

# Structure and dynamics of multiplex networks



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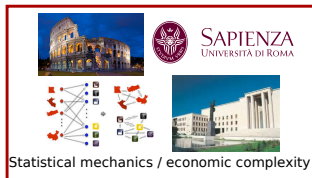
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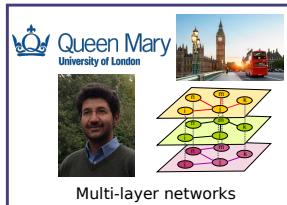
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Multi-layer networks

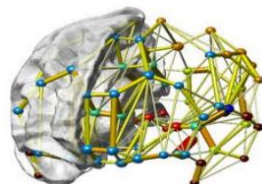
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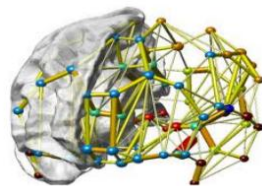
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Brain networks

## Towards richer architectures: multiplex networks

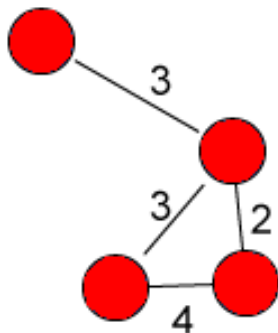


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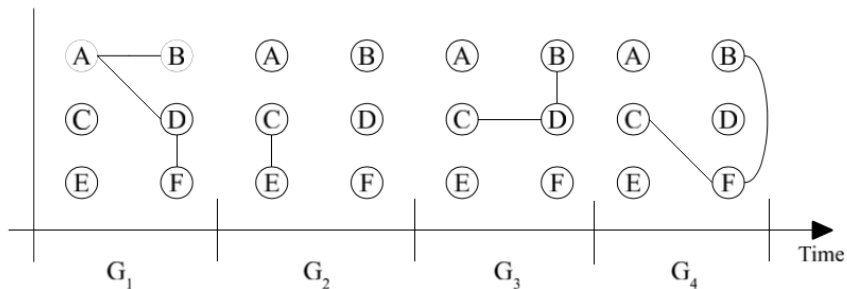
adjacency matrix  $A = \{a_{ij}\}$

node degree  $k_i = \sum_j a_{ij}$



Weighted adjacency matrix  $W = \{w_{ij}\}$

Weights are used to represent strength, distance, cost, time, ...



Temporal networks: connections can change over time

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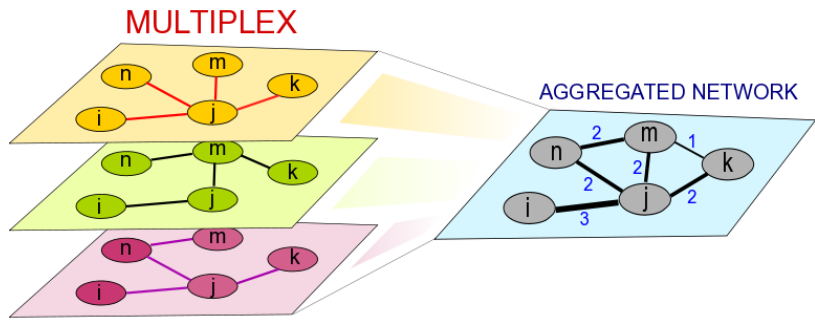
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For the multiplex:

- vector of adjacency matrices  $\mathbf{A} = \{A^{[1]}, \dots, A^{[M]}\}$ .
- vector of degrees  $\mathbf{k}_i = (k_i^{[1]}, \dots, k_i^{[M]})$ .

Do we really need to preserve all this information?.

What are we losing collapsing all the information into a single network?



## Two early reviews...

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### Multilayer networks

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#### Towards real-world complexity: an introduction to multiplex networks

The new challenges of multiplex networks: measures and models

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# MULTIPLEX NETWORKS

## STRUCTURE

- Basic measures
- Motif analysis
- Community structure
- Core-periphery structure

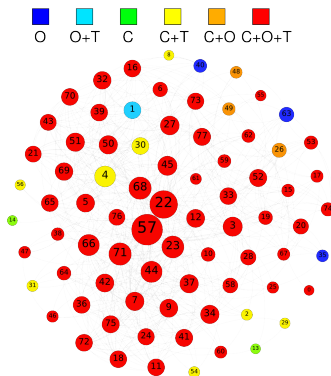
## DYNAMICS

- Random walks
- Opinion formation
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- Evolutionary game theory

## Structure of multiplex networks

# The multi-layer network of Indonesian terrorists

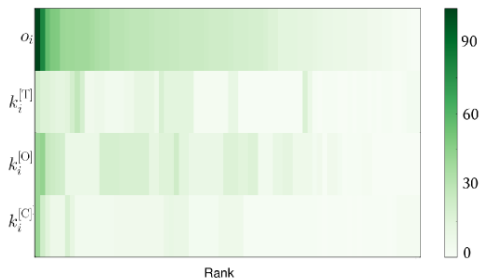
LAYER	CODE	$N$	$K$
MULTIPLEX	M	78	911
Trust	T	70	259
Operations	O	68	437
Communications	C	74	200
Business	B	13	15





A layer-by-layer exploration of node properties: the case of the degree distribution.

overlapping degree: 
$$o_i = \sum_{\alpha=1}^M k_i^{[\alpha]}$$



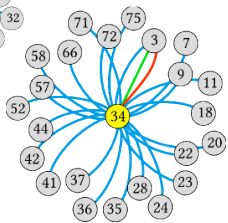
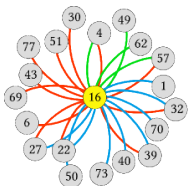
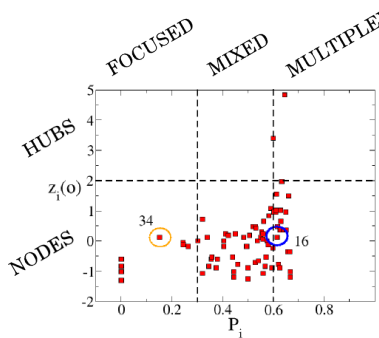
Different layers show different patterns.

Z-score of the overlapping degree:  $z_i(o) = \frac{o_i - \langle o \rangle}{\sigma_o}$      $o_i = \sum_{\alpha=1}^M k_i^{[\alpha]}$

- 1 Simple nodes     $-2 \leq z_i(o) \leq 2$
- 2 Hubs             $z_i(o) > 2$

Participation coefficient:  $P_i = \frac{M}{M-1} \left[ 1 - \sum_{\alpha=1}^M \left( \frac{k_i^{[\alpha]}}{o_i} \right)^2 \right]$

- 1 Focused nodes             $0 \leq P_i \leq 1/3$
- 2 Mixed-pattern nodes     $1/3 < P_i \leq 2/3$
- 3 Truly multiplex nodes    $2/3 < P_i \leq 1$



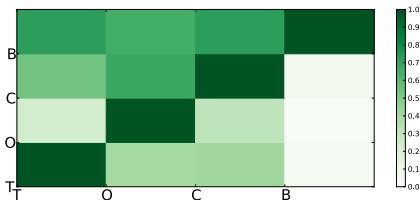
Multiplex analysis successfully distinguishes node 16 from node 34.

F. Battiston, V. Nicosia, V. Latora (2014)

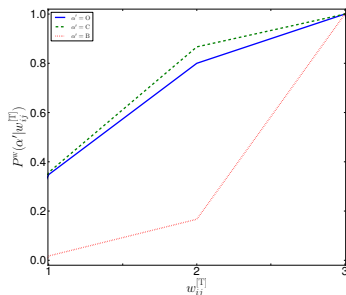
$o_{ij}$	Percentage of edges (%)
1	46
2	27
3	23
4	4

Conditional probability to have overlap:

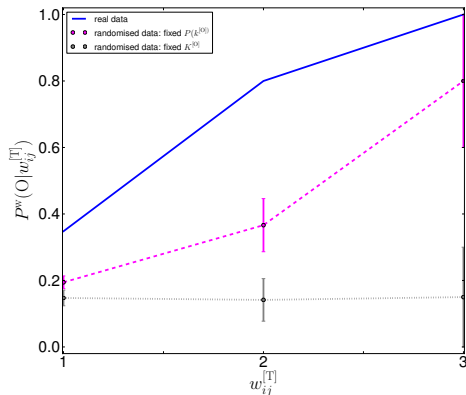
$$P(a_{ij}^{[\alpha']} | a_{ij}^{[\alpha]}) = \frac{\sum_{ij} a_{ij}^{[\alpha']} a_{ij}^{[\alpha]}}{\sum_{ij} a_{ij}^{[\alpha]}} \quad (1)$$



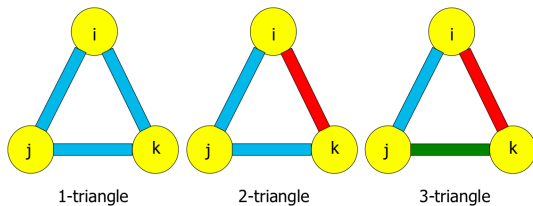
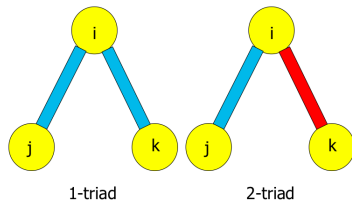
$$P(a_{ij}^{[\alpha']} | a_{ij}^{[\alpha]}) \rightarrow P^w(a_{ij}^{[\alpha']} | w_{ij}^{[\alpha]})$$



The existence of strong connections in the Trust layer, which represents the strongest relationships between two people, actually fosters the creation of links in other layers.



Social reinforcement obtained in real data can **not** simply be explained by inter-layer degree-degree correlation.



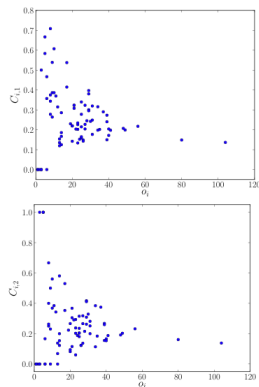
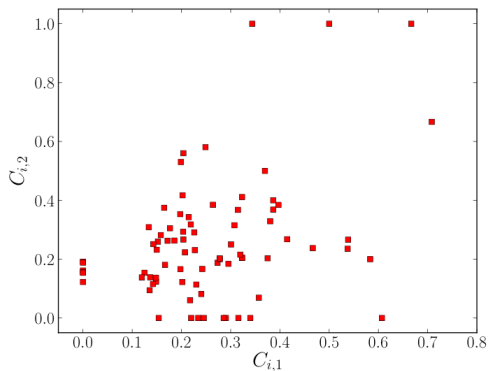
$$C_{i,1} = \frac{\text{\# of } \begin{array}{c} \text{centered in } i \\ \text{triangles} \end{array}}{\text{\# of } \begin{array}{c} \text{centered in } i \\ \text{stars} \end{array}}$$

The diagram illustrates the clustering coefficient  $C_{i,1}$  as the ratio of the number of triangles centered at node  $i$  to the number of stars centered at node  $i$ . The numerator shows a triangle with three yellow nodes and blue edges, where the top node is labeled  $i$  and the bottom edge is highlighted in green. The denominator shows a star with a central yellow node labeled  $i$  and two other yellow nodes connected by blue edges.





$C_{i,1}$  and  $C_{i,2}$  show different patterns of multi-clustering and are **not** correlated with  $o_i$ .



# Our structural measures for multiplex networks have been used in different disciplines

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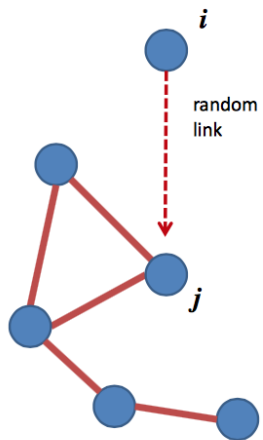
Massimo Stella<sup>a</sup> and Markus Bredt

Not only local node and edge properties!

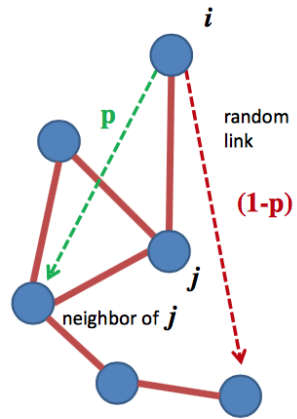
Real-world systems are characterised by non-trivial structures at the **micro-** and the **meso-**scale, such as **motifs**, **communities** and **cores**

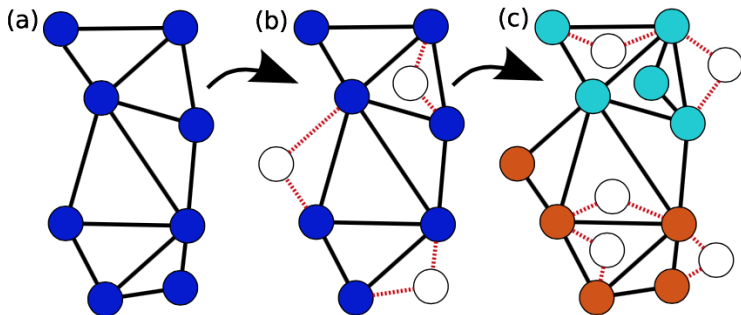
At each time step a new node attaches with 2 links:  
a) the first link is at random  
b) the second link closes a triangle with probability  $p$

a



b

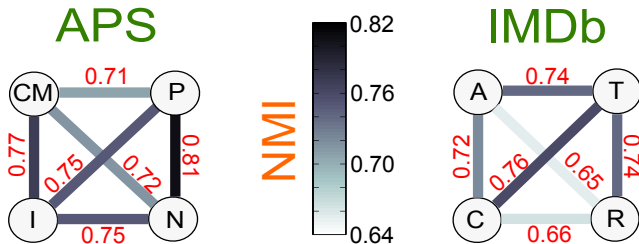




G. Bianconi et al., *Physical Review E* (2014)

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Different layers may have more or less similar community structure

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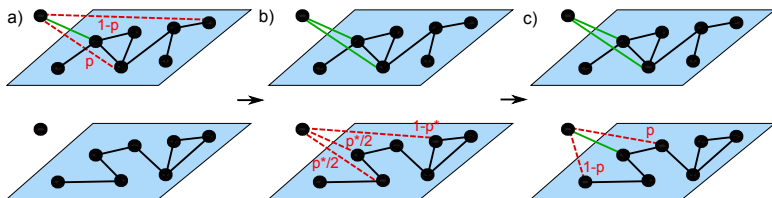
$$NMI(\mathcal{P}_\alpha, \mathcal{P}_\beta) = \frac{-2 \sum_{m=1}^{M_\alpha} \sum_{m'=1}^{M_\beta} N_{mm'} \log \left( \frac{N_{mm'} N}{N_m N_{m'}} \right)}{\sum_{m=1}^{M_\alpha} N_m \log \left( \frac{N_m}{N} \right) + \sum_{m'=1}^{M_\beta} N_{m'} \log \left( \frac{N_{m'}}{N} \right)}$$

L. Danon et al., *Journal of Statistical Mechanics: Theory and Applications* (2015)

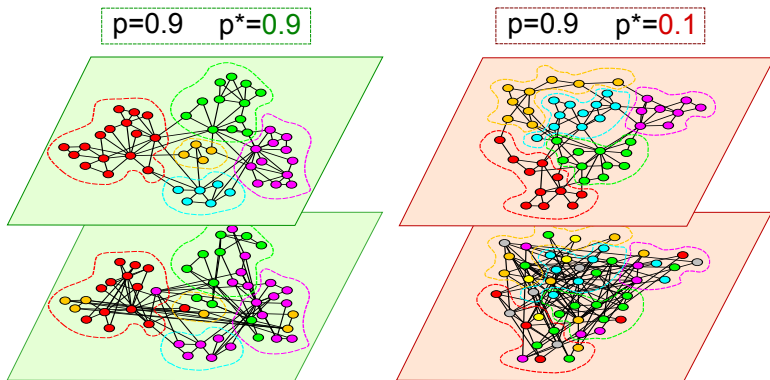


Real mechanisms by which collaborations grow:

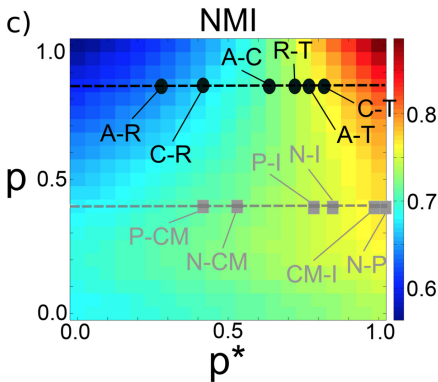
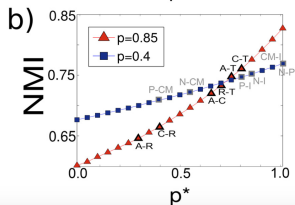
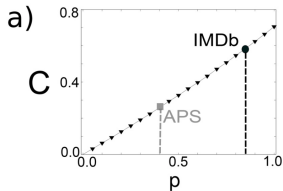
- 1) 'intra-layer' triadic closure (with prob.  $p$ )
- 2) 'inter-layer' proximity bias (with prob.  $p^*$ )



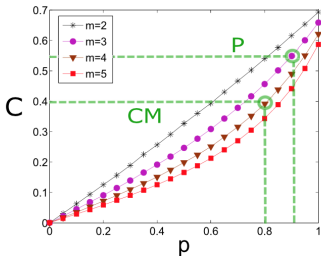
F. Battiston, J. Iacovacci et al., (2016)



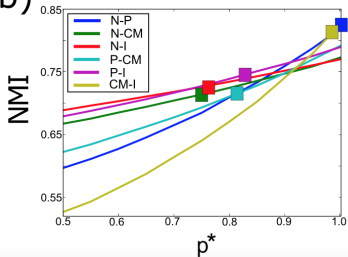
By tuning the strength of the 'inter-layer' proximity bias mechanism we can obtain **similar** ( $p^* = 0.9$ ) or **different** ( $p^* = 0.1$ ) community structures



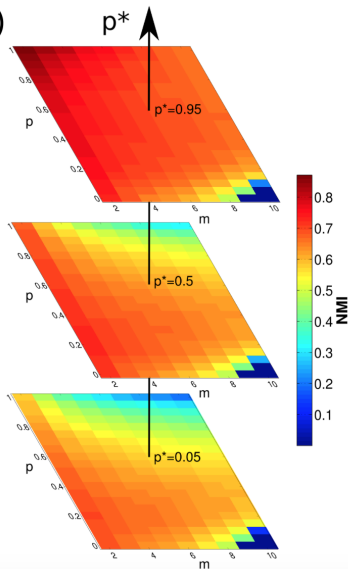
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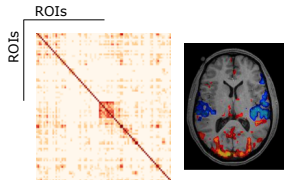
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Because it can be naturally mapped in a multiplex network

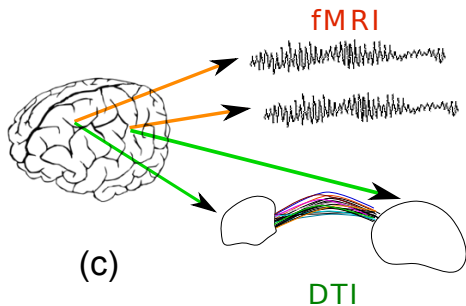
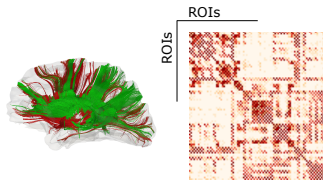
$N = 264$  Regions of Interests (ROIs) - Nodes

Different types of links

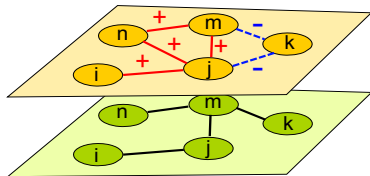
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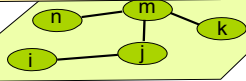
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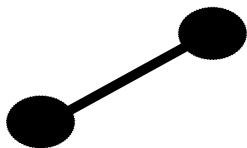


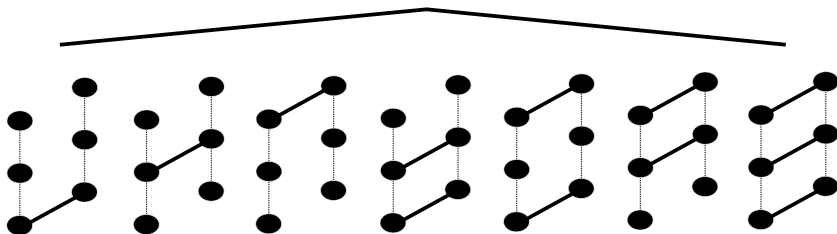
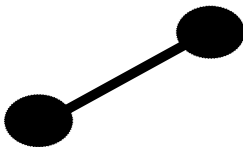
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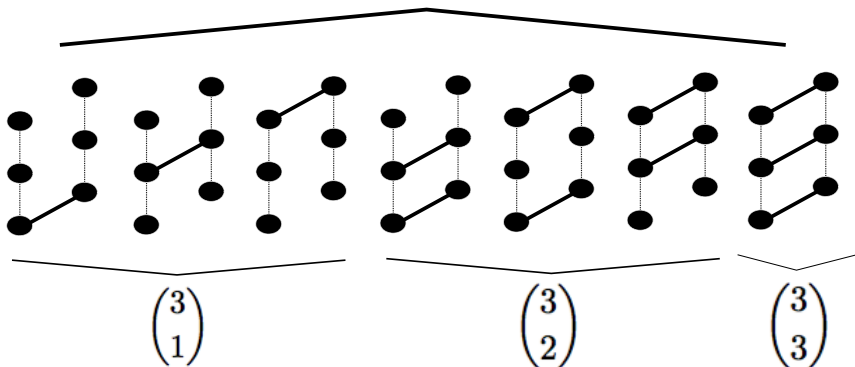
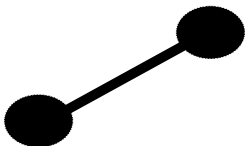


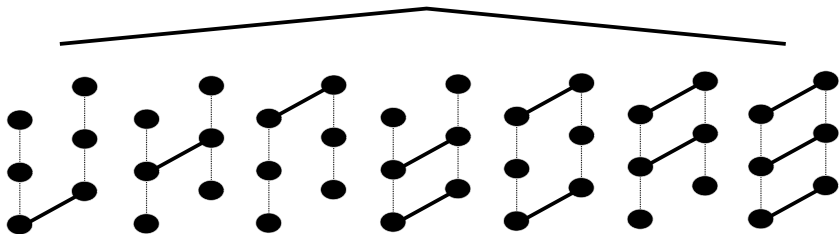
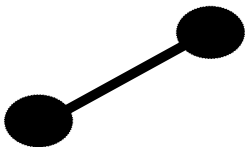




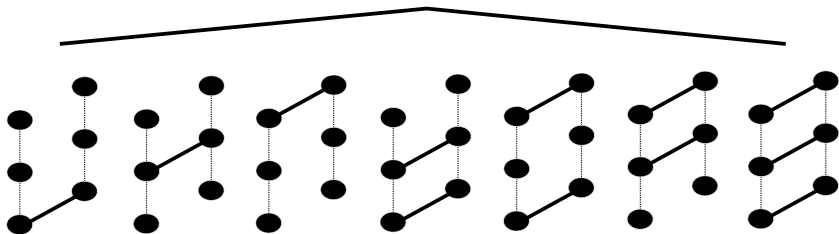
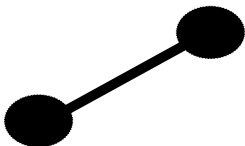
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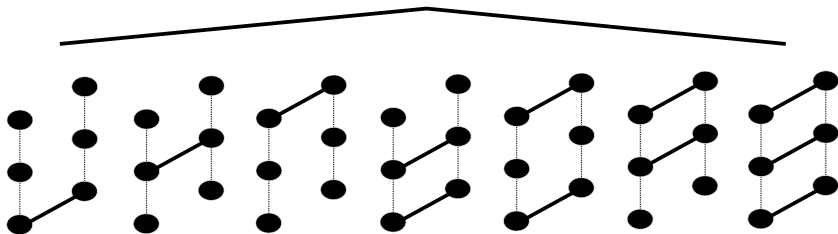
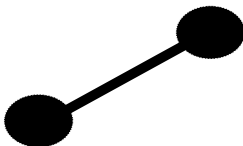




$$c = \sum_{m=1}^M \binom{M}{m} = 2^M - 1$$



$$c = \sum_{m=1}^M g^m \binom{M}{m} = (g+1)^M - 1$$



$$c = \left[ \prod_{\alpha=1}^M (g^{[\alpha]} + 1) \right] - 1$$

We suggest to categorise motifs at three different levels:

- **first level:** number of nodes
- **second level:** pattern on the aggregated network
- **third level:** specific multi-layer connectivity

F. Battiston, V. Nicosia, M. Chavez, V. Latora, *Multilayer motifs analysis of brain networks*, arXiv: 1606.09115

Related work on *Isomorphisms on multi-layer networks* by M. Kivela and M. Porter, arXiv:1506.00508

### 3-node subgraphs



$$\binom{c+1}{2}$$



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### 4-node subgraphs



### 3-node subgraphs



$$\binom{c+1}{2}$$



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### 4-node subgraphs



$$c \binom{c+1}{2}$$



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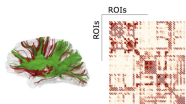


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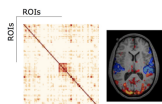
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DW-MRI connectivity

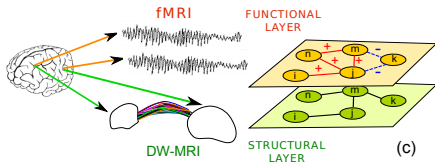


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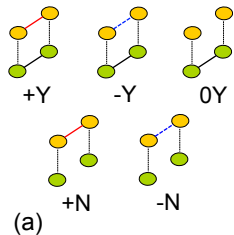
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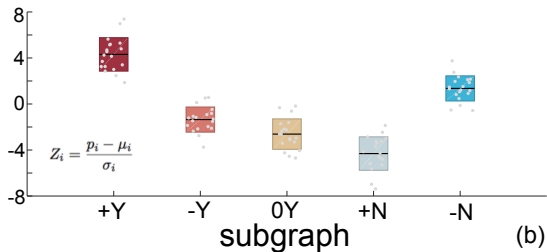


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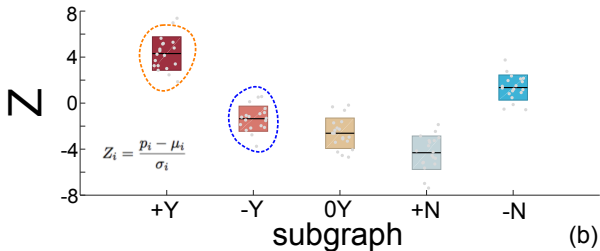
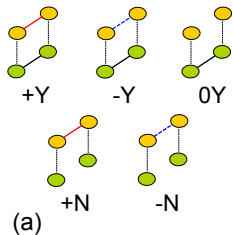
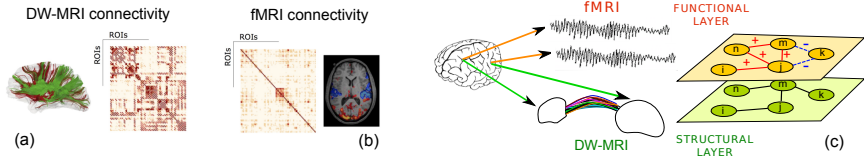


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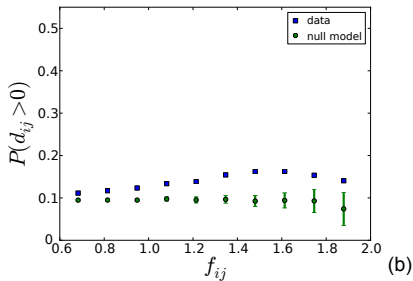
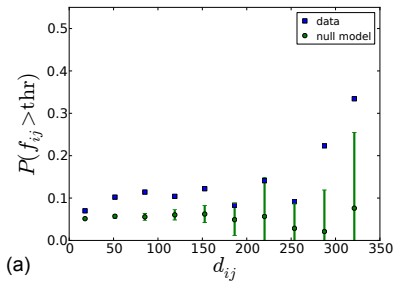
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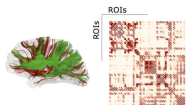
Positive functional connectivity is linked to structural connectivity  
 Negative functional connectivity is at random



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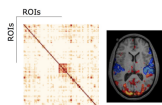
Measure introduced by F. Battiston, V. Nicosia, V. Latora in *Structural measures for multiplex networks*, PRE 2014

DW-MRI connectivity

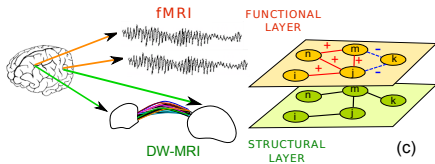


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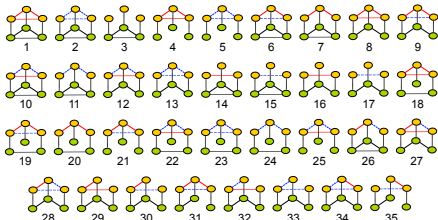
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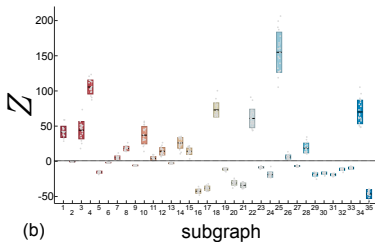
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# The new challenges of multiplex networks: measures and models

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What do societies, the Internet, and the human brain have in common? The immediate answer might be “not that much”, but in reality they are all examples of complex relational systems, whose emerging behaviours are largely determined by the non-trivial networks of interactions among their constituents, namely individuals, computers, or neurons. In the last two decades, network scientists have proposed models of increasing complexity to better understand real-world systems. Only recently we have realised that multiplexity, i.e. the coexistence of several types of interactions among the constituents of a complex system, is responsible for substantial qualitative and quantitative differences in the type and variety of behaviours that a complex system can exhibit. As a consequence, multilayer and multiplex networks have become a hot topic in complexity science. Here we provide an overview of some of the measures proposed so far to characterise the structure of multiplex networks, and a selection of models aiming at reproducing those structural properties and at quantifying their statistical significance. Focusing on a subset of relevant topics, this brief review is a quite comprehensive introduction to the most basic tools for the analysis of multiplex networks observed in the real-world. The wide applicability of multiplex networks as a framework to model complex systems in different fields, from biology to social sciences, and the colloquial tone of the paper will make it an interesting read for researchers working on both theoretical and experimental analysis of networked systems.

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measures of multiplexity, models to reproduce empirical findings and to assess their  
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