Professional Networks as Actors in the Global Economy

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Collaborative governance in global problem-complexes

- New global long-term problems
  - Such as asset replacement from fossil to renewable energy adressing climate change, energy security and socio-economic issues
- Who writes the rules?
- States capacity no longer sufficient
- Increasing role of corporations, non-profits and diverse stakeholders

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The RSB issue network

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Governance triangle

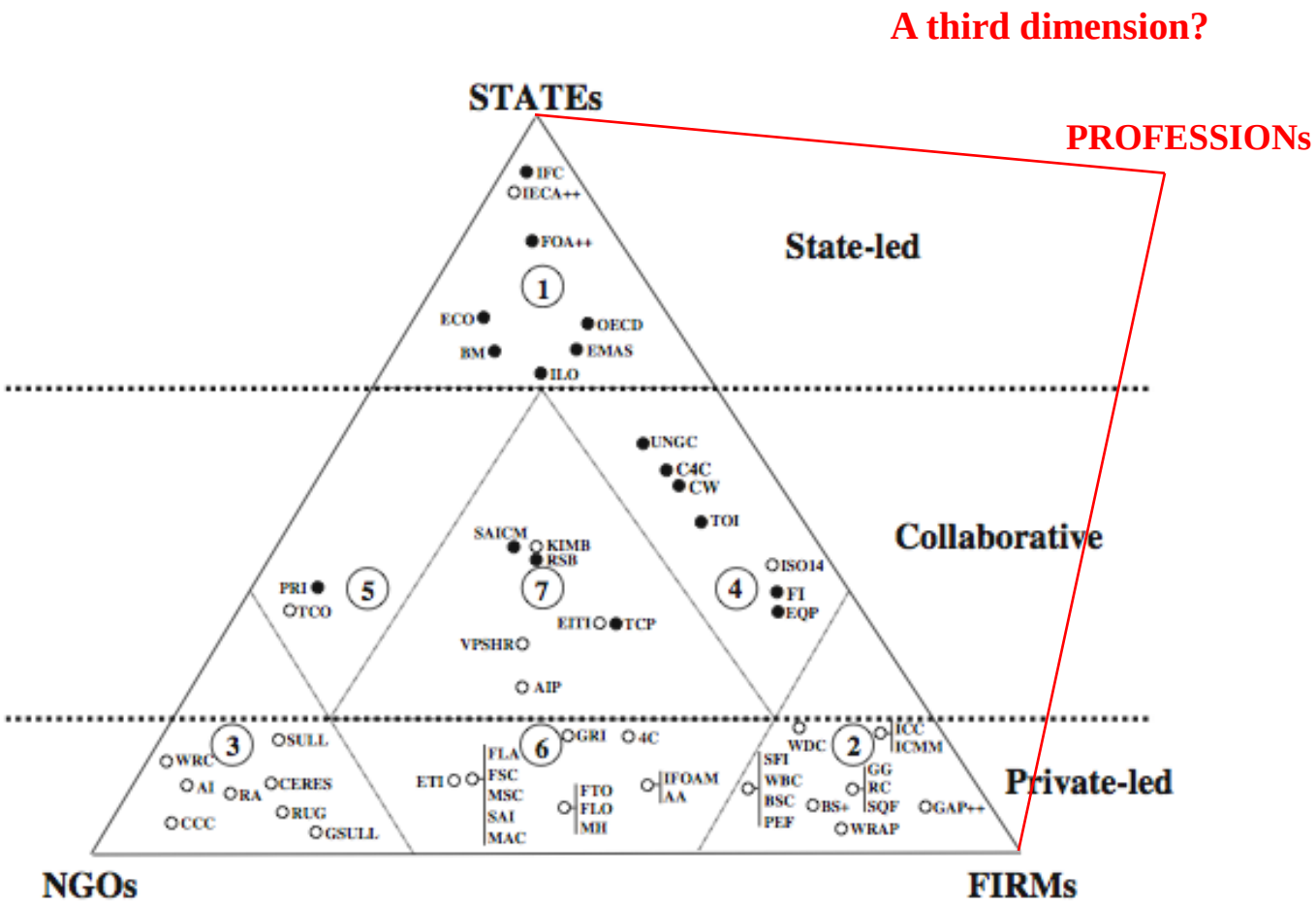

Fig. 1 The governance triangle. Filled circles (●) are RSS schemes with direct IO participation

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Professions in international governance

- Provide means of coordination and communication across domains
  - Science-based methods
  - Professional networks
- Provide time horizons extending beyond business and political cycles
- Spatial horizons??
- Conditions for these qualities to become effective

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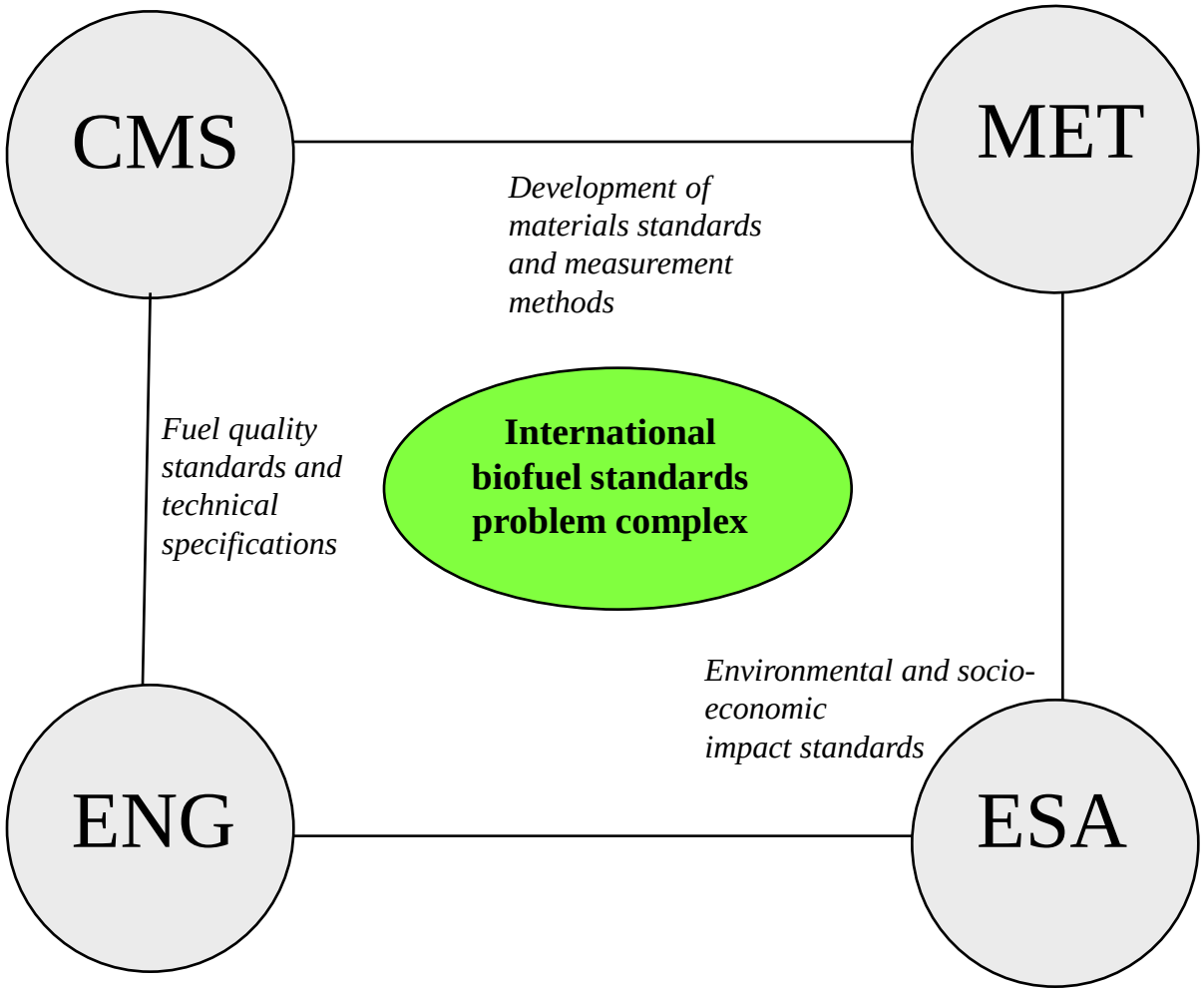
International biofuels standards community



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MET=Metrology
ENG=Engineering Mechanical
ESA=Environmental Assessment Sciences

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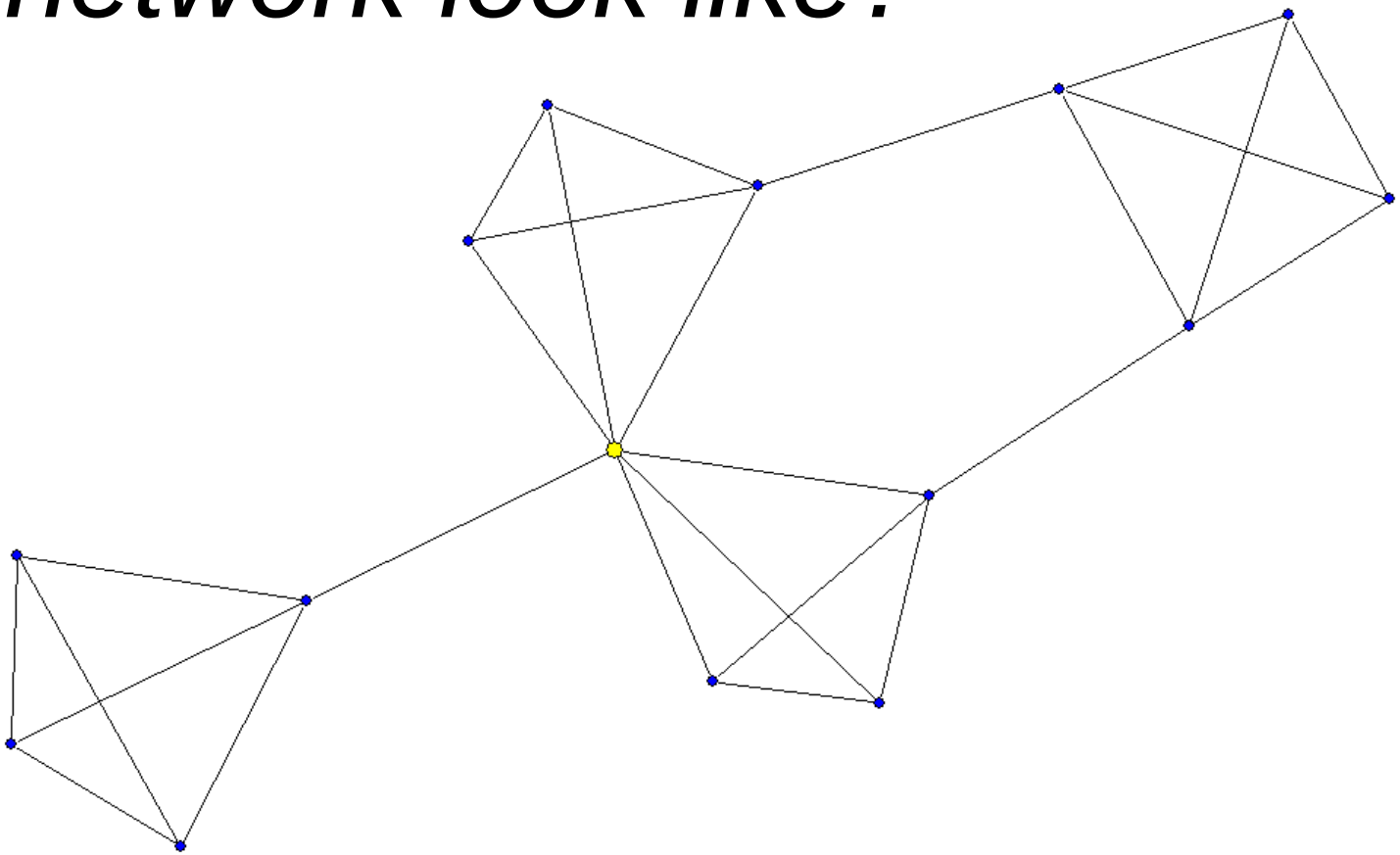
What may a professional network look like?



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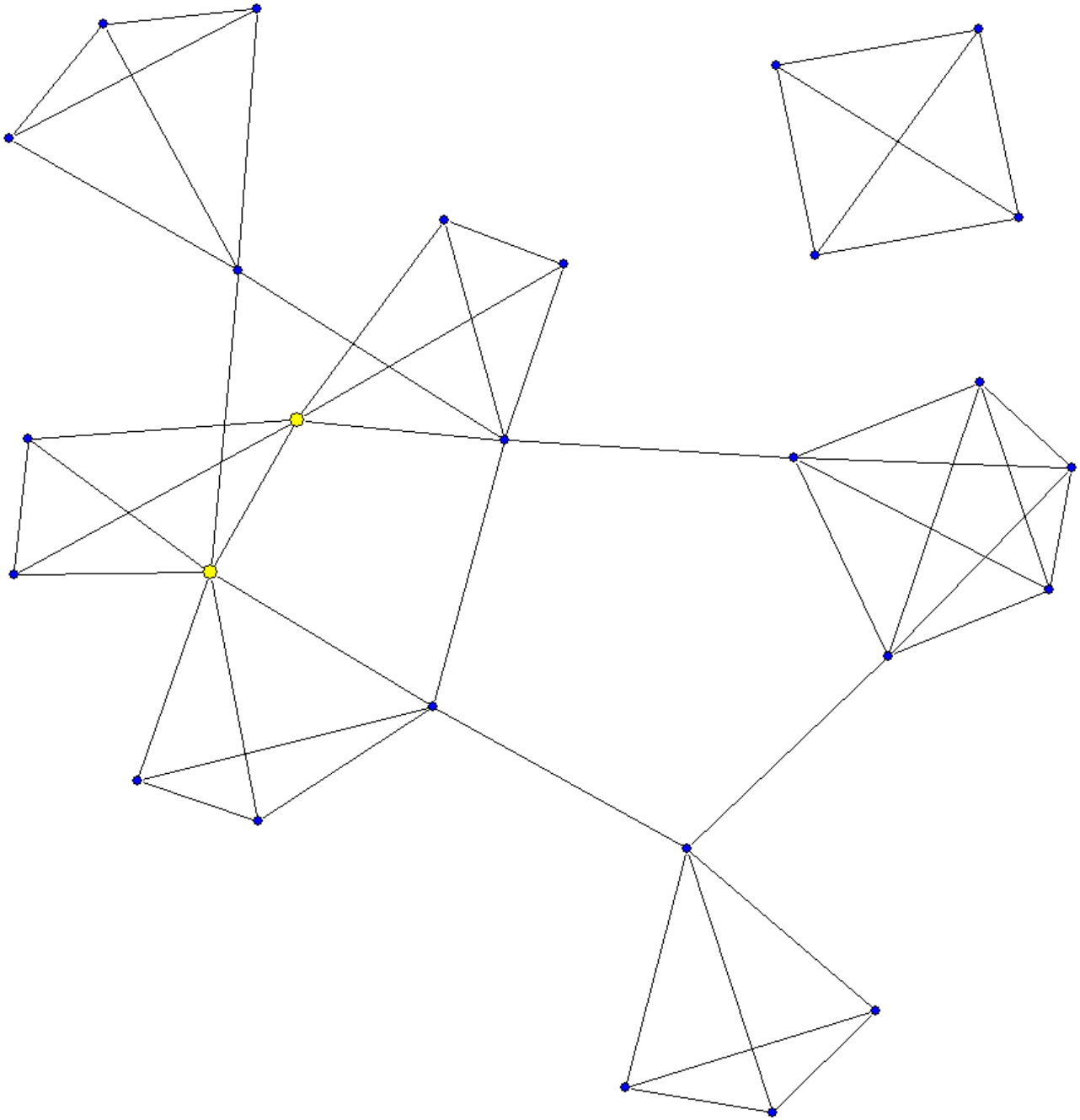

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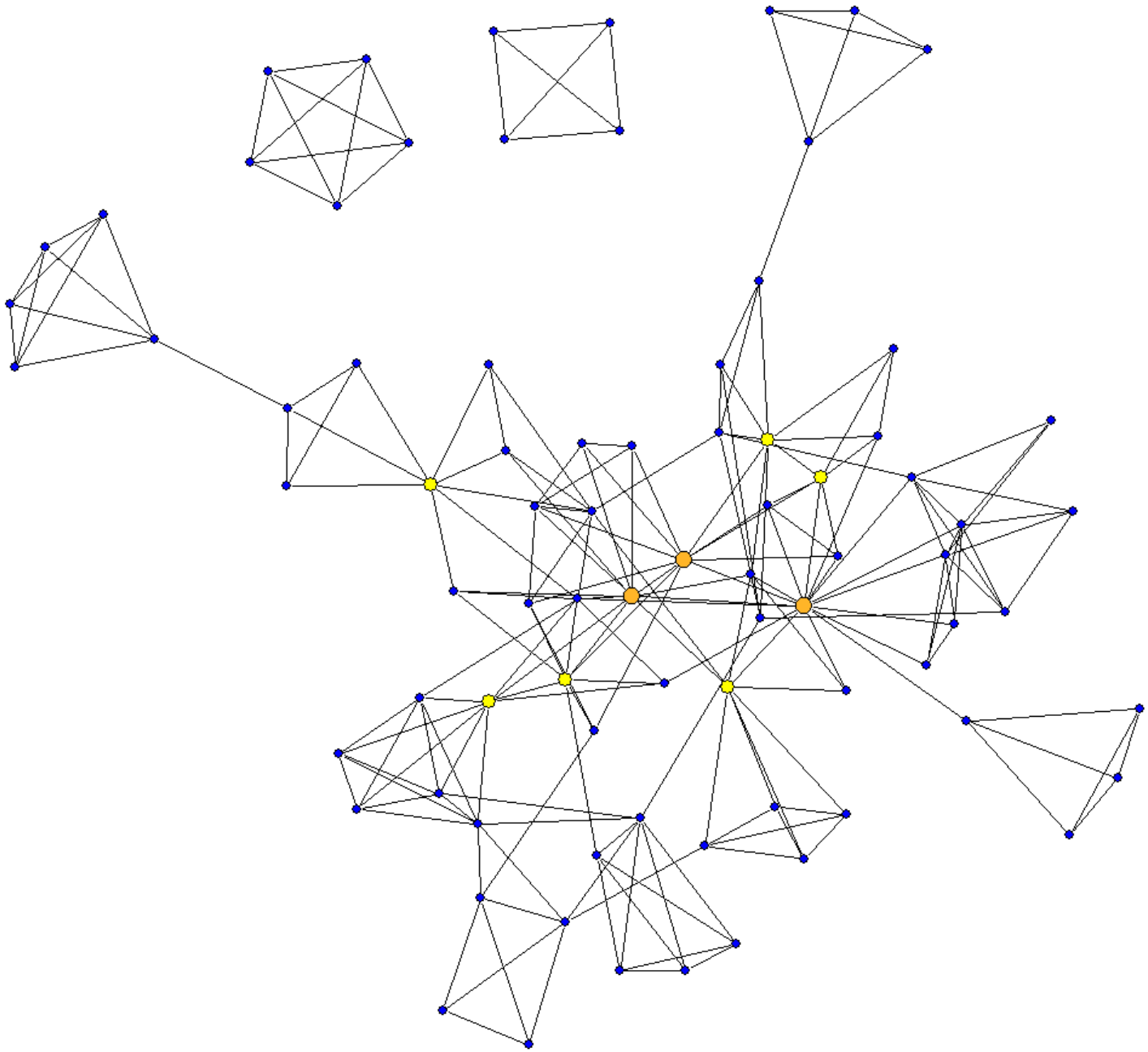

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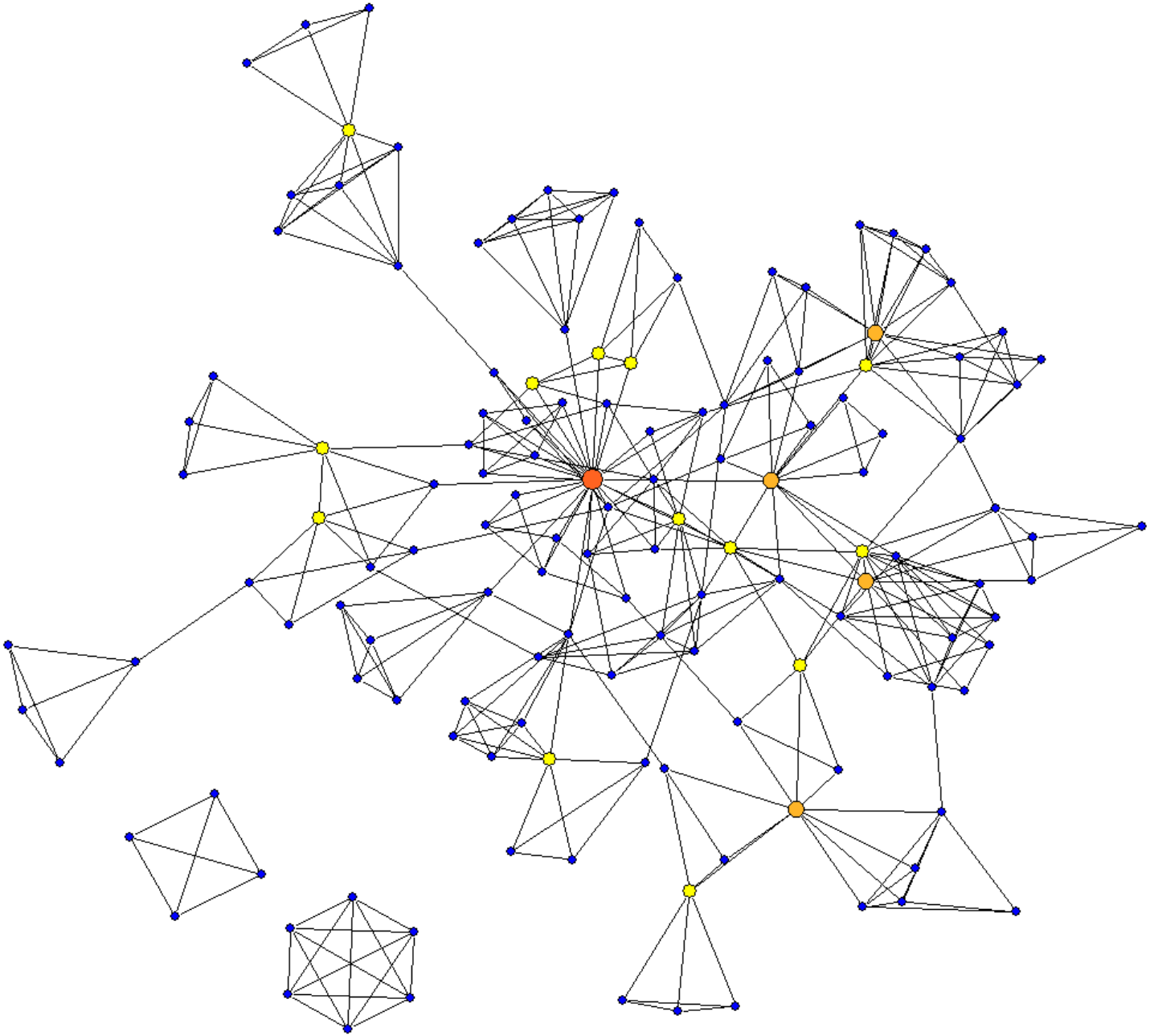

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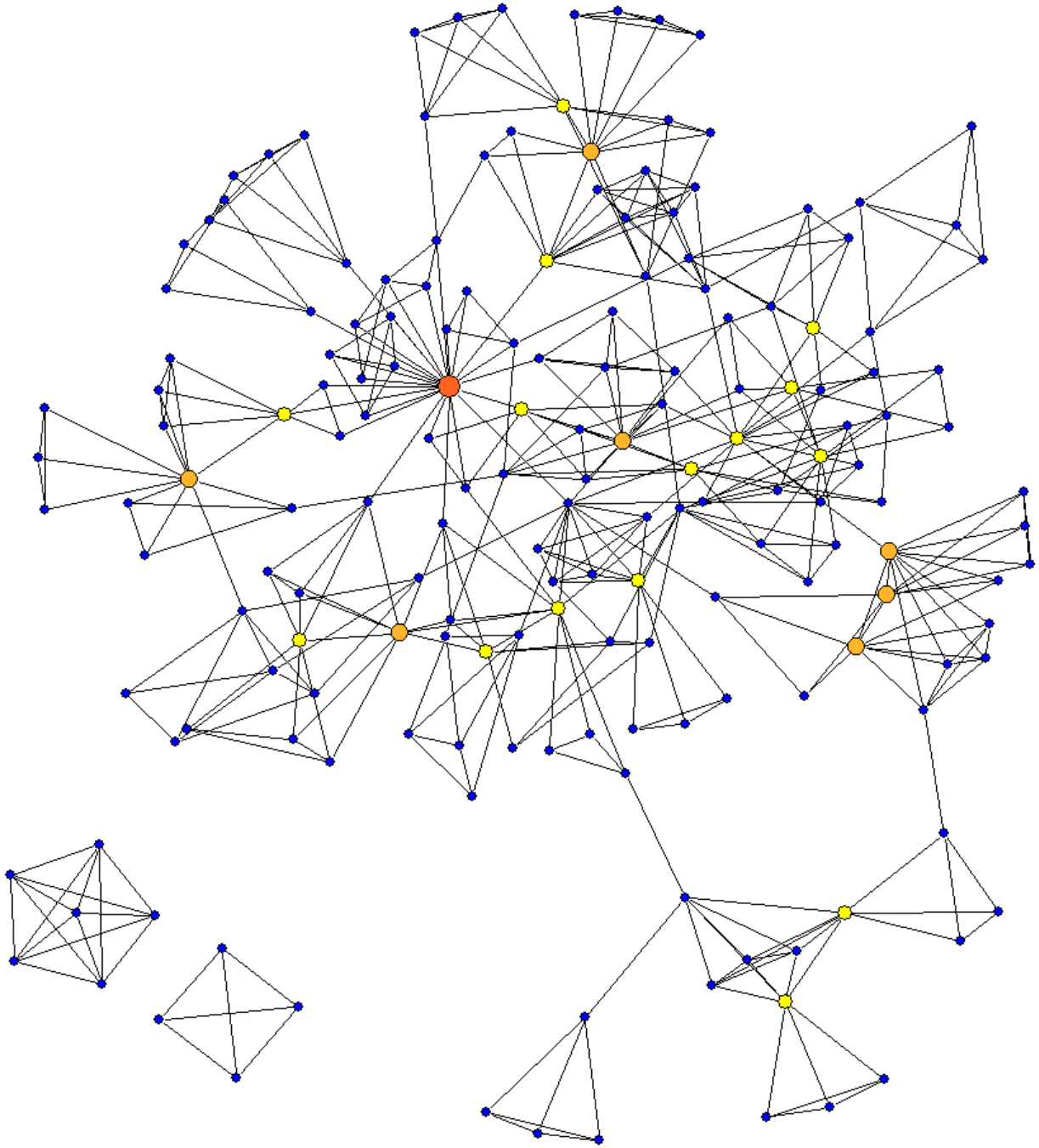

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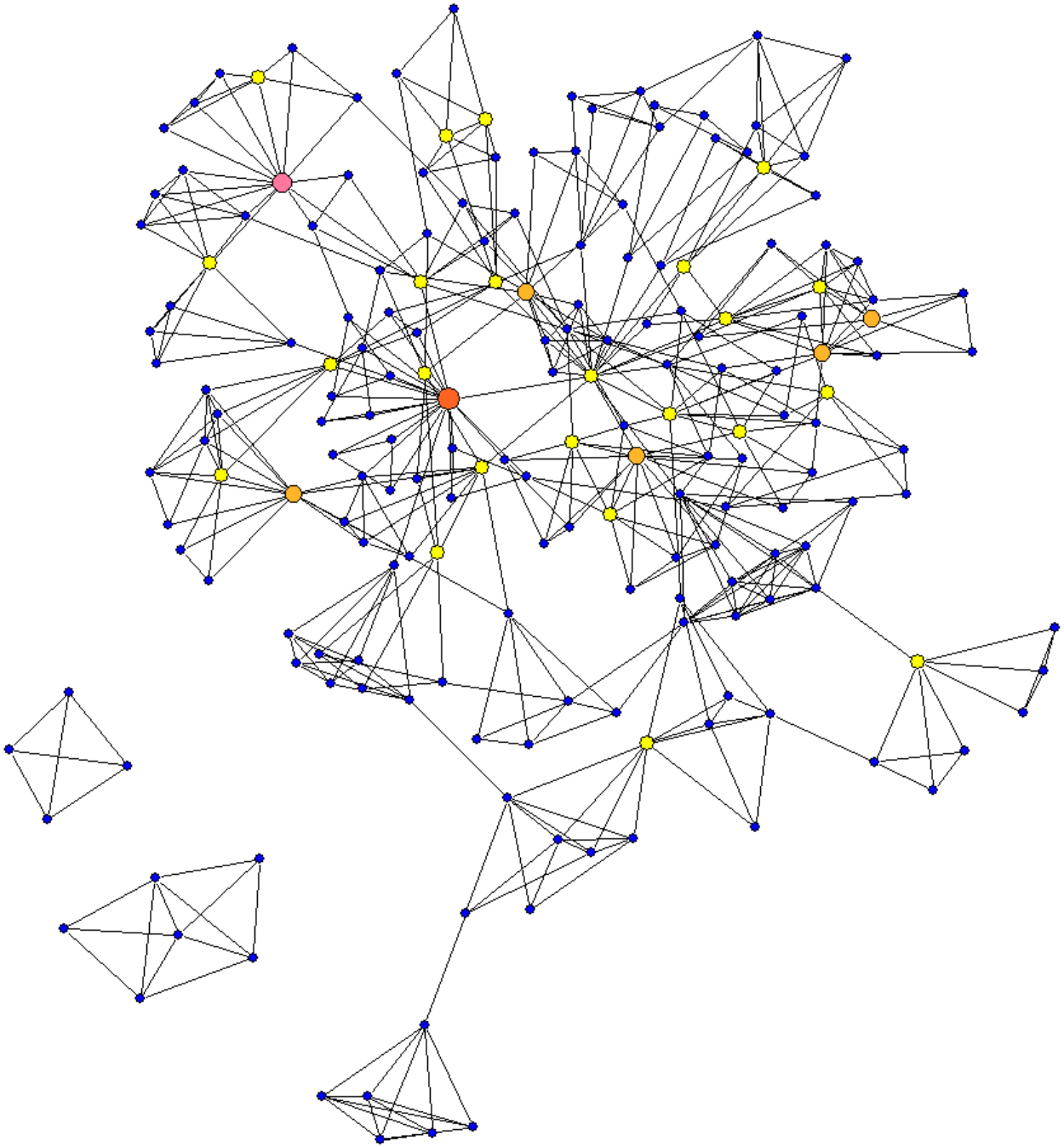

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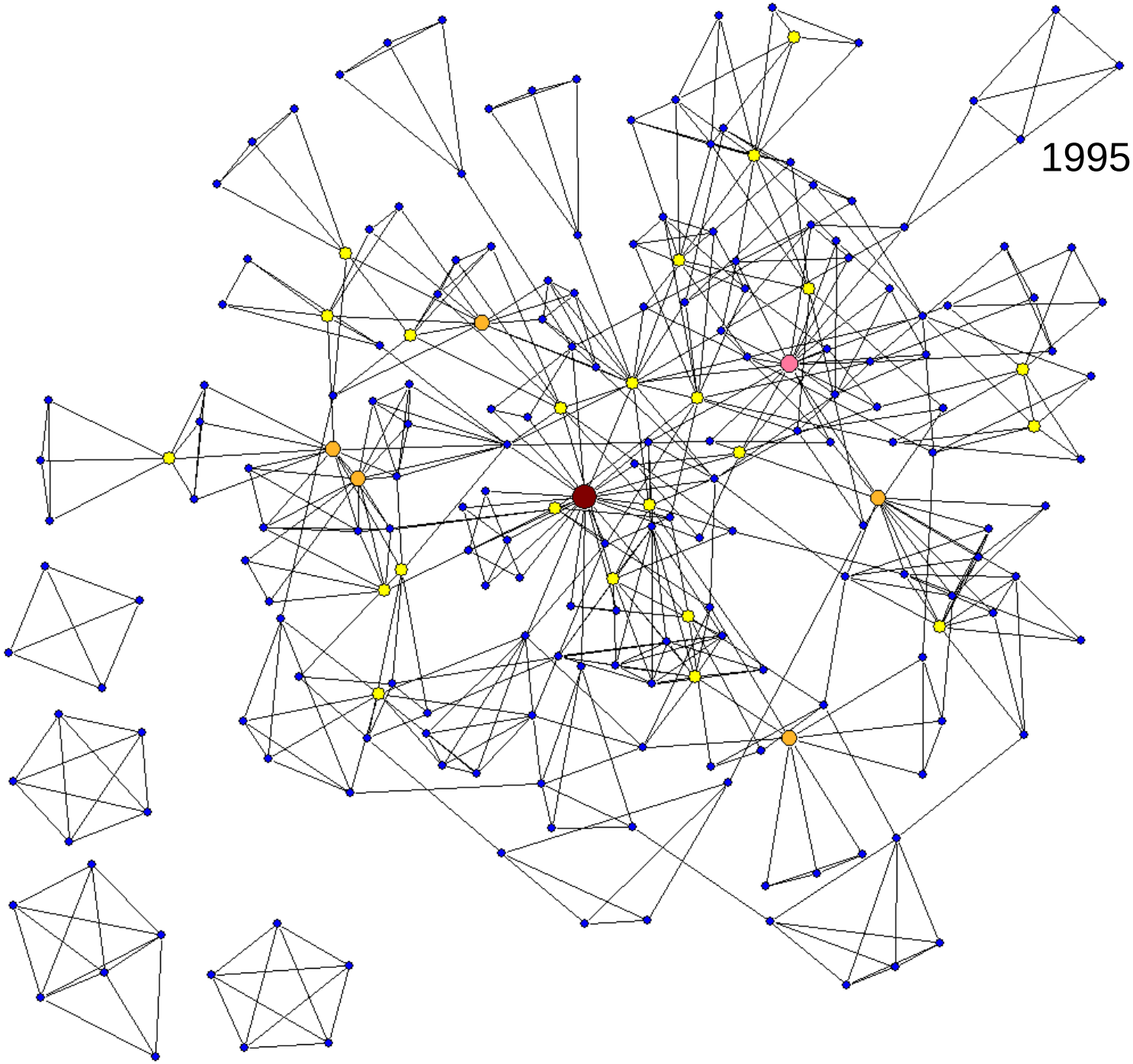

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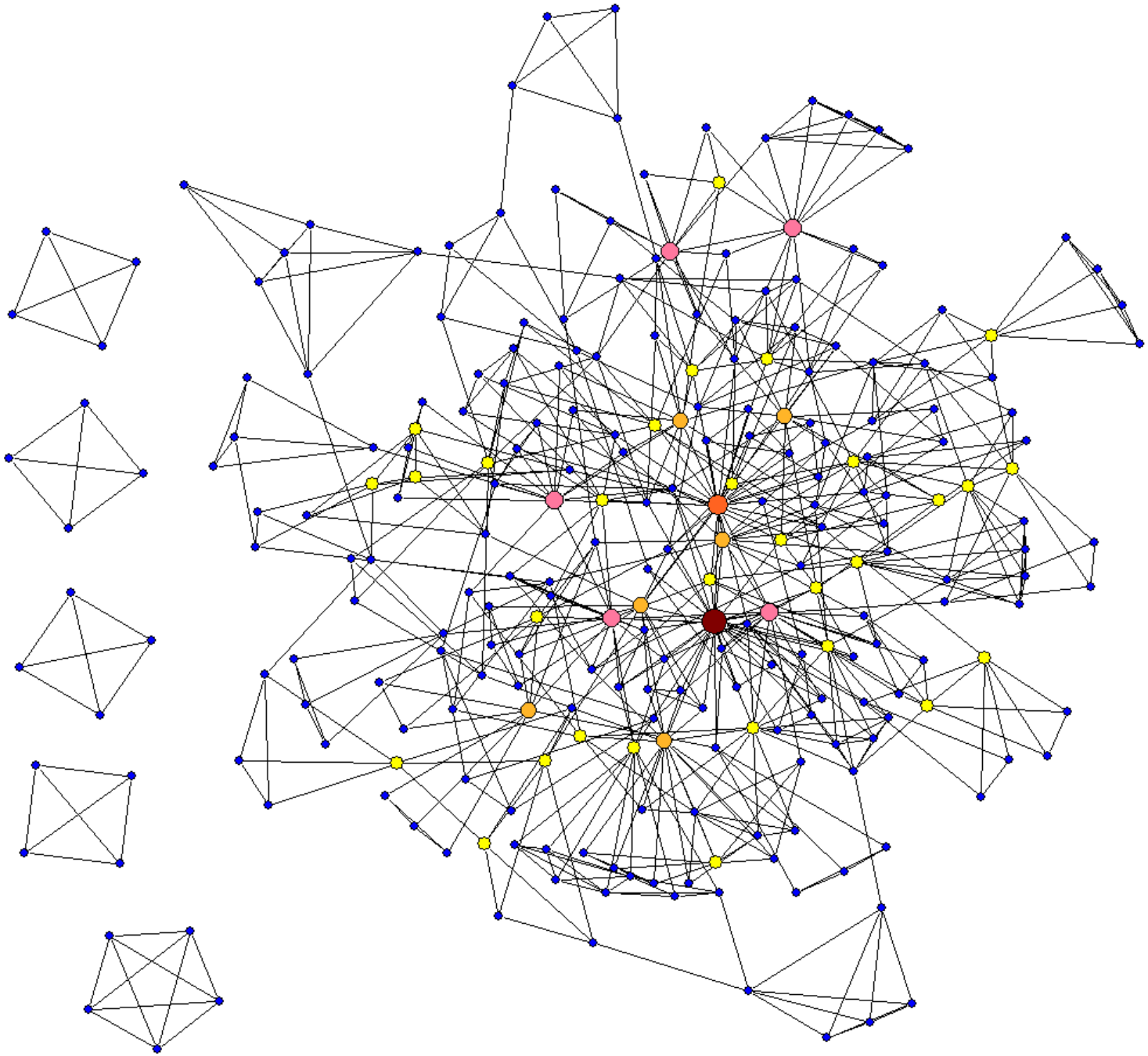

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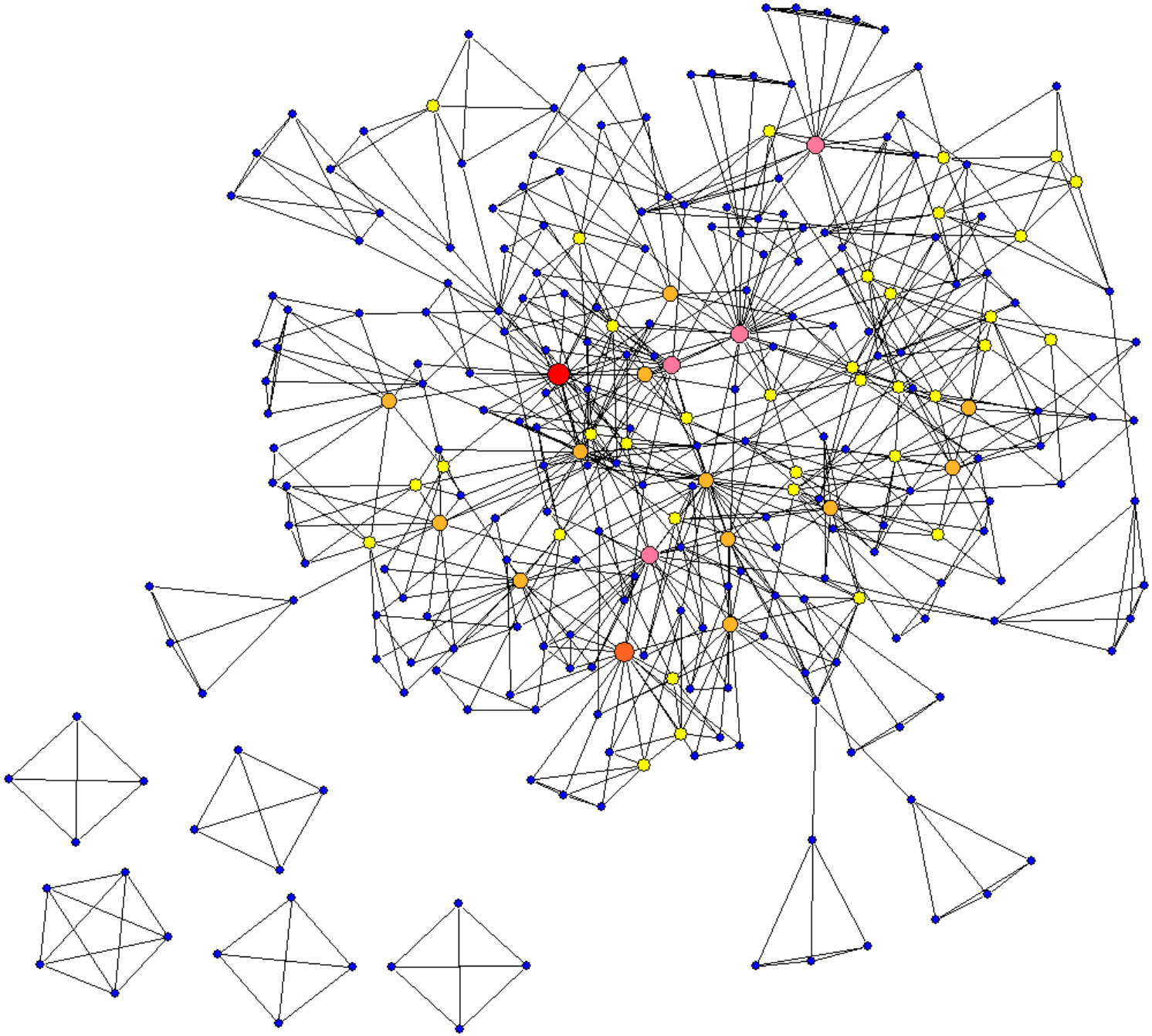

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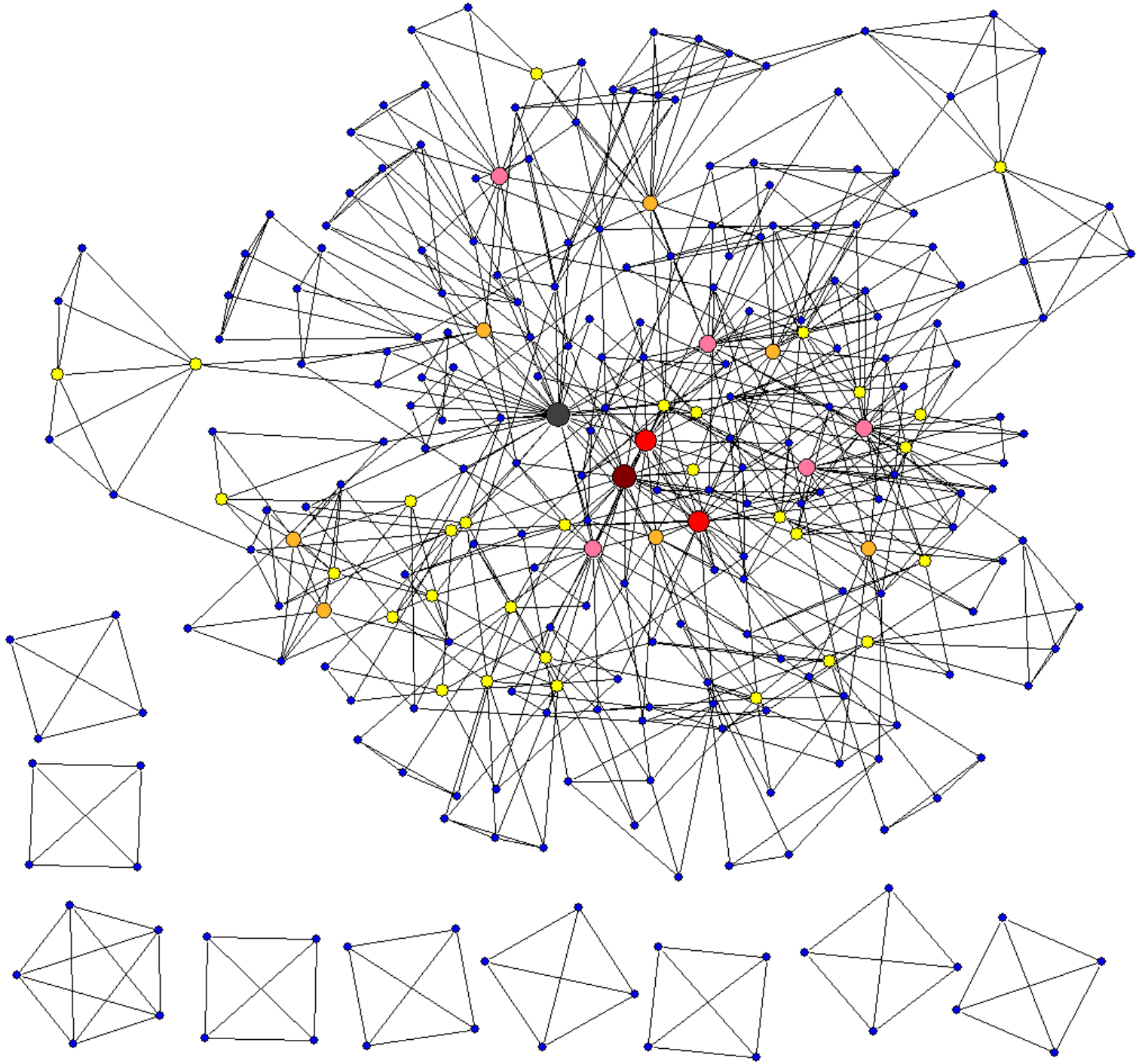

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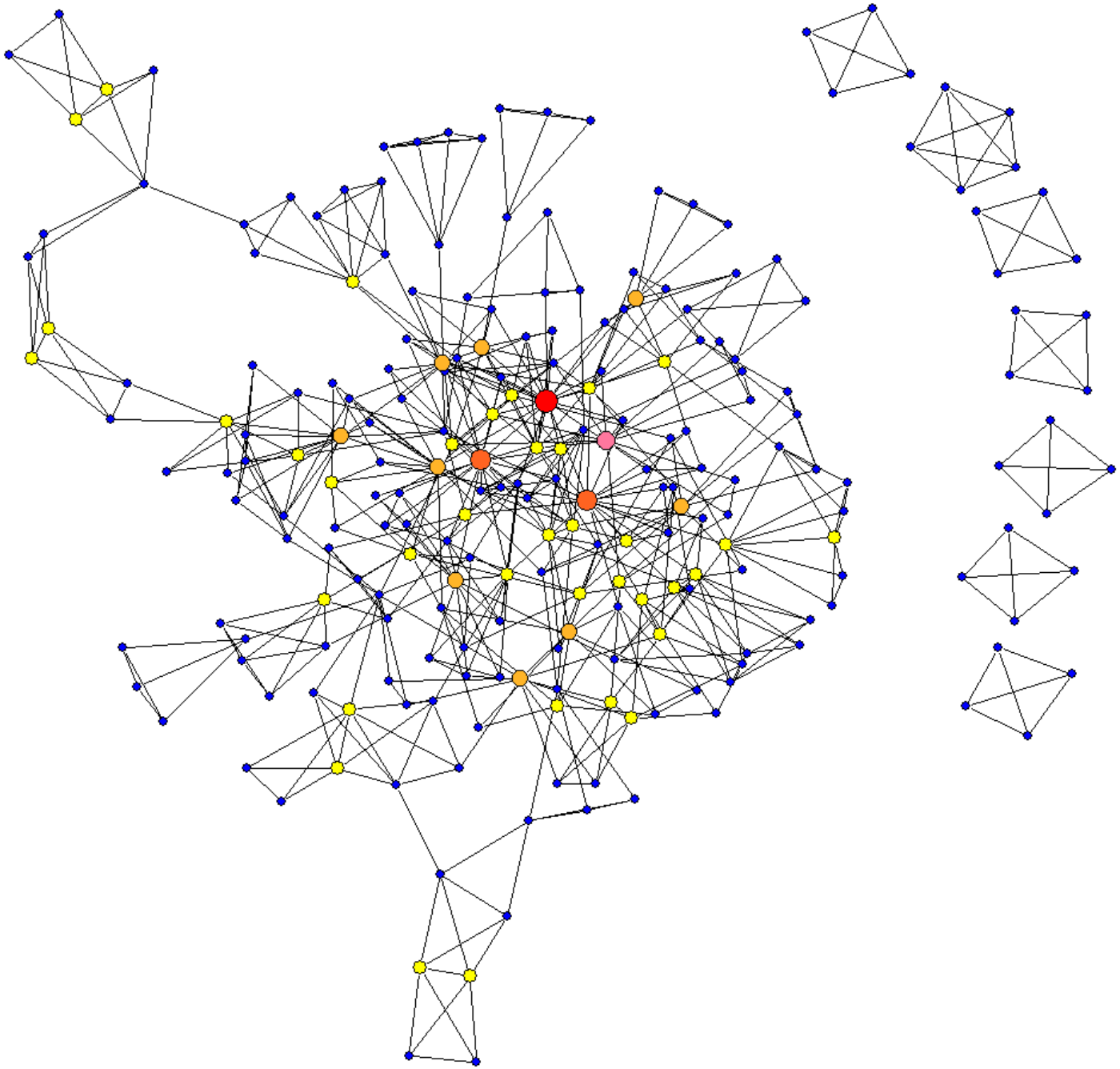

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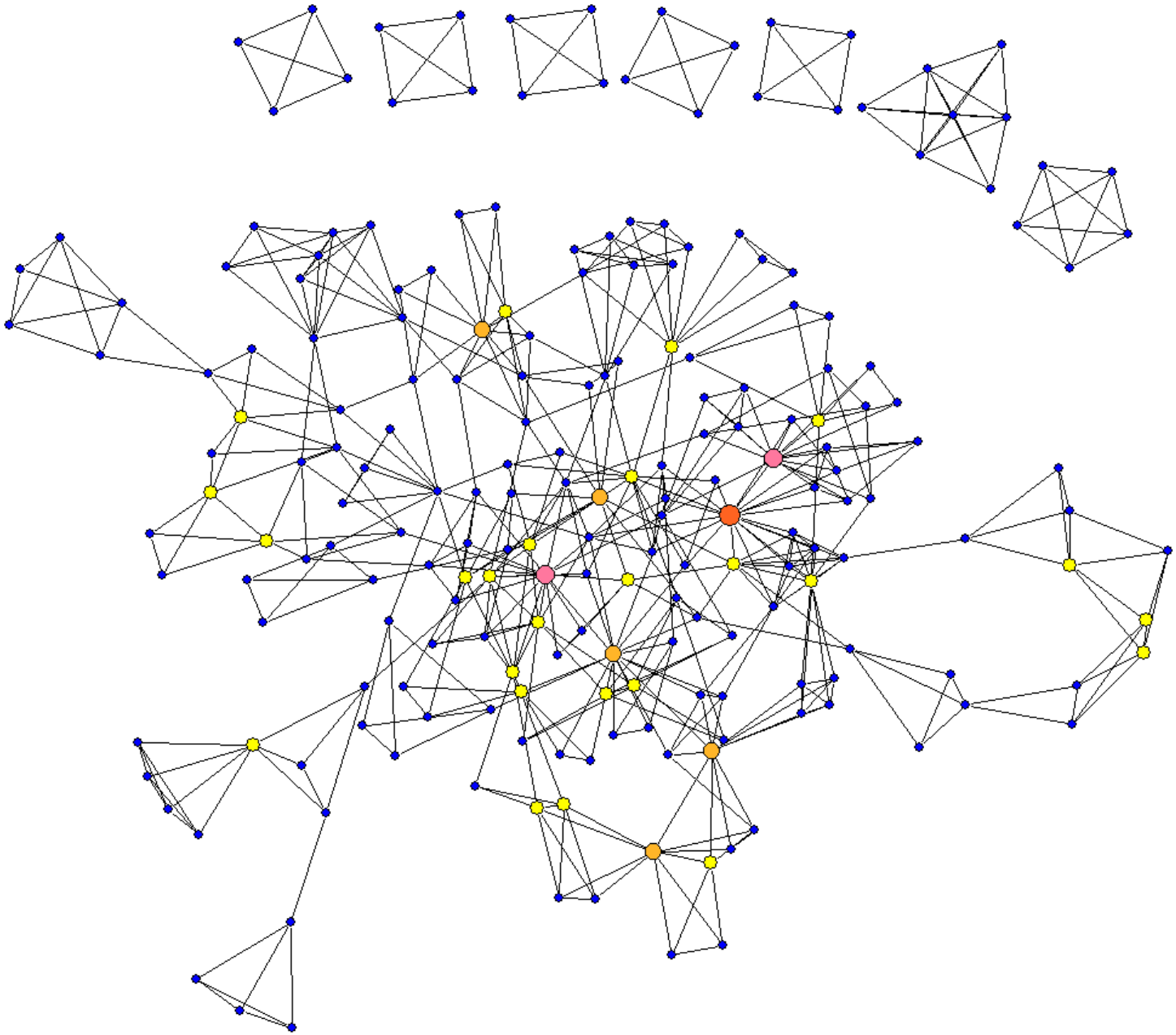

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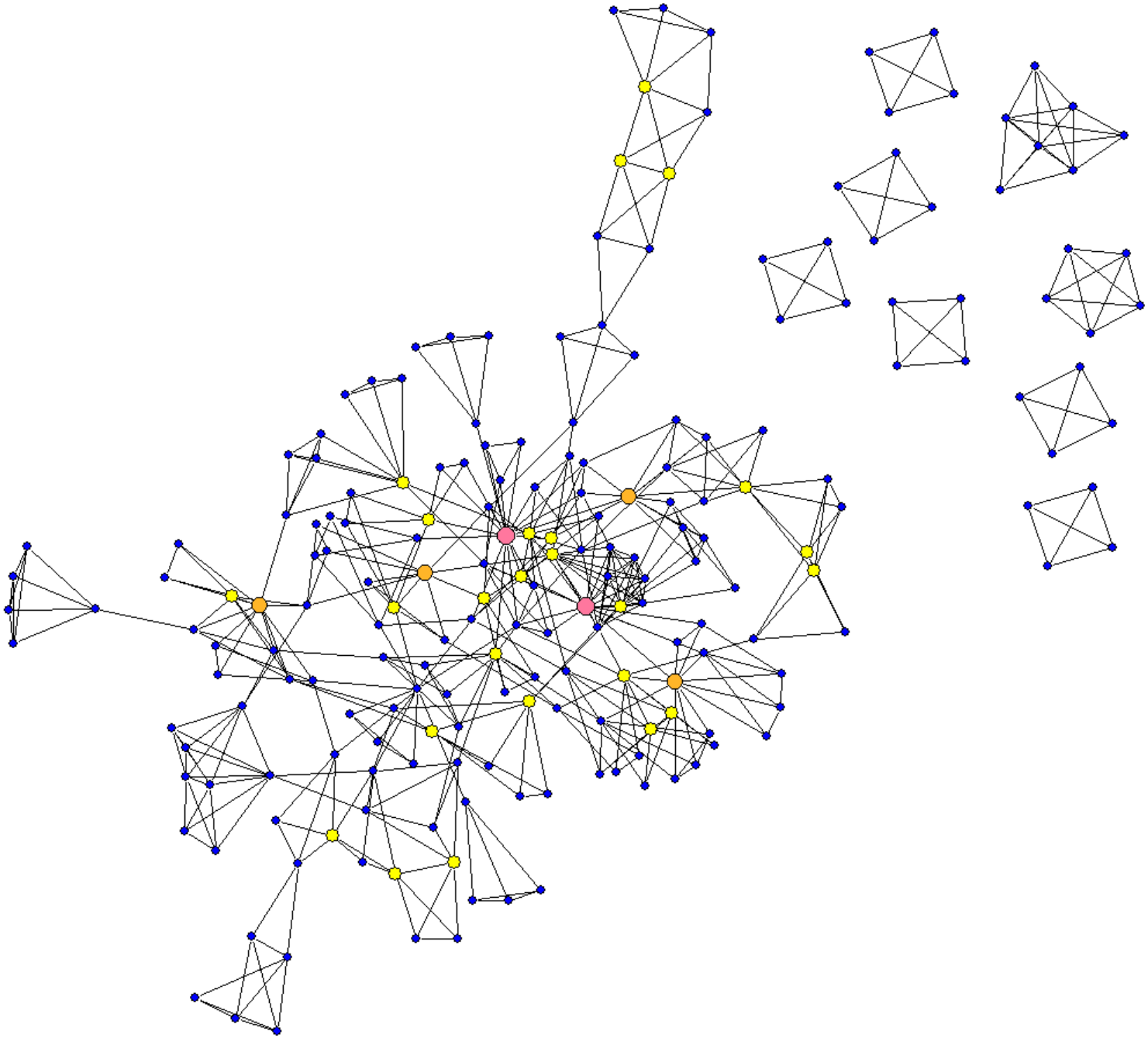

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Some important conditions

- Coordination capacity relies on
  - Political and financial support
  - Key players and focal institutions
  - Responsiveness to public controversy
  - Coalition-building across domains and skills-sets
  - International community-building
  - Cohesion and connectivity of networks
    - Cohesion=capacity to implement new rules
    - Connectivity=capacity to get new ideas

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Methods

- Interviews
- Observation
- Biographical analysis (CV data)
- Possibly network survey

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