

# Biological Network Analysis



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& More Info.)

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## Overview: Bioinformatics

- **Genome Annotation**

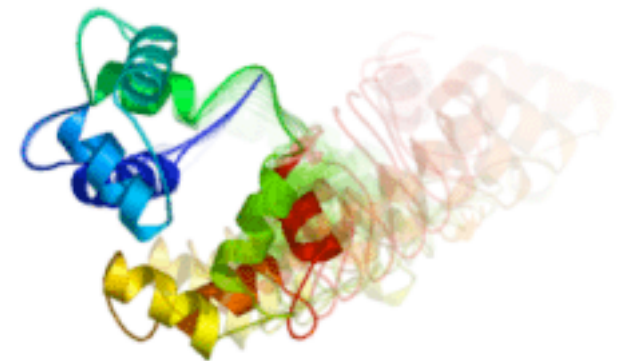
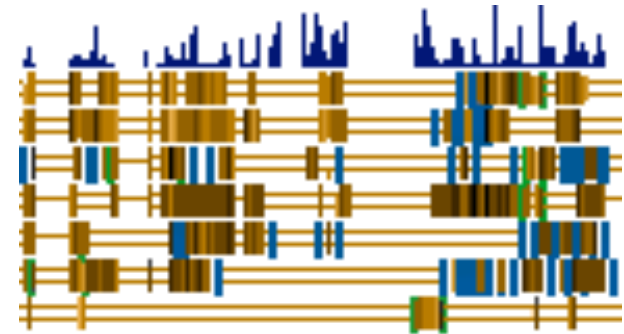
- ◇ Characterizing non-coding regions of the genome, focusing on protein fossils and novel RNAs  
(Pseudogene.org + GenomeTech.GersteinLab.org)
- ◇ Personal Genomics – esp. related to SVs

- **Molecular Networks**

- ◇ Using molecular networks to integrate & mine functional genomics information and describe gene function on a large-scale  
(Networks.GersteinLab.org)

- **Macromolecular Motions**

- ◇ Analyzing select populations of 3D-structures in detail, trying to understand their flexibility in terms of packing  
(MolMovDB.org)





# Traditional single molecule way to integrate evidence & describe function

EF2\_YEAST

**Descriptive Name:**  
Elongation Factor 2

**Lots of references**  
to papers

**Summary sentence describing function:**  
This protein promotes the GTP-dependent translocation of the nascent protein chain from the A-site to the P-site of the ribosome.

UniProt

the universal protein knowledgebase

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General information about the UniProt/Swiss-Prot entry	
Entry name	EF2_YEAST
Primary accession number	P32324
Entered in Swiss-Prot	Release 27, 01-OCT-1993
Sequence was last modified	Release 27, 01-OCT-1993
Annotations were last modified	Release 47, 01-MAY-2005

Protein description	
Protein name	Elongation factor 2
Synonyms	EF-2

References	
[1]	NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE (EFT1 AND EFT2). MEDLINE=92112760; PubMed=1730643; [NCBI, ExPASy, EBI, Israel, Japan] Perentesis J.P., Phan L.D., Laporte D.C., Livingston D.M., Bodley J.W.; "Saccharomyces cerevisiae elongation factor 2. Genetic cloning, characterization of expression, and G-domain modeling."

Comments	
FUNCTION	This protein promotes the GTP-dependent translocation of the nascent protein chain from the A-site to the P-site of the ribosome.
SUBCELLULAR LOCATION	Cytoplasmic.

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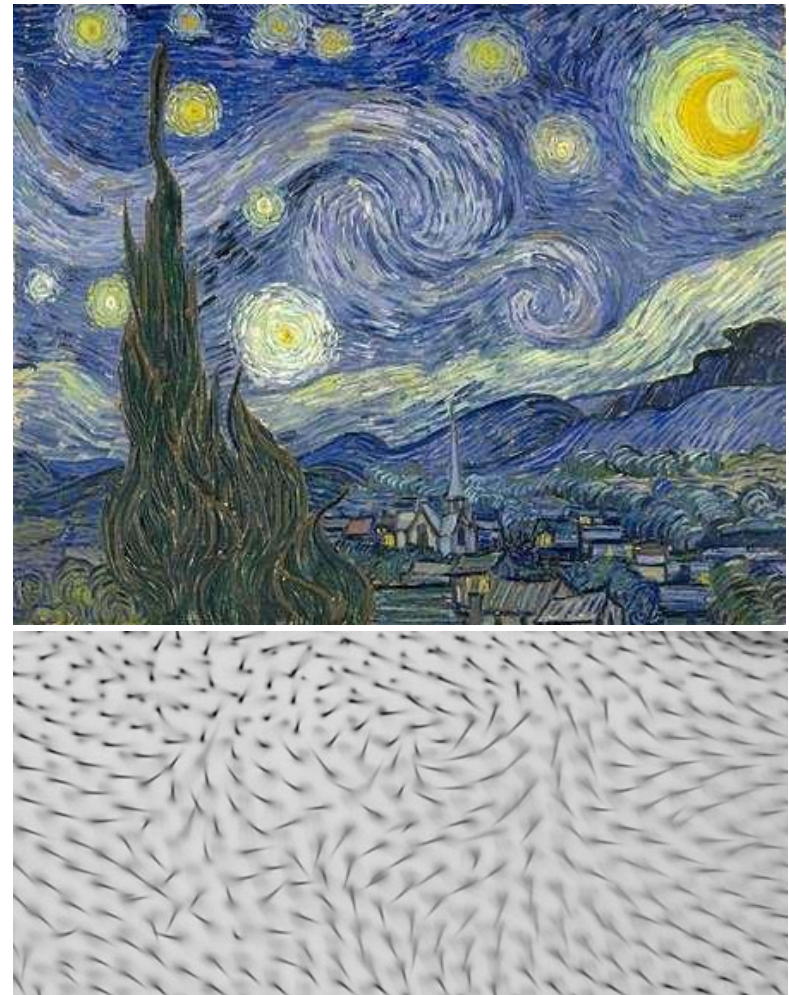


# Some obvious issues in scaling single molecule definition to a genomic scale

- Fundamental complexities
  - ◇ Role Conflation:  
molecular, cellular, phenotypic
  - ◇ Often >2 proteins/function
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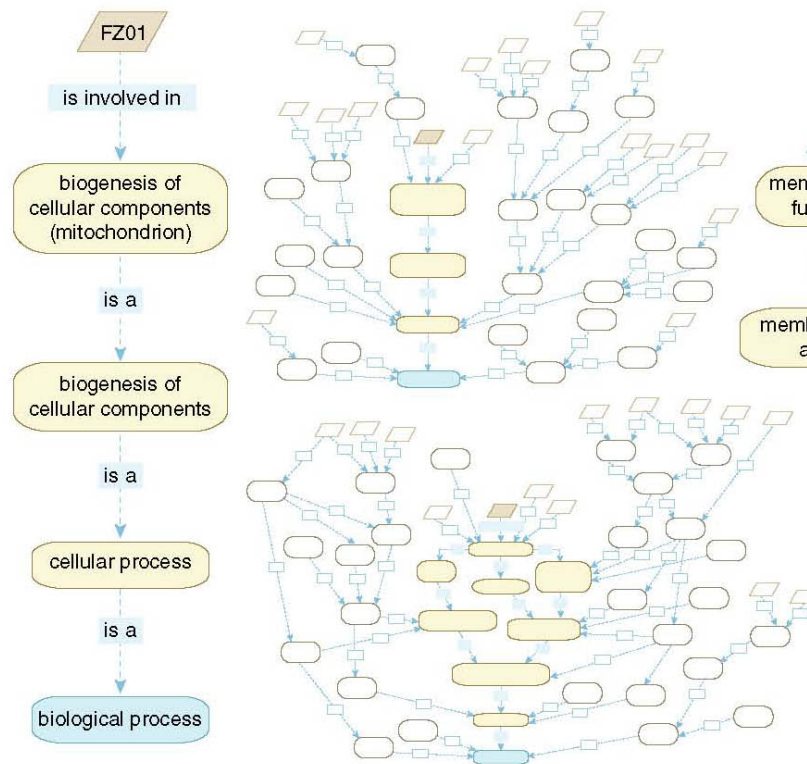
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- Fun terms... but do they scale?....
  - ◇ **Starry night** (P Adler, '94)

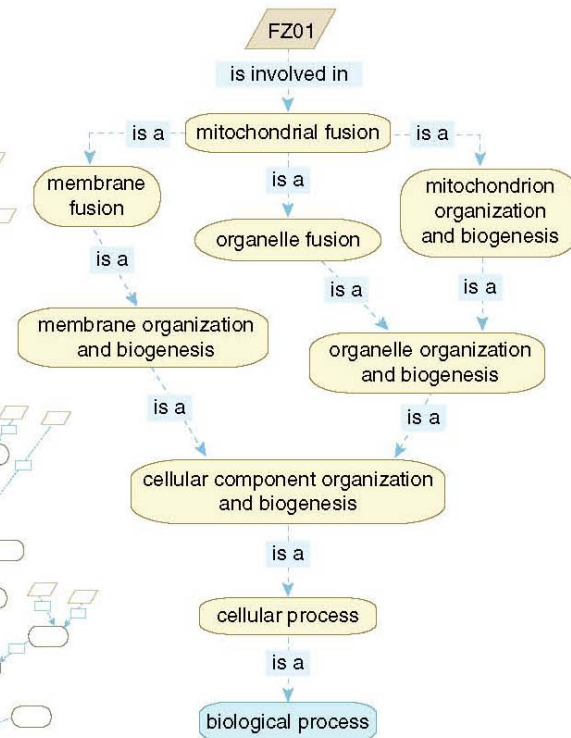


[HSP from Craig et al, Rev Physiol Biochem Pharmacol (2006) 156:1 ; Terms from Seringhaus et al. GenomeBiology (2008)]

# Hierarchies & DAGs of controlled-vocab terms but still have issues...

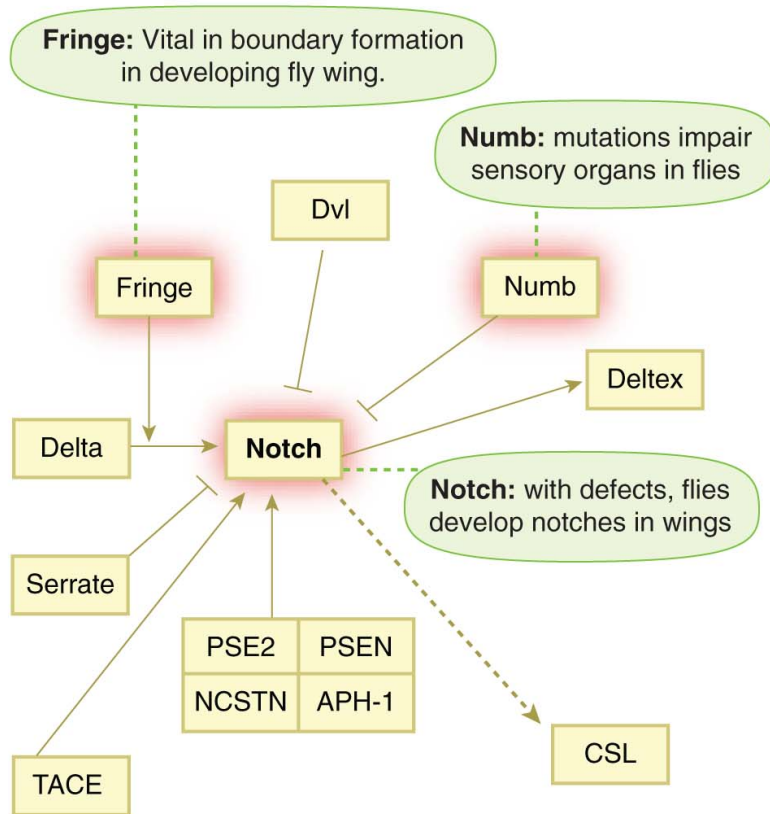


**MIPS (Mewes et al.)**

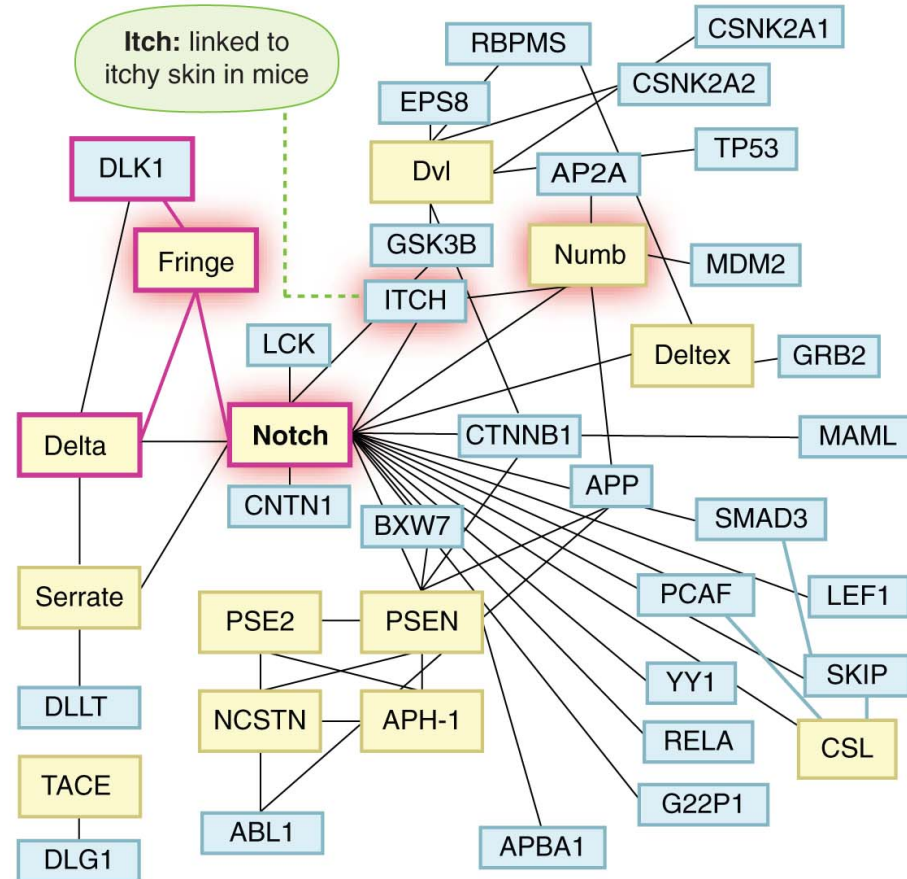


**GO (Ashburner et al.)**

# Networks (Old & New)



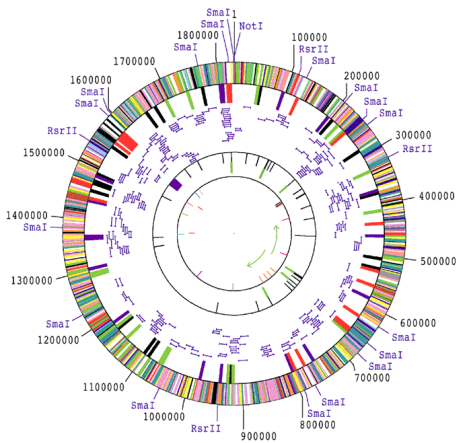
Classical KEGG pathway



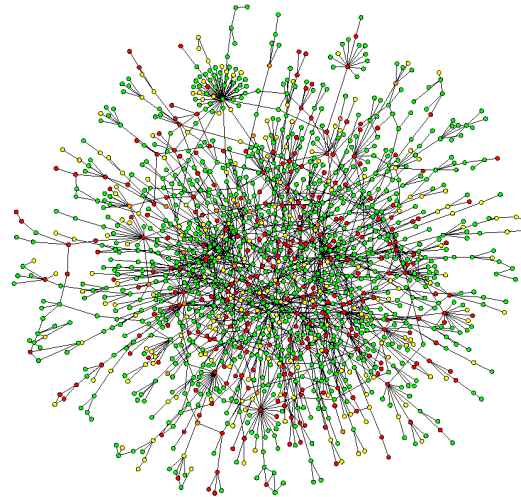
Same Genes in High-throughput Network



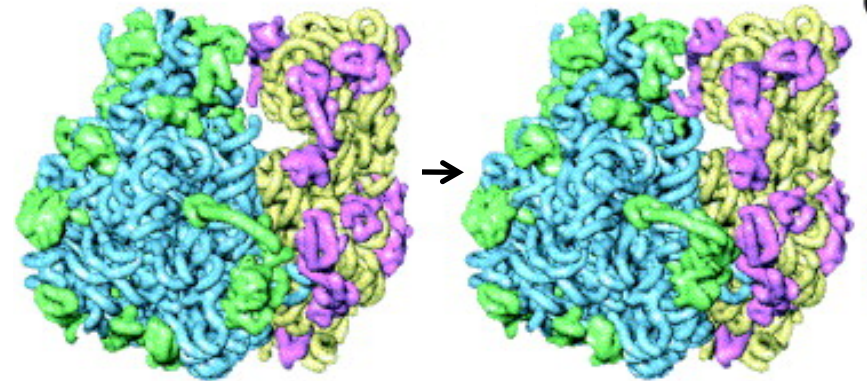
# Networks occupy a midway point in terms of level of understanding



1D: Complete  
Genetic Partslist

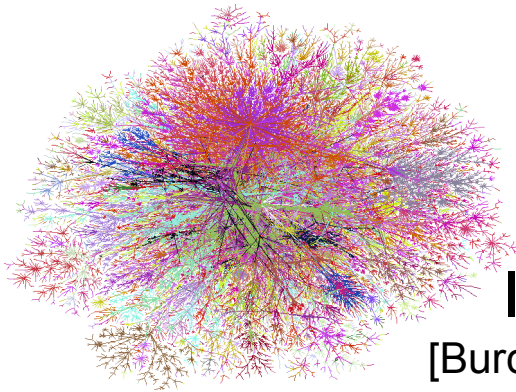


~2D: Bio-molecular  
Network  
Wiring Diagram

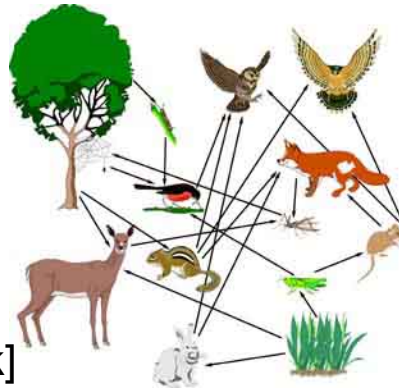


3D and 4D:  
Detailed structural understanding  
of cellular machinery  
(e.g. ribosome in different  
functional states)

# Networks as a universal language



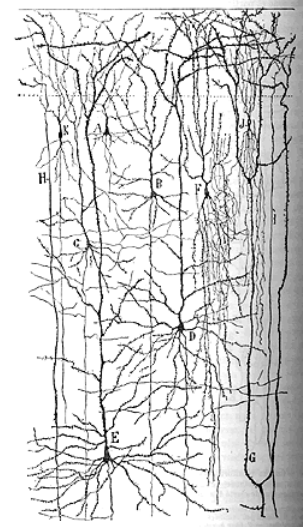
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[Burch & Cheswick]



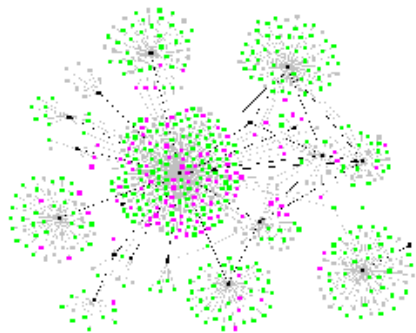
Food Web



Electronic  
Circuit



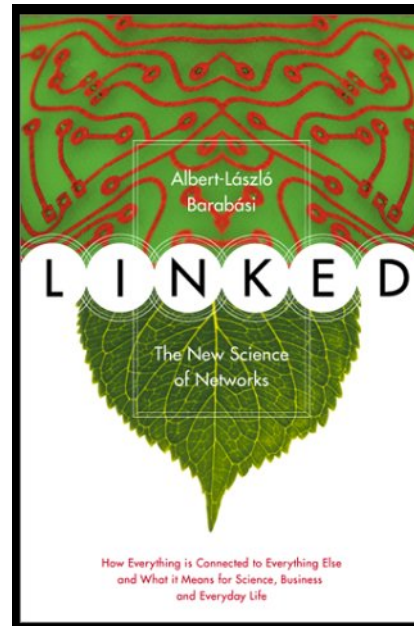
Neural Network  
[Cajal]



Disease  
Spread  
[Krebs]



Protein  
Interactions  
[Barabasi]

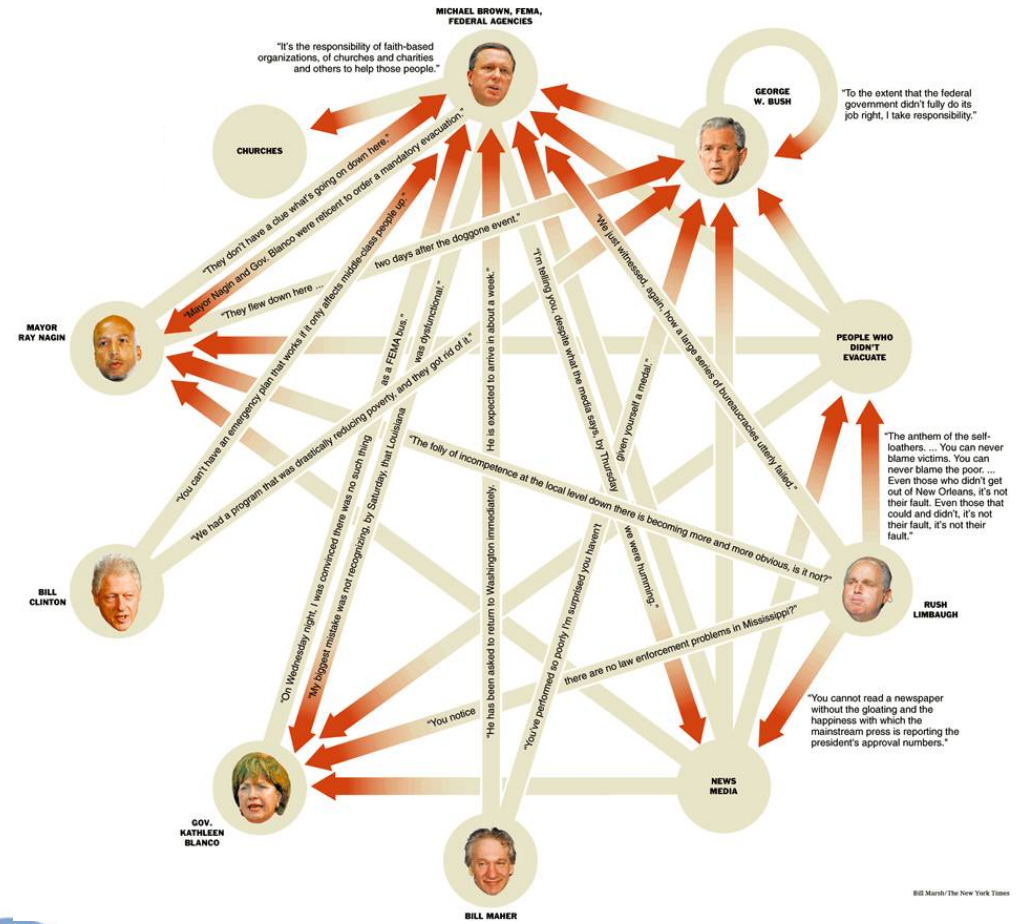
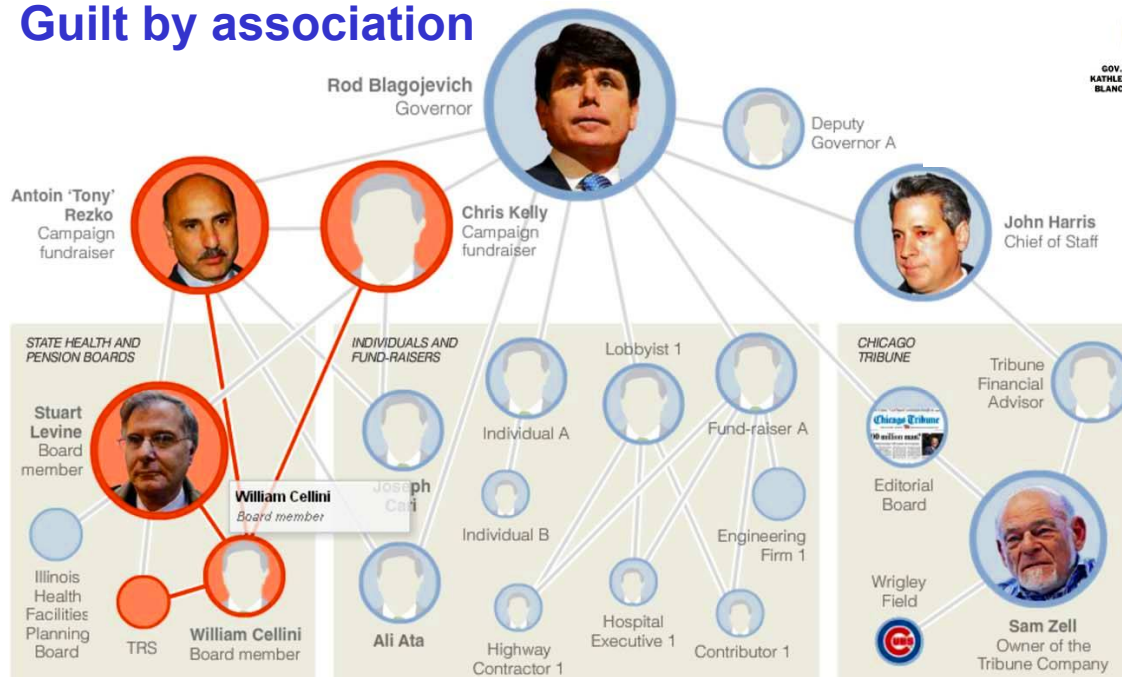


Social Network



# Using the position in networks to describe function

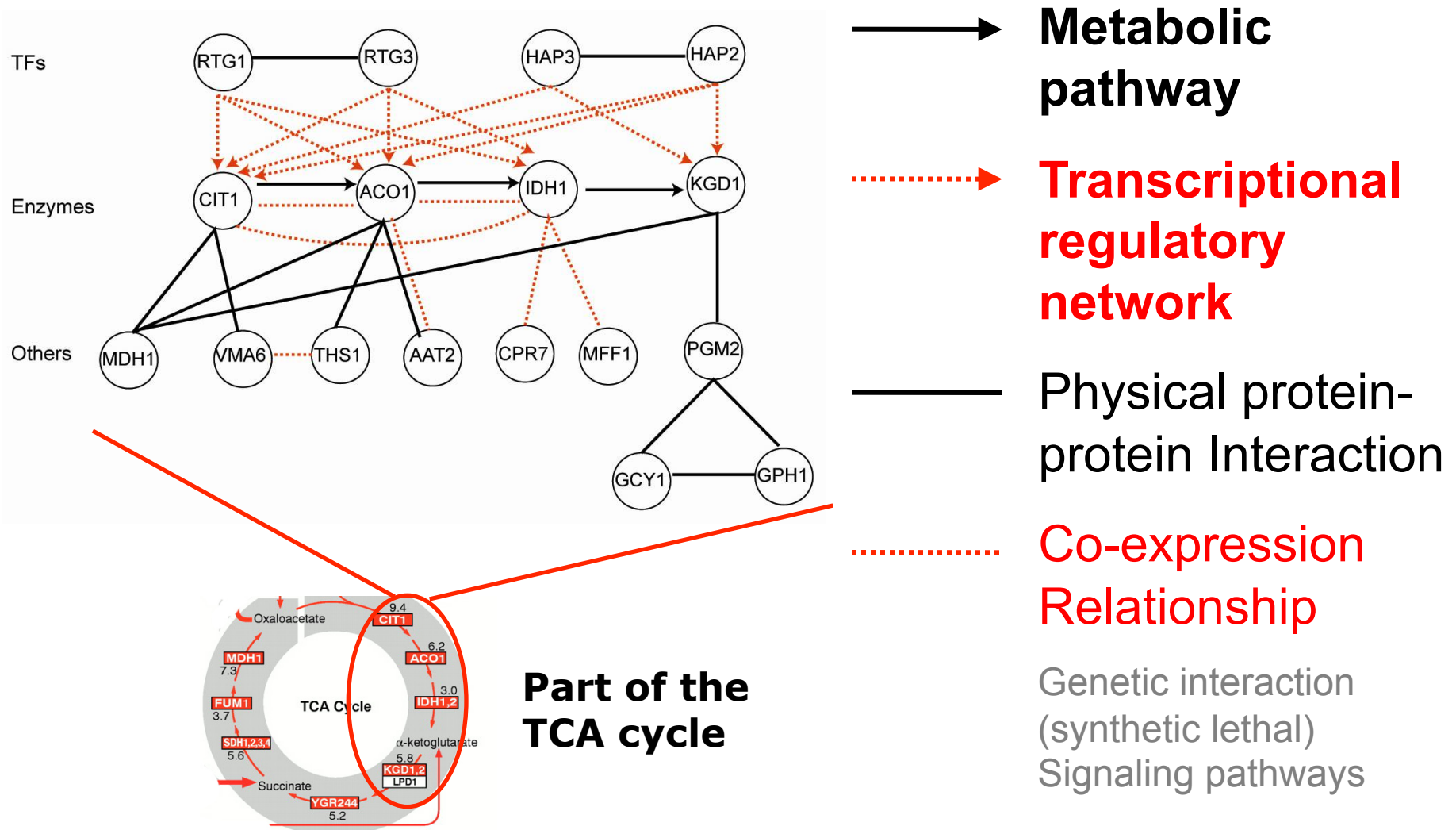
## Guilt by association



## Finding the causal regulator (the "Blame Game")

[NY Times, 2-Oct-05, 9-Dec-08]

# Combining networks forms an ideal way of integrating diverse information



- Why Networks?
- Generating Networks
  - ◊ Processing Protein Chips  
(yeast & human nets)
  - ◊ Propagating Known Information  
(yeast ppi)
- Central Points in Networks
  - ◊ Hubs & Bottlenecks  
(yeast ppi & reg. net)
  - ◊ Tops of Hierarchies  
(yeast reg. net)
  - ◊ Identified by score  
(human miRNA-targ. net)
- Dynamics of Networks
  - ◊ Across environments  
(prokaryote metab. pathways)
- Protein Networks & Variation  
(human ppi & miRNA-targ. net)

## Outline: Molecular Networks



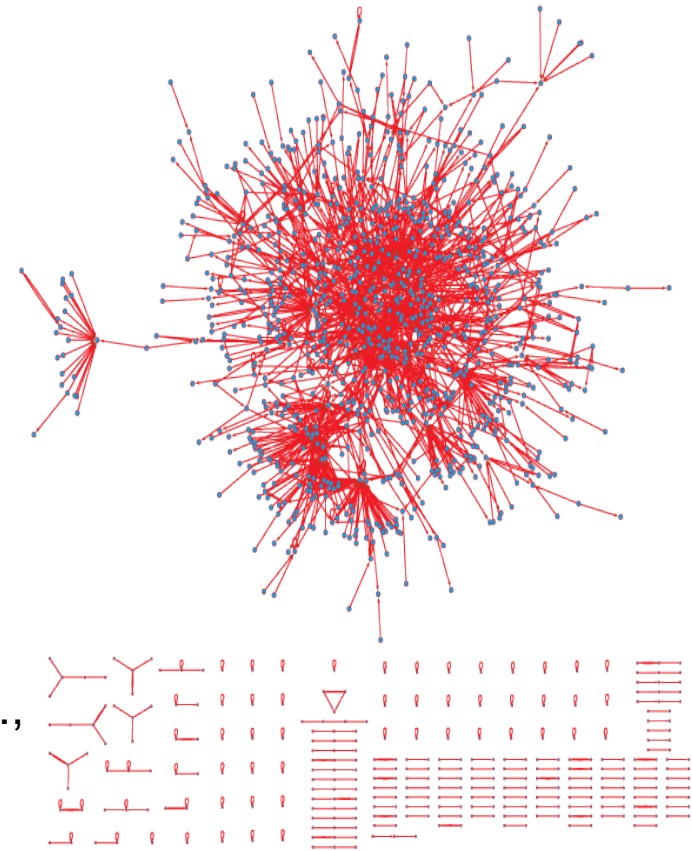
# Example: yeast PPI network

Actual size:

- ◇ ~6,000 nodes  
→ Computational cost: ~18M pairs
- ◇ Estimated ~15,000 edges  
→ Sparseness: 0.08% of all pairs (Yu et al., 2008)

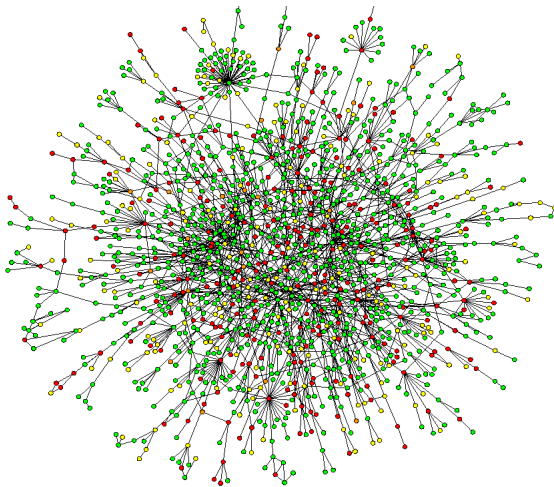
Known interactions:

- ◇ Small-scale experiments: accurate but few  
→ Overfitting: ~5,000 in BioGRID, involving ~2,300 proteins
- ◇ Large-scale experiments: abundant but noisy  
→ Noise: false +ve/-ve for yeast two-hybrid data up to 45% and 90% (Huang et al., 2007)

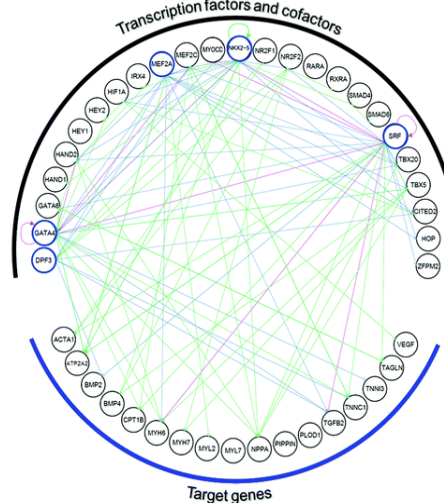




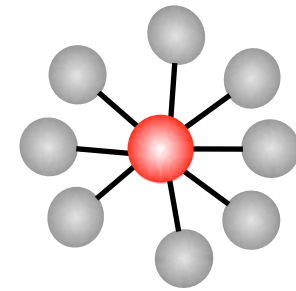
# Different Types of Molecular Networks



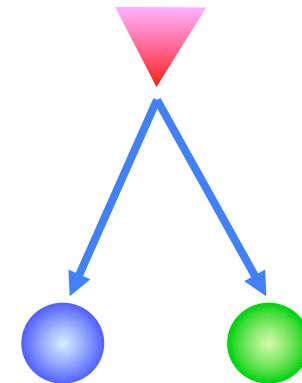
**Protein-protein Interaction networks**



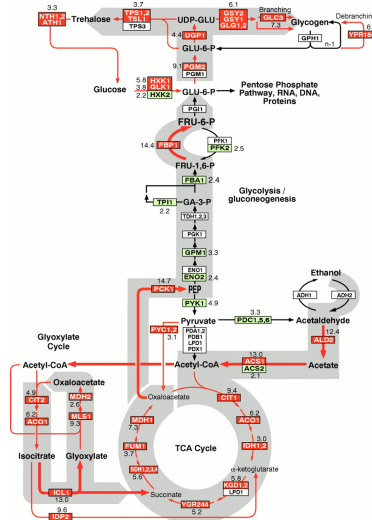
**TF-target-gene Regulatory networks**



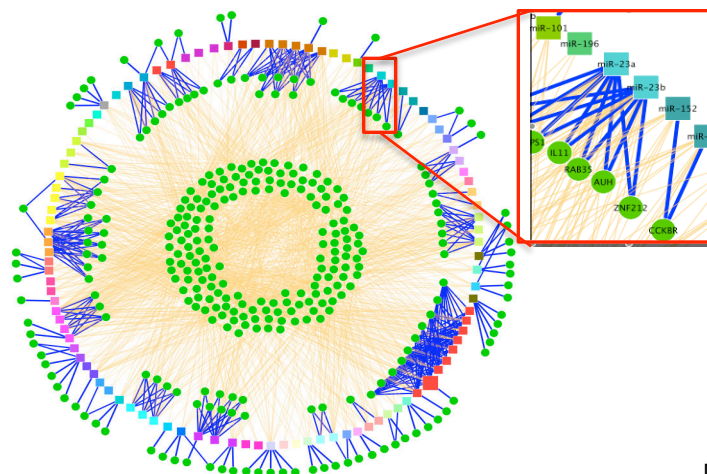
**Undirected**



**Directed**



**Metabolic pathway networks**



**miRNA-target networks**

[Toenjes, *et al*, *Mol. BioSyst.* (2008);  
Jeong *et al*, *Nature* (2001); [Horak, *et al*,  
*Genes & Development*, 16:3017-3033;  
DeRisi, Iyer, and Brown, *Science*,  
278:680-686]

# Generating Networks

How do we construct large molecular networks.

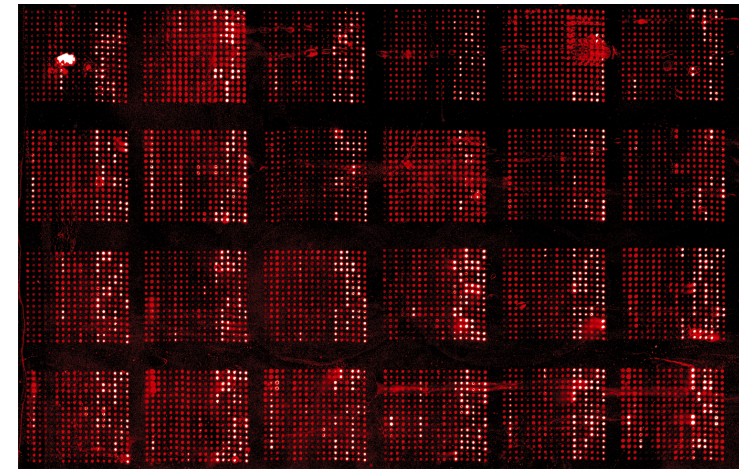
From processing high-throughput protein array data?



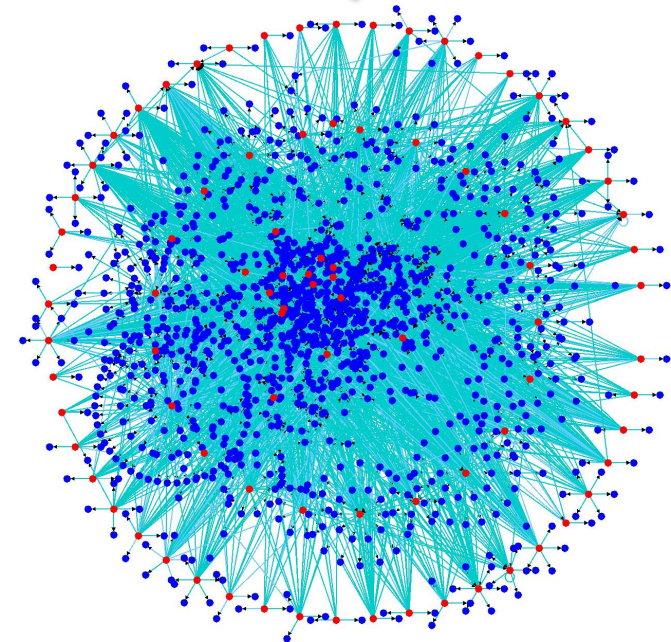


# Protein Networks from Processing Protein Chip Data

- Array functional proteins on a chip
- Readout can show presence of proteins in sera (via autoantibodies), small mol. interactions, enzymatic activity, & **protein interactions**
- Technical issues in processing protein chips similar but not identical to those for DNA chips
  - ◇ Hybridization v protein binding
  - ◇ Background correction & denoising, Normalizing across chips & replicates, Calling "hits"
  - ◇ ProCAT (Zhu et al., GenomeBiology, '06) & **RLM (Sboner et al., J Proteome Sci. '09)**



~6000 yeast proteins on a chip, Zhu et al. Science ('01)



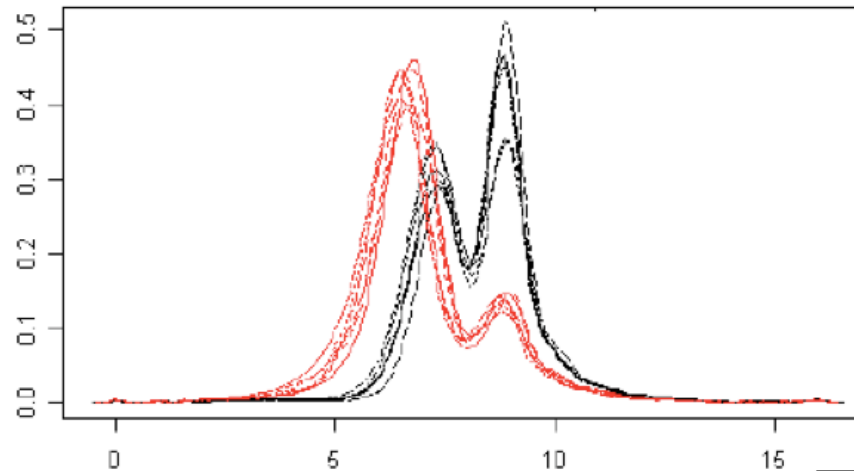
4200 phosphorylations involving 1325 proteins, Ptacek et al. Nature ('05)

# Signal Distribution & Metrics

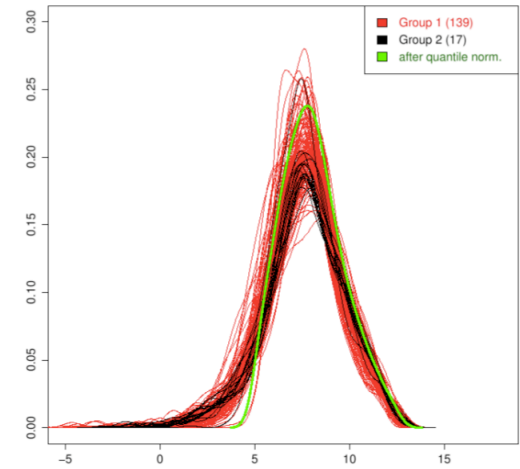
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J Proteome Sci. '09]

## Goal:

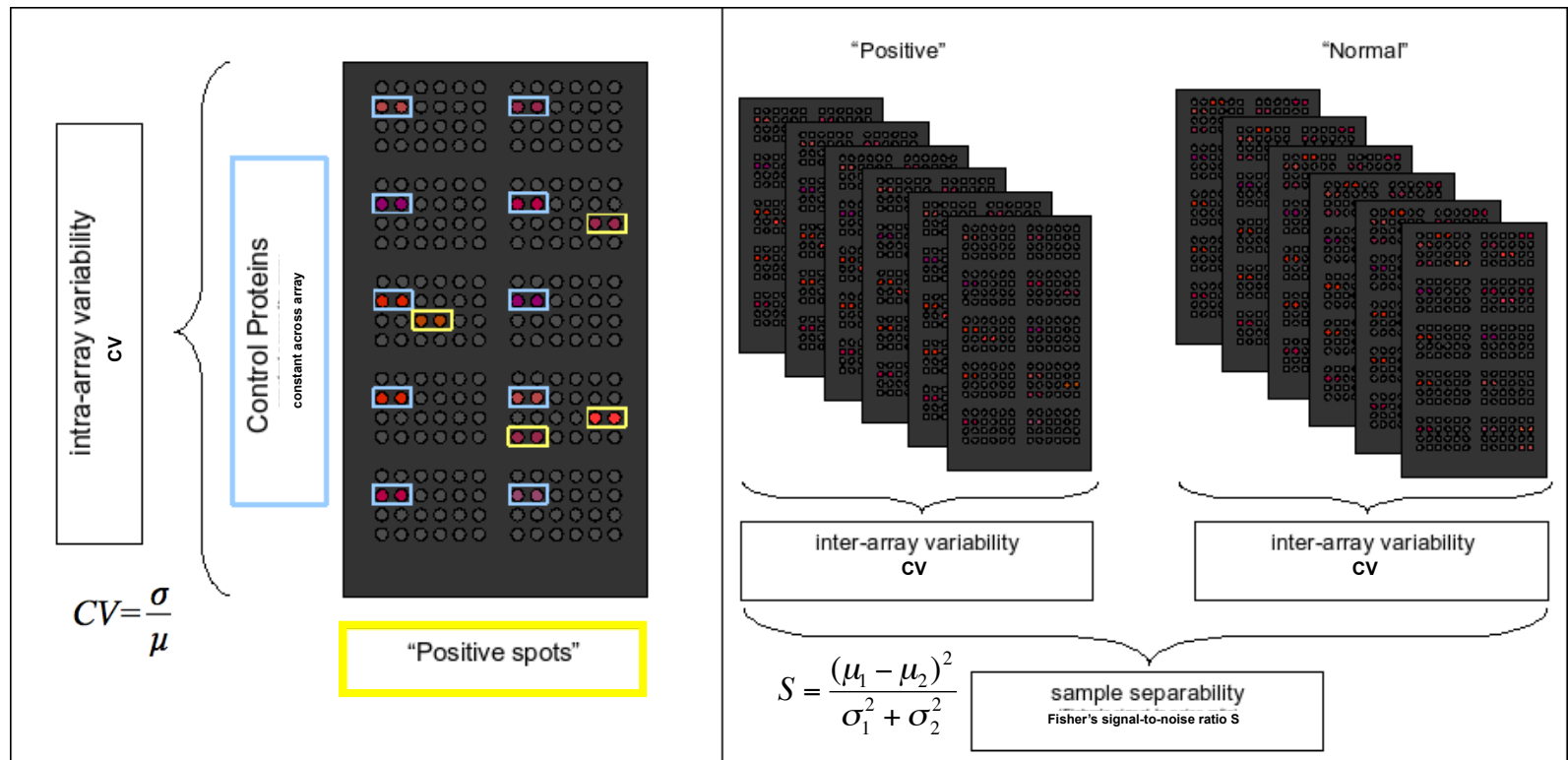
Decreasing variation betw. replicates (both inter- & intra- array), measured by **CV**, & increasing **separability (S)** betw. known positive & negative samples



Protein Chip Sig. Intensity Distribution  
from different applied sera  
(**NEG**ative & with **POS**itive sera)



Representative DNA  
Chip Sig. Dist.



# RLM Normalization, how it compares?

## NORMALIZATION

### Global

- A single scaling factors

### Quantile

- Signals are normalized robustly according to the quantiles of a reference distribution

### Robust Linear Model RLM

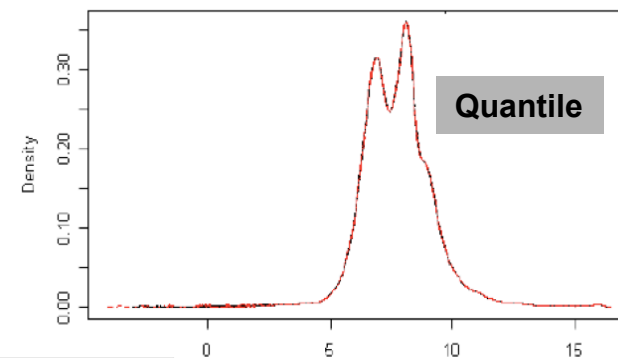
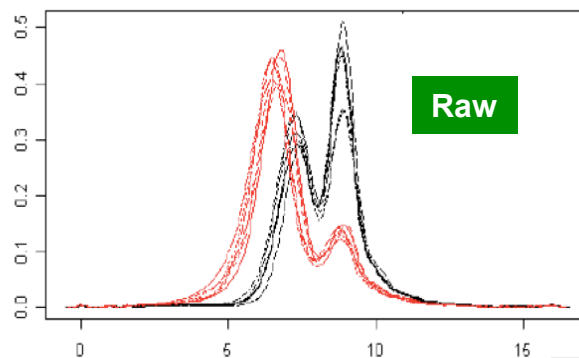
$$y_{ijk} = \alpha_i + \beta_j + \tau_k + \varepsilon_{ijk}$$

$\alpha_i$  Slide-effect (inter slide)

$\beta_j$  Sub-array effect (intra slide)

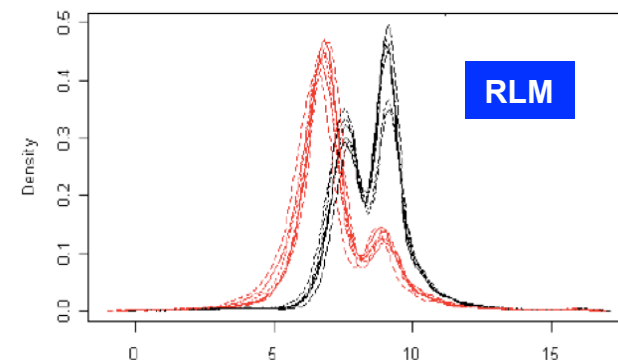
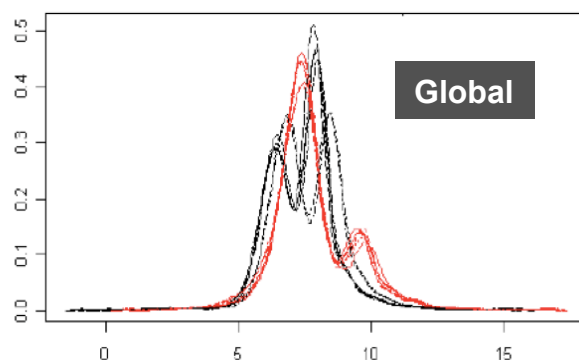
$\tau_k$  Signal

$\varepsilon_{ijk}$  Random error

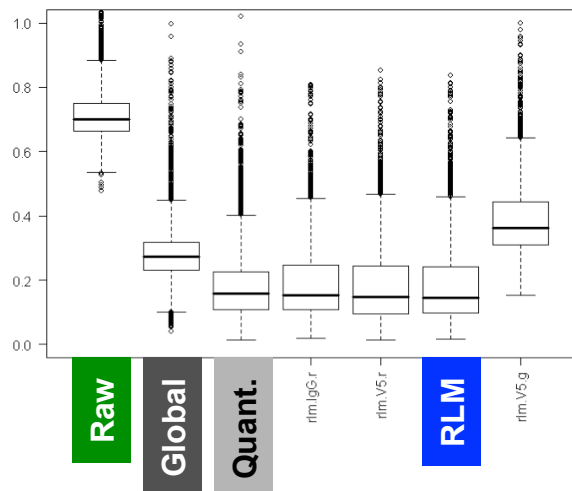


■ "normal" serum  
■ "positive" serum

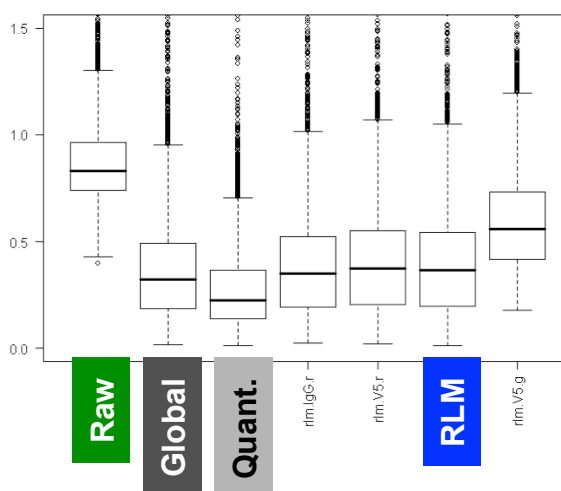
[Sboner et al., J Proteome Sci. '09]



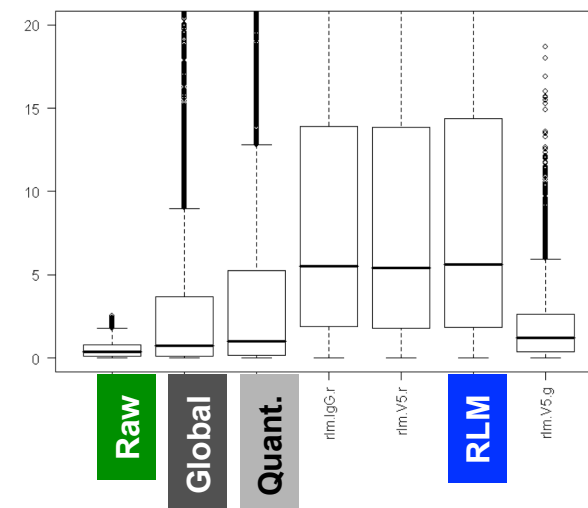
Inter-array CV: "positive" serum



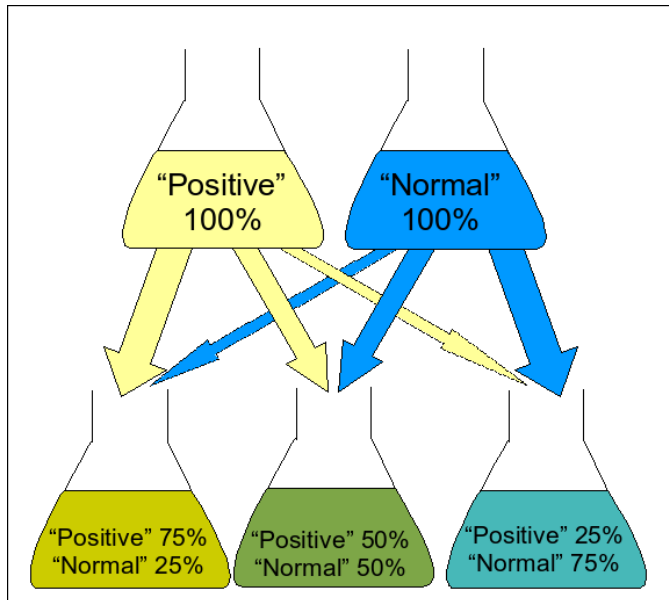
Inter-array CV: "normal" serum



SAMPLE SEPARABILITY



# Check #2: How Signal Intensity Correlates over a Titration

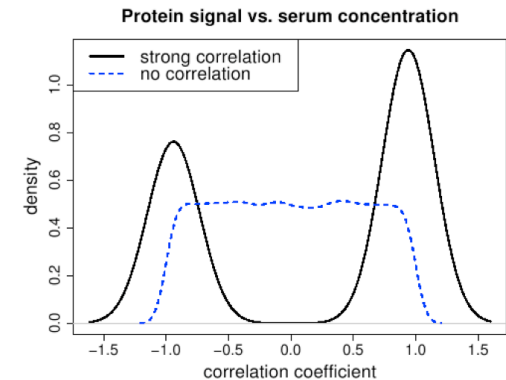


## Expectation

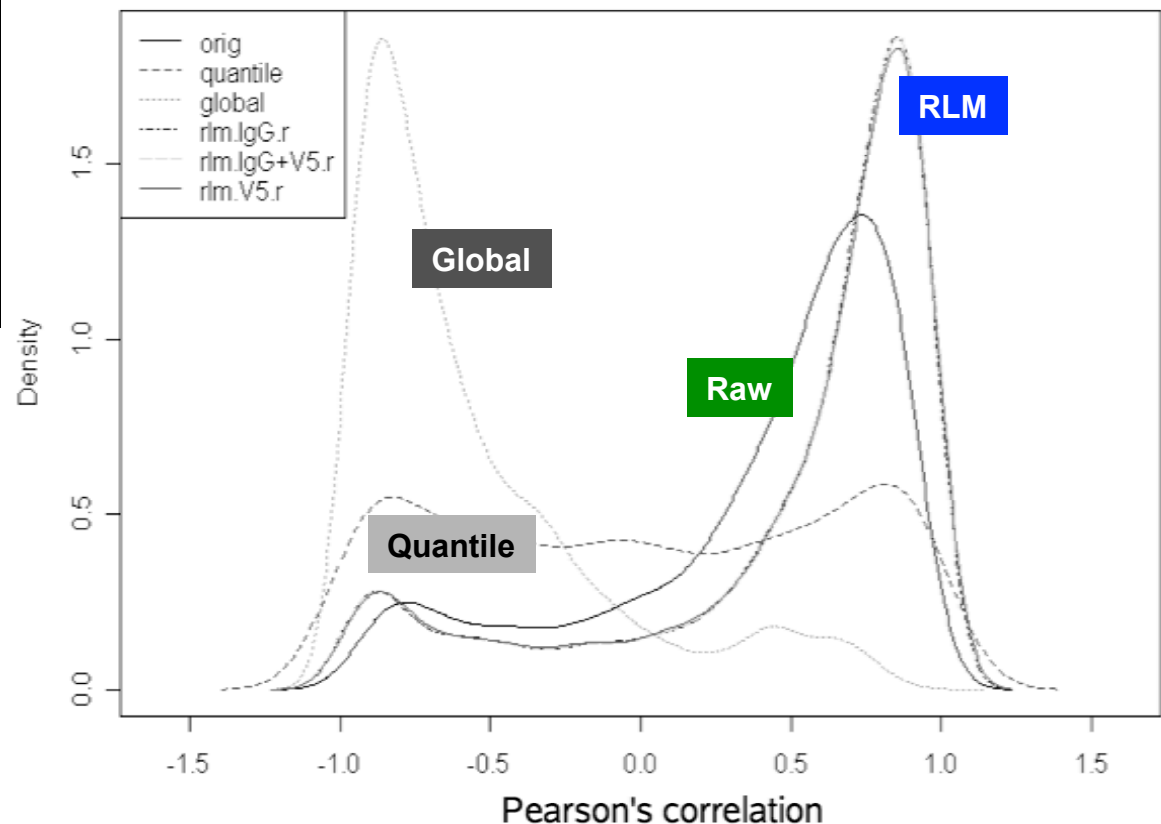
**"Positive" protein signal should positively correlate with "Positive" serum dilution**

**Higher number of "hits" for the "Positive" serum**

[Sboner et al., J Proteome Sci. '09]



## Correlation of signal intensity with "positive" serum concentration



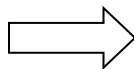
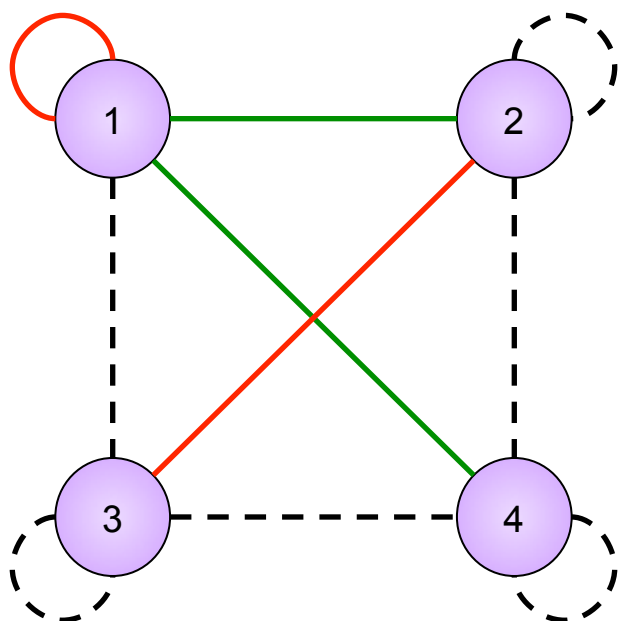
# Generating Networks #2

How do we construct large molecular networks?

From extrapolating correlations between functional genomics data with fairly small sets of known interactions, making best use of the known training data.



# Training sets



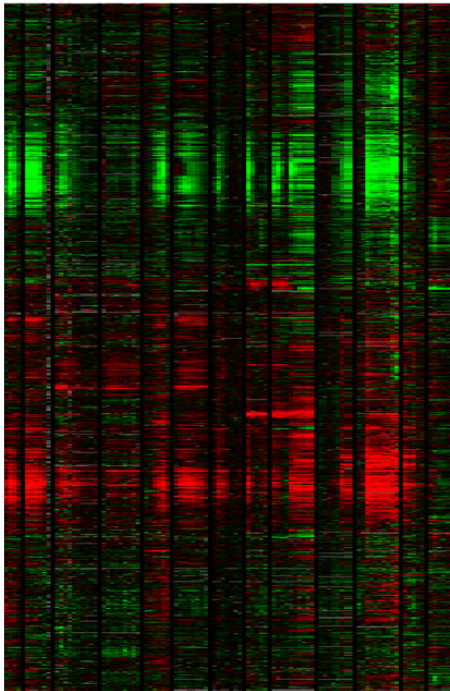
	1	2	3	4
1	0	1	?	1
2	1	?	0	?
3	?	0	?	?
4	1	?	?	?

- Known interactions
- Known non-interactions
- - - Unknown



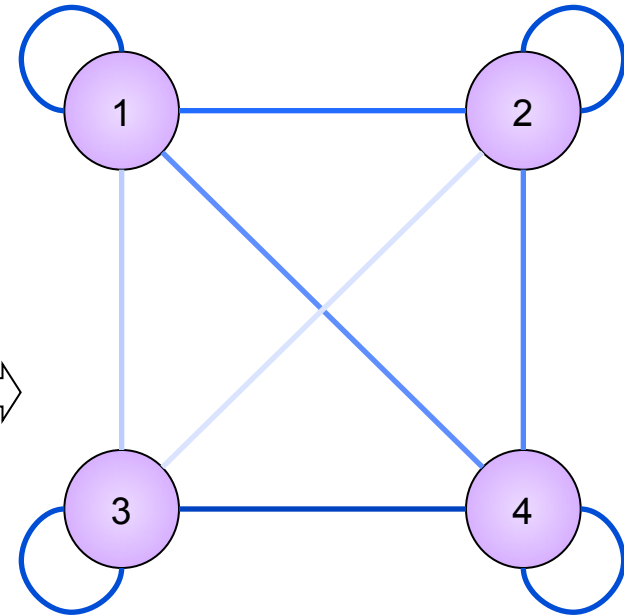
# Network prediction: features

- Example 1: gene expression



Gasch et al., 2000

$x_1 = (0.2, 2.4, 1.5, \dots)$   
 $x_2 = (0.8, 2.2, 1.5, \dots)$   
 $\Rightarrow x_3 = (4.3, 0.1, 7.5, \dots) \Rightarrow$   
 $\dots$   
 $\text{sim}(x_1, x_2) = 0.62$   
 $\text{sim}(x_1, x_3) = -0.58$   
 $\dots$

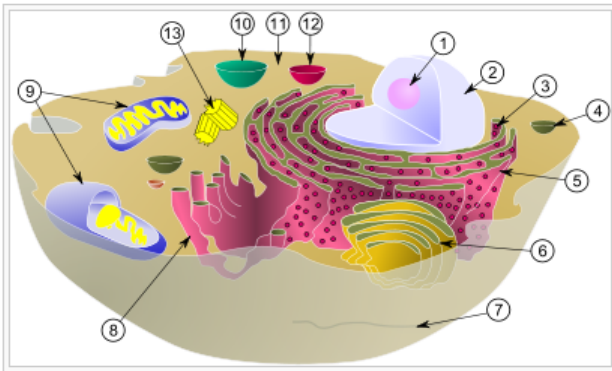


Similarity scale:



# Network prediction: features

- Example 2: sub-cellular localization



<http://www.scq.ubc.ca/wp-content/yeasttwohybridtranscript.gif>

$x_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$

$x_2 = (1, 1, 1, 0, \dots)$

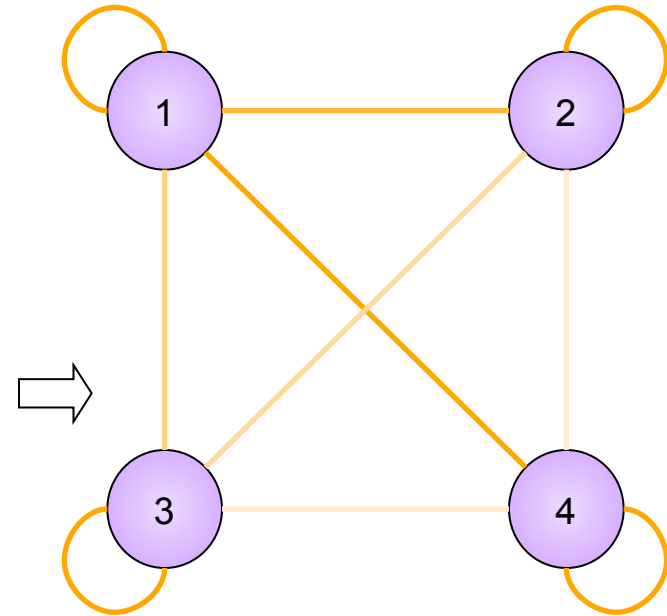
$x_3 = (1, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$

...

$\text{sim}(x_1, x_2) = 0.81$

$\text{sim}(x_1, x_3) = 0.12$

...



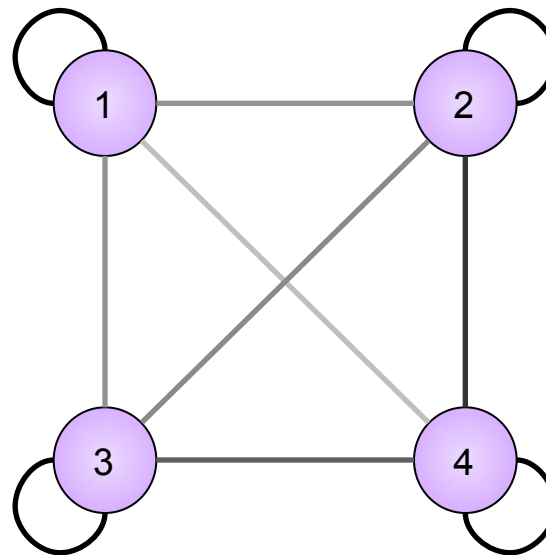
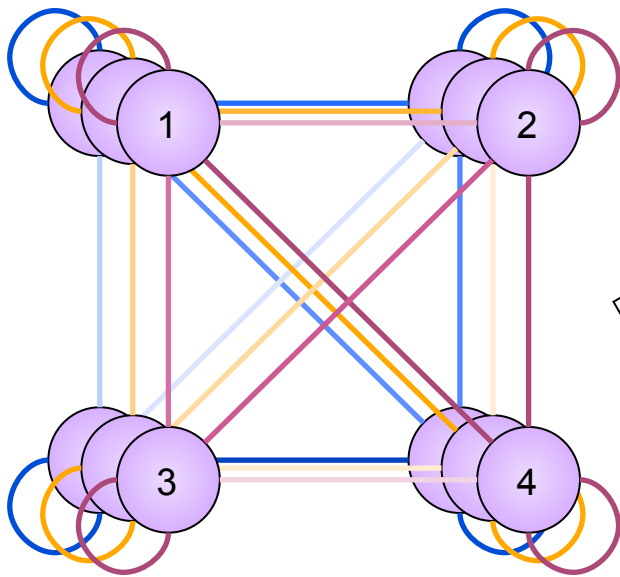
Similarity scale:

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# Data integration & Similarity Matrix



	1	2	3	4
1	1.00	0.57	0.55	0.40
2	0.57	1.00	0.66	0.89
3	0.55	0.66	1.00	0.79
4	0.40	0.89	0.79	1.00

# Learning methods

## An endless list:

- Docking (e.g. Schoichet and Kuntz 1991)
- Evolutionary (e.g. Ramani and Marcotte, 2003)
- Topological (e.g. Yu et al., 2006)
- Bayesian (e.g. Jansen et al., 2003)
- **Kernel methods**
  - ◇ Global modeling:
    - em (Tsuda et al., 2003)
    - kCCA (Yamanishi et al., 2004)
    - kML (Vert and Yamanishi, 2005)
    - Pairwise kernel (Pkernel) (Ben-Hur and Noble, 2005)
  - ◇ Local modeling:
    - Local modeling (Bleakley et al., 2007)

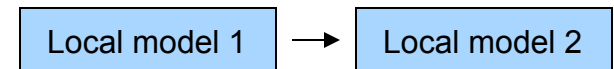
**Let's compare in a public challenge!**

**(DREAM: Dialogue for Reverse Engineering Assessment and Methods)**

# Our work: efficiently propagating known information

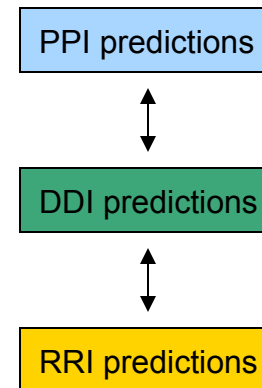
## Training set expansion

- Motivation: lack of training examples
- Expand training sets horizontally



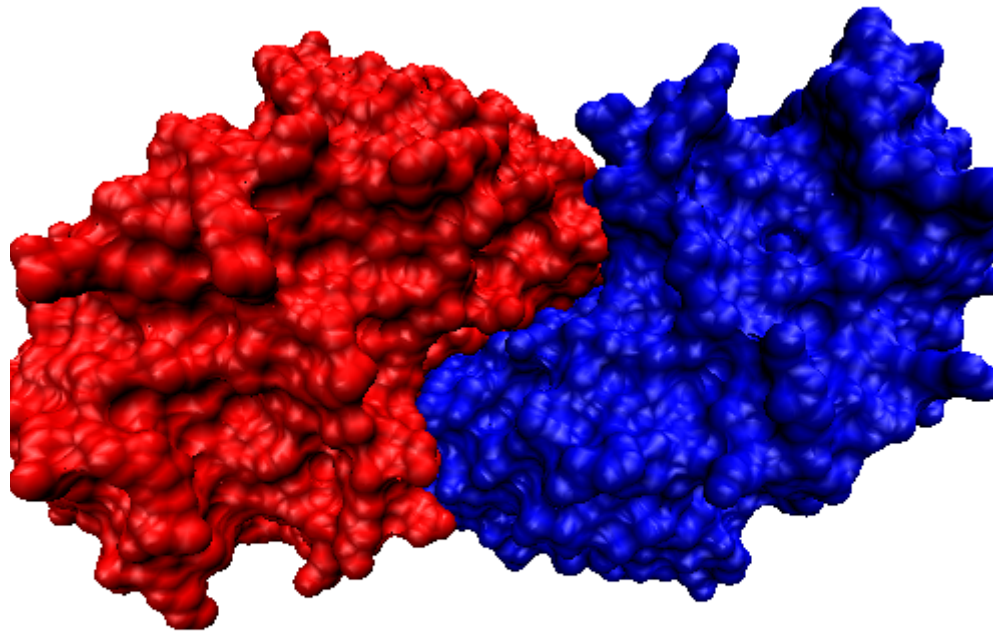
## Multi-level learning

- Motivation: hierarchical nature of interaction
- Expand training sets vertically



DREAM3 *in silico* regulatory network reconstruction challenge

# Protein interaction



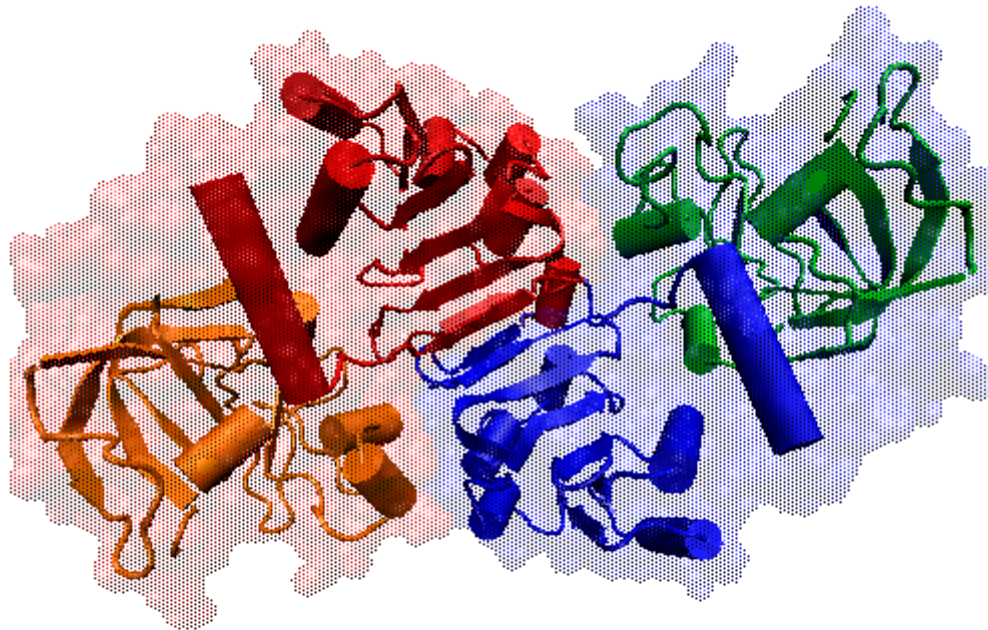
Yeast NADP-dependent alcohol dehydrogenase 6 (PDB: 1piw)

**Protein-level features for interaction prediction: functional genomic information**

[Yip and Gerstein, BMC Bioinfo. ('09, press)]



# Domain interaction

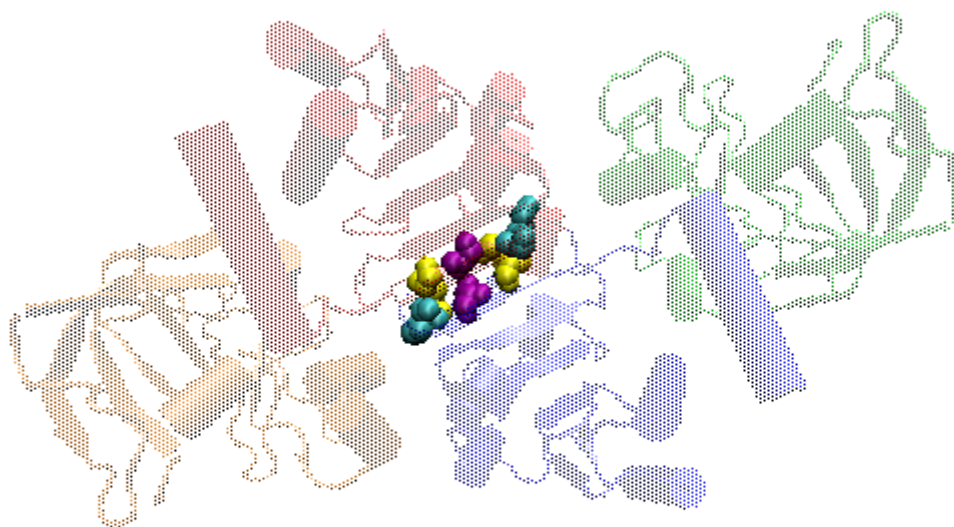


Pfam domains: PF00107 (inner) and PF08240 (outer)

**Domain-level features for interaction prediction: evolutionary information**

[Yip and Gerstein, BMC Bioinfo. ('09, press)]

# Residue interaction

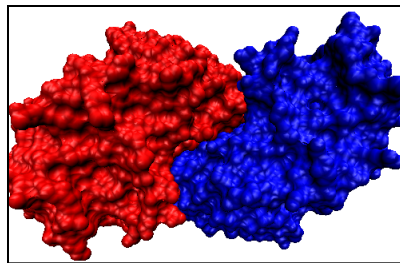


Interacting residues: 283 (yellow) with 287 (cyan), and 285 (purple) with 285

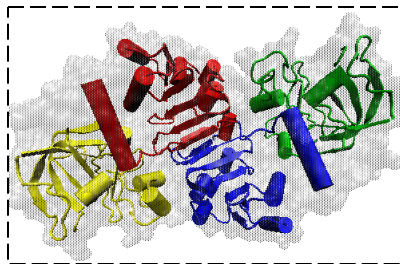
**Residue-level features for interaction prediction: physical-chemical information**

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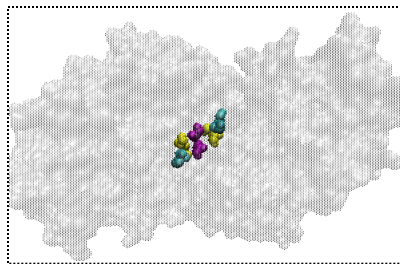
# Combining the three problems



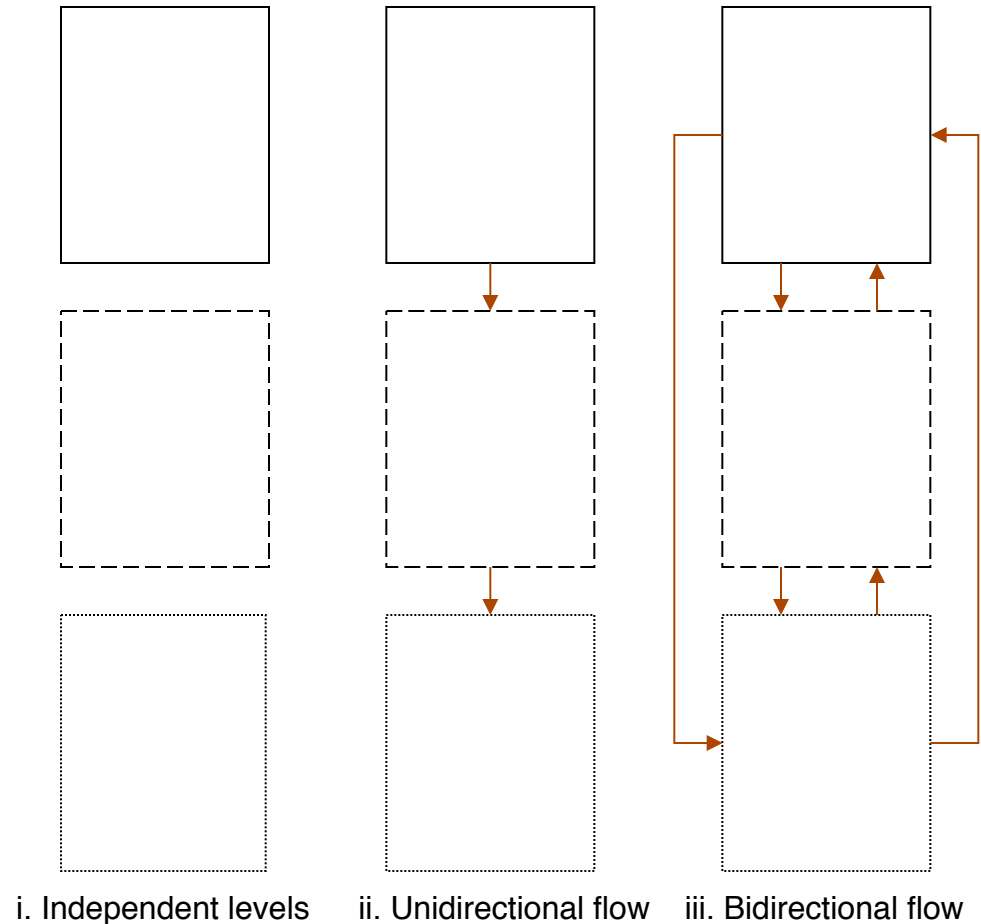
Protein interactions



Domain interactions

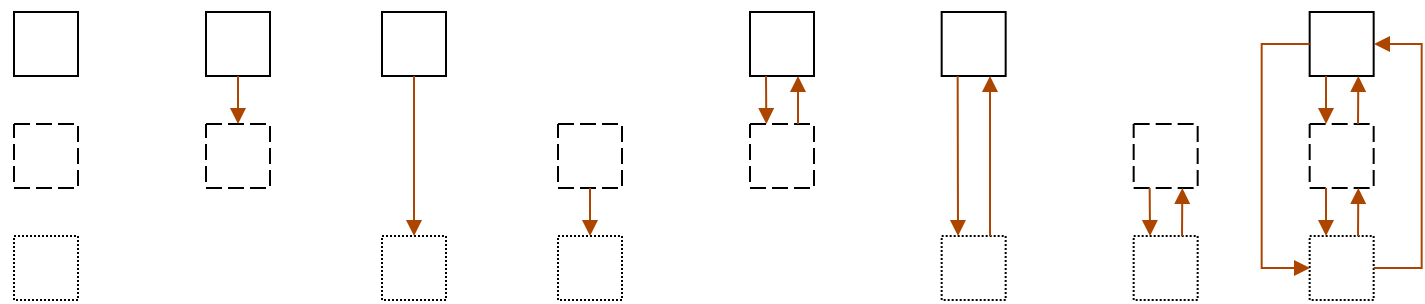


Residue interactions



## Empirical results (AUCs)

	Ind. levels	Unidirectional flow			Bidirectional flow			
Level		PD	PR	DR	PD	PR	DR	PDR
Proteins	71.68				72.23	72.50		<b>72.82</b>
Domains	53.18	61.51			<b>71.71</b>		68.94	71.20
Residues	57.36		54.89	53.81		72.26	63.16	<b>77.86</b>



- Highest accuracy by bidirectional flow
- Additive effect: 2 vs. 3 levels

# Finding Central Points in Networks: Hubs & Bottlenecks

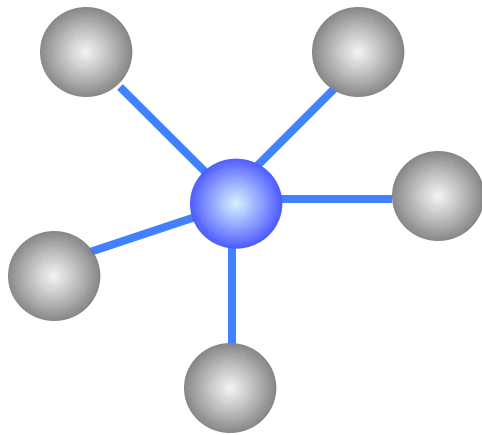
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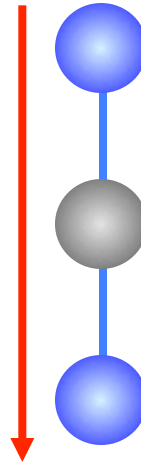


# Global topological measures

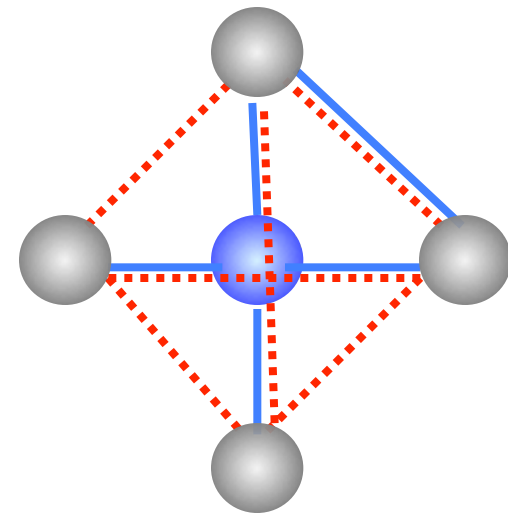
Indicate the gross topological structure of the network



Degree ( $K$ )  
5



Path length ( $L$ )  
2

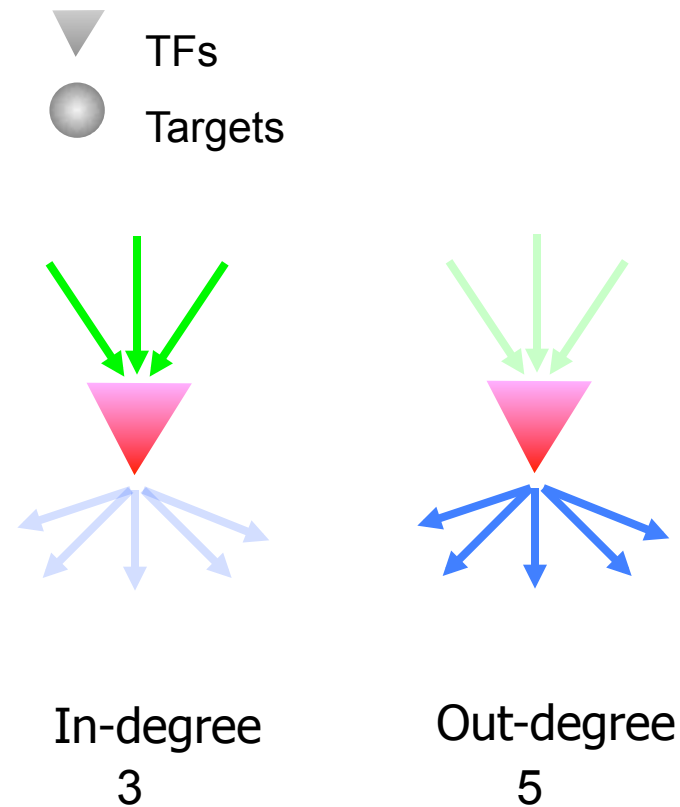


Clustering coefficient ( $C$ )  
 $1/6$

Interaction and expression networks are ***undirected***

[Barabasi]

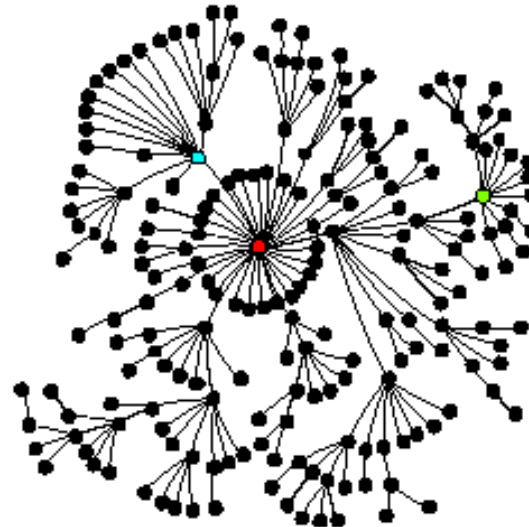
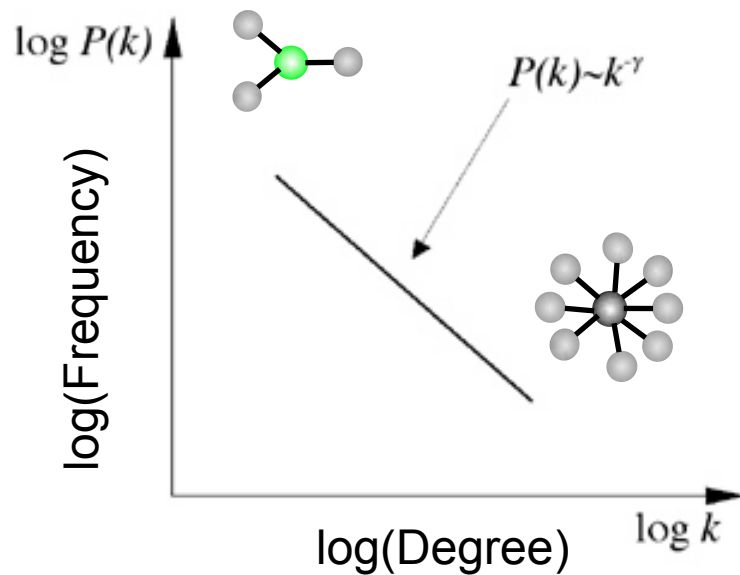
# Global topological measures for directed networks



Regulatory and metabolic networks are ***directed***

# Scale-free networks

Power-law distribution



**Hubs** dictate the structure of the network

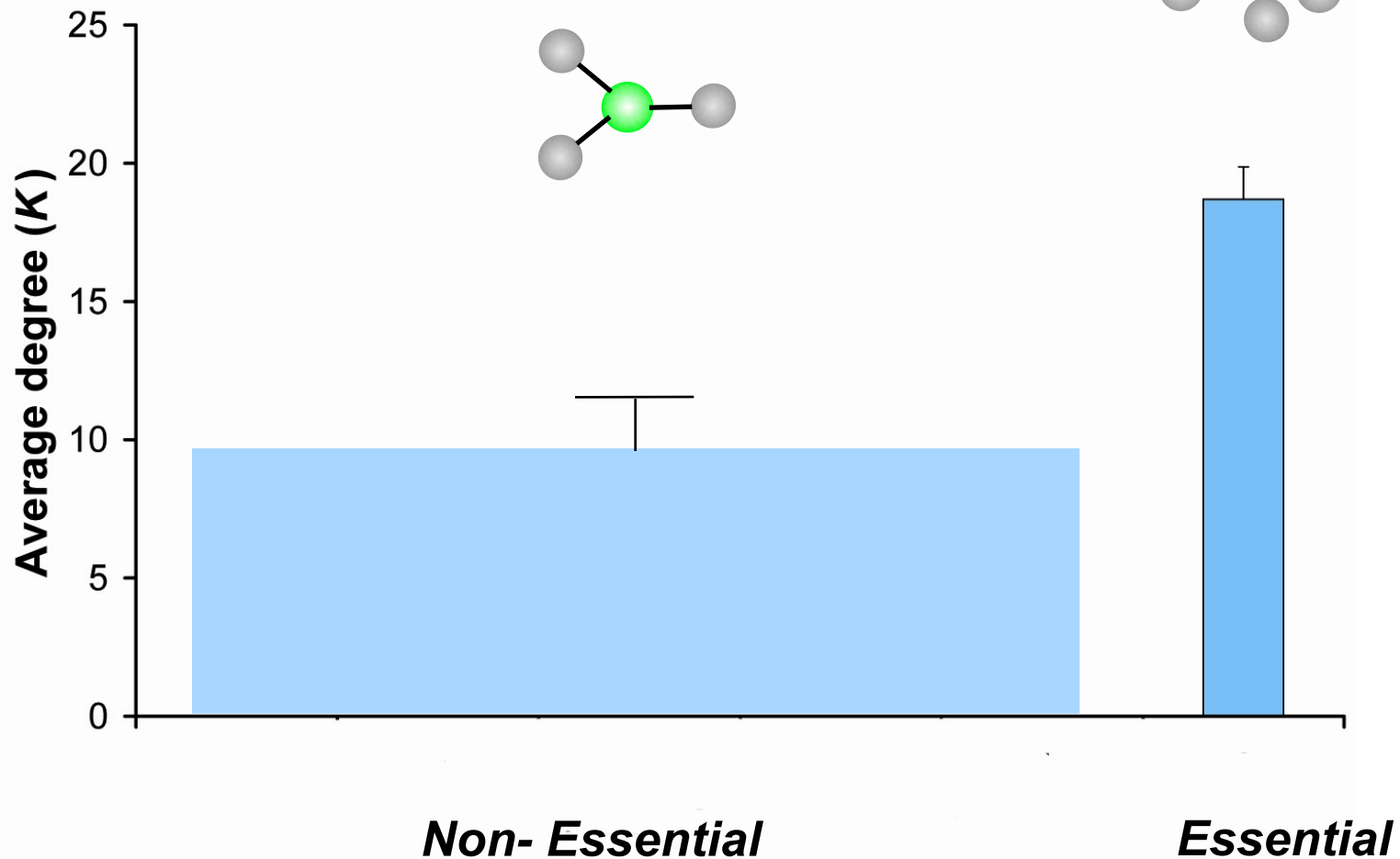
[Barabasi]

# Hubs tend to be Essential

Integrate gene essentiality data with protein interaction network. Perhaps hubs represent vulnerable points?

[Lauffenburger, Barabasi]

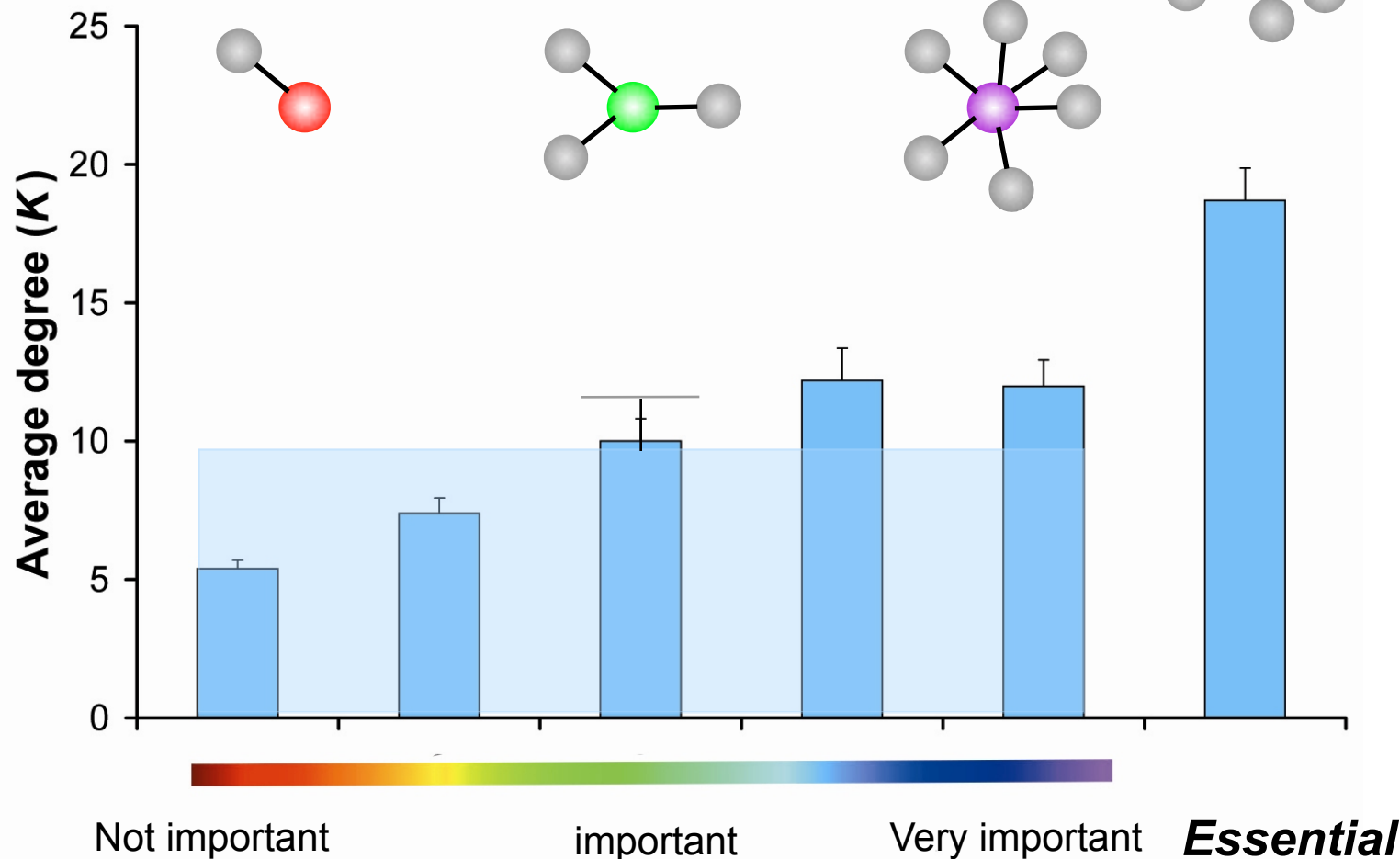
"hubbiness"



# Relationships extends to "Marginal Essentiality"

Marginal essentiality measures relative importance of each gene (e.g. in growth-rate and condition-specific essentiality experiments) and scales continuously with "hubbiness"

"hubbiness"



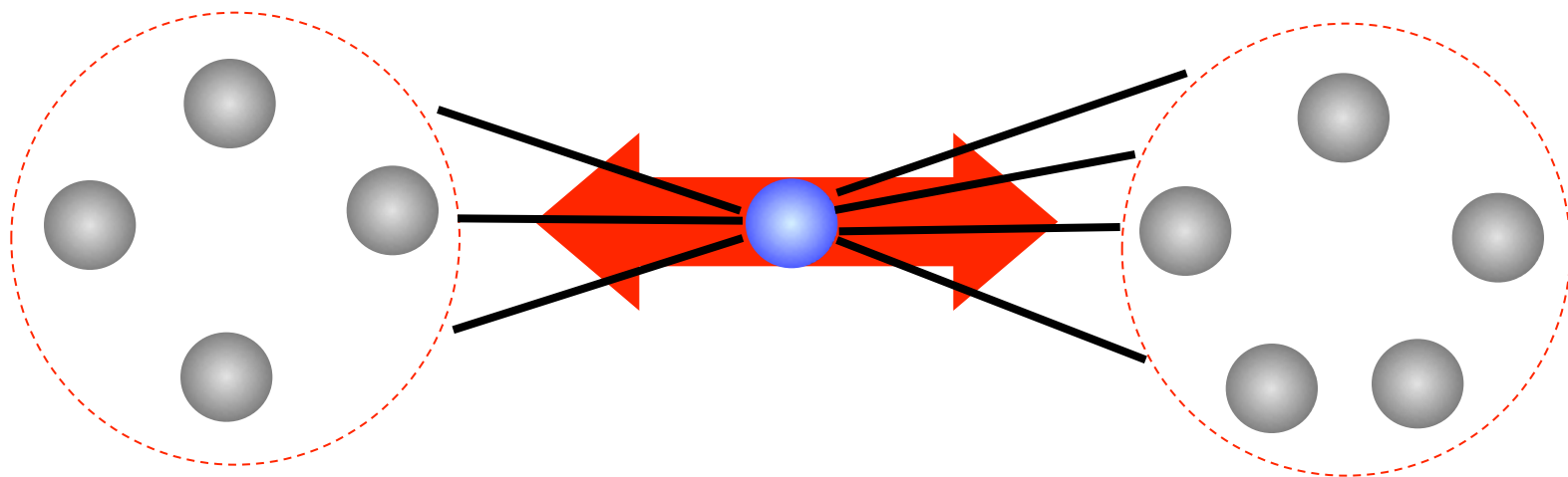


## Another measure of Centrality: Betweenness centrality

Betweenness of a node is the number of shortest paths of pairs of vertices that run through it -- a measure of information flow.

Freeman LC (1977) Set of measures of centrality based on betweenness.  
Sociometry 40: 35–41.

**Girvan & Newman (2002) PNAS 99: 7821.**

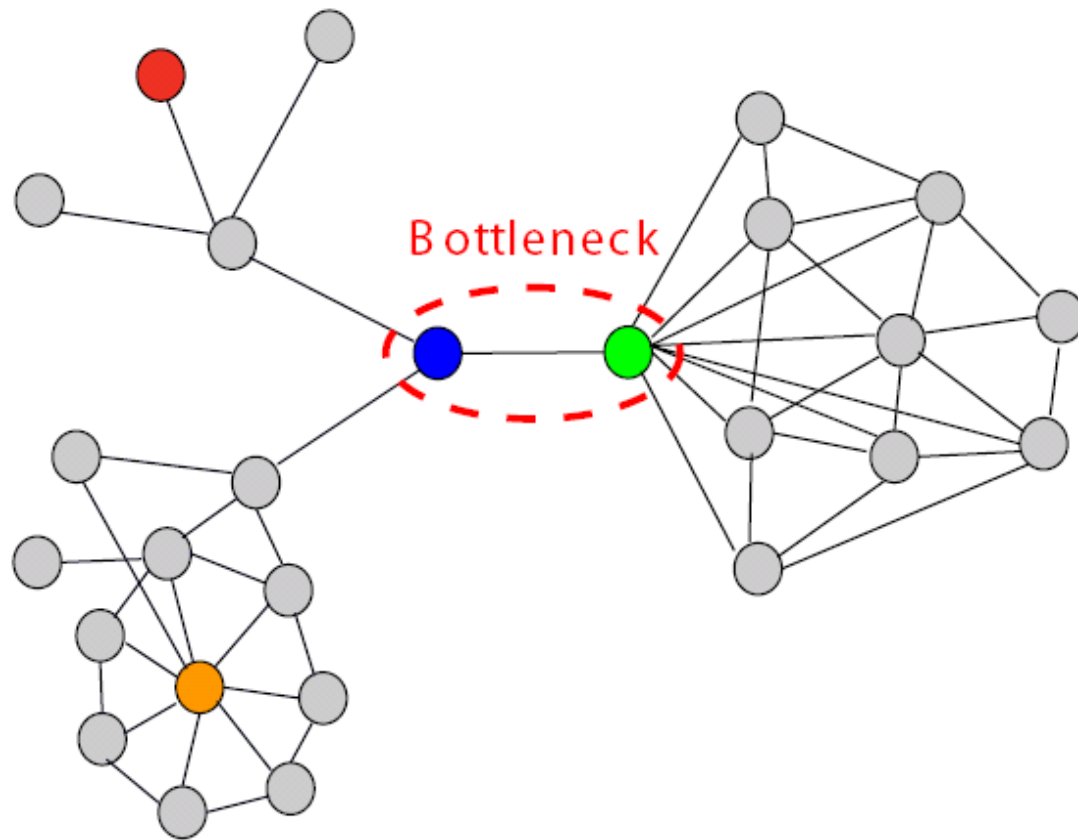






# Betweenness centrality -- Bottlenecks

Proteins with high betweenness are defined as *Bottlenecks* (top 20%), in analogy to the traffic system



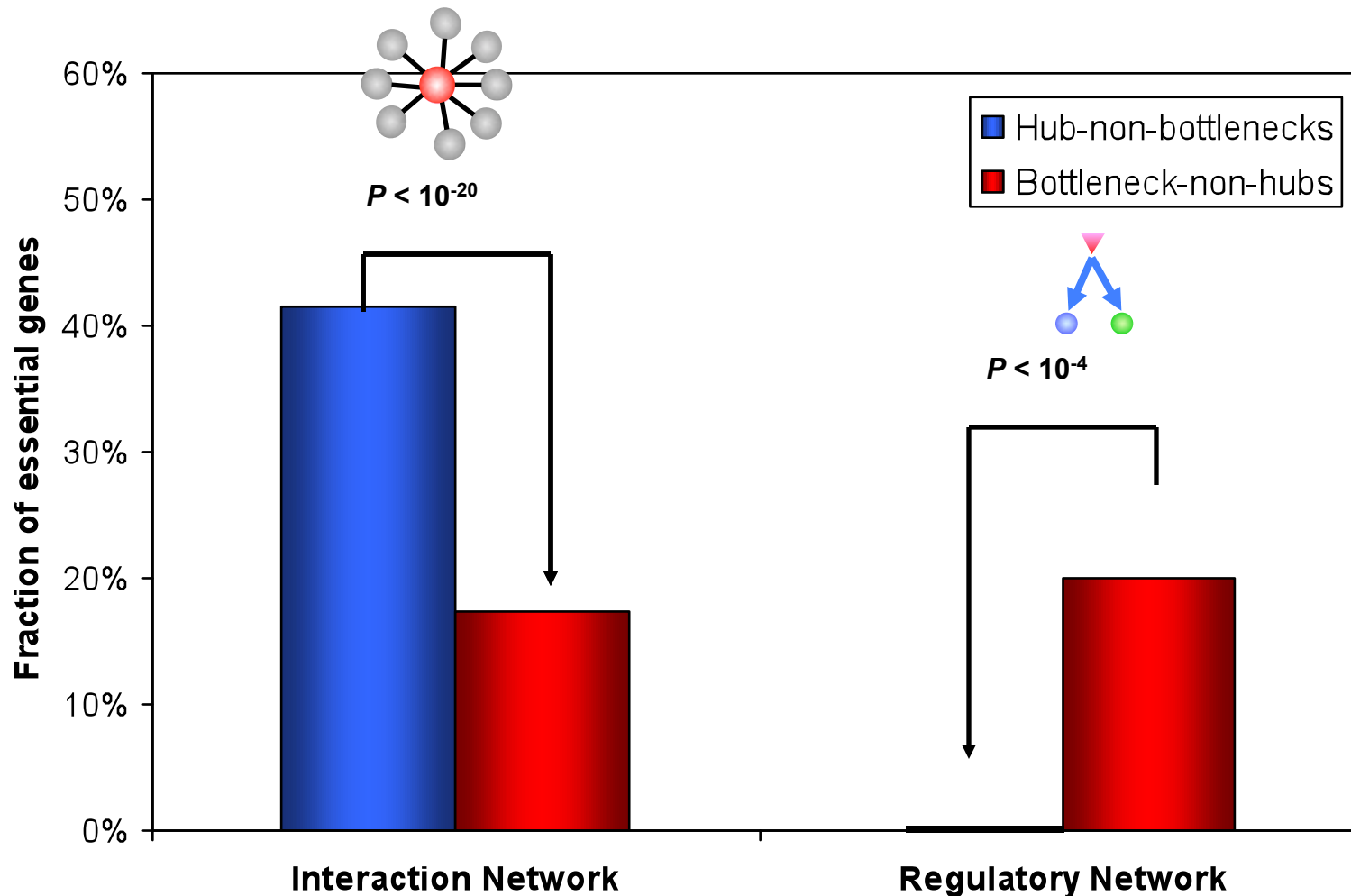
# Bottlenecks & Hubs



-  Hub-bottleneck **node**
-  Non-hub-bottleneck **node**
-  Hub-non-bottleneck **node**
-  Non-hub-non-bottleneck **node**

[Yu et al., PLOS CB (2007)]

# Bottlenecks are what matters in regulatory networks



[Yu et al., PLoS Comput Biol (2007)]



# Finding Central Points in Networks #2: Tops of the Hierarchy

Where are key points networks ? How do we locate them ?

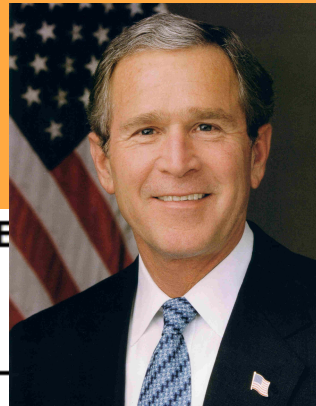




# Social Hierarchy

THE GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES



## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

THE CONGRESS

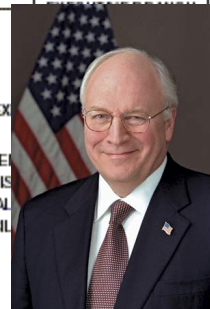
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ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL  
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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT

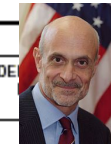
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS  
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION



## JUDICIAL BRANCH

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS  
TERRITORIAL COURTS  
UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES  
UNITED STATES TAX COURT  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS  
FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER  
UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION



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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION  
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE  
DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION  
EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.  
FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

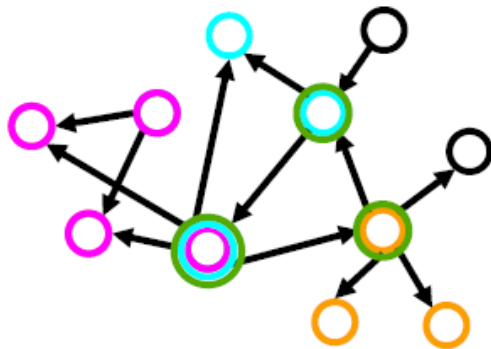
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FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE  
FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION  
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION  
MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD  
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES  
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD  
NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD  
NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK)  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS  
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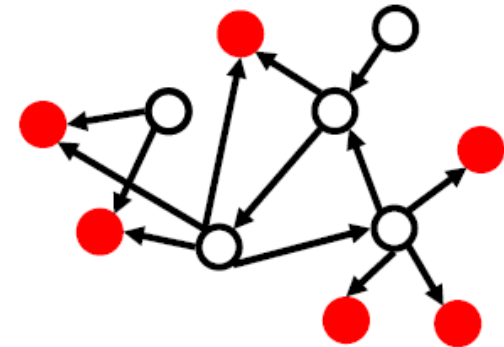
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U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
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# Determination of "Level" in Regulatory Network Hierarchy with Breadth-first Search

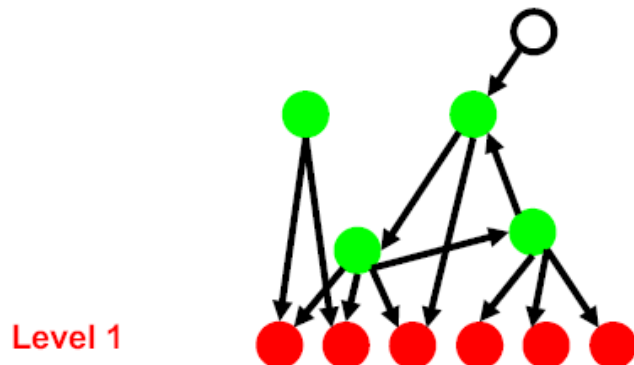
I. Example network with all 4 motifs



II. Finding terminal nodes (Red)

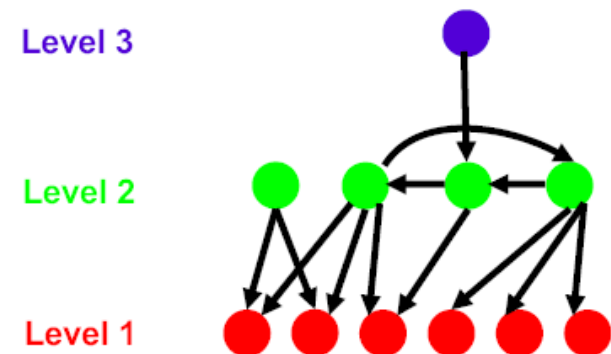


III. Finding mid-level nodes (Green)



Level 1

IV. Finding top-most nodes (Blue)



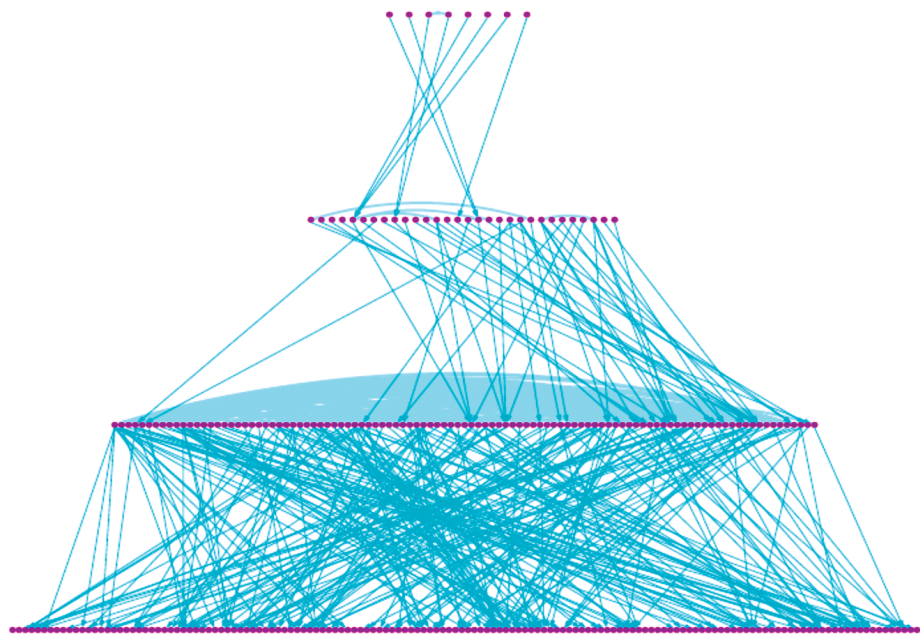
Level 3

Level 2

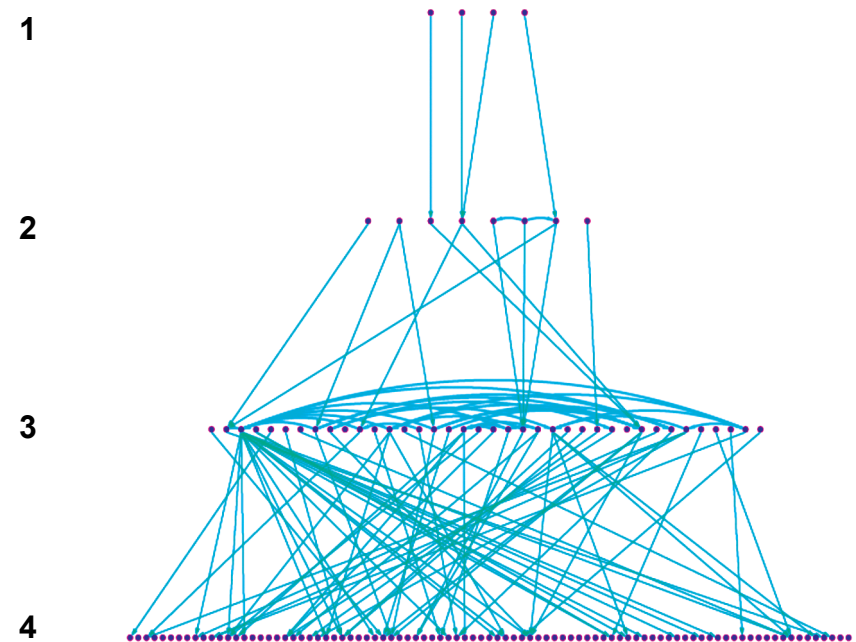
Level 1

[Yu et al., PNAS (2006)]

# Regulatory Networks have similar hierarchical structures



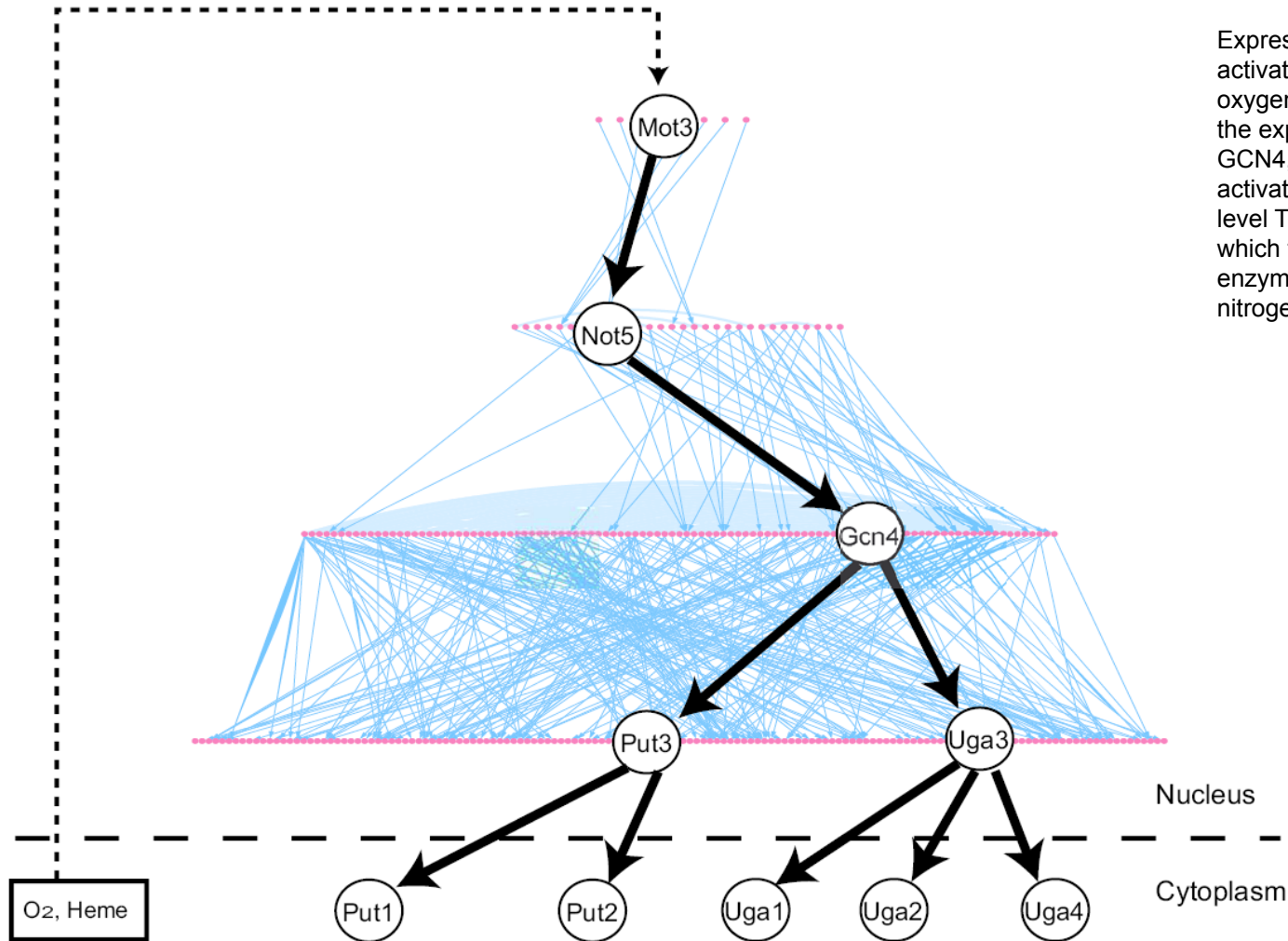
*S. cerevisiae*



*E. coli*

[Yu et al., Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A (2006)]

# Example of Path Through Regulatory Network

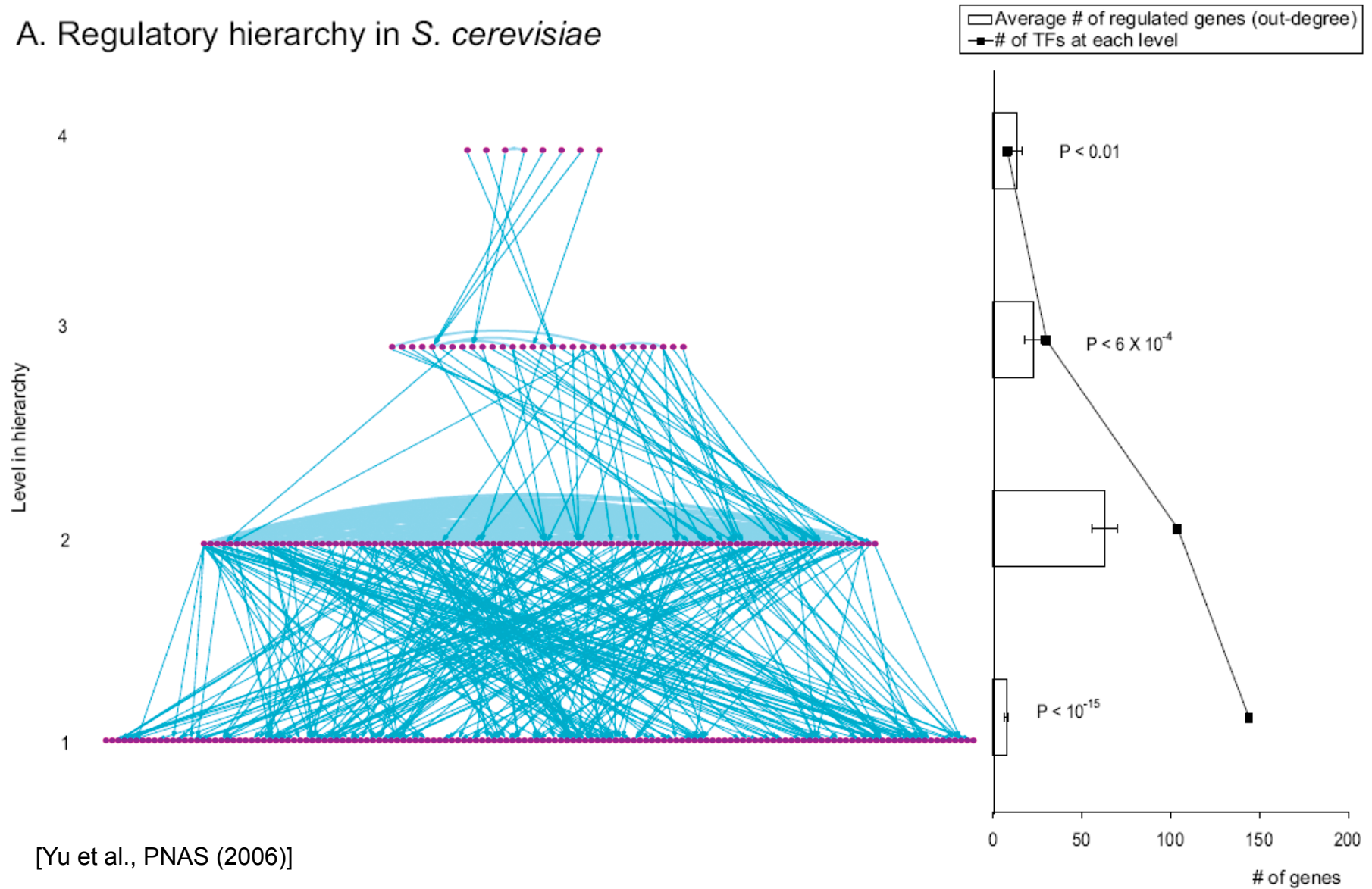


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# Yeast Regulatory Hierarchy: the Middle-managers Rule

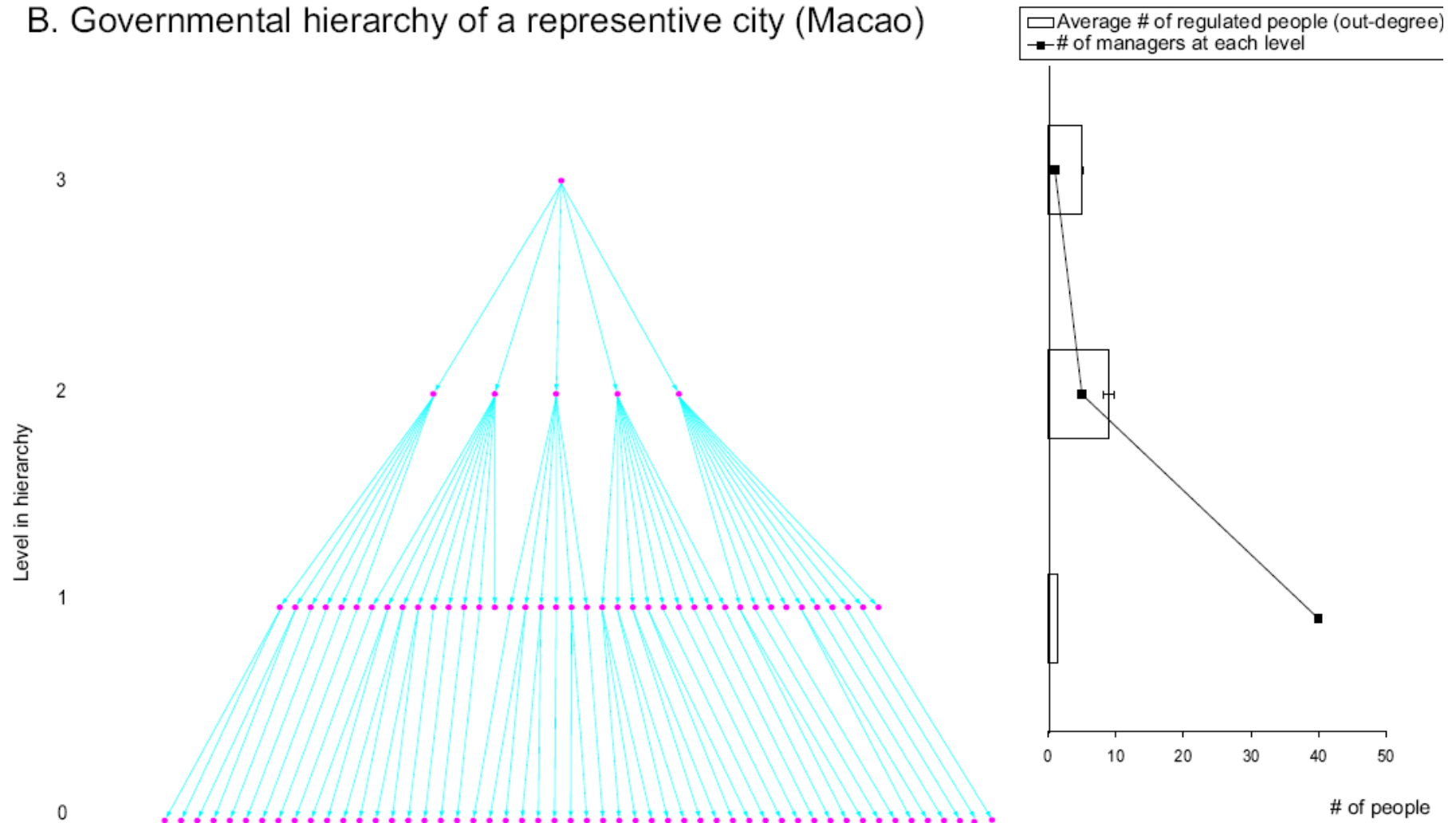
## A. Regulatory hierarchy in *S. cerevisiae*





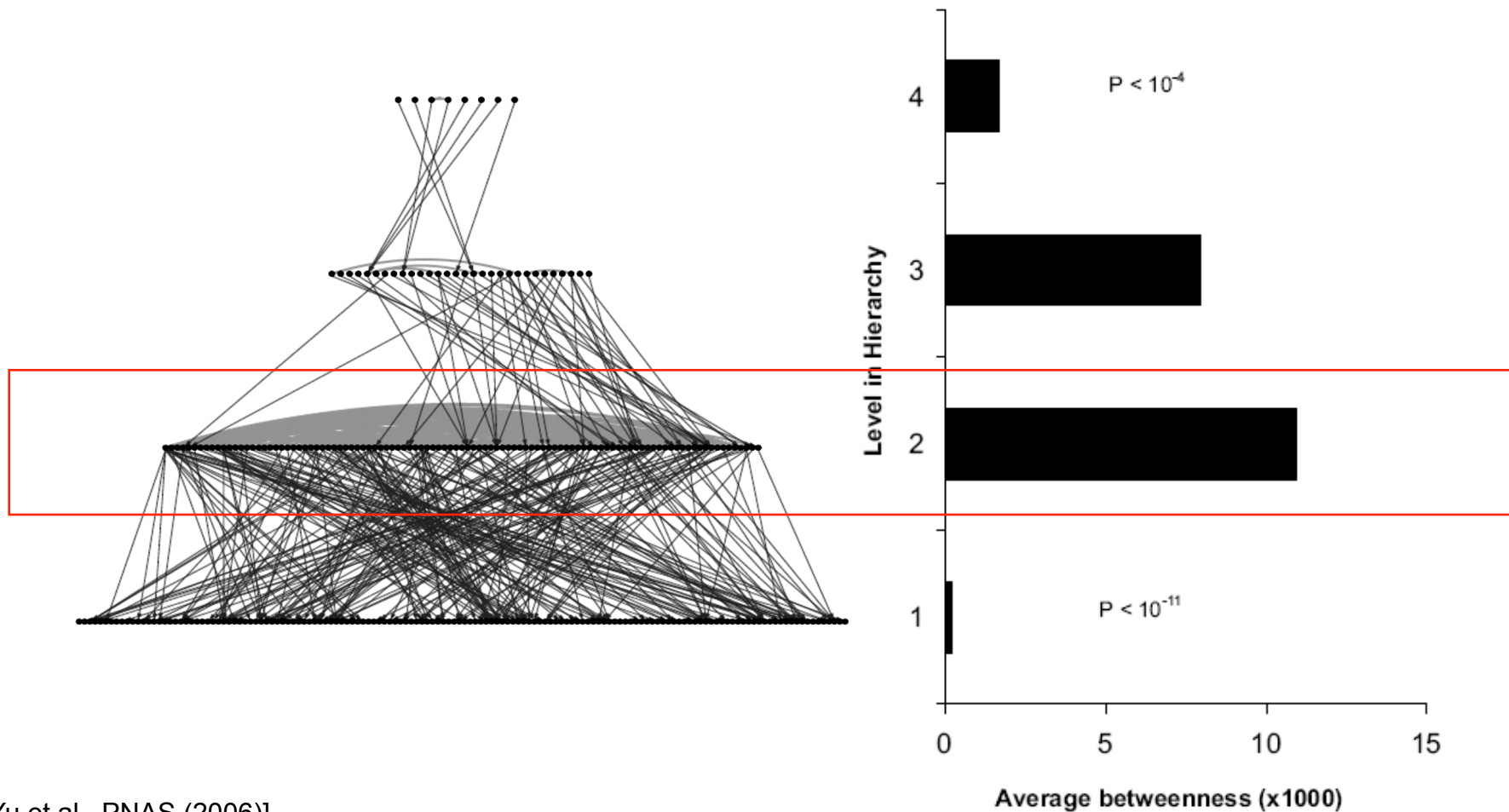
# Yeast Network Similar in Structure to Government Hierarchy with Respect to Middle-managers

B. Governmental hierarchy of a representative city (Macao)



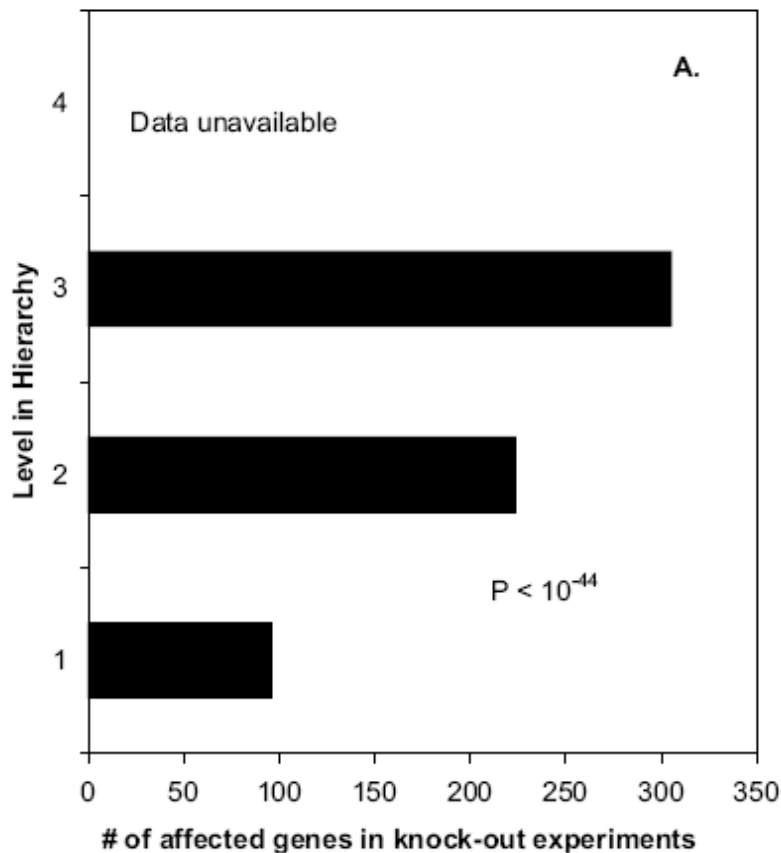
# Characteristics of Regulatory Hierarchy: Middle Managers are Information Flow Bottlenecks

Average betweenness at each level



[Yu et al., PNAS (2006)]

# Characteristics of Regulatory Hierarchy: The Paradox of Influence and Essentiality



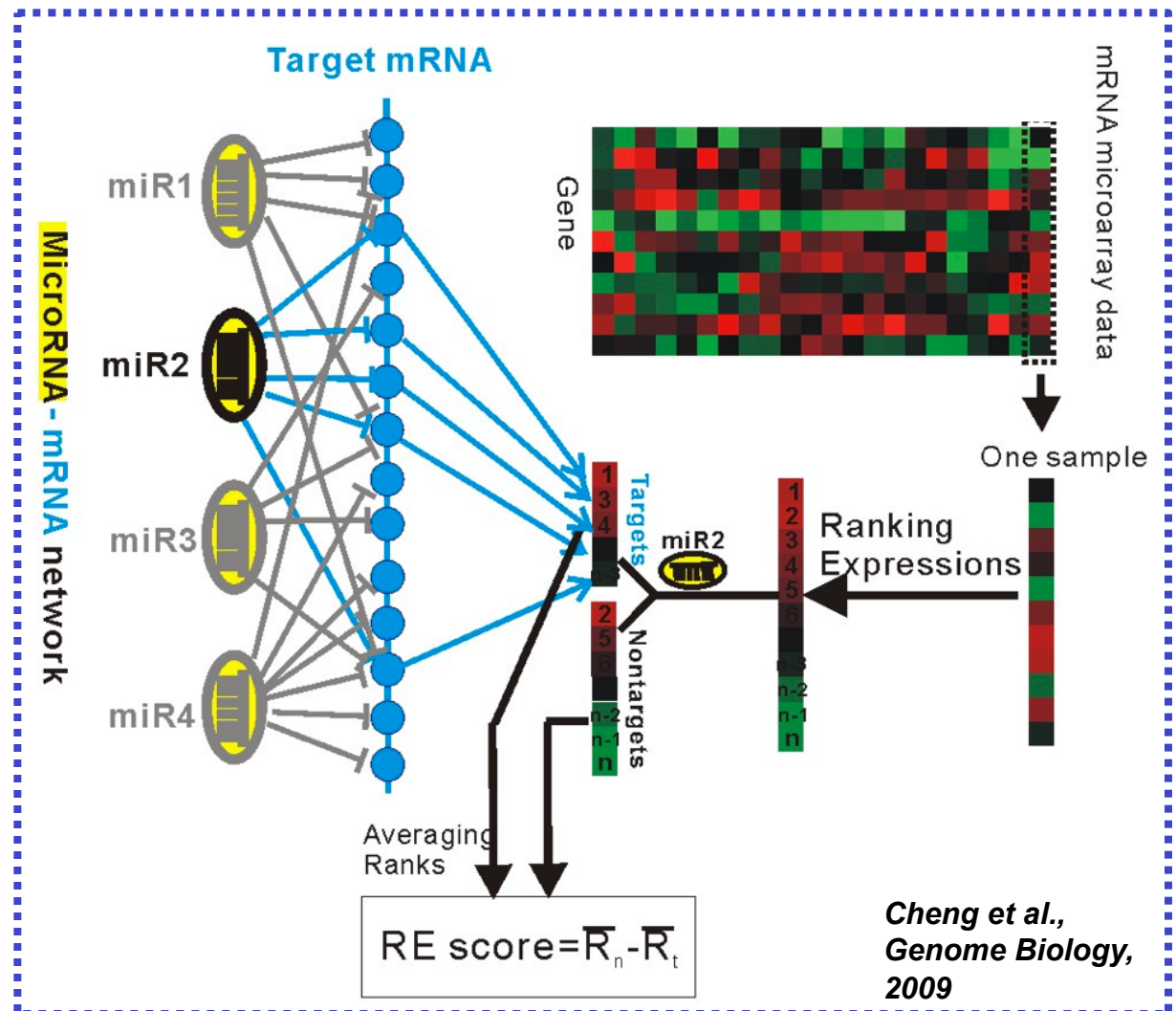
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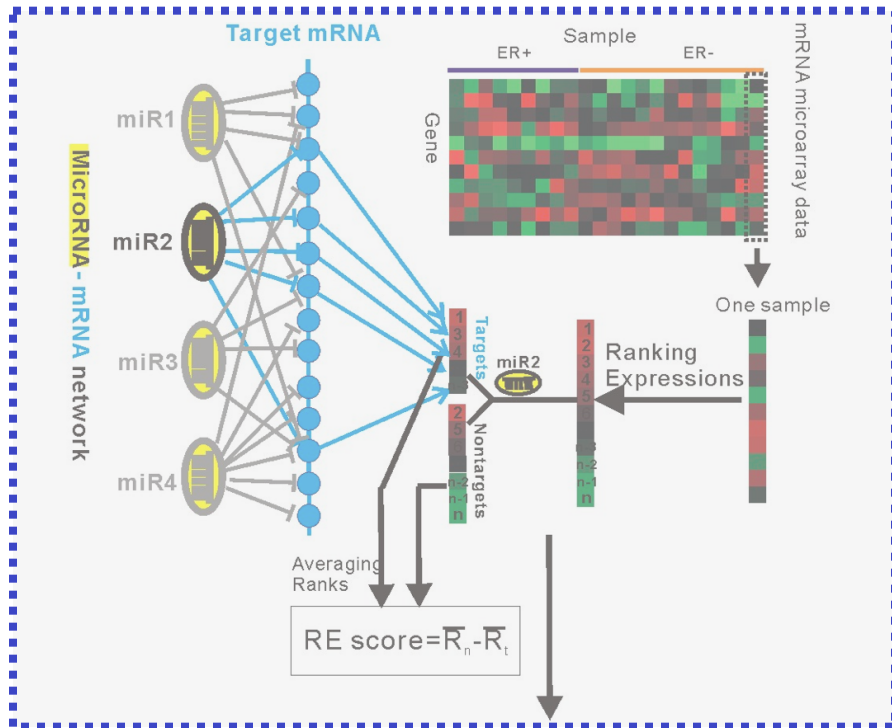
# Finding Central Points in Networks #3: Points of Maximal Regulatory Effect



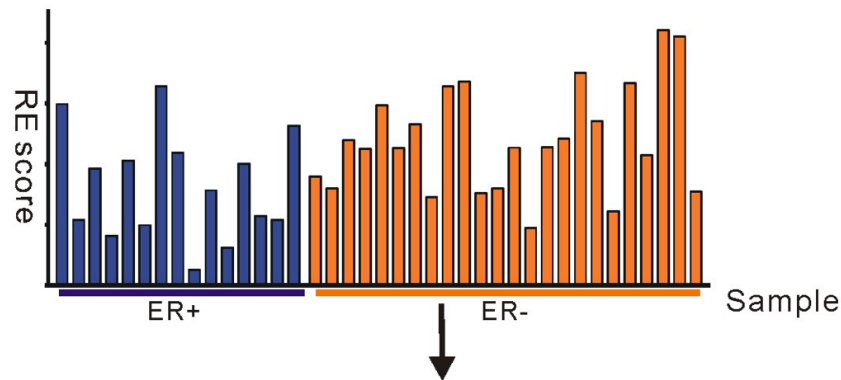
- How much does a regulator influence its targets?
- For miRNA-target networks easy to calculate, as all influence is down-regulation
  - ◇ target prediction via: TargetScan, PITA, PicTar, miRanda, ...
- Look at down-reg. genes in a sample & compare with targets of a specific micro-RNA
  - ◇ more down-reg genes => stronger regulatory effect

## RE-score: Another way to identify "important" network nodes

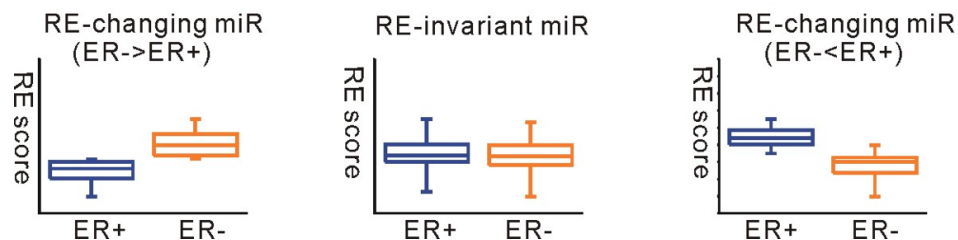




Calculating RE scores of a miRNA in each sample



Comparing the RE scores between ER+ and ER-



# Application of RE-score to measure changing miRNA effect in different conditions (ER- and ER+ breast cancer)

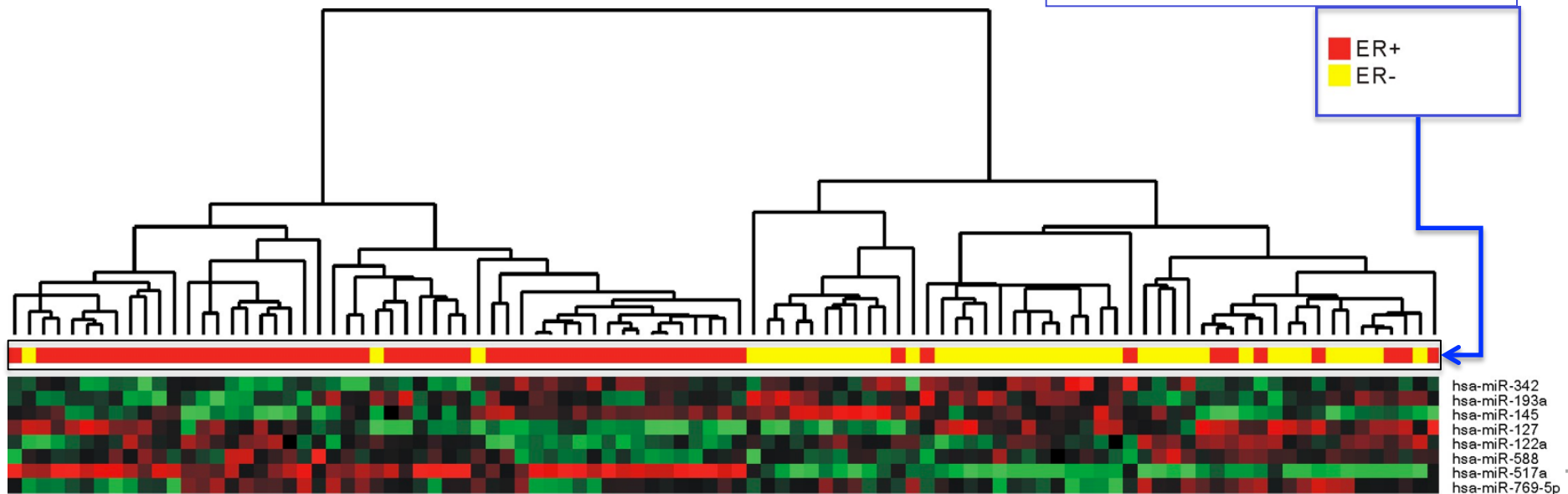
Cheng et al., *Genome Biology*, 2009



# RE-score can be used to classify cancers

(3) Clustering based on RE score divides samples into 2 main types of cancer

(4) Clustering better than based on indiv. gene expression levels



(1) RE-score profile for diff. miRNA in 1 cancer sample.  
(2) Tabulate over many different breast cancer samples

Cheng et al., *Genome Biology*, 2009

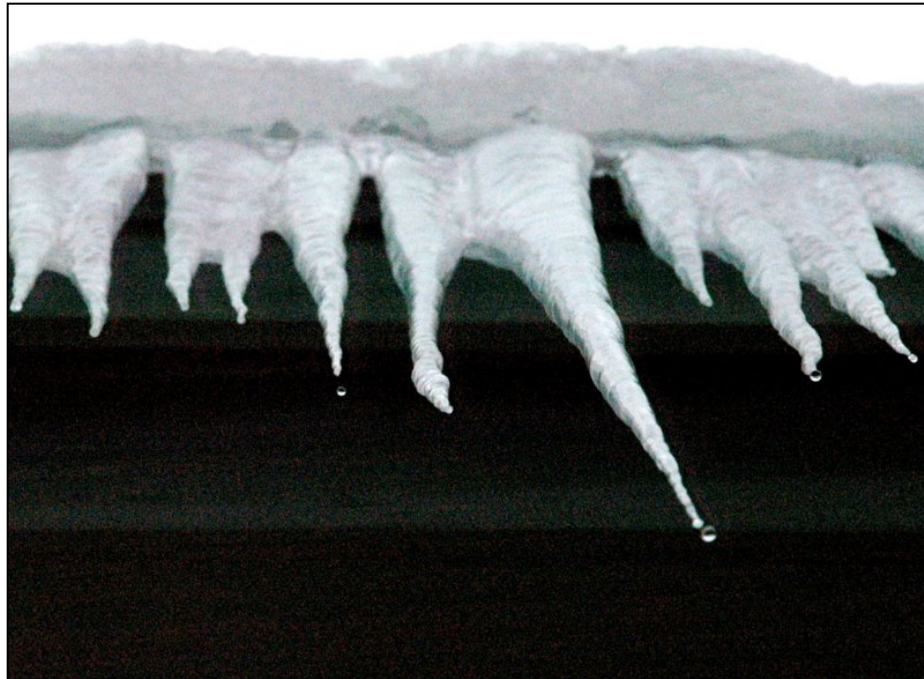
# Network Dynamics #2:

## Environments

How do molecular networks change across environments?

What pathways are used more ?

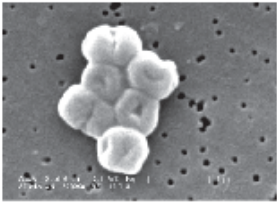
Used as a biosensor ?



# What is metagenomics?

## Genomics Approach

Culture Microbes



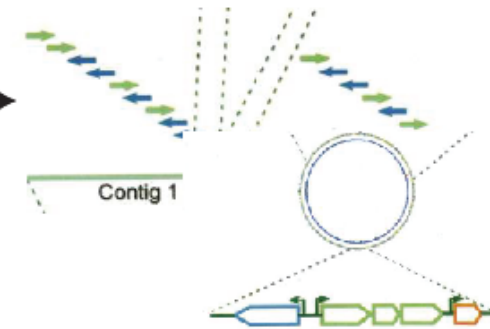
Extract DNA



Sequence

```
ATCGTATA
CGCGAAG
ACGTCTGA
AGTGCTGCT
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Assemble and Annotate



PROBLEM: Estimated that less than 1% can be cultured in the lab

## Metagenomics Approach

Collect Sample



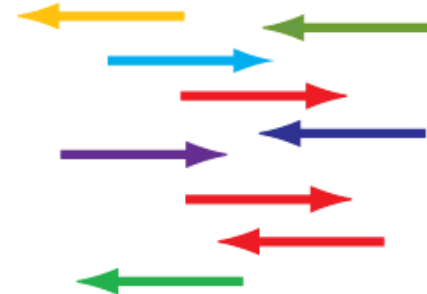
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Sequence

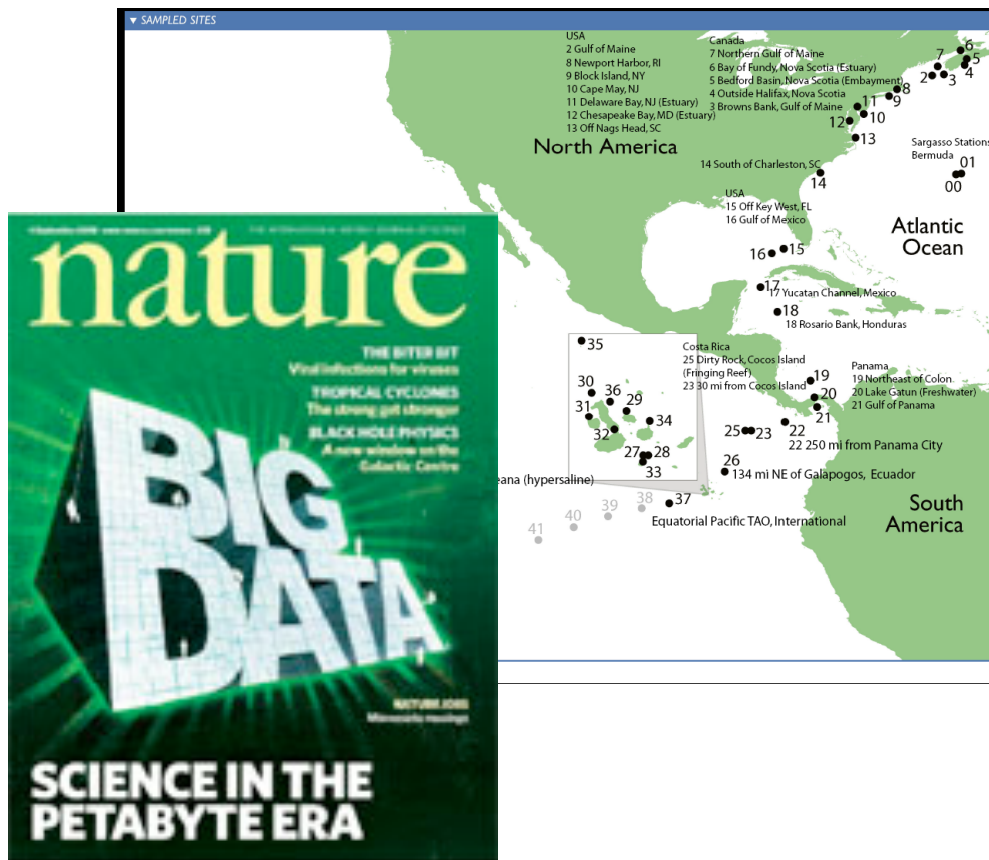
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TCGATCAGCATGCTACGATGCAAG
ACGATCGATGCTAGCTAGCAT
AGCTAGCTAGTCAGCTAGCTAGTG
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Partially Assemble and Annotate



PROBLEM: Lose information about which gene belongs to which microbe.

# Global Ocean Survey Statistics (GOS)



6.25 GB of data  
7.7M Reads  
1 million CPU hours  
to process

Rusch, et al., PLOS Biology 2007

## Pathway Sequences (Community Function)

## Environmental Features

Metabolic Pathways

	P1	P2	P3		
Sites B1	3800	1400	1000		
B2	2200	100	400		
↓	---	---	---		



Environmental Metadata

	Temp	NaCl	Depth		
Sites B1	15°C	27.2	10 m		
B2	23°C	36.6	5 m		
↓	---	---	---		

READS → PROTEIN FAMILIES → PATHWAYS

CCGTGAGCACGATGCGC-----  
 ATGCTCATGCT-----  
 ATCGTGACGCGATGC-----  
 CCGTGAGCACGATGCGC-----  
 ATGCTCATGCT-----  
 ATCGTGACGCGATGC-----  
 ATGCTCATGCT-----  
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 TGCTGCTAGCATGCT-----  
 CCGTGAGCACGATGCGC-----  
 GTATCGTAGCATGCTT-----  
 CCGTGAGCACGATGCGC-----  
 GCGATCGATCGATCGTAGC-----



$$P_1 = f_1 + f_2 + f_3$$

$$P_2 = f_4 + f_5 + f_6$$

PATHWAYS

SITES

$$P_{1,1} = 2 + 1 + 3$$

$$P_{2,1} = 2 + 4 + 3$$

$$P_{1,2} = 5 + 2 + 6$$

$$P_{2,1} = 5 + 7 + 6$$

**Expressing**  
**data as**  
**matrices**  
**indexed by**  
**site, env. var.,**  
**and pathway**  
**usage**

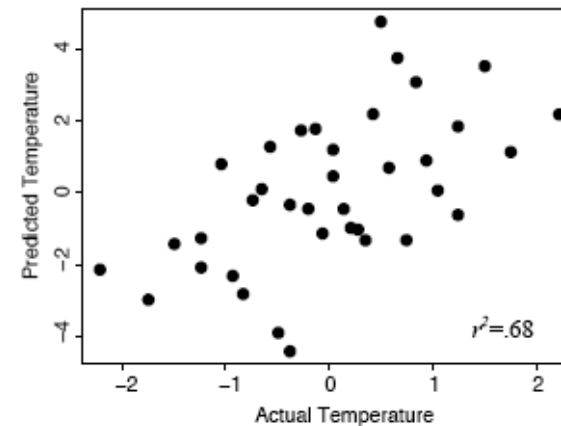
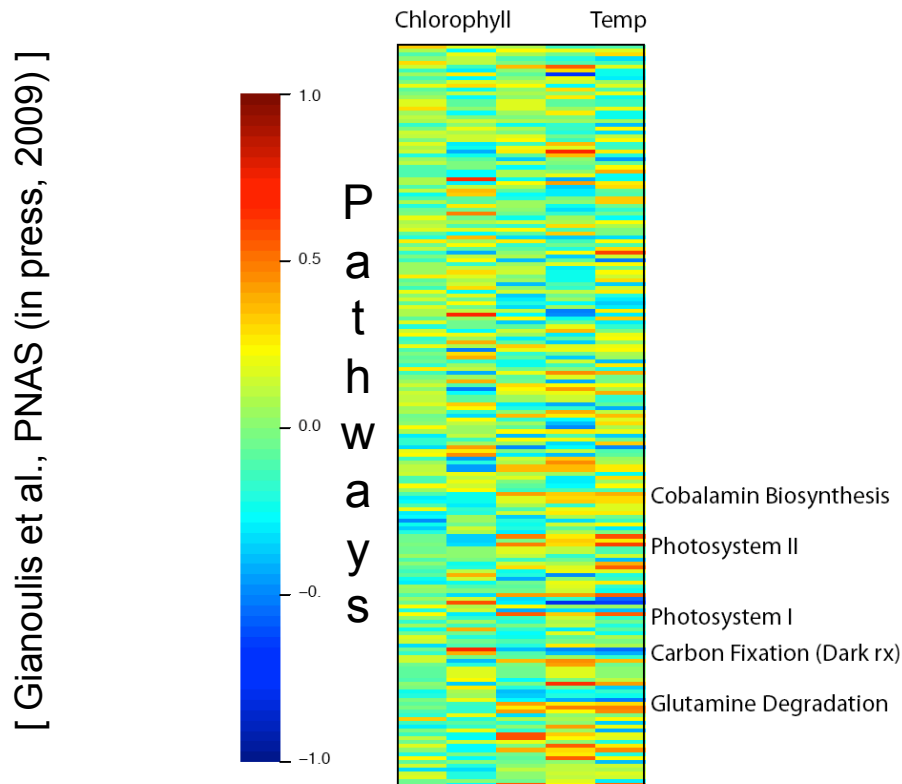
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# Simple Relationships: Pairwise Correlations





Environmental Features



# Canonical Correlation Analysis: Simultaneous weighting

Score	# of papers published
GRE	

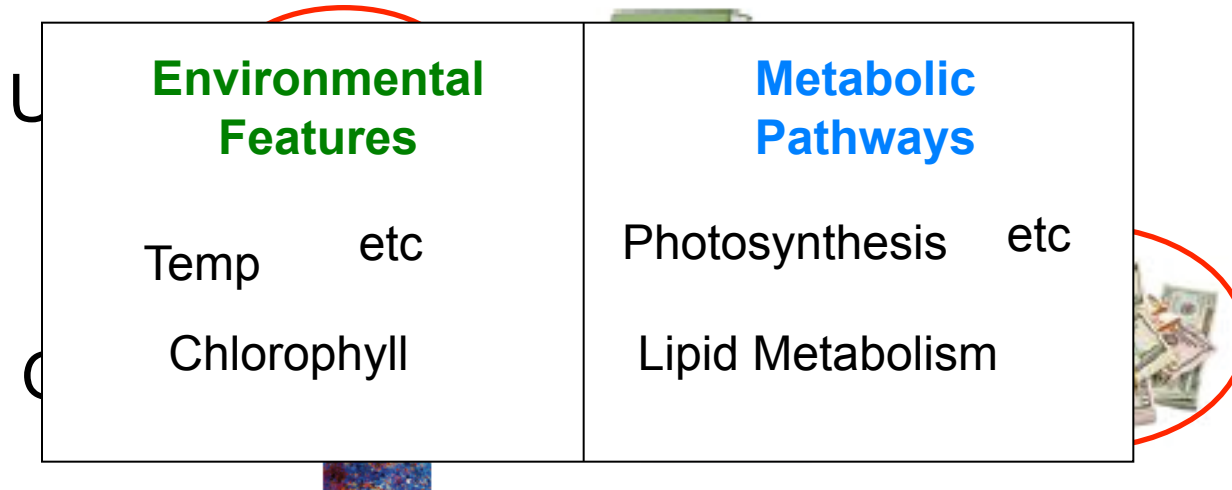
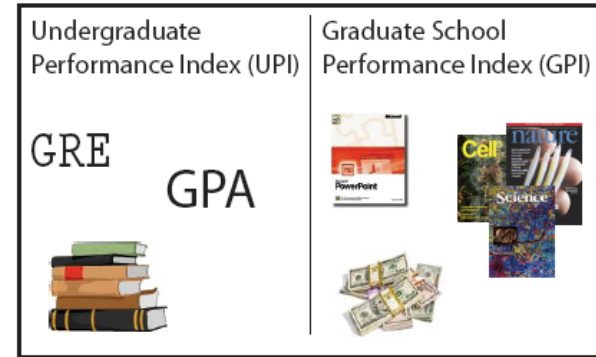
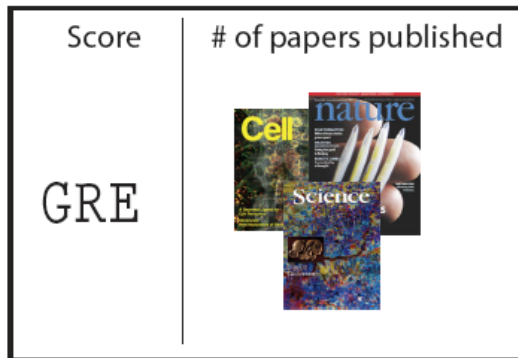
Undergraduate Performance Index (UPI)	Graduate School Performance Index (GPI)
GRE 	

$$\text{UPI} = a \text{ GRE} + b \text{ GPA}$$

$$\text{GPI} = a' \text{ (science journals)} + b' \text{ (PowerPoint)} + c' \text{ (money)}$$

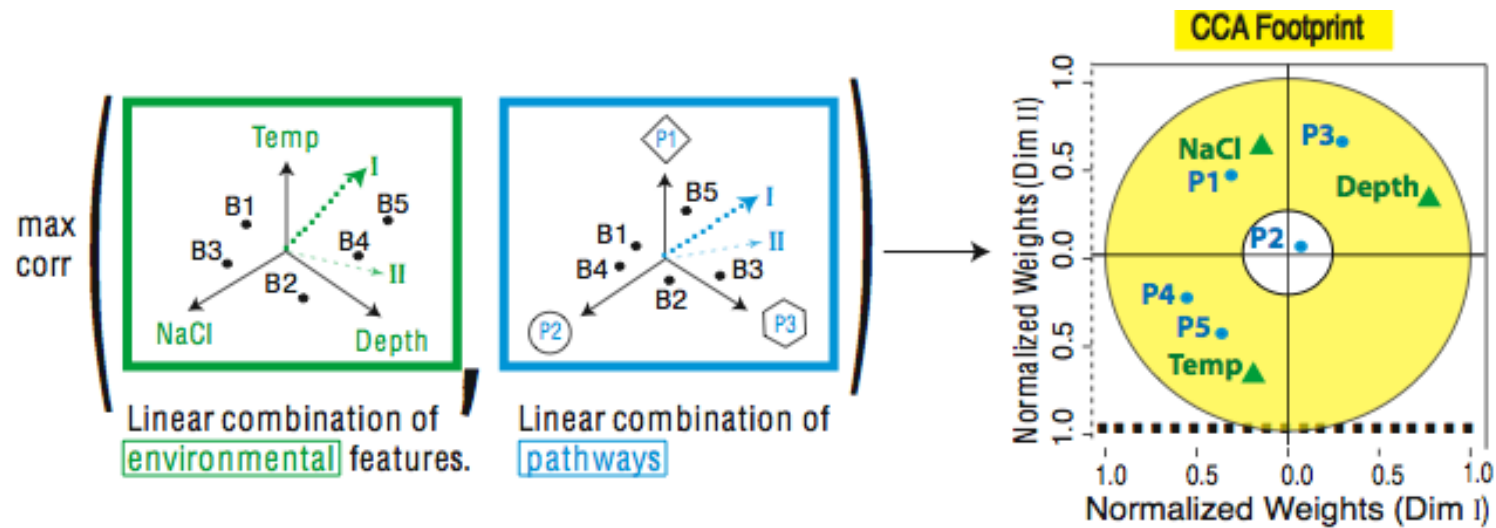
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# Canonical Correlation Analysis: Simultaneous weighting



[ Gianoulis et al., PNAS (in press, 2009) ]

# Environmental-Metabolic Space

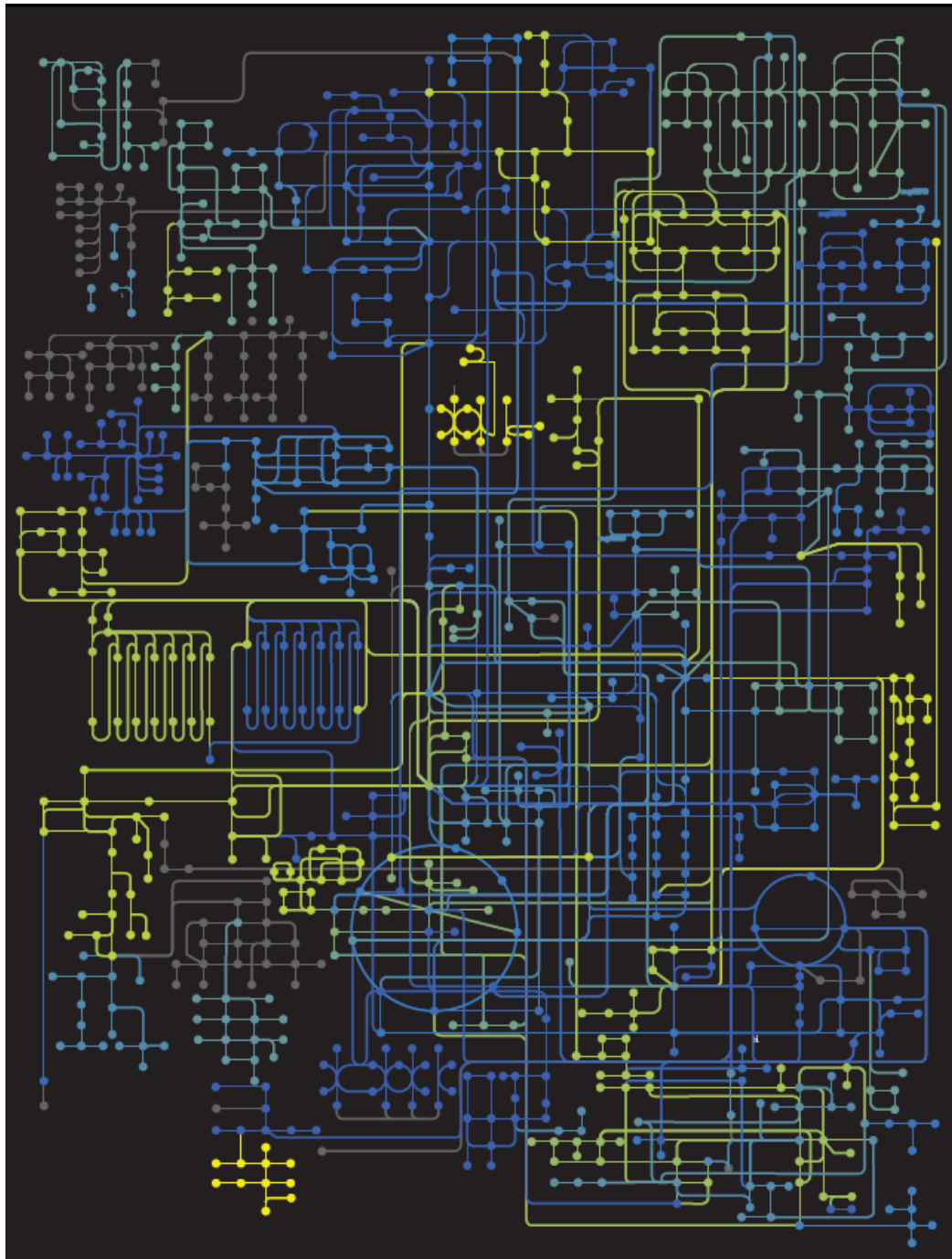


The goal of this technique is to interpret cross-variance matrices  
We do this by defining a change of basis.

Given  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$

$$C = \begin{matrix} \sum_X & \sum_{X,Y} \\ \sum_Y & \sum_{Y,X} \end{matrix} \quad \max_{a,b} \text{Corr}(U,V) = \frac{a' \sum_{12} b}{\sqrt{a' \sum_{11} a} \sqrt{b' \sum_{22} b}}$$

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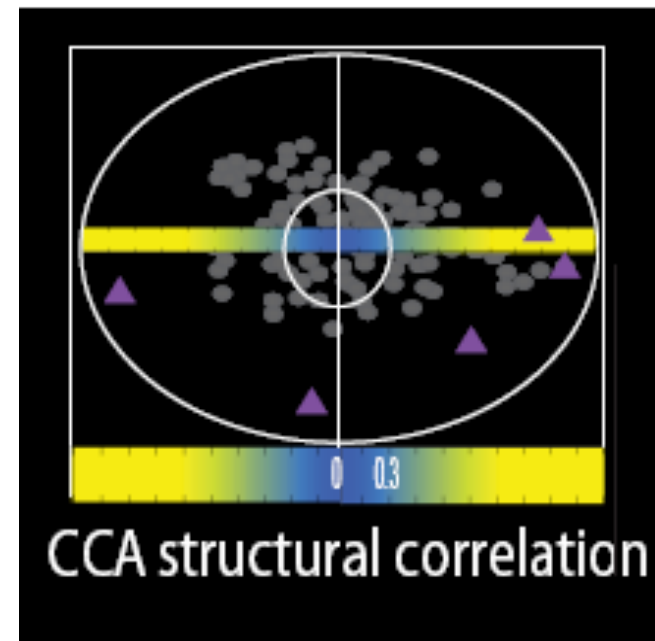


## Strength of Pathway co-variation with environment



Environmentally  
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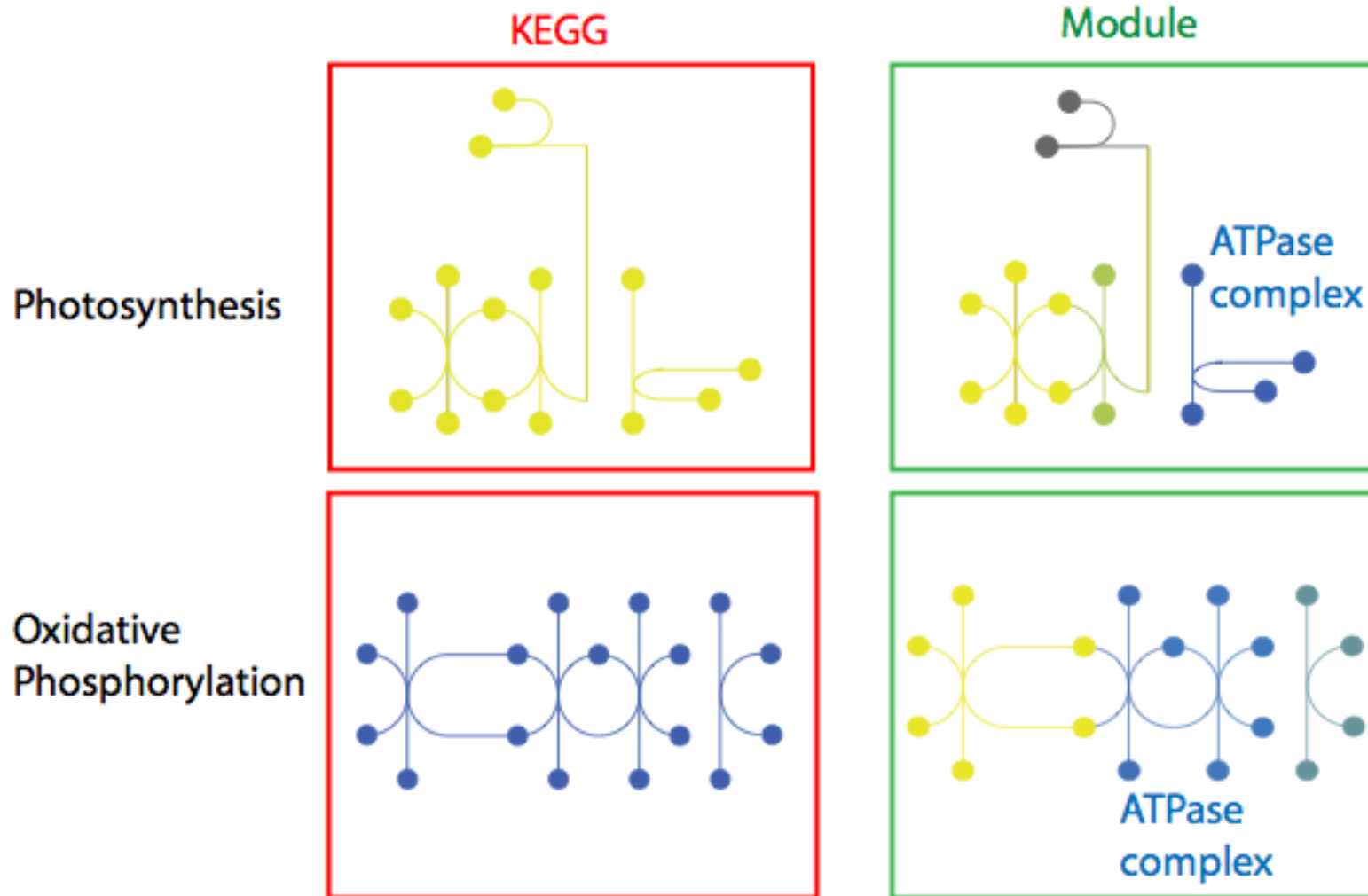
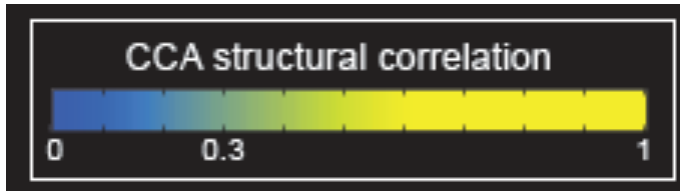
Environmentally  
variant



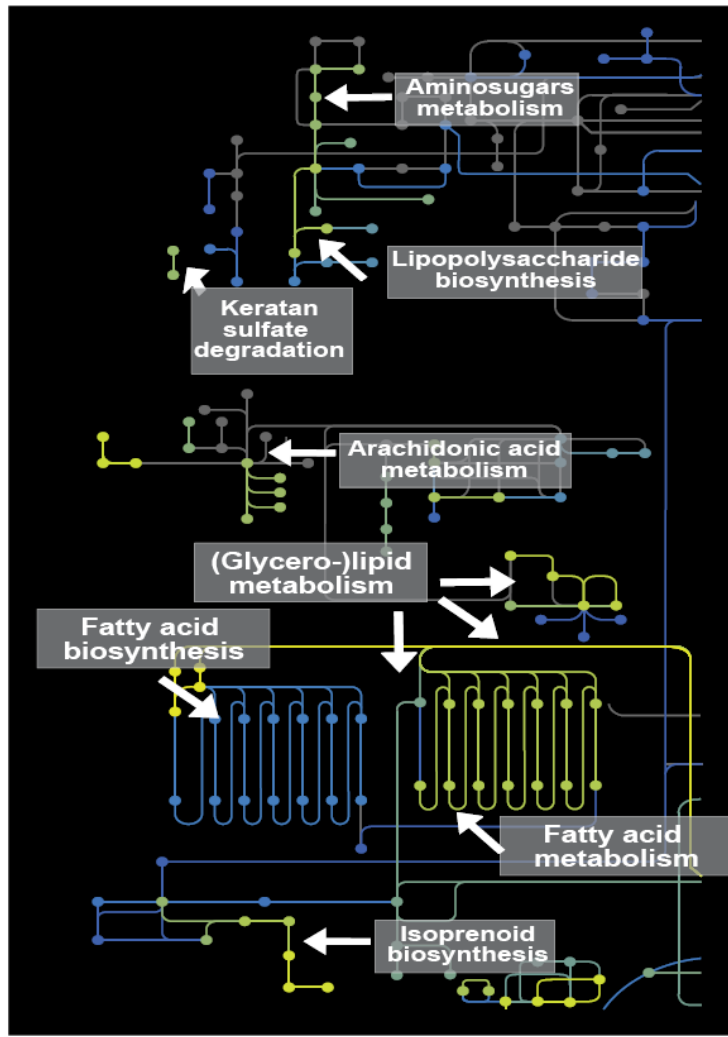
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# Conclusion #1: energy conversion strategy, temp and depth

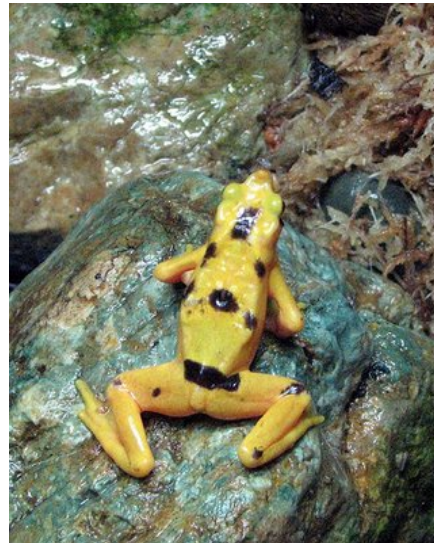


## Conclusion #2: Outer Membrane components vary the environment



[ Gianoulis et al., PNAS (in press, 2009) ]

# Biosensors: Beyond Canaries in a Coal Mine



[ Gianoulis et al., PNAS (in press, 2009) ]

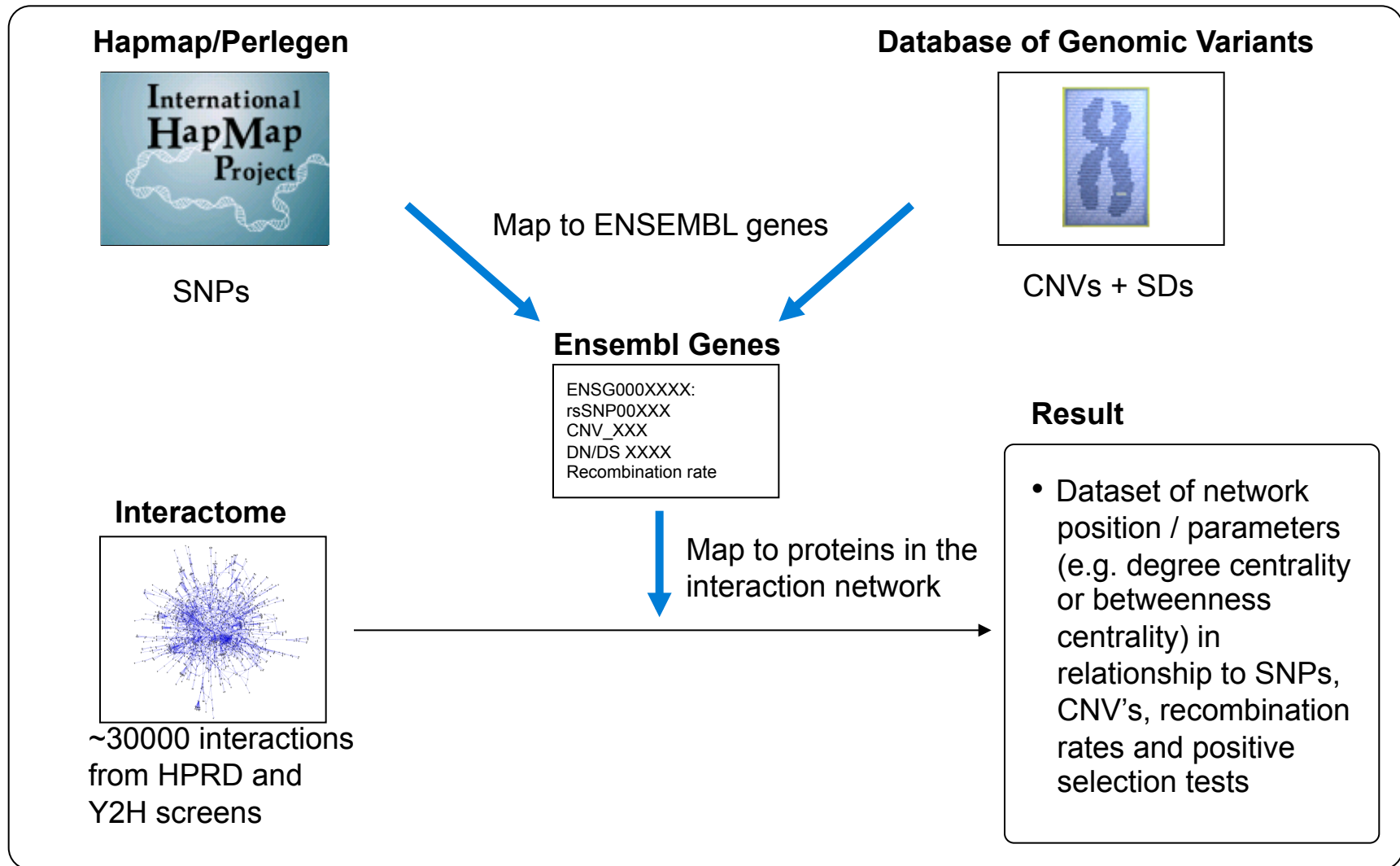
# Networks & Variation

Which parts of the network vary most in sequence?  
Which are under selection, either positive or negative?



# METHODOLOGY: MAP SNP AND CNV DATA ONTO ENSEMBL GENES, AND THEN MAP ENSEMBL GENES TO THE KNOWN INTERACTOME

ILLUSTRATIVE

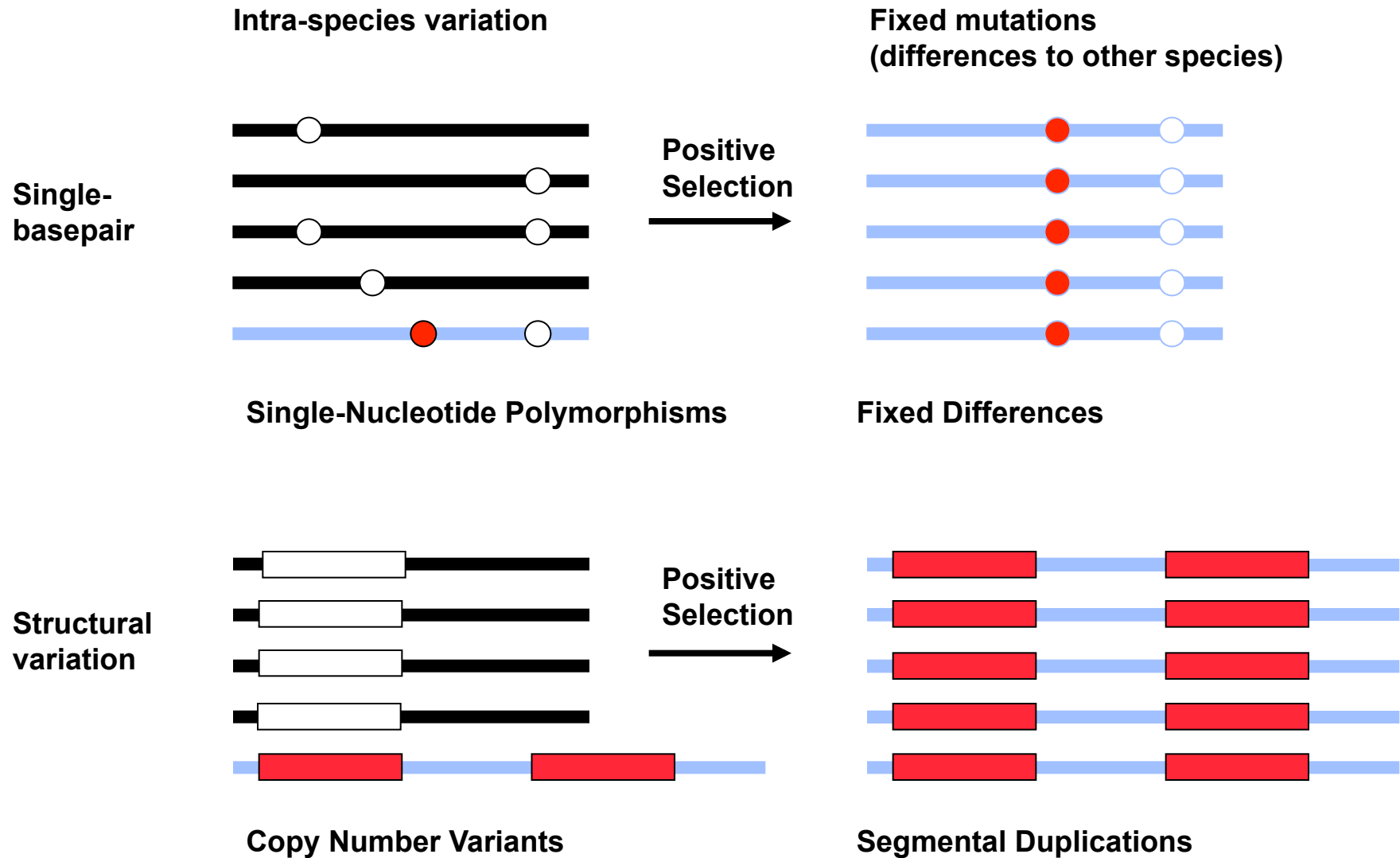


\* From Nielsen et al. *PLoS Biol.* (2005) and Bustamante et al. *Nature* (2005)

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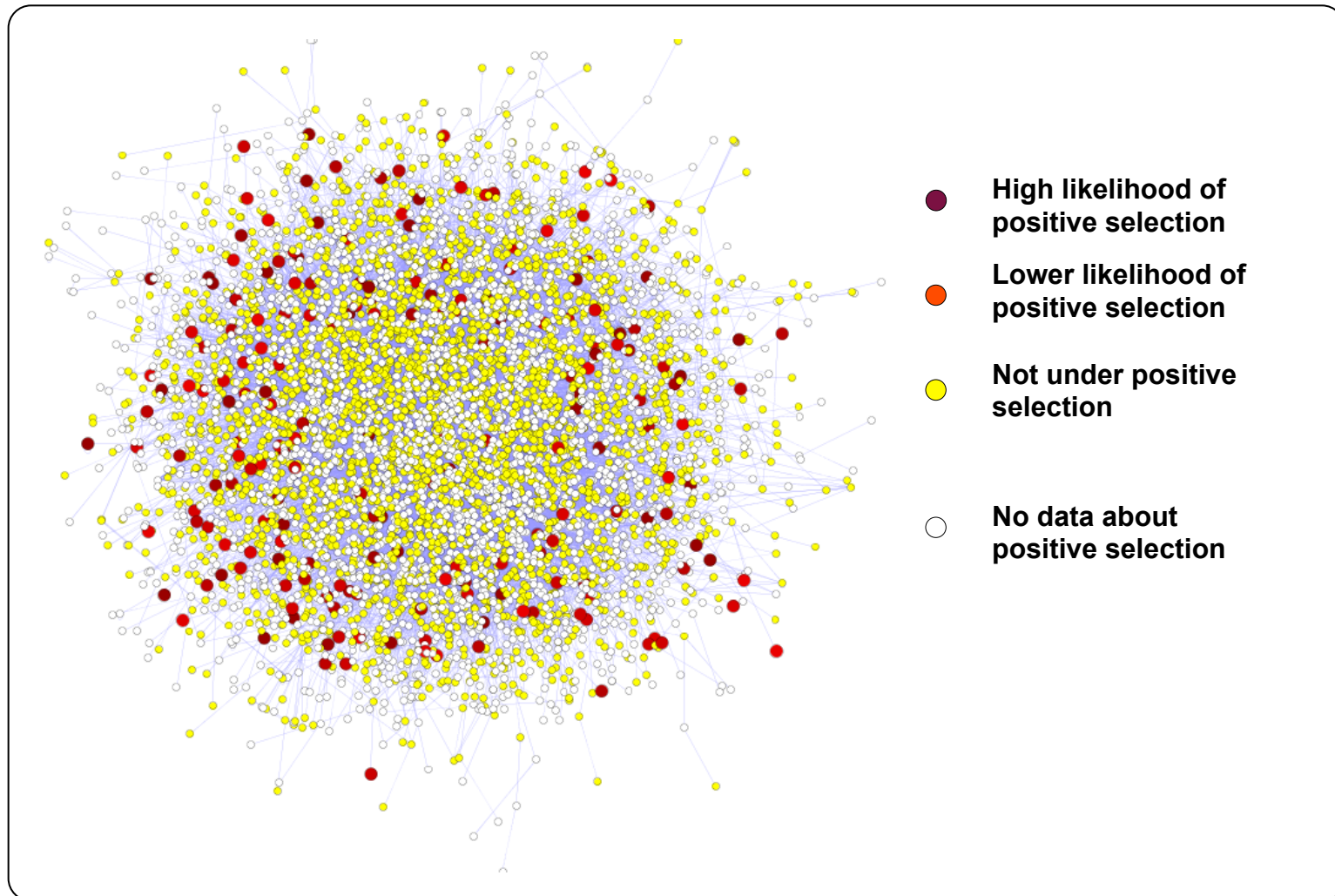


# ADAPTIVE EVOLUTION CAN BE SEEN ON TWO DIFFERENT LEVELS



# POSITIVE SELECTION LARGELY TAKES PLACE AT THE NETWORK PERIPHERY

Positive selection in the human interactome

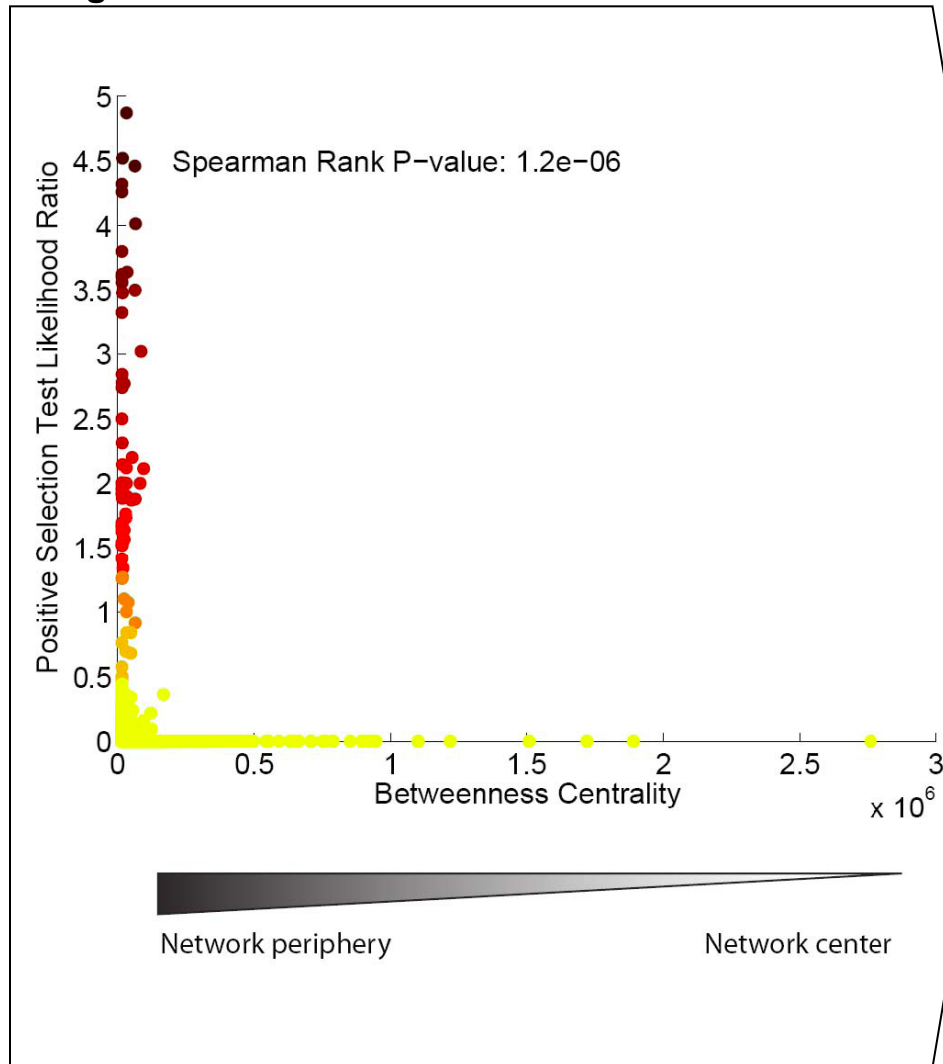


Source: Nielsen et al. *PLoS Biol.* (2005), HPRD, and Kim et al. *PNAS* (2007)

# CENTRAL PROTEINS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE UNDER POSITIVE SELECTION

▢ Hubs

Degree vs. Positive Selection



## Reasoning

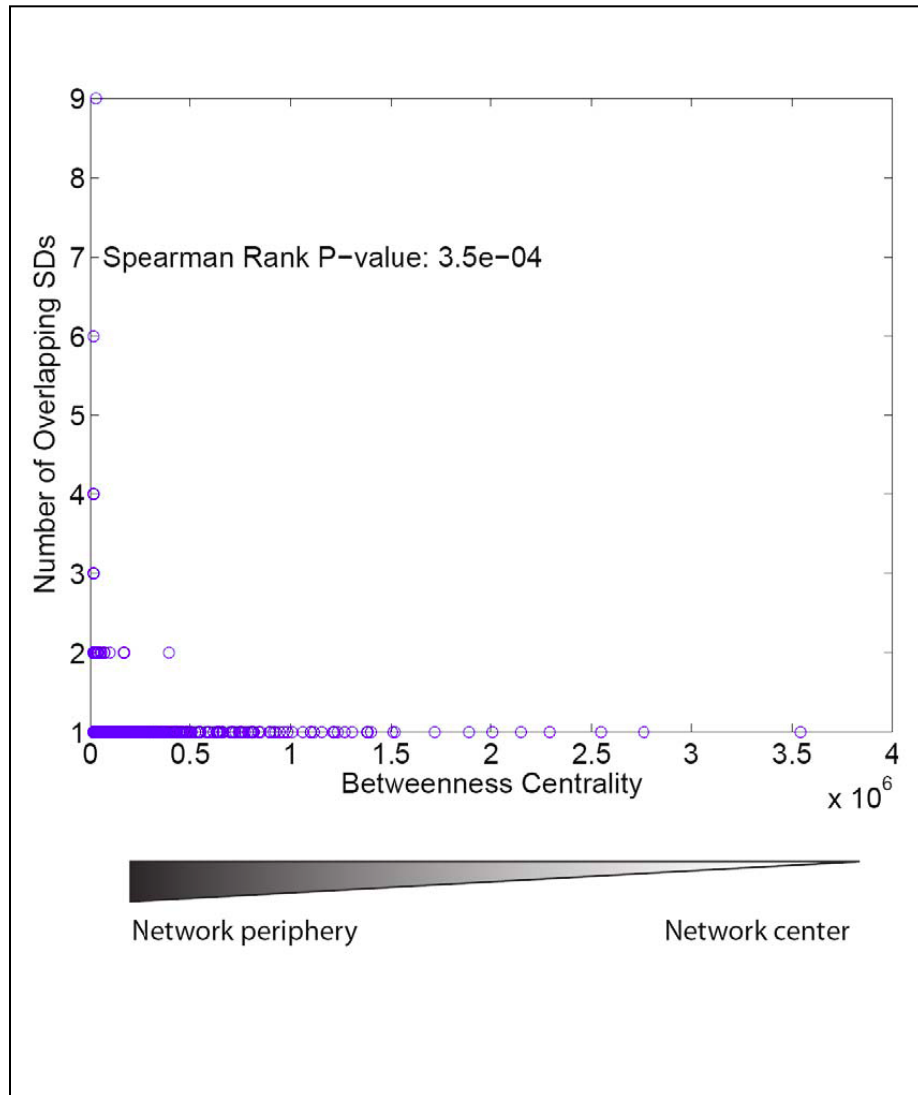
- Peripheral genes are likely to under positive selection, whereas hubs aren't
- This is likely due to the following reasons:
  - Hubs have stronger structural constraints, the network periphery doesn't
  - Most recently evolved functions (e.g. “environmental interaction genes” such as sensory perception genes etc.) would probably lie in the network periphery
- Effect is independent of any bias due to gene expression differences

\* With a probability of over 80% to be positively selected as determined by Ka/Ks. Other tests of positive selection (McDonald Kreitmann and LDD) corroborate this result.

Source: Nielsen et al. *PLoS Biol.* (2005), Bustamante et al. *Nature* (2005), HPRD, Rual et al. *Nature* (2005), and Kim et al. *PNAS* (2007)

# CENTRAL NODES ARE LESS LIKELY TO LIE INSIDE OF SDs

Centrality vs. SD occurrence



## Reasoning

- This result also confirms our initial hypothesis – peripheral nodes tend to lie in regions rich in SDs.
- Since segmental duplications are a different mechanism of ongoing evolution, the less constrained peripheral proteins are enriched in them.
- Note that despite the small size of our dataset for known SD's we get significant correlations. It is to be expected that the correlations will get clearer as more data emerges\*

\* Specifically, a number of the SDs are likely not fixed, but rather common CNVs in the reference genome

Source: Database of genetic variation, HPRD, Rual et al. *Nature* (2005), and Kim et al. *PNAS* (2007)

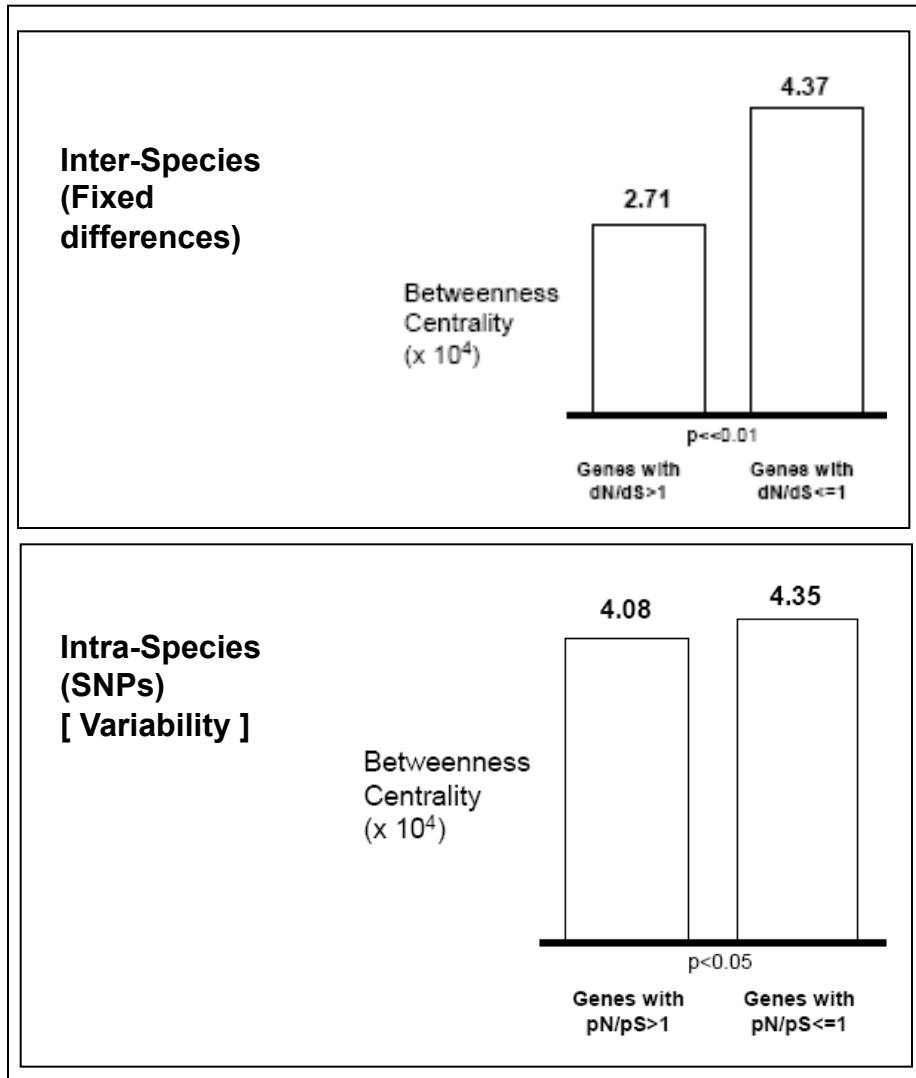
# IS RELAXED CONSTRAINT OR ADAPTIVE EVOLUTION THE REASON FOR THE PREVALENCE OF BOTH SELECTED GENES AND SDs AT THE NETWORK PERIPHERY?

ILLUSTRATIVE

	Relaxed Constraint	Adaptive Evolution
Inter-Species Variation (Fixed differences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increases inter-species variation – more variable loci are under less negative selection</li><li>• Can be seen in higher Ka/Ks ratio or SD occurrence</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increases inter-species variation – more variable loci are under less negative selection</li><li>• Can be seen in higher Ka/Ks ratio or SD occurrence</li></ul>
Intra-Species Variation (Polymorphisms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increases intra-species variation – for the very same reason</li><li>• Can be seen in both SNPs or CNVs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Should not have effects on intra-species variation</li></ul>

# SOME, BUT NOT ALL OF THE SINGLE-BASEPAIR SELECTION AT THE PERIPHERY IS DUE TO RELAXED CONSTRAINT

## Inter vs. Intra-Species Variation in Networks



## Reasoning

- There is a difference in **variability** (in terms of SNPs) between the network periphery and the center
- However, this difference is much smaller than the difference in **selection**
- This most likely means, that part of the effect we're seeing is due to relaxed constraint (and higher variability)
- But, not the entire effect\*

\* But it's hard to quantify

Source: Kim et al. (2007) PNAS

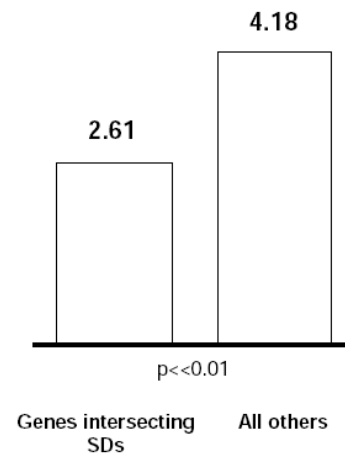


## Similar Results for Large-scale Genomic Changes (CNVs and SDs)

### Inter vs. Intra-Species Variation in Networks

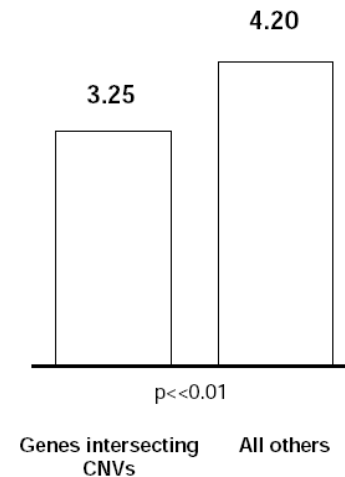
#### Inter-Species (SDs)

Betweenness Centrality  
( $\times 10^4$ )



#### Intra-Species (CNVs) [ Variability ]

Betweenness Centrality  
( $\times 10^4$ )

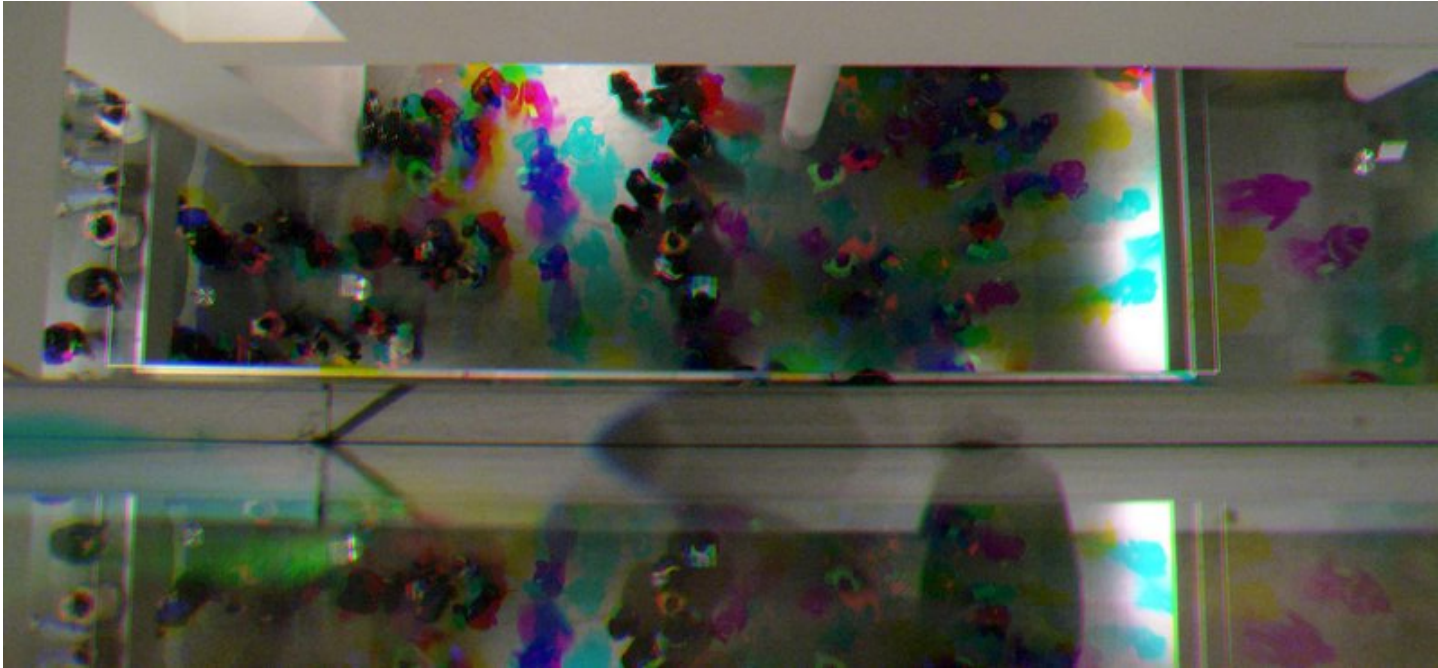


### Reasoning

- There a small difference in **variability** (in terms of CNVs) between the network periphery and the center
- But, there is a (as shown before) marked difference in fixed (and hence, presumably, **selected**) SDs at the network periphery and center

# Networks & Variation 2

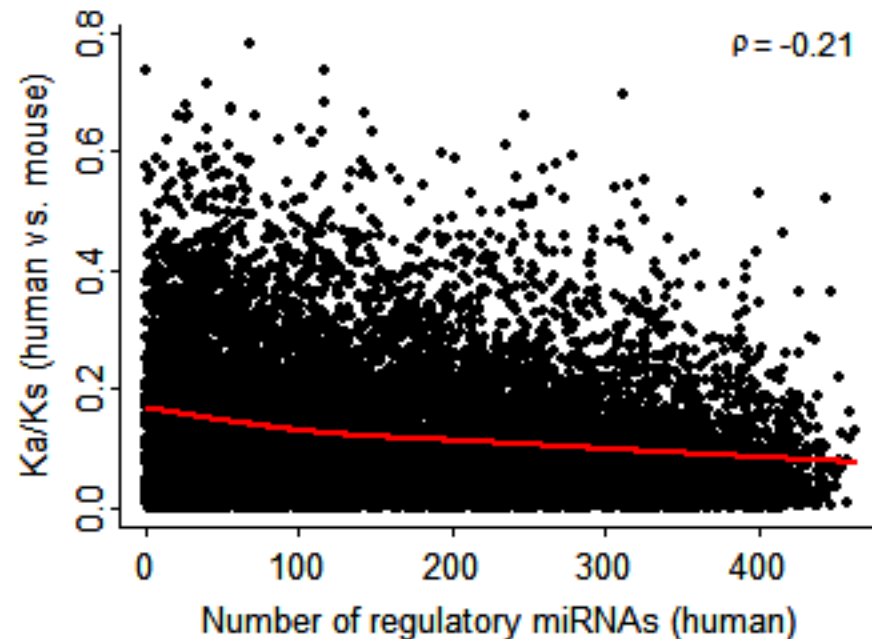
Variation in the miRNA network



# Analyze Regulation in microRNA-target Network

- Relationship between target in degree (number of micro-RNAs that regulate gene) & evolutionary rate of gene?
  - ◊ In deg. related 3' UTR size
- Expectation: more regulation, more constraint

# Relationship between microRNA regulation and protein evolution



Important genes are regulated more intensively regulated by the microRNAs

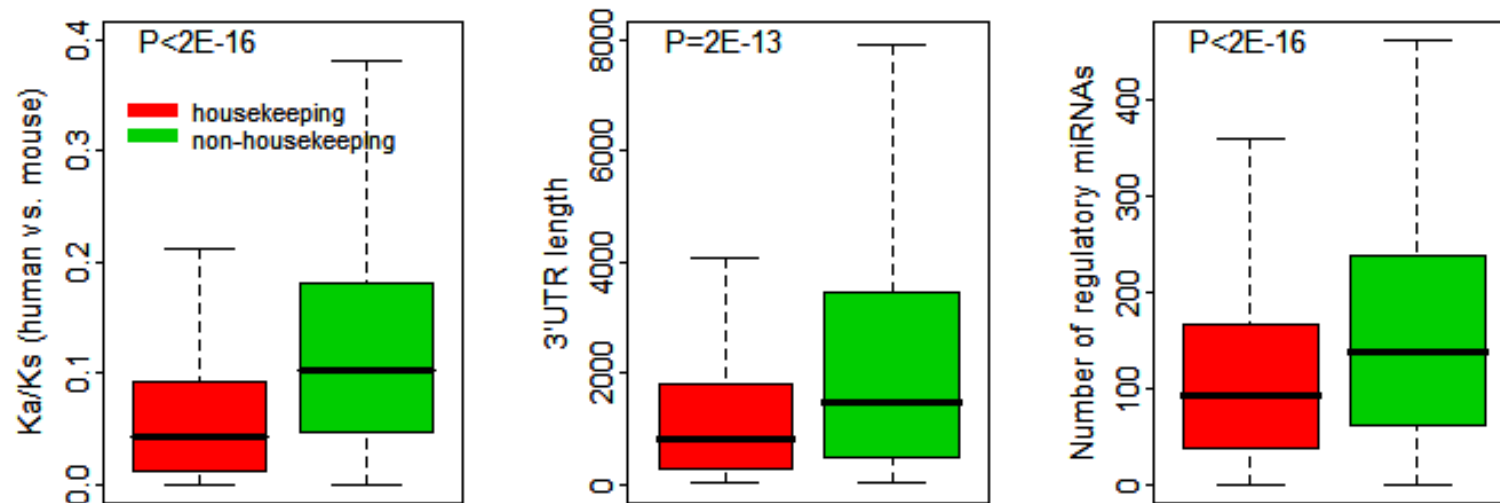
Human vs.	Number of genes	Correlation	P-value
chimpanzee	11326	-0.11	2.E-32
mouse	13280	-0.21	7.E-128
rat	12270	-0.20	4.E-107
cow	11683	-0.21	8.E-115
chicken	8061	-0.18	1.E-57

[Cheng et al., BMC Genomics, 2009 (in press)]

# MicroRNA regulation: a two-way strategy

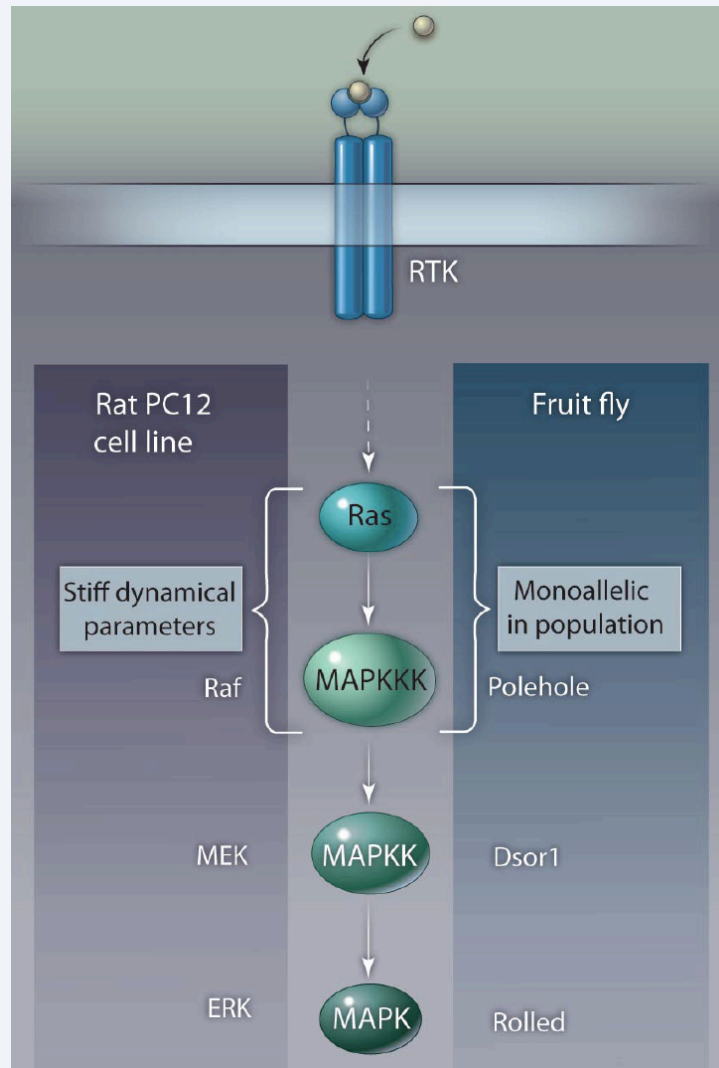
For non-housekeeping genes, functionally critical genes are intensively regulated by miRNAs and prefer long 3'UTR.

housekeeping genes, however conserved, are selected to have shorter 3'UTRs to avoid miRNA regulation.



[Cheng et al., BMC Genomics, 2009 (in press)]

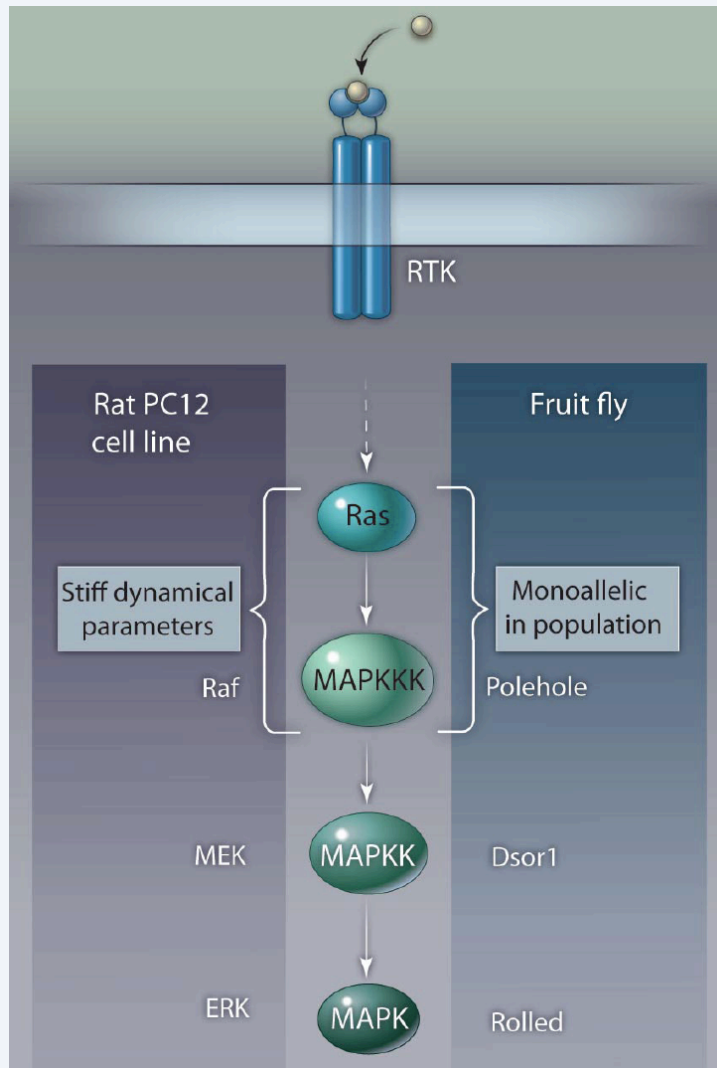
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**Hypothesis: Nodes in a molecular network with the strongest impact on dynamic behavior should be under strong purifying selection and thus exhibit the least genetic variation.**



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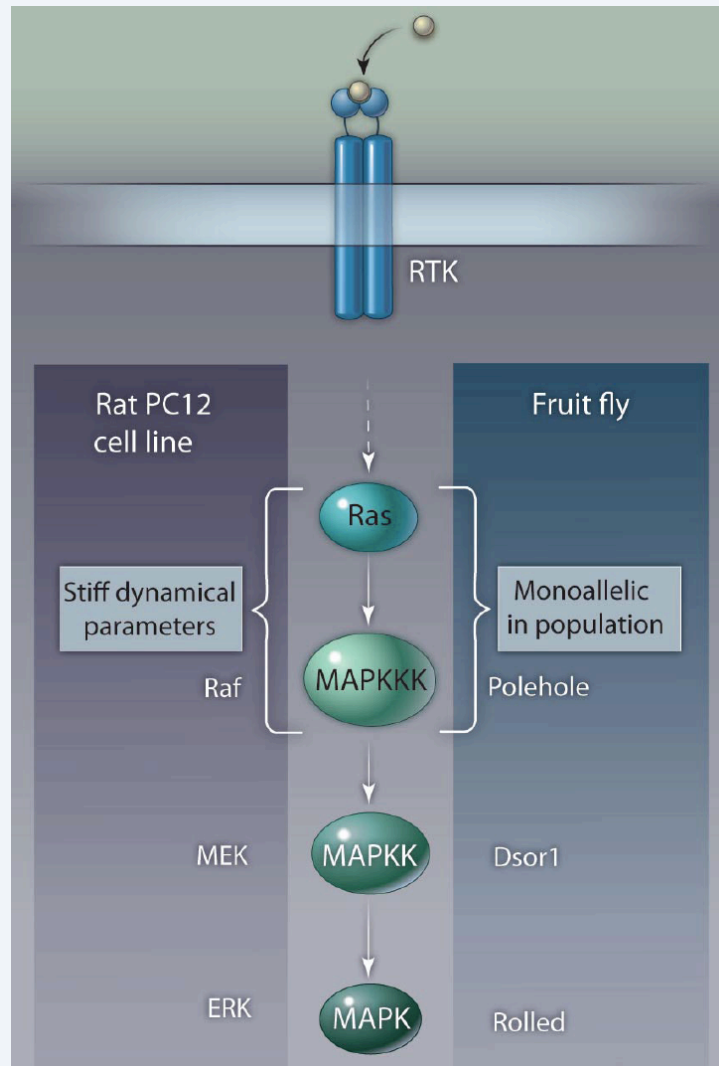


**Hypothesis:** Nodes in a molecular network with the strongest impact on dynamic behavior should be under strong purifying selection and thus exhibit the least genetic variation.

**Algorithm:**

- 1) Reconstruct families of molecular networks from genomic data.
- 2) Map some kind of genetic variation onto the networks.
- 3) Analyze sensitivity of dynamical model of the generic network.

# Speculation: Why more tightly regulated gene might have less variation



## Example: MAP Kinase singaling pathway

### Dynamic model:

- ODE model with Michaelis-Menten kinetics
- parameters fit to time series data of protein activities in response to EGF and NGF from rat PC12 cell line

In sensitivity analysis, stiff parameters cluster around Ras and Raf.

### Population study in fruit flies:

- allele variation based on PCR of pathway genes

Ras and Raf have less allele variation than other proteins in the network.

- Why Networks?
- Generating Networks
  - ◇ Processing Protein Chips  
(yeast & human nets)
  - ◇ Propagating Known Information  
(yeast ppi)
- Central Points in Networks
  - ◇ Hubs & Bottlenecks  
(yeast ppi & reg. net)
  - ◇ Tops of Heirarchies  
(yeast reg. net)
  - ◇ Identified by score  
(human miRNA-targ. net)
- Dynamics of Networks
  - ◇ Across environments  
(prokaryote metab. pathways)
- Protein Networks & Variation  
(human ppi & miRNA-targ. net)

## Outline: Molecular Networks



# Conclusions on Networks: Generation



- Networks from processing protein chip data
  - ◇ RLM normalization suppresses quantile
- Predicting Networks
  - ◇ Extrapolating from the Training Set
  - ◇ Principled ways of using known information in the fullest possible fashion
    - Multi-level learning



# Conclusions:

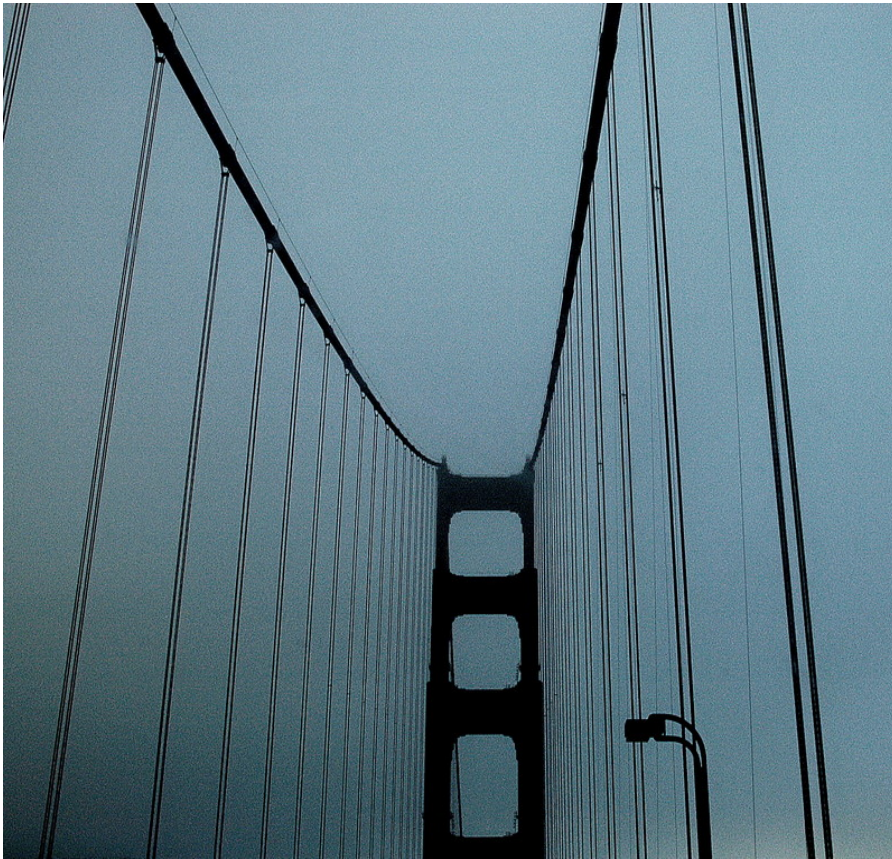
## Analysis of Network Structure



- Centrality Measures in Protein Network
  - ◇ Hubs & Bottlenecks
  - ◇ Importance of later in regulatory networks
- Regulatory Network Hierarchies
  - ◇ Middle managers dominate, sitting at info. flow bottlenecks
  - ◇ Paradox of influence & essentiality

# Conclusions:

## Points of Network Centrality



- RE-score measures degree of (down) regulation of targets v. non-targets
- Application to miRNA network
- Use in cancer classification



# Conclusions: Networks Dynamics across Environments



- Developed and adapted techniques to connect quantitative features of environment to metabolism.
- Applied to available aquatic datasets, we identified footprints that were predictive of their environment (potentially could be used as biosensor).
- Strong correlation exists between a community's energy conversion strategies and its environmental parameters (e.g. temperature and chlorophyll).
- Suggest that limiting amounts of cofactor can (partially) explain increased import of amino acids in nutrient-limited conditions.

# Conclusions: Connecting Networks & Variation



- Positive selection (adaptive evolution) at the network periphery
  - ◇ On a sequence level, it can be seen as positive selection of peripheral nodes
  - ◇ On a structural level, it can be seen as the pattern of SDs that display significantly higher allele frequencies in non-central genes
- miRNA network
  - ◇ More highly regulated genes are under more constraint in miRNA-target networks
  - ◇ Exception for housekeeping genes



- an automated web tool

**tYNA**

(vers. 2 :  
"TopNet-like  
Yale Network Analyzer")

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List Owned Biological networks with (Attribute name) = (Attribute value) List

**Workspace manager**

Load an existing network

Load: 14. Uetz 2000 yeast two ...

Into: workspace 0

Categorized by: Nil

Load

Current working networks in your workspaces:

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Workspace 3: (empty)

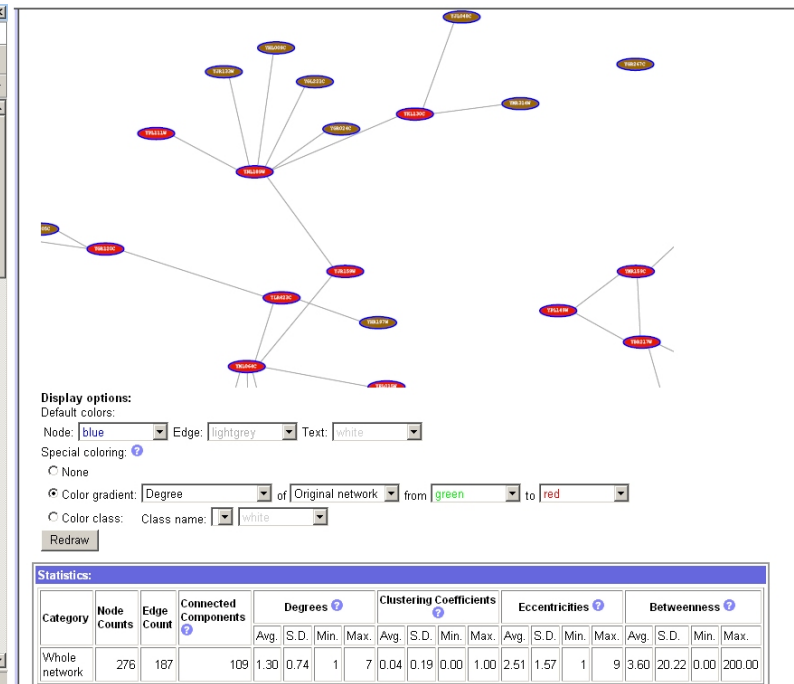
**Multiple network analysis**

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Normal website + Downloaded code (JAVA)  
+ Web service (SOAP) with Cytoscape plugin

[Yu et al., NAR (2004); Yip et al. Bioinfo. (2006);  
Similar tools include Cytoscape.org, Idekar, Sander et al]

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