Joint analysis of bipartite networks collection

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Why a network?

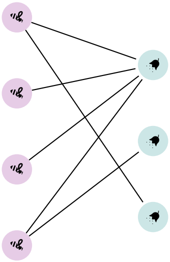

Figure 1: Example of a network

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Associated bi-adjacency matrix

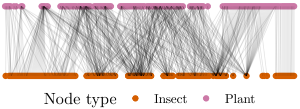

Figure 2: Plant-pollinator network from Bristol Baldock et al., 2019

- Increasingly available
- Modeling of various interactions, here ecosystems
- Structure necessary for: biodiversity monitoring, robustness, risk of collapse

Analysis methods for a network

Several methods :

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  - node level: degree, centrality...
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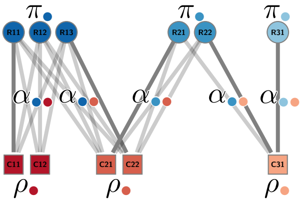

Figure 3: Example of LBM[1]

Hierarchical model

$$\forall q \in [\![1, Q_1]\!], \mathbb{P}(Z_i = q) = \pi_q$$
$$\forall r \in [\![1, Q_2]\!], \mathbb{P}(W_j = r) = \rho_r$$
$$Y_{ij} | Z_i, W_j \sim \mathcal{F}(\alpha_{Z_i, W_j})$$

where
$|\pi| = Q_1, |\rho| = Q_2, |\alpha| = Q_1 \times Q_2$

Concise LBM formula

$$Y \sim \mathcal{F}\text{-BiSBM}_{n_1,n_2}(Q_1, Q_2, \pi, \rho, \alpha)$$

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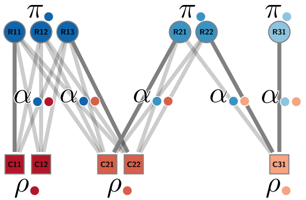

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With

- $Q_1 = |\{\bullet, \bullet, \bullet\}|$ fixed row blocks
- $Q_2 = |\{\bullet, \bullet, \bullet\}|$ fixed column blocks

Parameters

- $\pi_\bullet = \mathbb{P}(Z_i = \bullet)$
- $\rho_\bullet = \mathbb{P}(W_j = \bullet)$
- $\alpha_{\bullet\bullet} = \mathbb{P}(Y_{ij} = 1 | Z_i = \bullet, W_j = \bullet)$

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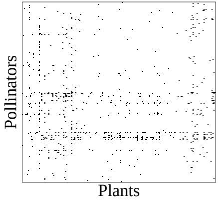

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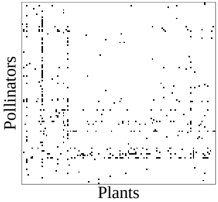

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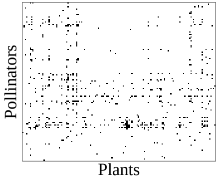

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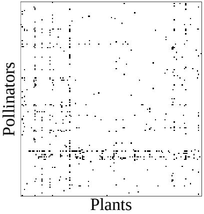

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Figure 4: Adjacency matrices, Baldock et al., 2019

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Figure 5: Map of the four cities

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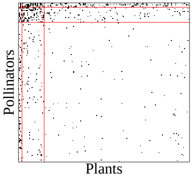

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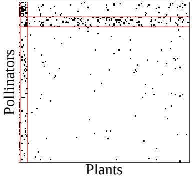

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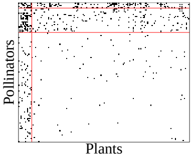

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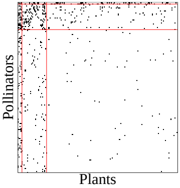

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Figure 6: Reordered adjacency matrices, using BiSBM for each network

Several joint models

iid-colBiSBM

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And intermediate models freeing π or ρ.

Parameter estimation

By *Variational EM*, as proposed by Daudin et al., 2008; Chabert-Liddell et al., 2024.

Variational approximation of $\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W} | \mathbf{Y}, \theta^{(t-1)}$

$\mathcal{R}_{Y^m,\tau}(\mathbf{Z}^m, \mathbf{W}^m) = \mathcal{R}^1_{Y^m,\tau}(\mathbf{Z}^m) \times \mathcal{R}^2_{Y^m,\tau}(\mathbf{W}^m) \Rightarrow$ independence rows, columns.

$$\ell(\mathbf{Y};\theta) \geq \sum_{m=1}^{M} \left(\mathcal{Q}^m(\theta \mid \theta^{(t)}) + \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R}_{Y^m,\theta^{(t)}}(\mathbf{Z}^m, \mathbf{W}^m)) \right) =: \mathcal{J}(\tau;\theta)$$

where $\mathcal{Q}^m(\theta \mid \theta^{(t)}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}^m,\mathbf{W}^m \sim \mathcal{R}_{Y^m,\tau}(.)} \left[\ell_c(Y^m, \mathbf{Z}^m, \mathbf{W}^m | \theta)\right]$

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- Exploration of a 2D grid is costly. $\rightarrow$ **Greedy approach** and **sliding window**
- Sensitivity to initializations. $\rightarrow$ **Spectral clustering** and **reuse of previous inits**

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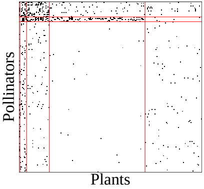
Results Baldock et al., 2019



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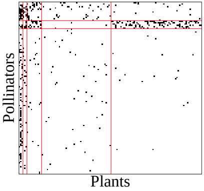

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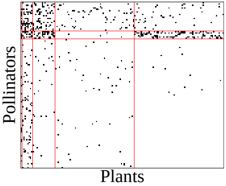

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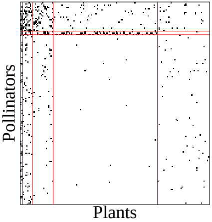

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Figure 7: Reordered adjacency matrices by *iid*-colBiSBM, Baldock et al., 2019

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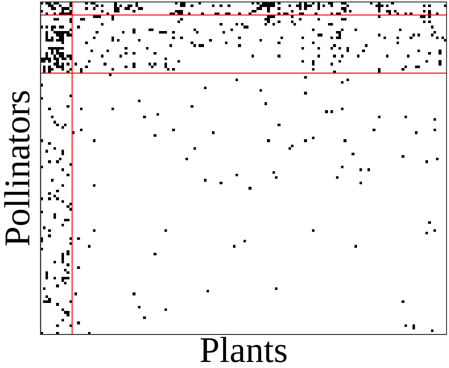

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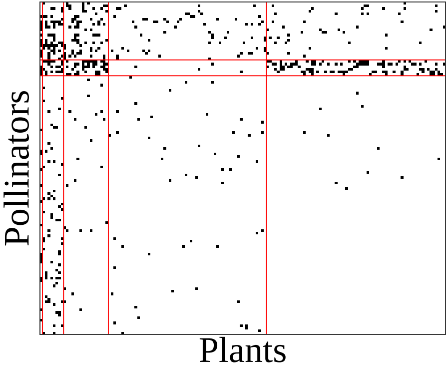

(b) Joint model

Figure 8: Reordered adjacency matrix by sep-BiSBM (left) and by *iid*-colBiSBM (right), Baldock et al., 2019

Bombus

(a) *Bombus Hortorum* or garden bumblebee

(b) *Bombus Lapidarius* or red-tailed bumblebee

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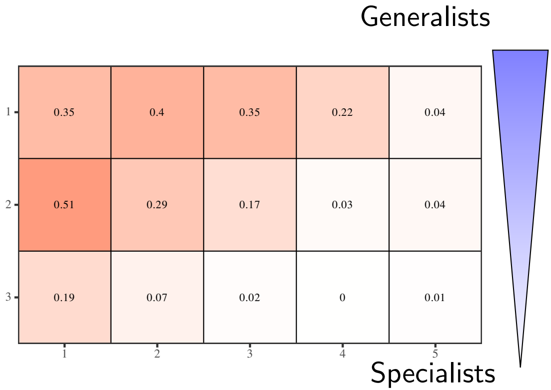

Figure 10: Shared structure of the 4 networks

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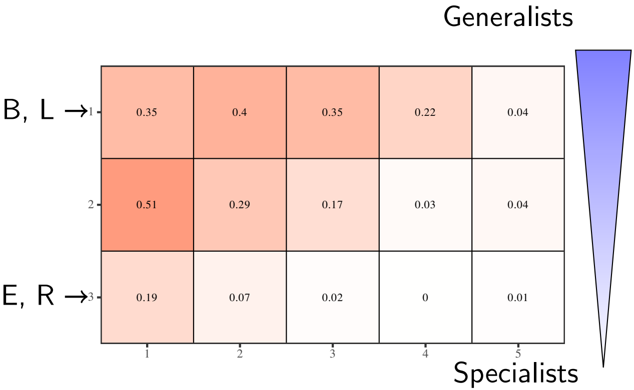

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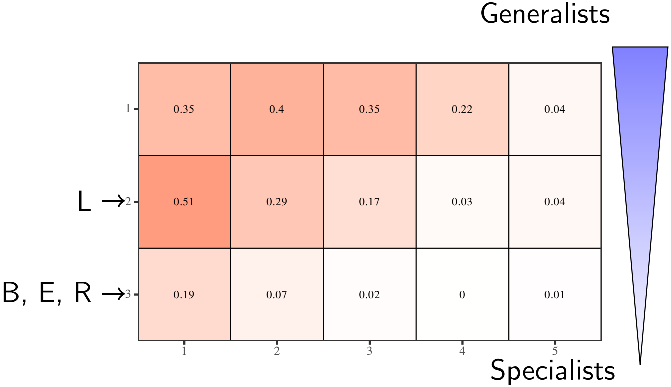

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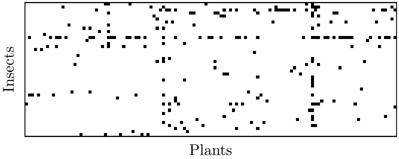

Figure 11: Adjacency matrix, Baldock et al., 2011

Application to Baldock et al., 2019, 2011 I

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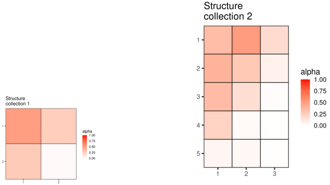
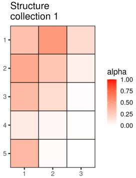


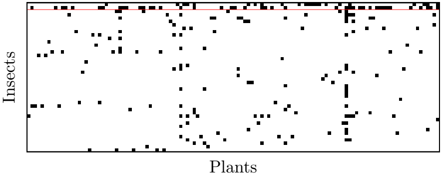
(a) Model *iid*,
separate African (left) and English (right) networks



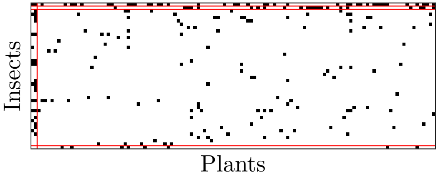
(b) Model $\pi\rho$,
merge African and English networks

Figure 12: Structures detected for networks of Baldock et al., 2019, 2011

Results



(a) Reordered by LBM



(b) Reordered by $\pi\rho$-colBiSBM

Figure 13: Reordered adjacency matrix by $\pi\rho$-colBiSBM, Baldock et al., 2011

Conclusion and perspectives

Capabilities

- 4 models including 3 with flexibility on at least one of the dimensions (adaptability to data).
- Detect classic and less classic structures in an agnostic way.
- Partition a set of networks according to their structures.

Perspectives

Future work

- Multi-layer networks (account for sampling bias, presence/absence)
- Graph Convolutional Network to allow for scalability

Package and applications

- CRAN submission
- Integrate the possibility of an additional criterion for clustering (e.g. urbanization gradient Fisogni et al., 2022)
- Apply clustering to data from Pichon et al., 2024; Doré et al., 2021

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Developed formula of variational EM

$$\ell(\mathbf{Y};\theta) \geq \sum_{m=1}^{M} \Bigg(\sum_{i=1}^{n_1^m}\sum_{j=1}^{n_2^m}\sum_{q\in\mathcal{Q}_{1,m}}\sum_{r\in\mathcal{Q}_{2,m}} \tau_{i,q}^{1,m}\tau_{j,r}^{2,m}\log f(Y_{ij}^m;\alpha_{qr})$$
$$+\sum_{i=1}^{n_1^m}\sum_{q\in\mathcal{Q}_{1,m}}\tau_{i,q}^{1,m}\log \pi_q{}^m + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2^m}\sum_{r\in\mathcal{Q}_{2,m}}\tau_{j,r}^{2,m}\log \rho_r{}^m$$
$$-\sum_{i=1}^{n_1}\tau_{i,q}^{1,m}\log\tau_{i,q}^{1,m} - \sum_{j=1}^{n_2}\tau_{j,r}^{2,m}\log\tau_{j,r}^{2,m}\Bigg) =: \mathcal{J}(\tau;\theta),$$

Variational approximation

$\tau_{iq}^{1,m} = \mathcal{R}^1_{Y^m,\tau}(Z_{iq}^m = 1)$ and $\tau_{jr}^{2,m} = \mathcal{R}^2_{Y^m,\tau}(W_{jr}^m = 1)$

Variational Expectation Step

$$\widehat{\tau}^{(t+1)} = \arg\max_{\tau} \mathcal{J}(\tau, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{(t)}) \Leftrightarrow \arg\min_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbf{KL}[\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}, \mathbb{P}(.|\mathbf{Y})]$$

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{\tau}_{iq}^{1,m} \propto \widehat{\pi}_q^{m(t)} \prod_{j=1}^{n_2^m} \prod_{r \in \mathcal{Q}_2^m} f\left(Y_{ij}^m; \widehat{\alpha}_{qr}^{(t)}\right)^{\widehat{\tau}_{jr}^{2,m(t+1)}} & \forall i = 1, \dots, n_1^m, q \in \mathcal{Q}_1^m \\ \widehat{\tau}_{jr}^{2,m} \propto \widehat{\rho}_r^{m(t)} \prod_{i=1}^{n_1^m} \prod_{q \in \mathcal{Q}_1^m} f\left(Y_{ij}^m; \widehat{\alpha}_{qr}^{(t)}\right)^{\widehat{\tau}_{iq}^{1,m(t+1)}} & \forall j = 1, \dots, n_2^m, r \in \mathcal{Q}_2^m \end{cases}$$

[2] Initialization of $\widehat{\tau}$ with a *spectral clustering* on the networks.

Maximization Step

$$\widehat{\theta}^{(t+1)} = \arg\max_{\theta} \mathcal{J}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{(t+1)}, \theta)$$

Connectivity parameters

$$\widehat{\alpha}_{qr} = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1^m} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2^m} \tau_{iq}^{1,m} \tau_{jr}^{2,m} Y_{ij}^m}{\sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1^m} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2^m} \tau_{iq}^{1,m} \tau_{jr}^{2,m}}$$

Proportions for *iid*

$$\widehat{\pi}_q = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1^m} \tau_{iq}^{1,m}}{\sum_{m=1}^{M} n_1^m} \qquad \widehat{\rho}_r = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2^m} \tau_{jr}^{2,m}}{\sum_{m=1}^{M} n_2^m}$$

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Proportions for $\pi\rho$

$$\widehat{\pi}^{m}{}_{q} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_1^m} \tau_{iq}^{1,m}}{n_1^m} \qquad \widehat{\rho}^{m}{}_{r} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_2^m} \tau_{jr}^{2,m}}{n_2^m}$$

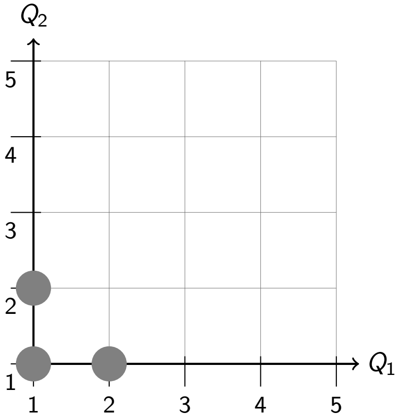
Why does VE minimizes KL ?

$$\ell_c(\mathbf{Y},\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W};\theta) = \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta) + \ell(\mathbf{Y};\theta)$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \ell(\mathbf{Y};\theta) = \ell_c(\mathbf{Y},\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W};\theta) - \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}[\ell(\mathbf{Y};\theta)] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}[\ell_c(\mathbf{Y},\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W};\theta)] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}[\log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)]$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \ell(\mathbf{Y};\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}[\ell_c(\mathbf{Y},\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W};\theta)] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}[\log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)]$$

$$\text{But } \mathbf{KL}[\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}, \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}[\log \frac{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)}{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}]$$
$$= -\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}[\log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)] + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}[\log \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}]}}_{-\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau})}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{KL}[\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}, \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)] + \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}) = -\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}}[\log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)]$$

$$\text{Thus } \ell(\mathbf{Y};\theta) - \mathbf{KL}[\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{Y},\tau}, \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Y};\theta)] = \mathcal{J}(\tau;\theta) \quad \square$$

Choice of (Q_1, Q_2) - Greedy approach



- Initial model :

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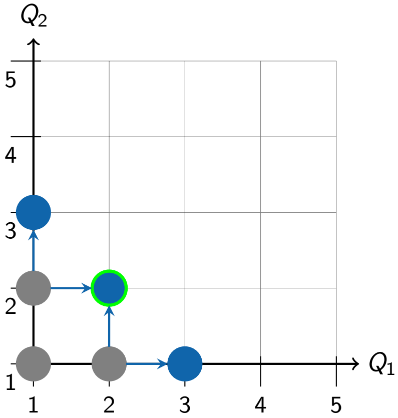

- Initial model :
- Model after *split* :
- Model maximizing the criterion :

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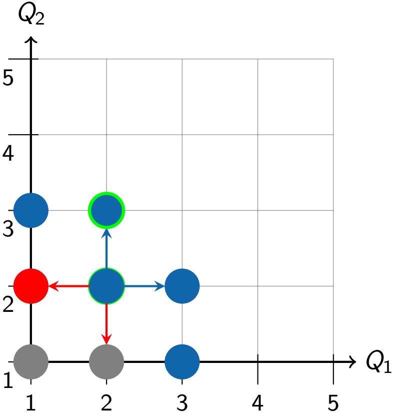

- Initial model :
- Model after *split* :
- Model maximizing the criterion :
- Model after *merge* :

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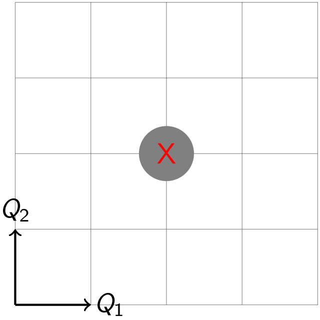

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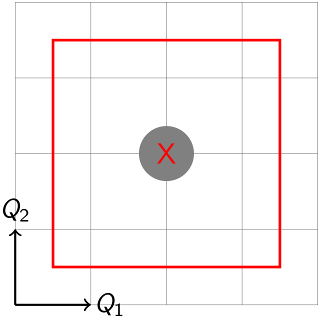

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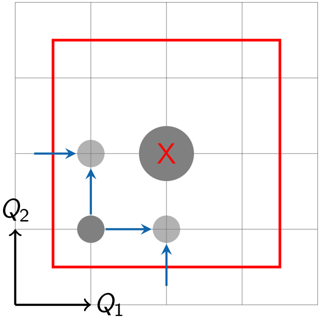

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Initialization of the model if necessary

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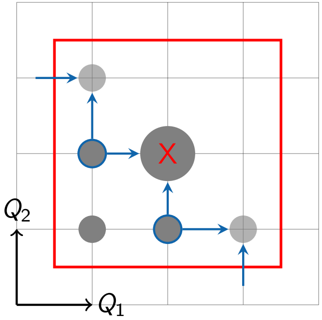

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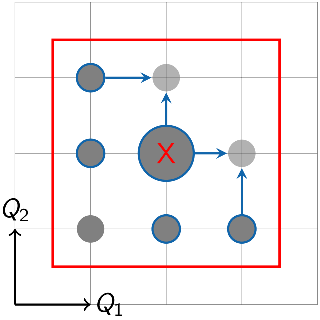

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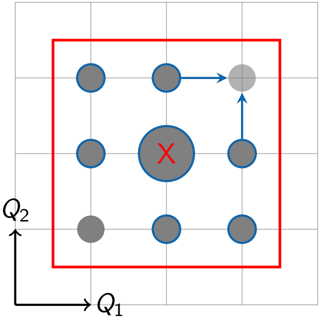

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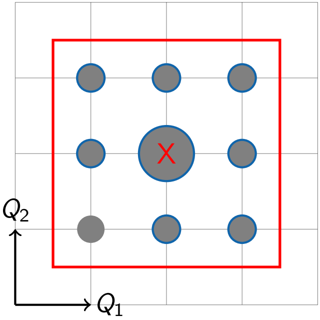

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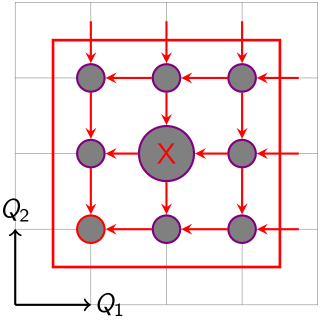

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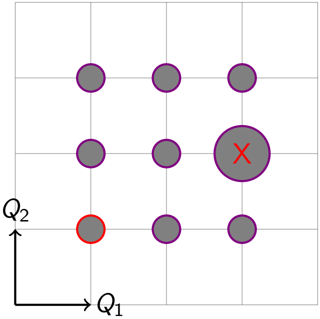

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Localization of the new mode

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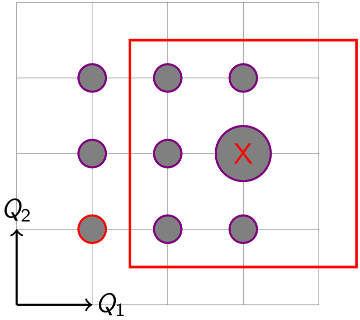

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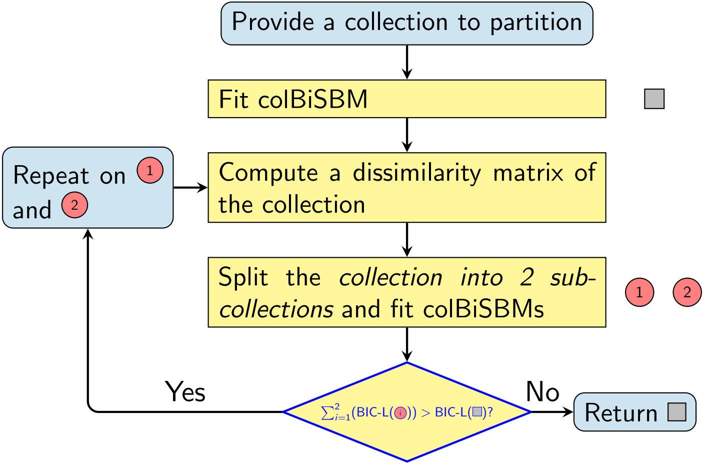
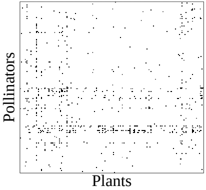
Move to the new mode then iterate

Clustering algorithm



$$D_{\mathcal{M}}(m, m') = \sum_{q=1}^{Q_1} \sum_{r=1}^{Q_2} \max(\widetilde{\pi}_q^m, \widetilde{\pi}_q^{m'}) \left(\widetilde{\alpha}_{qr}^m - \widetilde{\alpha}_{qr}^{m'}\right)^2 \max(\widetilde{\rho}_r^m, \widetilde{\rho}_r^{m'})$$



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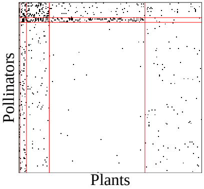

(b) Reordered

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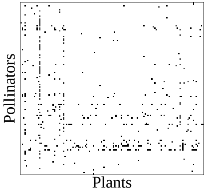

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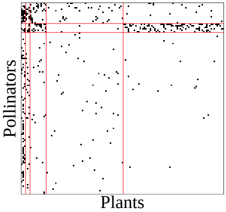

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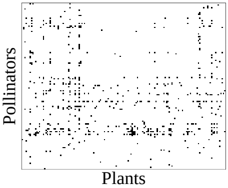

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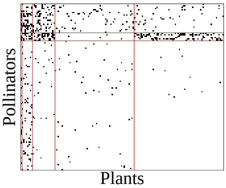

(b) Réordonnée

Figure 17: Leeds

(a) Donnée (b) Réordonnée

Figure 18: Reading

Appendices references I