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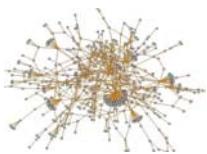
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Biological Networks & Network Evolution

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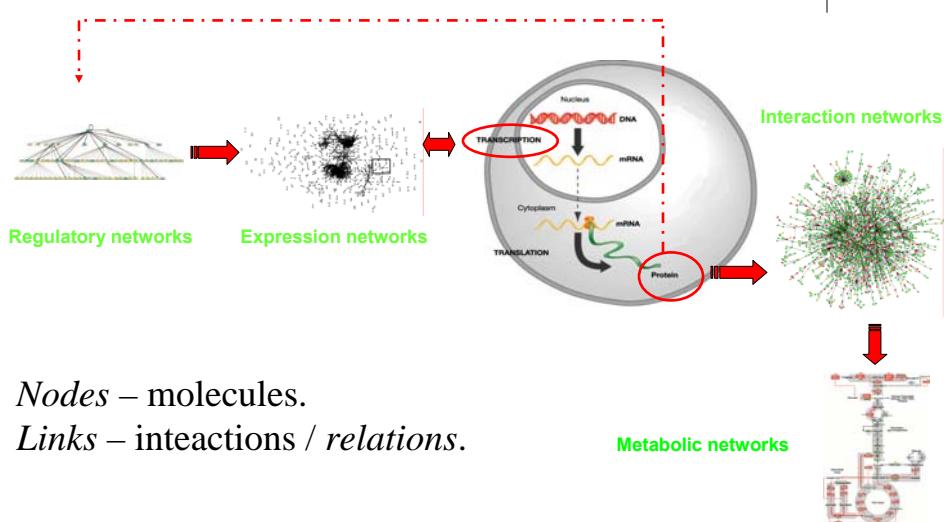


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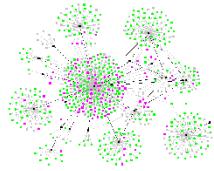
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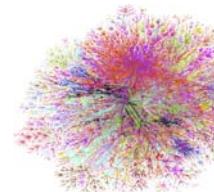
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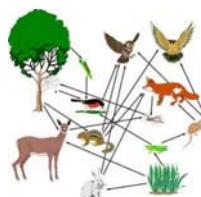
Other types of networks



Disease Spread
[Krebs]



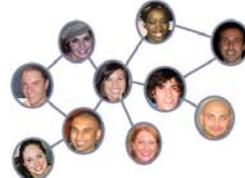
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Food Web



Electronic Circuit

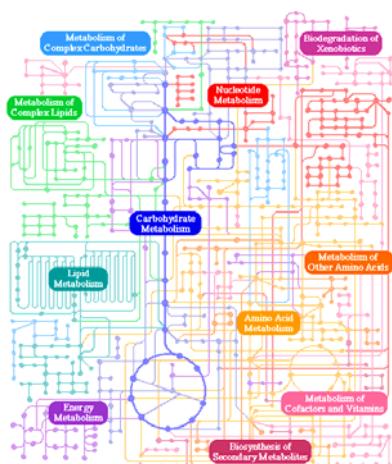


Social Network

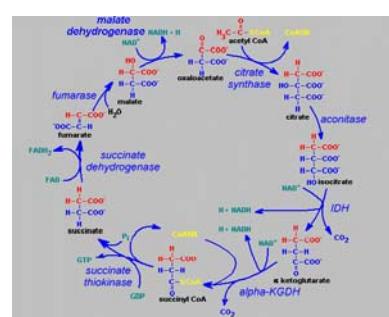
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Metabolic networks



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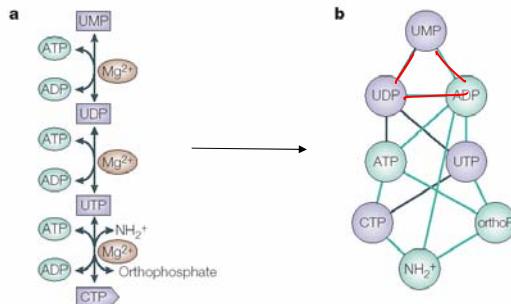


- ❑ Nodes – metabolites (0.5K).
- ❑ Edges – directed biochemical reactions (1K).
- ❑ Reflect the cell's metabolic circuitry.

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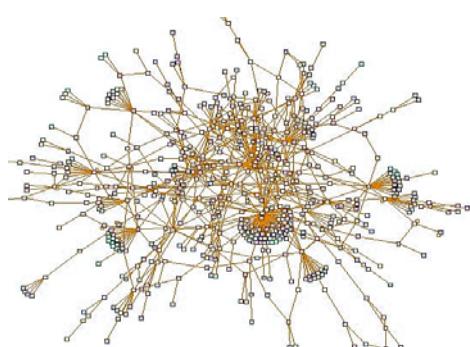
Graph theoretic description of metabolic networks



"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

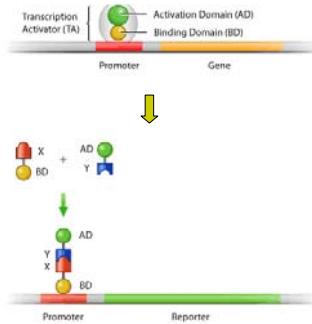


- Nodes – proteins (6K).
- Edges – interactions (15K).
- Reflect the cell's machinery and signaling pathways.

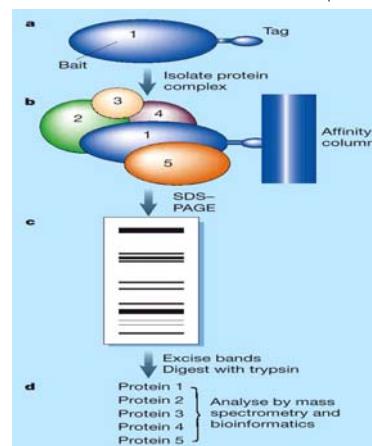
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Experimental approaches



Yeast Two-Hybrid



Protein coIP

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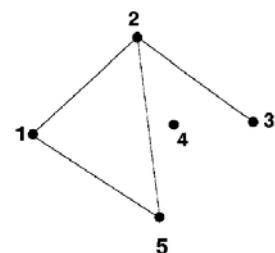
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Graphs and Networks

- **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

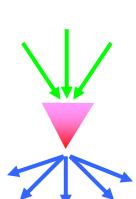


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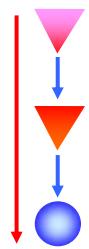
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Global topological measures

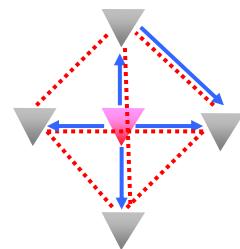
- Indicate the gross topological structure of the network



Connectivity
(Degree)



Path length



Clustering coefficient

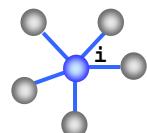
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[Barabasi]

Connectivity Measures

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

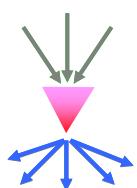
- Undirected networks



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

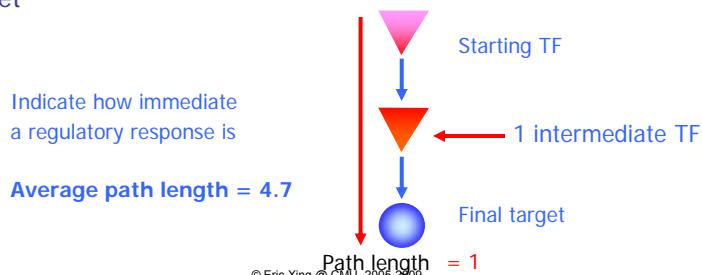
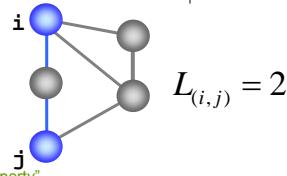
Outgoing degree = 49.8
→ each TF targets ~50 genes

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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



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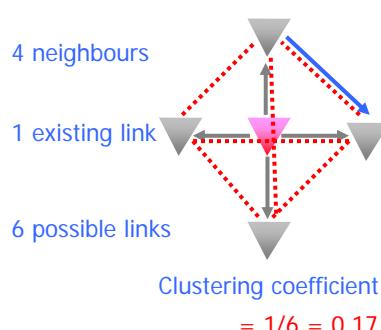
Clustering coefficient

- 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:

$$C_i = \frac{2T_i}{n_i(n_i-1)}$$

Measure how inter-connected the network is

Average coefficient = 0.11



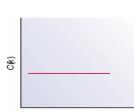
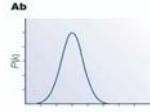
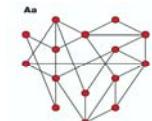
- The clustering coefficient for the entire network C is the average of all the C_i

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

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



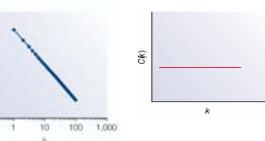
$$P(k) = \frac{e^{-\bar{k}} \bar{k}^k}{k!}$$

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

Phase transition:

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

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



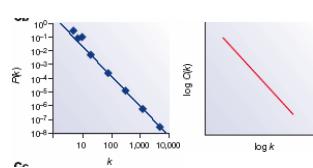
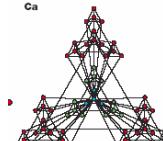
$$P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}, k \gg 1, 2 < \gamma$$

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

Preferential attachment. Add proportionally to connectedness



C. Hierarchical



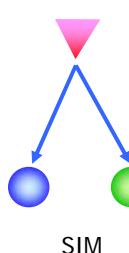
Copy smaller graphs and let them keep their connections.

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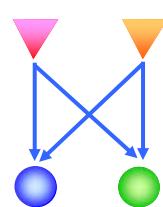
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Local network motifs

- Regulatory modules within the network



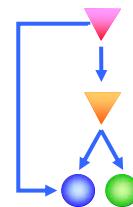
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MIM



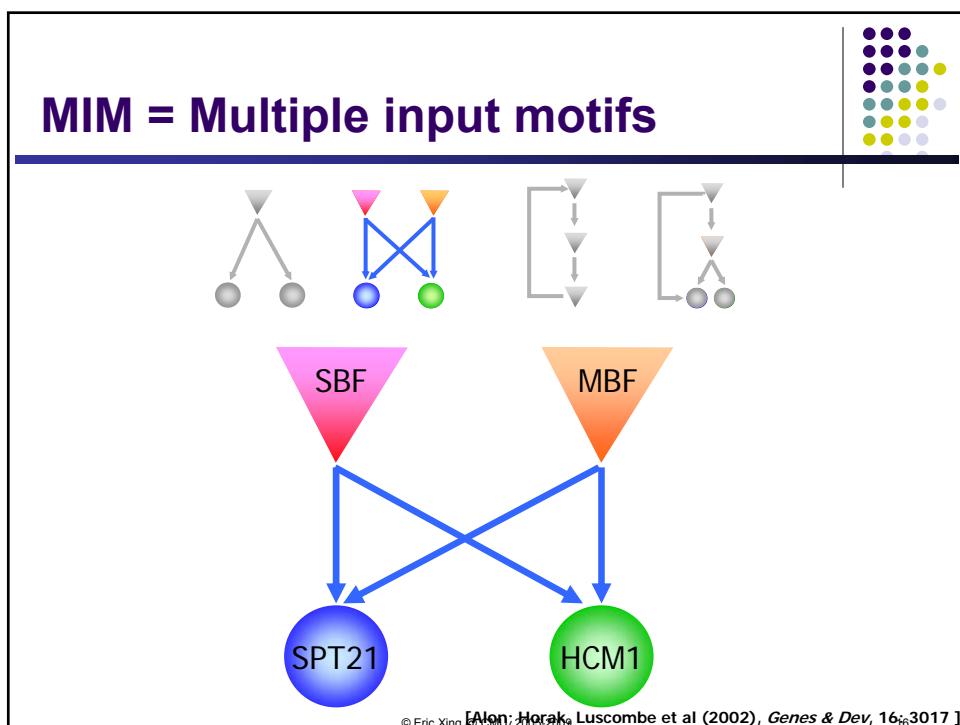
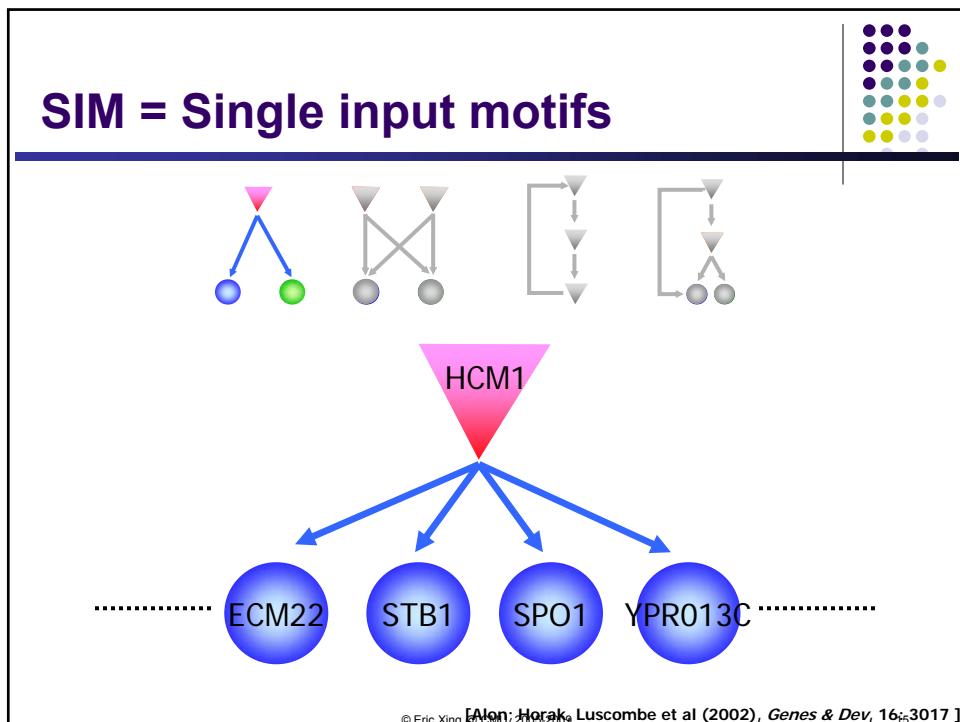
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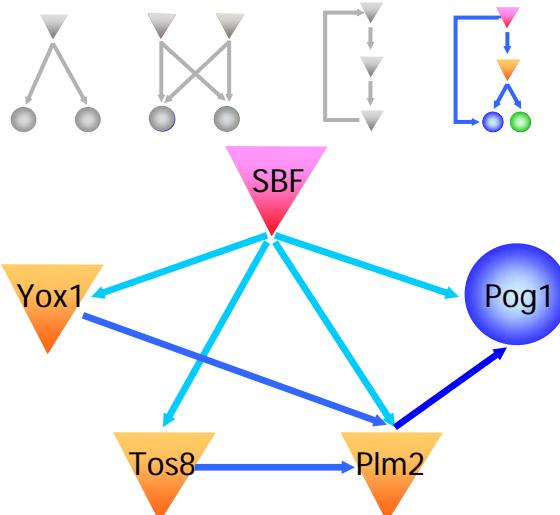
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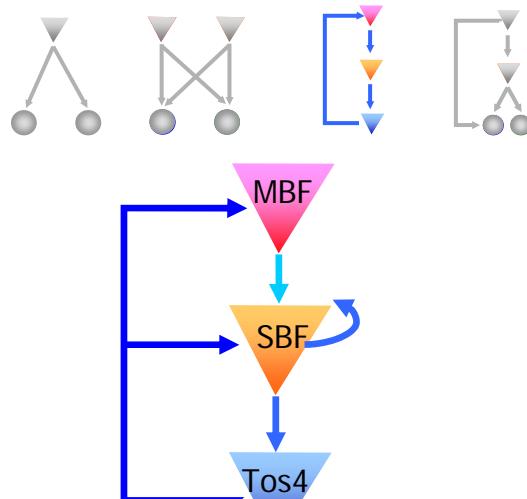
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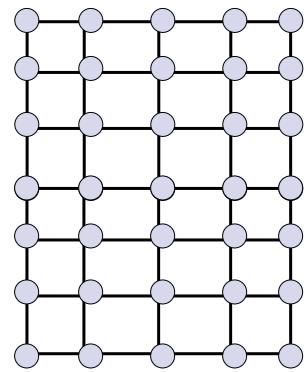
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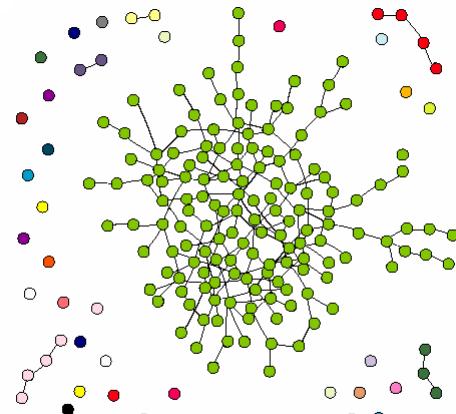
FBL = Feed-back loops



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



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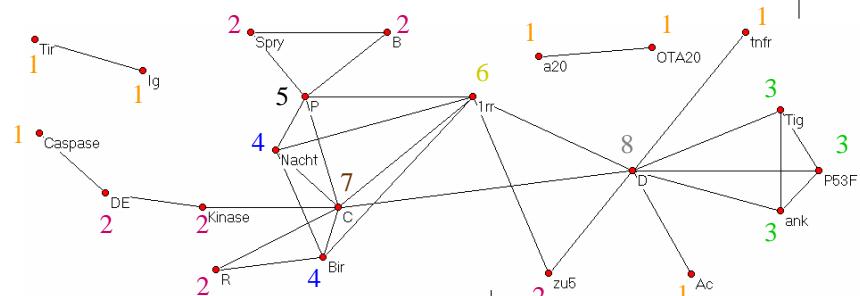
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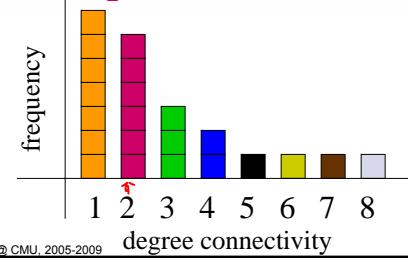
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Calculating the degree connectivity of a network



Degree connectivity distributions:

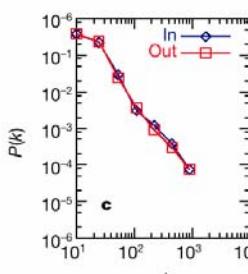
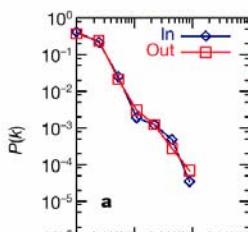


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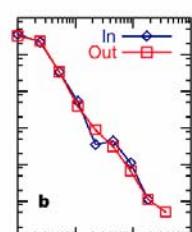
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Connectivity distributions for metabolic networks

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(archaea)



C. elegans
(eukaryote)

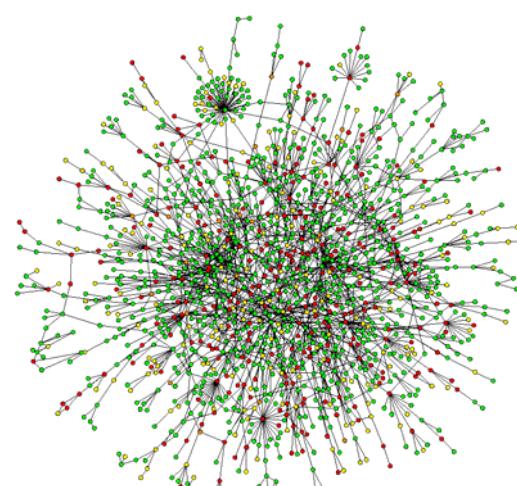


E. coli
(bacterium)

averaged
over 43
organisms

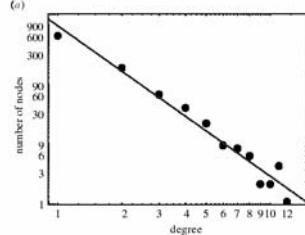
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Protein-protein interaction networks



(color of nodes is explained later)

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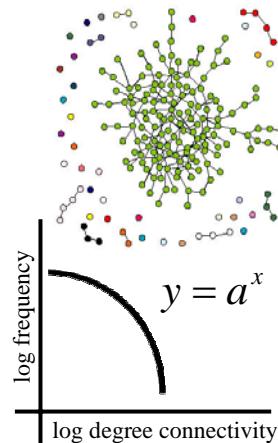


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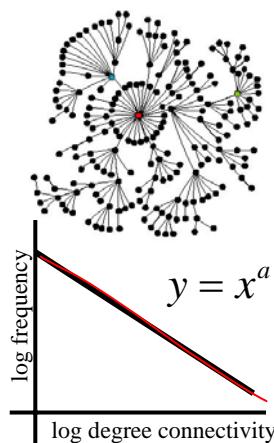
Random versus scaled exponential degree distribution



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



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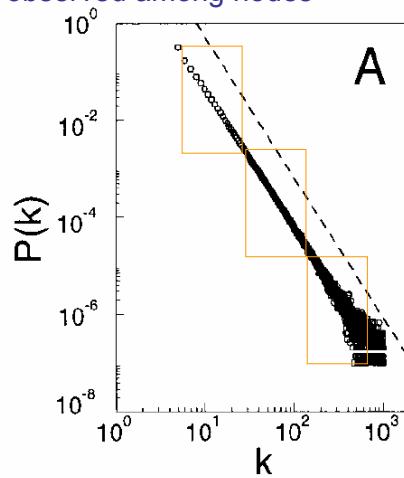
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What is so “scale-free” about these networks?

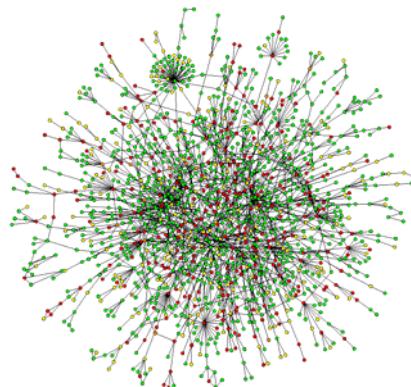


- No matter which scale is chosen the same distribution of degrees is observed among nodes



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Models for networks of complex topology



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

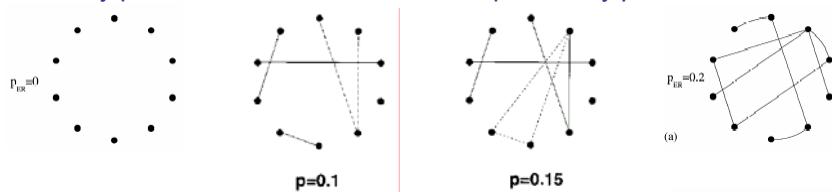
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Random Networks: The Erdős-Rényi [ER] model (1960):

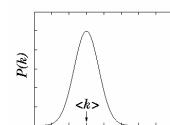


- N nodes
- Every pair of nodes is connected with probability p .



- 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 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 $PER \sim 1/N$



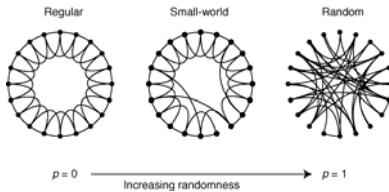
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The Watts-Strogatz [WS] model (1998)



- 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 ?

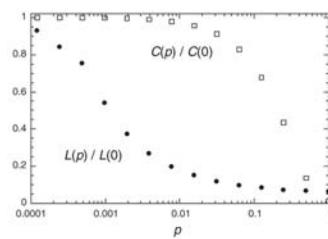
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WS model, cont.



- 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

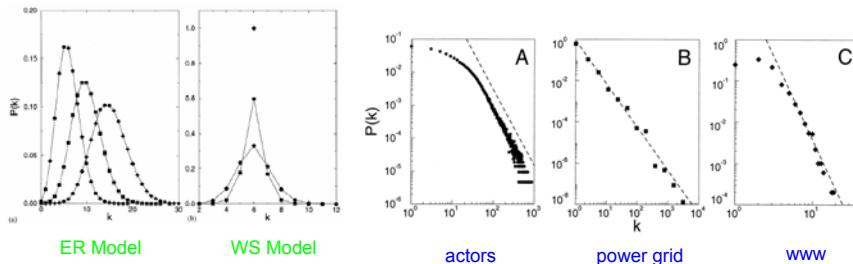
	L_{actual}	L_{random}	C_{actual}	C_{random}
Film actors	3.65	2.99	0.79	0.00027
Power grid	18.7	12.4	0.080	0.005
<i>C. elegans</i>	2.65	2.25	0.28	0.05

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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

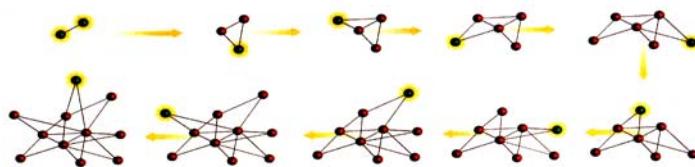
$$P(K) \sim K^{-\gamma}$$

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BA model, cont.

- Two problems with the previous models:
 1. N does not vary
 2. 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.

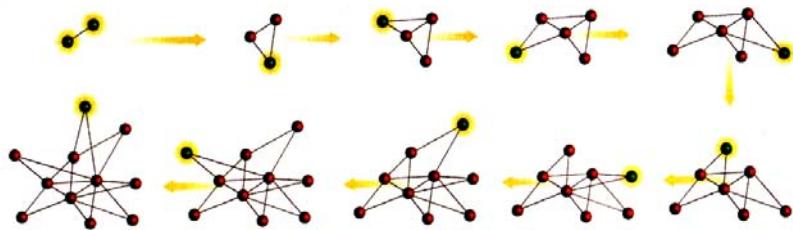


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Scale-free network model

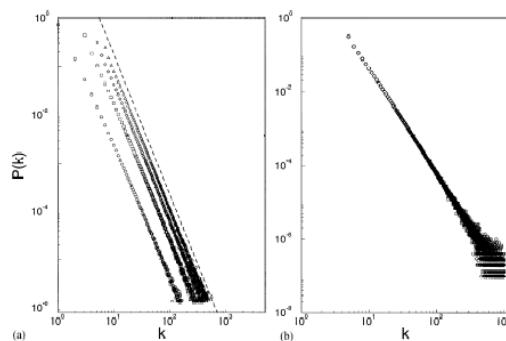
- GROWTH: starting with a small number of vertices m_0 at every timestep add a new vertex with $m \leq m_0$
- PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT: the probability Π that a new vertex will be connected to vertex i depends on the connectivity of that vertex: $\Pi(k_i) = \frac{k_i}{\sum_j k_j}$



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Barabasi & Bonabeau Sci. Am. May 2003 60-69
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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)

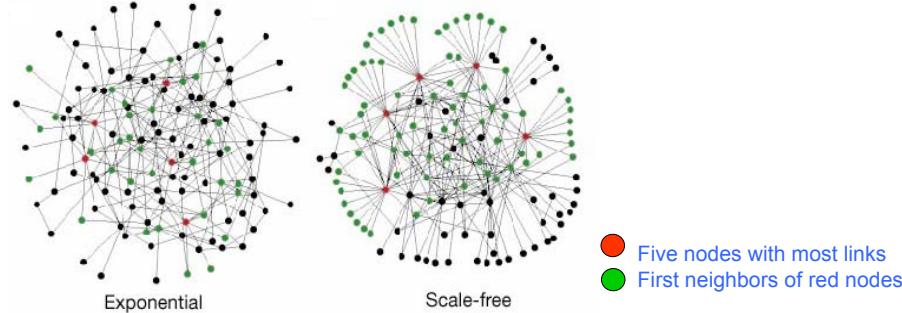
b) $P(k)$ for $m_0 = m = 5$ and system size $N = 100000$ (circles), $N = 150000$ (squares) and $N = 200000$ (diamonds)

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Comparing Random Vs. Scale-free Networks



- Two networks both with 130 nodes and 215 links



- 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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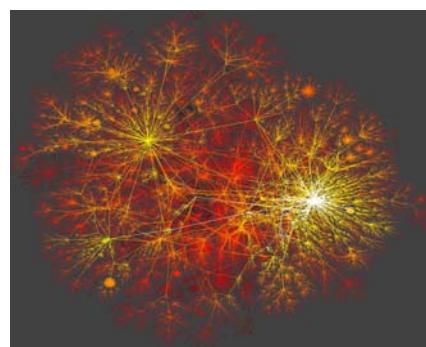
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Failure and Attack

Albert et al. *Science* (2000) **406** 378-382



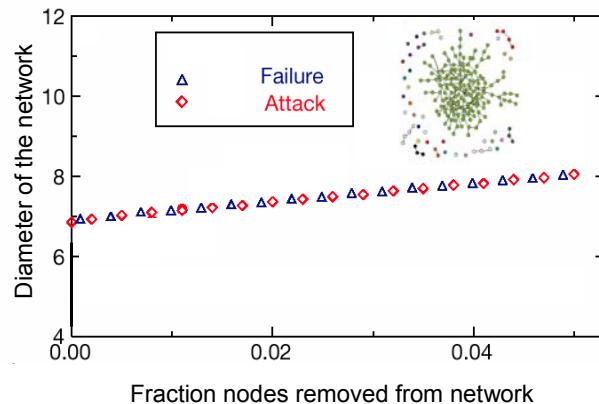
- Failure: Removal of a random node.
- Attack: The selection and removal of a few nodes that play a vital role in maintaining the network's connectivity.



© Eric Xing @ CMU, 2005-2009 a macroscopic snapshot of Internet connectivity by K. C. Claffy

Failure and Attack, cont.

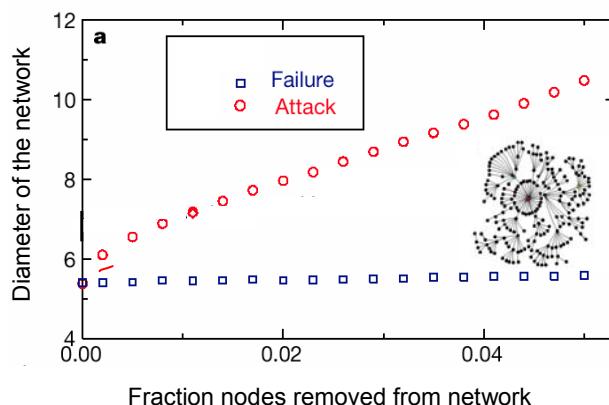
- Random networks are homogeneous so there is no difference between failure and attack



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Failure and Attack, cont.

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

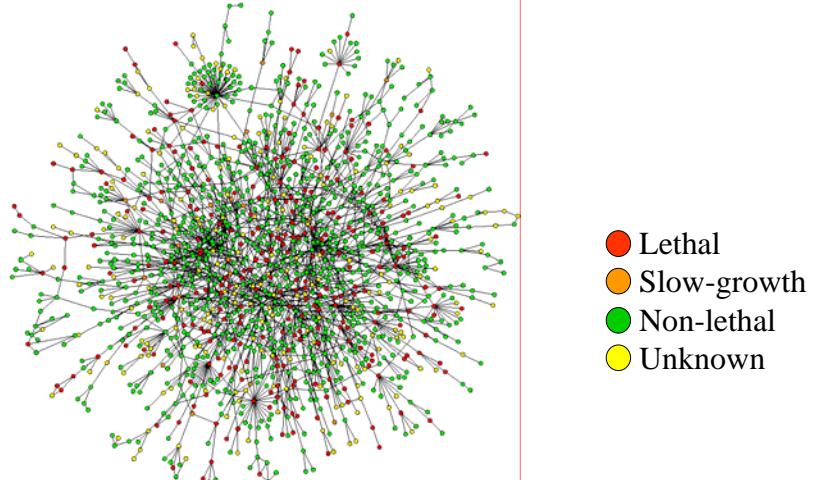


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The phenotypic effect of removing the corresponding protein:



- Yeast protein-protein interaction networks

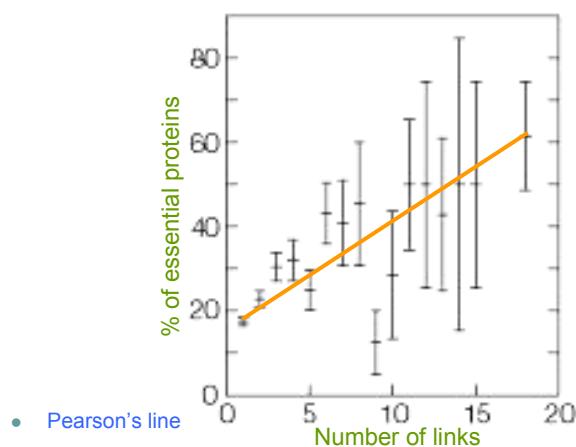


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Lethality and connectivity are positively correlated



- Average and standard deviation for the various clusters.

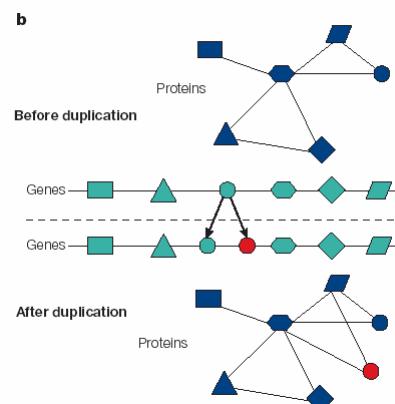


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Genetic foundation of network evolution

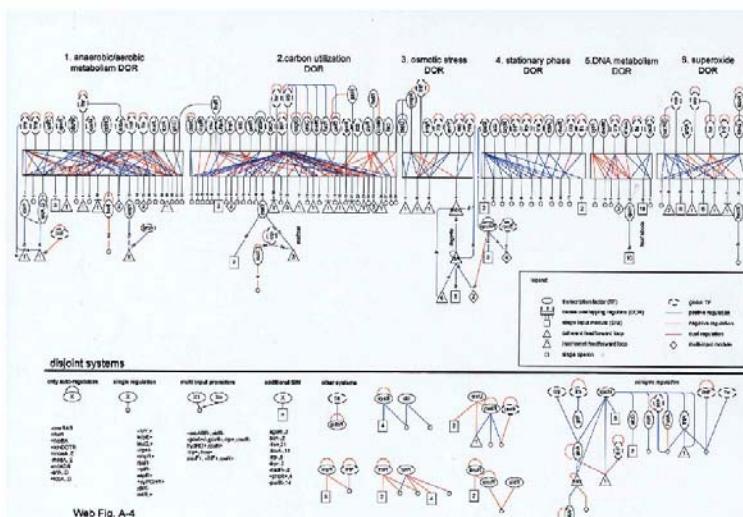
- Network expansion by gene duplication
 - A gene duplicates
 - Inherits its connections
 - The connections can change
- Gene duplication slow $\sim 10^{-9}/\text{year}$
- Connection evolution fast $\sim 10^{-6}/\text{year}$



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The transcriptional regulation network of *Escherichia coli*.



Web Fig. A-4

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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).

single input module (SIM)

feedforward loop

dense overlapping regulons (DOR)

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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

a

$F_{\max} = 1$
 $C = 5$
 $A = 0$

$F_{\max} = 3$
 $C = 2$

$F_{\max} = 5$
 $C = 1$
 $A \approx 1$

Increasing common ancestry

b

	Circuit type	Number of circuits	Number of families (C)	Index of common ancestry (A)	Largest circuit family (F_{\max})
<i>Yeast</i>	Feed-forward	48	44 (46.8 ± 1.9; $P = 0.05$)	0.082 (0.023 ± 0.035; $P = 0.009$)	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 ± 31.7; $P = 0.33$)
	MM-2	176	168 (164.5 ± 8.6; $P = 0.60$)	0.045 (0.065 ± 0.050; $P = 0.60$)	5 (7.4 ± 6.2; $P = 0.59$)
	Reg chain(3)	33	33	0	1
<i>E. coli</i>	Feed-forward	11	11	0	1
	Bi-fan	27	27	0	1

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