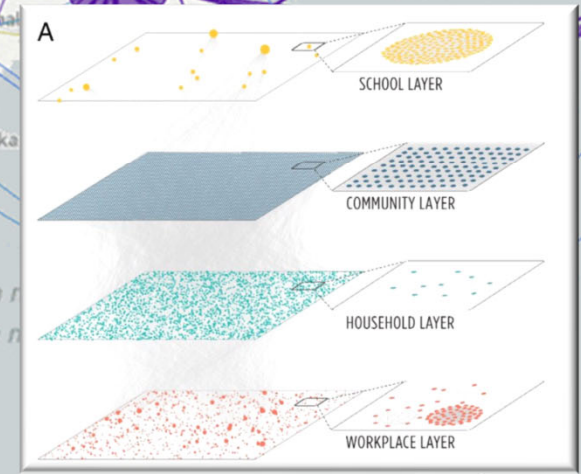


# Multilevel Organization of Complex Systems



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## evaluation

- **Participation: 20%.**
  - class discussion, everybody reads and discusses every paper
  - engagement in class, including online
- **Paper Presentation and Discussion: 20%**
  - All students are assigned to a Reading and Discussion Group
  - **SSIE501** students in group present and discuss papers
    - all students are supposed to read and participate in discussion of every paper.
    - *section 01 groups* present in class, *section 20 groups* present via zoom or send a video
  - Presenter group prepares short summary of assigned paper (15 minutes)
    - no formal presentations or PowerPoint unless figures are indispensable.
  - Summary should:
    - 1) Identify the key goals of the paper (not go in detail over every section)
    - 2) What discussant liked and did not like
    - 3) What authors achieved and did not
    - 4) Any other relevant connections to other class readings and beyond.
  - **ISE440** students in group participate as lead discussants
    - not to present the paper, but to comment on points 2-3) above
  - Class discussion is opened to all
    - lead discussant ensures important paper contributions and failures are addressed
  - Post presentation 1-2 page report uploaded to Brightspace
    - 1-4) plus 5) statement of individual contributions
- **Black Box: 60%**
  - Group Project (2 parts)
    - Assignment I (25%) and Assignment II (35%)

more upcoming readings (check brightspace)

## ■ Paper Presentation: 20%

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## ■ Module 4 – Multi-level complexity

- November 16<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> ?

### ■ Reading and Discussion Group 5 (Enginet)

- Theise, N.D., and M.C. Kafatos. [2013]. "Complementarity in Biological Systems: A Complexity View." *Complexity* **18** (6): 11-20.
- Gallotti, Riccardo, Giulia Bertagnolli, and Manlio De Domenico (2021). "Unraveling the Hidden Organisation of Urban Systems and Their Mobility Flows." *EPJ Data Science* **10** (1).
- Pescosolido, Bernice A., et al. "Linking genes-to-global cultures in public health using network science." *Handbook of applied system science* (2016): 25-48.

- Optional: Mabry, Patricia L., and Robert M. Kaplan. "Systems Science: A Good Investment for the Public's Health." *Health Education & Behavior* 40, no. 1\_suppl (October 2013):Future Modules

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      - Prieto-Curiel, et al [2023]. “Reducing Cartel Recruitment Is the Only Way to Lower Violence in Mexico.” *Science* **381** (6664): 1312–16.
        - Optional: Caulkins, Jonathan P., Beau Kilmer, and Peter Reuter [2023]. “Modeling Cartel Size to Inform Violence Reduction in Mexico.” *Science* **381**, no. 6664: 1291–93.
    - Reading and Discussion Group 2
      - Gan, Xiao et al. [2023] “Network Medicine Framework Reveals Generic Herb-Symptom Effectiveness of Traditional Chinese Medicine.” *Science Advances* **9**, (43): eadh0215
- **Module 5 – Interdisciplinarity**
  - November 30<sup>th</sup> ?
    - Reading and Discussion Group 3
      - Wu, L., Wang, D., & Evans, J. A. [2019]. “Large teams develop and small teams disrupt science and technology”. *Nature* **566**: 378–382
    - Reading and Discussion Group 4
      - Trochim, William M et al [2006]. “Practical Challenges of Systems Thinking and Modeling in Public Health.” *American Journal of Public Health* **96**(3): 538–46.
        - Optional: Rusoja, Evan, et al [2018]. “Thinking about Complexity in Health: A Systematic Review of the Key Systems Thinking and Complexity Ideas in Health.” *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice* **24** (3): 600–6
    - Reading and Discussion Group 5
      - Editorial. (2015). Mind meld. *Nature*, **525**(7569), 289–90.
      - Van Noorden, R. (2015). Interdisciplinary research by the numbers. *Nature*, **525**(7569), 306–7.
      - Ledford, H. (2015). How to solve the world’s biggest problems. *Nature*, **525**(7569), 308–11.
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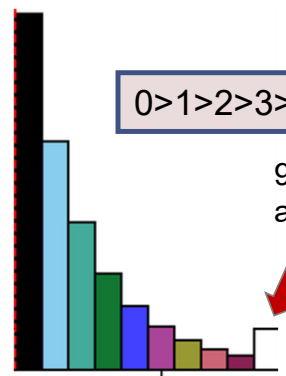
Questions and suggestions

- Remember “published” facts
  - Odd/Even behavior in Q1
  - Statistical behavior in Q2
  - Different regions, transition sequence, complexity in Q4
- Collect or request data (cite)
- Are there quadrant dependencies?
- Focus on smaller grid (mask) subsets?
- Think of neighborhoods and boundary conditions
- **Move from descriptive to mechanistic models**
- Induction and deduction
  - Data and reasoning
  - Given a model, are things you have never seen possible?

Q1

1.  $0 \rightarrow 0$
2.  $\{5\} \rightarrow \{0, 5\}$
3.  $\{2, 4, 6, 8\} \rightarrow \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$
4.  $\{1, 3, 7, 9\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

Q2



$0 > 1 > 2 > 3 > 4 > 5 > 6 > 7 > 8 > ? > 9$

9s seem to have a slight advantage in prevalence?

$$state(cell(i, j))_{t+1} = ? \otimes ? \dots$$

Q3

Q4

- $\rightarrow 0$
- $\rightarrow 3$
- $\rightarrow 6$
- $\rightarrow 9$

Inner region model  
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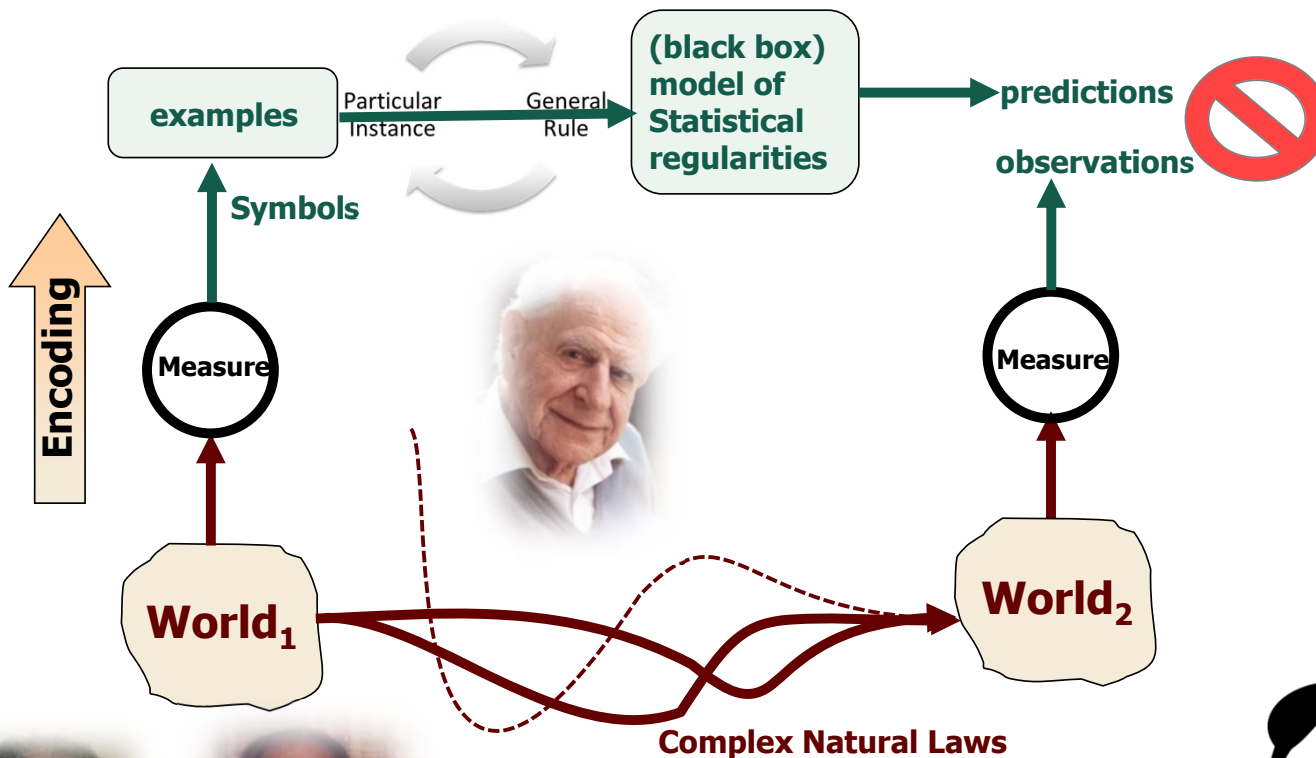
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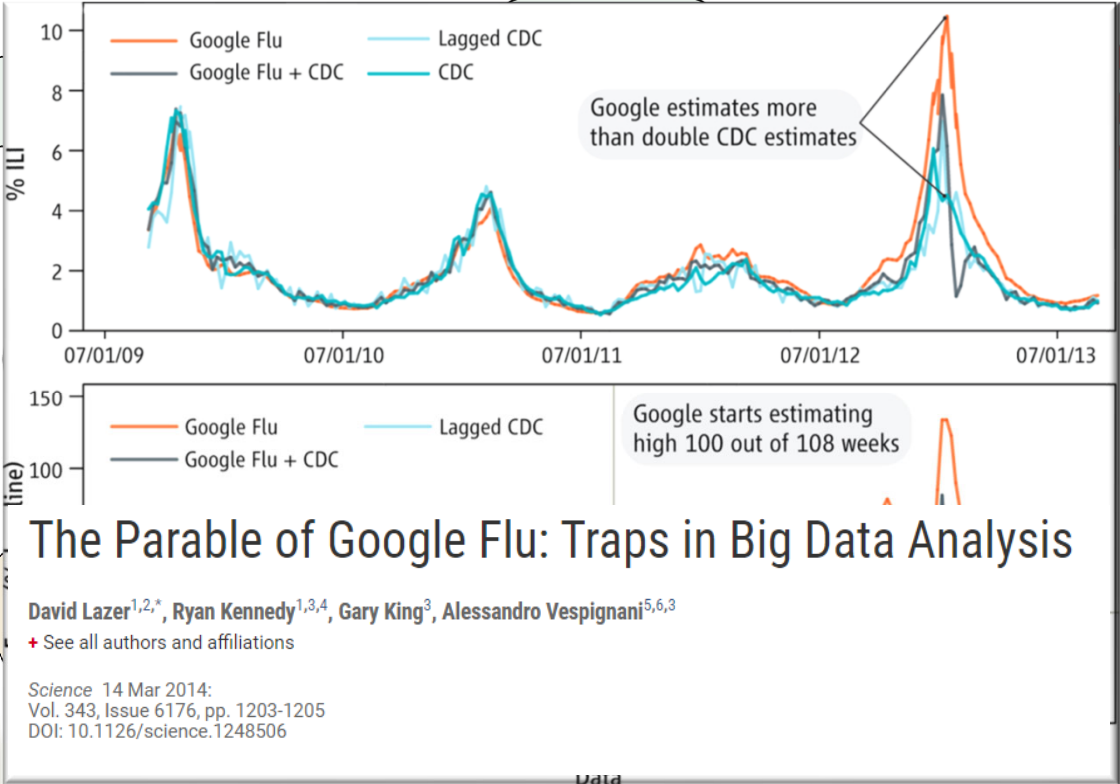


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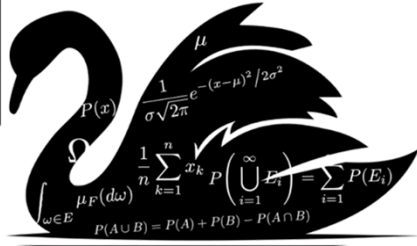
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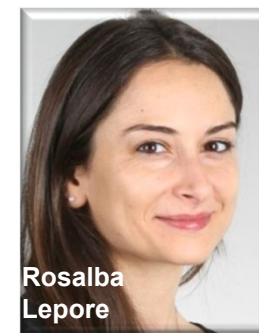
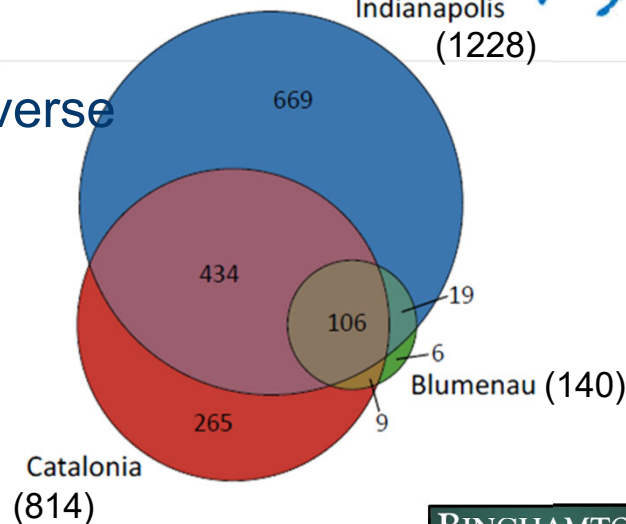
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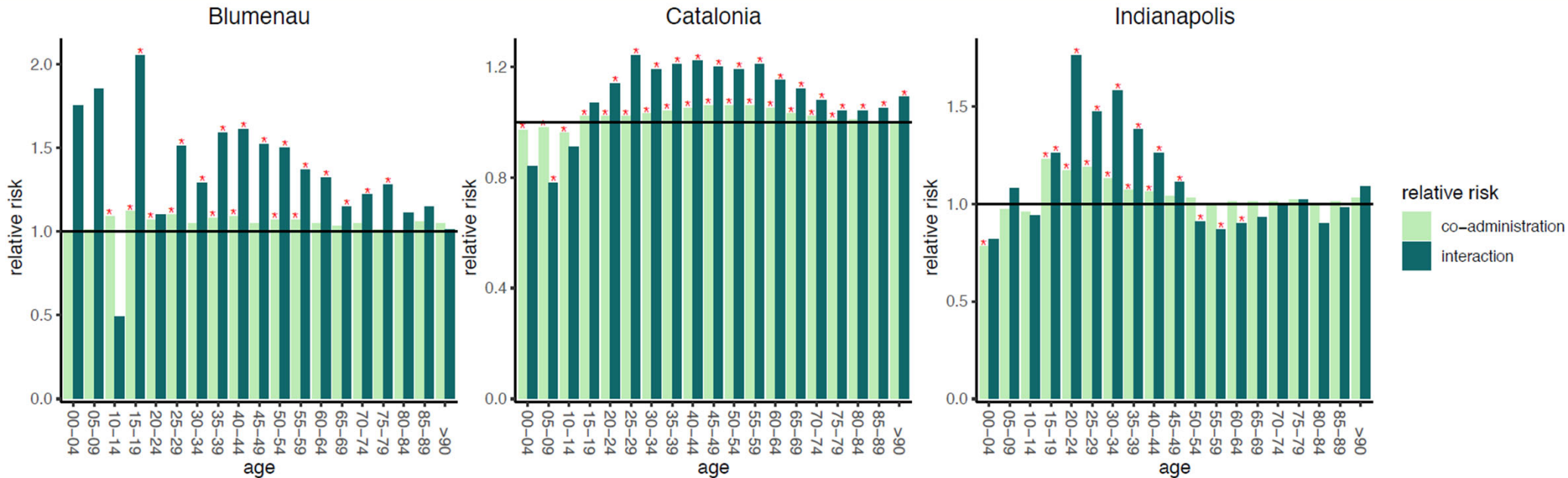


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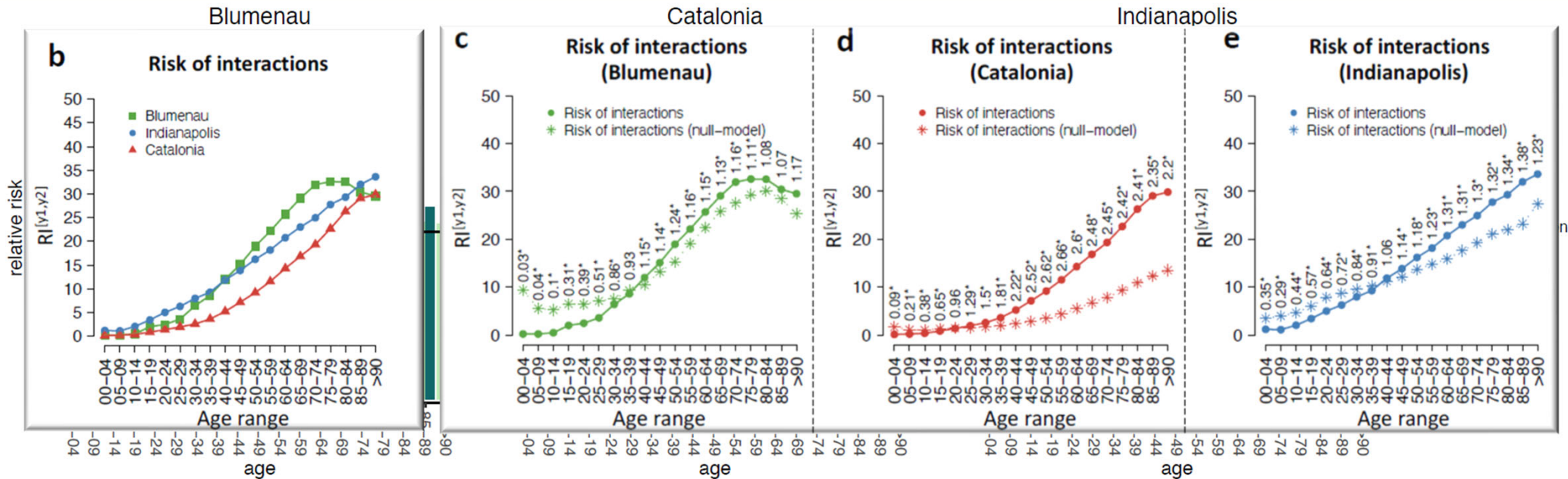
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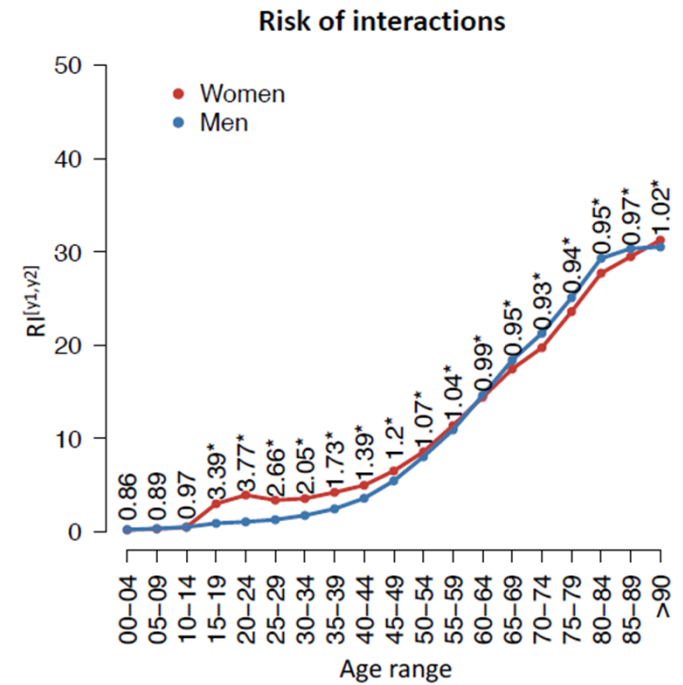
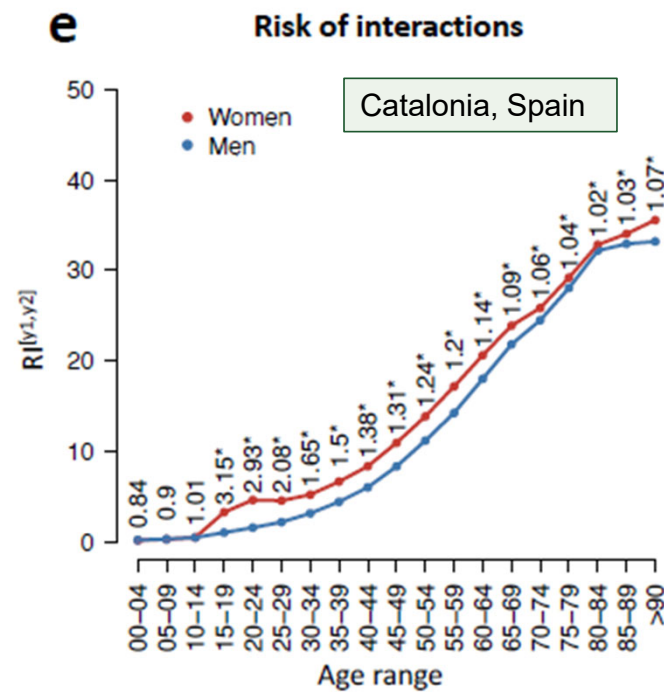
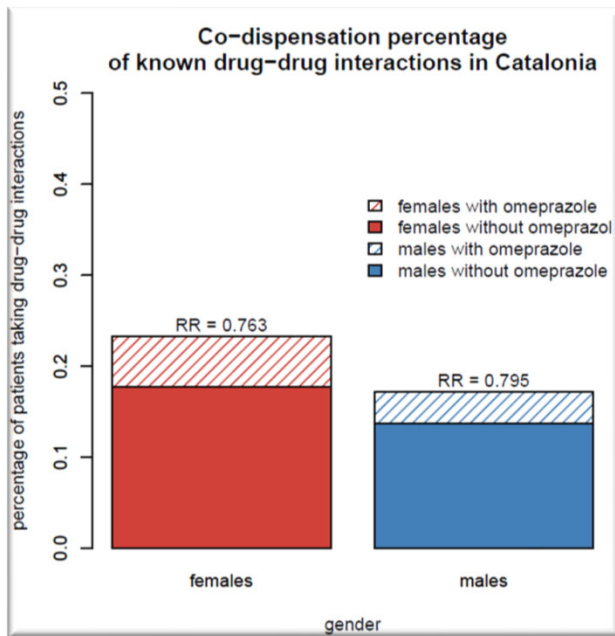
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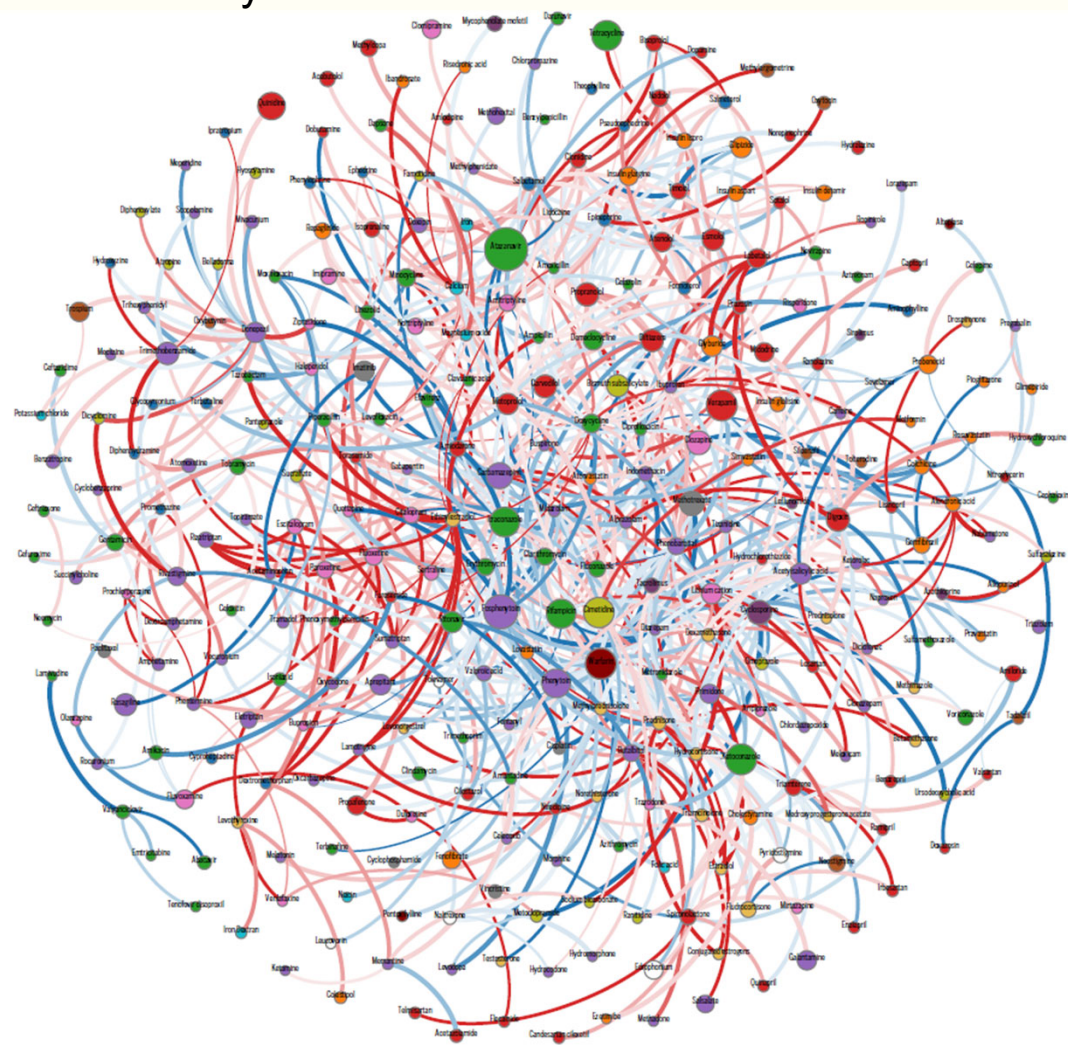
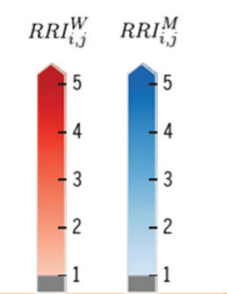
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Nodes



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- Hormones
- Anti-infectives
- Psychotherapeutic agents
- Metabolic agents
- Respiratory agents
- Gastrointestinal agents
- Antineoplastics
- Genitourinary tract agents
- Nutritional products
- Immunologic agents
- Coagulation modifiers
- Radiologic agents
- Immunosuppressive agents
- Alternative medicines
- Miscellaneous agents

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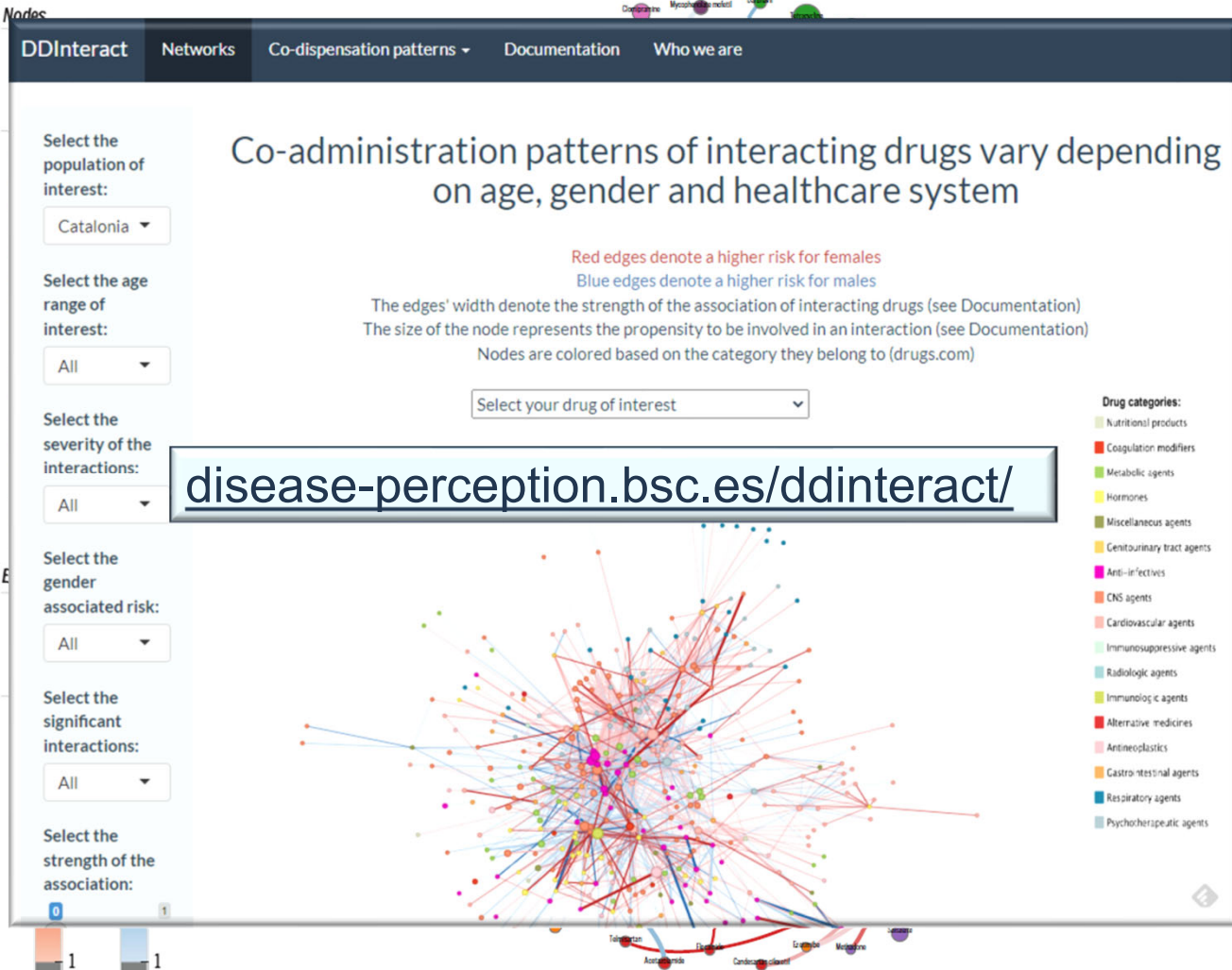
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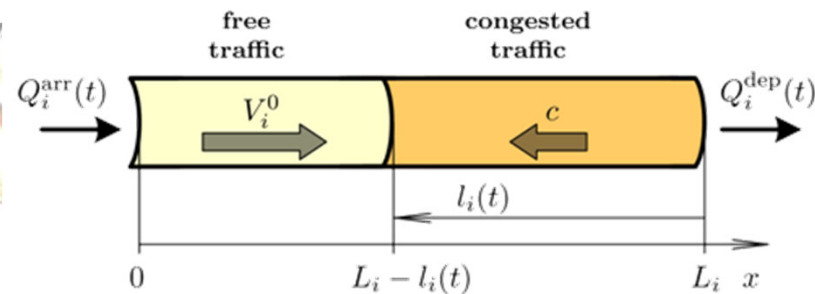
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- Free traffic: behaves as a gas
  - Particles move freely
- Congested traffic: behaves as a liquid
  - movement of particles strongly depends on surrounding dynamics
- Shock waves
  - emerge from density variations
  - Example in congested traffic
    - The velocity change of a vehicle propagates (with a homogenous time delay) in the opposite direction of traffic as downstream vehicle respond to changes in upstream vehicles
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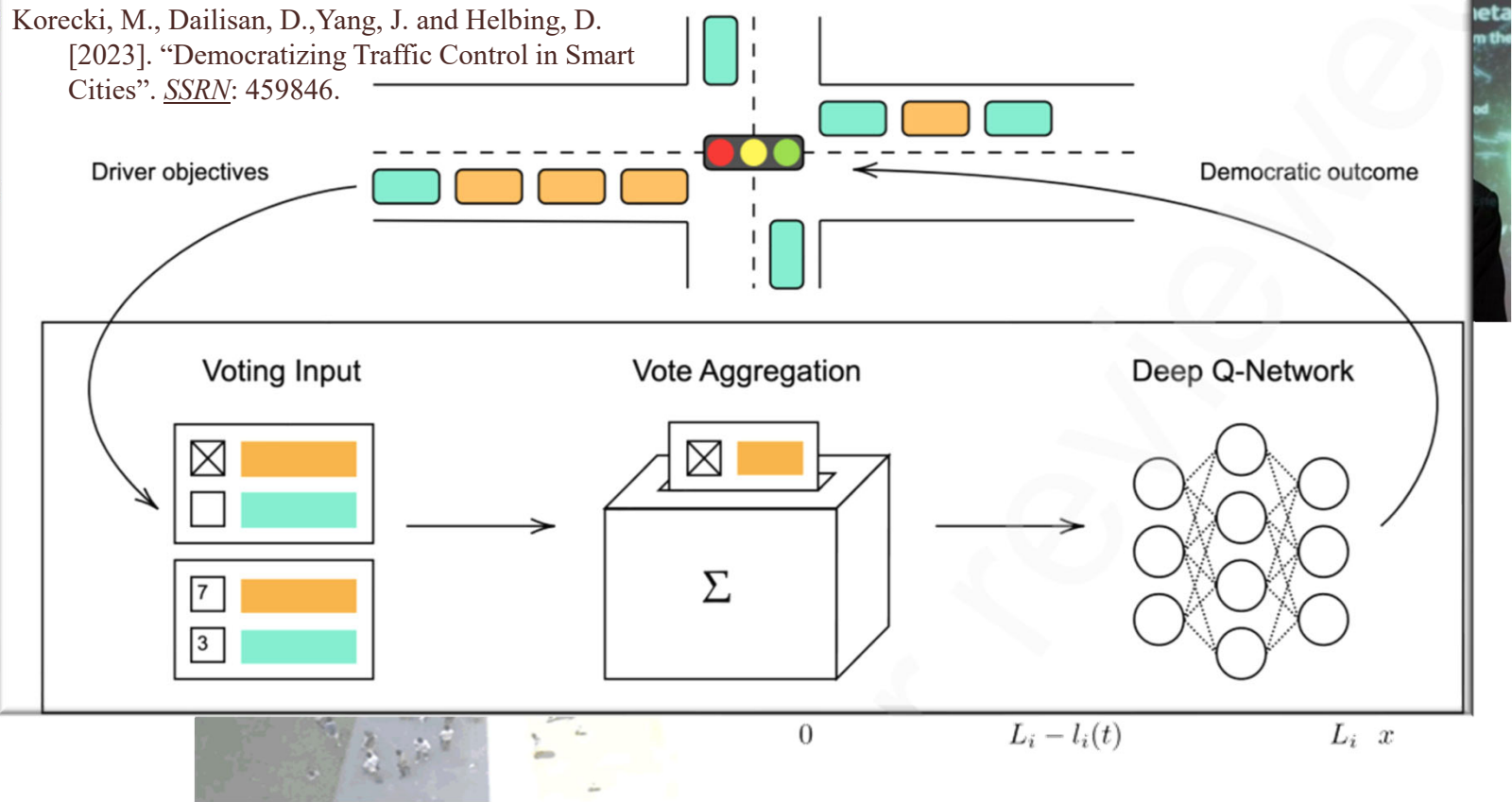


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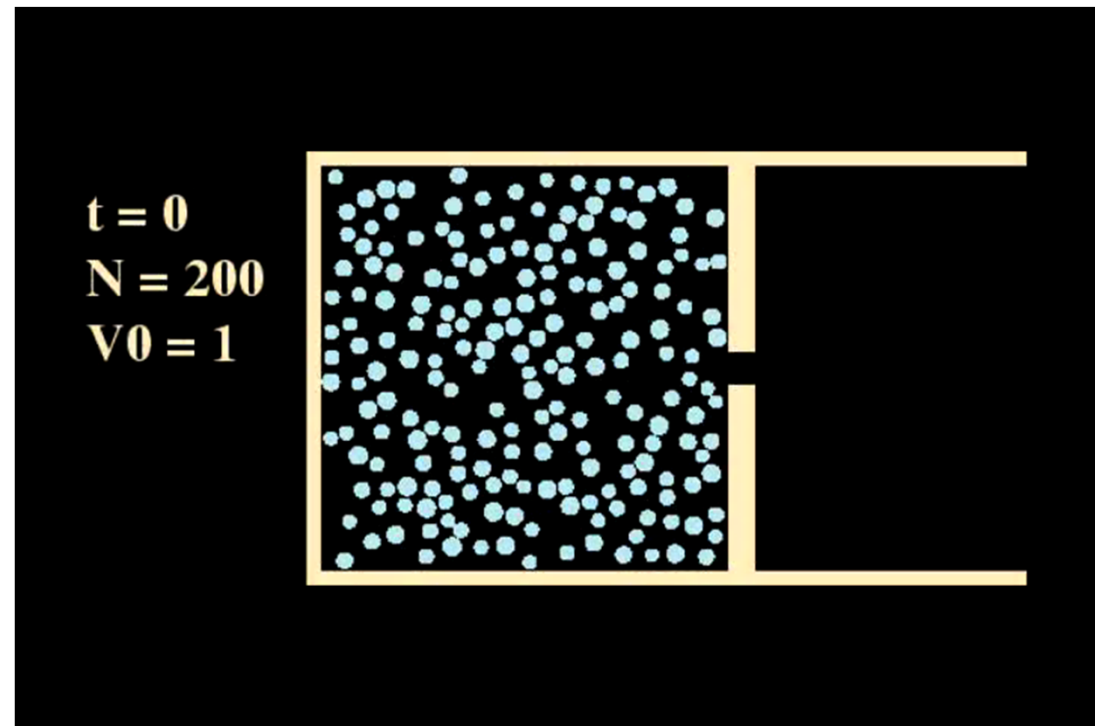
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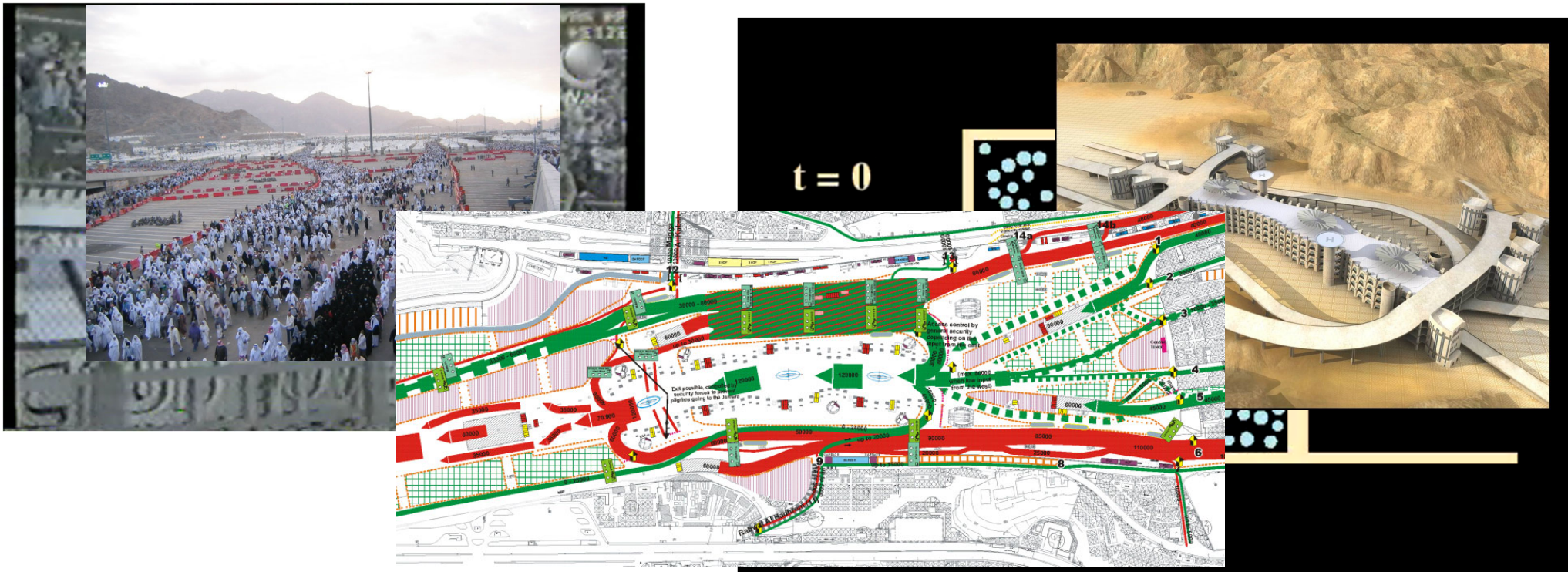


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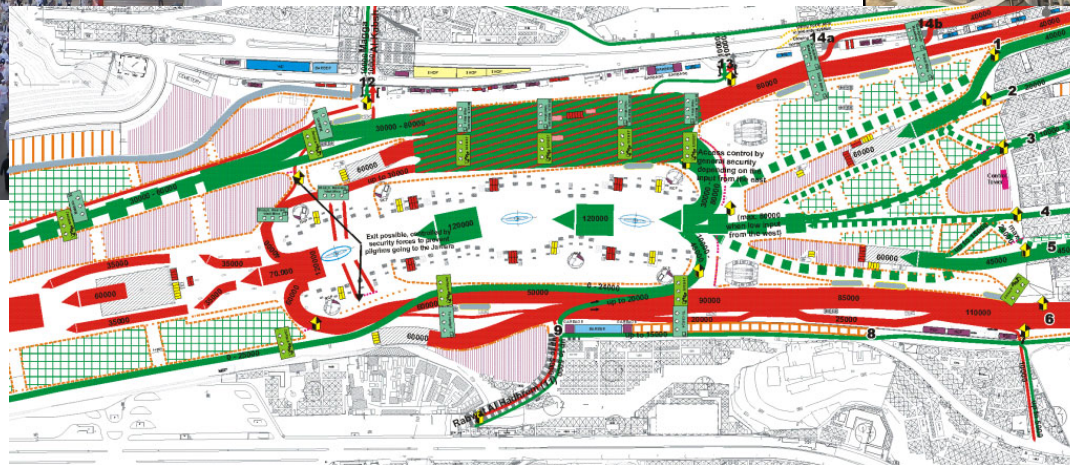
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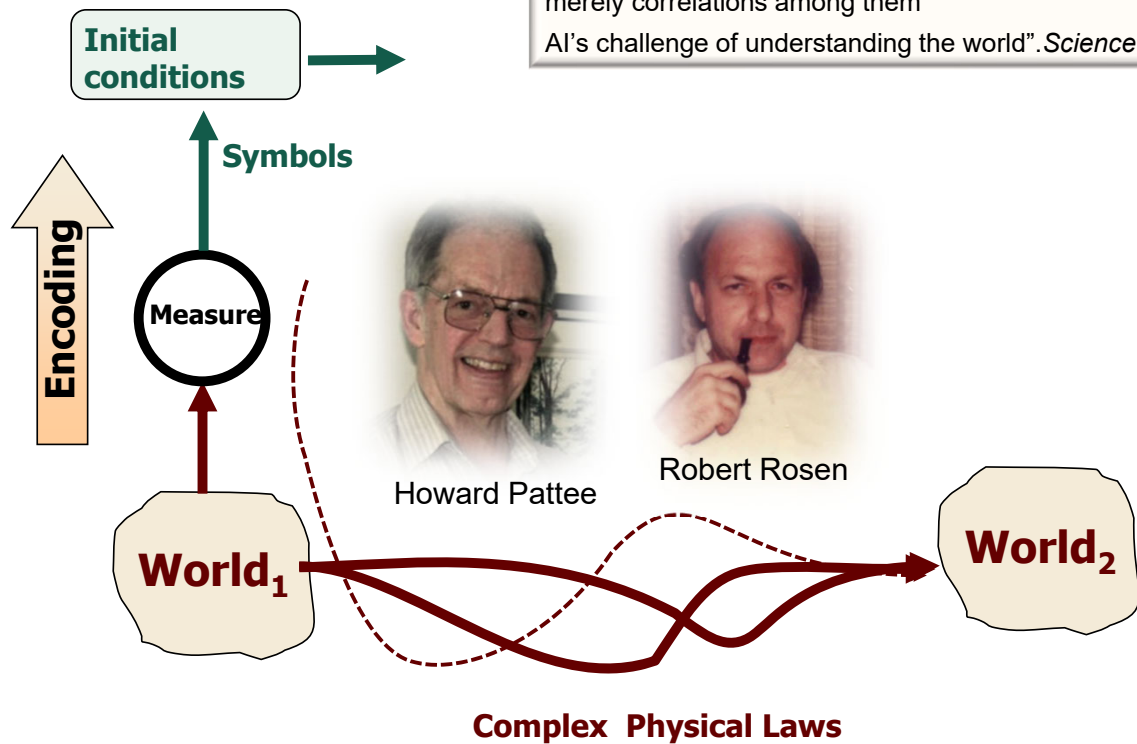


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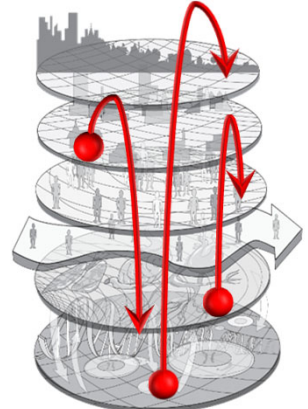
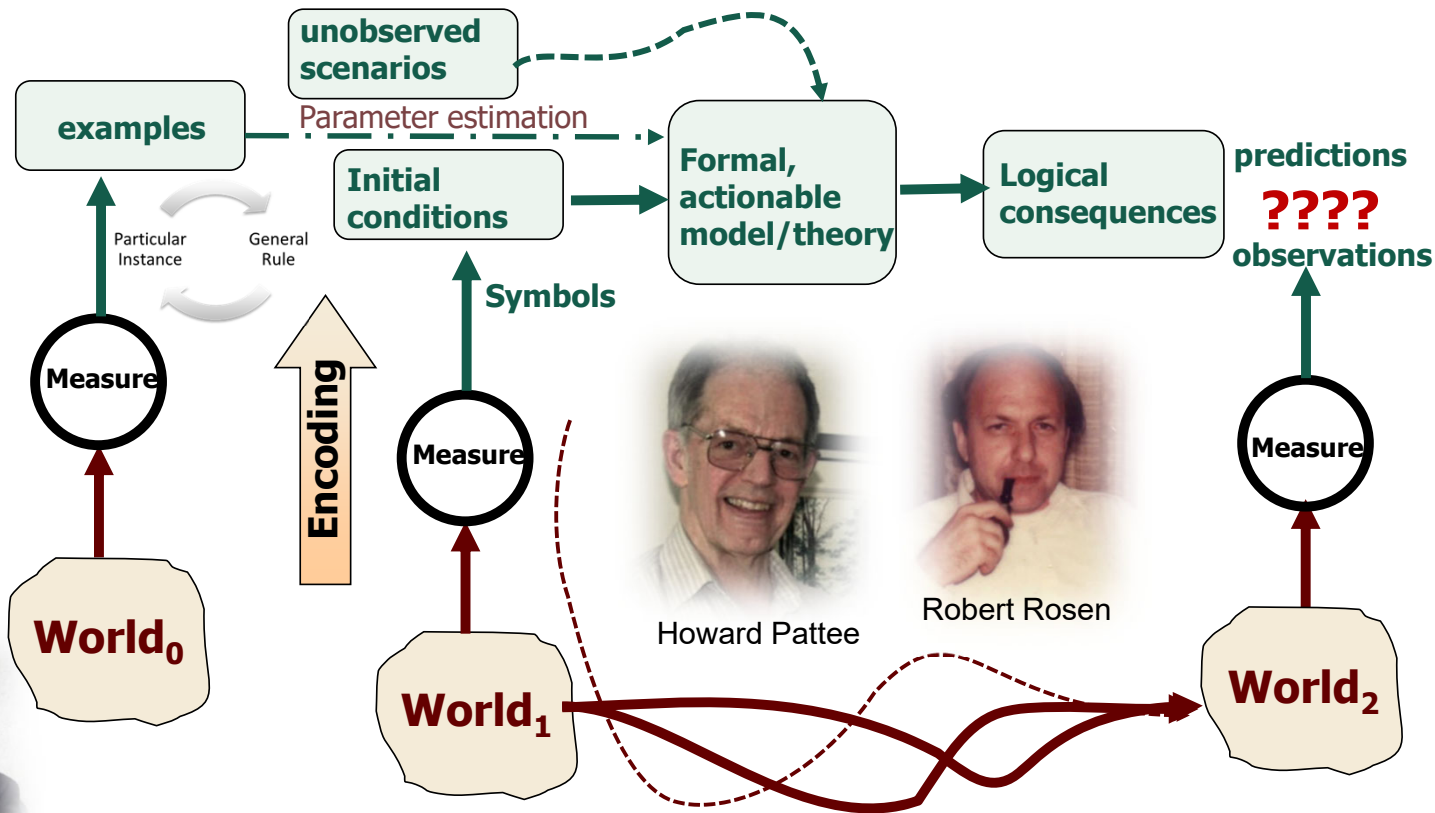


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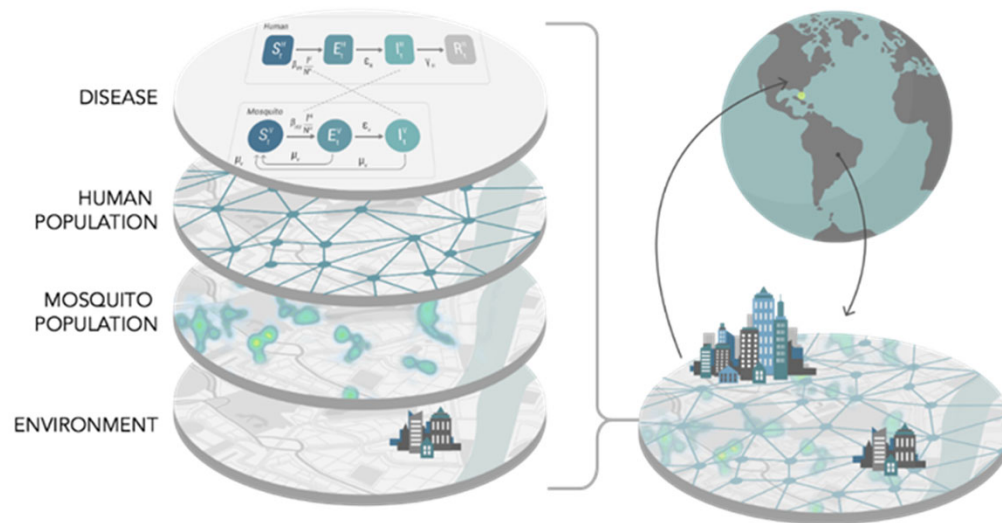
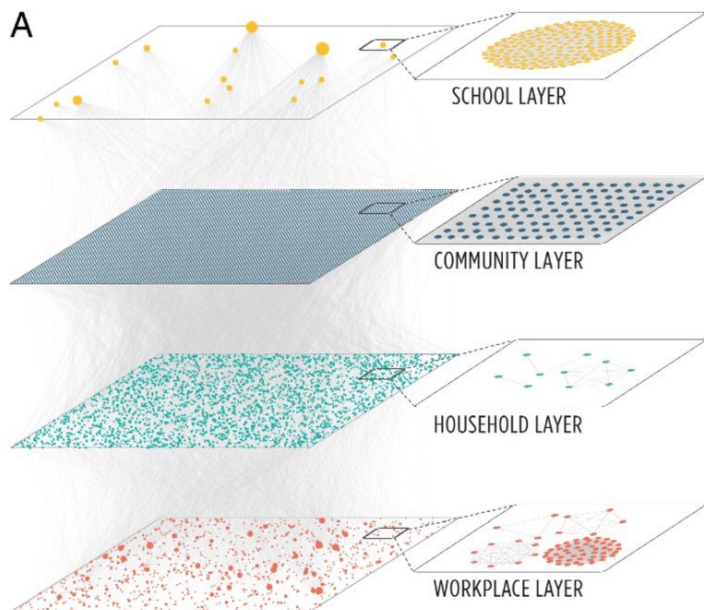
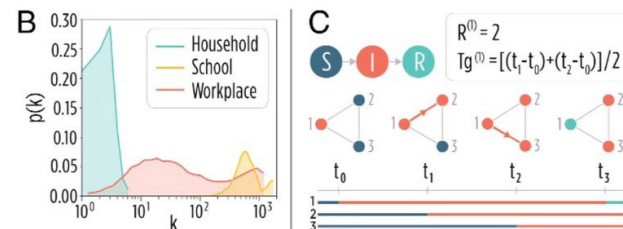
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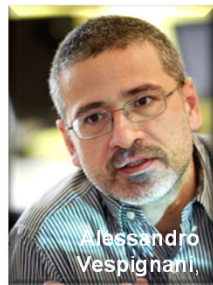
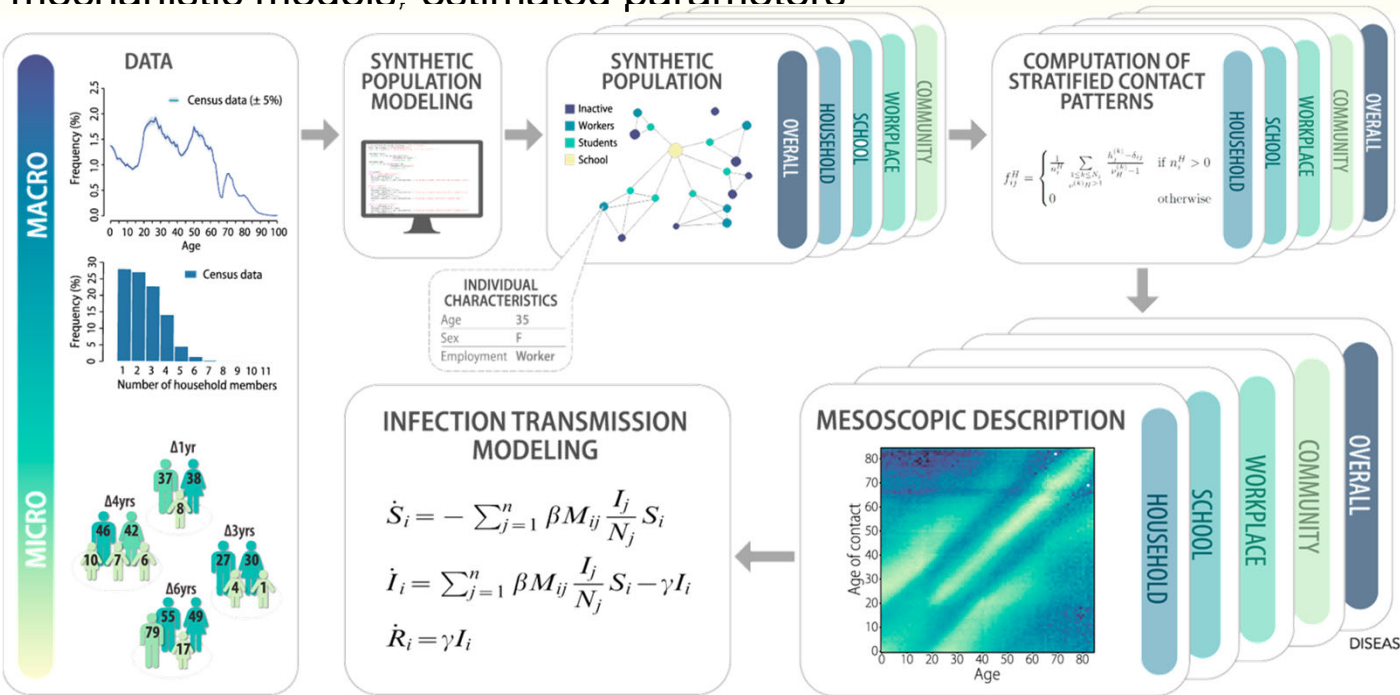
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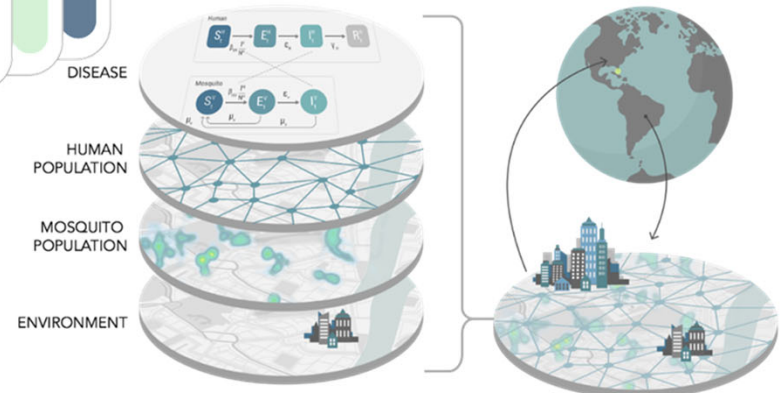


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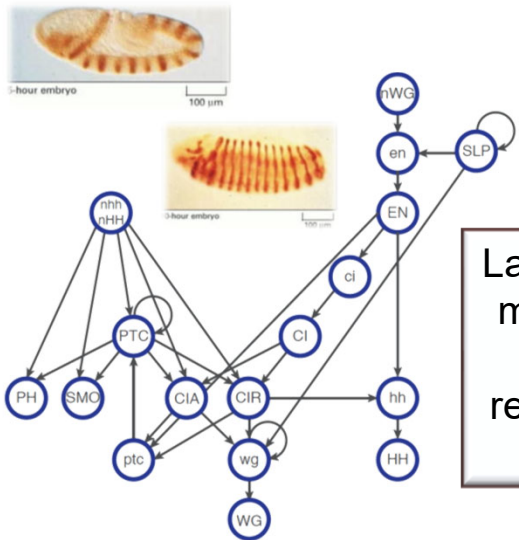
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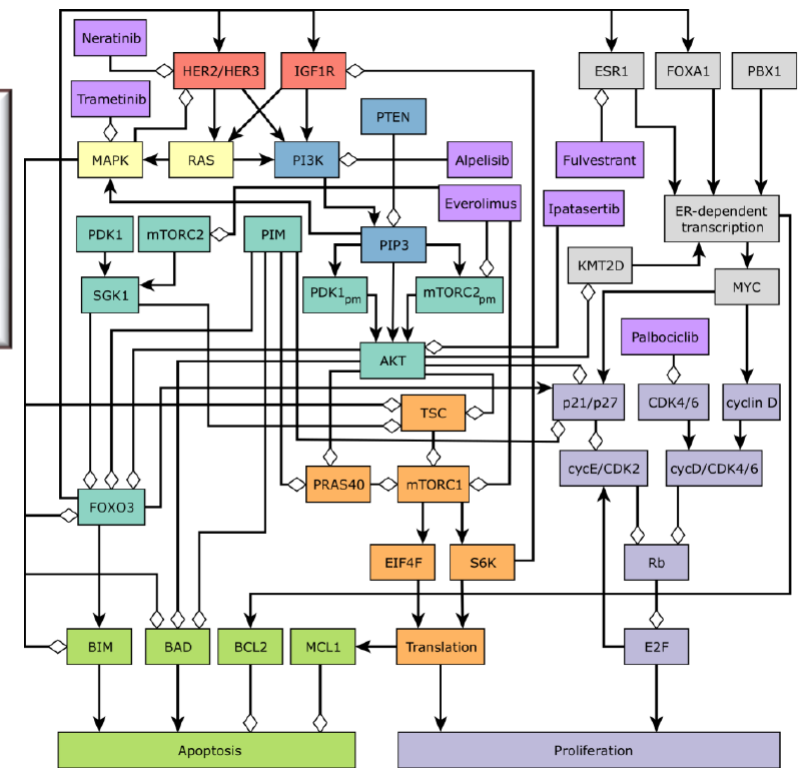
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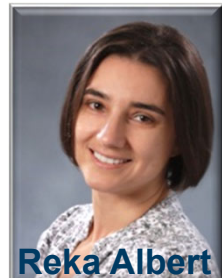
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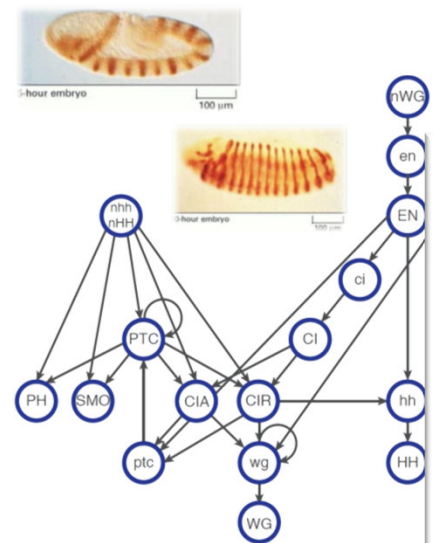
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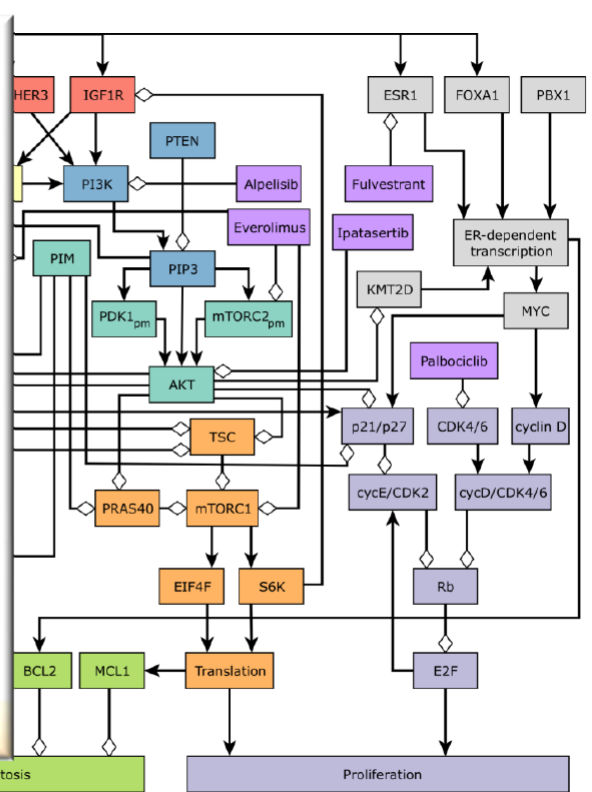
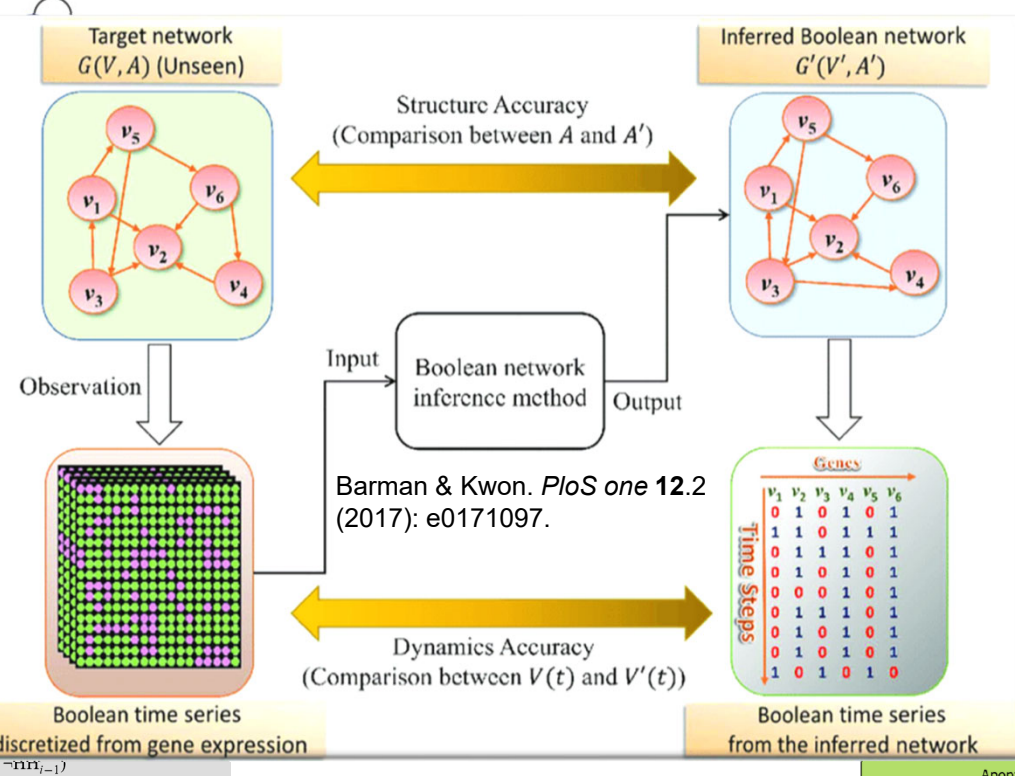
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$ptc_i^{t+1}$	$\leftarrow CIA_i^t \wedge \neg EN_i^t \wedge \neg CIR_i^t$
$PTC_i^{t+1}$	$\leftarrow ptc_i^t \vee (PTC_i^t \wedge \neg HH_{i-1}^t \wedge \neg hh_{i-1}^t)$



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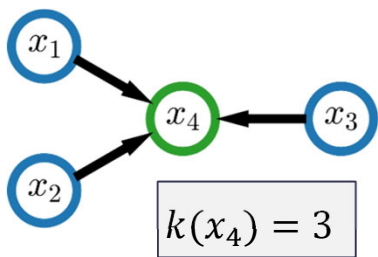


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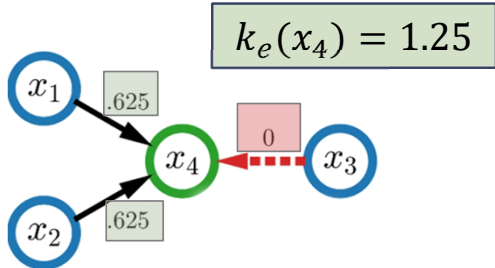
# quantifying redundancy in automata networks

with the effective graph (nonlinear collective measure of effective control)



$$x_4 = x_1 \wedge x_2$$

LUT entry/input condition →



**Prime Implicants (Quine-McCluskey)**

**minimal transition control:** set of wildcard schemata is **DNF** of prime implicants (Blake Canonical Form)

look-up-table (LUT)

$F(x_4)$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
$f_1$	0	0	0	0
$f_2$	0	0	1	0
$f_3$	0	1	0	0
$f_4$	0	1	1	0
$f_5$	1	0	0	0
$f_6$	1	0	1	0
$f_7$	1	1	0	1
$f_8$	1	1	1	1

prime implicant →

$F'(x_4)$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
$f'_1$	#	0	#	0
$f'_2$	0	#	#	0
$f'_3$	1	1	#	1

wildcard symbol ↗

Measuring **redundancy** and its dual **effectiveness**

**input redundancy:**

$k_r(x)$  = mean number of “#” in LUT

$$k_r(x_4) = \frac{1 \times 2 + 2 \times 6}{8} = 1.75$$

**effective connectivity:**

$$k_e(x) = k(x) - k_r(x)$$

**edge effectiveness**

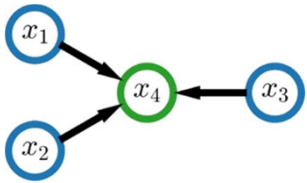
$$k_e(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^k e_{ji}$$

$$r_{ji} = \frac{\sum_{f_\alpha \in F_i} \text{avg}_{v: f_\alpha \in \Upsilon_v^i} (j \mapsto \#)_v}{|F_i|},$$

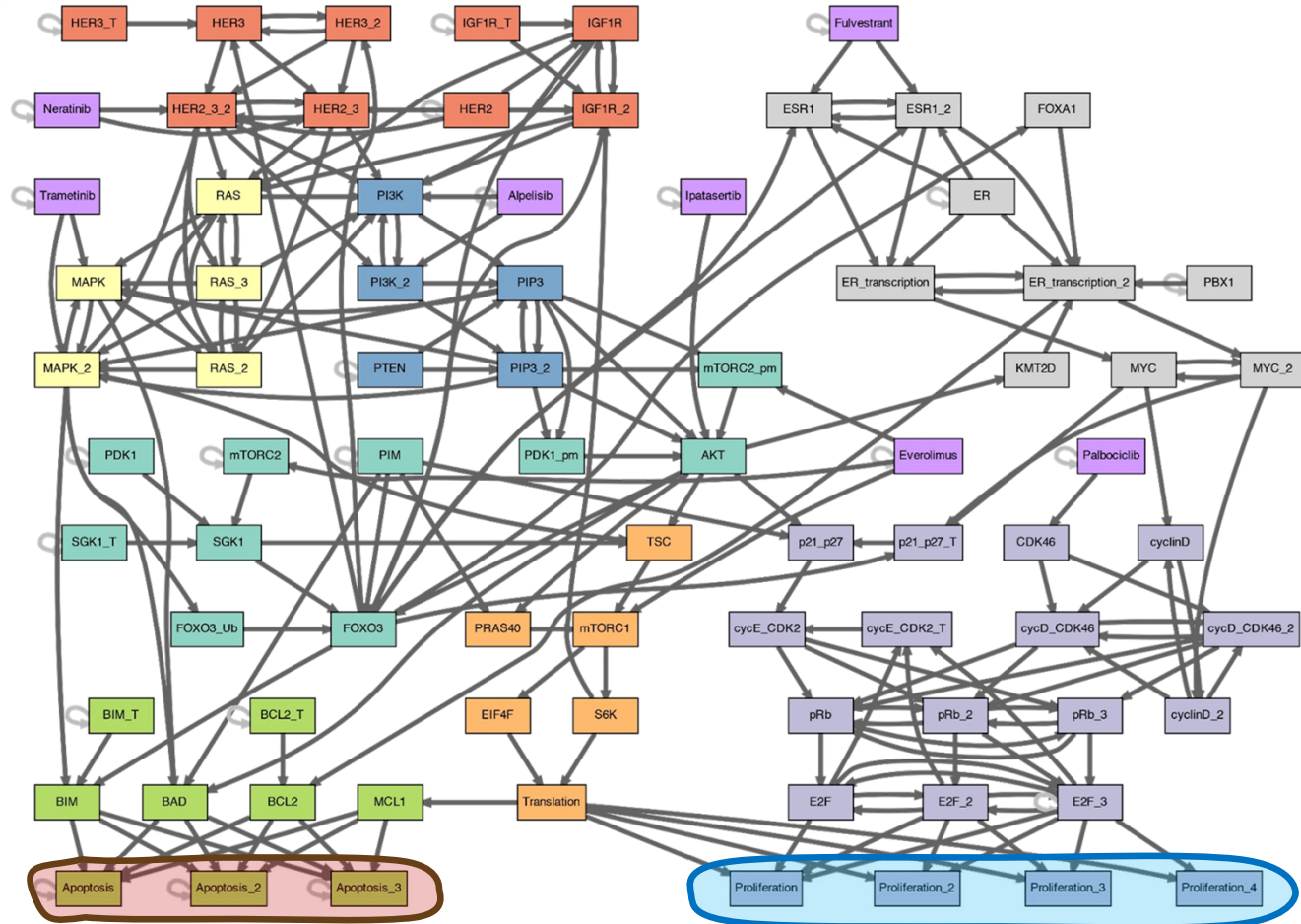
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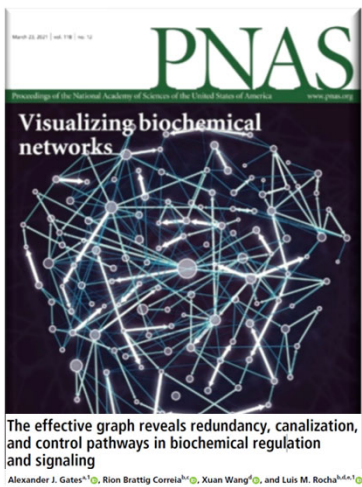
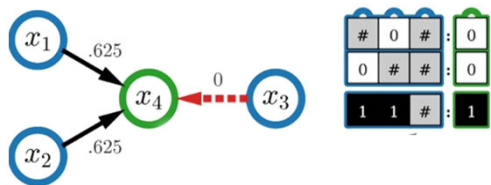
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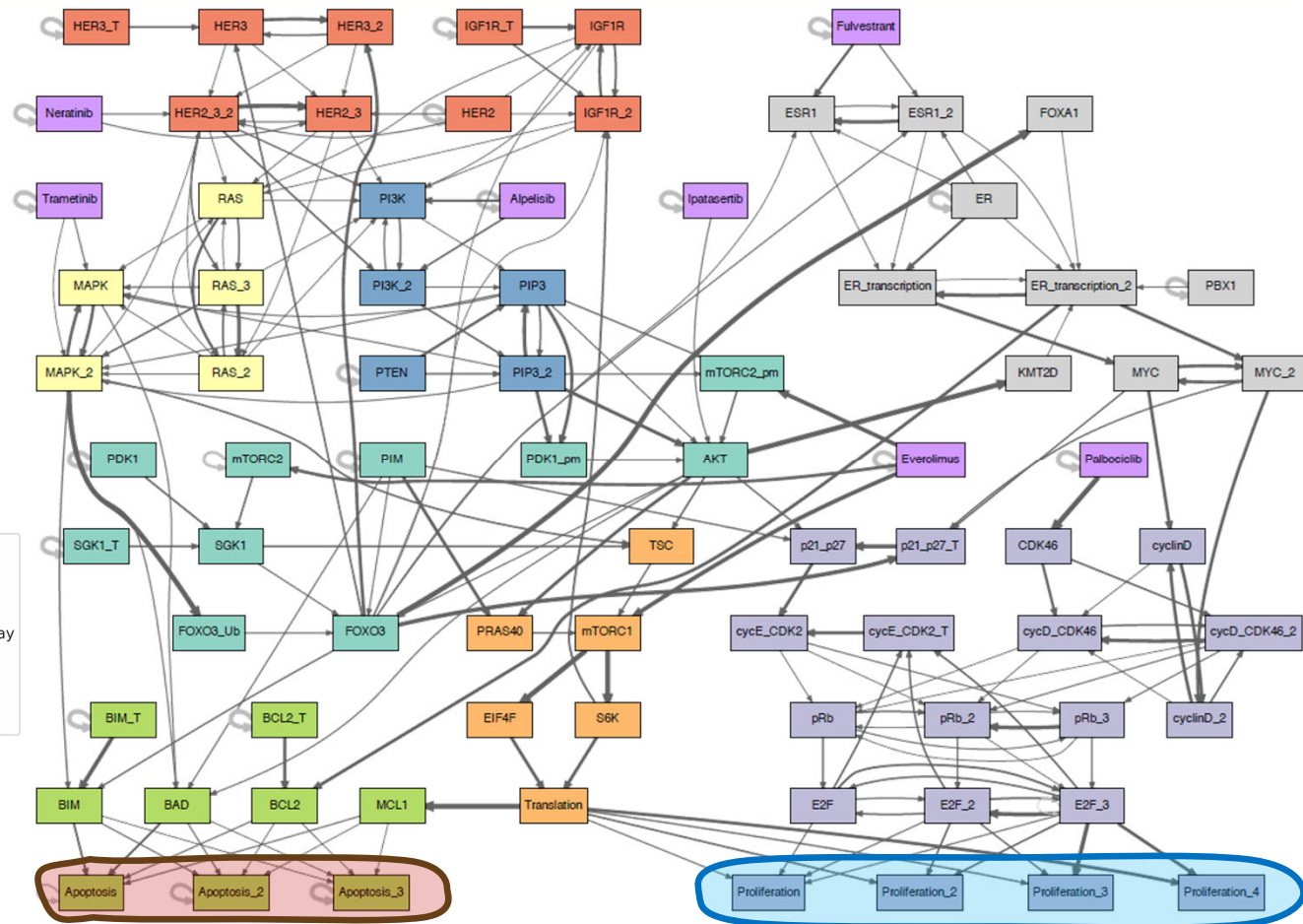
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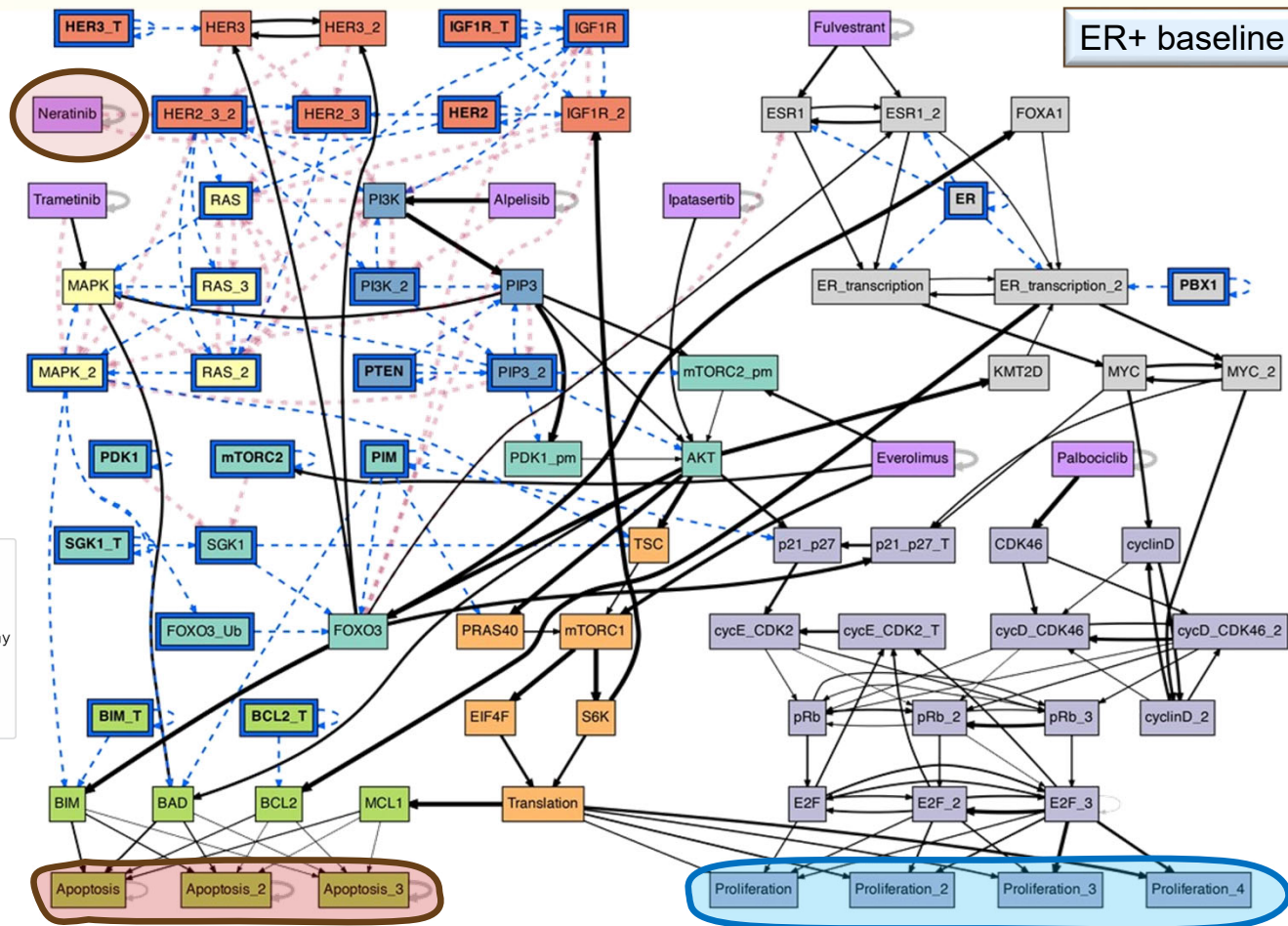
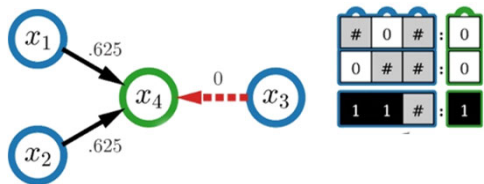
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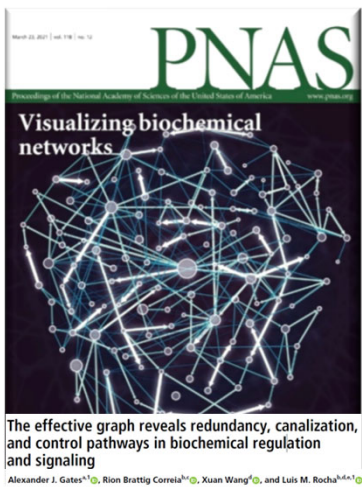
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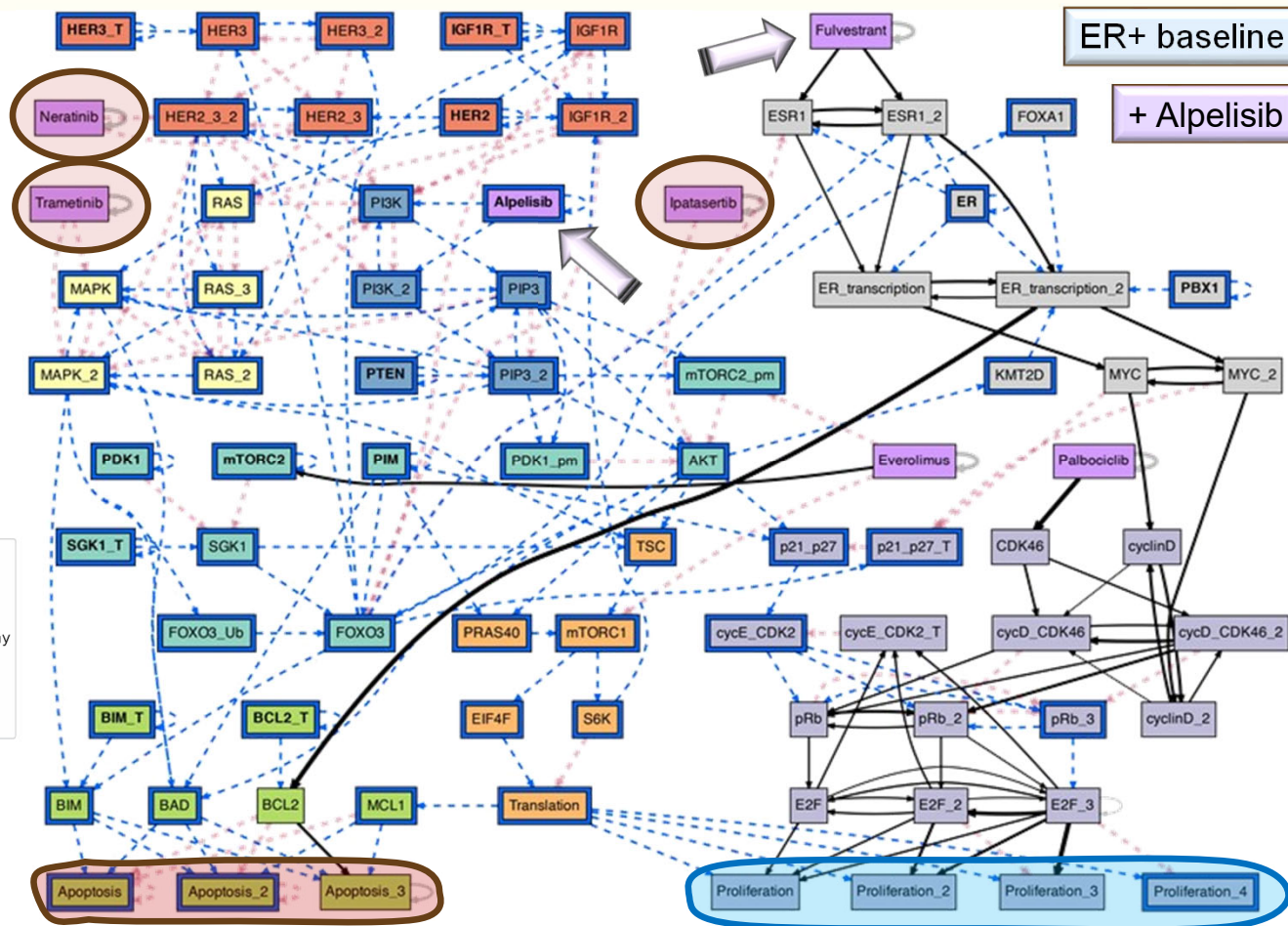
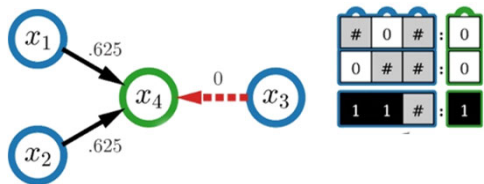


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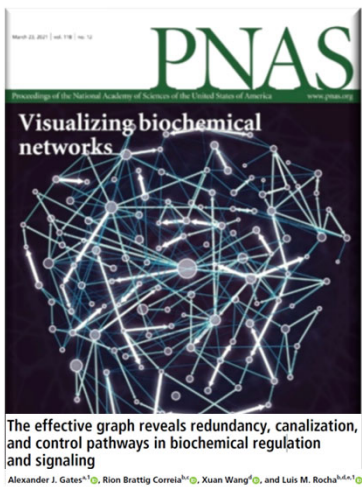
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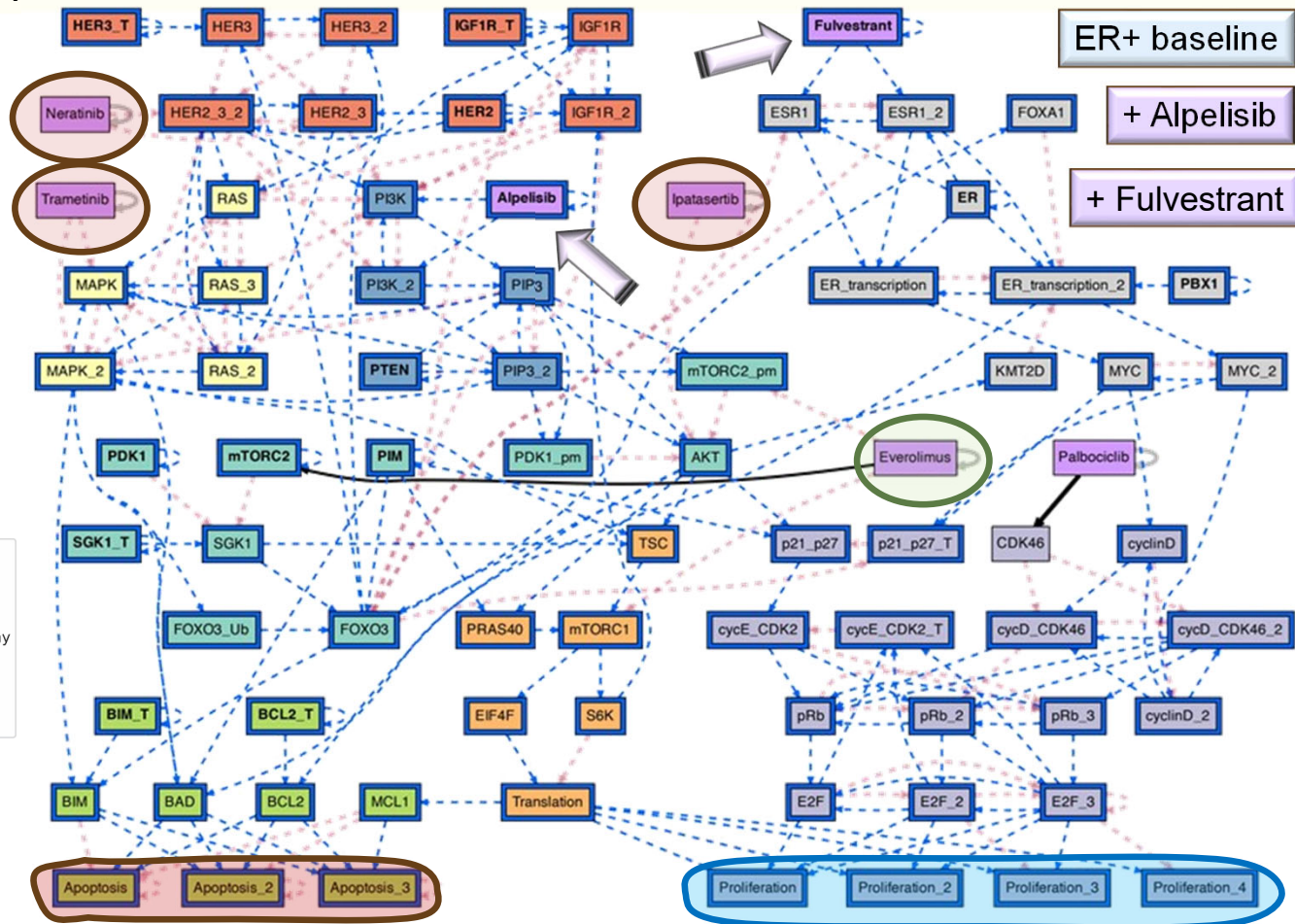
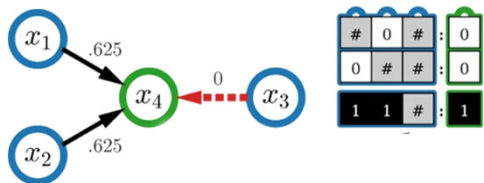
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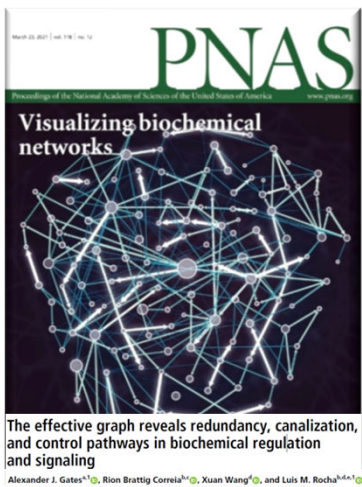
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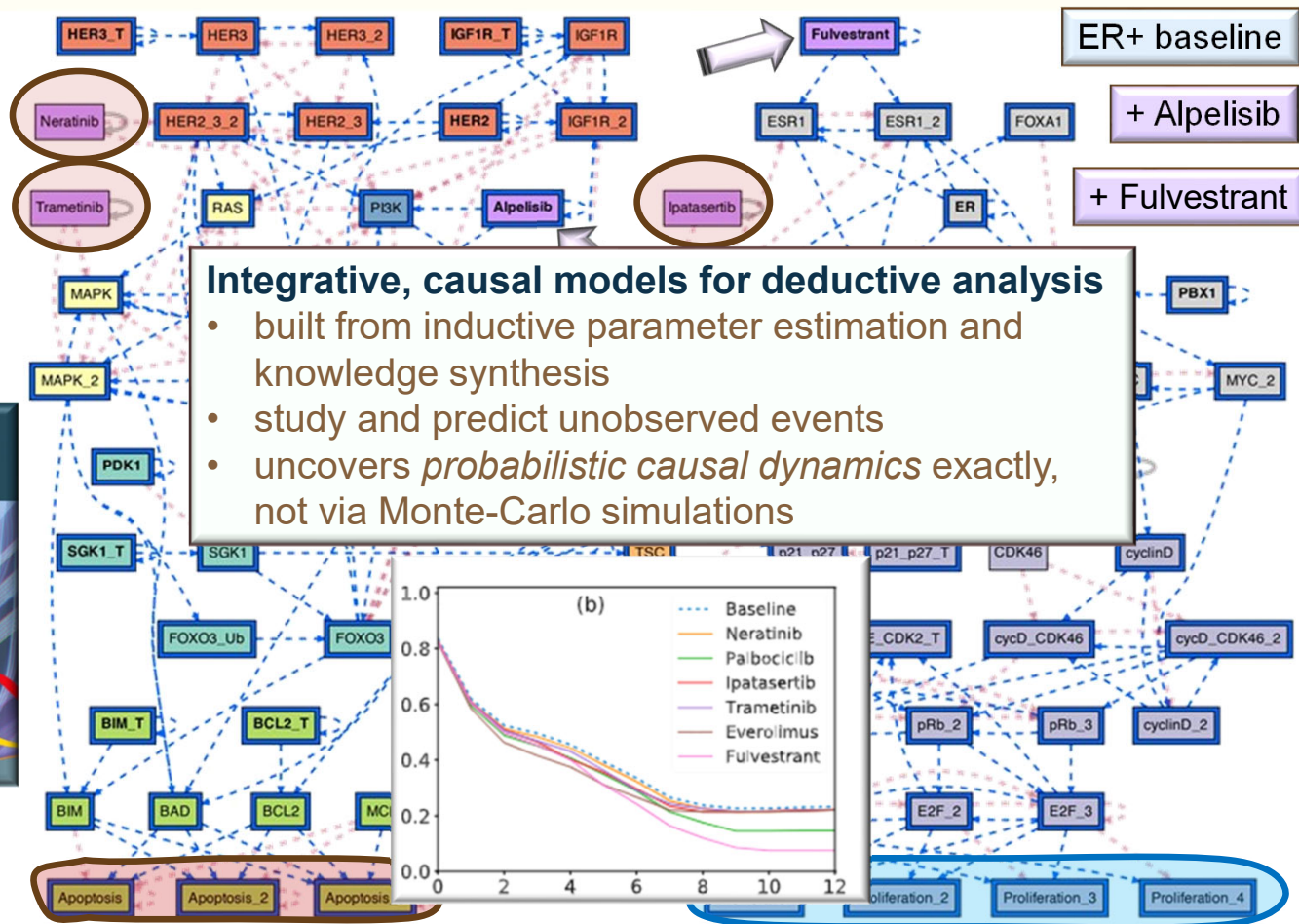
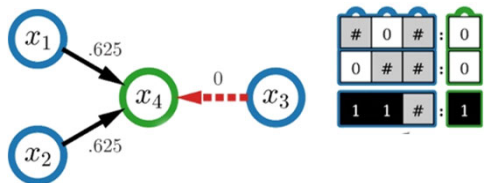
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