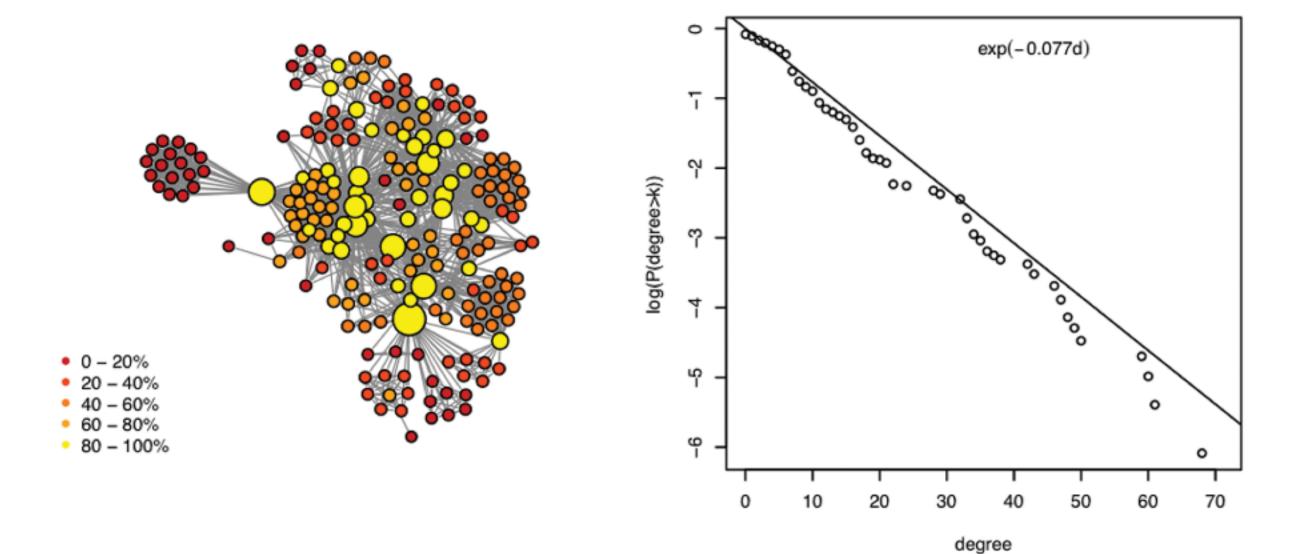
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We show that

- a) half of the symptoms in the DSM-IV network are connected,
- b) the architecture of these connections conforms to a small world structure, featuring a high degree of clustering but a short average path length, and
- c) distances between disorders in this **structure predict empirical comorbidity rates**. Network simulations of Major Depressive Episode and Generalized Anxiety Disorder show that the model faithfully reproduces empirical population statistics for these disorders.



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