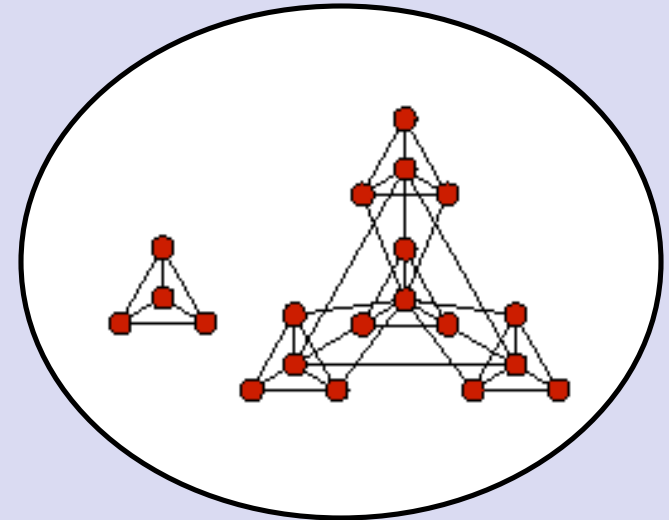


# Hierarchical Networks

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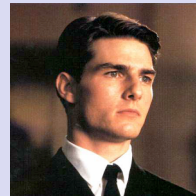
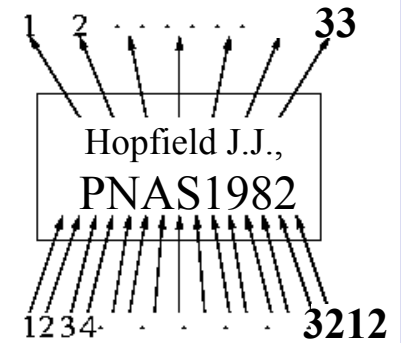


- **Introduction to networks**
- **How to model complex networks?**
- **Clustering and hierarchy**
- **Hierarchical organization of cellular metabolism**
- **The *E. Coli* genetic network**

# Introduction to Networks

- **Networks in society**

- Co-authorship
- Scientific citations
- Friendships
- Sexual contacts
- Movie actor network
- Business relationships



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

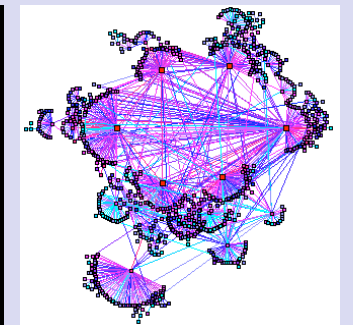
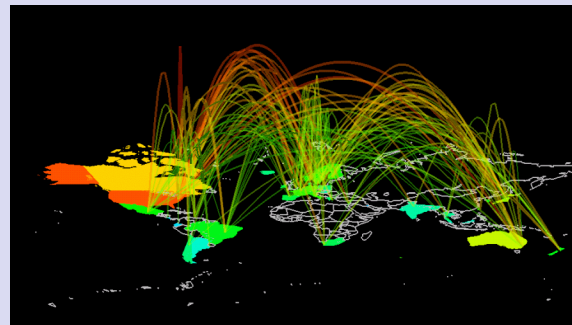


- **Communication networks**

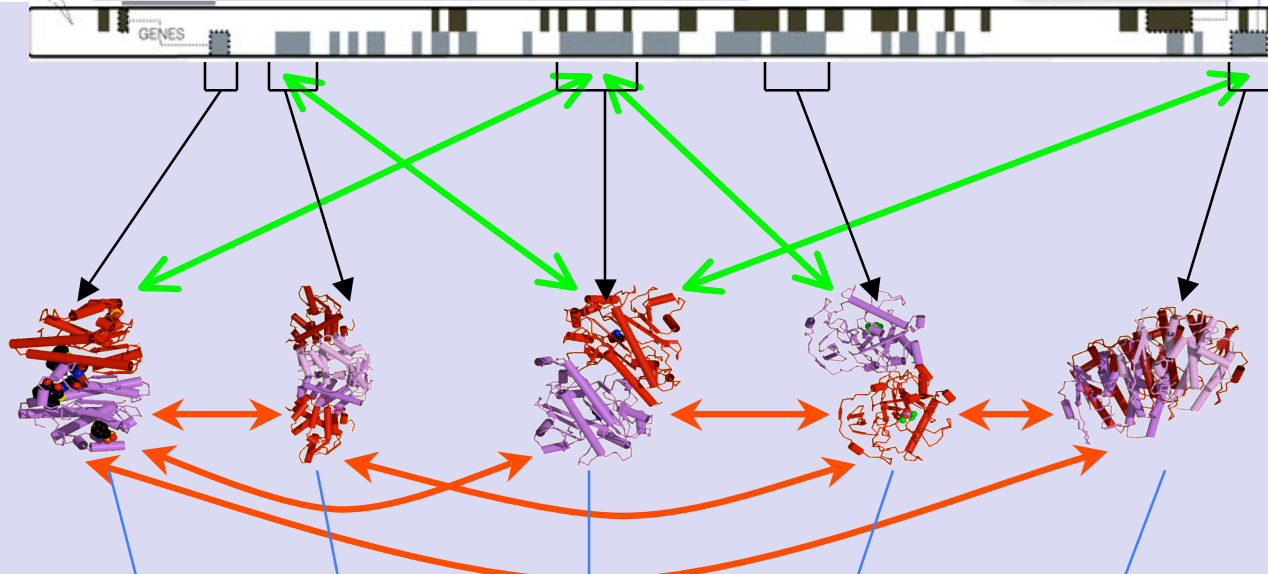
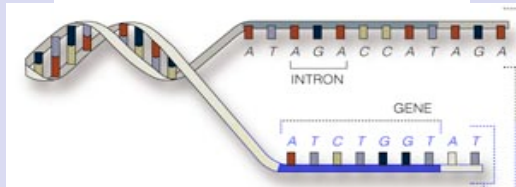
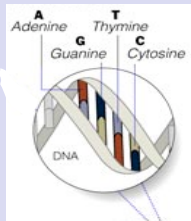
- Internet
- World Wide Web

- **And more:**

- Power grid
- Airline routes
- Neuron networks
- Words linked by synonyms
- ...



# • Networks in the cell



**GENOME**

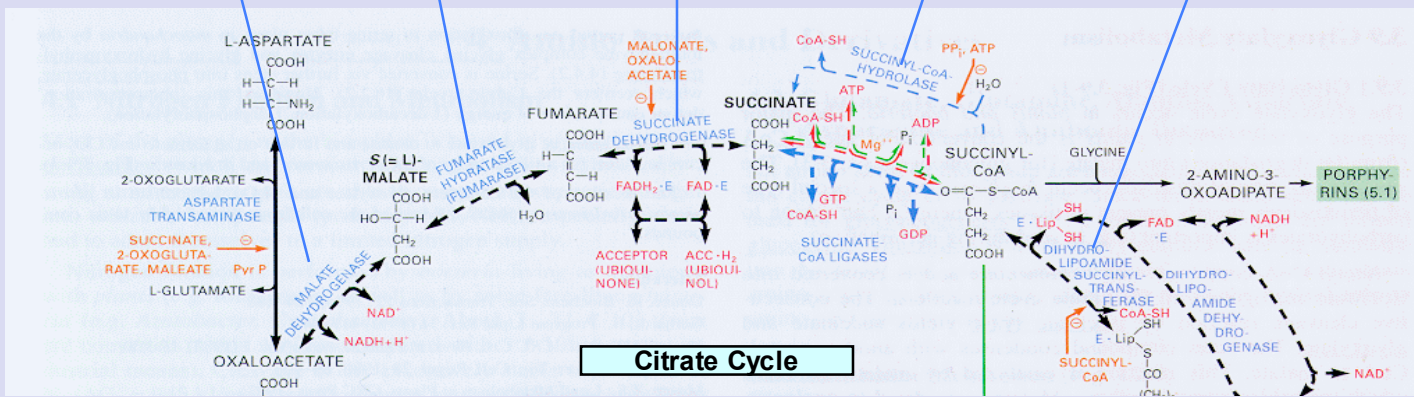
protein-gene interactions

**PROTEOME**

protein-protein interactions

**METABOLISM**

Bio-chemical reactions



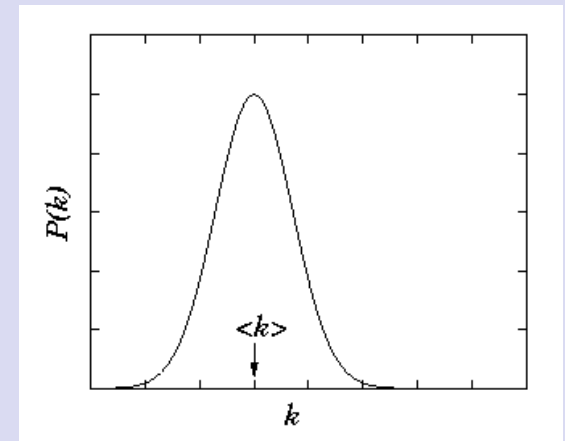
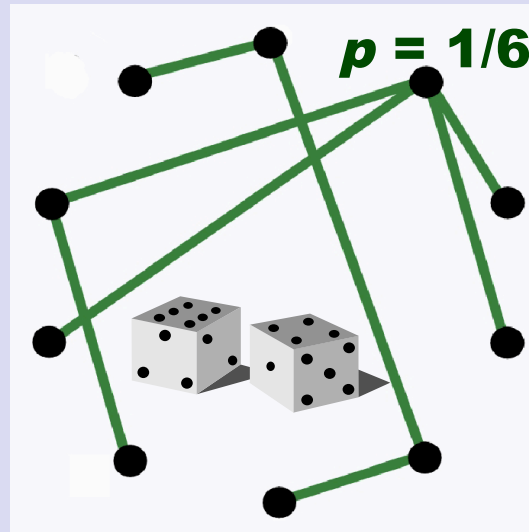
# How to model complex networks?

- The Erdős-Rényi model (1960)

- Start with  $N$  nodes
- Connect two nodes with probability  $p$



- democratic
- homogeneous in connectivity



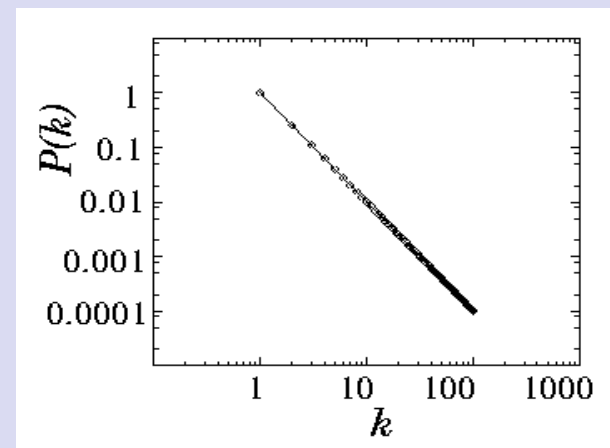
$$P(k) \approx e^{-pN} \frac{(pN)^k}{k!}$$

- Does it work?

- No, but ...

- ▶ Co-authorship
- ▶ Scientific citations
- ▶ Sexual contacts
- ▶ Movie actor network

- ▶ Internet backbone
- ▶ World Wide Web
- ▶ Words linked by synonyms
- ▶ protein-protein interactions
- ▶ Bio-chemical reactions



- Power law connectivity distributions!

- **The scale-free model**

- Real networks grow continuously.
- Highly connected nodes are more likely to receive new links.



- **GROWTH**

- ❖ At each time-step a new node is added with  $m$  links.

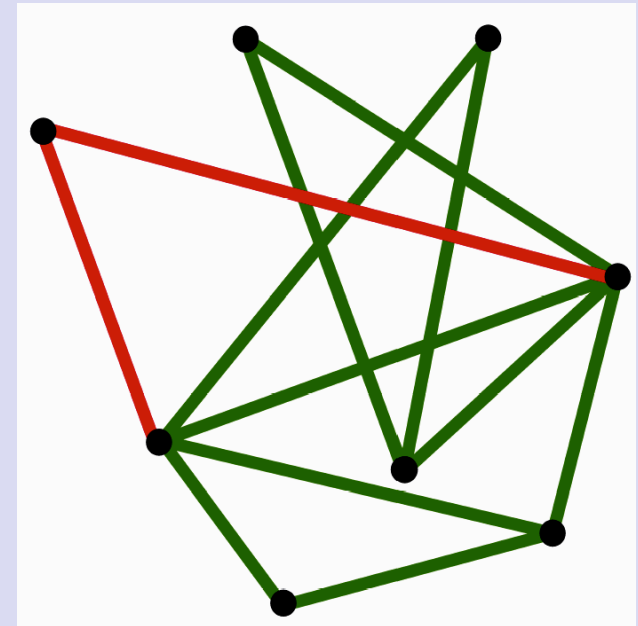
- **PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT**

- ❖ The probability that an existing node receives a link from the new one is proportional to its connectivity.

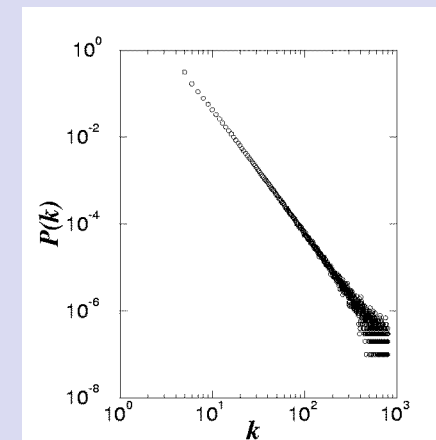
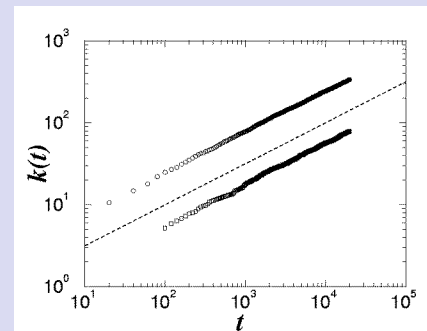
- **Mean field solution**

- ❖ 
$$k_i(t) = m \left( \frac{t}{t_i} \right)^{0.5}$$

- ❖ 
$$P(k) = \frac{2m^2}{k^3}$$



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



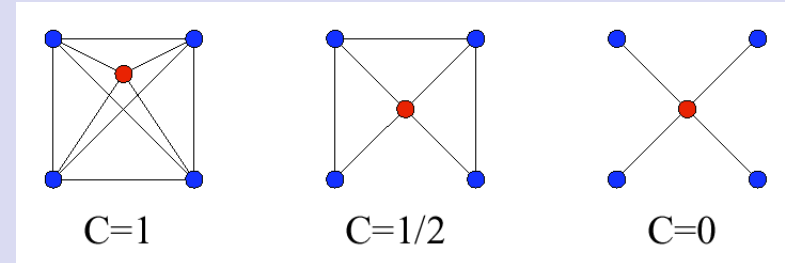
# Clustering and hierarchy

- **Clustering coefficient**

- Defined as the probability that a node's neighbors are linked.

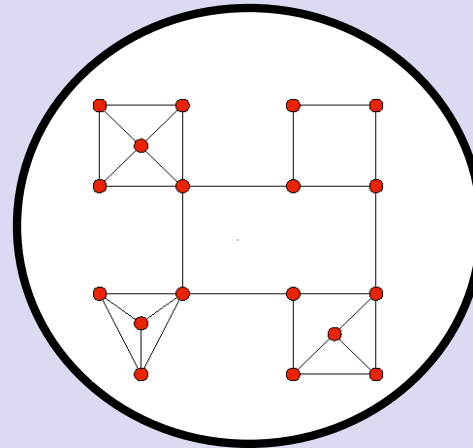
- Scale-free model  $C \sim N^{-0.75}$

- Real networks have high average clustering coefficients!



- **Why?**

- *Modular organization*



- ▶ Protein complexes
- ▶ WWW communities
- ▶ Scientific groups
- ▶ Research areas
- ▶ Circles of friends

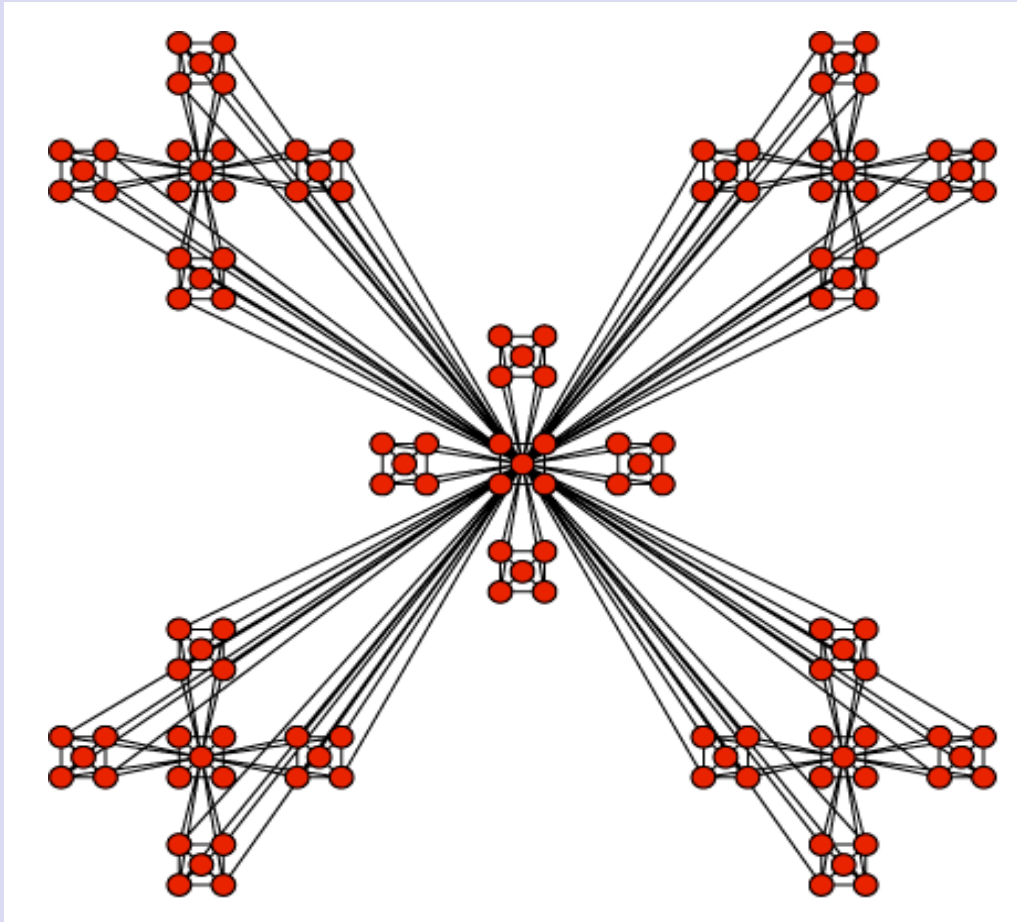
- **Modular and scale-free?**

- ❖ Inspired by the *E. Coli* metabolic network

- **Hierarchical modularity**



# • Hierarchical scale-free model



- Power law degree distribution

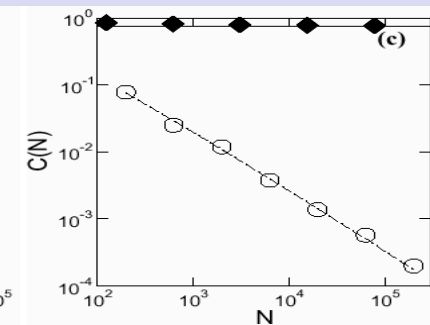
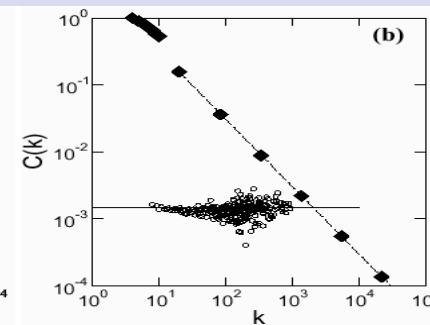
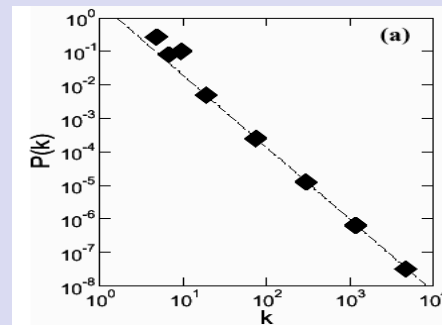
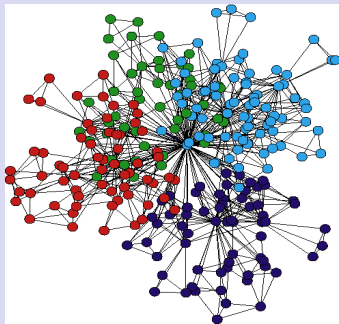
$$\gamma = 1 + \ln 5 / \ln 4$$

- Power law scaling of  $C(k)$

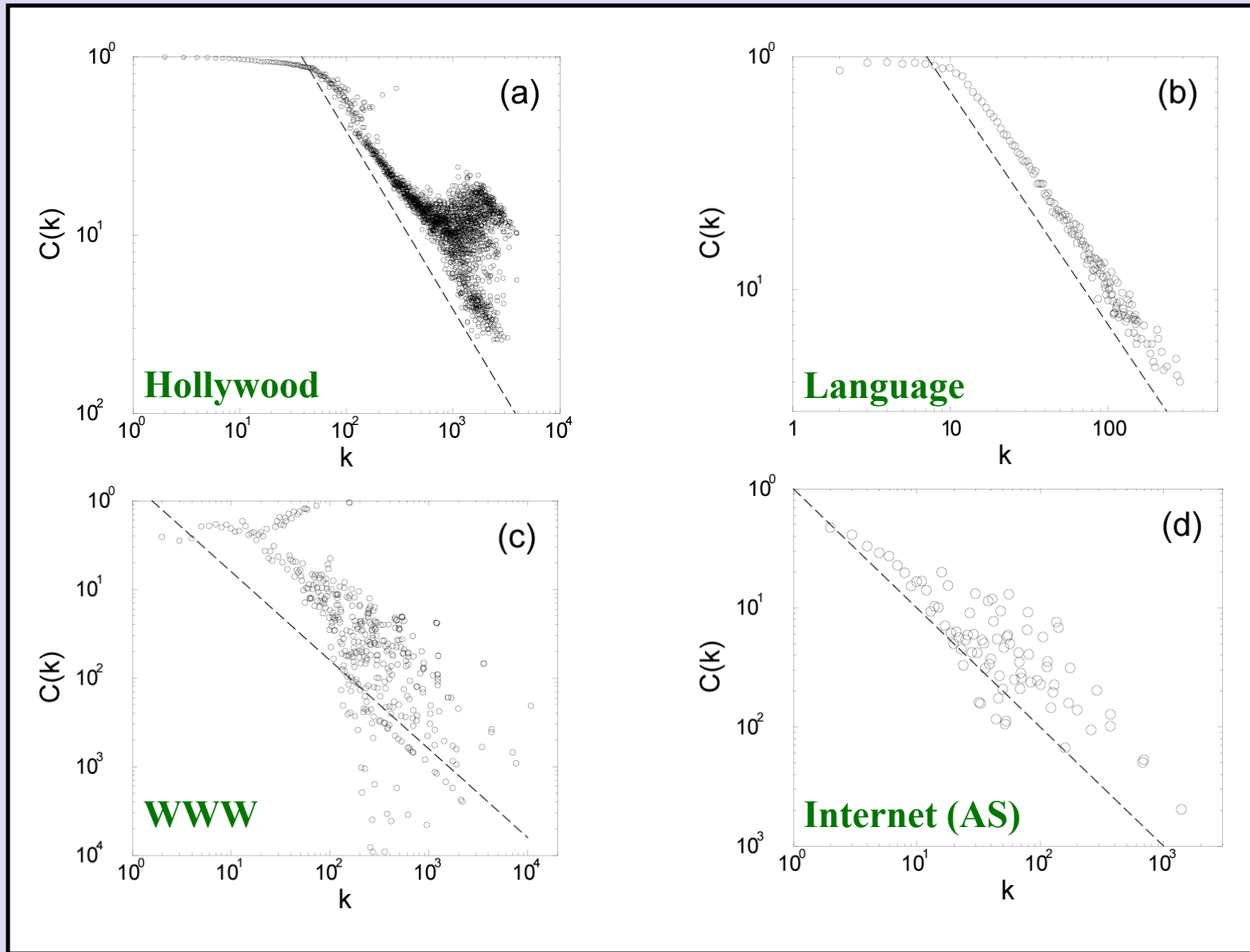
$$C(k) \sim k^{-1}$$

- Size independent average clustering

$$C \simeq 0.743$$



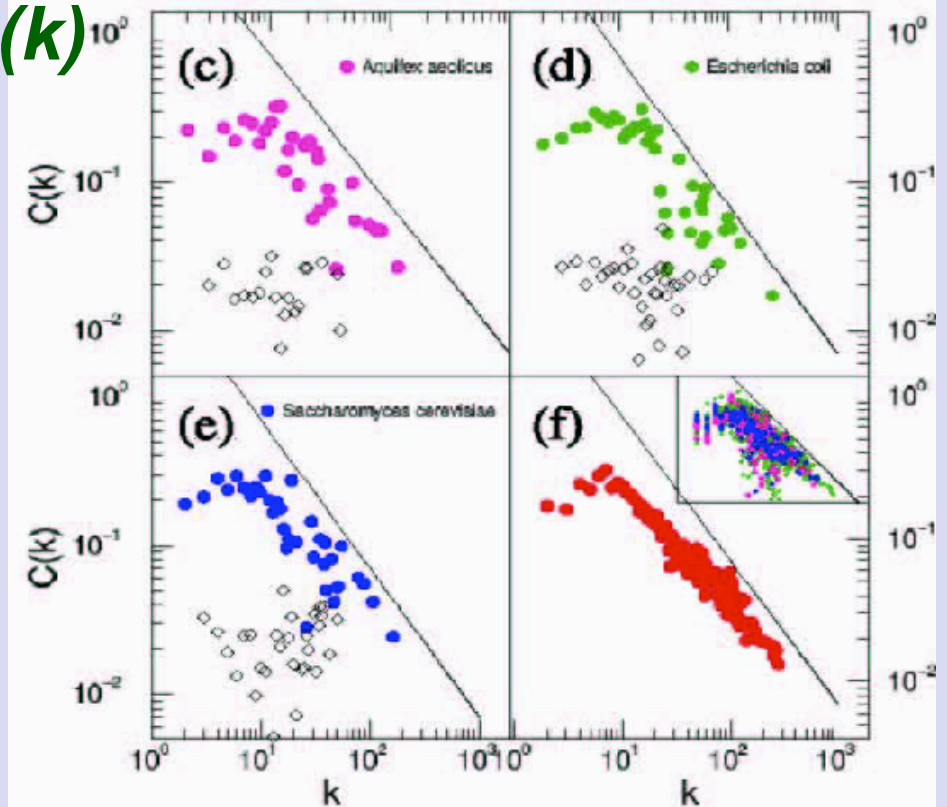
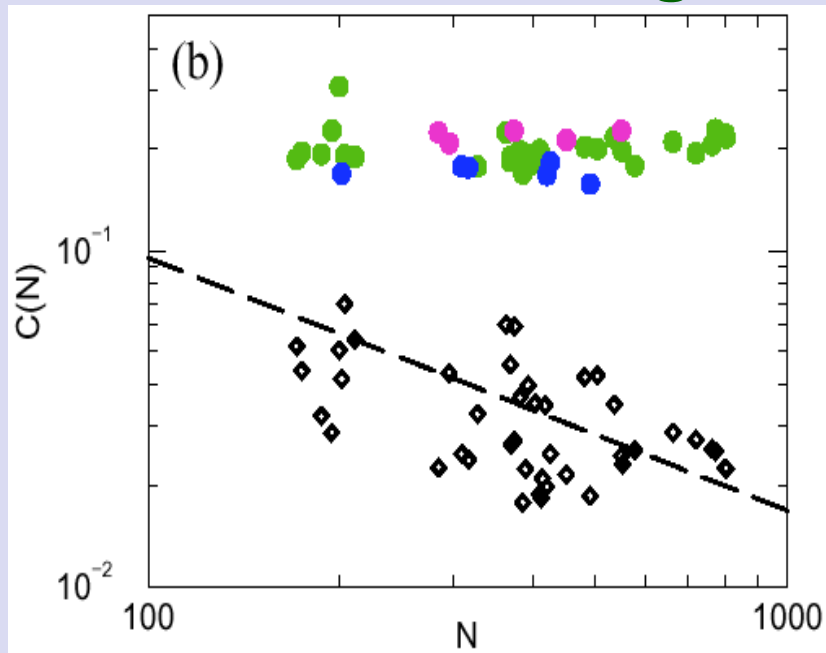
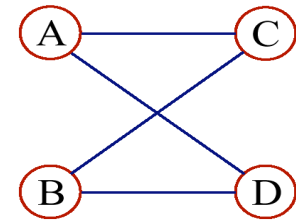
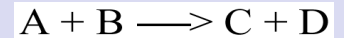
- **Hierarchy captured in real networks**



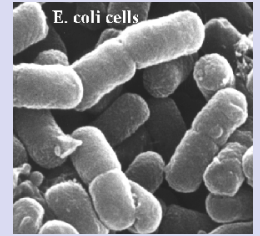


# Hierarchical organization of cellular metabolism

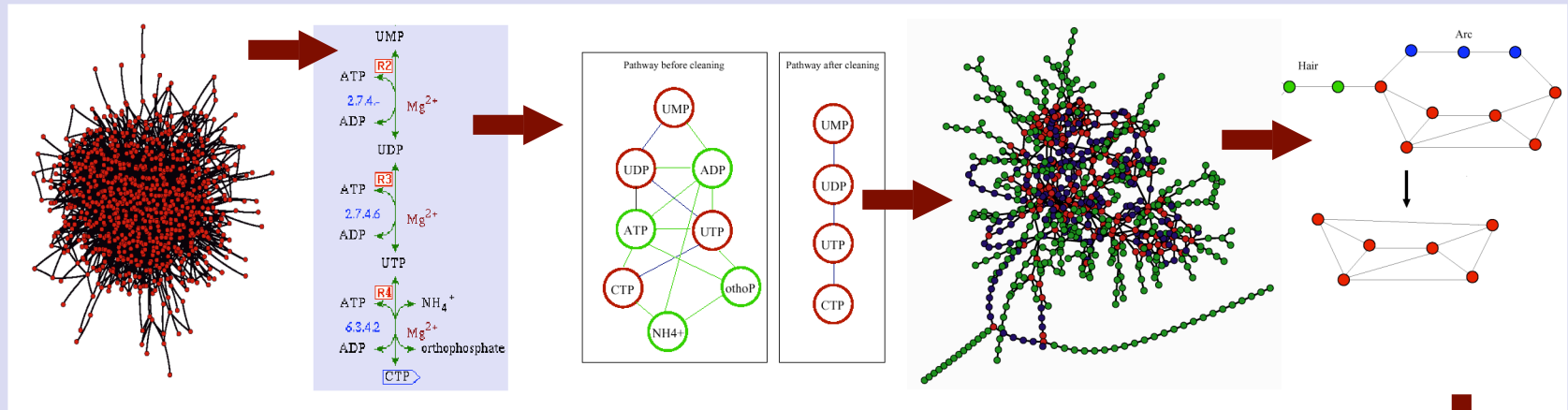
- Graph representation of metabolism
- Clustering coefficient is size independent
- Power-law scaling of  $C(k)$



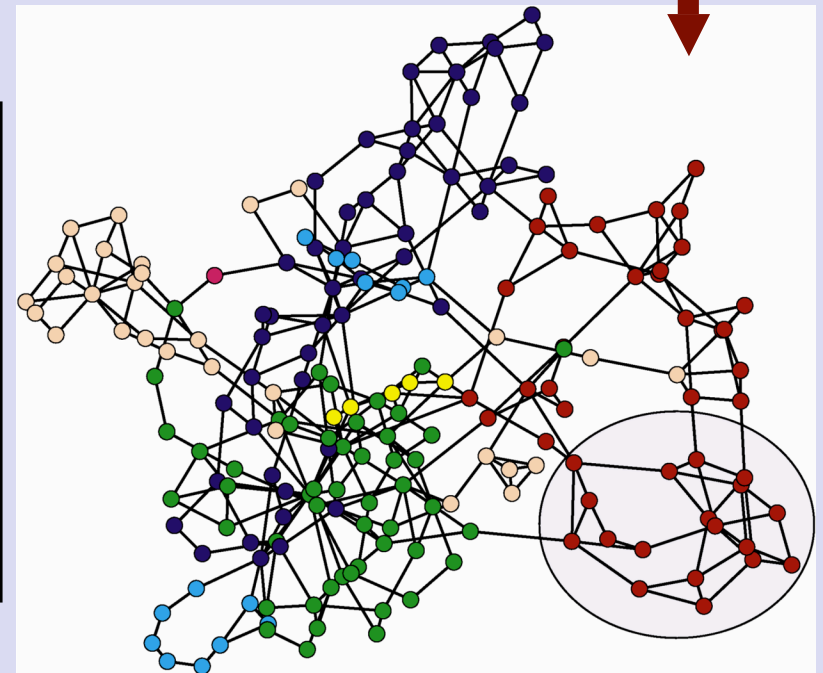
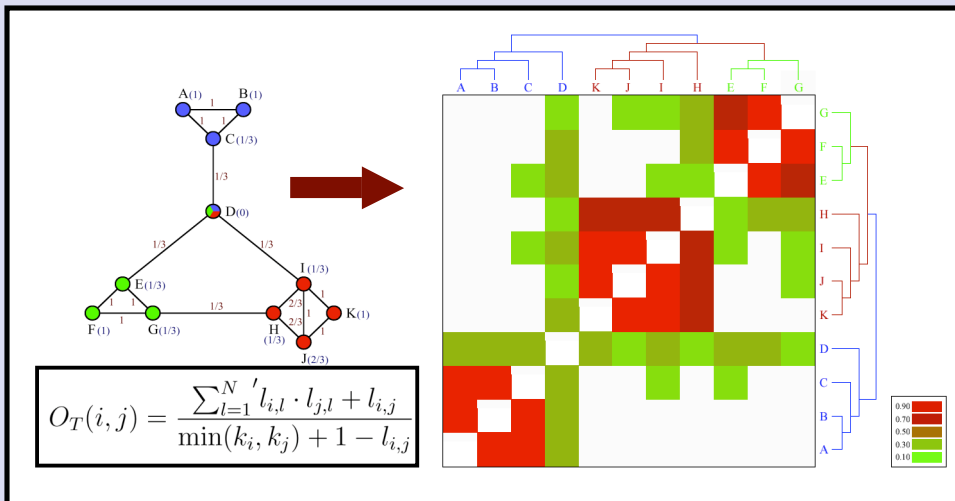
# • Modules in the *E. Coli* metabolic network



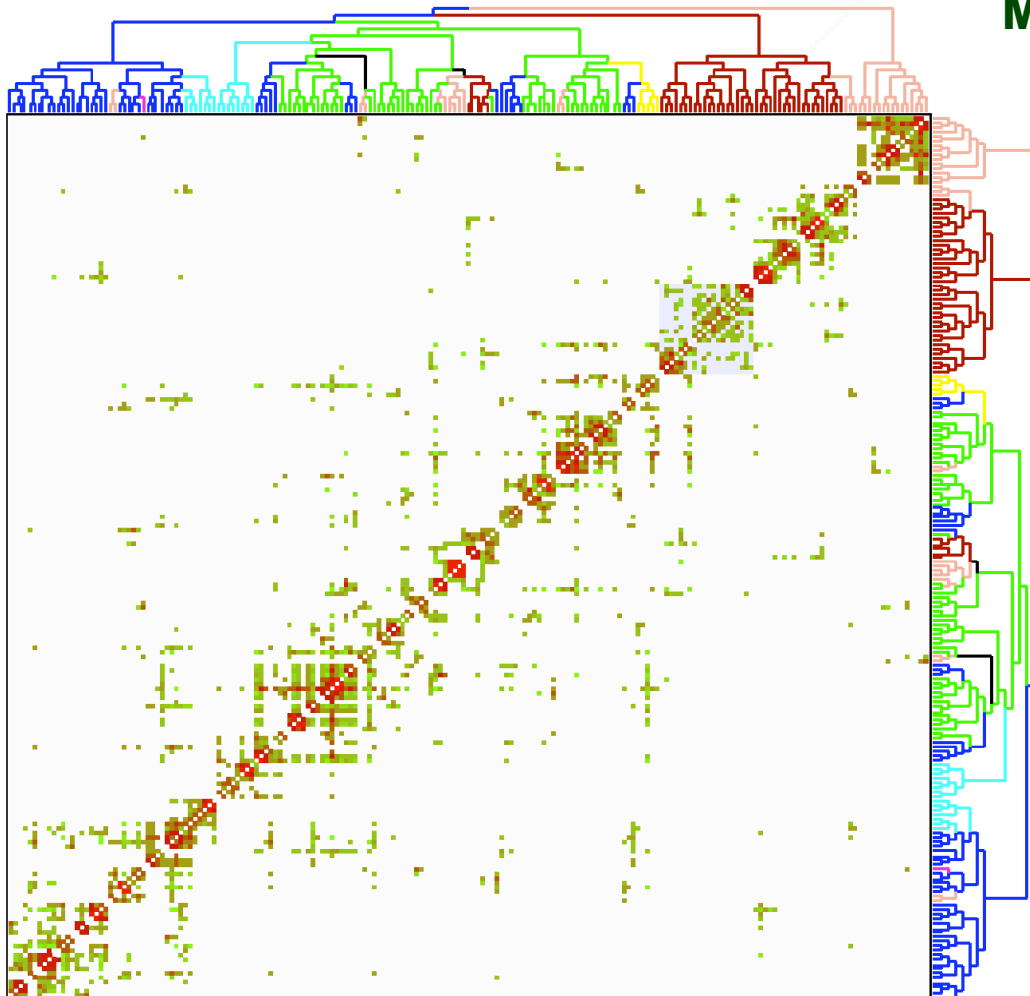
## ➤ Reduced graph representation



## ➤ Clustering

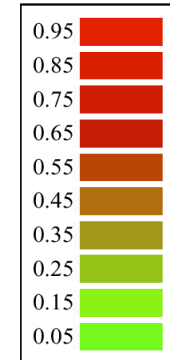
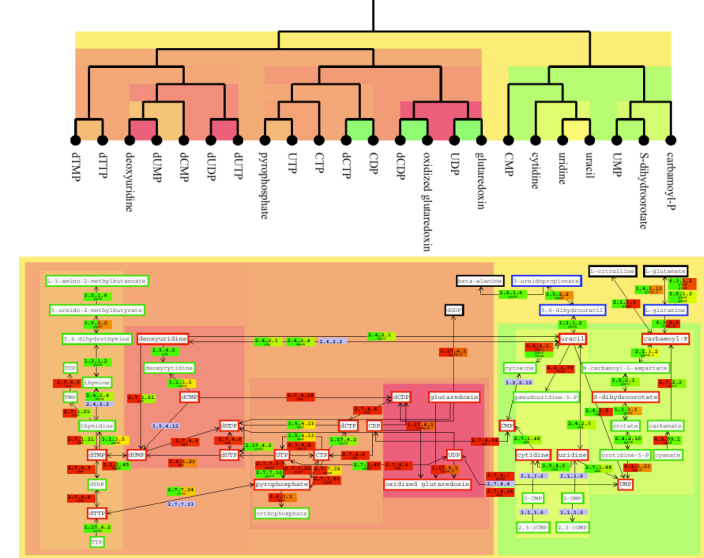


# ➤ Clusters and their biological function

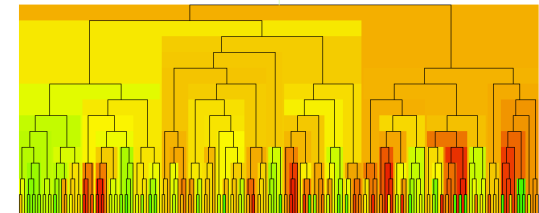
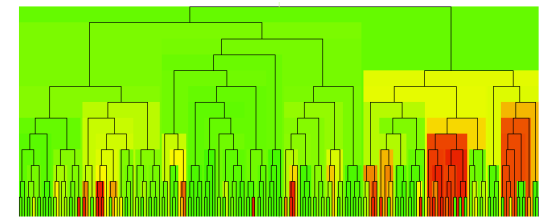


Carbohydrates		Lipids		Amino acids						Nucleotides Nucleic Acids		Coenz. Vit.								
Disaccharides	Monosaccharides	Membrane Lipids	Fatty Acids	Organic Acids	Cysteine	Lactate	Pyruvate	Serine, Threonine	Tyrosine	Nicotinamide	Purine Biosynthesis	Glycoxilate	Glutamate	Arginine	Metab. sugar alc. Formate	Pyrimidine	Purine	Sirohem.	Chorismate	Vitamin K

## Map of the pyrimidine metabolism



## Cluster lethality



Carbohydrates		Aminoacids, Proteins, Peptides			Nucleotides, Nucleic acids		Coenzymes, Vitamins, Lipids	
Aminoacids	Aminoacids Organic Acids	Aminoacids	Purines	Pyrimidines	Lipids	Coenzymes	Vitamins	

# The *E. Coli* genetic network

- Transcription and it's regulation

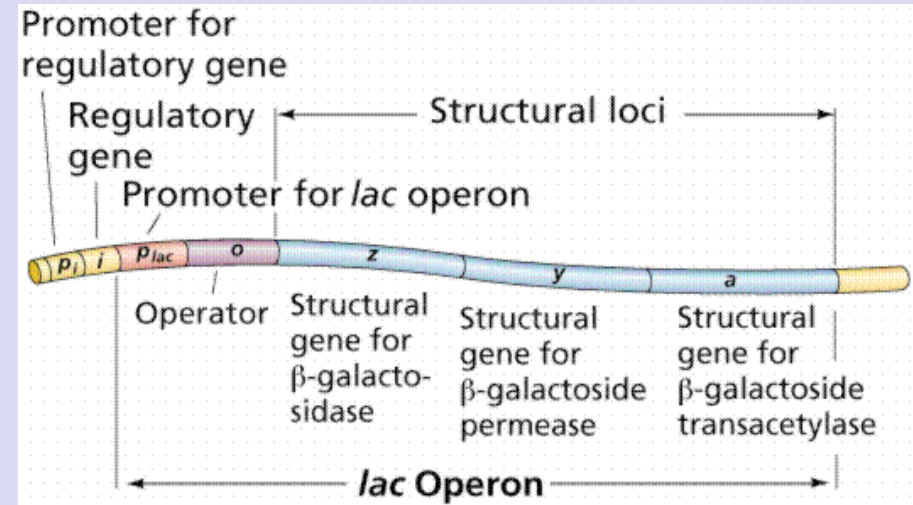
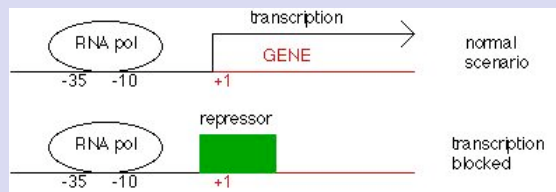
- ❖ Promoter regions and operons

- ❖ Transcriptional regulation

- ▶ Activation



- ▶ Repression



- Available data on *E. Coli*

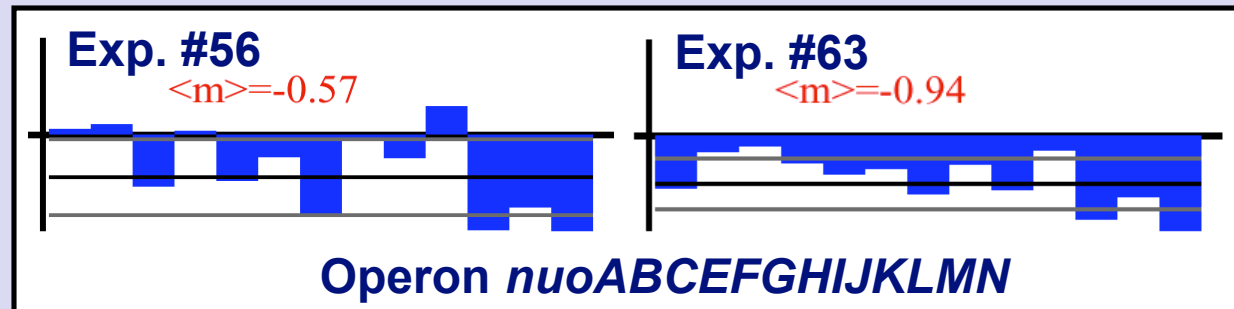
- ❖ Gene content and activation-repression interactions for 400 operons

- ❖ mRNA concentration of all *E. Coli* genes in 50+17 experimental conditions

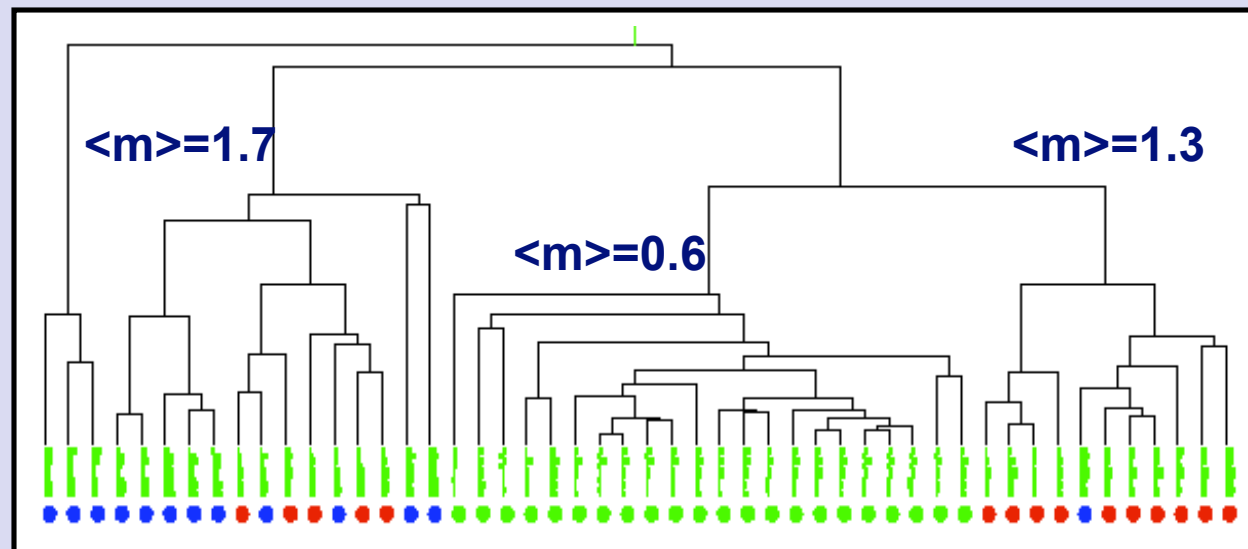
# • Operon activation states:

## ❖ Observation:

- ▶ mRNA levels of genes in an operon can be very different
- ▶ Relative levels are very similar across some experiments



- ▶ clustering based on profile similarity leads to 2-3 clusters



- ▶ clusters have different average expression levels!

- **Next step:**

- ❖ Only a few “states” of activation?

- ❖ Proposed test:

		Regulated gene	
		1	2
Transcription factor	1	1	12
	2	20	2
	3	8	1

		Regulated gene	
		1	2
Transcription factor	1	5	7
	2	10	9
	3	11	13

**Law**                      **No law**

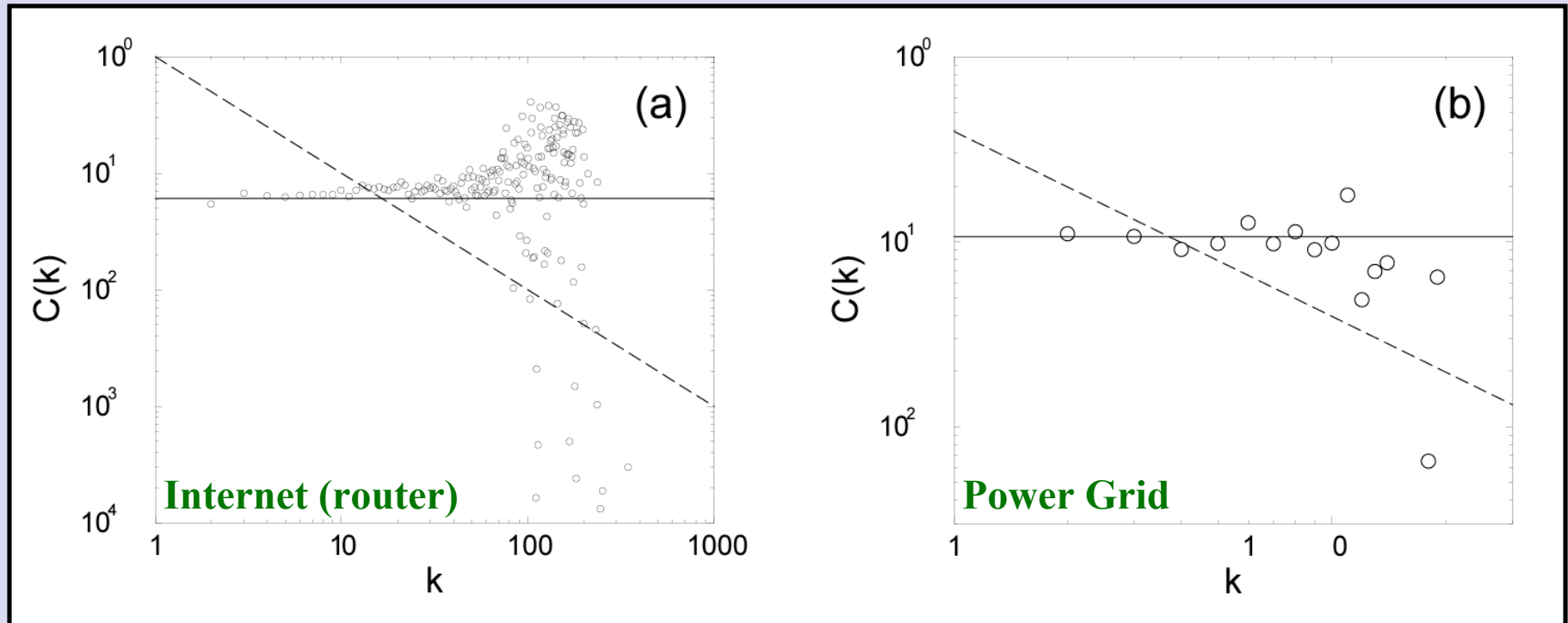
- ❖ Modeling

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- **Some networks are not hierarchical**



### ➤ **Common features**

- ❖ **geographical localization**
- ❖ **economic pressure to minimize link lengths**