#### **Viral Communications**

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#### Viral Communications: Industry Involvement

- Recruited Robert Hadaway (Nortel) as co-chair
- Series of Industry presentations on what viral communications means
  - Motorola, France Telecom, Nokia, Nortel
  - Posted on wiki web site:
    - http://aphex.media.mit.edu/wiki/tiki-index.php
- Selected 3 areas of future research focus:
  - Viral Aspects of Seamless Mobility
  - Social networks and human interaction in viral contexts.
  - Nomadic, viral meeting services (collaboration, coordination, sharing)
- Resume discussions August

#### Viral innovation

Scalable
Incremental
Contributory

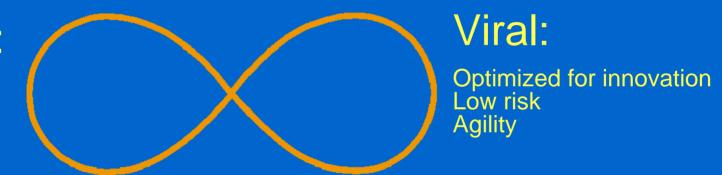
Viral systems are innovative through modularity and distribution of capability -- the intelligence is at the ends

e.g.: Fax machines, Internet

### Lippman's helix

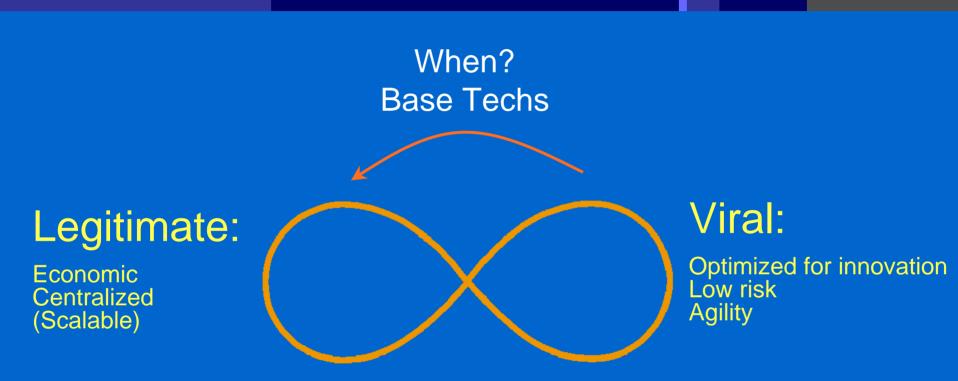
#### Legitimate:

Economic Centralized (Scalable)



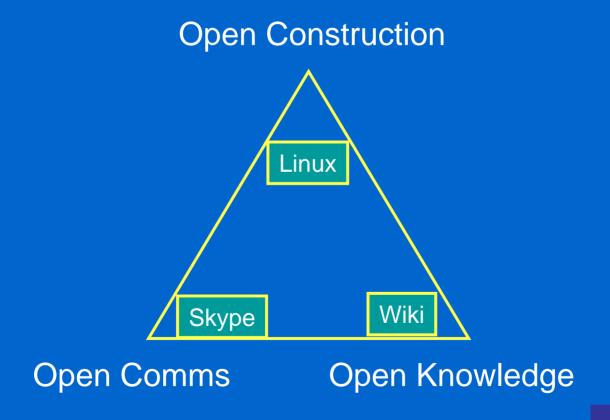
After Fine

#### Going legitimate



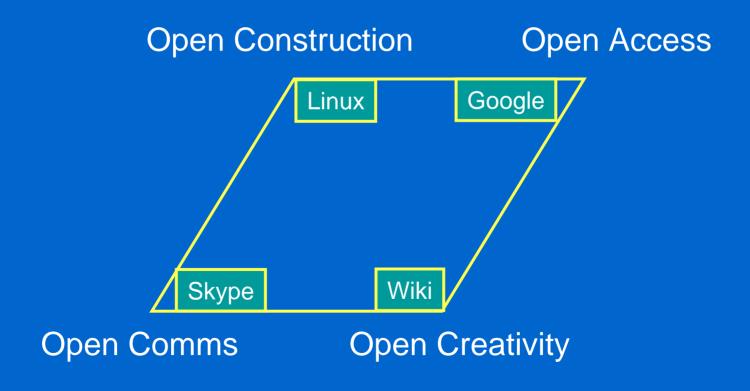
Magic is when tech is in sync with society

## Viral organizations



Brazil, today

## Viral organization (2)

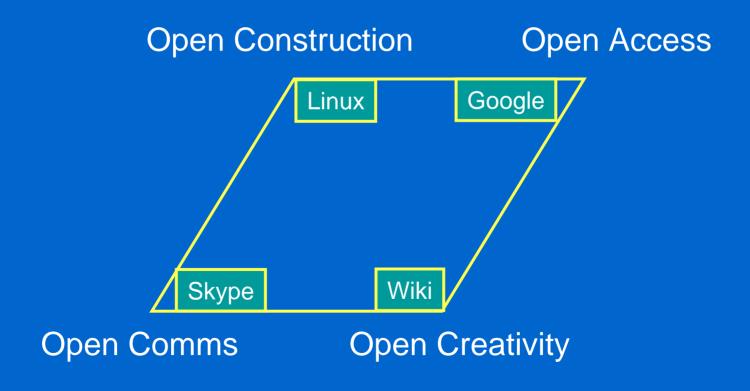


#### More than telephone calls

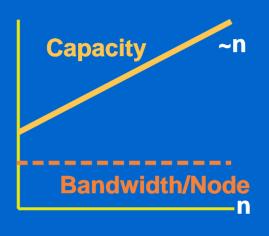
Health
Mobility
Efficiency

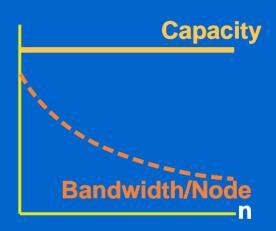
Hundred Dollar Laptop looks at the extremes of personal computing and communications

## Viral organization (2)



#### **Innovation architectures**





Open systems such as PCs gain capacity with more units, traditional communications systems *divide* fixed capacity among elements.

Can we make communications systems (telephones, networks) that are viral and economic?

**Social Context** 

#### **Exploding myths**

Spectrum Capacity
Interference
Channels

Will 1920's engineering guide 21st century products?

#### Radio magic

Radios costing less than radio waves (Breadcrumbs)

There are no receivers (Receiving costs more than transmitting)

There is no 4G. There are no more G's

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#### **Content Cooperation**

2002: Mayhem Protocol

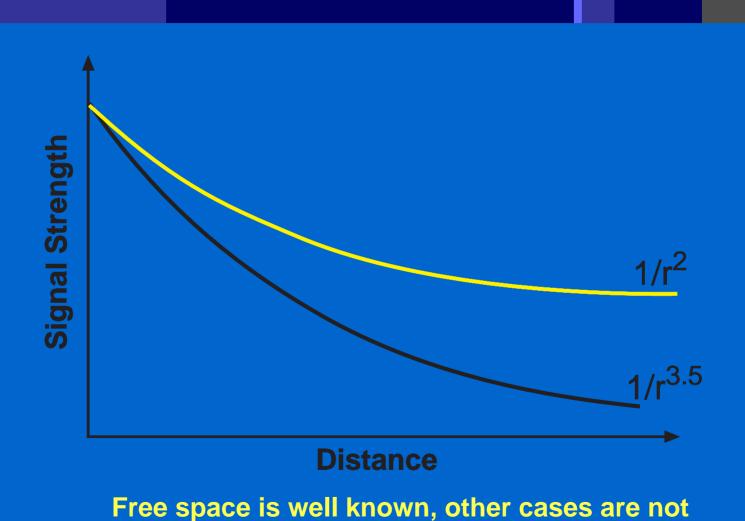
2003: Local Intelligence

2005: Vid Torrent

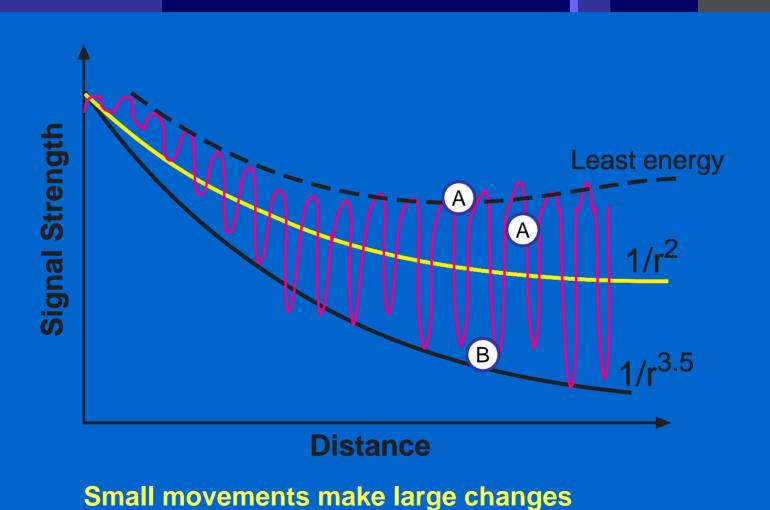


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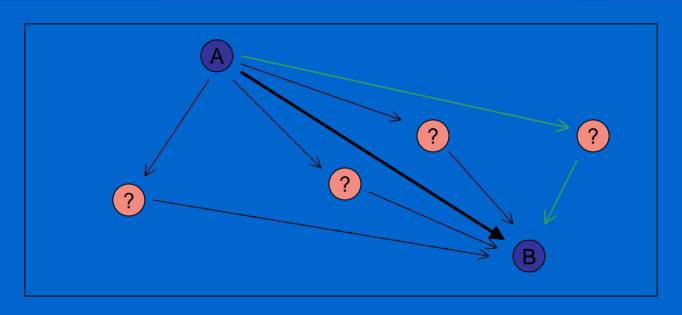
### Engineering guidelines (old)



#### Radio in the real world



#### Lesson of 2004: Propagation



- Model: (1) Fill the space with radios (versus power)
  - (2) They determine best case relay
  - (3) Diversity allows two to win

### **Optimal Propagation**



#### Cooperative telephony

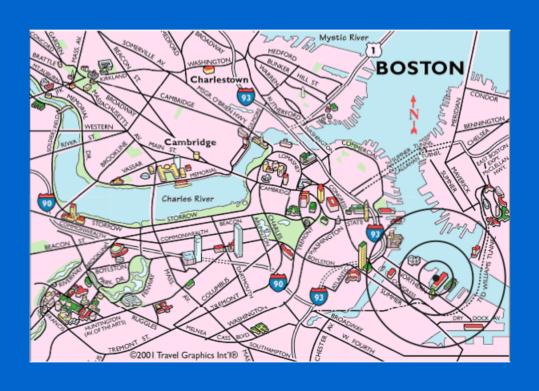
Use my phone for your call?

**Delays?** 

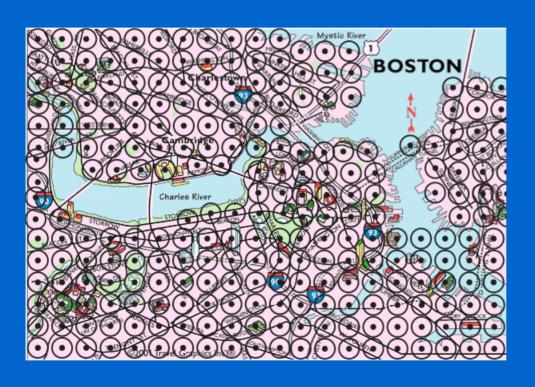
Distance?

Collaboration makes it work

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