

# Computational Nuclear Science & Engineering Course Goal: *able to solve problems aided by computer programming*

Mathematical  
insights into how  
algorithms work

Practical  
programming /  
debugging skills

Model construction  
& interpretation of  
numerical results

**Intermediate Level**

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by **Doing** Nuclear Science and Engineering Problems!

- incoming MIT NSE graduate students have diverse backgrounds
  - but, NSE don't need or have time to reinvent the wheels

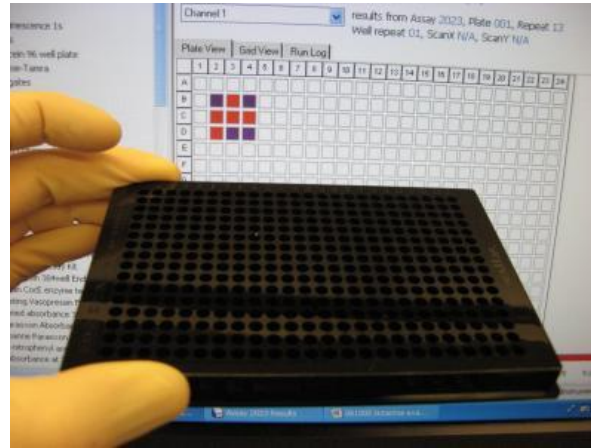
22.107 Course Pre-requisite: 12.010, 18.085

- Assumes **basic** level of numerical linear algebra, probability theory, finite difference, FFT etc. (if not confident, take 18.085)
- Assumes **basic** level of programming skills (if not confident, take 12.010)

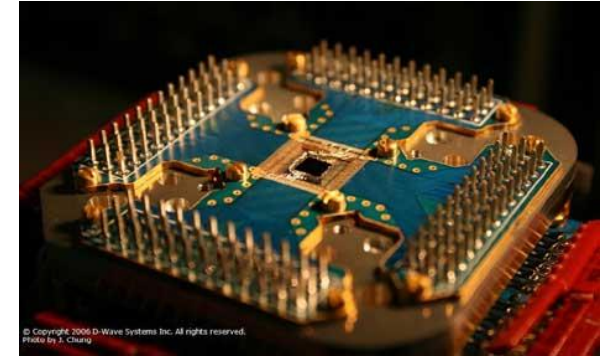
## Course Approach

- No spoon feeding: lectures provide pointers (references, websites) and examples
- **Self study and self-motivated programming a must**
- Problem set centric: develop critical analysis and synthetic problem-solving skills by asking them to solve problems with fewer and fewer constraints, end course with completely open-ended term project
- Arbitrary programming language: ask to show excerpts of source code and intermediate data
- Have fun programming and solving problems.

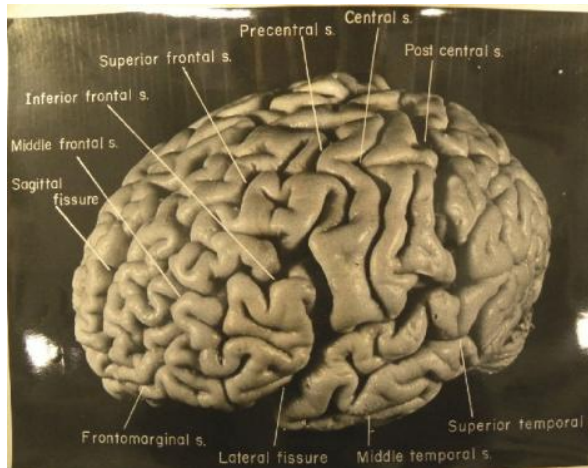
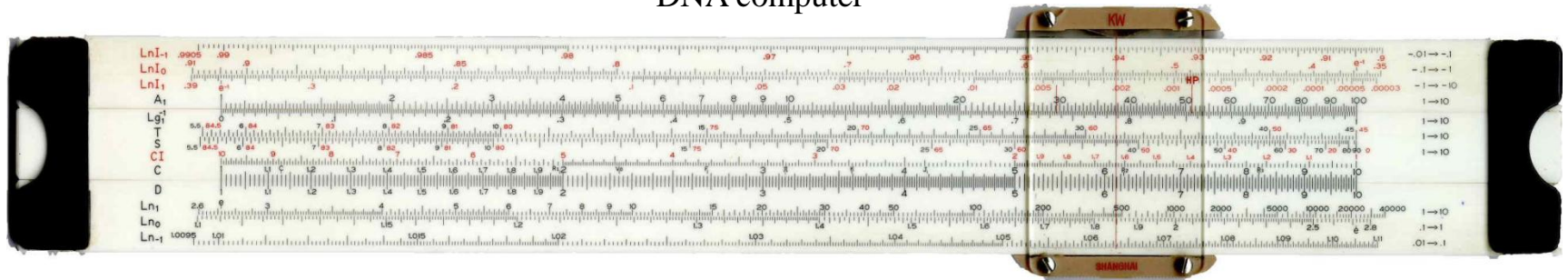
# Lecture 1: What is Computation?



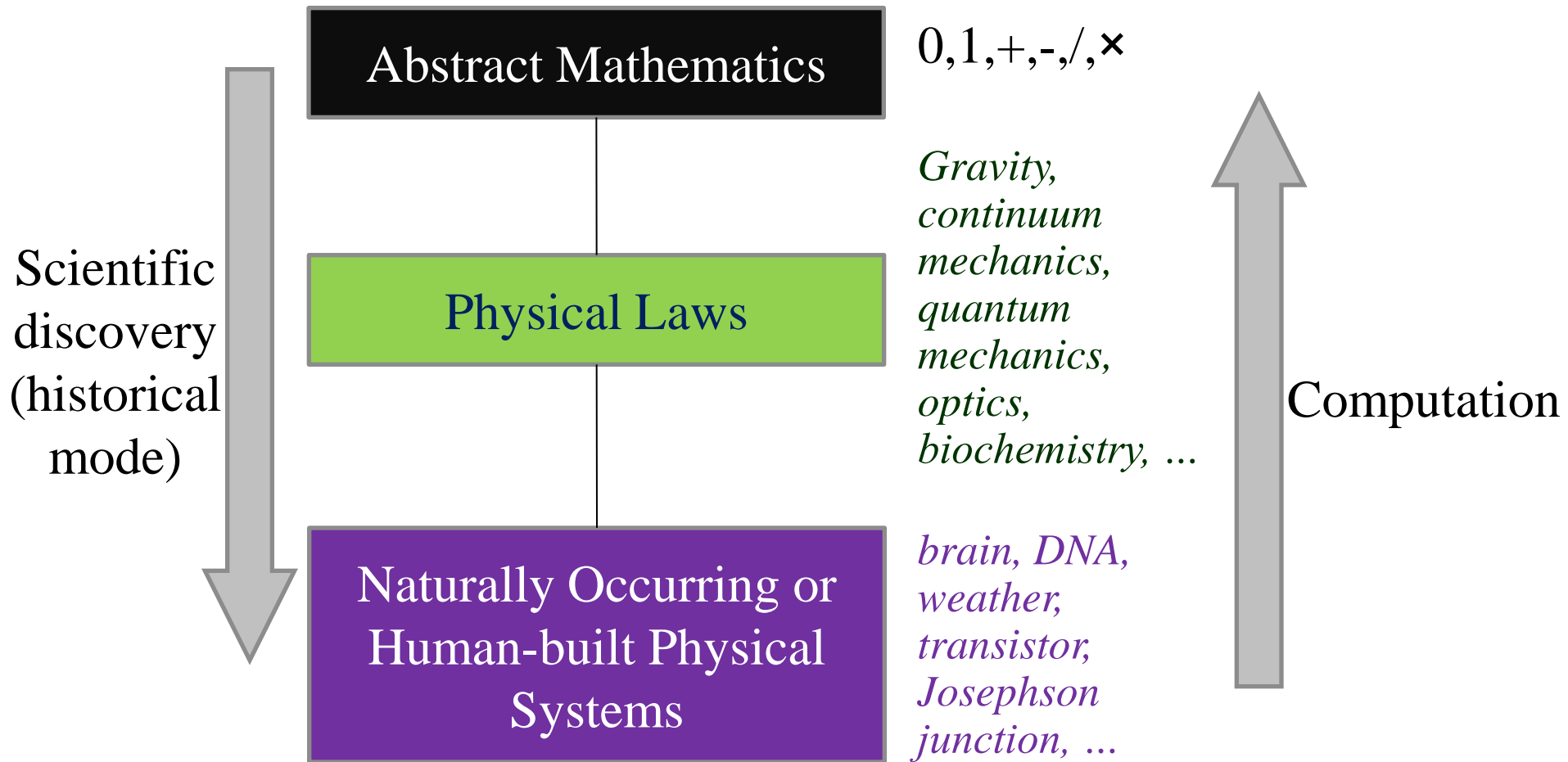
DNA computer



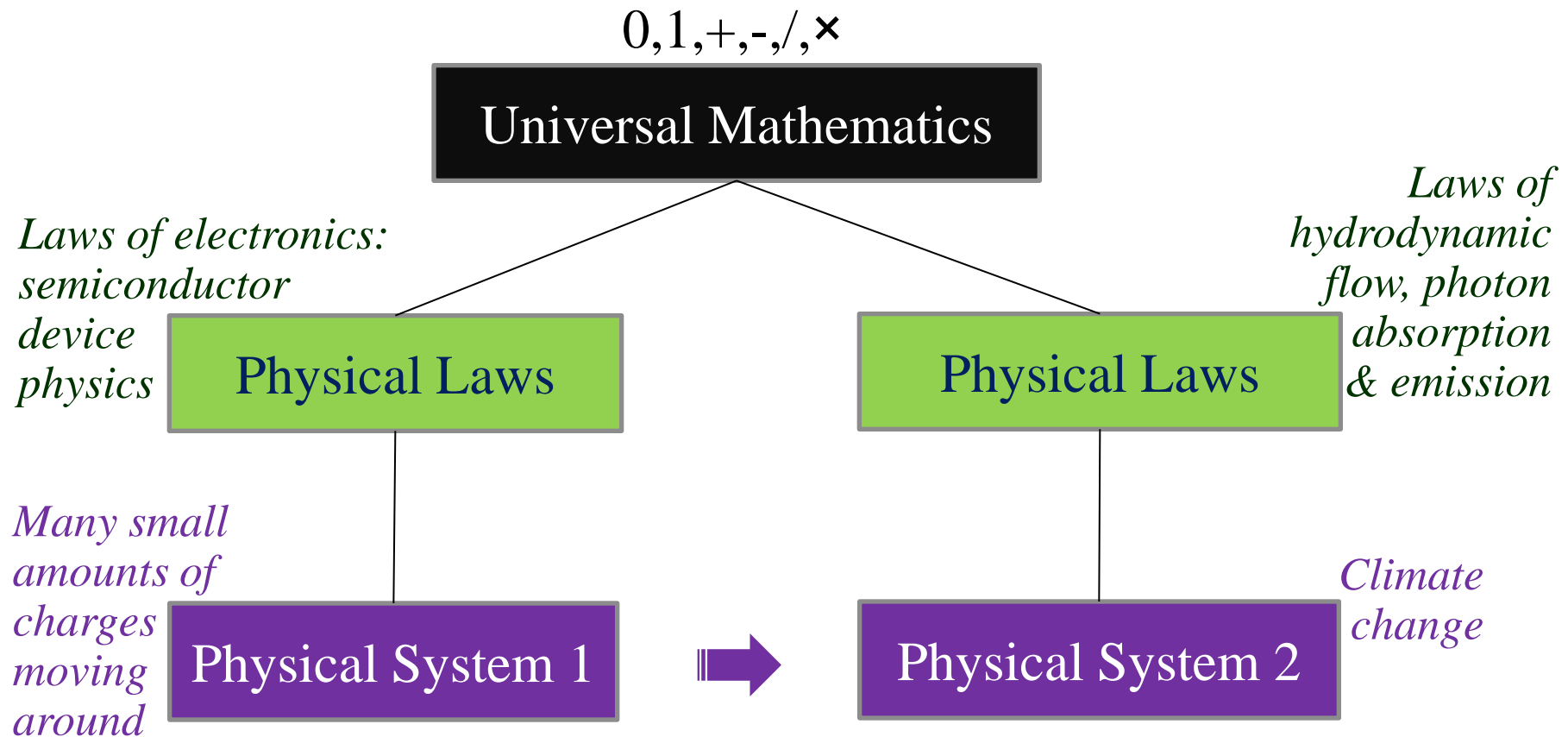
Quantum computer:  
D-Wave qubit processor



# Computation is Reverse Mapping From Physical World $\rightarrow$ Mathematics



# Computer Simulation



Computer: mapping of abstract, universally applicable mathematics onto *evolution* of a physical system (*internal, external states*). This evolution is faster, more controllable (more error free), easier to understand, etc. than unengineered systems.

Pancomputationalism: everything happening in this world is "computation".

Most commercial computers today move electronic charges around.  
(However, long-haul communication network moves photons.)  
specially designed physical system with well-controlled internal and external states and evolutions

Fundamentally, computer network  $\equiv$  computer.

memory bus on a PC motherboard is a fast network.

Beowulf PC cluster based on ethernet or InfiniBand internal network

Consider computers and the network as a whole: coupled internal states:  
some strongly coupled, some weakly/intermittently coupled.

Analogy between neural network (neuron / synapse) and  
Internet / cloud computing.

CNSE: the use of computers and networks to facilitate discovery and  
problem solving in Nuclear Science and Engineering.



Solving neutronics & hydrodynamics problems

# Marchant Silent Speed Mechanical Calculator. 1943



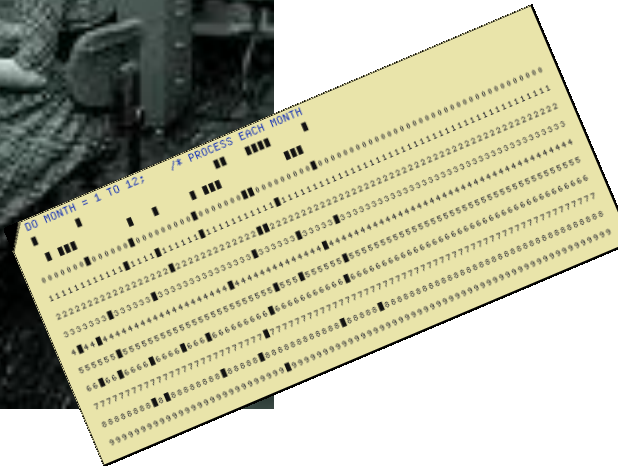
Los Alamos badge photo



Richard Feynman



Nicholas Metropolis

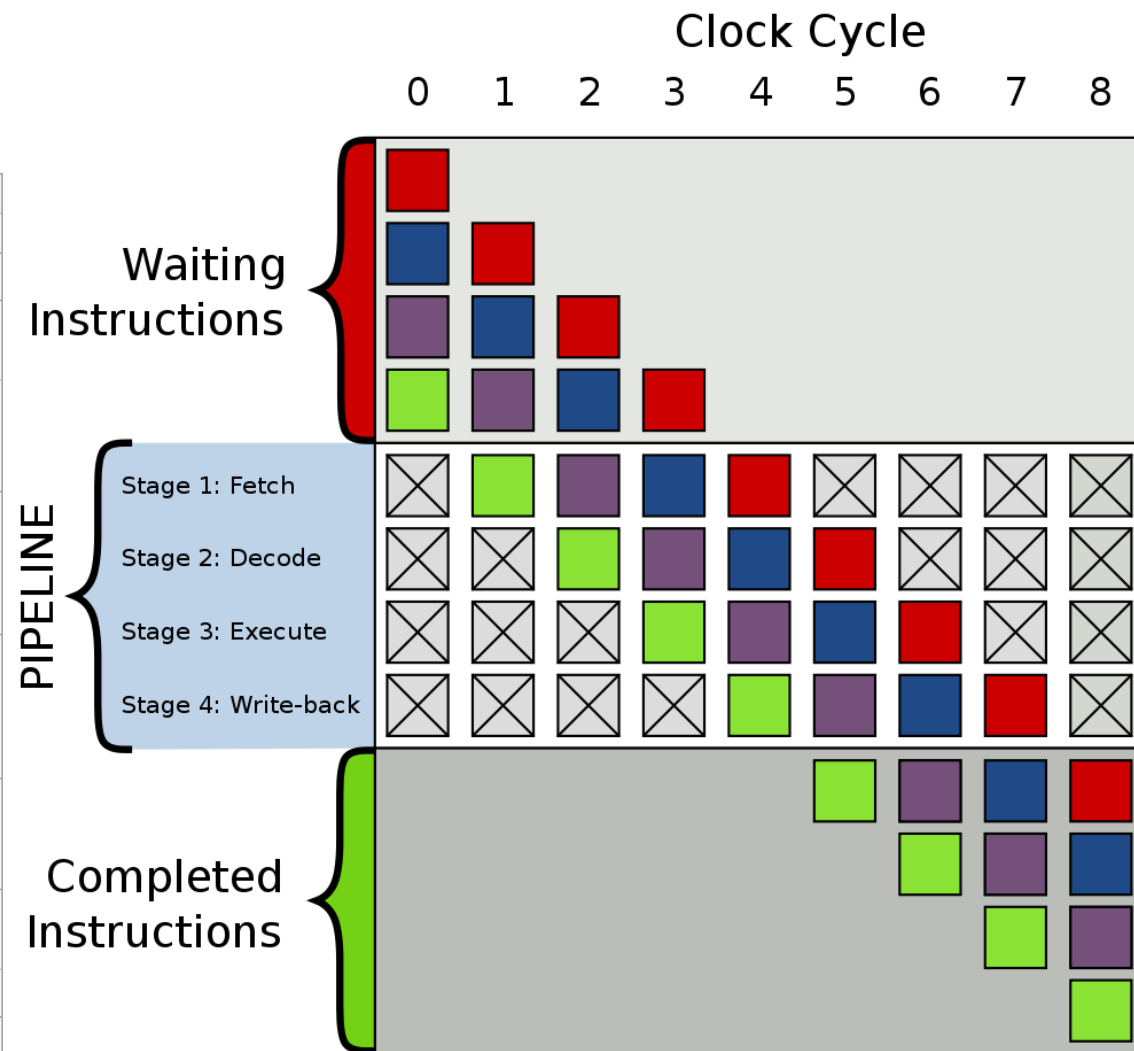


From <http://www.lanl.gov/history/>: The new IBM punched-card machines were devoted to calculations to simulate implosion, and Metropolis and Feynman organized a race between them and the hand-computing group. "We set up a room with girls in it. Each one had a Marchant. But one was the multiplier, and another was the adder, and this one cubed, and all she did was cube this number and send it to the next one," said Feynmann. For one day, the hand computers kept up: "The only difference was that the IBM machines *didn't get tired and could work three shifts*. But the girls got tired after a while."

Feynmann worked out a technique to run **several calculations in parallel** on the punched-card machines that reduced the time required. "The problems consisted of a bunch of cards that had to go through a cycle. First add, then multiply, and so it went through the cycle of machines in this room - slowly - as it went around and around. **So we figured a way to put a different colored set of cards through a cycle too, but out of phase.** We'd do two or three problems at a time," explained Feynman. Three months were required for the first calculation, and Feynman's technique reduced it to two or three weeks.

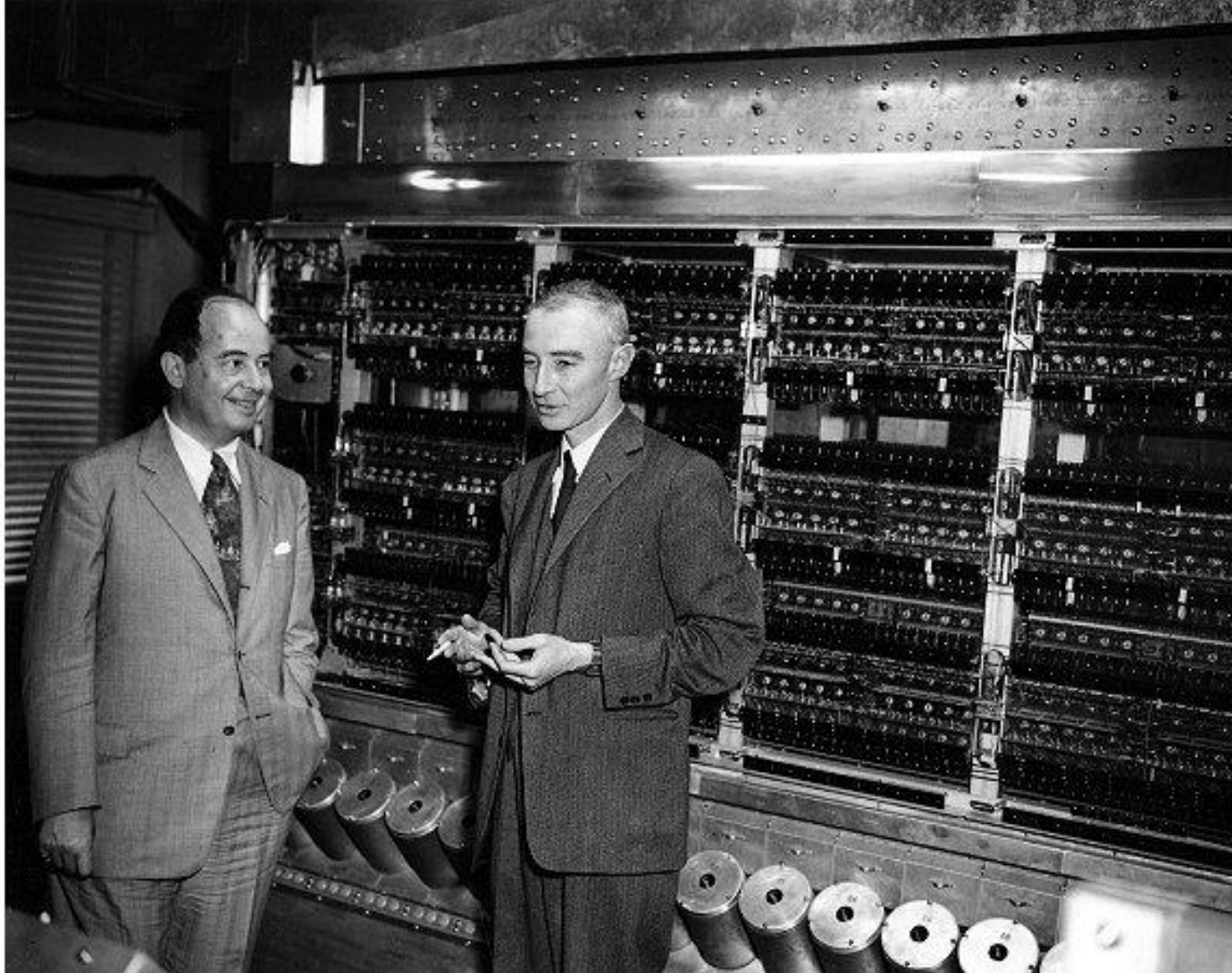
assembly line in manufacturing → [instruction pipeline stages in computer architecture](#)

Time	Execution
0	Four instructions are waiting to be executed
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the green instruction is fetched from memory</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the green instruction is decoded</li> <li>the purple instruction is fetched from memory</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the green instruction is executed (actual operation is performed)</li> <li>the purple instruction is decoded</li> <li>the blue instruction is fetched</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the green instruction's results are written back to the register file or memory</li> <li>the purple instruction is executed</li> <li>the blue instruction is decoded</li> <li>the red instruction is fetched</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the green instruction is completed</li> <li>the purple instruction is written back</li> <li>the blue instruction is executed</li> <li>the red instruction is decoded</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purple instruction is completed</li> <li>the blue instruction is written back</li> <li>the red instruction is executed</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the blue instruction is completed</li> <li>the red instruction is written back</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the red instruction is completed</li> </ul>
9	All four instructions are executed



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instruction\\_pipeline](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instruction_pipeline)





From <http://www.computerhistory.org>: John von Neumann (left) and Robert Oppenheimer, in front of Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) computer. Operational in 1952, the IAS machine was the prototype for the first generation of digital computers.

von Neumann served as consultant in the Manhattan Project.

Neutronics and hydrodynamics are still at the heart of NSE today. So one could say that CNSE was one of the **very first applications** of modern computing

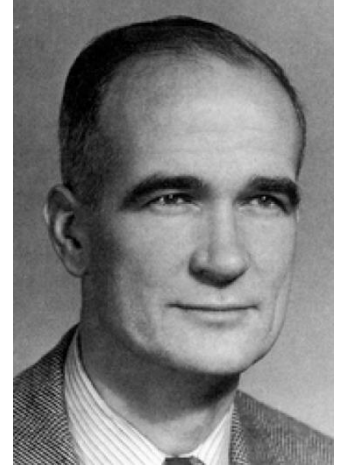


ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer, 1946): the first **general-purpose Turing-complete** electronic computer

at the Moore School of Electrical Engineering, University of Pennsylvania  
(later transferred to Army's Ballistic Research Laboratory)



First semiconductor transistor (1947, Bell Labs)



William Shockley



John Bardeen

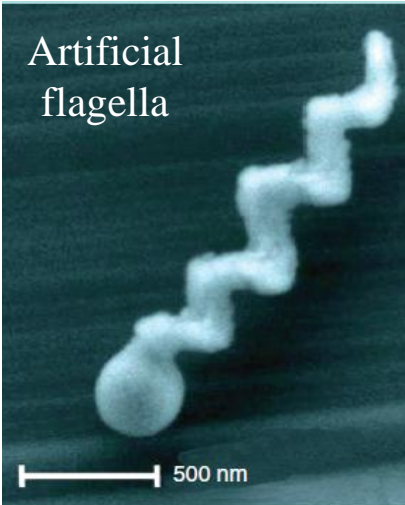
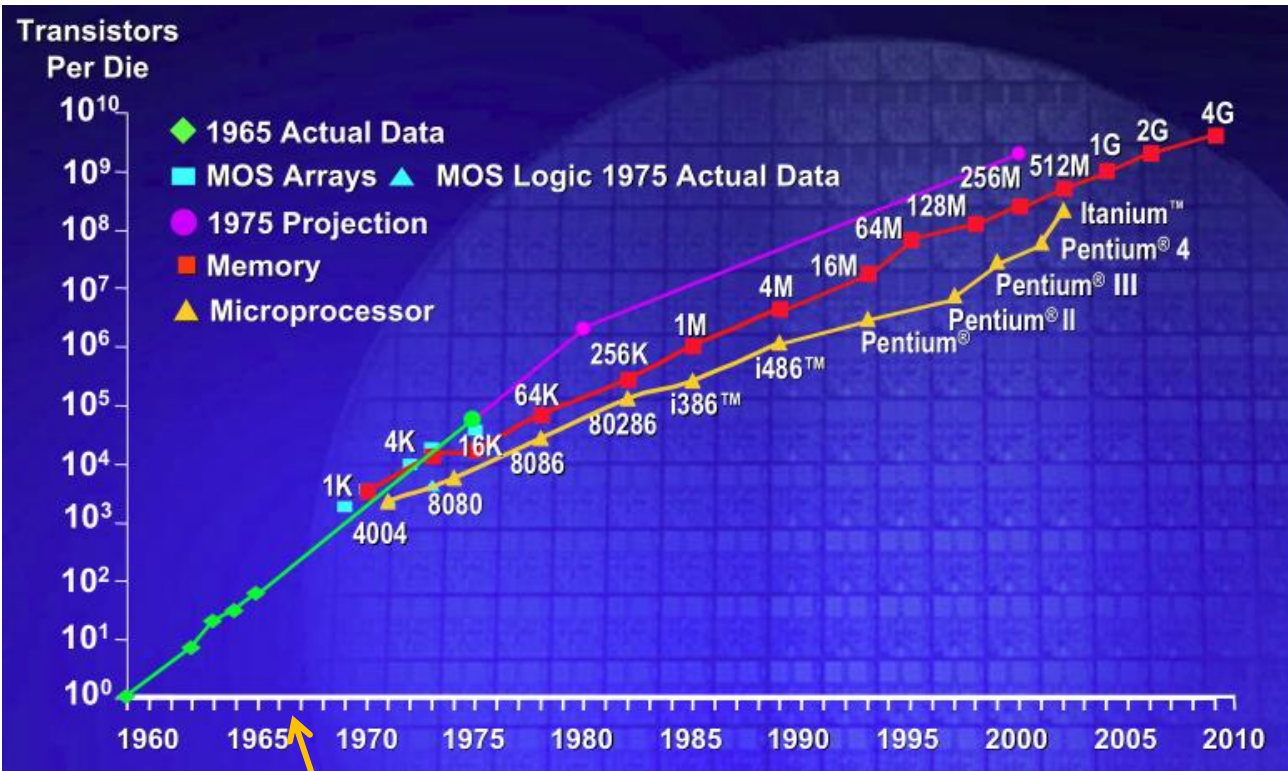


Walter Brattain

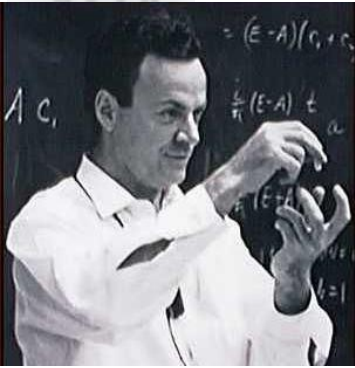
Nobel prize in Physics (1956)



Gordon Moore (1965): doubling the density of transistors on integrated circuits every two years



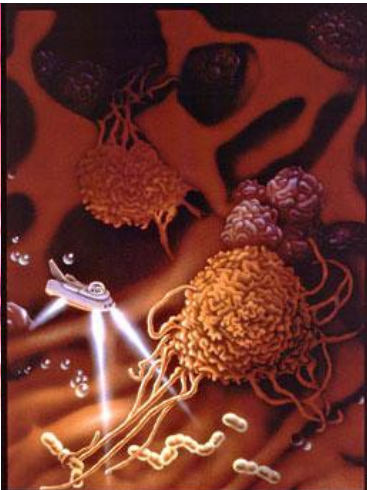
Artificial flagella  
 Ghosh & Fischer, "Controlled propulsion of artificial magnetic nanostructured propellers", *Nano Lett.* 9 (2009) 2243



Richard P. Feynman  
 "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom"  
 December 29th 1959 @ Caltech



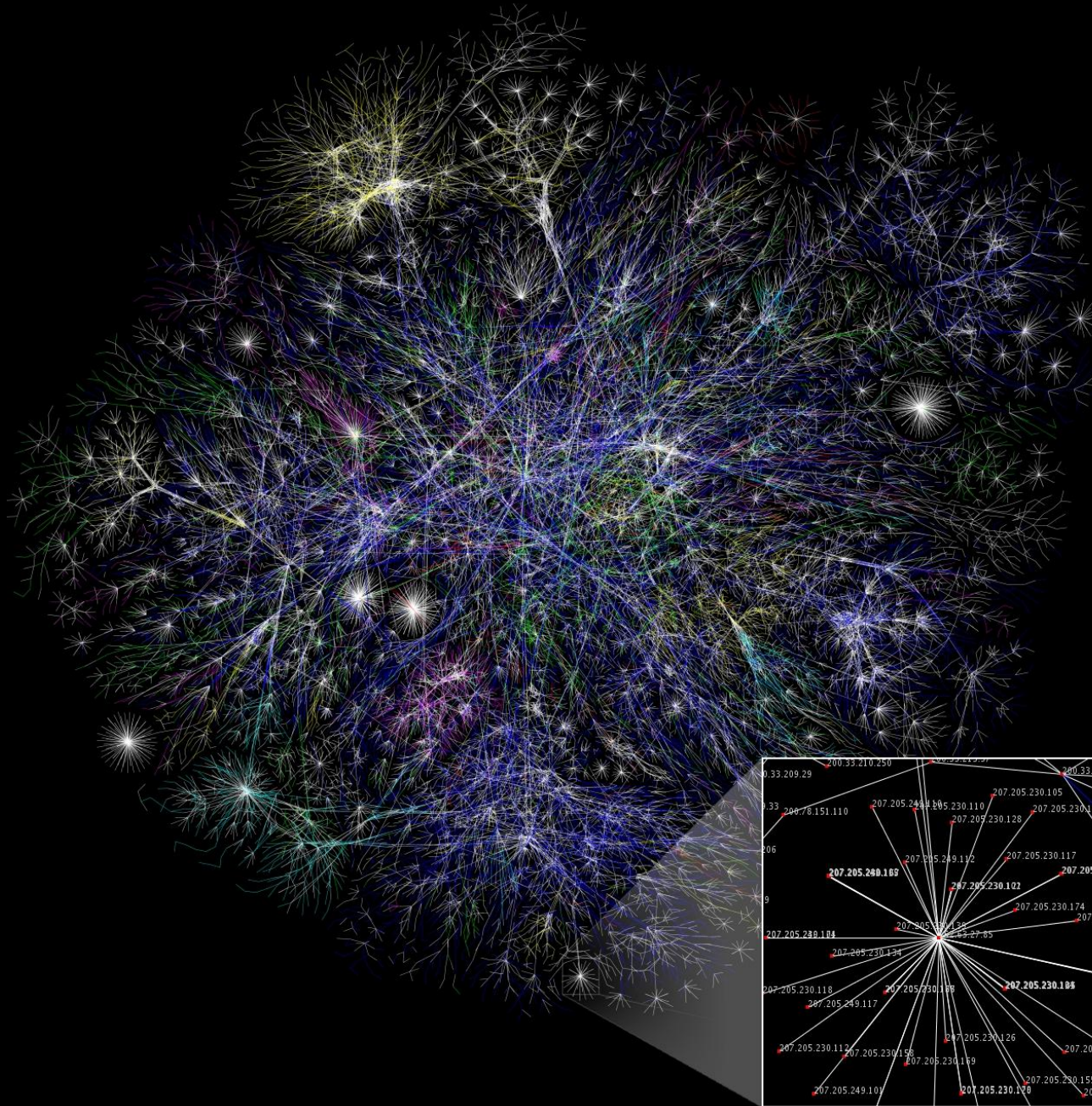
*Fantastic Voyage*  
 1966, Twentieth Century Fox



**Relentless Trend  
 in  
 Miniaturization**



# ARPANET/Internet (→TCP/IP): late 1960s



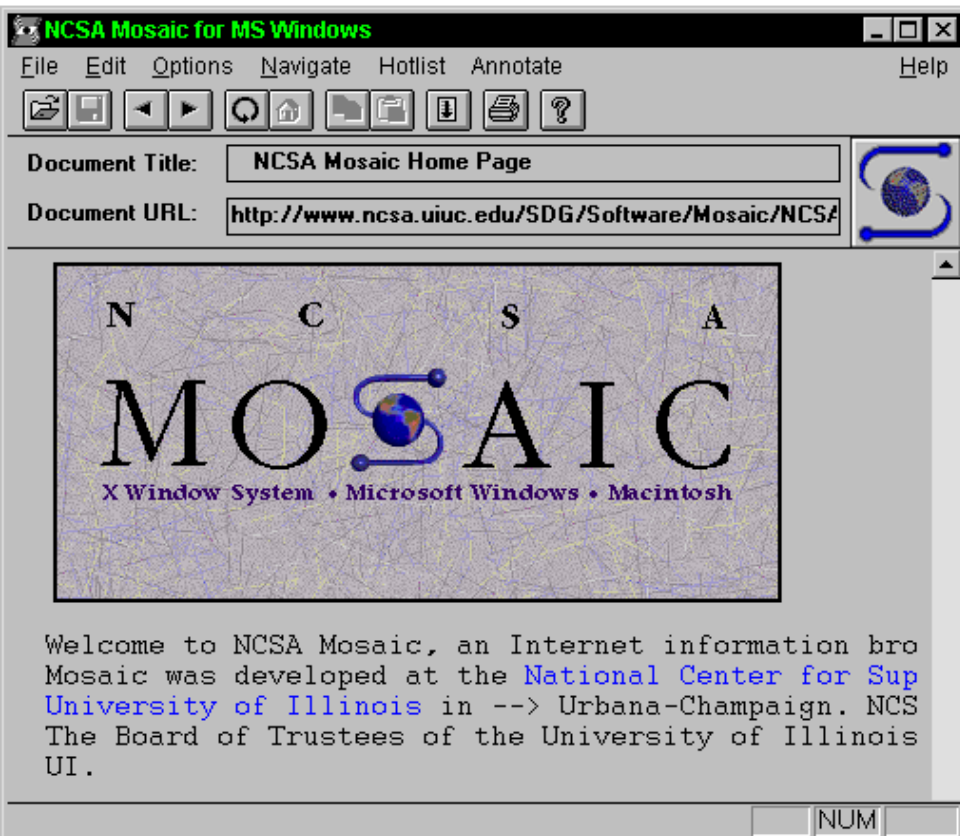
# World Wide Web (Tim Berners-Lee, 1991, CERN)

→ HyperText Markup Language (HTML) ↑

*European Organization for Nuclear Research  
CERN project called ENQUIRE*



Vannevar Bush 1945 essay, "As We May Think." a theoretical machine called "memex," to enhance human memory by allowing the user to store and retrieve documents linked by associations.



**2010** 500 million users



# Scientific Inquiry

## **Experimentation**

replication of the physical system of interest to repeat its evolution, e.g. replicate a much smaller, but otherwise very similar, piece of the real world to *simulate* the real world

3<sup>rd</sup> pillar:

## **Computation**

“mapping” is onto neither the human brain, nor a smaller replication of physical system, but *in silico* - a well-controlled physical system (electronic computer) with no external resemblance to the physical system of interest.

## **Theory**

reduction of natural processes to human-comprehensible logic, and then aided by simple calculations, to predict natural processes  
*“in-brain mapping”*

# Well-controlledness of today's digital computers is outstanding:

Almost all physical experiments we do subjected to noise.

But impression of digital computation: no noise.

Thermal fluctuations (true randomness) are entirely filtered out, by design of electronic circuits. *electronics in outer space an exception*

Pseudo randomness needs to be **artificially introduced** when needed in simulations.

## Advantages of perform mapping in silico

- Compared to in-brain mapping: vast advantages in *speed, accuracy, data storage, ...*

- Compared to physical world mapping: *cost, better control of initial and boundary conditions* (parametric studies), *rich data* (access to all internal states), ...

# Disadvantages

- Retains only key pieces of the physics in mapping - loss of physics:  
*no material deformation when modeling thermal conduction*  
BTW, this is the same for in-brain mapping.

Double-edged sword: This loss-of-physics disadvantage is also tied to the advantage of "better control of initial and boundary conditions": when modeling surface chemical reactions under ultra-high vacuum conditions, not worry about vacuum leaks like experimentalists must

- *“Curse of dimensionality”*

Many real-world processes are still too complex to be simulated *in silico*, at a level we would like to simulate them.

# World of Atoms & Electrons

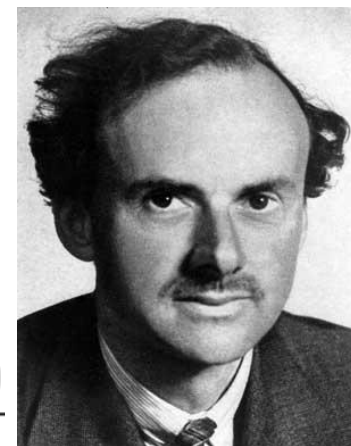


Erwin Schrödinger

Nobel Prize in Physics 1933

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) + V(\mathbf{r}) \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\left( \beta mc^2 + \sum_{k=1}^3 \alpha_k p_k c \right) \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t}$$



Paul A.M. Dirac

Nobel Prize in Physics 1933

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<http://top500.org/>

## First-Principles Calculations

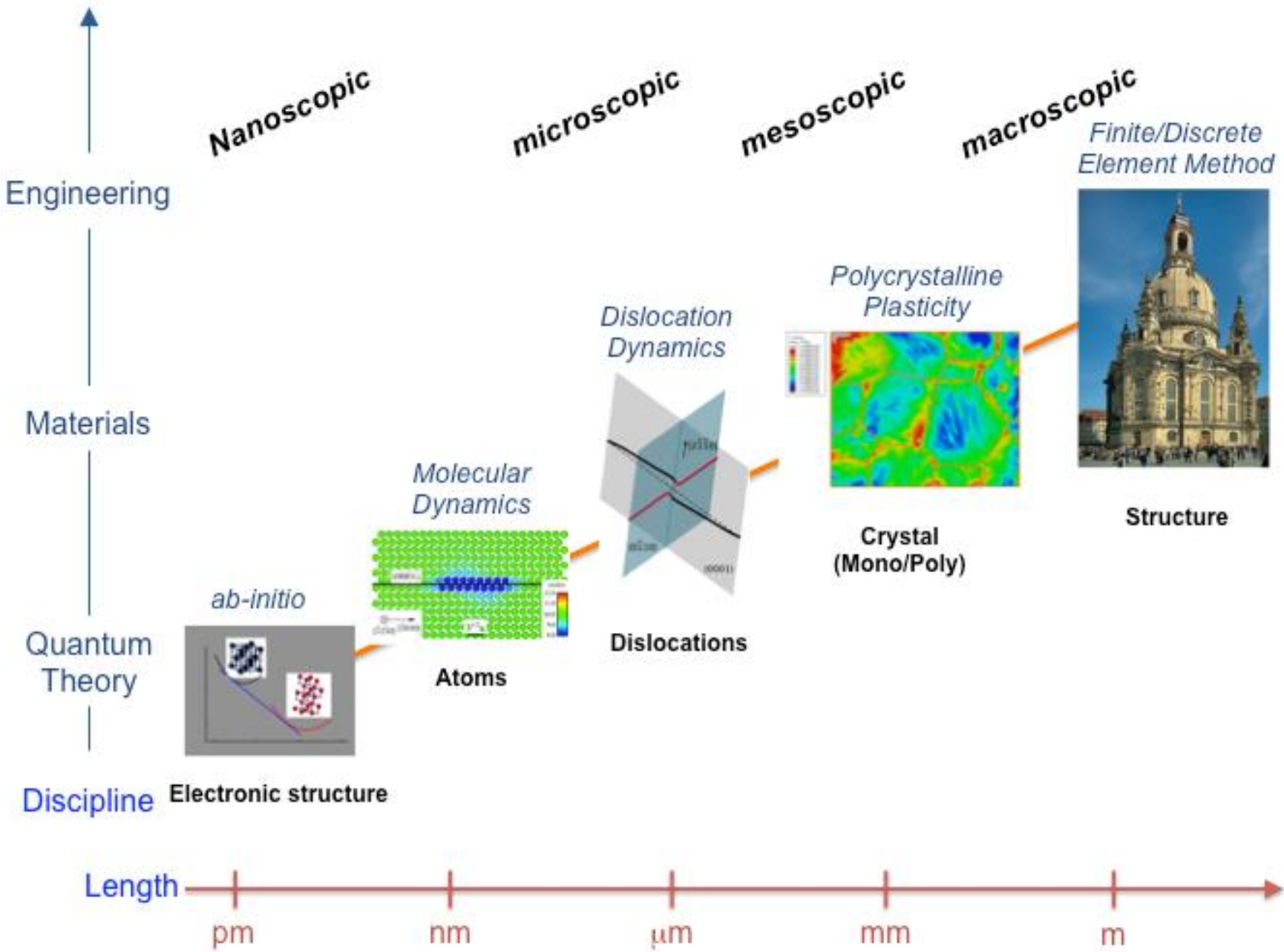
## Atomistic Simulations: “Game of God”

**Materials**

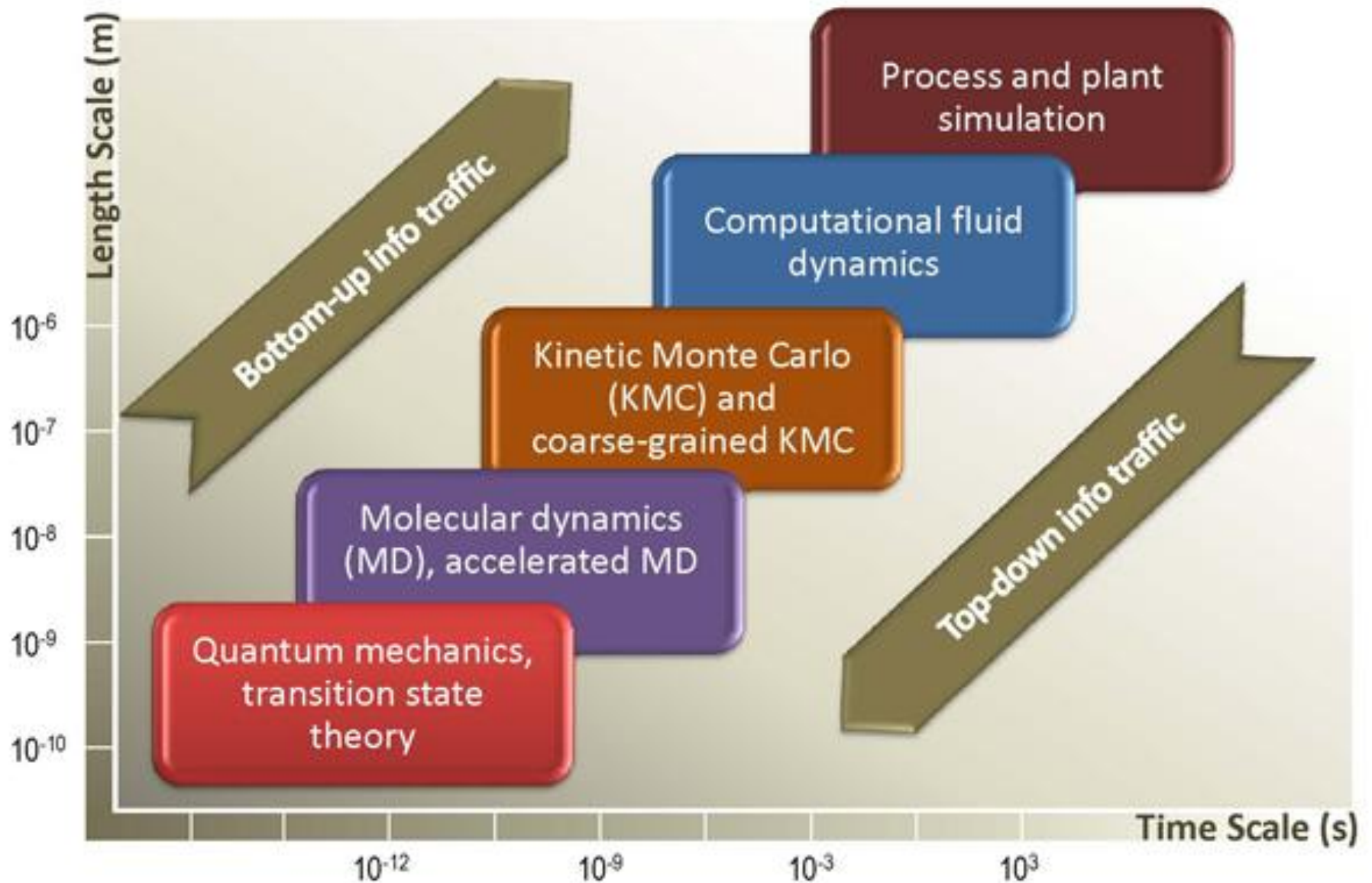
**Chemistry**

**Life**

**Energy**



# Multiscale Modeling Framework



Multiscale modeling framework for catalytic processes that exhibit strong coupling between scales.

Adapted from Vlachos, *Adv. Chem. Eng.* 30, 1-61 (2005)



# To survive as modeler: first, be humble

- **Must respect experimental data**

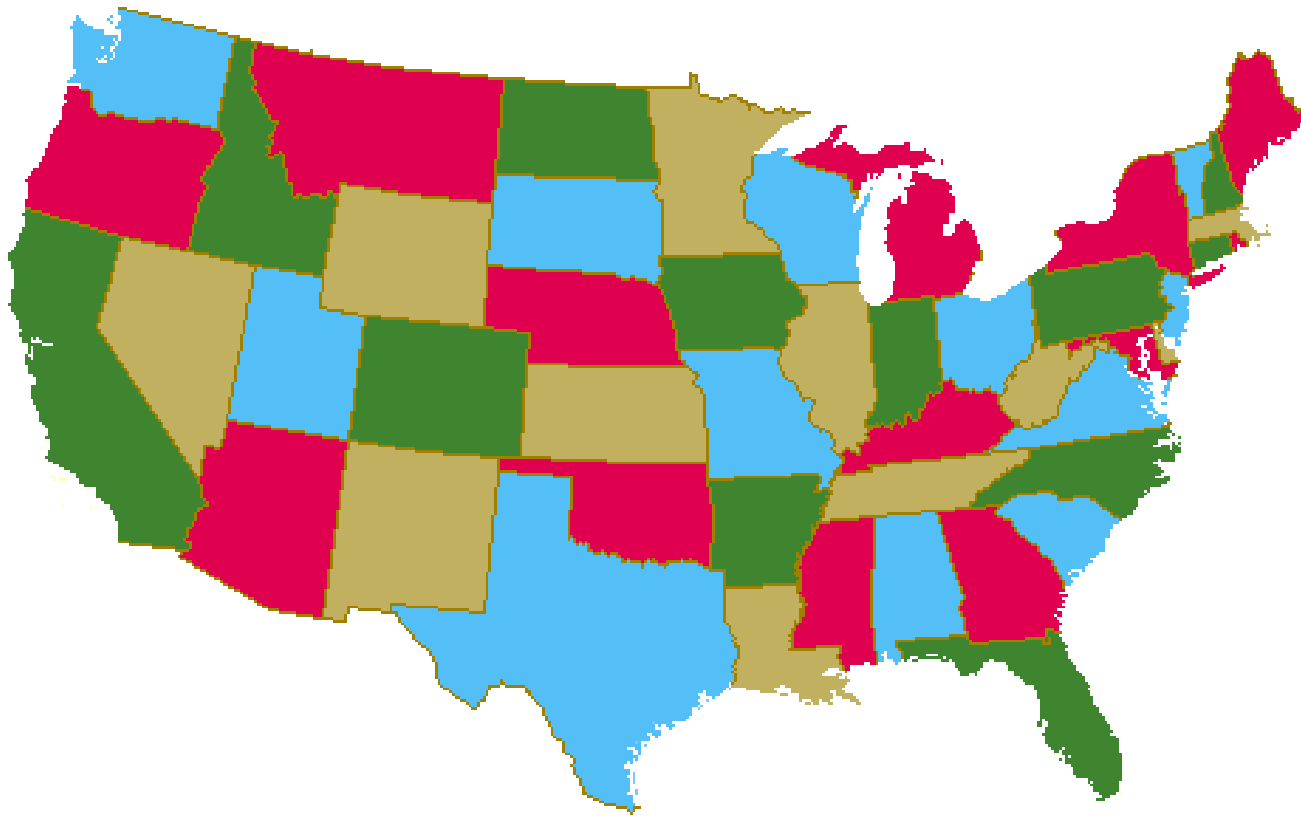
Even if you do not *do* the experiment, try best to **understand**

- how the experiment *was actually done*
  - what were the *raw data*
  - confidence level about *data*
- respect raw data, not necessarily experimentalist's interpretation

- **Must respect theory**

Without theory, computation is blind

- Best approach to do science and engineering is symbiosis of all three "mappings". Experiments are the ultimate check; human-comprehensible form is the ultimate desirable form; but computers can help get us there!



“Four color map” theorem first proven using computer (1976).

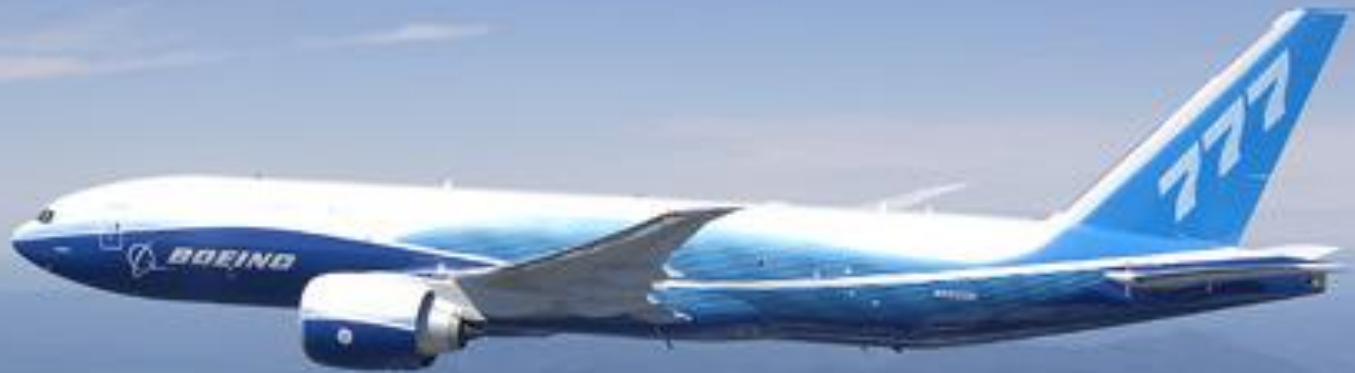
### **Logic Power**

The computer proof spreads over 400 pages of microfiche.

*“a good mathematical proof is like a poem - this is a telephone directory!”*

Appel and Haken (UIUC) agreed the proof was not “elegant, concise and completely comprehensible by a human mathematical mind”.

## 777 Freighter



Boeing 777: the first commercial aircraft to be designed entirely on computer (CAD CATIA, 1994): **Number-crunching power**

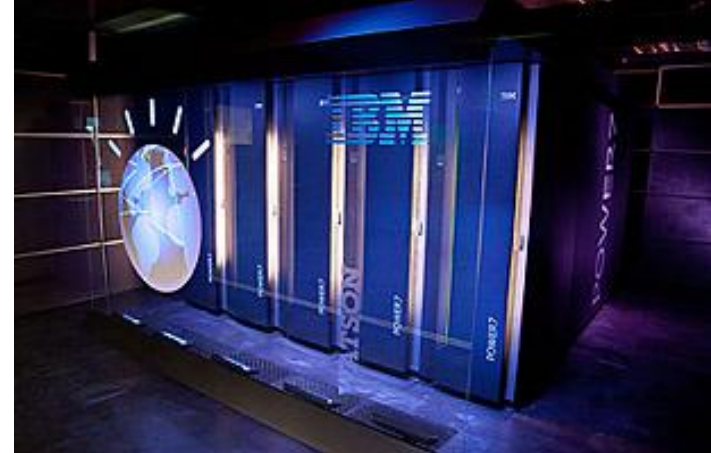


IBM Deep Blue beat chess world champion Garry Kasparov (1997)  
**Logic / Computing power**



# WATSON vs. HUMANS

Round	Watson	Rutter	Jennings
1 (Mon.)	\$5000	\$5000	\$200
2 (Tues.)	\$35,734	\$10,800	\$4,800
3 (Wed.)	\$77,147	\$21,600	\$24,000
Final prize	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$300,000



IBM Watson won  
quiz show  
Jeopardy! (2011)

**Data Power**

**Natural  
Language  
Processing**



# DUE TO ENORMOUS ENERGY CONSUMPTION, DATA CENTERS' CARBON FOOTPRINT IS ALSO SURPRISINGLY HIGH AND GROWING

## Key points on data centers' greenhouse gas emissions

- Data center electricity consumption is almost .5% of world production\*
- Average data center consumes energy equivalent to 25,000 households
- Worldwide energy consumption of DC doubled between 2000 and 2006
- Incremental US demand for data center energy between now and 2010 is equivalent of 10 new power plants
- 90% of companies running large data centers need to build more power and cooling in the next 30 months

## Carbon dioxide emissions as percentage of world total – industries

Percent



## Carbon emissions – countries

Mt CO<sub>2</sub> p.a.



\* Including custom-designed servers (e.g., Google, Yahoo)

Source: Financial Times; Gartner report 2007; Stanford University; AMD; Uptime Institute; McKinsey analysis

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*“Worldwide, the digital warehouses use about 30 billion watts of electricity, roughly equivalent to the output of 30 nuclear power plants”, Power, Pollution and the Internet*

*- by James Glanz, New York Times, September 22, 2012*

*Hot theoretical problem: Computation and the 2<sup>nd</sup> law of Thermodynamics*

*...and a day may come when NSE need to show up to save computation*



# **Bibliometric approach (<http://apps.webofknowledge.com.libproxy.mit.edu>) in Nuclear Science and Engineering**



- *Nuclear Science and Engineering* (ANS, 1956)
- *Nuclear Engineering and Design* (Elsevier)
  - *Nuclear Technology* (ANS)
  - *Progress in Nuclear Energy* (Elsevier)
  - *Annals of Nuclear Energy* (Elsevier)
- *Nuclear Fusion* (IAEA / Institute of Physics-UK)
- *Physics of Plasmas* (American Institute of Physics)
  - *Journal of Nuclear Materials* (Elsevier)
  - *Health Physics* (Health Physics Society)
- *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research*

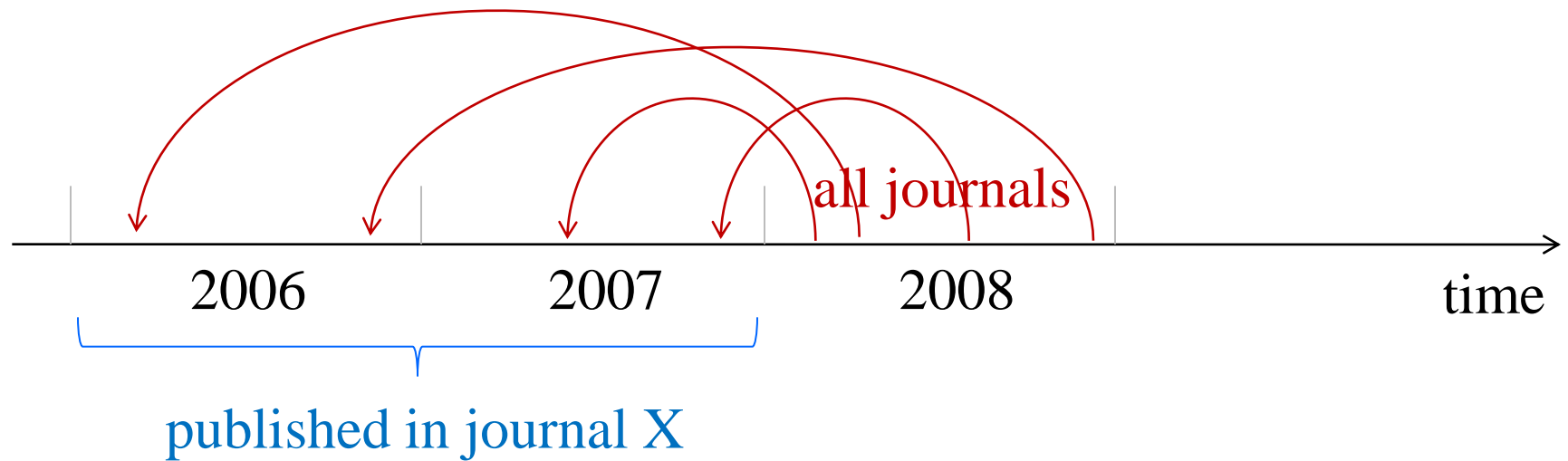
# Broader Appeal Journals

- *Physical Review Letters* (American Physical Society)
  - *PNAS* (National Academy of Sciences)
- *Science* (American Association for the Advancement of Science)
  - *Nature* (Macmillan-UK)

...

## Comparing journals (<http://admin-apps.webofknowledge.com/JCR/JCR>)

Mark	Rank	Abbreviated Journal Title (linked to journal information)	ISSN	JCR Data 						Eigenfactor <sup>®</sup> Metrics 	
				Total Cites	Impact Factor	5-Year Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Articles	Cited Half-life	Eigenfactor <sup>®</sup> Score	Article Influence <sup>®</sup> Score
■	1	<a href="#">NATURE</a>	0028-0836	526505	36.280	36.235	9.690	841	9.4	1.65524	20.373
■	1	<a href="#">J NUCL MATER</a>	0022-3115	16255	2.052	2.060	0.298	1053	7.9	0.03217	0.587



2008 **impact factor** of journal X  $\equiv$   
 # citations in year 2008 to  
 articles published in 2006 and 2007 in journal X  
 / # articles published in 2006 and 2007 in journal X

“Impact factor = 2.1” roughly means 2.1 citations/year  
 in 1.5 years after publication

Field (Size)	$\bar{IF}$	Field (Size)	$\bar{IF}$
Molecular and Cell Biology (511)	4.763	Dentistry (43)	1.284
Astronomy and Astrophysics (25)	4.295	Orthopedics (72)	1.226
Gastroenterology (40)	3.475	Telecommunication (37)	1.192
Rheumatology (20)	3.348	Applied Acoustics (36)	1.171
Neuroscience (224)	3.252	Crop Science (61)	1.04
Medicine (766)	2.896	Business and Marketing (101)	1.035
Chemistry (145)	2.61	Geography (56)	0.986
Pharmacology (28)	2.331	Information Science (23)	0.918
Psychiatry (178)	2.294	Agriculture (56)	0.882
Urology (23)	2.132	Anthropology (62)	0.872
Medical Imaging (84)	2.043	Material Engineering (107)	0.826
Pathology (28)	1.991	Economics (159)	0.823
Physics (503)	1.912	Fluid Mechanics (107)	0.804
Ophthalmology (36)	1.905	Probability and Statistics (57)	0.796
Environmental Health (73)	1.871	Veterinary (77)	0.767
Analytic Chemistry (129)	1.789	Sociology (96)	0.715
Geosciences (224)	1.768	Media and Communication (24)	0.69
Law (71)	1.657	Control Theory (64)	0.681
Ecology and Evolution (349)	1.555	Political Science (99)	0.68
Parasitology (38)	1.527	Computer Science (124)	0.631
Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology (181)	1.505	Education (86)	0.59
Computer Imaging (31)	1.446	Mathematics (149)	0.556
Dermatology (38)	1.427	Operations Research (62)	0.542
Psychology (210)	1.387	History and Philosophy of Science (32)	0.456
Chemical Engineering (75)	1.29	History (23)	0.416

Althouse, *J. Am. Soc. Information Sci. Tech.* 60 (2009) 27

Impact factor varies **A LOT** across fields, even sub-fields.  
**One has to be very careful in using citation statistics when comparing journal/researcher across different fields.**

## LETTERS

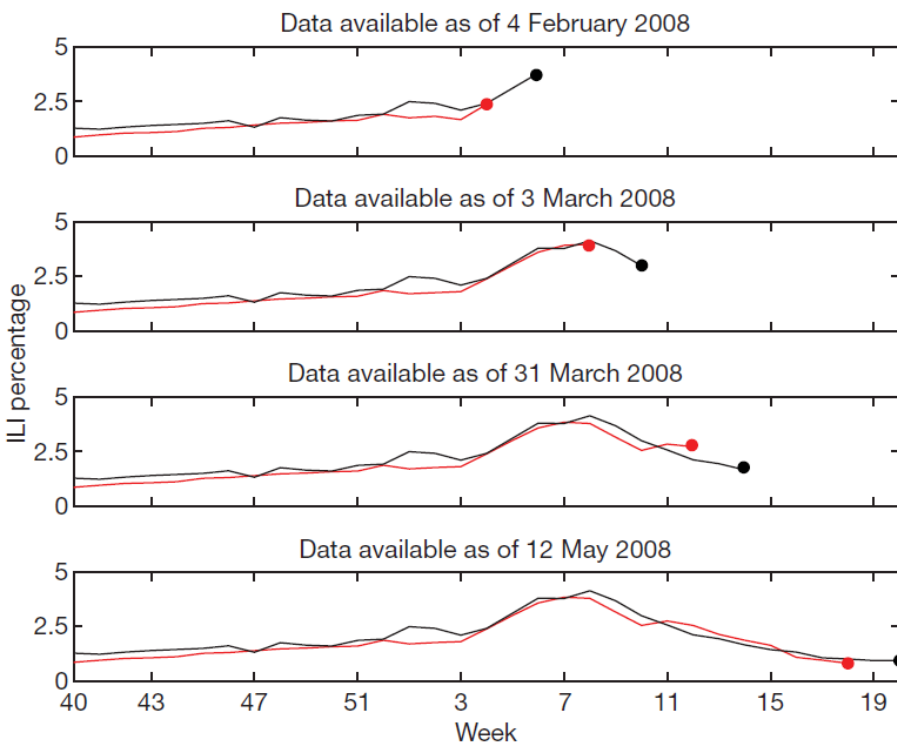
## Data, Web and Informatics

# Detecting influenza epidemics using search engine query data

<sup>1</sup>Google Inc., 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, California 94043, USA.

<sup>2</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, USA.

Jeremy Ginsberg<sup>1</sup>, Matthew H. Mohebbi<sup>1</sup>, Rajan S. Patel<sup>1</sup>, Lynnette Brammer<sup>2</sup>, Mark S. Smolinski<sup>1</sup> & Larry Brilliant<sup>1</sup>



**ILI: influenza-like illness physician visits**

45 Google queries (informatics, no actual medicinal knowledge), like “*robivirus*”, “*symptoms*”, “*fever*”, “*pnumonia*”, “*amoxicillin*”, “*strep throat*”, ...

Google estimates were consistently 1–2 weeks ahead of CDC ILI surveillance reports.

# HyperText Markup Language (HTML)

demo.html

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<HTML>
<HEAD><TITLE>CNSE test</TITLE></HEAD>
<FONT SIZE=+2>Instructor <a href=http://li.mit.edu>Ju Li</A></FONT>
<P>
You can find mcnp introduction <a href=http://mcnp.lanl.gov/>here</a>.
<p>A cool figure:
<br><a href=Illustration2.jpg><img src=Illustration2.jpg width=150></a><P>Byebye!
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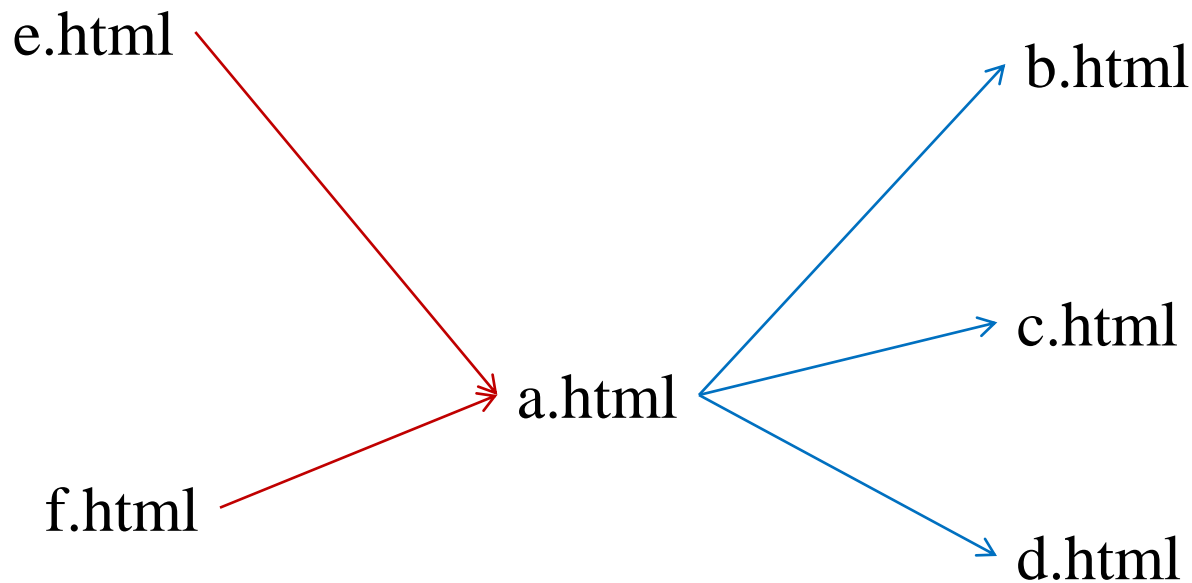
domain name

<http://li.mit.edu/S/CNSE/demo.html>

host name  
(DNS→18.54.1.57)

Press Ctrl+U (Cmd-Opt-U on mac) to view html source





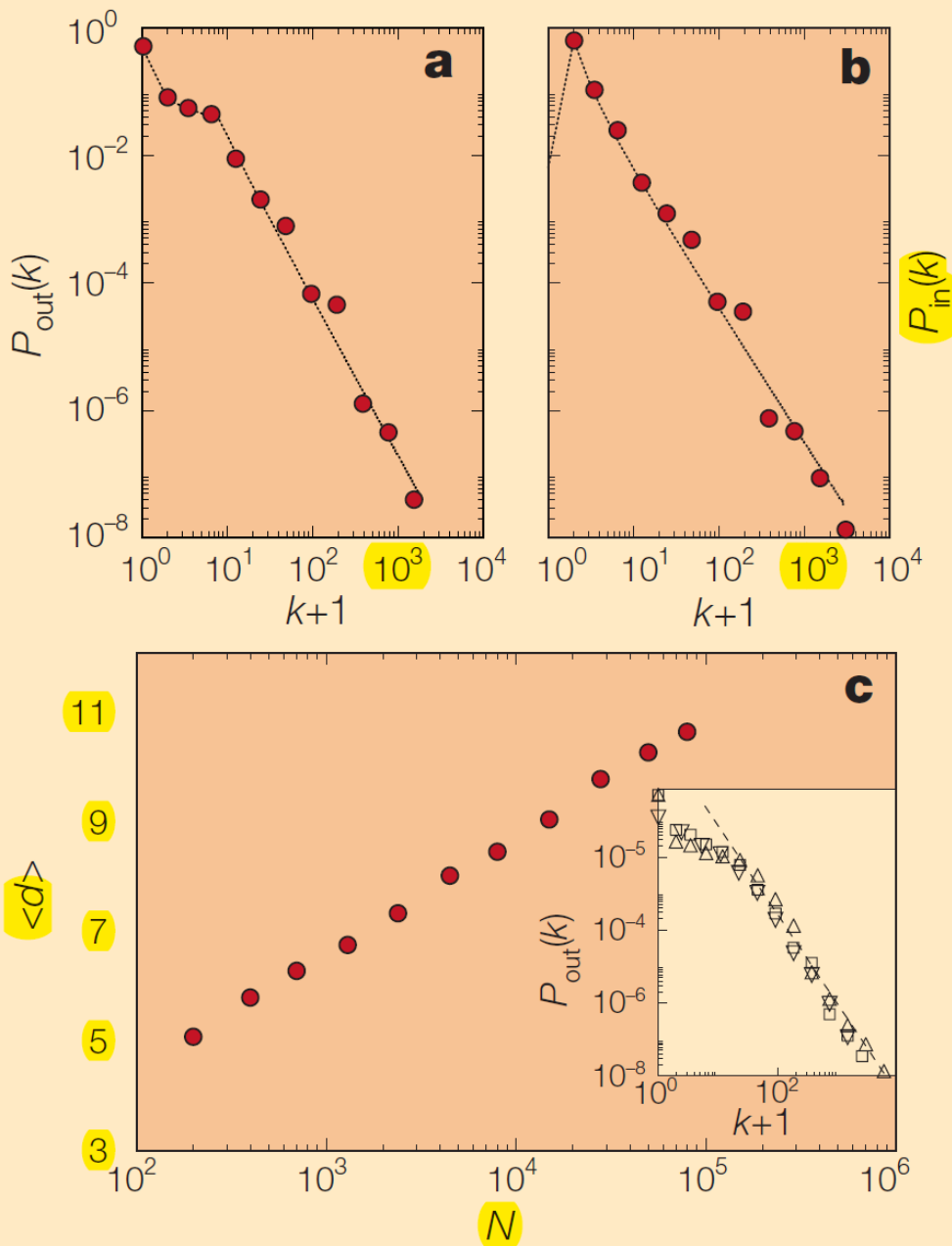
$$k_{\text{in}}(\text{a.html})=2$$

$$k_{\text{out}}(\text{a.html})=3$$

PageRank (U.S. Patent 6,285,999), filed by Larry Page and Sergey Brin at Stanford University in 1996, propelled Google to a Mkt Cap 0.2Trillion dollars company in 2012.

In essence, web pages are ranked by their  $k_{\text{in}}$

# Lecture 2: Nature of the Network

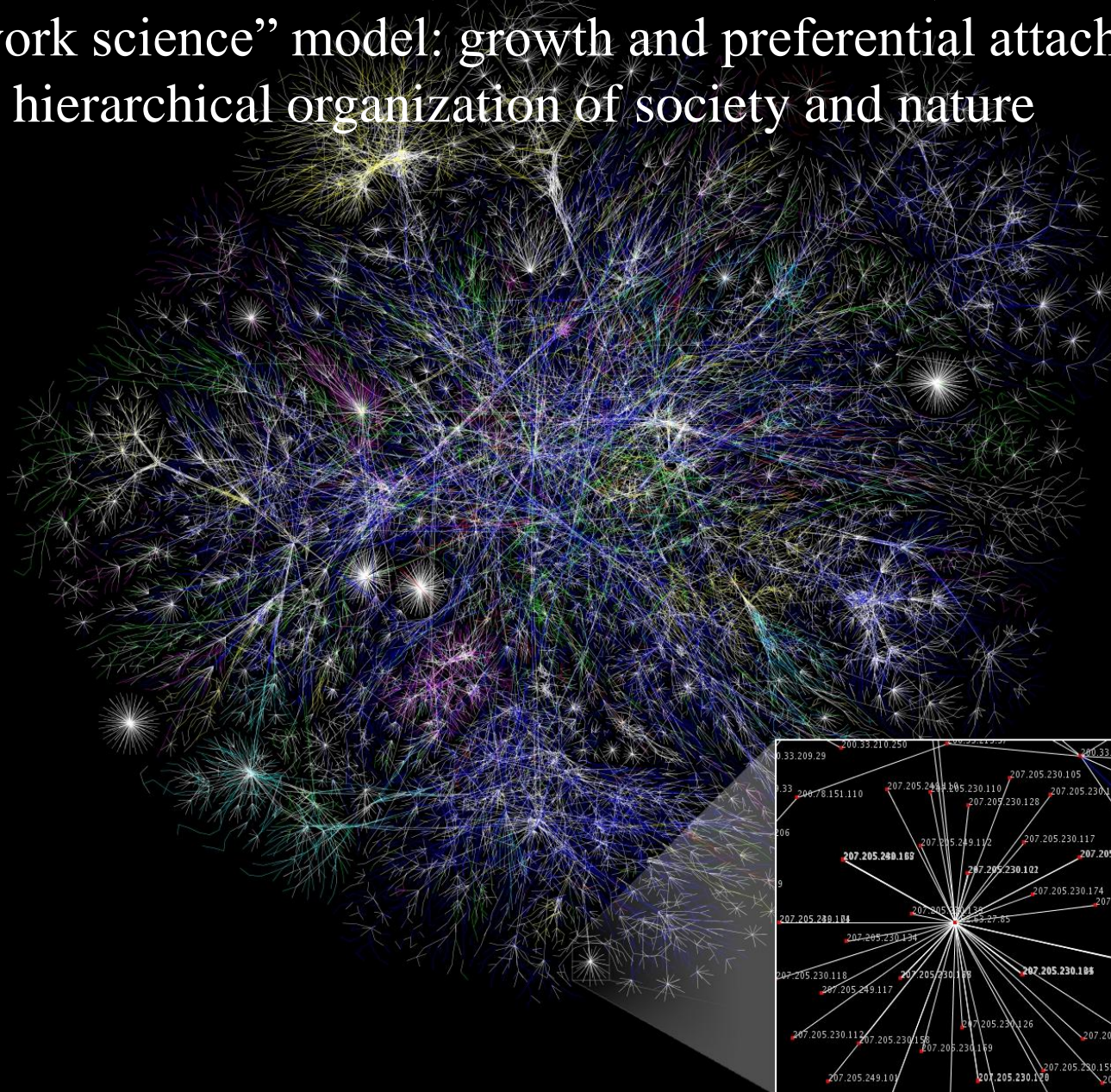


**Figure 1** Distribution of links on the World-Wide Web. **a**, Outgoing links (URLs found on an HTML document); **b**, incoming links (URLs pointing to a certain HTML document). Data were obtained from the complete map of the **nd.edu** domain, which contains **325,729** documents and **1,469,680** links. Dotted lines represent analytical fits used as input distributions in constructing the topological model of the web; the tail of the distributions follows  $P(k) \approx k^{-\gamma}$ , with  $\gamma_{out} = 2.45$  and  $\gamma_{in} = 2.1$ . **c**, Average of the shortest path between two documents as a function of system size, as predicted by the model. To check the validity of our predictions, we determined  $d$  for documents in the domain nd.edu. The measured  $\langle d_{nd.edu} \rangle = 11.2$  agrees well with the prediction  $\langle d_{3 \times 10^5} \rangle = 11.6$  obtained from our model. To show that the power-law tail of  $P(k)$  is a universal feature of the web, the inset shows  $P_{out}(k)$  obtained by starting from **whitehouse.gov** (squares), **yahoo.com** (triangles) and **snu.ac.kr** (inverted triangles). The slope of the dashed line is  $\gamma_{out} = 2.45$ , as obtained from nd.edu in **a**.

Albert, Jeong, Barabasi, "Internet - Diameter of the World-Wide Web," *Nature* **401** (1999) 130. %1382 cites

In this lecture, show connections between:

1. **Power-law distribution (“scale-free” behavior)**
2. “Network science” model: growth and preferential attachment
3. Often, hierarchical organization of society and nature





(Dollars in Billions)

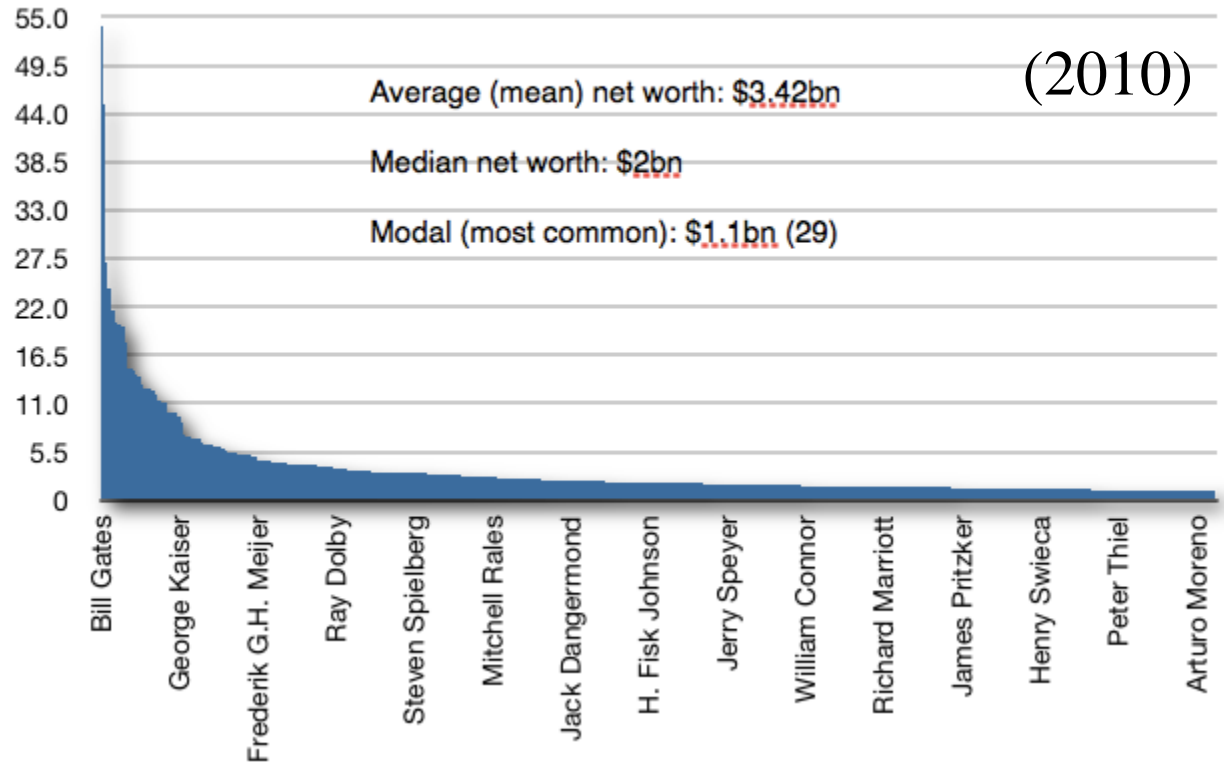
1 - Bill Gates (\$ 59 Billion) - Microsoft	\$	59.0
3 - Larry Ellison (\$ 33 Billion) - Oracle	\$	33.0
13 - Jeff Bezos (\$ 19.1 Billion) - Amazon.com	\$	19.1
14 - Mark Zuckerberg (\$ 17.5 Billion) - Facebook	\$	17.5
15 - Sergey Brin (\$ 16.7 Billion) - Google	\$	16.7
15 - Larry Page (\$ 16.7 Billion) - Google	\$	16.7
18 - Michael Dell (\$ 15 Billion) - Dell	\$	15.0
19 - Steve Ballmer (\$ 13.9 Billion) - Microsoft	\$	13.9
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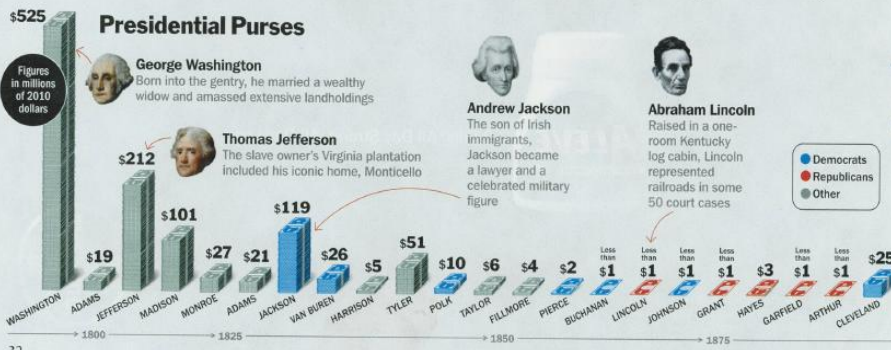
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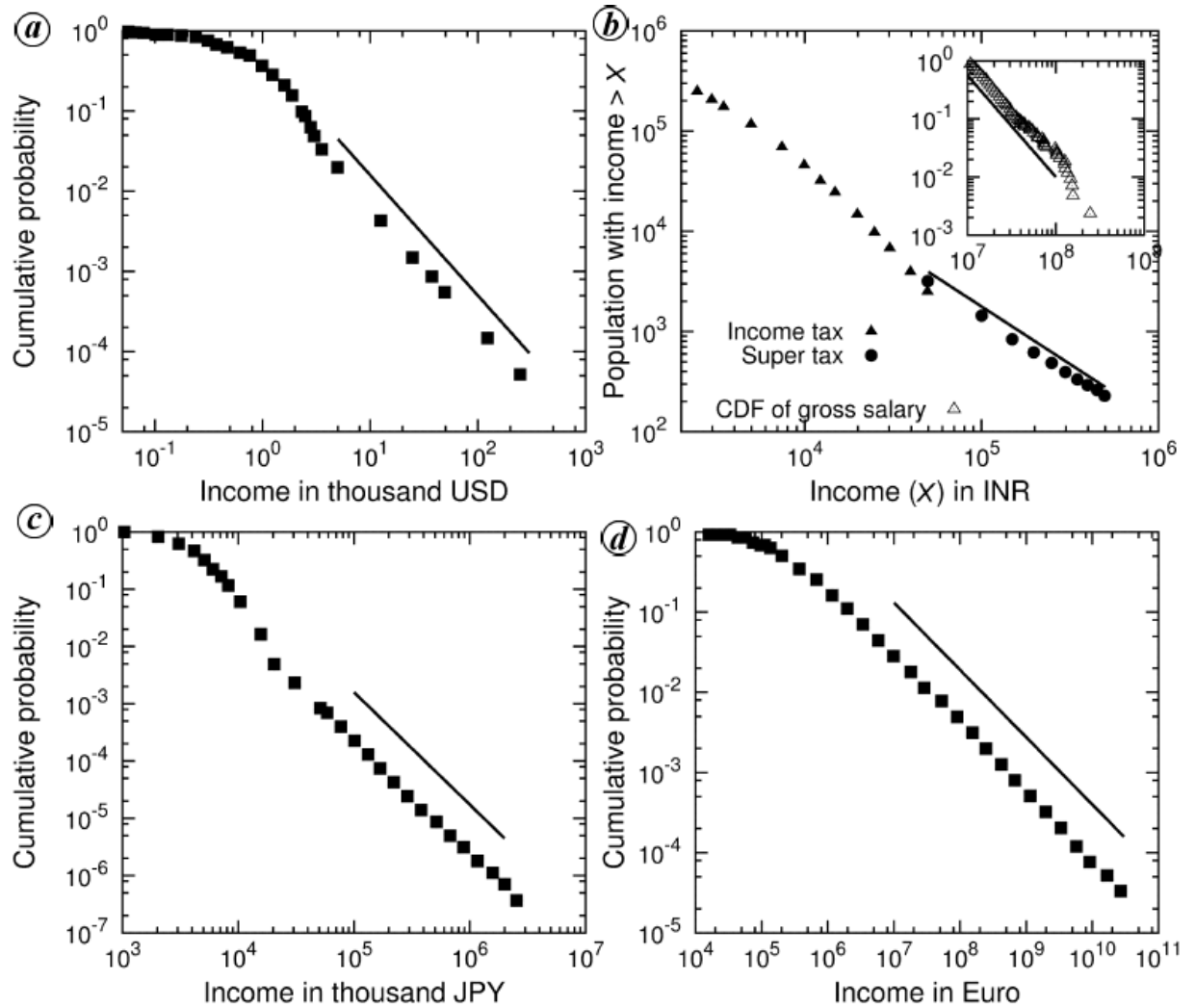
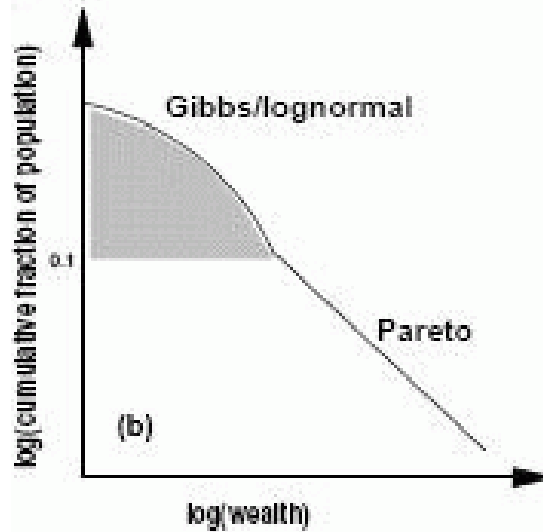
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$w$  is extensive quantity (additive:  $w_{AB} = w_A + w_B$ )  
dollar, land, citation, degree of connection, energy, ...

**In addition to wealth, other examples include**

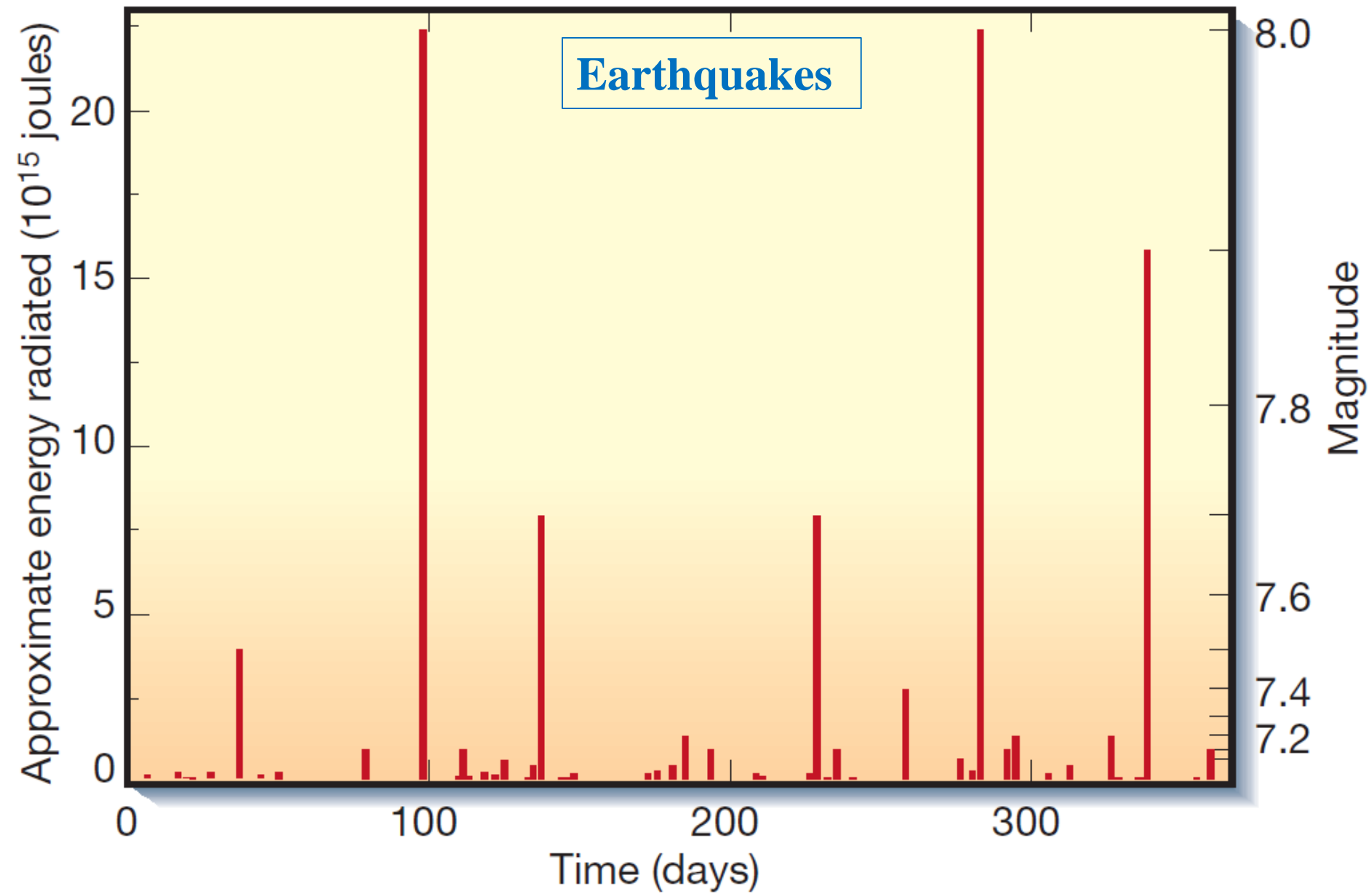
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## Earthquakes

### Property damages caused by earthquake

Rank	Name	Magnitude	Property damages
1	2011 Tōhoku earthquake, Japan	9.0 <sup>[27]</sup>	\$122 billion <sup>[28]</sup>
2	1995 Great Hanshin earthquake, Japan	6.9	\$100 billion
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8	921 earthquake, Taiwan (1999)	7.6	\$10 billion
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Time history of radiated energy from earthquakes throughout all of 1995.  
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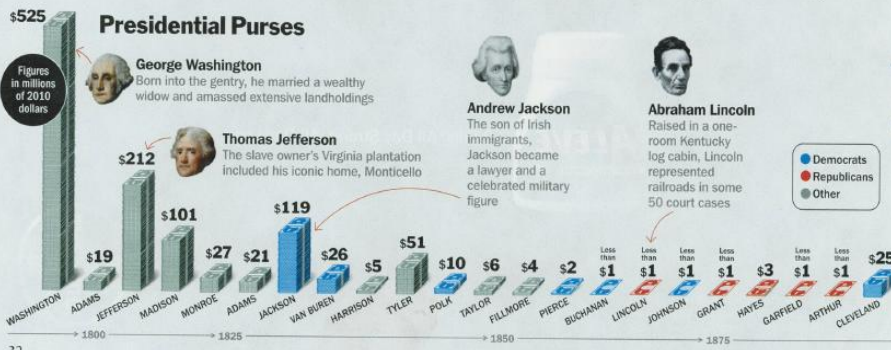
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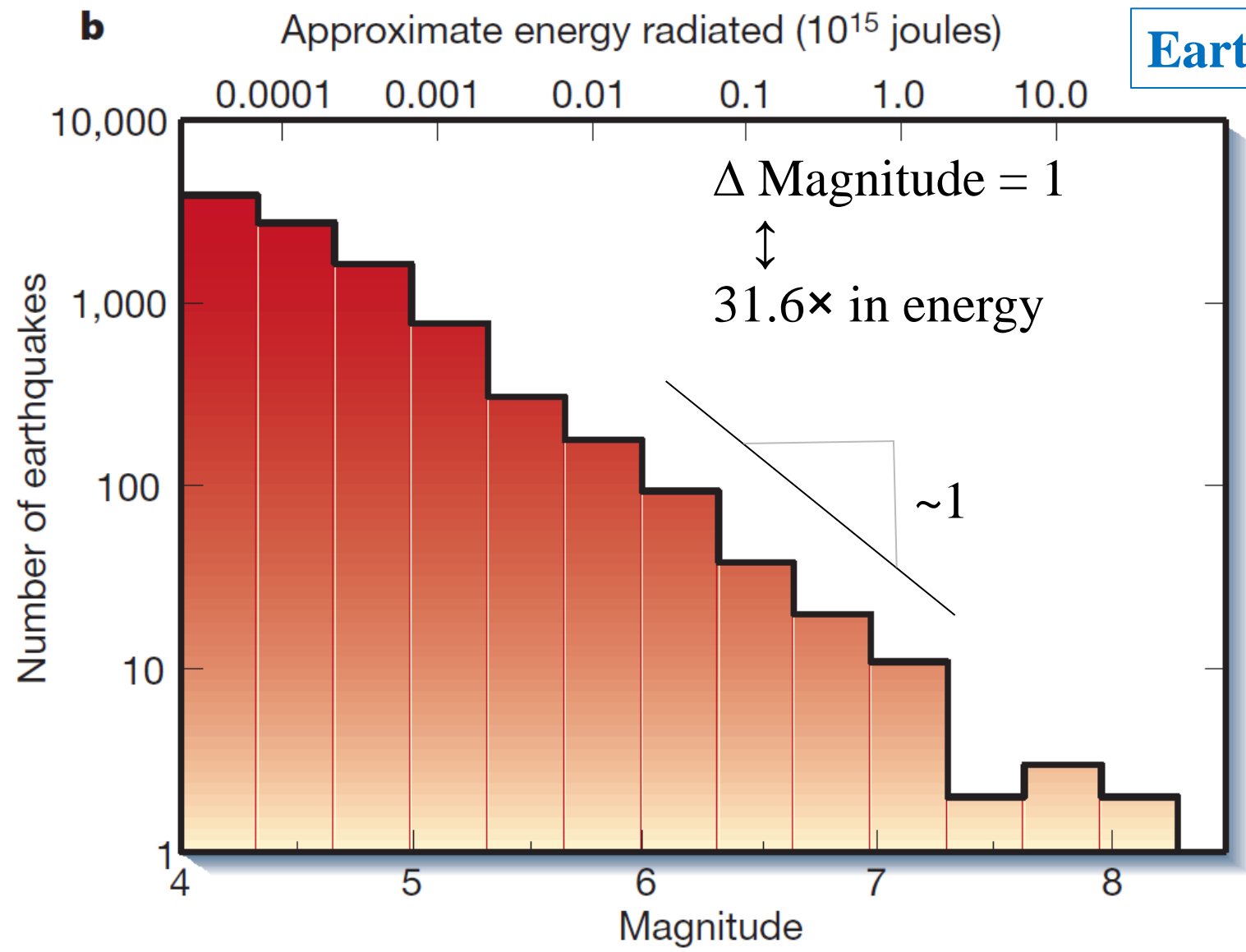


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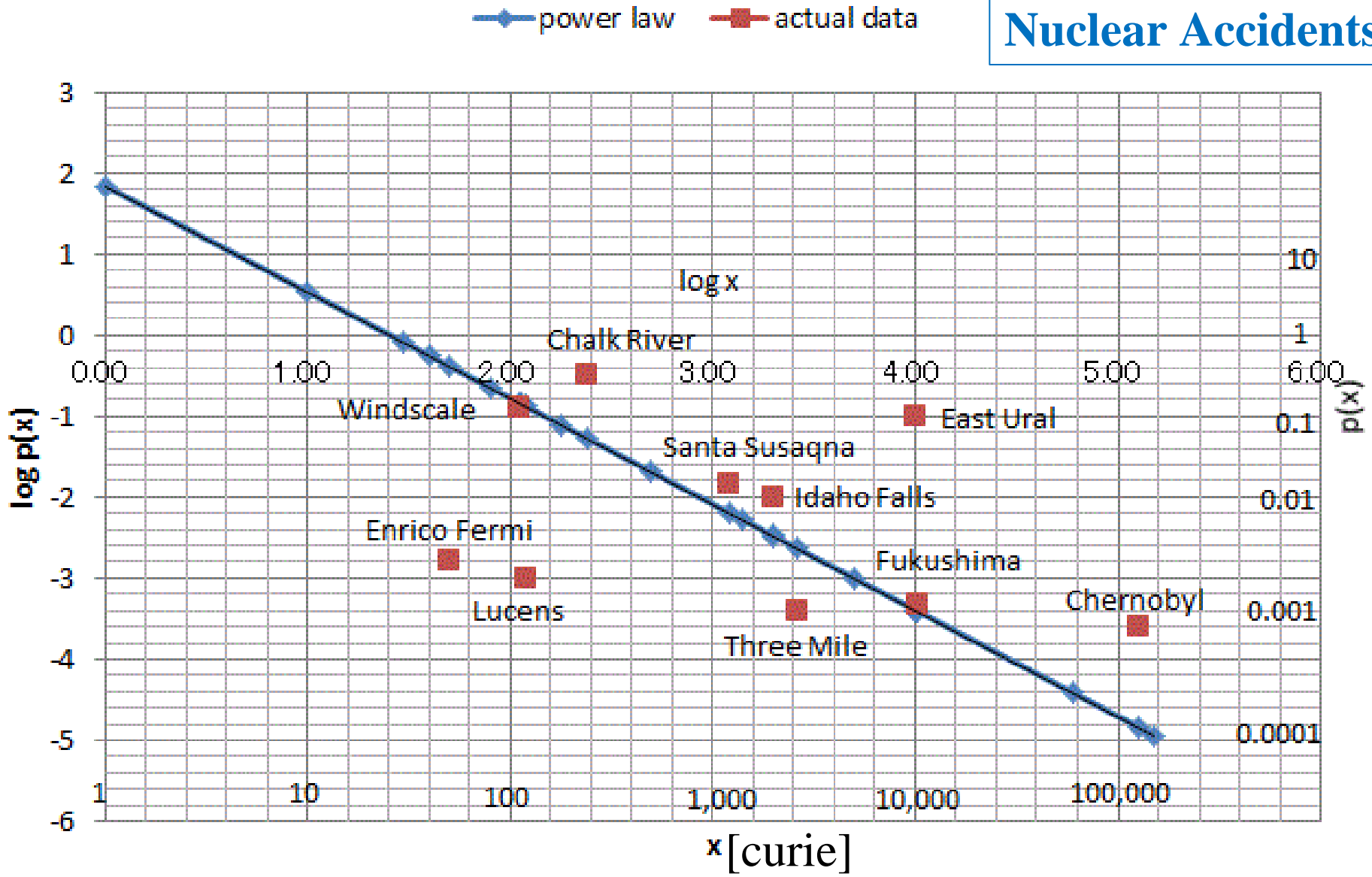




Number of earthquakes on Earth in 1995 exceeding Richter magnitude  $M$

**Gutenberg–Richter law**  $N(\text{magnitude} > M) \approx 10^{a-bM}$



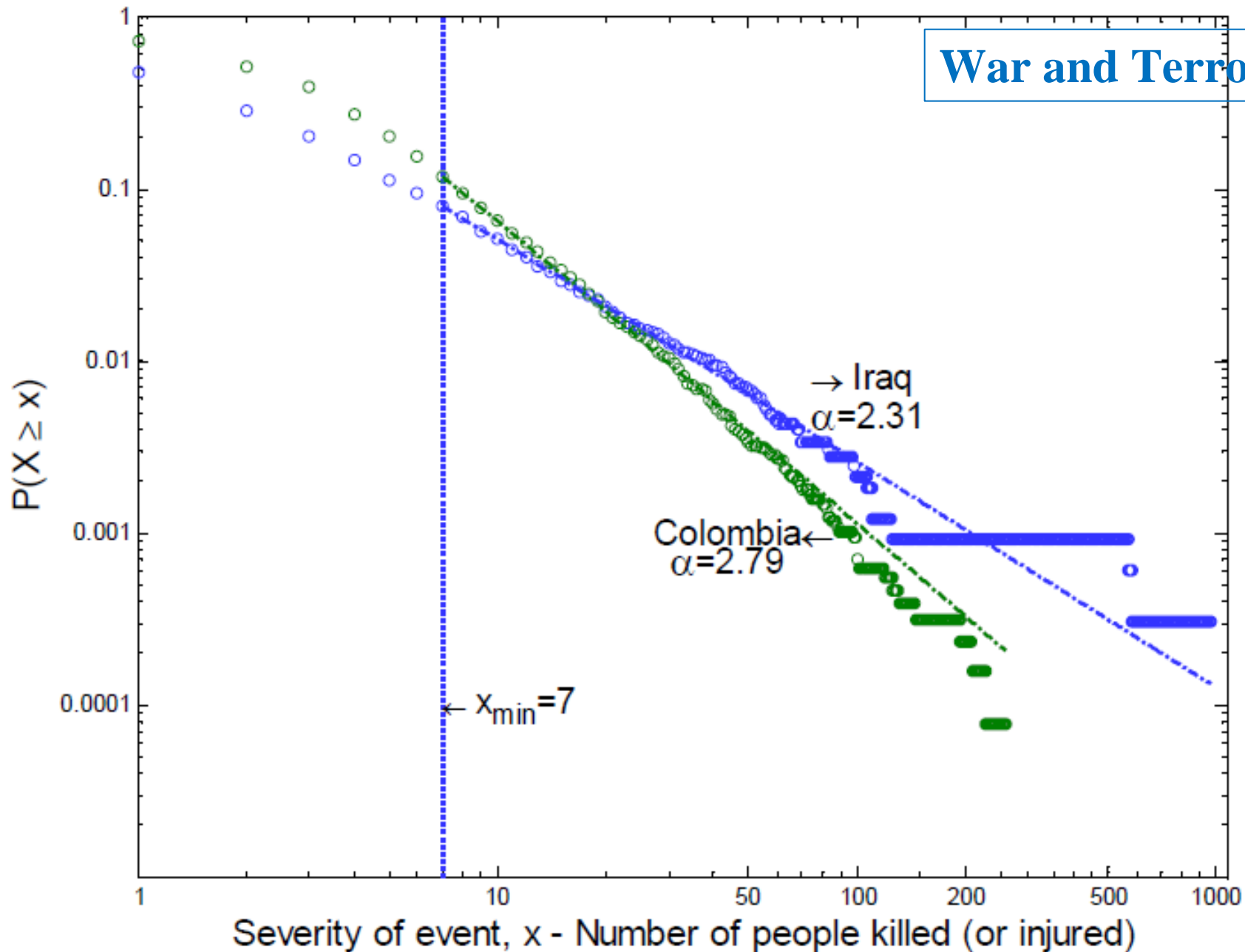


Probability vs. released Radioactive materials

1 Ci =  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  decays per second ~ 1 gram of radium  $^{226}\text{Ra}$

<http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~pu4i-aok/cooldata2/politics/fukushimameltdown.htm>

# War and Terrorism



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Events before May 1st, 2003

Start Date	City	Killings Min.	Killings Max
3/20/03	Baghdad	1473	2000
3/20/03	Najaf	224	358
3/20/03	Basra	142	200
3/20/03	Najaf, Karba, Mosul, Samawa, Madain, Diwaniyah, Kut, Tikrit	484	445
3/20/03	Baghdad	22	22
3/20/03	Rutba	1	1
3/21/03	Baghdad	0	3
3/21/03	Umm Qasr	2	2
3/22/03	ImAnas	1	1
3/22/03	Mosul	4	4
3/22/03	Nassiriya	12	12
3/22/03	Basra	50	77
3/22/03	Tikrit	4	5
3/22/03	Kurdistan	57	100
3/23/03	Najaf	3	8
3/23/03	Rutbah	5	5
3/23/03	Babel	30	30
3/23/03	Basra	14	14
3/23/03	Karba	10	10
3/23/03	Nassiriya	10	10
3/24/03	Baghdad	5	5
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3/26/03	Baghdad	21	21
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3/27/03	Mosul	2	50
3/27/03	Waset	2	2
3/27/03	Baghdad	7	7
3/27/03	Babel	26	26
3/27/03	Karba	11	11
3/27/03	Hillah	78	201
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3/28/03	Baghdad	34	62
3/28/03	Anbar	28	28
3/28/03	Babel	3	3
3/28/03	Baghdad	6	6
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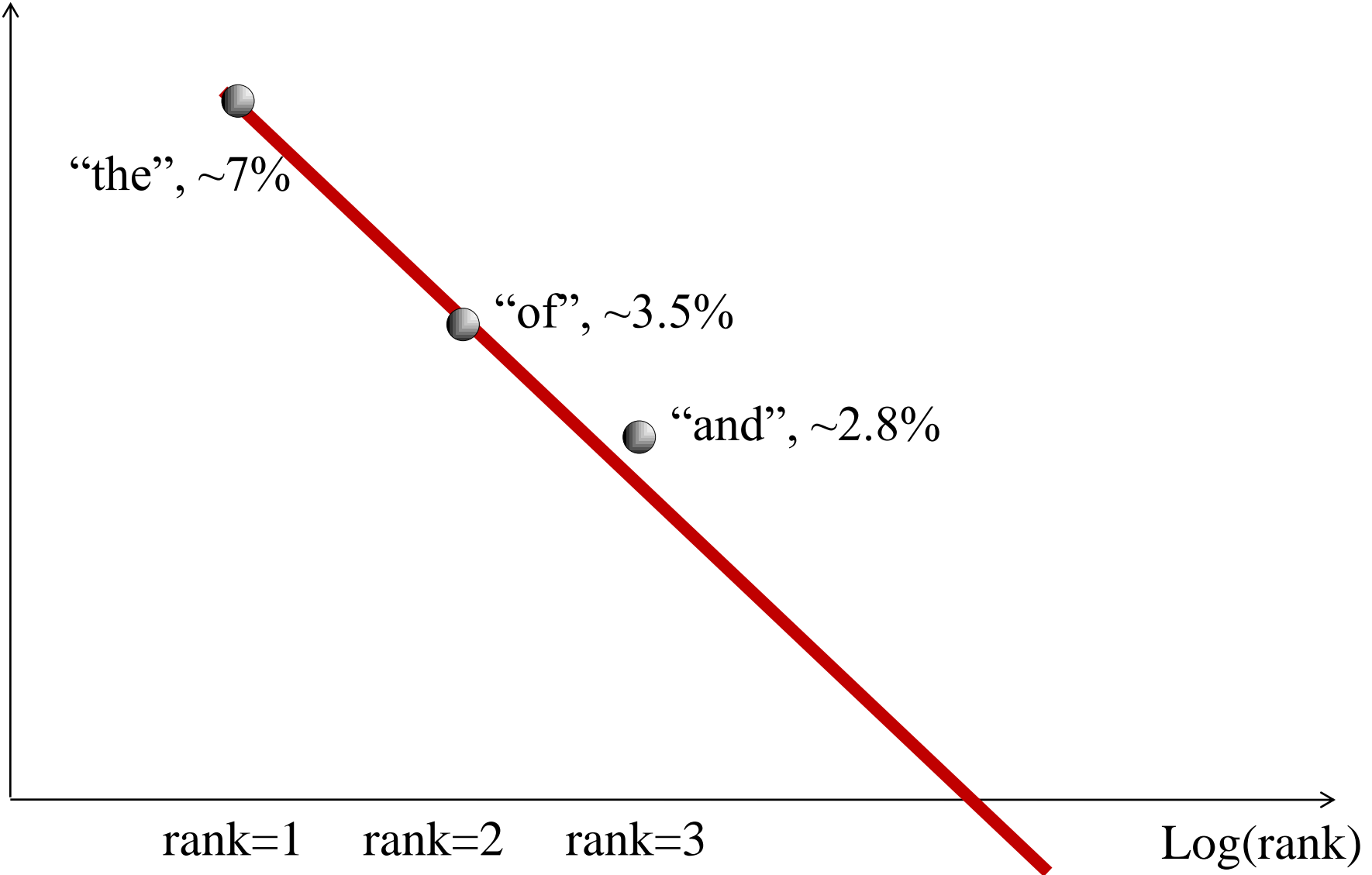
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3/31/03	Baghdad	24	24
4/1/03	Baghdad	1	1
4/1/03	Shatra	1	1
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4/2/03	Baghdad	43	43
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4/3/03	Baghdad	10	16
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4/4/03	Baghdad	6	6
4/5/03	Karba	1	1
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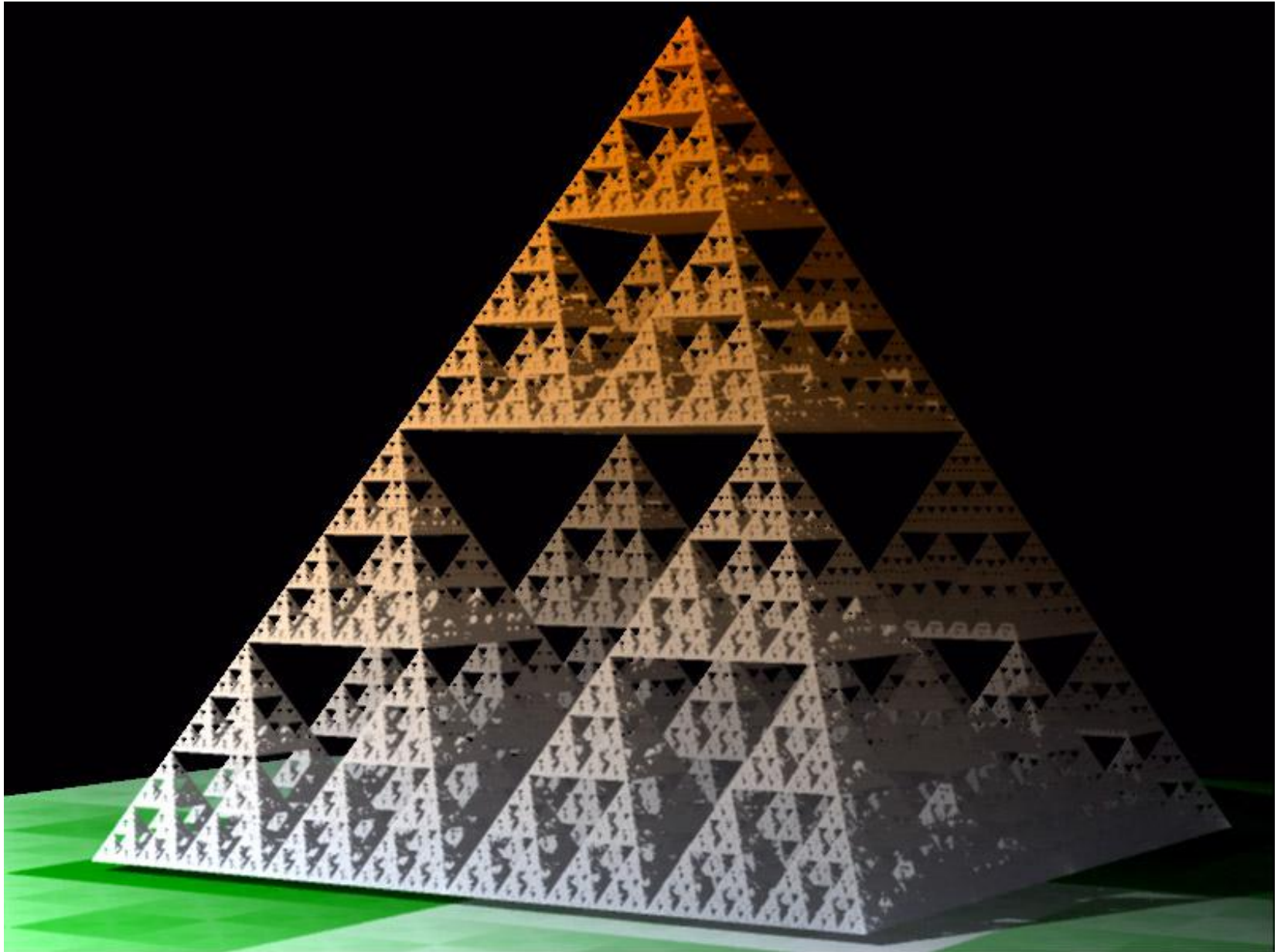
# Zipf's law

Log(occurrence frequency)





# Fractal : Power-law distribution





# How Long Is the Coast of Britain?

Science 156 (1967) 636

Geometry

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Abstract. Geographical curves are so **involved in their detail** that their lengths are often infinite or, rather, **undefinable**. However, many are **statistically "self-similar,"** meaning that each **portion** can be considered a **reduced-scale image** of the **whole**. In that case, the degree of complication can be described by a quantity **D** that has many properties of a **"dimension,"** though it is **fractional**; that is, it **exceeds the value unity** associated with the ordinary, rectifiable, curves.

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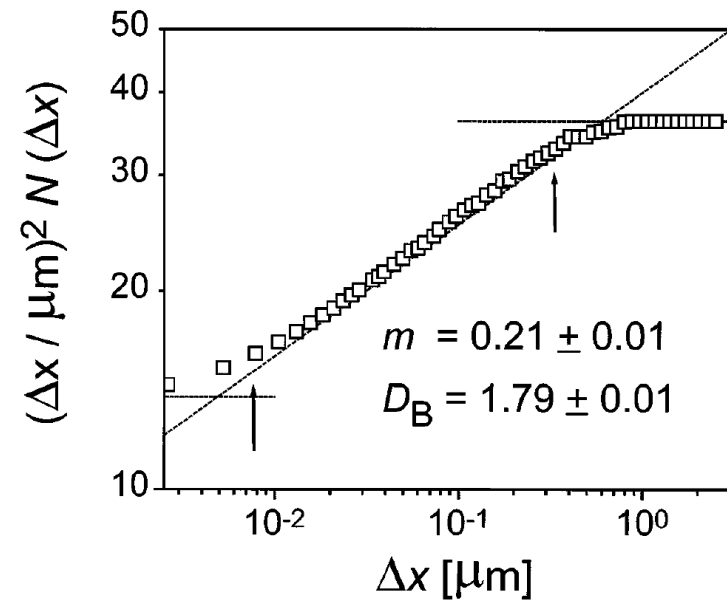
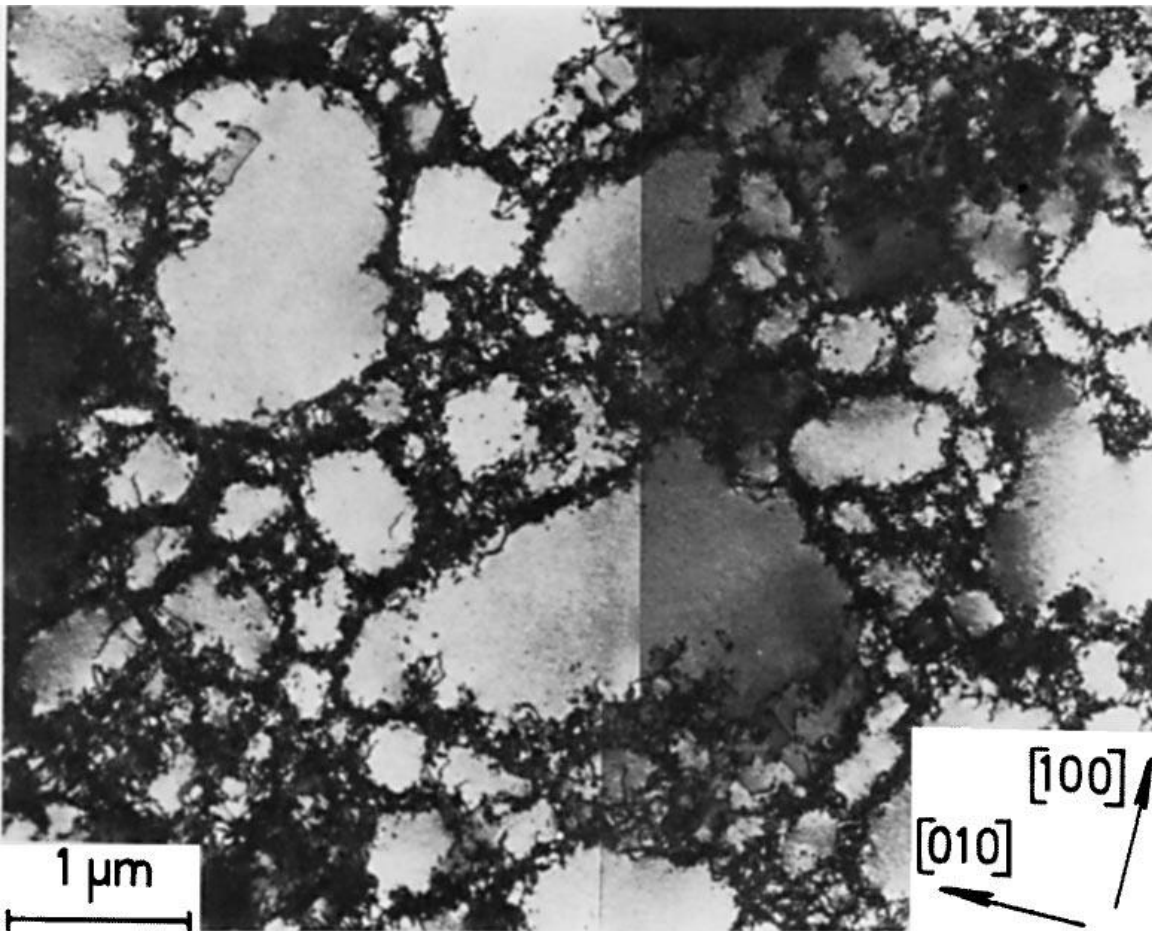
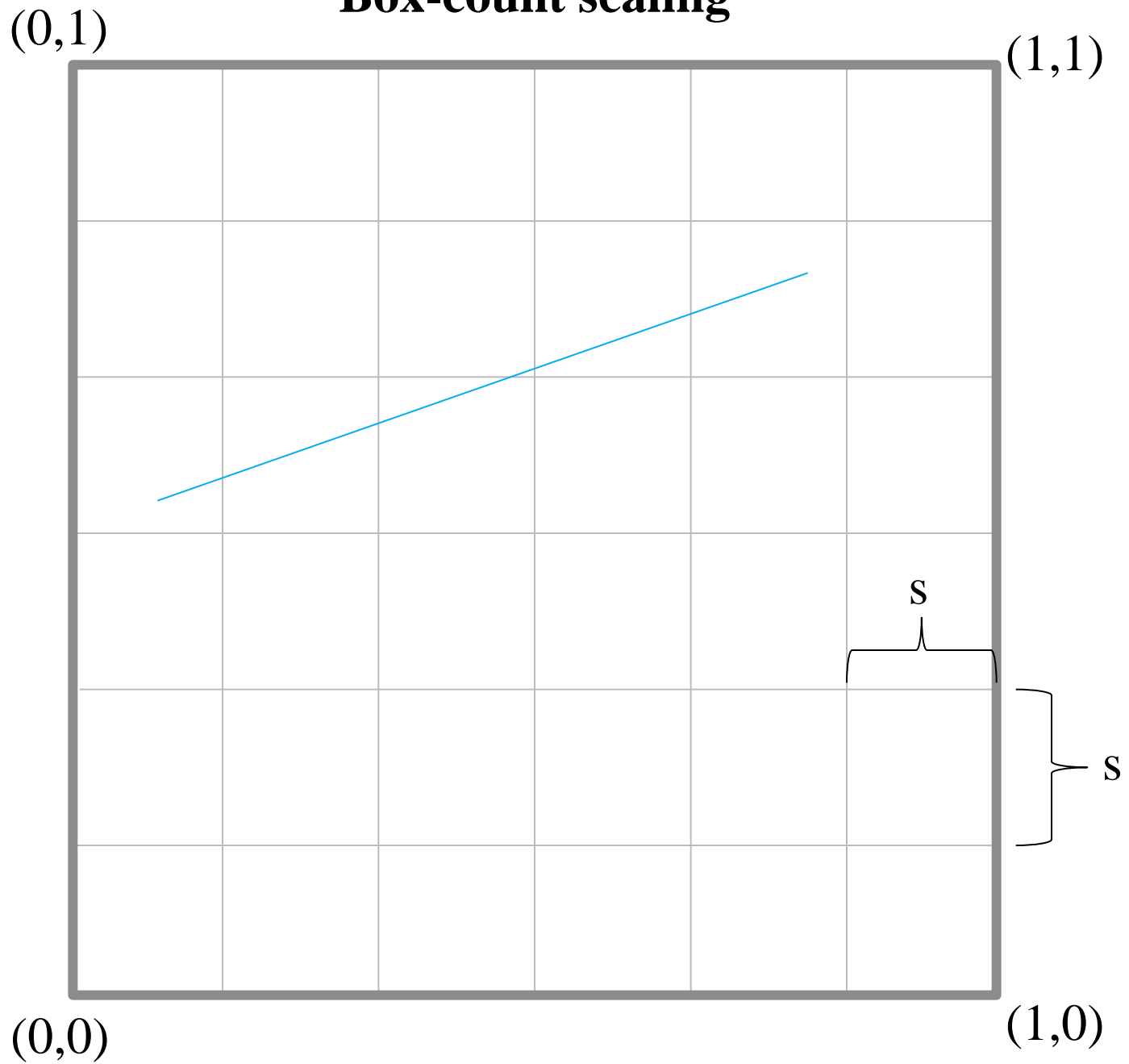


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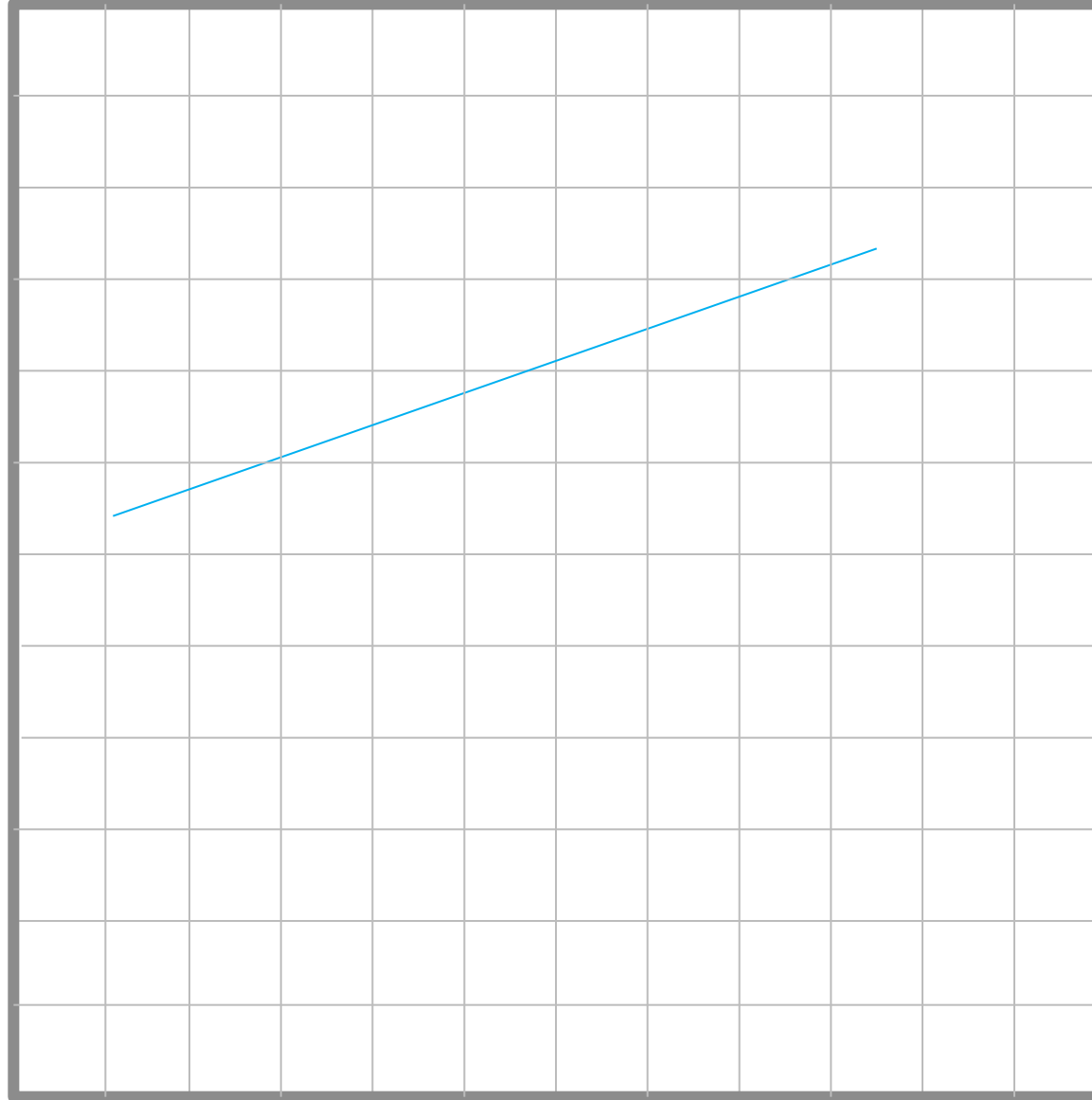




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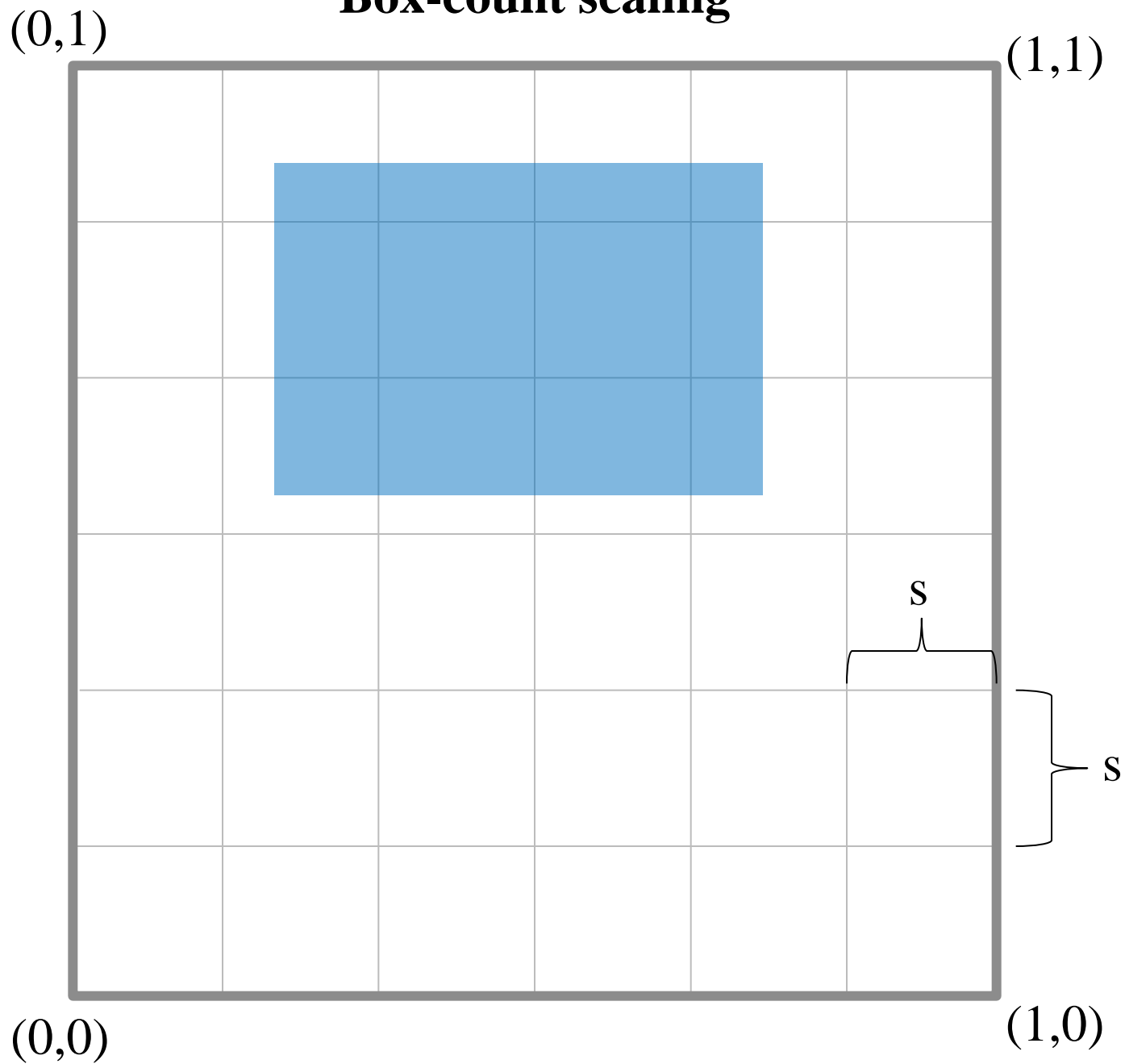
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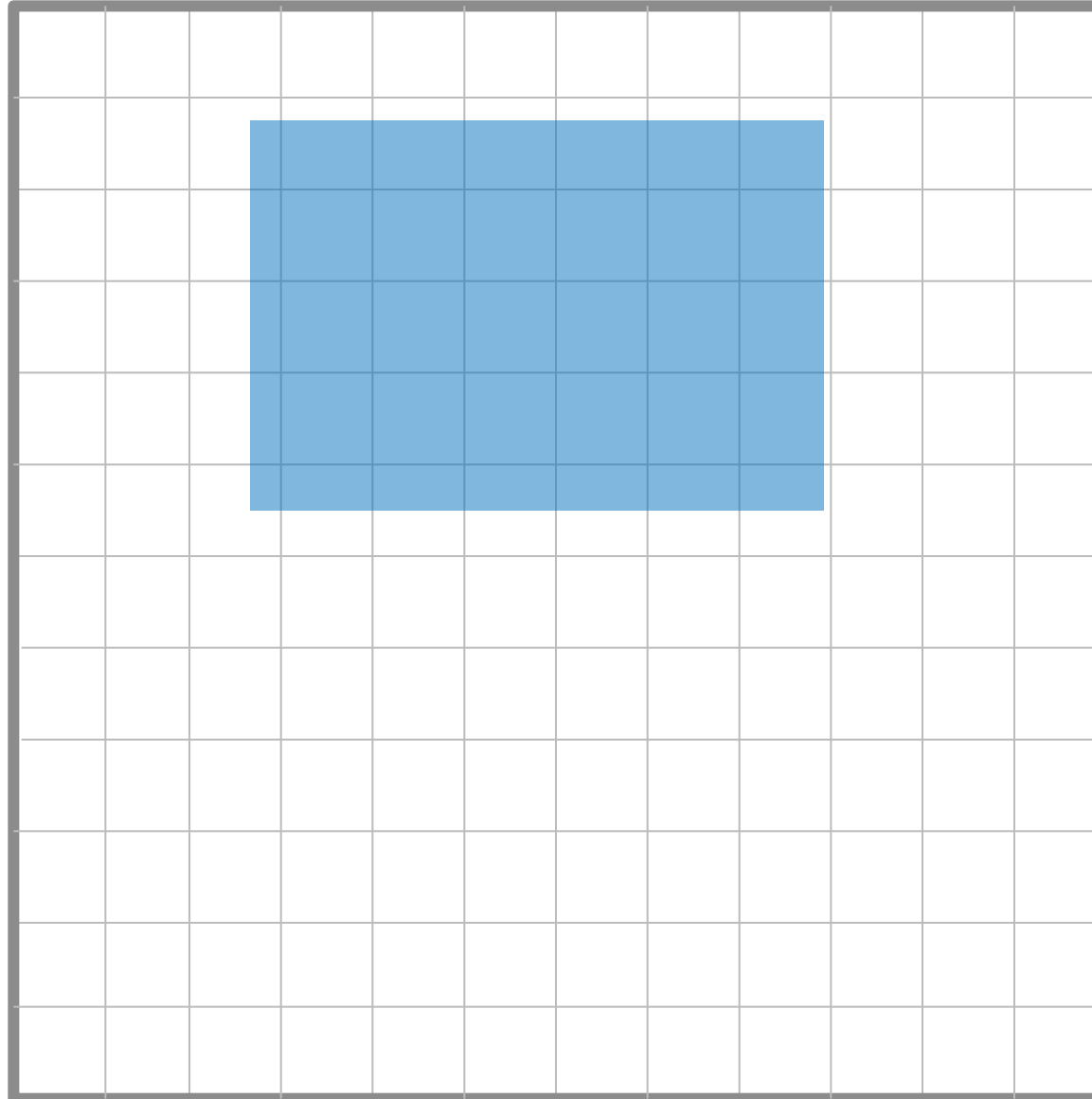
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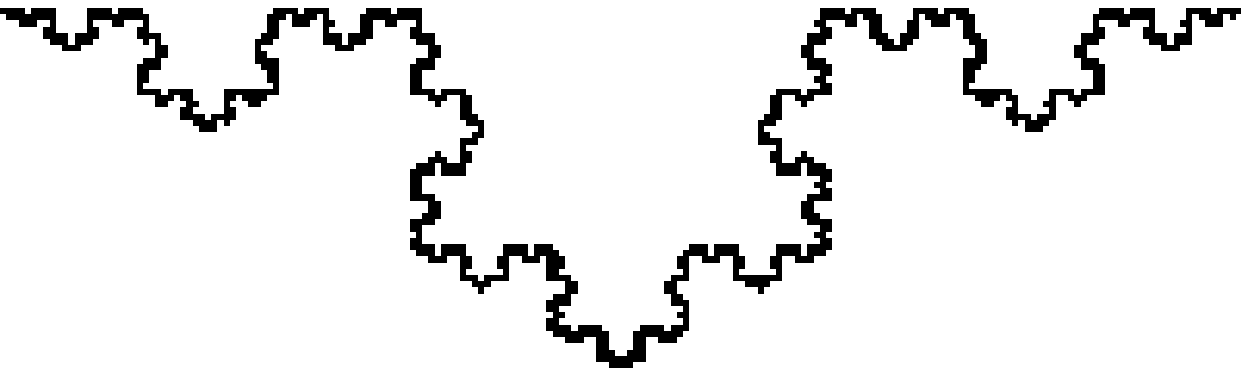


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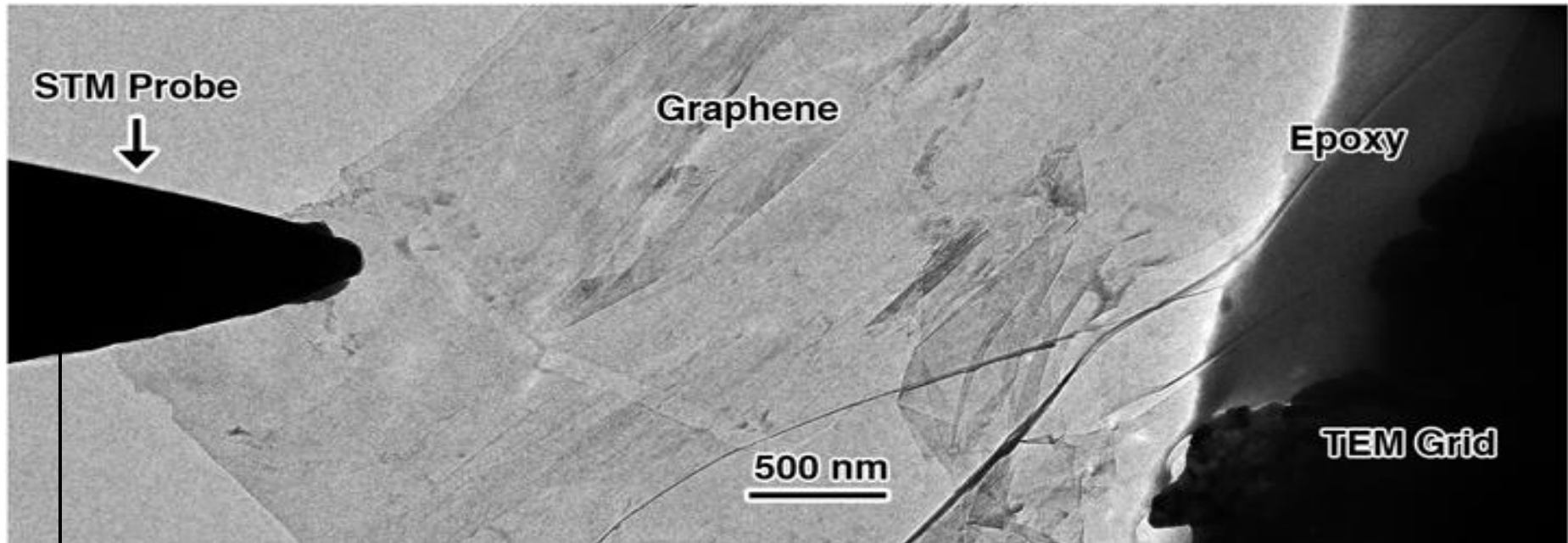
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- Simple rectangle set: box count  $N \propto s^{-2}$
- Not so-simple, but self-similar point set:  
box count  $N \propto s^{-f}$



Koch snowflake  
 $f = 1.2619$ .



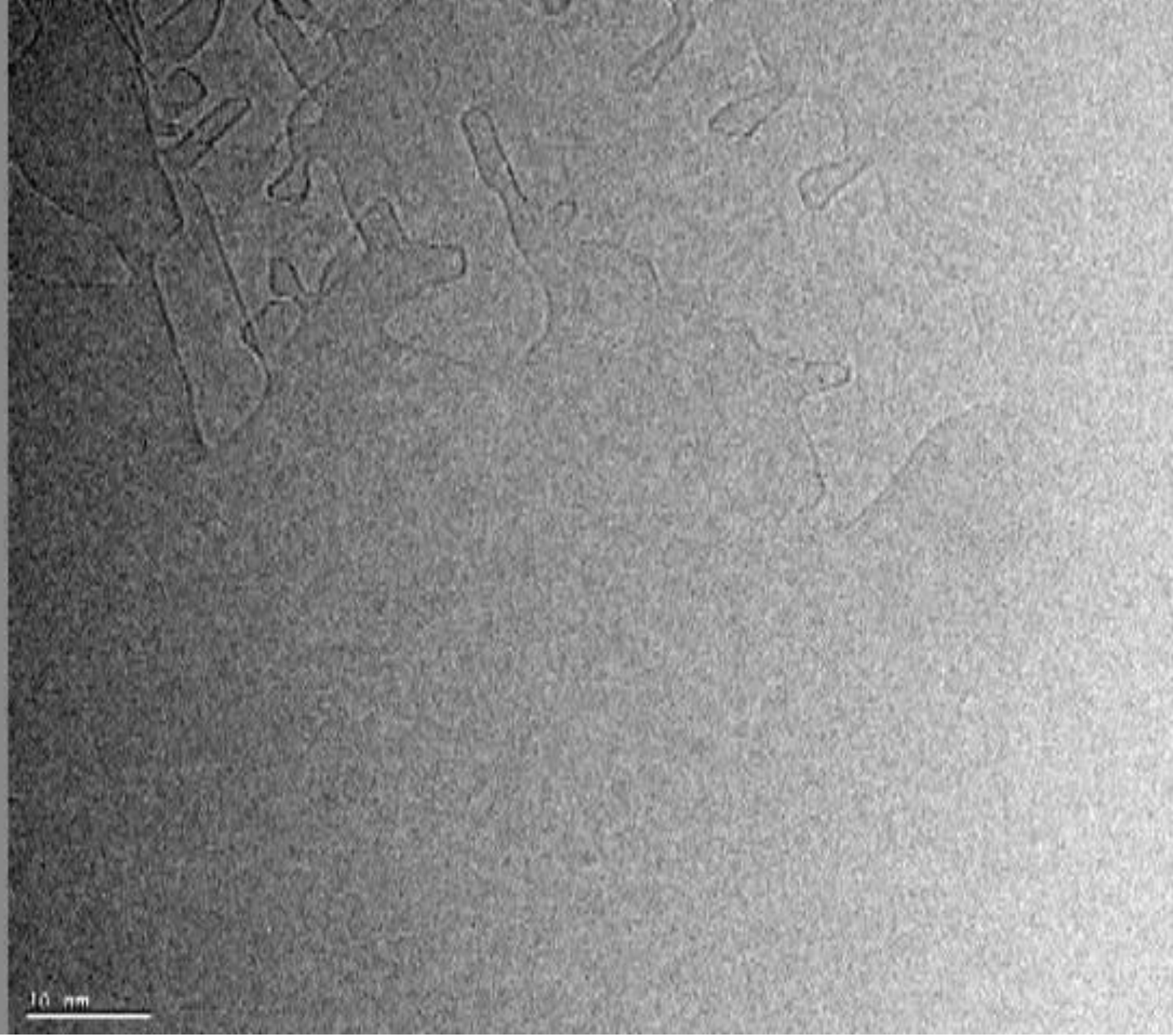
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Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies (CINT)  
@ Sandia National Lab



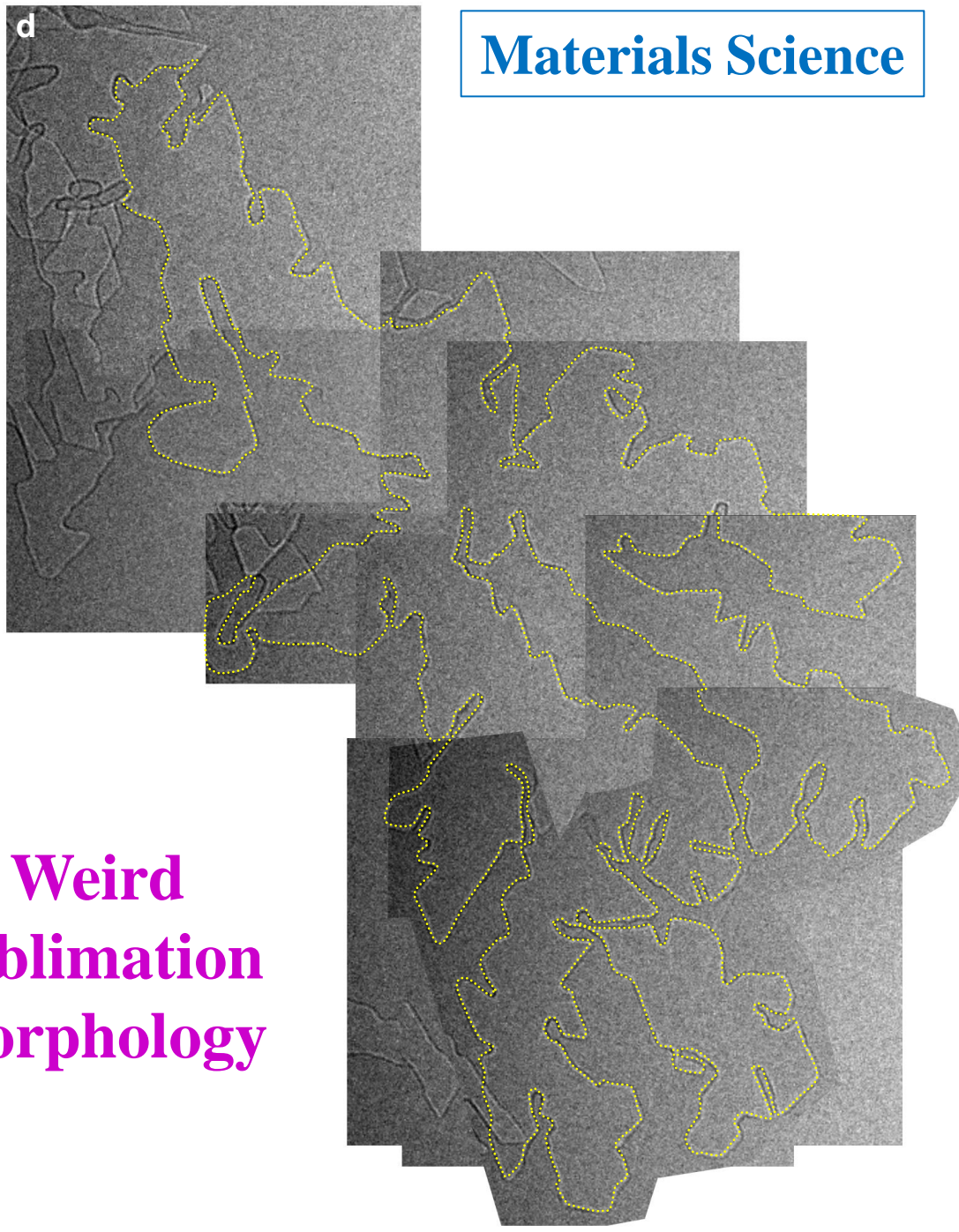
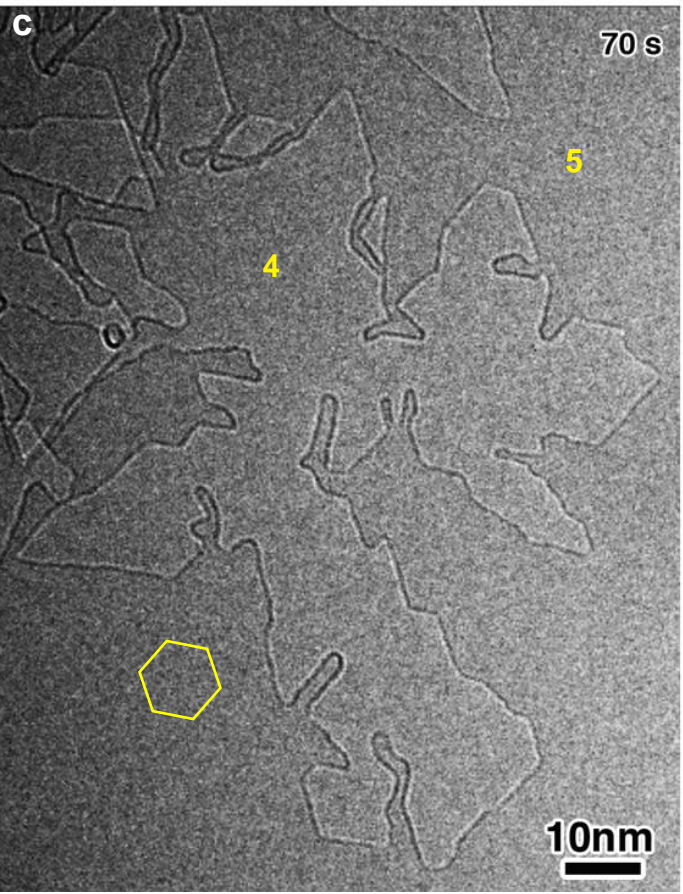
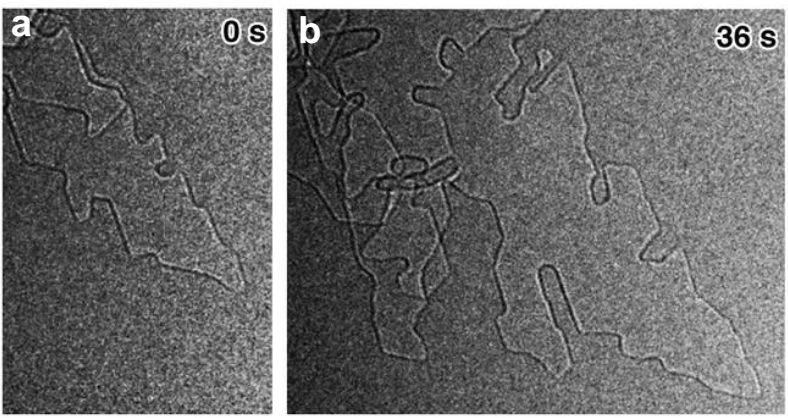
electric current  $\sim 10^8$  Ampere/cm<sup>2</sup>

Joule heated to  $\sim 2000$  °C to induce sublimation

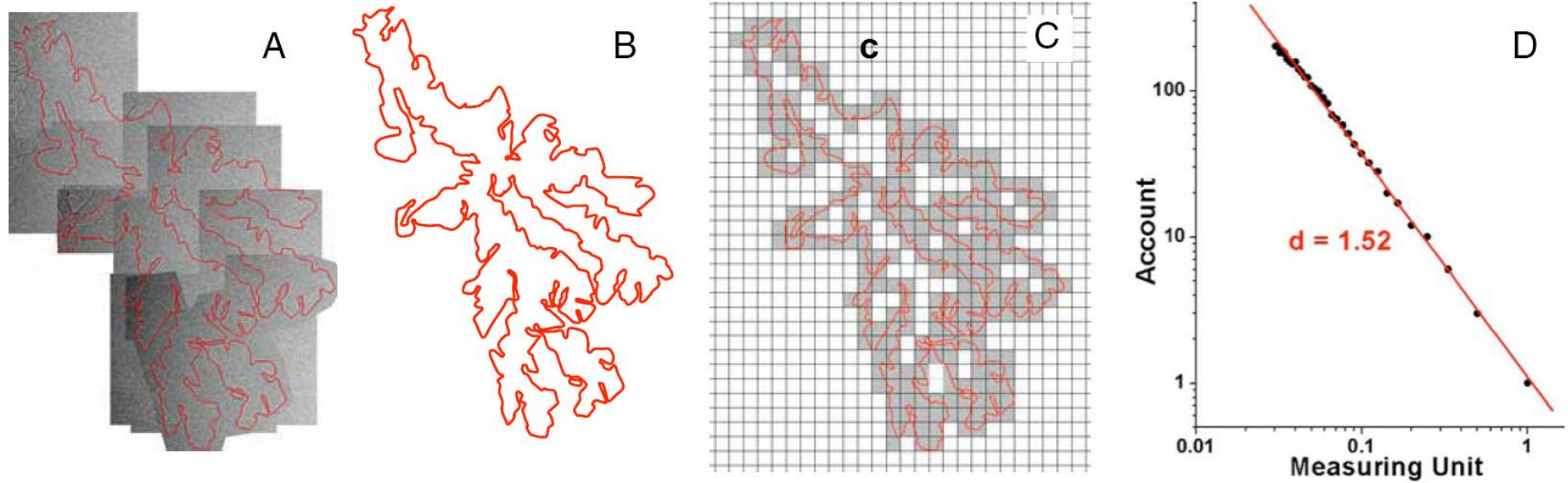
Tecnai F30 @ 300 kV







Weird  
sublimation  
morphology

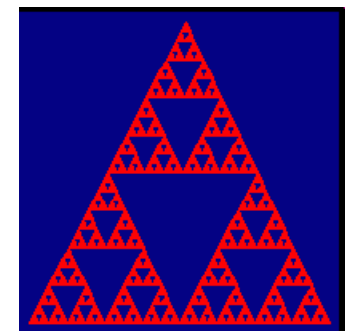


**Fig. S2.** Fractal dimension measurement procedures. The fractal dimension of the propagating front pattern was measured by the same method as that used to measure the coastline [Sapoval B, Baldassarri A, Gabrielli A (2004) *Phys Rev Lett* 93:098501]. First, a close loop was drawn by fitting the experimental propagating sublimation front (Fig. S2A and B). Then the close loop was measured on a 2D square lattice. In the measurement, only those squares that intersect with the close loop were accounted (e.g., the gray squares in Fig. S2C). By varying the size of the squares, the number of accounted squares as a function of a square size (i.e., the measuring unit) was plotted (Fig. S2D). According to the definition of the fractal dimension, the fractal dimension of the loop or the propagating loop is calculated as:

$$d = - \frac{d \log(N)}{d \log(l)}$$

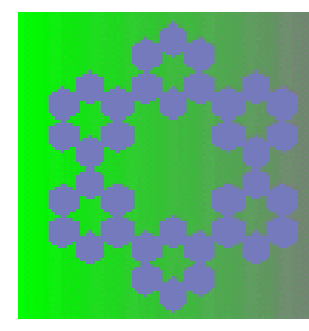
Benoit Mandelbrot, “How Long Is the Coast of Britain? Statistical Self-Similarity and Fractional Dimension.” *Science* **156** (1967) 636.

where  $N$  is the number of the accounted squares and  $l$  is the size of the squares or the measuring unit. For the propagating front shown in Fig. S2A, the fitted fractal dimension is 1.52.



**Sierpinski Triangle:**  
**Fractal dimension**  
**1.5849625**

[www.tgmdev.be/curvesierpinskiobj.htm](http://www.tgmdev.be/curvesierpinskiobj.htm)



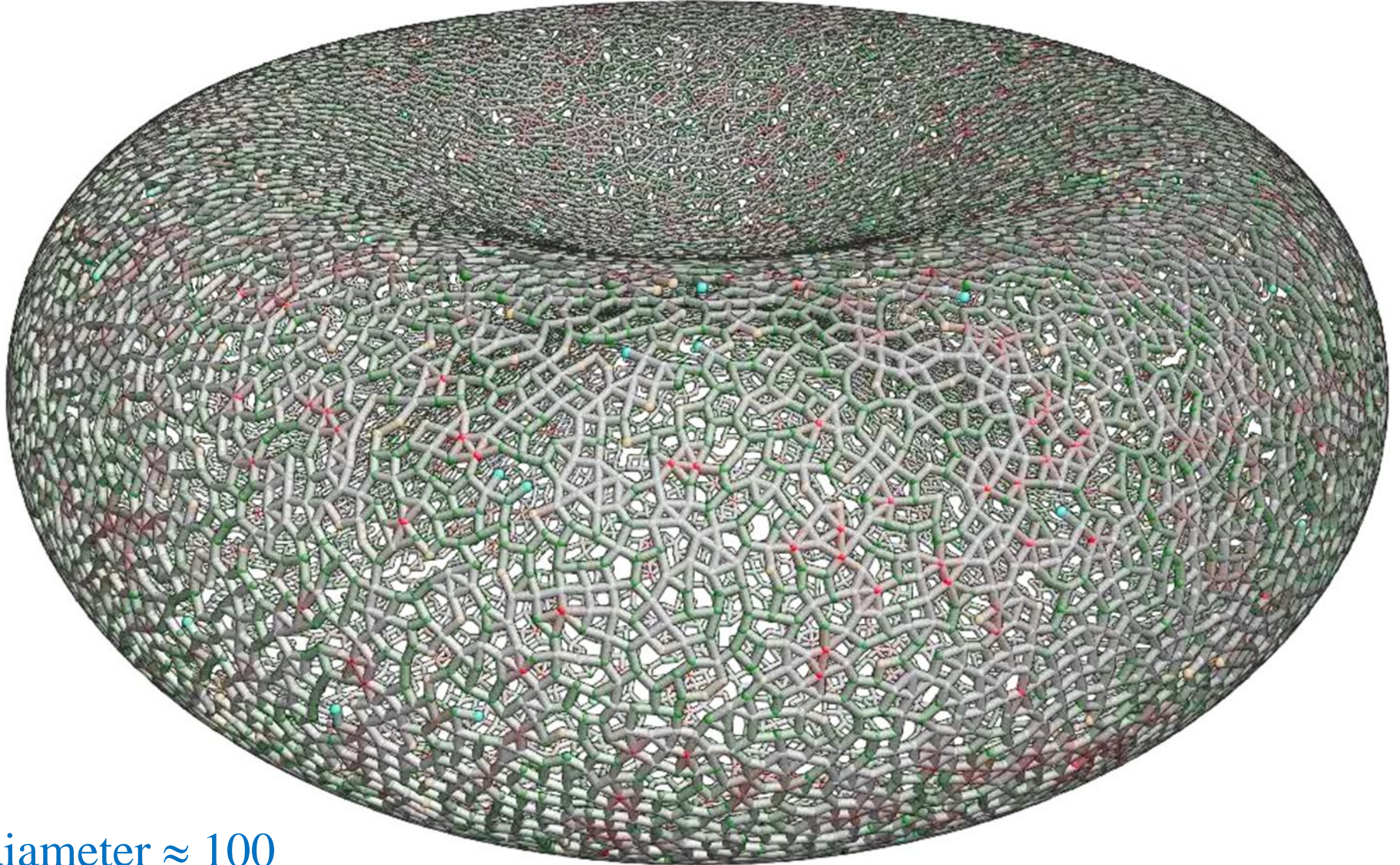
**Sierpinski Hexagon:**  
**Fractal dimension**  
**1.6309297**







# A real-space network



diameter  $\approx 100$

**To go from one vertex to another, takes many bond hops**



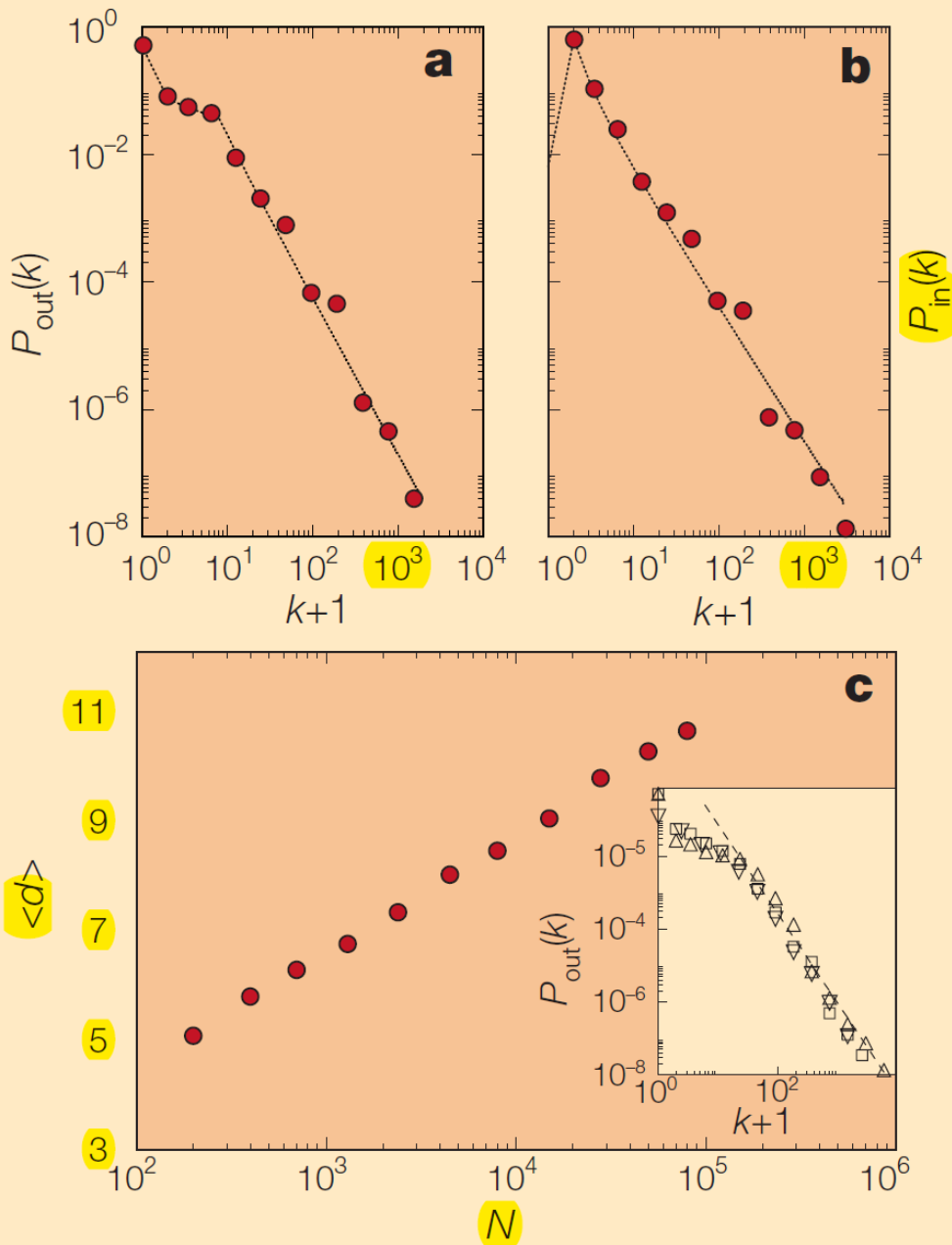


diameter of humanity  $\approx 6$

Social Network, WWW, Genetic Network, ... **“Small-World Network”**  
problem with this terminology: “small-world network” is not small, but  
often huge.

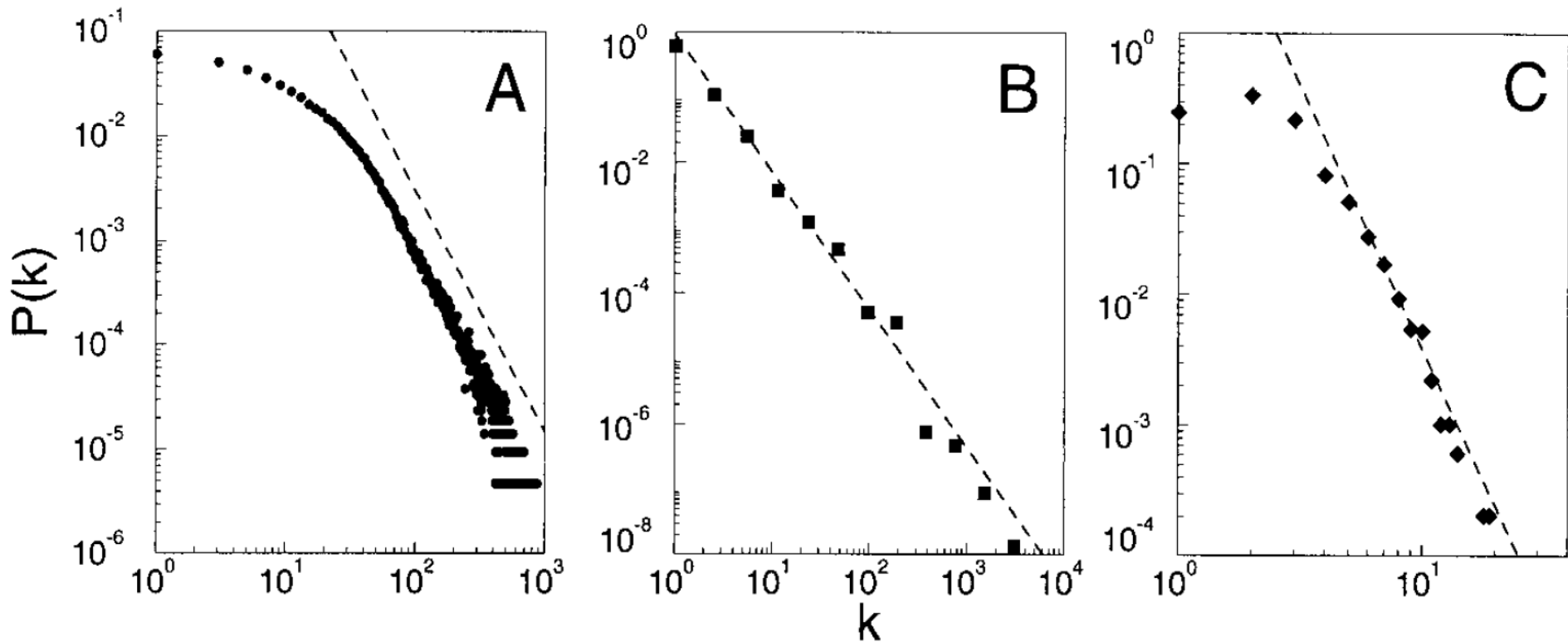
Humans on earth ( $7 \times 10^9$ ) form a relationship network of diameter 6.

$\langle d \rangle = 0.35 + 2.06 \log_{10} N$  clicks from go from any document to any other document in a  $N$ -vertex WWW.



**Figure 1** Distribution of links on the World-Wide Web. **a**, Outgoing links (URLs found on an HTML document); **b**, incoming links (URLs pointing to a certain HTML document). Data were obtained from the complete map of the nd.edu domain, which contains 325,729 documents and 1,469,680 links. Dotted lines represent analytical fits used as input distributions in constructing the topological model of the web; the tail of the distributions follows  $P(k) \approx k^{-\gamma}$ , with  $\gamma_{out} = 2.45$  and  $\gamma_{in} = 2.1$ . **c**, Average of the shortest path between two documents as a function of system size, as predicted by the model. To check the validity of our predictions, we determined  $d$  for documents in the domain nd.edu. The measured  $\langle d_{nd.edu} \rangle = 11.2$  agrees well with the prediction  $\langle d_{3 \times 10^5} \rangle = 11.6$  obtained from our model. To show that the power-law tail of  $P(k)$  is a universal feature of the web, the inset shows  $P_{out}(k)$  obtained by starting from whitehouse.gov (squares), yahoo.com (triangles) and snu.ac.kr (inverted triangles). The slope of the dashed line is  $\gamma_{out} = 2.45$ , as obtained from nd.edu in **a**.





**Fig. 1.** The distribution function of connectivities for various large networks. (A) Actor collaboration graph with  $N = 212,250$  vertices and average connectivity  $\langle k \rangle = 28.78$ . (B) WWW,  $N = 325,729$ ,  $\langle k \rangle = 5.46$  (6). (C) Power grid data,  $N = 4941$ ,  $\langle k \rangle = 2.67$ . The dashed lines have slopes (A)  $\gamma_{\text{actor}} = 2.3$ , (B)  $\gamma_{\text{www}} = 2.1$  and (C)  $\gamma_{\text{power}} = 4$ .

# Small-World Networks

- Data, web, business associations: Relationship, rather than real-space physical / chemical attachment
- not strongly exclusive (unlike steric repulsion in chemical bonding, or marriage), possible to develop huge  $k$
- Long tails: Scale-free power-law distribution
- Vital few: like hubs, shrinks the network diameter
- Connectivity is power

**Mb = megabit = 1,000,000 bit, MB = megabyte = 8Mb**

**Mbps = megabit/second = 0.125 MB/s = 125 kB/s**

**<http://www.speedtest.net/>**

Getting 1 Mbps in travel is pretty decent connection

But one can live with maybe 0.1 Mbps ~ 13 kB/s

From MIT office copper line, download: 6.5 Mbps, upload 7.7 Mbps ~ 1MB/s

Upper limit: Ethernet 10 Mbps, fast Ethernet 100Mbps, gigabit Ethernet 1000Mbps

**1 GB = 1gigabyte = 1,000,000,000 byte**

**1 gibibyte =  $1024^3$  bytes = 1,073,741,824 byte**

**64-bit machines can address 18,446,744,073 GB memory**

C type	ILP64 (Cray)	LP64 (MacOS X, Linux)	LLP64 (Windows)
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short	16	16	16
int	64	32	32
long	64	64	32
long long	64	64	64
pointer	64	64	64



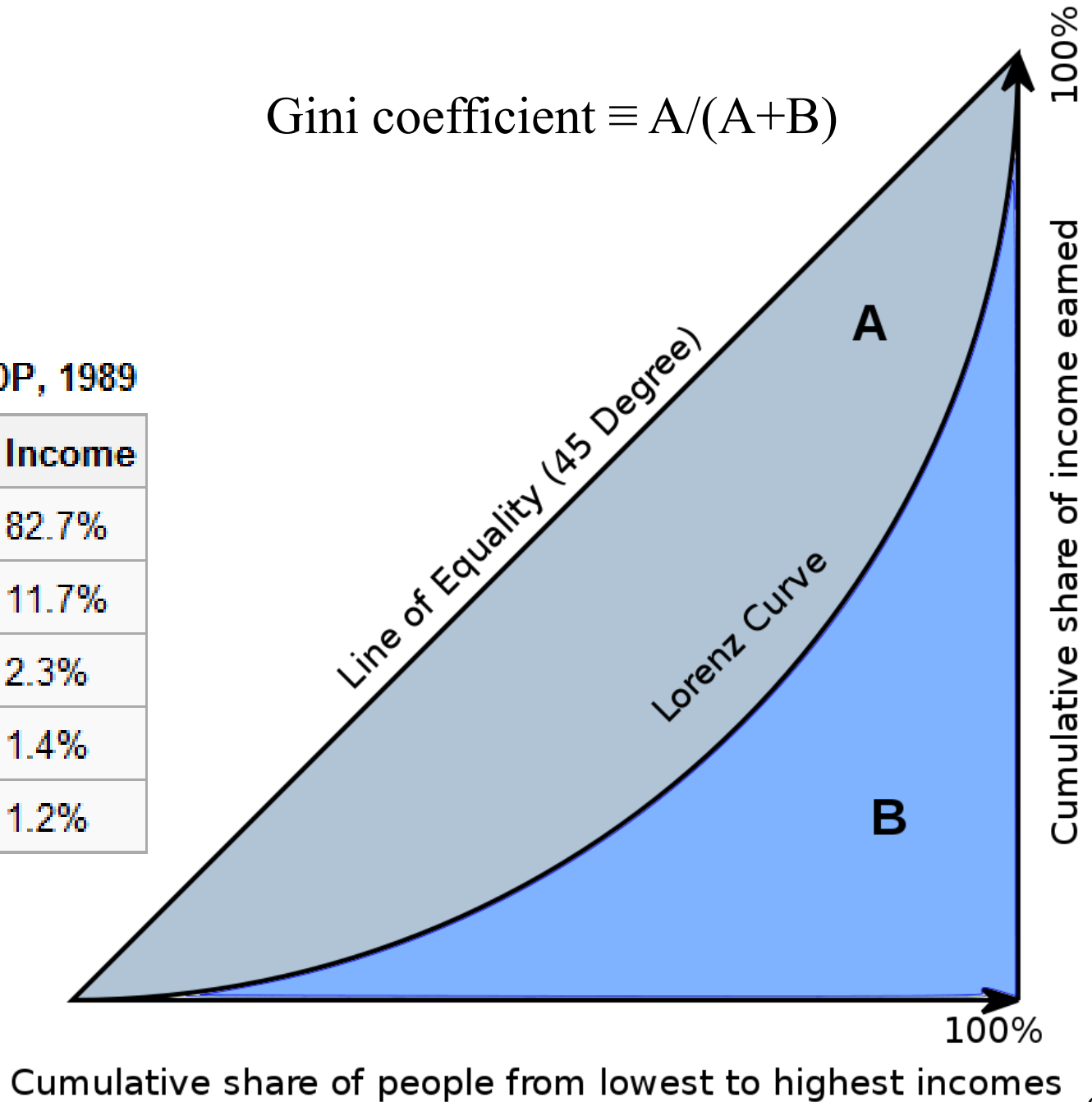


$$\text{Gini coefficient} \equiv A/(A+B)$$

**Distribution of world GDP, 1989**

Quintile of Population	Income
Richest 20%	82.7%
Second 20%	11.7%
Third 20%	2.3%
Fourth 20%	1.4%
Poorest 20%	1.2%

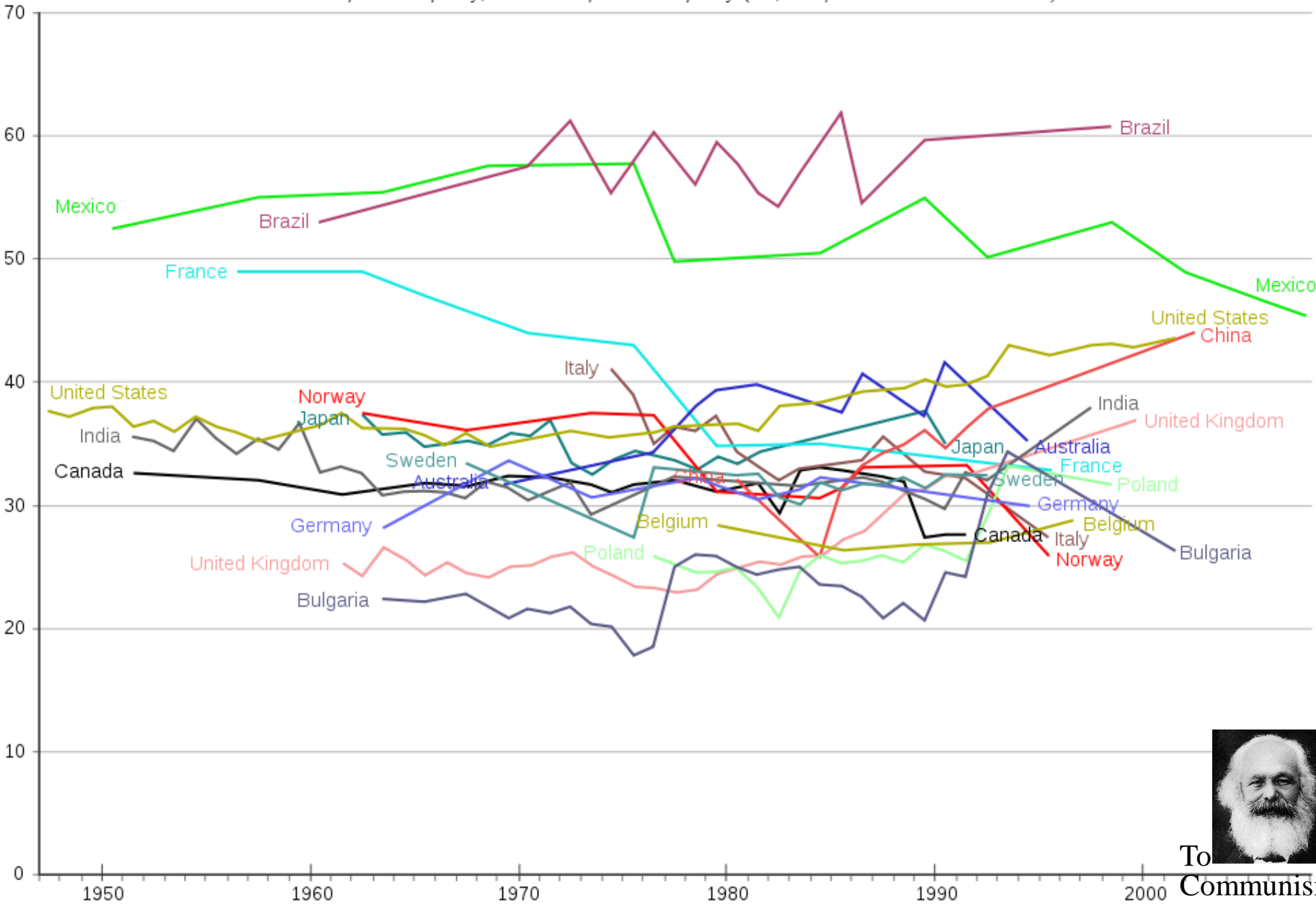
SOURCE: WIKIPIDEA



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# Gini Index - Income Disparity since World War II

where 0 is perfect equality, and 100 is perfect inequality (i.e., one person has all the income)



To  
Communism

