## **SCIENTOMETRICS**

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### Scientometrics

Is part of what is called "the science of science"

- A body of philosophical, historical, sociological studies on the conduct of science and about scientists.
- Scientometrics is about quantities that can be measured, e.g.,
  - scientific output (papers, patents)
  - scientific manpower
  - money invested
- These entities constitute the data that are analysed.

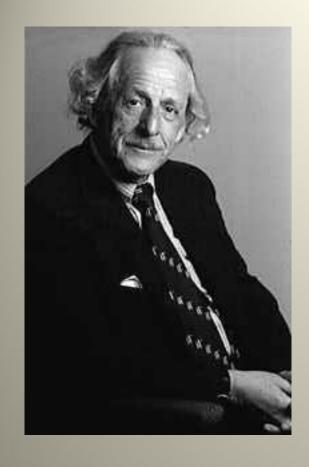
## Early work in Scientometrics/Bibliometrics

- Observation of statistical regularities in the data, e.g.,
  - Power law type relationship in scientific productivity (Lotka's Law, 1926)
  - Invariant S-curve observed for the scatter of articles in journals (Bradford's Law, 1934)
  - Word frequency in text (Zipf's Law, 1935,1949)
  - Distribution of wealth in economics (Pareto's Law, )

Basu, A. (1992) Hierarchical Distributions and Bradford's Law, JASIS

## Zipf type distributions-observed contexts

- The sizes of human settlements (few cities, many hamlets/villages)[10]
- File size distribution of Internet traffic which uses the TCP protocol (many smaller files, few larger ones)[10]
- Hard disk drive error rates<sup>[11]</sup>
- Clusters of <u>Bose–Einstein condensate</u> near <u>absolute zero<sup>[12]</sup></u>
- The values of oil reserves in oil fields (a few large fields, many small fields)[10]
- The length distribution in jobs assigned supercomputers (a few large ones, many small ones)[citation needed]
- The standardized price returns on individual stocks [10]
- Fitted cumulative Pareto (Lomax) distribution to maximum one-day rainfalls using <u>CumFreq</u>,
   see also <u>distribution fitting</u>
- Sizes of sand particles [10]
- Sizes of meteorites
- Numbers of species per genus (There is subjectivity involved: The tendency to divide a genus into two or more increases with the number of species in it)[citation needed]
- Areas burnt in forest fires
- Severity of large <u>casualty</u> losses for certain lines of business such as general liability, commercial auto, and workers compensation. [13][14]
- In <a href="hydrology">hydrology</a> the Pareto distribution is applied to extreme events such as annually maximum one-day rainfalls and river discharges.



### **Eugene Garfield**

PhD in Structural Linguistics



As the President & CEO of the Institute for Scientific Information, Garfield began regular publication of the *Science Citation Index* in 1964.

The *SCI* soon distinguished itself from other literature indexes and was recognized as a basic and fundamental innovation in scientific communication and information science. It was truly current while other traditional indexes were often several years behind the literature.

Although built to aid scientific research, the SCI became a tool for scientometrics

# Research Evaluation As seen by scientists & managers

- Science and Scientists are the objects of study
- A method of evaluating performance
  - No. of papers, No. of citations, No. of highly cited papers
  - Ïmpact factor of Journals (Nature or Science)
  - Indicators: Citations per paper, Citations per researcher
- Policy
  - National research performance, China vs India

## InstitutionalRanking

- National Ranking: Times, Shanghai, Leiden, Taiwan
- ARWU, Times Higher Education, Quacarelli Symonds
- Take into account other indicators like teaching,
   collaboration and internationalization to arrive at a rank
- Published once a year or once in two years only a few Indian institutions ranked in top 500

### CHANDRASEKHAR S

#### Stochastic problems in physics and astronomy

Author(s): Chandrasekhar S

Source: REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS Volume: 15 Issue: 1

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References: 101 Times Cited: 4,955 Est Citation Map beta

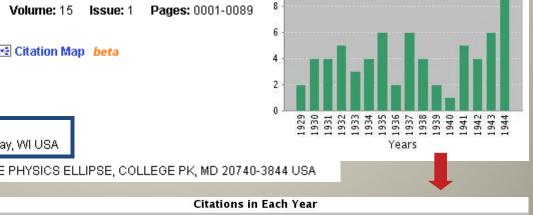
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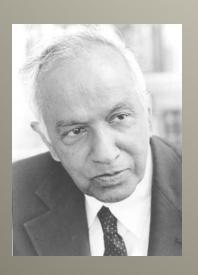
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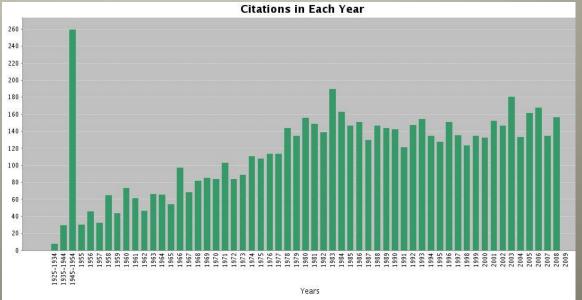
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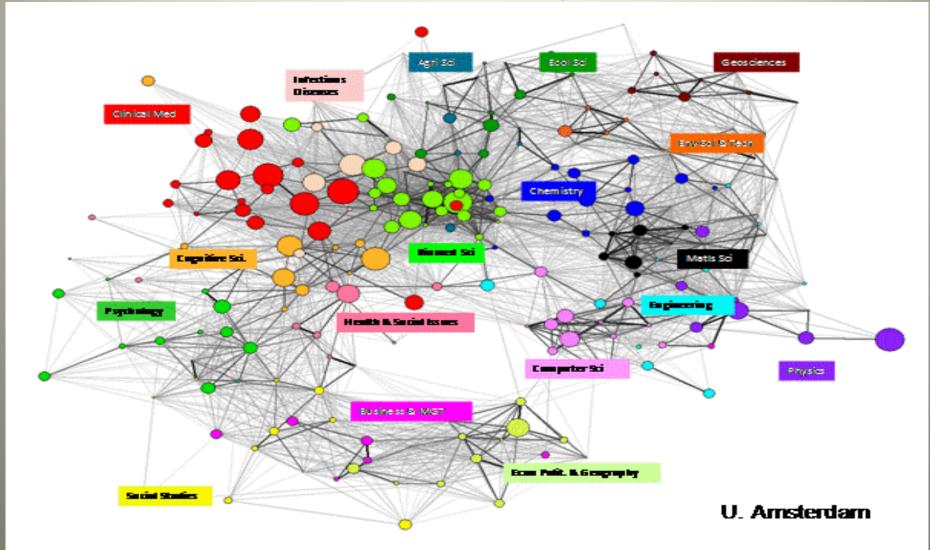


# Network Properties of Scientometric data

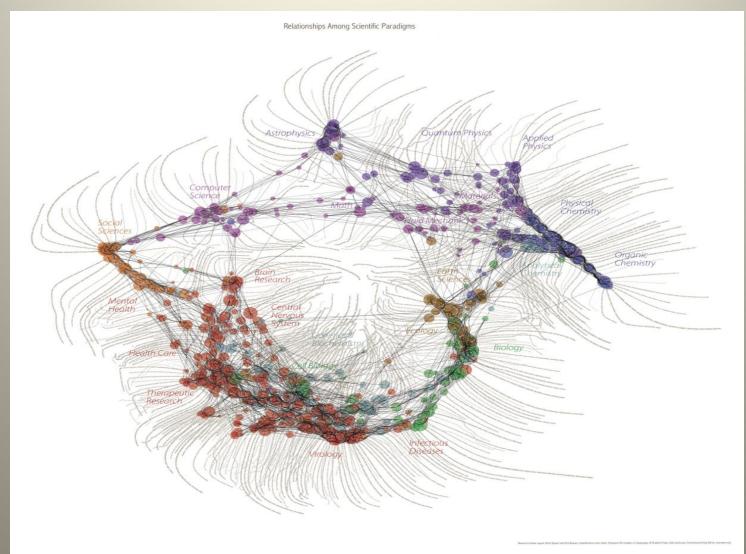
- References or citations
- Collaborative or co-authorship links
- Co-occurrence of words, institutions, countries

Can be computationally intensive

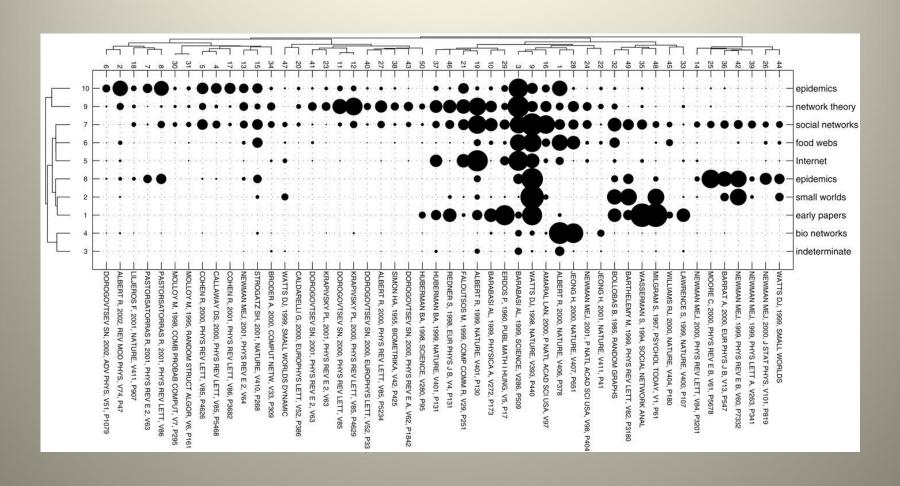
# Network of Science-Boyack & Klavans



# Trees- Visualization by Michael Sandberg

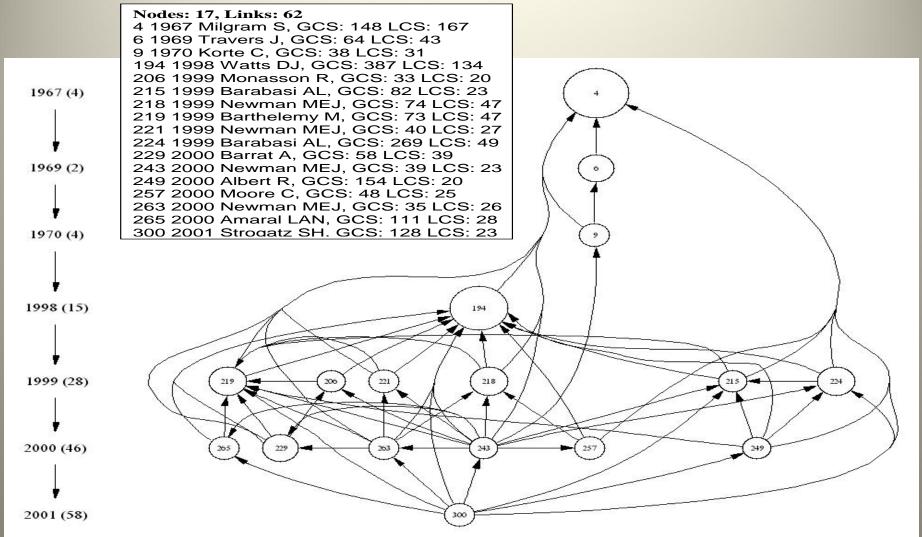


# Crossmap of research fronts to base reference groups for a collection of complex networks papers.

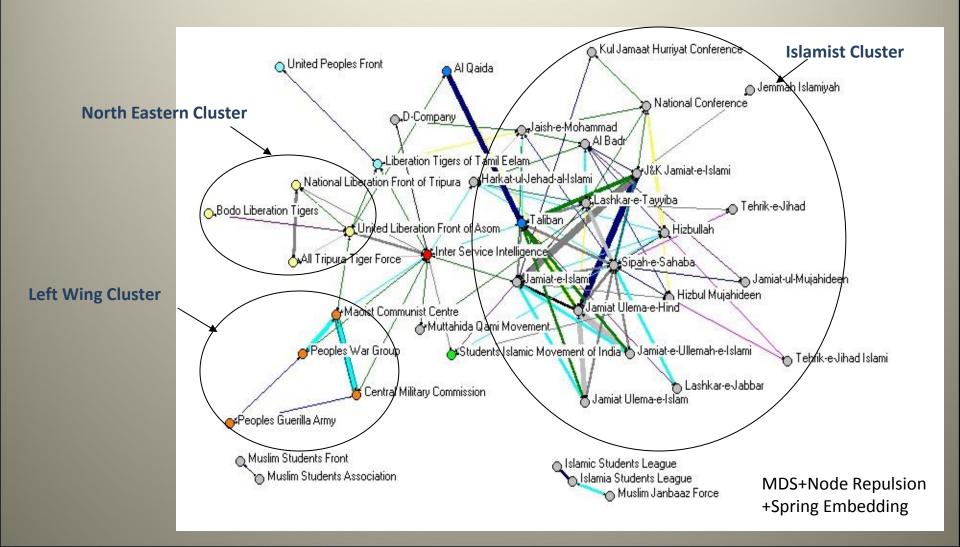


Steven A. Morris, and Gary G. Yen PNAS 2004;101:5291-5296

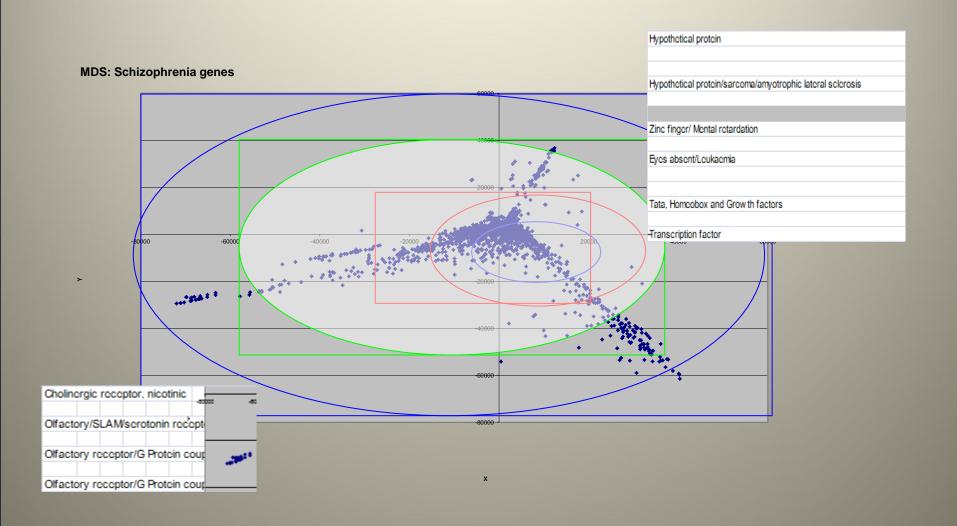
#### HISTORIOGRAPH OF SMALL WORLD PAPERS 1967-2002



# Ethnic and ideological clusters of terrorist organizations in India



# Schizophrenia Candidate Genes MDS



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