

# Statistical inference of generative network models

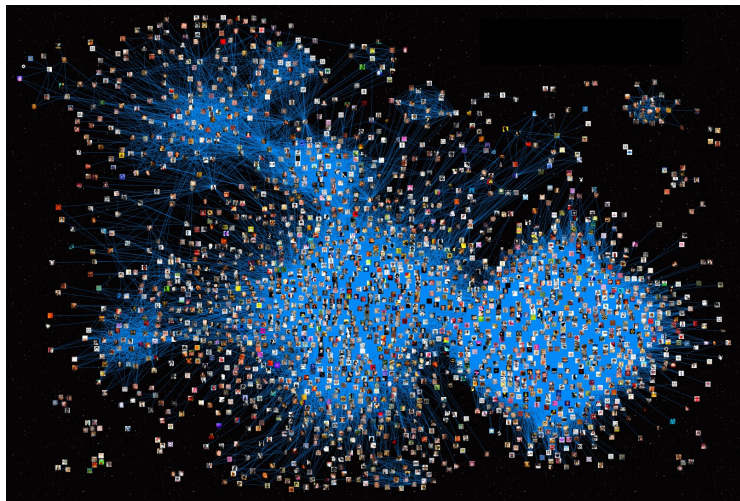
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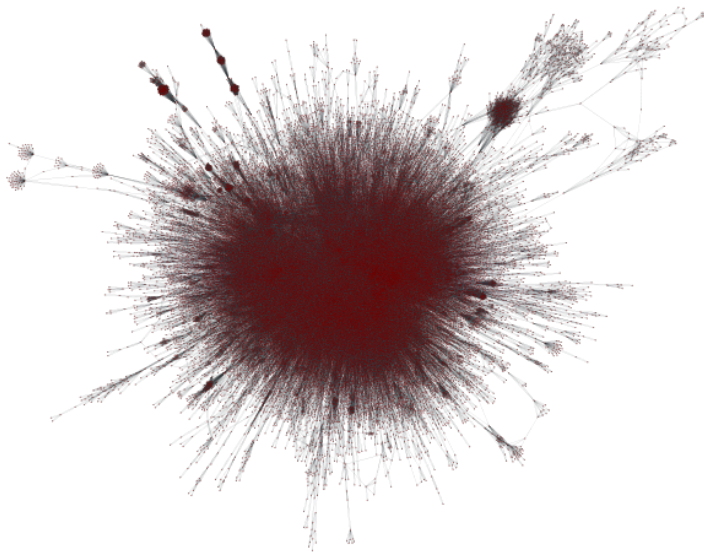
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# LARGE-SCALE NETWORK STRUCTURE

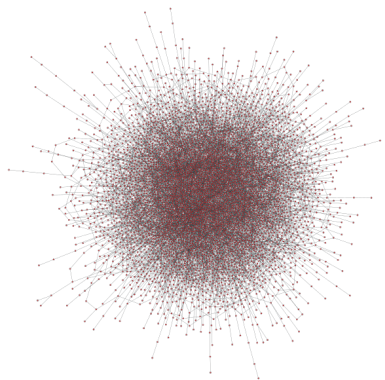




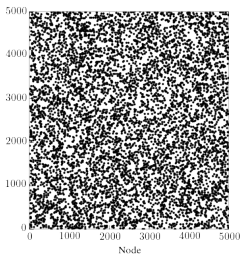
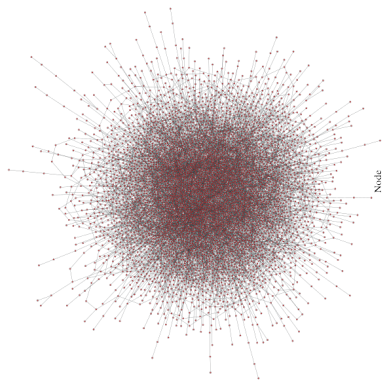
# PROBLEM: HOW TO DETECT AND CHARACTERIZE MODULAR STRUCTURE?



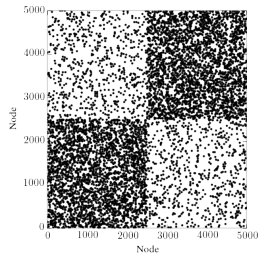
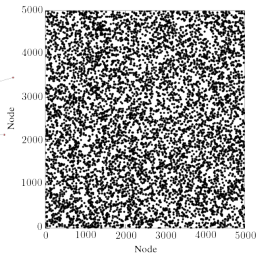
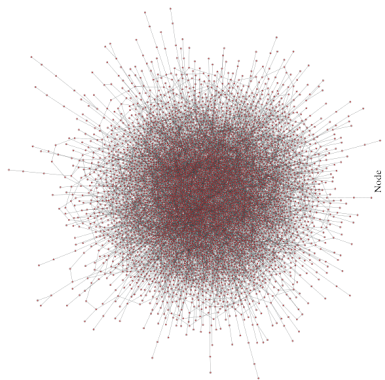
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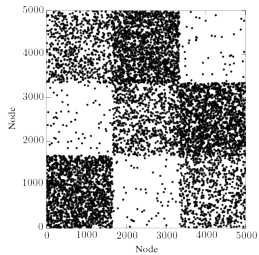
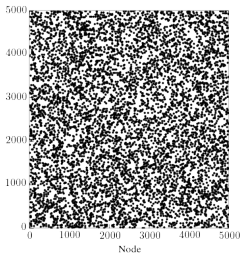
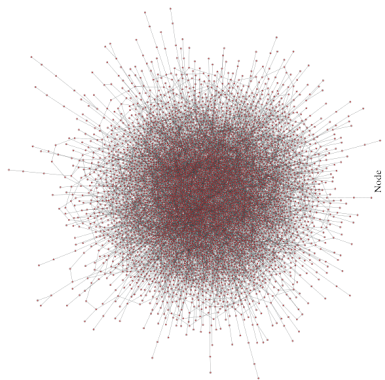
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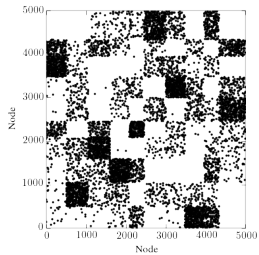
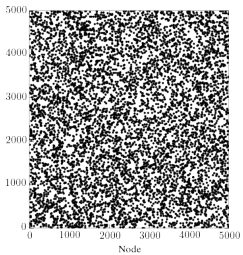
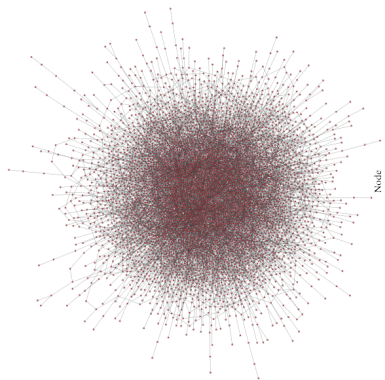
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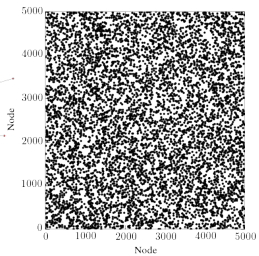
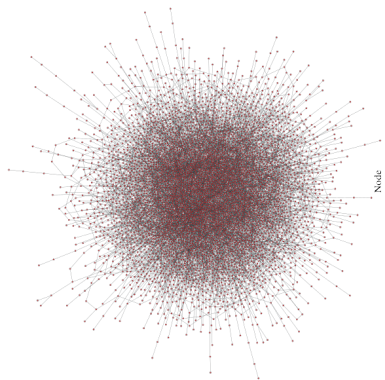
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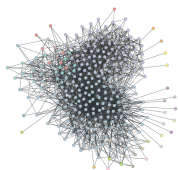
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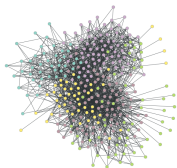
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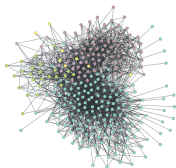
# DIFFERENT METHODS, DIFFERENT RESULTS...



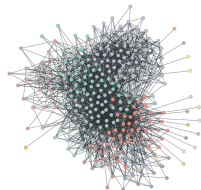
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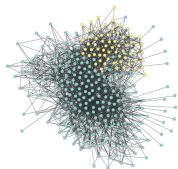
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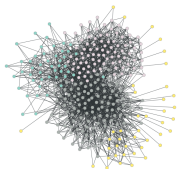
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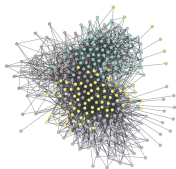
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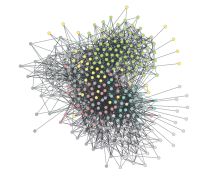
Label propagation



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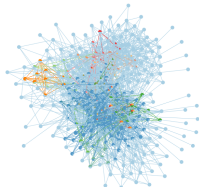
Modularity (Blondel)



Spin glass



Infomap (overlapping)



Clique percolation



HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:  
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)



(XKCD, Randall Munroe)

Are we stuck on this?

# A PRINCIPLED APPROACH: GENERATIVE MODELS

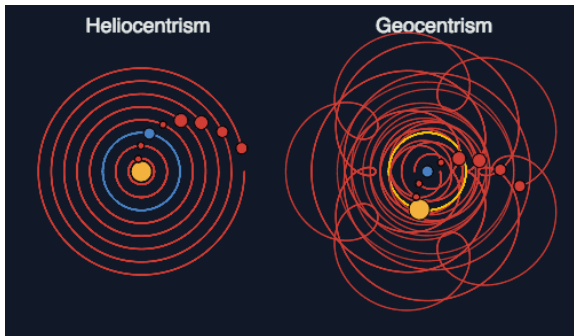
Before we devise algorithms, we must formulate *probabilistic models* for the formation of network structure.

- ▶ The parameters of the model describe the network structure.
- ▶ The actual values of the parameters are unknown beforehand, but can be inferred from data, using robust principles from statistics.

Ultimately, we seek to:

- ▶ Reduce the complexity of network data.
- ▶ Access the statistical significance of the results, and thus *differentiate structure from noise*.
- ▶ Compare different models as alternative hypotheses.
- ▶ Generalize from data and make predictions.

# NOTHING MORE THAN TRADITIONAL SCIENCE...



How do we model networks?

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Lagrange multipliers:

$$\Lambda = -\sum_G P(G) \ln P(G) - \theta \left( \sum_G m(G) P(G) - Nm^* \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial P(G)} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$P(G|\theta) = \frac{e^{-\theta m(G)}}{Z(\theta)} \quad Z(\theta) = \sum_G e^{-\theta m(G)}$$

In Physics:

ERGM  $\rightarrow$  Gibbs ensemble

$m(G) \rightarrow$  Hamiltonian

$\theta \rightarrow$  Inverse temperature

$Z(\theta) \rightarrow$  Partition function

# ERGM WITH COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

$N$  nodes divided into  $B$  groups.

Node partition,  $b_i \in [1, B]$

Observables: Number of edges between groups  $r$  and  $s$ ,

$$e_{rs} = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} \delta_{b_i, r} \delta_{b_j, s}$$

$$P(G|\theta) = \frac{\exp(-\sum_{r \leq s} \theta_{rs} e_{rs})}{Z(\theta)} = \prod_{i < j} \frac{e^{-A_{ij} \theta_{b_i b_j}}}{e^{-\theta_{b_i b_j}} + 1}$$

$$p_{rs} = \frac{1}{e^{\theta_{rs}} + 1}$$

$$P(G|b, \theta) = \prod_{i < j} p_{b_i b_j}^{A_{ij}} (1 - p_{b_i b_j})^{1 - A_{ij}}$$

$p_{rs} \rightarrow$  Probability of an edge existing between two nodes of groups  $r$  and  $s$ .

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**a.k.a. the stochastic block model (SBM)**

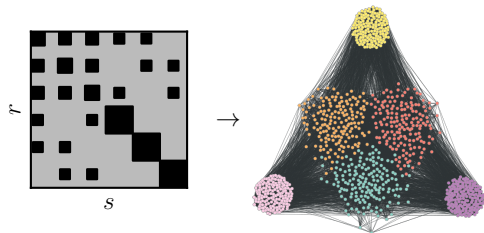
# THE STOCHASTIC BLOCK MODEL (SBM)

P. W. HOLLAND ET AL., SOC NETWORKS 5, 109 (1983)

**Large-scale modules:**  $N$  nodes divided into  $B$  groups.

Parameters:  $b_i \rightarrow$  group membership of node  $i$

$p_{rs} \rightarrow$  probability of an edge between nodes of groups  $r$  and  $s$ .



Properties:

- ▶ *General* model for large-scale structures. Traditional assortative communities are a special case, but it also admits arbitrary mixing patterns (e.g. bipartite, core-periphery, etc).
- ▶ Formulation for directed graphs is trivial.
- ▶ The meaning of “communities” or “groups” is well defined in the model.



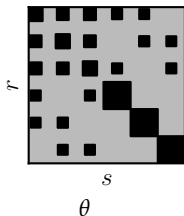


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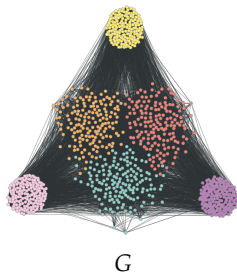
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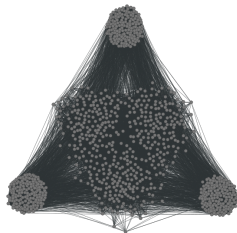


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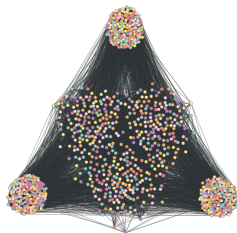
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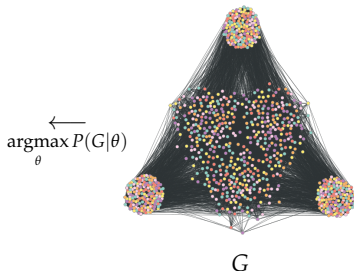
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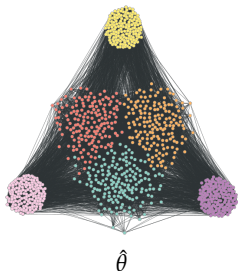


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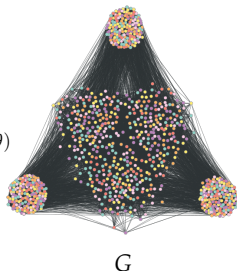
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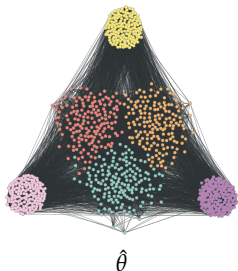


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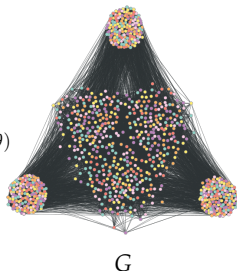
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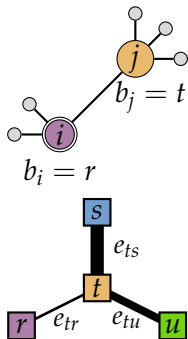
T. P. P., PHYS. REV. E 89, 012804 (2014)

Idea: Use the currently-inferred structure to guess the best next move.

- ▶ Choose a random vertex  $v$  (happens to belong to block  $r$ ).
- ▶ Move it to a random block  $s \in [1, B]$ , chosen with a probability  $p(r \rightarrow s|t)$  proportional to  $e_{ts} + \epsilon$ , where  $t$  is the block membership of a randomly chosen neighbour of  $v$ .
- ▶ Accept the move with probability

$$a = \min \left\{ e^{-\beta \Delta S} \frac{\sum_t p_t^i p(s \rightarrow r|t)}{\sum_t p_t^i p(r \rightarrow s|t)}, 1 \right\}.$$

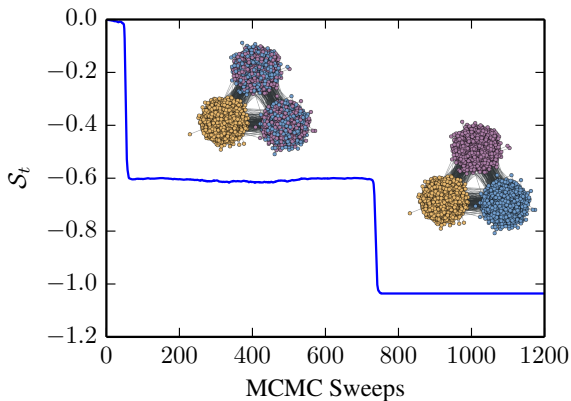
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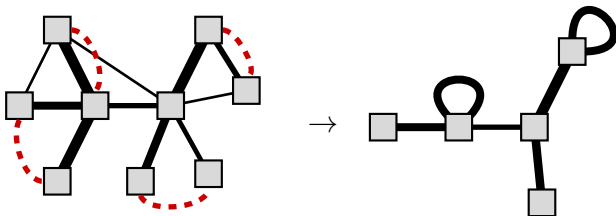
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One remaining problem: Metastable states...



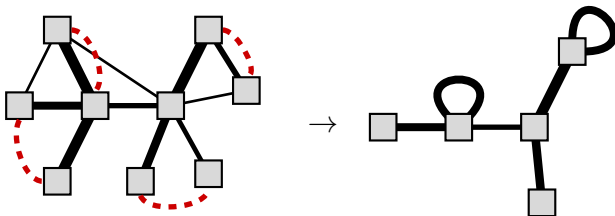
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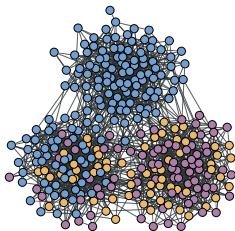


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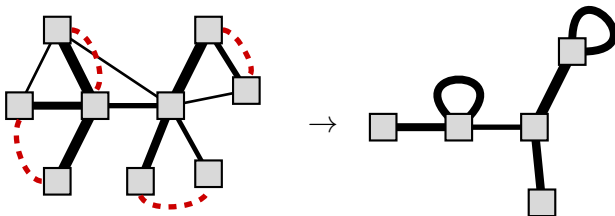


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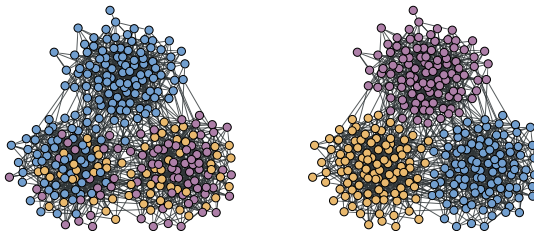


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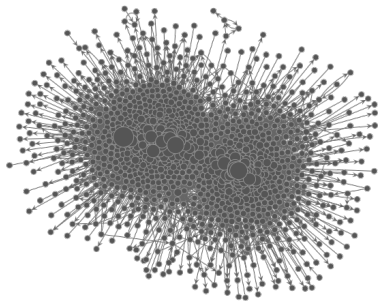
Algorithmic complexity:  $O(N \ln^2 N)$  (independent of  $B$ )

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There are some caveats...

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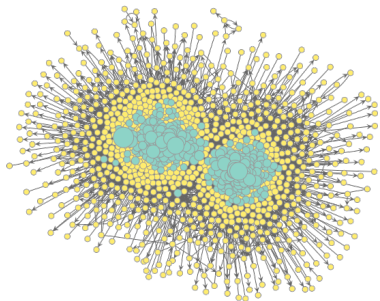
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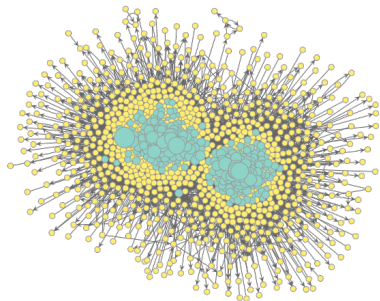
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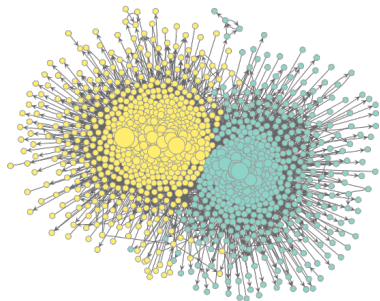
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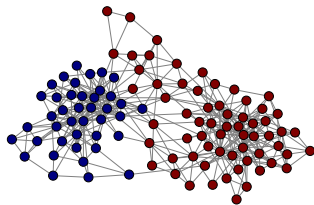
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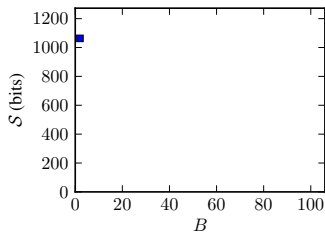
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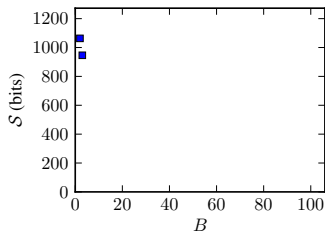
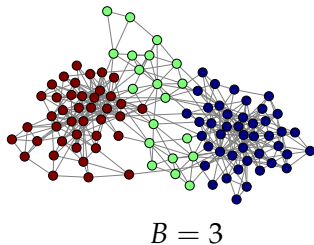
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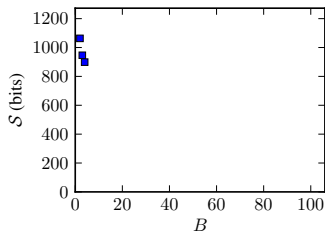
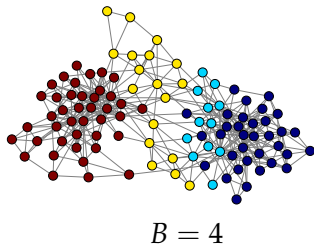
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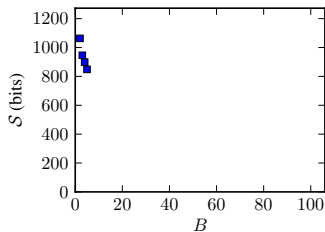
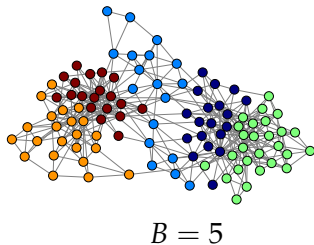
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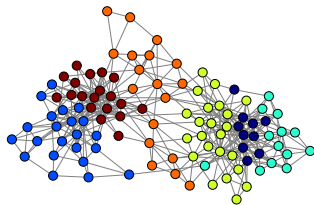
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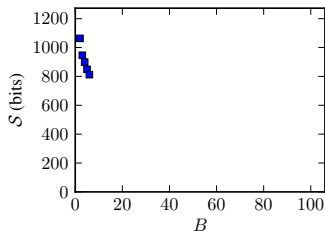
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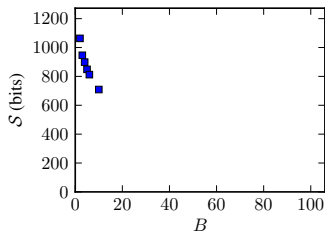
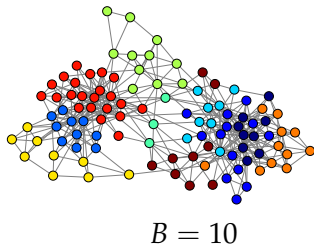
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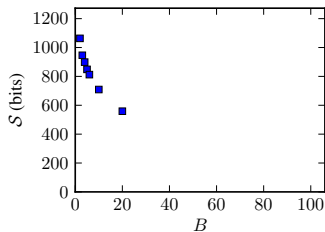
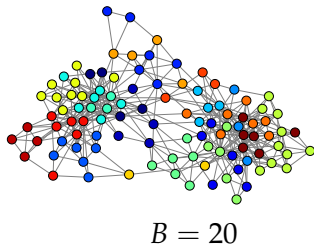




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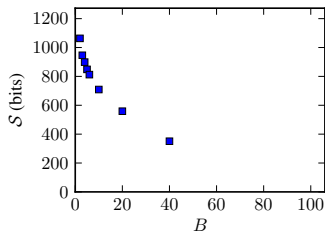
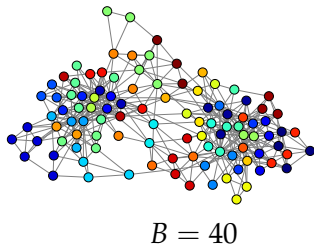
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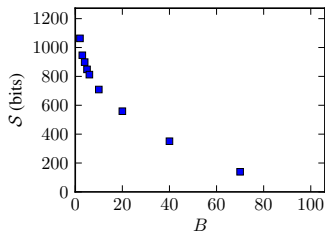
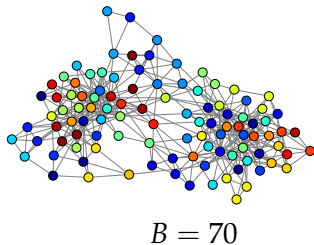
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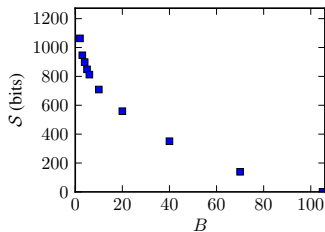
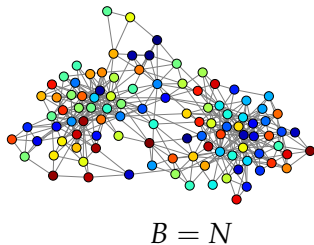
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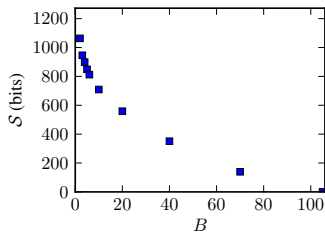
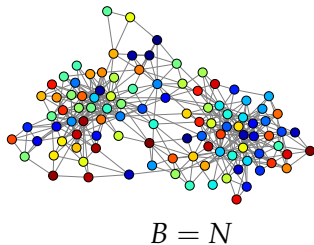
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... in other words: **Overfitting!**

# NONPARAMETRIC BAYESIAN INFERENCE

## Bayes' rule

$$P(\theta|G) = \frac{P(G|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(G)}$$

$P(G|\theta) \rightarrow$  Data likelihood

$P(\theta) \rightarrow$  Prior

$P(\theta|G) \rightarrow$  Posterior

$P(G) = \sum_{\theta} P(G|\theta)P(\theta) \rightarrow$  Model evidence

# THE MINIMUM DESCRIPTION LENGTH PRINCIPLE (MDL)

## Bayesian formulation

$$\text{Posterior: } \mathcal{P}(\theta|G) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(G|\theta)\mathcal{P}(\theta)}{P(G)}$$

$G \rightarrow$  Observed network

$\theta \rightarrow$  Model parameters:  $\{e_{rs}\}, \{b_i\}$

$\mathcal{P}(\theta) \rightarrow$  Prior on the parameters

## Inference vs. compression

$$-\ln \mathcal{P}(\theta|G) = \underbrace{-\ln P(G|\theta)}_S - \underbrace{\ln P(\theta)}_{\mathcal{L}} + \ln \mathcal{P}(G)$$

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# MDL FOR THE SBM

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Microcanonical model

$$\theta = \{b_i\}, \{e_{rs}\}$$

Data description length

$$S = -\ln P(G|\{b_i\}, \{e_{rs}\}) = \sum_{rs} \ln \binom{n_r n_s}{e_{rs}} + \sum_r \binom{n_r}{e_{rs}/2}$$

Partition description length

$$P(\{b_i\}) = P(\{b_i\}|\{n_r\})P(\{n_r\}) \quad \mathcal{L}_p = -\ln P(\{b_i\}) = \binom{B}{N} + \ln N! - \sum_r n_r!$$

Edge description length

$$P(\{e_{rs}\}) = \frac{1}{\Omega(B, E)} \quad \mathcal{L}_e = -\ln P(\{e_{rs}\}) = \ln \left( \binom{B}{E} \right)$$

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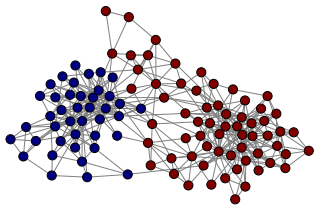
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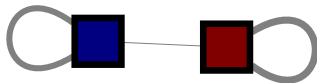
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Model,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq 122.6$  bits

$\Sigma \simeq 1927.9$  bits

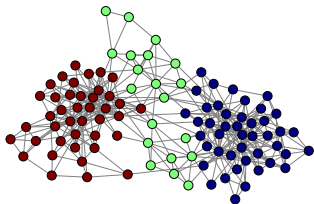
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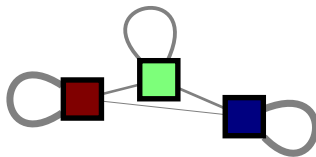
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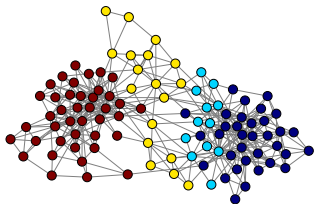
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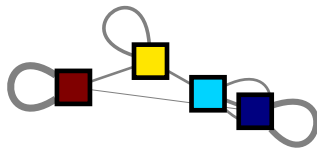
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Model,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq 270.7$  bits

$\Sigma \simeq 1911.5$  bits

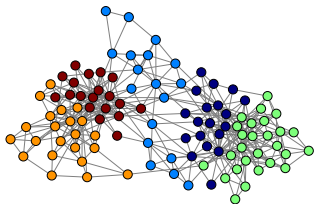
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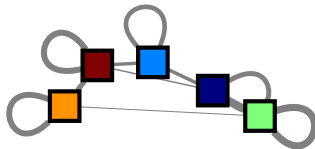
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$B = 5, S \simeq 1590.5$  bits



Model,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq 330.8$  bits

$\Sigma \simeq 1921.3$  bits

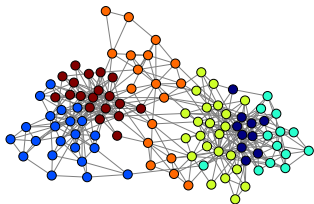
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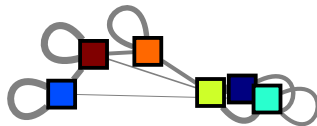
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$B = 6, S \simeq 1554.2$  bits



Model,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq 386.7$  bits

$\Sigma \simeq 1940.9$  bits

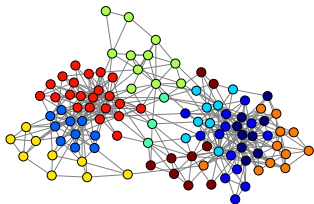
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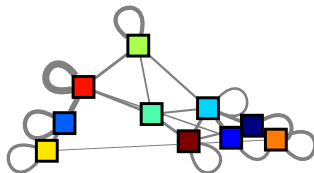
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$B = 10, S \simeq 1451.0$  bits



Model,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq 590.8$  bits

$\Sigma \simeq 2041.8$  bits

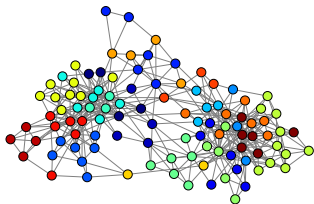
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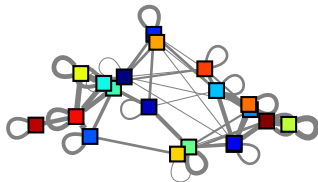
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$B = 20, S \simeq 1300.7$  bits



Model,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq 1037.8$  bits

$\Sigma \simeq 2338.6$  bits



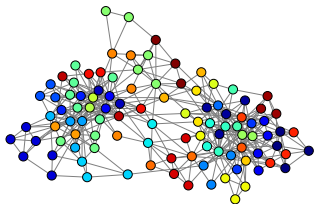
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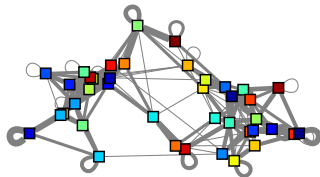
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$B = 40, S \simeq 1092.8$  bits



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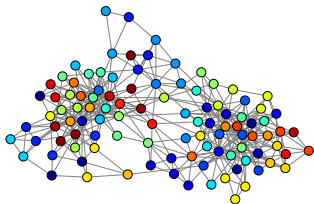
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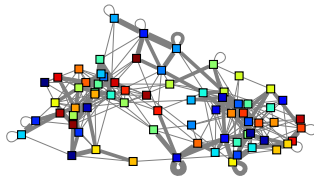
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$B = 70, S \simeq 881.3$  bits



Model,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq 2427.3$  bits

$\Sigma \simeq 3308.6$  bits

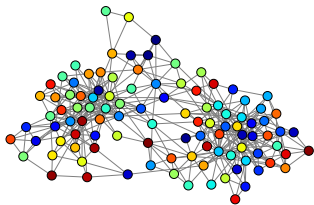
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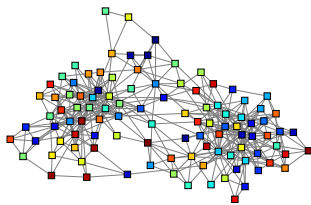
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$B = N, S = 0$  bits



Model,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq 3714.9$  bits

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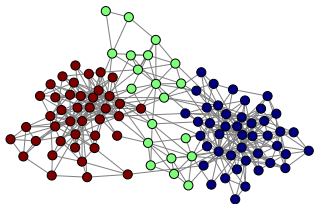
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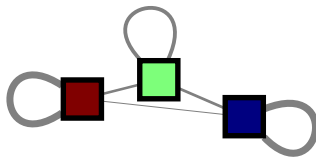
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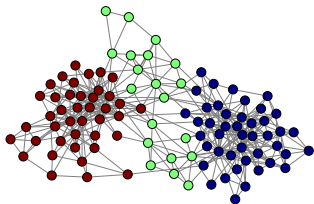
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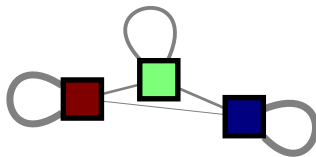
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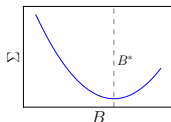


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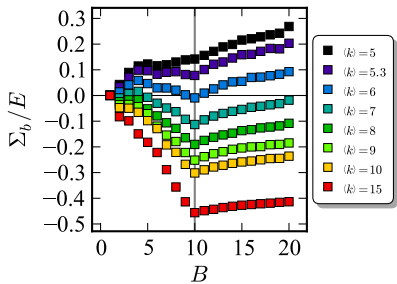
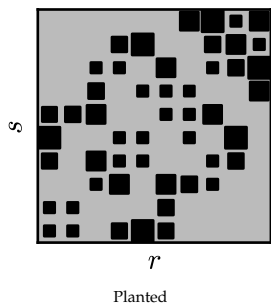


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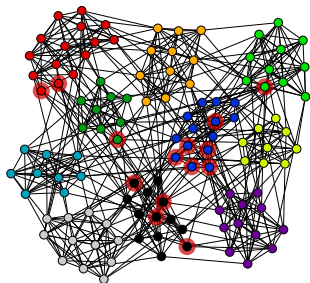
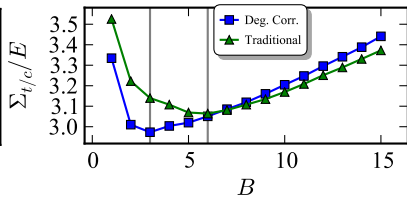
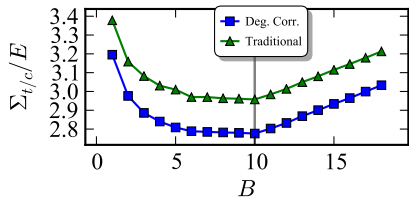
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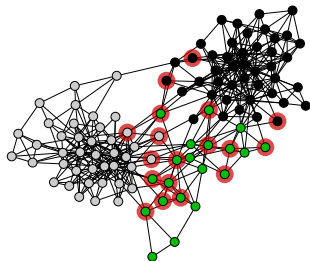
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American football



Political Books

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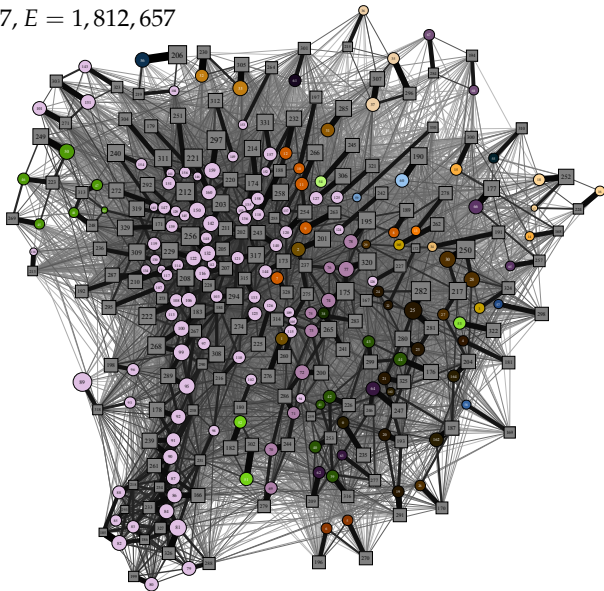
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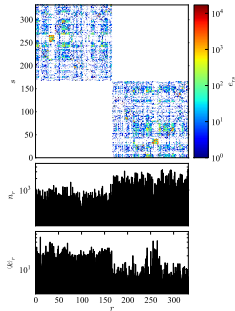


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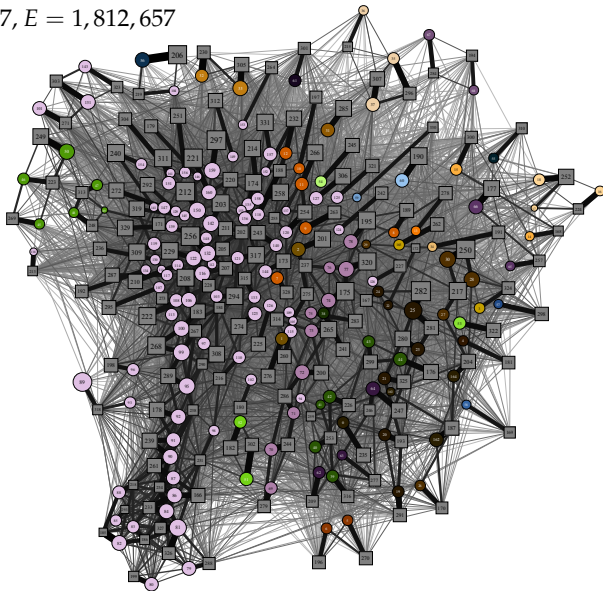
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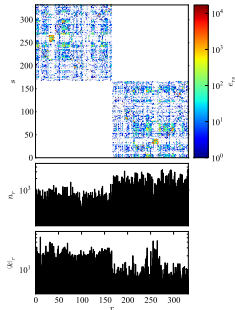


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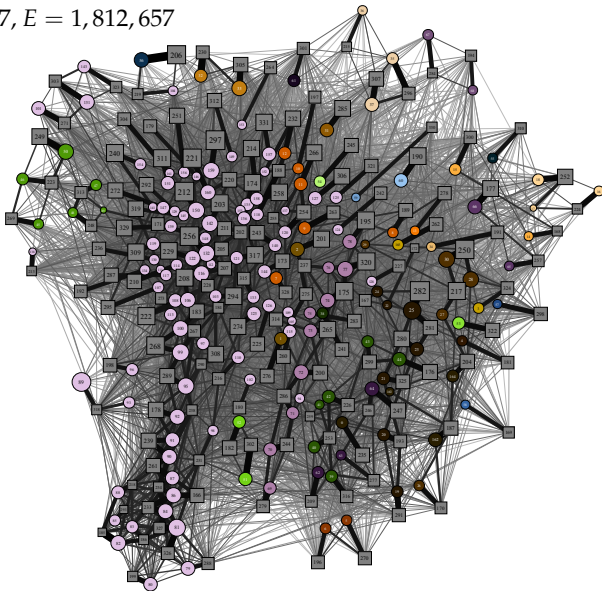
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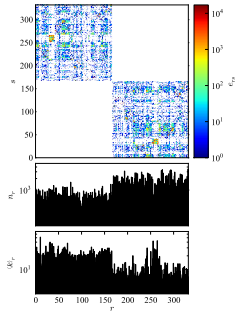


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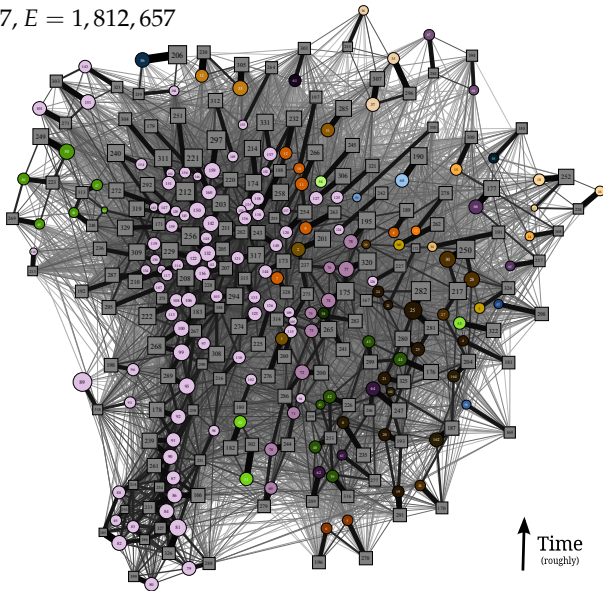
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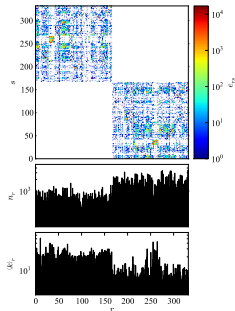


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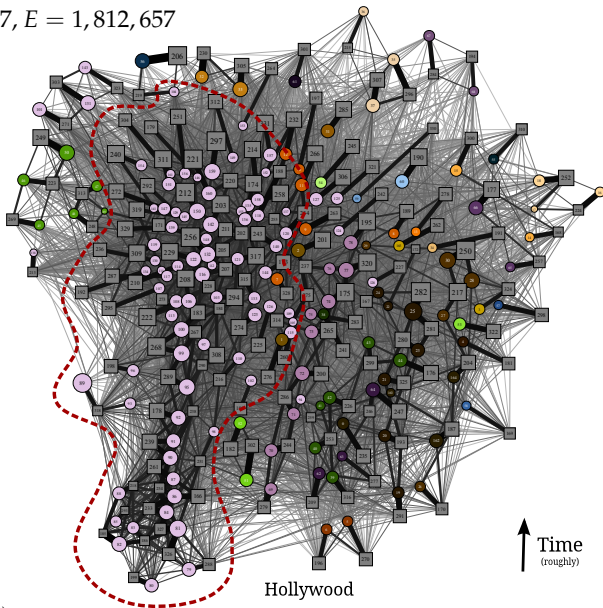
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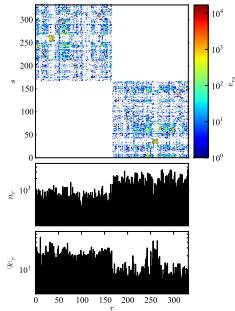


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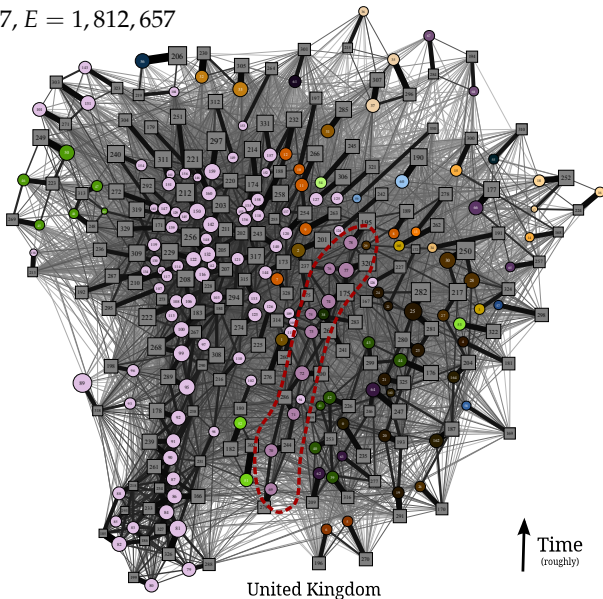
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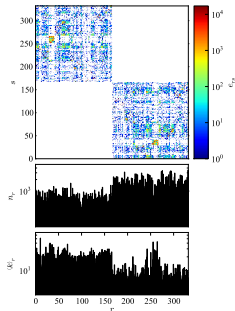


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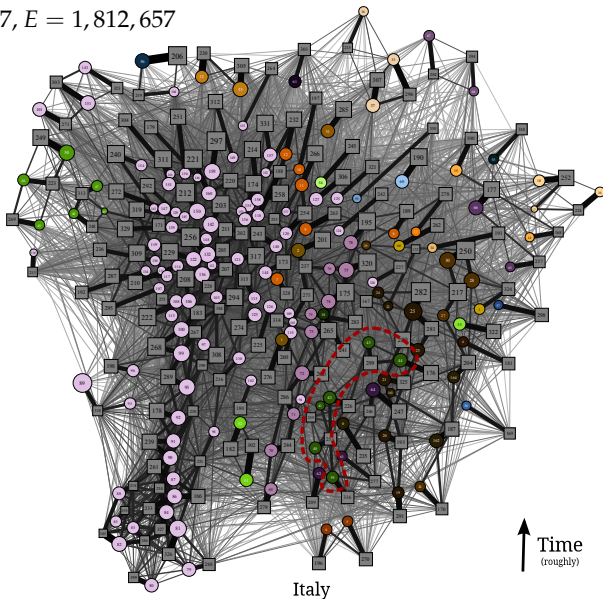
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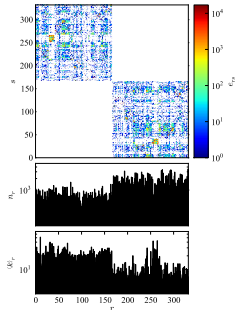


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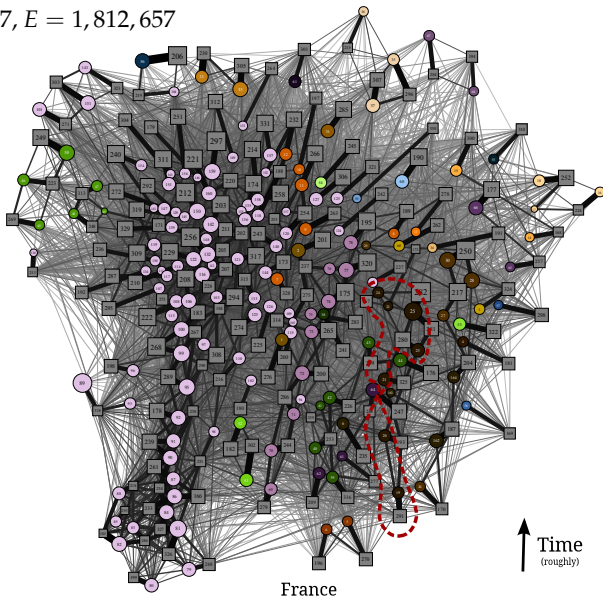
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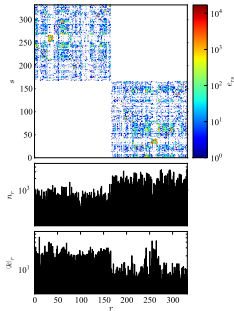


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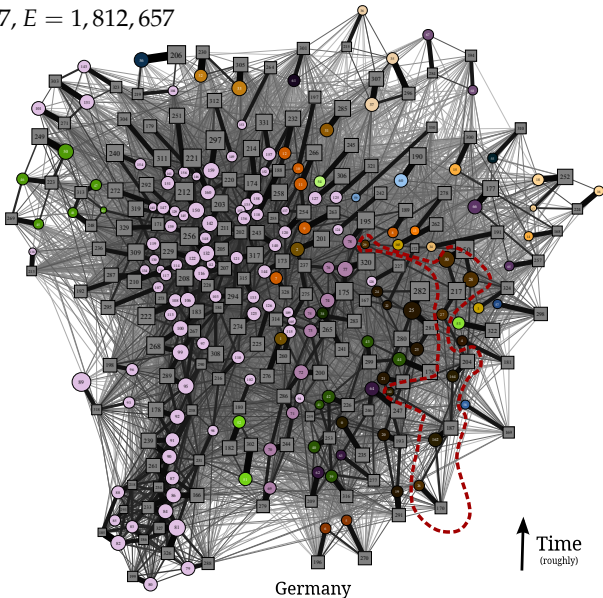
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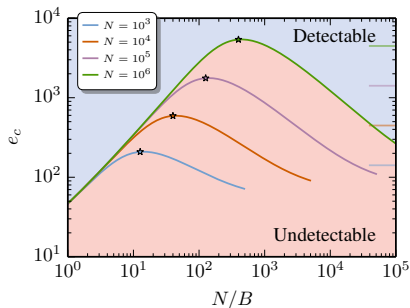
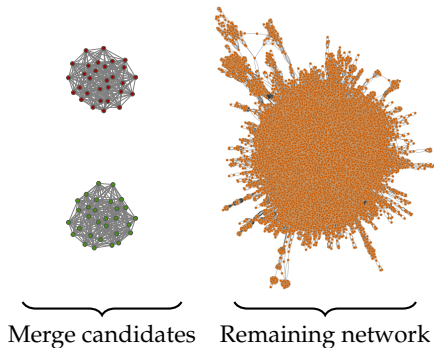
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# PROBLEM 3: RESOLUTION LIMIT !?



Minimum detectable block size  $\sim \sqrt{N}$ .

Why?

# RESOLUTION LIMIT: LACK OF PRIOR INFORMATION

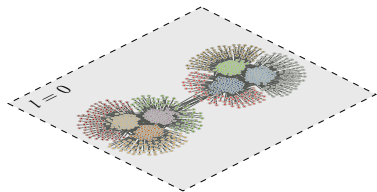
Assumption that all block structures (block graphs) occur with the same probability.

$$\Sigma \sim \underbrace{S}_{\text{Data | Model}} + \underbrace{B^2 \ln E}_{\text{Edge counts}} + \underbrace{N \ln B}_{\text{Node partition}}$$

Noninformative priors  $\rightarrow$  resolution limit

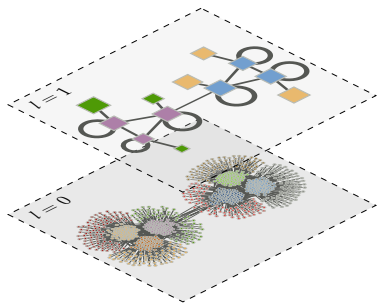
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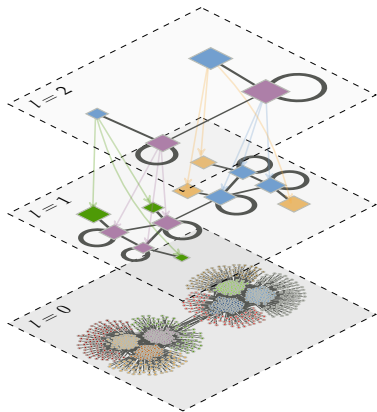
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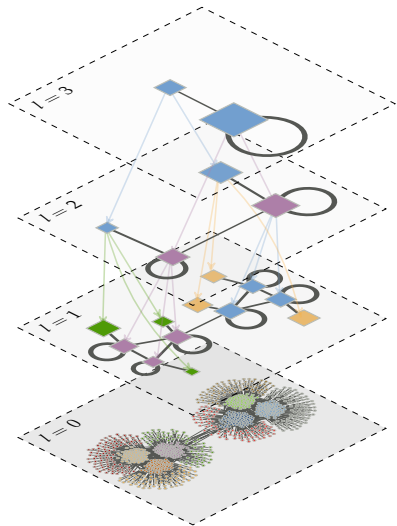
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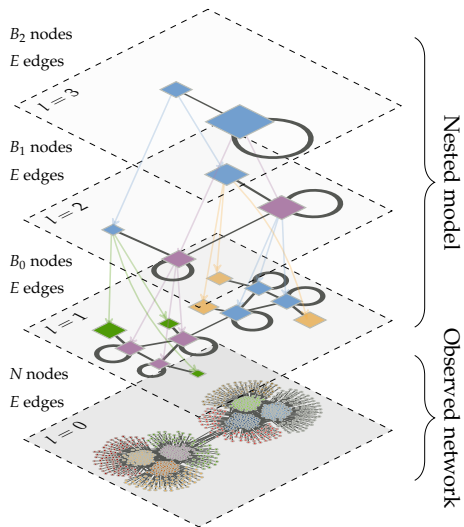
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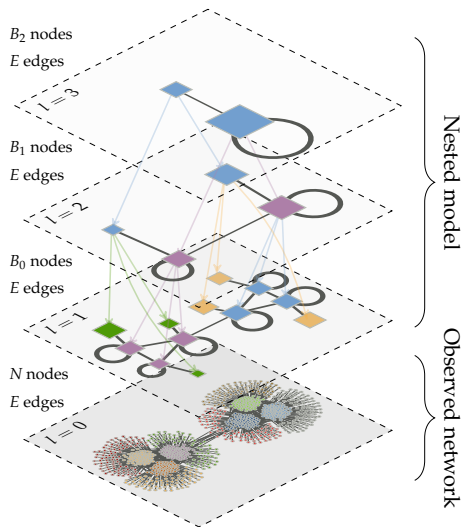
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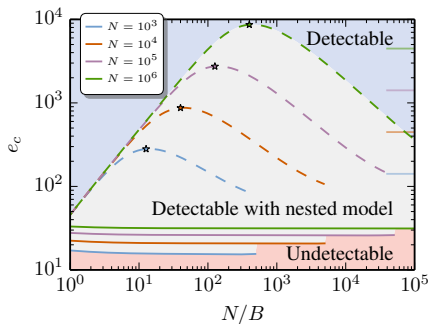
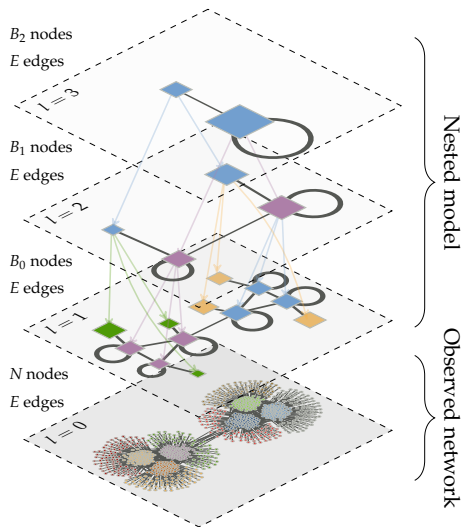
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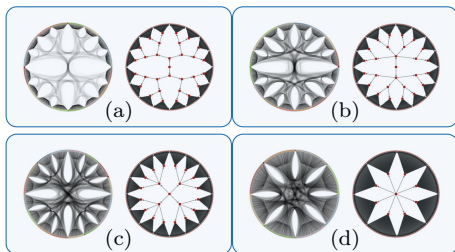
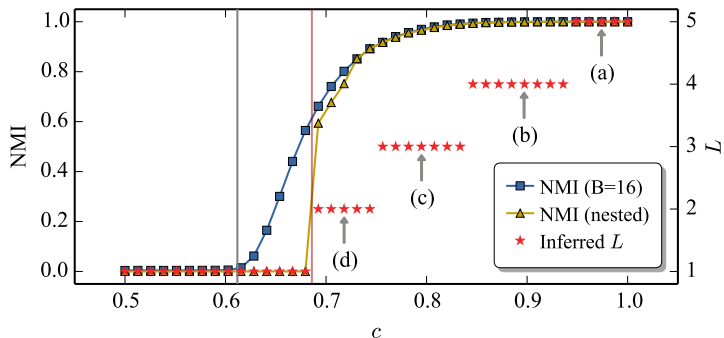
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$$N/B_{\max} \sim \ln N$$

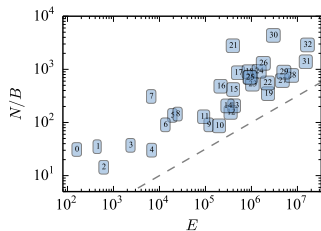
$$\ll \sqrt{N}$$

# HIERARCHICAL MODEL: BUILT-IN VALIDATION

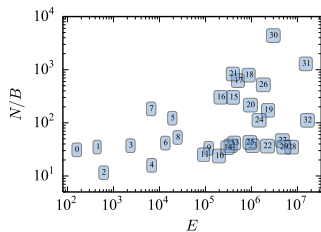


# EMPIRICAL NETWORKS

## Nonhierarchical SBM



## Hierarchical SBM

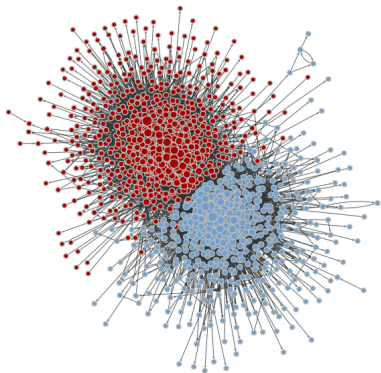


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0	62	159	No	11	21,363	91,286	No	22	255,265	2,234,572	Yes
1	105	441	No	12	27,400	352,504	Yes	23	317,080	1,049,866	No
2	115	613	No	13	34,401	421,441	Yes	24	325,729	1,469,679	Yes
3	297	2,345	Yes	14	39,796	301,498	Yes	25	334,863	925,872	No
4	903	6,760	No	15	52,104	399,625	Yes	26	372,547	1,812,312	No
5	1,222	19,021	Yes	16	56,739	212,945	No	27	449,087	4,690,321	Yes
6	4,158	13,422	No	17	75,877	508,836	Yes	28	654,782	7,499,425	Yes
7	4,941	6,594	No	18	82,168	870,161	Yes	29	855,802	5,066,842	Yes
8	8,638	24,806	No	19	105,628	2,299,623	No	30	1,134,890	2,987,624	No
9	11,204	117,619	No	20	196,591	950,327	No	31	1,637,868	15,205,016	No
10	17,903	196,972	No	21	224,832	394,400	Yes	32	3,764,117	16,511,740	Yes

No.	Network	No.	Network	No.	Network
0	Dolphins	11	arXiv Co-Authors (cond-mat)	22	Web graph of stanford.edu.
1	Political Books	12	arXiv Citations (hep-th)	23	DBLP collaboration
2	American Football	13	arXiv Citations (hep-ph)	24	WWW
3	C. Elegans Neurons	14	PGP	25	Amazon product network
4	Disease Genes	15	Internet AS (Caida)	26	IMDB film-actor (bipartite)
5	Political Blogs	16	Brightkite social network	27	APS citations
6	arXiv Co-Authors (gr-qc)	17	Epinions.com trust network	28	Berkeley/Stanford web graph
7	Power Grid	18	Slashdot	29	Google web graph
8	arXiv Co-Authors (hep-th)	19	Flickr	30	Youtube social network
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10	arXiv Co-Authors (astro-ph)	21	EU email	32	US patent citations

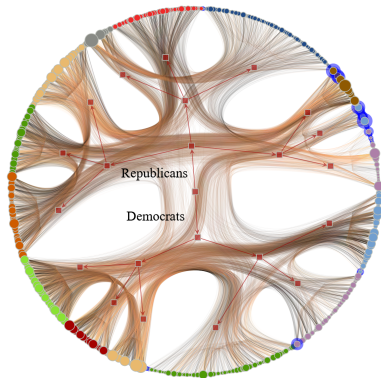
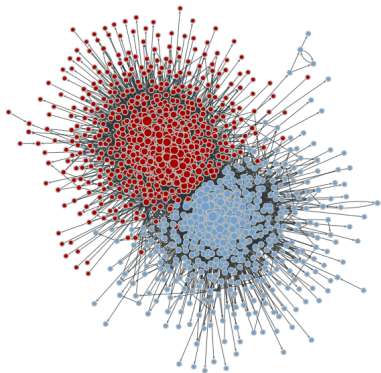
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POLITICAL BLOGS ( $N = 1,222, E = 19,027$ )



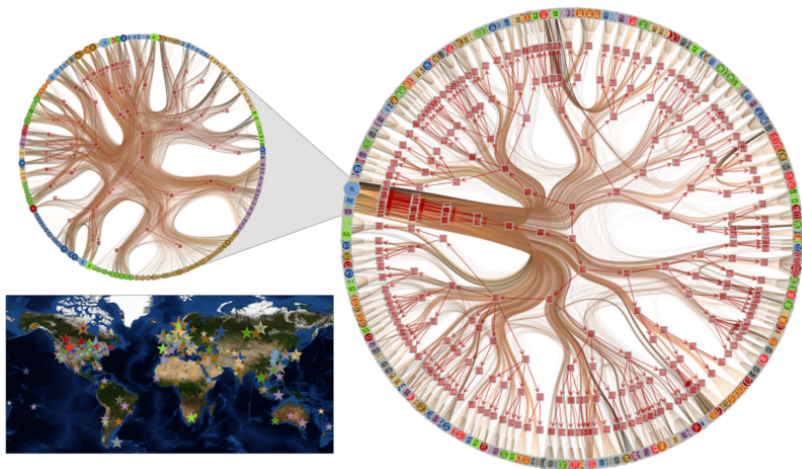
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# EMPIRICAL NETWORKS

INTERNET (AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS) ( $N = 52,104, E = 399,625, B = 191$ )

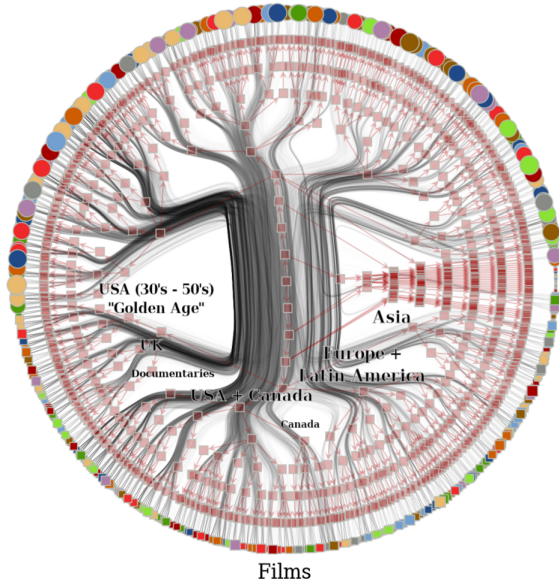




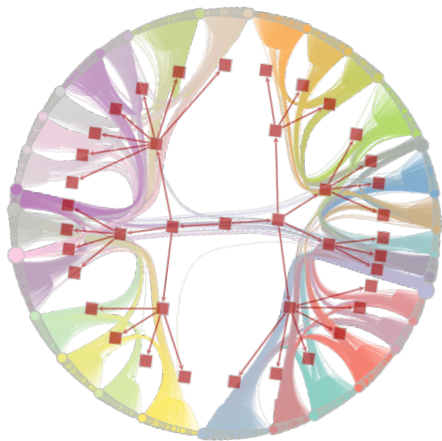
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IMDB FILM-ACTOR NETWORK ( $N = 372,447, E = 1,812,312, B = 717$ )

Actors



# EMPIRICAL NETWORKS



Human conectome

## Limits on inference

How far can we recover what we put in?

# SEMI-PARAMETRIC BAYESIAN INFERENCE

A. DECELLE, F. KRZAKALA, C. MOORE, L. ZDEBOROVA, PHYS. REV. E 84, 066106 (2012)

$p_{rs}, \gamma_r \rightarrow$  Known parameters

$b_i \rightarrow$  Unknown parameters

$$P(\{b_i\} | G, \{p_{rs}\}, \{\gamma_r\}) = \frac{P(G | \{b_i\}, \{p_{rs}\}) P(\{b_i\} | \{\gamma_r\})}{P(G | \{p_{rs}\}, \{\gamma_r\})}$$

$$P(G | \{b_i\}, \{p_{rs}\}) = \prod_{i < j} p_{b_i b_j}^{A_{ij}} (1 - p_{b_i b_j})^{1 - A_{ij}}$$

$$P(\{b_i\} | \{\gamma_r\}) = \prod_i \gamma_{b_i}$$

$$P(G | \{p_{rs}\}, \{\gamma_r\}) = \sum_{\{b_i\}} P(G | \{b_i\}, \{p_{rs}\}) P(\{b_i\} | \{\gamma_r\})$$

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We have a Potts-like model...

$$P(\{b_i\} | G, \{p_{rs}\}, \{\gamma_r\}) = \frac{e^{-H(\{b_i\})}}{Z}$$

$$H(\{b_i\}) = - \sum_{i < j} A_{ij} \ln p_{b_i b_j} - (1 - A_{ij}) \ln(1 - p_{b_i b_j}) - \sum_i \ln \gamma_{b_i}$$

$$Z = \sum_{\{b_i\}} e^{-H(\{b_i\})}$$

# SEMI-PARAMETRIC BAYESIAN INFERENCE



(Physicists doing complex systems.)

# CAVITY METHOD: SOLUTION ON A TREE

Bethe free energy

$$F = -\ln Z = -\sum_i \ln Z^i + \sum_{i<j} A_{ij} \ln Z^{ij} - E$$

$$Z^{ij} = N \sum_{r<s} p_{rs} (\psi_r^{i \rightarrow j} \psi_s^{j \rightarrow i} + \psi_s^{i \rightarrow j} \psi_r^{j \rightarrow i}) + N \sum_r p_{rr} \psi_r^{i \rightarrow j} \psi_r^{j \rightarrow i}$$

$$Z^i = \sum_r n_r e^{-h_r} \prod_{j \in \partial i} \sum_r N p_{rb_i} \psi_r^{j \rightarrow i}$$

Belief-propagation (BP): 
$$\psi_r^{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{Z^{i \rightarrow j}} \gamma_r e^{-h_r} \prod_{k \in \partial i \setminus j} \left( \sum_s N p_{rs} \psi_s^{k \rightarrow i} \right)$$

Auxiliary fields:  $h_r = \sum_i \sum_s p_{rb_i} \psi_r^i$

Node marginals:

$$P(b_i = r | p, \gamma) = \psi_r^i = \frac{1}{Z^i} \gamma_r \prod_{j \in \partial i} \left[ \sum_s (N p_{rs})^{A_{ij}} (1 - p_{rs})^{1-A_{ij}} \psi_s^{j \rightarrow i} \right]$$

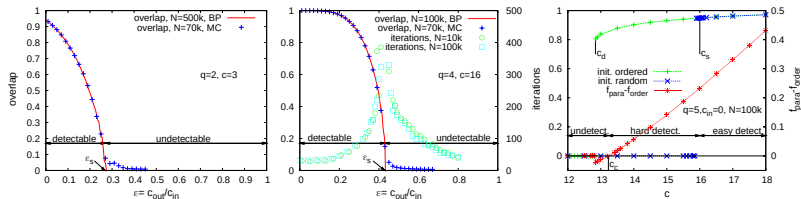
Exact on trees, and asymptotically exact on SBM networks with  $N \gg B$ .

Algorithmic complexity:  $O(E \times B^2)$

# PHASE TRANSITION IN SBM INFERENCE

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Uniform SBM with  $B$  groups of size  $N/B$ , with an assortative structure,  
 $Np_{rs} = c_{in}\delta_{rs} + c_{out}(1 - \delta_{rs})$ .



Detectable phase:  $|c_{in} - c_{out}| > B\sqrt{\langle k \rangle}$

(Algorithmic independent!)

Rigorously proven: e.g. E. Mossel, J. Neeman, and A. Sly (2015).; E. Mossel, J. Neeman, and A. Sly (2014); C. Bordenave, M. Lelarge, and L. Massoulié, (2015)



# EXPECTATION MAXIMIZATION + BP

Maximum likelihood for  $P(G|\{p_{rs}\}, \gamma_r) = Z$

Expectation-maximization algorithm

Starting from an initial guess for  $\{p_{rs}\}, \gamma_r$ :

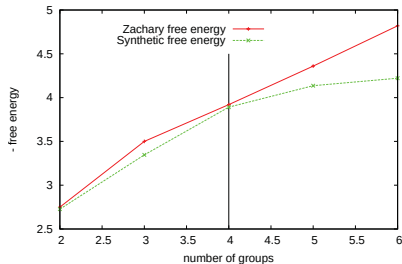
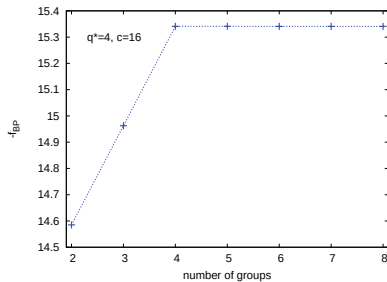
- ▶ Solve BP equations, and obtain node marginals. (Expectation step)
- ▶ Obtain new parameters estimates via  $\{\hat{p}_{rs}\}, \{\hat{\gamma}_r\} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\{p_{rs}\}, \{\gamma_r\}} P(G|\{p_{rs}\}, \gamma_r)$  (Maximization step)
- ▶ Repeat.

Algorithmic complexity:  $O(EB^2)$

Problems:

- ▶ Converges to a local optimum.
- ▶ It is a parametric method, hence it cannot find the number of groups  $B$ .

# EXPECTATION MAXIMIZATION + BP



Overfitting...

# PART III

## Model variations and model selection

# HYPOTHESIS TESTING

T.P.P, PHYS. REV. X 5, 011033 (2015)

Bayesian modelling allows us to select between different classes of models, according to statistical evidence.

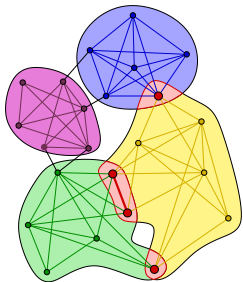
Posterior odds ratio:

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda &= \frac{P(\{\theta\}_a|G, \mathcal{H}_a)P(\mathcal{H}_a)}{P(\{\theta\}_b|G, \mathcal{H}_b)P(\mathcal{H}_b)} \\ &= \exp(-\Delta\Sigma)\end{aligned}$$

Subjective significance levels:

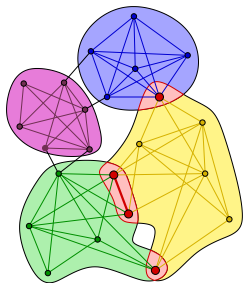
$\Lambda$	Evidence strength for $\mathcal{H}_b$
$> 1$	Favors $\mathcal{H}_a$
$1/3 < \Lambda < 1$	Very weak
$1/10 < \Lambda < 1/3$	Substantial
$1/30 < \Lambda < 1/10$	Strong
$1/100 < \Lambda < 1/30$	Very strong
$\Lambda < 1/100$	Decisive

# OVERLAPPING GROUPS

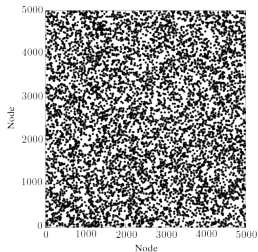


(Palla et al 2005)

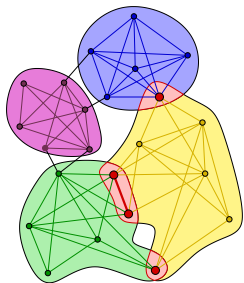
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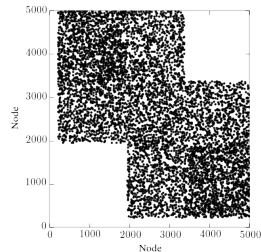
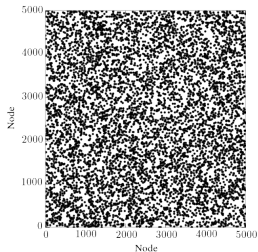
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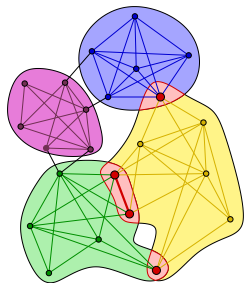


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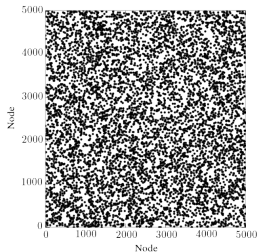


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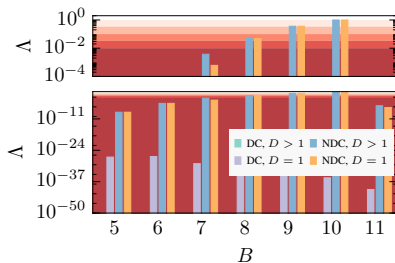
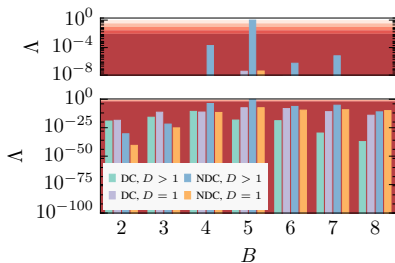


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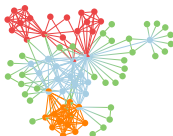


# HYPOTHESIS TESTING

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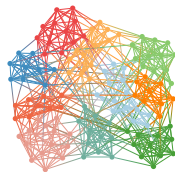


$B = 5$ ,  
non-degree-corrected,  
overlapping,  $\Lambda = 1$

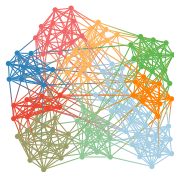


$B = 4$ ,  
non-degree-corrected,  
overlapping,  
 $\Lambda \approx 2 \times 10^{-4}$ ,

(Les Misérables)



$B = 10$ ,  
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nonoverlapping,  $\Lambda = 1$

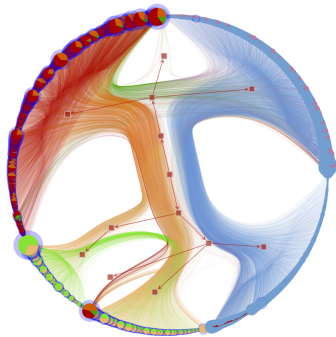


$B = 9$ ,  
non-degree-corrected,  
nonoverlapping,  
 $\Lambda \approx 0.36$

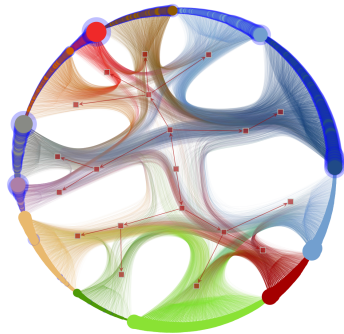
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# HYPOTHESIS TESTING / MODEL COMPARISON

## Political blogs



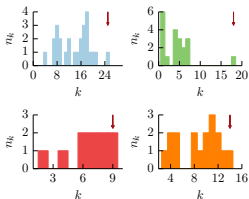
$B = 7$ , overlapping, degree-corrected,  $\Lambda = 1$



$B = 12$ , nonoverlapping, degree-corrected,  
 $\log_{10} \Lambda \simeq -747$

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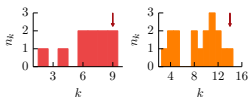
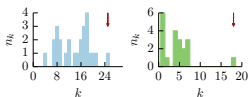
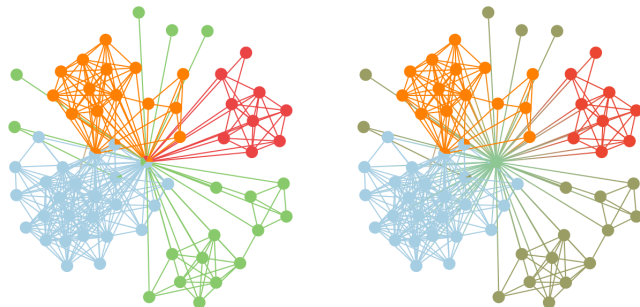
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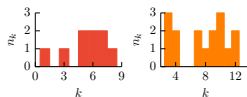
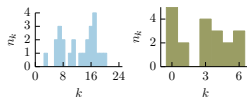
$$B = 4, \Lambda \simeq 0.053$$

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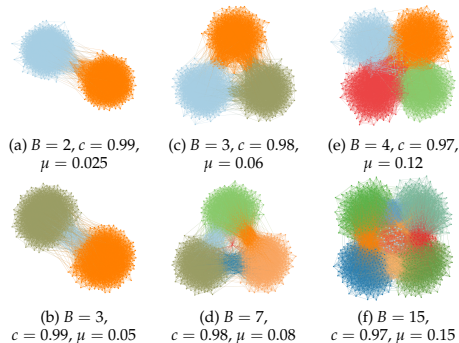
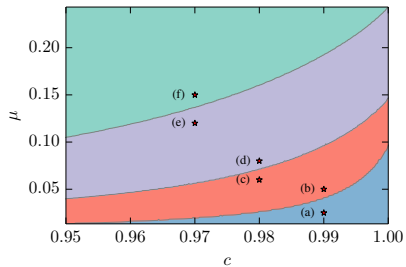


$B = 4, \Lambda \simeq 0.053$



$B = 5, \Lambda = 1$

# OVERLAP VS. NONOVERLAP

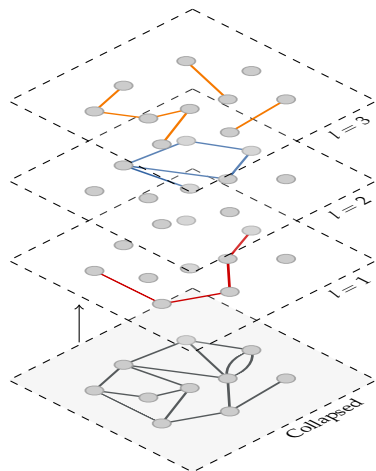


# HYPOTHESIS TESTING / MODEL COMPARISON

No.	$N$	$\langle k \rangle$	$\log_{10} \Lambda_{\text{DCO}}$	$\log_{10} \Lambda_{\text{DC}}$	$\log_{10} \Lambda_{\text{NDCO}}$	$\log_{10} \Lambda_{\text{NDC}}$	$B$	$\langle d \rangle$	$\Sigma/E$
1	34	4.6	-2.1	-2.1	—	0	2	1	4
2	62	5.1	-4.6	-1.4	—	0	2	1	4.8
3	77	6.6	-17	-7.7	0	-7.3	5	1.1	4
4	105	8.4	-12	-2.8	-6.6	0	5	1	4.4
5	115	10.7	-79	-27	—	0	10	1	4.3
6	297	15.9	0	-61	$-2.0 \times 10^2$	$-2.1 \times 10^2$	5	1.8	5.1
7	379	4.8	-47	-6.6	0	-8.9	20	1.1	6.2
8	903	15.0	$-3.8 \times 10^2$	$-3.7 \times 10^2$	0	$-3.7 \times 10^2$	60	1.2	3.1
9	1,278	2.8	-8.1	0	$-1.5 \times 10^2$	-89	2	1	7.4
10	1,490	25.6	0	$-5.2 \times 10^2$	$-2.3 \times 10^3$	$-2.3 \times 10^3$	7	1.8	4.4
11	1,536	3.8	$-2.5 \times 10^2$	0	-65	-62	38	1	6.7
12	1,622	11.2	$-4.3 \times 10^2$	0	-12	-82	48	1	3.3
13	1,756	4.5	-43	0	$-4.0 \times 10^2$	$-2.8 \times 10^2$	7	1	5.9
14	2,018	2.9	-9.2	0	$-2.9 \times 10^2$	$-2.1 \times 10^2$	2	1	8.5
15	4,039	43.7	$-1.5 \times 10^3$	0	$-8.1 \times 10^2$	$-9.5 \times 10^2$	158	1	3.2
16	4,941	2.7	$-2.2 \times 10^2$	0	-21	-25	25	1	11
17	7,663	17.8	0	$-1.1 \times 10^4$	$-5.3 \times 10^3$	$-1.6 \times 10^4$	85	1	3.2
18	7,663	5.3	$-1.8 \times 10^3$	0	$-9.3 \times 10^2$	$-7.3 \times 10^2$	63	1	5
19	8,298	25.0	$-9.1 \times 10^3$	0	$-1.4 \times 10^4$	$-1.4 \times 10^4$	34	1	5.4
20	9,617	7.7	$-4.2 \times 10^3$	0	$-2.3 \times 10^3$	$-2.5 \times 10^3$	34	1	9.3
21	26,197	2.2	$-2.4 \times 10^3$	$-1.2 \times 10^3$	0	$-2.7 \times 10^3$	363	1.3	4.5
22	36,692	20.0	$-4.1 \times 10^4$	0	$-8.5 \times 10^4$	$-2.8 \times 10^4$	1812	1	5.5
23	39,796	15.2	$-6.1 \times 10^4$	0	$-8.8 \times 10^4$	$-4.5 \times 10^4$	1323	1	6.3
24	52,104	15.3	$-1.5 \times 10^5$	0	$-3.7 \times 10^4$	$-4.0 \times 10^4$	172	1	6.4
25	58,228	14.7	0	$-5.8 \times 10^4$	$-1.8 \times 10^5$	$-1.4 \times 10^5$	1995	3.2	7.3
26	65,888	305.2	$-4.4 \times 10^4$	0	$-4.6 \times 10^5$	$-4.6 \times 10^5$	384	1	4.1
27	68,746	1.5	$-4.8 \times 10^3$	$-1.4 \times 10^3$	0	$-7.0 \times 10^3$	719	1.4	6.4
28	75,888	13.4	$-1.1 \times 10^5$	0	$-8.2 \times 10^4$	$-9.0 \times 10^4$	143	1	8.9
29	89,209	5.3	$-1.0 \times 10^4$	0	$-9.7 \times 10^3$	$-1.1 \times 10^4$	848	1	3.2
30	108,300	3.5	$-3.3 \times 10^3$	$-5.2 \times 10^3$	0	$-2.4 \times 10^4$	1660	1.8	5.7
31	133,280	5.9	0	$-4.4 \times 10^3$	$-7.4 \times 10^4$	$-3.8 \times 10^4$	1944	5.3	4.4
32	196,591	19.3	0	$-1.9 \times 10^5$	$-7.1 \times 10^5$	$-6.6 \times 10^5$	6856	3.7	7.8
33	265,214	3.2	$-1.4 \times 10^4$	0	$-9.2 \times 10^4$	$-8.5 \times 10^4$	549	1	8.6
34	273,957	16.8	$-5.4 \times 10^5$	0	$-4.6 \times 10^4$	$-7.2 \times 10^4$	727	1	5.8
35	281,904	16.4	$-1.2 \times 10^6$	0	$-2.8 \times 10^5$	$-1.5 \times 10^5$	6655	1	4.3
36	317,080	6.6	$-1.7 \times 10^5$	0	$-3.9 \times 10^5$	$-4.2 \times 10^5$	8766	1	11
37	325,729	9.2	$-5.8 \times 10^5$	0	$-1.1 \times 10^6$	$-2.3 \times 10^5$	4293	1	5.8
38	325,729	9.2	$-5.6 \times 10^5$	0	$-1.2 \times 10^6$	$-2.5 \times 10^5$	3995	1	5.8
39	334,863	5.5	$-3.3 \times 10^5$	0	$-3.6 \times 10^5$	$-3.4 \times 10^4$	9118	1	11
40	372,787	9.7	$-1.0 \times 10^6$	0	$-1.3 \times 10^5$	$-1.4 \times 10^5$	965	1	11
41	463,347	20.3	$-6.4 \times 10^5$	0	$-1.8 \times 10^6$	$-1.5 \times 10^6$	9276	1	9.3
42	1,134,890	5.3	—	0	$-4.5 \times 10^5$	$-4.9 \times 10^5$	264	1	13

# SBM WITH LAYERS

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- ▶ Fairly straightforward. Easily combined with degree-correction, overlaps, etc.
- ▶ Edge probabilities are in general different in each layer.
- ▶ Node memberships can move or stay the same across layer.
- ▶ Works as a general model for discrete as well as *discretized* edge covariates.
- ▶ Works as a model for temporal networks.

# SBM WITH LAYERS

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Edge covariates

$$P(\{G_l\}|\{\theta\}) = P(G_c|\{\theta\}) \prod_{r \leq s} \frac{\prod_l m_{rs}^l!}{m_{rs}!}$$

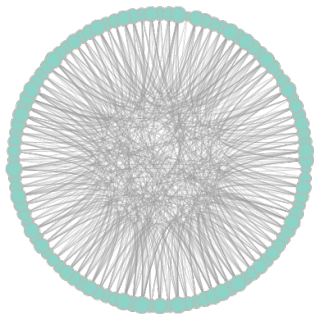
Independent layers

$$P(\{G_l\}|\{\{\theta\}_l\}, \{\phi\}, \{z_{il}\}) = \prod_l P(G_l|\{\theta\}_l, \{\phi\})$$

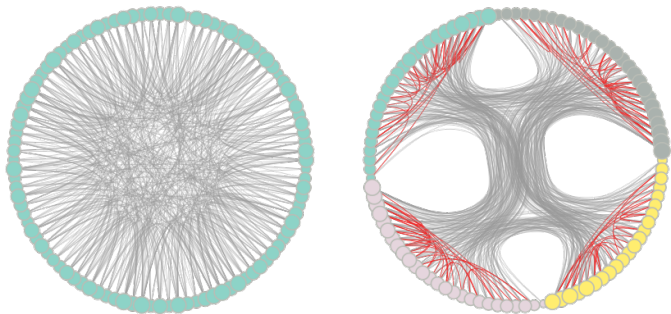
Embedded models can be of any type: Traditional, degree-corrected, overlapping.



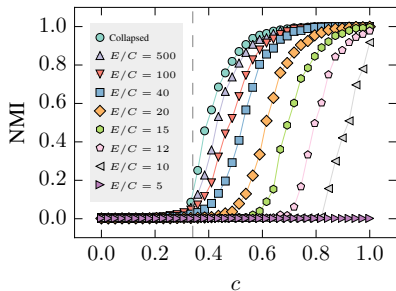
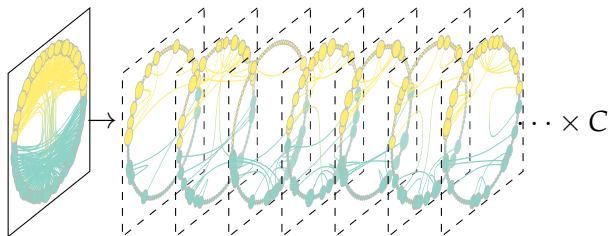
# LAYER INFORMATION CAN REVEAL HIDDEN STRUCTURE



# LAYER INFORMATION CAN REVEAL HIDDEN STRUCTURE



... BUT IT CAN ALSO HIDE STRUCTURE!



# MODEL SELECTION

Null model: Collapsed (aggregated) SBM + fully random layers

$$P(\{G_l\}|\{\theta\}, \{E_l\}) = P(G_c|\{\theta\}) \times \frac{\prod_l E_l!}{E!}$$

(we can also aggregate layers into larger layers)

# MODEL SELECTION

## EXAMPLE: SOCIAL NETWORK OF PHYSICIANS

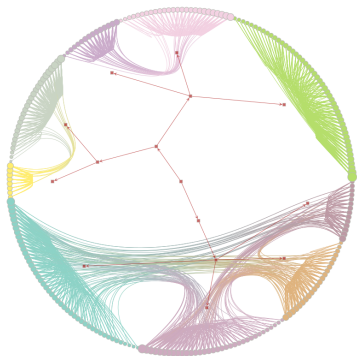
$N = 241$  Physicians

Survey questions:

- ▶ “When you need information or advice about questions of therapy where do you usually turn?”
- ▶ “And who are the three or four physicians with whom you most often find yourself discussing cases or therapy in the course of an ordinary week – last week for instance?”
- ▶ “Would you tell me the first names of your three friends whom you see most often socially?”

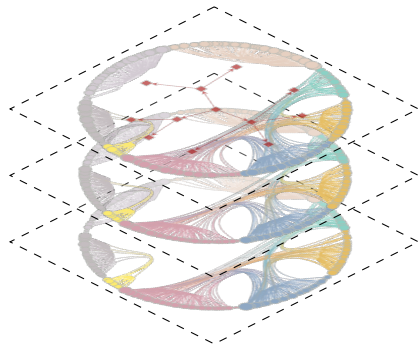
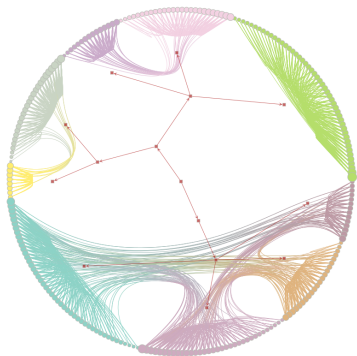
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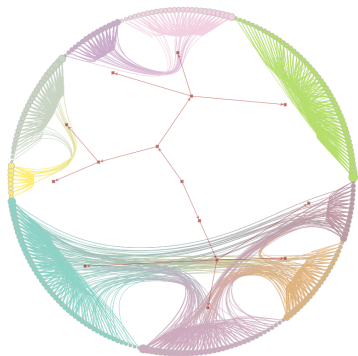
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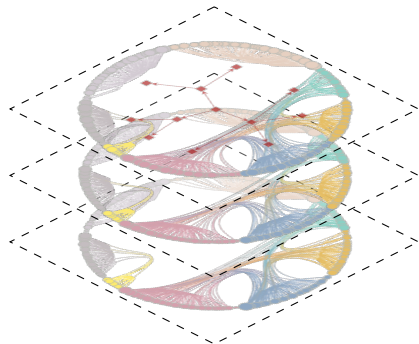


# MODEL SELECTION

EXAMPLE: SOCIAL NETWORK OF PHYSICIANS



$$\Lambda = 1$$

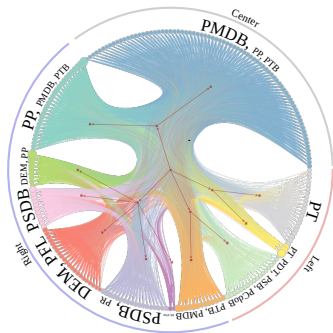


$$\log_{10} \Lambda \approx -50$$



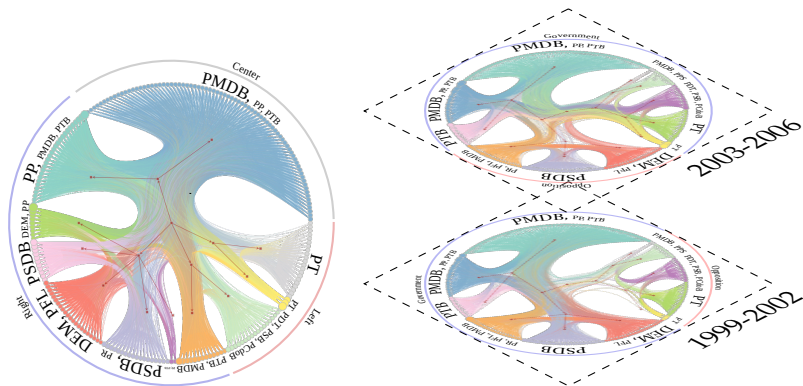
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Voting network between members of congress (1999-2006)



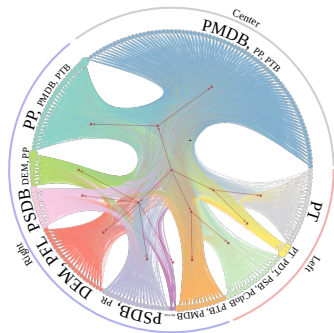
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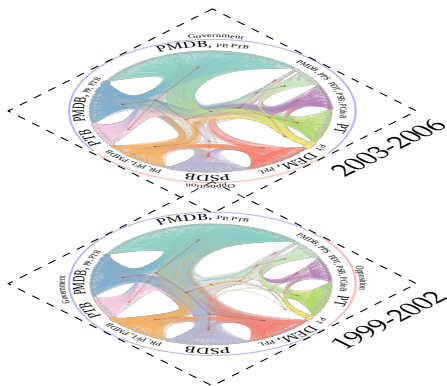


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$$\log_{10} \Lambda \approx -111$$



$$\Lambda = 1$$

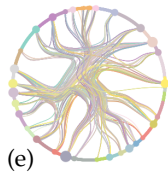
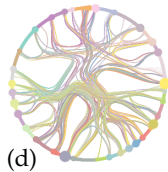
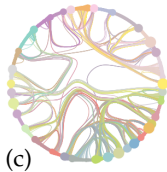
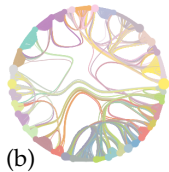
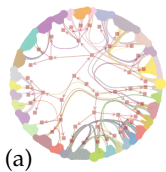
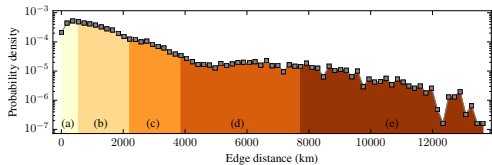
# REAL-VALUED EDGES?

Idea: Layers  $\{\ell\} \rightarrow$  bins of edge values!

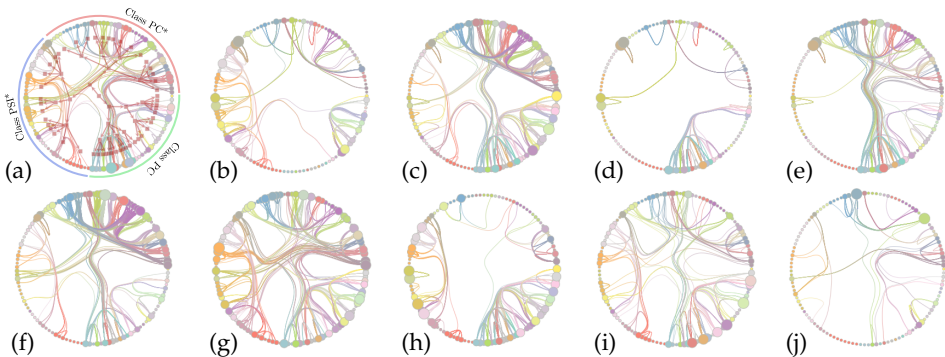
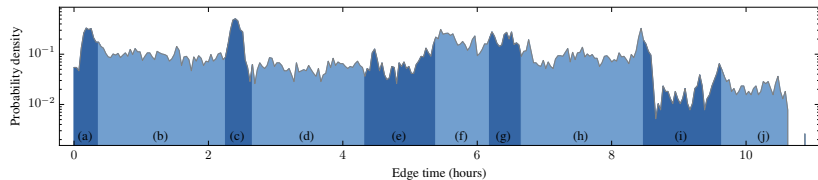
$$P(\{G_x\}|\{\theta\}_{\{\ell\}}, \{\ell\}) = P(\{G_l\}|\{\theta\}_{\{\ell\}}, \{\ell\}) \times \prod_l \rho(x_l)$$

Bayesian posterior  $\rightarrow$  Number (and shape) of bins

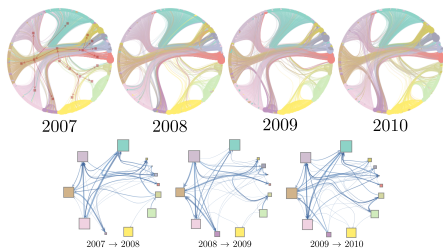
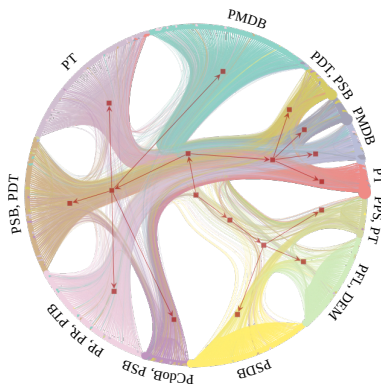
# EXAMPLE: GLOBAL AIRPORT NETWORK



# PROXIMITY BETWEEN HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS



# MOVEMENT BETWEEN GROUPS...



# TEMPORAL NETWORKS REDUX

AS AN ACTUAL DYNAMICAL SYSTEM THIS TIME

A more basic scenario: Sequences.

$x_t \in [1, N] \rightarrow$  Token at time  $t$

$$x_t = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$$

(Tokens could be letters, base pairs, itinerary stops, etc.)



# $n$ -ORDER MARKOV CHAINS WITH COMMUNITIES

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Transitions conditioned on the last  $n$  tokens

$p(x_t | \vec{x}_{t-1}) \rightarrow$  Probability of transition from  
memory  
 $\vec{x}_{t-1} = \{x_{t-n}, \dots, x_{t-1}\}$  to  
token  $x_t$

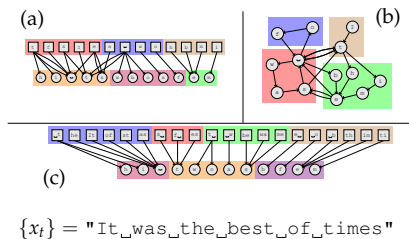
Instead of such a direct parametrization, we  
divide the tokens and memories into groups:

$$p(x | \vec{x}) = \theta_x \lambda_{b_x} b_{\vec{x}}$$

$\theta_x \rightarrow$  Overall frequency of token  $x$

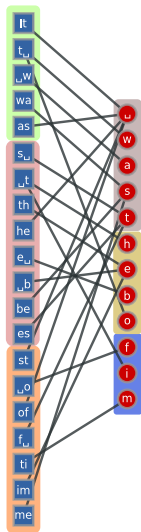
$\lambda_{rs} \rightarrow$  Transition probability from memory  
group  $s$  to token group  $r$

$b_x, b_{\vec{x}} \rightarrow$  Group memberships of tokens and  
groups



# $n$ -ORDER MARKOV CHAINS WITH COMMUNITIES

Memories Tokens



$\{x_t\} = \text{“It was the best of times”}$

$$P(\{x_t\}|b) = \int d\lambda d\theta P(\{x_t\}|b, \lambda, \theta) P(\theta) P(\lambda)$$

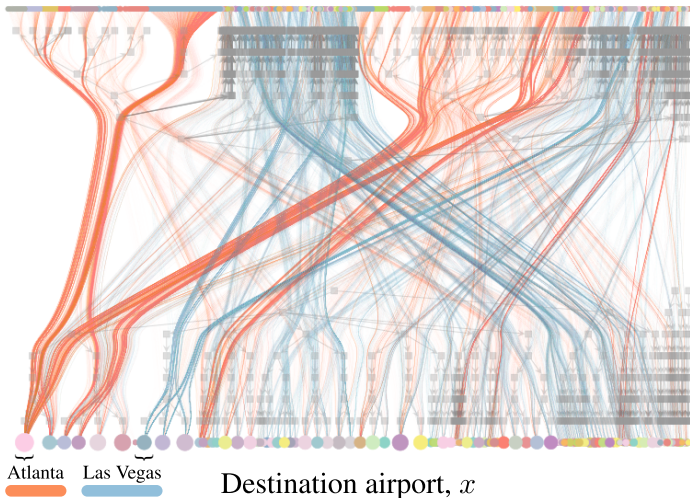
The Markov chain likelihood is (almost) identical to the SBM likelihood that generates the bipartite graph.

Nonparametric  $\rightarrow$  We can select the **number of groups** *and* the **Markov order** based on statistical evidence!

# $n$ -ORDER MARKOV CHAINS WITH COMMUNITIES

EXAMPLE: FLIGHT ITINERARIES

Previous  $n = 3$  airports,  $\vec{x}$



# $n$ -ORDER MARKOV CHAINS WITH COMMUNITIES

$n$	US Air Flights				War and peace				Taxi movements				"Rock you" password list			
	$B_N$	$B_M$	$\Sigma$	$\Sigma'$	$B_N$	$B_M$	$\Sigma$	$\Sigma'$	$B_N$	$B_M$	$\Sigma$	$\Sigma'$	$B_N$	$B_M$	$\Sigma$	$\Sigma'$
1	384	365	364,385,780	365,211,460	65	71	11,422,564	11,438,753	387	385	2,635,789	2,975,299	140	147	1,060,272,230	1,060,385,582
2	386	7605	319,851,871	326,511,545	62	435	9,175,833	9,370,379	397	1127	2,554,662	3,258,586	109	1597	984,697,401	987,185,890
3	183	2455	318,380,106	339,898,057	70	1366	7,609,366	8,493,211	393	1036	2,590,811	3,258,586	114	4703	910,330,062	930,926,370
4	292	1558	318,842,968	337,988,629	72	1150	7,574,332	9,282,611	397	1071	2,628,813	3,258,586	114	5856	889,006,060	940,991,463
5	297	1573	335,874,766	338,442,011	71	882	10,181,047	10,992,795	395	1095	2,664,990	3,258,586	99	6430	1,000,410,410	1,005,057,233
gzip			573,452,240				9,594,000				4,289,888				1,315,388,208	
LZMA			402,125,144				7,420,464				2,902,904				1,097,012,288	

(SBM can compress your files!)

# DYNAMIC NETWORKS

Each token is an edge:  $x_t \rightarrow (i, j)_t$

Dynamic network  $\rightarrow$  Sequence of edges:  $\{x_t\} = \{(i, j)_t\}$

Problem: Too many possible tokens!  $O(N^2)$

Solution: Group the nodes into  $B$  groups.

Pair of node groups  $(r, s) \rightarrow$  edge group.

Number of tokens:  $O(B^2) \ll O(N^2)$

Two-step generative process:

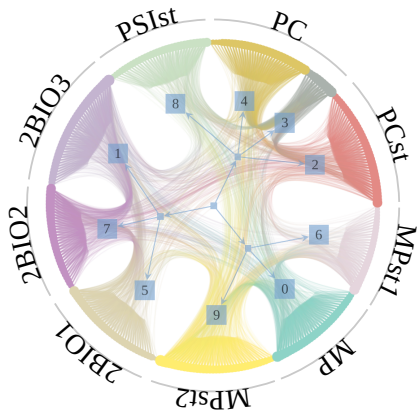
$\{x_t\} = \{(r, s)_t\}$   
( $n$ -order Markov chain)

$P((i, j)_t | (r, s)_t)$   
(static SBM)

# DYNAMIC NETWORKS

EXAMPLE: STUDENT PROXIMITY

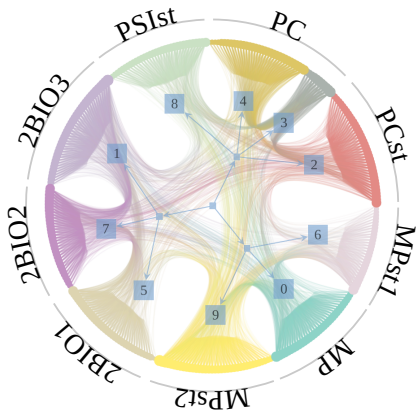
Static part



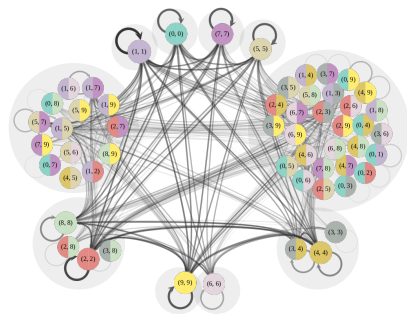
# DYNAMIC NETWORKS

EXAMPLE: STUDENT PROXIMITY

Static part



Temporal part



# DYNAMIC NETWORKS

## CONTINUOUS TIME

$x_\tau \rightarrow$  token at continuous time  $\tau$

$$P(\{x_\tau\}) = \underbrace{P(\{x_t\})}_{\text{Discrete chain}} \times \underbrace{P(\{\Delta_t\}|\{x_t\})}_{\text{Waiting times}}$$

Exponential waiting time distribution

$$P(\{\Delta_t\}|\{x_t\}, \lambda) = \prod_{\vec{x}} \lambda_{b_{\vec{x}}}^{k_{\vec{x}}} e^{-\lambda_{b_{\vec{x}}} \Delta_{\vec{x}}}$$

Bayesian integrated likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} P(\{\Delta_t\}|\{x_t\}) &= \prod_r \int_0^\infty d\lambda \lambda^{e_r} e^{-\lambda \Delta_r} P(\lambda), \\ &= \alpha^E \prod_r \frac{(e_r - 1)!}{\Delta_r^{e_r}}. \end{aligned}$$

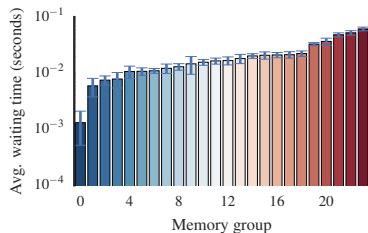
Jeffreys prior:  $P(\lambda) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$



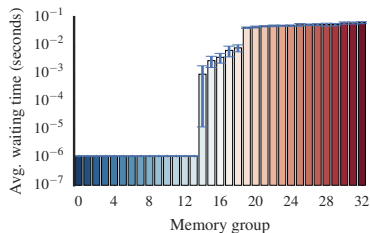
# DYNAMIC NETWORKS

## CONTINUOUS TIME

$\{x_\tau\} \rightarrow$  Sequence of notes in Beethoven's fifth symphony



Without waiting times  
( $n = 1$ )



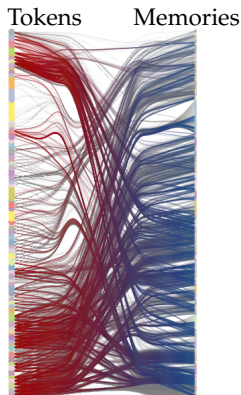
With waiting times  
( $n = 2$ )

# DYNAMIC NETWORKS

## NONSTATIONARITY

$\{x_t\}$   $\rightarrow$  Concatenation of “War and peace”, by Leo Tolstoy, and “À la recherche du temps perdu”, by Marcel Proust.

Unmodified chain



$$-\log_2 P(\{x_t\}, b) = 7,450,322$$

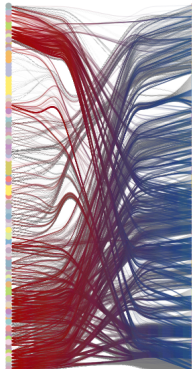
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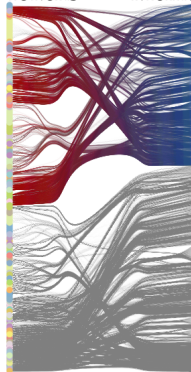
Tokens Memories



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Annotated chain  $x'_t = (x_t, \text{novel})$

Tokens Memories



$$-\log_2 P(\{x_t\}, b) = 7,146,465$$

# MODEL VARIATIONS: WEIGHTED GRAPHS

C. AICHER, A. Z. JACOBS, AND A. CLAUSET. JOURNAL OF COMPLEX NETWORKS 3(2), 221-248 (2015)

$A_{ij} \in [0, 1] \rightarrow$  Adjacency matrix  
 $x_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$  Real-valued covariates

Weights distributed according to the group memberships

$$P(\{x_{ij}\}|\{b_i\}, \{\theta_{rs}\}) = \prod_{i < j} P(x_{ij}|\theta_{b_i b_j})$$

$P(x|\theta) \rightarrow$  Exponential family (Exponential, Gaussian, Pareto...)

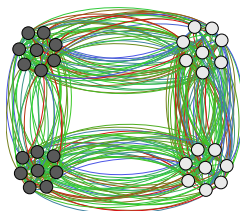
## Caveats

- ▶ Shape of weight distribution must be defined beforehand.
- ▶ Parametric method (may overfit).
- ▶ Computationally expensive.

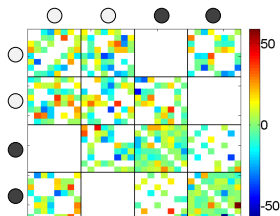
# MODEL VARIATIONS: WEIGHTED GRAPHS

C. AICHER, A. Z. JACOBS, AND A. CLAUSET. JOURNAL OF COMPLEX NETWORKS 3(2), 221-248 (2015)

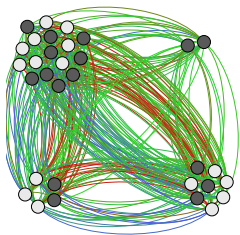
NFL games, weights: score difference



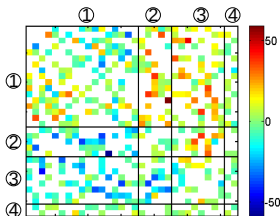
(a) SBM ( $\alpha = 1$ )



(b) SBM Adjacency Matrix



(c) WSBM ( $\alpha = 0$ )



(d) WSBM Adjacency Matrix

# MODEL VARIATIONS: ANNOTATED NETWORKS

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Main idea: Treat metadata as data, not “ground truth”.

Annotations are partitions,  $\{x_i\}$

Can be used as priors:

$$P(G, \{x_i\} | \theta, \gamma) = \sum_{\{b_i\}} P(G | \{b_i\}, \theta) P(\{b_i\} | \{x_i\}, \gamma)$$

$$P(\{b_i\} | \{x_i\}, \gamma) = \prod_i \gamma_{b_i x_u}$$

Drawbacks: Parametric (i.e. can overfit). Annotations are not always partitions.

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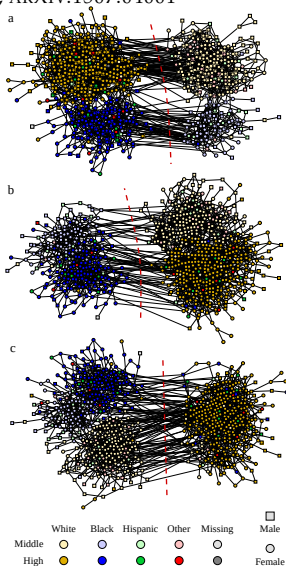
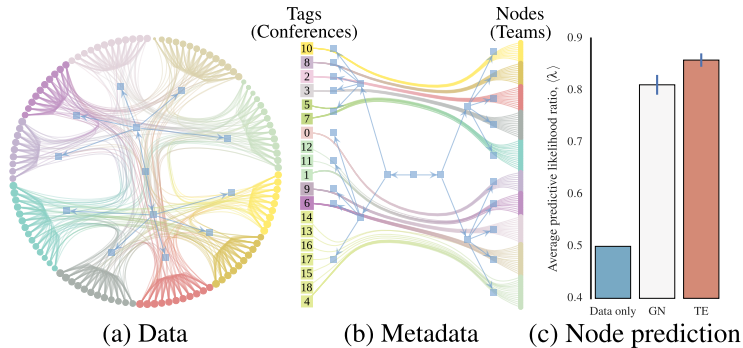


FIG. 2: Three divisions of a school friendship network, using as metadata (a) school grade, (b) ethnicity, and (c) gender.





# MODEL VARIATIONS: ANNOTATED NETWORKS



# PREDICTION OF MISSING EDGES

$$G' = \underbrace{G}_{\text{Observed}} \cup \underbrace{\delta G}_{\text{Missing}}$$

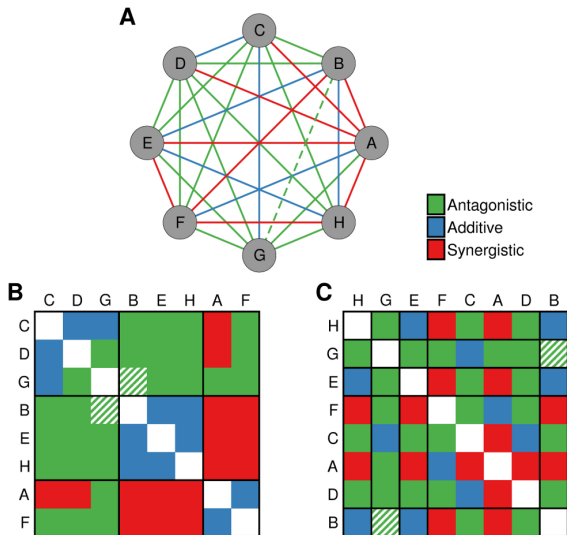
Bayesian probability of missing edges

$$P(\delta G|G, \{b_i\}) = \frac{\sum_{\theta} P(G \cup \delta G|\{b_i\}, \theta)P(\theta)}{\sum_{\theta} P(G|\{b_i\}, \theta)P(\theta)} = \exp(-\Delta\Sigma)$$

R. Guimerà, M Sales-Pardo, PNAS 2009; A. Clauset, C. Moore, MEJ Newman, Nature, 2008

# APPLICATION: DRUG-DRUG INTERACTIONS

R GUIMERÀ, M SALES-PARDO, PLOS COMPUT BIOL, 2013



# METADATA AND PREDICTION OF *missing nodes*

DARKO HRIC, T. P. P., SANTO FORTUNATO, ARXIV:1604.00255

Node probability, with known group membership:

$$P(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{A}, b_i, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{\sum_{\theta} P(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{a}_i | b_i, \mathbf{b}, \theta) P(\theta)}{\sum_{\theta} P(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b}, \theta) P(\theta)}$$

Node probability, with unknown group membership:

$$P(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{b_i} P(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{A}, b_i, \mathbf{b}) P(b_i | \mathbf{b}),$$

Node probability, with unknown group membership, but known metadata:

$$P(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = \sum_{b_i} P(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{A}, b_i, \mathbf{b}) P(b_i | \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}),$$

Group membership probability, given metadata:

$$P(b_i | \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = \frac{P(b_i, \mathbf{b} | \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{c})}{P(\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{c})} = \frac{\sum_{\gamma} P(\mathbf{T} | b_i, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \gamma) P(b_i, \mathbf{b}) P(\gamma)}{\sum_{b'_i} \sum_{\gamma} P(\mathbf{T} | b'_i, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \gamma) P(b'_i, \mathbf{b}) P(\gamma)}$$

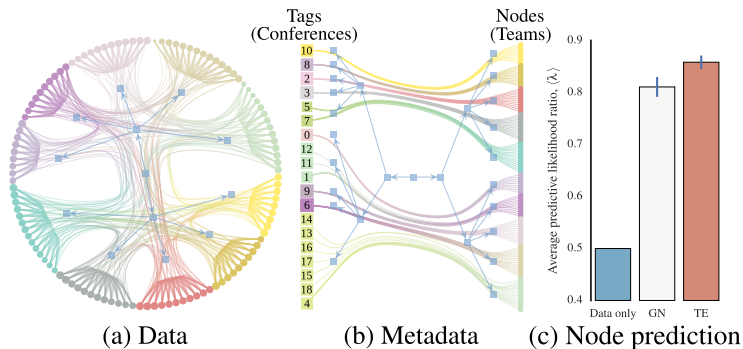
Predictive likelihood ratio:

$$\lambda_i = \frac{P(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})}{P(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) + P(\mathbf{a}_i | \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})}$$

$\lambda_i > 1/2 \rightarrow$  the metadata improves the prediction task

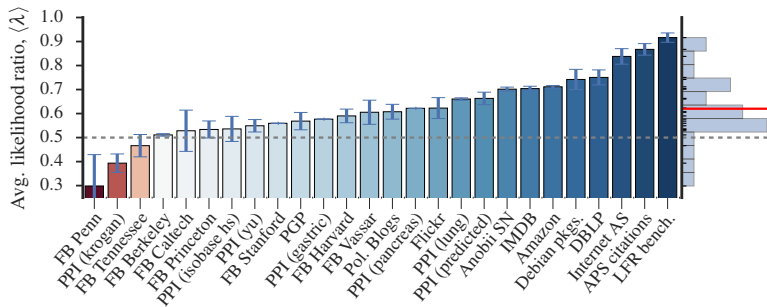
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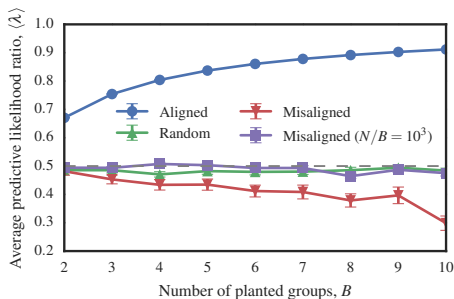
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Neighbor probability:

$$P_e(i|j) = k_i \frac{e_{b_i, b_j}}{e_{b_i} e_{b_j}}$$

Neighbour probability, given metadata tag:

$$P_t(i) = \sum_j P(i|j) P_m(j|t)$$

Null neighbor probability (no metadata tag):

$$Q(i) = \sum_j P(i|j) \Pi(j)$$

Kullback-Leibler divergence:

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P_t || Q) = \sum_i P_t(i) \ln \frac{P_t(i)}{Q(i)}$$

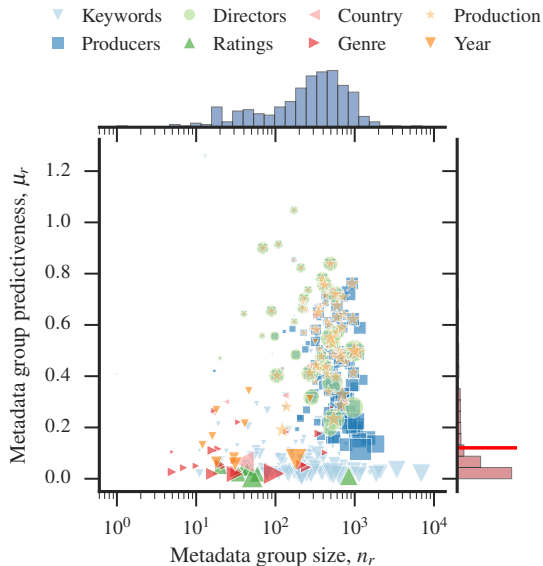
Relative divergence:

$$\mu_r \equiv \frac{D_{\text{KL}}(P_t || Q)}{H(q)} \rightarrow \text{Metadata group predictiveness}$$



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# GENERALIZED COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

M.E.J. NEWMAN, T. P. PEIXOTO, PHYS. REV. LETT. 115, 088701 (2015)

## Continuous generative models

- ▶ Nodes inhabit a latent-space:  $x_u \in [0, 1]$ .

$$P(G|c, x) = \prod_{u < v} \omega(x_u, x_v)^{A_{uv}} (1 - \omega(x_u, x_v))^{1 - A_{uv}}$$

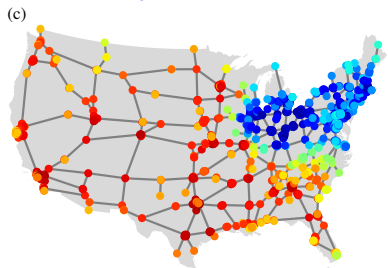
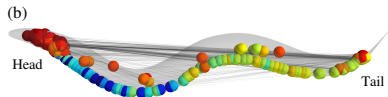
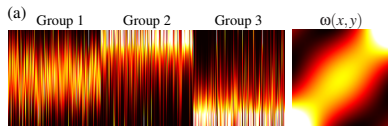
Polynomial expansion:

$$\omega(x, y) = \sum_{ij} c_{ij} B_i(x) B_j(y)$$

Bernstein basis:

$$B_i(x) = \binom{n}{i} x^i (1-x)^{n-i}$$

- ▶ Spatial information can be learned from network topology alone.
- ▶ No assortativity/homophily assumed!



# OPEN PROBLEMS

## Knowns

- ▶ Better models...
- ▶ Mechanistic elements...

## Known Unknowns

- ▶ Quality of fit?
- ▶ Network comparison?
- ▶ Cross-validation and bootstrapping?
- ▶ Combination of micro- and mesoscale structures?

## Unknown Unknowns

- ▶ ?
- ▶ ?

# THE END



Very fast, freely available C++ code as part of the  
graph-tool Python library.

<http://graph-tool.skewed.de>