Randomized Coloring & MIS

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 - MIS (randomized): $\Omega(\sqrt{\log n} / \log \log n))$ \bullet
 - MIS (deterministic): $\Omega(\log n / \log \log n)$ ۲
 - MIS (deterministic, on trees): \bullet
 - O(log n / log log n)
 - Ω(log n / log log n) •

- [Barenboim, Elkin '08]

[Kuhn, Moscibroda, Wattenhofer '04]

[Balliu, Brandt, Hirvonen, Olivetti, Rabie, Suomela '19]

[Balliu, Brandt, Kuhn, Olivetti '21] <- result from 3 weeks ago!