

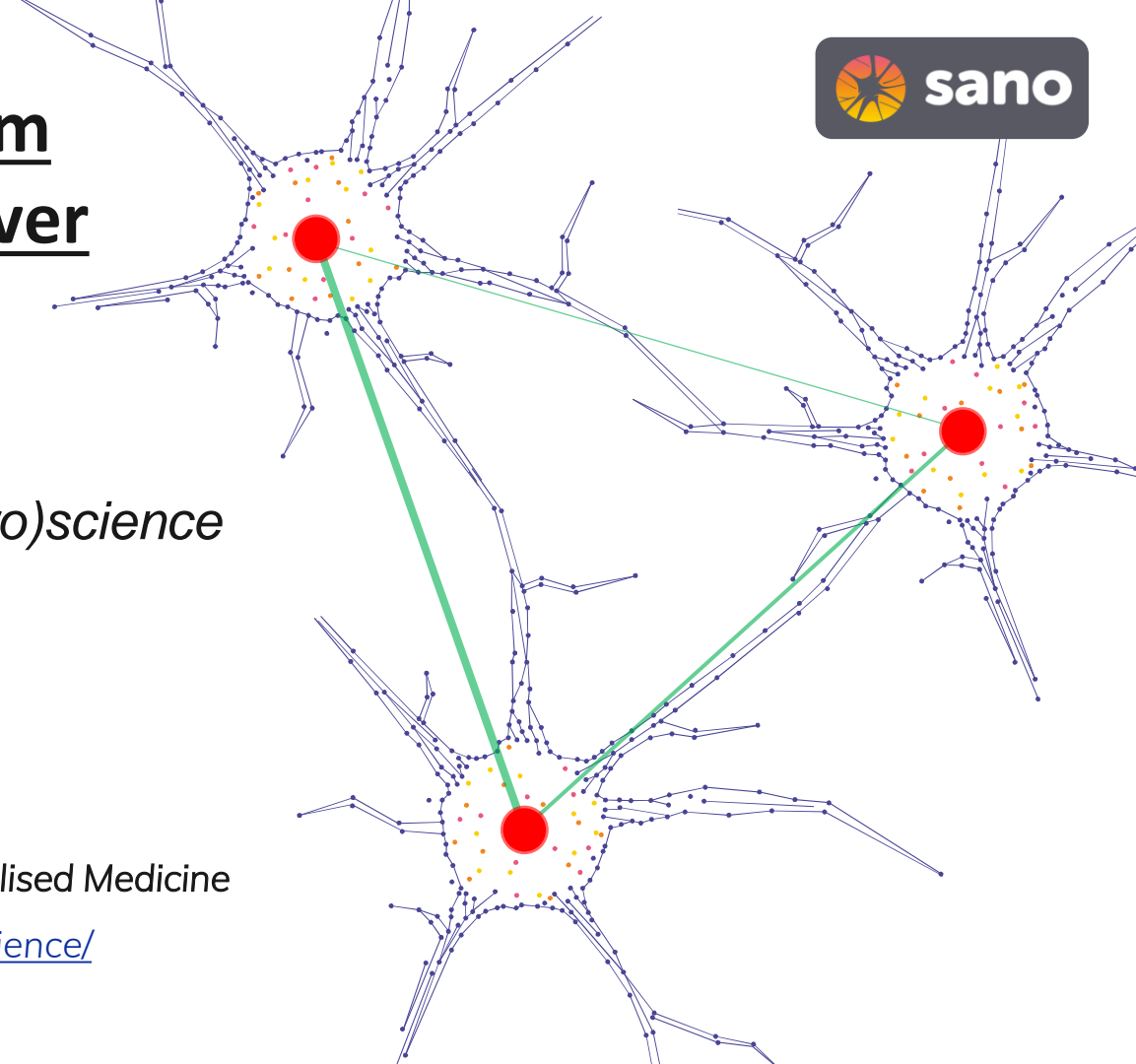
# On the use of quantum technologies to discover brain structure and function

*Applications to network (neuro)science*

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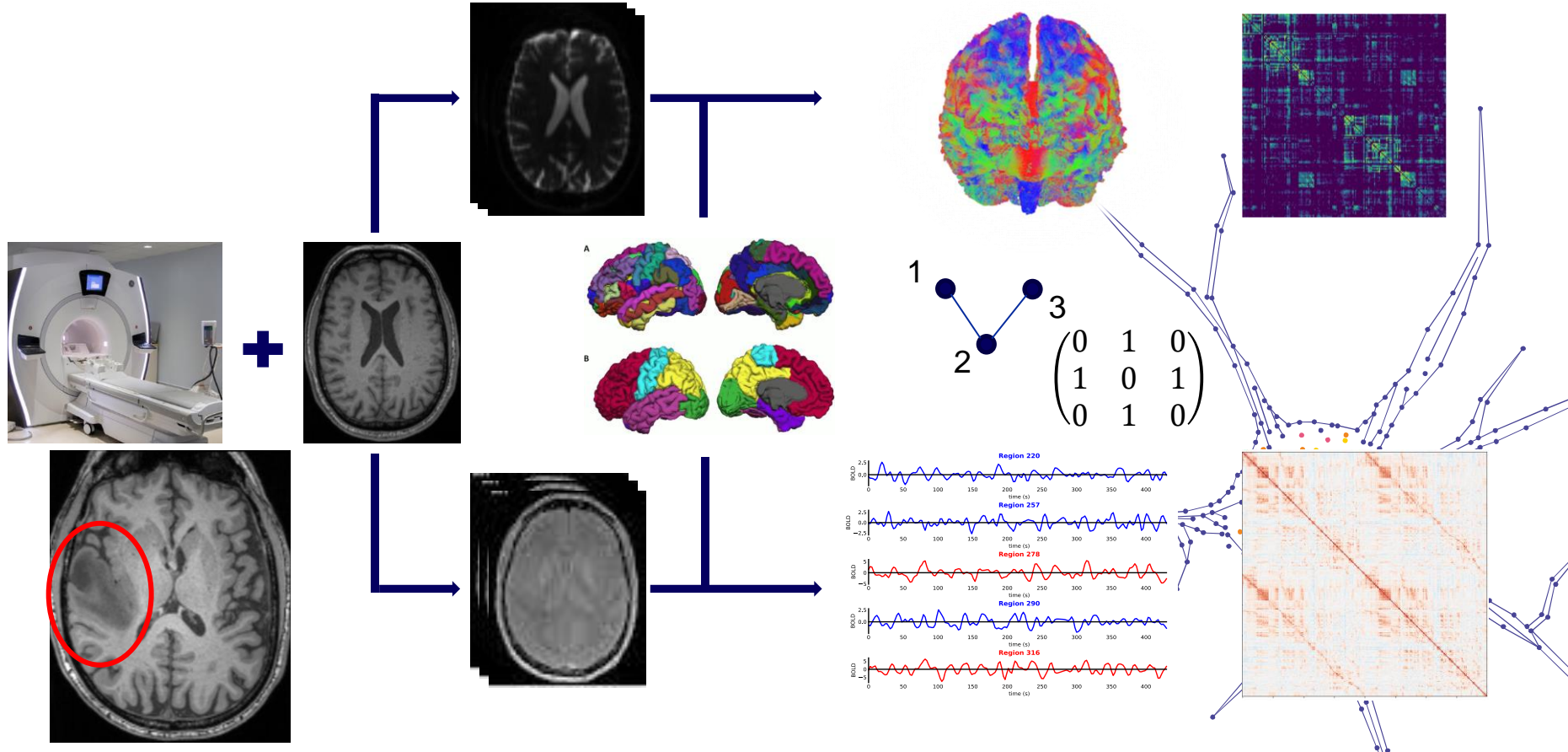
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# Network Neuroscience

The brain as collections of *Graphs*



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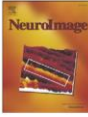
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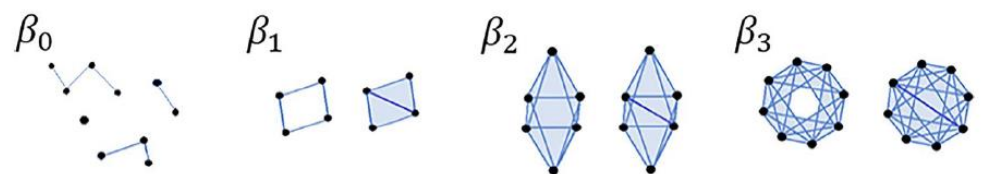
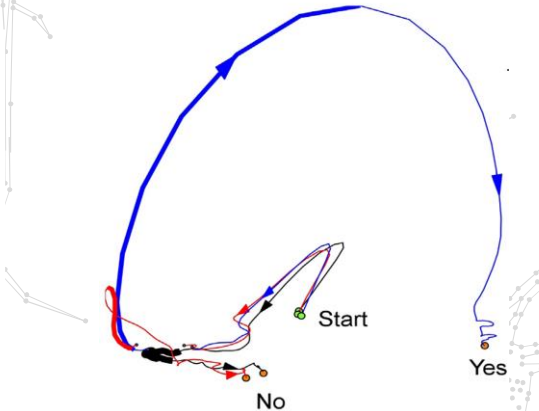
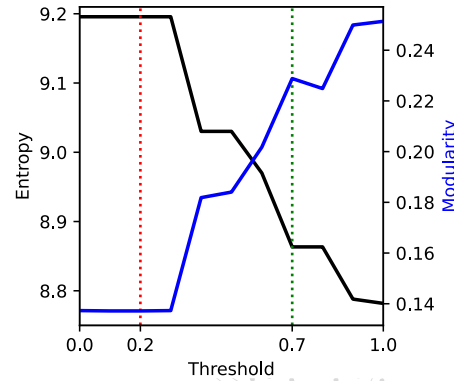
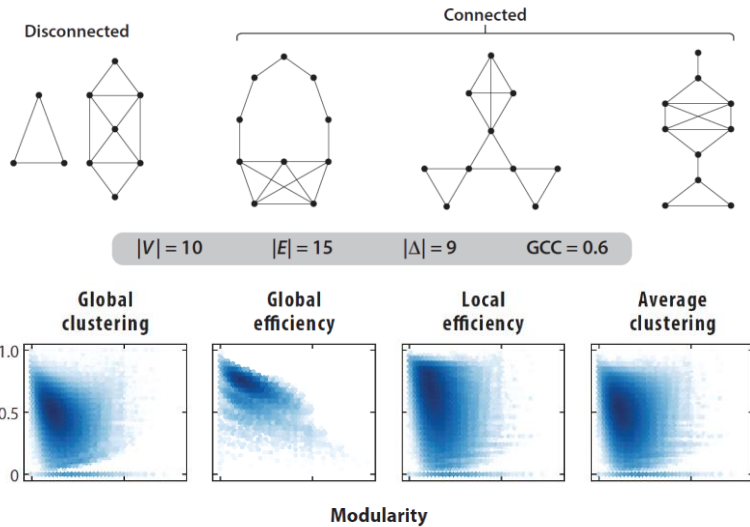
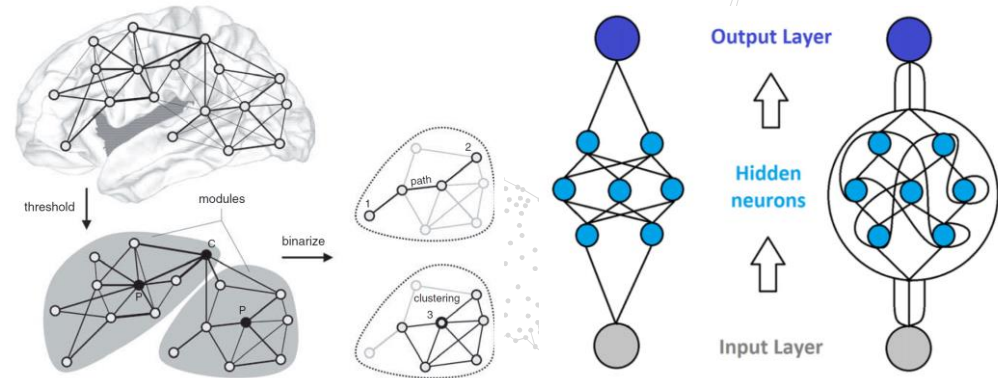
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# Modularity maximization

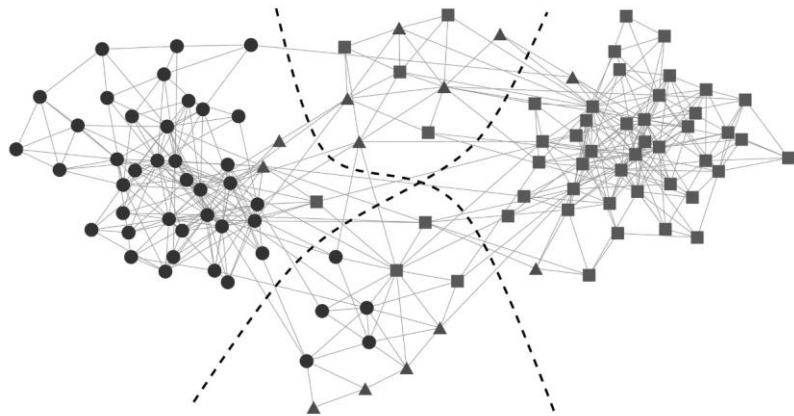
Discovering communities in Graphs and the Brain



$$Q = \sum_{s=1}^k \left[ \frac{l_s}{m} - \gamma \left( \frac{d_s}{2m} \right)^2 \right]$$

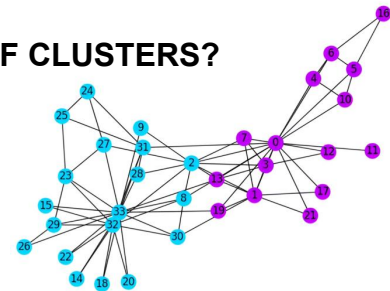
$$l_s = \sum_{i \in C_s} \sum_{j \in C_s} A_{ij} \quad \text{Edges inside the cluster}$$

$$d_s = \sum_{i \in C_s} g_i \quad \text{Degrees of the nodes inside the cluster}$$



WE DON'T KNOW THE NUMBER OF CLUSTERS?

$$\frac{1}{2}(s_i s_j + 1) \begin{cases} \rightarrow 1 \\ \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

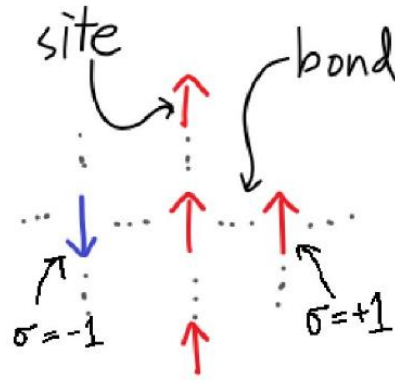
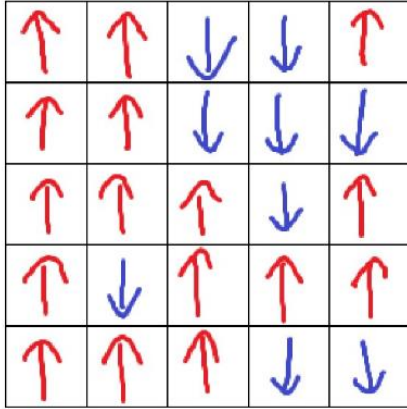


$$Q = \frac{1}{4m} \sum_{ij} \left( A_{ij} - \frac{g_i g_j}{2m} \right) (s_i s_j + 1) = \frac{1}{4m} \sum_{ij} \left( A_{ij} - \frac{g_i g_j}{2m} \right) s_i s_j$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{ij} B_{ij} \delta(c_i, c_j) \quad \text{with} \quad B_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{g_i g_j}{2m} \quad \text{the modularity matrix}$$

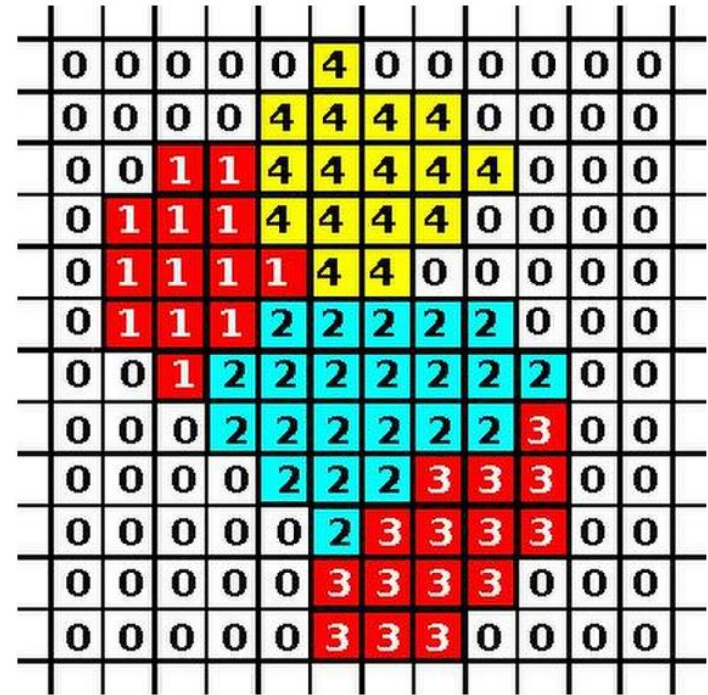
# Ising-like models

Discovering communities



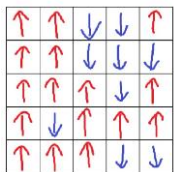
$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{J}, \mathbf{s}) = - \sum_i h_i s_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} J_{ij} s_i s_j$$

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# H-mappings and community *flips*

Discovering communities

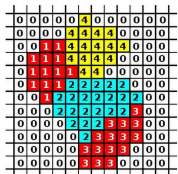


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$$J \doteq -\frac{1}{m} \mathbf{B}$$

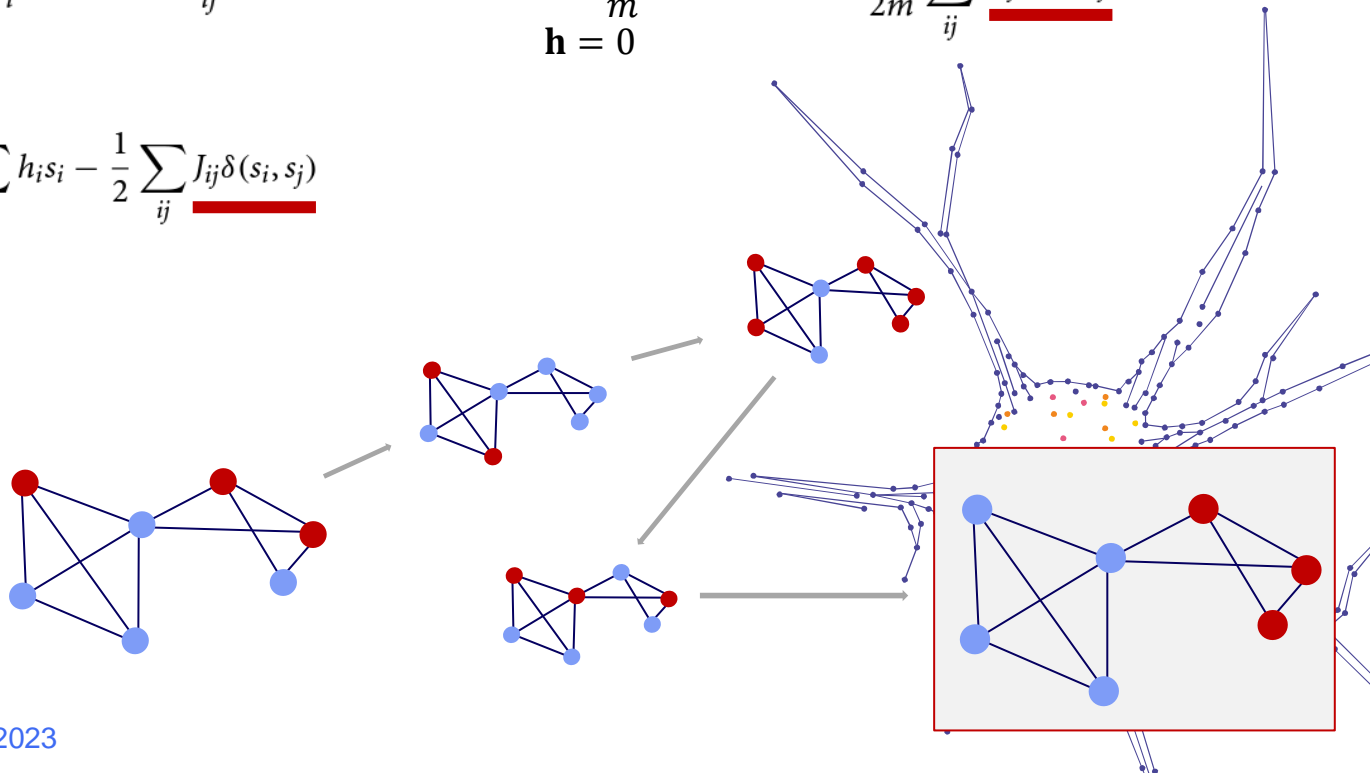
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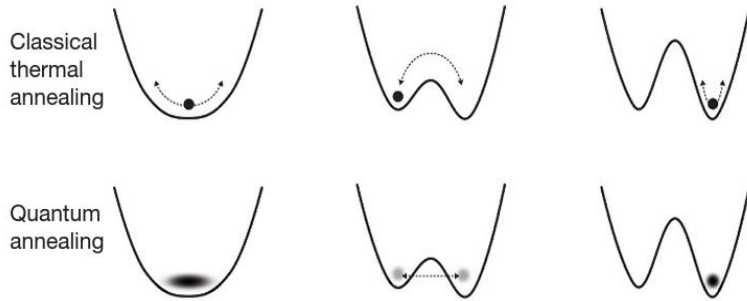
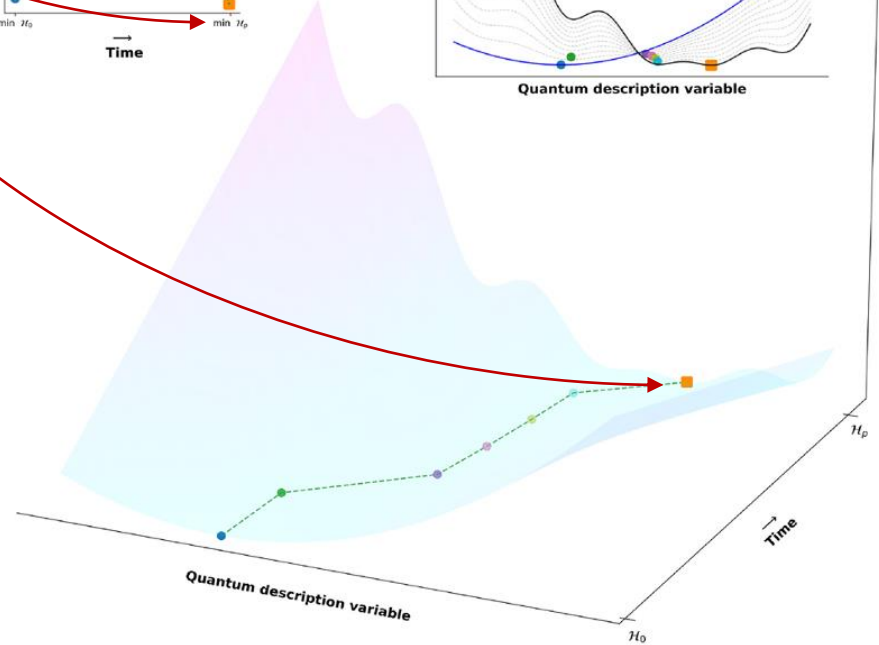
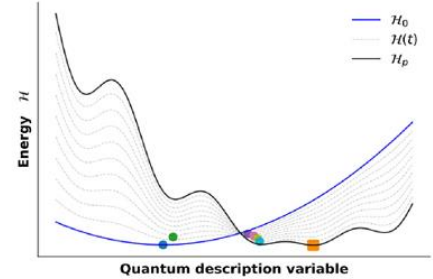
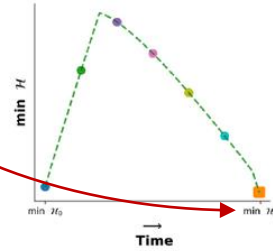
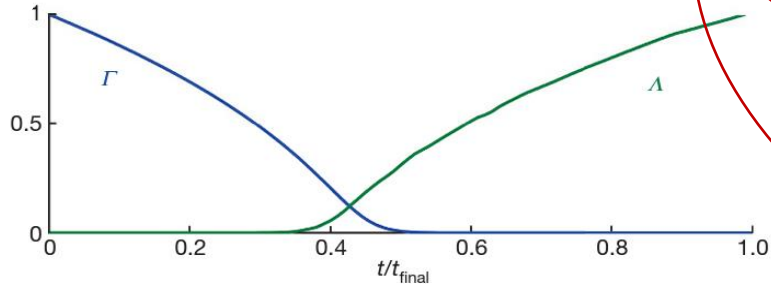
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  $s_i = +1$ 
  $s_i = -1$



# Quantum Adiabatic Optimization

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = \Gamma(t)\mathcal{H}_0 + \Lambda(t)\mathcal{H}_p$$



# QUBO: BQMs and DQMs

Discovering communities using the *D-wave* API

$$Q = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{ij} B_{ij} \delta(c_i, c_j)$$

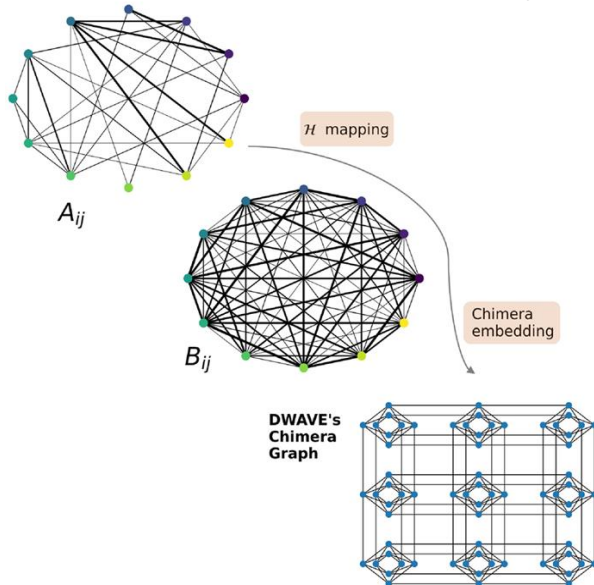
$$J \doteq -\frac{1}{m} \mathbf{B}$$

1)  $s_i \rightarrow 2x_i - 1 \xrightarrow{K=2}$  Binary Quadratic Model (BQM)

2) The Discrete Quadratic Model (DQM) is a bit more tricky

$\delta(c_i, c_j) \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a matrix containing one-hot encodings

$\sum_j x_{ij} = 1 \forall j = 1, \dots, N$  nodes in the network



```
import networkx as nx
G = nx.from_numpy_matrix(A)
B = nx.modularity_matrix(G)
from dimod import DiscreteQuadraticModel
from dwave.system import LeapHybridDQMSampler
dqm = DiscreteQuadraticModel()

partitions = range(k)
for i in G.nodes():
    dqm.add_variable(k, label=i)

for i in G.nodes():
    for j in G.nodes():
        if i==j:
            continue
        dqm.set_quadratic(i, j, {(c, c): ((-1)*B[i, j]) for c in partitions})
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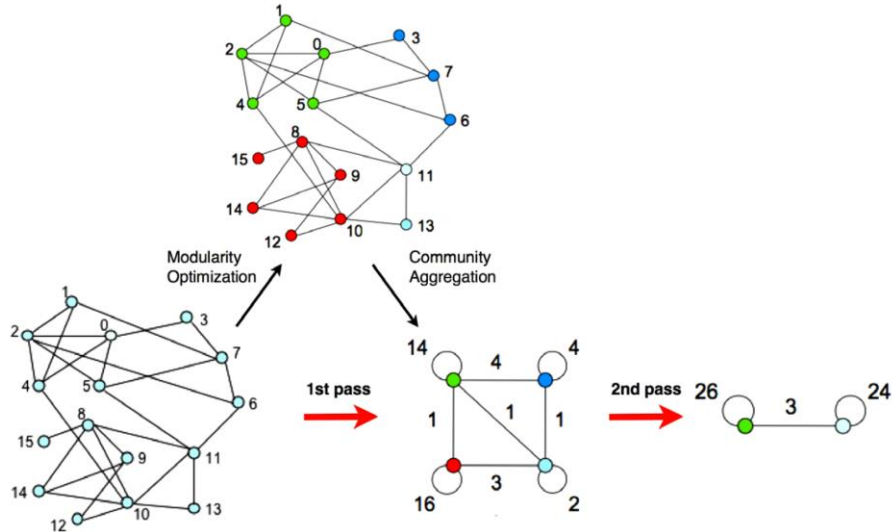


# Results

## Benchmarking the D-wave Leap Hybrid Solver

### 1) Louvain Community Detection Algorithm:

$$\Delta Q = \left[ \frac{\sum_{in} + 2k_{i,in}}{2m} - \left( \frac{\sum_{tot} + k_i}{2m} \right)^2 \right] - \left[ \frac{\sum_{in}}{2m} - \left( \frac{\sum_{tot}}{2m} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{k_i}{2m} \right)^2 \right]$$



Blondel, et al. 2008



## Modularity and community structure in networks

M. E. J. Newman\*

Finding and evaluating community structure in networks

M. E. J. Newman<sup>1,2</sup> and M. Girvan<sup>2,3</sup>

Community detection in complex networks using extremal optimization

Jordi Duch and Alex Arenas

Fast detection of community structures using graph traversal in social networks

Partha Basuchowdhuri<sup>1</sup> · Satyaki Sikdar<sup>2</sup> · Varsha Nagarajan<sup>1</sup> · Khusbu Mishra<sup>1</sup> · Surabhi Gupta<sup>1</sup> · Subhashis Majumder<sup>1</sup>

Modularity from fluctuations in random graphs and complex networks

Roger Guimerà, Marta Sales-Pardo, and Luís A. Nunes Amaral

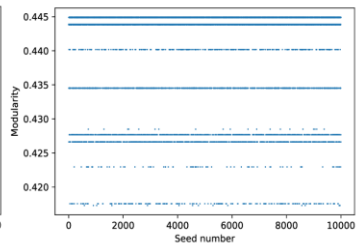
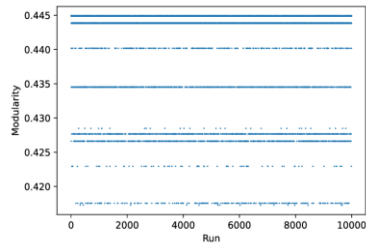
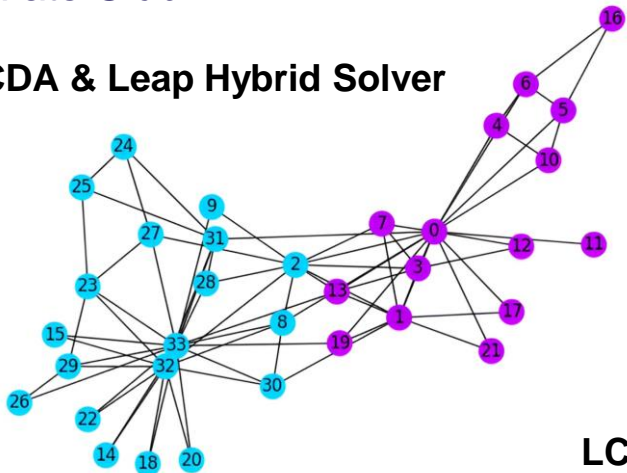
Fast unfolding of communities in large networks

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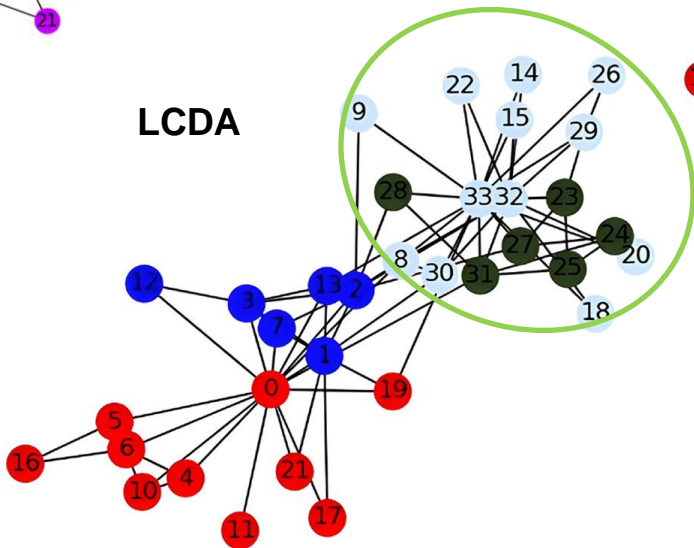
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## LCDA & Leap Hybrid Solver

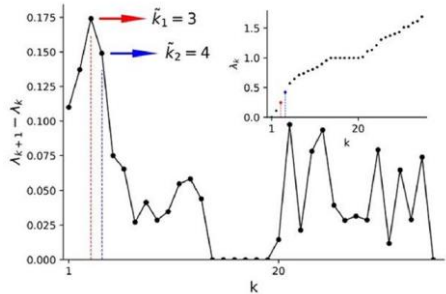
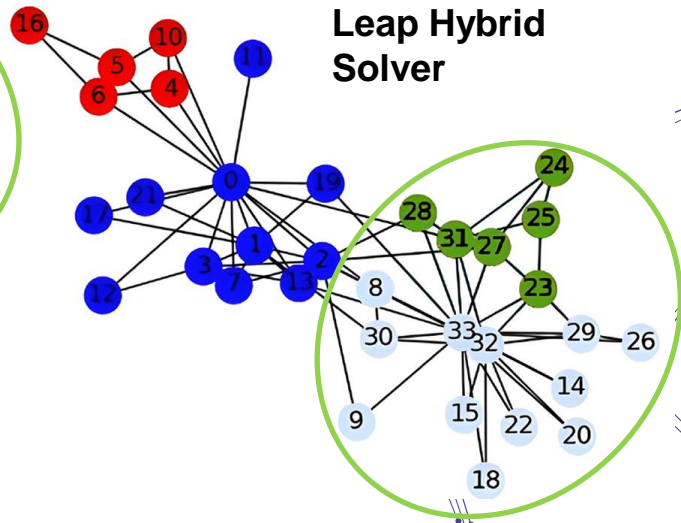


Algorithm	Modularity $Q$	Comp. time (s)	$N_{comm}$	$k_{max}$
LCDA	$0.440 \pm 0.008$	$0.003 \pm 0.001$	4 (3.9)	4
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LCDA

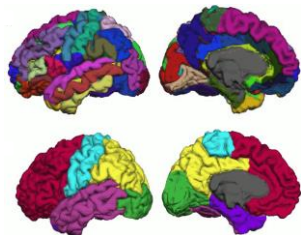


Leap Hybrid Solver



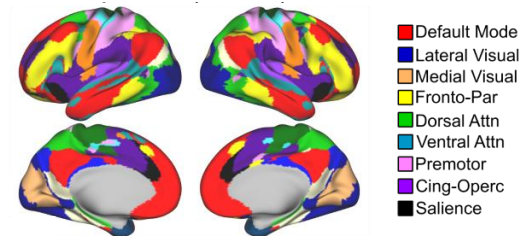
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Interpretable communities in brain networks

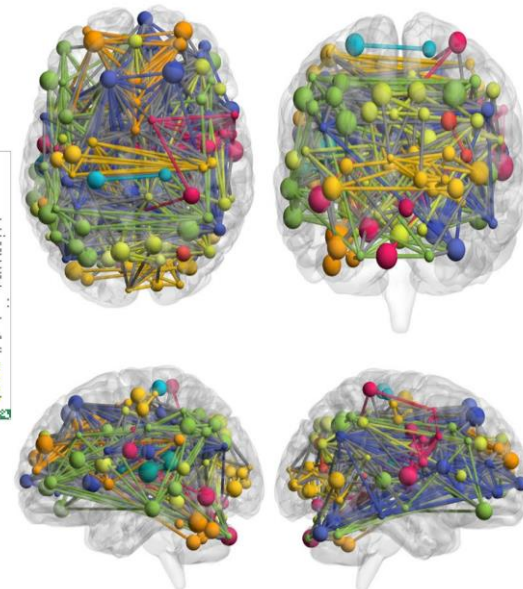
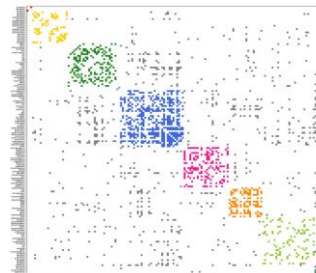
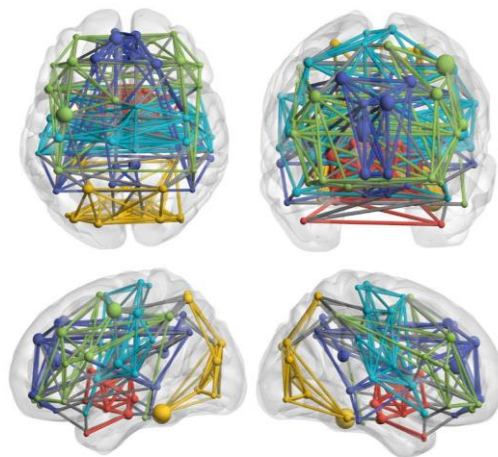
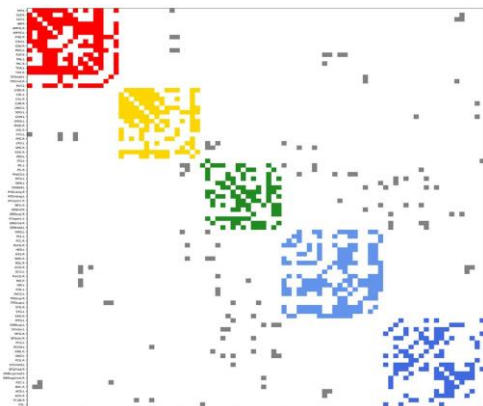


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Dosenbach



Automated Anatomically Labelled (AAL90)



# Conclusions

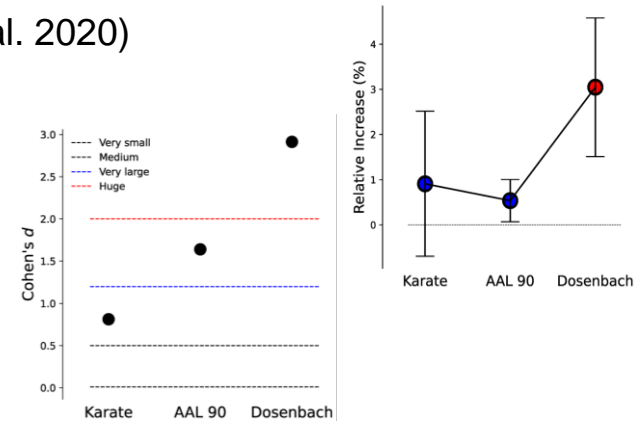


## 1) Key points

- Rigorous description of spin-like variables and models to find modular organizations
- Modularity maximization is an NP-hard problem potentially solvable using Quantum Annealing (*Farhi, et al. 2001*)
- The *quantum* approach is capable of rendering efficient community structures: **highly modular**
- “**All at once**” method, as opposed to previous attempts (*Negre, et al. 2020*)
- Solutions seem to be more stable than classical *heuristics*

## 2) Key limitations

- Computational time → Difficult to determine the origin of this!
- *D-wave* solvers are blacker than black itself! Leap Hybrid Solver allocates the problems by parts to the quantum processing unit



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# Future directions



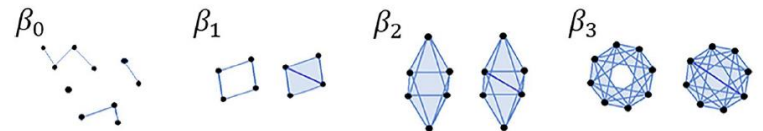
- How do these type of methods scale with population studies? Is the computational time more stable than classical alternatives?
- Can we get rid of the *classical* part of the workflow? Can we remove the *hybrid* prefix?
- Alternatively, what other solvers prove to be useful for this kind of problems? (CQM, Advantage, ...)
- Other optimization approaches → Hopfield networks (*Rebentrost, et al. 2018; Miller & Mukhopadhyay 2021*)
- Other NP-Hard open problems in Network (neuro)science (*Lucas, et al. 2010*) → *The clique problem*

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Ising formulations of many NP problems

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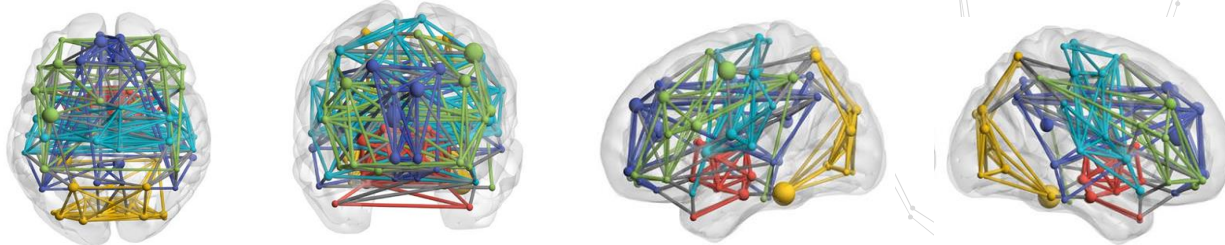
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