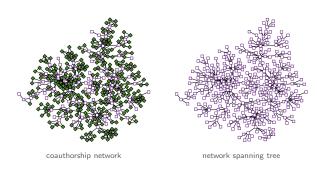
## backbones & skeletons

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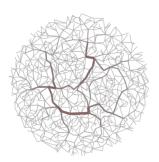
## skeletons overview

- network backbone retains strongest links/information flow sparsification technique that removes as many links as possible
- network skeleton retains micro/meso/macro structure [CN17] simplification technique that retains as many links as possible



## skeletons geodesics

— betweenness/salience skeletons of synthetic graph [GTB12] betweenness/salience ~ number of geodesics/spanning trees including edge



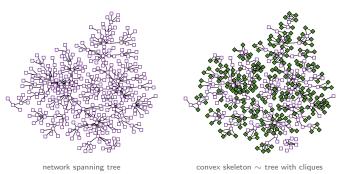
high-betweenness backbone



high-salience skeleton

# skeletons convexity

— convex skeleton of famous network scientists [MŠ18, Šub18] largest skeleton where every subgraph includes most geodesics



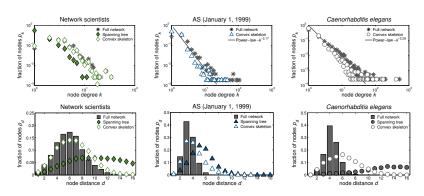
### skeletons statistics

— large-scale statistics of skeletons of networks [Šub18]
convex skeletons retain connectivity, clustering and geodesics

	clustering $\langle C \rangle$			geodesics $\langle \sigma \rangle$			convexity Xs		
	N	CS	ST	N	CS	ST	N	CS	ST
Jazz musicians	0.62	0.81	0.00	9.71	1.97	1.00	0.12	0.84	1.00
Network scientists	0.74	0.75	0.00	2.66	1.47	1.00	0.85	0.95	1.00
Computer scientists	0.48	0.54	0.00	4.08	1.42	1.00	0.64	0.95	1.00
Plasmodium falciparum	0.02	0.07	0.00	3.71	1.77	1.00	0.43	0.95	1.00
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	0.07	0.10	0.00	2.58	1.19	1.00	0.68	0.88	1.00
Caenorhabditis elegans	0.06	0.12	0.00	6.79	3.03	1.00	0.56	0.85	1.00
AS (January 1, 1998)	0.18	0.21	0.00	3.87	2.32	1.00	0.66	0.91	1.00
AS (January 1, 1999)	0.18	0.27	0.00	3.54	2.05	1.00	0.49	0.95	1.00
AS (January 1, 2000)	0.20	0.25	0.00	4.81	3.07	1.00	0.59	0.90	1.00
Little Rock Lake	0.32	0.69	0.00	22.13	4.32	1.00	0.02	0.82	1.00
Florida Bay (wet)	0.33	0.79	0.00	9.17	1.37	1.00	0.03	0.92	1.00
Florida Bay (dry)	0.33	0.82	0.00	9.37	1.65	1.00	0.03	0.93	1.00

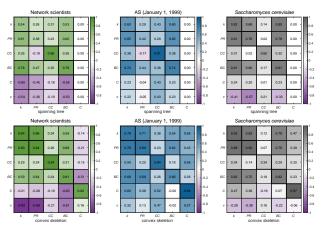
### skeletons distributions

node distributions of skeletons of networks [Šub18]
convex skeletons retain node degrees and distances



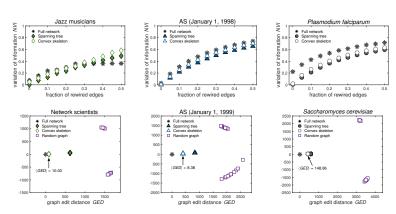
## skeletons centralities

node centralities in skeletons of networks [Šub18]
convex skeletons retain node centralities and clustering



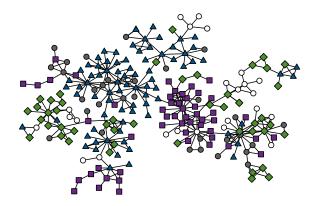
### skeletons communities

communities & robustness of skeletons of networks [Šub18]
convex skeletons highlight communities with short edit distance



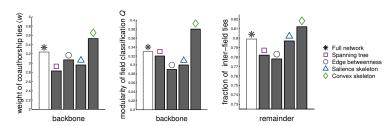
# skeletons coauthorships

— convex skeleton of SI computer scientists [Šub18, ŠFCK19] computer theory (♠), information syst. (■), intelligent syst. (▲), programming (o) etc.



## skeletons properties

properties of skeletons of coauthorships [Šub18, ŠFCK19]
convex skeletons retain strong intra-field coauthorships



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