

Complex Networks

Social Networks Analysis and Graph Algorithms

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What is networks science?

- Network science studies complex networks:
 - Social networks, telecommunication networks, computer networks, biological networks, cognitive and semantic networks
- A network is an interconnected object with:
 - elements or actors represented by nodes
 - connections between them represented as links

Complex systems

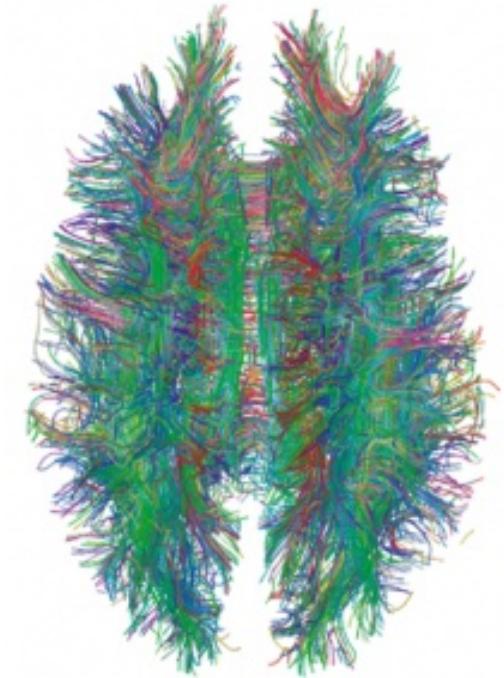
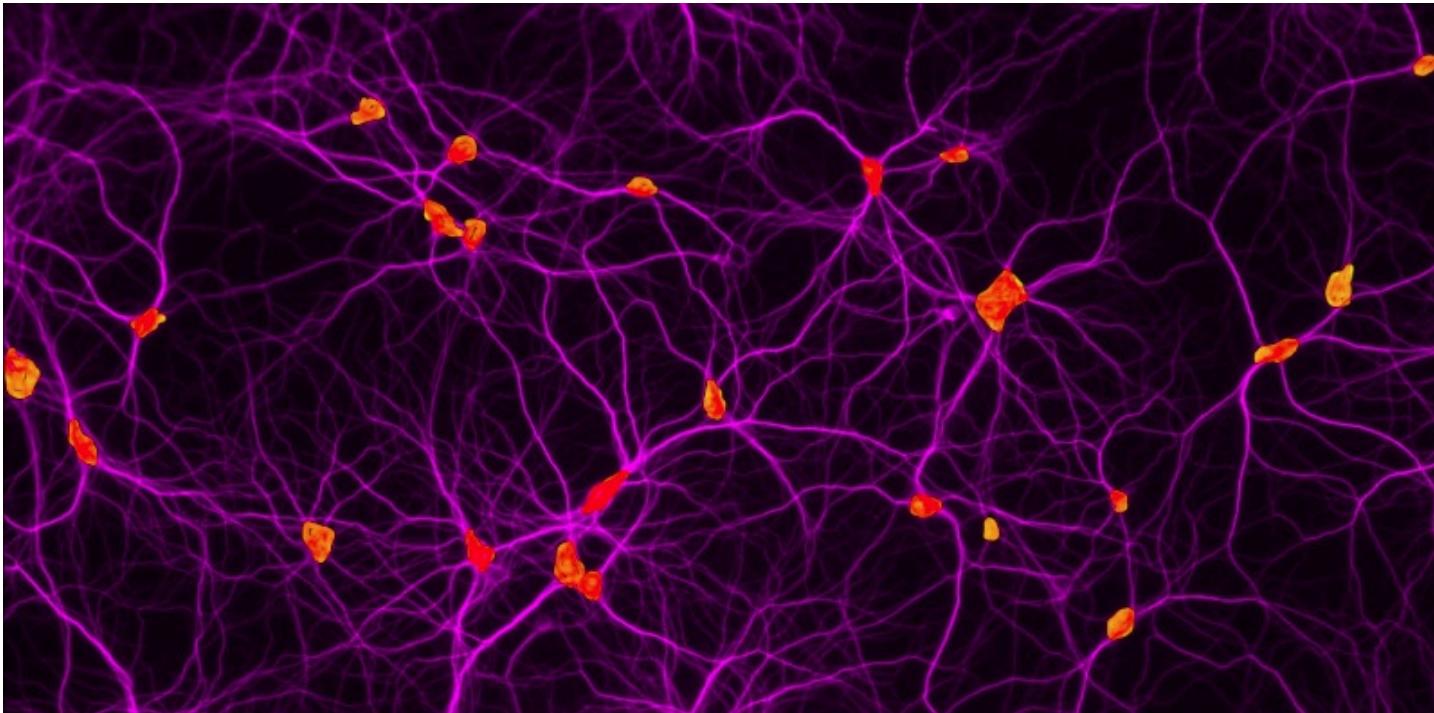
- Many interconnected parts
- Intricate arrangement of connections
- **Emerging properties**



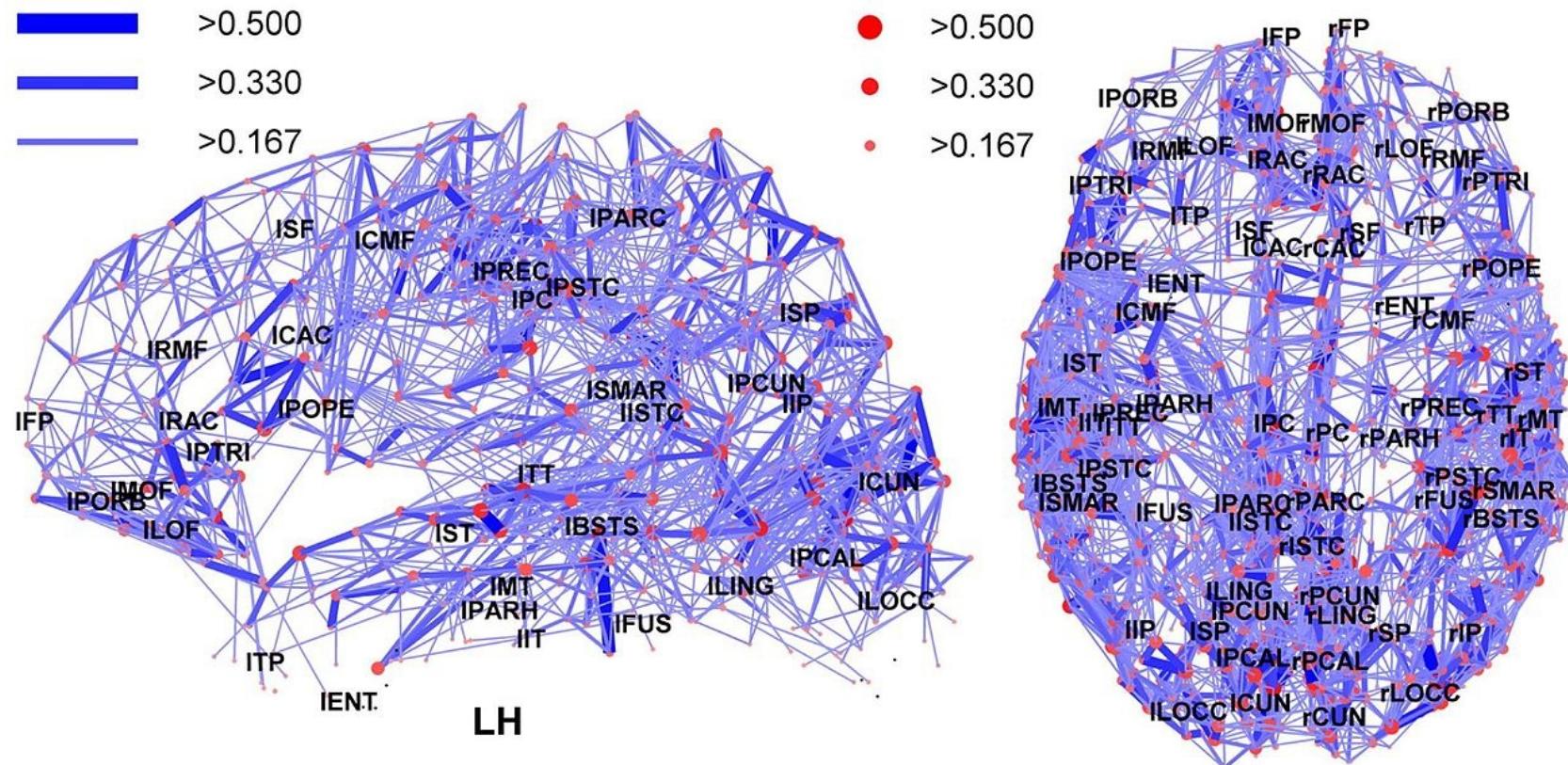
Behind every complex system there is a complex network

- Connections between neurons in the brain
- Interactions between genes and proteins
- Family/friendship links in human and non-human animals
- Infrastructure of telecommunications, electricity
- Commerce/trade networks

Human brain: $|V| \simeq 90 \times 10^9$

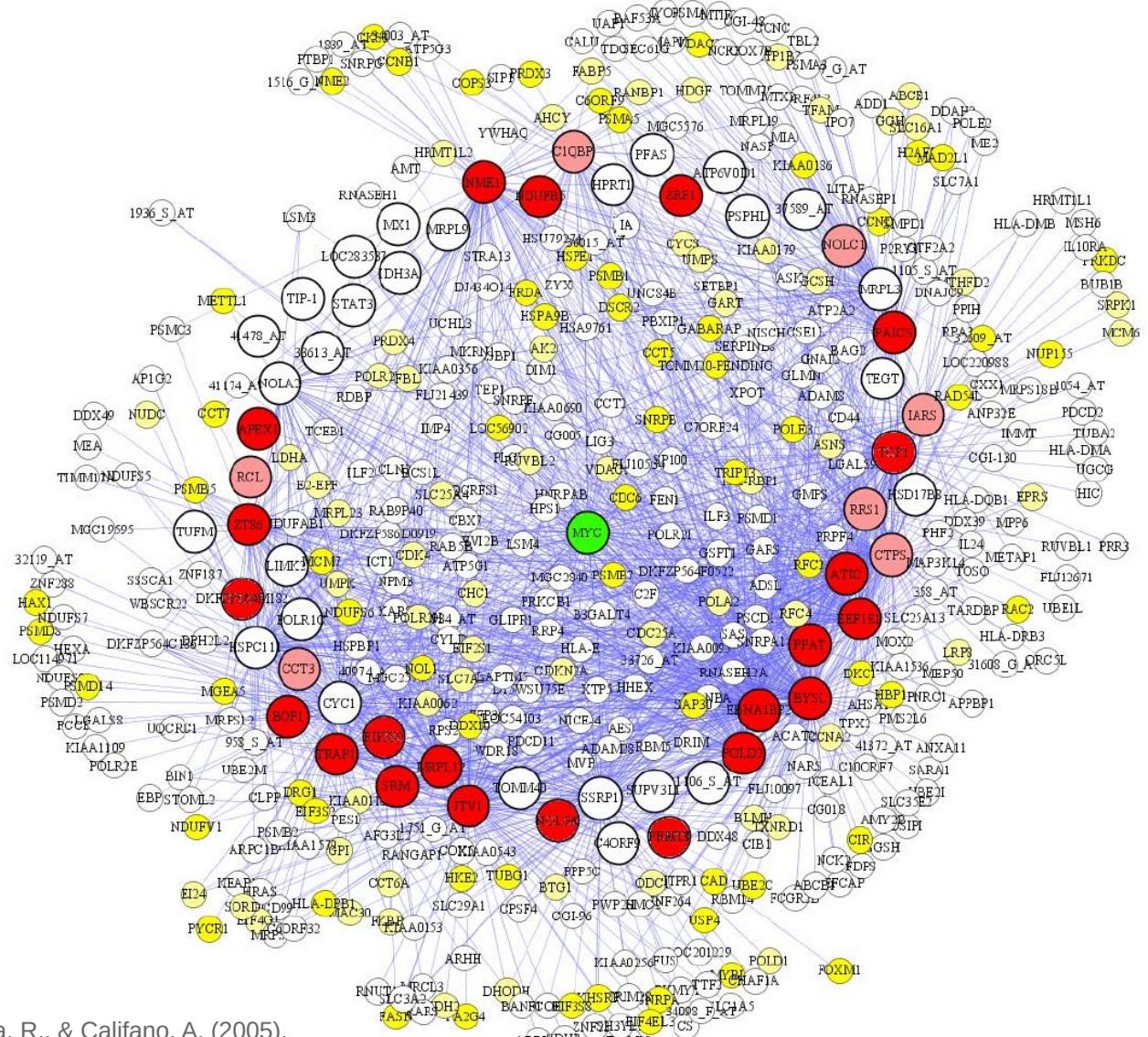


Regions in the human brain



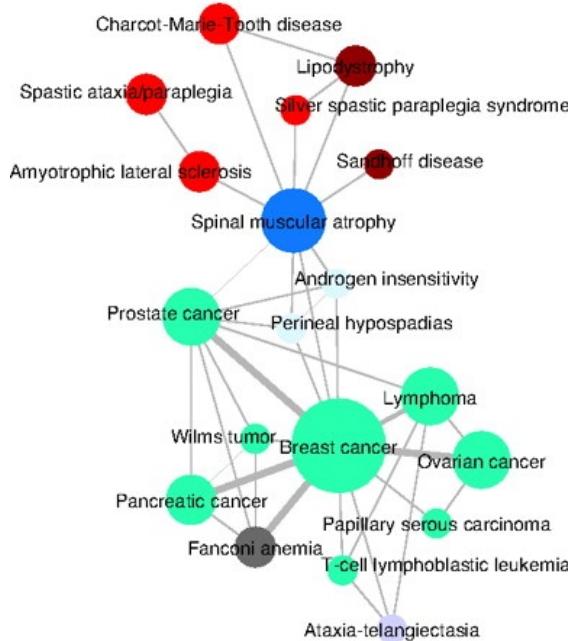
Genes

$|V|=500$ in this plot

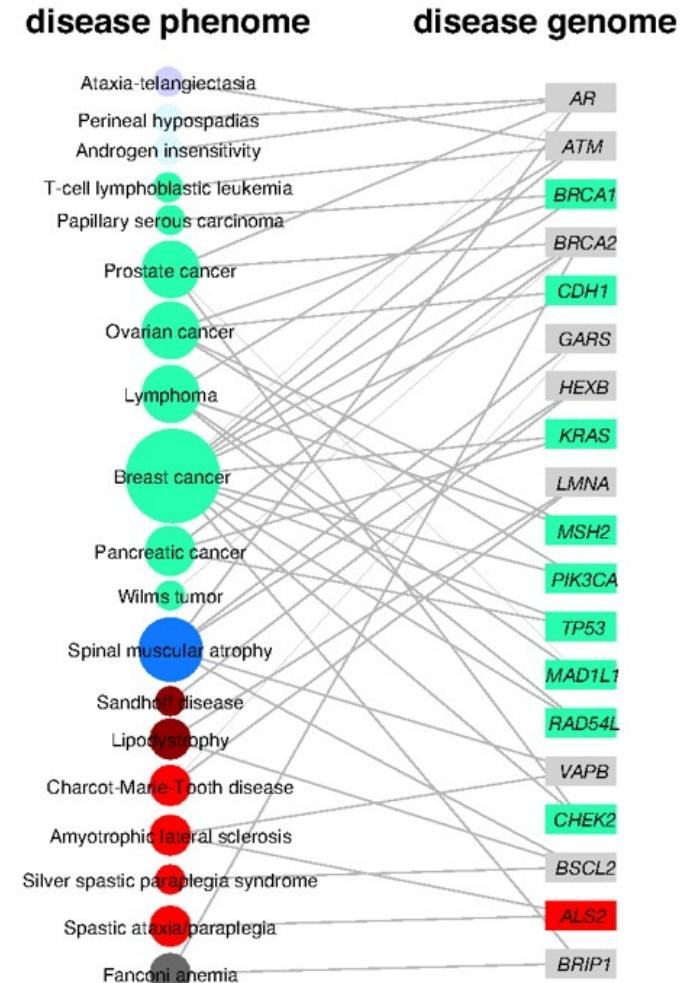


Human disease network

Human Disease Network
(HDN)

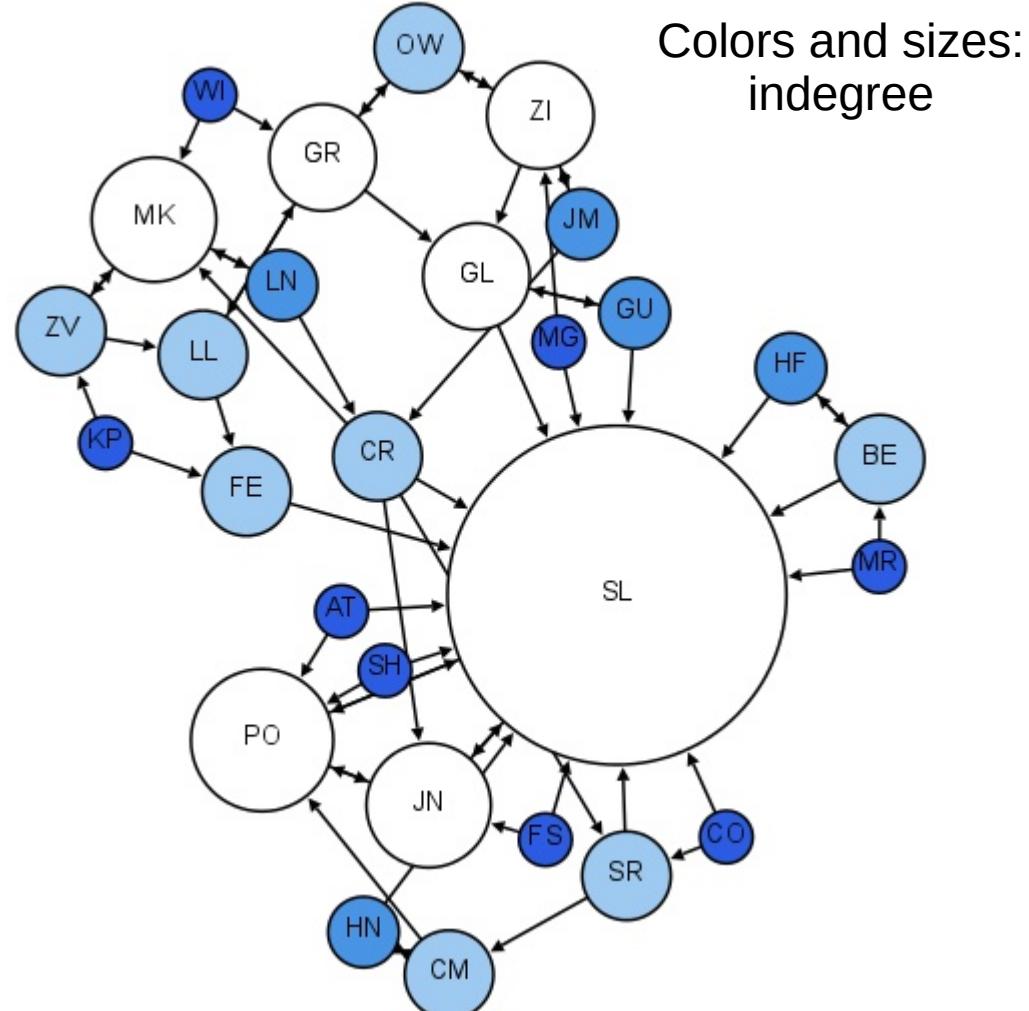


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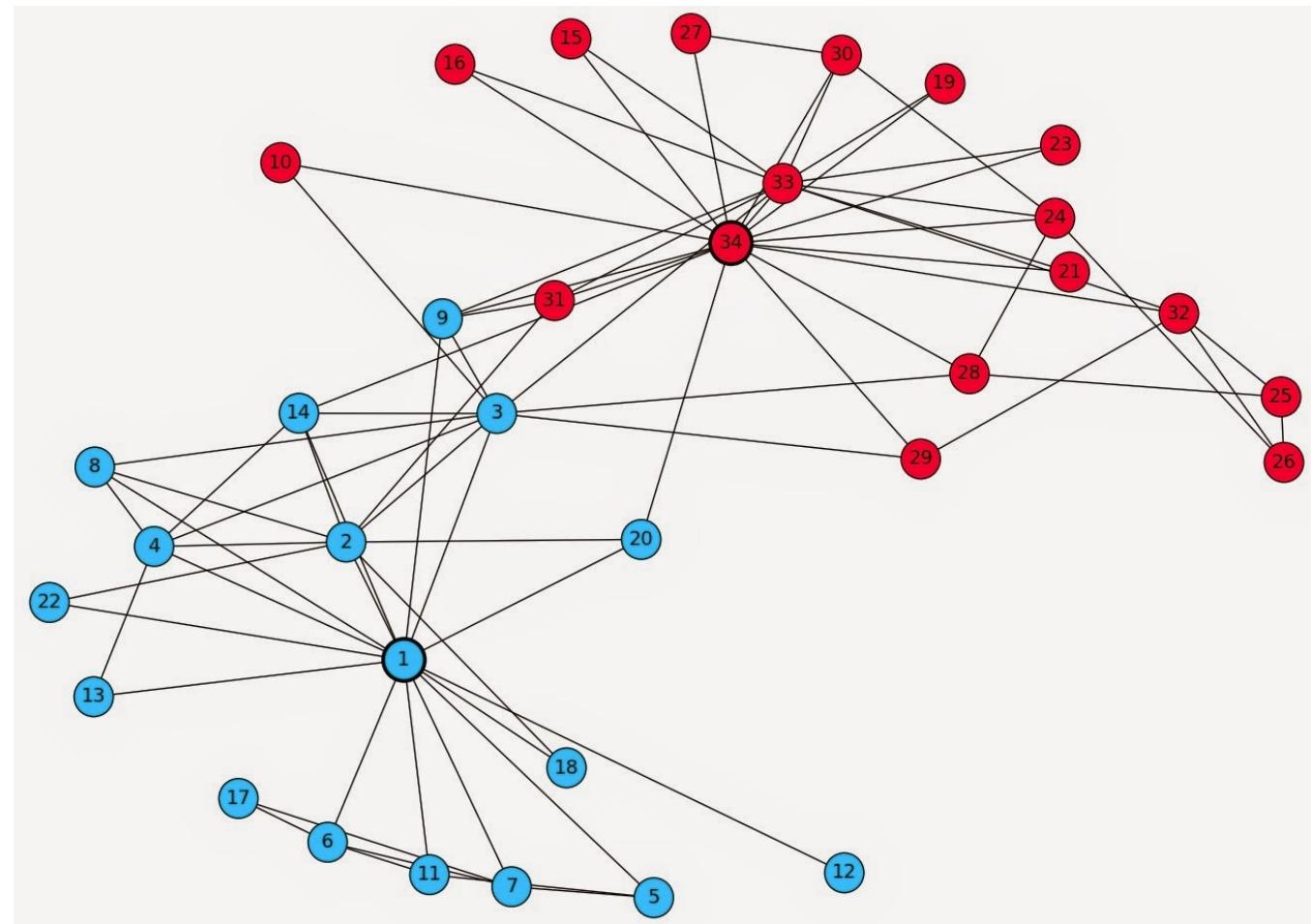
Moreno's sociograms

- Early 1930s
- Children in 2nd grade
- Who would you like to sit with?



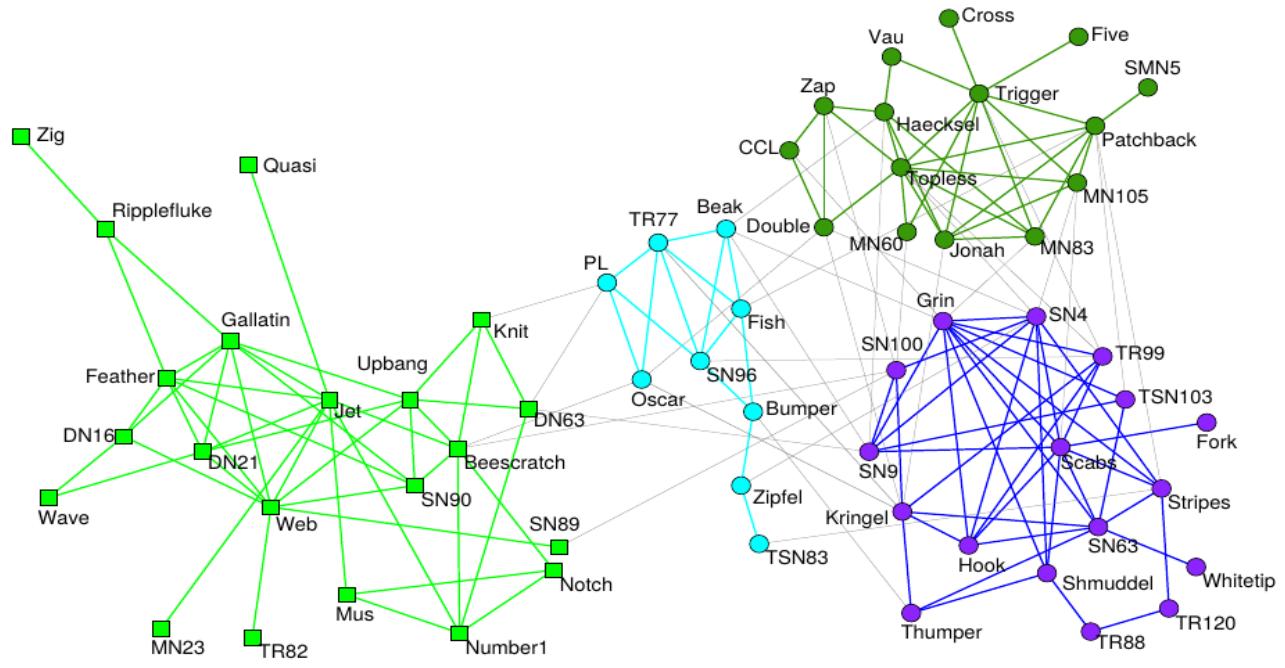
Zachary's Karate Club

Karate club that split into two clubs
(led by 1 and 34)



Dolphins in a fjord in New Zealand

- Research following a school of dolphins in the wild (2003)
- Look for dolphins swimming together
- Found **long-lasting associations**; research has been repeated with other non-human animals (e.g., sheep)



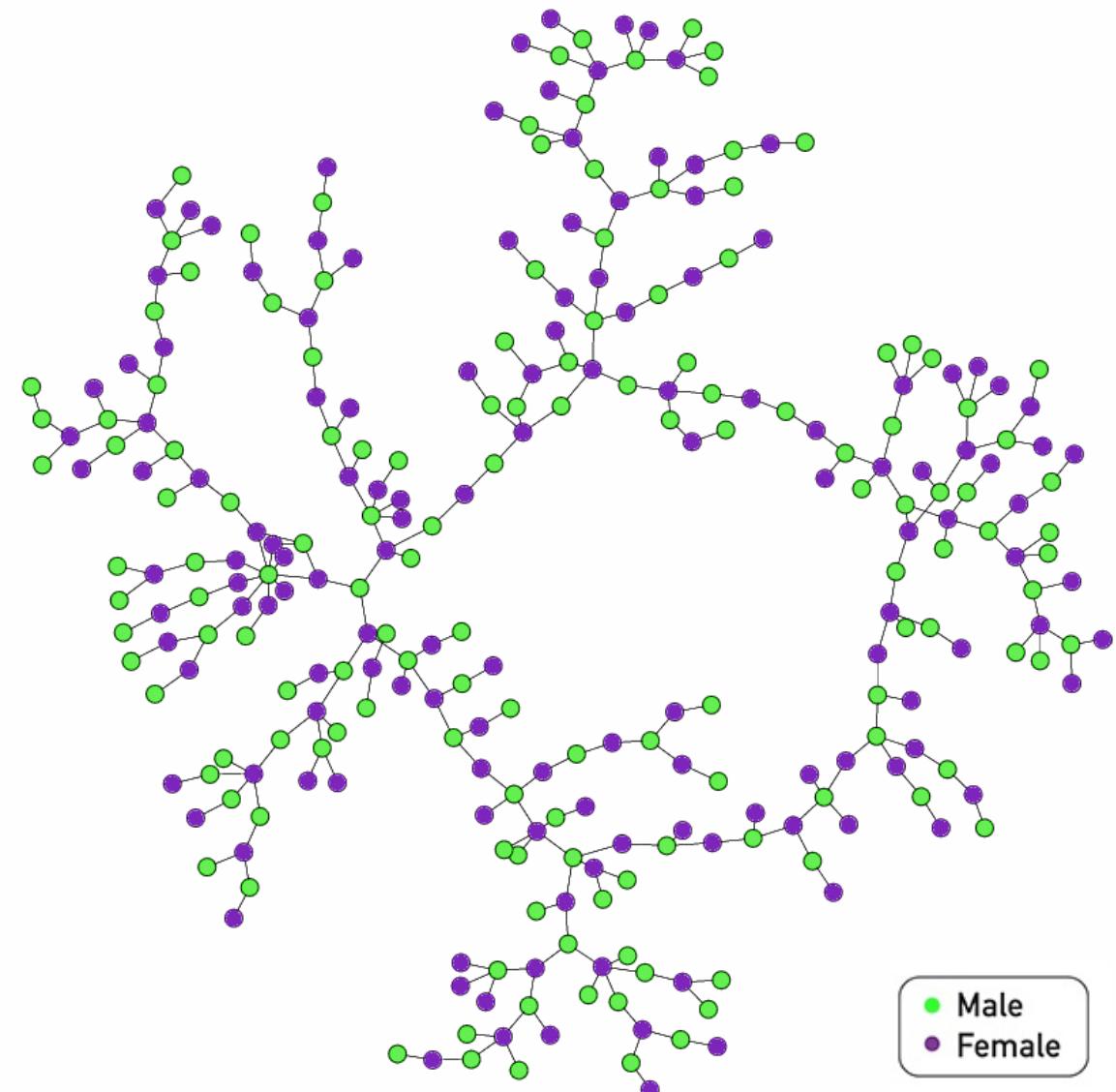
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I really like dolphins

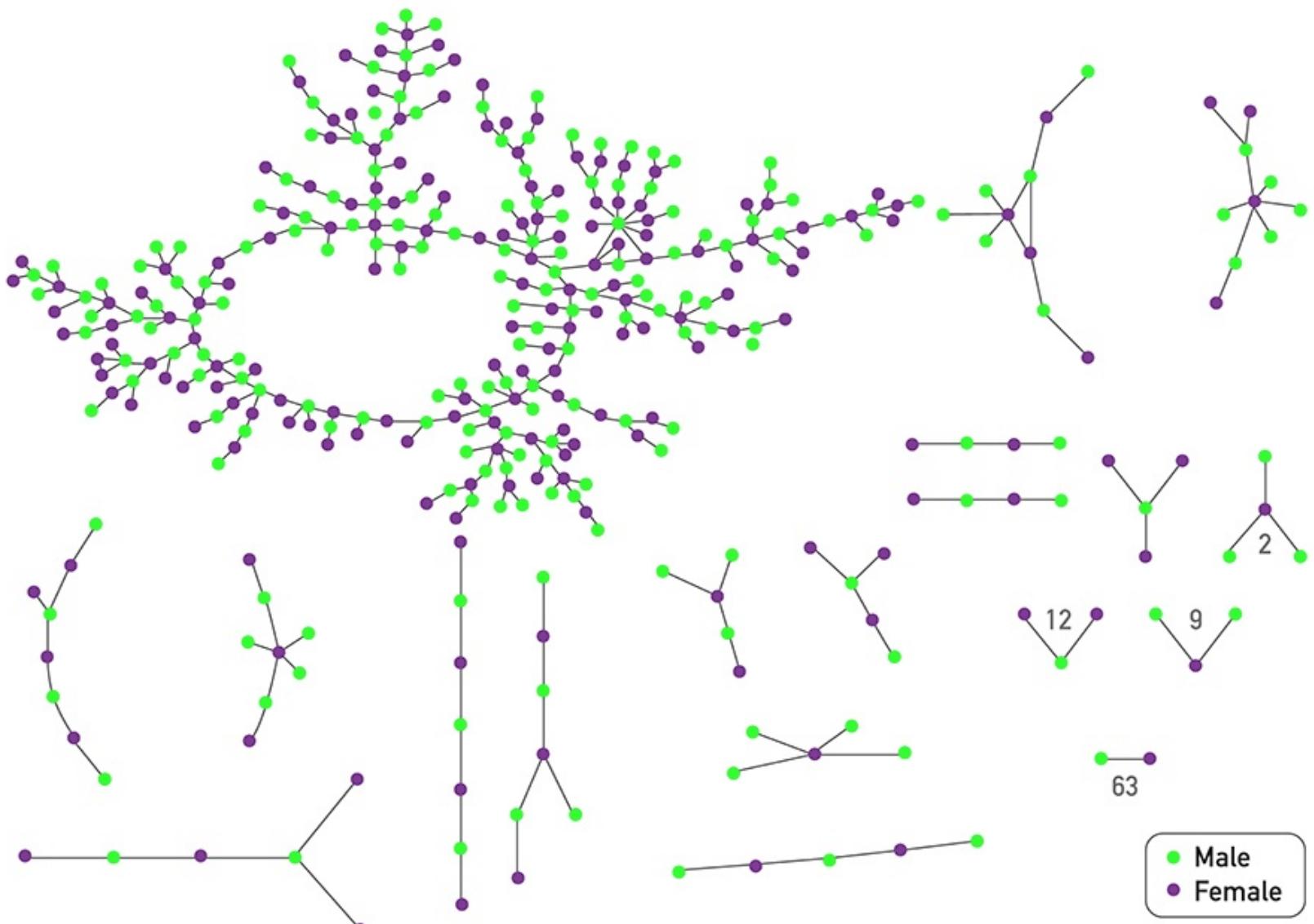


Chains of affection

- Early 2000s
- Adolescents in high school
- A “*special romantic relationship*” or a “*nonromantic sexual relationship*” in the past 18 months

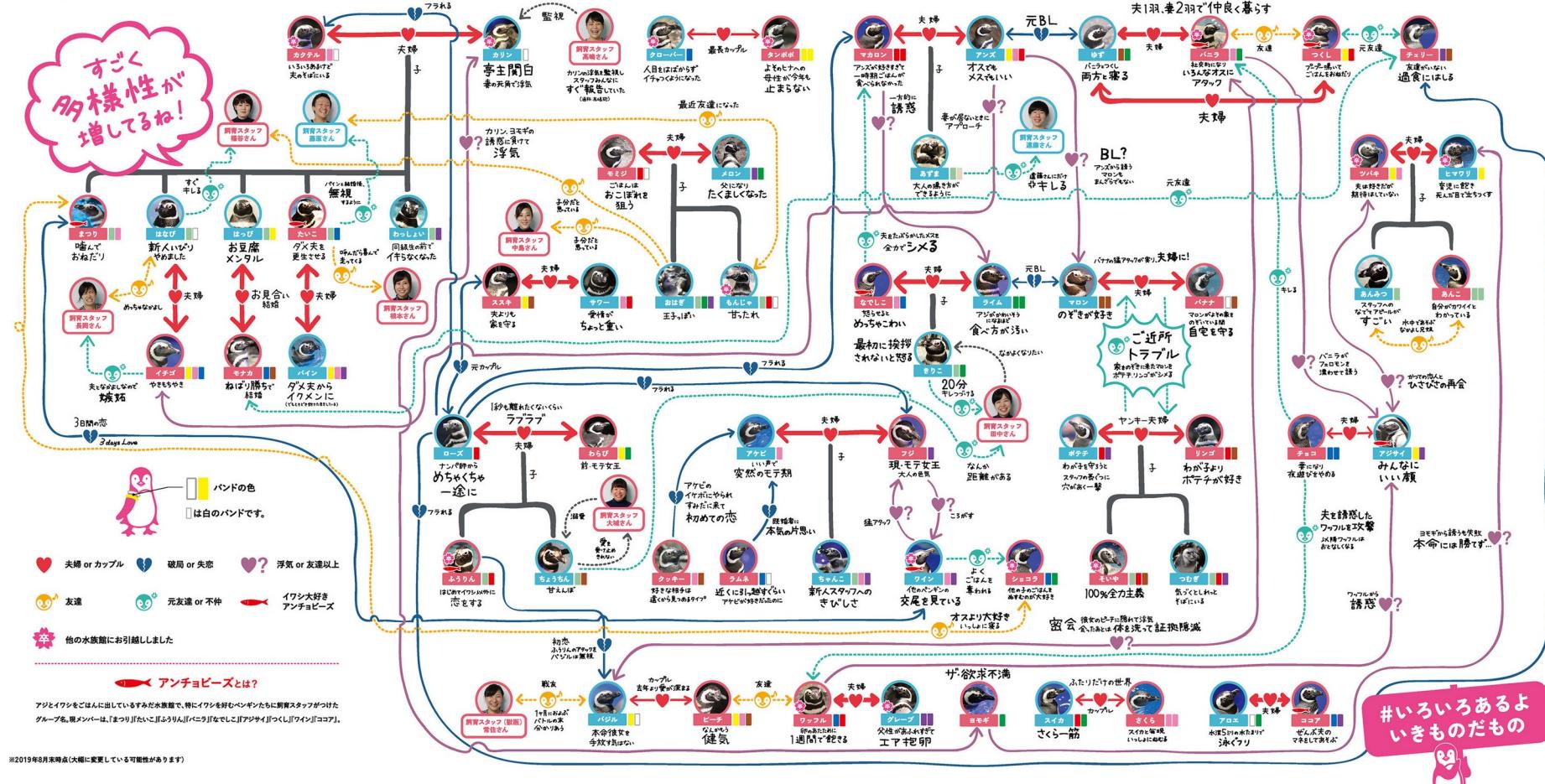


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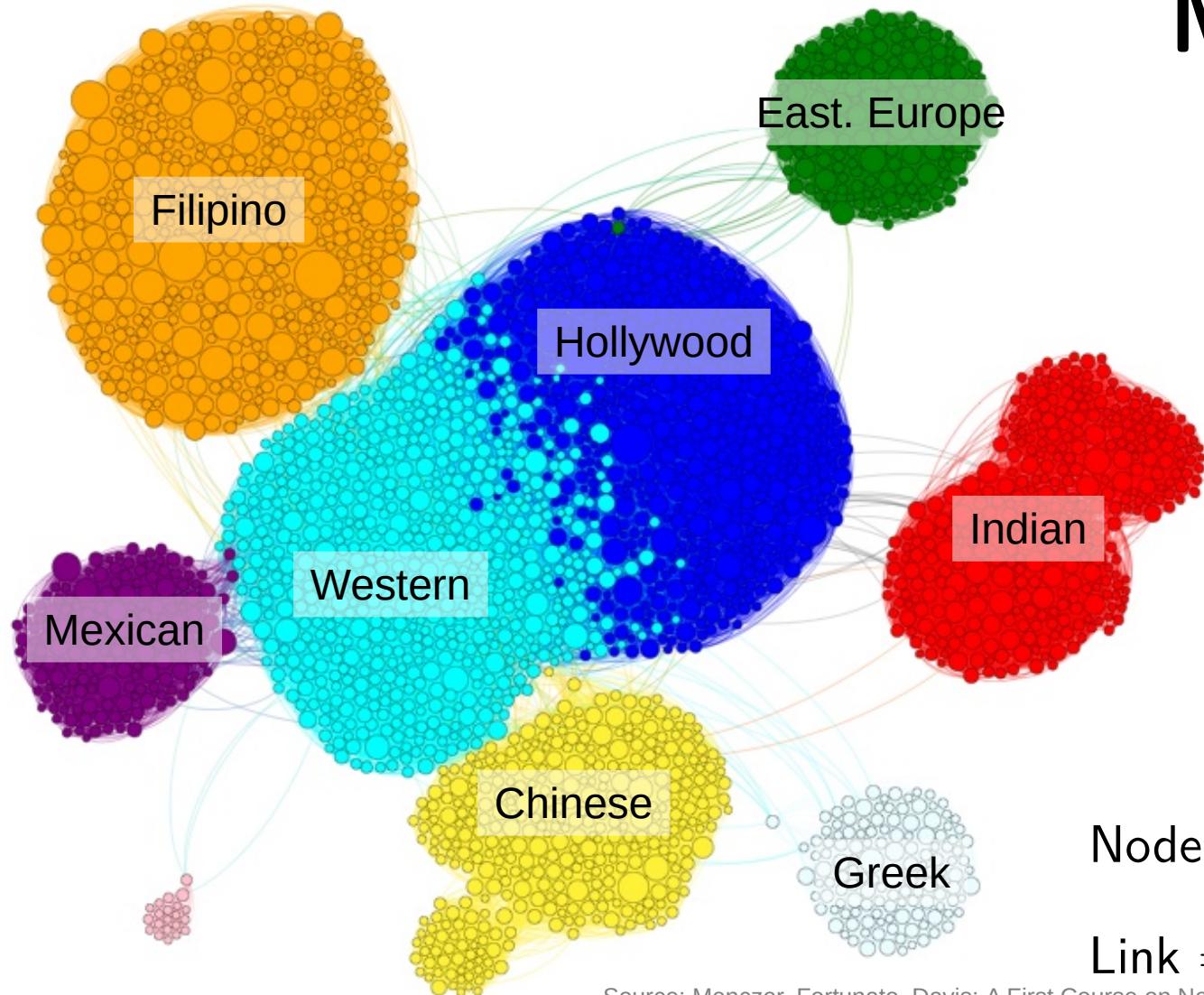
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かわいい!
たのしい!
ややこしい

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Complex relationships between penguins
Image: <https://www.sumida-aquarium.com/>

Movie stars in international cinema



Node = actor/actress

Link = appear in the same movie



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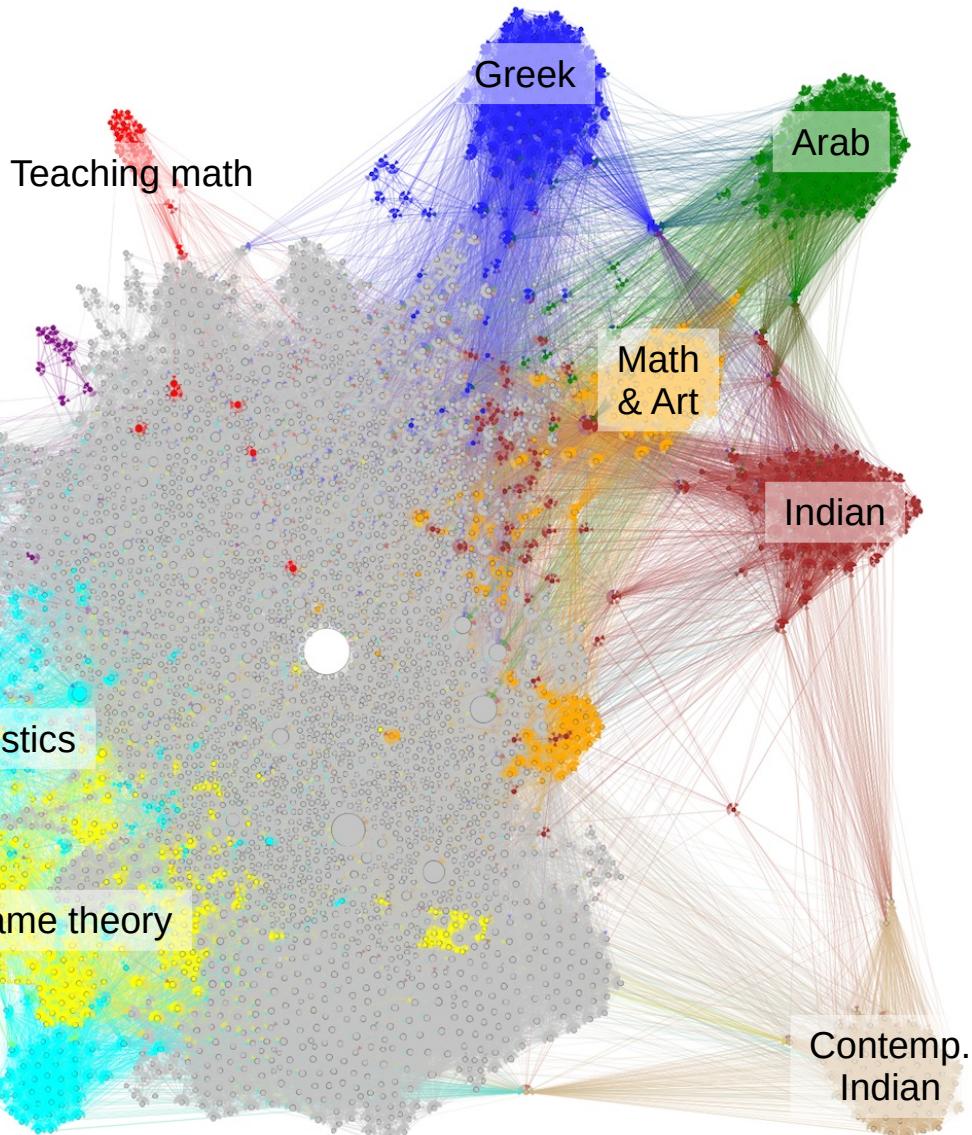
Articles about mathematics

Math software

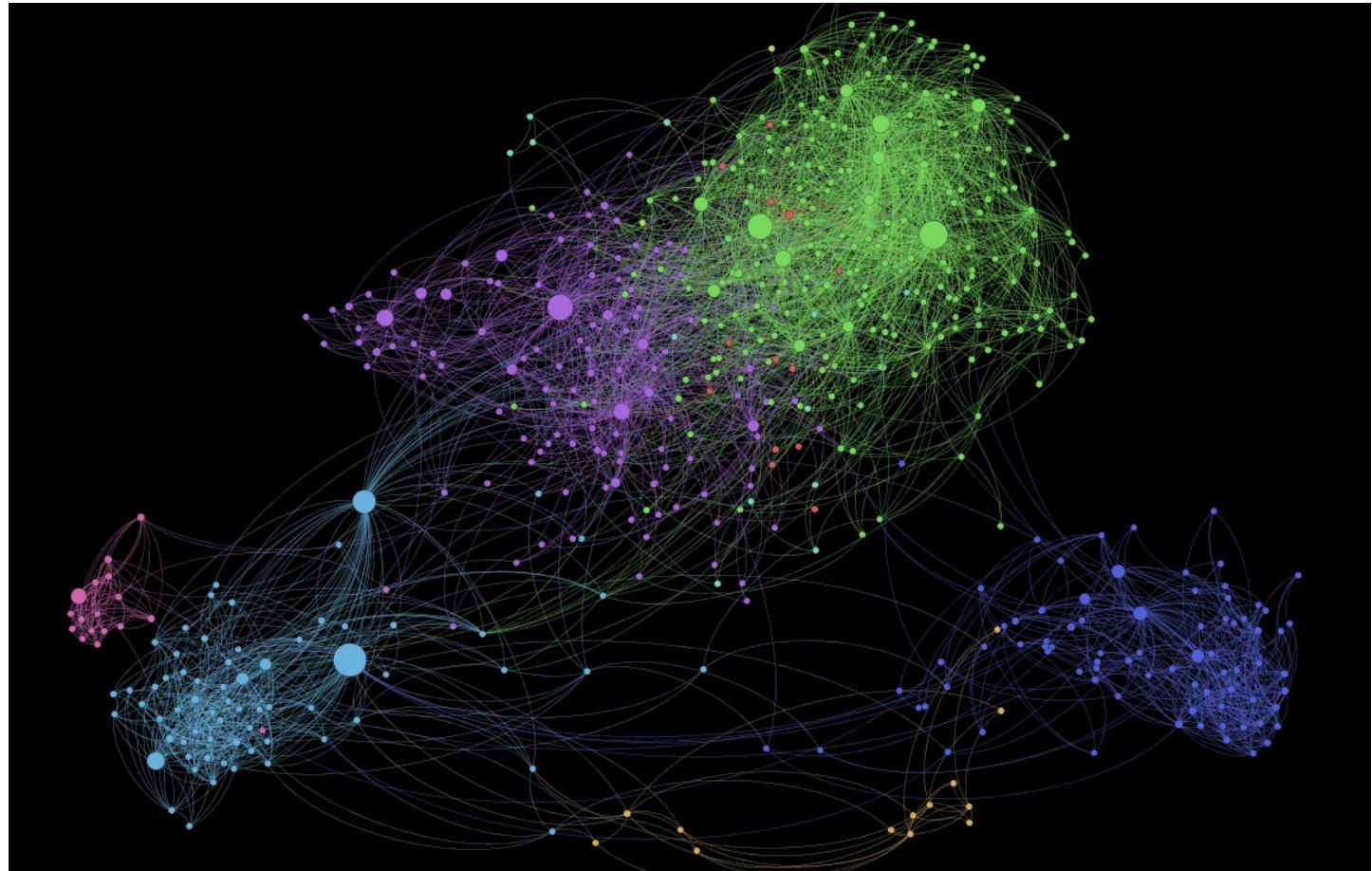
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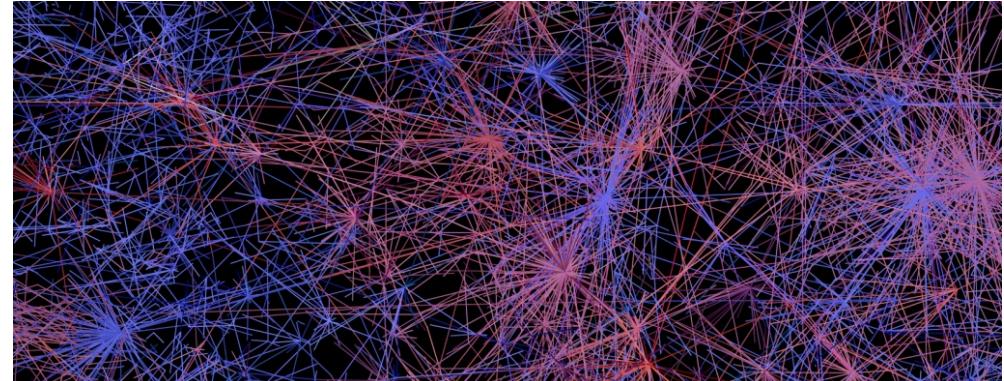
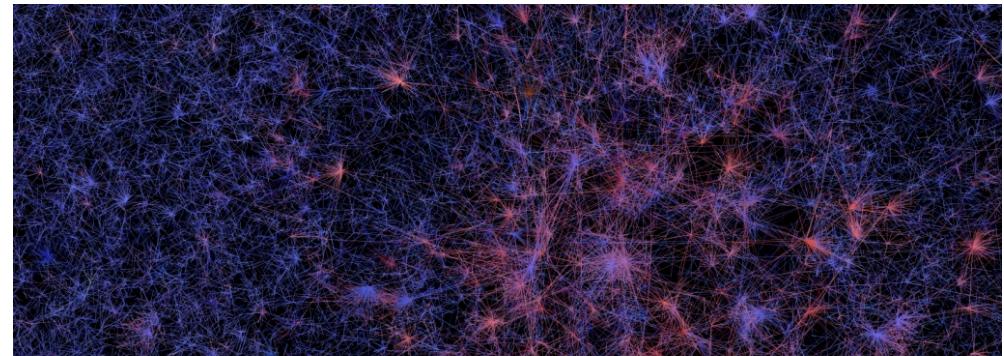
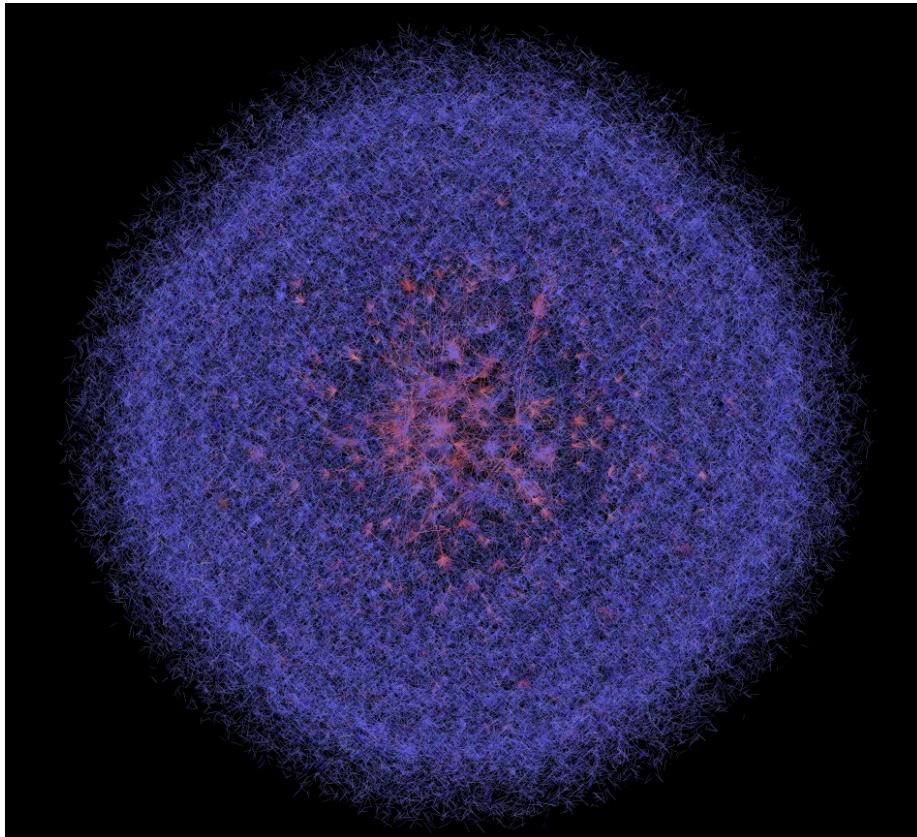
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1,000 Somali Users of Facebook



400,000 Twitter Users



What could complex networks have in common? Why those regularities could be relevant? How would you find out what they are?

Universality of complex networks

“A key discovery of network science is that the architectures of networks emerging in various domains of science, nature and technology are similar to each other, a consequence of being governed by the same organizing principles.” (Barabási 2016)

Exercise

- Find examples of networks, just indicating:
 - Name
 - Number of nodes (approximately)
 - Number of edges (approximately)

Answer in Nearpod Collaborate
<https://nearpod.com/student/>
Code to be given during class

Things to remember

- Definitions: complex system, complex network
- Examples of complex networks