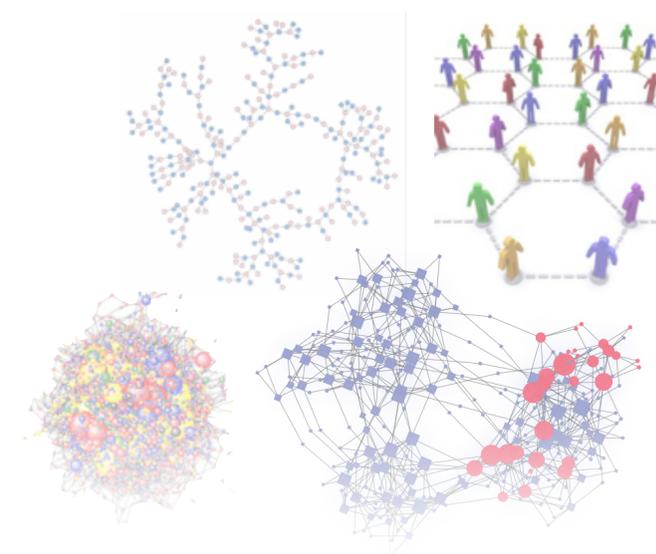


# Introduction to Network Science

**Jim Bagrow**

**NERCCS 2020 – April 1, 2020**



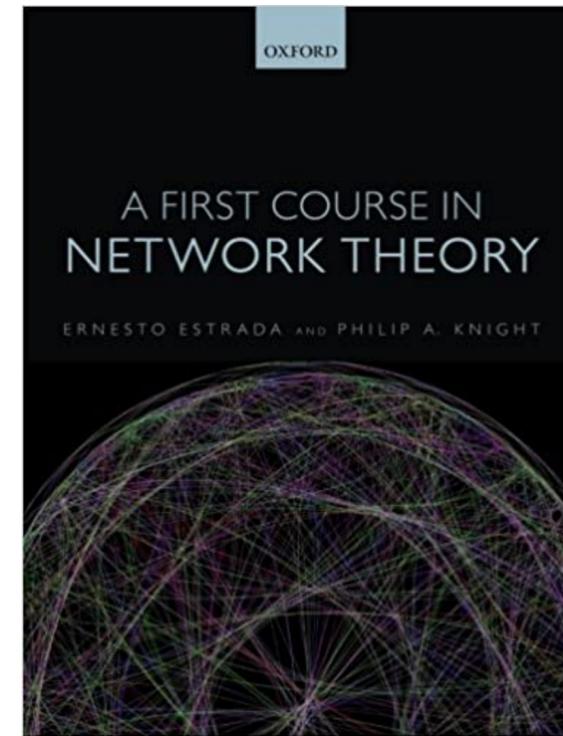
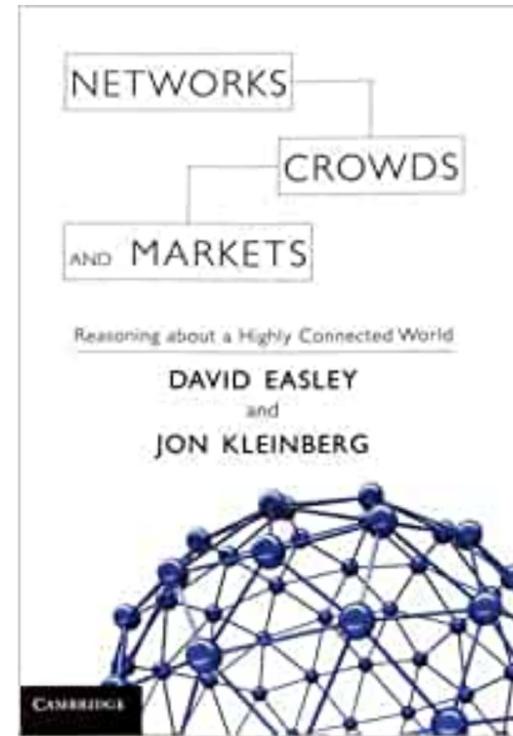
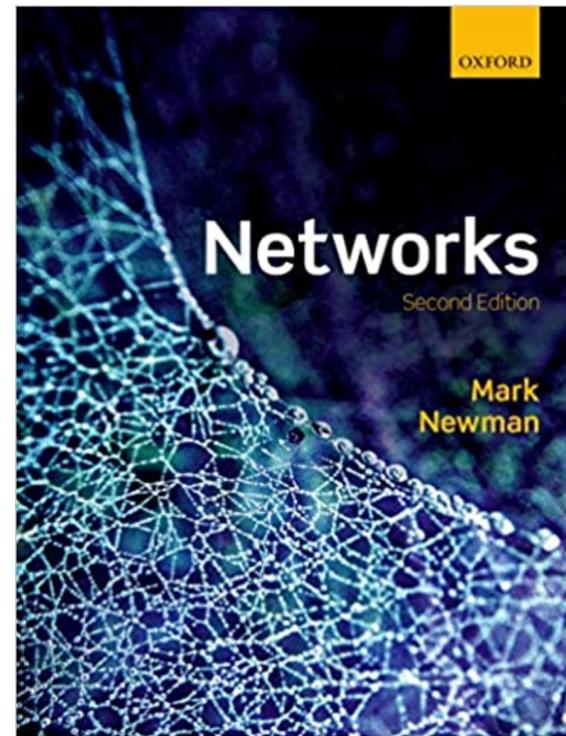
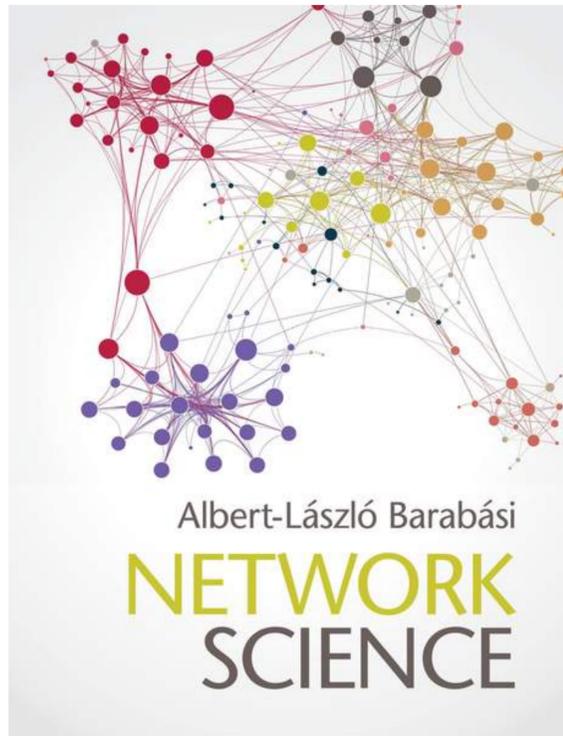
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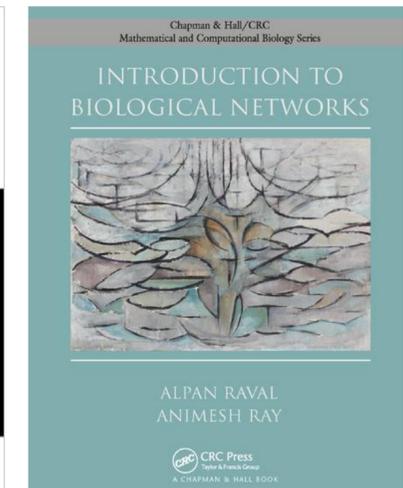
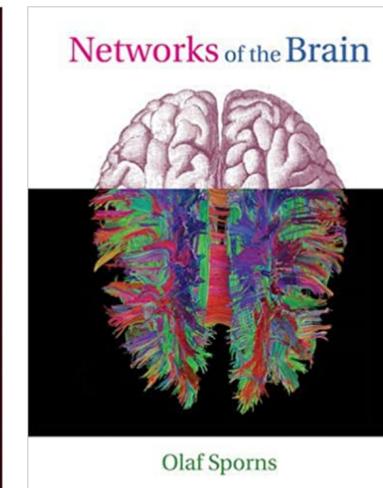
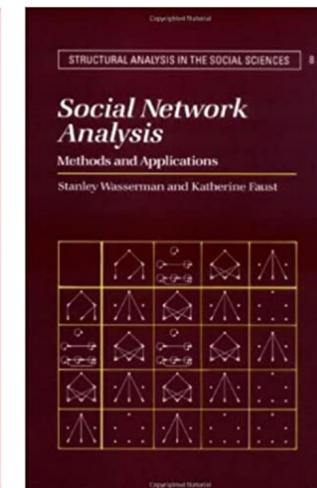
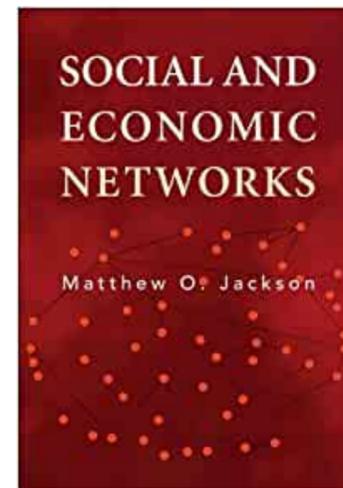
- Network examples/data
- Why study networks?
- Types of networks
- Network quantifiers (jargon!)
- Random network models
- Network robustness
- Dynamics on networks
- Future of network science

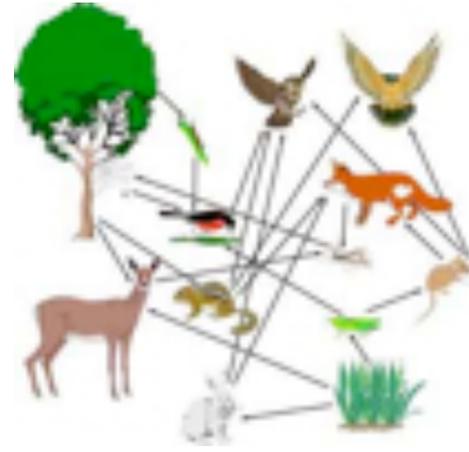
# Some good references



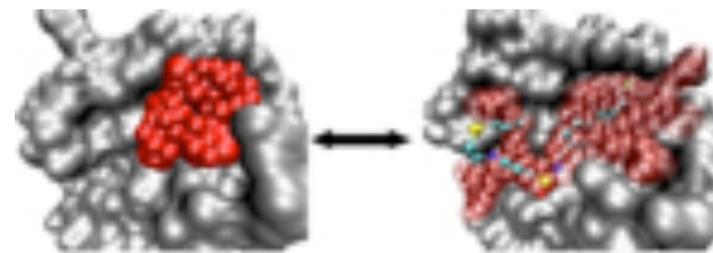
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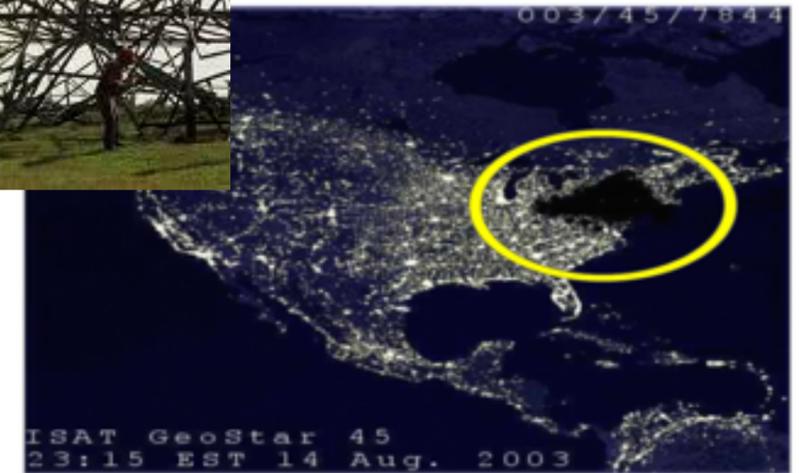
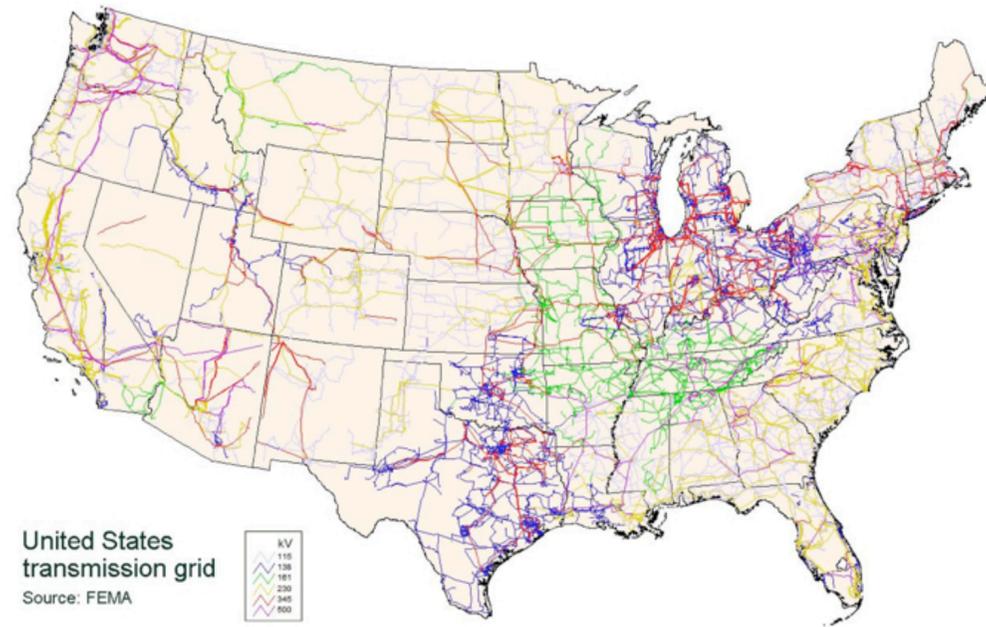
# Examples of networks and network data



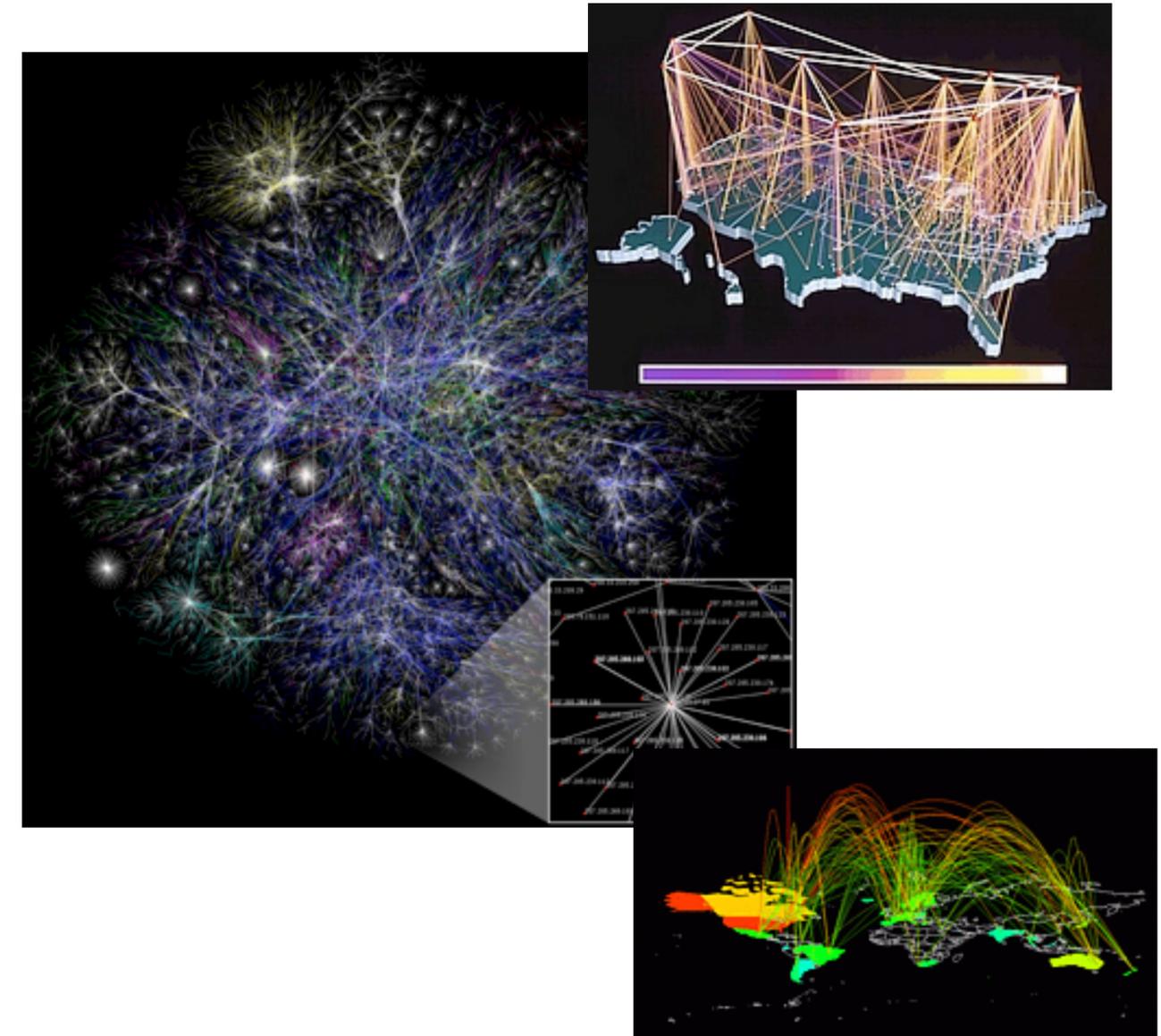
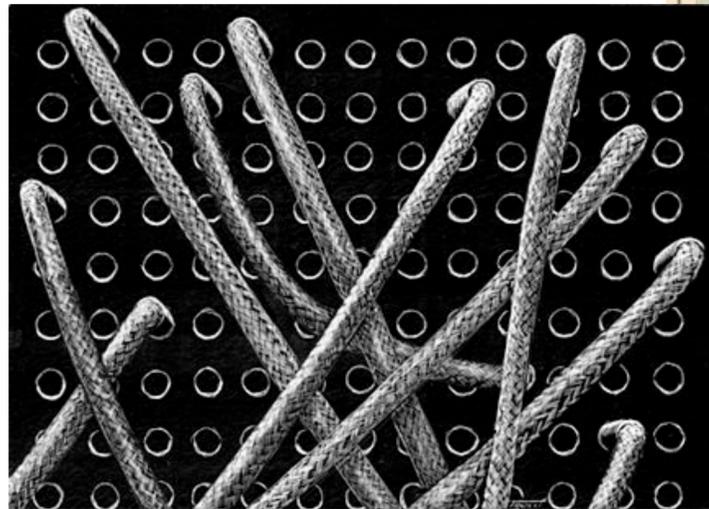
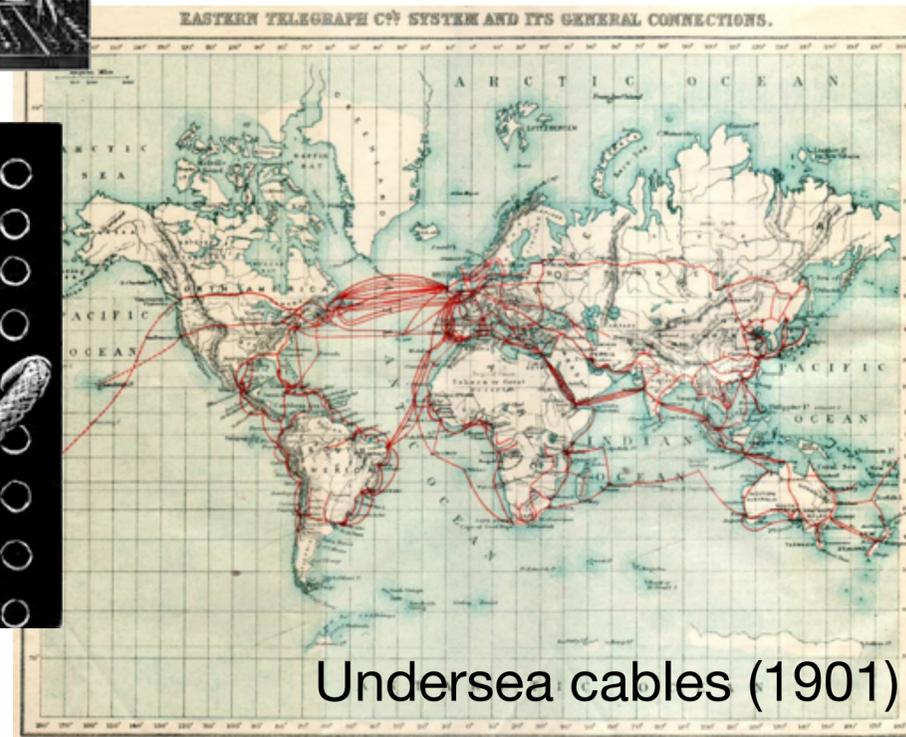
# Technology & Infrastructure

## Power grid

Understand **cascading failures** and **blackouts**



# Telecommunications & Internet



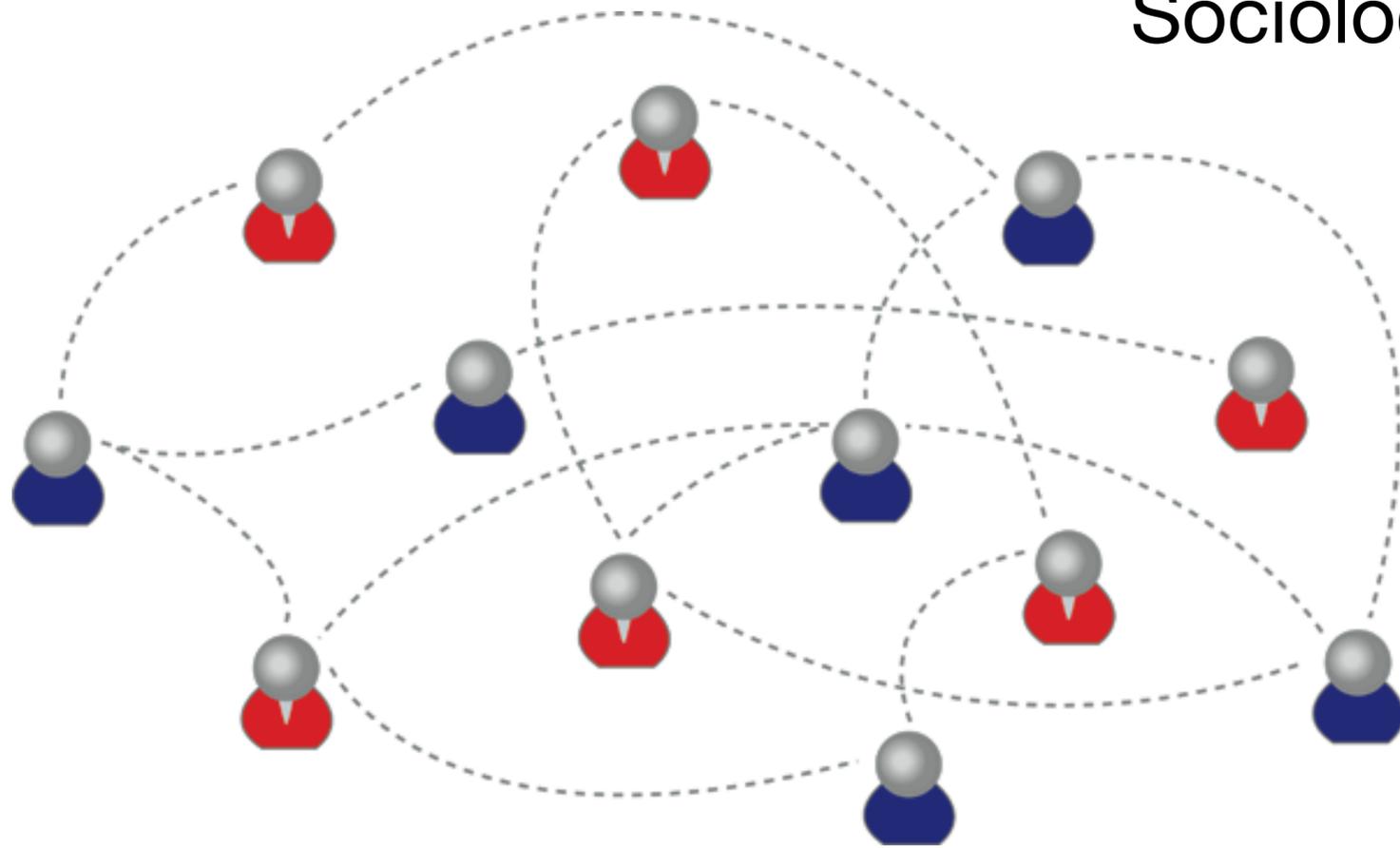
# Air travel network



Disease spreading

# Social networks

Information spreading  
Disease spreading  
Sociology

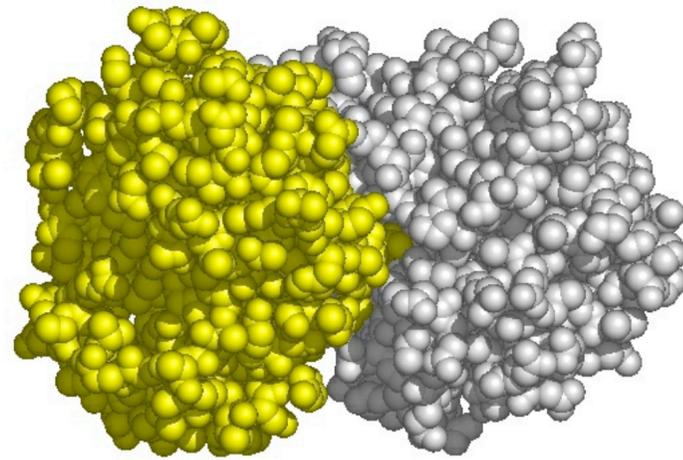


## Applications

Marketing  
Vaccine distribution  
Social media  
Emergency response  
....

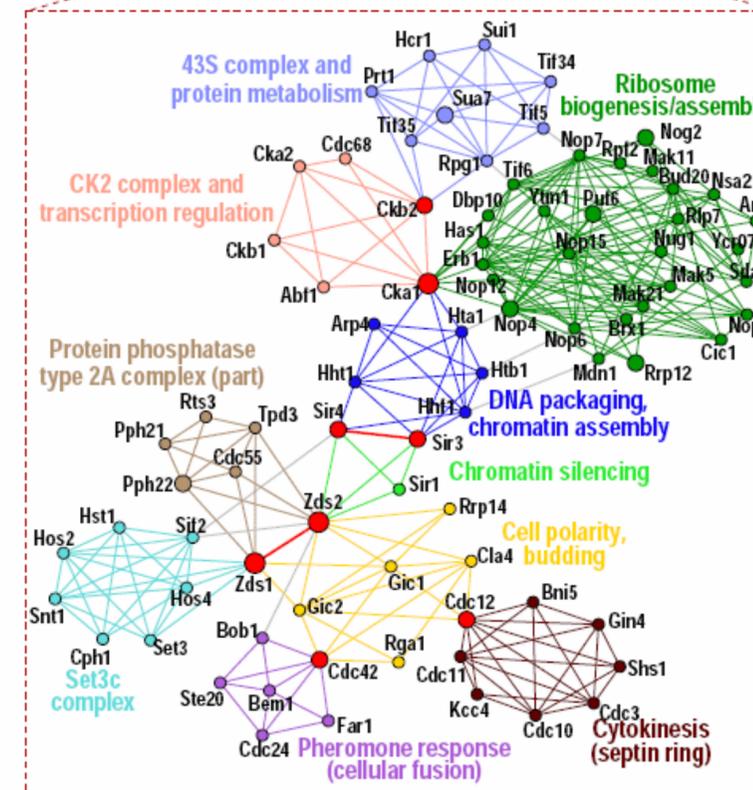
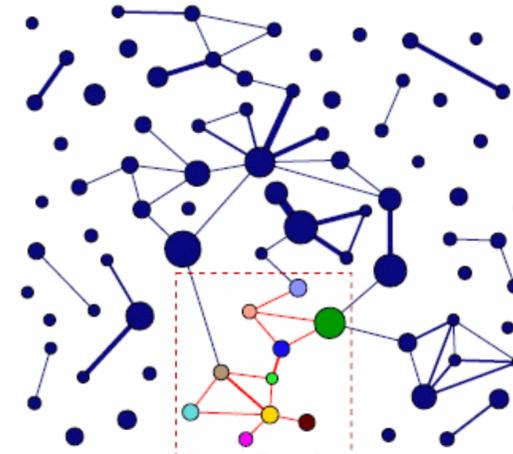


# Biological networks

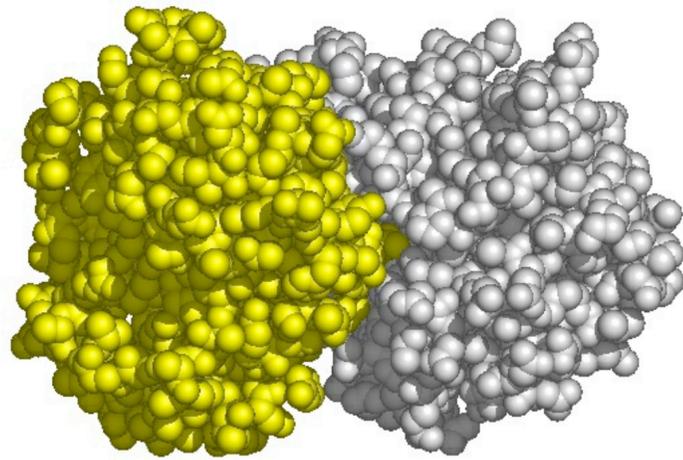


Protein-Protein  
Interaction networks

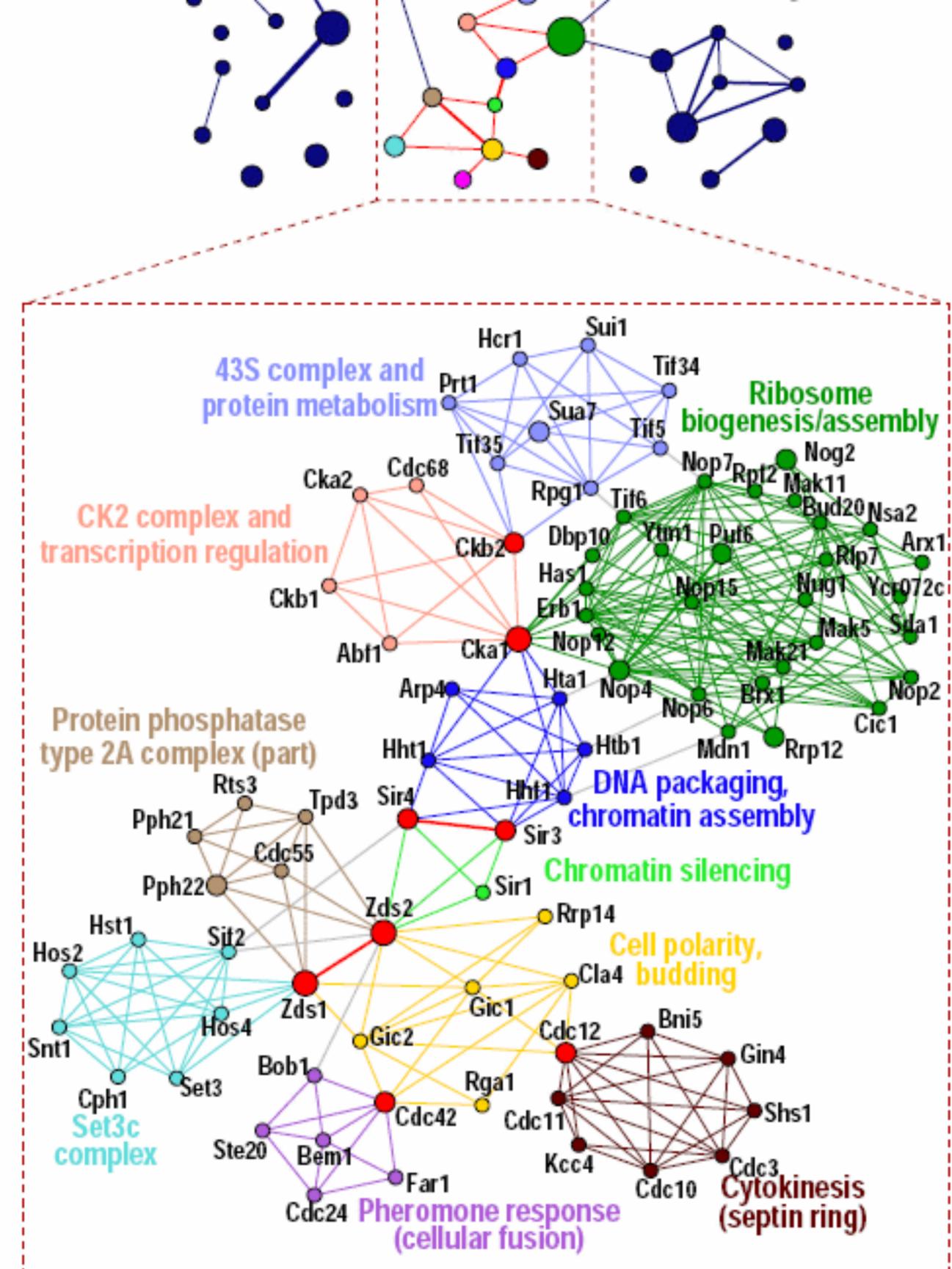
Another **HUGE** area



# Biological networks



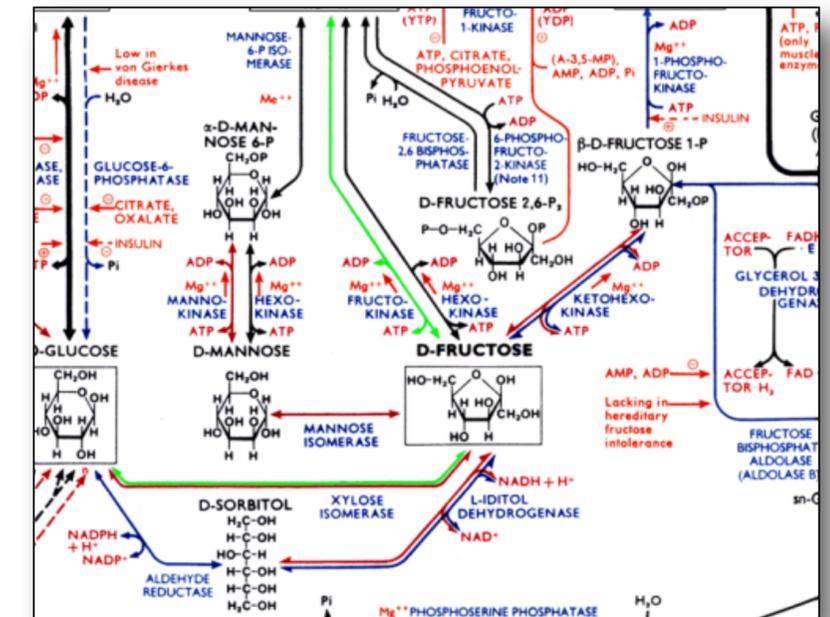
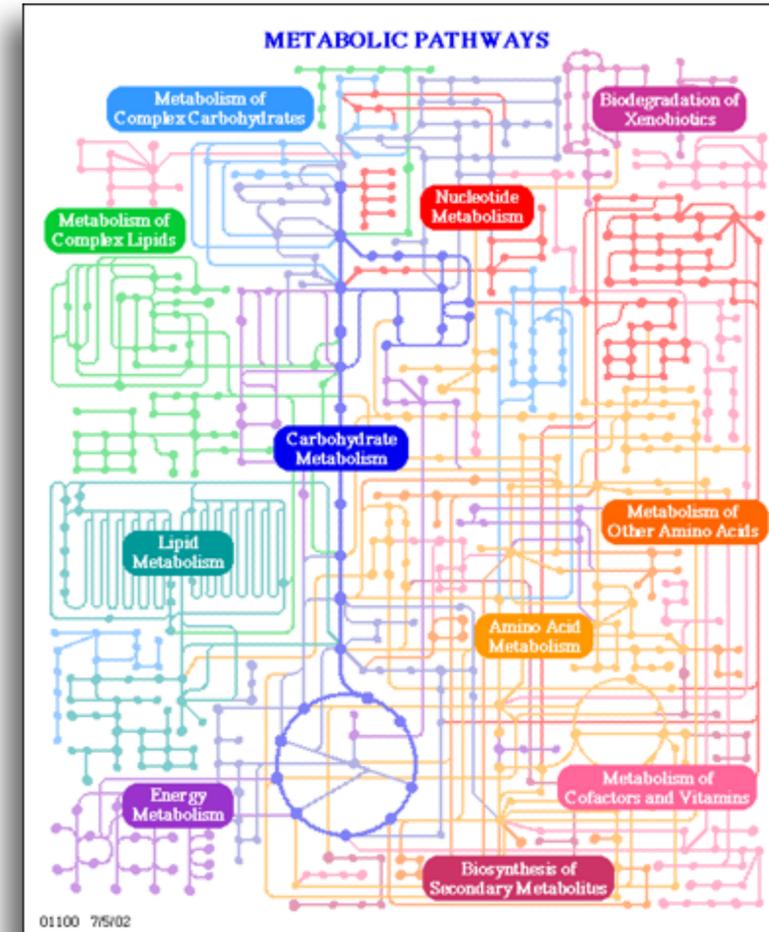
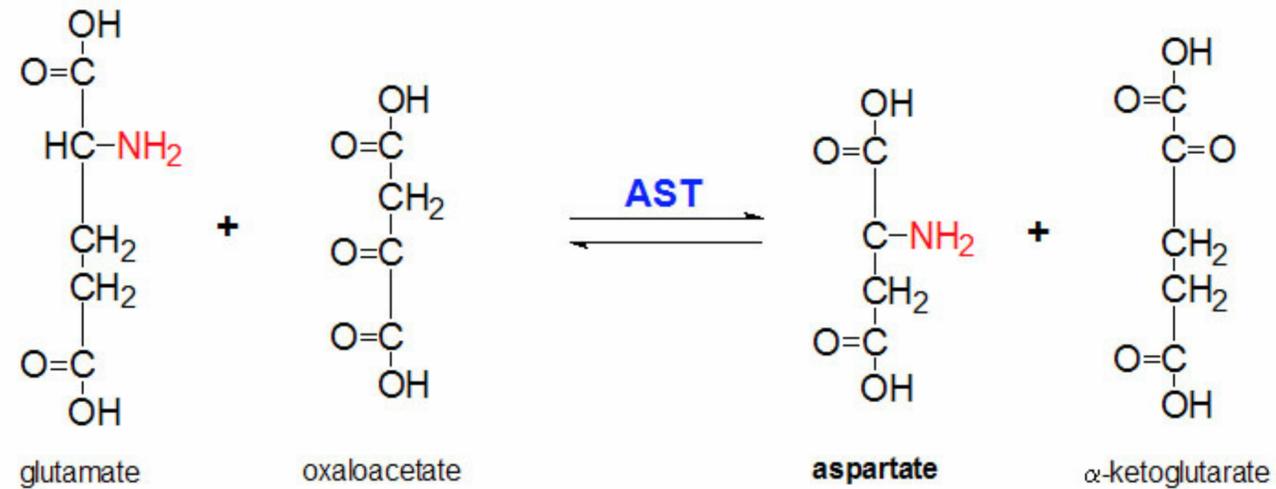
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# Metabolic networks

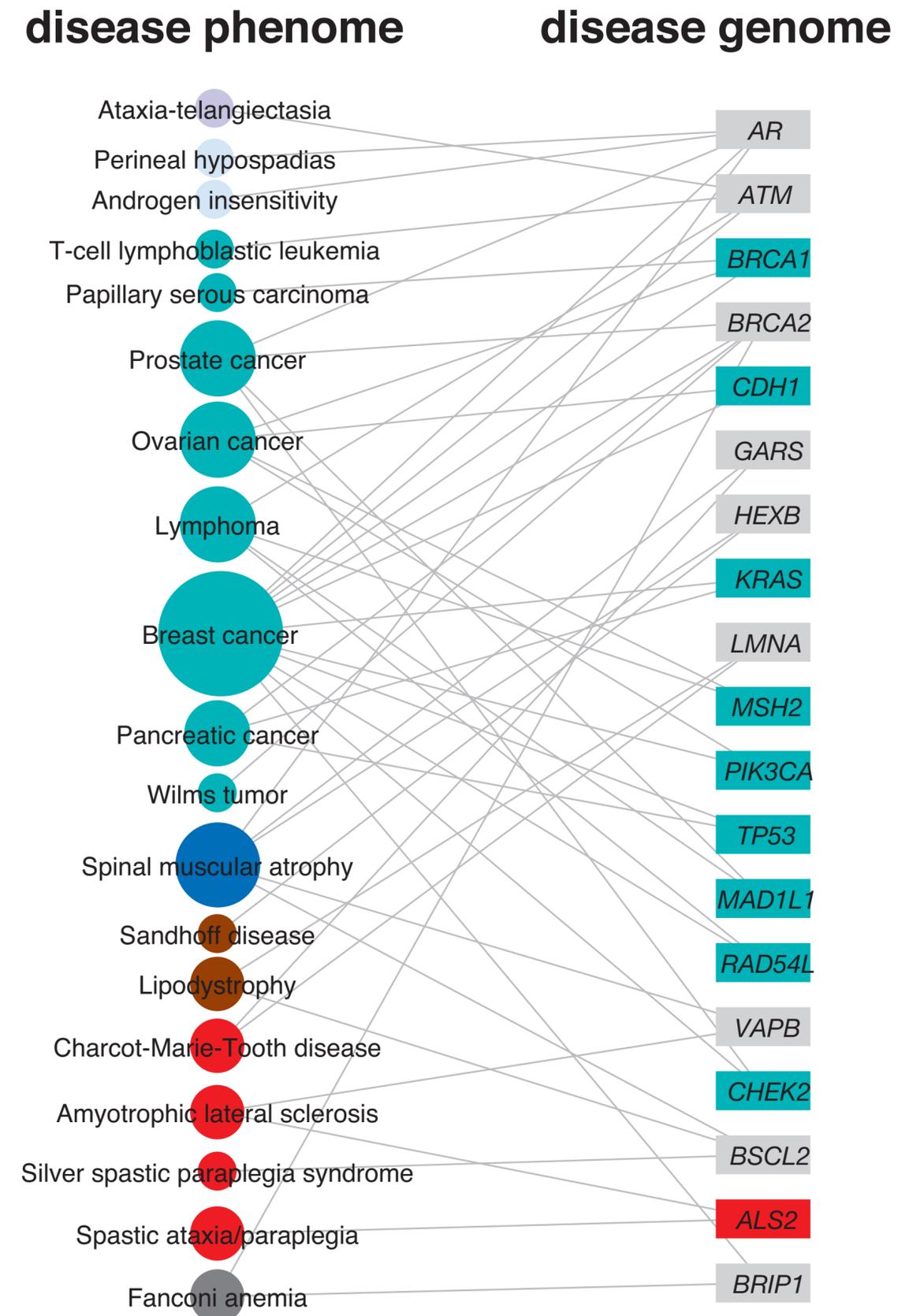
Metabolites (chemicals)

Reactions involving metabolites



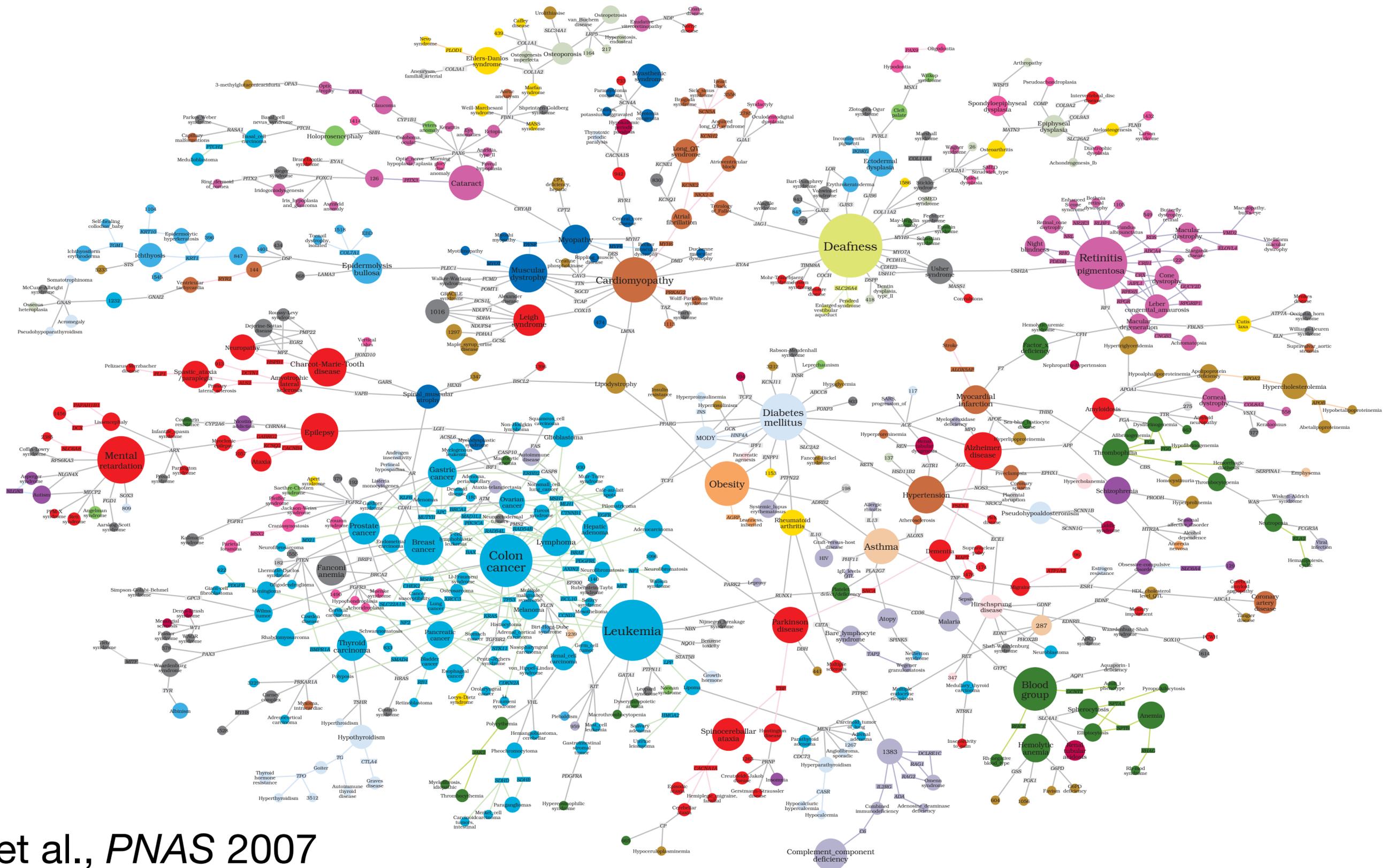
# “Diseaseome”

Network between **diseases** and **genes** associated with those diseases



# The human disease network

Goh K-I, Cusick ME, Valle D, Childs B, Vidal M, Barabási A-L (2007) *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 104:8685-8690

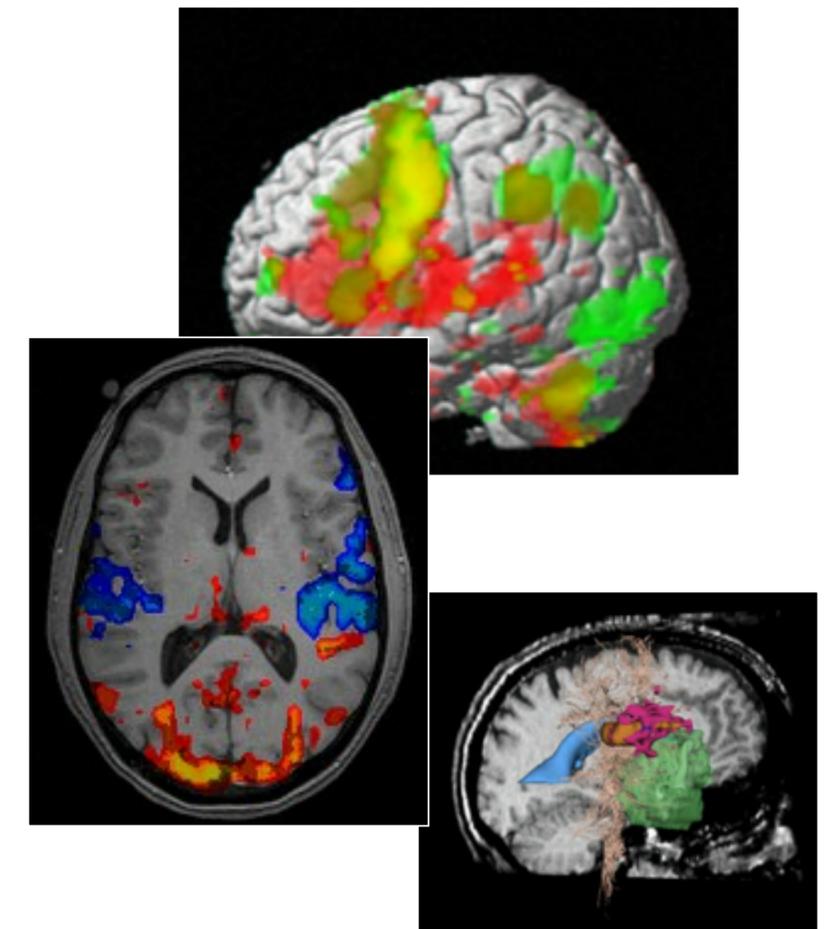
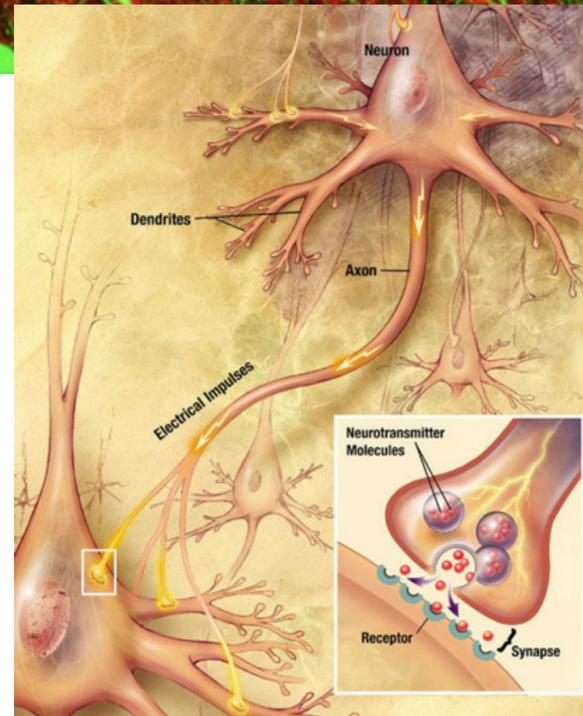
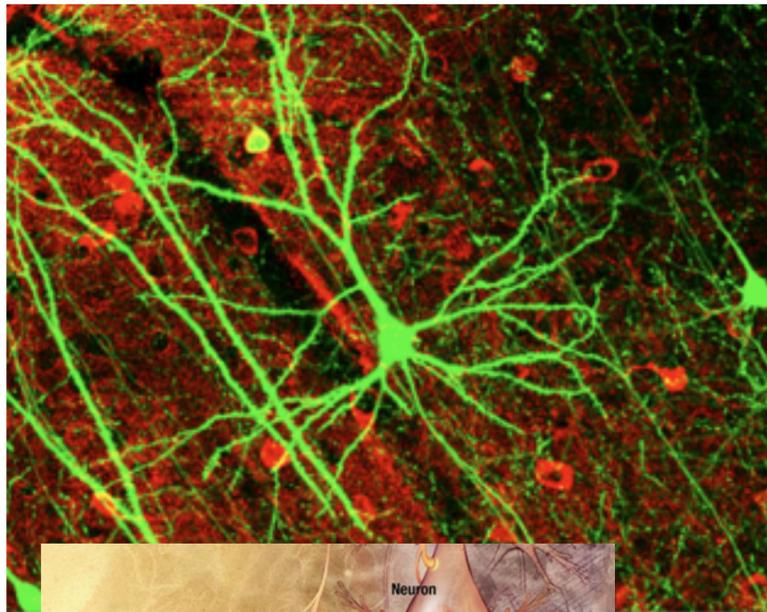


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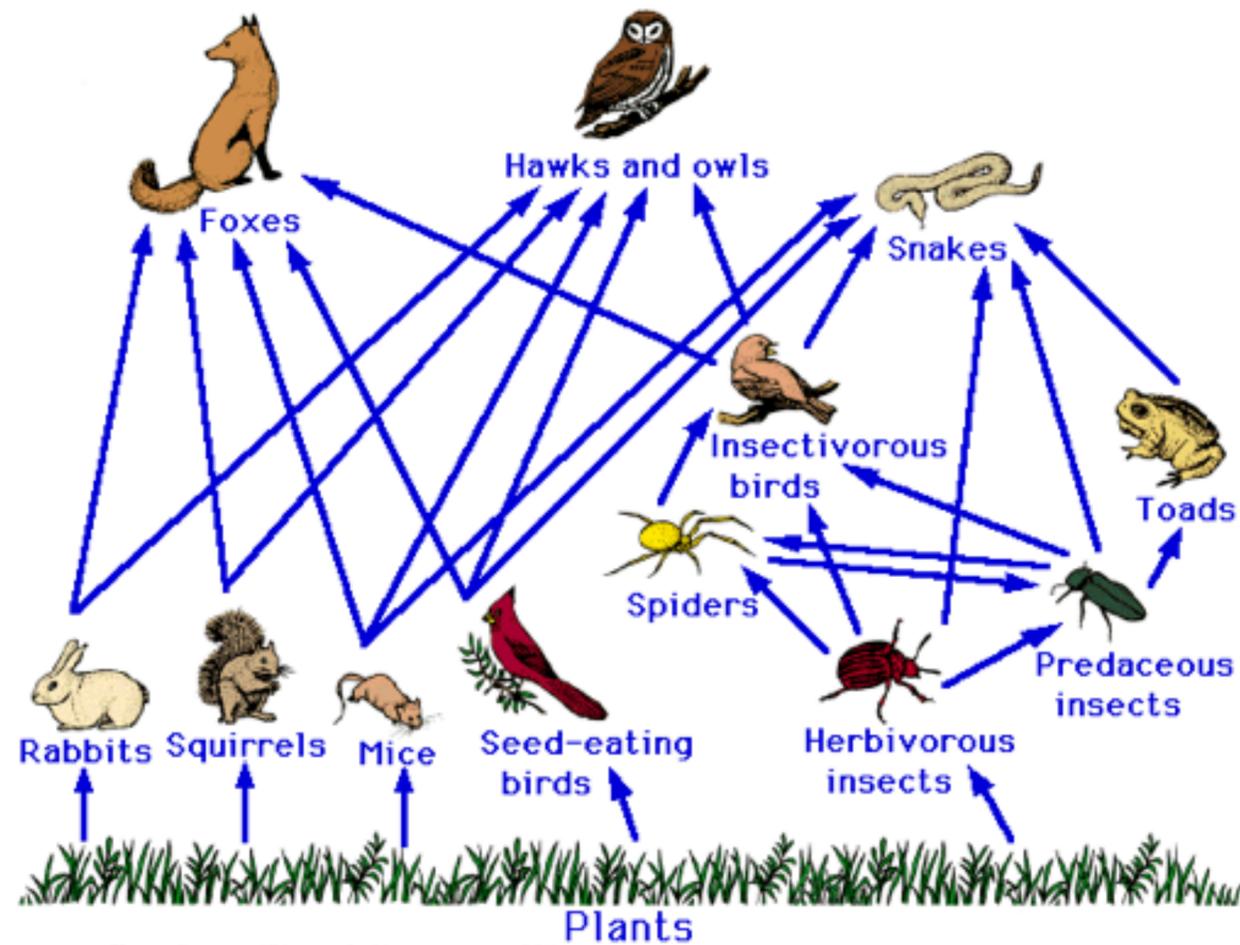
# Neuroscience

## Networks from **Neuroimaging**

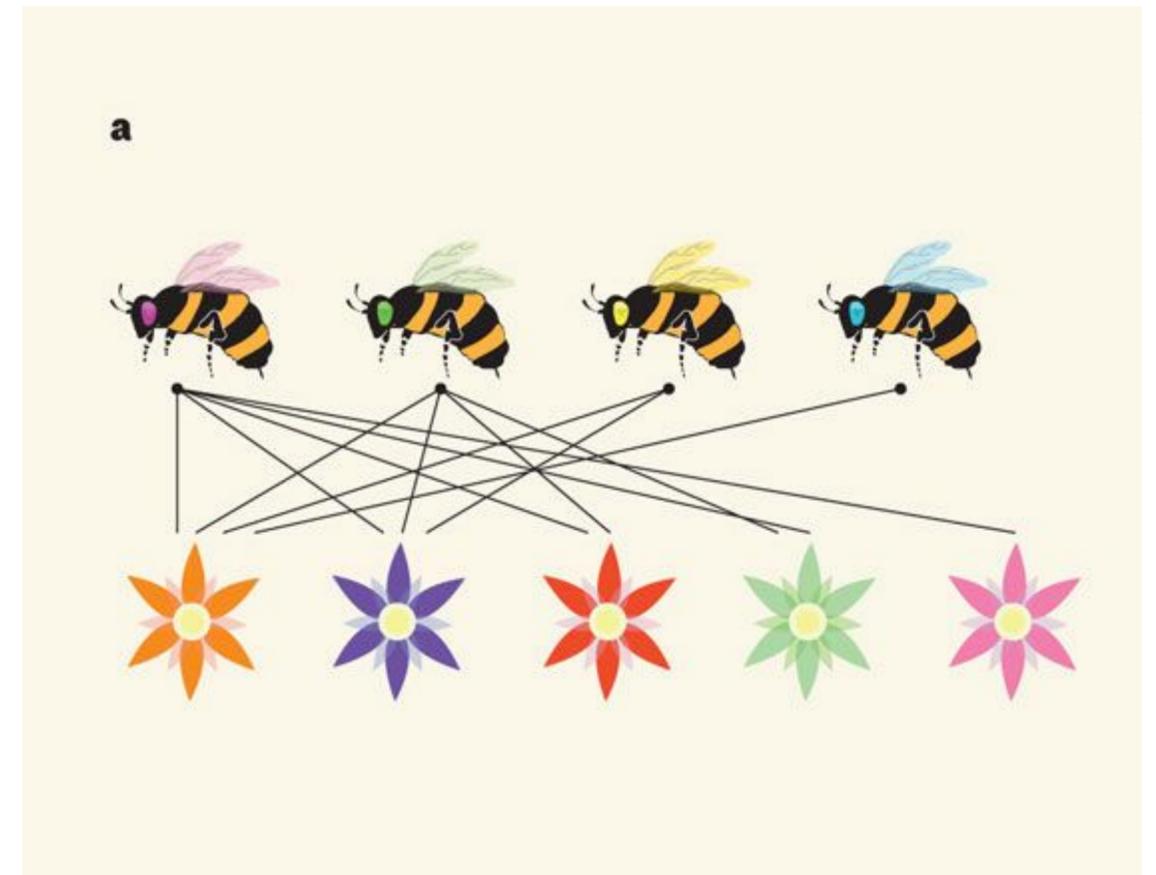


# Ecology

## Food webs

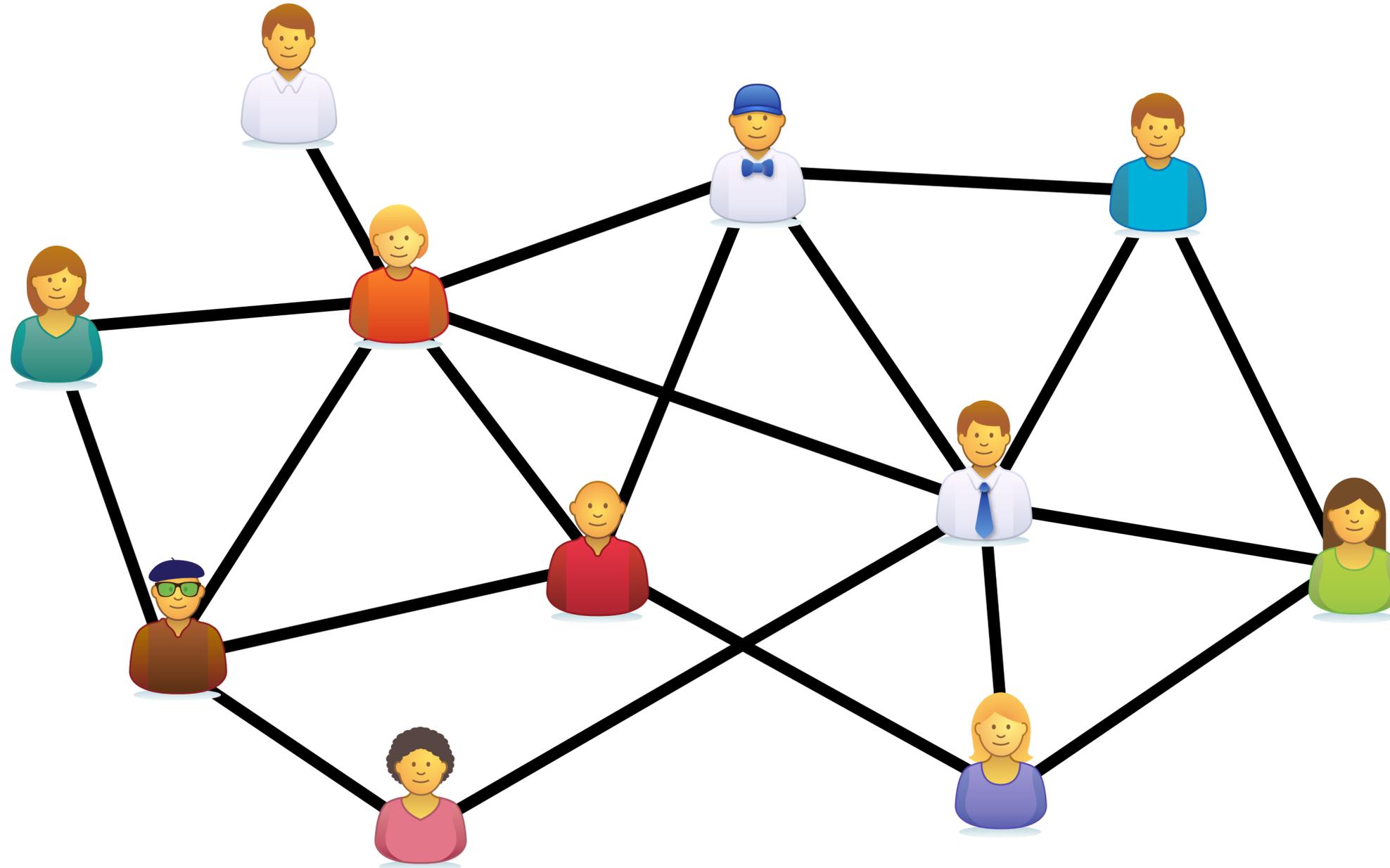


## Mutualistic Networks

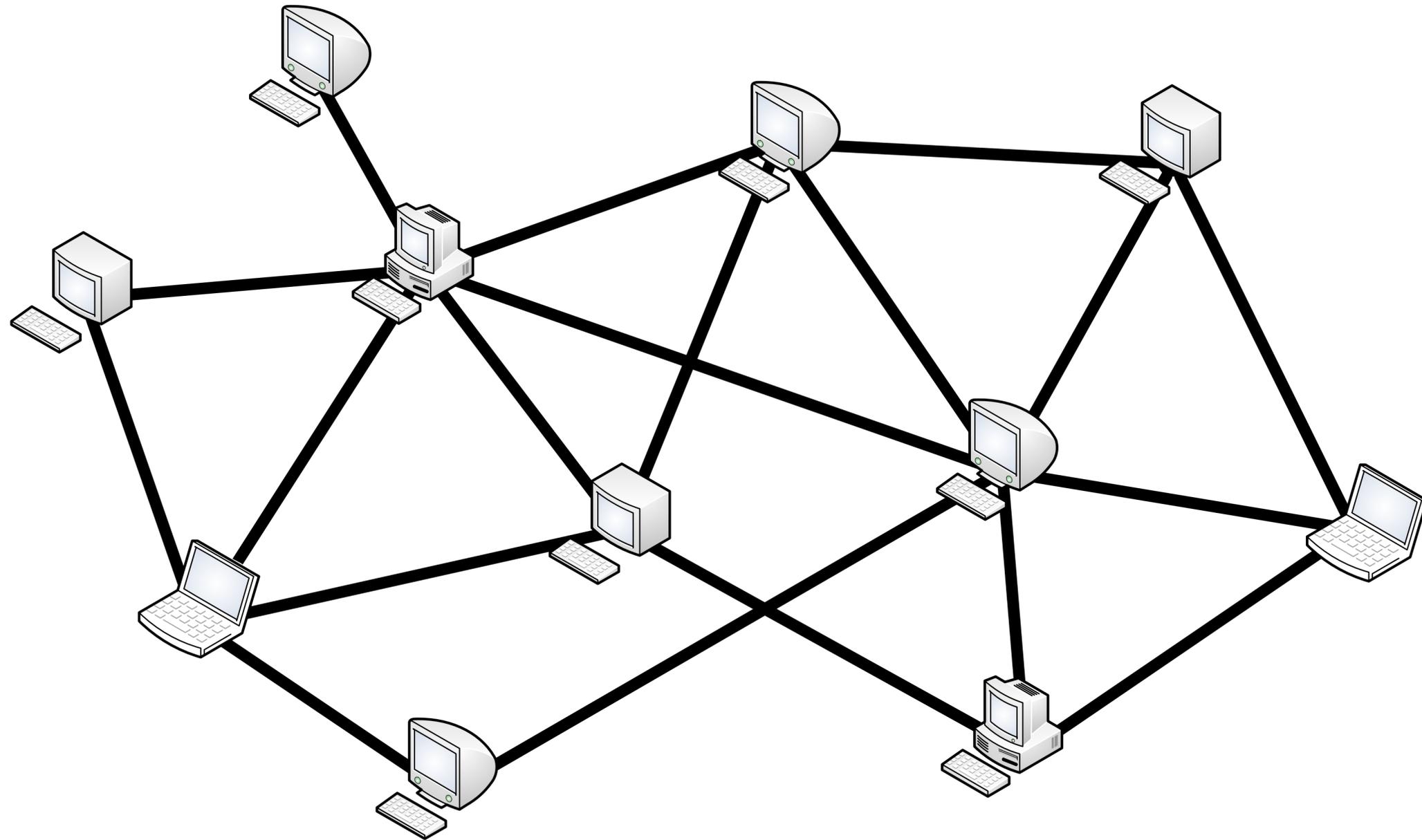


**Summary so far**

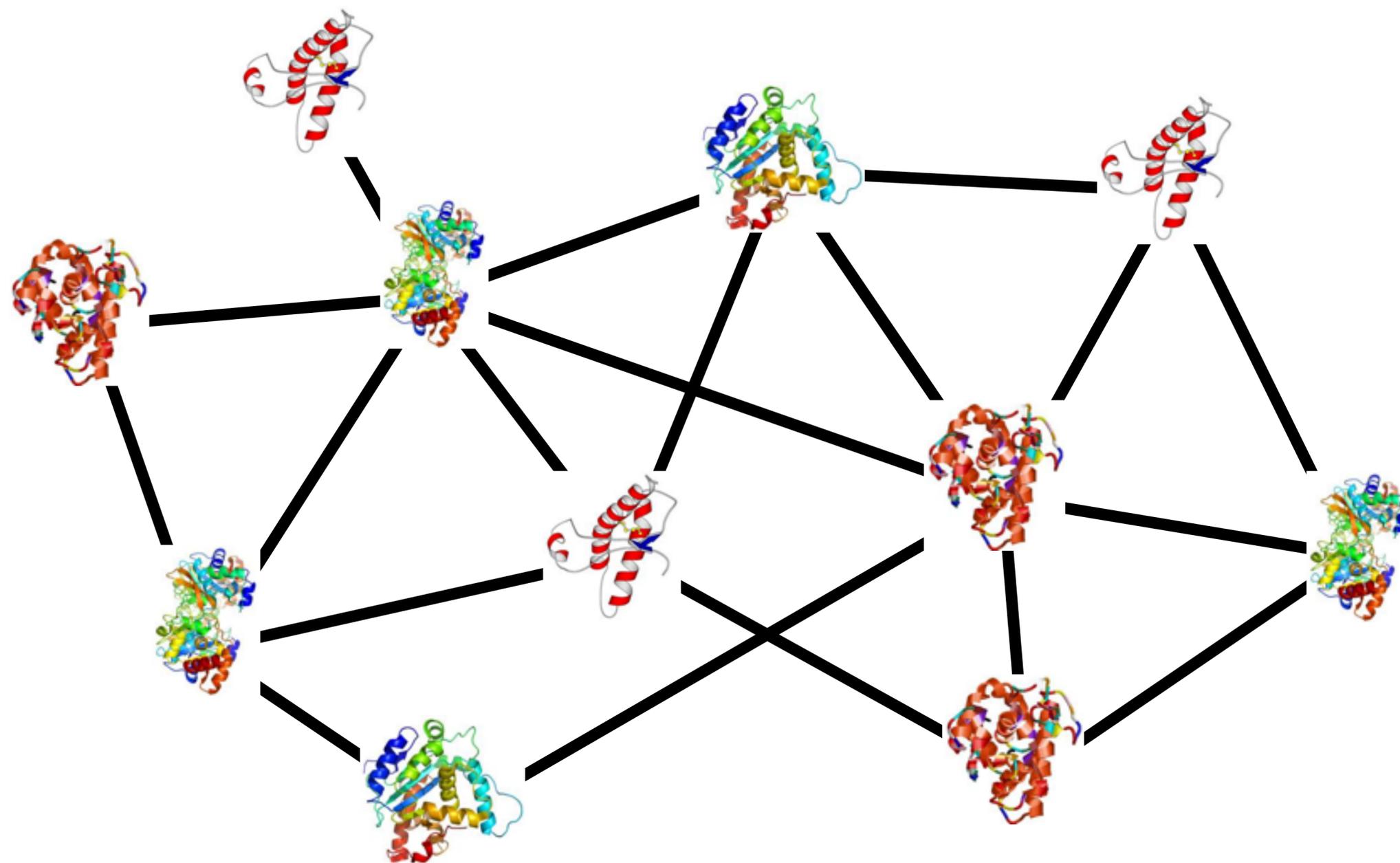
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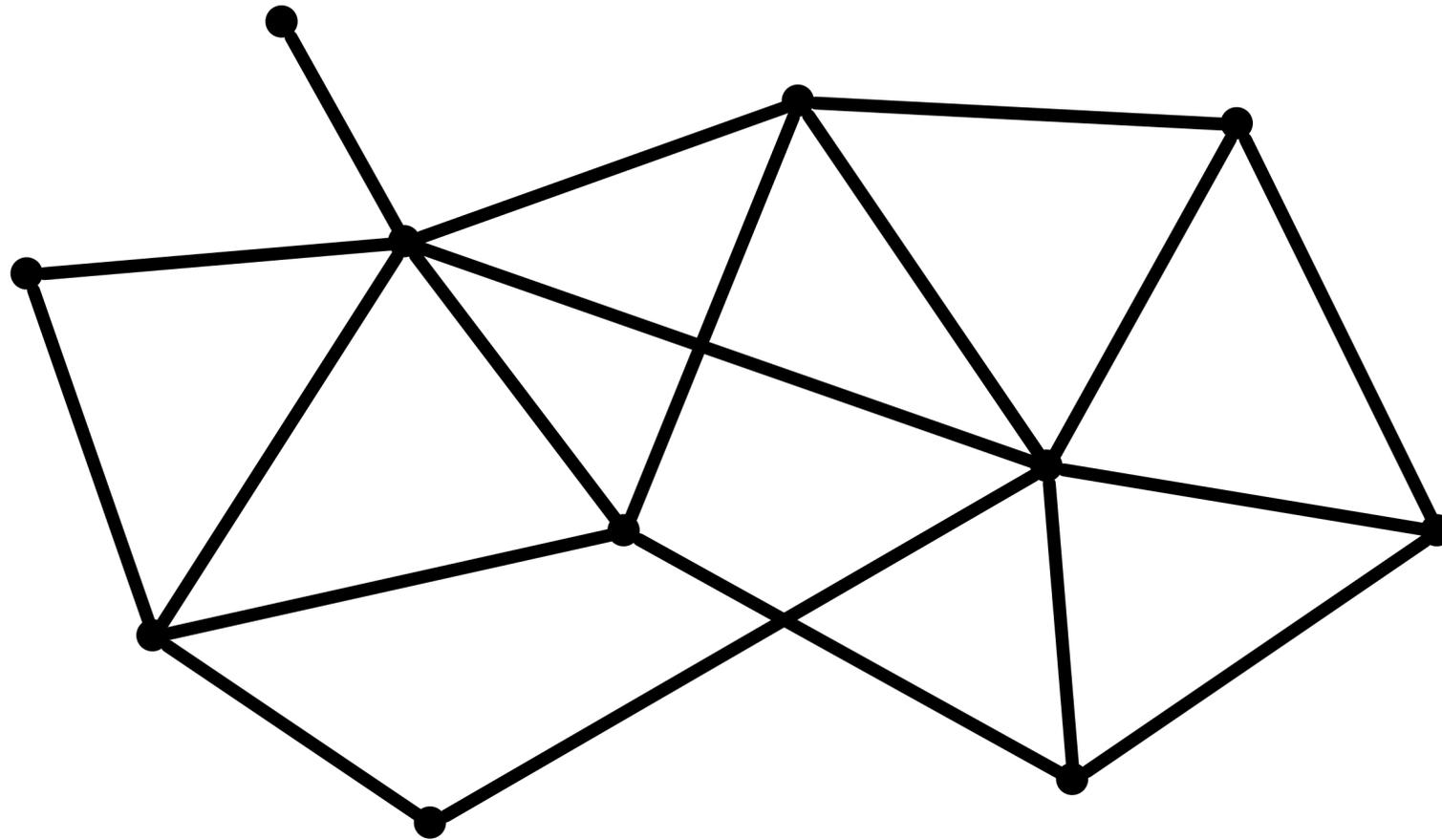
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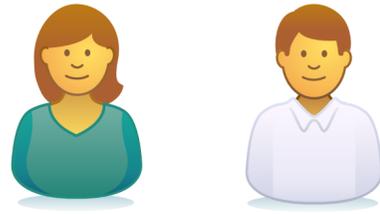
**very**

**general**

**entities** and the  
**relationships**  
between them

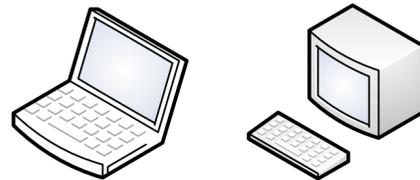
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## entities

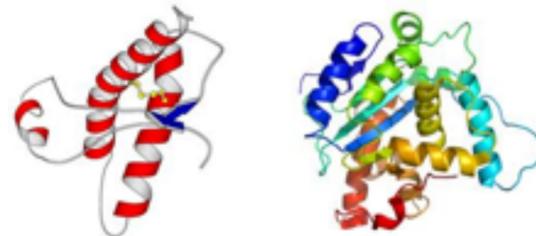


## relationships

friendship, family, sexual



transmit data, shared power



bind together, signal transduction

# Networks

entities



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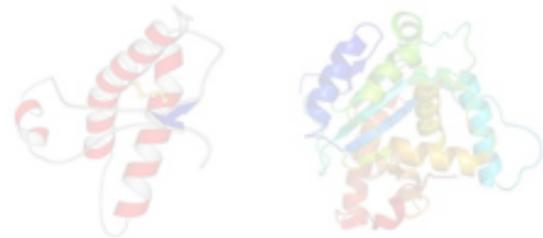
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# Why study networks?

Simple components



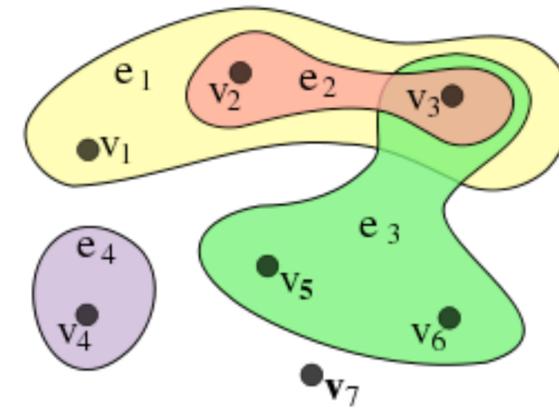
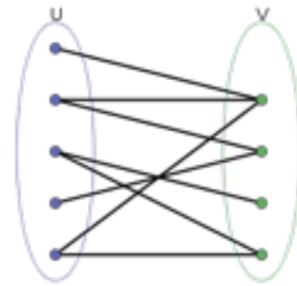
Interacting



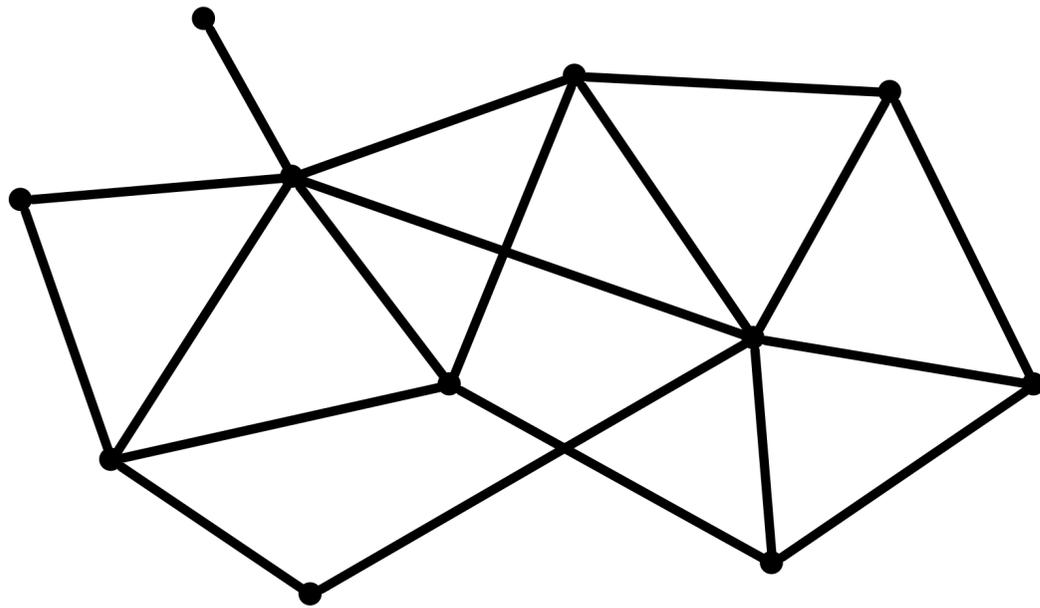
**Complex systems**

*Many* complex systems  
are amenable to network  
representations

# Types of networks and **sub**networks



# Basic network



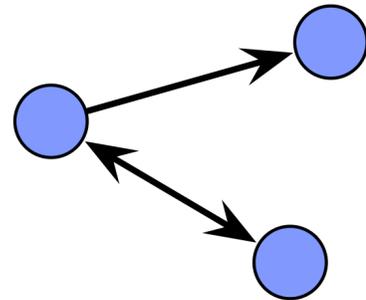
Static network

Links are bidirectional

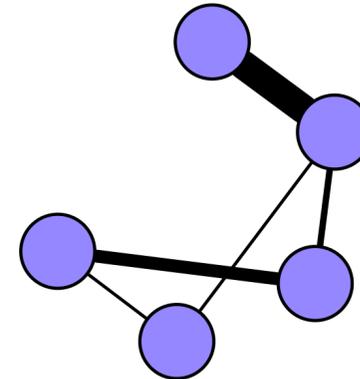
Links equal "strength"

# Types and Generalizations

**directed** network



**weighted** network



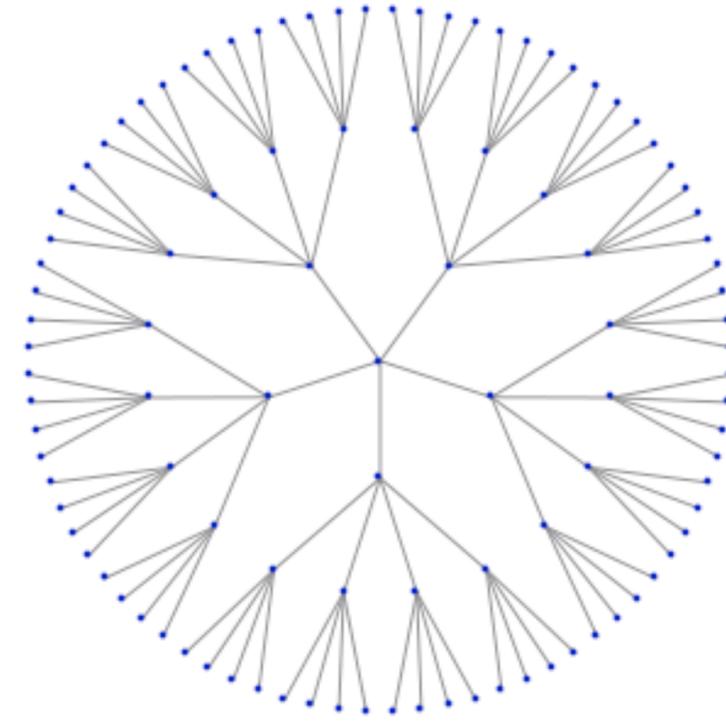
**Temporal** network

**Multilayer/multiplex** network

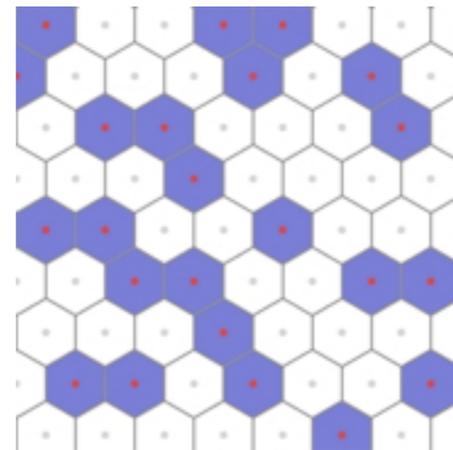
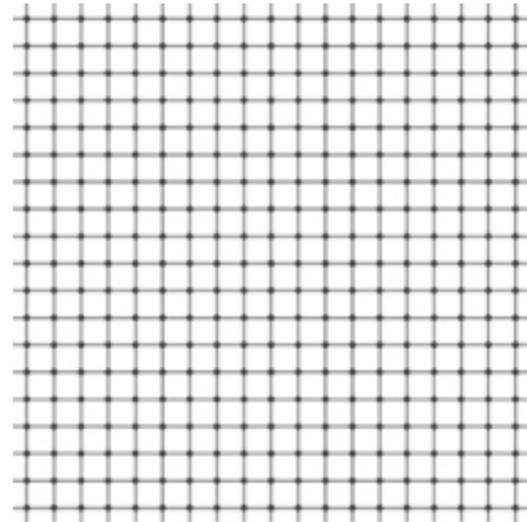
# Network **zoology**

Trees

Networks with **no loops**

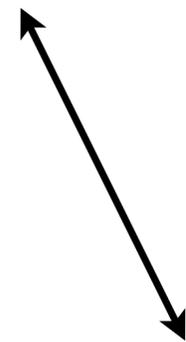


Lattices

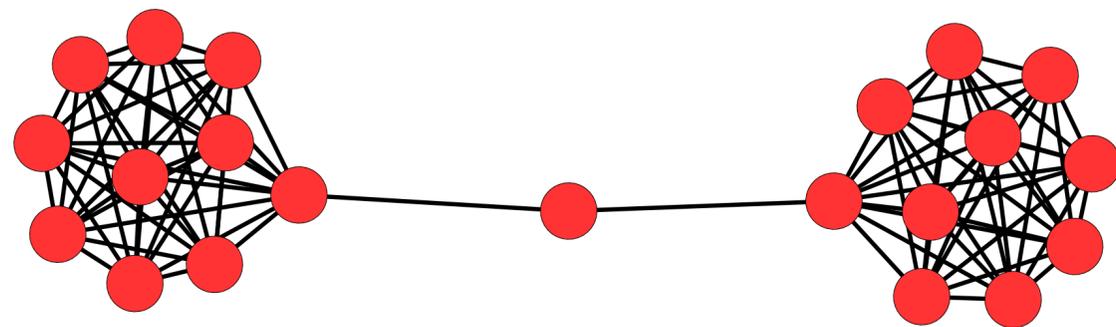


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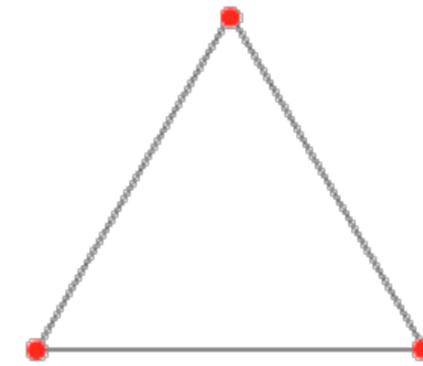
Complete graph



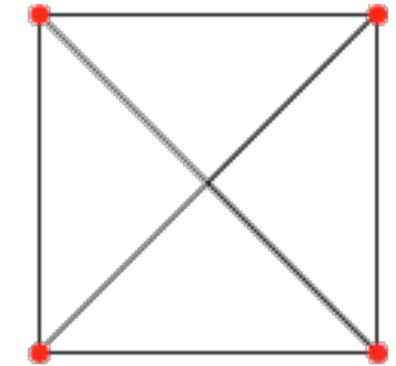
Clique



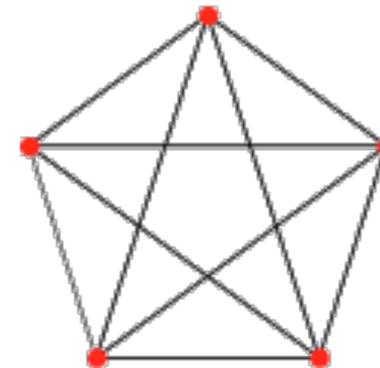
$K_2$



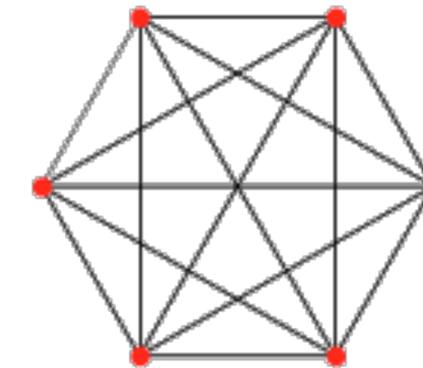
$K_3$



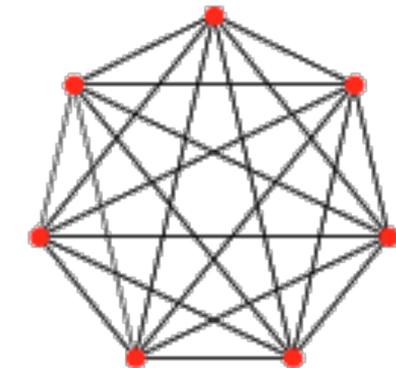
$K_4$



$K_5$



$K_6$



$K_7$

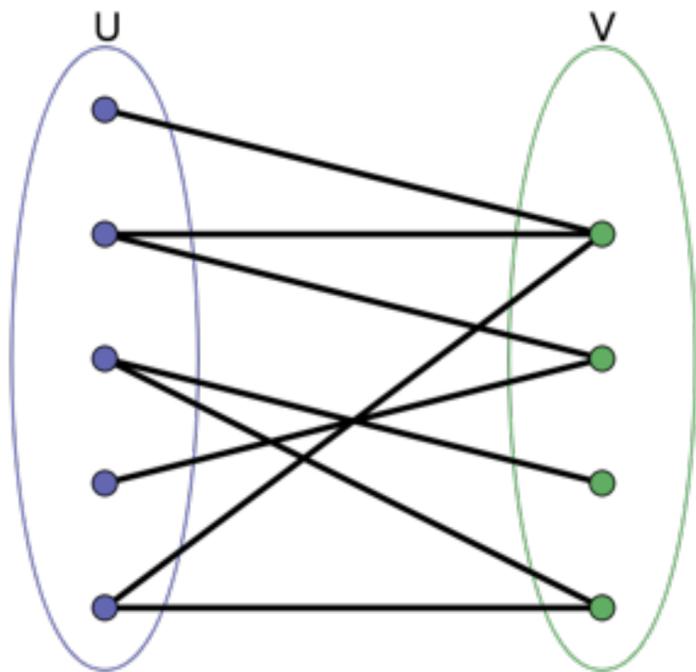
Mathworld

# Network **zoology**

## Bipartite graph

Two **types** of nodes

Links only between nodes of **different types**

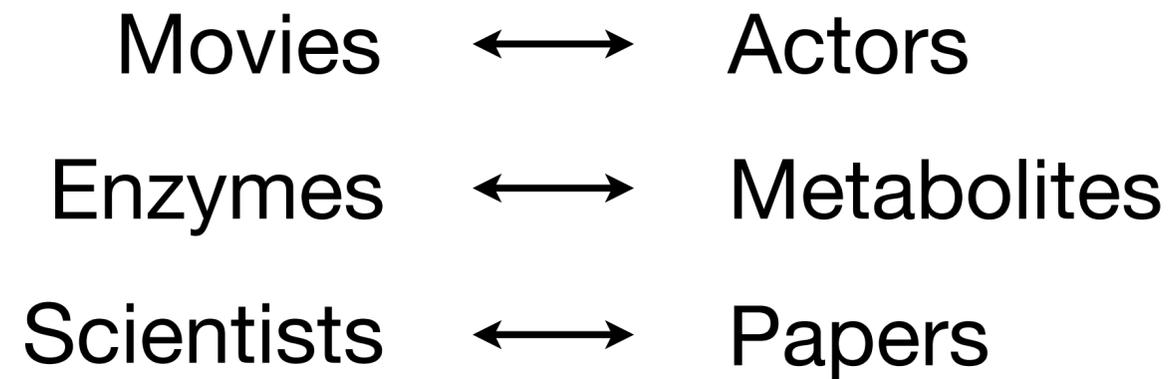
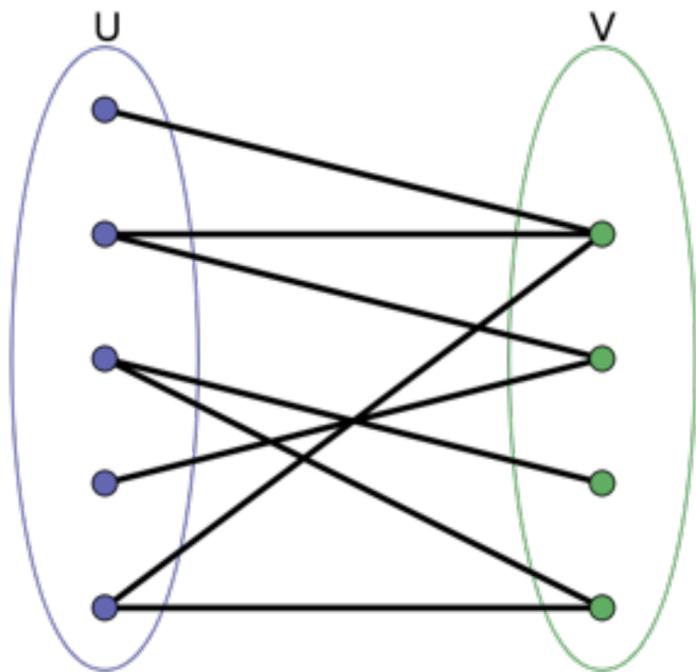


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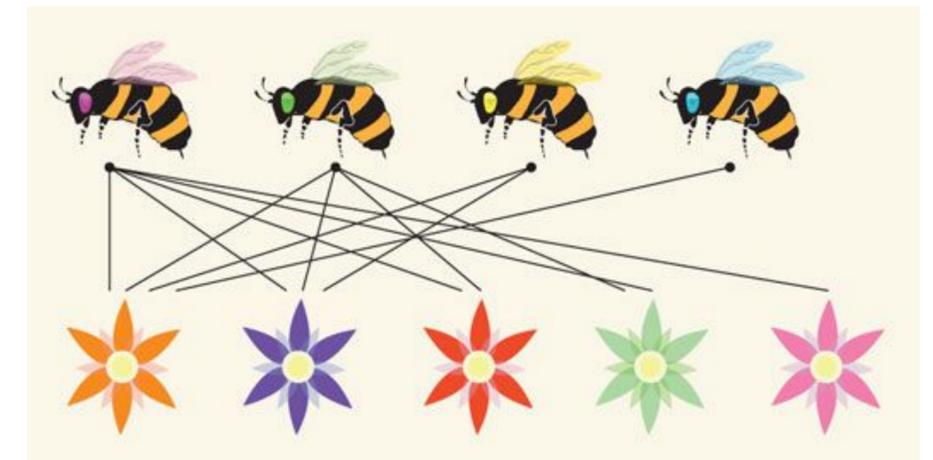
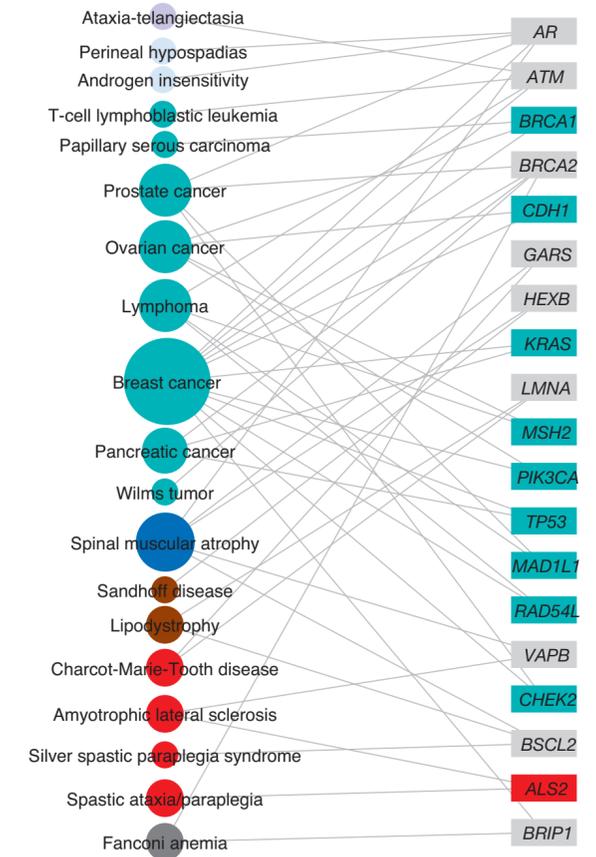
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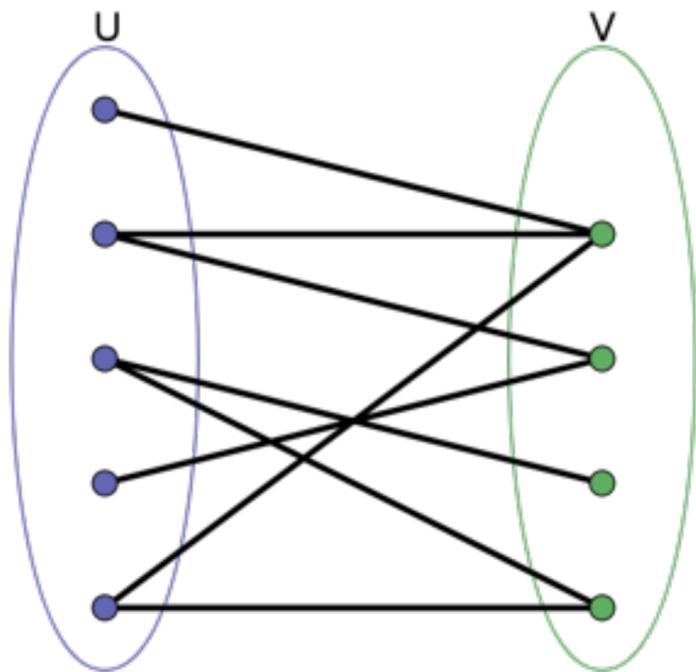
disease phenotype      disease genome



# Network zoology

## Bipartite projection

connect nodes in one group that have **common nodes** in the other group



Movies  $\longleftrightarrow$  Actors

“**Movies** that star the same actor(s)”

“**Actors** that appeared in the same movie(s)”

# Network Quantifiers

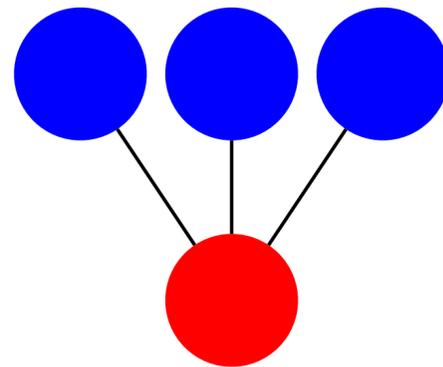
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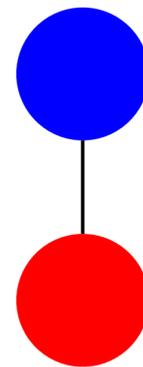
# Degree distribution

**Degree** — (perhaps) most fundamental property of a node

Number of **neighbors** connected to a node



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deg = 1



deg = 0

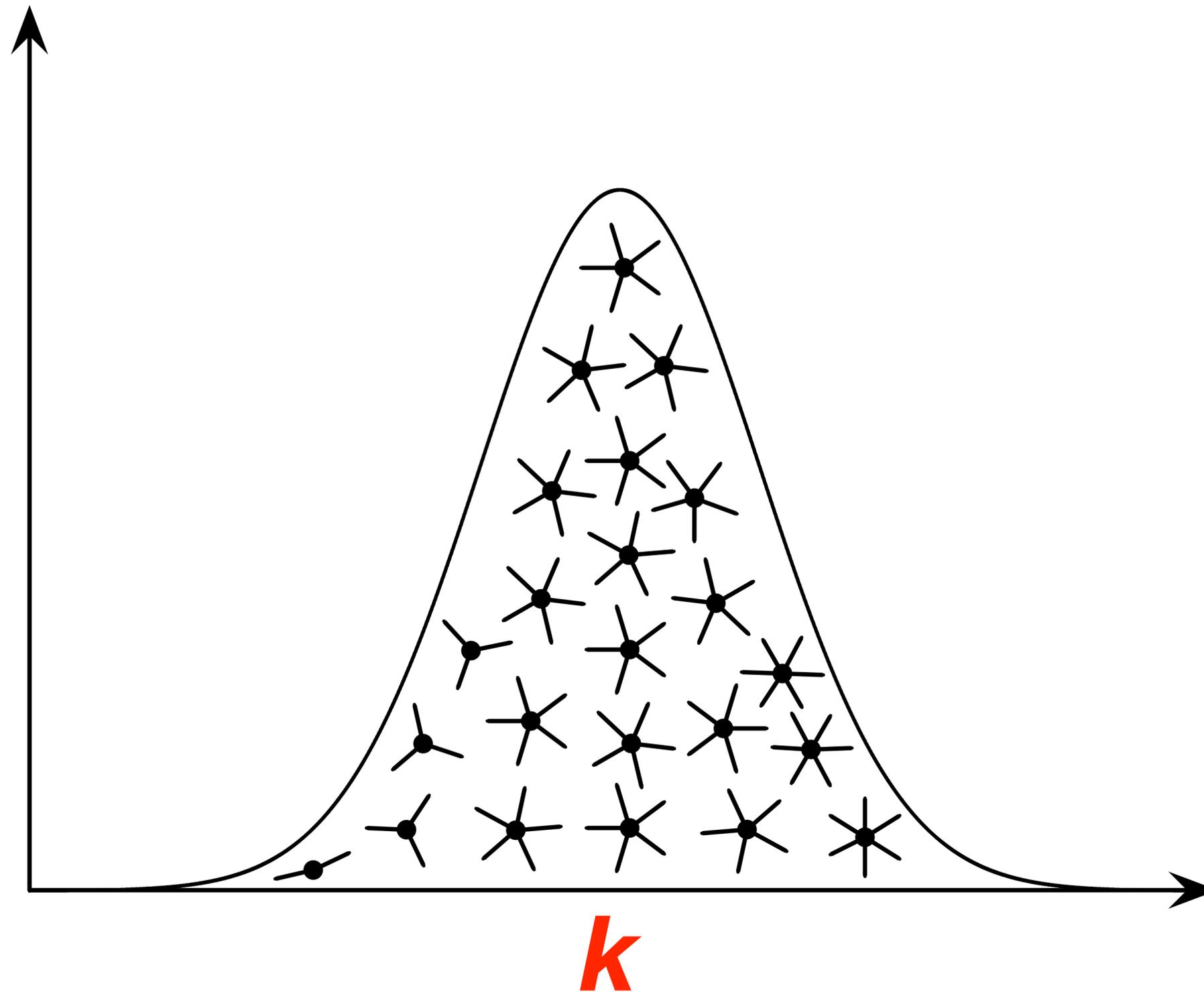
# Degree distribution

$P(k)$

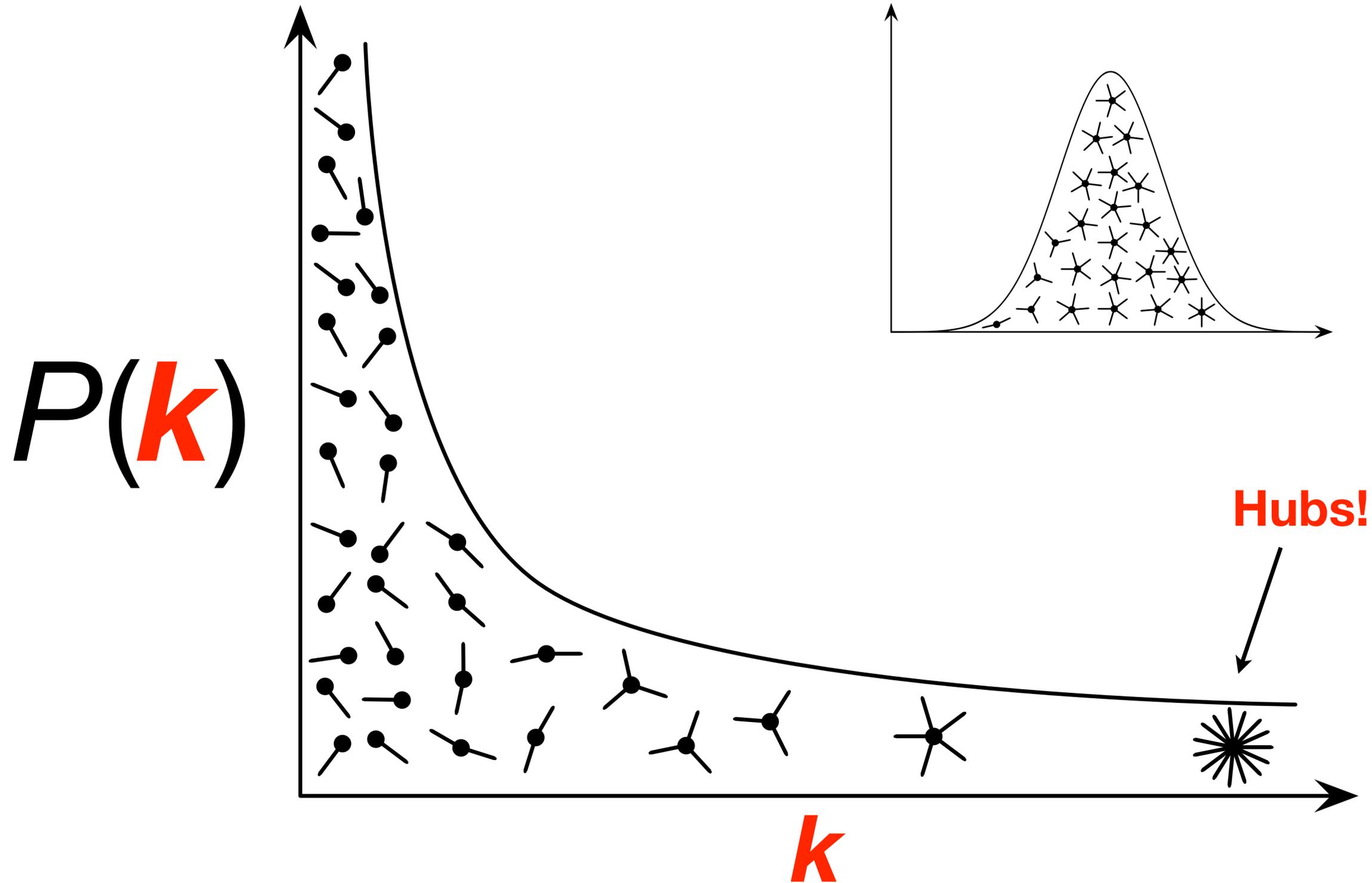
Probability that a  
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has degree  $k$

# Degree distribution

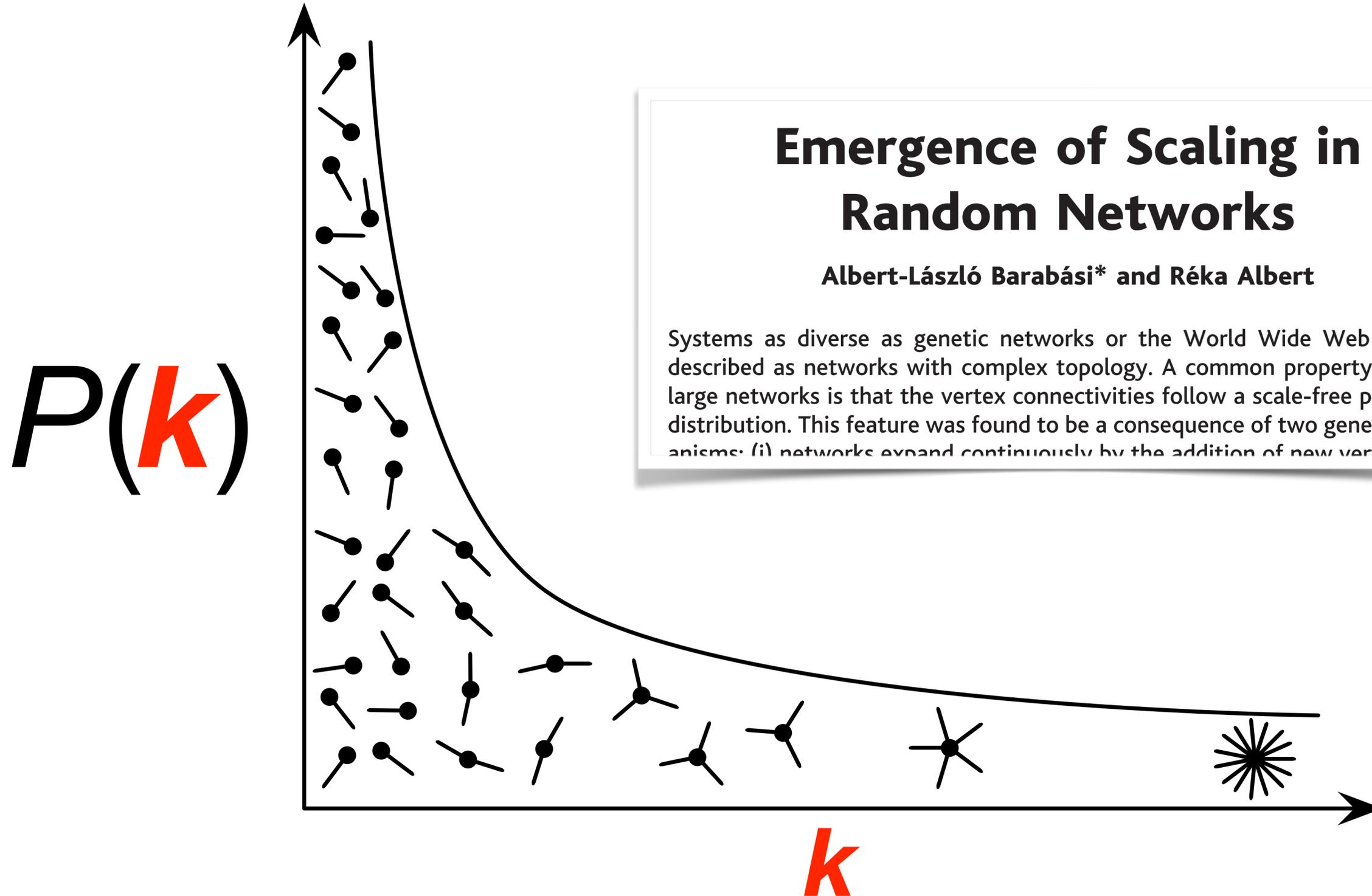
$P(k)$



# scale-free network



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## Emergence of Scaling in Random Networks

Albert-László Barabási\* and Réka Albert

Systems as diverse as genetic networks or the World Wide Web are best described as networks with complex topology. A common property of many large networks is that the vertex connectivities follow a scale-free power-law distribution. This feature was found to be a consequence of two generic mechanisms: (i) networks expand continuously by the addition of new vertices, and

# Clustering coefficient



## **Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks**

**Duncan J. Watts\* & Steven H. Strogatz**

*Department of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Kimball Hall,  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, USA*



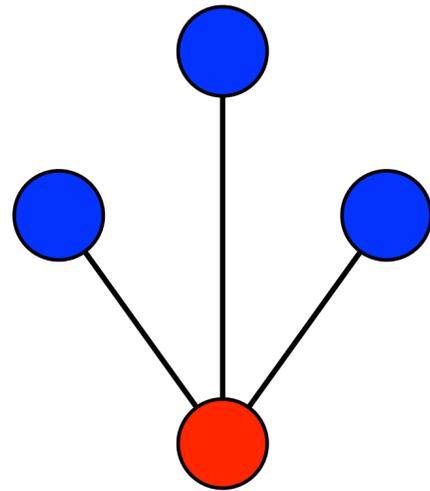
**Feature** of network  
neighborhoods

# Clustering coefficient

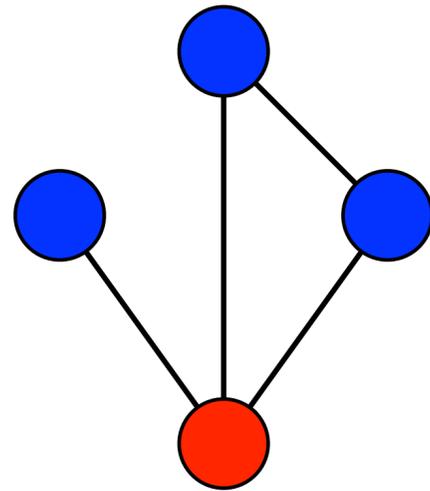


How many **triangles** are in the neighborhood?

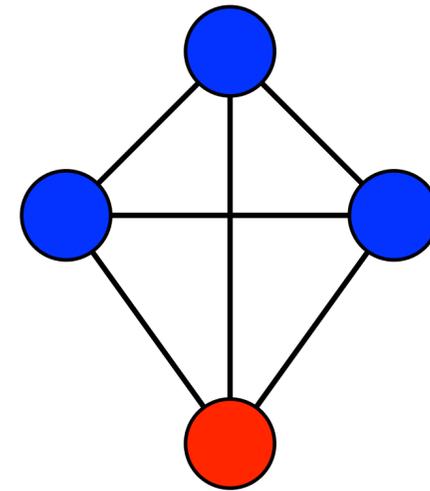
How many triangles **are possible**?



$$C_i = 0$$



$$C_i = 1/3$$



$$C_i = 1$$

Real networks  $\Rightarrow$  **more triangles** than expected!

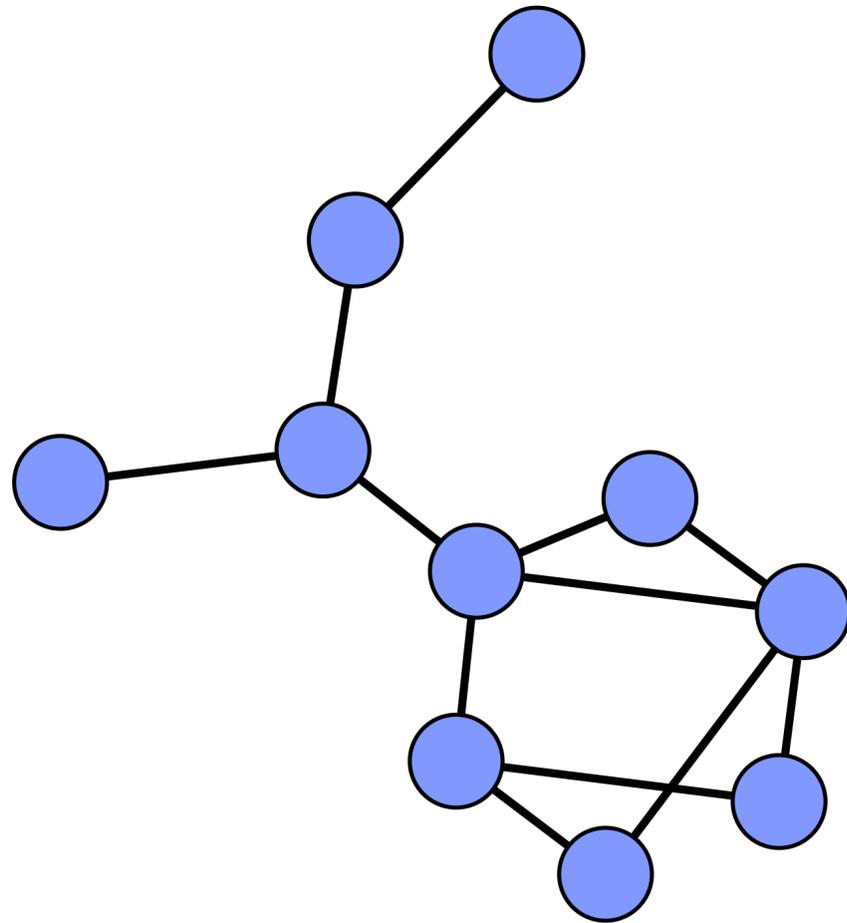
# Distances and Networks

Networks aren't thought of as existing in **ordinary space**

Space lets us tell how far apart things are

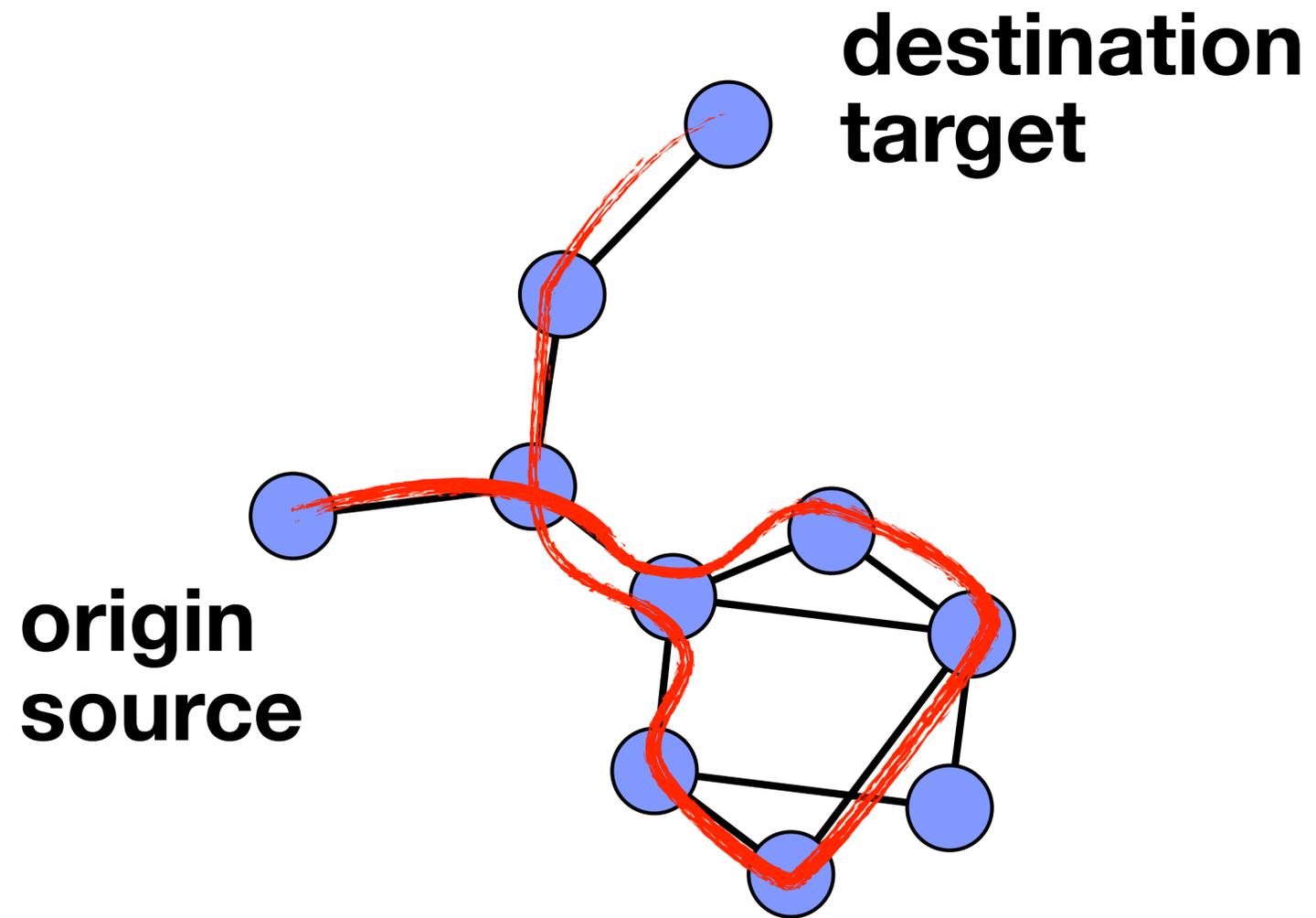
How to measure **distance** in a network?

# Paths



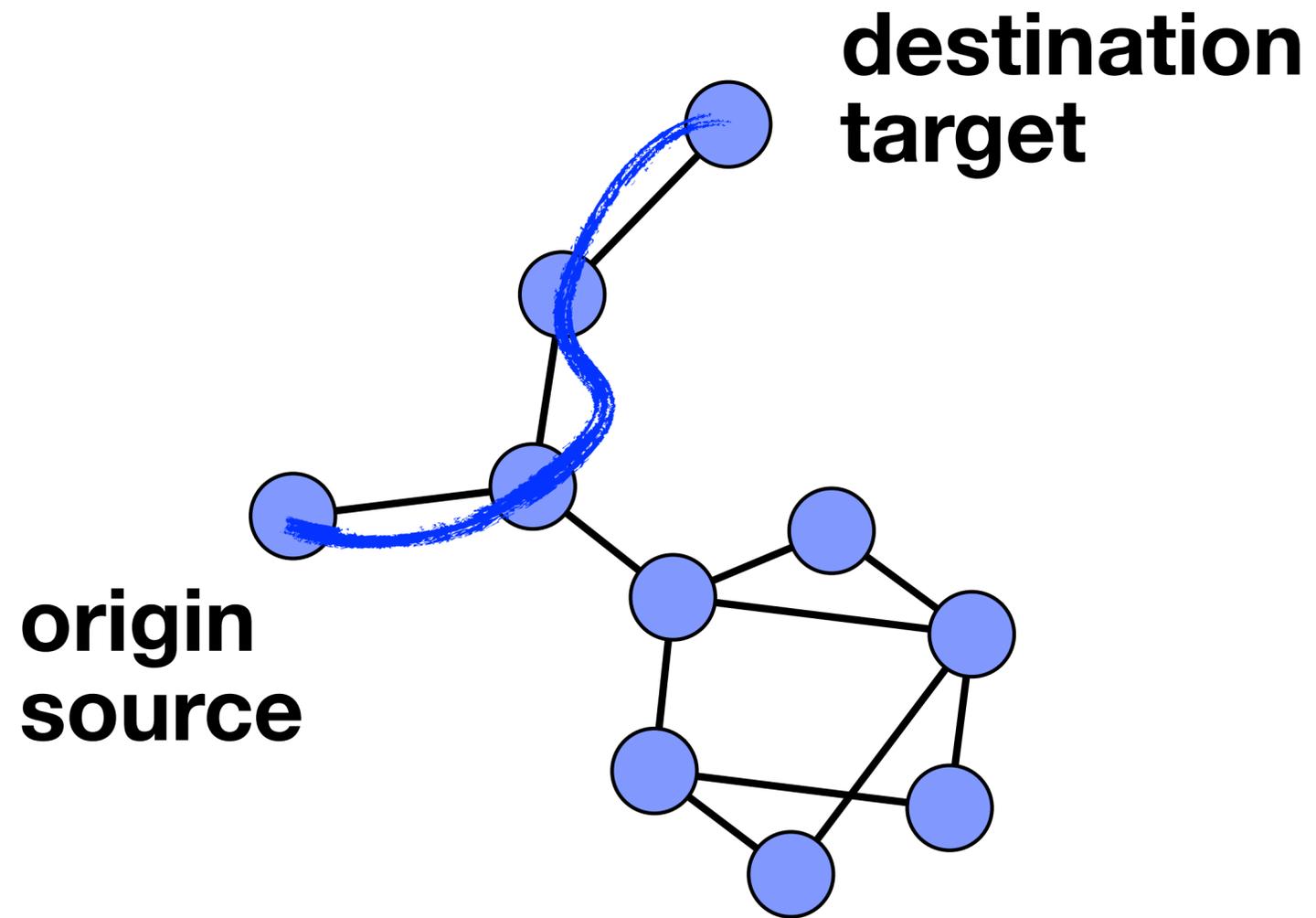


# Paths



many paths exist

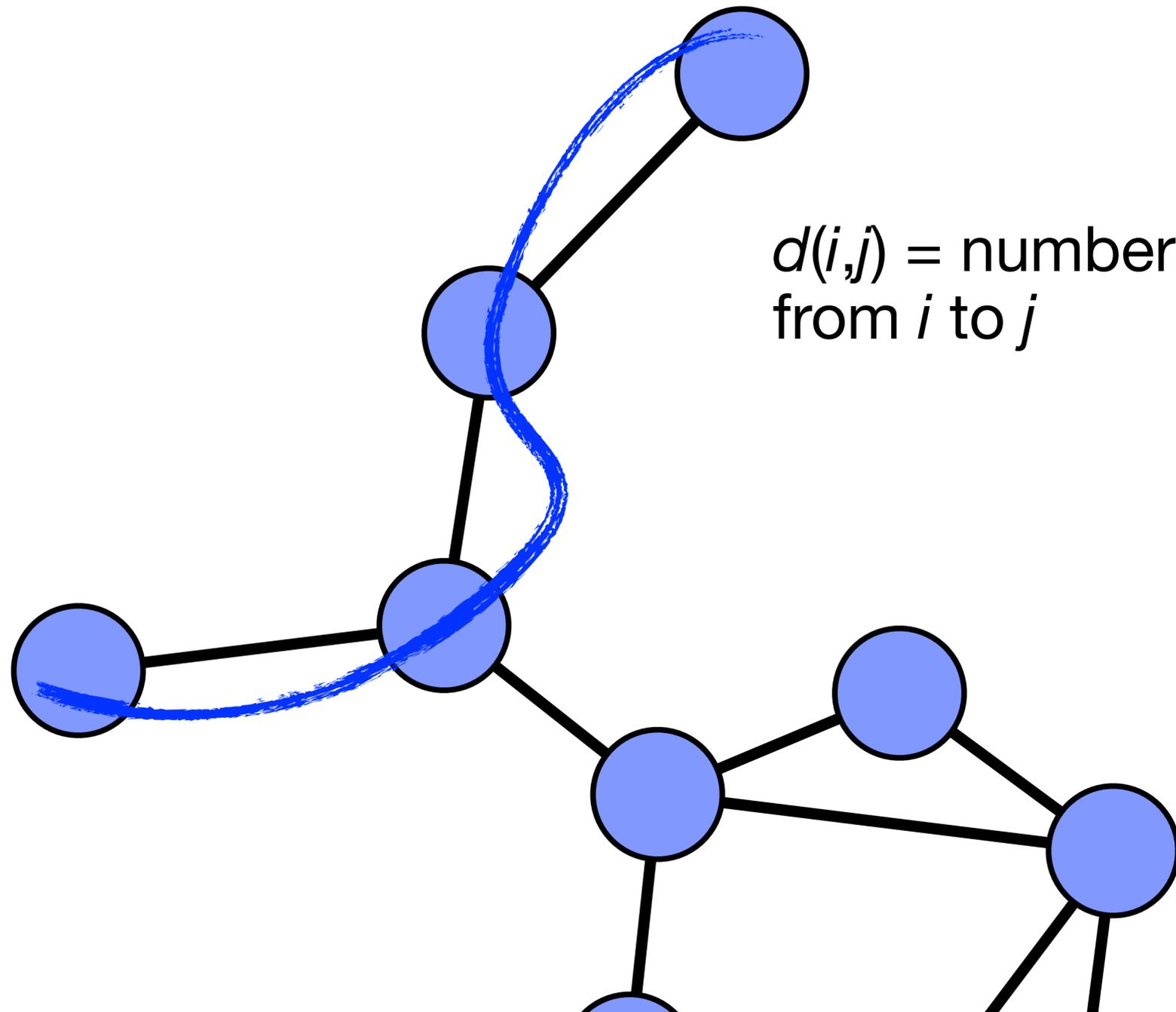
# Paths



many paths exist

we want the  
**shortest path**

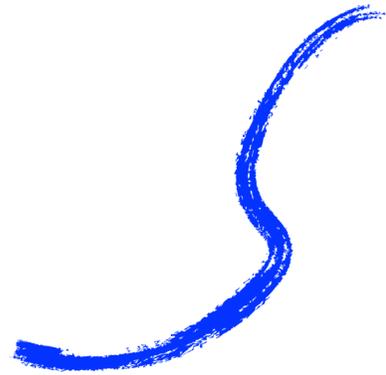
# Path Length



$d(i,j)$  = number of **hops** to get from  $i$  to  $j$

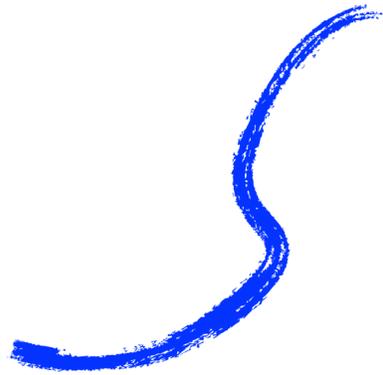
$$d = 3$$

# Set of **all** paths



Compute shortest path from a node to **every other** node

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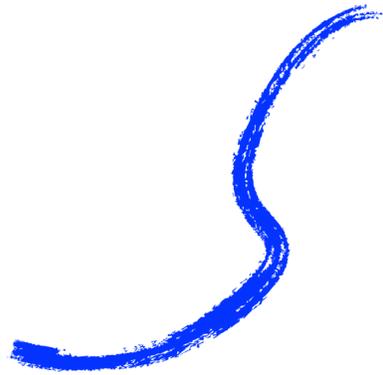


Compute shortest path from a node to **every other** node

**Eccentricity** of a node

**Longest** shortest path starting from that node

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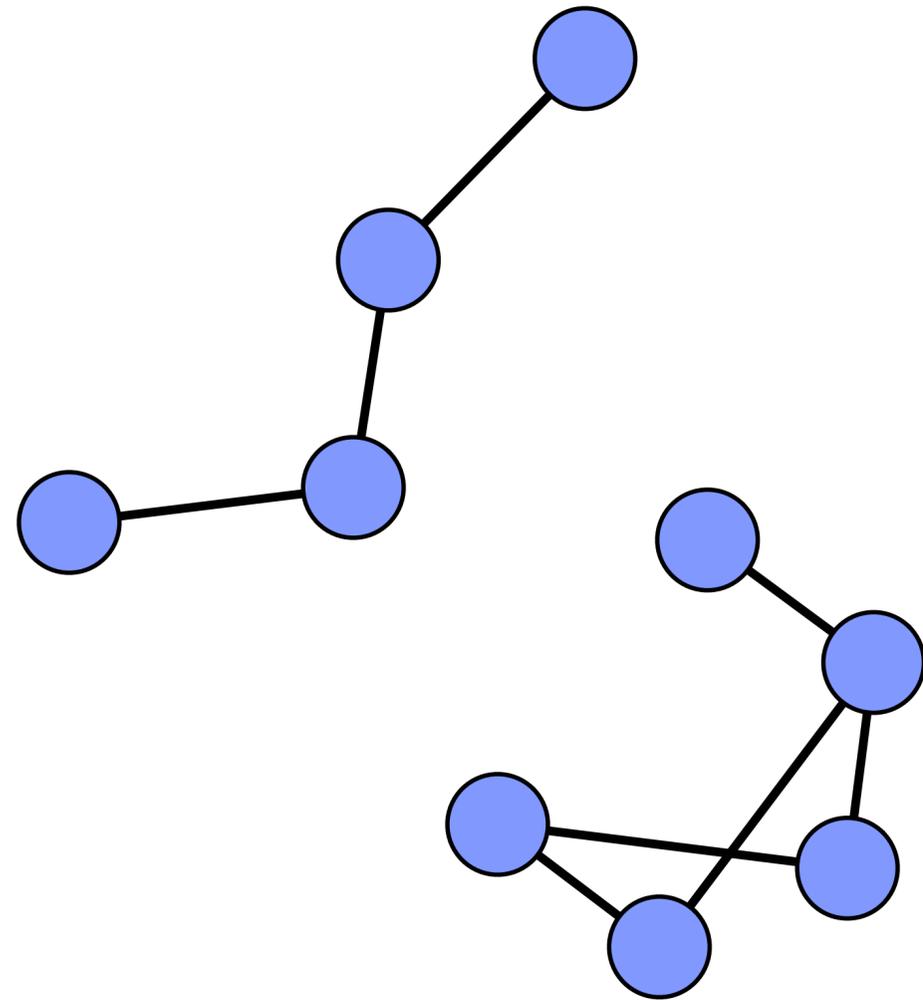
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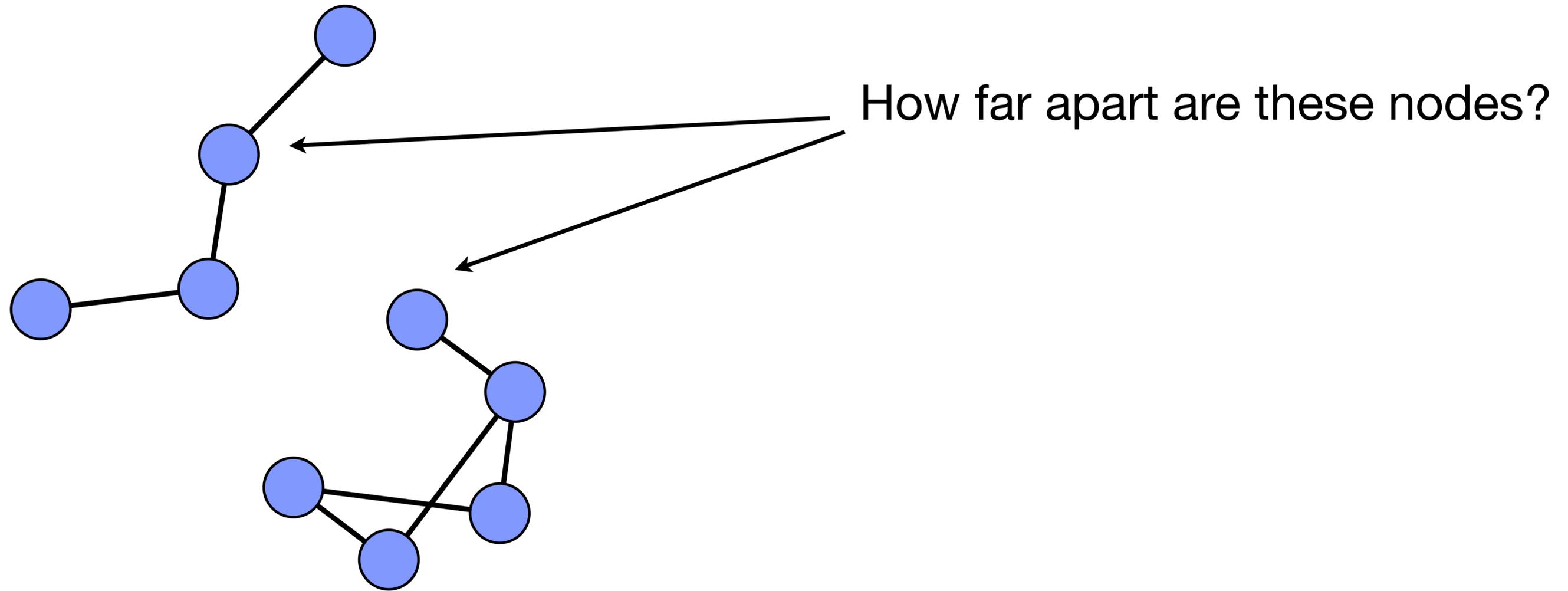
**Diameter** of a network

**Longest** of **all** shortest paths

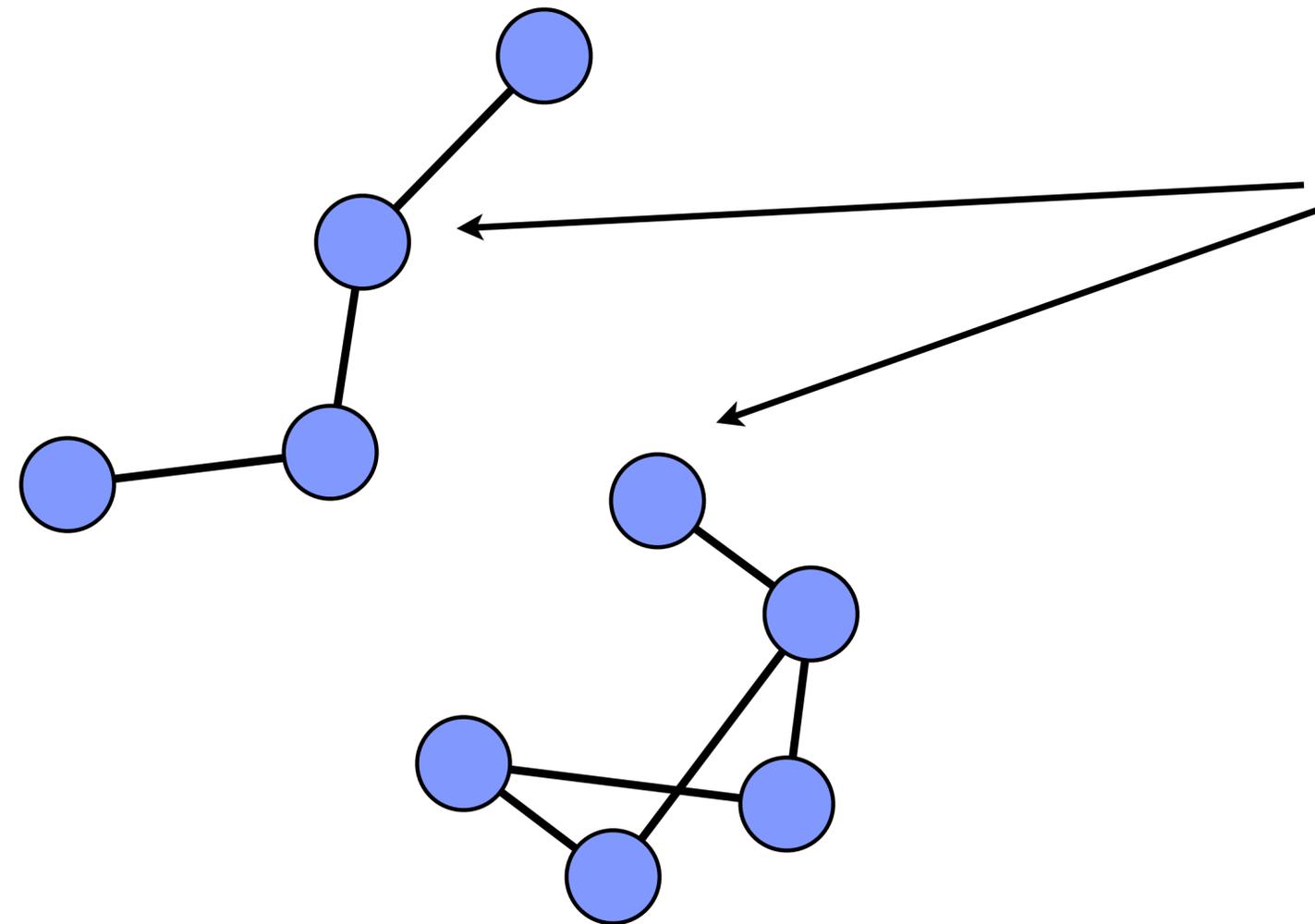
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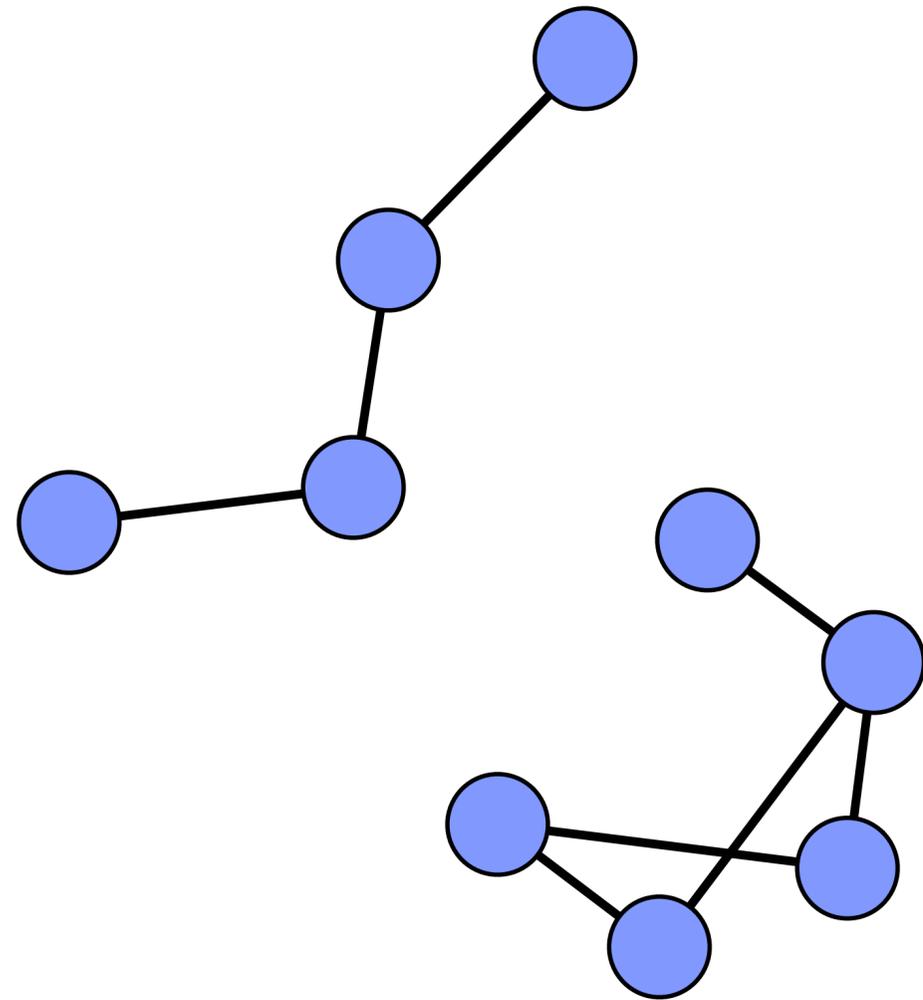
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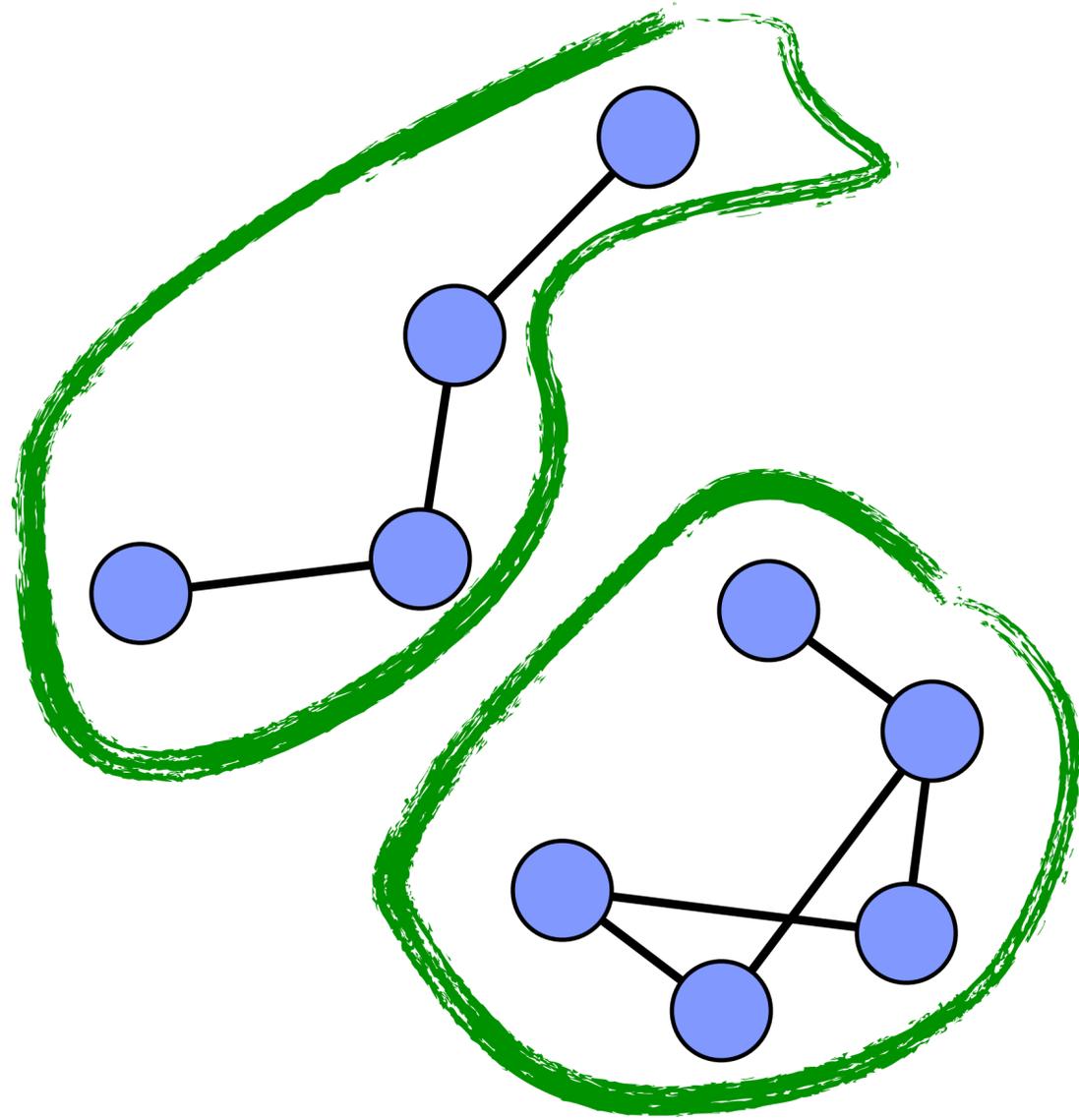
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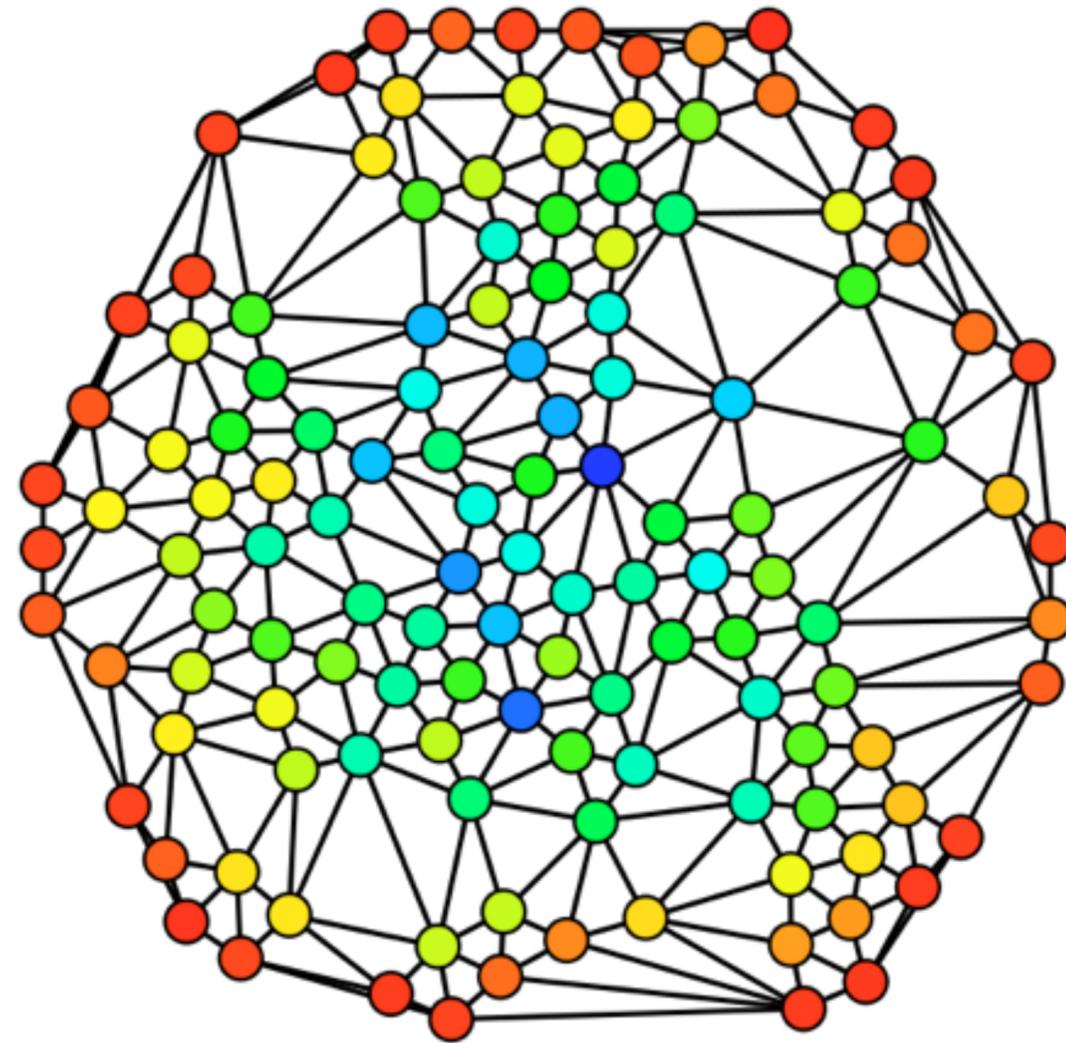
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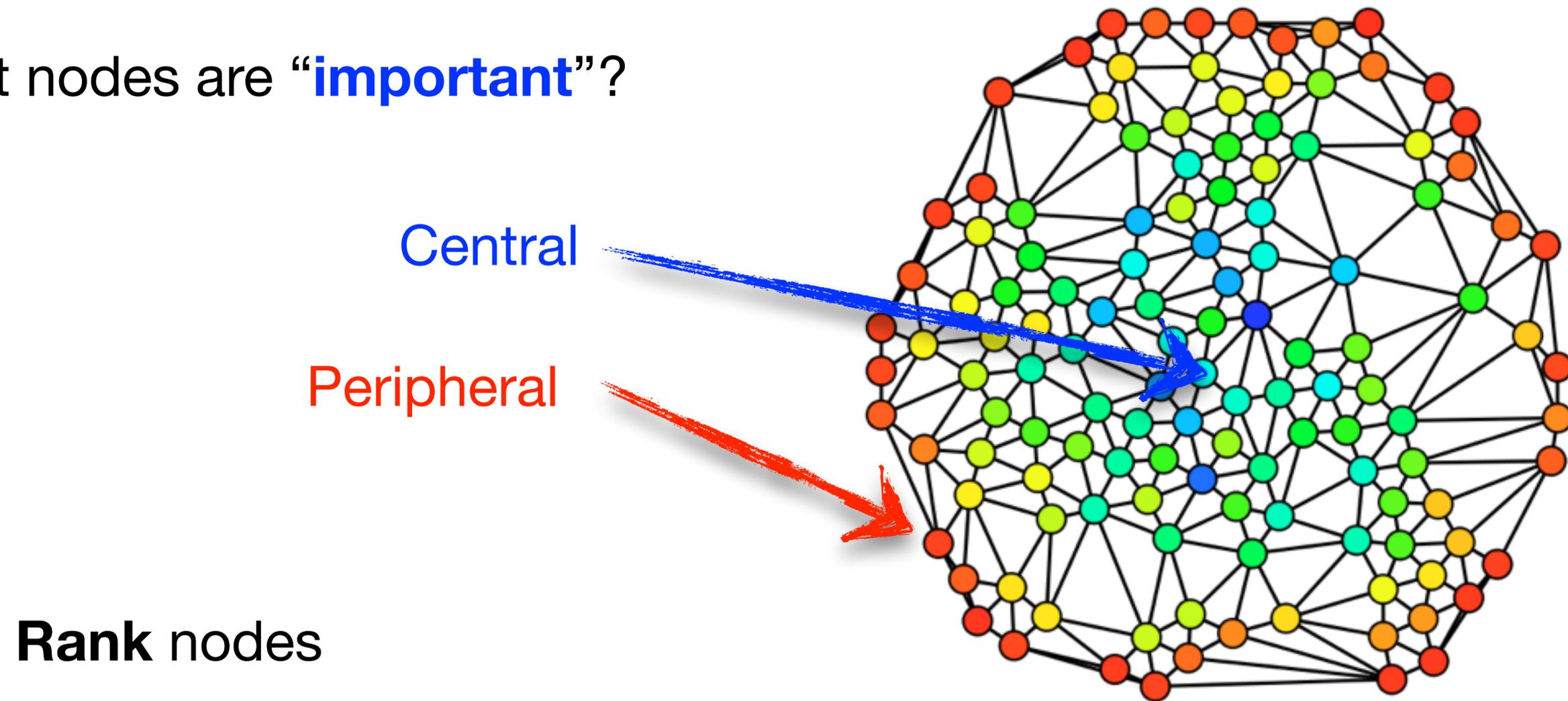
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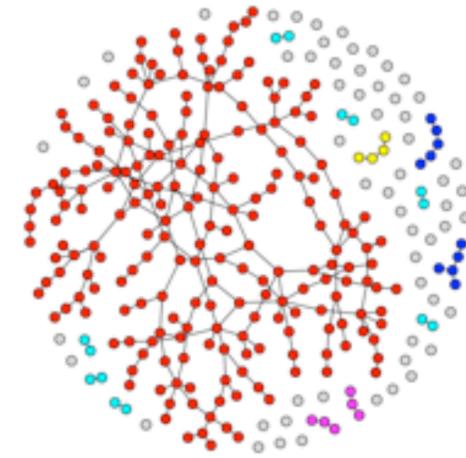


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# Random network models



# Random graphs

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Erdős



Rényi



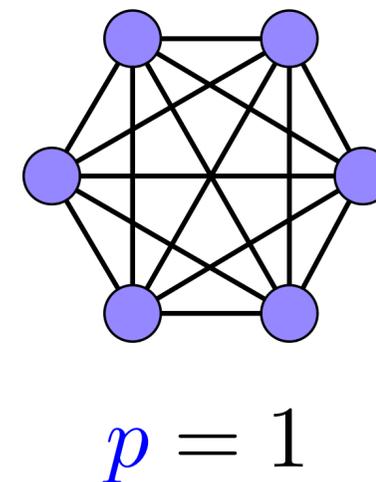
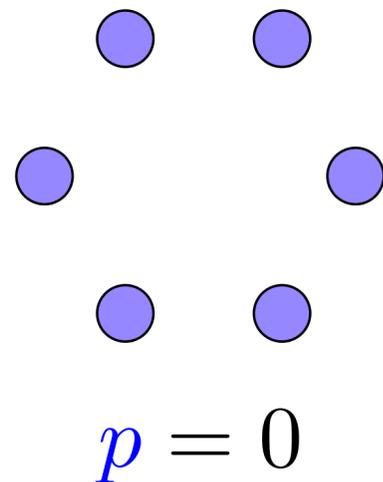
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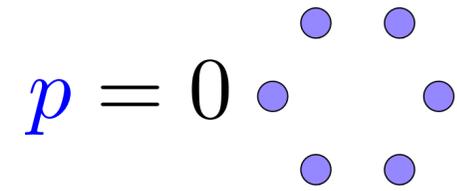
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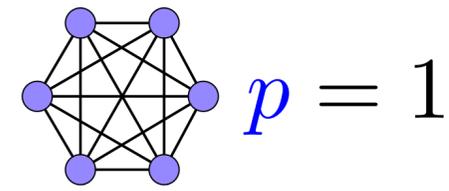
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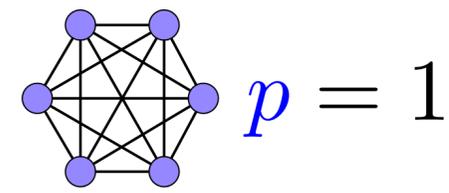
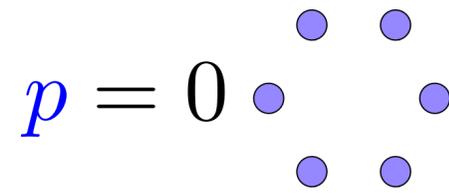
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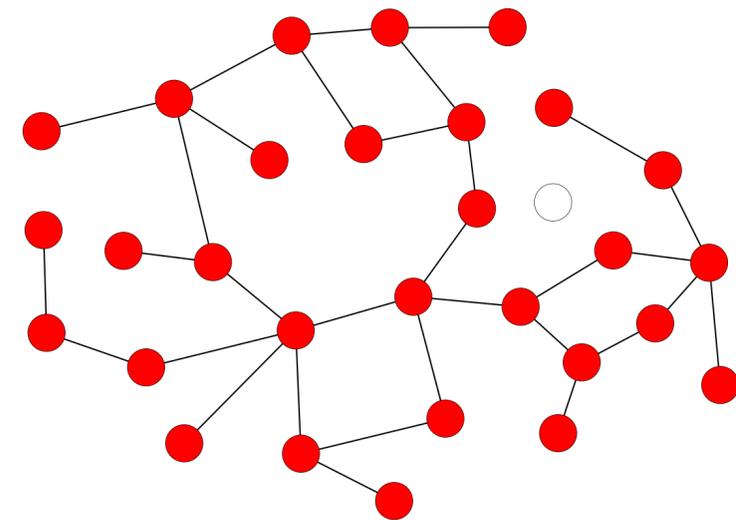
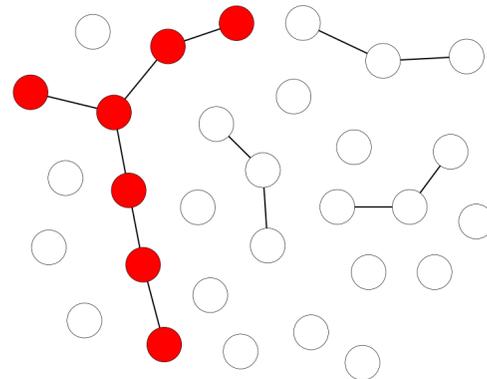
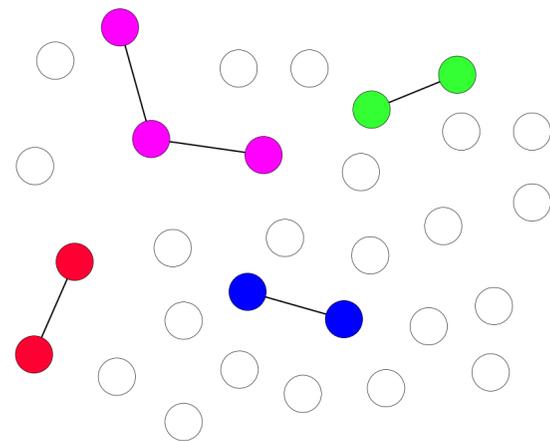


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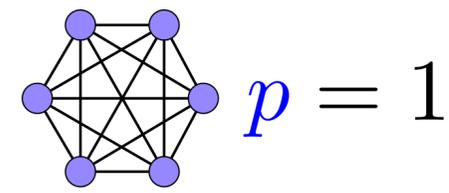
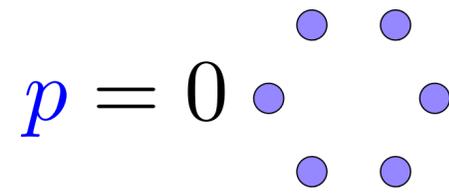
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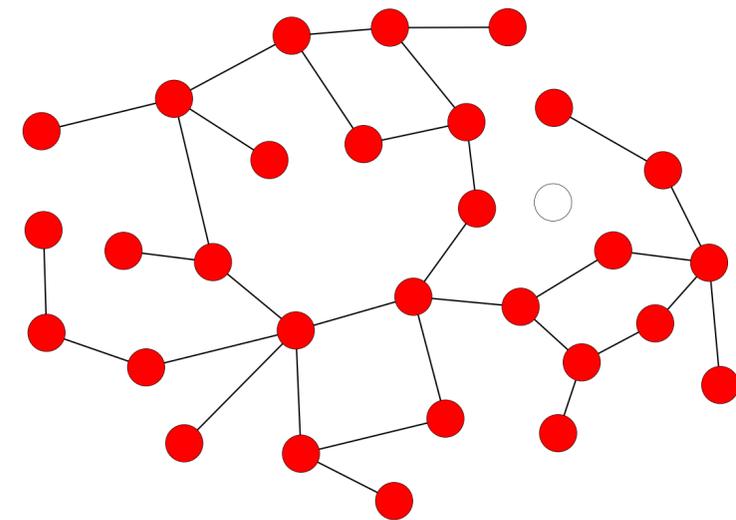
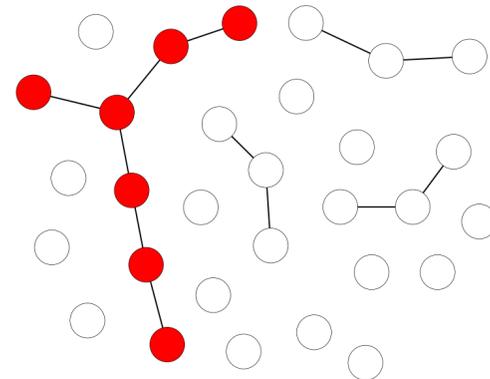
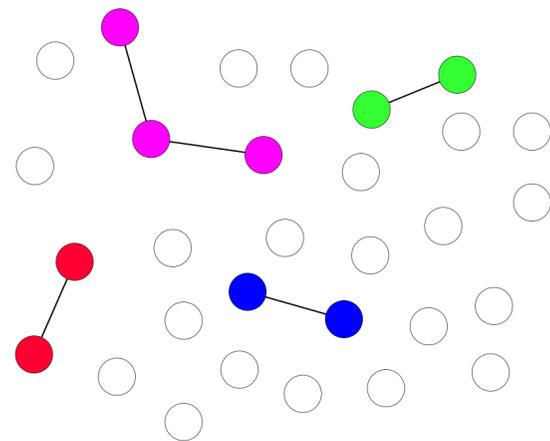
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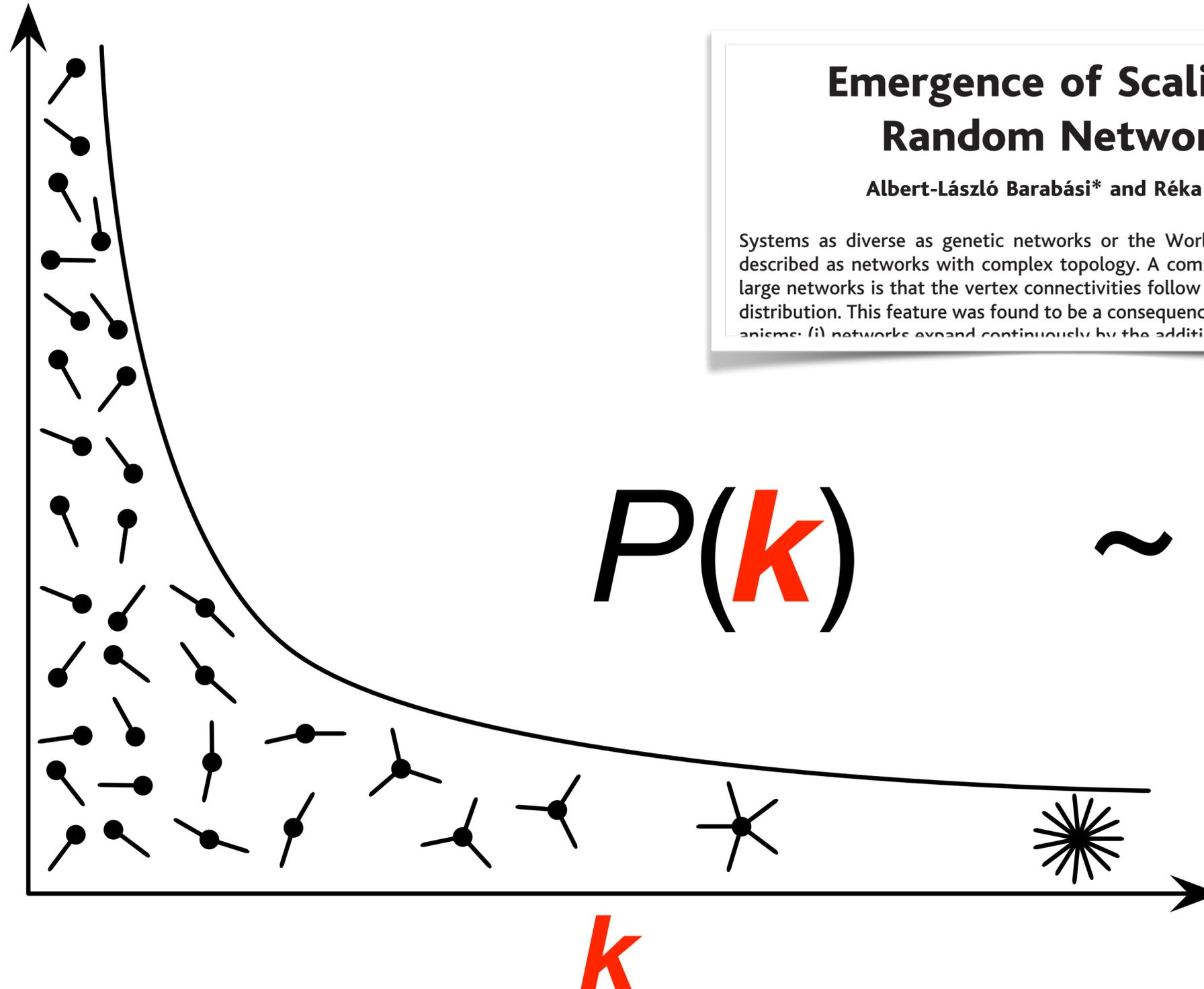
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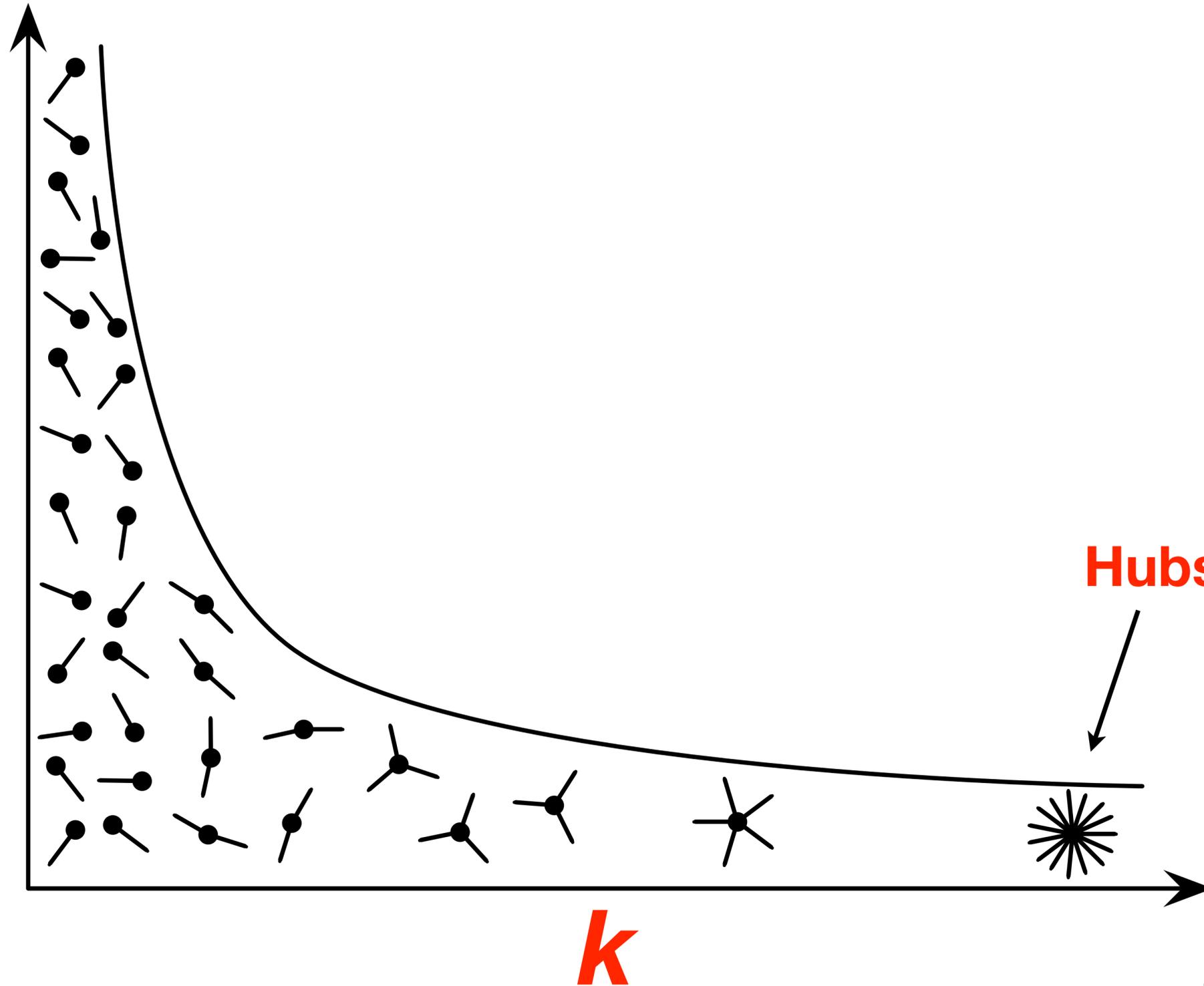


## Emergence of Scaling in Random Networks

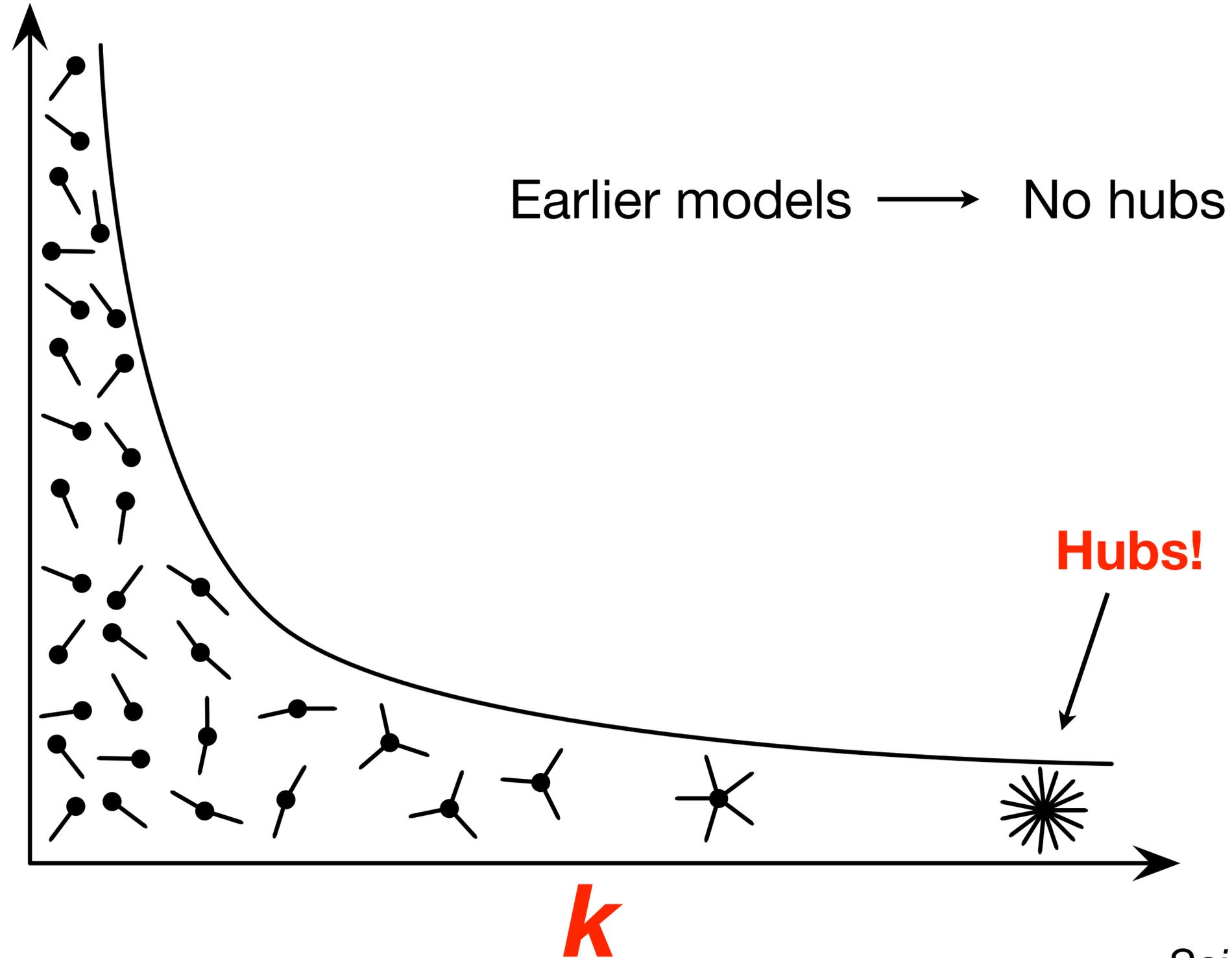
Albert-László Barabási\* and Réka Albert

Systems as diverse as genetic networks or the World Wide Web are best described as networks with complex topology. A common property of many large networks is that the vertex connectivities follow a scale-free power-law distribution. This feature was found to be a consequence of two generic mechanisms: (i) networks expand continuously by the addition of new vertices, and

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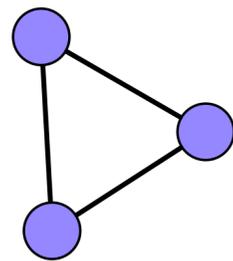
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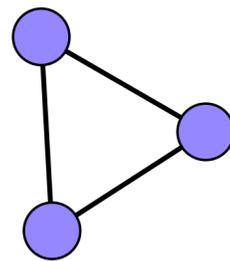
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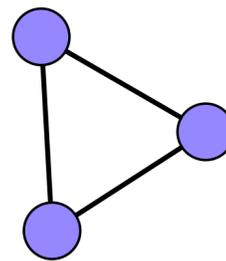
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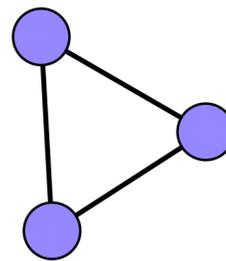
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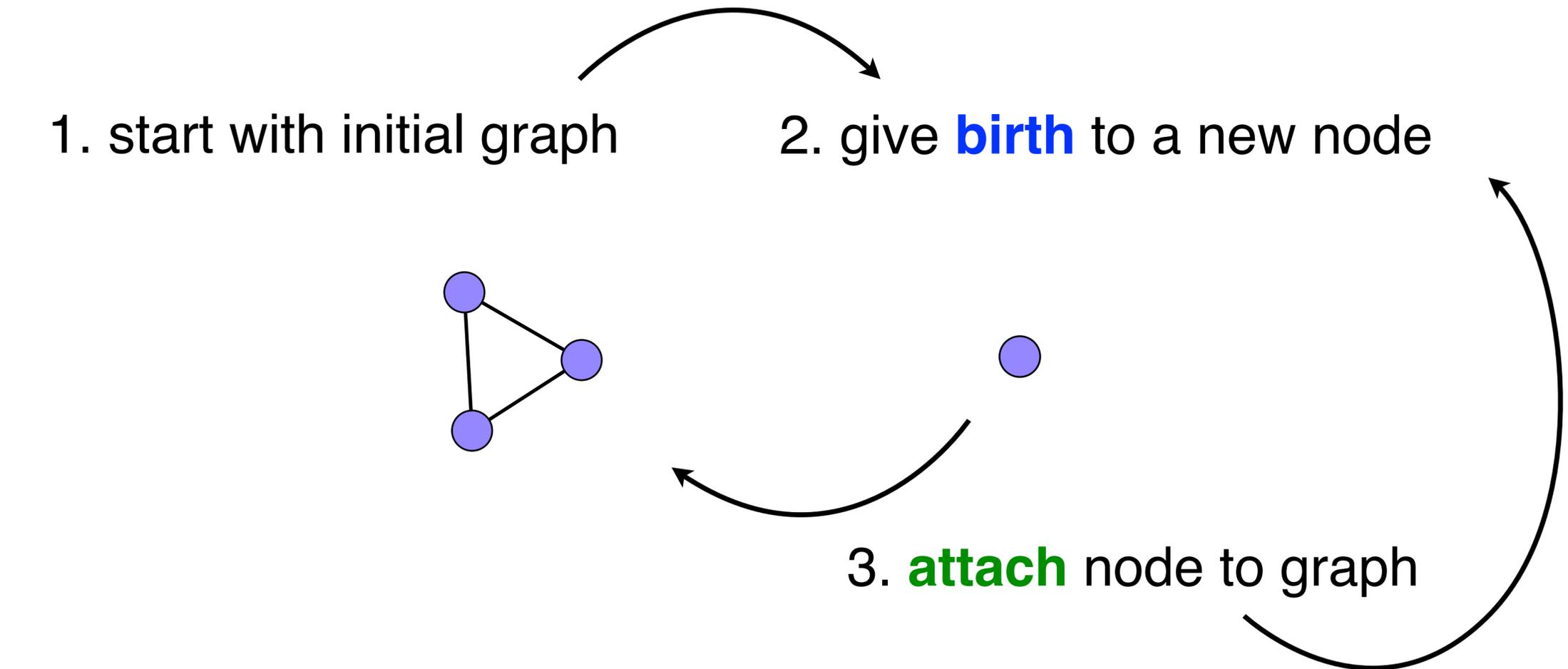
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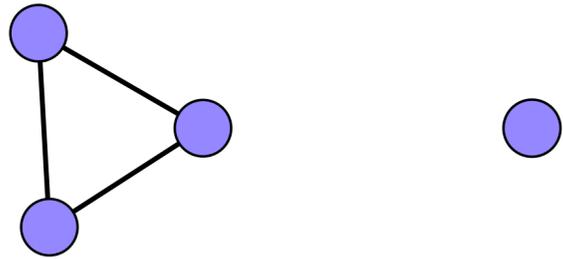
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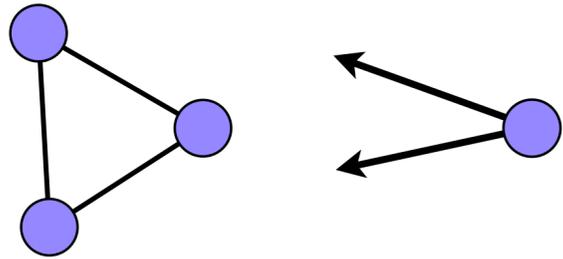
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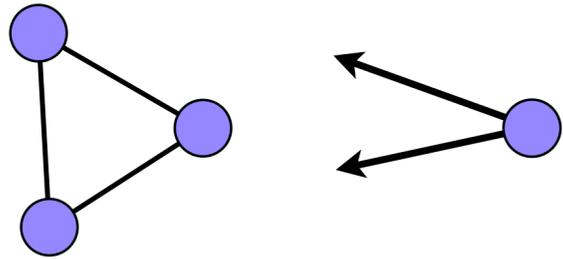


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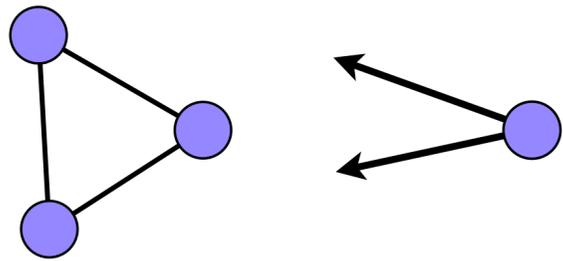
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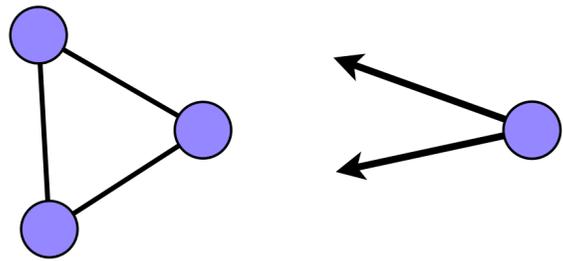
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Link to **existing node  $i$**  with probability proportional to **degree of  $i$**

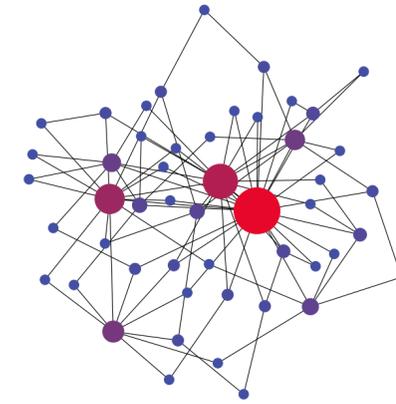
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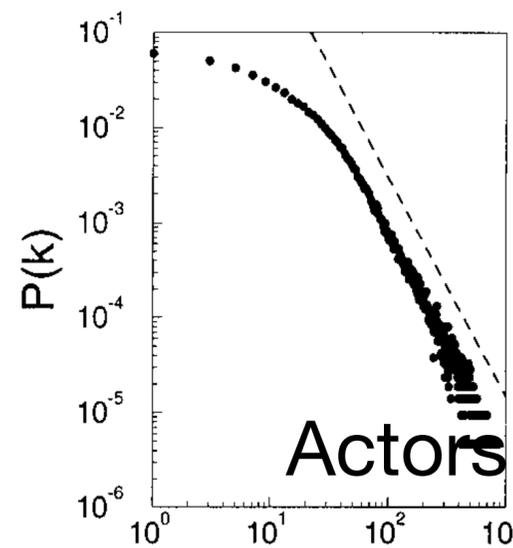
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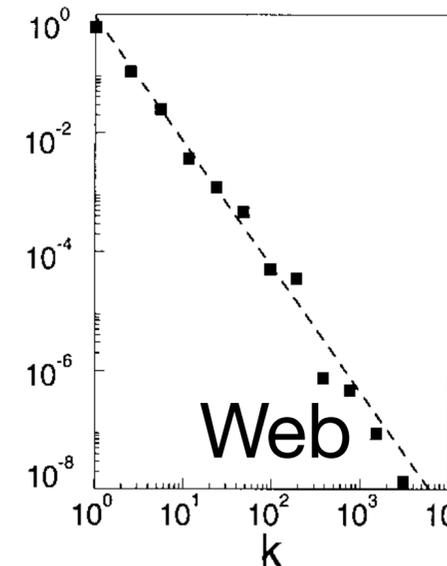
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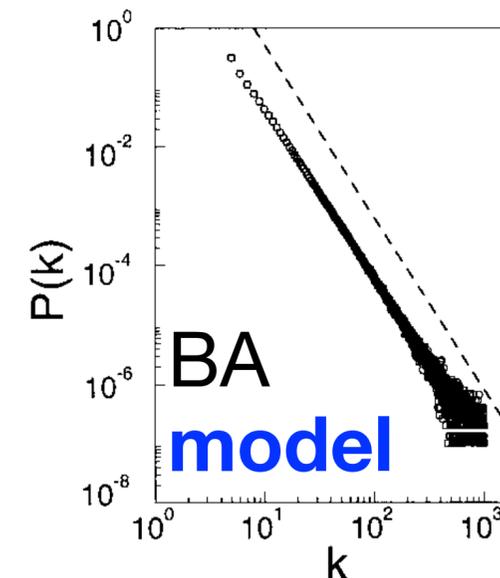
But they found it  
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Actors



Web



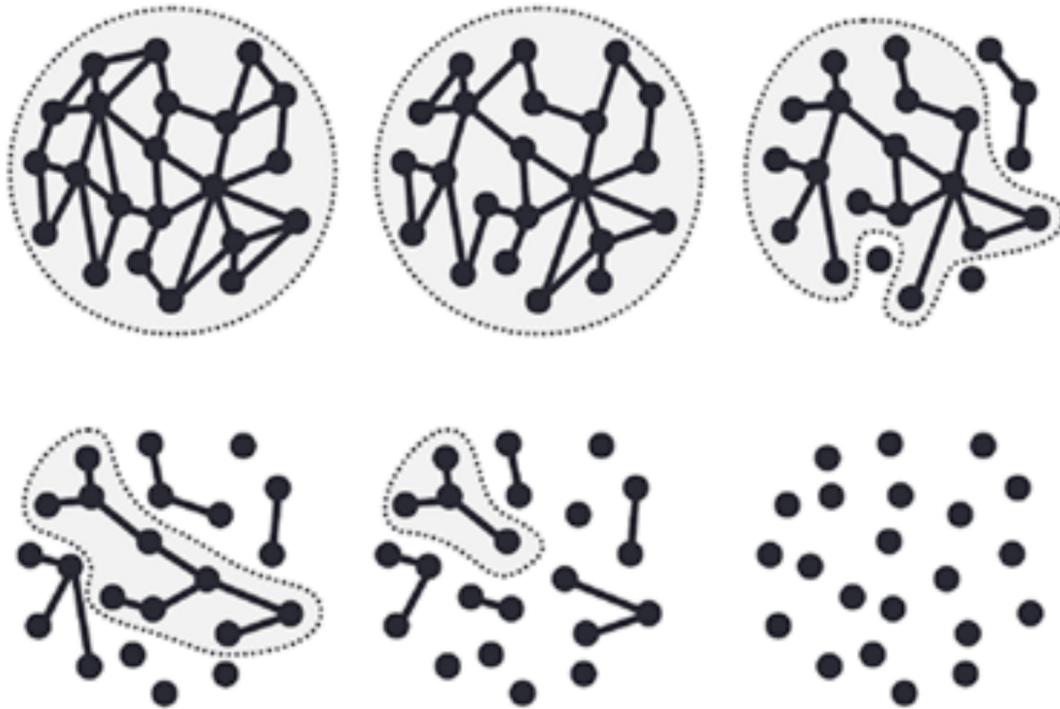
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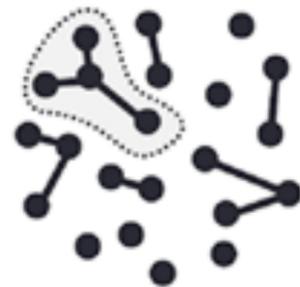
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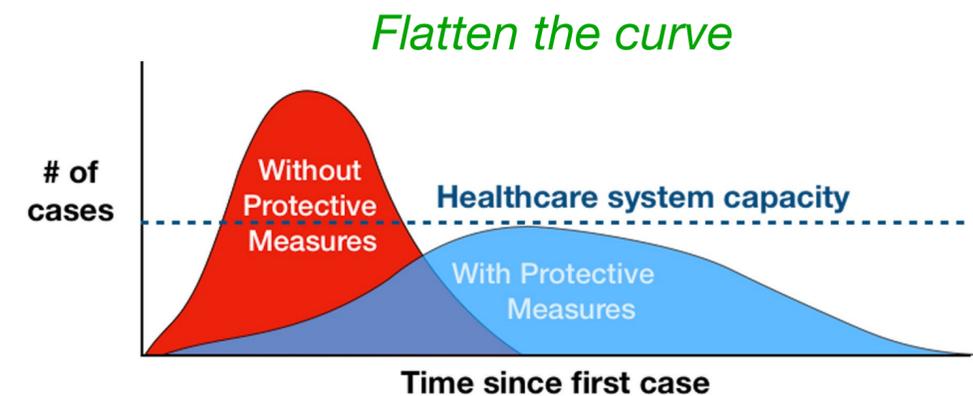
easy to spread



hard to spread

Affects dynamics

social distancing  $\approx$  percolation 🤔

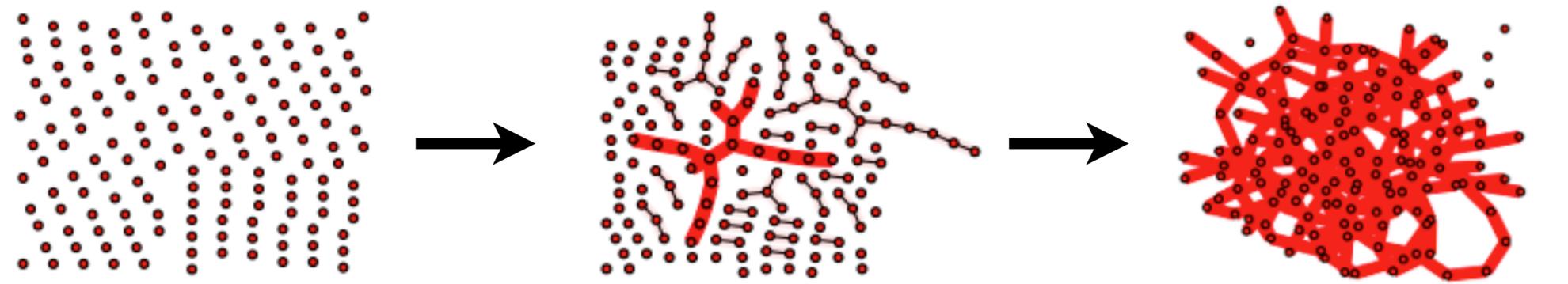


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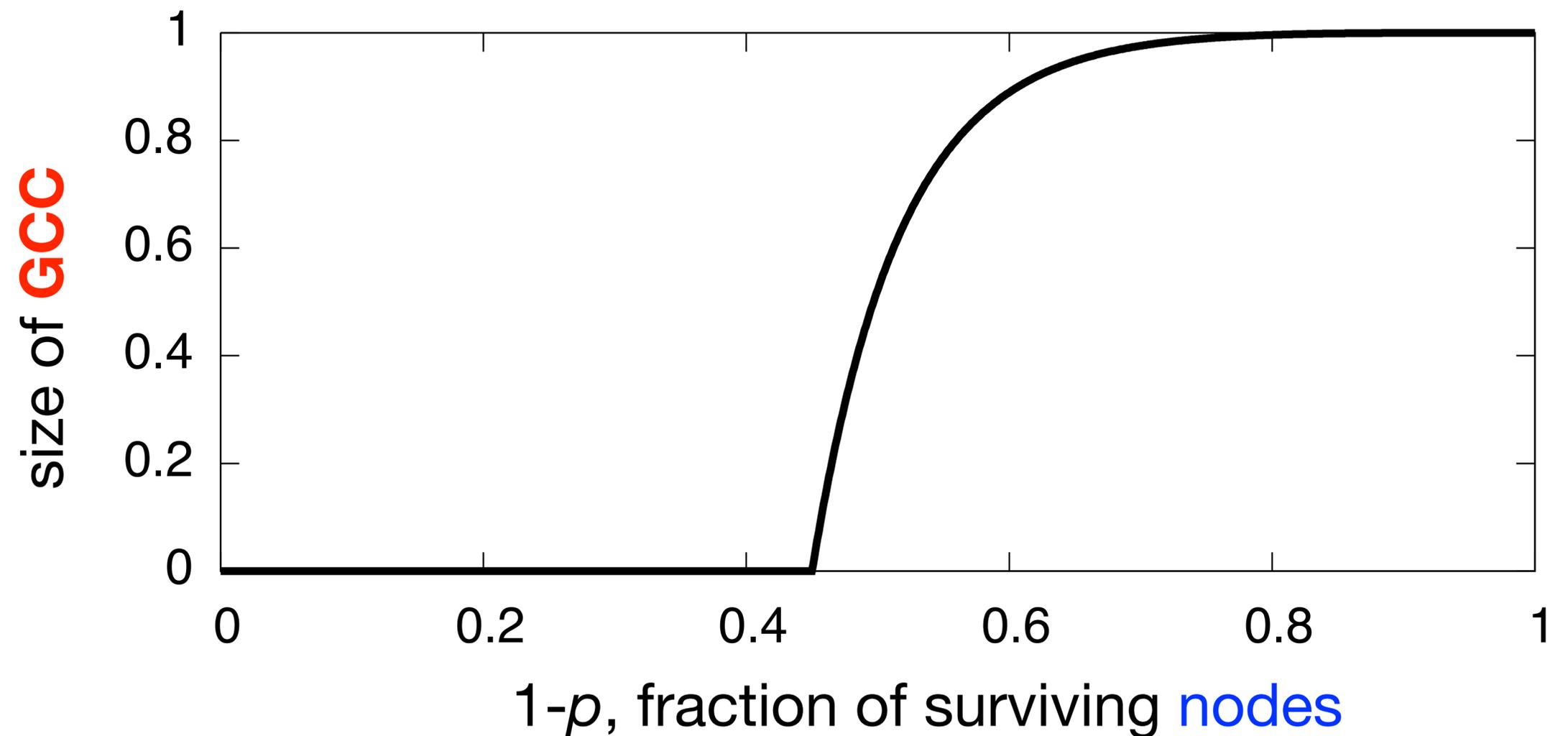
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Many systems show a **sharp transition** in connectivity



Percolation transition



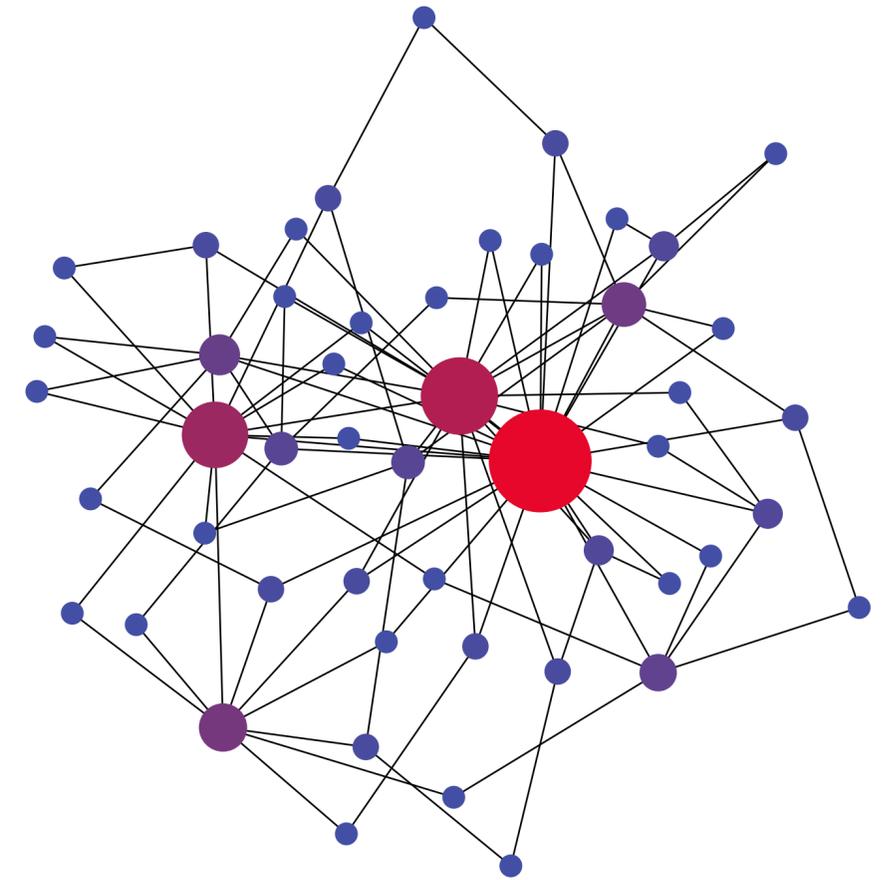
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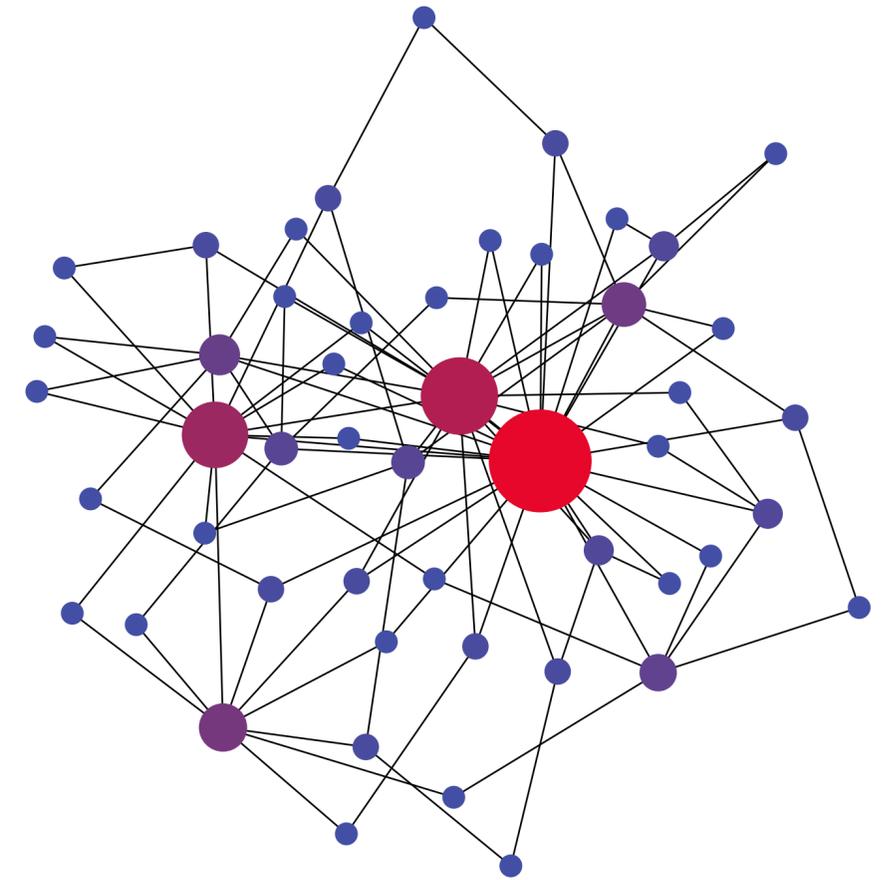
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Very unlikely I can make the network fall apart



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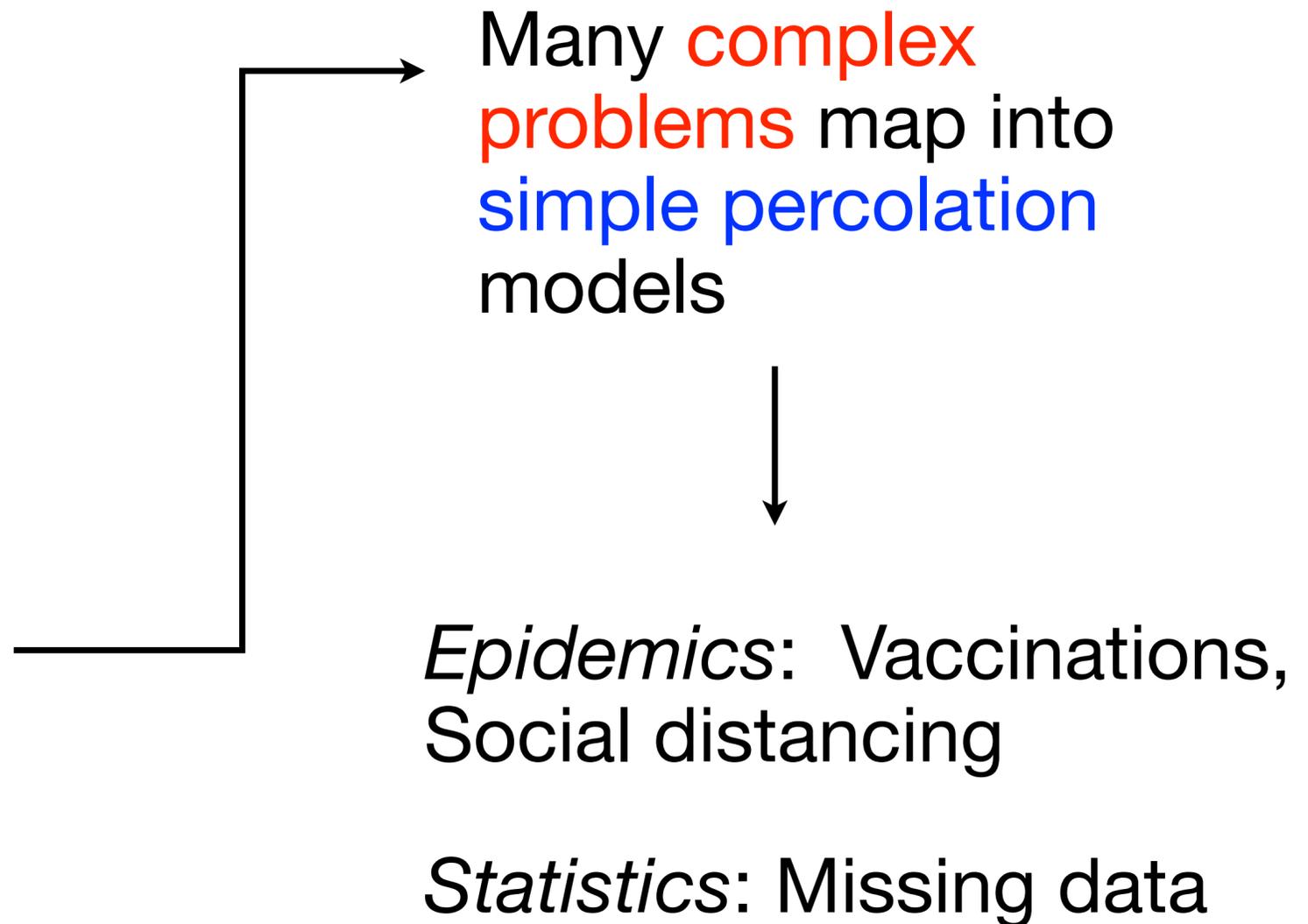
Tons of results and variants

Explosive percolation

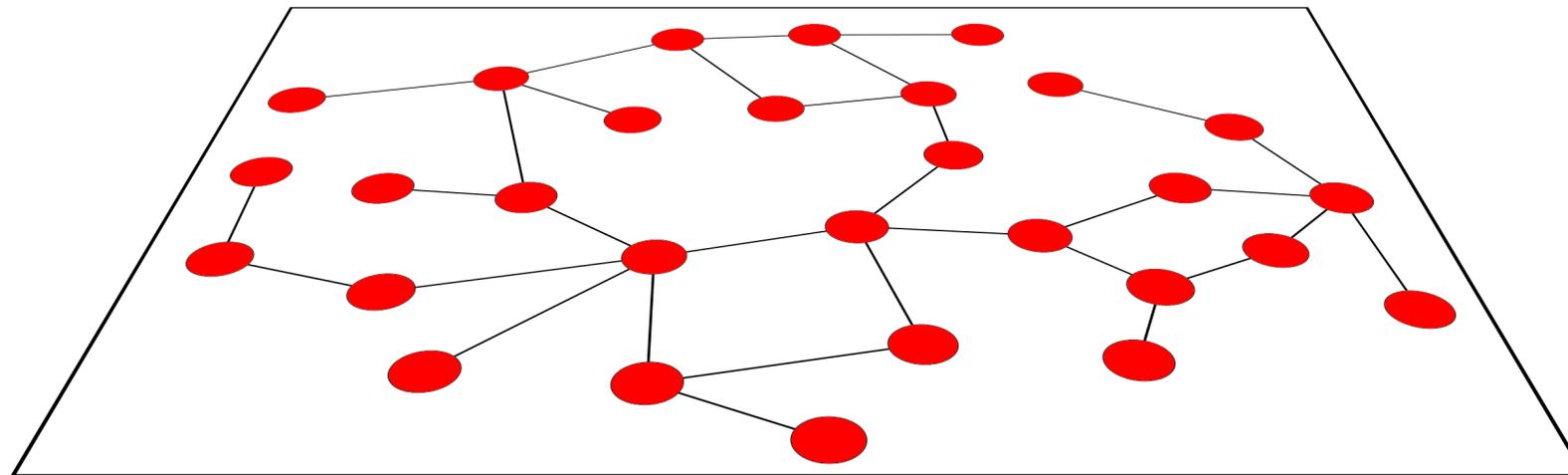
Cascading failures

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Lots of applications

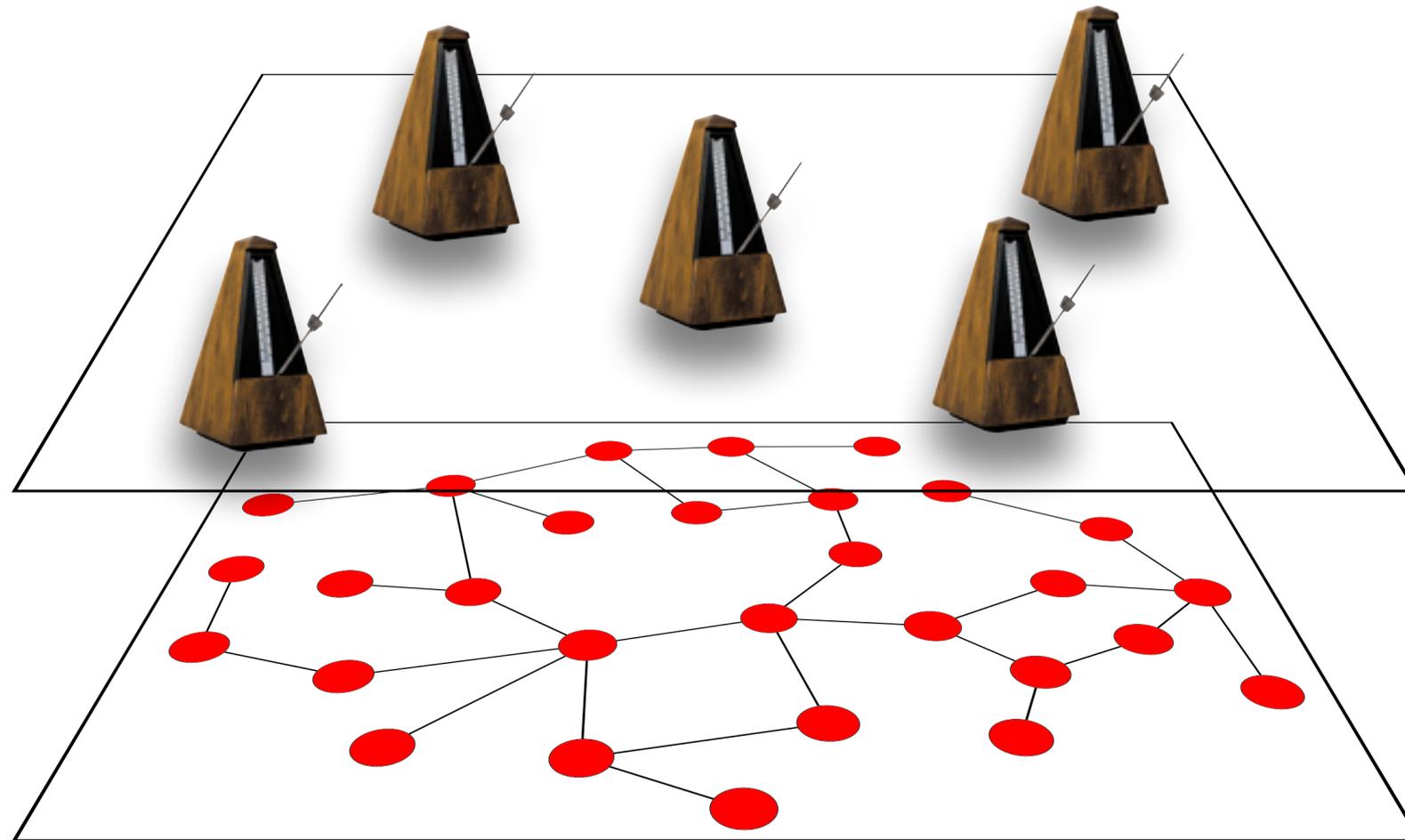


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Network substrate

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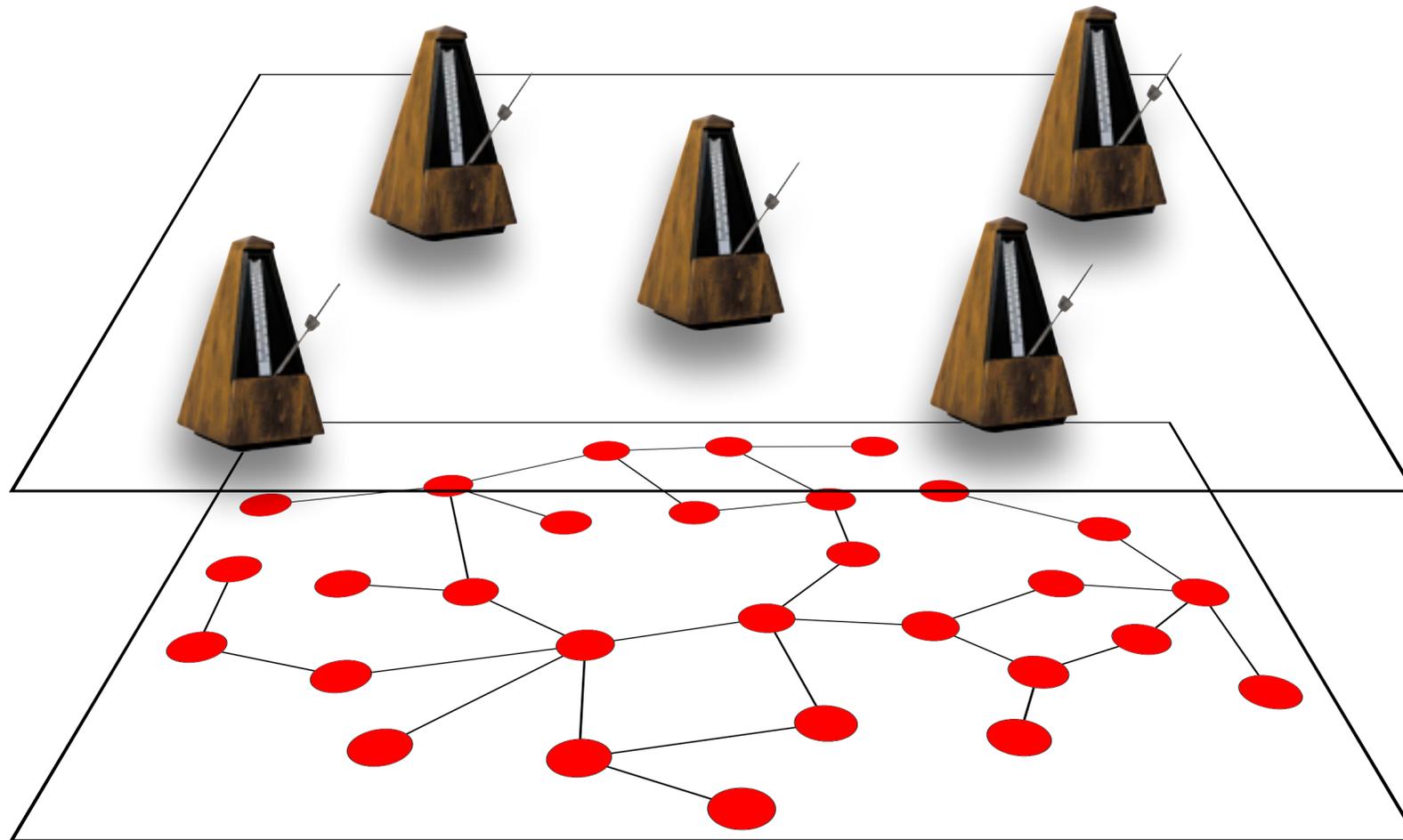


Dynamical system  
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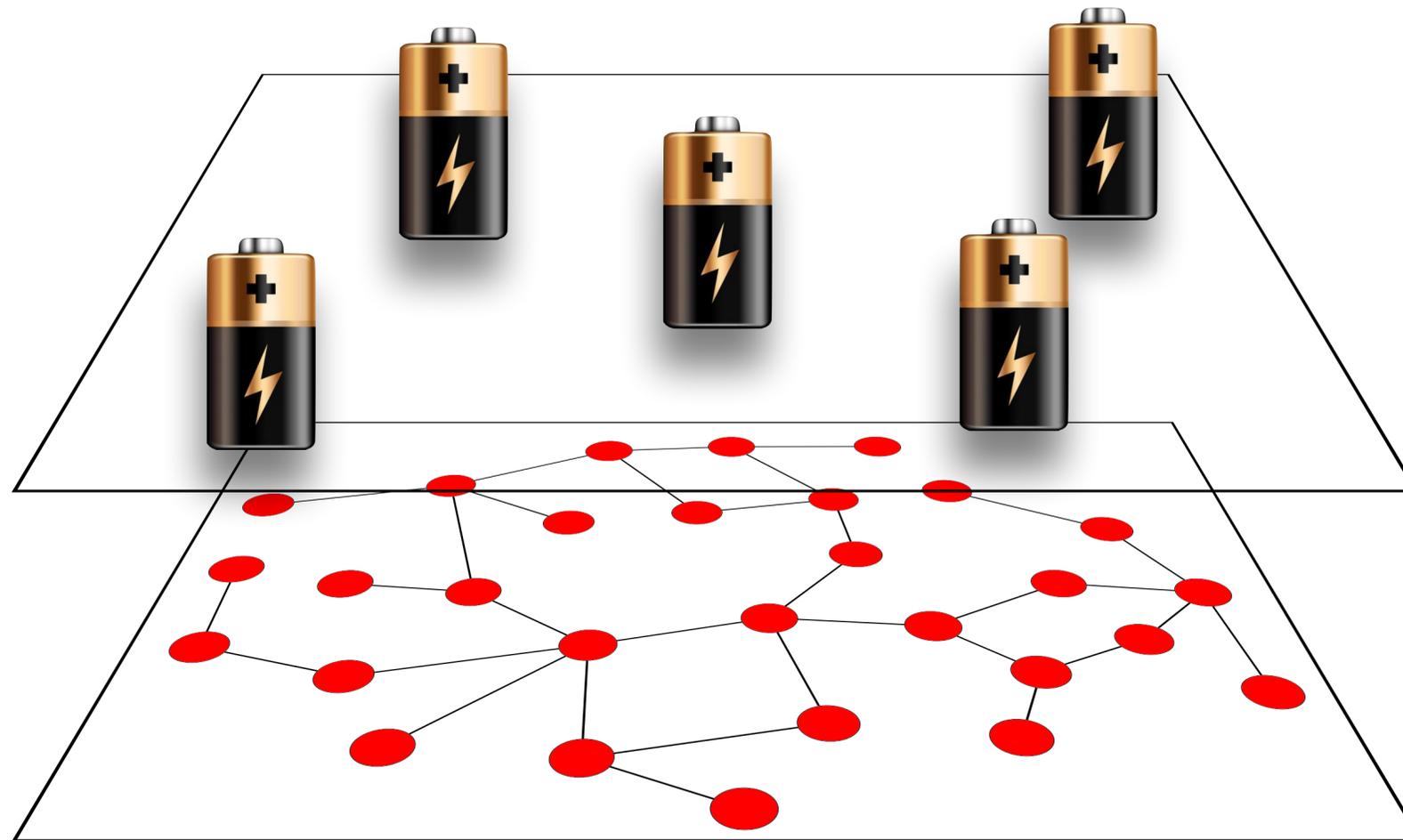


Synchronization of  
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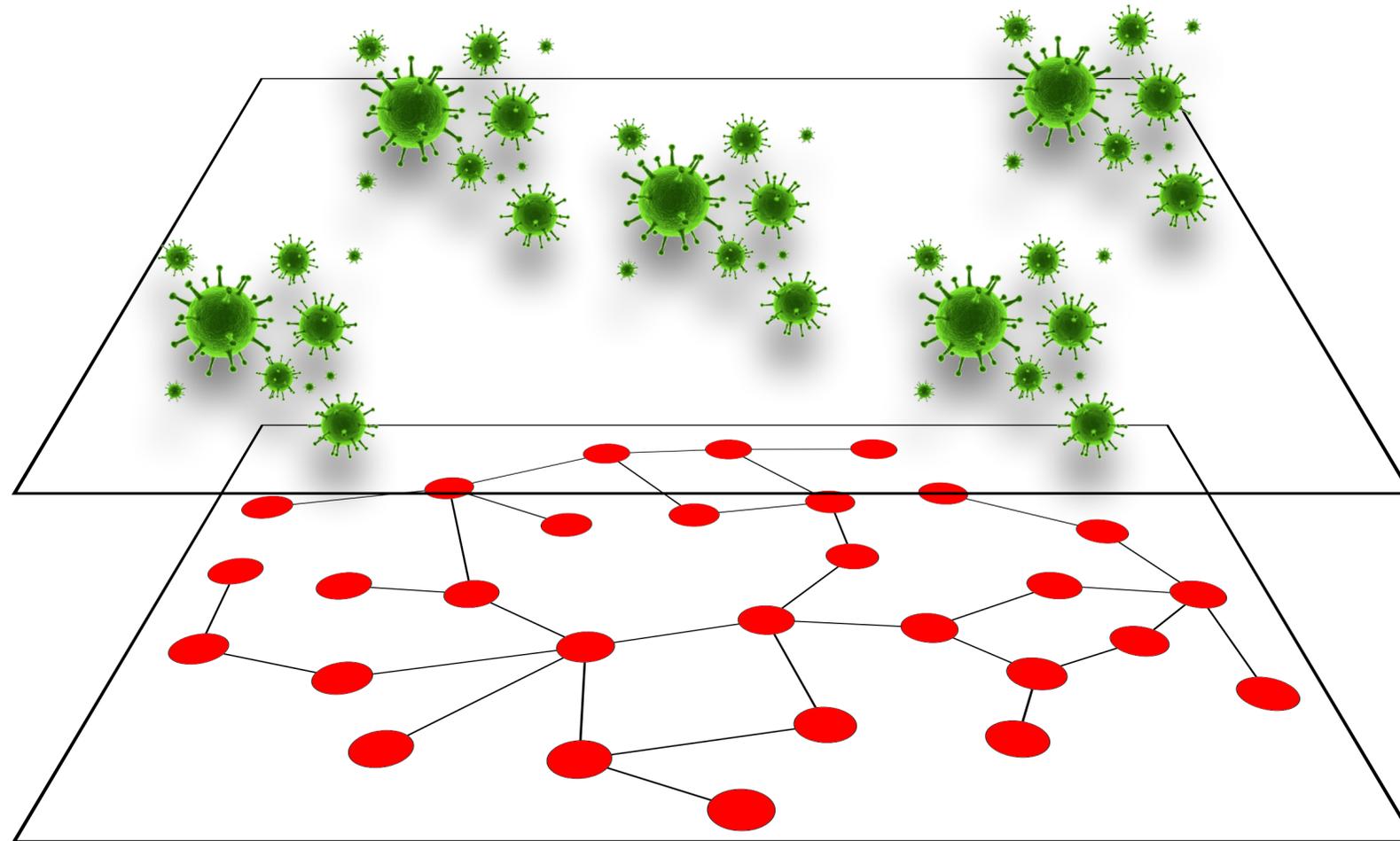


DC Load Flow

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Ex: Dobson et al. (2007)

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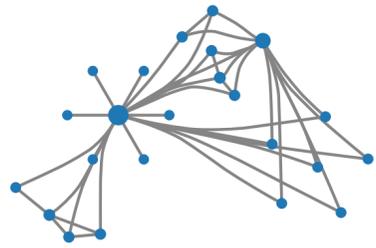


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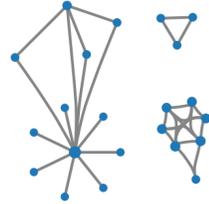
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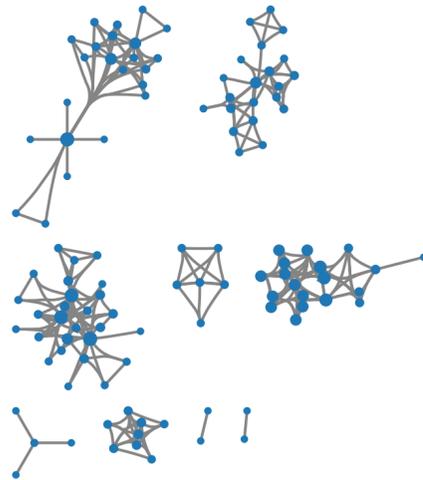
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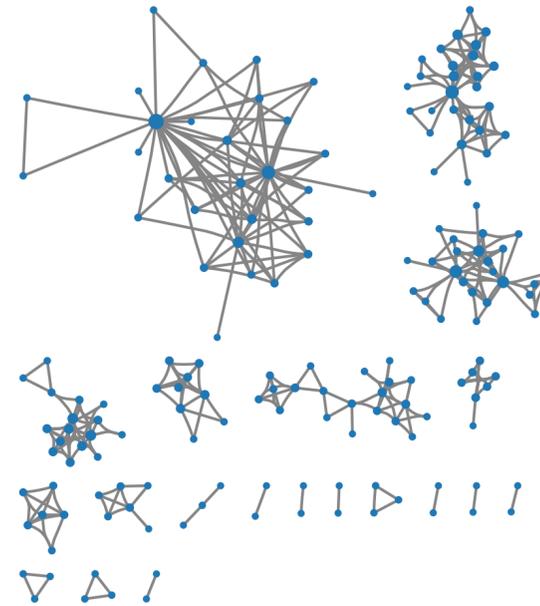
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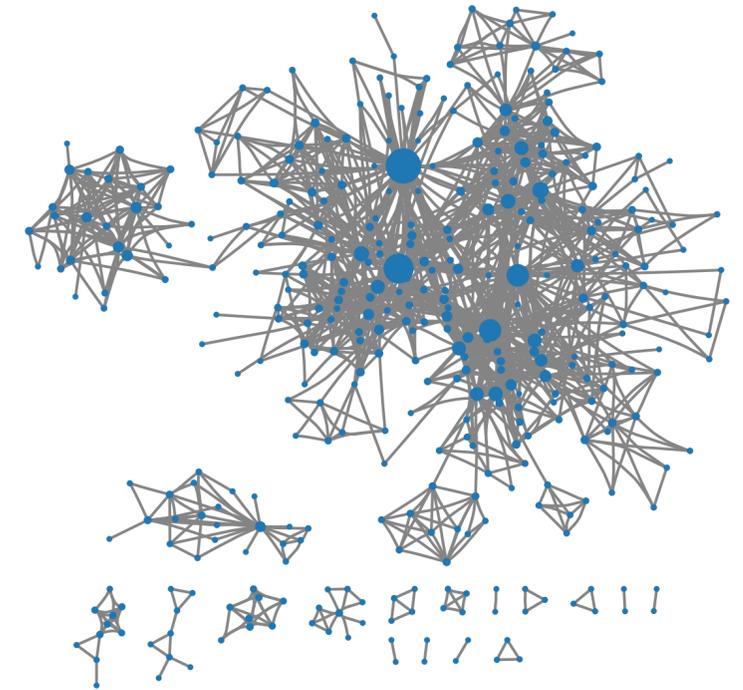
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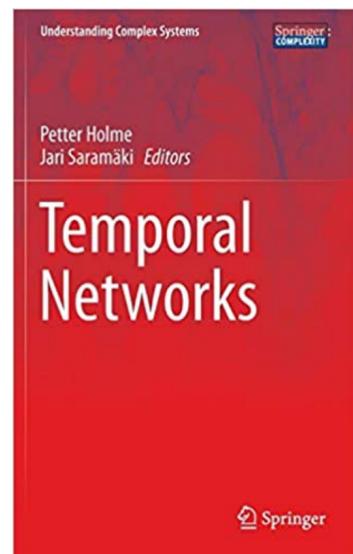


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see also:

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**What's next?**

# Future of network science



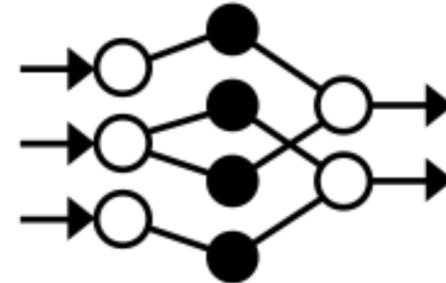
Brain imaging, large-scale studies (ABCD study)



Single cell genomics and spatial gene expression



Social information flow, misinformation, disinformation



Machine Learning:  
Graph Neural Networks

→ DATA

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