x_{r+1,j}}{e^{H+K} + (q - 1) \prod_{j=1}^{k_{r,i}-1} x_{r+1,j}}. \quad (8)$$

Change of variables  $h_{r,j} = -\ln(x_{r,j})$

Distribution density of  $h_{r,i}$  with  $k_{r,i} = k$

$$\rho_r(h|k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} dh_j \tilde{\rho}_{r+1}(h_j) \delta \left[ h - Y \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} h_j \right) \right] \quad (9)$$

$$Y(s) = \ln \left[ \frac{e^{H+K} + (q-1)e^{-s}}{e^H + (q-2+e^K)e^{-s}} \right] \quad (10)$$

Distribution of  $h$  on the neighbours of a node

$$\tilde{\rho}_r(h) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{P}(k) \rho_r(h|k) \quad (11)$$

Distribution of fields at the neighbour of a node

$$\tilde{\rho}_r(h) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{P}(k) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} dh_j \tilde{\rho}_{r+1}(h_j) \delta \left[ h - Y \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} h_j \right) \right] \quad (12)$$

## Find magnetisation: population dynamics

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population  $h_i, i = 1, \dots, M$  of  $M \gg 1$  values of  $h$ . Evolve the population by iteration with the following procedure:

- Draw at random  $k$  from the distribution  $\tilde{P}(k)$
- Draw  $k - 1$  values of  $h$  at random from the population  $\{h_i\}$  and sum them to get  $h_{sum}$ .
- replace a random member of the population by

$$h_{new} = Y(h_{sum}) \quad (13)$$

Iterate until convergence. The magnetisation is then found by averaging the local magnetisations on many nodes,

- draw  $k$  from  $P(k)$
- draw  $k$  values of  $h$  from  $\tilde{\rho}(h)$  and sum them to get  $h_{sum}$  and insert this into

$$\langle m_0 \rangle = \frac{\exp(H) - \exp(-h_{sum})}{\exp(H) + (q - 1) \exp(-h_{sum})} \quad (14)$$

Iterate many times and average the results to get  $M(T)$ .



Find  $p(k)$  given magnetisation

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$$\dot{p}(k) = \lambda(k+1)p(k+1) + 2\eta p(k-1)\pi(k-1) - 2\eta p(k)\pi(k) - \lambda k p(k)$$

$$\pi(k) = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{q-1}{q} \langle m(k) \rangle \langle m \rangle (1 - u^k)$$

$u = \text{Prob}(\text{ link does NOT lead to the Giant Component } )$

$$u = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k p(k)}{\langle k \rangle} u^{k-1}$$

## Find $p(k)$ given magnetisation

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so, find iteratively:

$$p(1) = 2\eta p(0)\pi(0)$$

$$p(k) = \frac{1}{k}(2\eta p(k-1)\pi(k-1) + (k-1)p(k-1) - 2\eta p(k-2)\pi(k-2))$$

so:

- given  $p(k)$ , find  $m(k)$  for Giant Component, and then  $\pi(k)$
  
- given  $\pi(k)$ , find  $p(k)$

iterate to find stable solution.

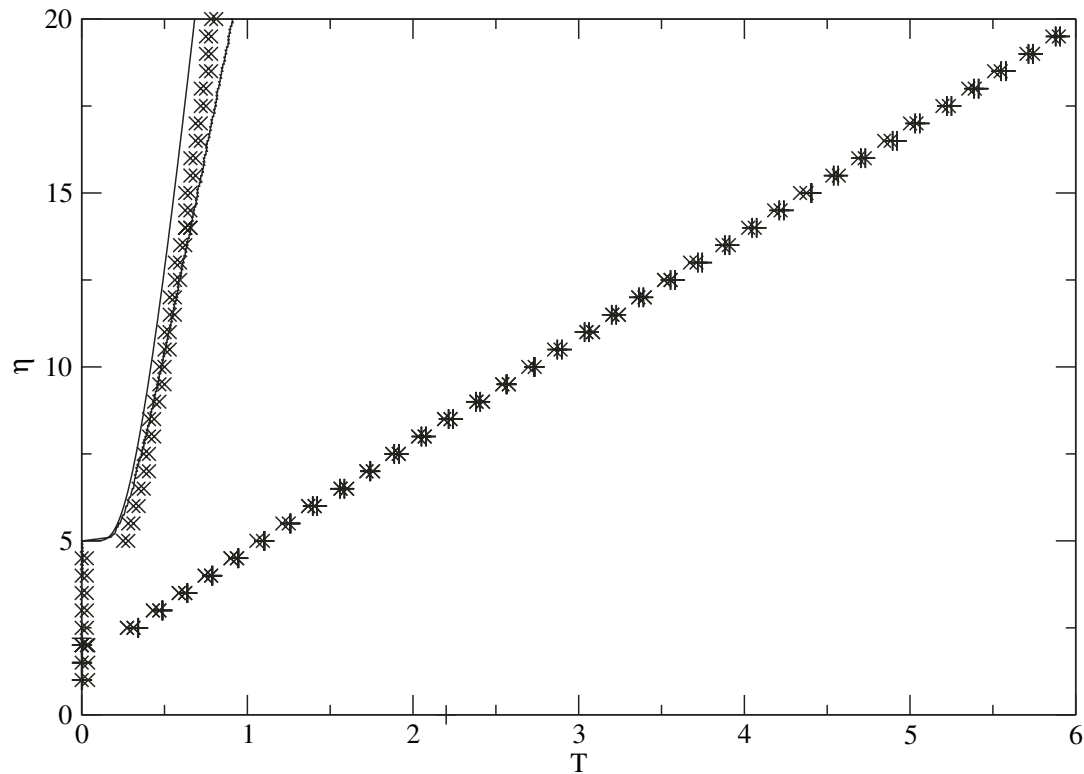
start from:

high connected, ordered state

low connected, disordered state

## phase diagram. simulations and theory

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ok, so theory is pretty good

fails near transition - this is particularly noticeable for  $T$  close to zero

this is because  $p(k)$  is not (quite) a full description of the network

## Conclusions

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Simple(ish) model gives:

- sharp transitions
- 'resilience' - equilibrium coexistence

due to interplay between network dynamics and attribute dynamics

- theory in good agreement with simulations

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