

# Emergence of complexity, from observations to predictions

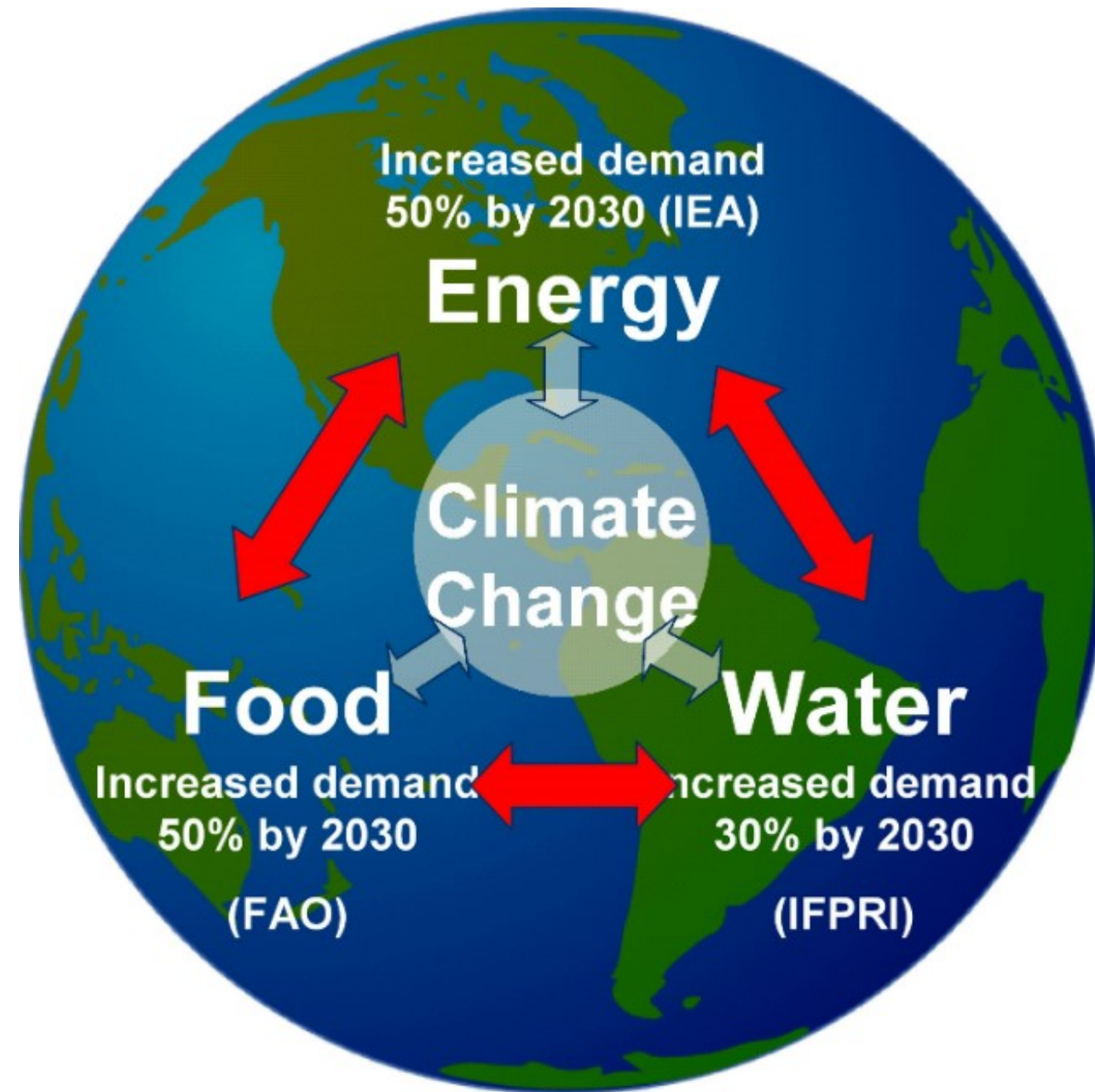
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# Interconnected world

## *Global issues - 2030*



To tackle, make use of

- IT tools explosion
- Network science
- Complexity science
- Multi-disciplinary collaborations

FOOD is especially suitable to utilize progress in the above

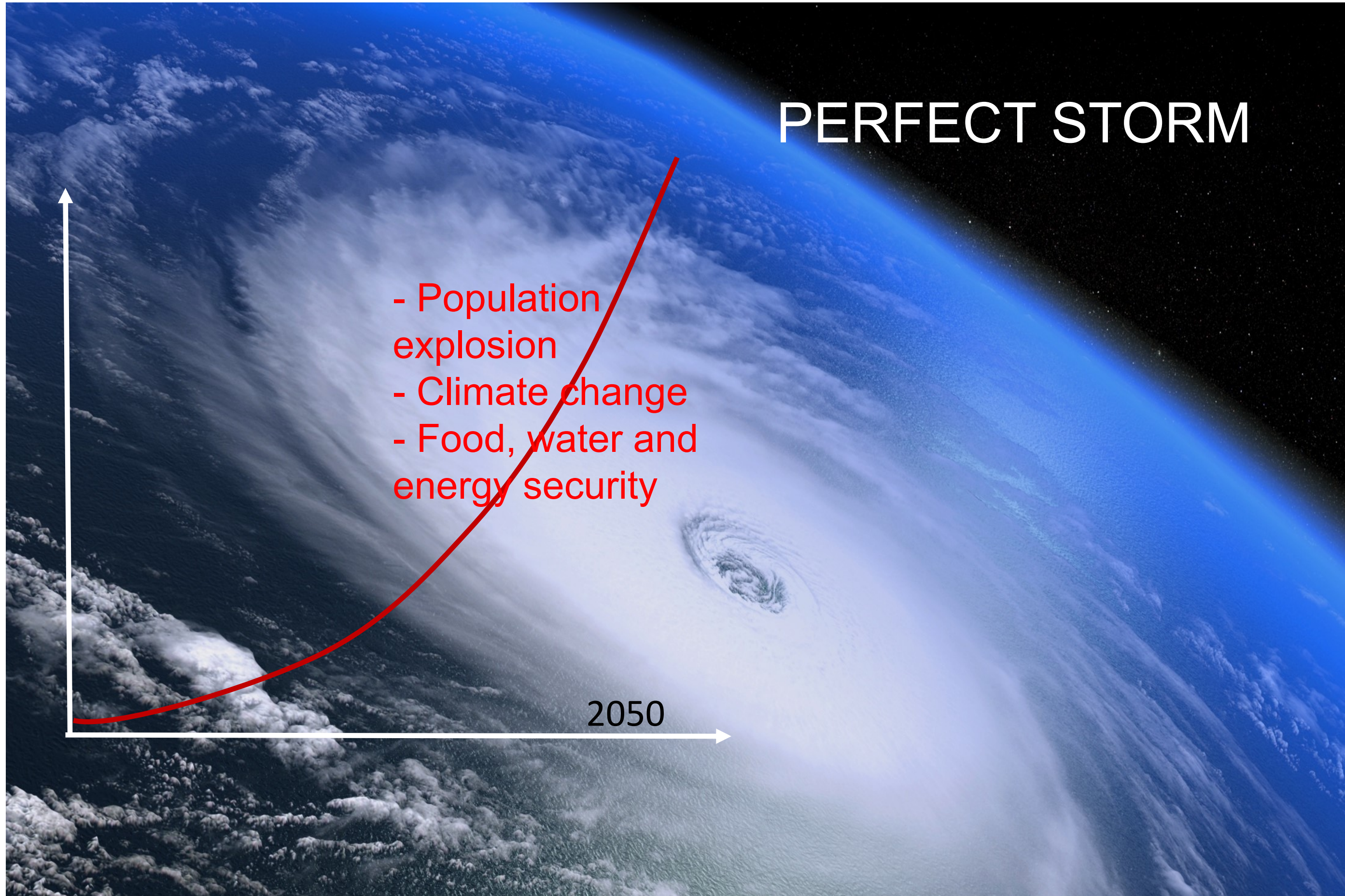
John Beddington

UK Government Chief Scientist, 2012

# PERFECT STORM

- Population explosion
- Climate change
- Food, water and energy security

2050



# Mathematical developments have always been induced by demands in science, industry and business

(László Lovász, President of Hung.Ac.Sci; NetSci 2011)

Land-issues	→	<b>Euclidian geometry</b>
Newton's physics	→	<b>Calculus</b>
Quantum mechanics	→	<b>Probability</b>
Weather forecast	→	<b>Chaos</b>
Economy, Ecology	→	<b>Game theory</b>

## Now: Century of Complexity

Climate change, Food, Water and Energy security

**Globalisation** → **Science of Complexity** (System theory, Network analysis, Chaos, Sensitivity Analysis, Game theory, Risk and Uncertainty)

# Globalisation

“Today the world faces major problems. Some uppermost in my mind are

- climate change,
- food security,
- global health and making economies sustainable....”

However, ... “debates are sometimes threatened by ... inappropriate headlines in the media, and by those who distort the science with ideology, politics, and religion.”

**Dimbleby lecture of Nobel Laureate Paul Nurse, 28. Febr, 2012**

**Part 1.**

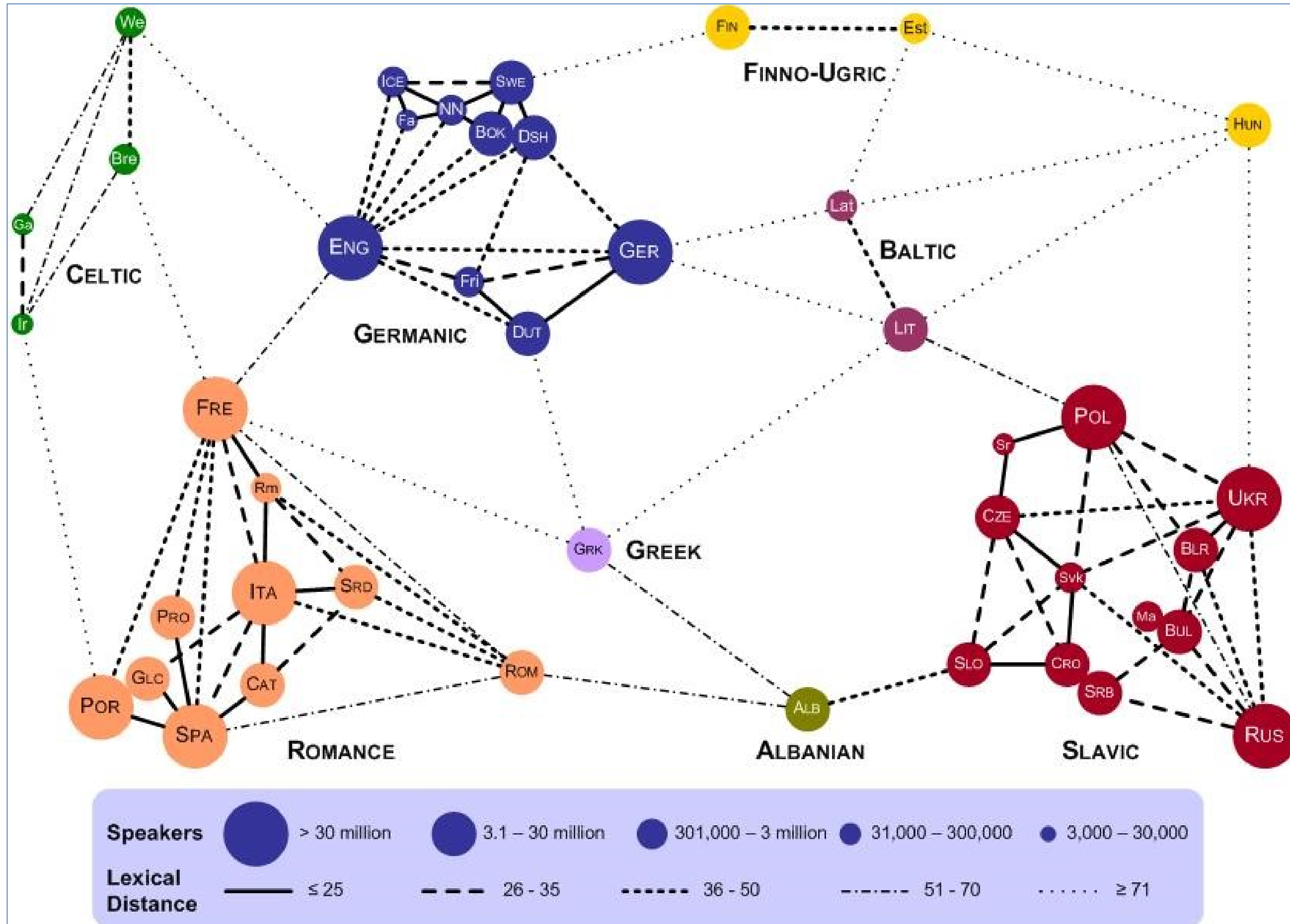
**Links and Interactions.**

**Think networks**

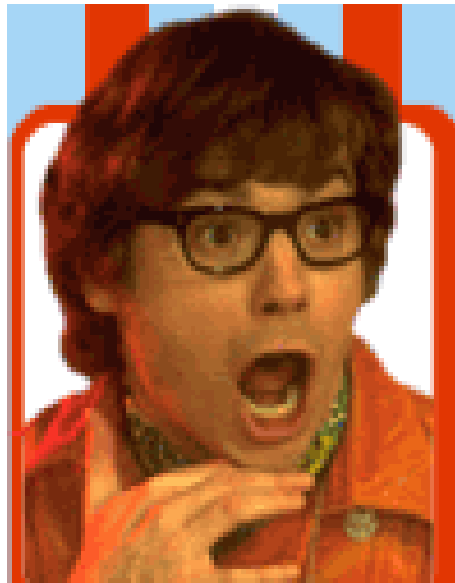
# Structural and functional connections in the brain explored by network theory



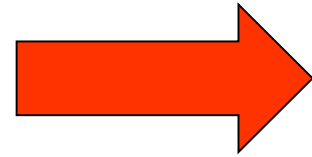
# Family ties between languages





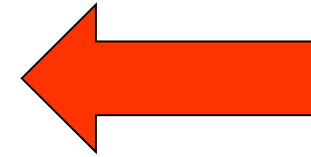


Austin Powers:  
The spy who  
shagged me

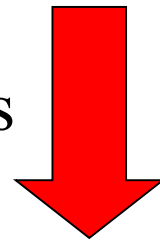


**Robert Wagner**

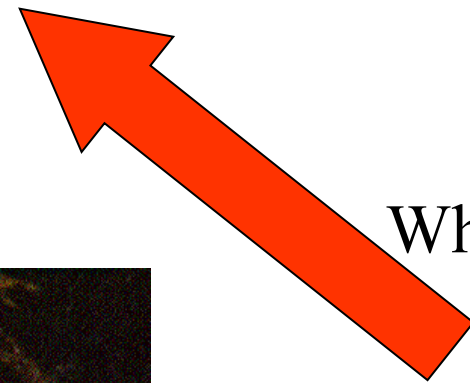
Let's make  
it legal



Wild Things

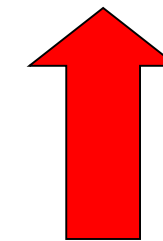
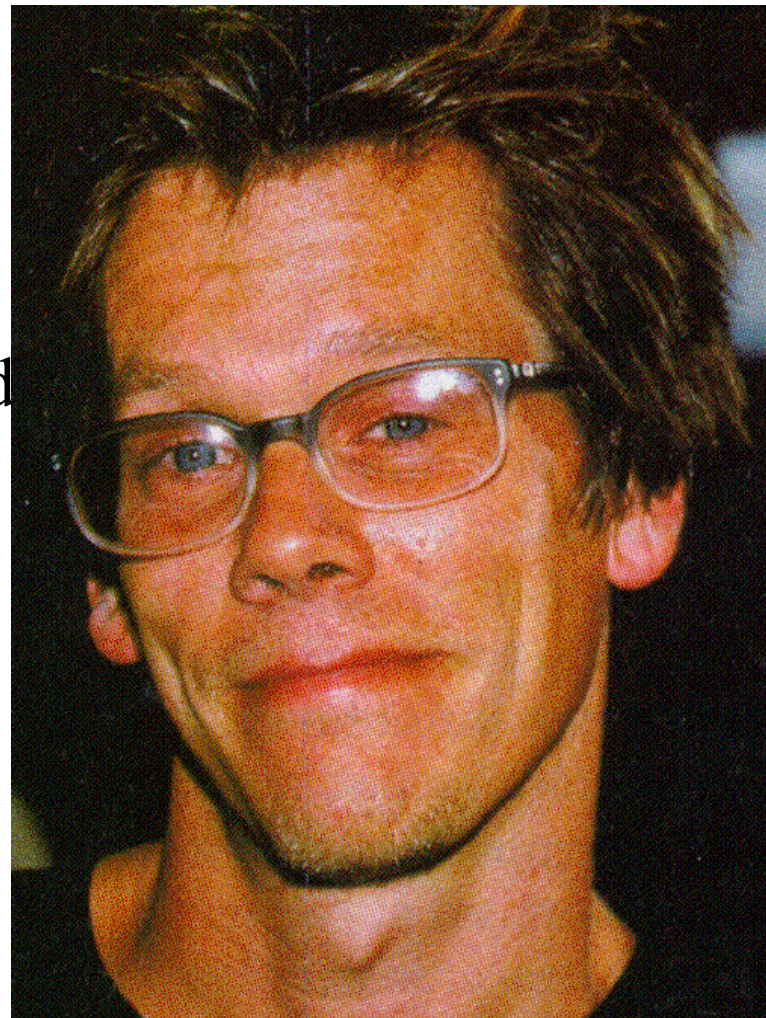
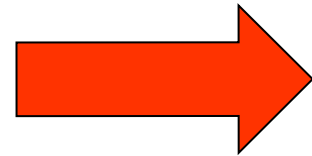


What Price Glory

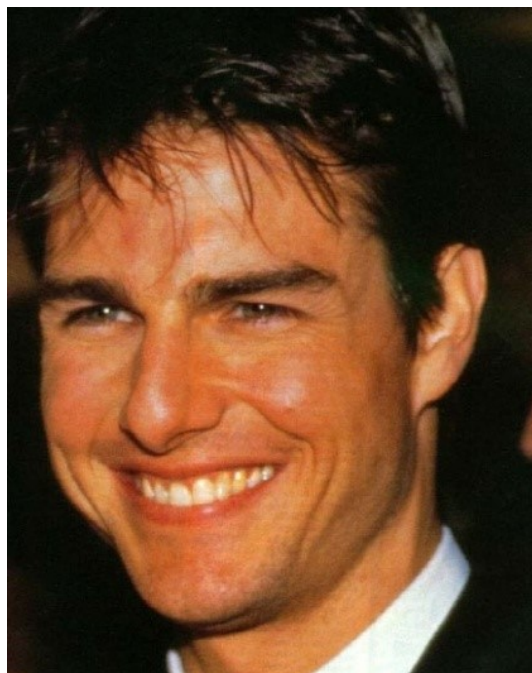


**Barry Norton**

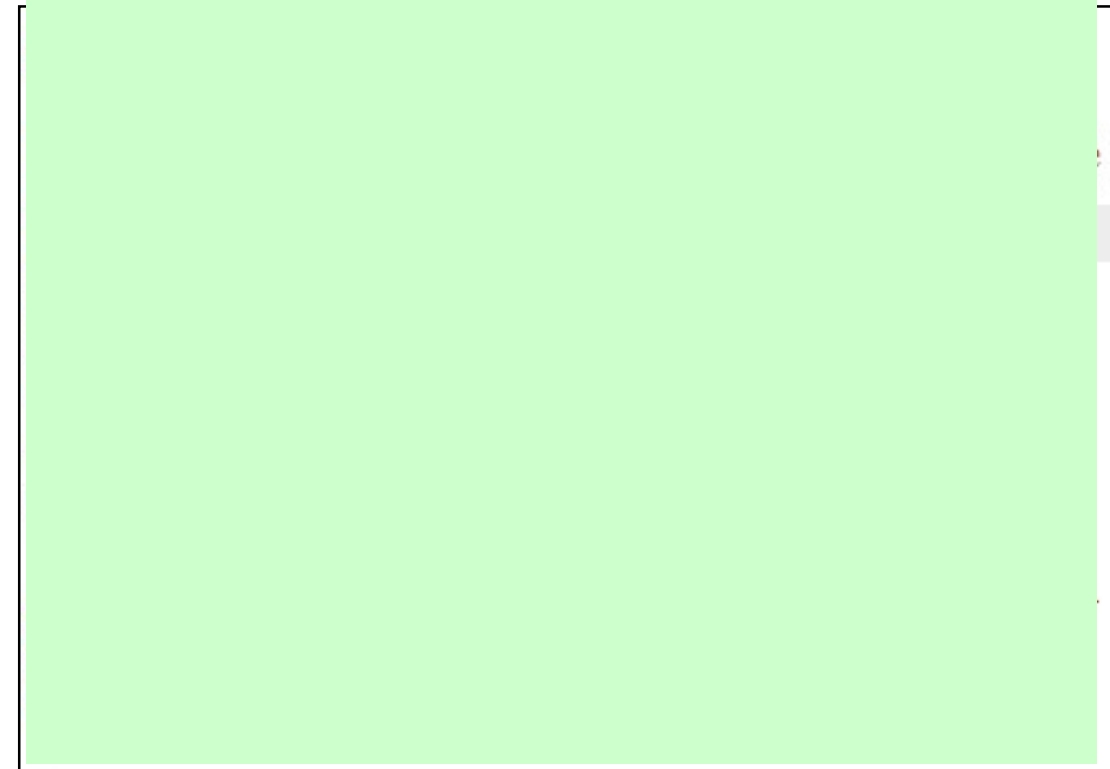
A Few Good  
Man



Monsieur  
Verdoux



# What is “Six Degrees of separation”?



# Six Degrees of Separation on BBC2



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**Six Degrees of Separation**  
Documentary unfolding the science behind the idea of six degrees of separation.

*No longer available on BBC iPlayer*

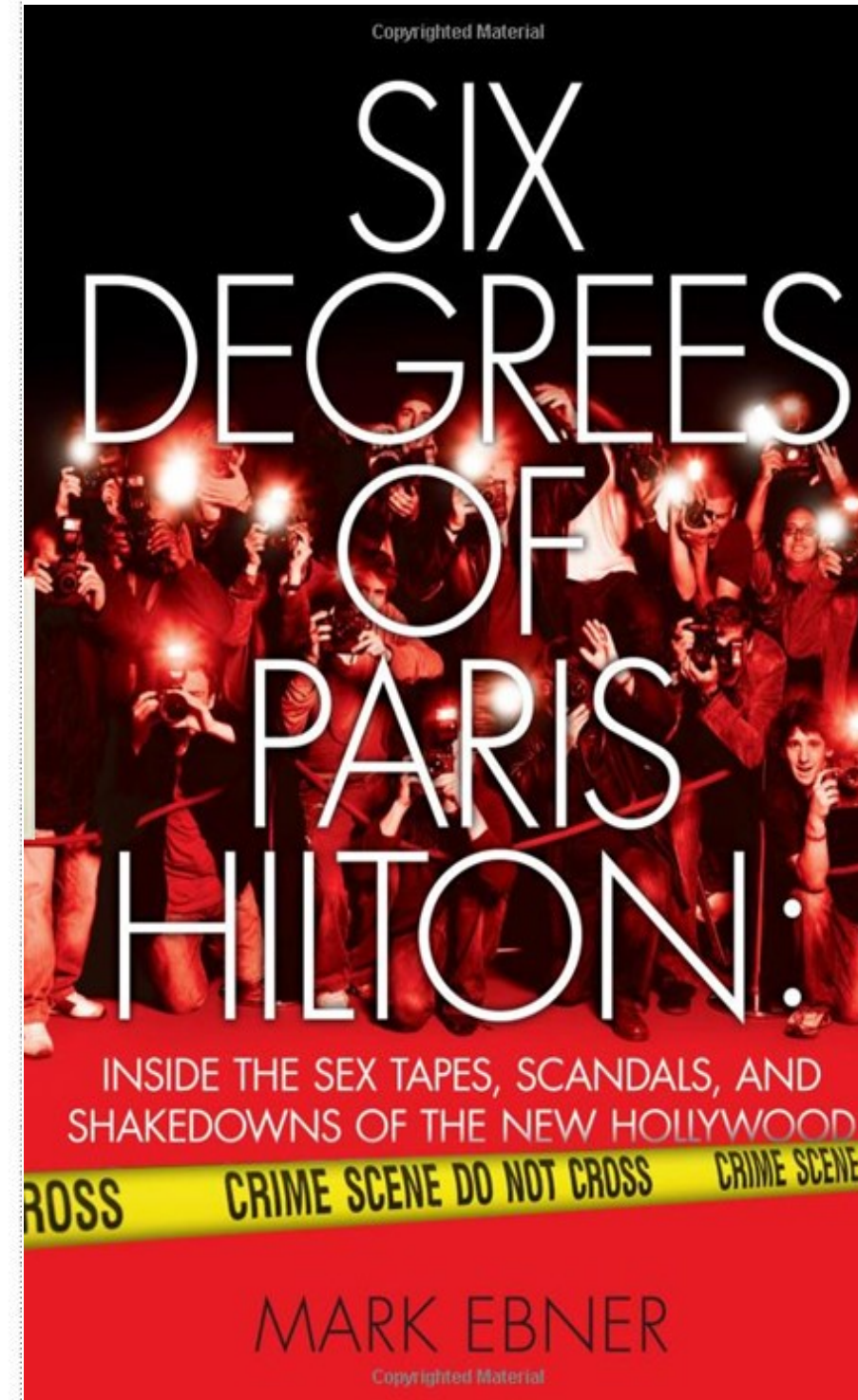
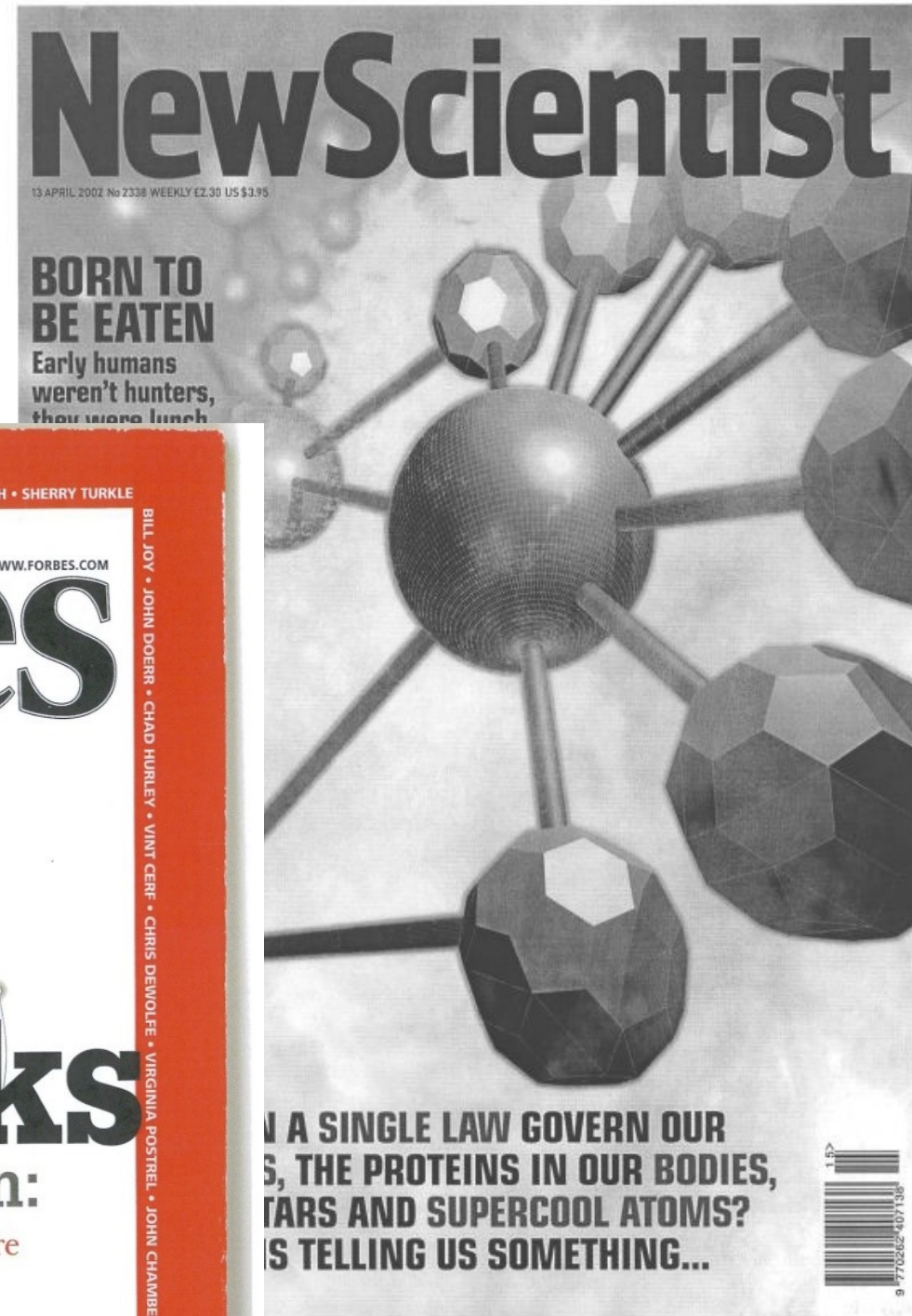
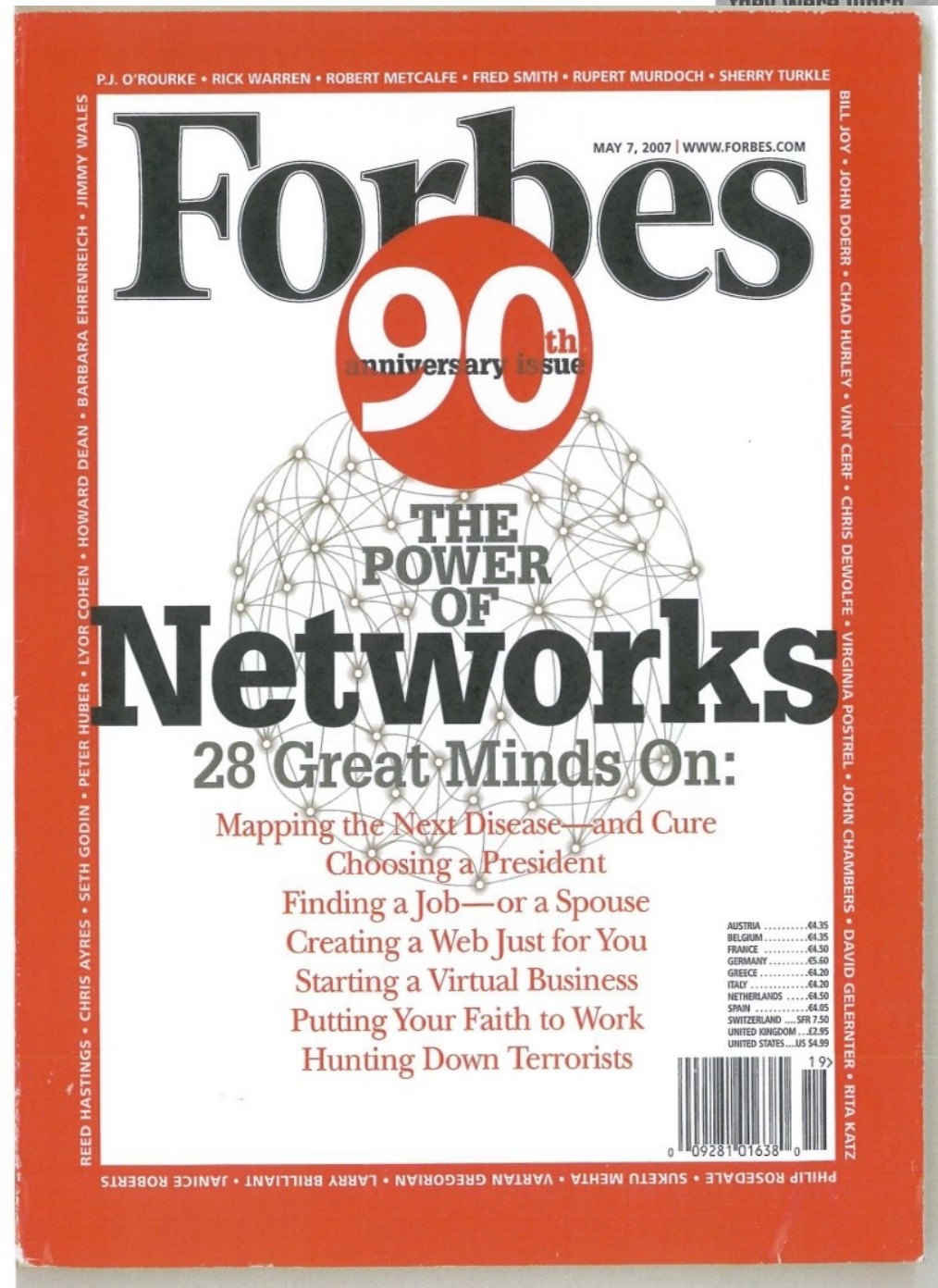
Categories: Factual, Science & Nature

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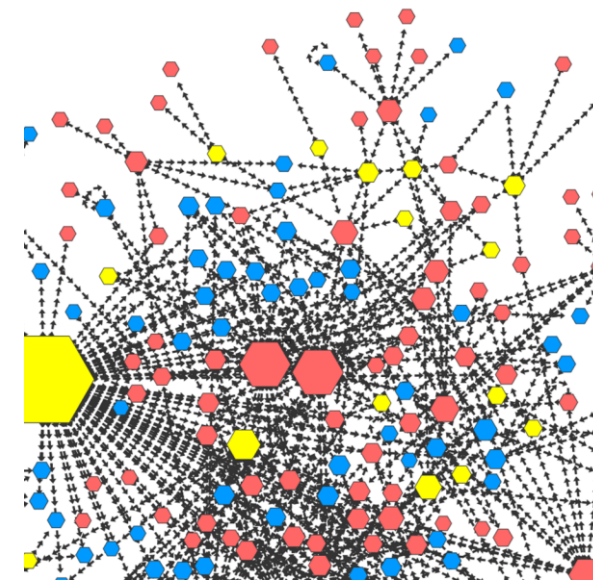
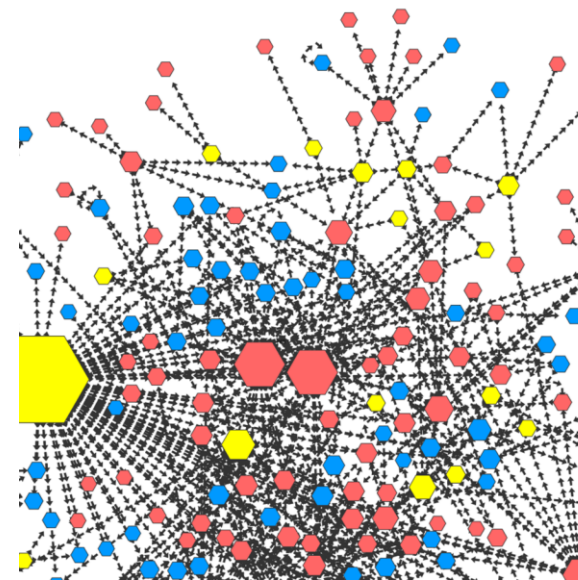
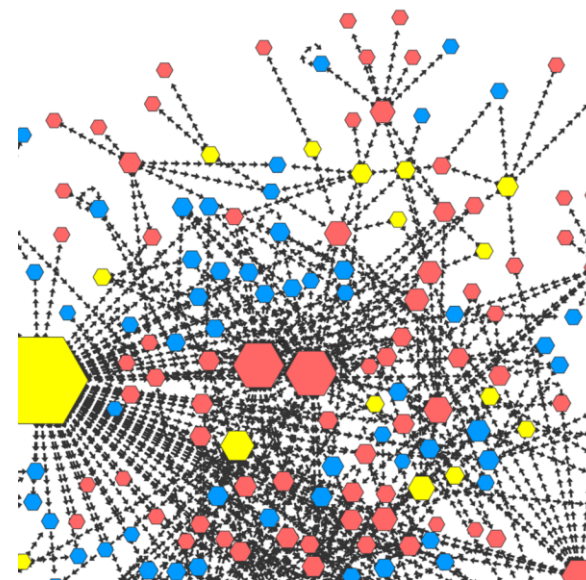
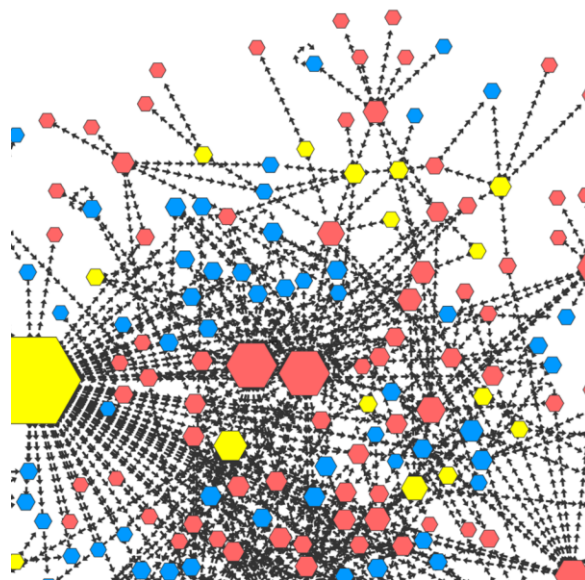
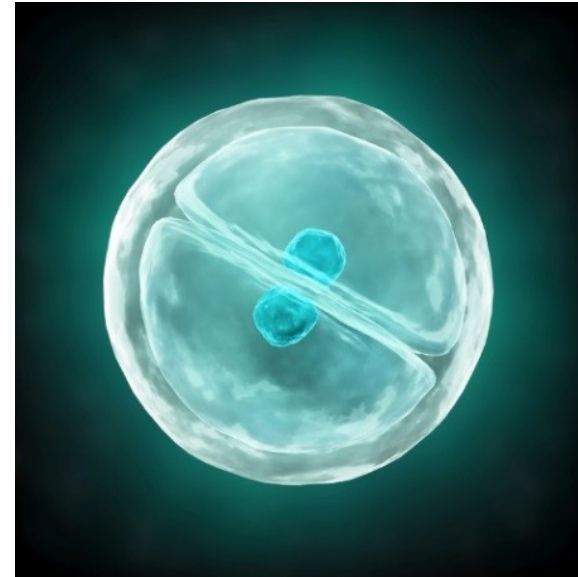
Documentary unfolding the science behind the idea of six degrees of separation. Originally thought to be an urban myth, it now appears that anyone on the planet can be connected in just a few steps of association.

**Six degrees of separation is also at the heart of a major scientific breakthrough; that there might be a law which nature uses to organize itself and that now promises to solve some of its deepest mysteries.**

# Fascination with “Six Degrees of separation”



# Interwoven networks, frequently of similar structure, at every level of life



# Globalization – living in increasingly *Small-world-networks*



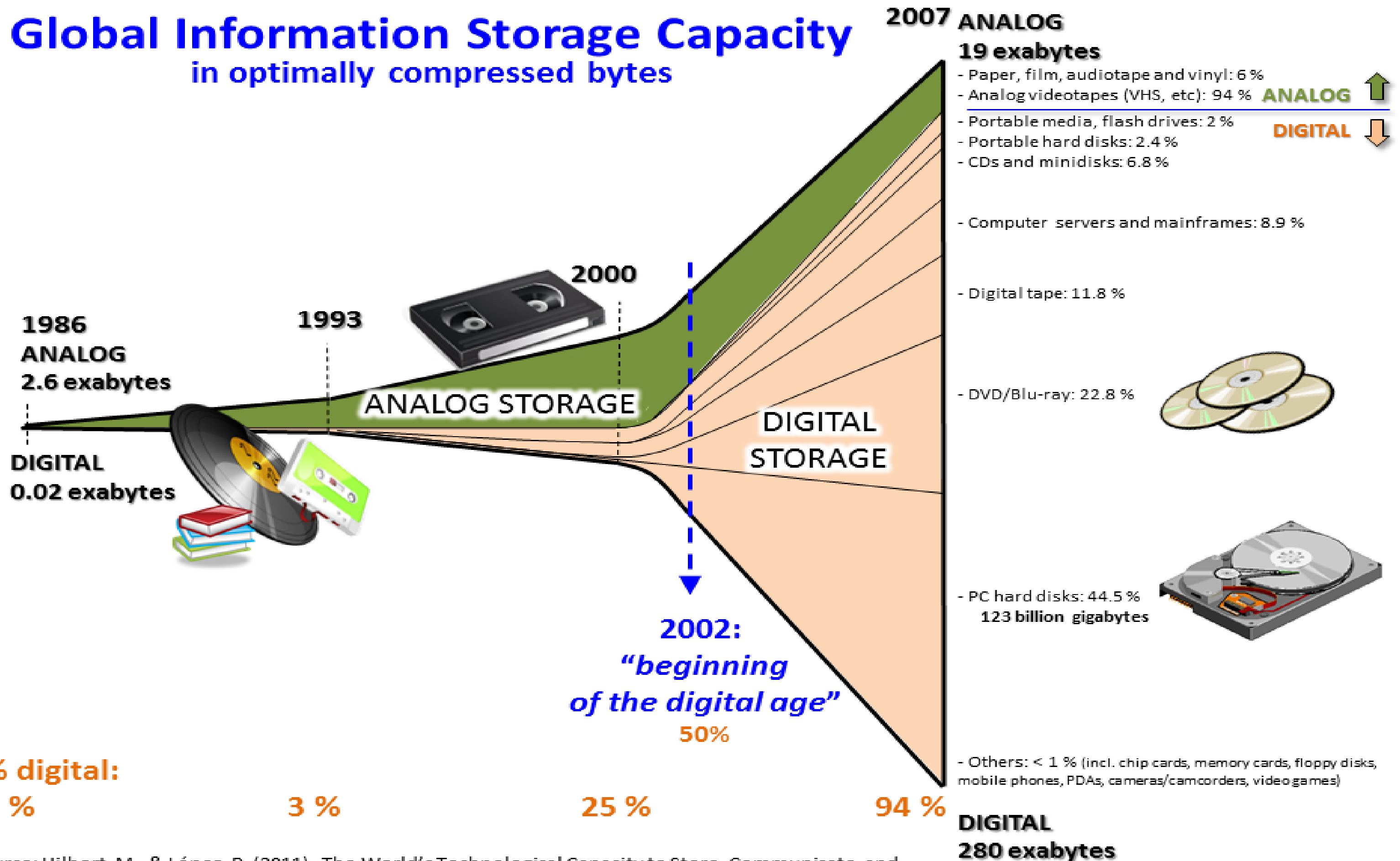
Friendship-network on Facebook, December 2011

## Part 2.

Many interacting constituents

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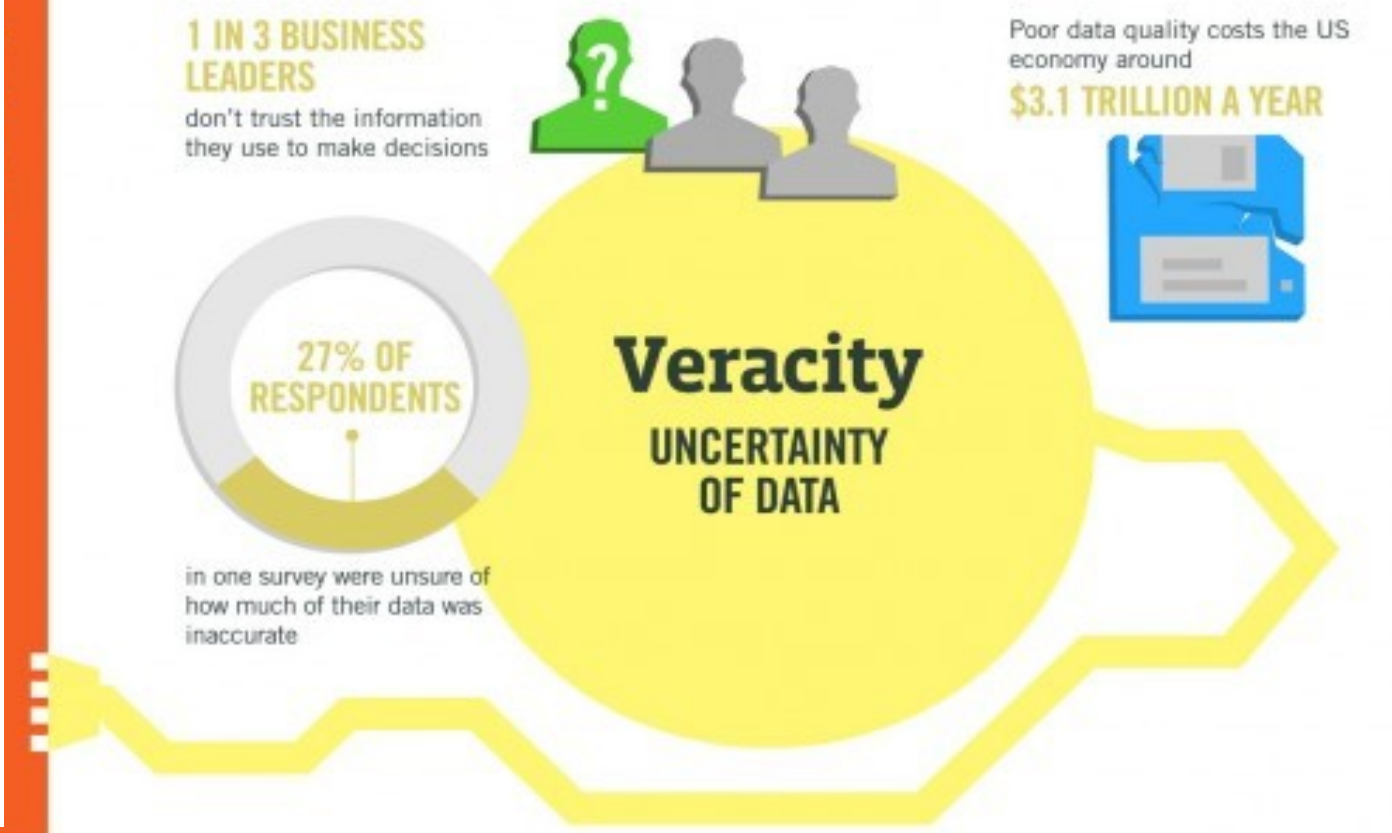
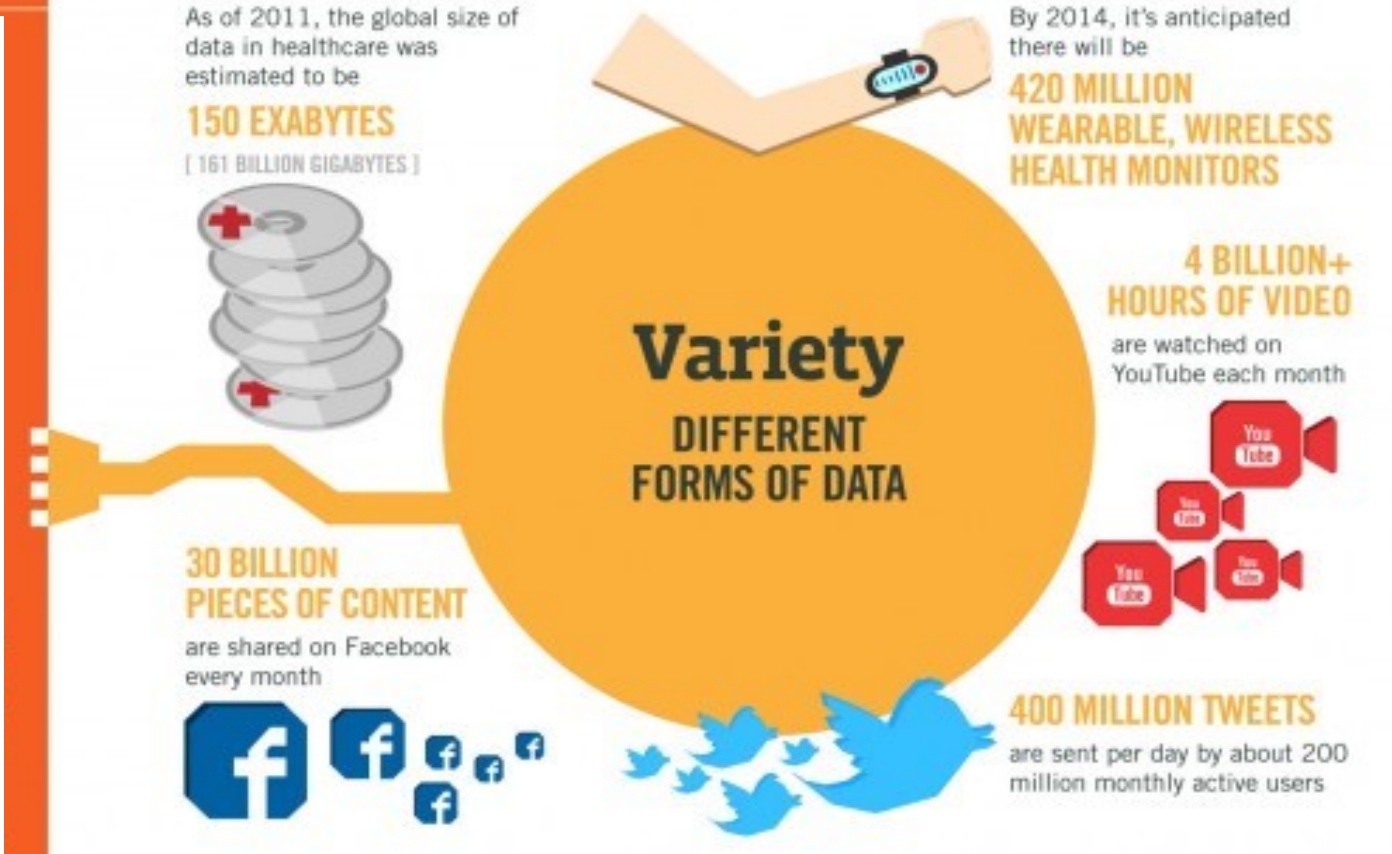
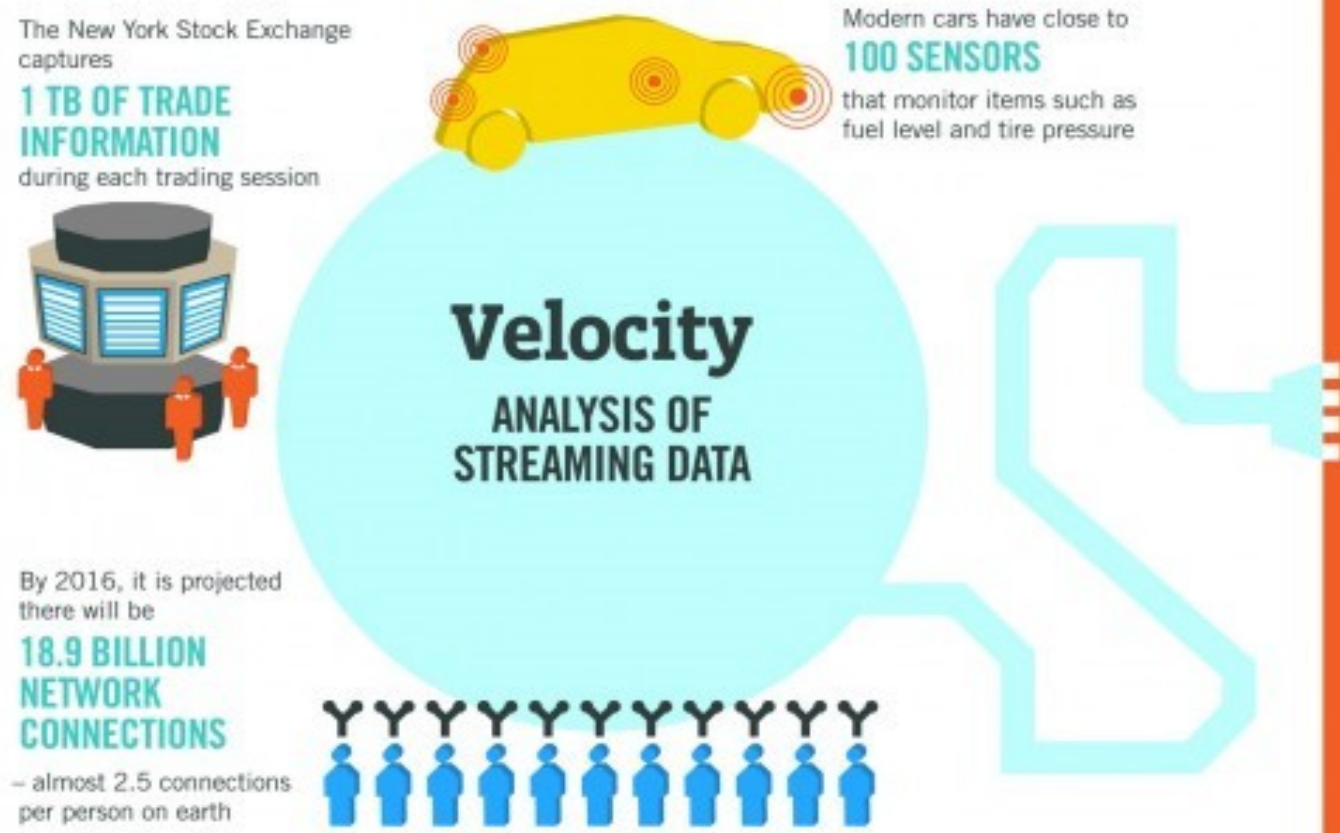
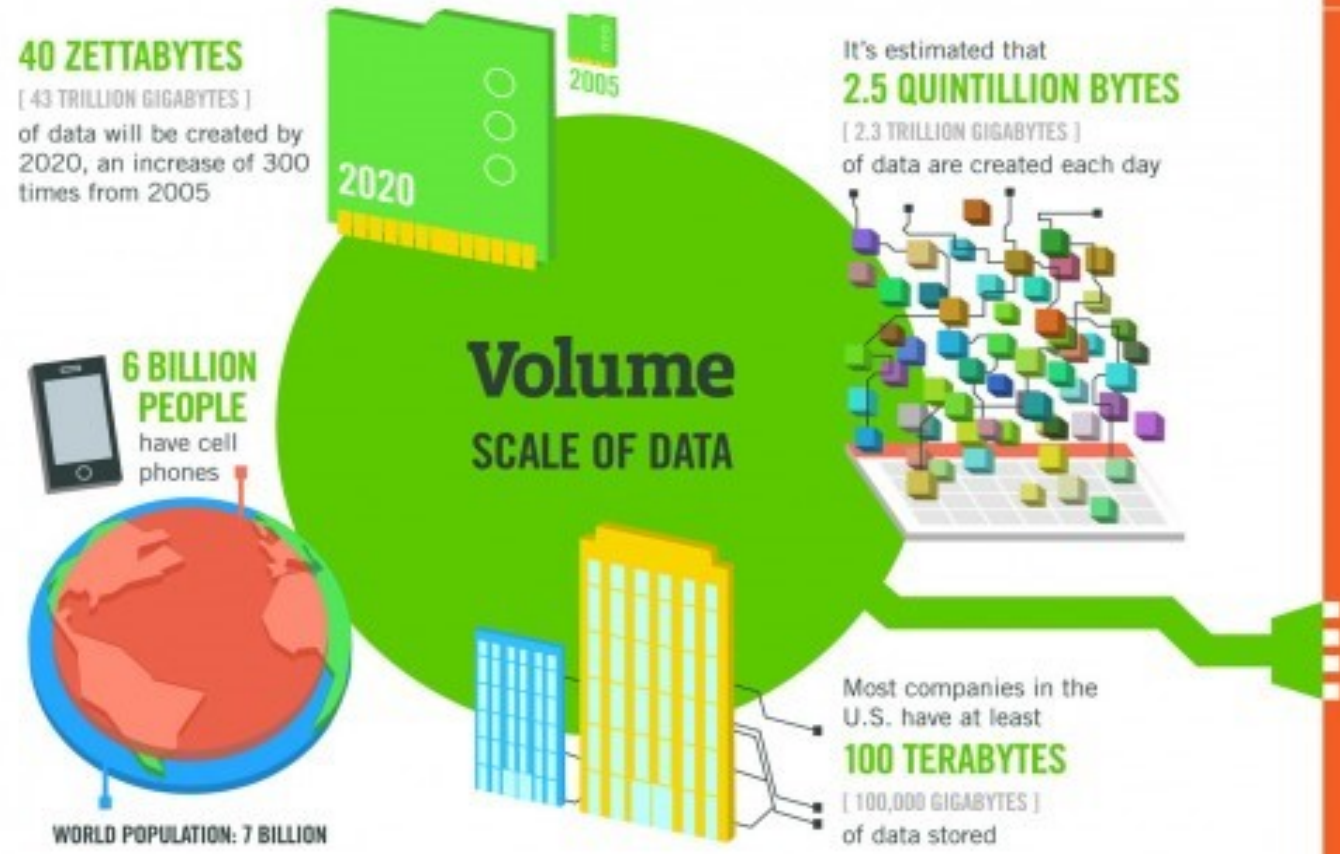
# Global Information Storage Capacity in optimally compressed bytes

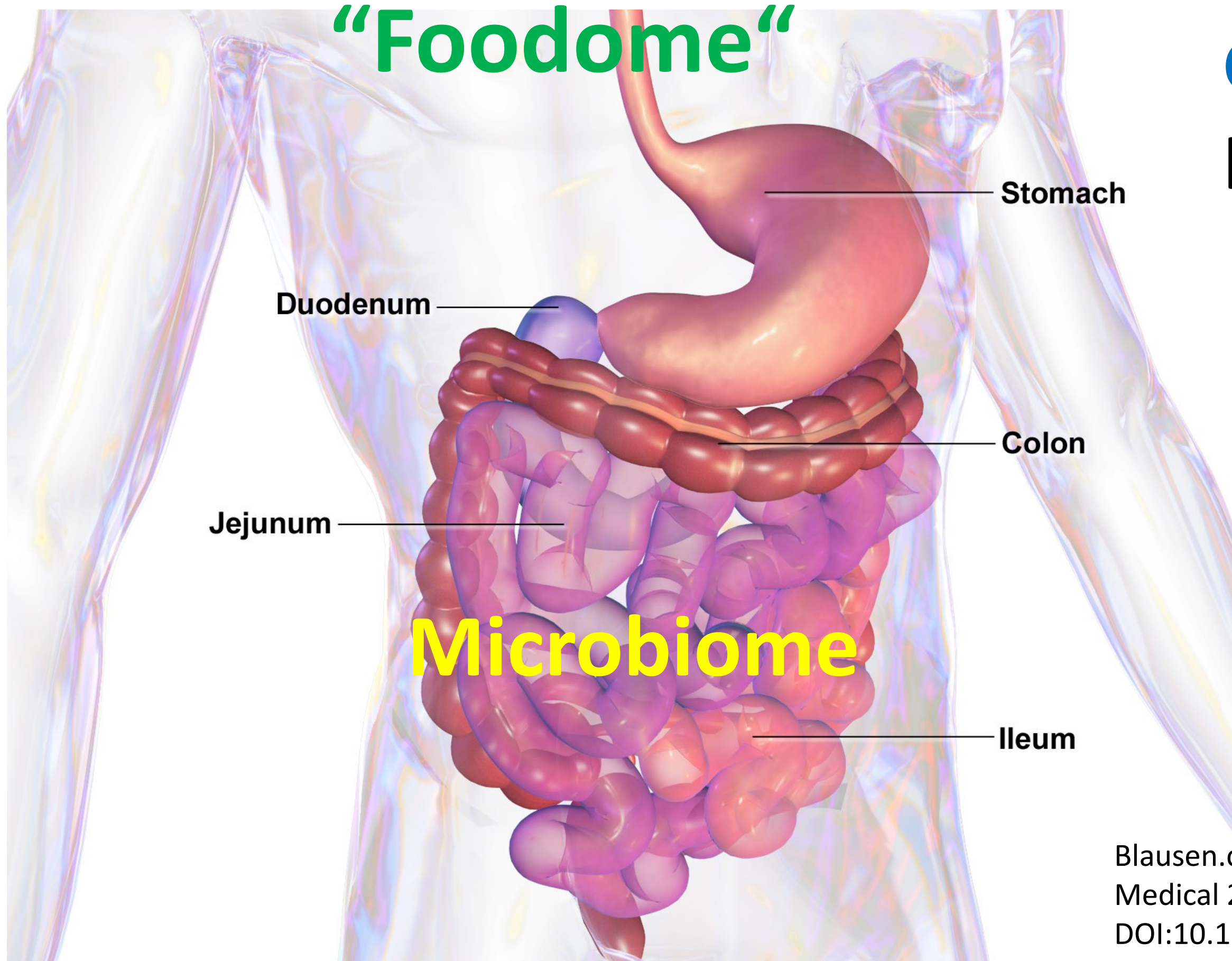


Source: Hilbert, M., & López, P. (2011). The World's Technological Capacity to Store, Communicate, and Compute Information. *Science*, 332(6025), 60–65. <http://www.martinhilbert.net/WorldInfoCapacity.html>



# What is "Big Data"?





**GENOME** →  
**IMMUNE SYSTEM**

*To keep the GIT  
microbial ecology  
healthy and stable*

*For a repository on kinetic  
behaviour of bacteria, see for  
example [www.combase.cc](http://www.combase.cc)*

Blausen.com staff (2014). "Medical gallery of Blausen Medical 2014". WikiJournal of Medicine 1 (2). DOI:10.15347/wjm/2014.010.

**Don't be fooled by the concept of "average"**

An average human has one breast and one testicle...

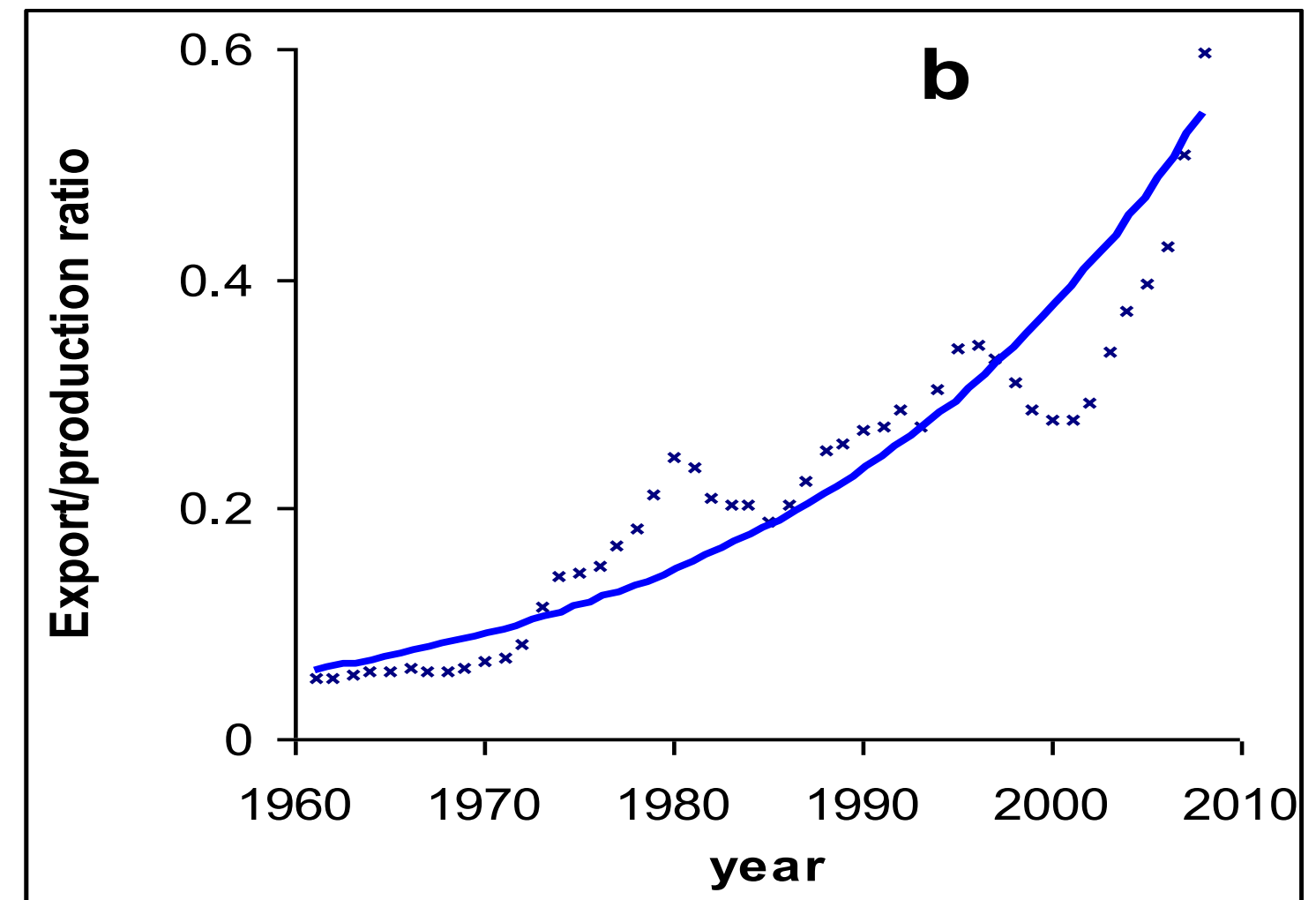
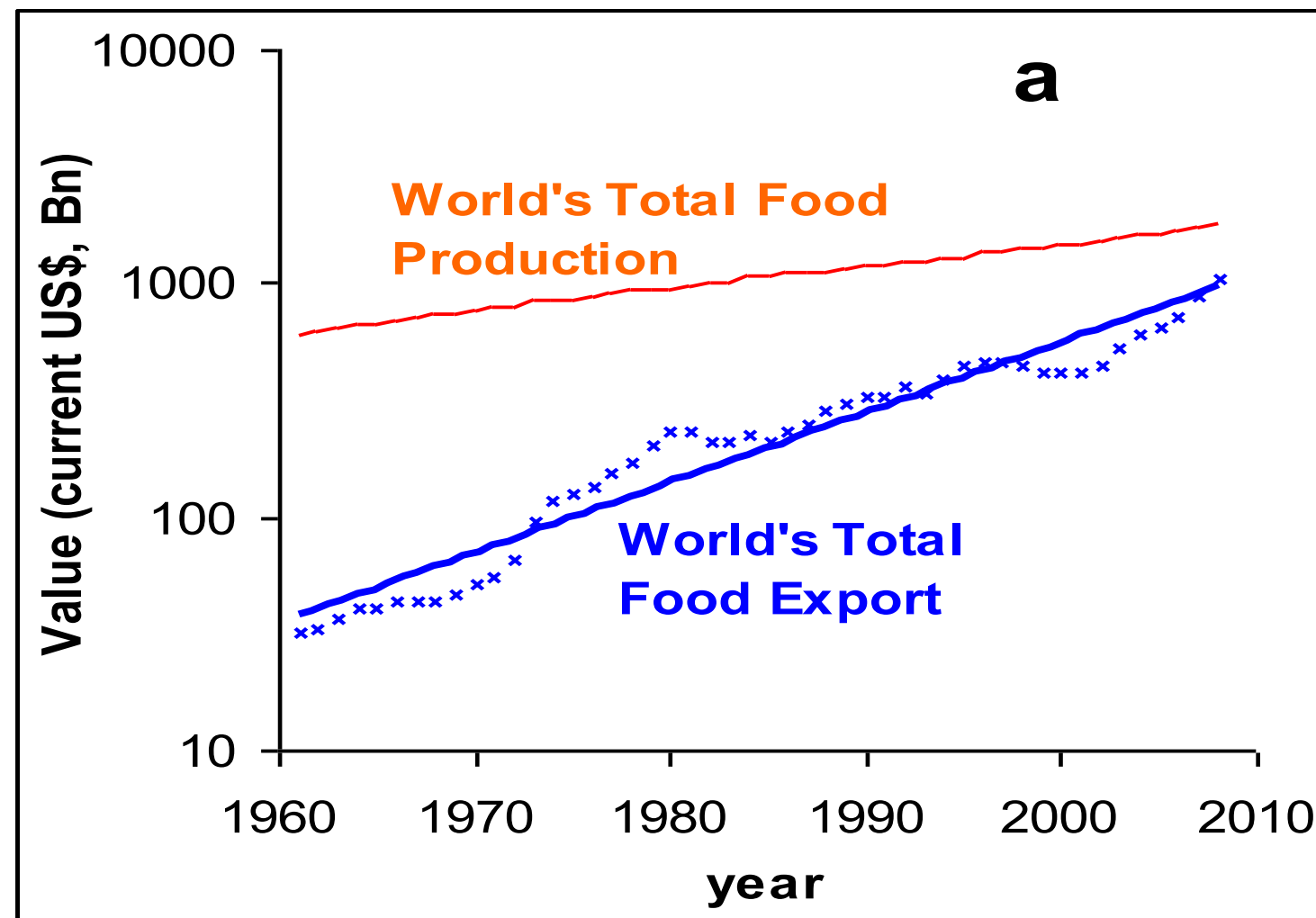
*Des MacHale*

If you put your head in the oven and your bottom in the fridge then your average body temperature should be OK

*Unknown*

### **3. Case studies for global complex networks**

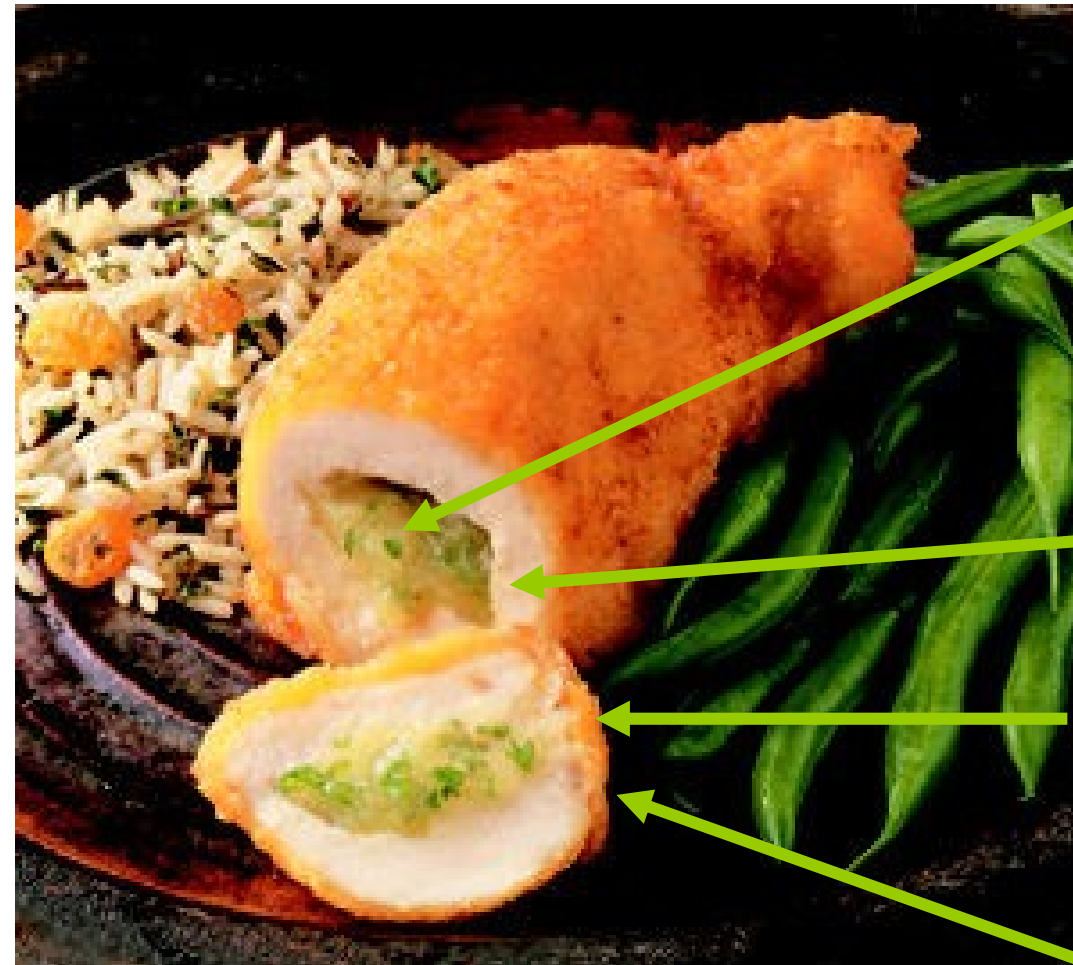
# Exponential growth of the International Food Trade Network (IFTN)





# Globalisation of Food Trade

*"The World on your Plate"*



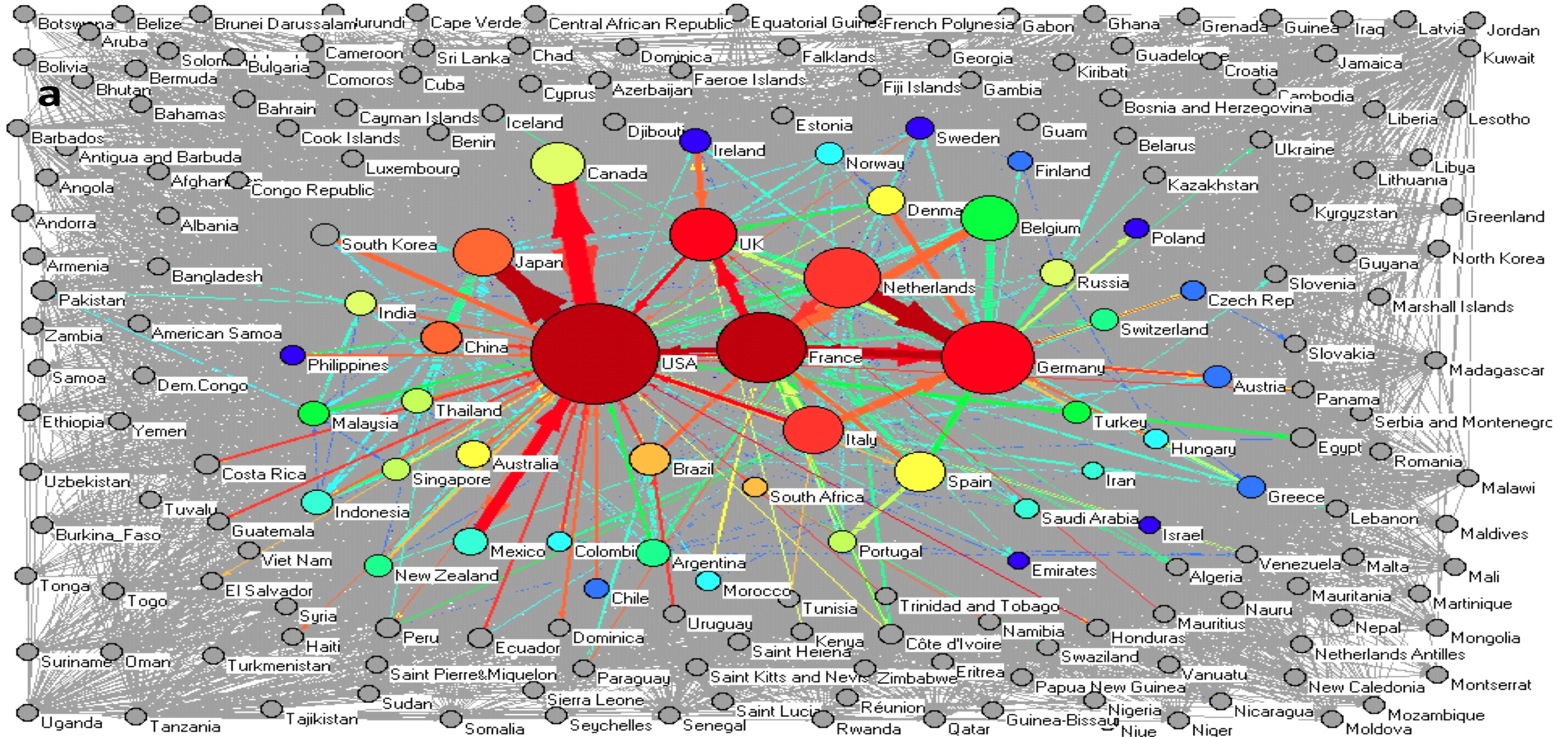
**Chicken Kiev**

- Herb Butter:**
  - Salted butter** - Ireland
  - garlic puree** - China, USA, Spain
  - garlic salt** - China, USA, Spain
  - lemon** - USA
  - parsley** - France, UK
  - pepper** - India
  - water** - Ireland
- Chicken Breast:** **Chicken** - Ireland, Belgium  
UK, Thailand etc.
- Batter:** **Flour**  
**Water** - Belgium, France  
- Ireland
- Bread Crumb:** **Bread crumb** - Ireland, UK  
**Rape-seed oil** - EU, Australia  
Eastern Europe

*Alan Reilly, CEO, Food Safety Authority of Ireland*



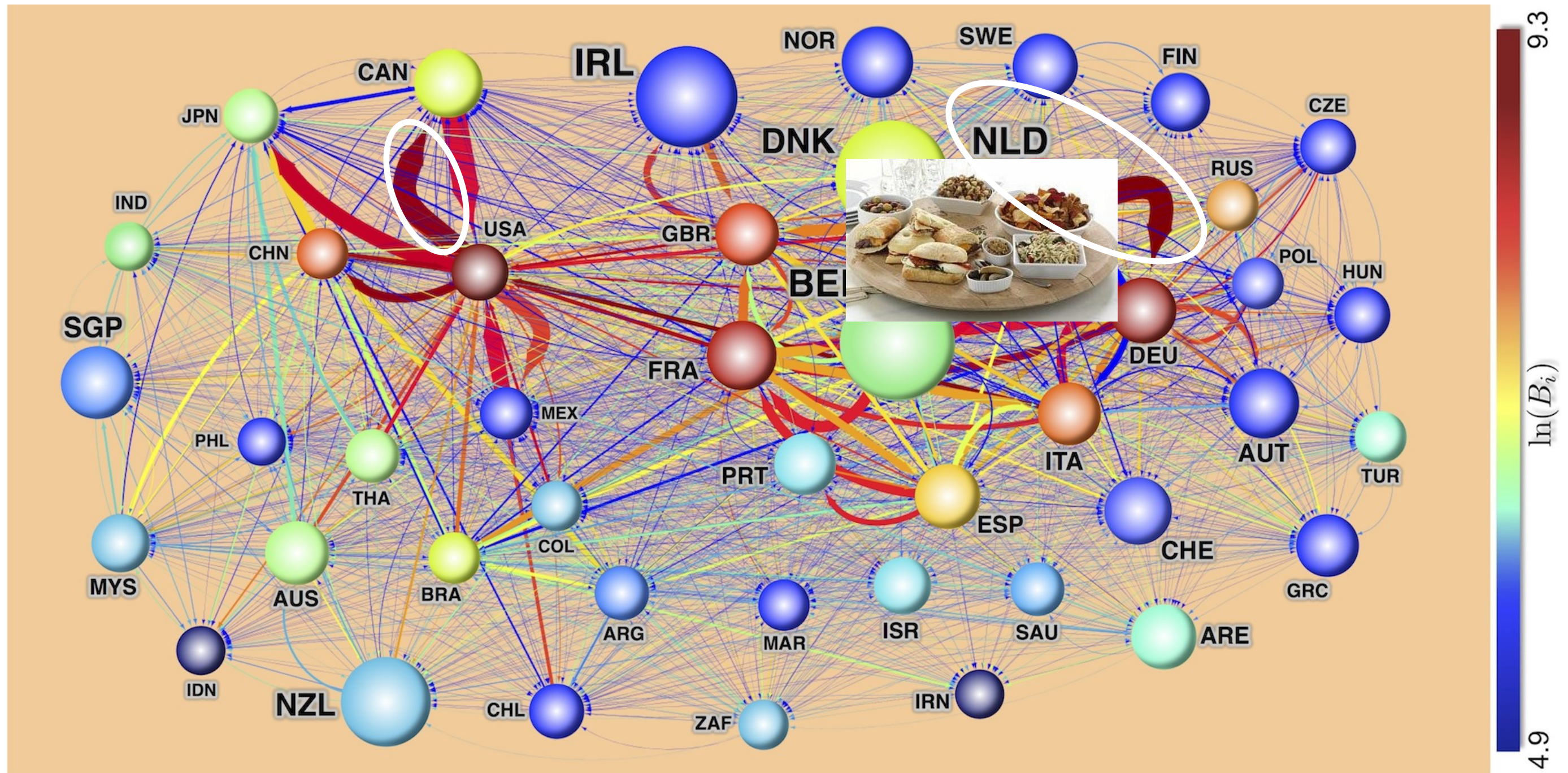
# The International Food Trade Network (IFTN)



Size of nodes and thickness of links are proportional to the trade volume.

The hotter the colour the higher the betweenness centrality of the node / link (i.e. the more probable that a trade route between two randomly chosen countries go through it).

# Backbone of the IFTN



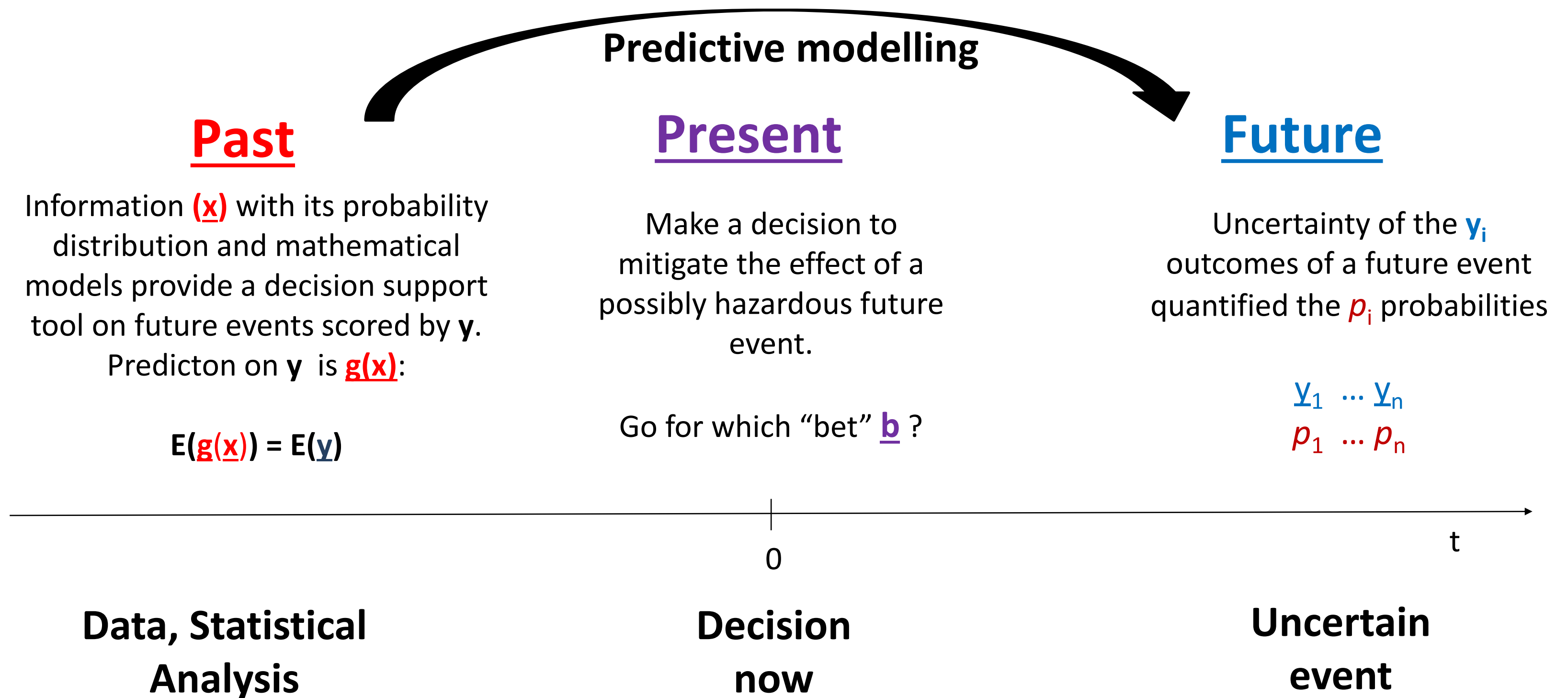
Size of nodes and are proportional to the trade volume per agro-food population.

The warmer the colour the higher the “betweenness-centrality”.

The Dutch food business is the “*Lazy Suzanne*” of the world → High responsibility in biotracing.



# A probabilistic framework

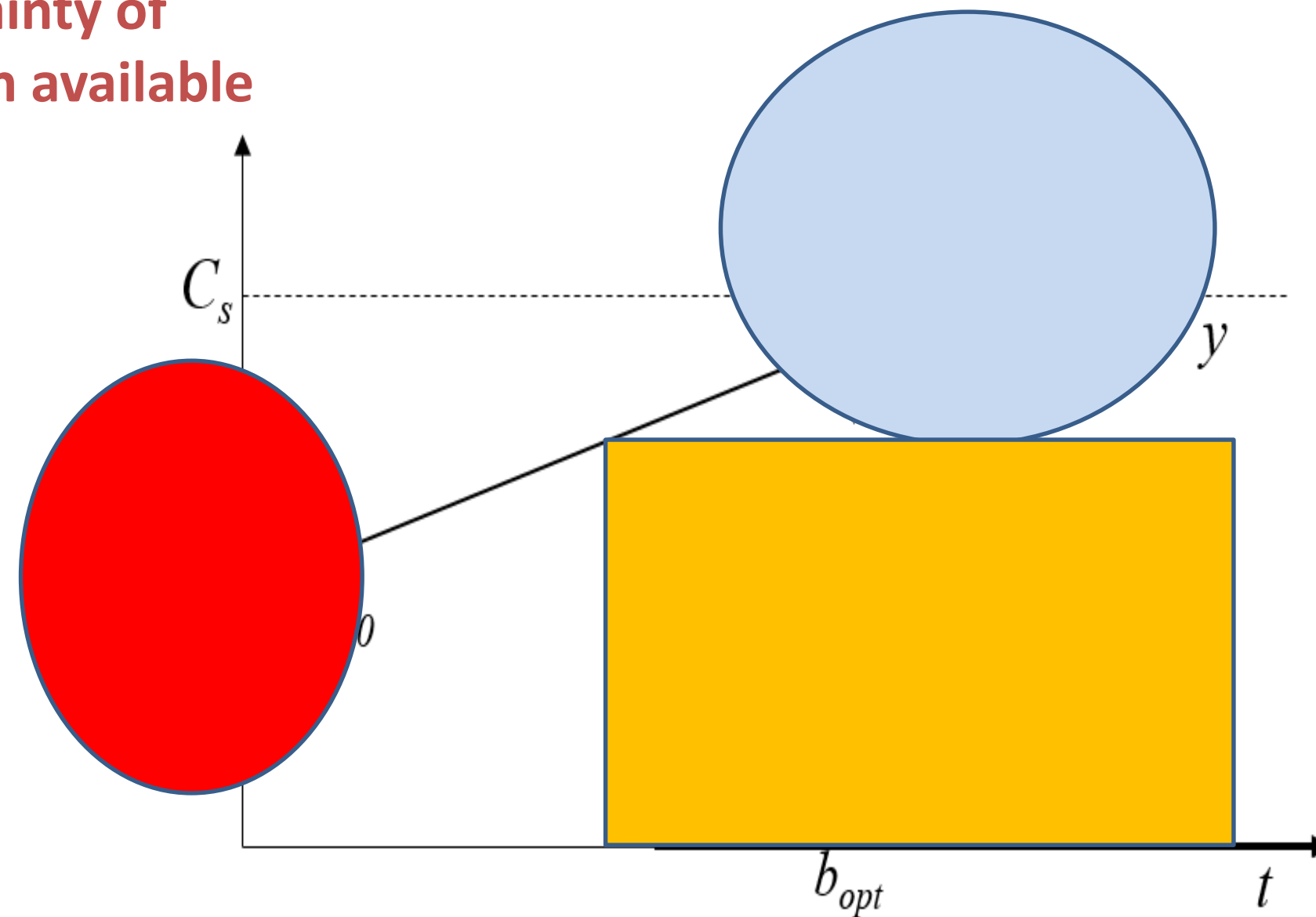


Go for the  $\underline{b}$  bet for which the expected cost of the  $(\underline{b}-\underline{y})$  discrepancy is minimum

# An example: when to take a product off the shelf?

Inaccuracy of the predictor

Uncertainty of information available



Asymmetric cost for prediction error

The nature of cost is different for under- and over-estimations.

Due the structure of cost function the optima are highly sensitive.

➔ Random factors, hitherto unaccounted for, may have more significant effects than the modelled ones do.

## Pattern → Law ???

Én fölnéztem az est alól  
az egek fogaskerekére –  
**csilló véletlen szálaiból**  
**törvényt szőtt a mult szövőszéke**  
és megint fölnéztem az égre  
álmaim gőzei alól  
s láttam, **a törvény szövődéke**  
**mindíg fölfeslik valahol.**

*József Attila: Eszmélet*

....

....

**from glistening threads of chance**  
**the loom of the past was weaving law...**

....

....

**Than I saw that the fabric of the law**  
**was always broken by a hole.**

*Translation: Michael Beevor*