



The multi-scale landscape of community inconsistency in networks

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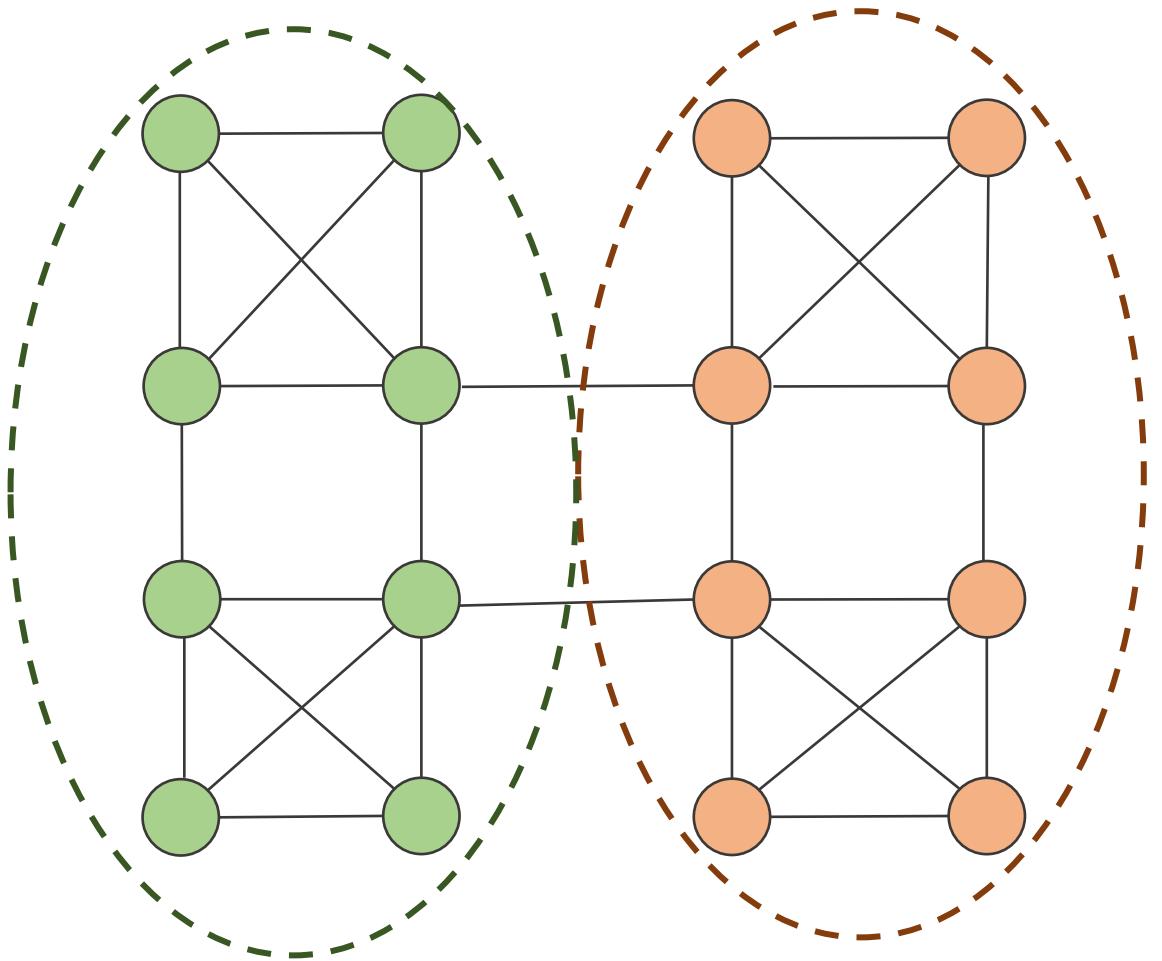


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Modularity

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_c \left(e_c - \gamma \frac{K_c^2}{2m} \right)$$

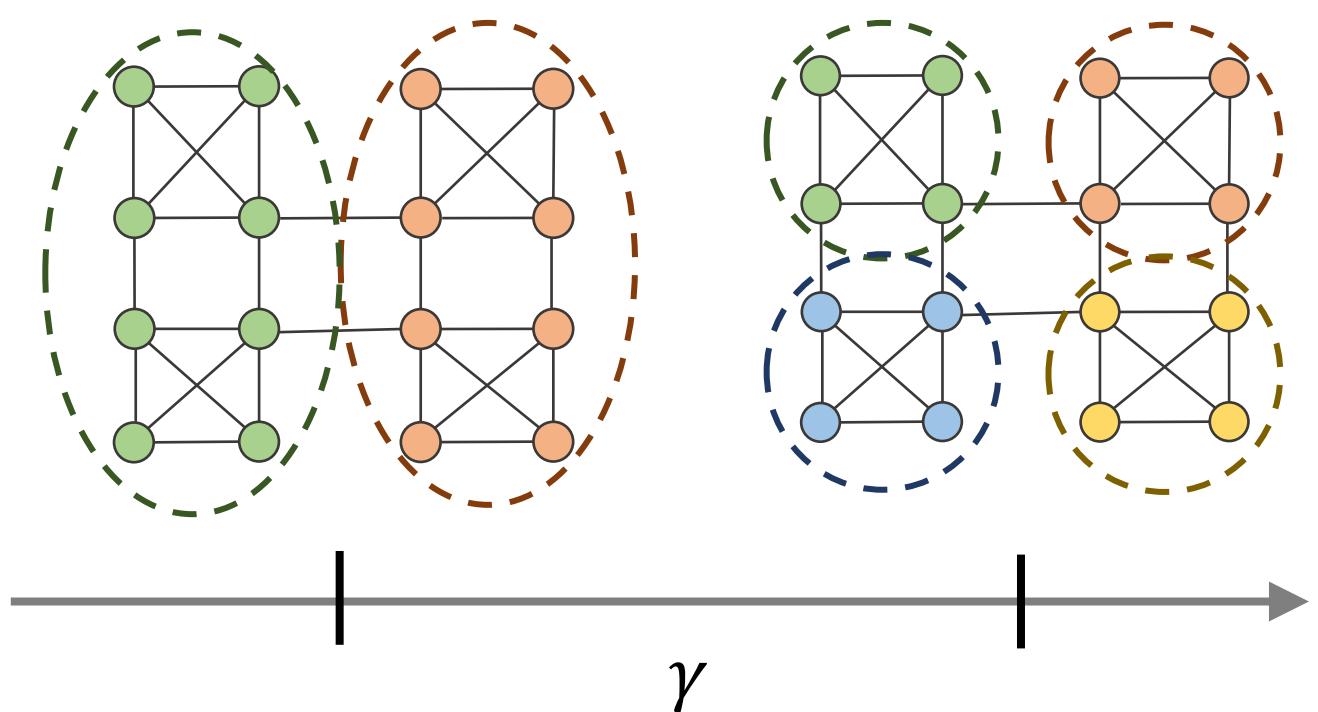
Number of intra-community links

Null model

- Community: Densely connected group of nodes
- Found by the maximization of object function
- Varying results in multiple realizations

Resolution problem of community detection

Introduction



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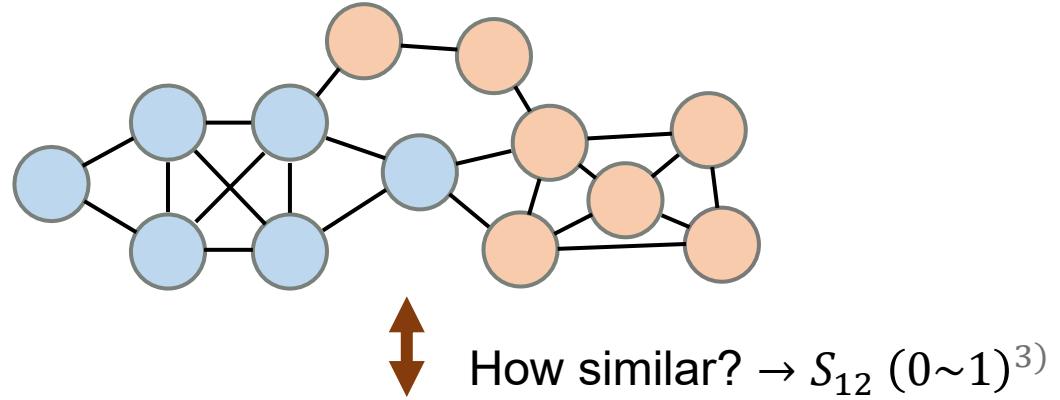
Resolution parameter

A graph showing Modularity (Y-axis) versus Resolution parameter (X-axis). The curve starts at a positive value for low resolution, dips slightly, and then increases sharply towards infinity as the resolution parameter approaches a certain threshold. A vertical line is drawn at this threshold, which corresponds to the γ value shown in the diagram above.

- γ : resolution parameter of community structure
- No criterion to determine the proper resolution

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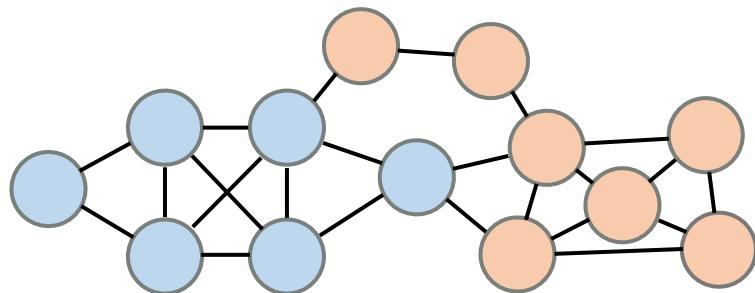
$$P(C_2) = 0.4$$

- Ensemble of community detection results from multiple realizations
- How diverse are the configurations in community ensemble?
- Using the element-centric similarity (EC) between each configuration pair

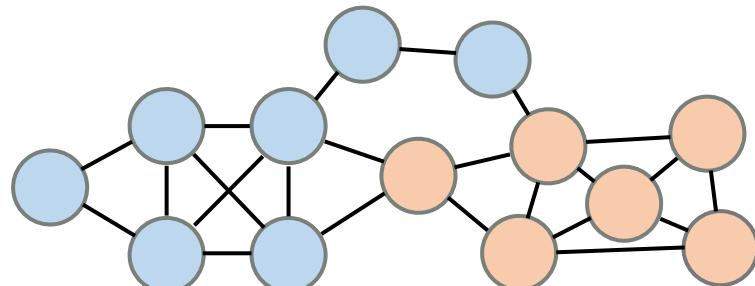
Partition Inconsistency (Ω)

Theory

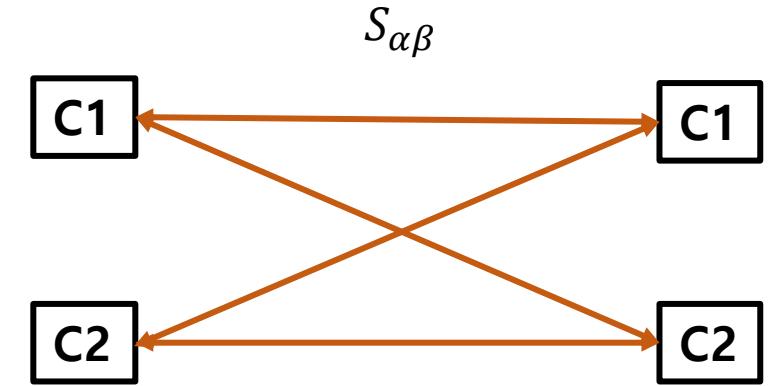
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How similar? $\rightarrow S_{12}$ (0~1)

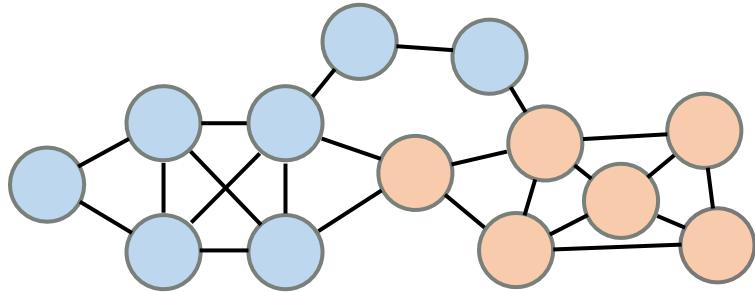


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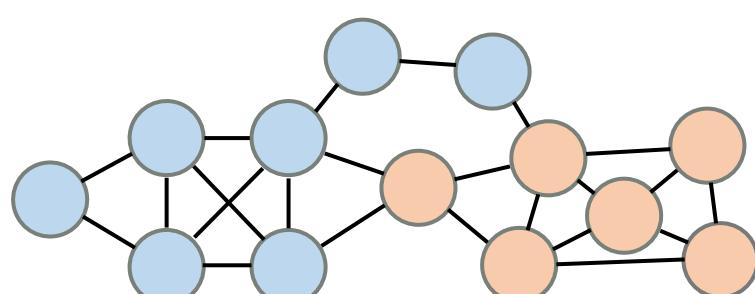
$$= \frac{1}{P(C_1)^2 + P(C_2)^2 + 2P(C_1)P(C_2)S_{12}}$$

- Partition inconsistency: A measure to assess the stability of community ensemble
- Inverse of average similarity between all the configuration pairs

$$P(C_1) = 0.6$$



$$P(C_2) = 0.4$$



$$S_{12} = 1$$

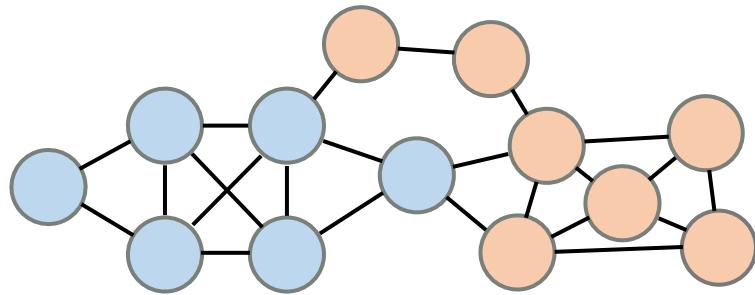
- If all the configurations are same $\rightarrow \Omega = 1$ (minimum)

If $S_{12} = 1$

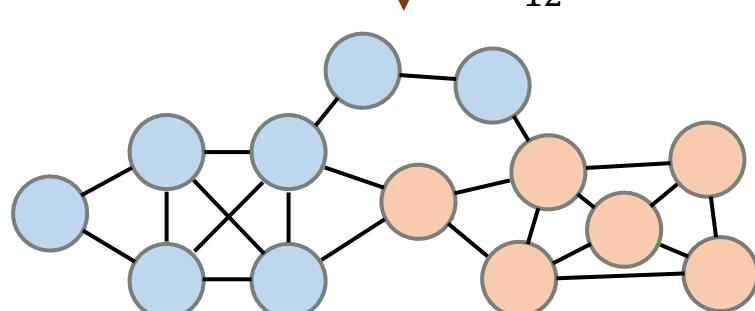
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$$= \frac{1}{(P(C_1) + P(C_2))^2} = 1$$

$$P(C_1) = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$P(C_2) = \frac{1}{2}$$



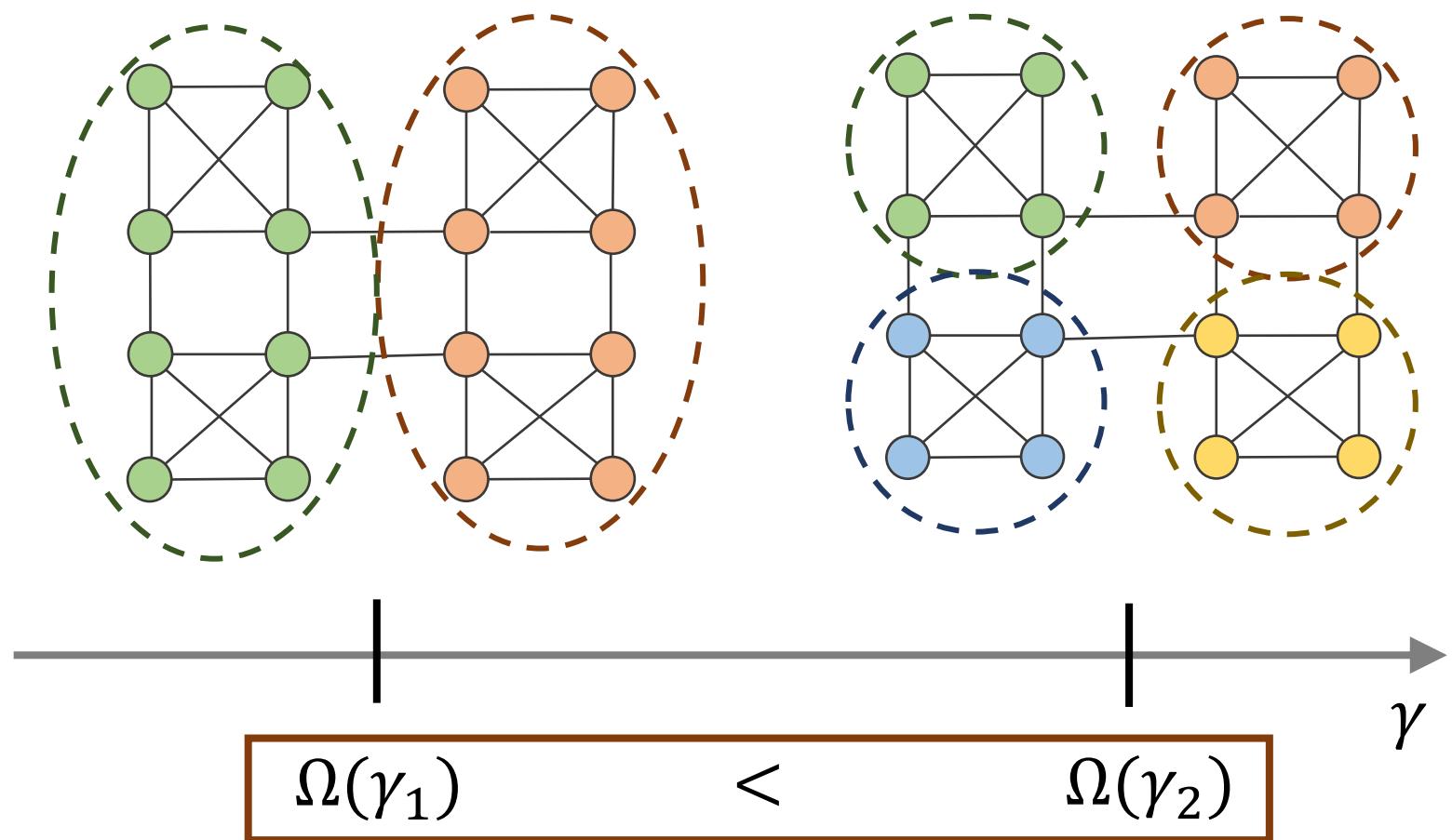
$$S_{12} = 0$$

if $S_{\alpha\beta} = 0$ for all distinct pairs

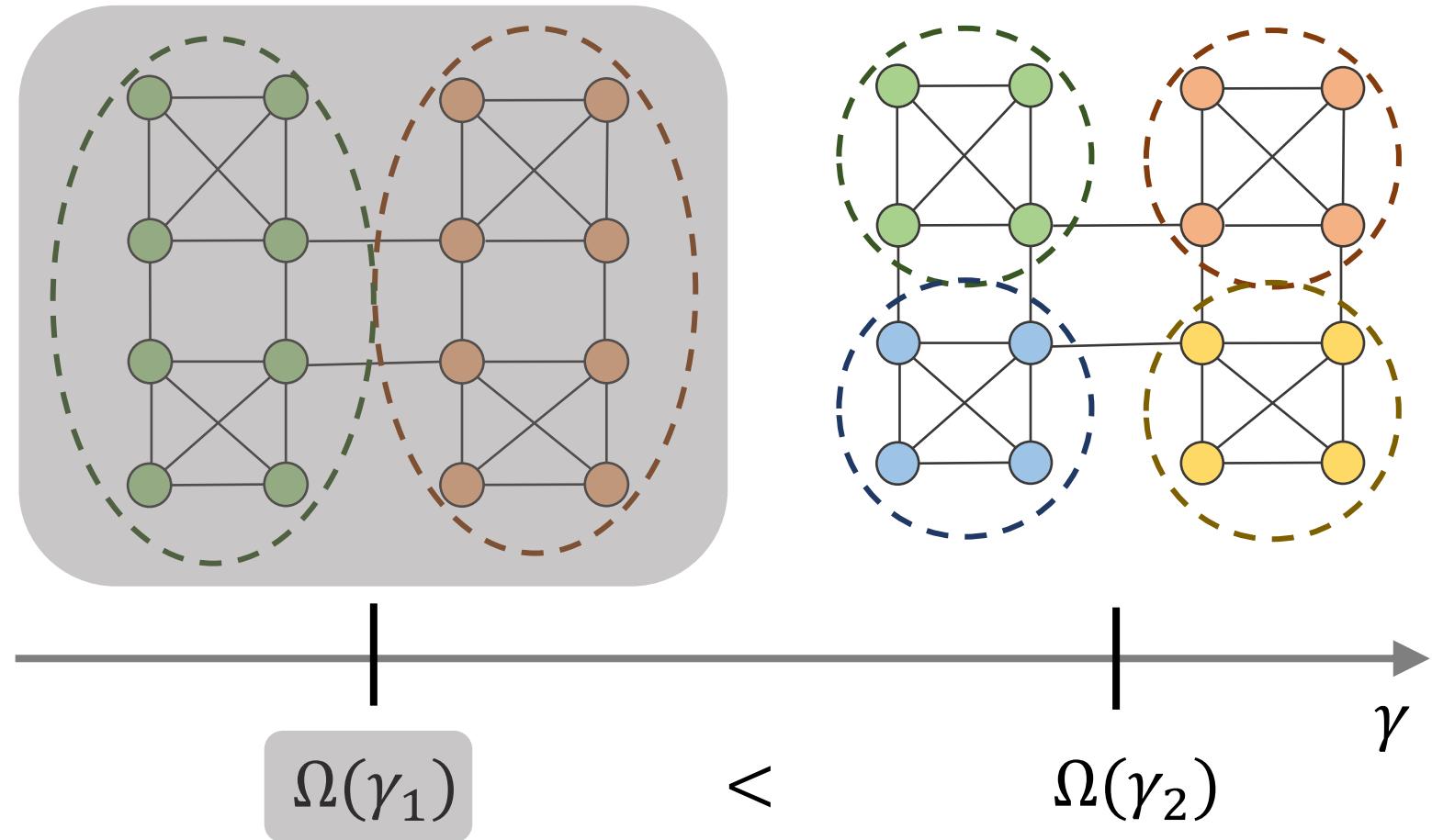
$$\Omega = \frac{1}{\langle S_{\alpha\beta} \rangle} = \left[\sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} P(C_{\alpha})P(C_{\beta})S_{\alpha\beta} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = 2$$

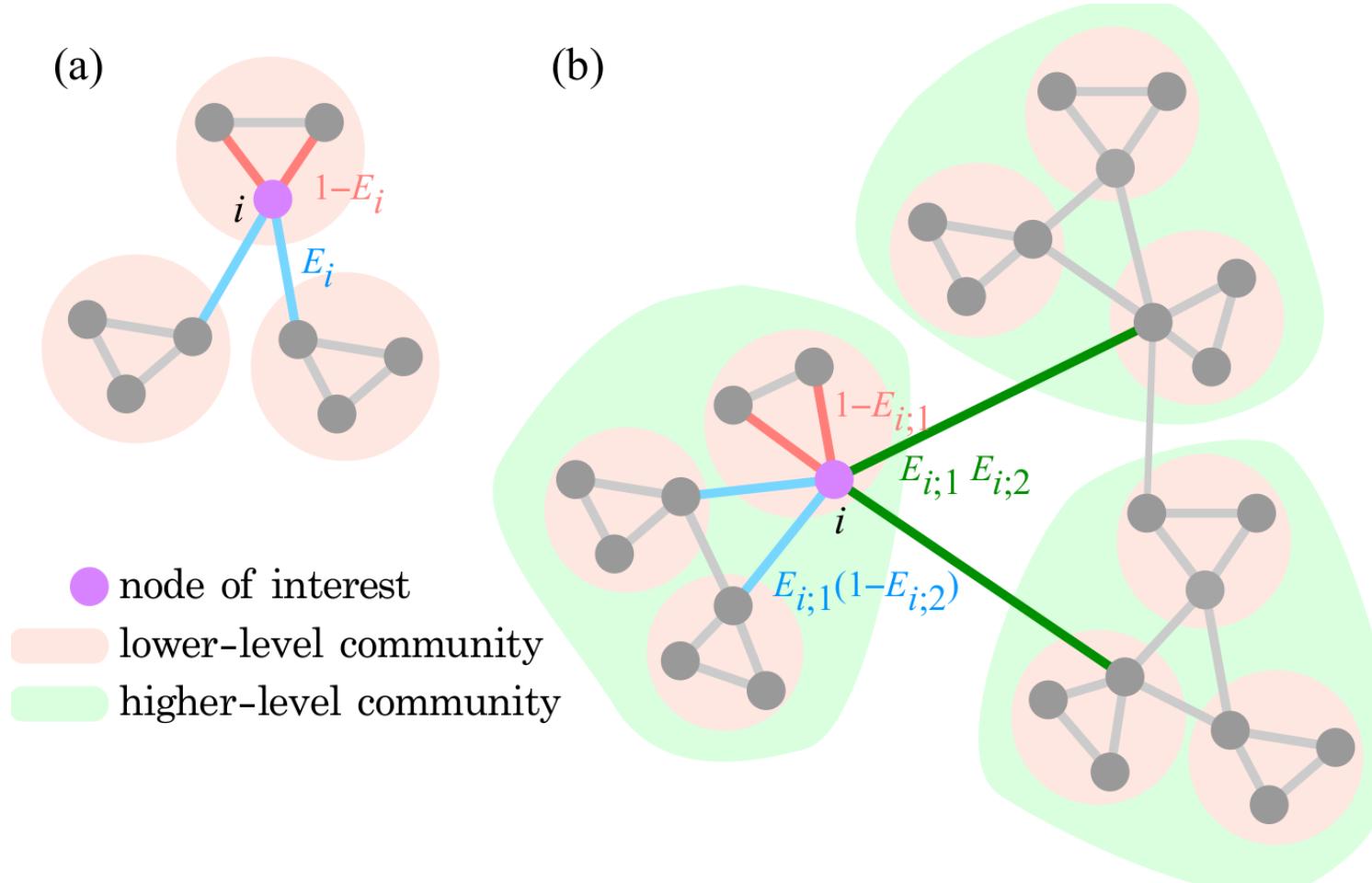
- If all the configurations are identical ($S = 0$) and appear with equal probability
- $\Omega =$ the number of configurations
- Partition Inconsistency denotes the effective number of configurations in community ensemble ⁷



- Resolution of community structure can be determined by Partition Inconsistency
- Comparison of two distinct resolutions

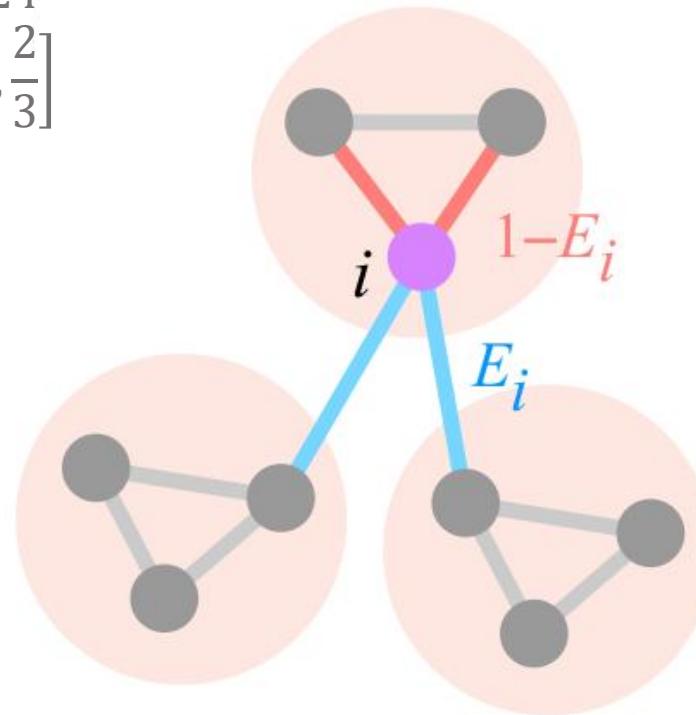


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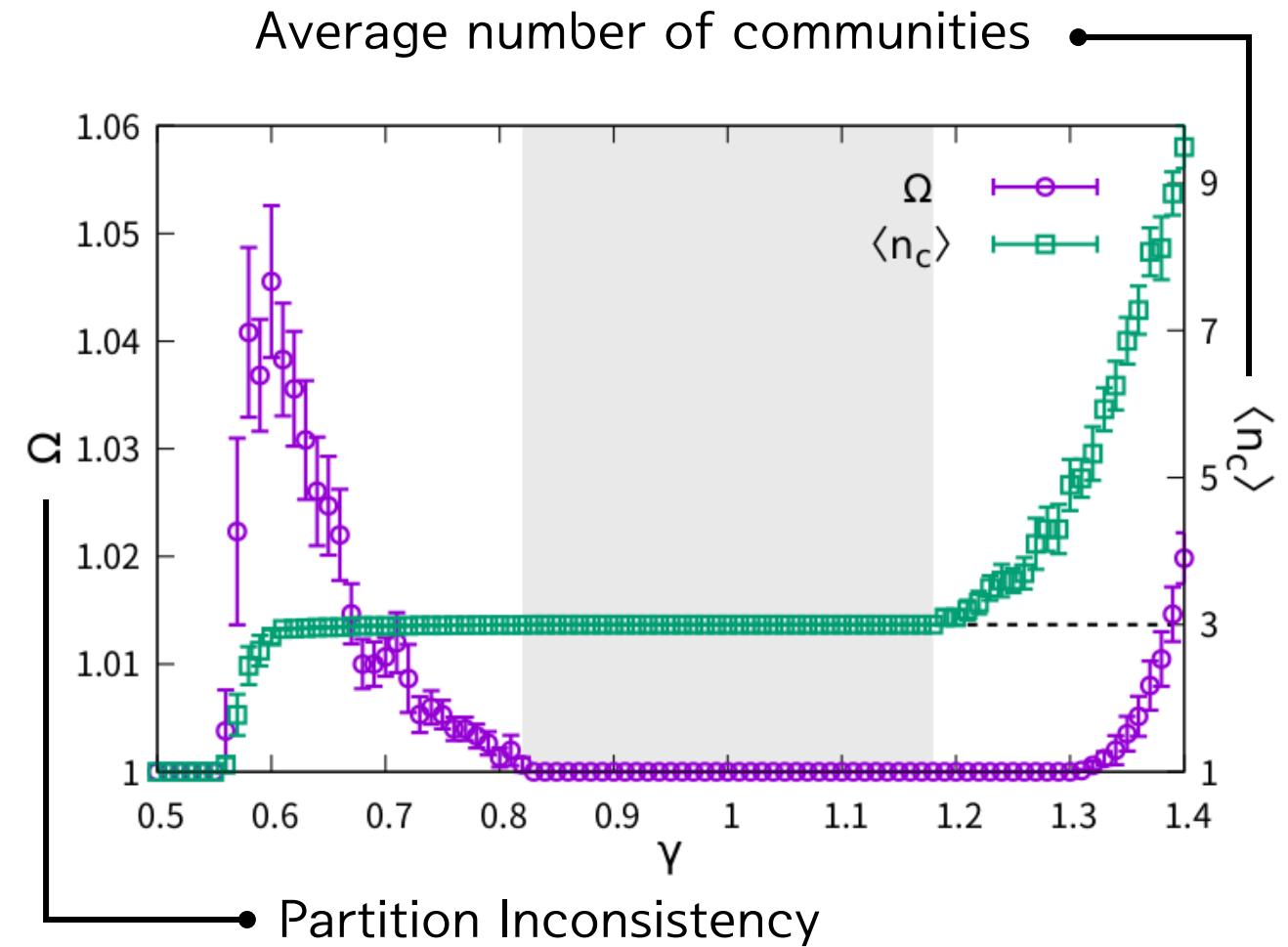


- Synthetic formation of benchmark model network
- Hierarchical community structure

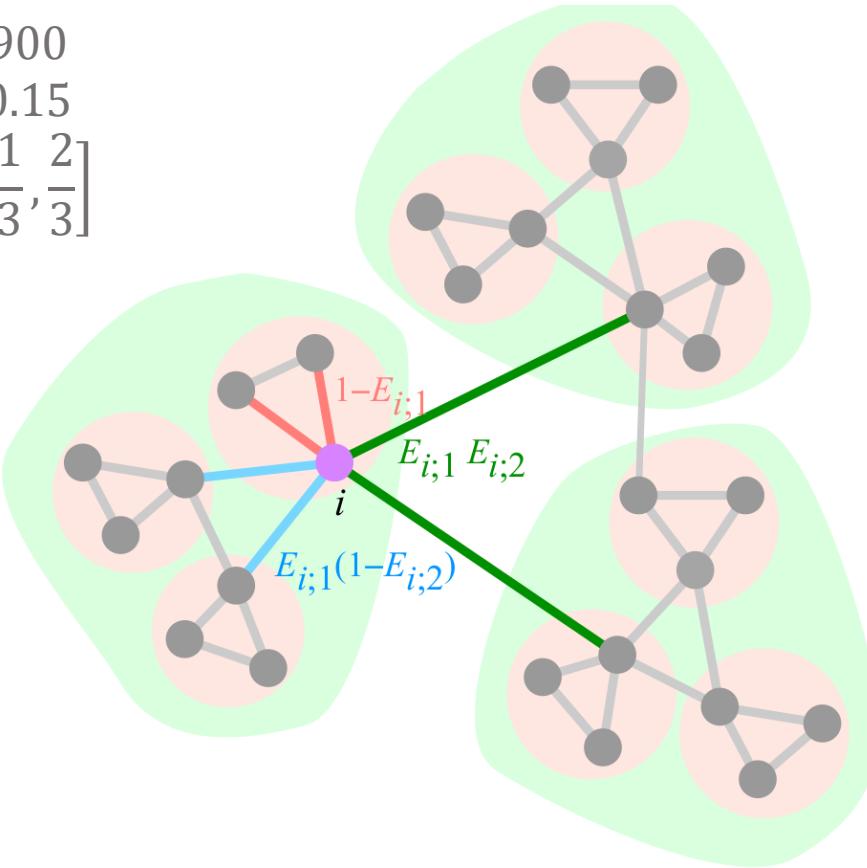
$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1200 \\ p &= 0.24 \\ E_i &= \left[0, \frac{2}{3}\right] \end{aligned}$$



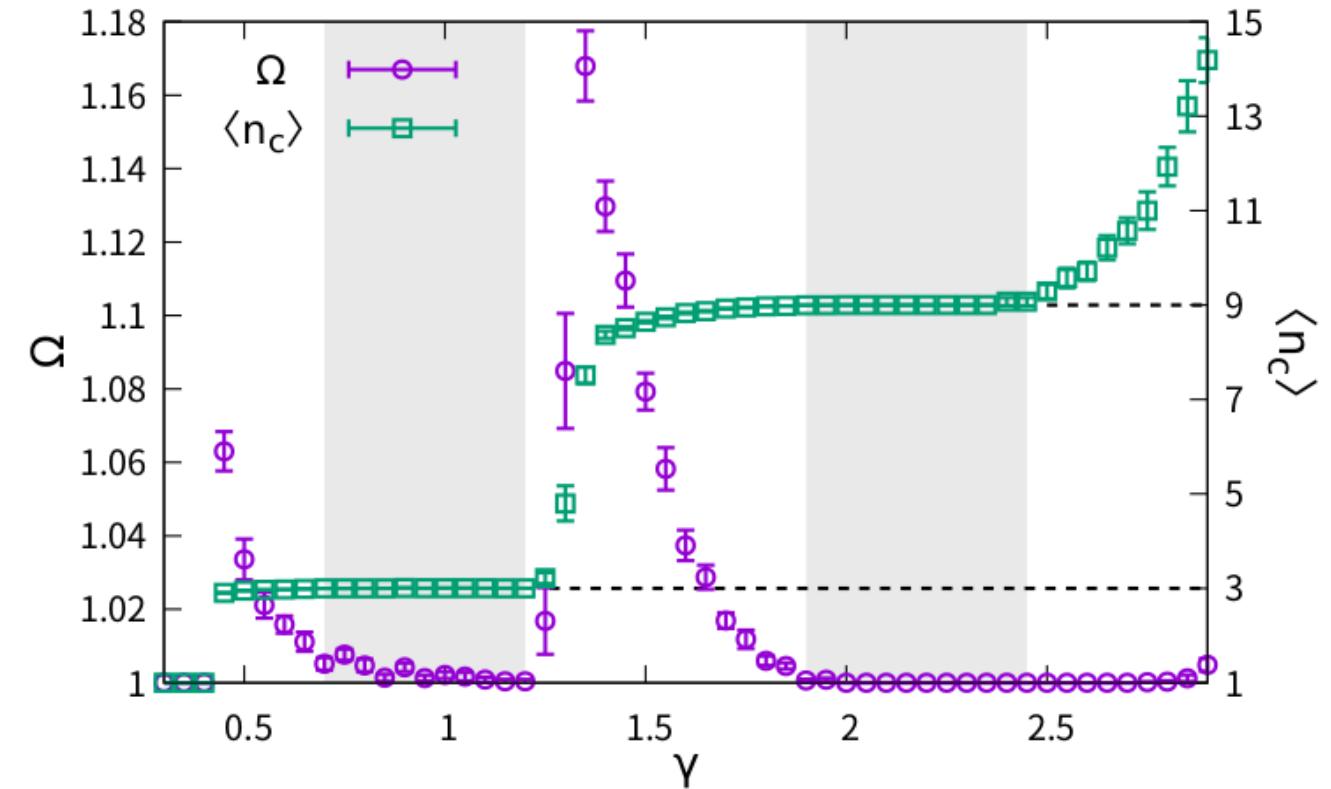
- Result of single-level network
- Low consistency region corresponds to the ground truth of model network

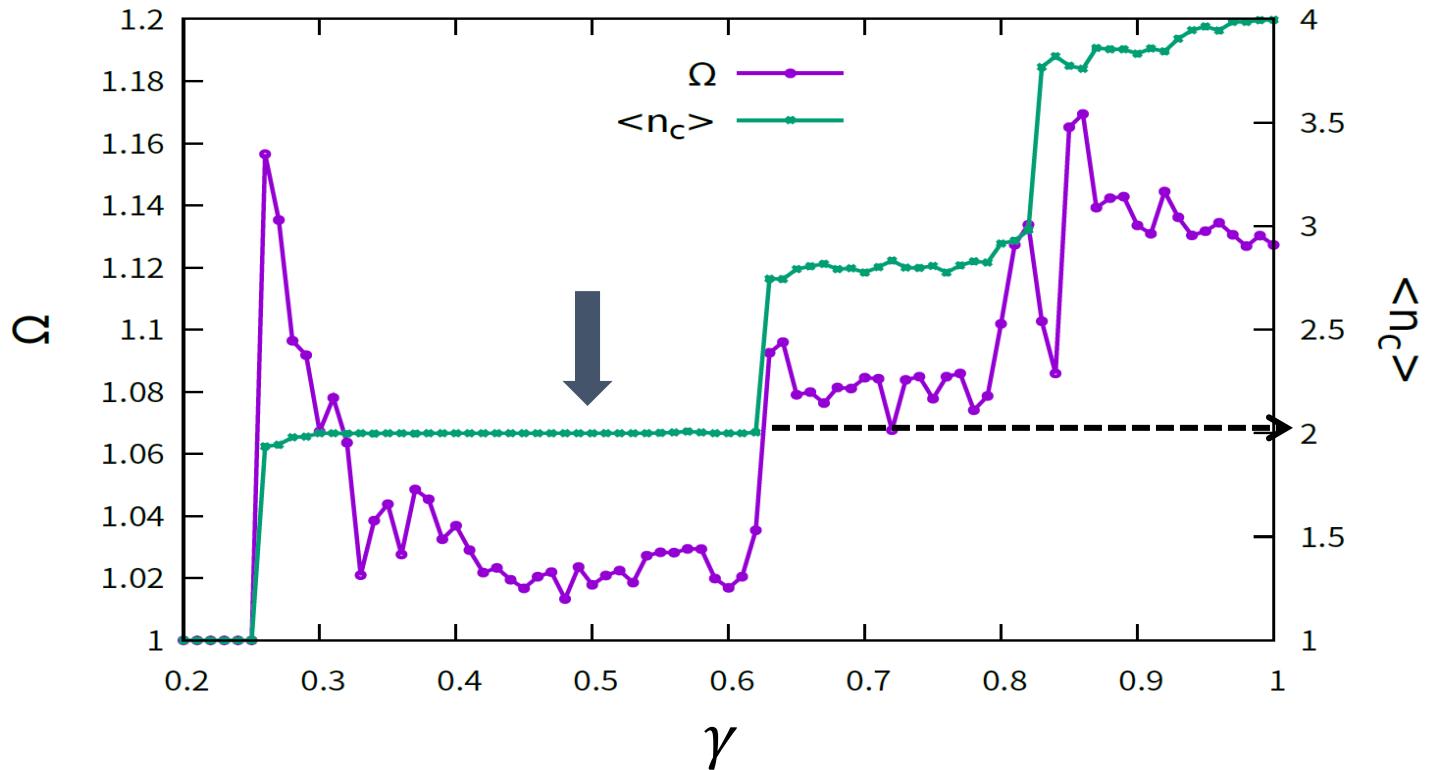
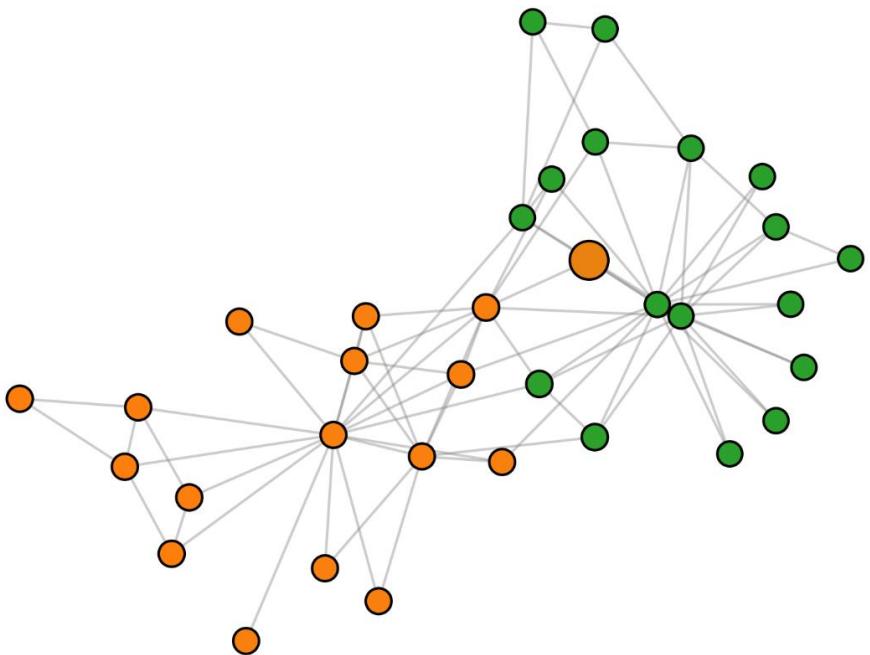


$$\begin{aligned} n &= 900 \\ p &= 0.15 \\ E_i &= \left[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right] \end{aligned}$$



- Result of double-level network
- Low consistency region reconstruct both levels

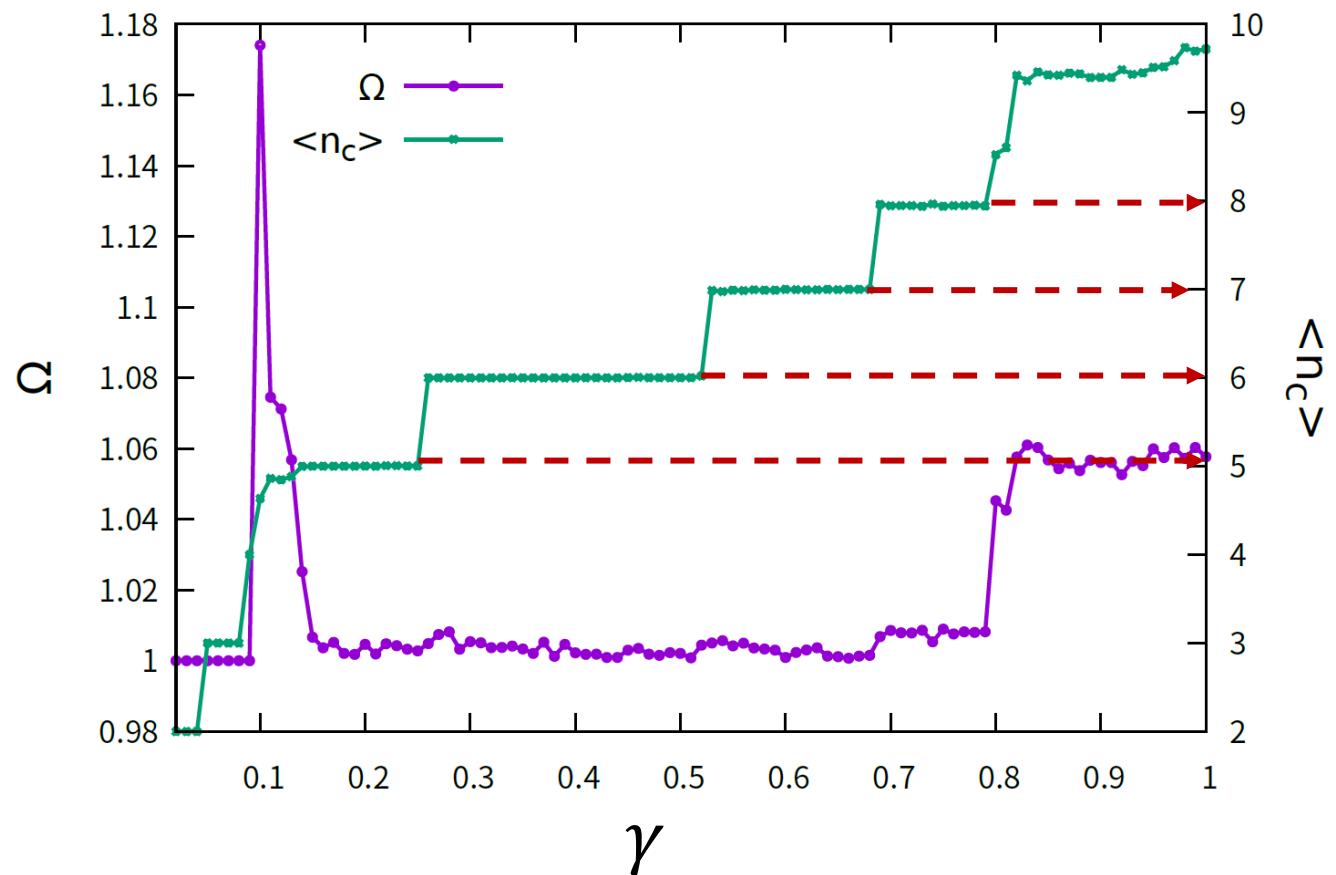
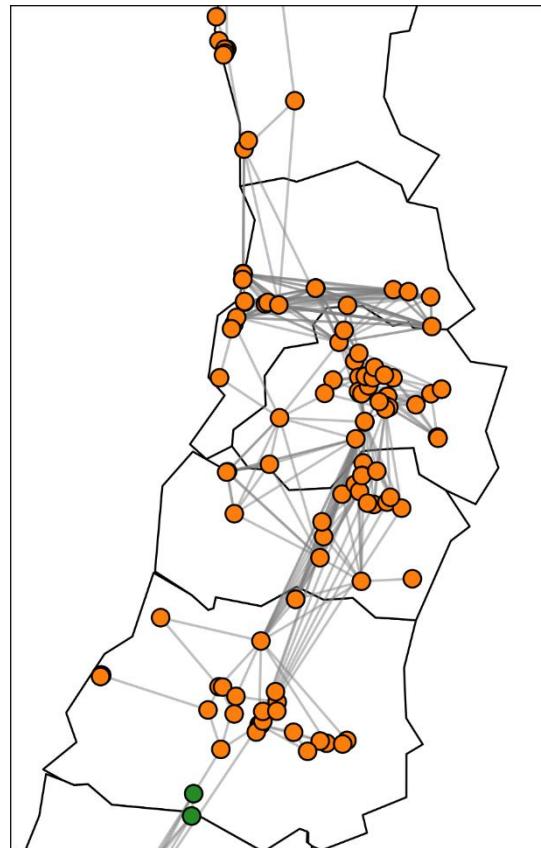




- Karate club network: A conventional benchmark of community structure
- Shows the lowest Ω when $n_c = 2 \rightarrow$ well matches with a prior knowledge

Data analysis: Chilean power grid network

Result

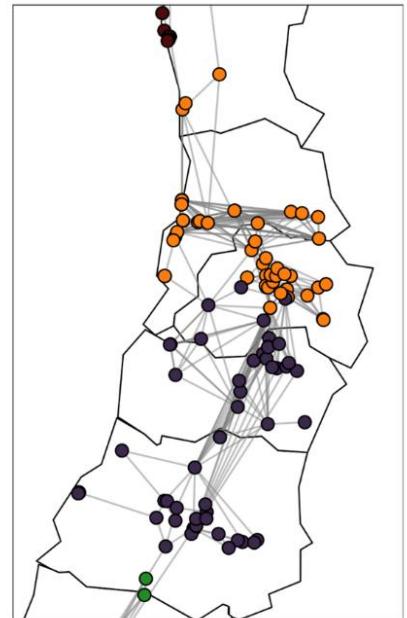


- A power grid network in Chile
- Shows low Ω in a wide range of $\gamma \rightarrow$ degeneracy of community structure?

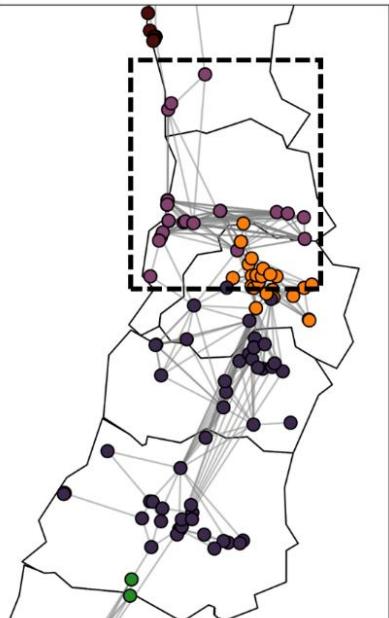
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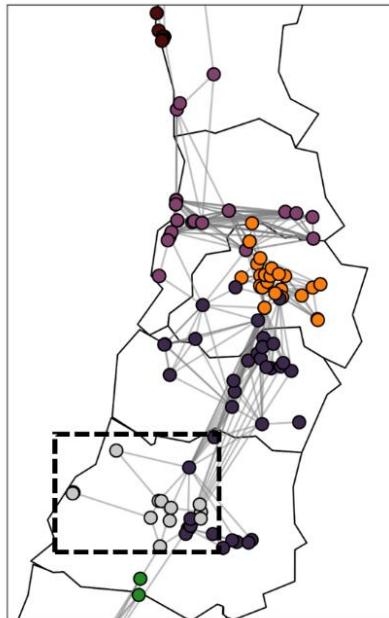
(a) $\gamma = 0.2$



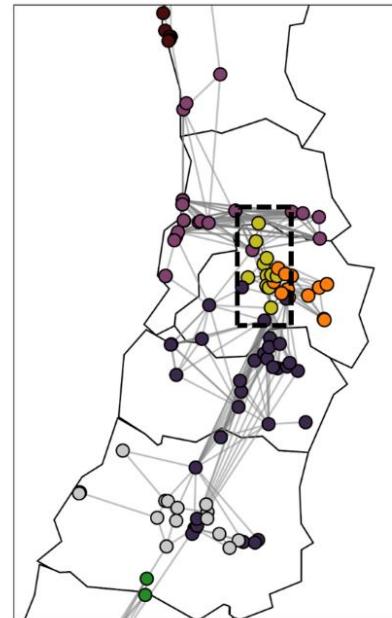
(b) $\gamma = 0.4$



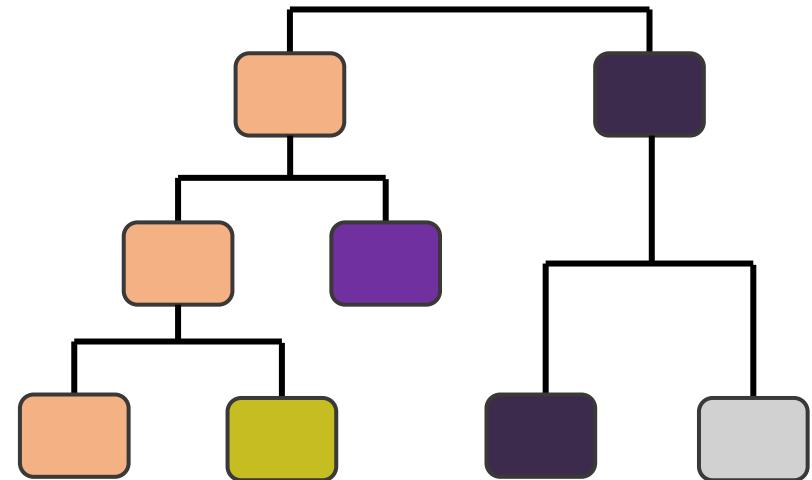
(c) $\gamma = 0.6$



(d) $\gamma = 0.75$



Community structure

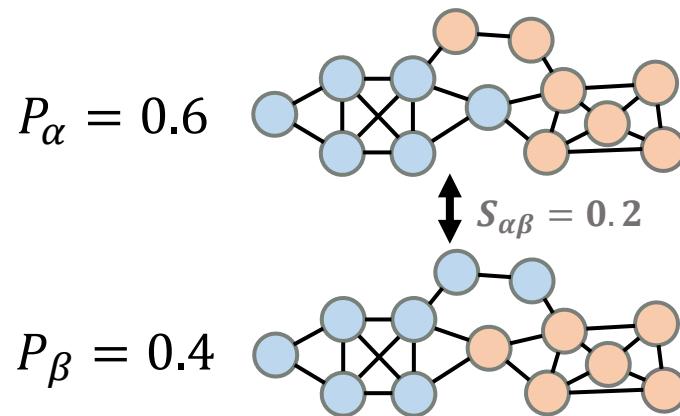


- Hierarchical community structure
- Smaller community structure emerges from larger communities

Summary: Systematic analysis on community consistency

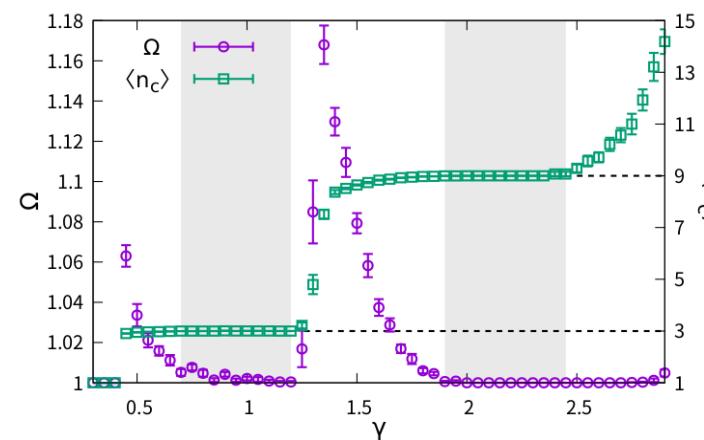
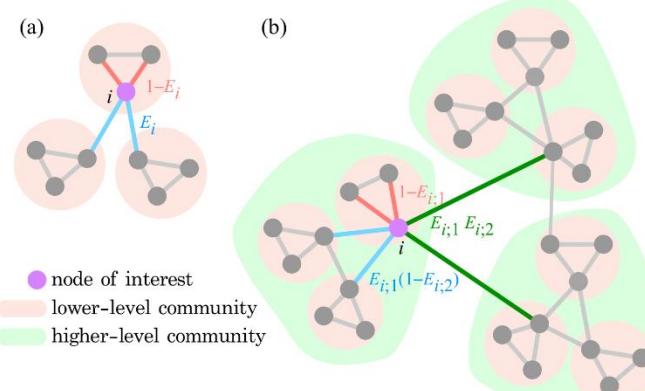
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- Partition Inconsistency

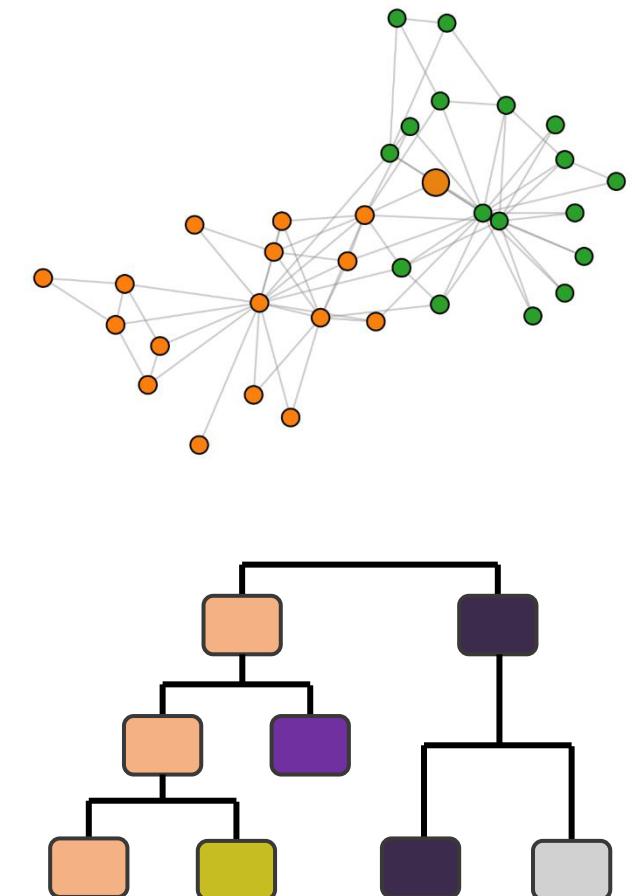


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- Synthetic network

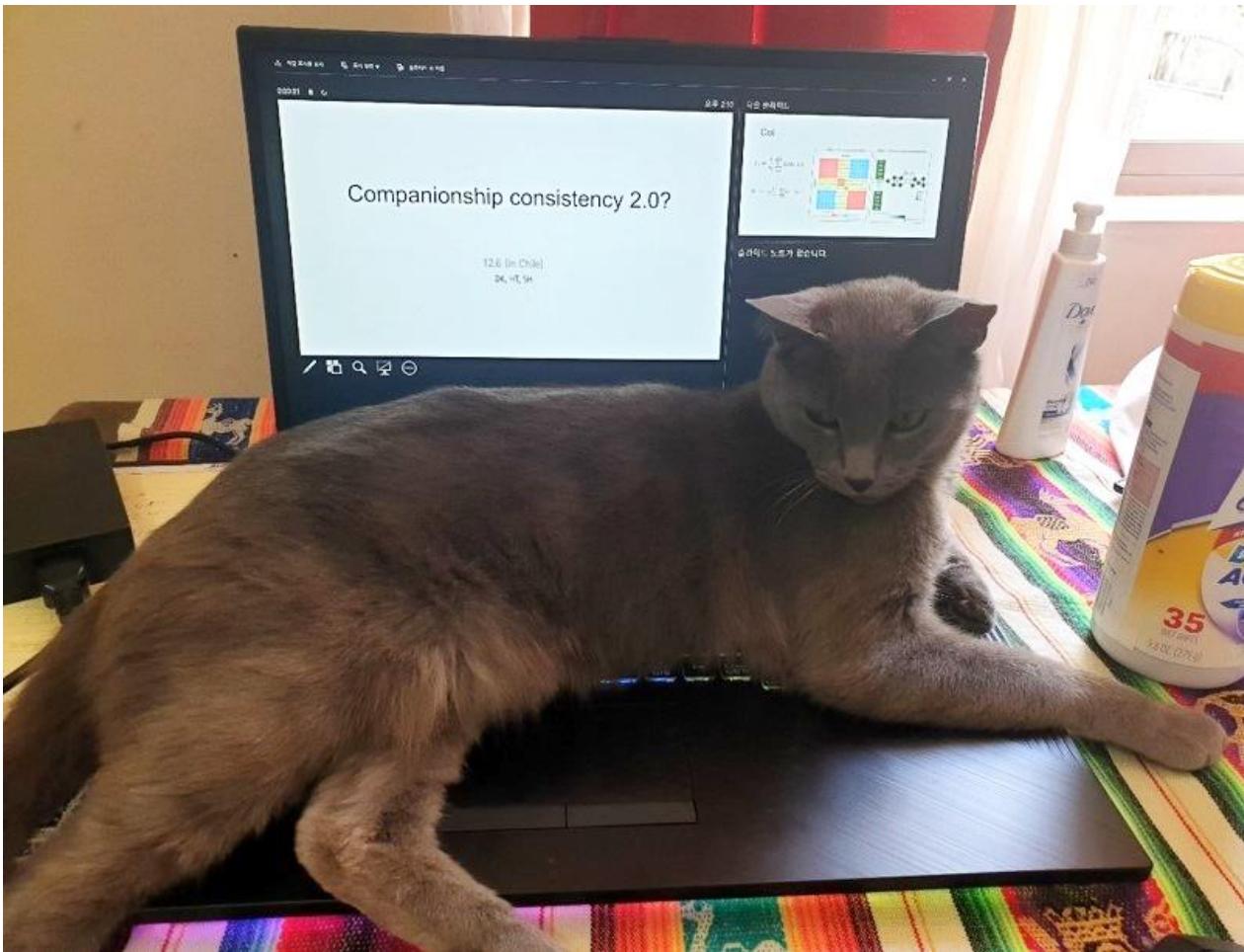


- Real network



Summary

- Introduced Pal to measure stability of community detection.
- Introduced Mel for node-level stability.
- Used both to analyze community structures across resolutions.
- Enables identifying optimal resolution and hierarchical organization.



1) Cat interrupting research (In Chile)

Thanks for your attention!