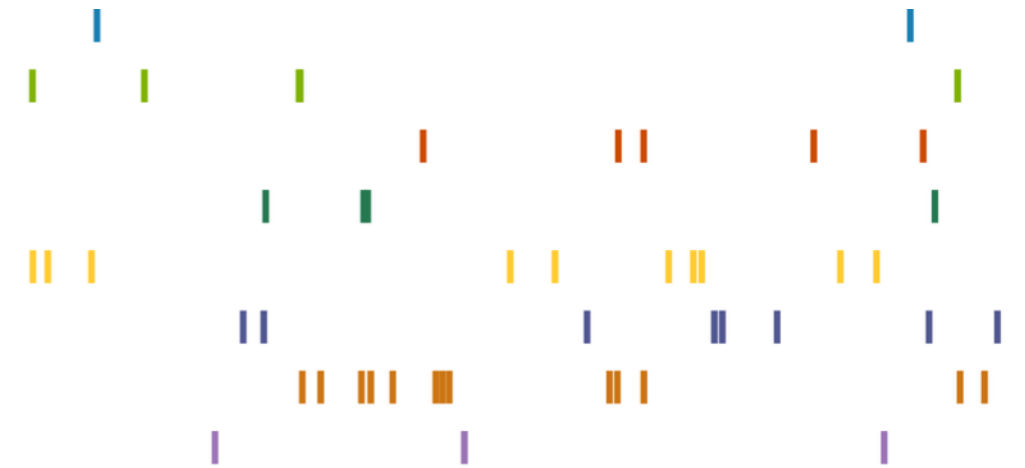
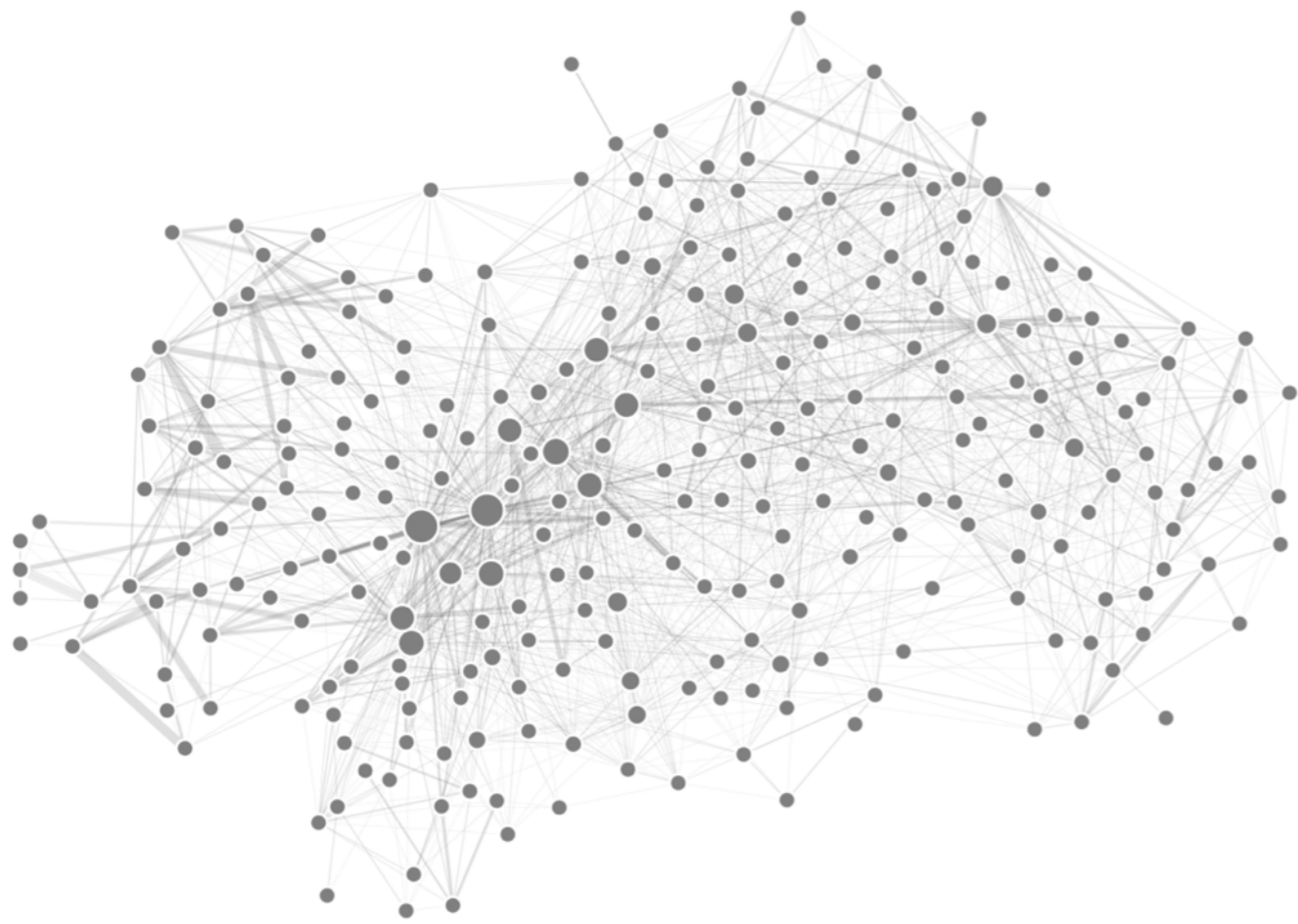


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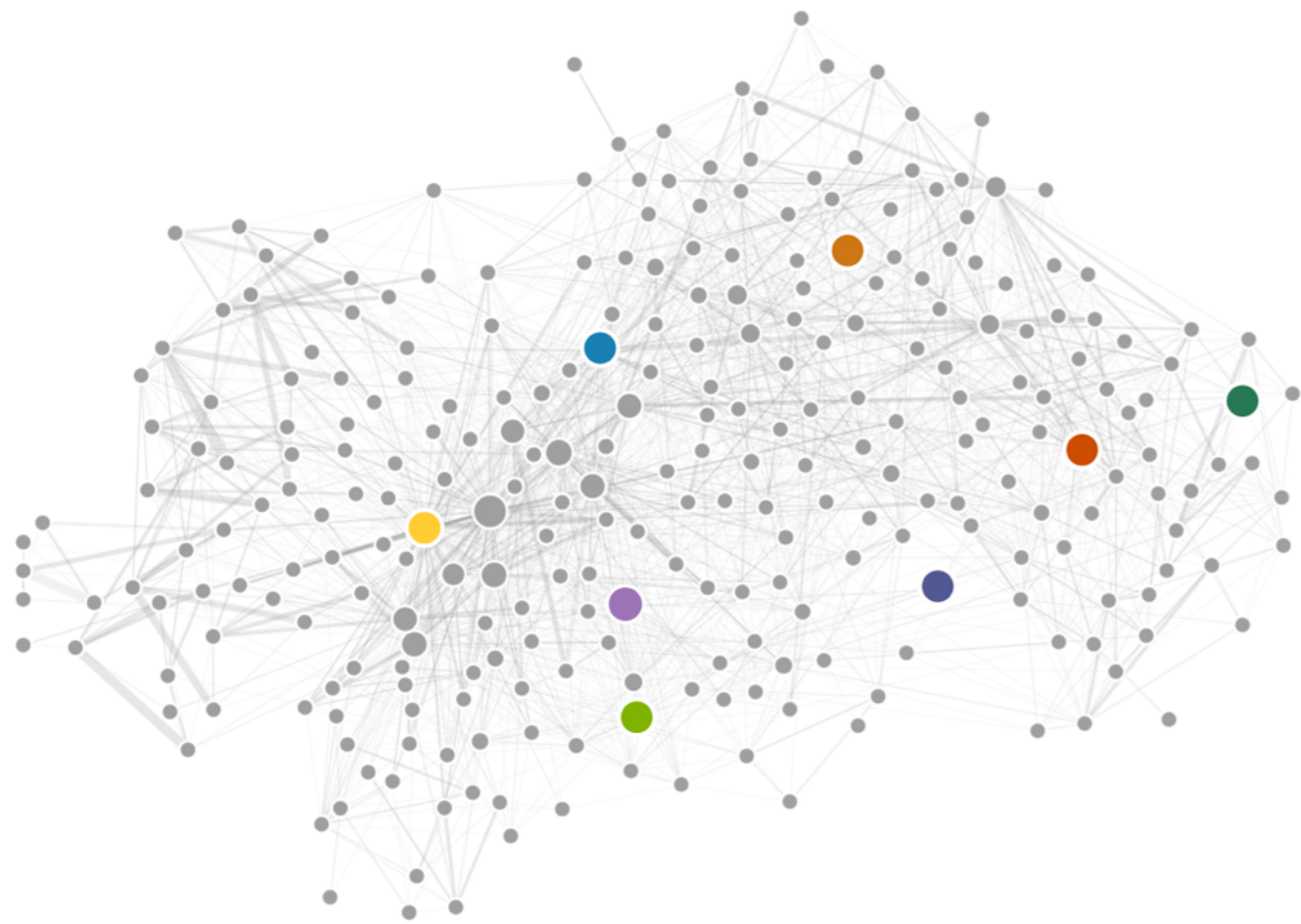


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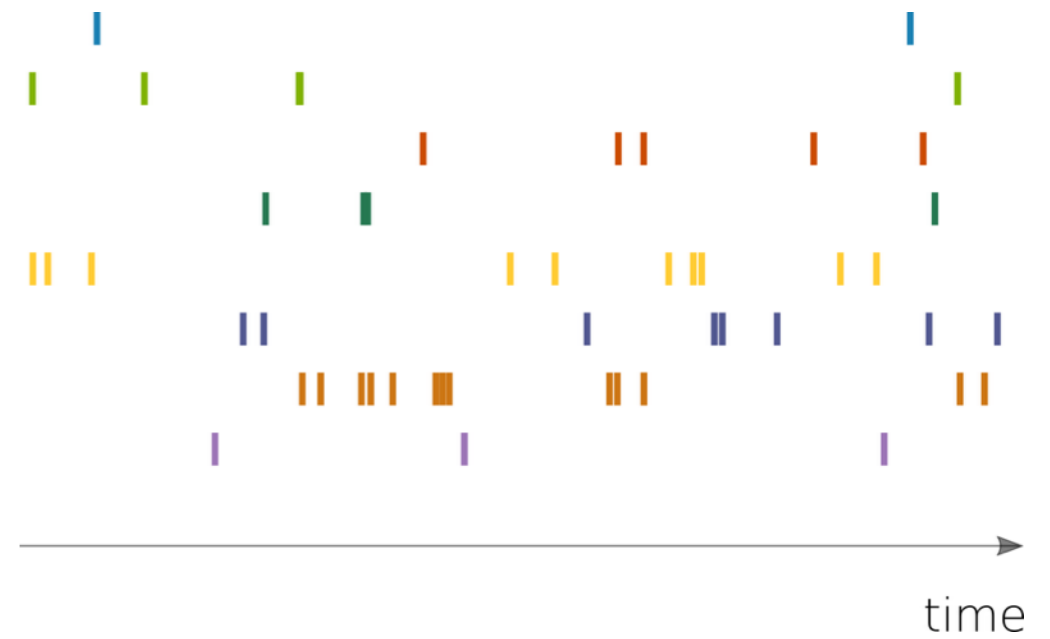
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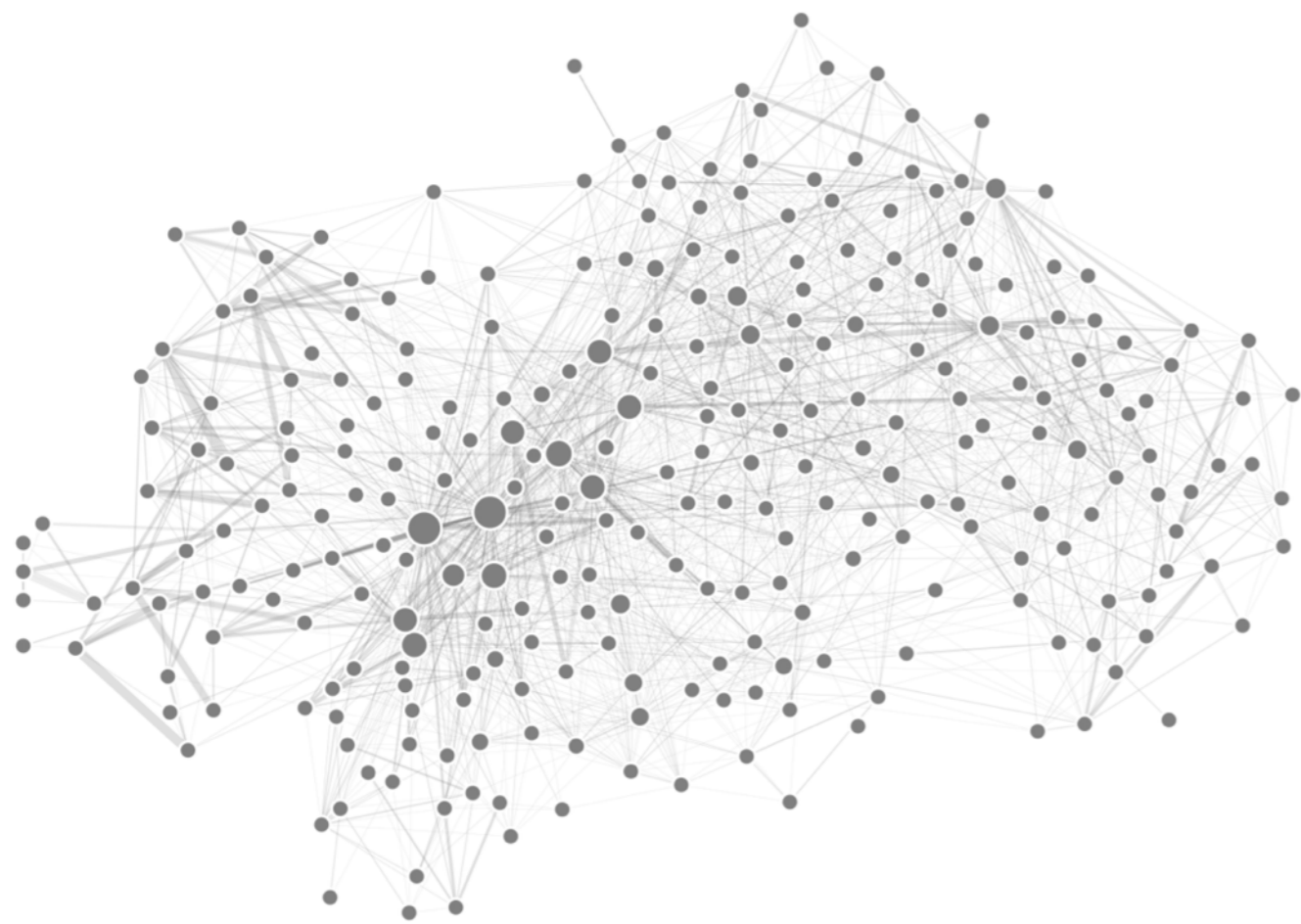
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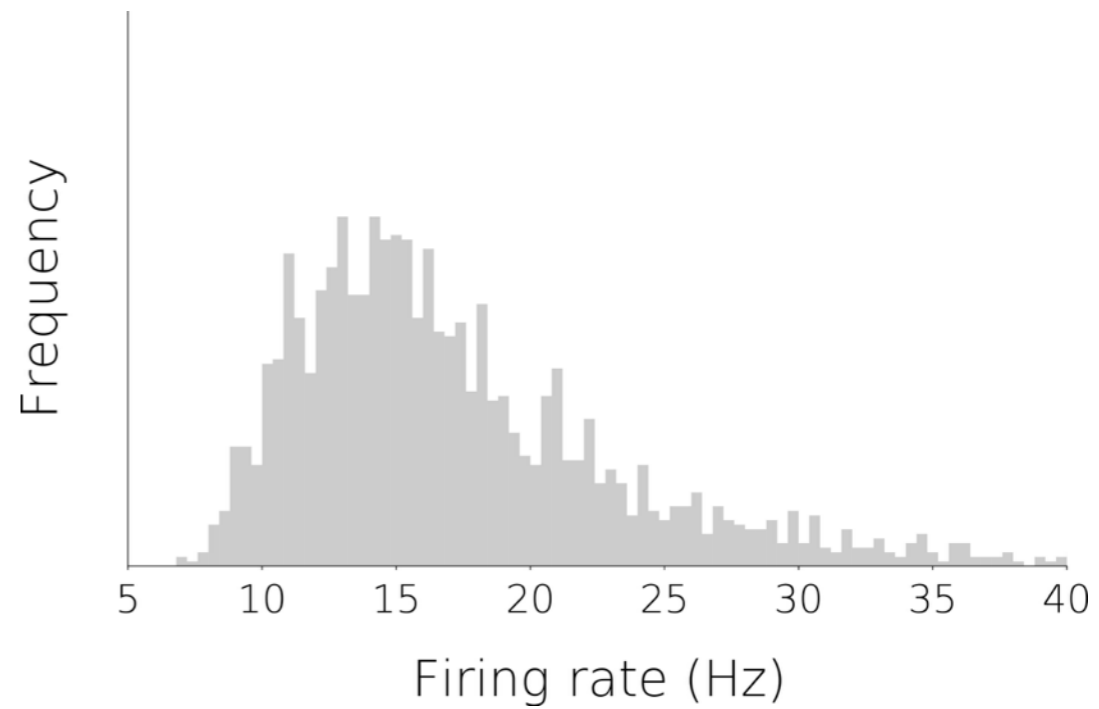
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Neuronal activity



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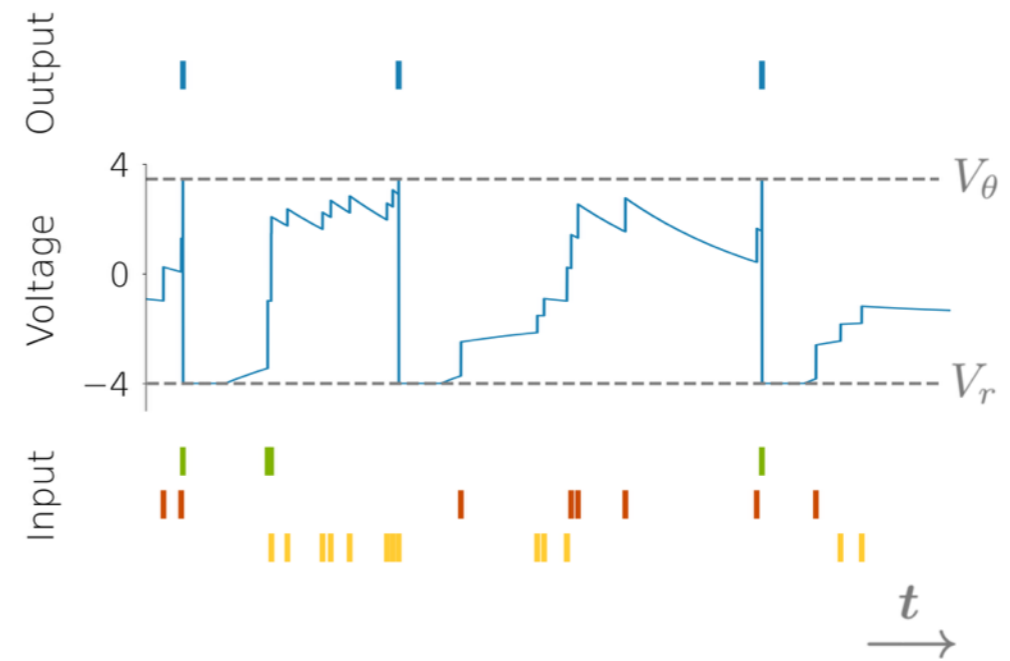
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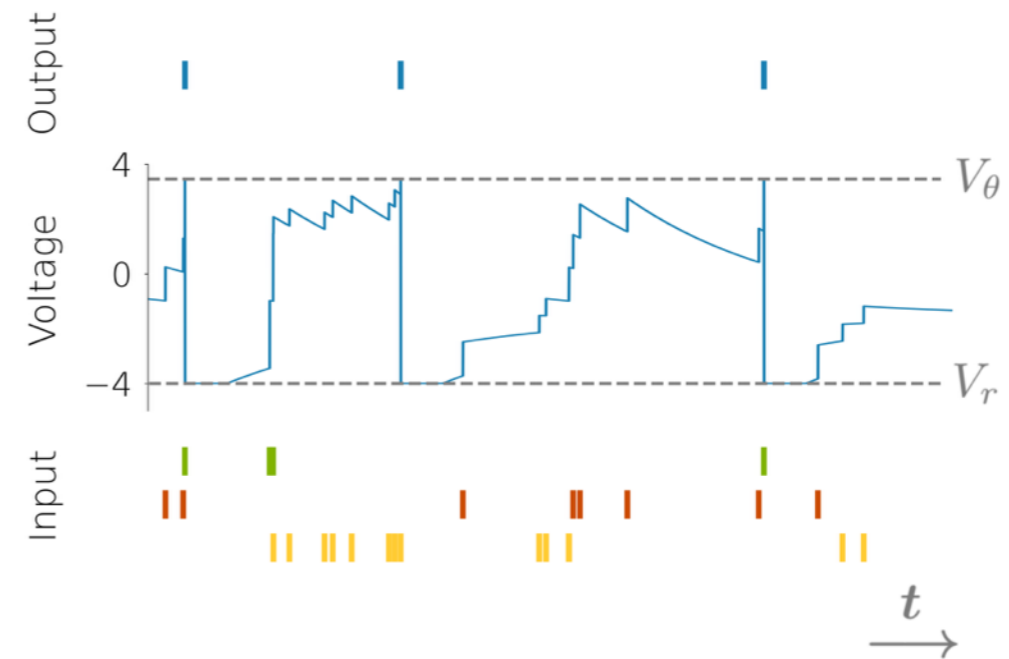


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This problem has been studied\* for networks with

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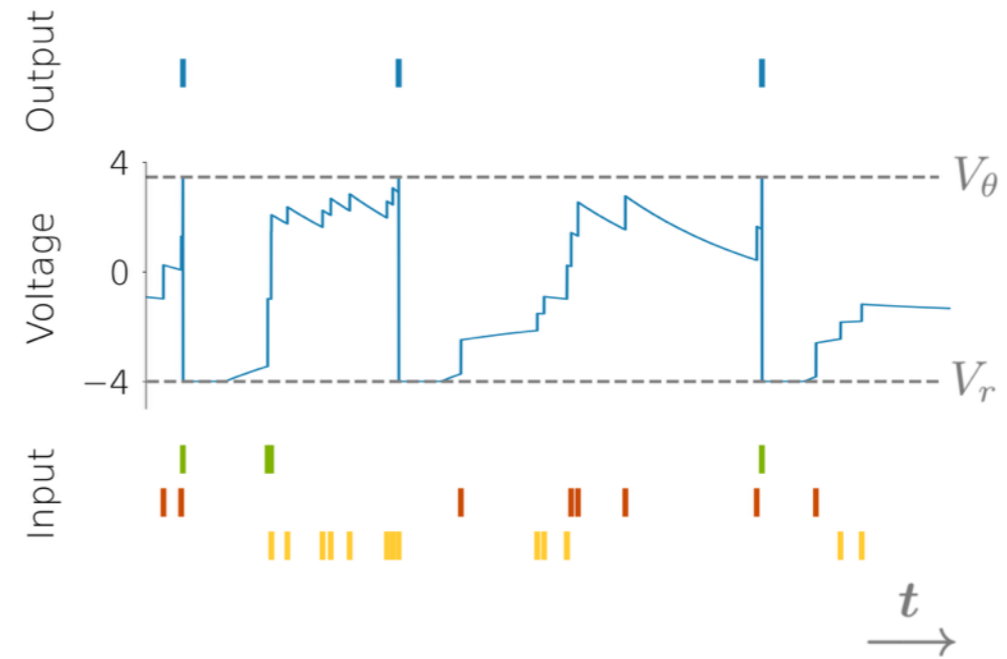
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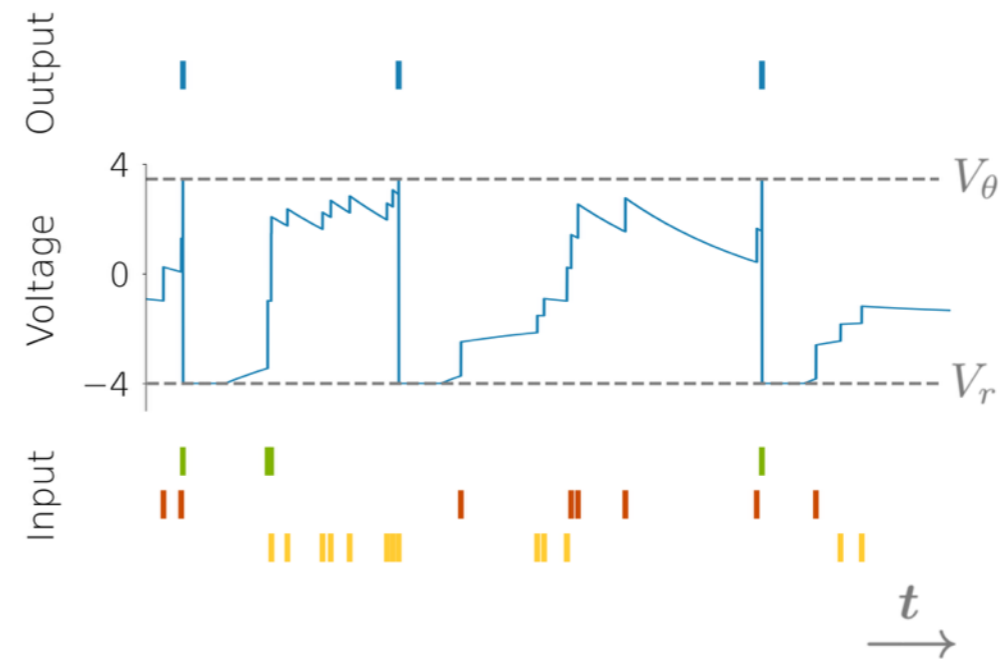
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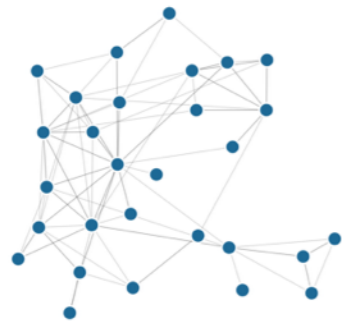
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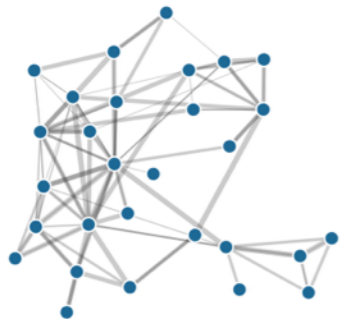
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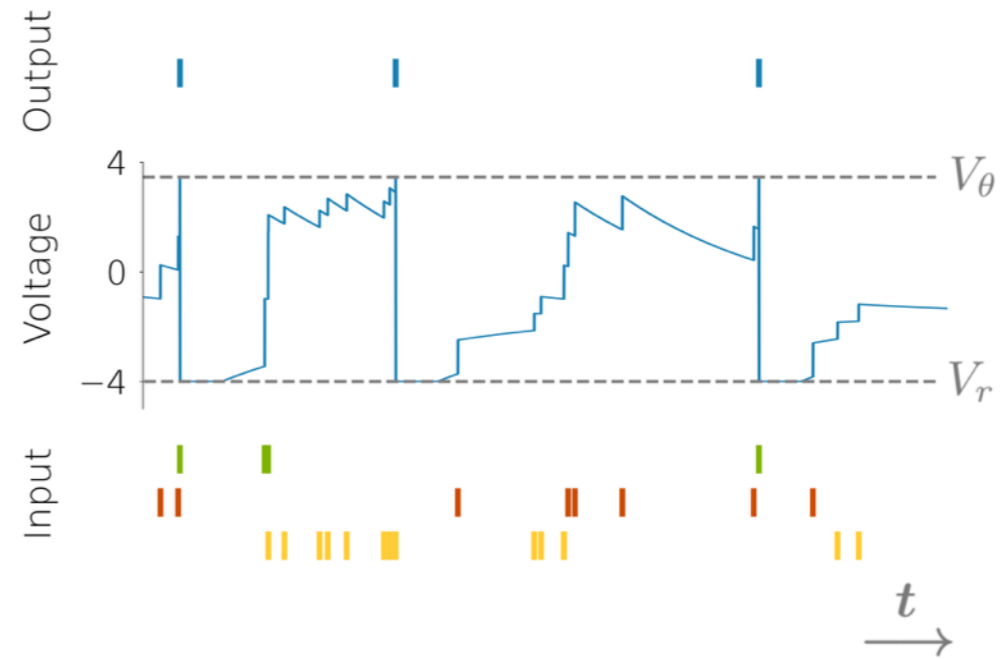


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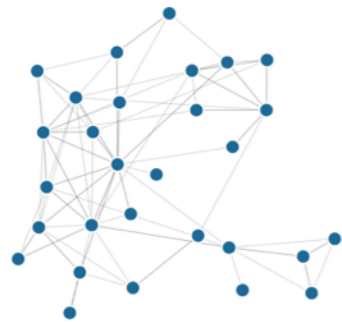
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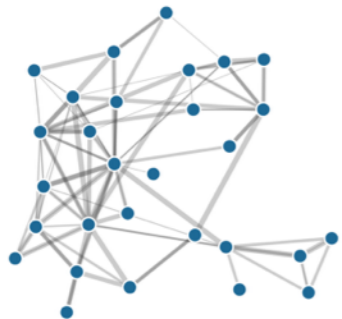
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spike trains



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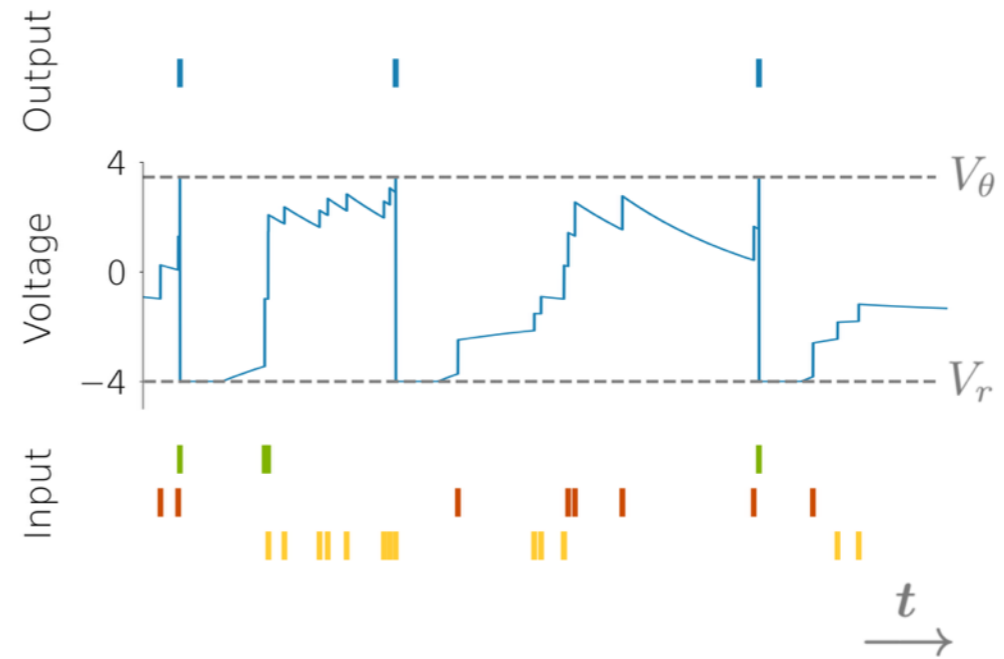
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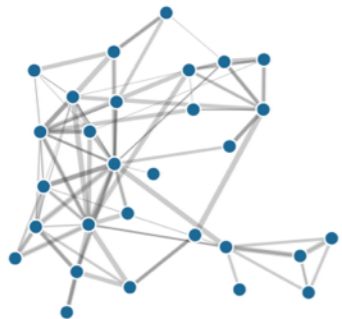
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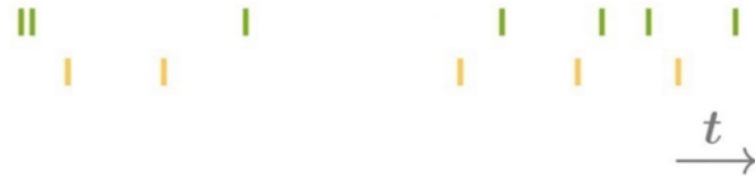
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Goal:

from

the neuronal dynamics  
the connectivity structure  
the plasticity rule

infer

the stationary distribution of firing rates

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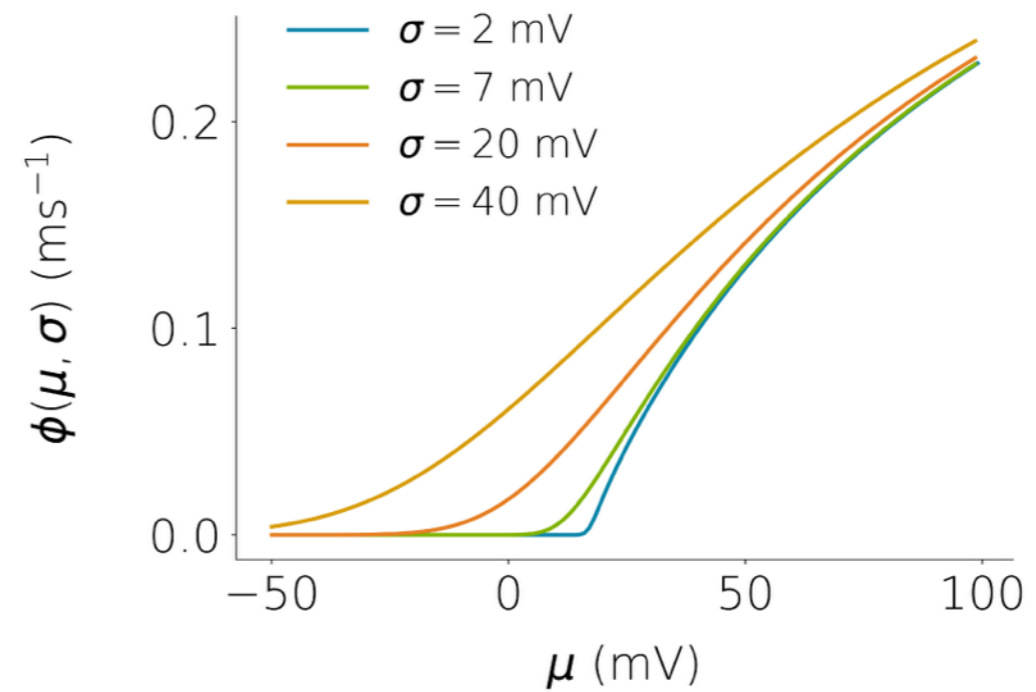
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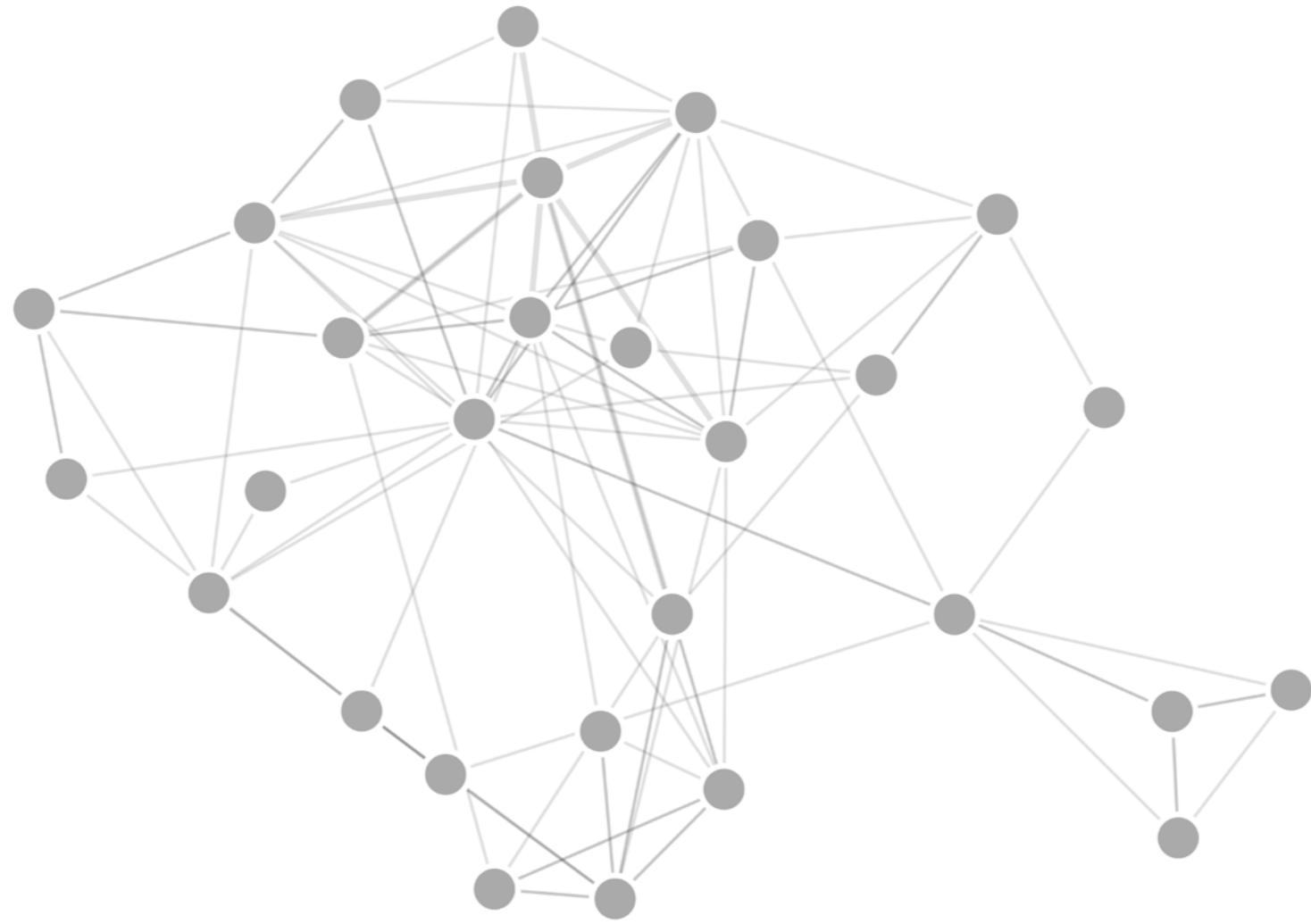


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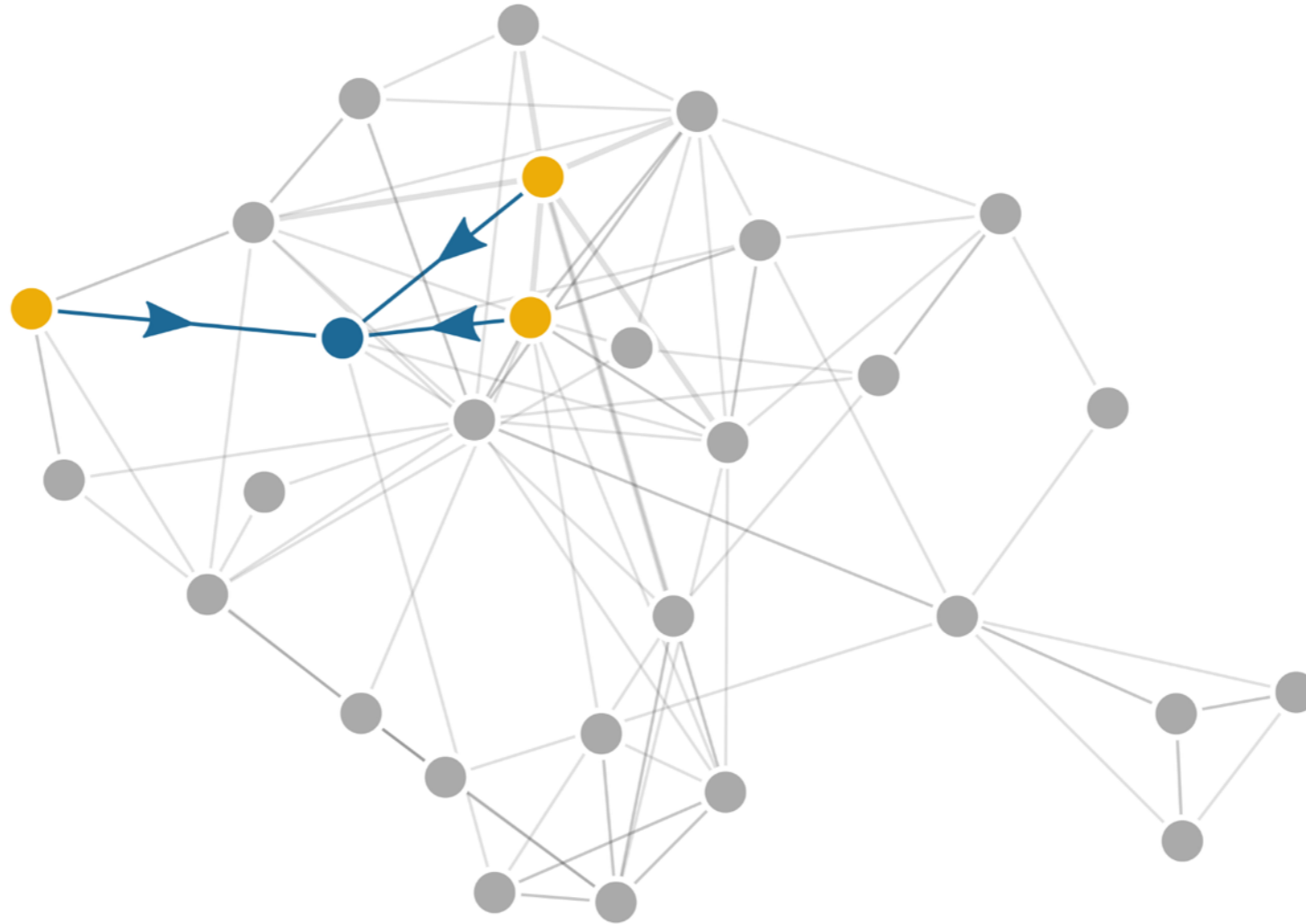
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An observation...

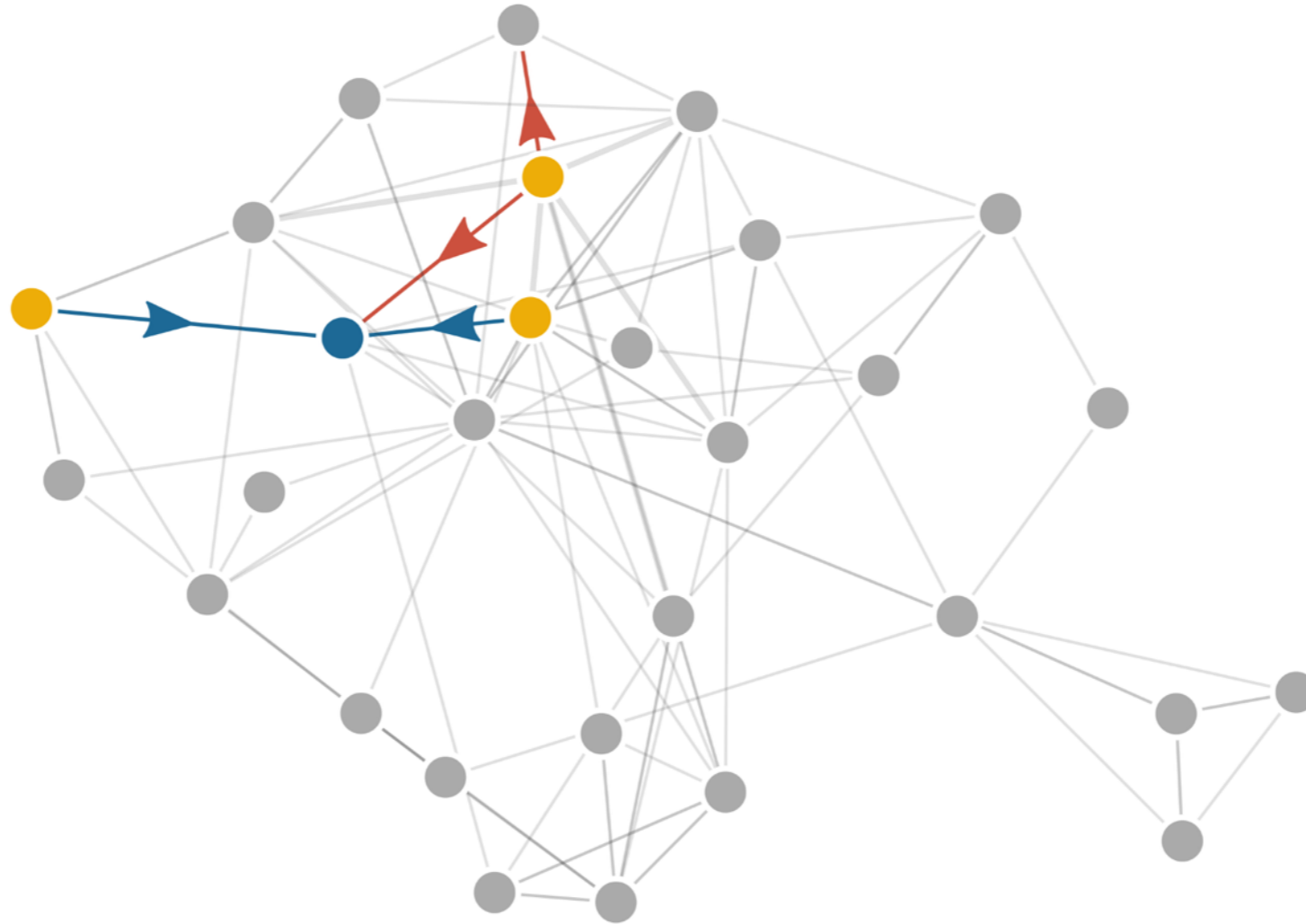


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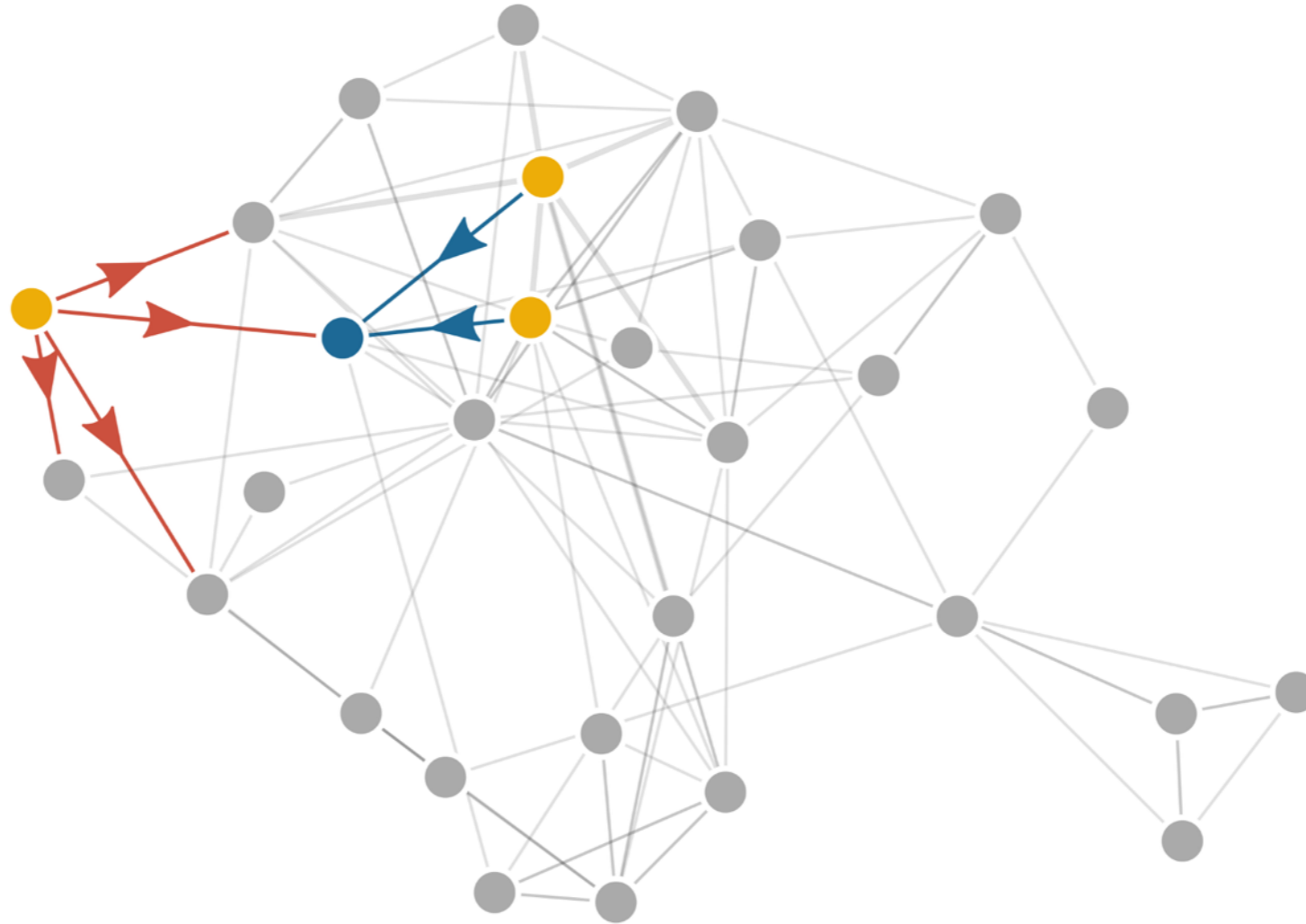
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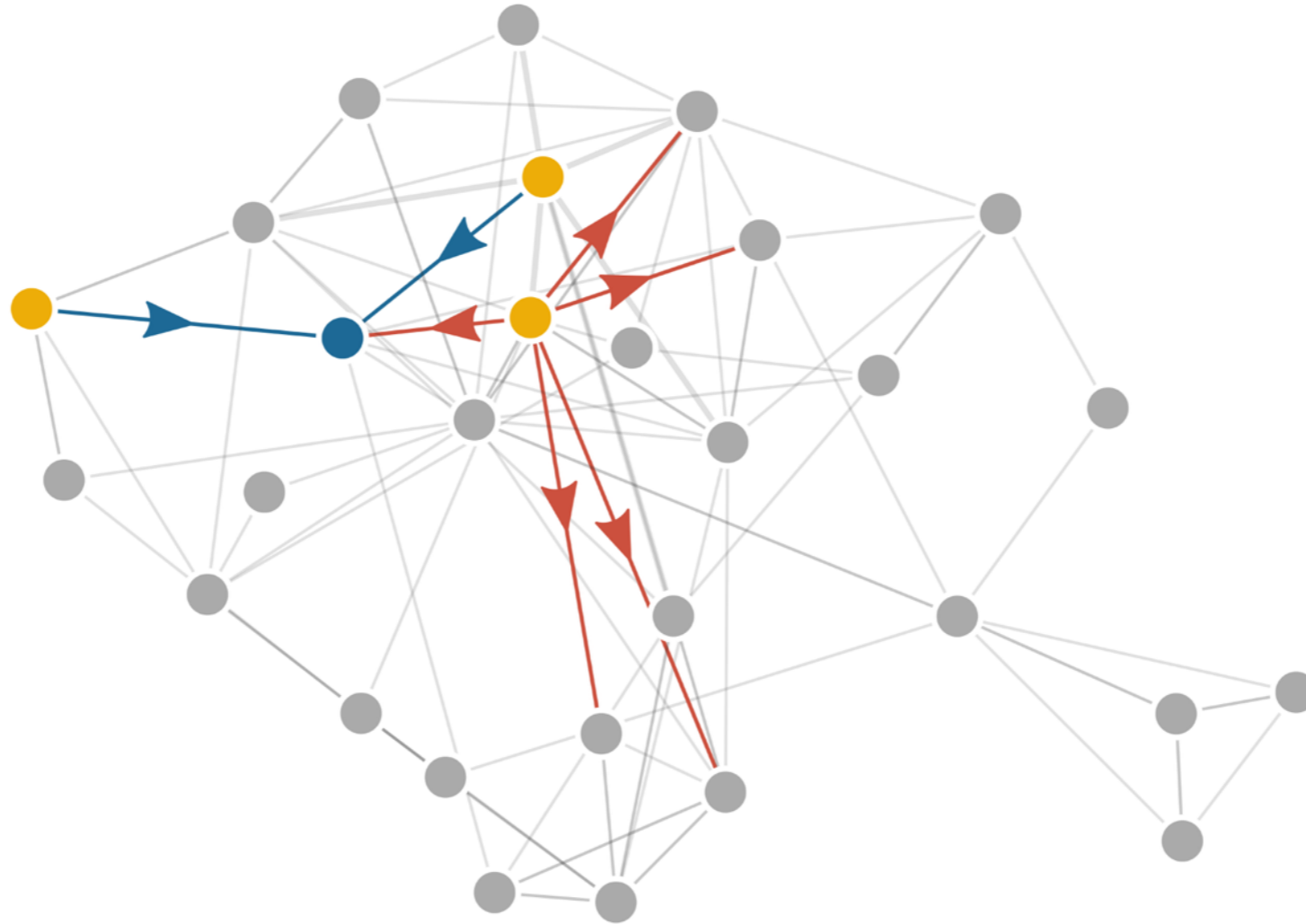
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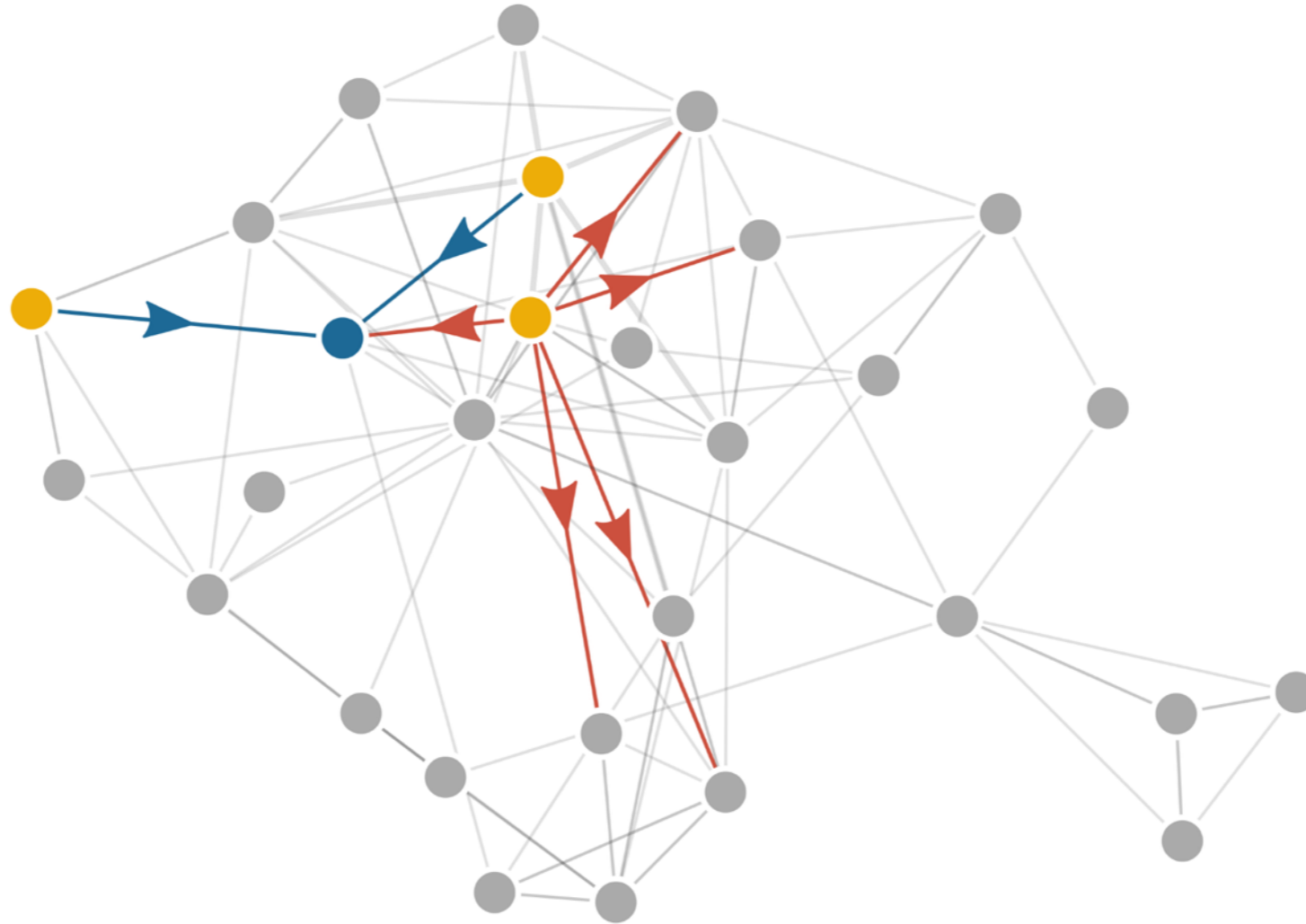


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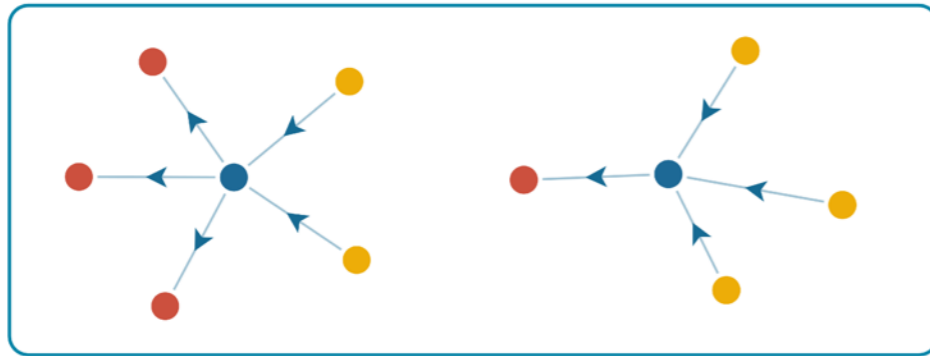


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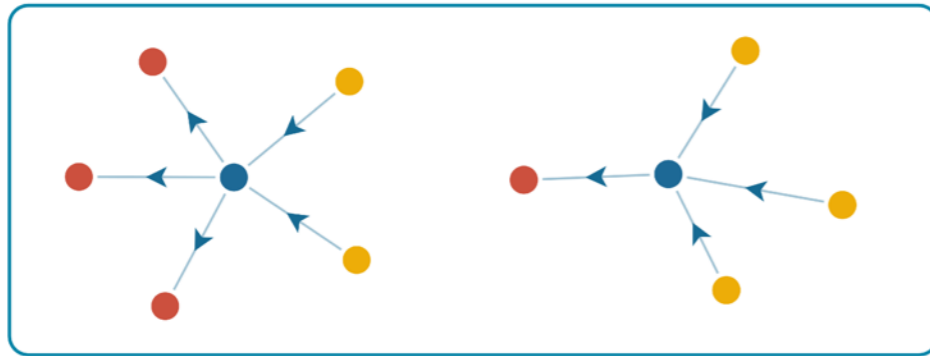


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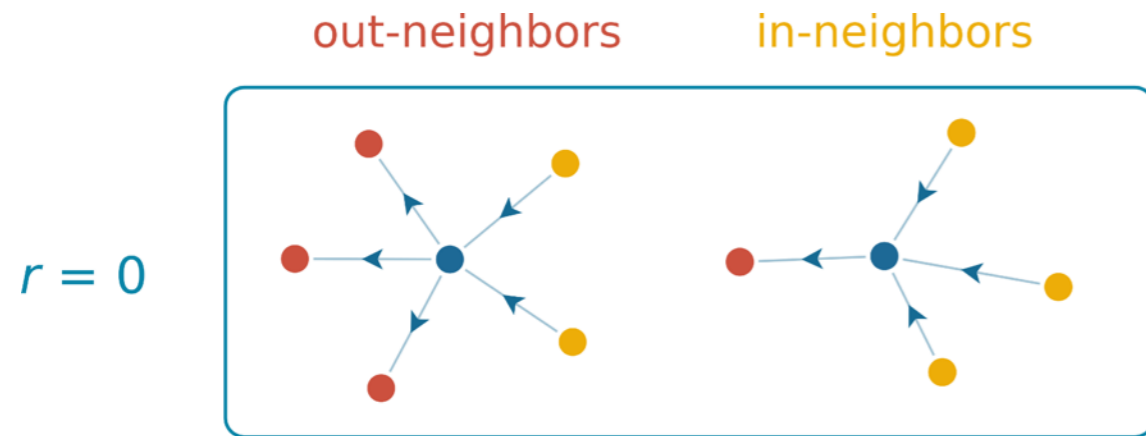
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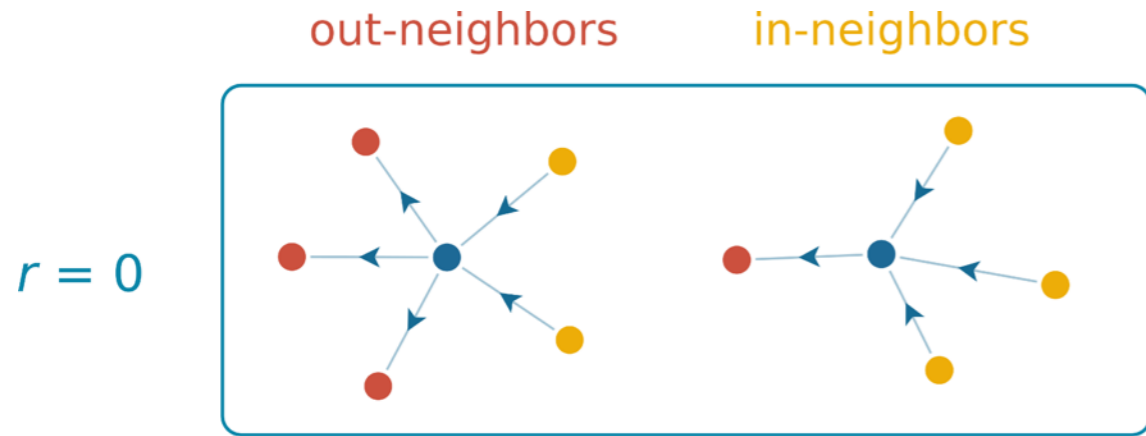
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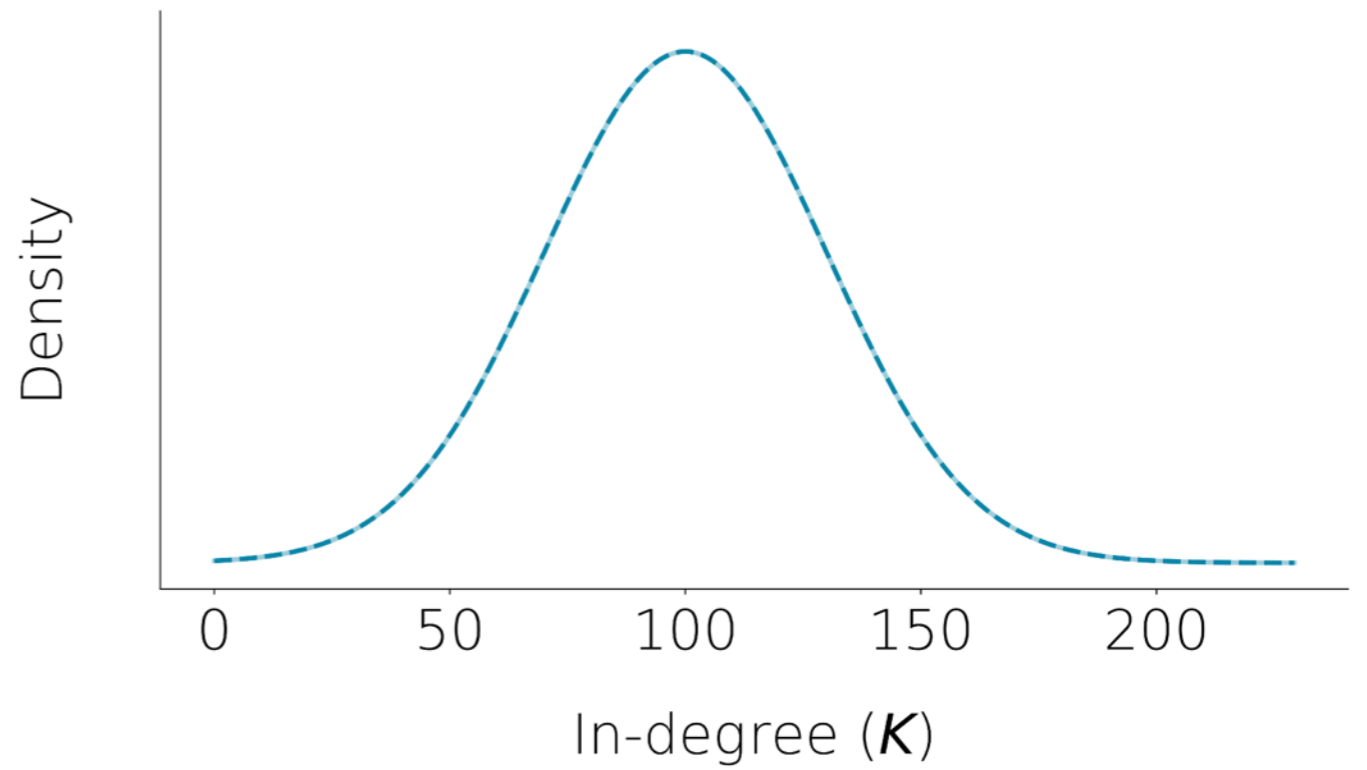
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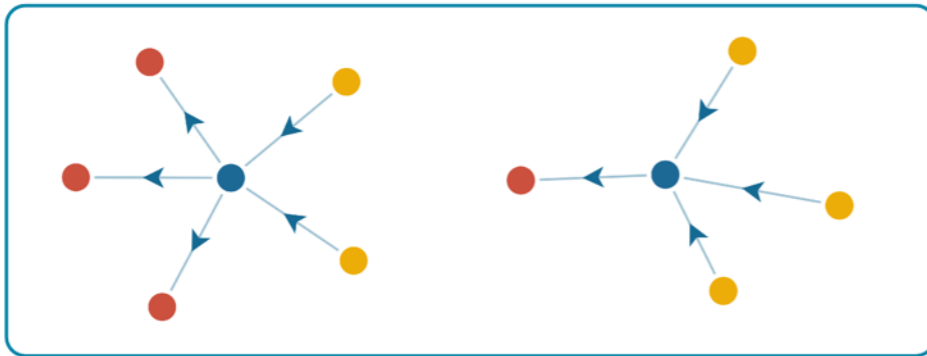


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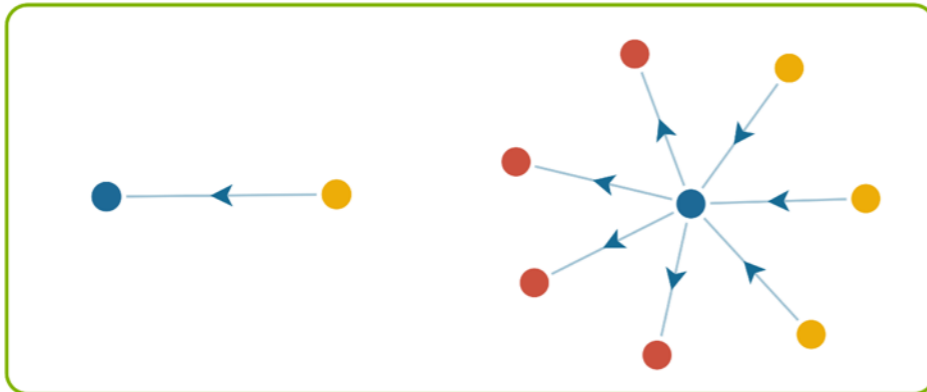
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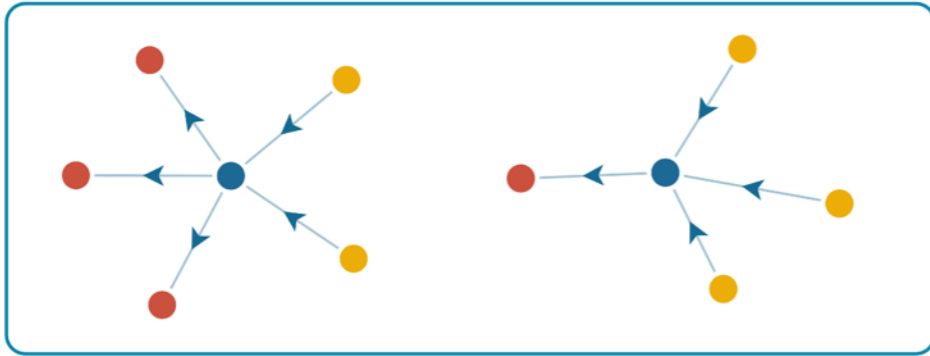


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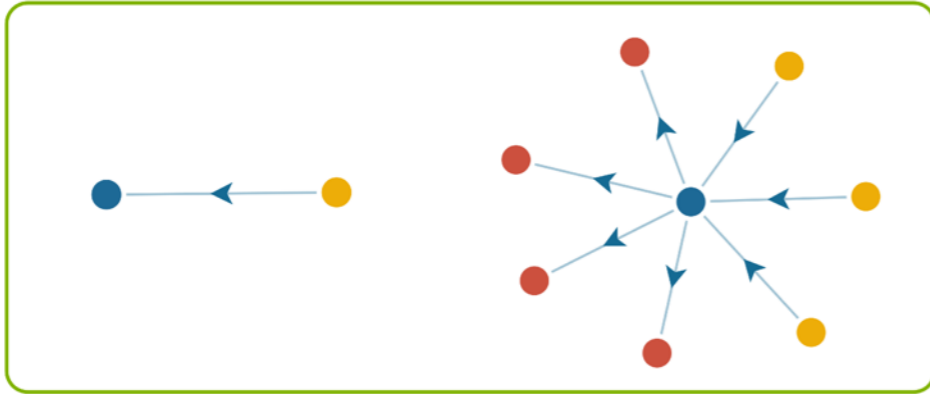
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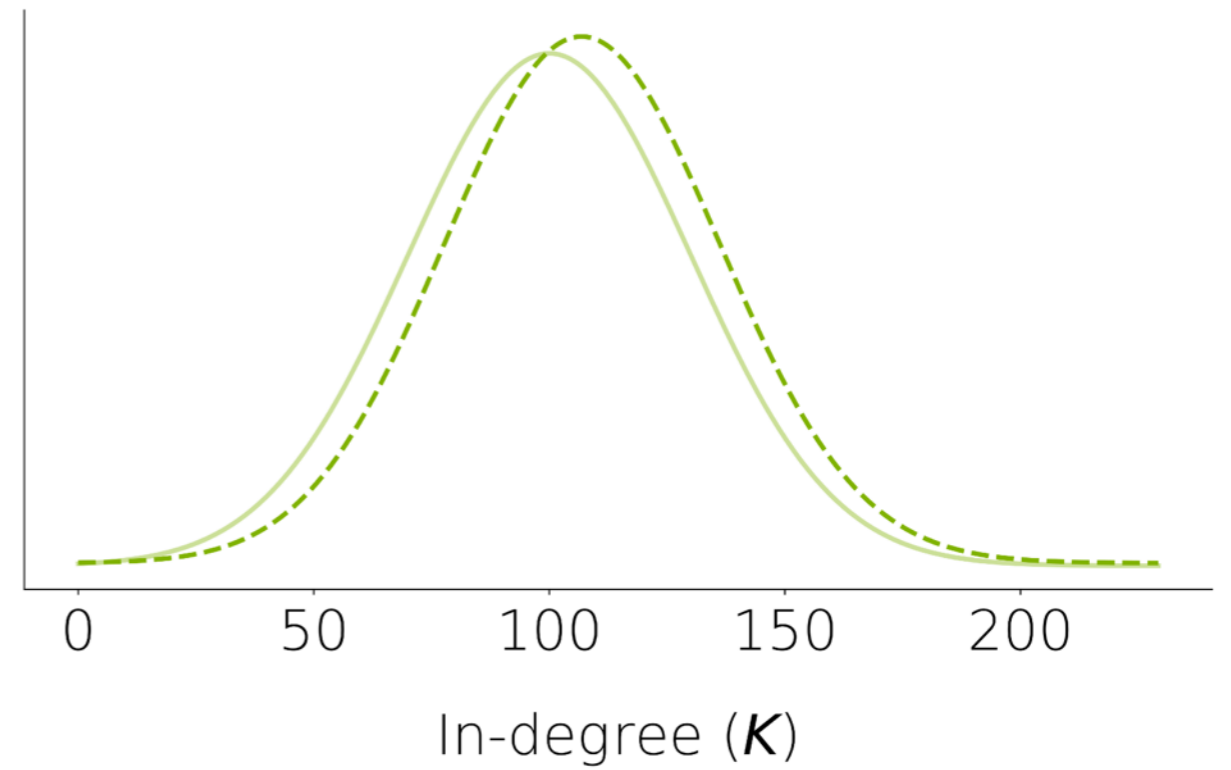


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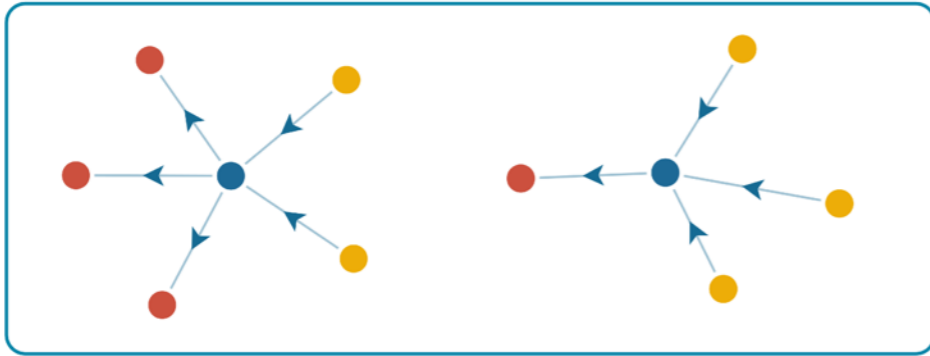


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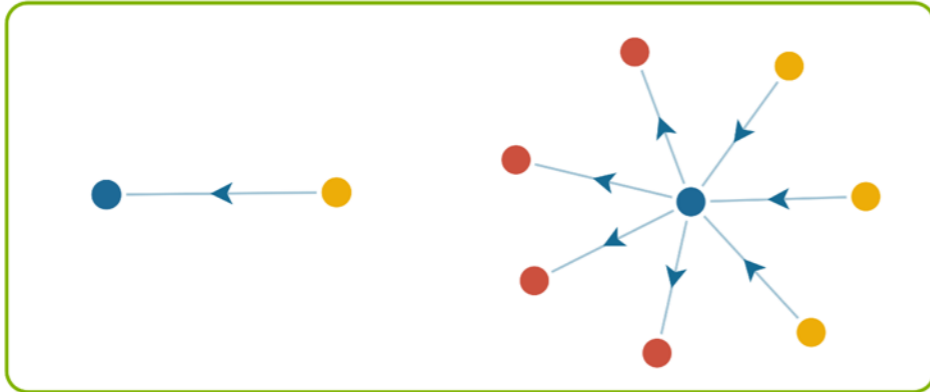
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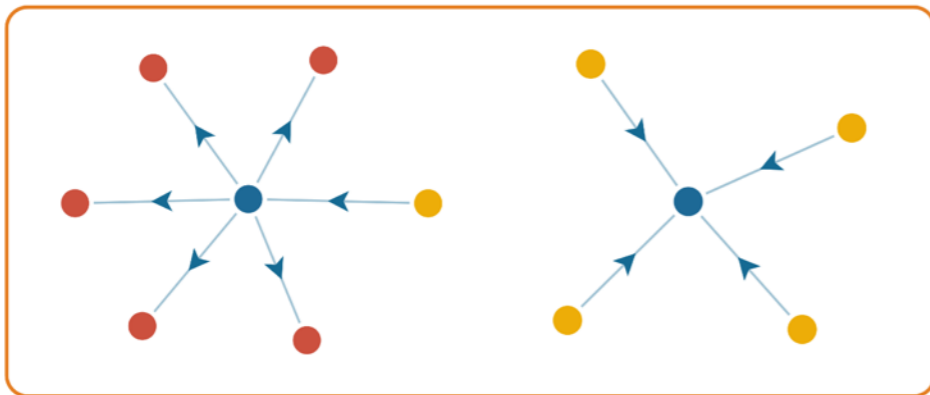


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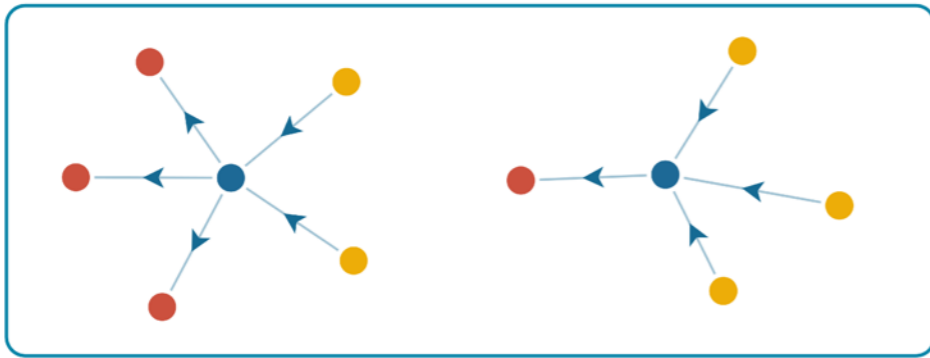


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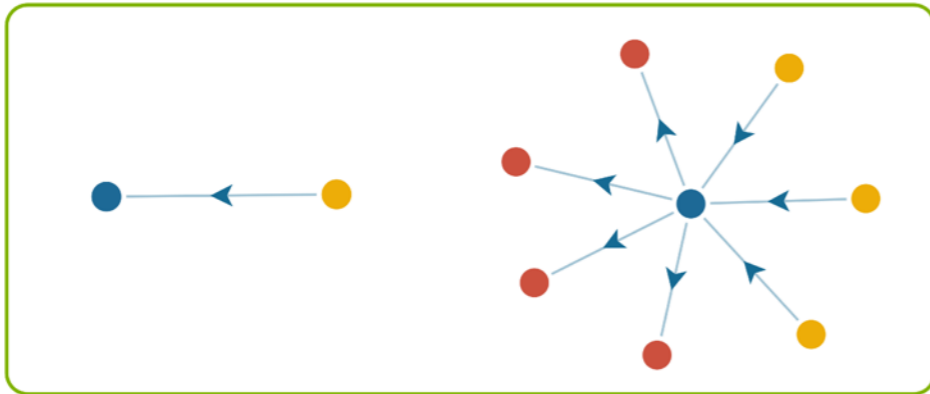
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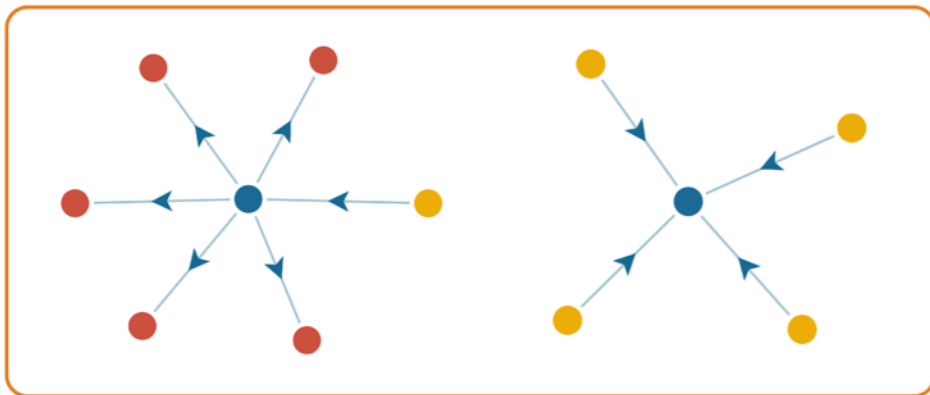
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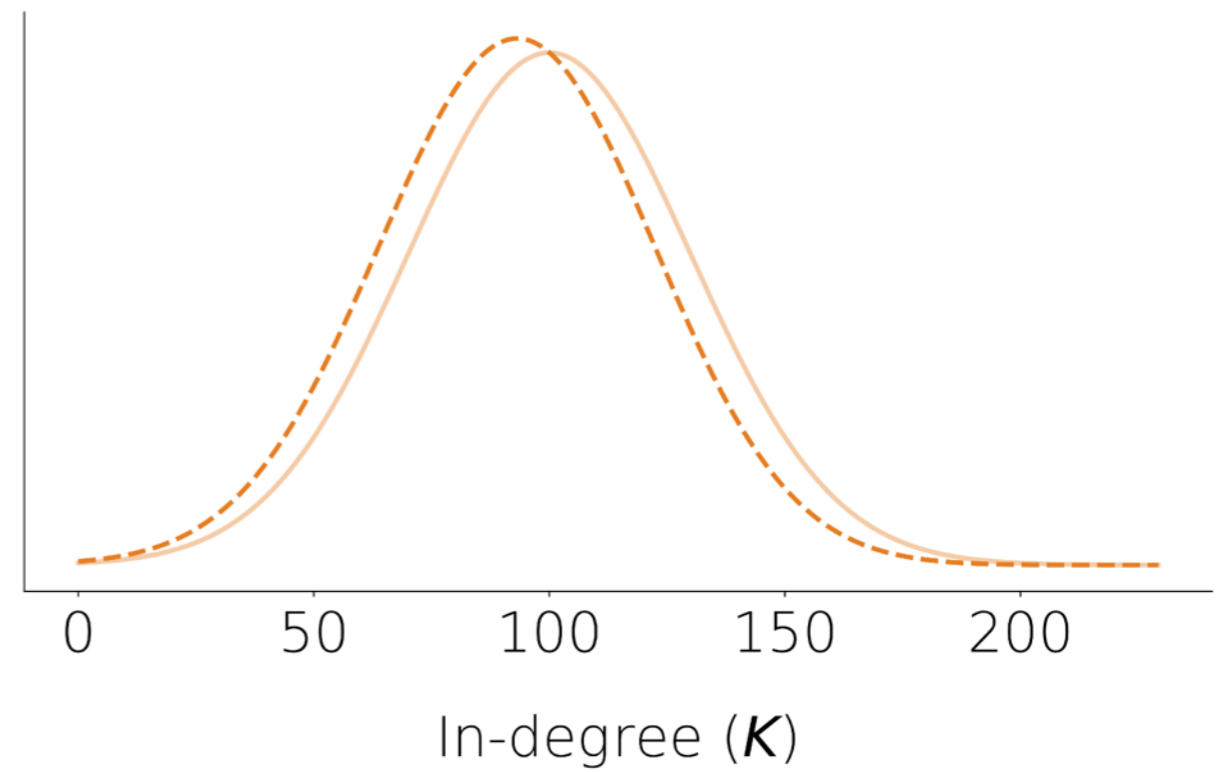


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Density



Closing the loop





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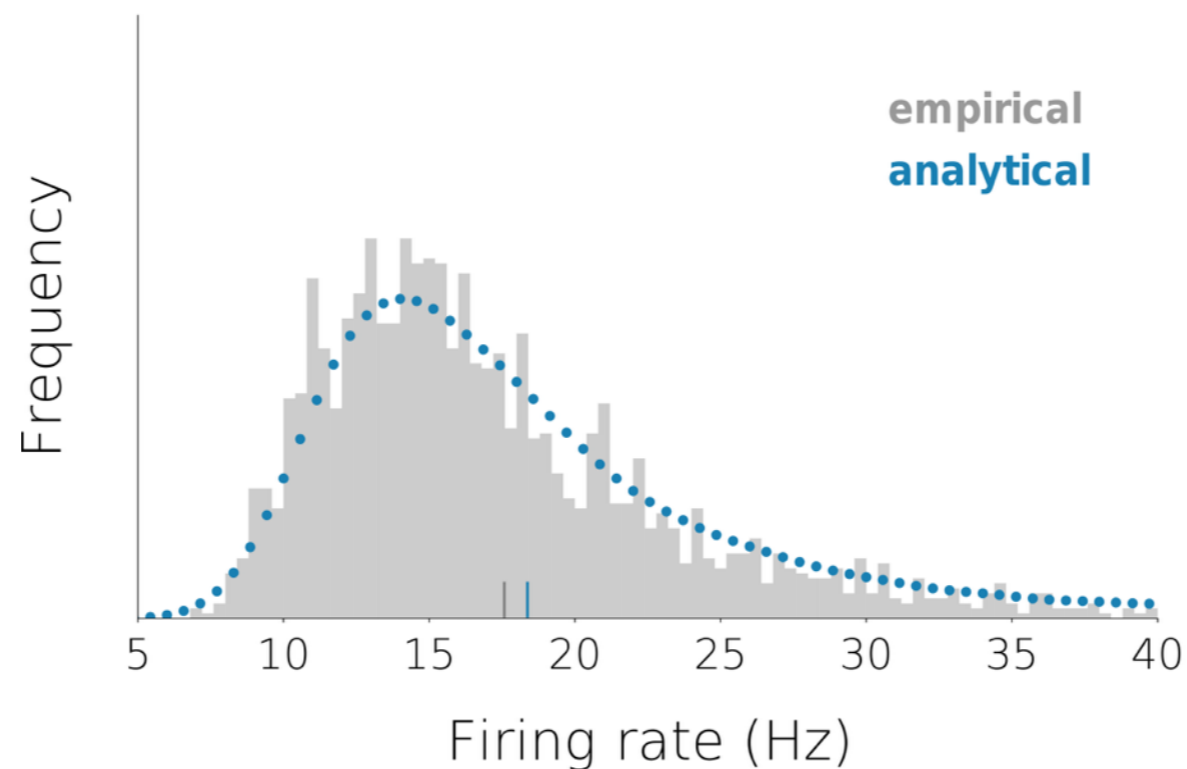
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