

**The architecture of complexity:
From the topology of the www to the
cell's genetic network**

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Humans have only about three times as many genes as the fly,

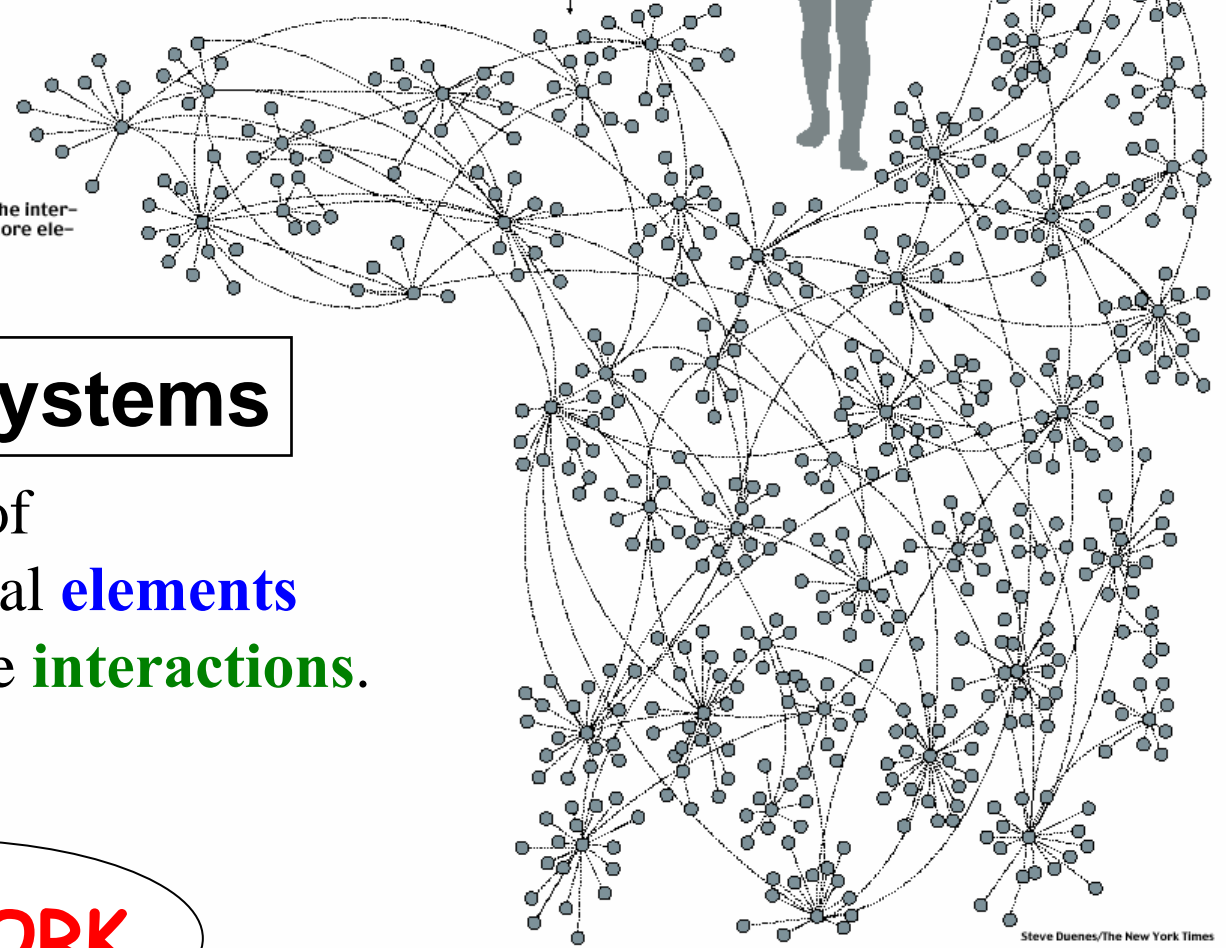
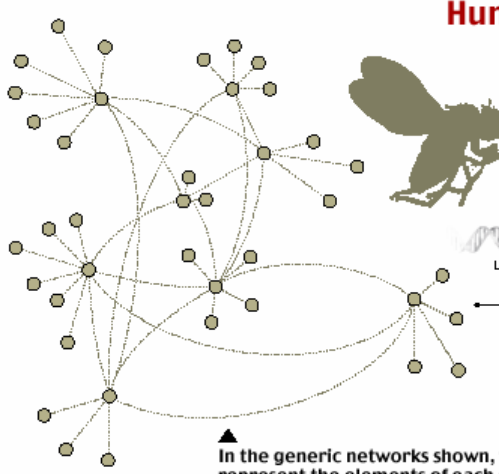
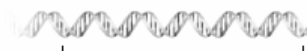
so human complexity seems unlikely to come from a sheer quantity of genes. Rather, some scientists suggest, each human has a network with different parts like genes, proteins and groups

DROSOPHILA MELANOGASTER
(Fruit fly)

HOMO SAPIENS



In this example the fly has 40 genes, and the human

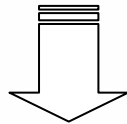


▲ In the generic networks shown, the points represent the elements of each organism's genetic network, and the dotted lines show the interactions between them. Humans have many more ele-

Sources: Dr. Albert-László Barabási, University of Notre Dame; Science; Celera Genomics

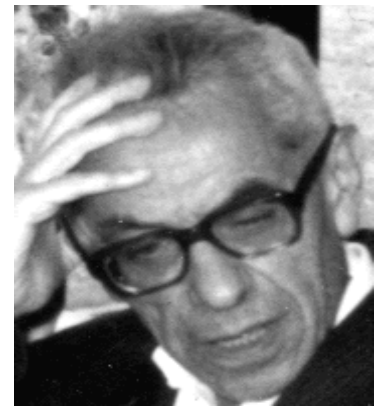
Complex systems

Made of many non-identical **elements** connected by diverse **interactions**.

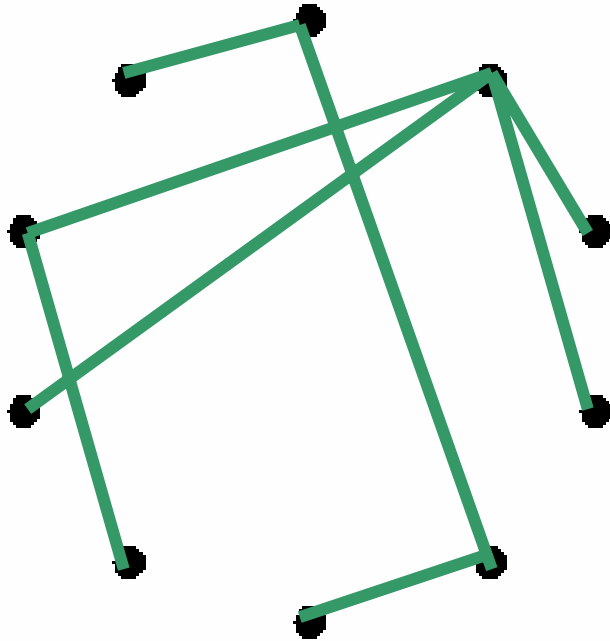


NETWORK

Erdős-Rényi model (1960)



Pál Erdős
(1913-1996)

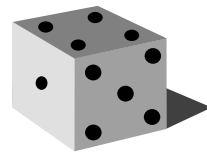


Connect with
probability p

$$p=1/6$$

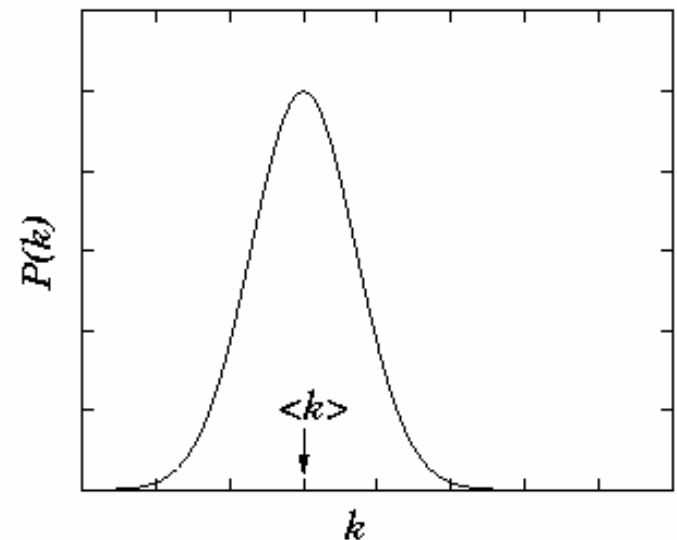
$$N=10$$

$$\langle k \rangle \sim 1.5$$



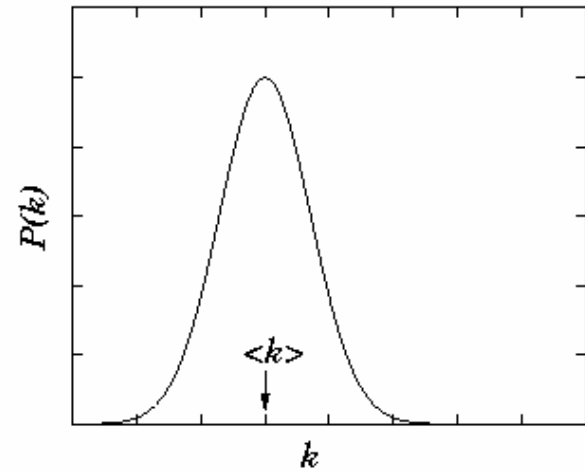
- Democratic
- Random

Poisson distribution



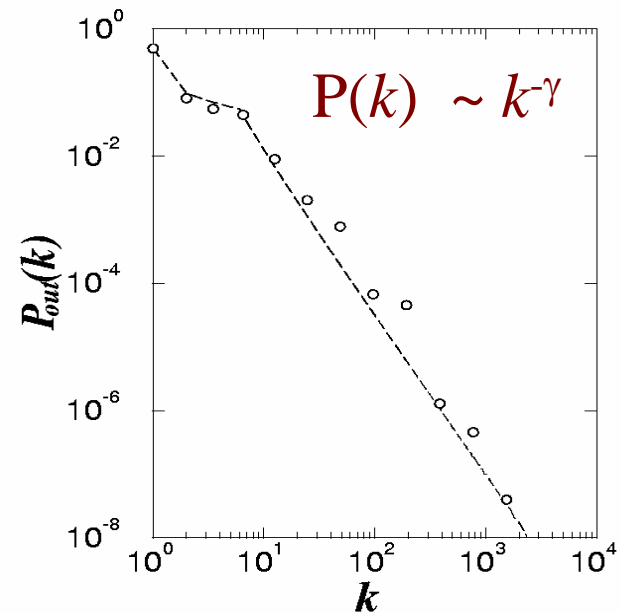
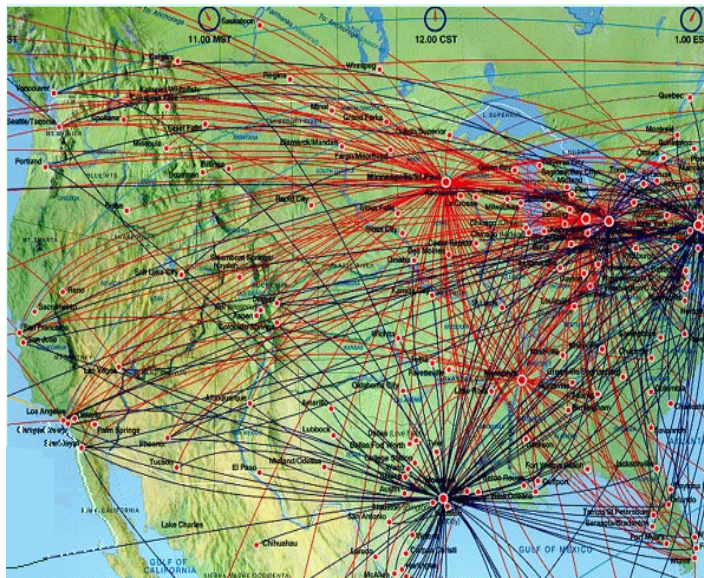
World Wide Web

Exponential Network



Expected

Scale-free Network

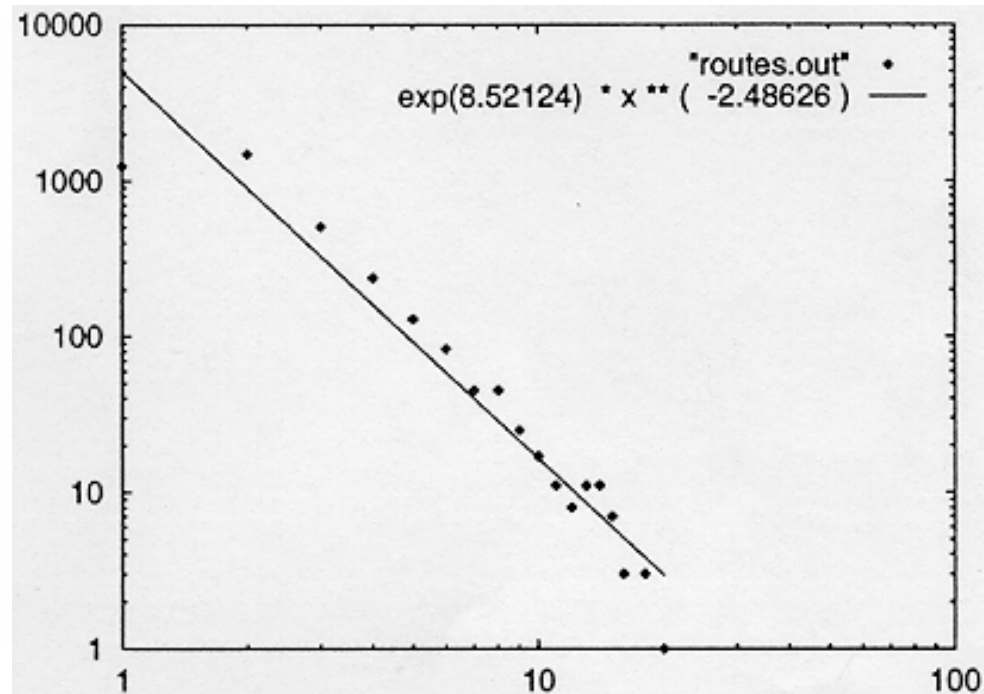
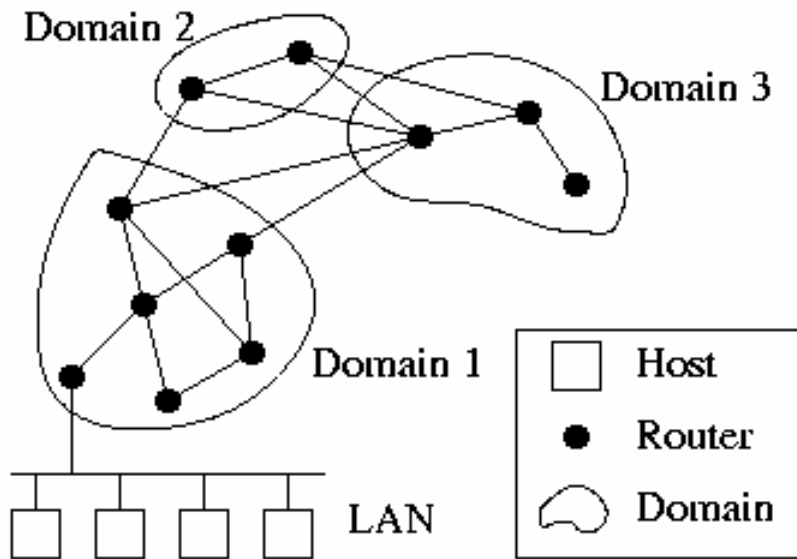


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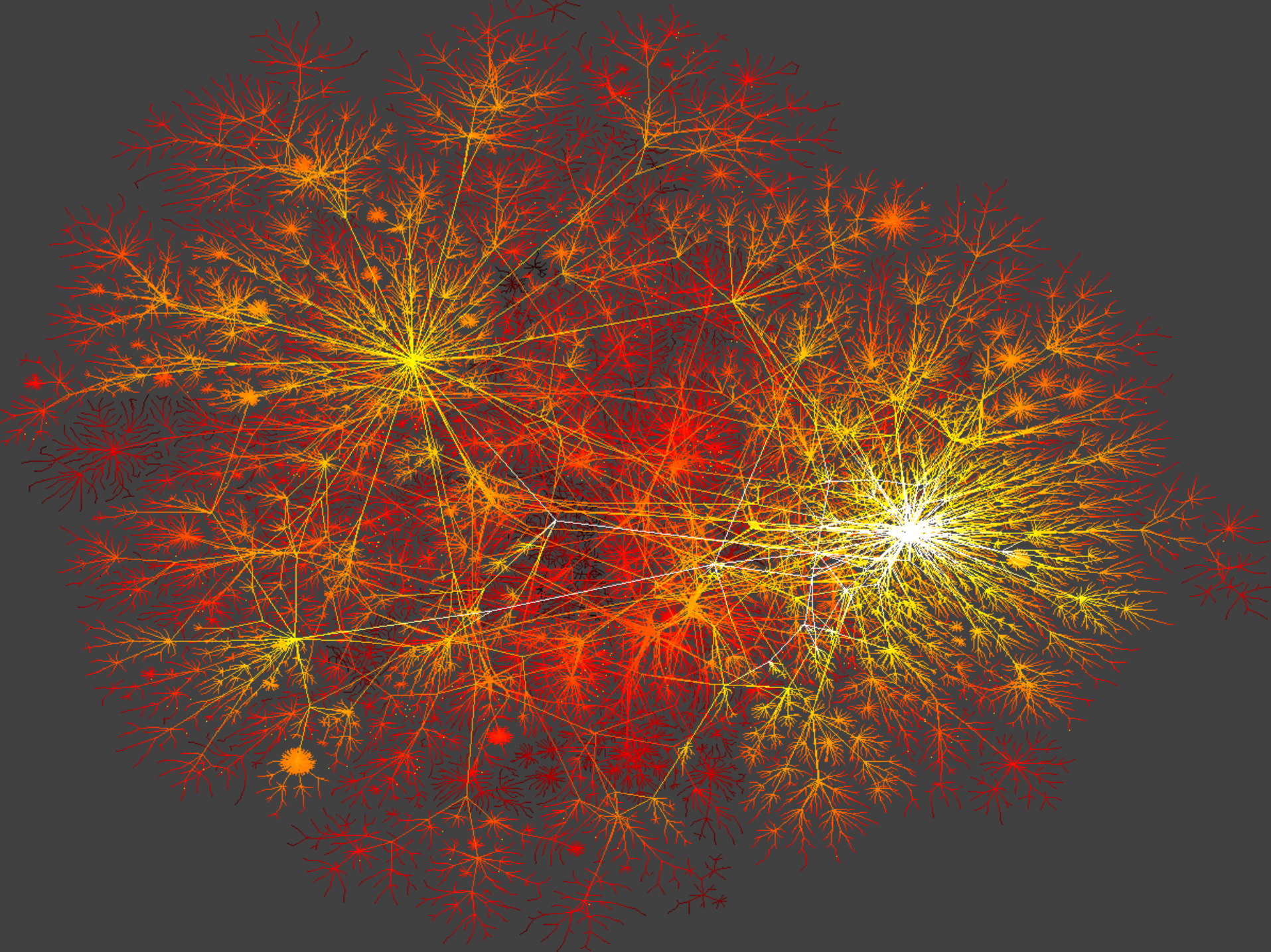
INTERNET BACKBONE

Nodes: computers, routers

Links: physical lines



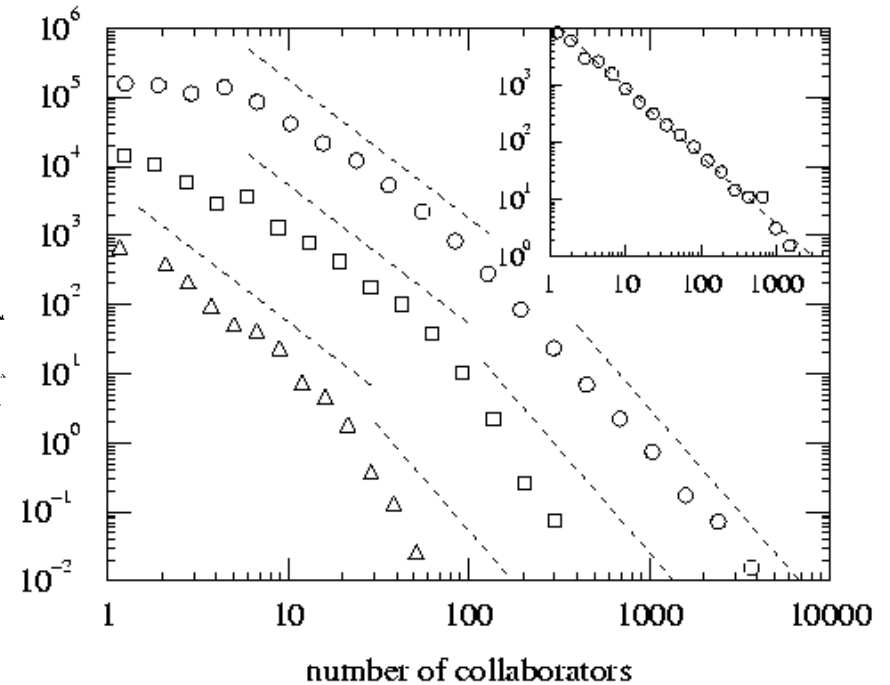
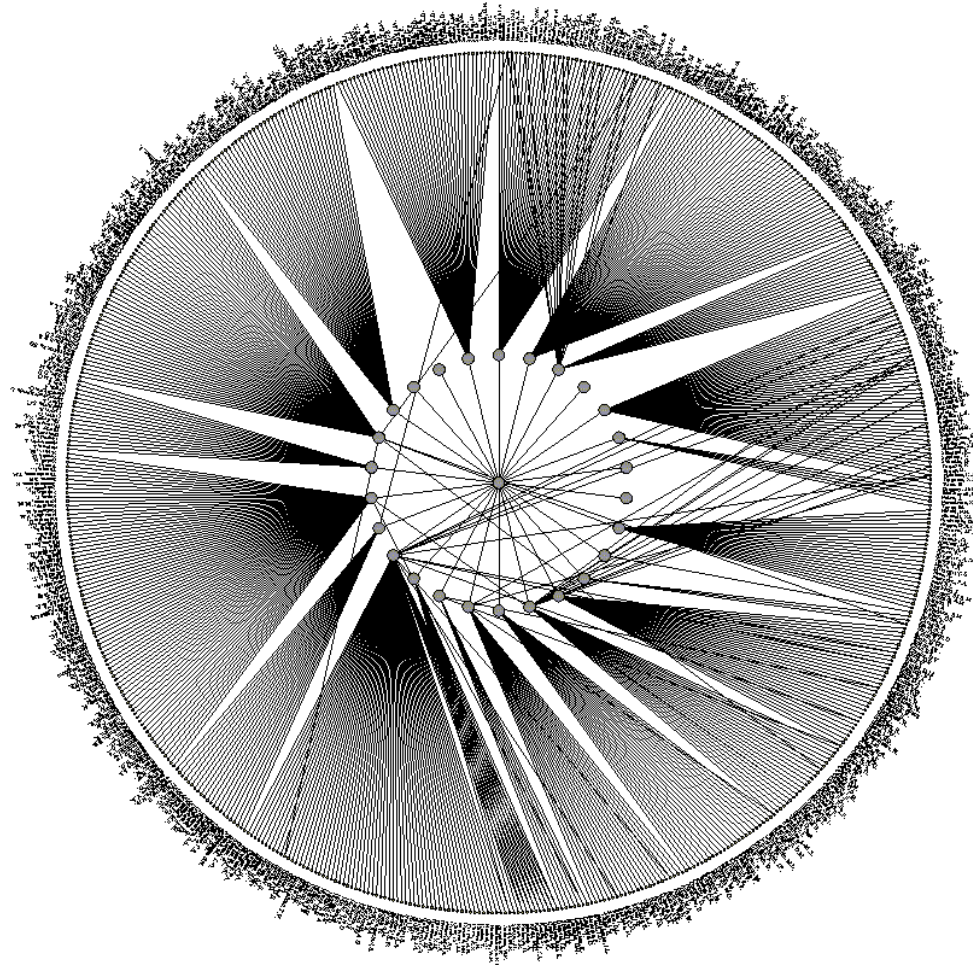
(Faloutsos, Faloutsos and Faloutsos, 1999)



SCIENCE COAUTHORSHIP

Nodes: scientist (authors)

Links: write paper together



(Newman, 2000, A.-L. B. *et al* 2001)

SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

1,000 Most Cited Physicists, 1981-June 1997

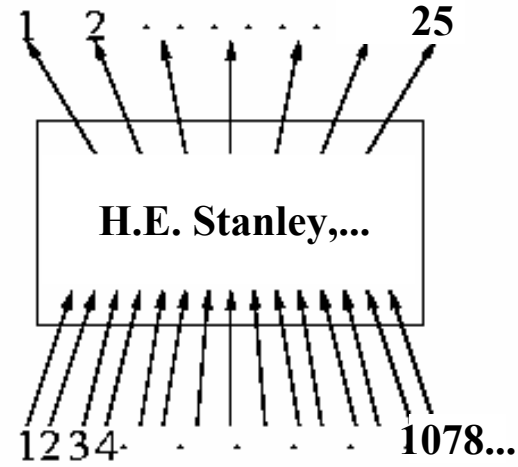
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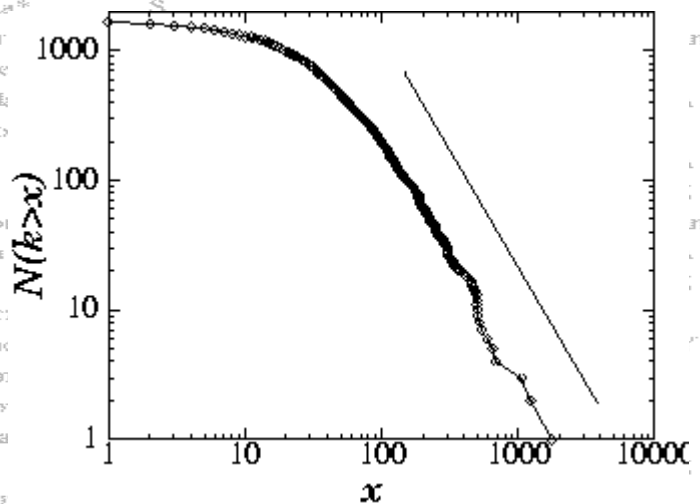
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Jorgensen	JD	Argonne (NL)	USA, IL	Superconductivity (E)	40	277	8298	34
Hinks	DG	Argonne (NL)	USA, IL	Superconductivity (E)	37	223	8283	35

Nodes: papers

Links: citations



1736 PRL papers (1988)



$P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}$
 $(\gamma = 3)$

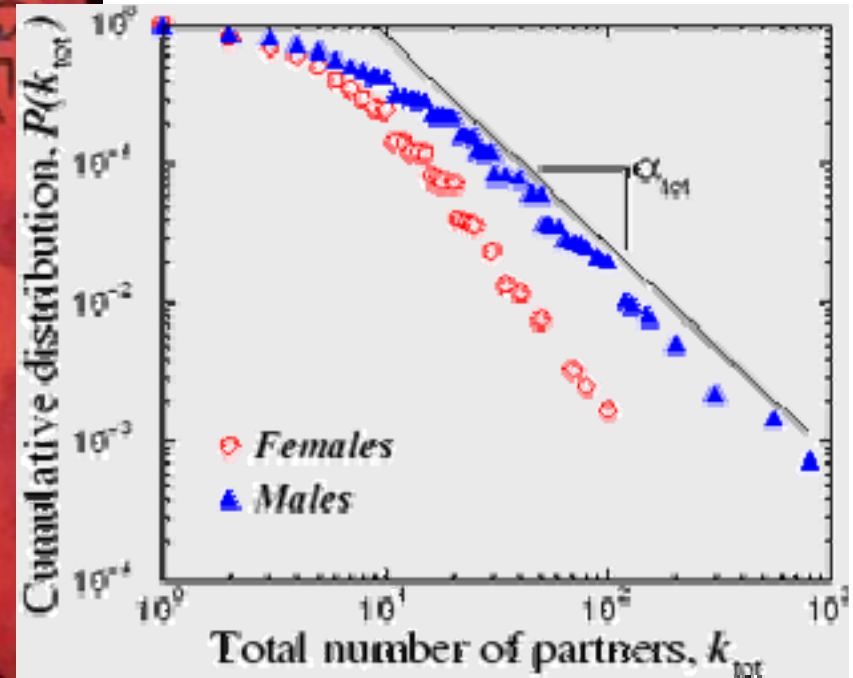
(S. Redner, 1998)

* citation total may be skewed because of multiple authors with the same name

Swedish sex-web

Nodes: people (Females; Males)

Links: sexual relationships



4781 Swedes; 18-74;
59% response rate.

Liljeros et al. *Nature* 2001

Many real world networks have a similar architecture:

Scale-free networks

WWW, Internet (routers and domains), electronic circuits, computer software, movie actors, coauthorship networks, sexual web, instant messaging, email web, citations, phone calls, metabolic, protein interaction, protein domains, brain function web, linguistic networks, comic book characters, international trade, bank system, encryption trust net, energy landscapes, earthquakes, astrophysical network...

Scale-free model

(1) Networks continuously expand by the addition of new nodes

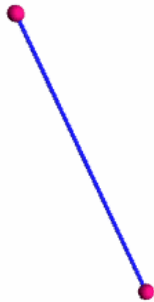
WWW : addition of new documents

Citation : publication of new papers

(2) New nodes prefer to link to highly connected nodes.

WWW : linking to well known sites

Citation : citing again highly cited papers

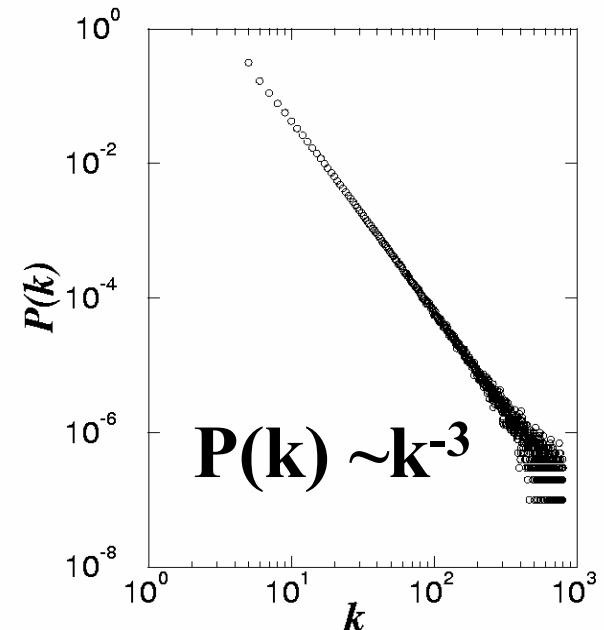


GROWTH:

add a new node with m links

PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT: the probability that a node connects to a node with k links is proportional to k .

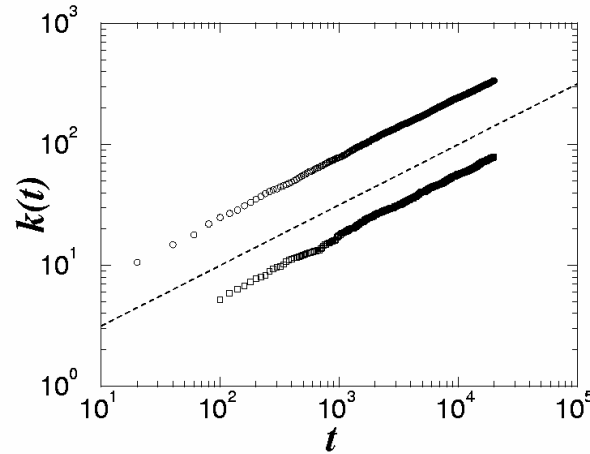
$$\Pi(k_i) = \frac{k_i}{\sum_j k_j}$$



Mean Field Theory

$$\frac{\partial k_i}{\partial t} \propto \Pi(k_i) = A \frac{k_i}{\sum_j k_j} = \frac{k_i}{2t}, \text{ with initial condition } k_i(t_i) = m$$

$$k_i(t) = m \sqrt{\frac{t}{t_i}}$$



$$P(k_i(t) < k) = P_t(t_i > \frac{m^2 t}{k^2}) = 1 - P_t(t_i \leq \frac{m^2 t}{k^2}) = 1 - \frac{m^2 t}{k^2 (m_0 + t)}$$

$$\therefore P(k) = \frac{\partial P(k_i(t) < k)}{\partial k} = \frac{2m^2 t}{m_0 + t} \frac{1}{k^3} \sim k^{-3}$$

$$\gamma = 3$$

Can Latecomers Make It? Fitness Model

SF model: $k(t) \sim t^{1/2}$ \longrightarrow (first mover advantage)

Real systems: nodes compete for links -- *fitness*

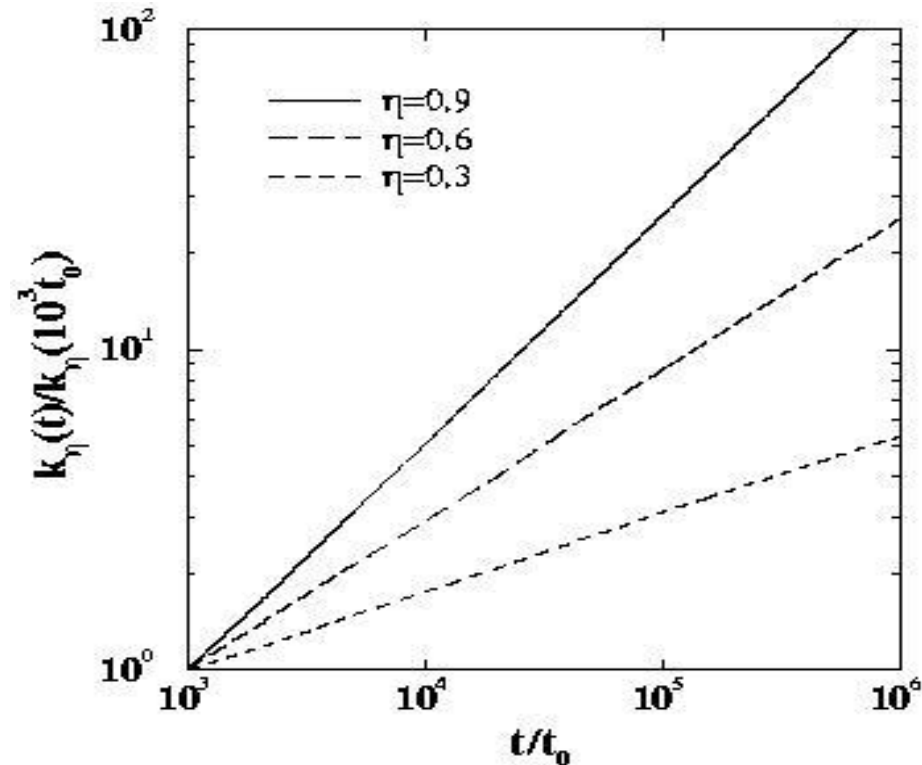
Fitness Model: fitness (η)

$$\Pi(k_i) \cong \frac{\eta_i k_i}{\sum_j \eta_j k_j}$$

$$k(\eta, t) \sim t^{\beta(\eta)}$$

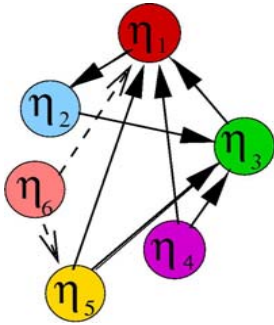
where

$$\beta(\eta) = \eta / C \int d\eta \rho(\eta) \frac{1}{C/\eta - 1} = 1$$



Bose-Einstein Condensation in Evolving Networks

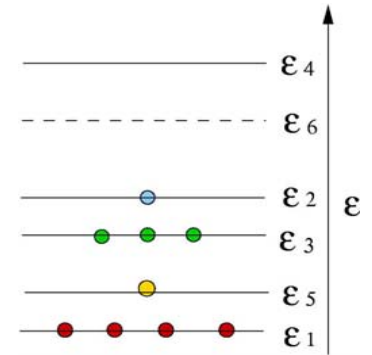
Network



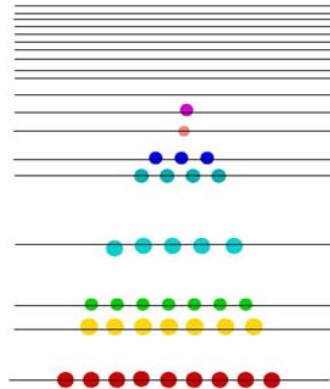
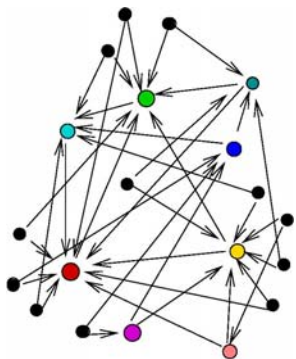
$$\Pi_i = \frac{\eta_i k_i}{\sum_j \eta_j k_j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &\longrightarrow e^{-\beta\varepsilon} \\ k_{in}(\eta) &\longrightarrow n(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{-\beta\varepsilon} - 1} \\ \rho(\eta) &\longrightarrow g(\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

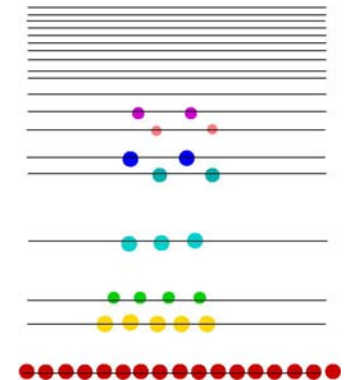
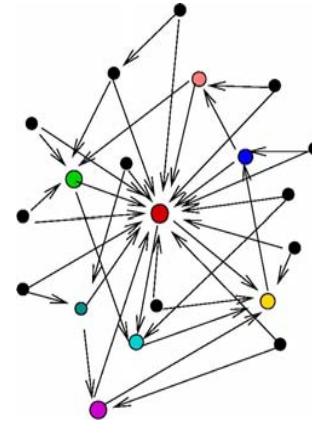
Bose gas

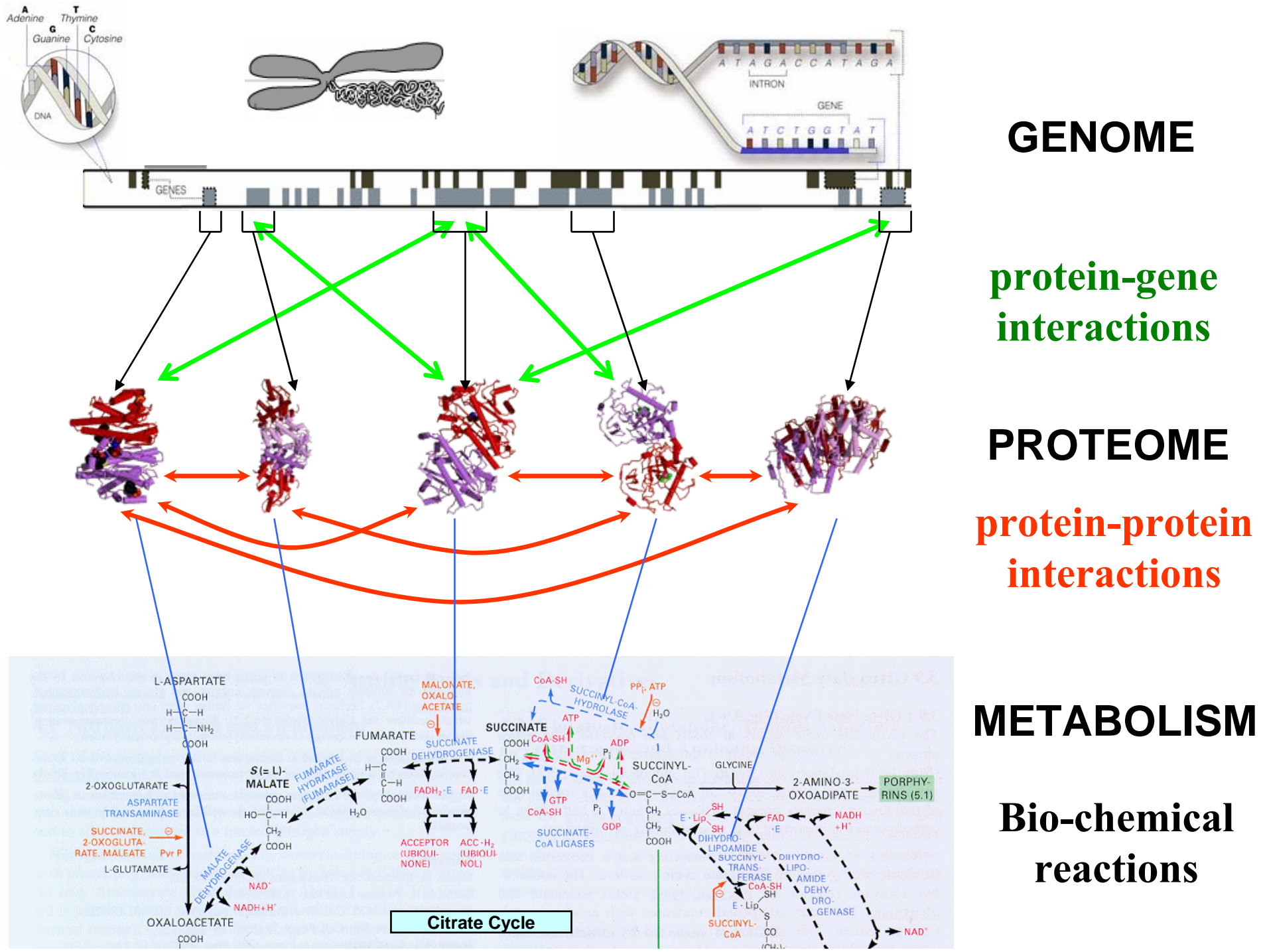


Fit-gets-rich



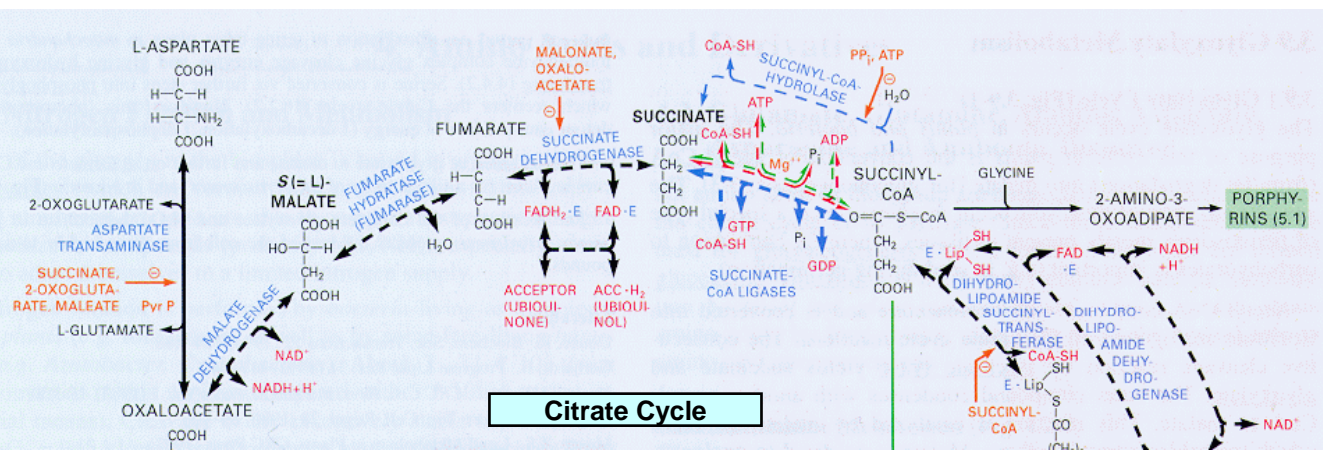
Bose-Einstein condensation





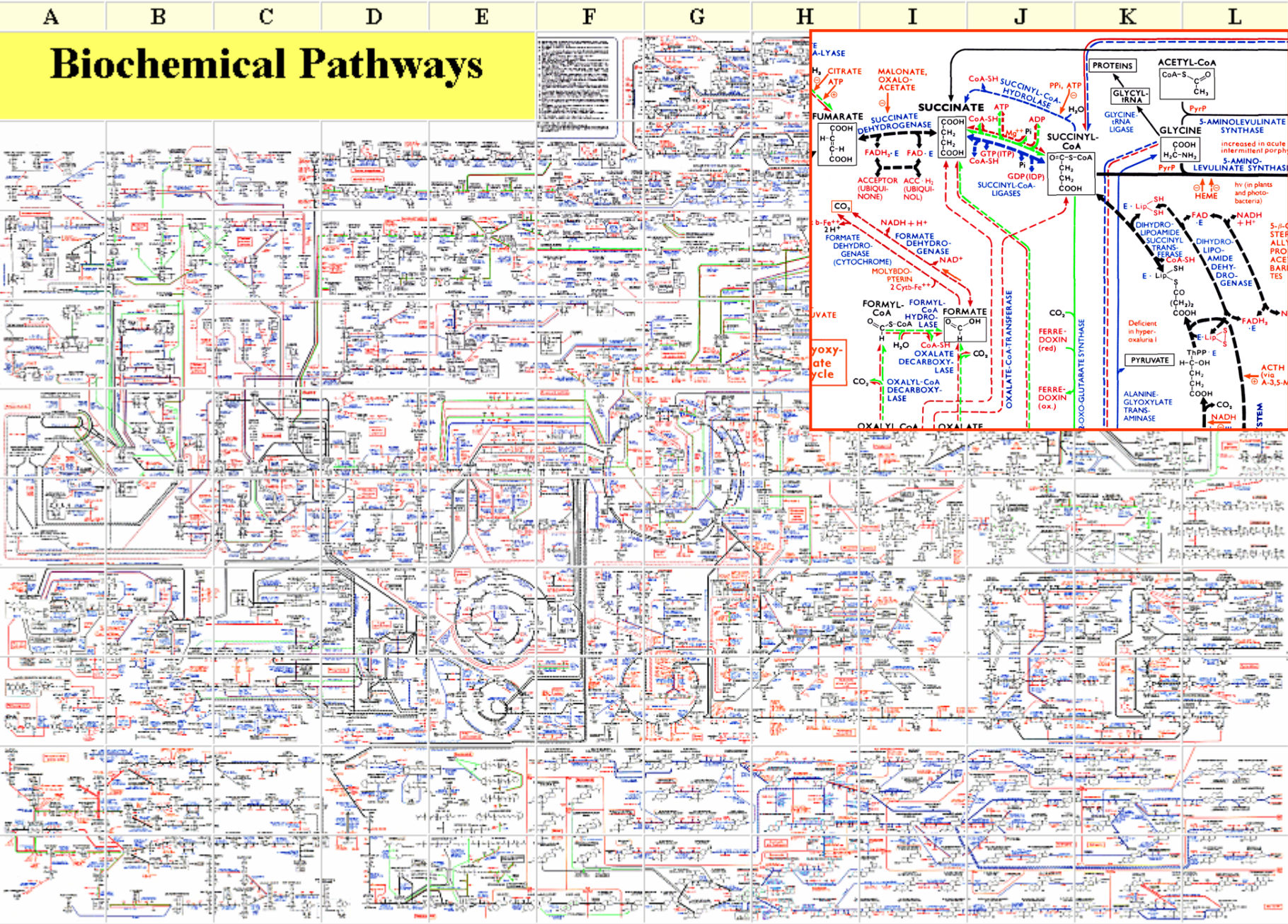
METABOLISM

Bio-chemical reactions



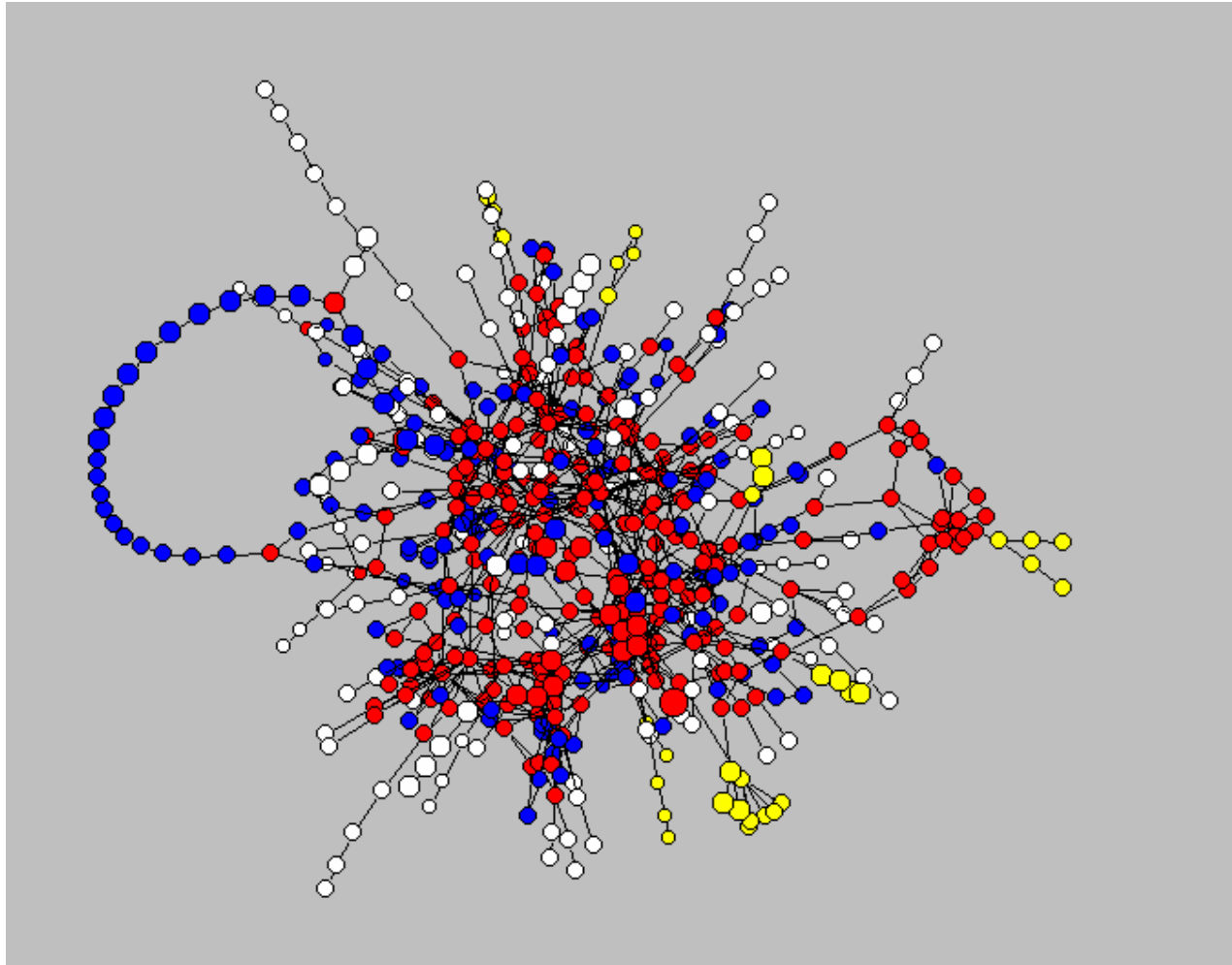
Biochemical Pathways

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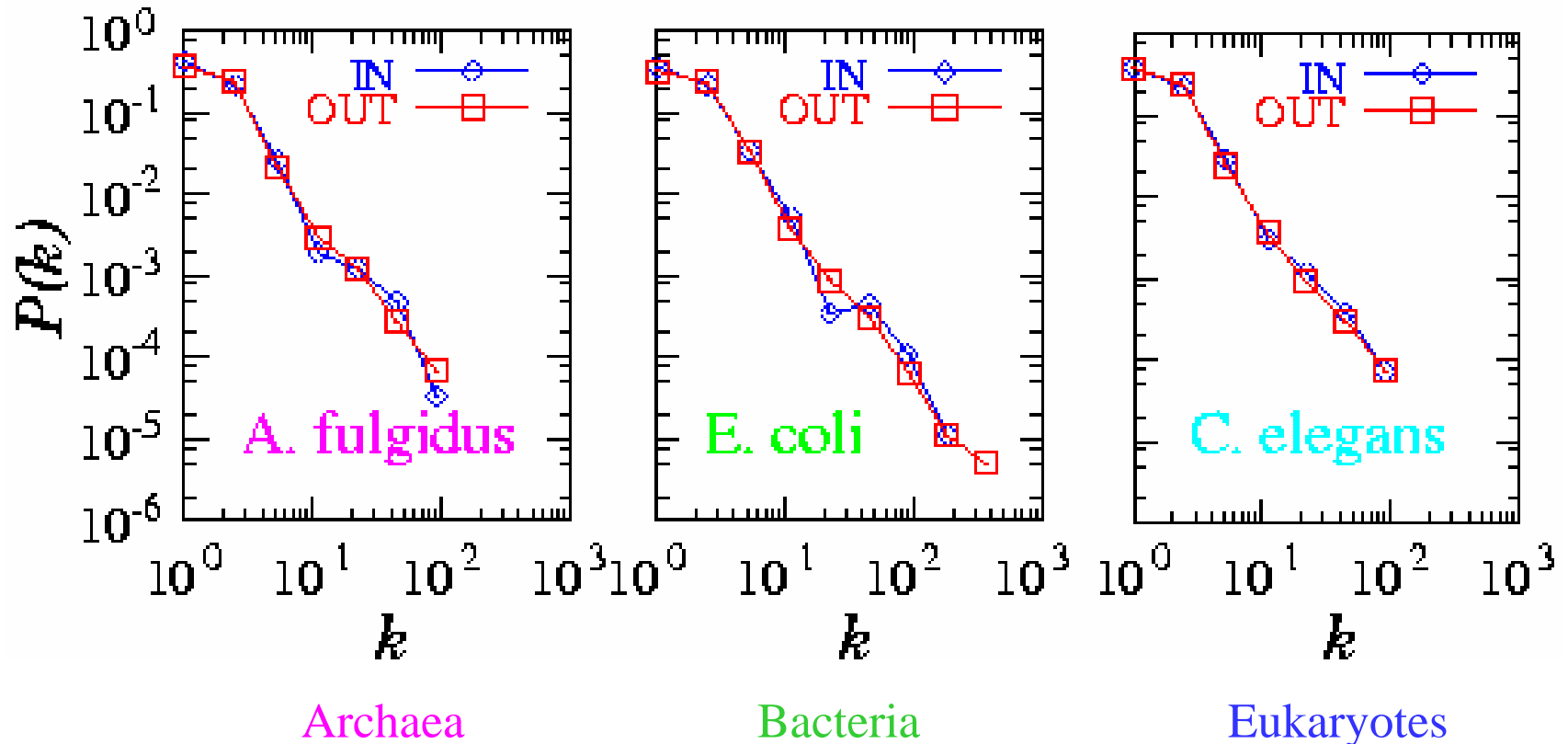


Metabolic Network

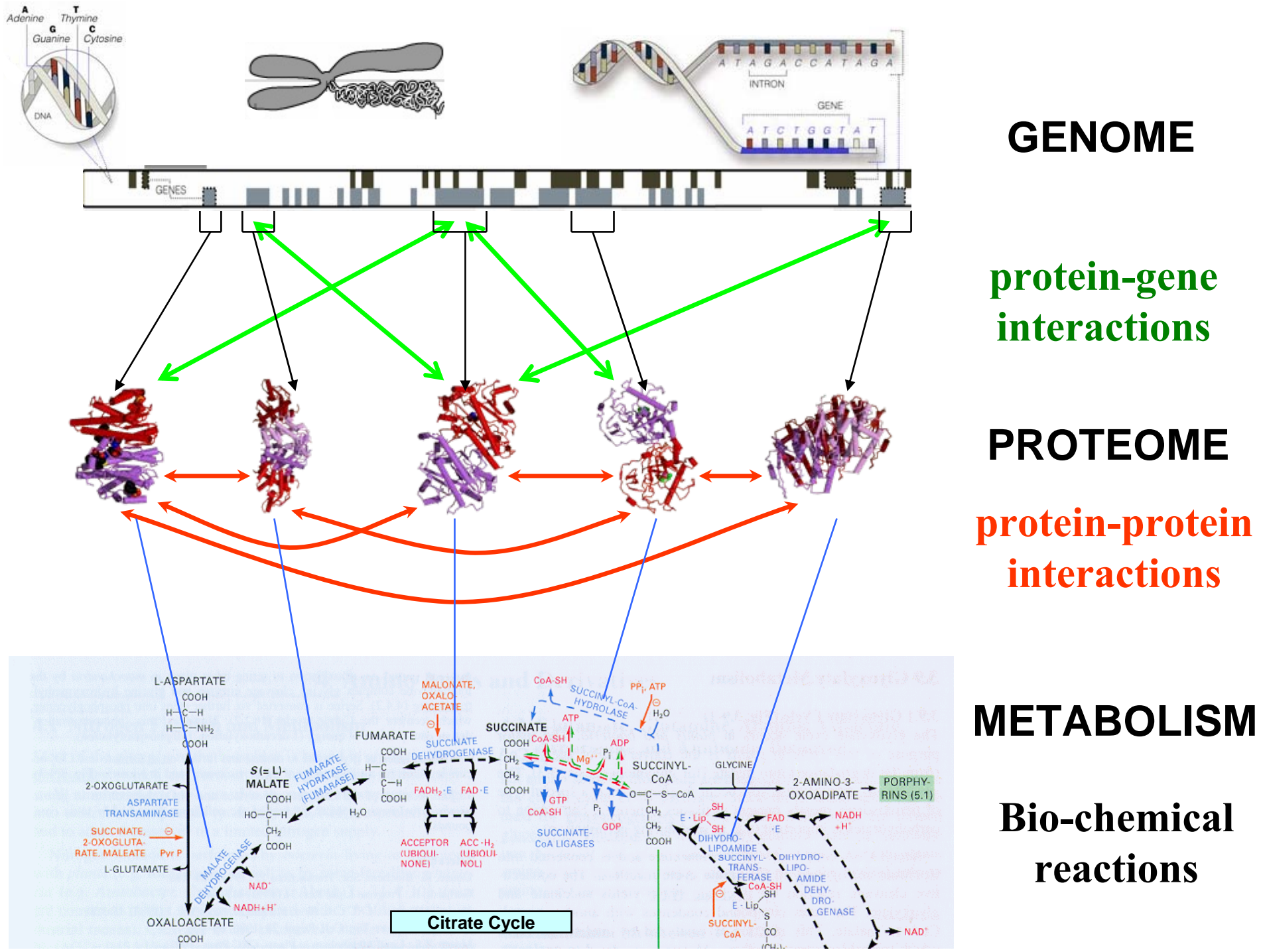
Nodes: chemicals (substrates)
Links: bio-chemical reactions

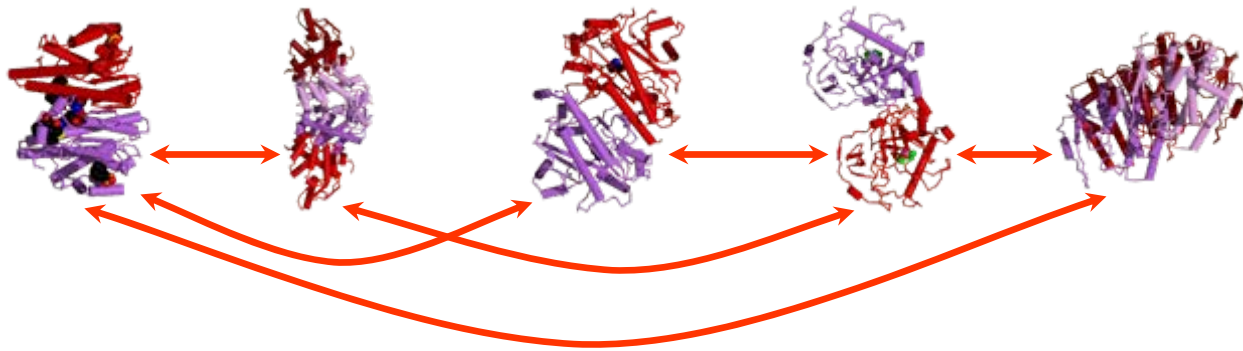


Metabolic network



Organisms from all three domains of life are **scale-free** networks!



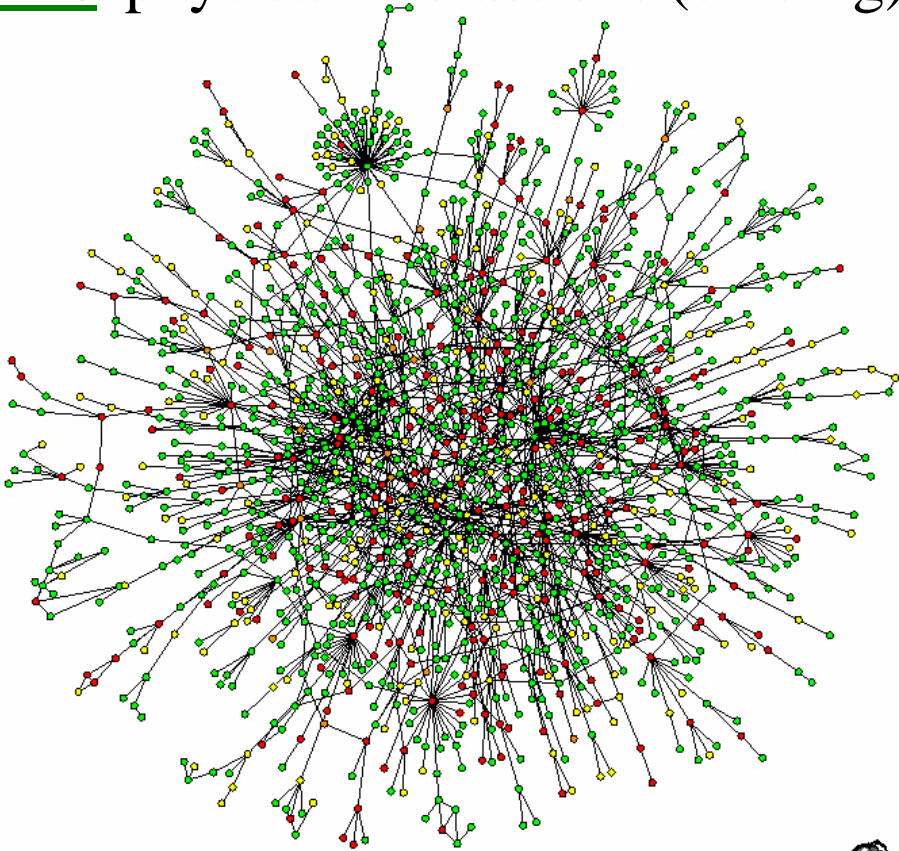


PROTEOME
protein-protein
interactions

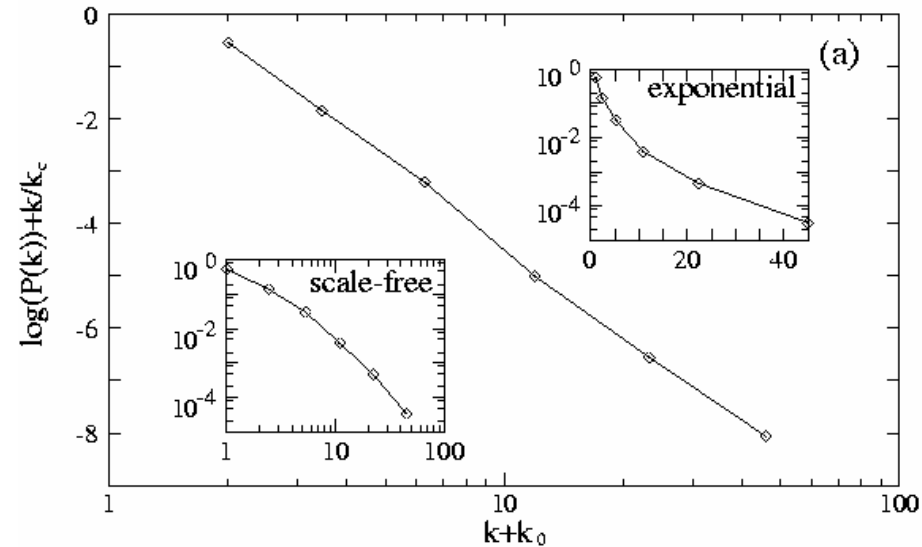
Topology of the protein network

Nodes: proteins

Links: physical interactions (binding)



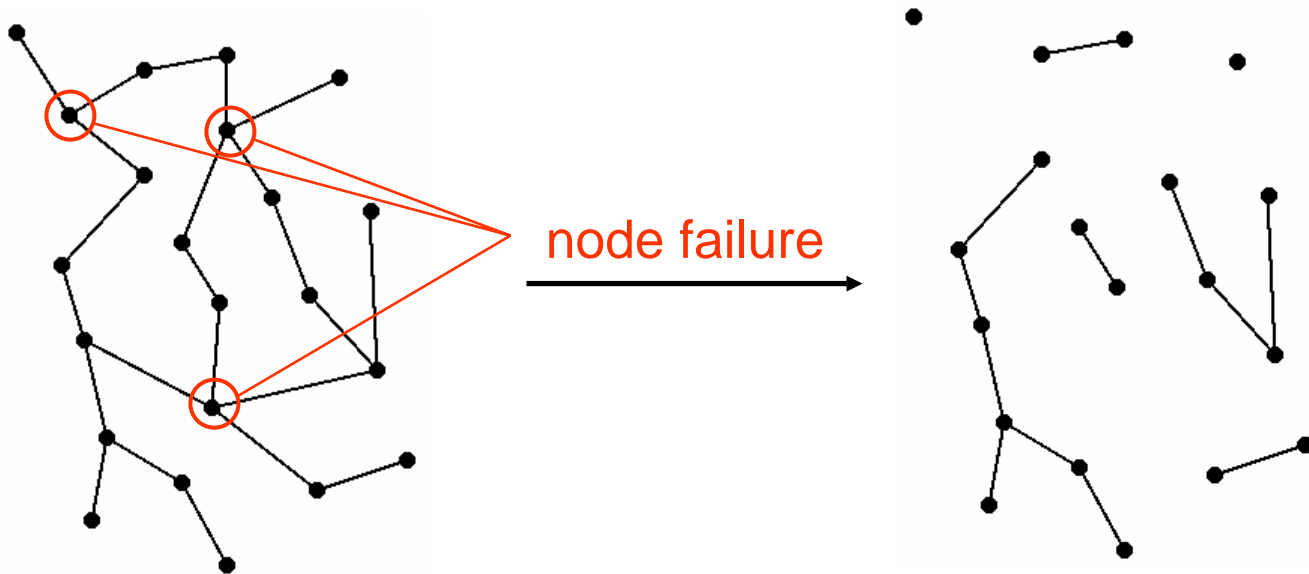
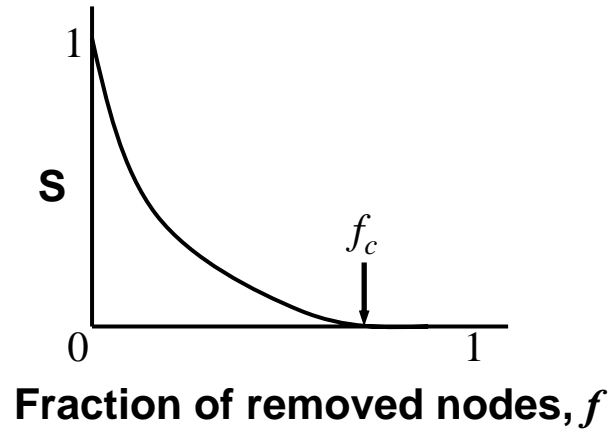
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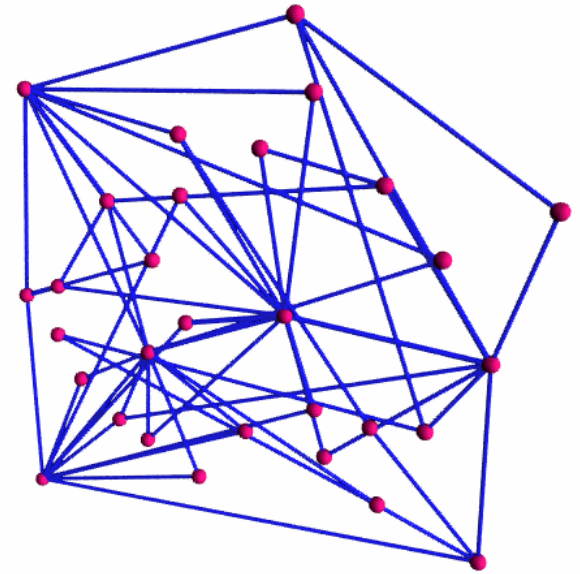
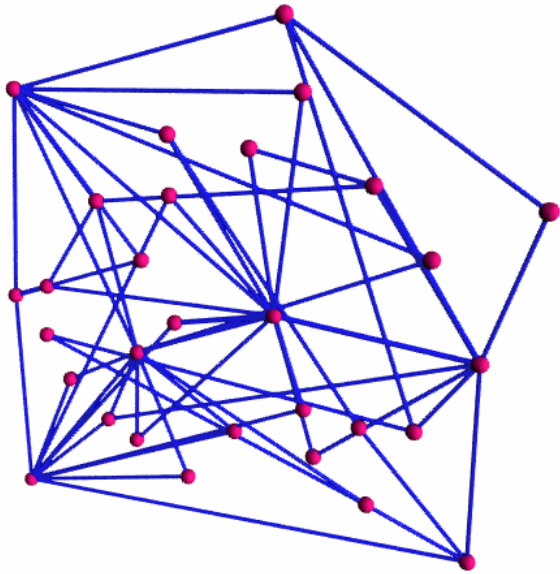
$$P(k) \sim (k + k_0)^{-\gamma} \exp\left(-\frac{k + k_0}{k_\tau}\right)$$

Robustness

Complex systems maintain their basic functions even under errors and failures
(cell \rightarrow mutations; Internet \rightarrow router breakdowns)

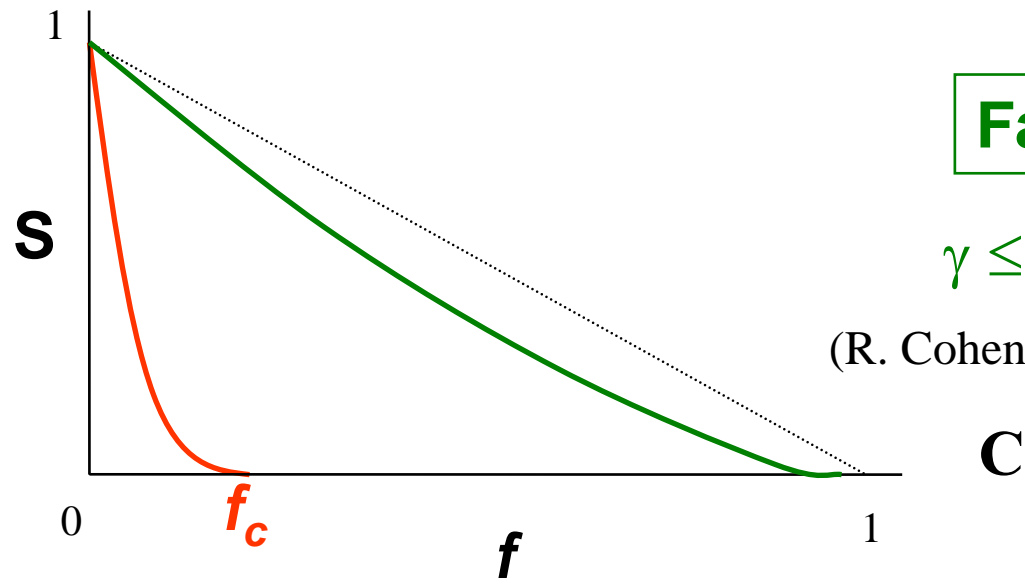


Robustness of scale-free networks



Attacks

Failures



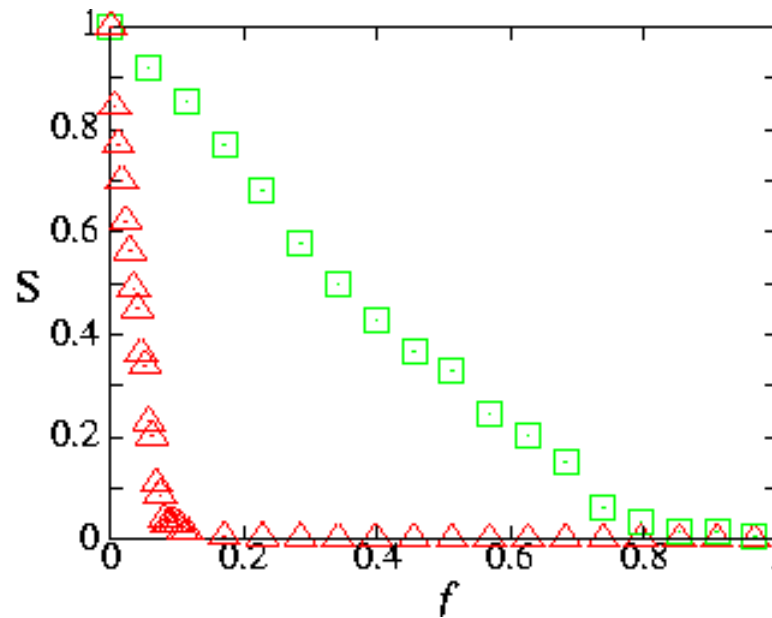
$\gamma \leq 3 : f_c = 1$

(R. Cohen et al PRL, 2000)

Achilles' Heel of complex networks

— failure
— attack

Internet



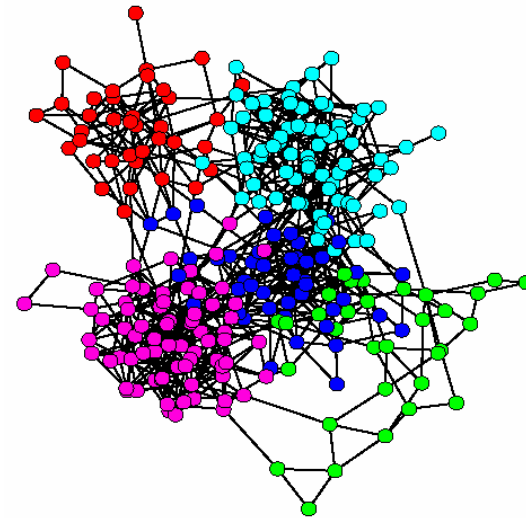
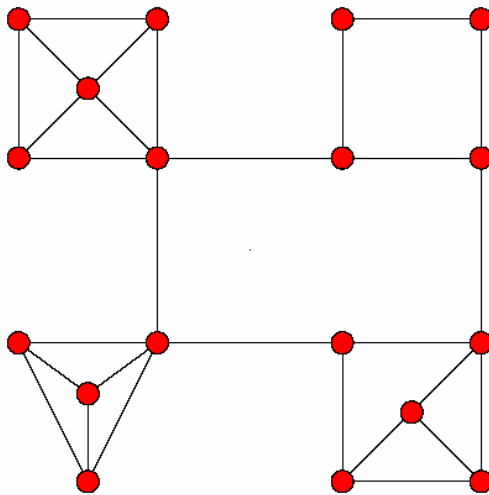
R. Albert, H. Jeong, A.L. Barabasi, *Nature* **406** 378 (2000)

Modularity

➤ Real networks are fragmented into group or modules

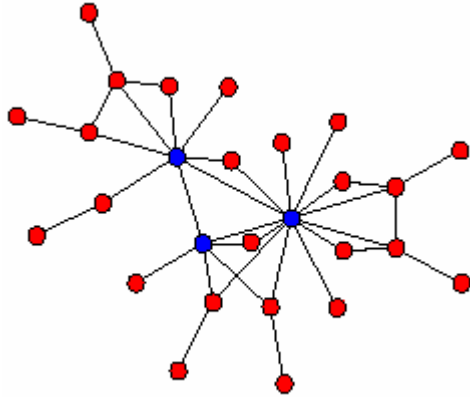
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➤ Traditional view of modularity:

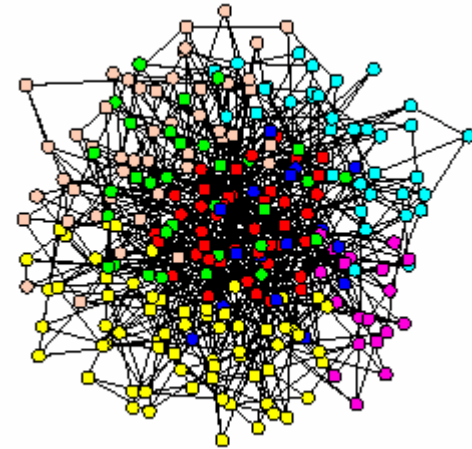


Modular vs. Scale-free Topology

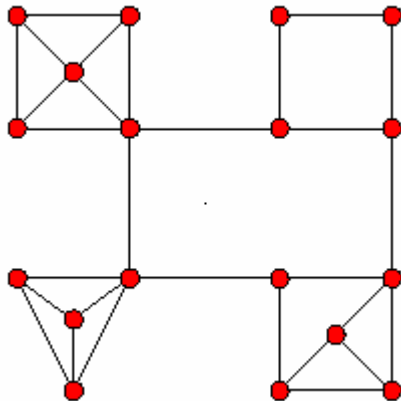
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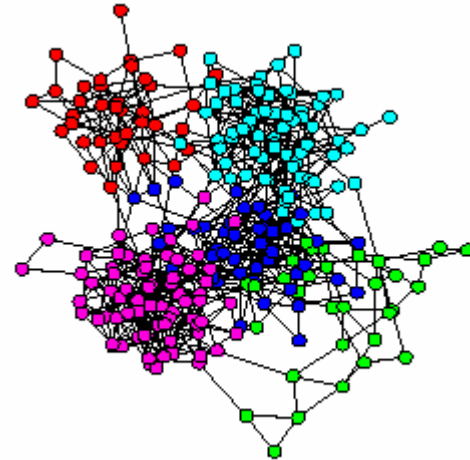
Scale-free



(b)



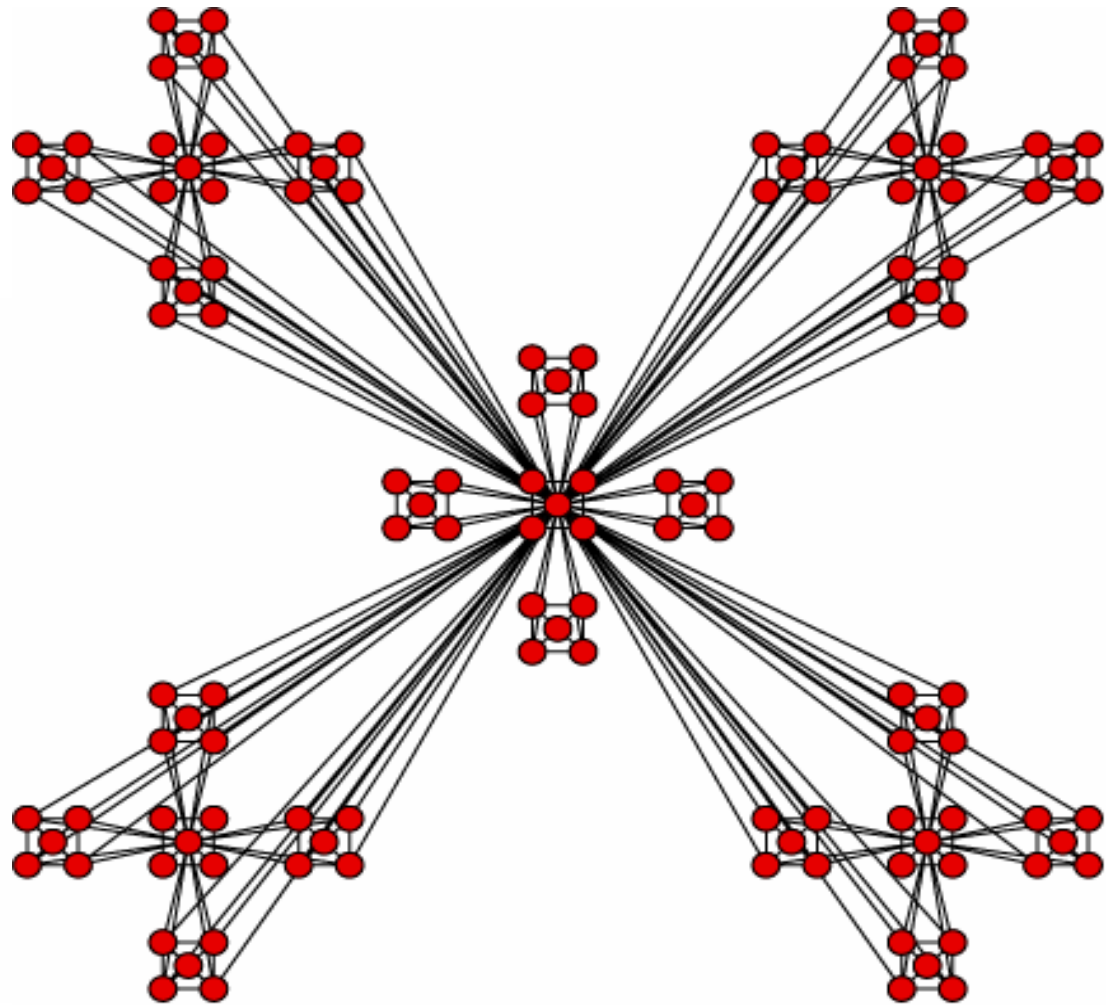
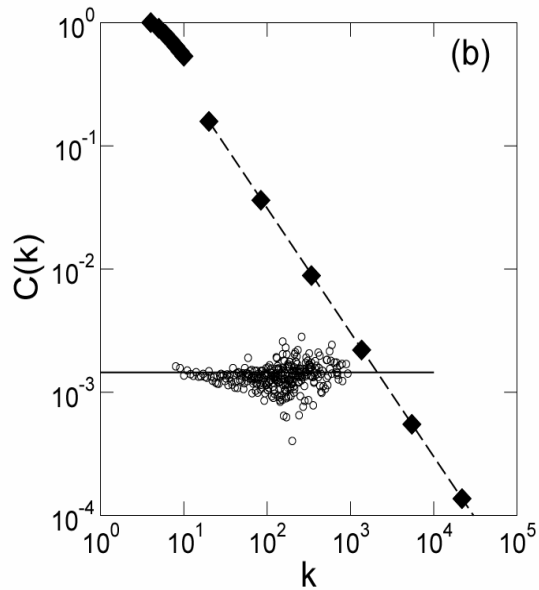
Modular



Hierarchical Networks

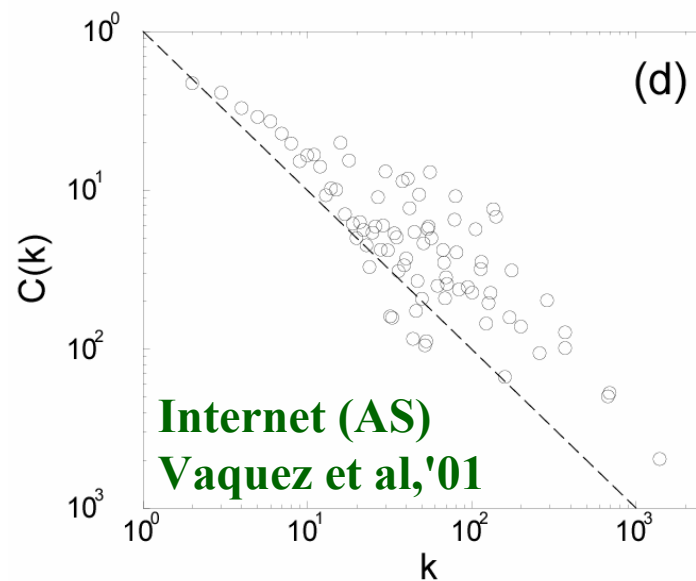
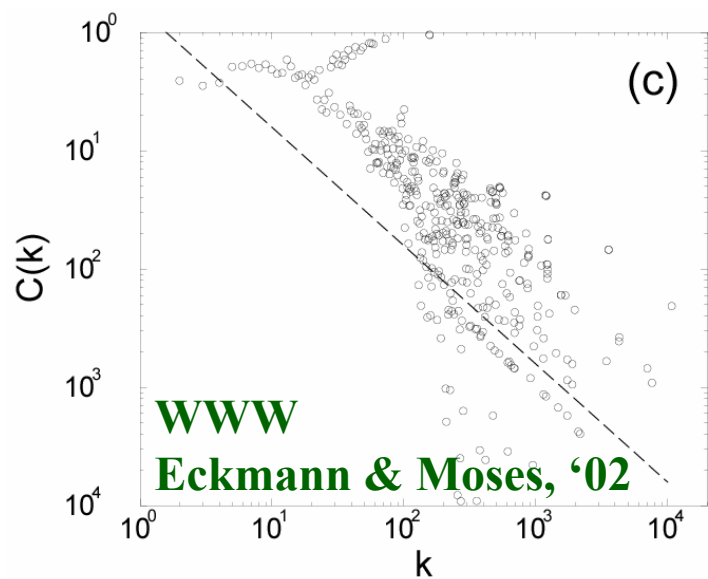
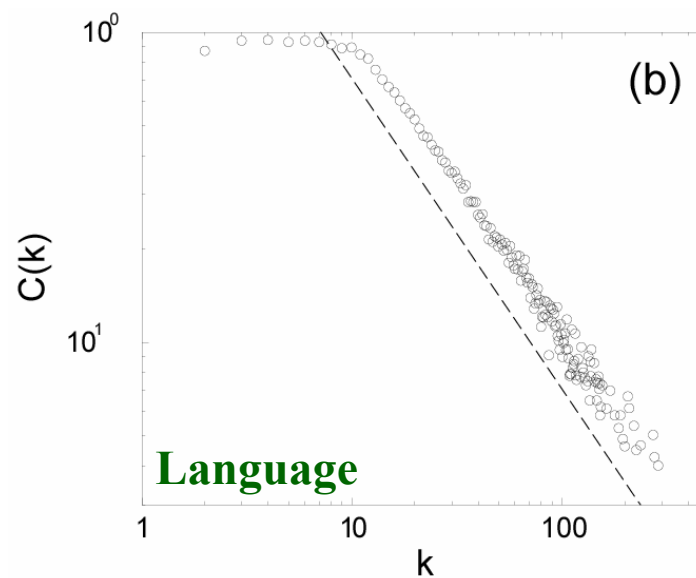
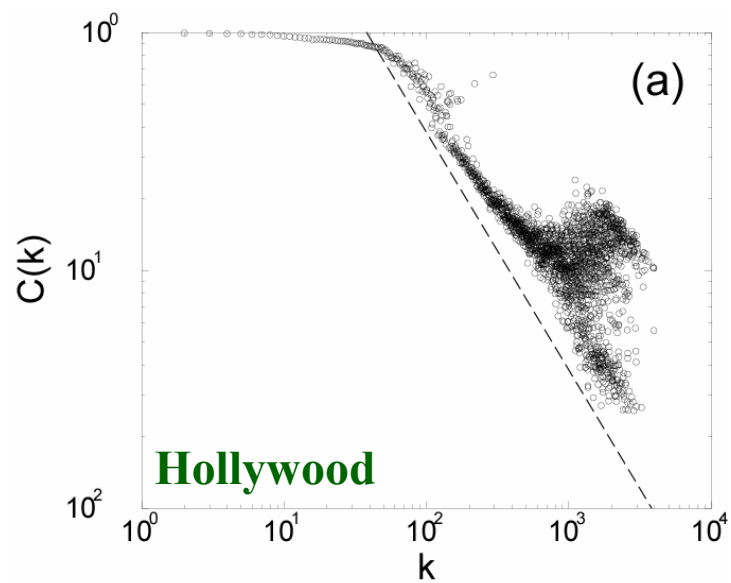
3. Clustering coefficient scales

$$C(k) \sim k^{-1}$$

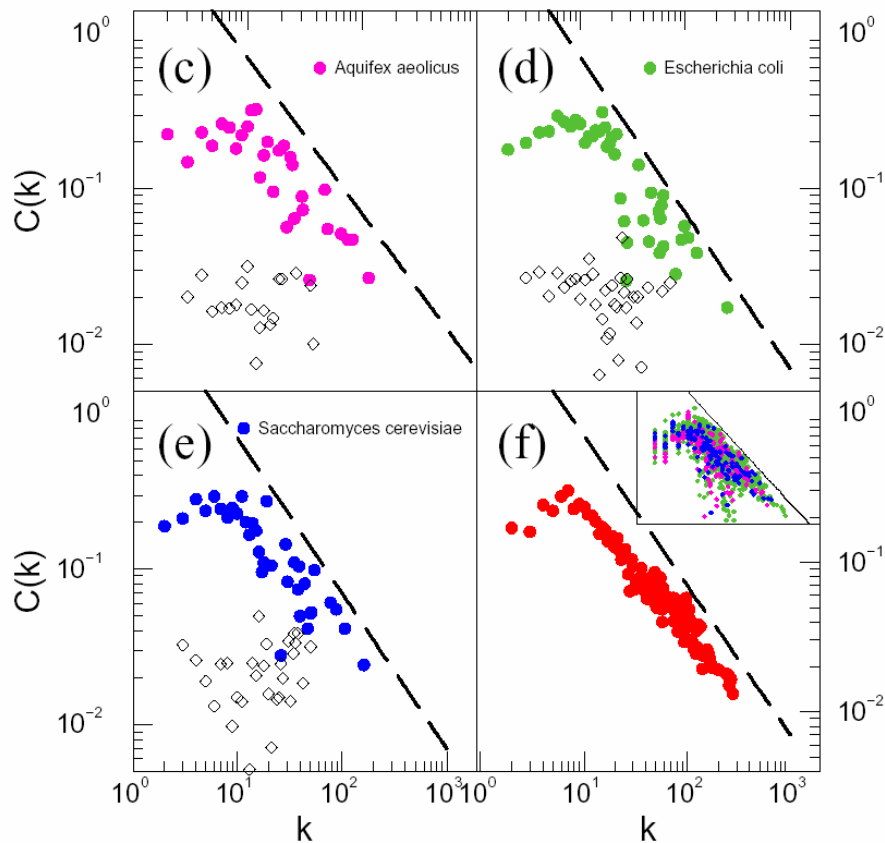


$$C(k) = \frac{\text{\# links between } k \text{ neighbors}}{k(k-1)/2}$$

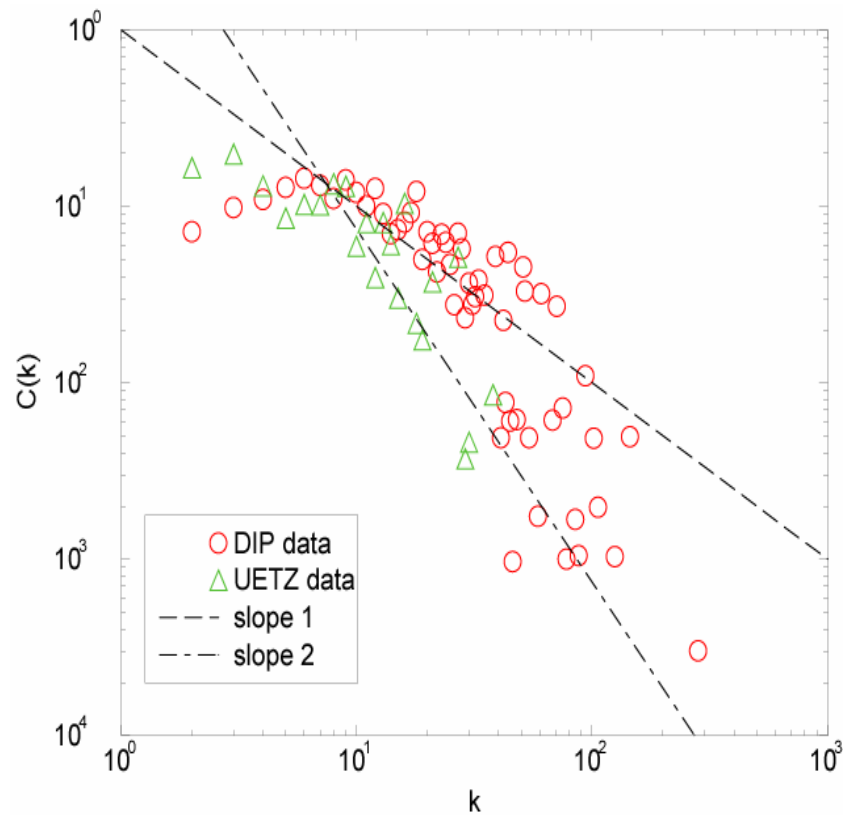
Real Networks



Hierarchy in biological systems

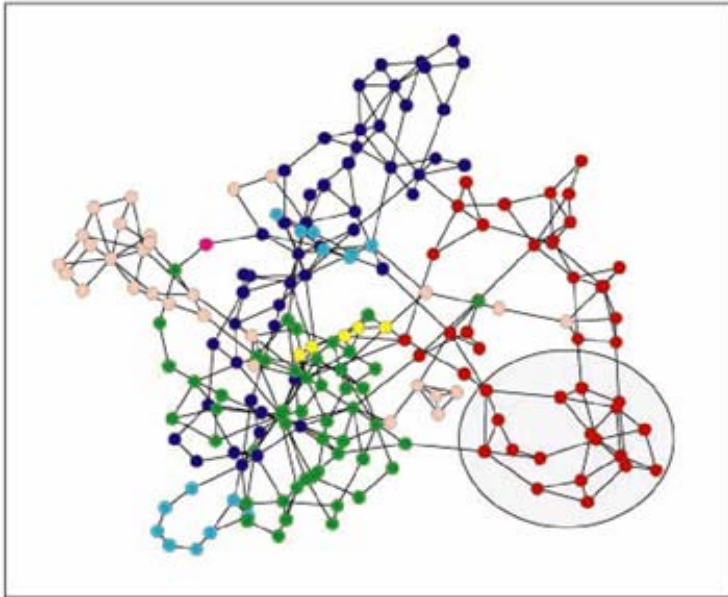


Metabolic networks



Protein networks

Characterizing the links



Metabolism:
Flux Balance Analysis (Palsson)
Metabolic flux for each reaction

Balance Equations:

$$\text{A: } -v_1 - b_1 = 0$$

$$\text{B: } v_1 + v_4 - v_2 - v_3 = 0$$

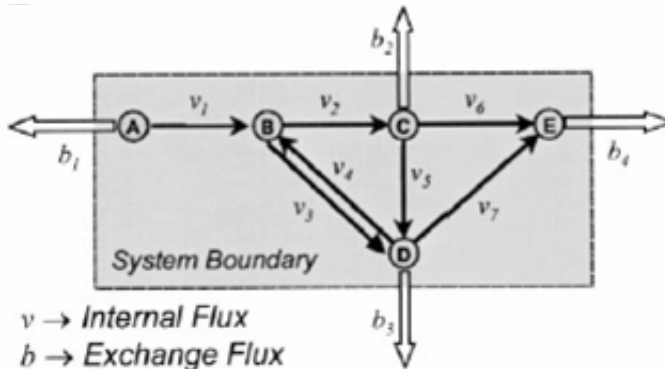
$$\text{C: } v_2 - v_5 - v_6 - b_2 = 0$$

$$\text{D: } v_3 + v_5 - v_4 - v_7 - b_3 = 0$$

$$\text{E: } v_6 + v_7 - b_4 = 0$$

Matrix Notation

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$



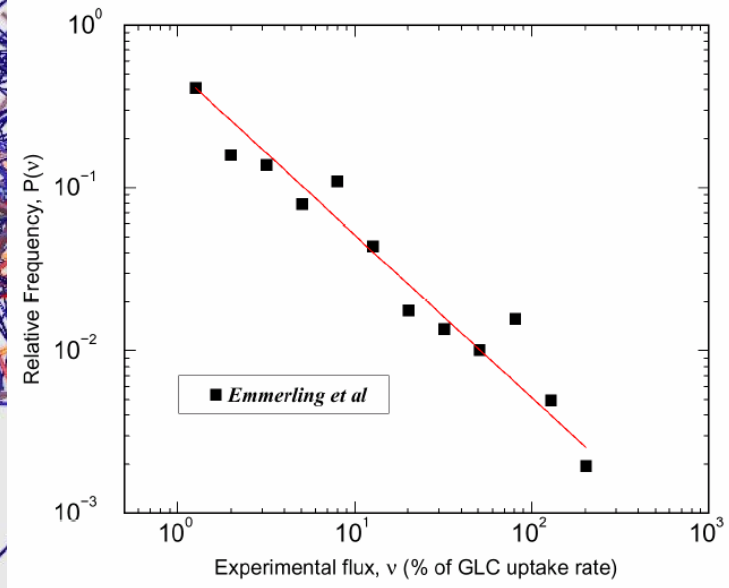
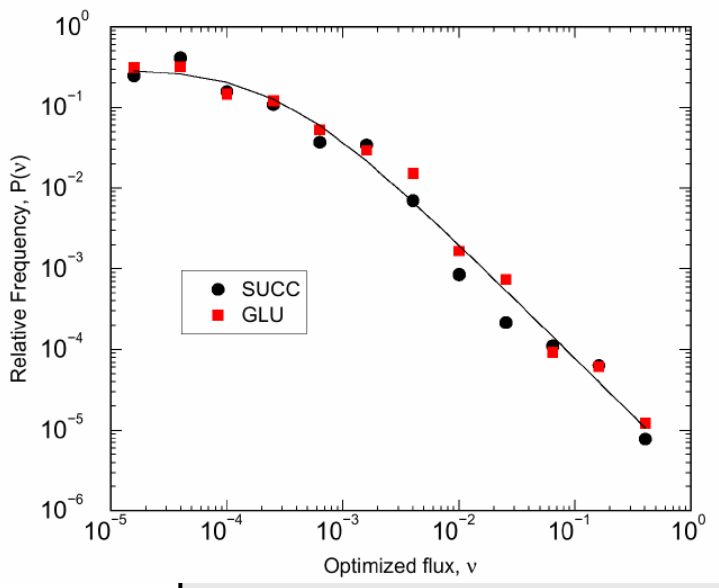
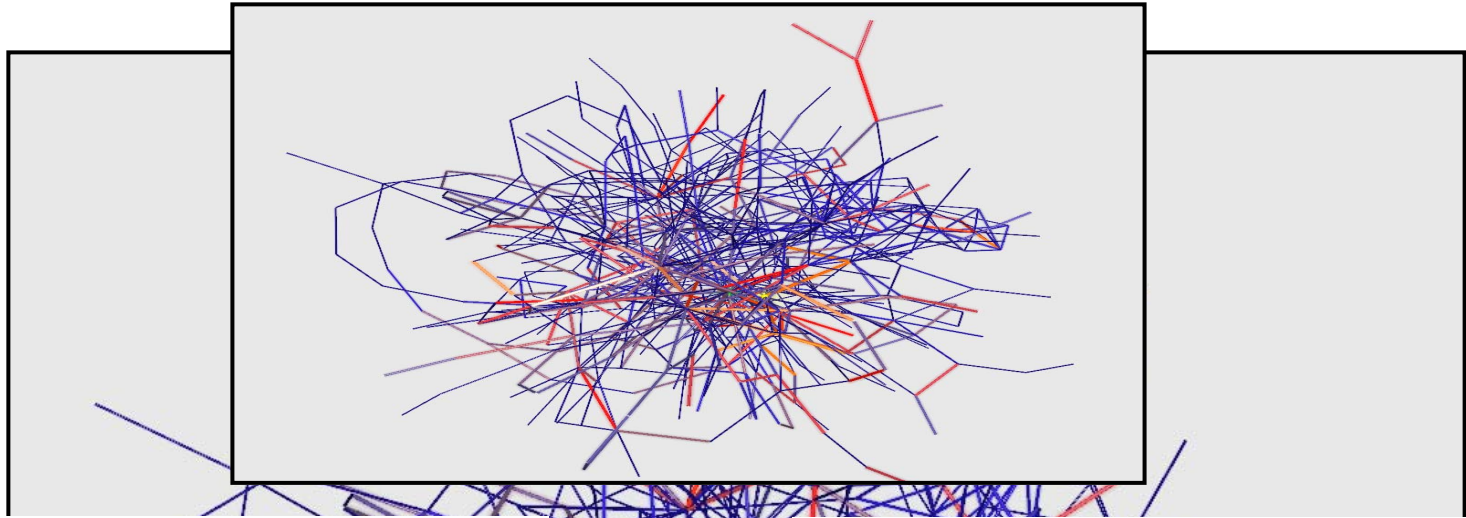
$v \rightarrow$ Internal Flux
 $b \rightarrow$ Exchange Flux

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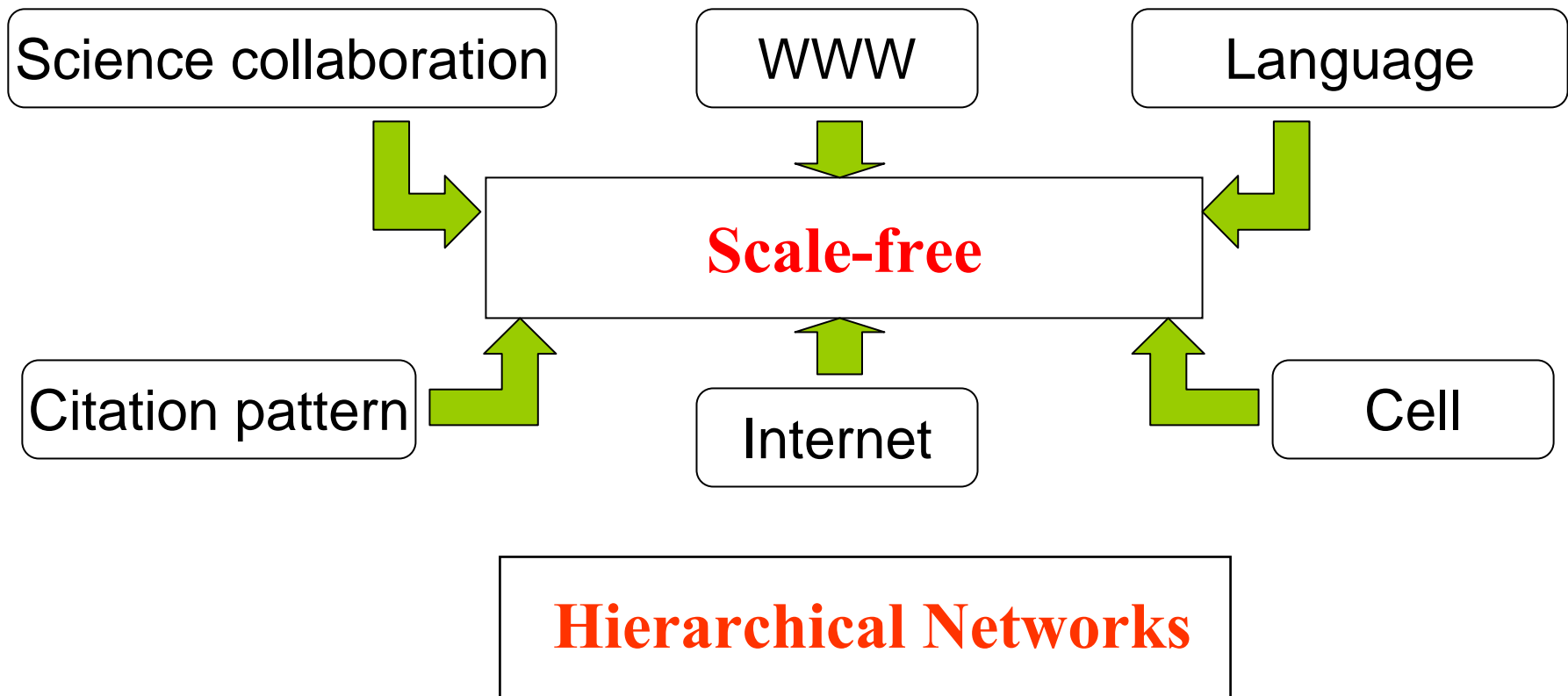
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Global flux organization in the *E. coli* metabolic network



SUCC: Succinate uptake
GLU: Glutamate uptake

Central Metabolism,
Emmerling et al., *J Bacteriol* **184**, 152 (2002)



Where do we go from here?...

⇒ How topology affects function?

⇒ Dynamics on networks: Are there universal properties?

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There may be a postdoctoral position open in my research group.
For more details see www.nd.edu/~networks

Traditional modeling: Network as a static graph

Given a network with N nodes and L links



Create a graph with statistically identical topology

RESULT: model the static network topology

PROBLEM: Real networks are dynamical systems!

Evolving networks

OBJECTIVE: capture the network dynamics

METHOD : $\left[\begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ identify the processes that contribute to the network topology} \\ \bullet \text{ develop dynamical models that capture these processes} \end{array} \right.$



BONUS: get the topology correctly.

Bonus: Why Kevin Bacon?

Measure the average distance between Kevin Bacon and all other actors.

Kevin Bacon

No. of movies : 46 No. of actors : 1811

Average separation: 2.79

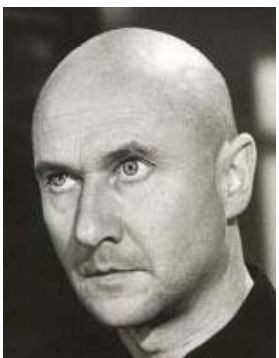
*Is Kevin Bacon
the most
connected actor?*

NO!

Rank	Name	Average distance	# of movies	# of links
1	Rod Steiger	2.537527	112	2562
2	Donald Pleasence	2.542376	180	2874
3	Martin Sheen	2.551210	136	3501
4	Christopher Lee	2.552497	201	2993
5	Robert Mitchum	2.557181	136	2905
6	Charlton Heston	2.566284	104	2552
7	Eddie Albert	2.567036	112	3333
8	Robert Vaughn	2.570193	126	2761
9	Donald Sutherland	2.577880	107	2865
10	John Gielgud	2.578980	122	2942
11	Anthony Quinn	2.579750	146	2978
12	James Earl Jones	2.584440	112	3787
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876	Kevin Bacon	2.786981	46	1811
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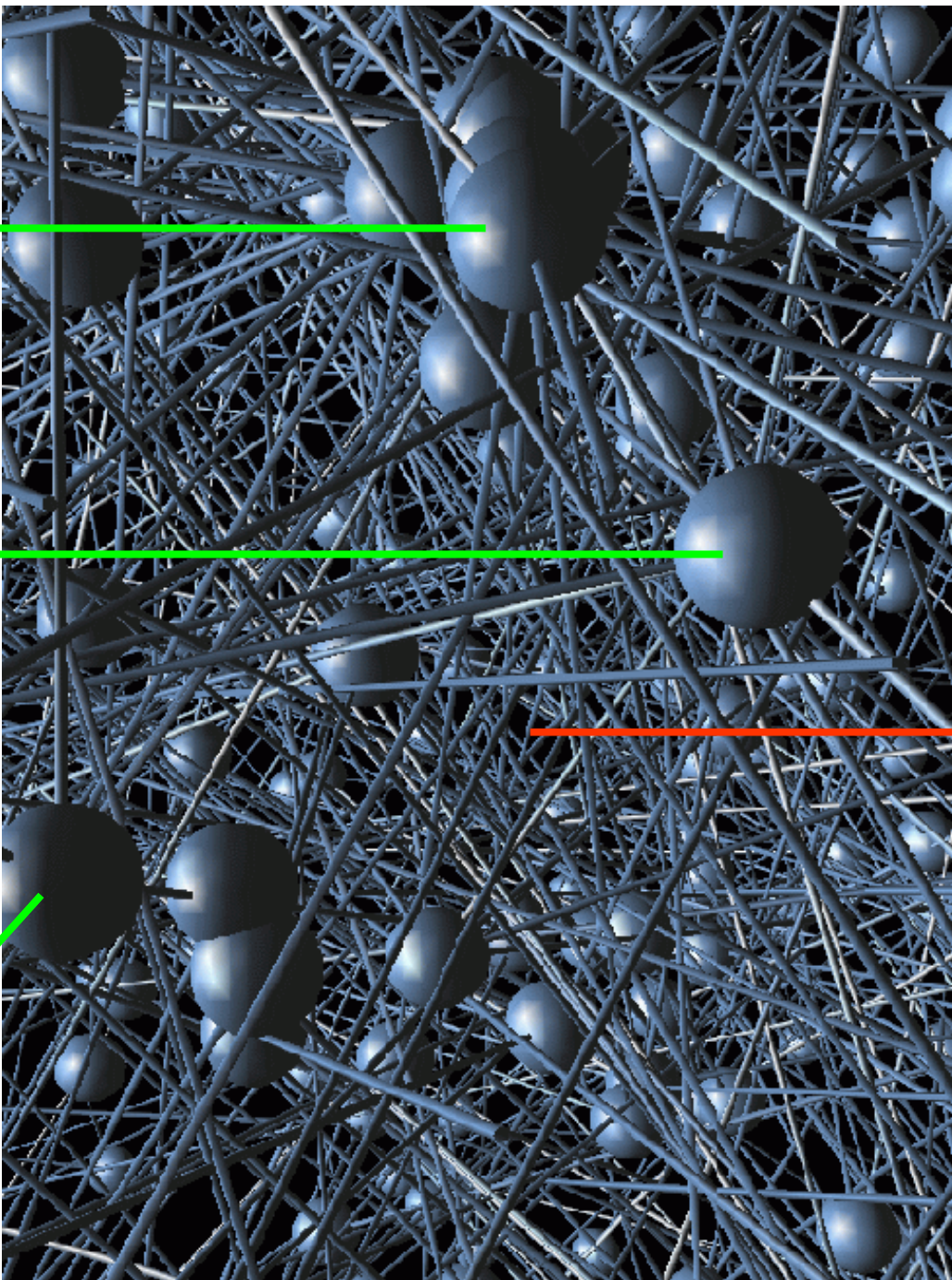
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Kevin Bacon



Protein network

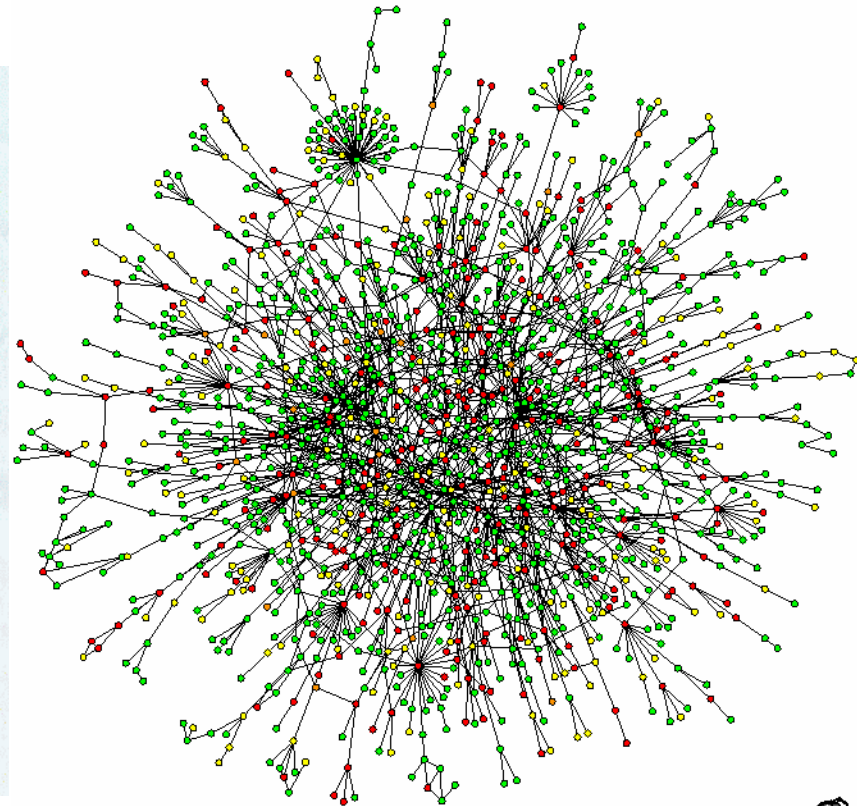
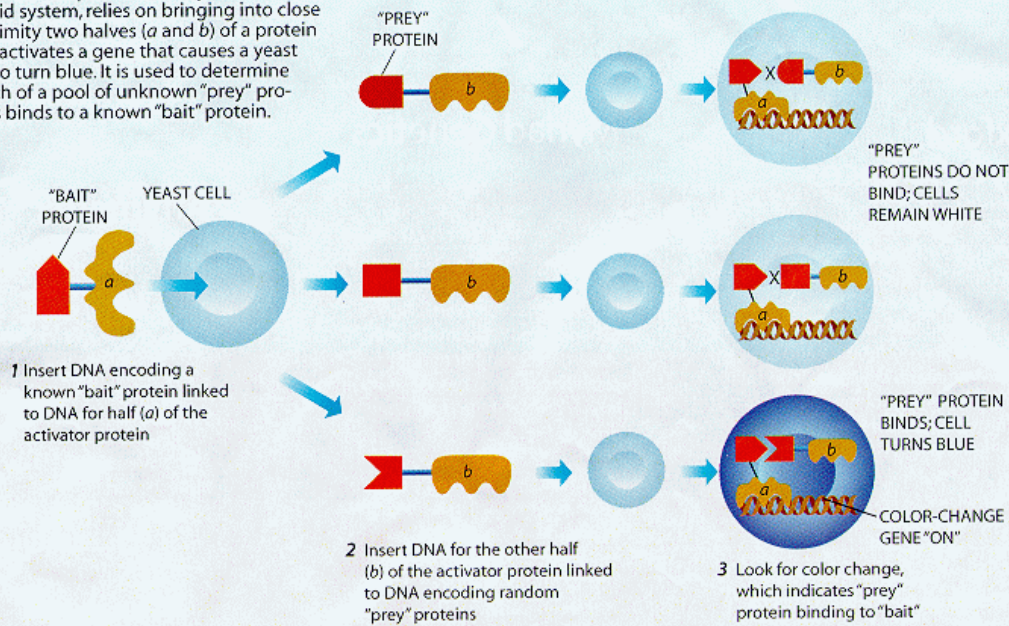
Nodes: proteins

Links: physical interaction (binding)

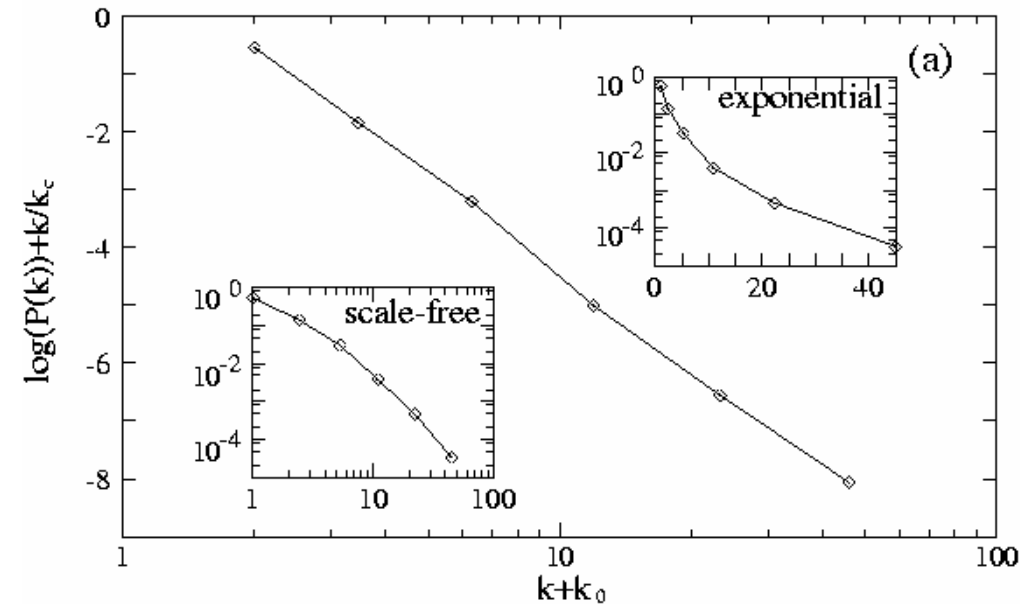
Proteomics : identify and determine the properties of the proteins.
(related to structure of proteins)

Finding Proteins That Interact

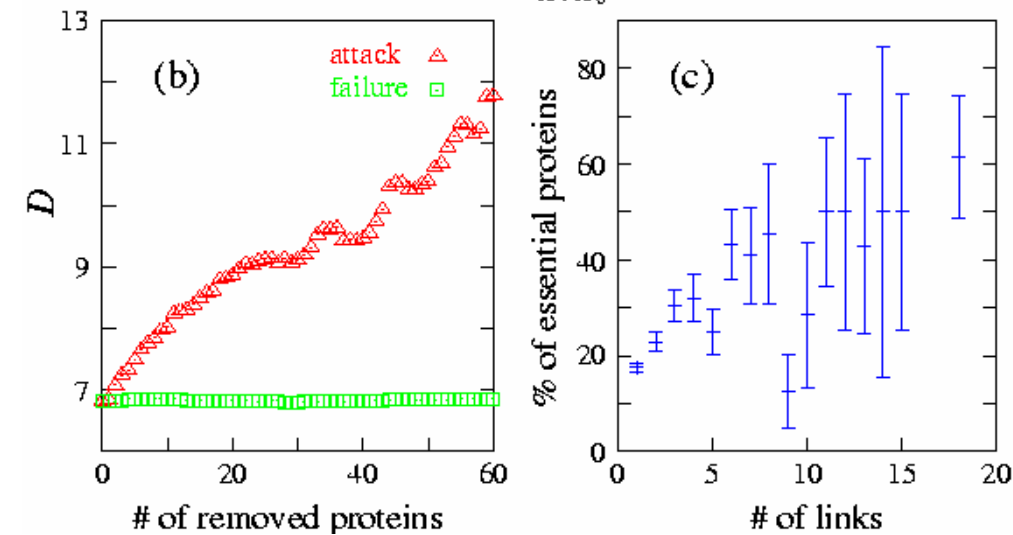
One technique, called the yeast two-hybrid system, relies on bringing into close proximity two halves (*a* and *b*) of a protein that activates a gene that causes a yeast cell to turn blue. It is used to determine which of a pool of unknown "prey" proteins binds to a known "bait" protein.



Properties of the protein network

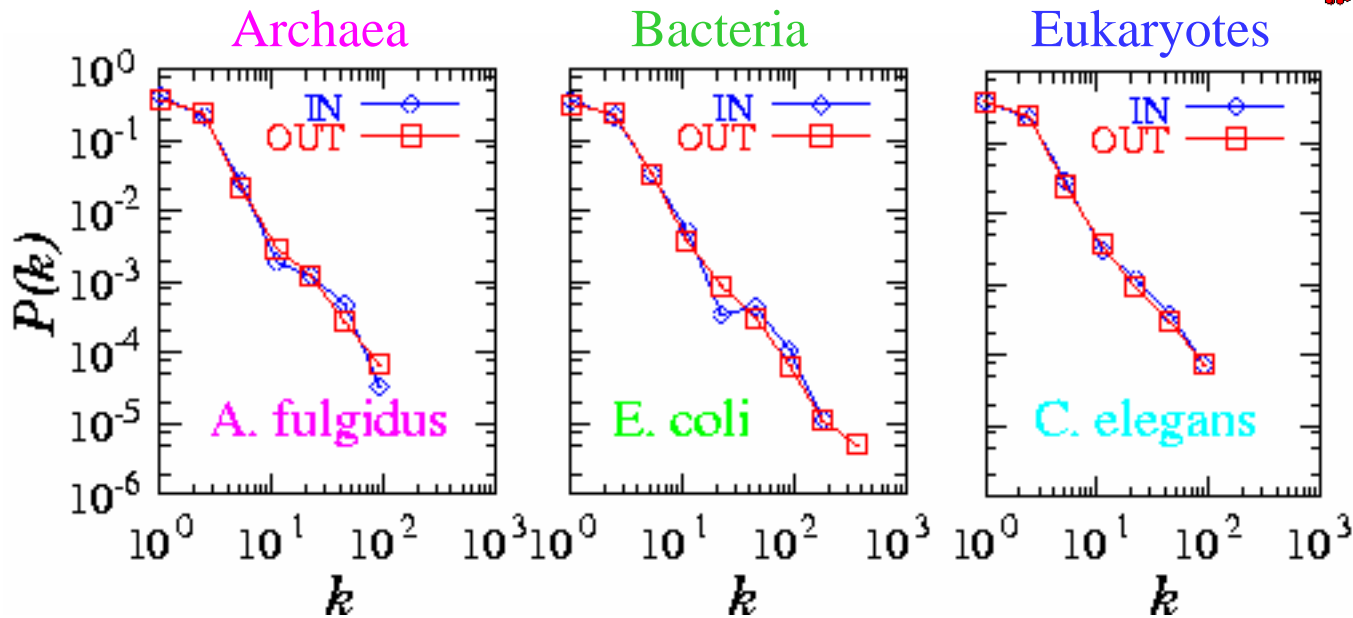
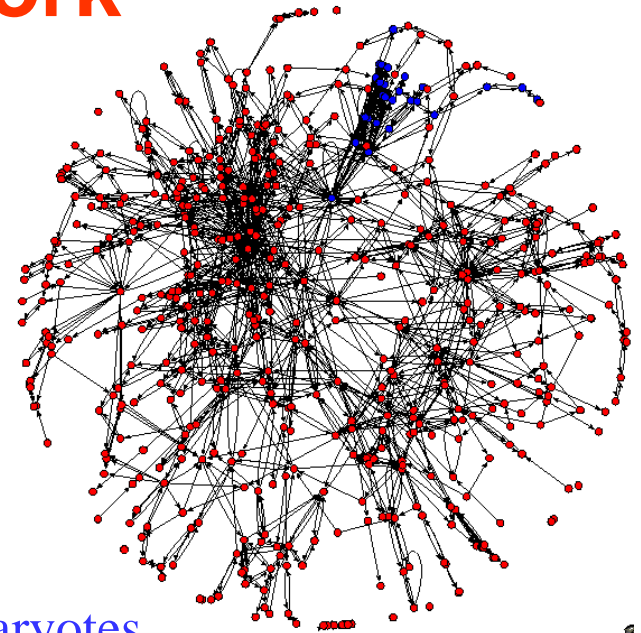
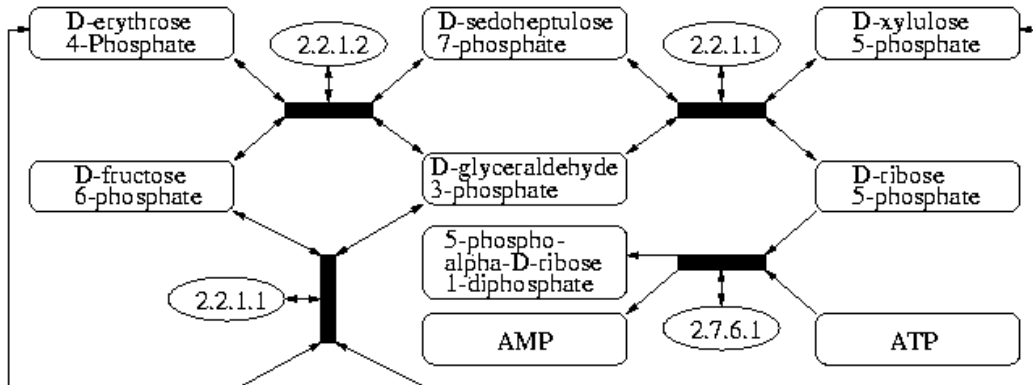


$$P(k) \sim (k + k_0)^{-\gamma} \exp\left(-\frac{k + k_0}{k_\tau}\right)$$



Highly connected proteins are more **essential (lethal)** than less connected proteins.

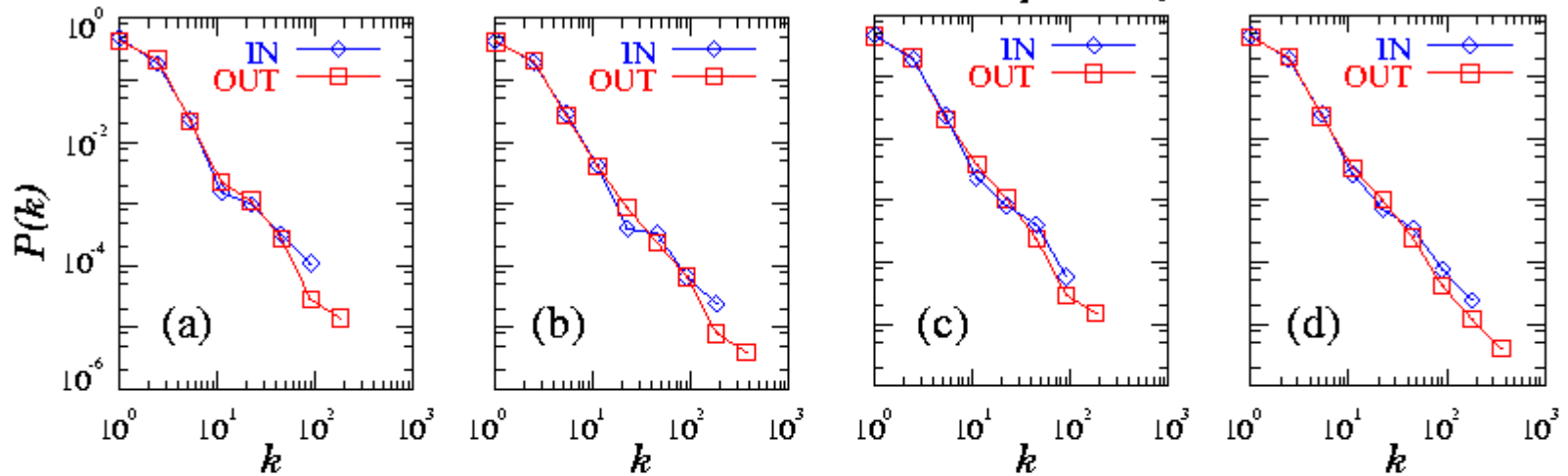
Metabolic network



Organisms from all three domains of life are **scale-free** networks!

Whole cellular network

Metabolic and non-metabolic pathways



A. fulgidus

E. coli

C. elegans

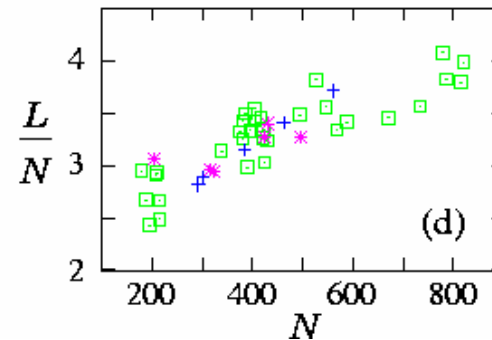
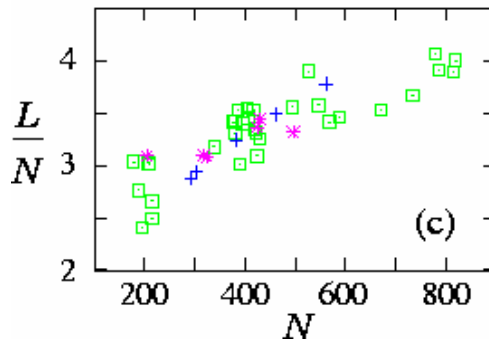
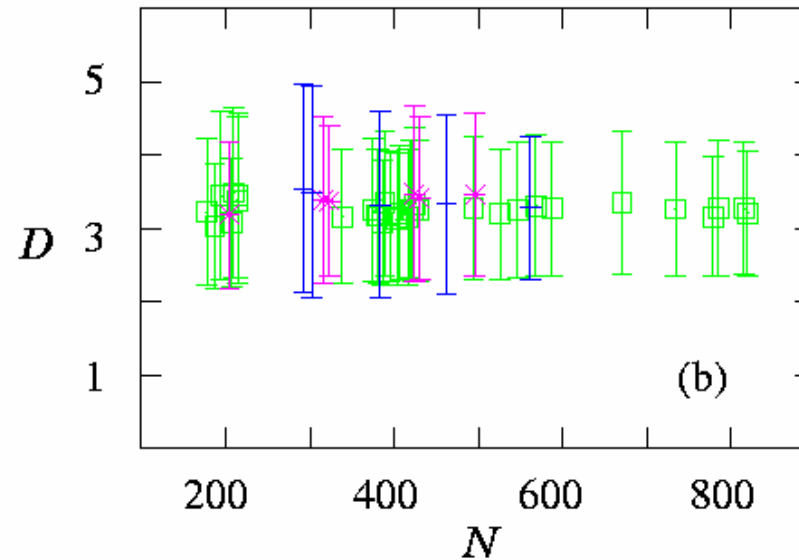
Metabolic pathways

intermediate metabolism
bioenergetics

Non-metabolic pathways

information pathways
electron, transmembrane transport
signal transduction
structure and function of the cell

Properties of metabolic networks



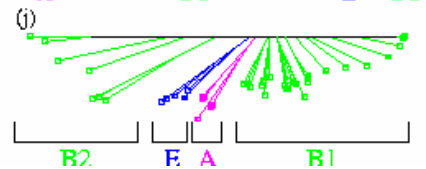
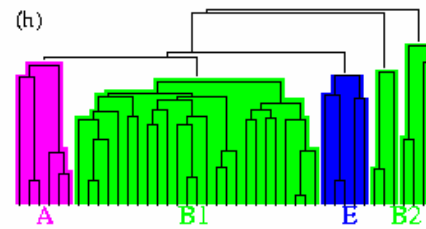
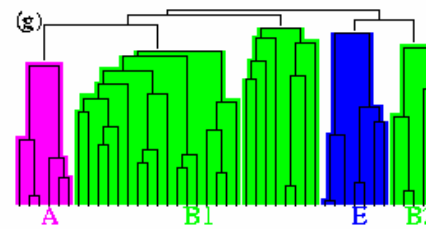
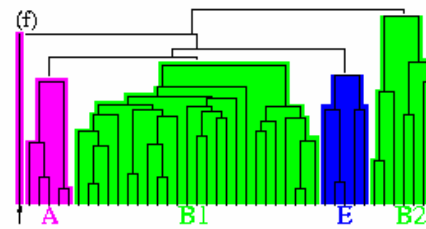
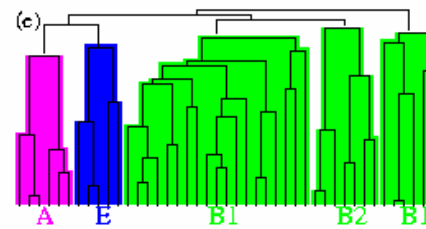
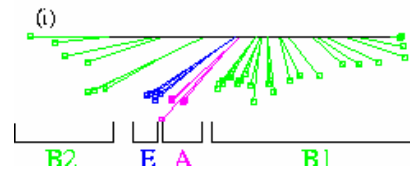
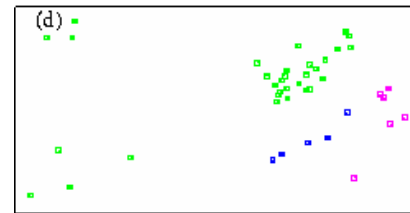
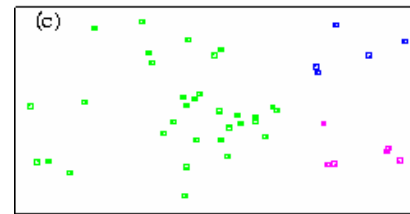
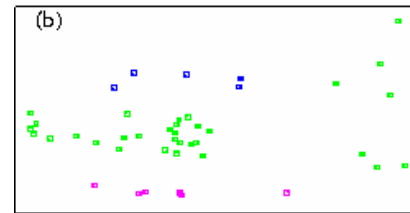
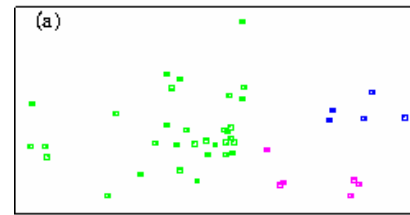
Average distances are independent of organisms!

⇐ by making more links between nodes.

⇐ based on “**design principles**” of the cell through evolution.

cf. Other scale-free network: $D \sim \log(N)$

Taxonomy using networks



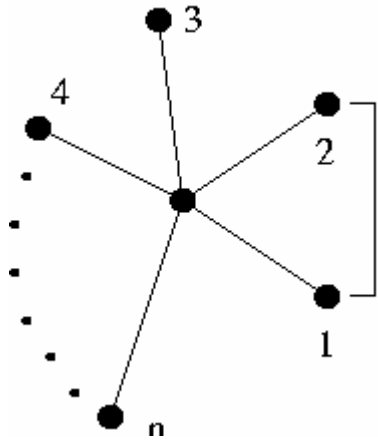
A: Archaea

B: Bacteria

E: Eukaryotes

Watts-Strogatz

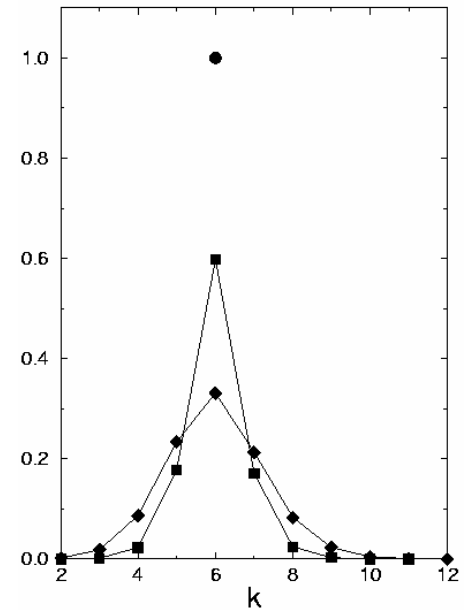
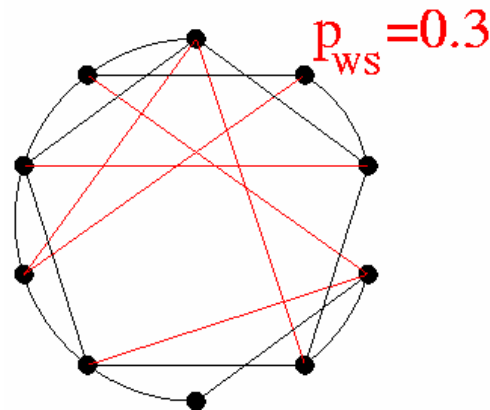
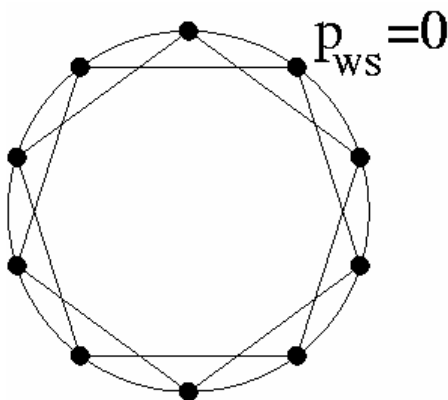
Clustering: My friends will know each other with high probability!



Probability to be connected $C \gg p$

$$C = \frac{\text{\# of links between } 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ neighbors}}{n(n-1)/2}$$

N nodes forms a regular lattice.
With probability p,
each edge is rewired randomly.

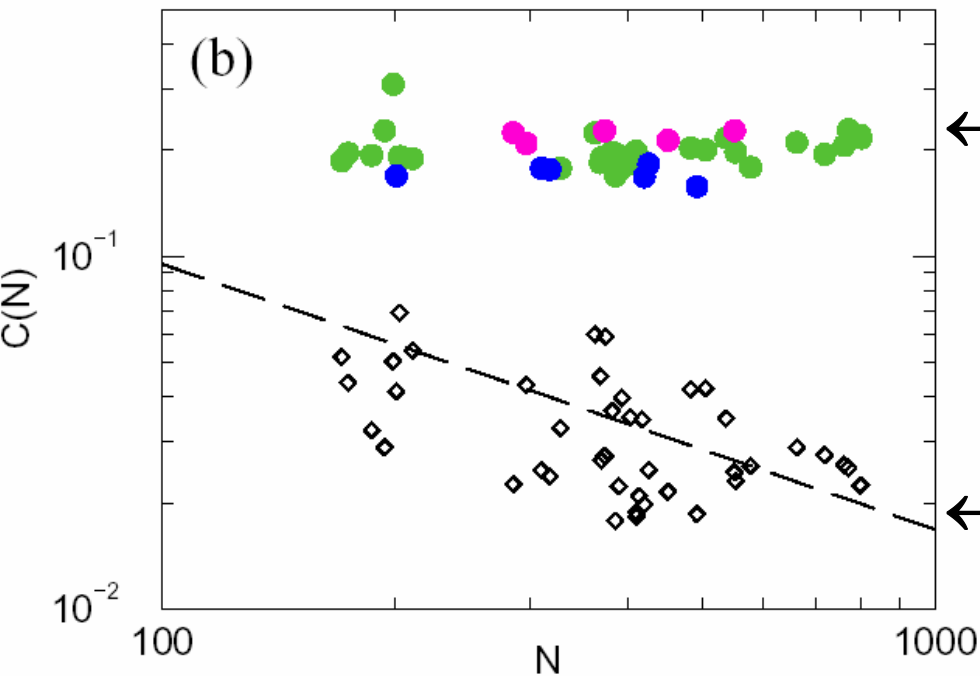
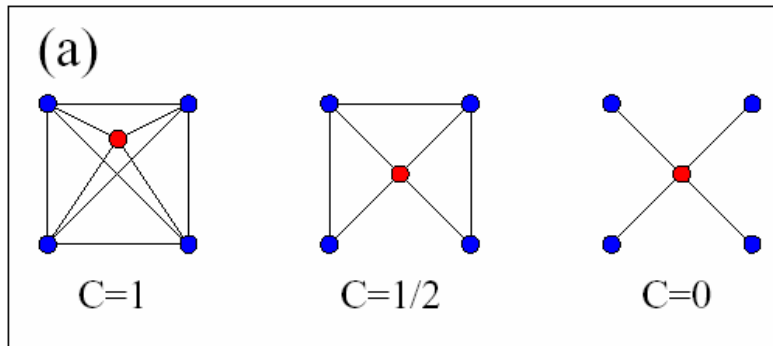


(Nature **393**, 440 (1998))

Modularity in the metabolism

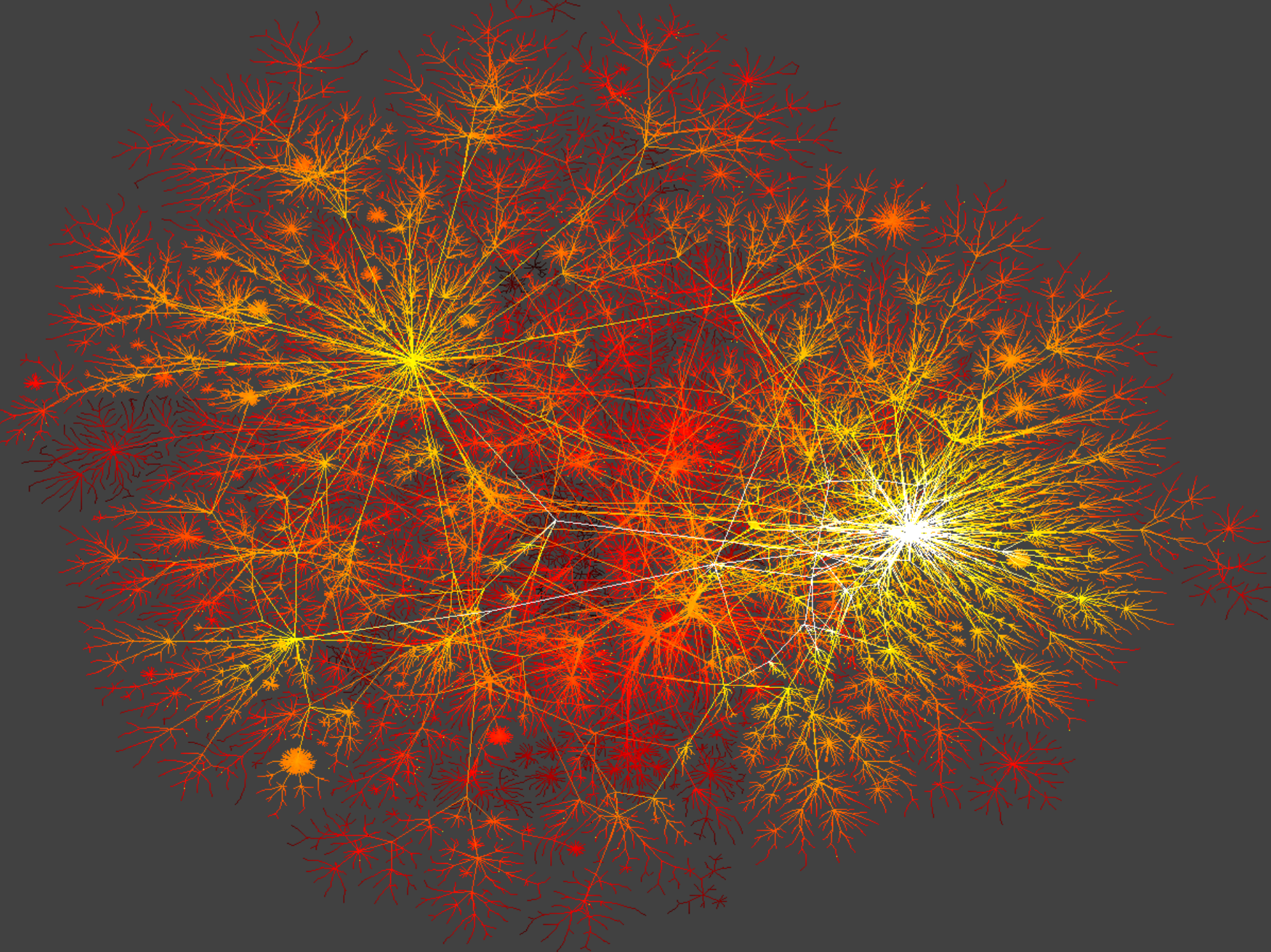
Clustering Coefficient:

$$C(k) = \frac{\text{\# links between } k \text{ neighbors}}{k(k-1)/2}$$



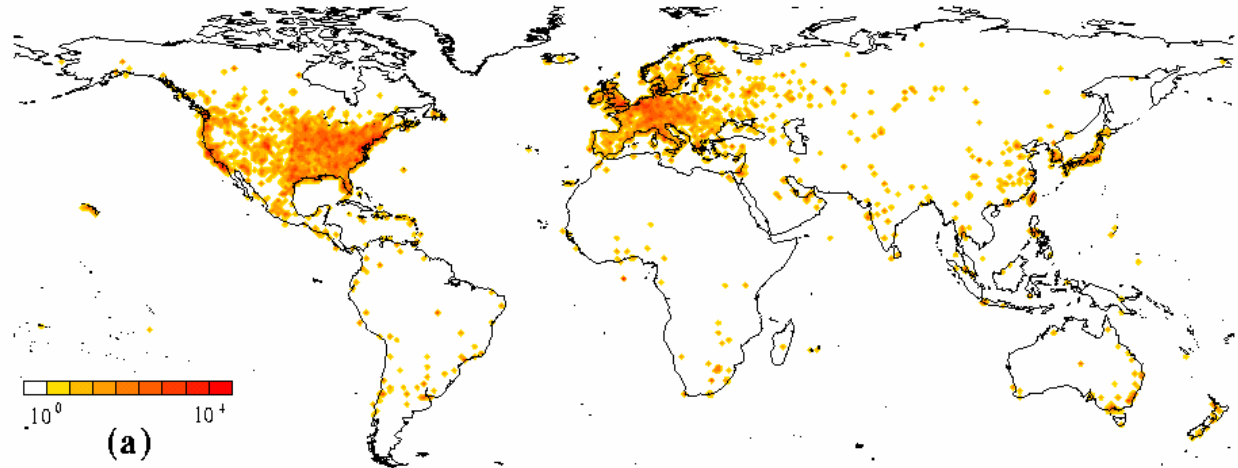
← **Metabolic network
(43 organisms)**

← **Scale-free model**

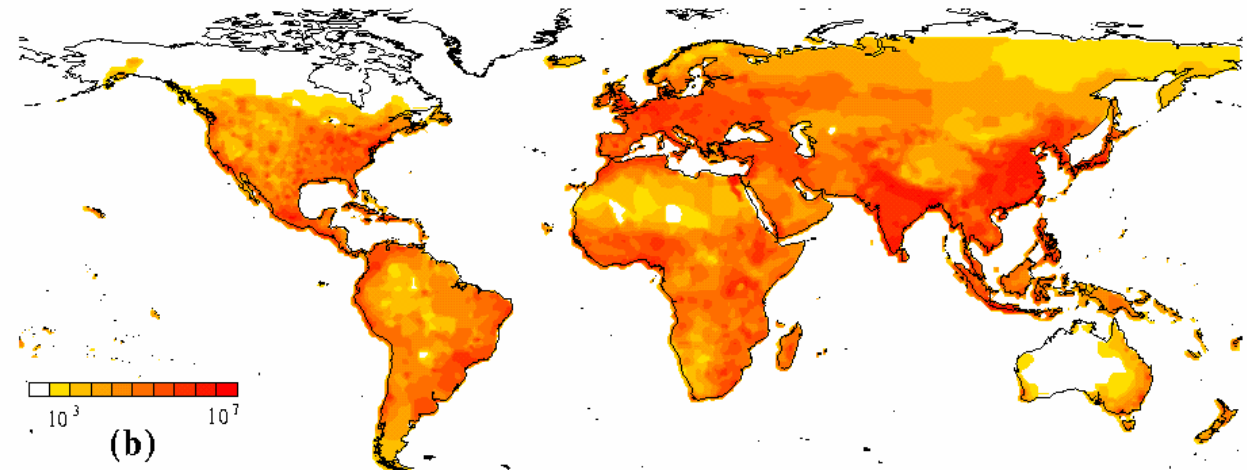


Spatial Distributions

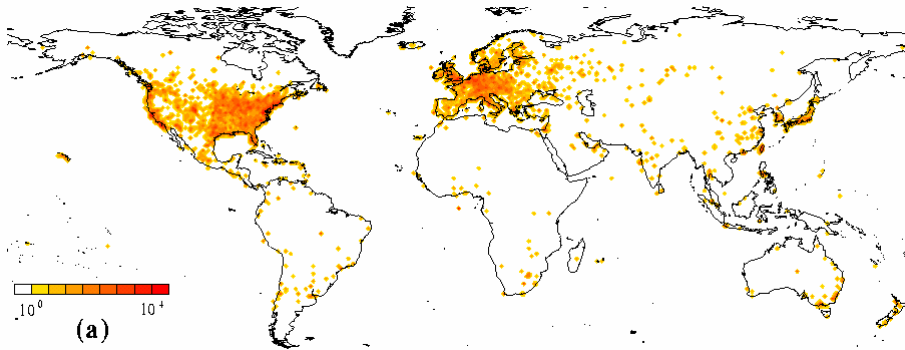
Router
density



Population
density



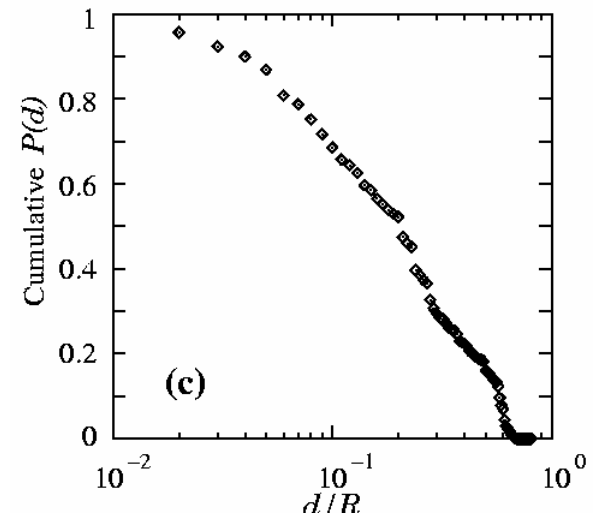
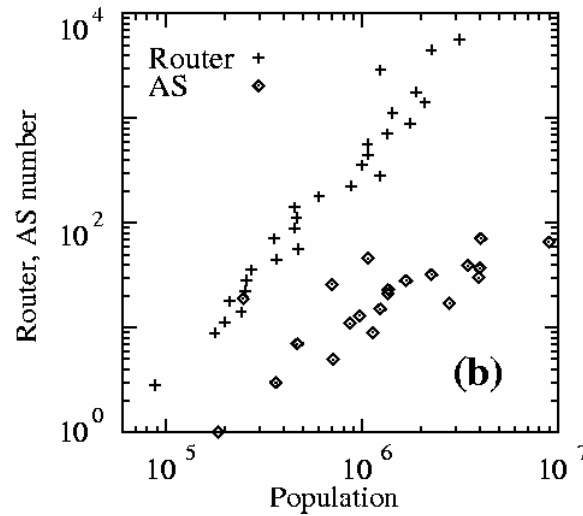
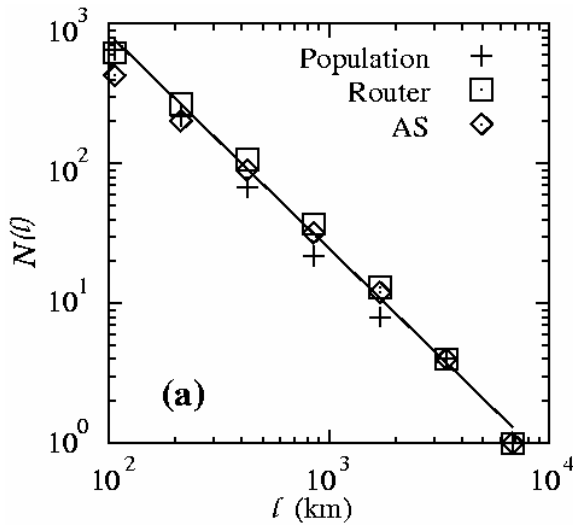
Spatial Distribution of Routers



Fractal set

Box counting: $N(\ell) \equiv$ No. of boxes of size ℓ that contain routers

$$N(\ell) \sim \ell^{-D_f} \quad D_f=1.5$$

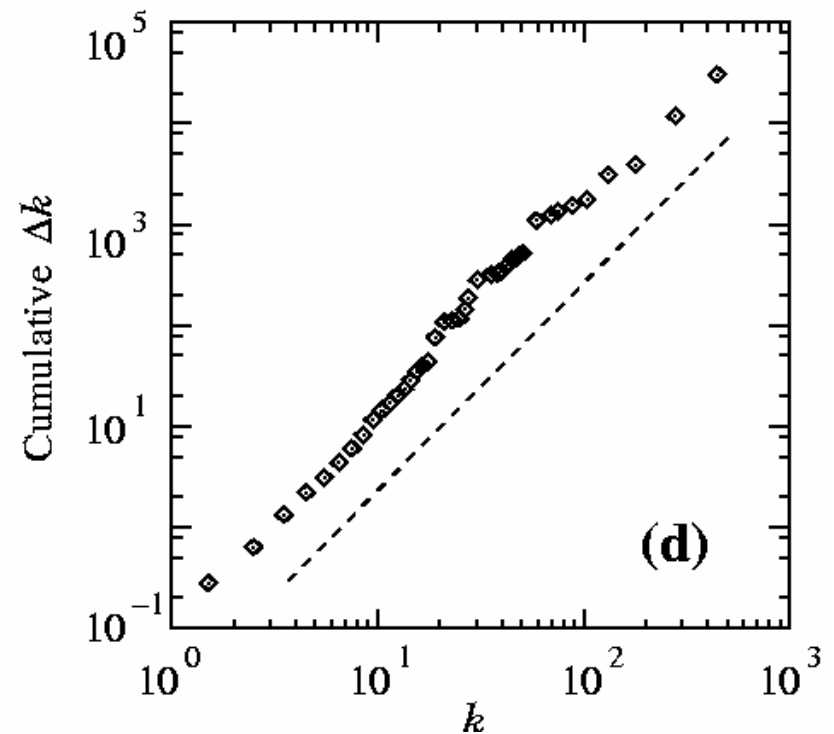


Preferential Attachment

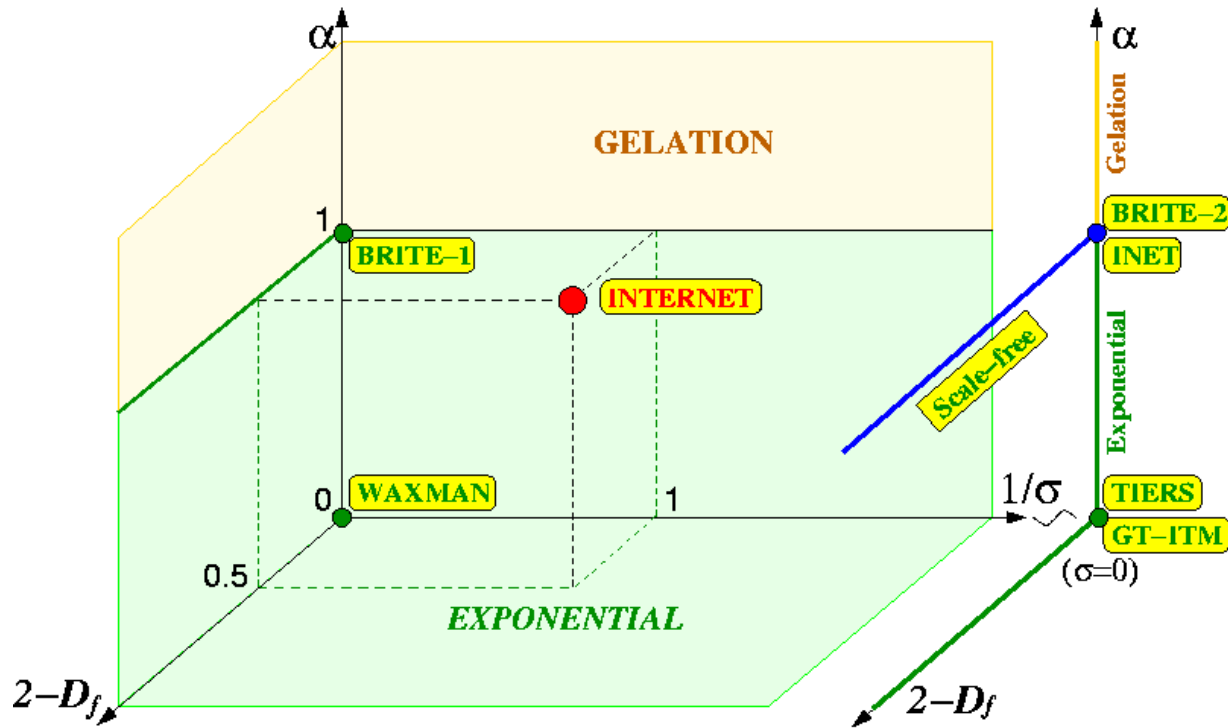
- Compare maps taken at different times ($\Delta t = 6$ months)
- Measure $\Delta k(k)$, increase in No. of links for a node with k links

Preferential Attachment:

$$\Delta k(k) \sim k$$



INTERNET



$$N(\ell) \sim \ell^{-D_f} \quad D_f=1.5$$

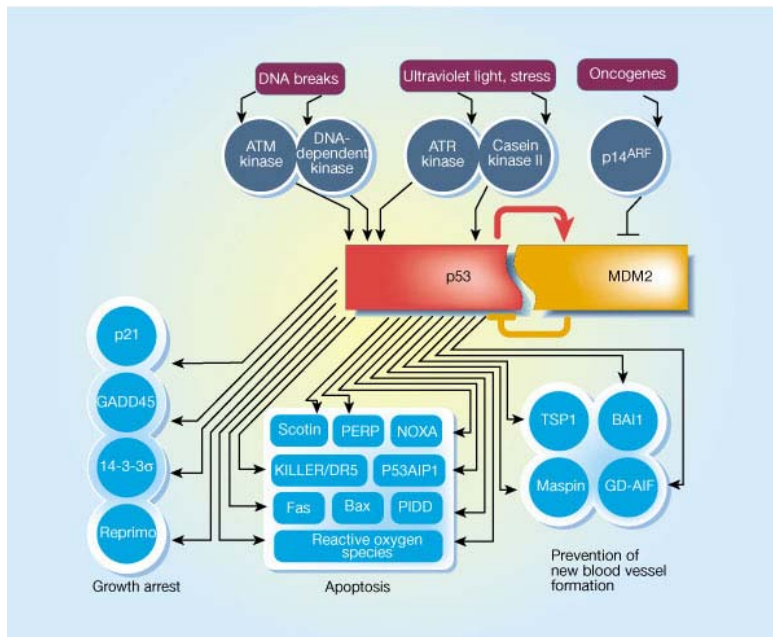
$$\Delta k(k) \sim k^\alpha \quad \alpha=1$$

$$P(d) \sim d^{-\sigma} \quad \sigma=1$$

Surfing the p53 network

Bert Vogelstein, David Lane and Arnold J. Levine

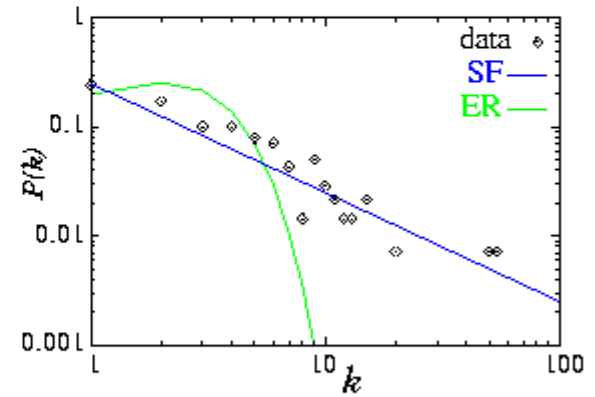
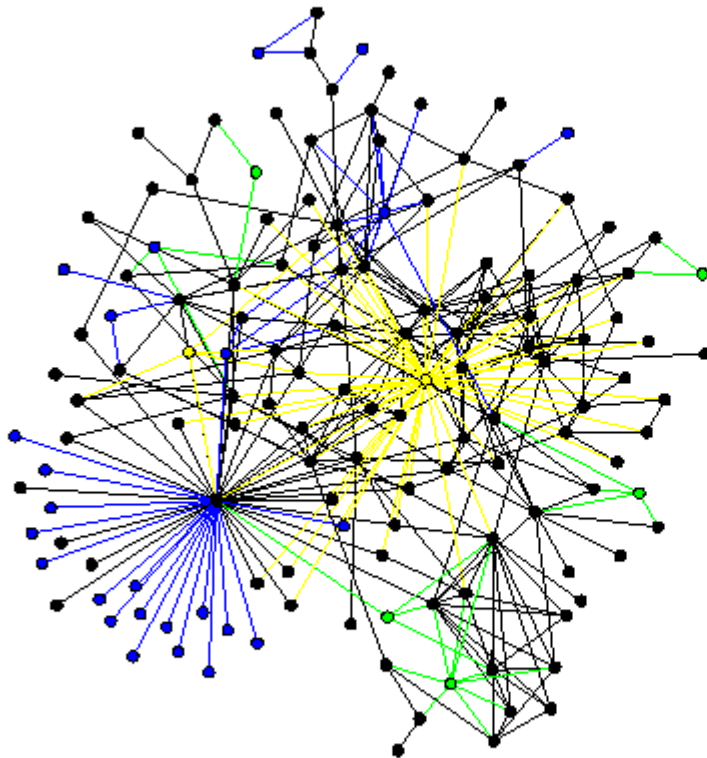
The p53 tumour-suppressor gene integrates numerous signals that control cell life and death. As when a highly connected node in the Internet breaks down, the disruption of p53 has severe consequences.



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“One way to understand the p53 network is to compare it to the Internet. The cell, like the Internet, appears to be a **‘scale-free network’**.”

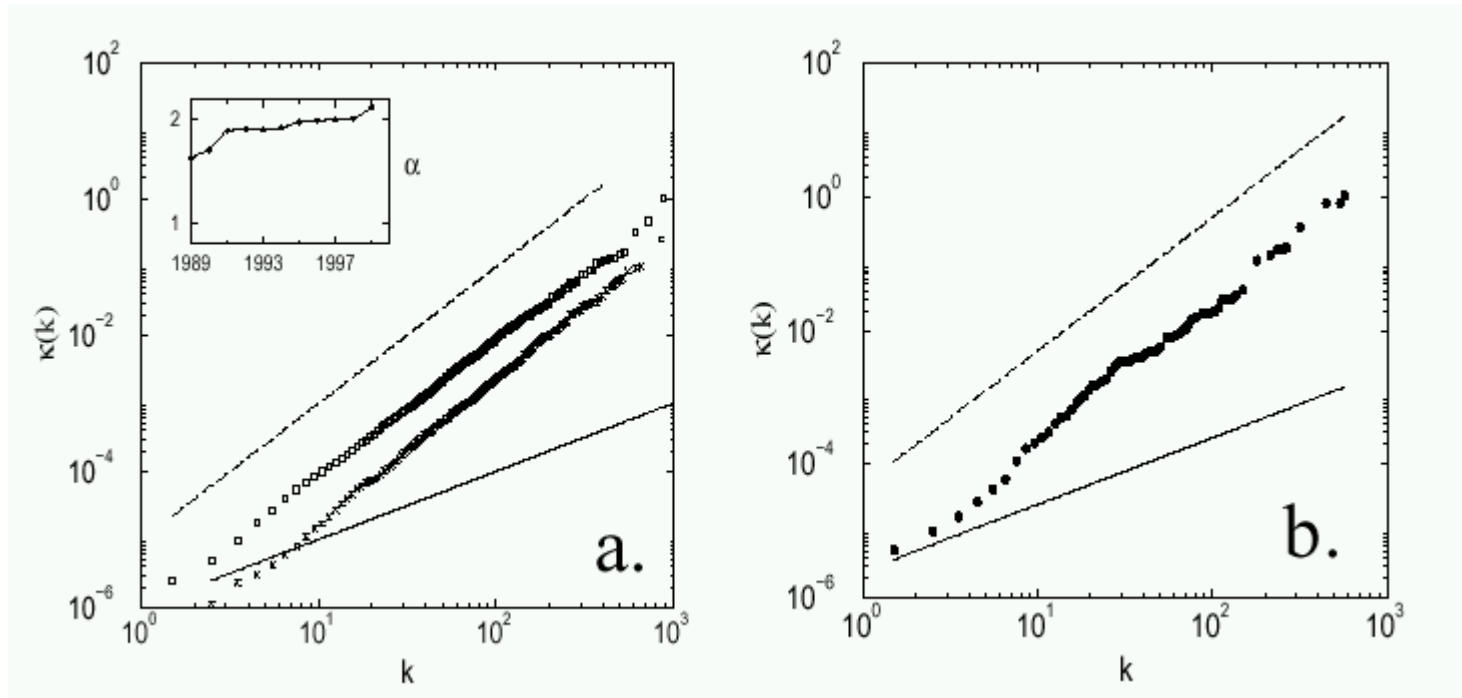
p53 network (mammals)



Preferential Attachment

$$\frac{\partial k_i}{\partial t} \propto \Pi(k_i) \sim \frac{\Delta k_i}{\Delta t} \quad \text{For given } \Delta t, \therefore \Delta k \propto \Pi(k)$$

k vs. Δk : increase in the No. of links in a unit time

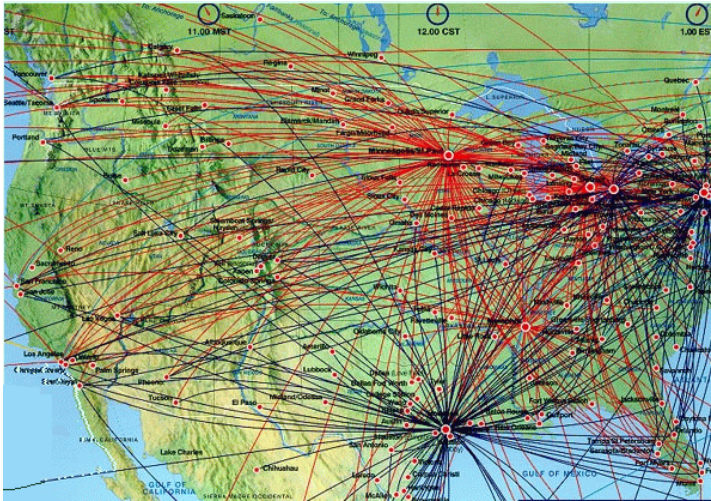


**Citation
network**

Internet

(cond-mat/0104131)

What is the topology of cellular networks?



Argument 1:

**Cellular networks are
scale-free!**

Reason:

**They formed one node
at a time...**



Argument 2:

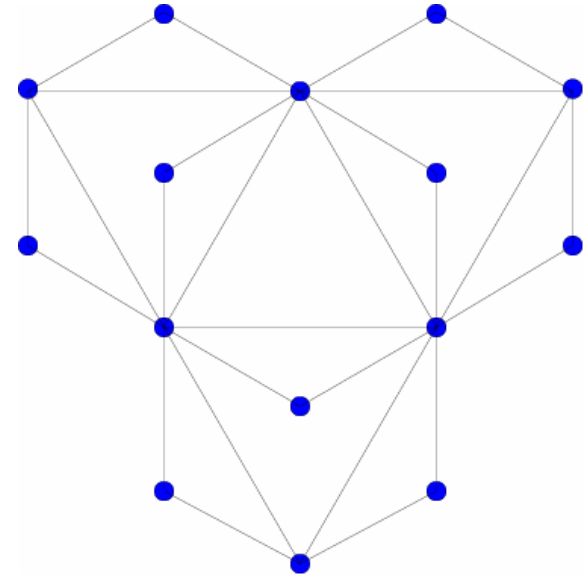
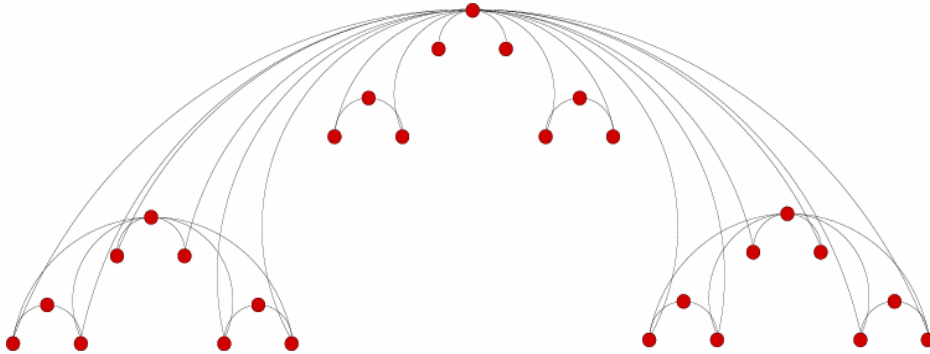
**Cellular networks are
exponential!**

Reason:

**They have been streamlined
by evolution...**

Combining Modularity and the Scale-free Property

Deterministic Scale-Free Networks



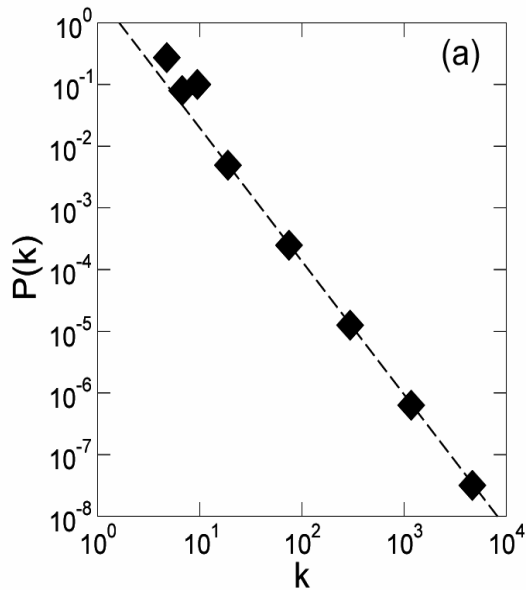
Barabási, A.-L., Ravasz, E., & Vicsek, T.
(2001) *Physica A* **299**, 559.

Dorogovtsev, S. N., Goltsev, A. V., &
Mendes, J. F. F. (2001) cond-mat/0112143.
(DGM)

Properties of hierarchical networks

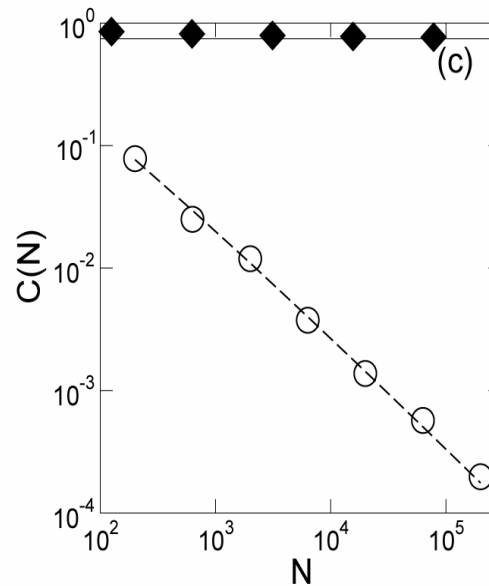
1. Scale-free

$$\gamma = 1 + \frac{\ln 5}{\ln 4}$$
$$= 2.161$$



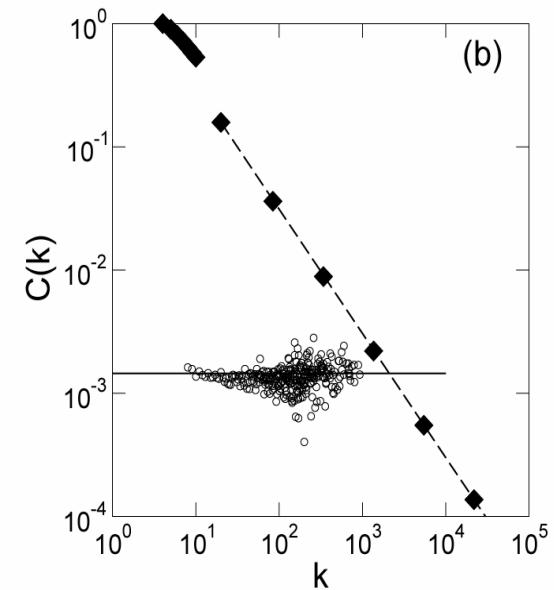
2. Clustering coefficient independent of N

$$C(N) = \text{const.}$$

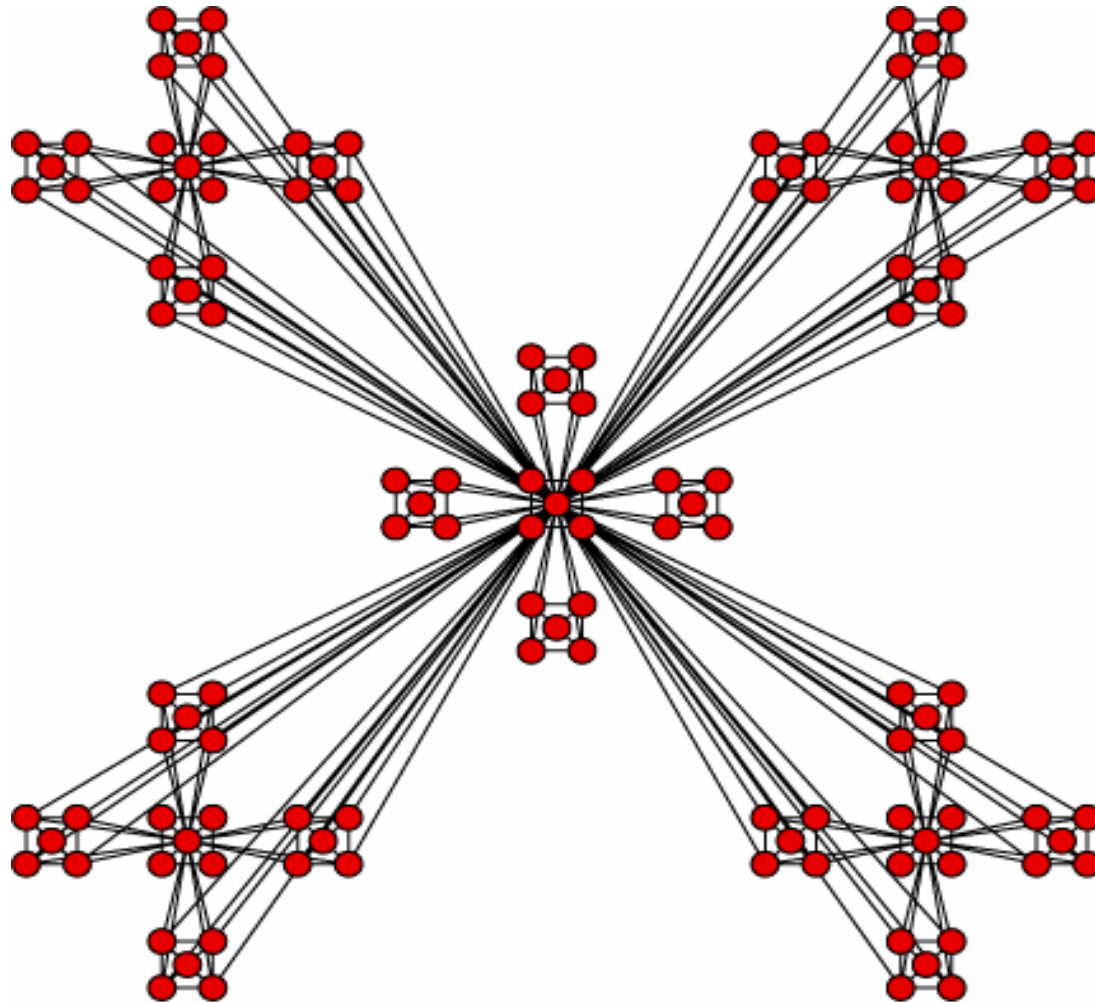


3. Scaling clustering coefficient (DGM)

$$C(k) \sim k^{-1}$$



Hierarchical Networks



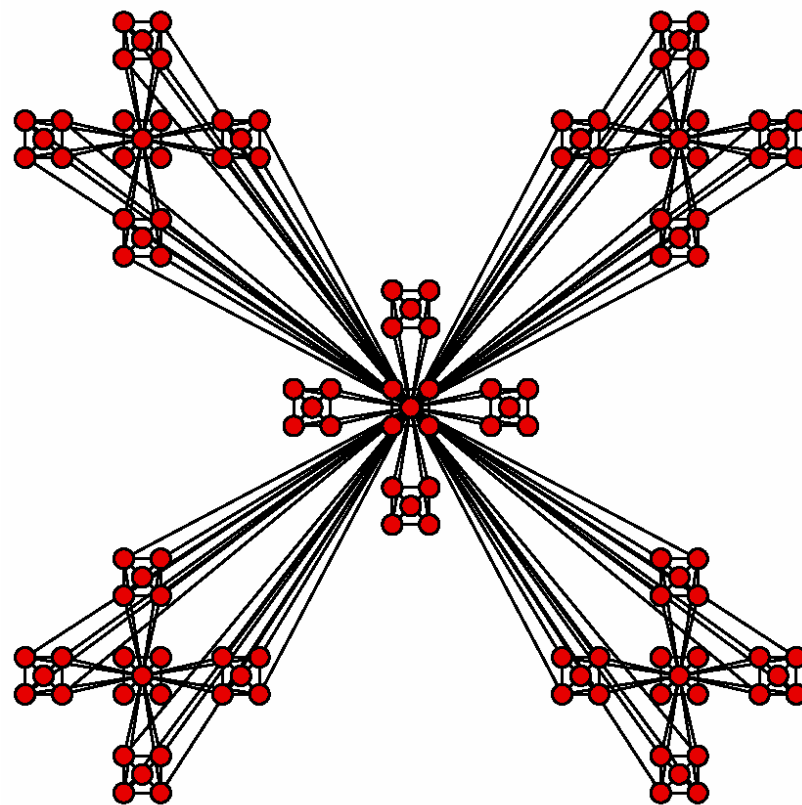
Real Networks Have a Hierarchical Topology

What does it mean?

Many highly connected small clusters
combine into
few larger but less connected clusters
combine into
even larger and even less connected clusters

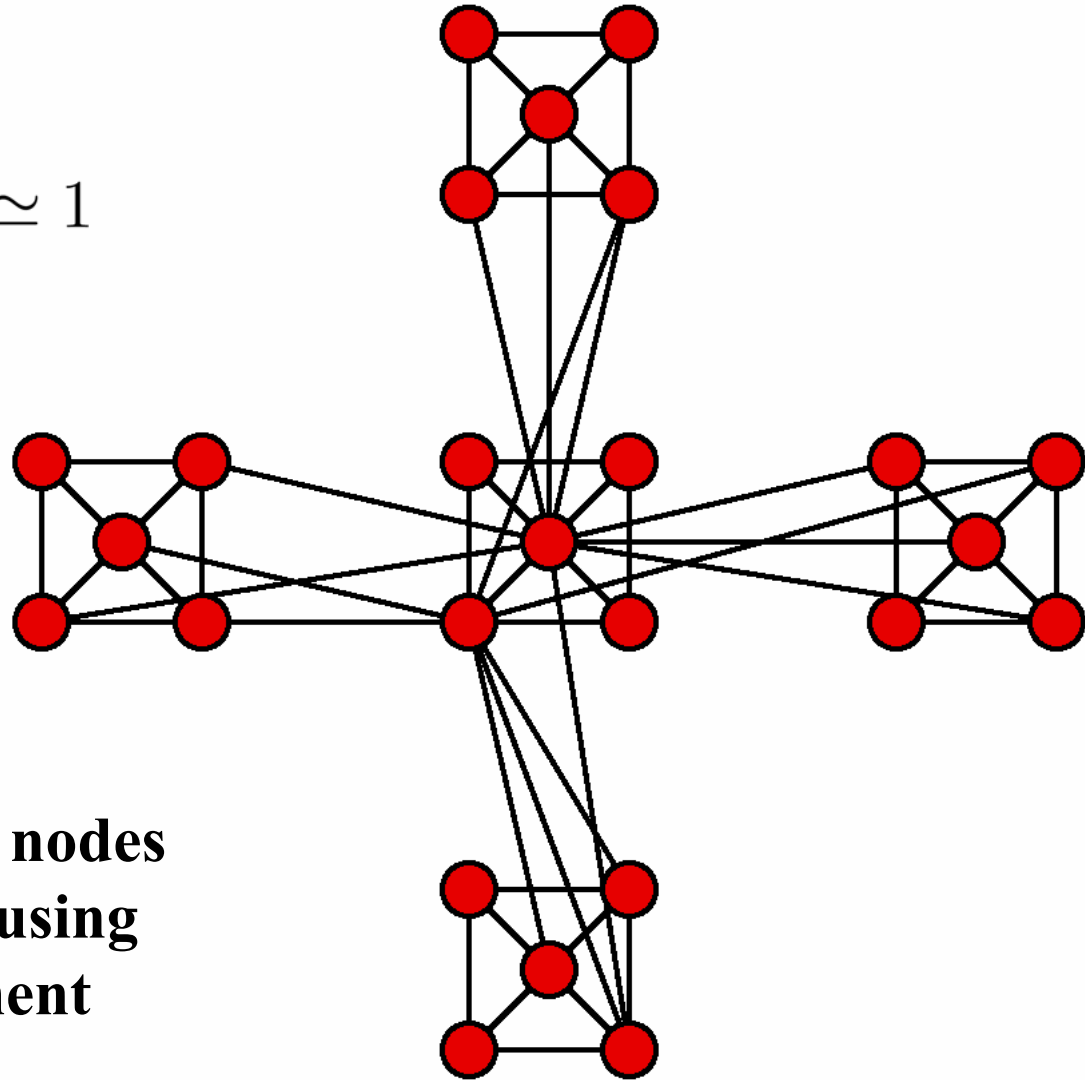
➤ The degree of clustering follows:

$$C(k) \sim k^{-\beta}$$



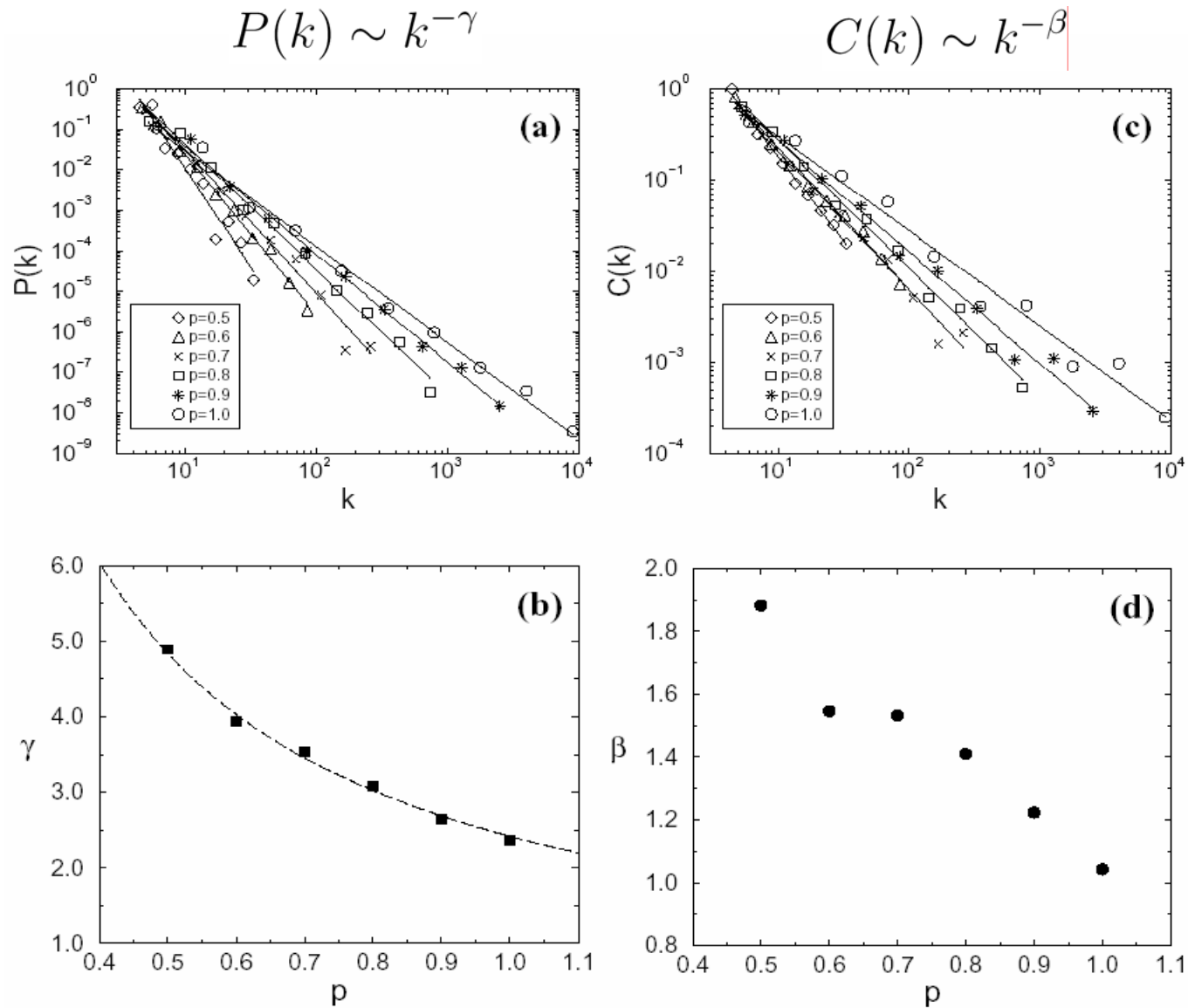
Is the hierarchical exponent β universal?

- ❖ $C(k) \sim k^{-\beta}$
- ❖ For most systems: $\beta \simeq 1$



**Connect a p fraction of nodes
to the central module using
preferential attachment**

Stochastic Hierarchical Model



Is hierarchy present in network models?

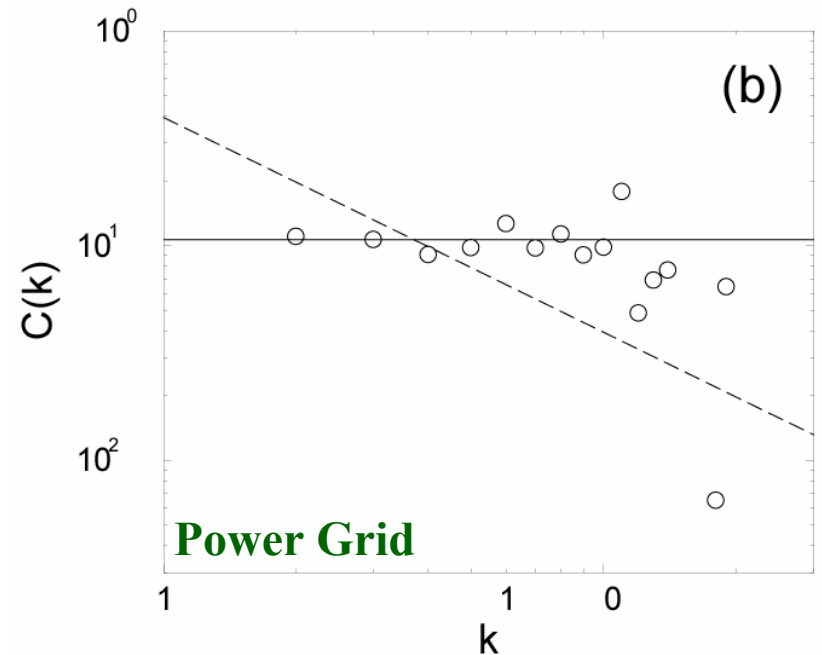
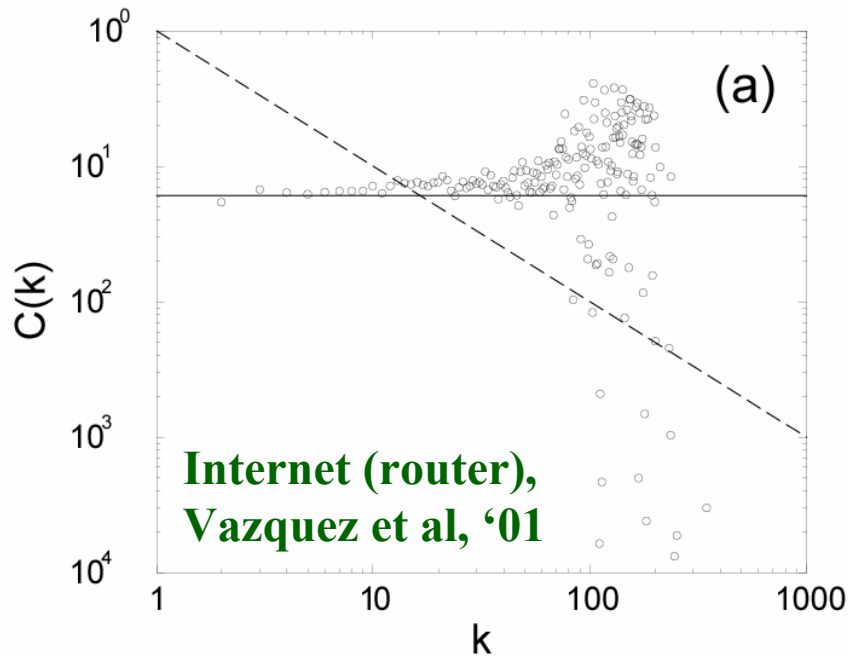
NO:

- Scale-free model (albert & Albert, 1999)
- Erdos-Renyi model (1959)
- Watts-Strogatz (1998)

YES:

- Dorogovtsev, Goltsev, Mendes, 2001 (determ.)
- Klemm and Eguiluz, 2002
 - Vasquez, Pastor-Satorras, Vespignani (2001)*
⇒ Bianconi & albert (fitness model) (2001)

Exceptions: Geographically Organized Networks:



Common feature:

economic pressures towards shorter links

Traditional modeling: Network as a static graph

Given a network with N nodes and L links



Create a graph with statistically identical topology

RESULT: model the static network topology

PROBLEM: Real networks are dynamical systems!

Evolving networks

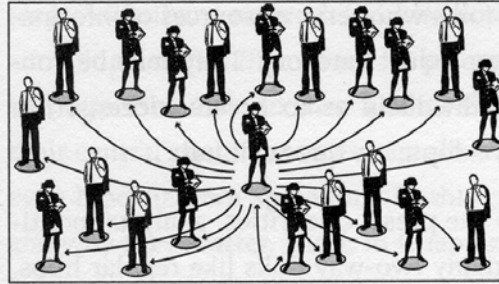
OBJECTIVE: capture the network dynamics

METHOD : $\left[\begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ identify the processes that contribute to the network topology} \\ \bullet \text{ develop dynamical models that capture these processes} \end{array} \right.$

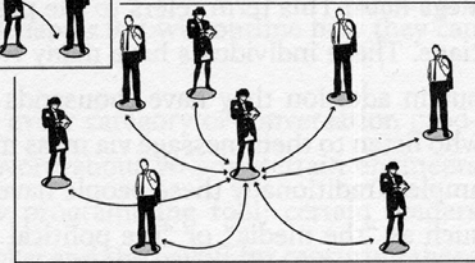


BONUS: get the topology correctly.

Society

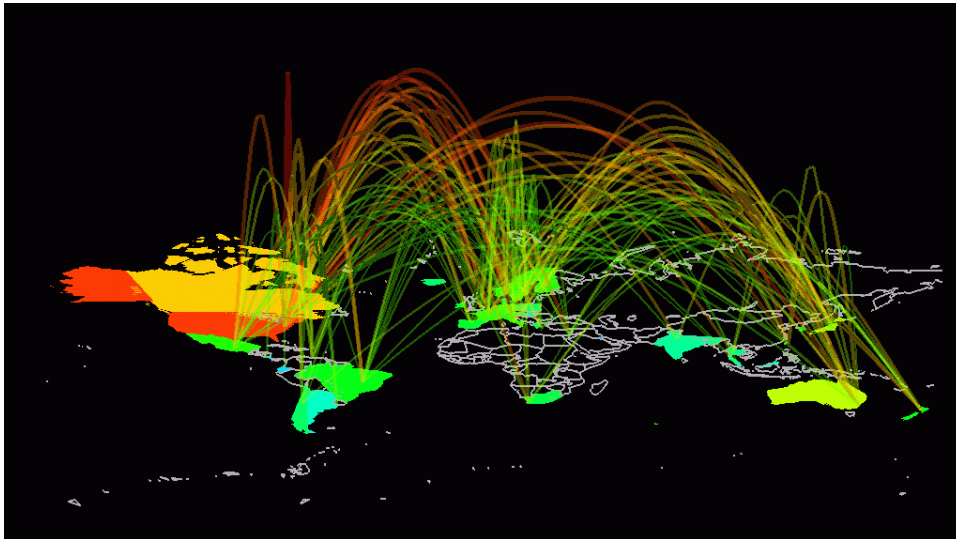


Mega-Hub. An MTV veejay spreads the word to thousands or millions of people through one-way links.

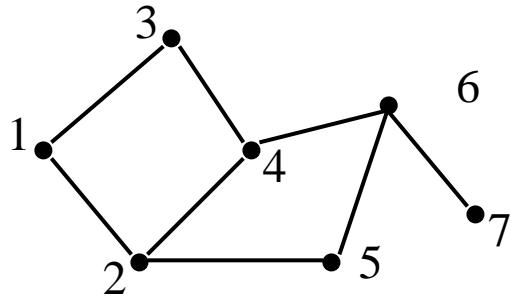


Hub. This undergraduate has spread the word to seven other people through two-way links.

Internet



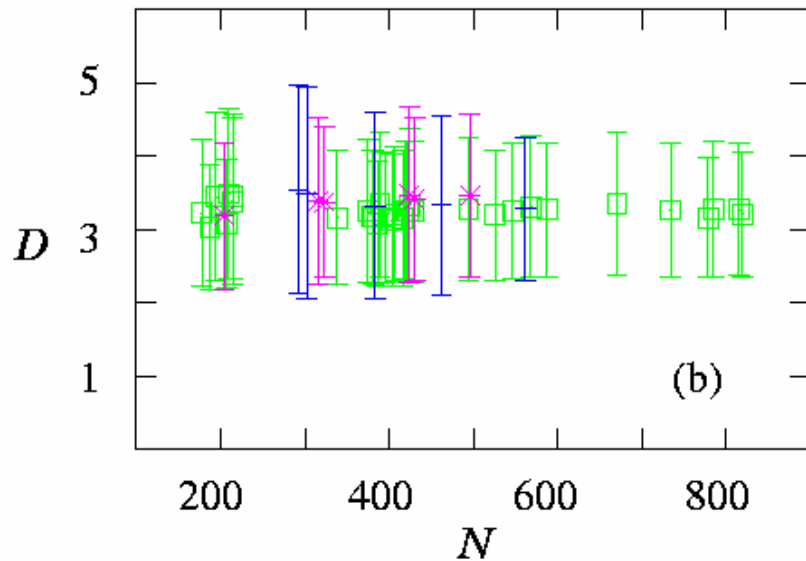
Node-node distance in metabolic networks



$$D_{15}=2 [1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5]$$

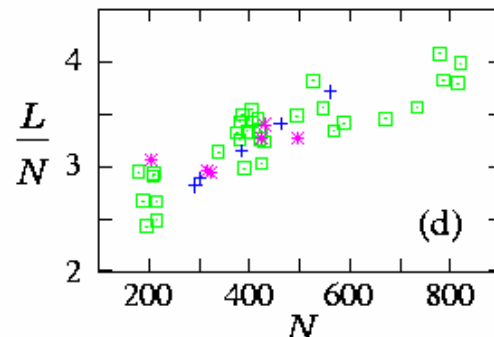
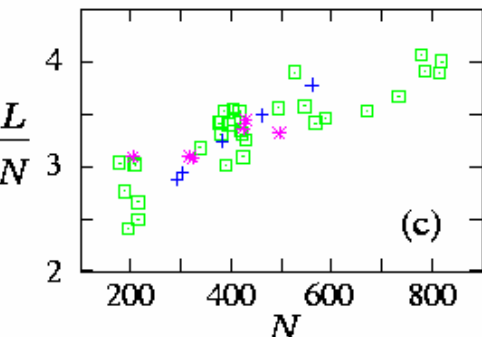
$$D_{17}=4 [1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7]$$

... $D = ??$



Scale-free networks:

$$D \sim \log(N)$$



Larger organisms are expected to have a larger diameter!

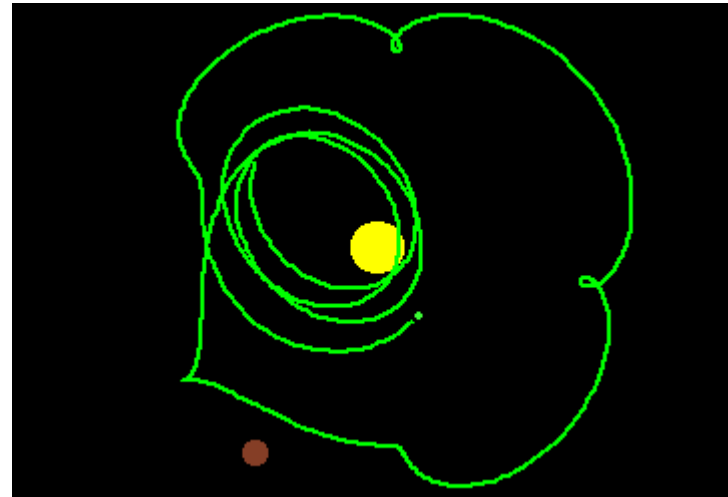
What is Complexity?

A popular paradigm: Simple systems display **complex** behavior

- non-linear systems
- chaos
- fractals

3 Body Problem

Earth(●) Jupiter (●) Sun (●)



Main Entry: ¹com·plex

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Late Latin *complexus* totality, from Latin, embrace, from *complecti*

Date: 1643

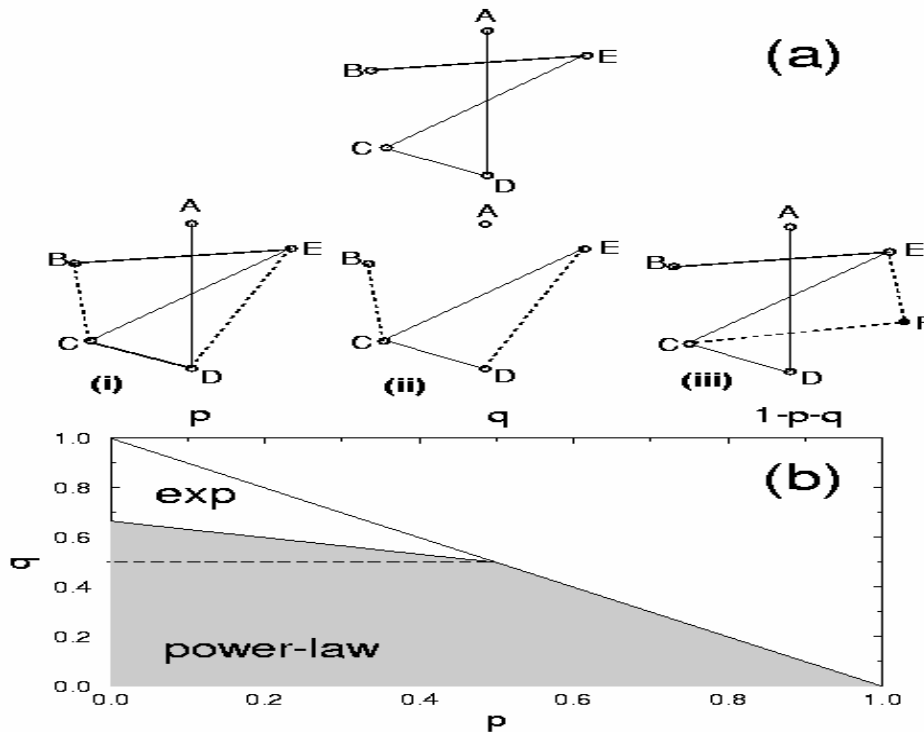
1 : a whole made up of complicated or interrelated parts

Universality?

WWW (in)	Internet	Actor	Citation index	Sex Web	Cellular network	Phone call network	linguistics
$\gamma = 2.1$	$\gamma = 2.5$	$\gamma = 2.3$	$\gamma = 3$	$\gamma = 3.5$	$\gamma = 2.1$	$\gamma = 2.1$	$\gamma = 2.8$

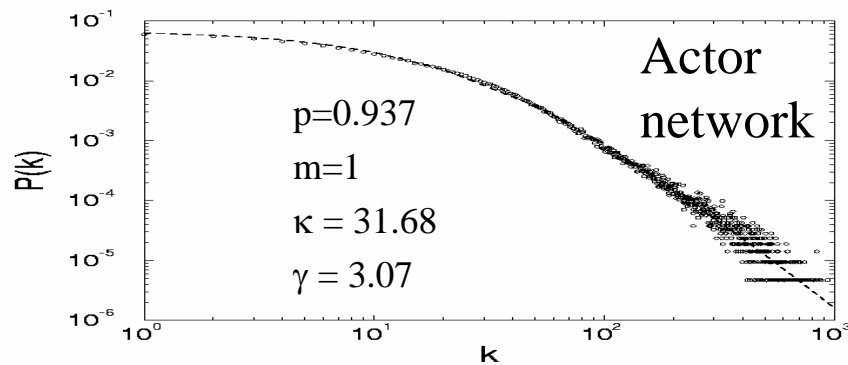
Extended Model

- prob. p : internal links
- prob. q : link deletion
- prob. $1-p-q$: add node



$$P(k) \sim (k + \kappa(p, q, m))^{-\gamma(p, q, m)}$$

$$\gamma \in [1, \infty)$$



- Predict the network topology from microscopic processes with parameters (p, q, m)
- Scaling but no universality

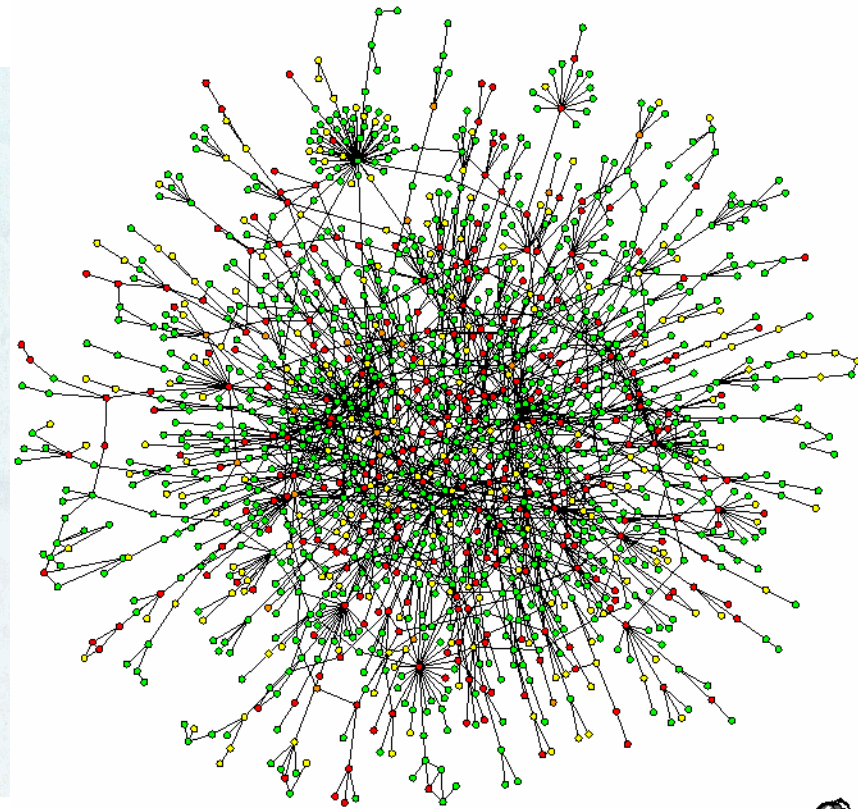
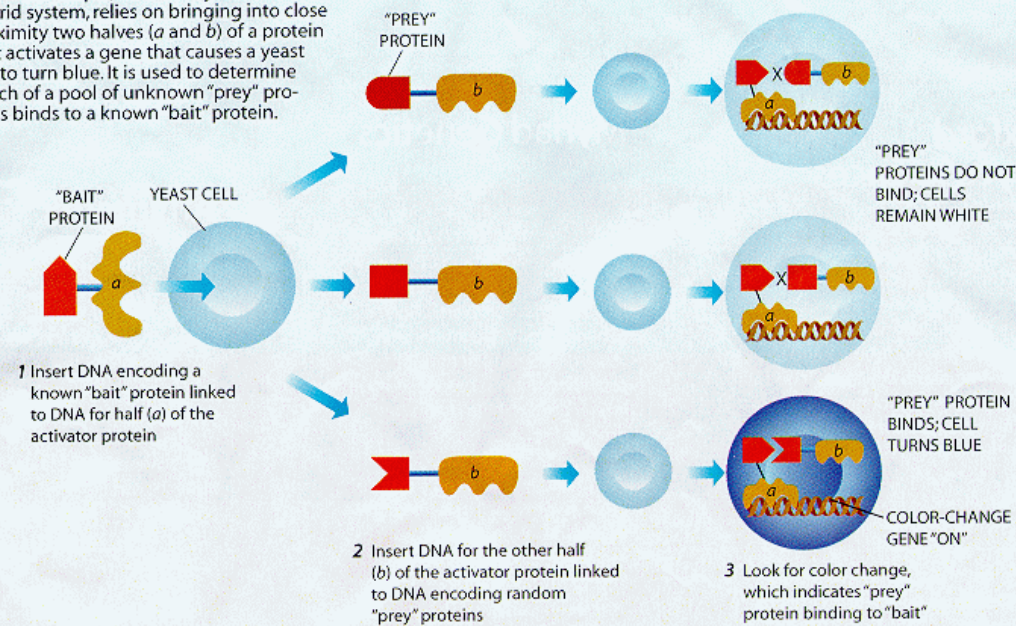
Yeast protein network

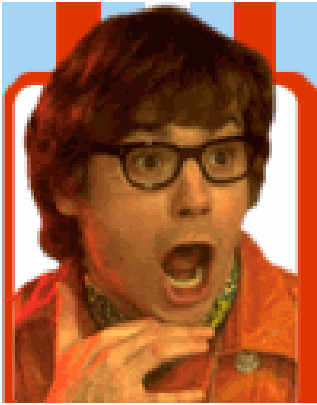
Nodes: proteins

Links: physical interactions (binding)

Finding Proteins That Interact

One technique, called the yeast two-hybrid system, relies on bringing into close proximity two halves (*a* and *b*) of a protein that activates a gene that causes a yeast cell to turn blue. It is used to determine which of a pool of unknown "prey" proteins binds to a known "bait" protein.



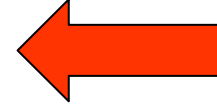


Austin Powers:
The spy who
shagged me



Robert Wagner

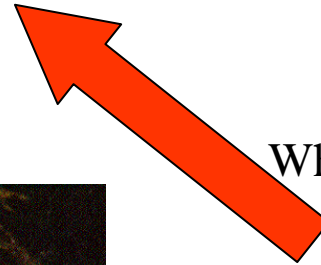
Let's make
it legal



Wild Things

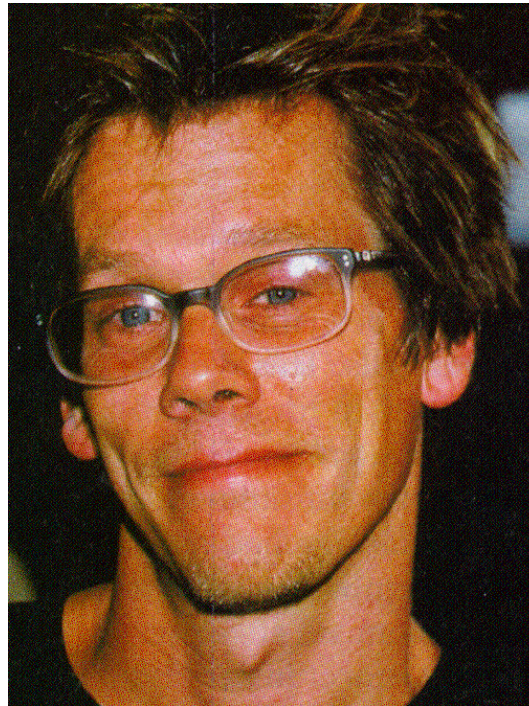
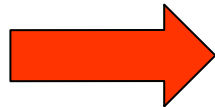


What Price Glory

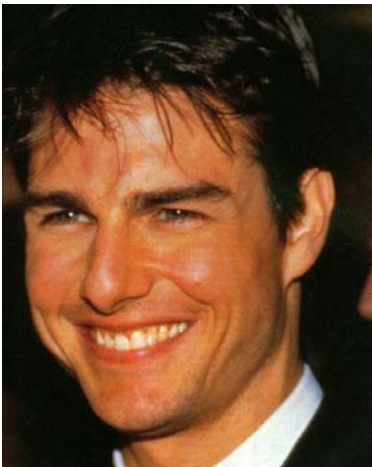
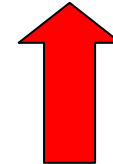


Barry Norton

A Few
Good Men



Monsieur
Verdoux



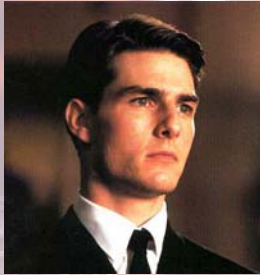
**ARE COMPLEX NETWORKS
REALLY RANDOM?**

NO!

ACTOR CONNECTIVITIES

Nodes: actors

Links: cast jointly



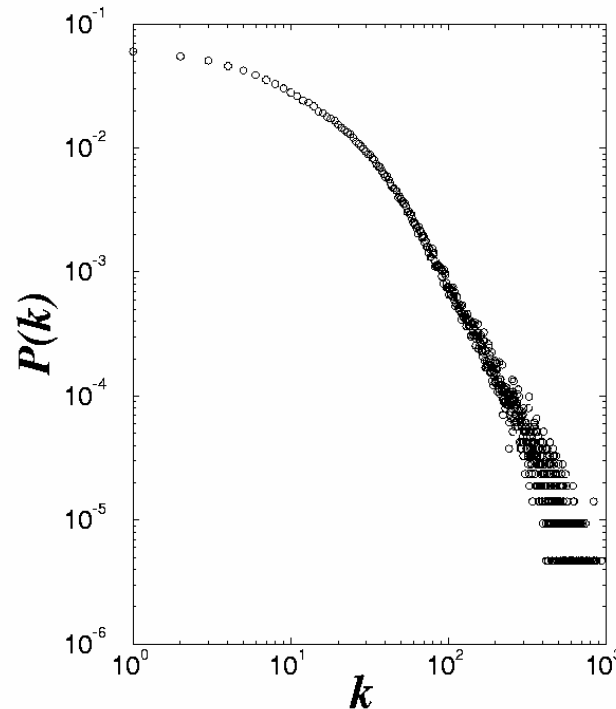
Days of Thunder (1990)
Far and Away (1992)
Eyes Wide Shut (1999)

$N = 212,250$ actors

$\langle k \rangle = 28.78$

$P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}$

$\gamma = 2.3$



Society

Nodes: individuals

Links: social relationship
(family/work/friendship/etc.)



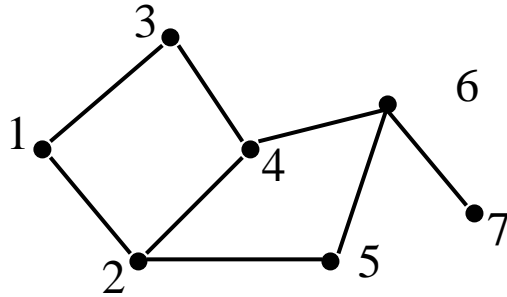
S. Milgram (1967)

John Guare, Six Degrees of Separation

1929, Frigyes Karinthy

“we could name any person among earth’s one and a half billion inhabitants and through at *most five* acquaintances, one of which he knew personally, he could link to the chosen one”

19 degrees of separation



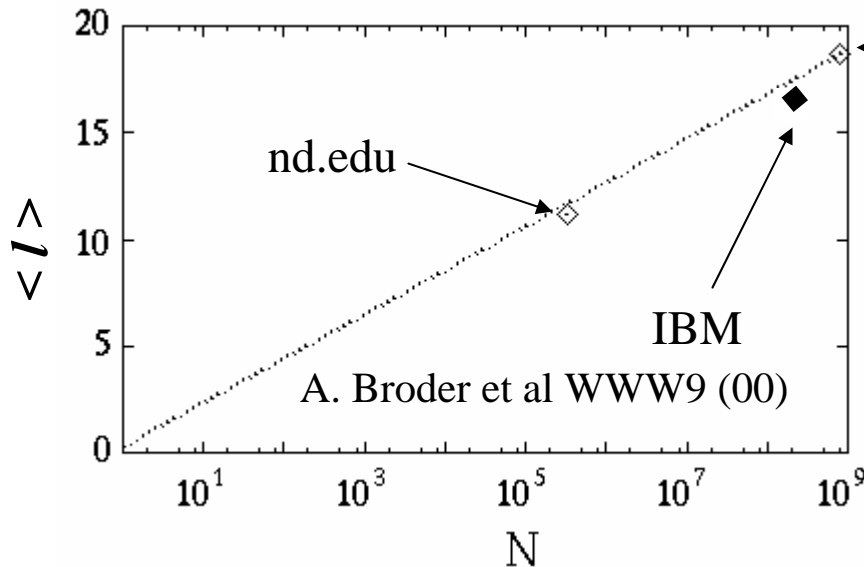
$$l_{15}=2 [1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5]$$

$$l_{17}=4 [1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7]$$

$$\dots \langle l \rangle = ??$$

- **Finite size scaling:** create a network with N nodes with $P_{in}(k)$ and $P_{out}(k)$

$$\langle l \rangle = 0.35 + 2.06 \log(N)$$



← **19 degrees of separation**

R. Albert et al Nature (99)

based on 800 million webpages
[S. Lawrence et al Nature (99)]

What is Complexity?

A popular paradigm:

Simple systems display **complex** behavior

Main Entry: **¹com·plex**

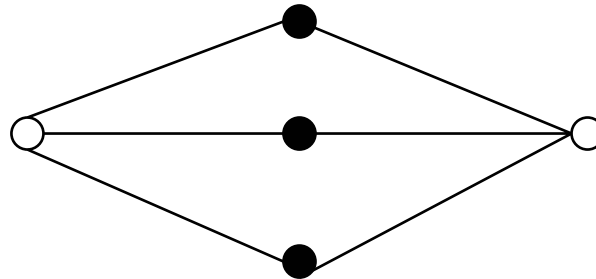
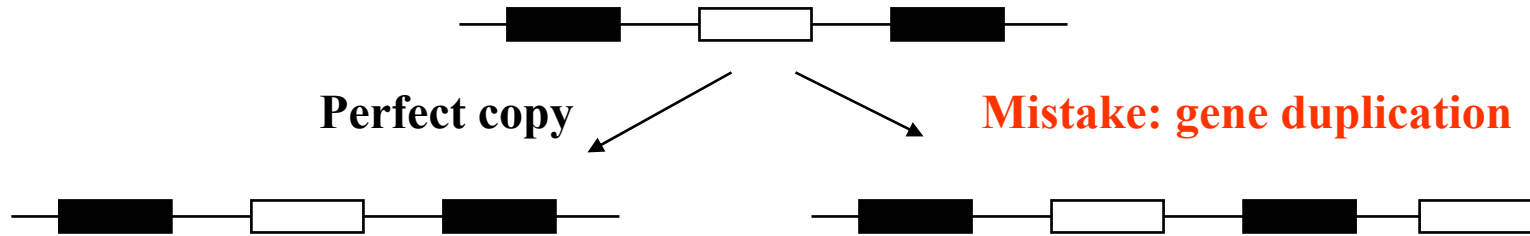
Function: *noun*

Etymology: Late Latin *complexus* totality, from Latin, embrace, from *complecti*

Date: 1643

1 : a whole made up of complicated or interrelated parts

Origin of the scale-free topology: Gene Duplication



Proteins with more interactions are more likely to get a new link:

$$\Pi(k) \sim k$$

(preferential attachment).

Wagner (2001); Vazquez *et al.* 2003; Sole *et al.* 2001; Rzhetsky & Gomez (2001);
Qian *et al.* (2001); Bhan *et al.* (2002).

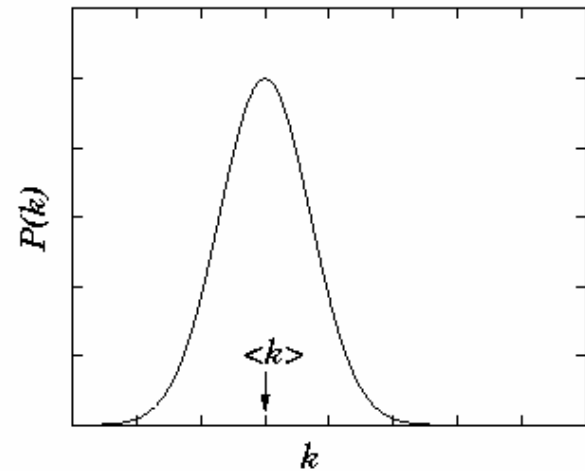
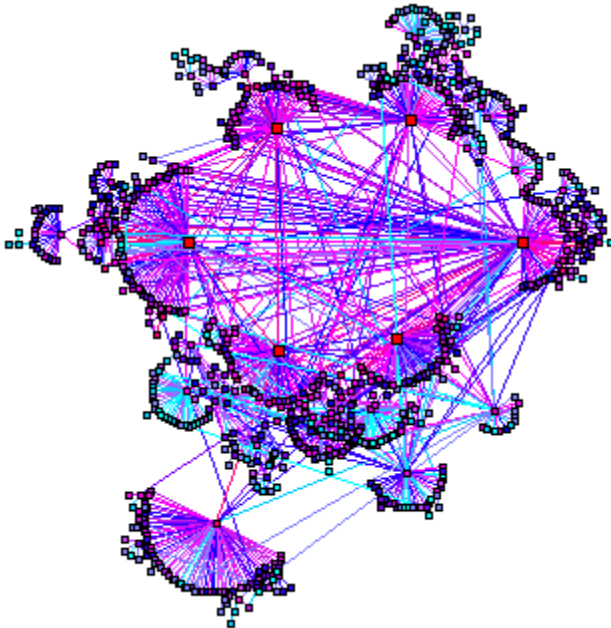
World Wide Web

Nodes: WWW documents

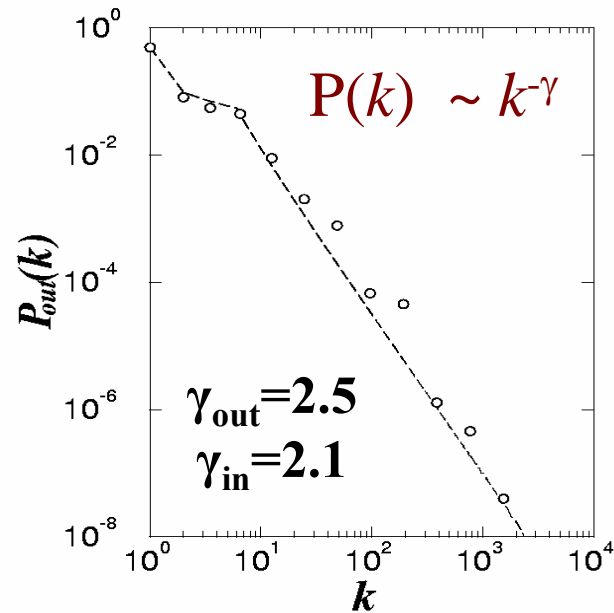
Links: URL links

Over 3 billion documents

ROBOT: collects all URL's found in a document and follows them recursively



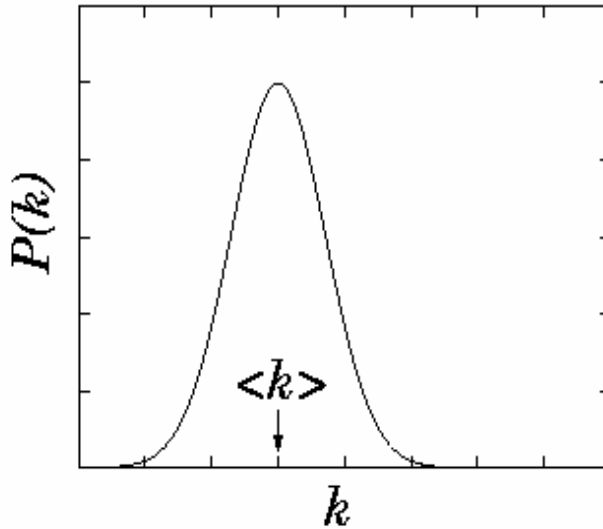
Expected



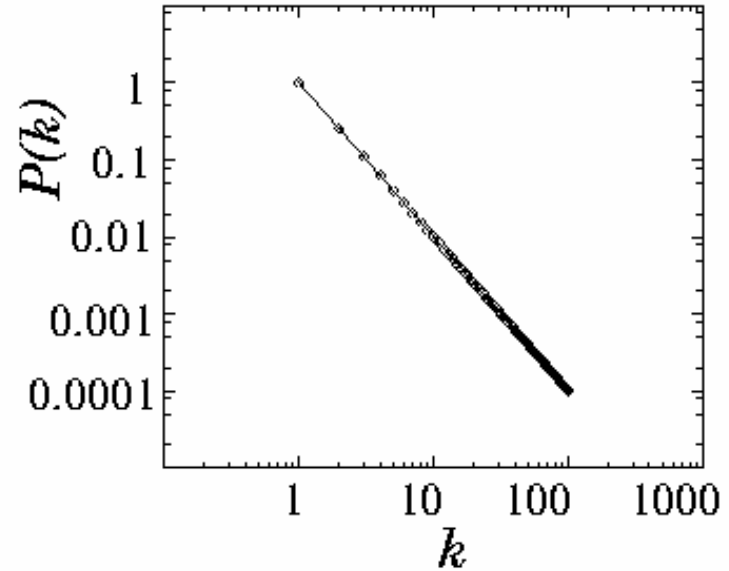
Found

What does it mean?

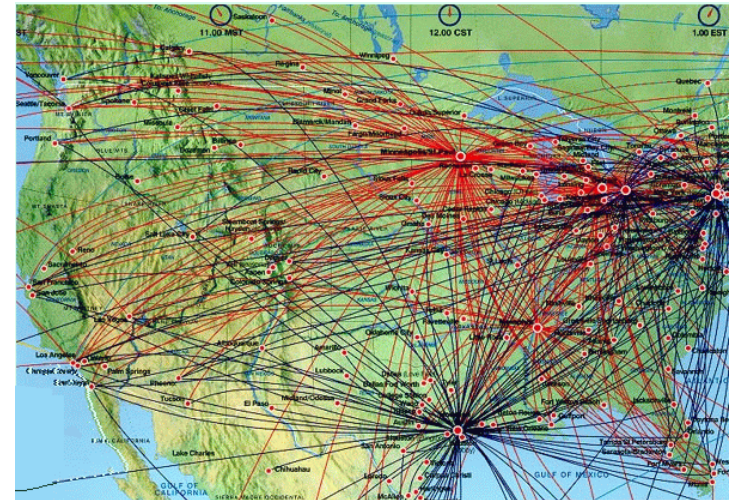
Poisson distribution



Power-law distribution



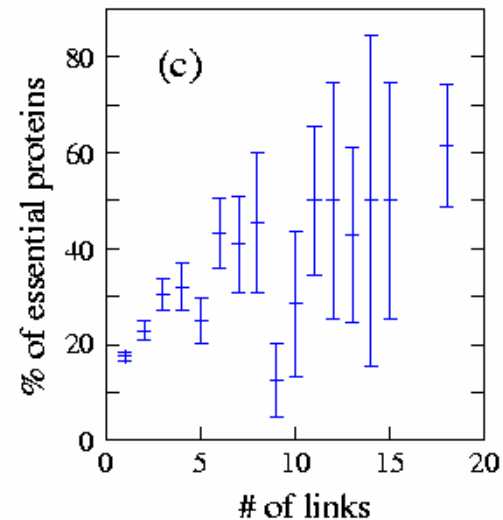
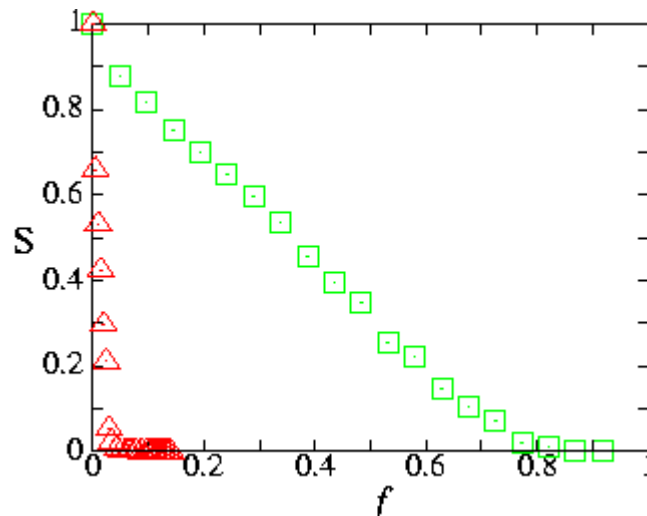
Exponential Network



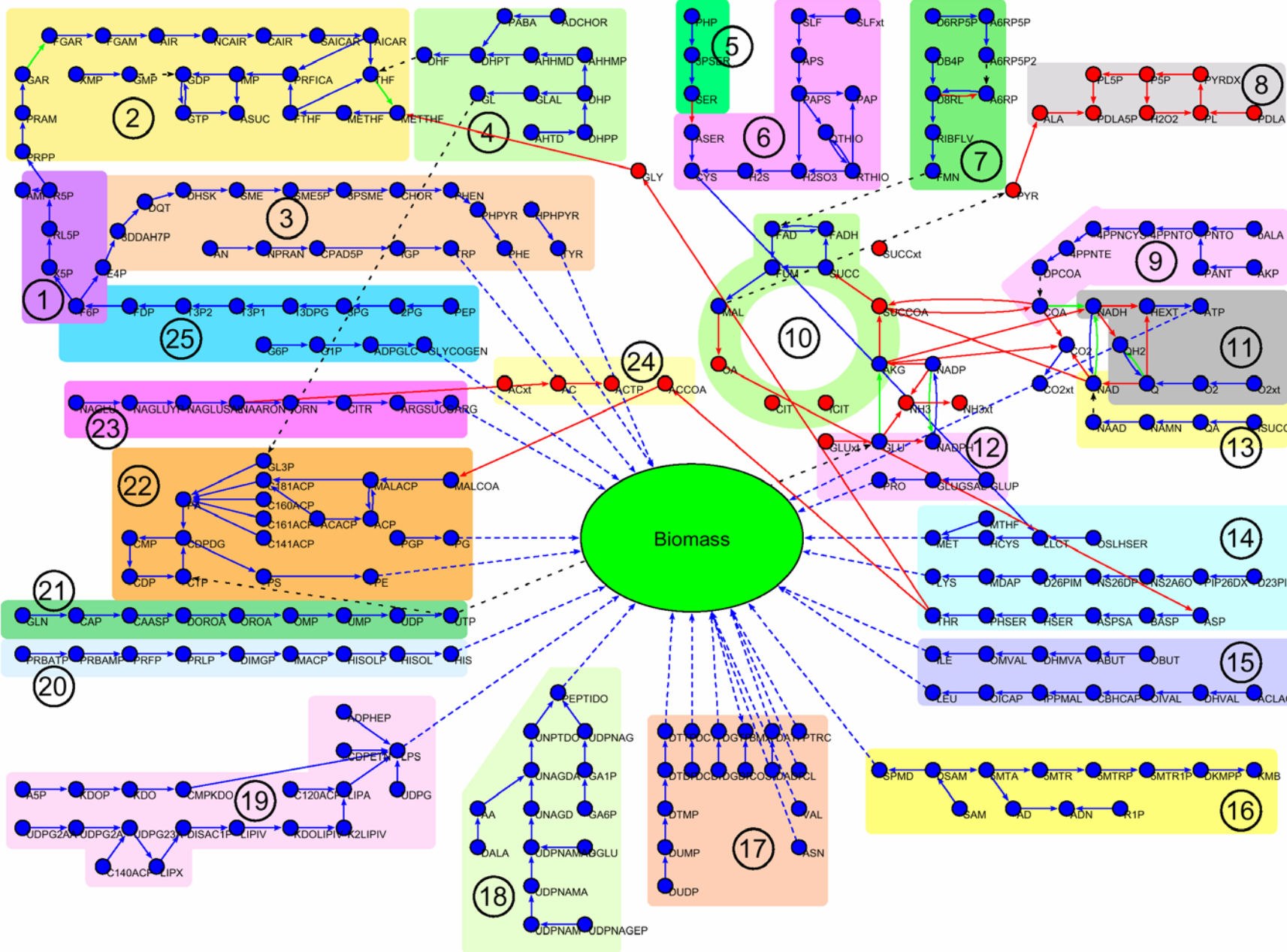
Scale-free Network

Yeast protein network

- lethality and topological position -



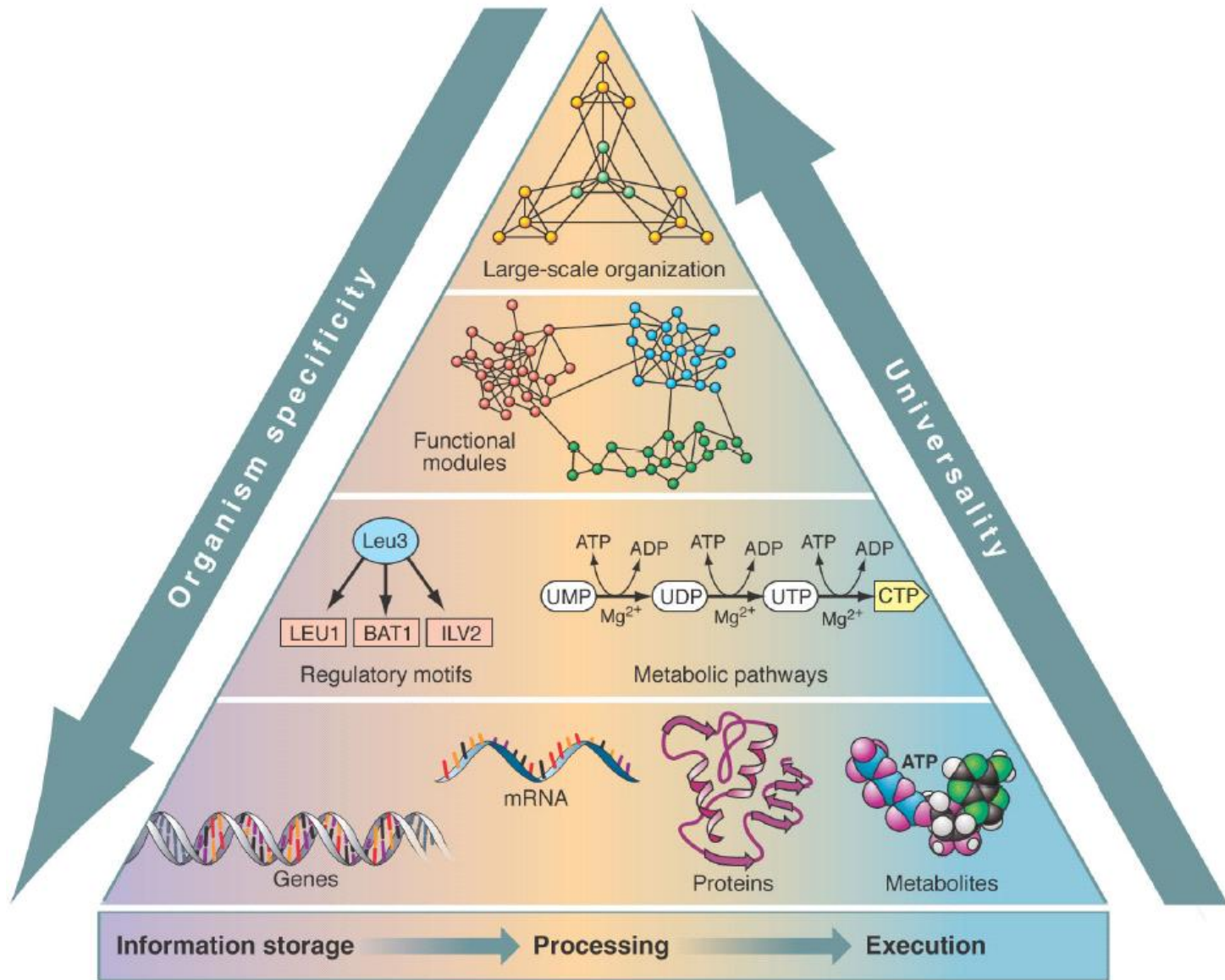
Highly connected proteins are more **essential (lethal)**...



Glutamate rich substrate

Succinate rich substrate

Life's Complexity Pyramid



Z.N. Oltvai and A.-L. B. *Science*, 2002.