

# Future Infrastructure Forum 1

## Newcastle University Research

### EPSRC Network for Resilient & Sustainable Infrastructure



# What I hope to get out of this meeting

- **What should the proposals look like?**
  - **How big, how many partners?**
  - **Multidisciplinary/traditional?**
  - **Individual detailed models or coarse integrated model?**
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- **How will we maximise our chances of getting supportive reviewers?**

# What can Newcastle offer the network?

- **GIS expertise – geomatics group**
- **Climate change Impacts – Climate model outputs, downscaling.**
- **Structural and ground Engineering**

# Ground Engineering and Structural Engineering @Newcastle (GEST)

**Dr Colin Davie**  
High temperature (concrete),  
multi-phase flow



**Dr Jean Hall**  
Engineering geology



**Dr Gaetano Elia**  
Soil dynamics



**Dr Paul Hughes**  
Soil stabilisation, slope  
stability



**Dr Stephanie Glendinning**  
Soil stabilisation,  
electrokinetics, slope stability



**Dr Mohamed Rouainia**  
Soil constitutive modelling



# Ground Engineering and Structural Engineering @Newcastle (GEST)

**Dr Sean Wilkinson**  
Earthquake engineering  
Critical Infrastructure  
Networks  
(Resilient Communities)



**Prof Peter Gosling**  
Fabric structures



**Dr Ben Bridgens**  
Fabric Structures



**Dr Richard Dawson**  
Resilient Cities  
Climate Change Impacts



**Dr Vladimir Vinogradov**  
Composite Structure  
constitutive modes and  
Finite Elements



**Professor Chris Kilsby,  
Dr Hayley Fowler**  
Climate Change Impacts  
ITRC





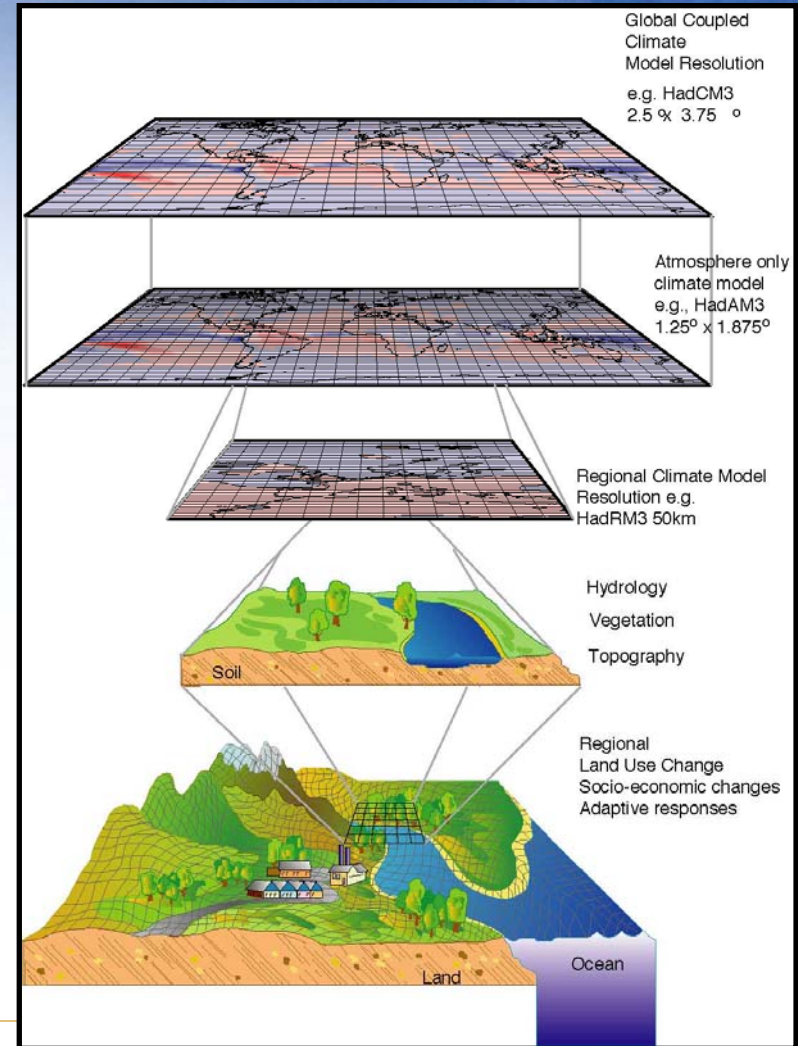
# Main Research Areas

- **Climate Change Impacts**

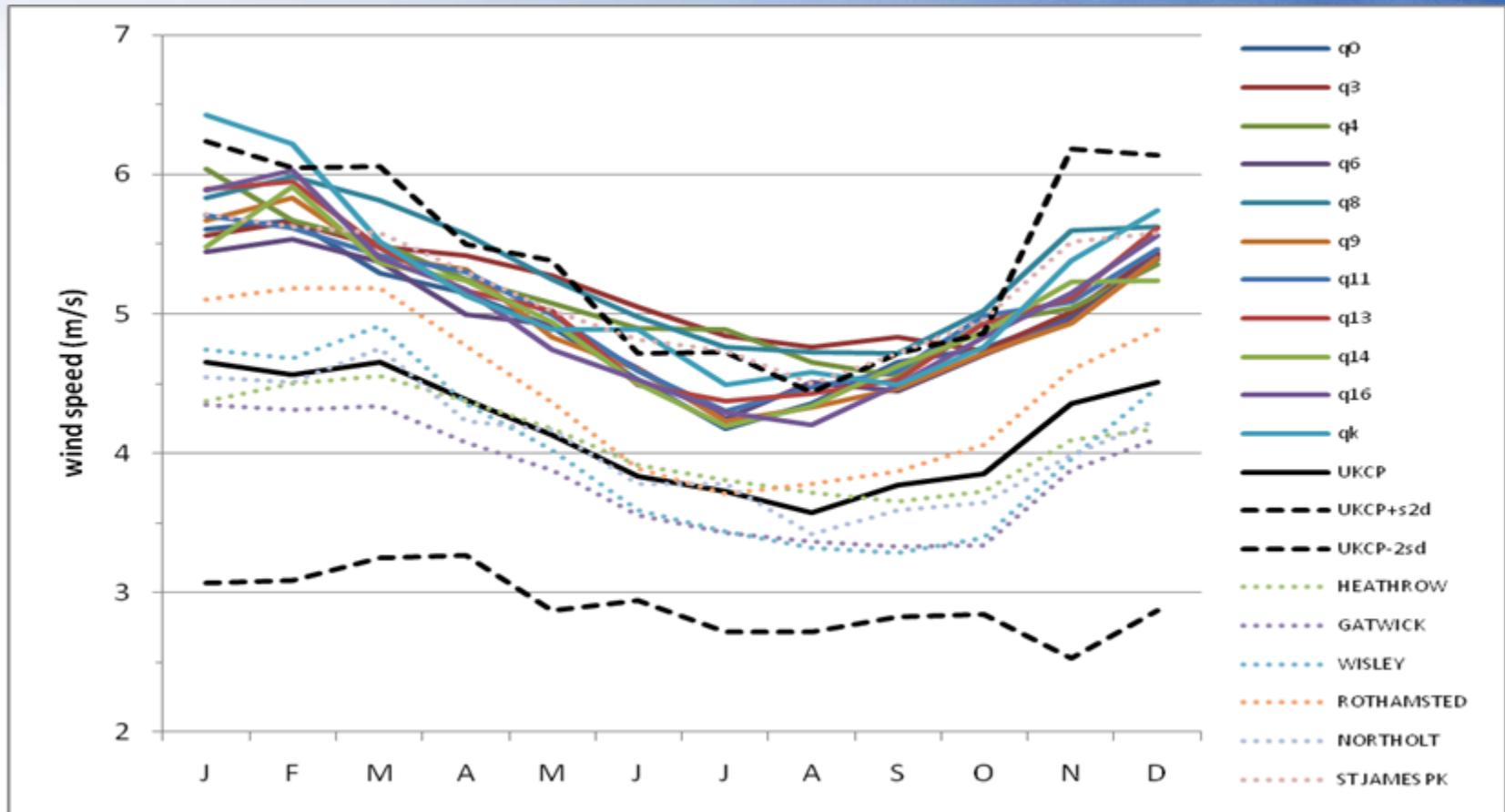
- RESNET, ECLISE, CONVEX, RESILIENT FUTURES, CRANIUN, BETWIXT

- **Geotechnical Engineering and Structural Engineering (GEST)**

- **ITRC**



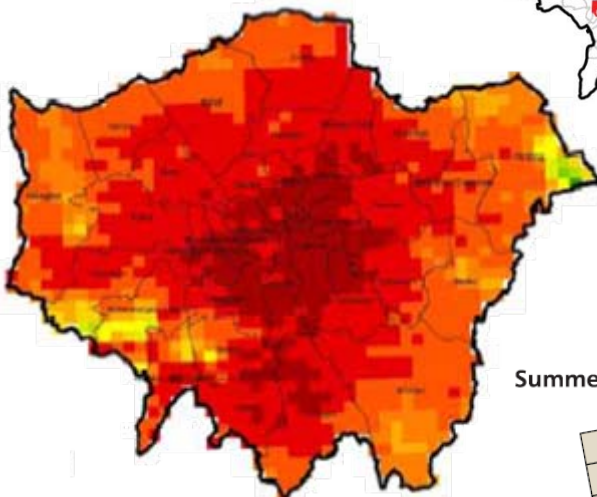
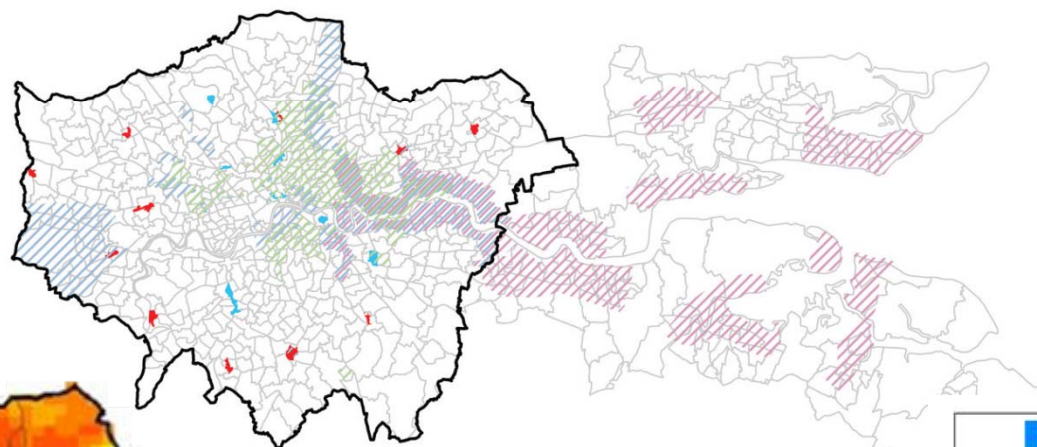
# Future Wind Speed





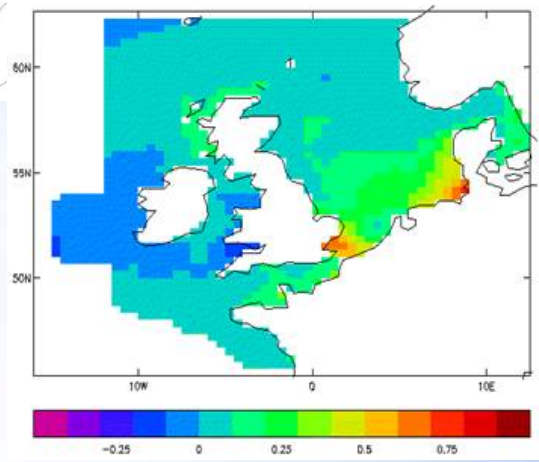
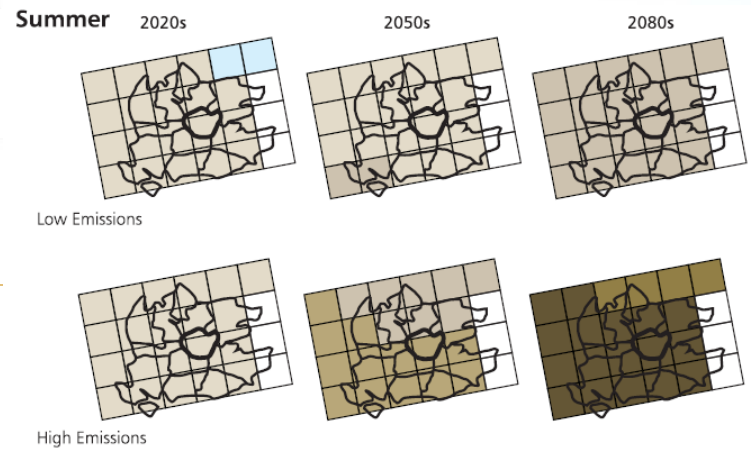
**Legend**

- GLA Border
- Opportunity areas
- Thames Gateway development zones
- Regeneration areas
- Metropolitan centres
- Intensification areas
- Census ward boundary



Heat island

**Drought**



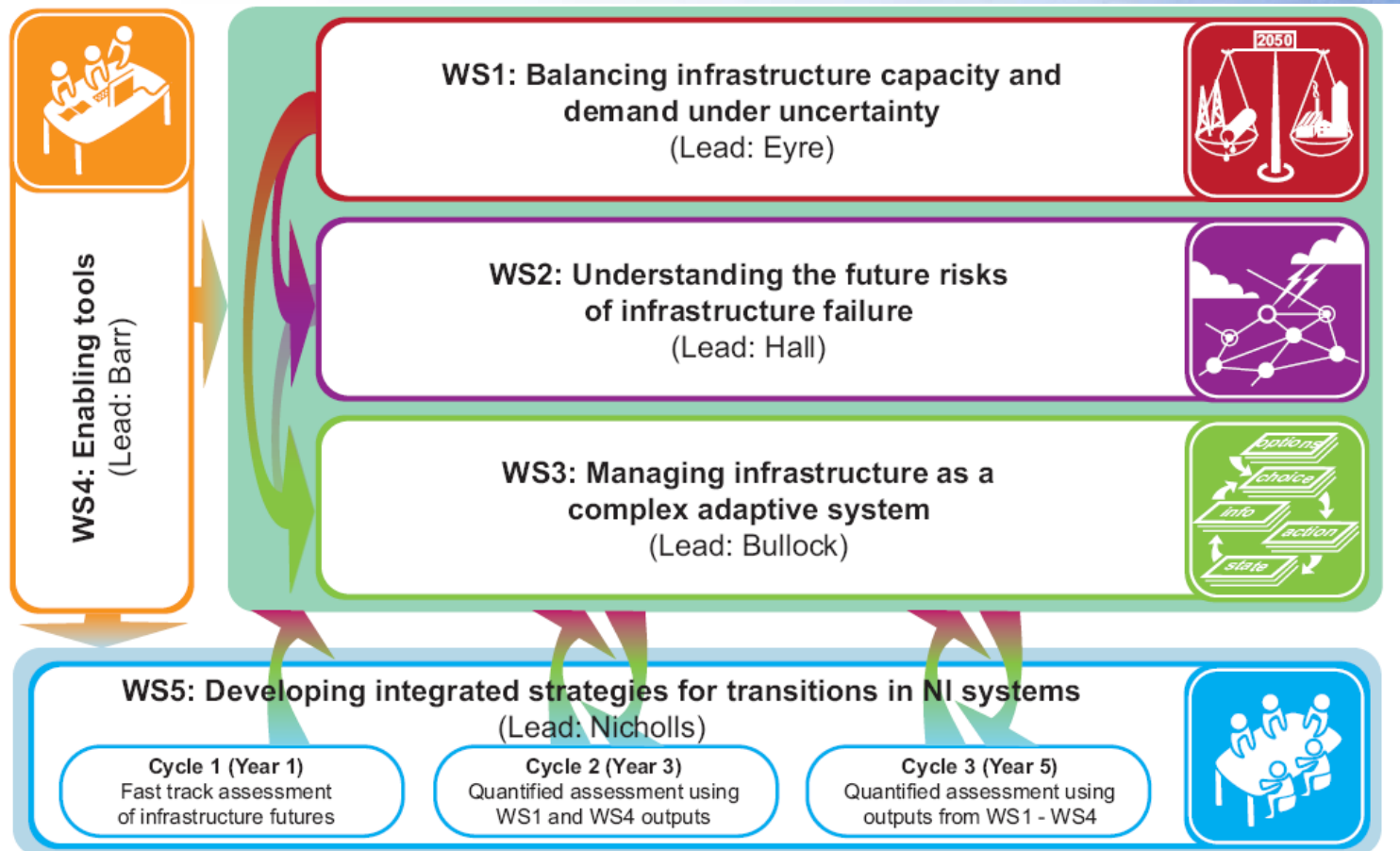
Sea level rise



# ITRC: The UK Infrastructure Transitions Research Consortium

Prof Jim Hall, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford  
Newcastle – Kilsby, Curtis and Barr

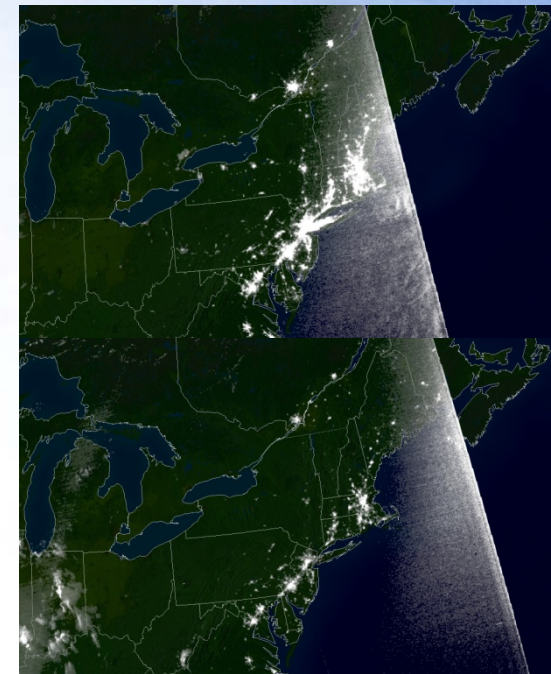
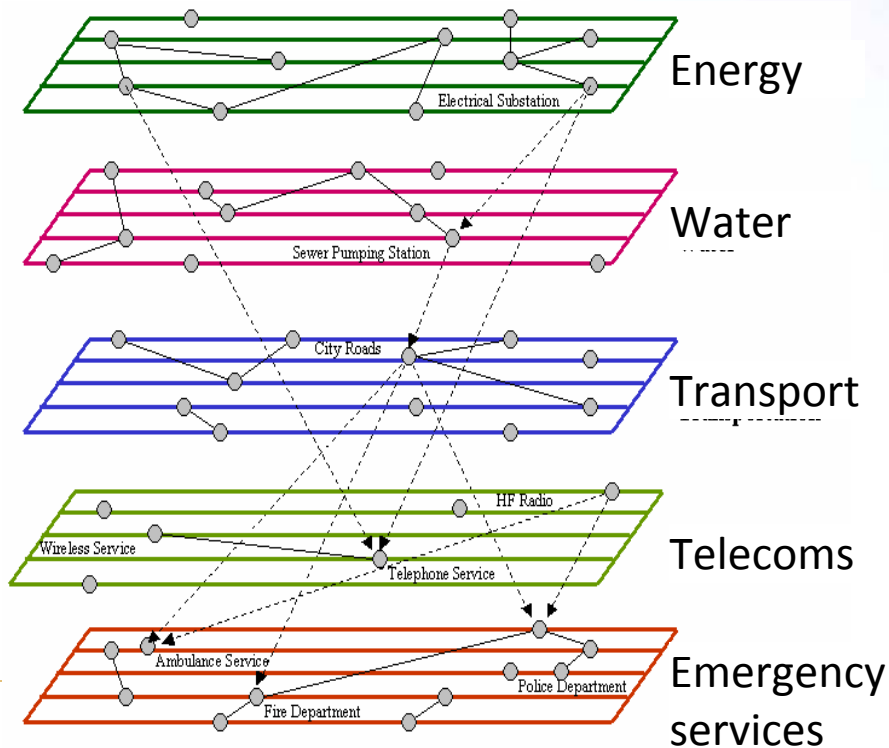
**Aim: To develop a new generation of system simulation models and methods to inform analysis, planning and design of national infrastructure in the energy, transport, water, waste and telecoms sectors..**



# Resilient Futures



- Resilient Futures is a £1.4m EPSRC project that is looking at what our critical national infrastructure looks like in 2030? 2050, and beyond?
  - Current practices focused on single, isolated systems
  - Modern infrastructure is developing into an highly connected system
  - Interdependent networks respond differently in network disruption events
  - Can be more vulnerable than individual networks



# GEST Main Research Areas

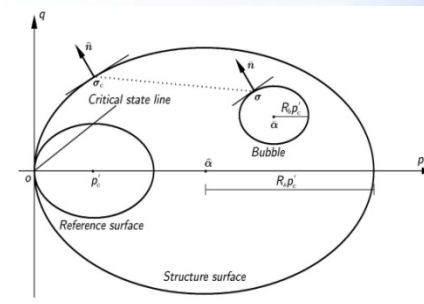
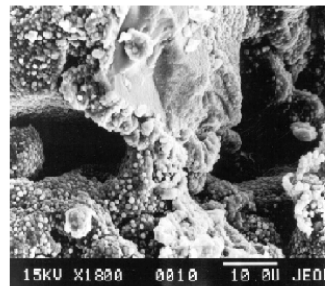
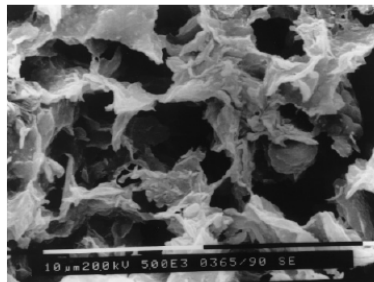
- **Advanced characterisation of soils**

- cyclic, dynamic, small strain



- **Constitutive Modelling of Geomaterials**

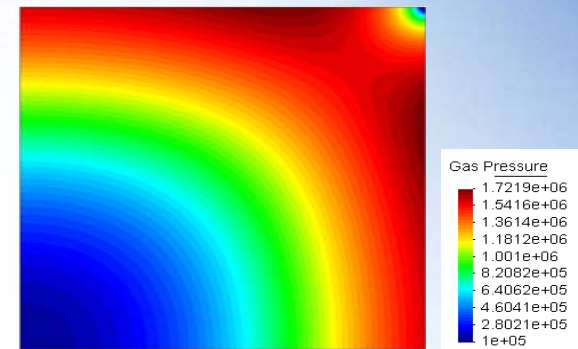
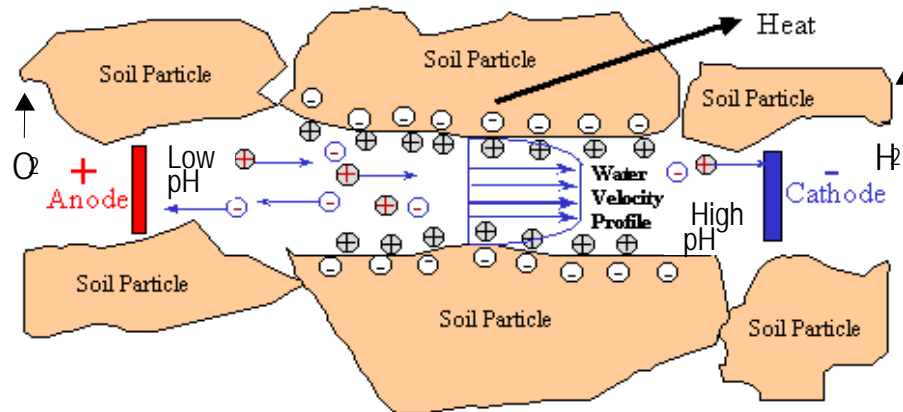
- Cemented, structured and partially saturated soils, rocks, concrete.





# • Conductivity Modelling and Measurement

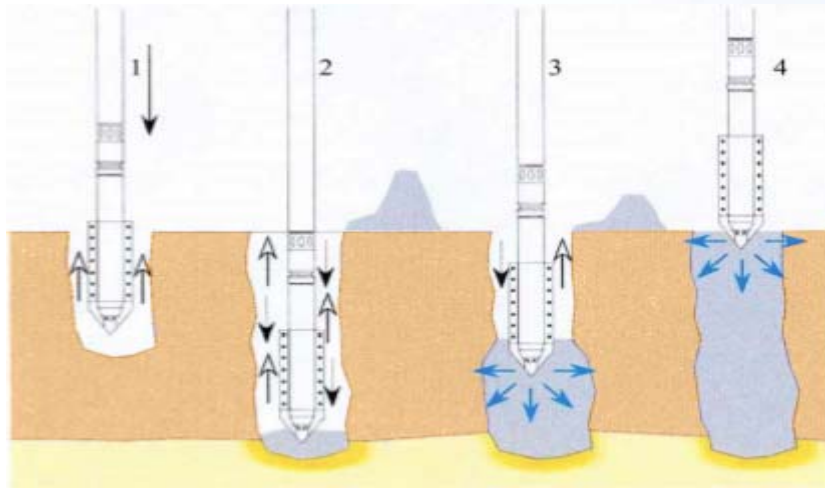
- Saturated and unsaturated flow in soil
- Electrokinetics
- Thermal behaviour of soils
- High temperature concrete





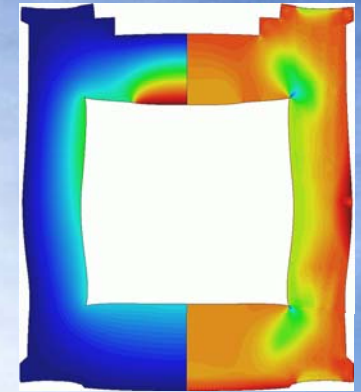
## •Slope Stability

- Slope stabilisation using cementitious materials
- Slope stabilisation using electrokinetics
- Effects of climate on long-term behaviour



## •Extreme loadings

- Earthquakes
- Cyclic
- Wind/Waves
- Fire



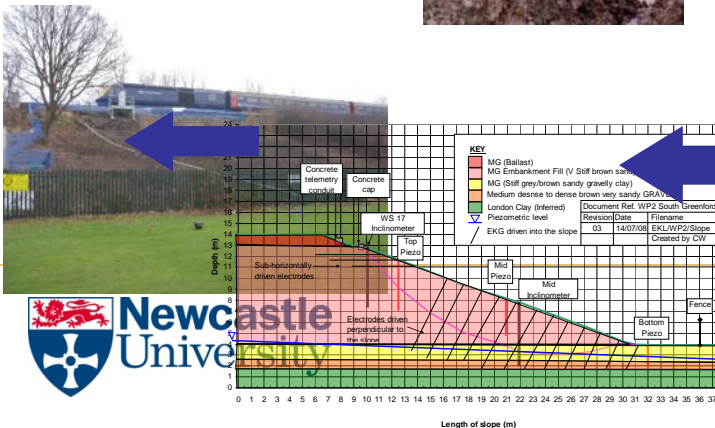
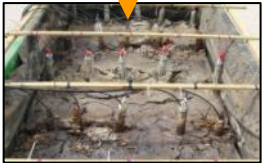
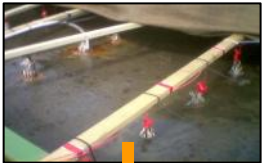
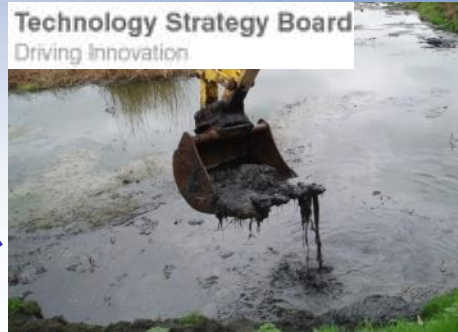
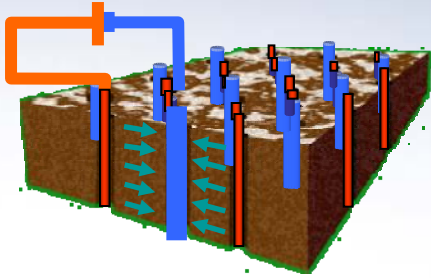
## •Legacy of mining

- Tailings treatment, mine gas, subsidence, void migration

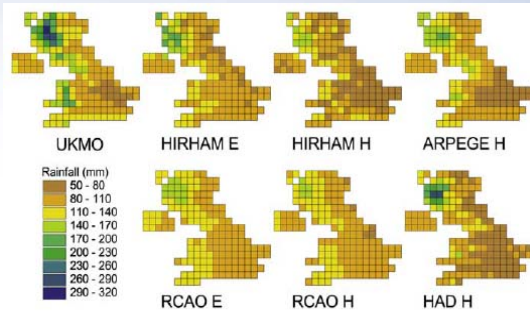




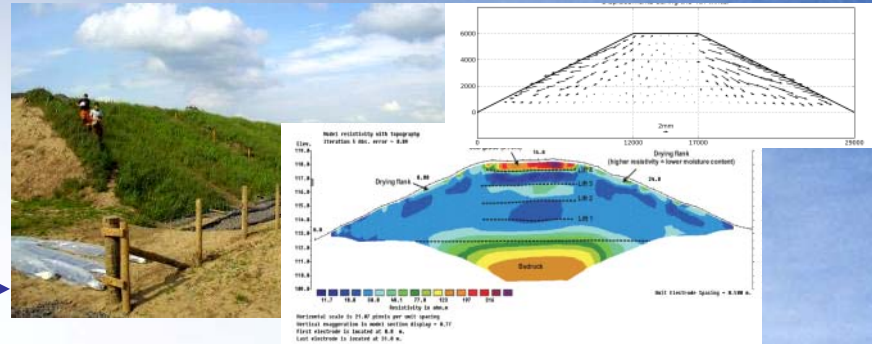
# Ground Improvement and Waste Treatment



# Slope stability and Climate Change



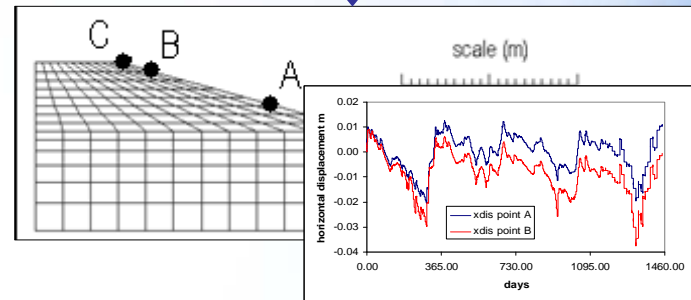
Climate predictions



Full and model-scale testing and instrumentation



Climate simulation



Validated numerical modelling of slope stability for predicted future climates



secondments



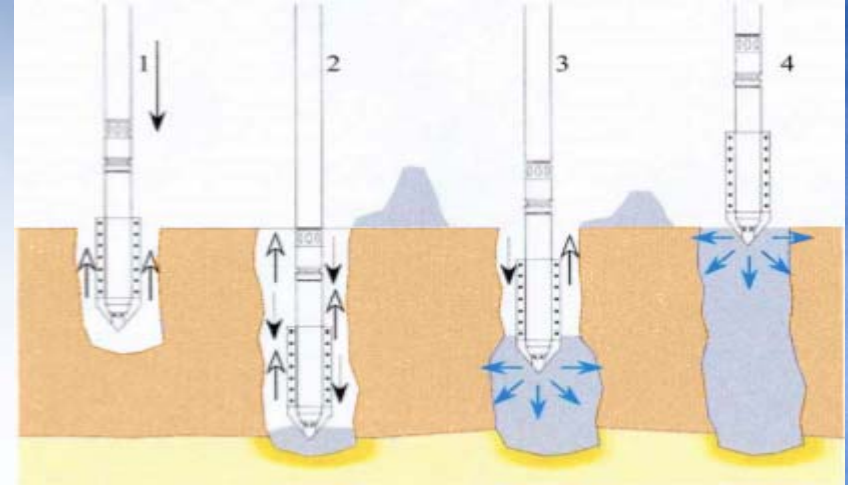
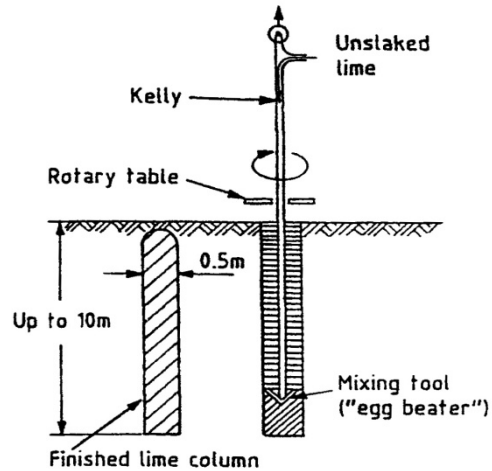
Rail Embankments and Climate – Mind the Gap

Tony O'Brien & Fleur Loveridge  
Mott MacDonald

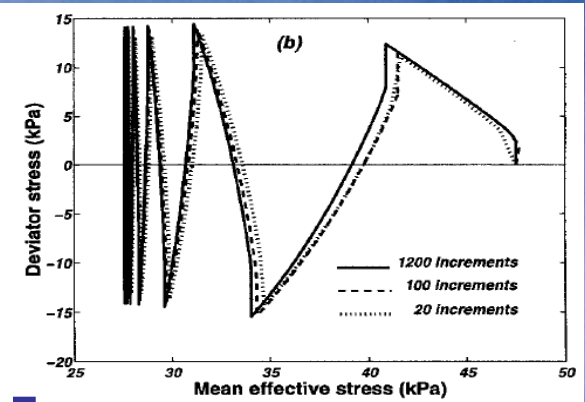
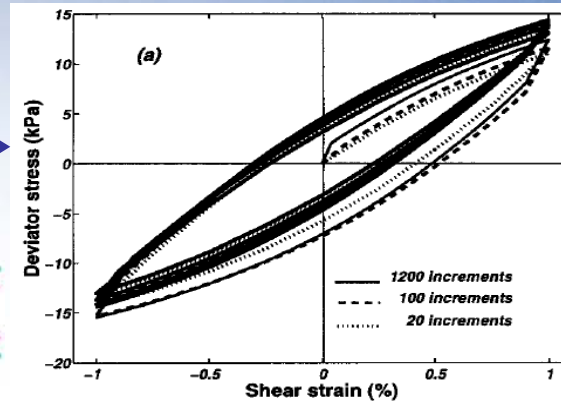
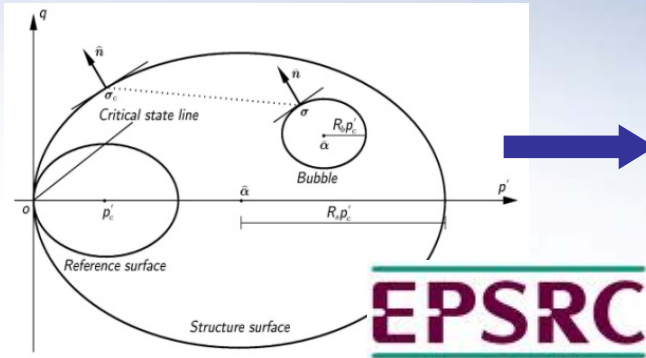




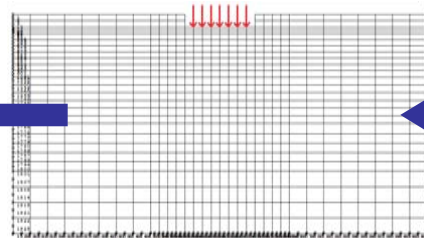
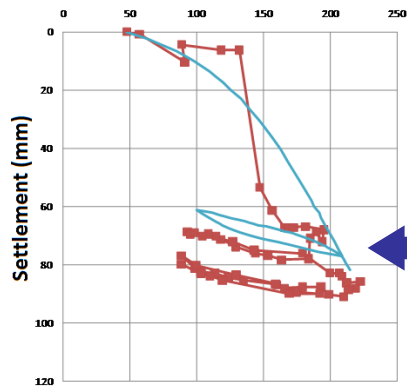
# Re-use of waste materials and soil stabilisation



# Constitutive and Numerical Modelling



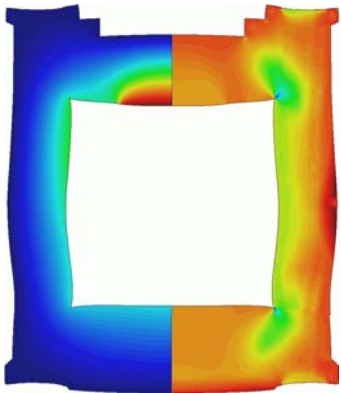
Cyclic loading of tank foundation  
Applied pressure (kPa)



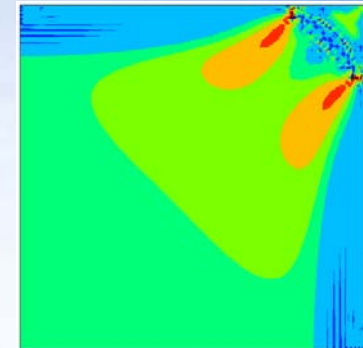
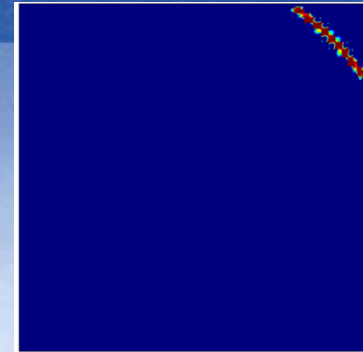
# Concrete at high temperatures

## Coupled hygro-thermo-mechanical modelling of concrete

- Complex, fully coupled, fully generalised 3D multi-phase model (finite element)
- Solid, liquid and gas components (partially saturated material)
- Numerical investigations of:
  - concrete exposed to isothermal drying
  - concrete exposed to fire
  - thermal spalling
  - nuclear power plant structures

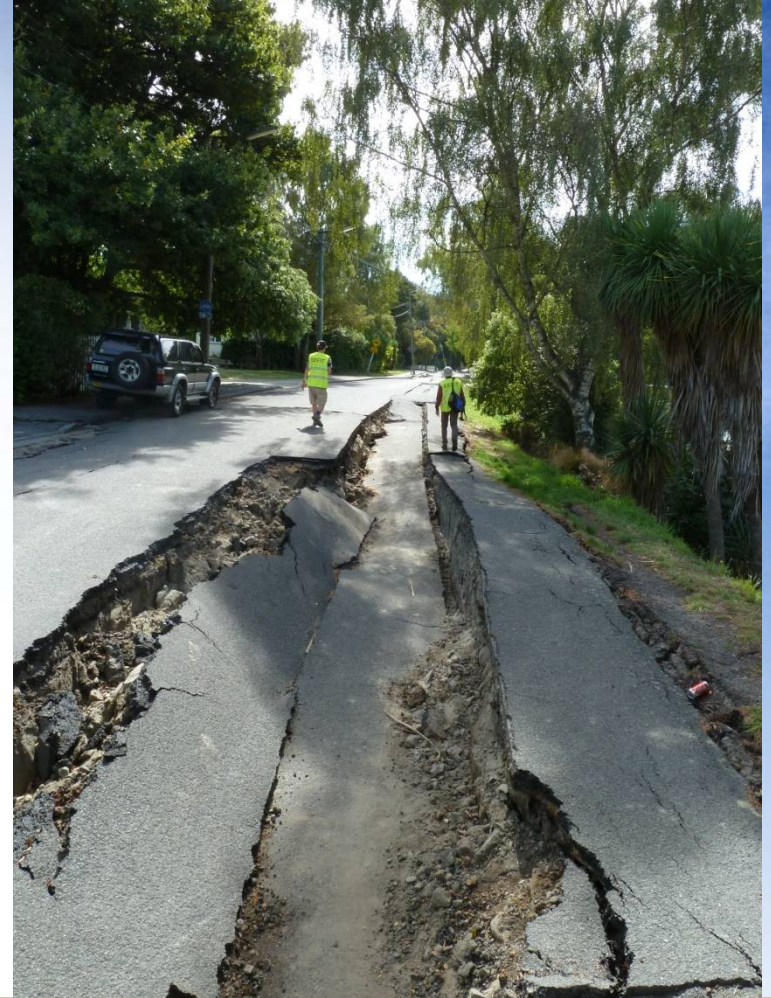


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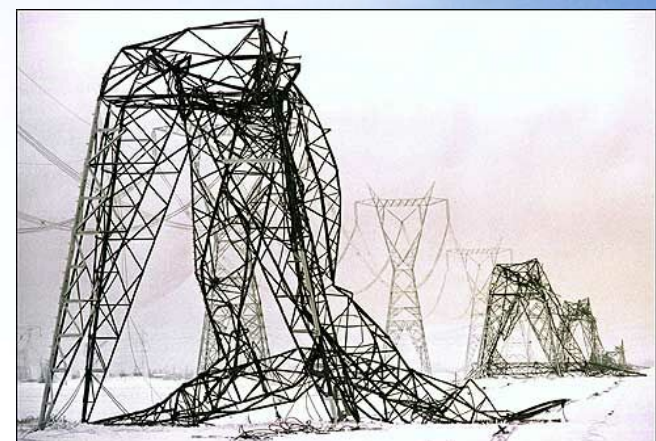
# EEFIT EARTHQUAKE MISSION GRANT: FUNDING FOR IMPROVED RESPONSE AND DISSEMINATION





# RESNET: Resilient Electricity Networks for Great Britain

- **Newcastle University**
  - Sean Wilkinson, Chris Kilsby, Richard Dawson
- **The University of Manchester**
  - Kevin Anderson, Ian Cotton, Sarah Mander, Ruth Wood

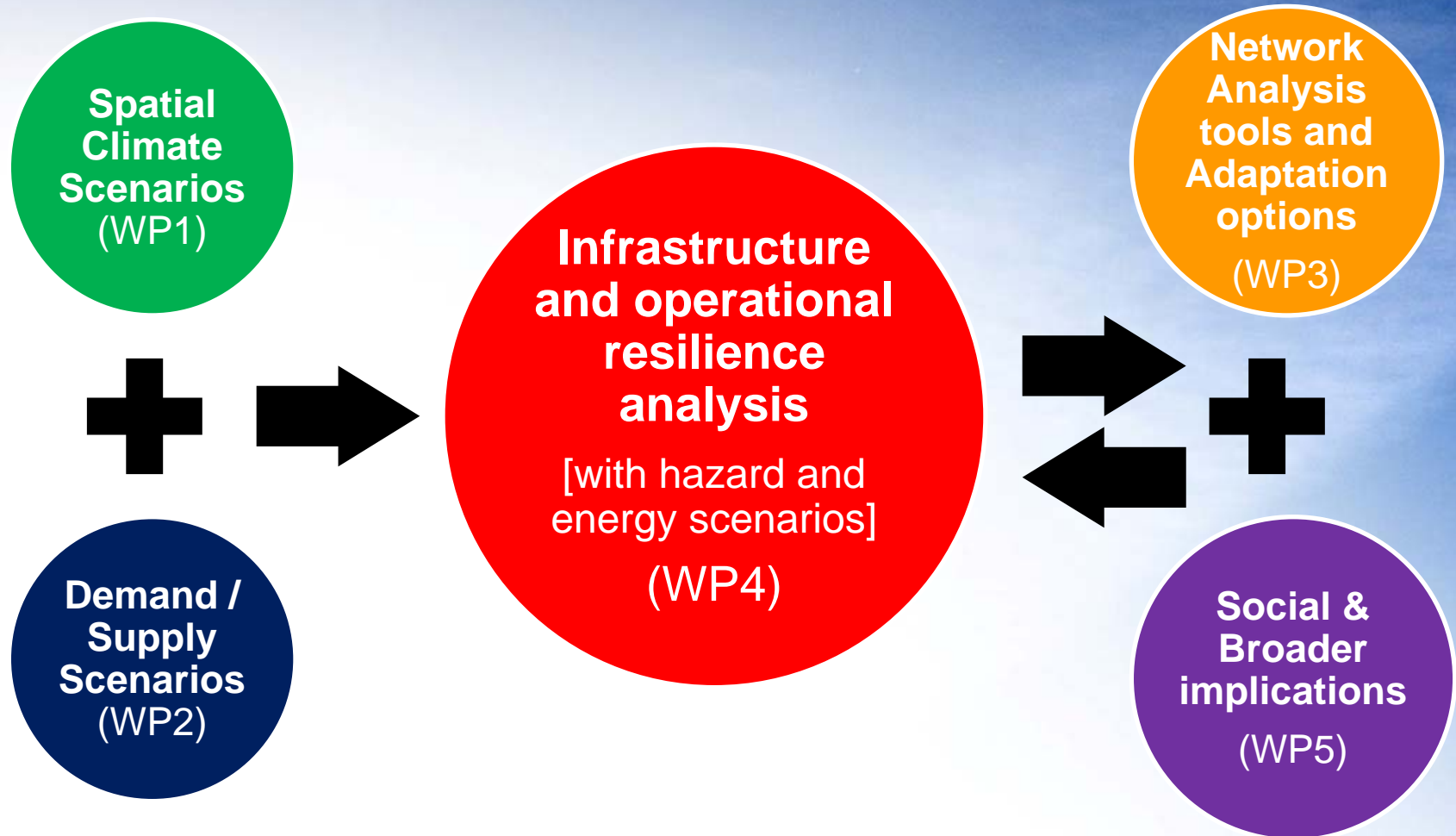


# Project Aim

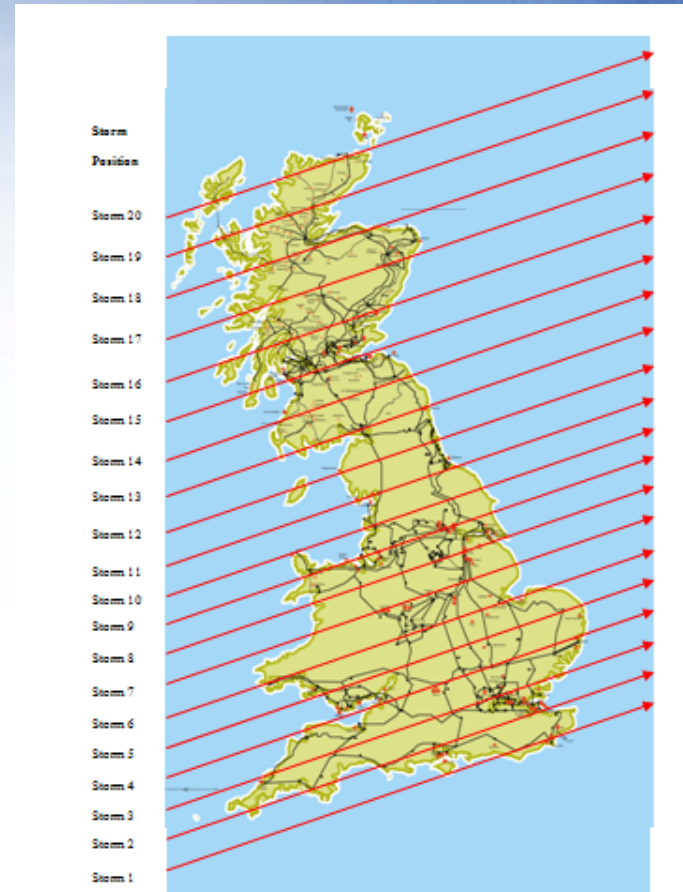
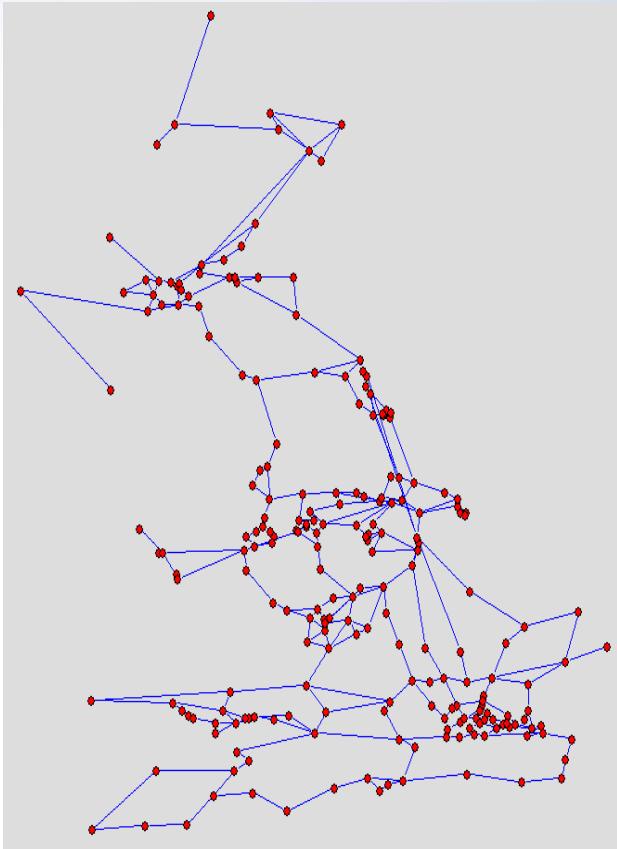
**‘This project will develop and demonstrate a comprehensive systems-level approach to analysing, at the GB scale, the resilience of existing and future electricity networks.**

**It will develop, test and refine tools for evaluating adaptation measures designed to enhance the resilience of the network including societal and technical adaptation.’**

# Project Work Packages



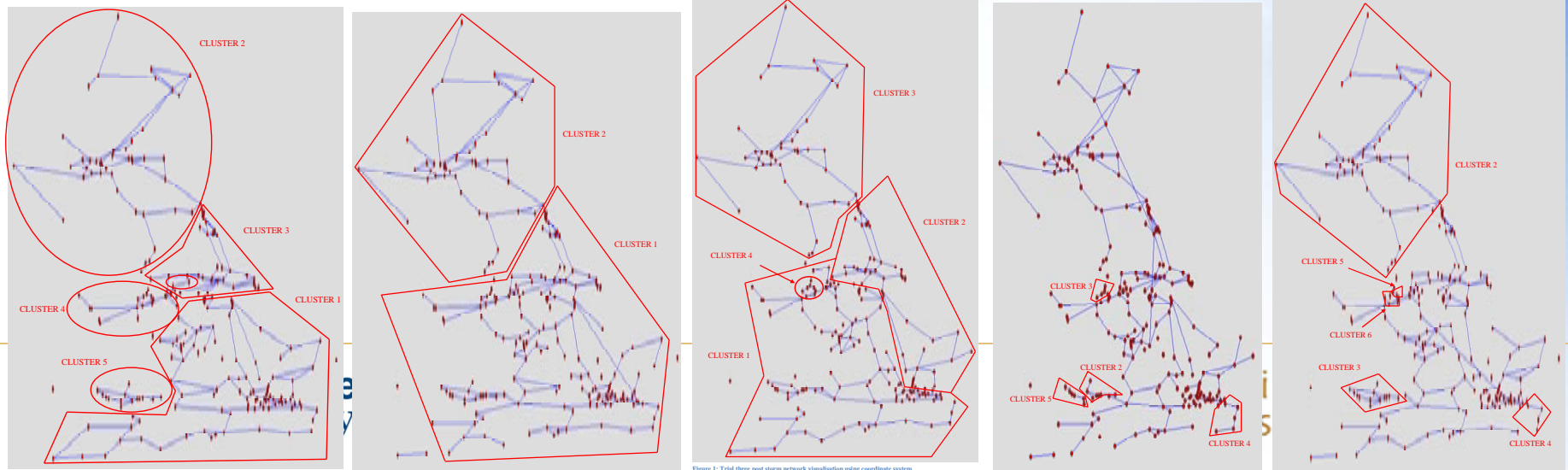
# Preliminary Work





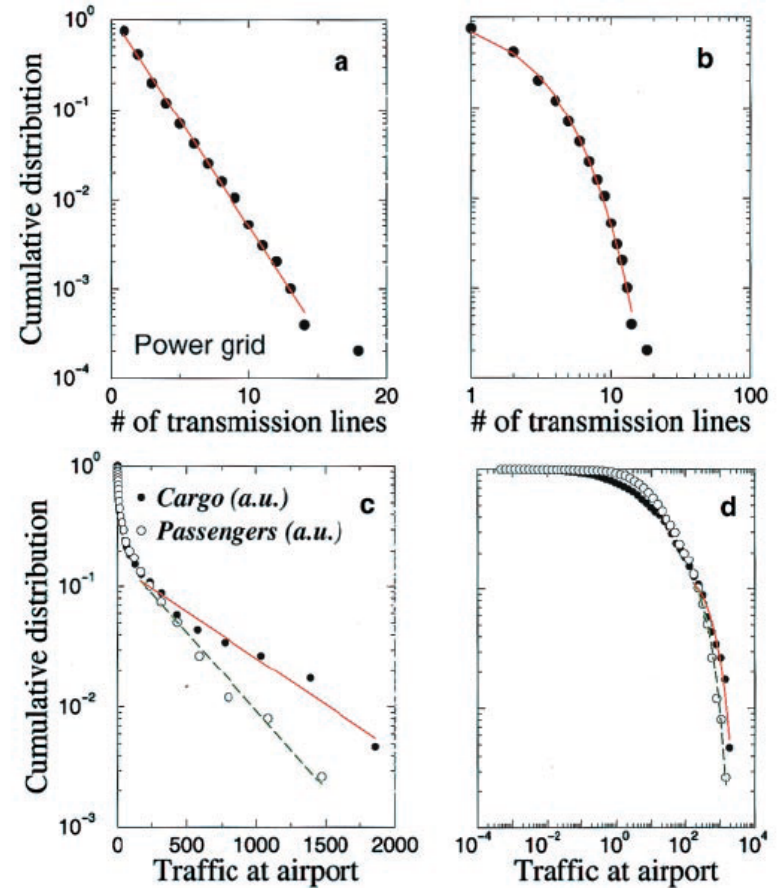
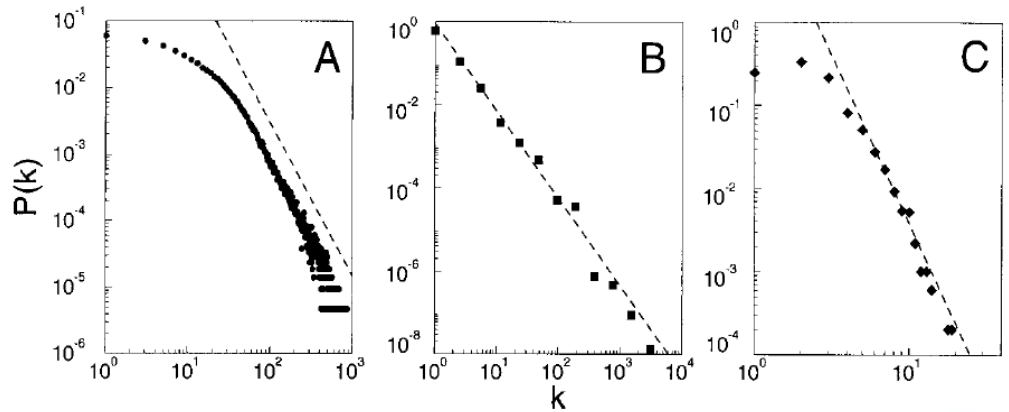
# General Trends

- Isolation of Scotland/Northern England; however, demand met
- Isolation of South Wales – demand not met
- Isolation of London, Southern England and the Midlands – demand not met





# Network Architecture of Real World Networks







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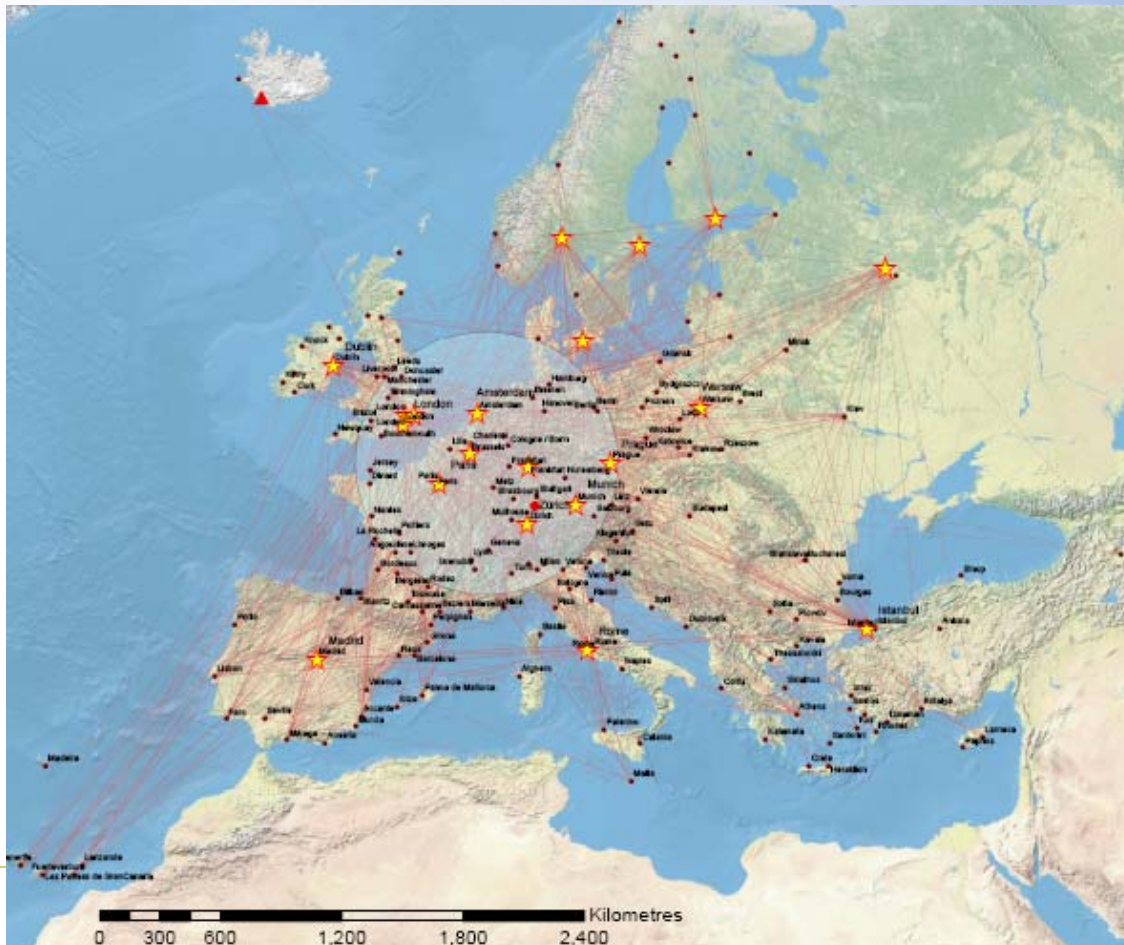
# Flights on 17th April 2010



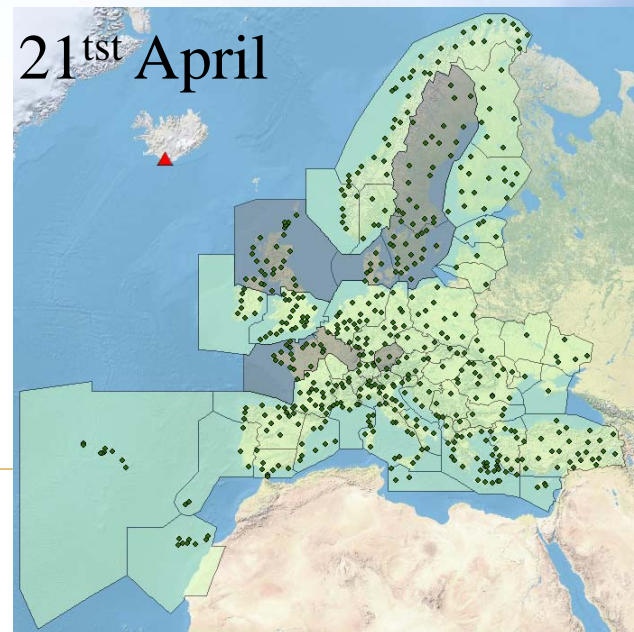
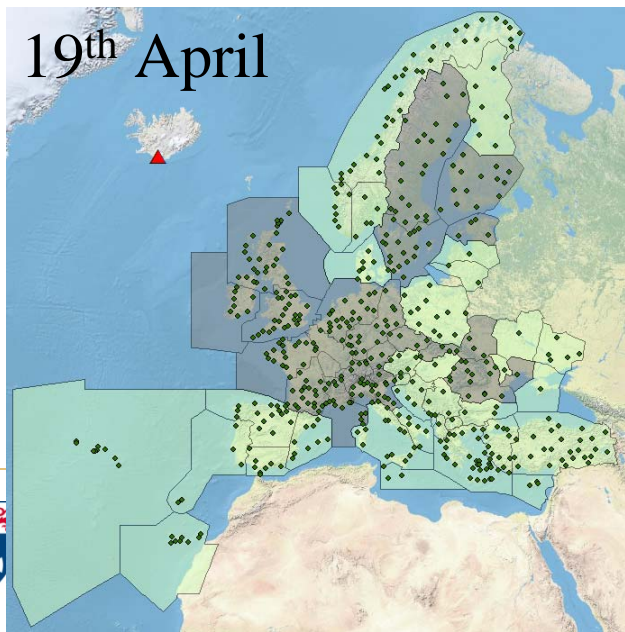
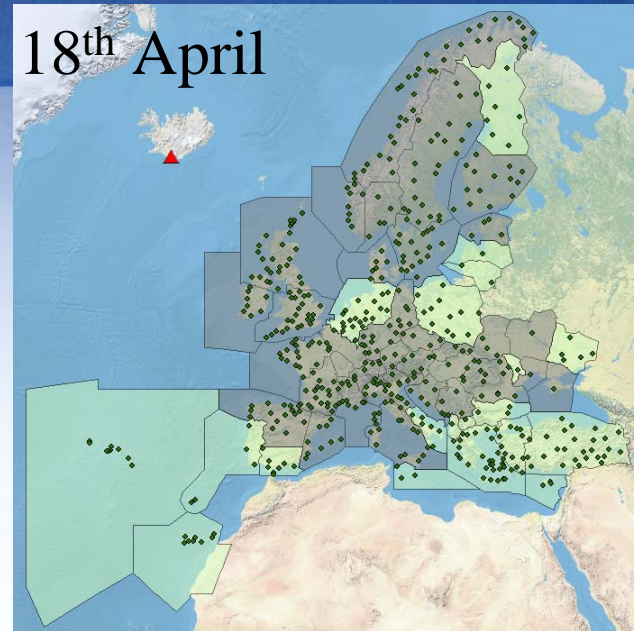
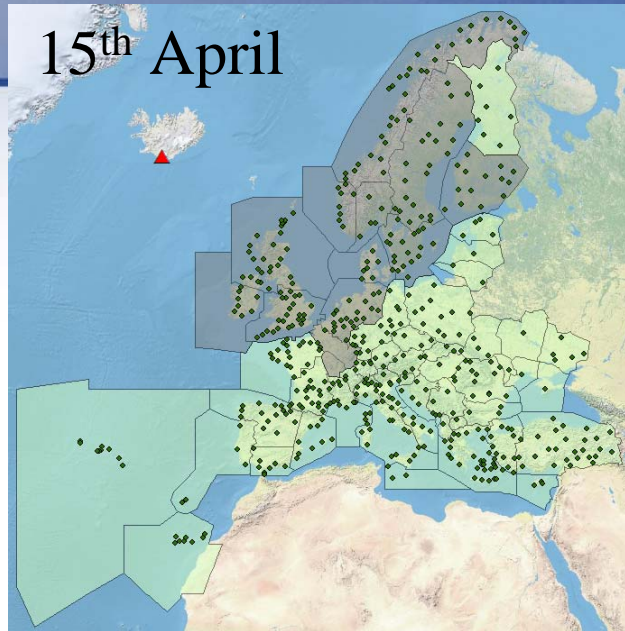


# Data Set

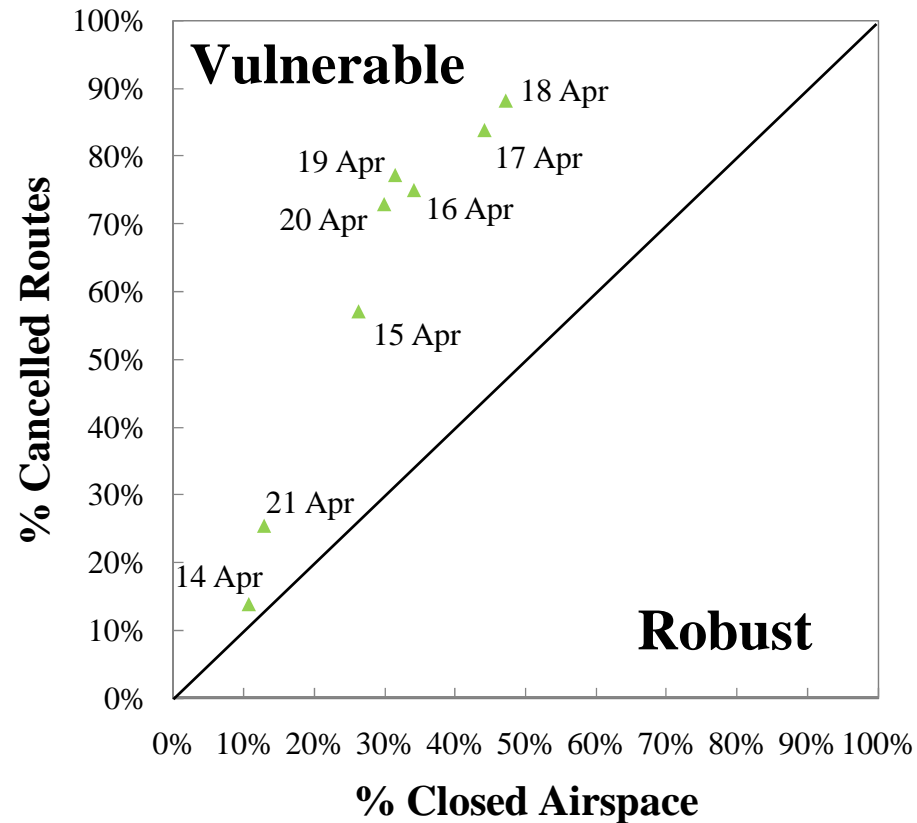
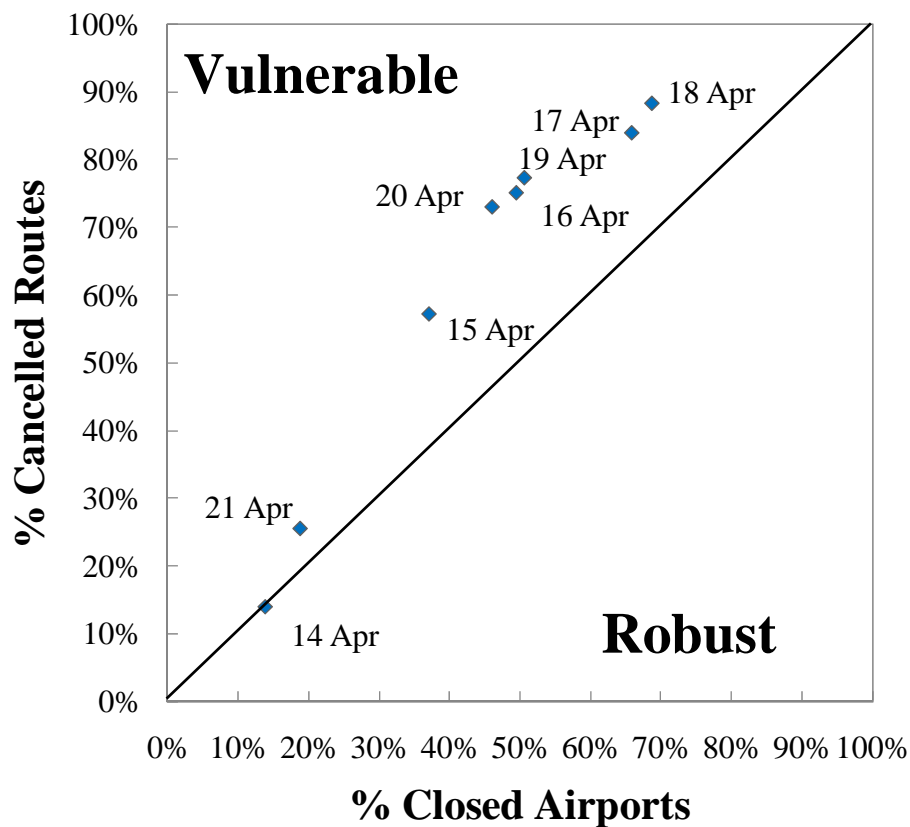
- 525 Airports
- 3886 air routes
- operated by 203 airlines



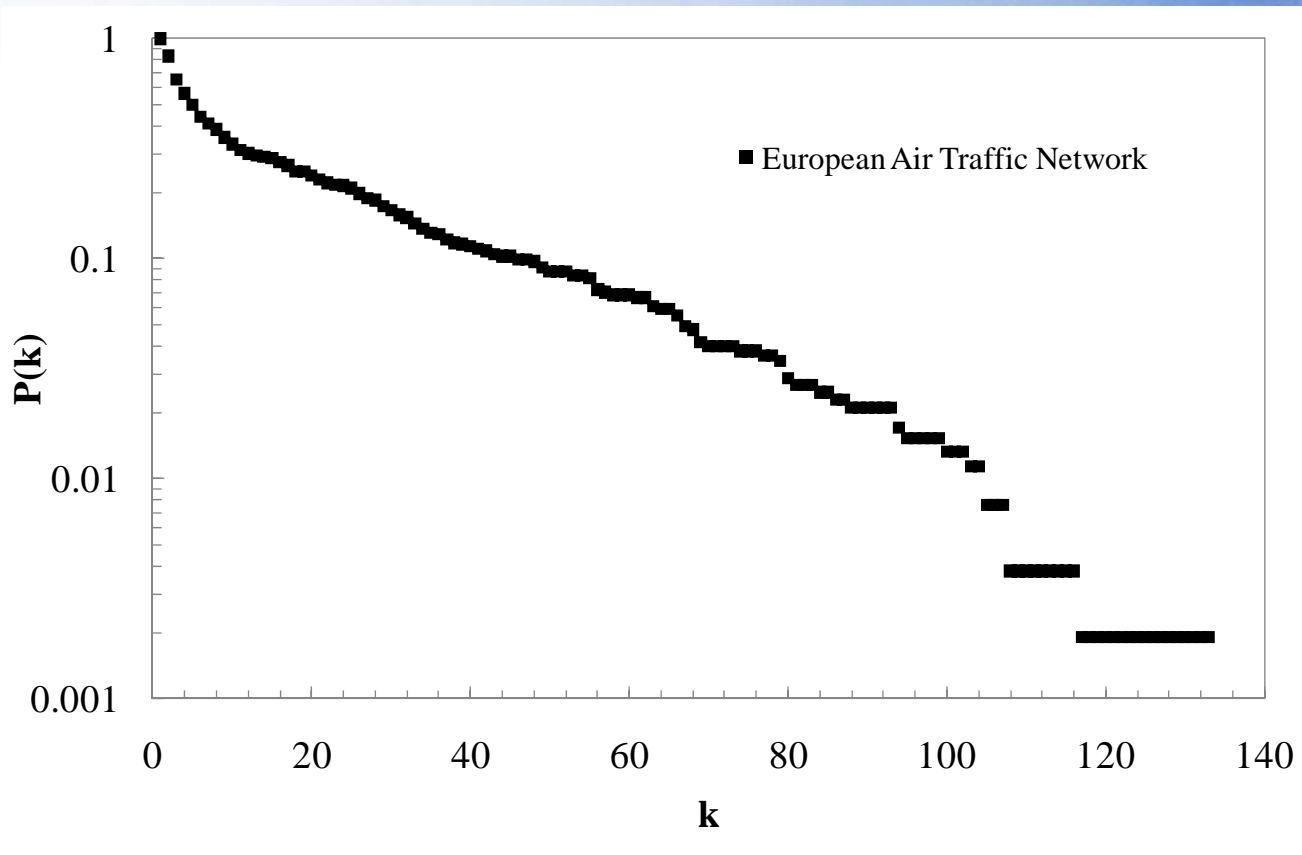




# Is the network Vulnerable?

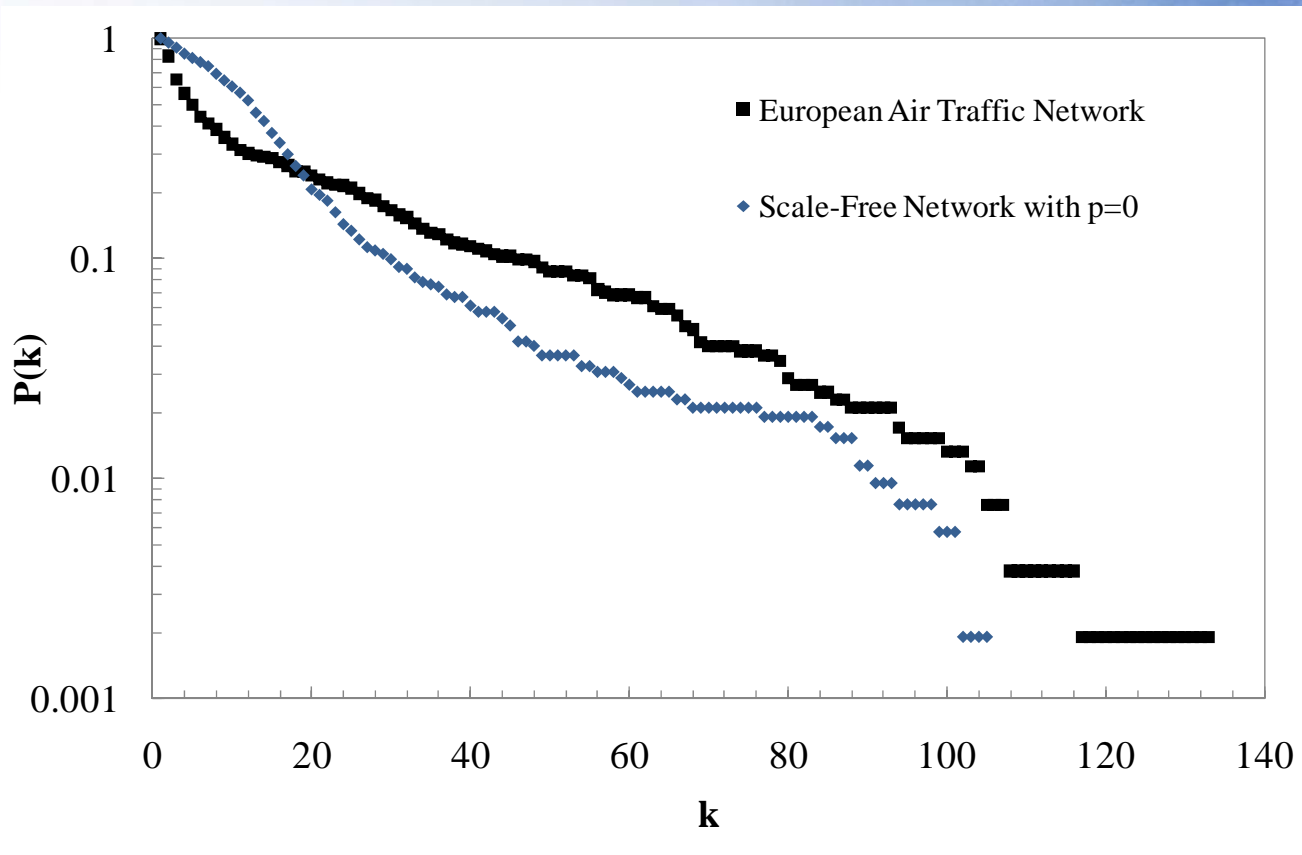


# Degree Distribution - Data

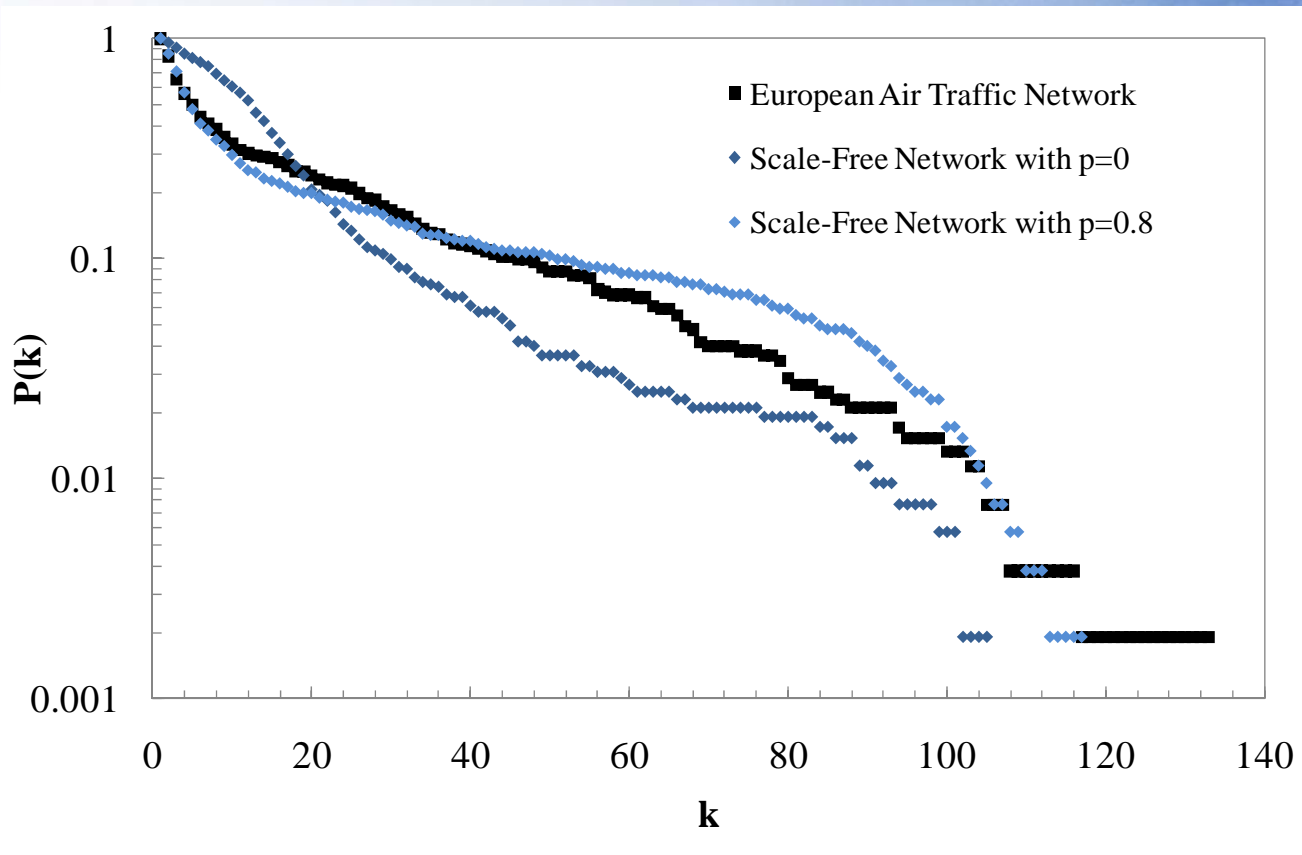




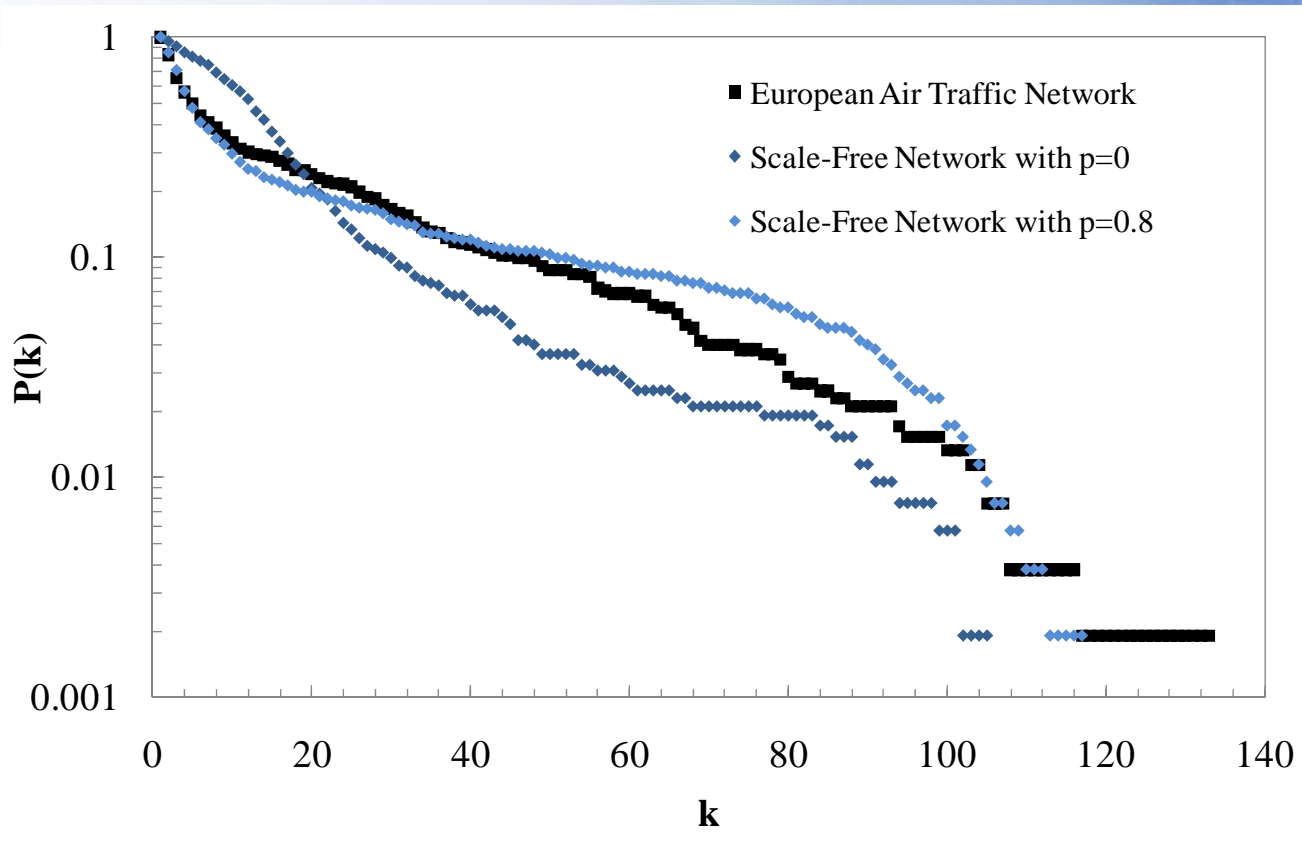
# Degree Distribution – Scale Free



# Degree Distribution –Scale Free with Reconfiguration

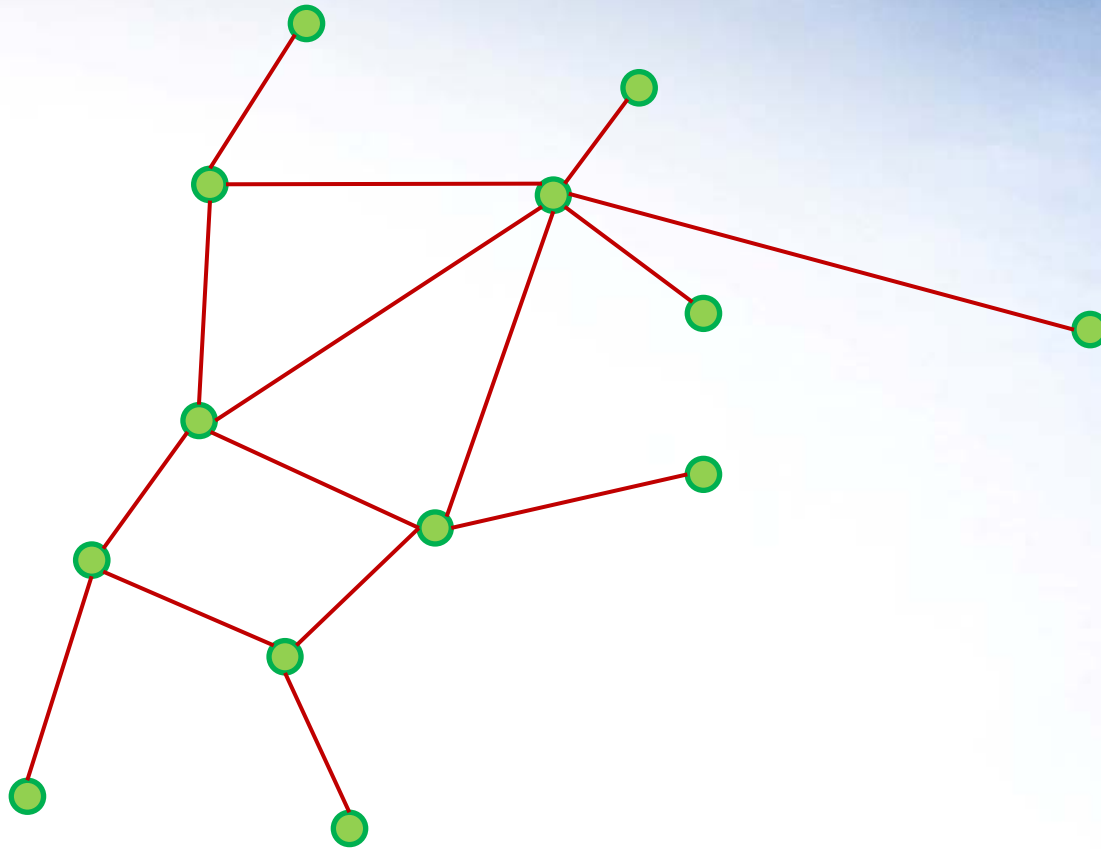


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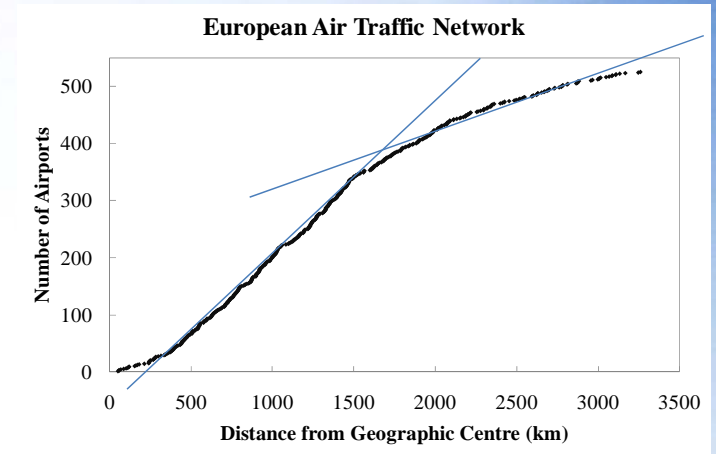
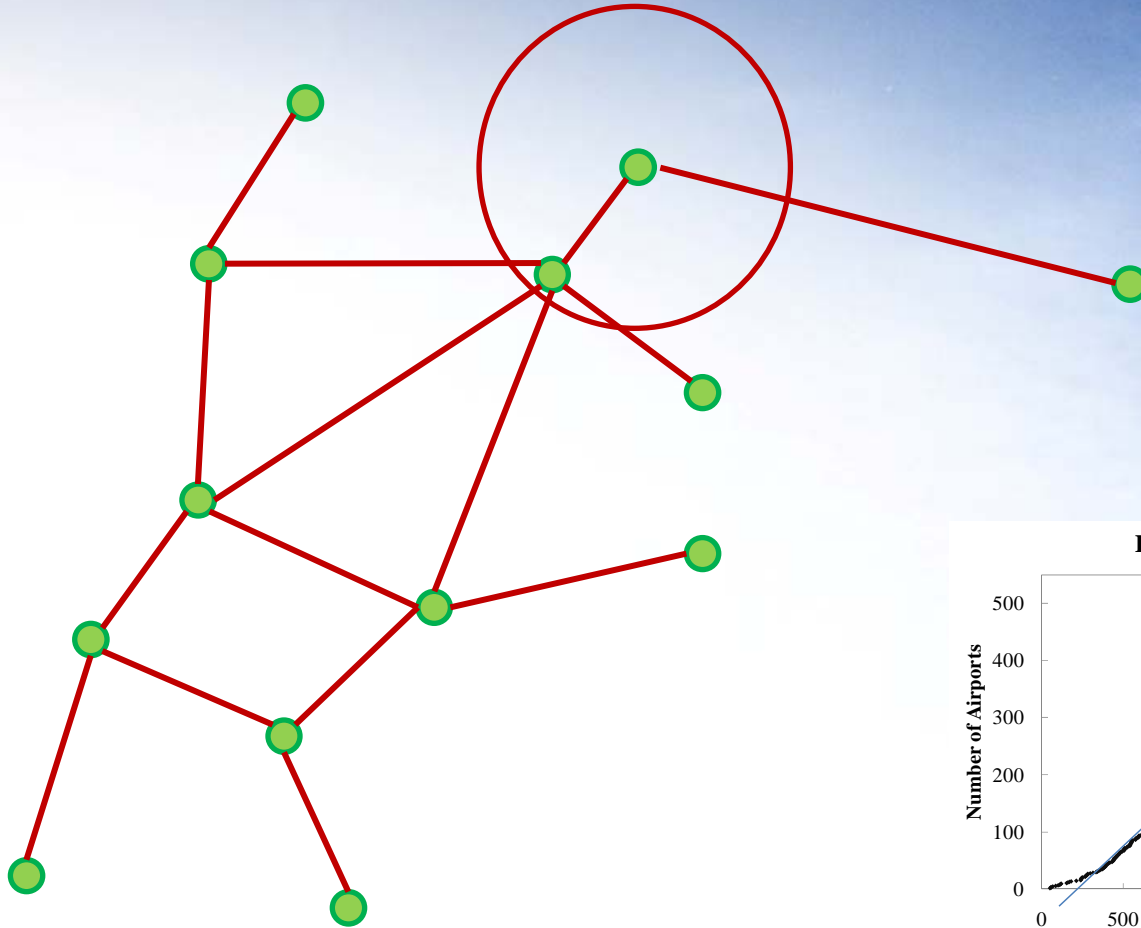




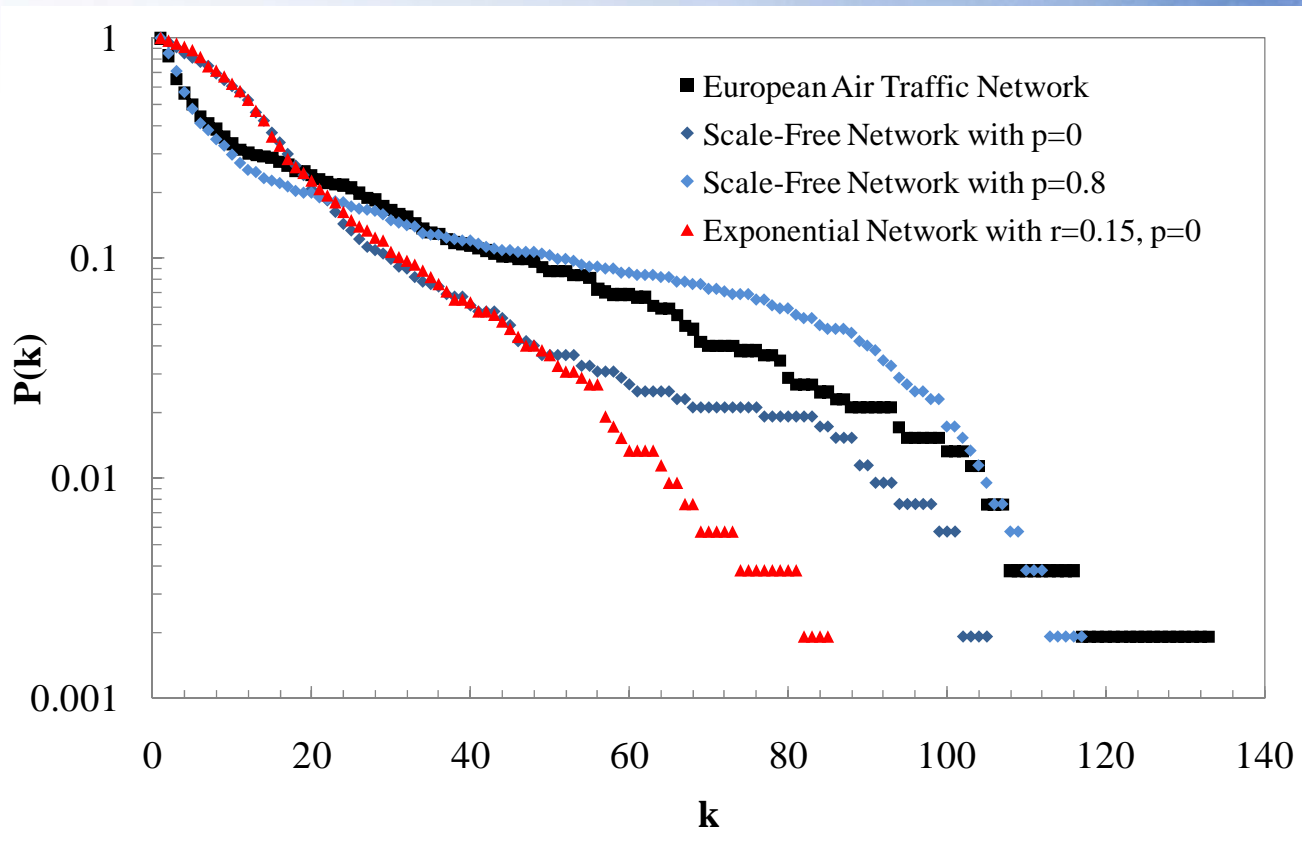
# Synthetic Network generating algorithms



# Continental Air Traffic Model

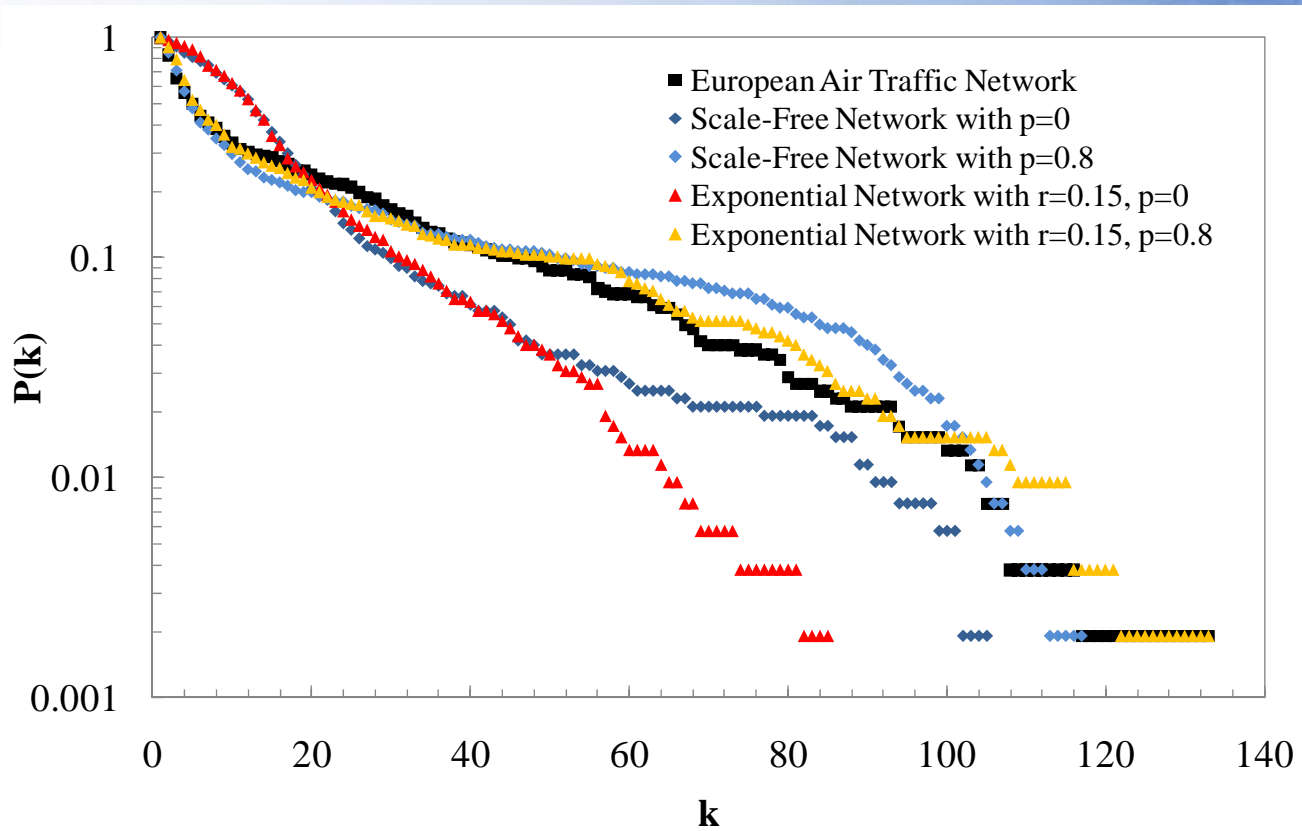


# Degree Distribution - Exponential

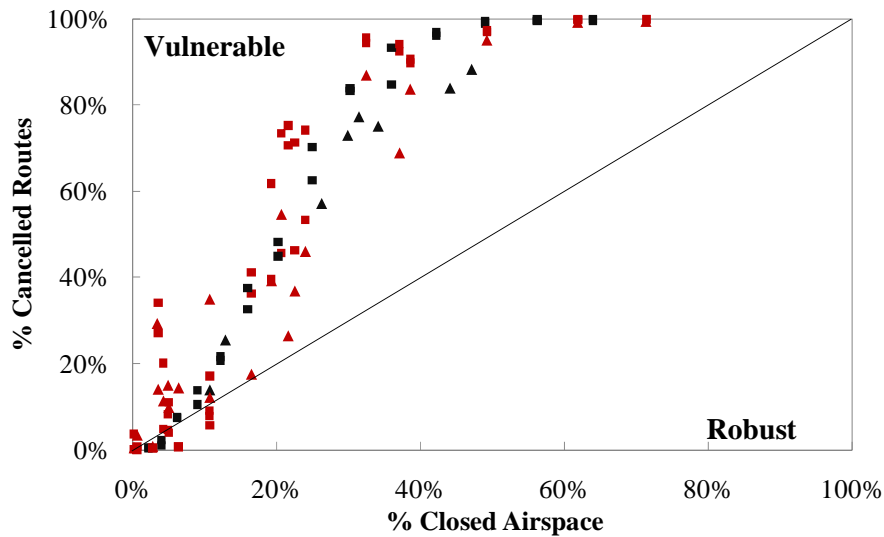




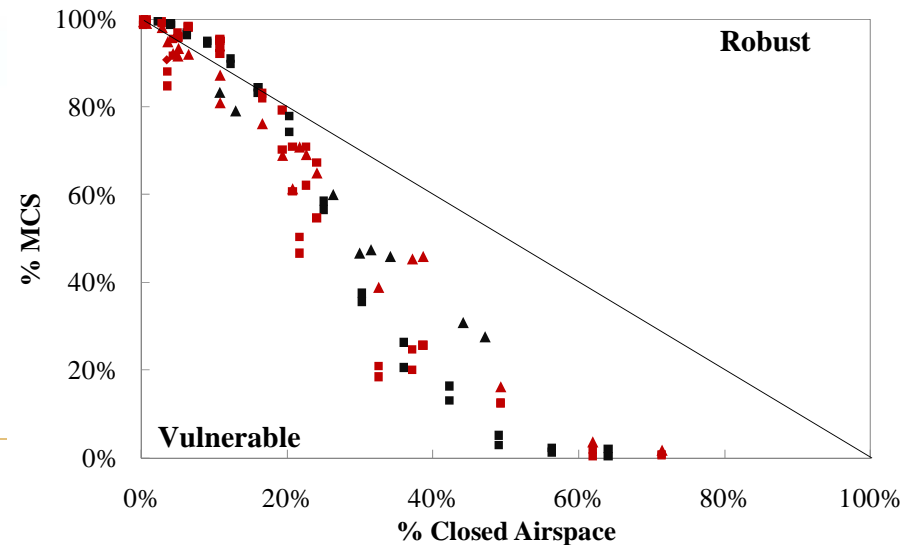
# Degree Distribution – Exponential with Reconfiguration



# Vulnerability Measures – Cancelled Routes



- ▲ European Air Traffic Network for Eyjafjallajökull Eruption
- Synthetic Network for Simulated Eyjafjallajökull Eruption
- ▲ European Air Traffic Network for Random Hazard
- Synthetic Network for Random Hazard



# Future Research

- Use network graph theory to construct robust architectures
- Use traditional models to quantify resilience
- To do this we need
  - Vulnerability curves for infrastructure
  - Soil vulnerability curves