Network Science

Class 4: Scale-free property

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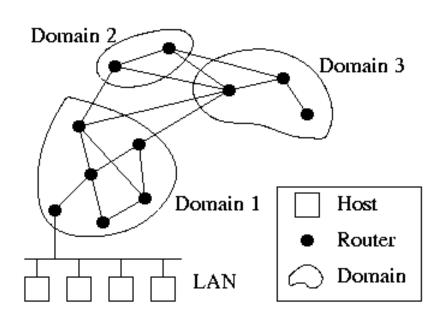
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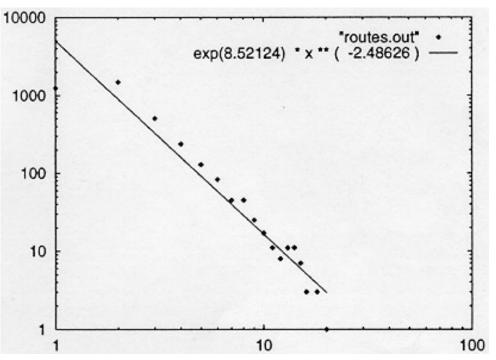
universality

INTERNET BACKBONE

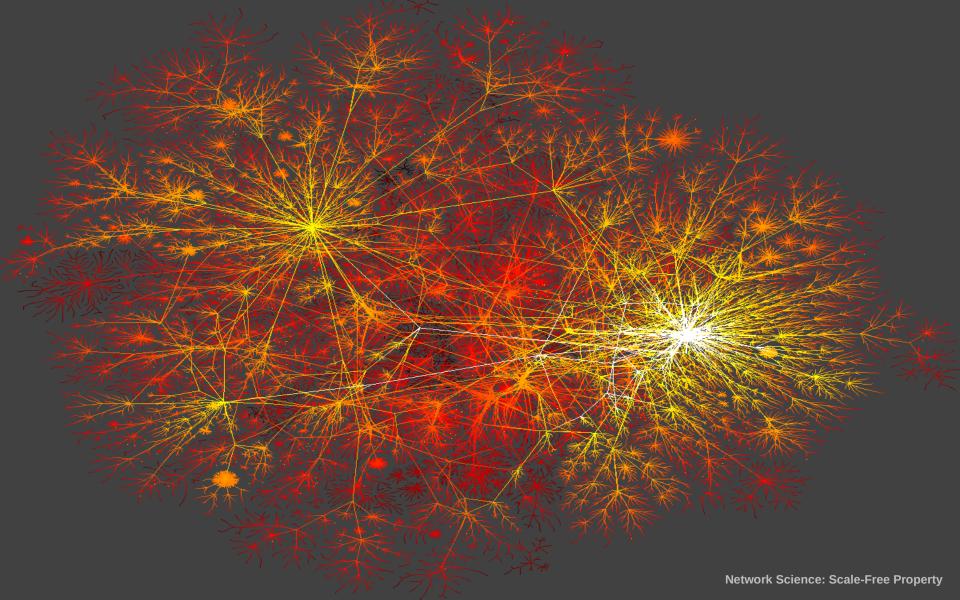
Nodes: computers, routers

Links: physical lines



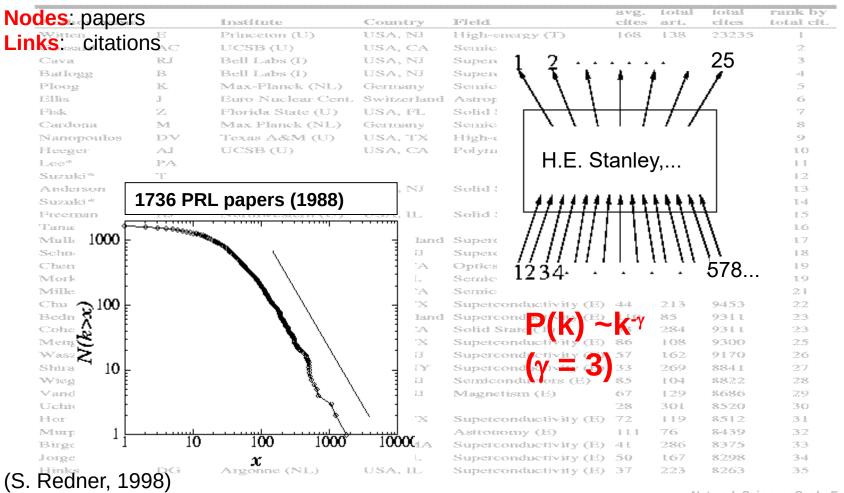


(Faloutsos, Faloutsos and Faloutsos, 1999)



SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

Out of over 500,000 Examined (see http://www.sst.nret.gov)

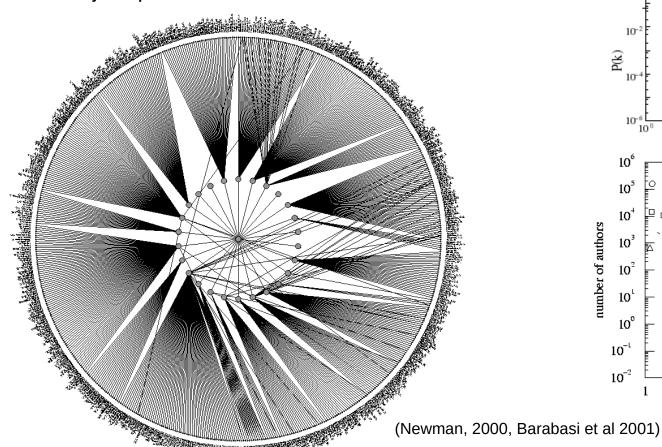


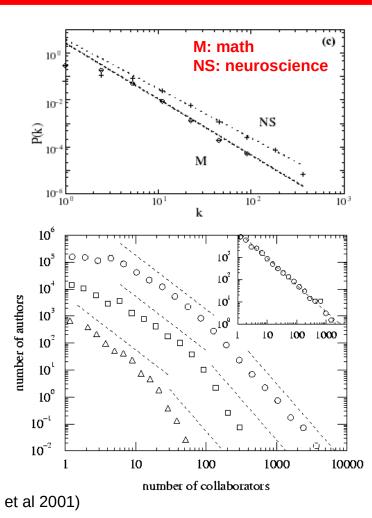
^{*} citation total may be skewed because of multiple authors with the same name

SCIENCE COAUTHORSHIP

Nodes: scientist (authors)

Links: joint publication



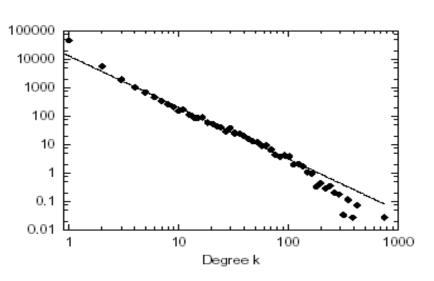


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ONLINE COMMUNITIES

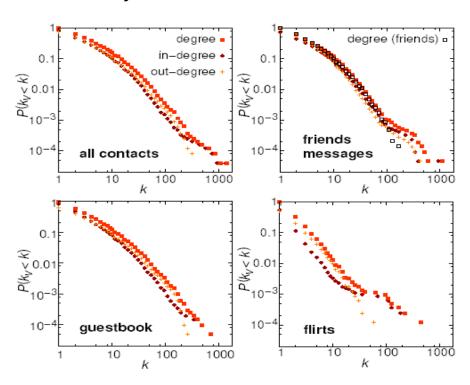
Nodes: online user Links: email contact

> Kiel University log files 112 days, N=59,912 nodes



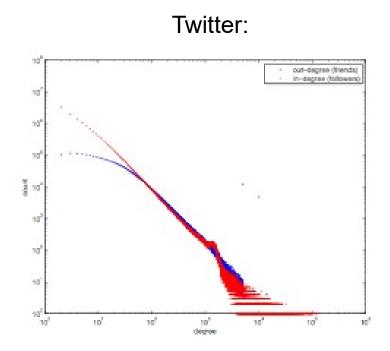
Ebel, Mielsch, Bornholdtz, PRE 2002.

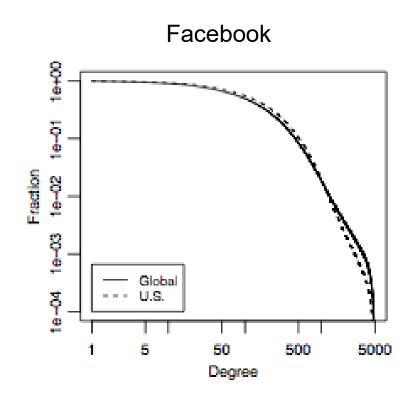
Pussokram.com online community; 512 days, 25,000 users.

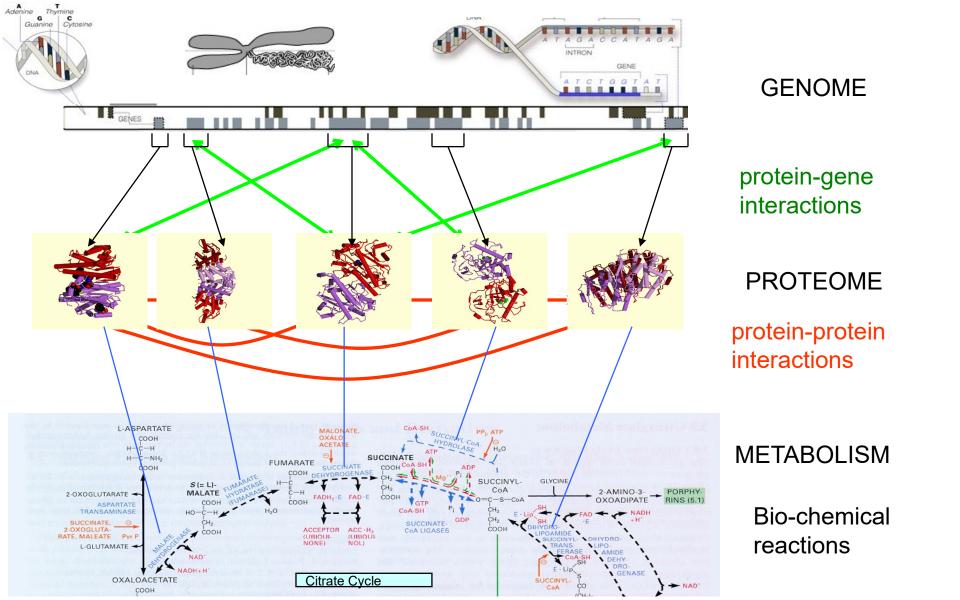


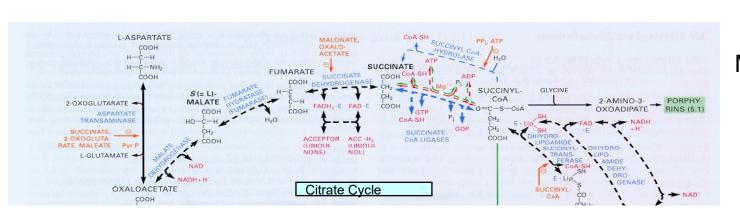
Holme, Edling, Liljeros, 2002.

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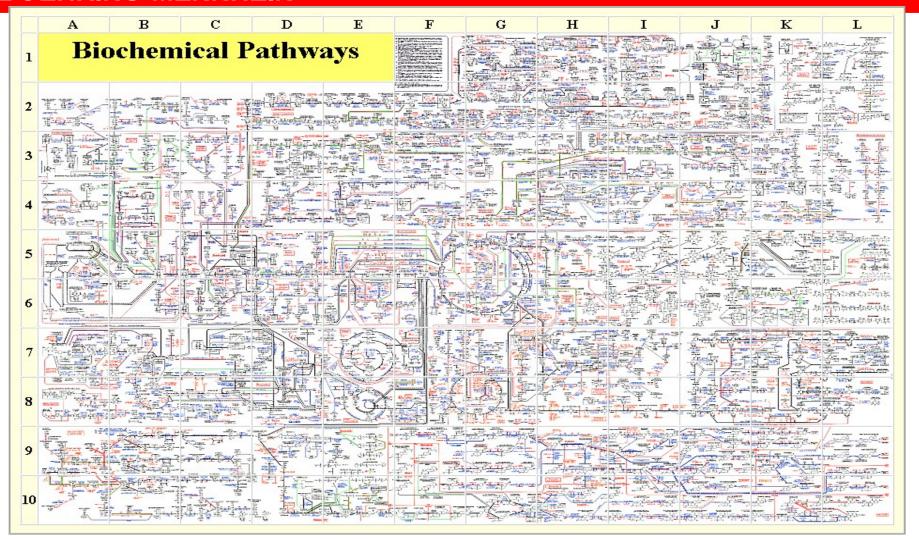




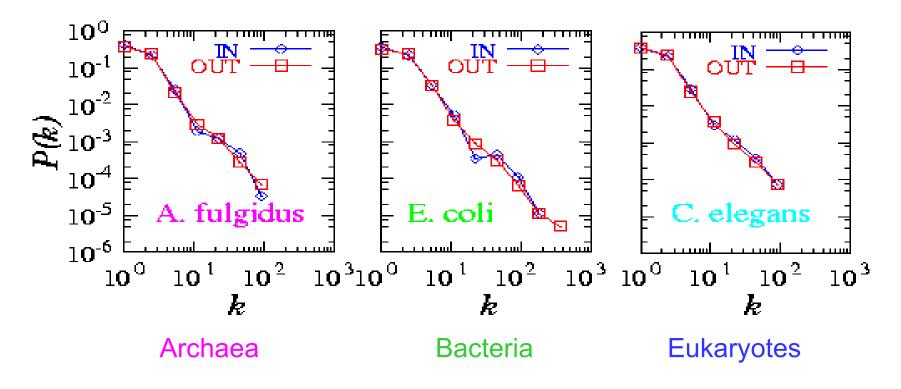
METABOLISM

Bio-chemical reactions

BOEHRING-MENNHEIN

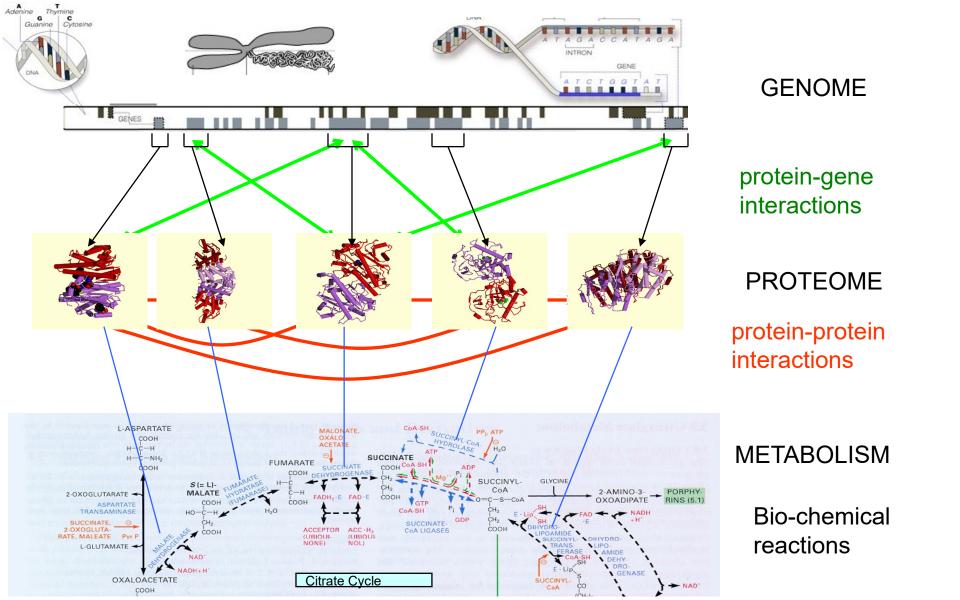


METABOLIC NETWORK

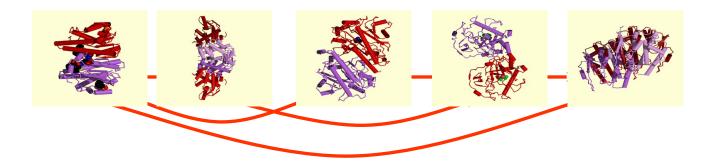


Organisms from all three domains of life are scale-free!

$$P_{in}(k) \approx k^{-2.2}$$
 $P_{out}(k) \approx k^{-2.2}$



METABOLIC NETWORK

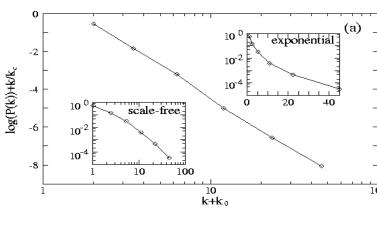


PROTEOME

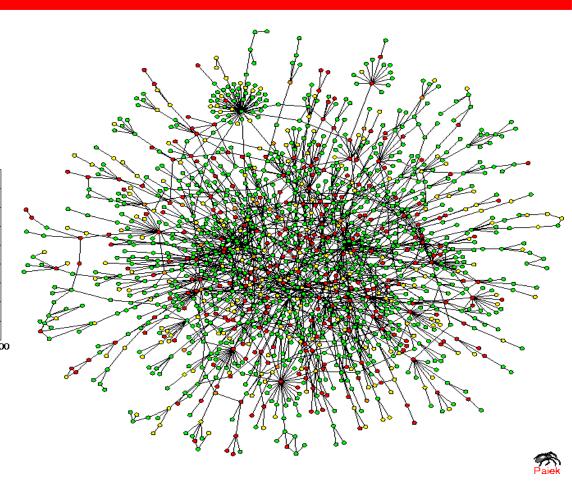
protein-protein interactions

TOPOLOGY OF THE PROTEIN NETWORK

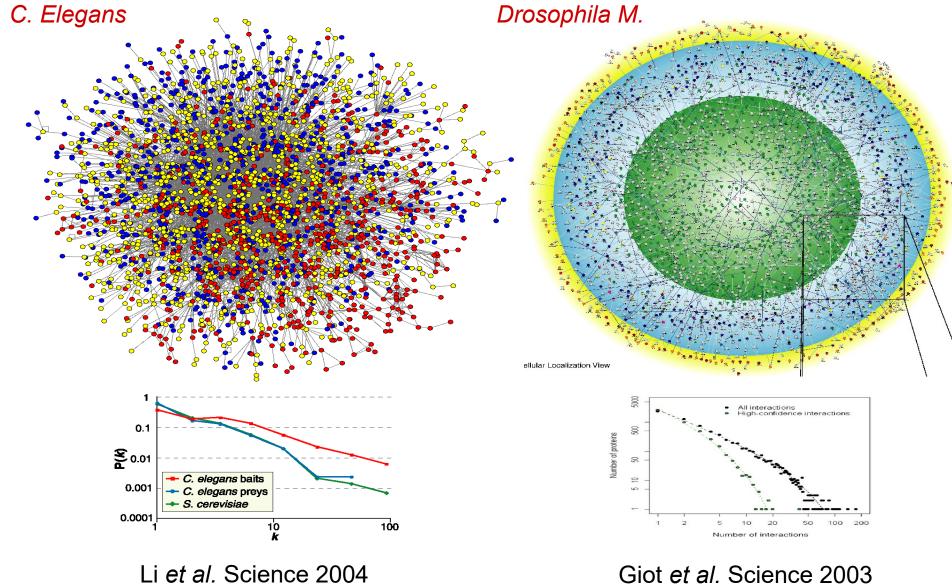
Nodes: proteins Links: physical interactions-binding



$$P(k) \sim (k + k_0)^{-\gamma} \exp(-\frac{k + k_0}{k_{\tau}})$$

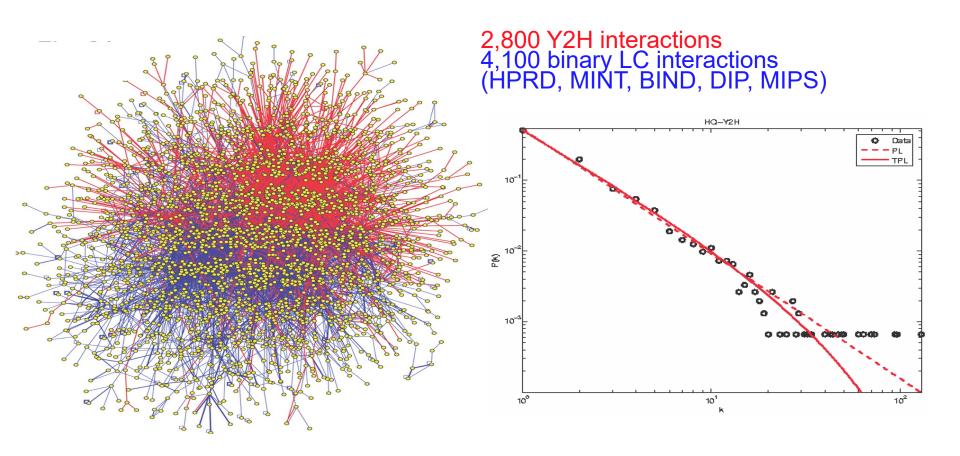


H. Jeong, S.P. Mason, A.-L. Barabasi, Z.N. Oltvai, Nature 411, 41-42 (2001



Giot et al. Science 2003

HUMAN INTERACTION NETWORK



ACTOR NETWORK

Nodes: actors

Links: cast jointly





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

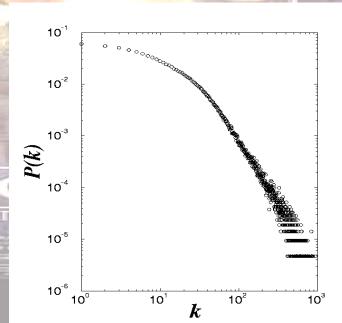


N = 212,250 actors

$$\langle k \rangle = 28.78$$

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

$$\gamma = 2.3$$

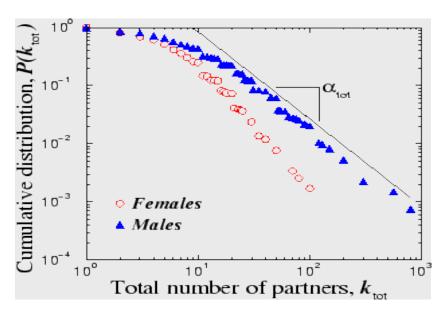


SWEDISH SE-WEB



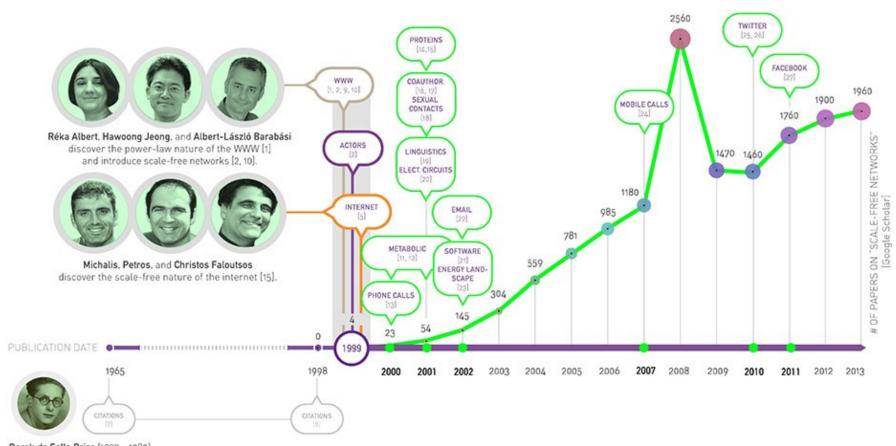
Nodes: people (Females; Males)

Links: sexual relationships



4781 Swedes; 18-74; 59% response rate.

Liljeros et al. Nature 2001



Derek de Solla Price [1922 - 1983] discovers that citations follow a power-law distribution [7], a finding later attributed to the scale-free nature of the citation network [2].

Not all networks are scale-free

- Networks appearing in material science, like the network describing the bonds between the atoms in crystalline or amorphous materials, where each node has exactly the same degree.
- The neural network of the C.elegans worm.
- The power grid, consisting of generators and switches connected by transmission lines

