VISUALIZING AND UNDERSTANDING COMPLEX SYSTEMS



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2. Case studies:

- Public transport networks
- Online game networks
- Networks of ancient narratives

Complex systems

of many interacting agents

Complex systems



The study of complex systems represents a new approach to science that investigates how relationships between parts give rise to the collective behaviors of a system... The equations from which models of complex systems are developed generally derive from *statistical physics*, information theory and non-linear dynamics. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Aristotle

> Complex systems science bridges the natural and social sciences, enriching both, and reduces the gap between science, engineering, and policy.

More is different. Philip Anderson CSS Website

In recent years physicists have been deeply interested in studying the behavior of complex systems. The result of this effort has been a conceptual revolution, a paradigmatic shift that has far reaching consequences for the very definition of physics. Giorgio Parisi

I think the next century will be the century of complexity. Stephen Hawking

Complex systems inherent features

- SELF-ORGANIZATION [into patterns, as occurs with flocks of birds, periodicity in disease outbreaks, or residential segregation.]
- EMERGENCE [of functionalities, such as cognition in the brain or the robustness of networks.]
- CHAOS [where small changes in initial conditions ("the flapping of a butterfly's wings in Argentina") produce large later changes ("a hurricane in the Caribbean").]
- "FAT-TAIL" BEHAVIOR [where rare events occur much more often than would be predicted by a normal (bell-curve) distribution.]
- ADAPTIVE INTERACTION [where interacting agents (as in markets or the Prisoner's Dilemma) modify their strategies in diverse ways as experience accumulates to produce cooperative behavior.]

as a tool to visualize, quantify and understand complex systems







A network:

nodes

links









Network features: distance, correlations, centrality







mean shortest path length

clustering coefficient

betweenness

$$\langle l \rangle = \frac{2}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i>j} l_{ij}$$

$$_{j}l_{ij}$$
 $C_{m} = \frac{2E_{m}}{k_{m}(k_{m}-1)}$

$$\sigma(m) = \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{B(i,m,j)}{B(i,j)}$$

Network features: Small worlds



self-organization

Public transport networks

emergence of functionalities

Online game networks

fat-tail behaviour

adaptive interaction

Networks of ancient narratives

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Our database





Robustness vs vunerability



Largest cluster size S as function of removed node share c.

Scenario "random".

B. Berche, C. von Ferber, T. Holovatch, Yu.H. Eur. Phys. J. B 71 (2009) 125; Dyn. Soc.-Econ. Syst.

2 (2010) 42; Adv. Compl. Syst. 15 (2012) 1250063 Journ. Transport. Security 5 (2012) 199

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Scenario "recalculated node degree".

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Transportation network seen as a fractal



Fractal dimension of the UK coach network calculated by considering a boxing method

R. de Regt, C. von Ferber, Yu.H., M. Lebovka. Transportation Research E (2017)

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Online game networks

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Sociophysics. Analysis of a virtual world



MMOG (online game, launched in 2004, \sim 400 000 players)



Friendly (green) and hostile (red) relations between 72 randomly chosen players, 445-th day

M. Szell, S. Thurner, Social Networks 32 (2010) 313

Quantitative features of PARDUS universe



M.S. Granovetter'73, The Strength of Weak Ties
Overlap O of two neighbouring nodes as function of weight w and betweenness b
of their connecting link:

$$O(w) \simeq \sqrt[3]{w}$$
 $O(b) \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}$

 R. Dunbar'93, Co-Evolution of Neocortex Size, Group Size and Language in Humans

Maximal node degree (Dunbar number):

$$k_{\text{max}} \simeq 150$$

M. Szell, S. Thurner, Social Networks 32 (2010) 313



O. Mryglod, B. Fuchs, M. Szell, Yu.H., S. Thurner, Physica A 419 (2014) 681.

Self-organization and chaos



O. Mryglod, B. Fuchs, M. Szell, Yu.H., S. Thurner, Physica A 419 (2014) 681.

Emergence of structures in social networks



Action streams in virtual world

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The Cattle Raid of Cooley

Táin Bó Cúailnge (The Tain): the most famous epics of Irish mythology



Network of friends

P. Mac Carron, R. Kenna, Eur. Phys. Lett. 99 (2012) 9928002.

Social network of bylyny characters





Hostile (red) and friendly (blue) bylyny characters networks of Kievan period

P. Sarkanych, Yu.H., R. Kenna, P. Mac Carron, J. Phys. Stud. 20 (2016) 4801.

Universal properties of myth networks





P. Mac Carron, R. Kenna, Eur. Phys. Lett. 99 (2012) 9928002.

Universal properties of myth networks



	Social	Myth (friendly)	Fiction
Small world	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hierarchy	Yes	Yes	Yes
p(k)	Power law	Power law	Exp.
Scale free	Yes	Yes	No
G_c	< 90%	< 90%	> 90%
ТА	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Robust
RA	Robust	Robust	Robust
Assortative	Yes	Yes	No

P. Mac Carron, R. Kenna, Eur. Phys. Lett. 99 (2012) 9928002.

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phase transition

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percolation

can be visualized, quantified and understood by tools of scaling, universality Complex networks

adaptive interaction

fat-tail behaviour

diffusion, RW, SAW

Yu. Holovatch, R. Kenna, S. Thurner, Complex systems: physics beyond physics. Eur. J. Phys. **38** (2017) 023002