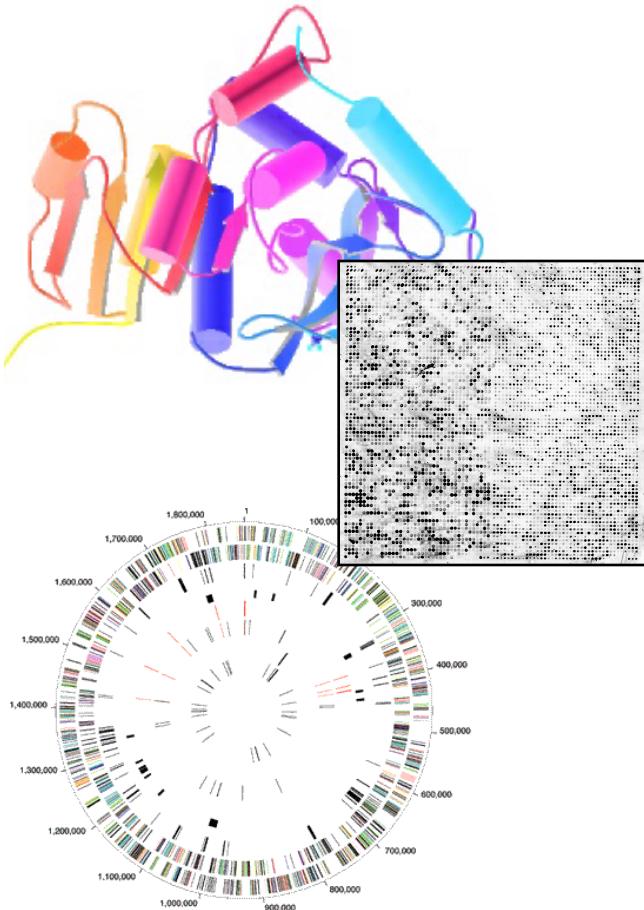


Bioinformatics: Analysis of Network Topology

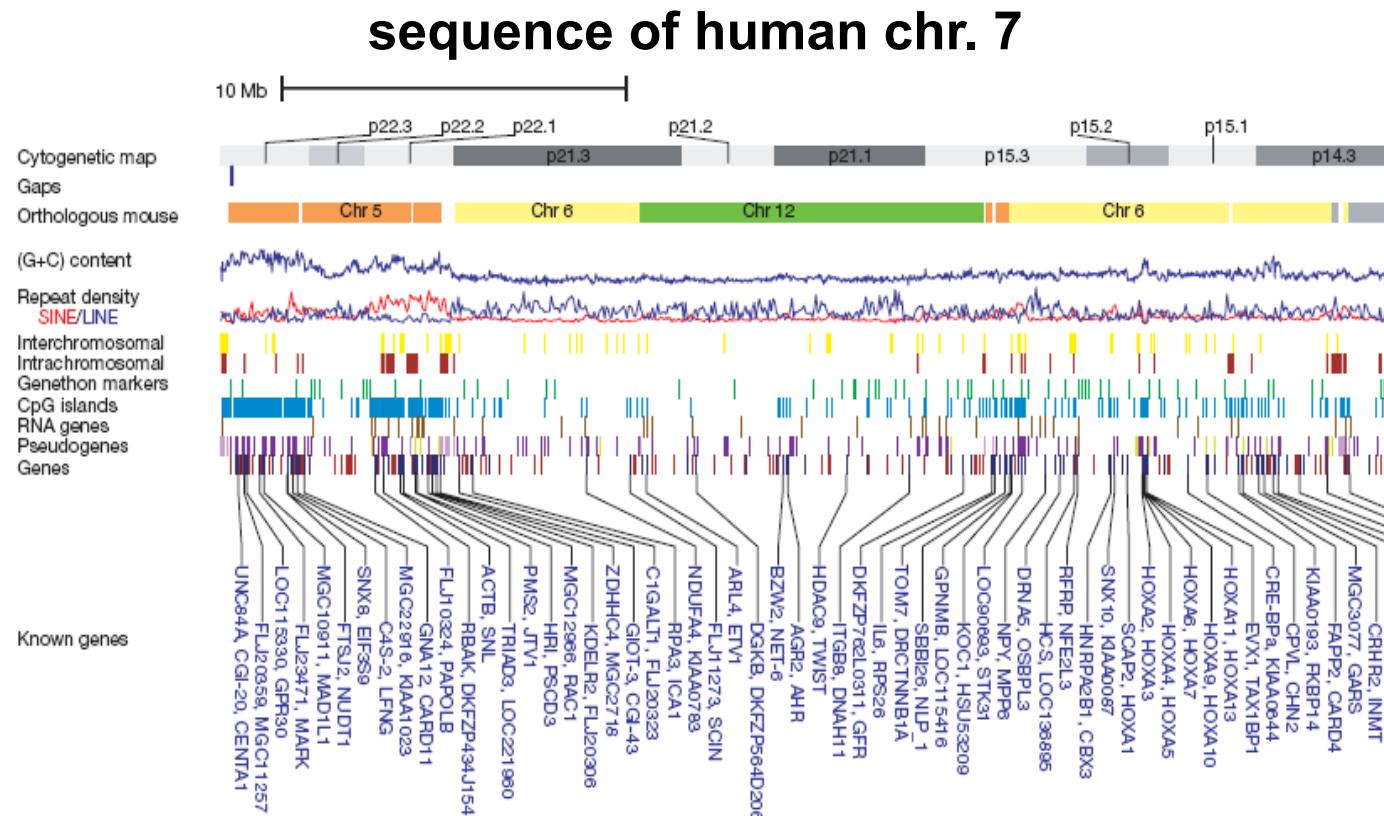


Mark Gerstein, Yale University
gersteinlab.org/courses/452
(last edit in spring '16)

Reasons for Networks

- (1) Provide a scalable, systematic way to definite "function"

The problem: Grappling with Function on a Genome Scale?



~1,200 protein-coding genes
(~950 pseudogenes)

[Hillier et al, Nature, 424, 157]

EF2_YEAST

Traditional single molecule way to integrate evidence & describe function

Descriptive Name:
Elongation Factor 2

Lots of references
to papers

Summary sentence describing function:
This protein promotes the GTP-dependent translocation of the nascent protein chain from the A-site to the P-site of the ribosome.

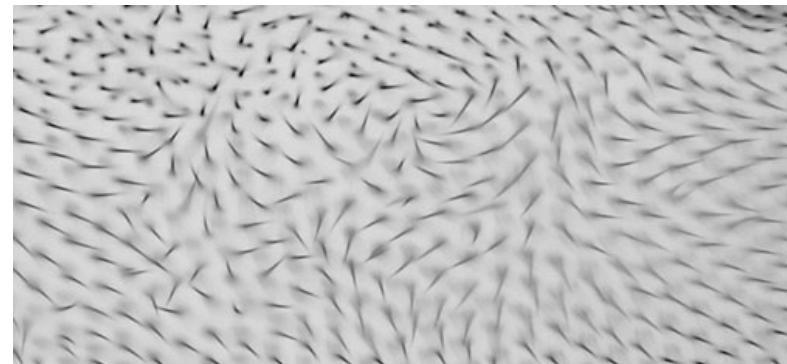
The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer window displaying the UniProt Basic Protein Viewer for the entry EF2_YEAST. The page includes a sequence view at the top, followed by a navigation bar with links like Home, About UniProt, Getting Started, Searches/Tools, Databases, and Support/Documentation. Below the navigation is a search bar for the UniProt Knowledgebase. The main content area contains sections for General information, Protein description, References, and Comments. The General information section lists the entry name as EF2_YEAST, primary accession number P32324, and various dates of release and modification. The Protein description section identifies it as the elongation factor 2. The References section lists a single entry [1] with details about the nucleotide sequence of EFT1 and EFT2, mentioning authors like Perentesis J.P., Phan L.D., Laporte D.C., Livingston D.M., and Bodley J.W., and the context of "Saccharomyces cerevisiae elongation factor 2. Genetic cloning, characterization of expression, and G-domain modeling.". The Comments section provides a summary sentence: "This protein promotes the GTP-dependent translocation of the nascent protein chain from the A-site to the P-site of the ribosome." Other sections shown include Function, Subcellular Location (Cytoplasmic), and PIR.

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- Fun terms... but do they scale?....
 - **Starry night** (P Adler, '94)



M Explicit meaningM-scientific SEMA5A^e

Not "funny"; usually acronym or concatenation of long descriptive scientific name

M-literal drop dead^b

Inherent meaning of words is sufficient to describe gene function in some way; no cultural knowledge is required

M-embed

Clever reference or allusion. Cultural savvy or other knowledge required to make sense

Literary malvolio^cAcronym LOV^dHistorical yuri^ePop culture tribbles^f**~M** No explicit meaning~M-outside kuzbanian^g

Some outside, non-obvious reason for name

~M-irrel ring^h

Irrelevant acronym; not tied to gene function

~M-nr yippeeⁱ

Silly or funny names. No relevance to underlying gene function

An Aside: An Ontology of Naming Pathologies

Multi

T Transferred naming system

T-relation kryptonite and superman

Naming ceases to make sense if names are shuffled among genes

T-norelation arleekin
valiet
tungus...^k

Names could be shuffled among genes with no loss of meaning

P Problematic relationshipsP-clash PKD1 and lov-1^l

Analogous genes with very different names

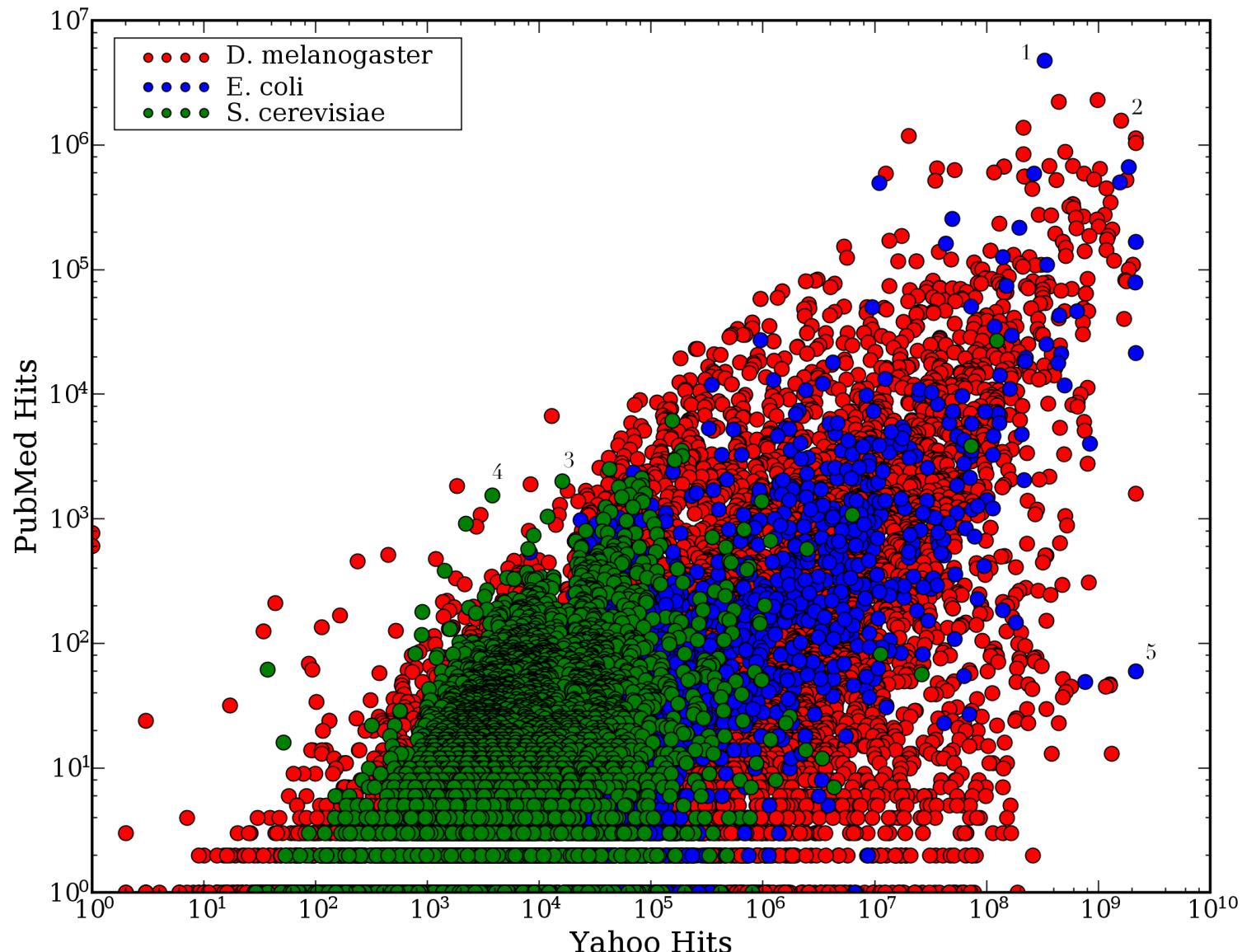
P-confusion MT-1^m

Many genes with same name, or many names for one gene

P-defunct BAF45 and BAF47ⁿ

Gene named to reflect information later shown to be inaccurate or untrue

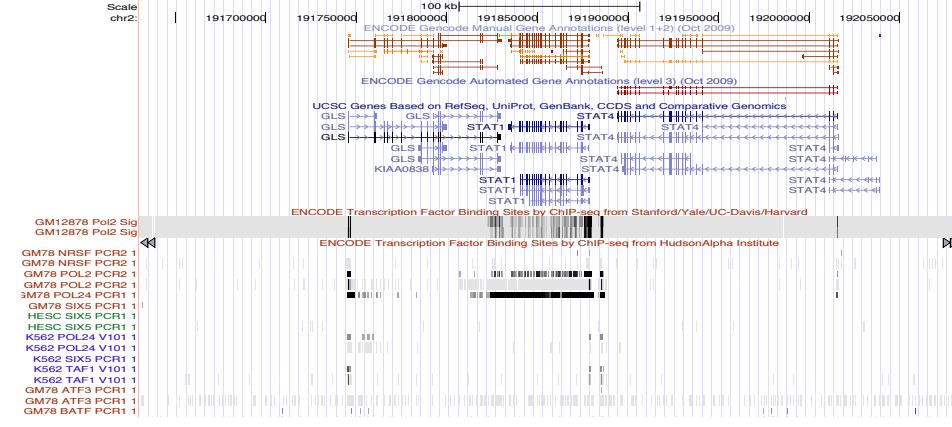
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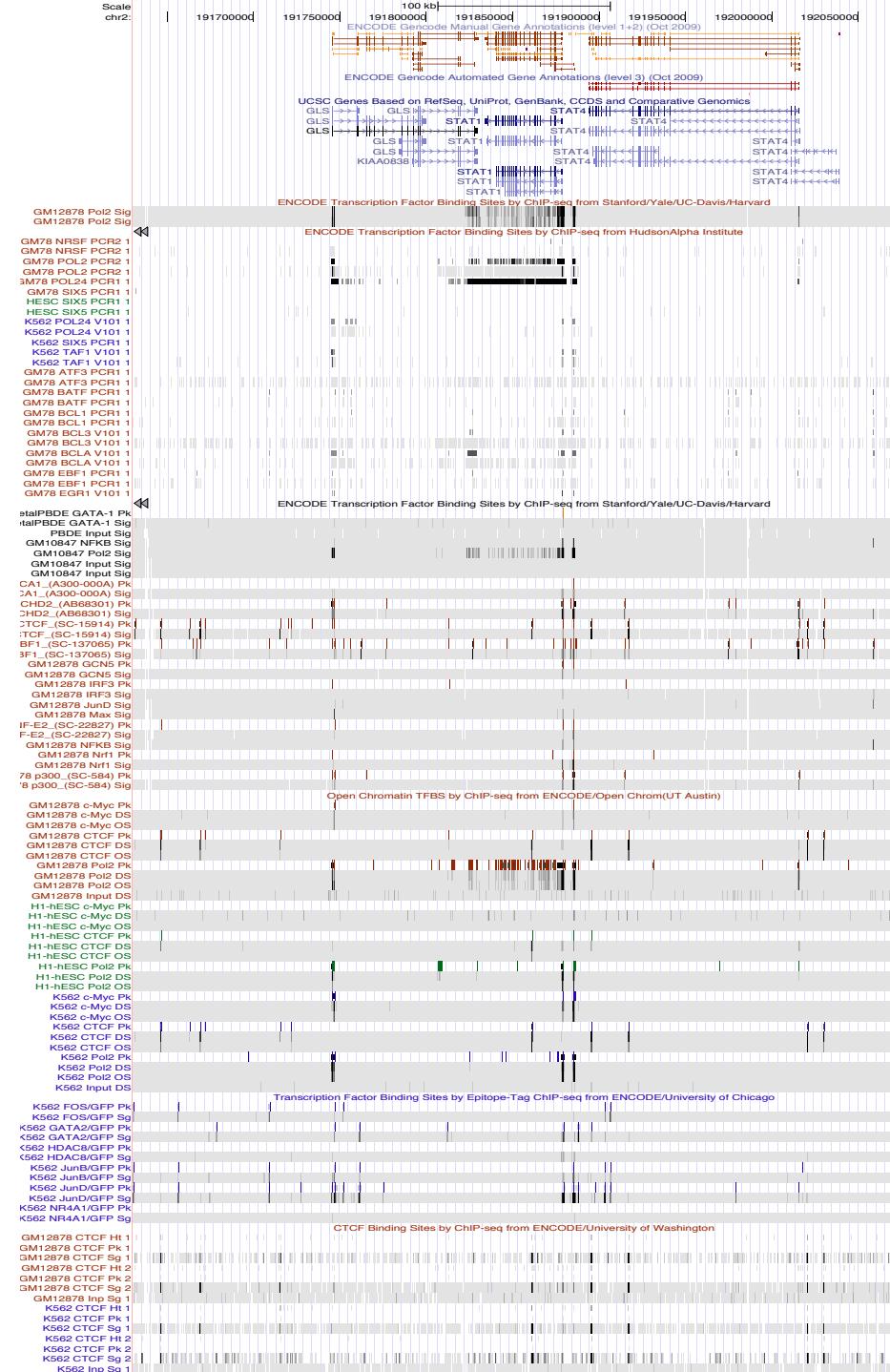
[Seringhaus et al. GenomeBiology (2008)]

Reasons for Networks

(2) Overcome shortcomings
of linear genome annotation



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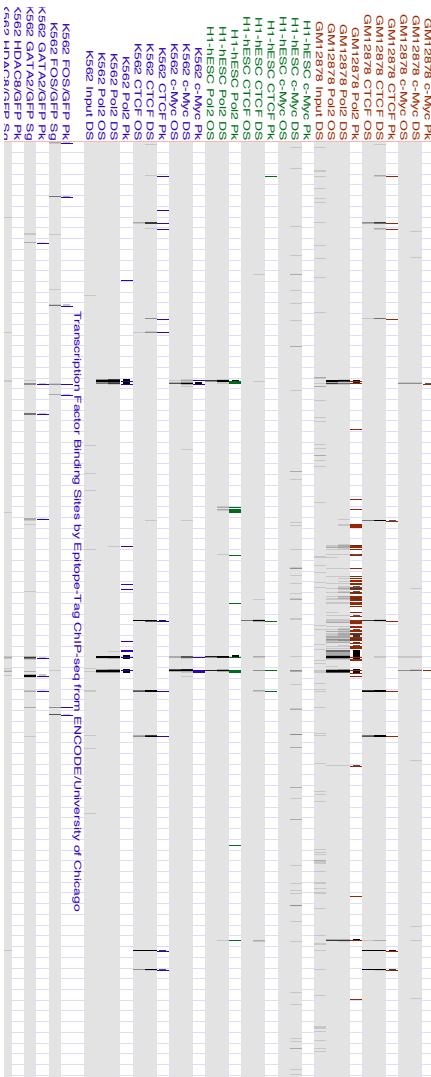


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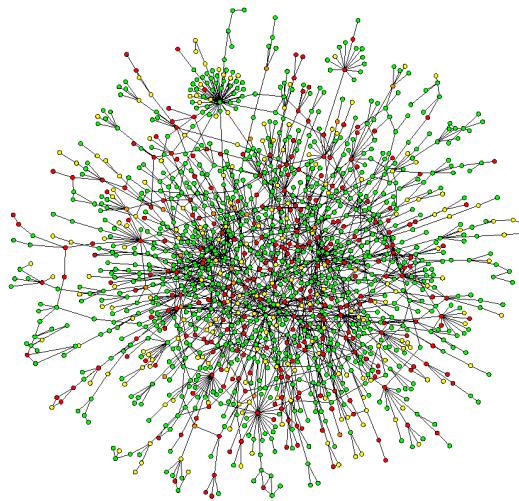
Will this scale to 1000+ tracks? What will next-gen annotation look like?...

Systems from Parts

Networks occupy a midway point in terms of level of understanding



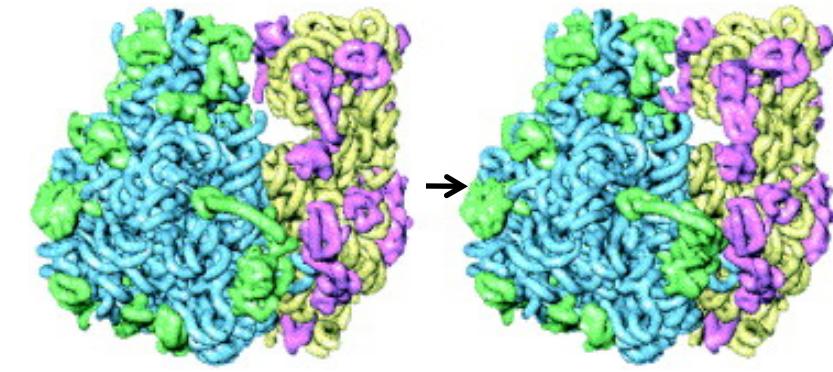
1D: Complete Partslist (“Elements” in genomic tracks)



[UCSC genome browser]

[Jeong et al. Nature, 41:411]

[Chiu et al. Trends in Cell Biol, 16:144]



Data Flow: Chip-seq expts. to co-associating peaks

119 TFs from 458 ChIP-Seq experiments (2 Tb tot.)

Signal Tracks



7M Peaks from Uniform Peak Calling



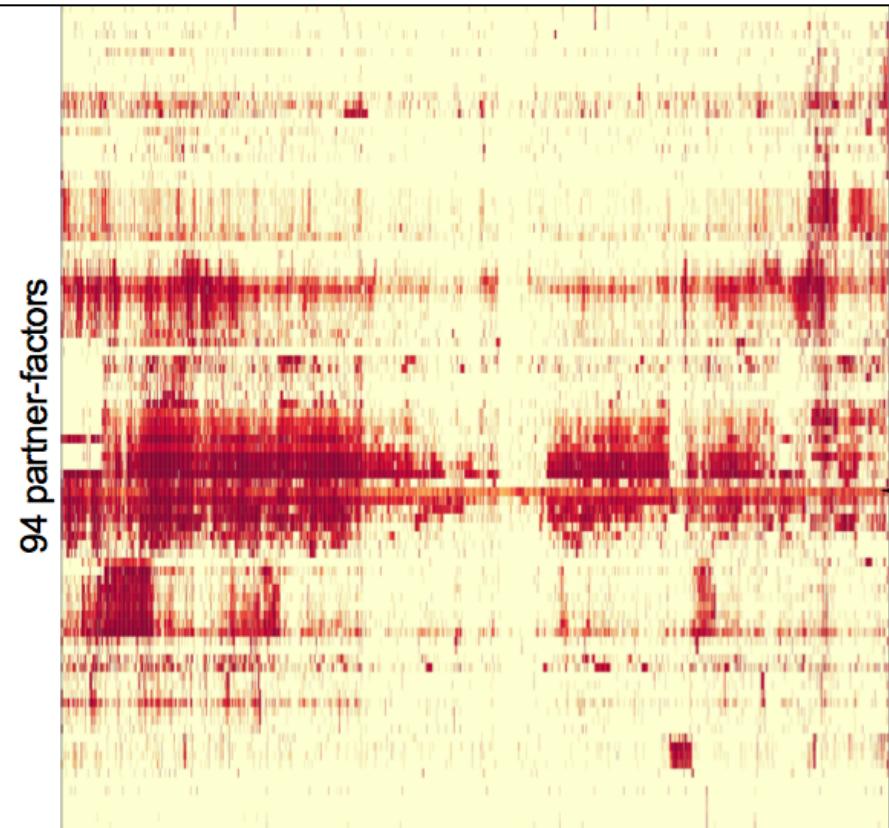
TF1

TF2

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•
•

TF119

- Mostly in Tier 1 cell lines
 - K562, GM12878, H1h-ESC...
- Matching RNA-Seq data in all cell-lines
- SPP & PeakSeq
- thresholding w. IDR (replicas)

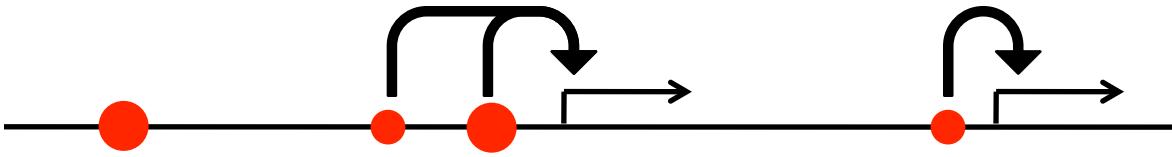


Data Flow: peaks to proximal & distal networks

Peak Calling

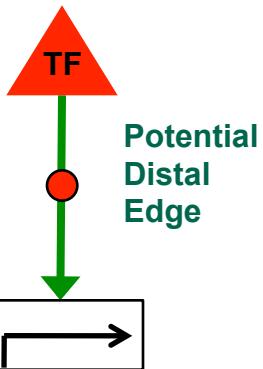
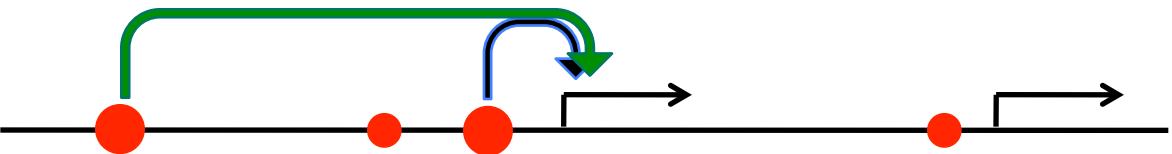


Assigning TF binding sites to targets



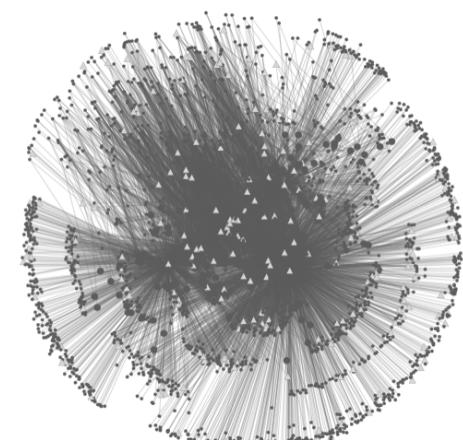
Filtering high confidence edges & distal regulation

Based on stat. model combining
signal strength & location relative to typical binding

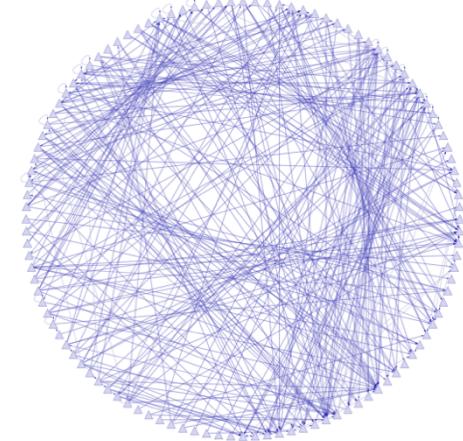


[Cheng et al., *Bioinfo.* ('11);
Gerstein et al. *Nature* (in press, '12) ;
Yip et al., *GenomeBiology* (in press, '12)]

~500K
Edges



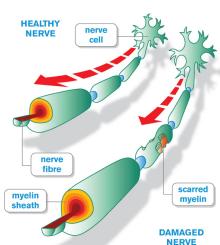
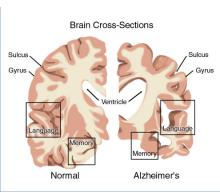
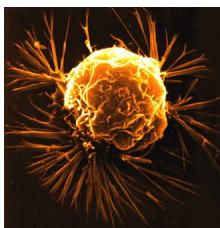
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Edges



Reasons for Networks

(3) Useful way of thinking about disease

Network pathology & pharmacology



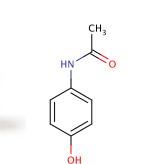
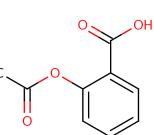
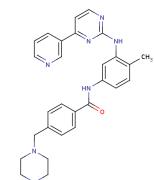
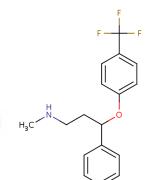
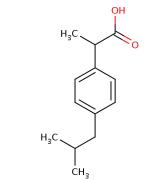
Breast Cancer

Alzheimer's Disease

Parkinson's Disease

Multiple Sclerosis

Interactome networks



Interactome Networks and Human Disease

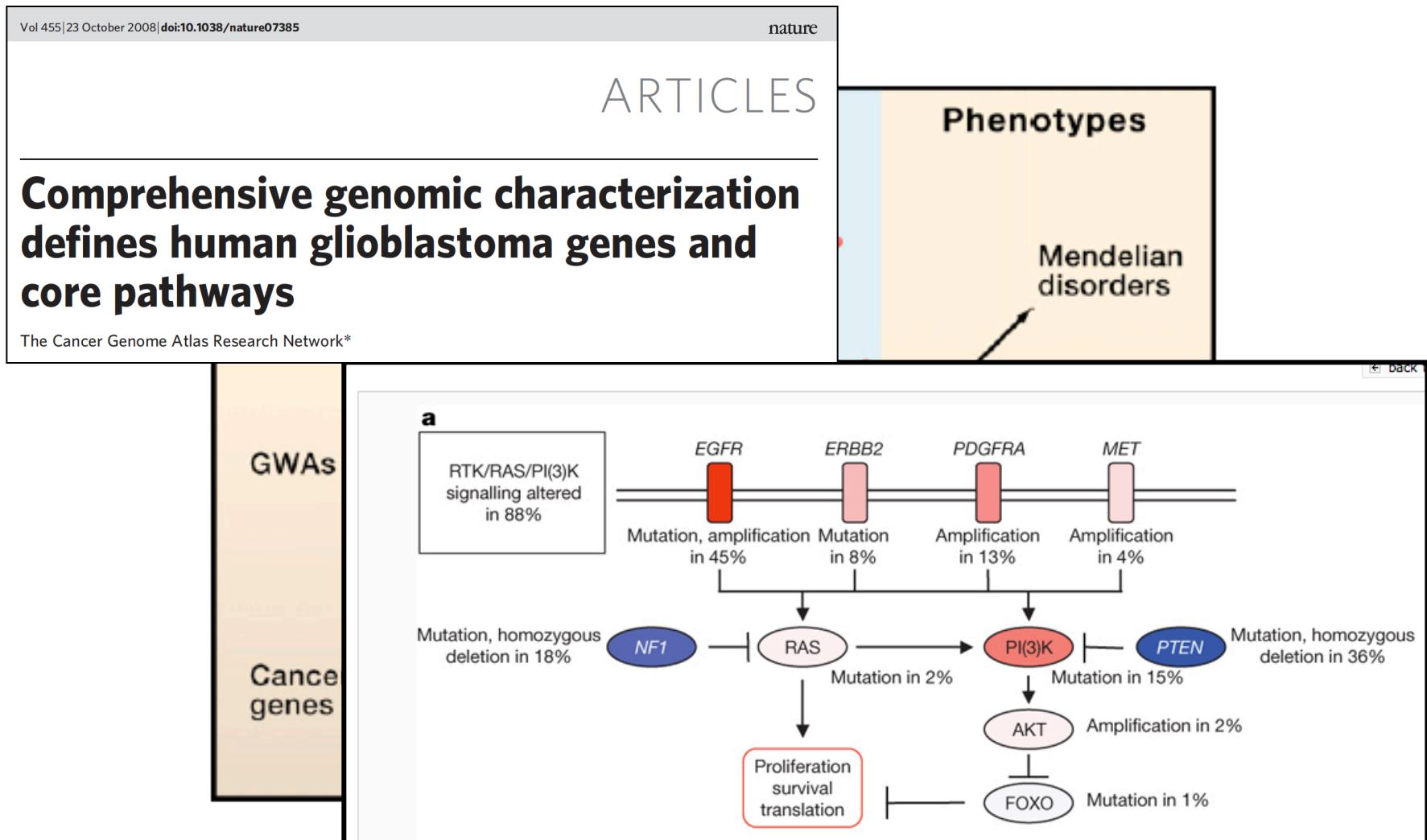
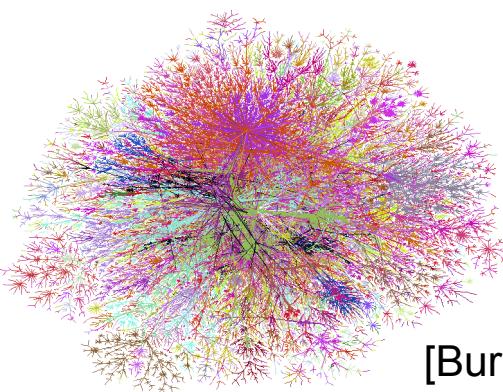


Figure 1. Perturbations in Biological Systems and Cellular Networks May Underlie Genotype-Phenotype Relationships

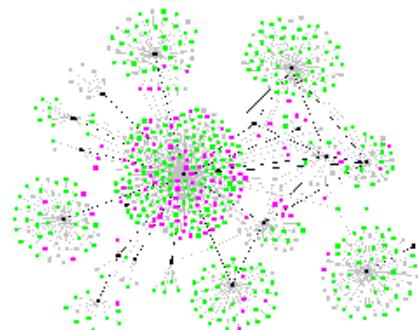
Reasons for Networks

(4) Comprehensive representation, capable of representing many types of biological & non-biological data & bridging between disciplines

Networks as a universal language



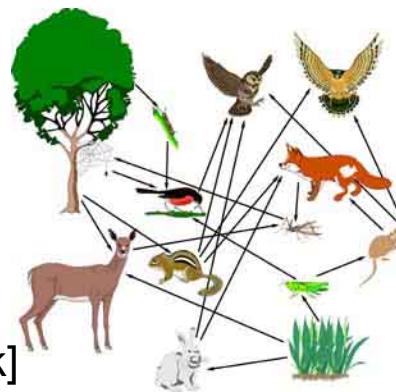
Internet
[Burch & Cheswick]



Disease
Spread
[Krebs]



Protein
Interactions
[Barabasi]



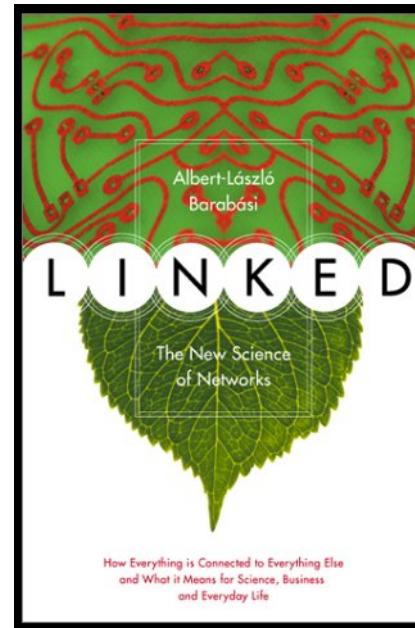
Food Web



Electronic
Circuit



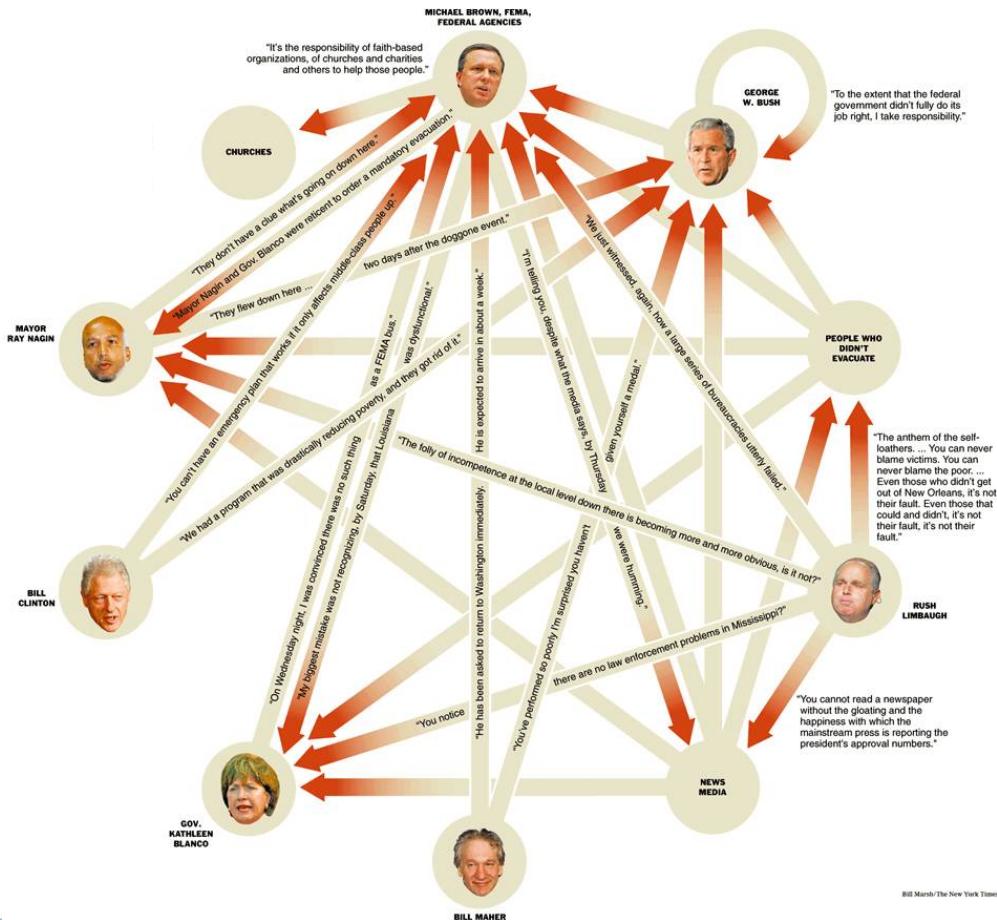
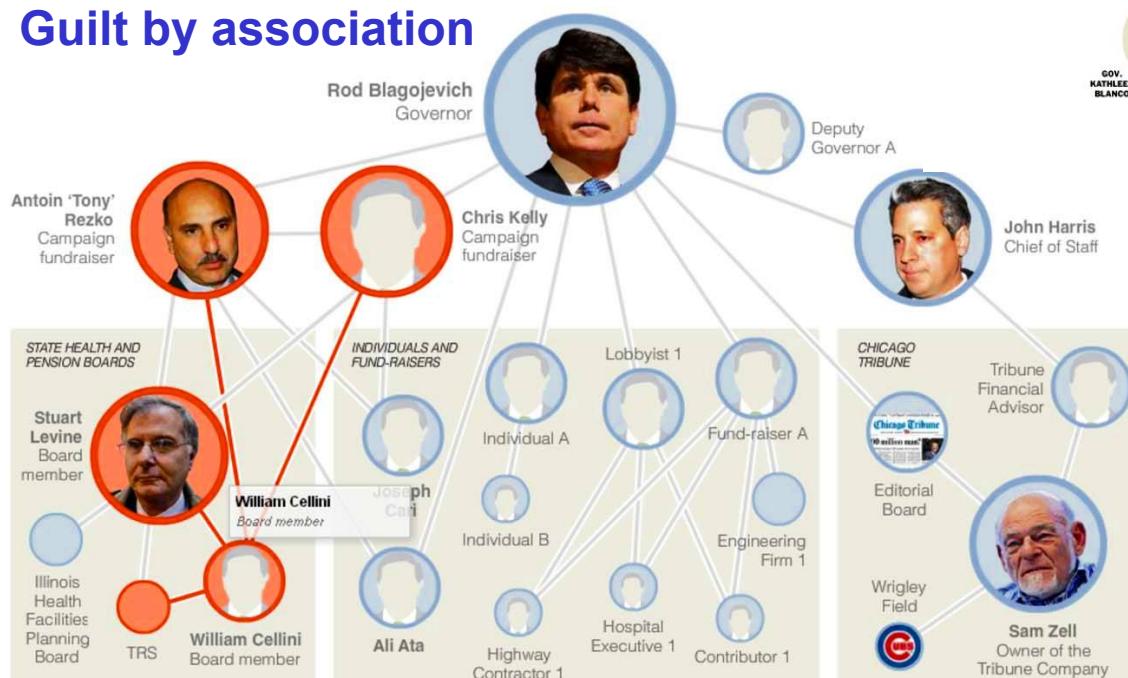
Neural Network
[Cajal]



Social Network

Using the position in networks to describe function

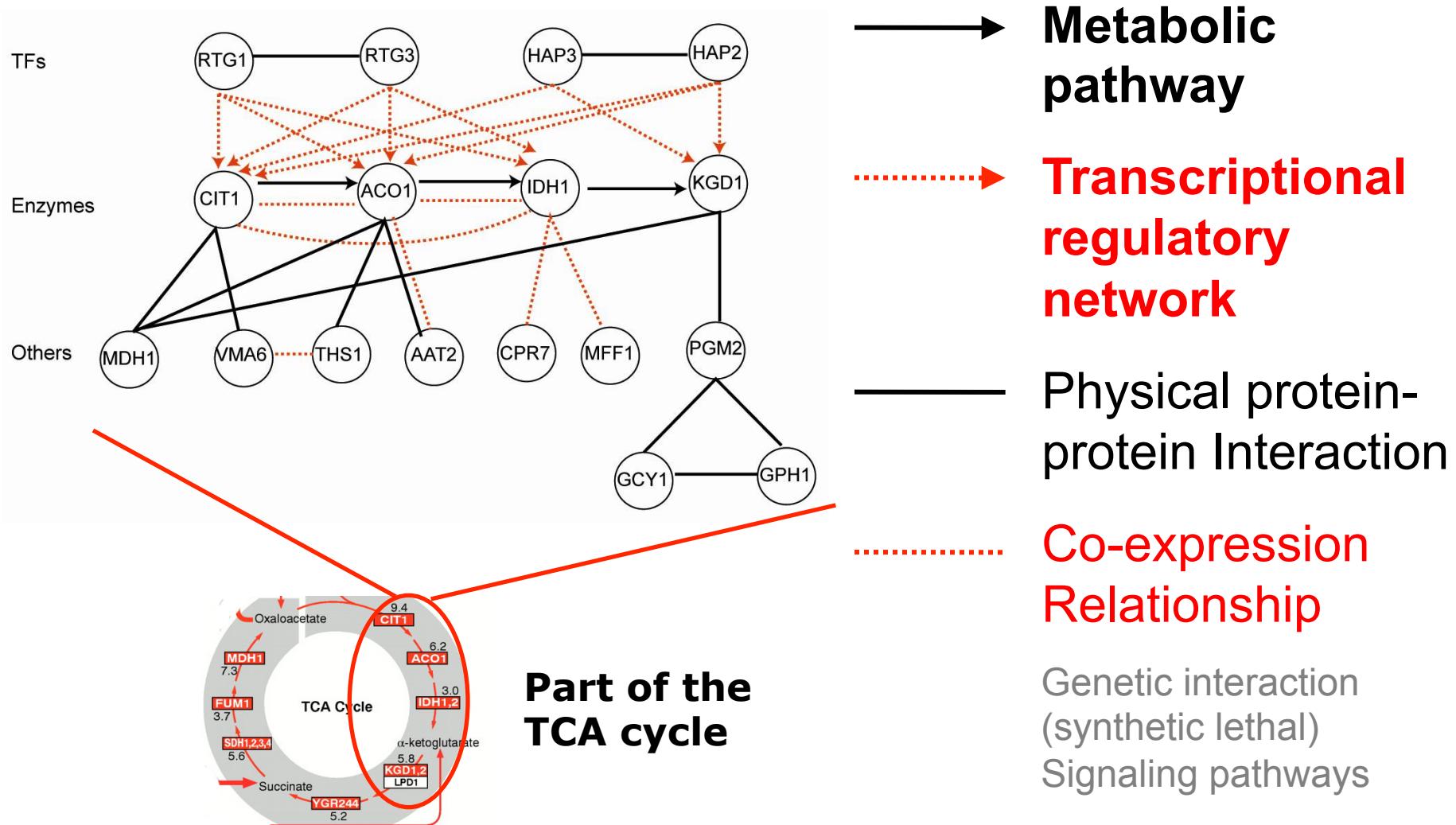
Guilt by association



Finding the causal regulator (the "Blame Game")

[NY Times, 2-Oct-05, 9-Dec-08]

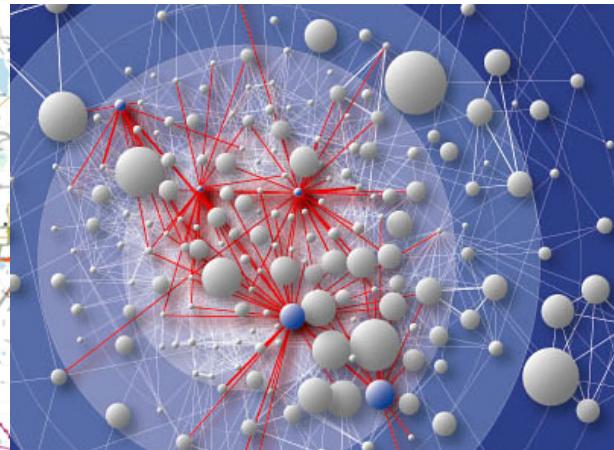
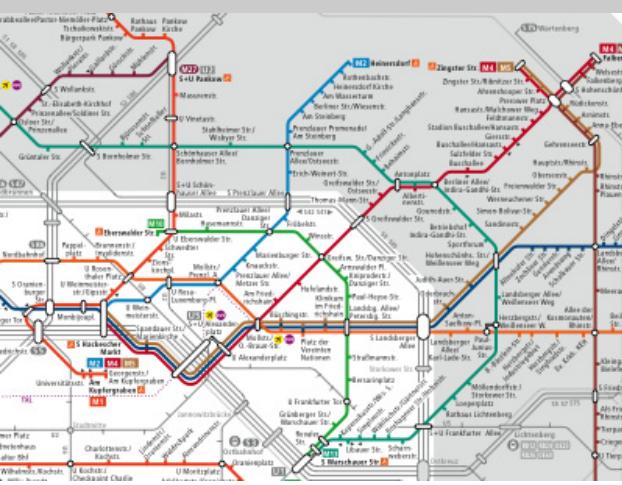
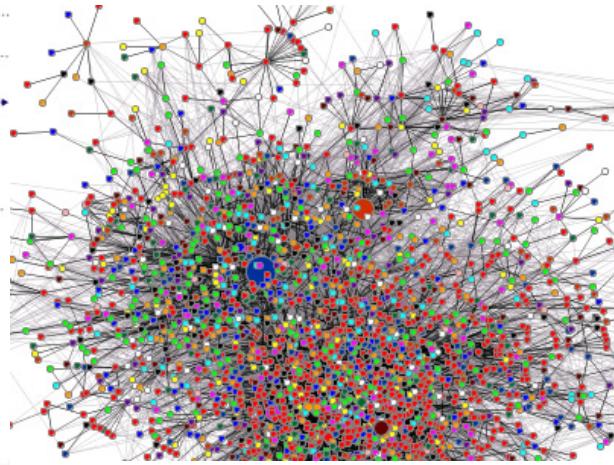
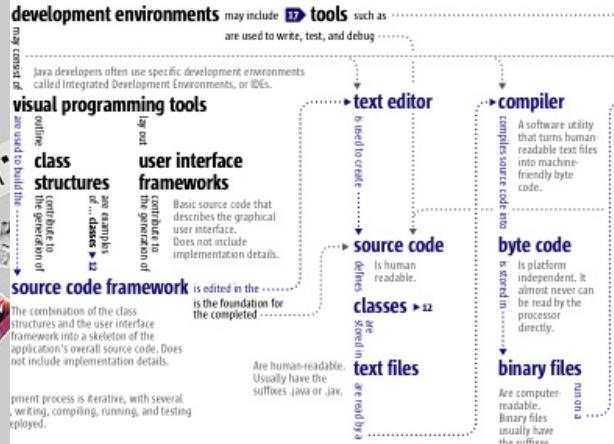
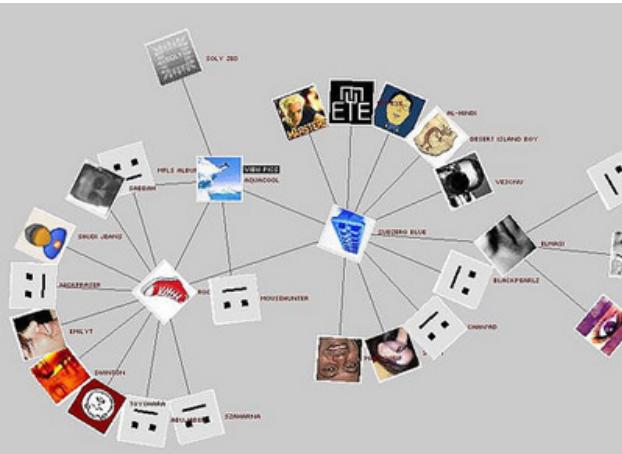
Combining networks forms an ideal way of integrating diverse information



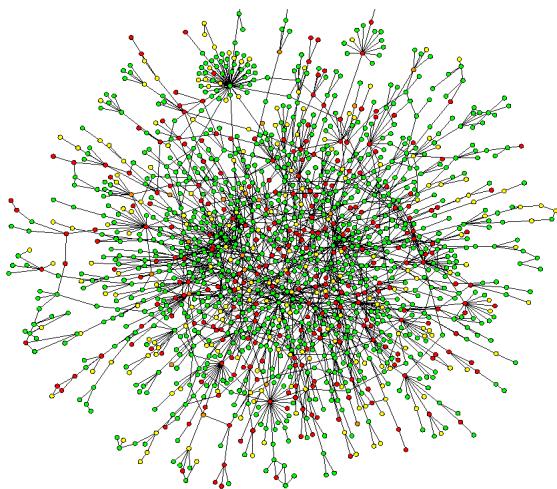
Richness of the Visual Representation of Networks

Some structure (connectivity) but some flexibility (e.g. edge colors, node positions and shapes) that can be used to encode additional information

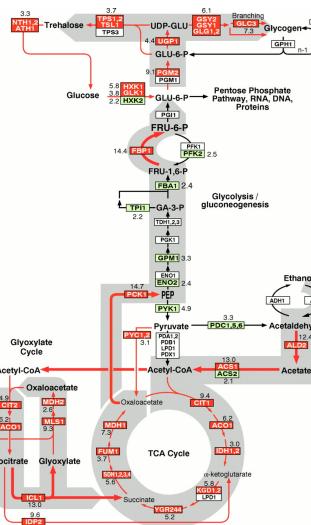
VisualComplexity.com



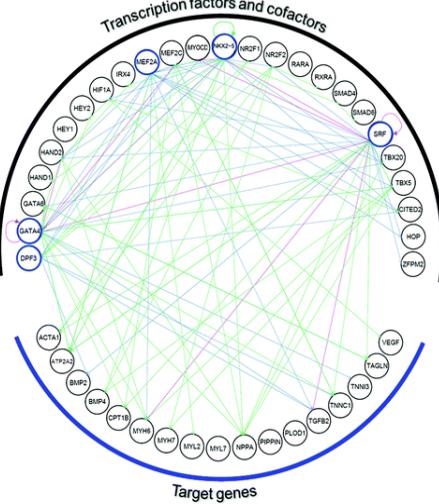
Different Types of Molecular Networks



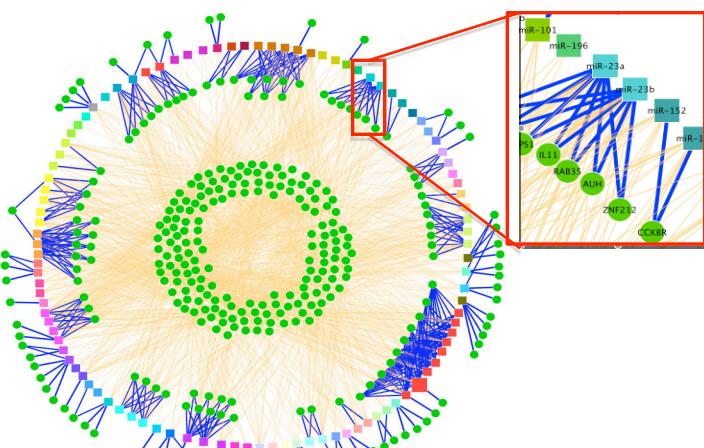
Protein-protein Interaction networks



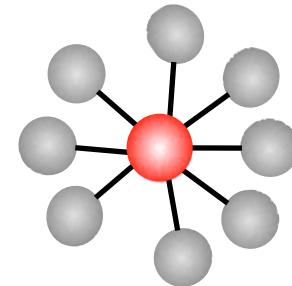
Metabolic pathway networks



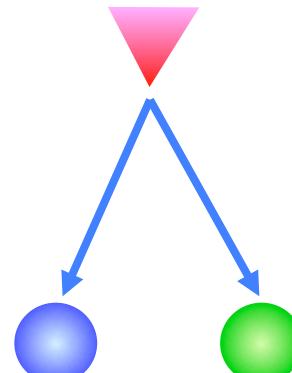
TF-target-gene Regulatory networks



miRNA-target networks



Undirected



Directed

[Toenjes, et al, Mol. BioSyst. (2008);
Jeong et al, Nature (2001); [Horak, et al,
Genes & Development, 16:3017-3033;
DeRisi, Iyer, and Brown, Science,
278:680-686]

Networks:

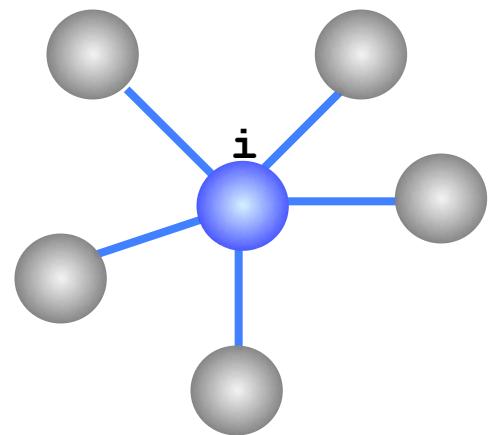
What are the Main

Quantities that Can be

Calculated from

Network Topology?

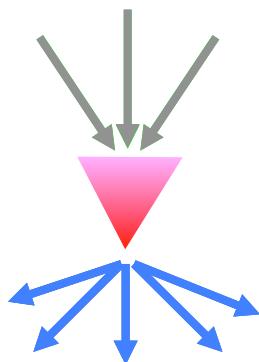
- Degree of a node: the number of edges incident on the node



Degree of node $i = 5$

Network parameters

Number of incoming and outgoing connections



Connectivity

Incoming connections = 2.2
→ each gene is regulated by ~2 TFs

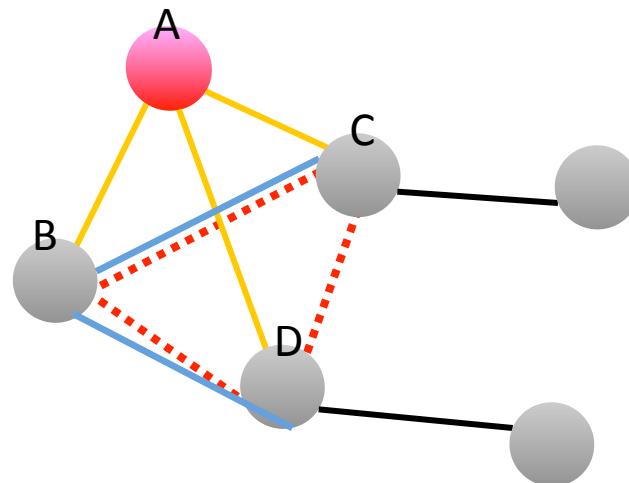
In-degree

Outgoing connections = 20.2
→ each TF regulates ~20 genes

Out-degree

Clustering coefficient

- Clustering Coefficient:
 - Ratio of existing links to maximum number of links for neighbouring nodes
 - Example:
 - For A:
 - 3 neighbours
 - 2 existing link
 - 3 possible links
 - Clustering coefficient
 - $C_A = 2/3$



Example from: <http://www.learner.org/courses/mathilluminated/units/11/textbook/04.php>

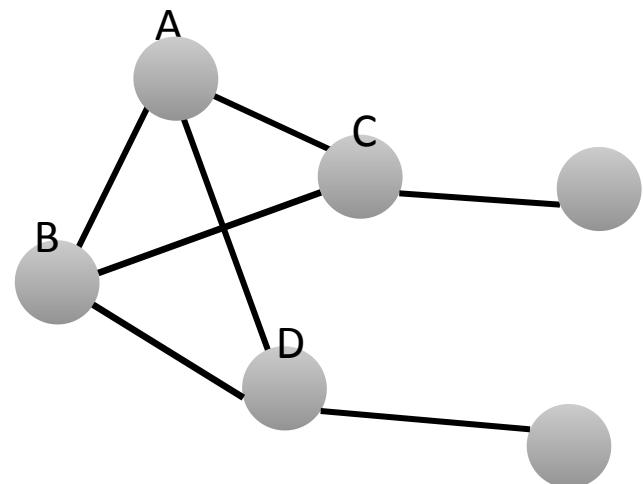
Clustering coefficient

- Average Coefficient:
 - Average of clustering coefficients of all nodes n

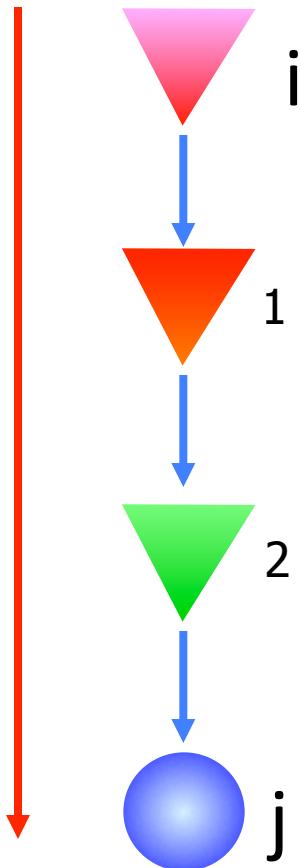
$$\bar{C} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n C_i$$

- Measure of inter-connectedness of the network
- Global property

- Example:
 - Clustering coefficient:
 $C_A=2/3$ $C_B=2/3$
 $C_C=1/3$ $C_D=1/3$
 - Average coefficient =
 $1/4(2/3+2/3+1/3+1/3)= 0.5$



Path length

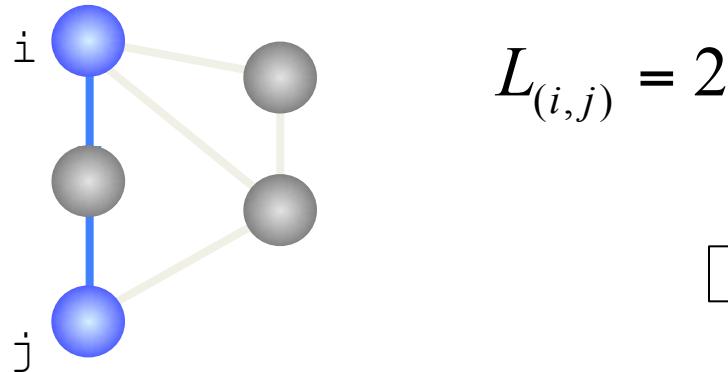


- Number of edges along a path
- Path length = 3
- Meaning:
 - Number of intermediate TFs to reach final target
 - Indication of how immediate a response is

Path length

- Shortest path length:

- $L_{(i,j)}$ is the minimum number of edges that must be traversed to travel from a vertex i to another vertex j of a graph G



Graph Theory Terminology (Batten, pp. 92-105)

- Characteristic path length (Average path length)

- The characteristic path length L of a graph is the average of the $L_{(i,j)}$ for every possible pair (i,j)

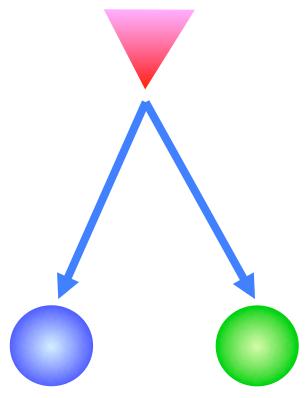
$$L = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i,j} L_{(i,j)}$$

- Networks with small values of L are said to have the “small world property”

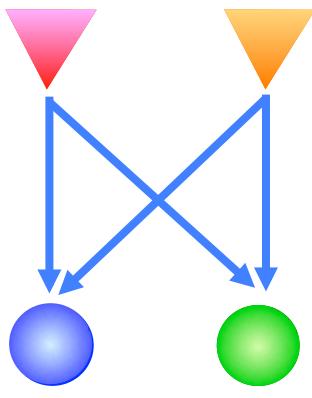
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Average_path_length

Network motifs

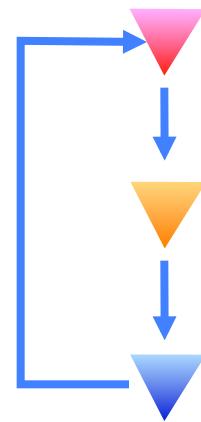
Regulatory modules within the network



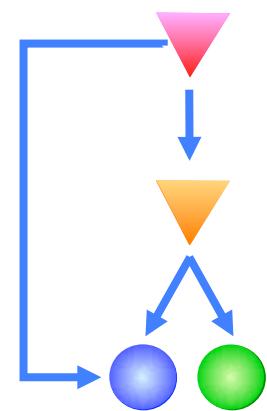
SIM



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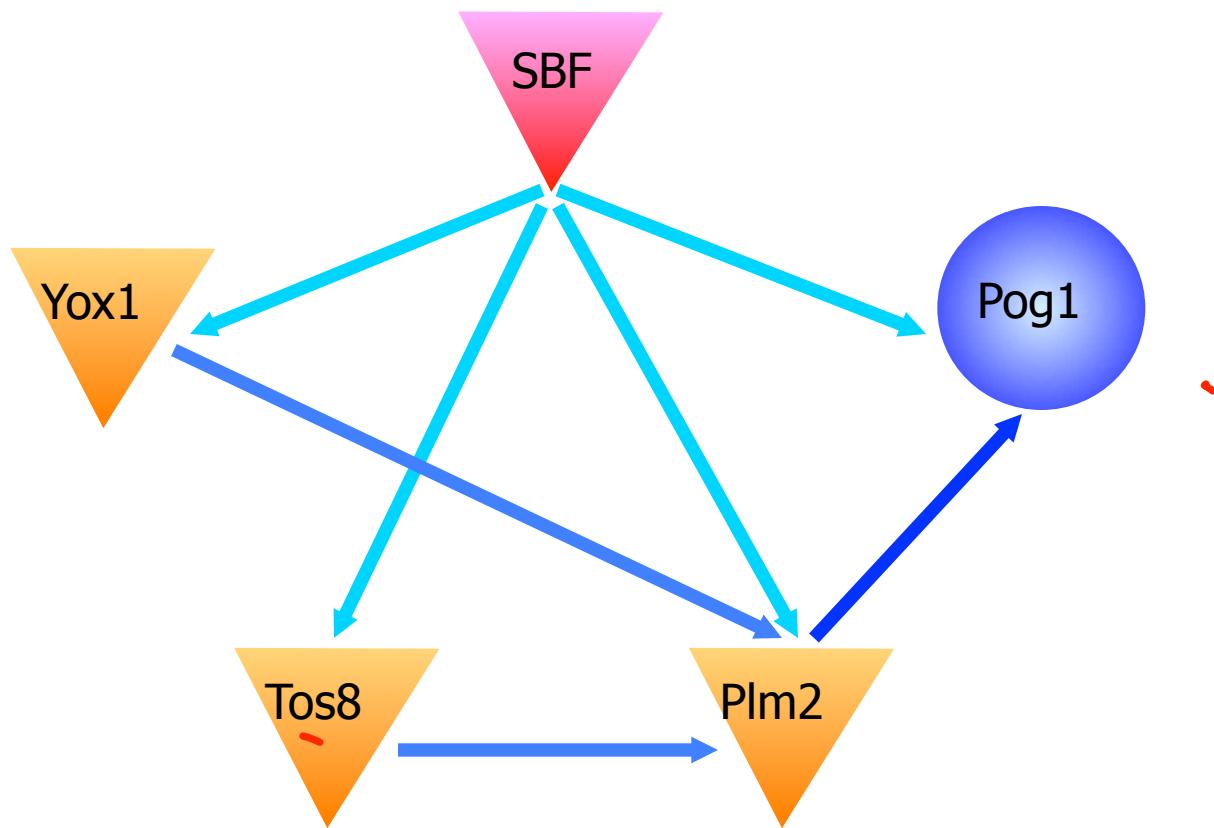
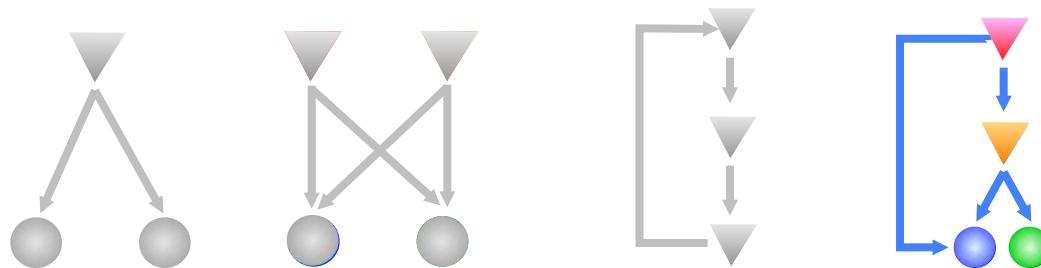


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FFL

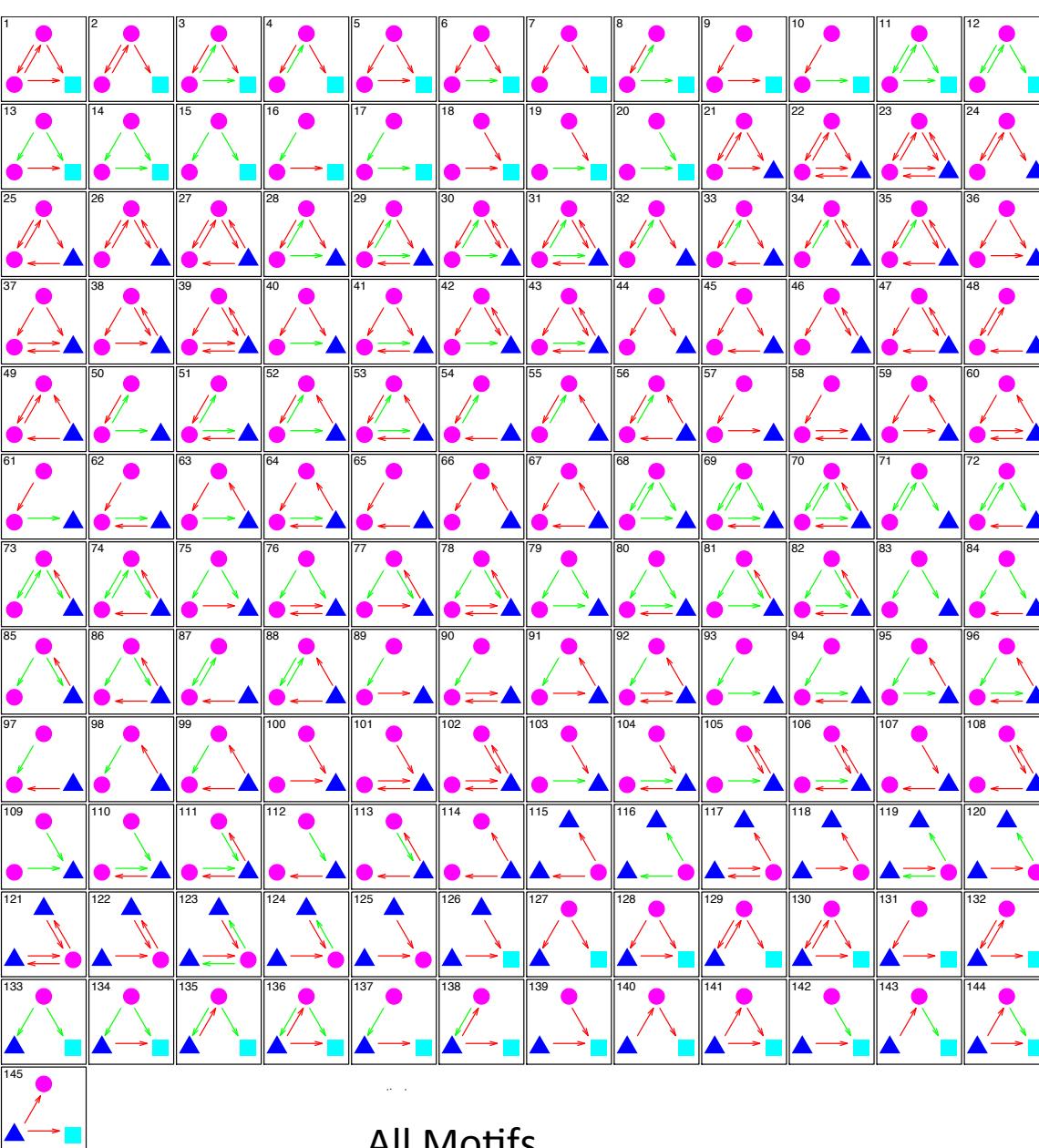
FFL = Feed-forward loops



Network Motifs

7 Motifs

Over-represented

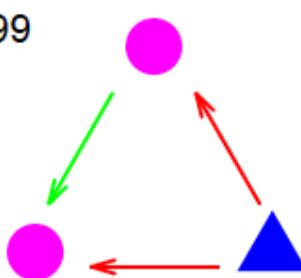
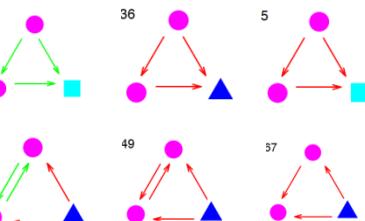


TF

MIR

GENE

activate
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repress

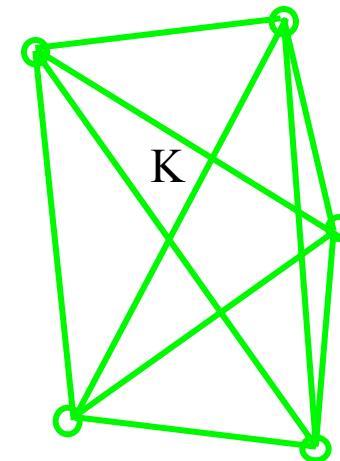


FFL involving
miRNA & 2 TFs

Cliques

- Fully connected sub-components
- Related measures
k-cores : For all vertices in a graph G have degree at least k

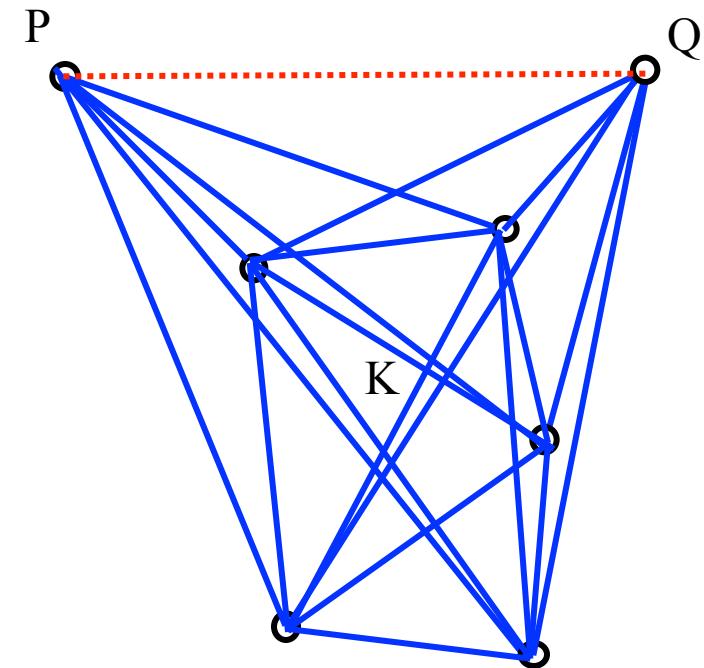
[Hogue et al, BMC BIOINFORMATICS, 2003]



Problem: High-throughput experiments are prone to missing interactions

One solution—defective cliques

- If proteins P and Q interact with a clique K of proteins which all interact with each other, then P and Q are more likely to interact with each other
- P, Q, and K form a **defective clique**



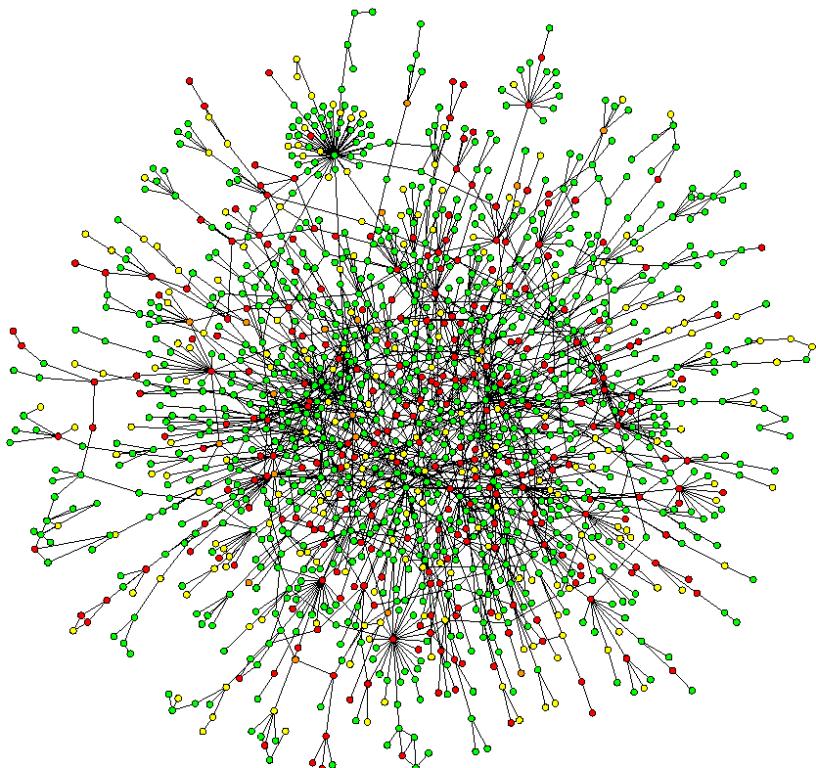
Predicting protein interactions by completing defective cliques

Networks: Simple Mathematical Models

for Interpreting Complex Topology

Scale Free Networks & Hubs

Models for networks of complex topology



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

A Barabási & R Albert
"Emergence of scaling in
random networks,"
Science 286, 509-512 (1999).

The Erdős-Rényi [ER] model (1960)

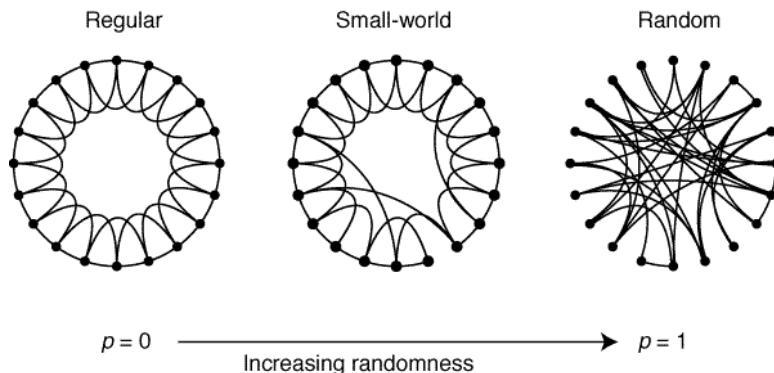


- Start with N vertices and no edges
- Connect each pair of vertices with probability P_{ER}

Important result: many properties in these graphs appear quite suddenly, at a threshold value of $P_{ER}(N)$

- If $P_{ER} \sim c/N$ with $c < 1$, then almost all vertices belong to isolated trees
- Cycles of all orders appear at $P_{ER} \sim 1/N$

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):

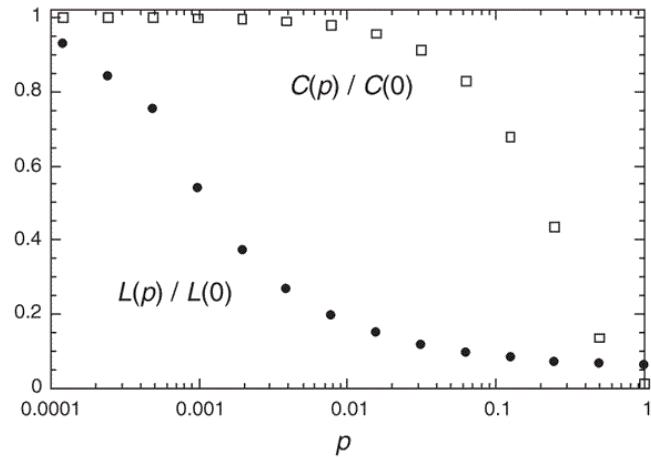
- high clustering coefficient
- high characteristic path length

For $p=1$ (Random Networks):

- low clustering coefficient
- low characteristic path length

QUESTION: What happens for intermediate values of p ?

1) There is a broad interval of p for which L is small but C remains large



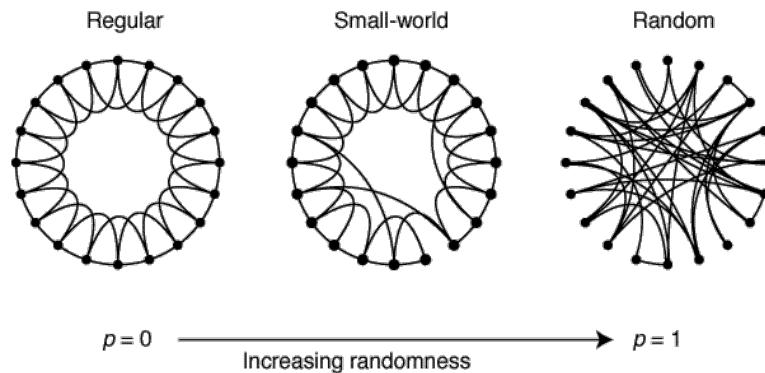
2) Small world networks are common :

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

Small world network

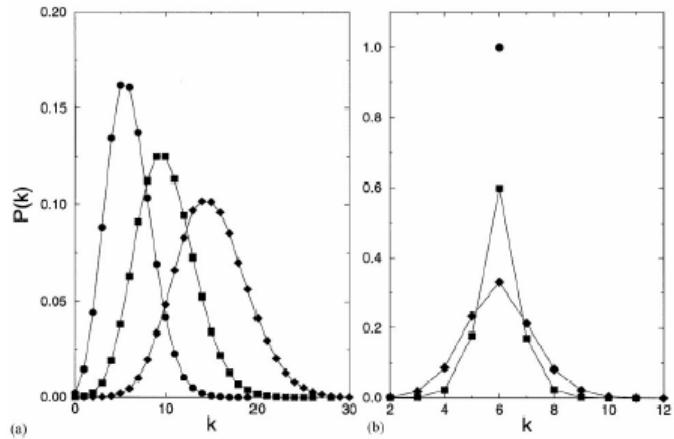
- A simple connected graph G exhibiting two properties:
 - **Large Clustering Coefficient:** Each vertex of G is linked to a relatively well-connected set of neighboring vertices, resulting in a large value for the clustering coefficient $C(G)$;
 - **Small Characteristic Path Length:** The presence of short-cut connections between some vertices results in a small characteristic path length $L(G)$.



- local connectivity and global reach

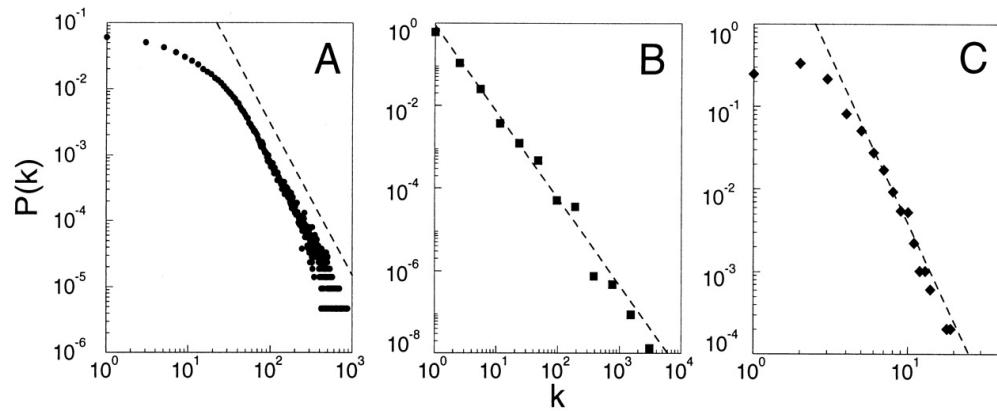
The Barabási-Albert [BA] model (1999)

Look at the distribution of degrees



ER Model

WS Model



actors

power grid

www

The probability of finding a highly connected node decreases exponentially with k

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

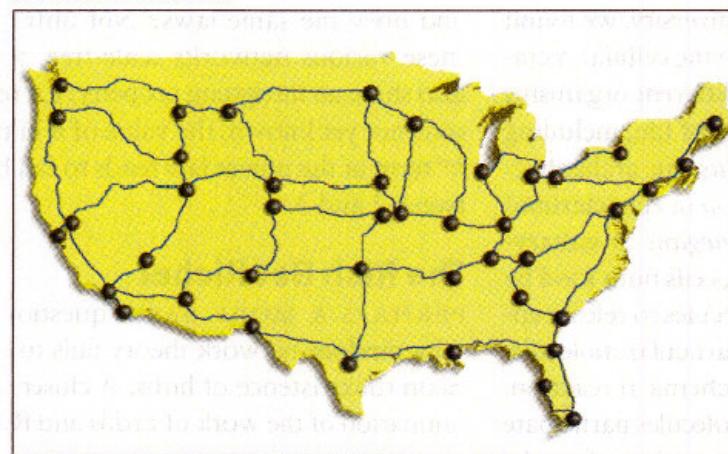
Random v Scale-free Networks

RANDOM NETWORKS, which resemble the U.S. highway system (*simplified in left map*), consist of nodes with randomly placed connections. In such systems, a plot of the distribution of node linkages will follow a bell-shaped curve (*left graph*), with most nodes having approximately the same number of links.

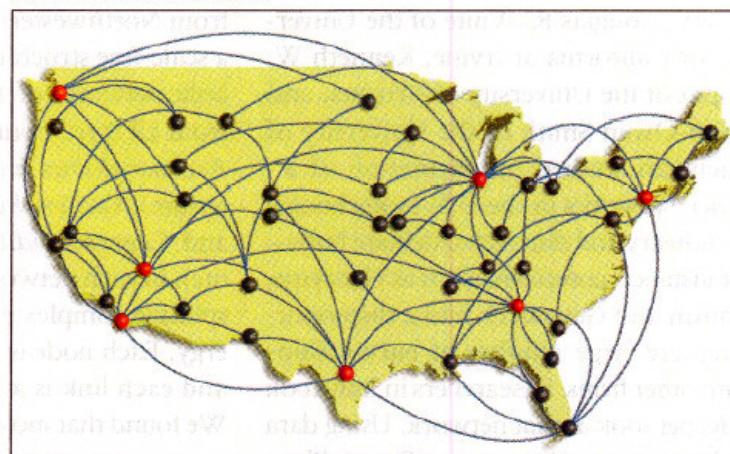
In contrast, scale-free networks, which resemble the U.S. airline system (*simplified in right map*), contain hubs (*red*)—

nodes with a very high number of links. In such networks, the distribution of node linkages follows a power law (*center graph*) in that most nodes have just a few connections and some have a tremendous number of links. In that sense, the system has no “scale.” The defining characteristic of such networks is that the distribution of links, if plotted on a double-logarithmic scale (*right graph*), results in a straight line.

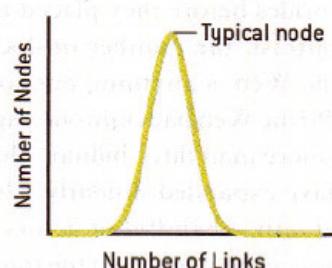
Random Network



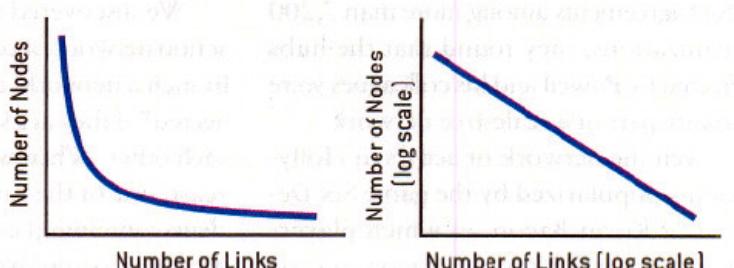
Scale-Free Network



Bell Curve Distribution of Node Linkages

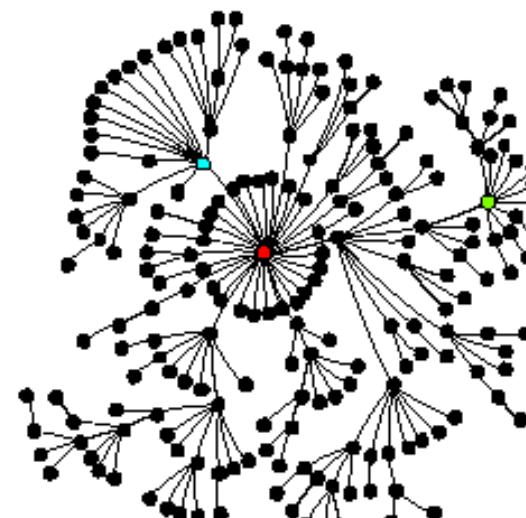
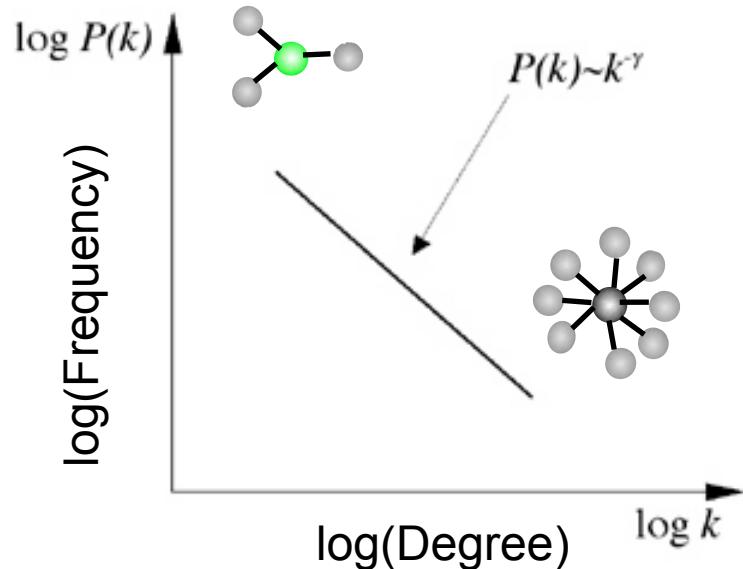


Power Law Distribution of Node Linkages



Scale-free networks in Biology

Power-law distribution



Hubs dictate the structure of the network

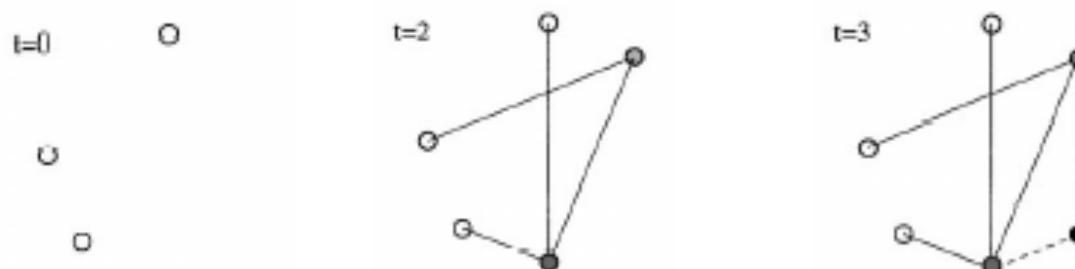
[Barabasi]

- two problems with the previous models:

1. N does not vary
2. the probability that two vertices are connected is uniform

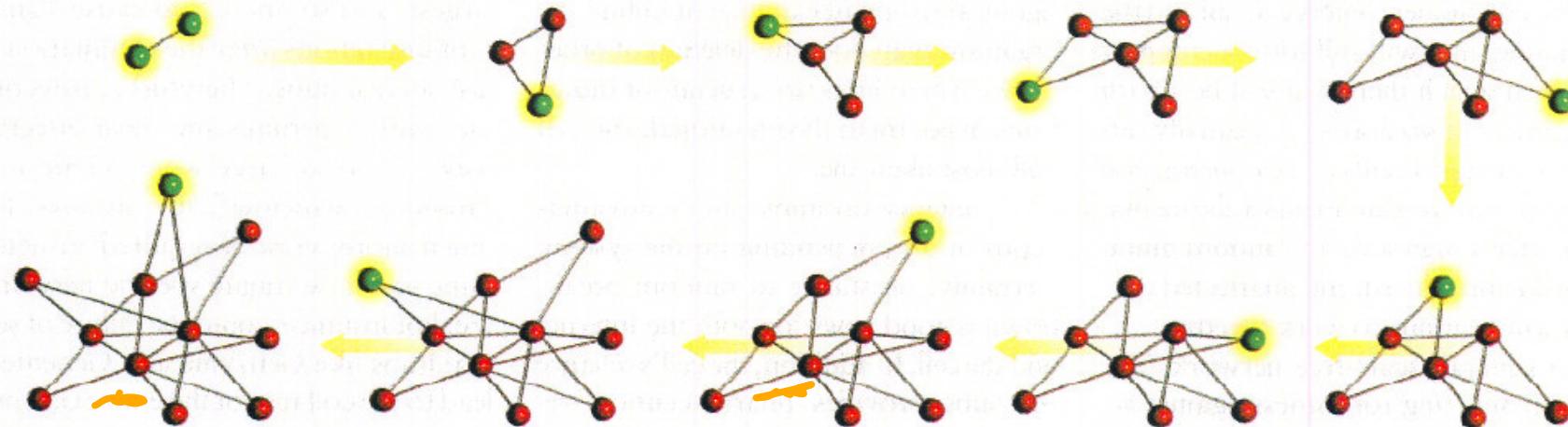
- GROWTH: starting with a small number of vertices m_0 at every timestep add a new vertex with $m \leq m_0$
- PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT: the probability Π that a new vertex will be connected to vertex i depends on the connectivity of that vertex:

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



Birth of Scale-Free Network

A SCALE-FREE NETWORK grows incrementally from two to 11 nodes in this example. When deciding where to establish a link, a new node (green) prefers to attach to an existing node (red) that already has many other connections. These two basic mechanisms—growth and preferential attachment—will eventually lead to the system's being dominated by hubs, nodes having an enormous number of links.

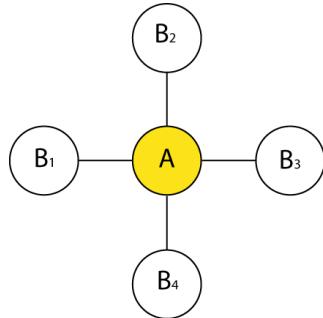


SCALE FREENESS GENERALLY EVOLVES THROUGH PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT (THE RICH GET RICHER)

The Duplication Mutation Model



Gene duplication



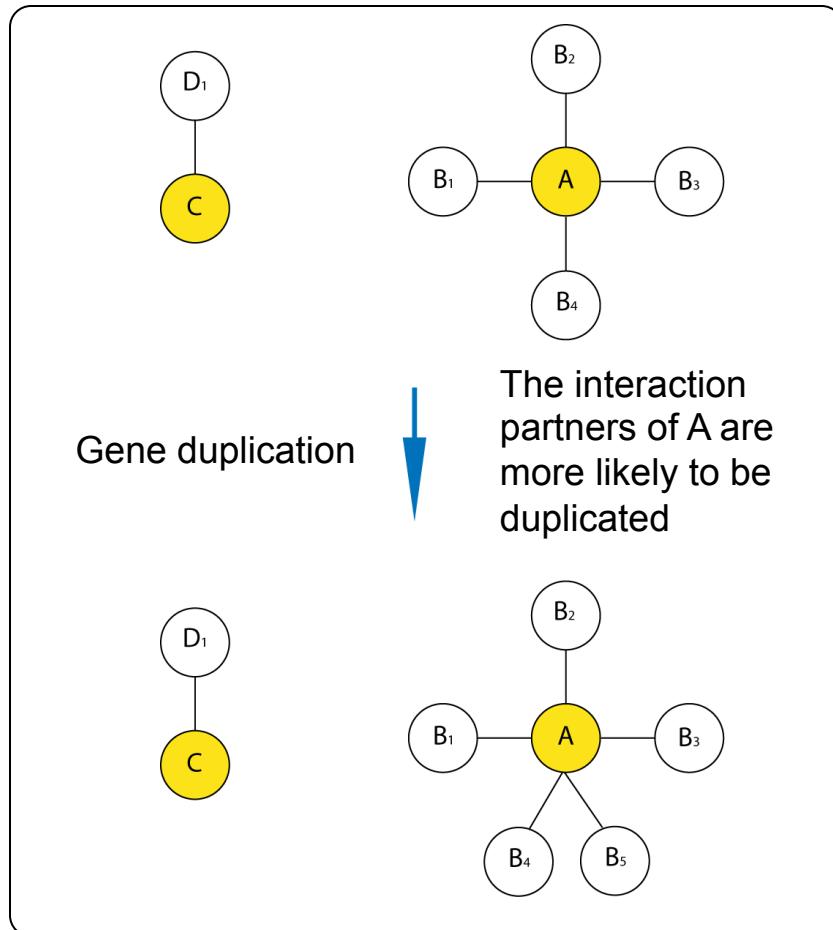
The interaction partners of A are more likely to be duplicated

Description

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("The rich get richer")
- In interaction network, gene duplication followed by mutation of the duplicated gene is generally thought to lead to preferential attachment
- Simple reasoning: The partners of a hub are more likely to be duplicated than the partners of a non-hub

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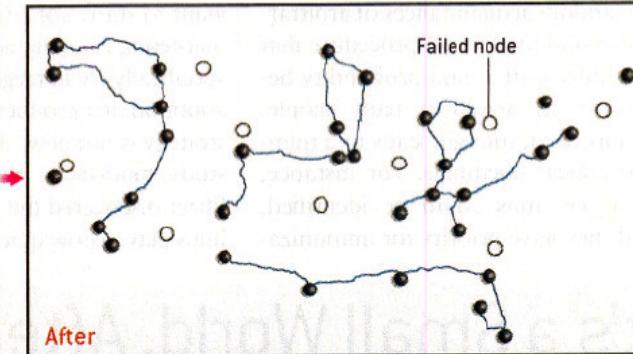
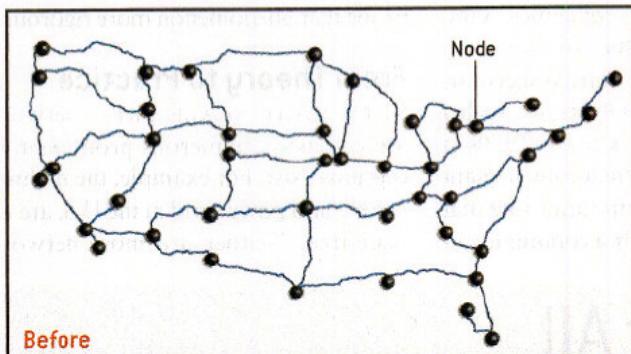


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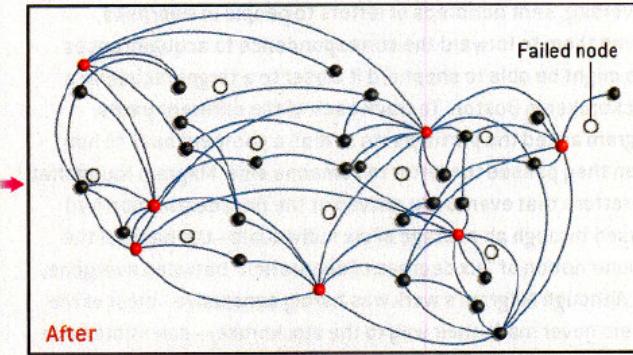
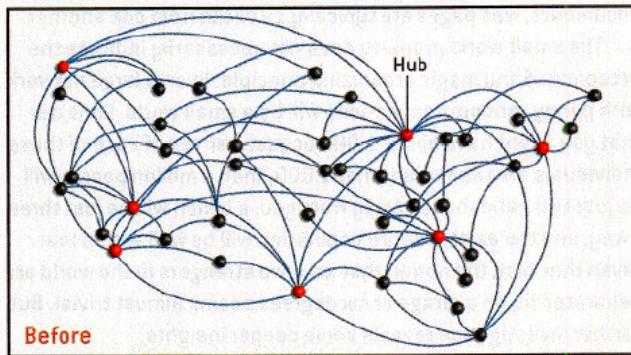
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Knocking Out Nodes in Scale-free and Random Networks

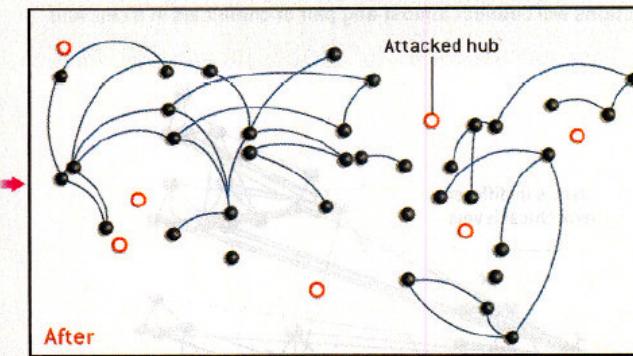
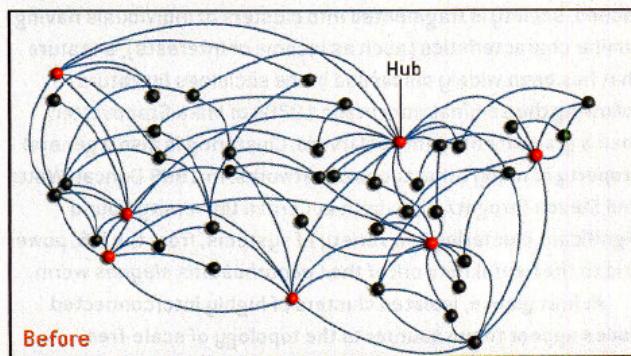
Random Network, Accidental Node Failure



Scale-Free Network, Accidental Node Failure



Scale-Free Network, Attack on Hubs

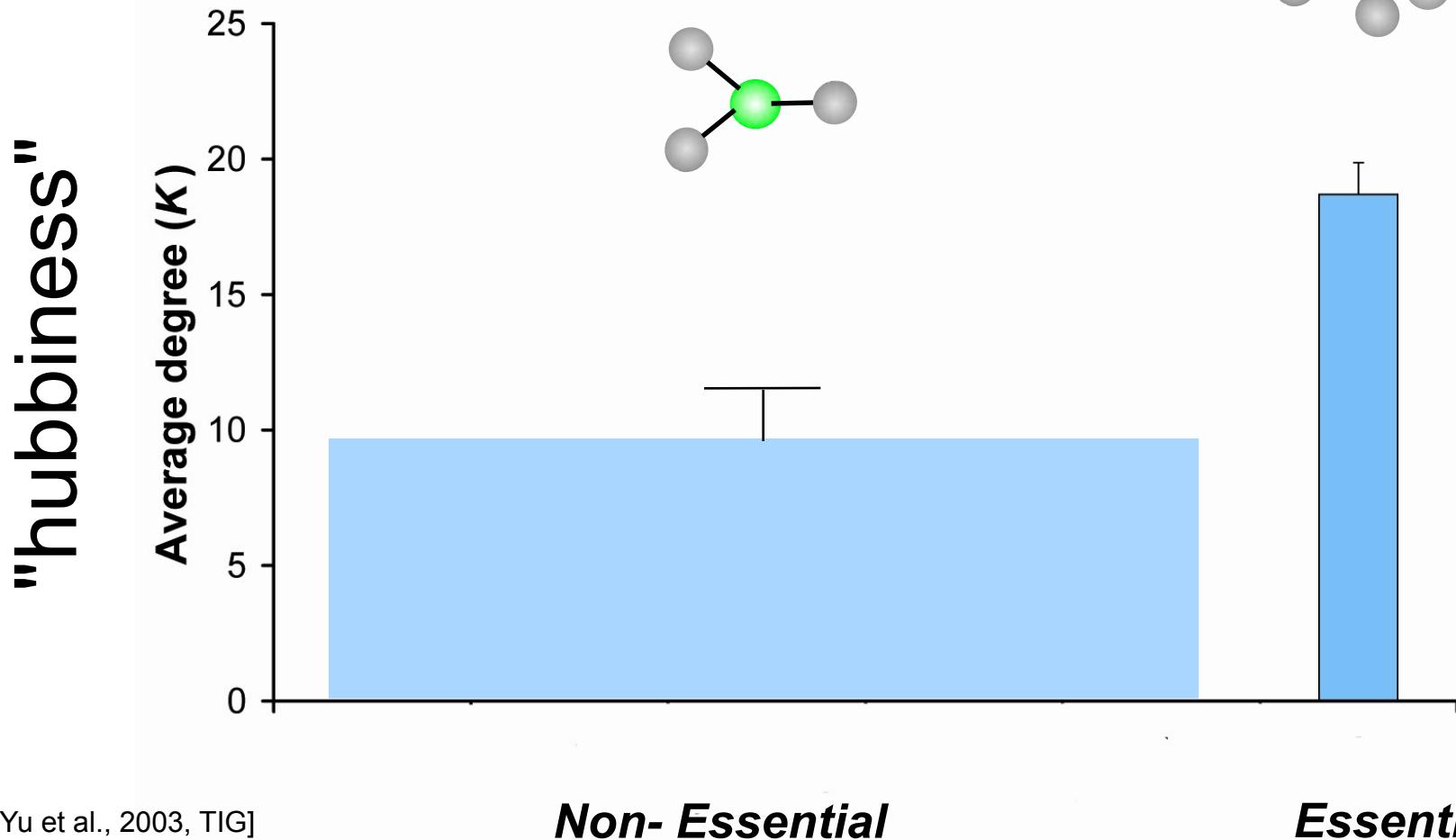
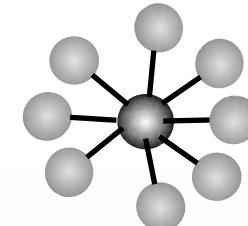


[From Barabasi & Bonabeau, *Sci. Am.*, May '03]

Hubs tend to be Essential

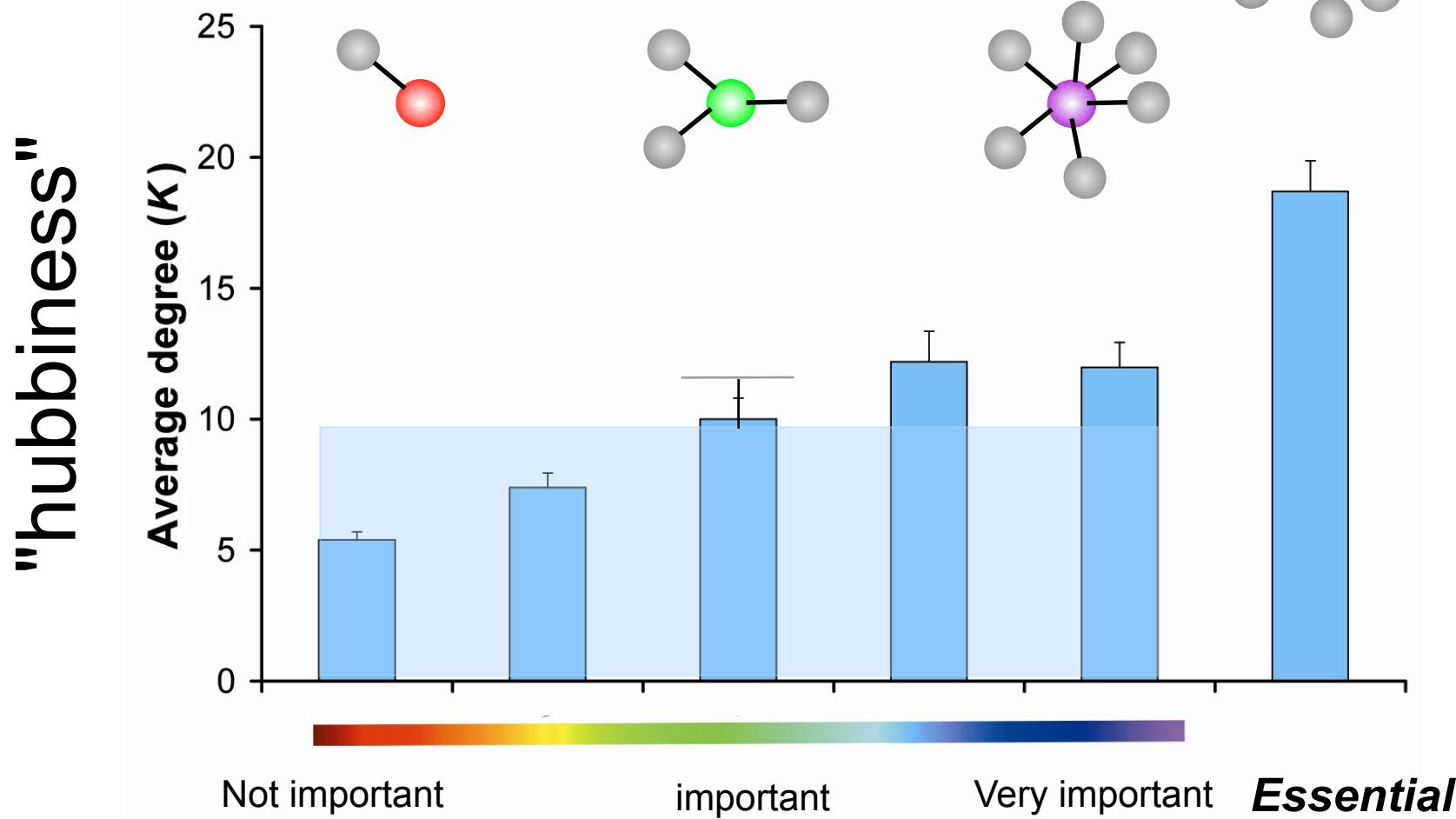
Integrate gene essentiality data with protein interaction network. Perhaps hubs represent vulnerable points?

[Lauffenburger, Barabasi]



Relationships extends to "Marginal Essentiality"

Marginal essentiality measures relative importance of each gene (e.g. in growth-rate and condition-specific essentiality experiments) and scales continuously with "hubbiness"

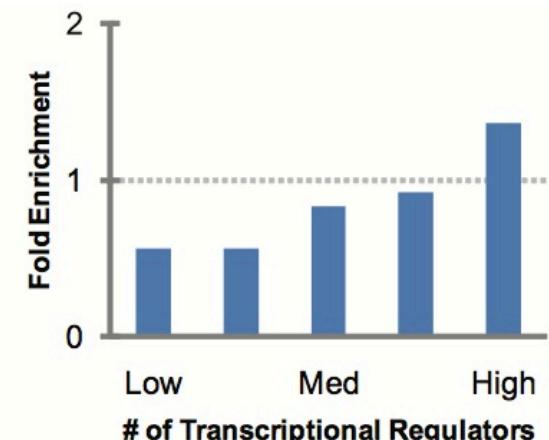
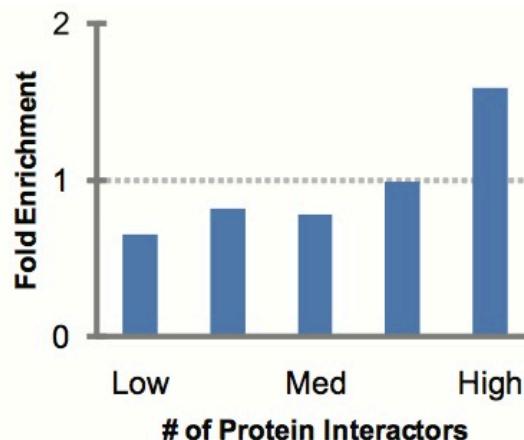


Networks & Variation

**Which parts of the network vary most in sequence?
Which are under selection, either positive or negative?**

- ❑ Notably, the most highly conserved proteins were highly connected in *E.coli* protein interaction network. (*E.coli*)
 - *Butland et al. 2004, Nature*
- ❑ Connectivity of well-conserved proteins in network is negatively correlated with their rate of evolution. (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*)
 - *Fraser et al. 2002, Science*
 - *Fraser et al. BMC Evol. Biol. (2003)*
- ❑ Proteins that have a more central position evolve more slowly and are more likely to be essential for survival. (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae; C. elegans; Drosophila*)
 - *Hahn et al. 2005, Mol Biol Evol*
- ❑ More miRNA regulation of a target gene associated with lower dN/dS ($r = -.21$) (*M. musculus*)
 - *Cheng et al. 2009, BMC Genomics*
- ❑ Slowly evolving proteins tend to have more interaction partners. (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*)
 - *Xia et al. 2009, Plos Comput Biol*

**More Connectivity,
More Constraint :
A theme borne out
in many studies**



Fold Enrichment of slowly evolved proteins - *Xia et al.*

Rapid Evolution in the interaction network takes place at the periphery

- Pos. sel. v. deg. centrality:

$$\rho = -.06, P < 1.2e-6$$

- Effect is independent of any bias due to gene expression differences
- Update w. 1000G Phase I SNP dens. v. centrality:
 $\rho = -.1, p < 2.2e-16$

- Nonsyn / synonymous SNPs

v. deg. centrality:

$$\rho = -.1, P < 4.0e-4$$

$\rho = -.3, P < 2.2.0e-16$ (updated to 1000G phase I)

- # overlapping SDs of each gene

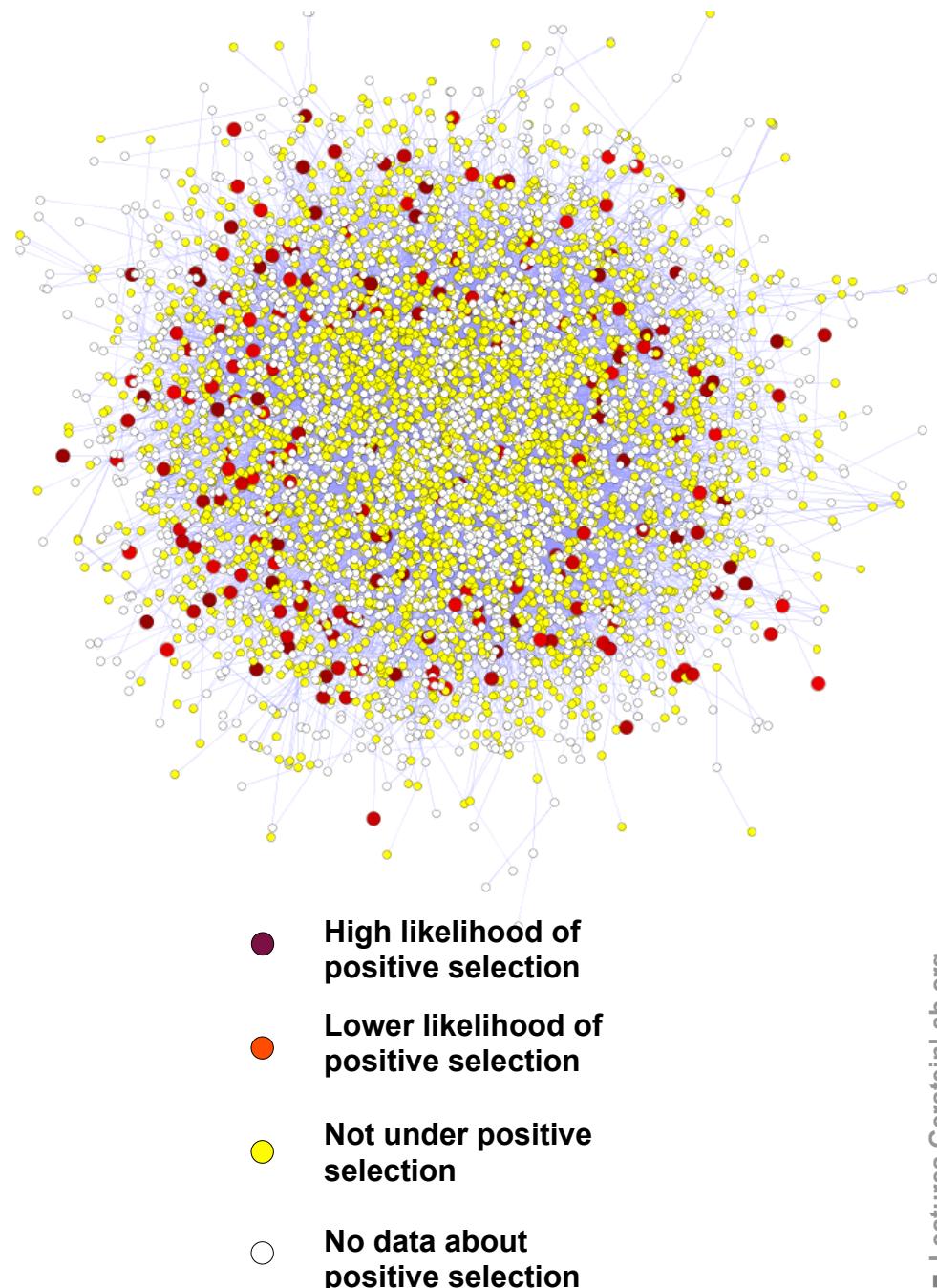
v. betweenness centrality :

$$\rho = -.04, P < 3.3e-3$$

- # CNVs intersecting a gene

v. network centrality:

$$\rho = -.03, P < 0.002$$



Source: Nielsen et al. *PLoS Biol.* (2005), HPRD, and Kim et al. *PNAS* (2007)

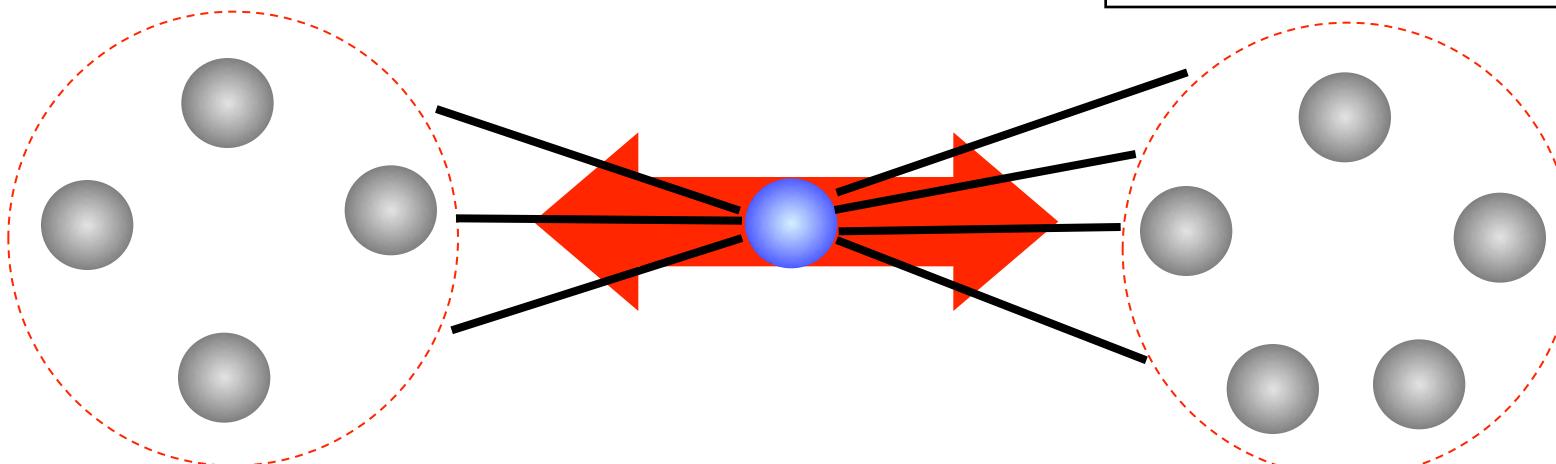
Other Measures of Centrality besides Hubs: Bottlenecks & their Calculation

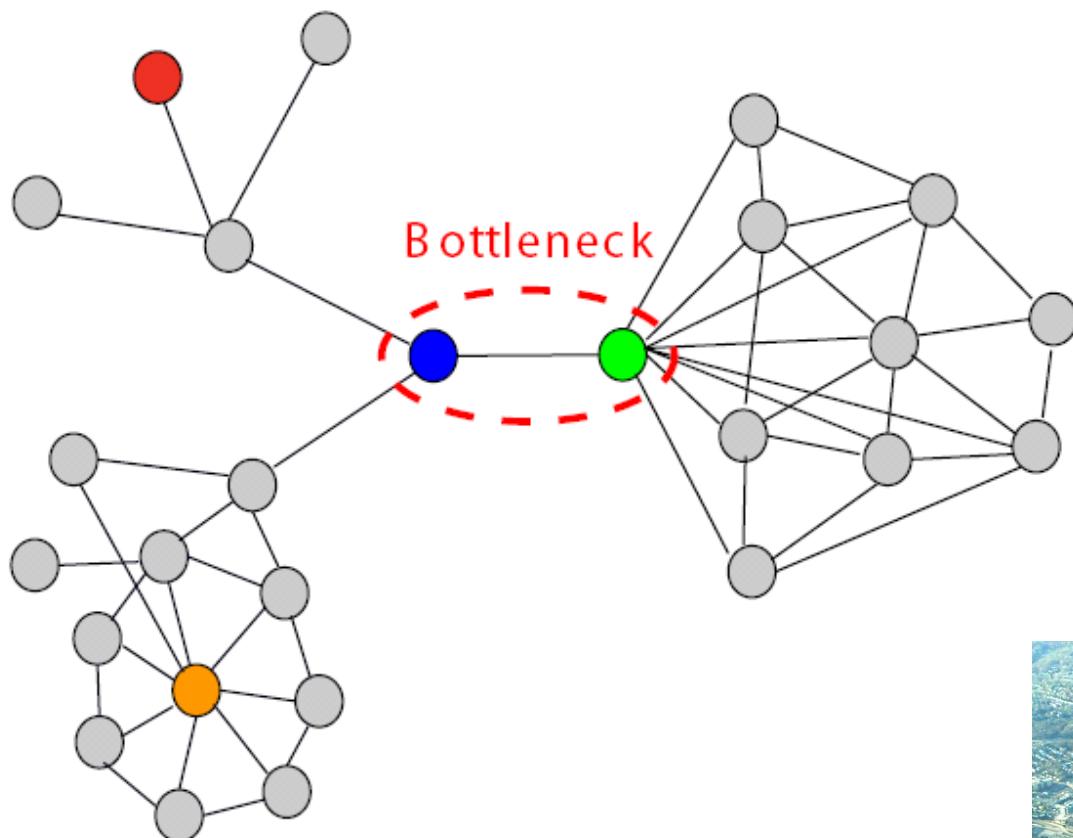
Another measure of Centrality: Betweenness centrality

Betweenness of a node is the number of shortest paths of pairs of vertices that run through it -- a measure of information flow.

Freeman LC (1977) Set of measures of centrality based on betweenness. *Sociometry* 40: 35–41.

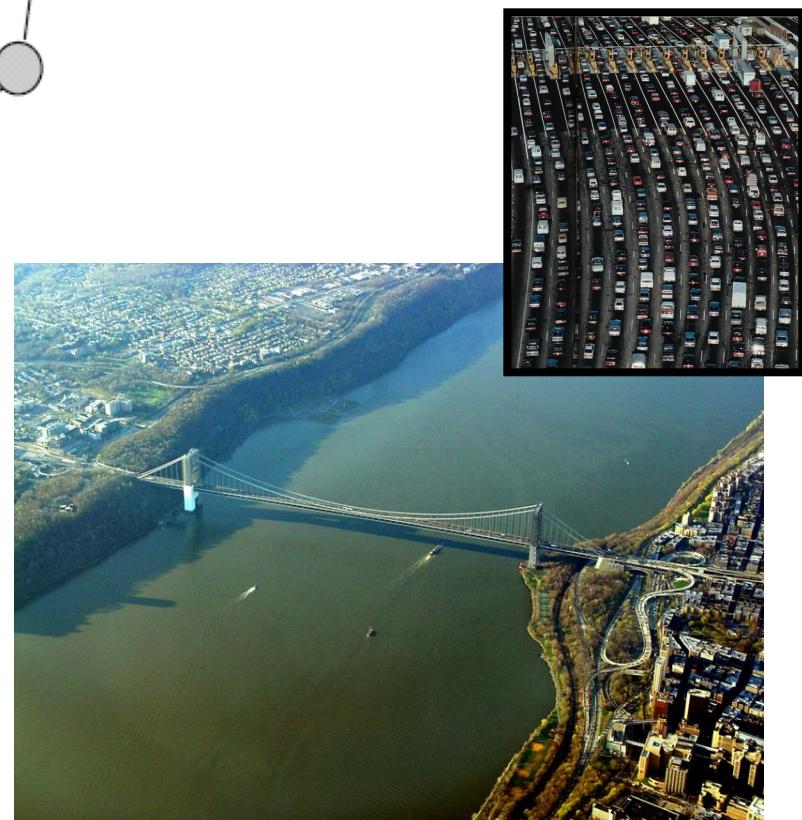
Girvan & Newman (2002) PNAS 99: 7821.





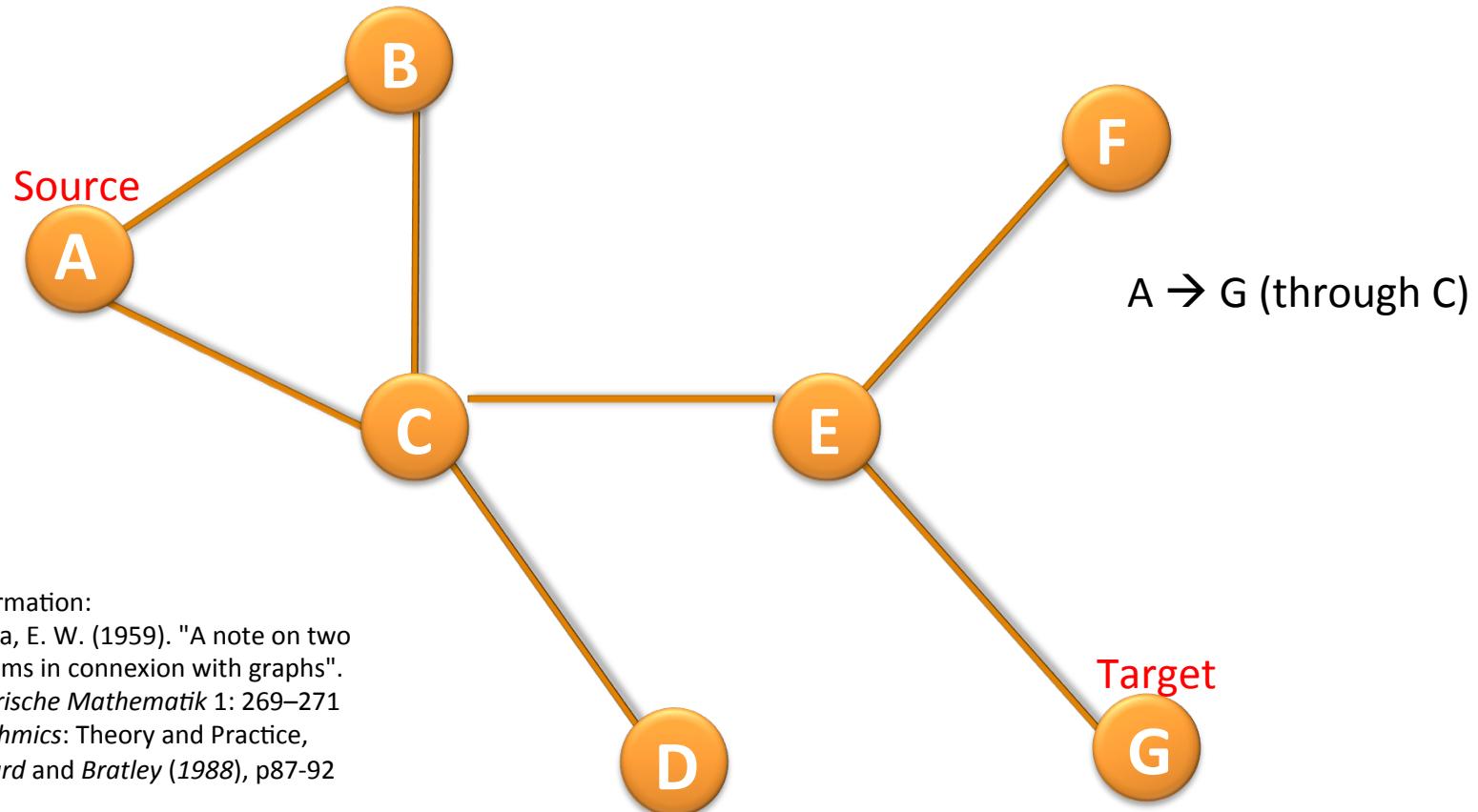
- Hub-bottleneck node
- Non-hub-bottleneck node
- Hub-non-bottleneck node
- Non-hub-non-bottleneck node

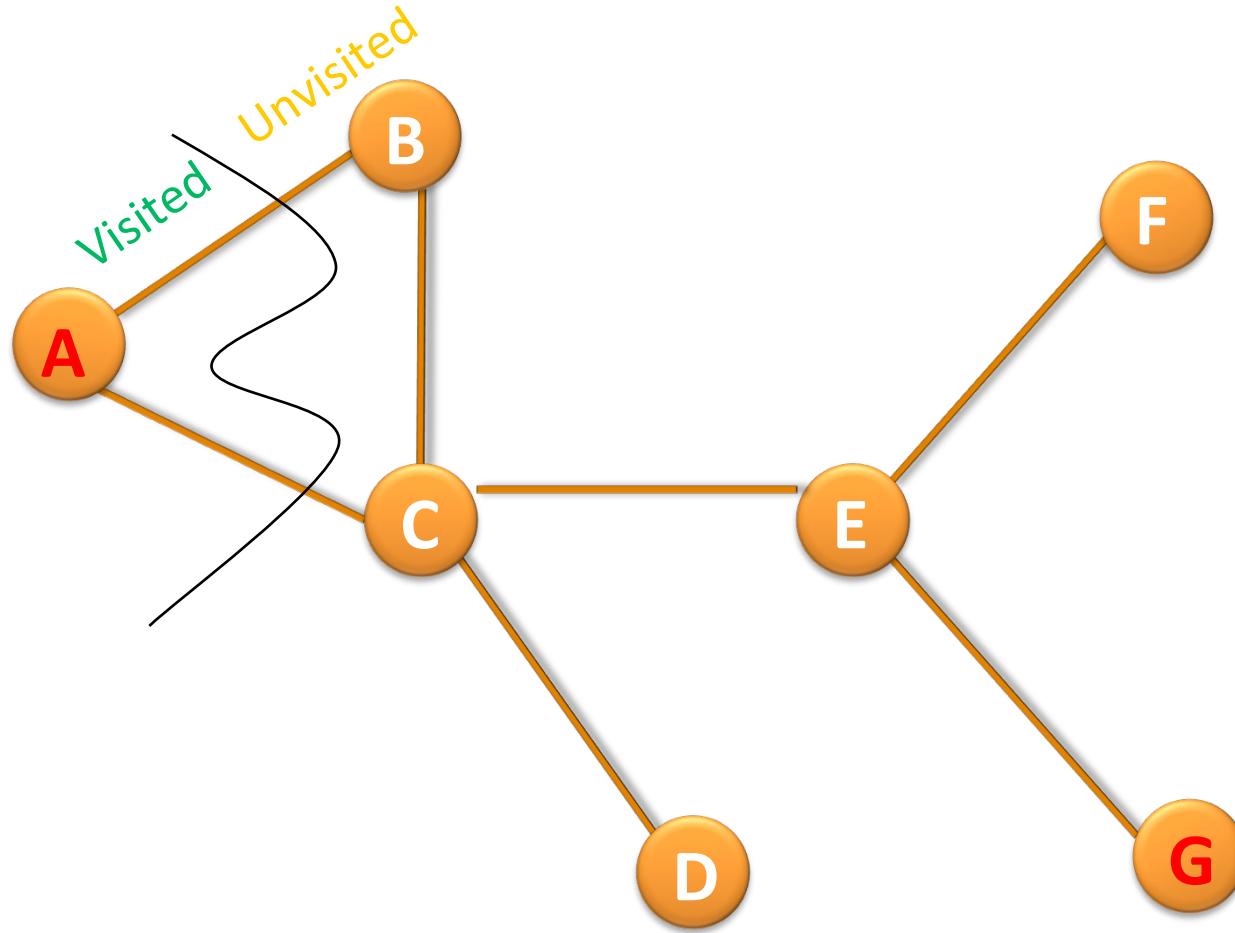
Bottlenecks & Hubs



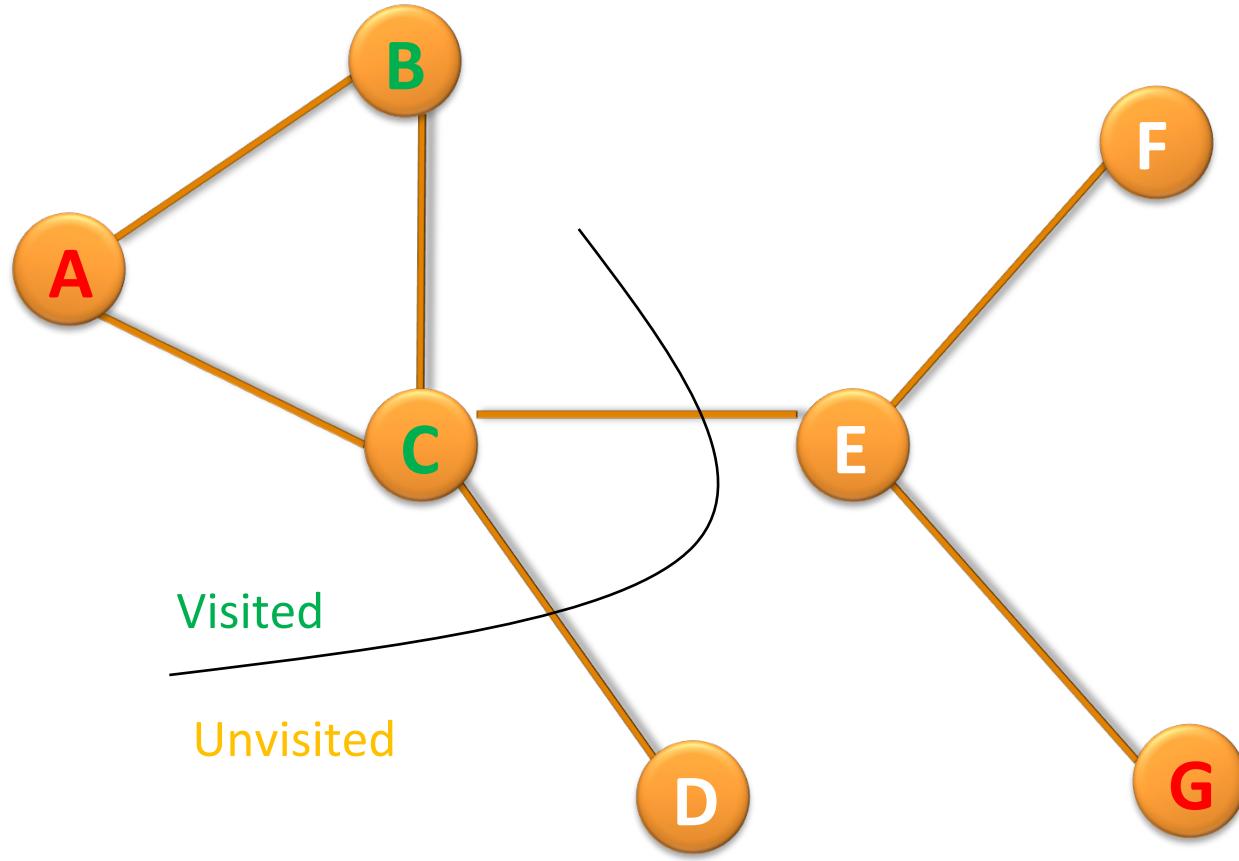
[Yu et al., PLOS CB (2007)]

Shortest Paths: The Dijkstra Algorithm



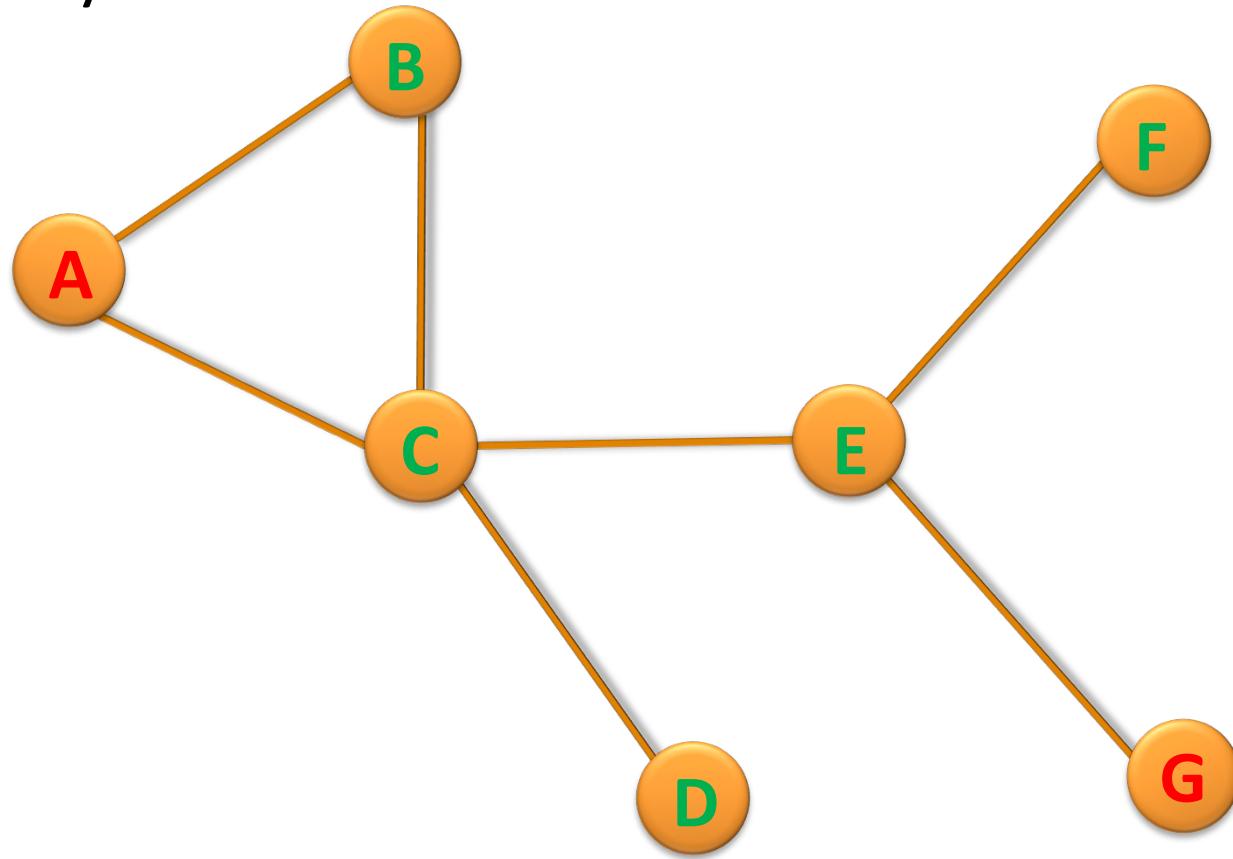


	B	C	D	E	F	G
Distance	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞
Previous						



	B	C	D	E	F	G
Distance	1	1	∞	∞	∞	∞
Previous	A	A				

...Finally



	B	C	D	E	F	G
Distance	1	1	2	2	3	3
Previous	A	A	C	C	E	E

Traceback- dynamic programming

- Use the previous array, track back from G to E, then C, and finally A.

	B	C	D	E	F	G
Distance	1	1	2	2	3	3
Previous	A	A	C	C	E	E
Source						Target



Betweenness of C

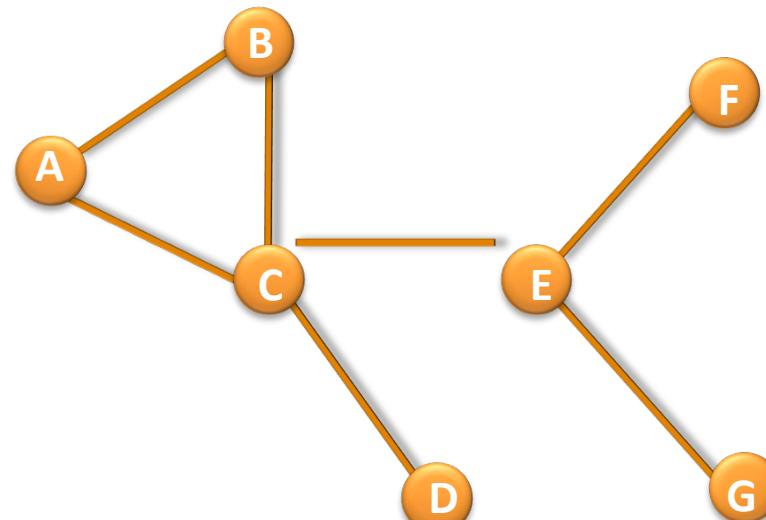
Pair of nodes

Source	Target
A	B
A	C
A	D
A	E
A	F
A	G
B	C
B	D
B	E
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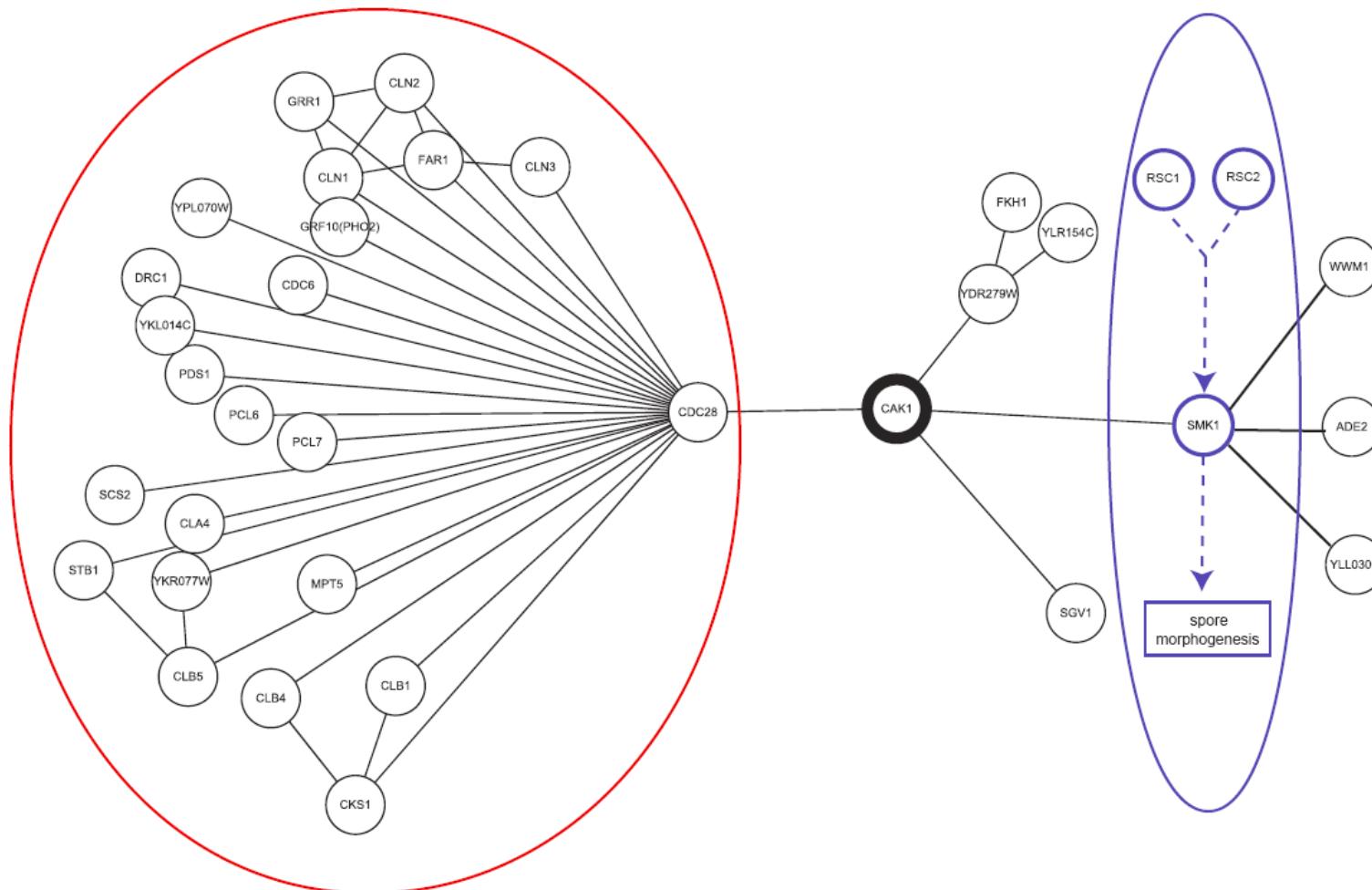
$$\text{Betweenness}(v) = \sum_{s \neq v \neq t} (\sigma_{st}(v) / \sigma_{st})$$

where σ_{st} is the total number of shortest paths from source s to target t and $\sigma_{st}(v)$ is the number of those paths that pass through v.

11 shortest paths going through C



Bottleneck bridging between processes



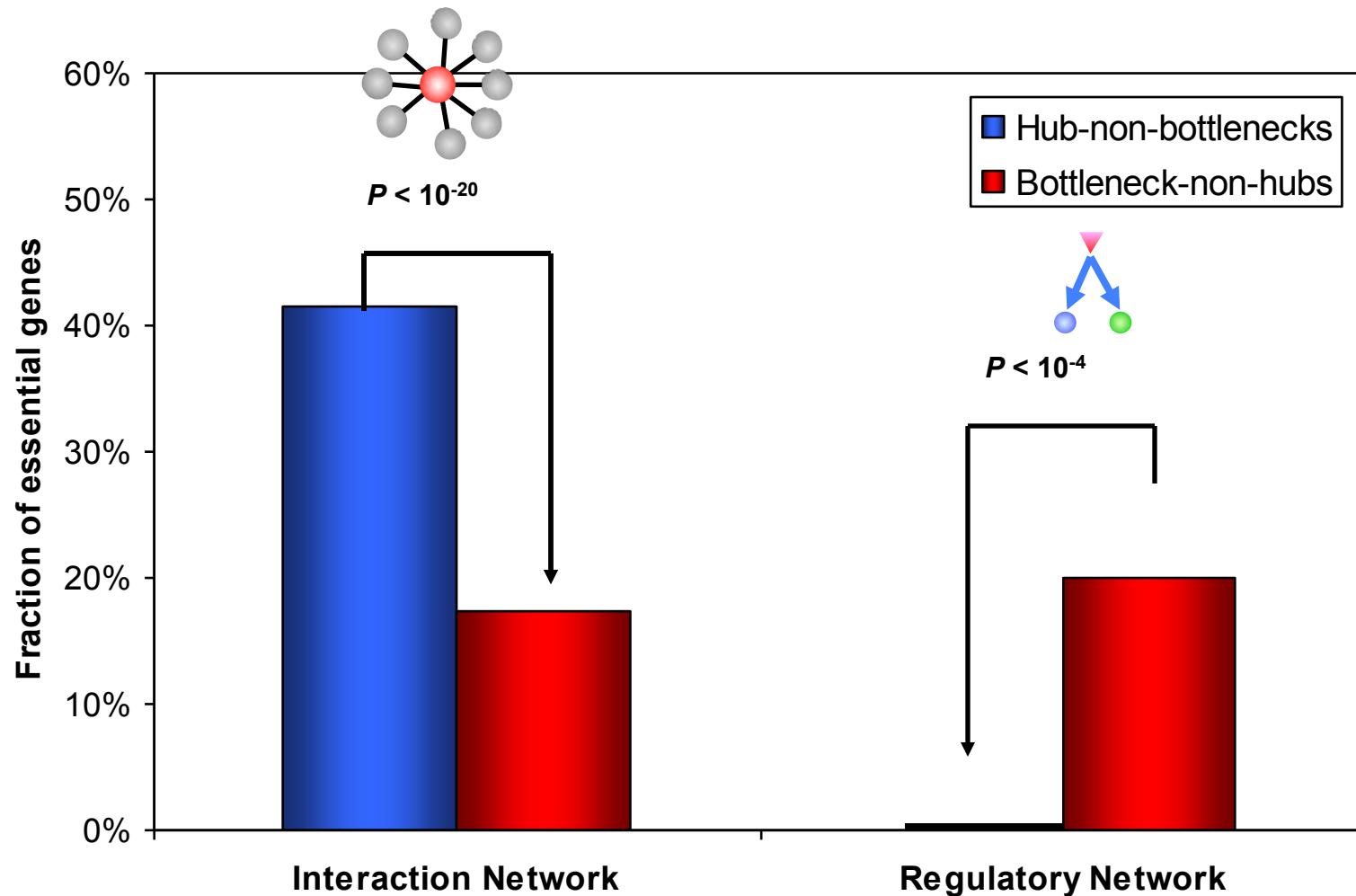
Regulation of mitotic cell cycle

MAP Kinase pathway
regulating spore morphogenesis

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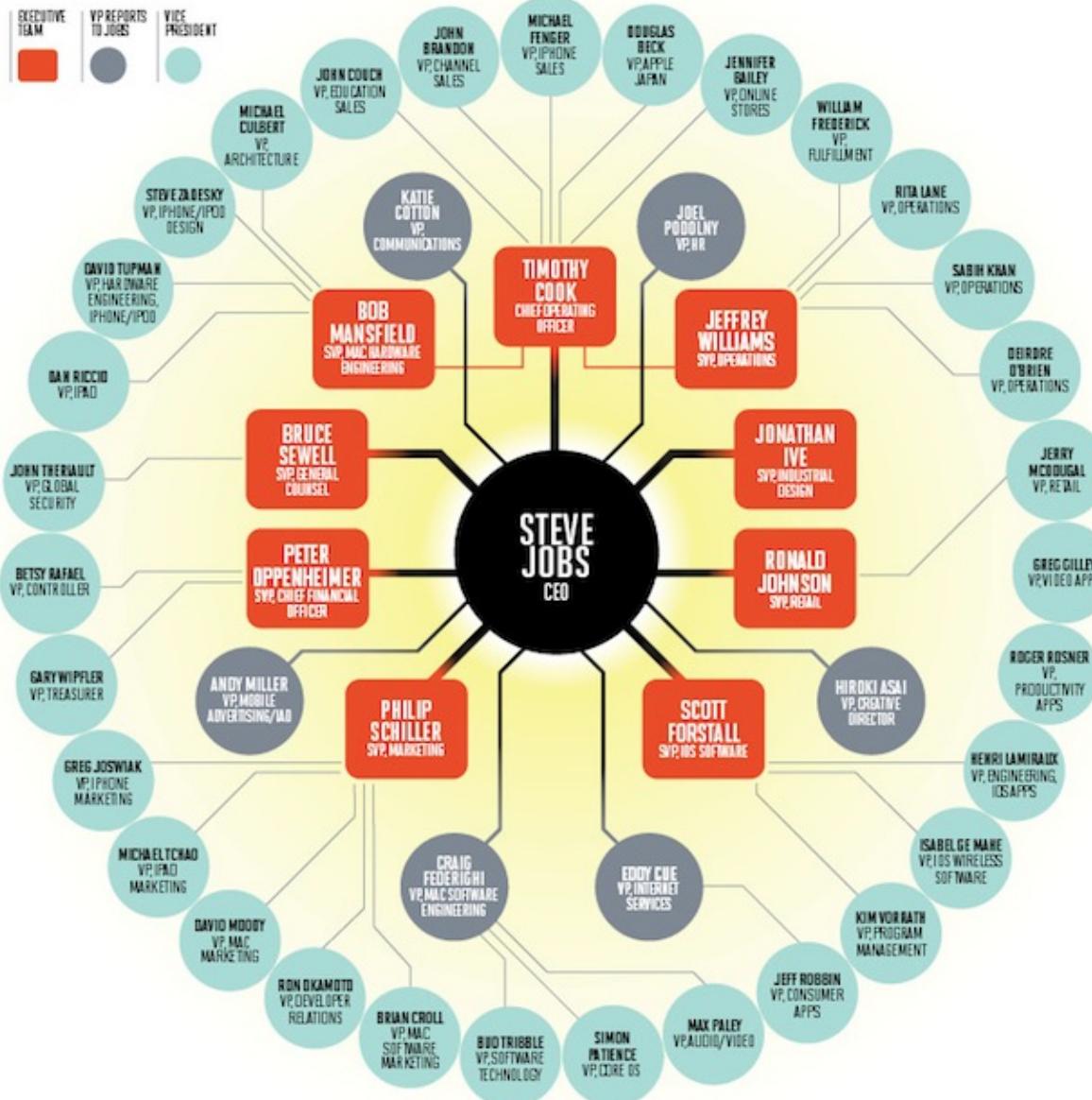
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Bottlenecks are what matters in regulatory networks

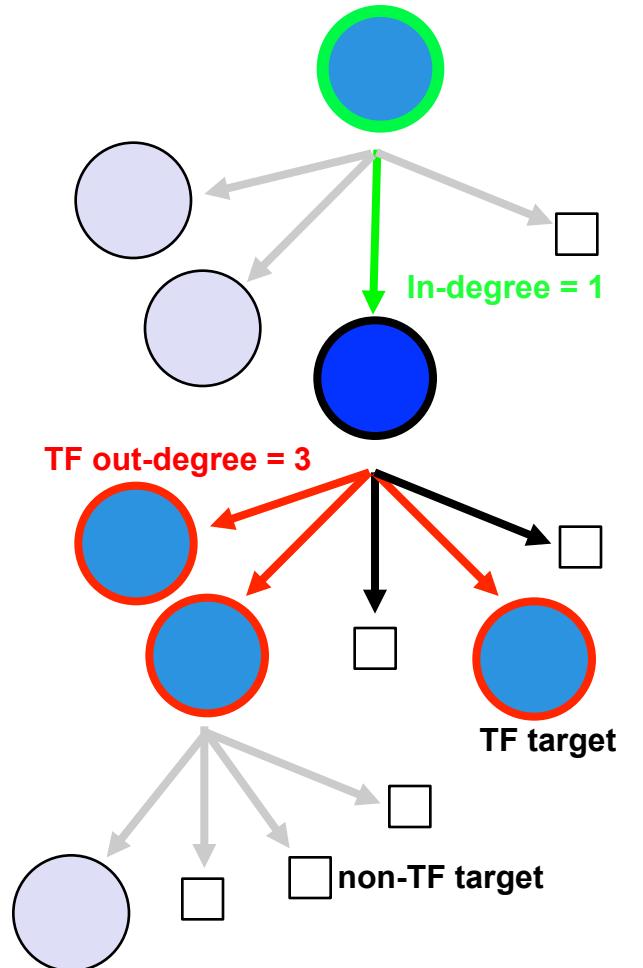


Other Measures of Centrality besides Hubs: Heirarchy

Network Hierarchy



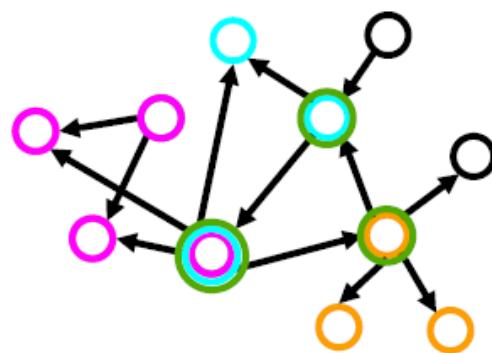
Network Stats to Identify Hierarchy



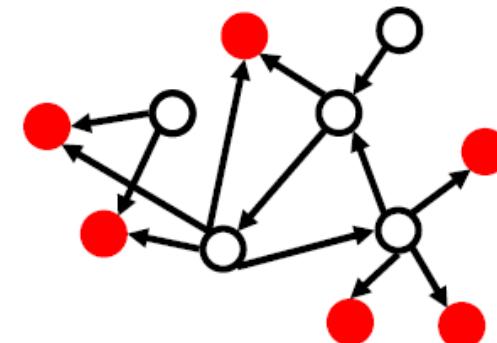
Hierarchy Height Statistic =
(normalized TF Out deg. – In deg.)

Determination of "Level" in Regulatory Network Hierarchy with Breadth-first Search

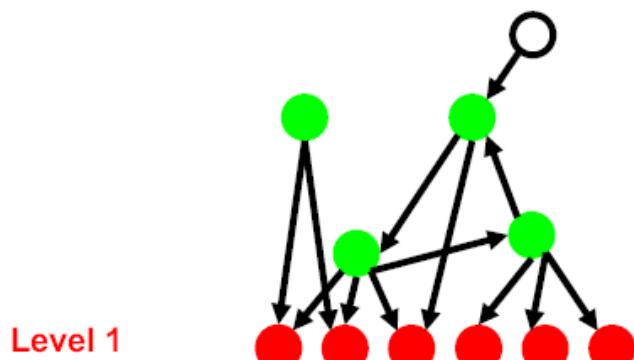
I. Example network with all 4 motifs



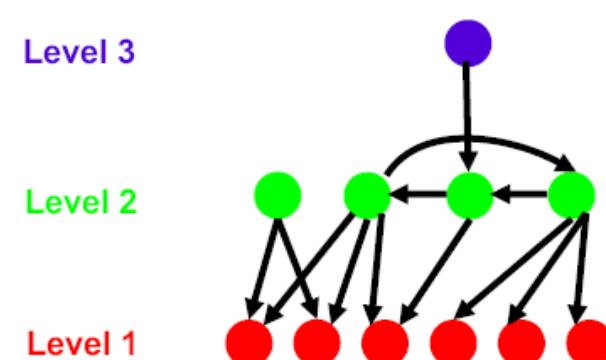
II. Finding terminal nodes (Red)



III. Finding mid-level nodes (Green)



IV. Finding top-most nodes (Blue)



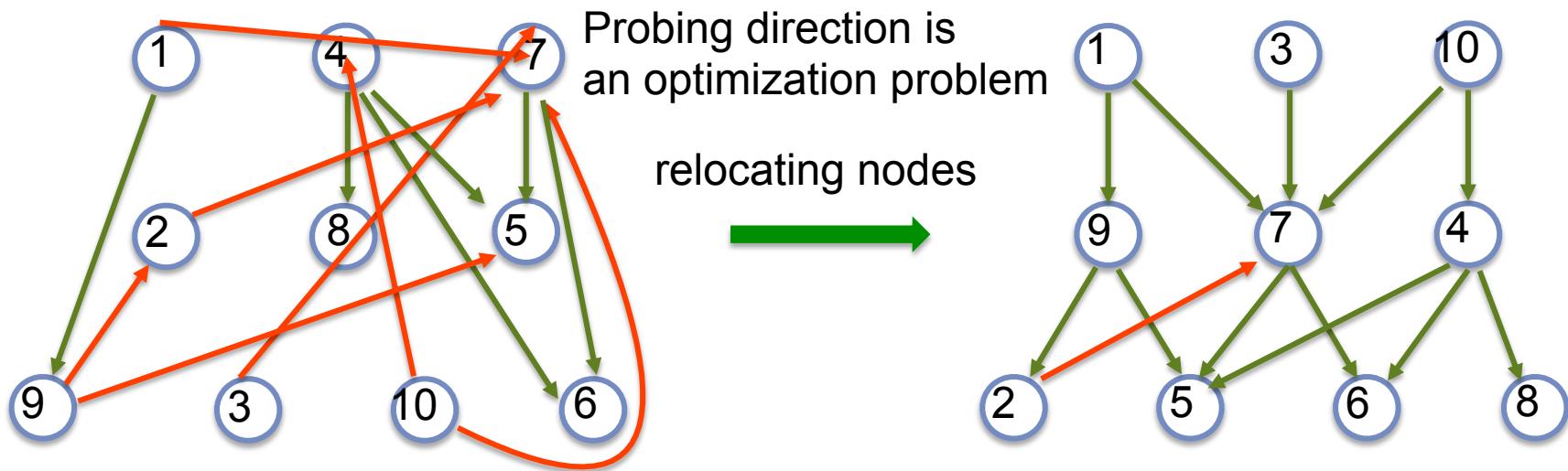
Level 1

Level 3

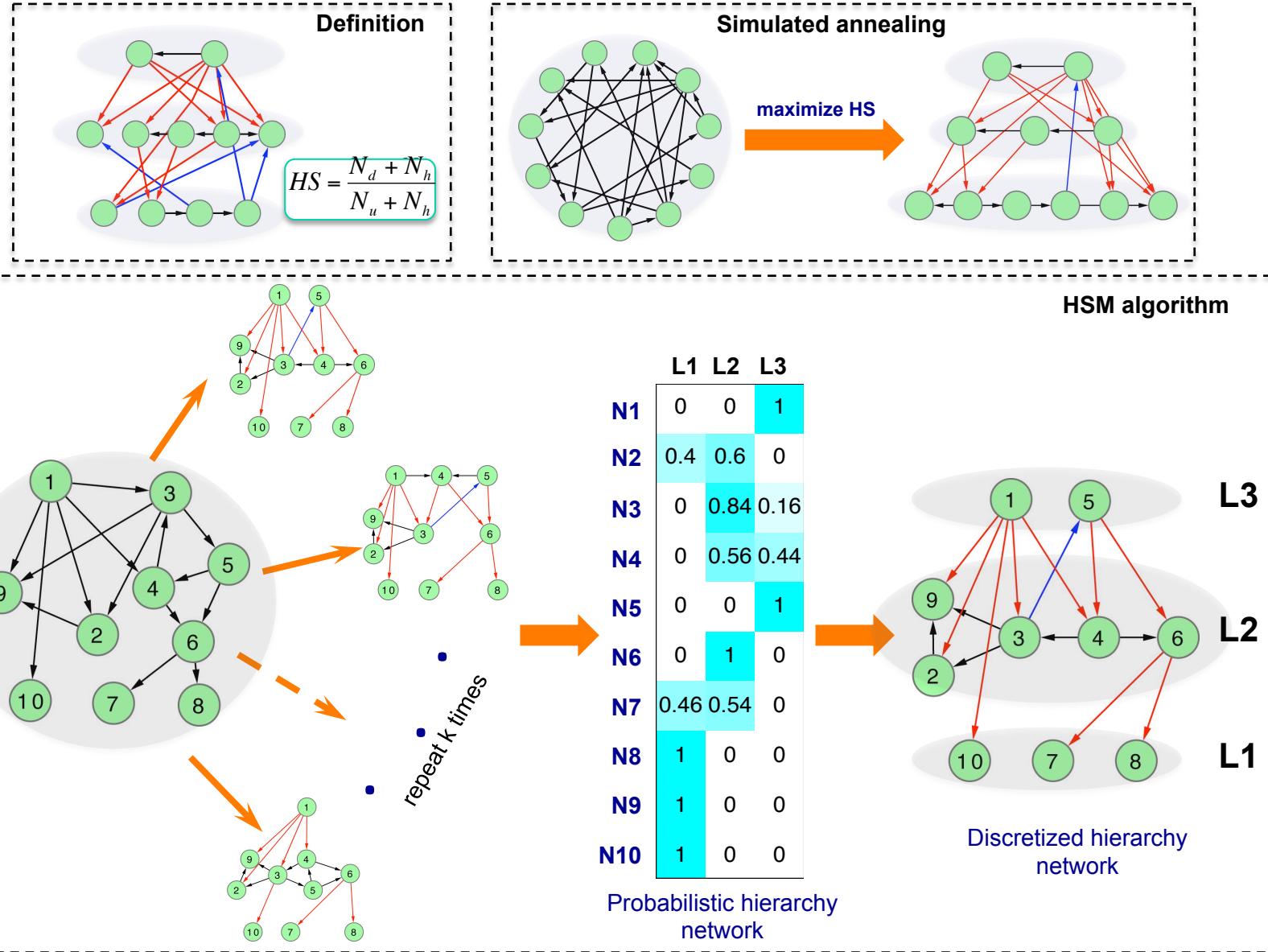
Level 2

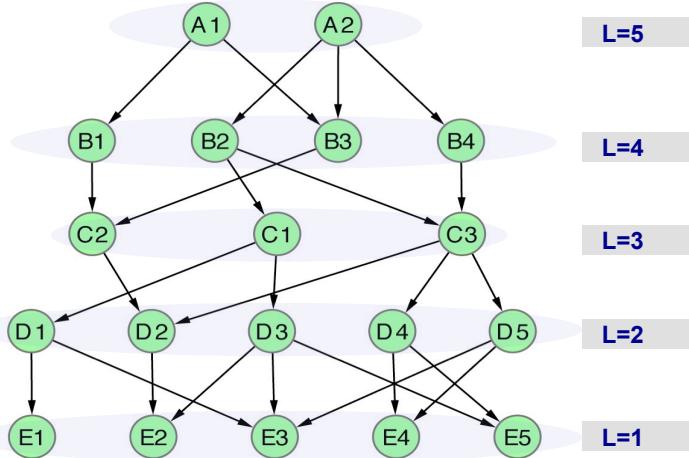
Level 1

Using Simulated Annealing to Globally Minimize the Number of Upward Pointing Edges



Hierarchy Score Maximization Algorithm



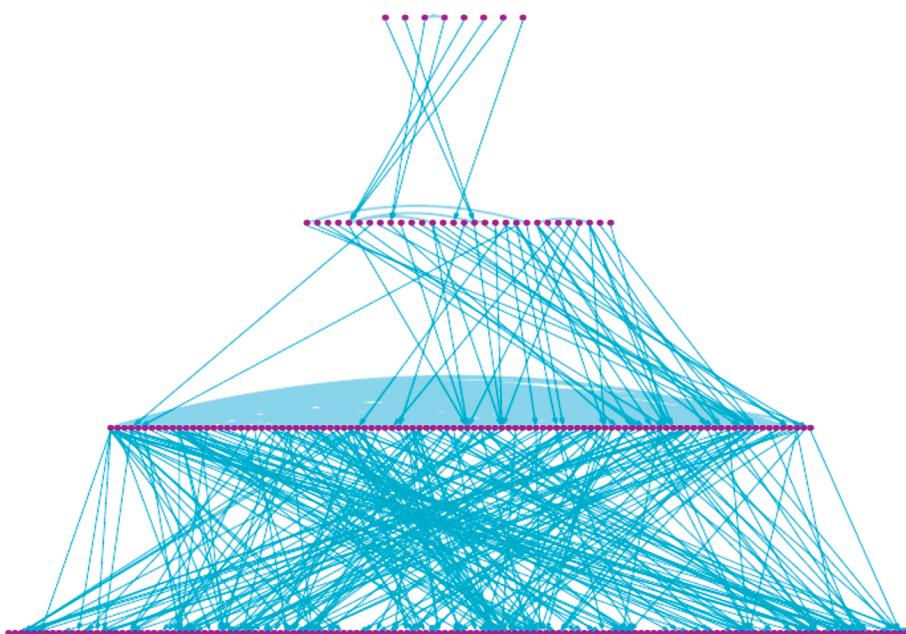


Apply HSM to a toy example

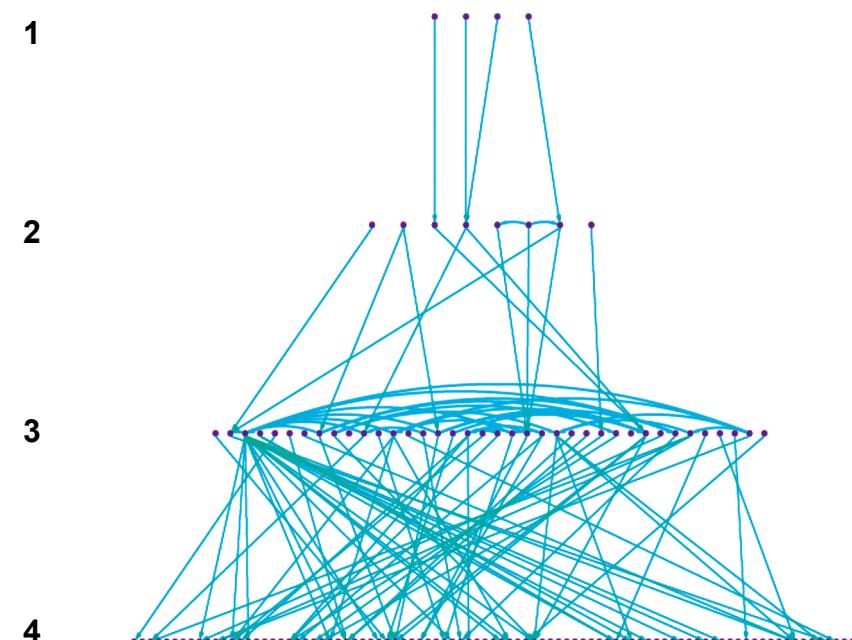
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[Cheng et al. GenomeBiol. (in press, '15)]

Regulatory Networks have similar hierarchical structures

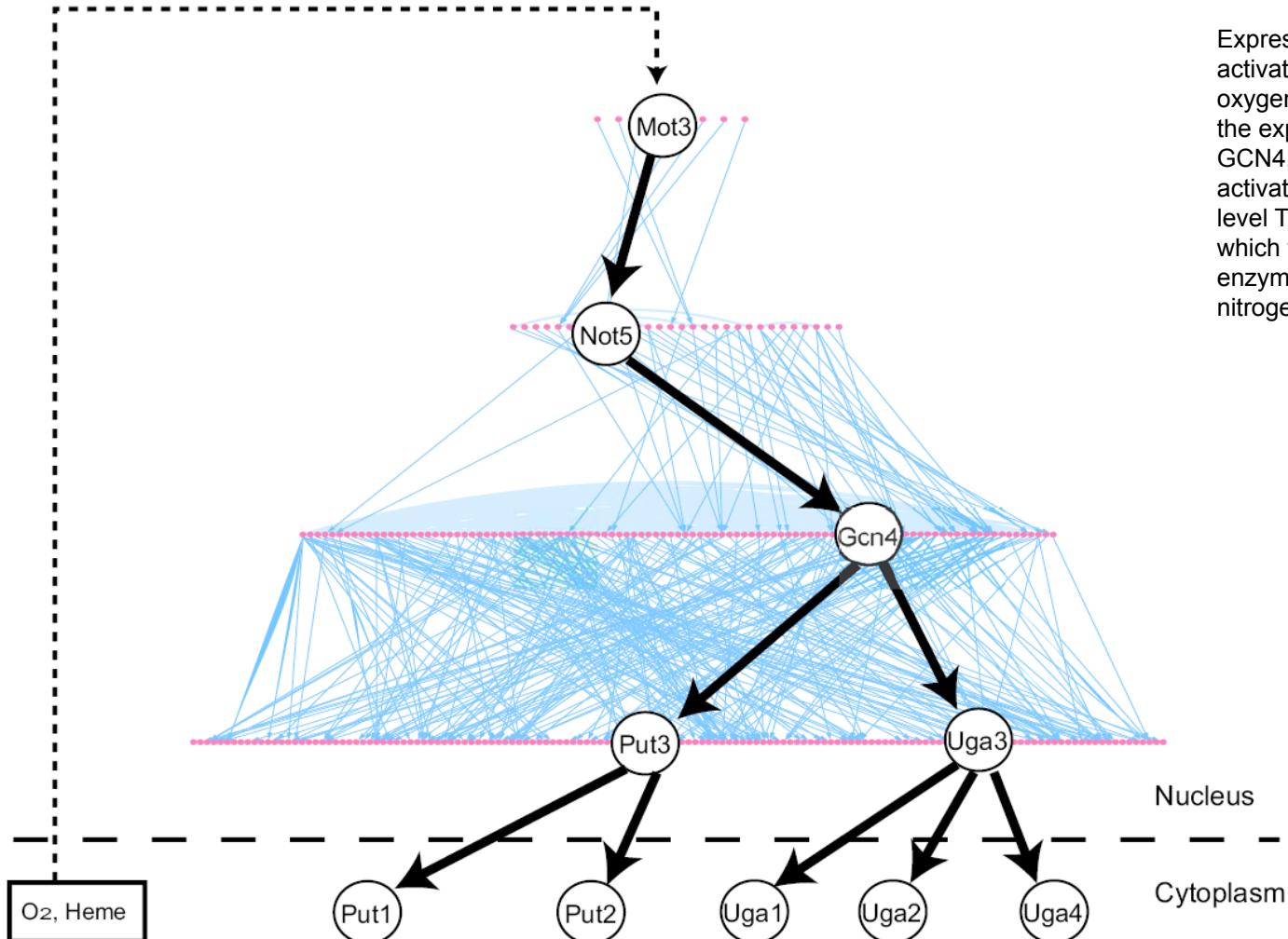


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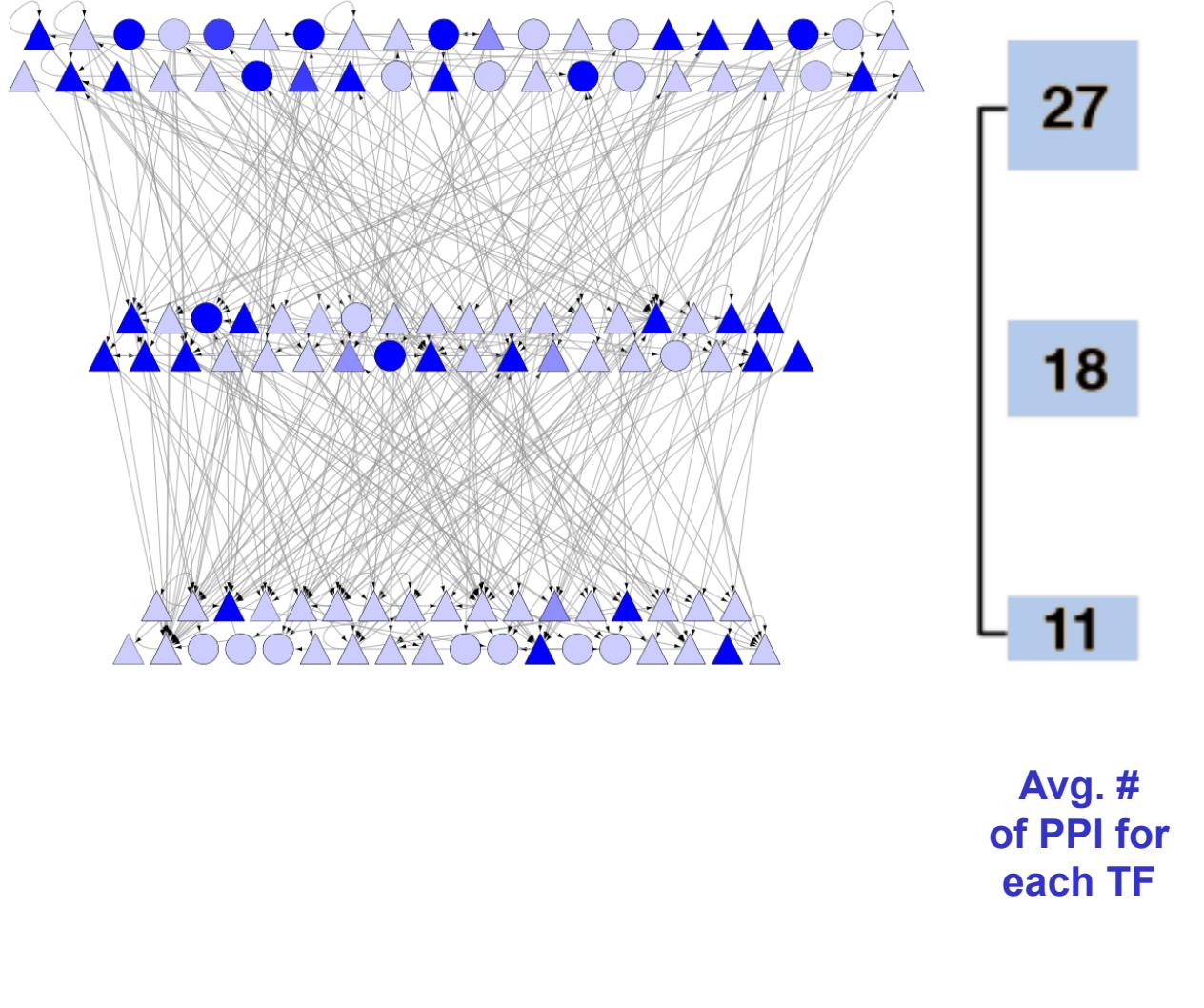


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Example of Path Through Regulatory Network

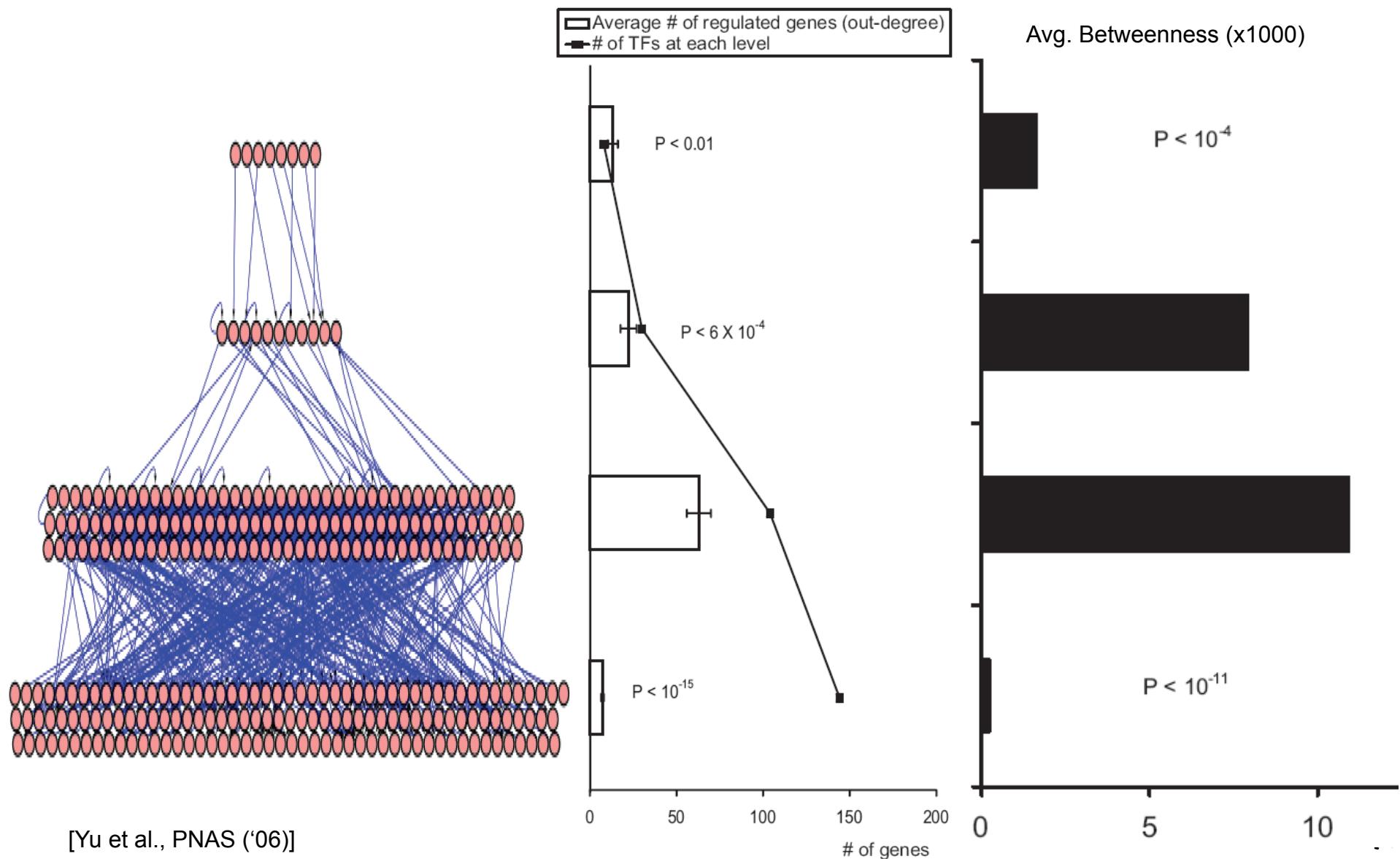


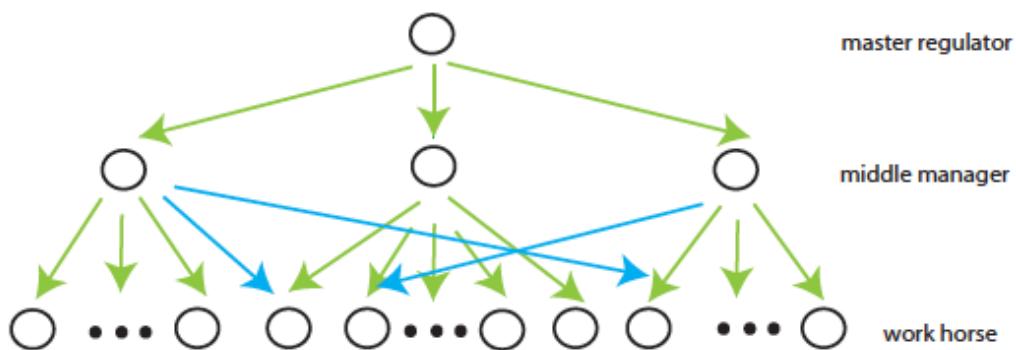
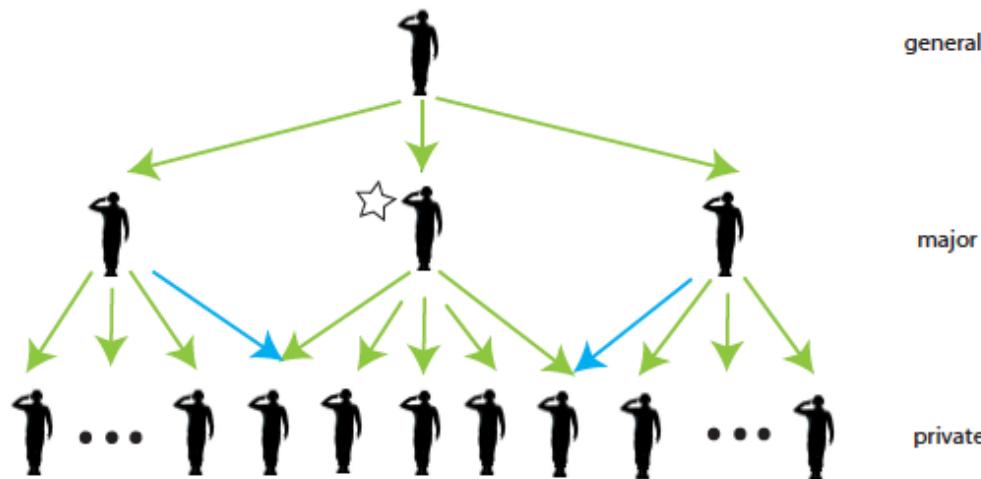
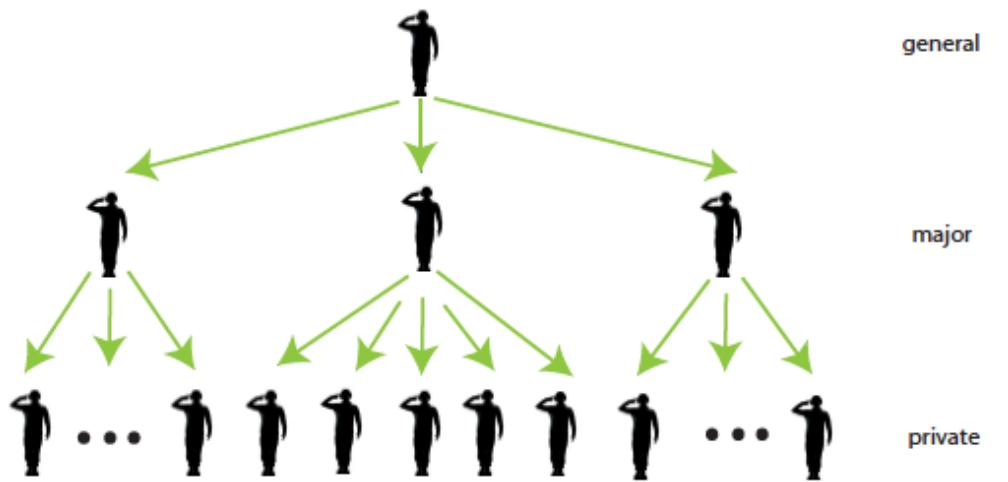
Expression of MOT3 is activated by heme and oxygen. Mot3 in turn activates the expression of NOT5 and GCN4, mid-level hubs. GCN4 activates two specific bottom-level TFs, Put3 and Uga3, which trigger the expression of enzymes in proline and nitrogen utilization.



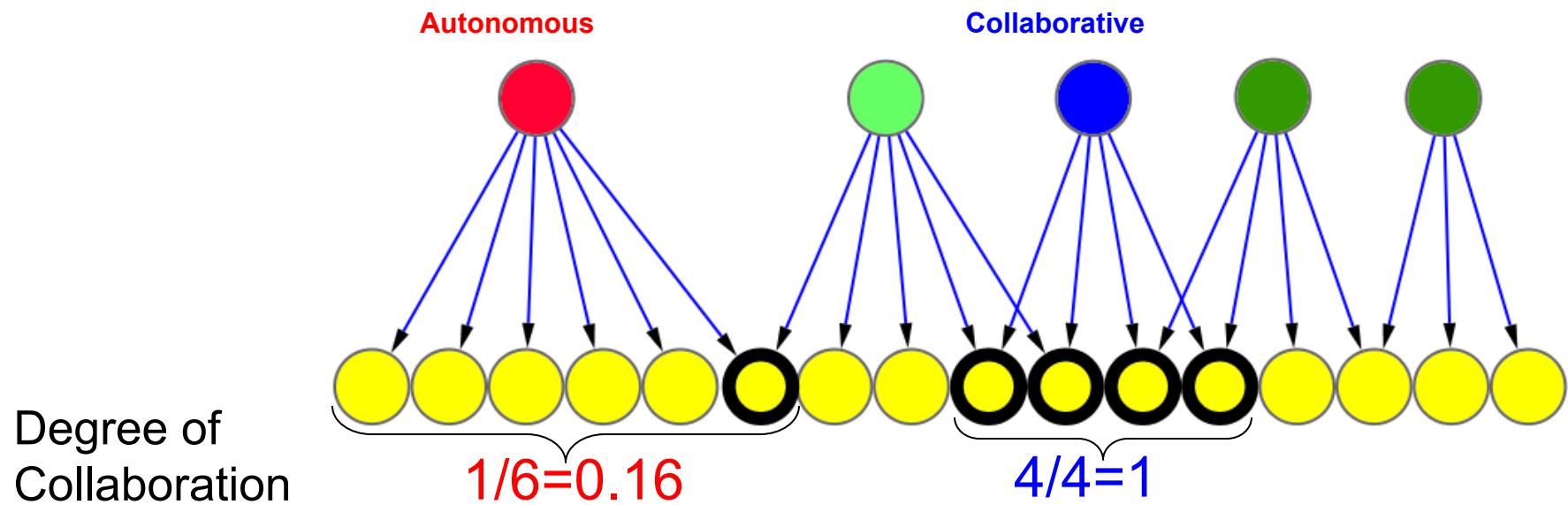
**Integration of TF hierarchy
with other ‘omic information :
more connected TFs on the top**

Yeast Regulatory Hierarchy: Middle-managers Rule

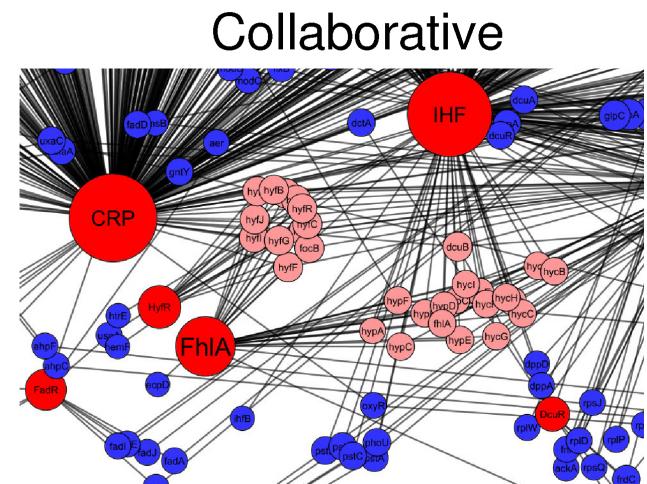
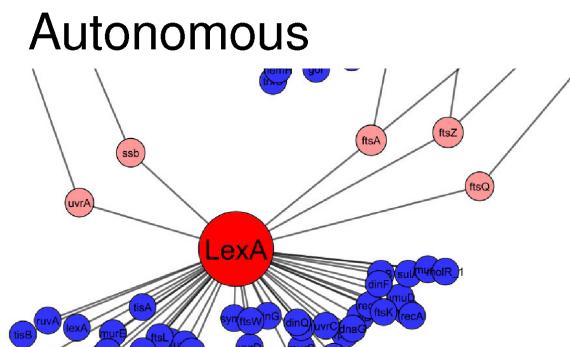




Collaborative Nature of the Nodes



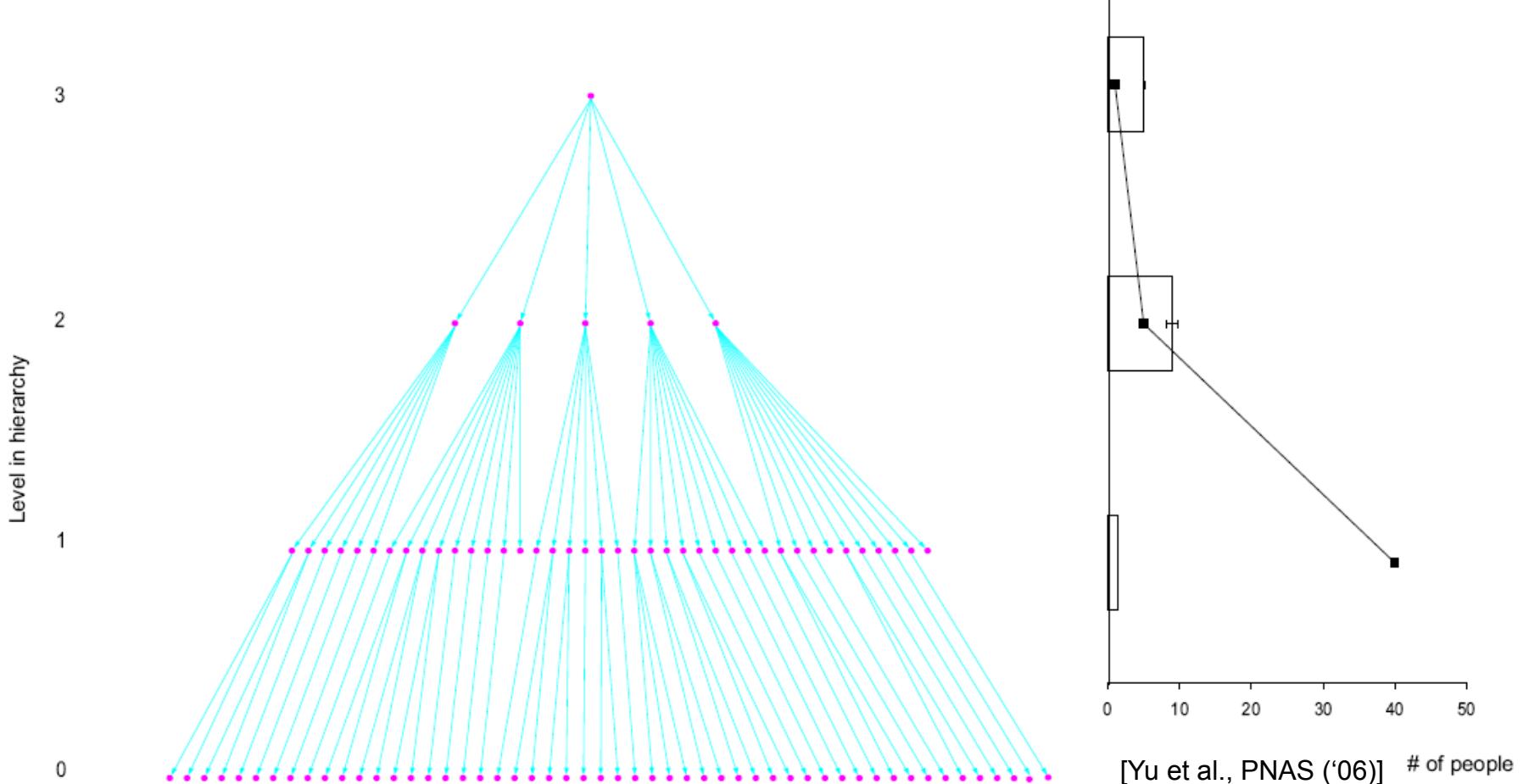
More Collaborative: Democratic
More Autonomous: Autocratic



[Bhardwaj et al., PNAS (2010)]

Yeast Network Similar in Structure to Government Hierarchy with Respect to Middle-managers

Governmental hierarchy of a representative city (Macao)



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