

# Lessons from Self-Similarity in Complex Networks

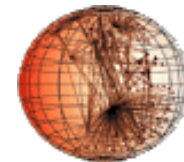


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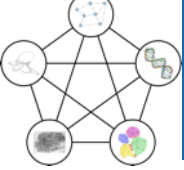


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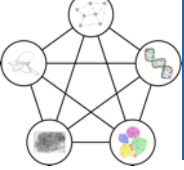
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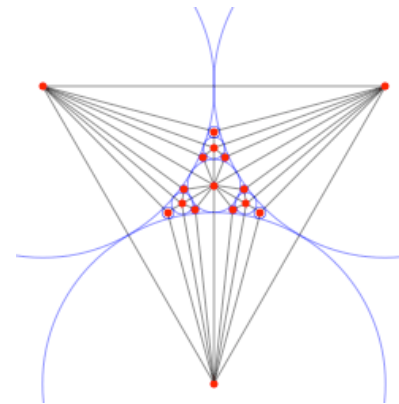
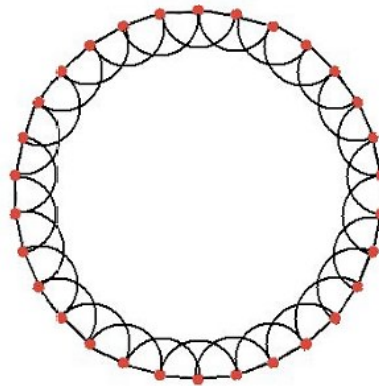
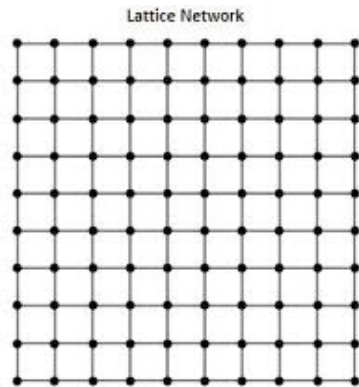
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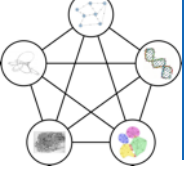


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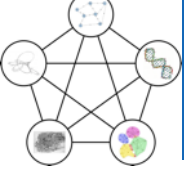




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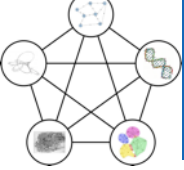


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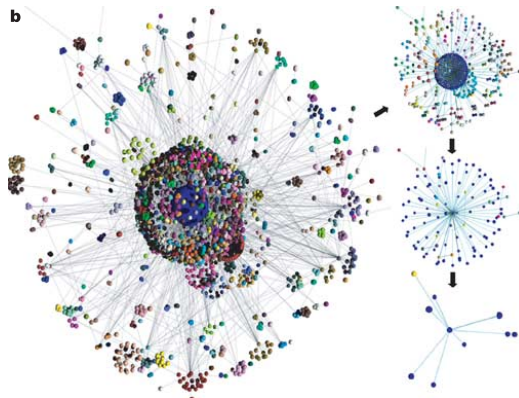


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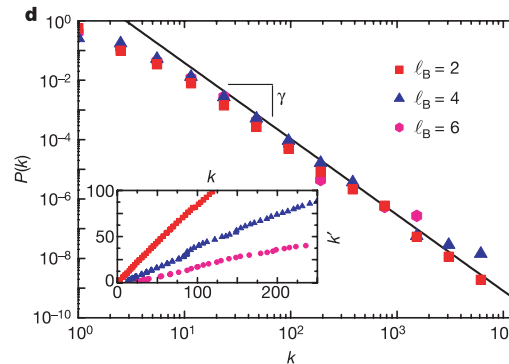
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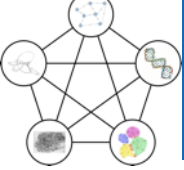


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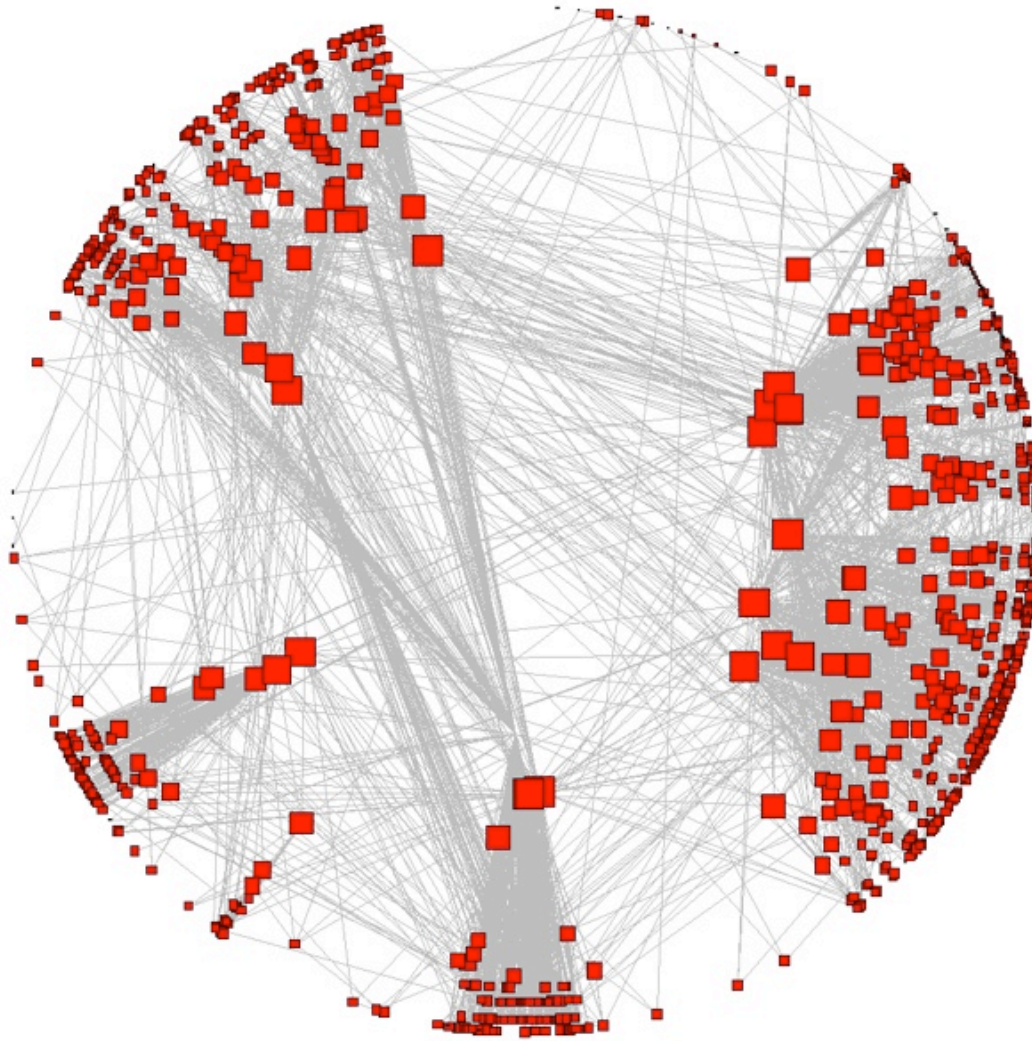
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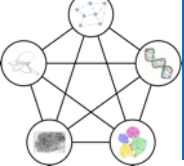


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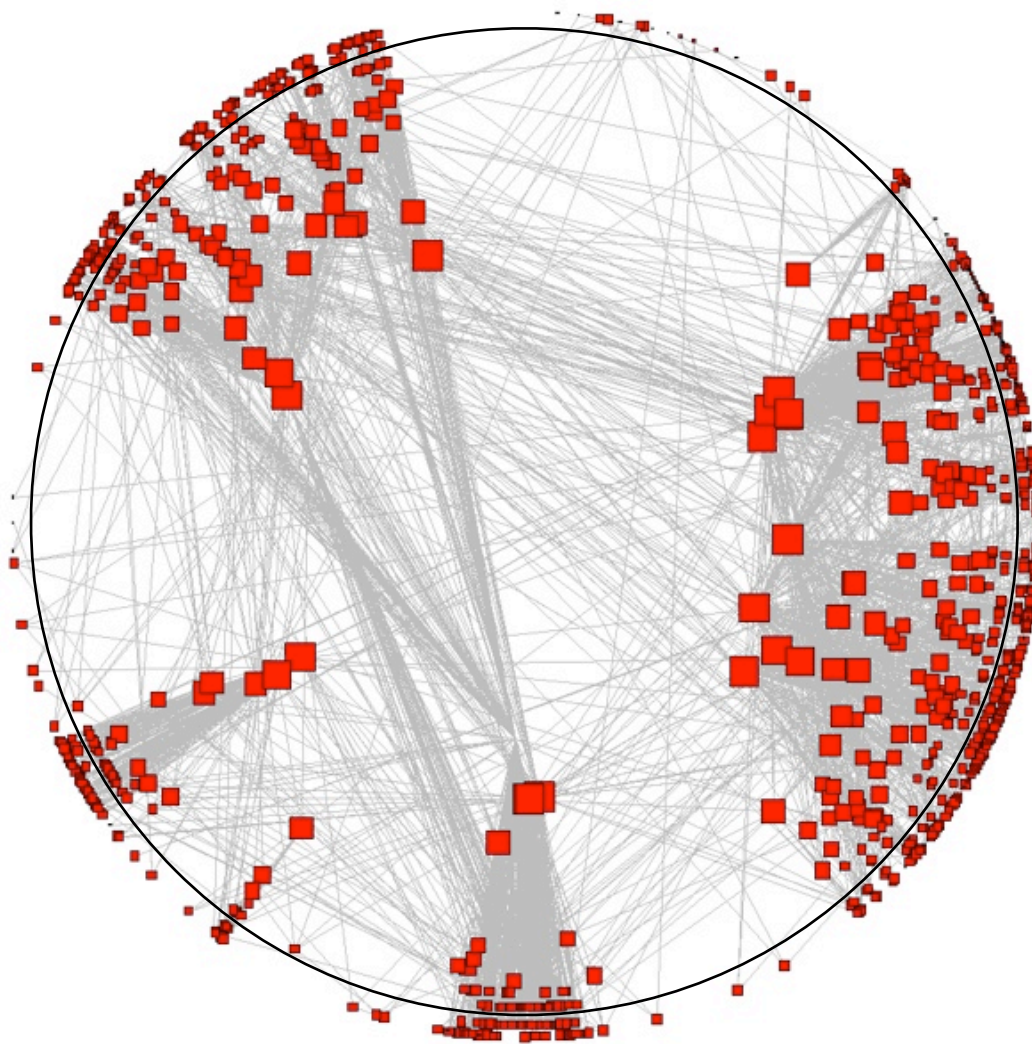


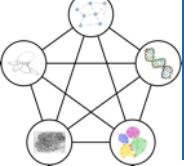




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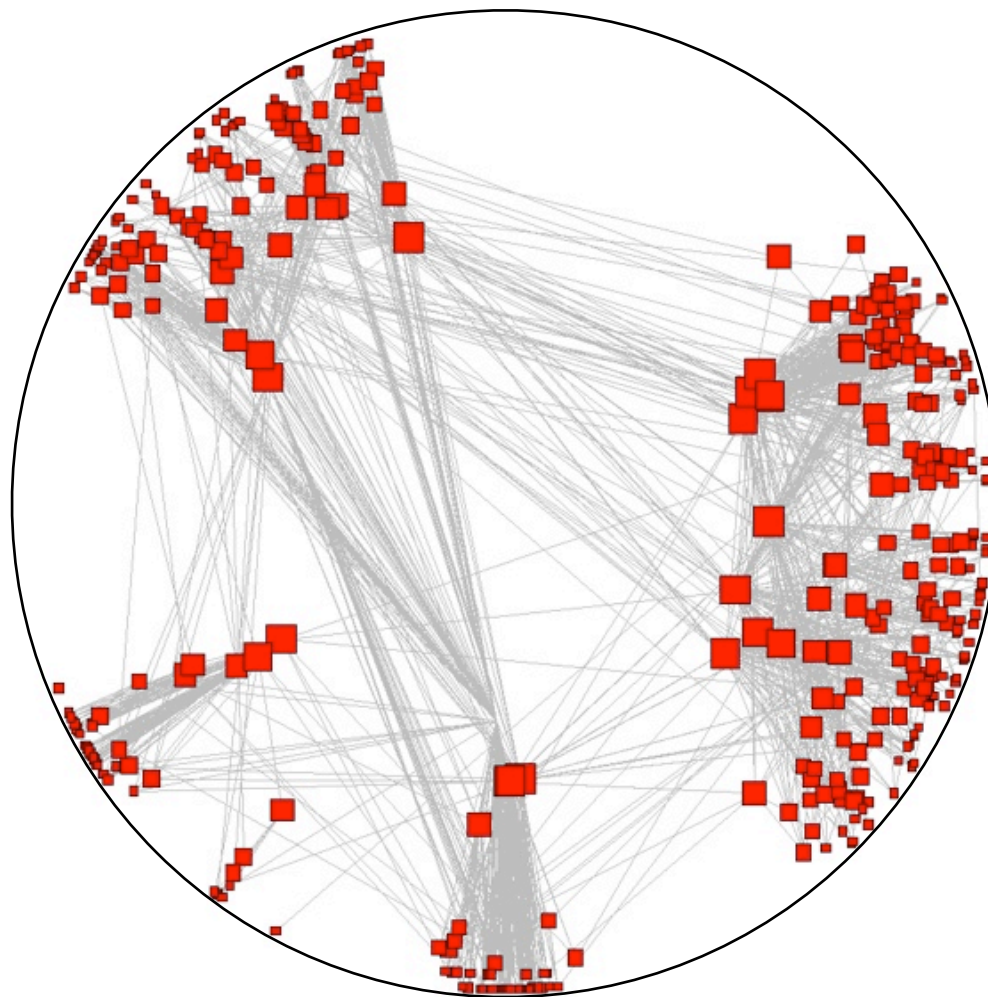
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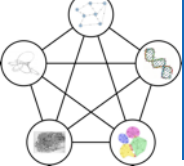




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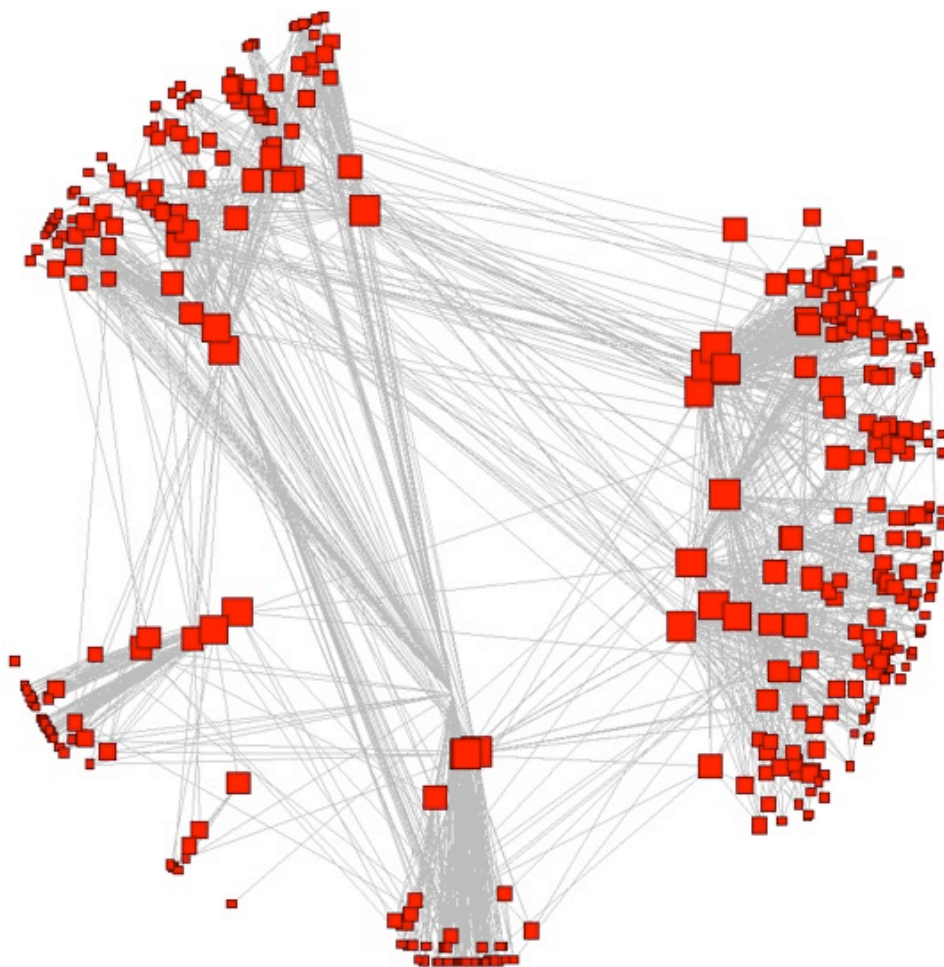
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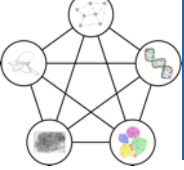




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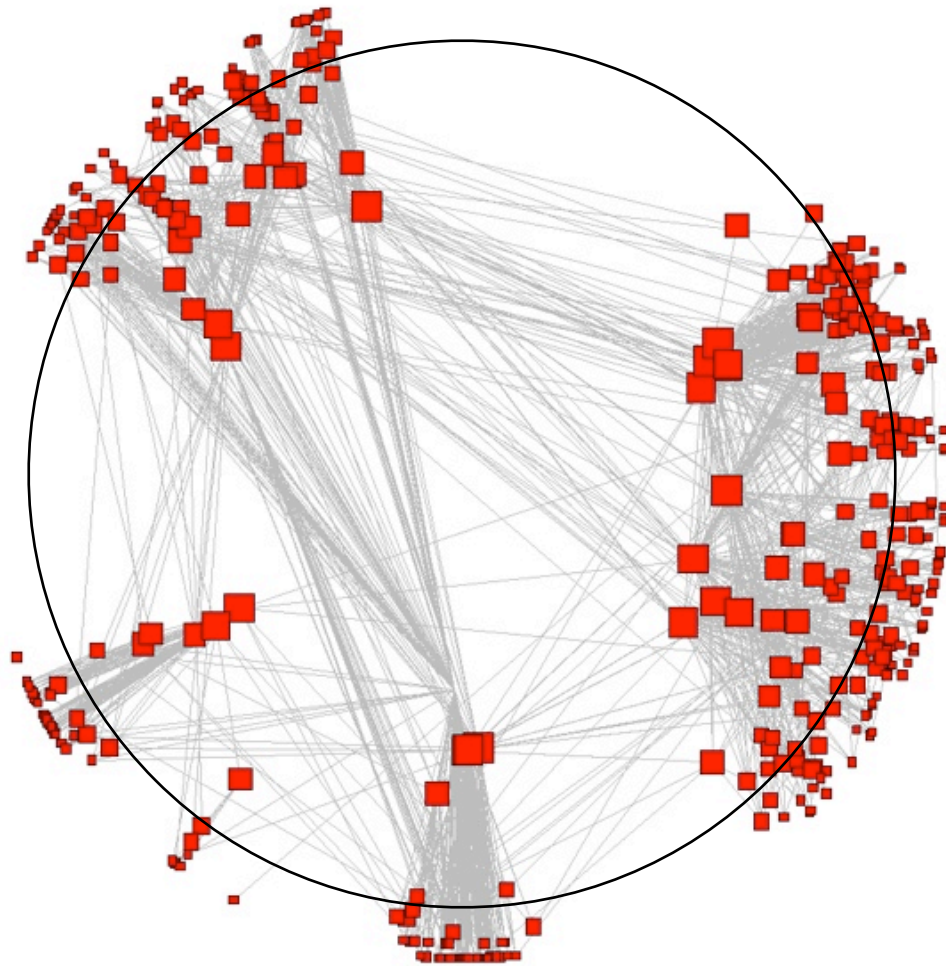
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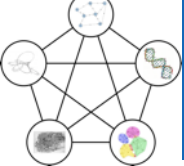




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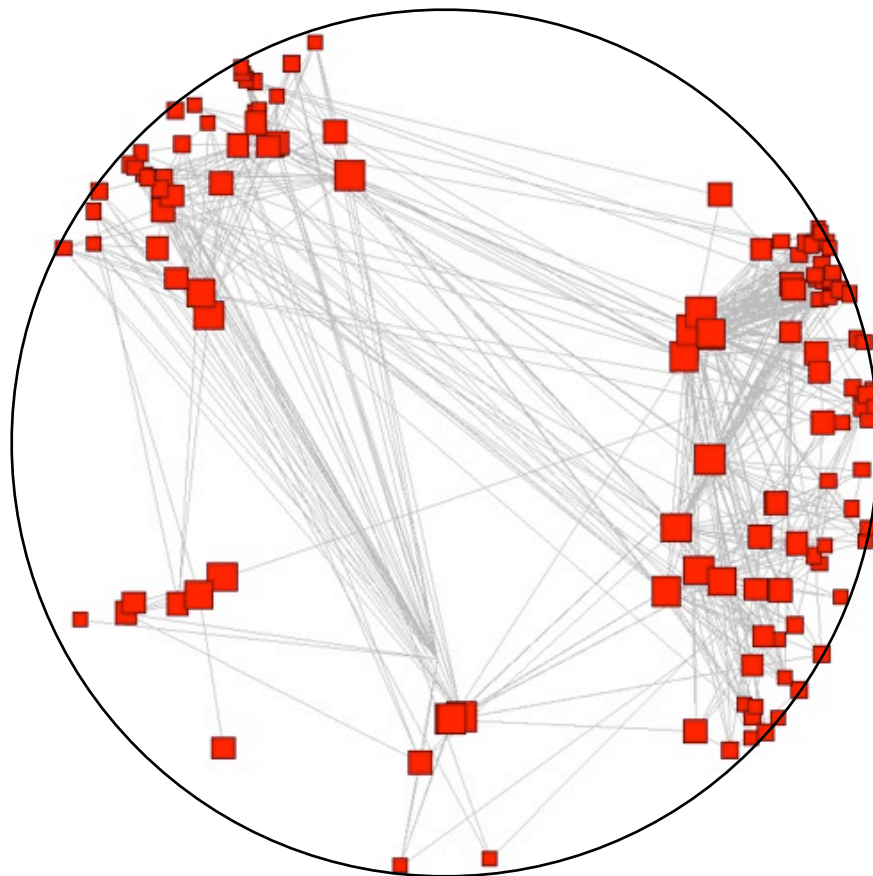
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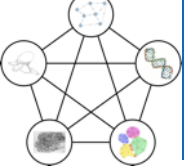




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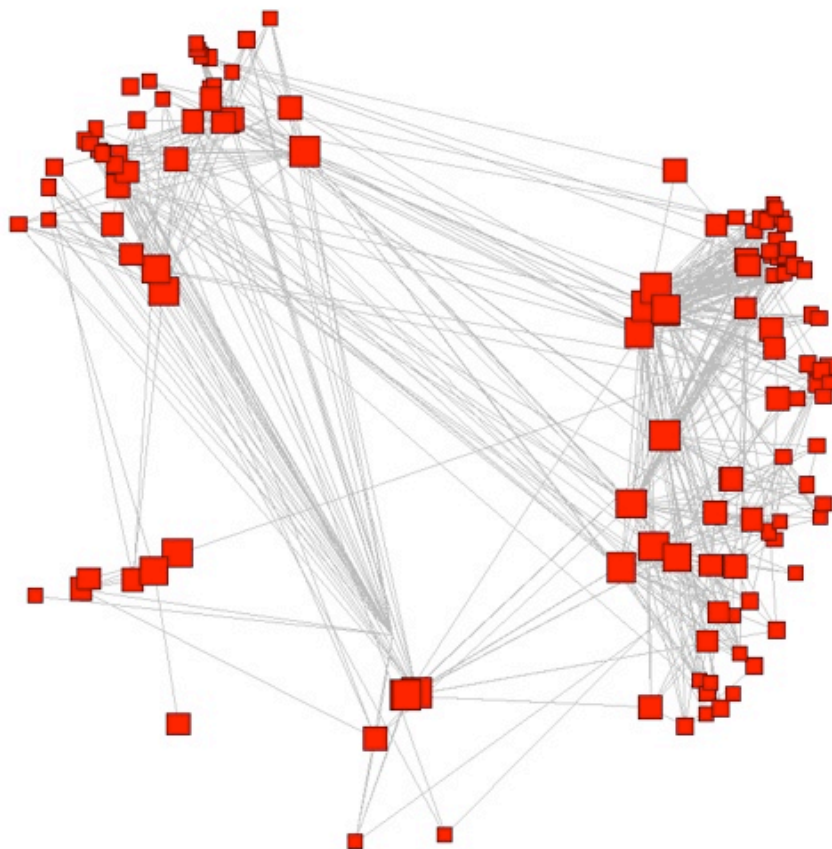
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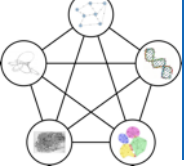




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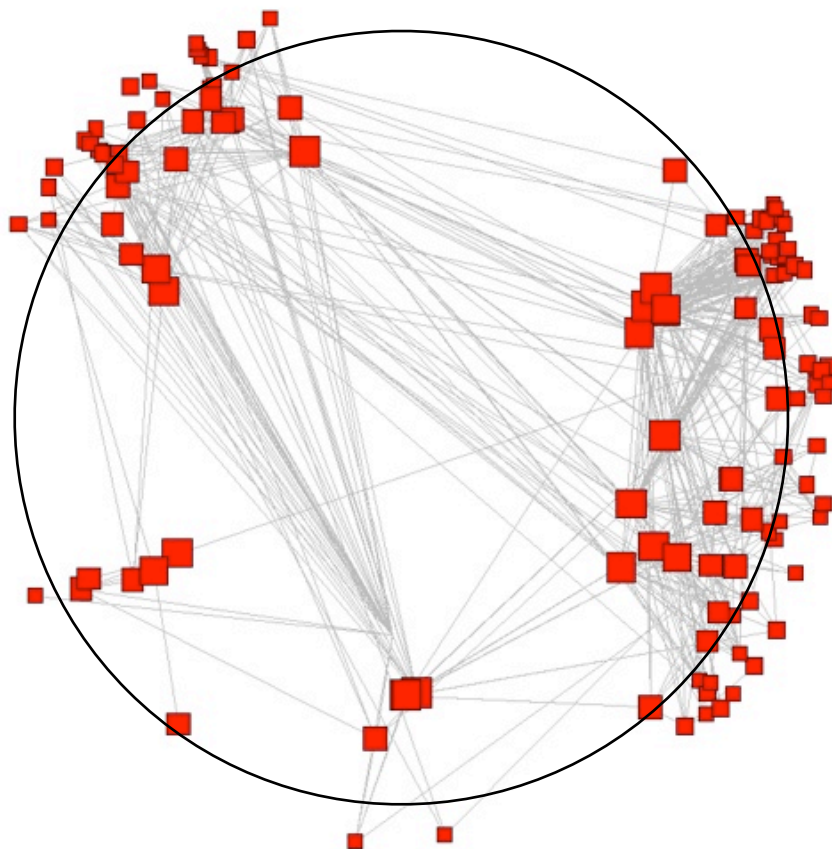
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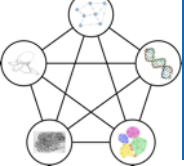




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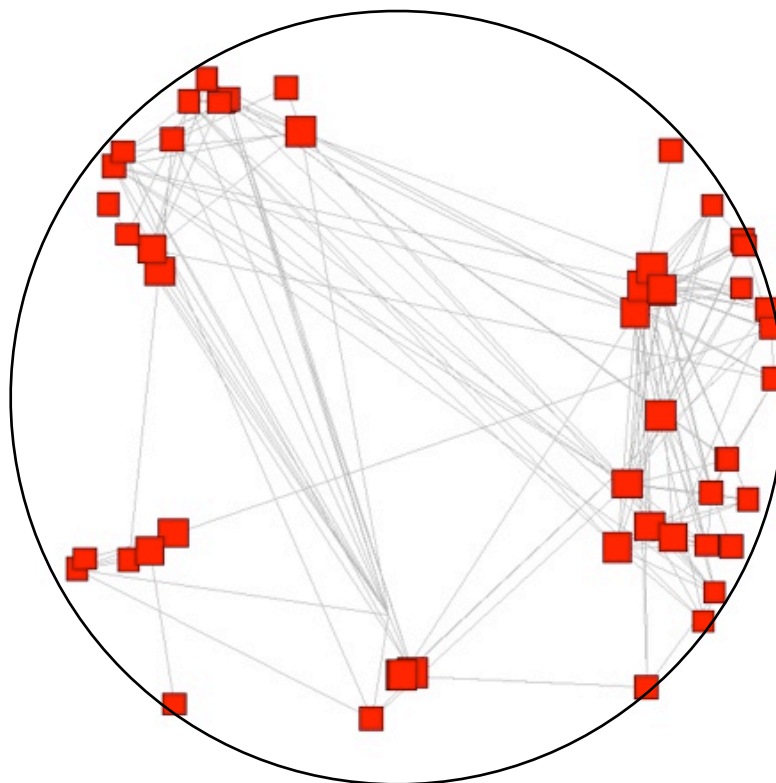
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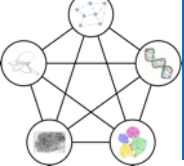


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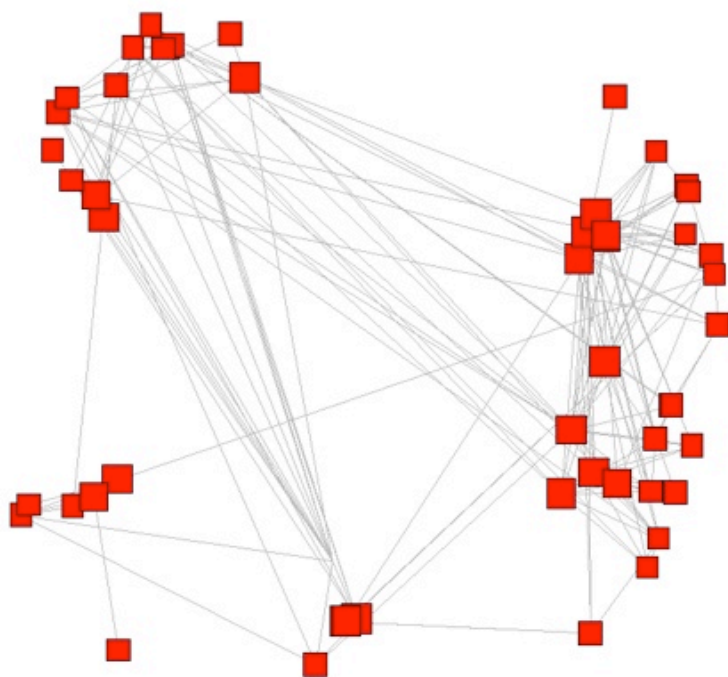


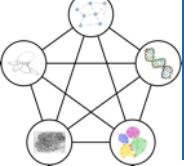




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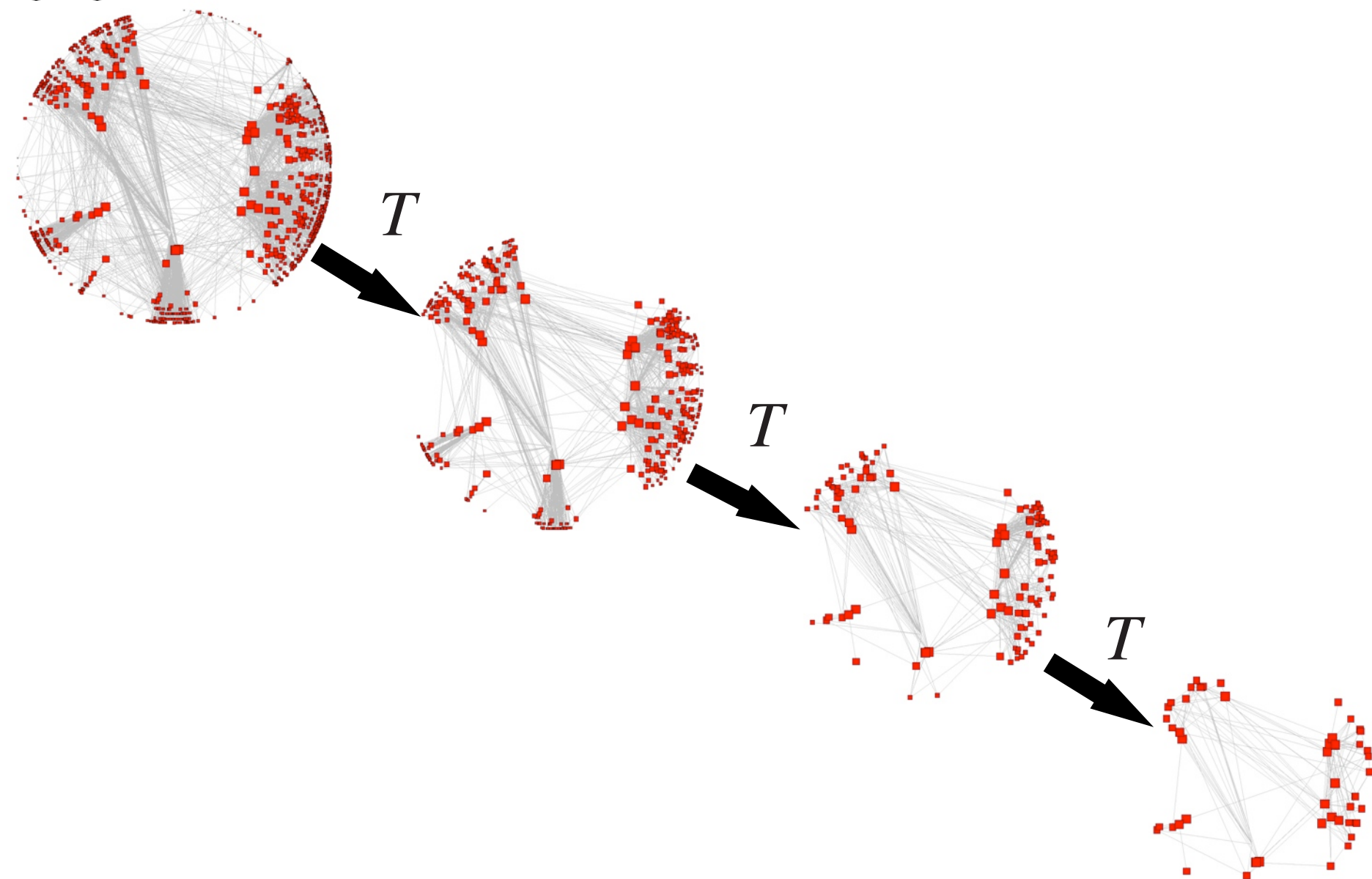
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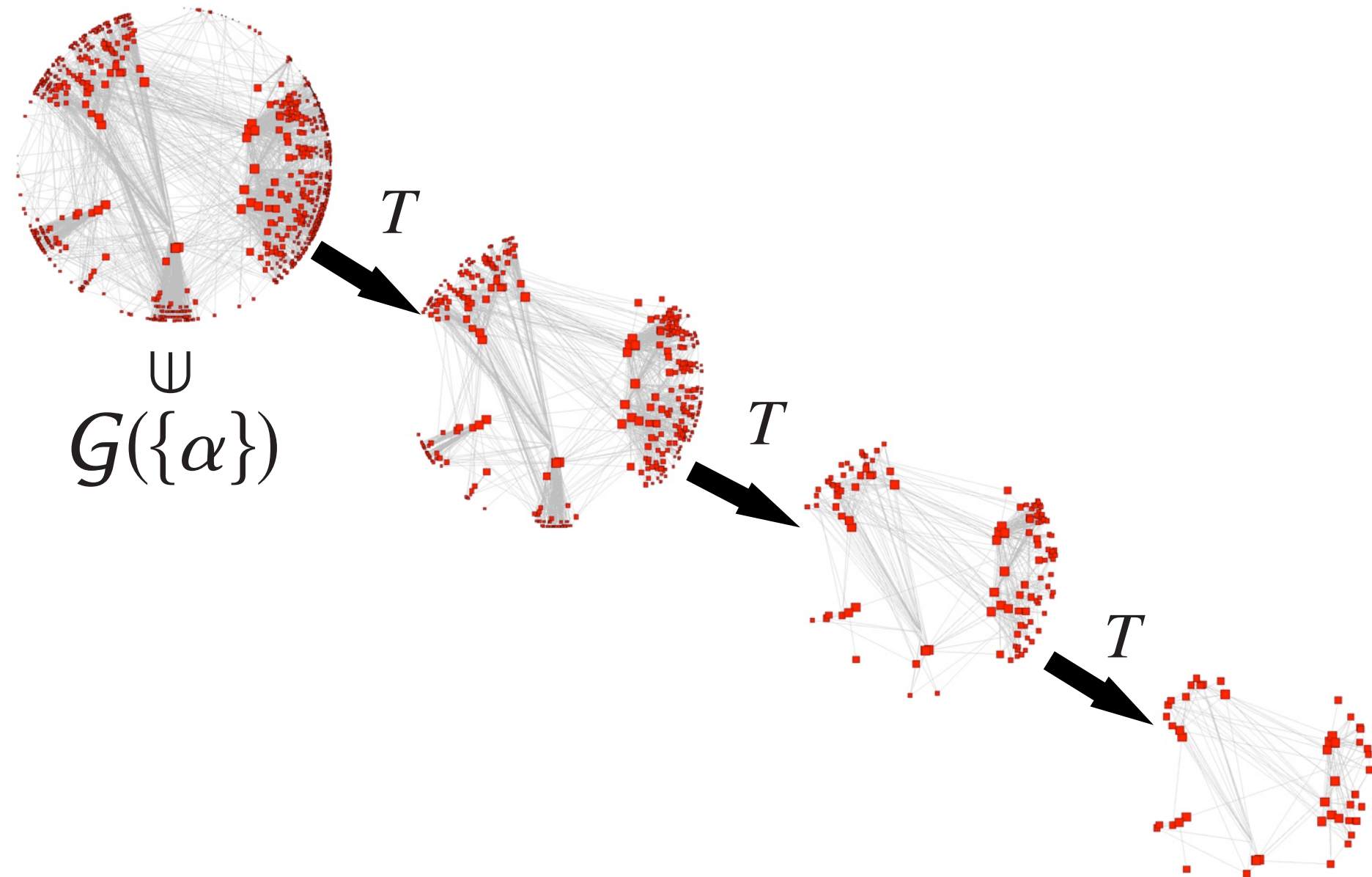
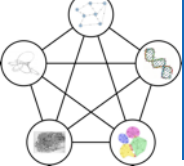


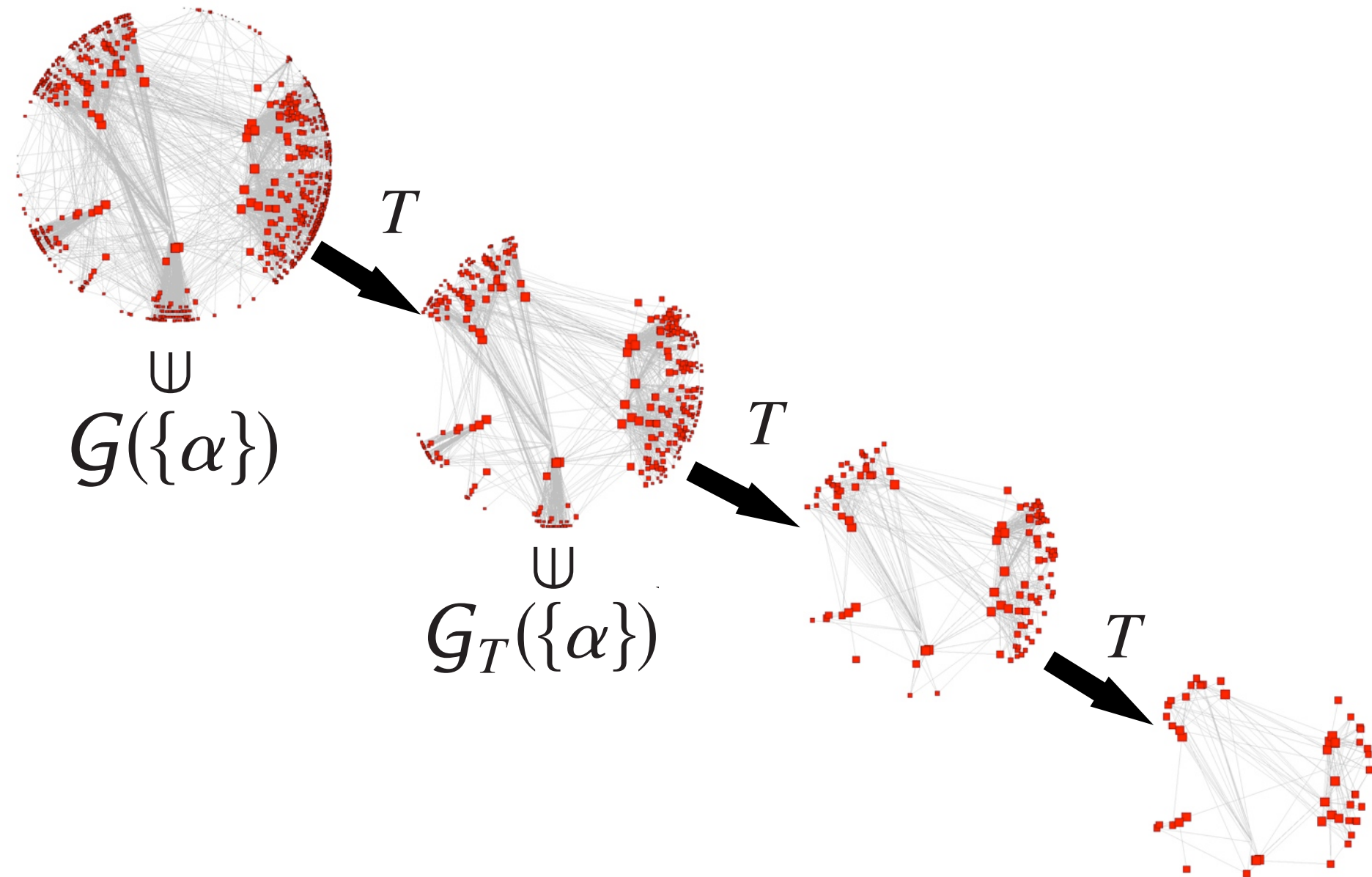
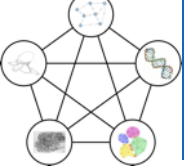


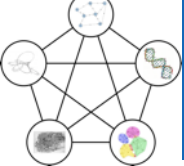
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# Self-similar transformations: Russian dolls

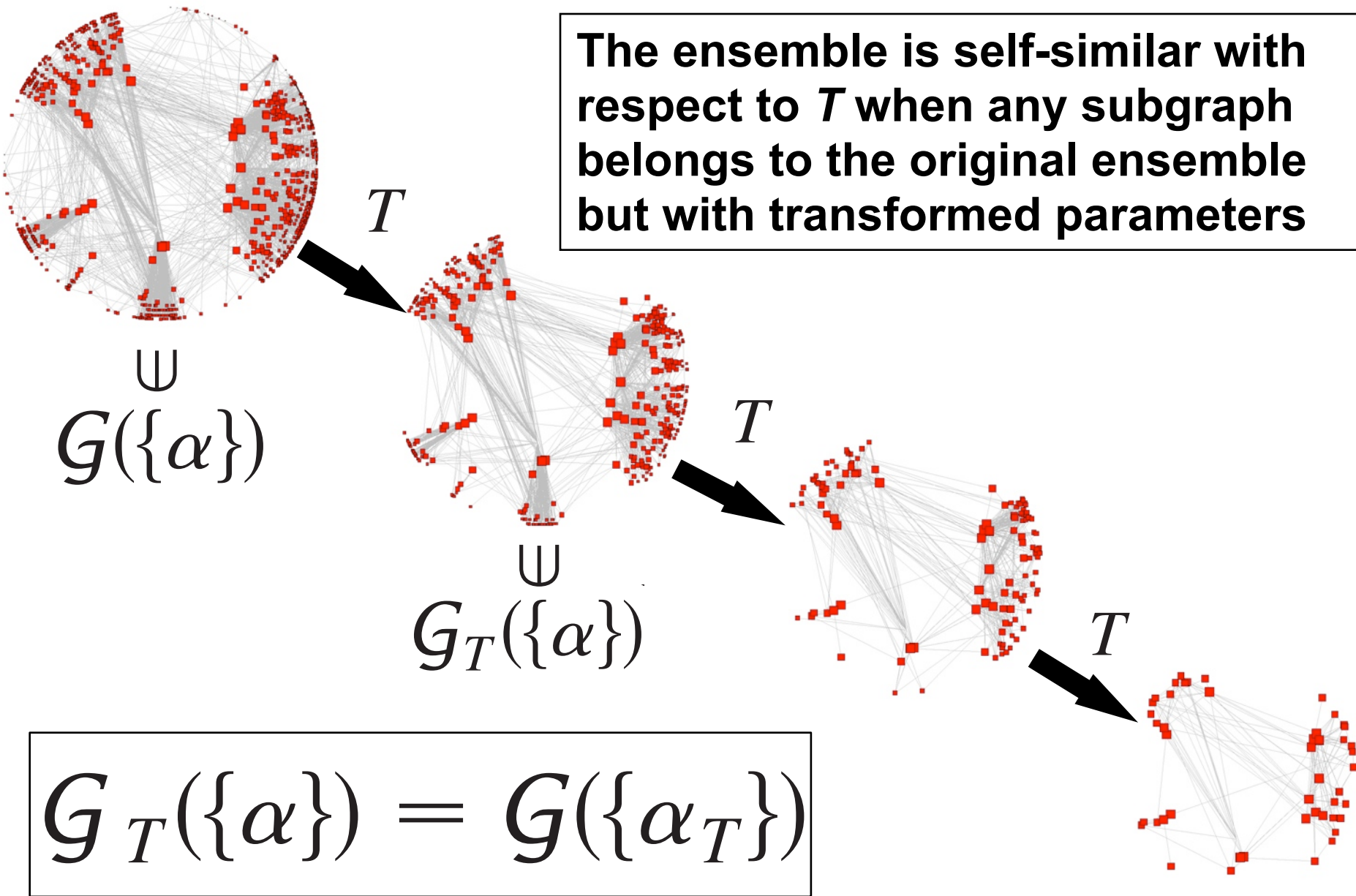


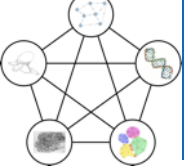






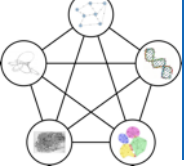
The ensemble is self-similar with respect to  $T$  when any subgraph belongs to the original ensemble but with transformed parameters





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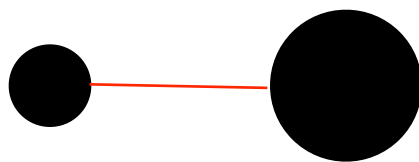
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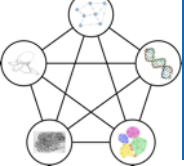


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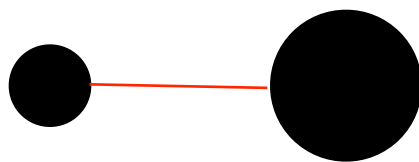




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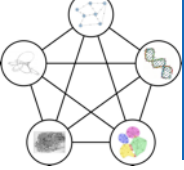


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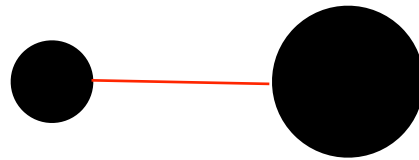




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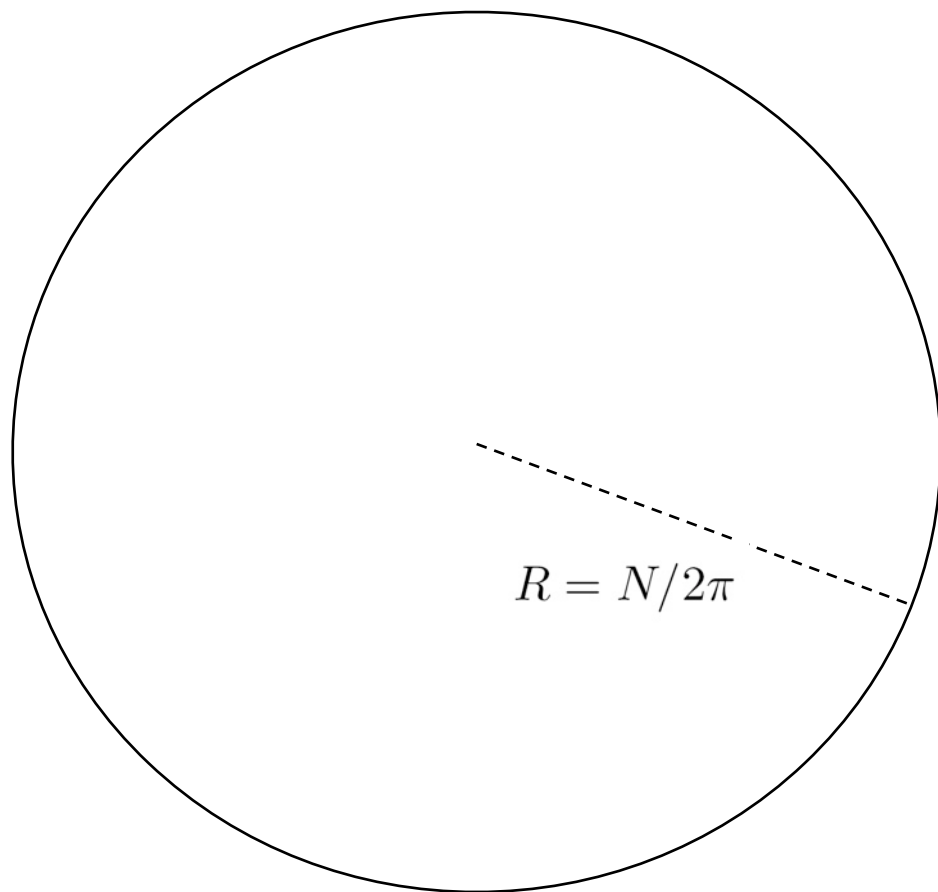
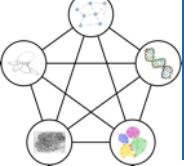
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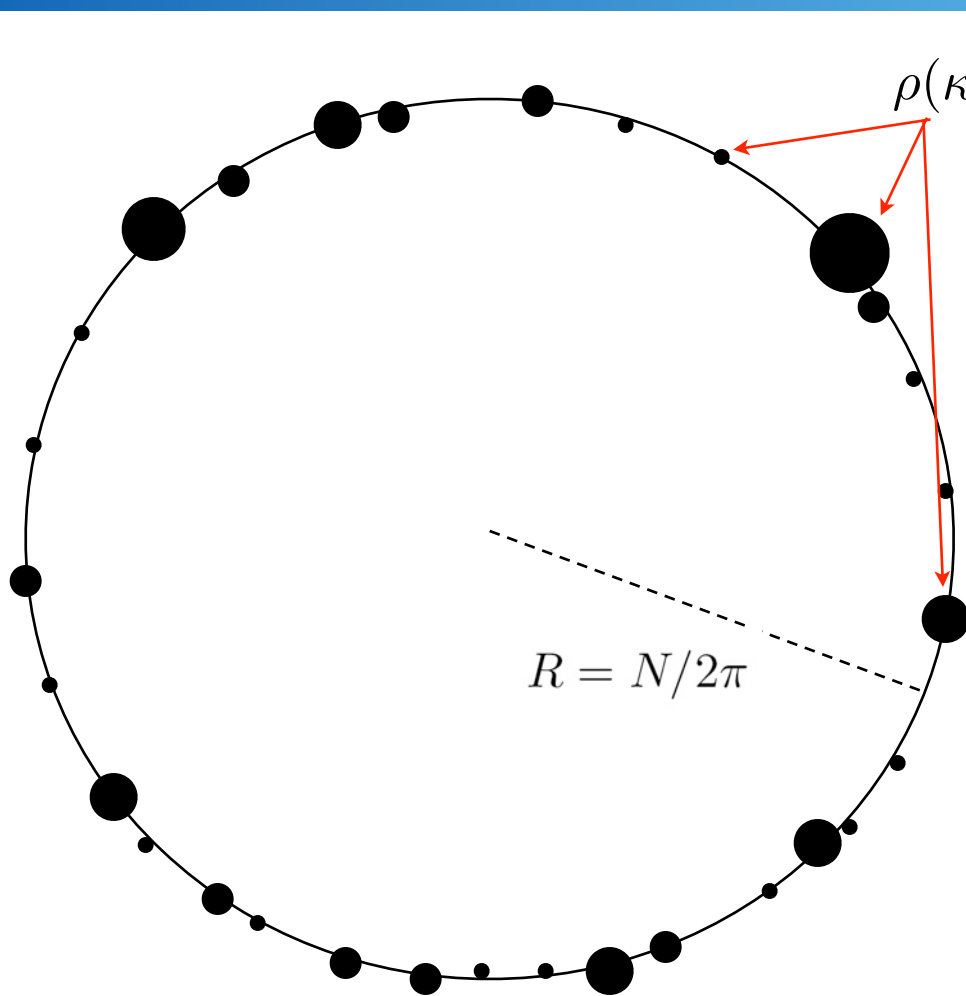
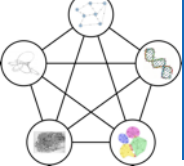
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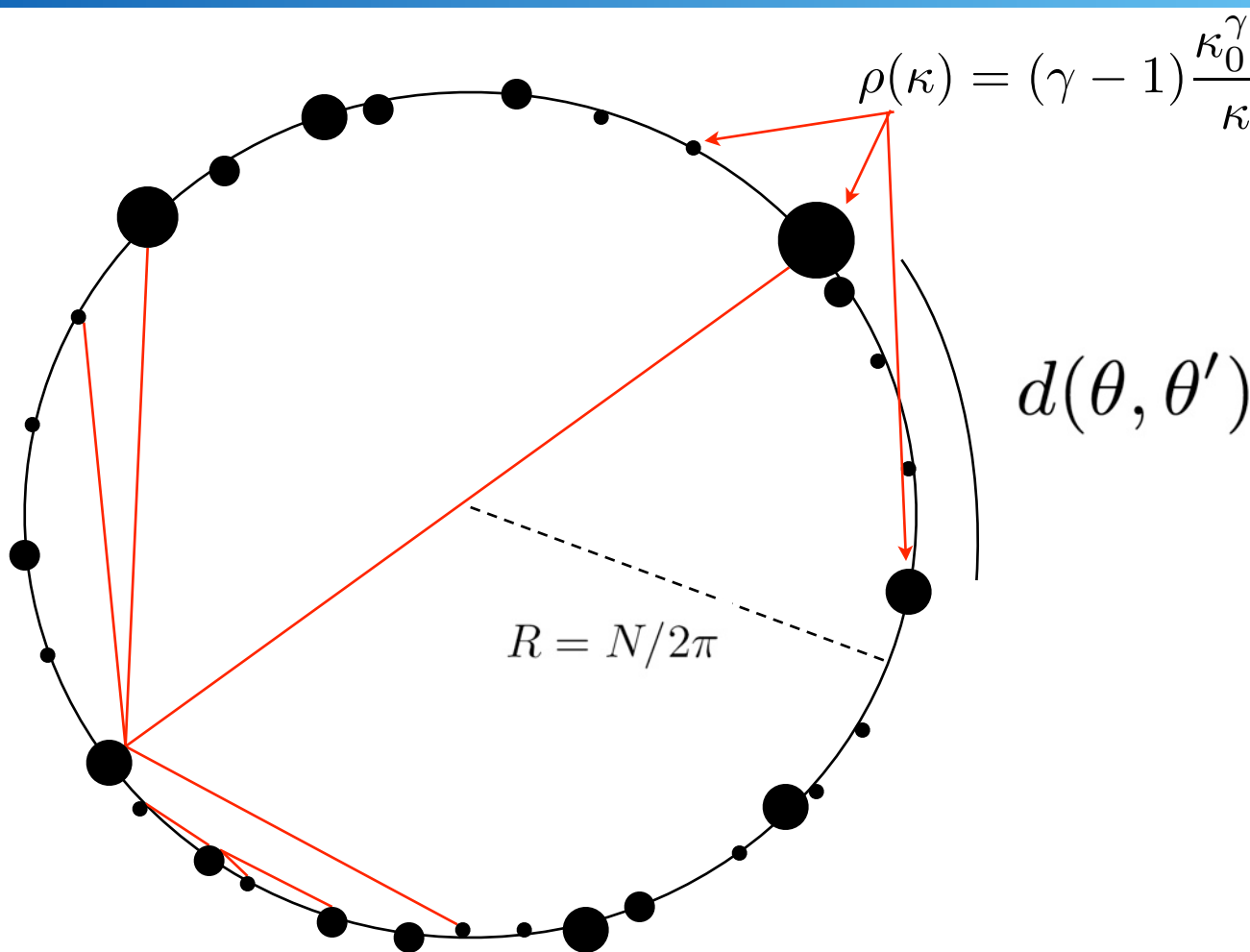
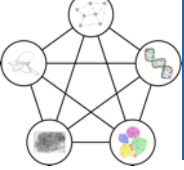
$$r(\kappa, \kappa') \approx \mu \kappa \kappa'$$

canonical version of the configuration model.  $\kappa$  is the expected degree of the node



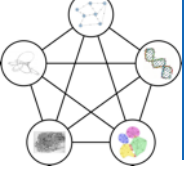


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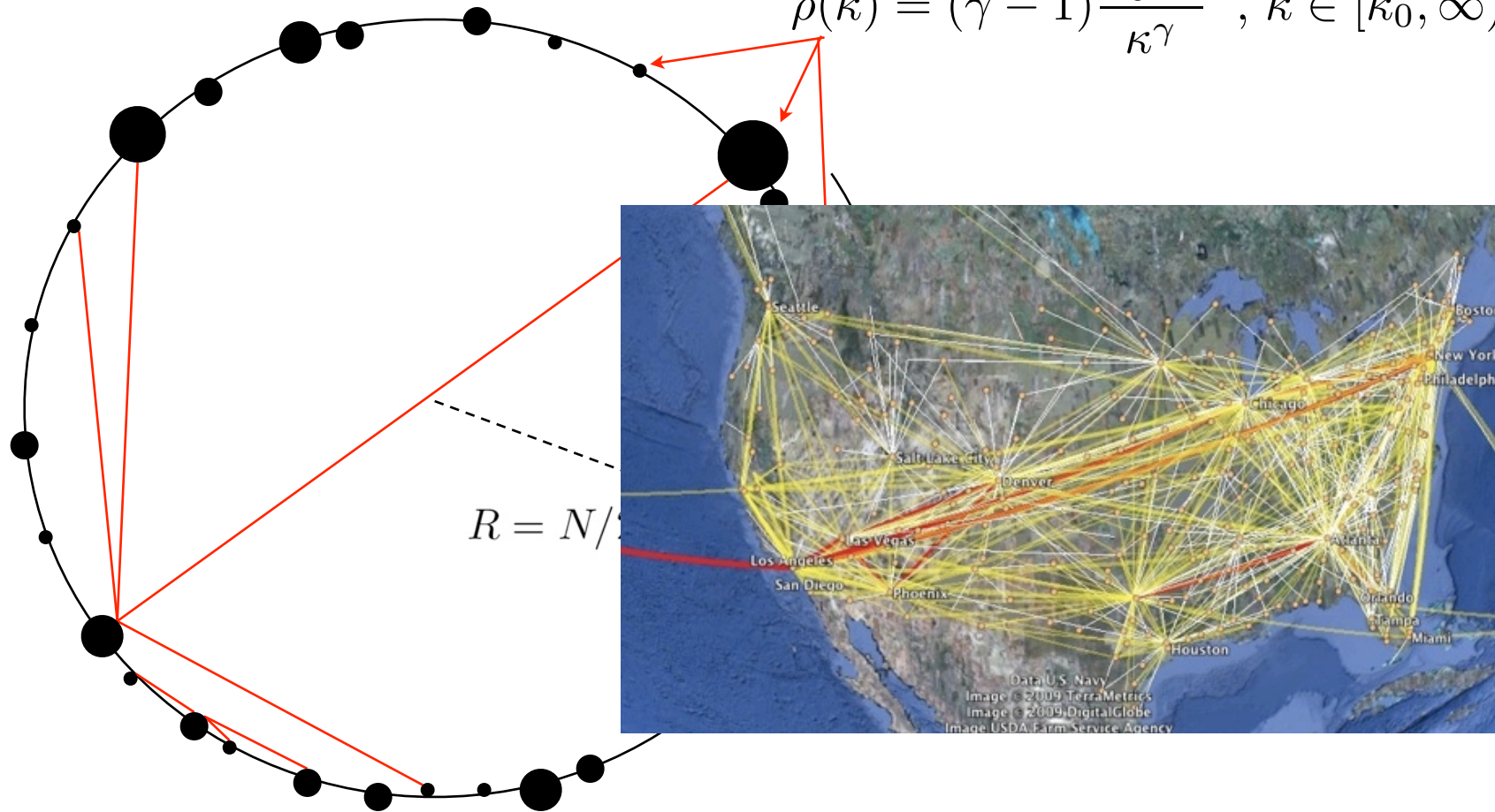


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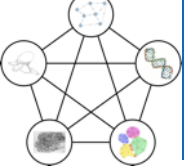


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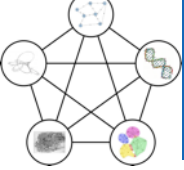
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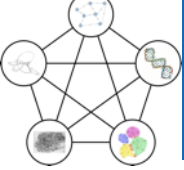
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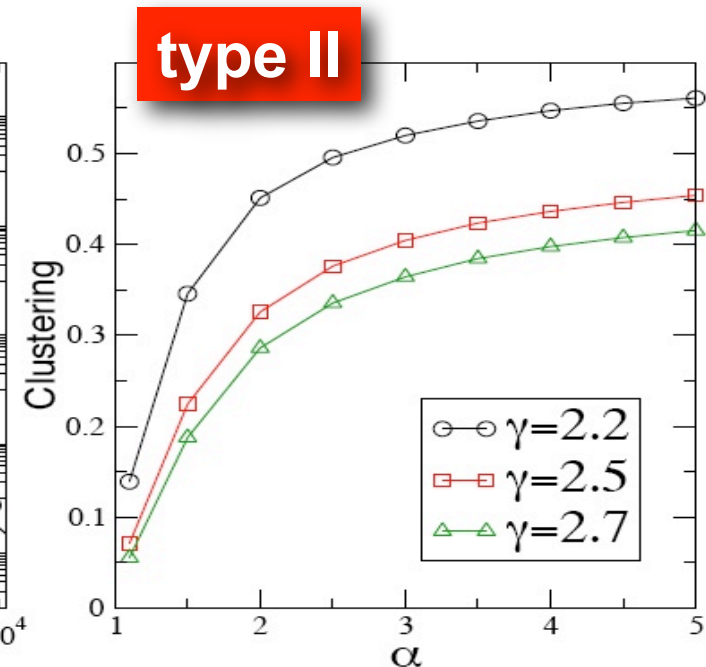
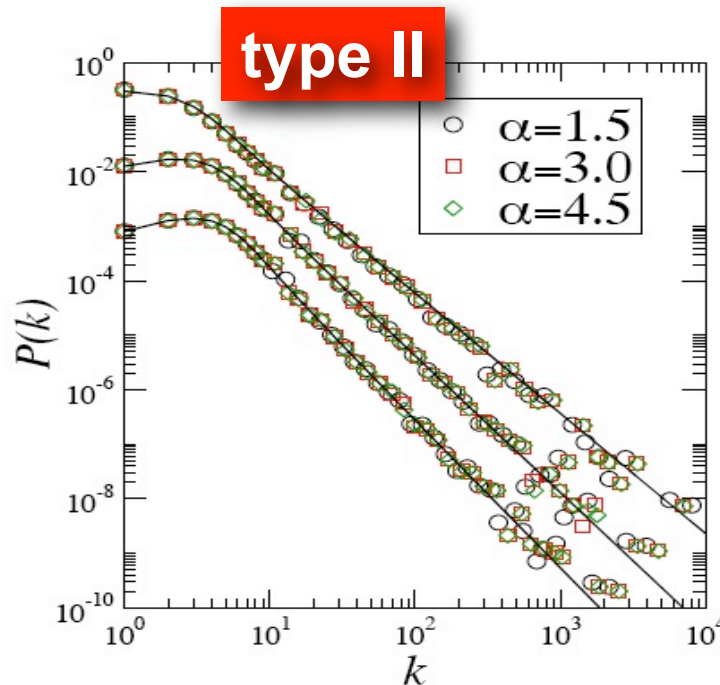
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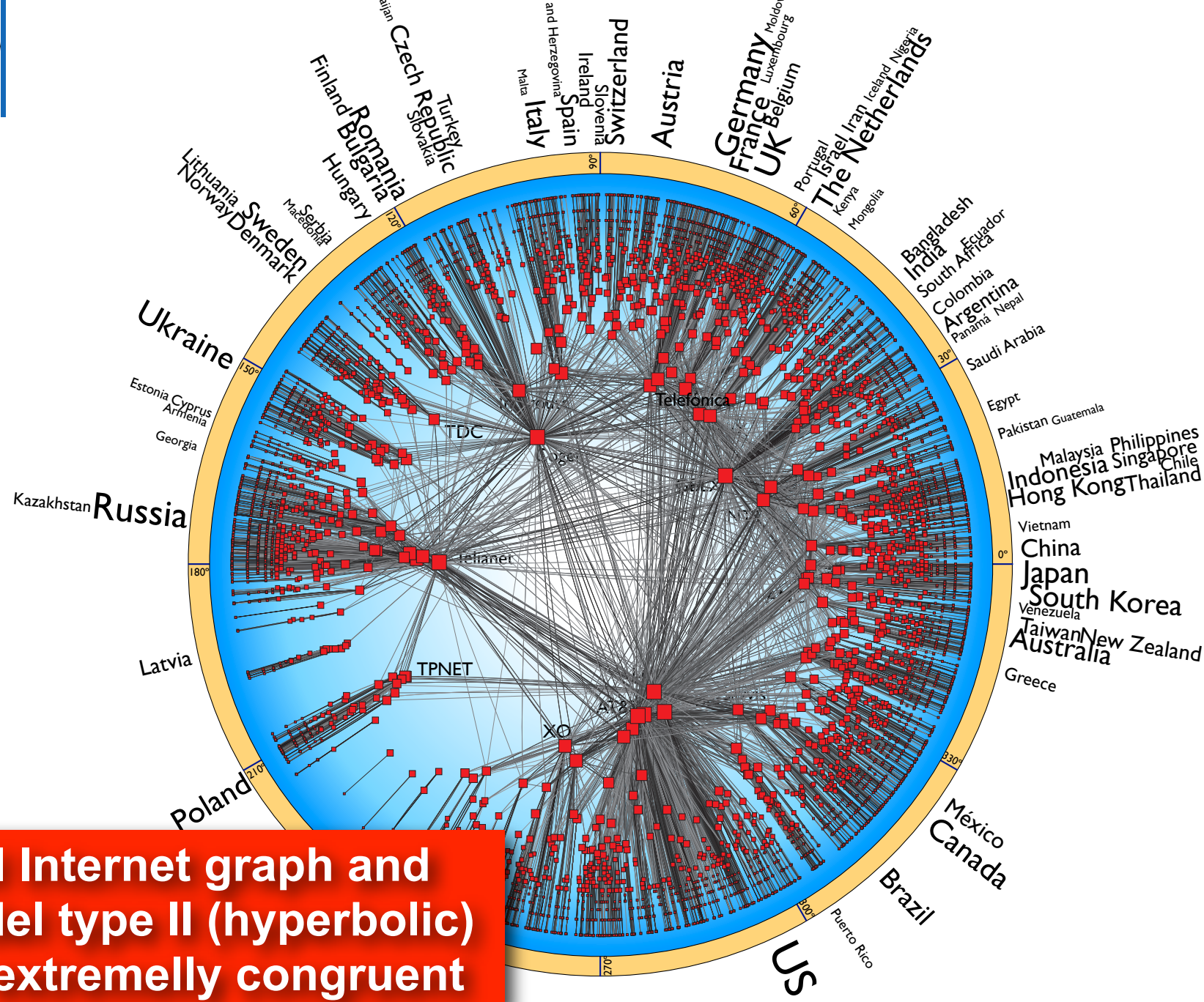
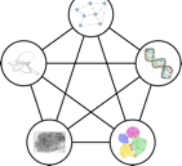
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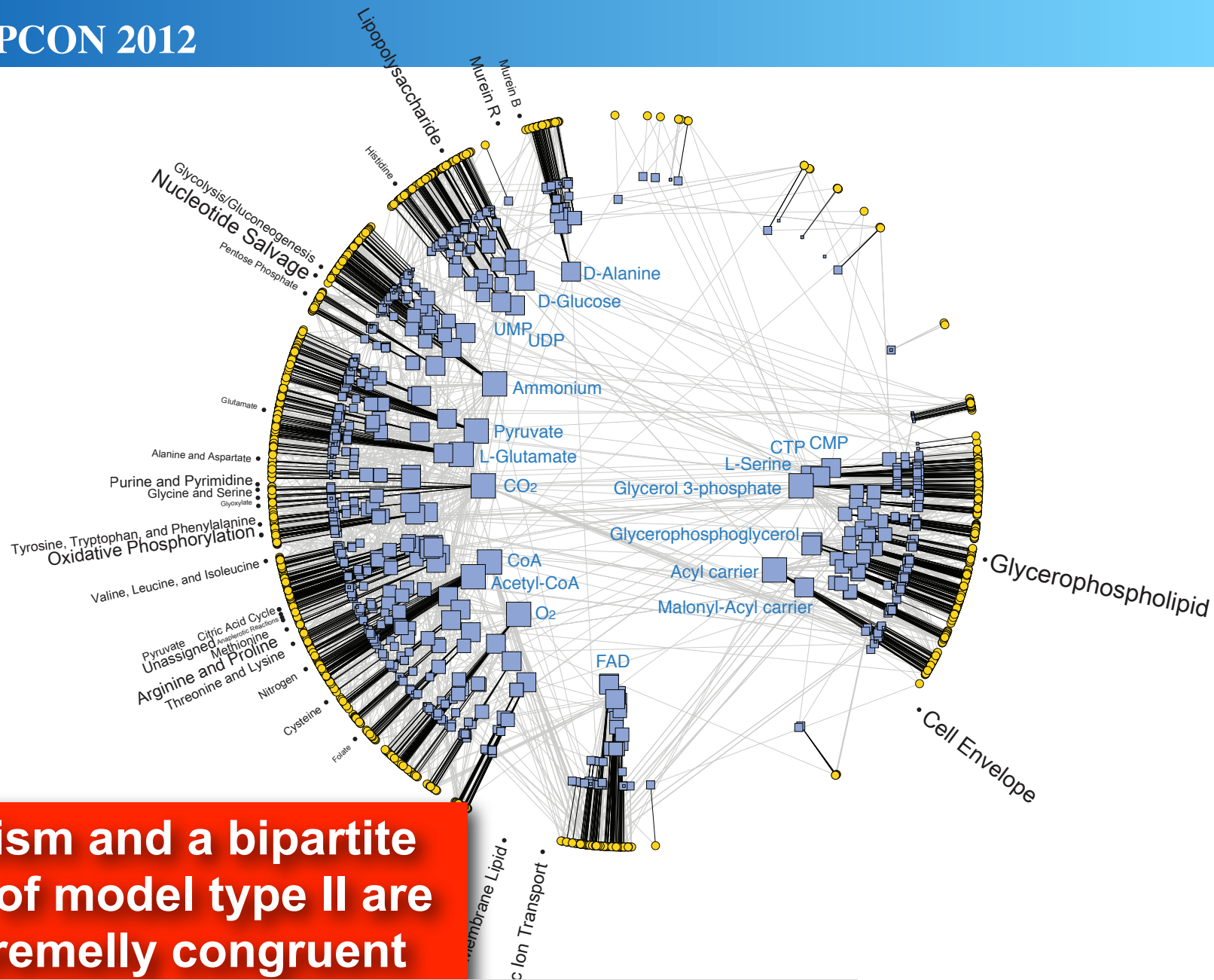
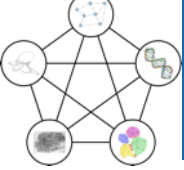
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**Real Internet graph and model type II (hyperbolic) are extremely congruent**

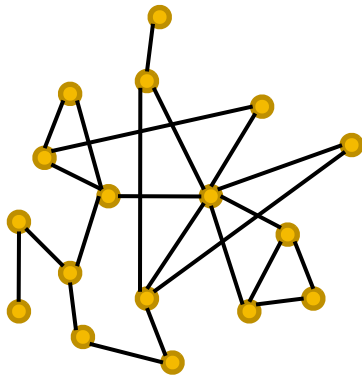


**Metabolism and a bipartite version of model type II are also extremely congruent**



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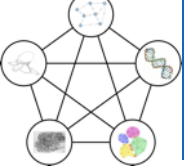
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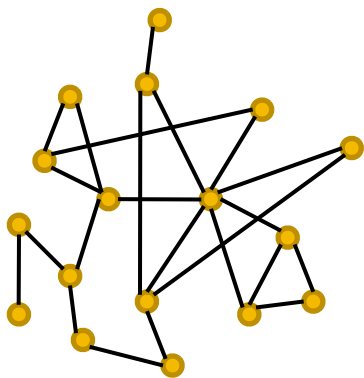
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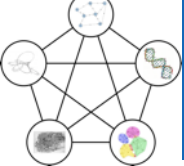
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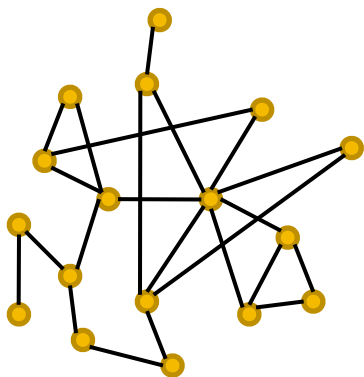
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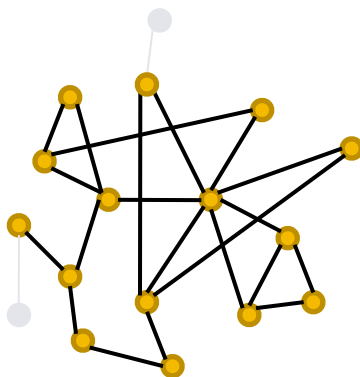
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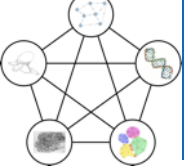
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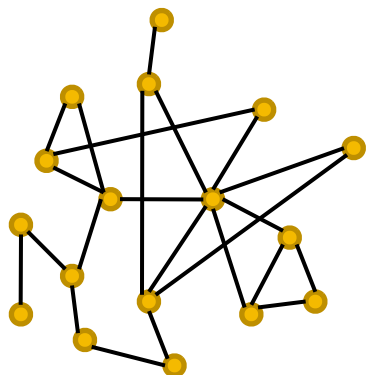
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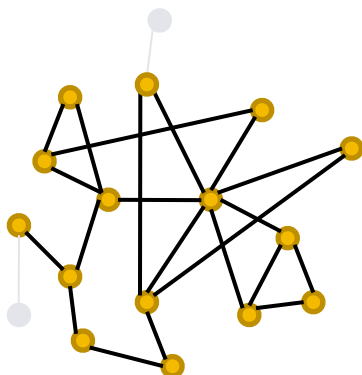


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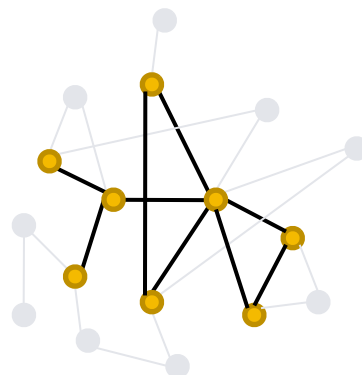
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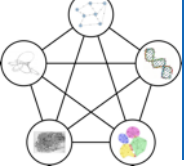
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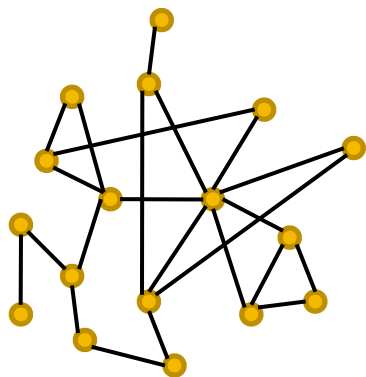
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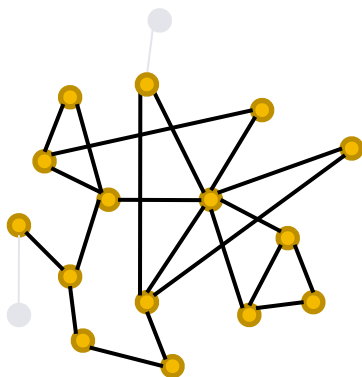


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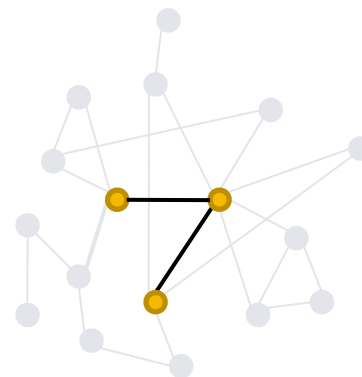
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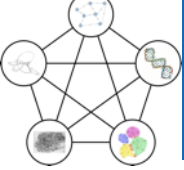
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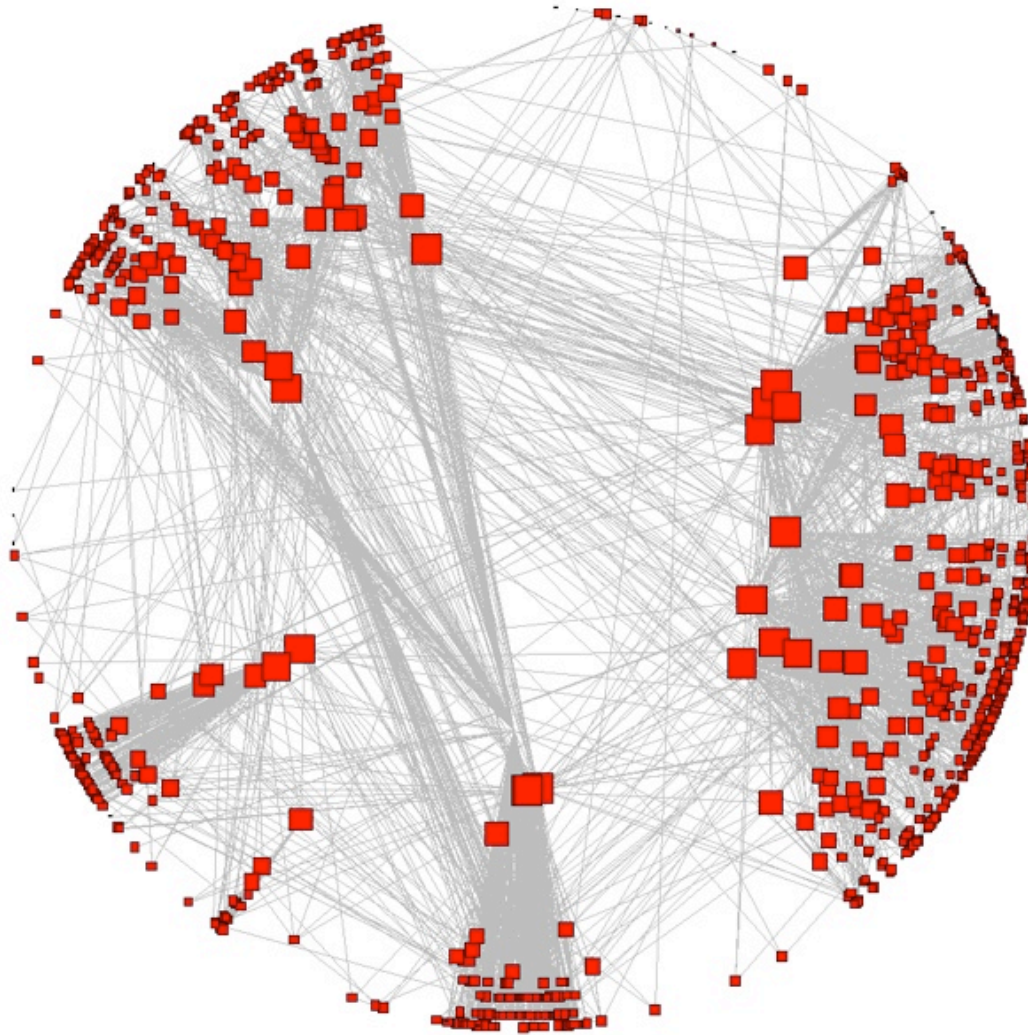
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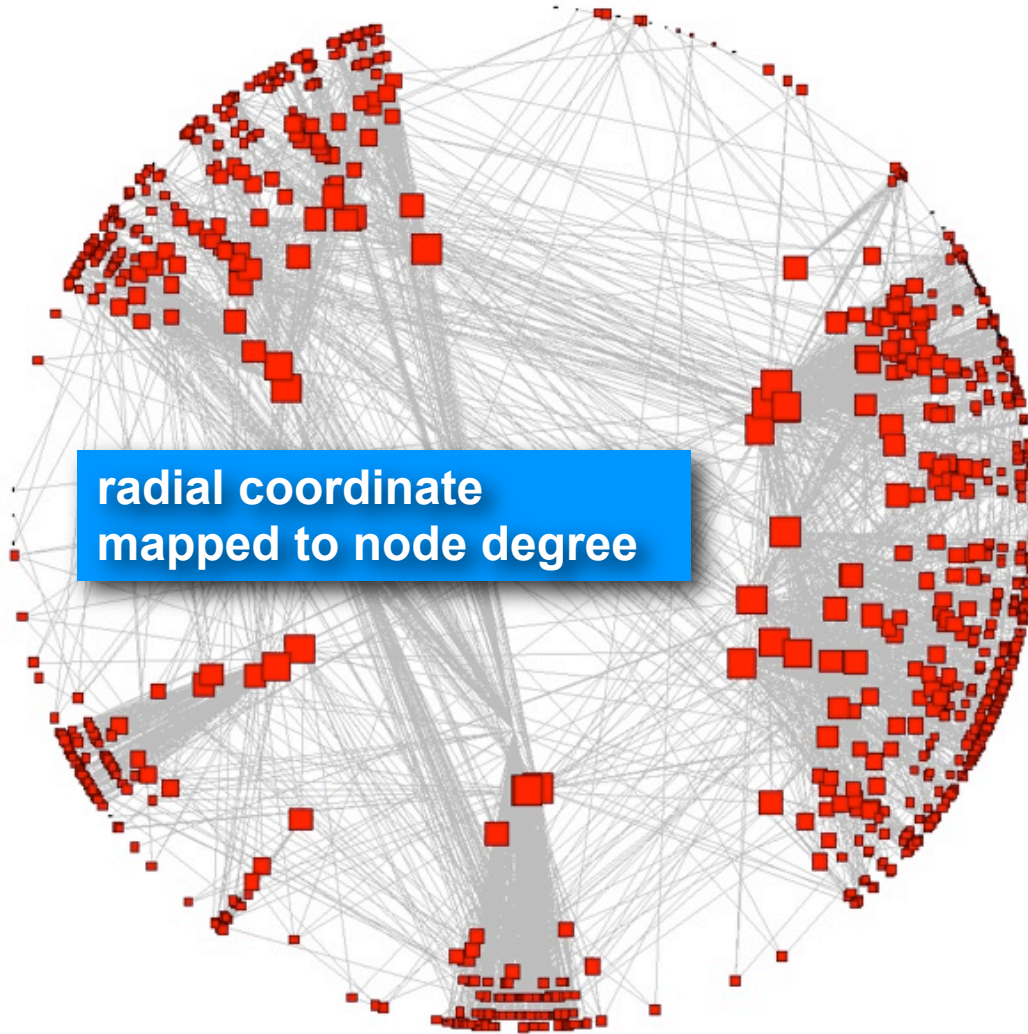
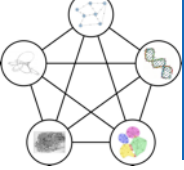


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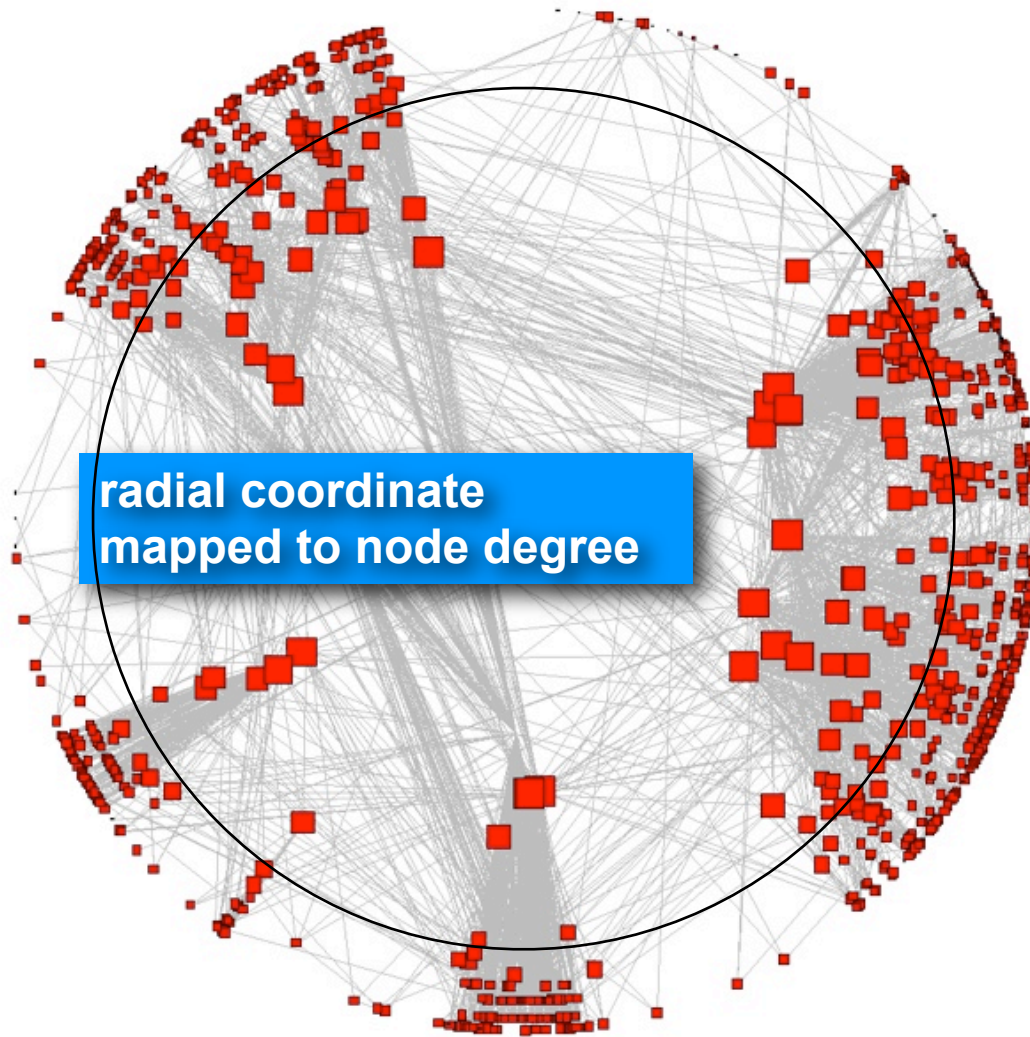
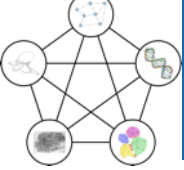
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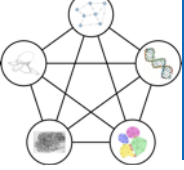






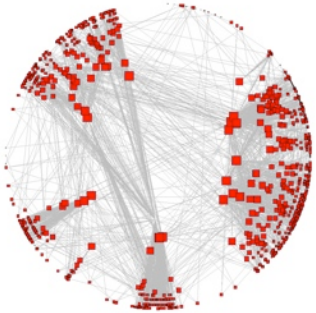
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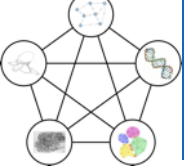




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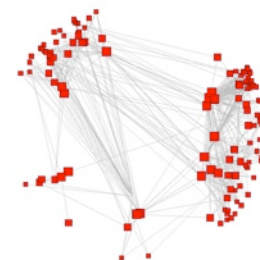
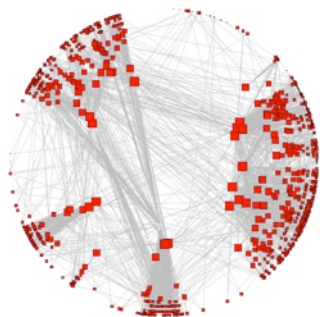
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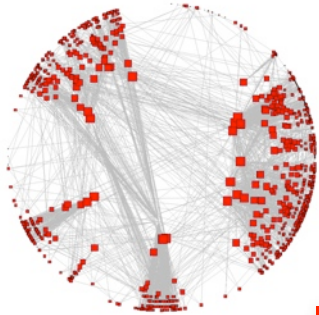
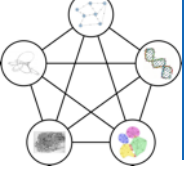




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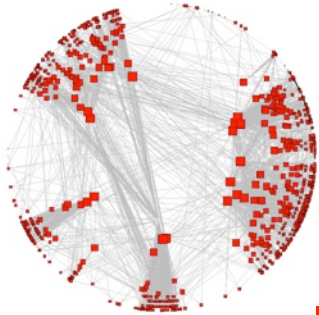
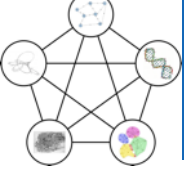
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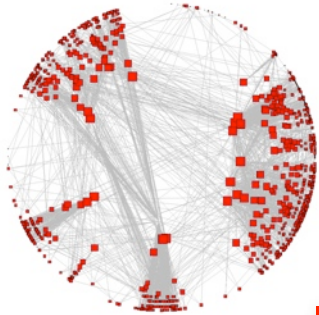
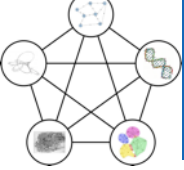
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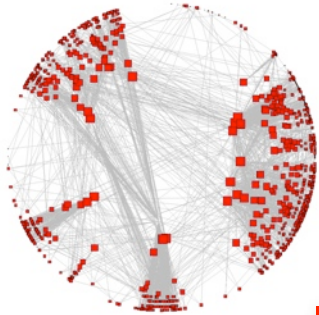
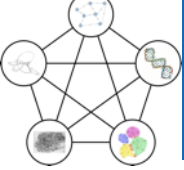
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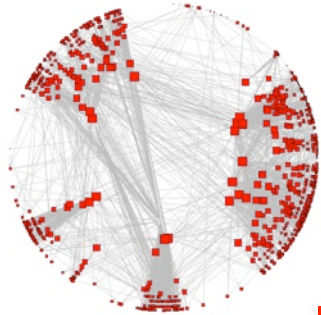
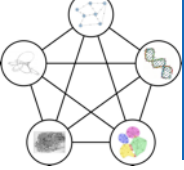
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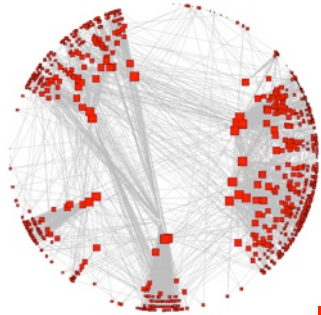
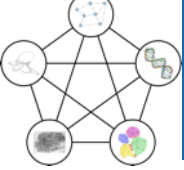
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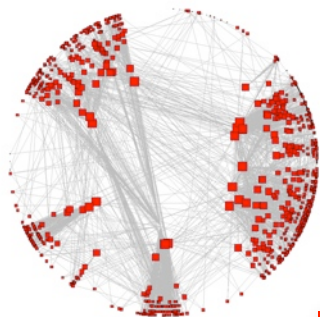
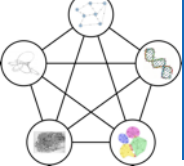
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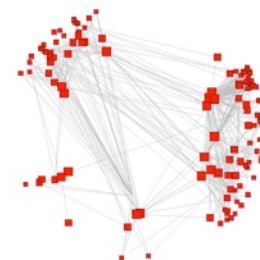
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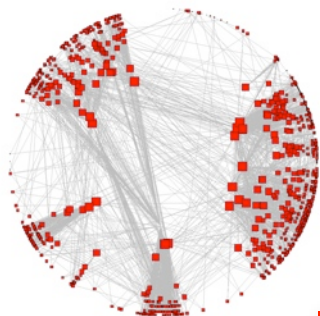
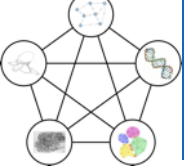
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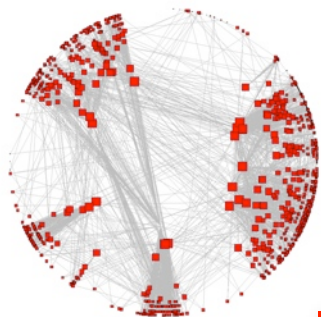
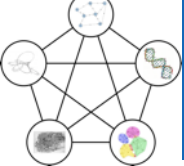
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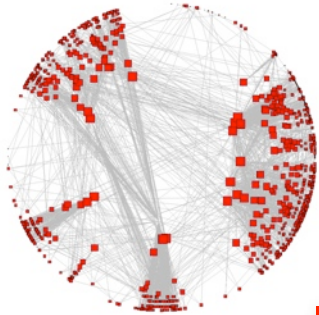
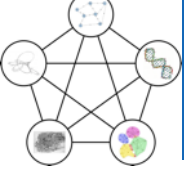
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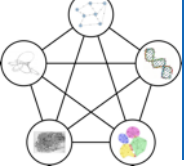
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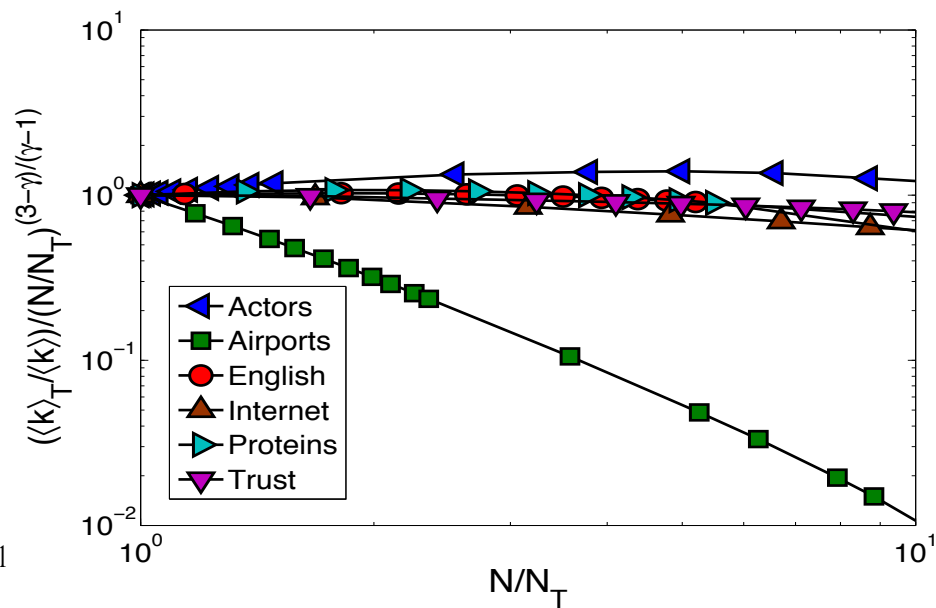
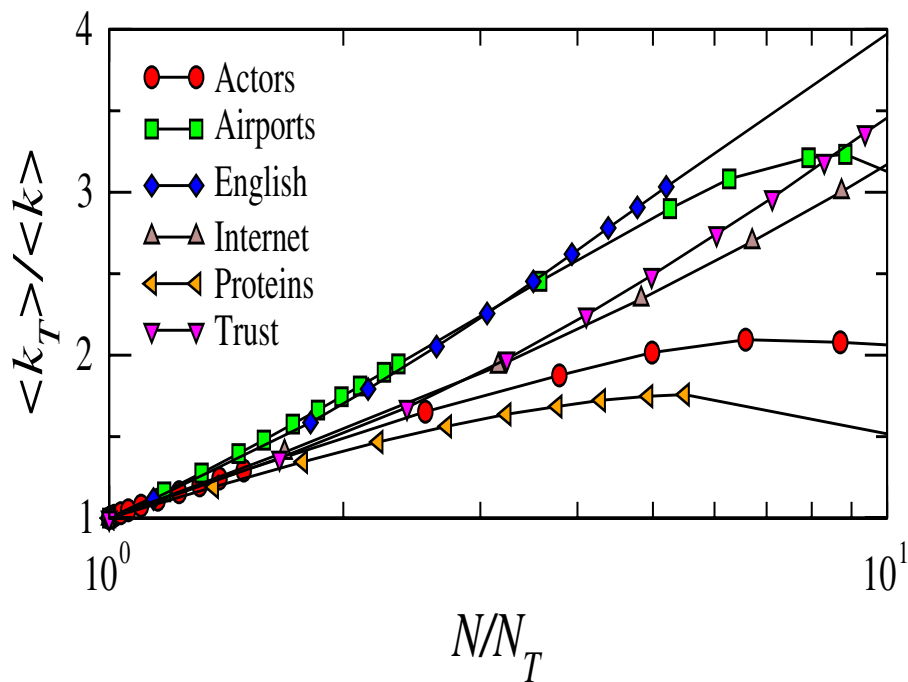
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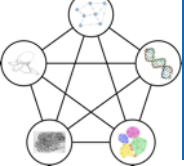
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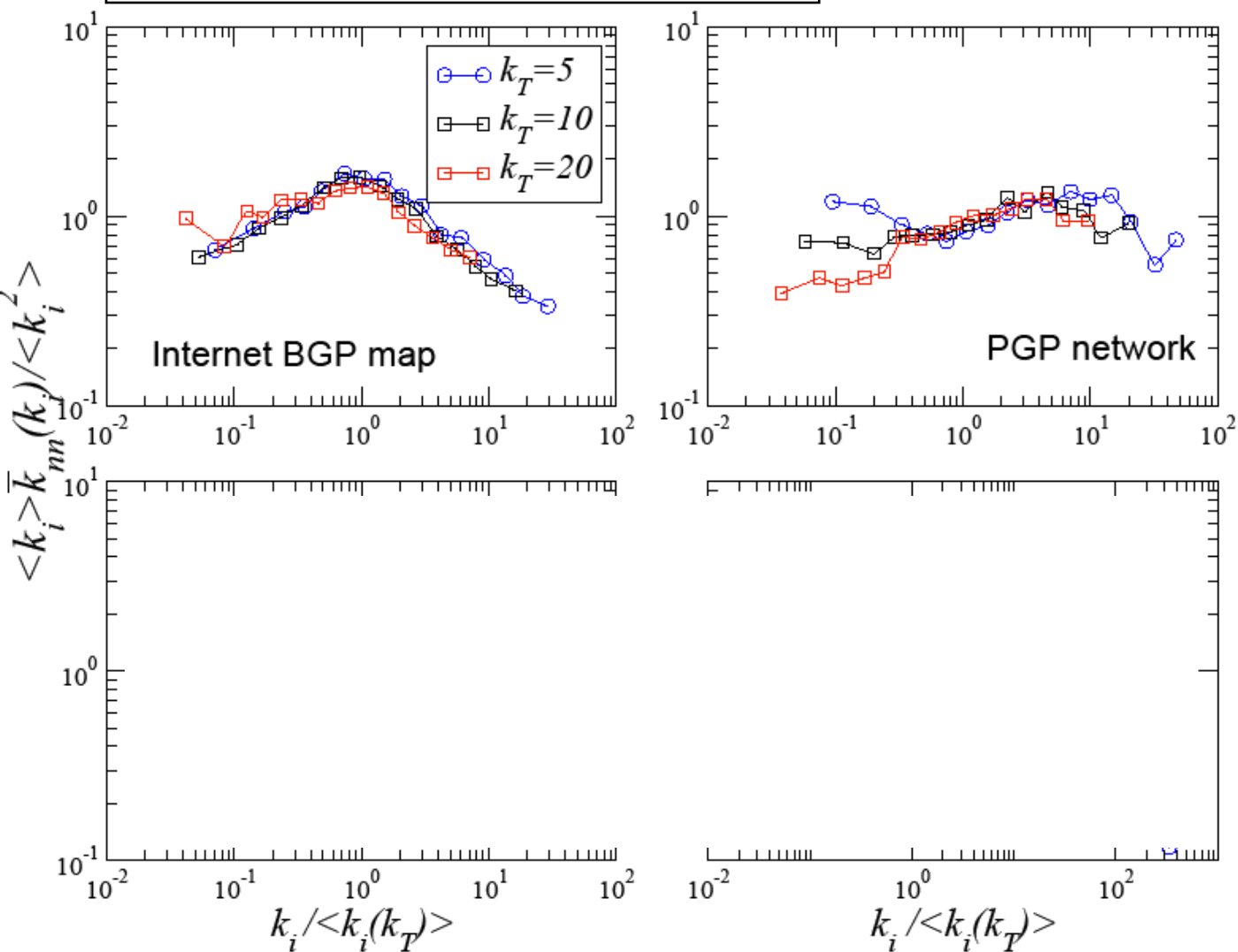
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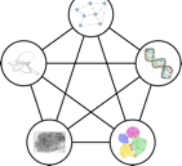




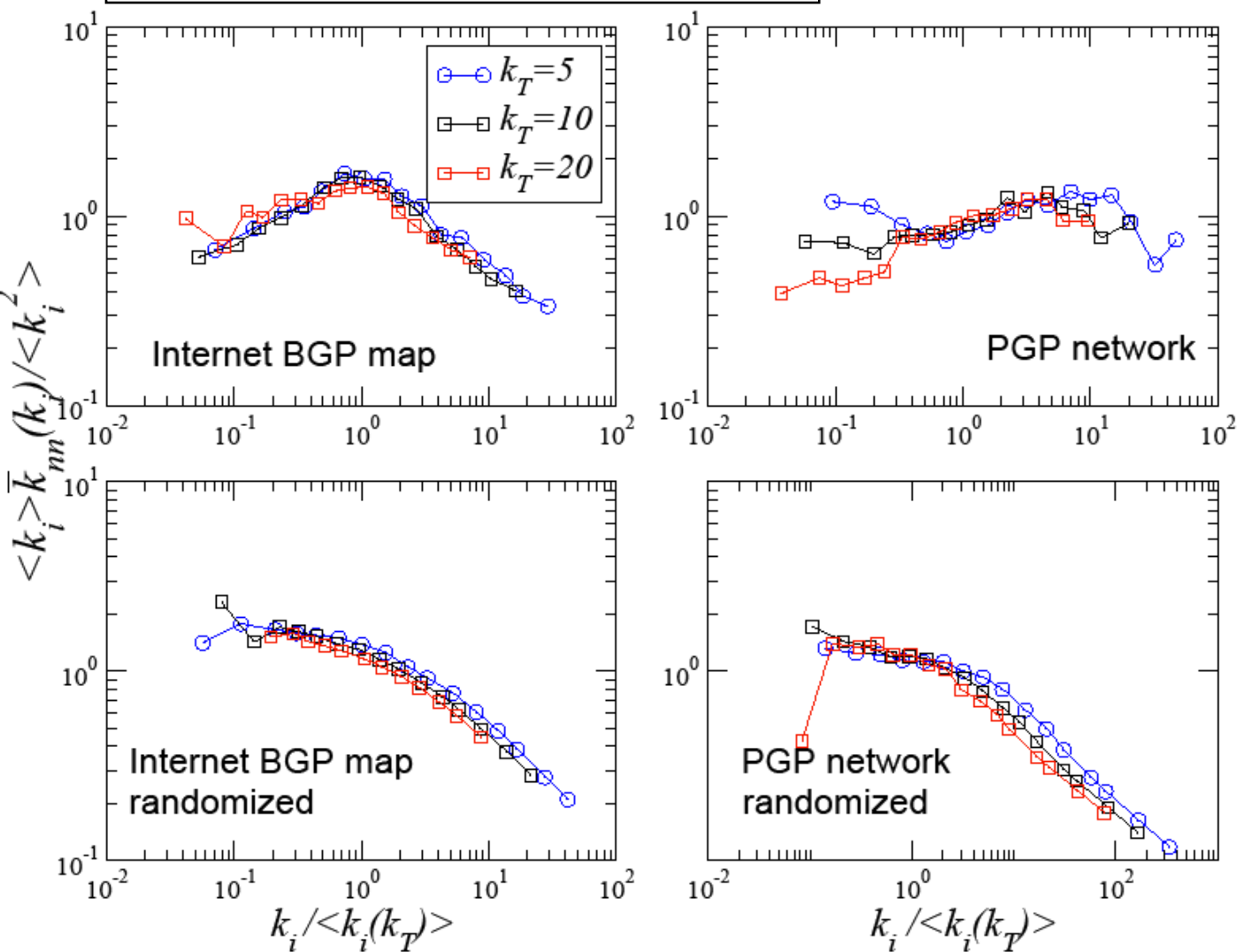
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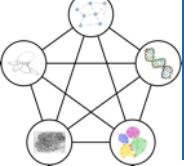






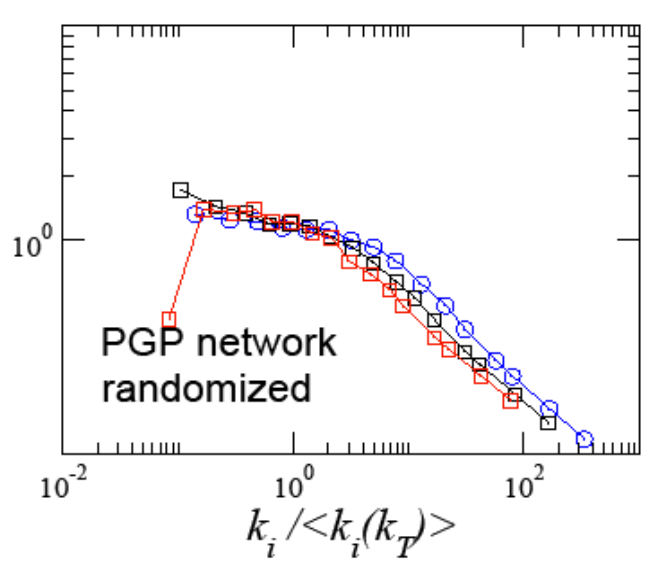
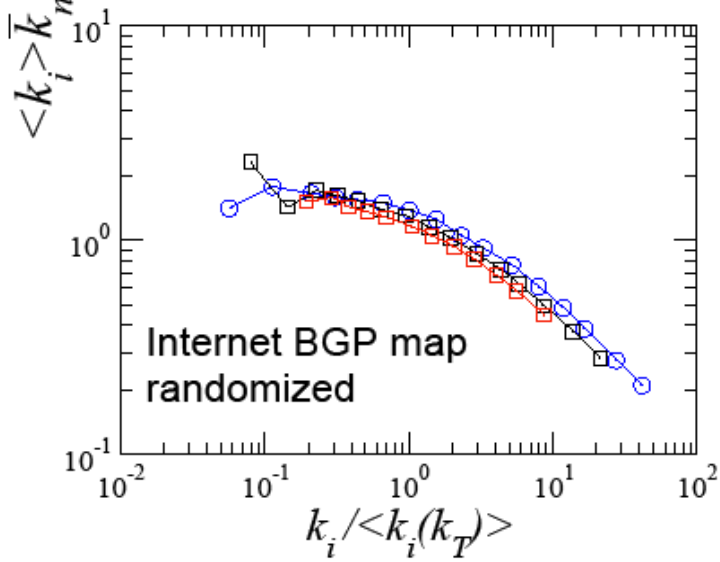
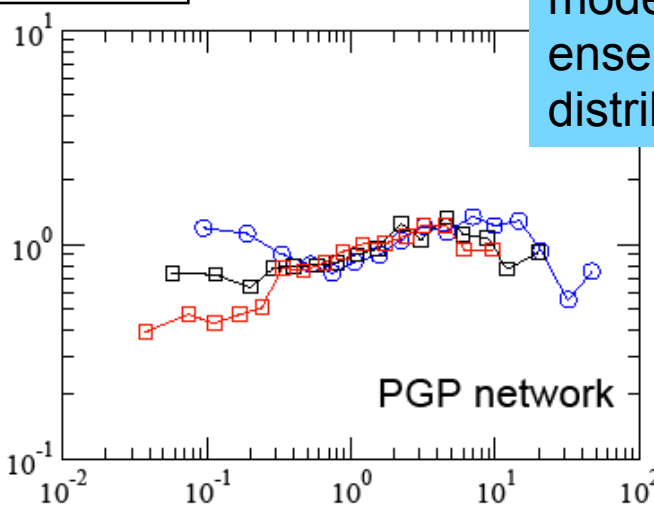
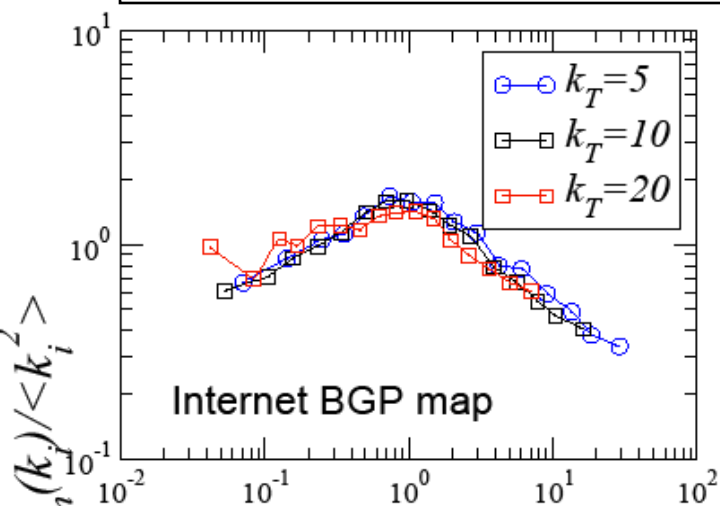
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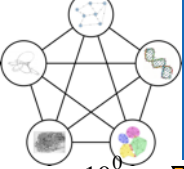




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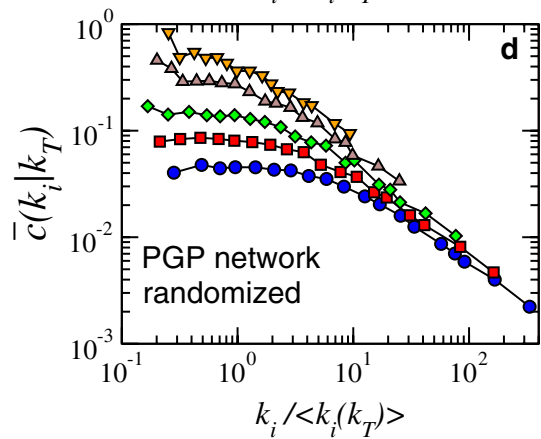
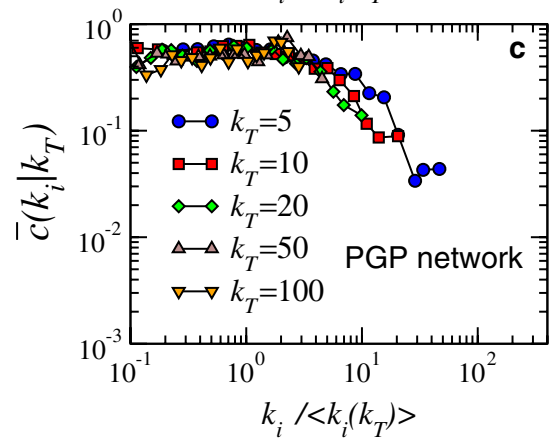
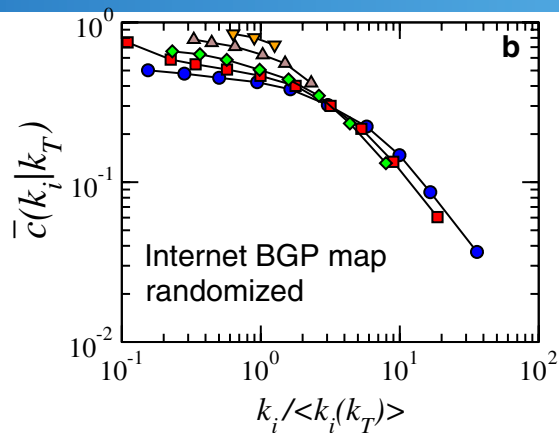
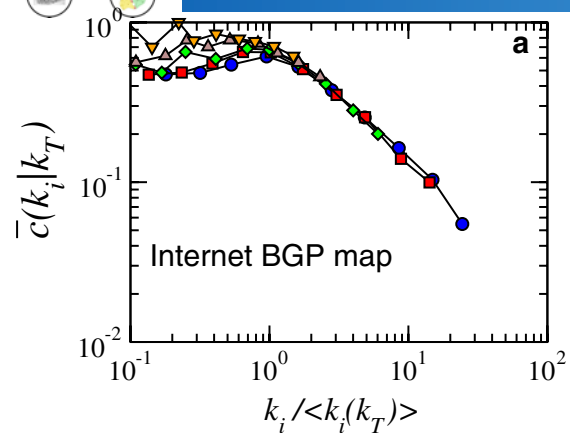
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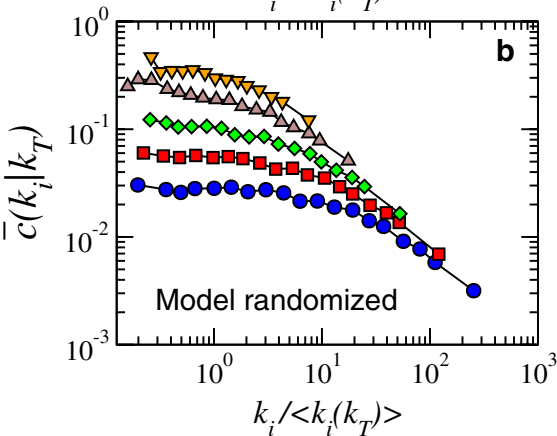
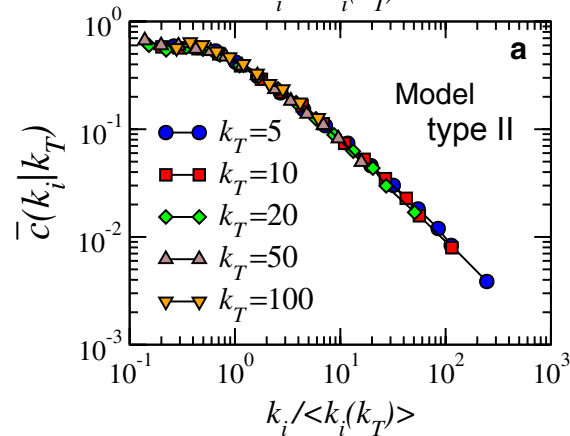
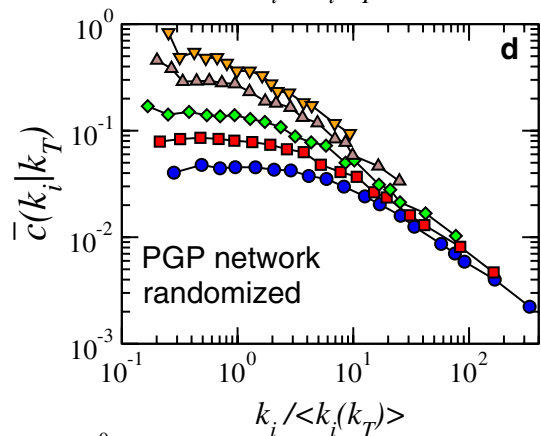
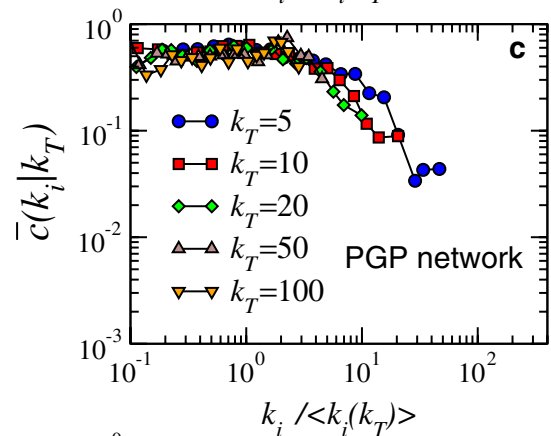
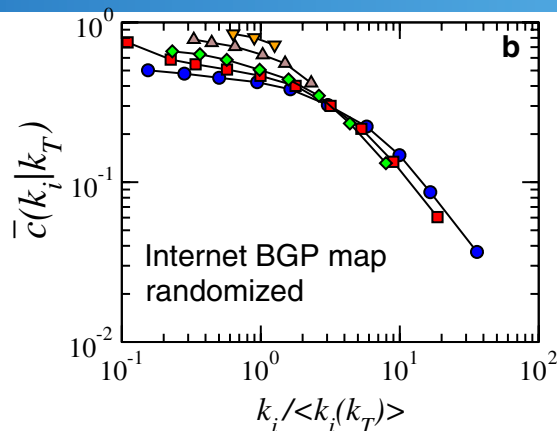
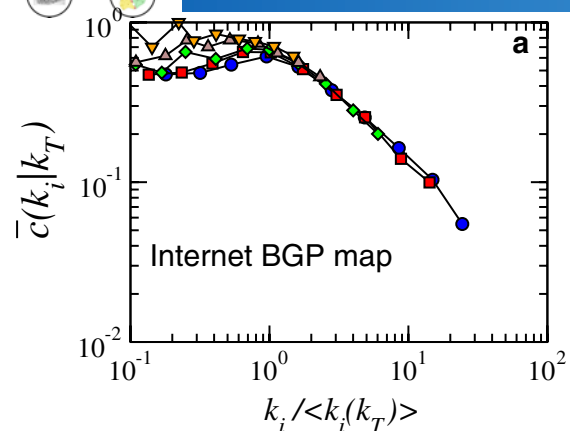
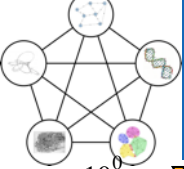


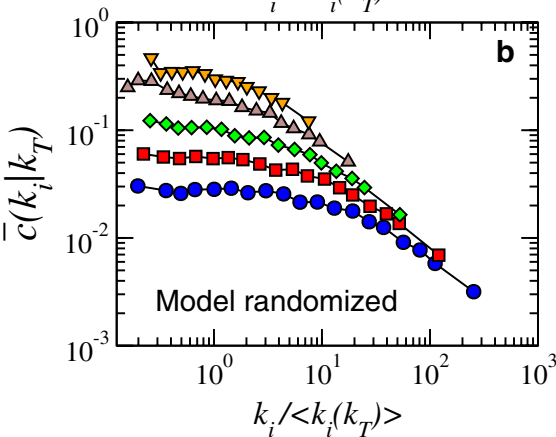
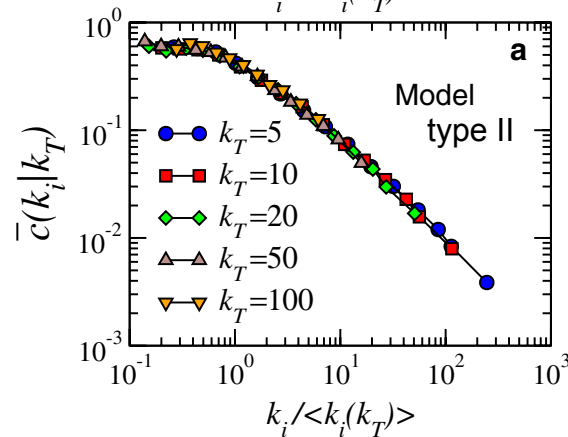
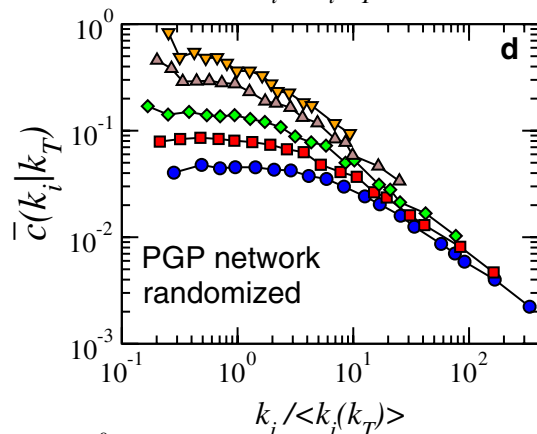
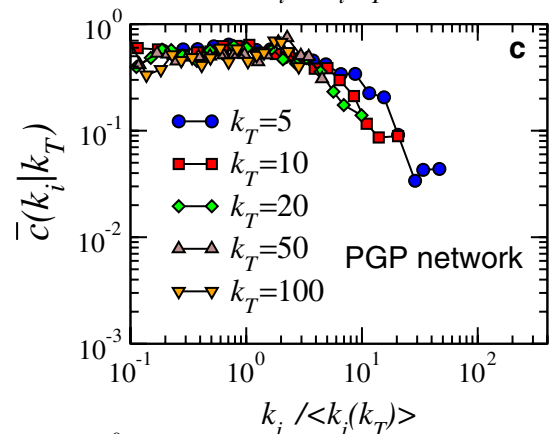
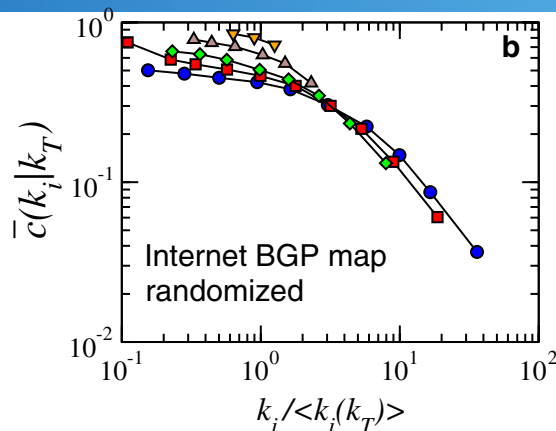
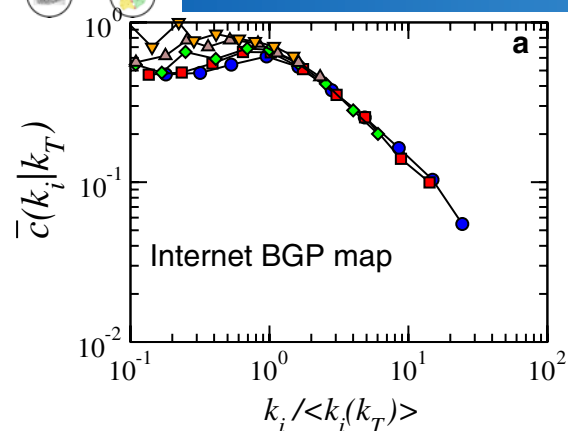
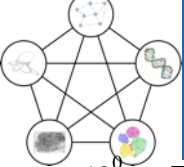


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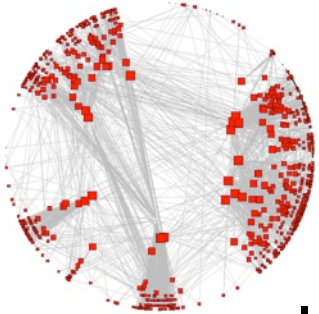
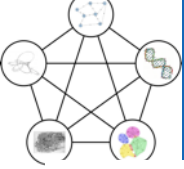
# measuring clustering







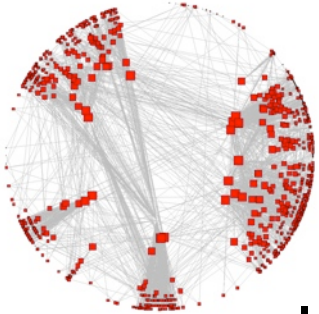
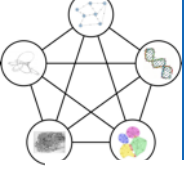
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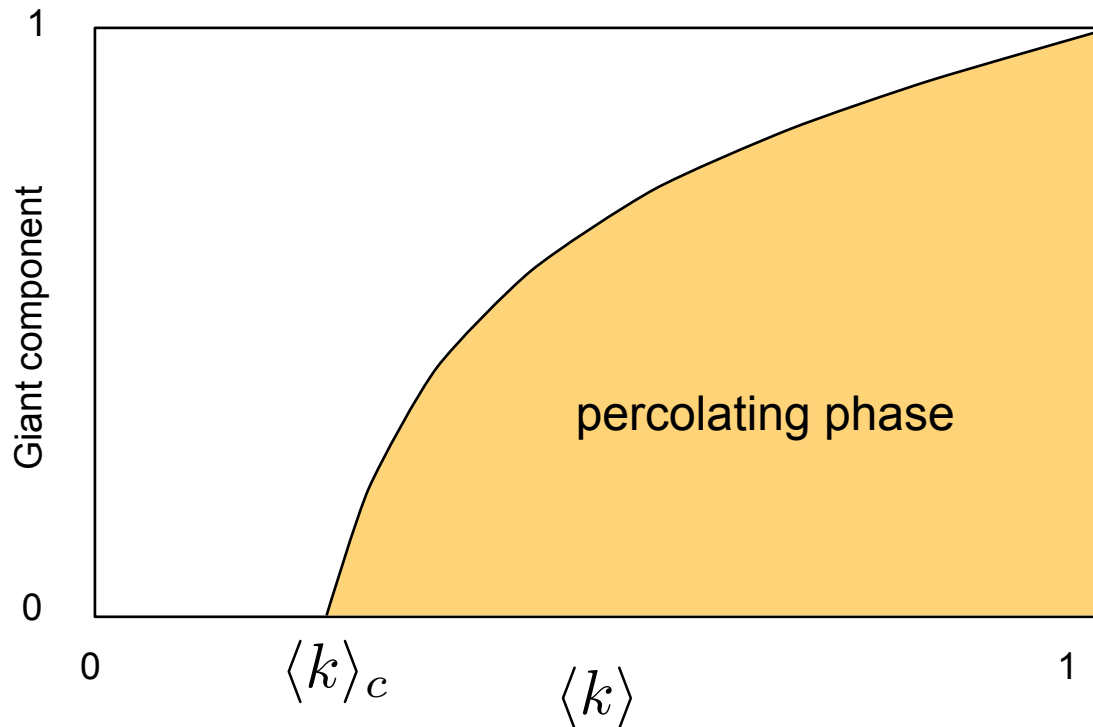
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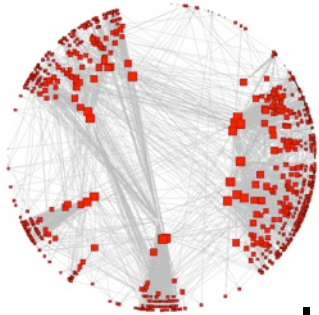
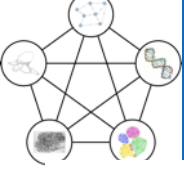


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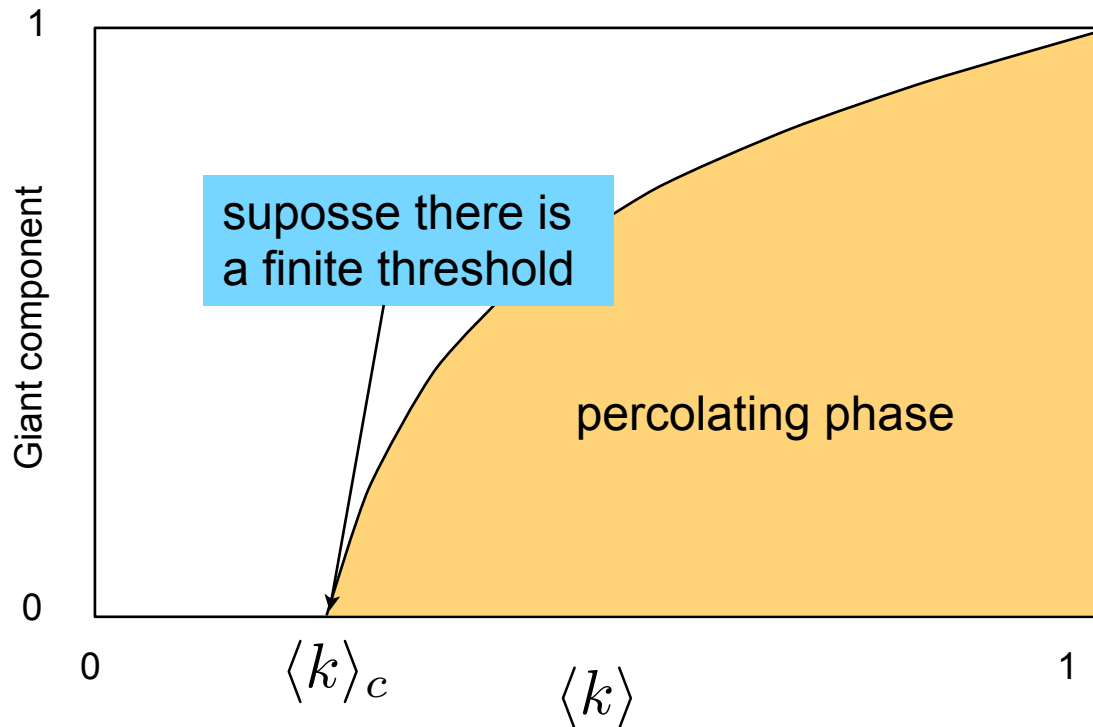




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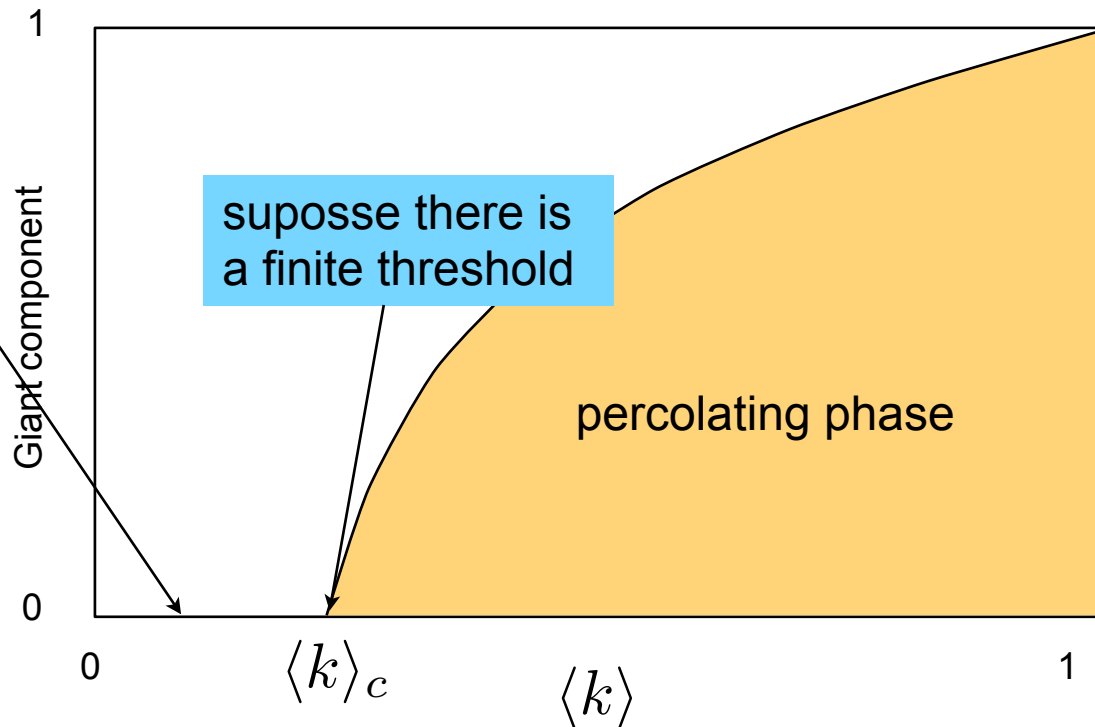


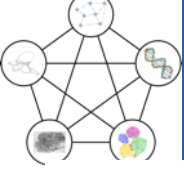
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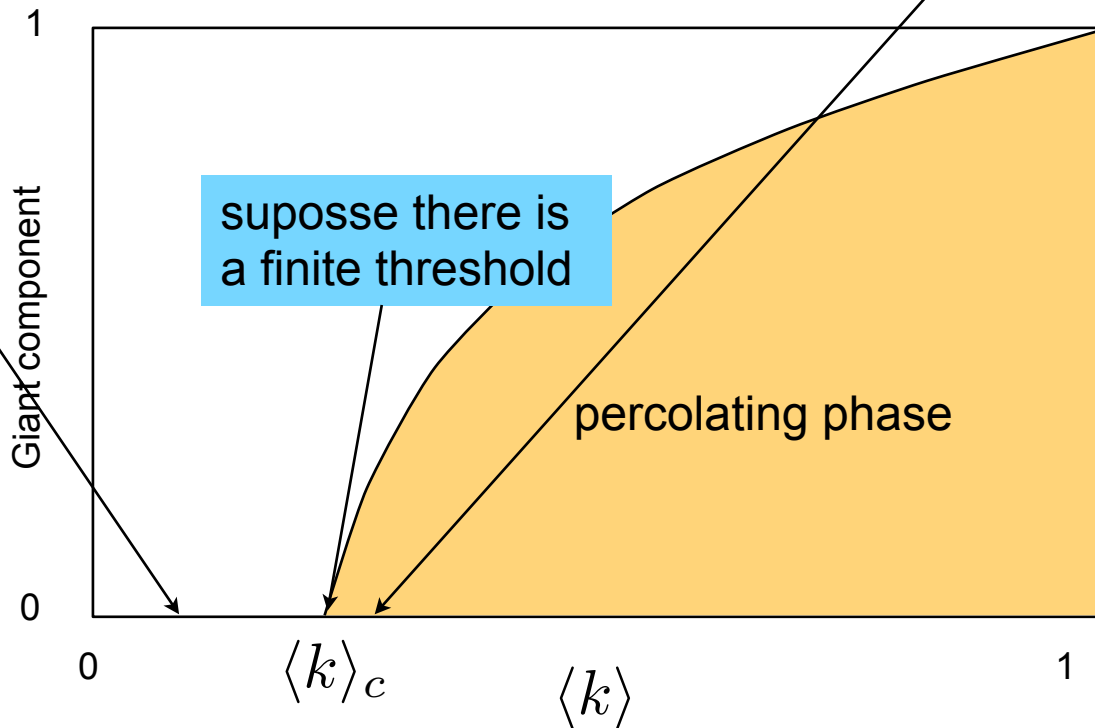


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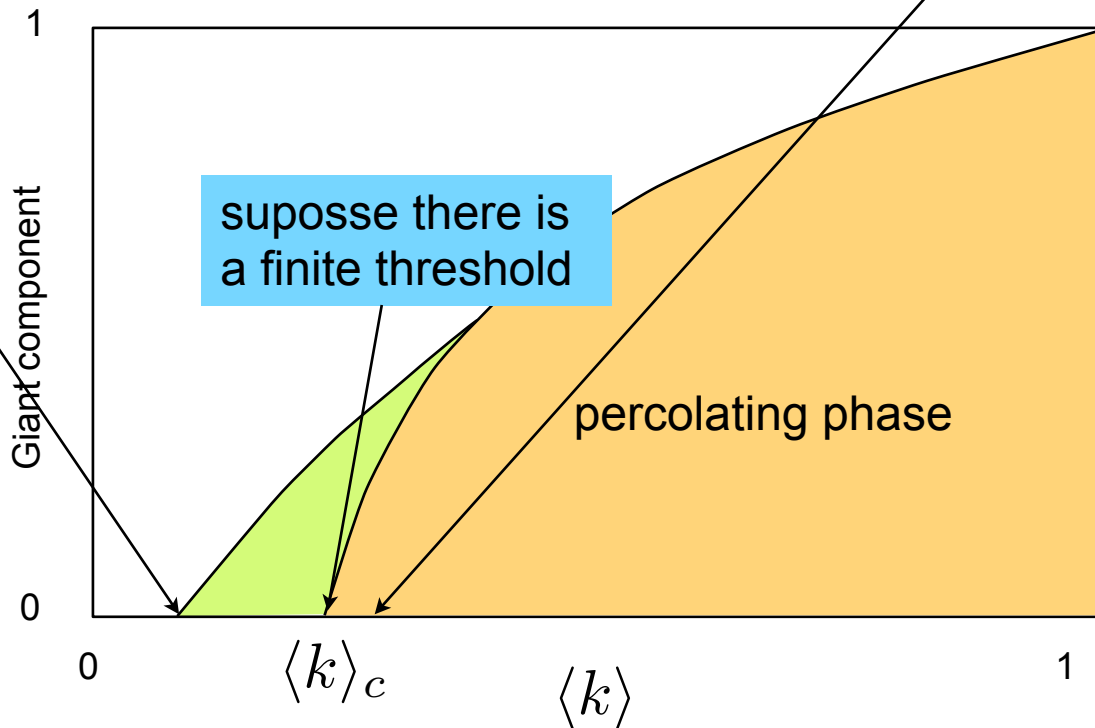


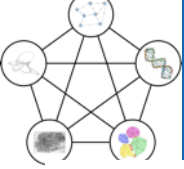
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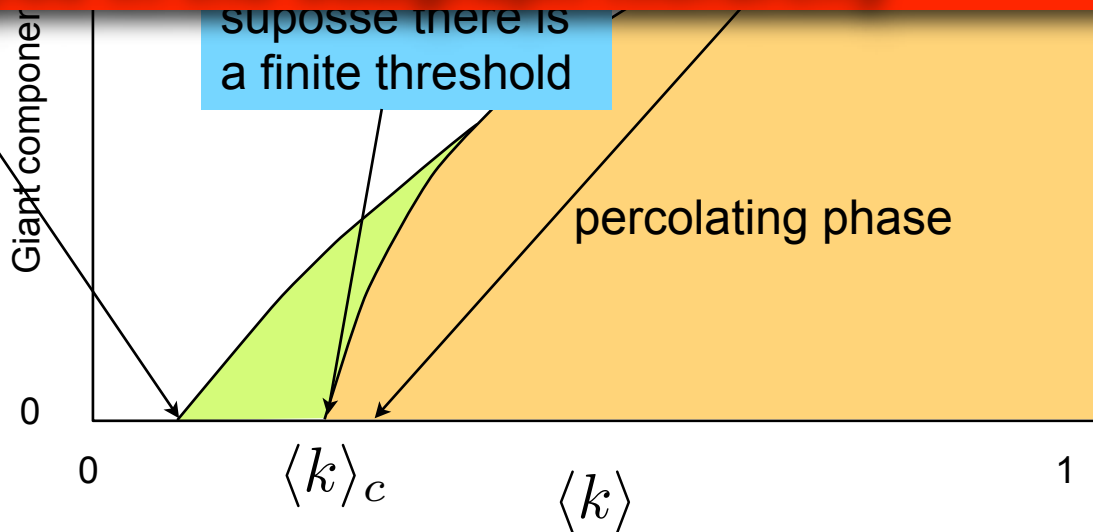
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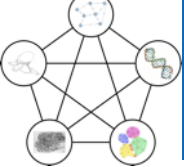
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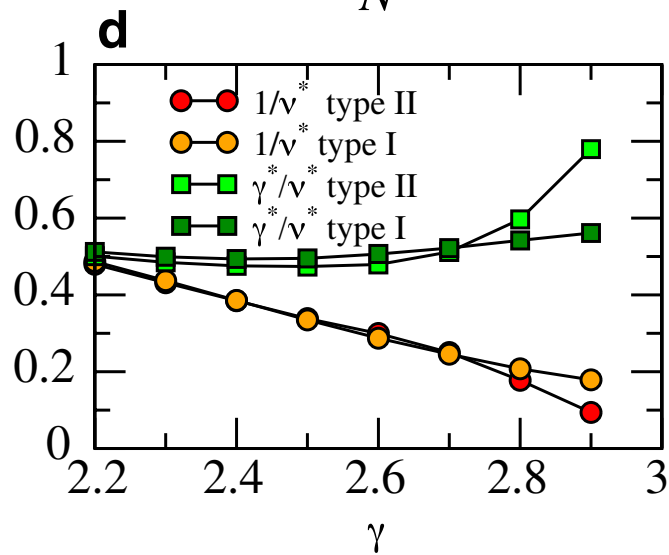
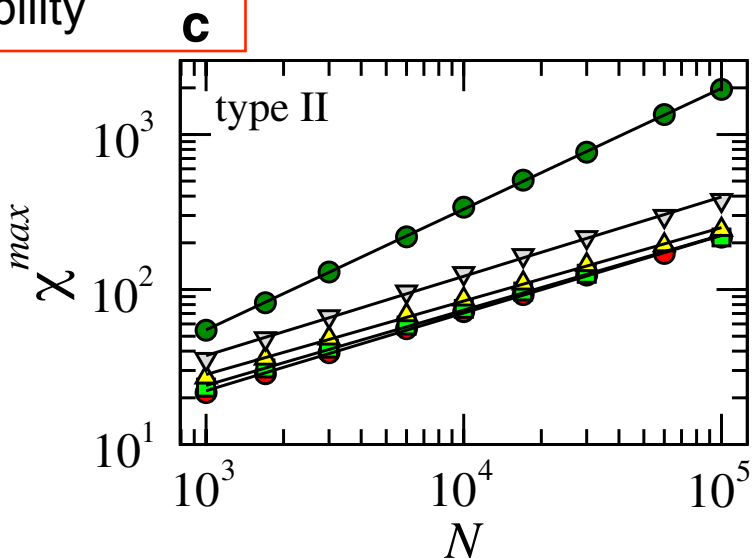
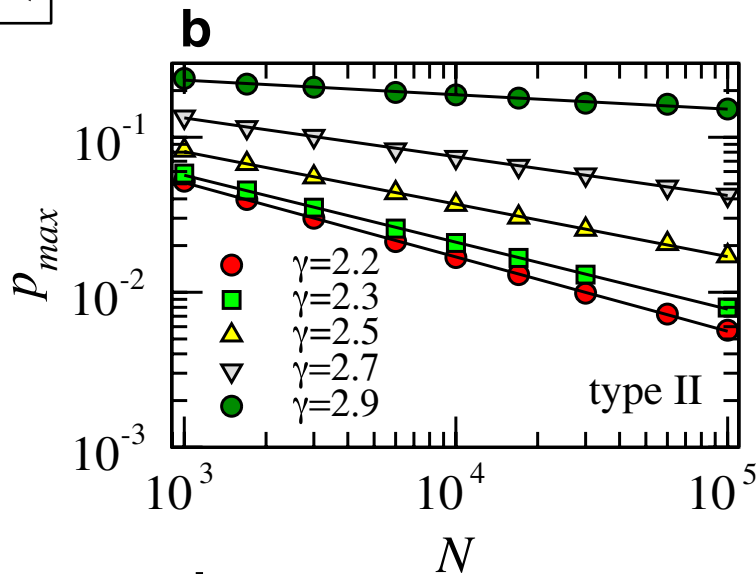
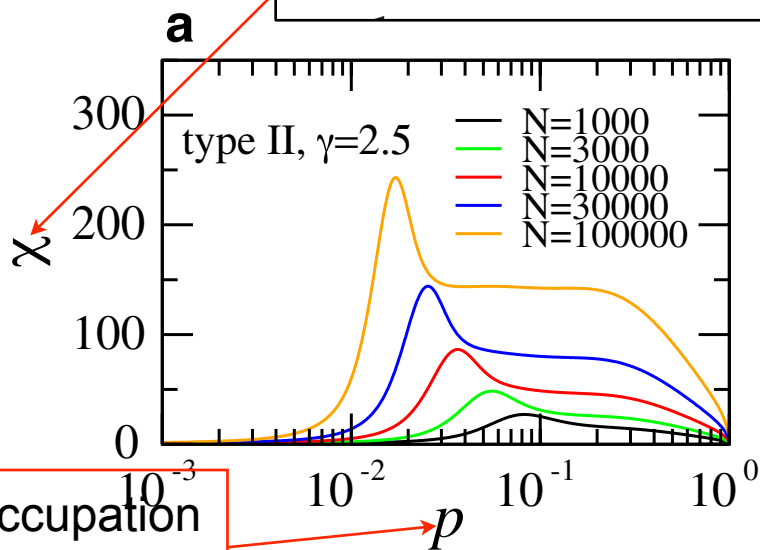
**The percolation threshold is zero in self-similar networks with increasing average degree in the subgraph hierarchy**

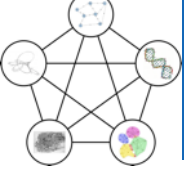




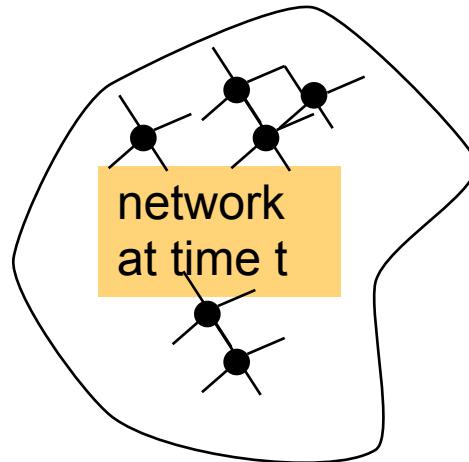
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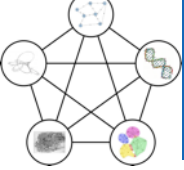
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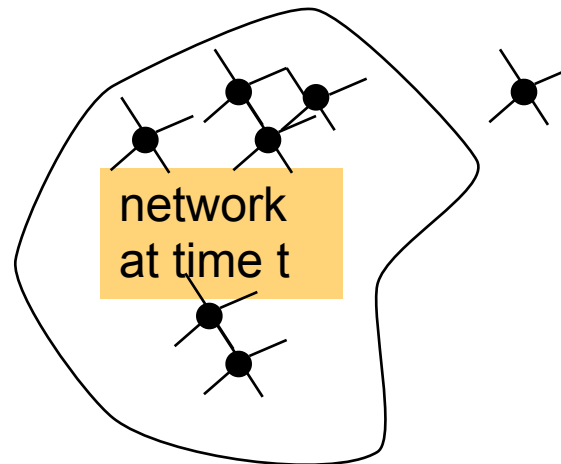


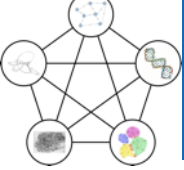
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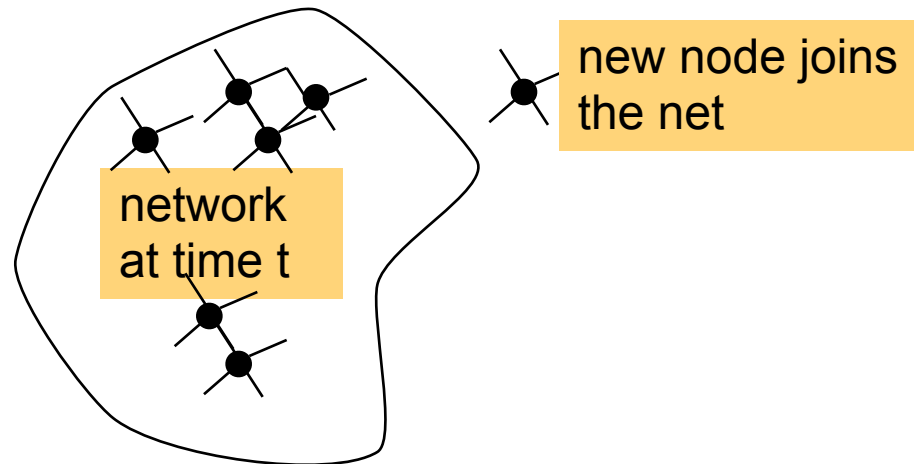


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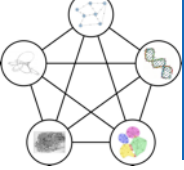




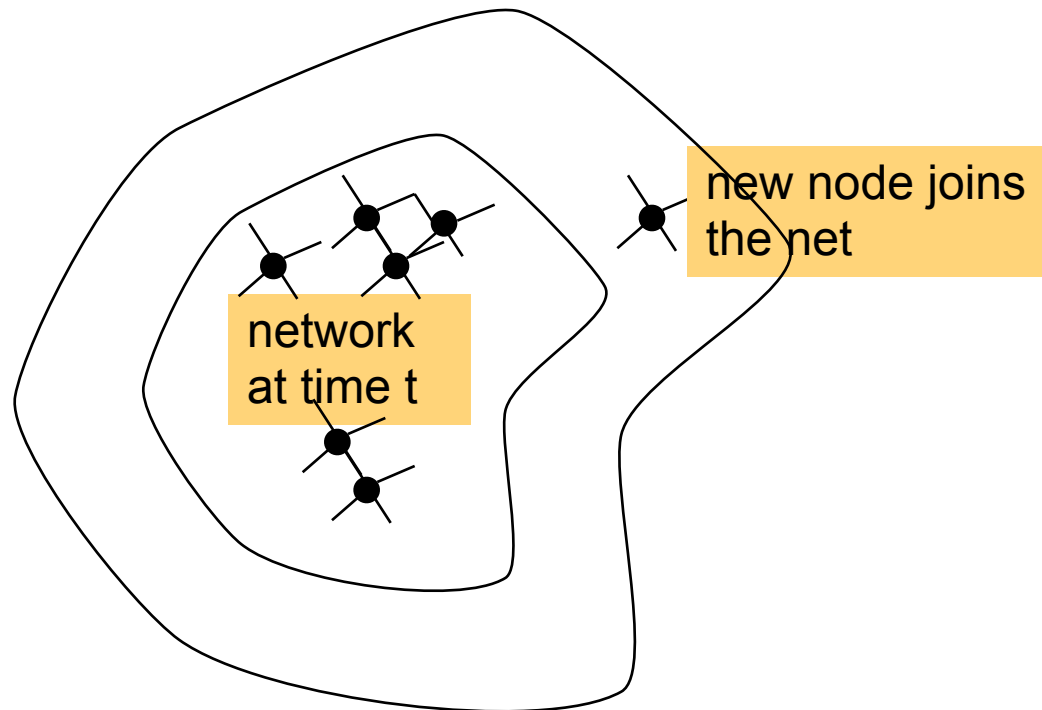
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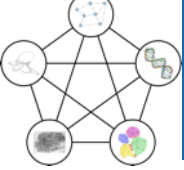




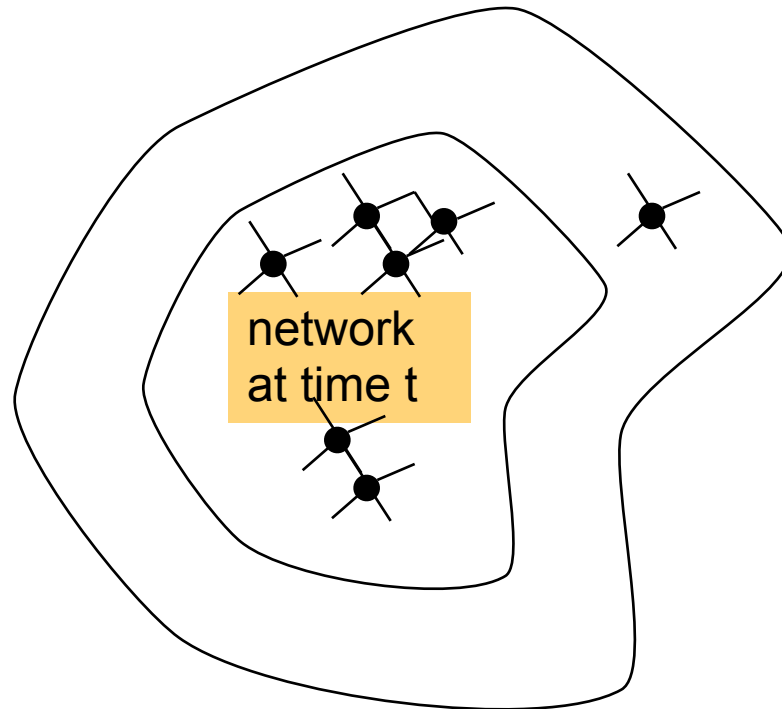


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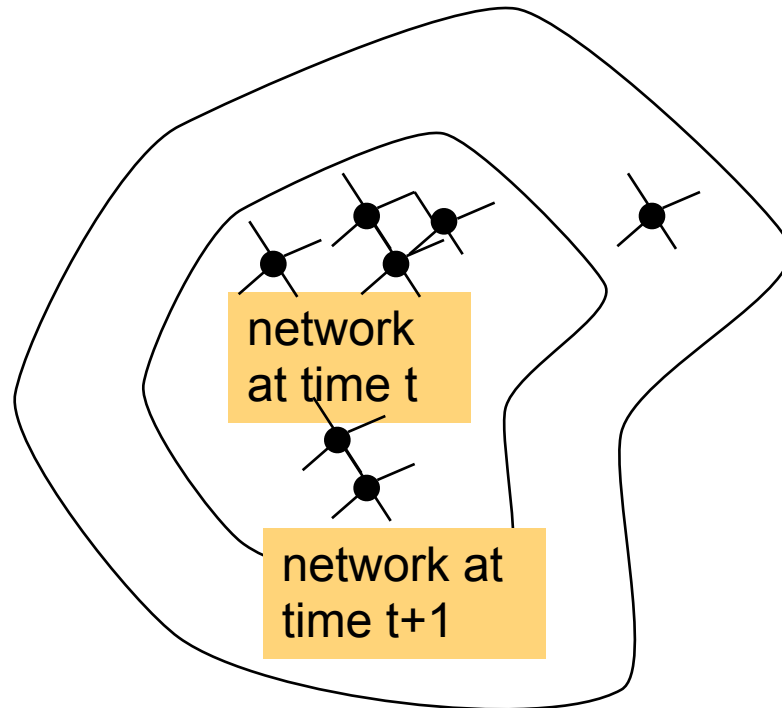


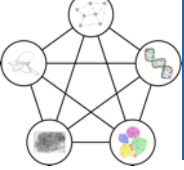
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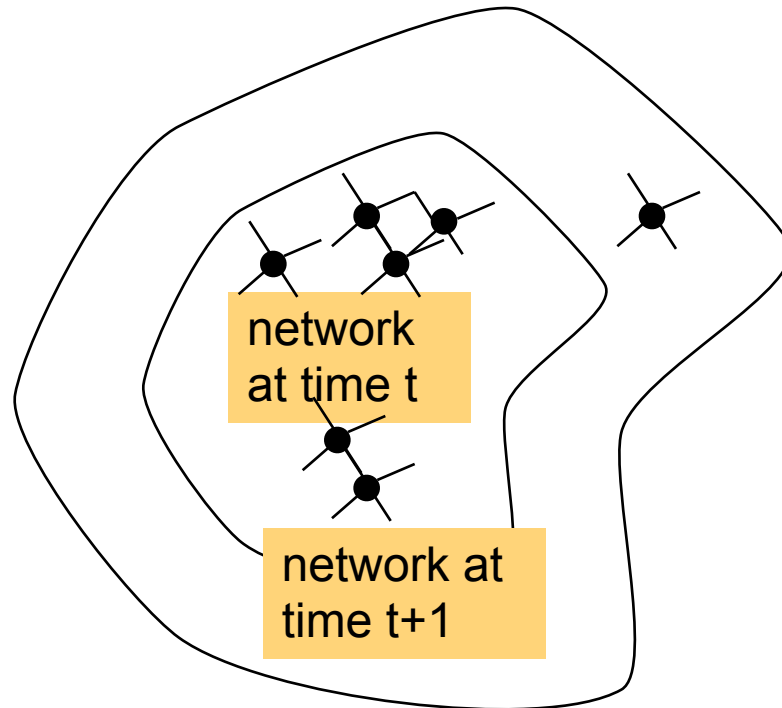


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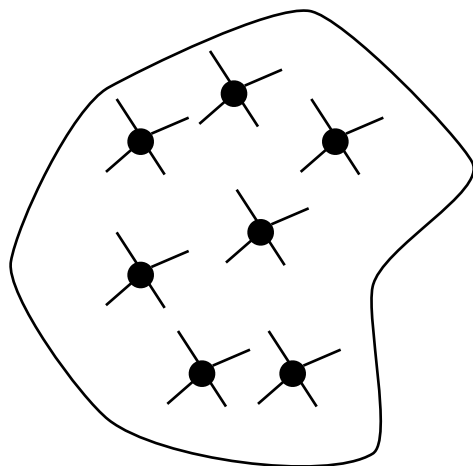
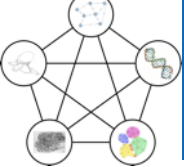


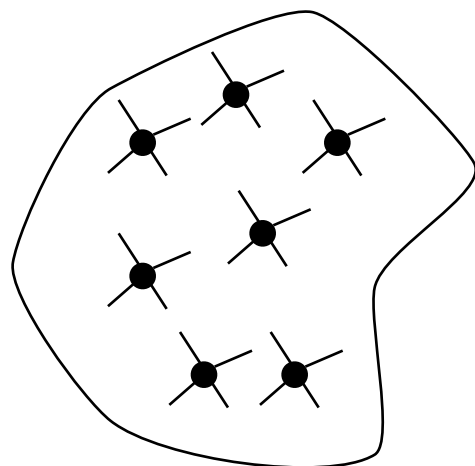
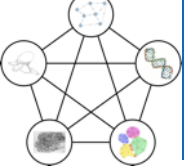


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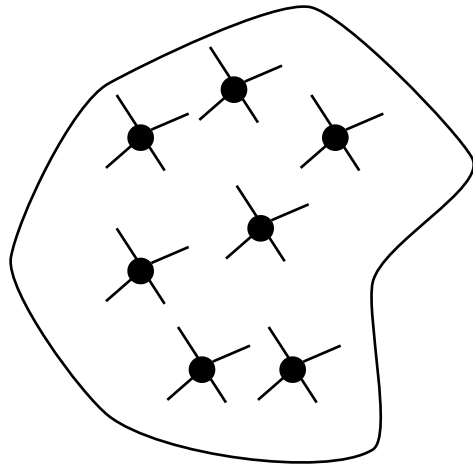
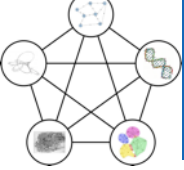
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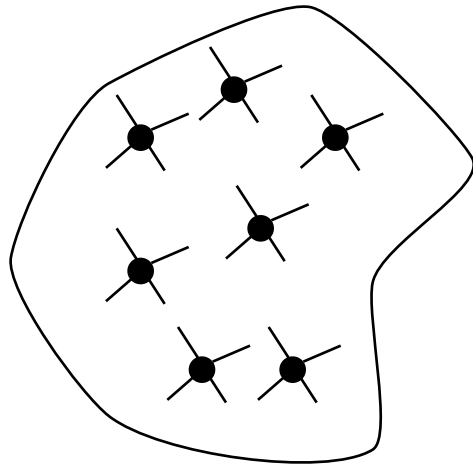
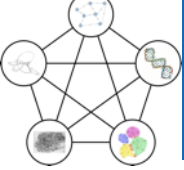




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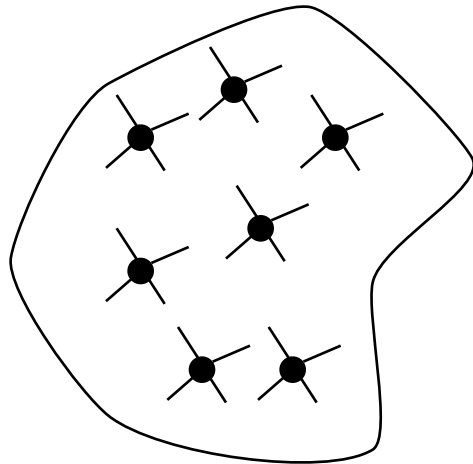
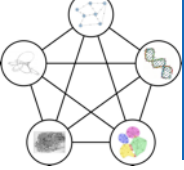
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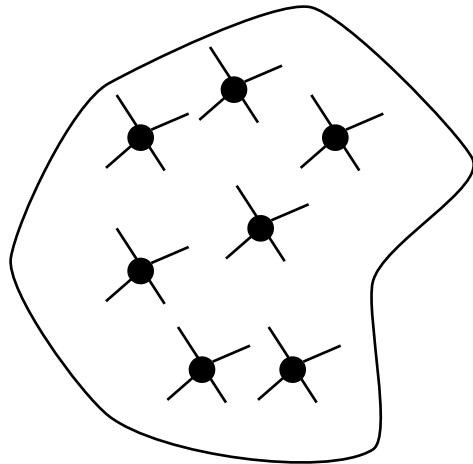
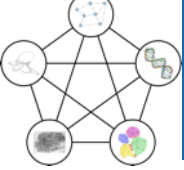
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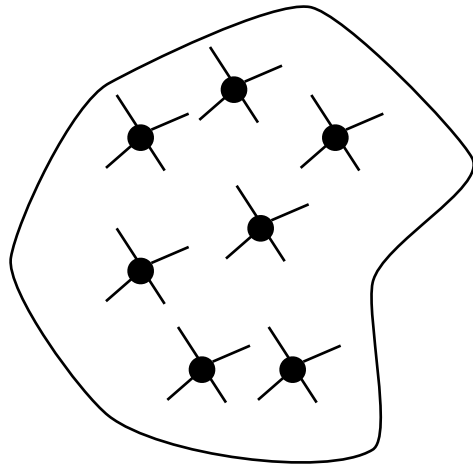


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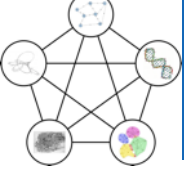
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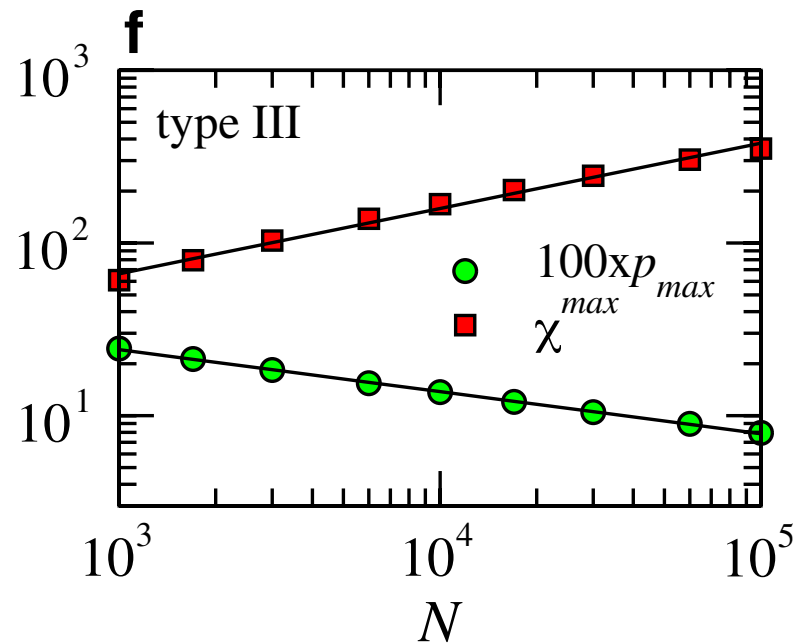
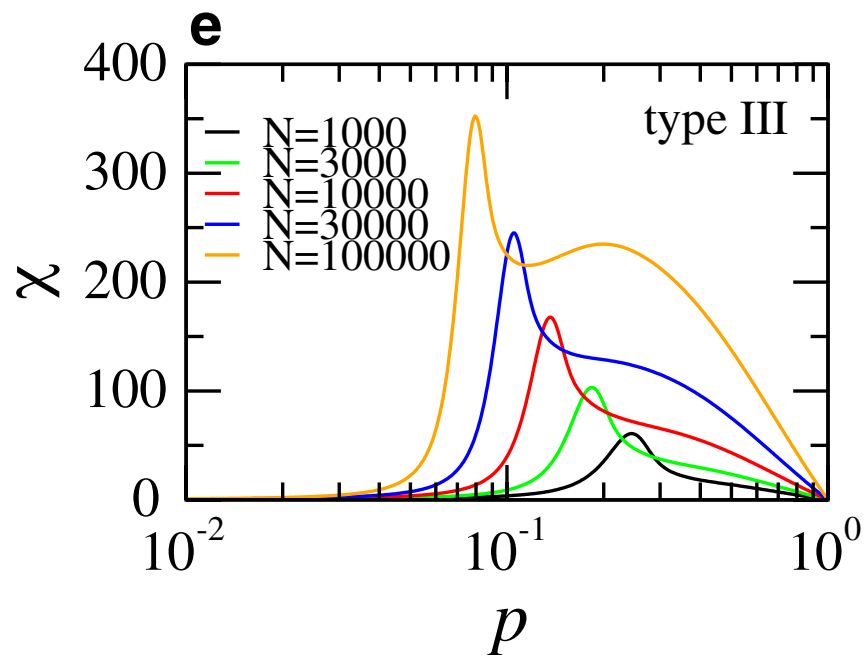
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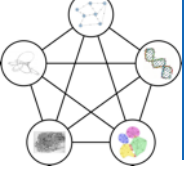
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$$\eta = 1/4 \quad (\gamma = 5)$$





- Self-similarity is observed in many real networks and model ensembles
- It provides a minimalistic proof of the absence of percolation threshold in a very large number of network models
- The proof can be applied to any phase transition where the threshold is a monotonous function of the average degree

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