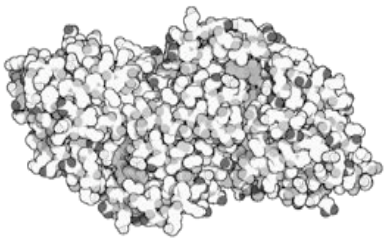
Bioinformatics 2

Protein (Interaction) Networks

- Biological Networks in general
- Metabolic networks
- Briefly review proteomics methods
- Protein-Protein interactions
- Protein Networks
- Protein-Protein interaction databases
- An example

alcohol dehydrogenase



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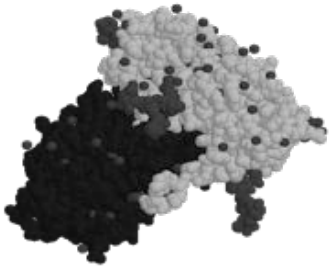
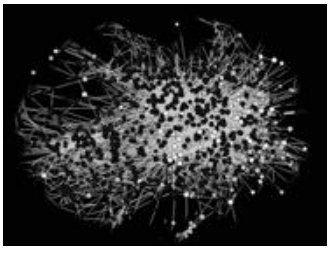


synaptic proteome

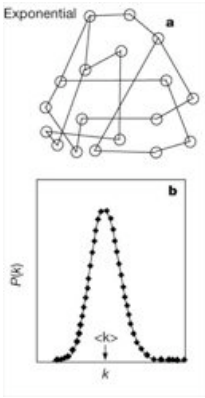


Biological Networks

- Genes - act in cascades
- Proteins - form functional complexes
- Metabolism - formed from enzymes and substrates
- The CNS - neurons act in functional networks
- Epidemiology - mechanics of disease spread
- Social networks - interactions between individuals in a population
- Food Chains

Large scale organisation

- First networks in biology generally modeled using classic random network theory.
- Each pair of nodes is connected with probability *p*
- Results in model where most nodes have the same number of links <*k*>
- The probability of any number of links per node is P(*k*)≈e^{-k}



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Non-biological networks

- Research into WWW, internet and human social networks observed different network properties
  - 'Scale-free' networks
  - P(*k*) follows a power law: P(*k*)≈*k*$^{-\gamma}$
  - Network is dominated by a small number of highly connected nodes - hubs
  - These connect the other more sparsely connected nodes

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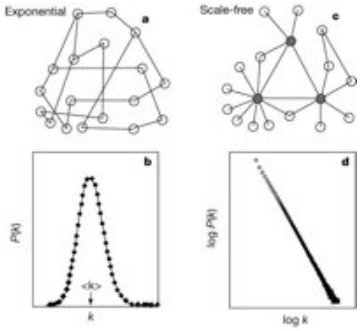

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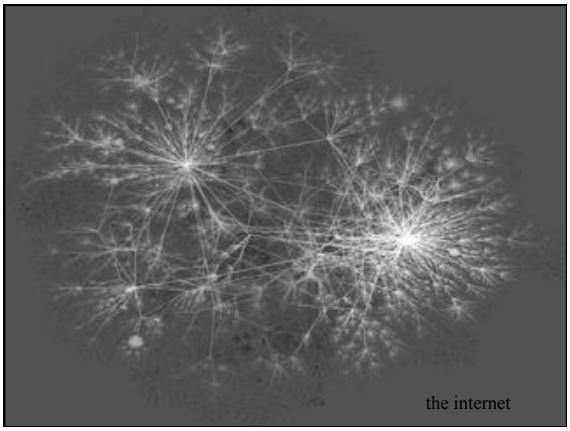

Small worlds

- General feature of scale-free networks
  - any two nodes can be connected by a relatively short path
  - average between any two people is around 6
    - What about SARS???
  - 19 clicks takes you from any page to any other on the internet.

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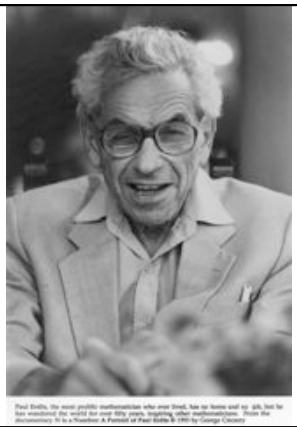
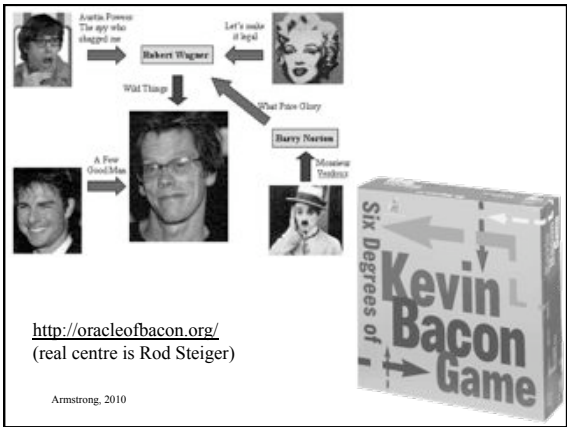
6 degrees of separation..?

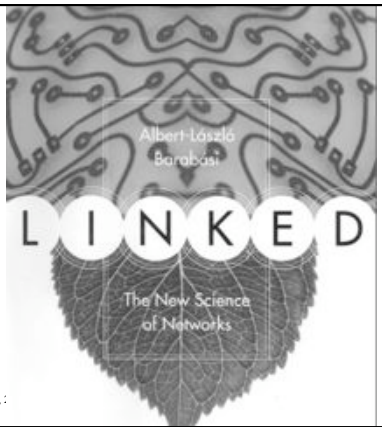
- Stanley Milgram's work in late 1960's
- Sent letters to people in Nebraska
- Target unknown person in Massachusetts
- Average 6 'jumps' to reach target

(only 5% got there)





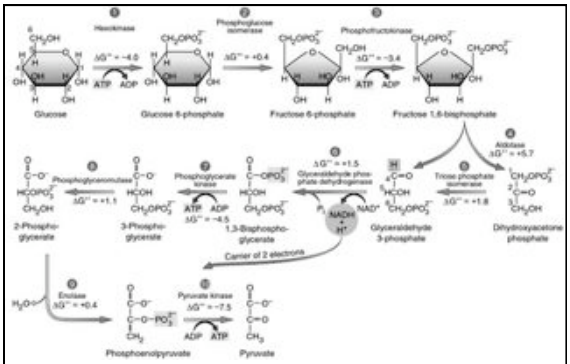
http://oracleofbacon.org/
(real centre is Rod Steiger)



Biological organisation

Jeong et al., 2000 The large-scale organisation of metabolic networks. Nature 407, 651-654

- Pioneering work by Oltvai and Barabasi
- Systematically examined the metabolic pathways in 43 organisms
- Used the WIT database
  - 'what is there' database
  - http://wit.mcs.anl.gov/WIT2/
  - Genomics of metabolic pathways



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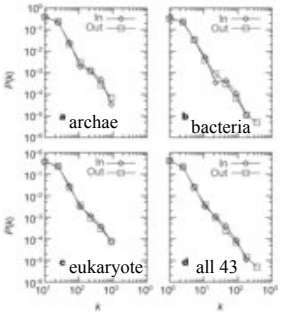
Using metabolic substrates as nodes



=scale free!!!

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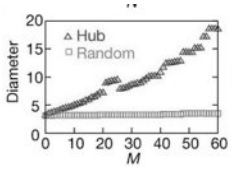
Random mutations in metabolic networks

- Simulate the effect of random mutations or mutations targeted towards hub nodes.
  - Measure network diameter
  - Sensitive to hub attack
  - Robust to random



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Consequences for scale free networks

- Removal of highly connected hubs leads to rapid increase in network diameter
  - Rapid degeneration into isolated clusters
  - Isolate clusters = loss of functionality
- Random mutations usually hit non hub nodes
  - therefore robust
- Redundant connectivity (many more paths between nodes)

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Network Motifs

- Do all types of connections exist in networks?
- Milo et al studied the transcriptional regulatory networks in yeast and E.Coli.
- Calculated all the three and four gene combinations possible and looked at their frequency

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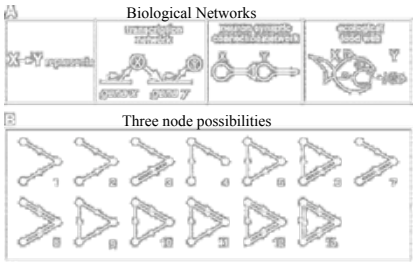
Milo et al. 2002 Network Motifs: Simple Building Blocks of Complex Networks. Science 298: 824-827



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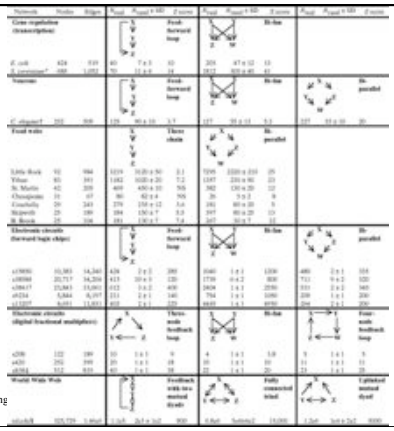
Gene sub networks

Network	Nodes	Edges	N_{real}	$N_{rand} \pm SD$	Z score	N_{real}	$N_{rand} \pm SD$	Z score
Gene regulation (transcription)					**Feed-forward loop**			**Bi-fan**
E. coli	424	519	40	7 ± 3	10	203	47 ± 12	13
*S. cerevisiae**	685	1,052	70	11 ± 4	14	1812	300 ± 40	41

Heavy bias in both yeast and E.coli towards these two sub network architectures

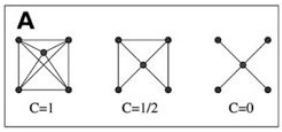


What about known complexes?

- OK, scale free networks are neat but how do all the different functional complexes fit into a scale free proteome arrangement?
  - e.g. ion channels, ribosome complexes etc?
- Is there substructure within scale free networks?
  - Examine the clustering co-efficient for each node.

Clustering co-efficients and networks.

- $C_i = 2n/k_i(k_i-1)$
- n is the number of direct links connecting the k_i nearest neighbours of node i
- A node at the centre of a fully connected cluster has a C of 1



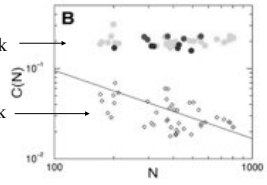
Clustering co-efficients and networks.

Ravasz et al.,(2002) Hierarchical Organisation of Modularity in Metabolic Networks. Science 297, 1551-1555

- The modularity (ave C) of the metabolic networks is an order of magnitude higher than for truly scale free networks.

Metabolic network →

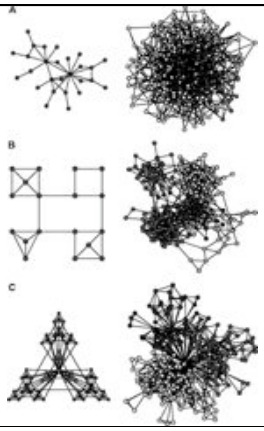
Non modular network →



No modularity
Scale-free

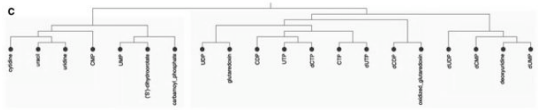
Highly modular
Not scale free

Hierarchical network
Scale-free



Clustering on C

- Clustering on the basis of C allows us to rebuild the sub-domains of the network



- Producing a tree can predict functional clustered arrangements.

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Cluster analysis on the network

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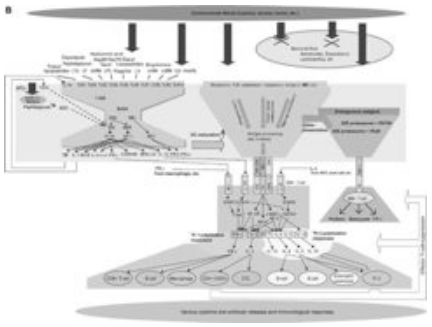
Bow-tie and nested bow-tie architectures



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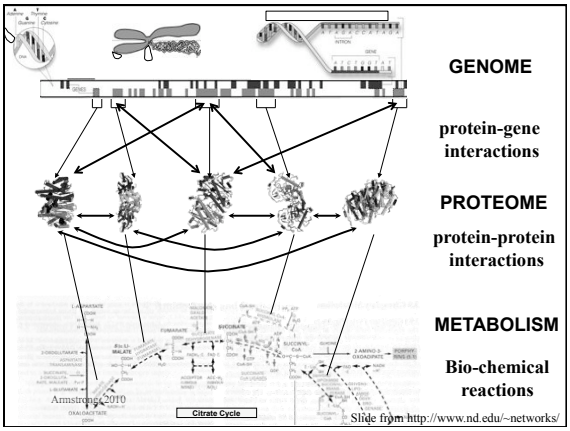

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Common Biological Networks

- Genes - Microarrays
  - cDNA arrays
  - oligonucleotide arrays
  - whole genome arrays
- Proteins - Proteomics
  - yeast two hybrid
  - PAGE techniques
  - Mass Spectrometry (Lecture 2)

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Proteomics

- What is Proteomics?
  - Protein profiling in a sample
  - Reveal protein interactions
  - Current state of proteins in sample
- What is there?
  - 2D PAGE, DiGE & Mass Spec (Juri)
- How is it connected together?

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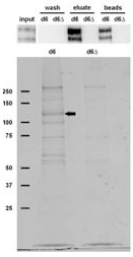
Proteomics - PAGE techniques

- Proteins can be run through a poly acrylamide gel (similar to that used to seqparate DNA molecules).
- Can be separated based on charge or mass.
- 2D Page separates a protein extract in two dimensions.



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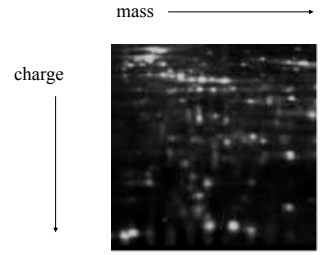
2D Page



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DiGE

- We want to compare two protein extracts in the way we can compare two mRNA extracts from two paired samples
- Differential Gel Electrophoresis
- Take two protein extracts, label one green and one red (Cy3 and Cy5)

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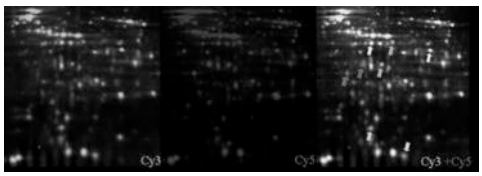
DiGE



- The ratio of green:red shows the ratio of the protein across the samples.

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Identifying a protein 'blob'

- Unlike DNA microarrays, we do not normally know the identify of each 'spot' or blob on a protein gel.
- We do know two things about the proteins that comprise a blob:
  - mass
  - charge

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Identifying a protein 'blob'

- Mass and Charge are themselves insufficient for positive identification.
- Recover from selected blobs the protein (this can be automated)
- Trypsin digest the proteins extracted from the blob (chops into small pieces)

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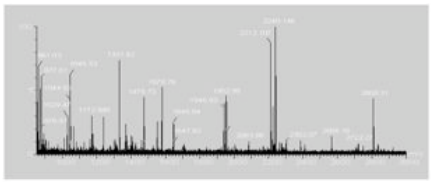
Identifying a protein 'blob'

- Take the small pieces and run through a mass spectrometer. This gives an accurate measurement of the weight of each.
- The total weight and mass of trypsin digested fragments is often enough to identify a protein.
- The mass spec is known as a MALDI-TOFF

Identifying a protein 'blob'



MALDI-TOFF output from myosin
Good for rapid identification of single proteins.
Does not work well with protein mixtures.

Identifying a protein 'blob'

- When MALDI derived information is insufficient. Need peptide sequence:
- Q-TOF allows short fragments of peptide sequences to be obtained.
- We now have a total mass for the protein, an exact mass for each trypsin fragment and some partial amino acid sequence for these fragments.

Protein Interactions

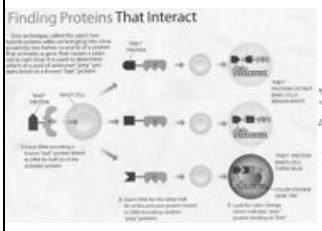
- Individual Proteins form functional complexes
- These complexes are semi-redundant
- The individual proteins are sparsely connected
- The networks can be represented and analysed as an undirected graph

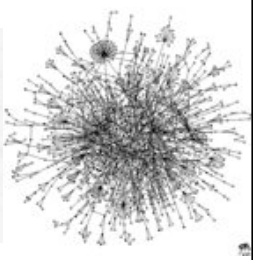
How to build a protein network

- Biological sample – how to you isolate your complex?
- What is in your complex?
- How is it connected?
  - Databases and Literature Mining
  - Yeast two hybrid screening & other cellular interaction assays
  - Mass-spec analysis
- Building and analysing the network
- An example

Yeast protein network

Nodes: proteins
Links: physical interactions (binding)





P. Uetz, *et al.* *Nature* **403**, 623-7 (2000).

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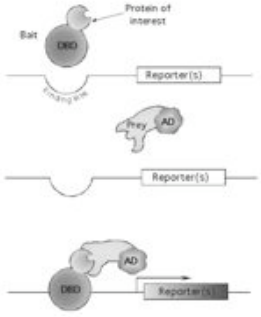
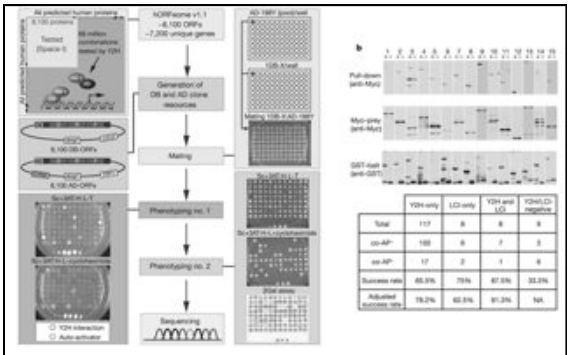
Yeast two hybrid

- Use two mating strains of yeast
- In one strain fuse one set of genes to a transcription factor DNA binding site
- In the other strain fuse the other set of genes to a transcriptional activating domain
- Where the two proteins bind, you get a functional transcription factor.



Data obtained

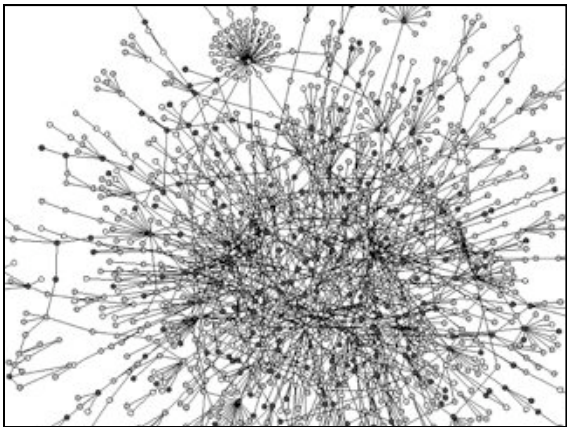
- Depending on sample, you get a profile of potential protein-protein interactions that can be used to predict functional protein complexes.
- False positives are frequent.
- Can be confirmed by affinity purification etc.

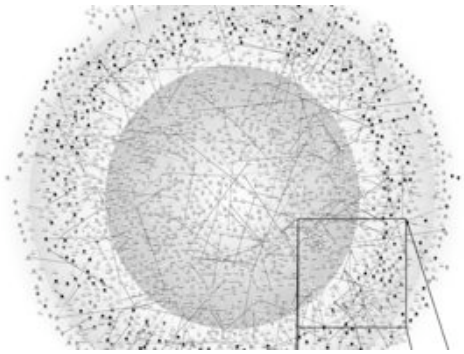


Interaction mapping schema from Rual et al 2005

Protein Networks

- Networks derived from high throughput yeast 2 hybrid techniques
  - yeast
  - *Drosophila melanogaster*
  - *C.elegans*
- Predictive value of reconstructed networks





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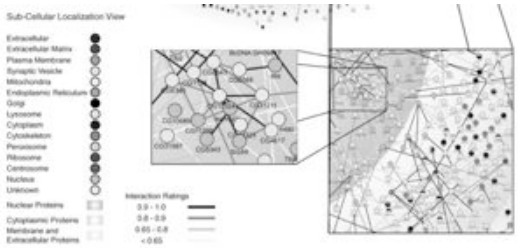

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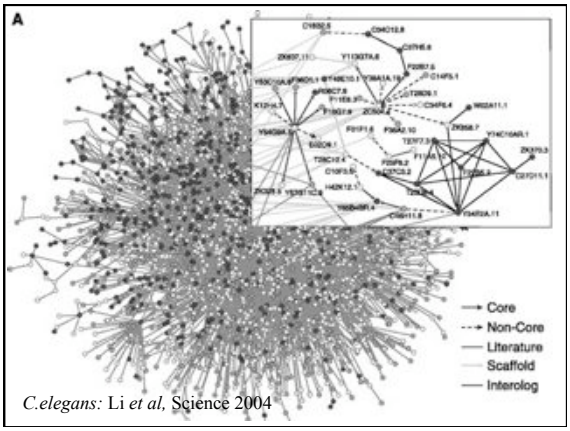

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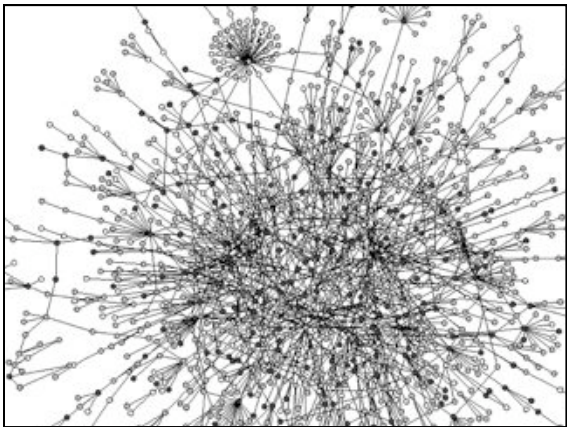

Predictive value of networks

Jeong et al., (2001) Lethality and Centrality in protein networks. Nature 411 p41

- In the yeast genome, the essential vs. unessential genes are known.
- Rank the most connected genes
- Compare known lethal genes with rank order

k	fraction	%lethal
<6	93%	21%
>15	0.7%	62%

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A walk-through example…

See linked papers on for further methodological details

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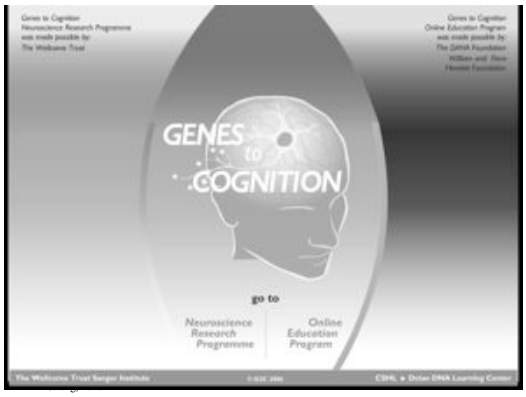

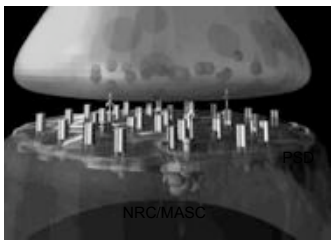

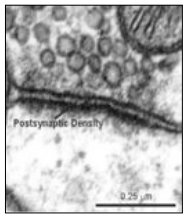

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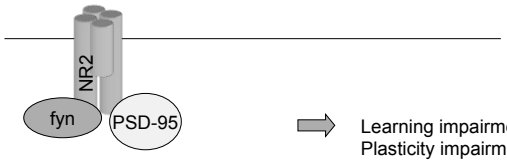
Genetic evidence for postsynaptic complexes

NMDA receptor



Learning impairments
Plasticity impairments

Grant, et al. Science, 258, 1903-10. 1992
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Sprengel et al. Cell 92, 279-89. 1998

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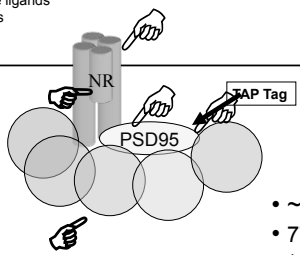
Proteomic characterisation of NRC / MASC

(MAGUK Associated Signaling Complex)

- glutamate ligands
- antibodies
- peptides
- TAP Tag



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- 77 proteins (2000)
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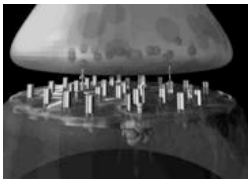

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Choroplasts	81
Lysosomes	27
Exosomes	21

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Literature Mining

- 680 proteins identified from protein preps
- Many already known to interact with each other
- Also interact with other known proteins
  - Immunoprecipitation is not sensitive (only finds abundant proteins)
- Literature searching has identified a group of around 4200 proteins
  - Currently we have extensive interaction data on 1700

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Keyword and synonym problem

- PSD-95:
  - DLG4,PSD-95,PSD95,Sap90,Tip-15,Tip15, Post Synatpic Density Protein - 95kD, PSD 95, Discs, large homolog 4, Presynaptic density protein 95
- NR2a:
  - Glutamate [NMDA] receptor subunit epsilon 1 precursor (N-methyl D-aspartate receptor subtype 2A) (NR2A) (NMDAR2A) (hNR2A) NR2a
- Protein interactions:
  - interacts with, binds to, does not bind to….

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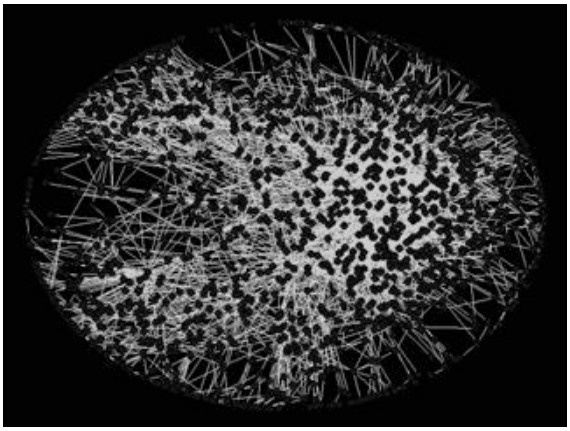

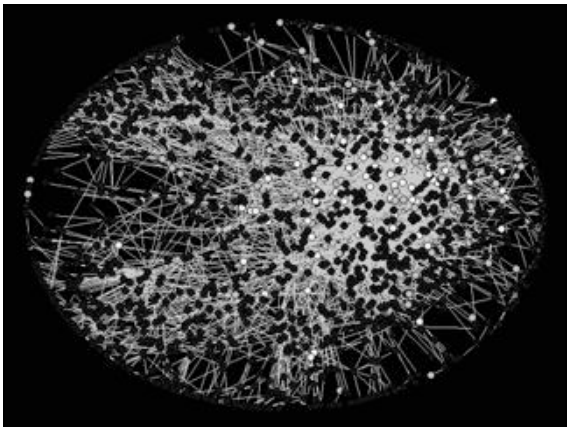

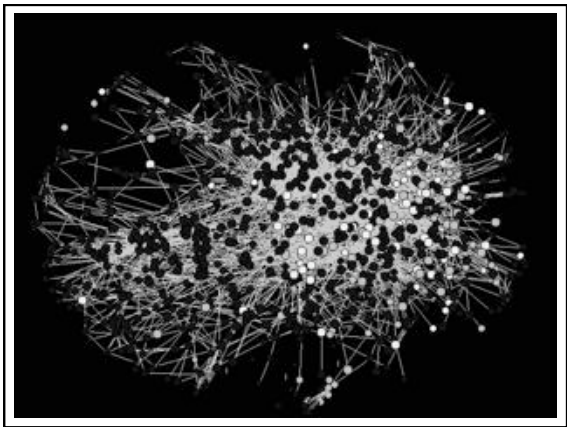

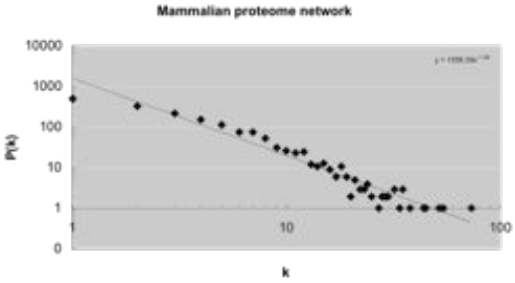

1729 proteins, 7739 links

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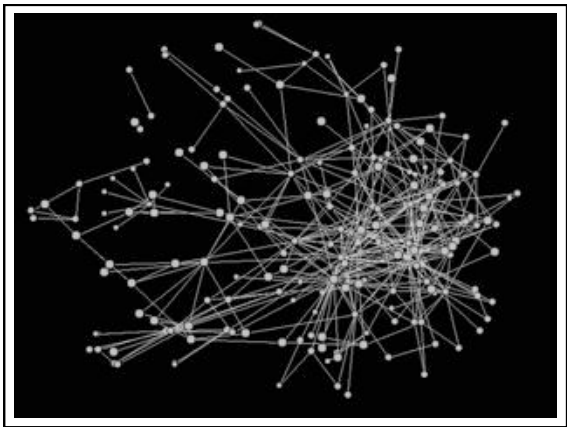

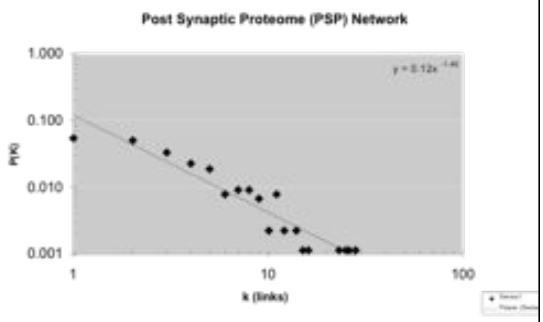

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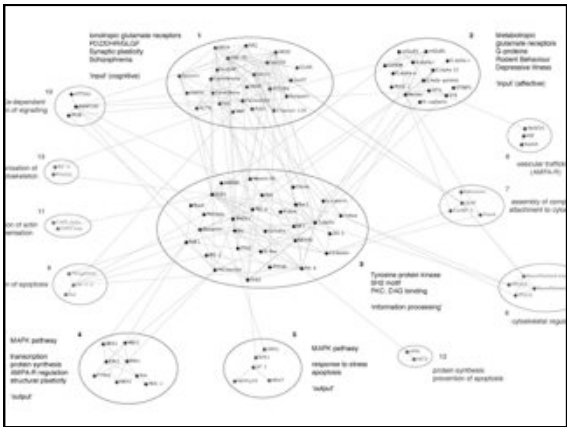
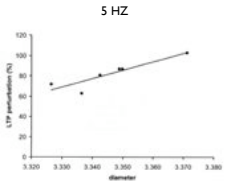


Simulated disruption vs. mutations

Linear correlation between simulation and *in vivo* assay

Details: Mutations in MEK1, SynGAP, NR2AC, PKA, PI3-kinase, PSD-95 were all analysed in a single laboratory (TJ O'Dell, UCSD) under controlled conditions and LTP disruption measured. ($p<0.05$)



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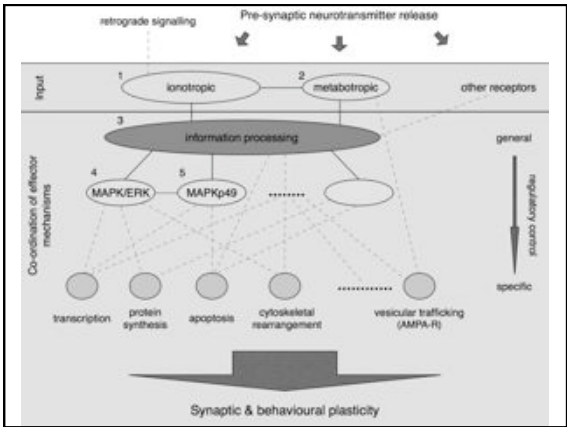

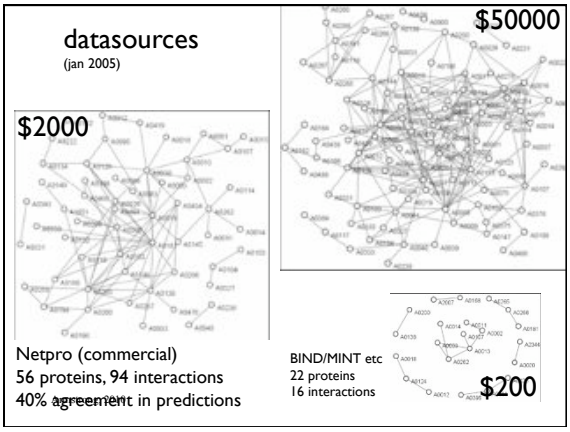

Synapse proteome summary

- Protein parts list from proteomics
- Literature searching produced a network
- Network is essentially scale free
- Hubs more important in cognitive processes
- Network clusters show functional subdivision
- Overall architecture resembles bow-tie model
- Expensive…

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Protein (and gene) interaction databases

BioGRID- A Database of Genetic and Physical Interactions
DIP - Database of Interacting Proteins
MINT - A Molecular Interactions Database
IntAct - EMBL-EBI Protein Interaction
MIPS - Comprehensive Yeast Protein-Protein interactions
Yeast Protein Interactions - Yeast two-hybrid results from Fields' group
PathCalling- A yeast protein interaction database by Curagen
SPiD - Bacillus subtilis Protein Interaction Database
AllFuse - Functional Associations of Proteins in Complete Genomes
BRITE - Biomolecular Relations in Information Transmission and Expression
ProMesh - A Protein-Protein Interaction Database
The PIM Database - by Hybrigenics
Mouse Protein-Protein interactions
Human herpesvirus 1 Protein-Protein interactions
Human Protein Reference Database
BOND - The Biomolecular Object Network Databank. Former BIND
MDSP - Systematic identification of protein complexes in Saccharomyces cerevisiae by mass spectrometr
Protcom - Database of protein-protein complexes enriched with the domain-domain structures
Proteins that interact with GroEL and factors that affect their release
DPIDB - DNA-Protein Interaction Database
YPD™ - Yeast Proteome Database by Incyte

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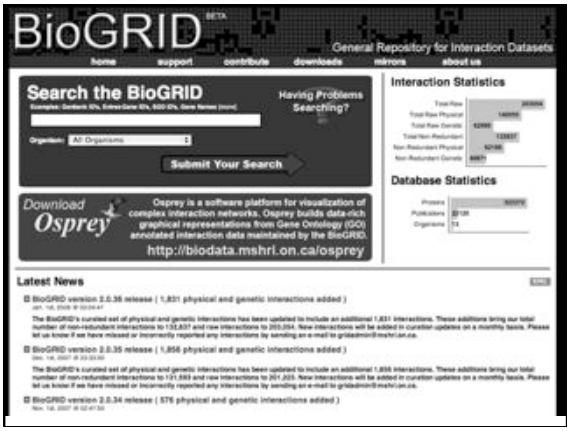

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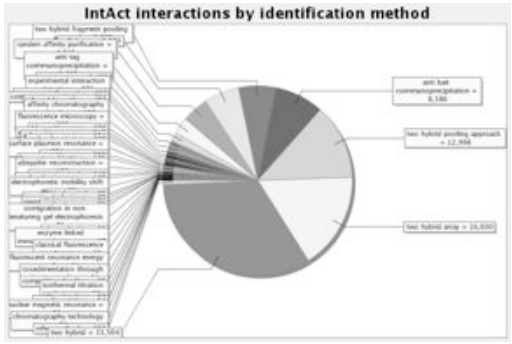

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comparing two approaches

- Pocklington et al 2006
  - Emphasis on QC and literature mining
  - Focussed on subset of molecules
- Rual et al 2005
  - Emphasis on un-biased measurements
  - Focussed on proteome wide models
- Both then look at disease/network correlations

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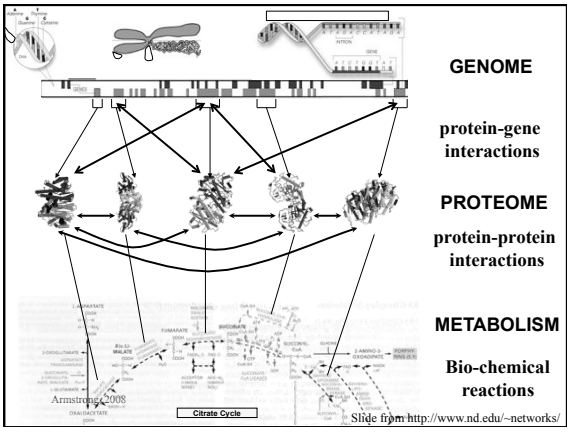

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