

**Note to other teachers and users of these slides:** We would be delighted if you found this material useful in giving your own lectures. Feel free to use these slides verbatim, or to modify them to fit your own needs. If you make use of a significant portion of these slides in your own lecture, please include this message, or a link to our web site: <http://www.mmds.org>

# Analysis of Large Graphs: Overlapping Communities

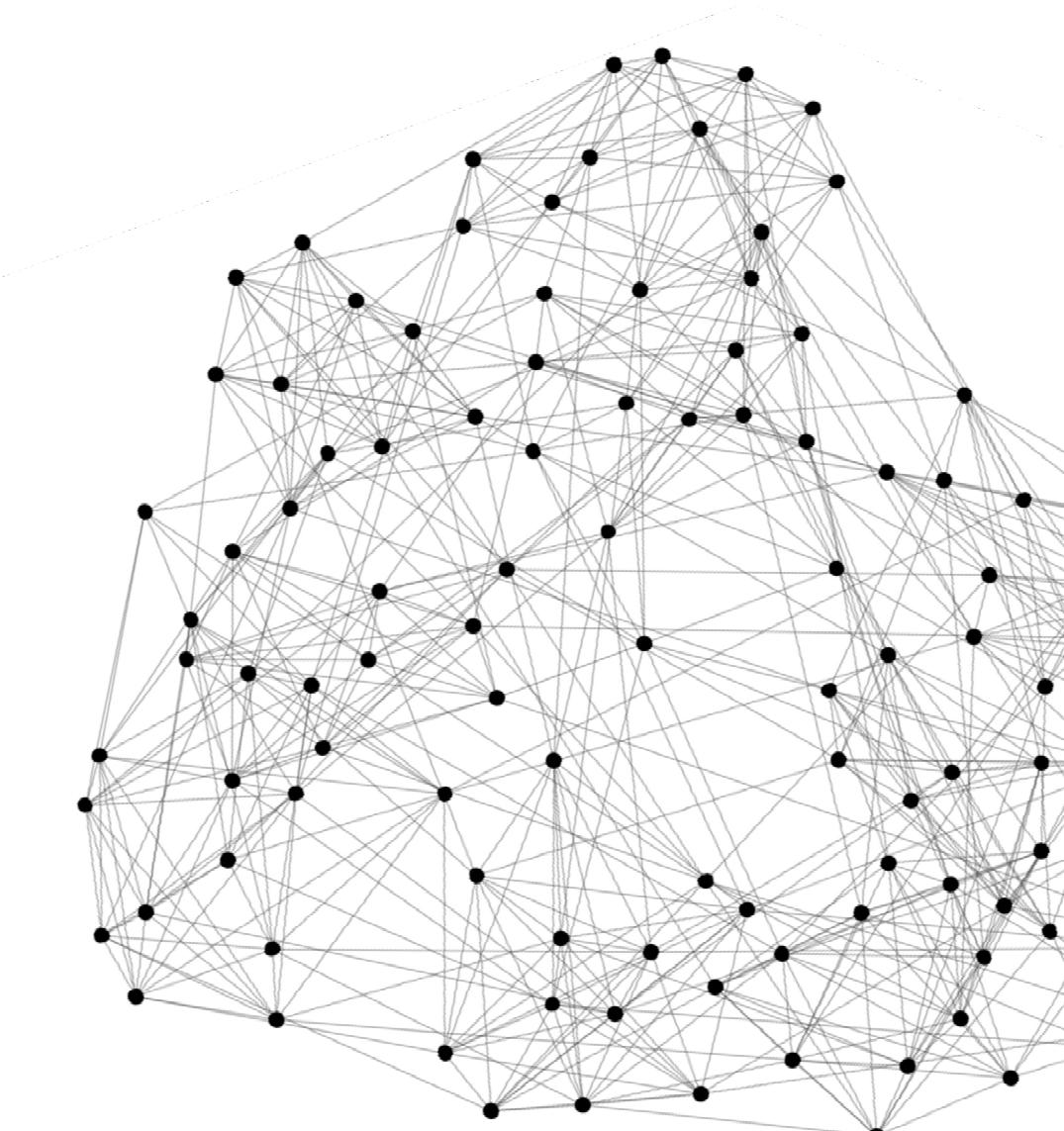
Mining of Massive Datasets

Jure Leskovec, Anand Rajaraman, Jeff Ullman  
Stanford University

<http://www.mmds.org>



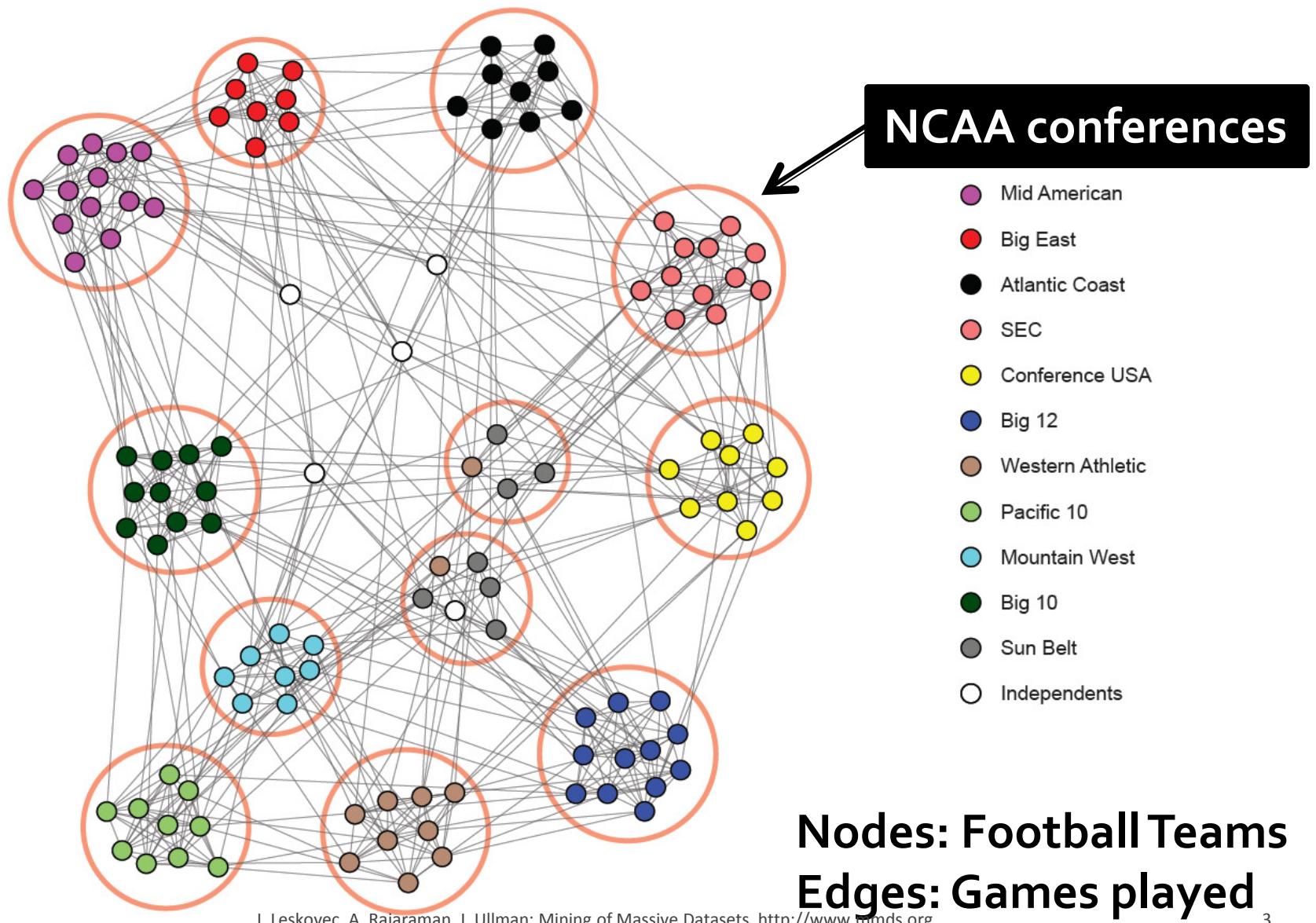
# Identifying Communities



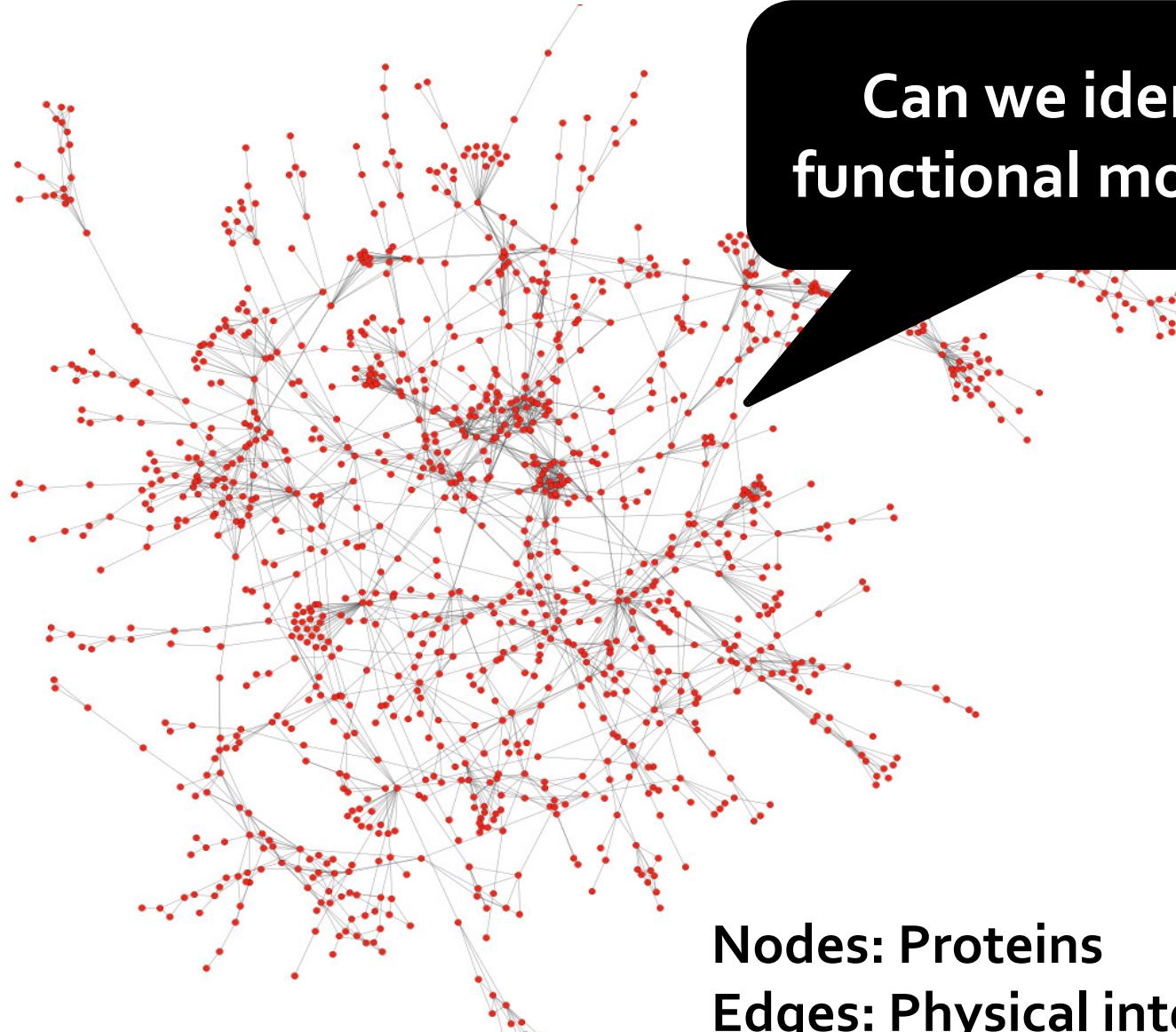
Can we identify  
node groups?  
(communities,  
modules, clusters)

Nodes: Football Teams  
Edges: Games played

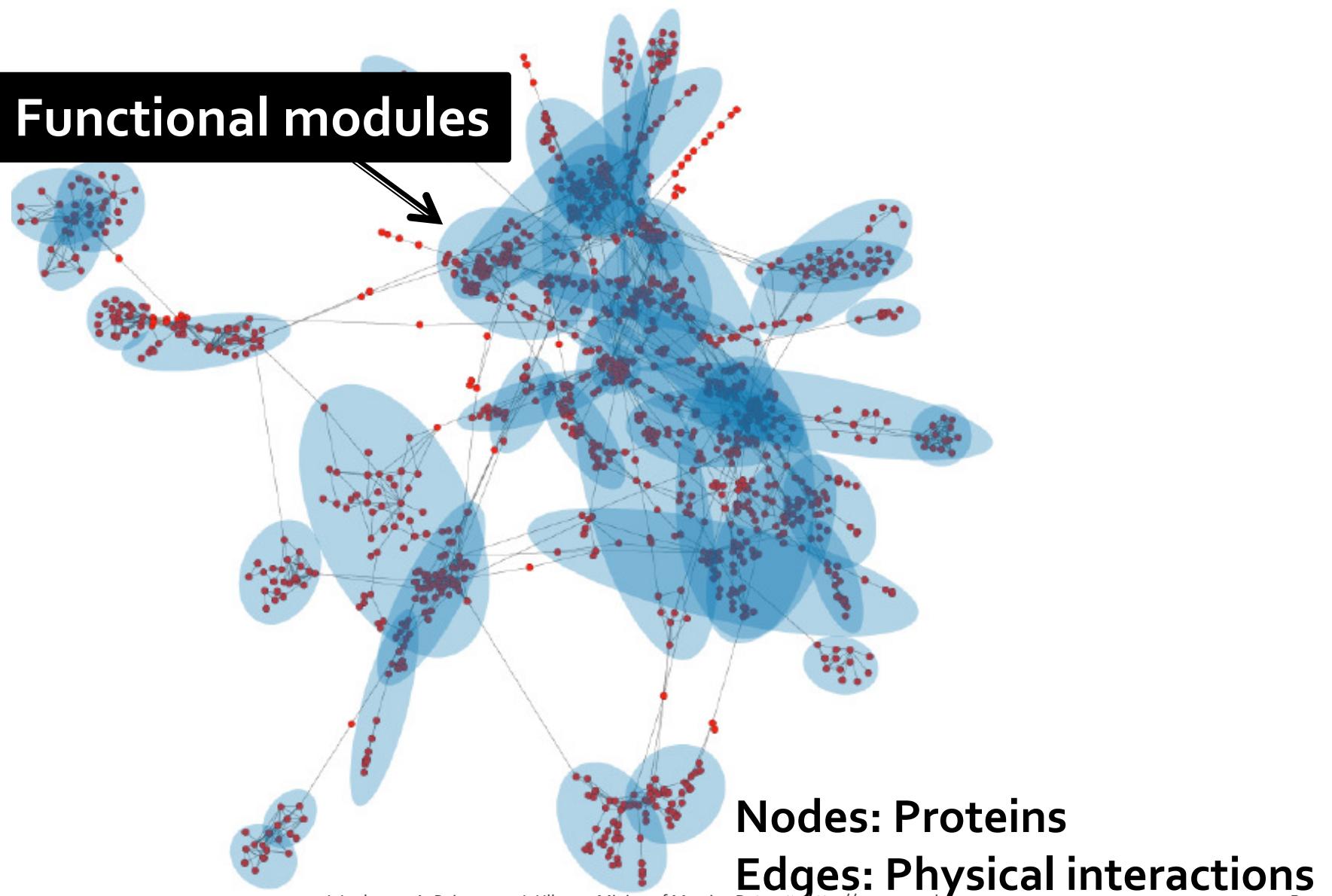
# NCAA Football Network



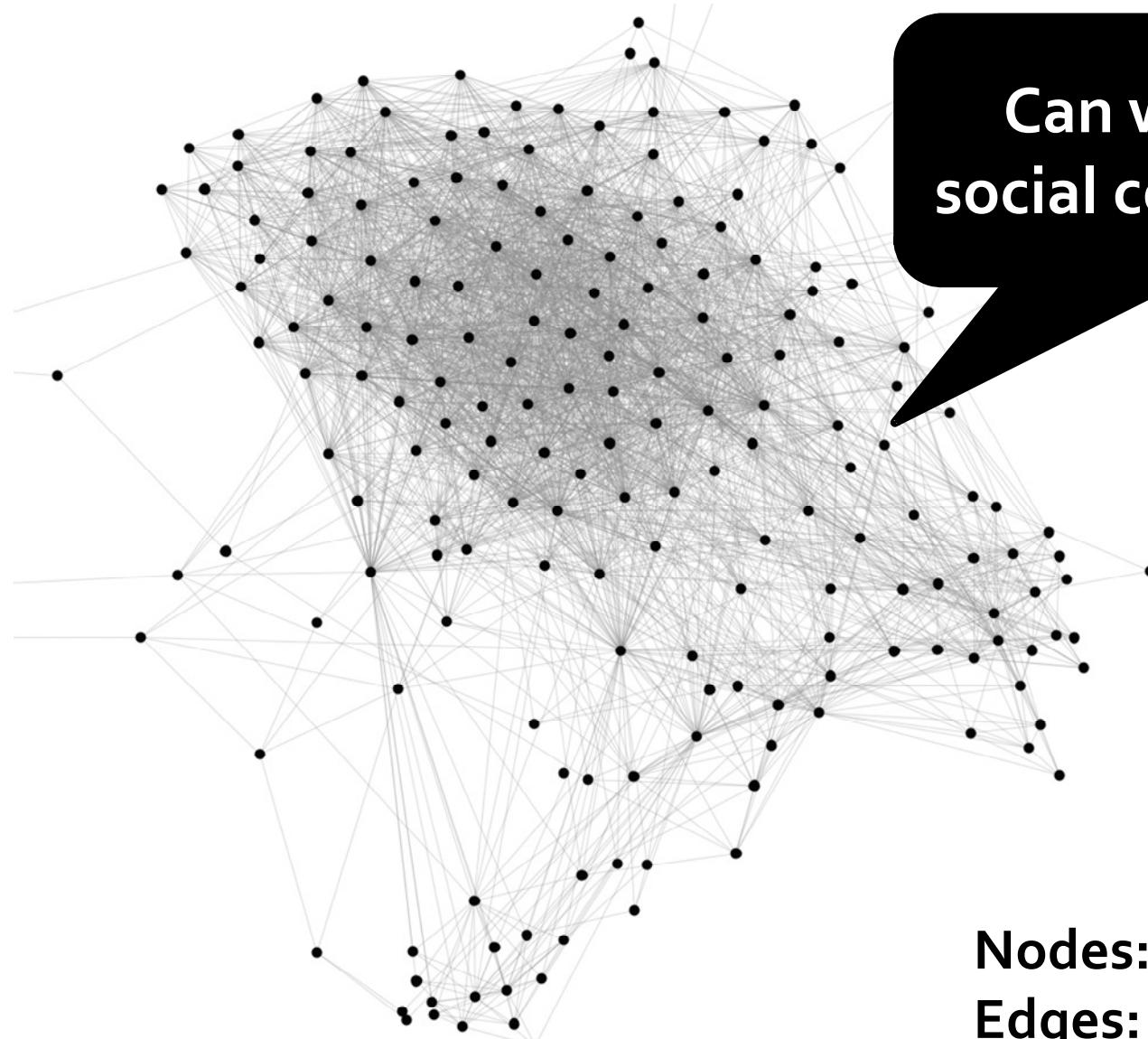
# Protein-Protein Interactions



# Protein-Protein Interactions

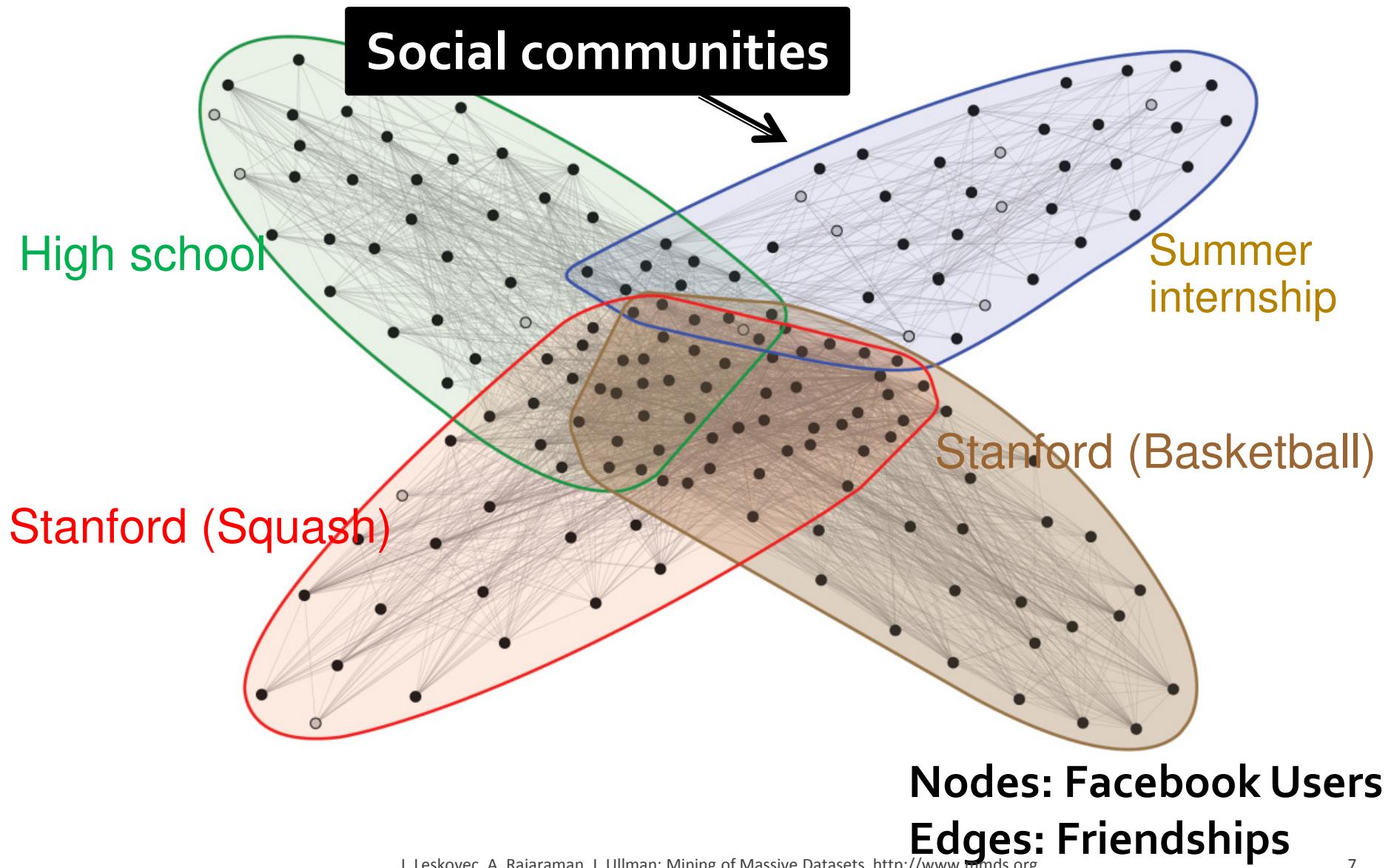


# Facebook Network



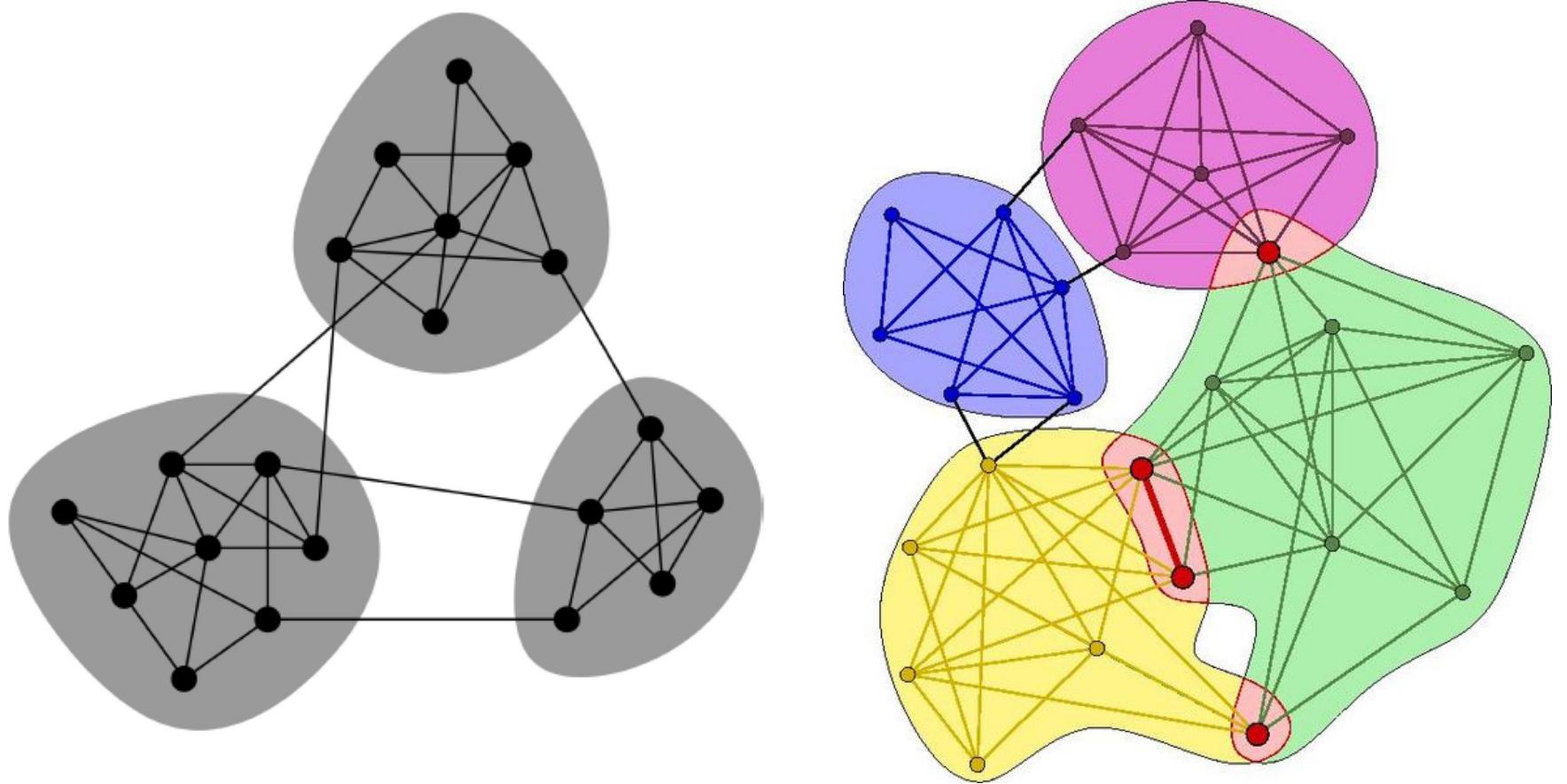
**Nodes: Facebook Users**  
**Edges: Friendships**

# Facebook Network

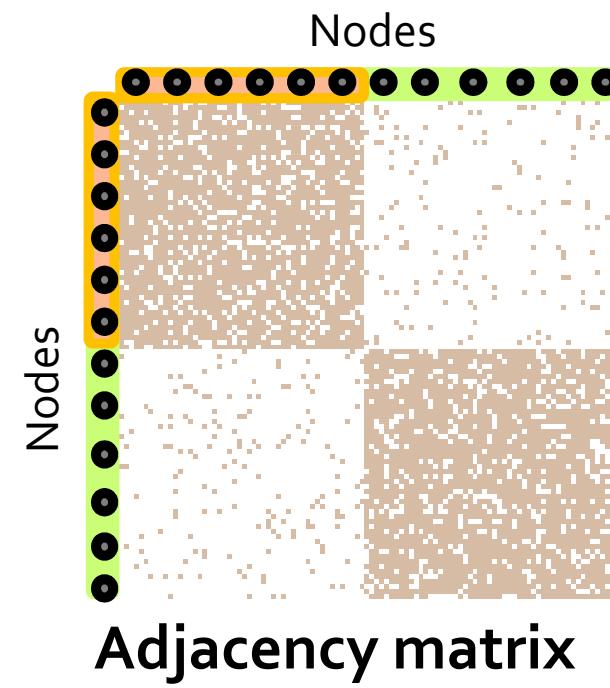
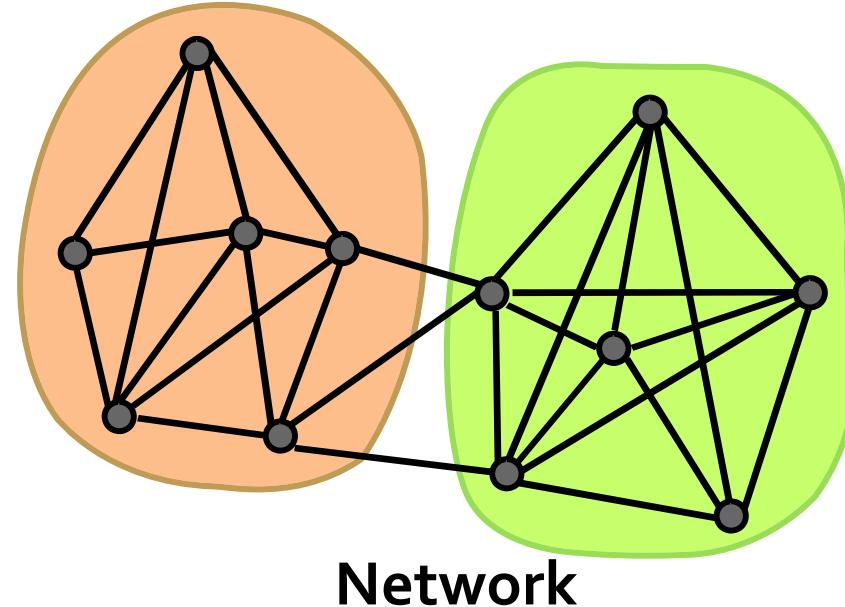


# Overlapping Communities

- Non-overlapping vs. overlapping communities

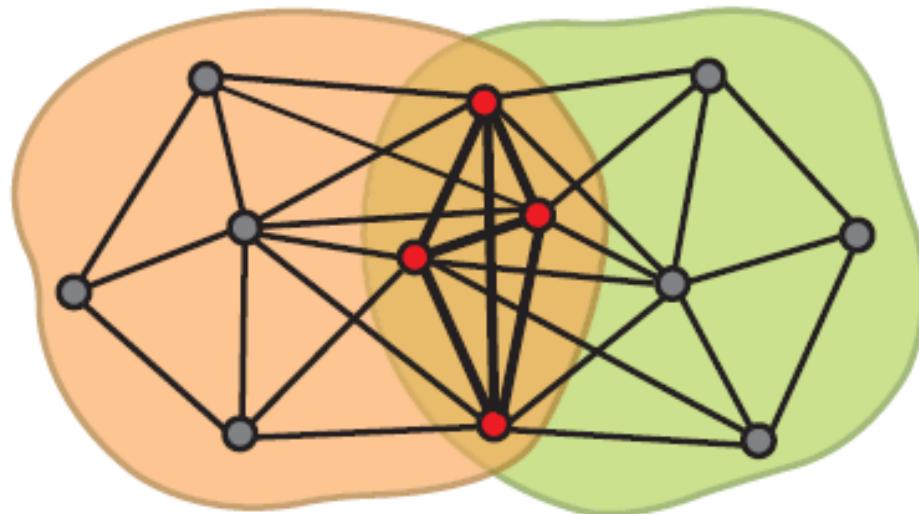


# Non-overlapping Communities



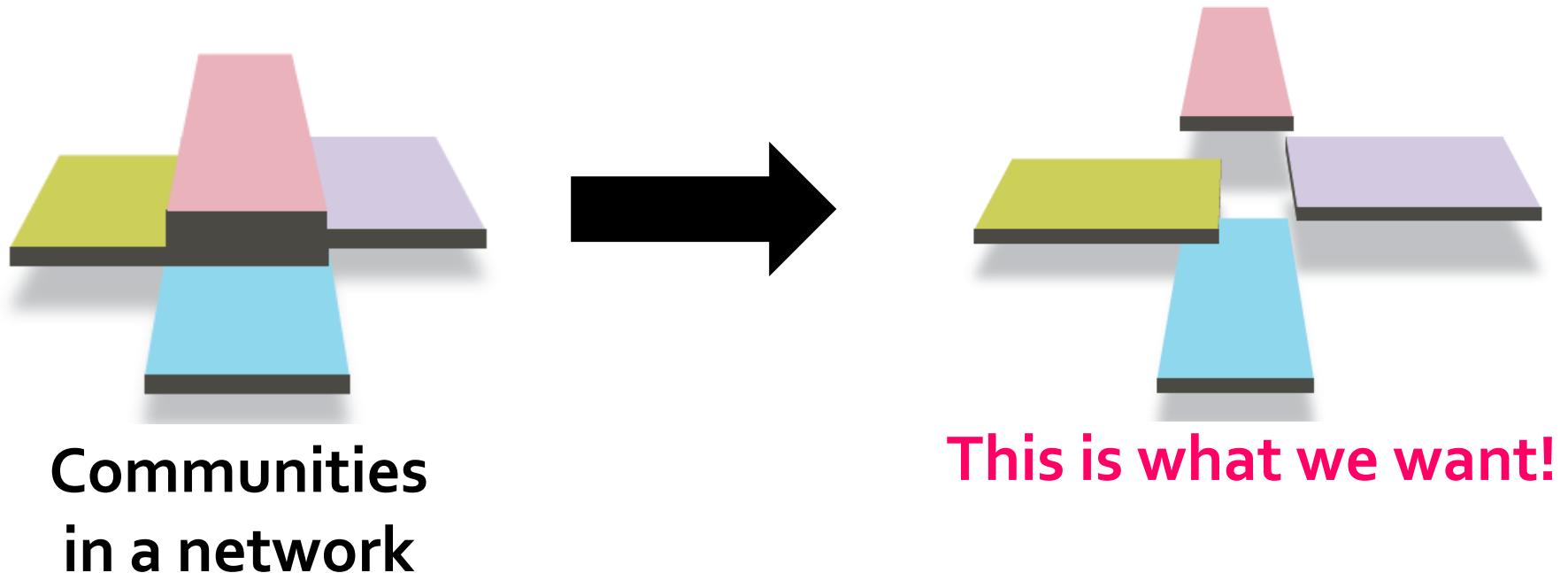
# Communities as Tiles!

- What is the structure of community overlaps:  
Edge density in the overlaps is higher!



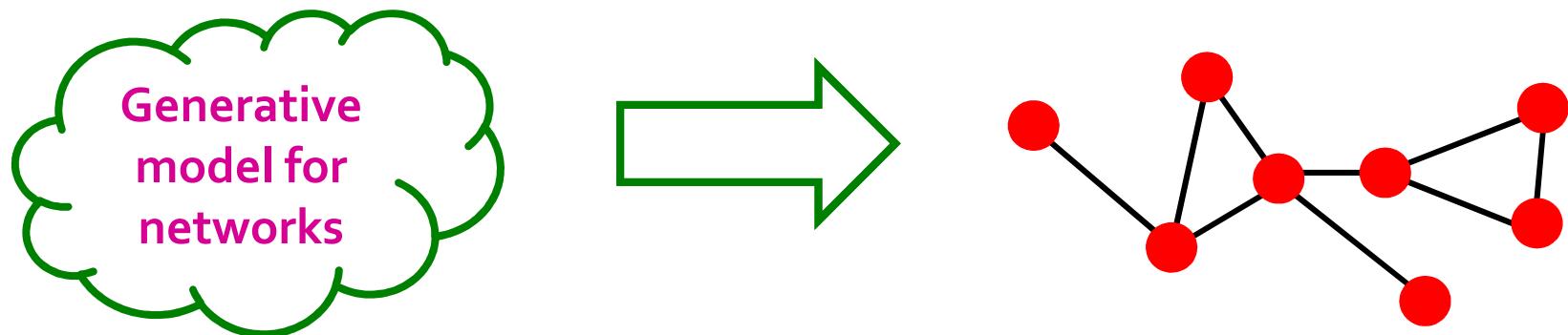
Communities as “tiles”

# Recap so far...

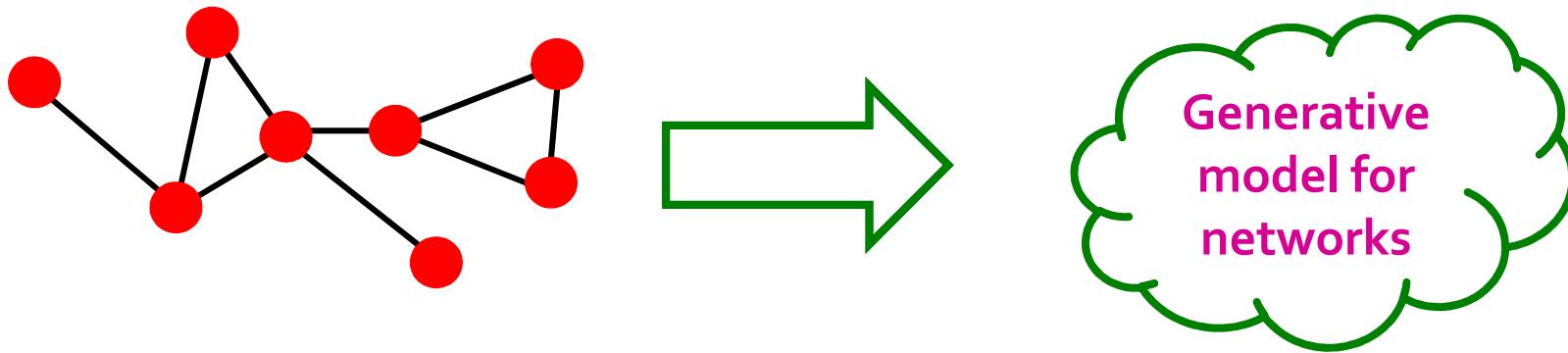


# Plan of attack

- 1) Given a model, we generate the network:

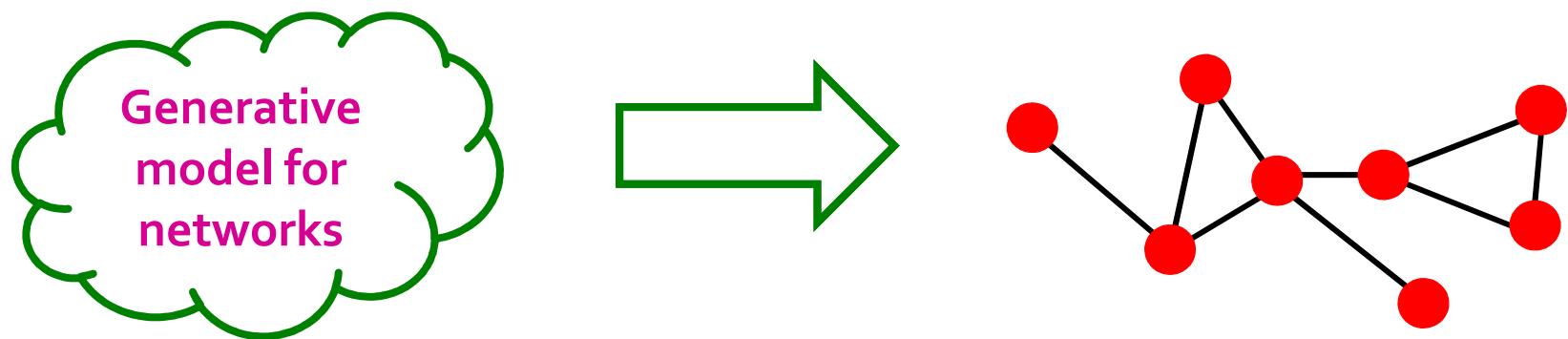


- 2) Given a network, find the “best” model



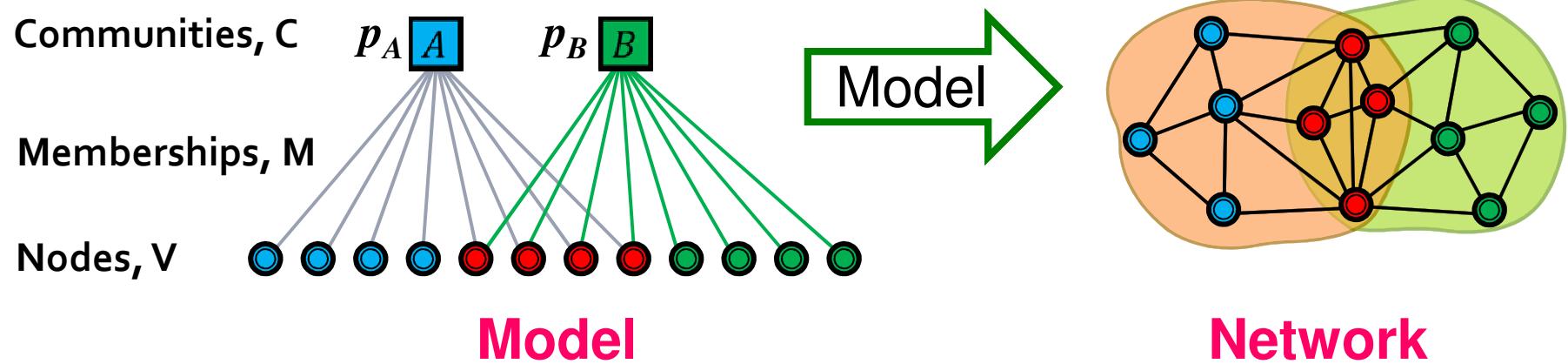
# Model of networks

- Goal: Define a model that can generate networks
  - The model will have a set of “parameters” that we will later want to estimate (and detect communities)



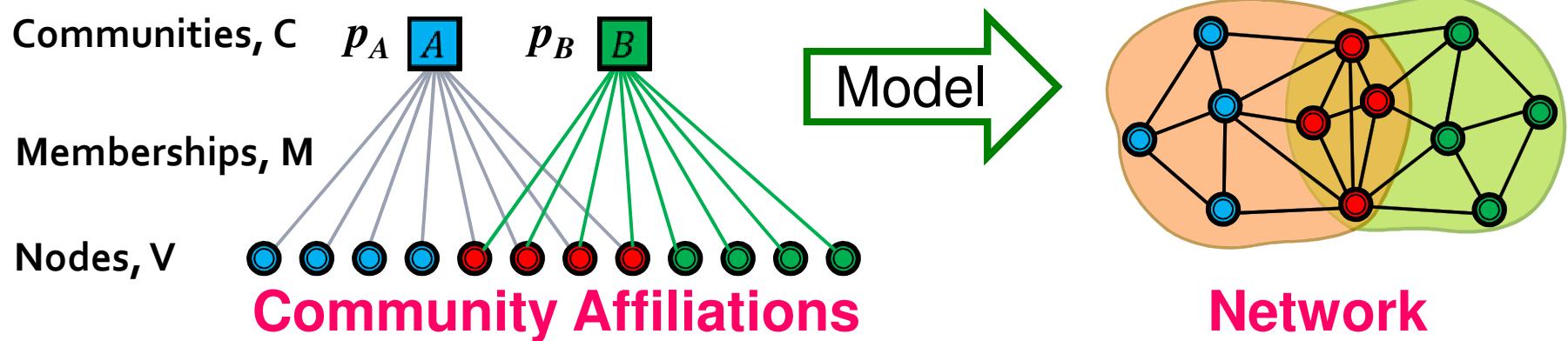
- Q: Given a set of nodes, how do communities “generate” edges of the network?

# Community-Affiliation Graph



- **Generative model  $B(V, C, M, \{p_c\})$  for graphs:**
  - Nodes  $V$ , Communities  $C$ , Memberships  $M$
  - Each community  $c$  has a single probability  $p_c$
  - Later we fit the model to networks to detect communities

# AGM: Generative Process



- **AGM generates the links: For each**

- For each pair of nodes in community  $A$ , we connect them with prob.  $p_A$
  - **The overall edge probability is:**

$$P(u, v) = 1 - \prod_{c \in M_u \cap M_v} (1 - p_c)$$

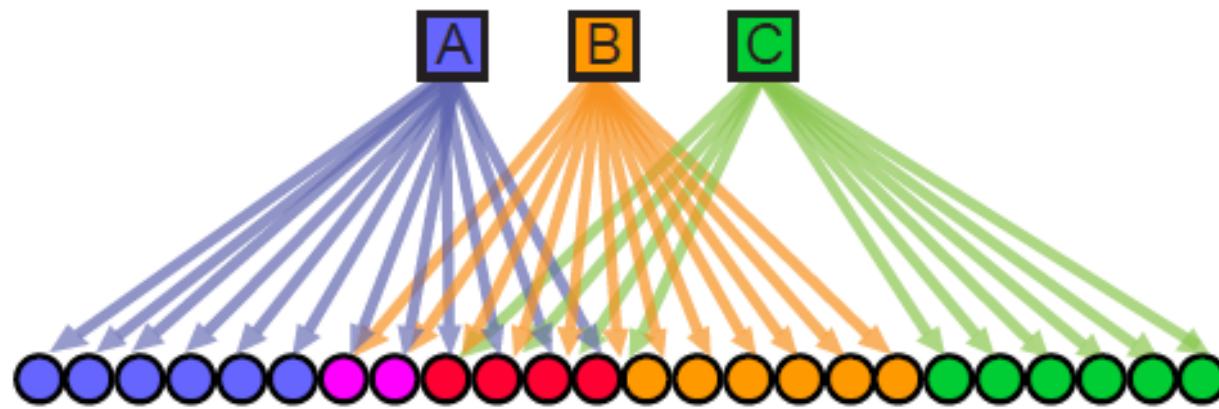
If  $u, v$  share no communities:  $P(u, v) = \epsilon$

$M_u$  ... set of communities  
node  $u$  belongs to

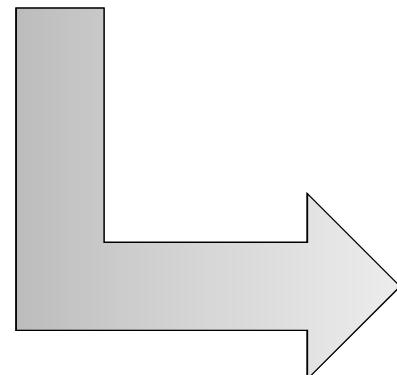
Think of this as an “OR” function: If at least 1 community says “YES” we create an edge

# Recap: AGM networks

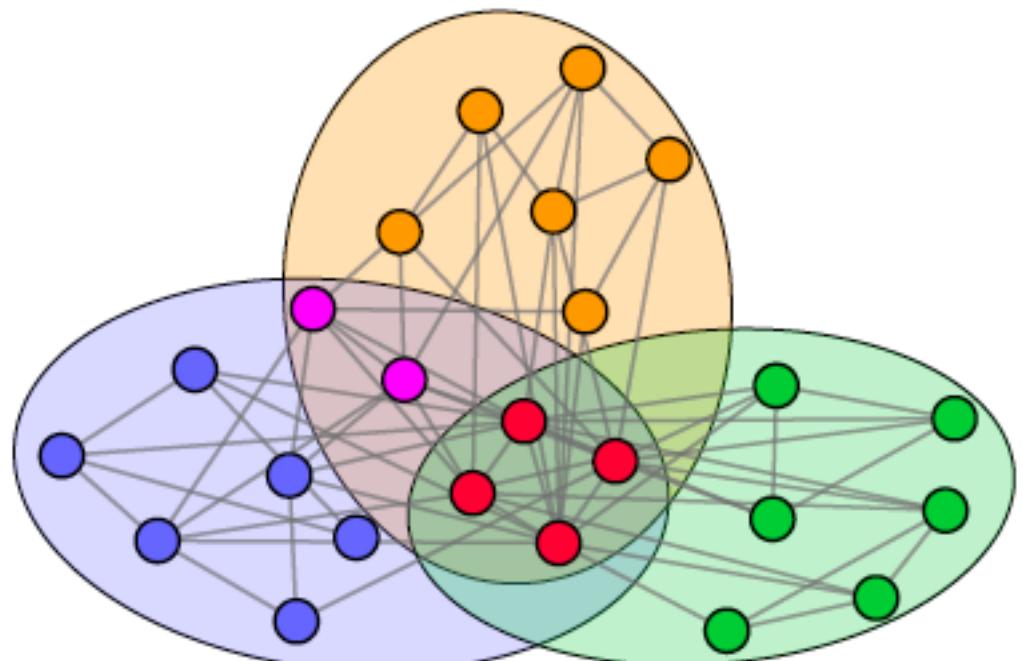
$$p_A \quad p_B \quad p_C$$



**Model**

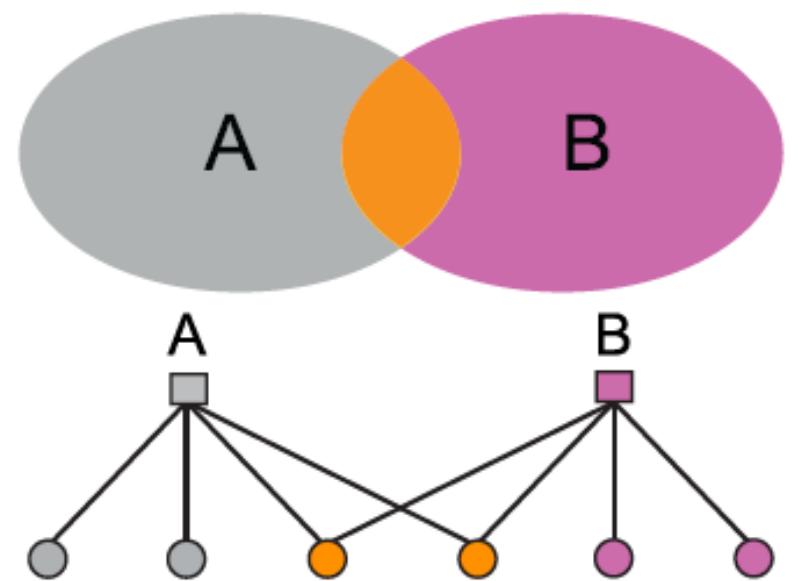
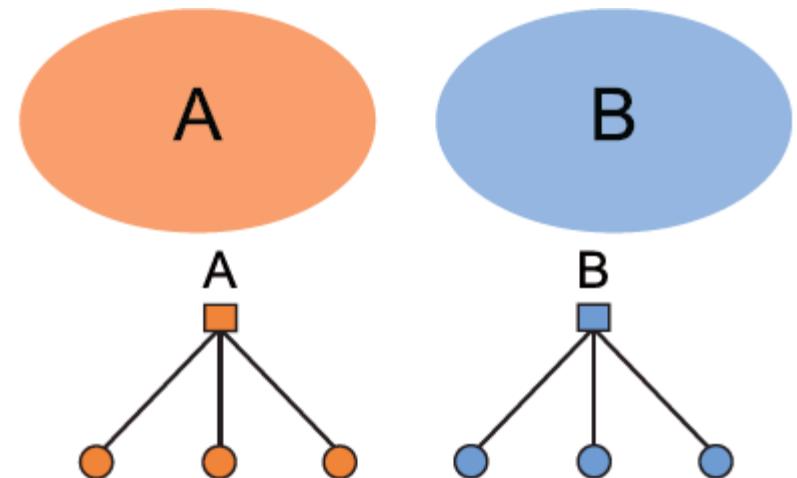
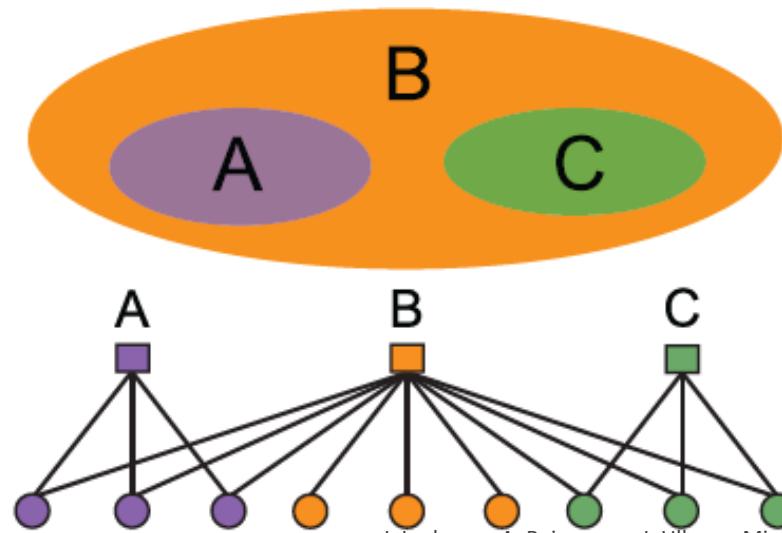


**Network**



# AGM: Flexibility

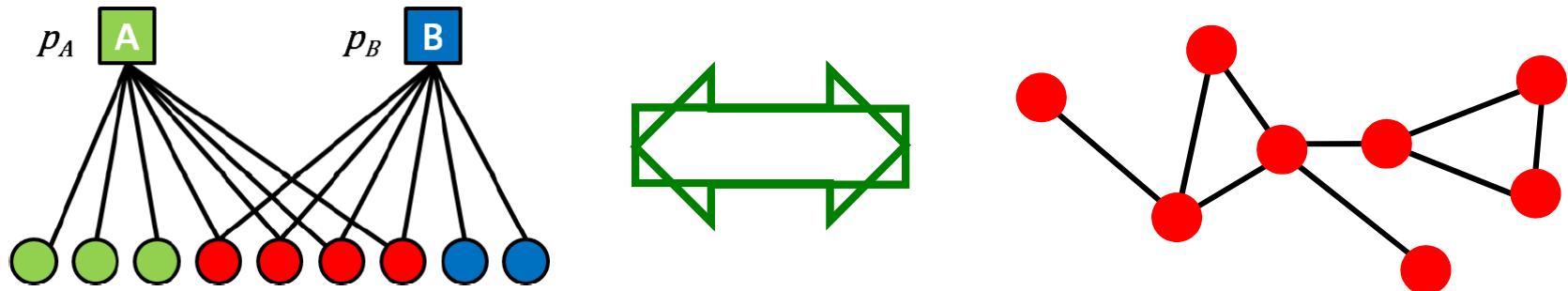
- AGM can express a variety of community structures:  
Non-overlapping,  
Overlapping, Nested



# **How do we detect communities with AGM?**

# Detecting Communities

- Detecting communities with AGM:



Given a Graph  $G(V, E)$ , find the Model

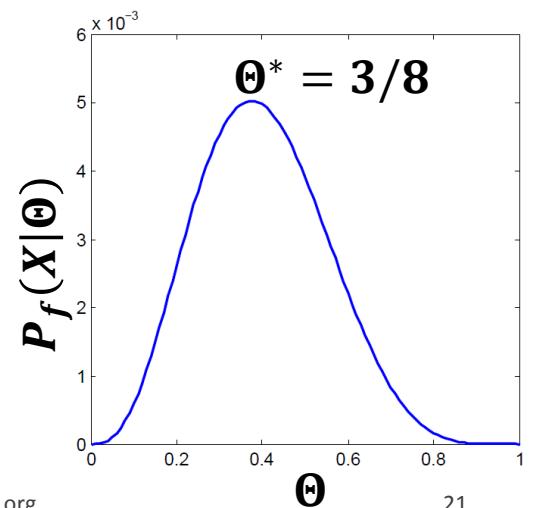
- 1) Affiliation graph  $M$
- 2) Number of communities  $C$
- 3) Parameters  $p_c$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Maximum Likelihood Principle (MLE):
  - Given: Data  $X$
  - Assumption: Data is generated by some model  $f(\Theta)$ 
    - $f$  ... model
    - $\Theta$  ... model parameters
  - Want to estimate  $P_f(X|\Theta)$ :
    - The probability that our model  $f$  (with parameters  $\Theta$ ) generated the data
  - Now let's find the most likely model that could have generated the data:  $\arg \max_{\Theta} P_f(X|\Theta)$

# Example: MLE

- Imagine we are given a set of coin flips
- Task: Figure out the bias of a coin!
  - Data: Sequence of coin flips:  $X = [1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1]$
  - Model:  $f(\Theta)$  = return 1 with prob.  $\Theta$ , else return 0
  - What is  $P_f(X|\Theta)$ ? Assuming coin flips are independent
    - So,  $P_f(X|\Theta) = P_f(1|\Theta) * P_f(0|\Theta) * P_f(0|\Theta) ... * P_f(1|\Theta)$ 
      - What is  $P_f(1|\Theta)$ ? Simple,  $P_f(1|\Theta) = \Theta$
    - Then,  $P_f(X|\Theta) = \Theta^3(1 - \Theta)^5$
    - For example:
      - $P_f(X|\Theta = 0.5) = 0.003906$
      - $P_f\left(X \middle| \Theta = \frac{3}{8}\right) = 0.005029$
  - What did we learn? Our data was most likely generated by coin with bias  $\Theta = 3/8$



# MLE for Graphs

- How do we do MLE for graphs?
  - Model generates a **probabilistic adjacency matrix**
  - We then flip all the entries of the probabilistic matrix to obtain the **binary adjacency matrix  $A$**

For every pair of nodes  $u, v$  AGM gives the prob.  $p_{uv}$  of them being linked

0	0.10	0.10	0.04
0.10	0	0.02	0.06
0.10	0.02	0	0.06
0.04	0.06	0.06	0

Flip biased coins

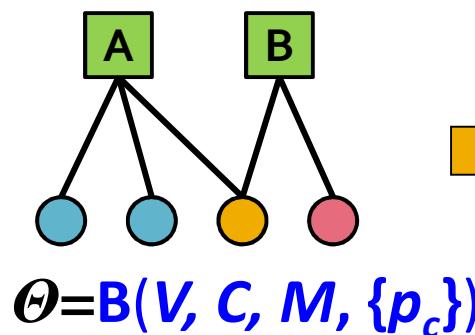
$A$	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

- The likelihood of AGM generating graph  $G$ :

$$P(G | \Theta) = \prod_{(u,v) \in E} P(u, v) \prod_{(u,v) \notin E} (1 - P(u, v))$$

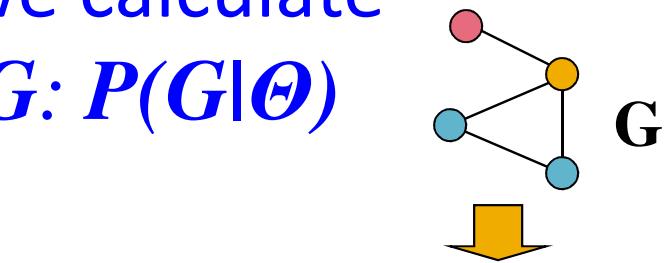
# Graphs: Likelihood $P(G|\Theta)$

- Given graph  $G(V,E)$  and  $\Theta$ , we calculate likelihood that  $\Theta$  generated  $G$ :  $P(G|\Theta)$



0	0.9	0.9	0
0.9	0	0.9	0
0.9	0.9	0	0.9
0	0	0.9	0

0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0

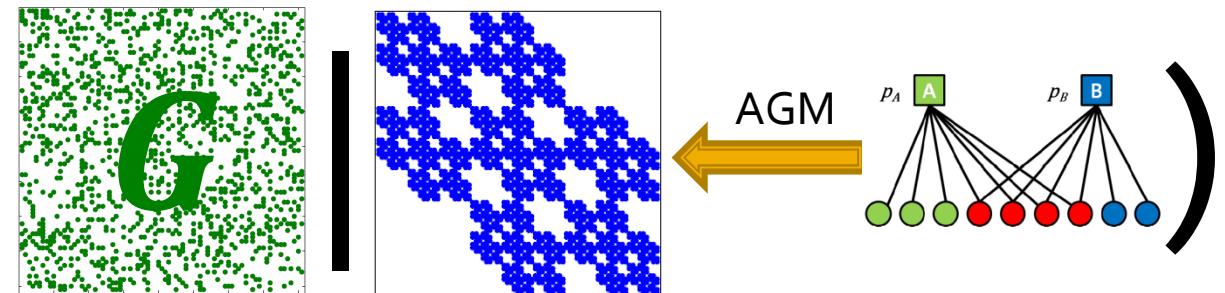


$$P(G|\Theta)$$

$$P(G|\Theta) = \prod_{(u,v) \in E} P(u,v) \prod_{(u,v) \notin E} (1 - P(u,v))$$

# MLE for Graphs

- Our goal: Find  $\Theta = B(V, C, M, \{p_C\})$  such that:

$$\arg \max_{\Theta} P(G | \text{AGM}, \text{Graphs})$$


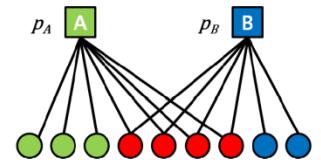
- How do we find  $B(V, C, M, \{p_C\})$  that maximizes the likelihood?

# MLE for AGM

- Our goal is to find  $B(V, C, M, \{p_C\})$  such that:

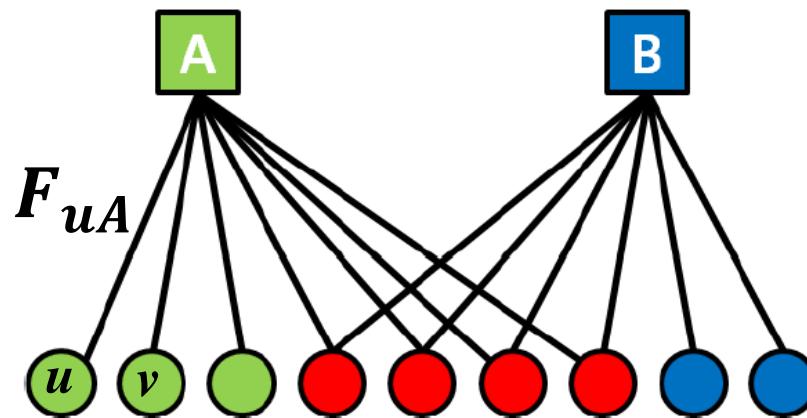
$$\arg \max_{B(V, C, M, \{p_C\})} \prod_{u, v \in E} P(u, v) \prod_{uv \notin E} (1 - P(u, v))$$

- Problem: Finding  $B$  means finding the bipartite affiliation network.
  - There is no nice way to do this.
  - Fitting  $B(V, C, M, \{p_C\})$  is too hard, let's change the model (so it is easier to fit)!



# From AGM to BigCLAM

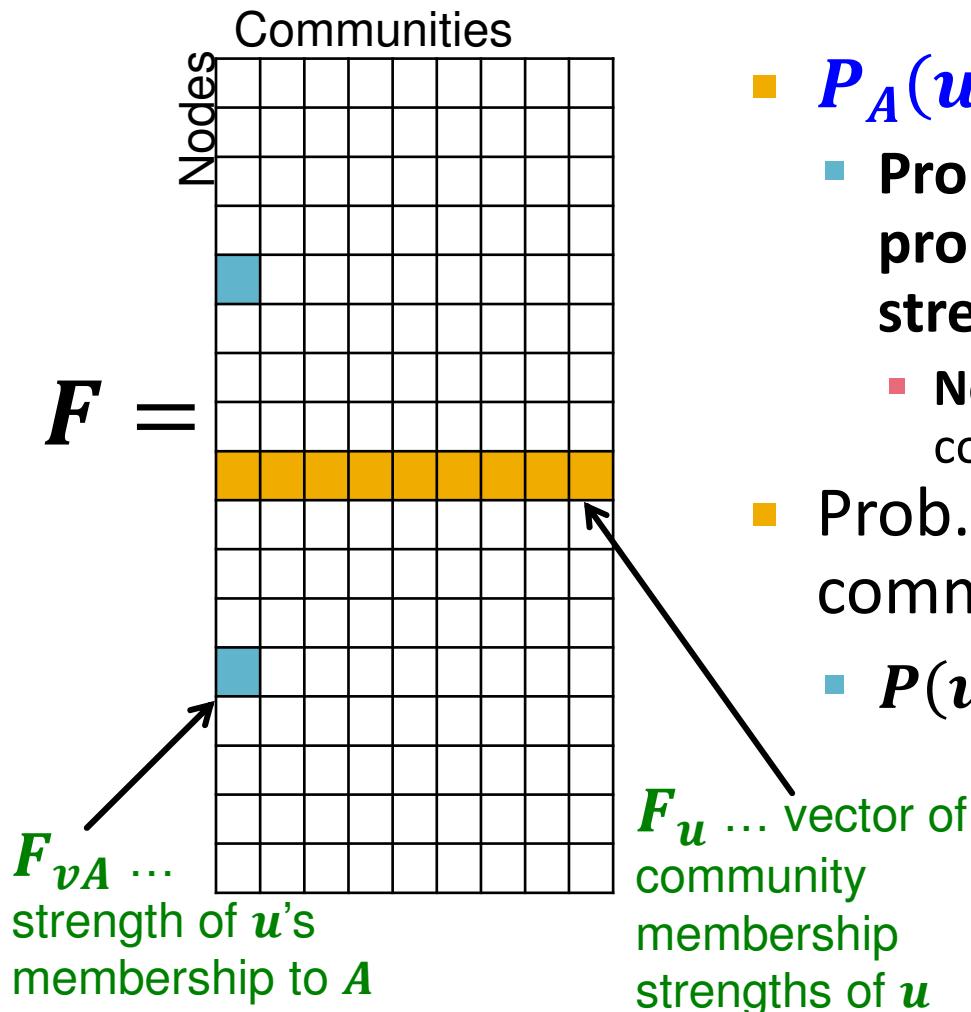
- Relaxation: Memberships have strengths



- $F_{uA}$ : The membership strength of node  $u$  to community  $A$  ( $F_{uA} = 0$ : no membership)
- Each community  $A$  links nodes independently:  
$$P_A(u, v) = 1 - \exp(-F_{uA} \cdot F_{vA})$$

# Factor Matrix $F$

## ■ Community membership strength matrix $F$



- $P_A(u, v) = 1 - \exp(-F_{uA} \cdot F_{vA})$ 
  - Probability of connection is proportional to the product of strengths
    - Notice: If one node doesn't belong to the community ( $F_{uC} = 0$ ) then  $P(u, v) = 0$
- Prob. that **at least one** common community  $C$  links the nodes:
  - $P(u, v) = 1 - \prod_C (1 - P_C(u, v))$

$F_u$  ... vector of community membership strengths of  $u$

# From AGM to BigCLAM

- Community  $A$  links nodes  $u, v$  independently:

$$P_A(u, v) = 1 - \exp(-F_{uA} \cdot F_{vA})$$

- Then prob. at least one common  $C$  links them:

$$\begin{aligned} P(u, v) &= 1 - \prod_C (1 - P_C(u, v)) \\ &= 1 - \exp(-\sum_C F_{uC} \cdot F_{vC}) \\ &= 1 - \exp(-F_u \cdot F_v^T) \end{aligned}$$

- Example  $F$  matrix:

$F_u :$	0	1.2	0	0.2
$F_v :$	0.5	0	0	0.8
$F_w :$	0	1.8	1	0

Node community  
membership strengths

Then:  $F_u \cdot F_v^T = 0.16$

And:  $P(u, v) = 1 - \exp(-0.16) = 0.14$

But:  $P(u, w) = 0.88$

$P(v, w) = 0$

# BigCLAM: How to find $F$

- **Task:** Given a network  $G(V, E)$ , estimate  $F$ 
  - Find  $F$  that maximizes the likelihood:

$$\arg \max_F \prod_{(u,v) \in E} P(u, v) \prod_{(u,v) \notin E} (1 - P(u, v))$$

- where:  $P(u, v) = 1 - \exp(-F_u \cdot F_v^T)$
- Many times we take the logarithm of the likelihood, and call it log-likelihood:  $l(F) = \log P(G|F)$

- **Goal:** Find  $F$  that maximizes  $l(F)$ :

$$l(F) = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \log(1 - \exp(-F_u F_v^T)) - \sum_{(u,v) \notin E} F_u F_v^T$$

# BigCLAM: V1.0

$$l(F_u) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}(u)} \log(1 - \exp(-F_u F_v^T)) - \sum_{v \notin \mathcal{N}(u)} F_u F_v^T$$

- Compute gradient of a single row  $F_u$  of  $F$ :

$$\nabla l(F_u) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}(u)} F_v \frac{\exp(-F_u F_v^T)}{1 - \exp(-F_u F_v^T)} - \sum_{v \notin \mathcal{N}(u)} F_v$$

- Coordinate gradient ascent:
  - Iterate over the rows of  $F$ :
    - Compute gradient  $\nabla l(F_u)$  of row  $u$  (while keeping others fixed)
    - Update the row  $F_u$ :  $F_u \leftarrow F_u + \eta \nabla l(F_u)$
    - Project  $F_u$  back to a non-negative vector: If  $F_{uC} < 0$ :  $F_{uC} = 0$
  - This is slow! Computing  $\nabla l(F_u)$  takes linear time!

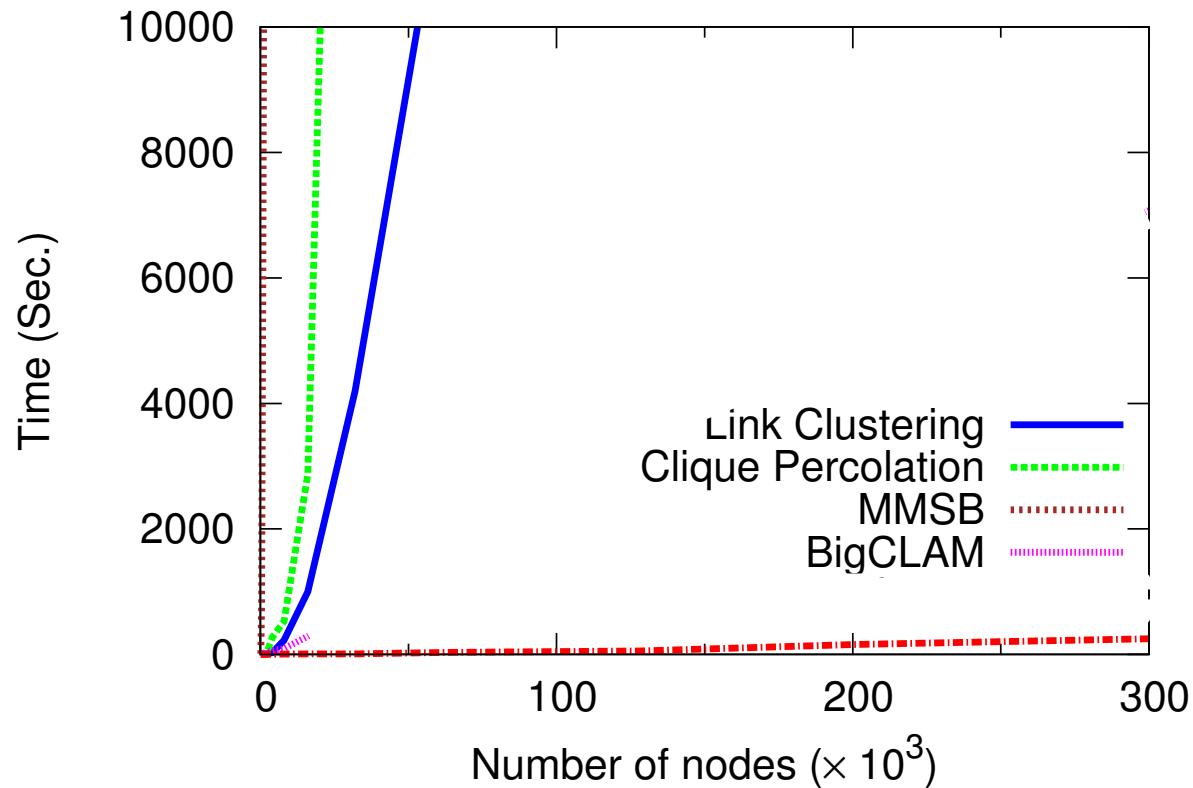
# BigCLAM: V2.0

- However, we notice:

$$\sum_{v \notin \mathcal{N}(u)} F_v = \left( \sum_v F_v - F_u - \sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}(u)} F_v \right)$$

- We cache  $\sum_v F_v$
- So, computing  $\sum_{v \notin \mathcal{N}(u)} F_v$  now takes **linear time** in the degree  $|\mathcal{N}(u)|$  of  $u$ 
  - In networks degree of a node is much smaller to the total number of nodes in the network, so this is a significant speedup!

# BigClam: Scalability



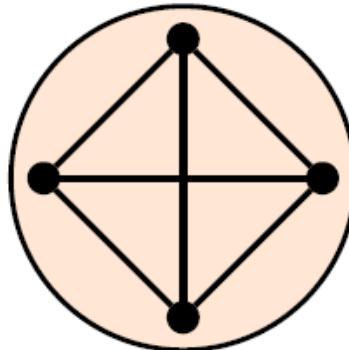
- **BigCLAM takes 5 minutes for 300k node nets**
  - Other methods take 10 days
- **Can process networks with 100M edges!**

# **Extension: Directed memberships**

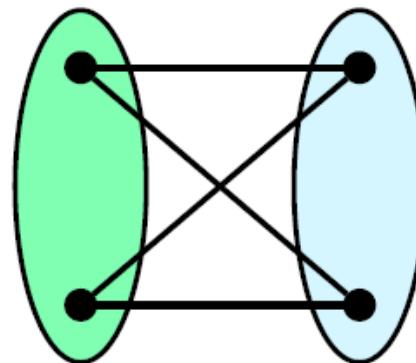
# Extension: Beyond Clusters

Undirected

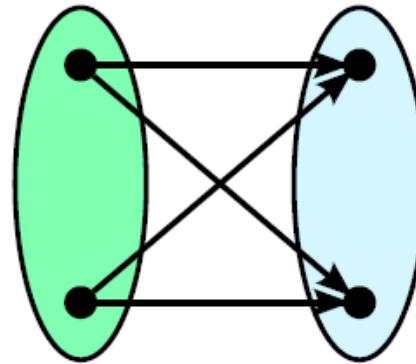
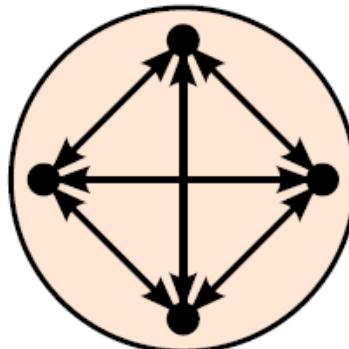
Cohesive



2-mode

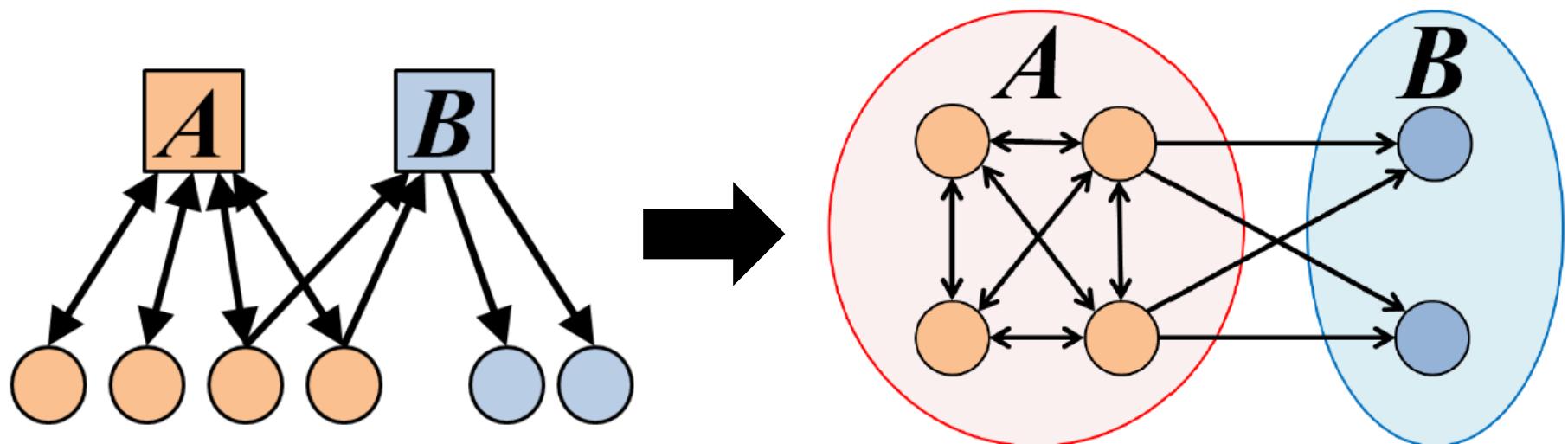


Directed

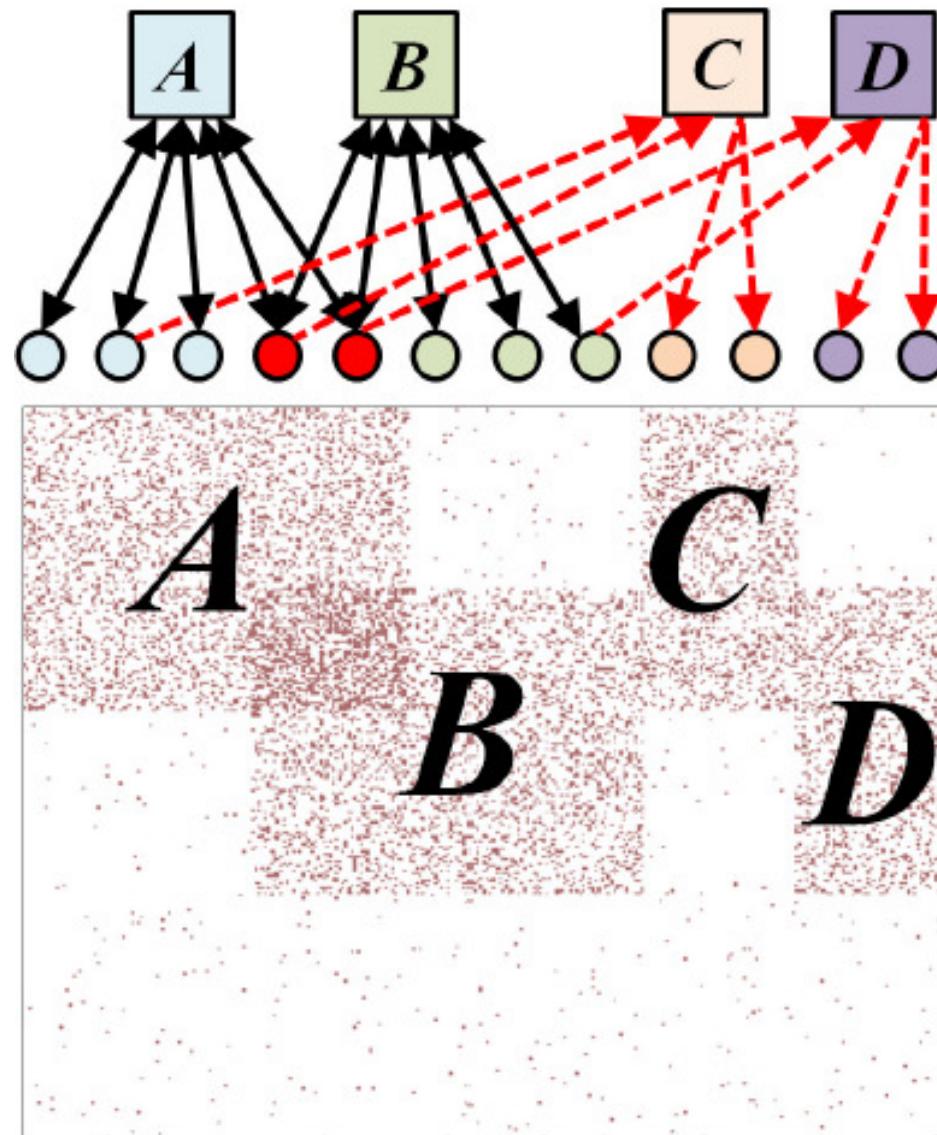


# Extension: Directed AGM

- **Extension:**  
**Make community membership edges directed!**
  - **Outgoing membership:** Nodes “**sends**” edges
  - **Incoming membership:** Node “**receives**” edges



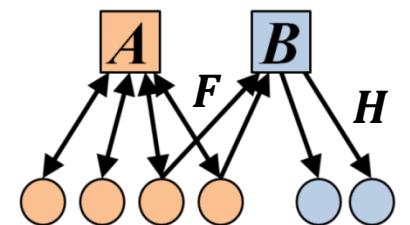
# Example: Model and Network



# Directed AGM

- Everything is almost the same except now we have 2 matrices:  $F$  and  $H$

- $F$ ... out-going community memberships
- $H$ ... in-coming community memberships

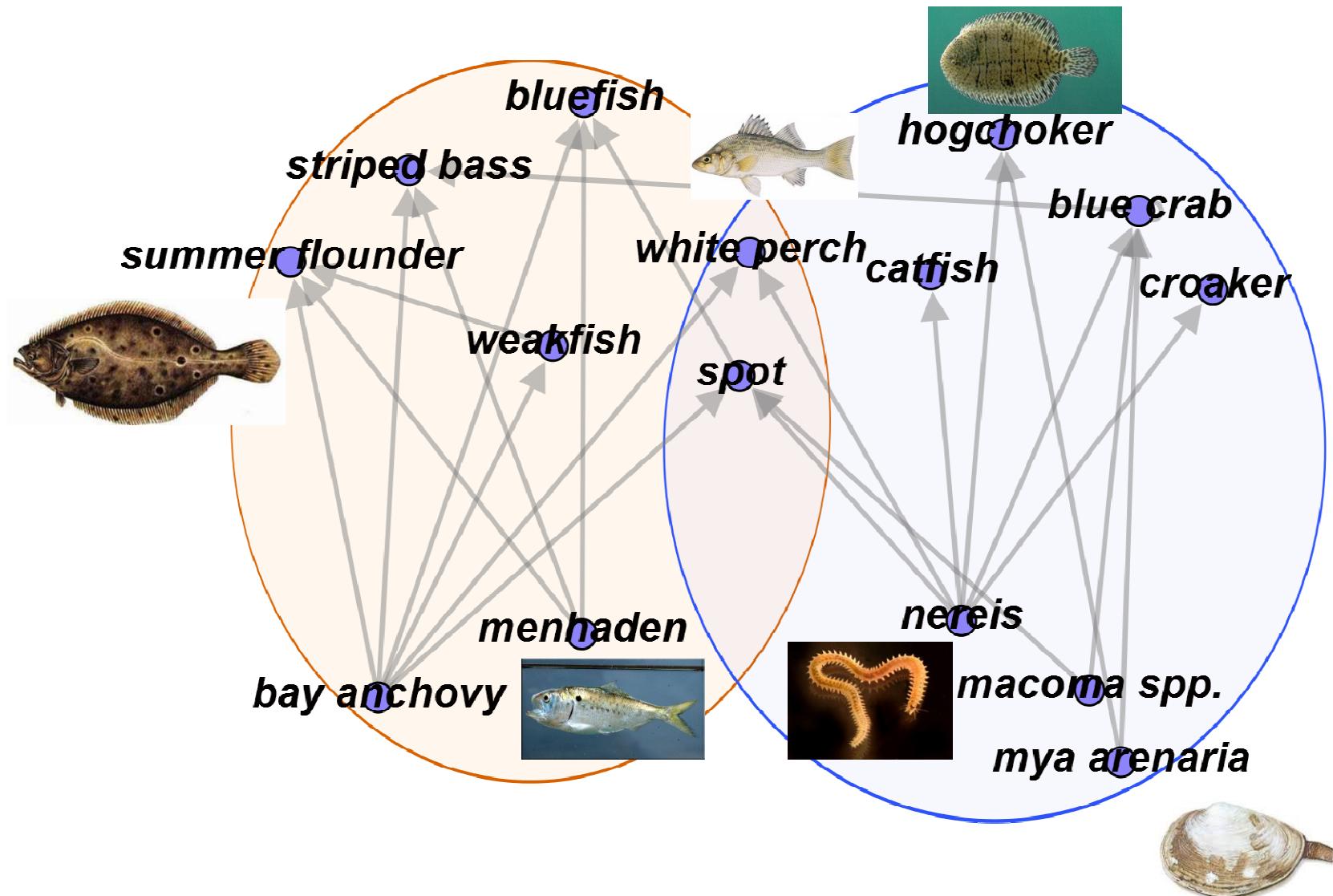


- Edge prob.:  $P(u, v) = 1 - \exp(-F_u H_v^T)$
- Network log-likelihood:

$$l(F, H) = \sum_{(u, v) \in E} \log(1 - \exp(-F_u H_v^T)) - \sum_{(u, v) \notin E} F_u H_v^T$$

which we optimize the same way as before

# Predator-prey Communities



# More details at...

- [Overlapping Community Detection at Scale: A Nonnegative Matrix Factorization Approach](#) by J. Yang, J. Leskovec. *ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM)*, 2013.
- [Detecting Cohesive and 2-mode Communities in Directed and Undirected Networks](#) by J. Yang, J. McAuley, J. Leskovec. *ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM)*, 2014.
- [Community Detection in Networks with Node Attributes](#) by J. Yang, J. McAuley, J. Leskovec. *IEEE International Conference On Data Mining (ICDM)*, 2013.