BITCOIN NETWORK ANALYSIS

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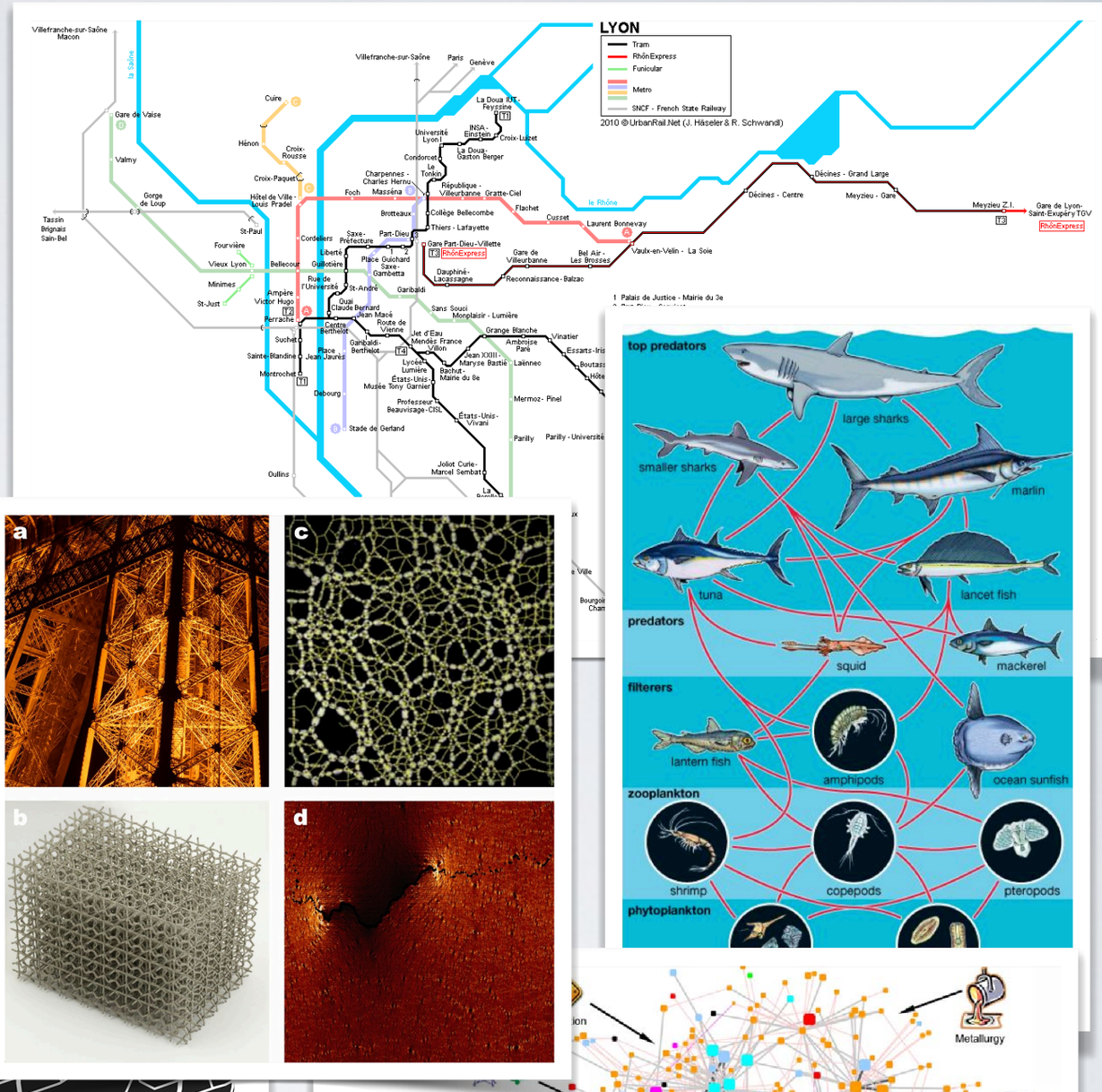
- Not economist… => BITUNAM Project
  - Bitcoin User Network Analysis and Mining

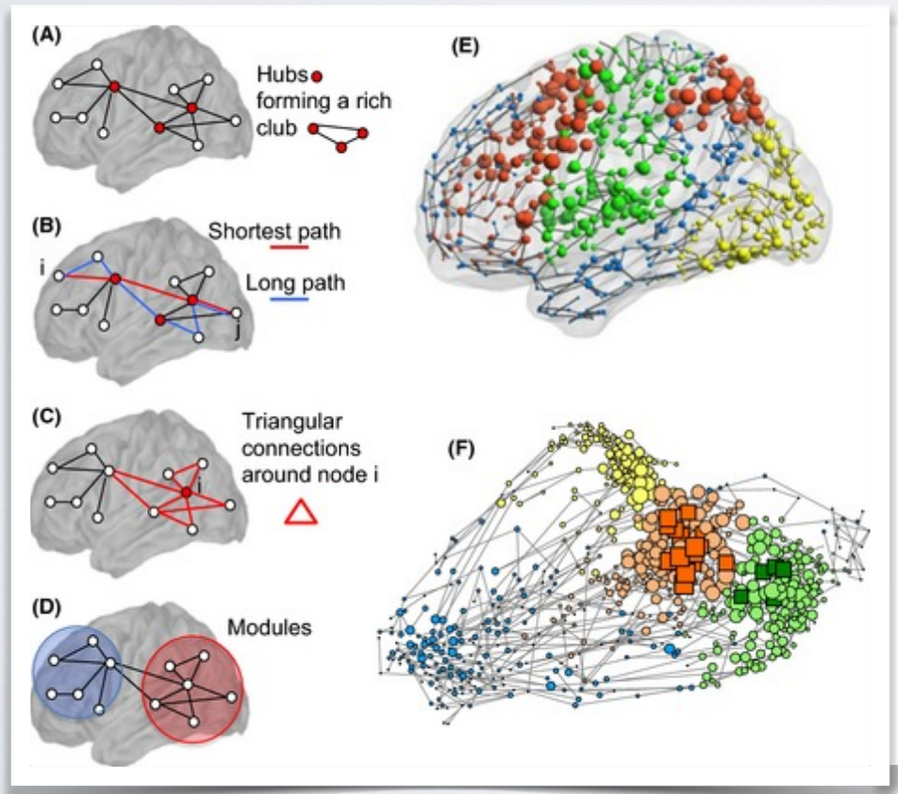
NETWORK SCIENCE

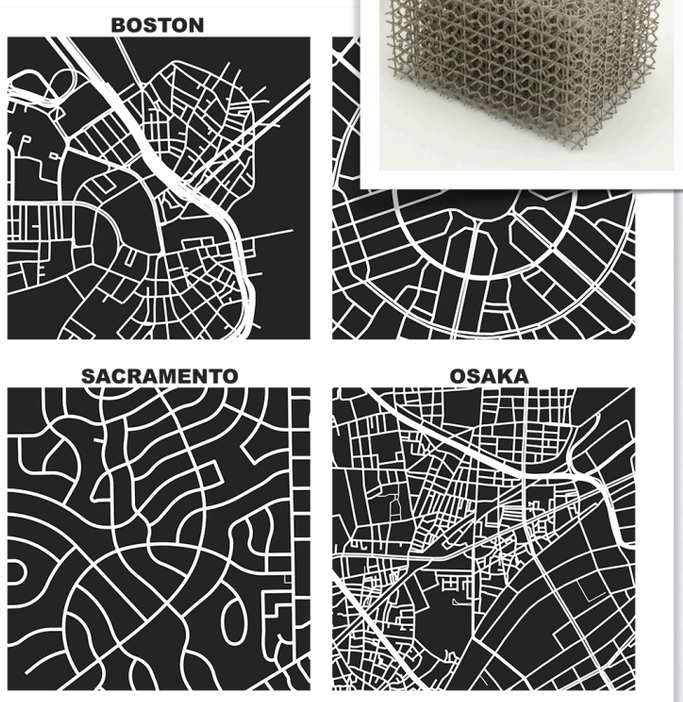
- Study interactions between entities at the micro level => represent interactions as a **network**

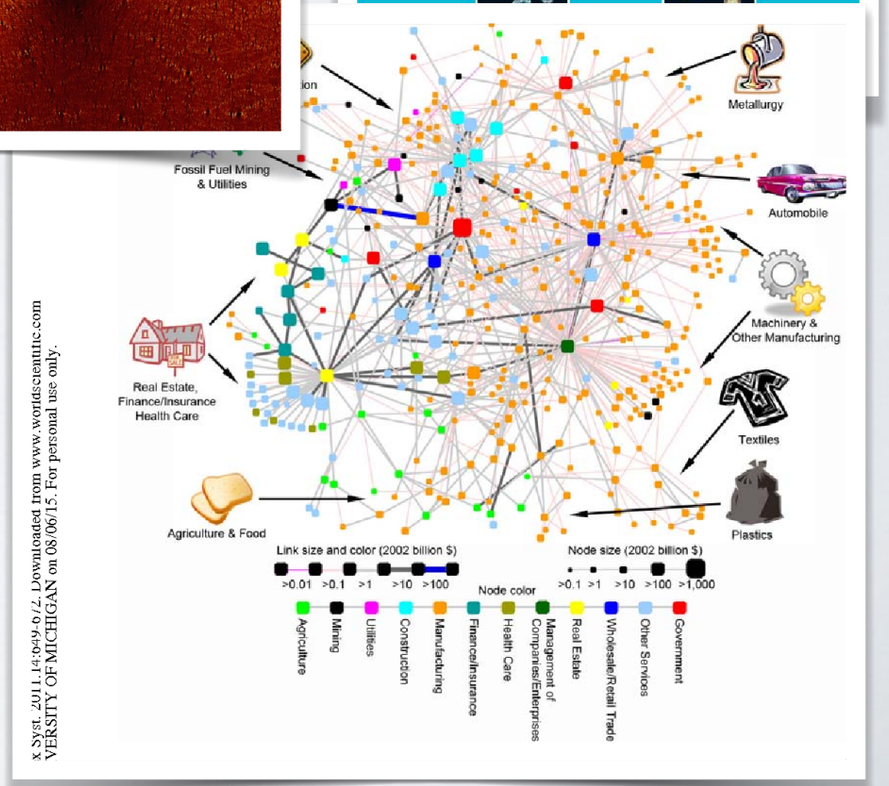
- Analyse this network based on tools from **network science**

- Vocabulary: network science ≈ Complex/Social network analysis ≈ Graph mining









NETWORKS

- Online social networks, e.g., Facebook, Twitter…
  - Nodes: accounts
  - Edges: relations (friend/follow) or interactions (wall post, like, retweet, mentions, etc.)
- Cryptocurrency
  - Nodes: addresses or *actors* (wallet ? Set of addresses ?)
  - Edges: transactions

NETWORK DEFINITION

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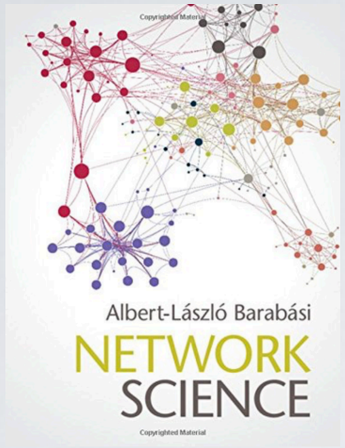

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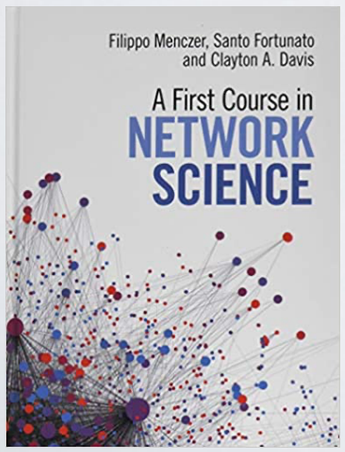

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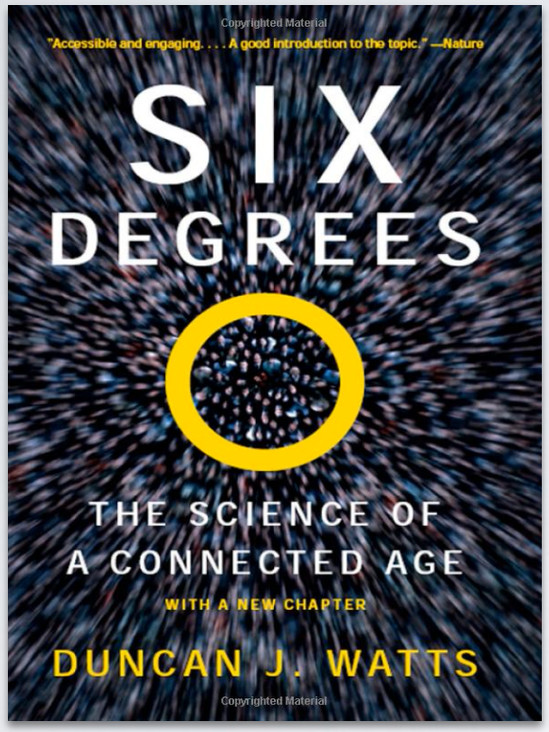
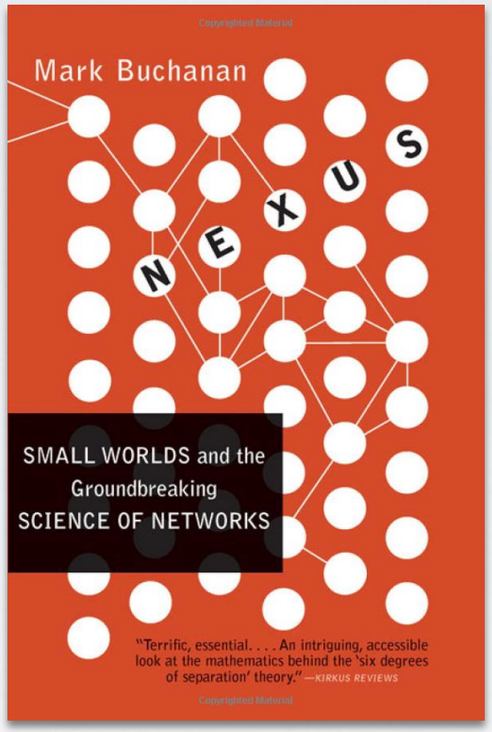
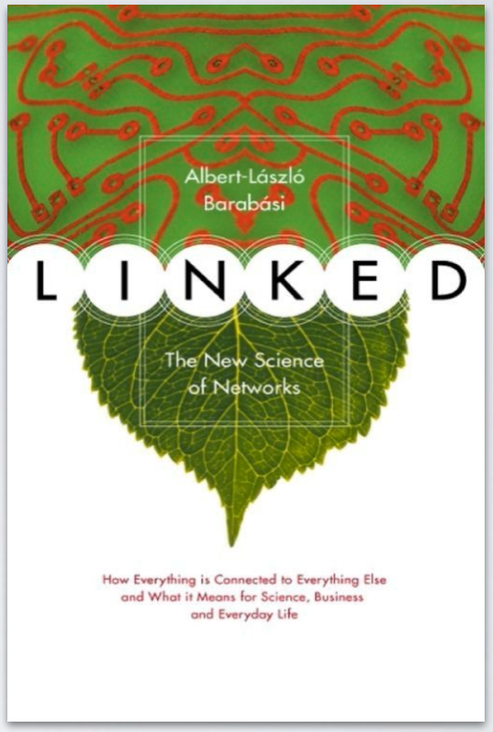
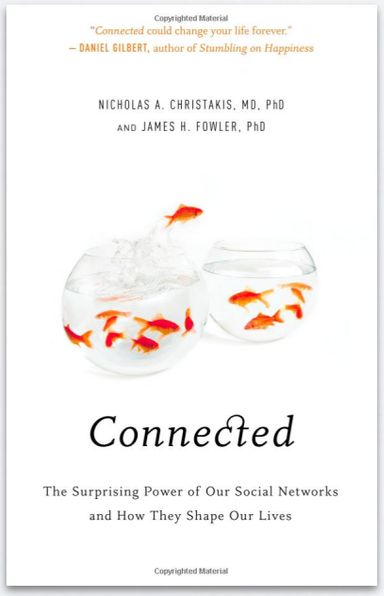
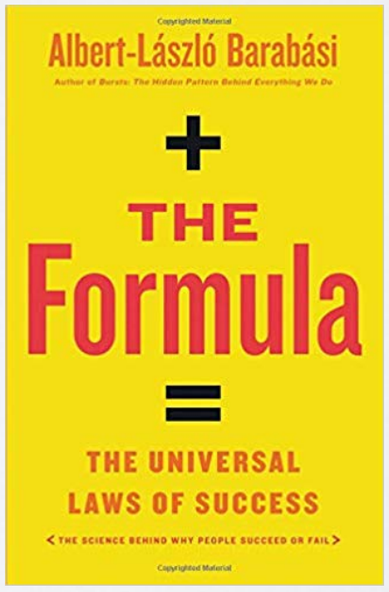


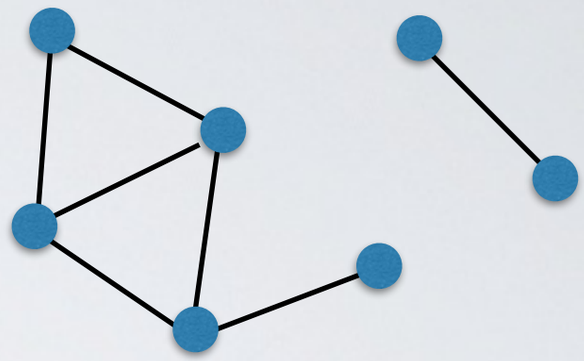








GRAPHS & NETWORKS



Networks often refers to real systems

- www,
- social network
- metabolic network.
- Language: (Network, node, link)

Graph is the mathematical representation of a network

- Language: (Graph, vertex, edge)

Vertex	Edge
person	friendship
neuron	synapse
Website	hyperlink
company	ownership
gene	regulation

In most cases we will use the two terms interchangeably.

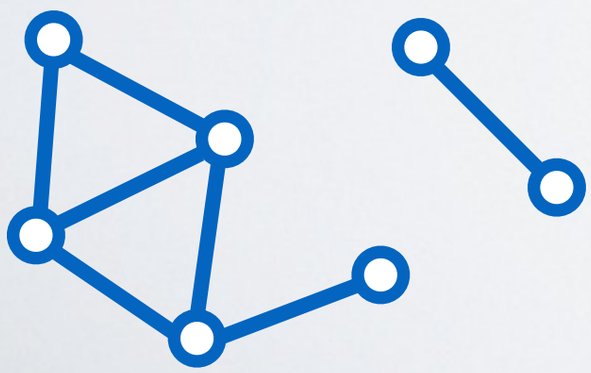
Types of Networks

Undirected networks

$G=(V, E)$

$(u,v) \in E \equiv (v,u) \in E$

- The directions of edges do not matter
- Interactions are possible between connected entities in both directions



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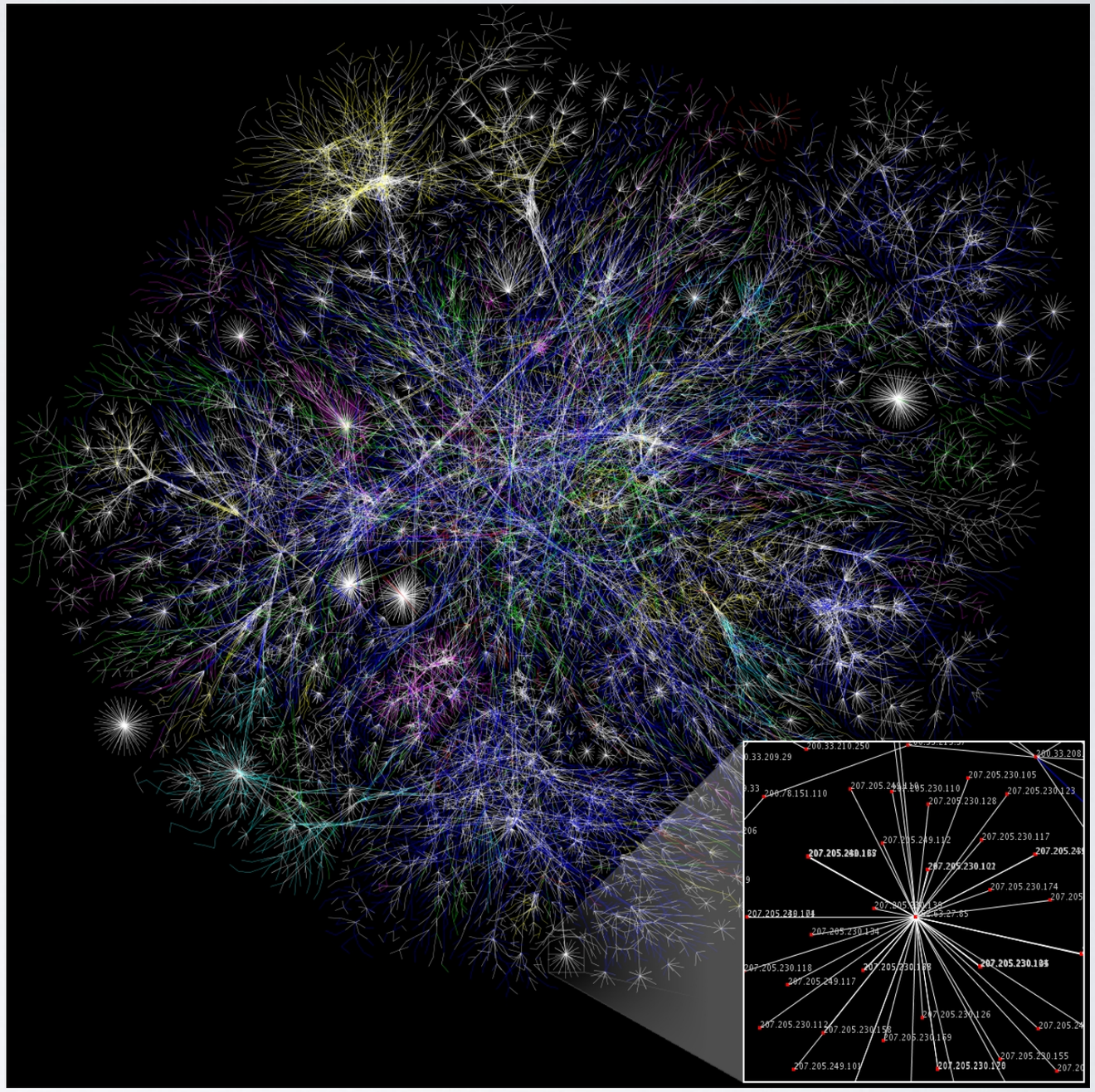


The Internet: Nodes - routers, Links - physical wires

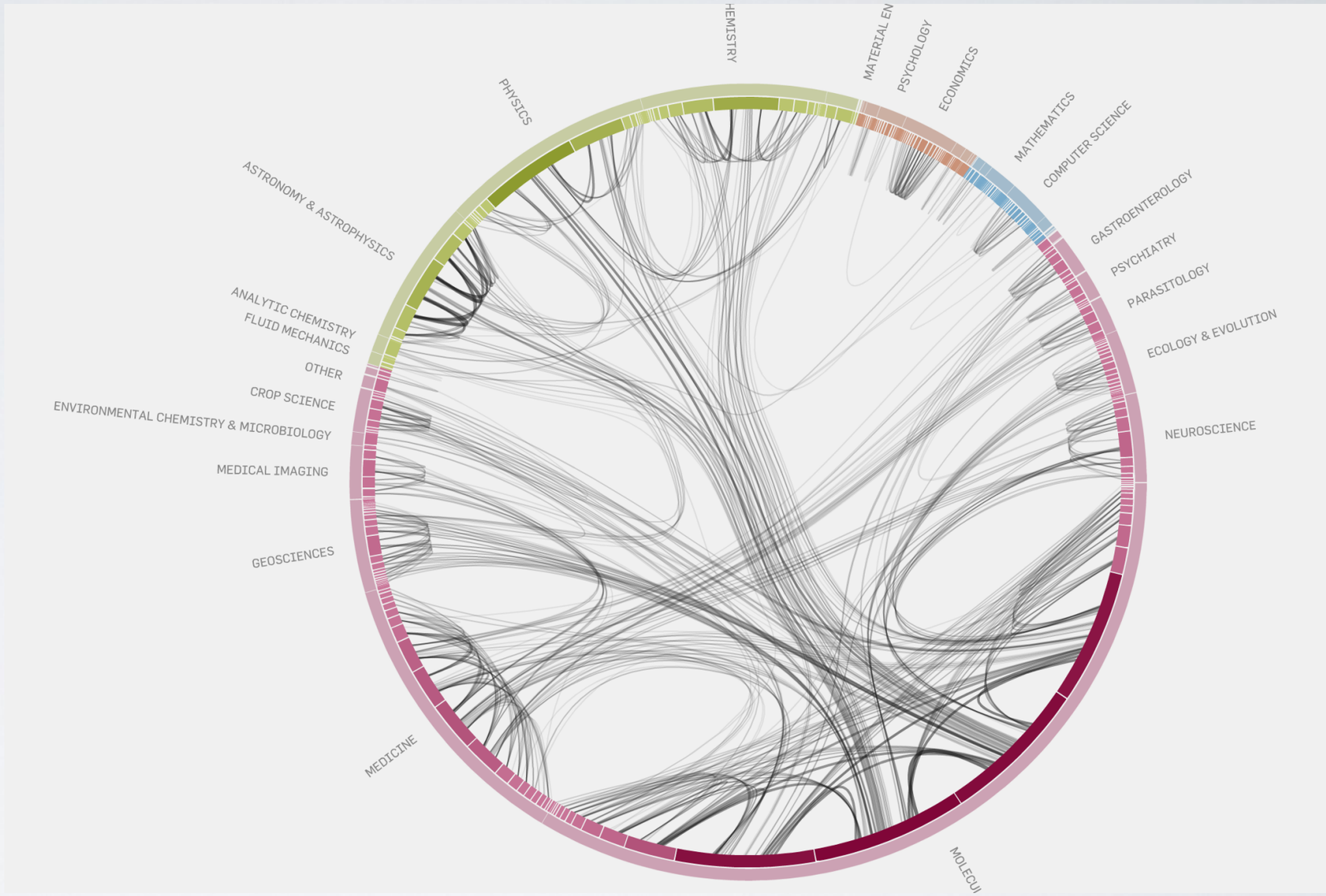
Directed networks

Moritz Stefaner, eigenfactor.com

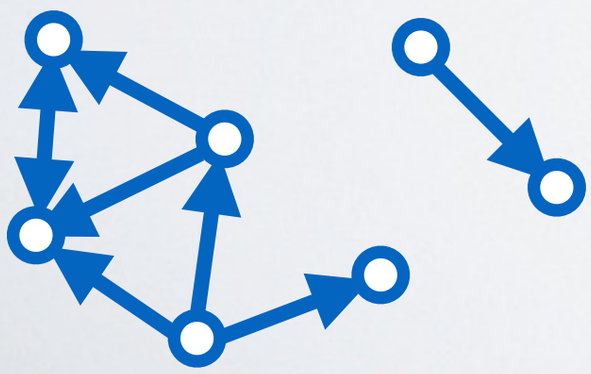
$$G=(V, E)$$

$$(u,v) \in E \not\equiv (v,u) \in E$$

- The directions of edges matter
- Interactions are possible between connected entities only in specified directions



Citation network: Nodes - publications, Links - references

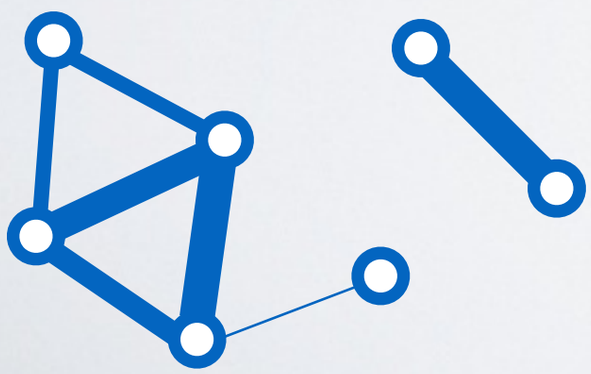


Weighted networks

$G=(V, E, w)$

$w: (u,v) \in E \Rightarrow R$

- Strength of interactions are assigned by the weight of links



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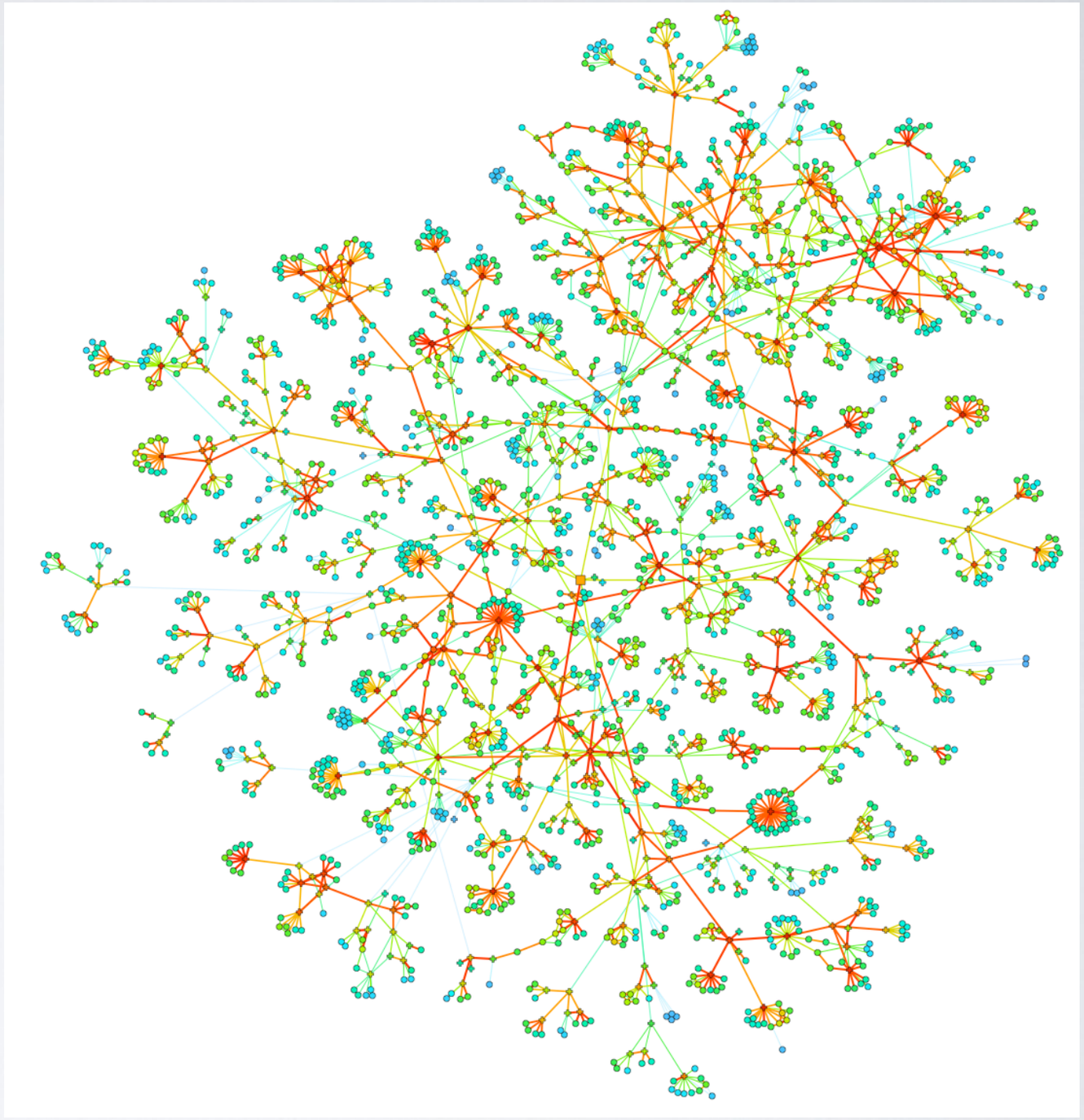
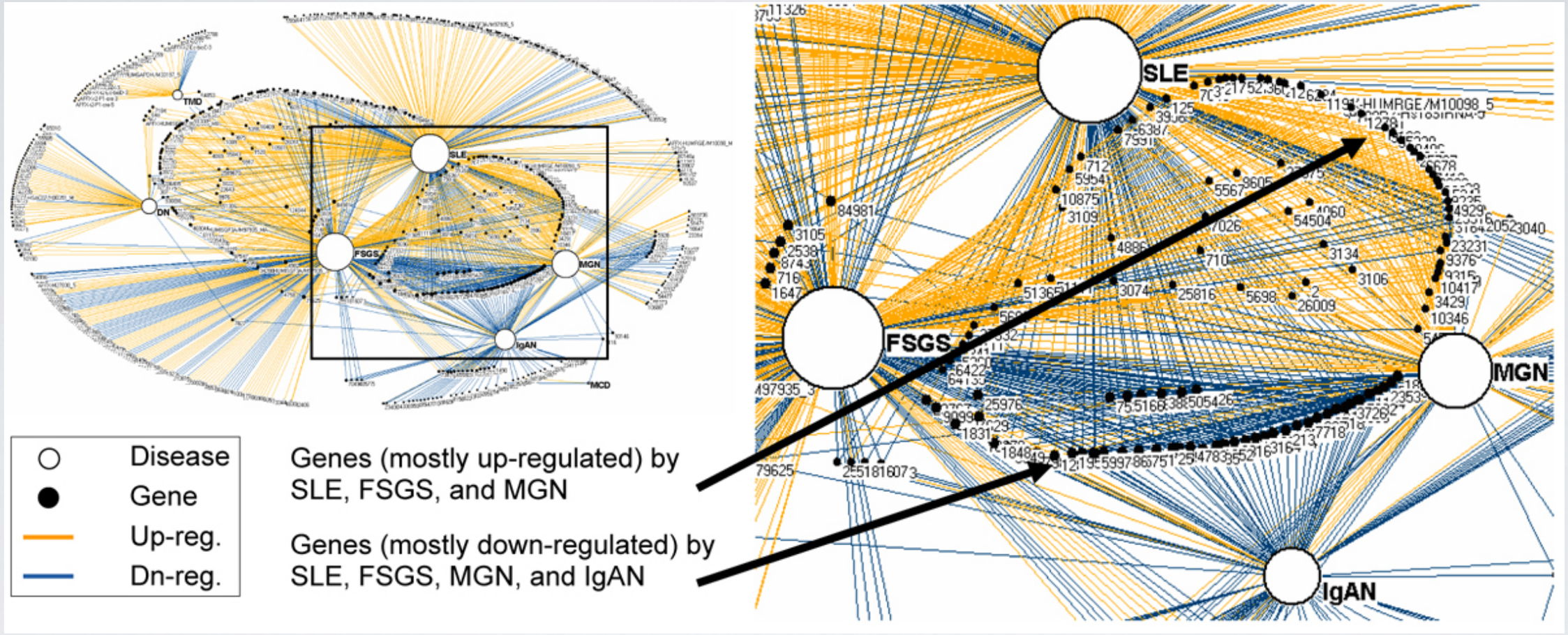


Social interaction network: Nodes - individuals
Links - social interactions

Bipartite network



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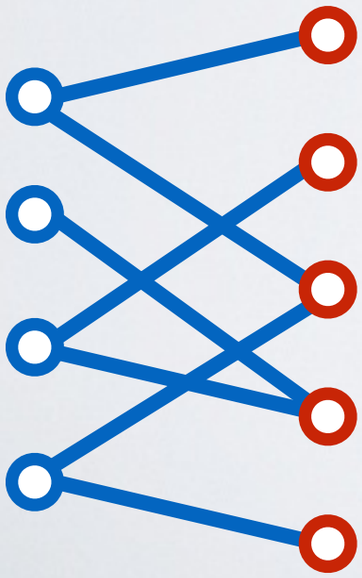


Gene-desease network:

Nodes - Desease (7)&Genes (747)

Links - gene-desease relationship

$$G=(U, V, E)$$

$$U \cap V = \varnothing$$

$$\forall (u,v) \in E,\ u \in U \text{ and } v \in V$$

Temporal and evolving networks

$G=(V, E_t), (u,v,t,d) \in E_t$

t - time of interaction (u,v)
d - duration of interaction (u,v,t)

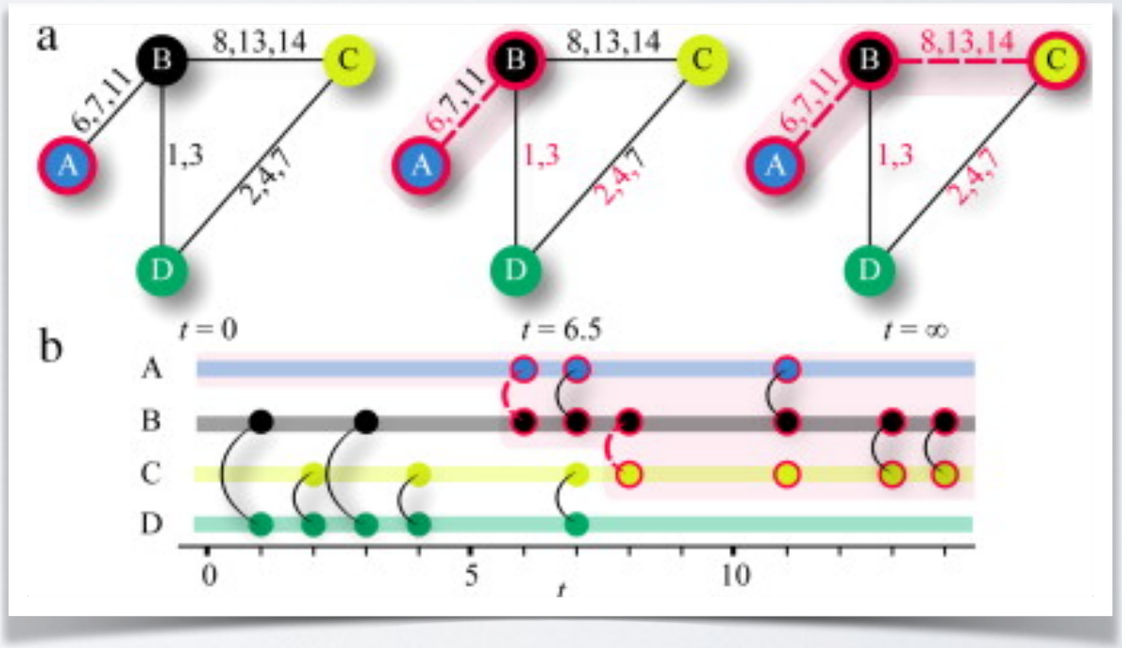
- Temporal links encode time varying interactions

$G=(V_{t'}, E_{t'})$

$v(t) \in V_{t'}$

$(u,v,t) \in E_{t'}$

- Dynamical nodes and links encode the evolution of the network



Mobile communication network
Nodes - individuals
Links - calls and SMS

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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- Theory:
  - Learn the basics of network science and network analysis, + some data science concepts
  - Learn how to interpret the content of the Bitcoin blockchain as a transaction network
- Practice:
  - Learn how to apply those concepts to graphs of small/medium size
  - Practice some Data Science tools
- Project:
  - Apply what you learnt on a subset of the bitcoin transaction network

ROADMAP

- Class 1:
  - Theory:
    - Introduction to Network Description measures
  - Practice:
    - Gephi and Networkx
    - Python data Manipulation

- Class 2:
  - Theory: Bitcoin network, + graph clustering
  - Practice: Bitcoin transaction data manipulation + Project

- Class 3:
  - Theory: Node classification, link prediction(?)
  - Practice: Project