

# Computational Genomics

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## Biological Networks & Network Evolution

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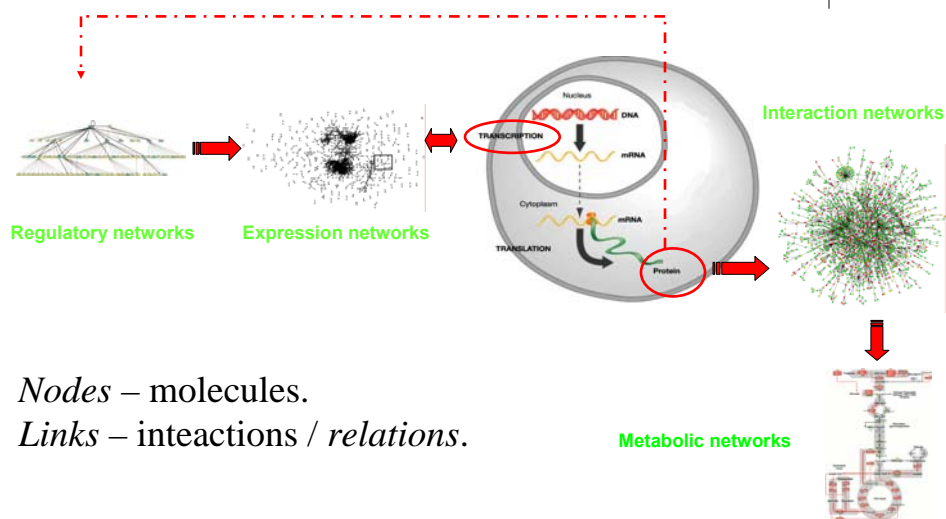
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## Molecular Networks



*Nodes* – molecules.

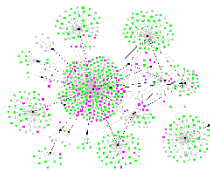
*Links* – interactions / relations.

Metabolic networks

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## Other types of networks



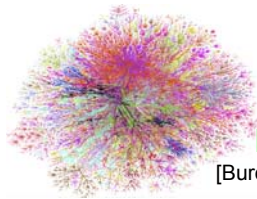
Disease Spread  
[Krebs]



Food Web



Electronic Circuit



Internet  
[Burch & Cheswick]

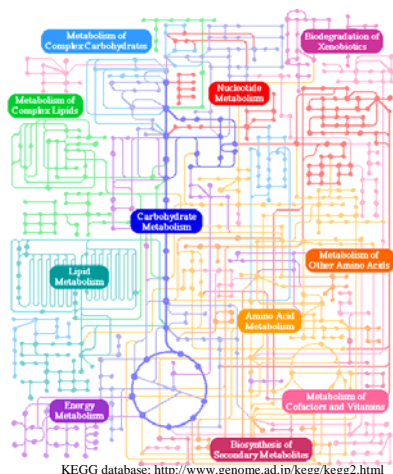


Social Network

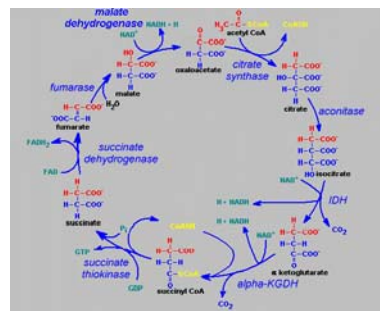
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## Metabolic networks



KEGG database: <http://www.genome.ad.jp/kegg/kegg2.html>

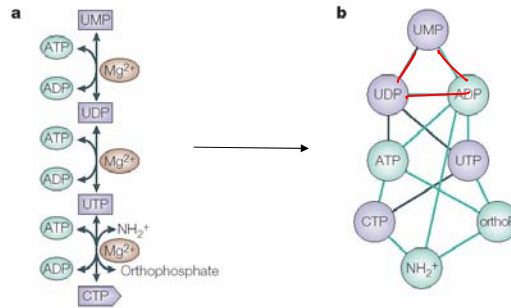


- Nodes – metabolites (0.5K).
- Edges – directed biochemical reactions (1K).
- Reflect the cell's metabolic circuitry.

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## Graph theoretic description of metabolic networks



“Graph theoretic description for a simple pathway (catalyzed by  $Mg^{2+}$ -dependant enzymes) is illustrated (a). In the most abstract approach (b) all interacting metabolites are considered equally.”

Barabasi & Oltvai. NRG. (2004) 5 101-113  
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## Protein Interaction Networks

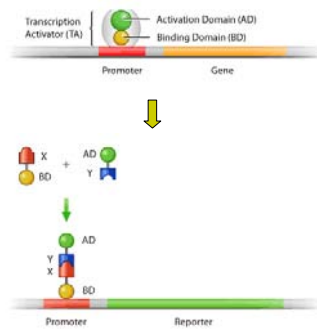


- Nodes – proteins (6K).
- Edges – interactions (15K).
- Reflect the cell's machinery and signaling pathways.

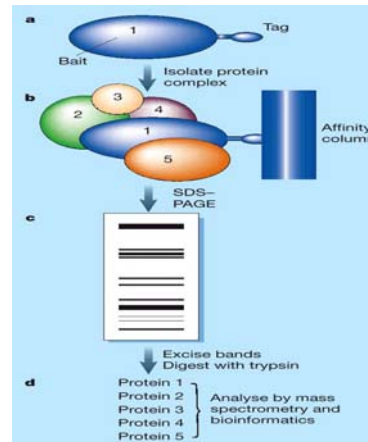
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# Experimental approaches



Yeast Two-Hybrid



Protein colP

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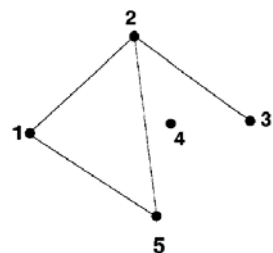
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# Graphs and Networks

- **Graph:** a pair of sets  $G=\{V,E\}$  where  $V$  is a set of nodes, and  $E$  is a set of edges that connect 2 elements of  $V$ .

- Directed, undirected graphs
- Large, complex networks are ubiquitous in the world:

- Genetic networks
- Nervous system
- Social interactions
- World Wide Web

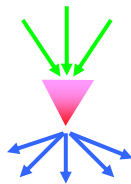


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# Global topological measures

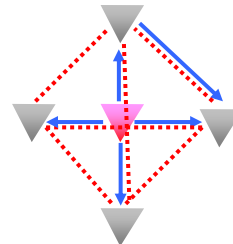
- Indicate the gross topological structure of the network



Connectivity  
(Degree)



Path length



Clustering coefficient

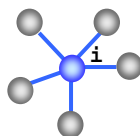
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[Barabási]

# Connectivity Measures

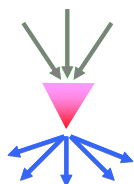
- Node degree: the number of edges incident on the node (number of network neighbors.)

- Undirected networks



Degree of node  $i = 5$

- Degree distribution  $P(k)$ : probability that a node has degree  $k$ .
- Directed networks, i.e., transcription regulation networks (TRNs)



Incoming degree = 2.1  
→ each gene is regulated by ~2 TFs

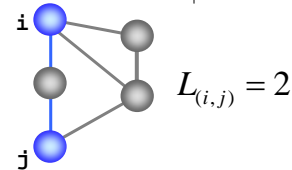
Outgoing degree = 49.8  
→ each TF targets ~50 genes

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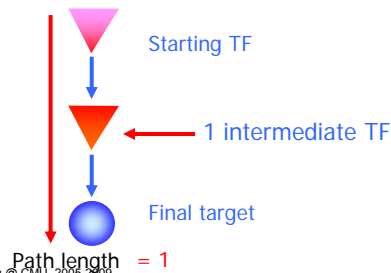
## Characteristic path length

- $L_{ij}$  is the number of edges in the shortest path between vertices  $i$  and  $j$ 
  - The **characteristic path length** of a graph is the average of the  $L_{ij}$  for every possible pair  $(i,j)$
  - **Diameter**: maximal distance in the network.
    - Networks with small values of  $L$  are said to have the "small world property"
- In a TRN,  $L'_{ij}$  represents the number of intermediate TFs until final target



Indicate how immediate a regulatory response is

Average path length = 4.7



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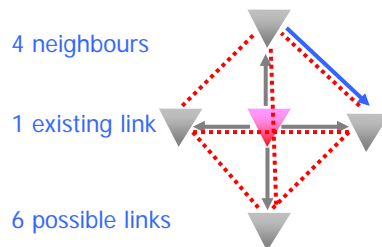
## Clustering coefficient

- The clustering coefficient of node  $i$  is the ratio of the number  $E_i$  of edges that exist among its neighbors, over the number of edges that could exist:

$$C_i = 2T_i / n_i(n_i - 1)$$

Measure how inter-connected the network is

Average coefficient = 0.11



Clustering coefficient  
=  $1/6 = 0.17$

- The clustering coefficient for the entire network  $C$  is the average of all the  $C_i$

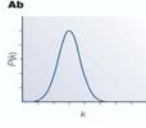
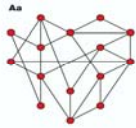
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# A Comparison of Global Network Statistics (Barabasi & Oltvai, 2004)



## A. Random Networks [Erdos and Rényi (1959, 1960)]



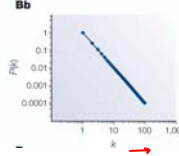
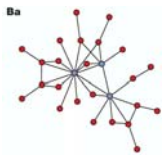
$$P(k) = \frac{e^{-\bar{k}} \bar{k}^k}{k!}$$

Mean path length  $\sim \ln(k)$

Phase transition:

Connected if:  $p \geq \ln(k)/k$

## B. Scale Free [Price, 1965 & Barabasi, 1999]



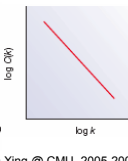
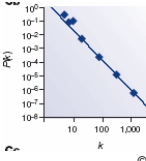
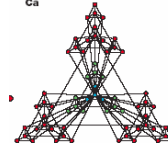
$$P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}, k \gg 1, 2 < \gamma$$

Mean path length  $\sim \ln \ln(k)$

Preferential attachment. Add proportionally to connectedness



## C. Hierarchical



Copy smaller graphs and let them keep their connections.

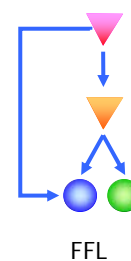
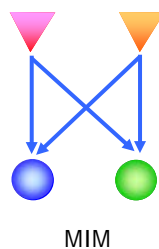
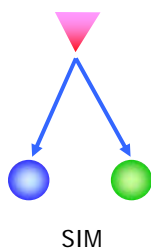
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# Local network motifs



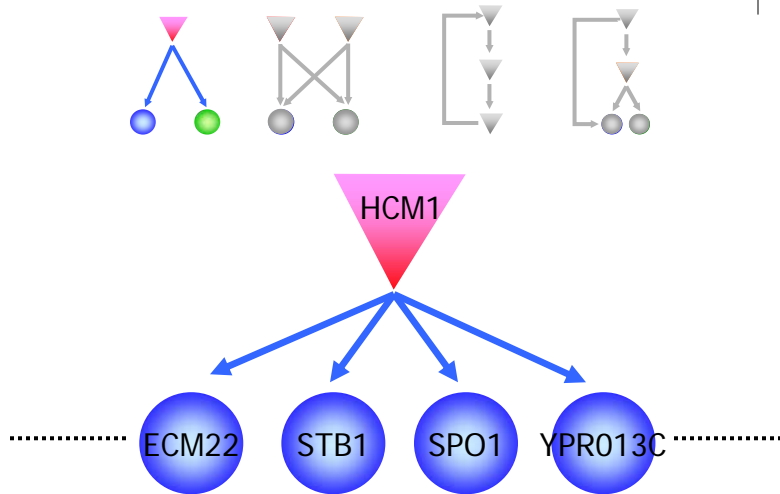
- Regulatory modules within the network



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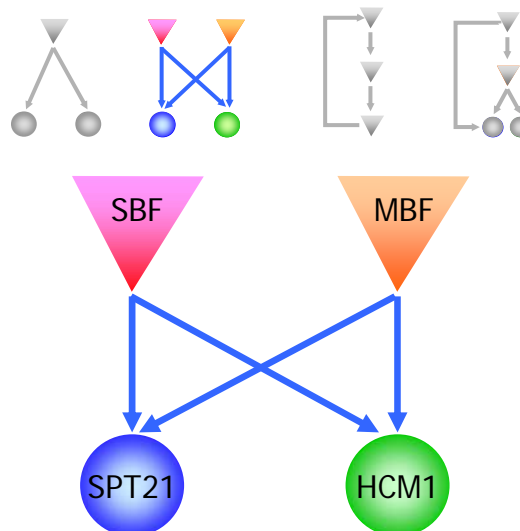
[Alon]

## SIM = Single input motifs



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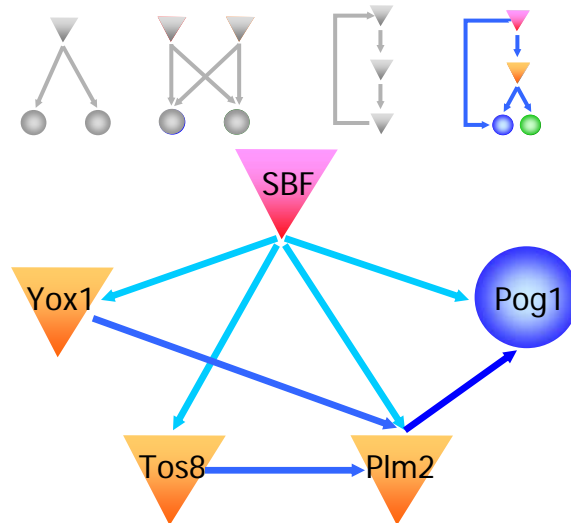
## MIM = Multiple input motifs



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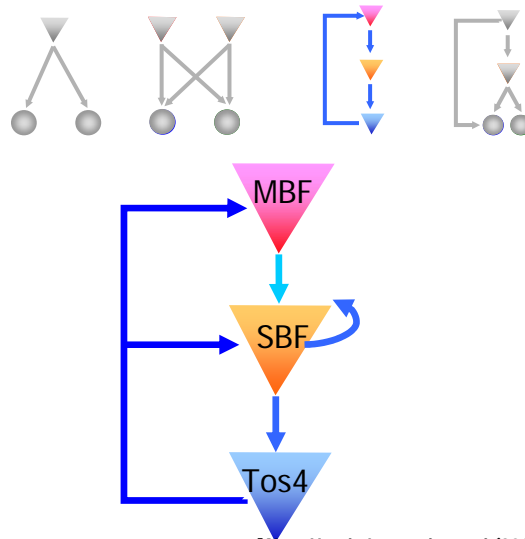


## FFL = Feed-forward loops



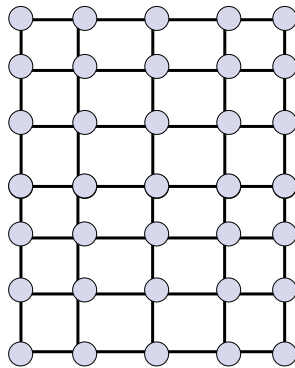
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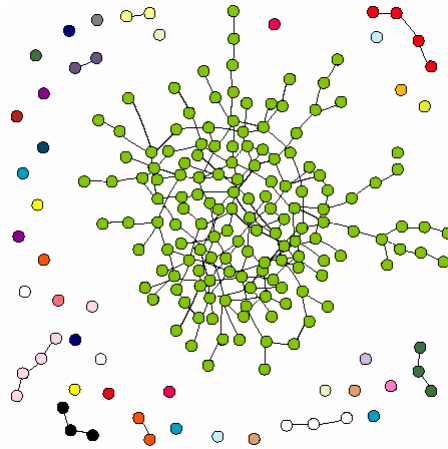


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## What network structure should be used to model a biological network?



lattice



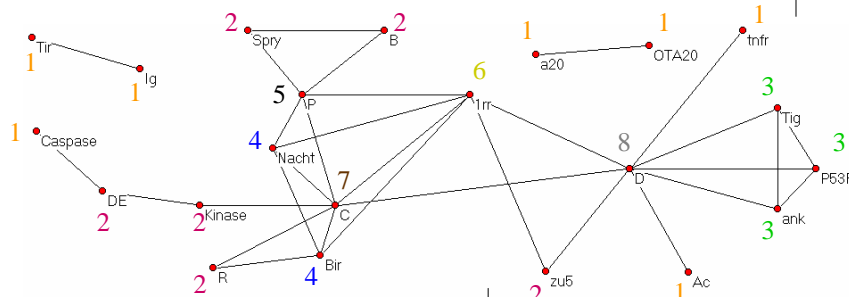
random

Strogatz S.H., *Nature* (2001) 410 268

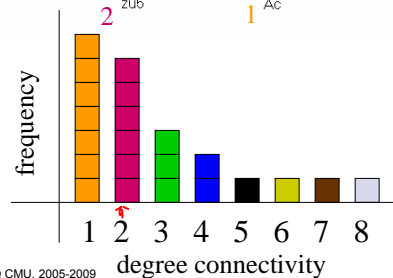
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## Calculating the degree connectivity of a network



Degree connectivity distributions:



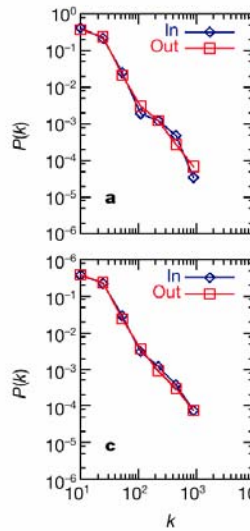
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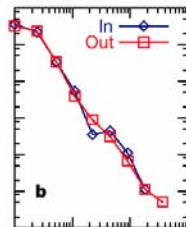
## Connectivity distributions for metabolic networks



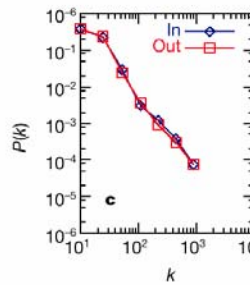
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(archaea)



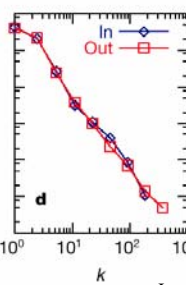
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*C. elegans*  
(eukaryote)

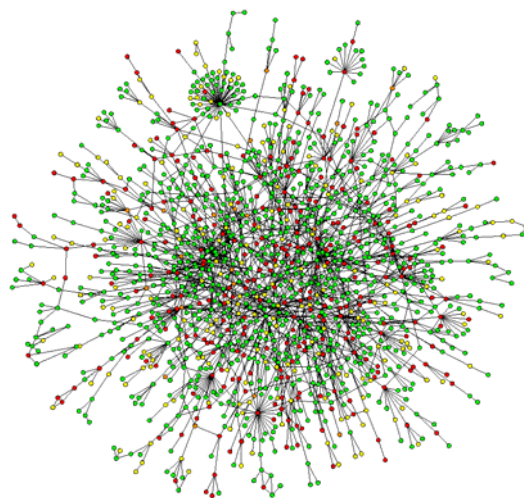


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over 43  
organisms

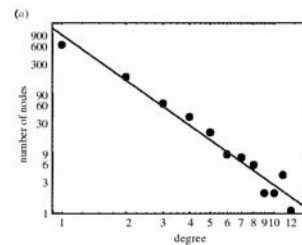


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## Protein-protein interaction networks



(color of nodes is explained later)



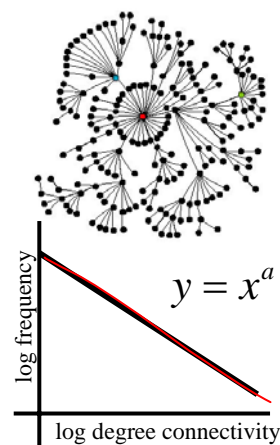
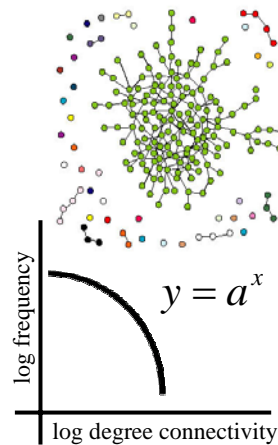
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## Random versus scaled exponential degree distribution



- Degree connectivity distributions differs between random and observed (metabolic and protein-protein interaction) networks.



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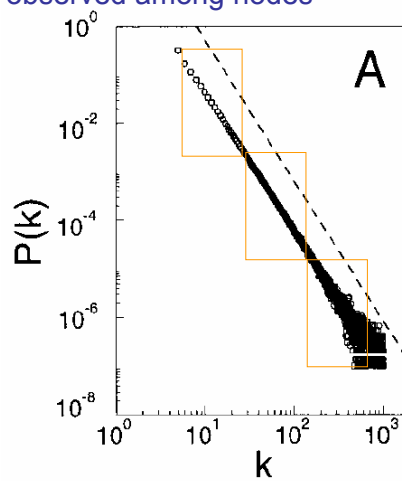
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## What is so “scale-free” about these networks?

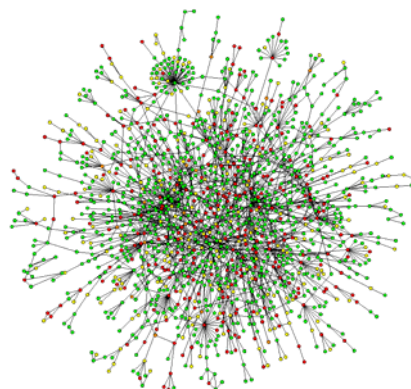


- No matter which scale is chosen the same distribution of degrees is observed among nodes



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# Models for networks of complex topology



- Erdos-Renyi (1960)
- Watts-Strogatz (1998)
- Barabasi-Albert (1999)

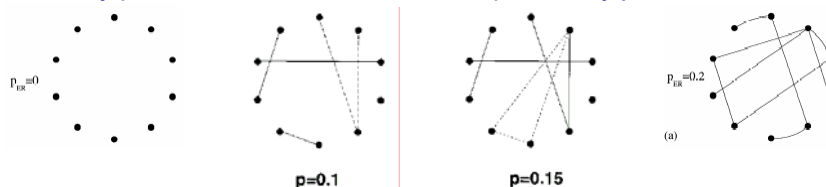
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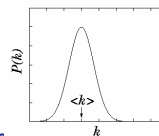
## Random Networks: The Erdős-Rényi [ER] model (1960):



- $N$  nodes
- Every pair of nodes is connected with probability  $p$ .



- Mean degree:  $(N-1)p$ .
- Degree distribution is binomial, concentrated around the mean.
- Average distance ( $Np > 1$ ):  $\log N$



- Important result: many properties in these graphs appear quite suddenly, at a threshold value of  $PER(N)$ 
  - If  $PER \sim c/N$  with  $c < 1$ , then almost all vertices belong to isolated trees
  - Cycles of all orders appear at  $PER \sim 1/N$

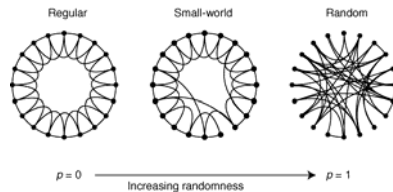
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## The Watts-Strogatz [WS] model (1998)



- Start with a regular network with  $N$  vertices
- Rewire each edge with probability  $p$



For  $p=0$  (Regular Networks):

- high clustering coefficient
- high characteristic path length

For  $p=1$  (Random Networks):

- low clustering coefficient
- low characteristic path length

- QUESTION: What happens for intermediate values of  $p$ ?

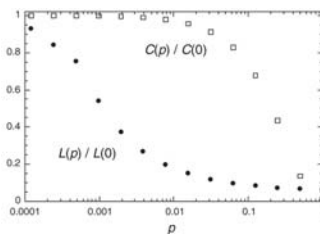
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## WS model, cont.



- There is a broad interval of  $p$  for which  $L$  is small but  $C$  remains large



- Small world networks are common :

Table 1 Empirical examples of small-world networks

	$L_{\text{actual}}$	$L_{\text{random}}$	$C_{\text{actual}}$	$C_{\text{random}}$
Film actors	3.65	2.99	0.79	0.00027
Power grid	18.7	12.4	0.080	0.005
<i>C. elegans</i>	2.65	2.25	0.28	0.05

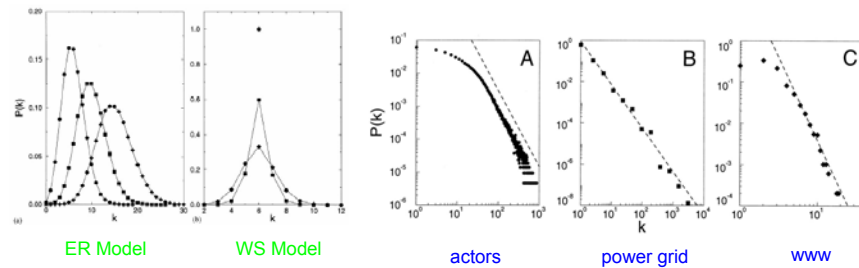
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## Scale-free networks: The Barabási-Albert [BA] model (1999)



- The distribution of degrees:



- In real network, the probability of finding a highly connected node decreases exponentially with  $k$

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

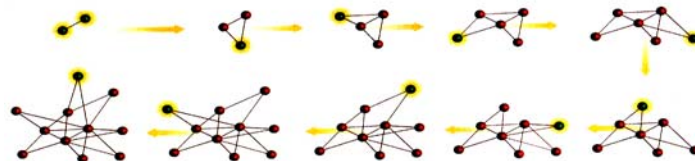
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## BA model, cont.



- Two problems with the previous models:
  - $N$  does not vary
  - the probability that two vertices are connected is uniform
- The BA model:
  - Evolution: networks expand continuously by the addition of new vertices, and
  - Preferential-attachment (rich get richer): new vertices attach preferentially to sites that are already well connected.

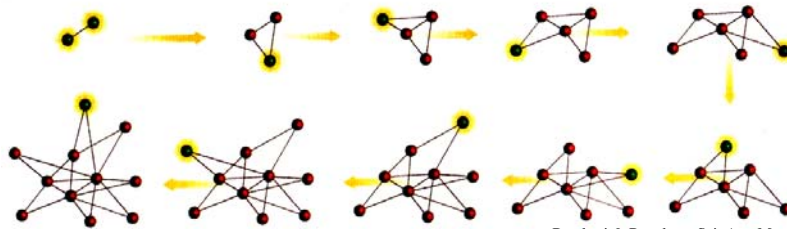


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## Scale-free network model

- GROWTH: starting with a small number of vertices  $m_0$  at every timestep add a new vertex with  $m \leq m_0$
- PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT: the probability  $\Pi$  that a new vertex will be connected to vertex  $i$  depends on the connectivity of that vertex:  $\Pi(k_i) = \frac{k_i}{\sum_j k_j}$

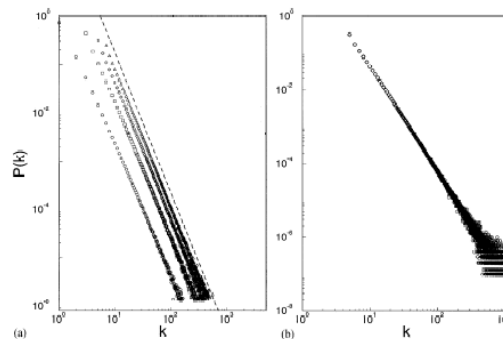


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## Scale Free Networks



- a) Connectivity distribution with  $N = m_0 + t = 300000$  and  $m_0 = m = 1$  (circles),  $m_0 = m = 3$  (squares), and  $m_0 = m = 5$  (diamonds) and  $m_0 = m = 7$  (triangles)
- b)  $P(k)$  for  $m_0 = m = 5$  and system size  $N = 100000$  (circles),  $N = 150000$  (squares) and  $N = 200000$  (diamonds)

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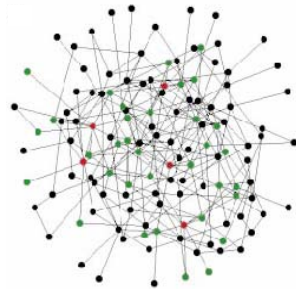
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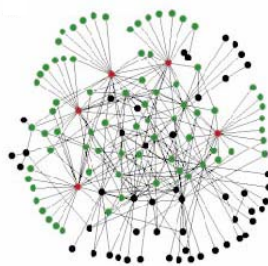
## Comparing Random Vs. Scale-free Networks



- Two networks both with 130 nodes and 215 links)



Exponential



Scale-free

- Five nodes with most links
- First neighbors of red nodes

- The importance of the connected nodes in the scale-free network:
  - 27% of the nodes are reached by the five most connected nodes, in the scale-free network more than 60% are reached.

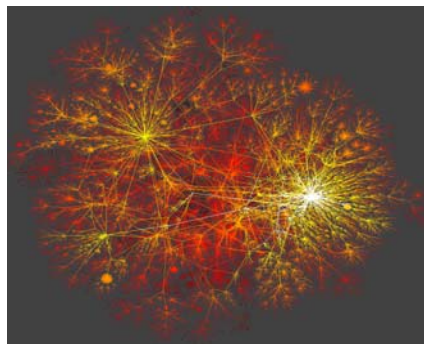
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## Failure and Attack

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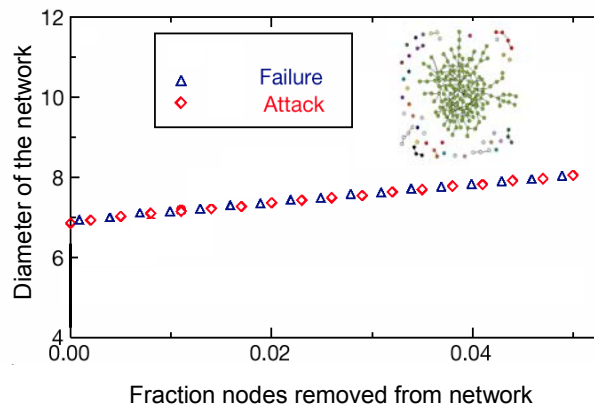
- Failure: Removal of a random node.
- Attack: The selection and removal of a few nodes that play a vital role in maintaining the network's connectivity.



a macroscopic snapshot of Internet connectivity by K. C. Claffy

## Failure and Attack, cont.

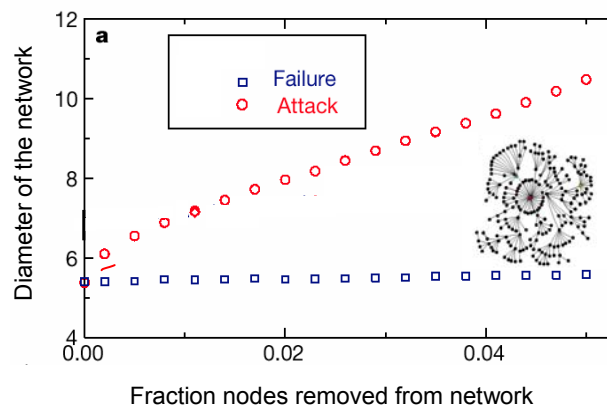
- Random networks are homogeneous so there is no difference between failure and attack



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## Failure and Attack, cont.

- Scale-free networks are robust to failure but susceptible to attack

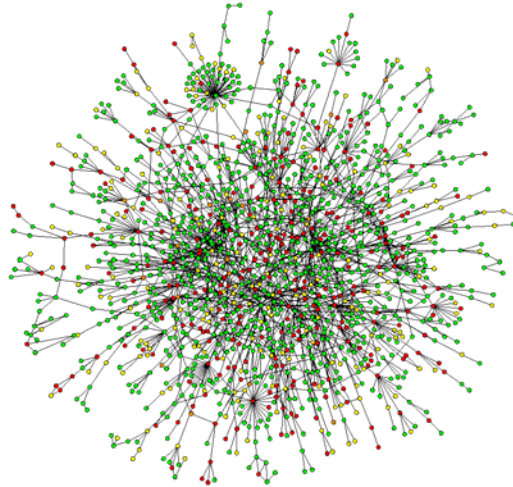


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## The phenotypic effect of removing the corresponding protein:



- Yeast protein-protein interaction networks



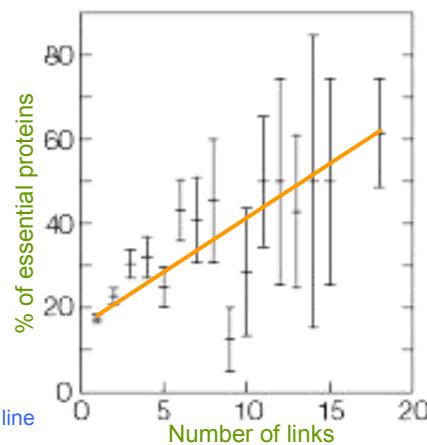
- Lethal
- Slow-growth
- Non-lethal
- Unknown

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## Lethality and connectivity are positively correlated



- Average and standard deviation for the various clusters.



- Pearson's line

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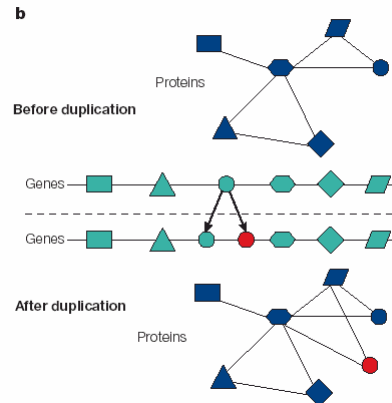
# Genetic foundation of network evolution



- Network expansion by gene duplication

- A gene duplicates
- Inherits its connections
- The connections can change

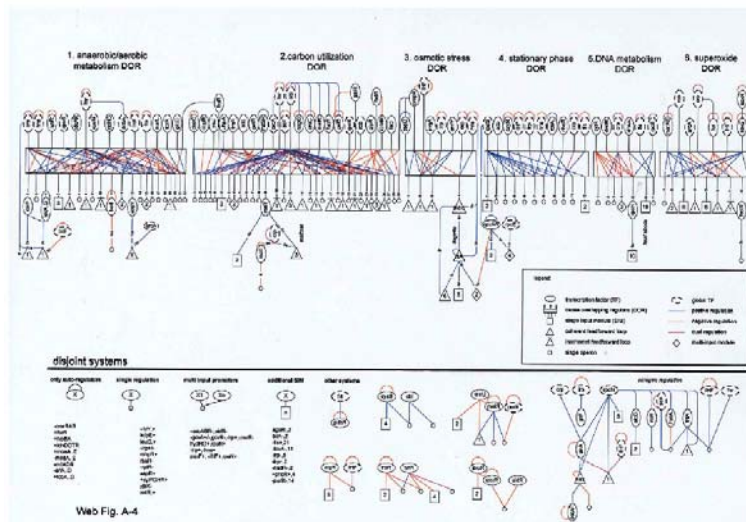
- Gene duplication slow  $\sim 10^{-9}$ /year
- Connection evolution fast  $\sim 10^{-6}$ /year



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# The transcriptional regulation network of Escherichia coli.

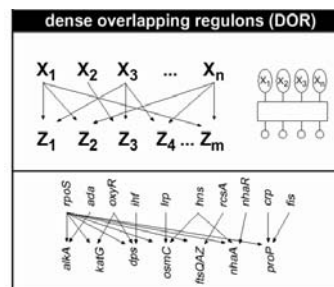
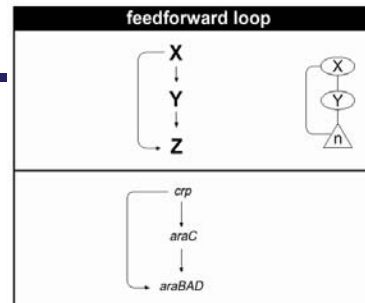
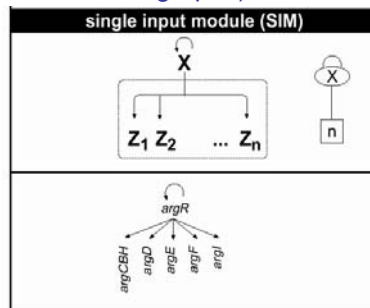


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## Motifs in the networks

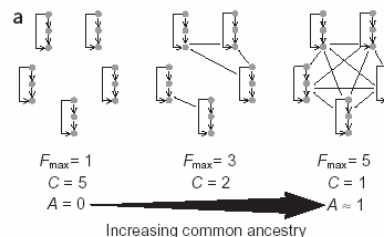
- Deployed a motif detection algorithm on the transcriptional regulation network.
- Identified three recurring motifs (significant with respect to random graphs).



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## Convergent evolution of gene circuits

- Are the components of the feed-forward loop for example homologous?
- Circuit duplication is rare in the transcription network



**b**

	Circuit type	Number of circuits	Number of families (C)	Index of common ancestry (A)	Largest circuit family (F <sub>max</sub> )
Yeast	Feed-forward	48	44 (46.8 ± 1.9; P = 0.06)	0.082 (0.023; 0.035; P = 0.001)	5 (1.9 ± 1.4; P = 0.05)
	Bi-fan	542	435 (469.0 ± 37.7; P = 0.18)	0.197 (0.135 ± 0.070; P = 0.18)	49 (41.0 ± 31.1; P = 0.33)
	MIM-2	176	(164.5 ± 8.6; P = 0.60)	0.046 (0.085; 0.050; P = 0.60)	5 (7.4 ± 6.2; P = 0.59)
	Reg chain (2)	33	33	0	1
E. coli	Feed-forward	11	11	0	1
	Bi-fan	27	27	0	1

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