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Symmetry breaking induced by self-recruitment random walks on regular networks

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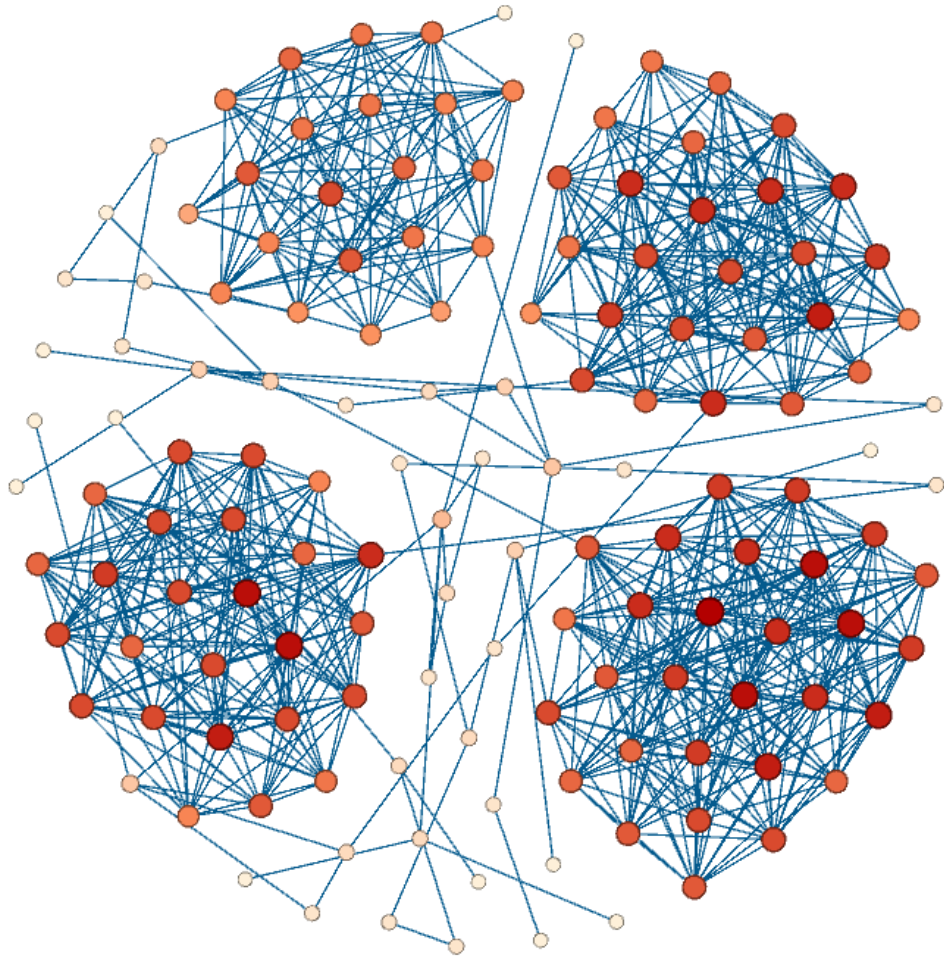
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Outline

- Linear random walk on top of complex networks
- Self-recruitment random-walk : from a microscopic point of view to the mean-field equations
- Emergence of functional communities
- Symmetry breaking and phase transition on lattices

Linear random walk on complex networks



$$\dot{\rho} = \rho L_{RW} \quad \text{with} \quad L_{RW} = D^{-1}A - I$$

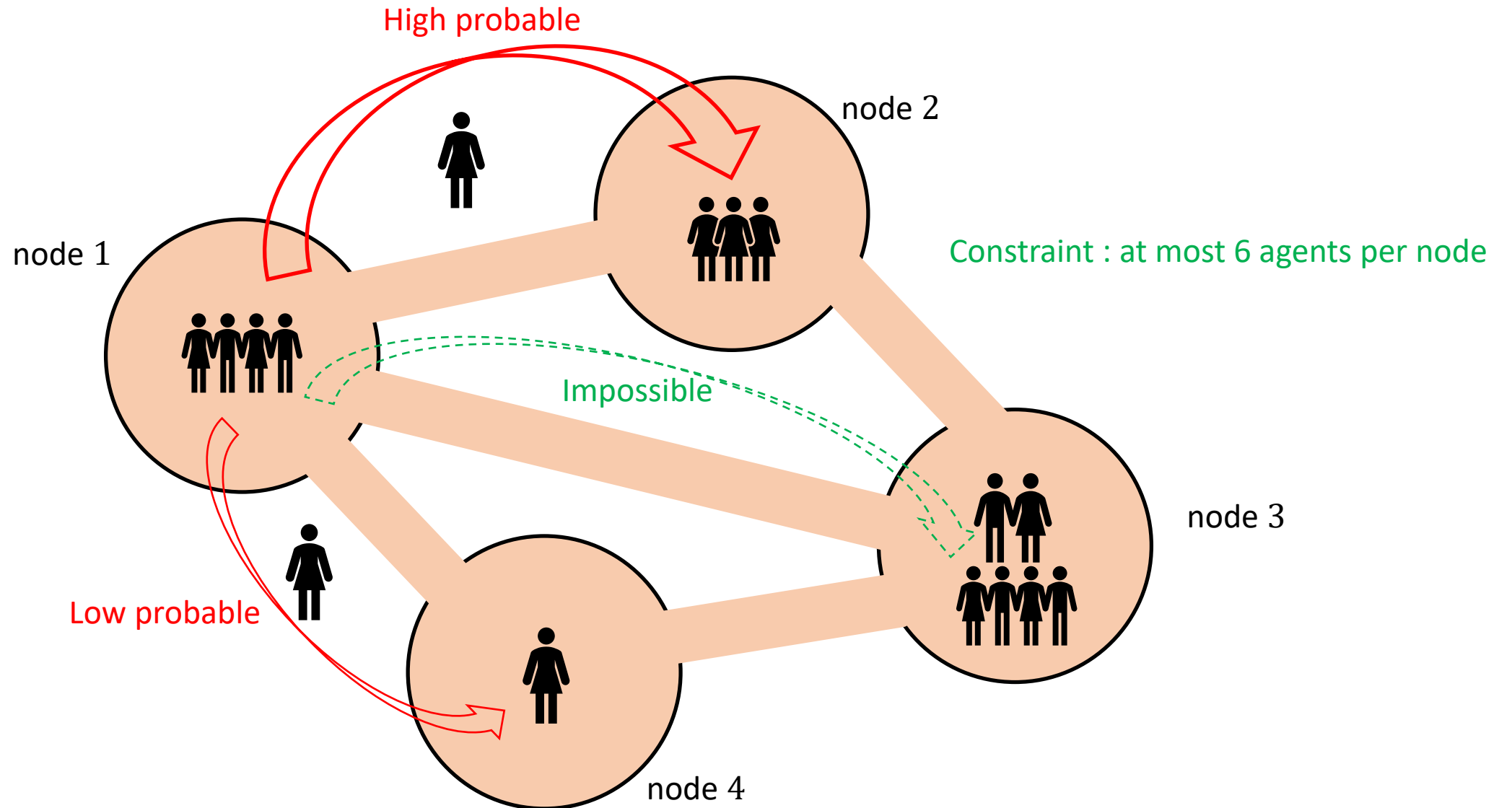
$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if node } i \text{ is connected to node } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Asymptotically : } \rho_i^\infty = \frac{k_i}{\langle k \rangle \Omega}$$

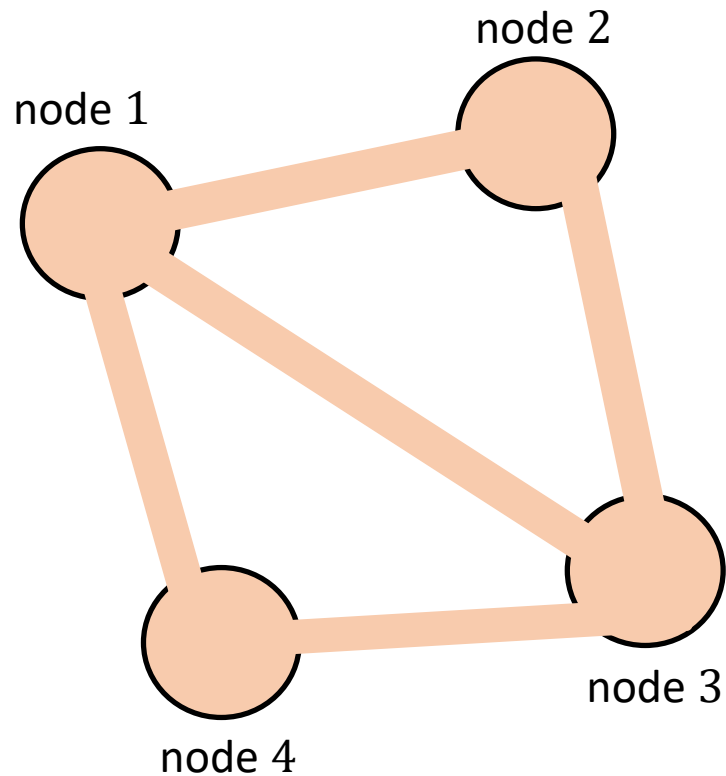
Ω : number of nodes

k_i : degree of node i

Self-recruitment random-walk



Master equation



n_i : number of agents in node i ($i = 1, \dots, \Omega$)

$$0 \leq n_i \leq N$$

State of the system at time t

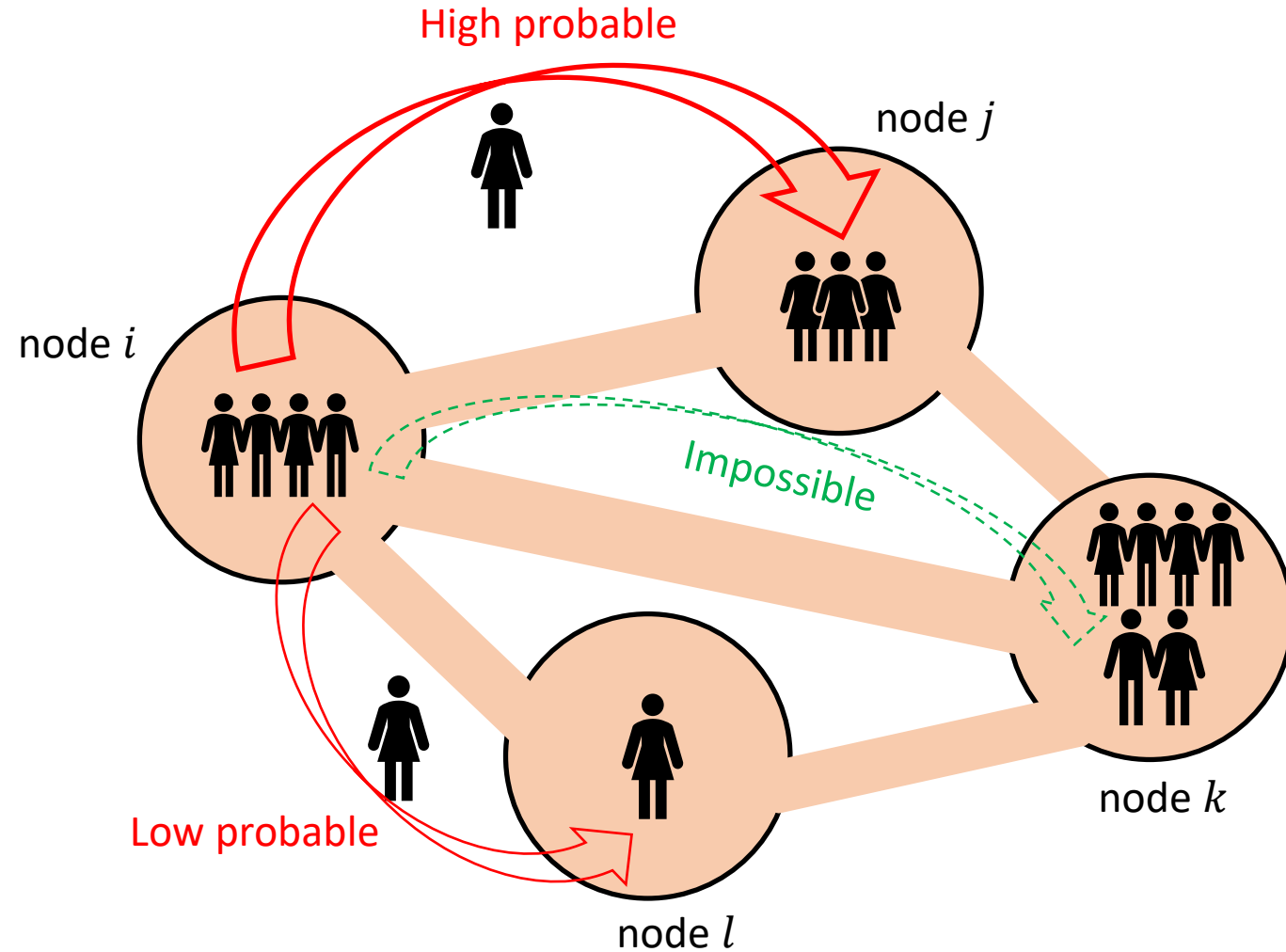
↪ $\mathbf{n}(t) = (n_1(t), n_2(t), \dots, n_\Omega(t))$

$P(\mathbf{n}, t)$: probability of observing state \mathbf{n} at time t

$$\text{Master equation: } \frac{dP(\mathbf{n}, t)}{dt} = \sum_{\mathbf{n}' \neq \mathbf{n}} T(\mathbf{n}|\mathbf{n}')P(\mathbf{n}', t) - T(\mathbf{n}'|\mathbf{n})P(\mathbf{n}, t)$$

$T(\mathbf{n}'|\mathbf{n})$: transition probability from state \mathbf{n} to state \mathbf{n}'

Transition matrix



Constraint : at most N agents per node

Willingness of agents to leave a node

$$T(n_i - 1, n_j + 1 | n_i, n_j) = \frac{A_{ij}}{k_i} f\left(\frac{n_i}{N}\right) g\left(\frac{n_j}{N}\right)$$

Ability of agents to settle in a node

$$\begin{cases} f\left(\frac{n_i}{N}\right) = \frac{n_i}{N} \\ g\left(\frac{n_j}{N}\right) = \left(\frac{n_j}{N}\right)^a \left(\frac{N - n_j}{N}\right)^b \end{cases} \quad a, b > 0$$

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Mean-field equations

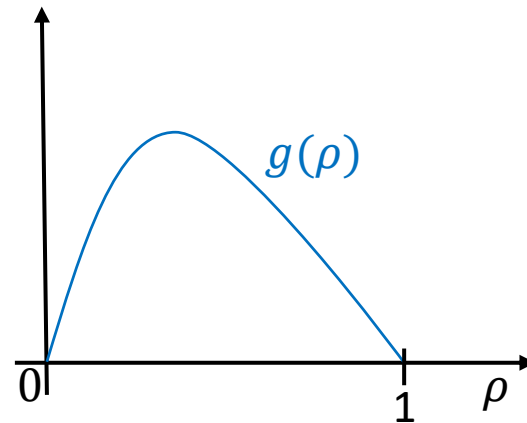
$$\rho_i := \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \left\langle \frac{n_i}{N} \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\rho}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \left[-\frac{A_{ij}}{k_i} \rho_i g(\rho_j) + \frac{A_{ji}}{k_j} \rho_j g(\rho_i) \right] = - \sum_{j=1}^N L_{ij} \left[\rho_i g(\rho_j) - \frac{k_i}{k_j} \rho_j g(\rho_i) \right]$$

$$L_{ij} = \frac{A_{ij}}{k_i} - \delta_{ij}$$

Mass conservation: $\sum_i \dot{\rho}_i = 0$

$$g(\rho_j) = \rho_j^a (1 - \rho_j)^b$$



Emergence of empty nodes and metacommunities on heterogeneous networks

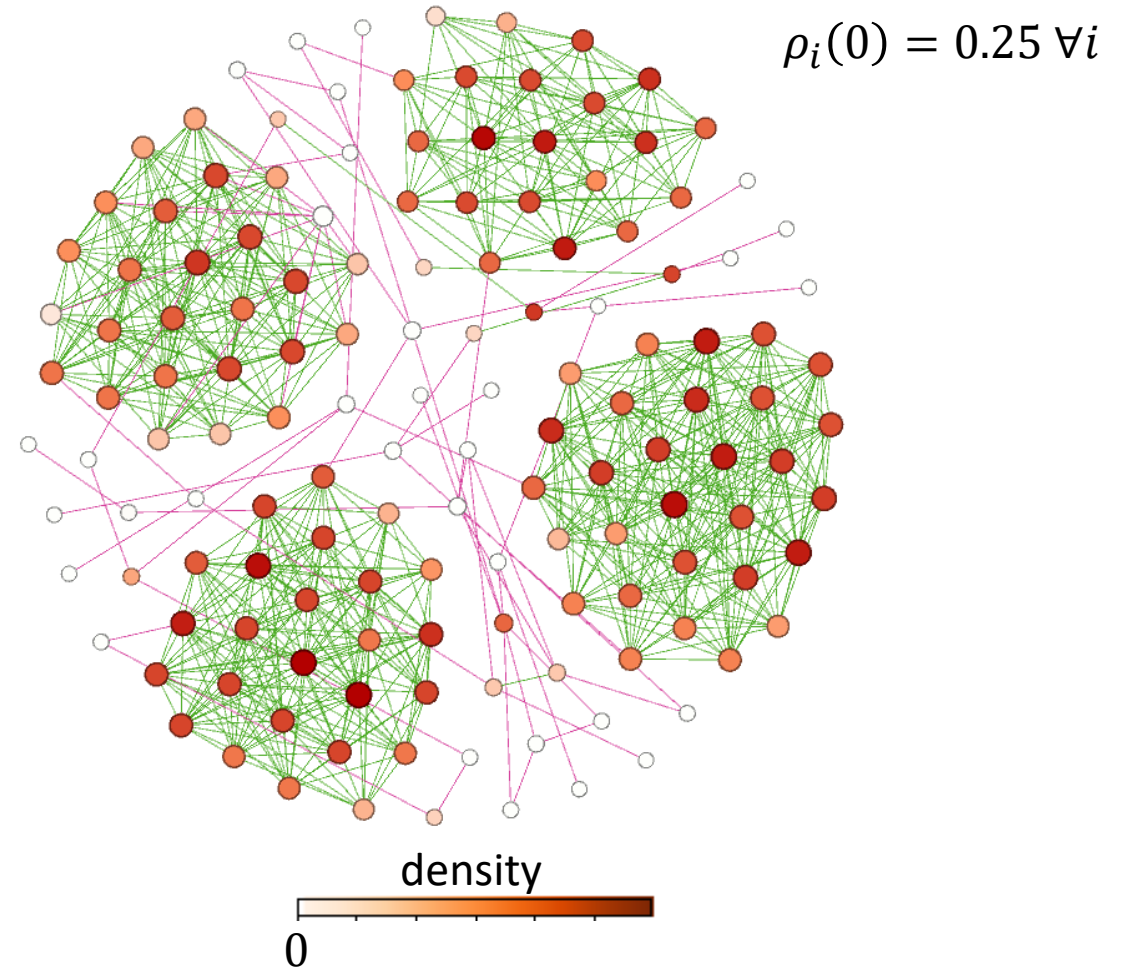
$$\dot{\rho}_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N L_{ij} \left[\rho_i g(\rho_j) - \frac{k_i}{k_j} \rho_j g(\rho_i) \right]$$

$$g(x) = x(1-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\rho}_i = - \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^N L_{ij} \rho_j \left[1 - \rho_j - \frac{k_i}{k_j} (1 - \rho_i) \right]$$

Stationary solutions for crowded networks

$$\rho_i^\infty = 1 - \frac{c}{k_i} \text{ with } c = \frac{1-M/\Omega}{\langle \frac{1}{k} \rangle}$$



Self-recruitment RW on top of lattices

$$\dot{\rho}_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N L_{ij} [\rho_i g(\rho_j) - \rho_j g(\rho_i)]$$

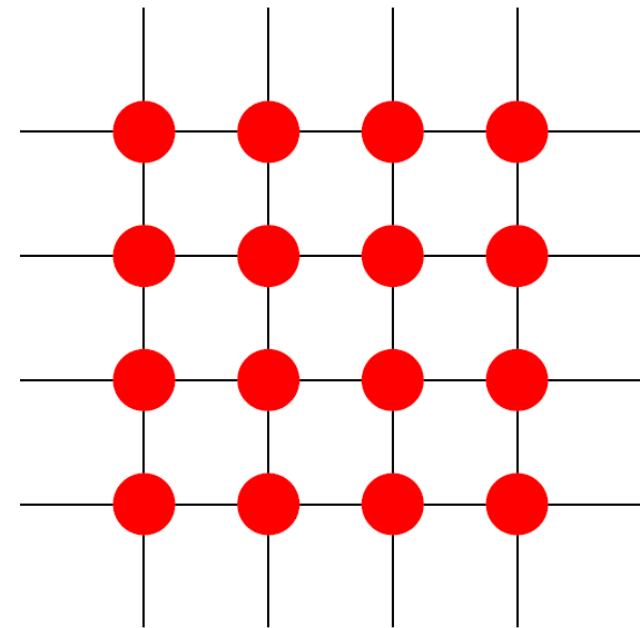
Homogeneous state : $\rho_i = \beta \forall i$

Stability of the homogeneous state ?

$$J_{ik} := \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho_k} (\dot{\rho}_i) \right|_{\rho_i = \beta} = \underbrace{[g(\beta) - \beta g'(\beta)]}_{\xi(\beta)} L_{ik}$$

⇒ Stability condition: $\xi(\beta) < 0$

Square lattice with
periodic boundary conditions



Stability analysis (regular networks)

$$\dot{\rho}_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N L_{ij} [\rho_i g(\rho_j) - \rho_j g(\rho_i)]$$

$$g(x) = x^a (1 - x)^a$$

Stability condition of the homogeneous state:
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta \in]0,1] \text{ if } 0 < a \leq 1 \\ \beta < \frac{a-1}{2a-1} \text{ if } a > 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$a = 2 \implies$ Homogeneous state unstable if $\beta < \frac{1}{3}$

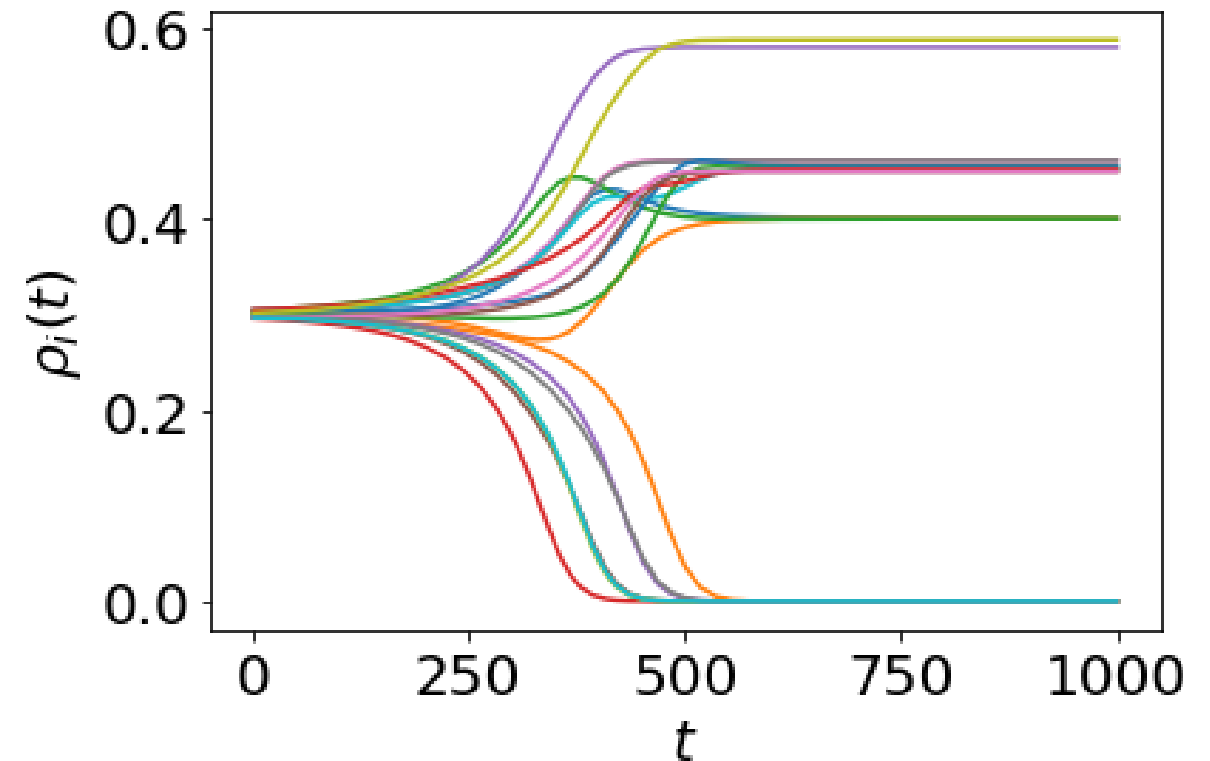
Symmetry breaking

$$g(x) = x^2(1-x)^2$$

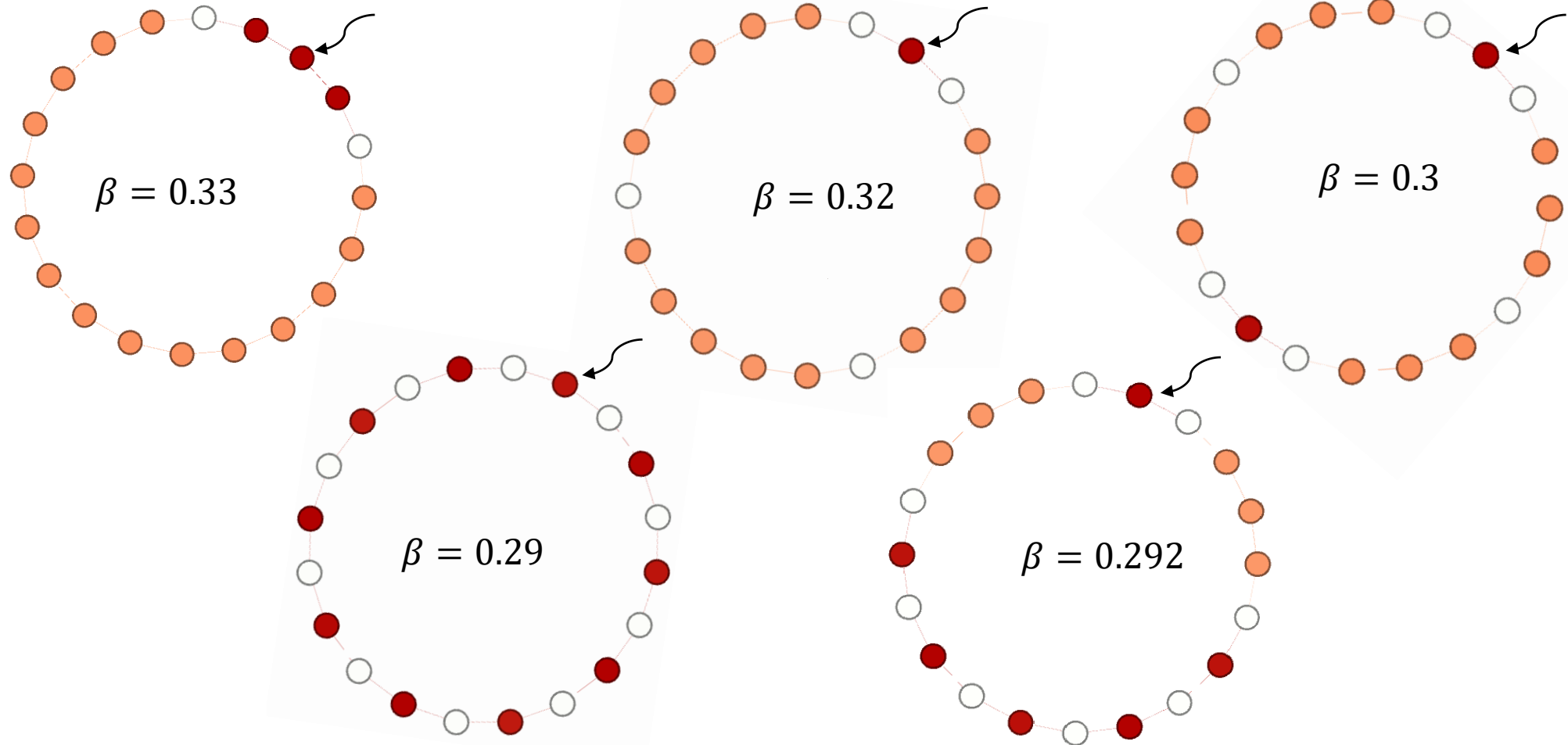
$$\dot{\rho}_i = -\rho_i \sum_{j=1}^N L_{ij} \rho_j [\rho_i(1-\rho_i)^2 - \rho_j(1-\rho_j)^2]$$

$$\rho_i(0) = p(\beta + \sigma r_i) \text{ with } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_i \rho_i(0) = \Omega\beta \\ \sigma \ll 1 \\ r_i \sim U([0,1]) \end{array} \right.$$

Ring network ($\beta = 0.3 ; \sigma = 0.01 ; \Omega = 20$)



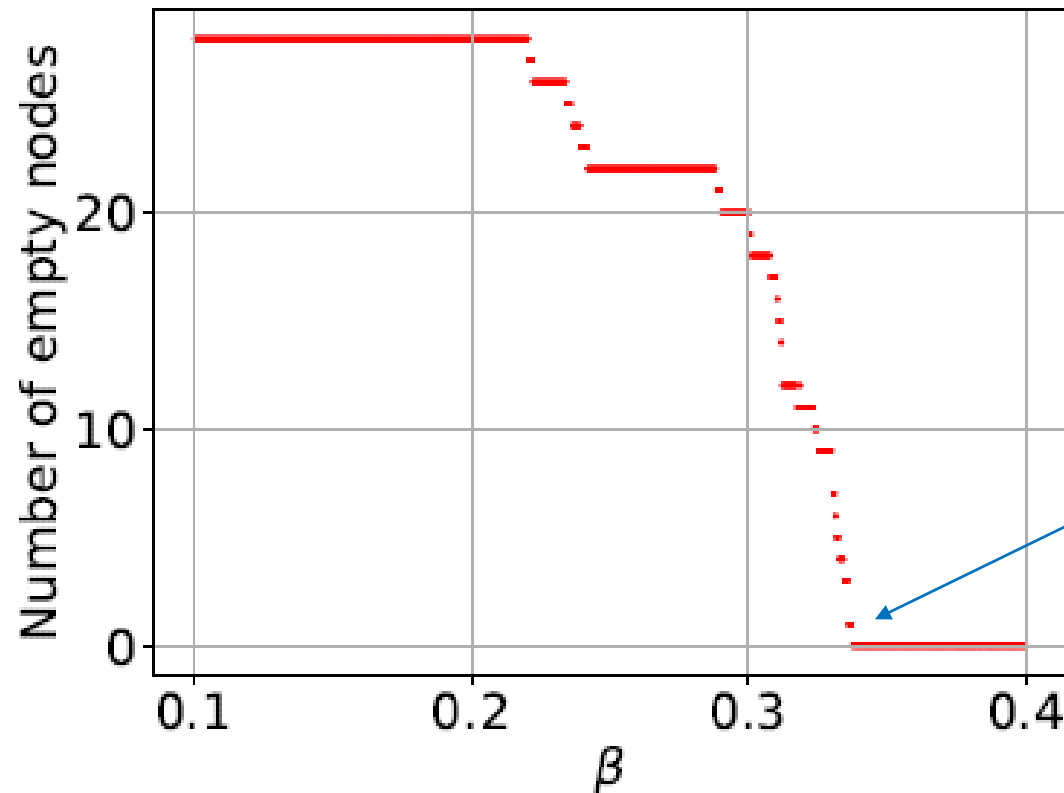
Empty nodes in a ring network



$$\rho_i(0) = \beta + 0.01\delta_{i,1} (i = 1, \dots, 20)$$

Quantization phenomenon

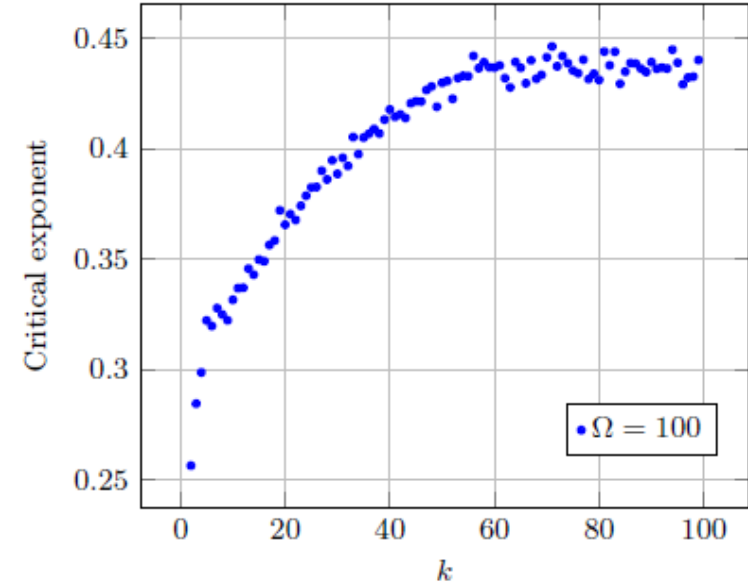
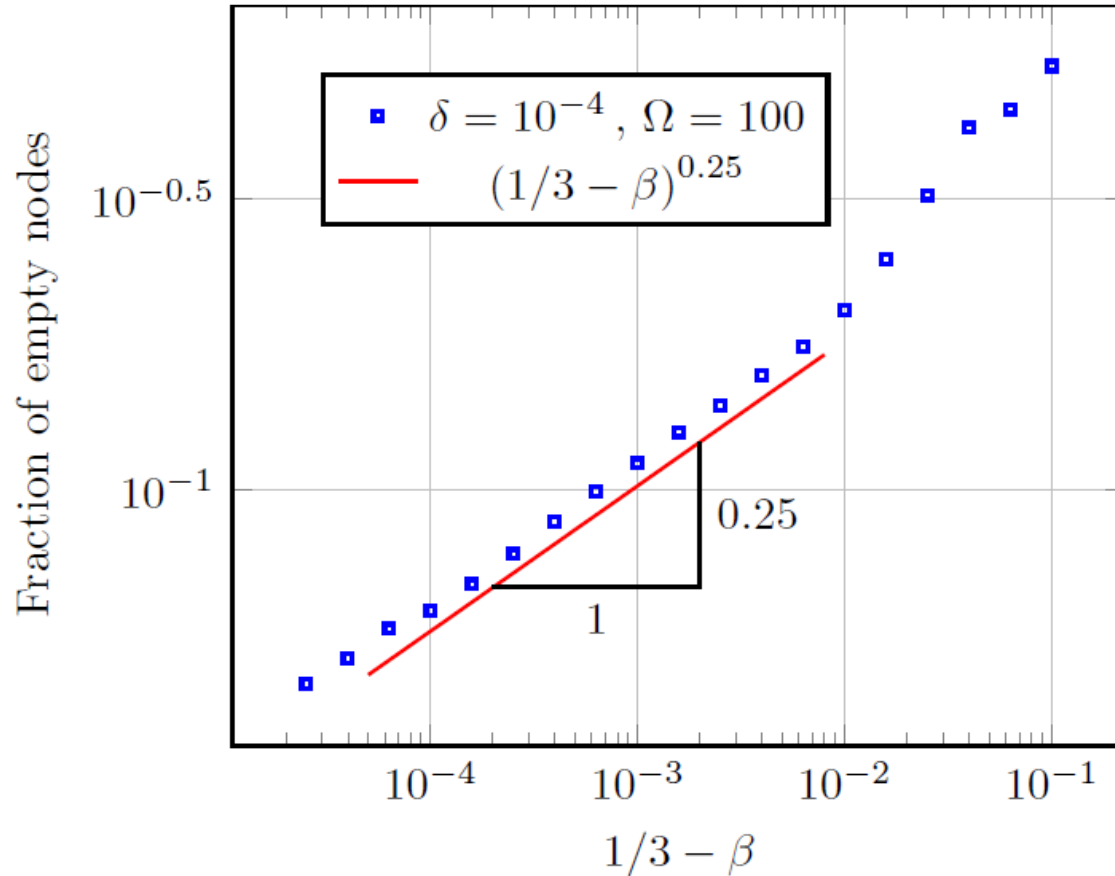
Ring network ($\sigma = 0.01 ; \Omega = 50$)



$$\rho_i(0) = p(\beta + \sigma r_i) \text{ with } \begin{cases} \sum_i \rho_i(0) = \Omega\beta \\ r_i \sim U([0,1]) \end{cases}$$

Phase transition

Second-order phase transition



$$\rho_i(0) = p(\beta + \delta r_i) \quad \text{with} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_i \rho_i(0) = \Omega\beta \\ \delta = 10^{-4} \\ r_i \sim U([0,1]) \end{array} \right.$$

Summary

- We introduced a new individual-based model leading to the emergence of functional communities on networks.
- A symmetry breaking from a homogeneous state to an heterogeneous one can be observed in lattices.
- The model can potentially shed light on the existence of vacant niches in ecology and the formation on urban prairies

Thanks for your attention !