

Social Network Analysis

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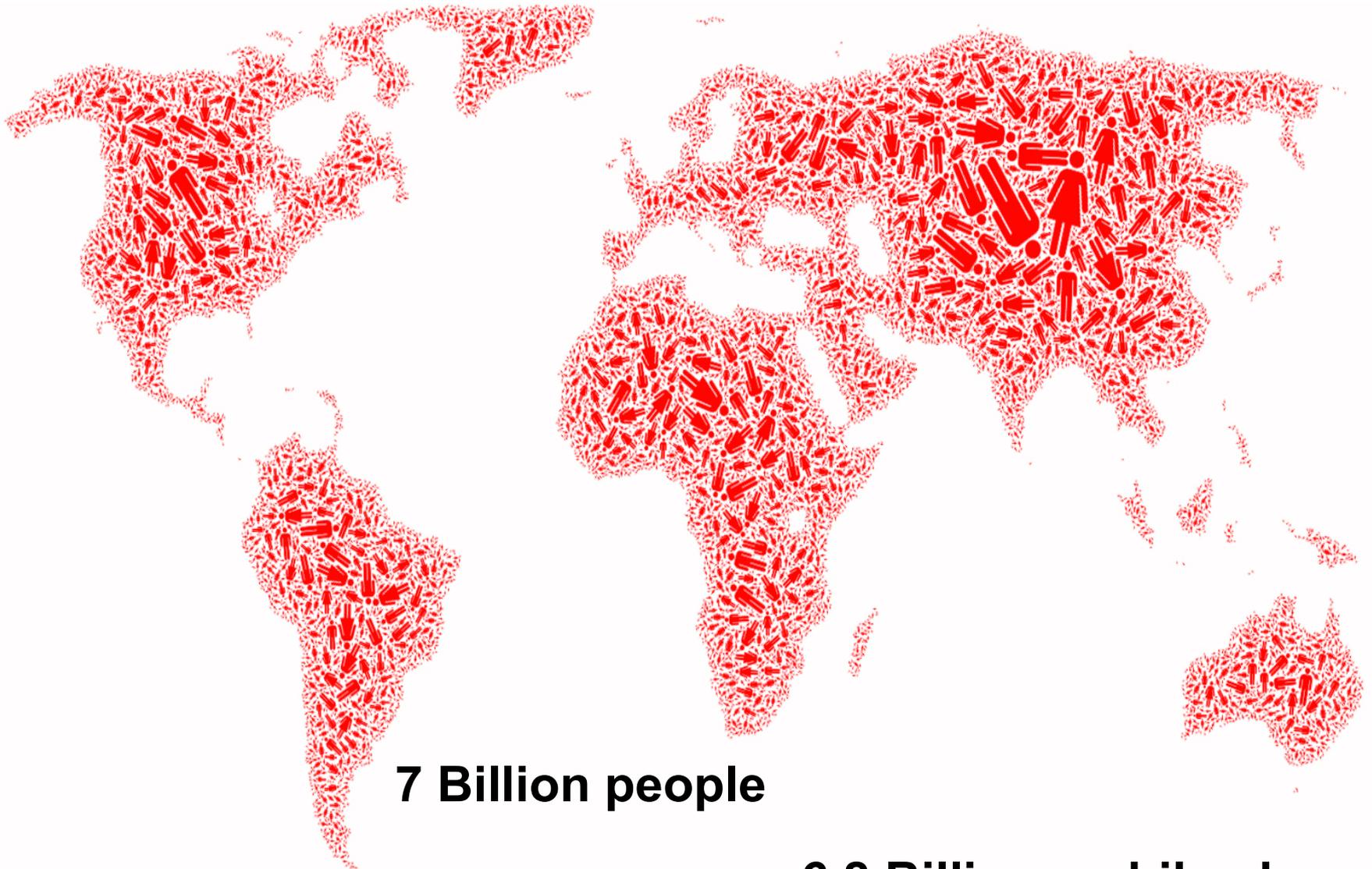


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7 Billion people

6.8 Billion mobile phones



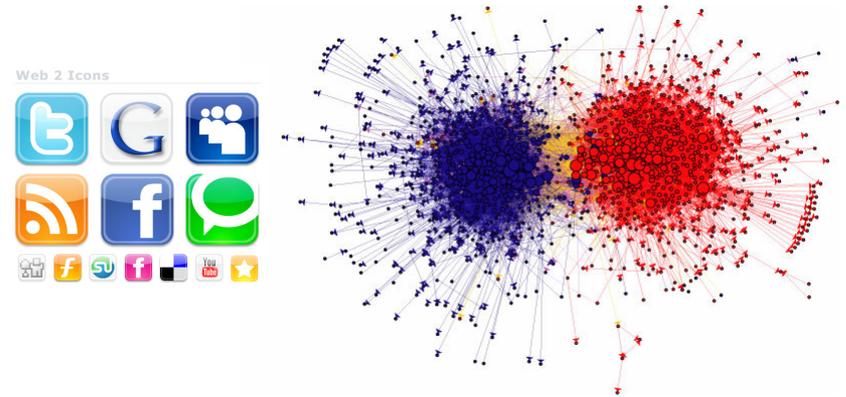
Siamo tutti Pollicini digitali
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Big data proxies of social life

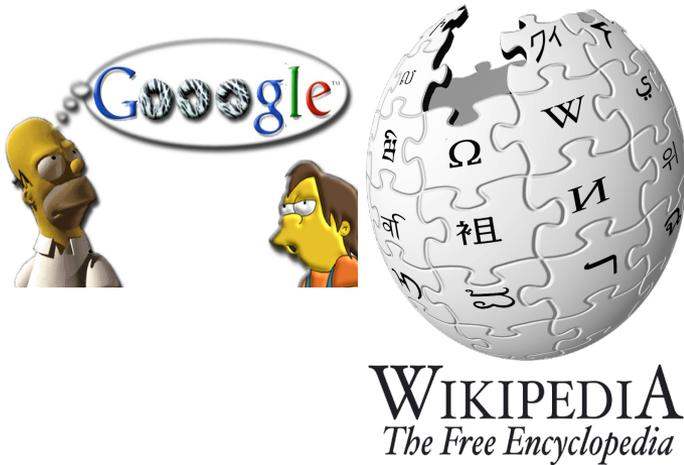
Shopping patterns & lifestyle



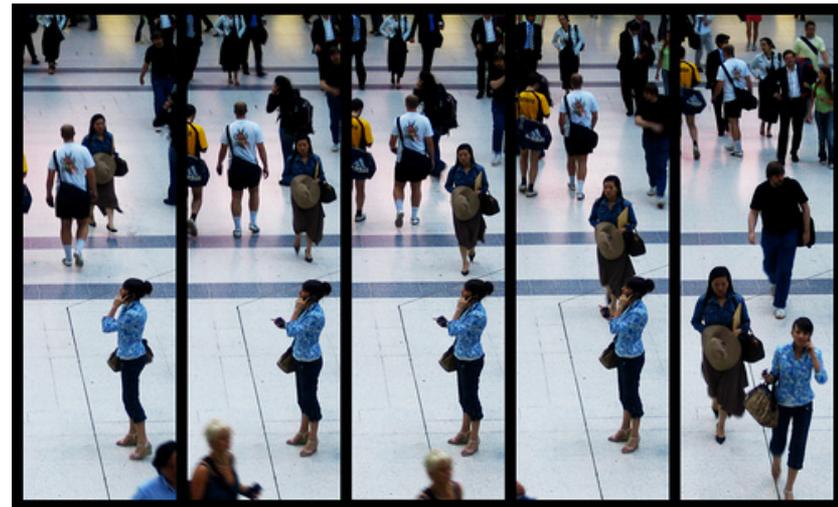
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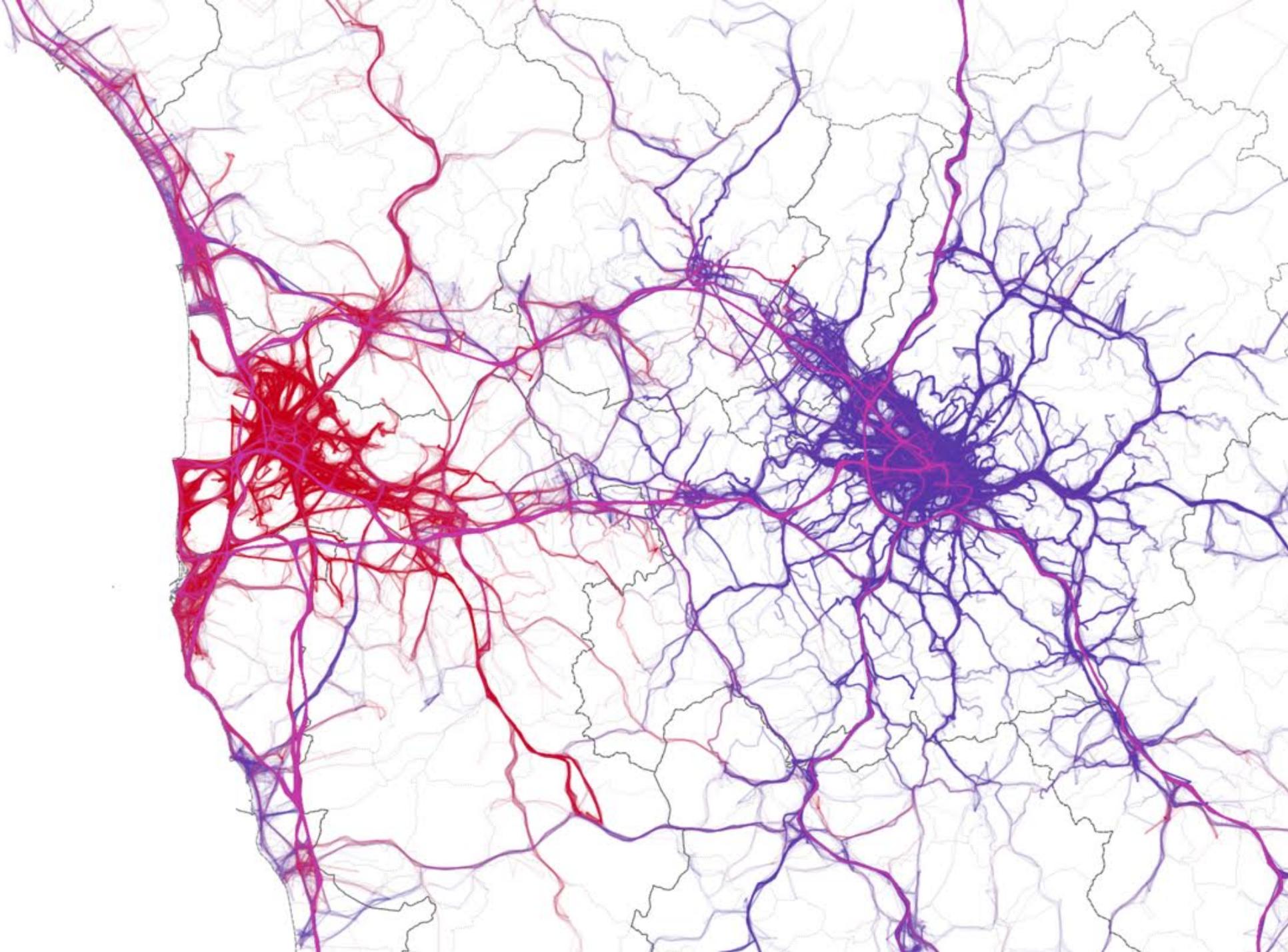


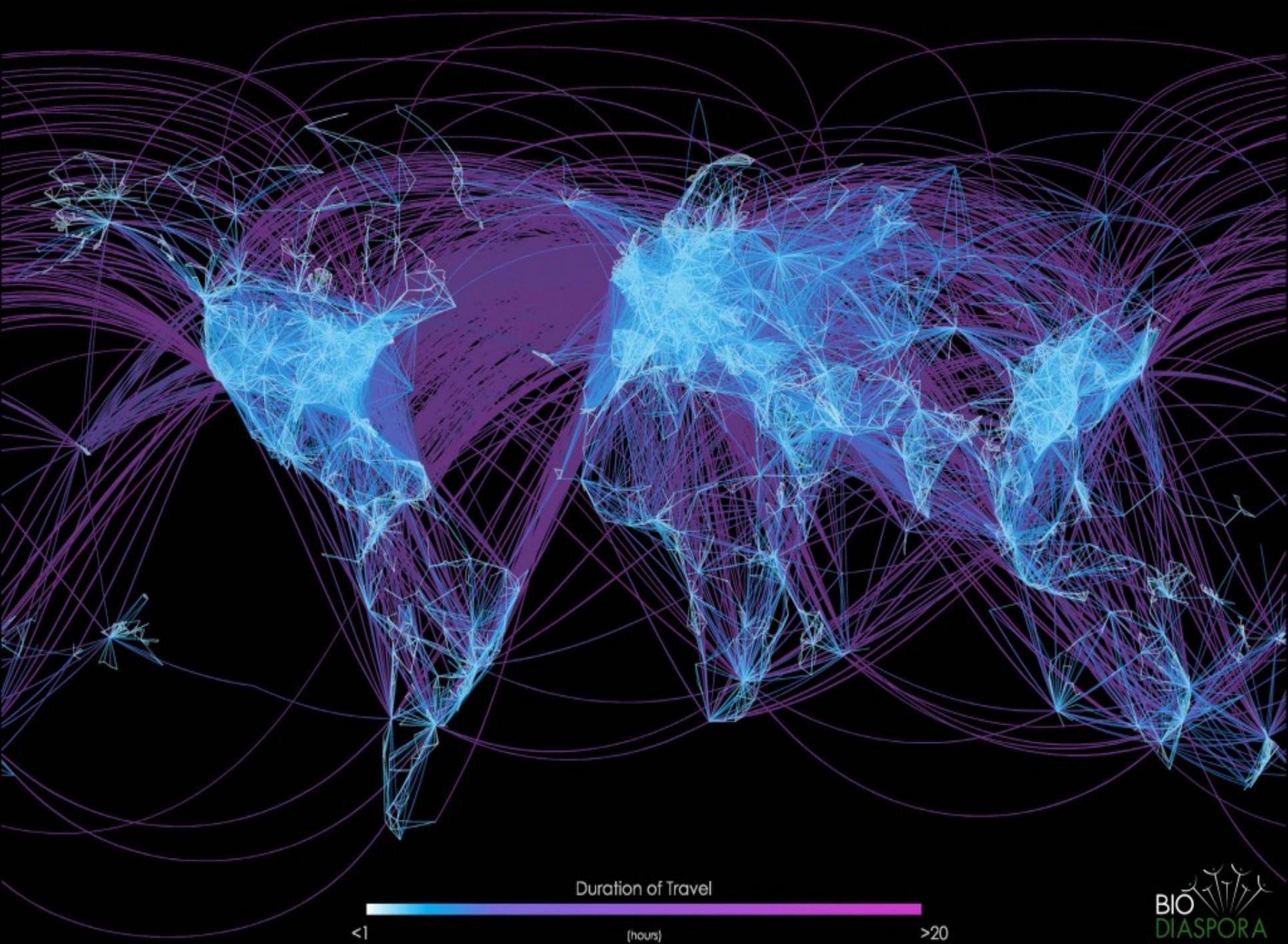
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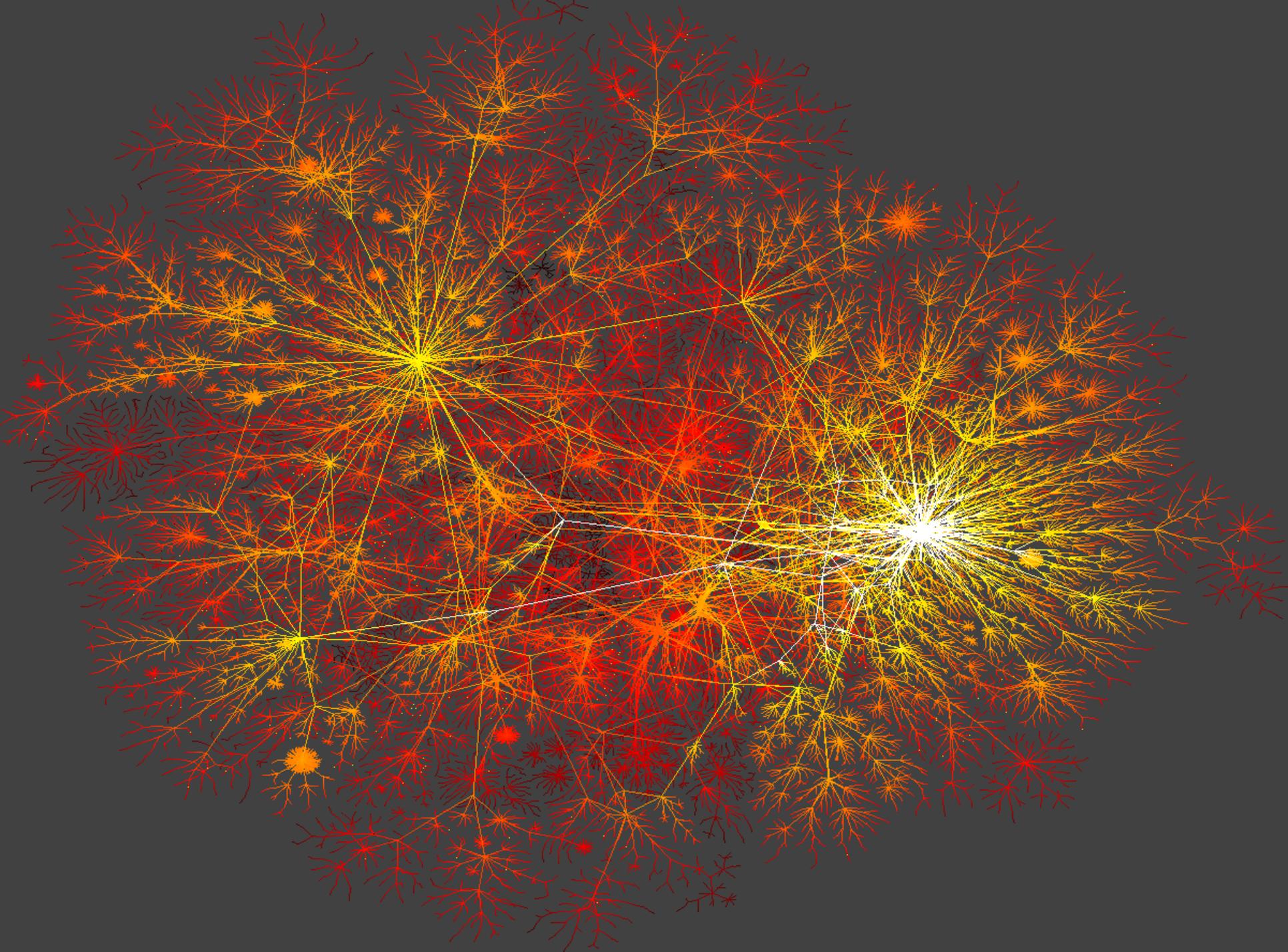
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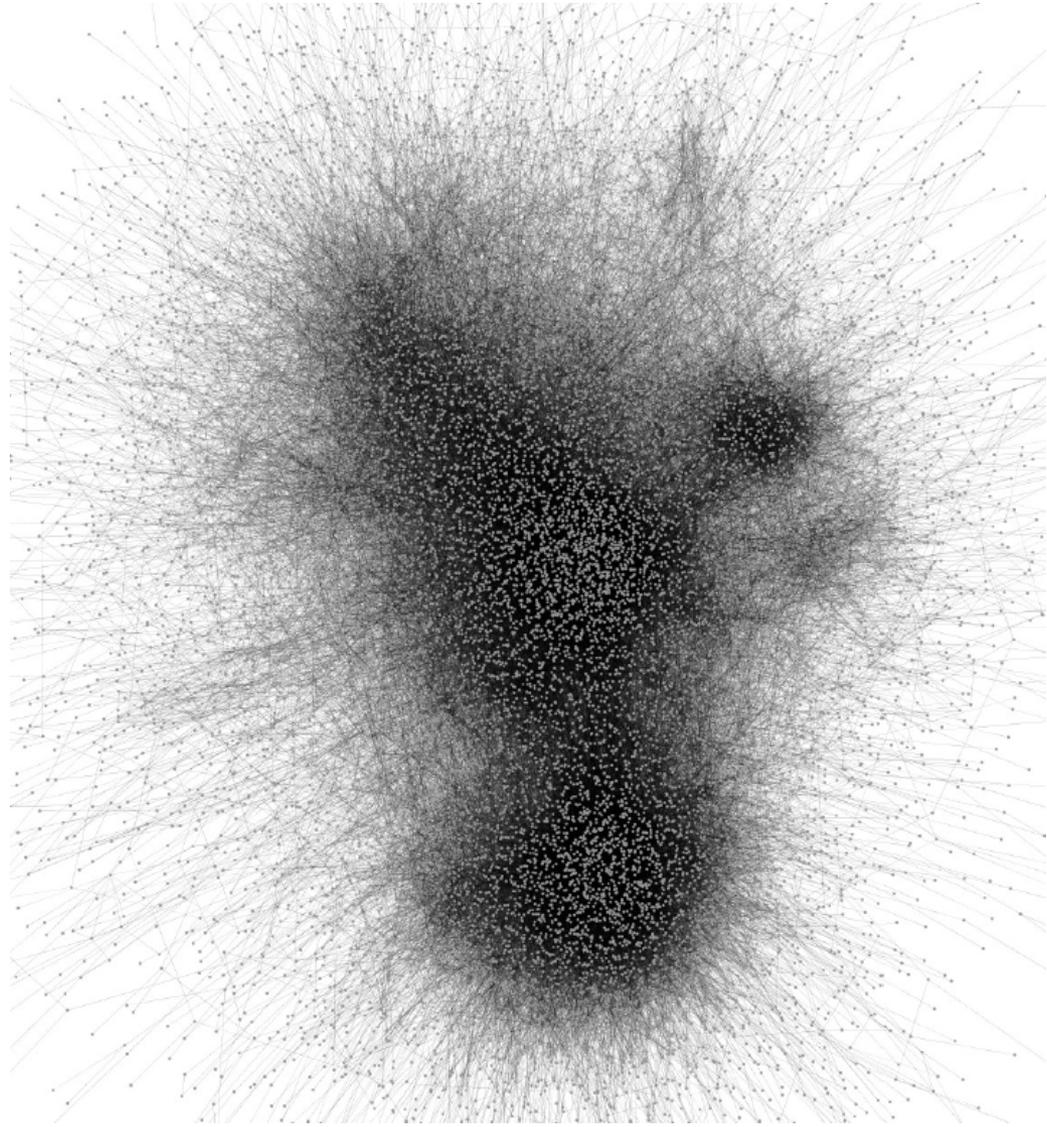


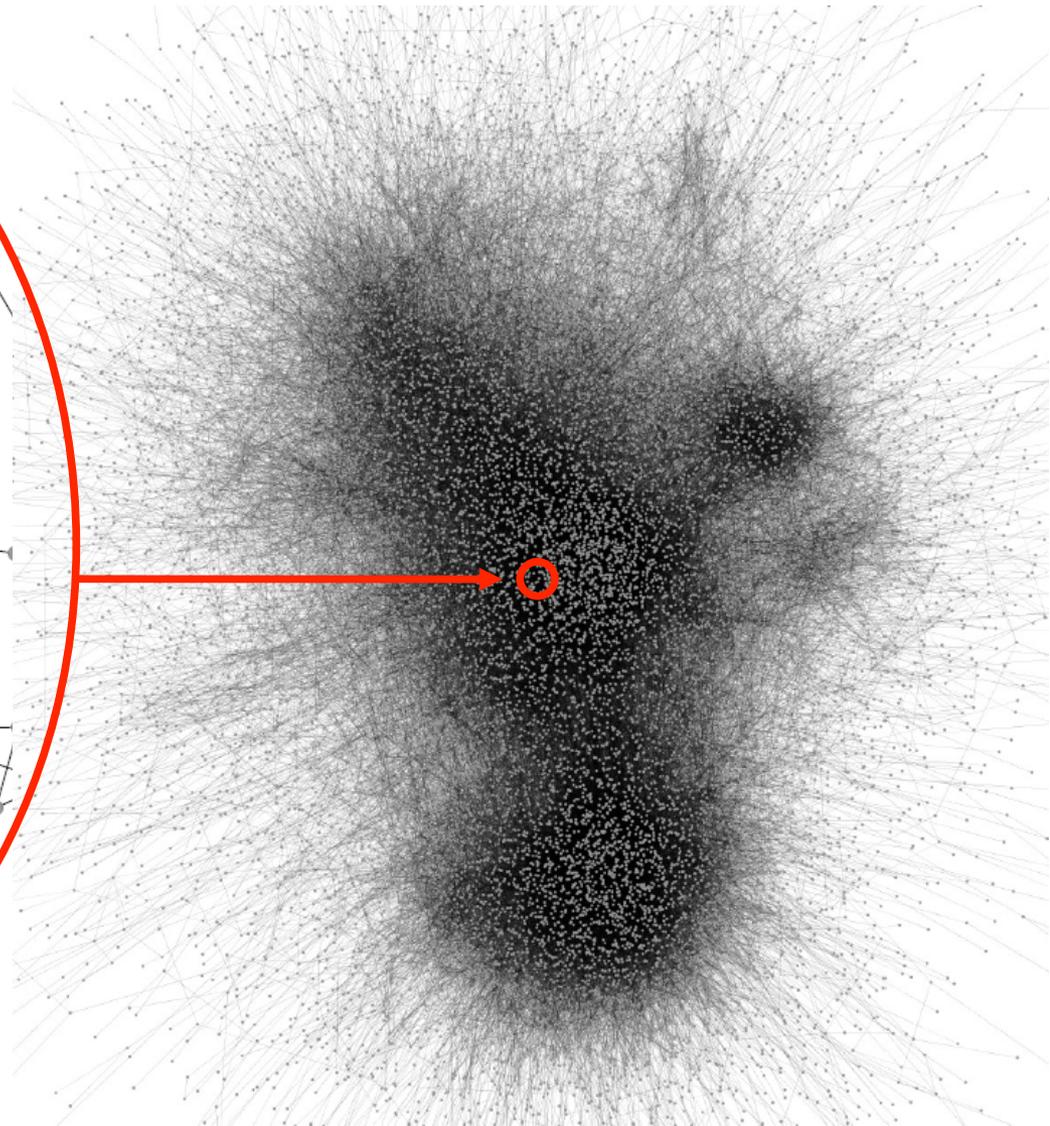
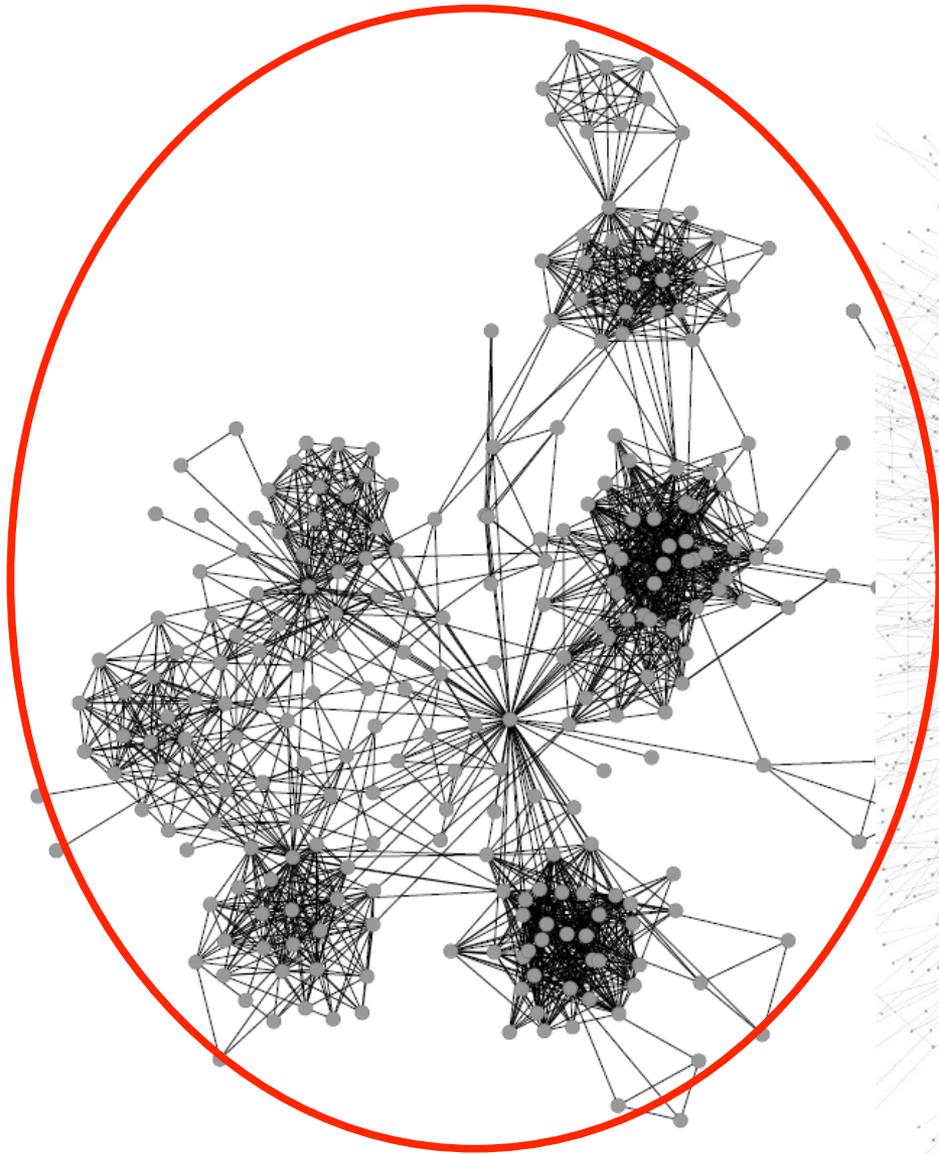














Complex (Social) Networks

- Big graph data and social, information, biological and technological networks
- The architecture of complexity and how real networks differ from random networks:
 - node degree and long tails,
 - social distance and small worlds,
 - clustering and triadic closure.
- Comparing real networks and random graphs.
- The main models of network science: small world and preferential attachment.



Complex (Social) Networks

- Strong and weak ties, community structure and long-range bridges.
- Robustness of networks to failures and attacks.
- Cascades and spreading. Network models for diffusion and epidemics. The strength of weak ties for the diffusion of information. The strength of strong ties for the diffusion of innovation.
- Practical network analytics with Cytoscape and Gephi.
- Simulation of network processes with NetLogo.



Complex (Social) Networks

- Textbooks
 - Albert-Laszlo Barabasi. *Network Science* (2016)
 - <http://barabasi.com/book/network-science>
 - David Easley, Jon Kleinberg: *Networks, Crowds, and Markets* (2010)
 - <http://www.cs.cornell.edu/home/kleinber/networks-book/>
- Network Analytics Software (open):
 - Cytoscape: <http://www.cytoscape.org/>
 - Gephi: <http://gephi.github.io/>
- Network Data Repository
 - <http://networkrepository.com/>
- Simulation of network models: NetLogo

Complex

[adj., v. kuh m-pleks, kom-pleks; n. kom-pleks]

–adjective

1.

composed of many interconnected parts; compound; composite: a complex highway system.

2.

characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: complex machinery.

3.

so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: a complex problem.

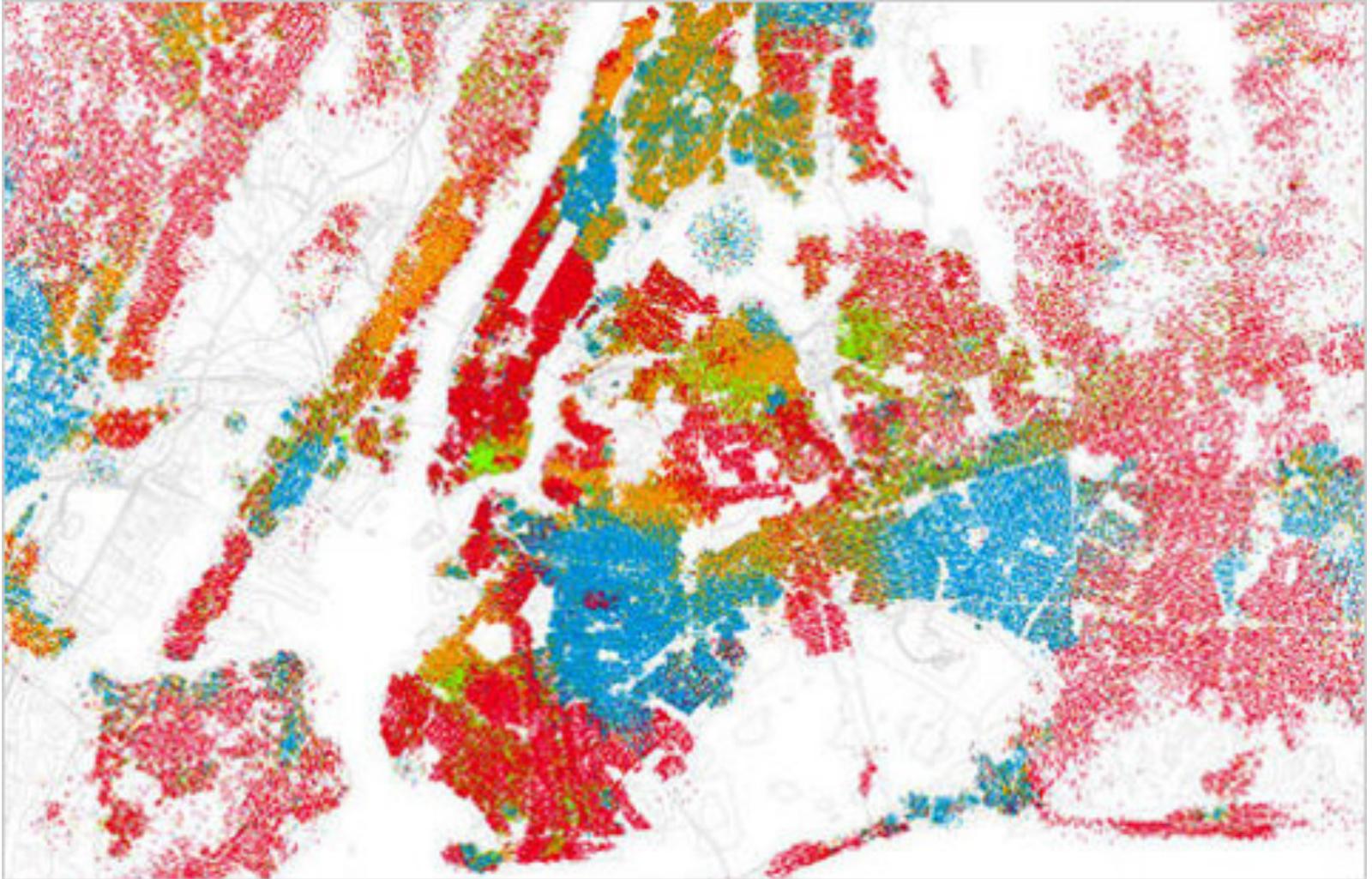
Source: Dictionary.com

Complexity, a **scientific theory** which asserts that some systems display behavioral phenomena that are completely inexplicable by any conventional analysis of the systems' constituent parts. These phenomena, commonly referred to as **emergent behaviour**, seem to occur in many complex systems involving living organisms, such as a stock market or the human brain.

*Source: [John L. Casti](#), *Encyclopædia Britannica**

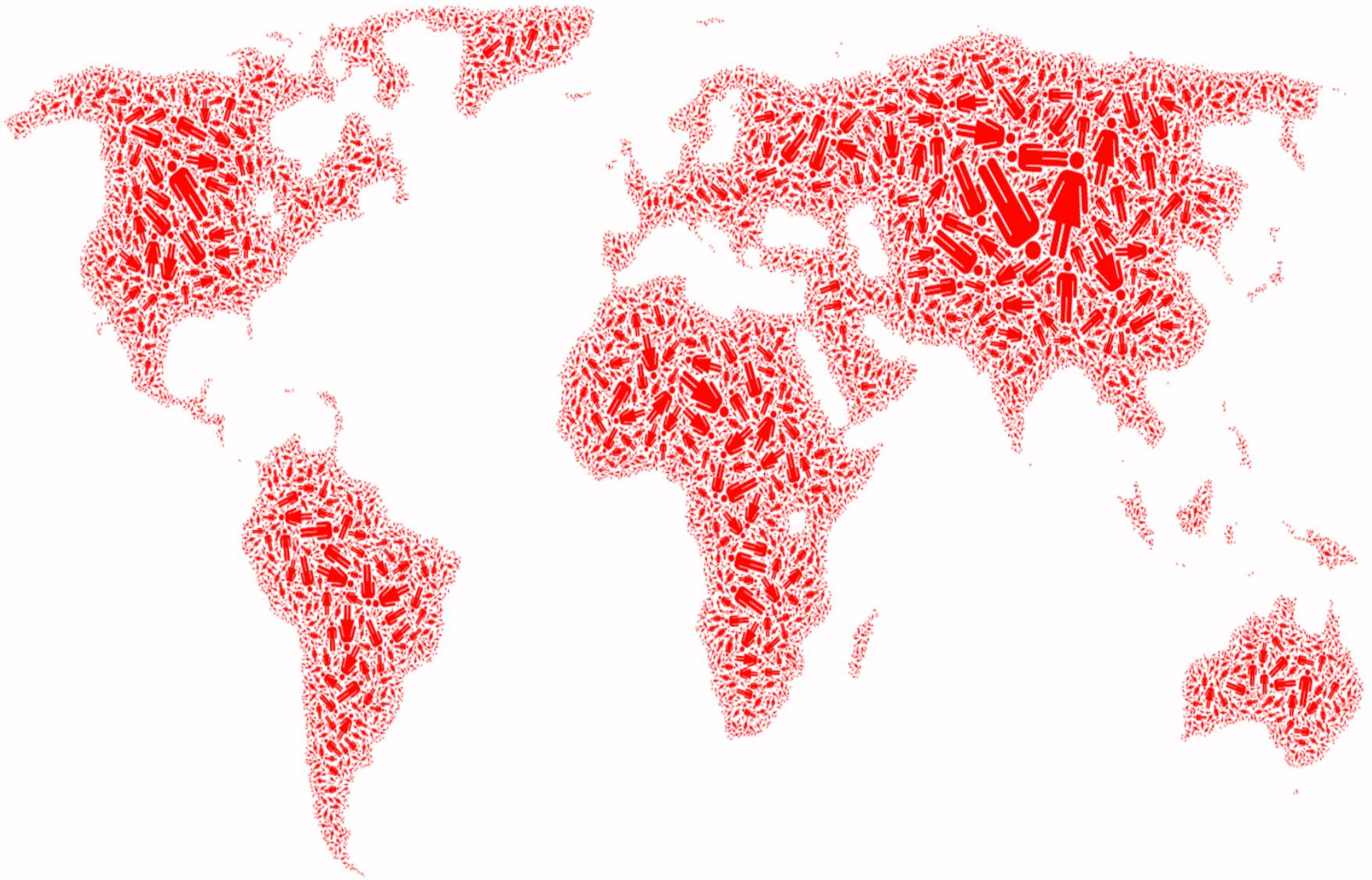
Complexity

Emergent behavior: segregation



Behind each complex system there is a **network**, that defines the interactions between the components.

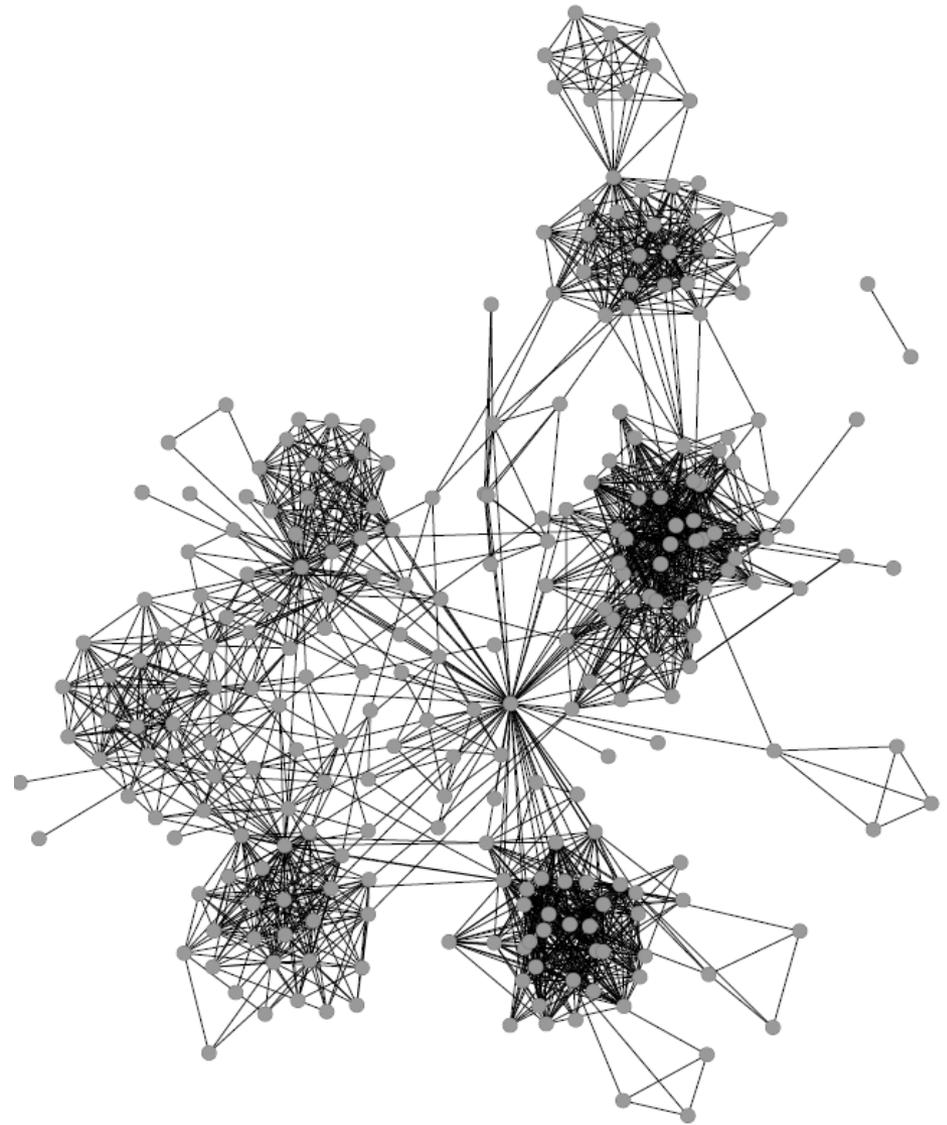
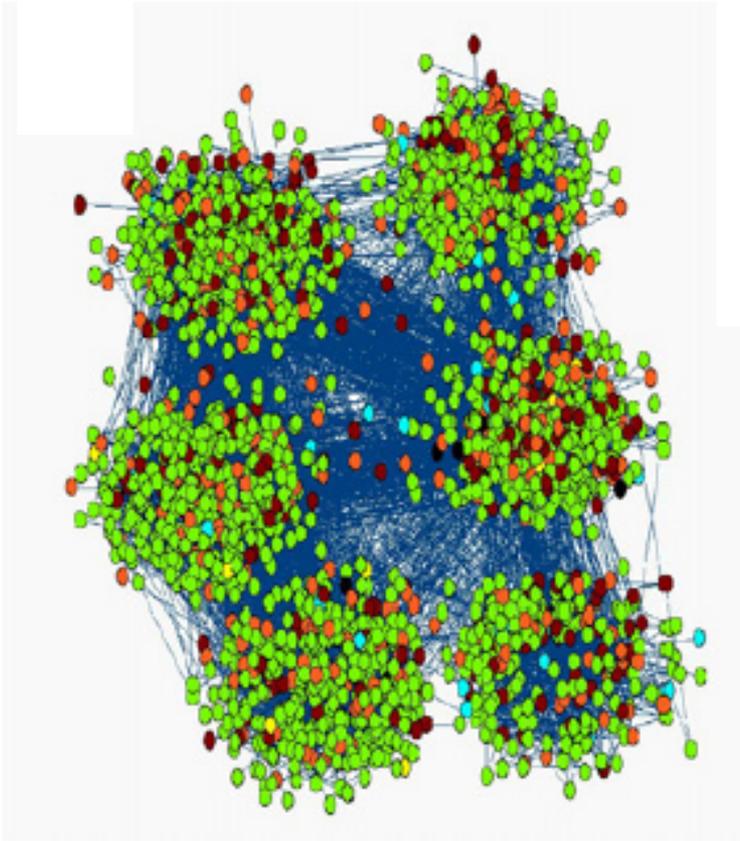
Social, informational,
technological, biological networks



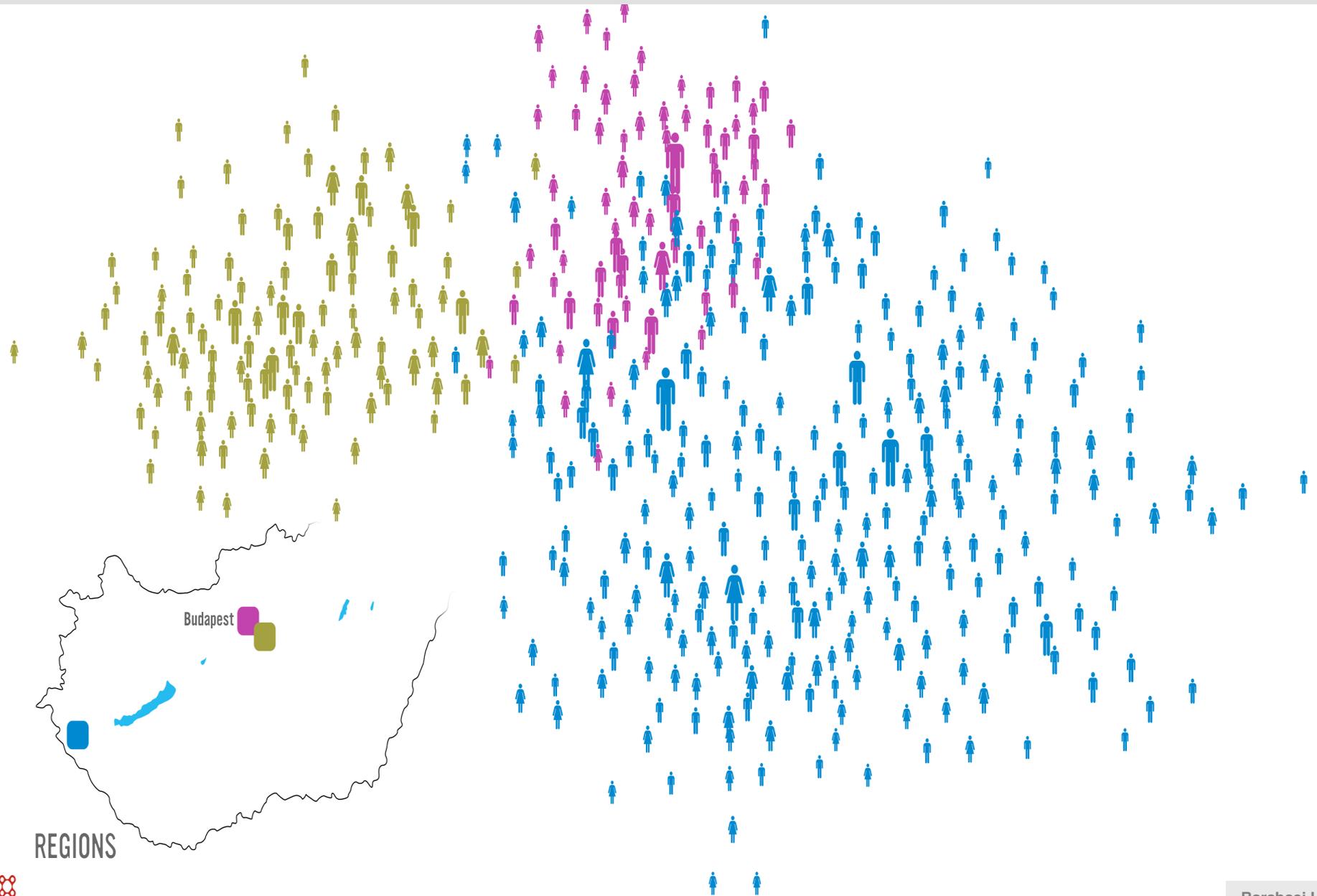
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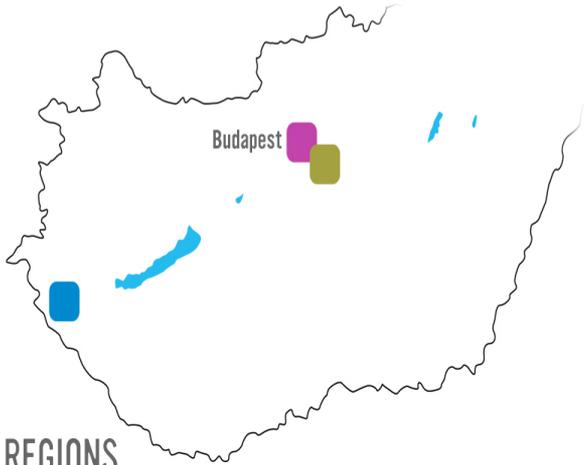
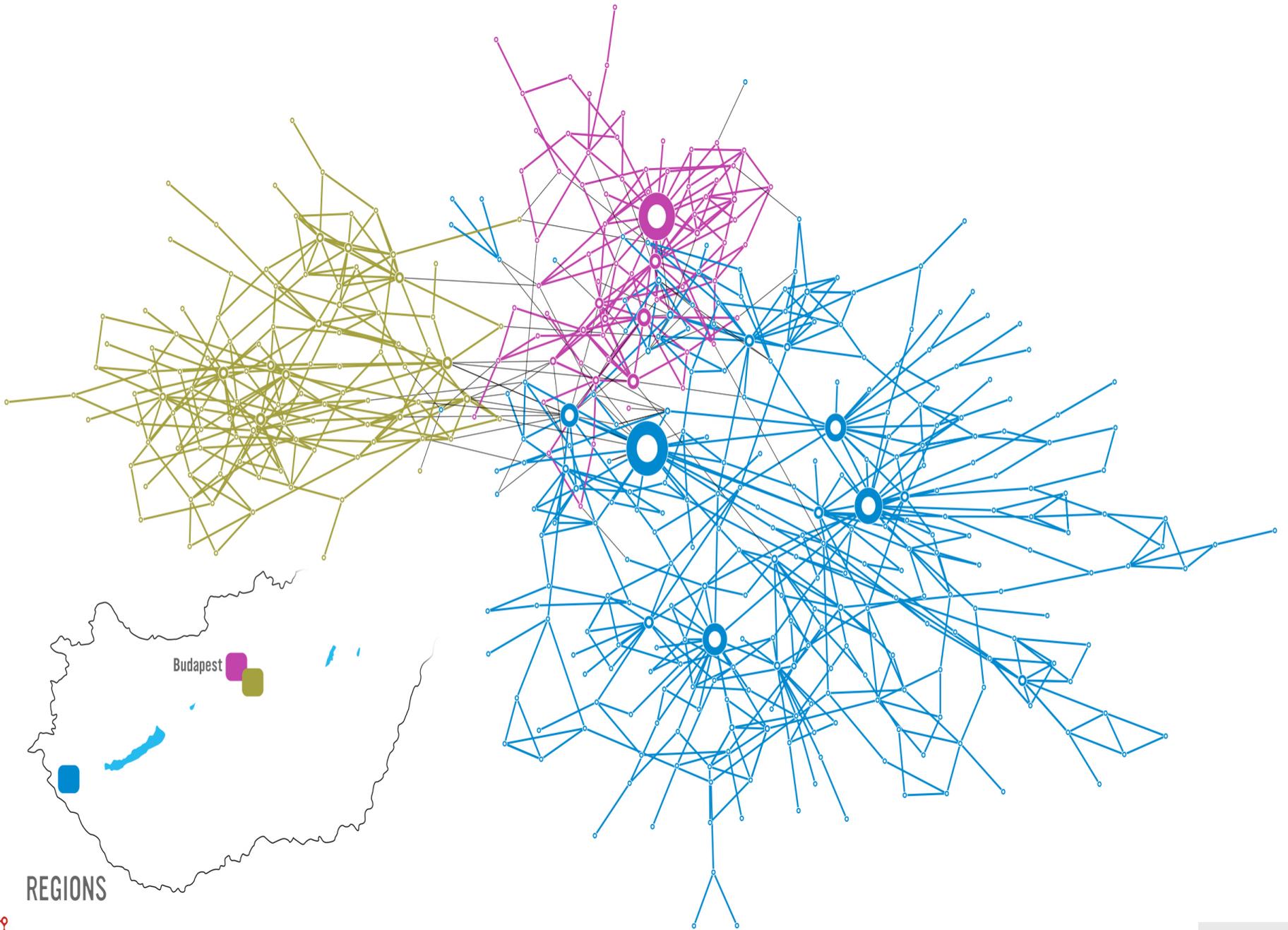
The “Social Graph” behind Facebook



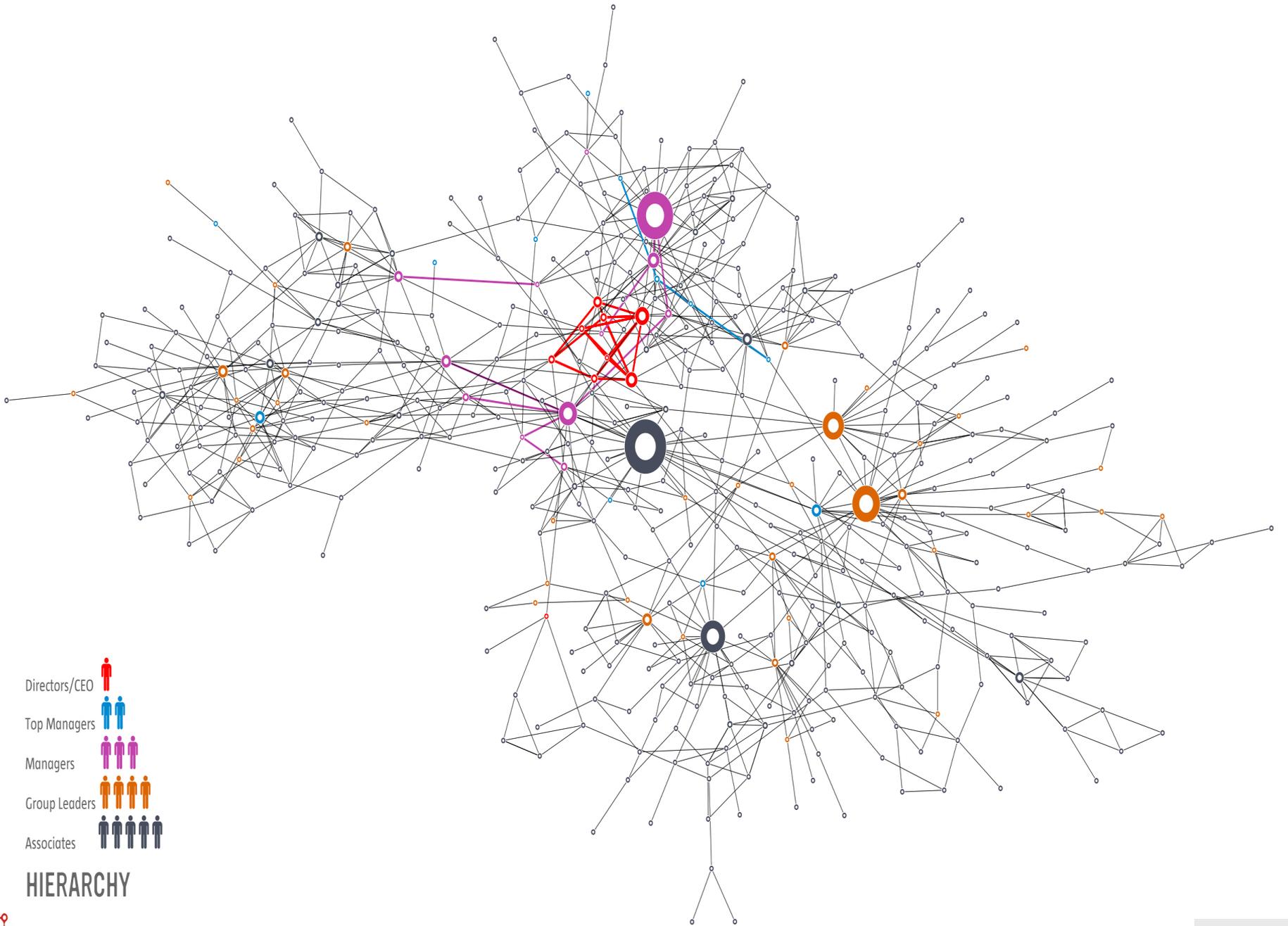
Mapping Organizations



REGIONS

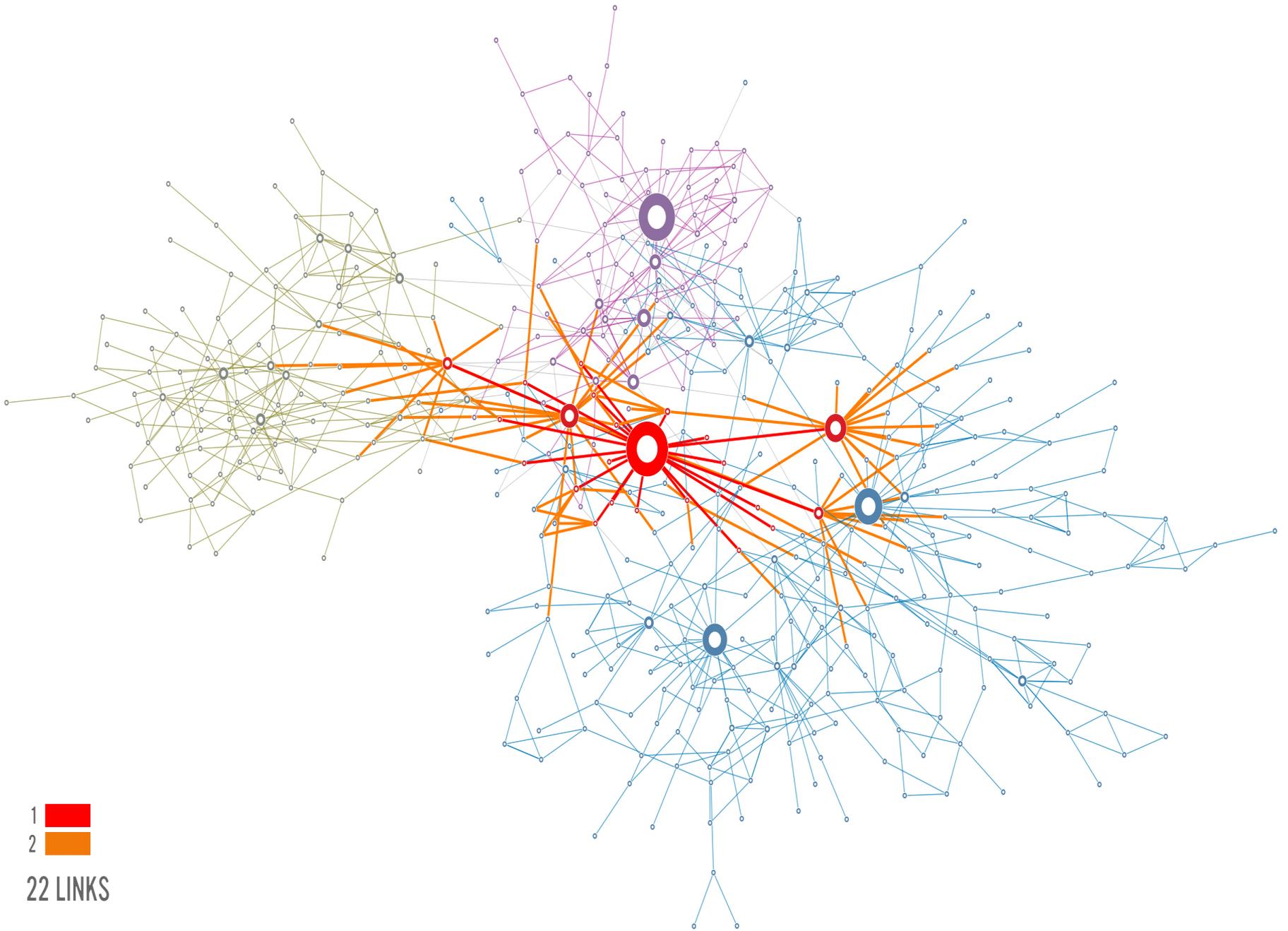


REGIONS



- Directors/CEO 
- Top Managers 
- Managers 
- Group Leaders 
- Associates 

HIERARCHY



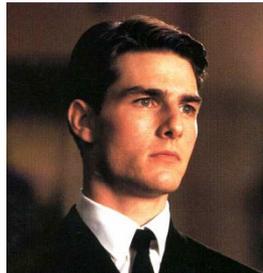
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22 LINKS

COLLABORATION NETWORKS: ACTOR NETWORK

Nodes: actors

Links: cast jointly



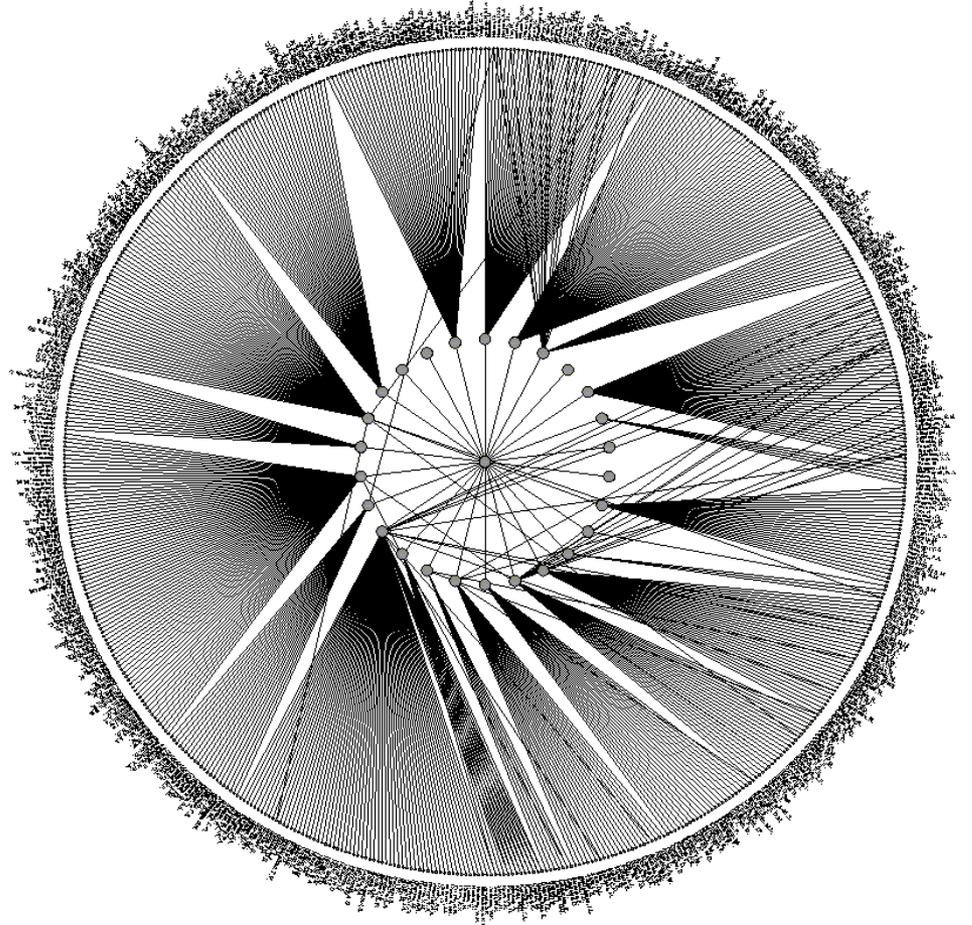
Days of Thunder (1990)
Far and Away (1992)
Eyes Wide Shut (1999)



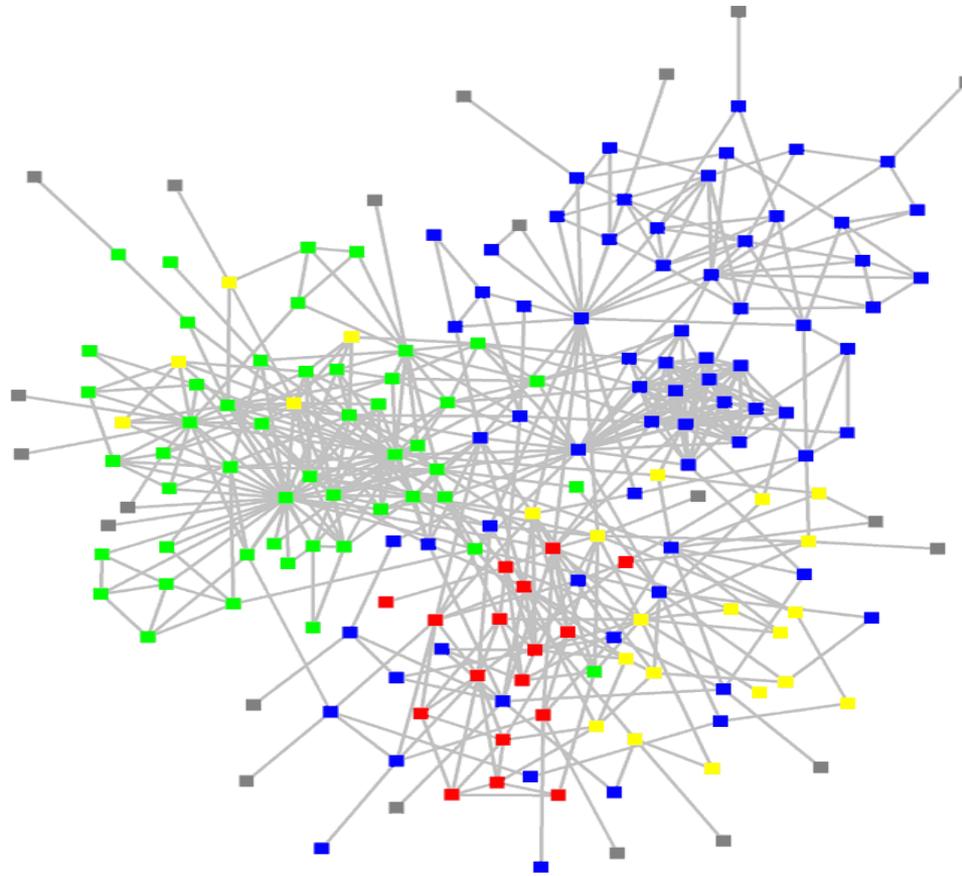
$N = 212,250$ actors $\langle k \rangle = 28.78$

Nodes: scientist (authors)

Links: write paper together



STRUCTURE OF AN ORGANIZATION



- ■ ■ : departments
- : consultants
- : external experts

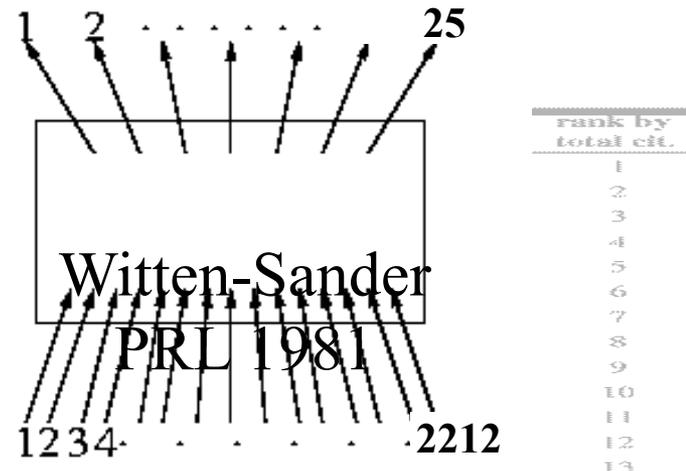
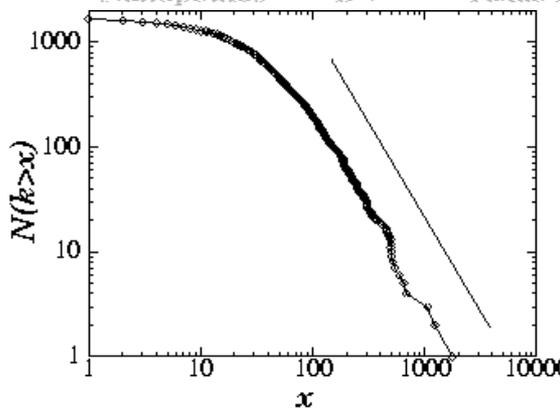
Information networks: the Web and Science Citation Indexes

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(see <http://www.sst.nyu.edu>)

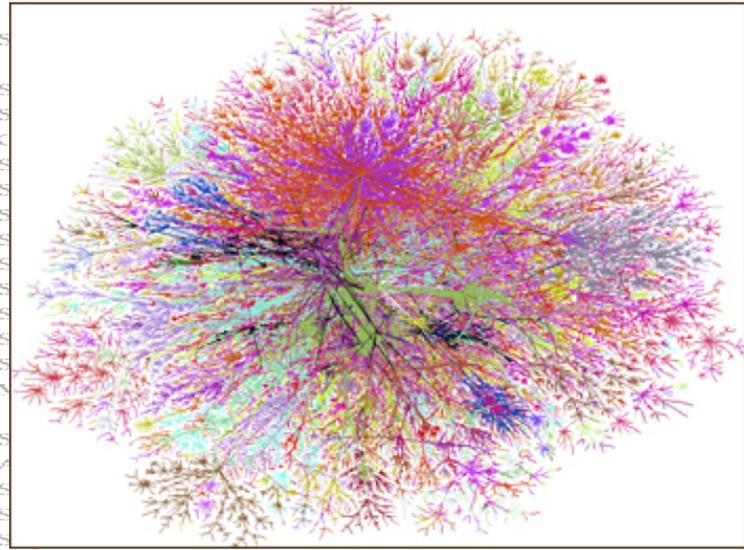
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Cava	USA, NJ	Supr
Ballogg	USA, NJ	Supr
Ploog	Germany	Semi
Nanopoulos	USA, TX	High
Waszczak	USA, NJ	S
Shirane	USA, NY	S
Wiegmann	USA, NJ	S
Vandover	USA, NJ	M
Uchida*	USA, TX	S
Hor	USA, TX	S
Murphy	USA, MA	S
Birgeneau	USA, MA	S
Jorgensen	USA, IL	S
Hinks	USA, IL	S

Nodes: papers
Links: citations

1736 PRL papers (1988)

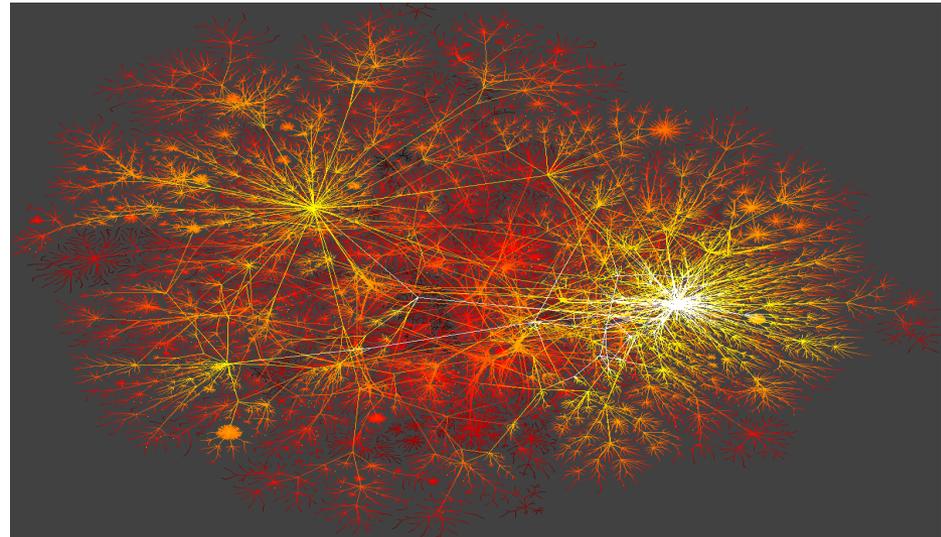
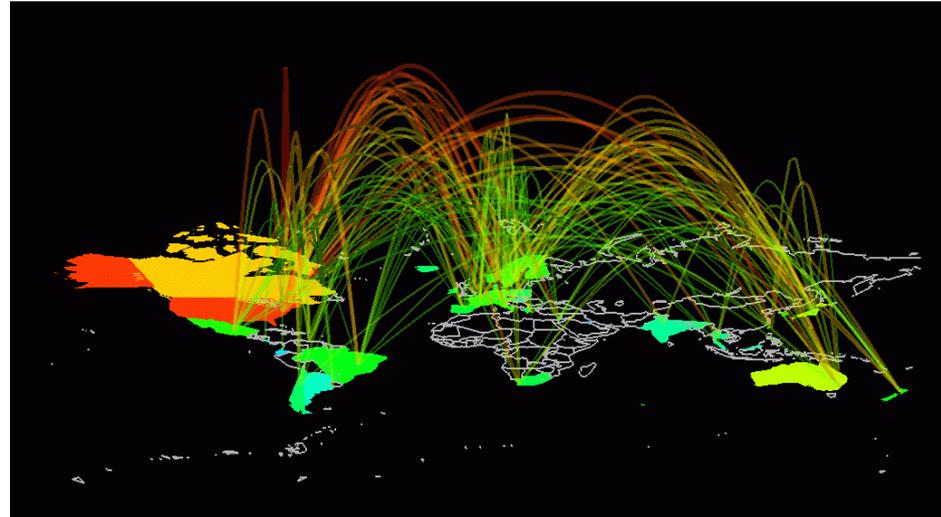
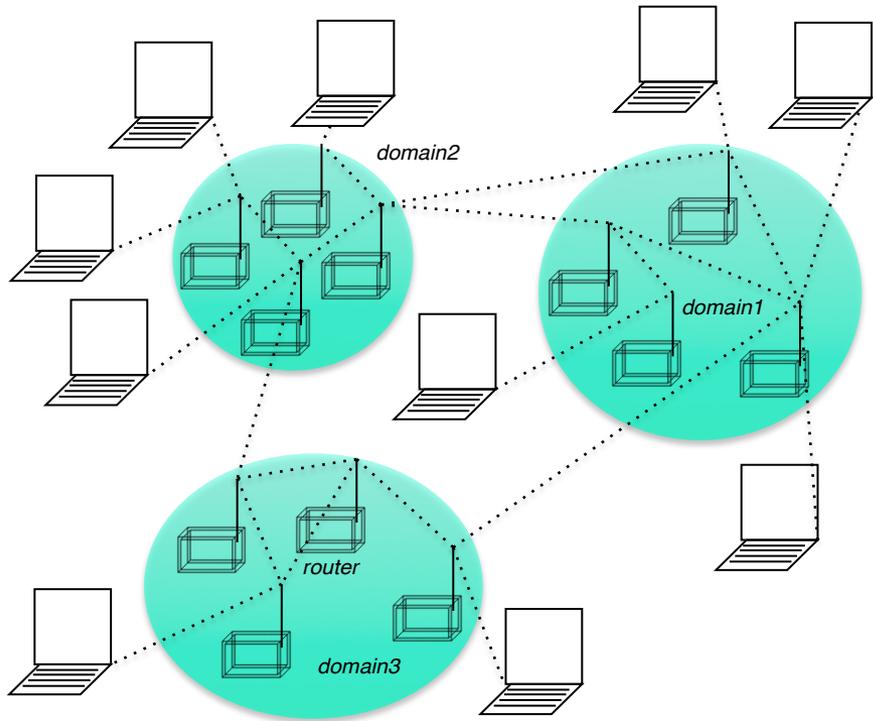


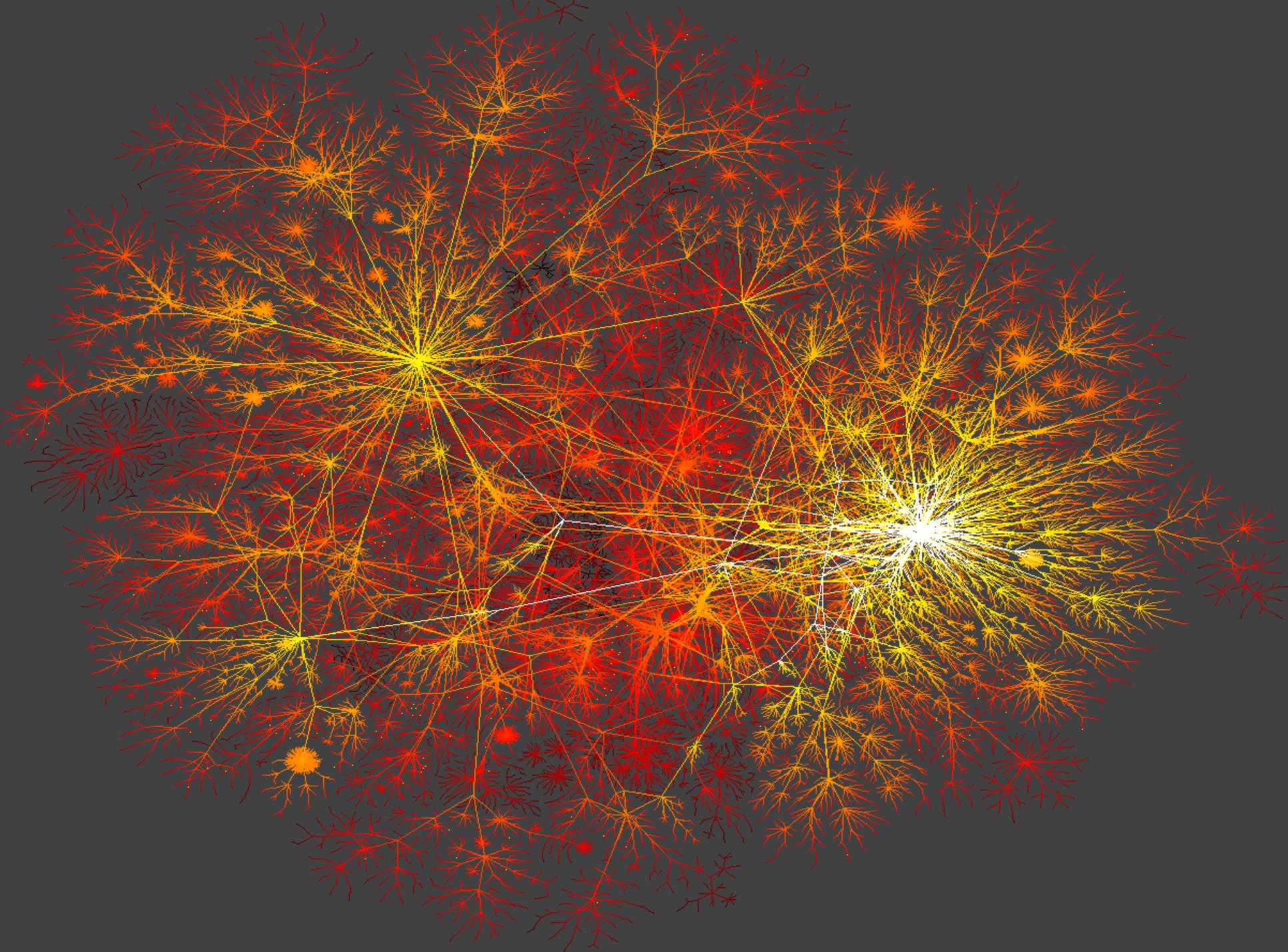
Nodes: web pages
Links: ditto ;-)



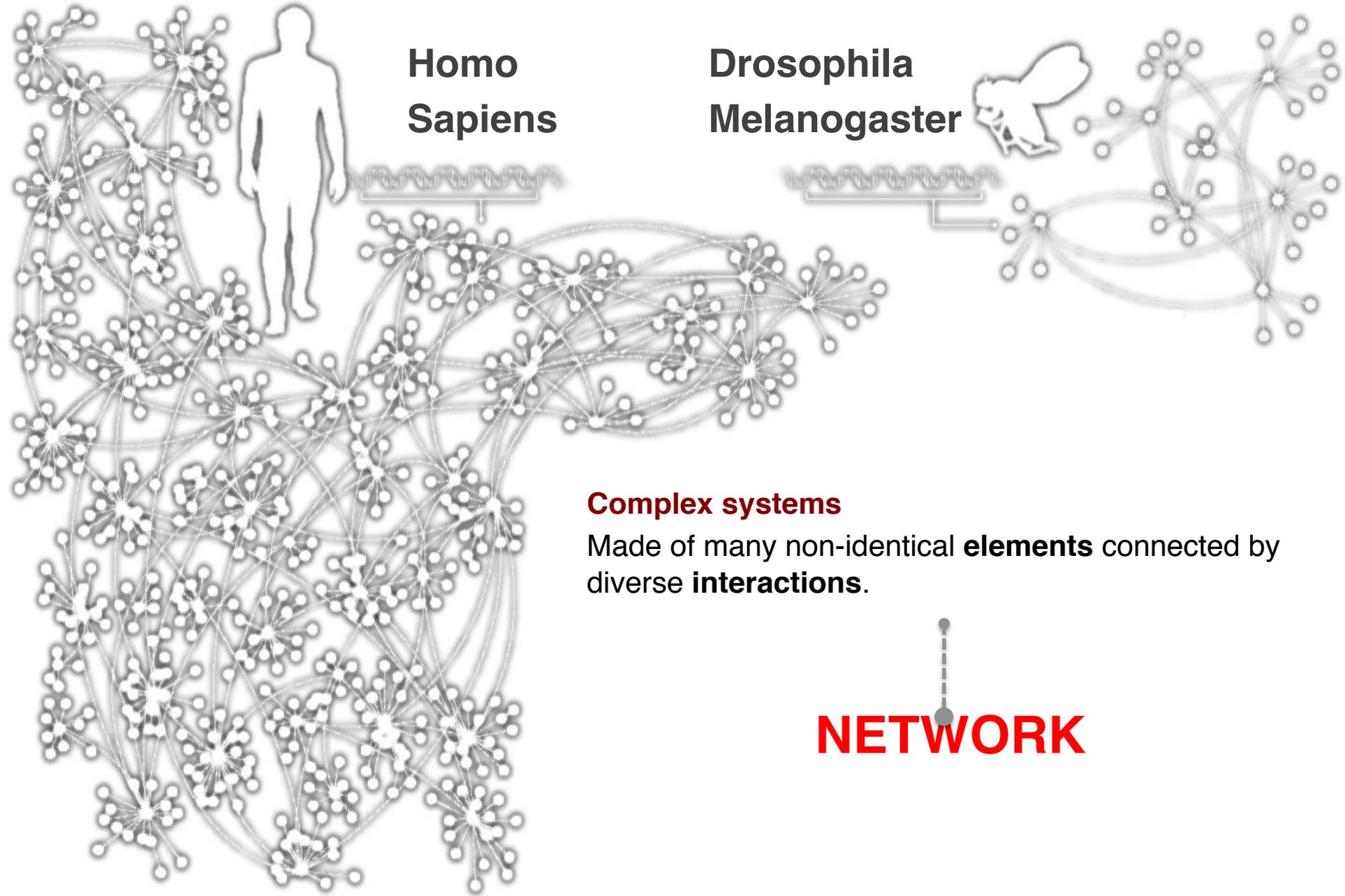
* citation total may be skewed because of multiple authors with the same name

INTERNET





HUMANS GENES



**Homo
Sapiens**

**Drosophila
Melanogaster**

Complex systems

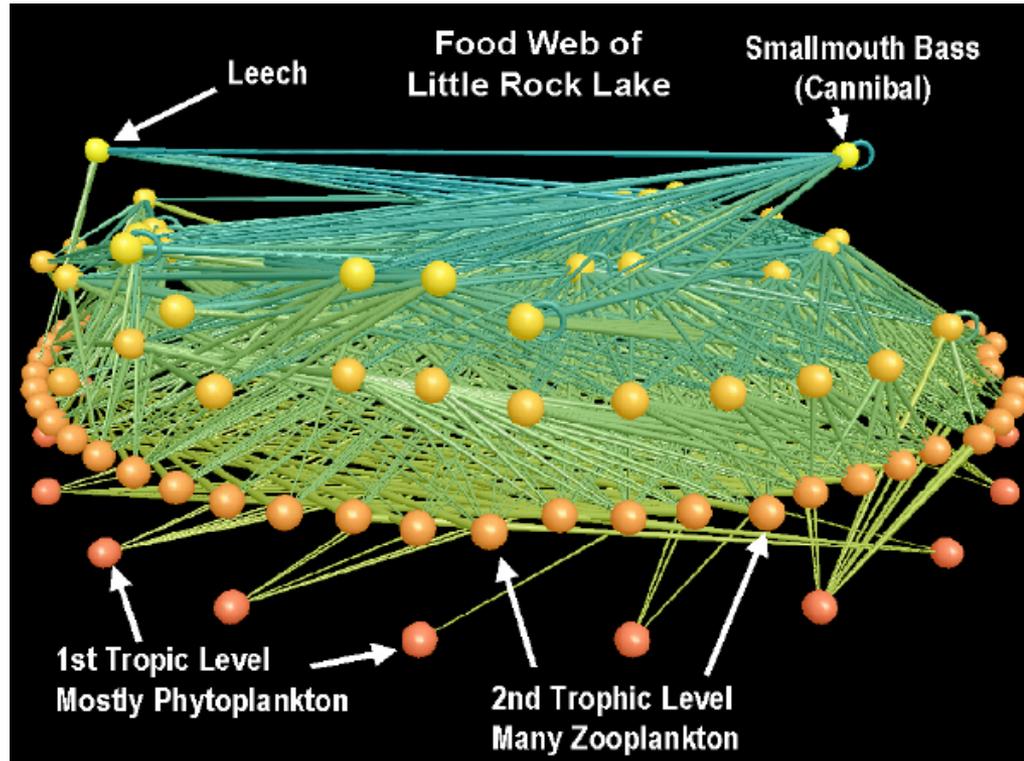
Made of many non-identical **elements** connected by diverse **interactions**.

NETWORK

Biological networks: Food Web

Nodes: species

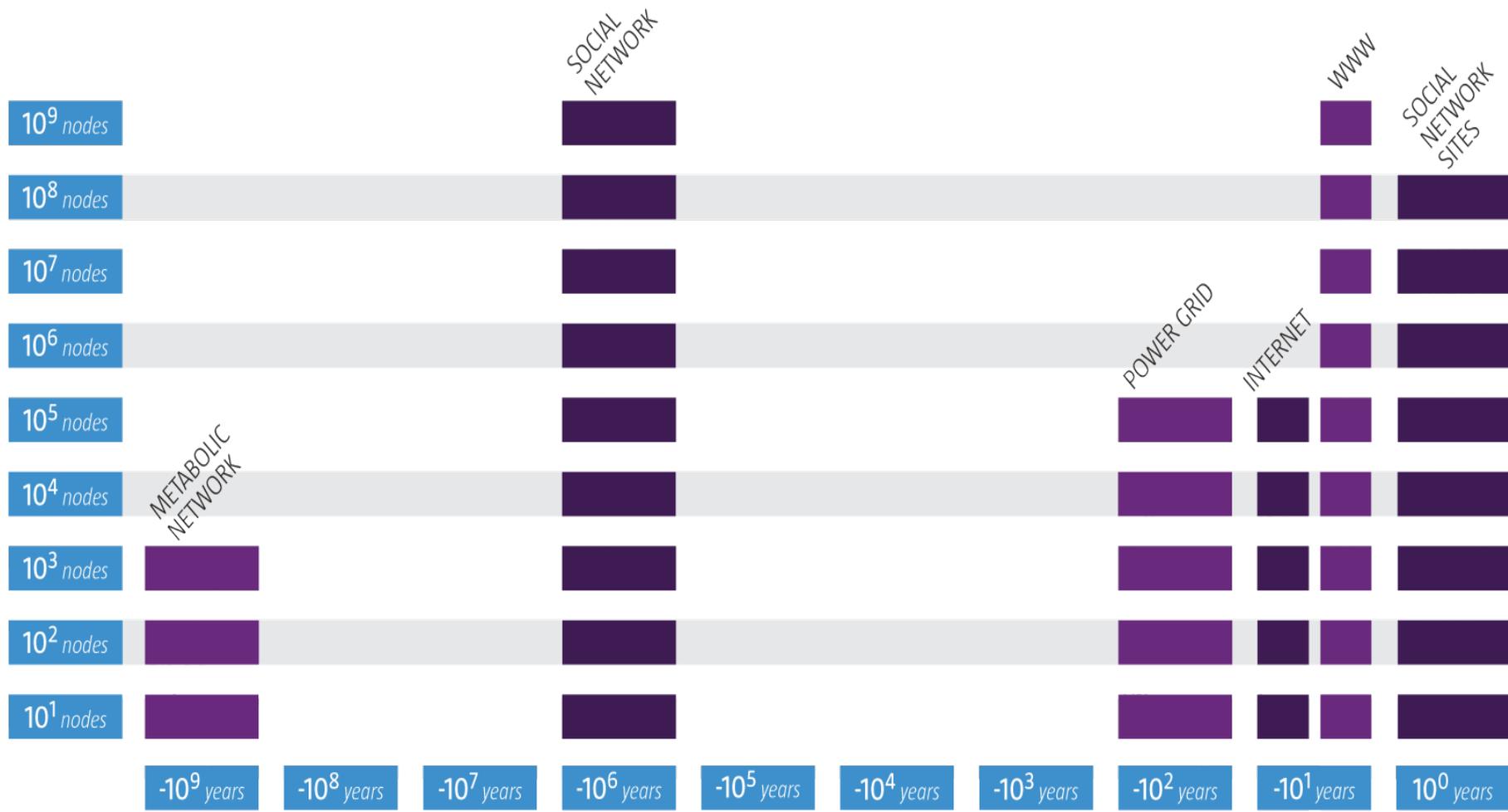
Links: trophic interactions



R. Sole (cond-mat/0011195)

R.J. Williams, N.D. Martinez *Nature* (2000)

THE LIFE OF NETWORKS



Data Availability: Movie Actor Network, 1998;
World Wide Web, 1999.
C elegans neural wiring diagram 1990
Citation Network, 1998
Metabolic Network, 2000;
PPI network, 2001

Universality: The architecture of networks emerging in various domains of science, nature, and technology are more similar to each other than one would have expected.

The (urgent) need to understand complexity: Despite the challenges complex systems offer us, we cannot afford to not address their behavior, a view increasingly shared both by scientists and policy makers. Networks are not only essential for this journey, but during the past decade some of the most important advances towards understanding complexity were provided in context of network theory.

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Networks and graphs

NETWORKS OR GRAPHS?

network often refers to real systems

- www,
- social network
- metabolic network.

Language: (Network, node, link)

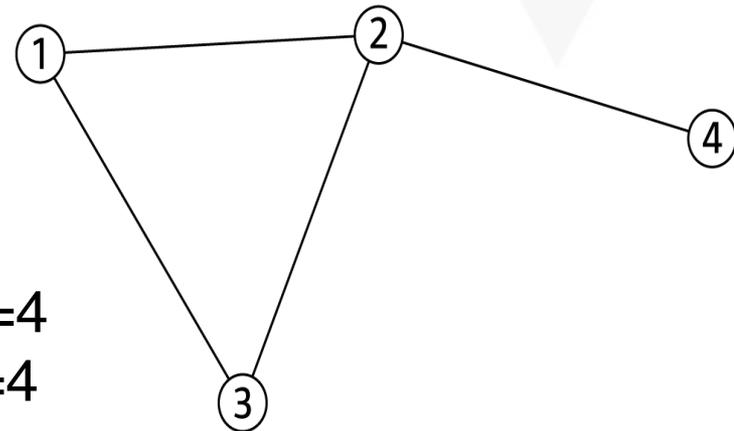
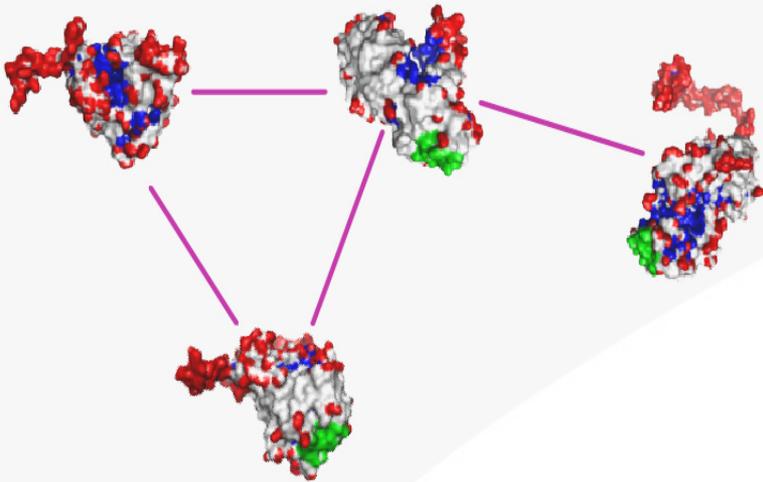
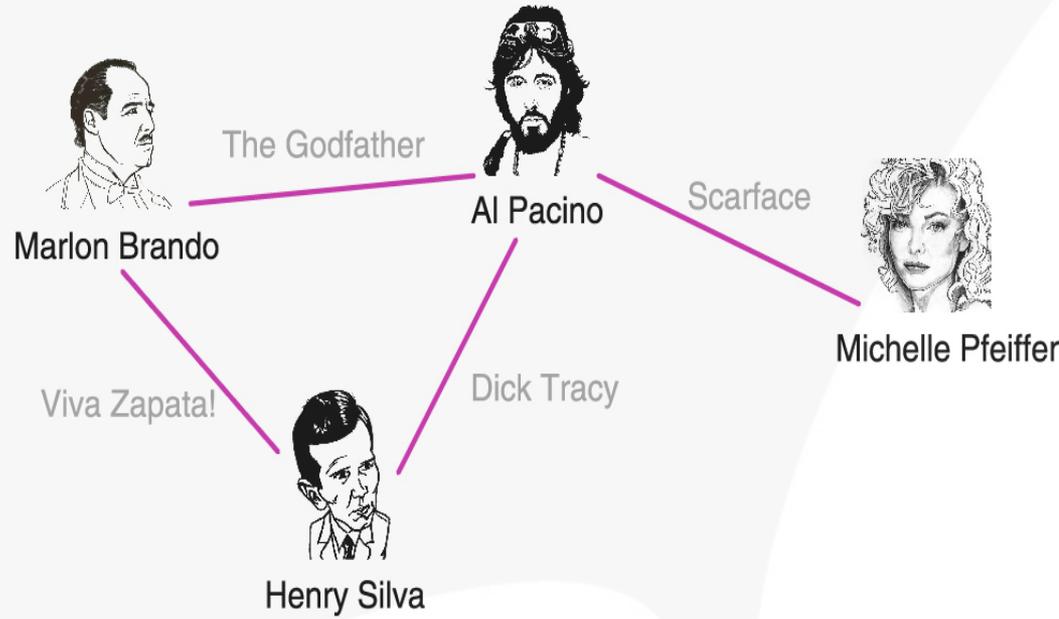
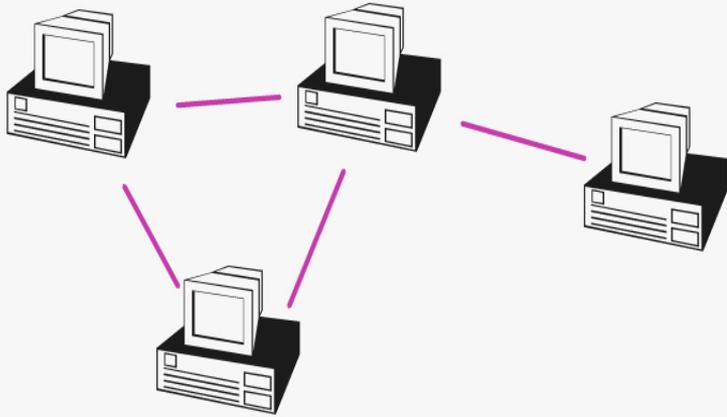
graph: mathematical representation of a network

- web graph,
- social graph (a Facebook term)

Language: (Graph, vertex, edge)

We will try to make this distinction whenever it is appropriate, but in most cases we will use the two terms interchangeably.

A COMMON LANGUAGE



$N=4$

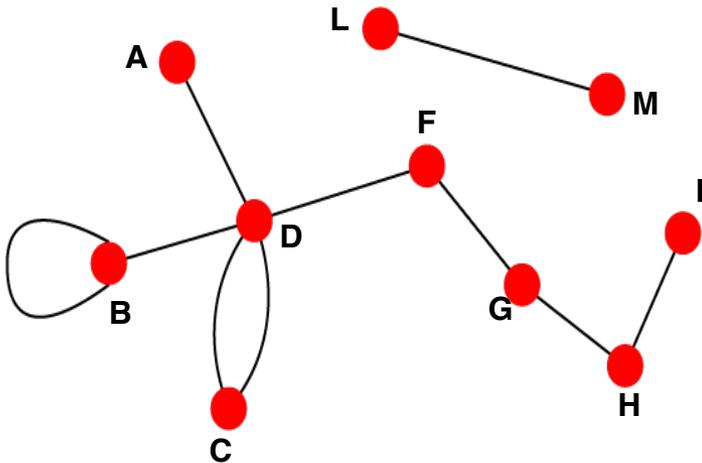
$L=4$

UNDIRECTED VS. DIRECTED NETWORKS

Undirected

Links: undirected (*symmetrical*)

Graph:



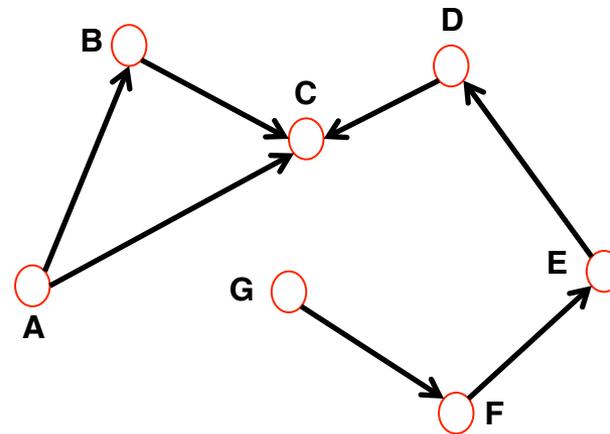
Undirected links :

coauthorship links
Actor network
protein interactions

Directed

Links: directed (*arcs*).

Digraph = directed graph:



An undirected link is the superposition of two opposite directed links.

Directed links :

URLs on the www
phone calls
metabolic reactions

Reference Networks

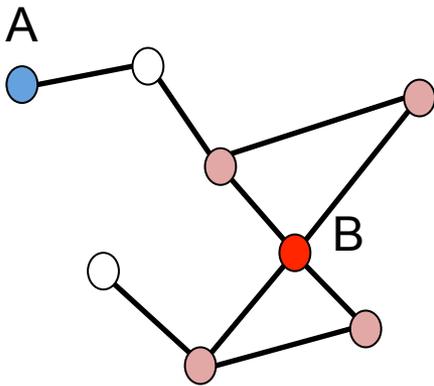
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WWW	Webpages	Links	Directed	325,729	1,497,134
Power Grid	Power plants, transformers	Cables	Undirected	4,941	6,594
Mobile Phone Calls	Subscribers	Calls	Directed	36,595	91,826
Email	Email addresses	Emails	Directed	57,194	103,731
Science Collaboration	Scientists	Co-authorship	Undirected	23,133	93,439
Actor Network	Actors	Co-acting	Undirected	702,388	29,397,908
Citation Network	Paper	Citations	Directed	449,673	4,689,479
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Degree, Average Degree and Degree Distribution

NODE DEGREES

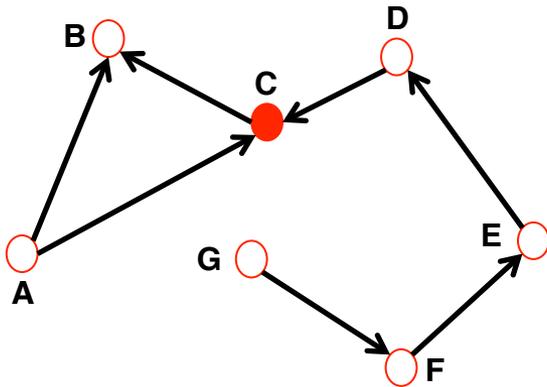
Undirected



Node degree: the number of links connected to the node.

$$k_A = 1 \quad k_B = 4$$

Directed



In *directed networks* we can define an **in-degree** and **out-degree**.
The (total) degree is the sum of in- and out-degree.

$$k_C^{in} = 2 \quad k_C^{out} = 1 \quad k_C = 3$$

Source: a node with $k^{in} = 0$; **Sink:** a node with $k^{out} = 0$.

BRIEF STATISTICS REVIEW

Four key quantities characterize a sample of N values x_1, \dots, x_N :

Average (mean):

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_N}{N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

The n^{th} moment:

$$\langle x^n \rangle = \frac{x_1^n + x_2^n + \dots + x_N^n}{N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^n$$

Standard deviation:

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \langle x \rangle)^2}$$

Distribution of x :

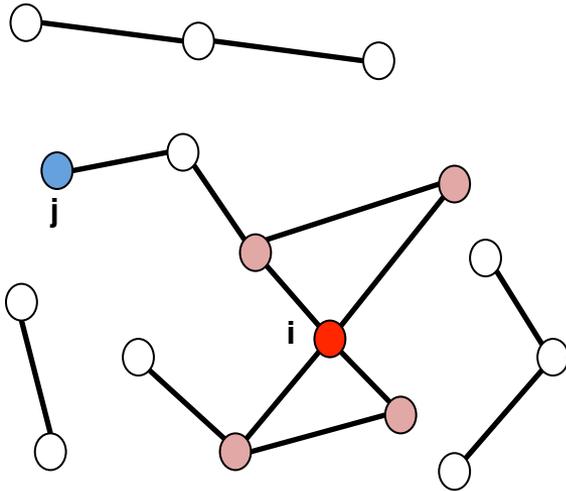
$$p_x = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \delta_{x, x_i}$$

where p_x follows

$$\sum_i p_x = 1 \quad \left(\int p_x dx = 1 \right)$$

AVERAGE DEGREE

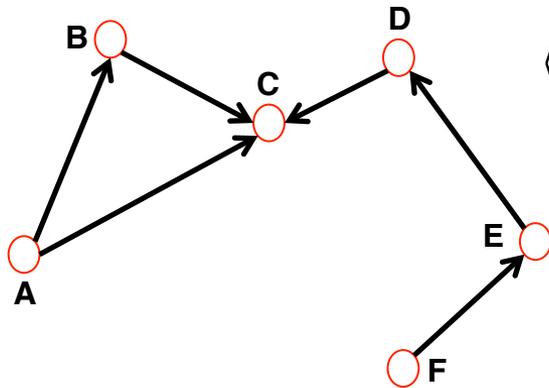
Undirected



$$\langle k \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N k_i \quad \langle k \rangle \equiv \frac{2L}{N}$$

N – the number of nodes in the graph

Directed



$$\langle k^{in} \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N k_i^{in}, \quad \langle k^{out} \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N k_i^{out}, \quad \langle k^{in} \rangle = \langle k^{out} \rangle$$

$$\langle k \rangle \equiv \frac{L}{N}$$

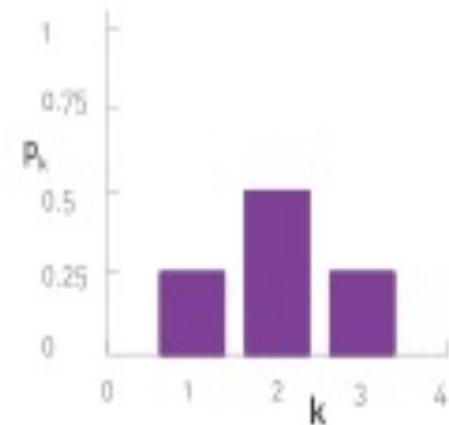
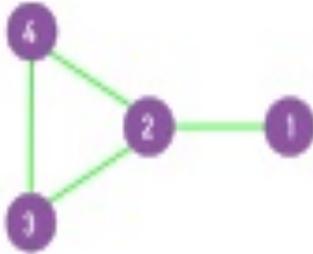
Average Degree

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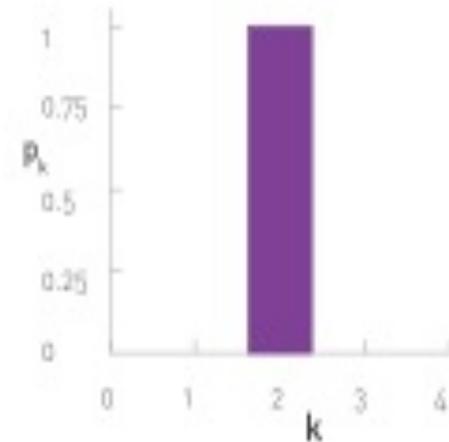
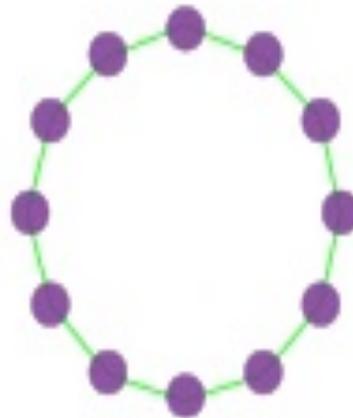
Degree distribution

$P(k)$: probability that a randomly chosen node has degree k



$N_k = \#$ nodes with degree k

$P(k) = N_k / N \rightarrow$ plot



DEGREE DISTRIBUTION

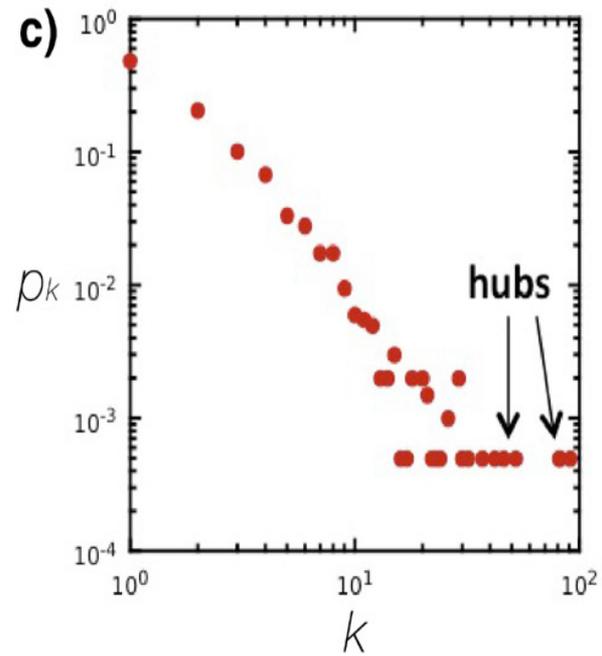
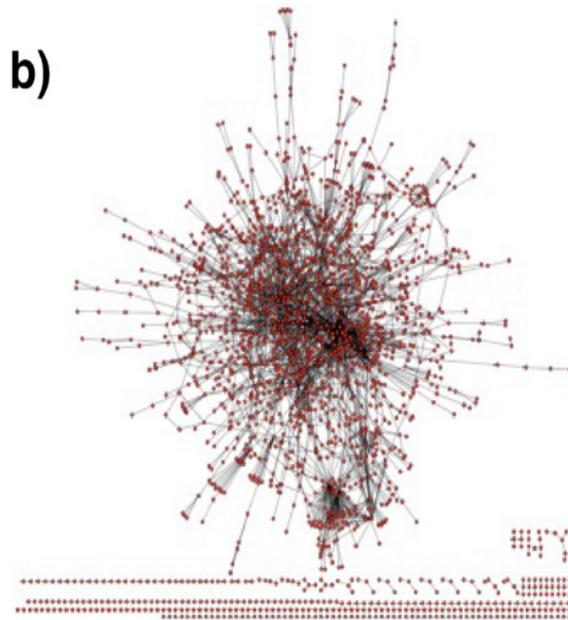
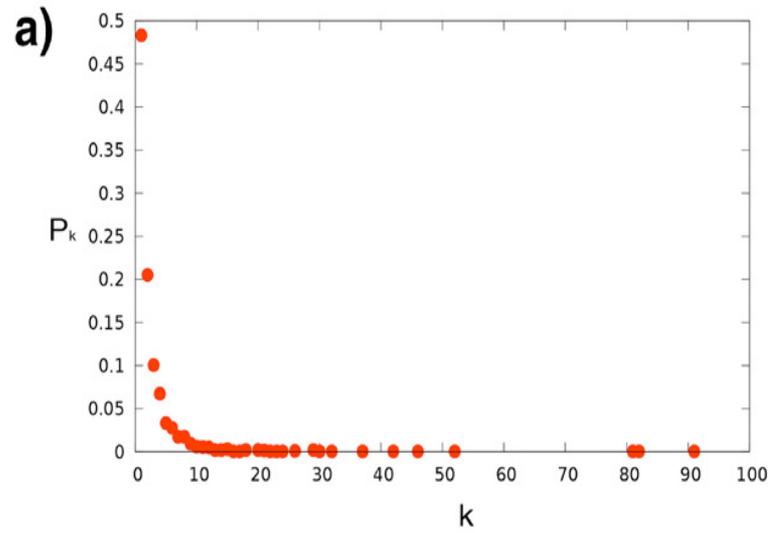


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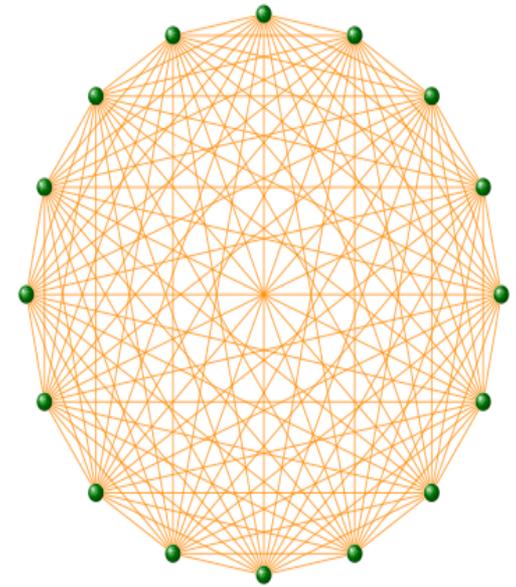
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Real networks are sparse

COMPLETE GRAPH

The maximum number of links a network of N nodes can have is:

$$L_{\max} = \binom{N}{2} = \frac{N(N-1)}{2}$$



A graph with degree $L=L_{\max}$ is called a **complete graph**, and its average degree is $\langle k \rangle = N-1$

Most networks observed in real systems are sparse:

$$L \ll L_{\max}$$

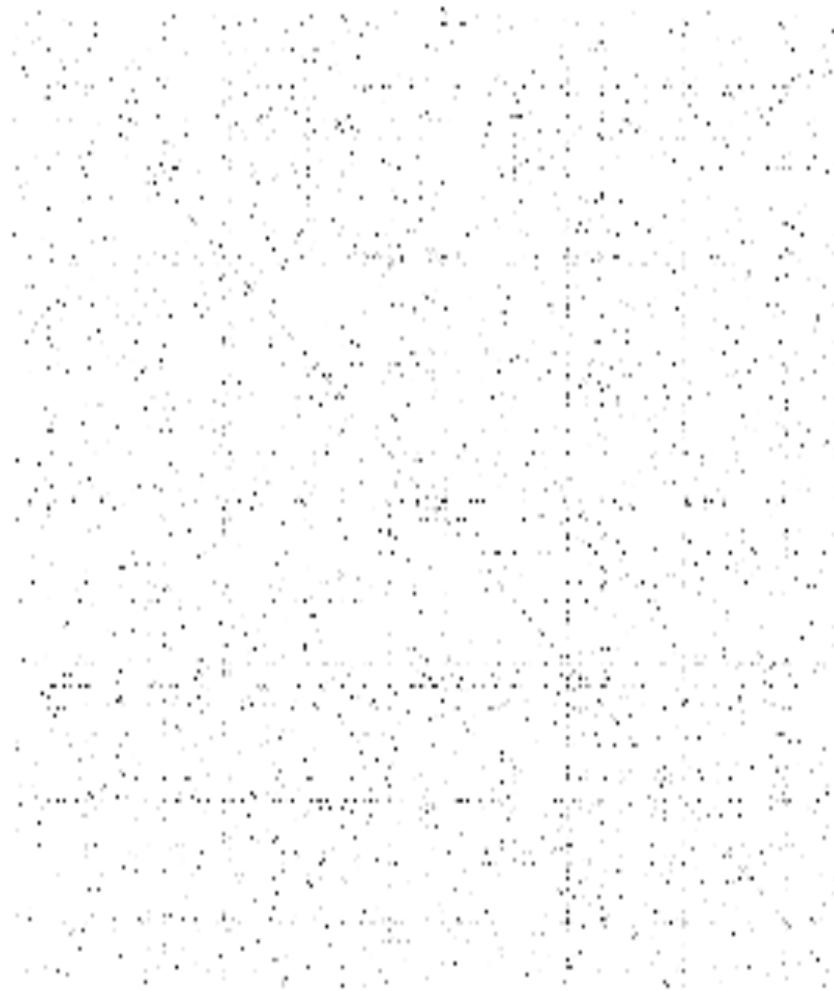
or

$$\langle k \rangle \ll N-1.$$

WWW (ND Sample):	$N=325,729;$	$L=1.4 \cdot 10^6$	$L_{\max}=10^{12}$	$\langle k \rangle=4.51$
Protein (<i>S. Cerevisiae</i>):	$N=1,870;$	$L=4,470$	$L_{\max}=10^7$	$\langle k \rangle=2.39$
Coauthorship (Math):	$N=70,975;$	$L=2 \cdot 10^5$	$L_{\max}=3 \cdot 10^{10}$	$\langle k \rangle=3.9$
Movie Actors:	$N=212,250;$	$L=6 \cdot 10^6$	$L_{\max}=1.8 \cdot 10^{13}$	$\langle k \rangle=28.78$

(Source: Albert, Barabasi, RMP2002)

ADJACENCY MATRICES ARE SPARSE

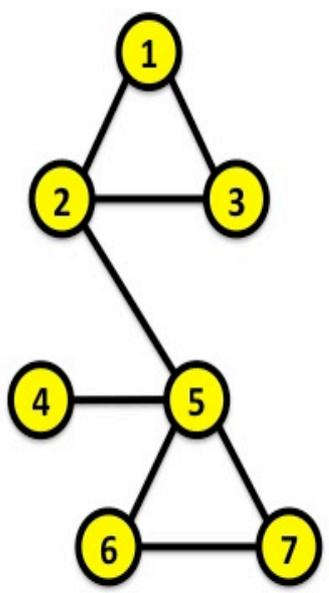


BIPARTITE NETWORKS

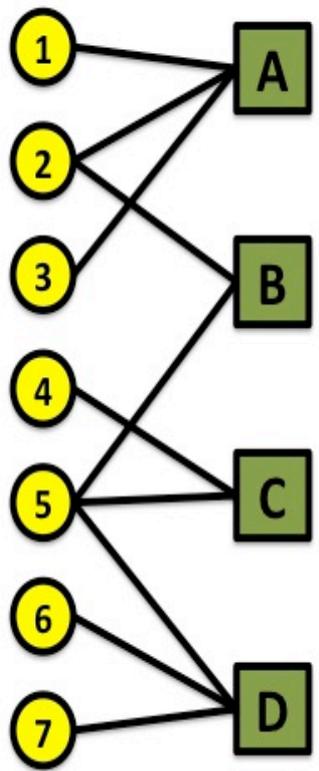
BIPARTITE GRAPHS

bipartite graph (or **bigraph**) is a [graph](#) whose nodes can be divided into two [disjoint sets](#) U and V such that every link connects a node in U to one in V ; that is, U and V are [independent sets](#).

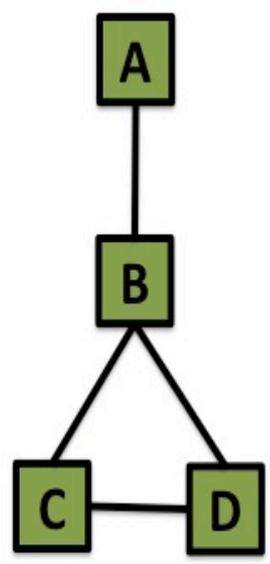
Projection U



U V



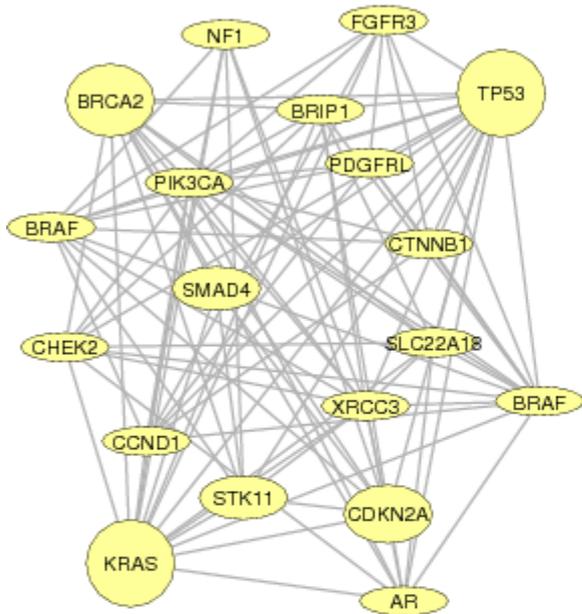
Projection V



Examples:

- Hollywood actor network
- Collaboration networks
- Disease network (diseasome)

GENE NETWORK – DISEASE NETWORK

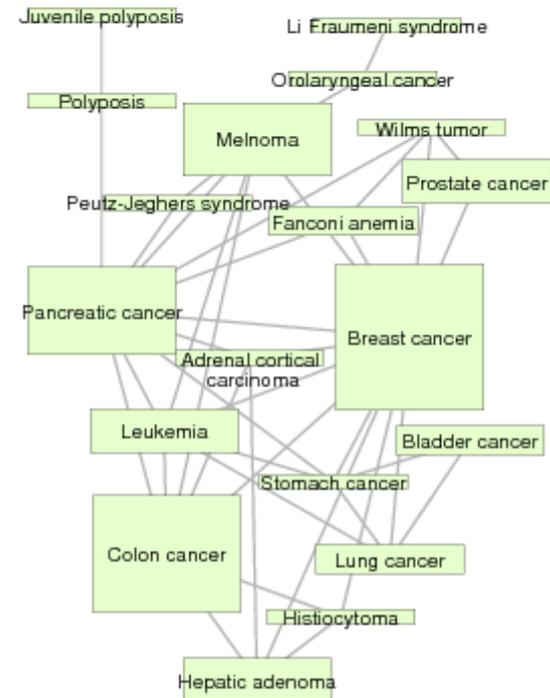
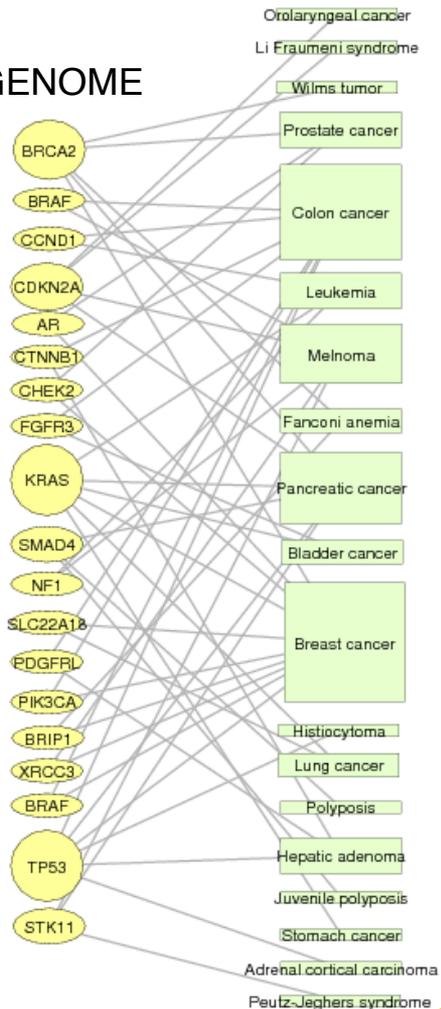


Gene network

DISEASOME

PHENOME

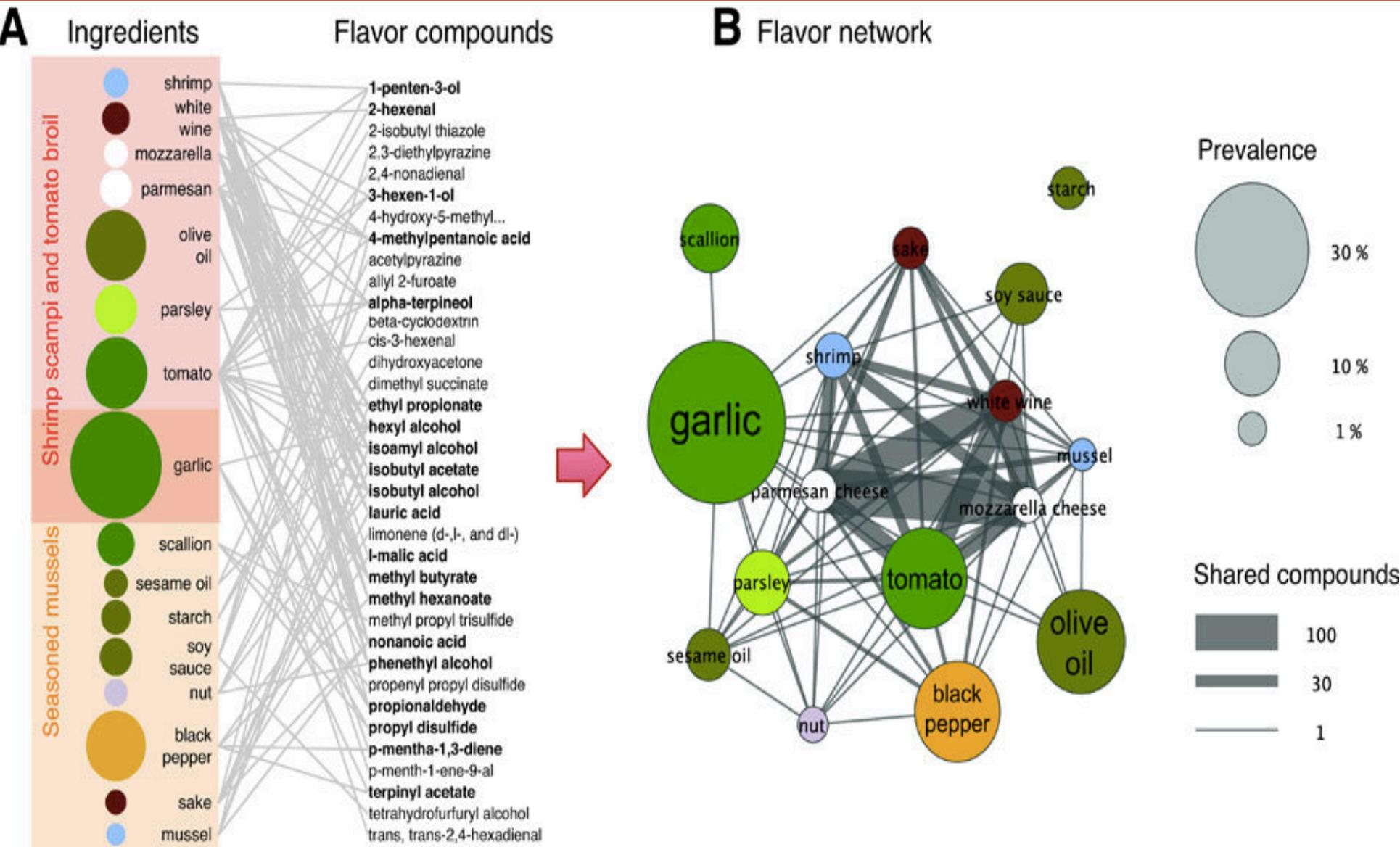
GENOME



Disease network

Goh, Cusick, Valle, Childs, Vidal & Barabási, PNAS (2007)

Ingredient-Flavor Bipartite Network



Y.-Y. Ahn, S. E. Ahnert, J. P. Bagrow, A.-L. Barabási
 Flavor network and the principles of food pairing , *Scientific Reports* 196, (2011).

Categories

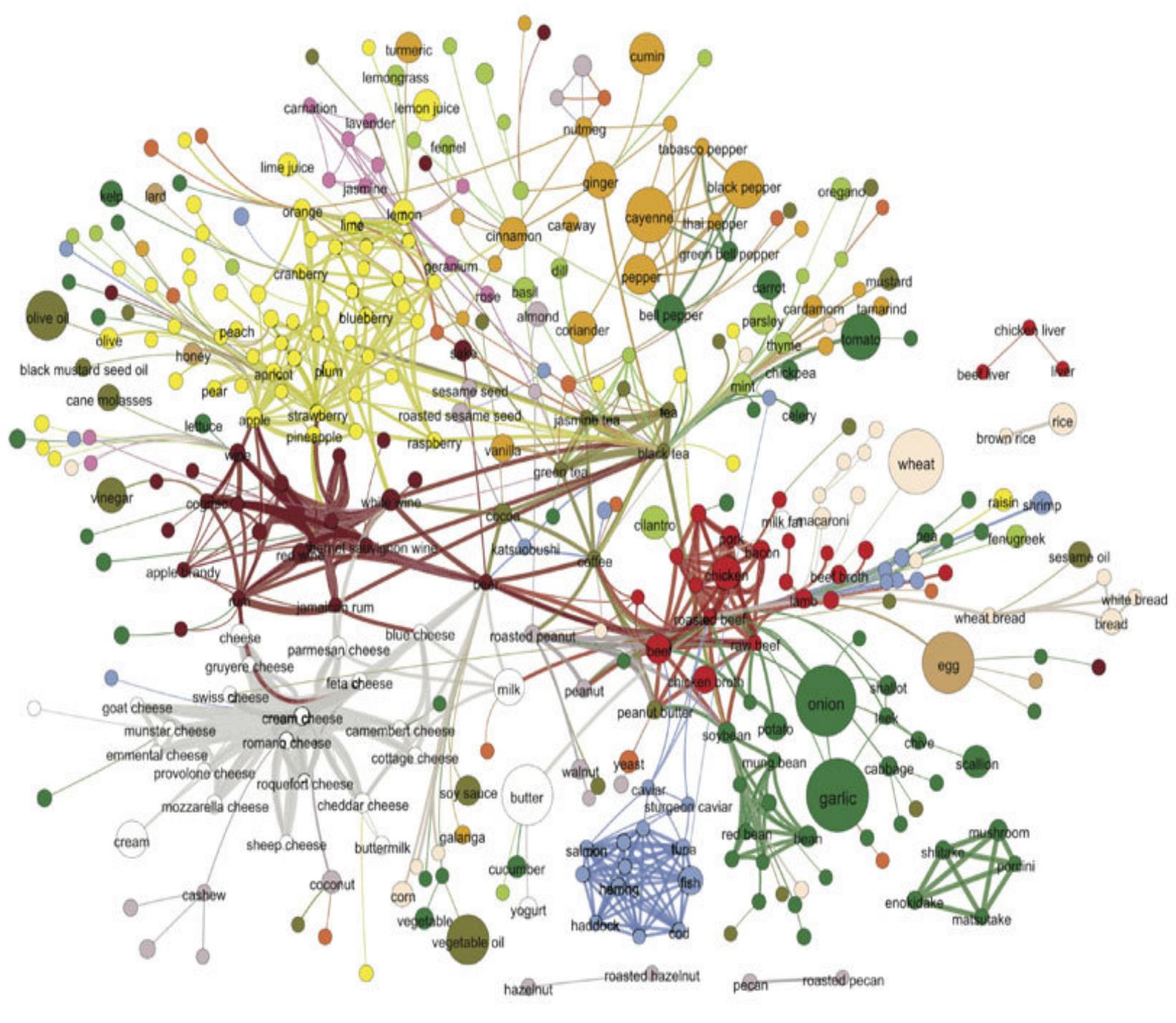
- fruits
- dairy
- spices
- alcoholic beverages
- nuts and seeds
- seafoods
- meats
- herbs
- plant derivatives
- vegetables
- flowers
- animal products
- plants
- cereal

Prevalence

- 50 %
- 30 %
- 10 %
- 1 %

Shared compounds

- 150
- 50
- 10



Basic network measures

Degree of a node

Distance between two nodes

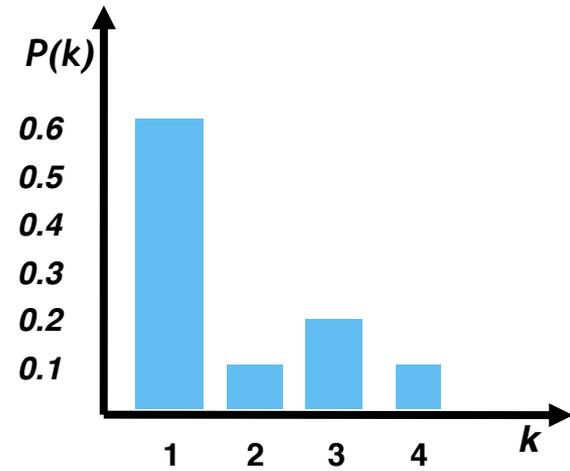
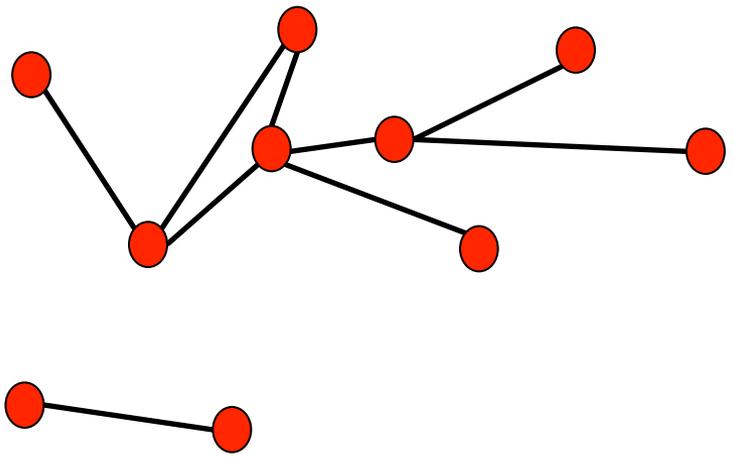
Clustering among three nodes

DEGREE DISTRIBUTION

Degree distribution $P(k)$: probability that a randomly chosen vertex has degree k

$N_k = \#$ nodes with degree k

$P(k) = N_k / N \rightarrow$ plot

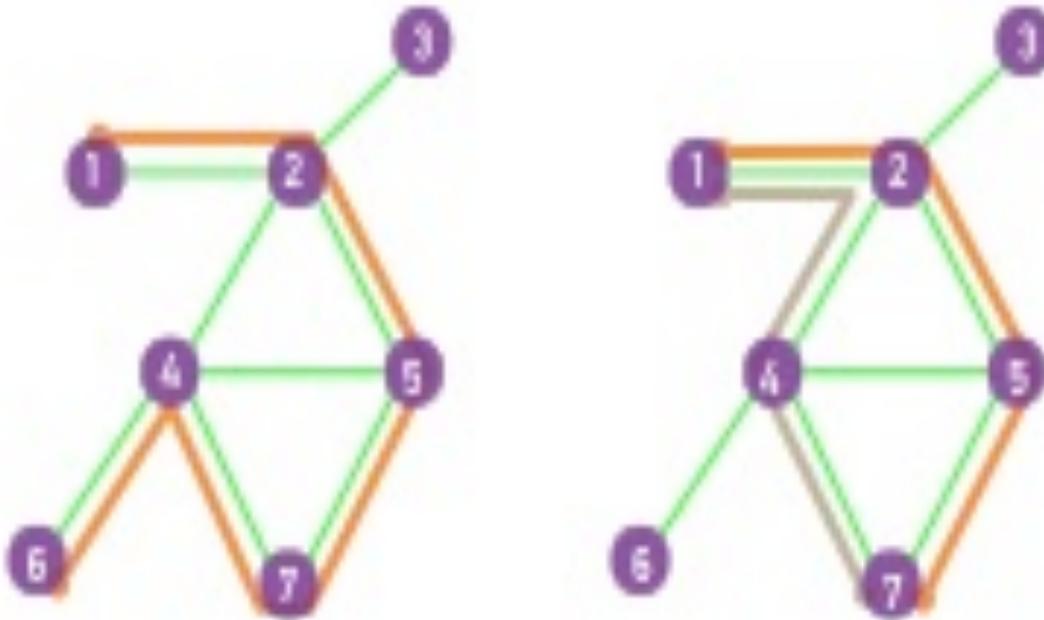


PATHS

A *path* is a sequence of nodes in which each node is adjacent to the next one

P_{i_0, i_n} of length n between nodes i_0 and i_n is an ordered collection of $n+1$ nodes and n links

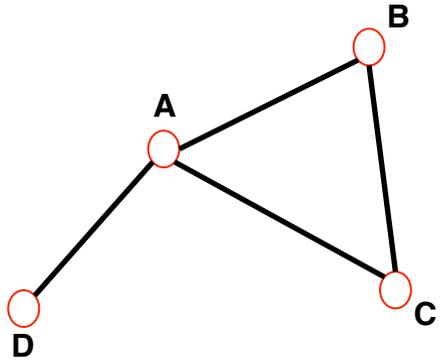
$$P_n = \{i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\} \quad P_n = \{(i_0, i_1), (i_1, i_2), (i_2, i_3), \dots, (i_{n-1}, i_n)\}$$



- In a directed network, the path can follow only the direction of an arrow.

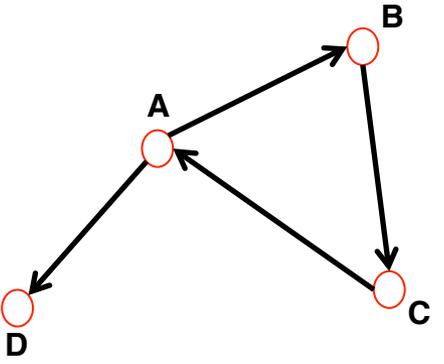
DISTANCE IN A GRAPH

Shortest Path, Geodesic Path



The *distance (shortest path, geodesic path)* between two nodes is defined as the number of edges along the shortest path connecting them.

*If the two nodes are disconnected, the distance is infinity.



In **directed graphs** each path needs to follow the direction of the arrows.

Thus in a digraph the distance from node A to B (on an AB path) is generally different from the distance from node B to A (on a BCA path).

NETWORK DIAMETER AND AVERAGE DISTANCE

Diameter: d_{max} the maximum distance between any pair of nodes in the graph.

Average path length/distance, $\langle d \rangle$, for a **connected graph**:

where d_{ij} is the distance from node i to node j

$$\langle d \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2L_{\max}} \sum_{i,j \neq i} d_{ij}$$

In an *undirected graph* $d_{ij} = d_{ji}$, so we only need to count them once:

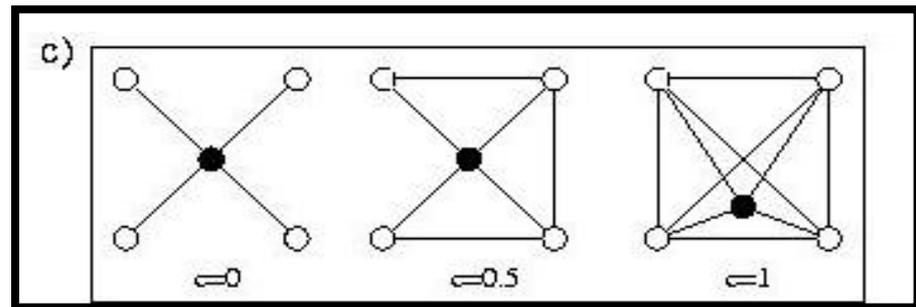
$$\langle d \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{L_{\max}} \sum_{i,j > i} d_{ij}$$

* Clustering coefficient:

what portion of your neighbors are connected?

- * Node i with degree k_i
- * C_i in $[0,1]$

$$C_i = \frac{2e_i}{k_i(k_i - 1)}$$



KEY MEASURES

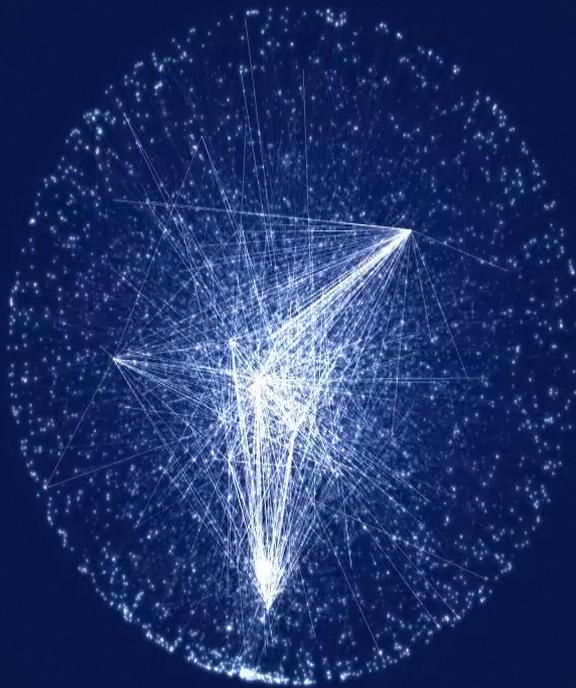
Degree distribution: $P(k)$

Path length: l

Clustering coefficient:

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A CASE STUDY: PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION NETWORK



Undirected network

N=2,018 proteins as nodes

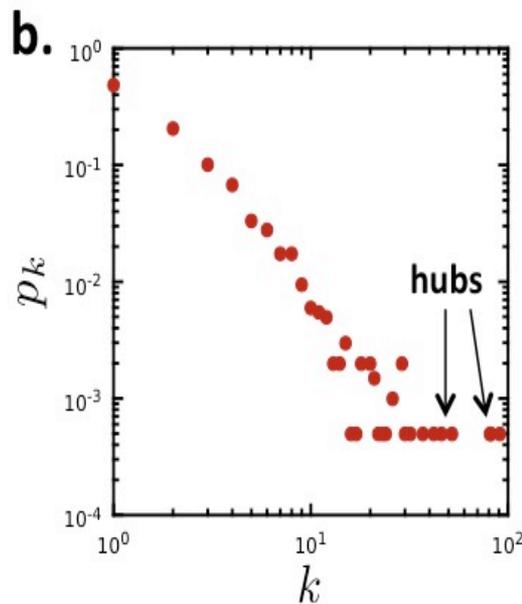
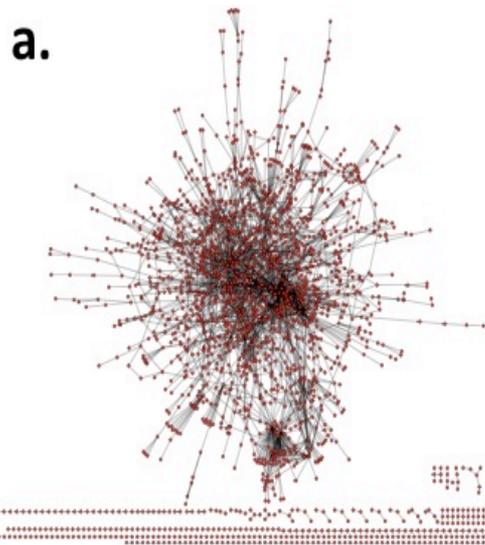
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Not connected: 185 components
the largest (giant component)

1,647 nodes

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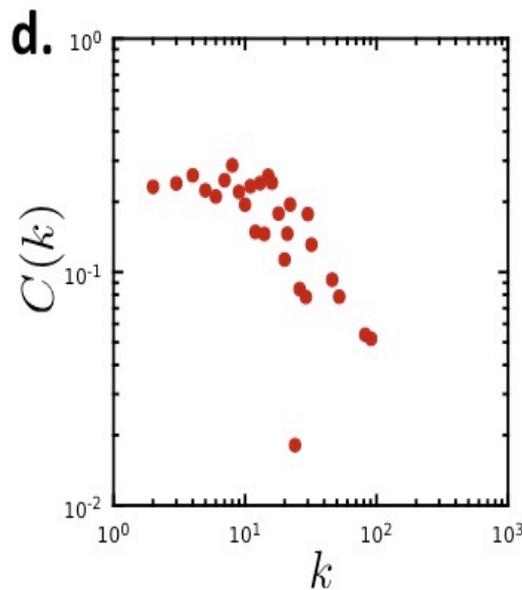
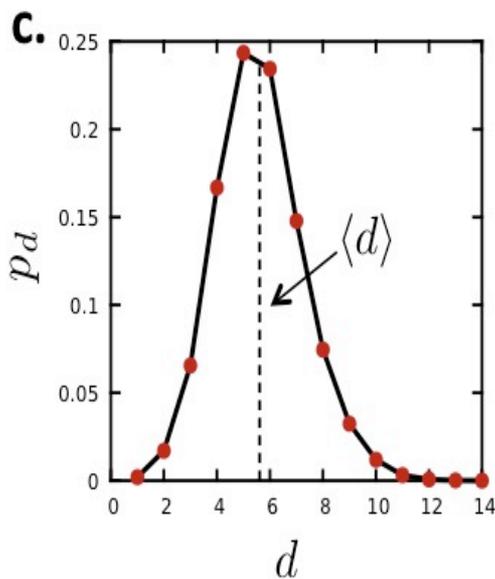


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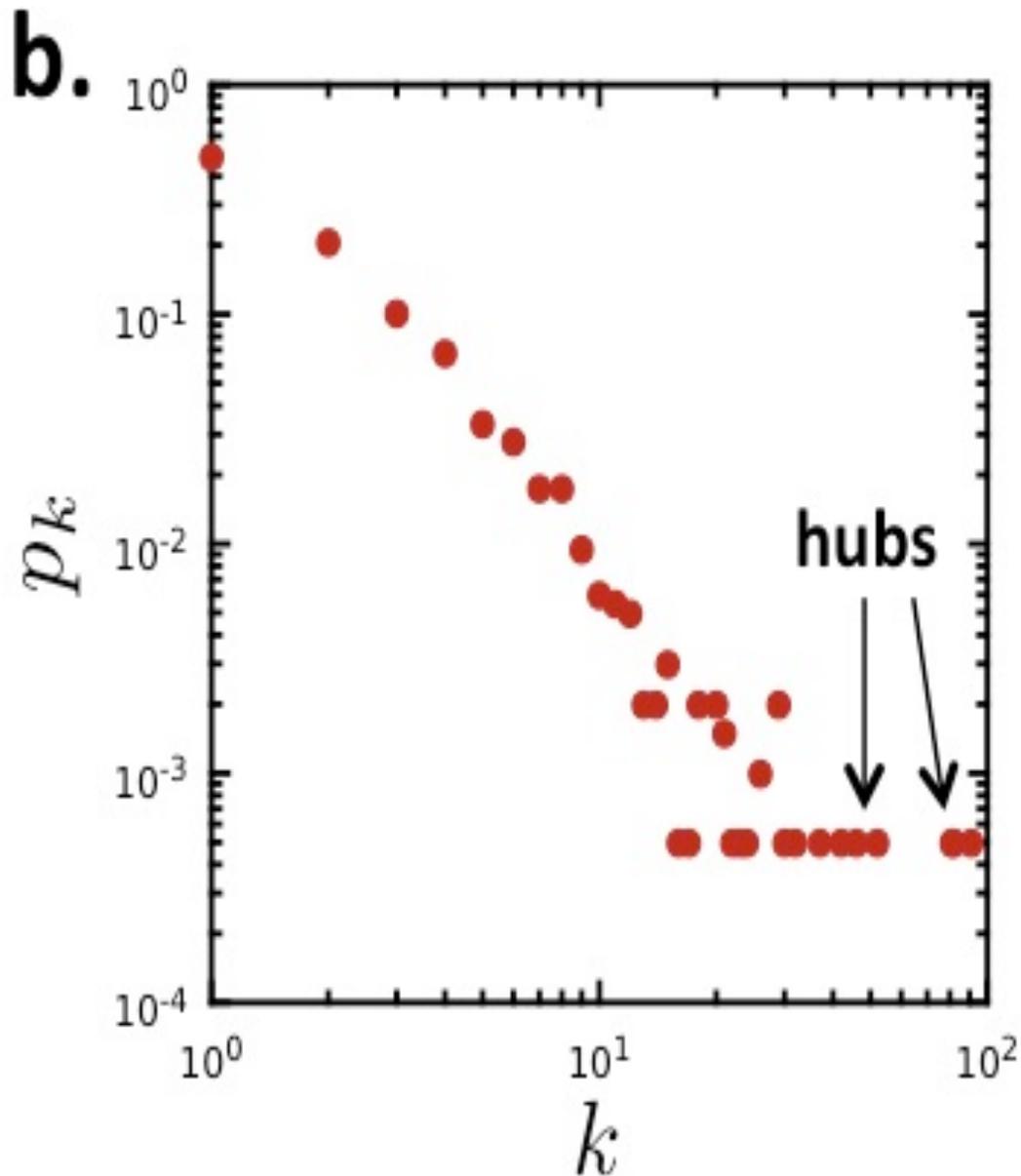


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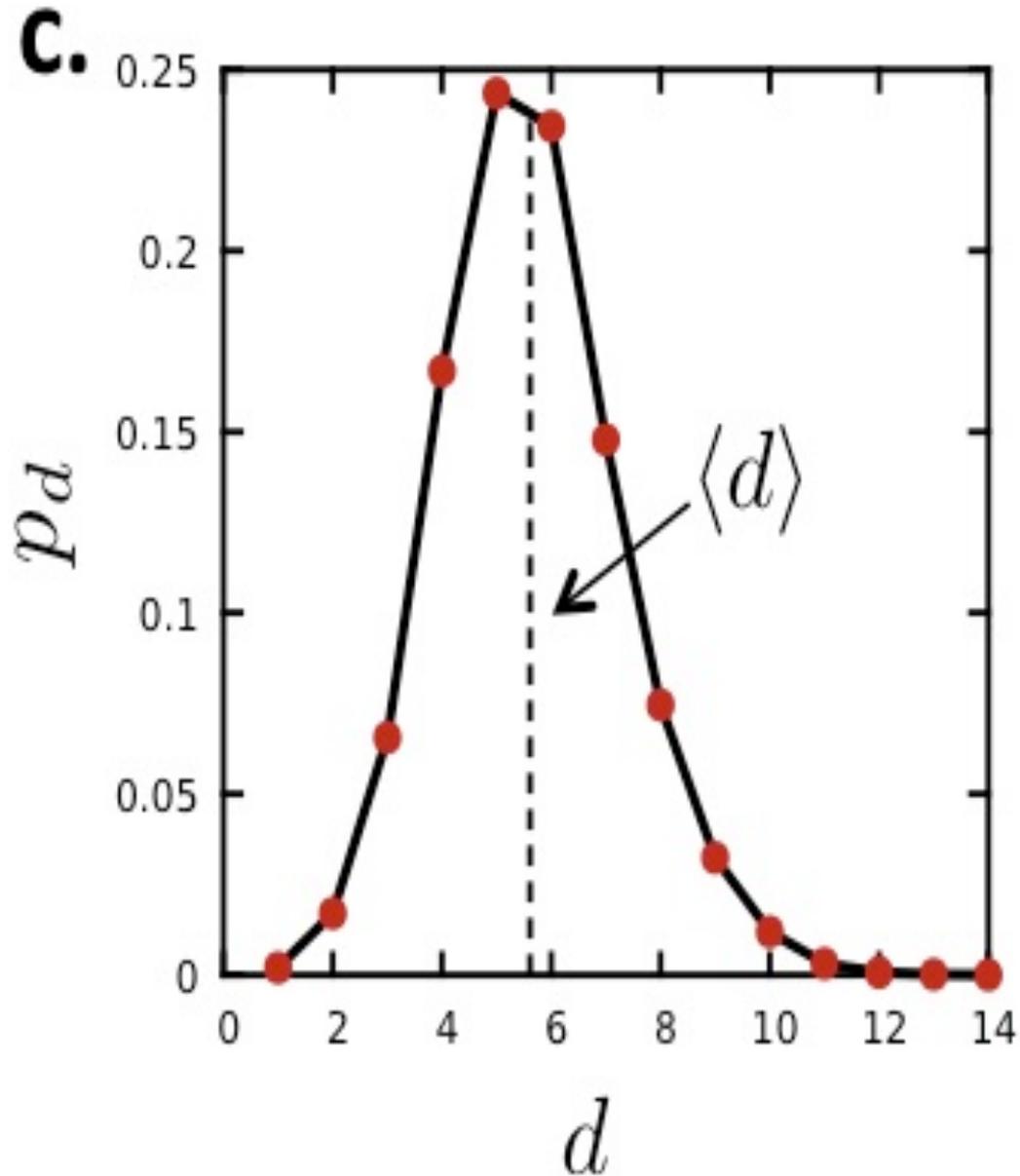


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$$p_k = N_k / N$$

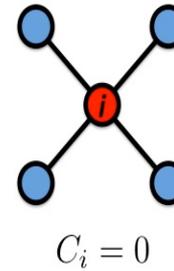
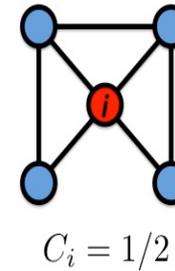
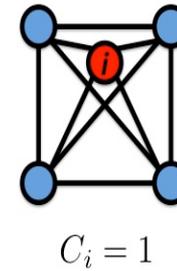
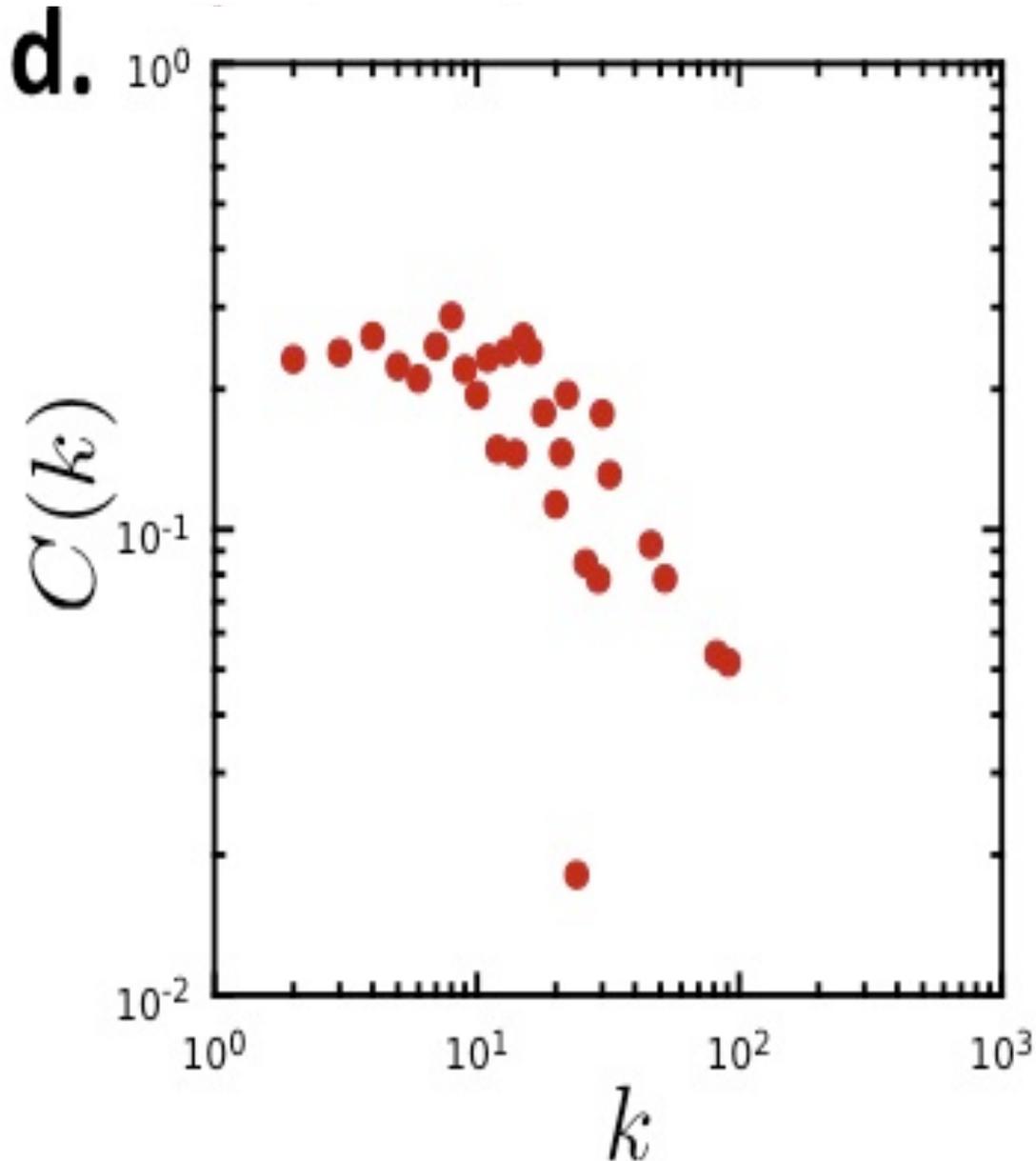
A CASE STUDY: PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION NETWORK



$$d_{\max} = 14$$

$$\langle d \rangle = 5.61$$

A CASE STUDY: PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION NETWORK



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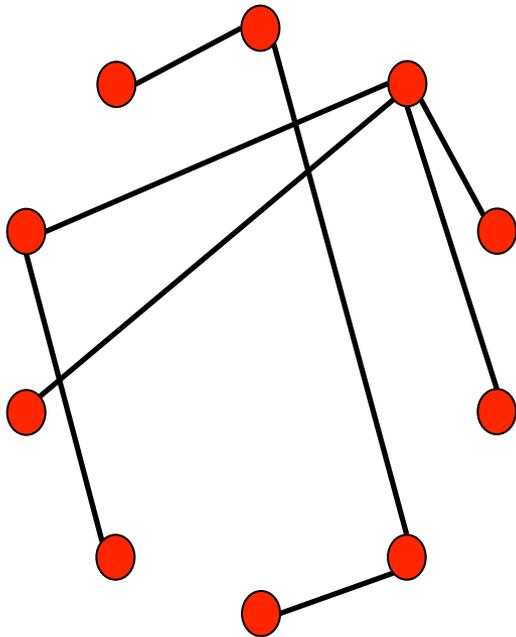
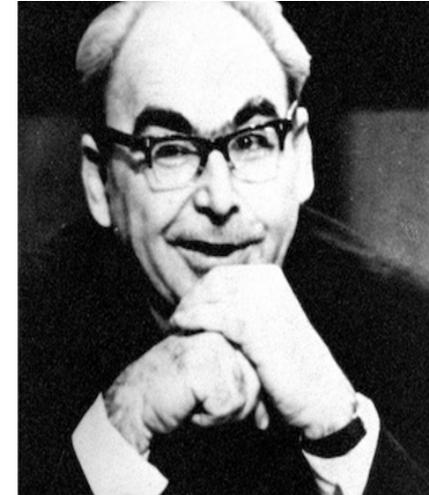
$$\langle C \rangle = 0.12$$

Random graphs

What are the expected basic measures emerging from random?

RANDOM NETWORK MODEL

Pául Erdős
(1913-1996)



Erdős-Rényi model (1960)

Connect with probability p

$p=1/6$ $N=10$

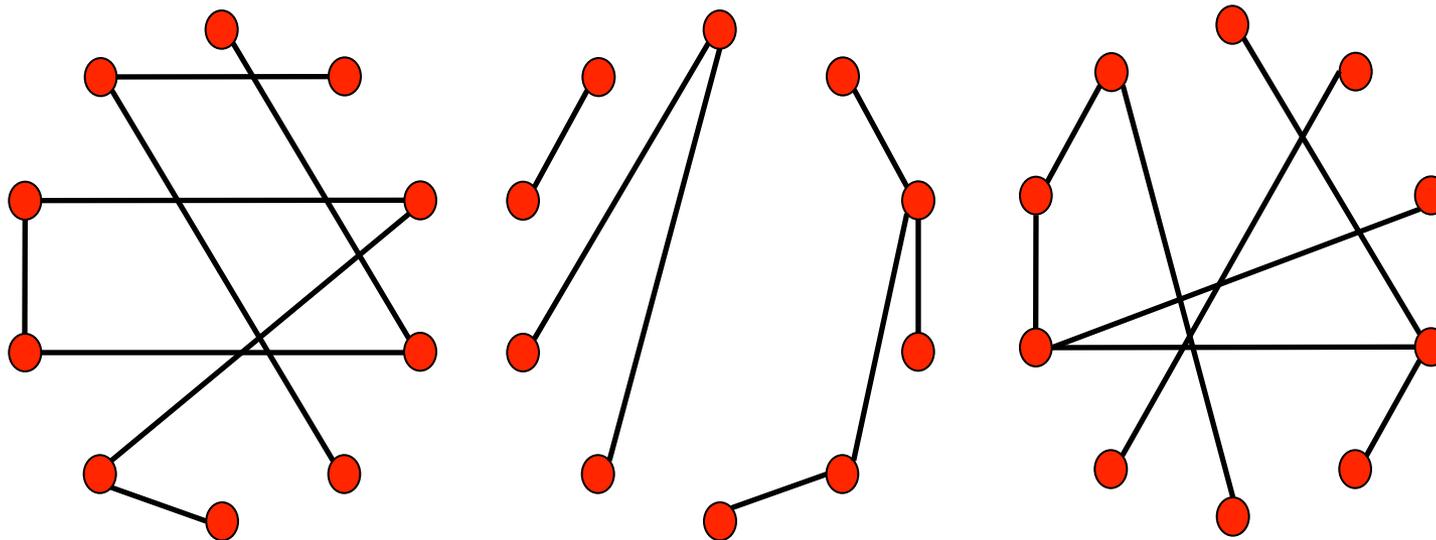
$\langle k \rangle \sim 1.5$



Definition: A **random graph** is a graph of N labeled nodes where each pair of nodes is connected by a preset probability p .

RANDOM NETWORK MODEL

N and p do not uniquely define the network— we can have many different realizations of it. **How many?**



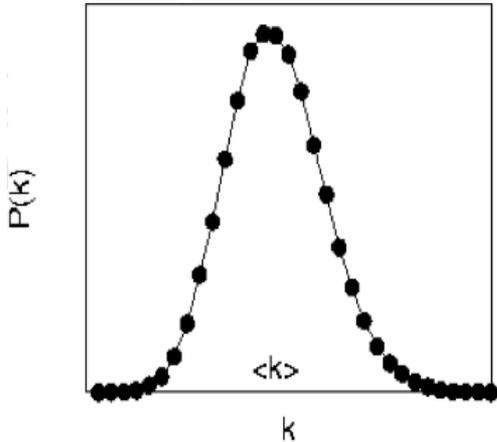
$N=10$
 $p=1/6$

The probability to form a *particular* graph $\mathbf{G}(N,L)$ is

$$P(\mathbf{G}(N,L)) = p^L (1-p)^{\frac{N(N-1)}{2} - L}$$

That is, each graph $\mathbf{G}(N,L)$ appears with probability $P(\mathbf{G}(N,L))$.

DEGREE DISTRIBUTION OF A RANDOM GRAPH



$$P(k) = \binom{N-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{(N-1)-k}$$

Select k nodes from N-1 probability of having k edges probability of missing N-1-k edges

$$\langle k \rangle = p(N-1)$$

$$\sigma_k^2 = p(1-p)(N-1)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_k}{\langle k \rangle} = \left[\frac{1-p}{p} \frac{1}{(N-1)} \right]^{1/2} \approx \frac{1}{(N-1)^{1/2}}$$

As the network size increases, the distribution becomes increasingly narrow—we are increasingly confident that the degree of a node is in the vicinity of $\langle k \rangle$.

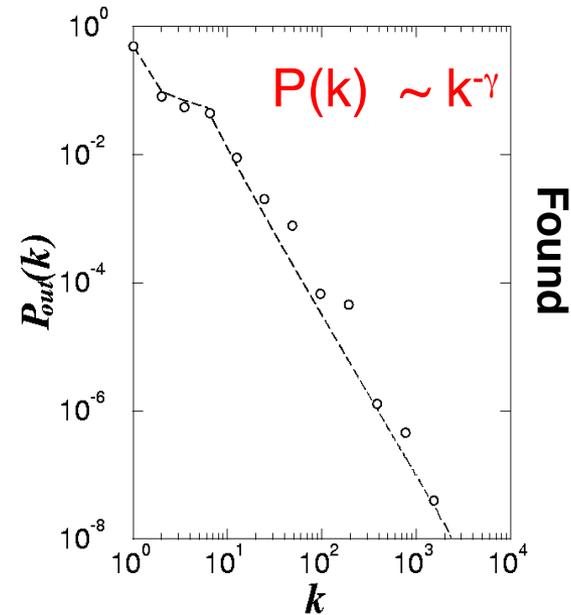
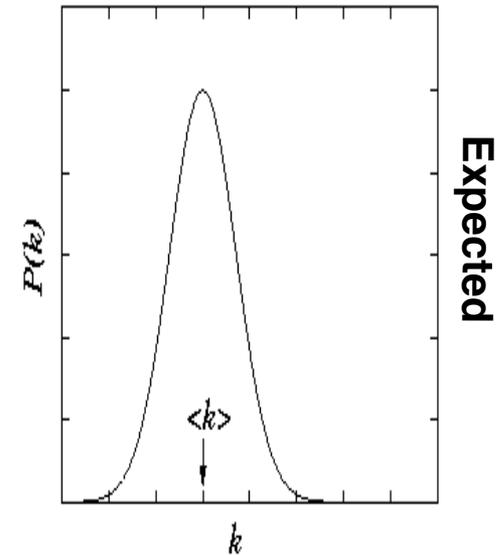
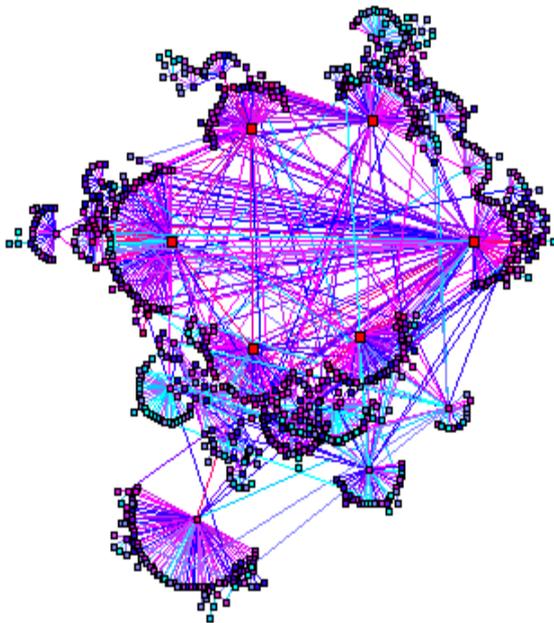
WORLD WIDE WEB

Nodes: **WWW documents**

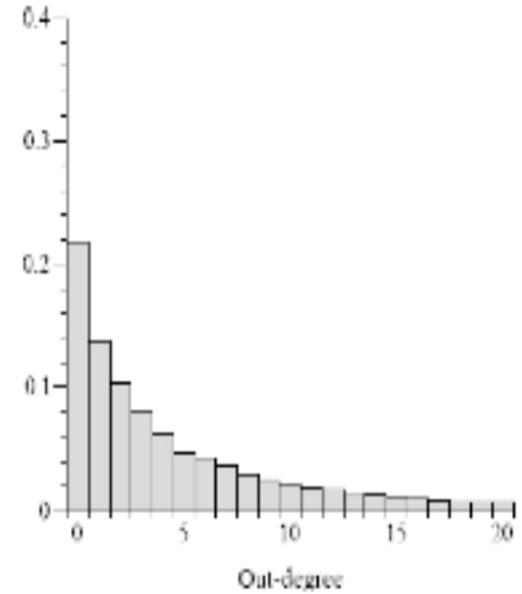
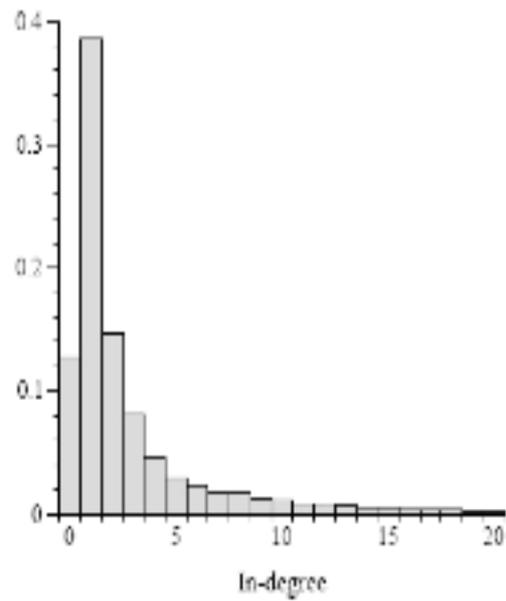
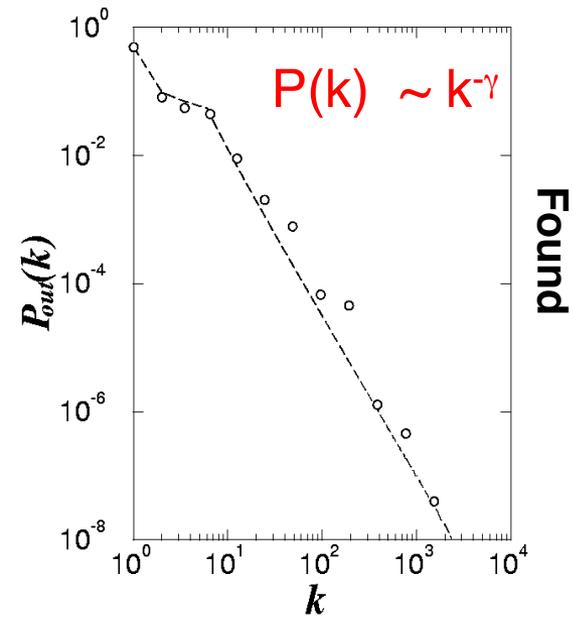
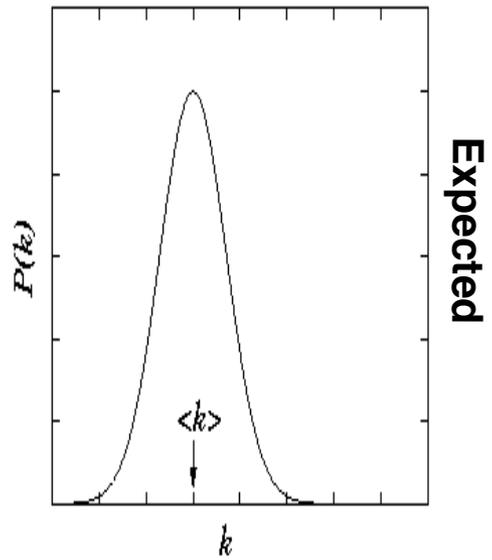
Links: **URL links**

Over 3 billion documents

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

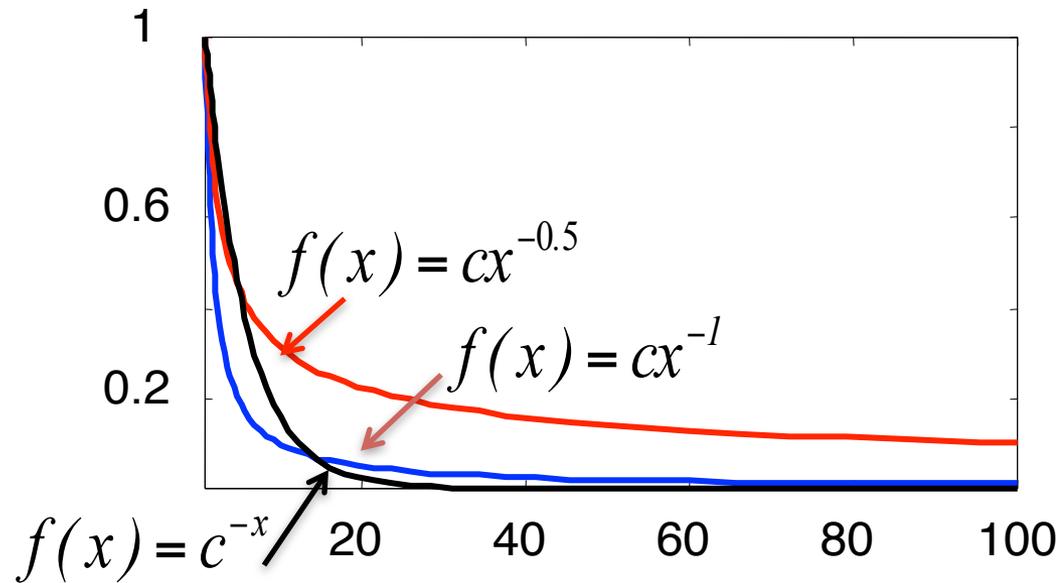


Degree distribution of the WWW



R. Albert, H. Jeong, A-L Barabasi, *Nature*, 401 130 (1999).

The difference between a power law and an exponential distribution



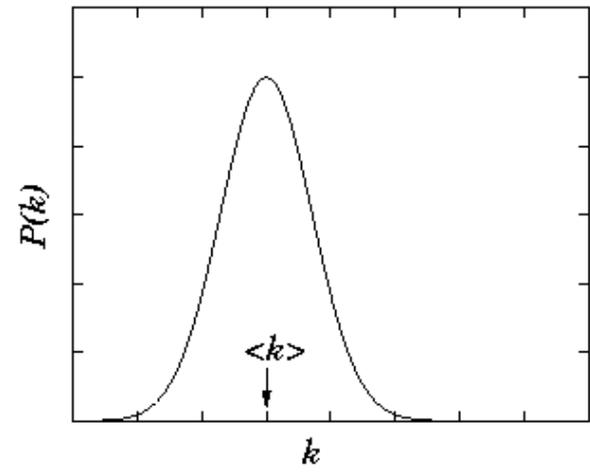
Above a certain x value, the power law is always higher than the exponential.

What does the difference mean? Visual representation.

**Exponential
Network**

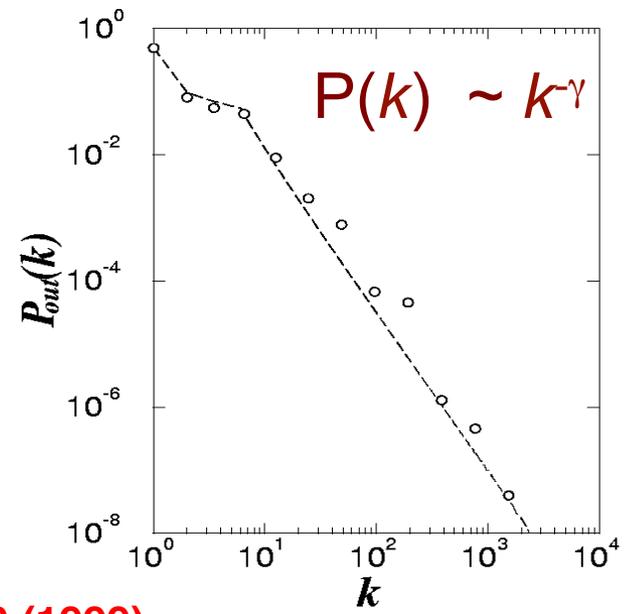
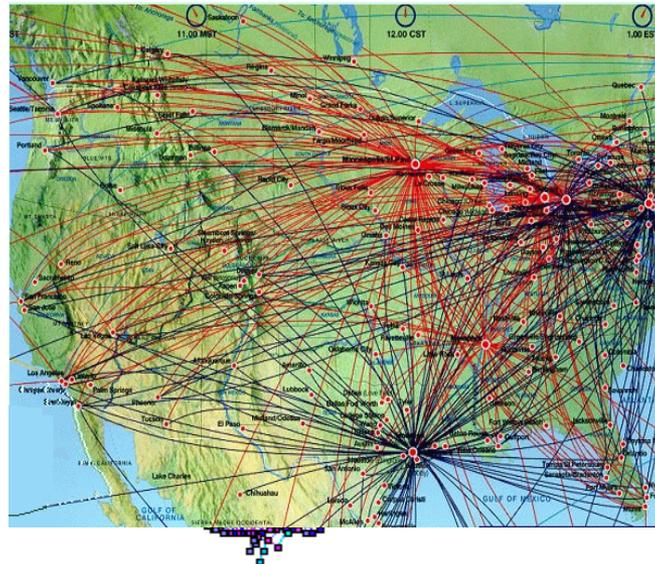


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Expected

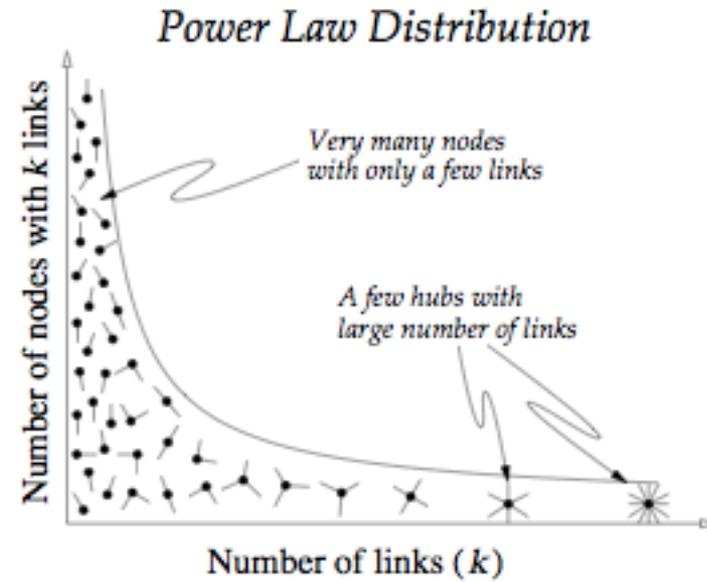
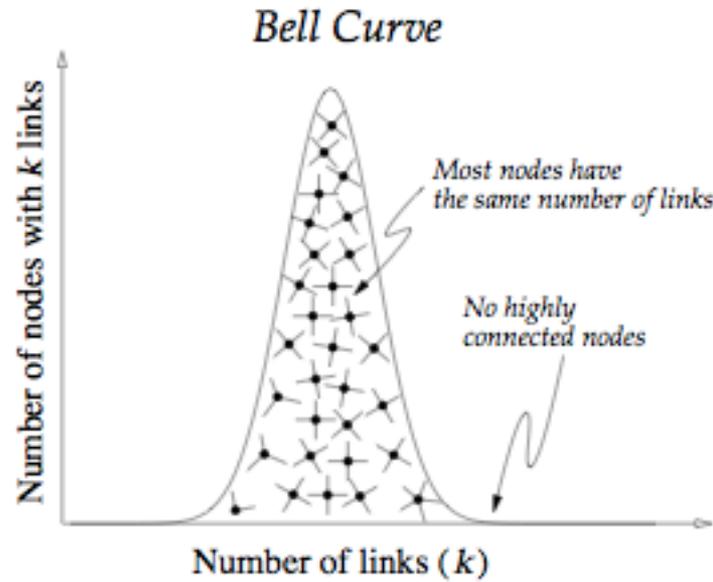
**Scale-free
Network**



Found

R. Albert, H. Jeong, A-L Barabasi, *Nature*, 401 130 (1999).

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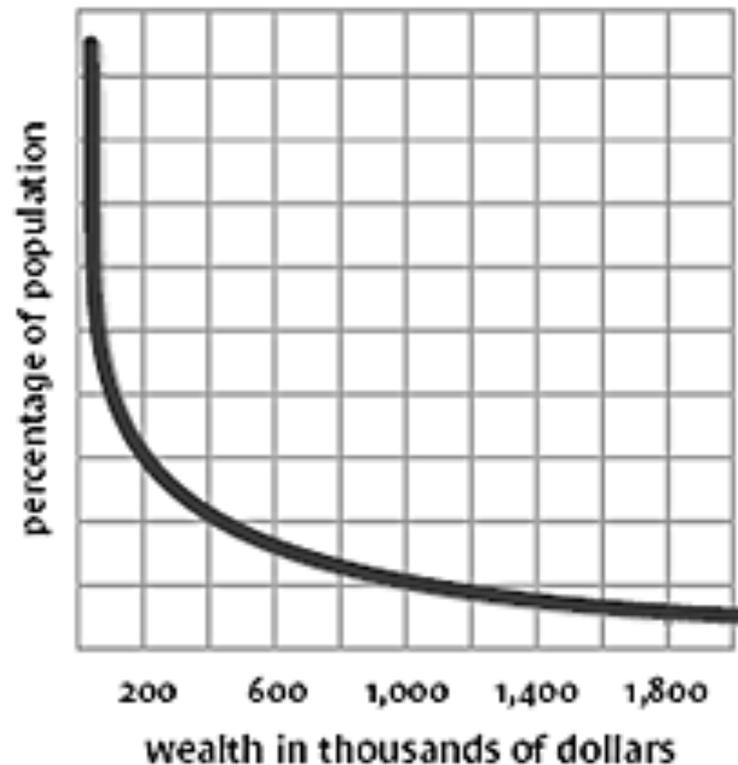


PARETO DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH

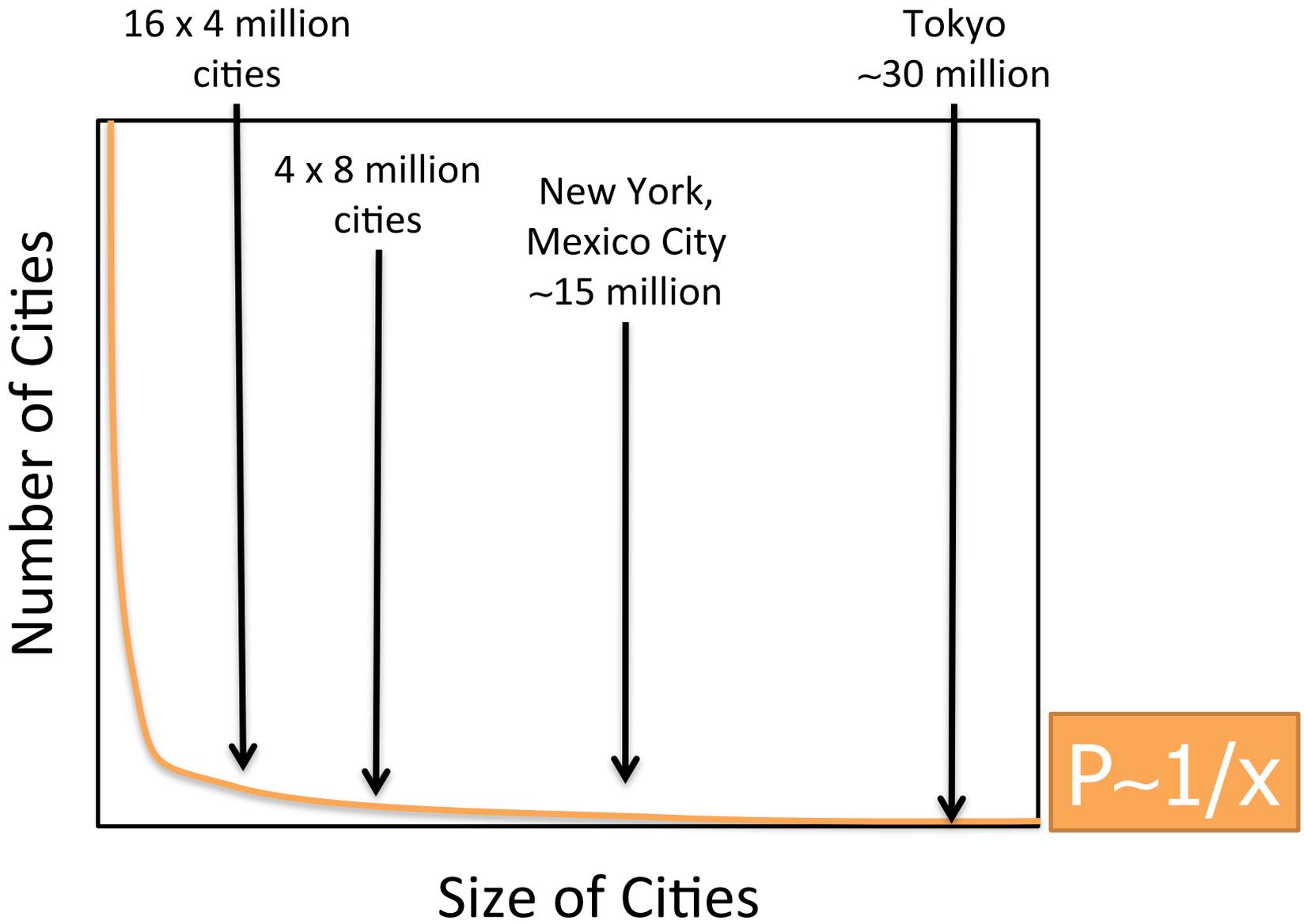


Vilfredo Pareto (1848-1923)

Rich and Poor in America



This plot of household wealth in the United States, taken from 1998 census figures, clearly shows a distribution of rich and poor forming a Pareto curve. The highest percentage of households fall at the lower levels of wealth, but at the higher end, the curve drops off relatively slowly, displaying Pareto's "fat-tailed" pattern.



NO OUTLIERS IN A RANDOM SOCIETY

$$P(k) = e^{-\langle k \rangle} \frac{\langle k \rangle^k}{k!}$$

- The most connected individual has degree $k_{\max} \sim 1,185$
- The least connected individual has degree $k_{\min} \sim 816$

The probability to find an individual with degree $k > 2,000$ is 10^{-27} . Hence the chance of finding an individual with 2,000 acquaintances is so tiny that such nodes are virtually inexistent in a random society.

- a random society would consist of mainly average individuals, with everyone with roughly the same number of friends.
- It would lack outliers, individuals that are either highly popular or reclusive.

After Bill enters the arena the average wealth of the public ~ \$1,000,000



~ \$100 billion

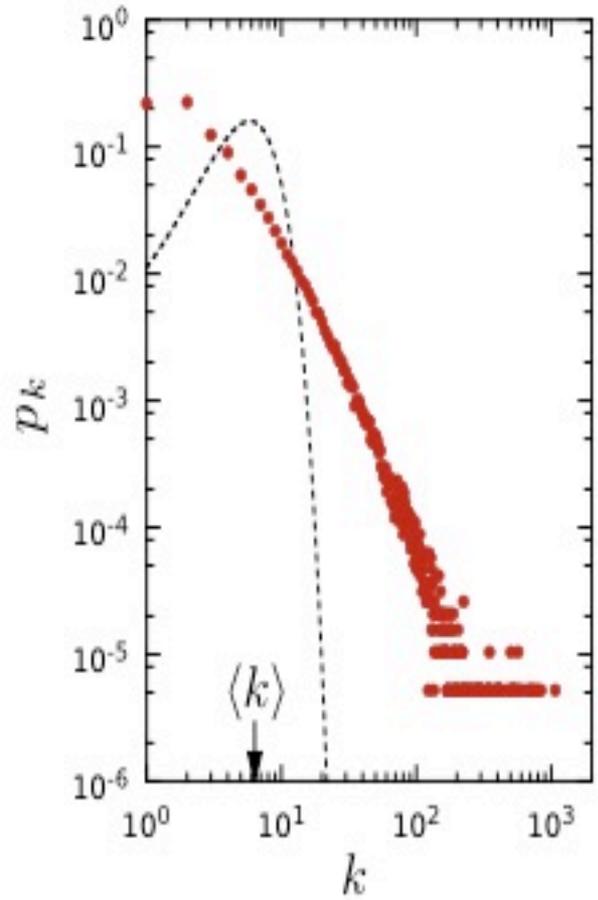


10^5 people, 10^5 \$ average wealth per capita

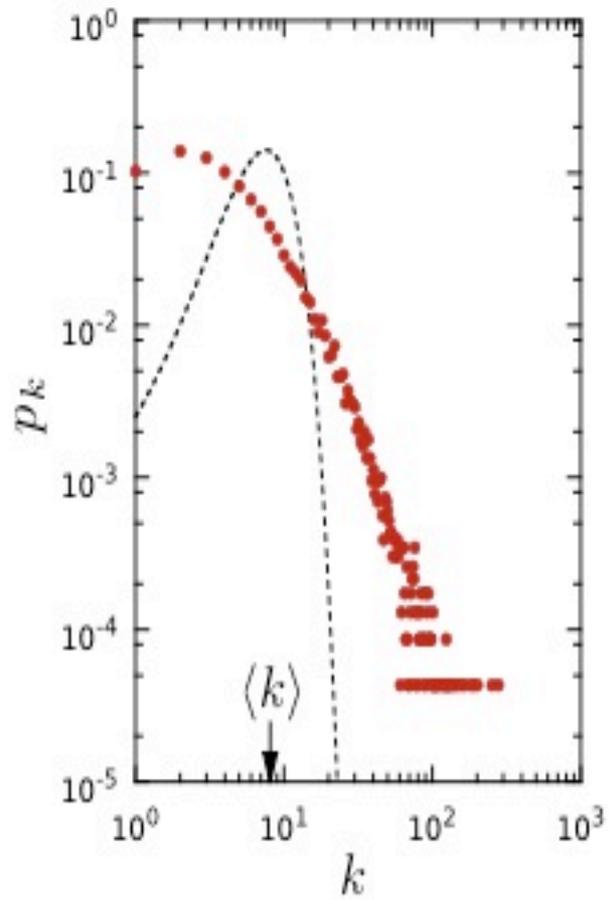
FACING REALITY: Degree distribution of real networks

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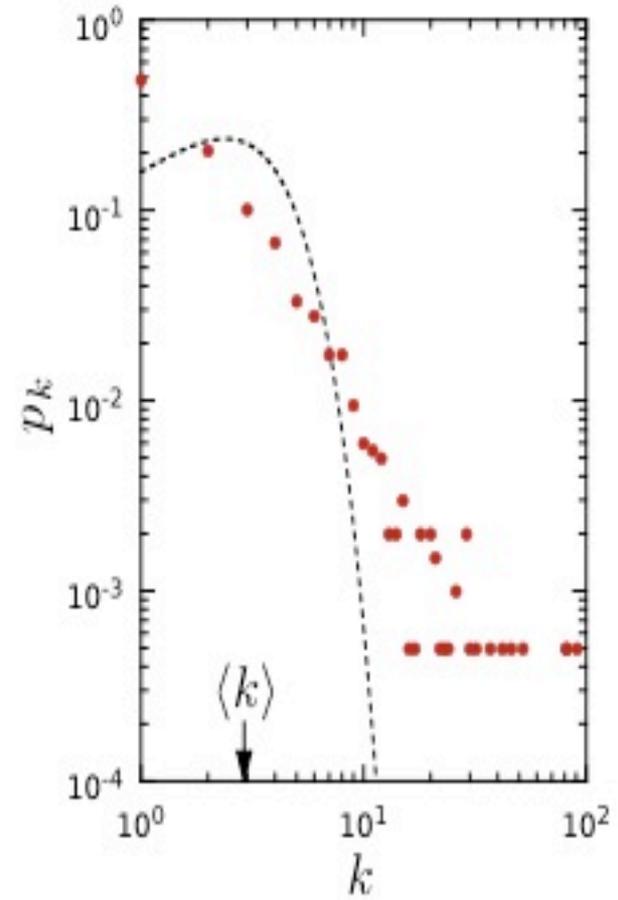
Internet



Science Collaboration



Protein Interactions



Network	Size	$\langle k \rangle$	κ	γ_{out}	γ_{in}
WWW	325 729	4.51	900	2.45	2.1
WWW	4×10^7	7		2.38	2.1
WWW	2×10^5	7.5	4000	2.72	2.1
WWW, site	260 000				1.94
Internet, domain*	3015–4389	3.42–3.76	30–40	2.1–2.2	2.1–2.2
Internet, router*	3888	2.57	30	2.48	2.48
Internet, router*	150 000	2.66	60	2.4	2.4
Movie actors*	212 250	28.78	900	2.3	2.3
Co-authors, SPIRES*	56 627	173	1100	1.2	1.2
Co-authors, neuro.*	209 293	11.54	400	2.1	2.1
Co-authors, math.*	70 975	3.9	120	2.5	2.5
Sexual contacts*	2810			3.4	3.4
Metabolic, <i>E. coli</i>	778	7.4	110	2.2	2.2
Protein, <i>S. cerev.</i> *	1870	2.39		2.4	2.4
Ythan estuary*	134	8.7	35	1.05	1.05
Silwood Park*	154	4.75	27	1.13	1.13
Citation	783 339	8.57			3
Phone call	53×10^5	3.16		2.1	2.1
Words, co-occurrence*	460 902	70.13		2.7	2.7
Words, synonyms*	22 311	13.48		2.8	2.8

Networks:

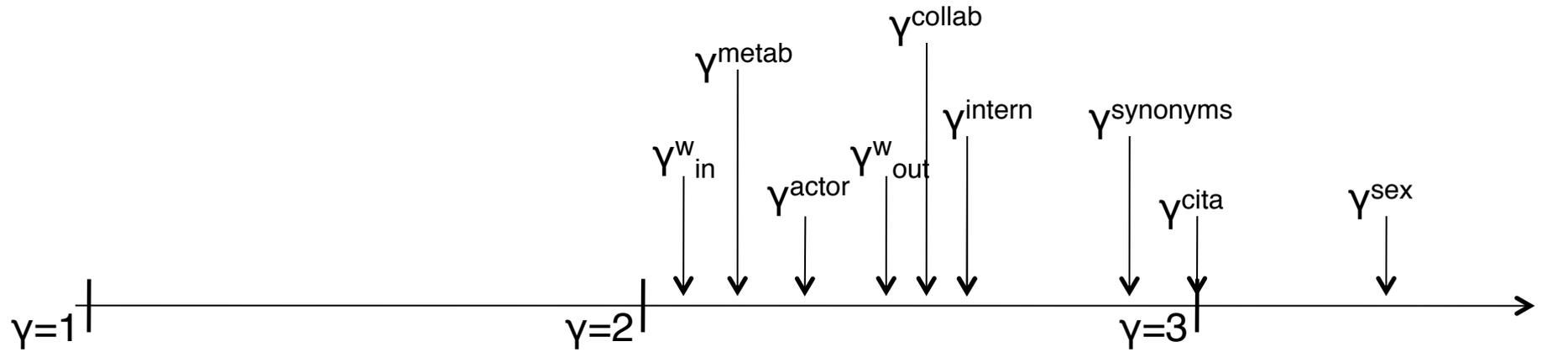
The exponents vary from system to system.

Most are between 2 and 3

Universality:

the emergence of common features across different networks. Like the scale-free property.

VARIANCE DIVERGES!



$\langle k^2 \rangle$ diverges

$\langle k^2 \rangle$ finite

Regime full of anomalies...

The scale-free behavior is relevant

Behaves like a random network



Why are most exponents in this regime?

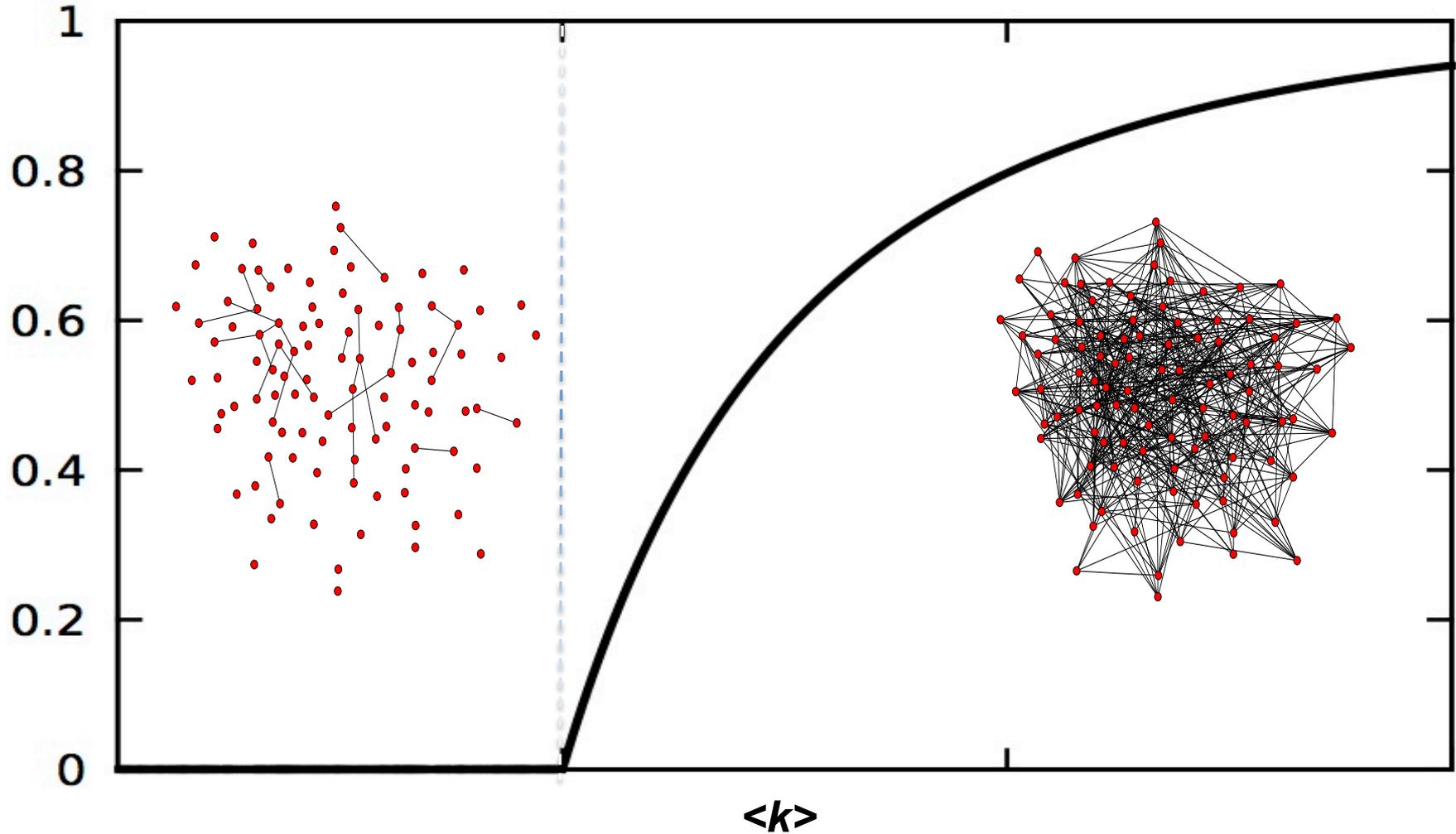
The evolution of a random network

EVOLUTION OF A RANDOM NETWORK

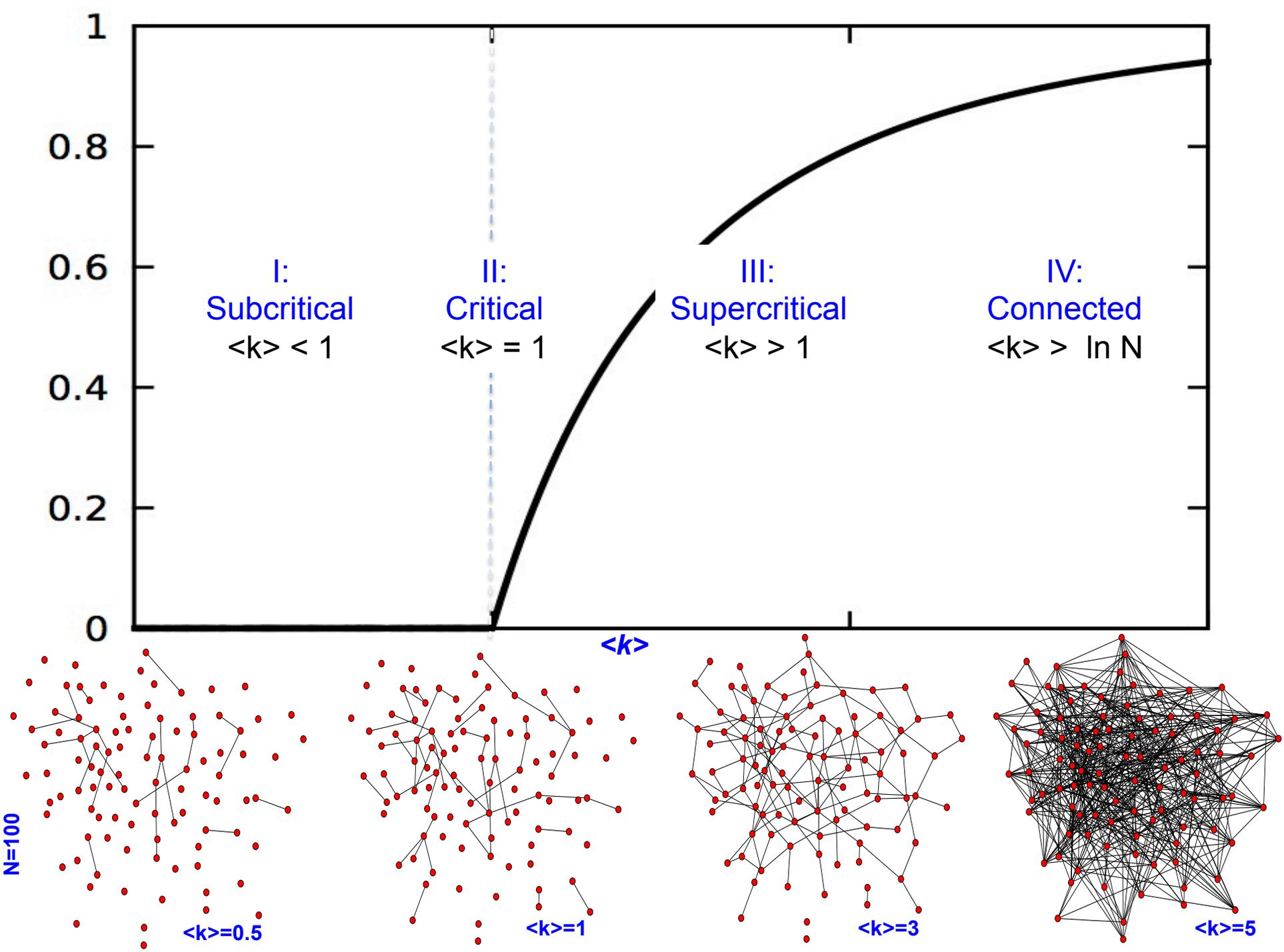
disconnected nodes



NETWORK.

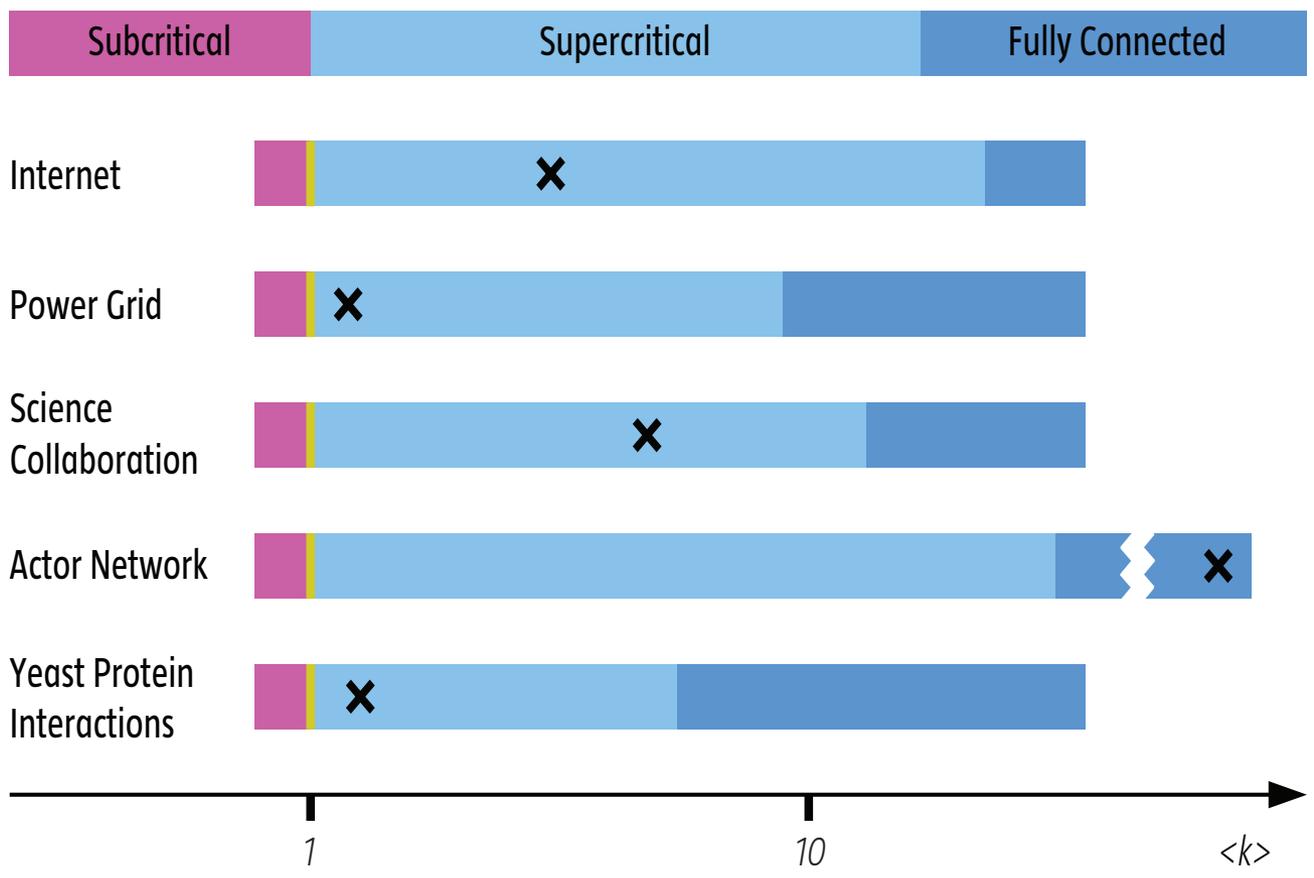


How does this transition happen?



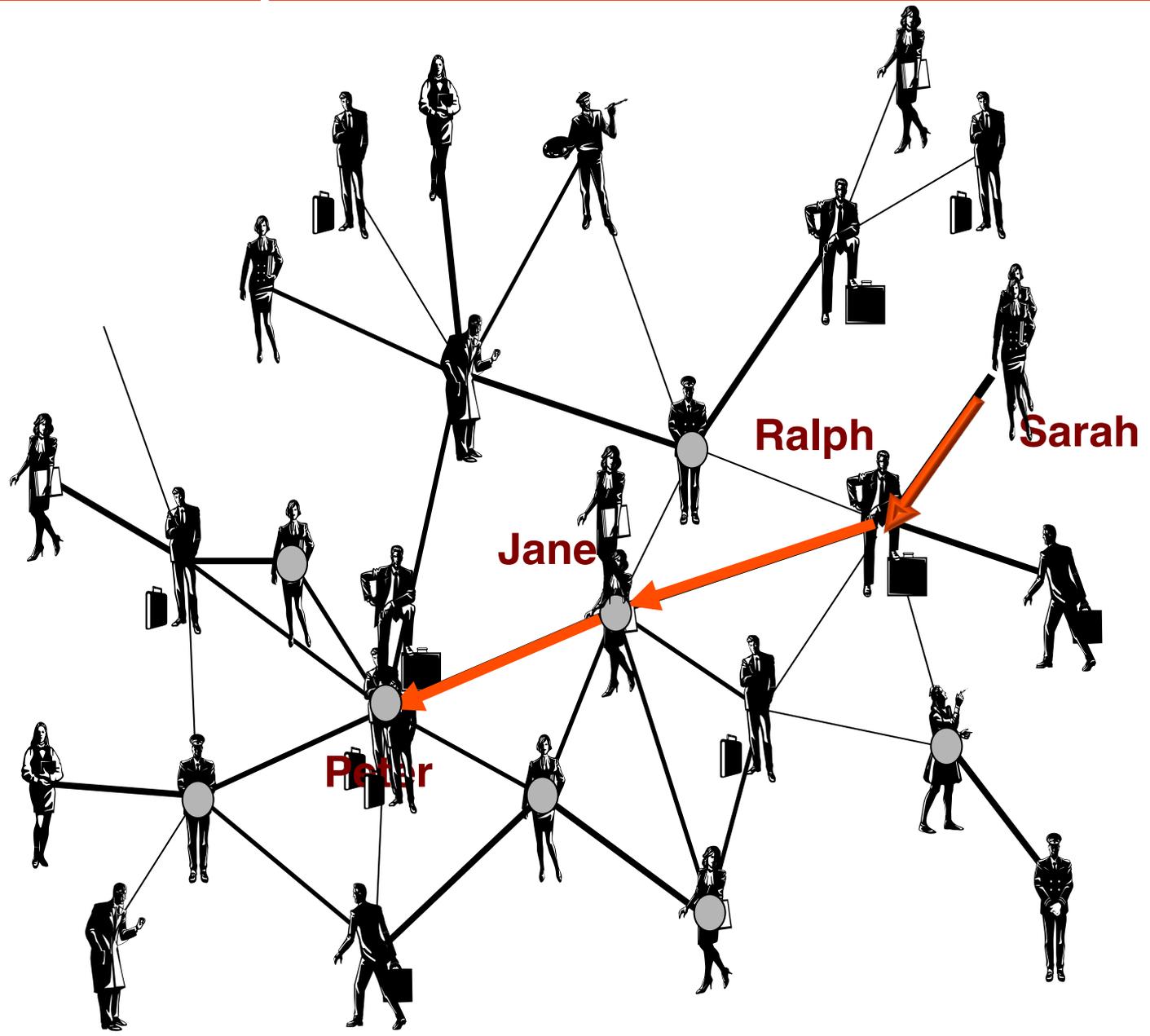
Real networks are supercritical

Section 7



Network	N	L	$\langle k \rangle$	$\ln N$
Internet	192,244	609,066	6.34	12.17
Power Grid	4,941	6,594	2.67	8.51
Science Collaboration	23,133	186,936	8.08	10.04
Actor Network	212,250	3,054,278	28.78	12.27
Yeast Protein Interactions	2,018	2,930	2.90	7.61

Small world property



*Frigyes Karinthy, 1929
Stanley Milgram, 1967*



Frigyes Karinthy (1887-1938)
Hungarian Writer

1929: *Minden más leppen van* (Everything is Different)
Láncszemek (Chains)



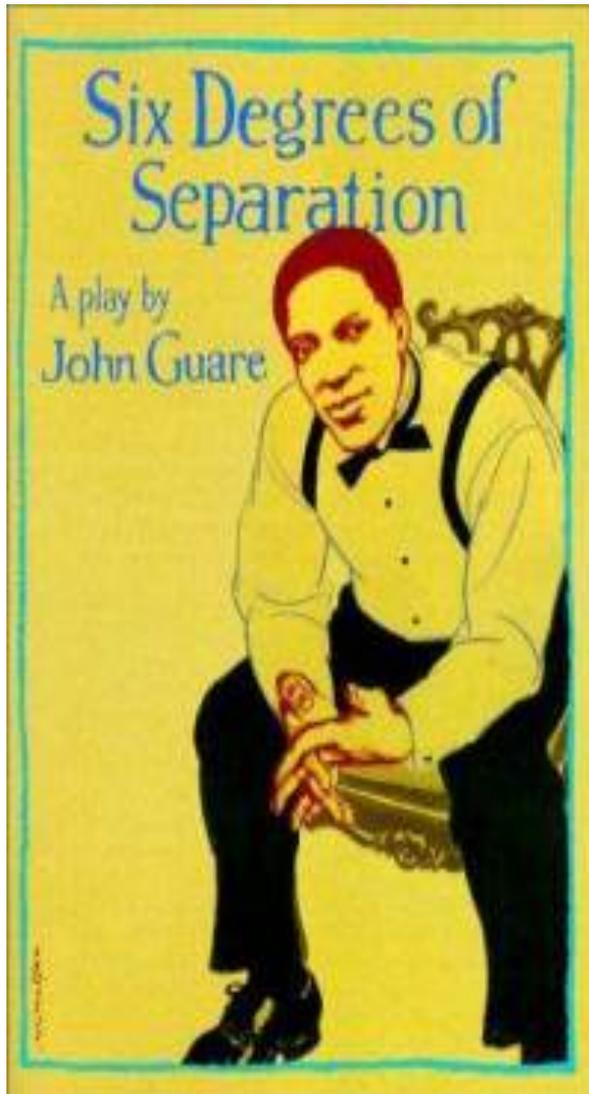
“Look, Selma Lagerlöf just won the Nobel Prize for Literature, thus she is bound to know King Gustav of Sweden, after all he is the one who handed her the Prize, as required by tradition. King Gustav, to be sure, is a passionate tennis player, who always participates in international tournaments. He is known to have played Mr. Kehrling, whom he must therefore know for sure, and as it happens I myself know Mr. Kehrling quite well.”

"The worker knows the manager in the shop, who knows Ford; Ford is on friendly terms with the general director of Hearst Publications, who last year became good friends with Arpad Pasztor, someone I not only know, but to the best of my knowledge a good friend of mine. So I could easily ask him to send a telegram via the general director telling Ford that he should talk to the manager and have the worker in the shop quickly hammer together a car for me, as I happen to need one."



HOW TO TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY

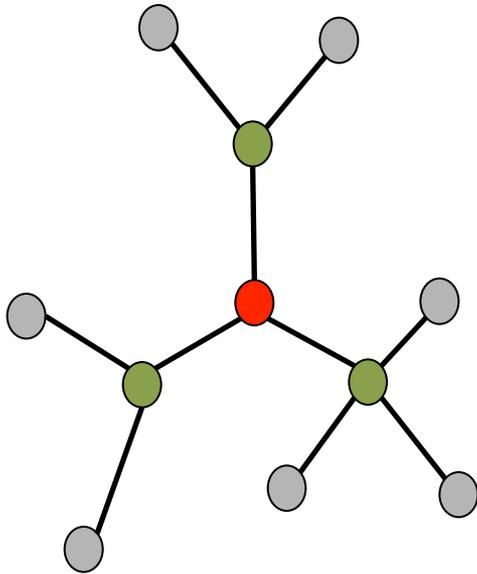
1. ADD YOUR NAME TO THE ROSTER AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHEET, so that the next person who receives this letter will know who it came from.
2. DETACH ONE POSTCARD. FILL IT AND RETURN IT TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY. No stamp is needed. The postcard is very important. It allows us to keep track of the progress of the folder as it moves toward the target person.
3. IF YOU KNOW THE TARGET PERSON ON A PERSONAL BASIS, MAIL THIS FOLDER DIRECTLY TO HIM (HER). Do this only if you have previously met the target person and know each other on a first name basis.
4. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE TARGET PERSON ON A PERSONAL BASIS, DO NOT TRY TO CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY. INSTEAD, MAIL THIS FOLDER (POST CARDS AND ALL) TO A PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WHO IS MORE LIKELY THAN YOU TO KNOW THE TARGET PERSON. You may send the folder to a friend, relative or acquaintance, but it must be someone you know on a first name basis.



"Everybody on this planet is separated by only six other people. Six degrees of separation. Between us and everybody else on this planet. The president of the United States. A gondolier in Venice.... It's not just the big names. It's anyone. A native in a rain forest. A Tierra del Fuegan. An Eskimo. I am bound to everyone on this planet by a trail of six people. It's a profound thought. How every person is a new door, opening up into other worlds."

DISTANCES IN RANDOM GRAPHS

Random graphs tend to have a tree-like topology with almost constant node degrees.



• nr. of first neighbors:

$$N_1 \cong \langle k \rangle$$

• nr. of second neighbors:

$$N_2 \cong \langle k \rangle^2$$

• nr. of neighbours at distance d:

$$N_d \cong \langle k \rangle^d$$

• estimate maximum distance:

$$1 + \sum_{l=1}^{l_{\max}} \langle k \rangle^l = N \quad \Rightarrow \quad l_{\max} = \frac{\log N}{\log \langle k \rangle}$$

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Network	Size	(k)	l	l _{rand}	C	C _{rand}	Reference	Nr
www, site level, undir	153127	35.21	3.1	3.35	0.1078	0.00023	Adamic, 1999	1
Internet, domain level	3015-6209	3.52-4.11	3.7-3.76	6.36-6.18	0.18-0.3	0.001	Yook et al., 2001a, Pastor-Satorras et al., 2001	2
Movie actors	225226	61	3.65	2.99	0.79	0.00027	Watts and Strogatz, 1998	3
LANL co-authorship	52909	9.7	5.9	4.79	0.43	1.8×10^{-4}	Newman, 2001a, 2001b, 2001c	4
MEDLINE eo-authorship	1520251	18.1	4.6	4.91	0.066	1.1×10^{-5}	Newman, 2001a, 2001b, 2001c	5
SPIRES co-authorship	56627	173	4.0	2.12	0.726	0.003	Newman, 2001a, 2001b, 2001c	6
NCSTRL co-authorship	11994	3.59	9.7	7.34	0.496	3×10^{-4}	Newman, 2001a, 2001b, 2001c	7
Math. co-authorship	70975	3.9	9.5	8.2	0.59	5.4×10^{-5}	Barabasi et al, 2001	8
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Given the huge differences in scope, size, and average degree, the agreement is excellent.

CLUSTERING COEFFICIENT

$$C_i \equiv \frac{2n_i}{k_i(k_i - 1)}$$

Since edges are independent and have the same probability p ,

$$n_i \cong p \frac{k_i(k_i - 1)}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad C \cong p = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{N}$$

The clustering coefficient of random graphs is small.

For fixed degree C decreases with the system size N .

Network	Size	(k)	l	l_{rand}	C	C_{rand}	Reference	Nr
www, site level, undir	153127	35.21	3.1	3.35	0.1078	0.00023	Adamic, 1999	1
Internet, domain level	3015-6209	3.52-4.11	3.7-3.76	6.36-6.18	0.18-0.3	0.001	Yook et al., 2001a, Pastor-Satorras et al., 2001	2
Movie actors	225226	61	3.65	2.99	0.79	0.00027	Watts and Strogatz, 1998	3
LANL co-authorship	52909	9.7	5.9	4.79	0.43	1.8×10^{-4}	Newman, 2001a, 2001b, 2001c	4
MEDLINE eo-authorship	1520251	18.1	4.6	4.91	0.066	1.1×10^{-5}	Newman, 2001a, 2001b, 2001c	5
SPIRES co-authorship	56627	173	4.0	2.12	0.726	0.003	Newman, 2001a, 2001b, 2001c	6
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- **Degree distribution**

Binomial, Poisson (exponential tails)

- **Clustering coefficient**

Vanishing for large network sizes

- **Average distance among nodes**

Logarithmically small

**Are real networks like
random graphs?**

NO!

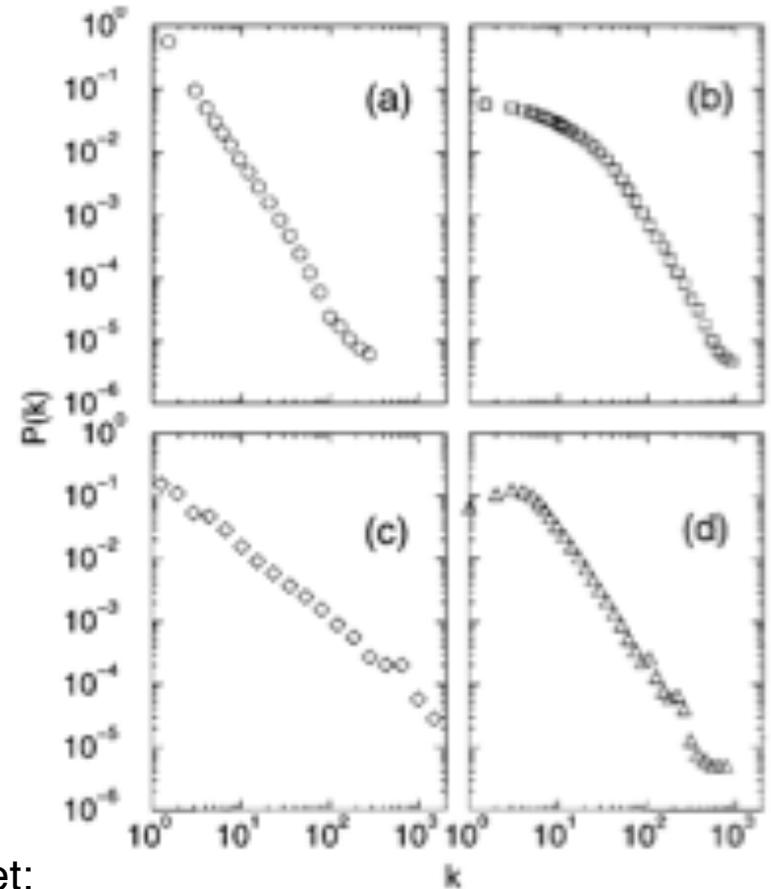
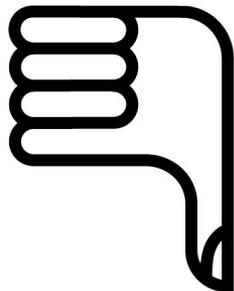
THE DEGREE DISTRIBUTION

Prediction:

$$P_{rand}(k) \cong C_{N-1}^k p^k (1-p)^{N-1-k}$$

Data:

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



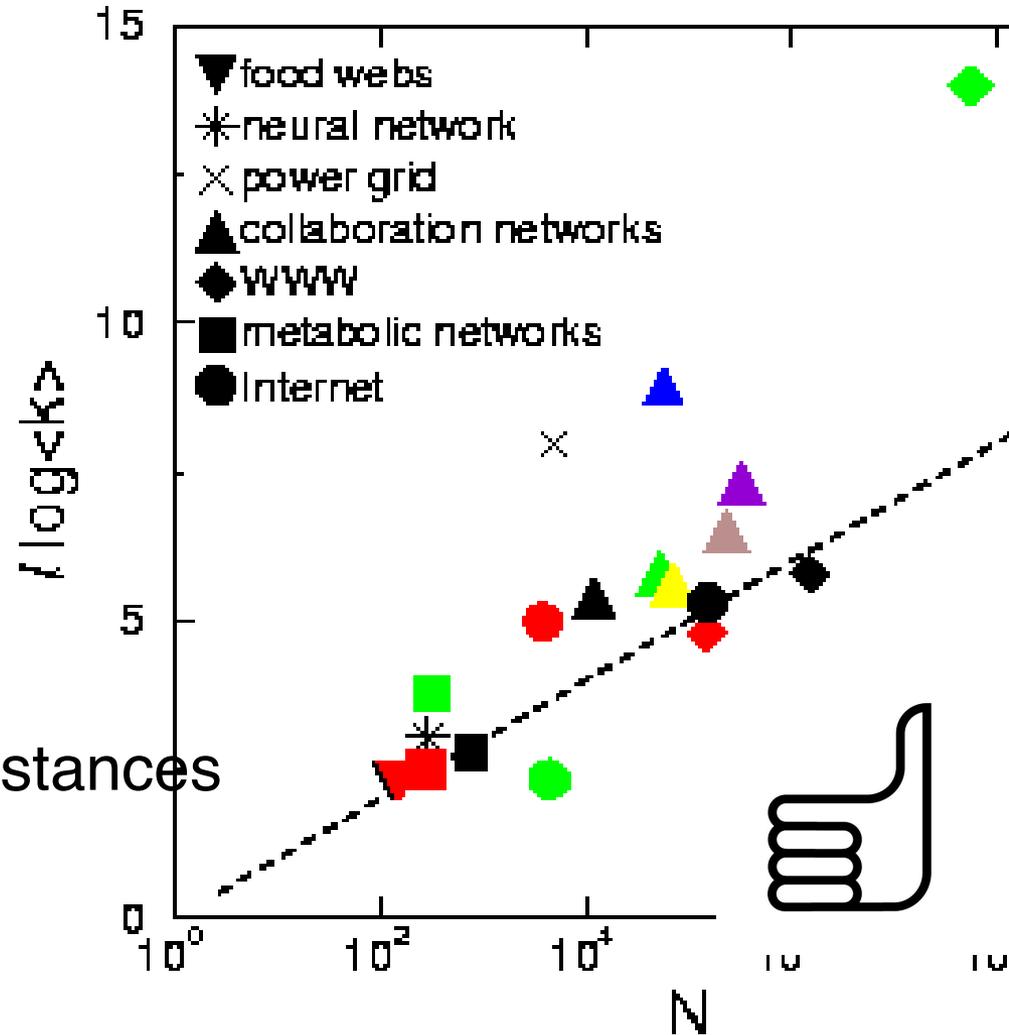
- (a) Internet;
- (b) Movie Actors;
- (c) Coauthorship, high energy physics;
- (d) Coauthorship, neuroscience

PATH LENGTHS IN REAL NETWORKS

Prediction:

$$l_{rand} = \frac{\log N}{\log \langle k \rangle}$$

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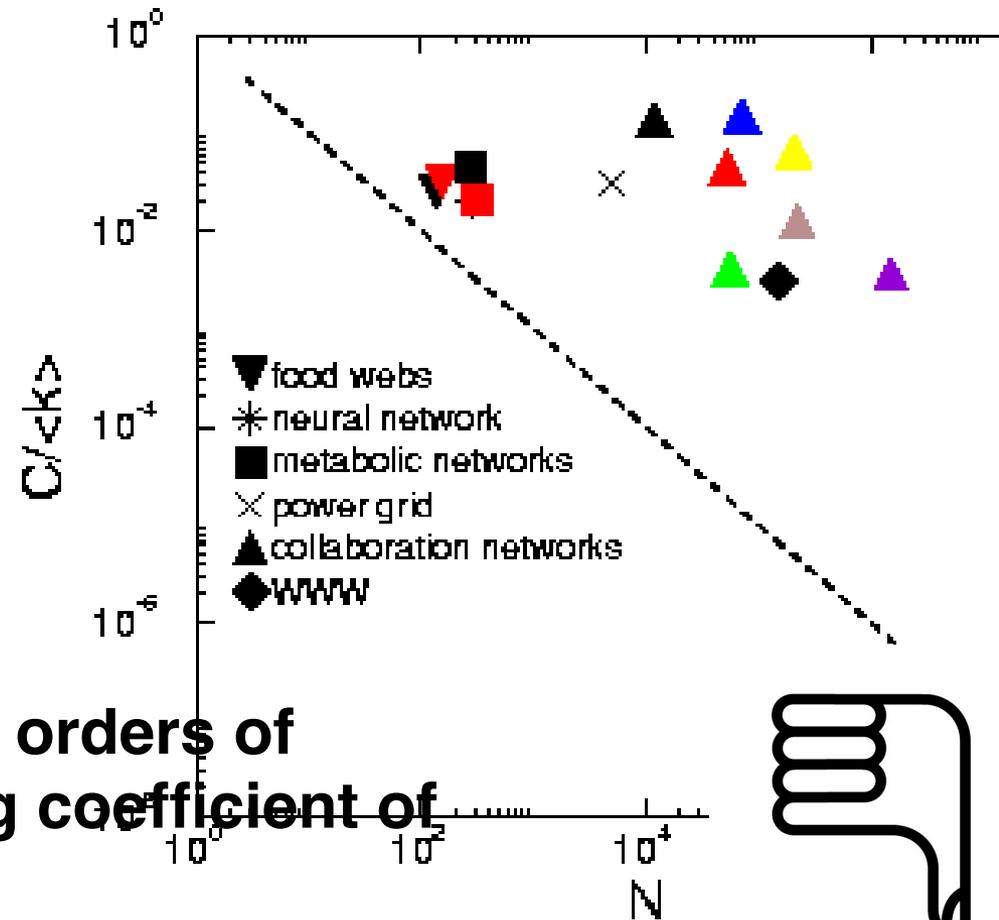
Real networks have short distances like random graphs.

CLUSTERING COEFFICIENT

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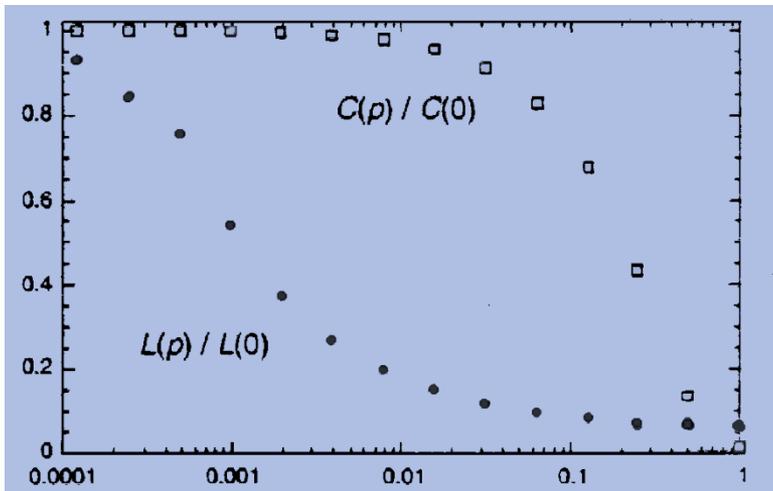
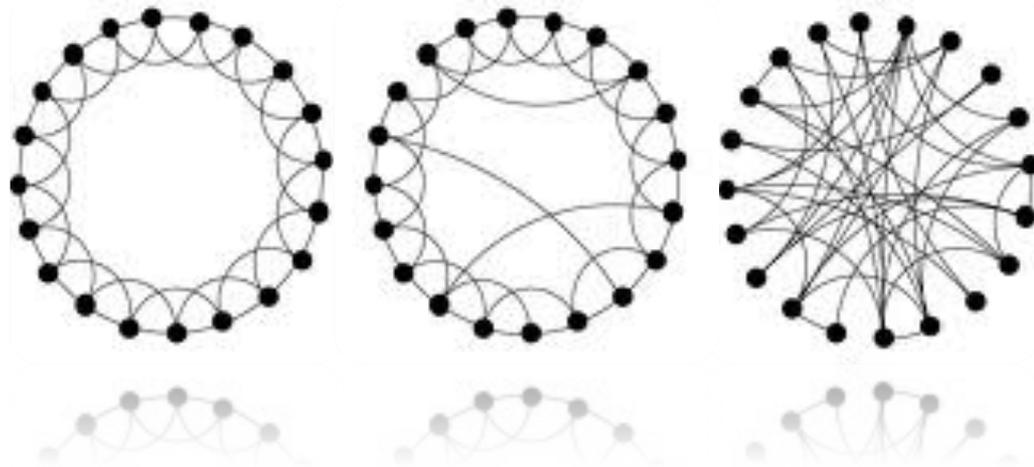
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Data:



C_{rand} underestimates with orders of magnitudes the clustering coefficient of real networks.

Models for «real» networks: small world



The Watts Strogatz Model:

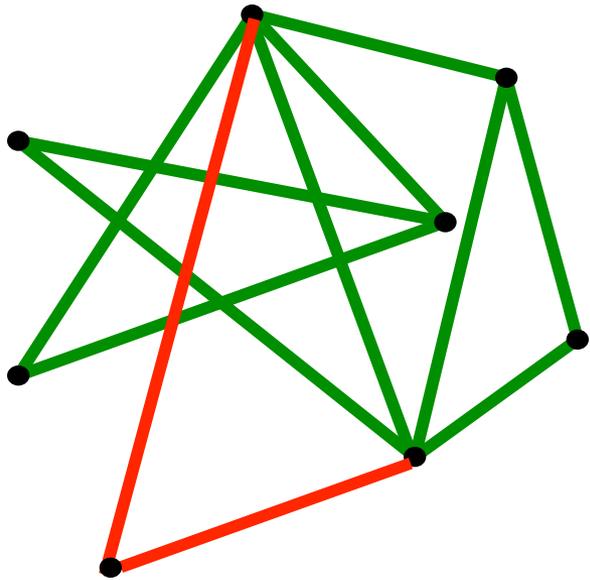
It takes a lot of randomness to ruin the clustering, but a very small amount to overcome locality

Models for real networks: Preferential Attachment

Where will the new node link to?

ER, WS models: choose randomly.

New nodes prefer to link to highly connected nodes (www, citations, IMDB).



PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT:

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

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