## Phase transitions in network growth

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### 125 км<sup>2</sup> 29 Urban centers 14 Municipalities

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# No centralised urban planning

• 29 urban centers within 14 municipalities



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• N grows linearly with the number of inhabitants

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- N grows linearly with the number of inhabitants
- There are on average 51 inhabitants per node (!)

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#### A quantitative approach (2)

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# Edge Betweenness

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total # of shortest paths

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NEURAL NETWORK ~300 NEURONS (NODES) ~2400 SYNAPSES (EDGES)



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Name:	Caenorhabditis
Surname:	Elegans
Length:	<u>1.1 mm</u>
Occupati	on: lab worm

Particular features: transparent, blind

Abilities: Moving , eating, having sex with just about 300 neurons

Featured on: Nature, Science, PNAS, PRL

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#### The brain is spread throughout the body!



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#### Short-range connections = small wiring cost



Long-range connections (to hubs) = high efficiency

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