

COMMUNITY DETECTION IN BRAIN FUNCTIONAL NETWORKS BEYOND THE RESOLUTION LIMIT

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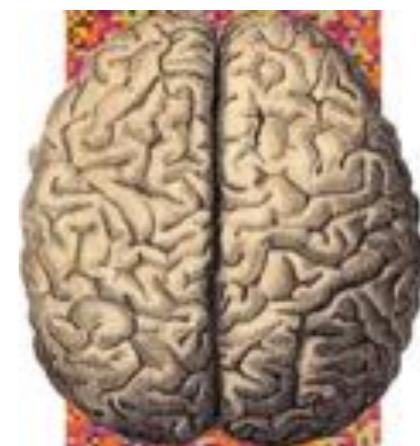
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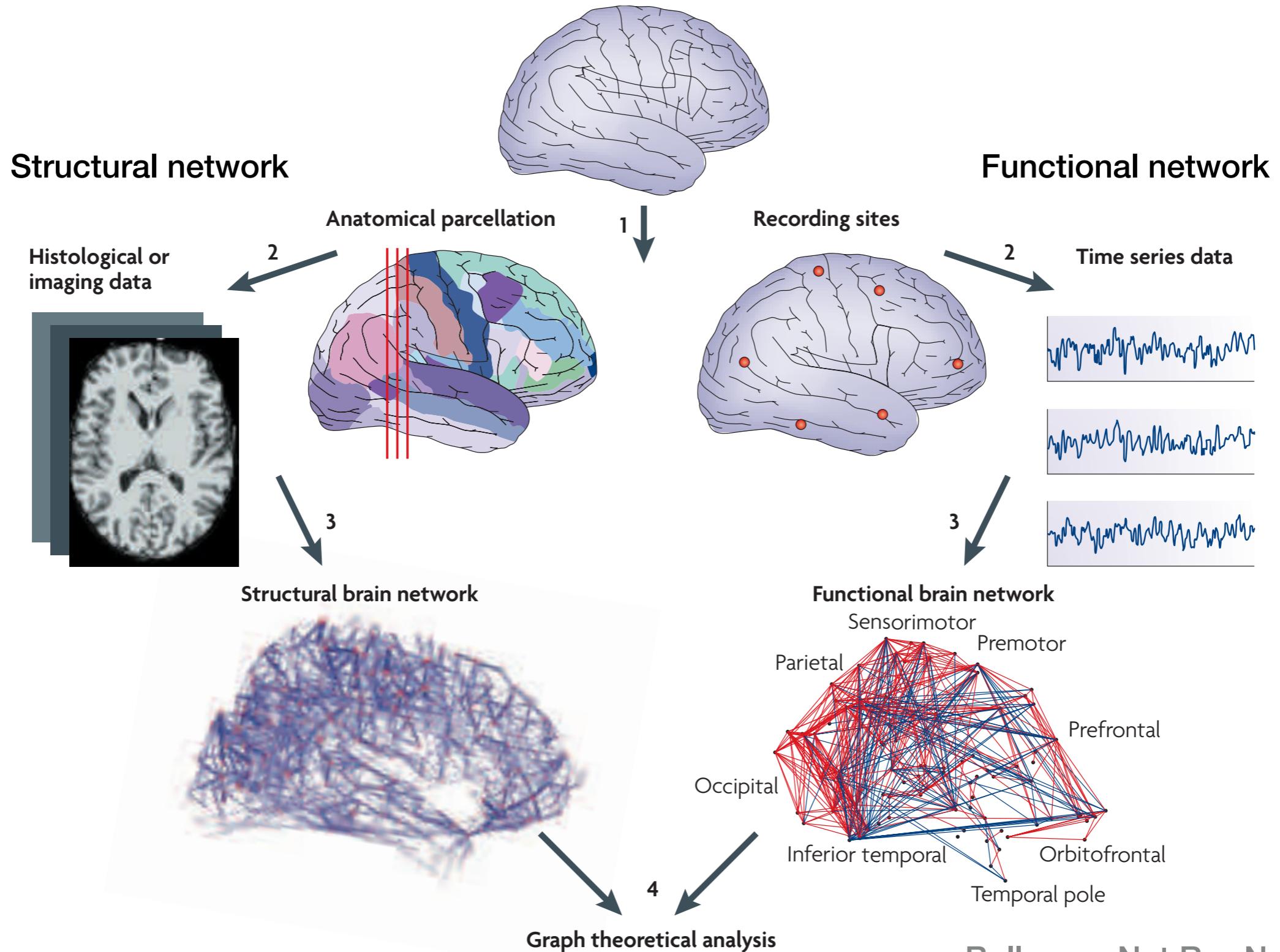
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GRAPH THEORY FOR BRAIN NETWORKS



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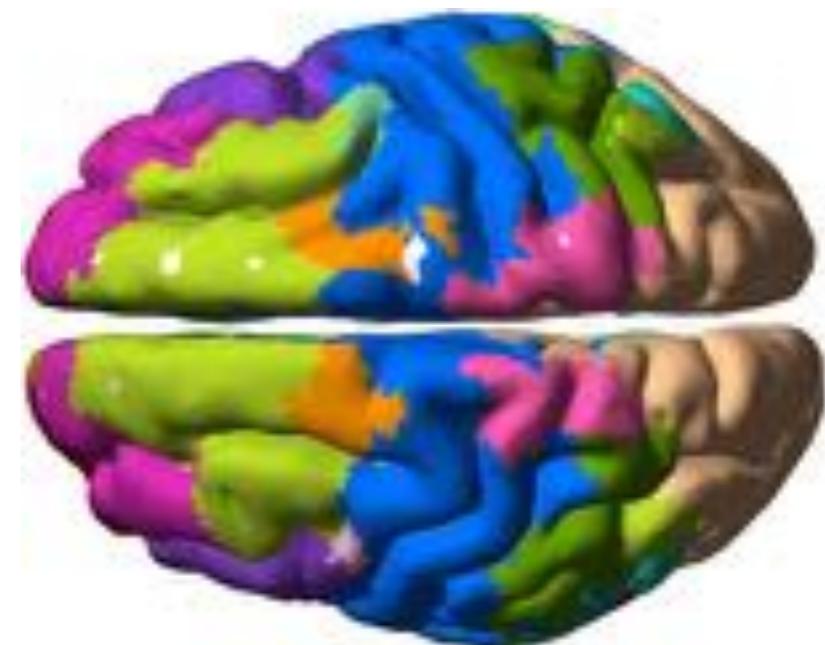
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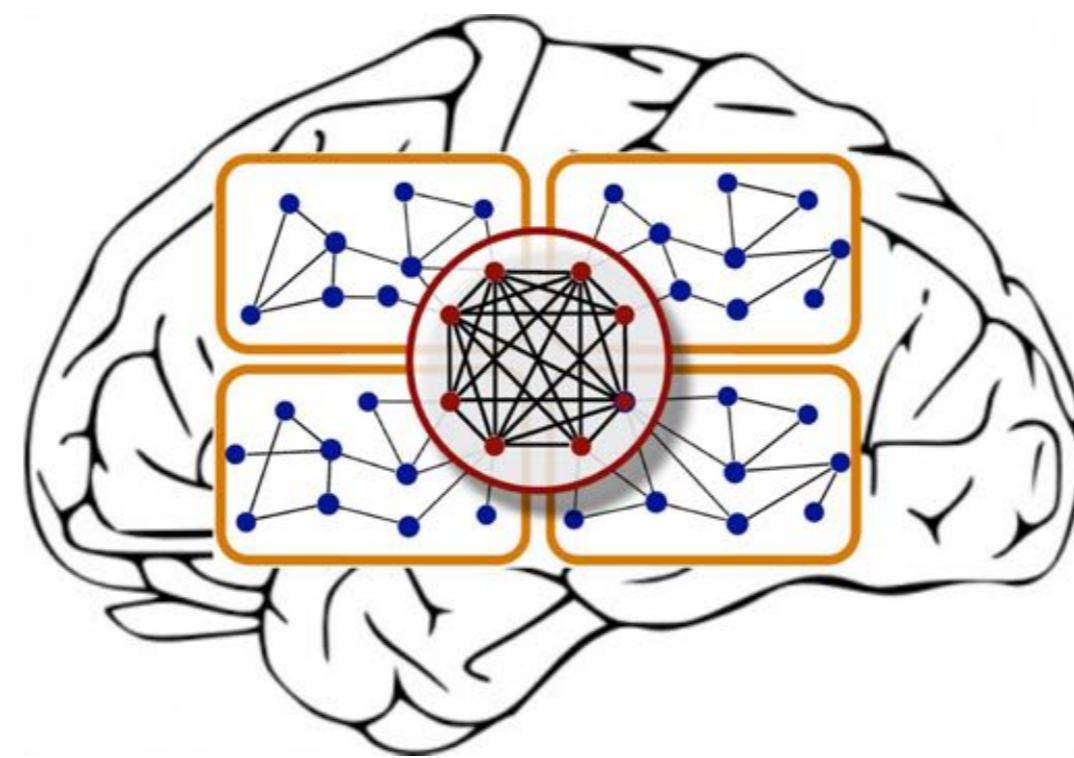
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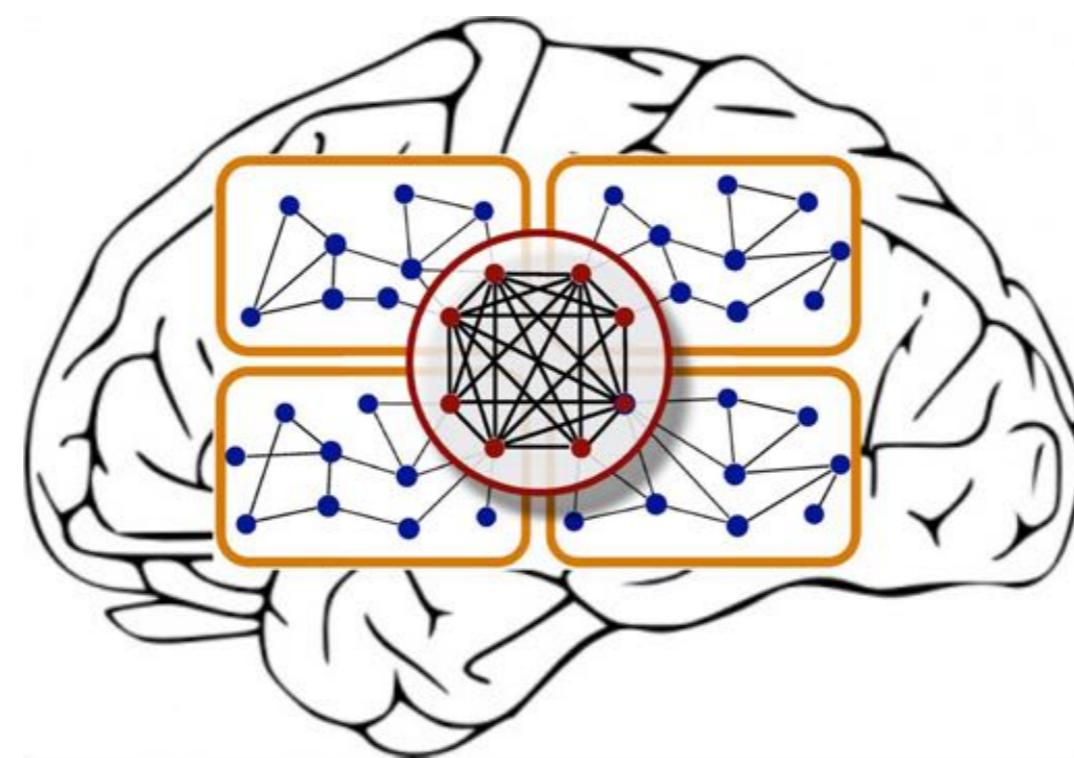
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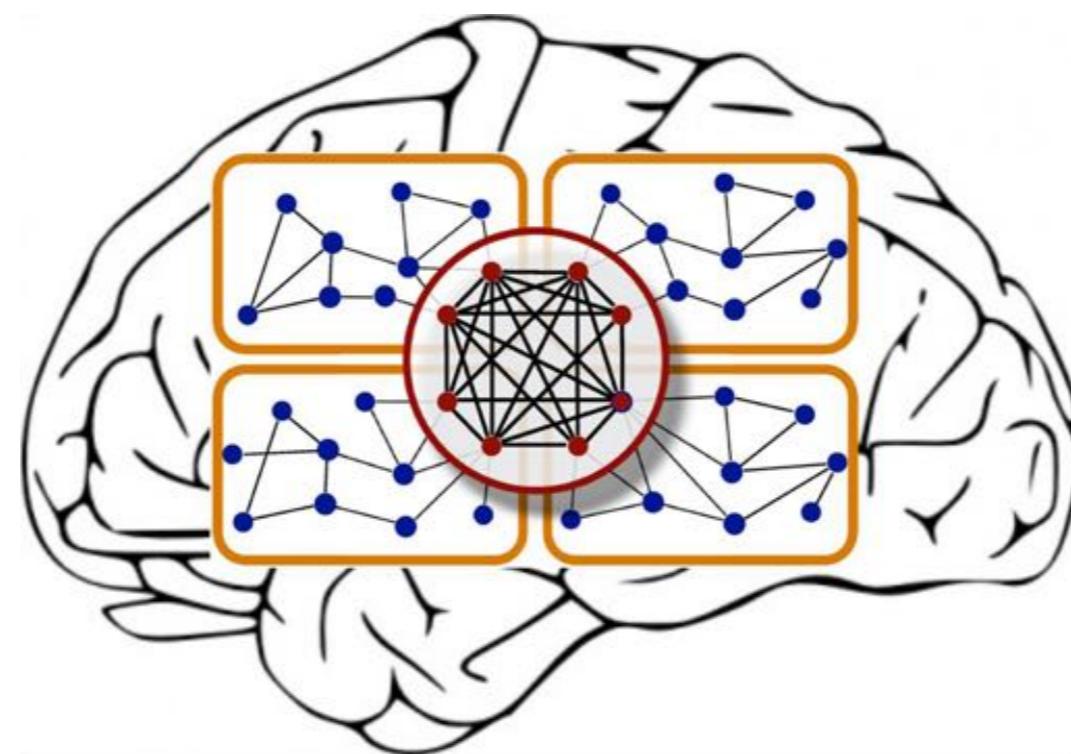
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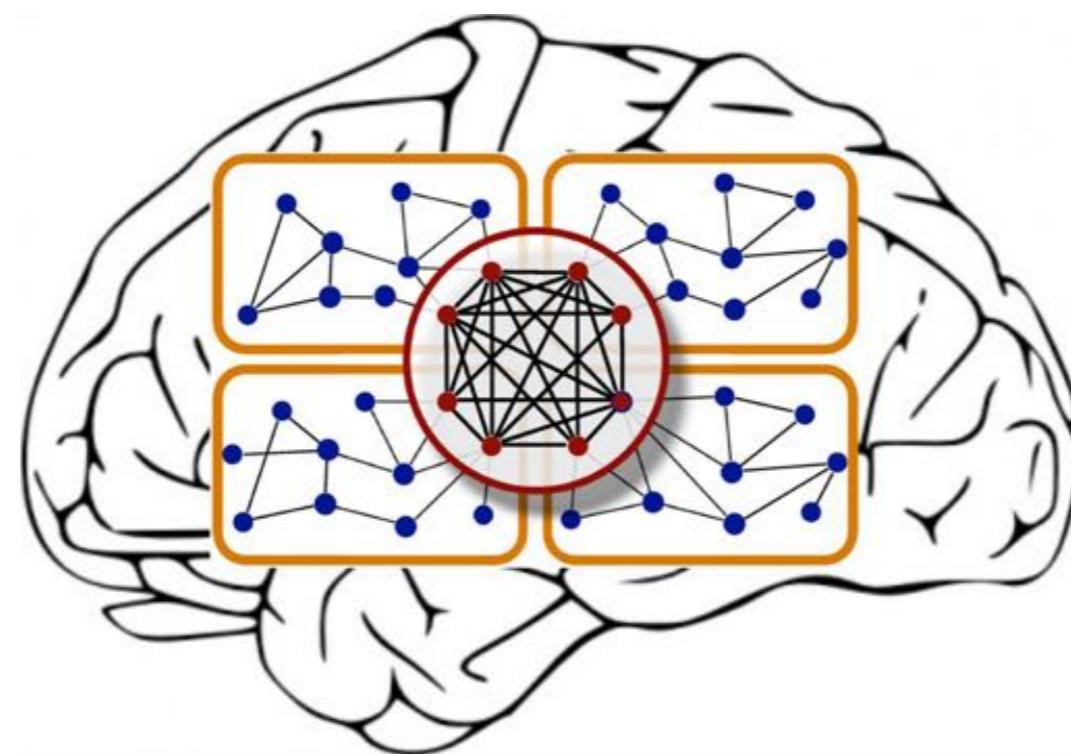
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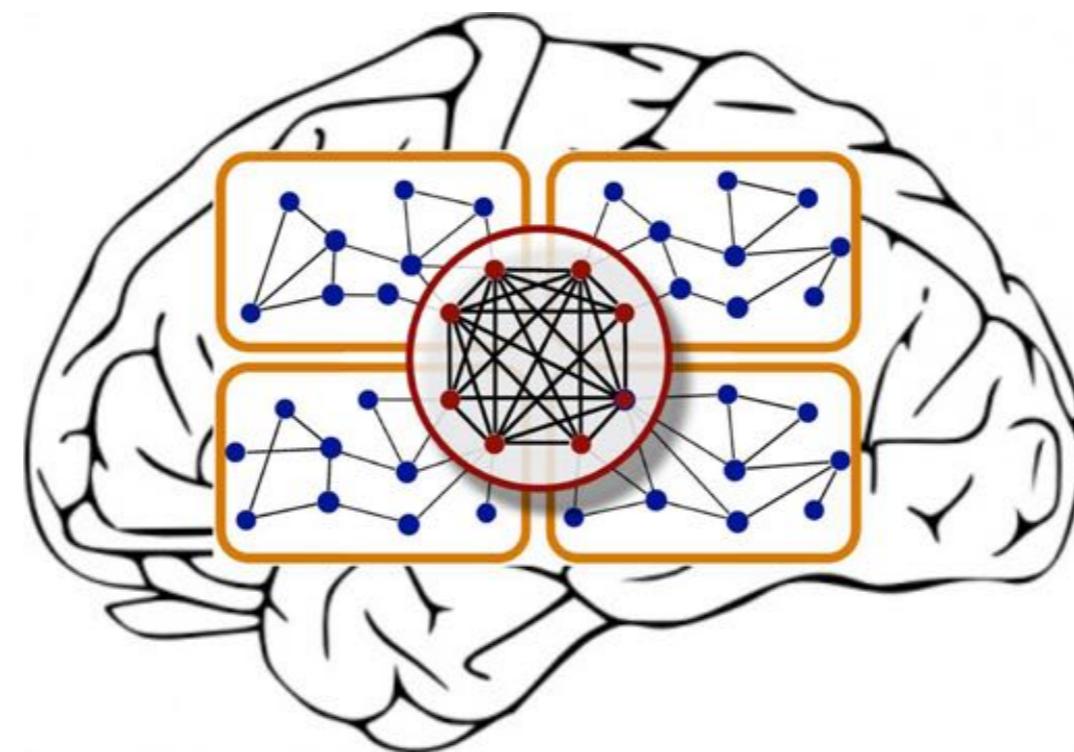
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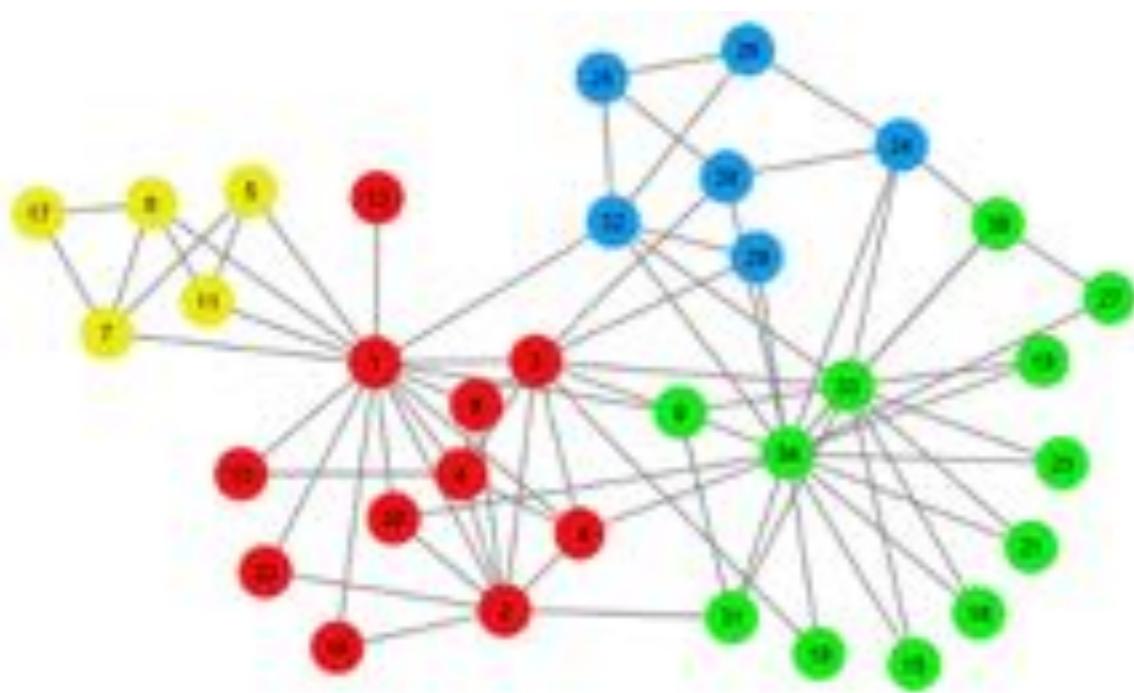


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NEWMAN-GIRVAN MODULARITY

$$Q = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{ij} \left[A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right] \delta(\sigma_i, \sigma_j)$$

Observed fraction intracluster edges Expected fraction of intracluster edges
1 if node i and node j in the same community



- ▶ Based on a null configuration model
- ▶ Same degree sequence
- ▶ Randomly rewired

Newman, 2006
Zachary, 1977

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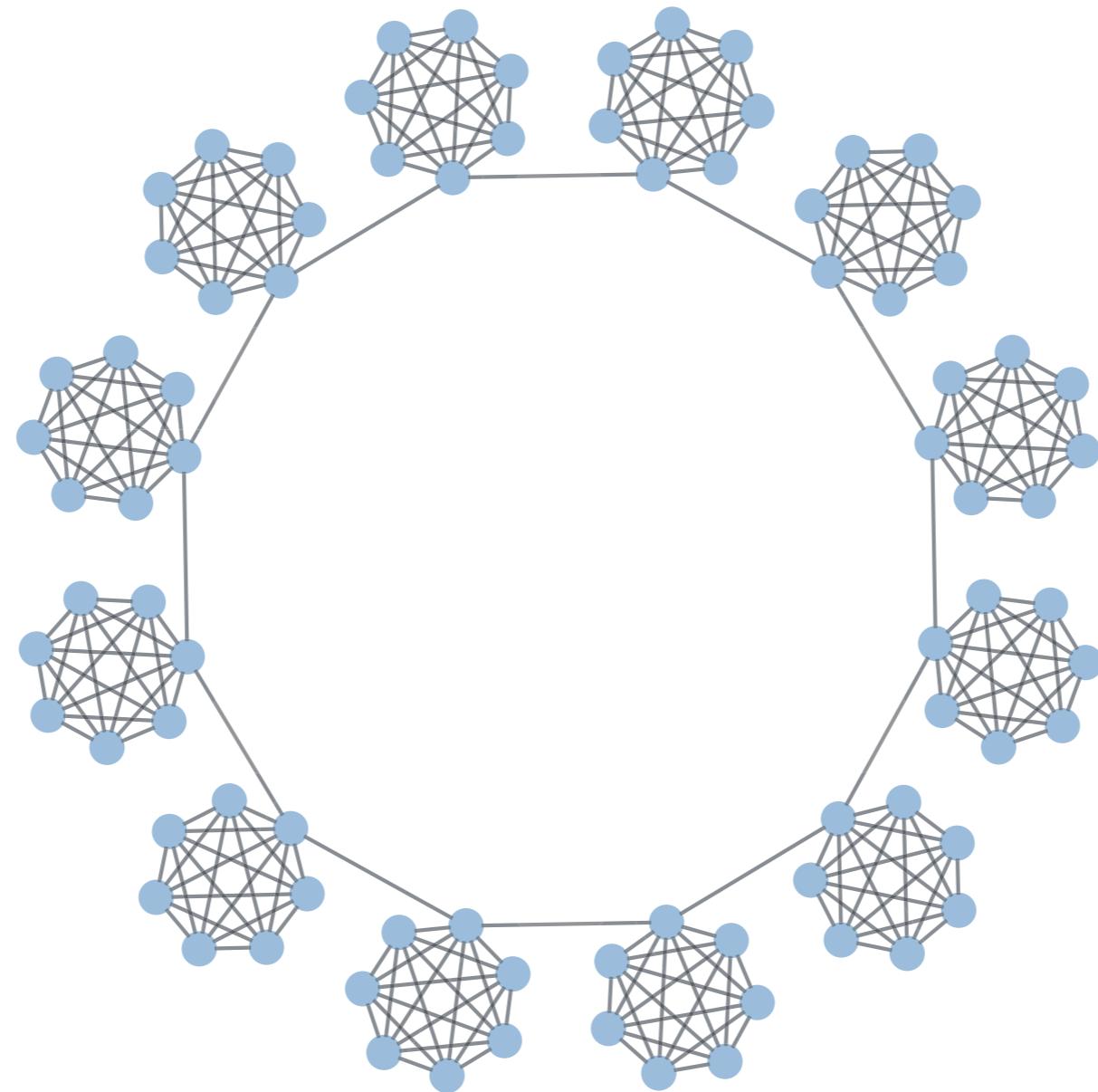
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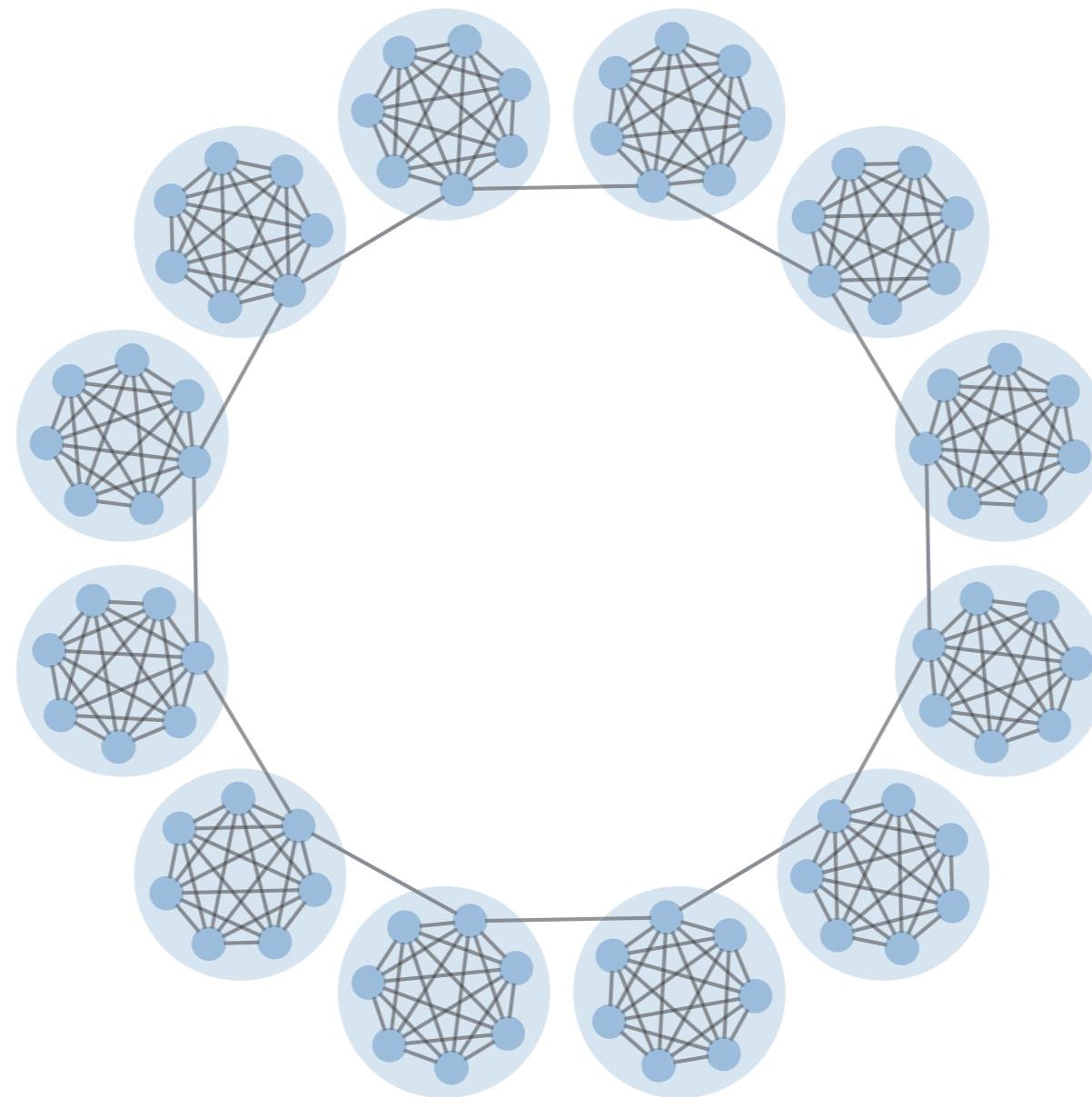
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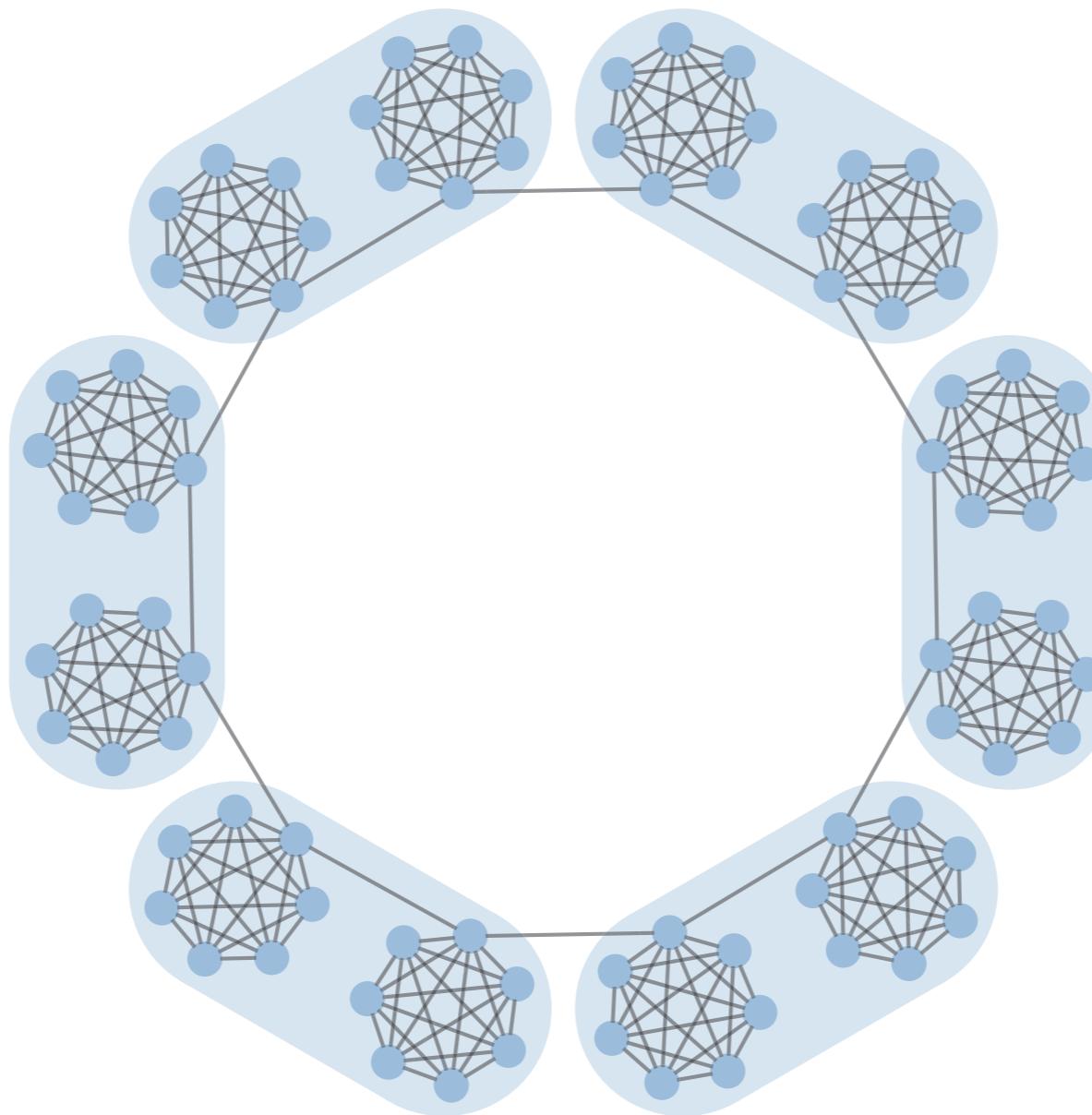
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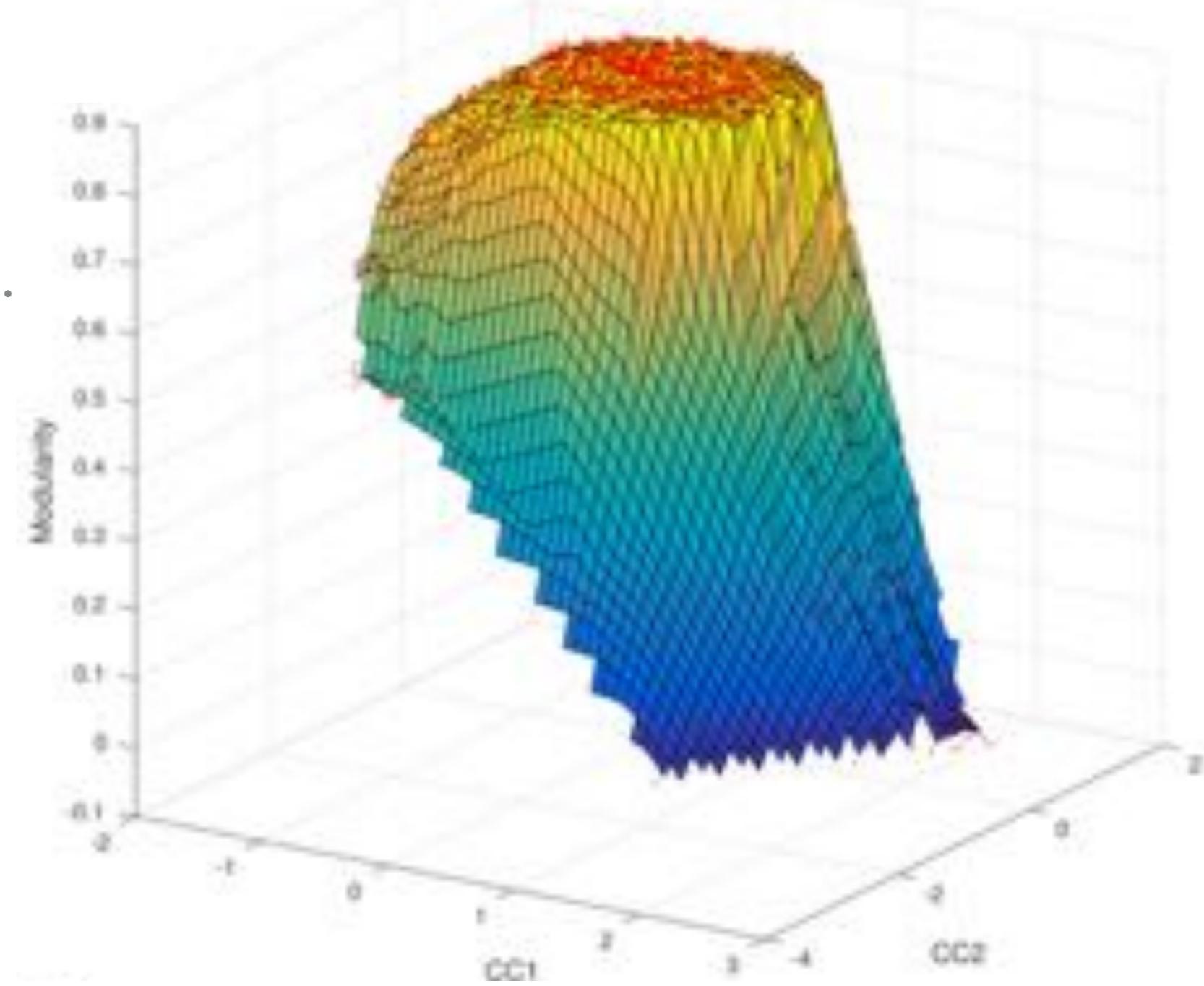
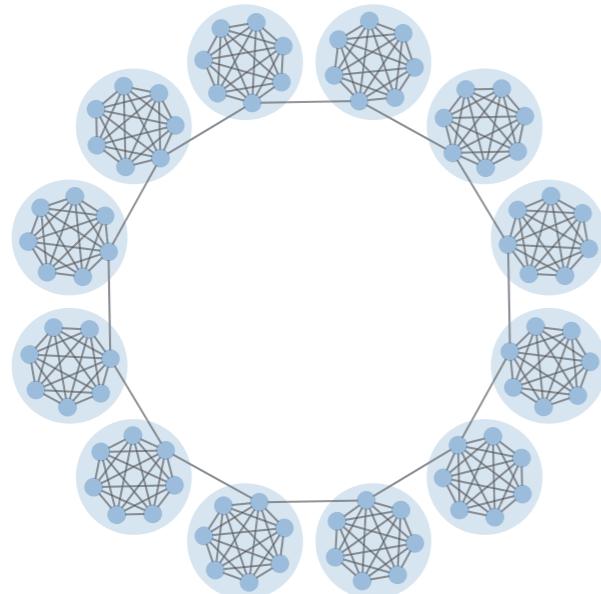


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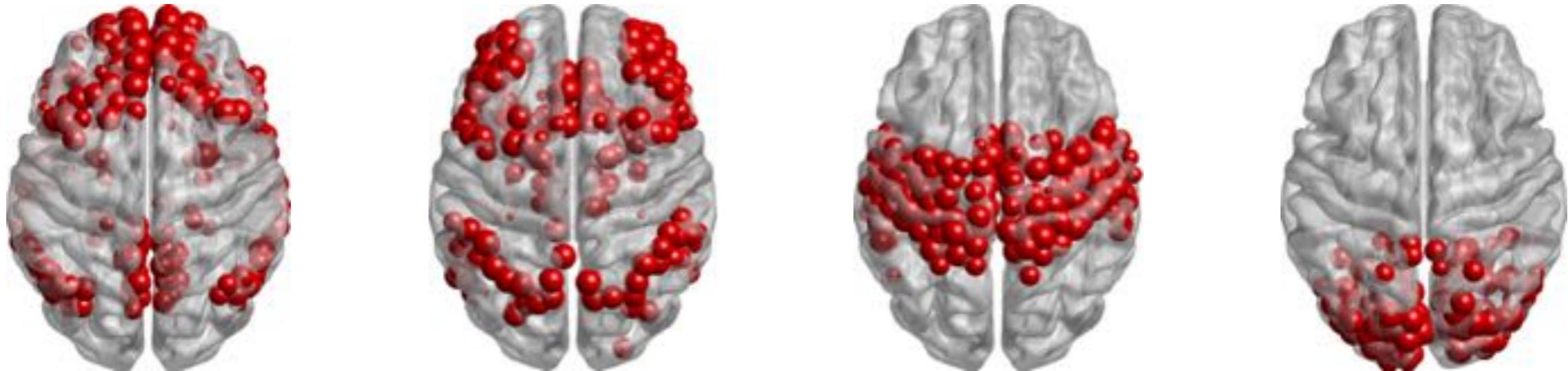
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RESOLUTION LIMIT

Resolution limit is an almost ubiquitous phenomenon:

- ▶ Resolution parameter γ [Arenas 2008, Reichardt 2006]
only shifts the problem at different scales.
- ▶ It depends on Modularity, not on the heuristic.
- ▶ In Infomap depends on intercluster edges [Kawamoto 2015].
- ▶ Global parameters? Resolution limit kicks in [Fortunato 2016].

REAL WORLD EFFECTS OF RESOLUTION LIMIT



- ▶ Resting state group average over 27 healthy subjects.
- ▶ 4 modules found by modularity maximization.

$$m_c \geq \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}$$

We need to move this limit away.

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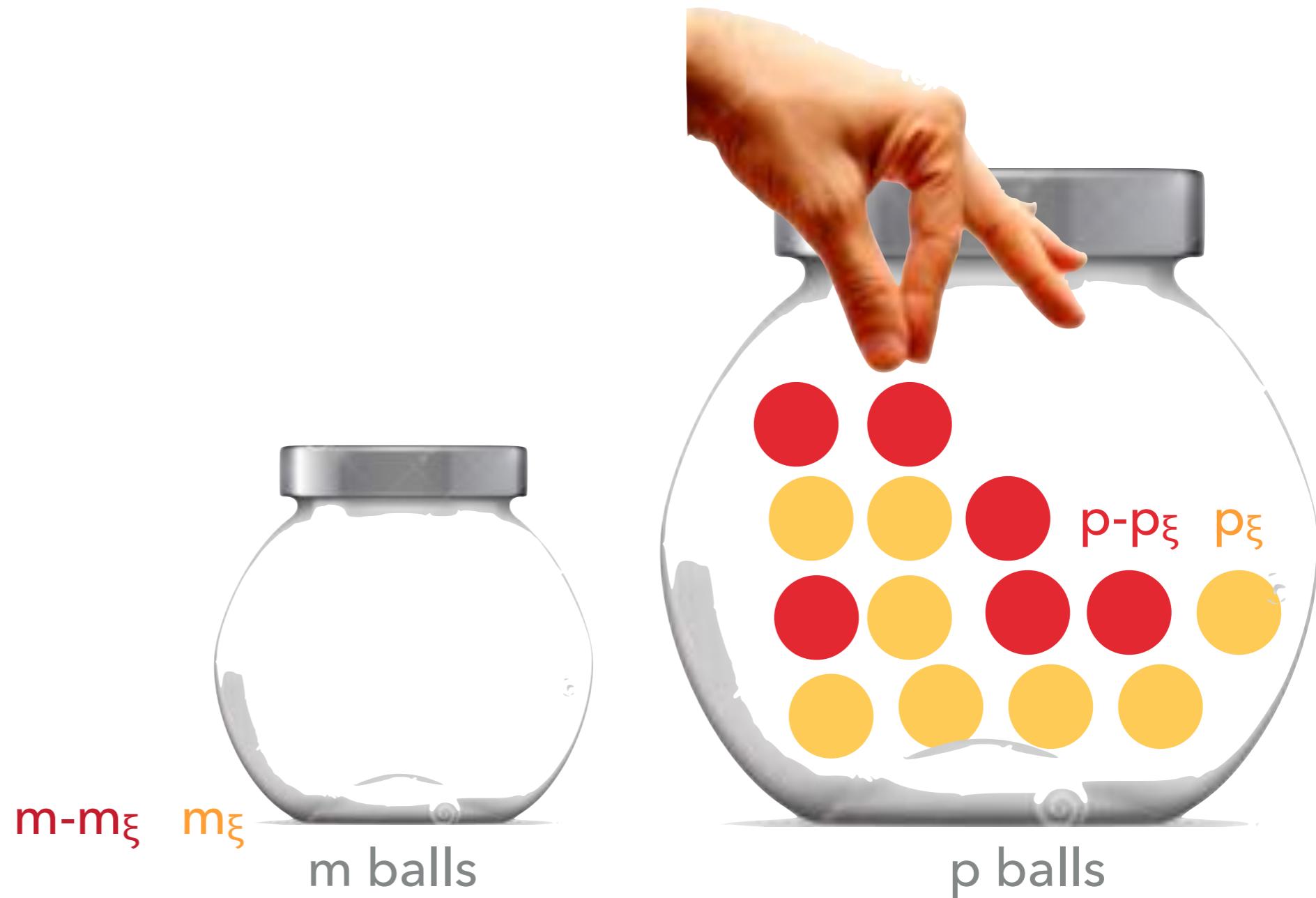
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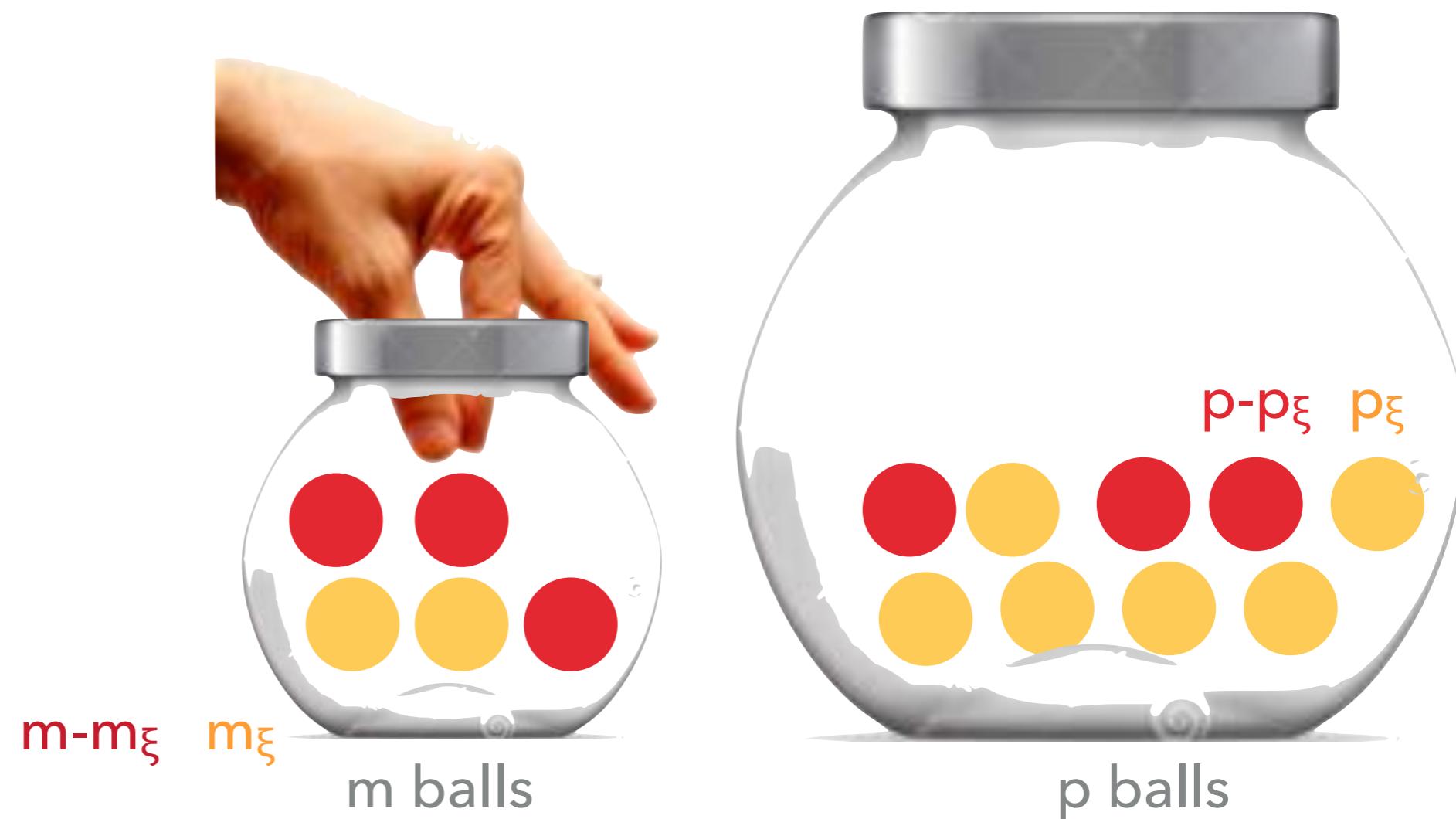
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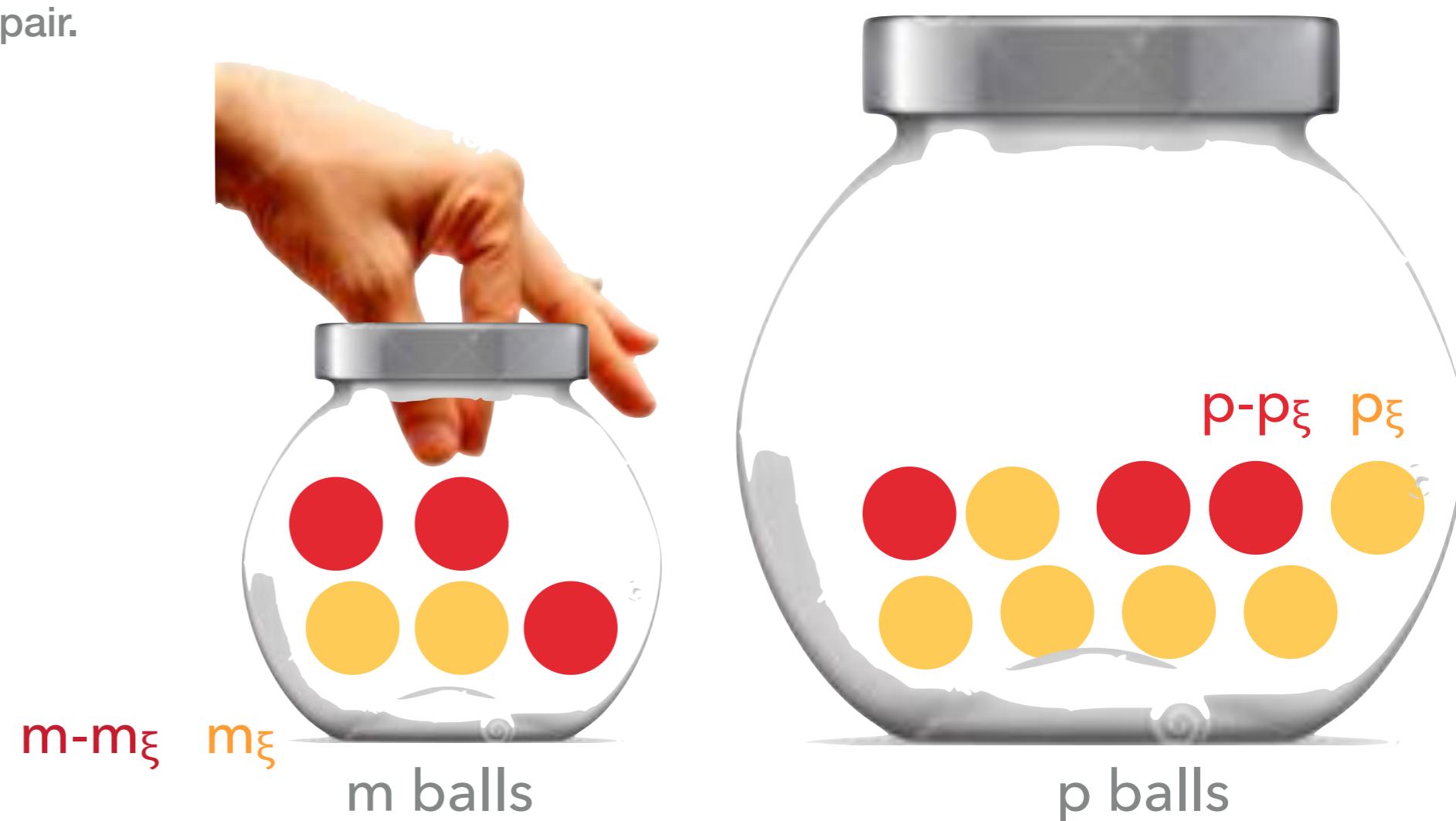


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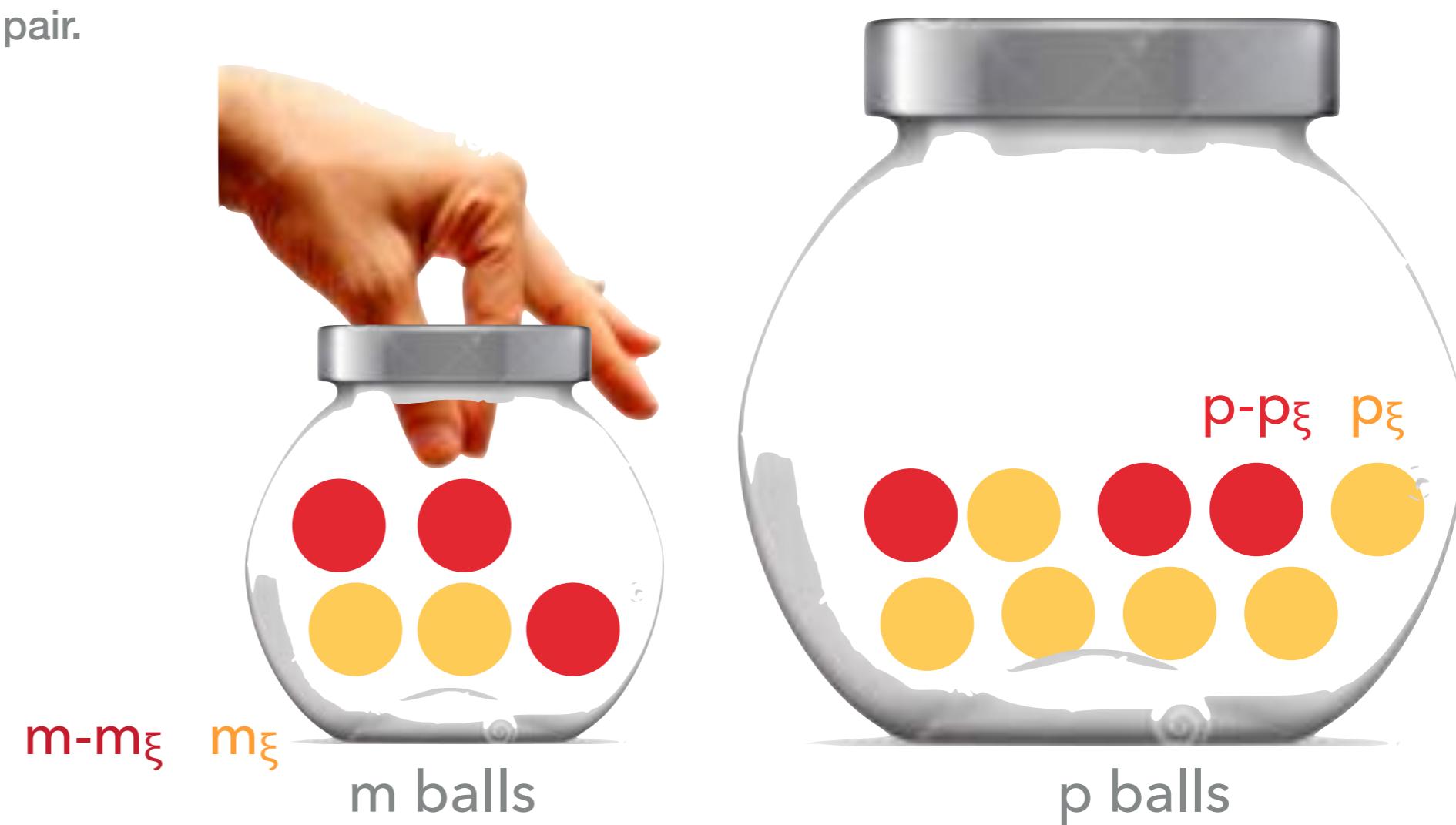
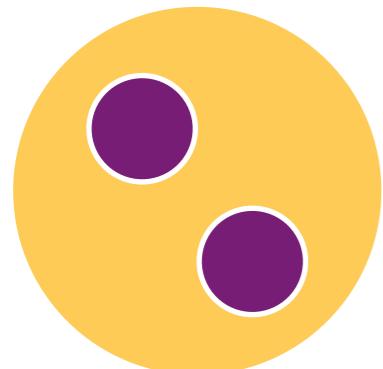
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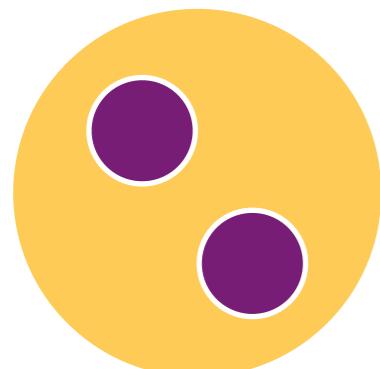
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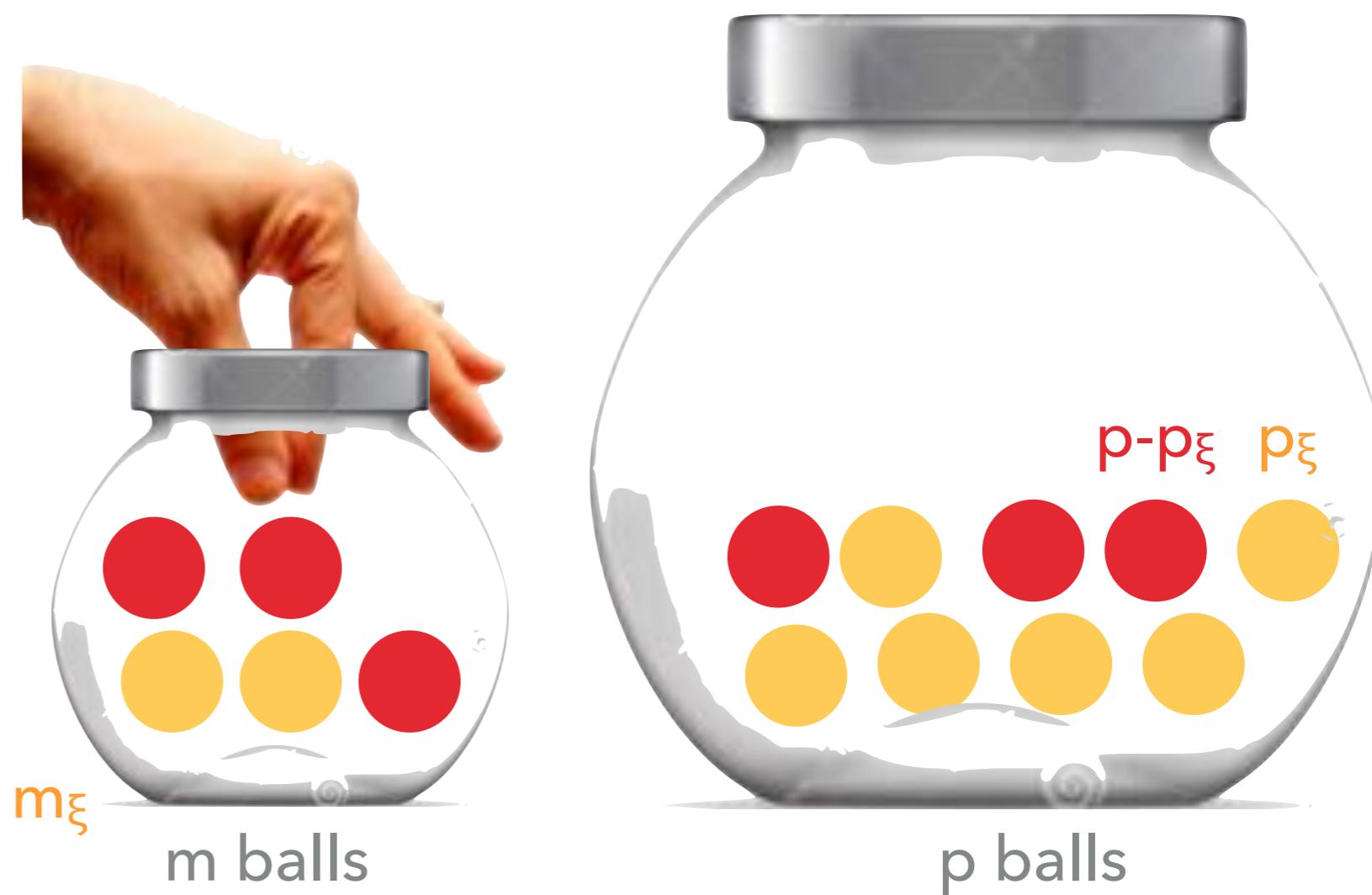
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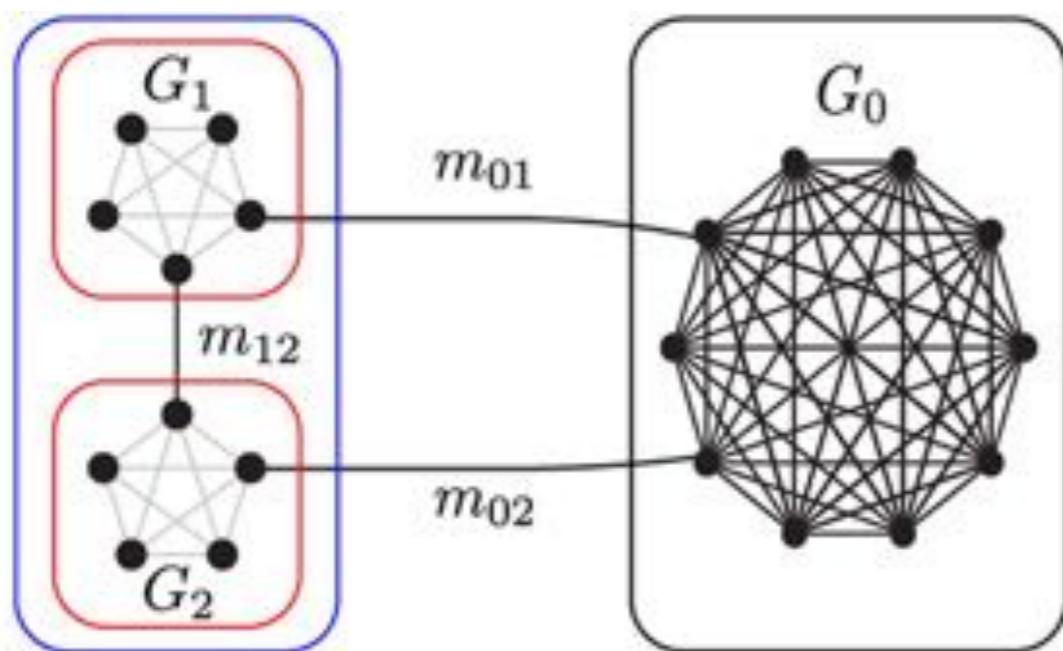
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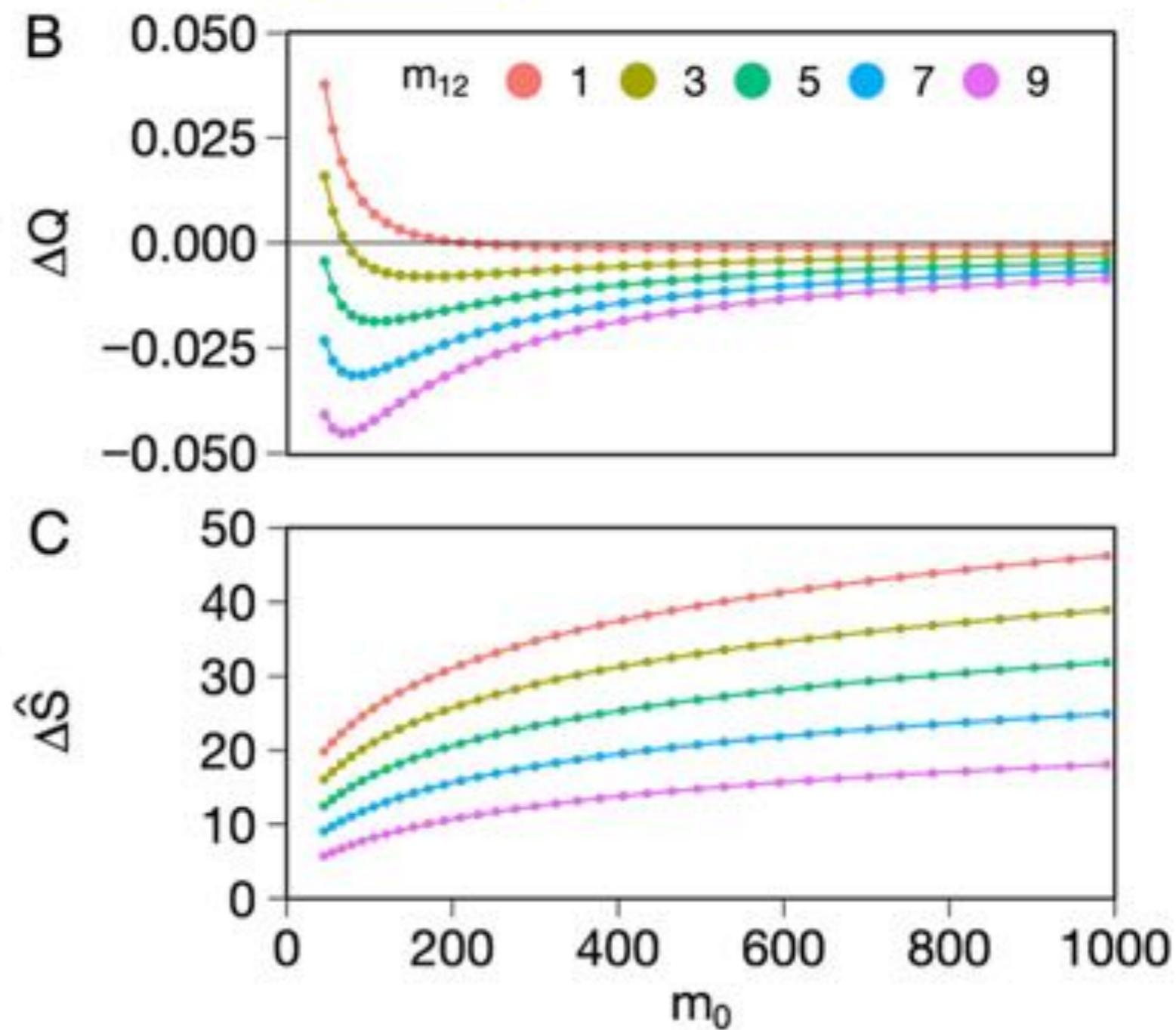


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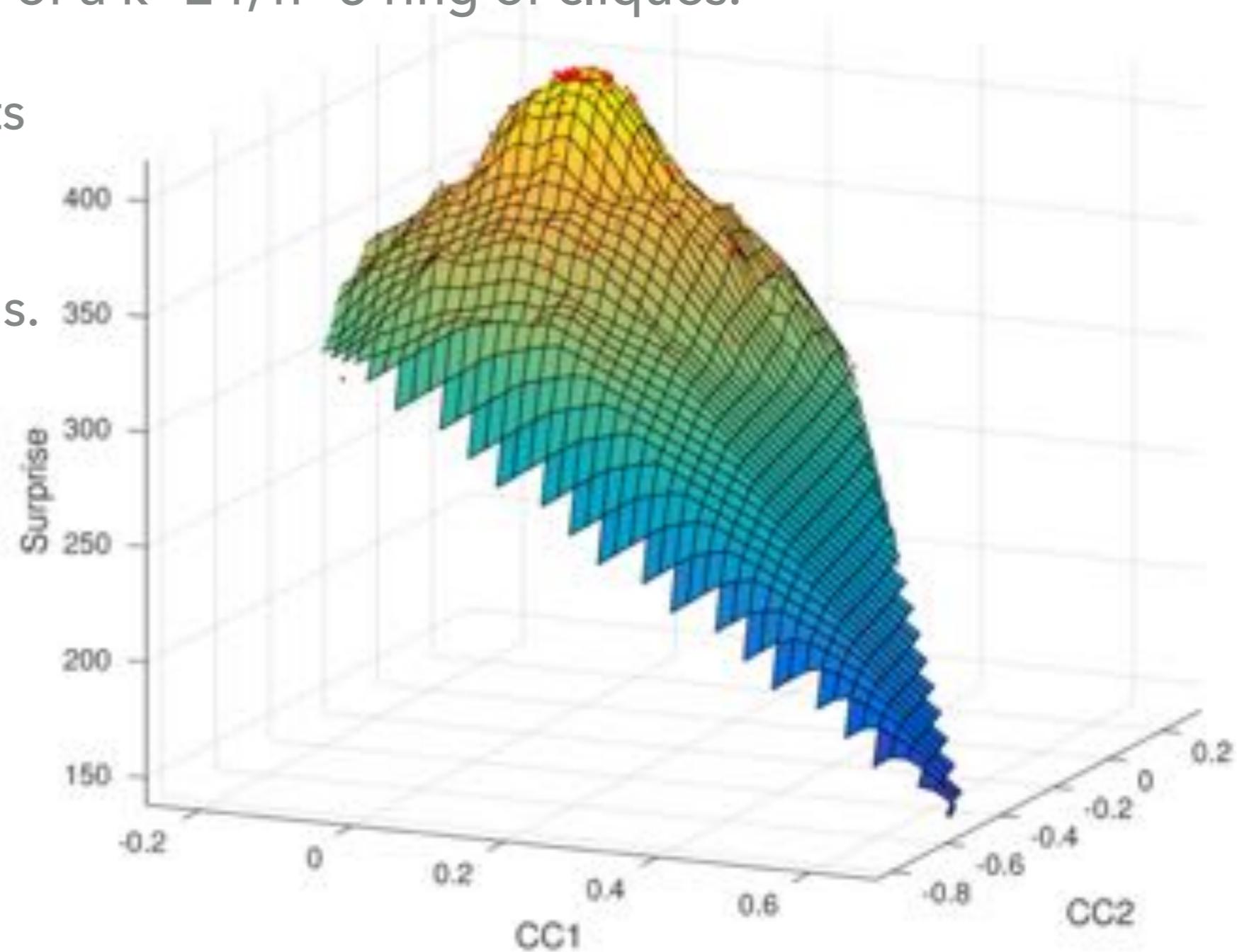
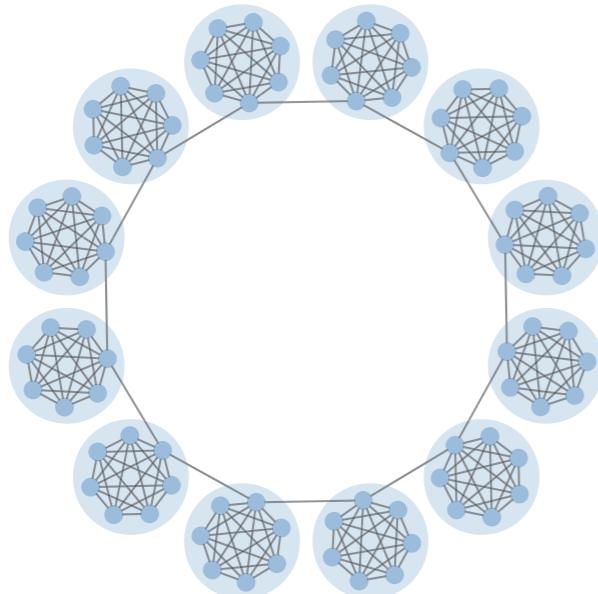
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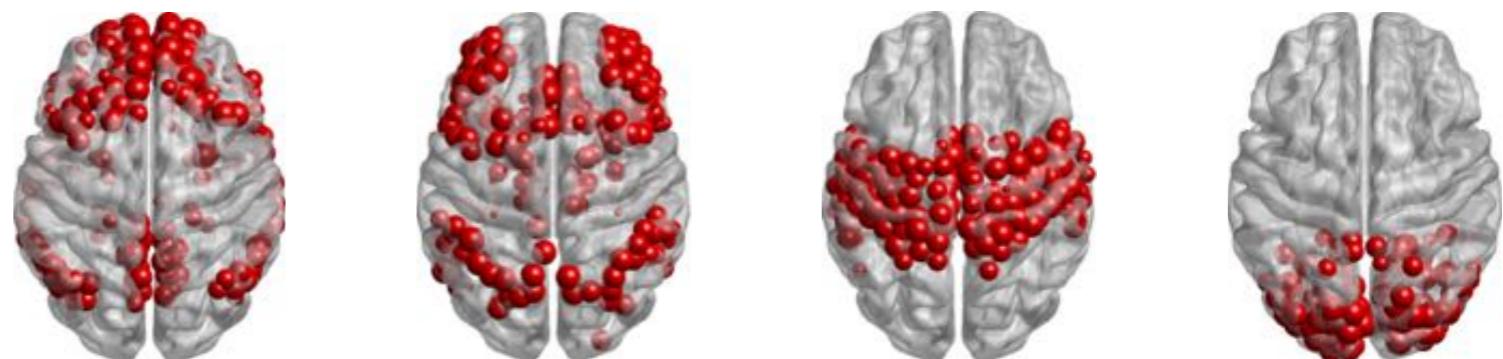
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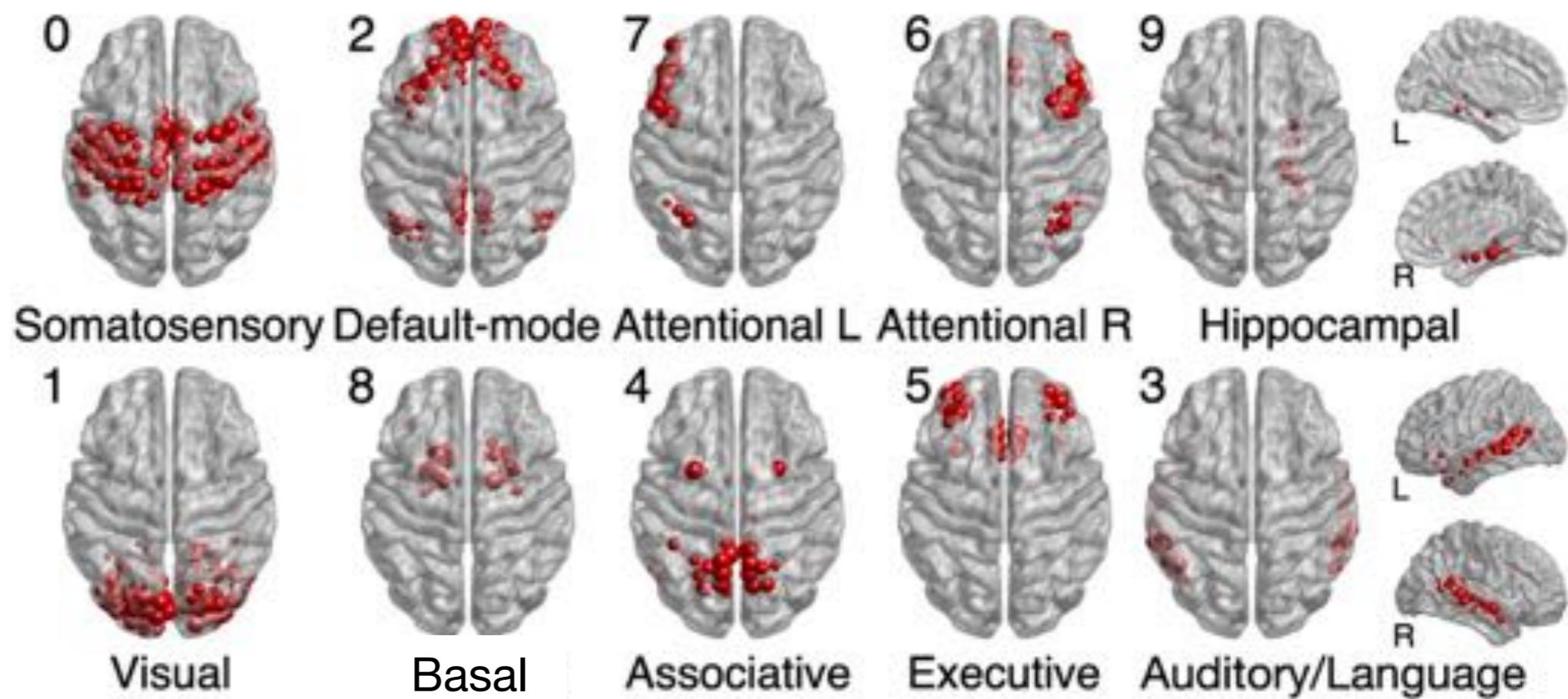


APPLICATION OF SURPRISE OPTIMIZATION

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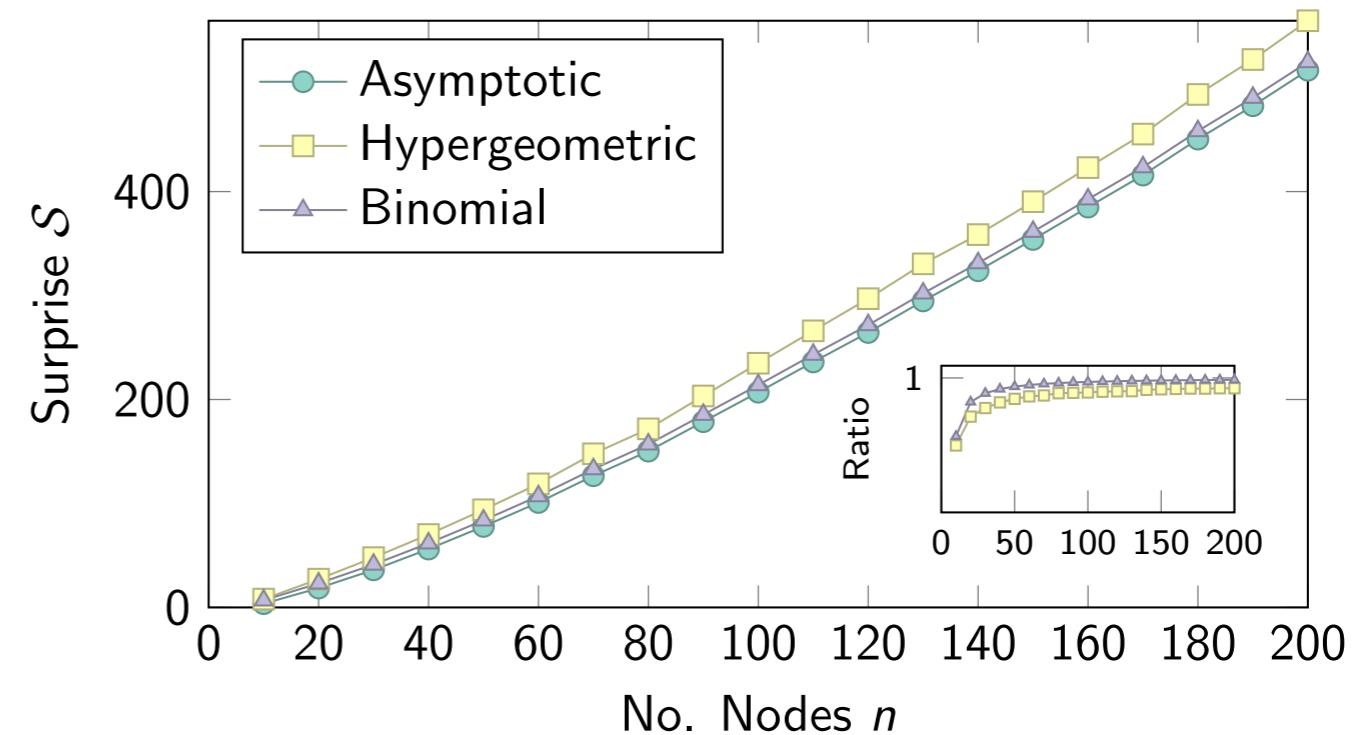
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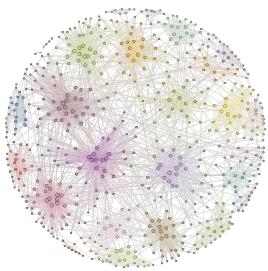


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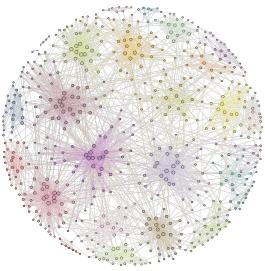


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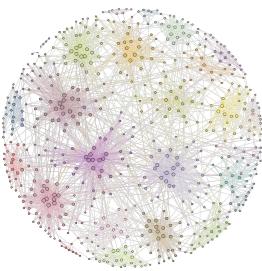
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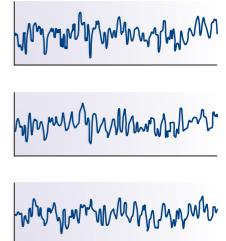
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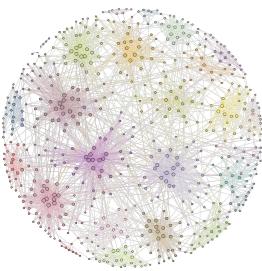
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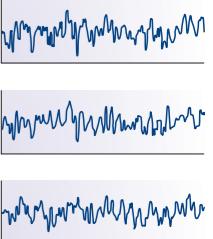
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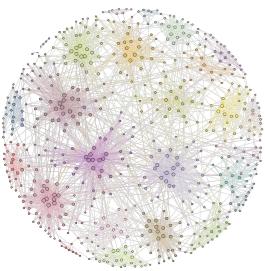
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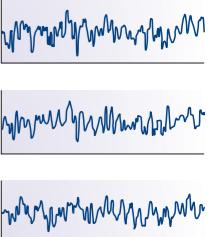
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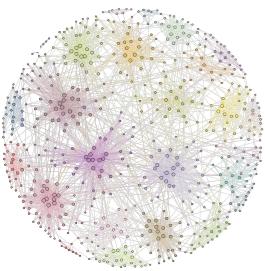


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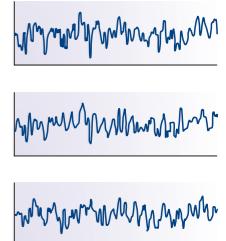
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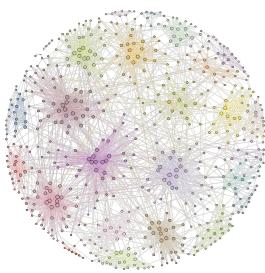
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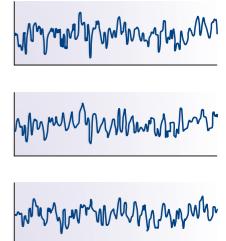


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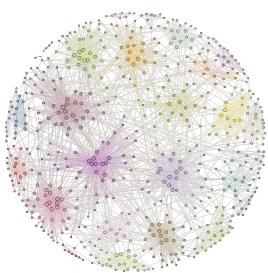
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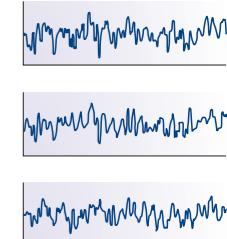


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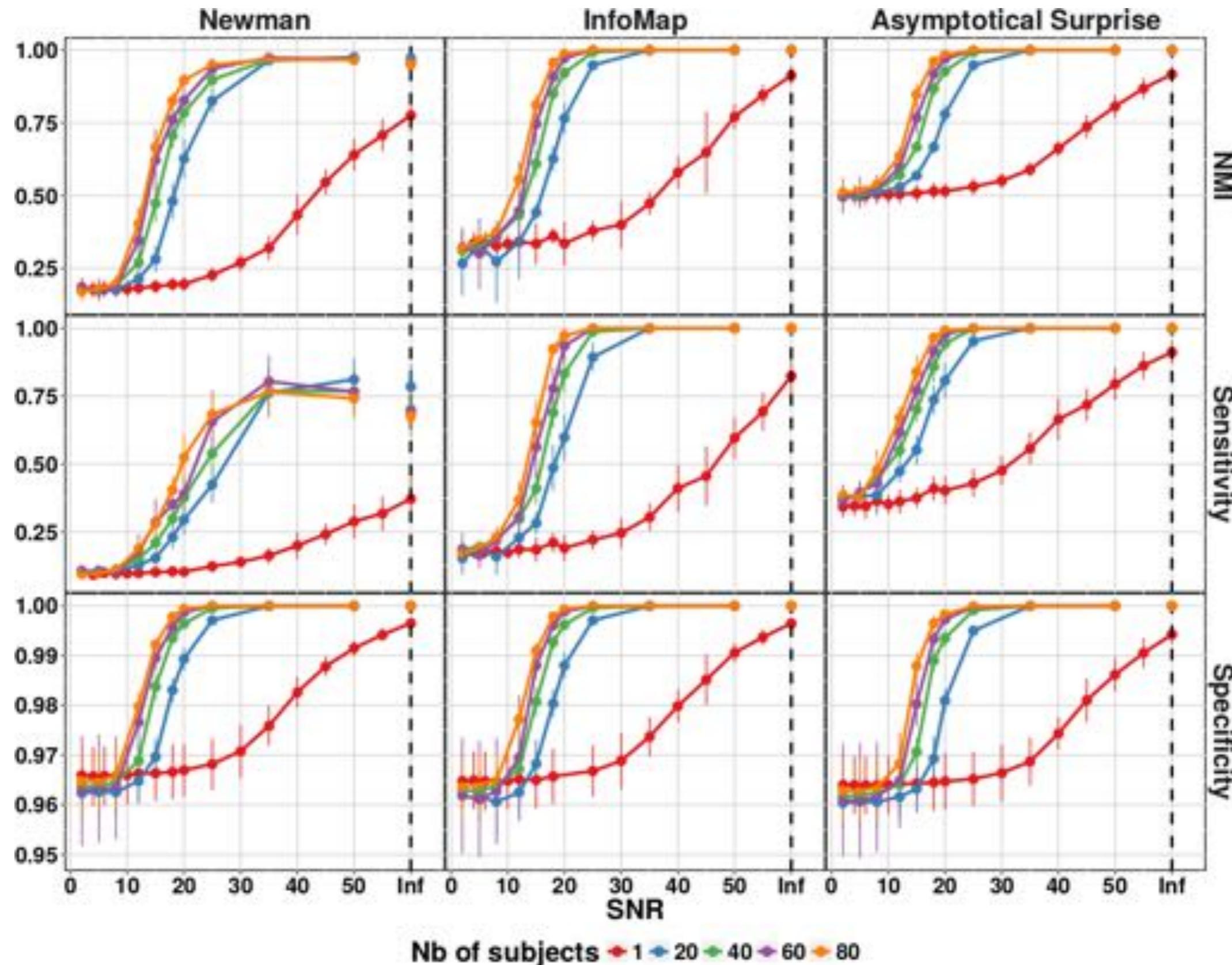
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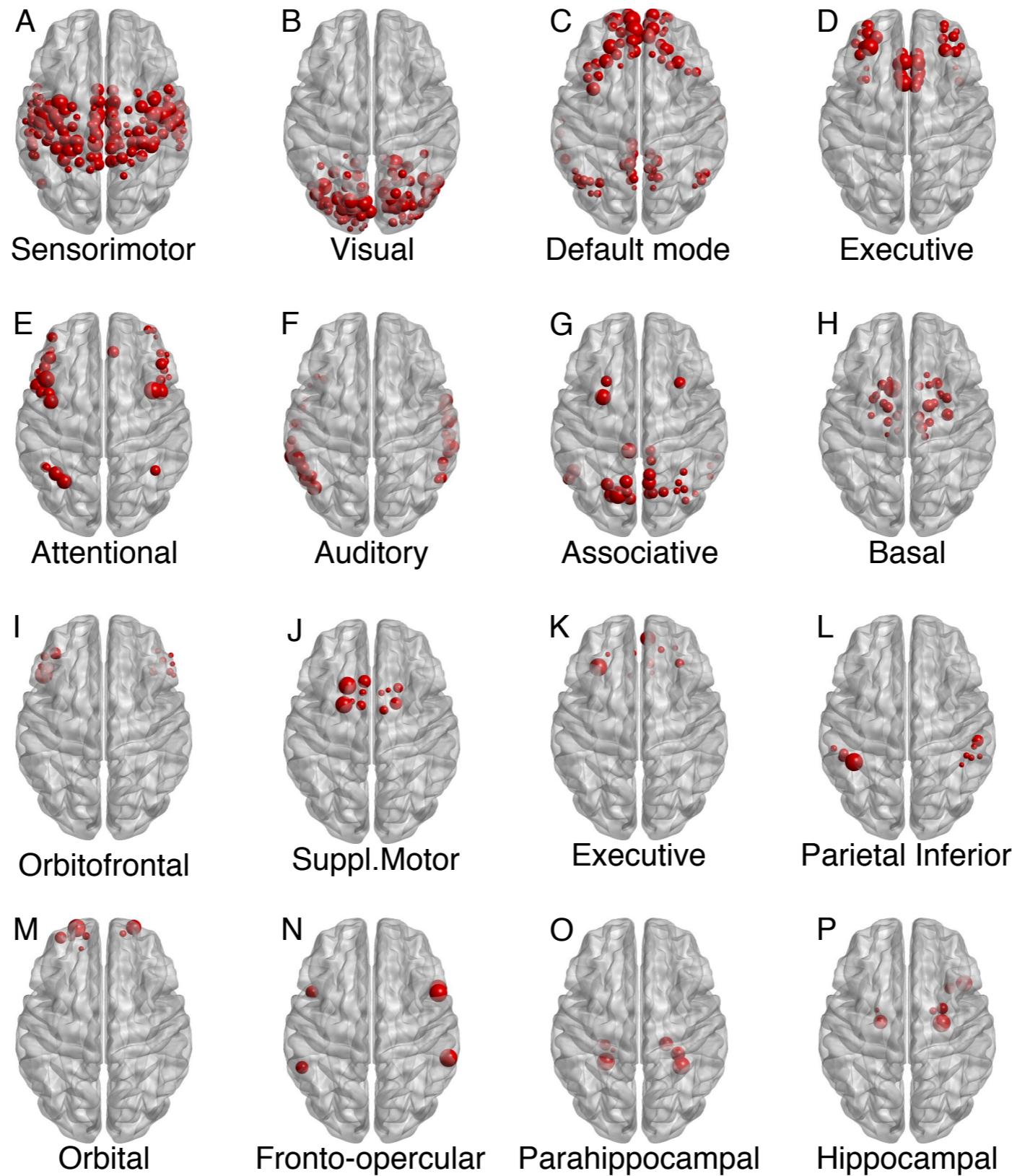
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CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Functional connectivity can be studied with graph-theoretical approaches.
- ▶ Resolution limit hindered detection of functional modules.
- ▶ Coarse resolution hides small details and differences between groups.
- ▶ Asymptotical Surprise can identify neurofunctionally plausible and anatomically well-defined substructures.

But ...

- ▶ It may overfit the community structure due to its improved sensitivity.

THANK YOU!



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The BrainetLab logo, which consists of a red stylized 'e' icon followed by the text 'brainetlab.github.io'.



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