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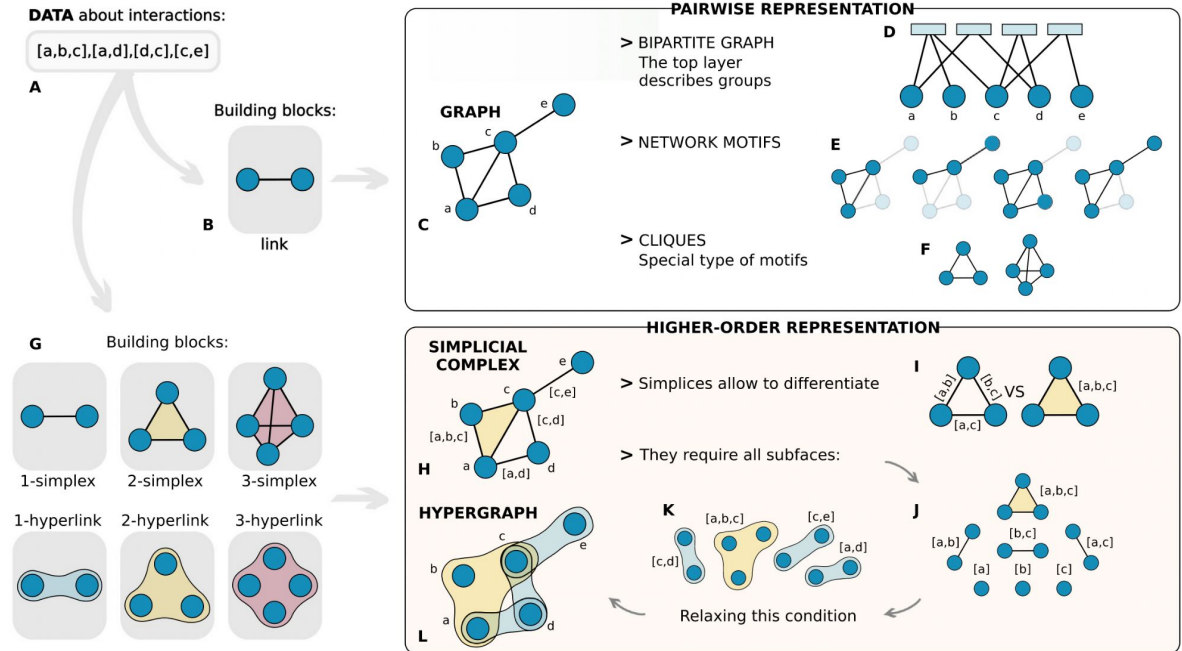


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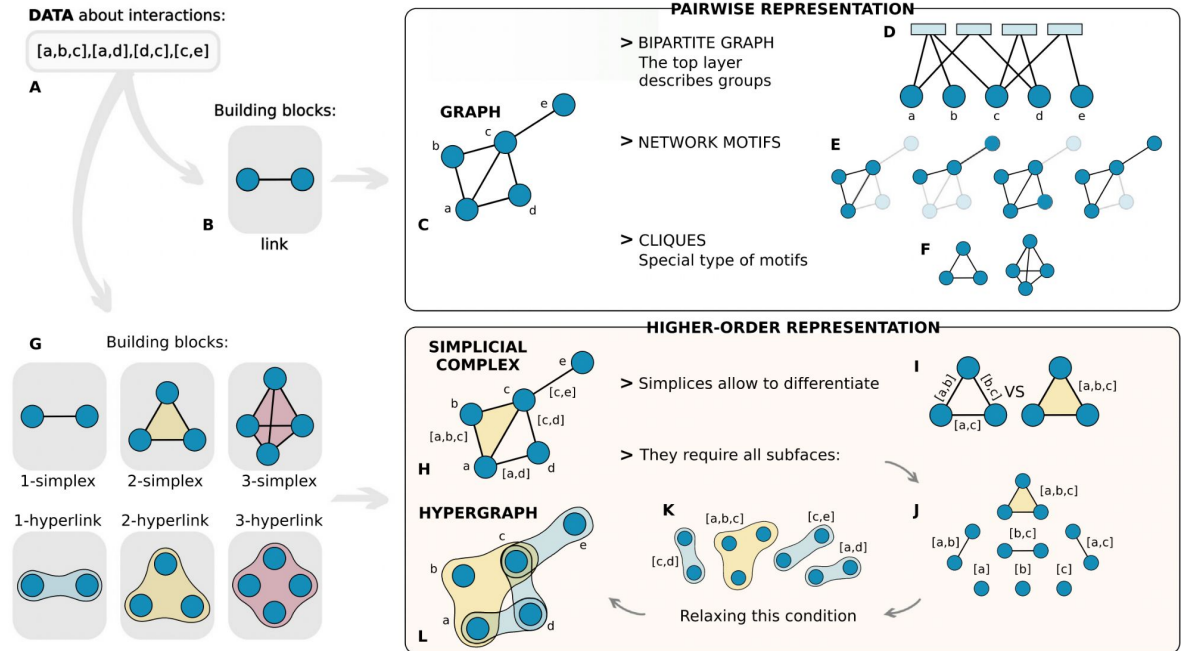


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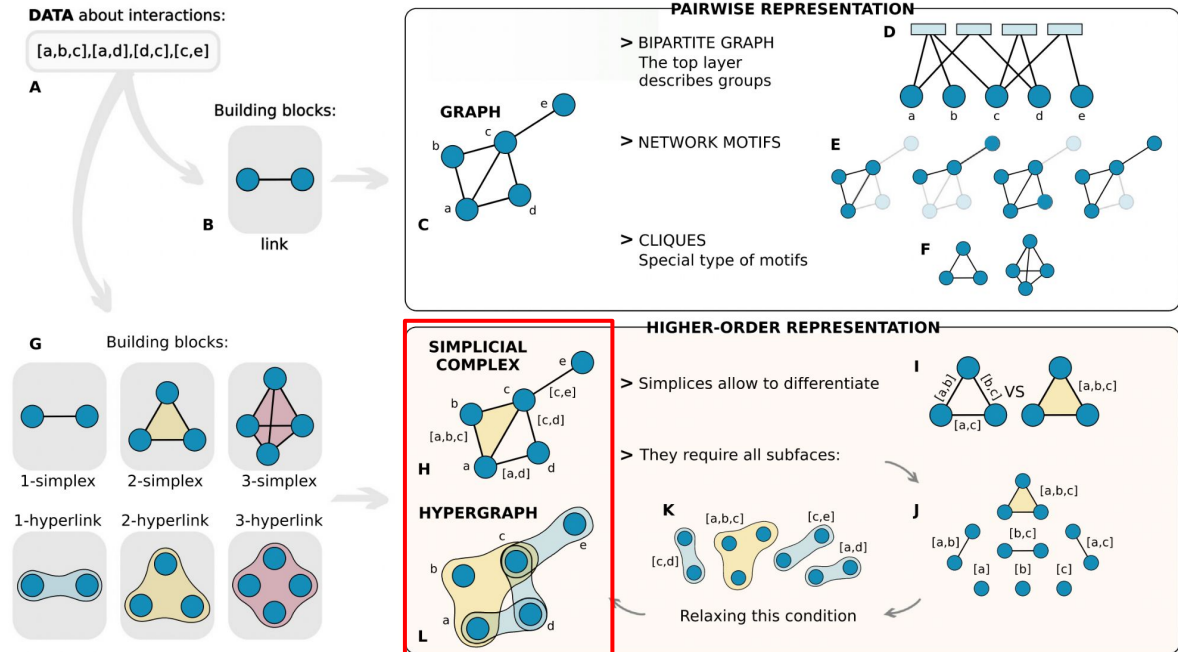


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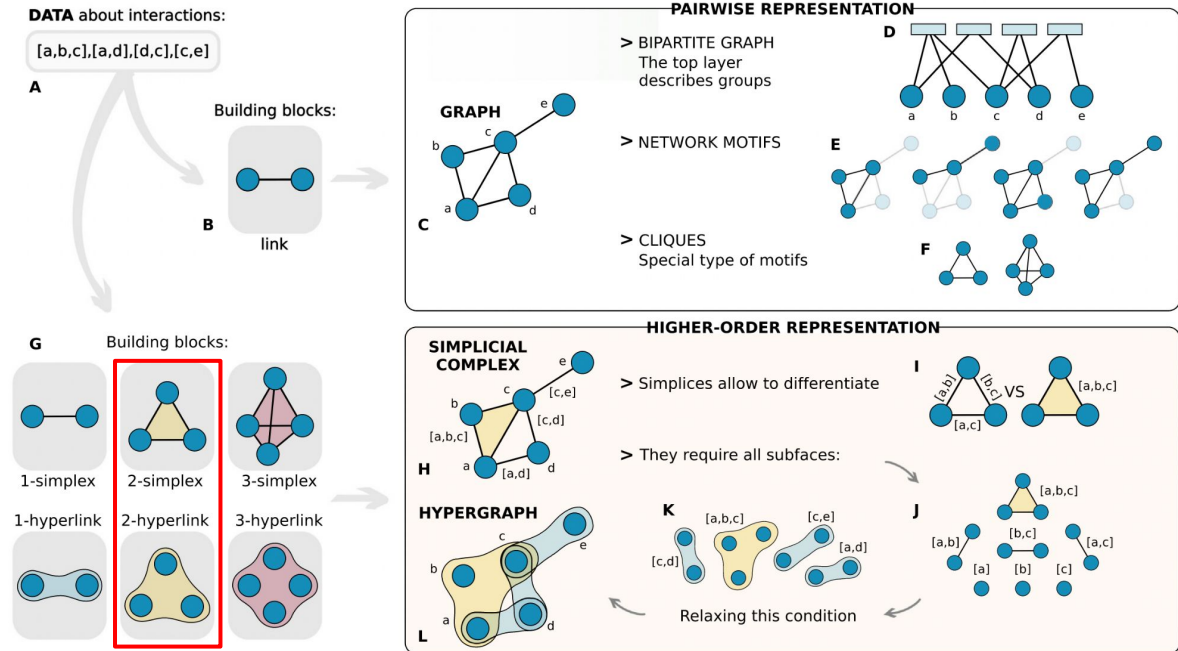


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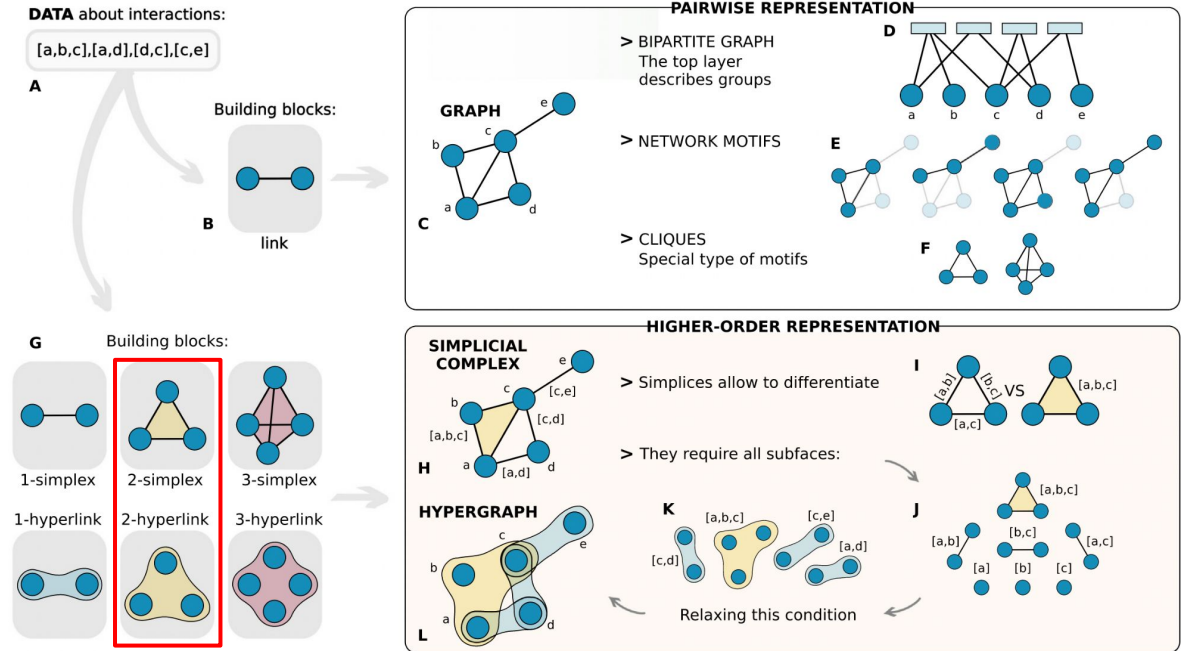


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Our goals: (1) Characterize hypergraph structure based on **encapsulation**, then (2) study a contagion process driven by encapsulation where activation occurs **on hyperedges**.

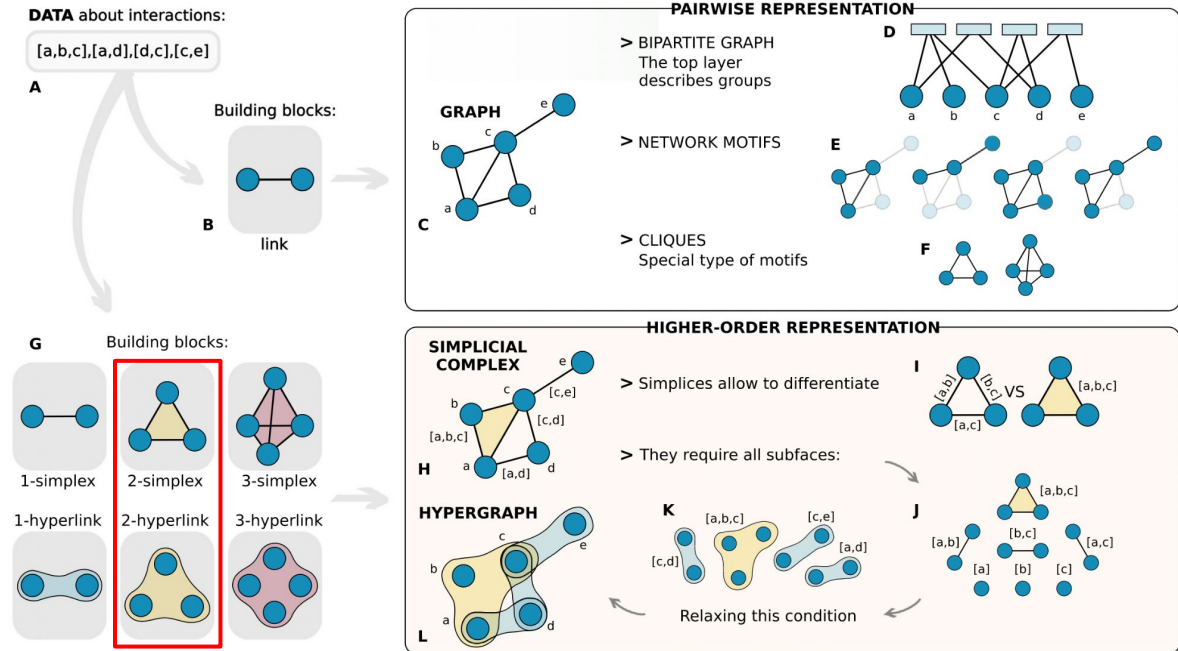
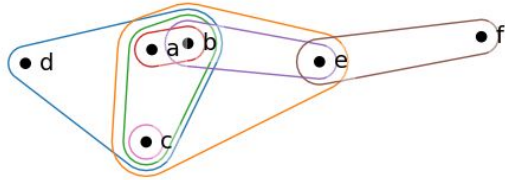


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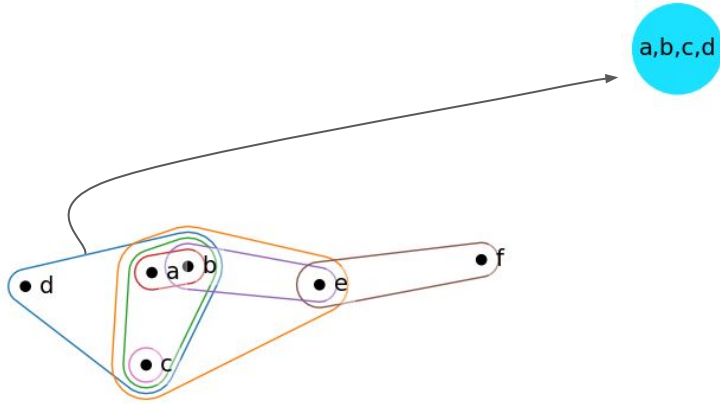
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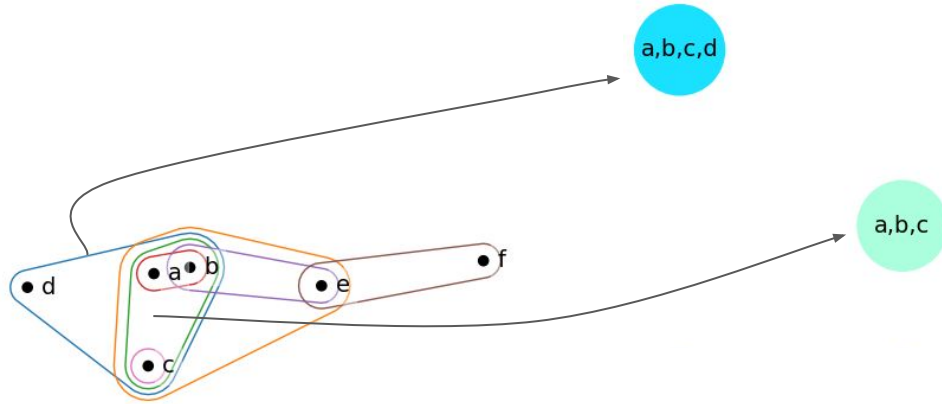
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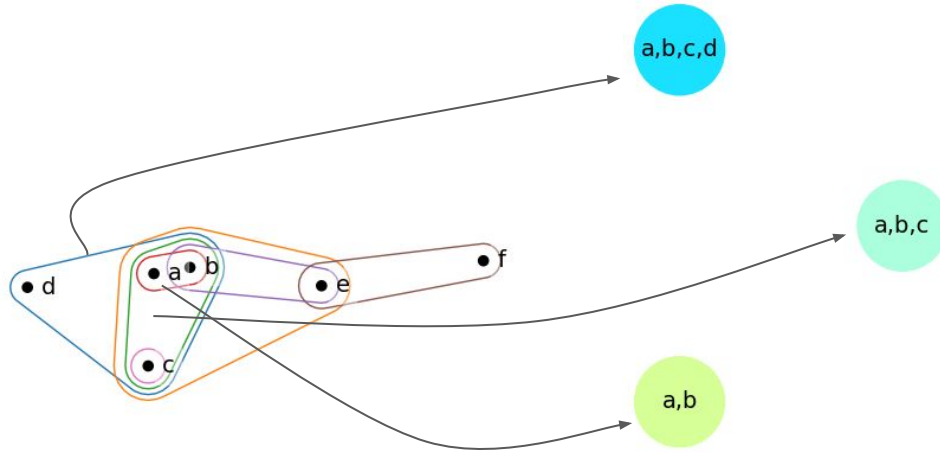
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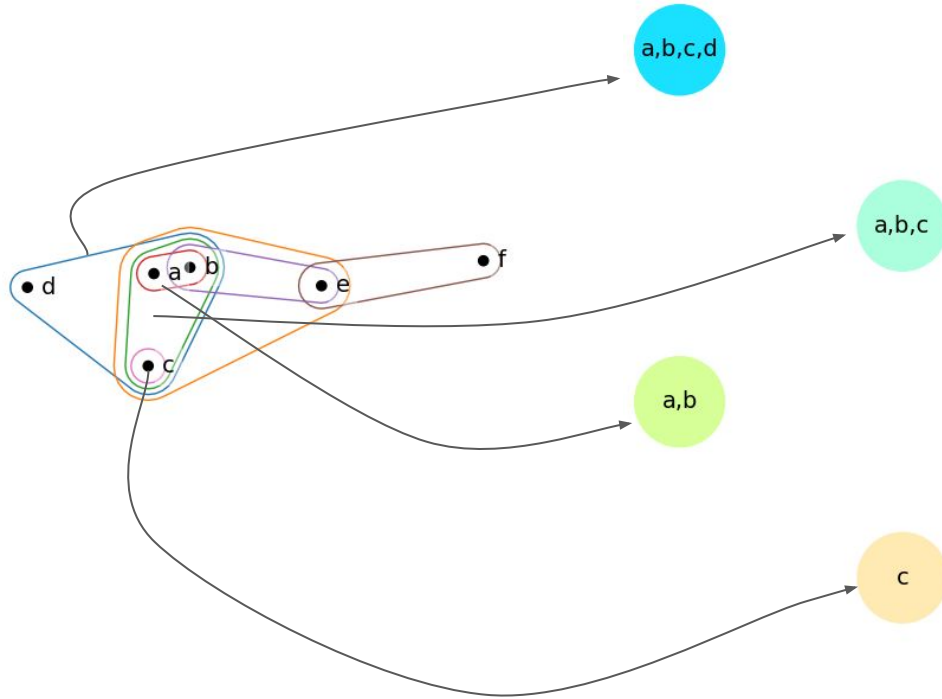
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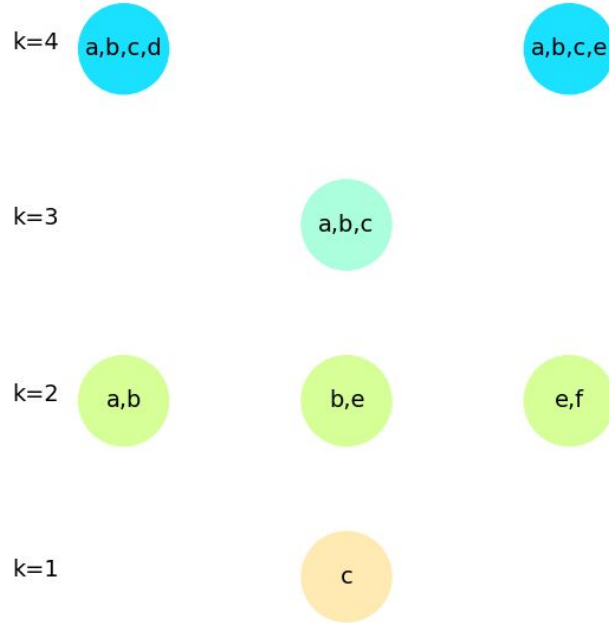
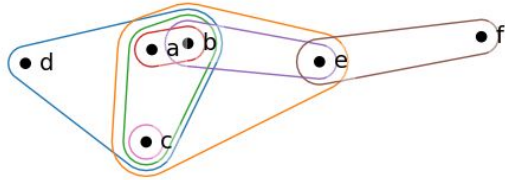
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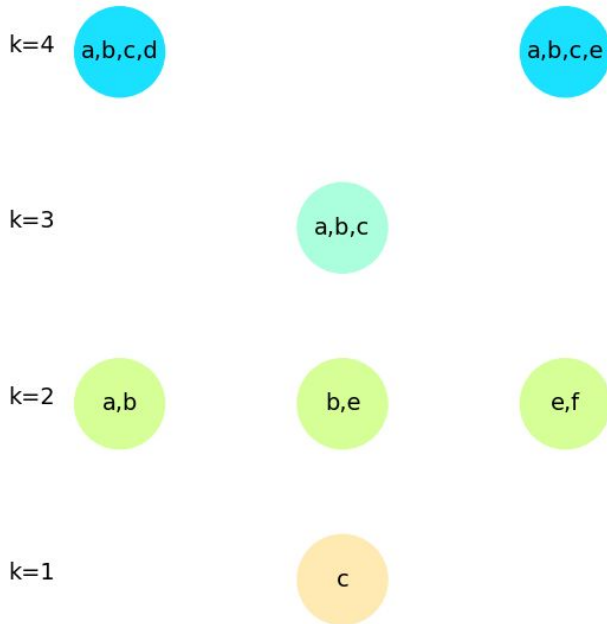
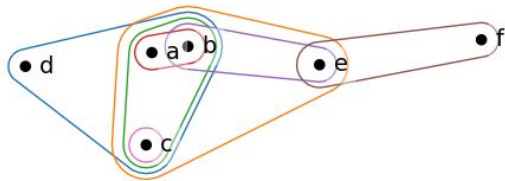
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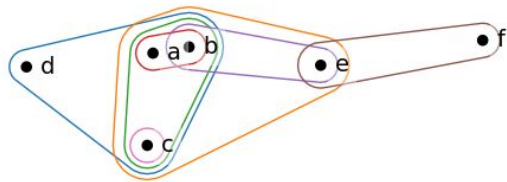
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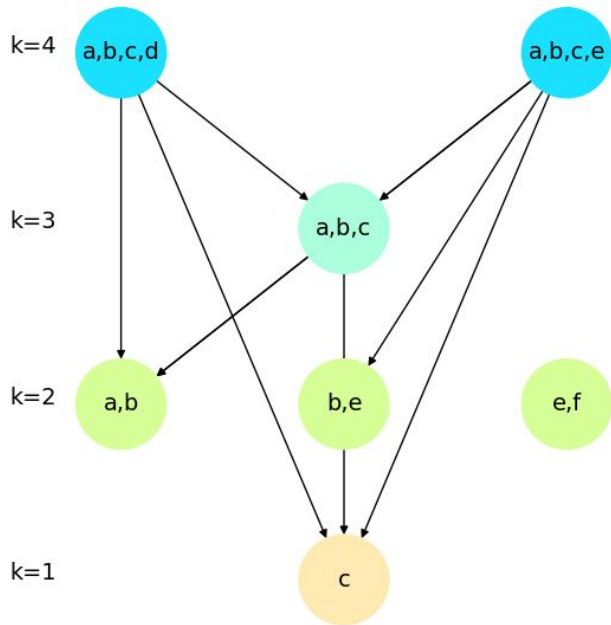
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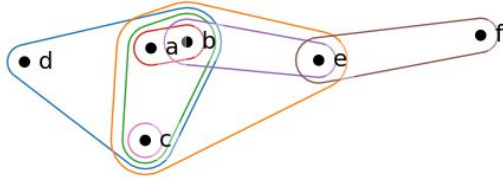
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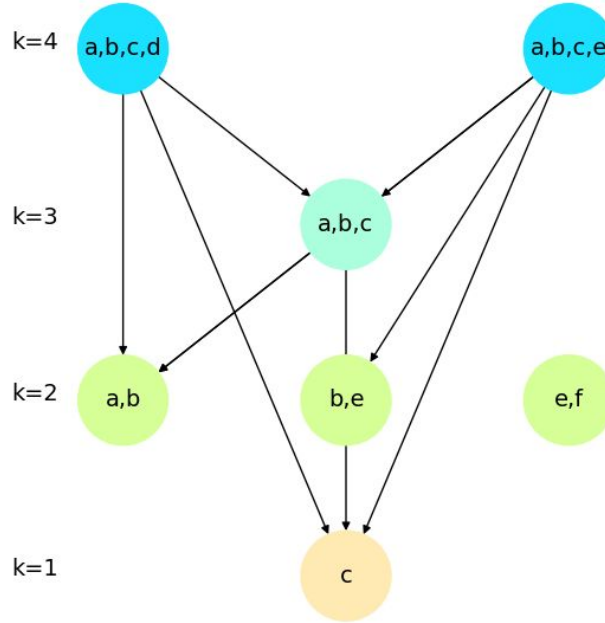
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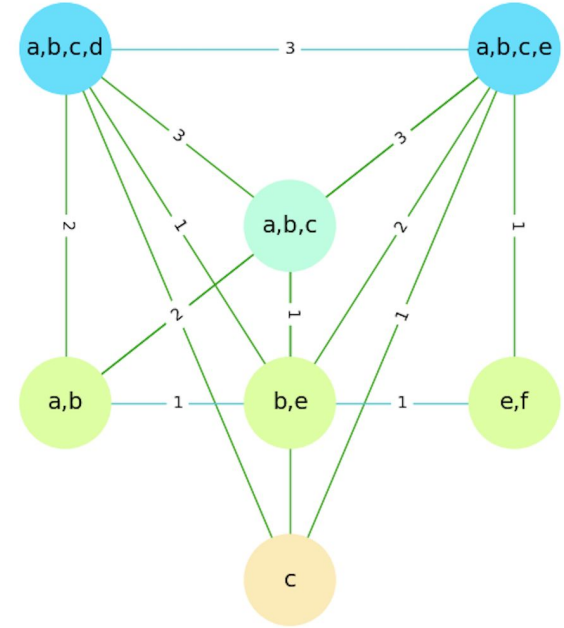
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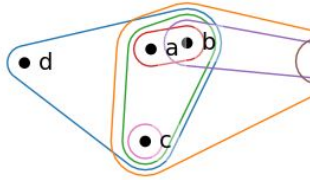
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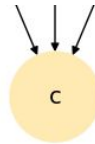
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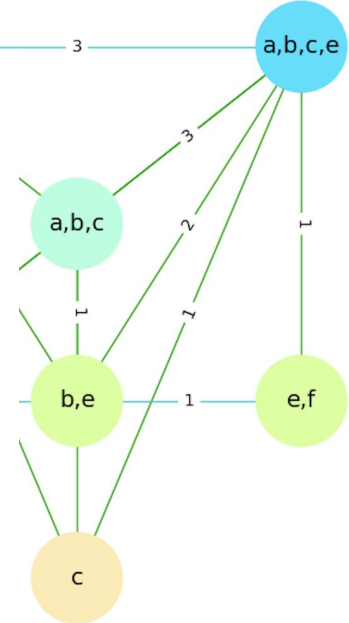


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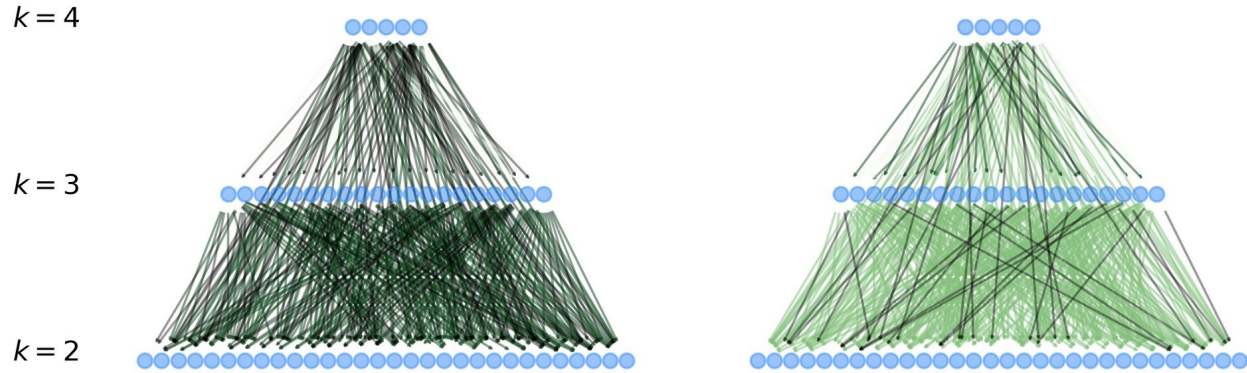


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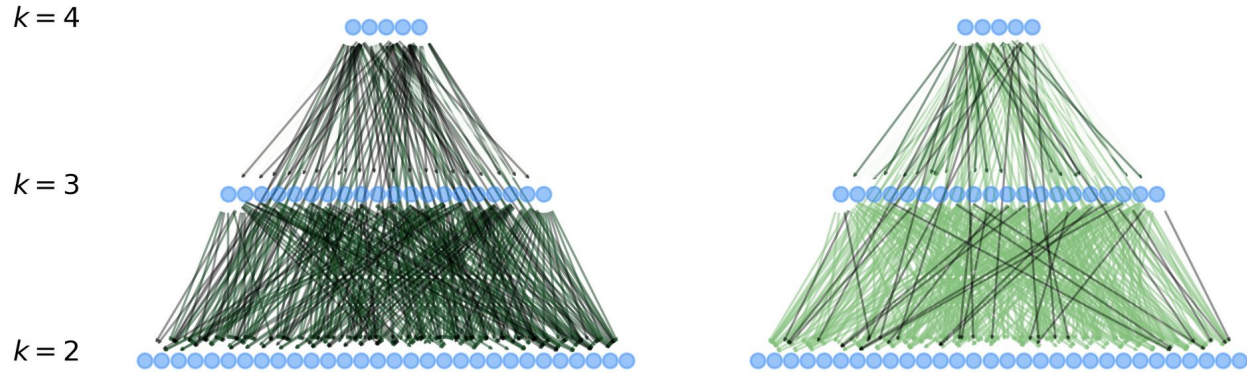


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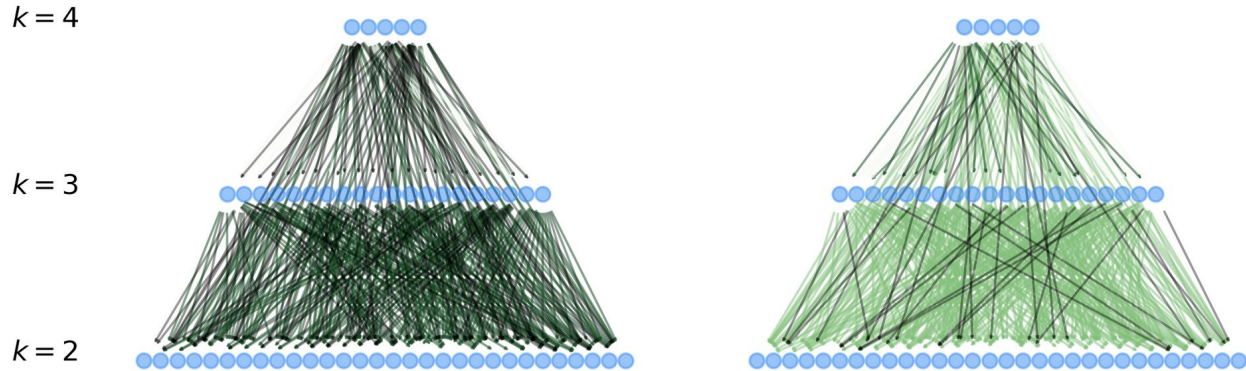


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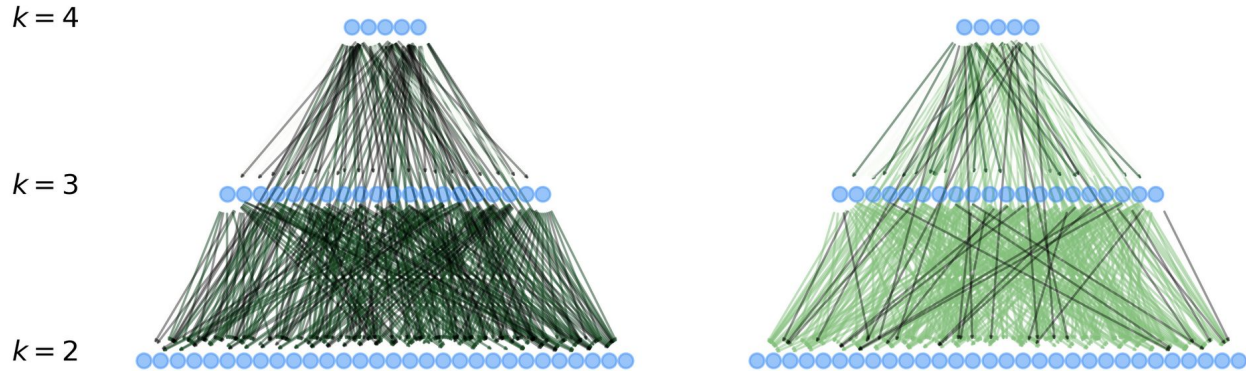
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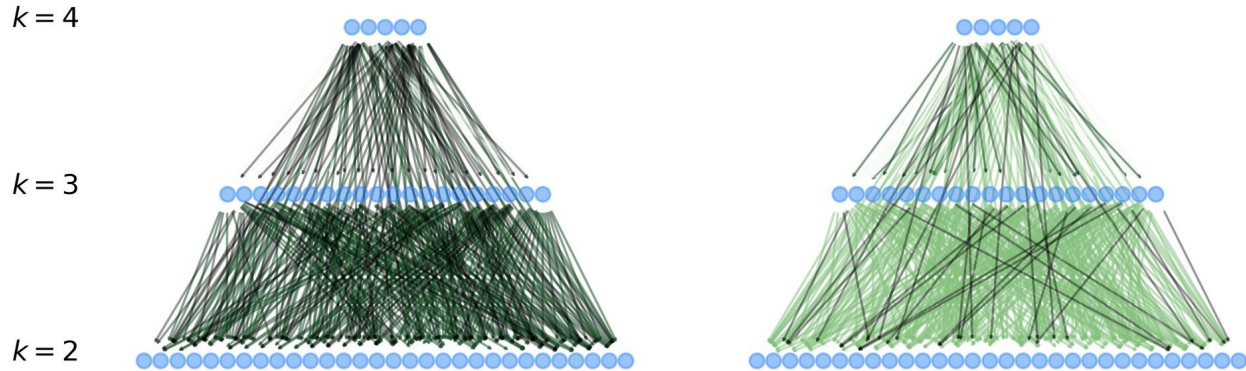
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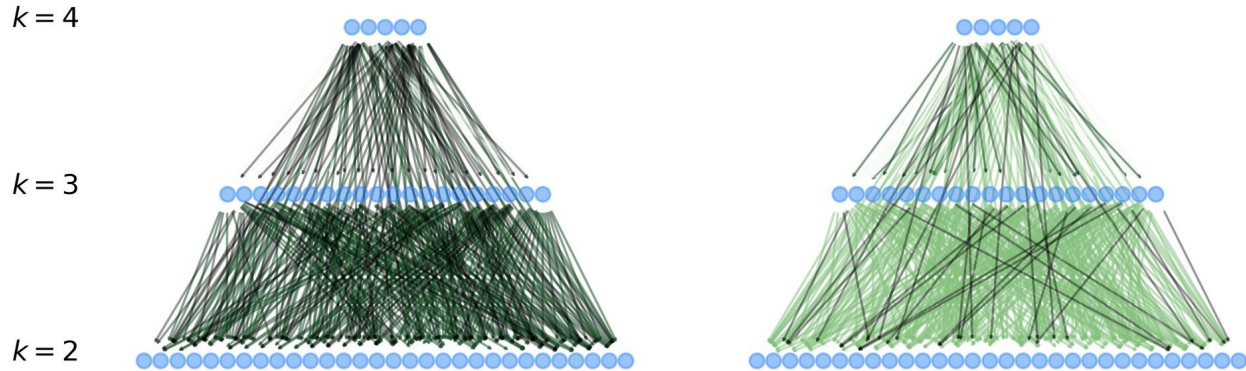
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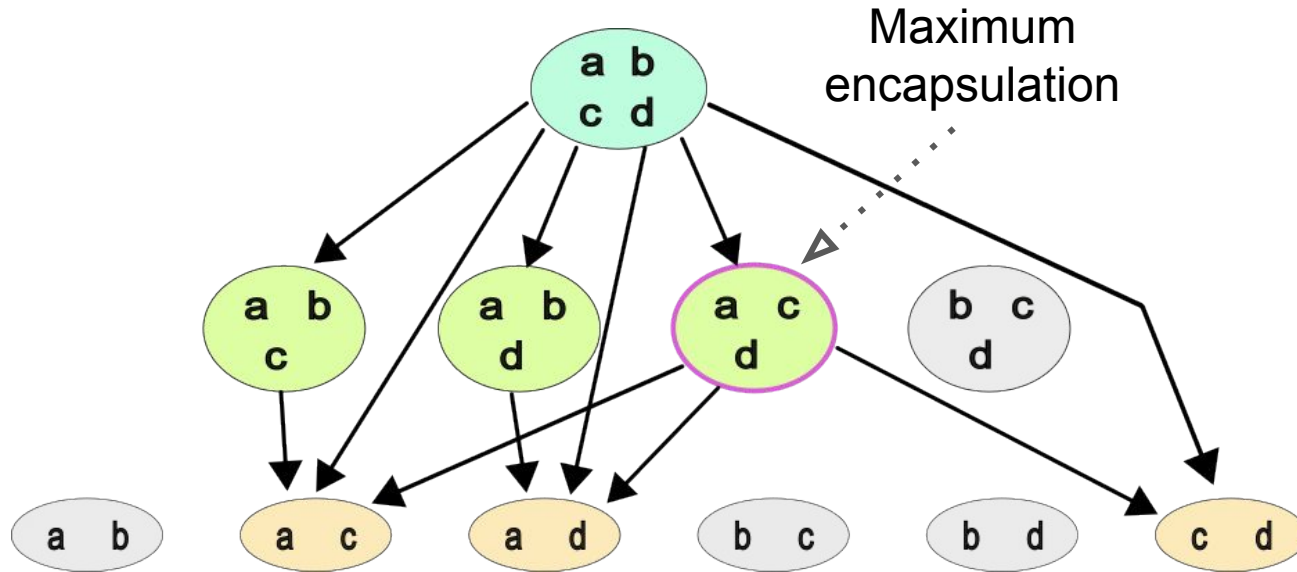
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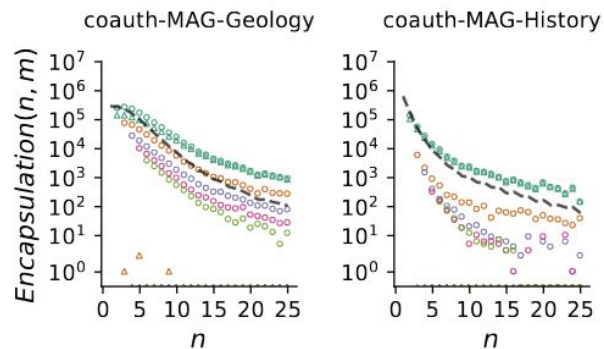
How can these quantities characterize hypergraph data?

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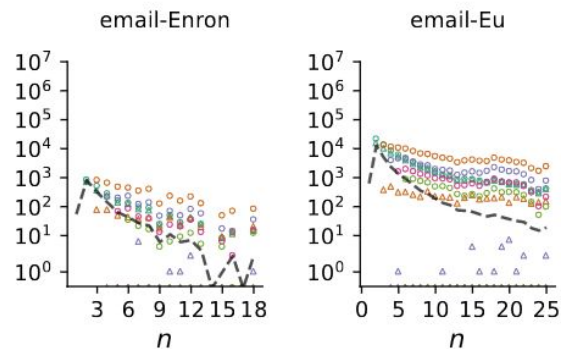


- Indicates how many hyperedges e encapsulates
- Maximum is the size of the powerset of e

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size- n hyperedges that encapsulate hyperedges of size m



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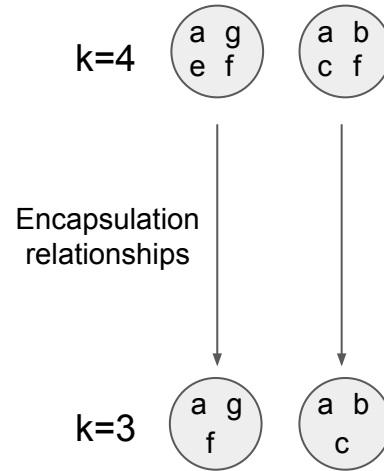
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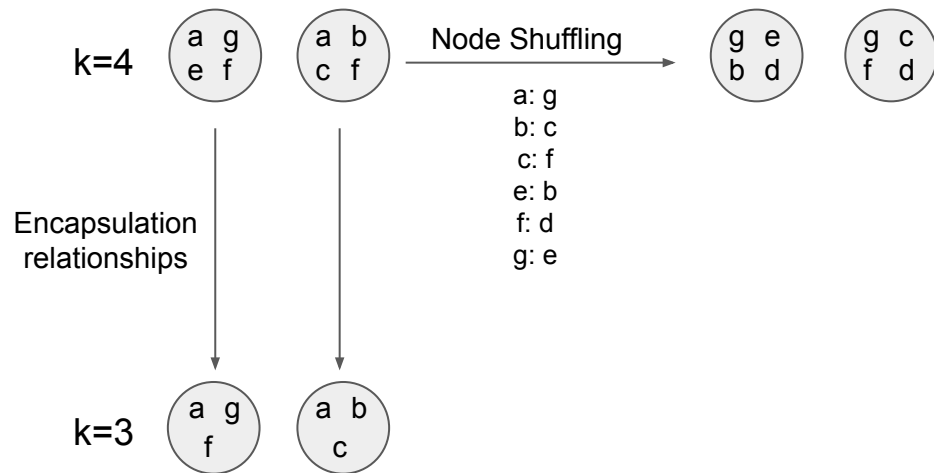
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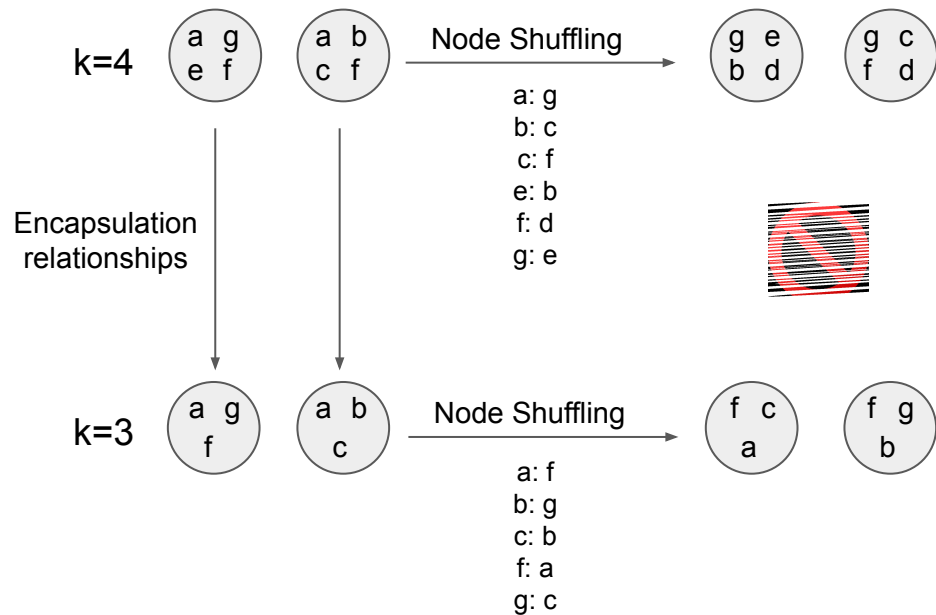
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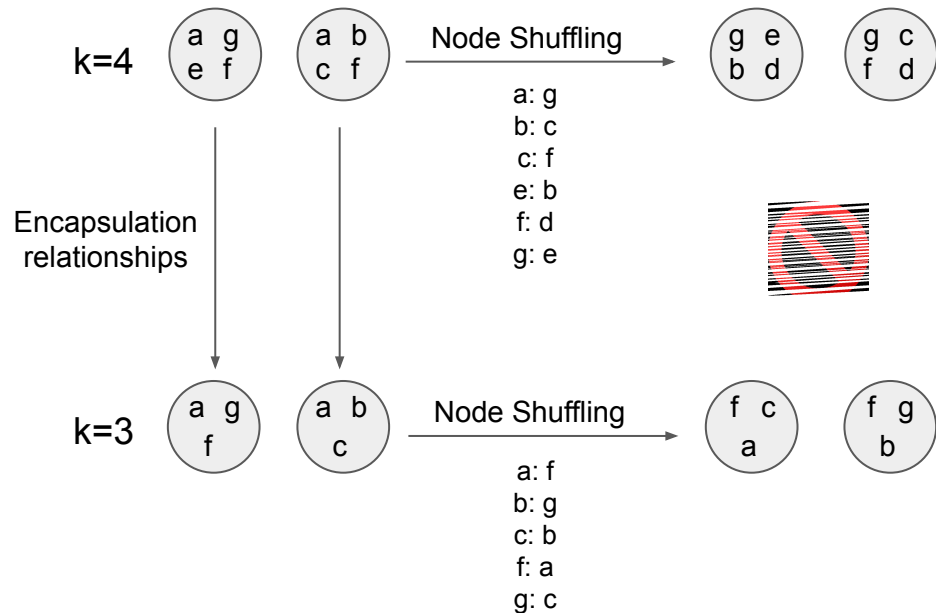
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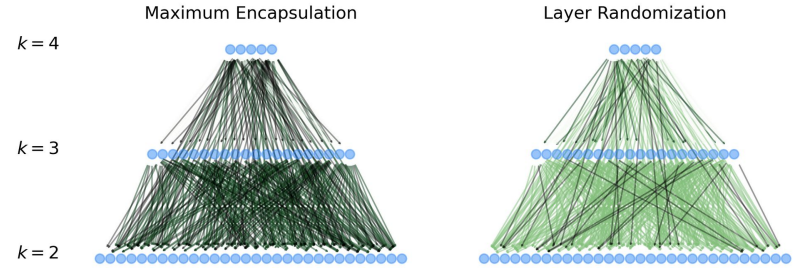
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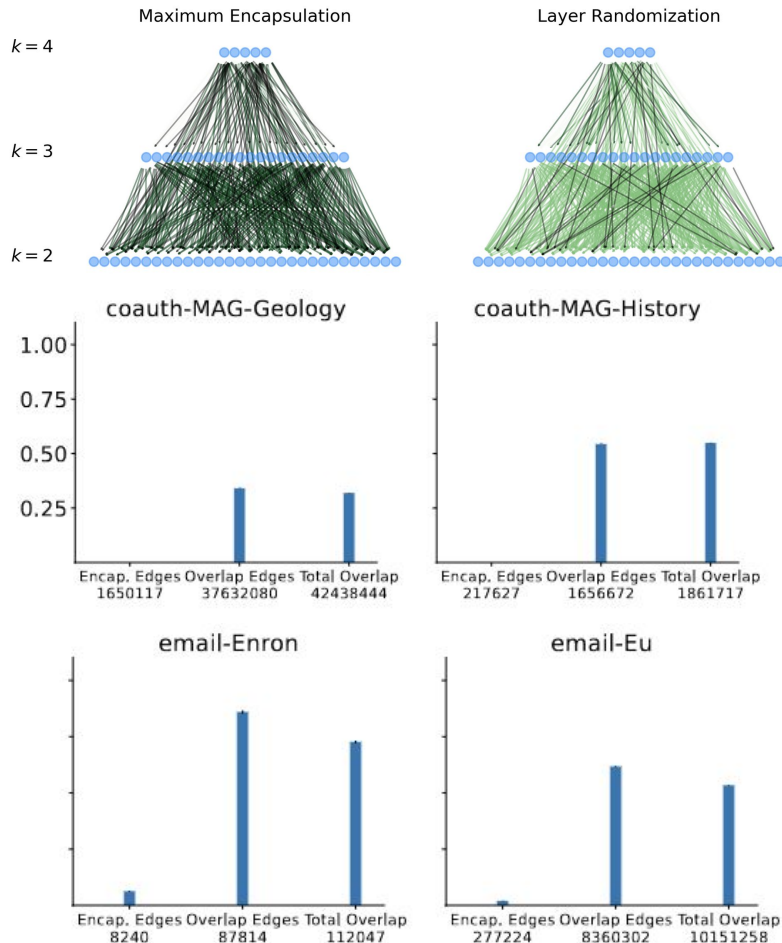
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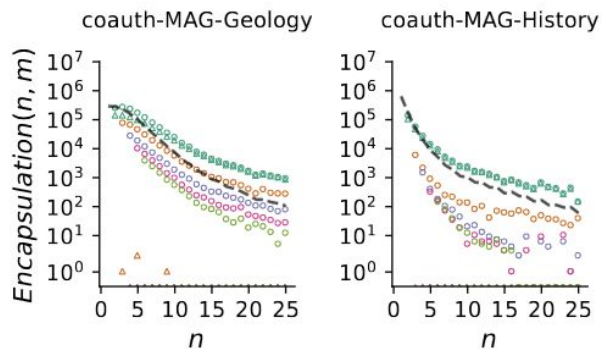
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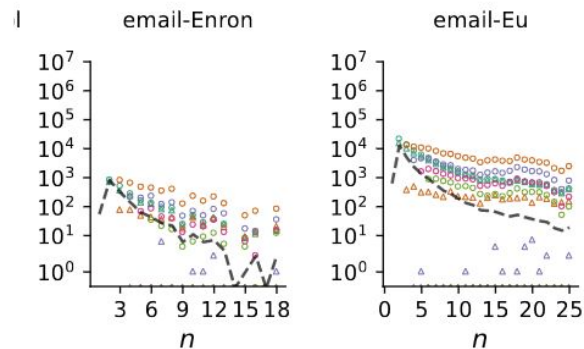
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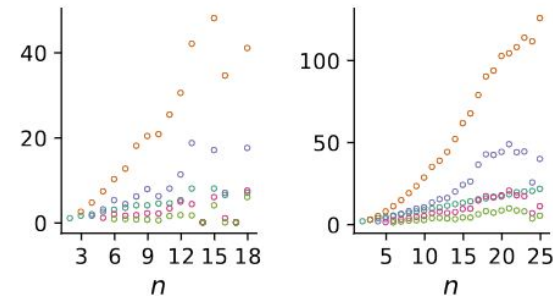
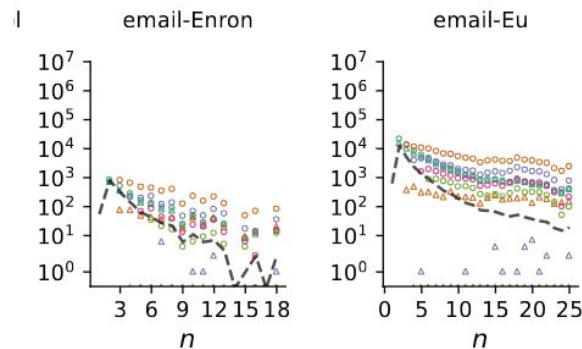
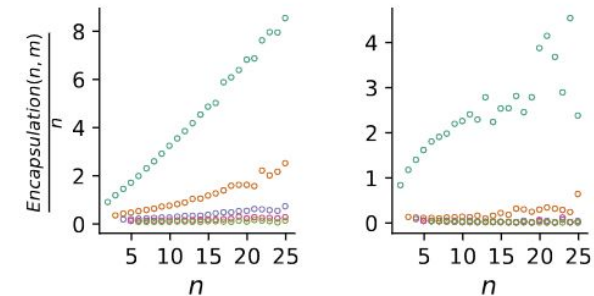
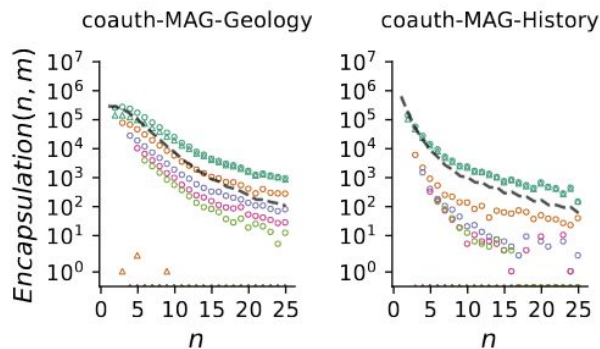


After layer randomization,
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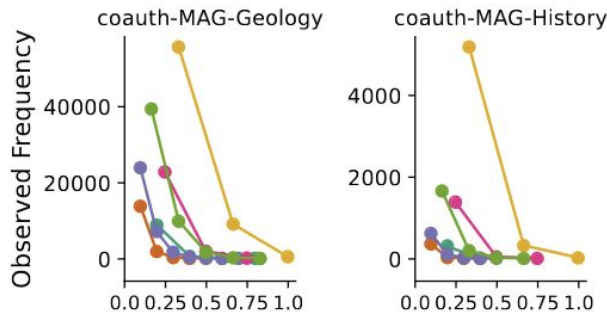
Encapsulations per hyperedge of size n

Simplex assumption would imply

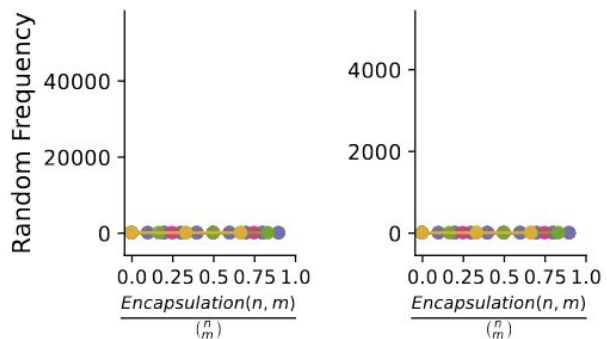
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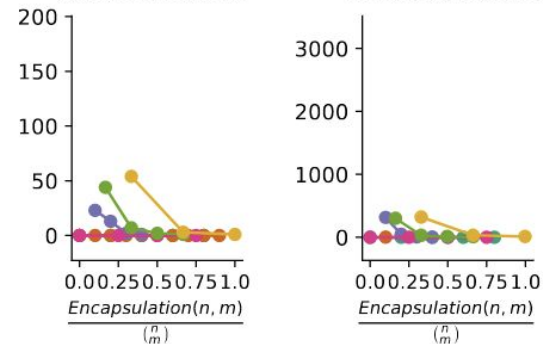
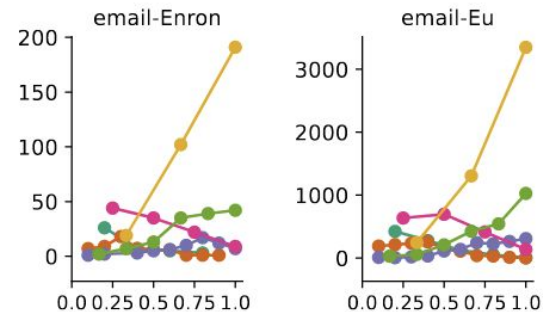
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One histogram line for every point in the previous plot (up to $n=5$)



Concentration around 1 \rightarrow full encapsulation/simplex assumption



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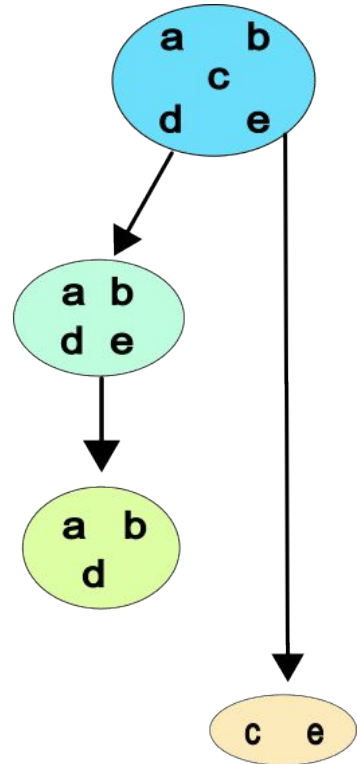
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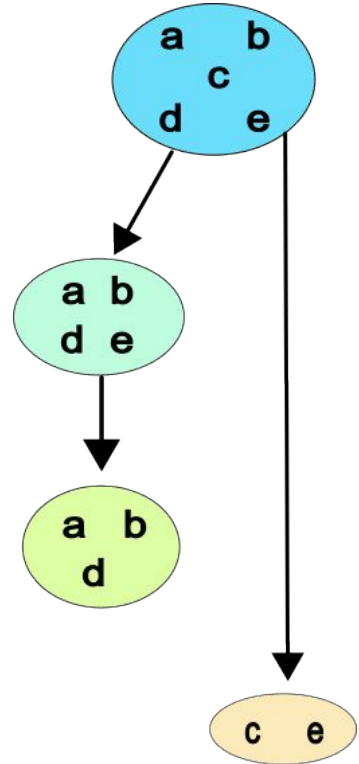
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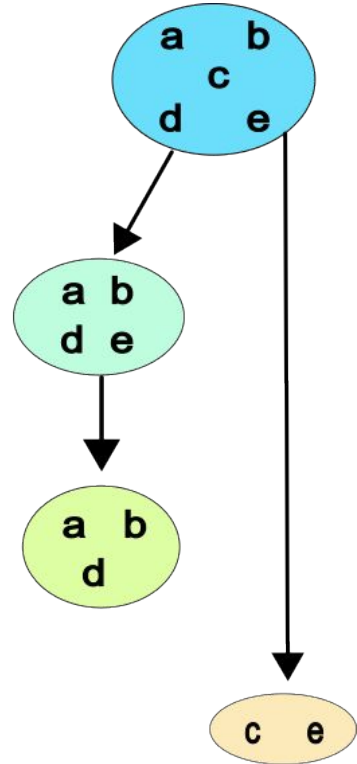
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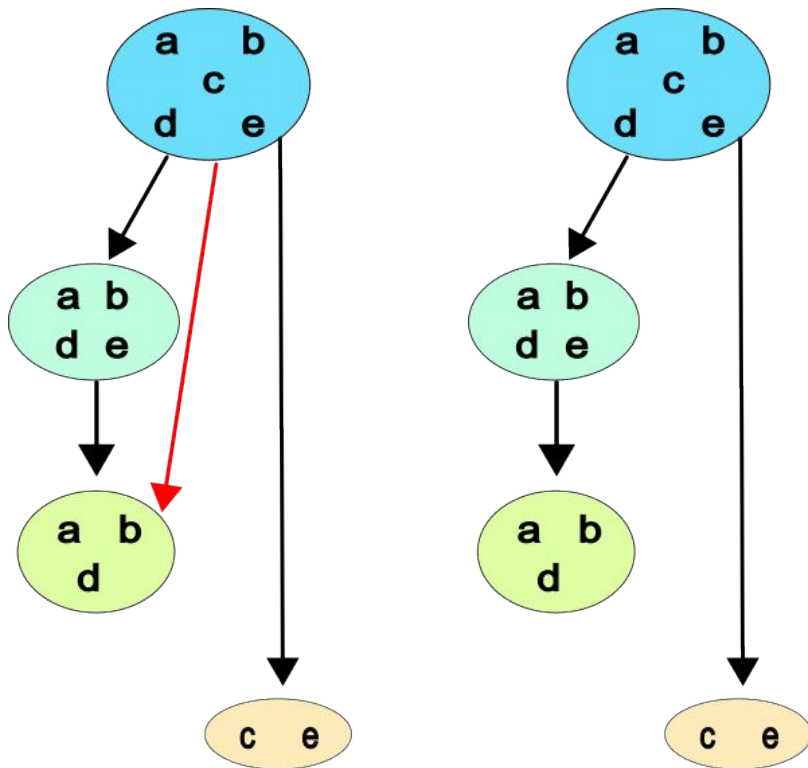
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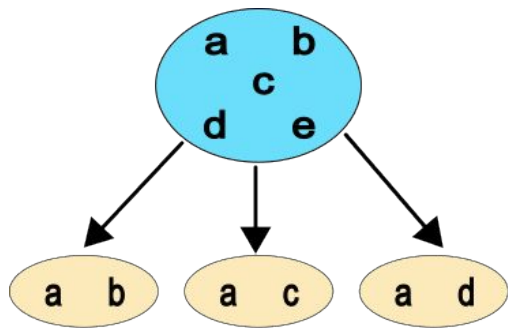
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Transitive reduction \rightarrow remove “shortcut” edges (called a Hasse Diagram for simplicial complexes)

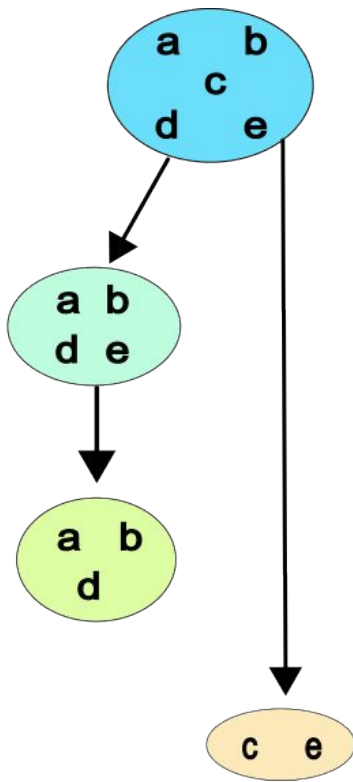
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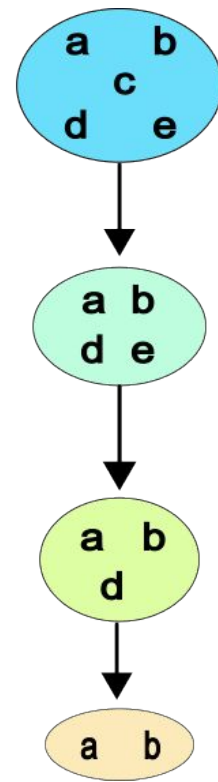
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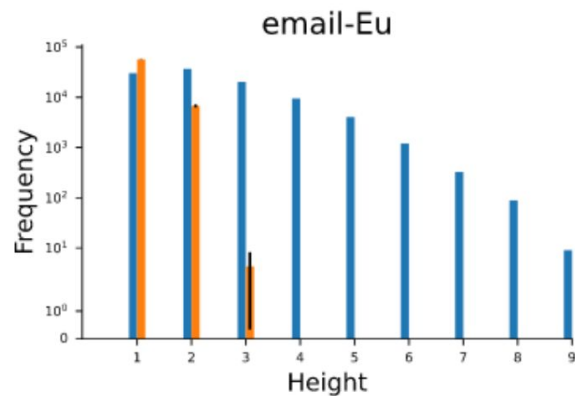
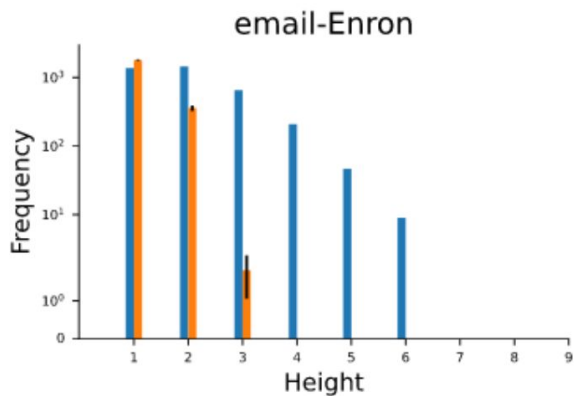
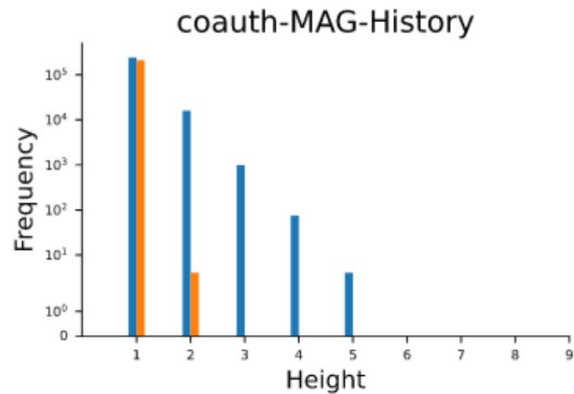
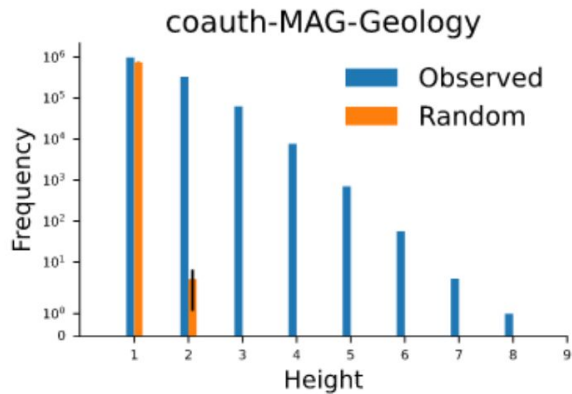


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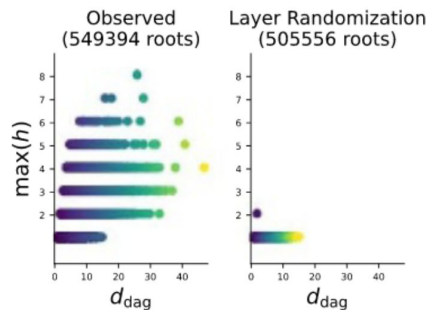
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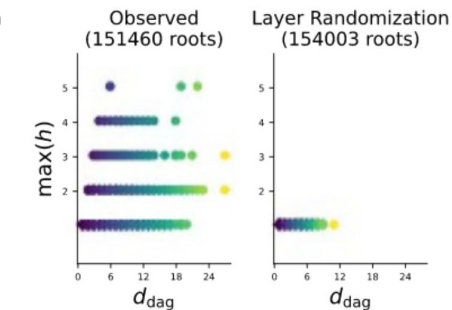


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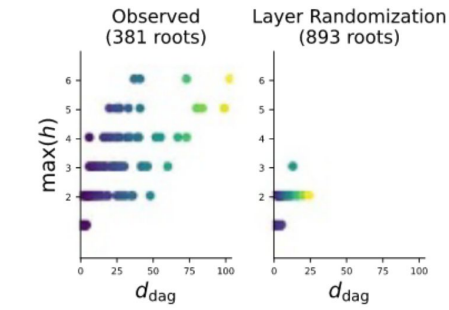
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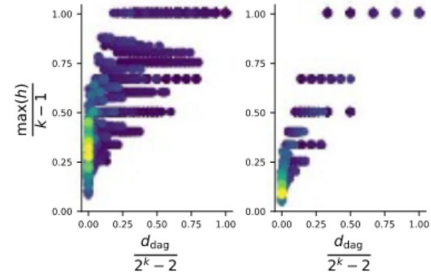
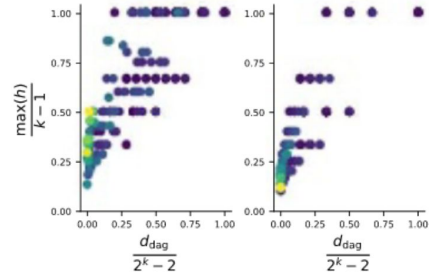
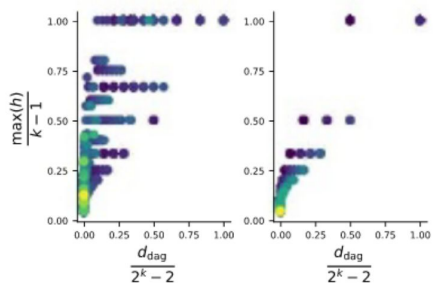
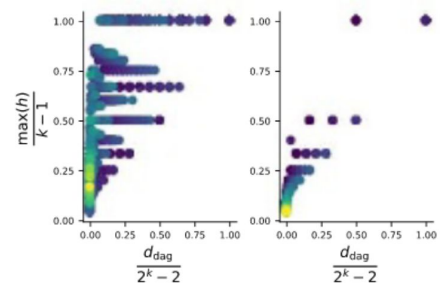
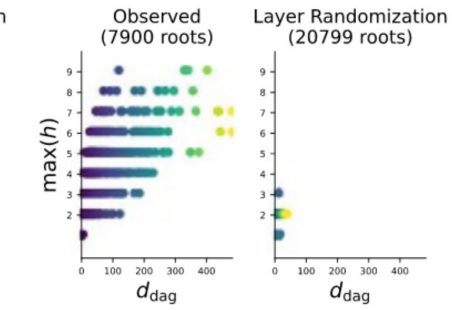
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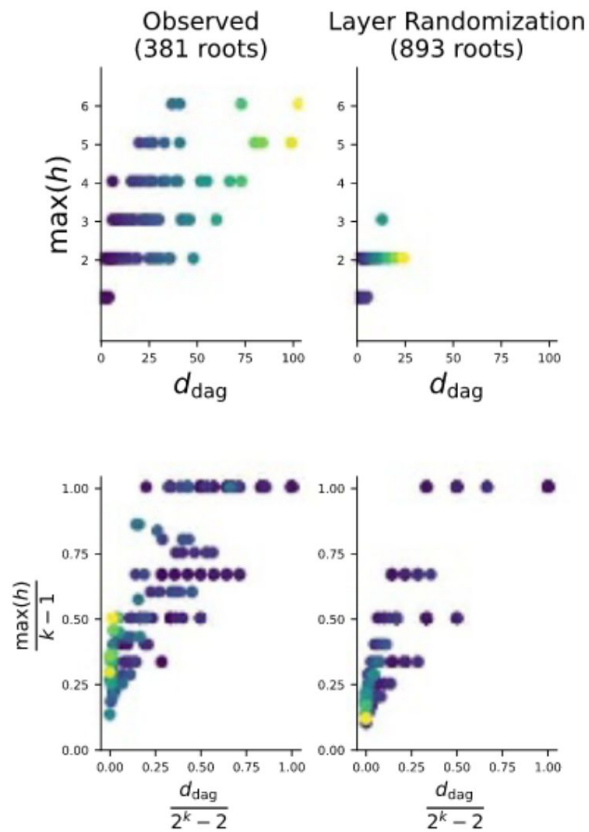


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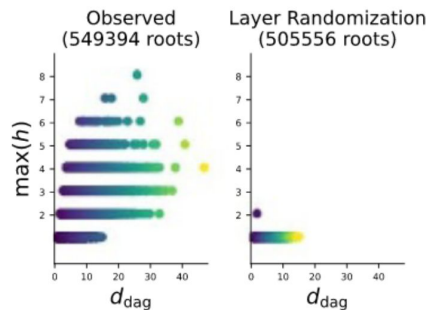
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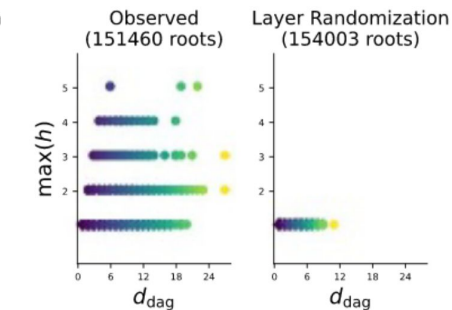


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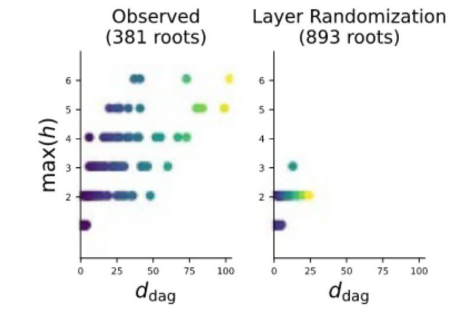
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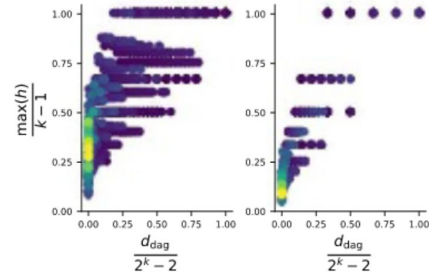
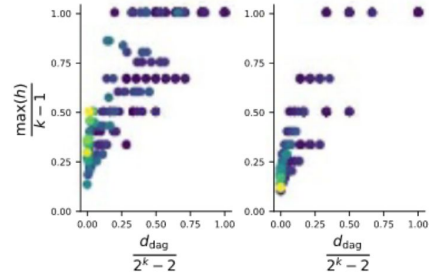
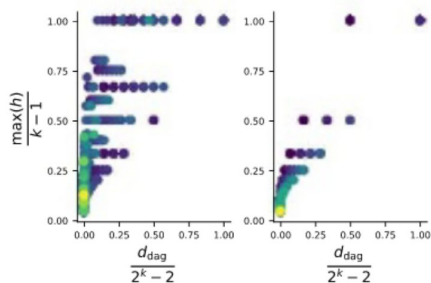
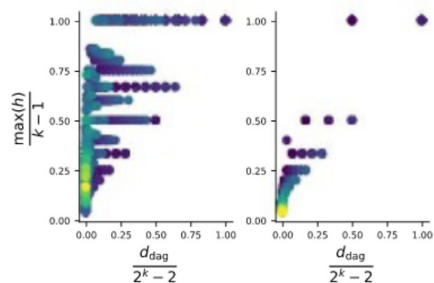
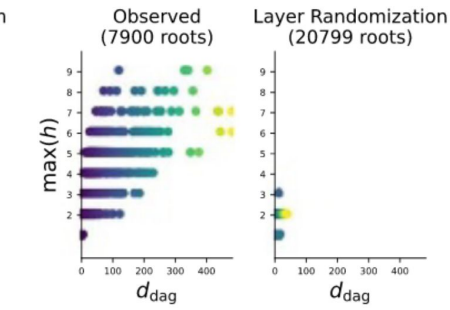
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Real hypergraphs have encapsulation structure.

How can this structure affect dynamics?

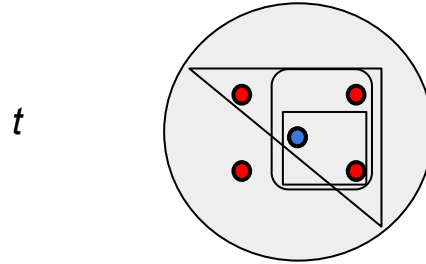
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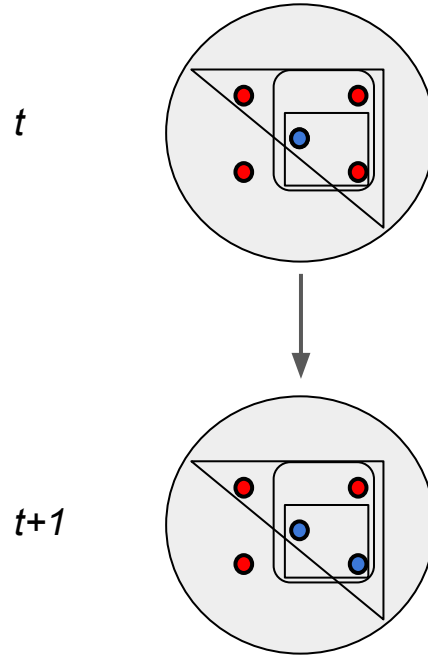
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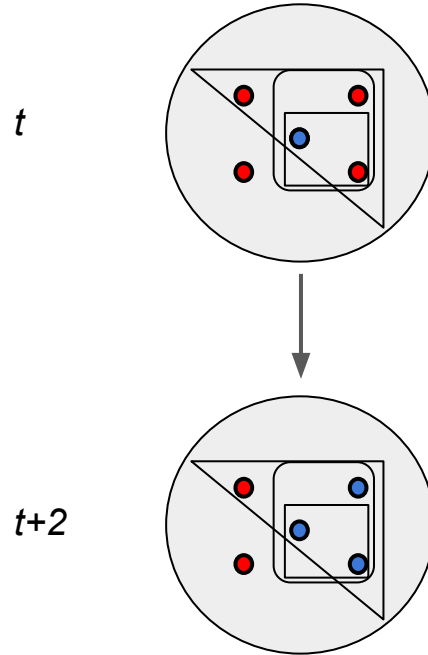
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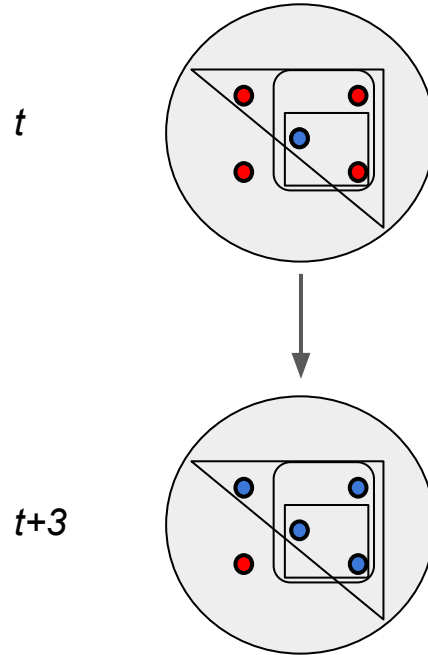
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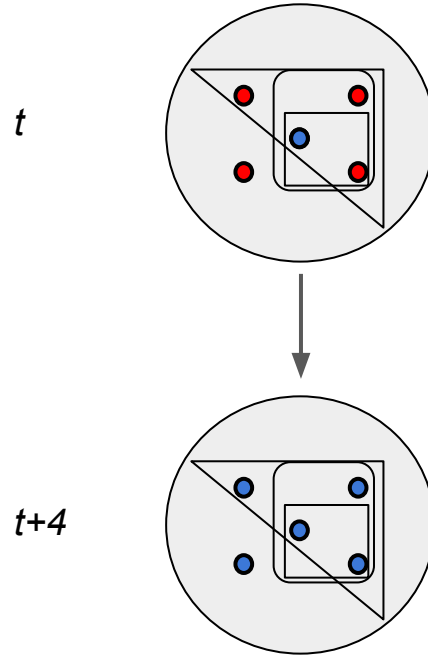
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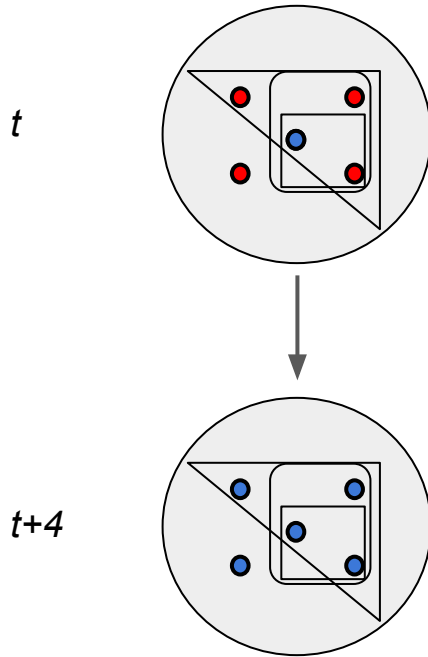
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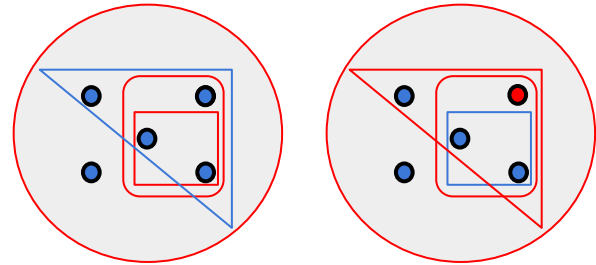
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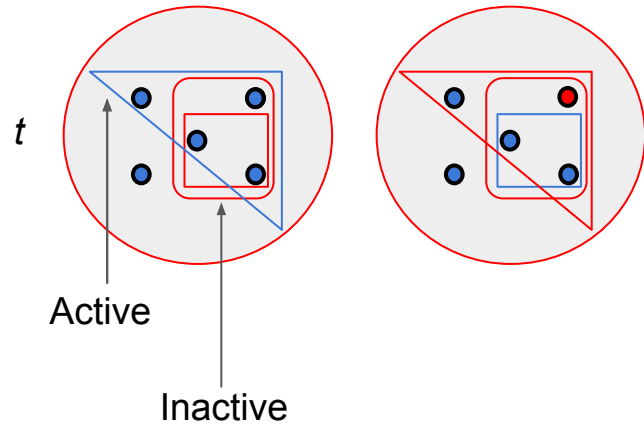


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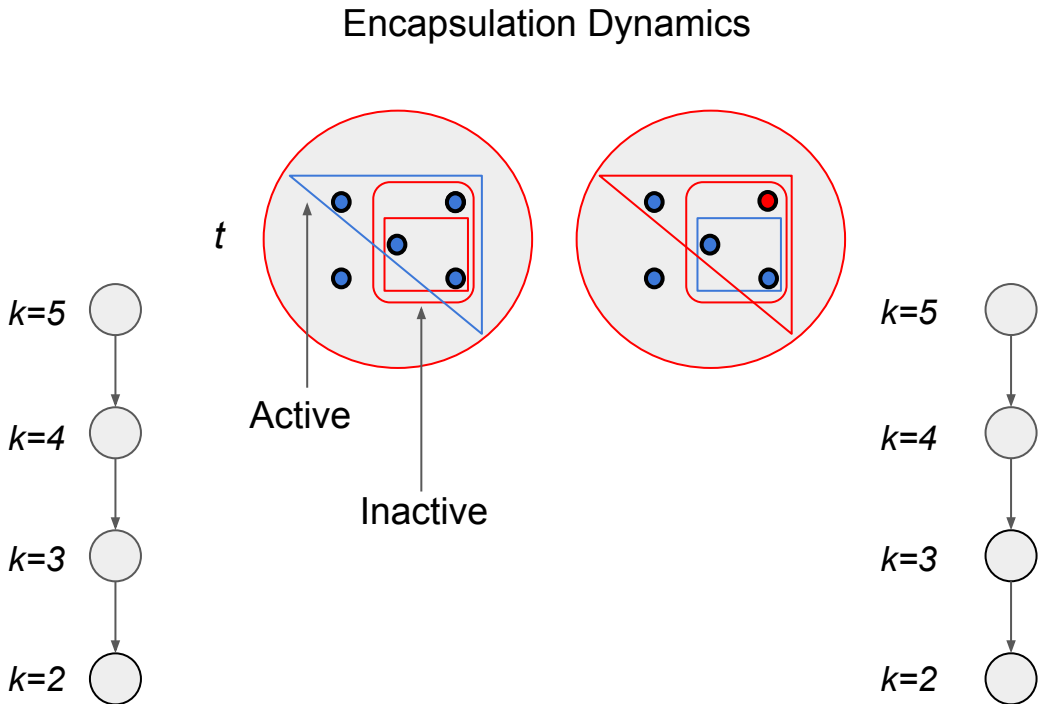


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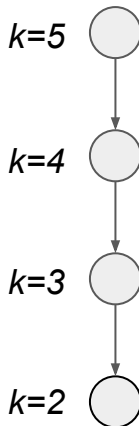
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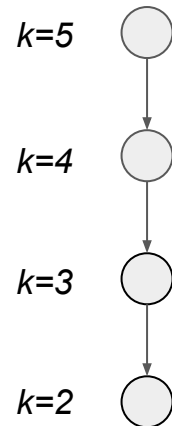
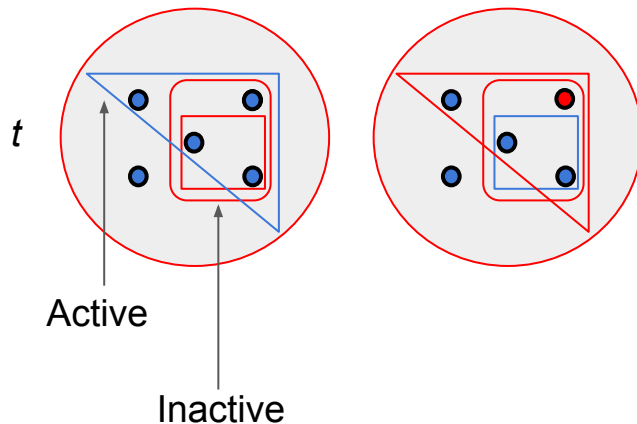
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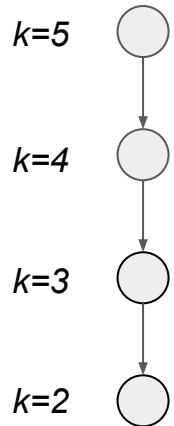
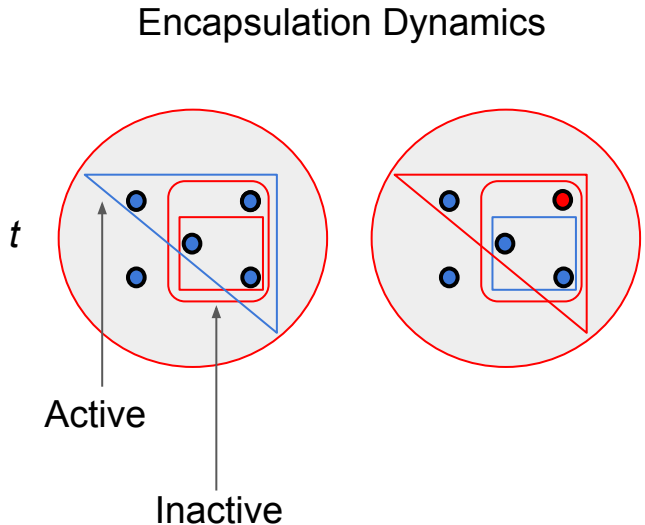
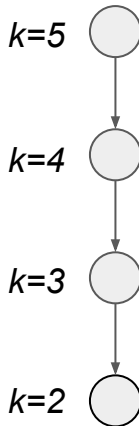
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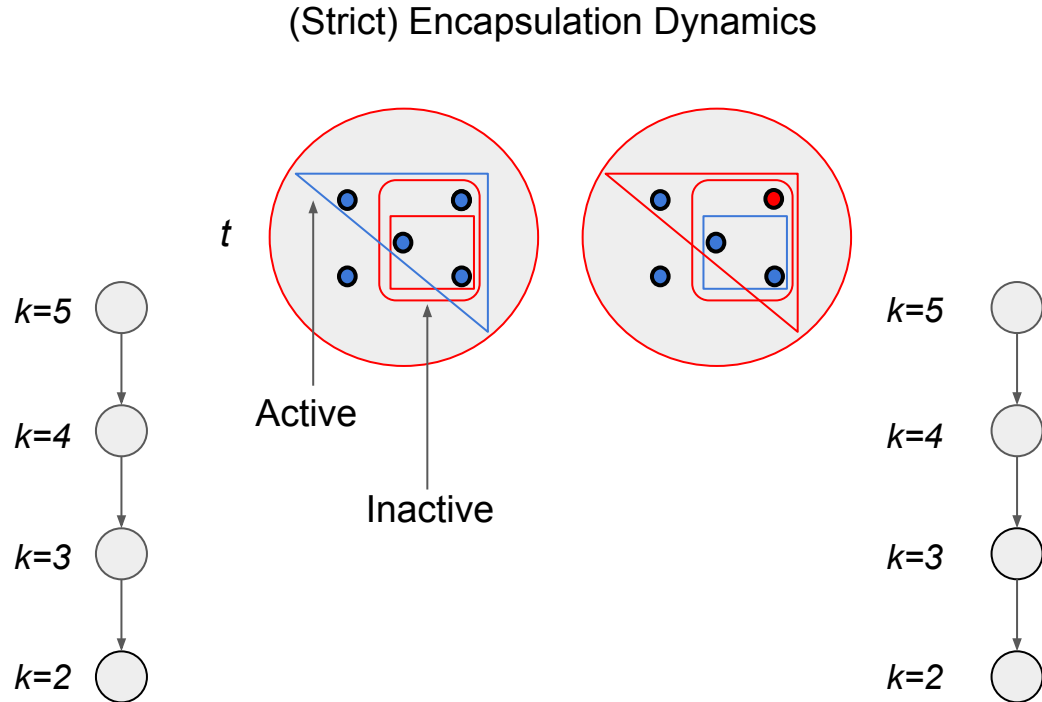
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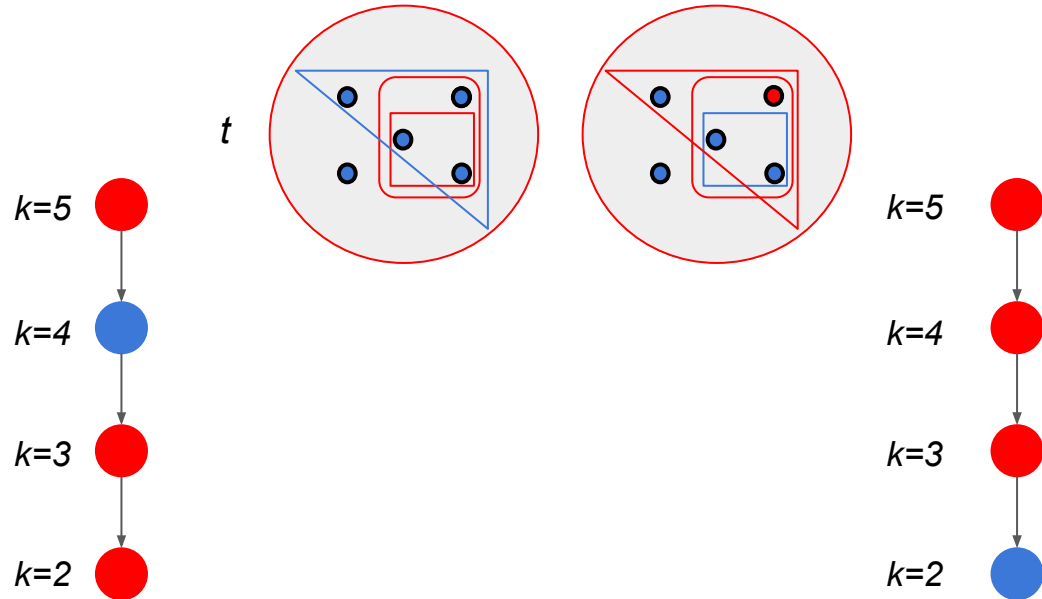
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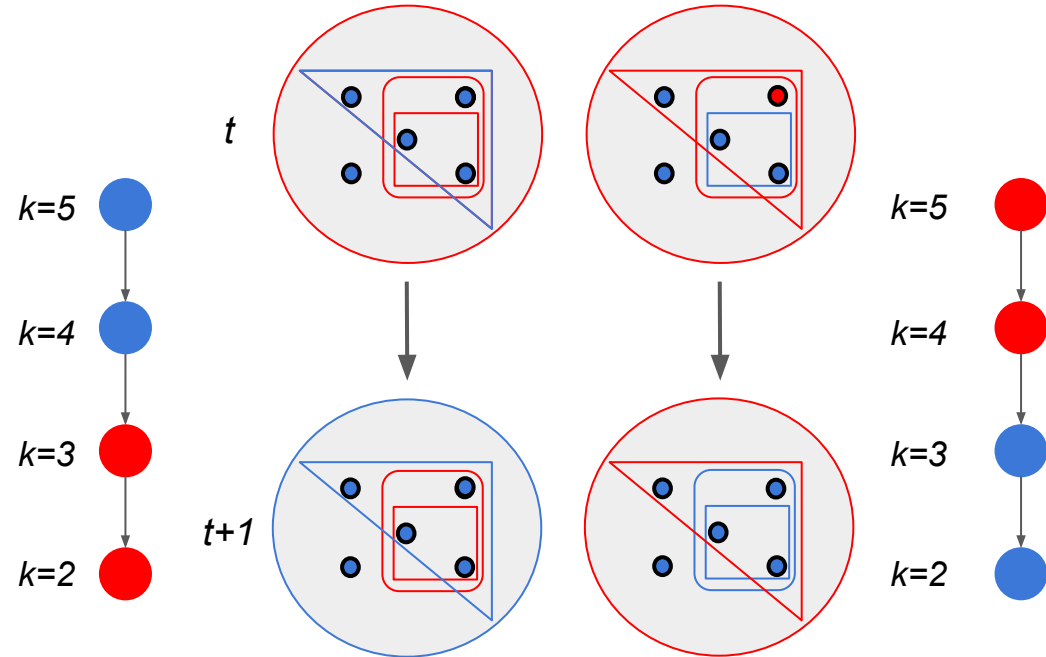
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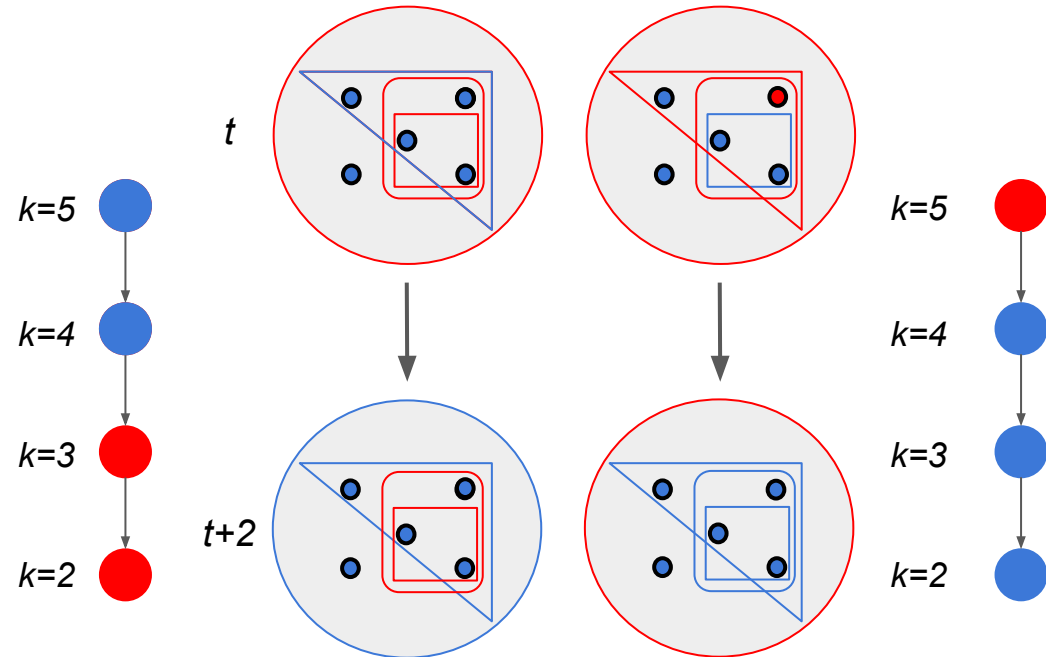
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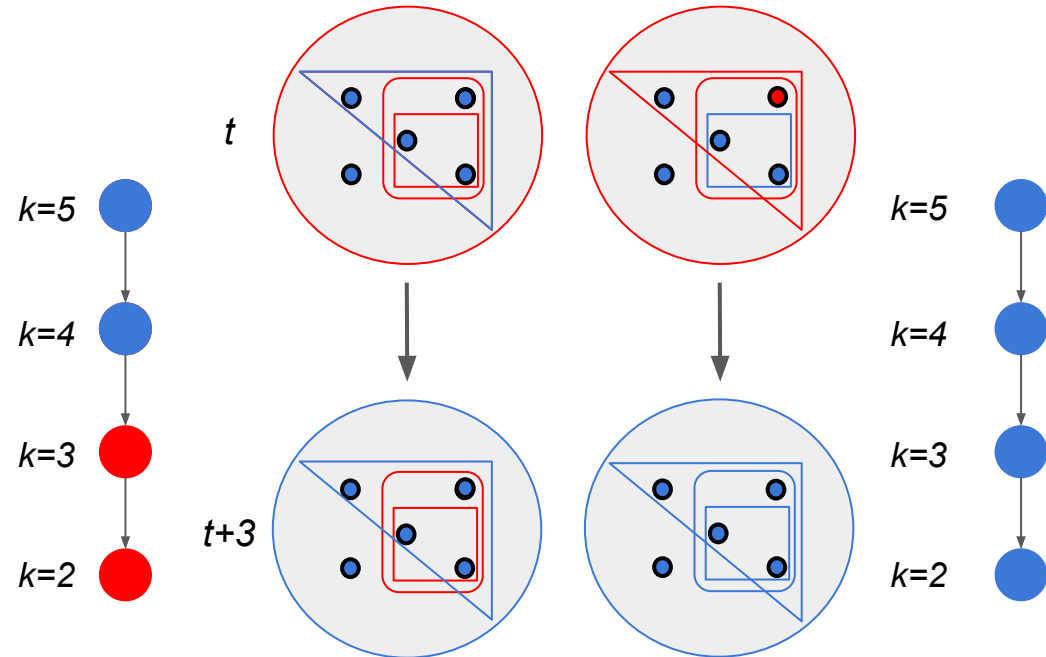
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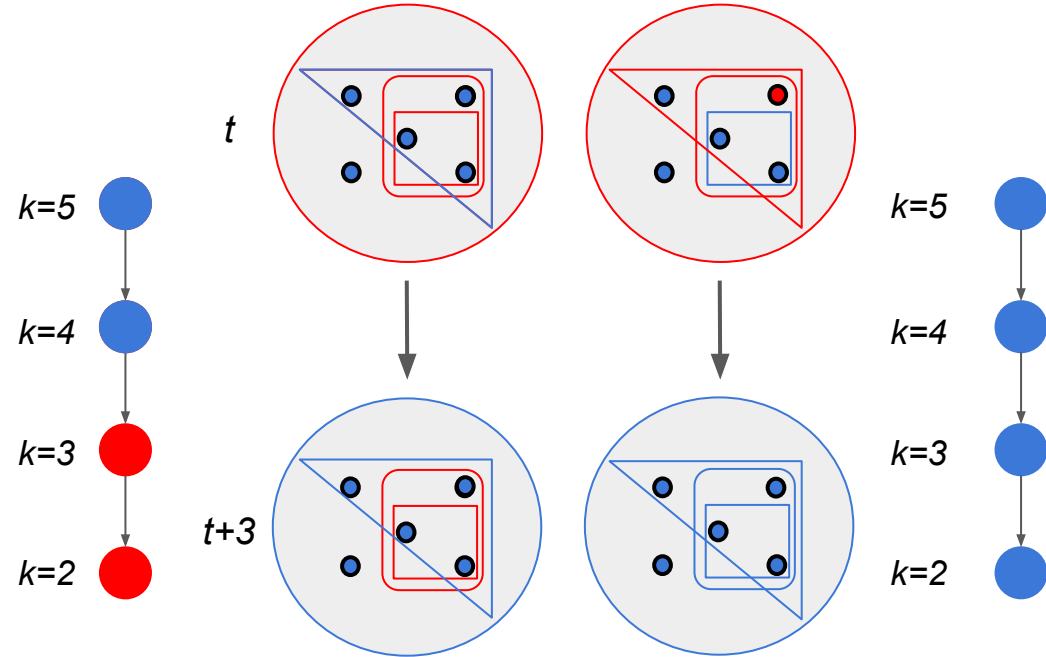
Analogy to lighting a campfire: the smallest fuel must be lit before the logs can catch on fire!



Image: <https://www.pelican.com/us/en/discover/pelican-flyer/post/how-to-start-a-campfire/>

Correspond to a type of **coordinated behavior** where nodes not only share goals/opinion/information, but coordinate to pass to other groups they are embedded within.

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Random Nested Hypergraph Model

Contagion dynamics on hypergraphs with nested hyperedges

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Idea: Start from a fully encapsulated hypergraph (simplicial complex), then selectively rewire hyperedges to destroy encapsulation relationships

Parameters:

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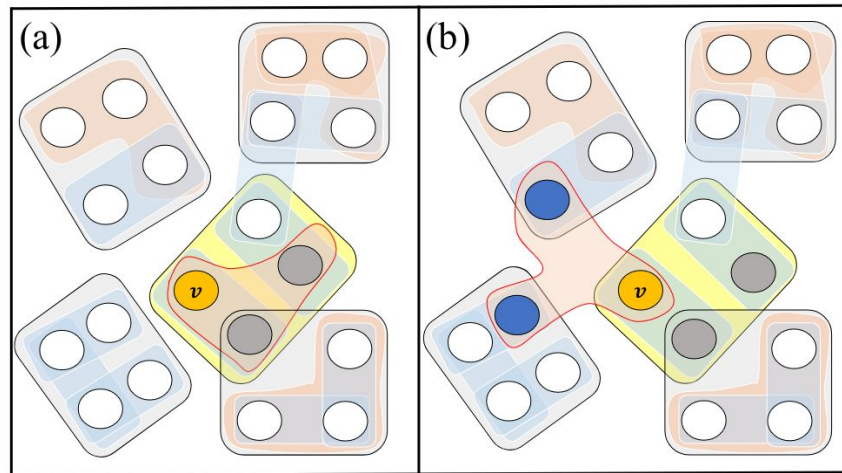
s_m : Maximum size hyperedge

H_s : Number of hyperedges of size s_m

ϵ_s : 1 minus probability of rewiring hyperedge of size s

Procedure:

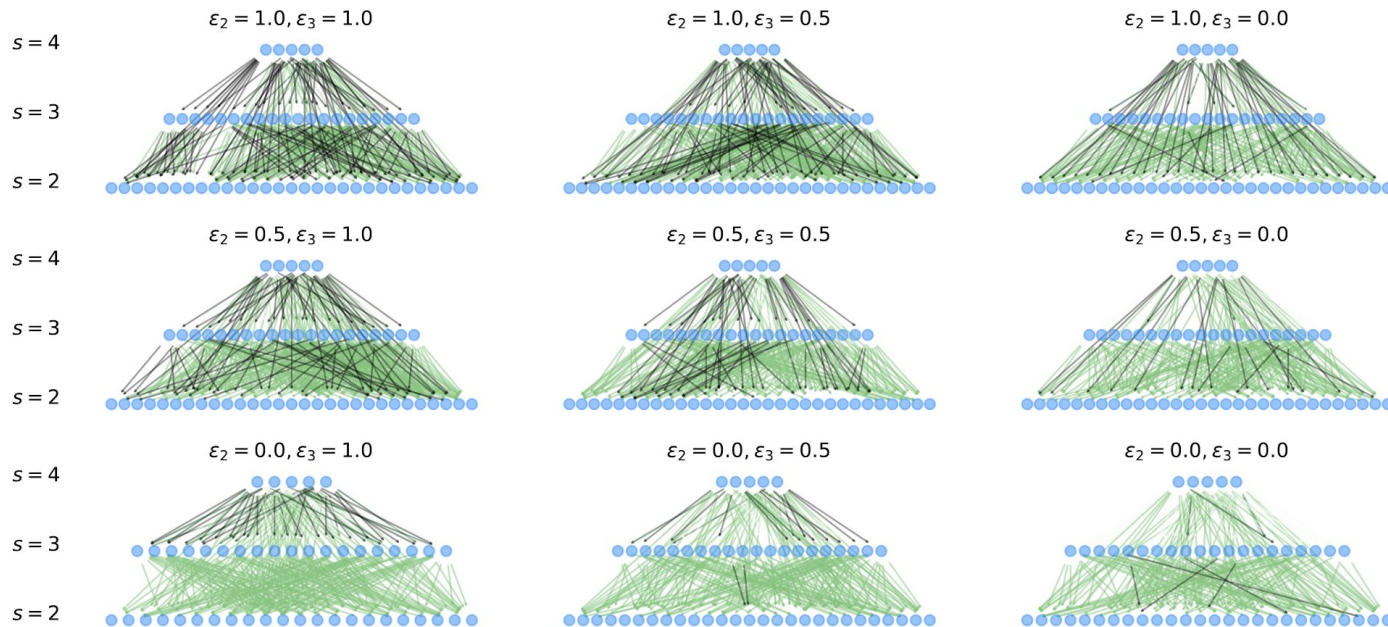
1. Generate random hyperedges of size s_m and all of their subhyperedges (power set)
2. For each hyperedge of size $s < s_m$, rewire with probability ϵ_s



Rewiring works by choosing a pivot node to keep, then randomizing other nodes by choosing nodes that are not in supersets of the original hyperedge.

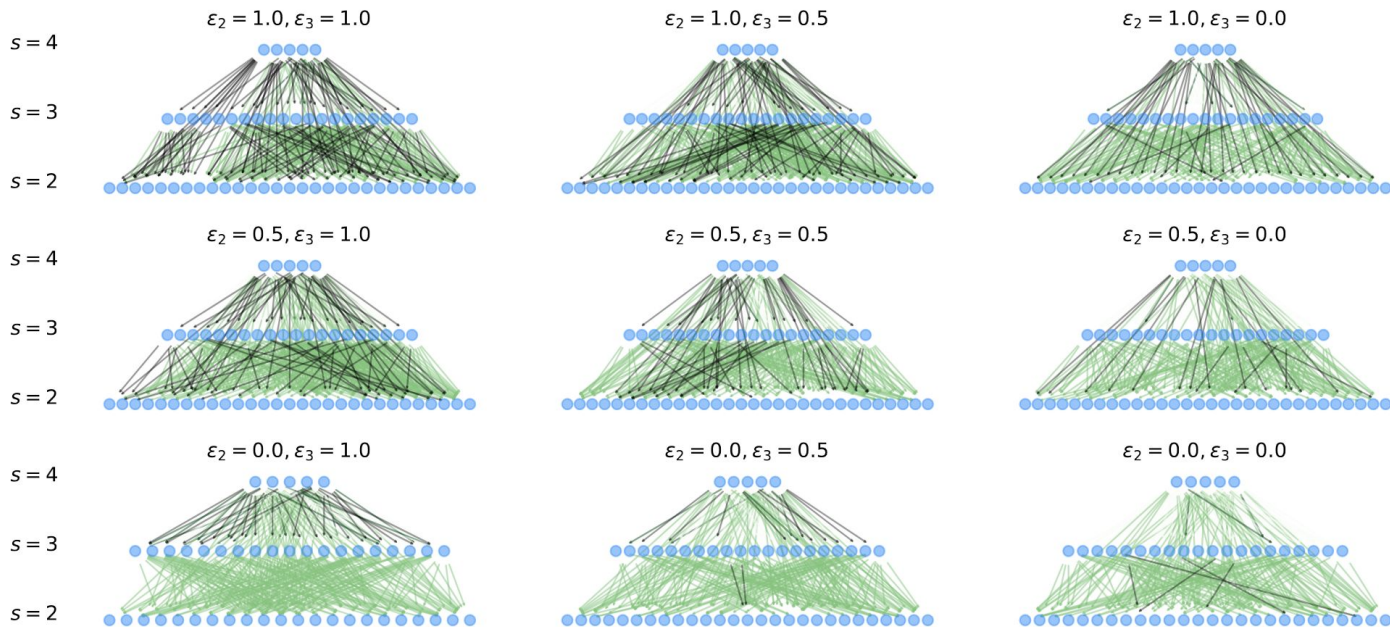
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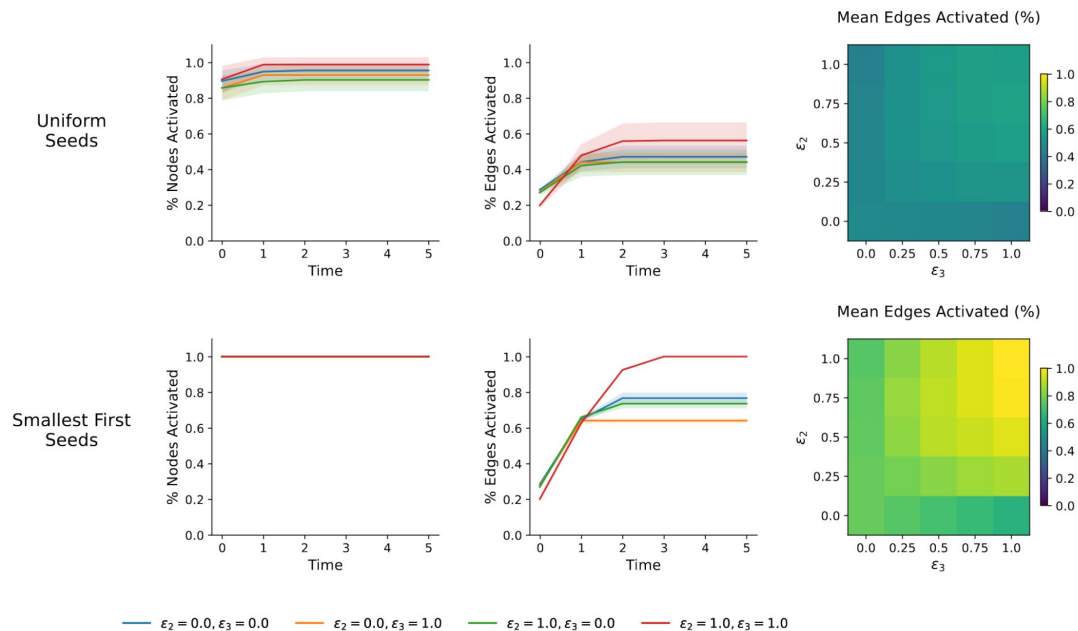
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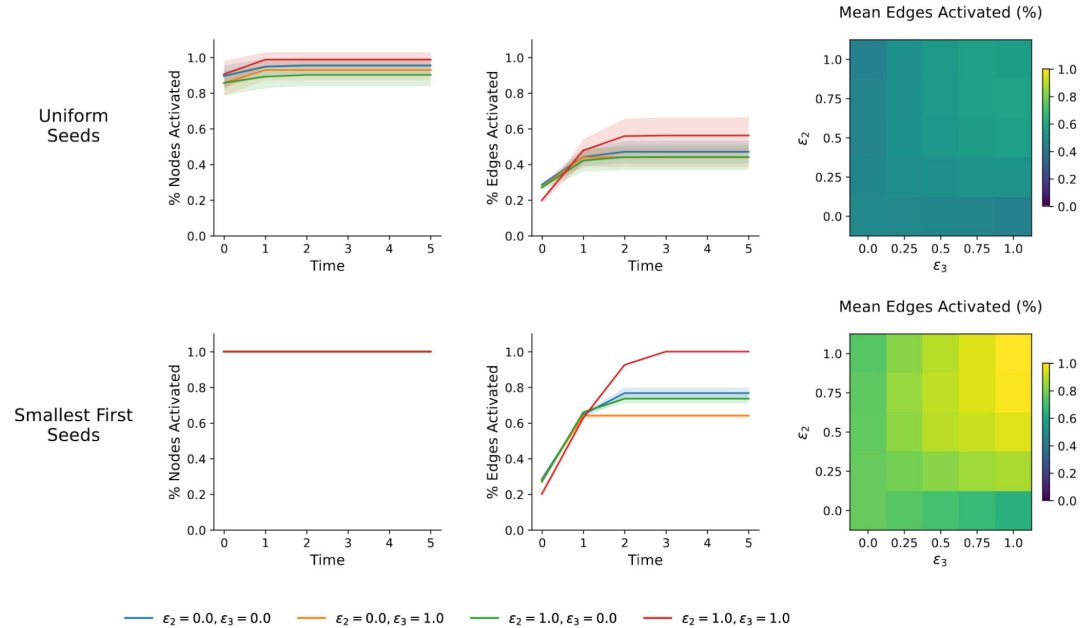
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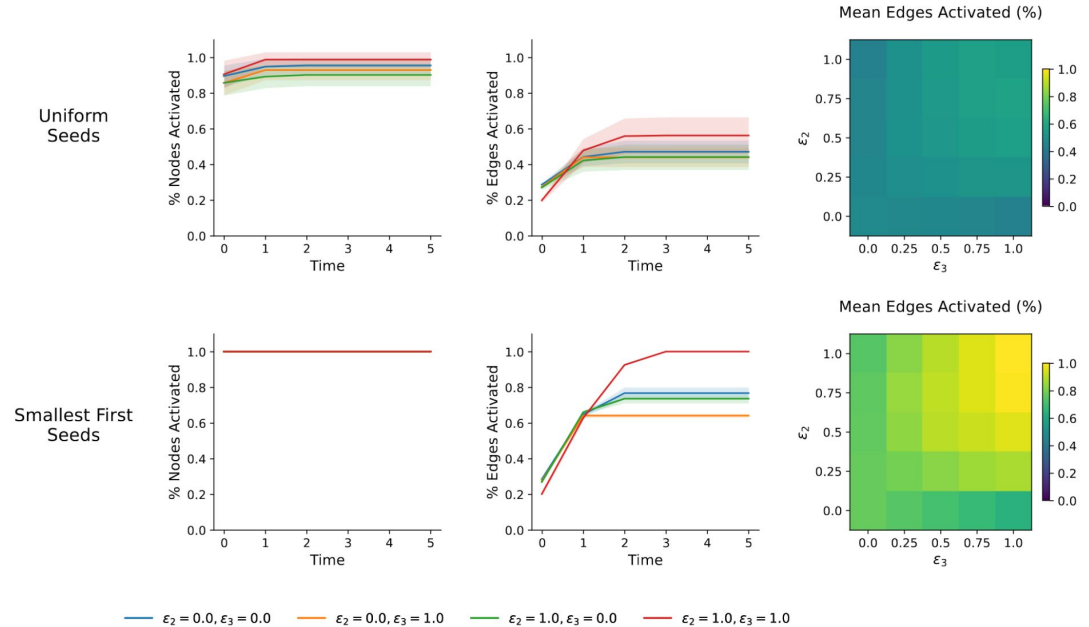
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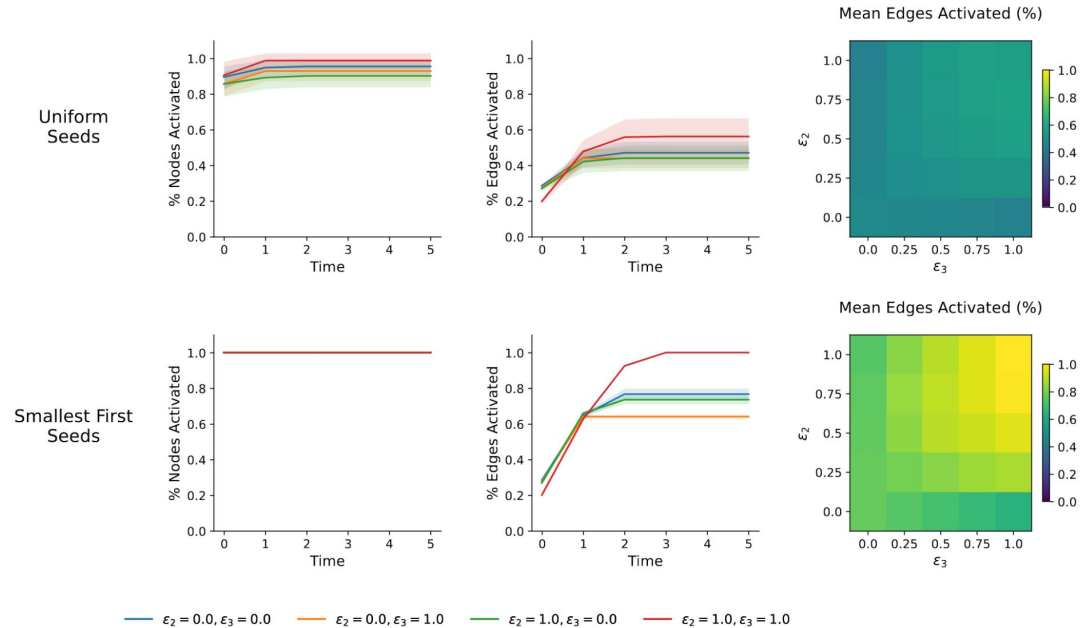
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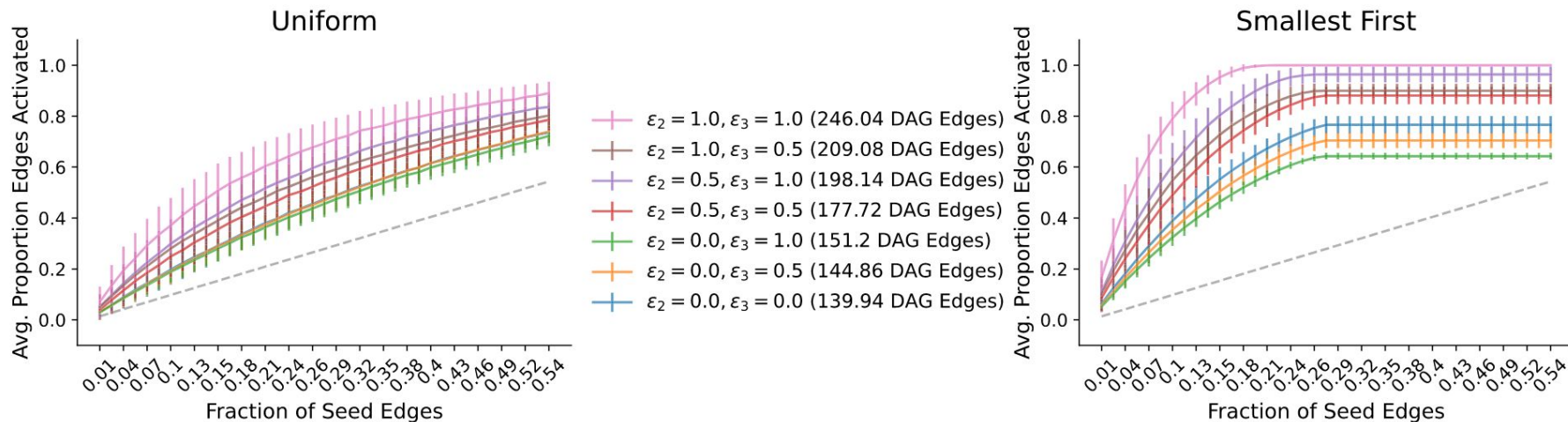
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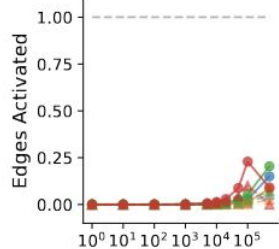
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Strict Encapsulation Dynamics, 25 steps, $\tau = \text{all}$

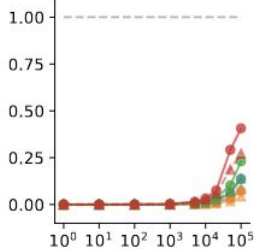
Large number of seeds required for spread in real data

Smallest first and inverse size seeding most effective

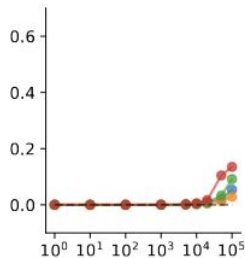
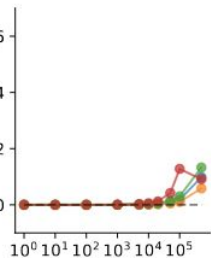
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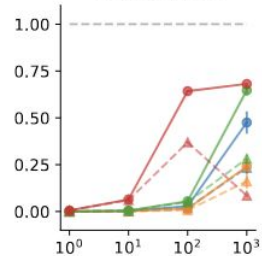
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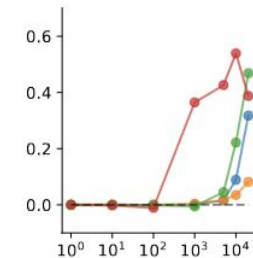
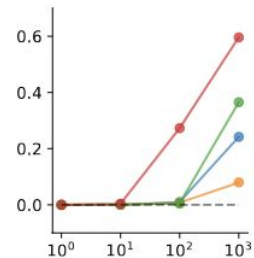
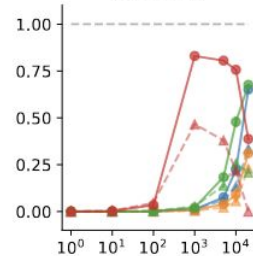
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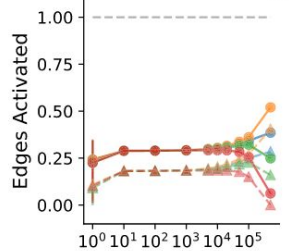
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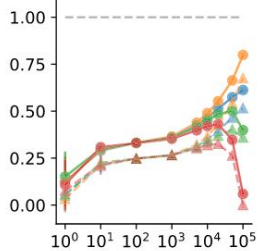
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Non-strict dynamics: Individual node states influence 2-node hyperedges

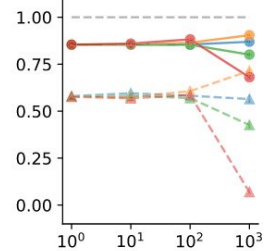
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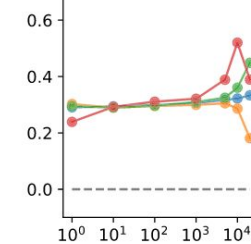
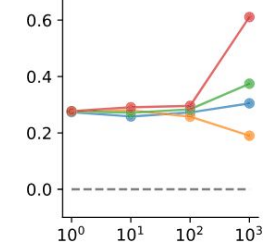
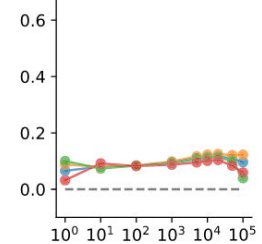
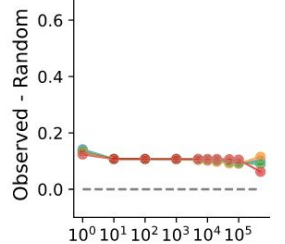
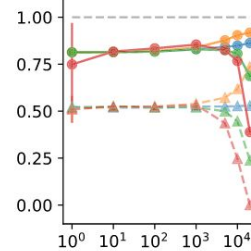
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