# EEE 321 ecological networks

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## Introduction to course

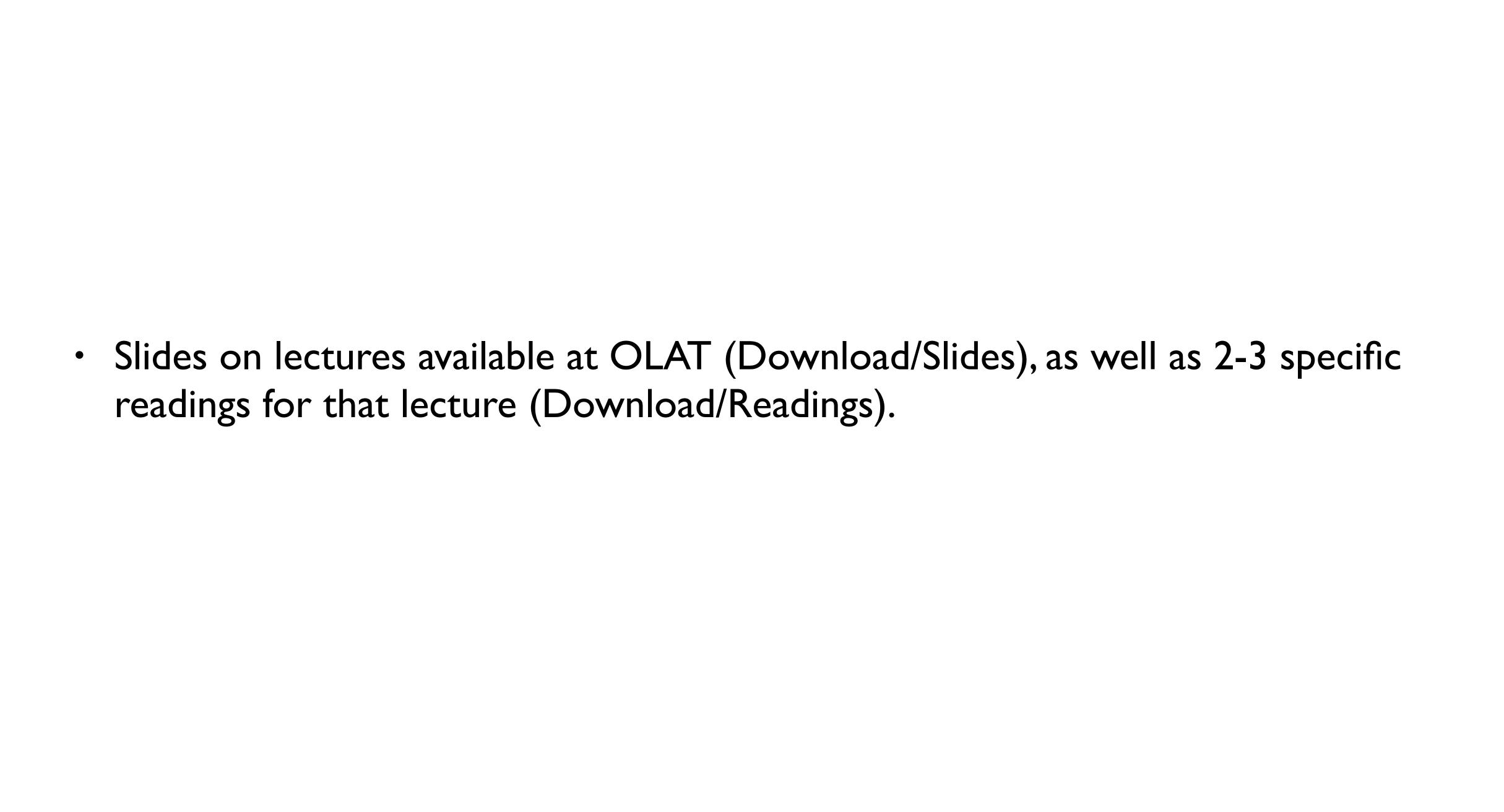
## outline of course

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From	То		March 13	March 14
10:15	12:00	LECTURE	Outline and Intro	Food webs
	Speaker	1 E (	Bascompte	Bascompte
12:00	13:00		Lunch	Lunch
	Lead	E	Pedraza	Pedraza
13:00	17:00	EXERCISE	Toolkit for network analysis	Measuring modularity

Tuesday March 18	Wednesday March 19	Thursday March 20	Friday March 21	
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	Mutualistic networks	Null models	Spatial networks	
	Bascompte	Bascompte	Román	
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Knop	Cosmo	Pedraza	Bhandary	
Sampling an ecological network	Measuring nestedness	Null models	Spatial networks	

Tuesday March 25	Wednesday March 26	Thursday March 27	Friday March 28
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	Network robustness	Genetic networks	Ecological dynamics in networks
	Gonçalves	Román	Bhandary
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	Gonçalves	Román	Bhandary
Open time	Measuring network robustness	Analyzing genetic networks	Models of ecological dynamics in networks

Tuesday April 1	Wednesday April 2	Thursday April 3
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	Evolutionary dynamics in networks	Exam
	Cosmo	Pedraza
	Lunch	Lunch
	Cosmo	
Open time	Models of evolutionary dynamics in networks	



# general readings

- Barabási, A.-L. (2002). Linked: The New Science of Networks. Perseus Books Group (or Barabási, A.-L. (2016). Network Science. Cambridge University Press)
- Bascompte, J. and Jordano, P. (2013). Mutualistic Networks. Princeton University Press
- Pascual, M. and Dunne, J.A. (2006). Ecological Networks: Linking Structure to Dynamics in Food Webs. Oxford University Press
- Pimm, S.L. (1982). Food Webs. Chicago University Press
- Several authors (2009). Complex Systems and Networks. (Special Section). Science 325: 405-432.

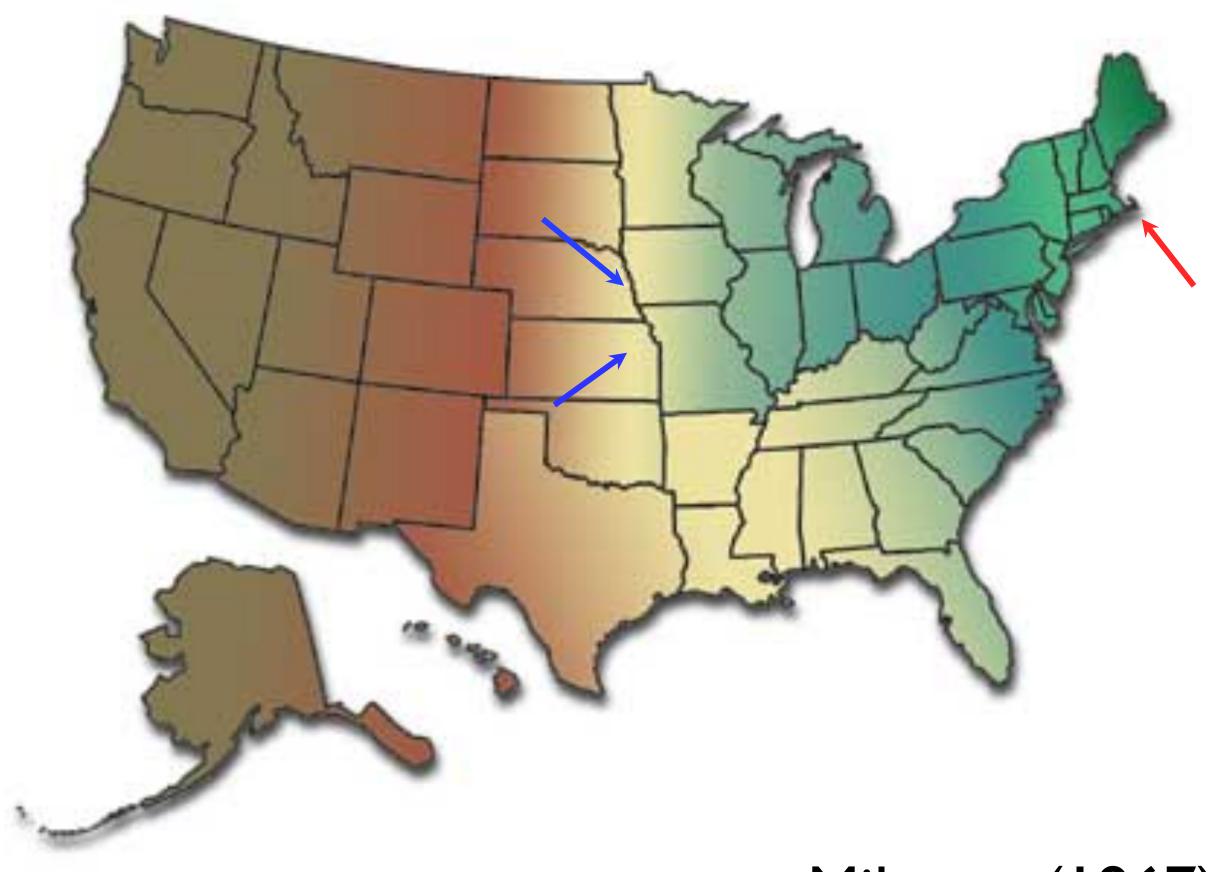
# course grading

- Practicals with RStudio: up to 3 points
- Multiple-choice test: up to 2 points

# Introduction to network theory

### social networks

160 letters from Wichita (Kansas) and Omaha (Nebraska) to Sharon (Mass)





Milgram (1967)

### social networks

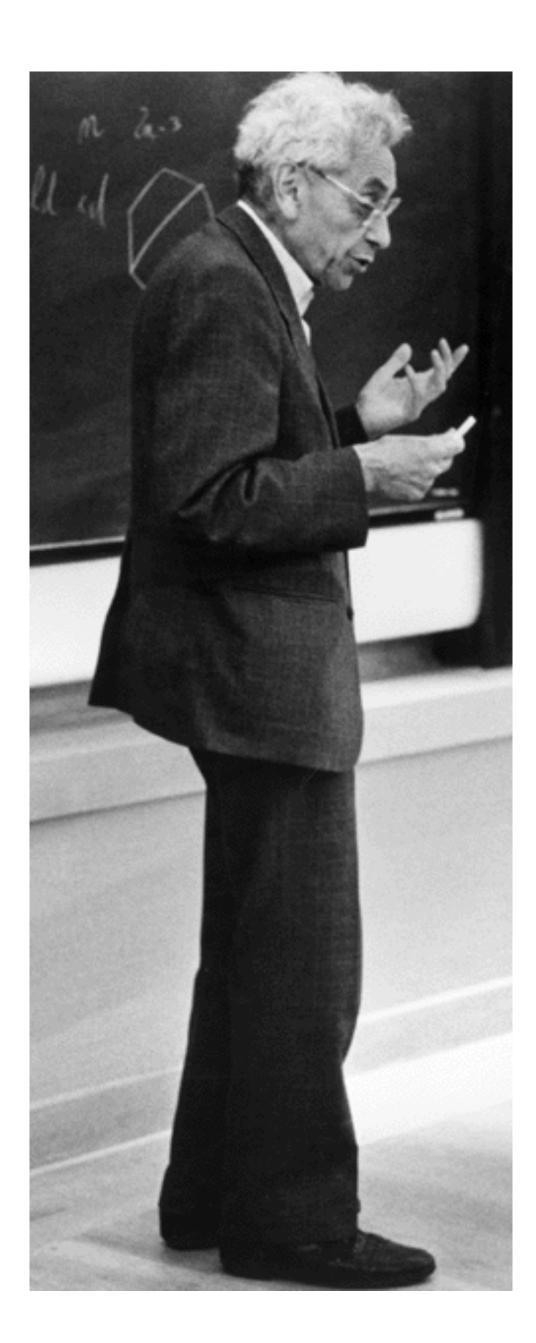
In the Nebraska study, the chains varied between 2 and 10 intermediate acquaintances, with the median at 5

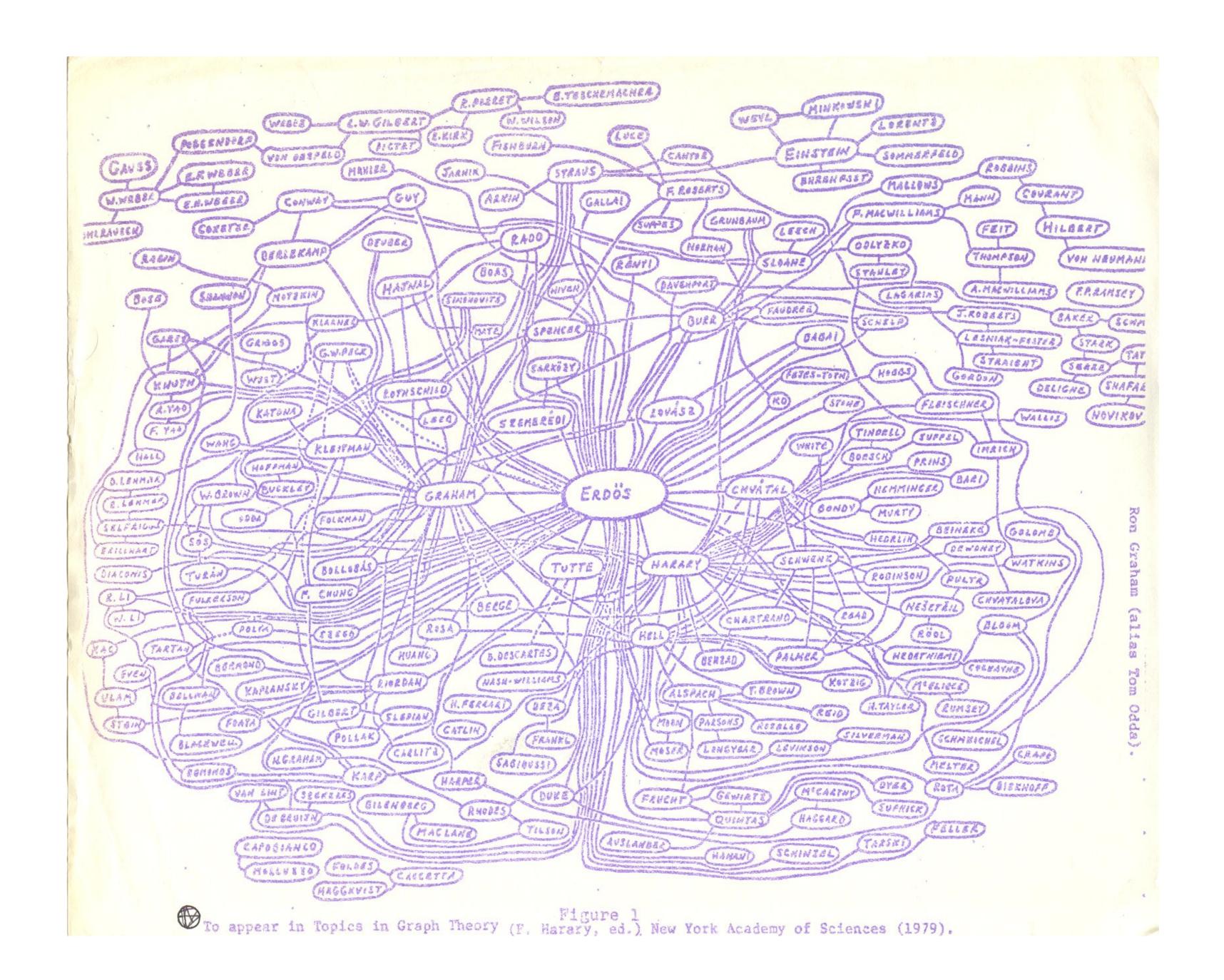
What a small world!

El mundo es un pañuelo!

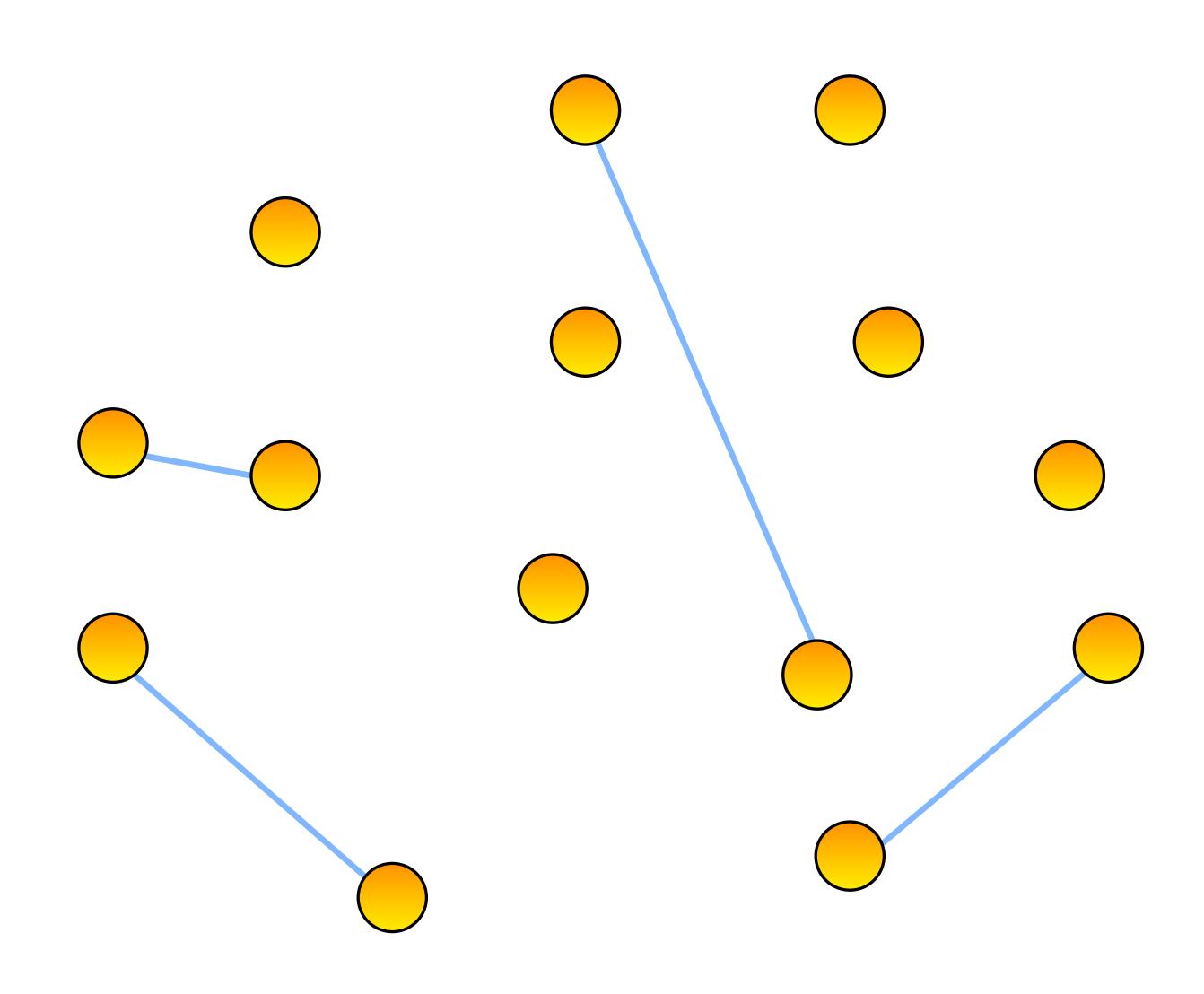
C'est petit le monde!

Die Welt ist klein!

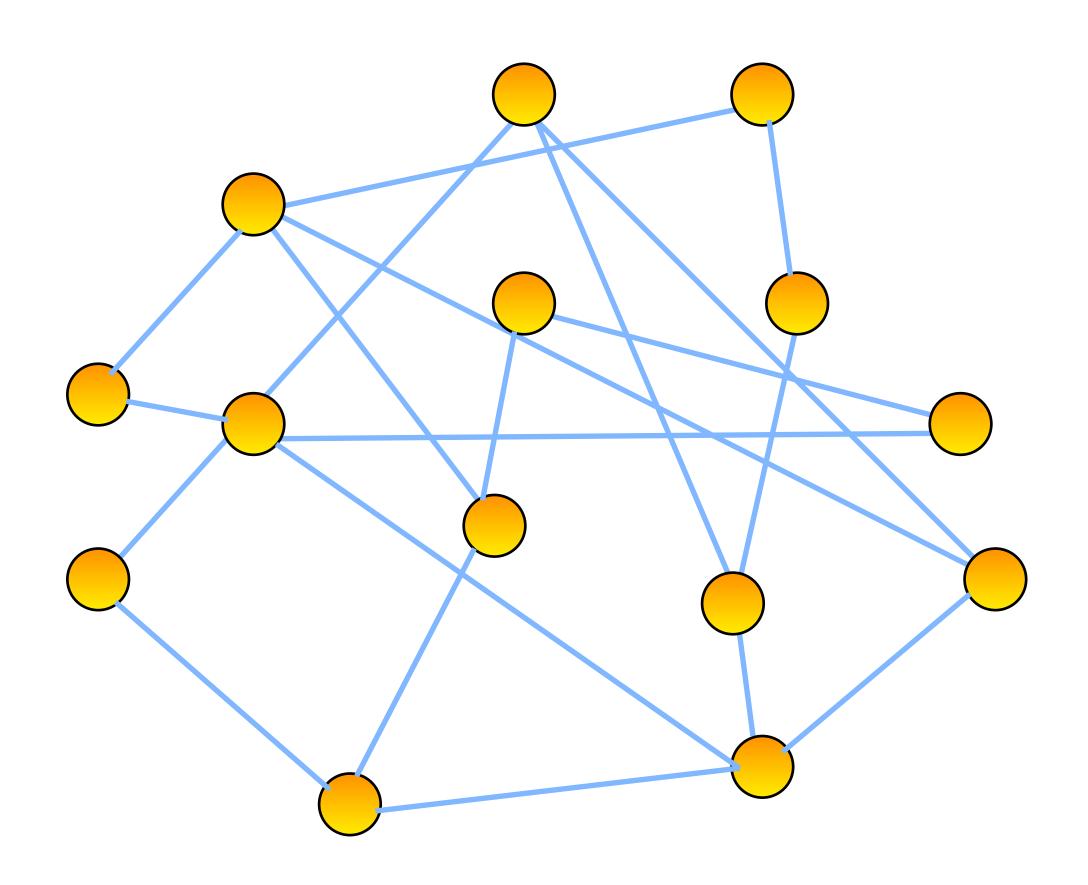


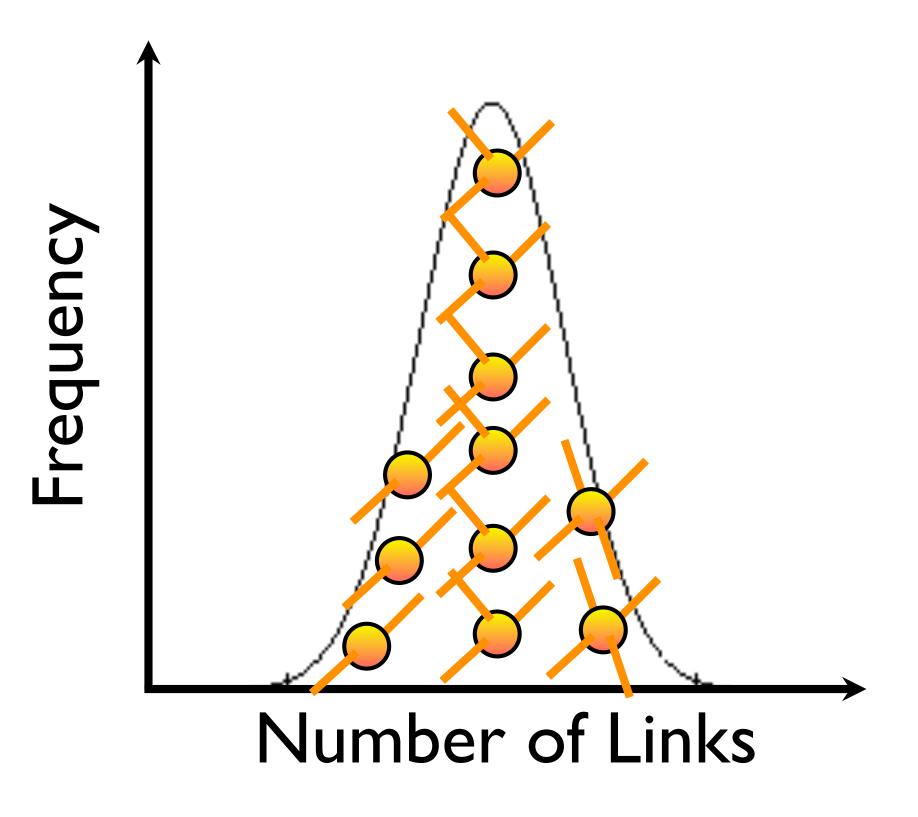


## Erdös-Rényi model

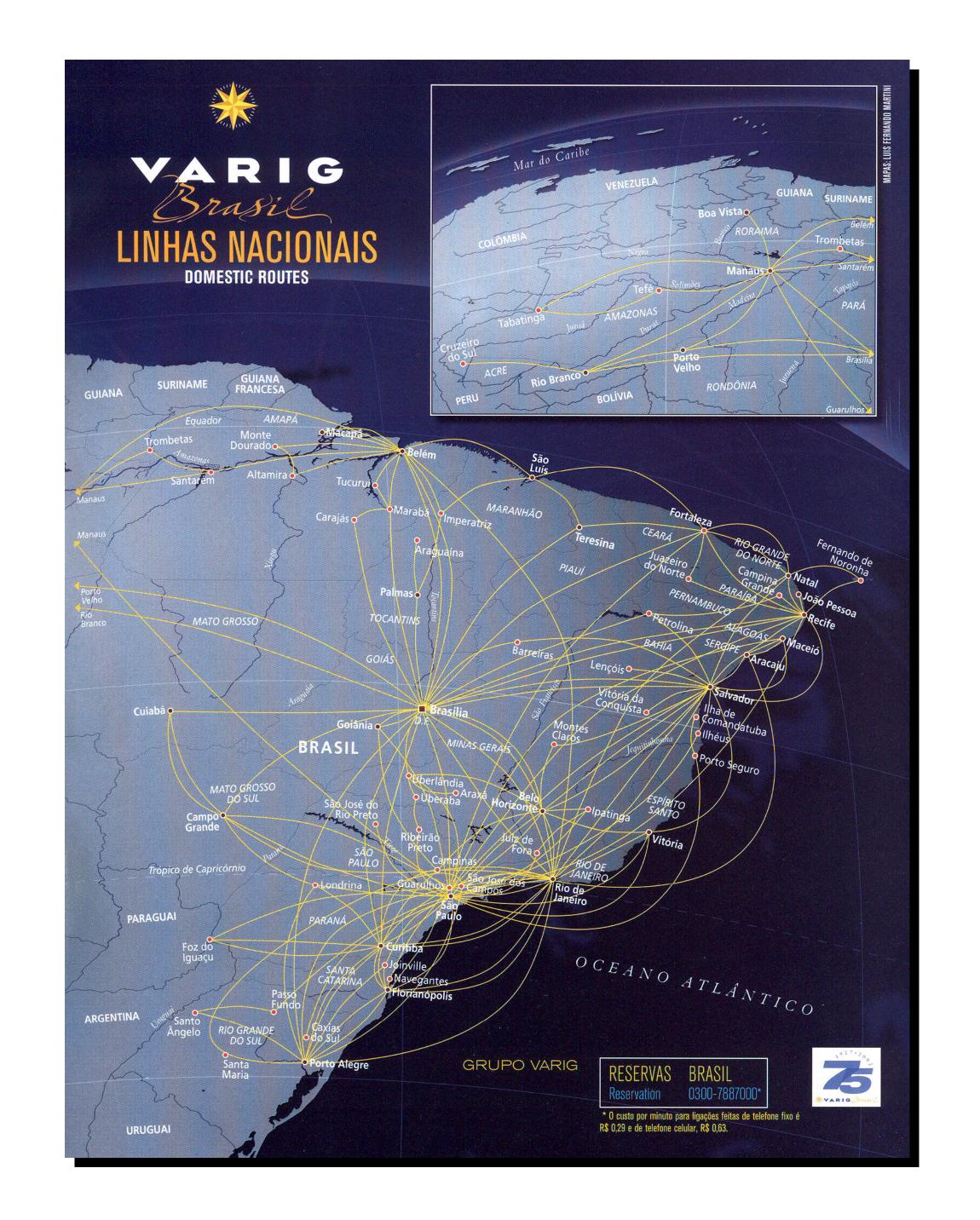


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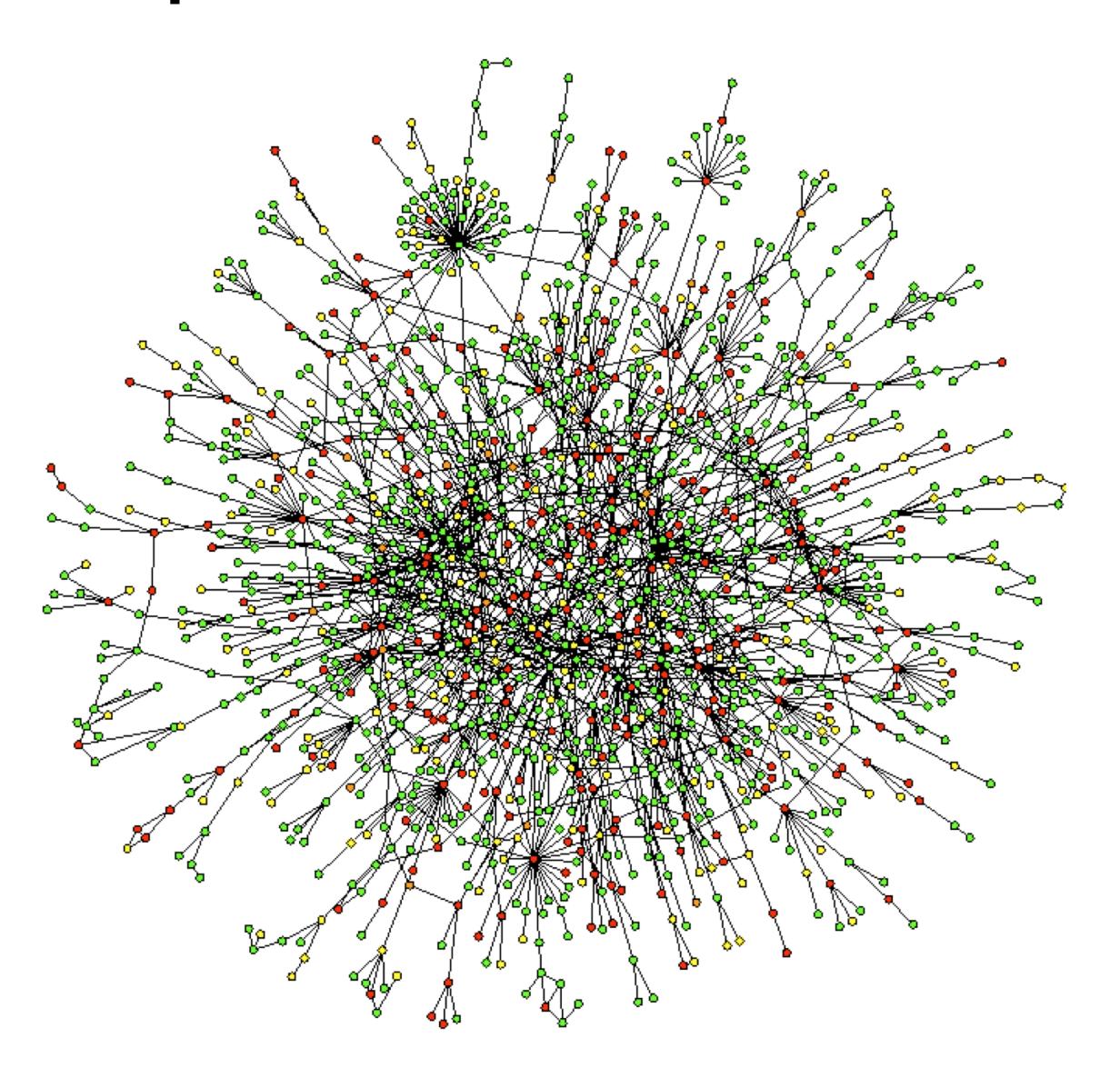




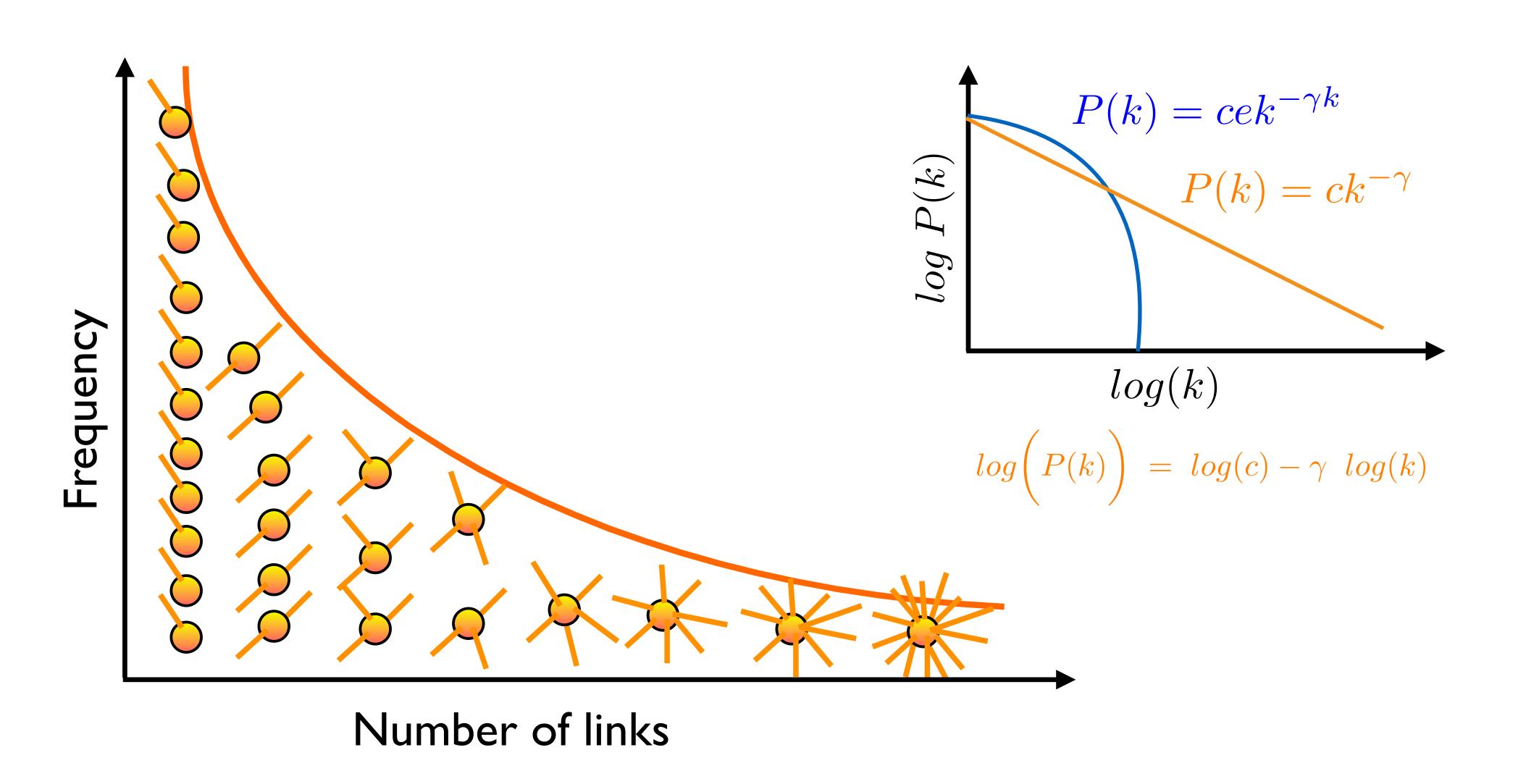
# THE INTERNET: 2001



### protein networks



### complex networks are heterogeneous

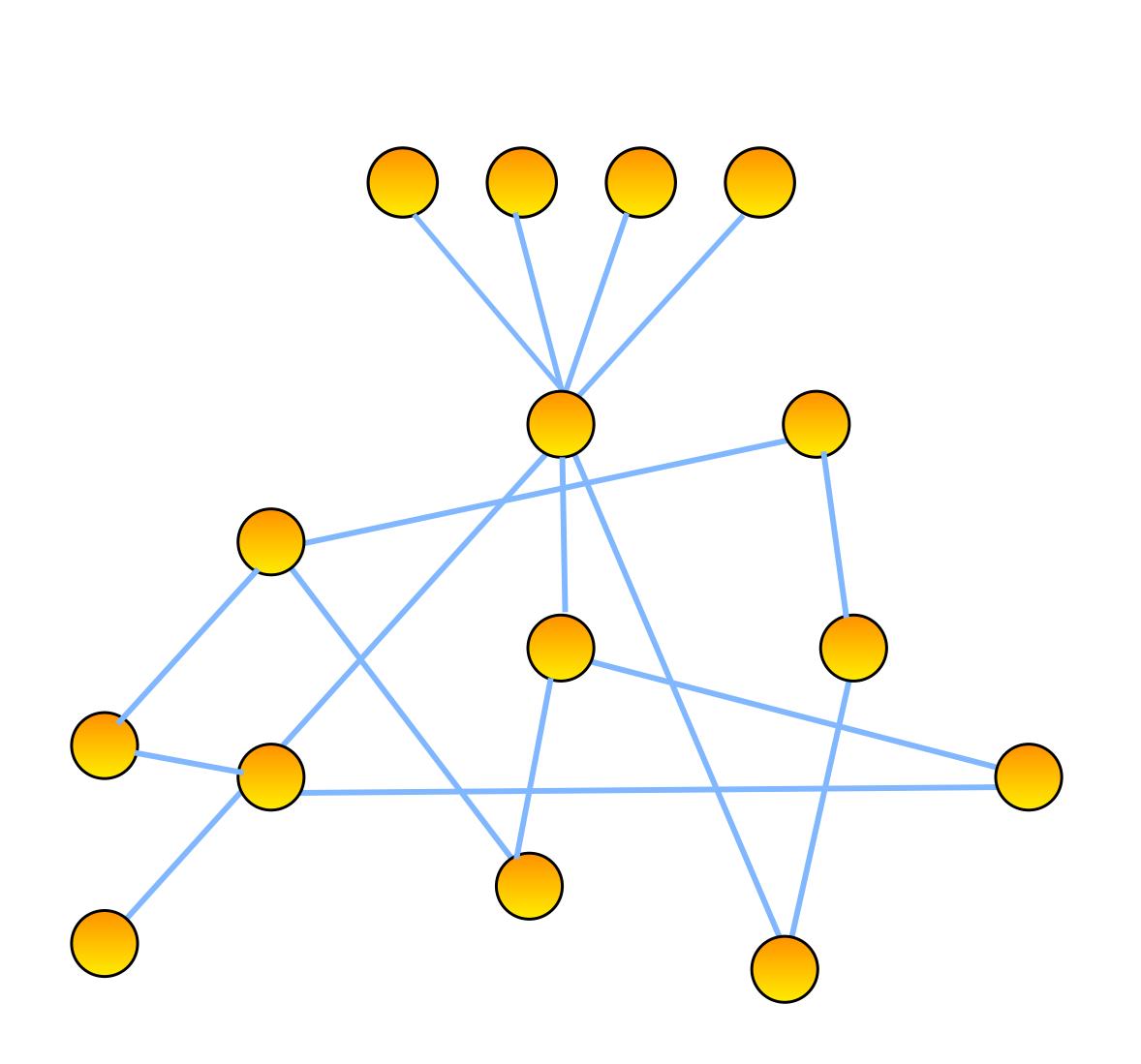


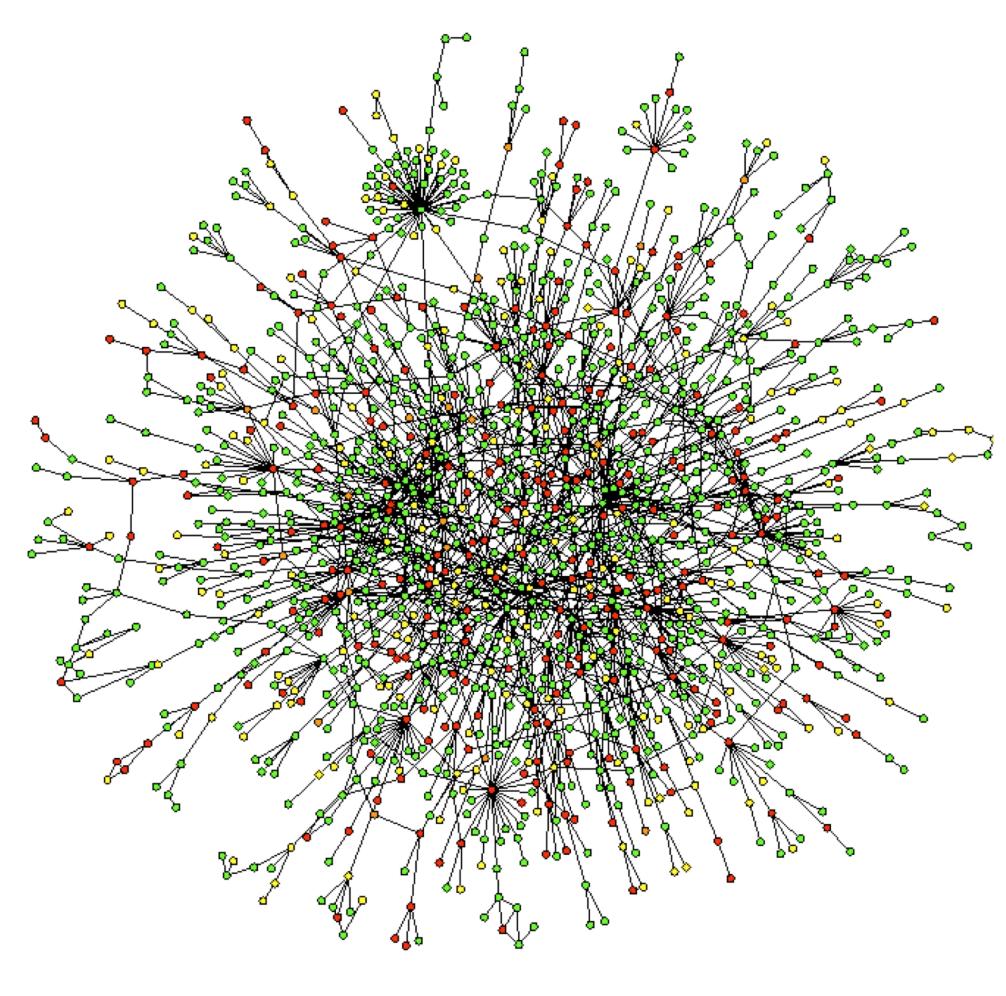
Most real networks have the same internal structure

Why?

What are the implications?

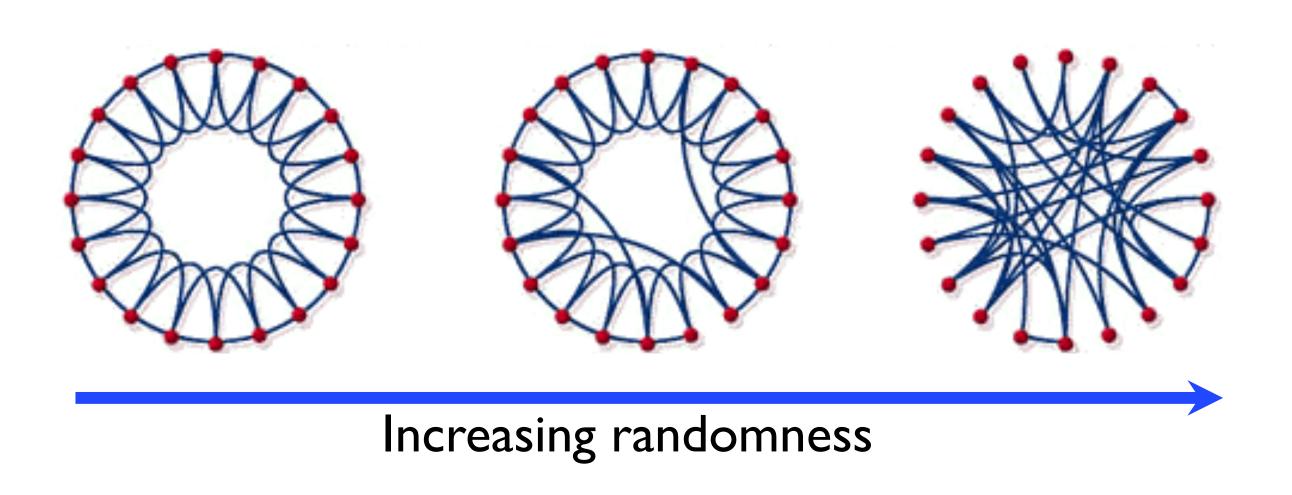
## preferential attachment

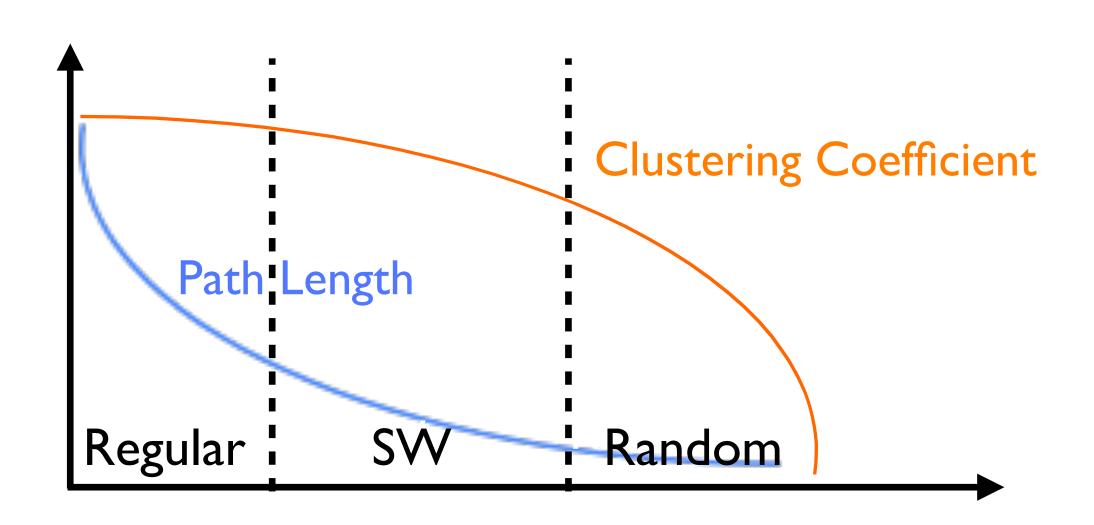




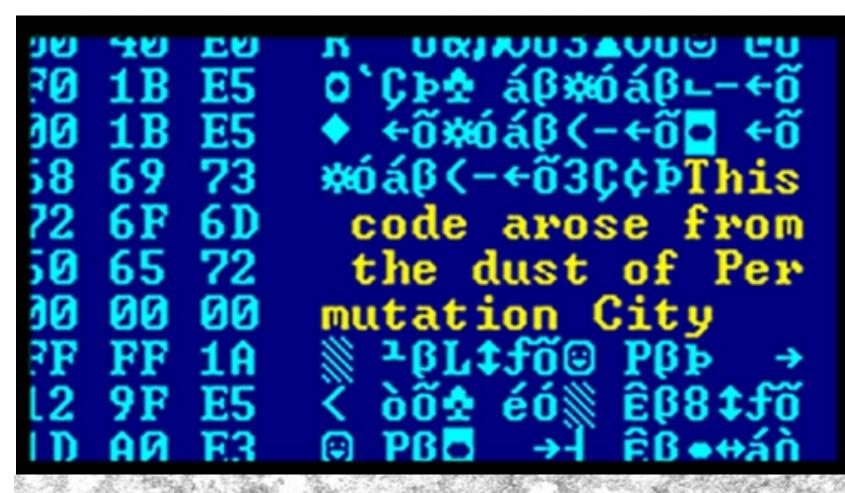
Rich get richer!

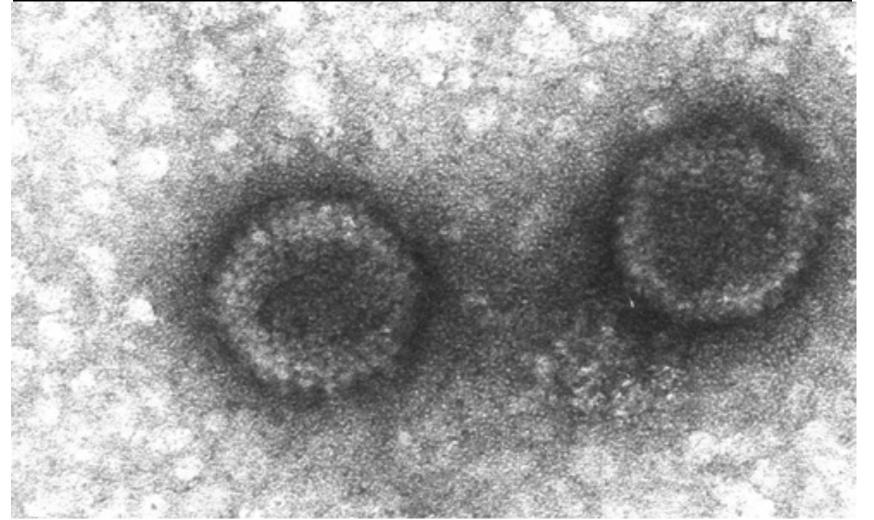
### back to the small world

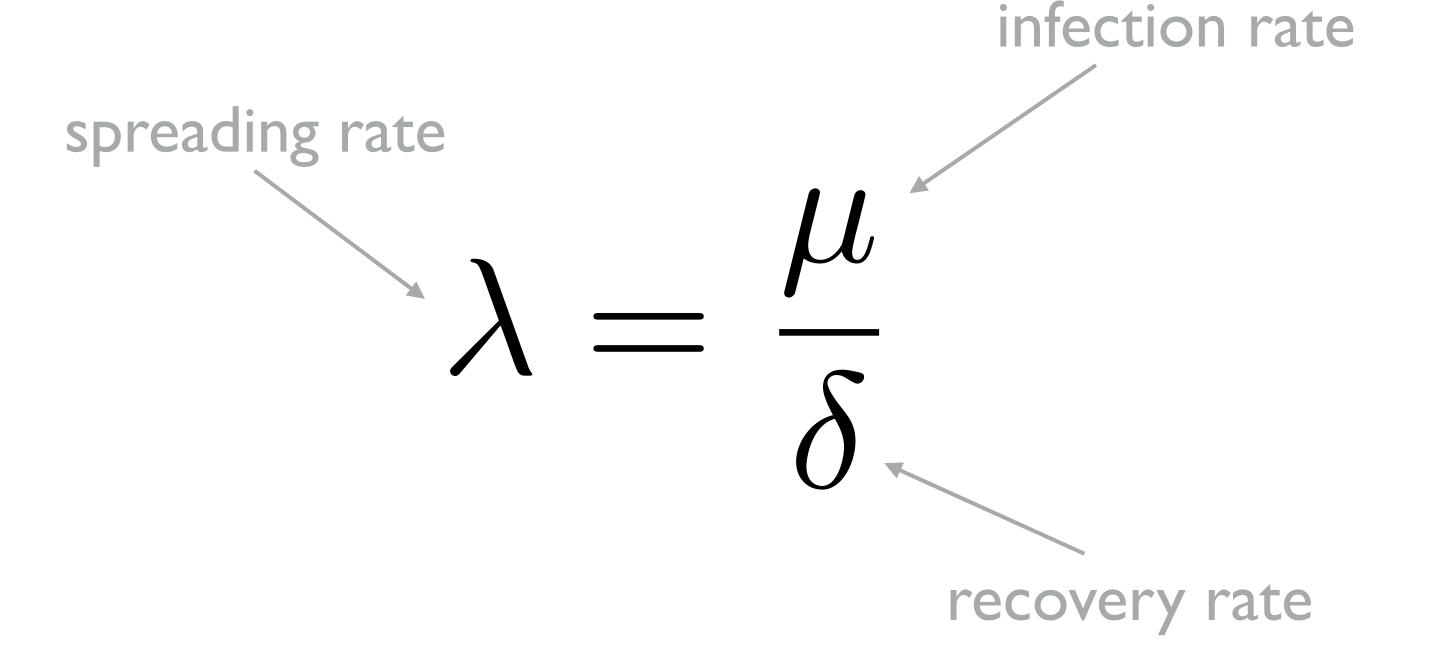




#### eradication in viruses

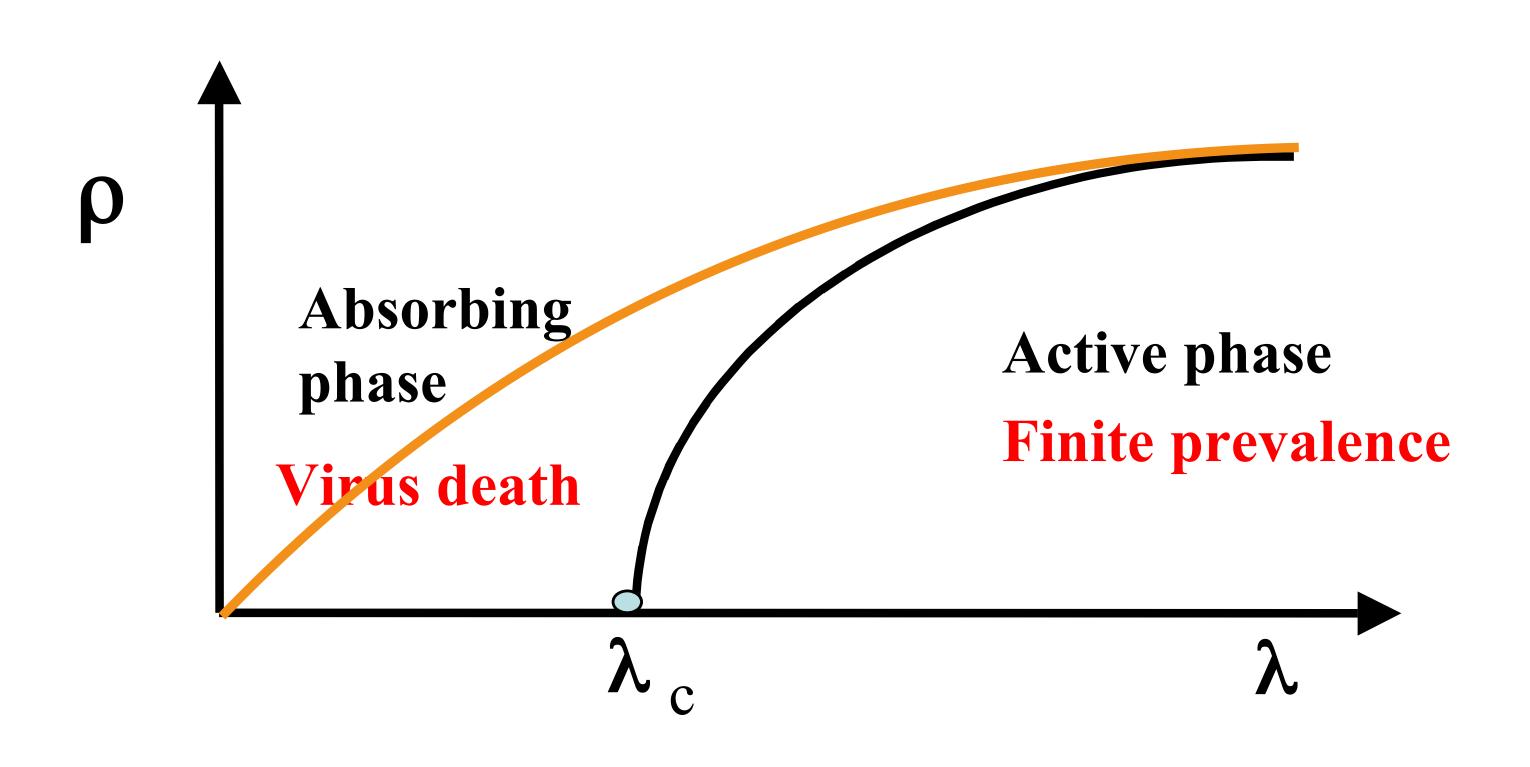






$$\rho = 1 - \frac{\delta}{\mu}$$

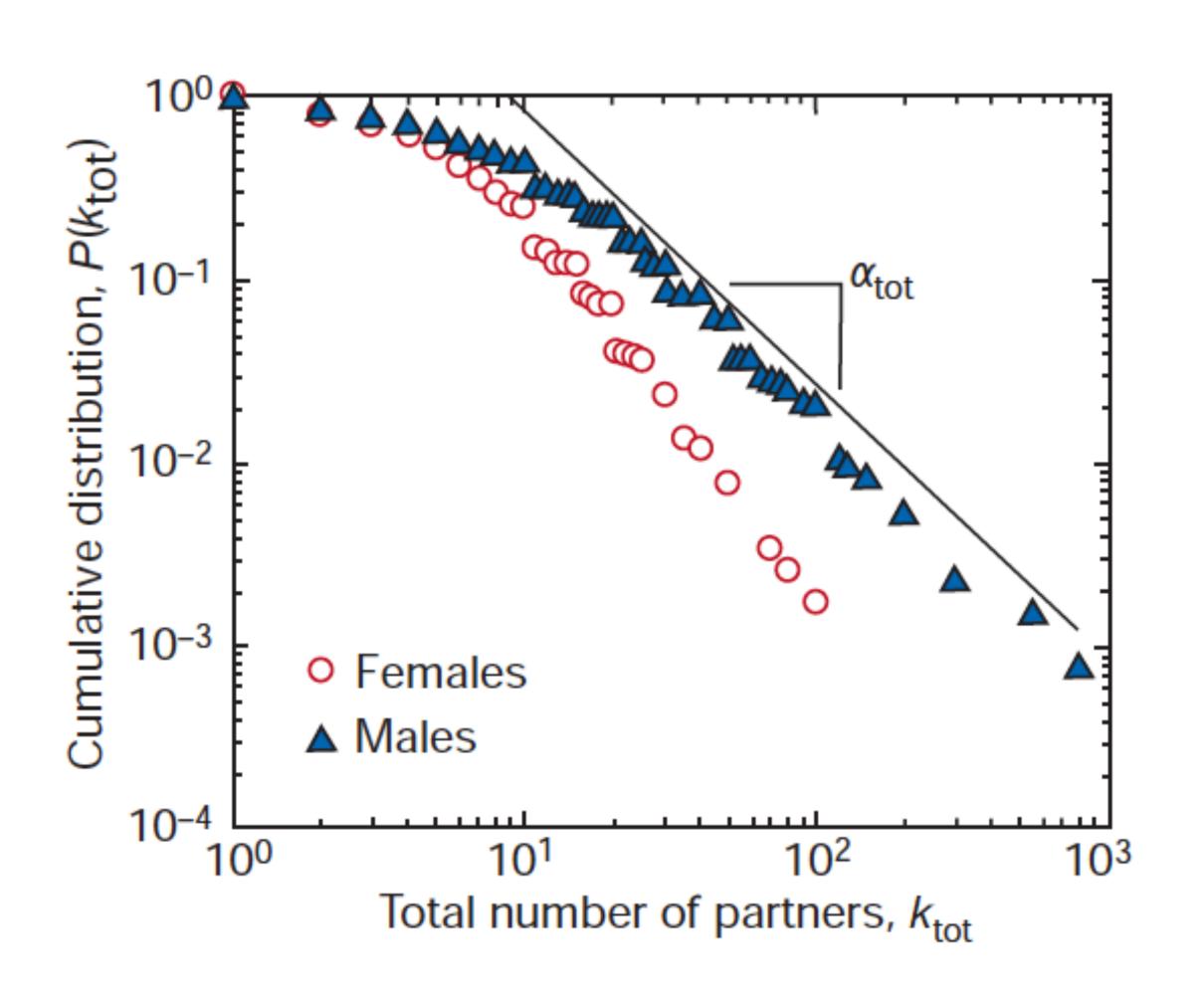
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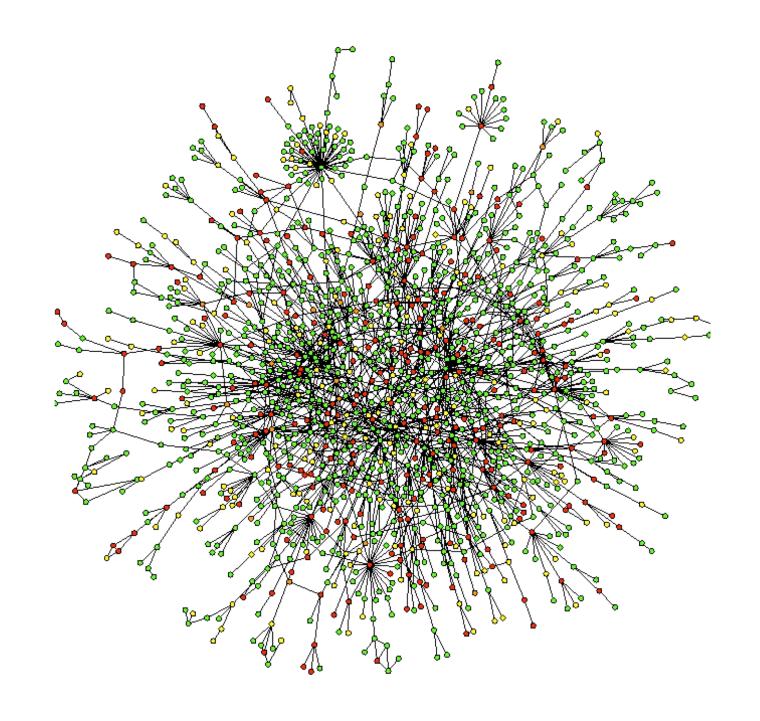


Exponential Scale-free

Pastor Satorras and Vespignani (2001)

### sexually transmitted diseases

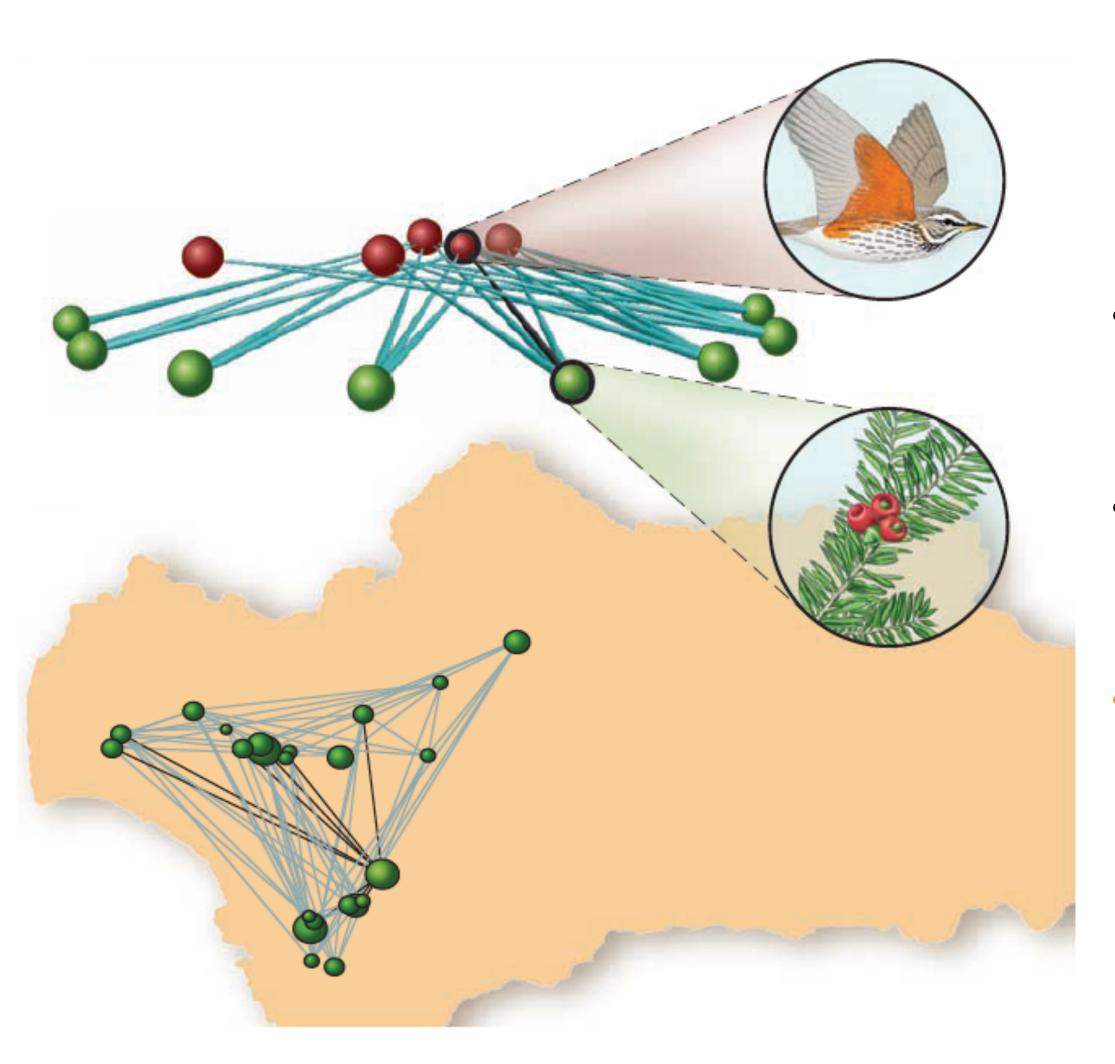




Absence of eradication thresholds in scale-free networks

Lijeros et al. (2001)

### wrapping up: why networks?



- networks allow introducing heterogeneity into our previous homogeneous theories.
- networks put the focus on the patterns of interactions among elements.
- networks allow searching for commonalities among disparate systems.