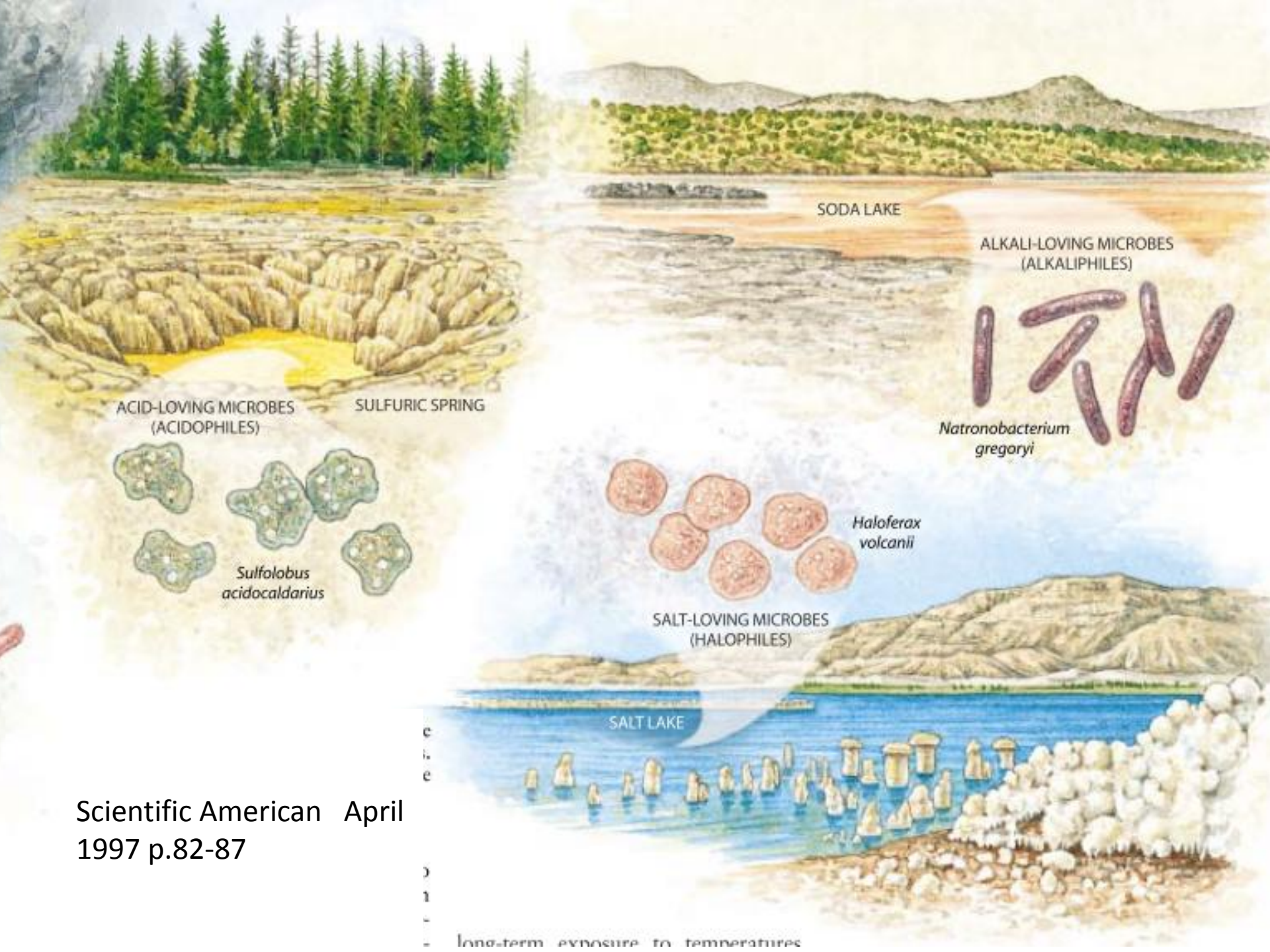


# **Correlation of metabolic network structure of extremophiles to optimal growth temperature**

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SODA LAKE

ALKALI-LOVING MICROBES  
(ALKALIPHILES)

*Natronobacterium  
gregoryi*

ACID-LOVING MICROBES  
(ACIDOPHILES)

SULFURIC SPRING

*Sulfolobus  
acidocaldarius*

*Haloferax  
volcanii*

SALT-LOVING MICROBES  
(HALOPHILES)

SALT LAKE

Scientific American April  
1997 p.82-87

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- long-term exposure to temperatures

# Types of Extremophiles

- Acidophile- Low pH values
- Alkaliphile - High pH values.
- Anaerobe - Absence of oxygen.
- Endolith - Inside rocks or grains.
- Halophile - High salt concentrations.
- Oligotroph - limited nutrient conditions
- Barophiles - High hydrostatic pressure.
- Xerophile - Low water activity
- Psychrophiles – Low temperatures
- Thermophiles & hyperthermophiles – High temperatures

# Optimal Growth Temperature

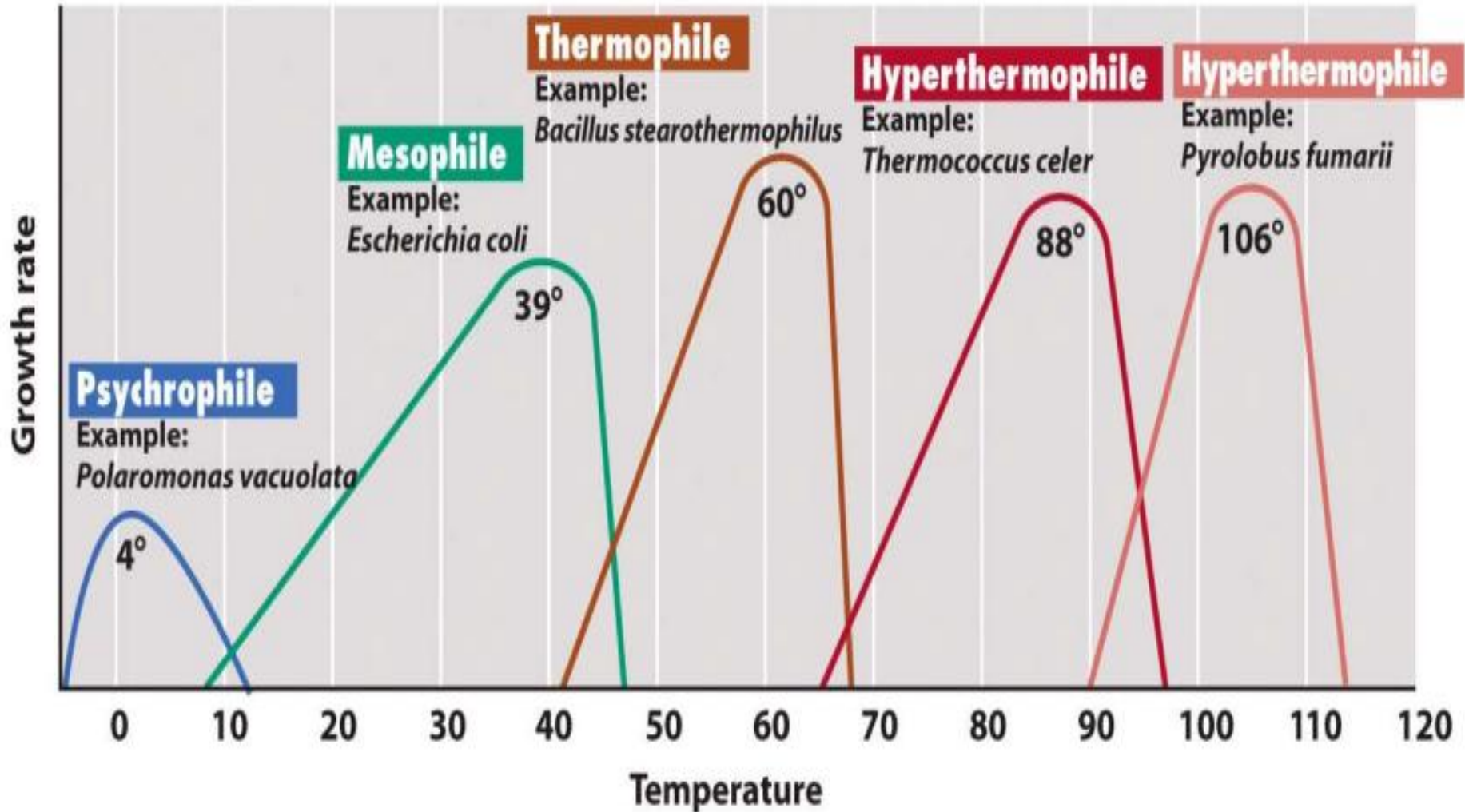


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# NCBI classification based on life-style

1. **Aquatic** - live in fresh or seawater and not associated with hosts.
2. **Host Associated**
  - a) Obligate - associated with host (intracellular/ extracellular) has little contact with outside world.
  - b) Facultative - free living bacteria such as *E. coli* that often associate with a host.
3. **Multiple** - multiple different kinds of environments Ex: wide host range or different environments
4. **Specialized** - live in specialized environments ex: marine thermal vents.
5. **Terrestrial** - live in the soil

# Organisms studied

*165 prokaryotes (includes bacteria & archea)  
living in varying environmental conditions*

Life style	Number of Organisms	Range of optimal growth temperature			
		Psychro	Meso	Thermo	Hyperthermo
<b>A</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>HA</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>

**Construct metabolic network from genome information & analyse using graph theory**

*Methanococoides burtonii*



*Salmonella typhimurium*



- Irrespective of the shape, size or environmental conditions all organisms are optimized to function robustly and efficiently.
- Aim to understand the factors which give rise to cellular economy & robustness in presence of noise and wide variety of environmental conditions.

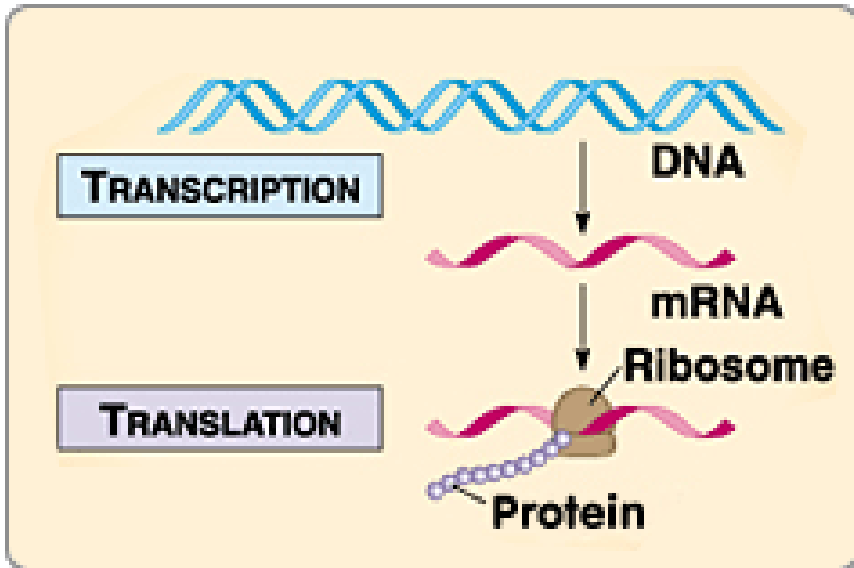
# Control and Optimization in Cells

Pathways controlled through enzymatic regulation,  
through positive & negative feedback

Only enzymes required for survival synthesized

Only in required amounts and only when required

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## Structural proteins

- basic building blocks (ex: collagen)

## Transmembrane

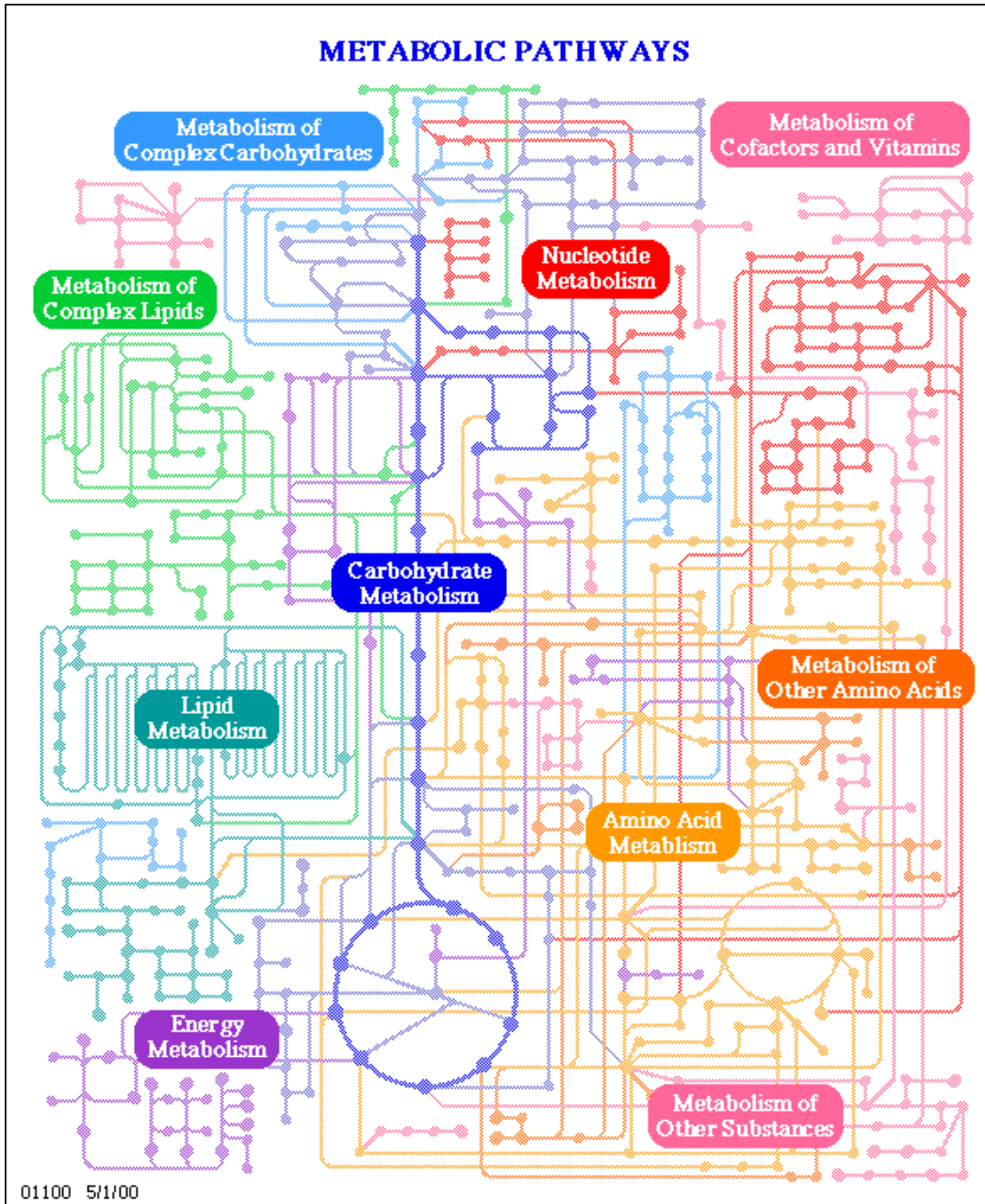
- regulating cell volume,
- generation of ionic gradients (ex: sodium/potassium pump).

## Enzymes

- Catalyze biochemical reactions of different metabolic pathways (ex: glycolysis pathway).
- Very specific and generally catalyze only a single type of reaction.
- Same enzyme can play role in more than one pathway.



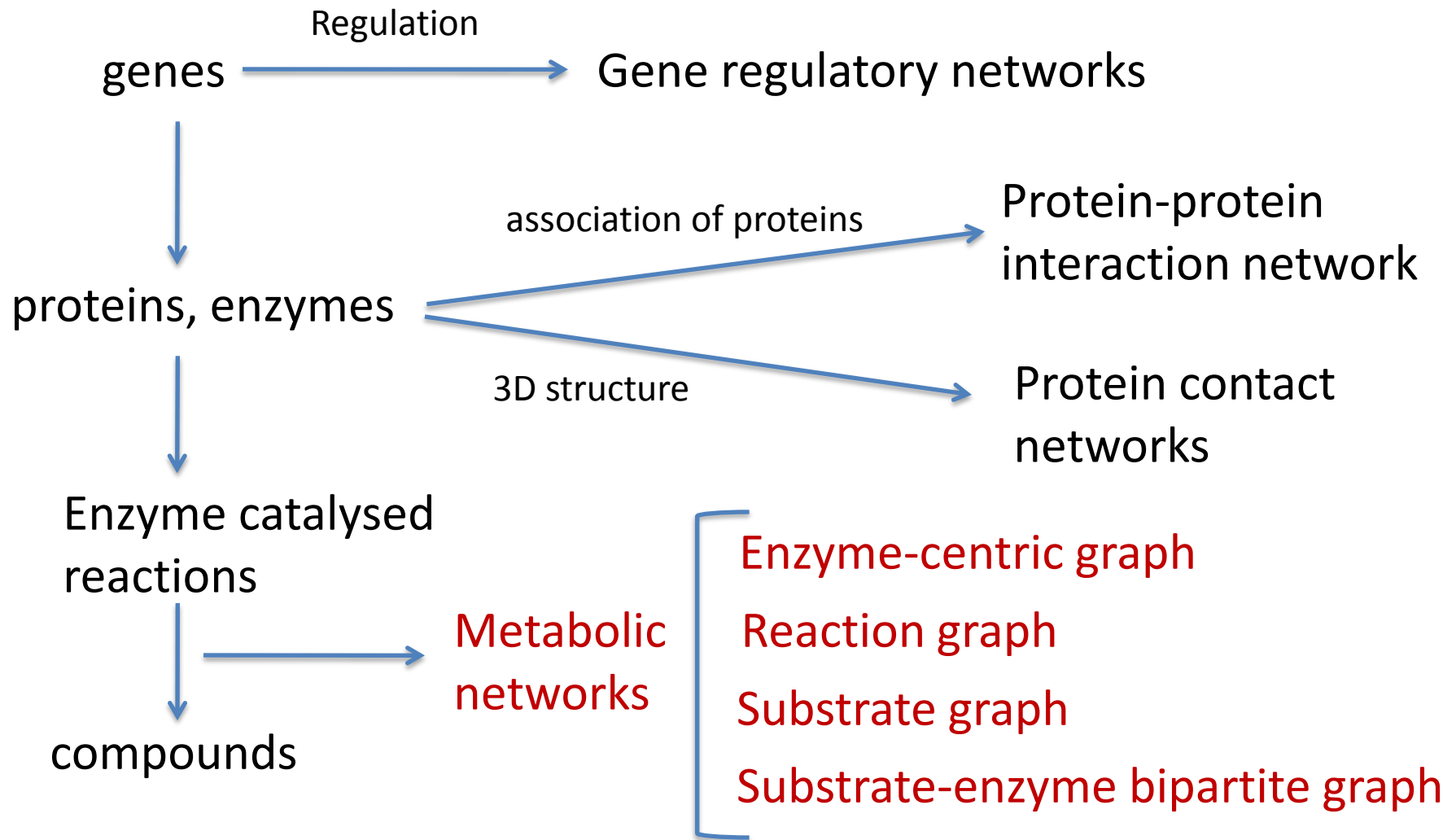
# METABOLIC PATHWAYS



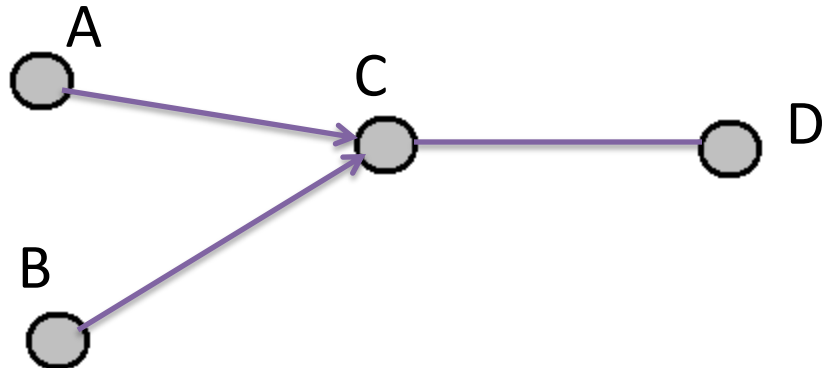
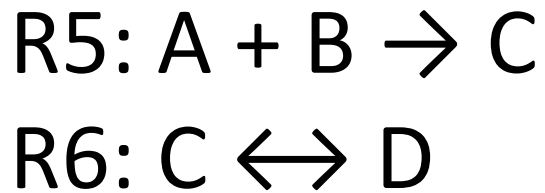
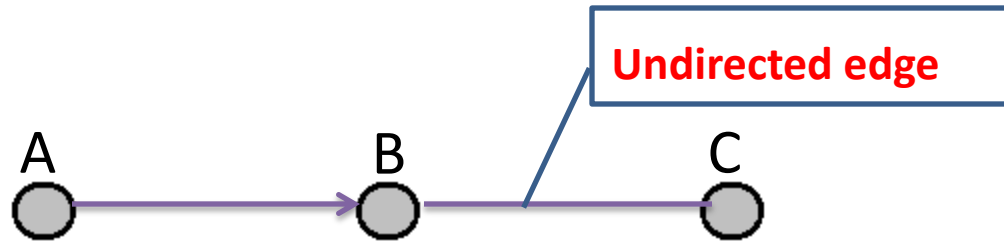
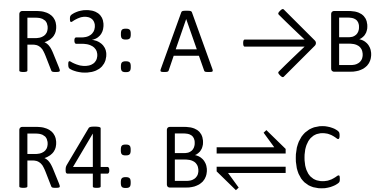
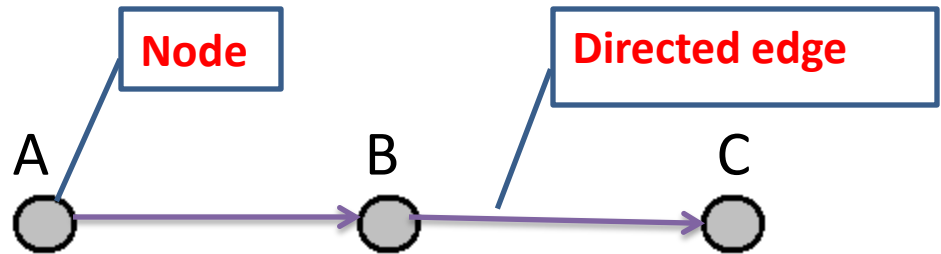
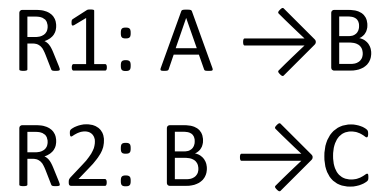
1. Carbohydrate Metabolism
2. Lipid Metabolism
3. Nucleotide Metabolism
4. Metabolism of Other Amino acids
5. Energy Metabolism
6. Metabolism of Complex Lipids.
7. Metabolism of Other substances.
8. Metabolism of cofactors and vitamins.
9. Amino Acid Metabolism

Highly interconnected with complex regulatory processes

# Information in Genome Databases Used to Construct Cellular Networks of Different Types



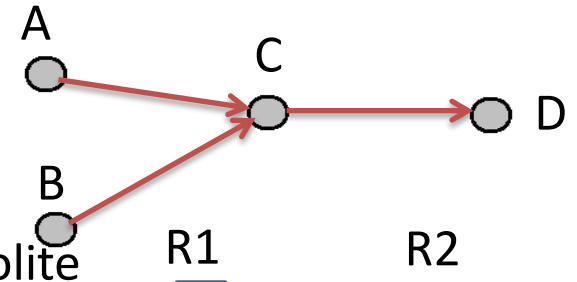
# Graphical Representation of Metabolic Reactions



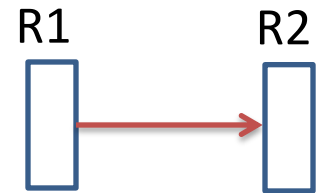
# Metabolic Pathway Graph Representations



**Substrate graph:** Nodes – compounds  
Edges between compound & product (directed)

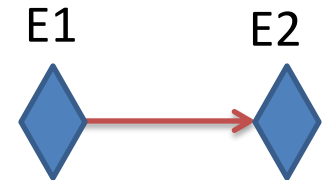


**Reaction graph:** nodes – reactions share common metabolite  
Two reactions connected if they share compound that is product of one reaction & substrate of other.



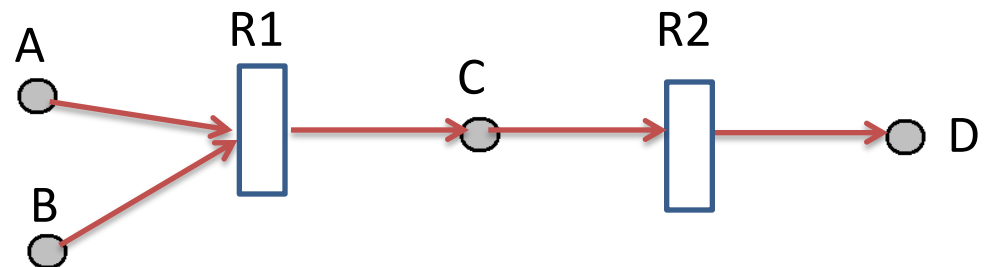
**Enzyme-centric graph:** nodes - enzymes.

Two enzymes connected if they share compound that is product of one enzyme catalyzed reaction and substrate of reaction catalyzed by the other enzyme.



**Substrate-enzyme bipartite graph:** two sets of nodes one corresponds to compounds, while the other corresponds to reactions

A reaction is connected with its substrates and products - only nodes in different sets can be connected



# DATABASES

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**Enzymes & pathways in each organism**

# Extraction of Enzymatic/Nonenzymatic Reactions

## Genome-enzyme

eco:b0002 ec:2.7.2.4  
eco:b0003 ec:2.7.1.39  
eco:b0008 ec:2.2.1.2  
eco:b0025 ec:2.7.1.26  
eco:b0025 ec:2.7.7.2  
**eco:b0356 ec:1.1.1.1**  
eco:b0026 ec:6.1.1.5  
.....

## REACTION

**ENTRY** **R00754**  
**DEFINITION** Ethanol + NAD+ $\rightleftharpoons$  Acetaldehyde + NADH + H+  
**EQUATION** **C00469 + C00003  $\rightleftharpoons$  C00084 + C00004 + C00080**  
**ENZYME** **1.1.1.1**  
**PATHWAY** **map00010** Glycolysis  
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## Genome-pathway

eco:b0104 path:eco00230  
eco:b0109 path:eco00760  
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eco:b0114 path:eco**00010**  
eco:b0114 path:eco00020  
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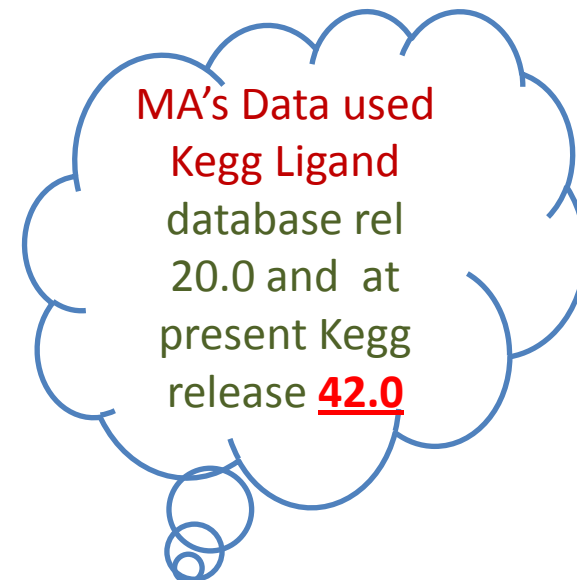
## REACTION MAPFORMULA

R00750: 00643: C00084 + C00022  $\rightleftharpoons$  C03589  
R00751: 00260: C00188  $\rightleftharpoons$  C00037  
R00753: 00620: C00084  $\Rightarrow$  C00186  
**R00754: 00010: C00469  $\rightleftharpoons$  C00084**  
R00755: 00010: C05125  $\Rightarrow$  C00084  
R00761: 00710: C00085  $\Rightarrow$  C00279

# KEGG Data curated using **Ma's Bioreaction database(2003)** –based on Kegg rel. 20.0



OLD Reaction Id	New Reaction Id
R00007	R00008
R00035	R00068
R00040	R01022



SOME PATHWAY IDS CHANGED

ex: **Map00272** → **Map00270**  
(Cysteine and methionine metabolism )  
[not mentioned in KEGG]

Changes	No of Reactions
(1) Changed Reaction Id	148
(2) Changed Compound Id	900
(3) Current Metabolites	1200



# CURRENCY METABOLITE

## Transfer electrons and other functional groups

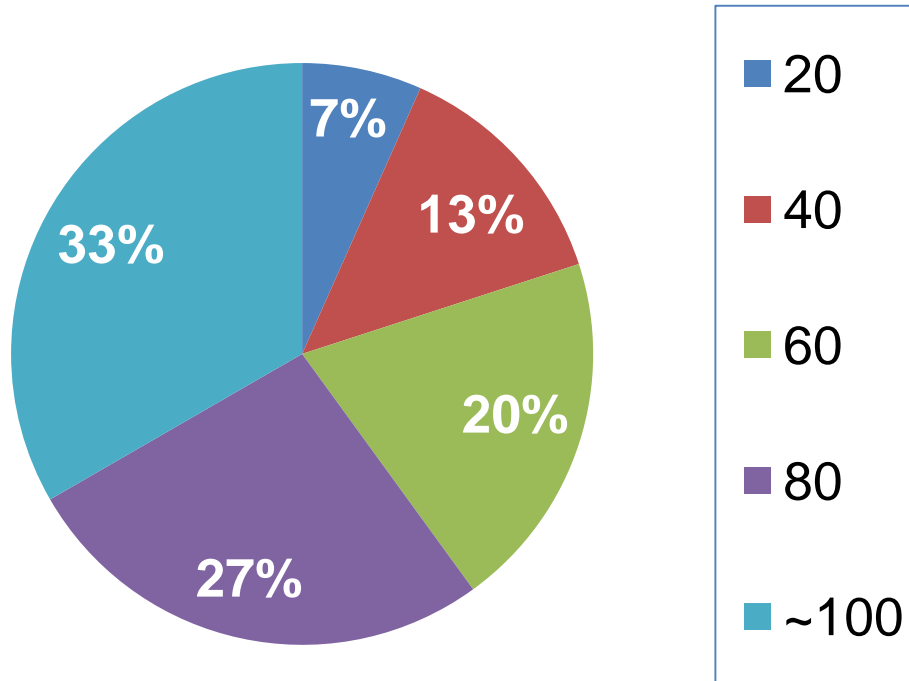
- ❖ Phosphate group transfer- ATP/ADP/AMP.
- ❖ Hydrogen transfer - NADH/NAD, NADPH/NADP, FADH/FAD .
- ❖ Acetyl group transfer - Acetyl-Coenzyme-A.
- ❖ Others - CO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> H<sub>2</sub>S, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, Sulfate etc.

Currency metabolites are abundant in cell and present in many reactions

**Remove current metabolites since connections through them produces biologically meaningless results**

## Results :

### Pathway Presence in Organisms



### Pathways present in almost all organisms

Glycolysis /  
Gluconeogenesis

Pentose phosphate pathway

Oxidative phosphorylation

Purine metabolism

Pyrimidine metabolism

Cysteine and methionine  
metabolism

Valine, leucine and  
isoleucine biosynthesis

**Exception:** *Nanoarecheum equitans* depends entirely on host for all its nutritional requirements and has only DNA processing pathways

# Reconstructed metabolic network

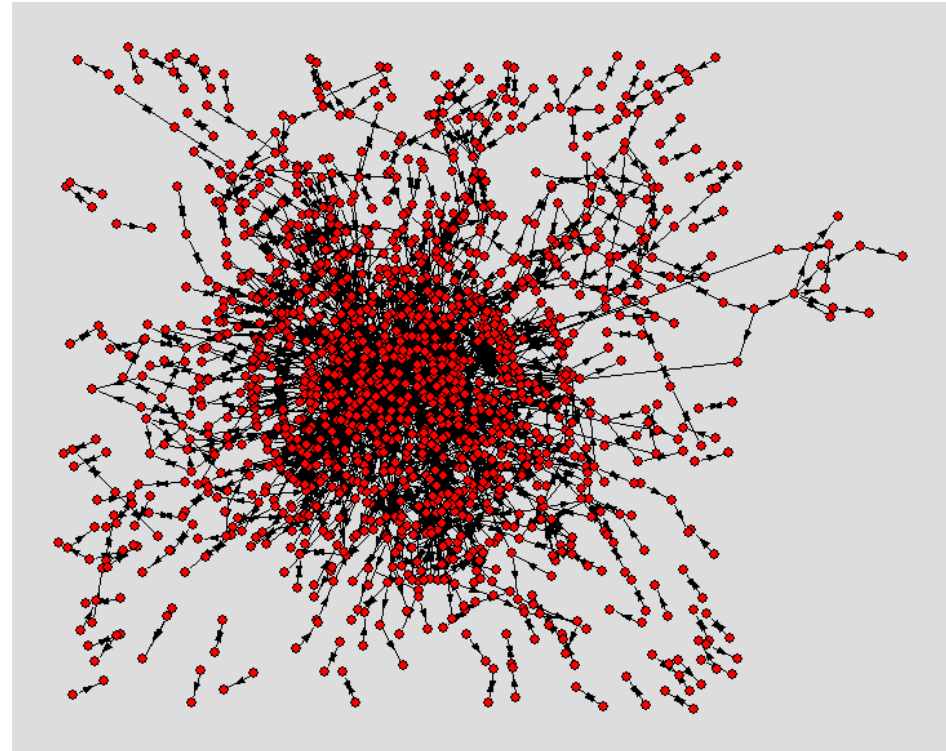
*Shewanella baltica*

## Substrate Graph of *Shewanella baltica* metabolic pathway

### Nodes – metabolites

Edges – educt-product pairs

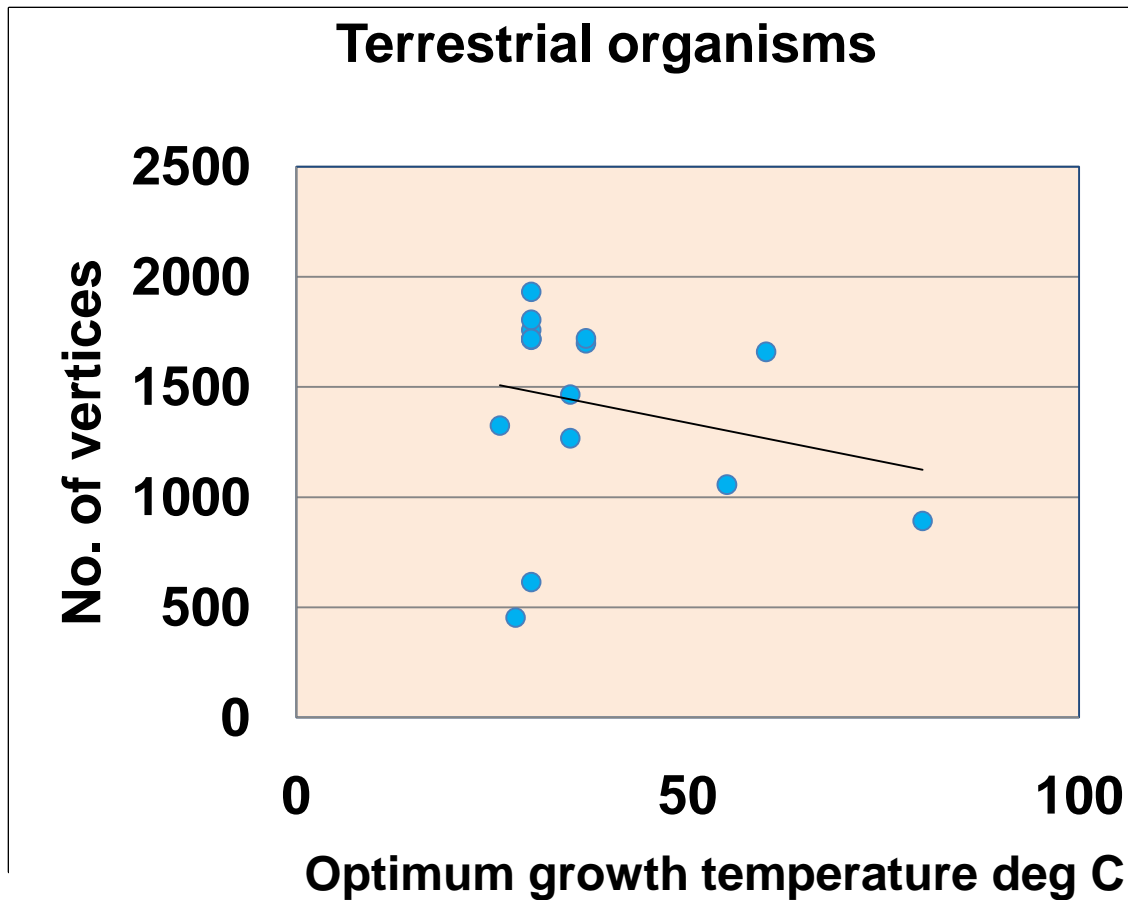
- *arrows indicate direction of reaction*
- *Orphan clusters : nodes not connected to main cluster*



### Analysis

- Important nodes - Degree “hubs” (most highly connected nodes)
- Degree distribution & scale-free exponent
- Clustering coefficient
- K-cores and k-core hubs

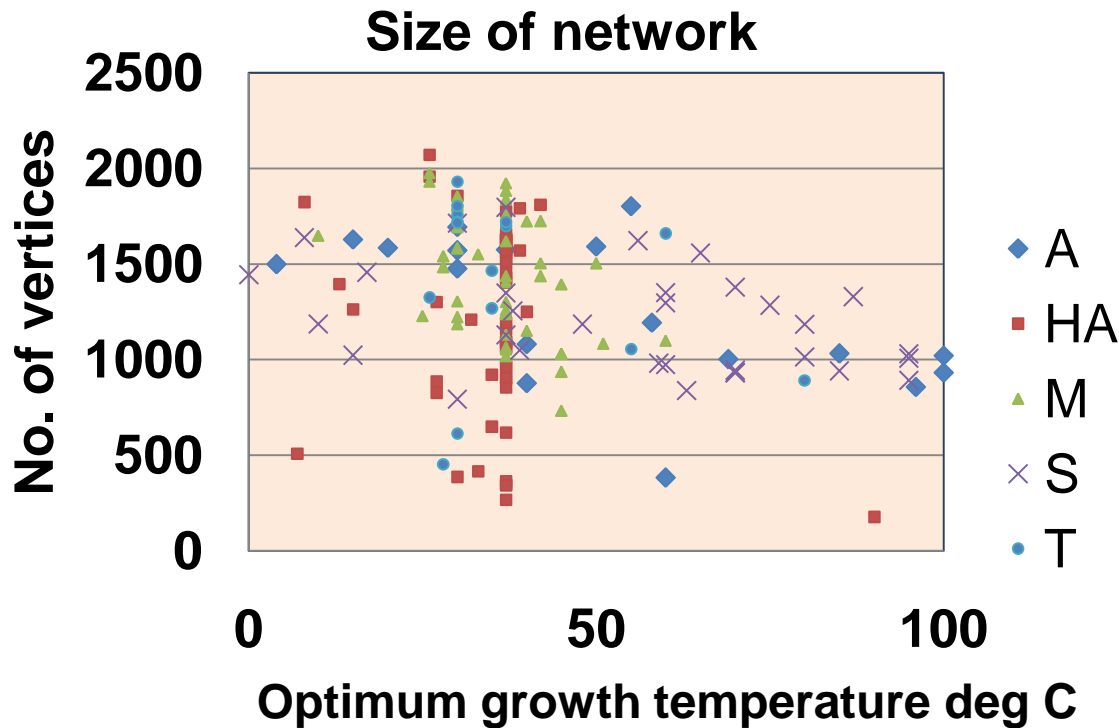
# Size of metabolic networks



Organisms at normal temperature range (30-37 ° C) show most variability in size

Mostly Host associated (both pathogen & symbiont)

Other factors also affect the network structure



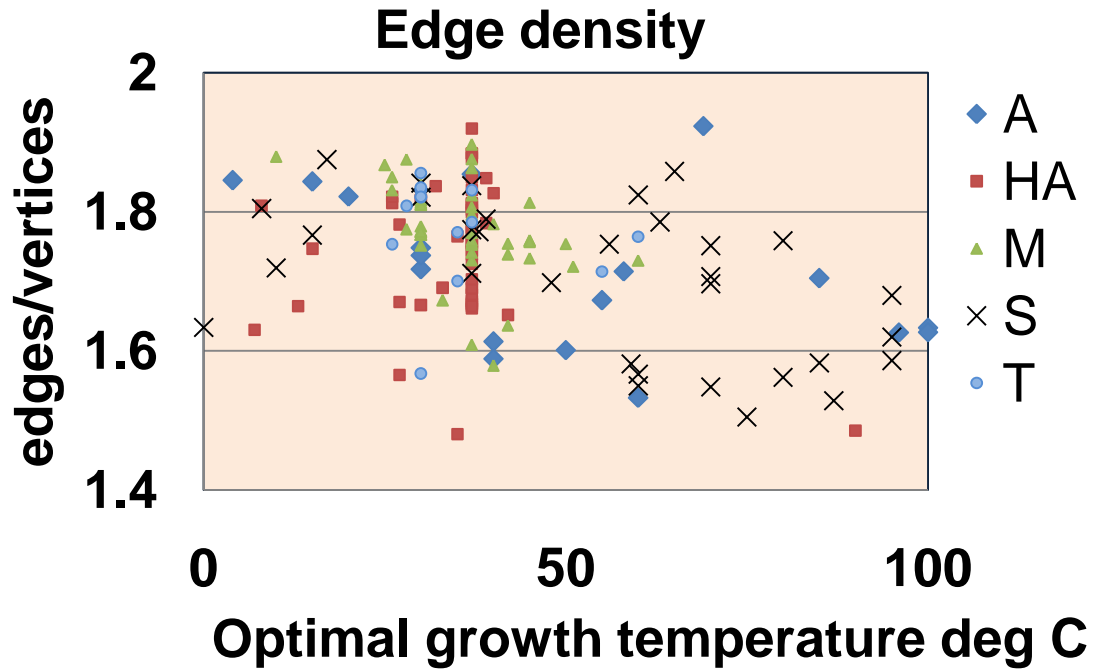
Negatively correlated to growth temperature

Aquatic, multiple & specialized organisms show better correlation

Host-associated & terrestrial organisms show less correlation to growth temperature

Life-style	Organisms	<i>r</i>	<i>p-val</i>
<b>A</b>	<b>18</b>	-0.61	0.007
<b>HA</b>	<b>50</b>	-0.22	0.12
<b>M</b>	<b>50</b>	-0.49	0.003
<b>S</b>	<b>31</b>	-0.38	0.03
<b>T</b>	<b>16</b>	-0.23	0.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	-0.32	0.00003

# Edge density

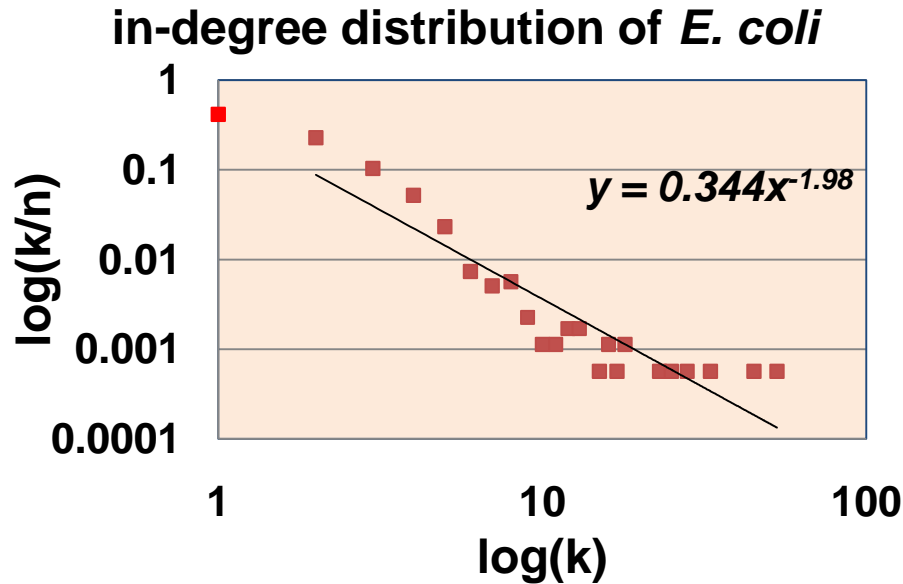


**Negatively  
correlated to  
growth  
temperature**

**Host  
associated  
mesophiles  
have relatively  
higher  
densities**

Life-style	Organisms	r	p-val
A	18	-0.46	0.05
HA	50	-0.17	0.23
M	50	-0.45	0.0009
S	31	-0.51	0.003
T	16	0.43	0.09
Total	165	-0.37	0.000001

# Degree Distribution

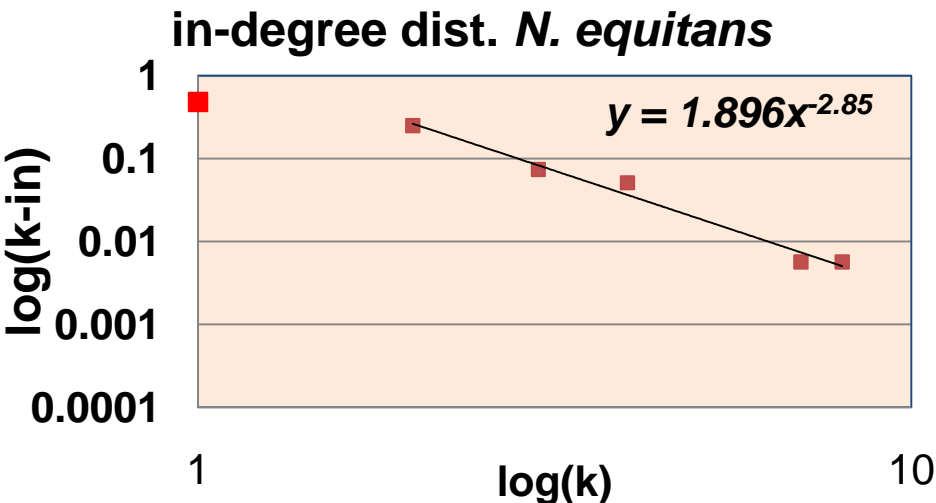


Many low-degree nodes  
Few high-degree nodes

$$P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}$$

$\gamma$  - degree exponent

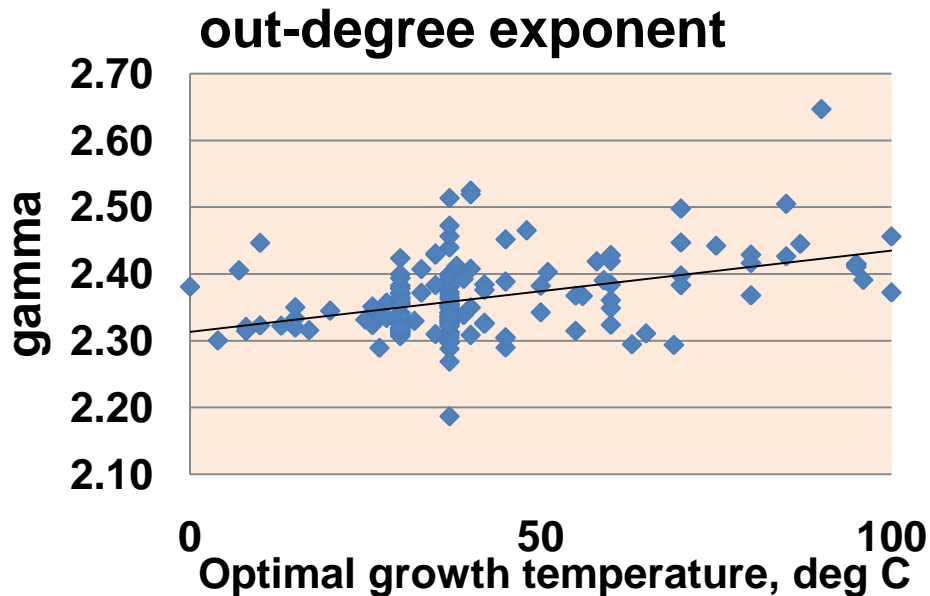
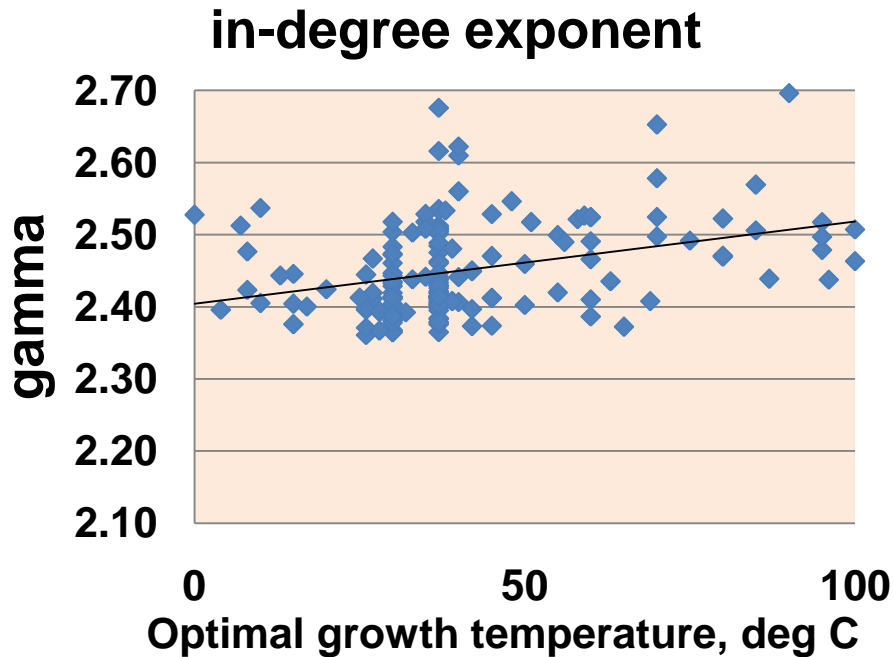
Similar out-degree distribution



Metabolic networks have evolved in accordance with requirement of organism & not randomly

Growth of network through preferential attachment

***Robust to random deletion of nodes***



Life style	Org	$r$ (gamma-in)	$p$ -val
A	18	0.19	0.45
HA	50	0.39	0.004
M	50	0.35	0.01
S	31	0.25	0.17
T	16	0.38	0.14
Total	165	0.34	0.000006

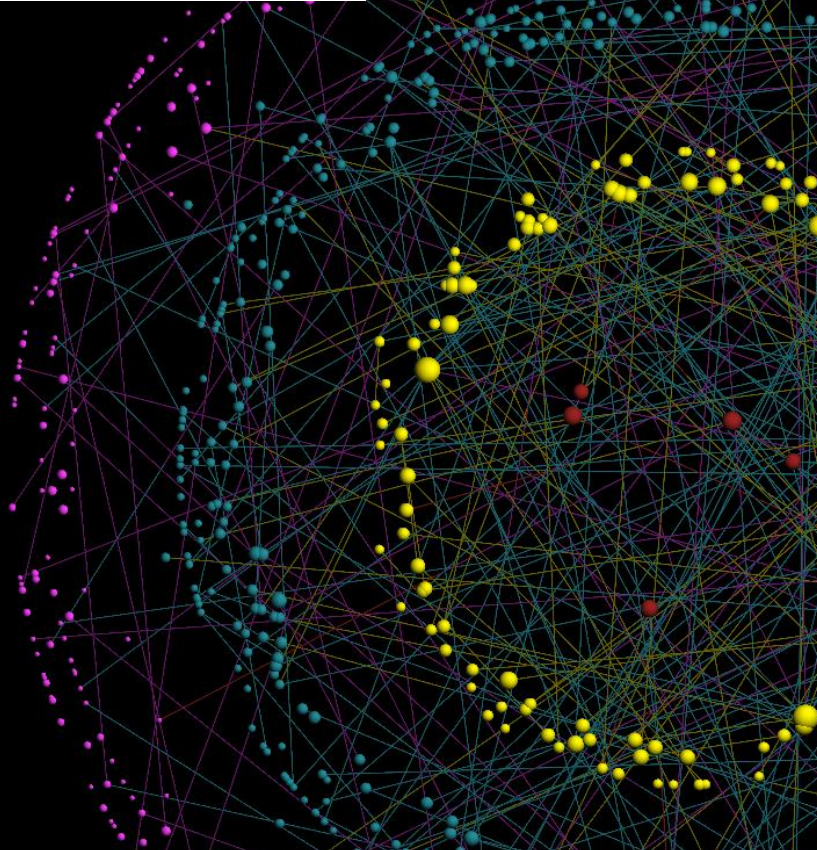
Life style	Org	$r$ (out)	$p$ -val
A	18	0.35	0.154
HA	50	0.50	0.0002
M	50	0.18	0.22
S	31	0.41	0.02
T	16	0.42	0.101
Total	165	0.46	<0.000001

**Networks of organisms at lower optimal growth temperatures have more heterogenous structure**



# k-core analysis

k-cores of *E. coli*



• 3  
• 10  
• 40

***Nodes with highest degree need not have highest coreness  
Higher degree nodes connected to more lower degree nodes***

Metabolite	Core-ness	In degree
D-Fructose 6-phosphate	4	11
D-Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate	4	17
D-Xylulose 5-phosphate	4	8
D-Erythrose 4-phosphate	4	8
beta-D-Fructose 6-phosphate	4	12
Sedoheptulose 7-phosphate	4	8
S-Adenosyl-L-methionine	3	4
Pyruvate	3	53
L-Glutamate	3	45
2-Oxoglutarate	3	33

# Inferences

Metabolic network topology of prokaryotes

- Correlated to environmental conditions.
- Has evolved in accordance to their environmental and nutritional requirements.
- Scale free – robust to random deletion of nodes while targeted attack on several nodes can lead to breakdown in network structure.
- Network structure of prokaryotes at lower temperatures are more heterogeneous than those of thermophiles & hyperthermophiles.
- Nodes which have high degree centrality may have lower coreness; they are connected to lower degree nodes.

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