



# "Socializing SwarmTella: building social community networks for content distribution"

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Benchmarking of Future Content Distribution  
Exploring the Limits of Selforganization?

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**This talk is about “towards social aware  
content distribution networks”**

**the vast majority of network content is  
pull/interest-based**

**economics\* argues for making  
the “long tail” of content available**

**at low transaction/network costs**

**to large numbers of small groups of only the  
most interested recipients.**

*\* Anderson, C. **The Long Tail: How Endless Choice Is Creating Unlimited Demand.** Random House, New York, 2006.*



**the Internet is already dominated by swarms  
of network-coded content**

**no longer e2e approach**

**emanating from multiple sources**

## **Micro, community networks**

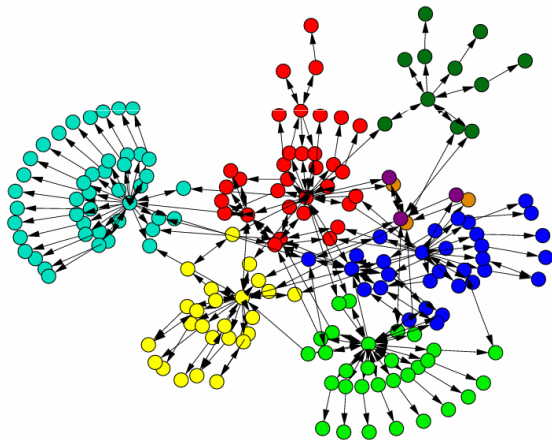
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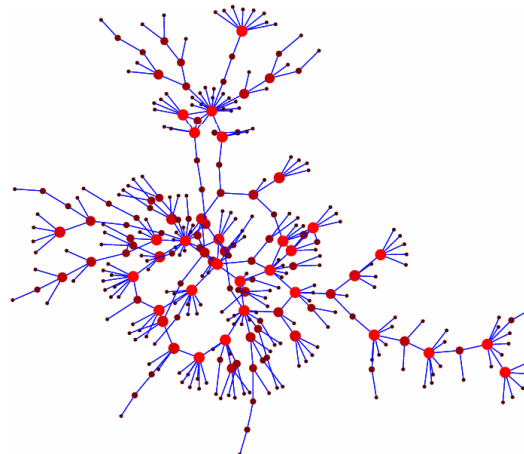
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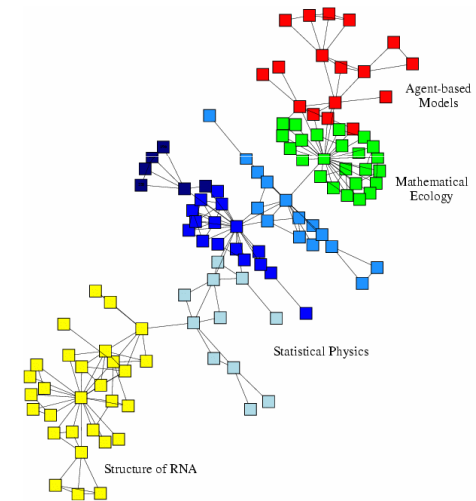
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The Web Site  
Newman and Girvan  
Finding and evaluating community structure in networks  
*Physical Review E* **69**, 026113 (2004).



Sexual contacts  
Newman  
The structure and function of complex networks  
*SIAM Review* **45**, 167-256 (2003).



Interdisciplinary collaborations  
Girvan and Newman  
Community structure in social and biological networks  
*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **99**, 8271-8276 (2002).

# The dynamic of networks

- ◆ Networks -> Topology + Function
- ◆ Topology (Physics, “scale free”, “small worlds”...)
- ◆ Availability of large scale data -> topology
- ◆ Can we learn function from topology?
- ◆ Still missing -> connection between topology and function



# Community Networks

- ◆ Many networks of interest in the sciences (social and biological networks) are found to divide naturally into communities or modules
- ◆ The problem of detecting and characterizing this community structure!
- ◆ Practical application
  - ❖ Content distribution in DTN
  - ❖ Exploiting social interaction in mobile systems
  - ❖ Optimizing social aware overlays
  - ❖ Next steps in CDN: metadata, pub/sub/interests.

# Socializing SwarmTella

- ◆ **CONTENT NoE Joint Research: UC3M and TUD**
- ◆ **Distributed mechanism for building communities based on end-users common interests on content**
- ◆ **Next steps:**
  - ❖ **Building communities based on a mobile scenario**
  - ❖ **Extending the interest on content to the interest on a service/node/resource**



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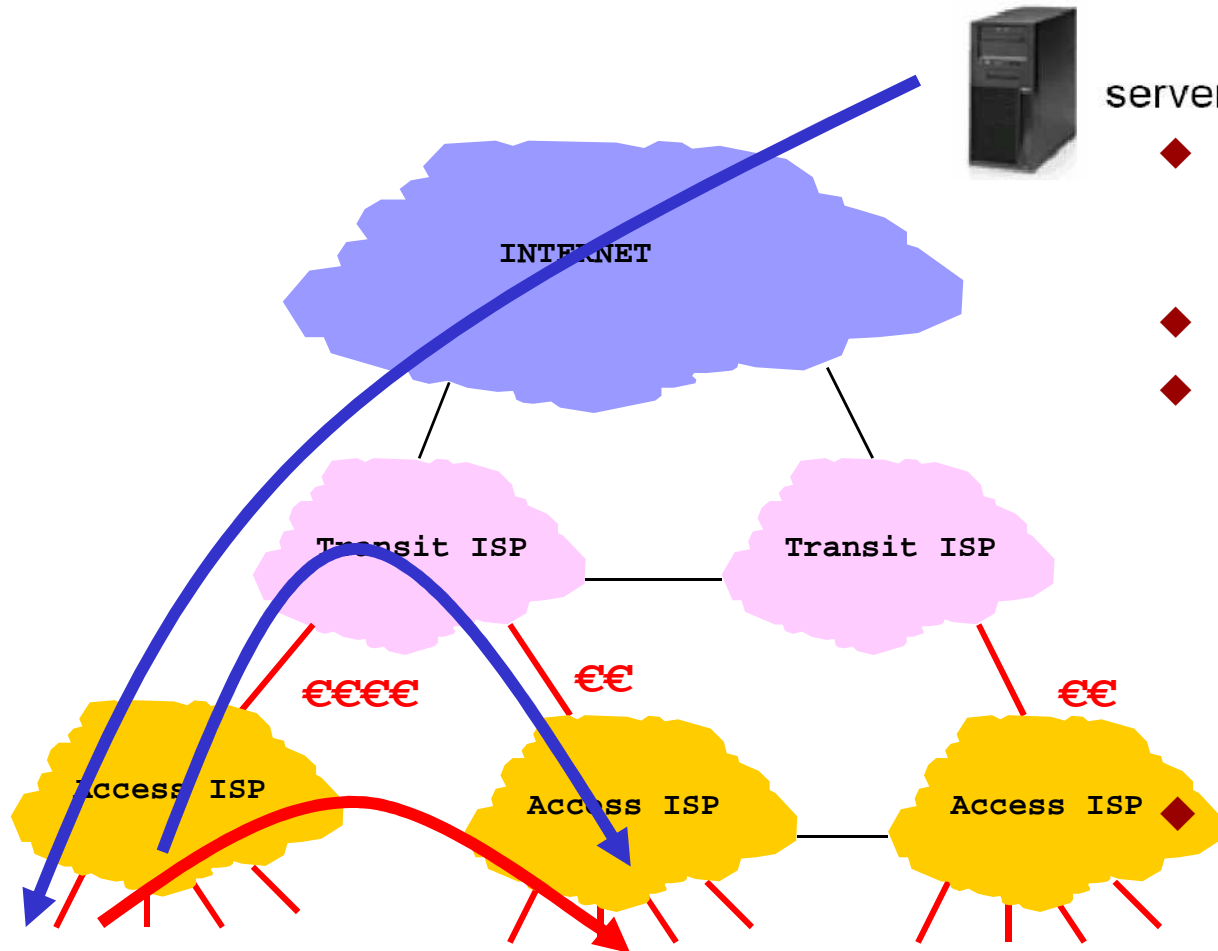
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# Macro, economics of swarms

## how to incentivize ISPs, content providers, users



- ◆ Filtering out P2P traffic
  - ❖ But P2P increases access demands (€€)
- ◆ Add caches
- ◆ Enrich connectivity
  - ❖ Peering between access ISPs
  - ❖ Difficulties on dimension networks and TE
  - ❖ P2P is about cost shifting

### New techniques for peer selection

- ❖ Network-aided peer selection
- ❖ Prioritize local peers

# Conclusions

- ◆ Exploiting the mobility and dynamis of social networks for optimizing the function of content distribution
- ◆ Micro perspective, building social community networks
- ◆ Macro perspective, taming the torrent, p4p, ietf/alto/tana

