

# **The Architecture of Complexity: From the Topology of the WWW to the Structure of the Cell**

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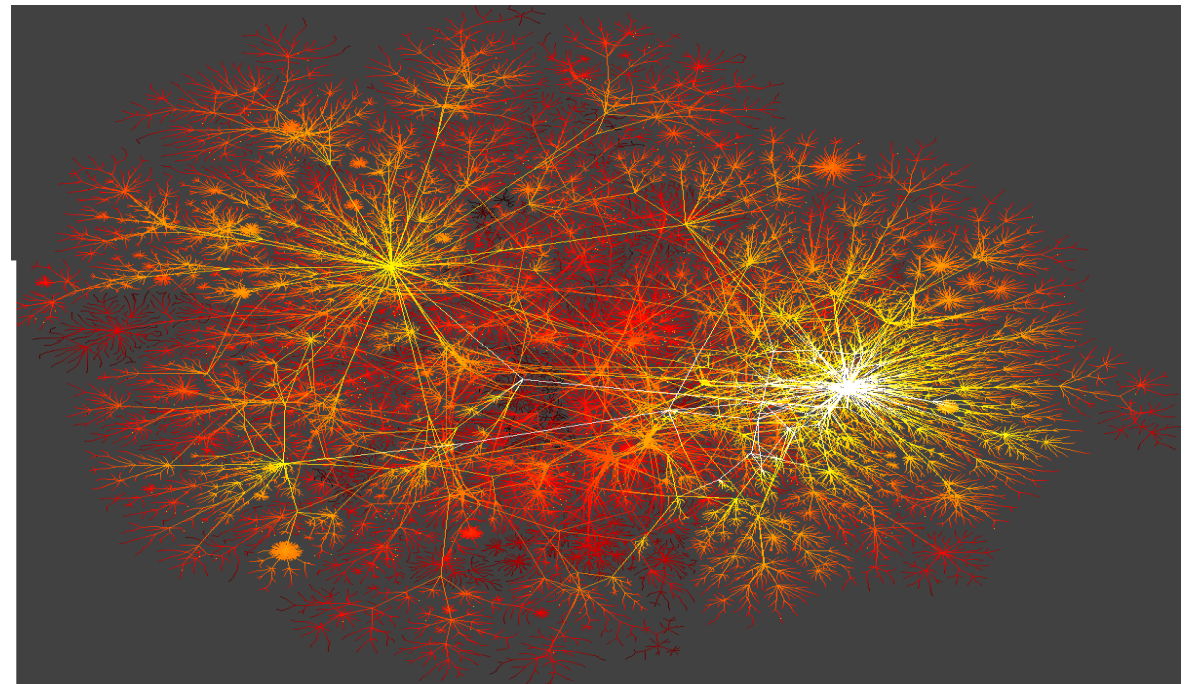
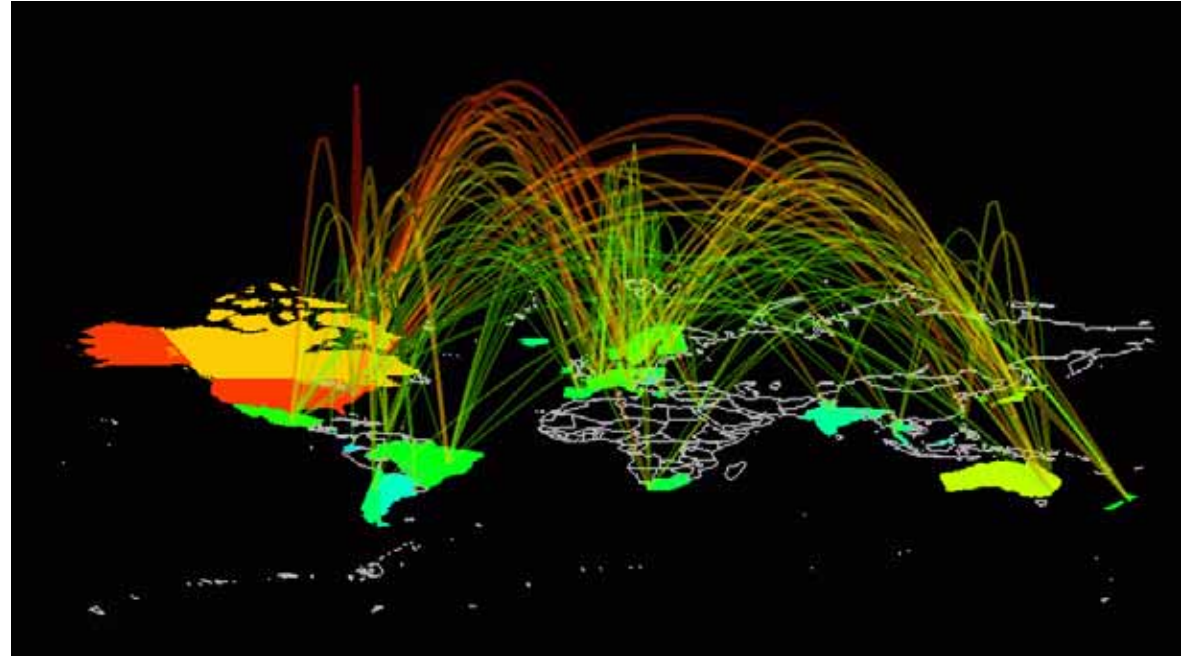
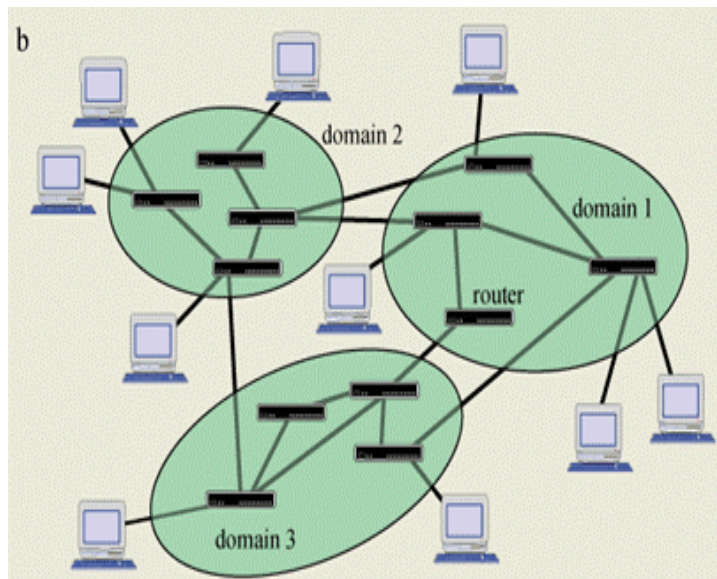
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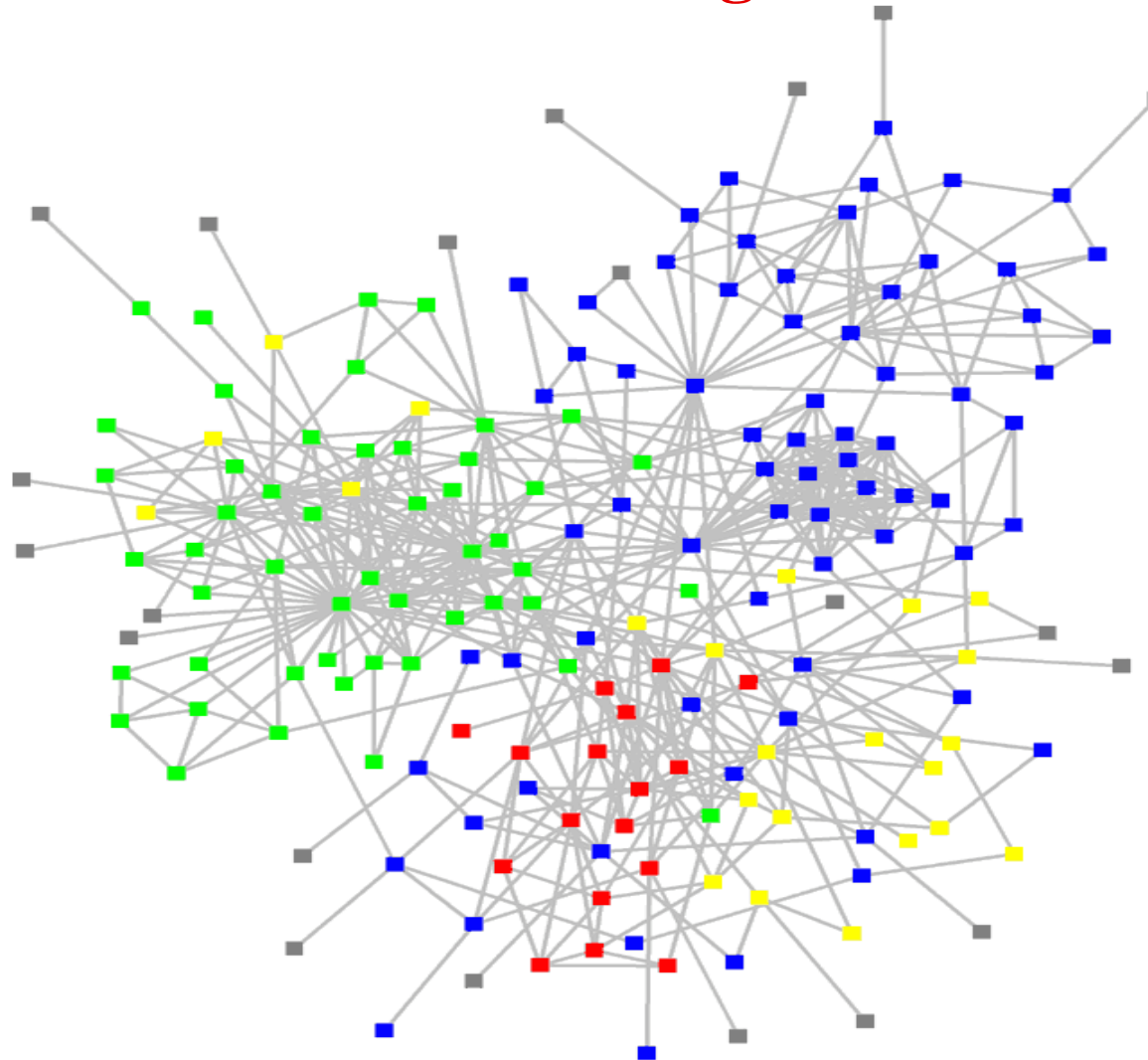
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# Internet





# Structure of an organization

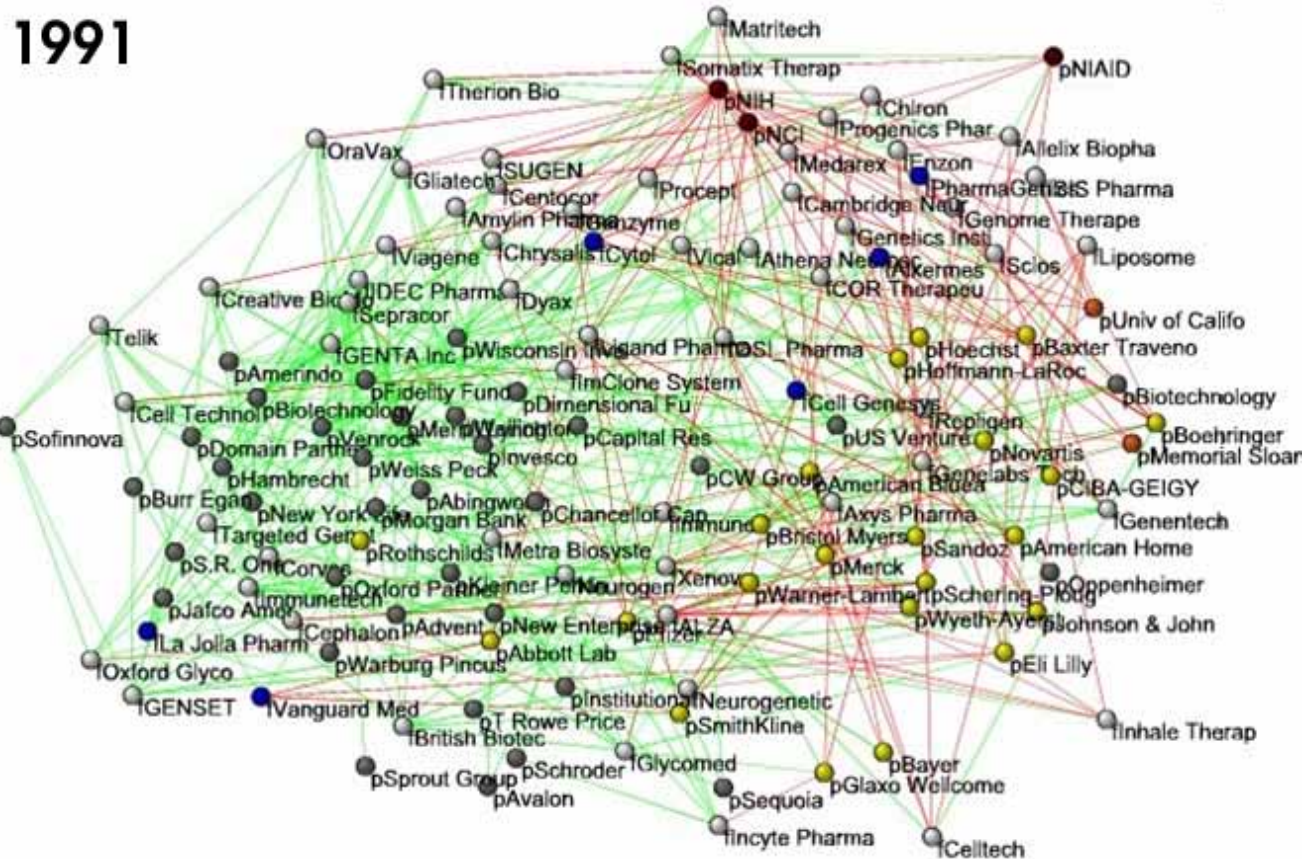


**Red, blue, or green:** departments

**Yellow:** consultants

**Grey:** external experts

# Business ties in US biotech-industry



**Nodes: companies**

investment

pharma

research labs

public

biotechnology

**Links: collaborations**

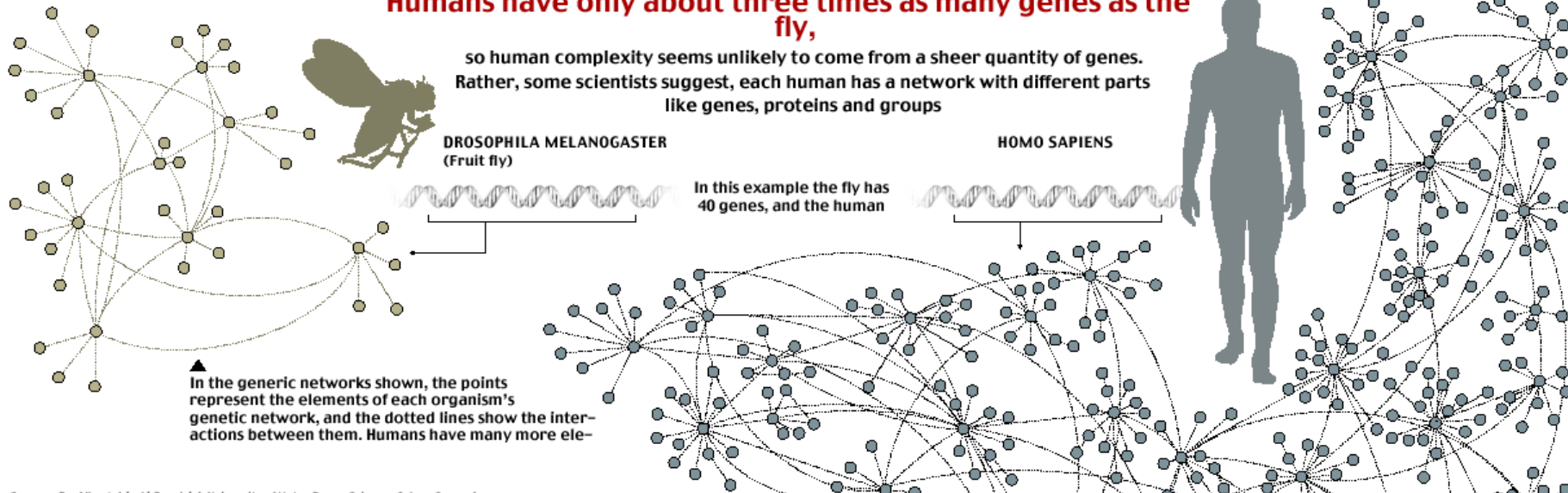
financial

R&D

<http://ecclectic.ss.uci.edu/~drwhite/Movie>

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

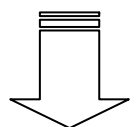
so human complexity seems unlikely to come from a sheer quantity of genes. Rather, some scientists suggest, each human has a network with different parts like genes, proteins and groups



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

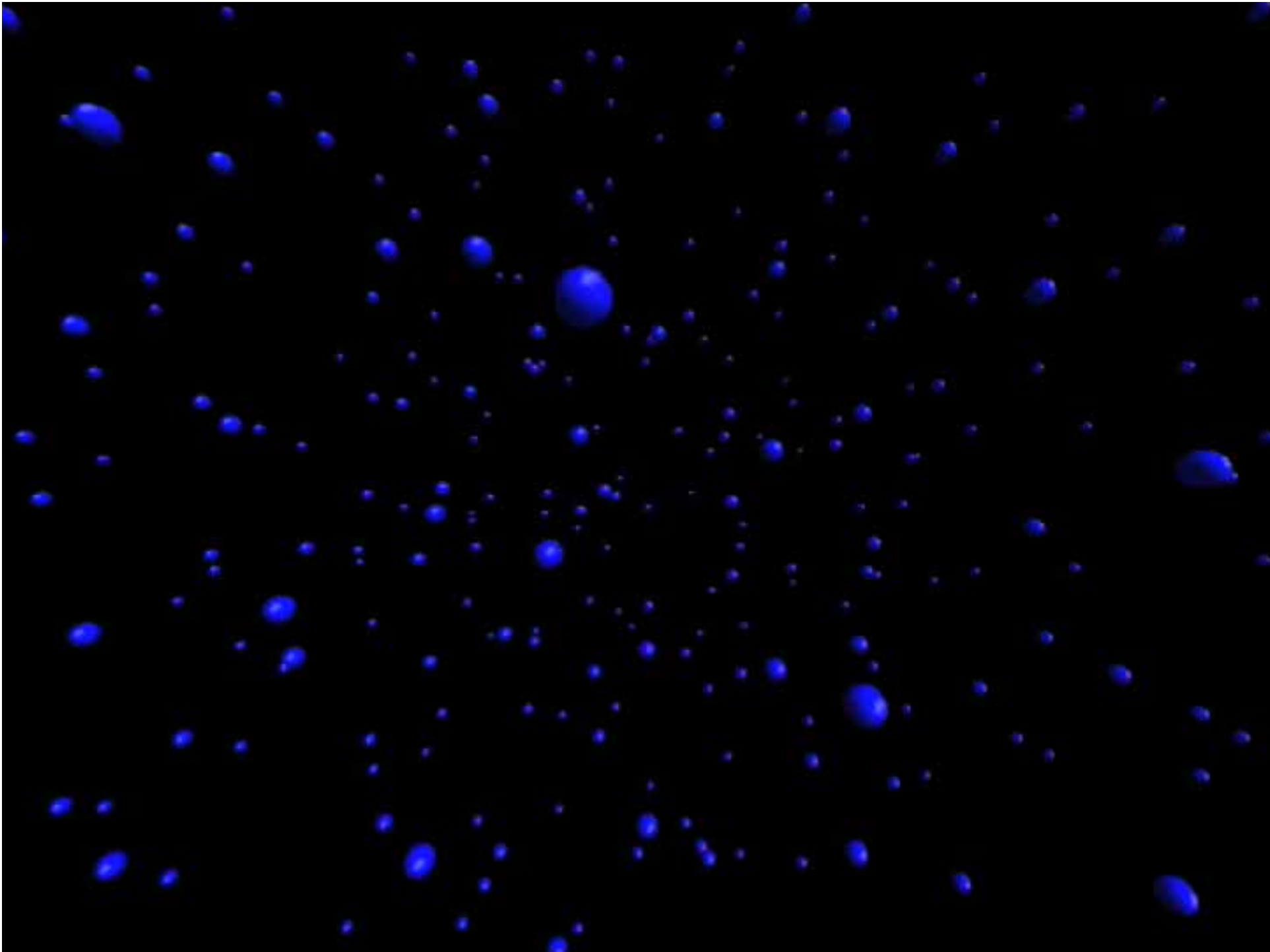
# Complex systems

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



**NETWORK**

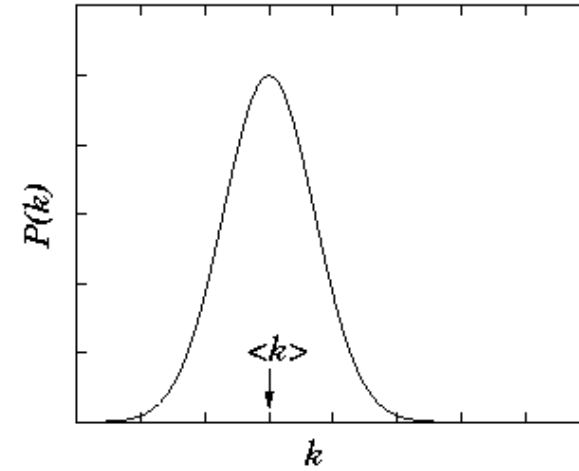
Steve Duenes/The New York Times





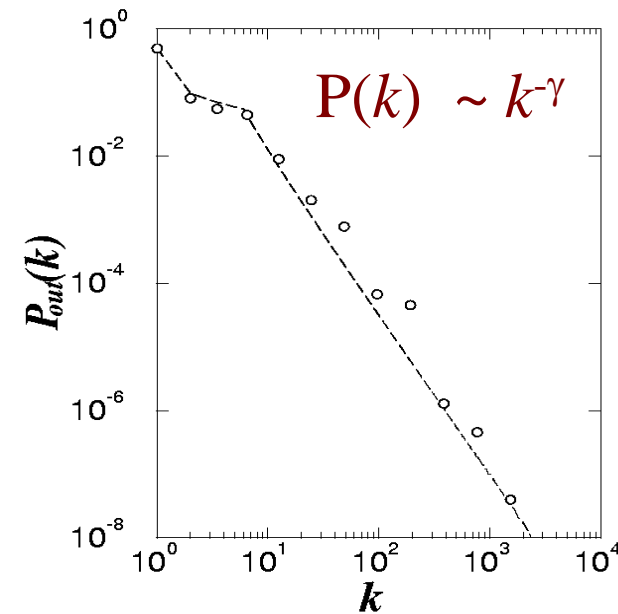
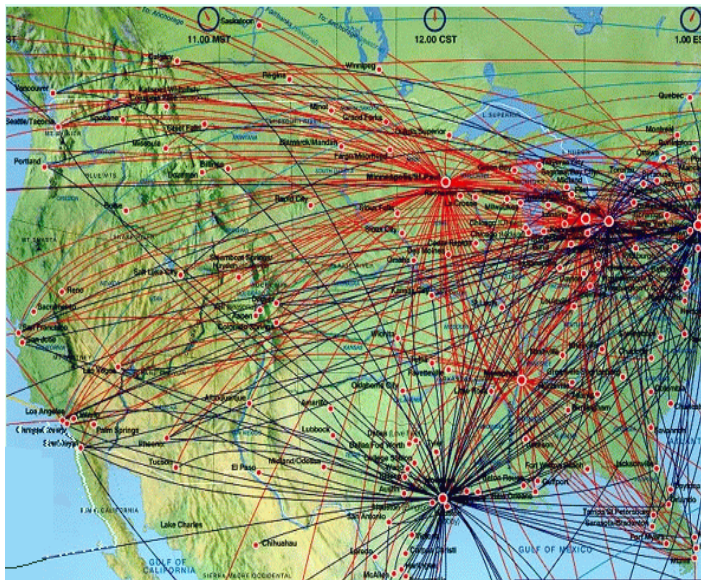
# World Wide Web

Exponential Network



Expected

Scale-free Network



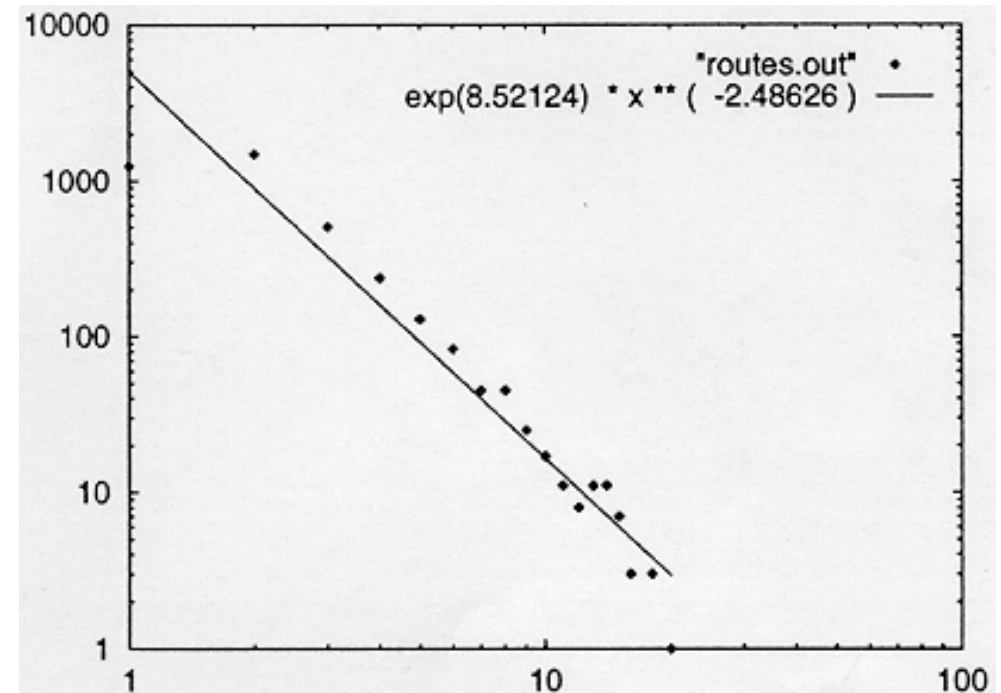
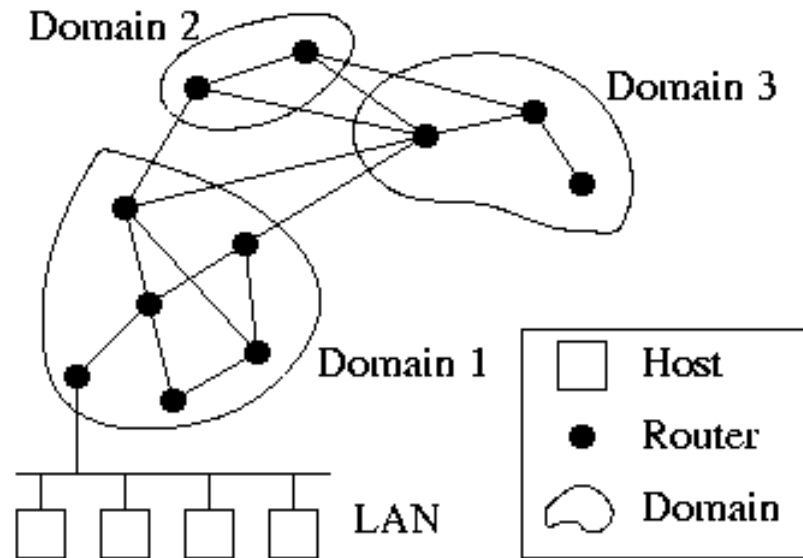
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R. Albert, H. Jeong, A-L Barabási, *Nature*, **401** 130 (1999).

# INTERNET BACKBONE

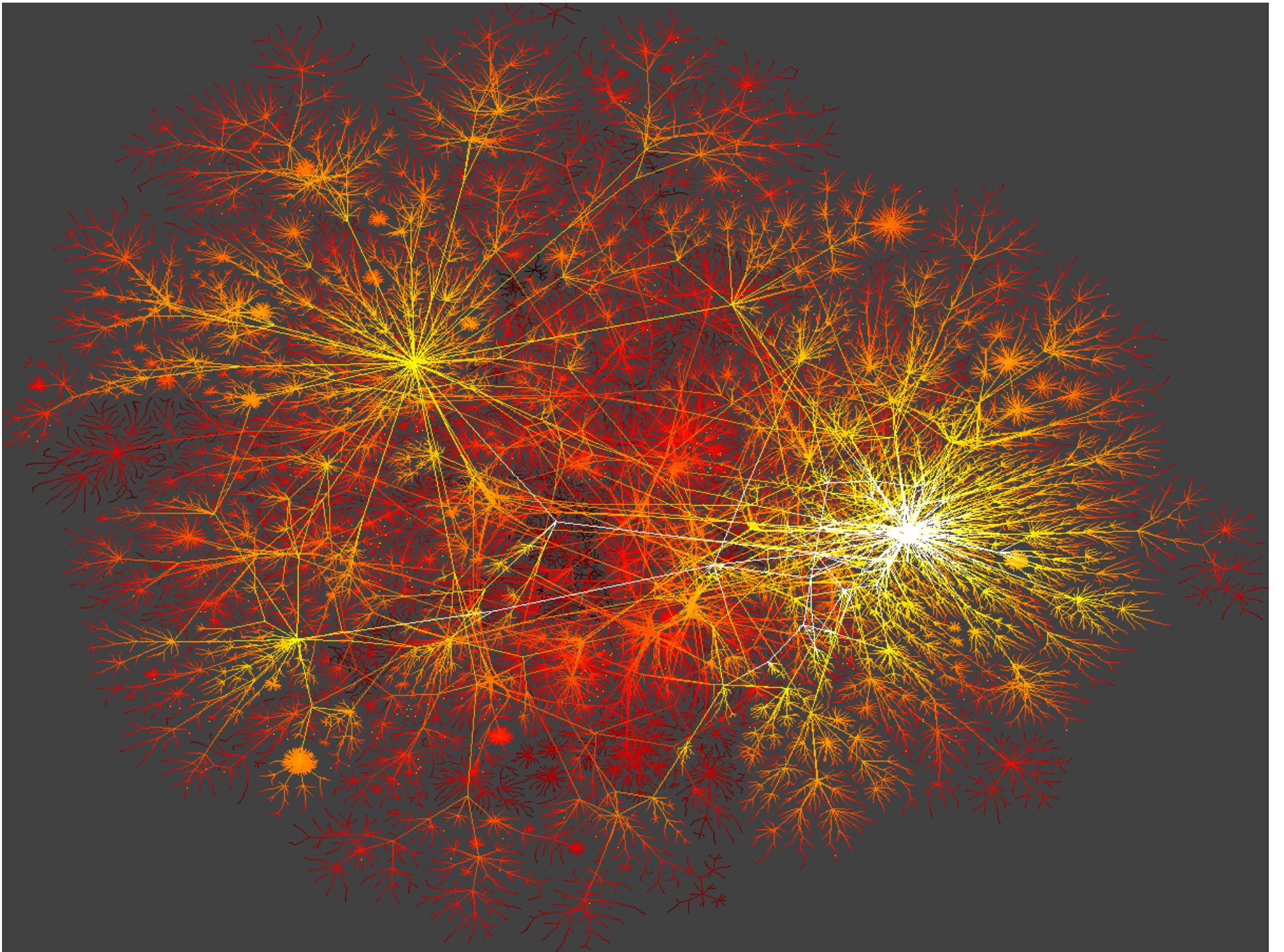
Nodes: computers, routers

Links: physical lines



(Faloutsos, Faloutsos and Faloutsos, 1999)





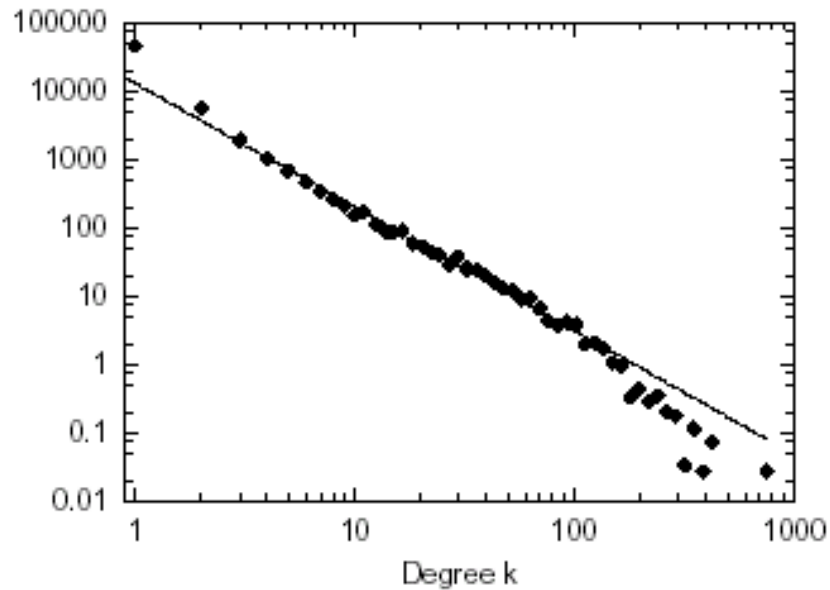
# Online communities

Nodes: online user

Links: email contact

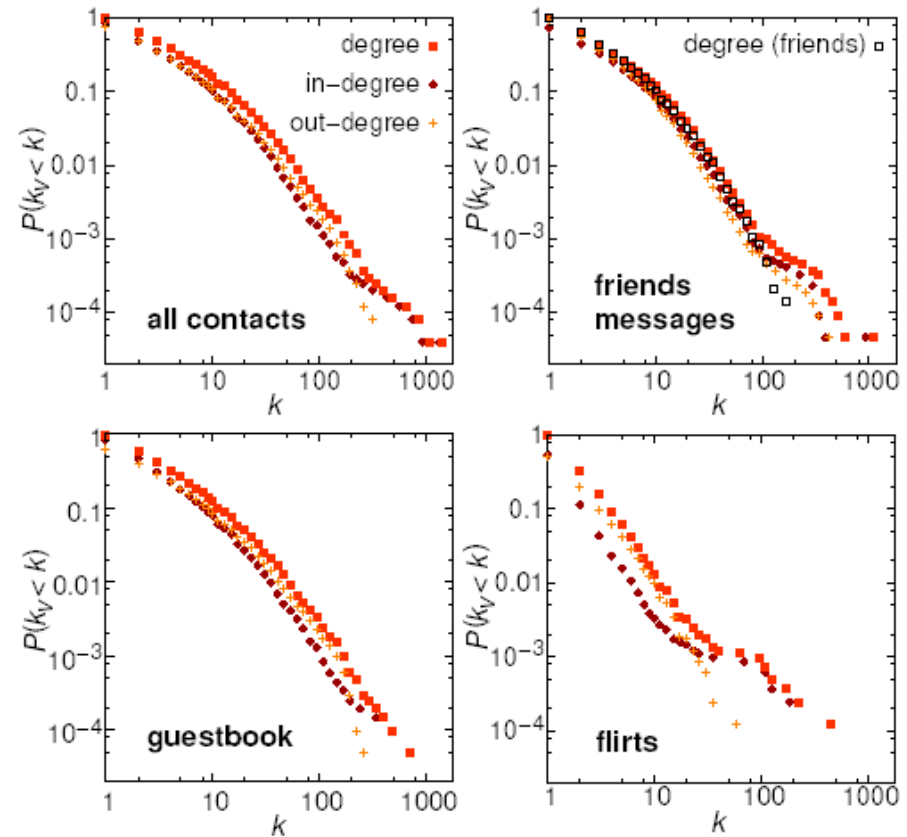
Kiel University log files

112 days,  $N=59,912$  nodes



Ebel, Mielsch, Bornholdtz, PRE 2002.

Pussokram.com online community; 512 days, 25,000 users.

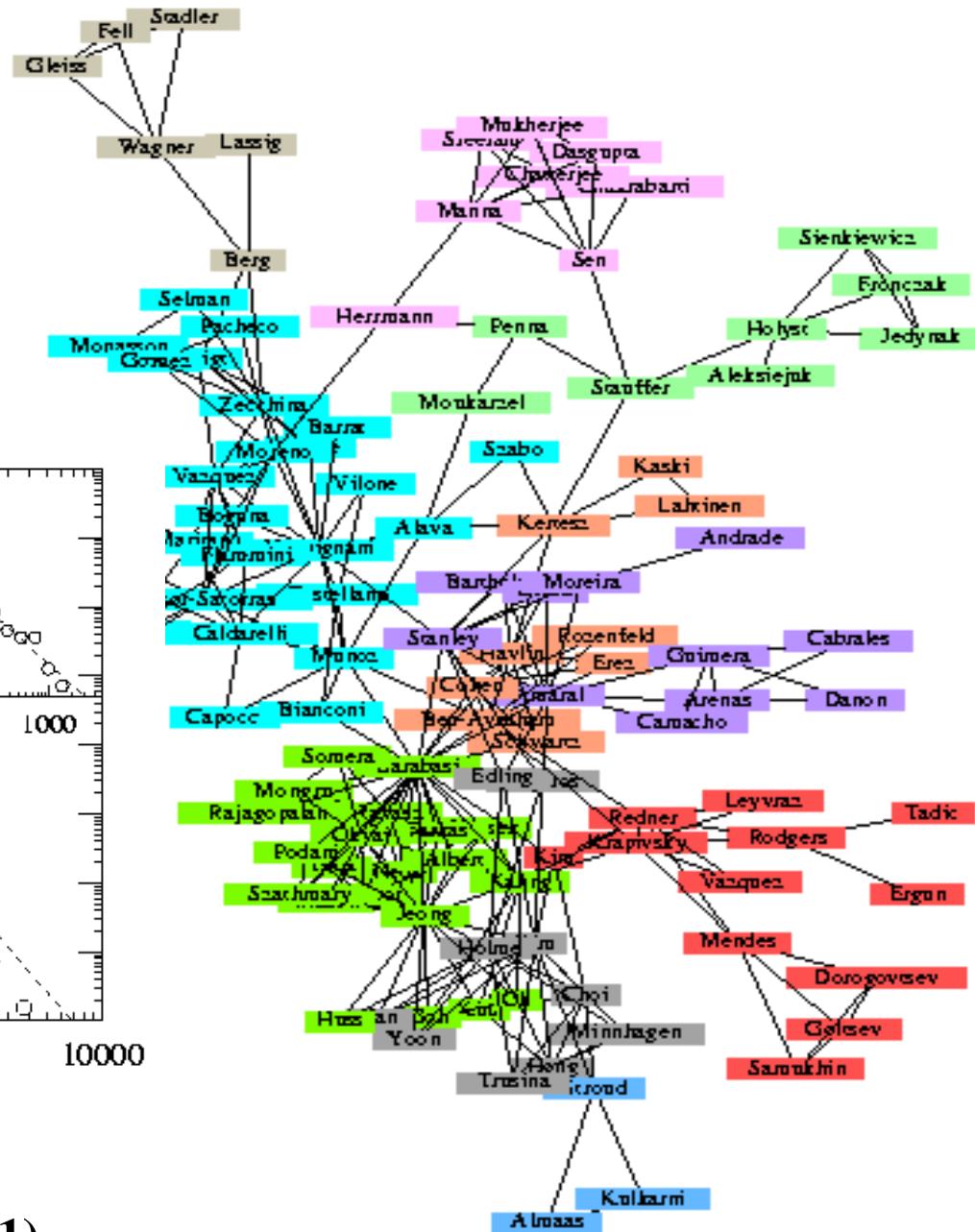
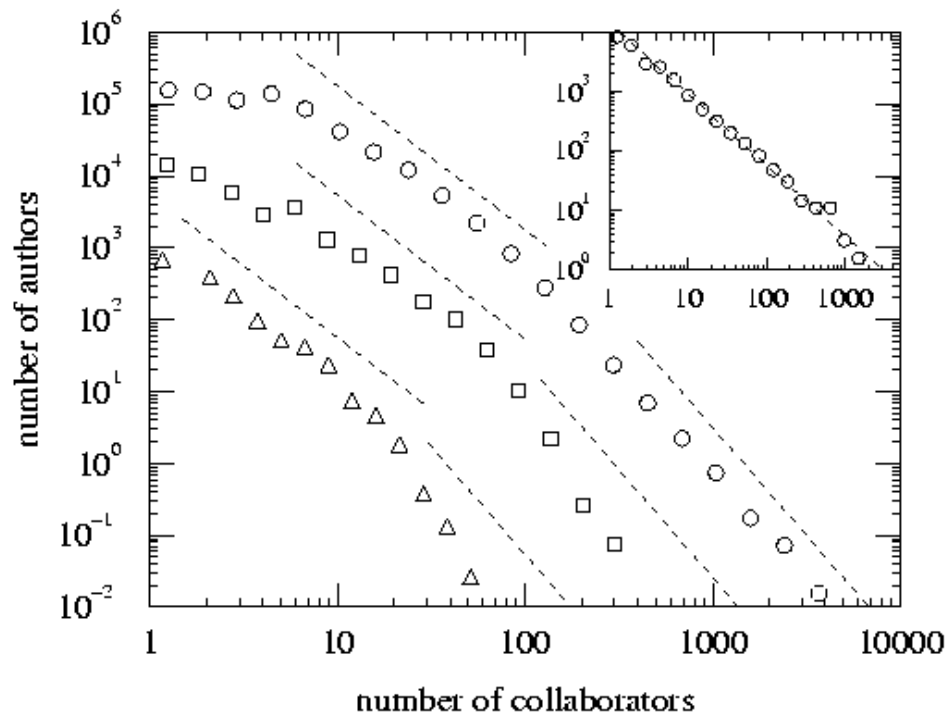


Holme, Edling, Liljeros, 2002.

# SCIENCE COAUTHORSHIP

**Nodes:** scientist (authors)

**Links:** write paper together



(Newman, 2000, Barabási *et al* 2001)



# SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

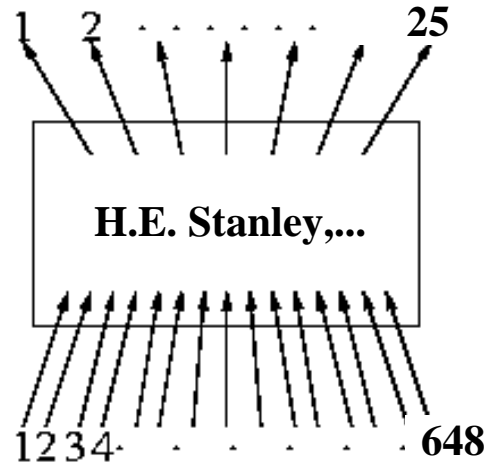
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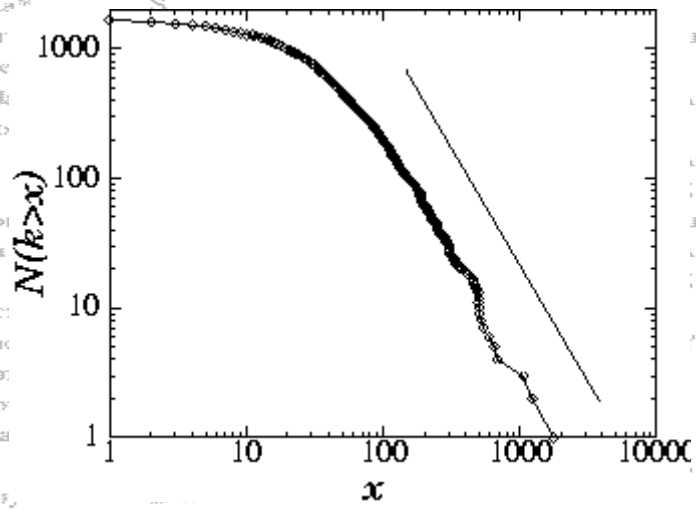
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**Nodes:** papers  
**Links:** citations



1736 PRL papers (1988)



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

$$(\gamma = 3)$$

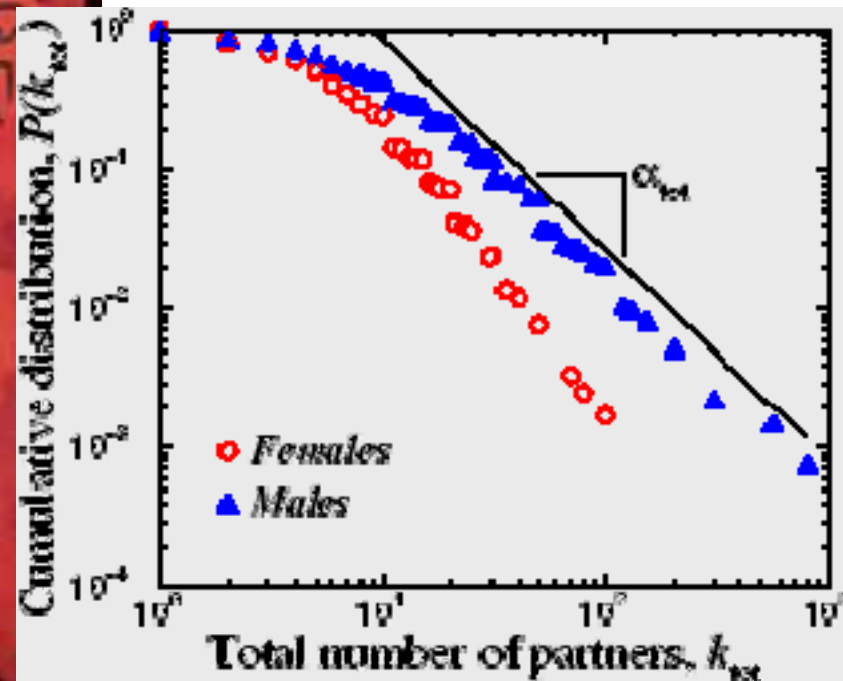
(S. Redner, 1998)

\* 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

# Origin of SF networks: Growth and preferential attachment

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

WWW : addition of new documents

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

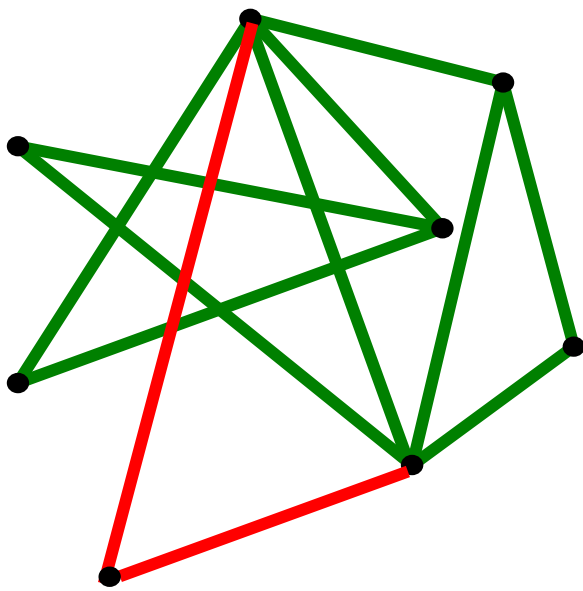
WWW : linking to well known sites

GROWTH:

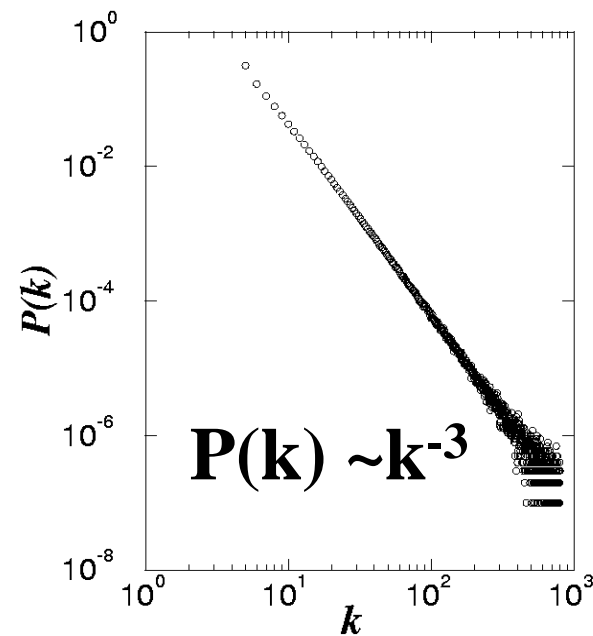
add a new node with  $m$  links

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

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



Barabási & Albert, *Science* **286**, 509 (1999)

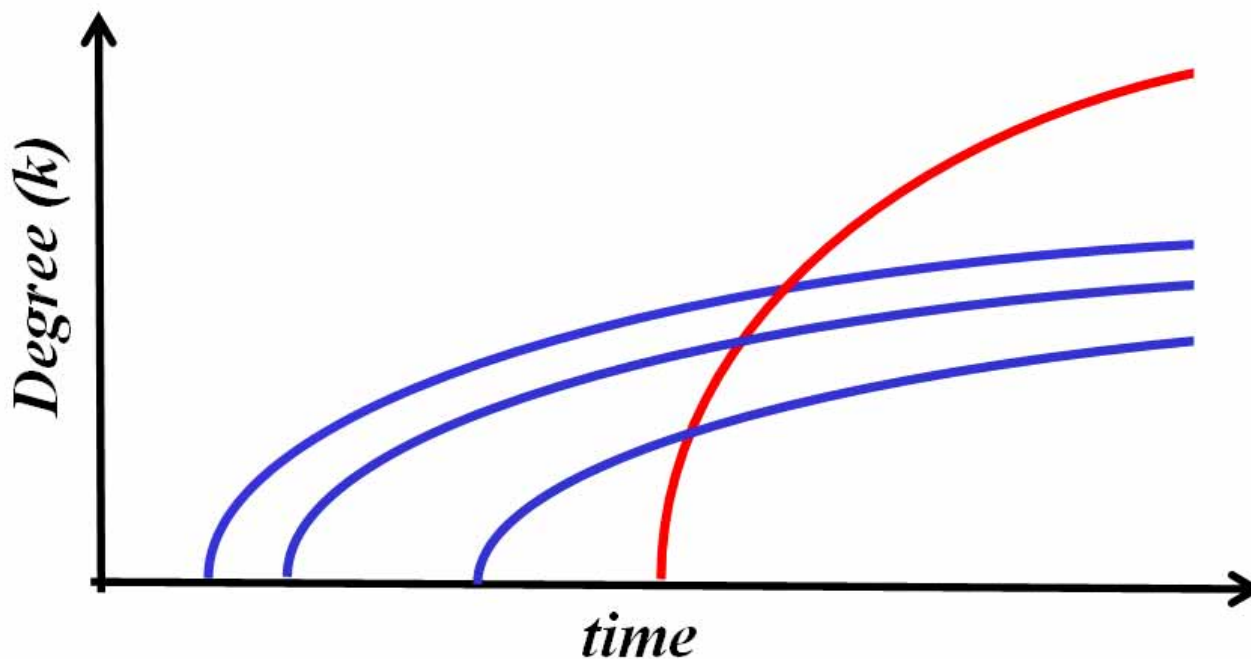


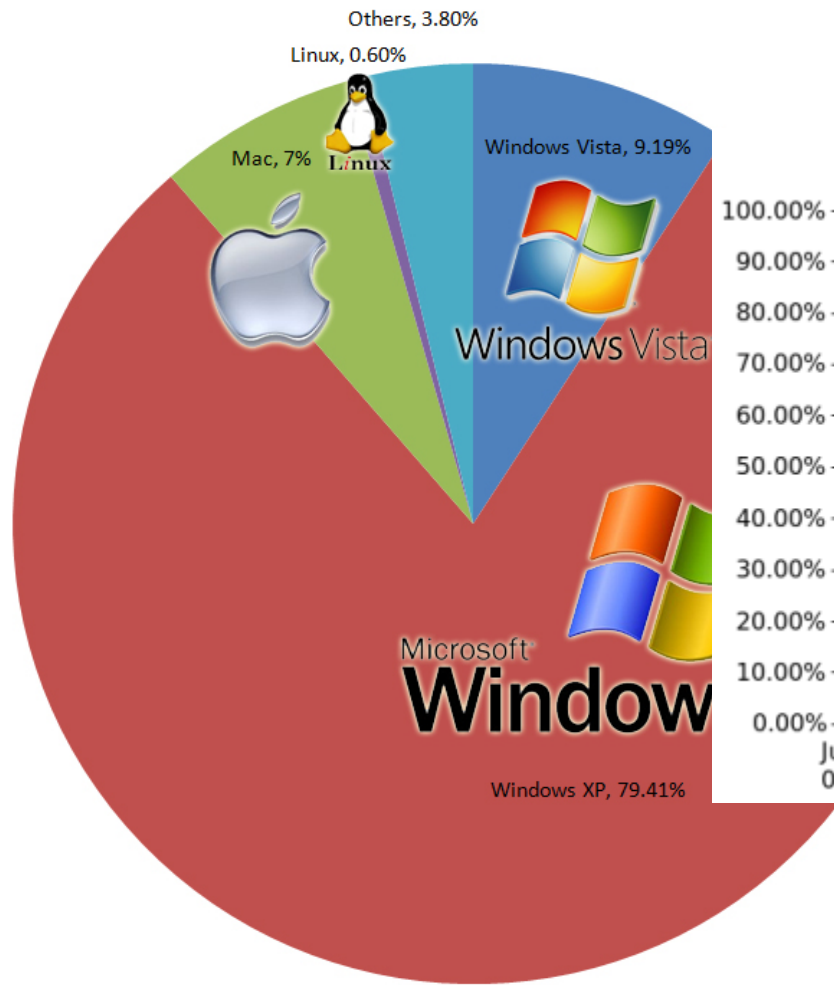


# Fitness Model: Can Latecomers Make It?

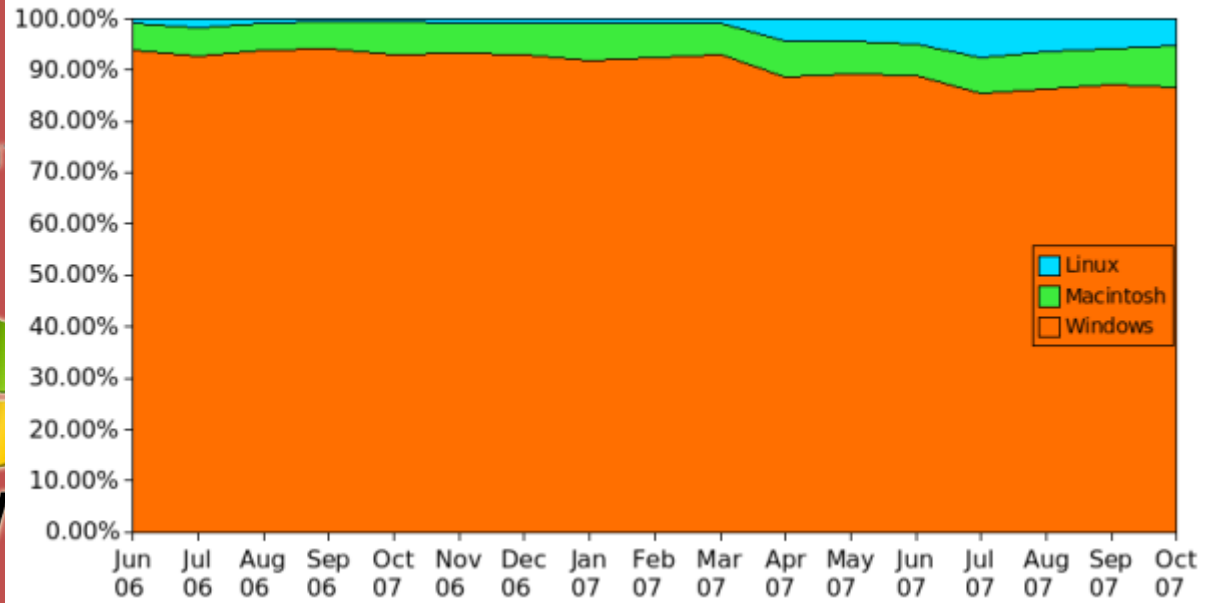
SF model:  $k(t) \sim t^{1/2}$  (first mover advantage)

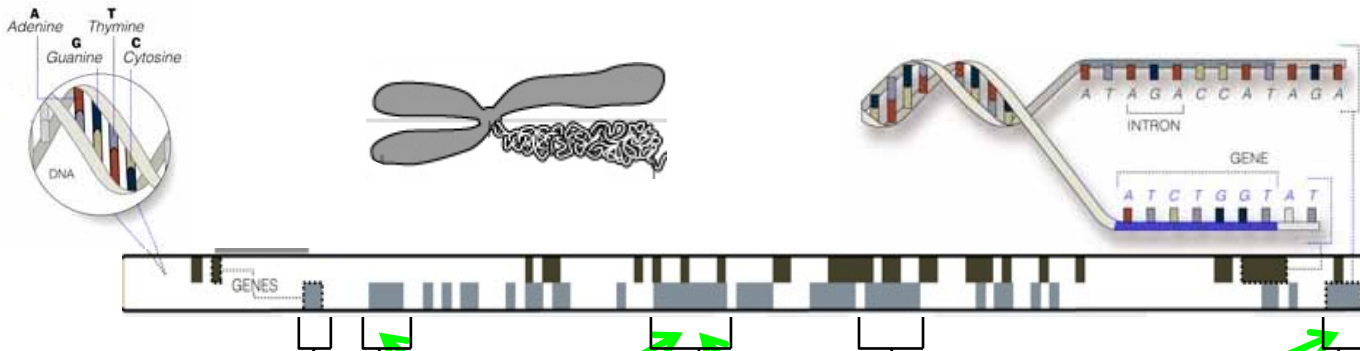
Fitness model: fitness ( $\eta$ )  $\Pi(k_i) \cong \frac{\eta_i k_i}{\sum_j \eta_j k_j}$   $k(\eta, t) \sim t^{\beta(\eta)}$   
 $\beta(\eta) = \eta/C$





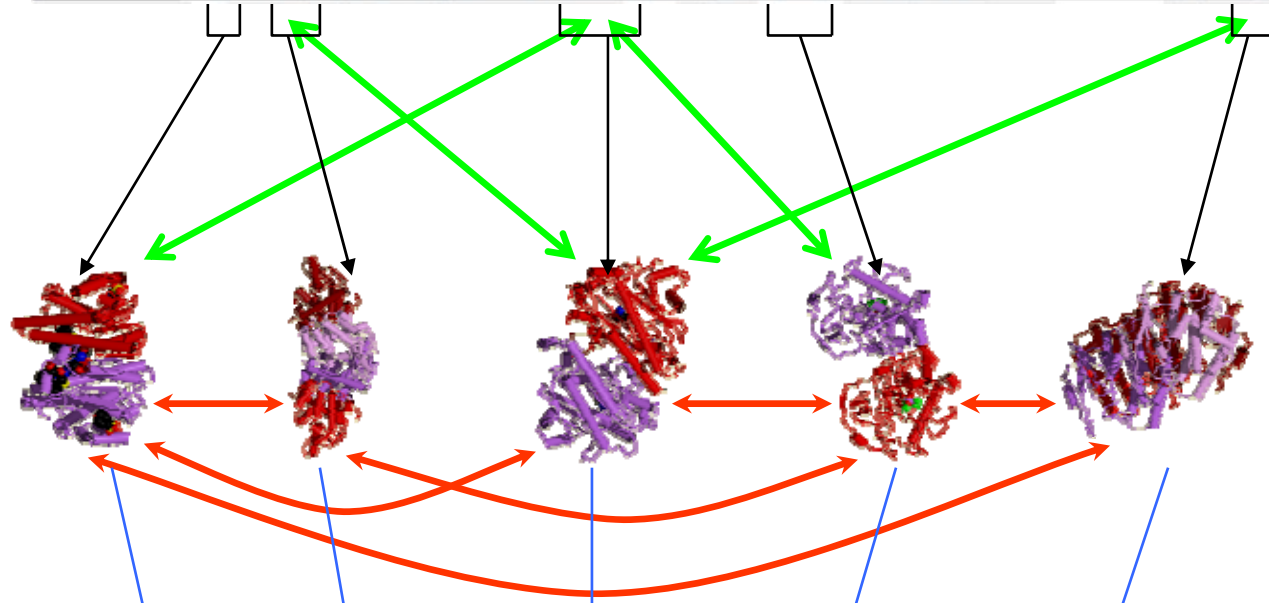
Operating Systems Percentage





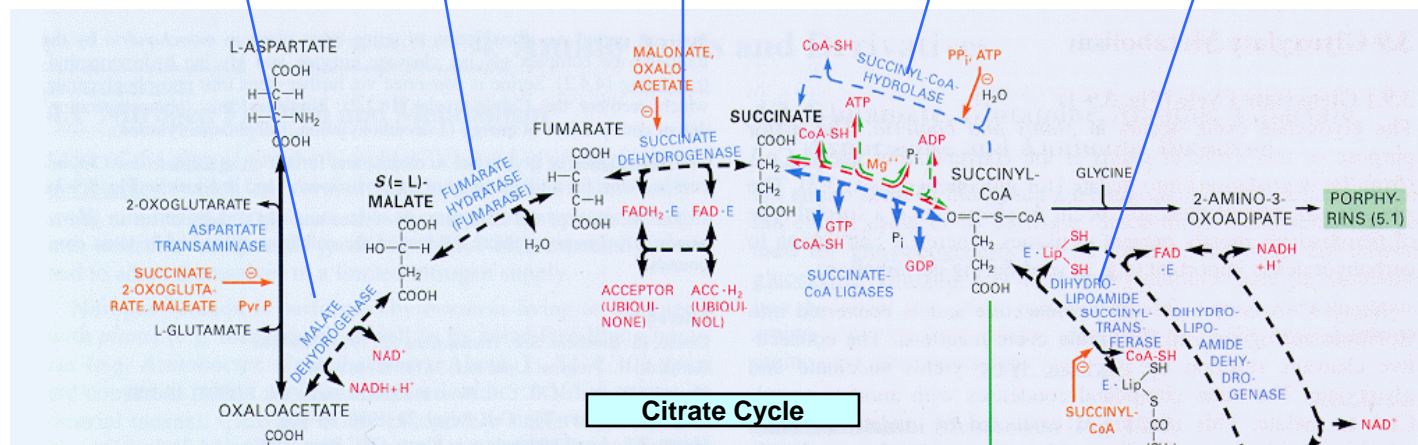
**GENOME**

**protein-gene interactions**



**PROTEOME**

**protein-protein interactions**

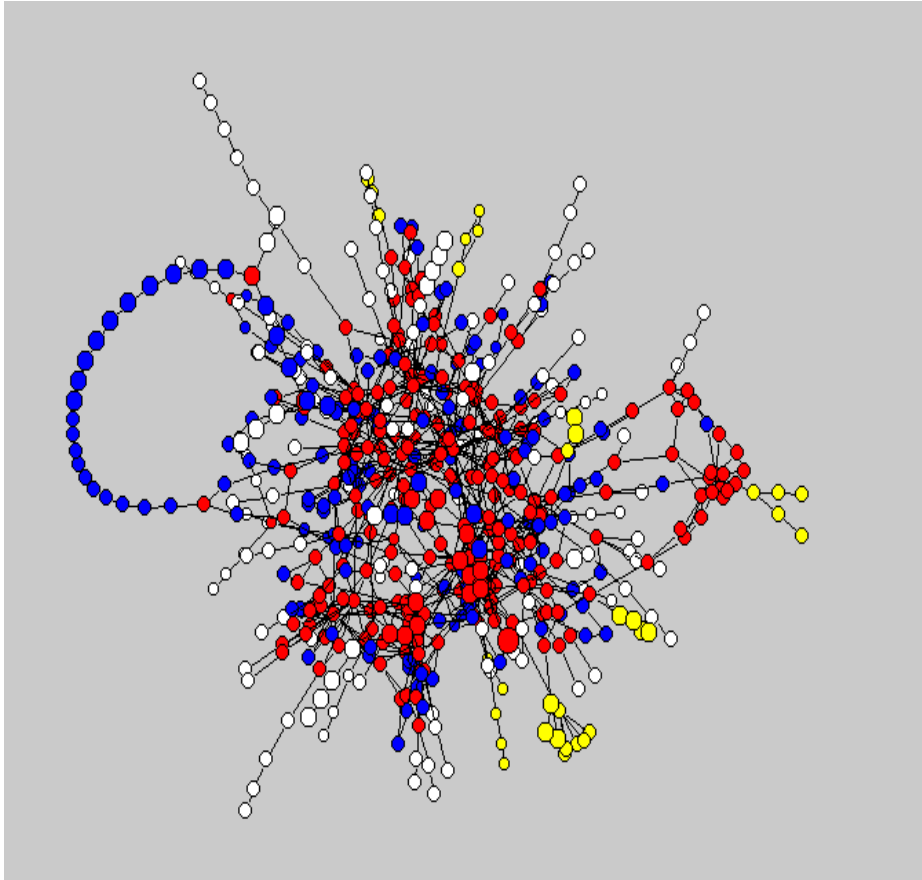


**METABOLISM**

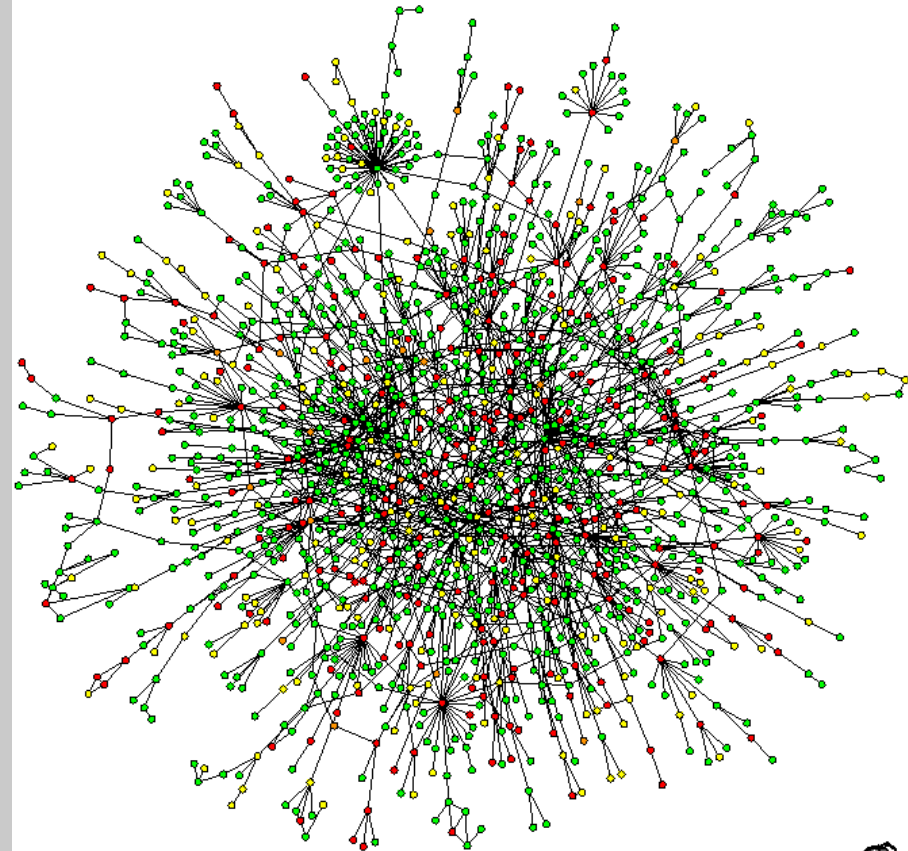
**Bio-chemical reactions**



# Metabolic Network



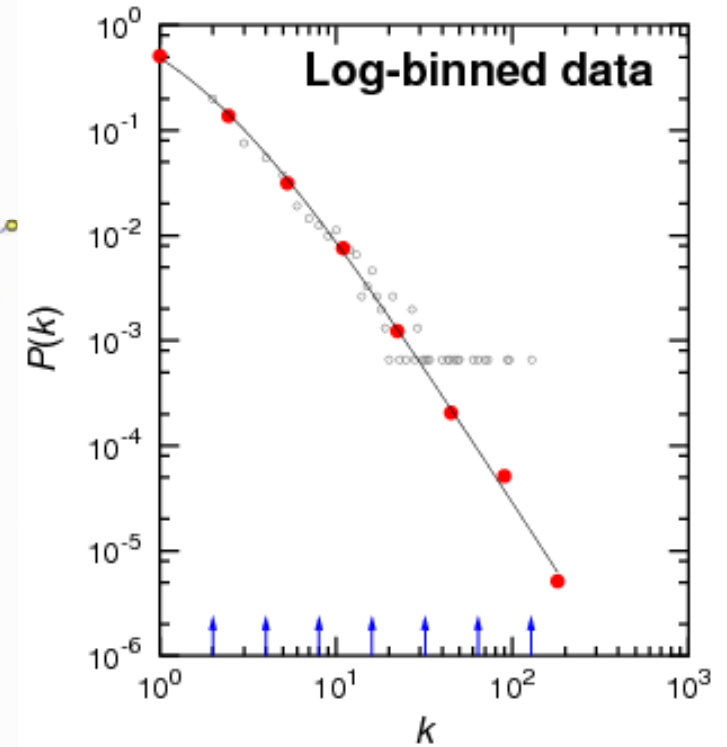
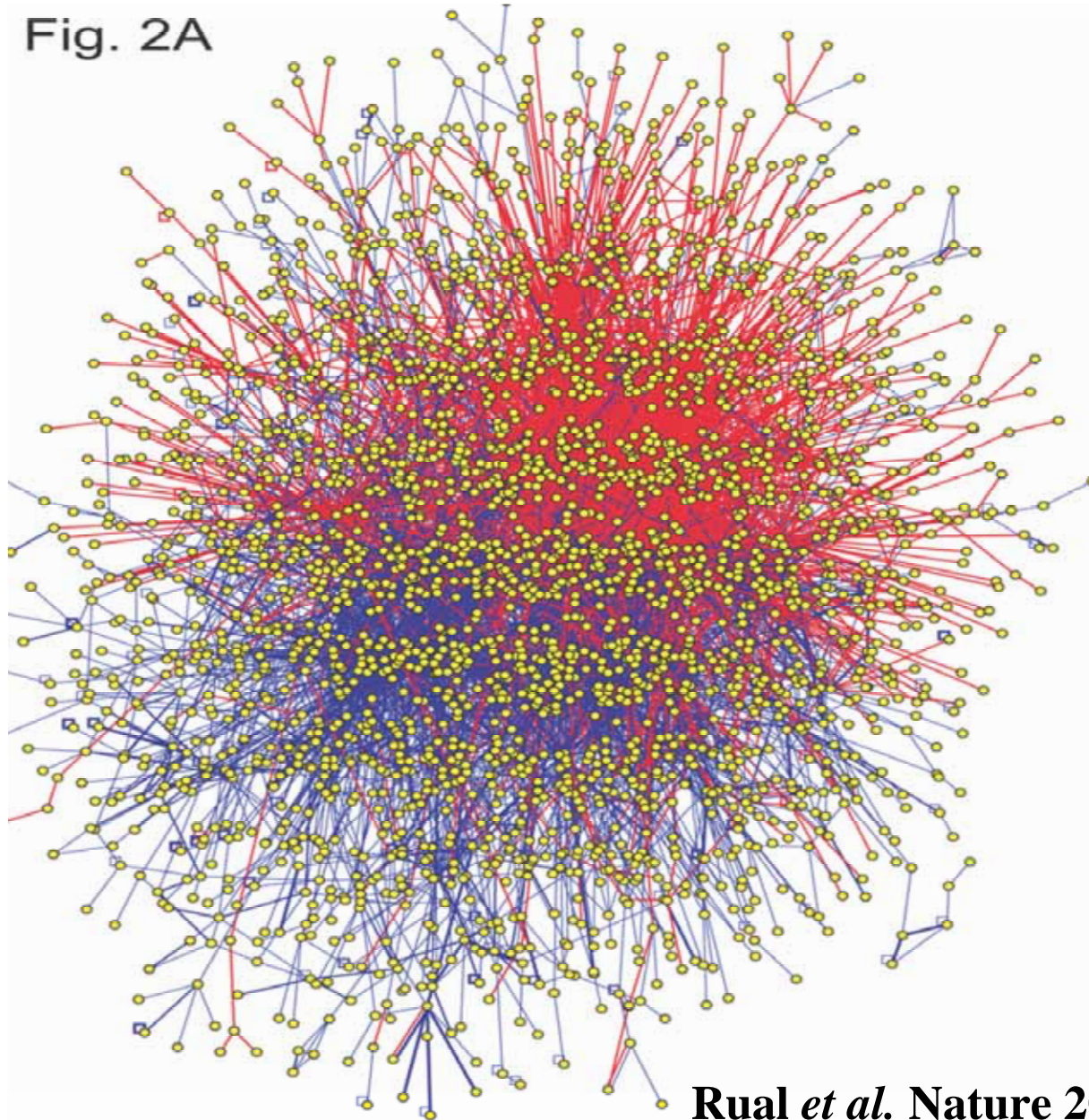
# Protein Interactions



**Jeong, Tombor, Albert, Oltvai, & Barabási, *Nature* (2000); Jeong, Mason, Barabási & Oltvai, *Nature* (2001); Wagner & Fell, *Proc. R. Soc. B* (2001)**

# Human Interaction Network

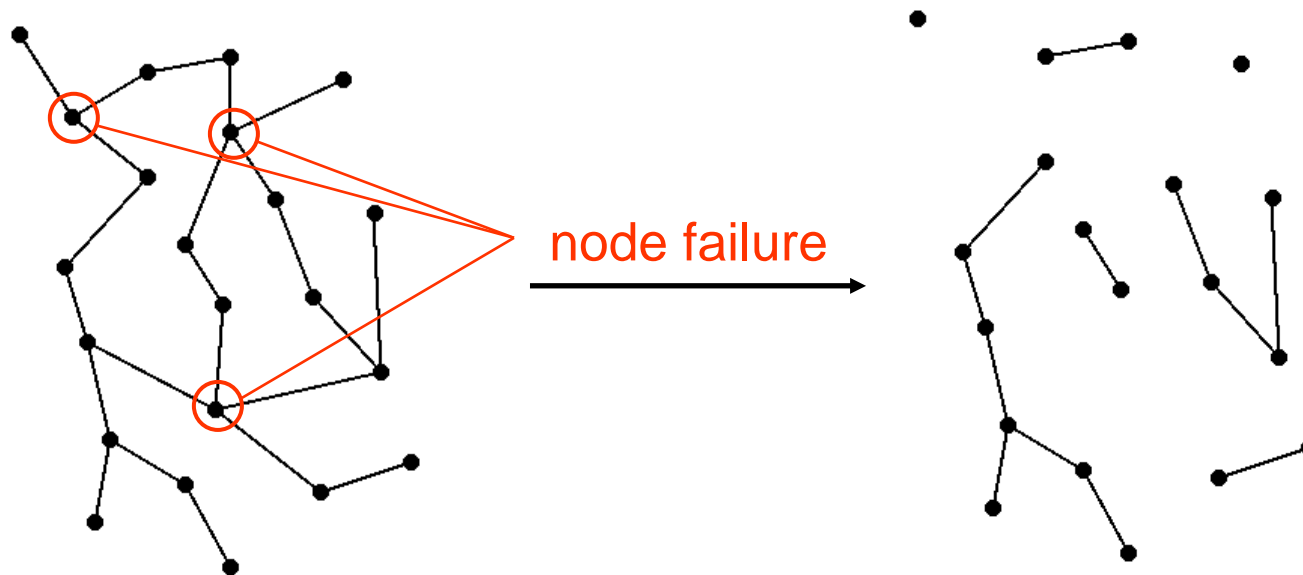
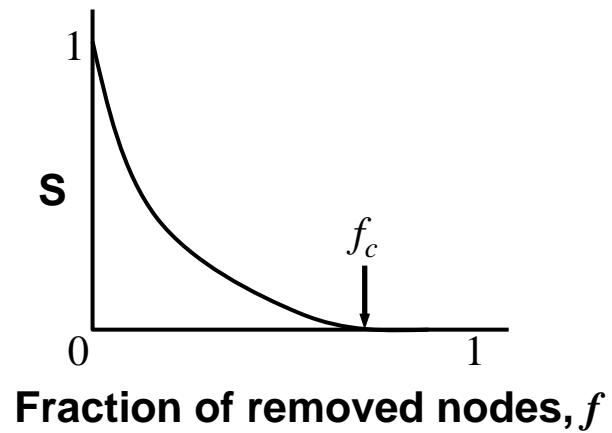
Fig. 2A



Rual *et al.* Nature 2005; Stelze *et al.* Cell 2005  
 $k$

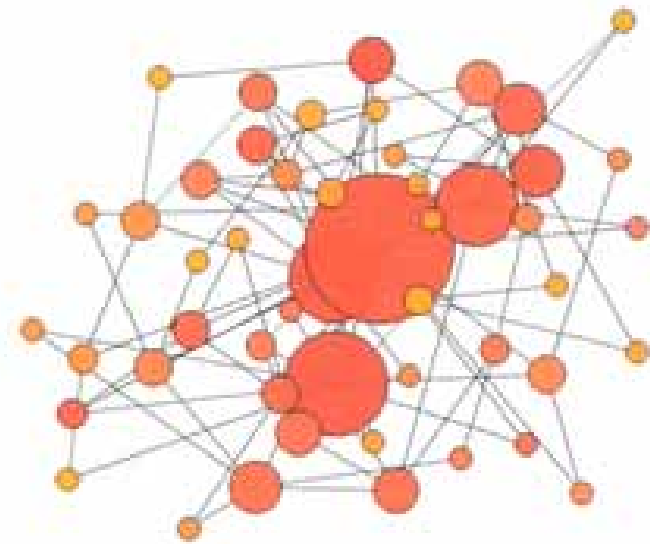
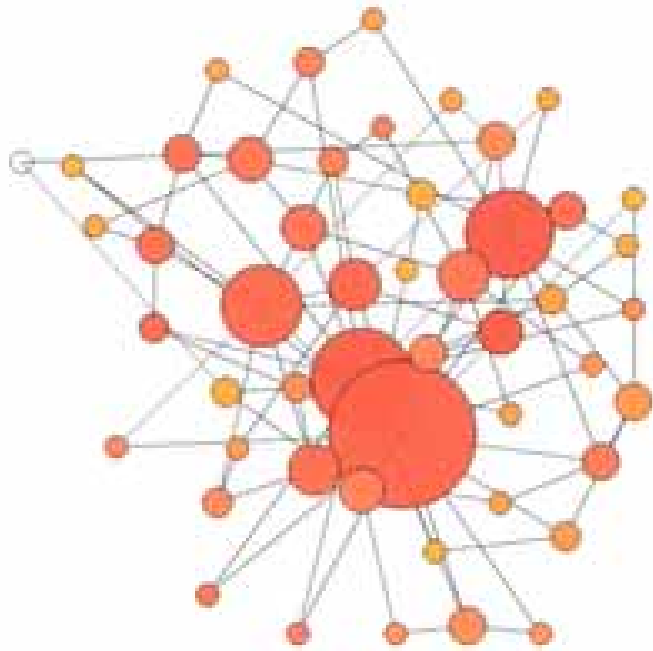
# Robustness

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



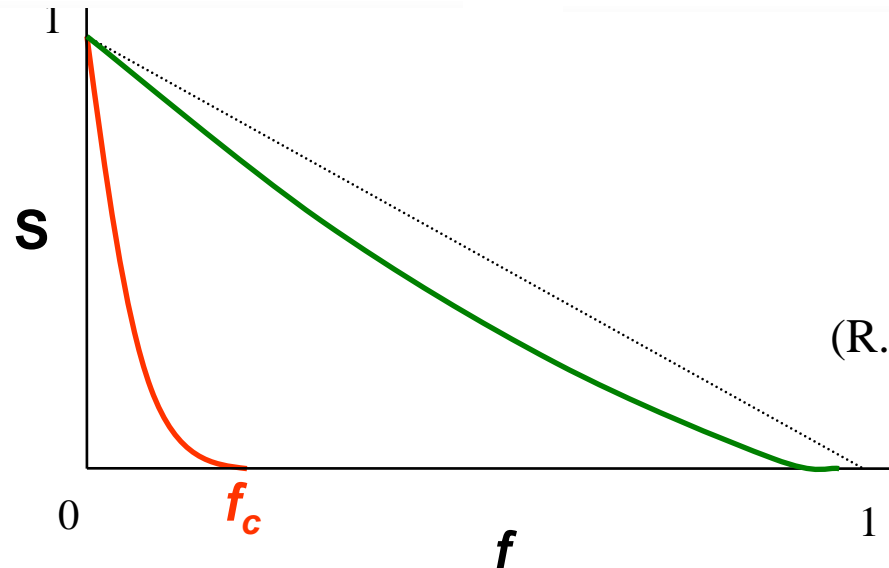


# Robustness of scale-free networks



Attacks

Failures



$$\gamma \leq 3 : f_c = 1$$

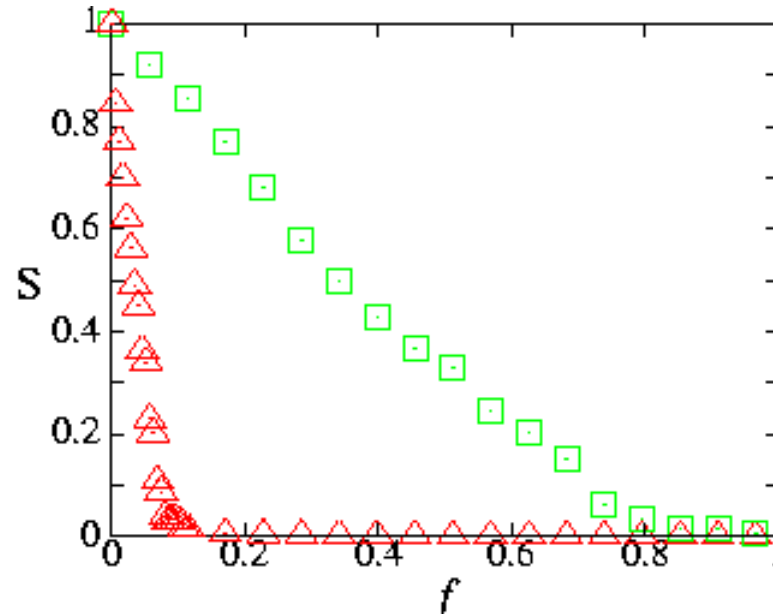
(R. Cohen et al PRL, 2000)

Albert, Jeong, Barabási, *Nature* **406** 378 (2000)

# Achilles' Heel of complex networks

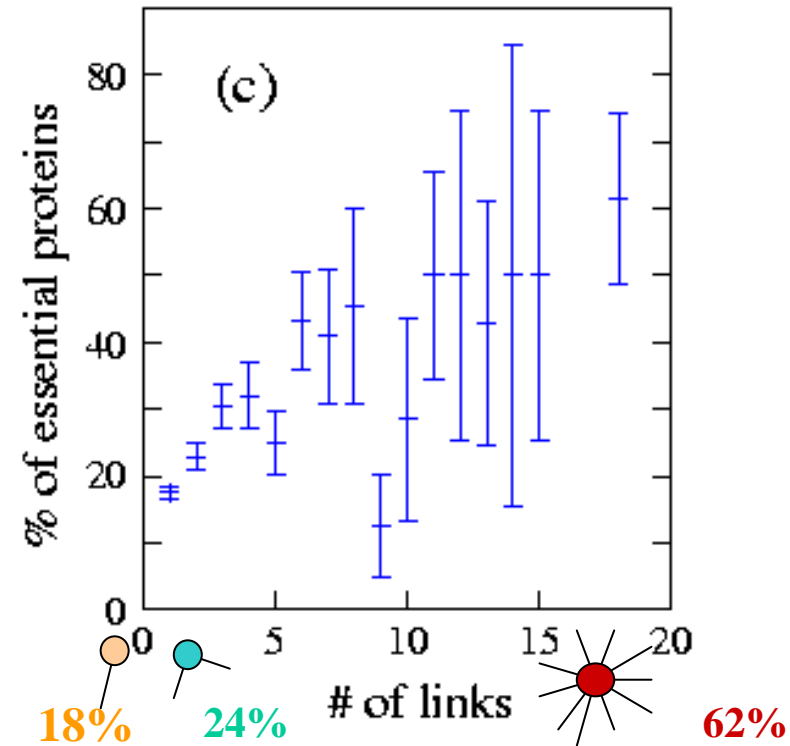
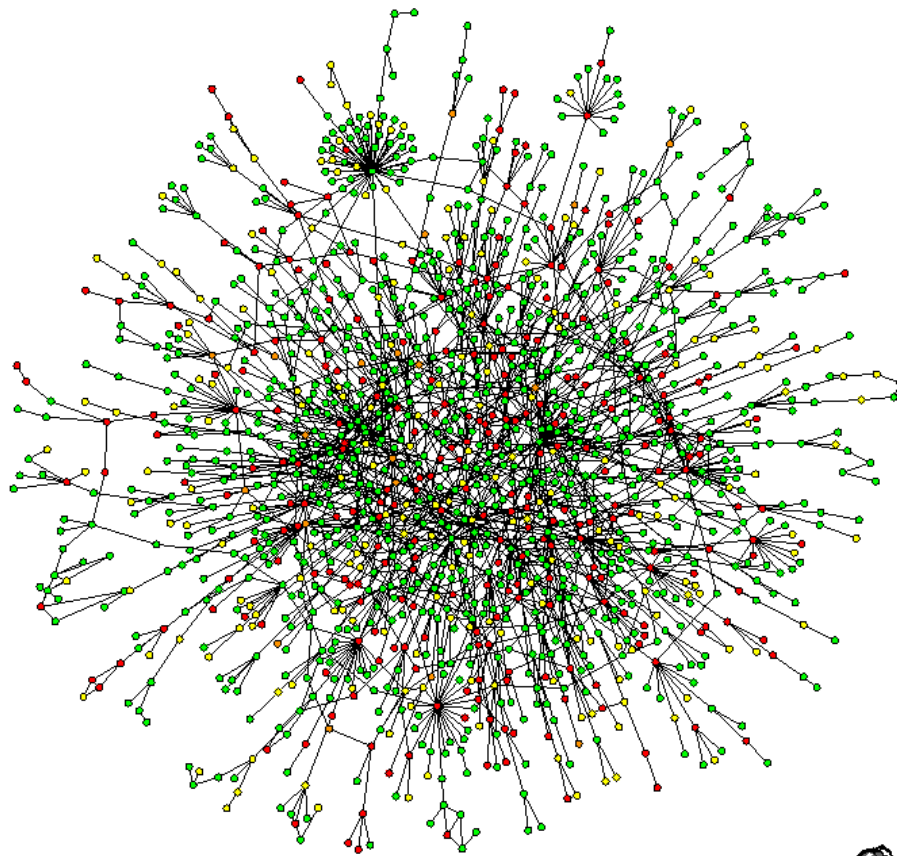
— failure  
— attack

Internet



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

# Hubs and Essentiality



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**Hubs evolve slower: they are more alike in different organisms**

[H Fraser et al., *Science* (2002). Krylov, et al. *Genome Res.*(2003)]

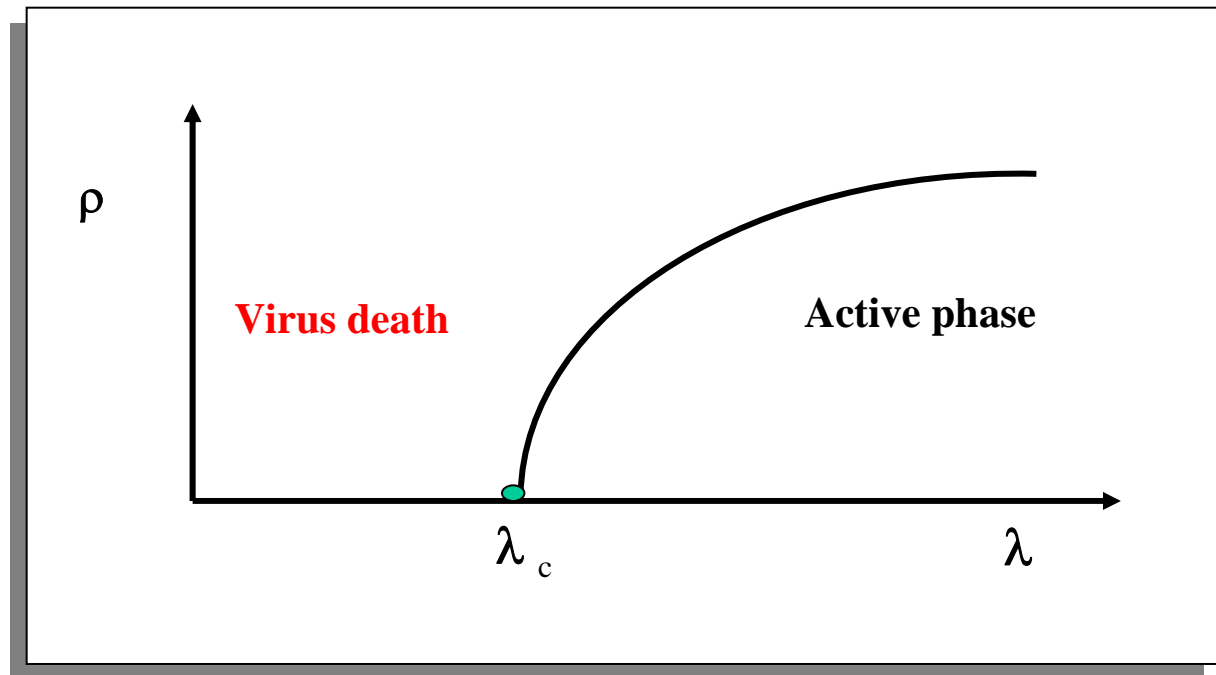
**Hub removal has more phenotypic consequences** [Yu et al. *Science* (2008)]

Jeong, Mason, Barabási, and Oltvai, *Nature* 411, 41-42 (2001)



# Epidemic threshold in scale-free networks

- : spreading rate of a virus
- : density of infected users



## Biology:

If a virus is not too infectious, it will die out

$$\lambda_c = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle}$$

## Economics and social sciences:

If a product or an idea is not too 'sticky,' it will not succeed.

$$\langle k^2 \rangle \rightarrow \infty$$

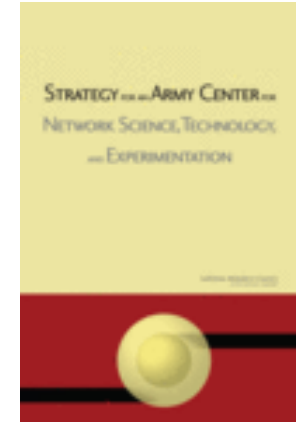
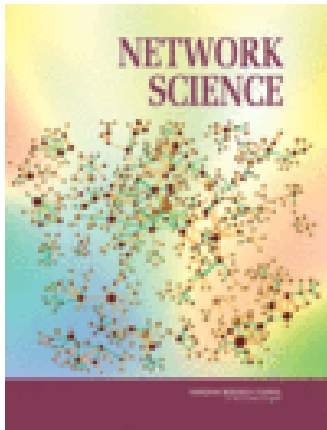
$$\lambda_c \rightarrow 0$$

Pastor Satorras & Vespignani, *Physical Review Letters* (2001)

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## NRC Panel on “Network Science”



## What is “network science”?

**An attempt to understand networks emerging in nature, technology and society using a unified set of tools and principles.**

## What is new here?

**Despite the apparent differences, many networks emerge and evolve driven by a *fundamental set of laws and mechanism.***

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