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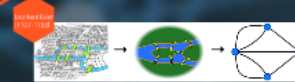
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THE SCIENTIFIC RISK ANALYSIS

PROBLEM

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How graphs evolve?



Building complex networks is a hard task. The first step is to define the nodes and edges of the network. The second step is to define the rules for the evolution of the network. The third step is to simulate the evolution of the network and analyze the results.



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Leonhard Euler
(1707-1793)



THE KÖNIGSBERG BRIDGE PROBLEM

The city of Königsberg in Prussia (now Kaliningrad, Russia) was set on both sides of the Pregel River, and included two large islands which were connected to each other and the mainland by seven bridges.



GOAL

To devise a walk through the city that would cross each bridge once and only once, with the provisos that:

- the islands could only be reached by the bridges
- every bridge once accessed must be crossed to its other end
- the starting and ending points of the walk need not be the same.



SOLUTION

Euler proved that the problem has no solution.

- The difficulty was the development of a technique of analysis and of subsequent tests that established this assertion with mathematical rigor.
- The solution laid the foundations of graph theory.

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Modeling complex networks as random graphs

Party: random connections

More and more pairs formed

When the number of connections equals the number of people at the party, something special happens

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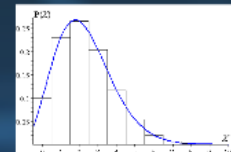
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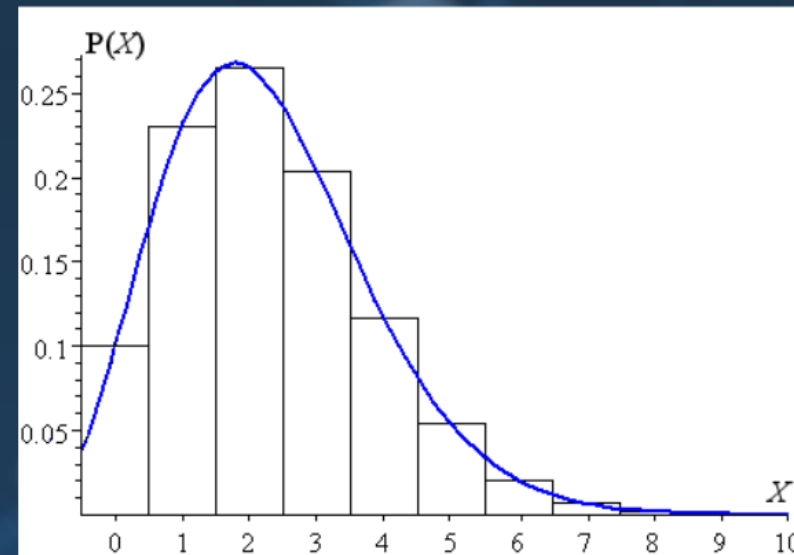
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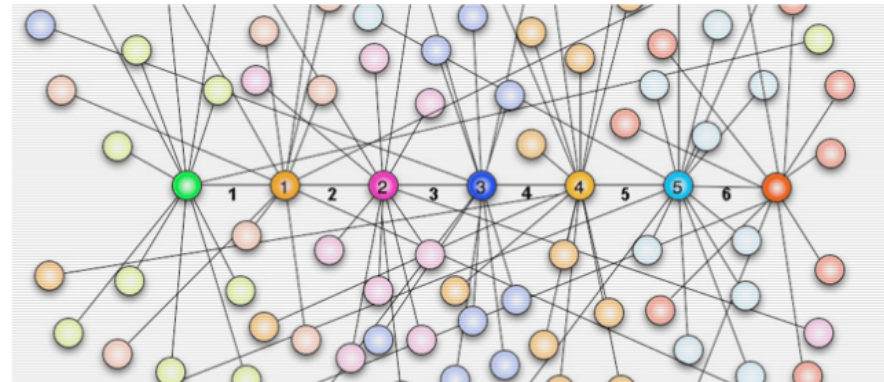
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In 1967 asked 300 people from USA to send a letter to an unknown person via their friends.



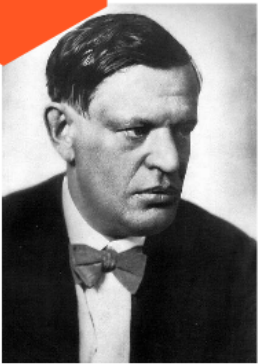
In case of the letters reaching the addressee the average path length was...

... 5.5 steps!



USA: small world

1929



Frigyes K^{ARINTHY}

In 1929 he published a volume of short stories titled *Everything is Different*. One of these pieces was titled "Chains," or "Chain-Links." The story investigated in abstract, conceptual, and fictional terms many of the problems that would captivate future generations of mathematicians, sociologists, and physicists within the field of network theory.

Due to technological advances in communications and travel, friendship networks could grow larger and span greater distances. In particular, Karinthy believed that the modern world was 'shrinking' due to this ever-increasing connectedness of human beings. He posited that despite great physical distances between the globe's individuals, the growing density of human networks made the actual social distance far smaller.

As a result of this hypothesis, Karinthy's characters believed that any two individuals could be connected through at most **five acquaintances**. In his story, the characters create a game out of this notion.

2016

Each person in the world (at least among the 1.59 billion people active on Facebook) is connected to every other person by an average of three and a half other people.

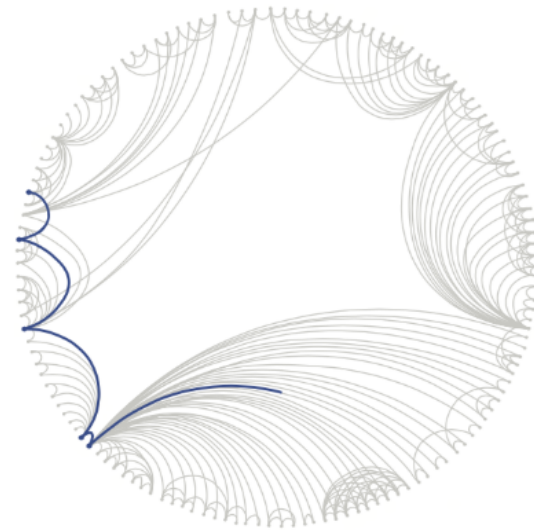
The average distance we observe is 4.57, corresponding to 3.57 intermediaries or "degrees of separation."

Within the US, people are connected to each other by an average of 3.46 degrees.

Facebook

Published on 4th February, 2016

Three and a half degrees of separation



<https://research.facebook.com/blog/three-and-a-half-degrees-of-separation/>



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His theory was that people are not as connected as we think they are. He conducted an experiment in 1967 to test this theory. He asked a group of people to pass a letter to a stranger in New York City. The letter was supposed to be passed to a specific person, but the people were not allowed to tell anyone about the experiment.



(USA small world)



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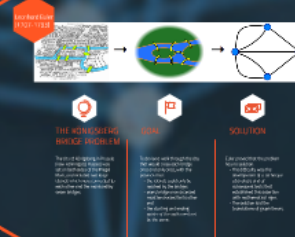
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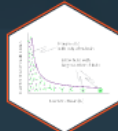
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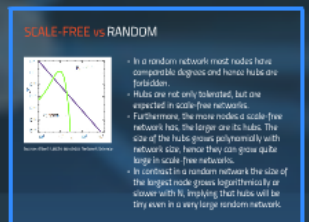
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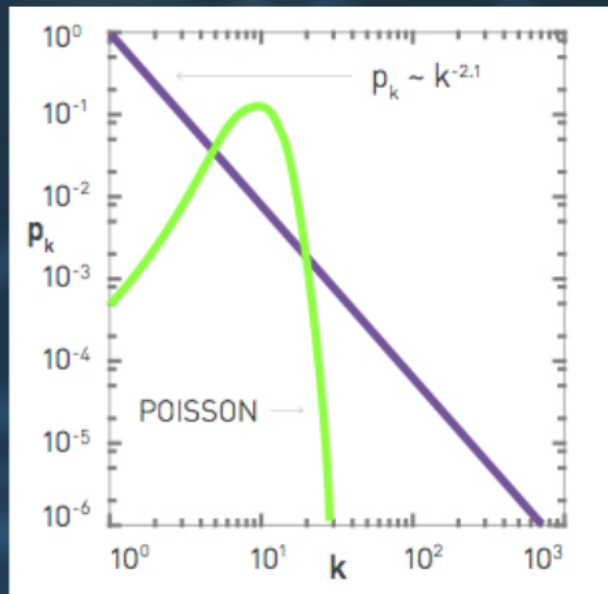
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SCALE-FREE vs RANDOM



Source: Albert-László Barabási: Network Science

- In a random network most nodes have comparable degrees and hence hubs are forbidden.
- Hubs are not only tolerated, but are expected in scale-free networks.
- Furthermore, the more nodes a scale-free network has, the larger are its hubs. The size of the hubs grows polynomially with network size, hence they can grow quite large in scale-free networks.
- In contrast in a random network the size of the largest node grows logarithmically or slower with N , implying that hubs will be tiny even in a very large random network.

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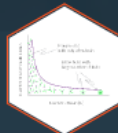
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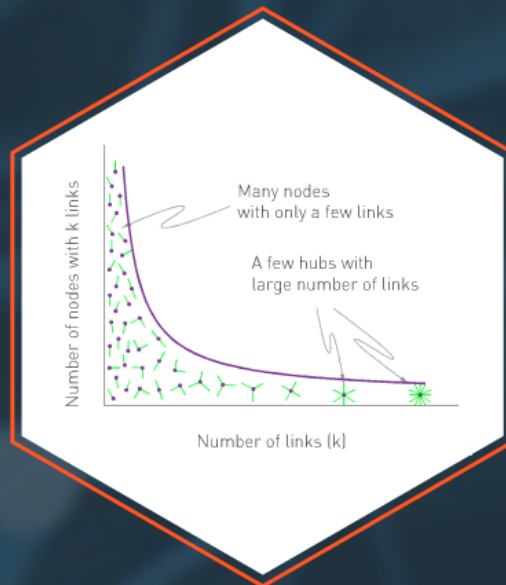
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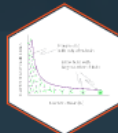
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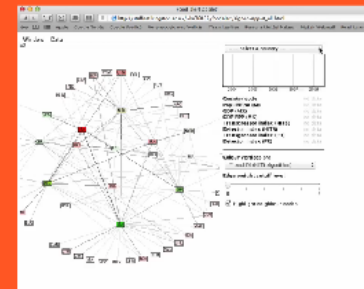




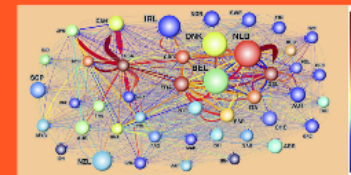
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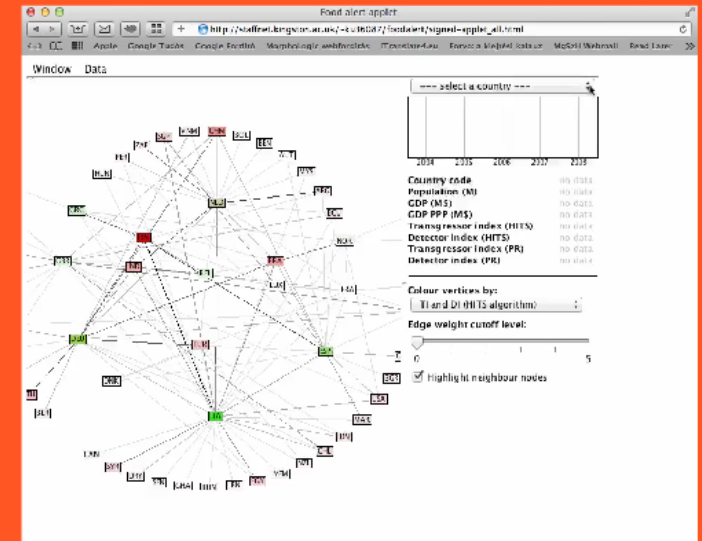
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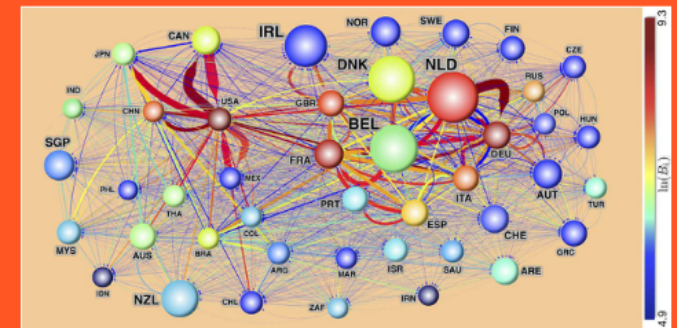


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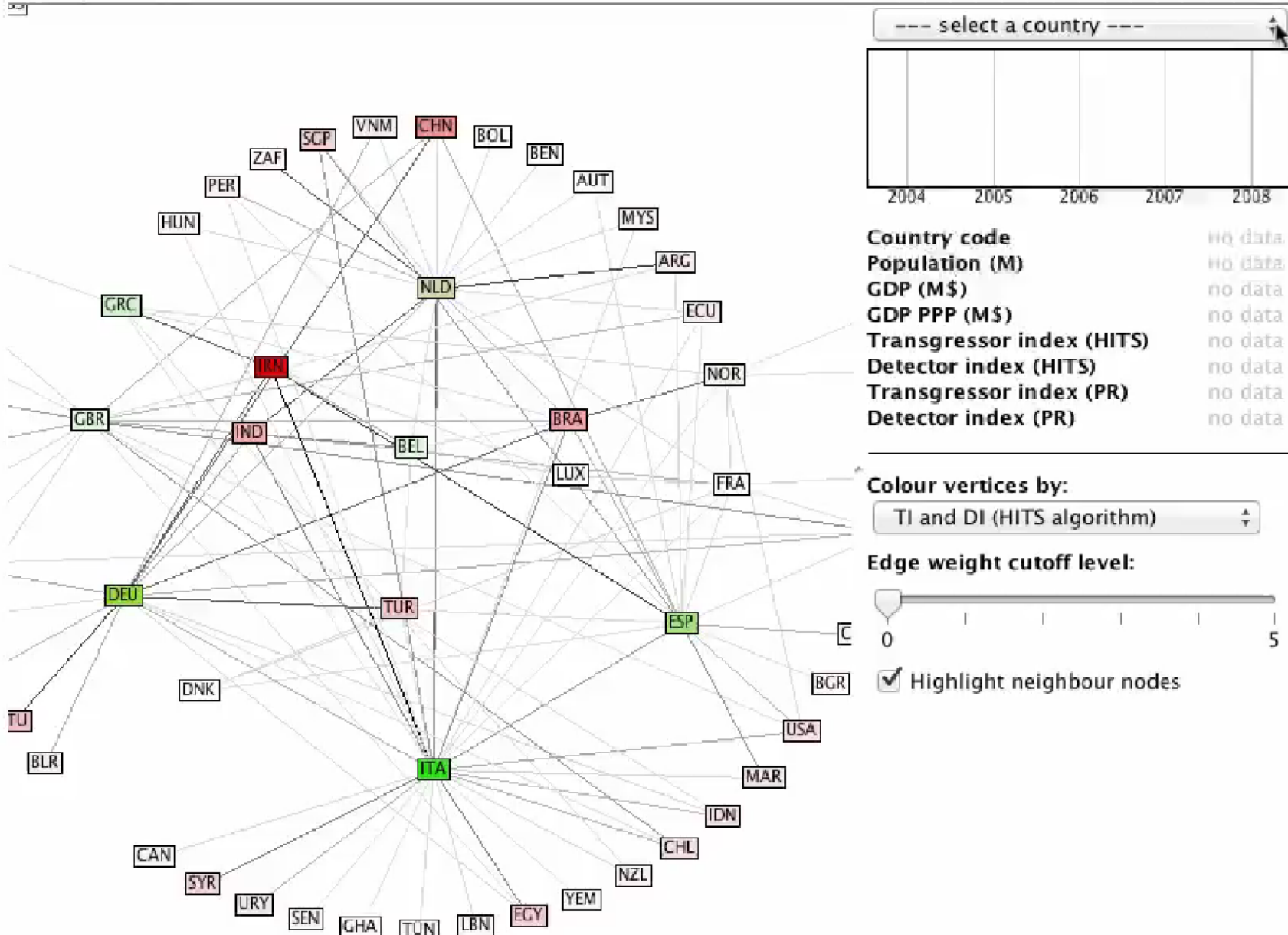
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From the aspect of food-chain control: global network



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Traceability



'one step back –
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No obligation for internal traceability nor for electronic databases, however there is potentially enormous amount of data to explore



Network of animal farms

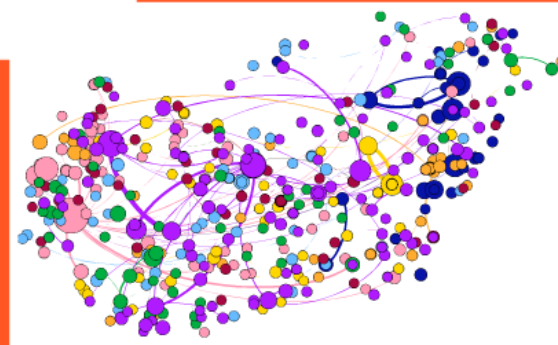


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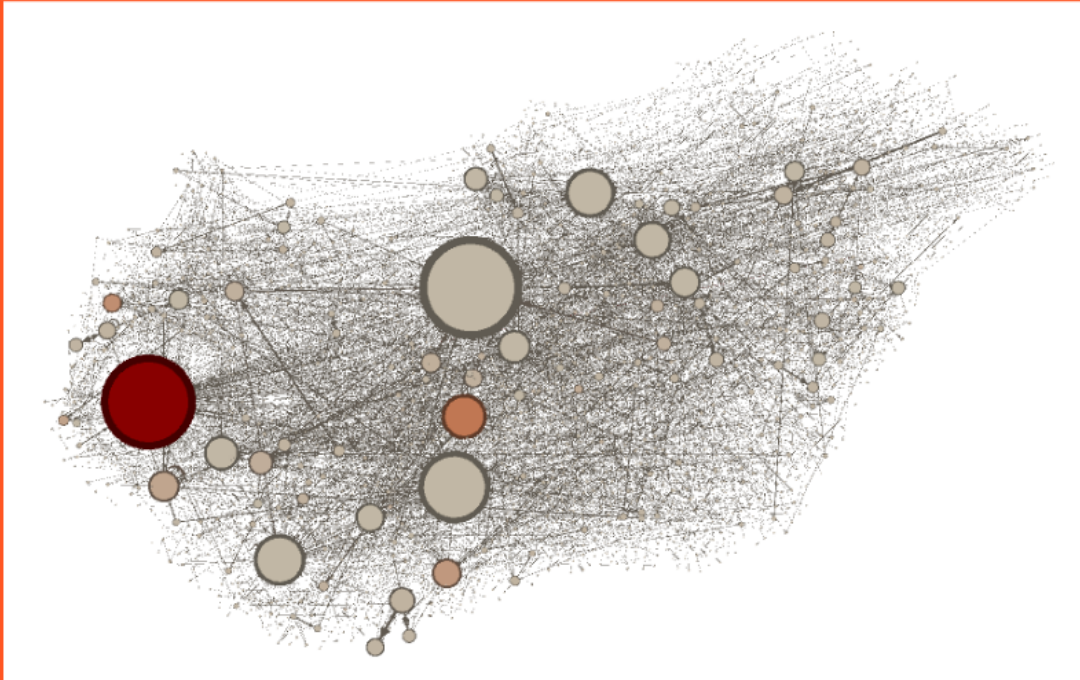
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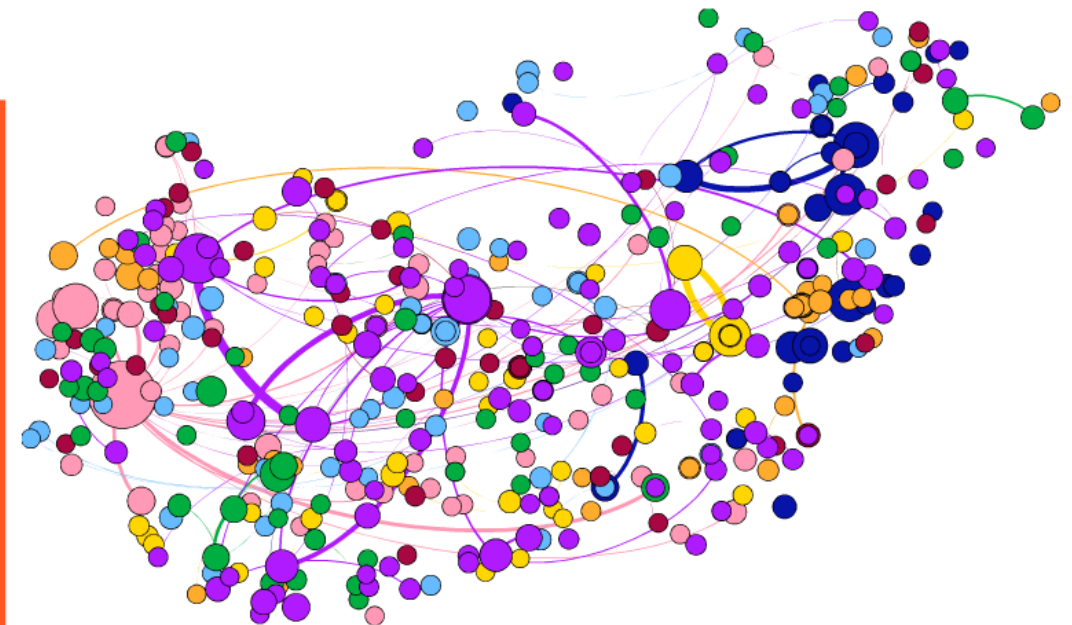


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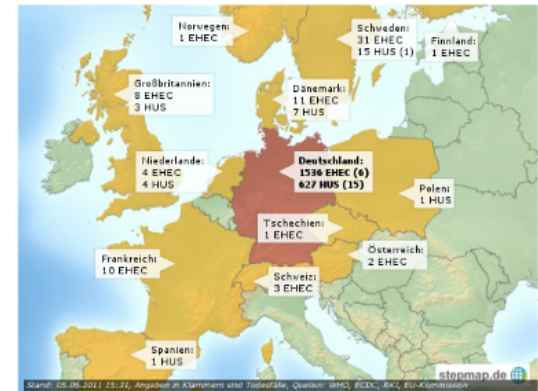
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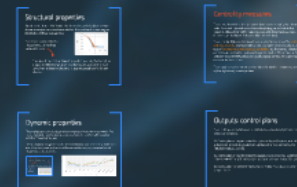
Implications for the future

- contributes to determination of the most vulnerable parts of a cattle holding network;
- increases effectiveness of the control of the cattle-flow;
- reveals the interdependencies;
- helps in working out an optimised strategy of the inspection of herds;
- increases preparedness against outbreaks and intentional attacks;
- enhances epidemiological modelling simulations;
- provides information on the source of possible infections so that preventive and control measures can be applied;
- serves the food chain safety and network science community with analysable data and helpful descriptions of the methodology to enhance cross-border cooperation.

Inputs of the research

- National Cattle Identification System and Database (HNAR)
 - able to follow the animals along the whole life cycle, from birth to slaughterhouse or from entering to the territory of Hungary to exporting
 - each movement record reports the unique identifier of the animal, the codes of the holdings of origin and destination, and the date of the movements
- Cattle holding network consists of a set of vertices (nodes) and a set of edges.
 - Nodes:
 - (1) cattle exporter countries
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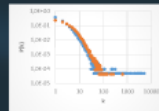
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Dynamic properties

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Outputs: control plans

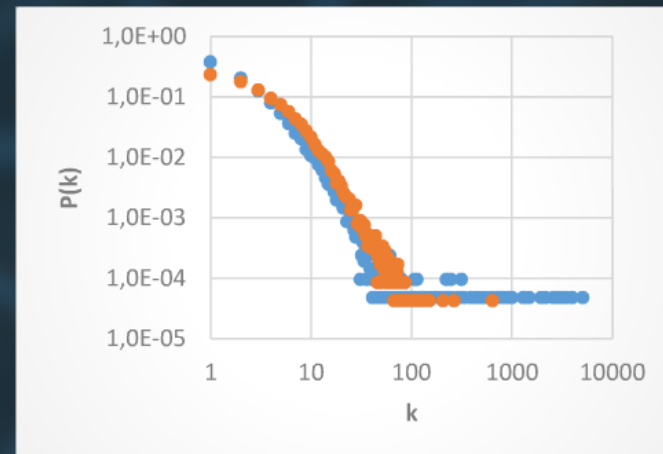
The results presented above all contribute to network analysis based risk based control plans.

- (1) Control plan aiming to control the epidemiological, hygiene, animal welfare, etc. properties ('food chain safety control'), as defined by the Regulation 882/2004/EC
- (2) Control plan aiming to control the requirements posed by Regulation 1760/2000/EC on animal identification ('animal identification control')
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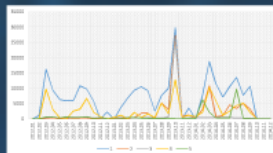
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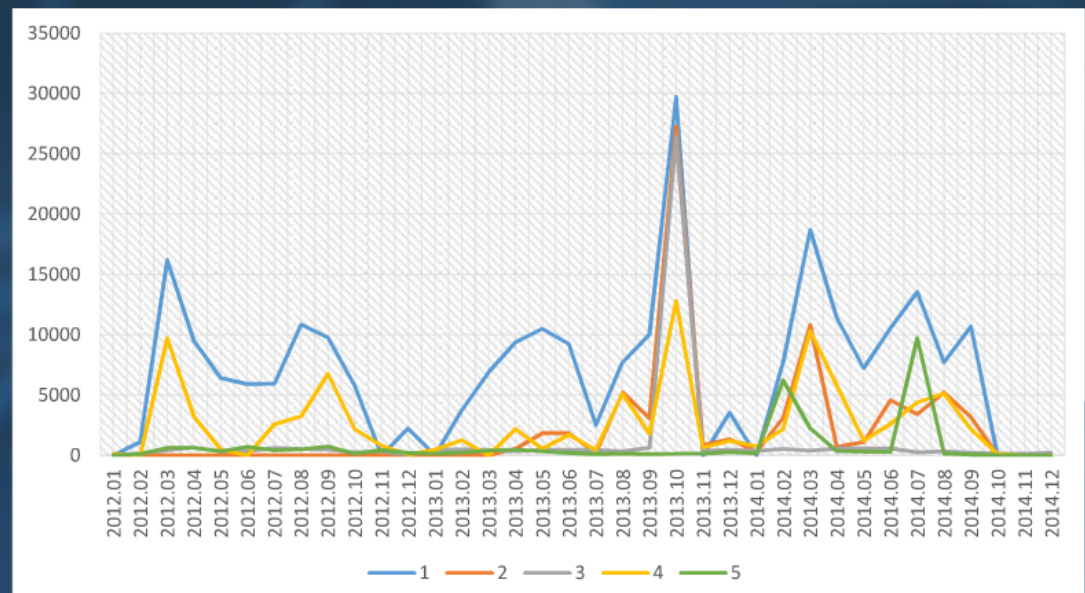
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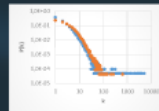
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Structural properties

Based on the degree distribution the Hungarian cattle holdings network shows scale-free network characteristics: it is a network whose degree distribution follows a power law.

The degree exponent for the Hungarian cattle holdings network is 2,24.



Therefore it shows small world properties, meaning that only few steps are needed to get from a random point to another random point, having large implications in case of spreading of different diseases.

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Centrality measures

The most vulnerable points of a network are not necessarily their largest hubs. To extract information on the nodes playing central role in the network, different centrality measures were calculated: betweenness, closeness, authority and hub centralities were defined.

There is a big difference between those centralities: in case of the **authority and hub centrality** a central node can be any node in the network, but in the case of **betweenness and closeness centralities** (as the names indicate) the central nodes can not be source-vertex or sink-vertex. The vertices of high betweenness centrality value are usually logistic centres, transloading places or major livestock farms.

These nodes have important role in epidemiological investigations, because of the high risk of cross-infections.

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Cattle trade flow analysis

Conventional risk based planning

- The data needed for the substantiated risk assessment are in many cases not available
- The problem with the conventional risk based approach is that it **doesn't take into account the network flow, the dynamics**, just the pure output or production data and other static risk factors.
- With application of network analysis tools, it is possible to add a **new, dynamic, science based and standardized layer of information** to the assessment and planning methodology, **resulting in different - and presumably more realistic - outcomes**

Methods

Static and dynamic properties of the network were defined.

Degree: the number of relations or edges of the nodes
In-Degree: incoming connections
Out-Degree: outgoing connections

Degree has generally been extended to the sum of weights when analysing weighted networks and labelled as node strength: number of animals moved.

To understand the relative importance of different hubs in cattle flow, we had to apply the Centrality concepts of network analysis.

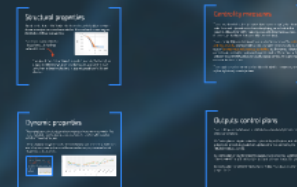
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Inputs of the research

- National Cattle Identification System and Database (HNAR)
 - able to follow the animals along the whole life cycle, from birth to slaughterhouse or from entering to the territory of Hungary to exporting
 - each movement record reports the unique identifier of the animal, the codes of the holdings of origin and destination, and the date of the movements
- Cattle holding network consists of a set of vertices (nodes) and a set of edges.
 - Nodes:
 - (1) cattle exporter countries
 - (2) the importers buying living cattle from Hungary
 - (3) the various economic organisations (e.g. farms, slaughterhouses, legalised distribution centers, markets, etc.)
 - Edges:
 - the cattle-flows between vertices

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Cattle trade flow analysis



FOODCHAIN



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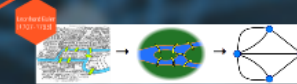
The degree distribution of this network can be described with power law.

It is called a "Scale Free" Network.



NETWORKSCIENCE

New tool for food chain safety risk analysis



THE SCIENTIFIC RISK ANALYSIS

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

The risk of dangerous events in the food chain is a complex problem. It involves many different factors, such as the quality of the food, the way it is stored, and the way it is transported. The risk analysis process aims to identify these factors and assess their potential impact on the food chain.

Network science provides a powerful tool for analyzing the food chain. It allows us to model the food chain as a network of nodes and edges, where the nodes represent different parts of the chain and the edges represent the flow of food between them. This approach helps us to understand the complex interactions within the food chain and to identify potential risks.

Our research has shown that the food chain is a highly complex system. It is made up of many different parts, each of which plays a role in the overall functioning of the chain. By using network science, we can better understand these parts and how they interact with each other. This knowledge is essential for developing effective strategies to reduce the risk of dangerous events in the food chain.



How graphs evolve?



Building complex networks is a hard task. It requires a lot of time and effort to create a network that is both functional and efficient. The researchers have developed a new method for building complex networks, which they call "graph evolution". This method allows them to create networks that are more complex and more efficient than traditional methods.

When the number of connections exceeds the number of nodes of the graph, something special happens.

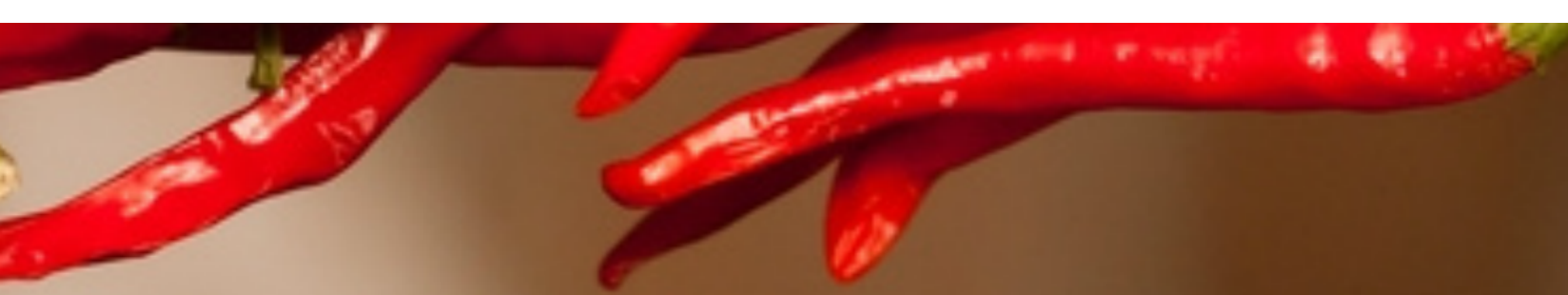


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