# Rank of Erdos-Renyi Graphs 

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Coja-Oghlan, Ergür, Gao, Hetterich, Rolvien '20: For $H \sim \mathbb{G}(n, n, p)$, with $p=\Theta(1 / n)$, in probability,

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## Thanks!

## Questions?


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