

# Controlling Networks

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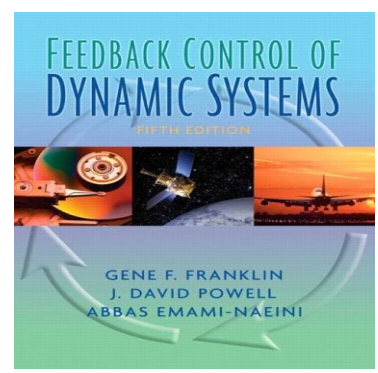
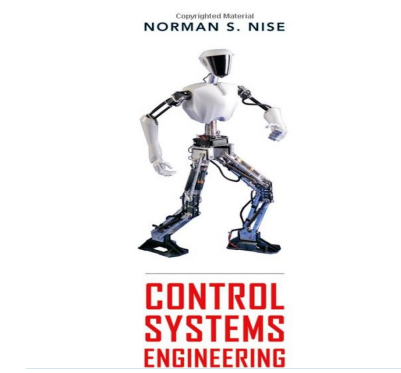
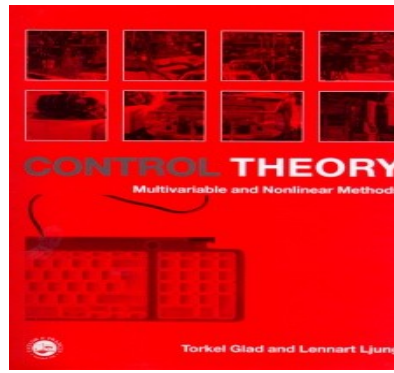
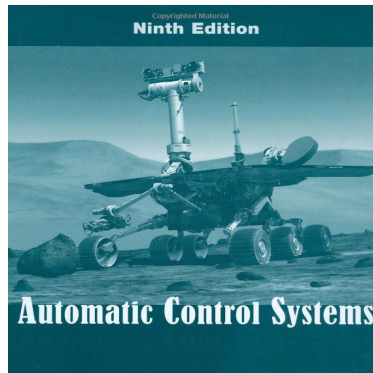
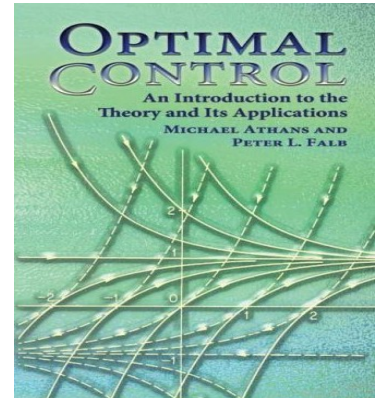
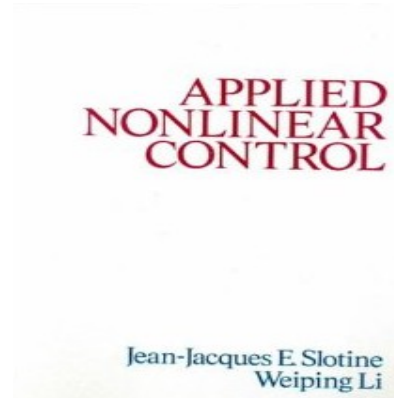
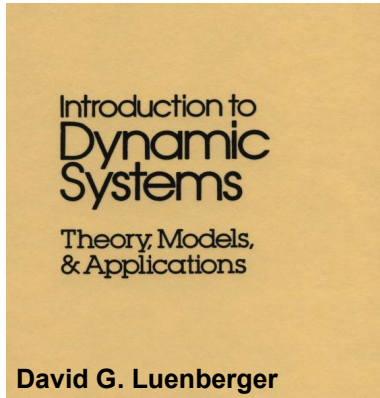




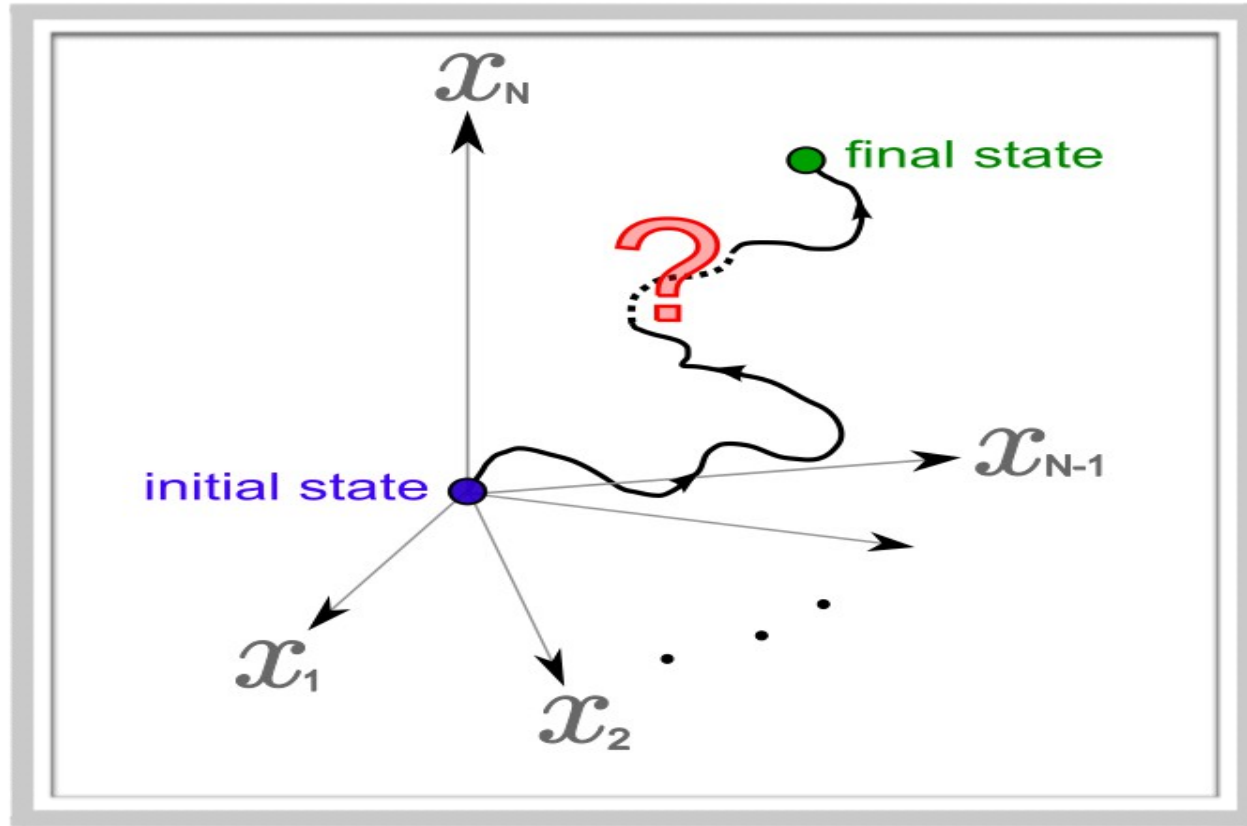
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# Control Theory



A system is controllable if it can be driven from any **initial state** to any desired **final state**.

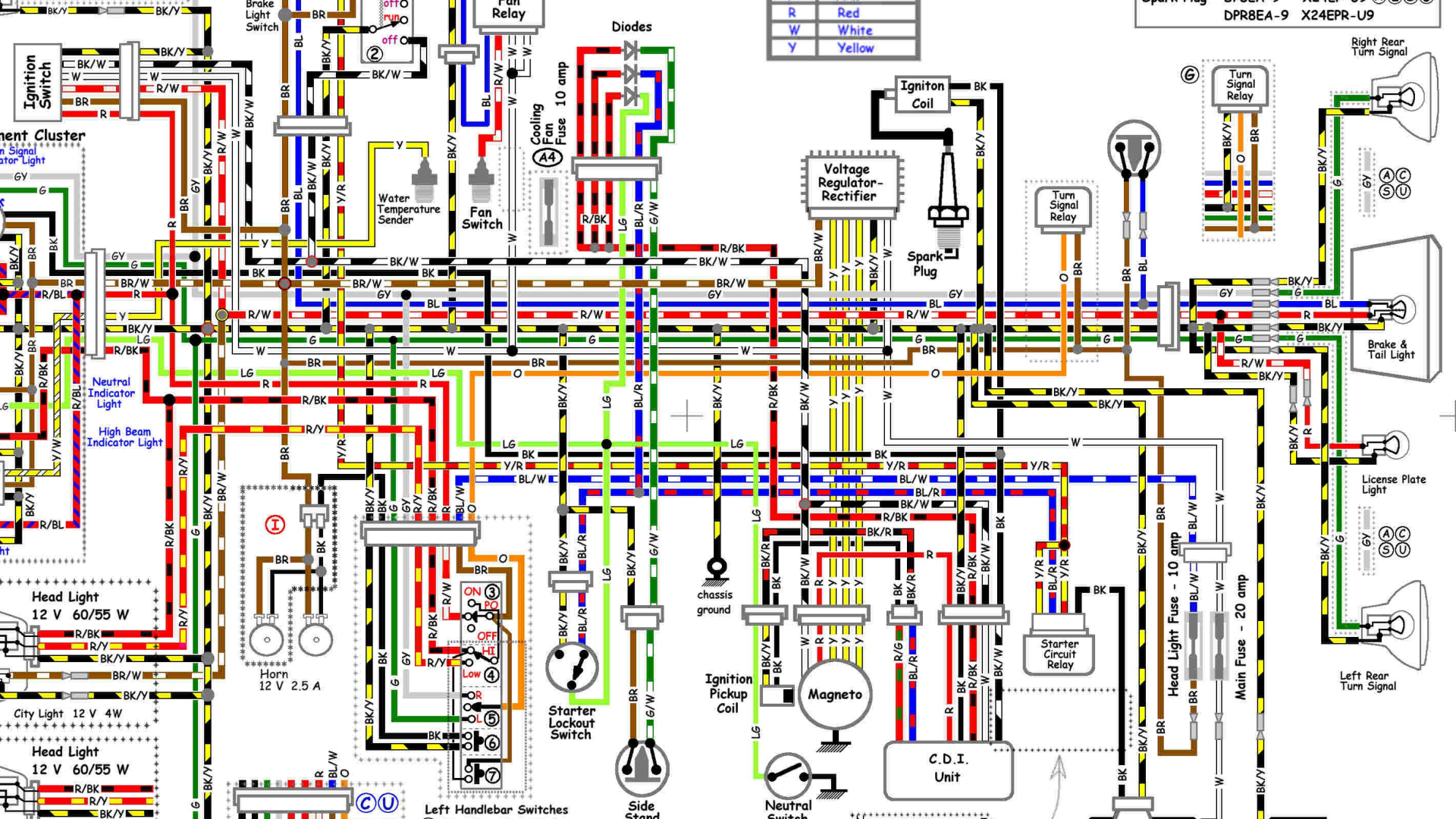


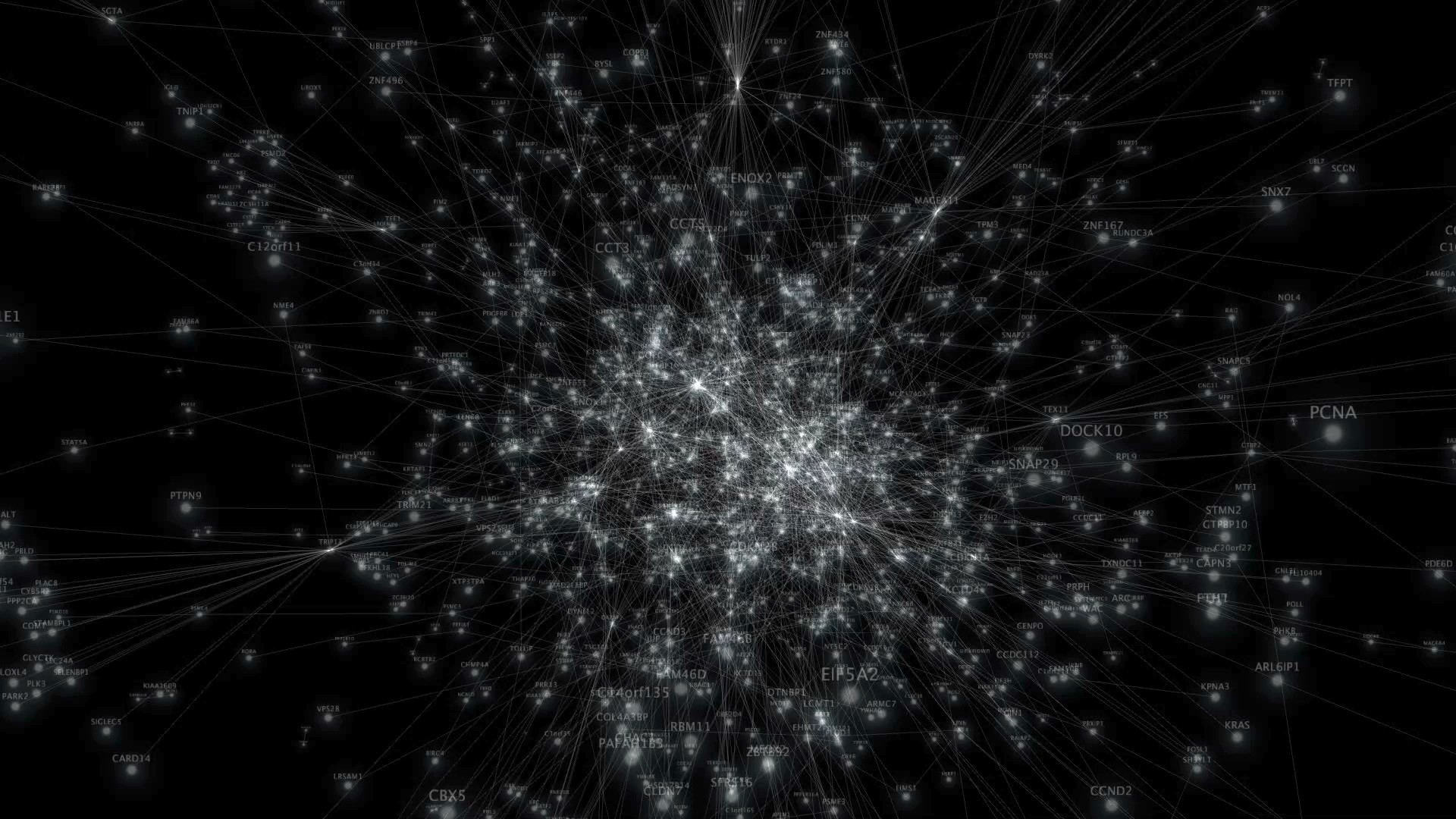
A system is controllable if it can be driven from any **initial state** to any desired **final state** in finite time.

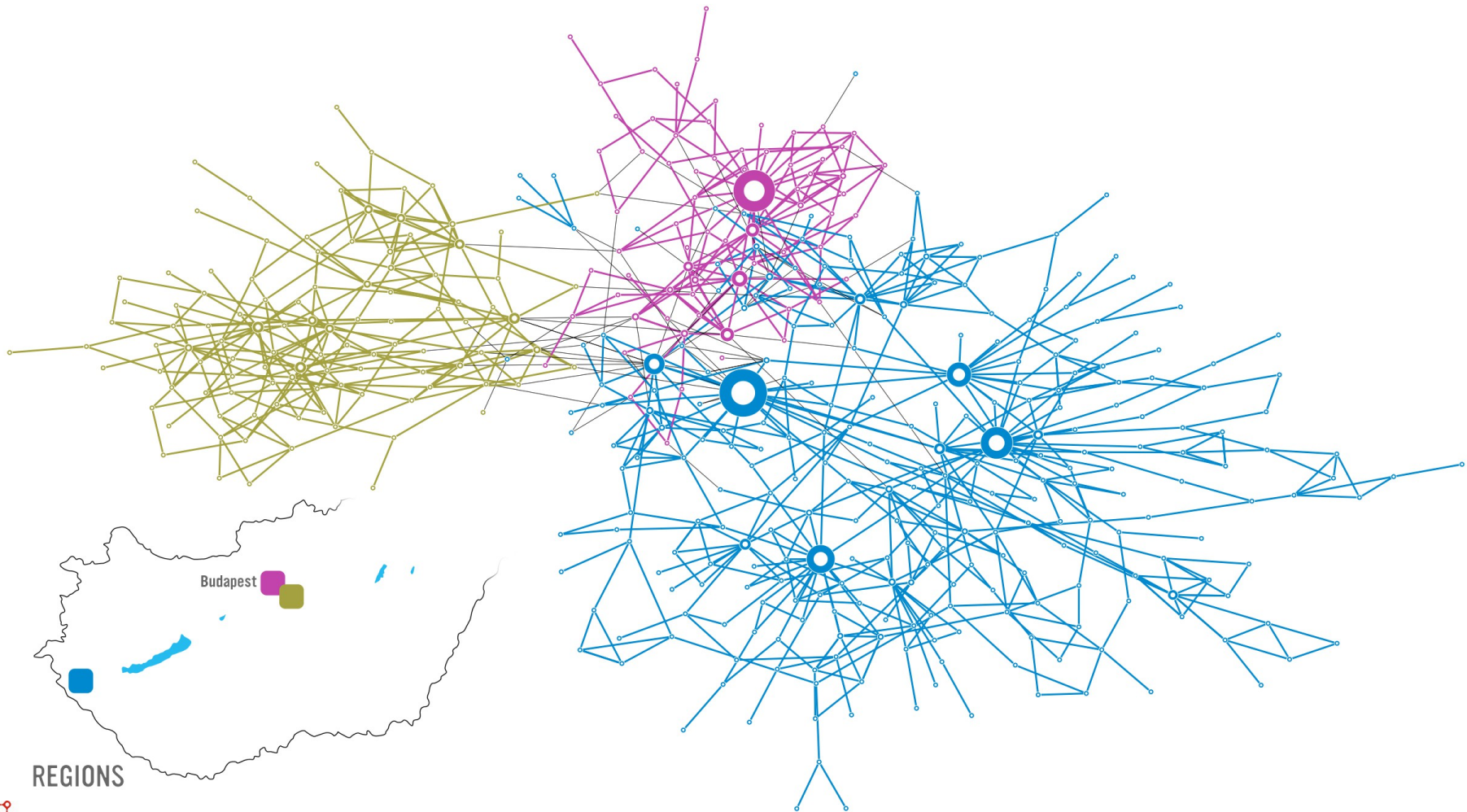












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## TAMING COMPLEXITY

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# ARTICLE

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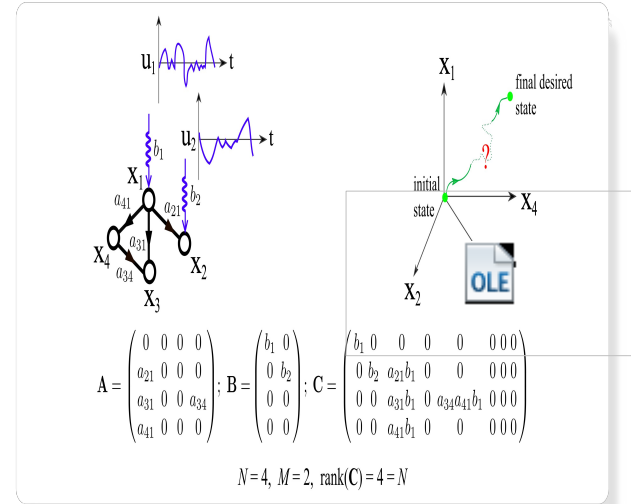
# Controllability of complex networks

Yang-Yu Liu<sup>1,2</sup>, Jean-Jacques Slotine<sup>3,4</sup> & Albert-László Barabási<sup>1,2,5</sup>

The ultimate proof of our understanding of natural or technological systems is reflected in our ability to control them. Although control theory offers mathematical tools for steering engineered and natural systems towards a desired state, a framework to control complex self-organized systems is lacking. Here we develop analytical tools to study the controllability of an arbitrary complex directed network, identifying the set of driver nodes with time-dependent control that can guide the system's entire dynamics. We apply these tools to several real networks, finding that the number of driver nodes is determined mainly by the network's degree distribution. We show that sparse inhomogeneous networks, which emerge in many real complex systems, are the most difficult to control, but that dense and homogeneous networks can be controlled using a few driver nodes. Counterintuitively, we find that in both model and real systems the driver nodes tend to avoid the high-degree nodes.

# Linear System

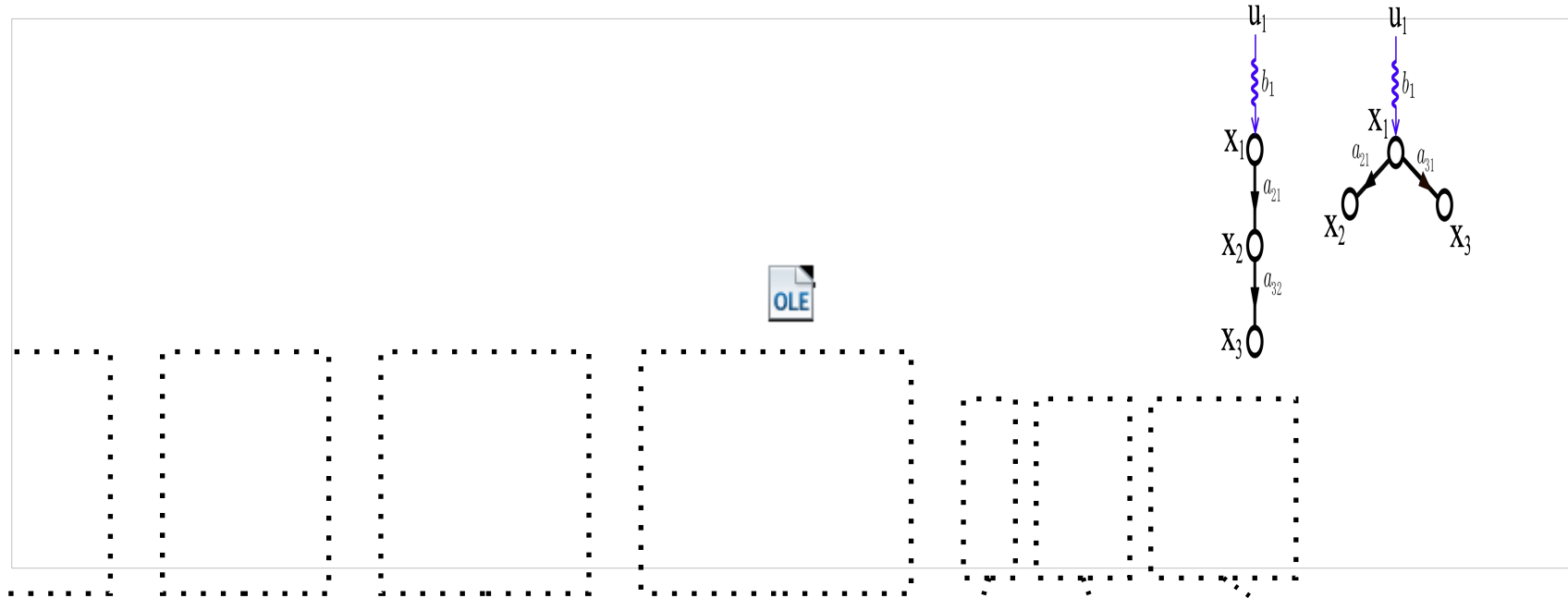
## Linear Time-Invariant Dynamics



**Kalman's Rank Condition:** A system is controllable if its controllability matrix has full rank.



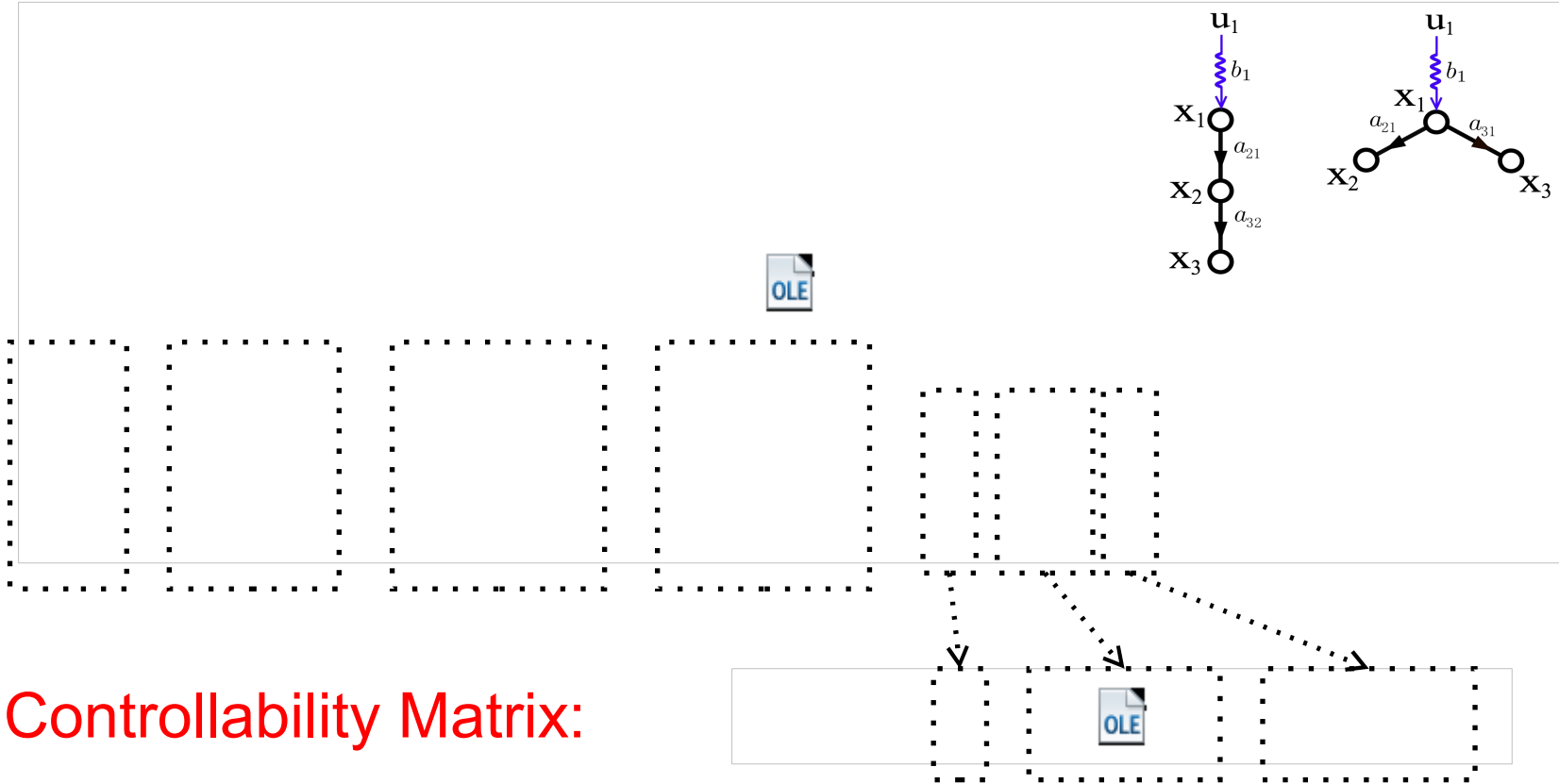
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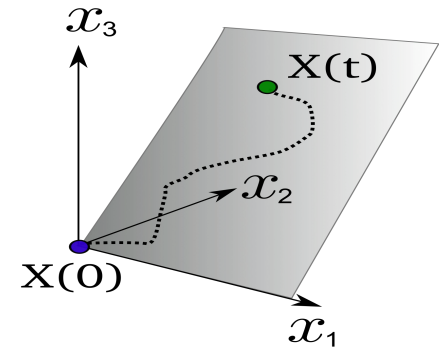
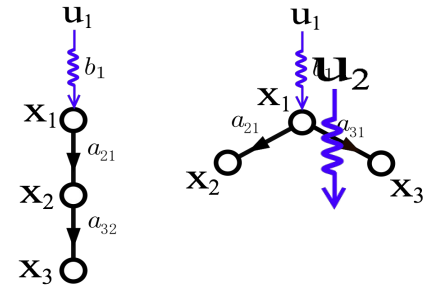
**Controllability Matrix:**



# Example 2: Uncontrollable

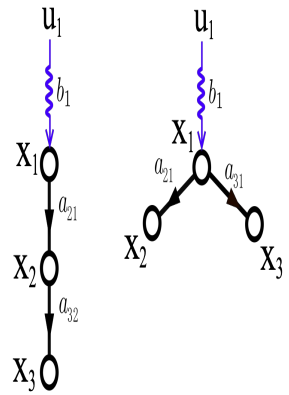


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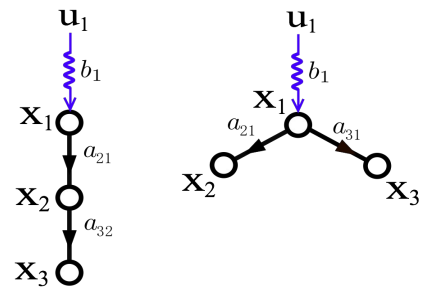


The system is stuck in a plane in the state space.

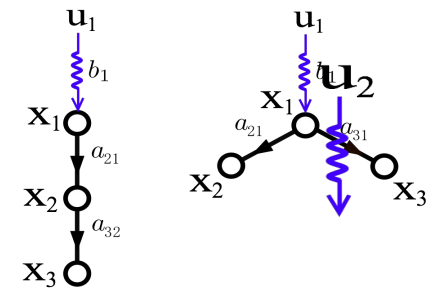
# EXAMPLES: Controllable or not controllable?



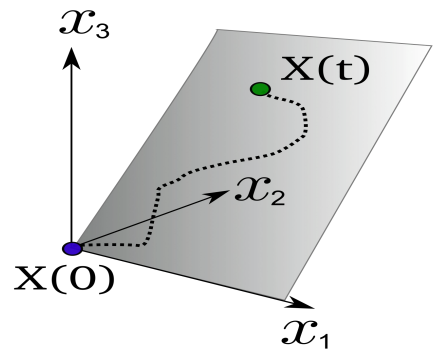
Yes



No



Yes



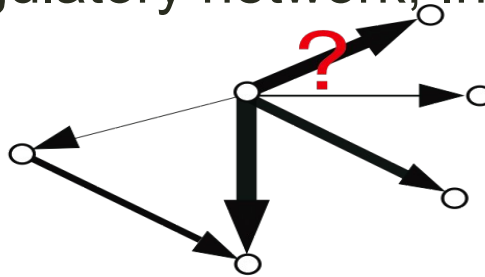
**What's the minimum number of driver nodes (*ND*)?**

**How to efficiently identify them?**

**Which network characteristics determine *ND*?**

# Difficulties

1. Parameters (link weights): usually unknown.  
e.g. gene regulatory network, Internet, etc.



2. If brute-force search:  $(2N-1)$  combinations.

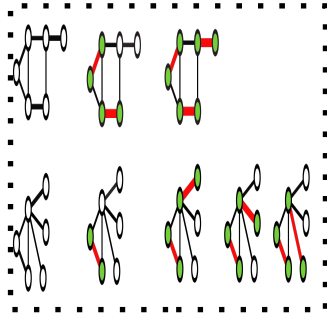


3. Kalman's rank condition is hard to check for large system.

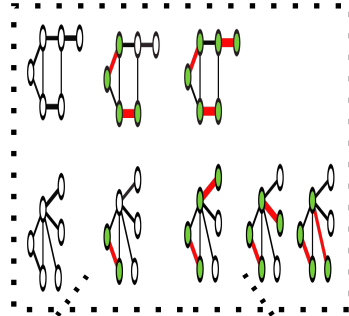


# Matching

Network



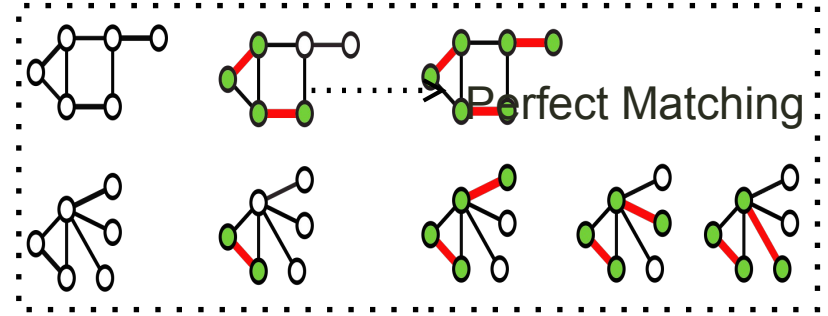
Matching :  
a set of edges without  
common vertices.



matched

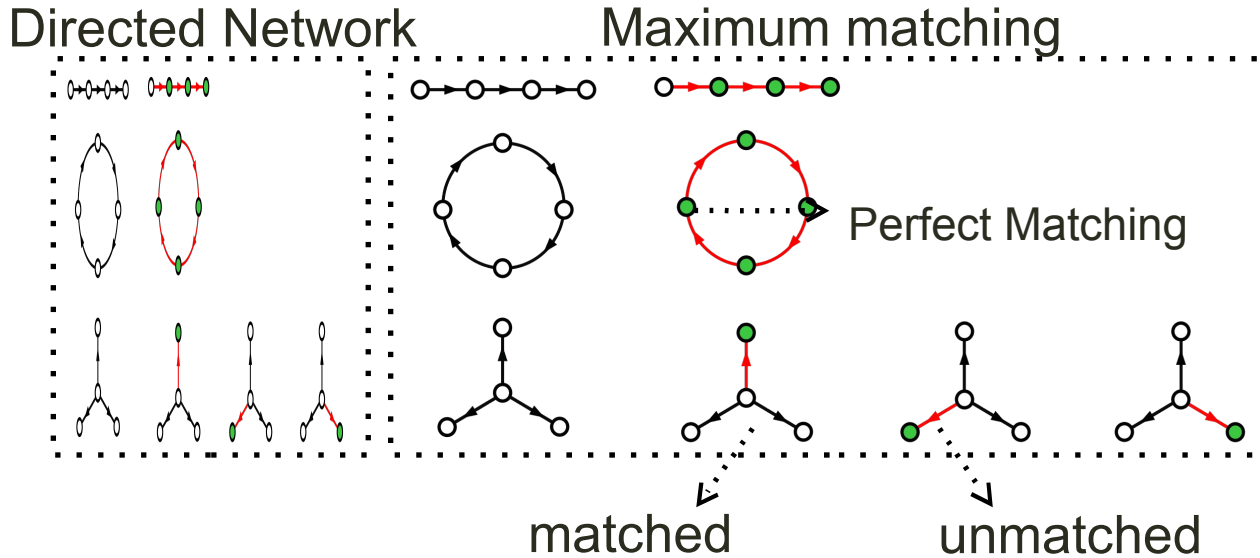
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Maximum matching :  
a matching of the largest size.



# Matching in Directed Network

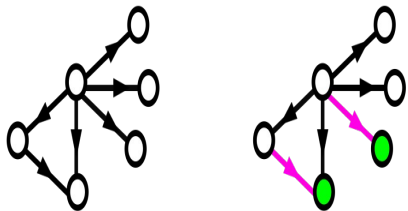
Matching : a set of edges **without common heads or tails**.



**Minimum Input Theorem:**  
**Driver nodes = Unmatched nodes**

# Example

network



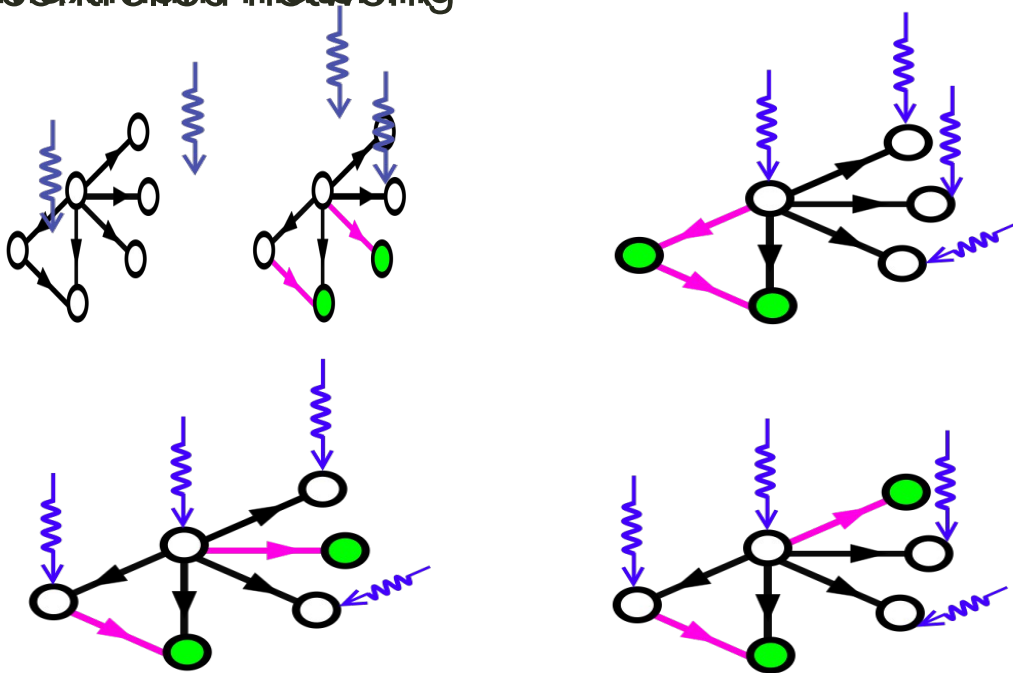
Brute-force search  
 $O(2^N)$   
~1030 for  $N=100$ .

Hopeless!

Hopcroft-Karp Algorithm  
 $O(N^{1/2}L)$   
Polynomial!

Fast even for  $N \sim 10^6$ .

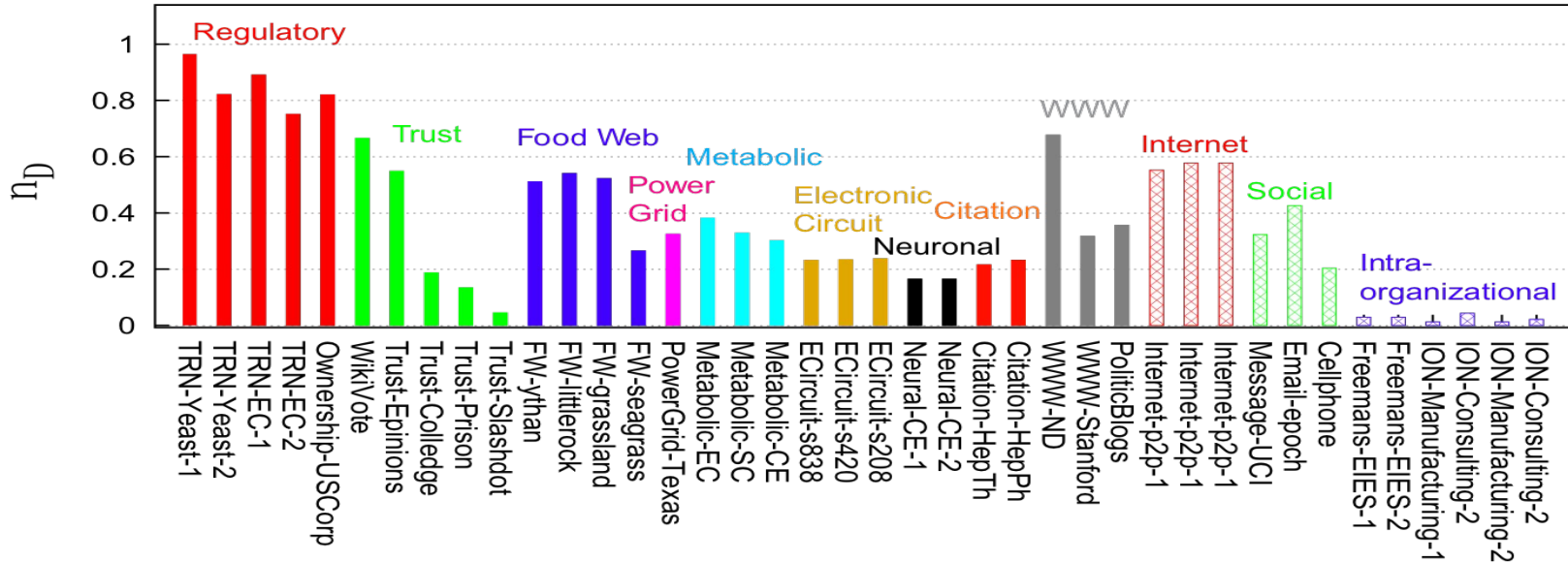
Controlled matching



Y.-Y. Liu, J.-J. Slotine, A.-L. Barabasi, *Nature* (2011)



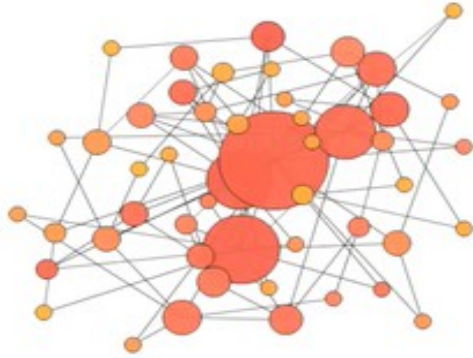
# ND of real networks



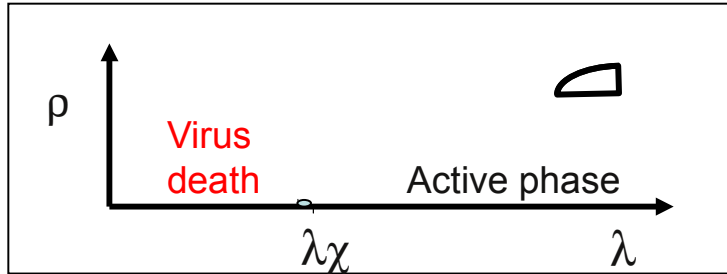
1. Overall we see no obvious trend in  $nD$  (or  $ND$ ) across these networks.
2. As a group, regulatory networks display very high  $nD \approx 0.8$ .
3. A few social networks display the smallest observed  $nD$  values.

# Hubs matter!

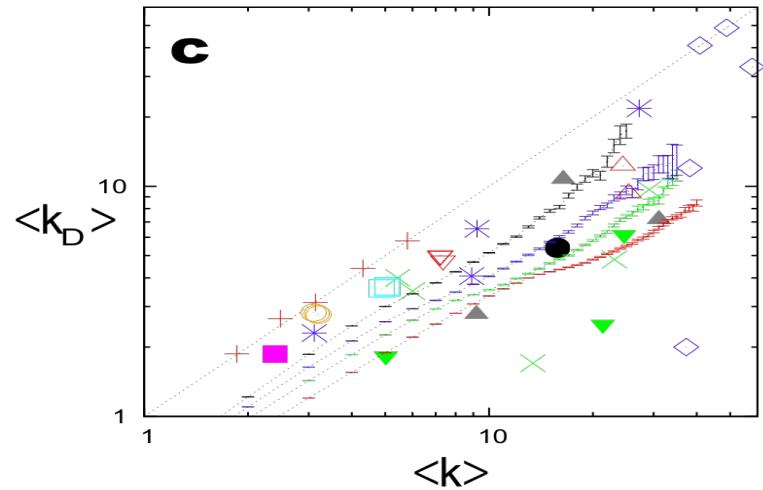
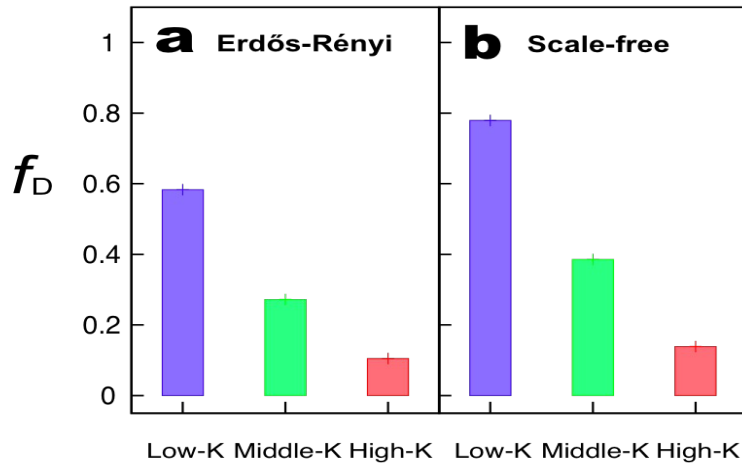
Network Robustness



Spreading Phenomena



# Role of hubs

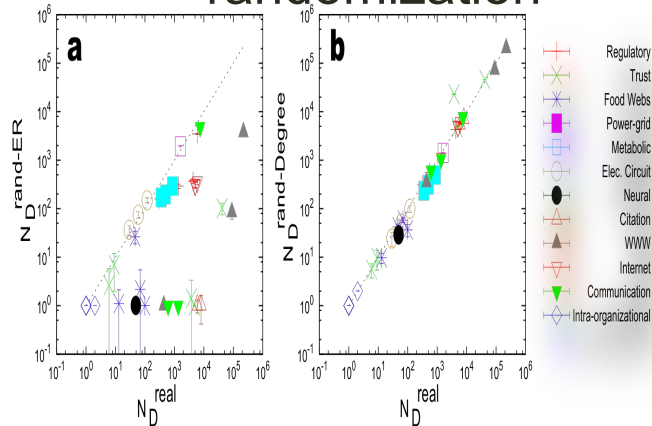


1. The fraction of driver nodes is significantly higher among low degree nodes than among the hubs.
2. Mean degree of driver nodes  $\langle k_D \rangle$  is either significantly smaller or comparable to  $\langle k \rangle$ .

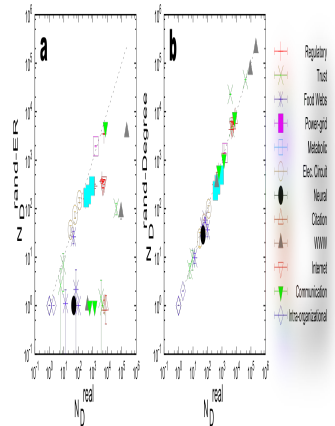
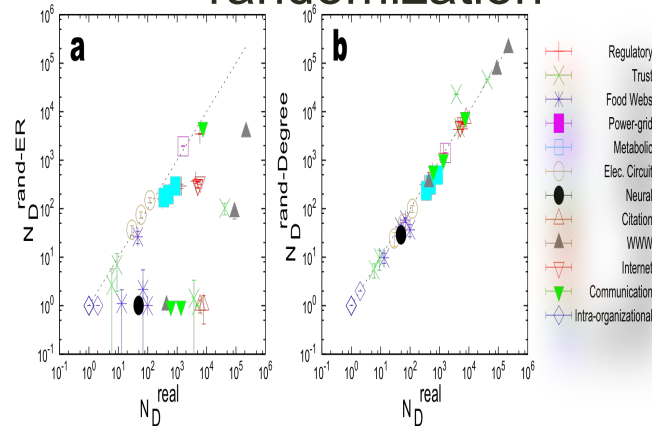
Driver nodes tend to avoid the hubs.

# $N_{Dreal}$ vs. $N_{Drand}$

Complete  
randomization



Degree-preserving  
randomization



$N_D$  is mainly determined by degree distribution.

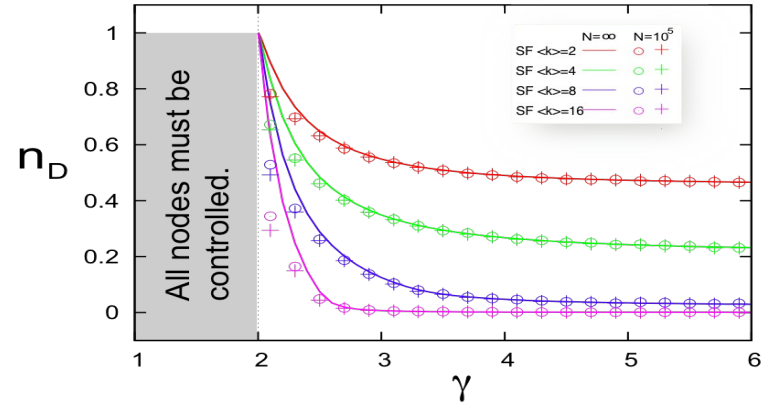
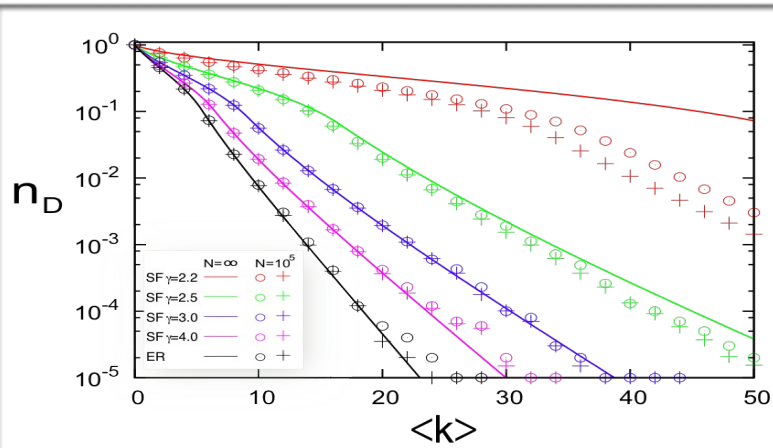
# Key Result

**ND is primarily determined by degree distribution.**

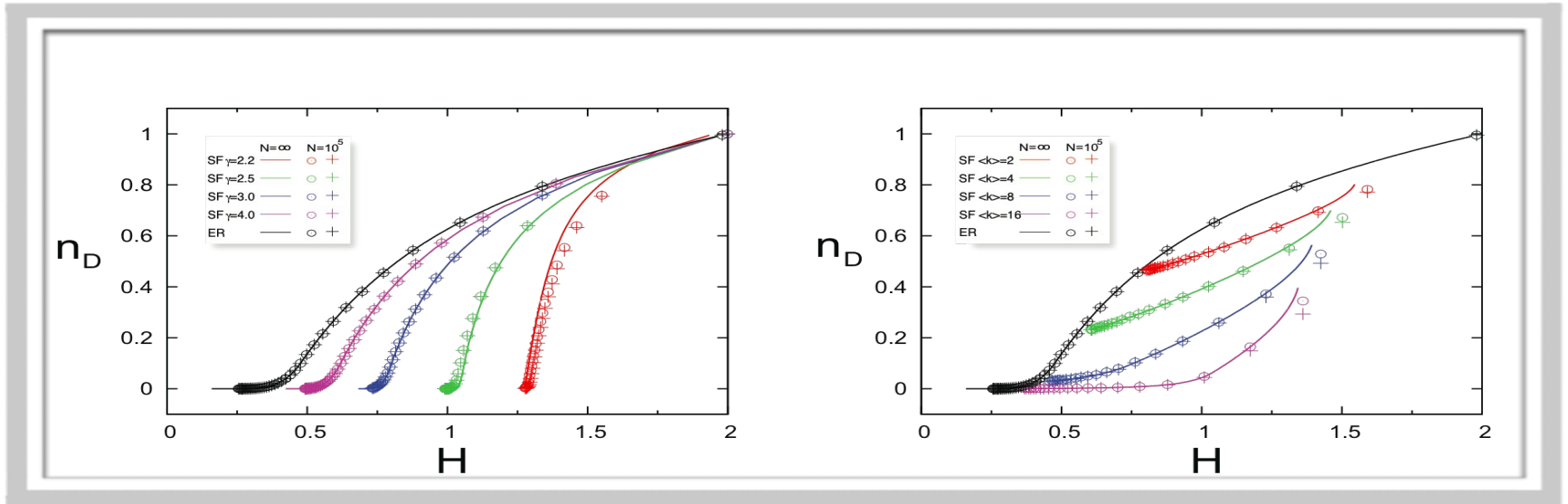
$$P(k_{in}, k_{out}) \rightarrow ND$$

1. The number of driver nodes does not depend on the precise wiring diagram, but only on the degree distribution.
2. The wiring diagram is needed only if we want to know which are the driver nodes.
3. Allows us to analytically calculate the average  $ND$  over all network realizations compatible with  $P(k_{in}, k_{out})$ , using the ***cavity method***.

# Degree Dependence



# Degree Heterogeneity



Degree heterogeneity  $H = 2 \times$  Gini coefficient



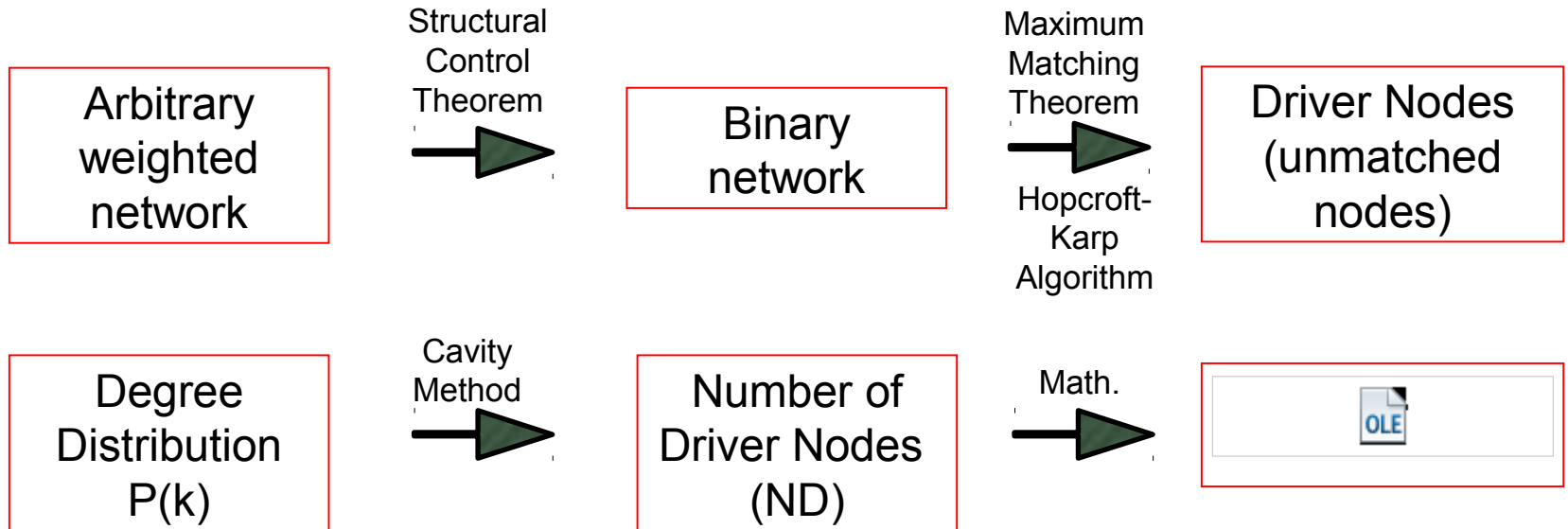
# Results

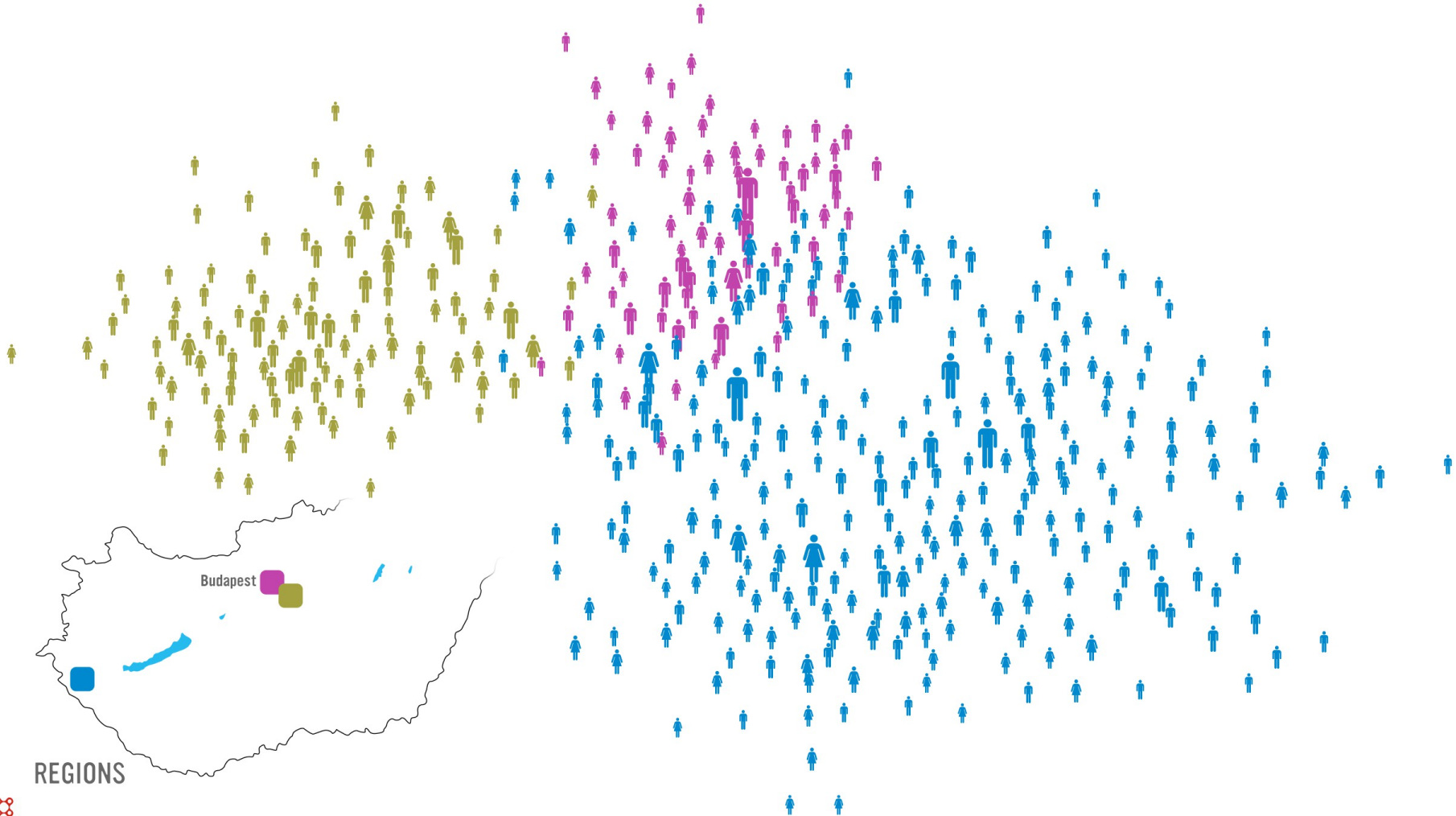
**Mean degree  $\langle k \rangle$**  and **degree heterogeneity  $H$**  are the two main factors that determine  $ND$ .

**Sparse** and **heterogeneous** networks are harder to control than **dense** and **homogeneous** networks.

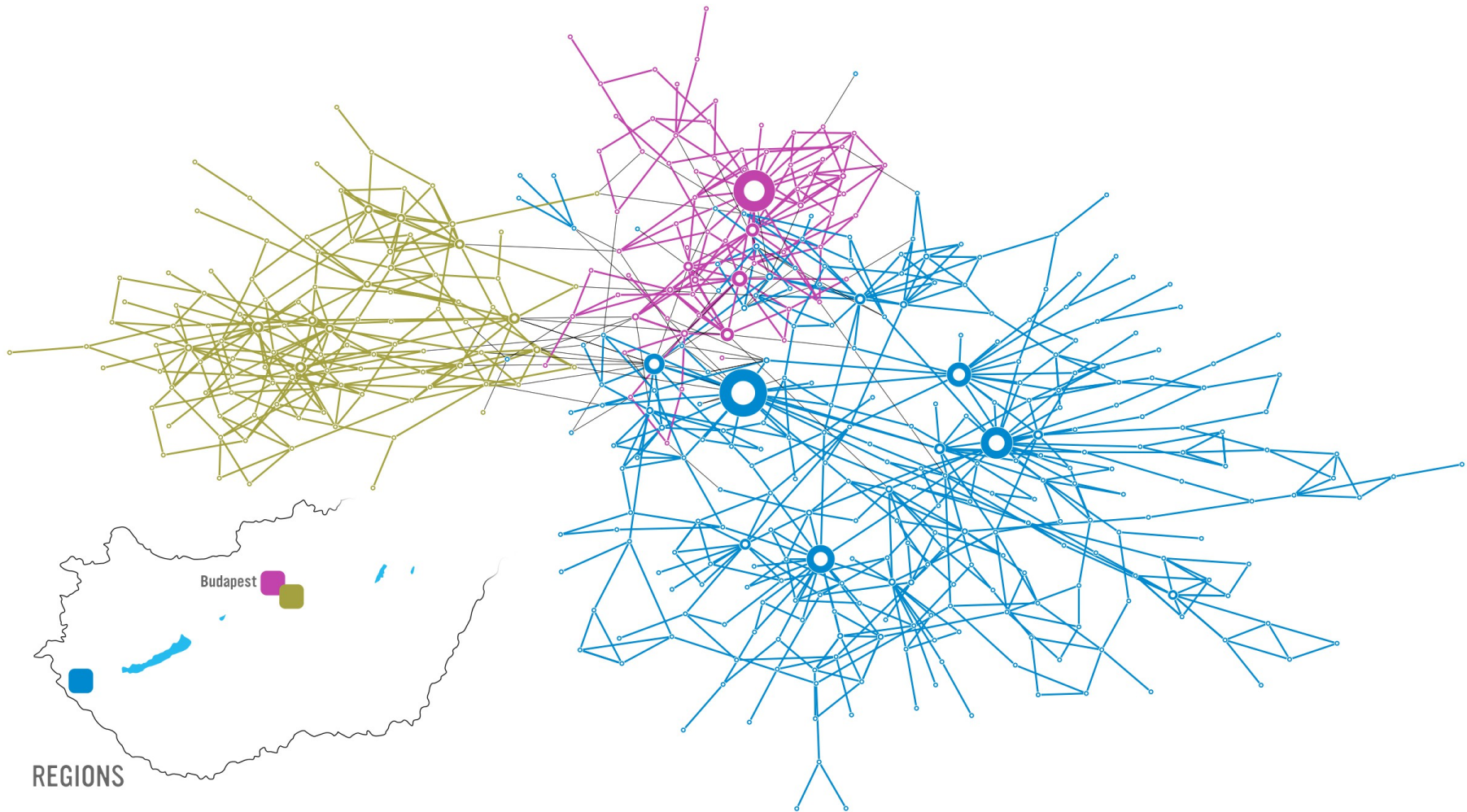


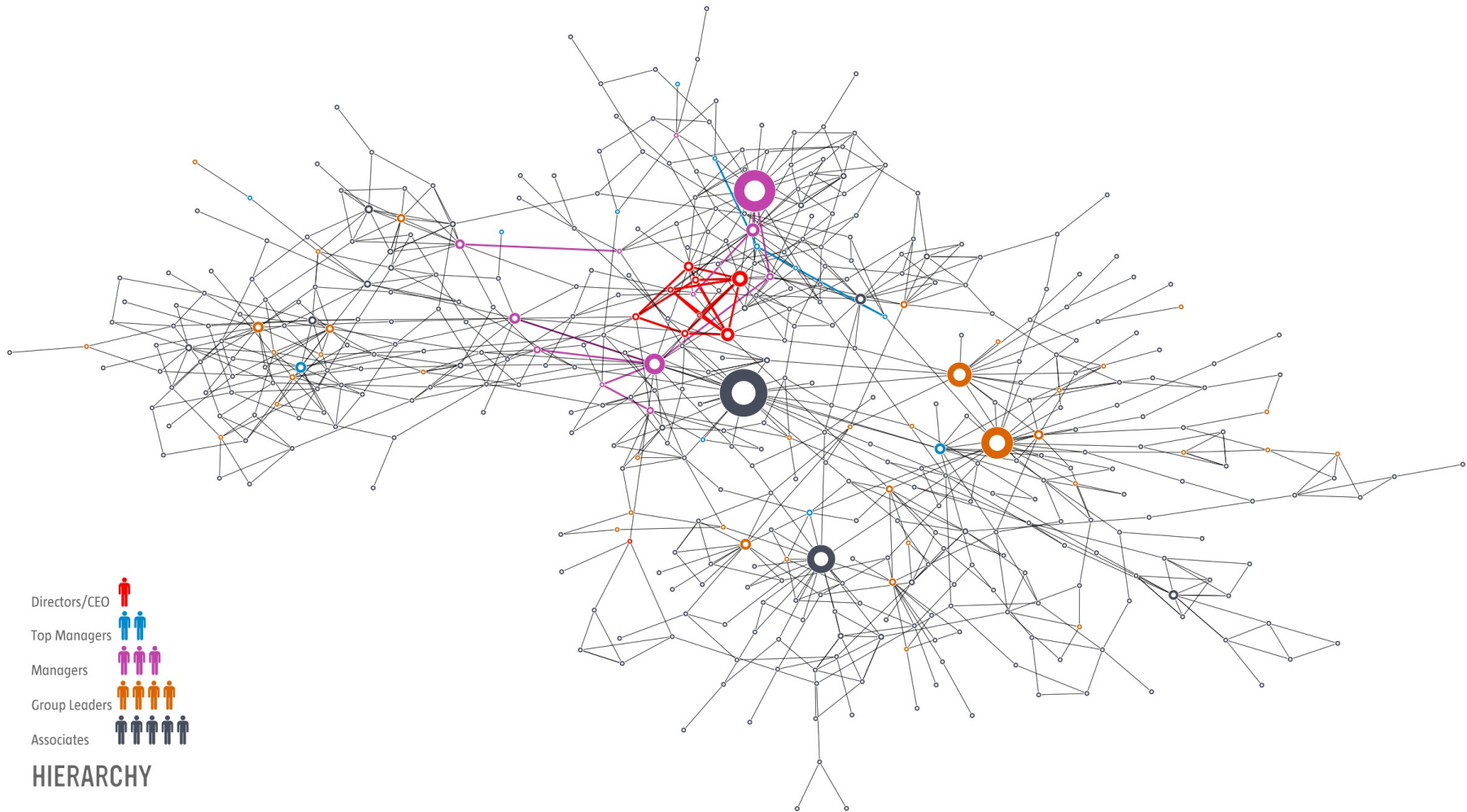
# Summary/Outline





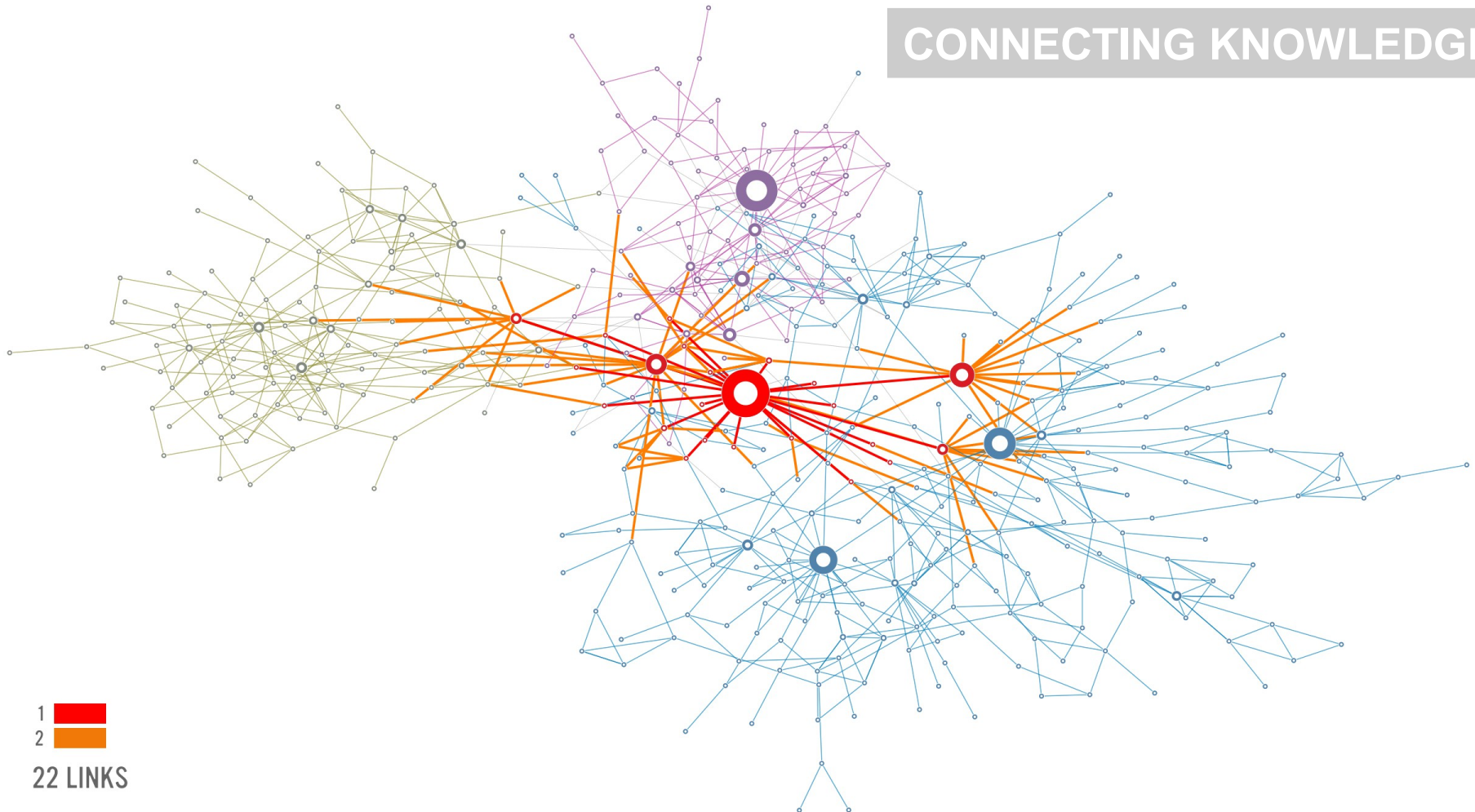
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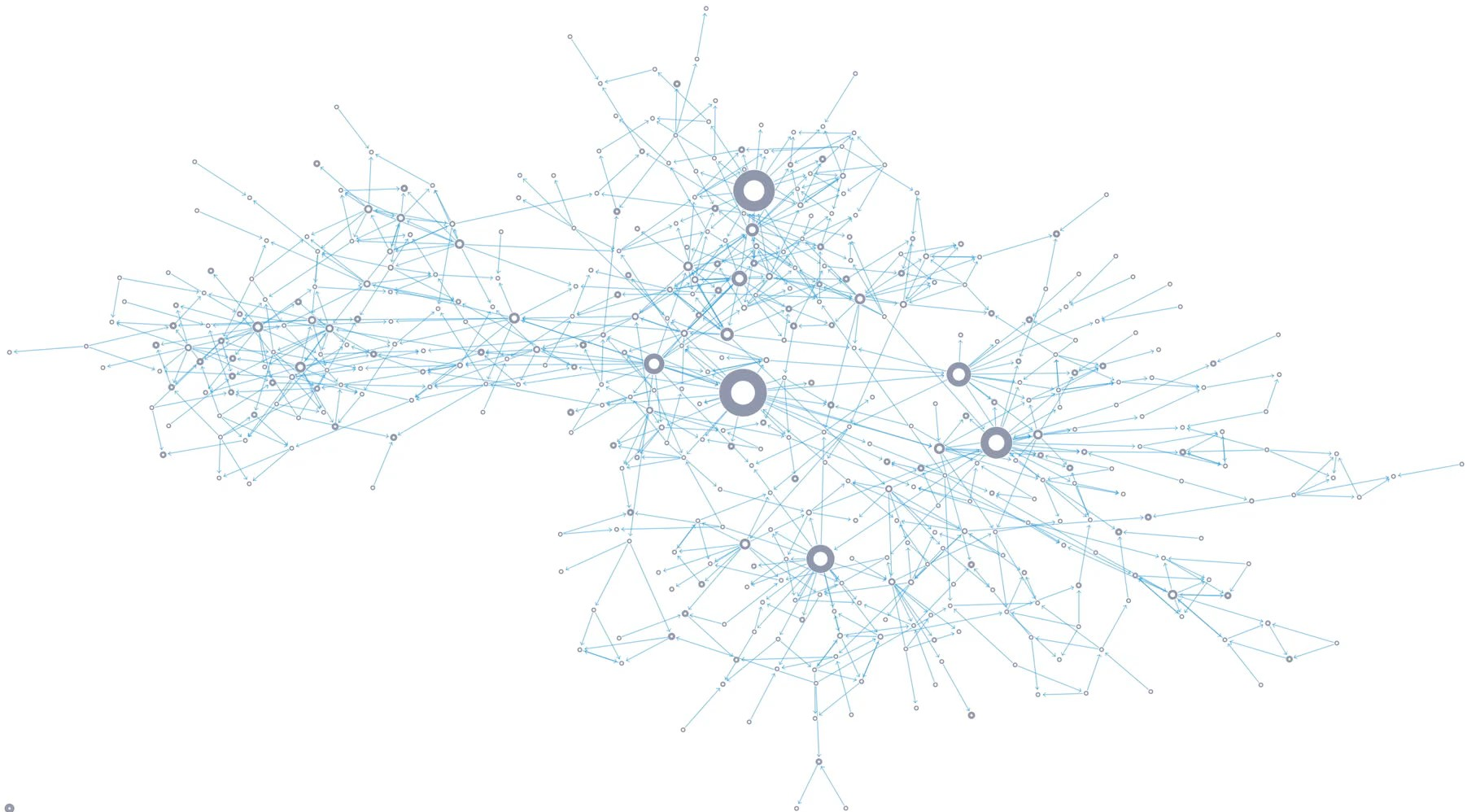
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# CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE

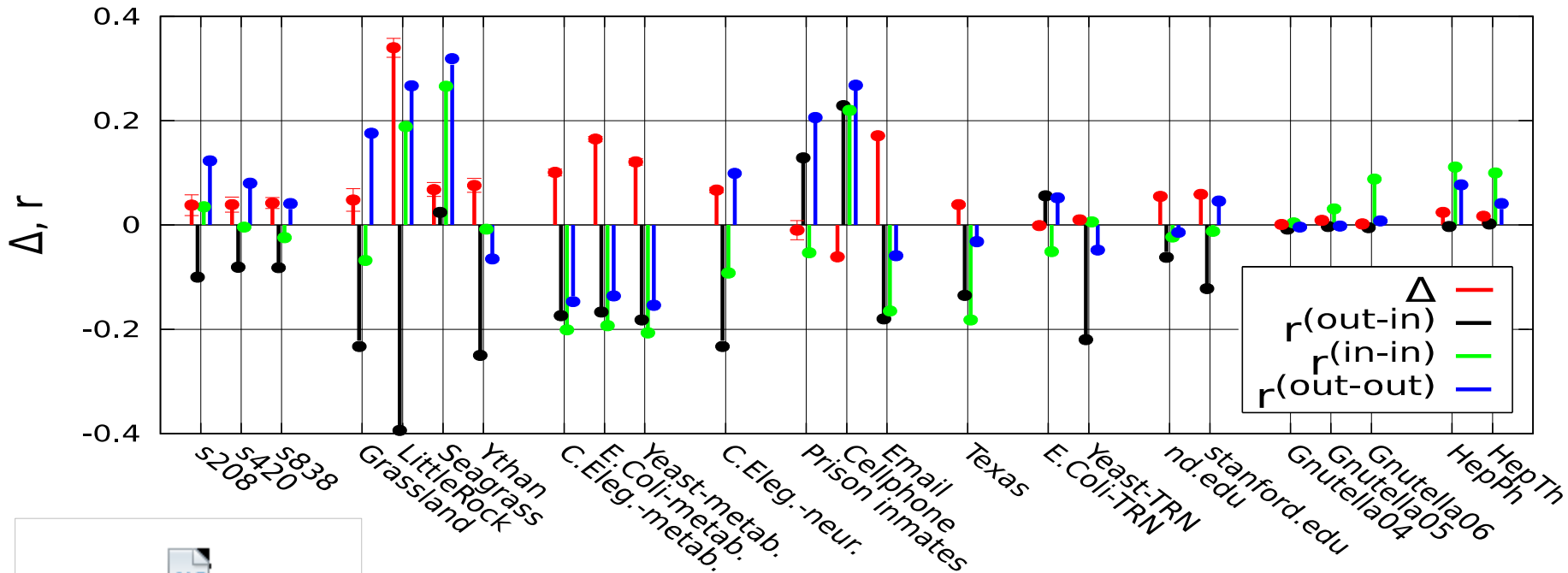


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~~Clustering Coefficient~~

~~Communities~~

**Degree correlations**



## **Assortative:**

hubs show a tendency to link to each other.

## **Neutral:**

nodes connect to each other with the expected random probabilities.

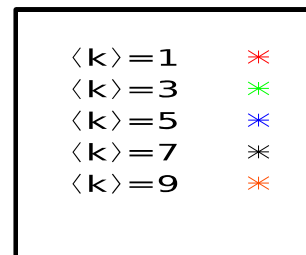
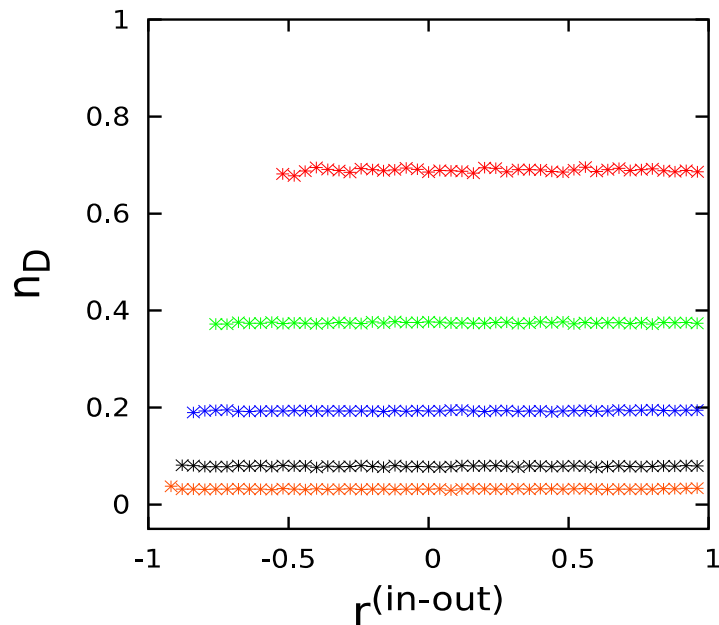
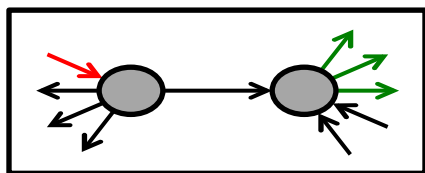
## **Disassortative:**

Hubs tend to avoid linking to each other.

### Quantifying degree correlations:

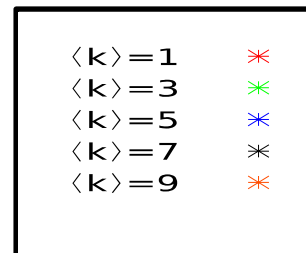
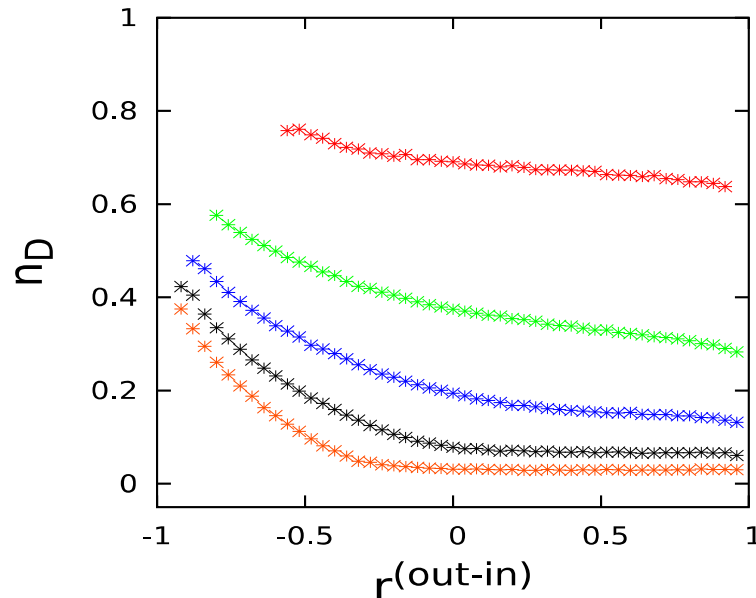
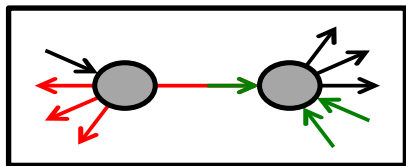
- full statistical description (Maslov and Sneppen, Science 2001)
- degree correlation function (Pastor Satorras and Vespignani, PRL 2001)
- correlation coefficient (Newman, PRL 2002)

# In-Out Degree Correlations: No Dependence



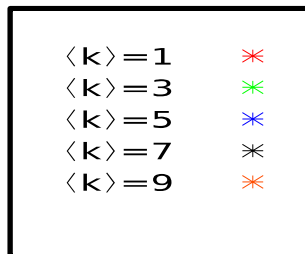
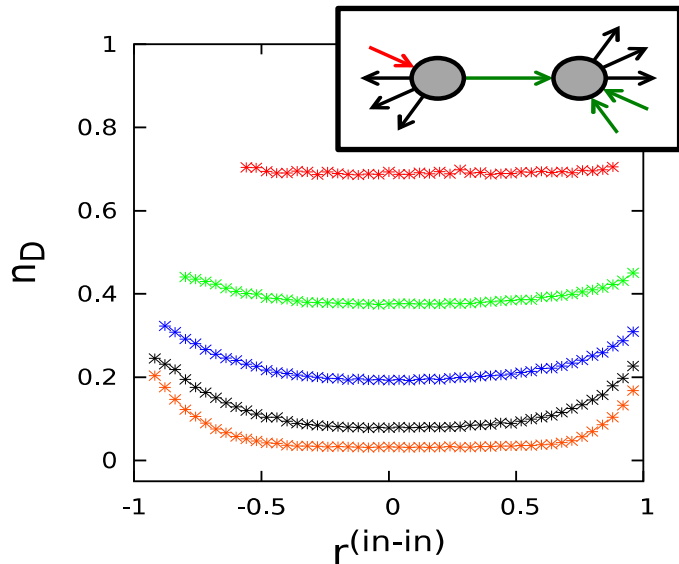
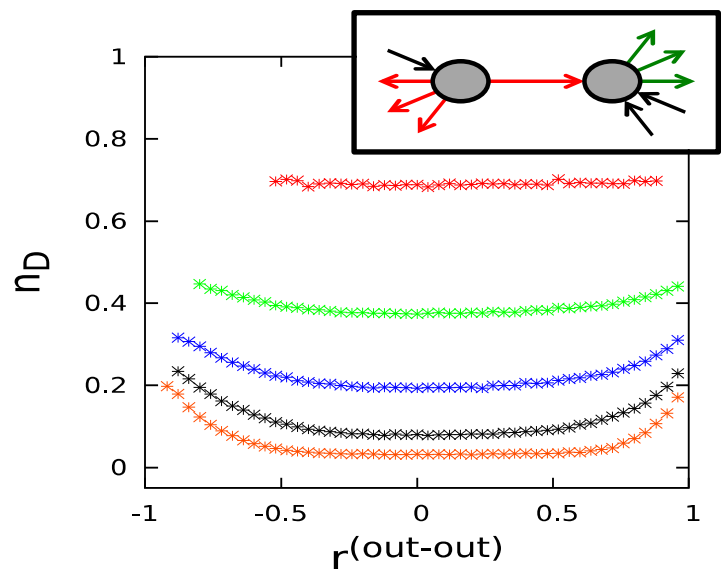
**$n_D$  does *not* depend on in-out correlations**

# Out-In Degree Correlations: Linear



$n_D$  depends *linearly* on the out-on correlations coefficient

# Out-Out and In-In Degree Correlations: Quadratic



**$n_D$  depends *quadratically* on *out-out* and *in-in* correlations**





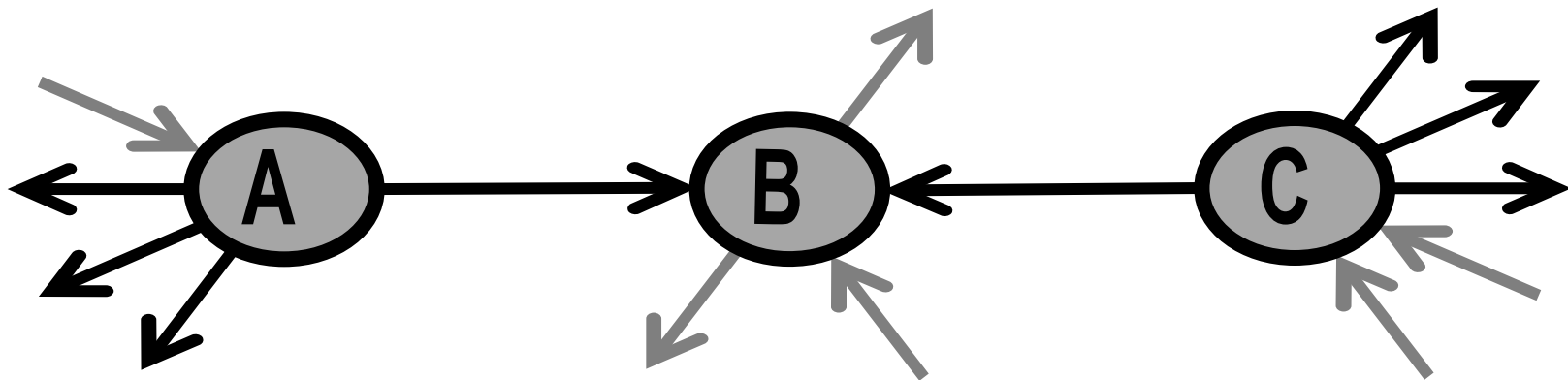
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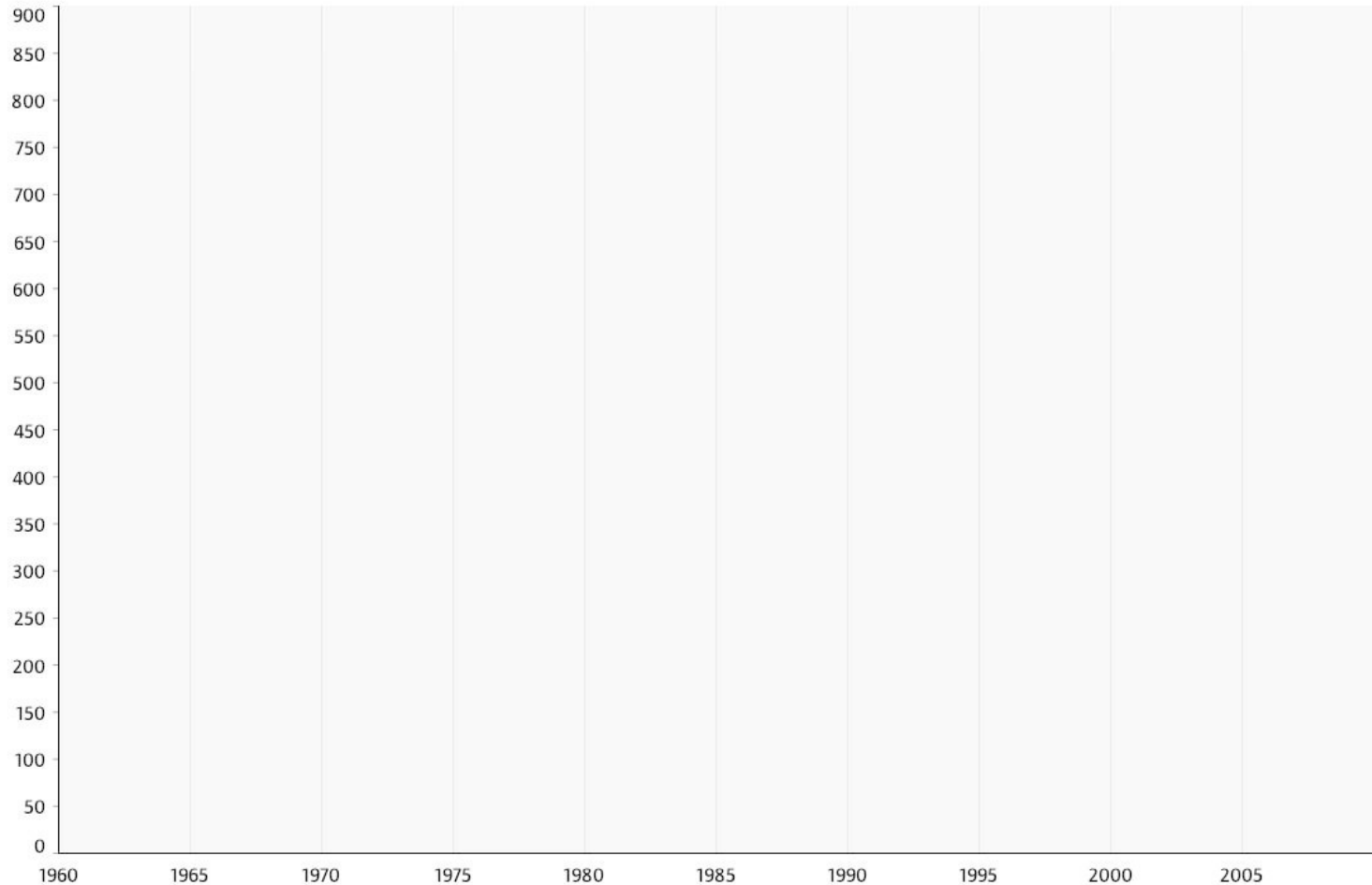
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# WHAT IS “NETWORK SCIENCE”?

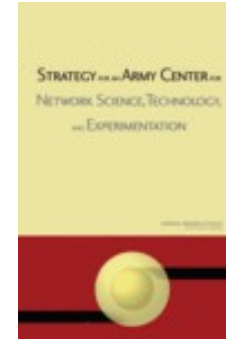
**THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES**

*Advisers to the Nation on Science, Engineering, and Medicine*

## NRC Panel on “Network Science”

### What is new here?

Despite the apparent differences, many networks emerge and evolve driven by a fundamental set of laws and mechanism.



An attempt to understand networks emerging in nature, technology and society using a unified set of tools and principles.

## BONUS: WHY KEVIN BACON?

Did he make the most movies, perhaps?

List of actors with the most movie credits.

### *Kevin Bacon*

No. of movies : 46

No. of actors : 1811

Average separation: 2.79

*Is Kevin Bacon the most connected actor?*



# BONUS: WHY KEVIN BACON?

Measure the average distance between Kevin Bacon and all other actors.

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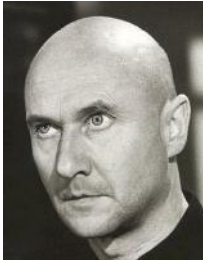
*Is Kevin Bacon the most connected actor?*

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2	Donald Pleasence	2.542376	180	2874
3	Martin Sheen	2.551210	136	3501
4	Christopher Lee	2.552497	201	2993
5	Robert Mitchum	2.557181	136	2905
6	Charlton Heston	2.566284	104	2552
7	Eddie Albert	2.567036	112	3333
8	Robert Vaughn	2.570193	126	2761
9	Donald Sutherland	2.577880	107	2865
10	John Gielgud	2.578980	122	2942
11	Anthony Quinn	2.579750	146	2978
12	James Earl Jones	2.584440	112	3787
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876	Kevin Bacon	2.786981	46	1811
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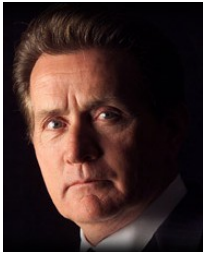
# KEVIN BACON MAP



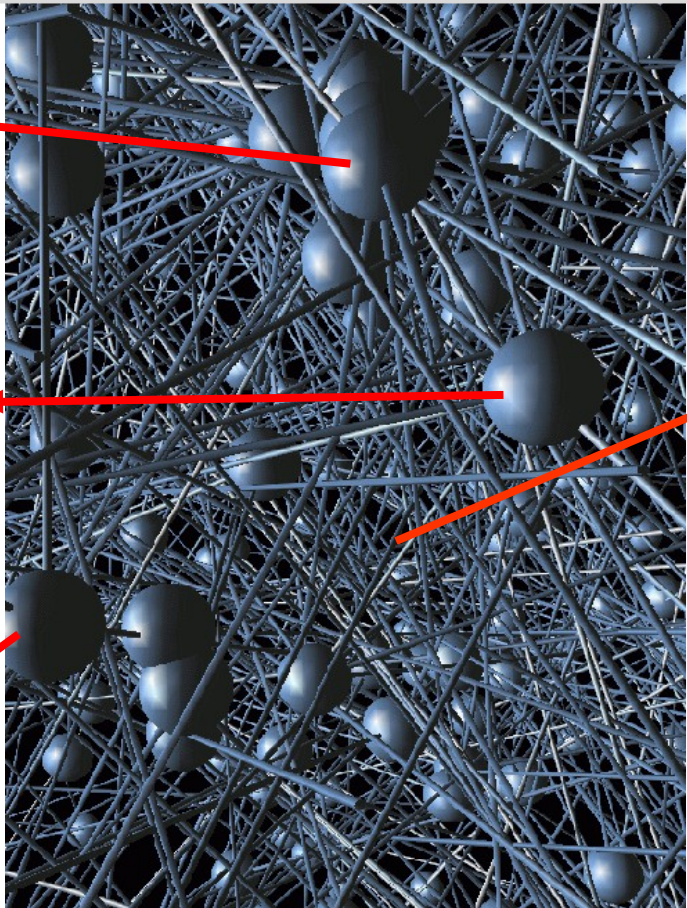
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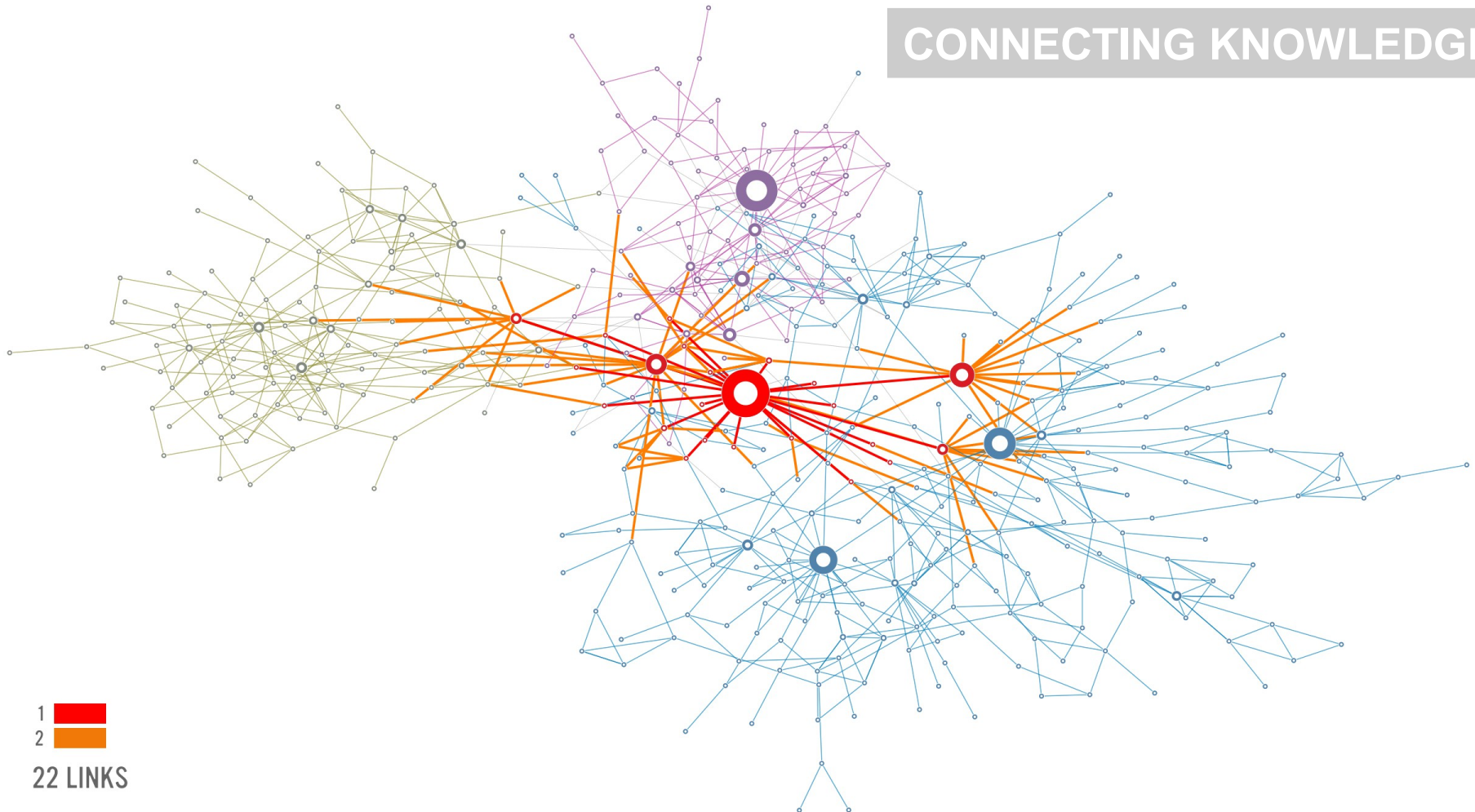


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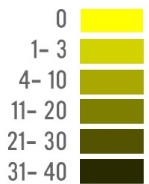
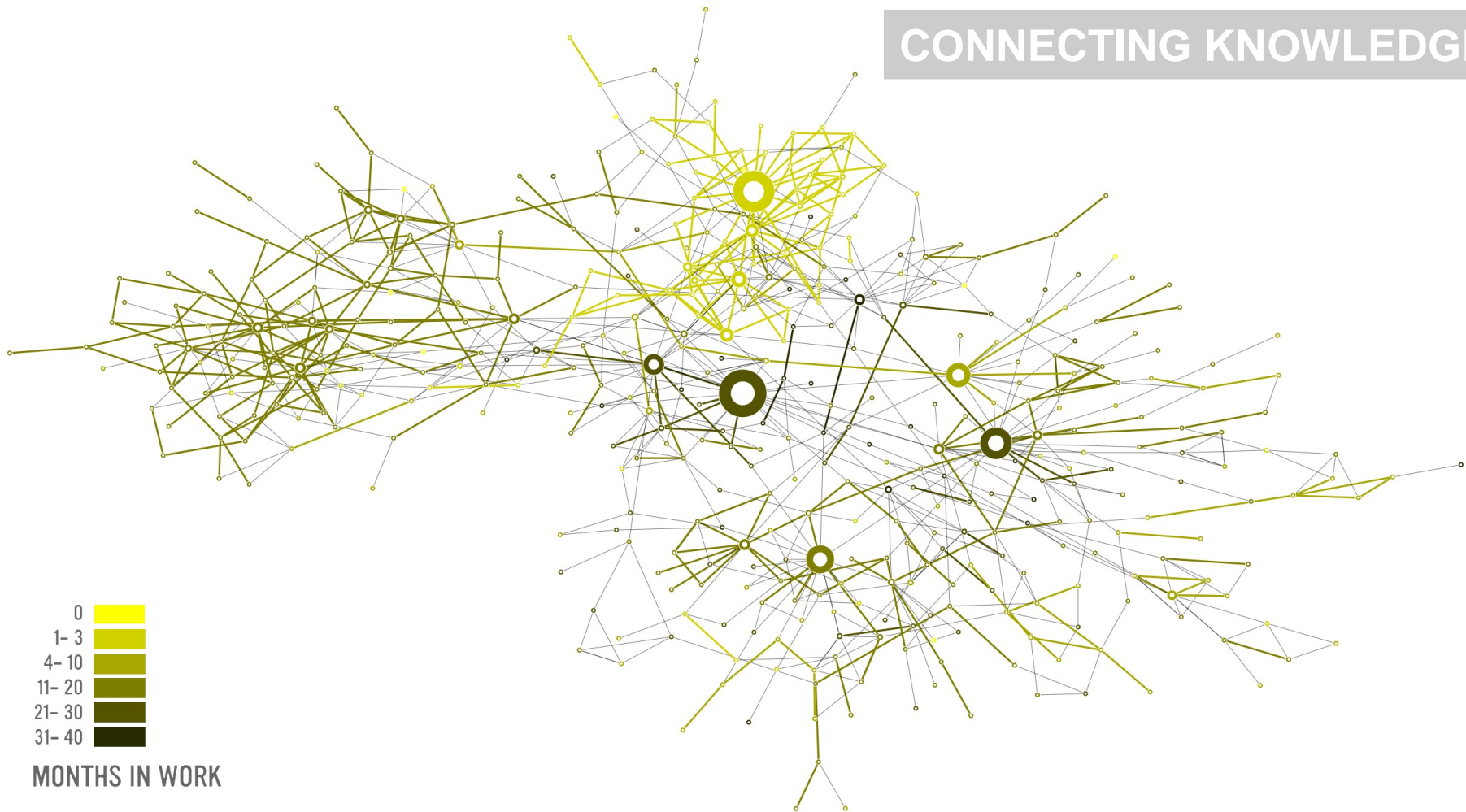
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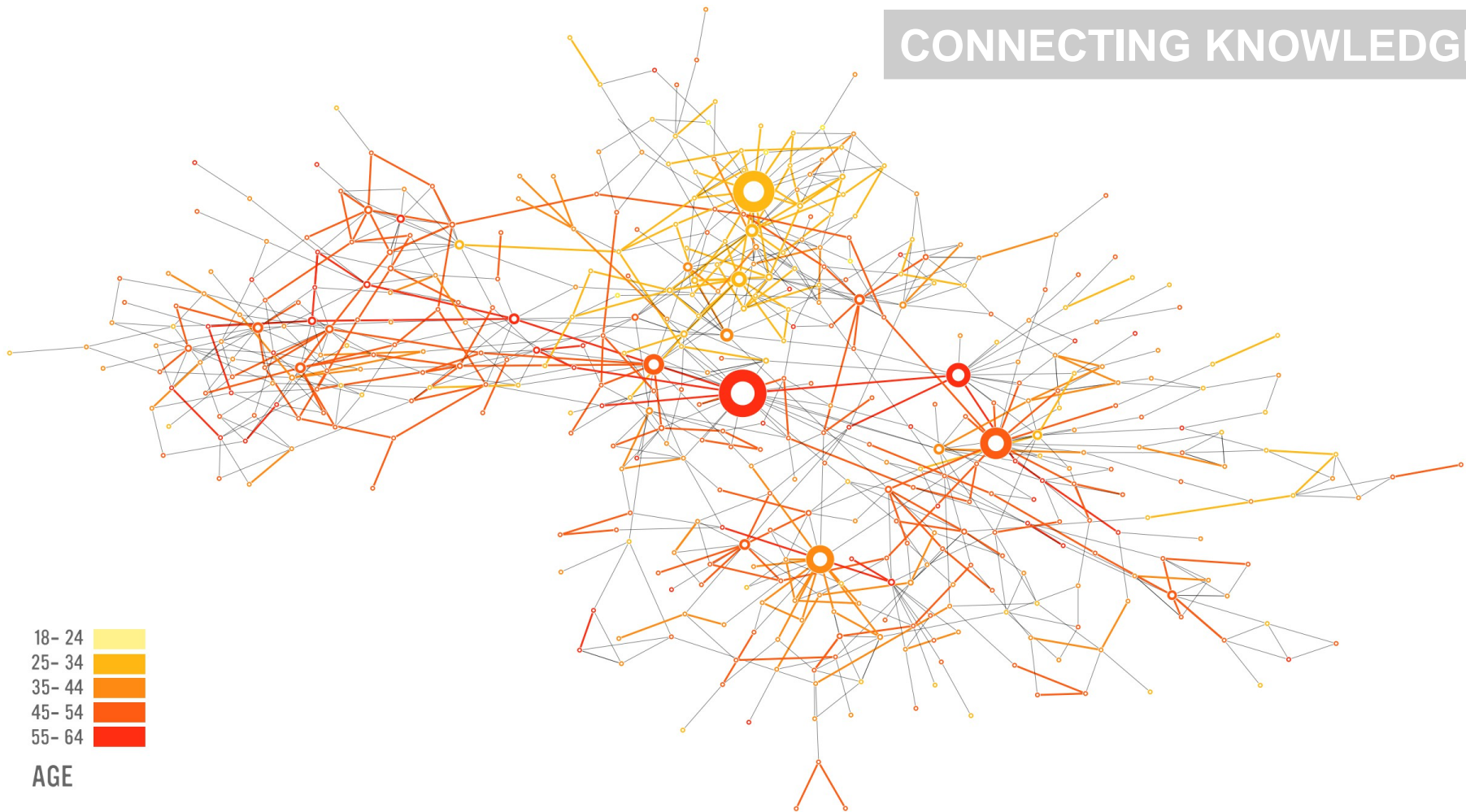
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MONTHS IN WORK

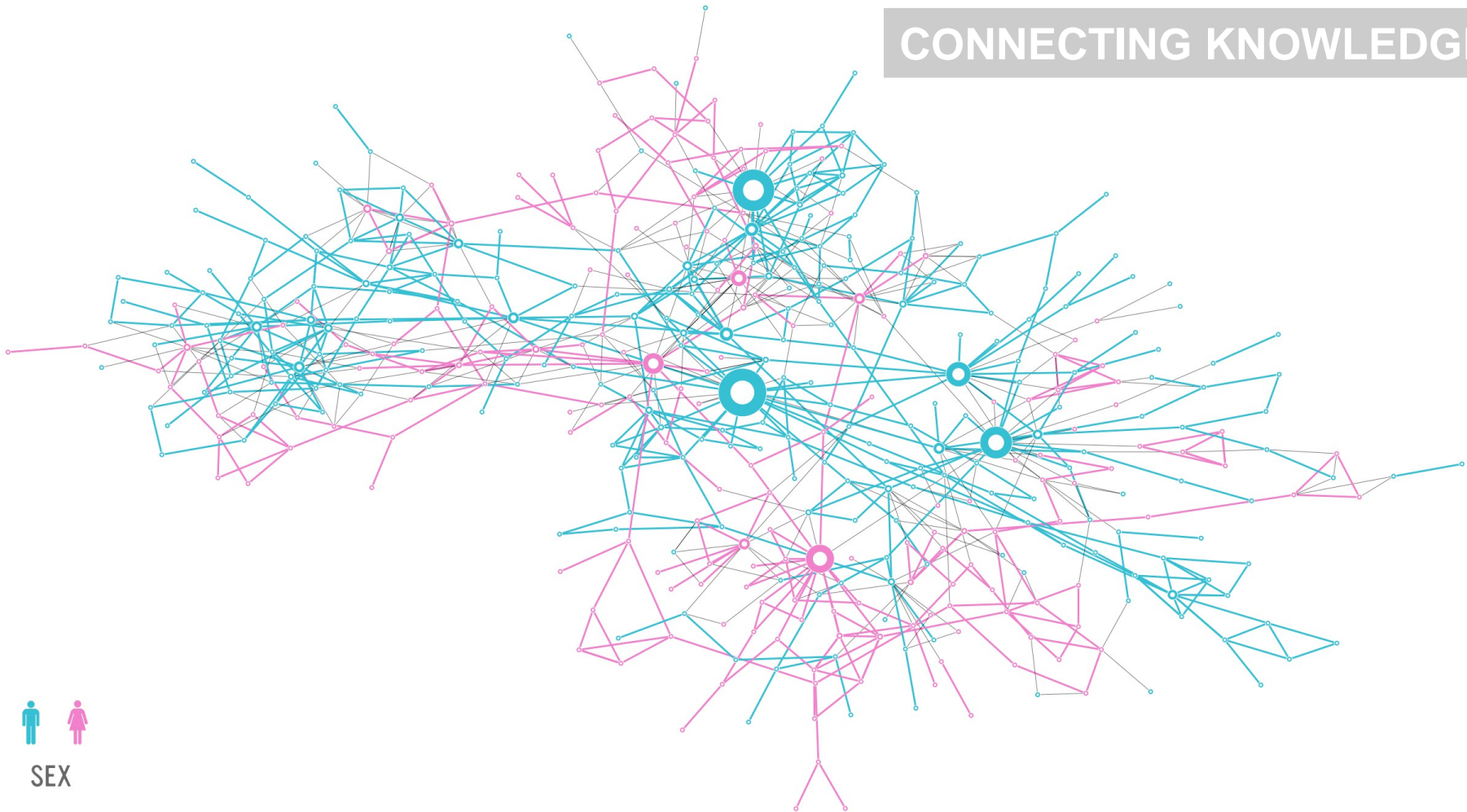
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- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64

AGE

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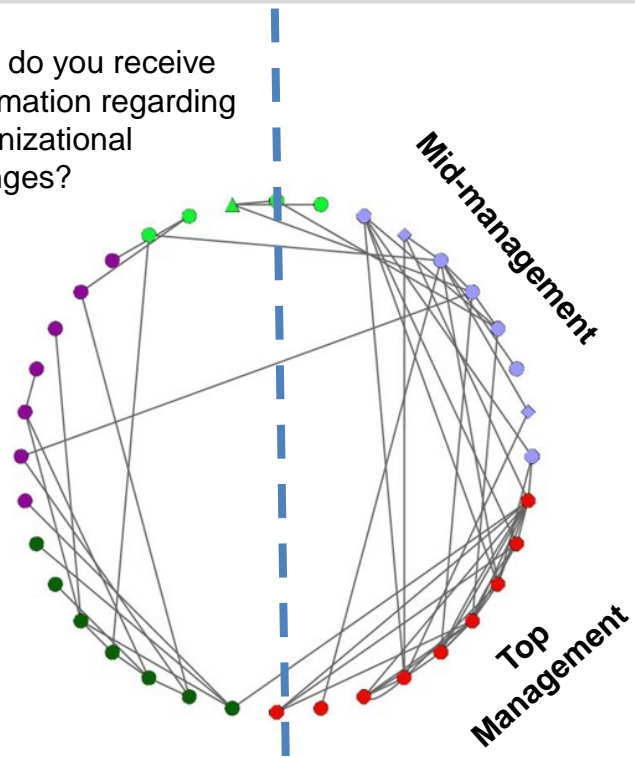
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# IMPROVING INFORMATION FLOW

Who do you receive information regarding organizational changes?

Management – Factory sites



Links are indicating information flow between individuals about organizational changes.

Easy-to-recognize gap between management levels

## Manufacturing company with about 800 employees

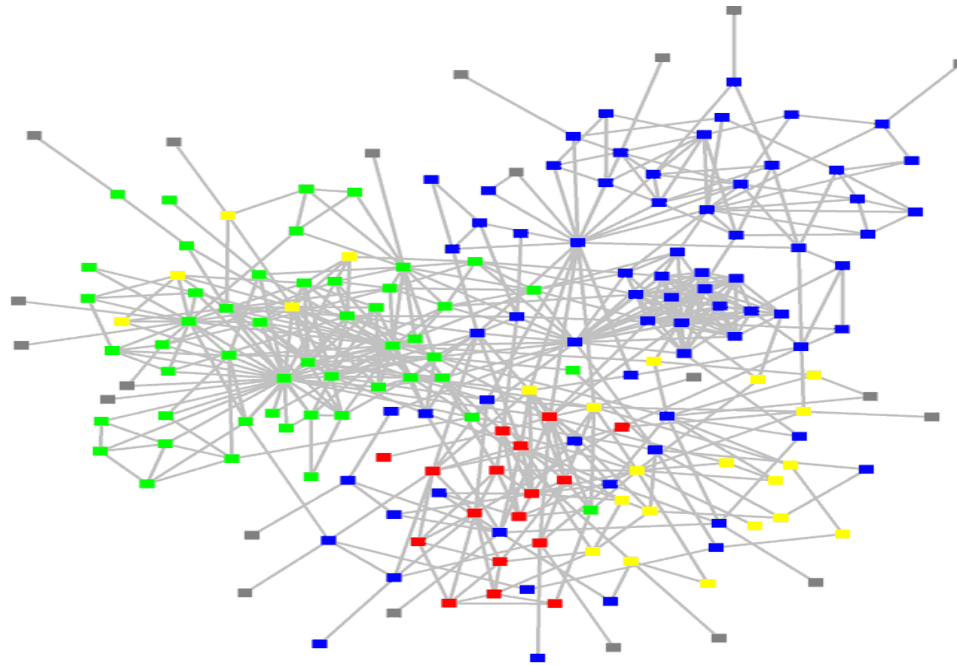
**Issues:** (1) Information gaps and gossip about organizational changes; (2) Strategic decisions miss-understood; (3) Lack of trust in management.

**Aim:** Reduce time for accepting changes; Gossip management; Build trust.

**Findings:** Robust communication between mid and senior management **BUT** Lack of information flow between mid-management and management of manufacturing sites.

Main source of information for Factory Management: EHS Manager – no connection to management, no career plan and frustrated about own possibilities.

# STRUCTURE OF AN ORGANIZATION



■ ■ ■ : departments

■ : consultants

■ : external experts

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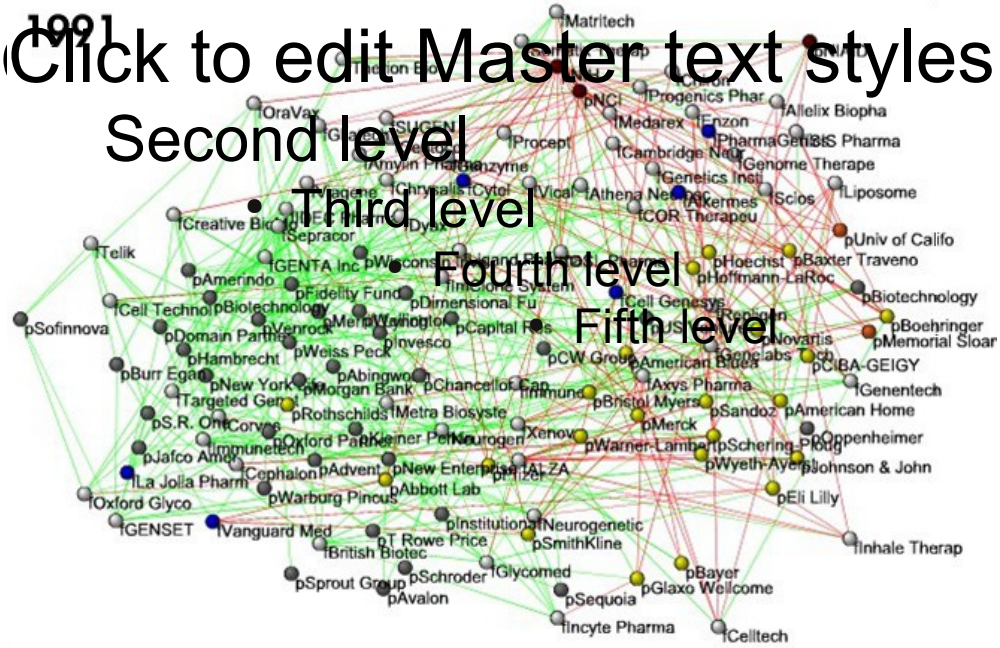
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**Nodes:**

- Companies
- Investment
- Pharma
- Research Labs
- Public
- Biotechnology

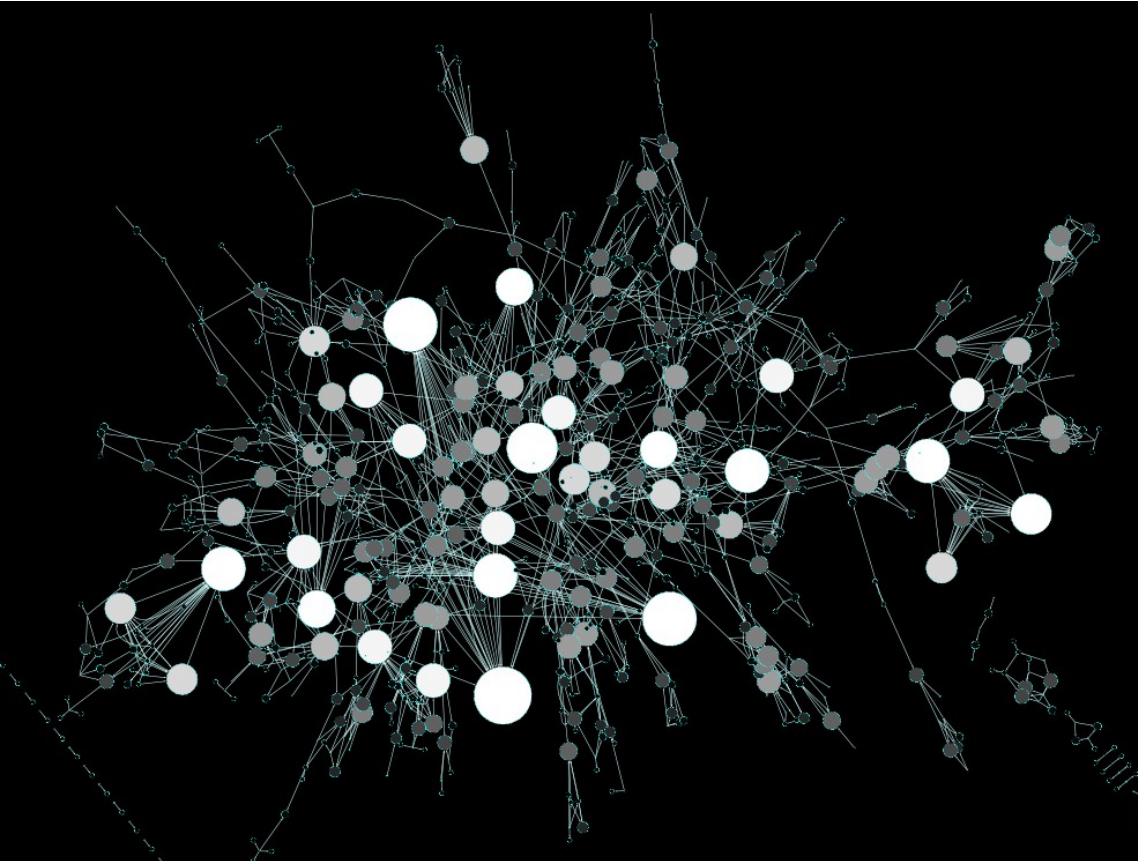
**Links:**

- Collaborations
- Financial
- R&D



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# OPINION LEADERS IN ORGANIZATIONS



## Question visualized:

**Who's opinion do you trust the most when there is a change process at the company?**

**Nodes = employees**

**Size = Numer of mentions (in-degree)**

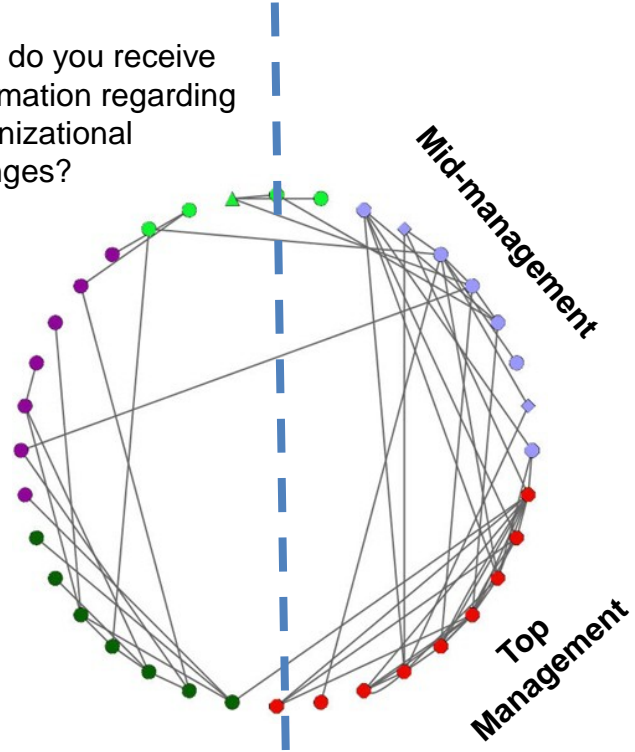
**The white nodes are the opinion leaders who the company involved in future shaping forums after the survey.**



# IMPROVING INFORMATION FLOW

Who do you receive information regarding organizational changes?

Management – Factory sites



Mid-management

Top Management

Links are indicating information flow between individuals about organizational changes.

Easy-to-recognize gap between management levels

## Manufacturing company with about 800 employees

### Issues:

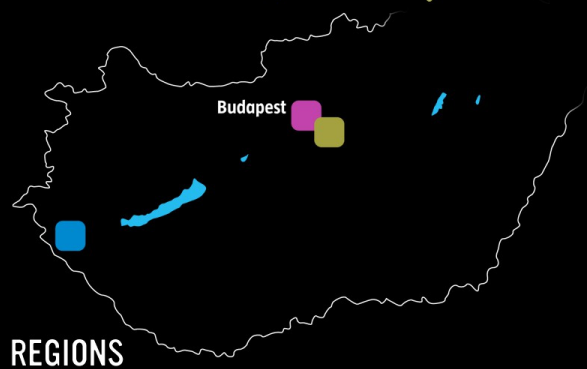
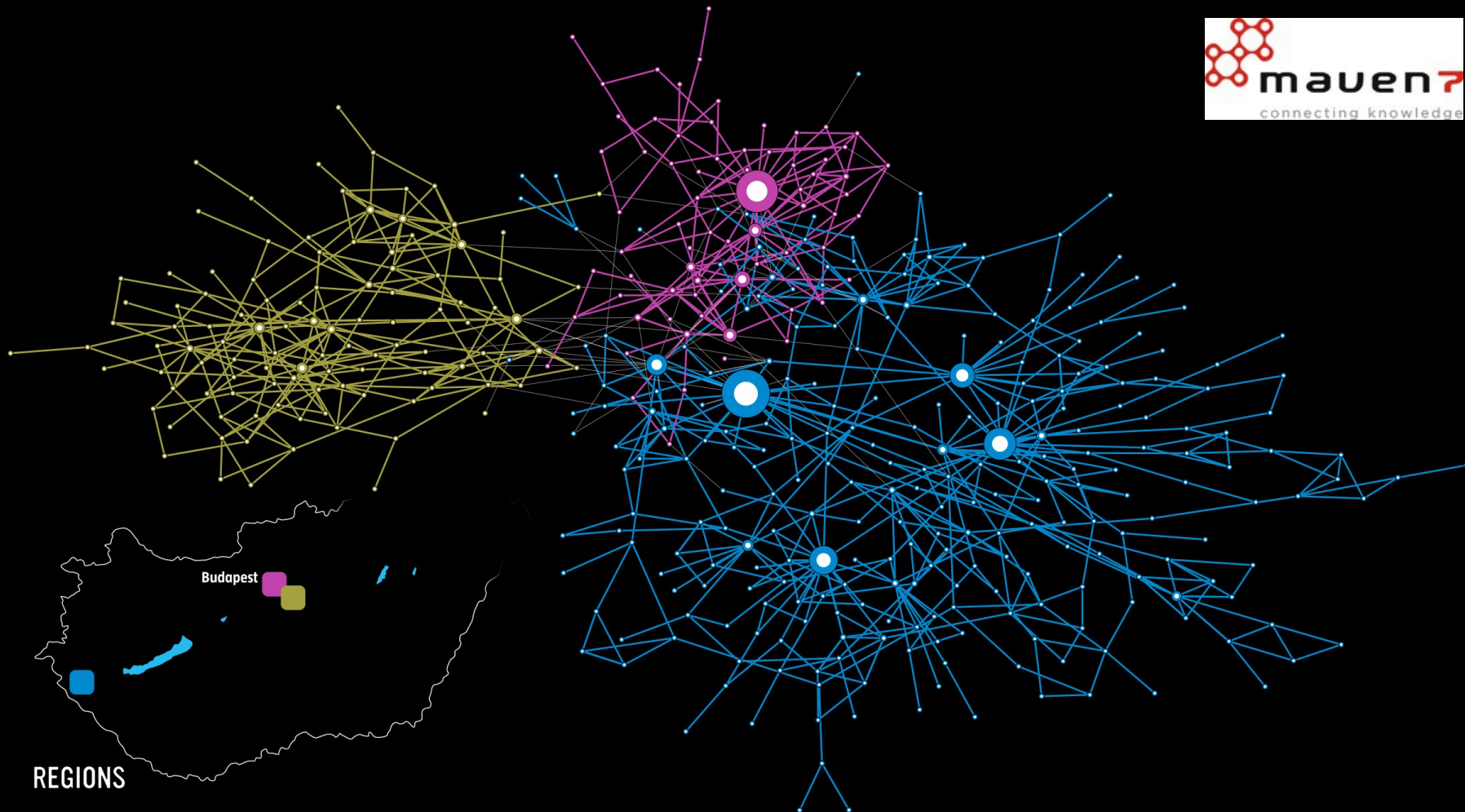
- (1) Information gaps and gossip about organizational changes;
- (2) Strategic decisions miss-understood;
- (3) Lack of trust in management.

### Aim:

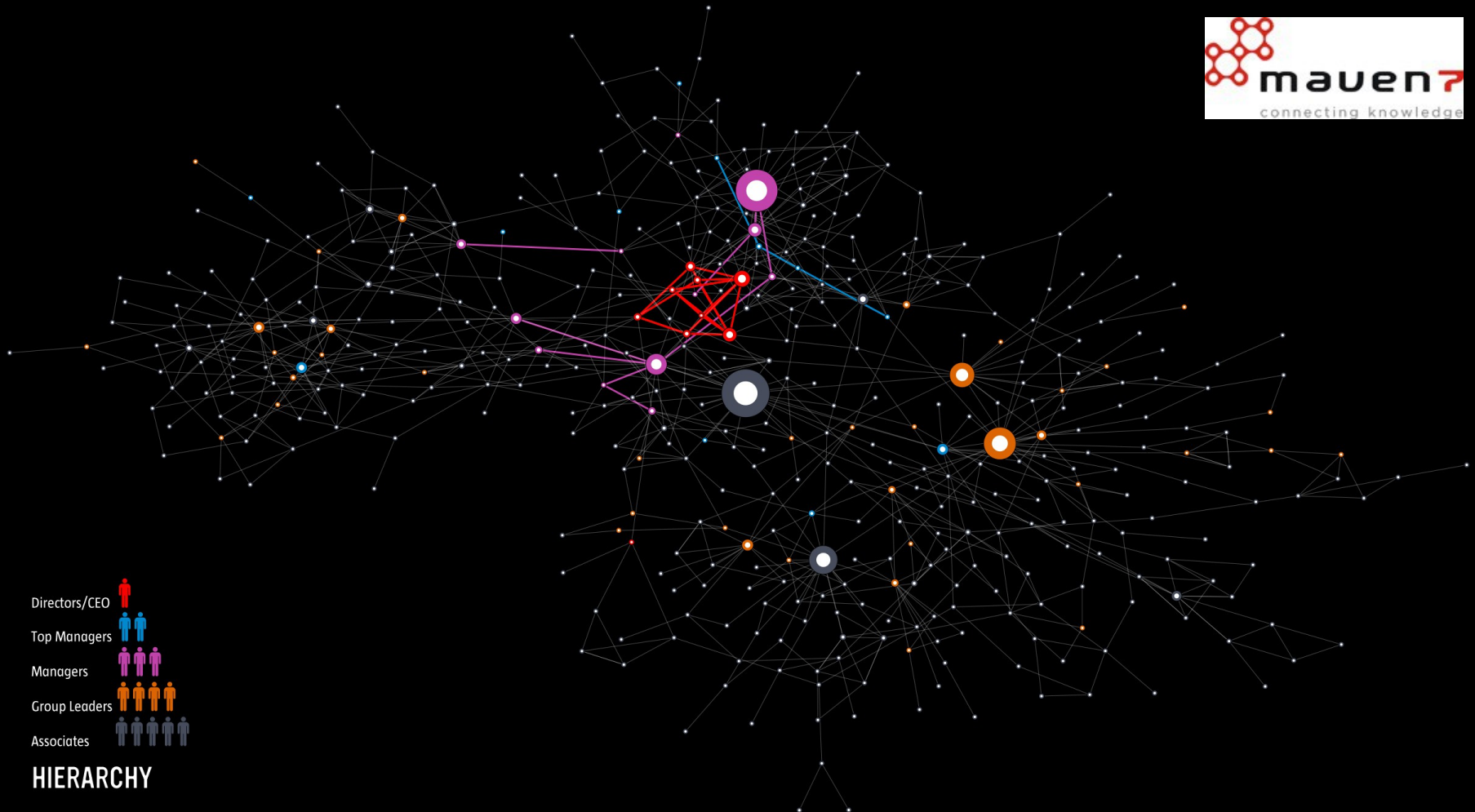
Reduce time for accepting changes;

Gossip management;

Build trust.



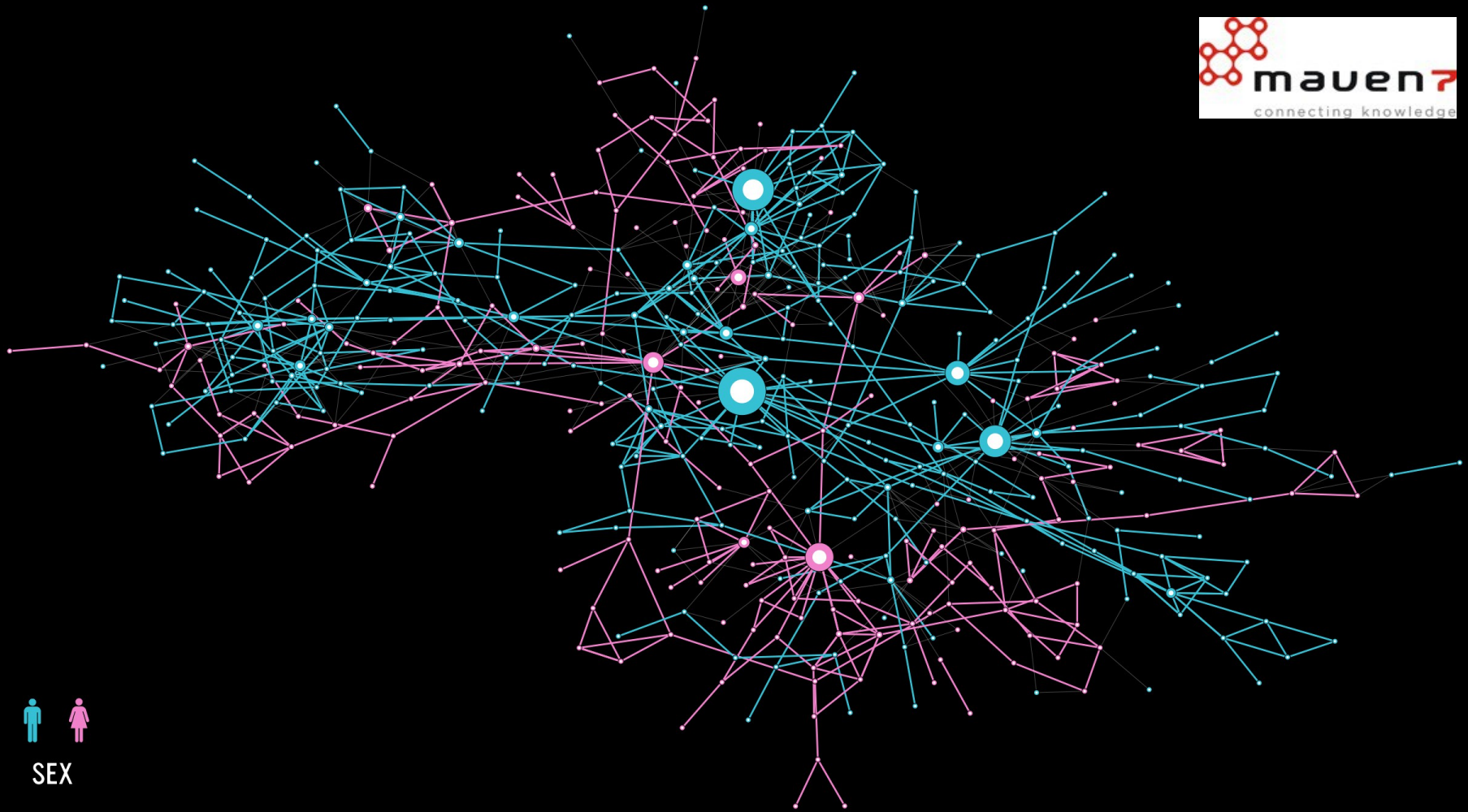
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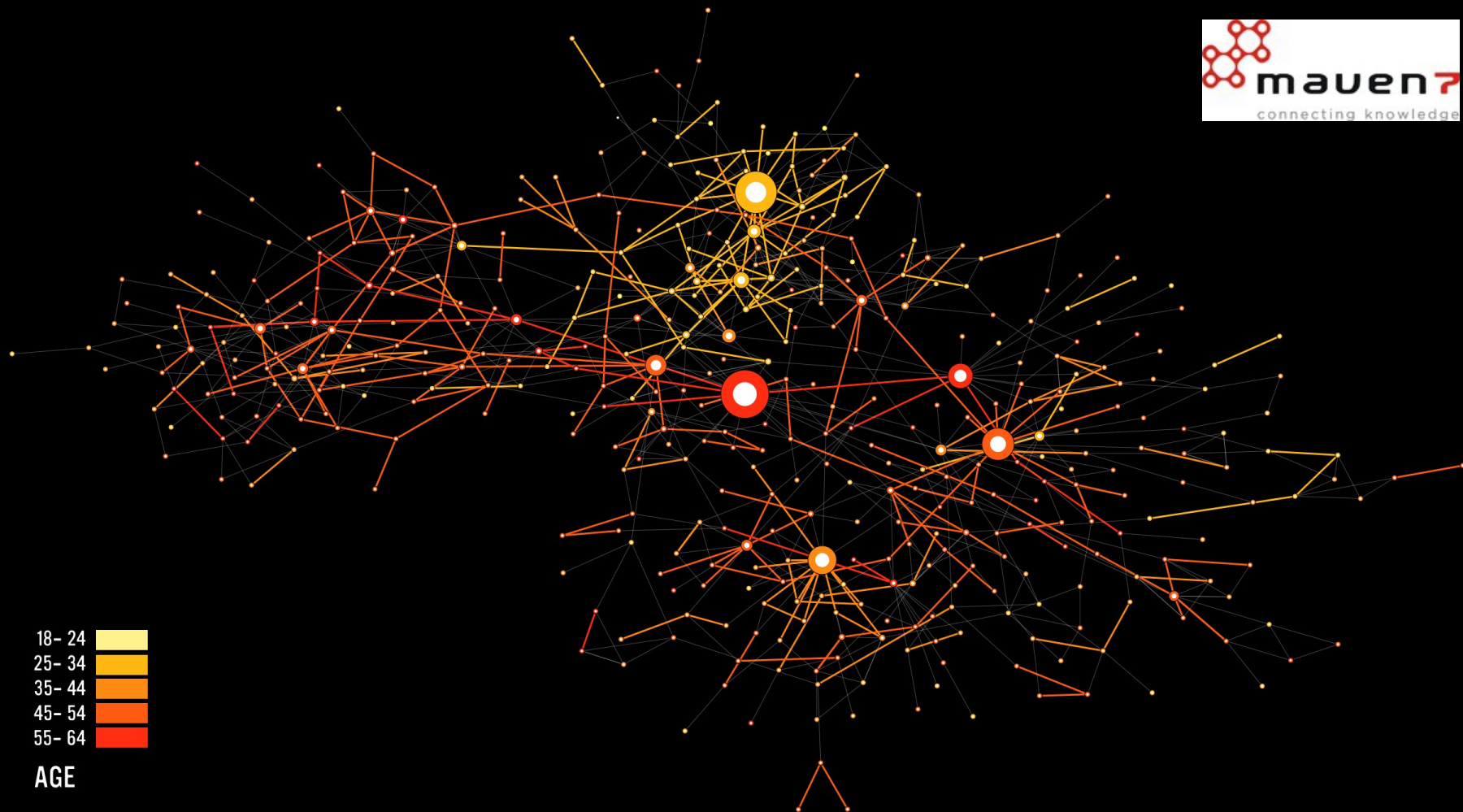
- Directors/CEO 
- Top Managers 
- Managers 
- Group Leaders 
- Associates 

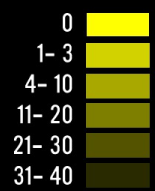
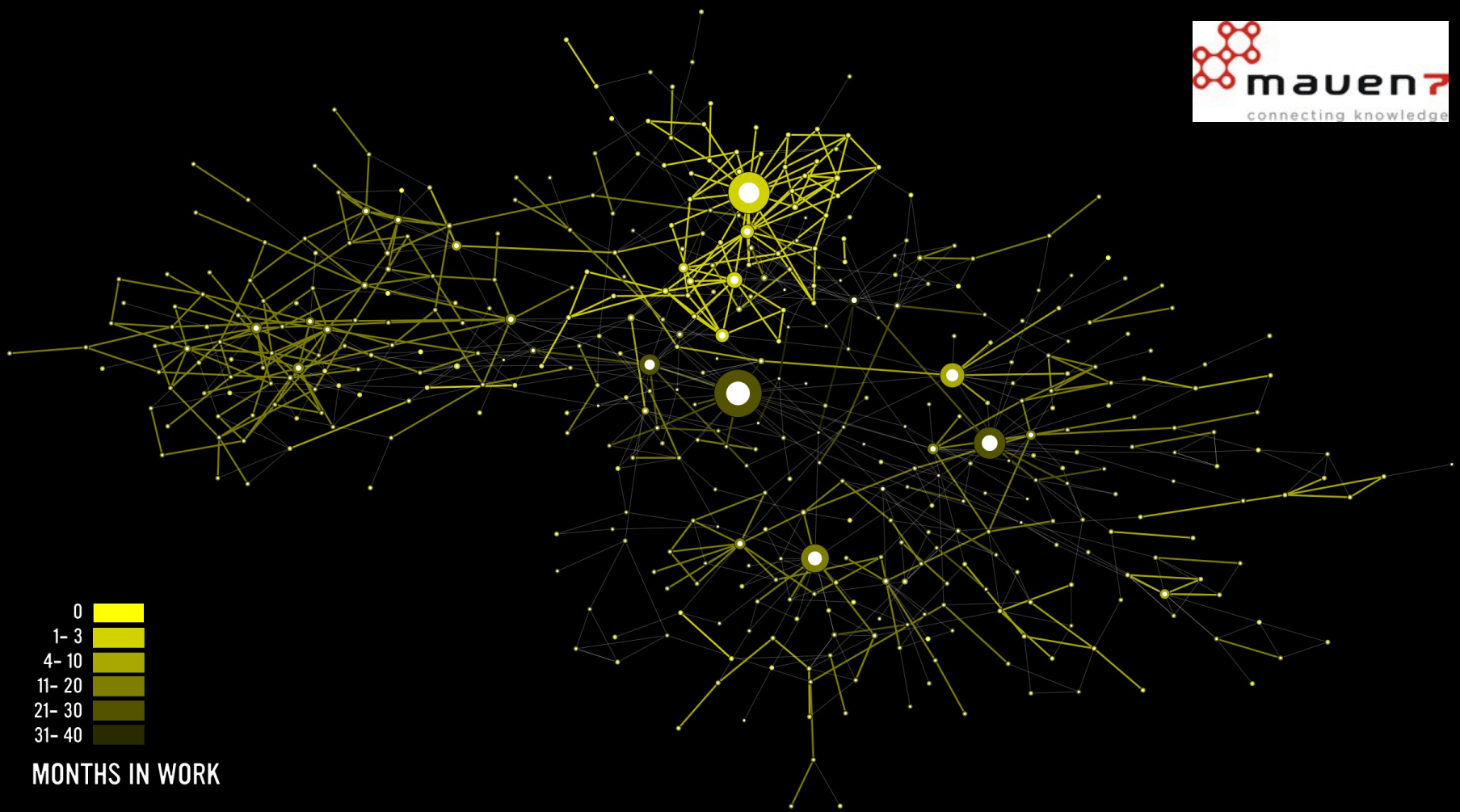
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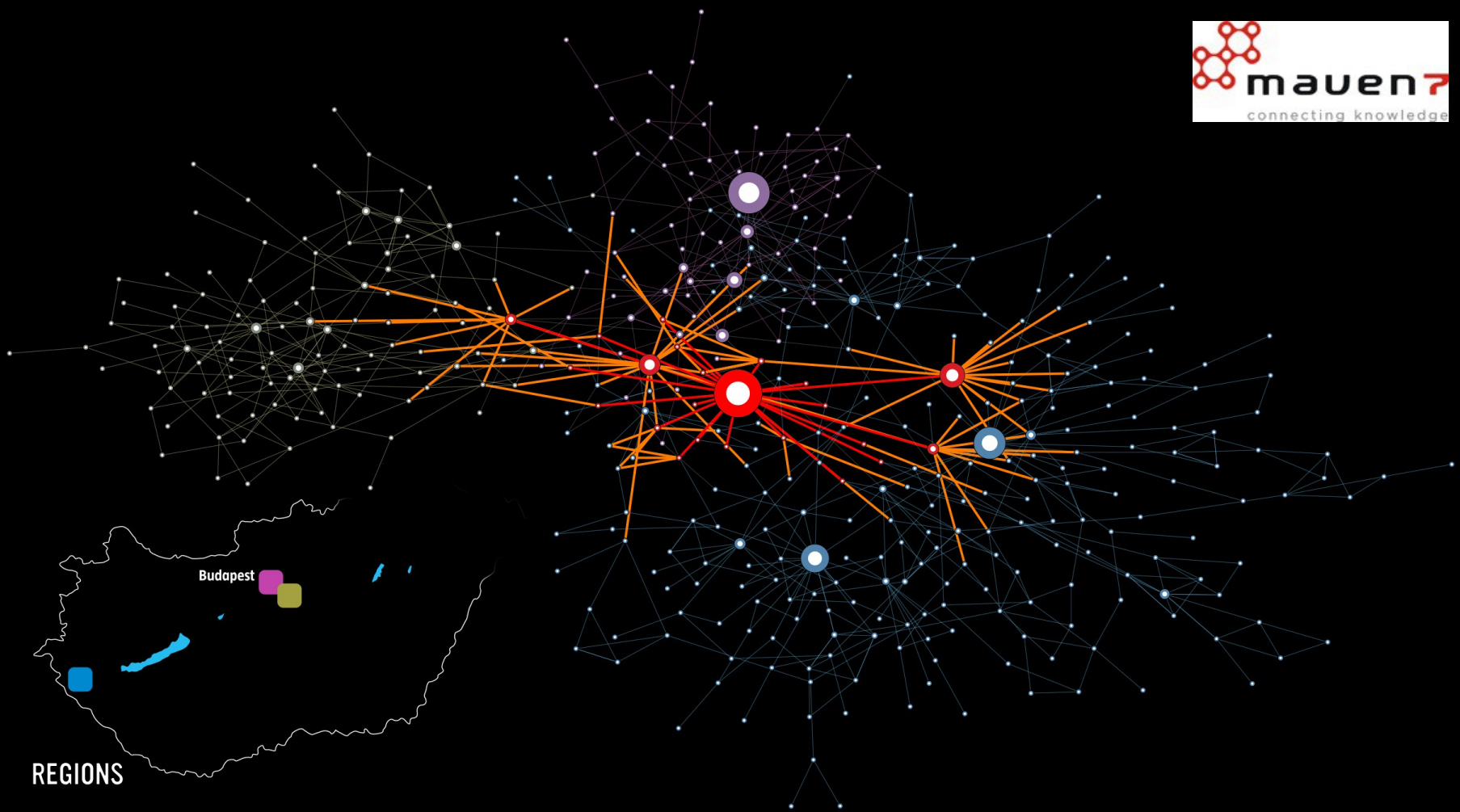


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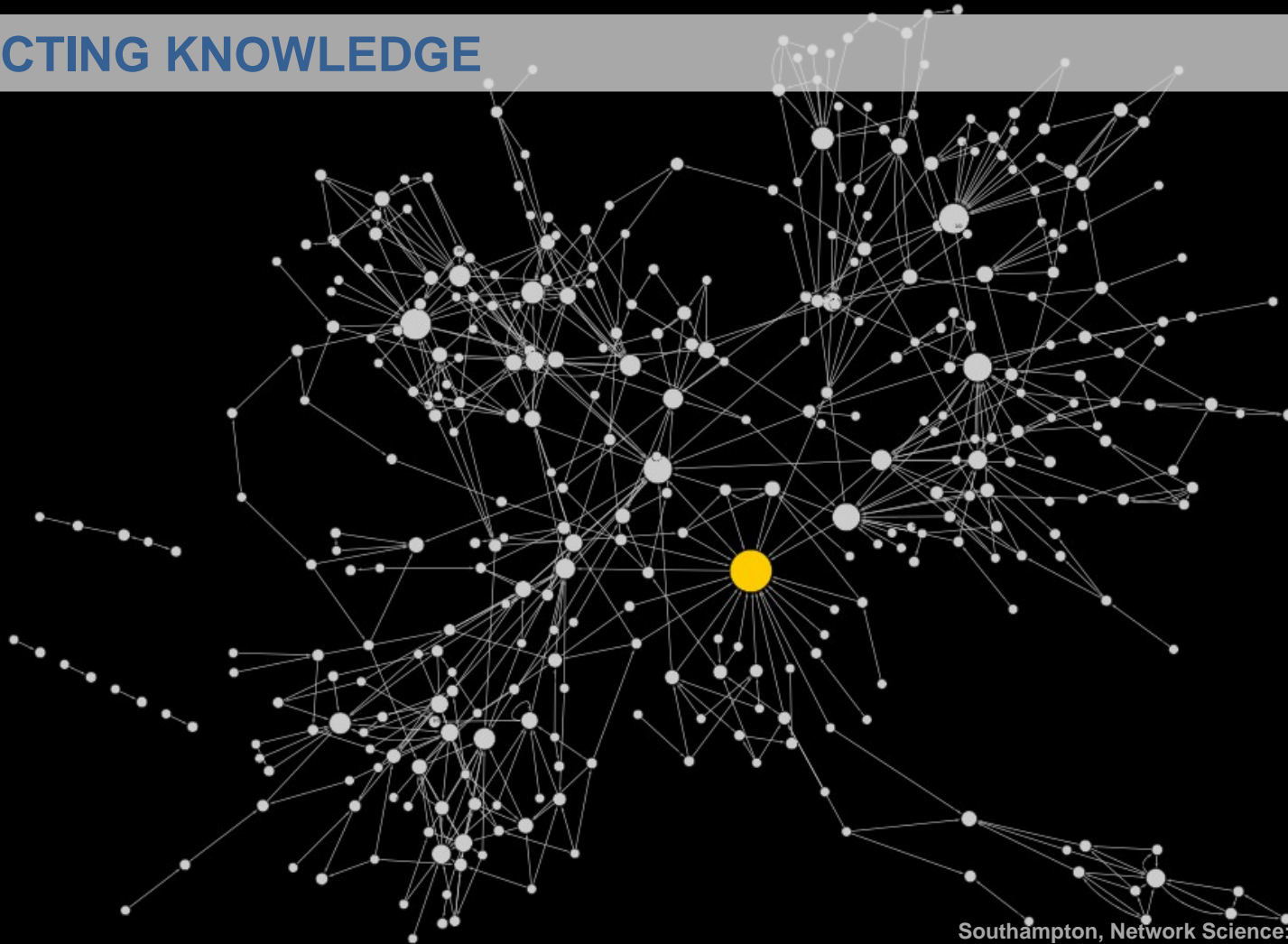


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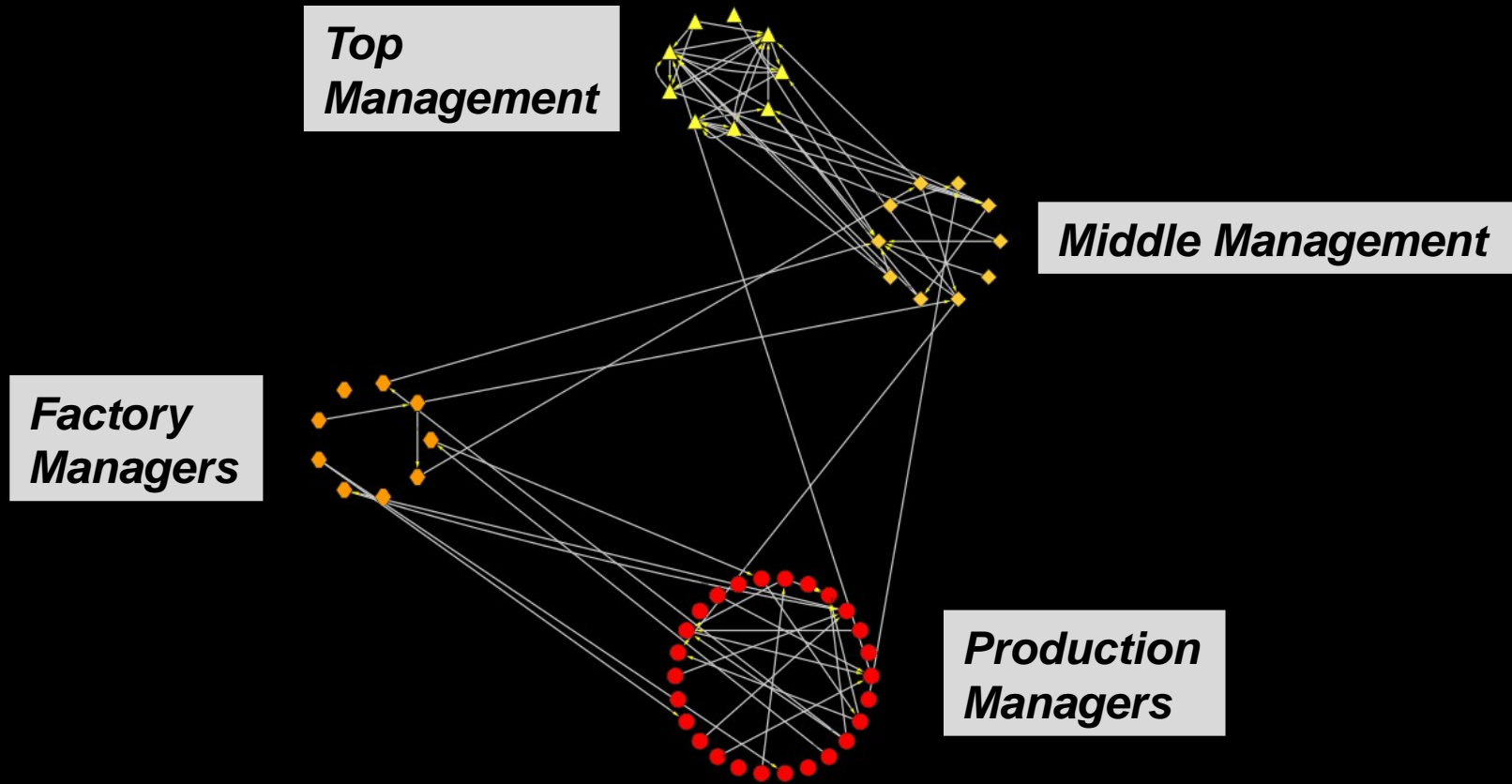


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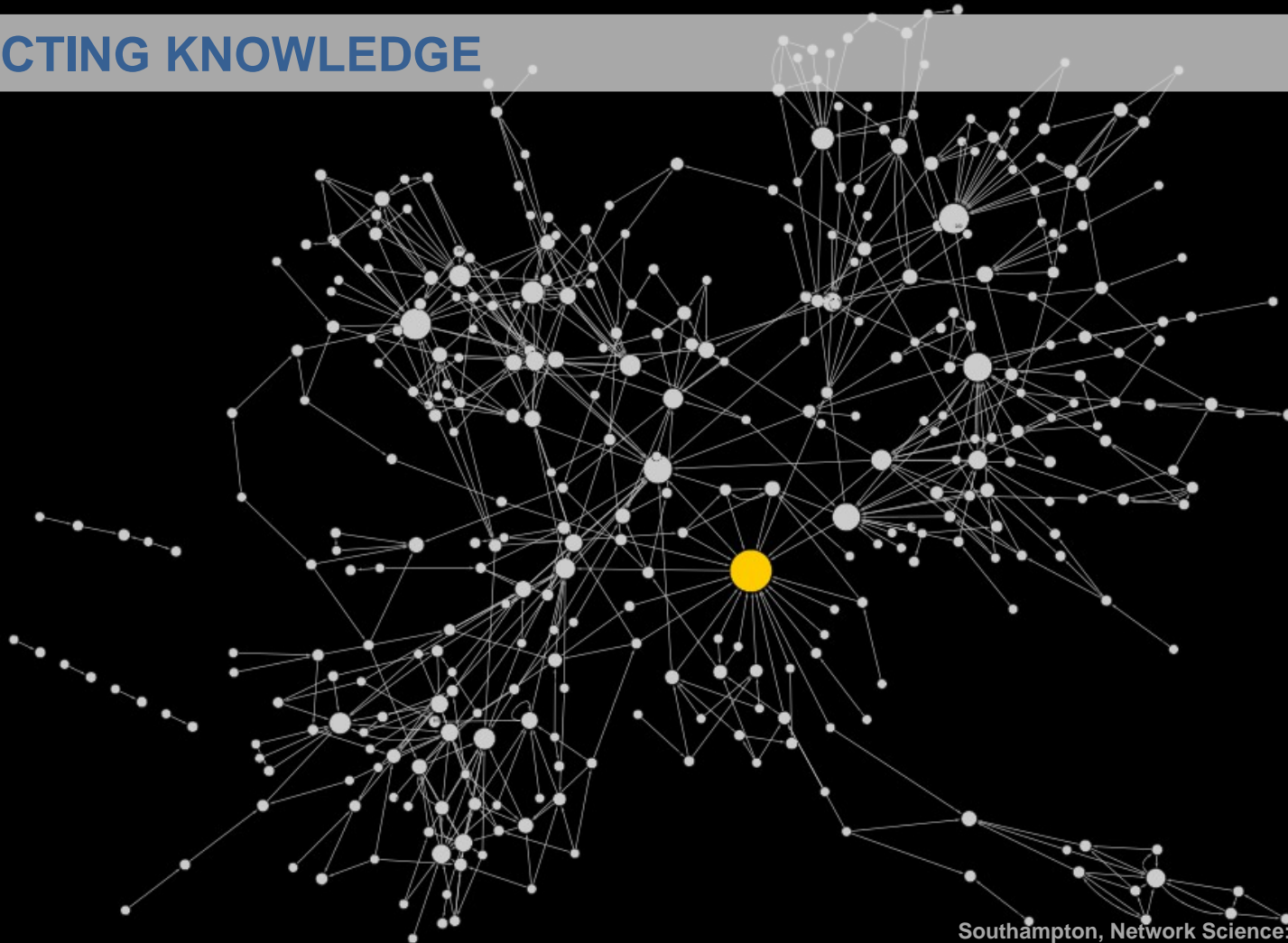
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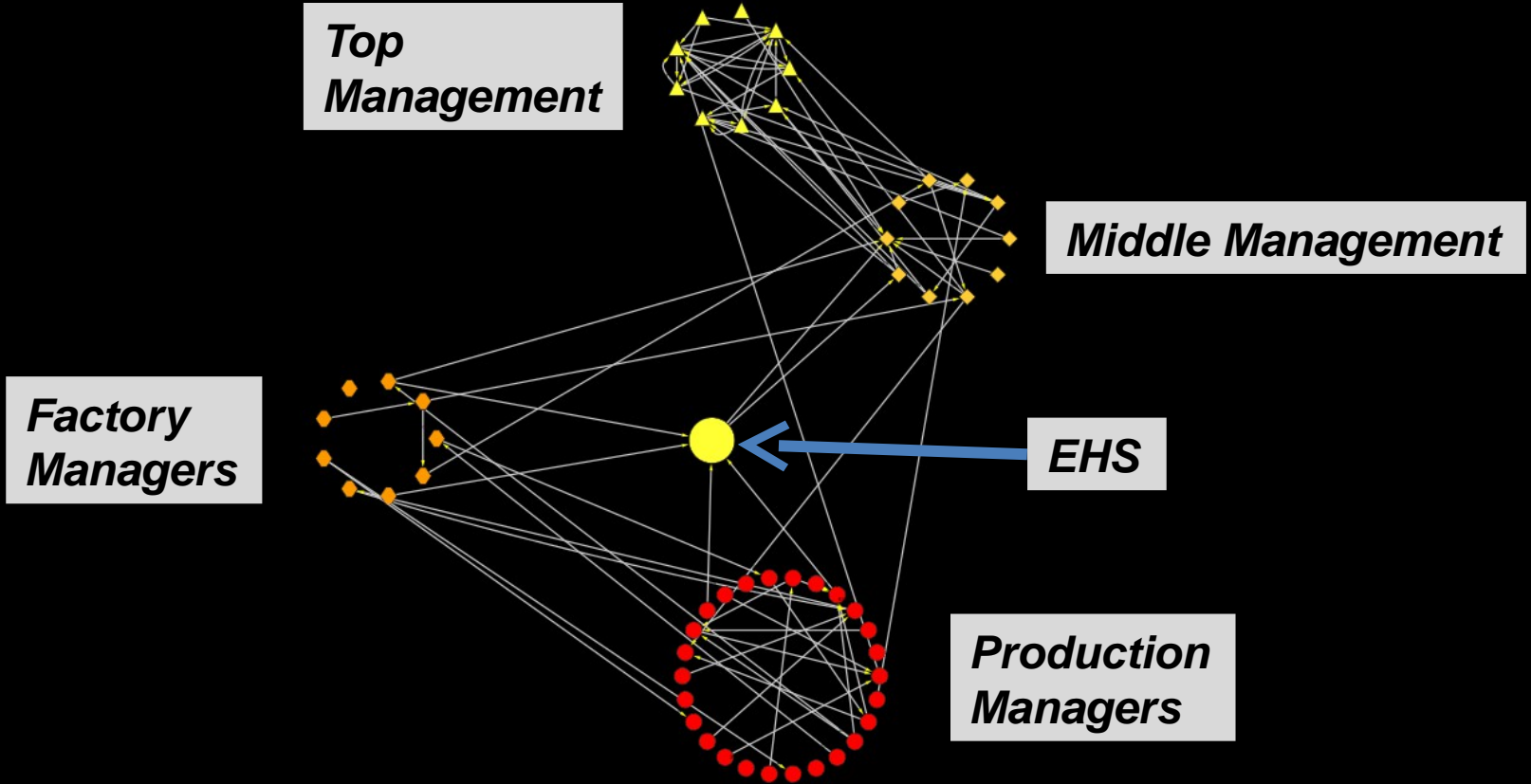
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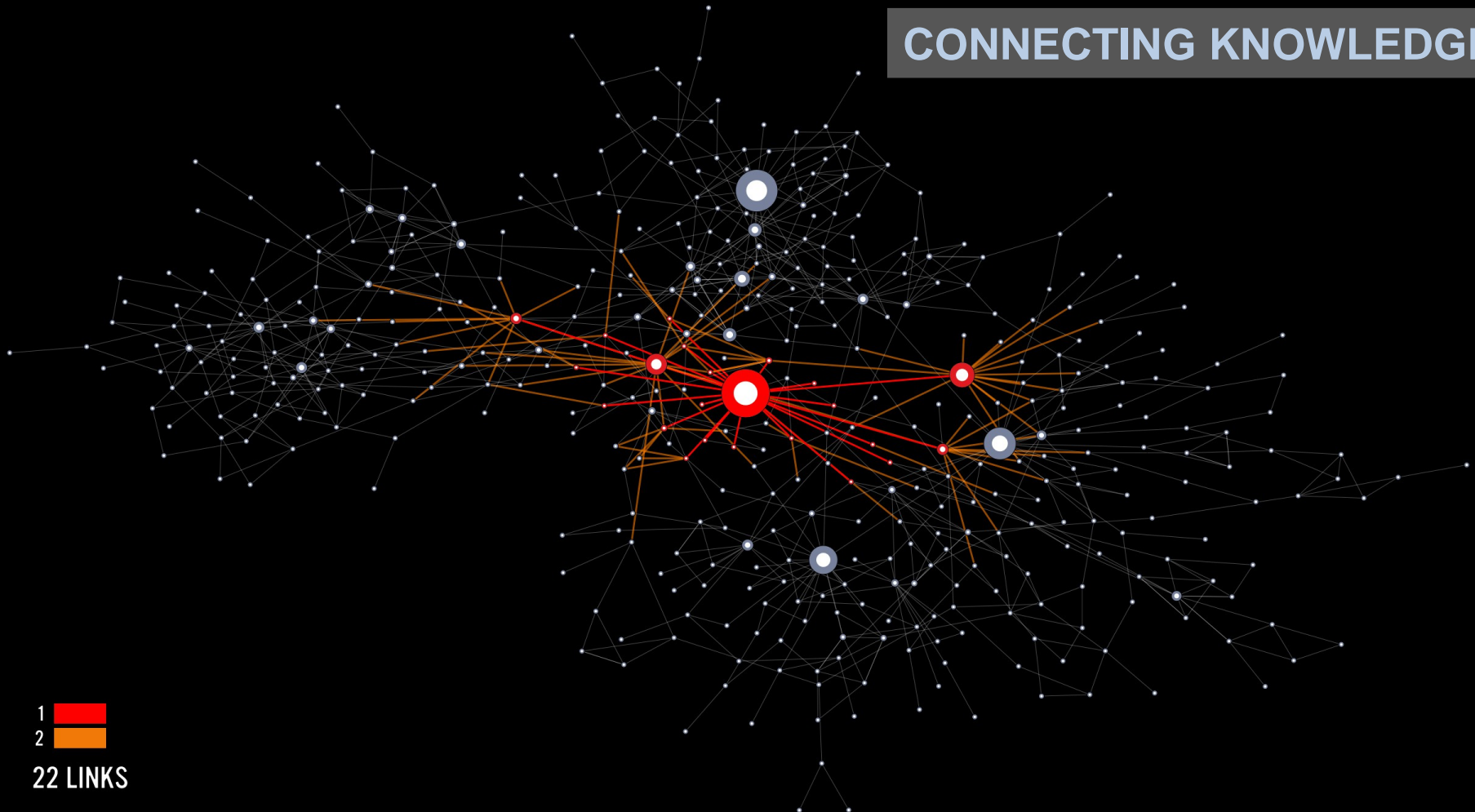


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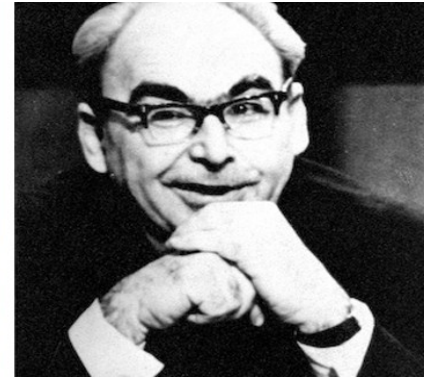
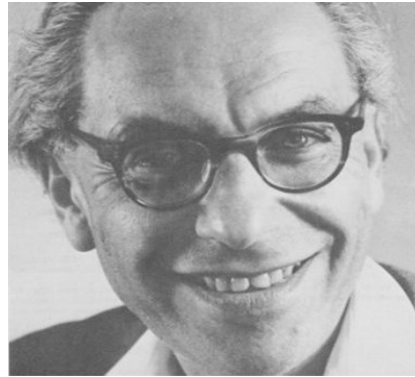


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22 LINKS

# RANDOM NETWORK MODEL

**Pál Erdős**  
(1913-1996)



## Erdős-Rényi model (1960)

Connect with probability  $p$

$$p = 1/6 \quad N = 10$$

$$\langle k \rangle \sim 1.5$$

