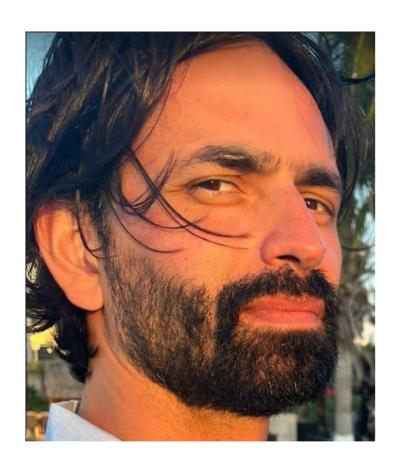
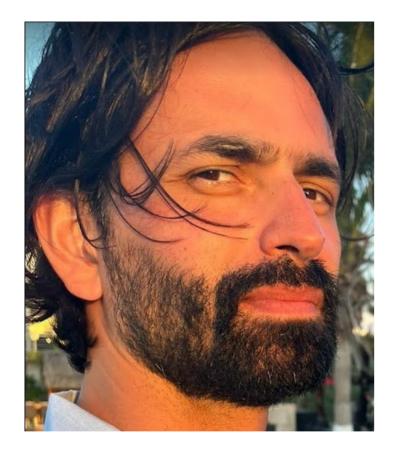
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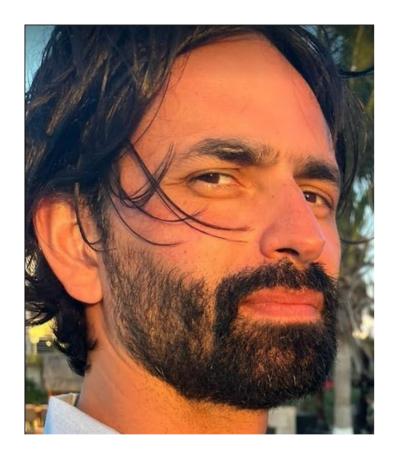
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Who am 1? = undisciplined researcher

What I'm going to tell you about today...

nature communications



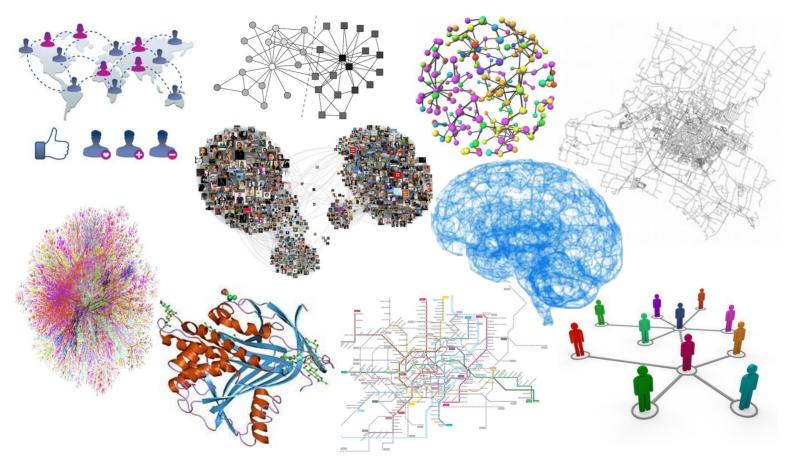
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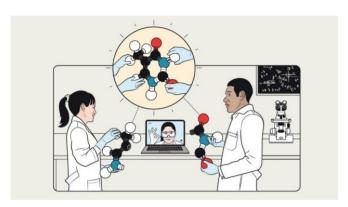
Reconstructing networks from uncertain time-evolving data



Networks are all around us



Advances in scientific discovery across domains



Science of science



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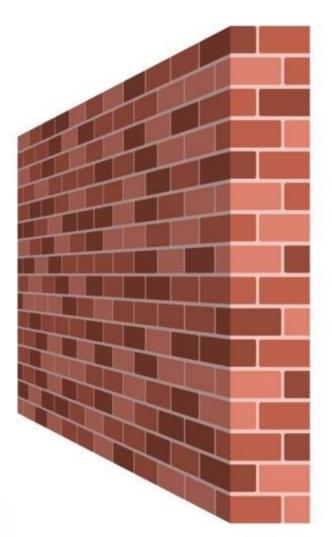


Neuroscience

Network science allows us to analyse these systems as a whole

THEORY





APPLICATION



*Dramatic oversimplification

 Observations/ measurements



1. Observations/ measurements

2. Network representation



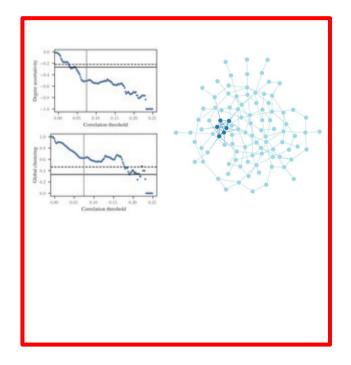


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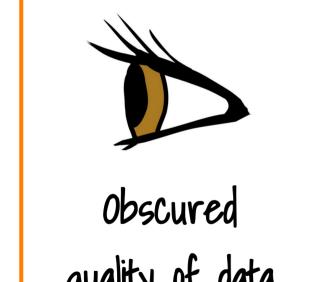




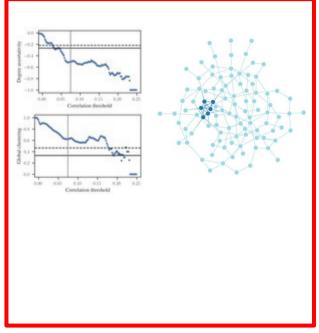
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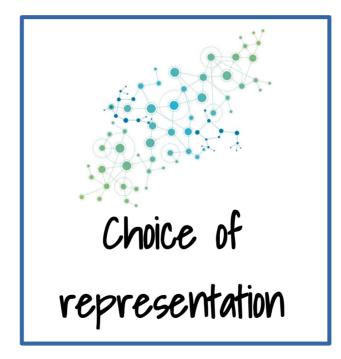
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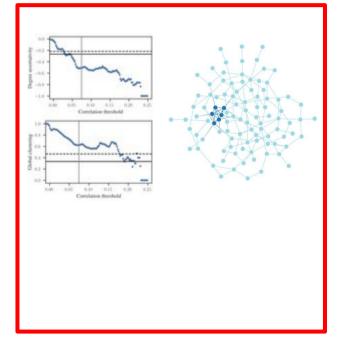
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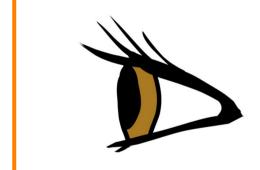




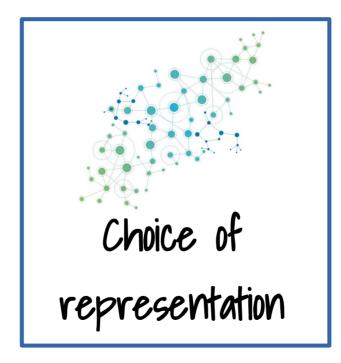
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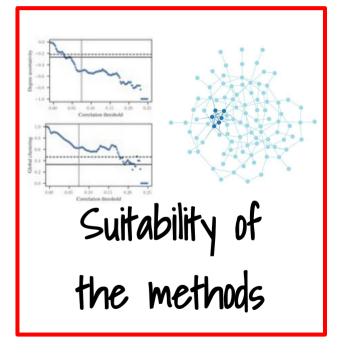
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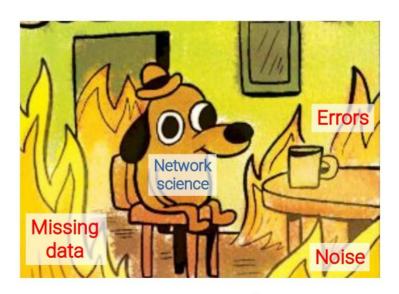


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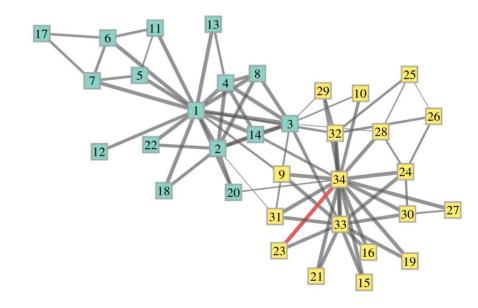


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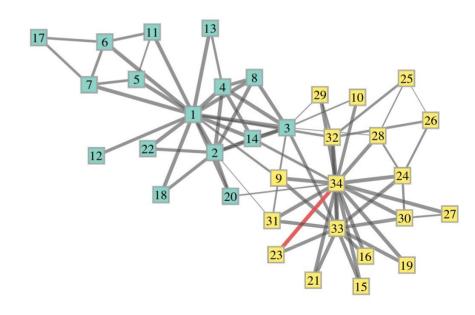
This is NOT fine

Zachary's Karate Club



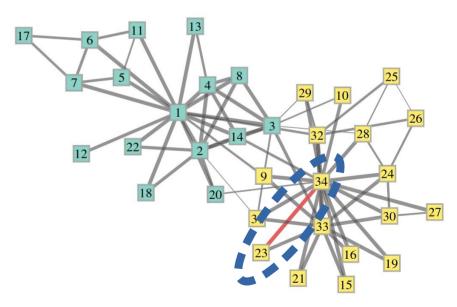


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Individual Number

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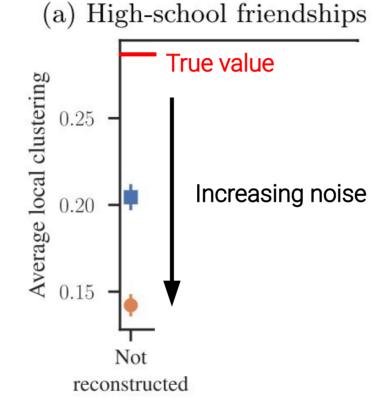


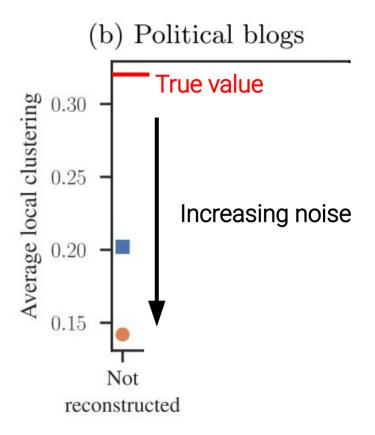
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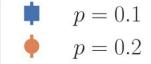
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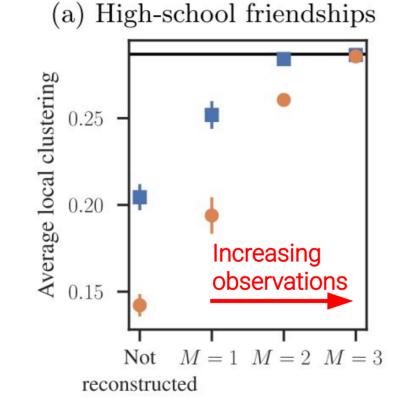
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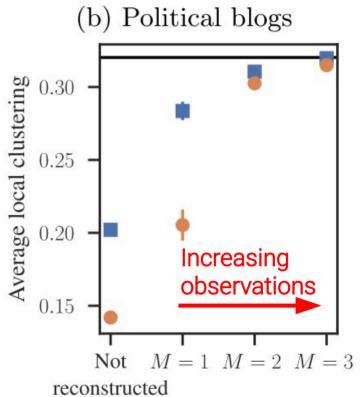
True Network

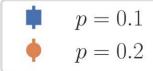
Reconstructed Network

$$P(\boldsymbol{A}|\boldsymbol{D}) = \frac{P(\boldsymbol{D}|\boldsymbol{A})P(\boldsymbol{A})}{P(\boldsymbol{D})}$$
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Bayesian inference





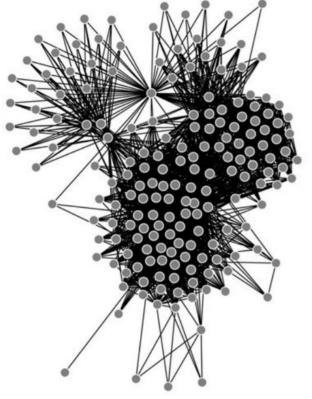


11. Choice of representation



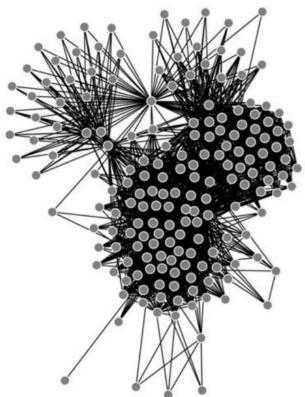
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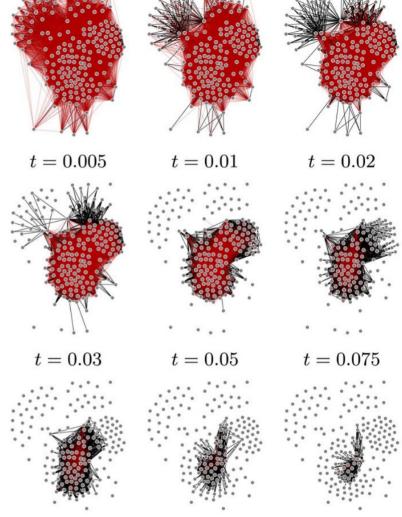
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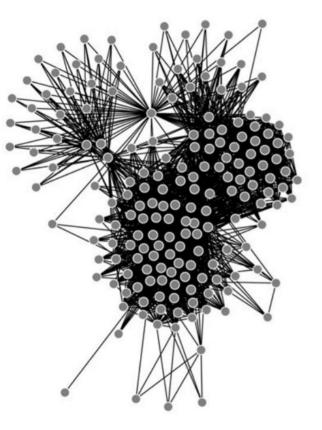
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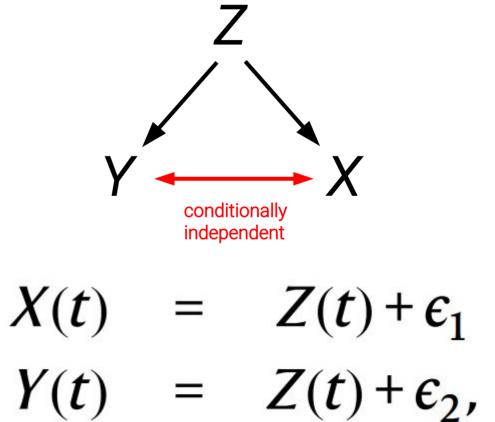


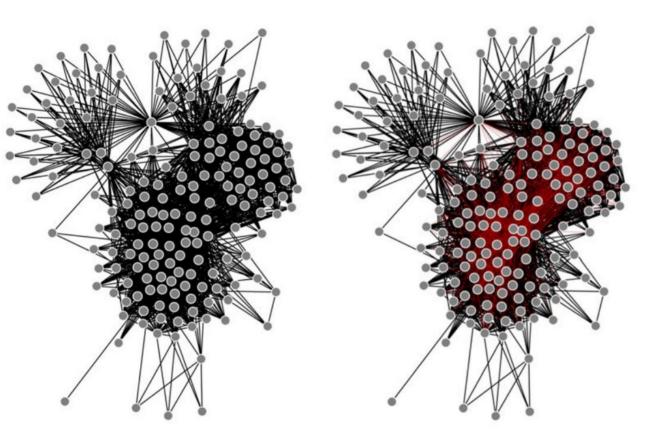
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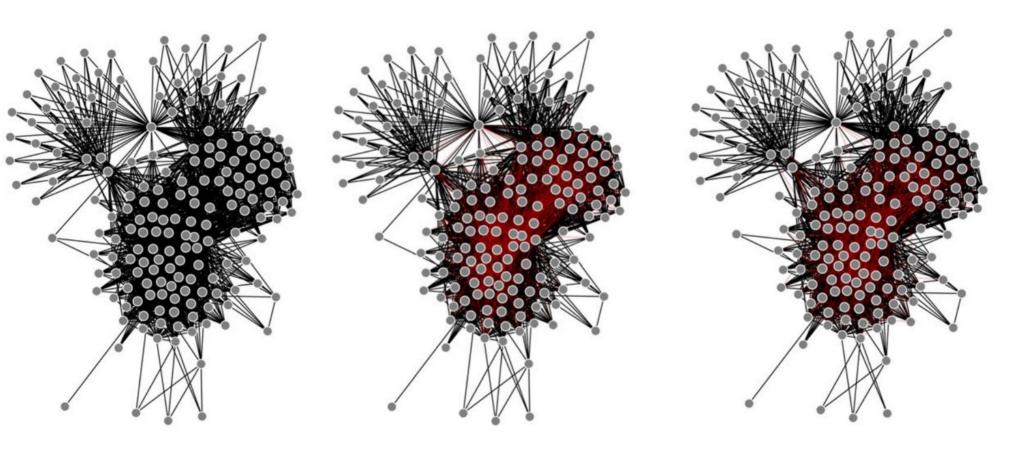
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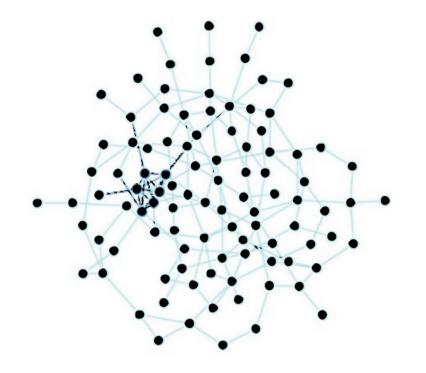


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III. Suitability of the methods





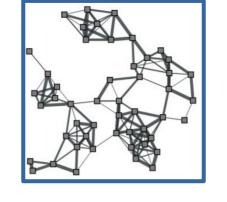
Shortest path of a correlation network?

Maximum modularity of a network?



So now I have a network,
I can apply any network method, right?

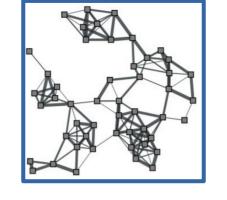
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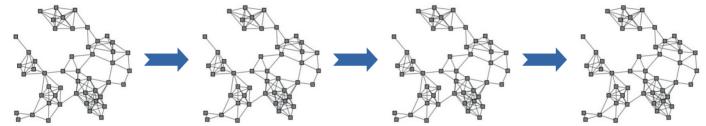
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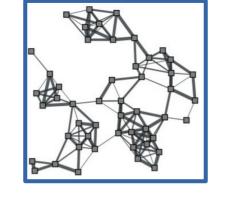


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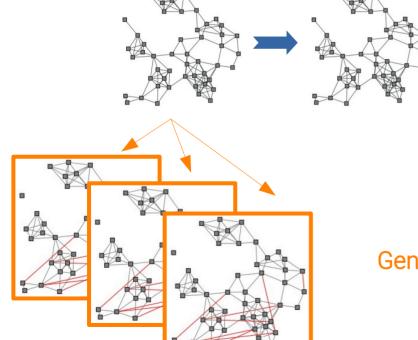


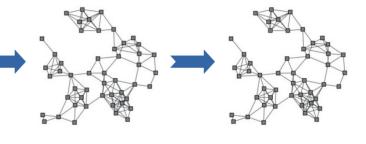


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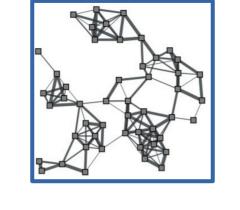




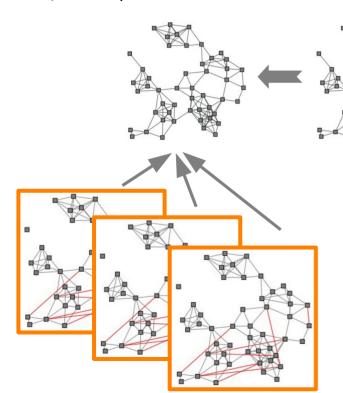




How well can we reconstruct the network?



Generative model



Infer generating sequence of networks and underlying model parameters





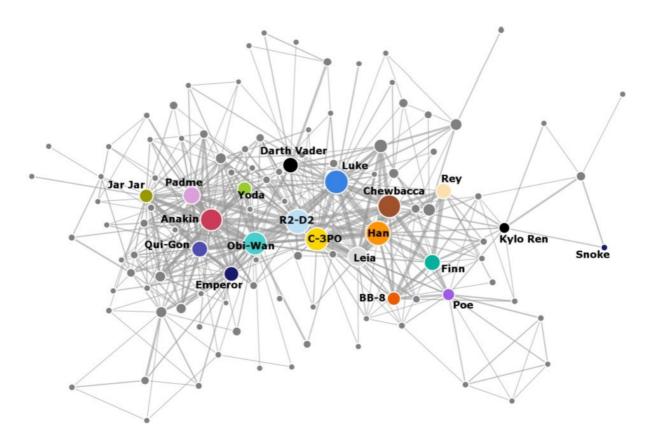
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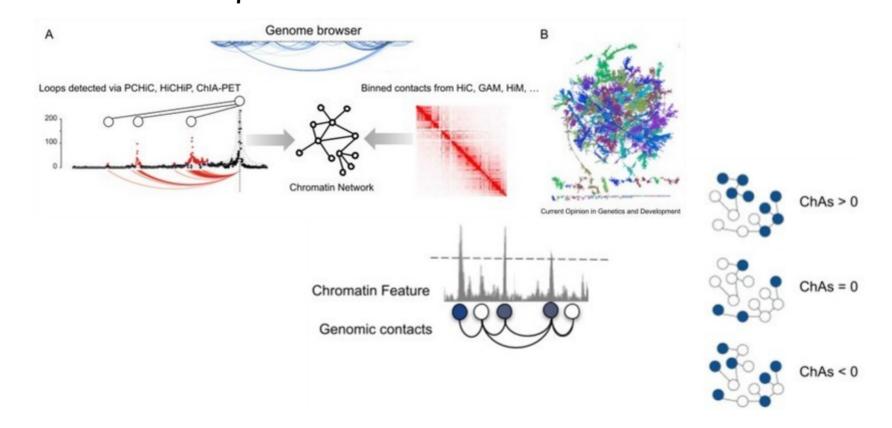
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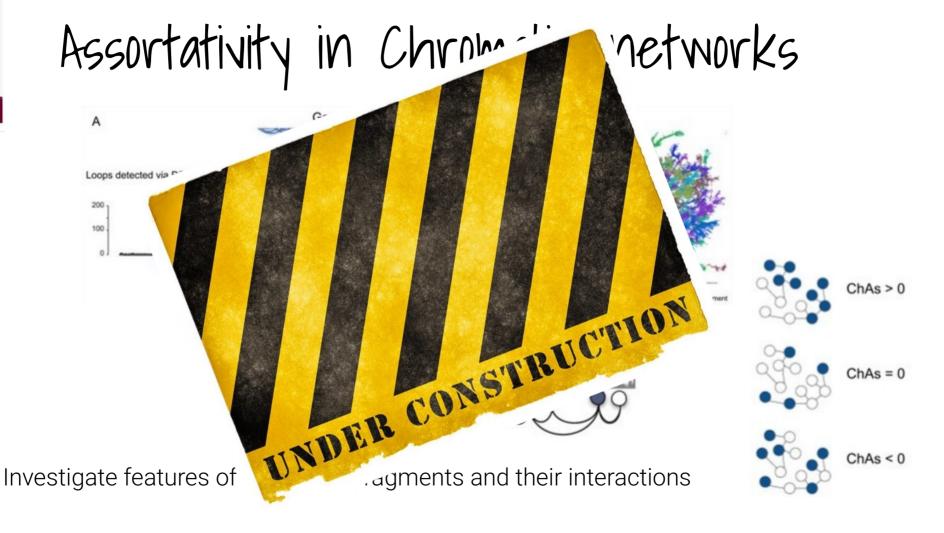
Assortativity in Chromatin networks



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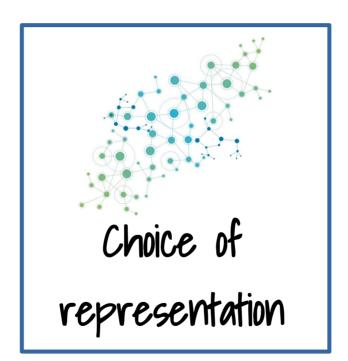


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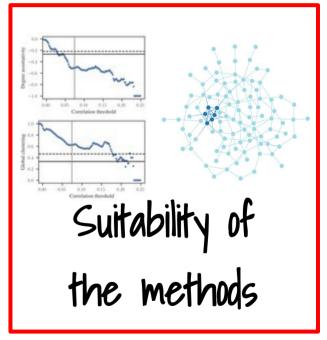


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These steps are interdependent

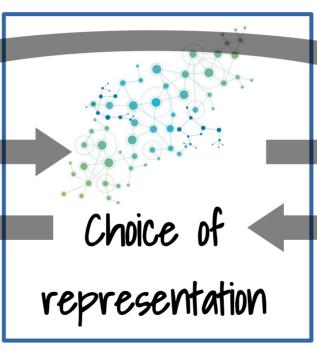
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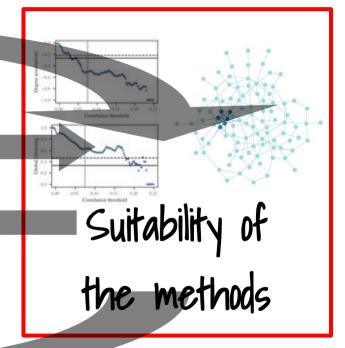
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