

# Multiplex Networks: structure of multiplex networks

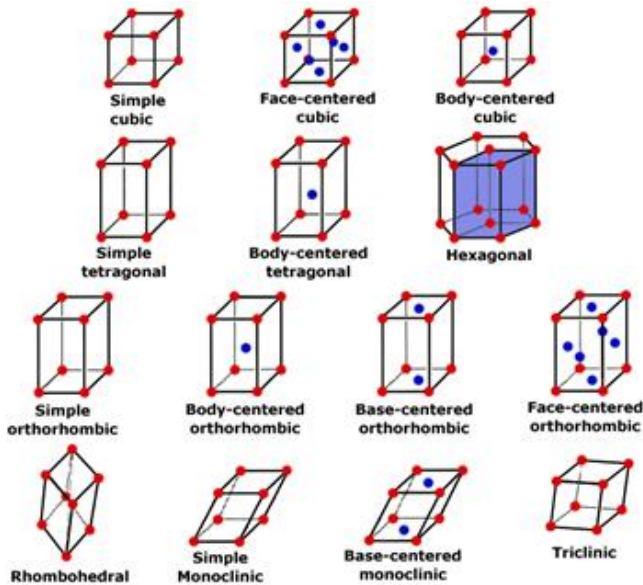
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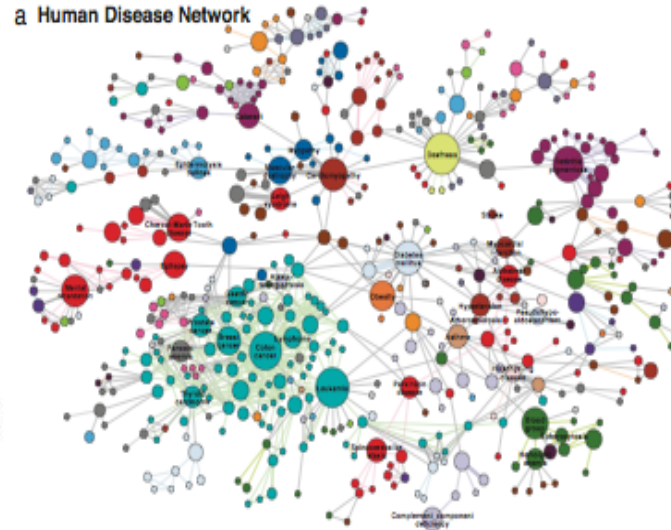
# Networks Encode Information

## LATTICES



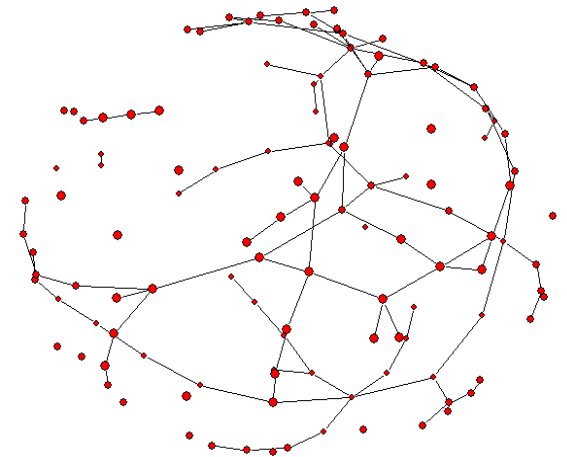
Regular networks  
Symmetric

## COMPLEX NETWORKS



Scale free networks  
Small world  
With communities  
**ENCODING  
INFORMATION IN THEIR  
STRUCTURE**

## RANDOM GRAPHS



Totally random  
Poisson degree  
distribution

# **Multilayer networks encode more information than single layers**

*Multilayer networks are not equivalent  
to a larger single network*

Different types of links  
describe different types of interactions,  
therefore multilayer networks  
encode more information than  
their single layers  
taken in isolation

# Multilayers networks

In order to  
progress in our understanding of

**complex systems**

we need to

develop new tools to

**extract information**

from

**multilayer networks**

# Representation of a multiplex

A multiplex network of  $N$  nodes formed by  $M$  layers  
is fully specified by  
 $M$  adjacency matrices

$$a^{[\alpha]}$$

with  $\alpha=1, 2, \dots, M$   
of matrix elements

$$a_{ij}^{[\alpha]} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if node } i \text{ and node } j \text{ are linked in layer } \alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Aggregated network

The aggregated network is the network in which we consider every interaction on the same footing, i.e. we neglect information about the layers.

The adjacency matrix of the aggregated network is

$$\tilde{a}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{\alpha=1, \dots, M} a_{ij}^{[\alpha]} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Multiplex degree

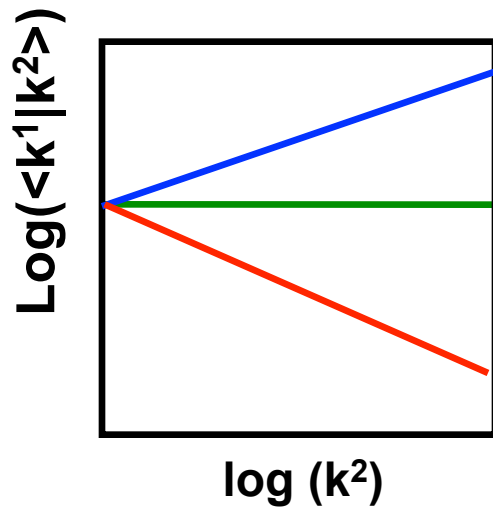
The degree of a node  
in a multiplex network is a vector

$$\mathbf{k}_i = (k_i^{[1]}, k_i^{[2]}, \dots, k_i^{[M]})$$

with

$$k_i^{[\alpha]} = \sum_{j=1, N} a_{ij}^{[\alpha]}$$

# Detecting degree correlations between two layers



## Positive degree correlations

*(Hubs are hubs in both layers, low degree nodes have low degree in both layers)*

## No degree correlations

## Negative degree correlations

*(Hubs in one layer are low degree nodes in the other)*

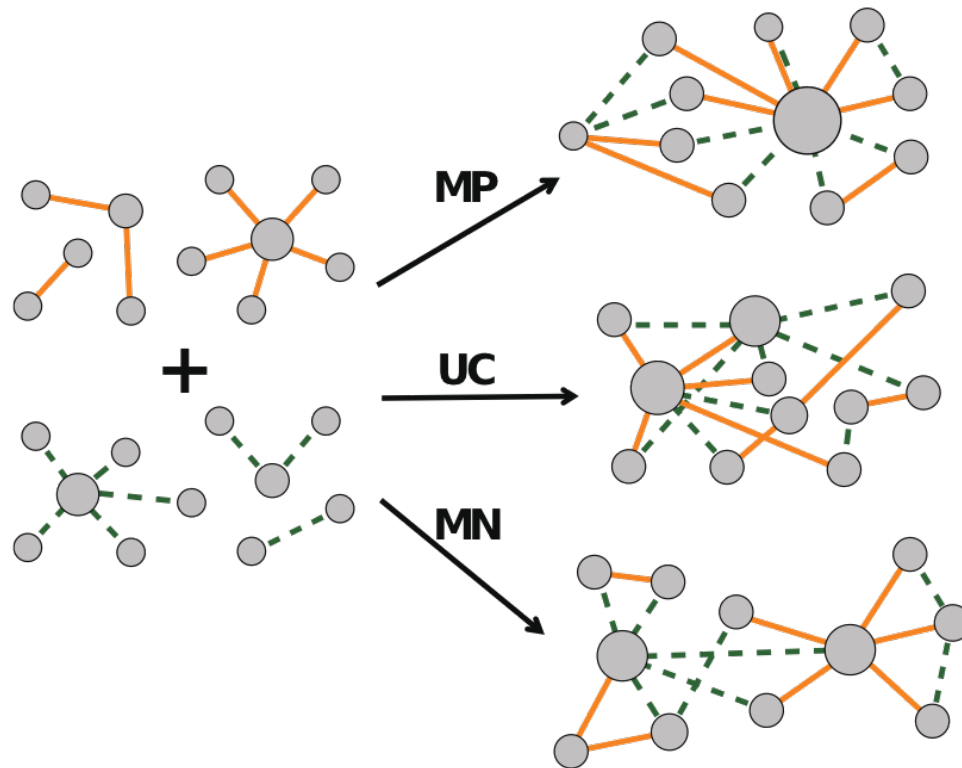
$$\langle k^{[1]} | k^{[2]} \rangle = \sum_{k^1} k^{[1]} P(k^{[1]} | k^{[2]})$$

$P(k^{[1]} | k^{[2]})$

probability that a node has degree  $k^{[1]}$  in layer 1  
given that  
it has degree  $k^{[2]}$  in other layer 2



# Tuning the degree correlations across two layers



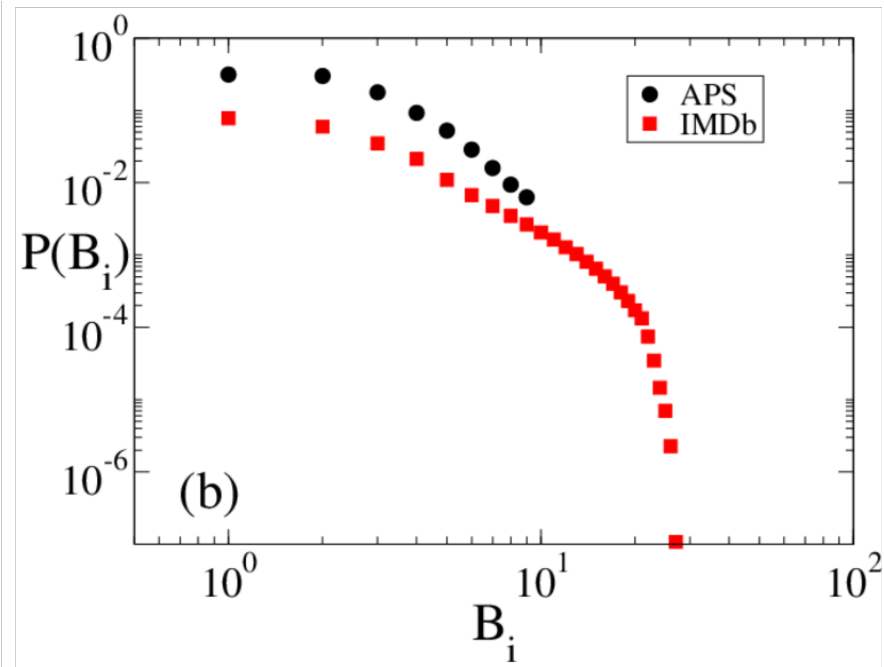
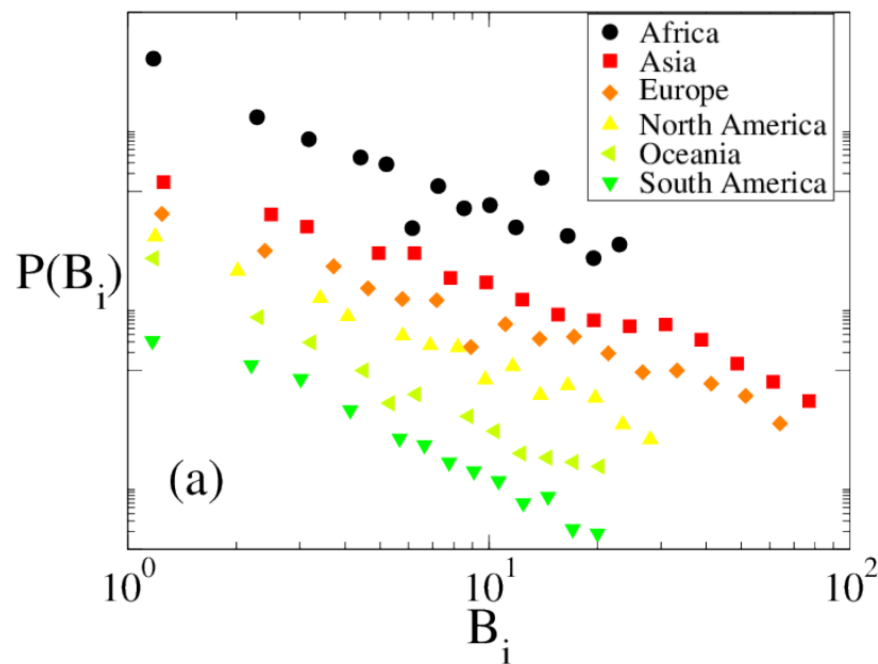
By relabelling the nodes of two layers it is possible to build

- Maximum positive (MP)
- Maximum negative (MN)
- and Uncorrelated (UC)

Multiplex Networks.

# Activity of a node

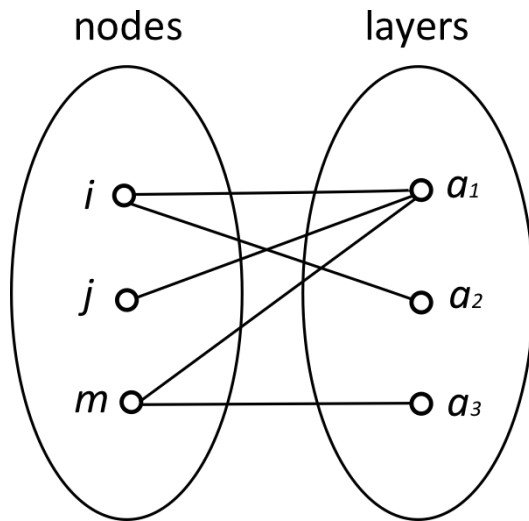
The activity  $B_i$  of a node  $i$  is equal to the number of layers in which the node is connected



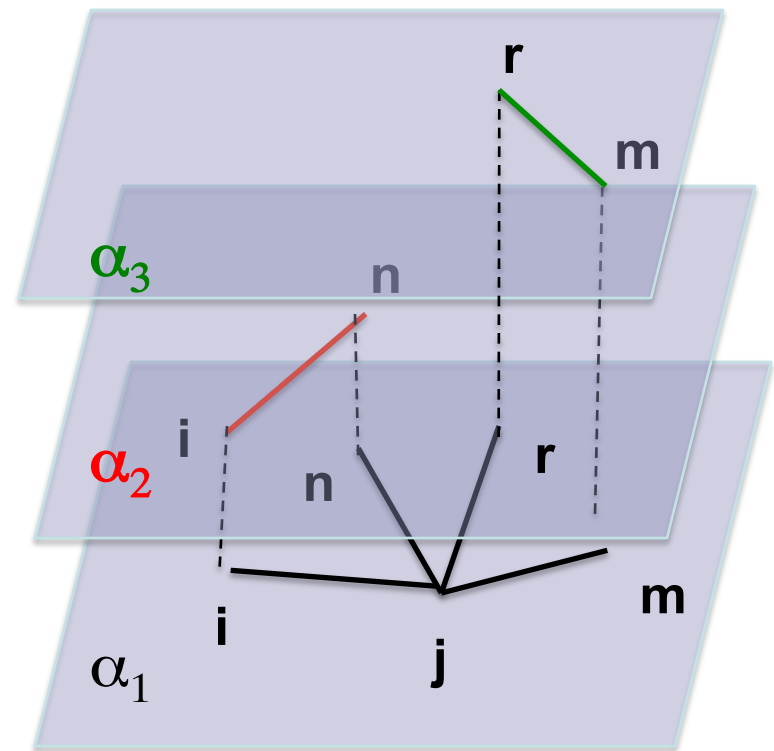
V. Nicosia, V.Latora PRE (2015)

# Multiplex networks with heterogeneous activity of the nodes

Bipartite network:  
Nodes and Layers

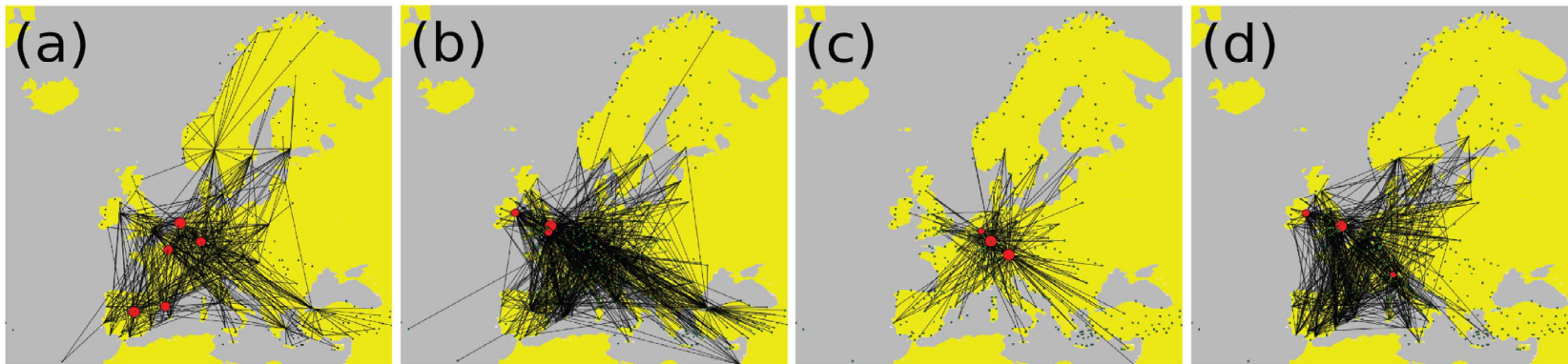


Multiplex network



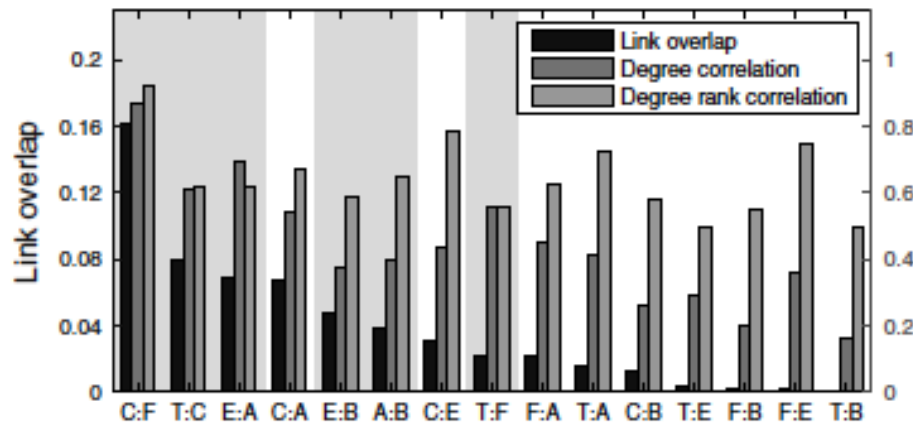
# **Multiplex networks with link overlap**

# Overlap in multiplex networks



- (a) Only links belonging to more than one airline company are plotted

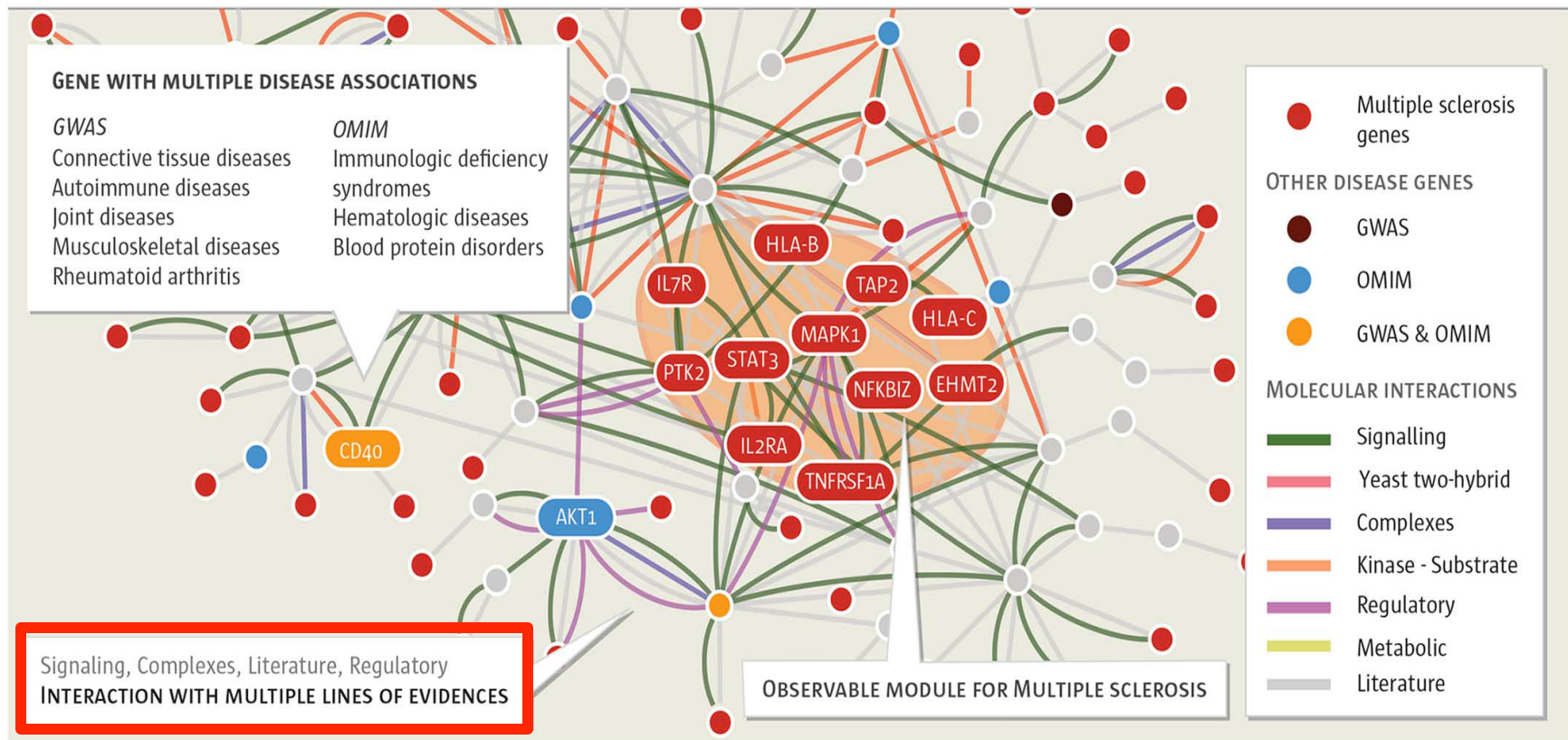
**Cardillo et al. Scientific Reports (2013).**



**Social network of online social game**

**Szell et al . PNAS 2010**

# Interactions with multiple lines of evidences



# Overlap

The total overlap  $O^{\alpha\alpha}$   
between layer  $\alpha$  and layer  $\alpha'$   
is given by'

$$O^{\alpha,\alpha'} = \sum_{i < j} a_{ij}^{\alpha} a_{ij}^{\alpha'}$$

The local overlap  $o_i^{\alpha,\alpha'}$   
of node  $i$  between layer  $\alpha$  and layer  $\alpha'$   
is given by

$$o_i^{\alpha,\alpha'} = \sum_j a_{ij}^{\alpha} a_{ij}^{\alpha'}$$

# Multiplicity of link overlap

The multiplicity of link overlap is the number of layers in which a given link is present

$$\mu_{ij} = \sum_{\alpha} a_{ij}^{\alpha}$$

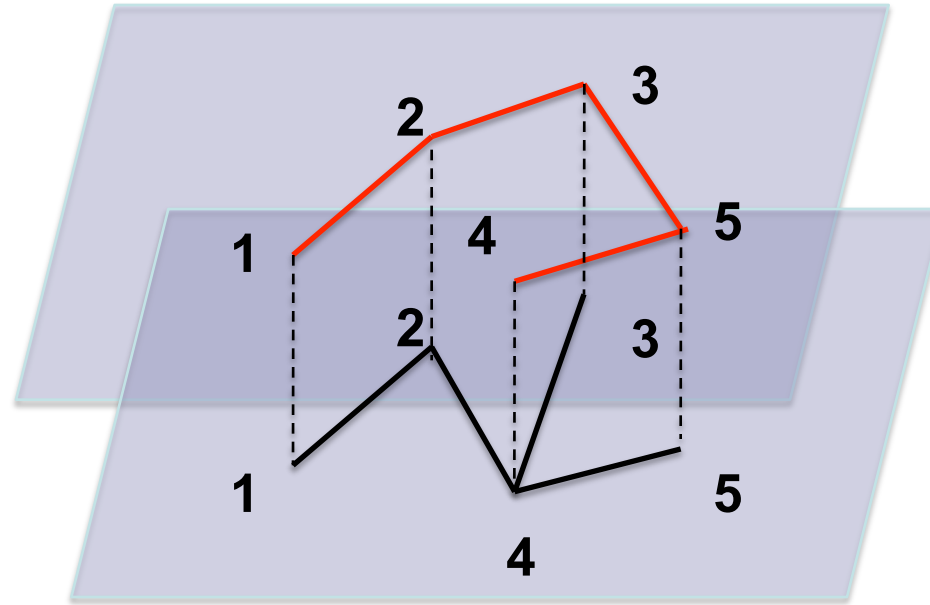


$$\mu_{ij} = 4$$



# Multilinks

G. Bianconi  
PRE (2013)



<b>Nodes</b>	1	2	2	3	4	3	1	4
<b>Layer 1</b>	[Red line between nodes 1 and 2]		[Red line between nodes 2 and 3]		[Red line between nodes 4 and 3]			
<b>Layer 2</b>	[Black line between nodes 1 and 2]		[Black line between nodes 2 and 3]		[Black line between nodes 4 and 3]			
	<b>Multilink (1,1)</b>		<b>Multilink (1,0)</b>		<b>Multilink (0,1)</b>		<b>Multilink (0,0)</b>	

# Case of two layers

## Multiadjacency matrices

$$A_{ij}^{10} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if node } i \text{ and node } j \text{ are linked in layer 1 and not linked in layer 2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$A_{ij}^{01} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if node } i \text{ and node } j \text{ are linked in layer 2 and not linked in layer 1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$A_{ij}^{11} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if node } i \text{ and node } j \text{ are linked in layer 1 and in layer 2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$A_{ij}^{00} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if node } i \text{ and node } j \text{ are not linked in layer 1 and not linked in layer 2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Constraints on the multiadjacency matrices

$$A_{ij}^{10} + A_{ij}^{01} + A_{ij}^{11} + A_{ij}^{00} = 1$$

# Multidegree

The multidegree  $k_i^{\vec{m}}$  of a node  $i$  is defined as the number of multilinks

$$\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_M)$$

incident to it

It is given by

$$k_i^{\vec{m}} = \sum_{j=1, \dots, N} A_{ij}^{\vec{m}}$$

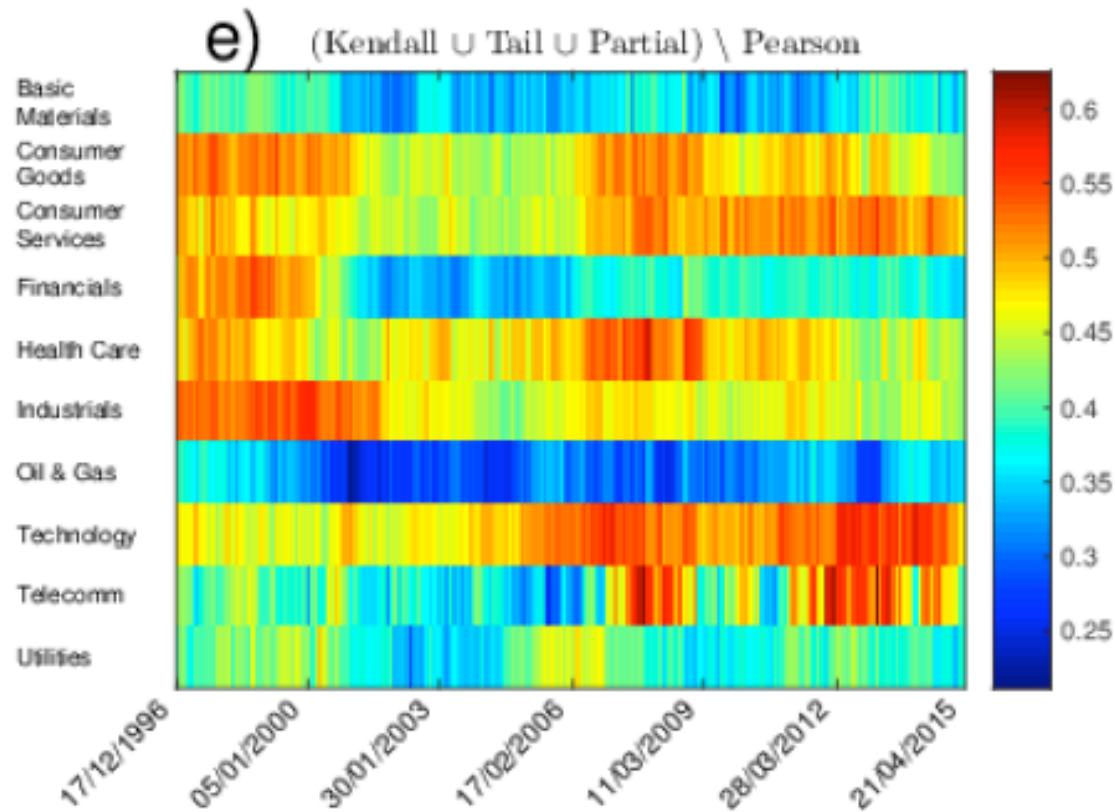
In the case of two layers we have

$$k_i^{10} = \sum_j a_{ij}^1 (1 - a_{ij}^2)$$

$$k_i^{01} = \sum_j (1 - a_{ij}^1) a_{ij}^2$$

$$k_i^{11} = \sum_j a_{ij}^1 a_{ij}^2$$

# Multidegrees in financial networks



Musmeci et al. (2016)

**Weighted  
multiplex networks  
with link overlap**

# Strength vs degree

The strength  $s_i$  of a node  $i$  is equal to the sum of the weights

$$s_i = \sum_j w_{ij}$$

The average strength  $s_k$  of nodes of degree  $k$  can either grow

linearly

*(homogeneous distribution of the weights)*

or

non-linearly

*(hubs have in average links with stronger weights)*

**Barrat et al. PNAS (2004)**

# Multi-strength

The multi-strength  $S_i^{\vec{m}, [\alpha]}$   
evaluates the sum of the weights  
of multi-links  $\vec{m}$   
of node  $i$  in layer  $\alpha$

The multi-strength allows  
to condition on  
the presence of the absence of the  
link overlap

# Multistrength in a Duplex network

Strength on the first layer restricted to links  
with no overlap - with overlap

$$S_i^{(1,0),[1]} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{[1]} (1 - a_{ij}^{[2]}) \quad S_i^{(1,1),[1]} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{[1]} a_{ij}^{[2]}$$

Strength on the second layer restricted to links  
with no overlap - with overlap

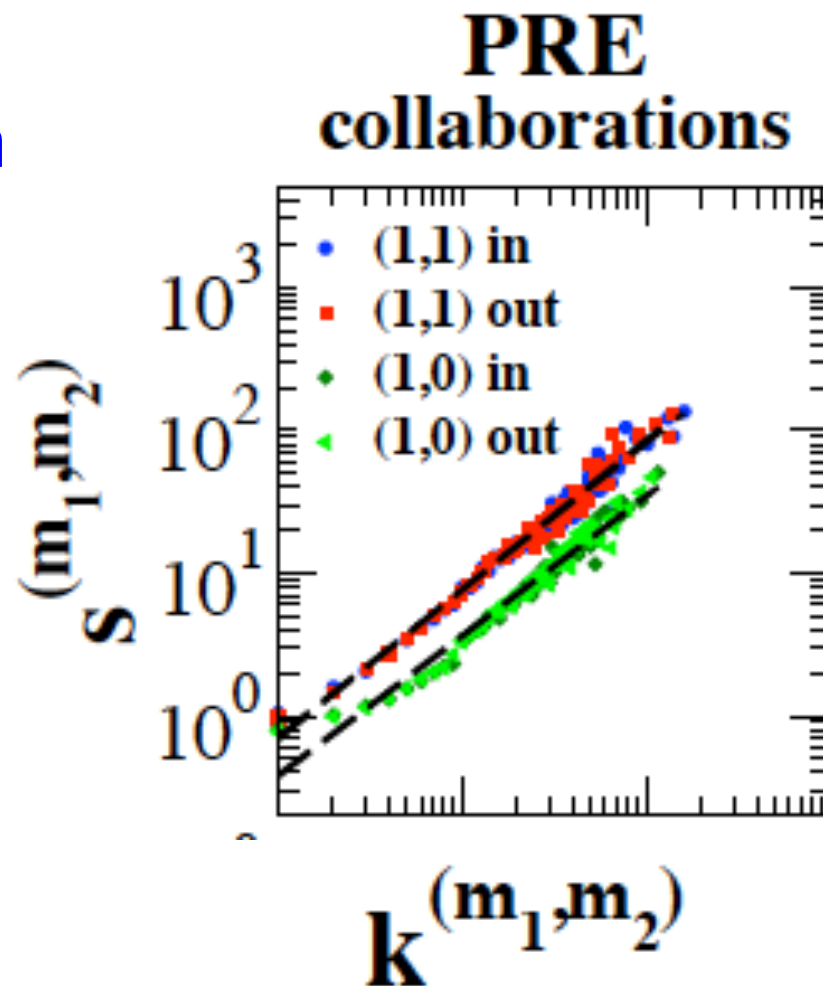
$$S_i^{(0,1),[2]} = \sum_j (1 - a_{ij}^{[1]}) w_{ij}^{[2]} \quad S_i^{(1,1),[2]} = \sum_j a_{ij}^{[1]} w_{ij}^{[2]}$$



# Multi-strength in the collaboration layer of the citation/collaboration duplex

The average weight of a link in the collaboration network depends on the existence of a link in the citation network.

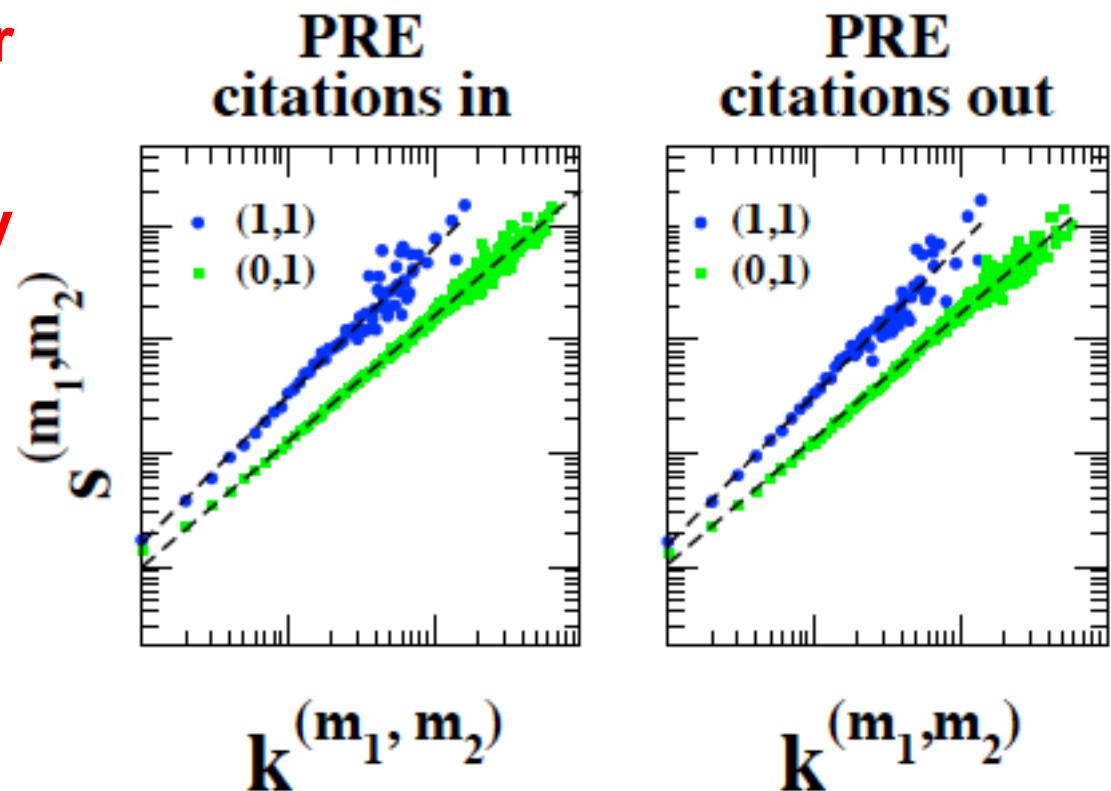
*The dependence of the multistrength vs. multidegree remains linear in both cases.*



# Multistrength vs multidegree in the citation layer of the citation/collaboration duplex

The way you cite your  
collaborators is  
different from the way  
you cite the other  
scientists.

People tend to cite  
more the hubs with  
whom they have  
collaborated.

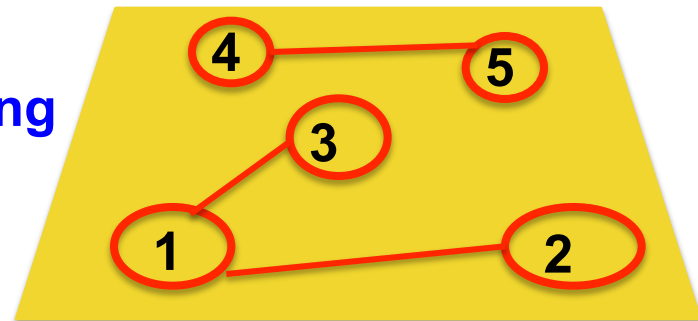
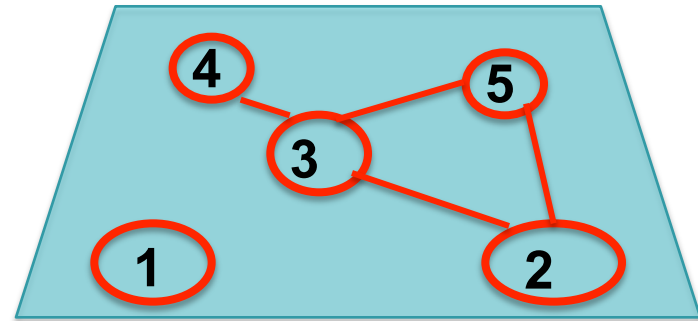
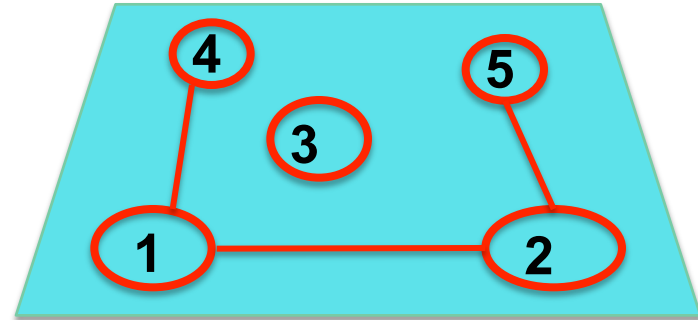


# Clustering coefficient among three layers

$$C_i^{[\alpha, \alpha', \alpha'']} = \frac{\sum_{j \neq i, m \neq i} a_{ij}^{[\alpha]} a_{jm}^{[\alpha']} a_{mi}^{[\alpha'']}}{\sum_{j \neq i, m \neq i} a_{ij}^{[\alpha]} a_{mi}^{[\alpha'']}}$$

Fraction of pair of friends that are friend with each other across different layers

Keeps track of all the layers  
Can become computationally demanding



# Clustering coefficient

The clustering coefficients of a multiplex networks consider all the layers on the same footing

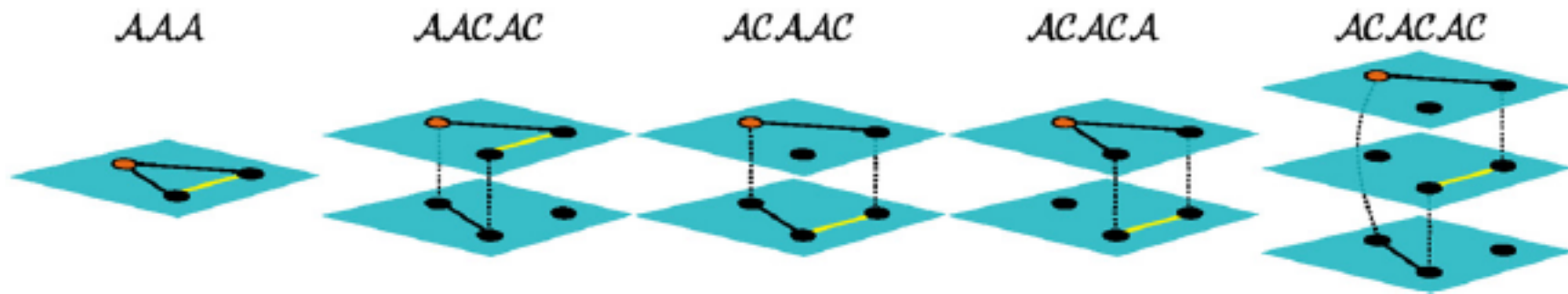
$$C_{i,1} = 2 \frac{\sum_{\alpha=1}^M \sum_{\mu|\mu \neq \alpha} \sum_{j,k} a_{ij}^{[\alpha]} a_{jk}^{[\mu]} a_{ki}^{[\alpha]}}{(M-1) \sum_{\alpha=1}^M k^{[\alpha]} (k^{[\alpha]} - 1)/2},$$
$$C_{i,2} = 2 \frac{\sum_{\alpha=1}^M \sum_{\kappa|\kappa \neq \alpha} \sum_{\mu|\mu \neq \alpha, \kappa} \sum_{j,k} a_{ij}^{[\alpha]} a_{jk}^{[\mu]} a_{ki}^{[\kappa]}}{(M-2) \sum_{\alpha=1}^M \sum_{\kappa \neq \alpha} k^{[\alpha]} k_i^{[\kappa]}},$$

$C_{i,1}$  ( $C_{i,2}$ ) evaluates the normalized number of triangles of node  $i$  belonging to two (three) layers

**Battiston et al (2013).**

# Multilayer clustering coefficient

By associating a “cost”  $t$  to changing layers, it is possible to define a functional clustering coefficient depending on  $t$  and encoding different ways in which triadic closure is achieved



Cozzo et al. New Journal of Physics (2015)

# **Multilayer communities**

# Modularity of a single layer

The Modularity is a measure to evaluate the significance of a certain community structure

$$M = \frac{1}{2\mu} \sum_{ij} \left[ \left( a_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{\langle k \rangle N} \right) \delta(g_i, g_j) \right]$$

it measure how dense is a community with respect to the uncorrelated network structure with the same degree sequence

# Multilayer modularity

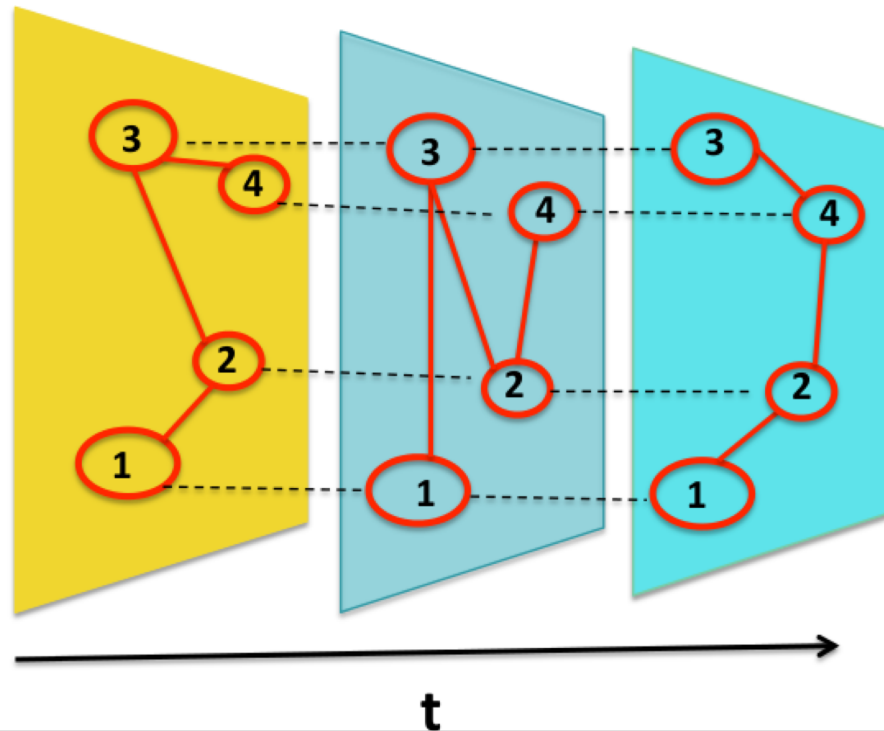
Communities can span across  
different layers,  
they can be found by optimizing the multilayer  
modularity  $Q_{\text{multislice}}$

$$Q_{\text{multislice}} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \sum_{ij\alpha\beta} \left[ \left( a_{ij}^{[\alpha]} - \gamma^{[\alpha]} \frac{k_i^{[\alpha]} k_j^{[\alpha]}}{\langle k^{[\alpha]} \rangle N} \right) \delta_{\alpha,\beta} + \delta_{ij} C_{jj}^{[\alpha,\beta]} \right] \delta(g_i^{[\alpha]}, g_j^{[\beta]})$$

**P. J. Mucha, et al. Science (2010)**



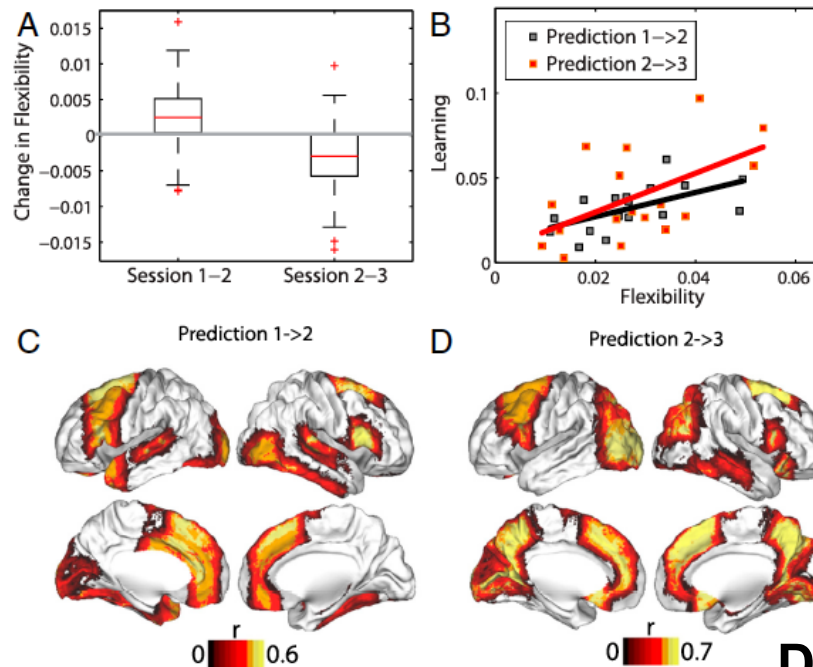
# Temporal or multi-slice networks



**Temporal networks can be seen as a multi-slice network where each slice is a temporal snapshot**

# Flexibility

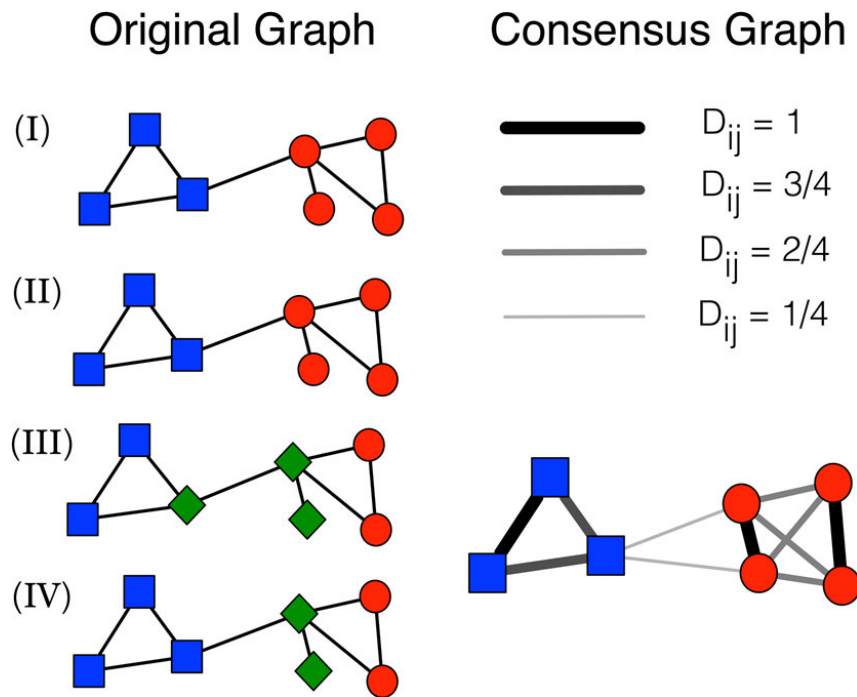
The flexibility  $f_i$  of a node  $i$  is the number of times the node changes community assignment



**Correlation  
between  
flexibility and  
learning in brain  
functional  
networks**

**D.S. Bassett PNAS (2011)**

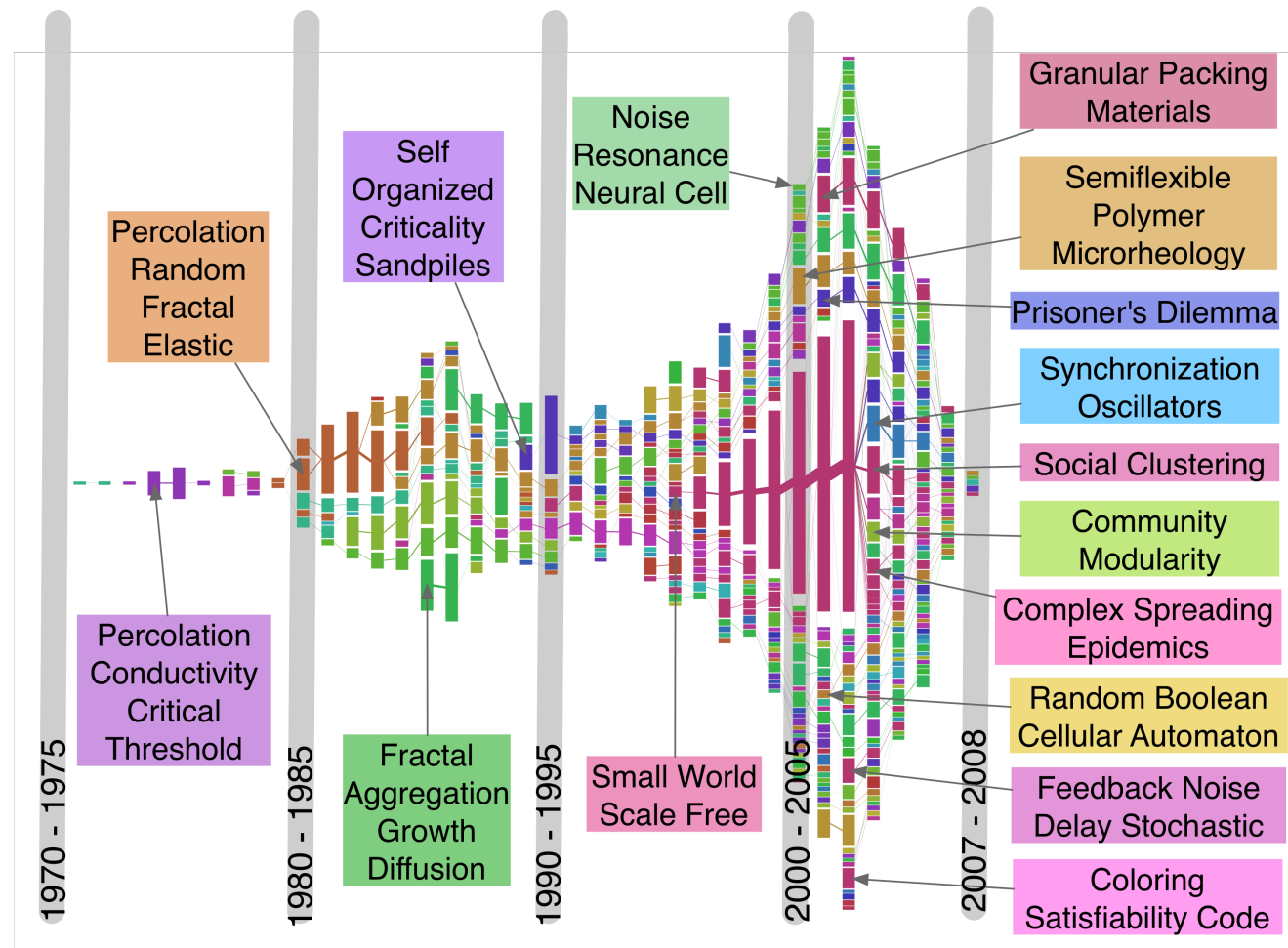
# Consensus clustering for detects multilayer communities



The consensus graph is constructed by comparing the communities in different layers of a multiplex network.

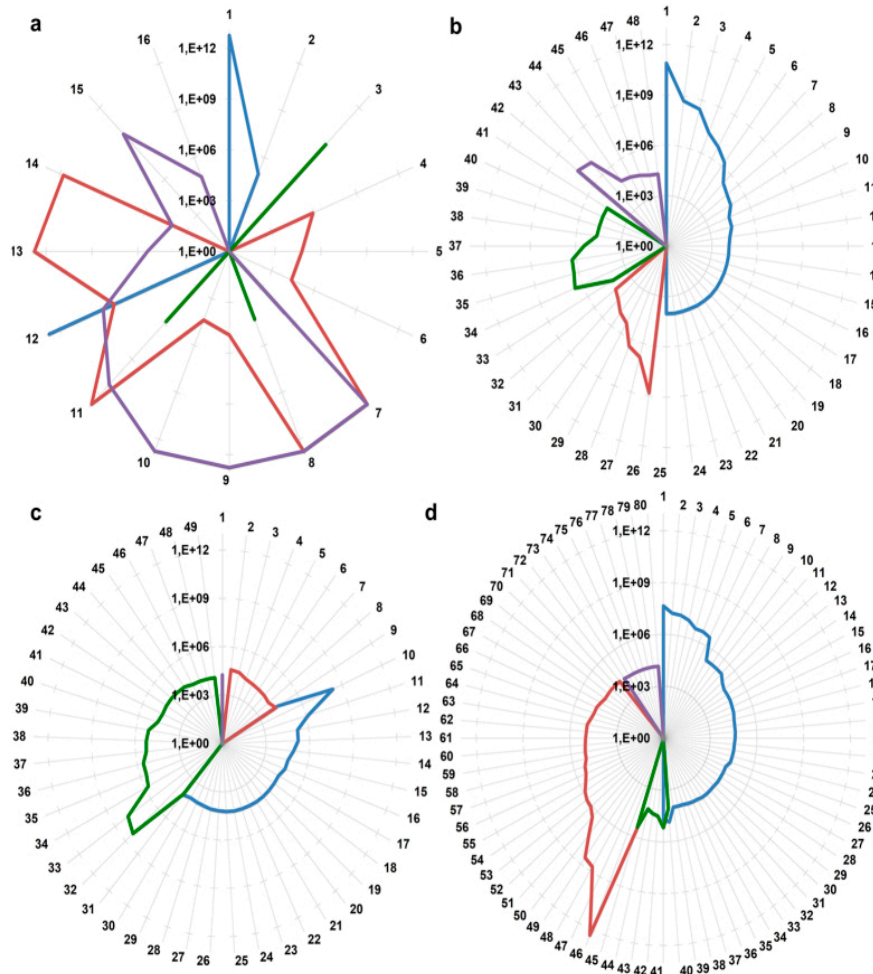
The consensus graph reveals the multilayer communities

# Evolution of communities in temporal networks



Lancichinetti Fortunato (2012)

# Enrichment in oncogenic biological components

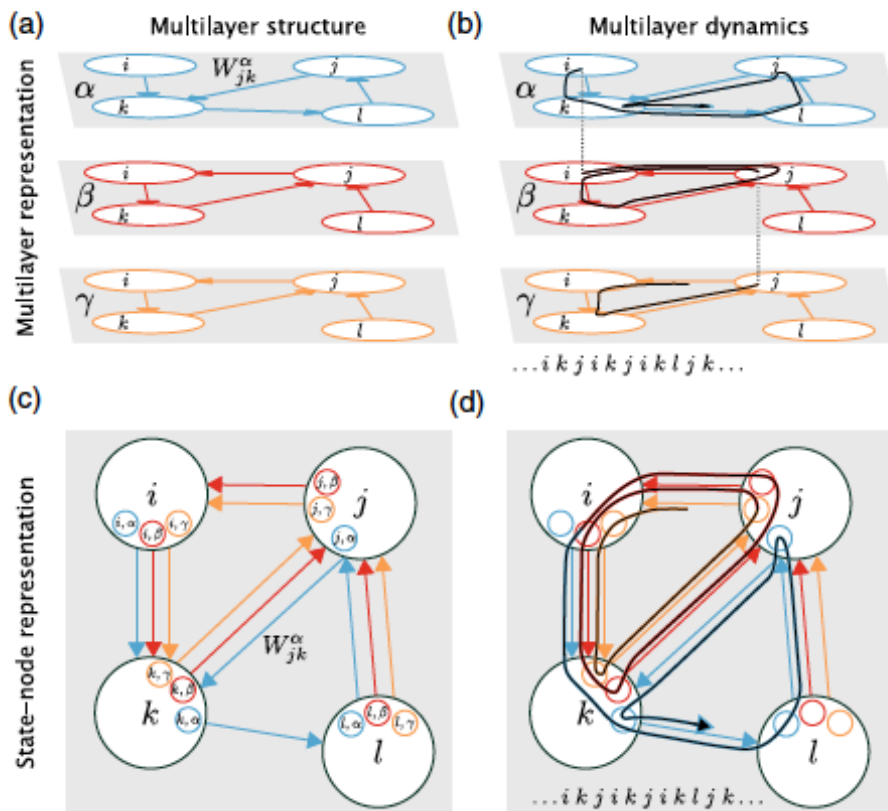


- Multiplex network of four layers:
- co-expression network,
  - transcription factor (TF) co-targeting network,
  - microRNA co-targeting network
  - protein-protein interaction network (PPI)

The enrichment p-values for (a) chromosomes, (b) pathways, (c) TF/microRNAs motifs and (d) GO. The four tissues are indicated by different colors: gastric (blue), lung (red), pancreas (green) and colon (violet).

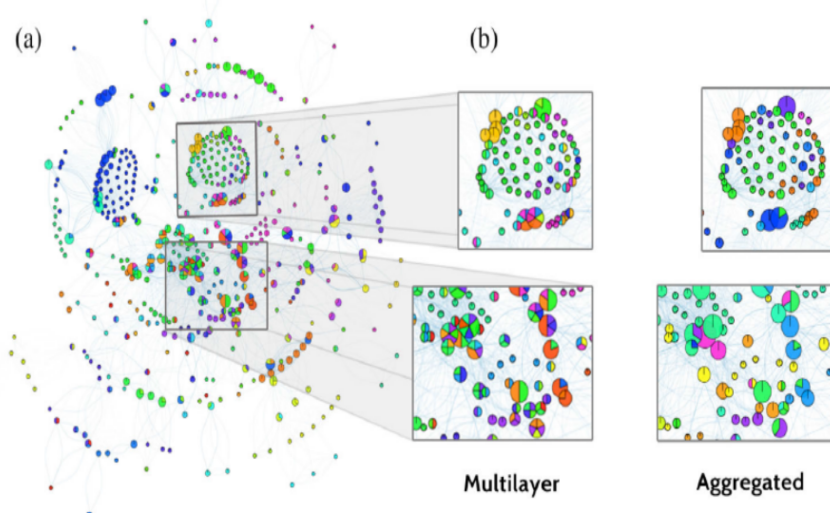
# Community detection using diffusion properties

Diffusion along the interlinks can be used to characterize communities as the random walk tends to be localized on communities for short-meso timescales



De Domenico et al. PRX (2015)

# Multilayer communities do not reduce to single layer communities

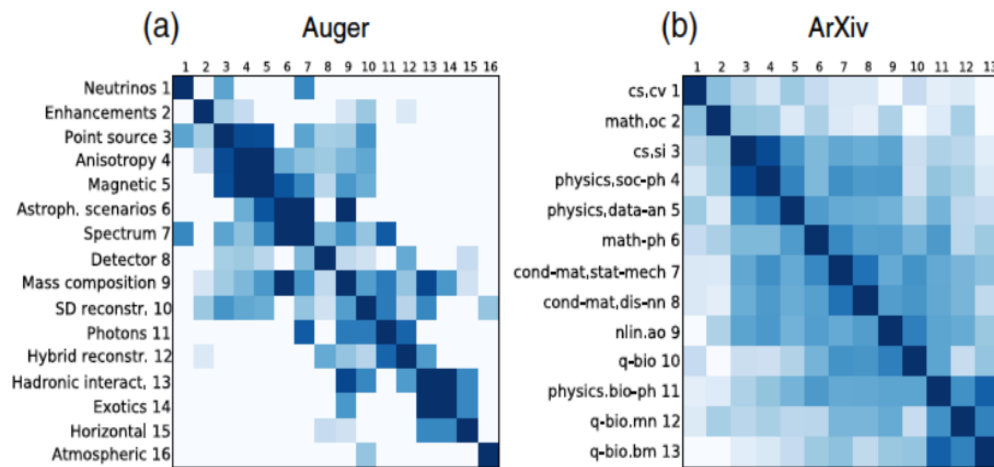


Each node might belong to more than one community

Auger collaboration network

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# Similarities between the layers

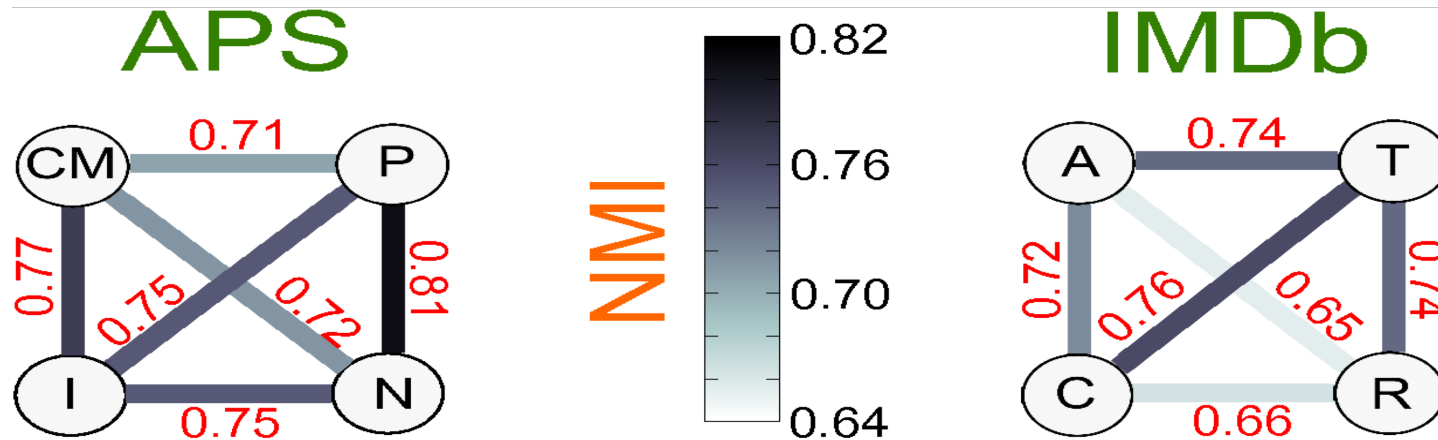


The layer similarity can be taken to be the number of replica nodes of the two layers belonging to the same community



**Correlated  
mesoscale structure  
of the multiplex layers**

# The community structure of different layers is correlated

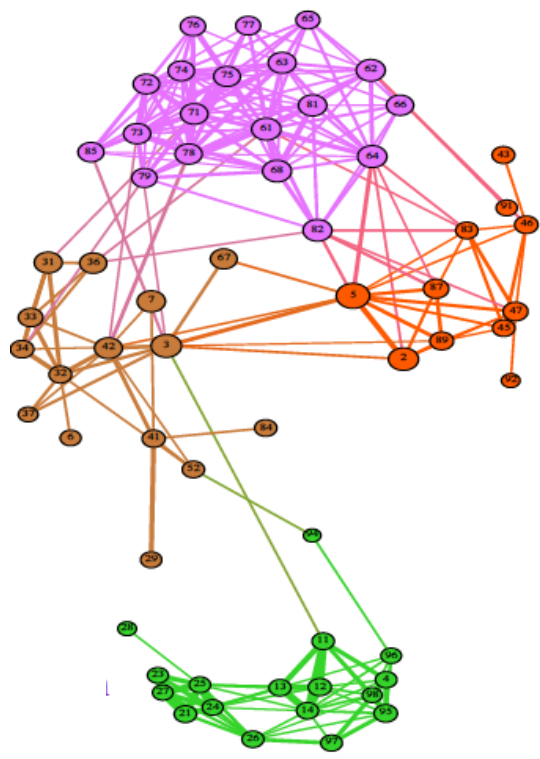
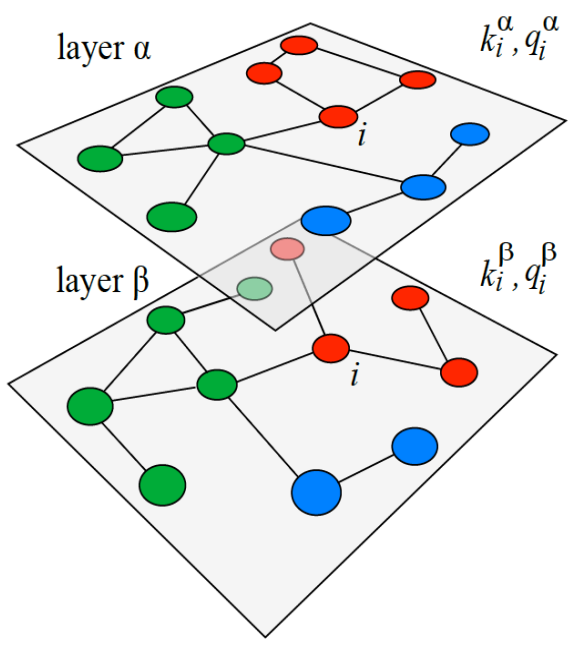


## The Normalized Mutual Information

$$NMI = \frac{-2 \sum_m \sum_{m'} N_{m m'} \log \left( \frac{N_{m m'} N}{N_m N_{m'}} \right)}{\sum N_m \log \left( \frac{N_m}{N} \right) + \sum N_{m'} \log \left( \frac{N_{m'}}{N} \right)}$$

APS	$N$	$\langle k \rangle$	$C$
Nuclear (N)	1238	4.75	0.27
Particle (P)	1238	4.66	0.30
Cond. Matt. I (CM)	1238	10.29	0.24
Interdisciplinary (I)	1238	7.37	0.26
IMDb	$N$	$\langle k \rangle$	$C$
Action (A)	55797	83.56	0.61
Crime (C)	55797	82.30	0.58
Romance (R)	55797	86.00	0.59
Thriller (T)	55797	77.75	0.56

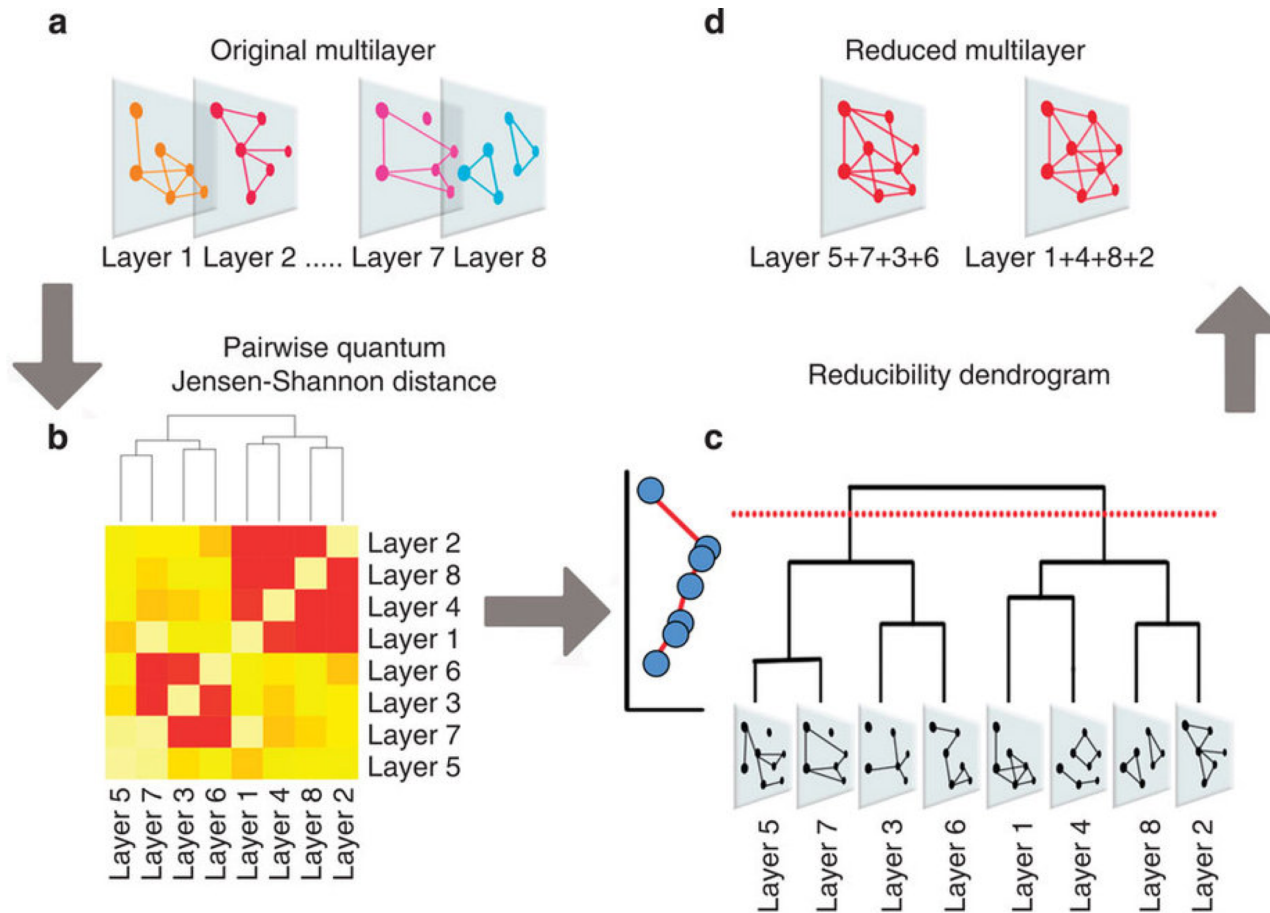
# Network entropy reveals the network between the layers of multiplex datasets



The community structure of the layers of a multiplex network reveals the “networks of layers”. Case of collaboration networks revealing the network between the PACS.

**To aggregate  
or  
to disaggregate?**

# Reducibility of networks

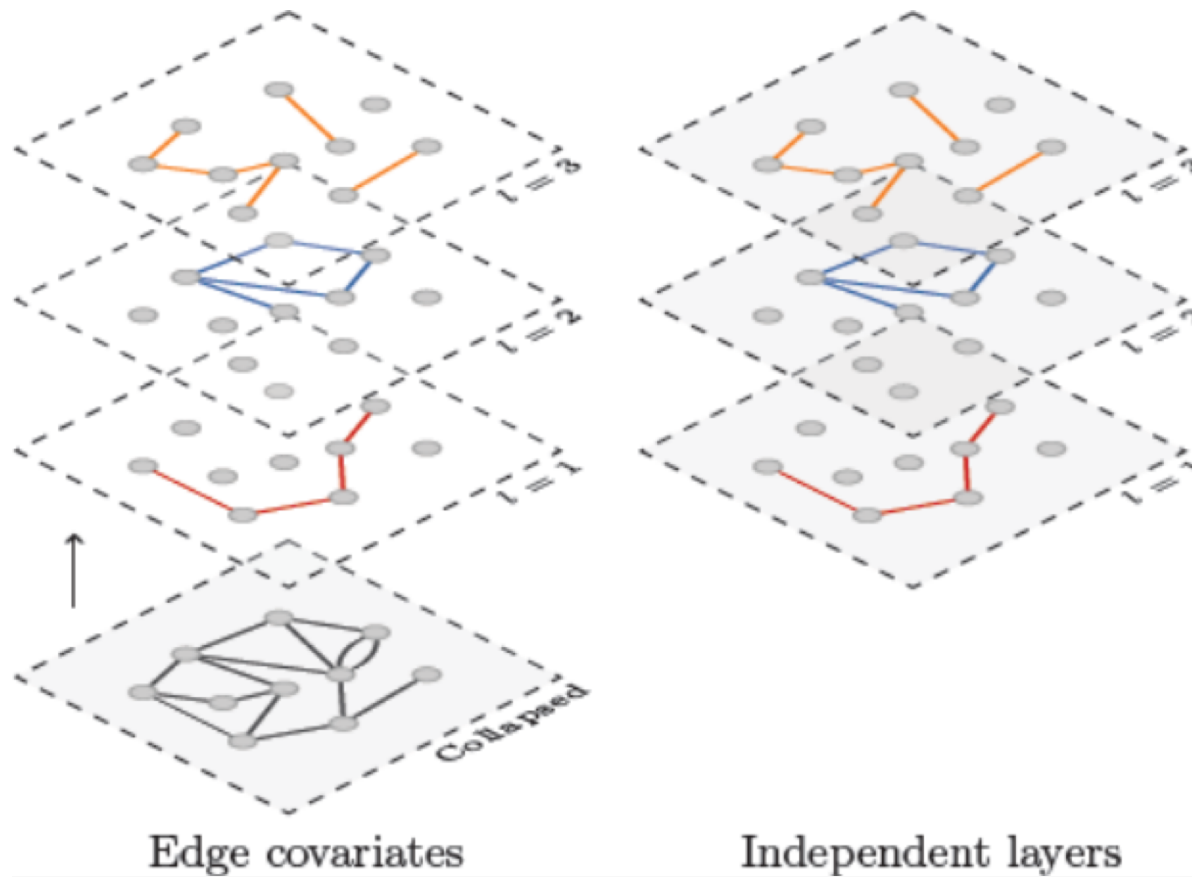


# Reducibility of different datasets

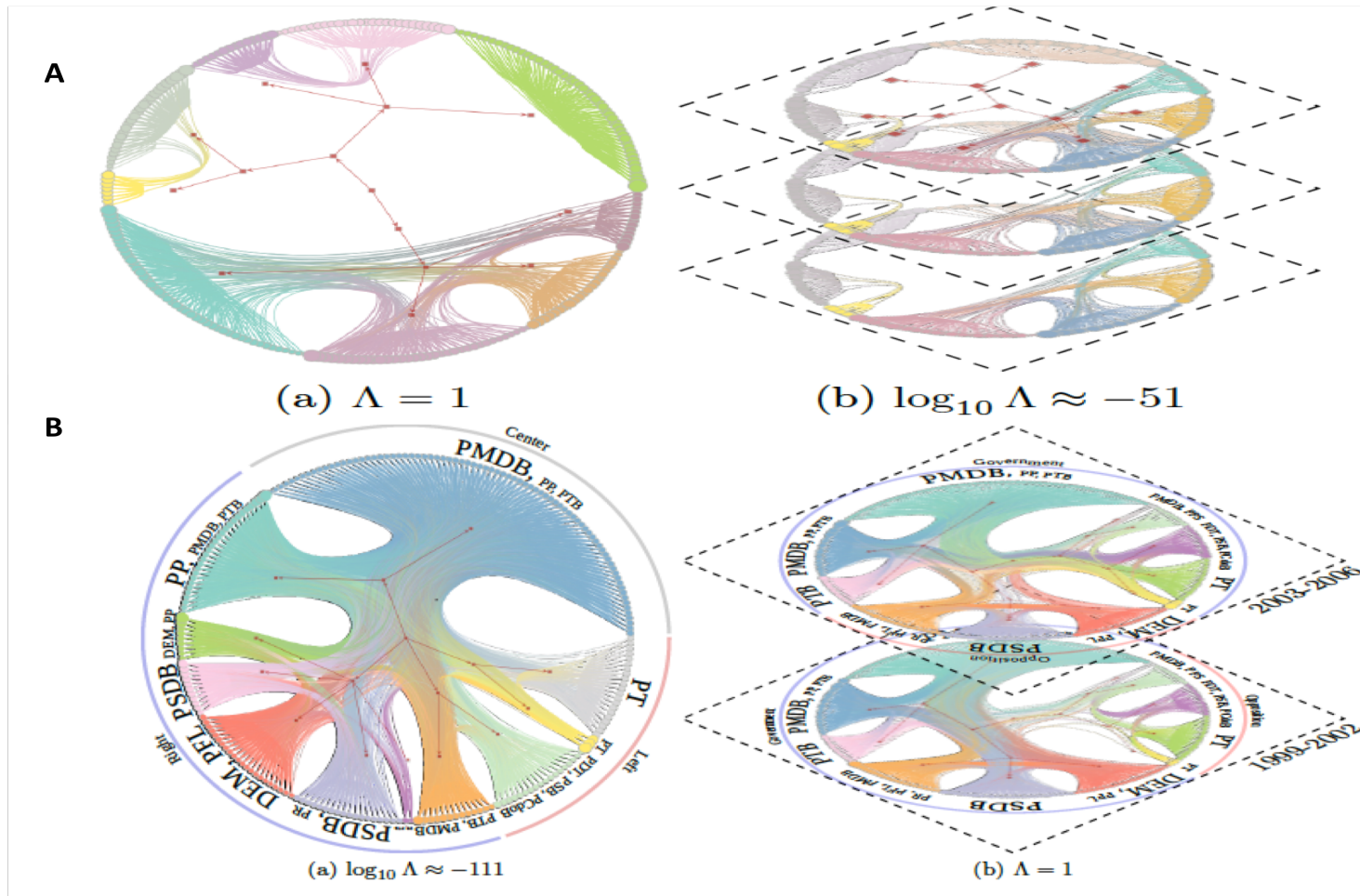
Table 1   Reducibility of empirical multilayer networks.					
Network	$N$	$M$	$M_{\text{opt}}$	$\max[q(\bullet)]$	$\chi$
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	6981	7	5	0.436	0.33
<i>Bos</i>	326	4	3	0.494	0.33
<i>Candida</i>	368	7	4	0.527	0.50
<i>C. elegans</i>	3880	6	4	0.390	0.40
<i>Drosophila</i>	8216	7	5	0.426	0.33
<i>Gallus</i>	314	6	4	0.505	0.40
Human HIV-1	1006	5	2	0.499	0.75
<i>Mus</i>	7748	7	6	0.376	0.17
<i>Plasmodium</i>	1204	3	2	0.500	0.50
<i>Rattus</i>	2641	6	4	0.504	0.40
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	6571	7	4	0.115	0.50
<i>S. pombe</i>	4093	7	4	0.197	0.50
<i>Xenopus</i>	462	5	3	0.424	0.50
Arxiv coauthorship	14065	13	11	0.231	0.17
Terrorist network	78	4	2	0.239	0.67
FAO Trade network	184	340	182	0.354	0.47
London Tube	369	13	12	0.441	0.08
Airports Europe	1064	175	165	0.667	0.06
Airports Asia	1130	213	202	0.653	0.05
Airports North America	2040	143	136	0.686	0.05

De Domenico et al Nature communication 2015

# Inference models



# To aggregate or to disaggregate: the answer might depend on the dataset!





# Conclusions

*Extracting information from multilayer networks is essential to make progress in our understanding of multilayer networks*

**Network theory is providing new tools to meet the challenge**

- Multiplex networks can have a highly correlated structure that encodes relevant information.
- Degree correlations and the overlap are fundamental to investigate multiplex networks
- Weights in multiplex networks can be correlated with the overlap of the links providing a straightforward way to extract information not present in their single layers
- The community structure of multilayer network can include communities spanning and overlapping across multiple layers

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