

Representing Spatiality in the Transnational Corporate Network

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Corporate interlocks trace two forms of capitalist power:

- Strategic, allocative and operational control within the circuitry of accumulation (e.g., finance capital as an coalescence of industrial and financial forms)
- Class hegemony: the integration of top capitalists and organic intellectuals into a business community; the reach of that community into civil society and states.

Carroll and Fennema (2002): 'Is there a transnational business community?'

- modest increase in transnational interlocking (particularly within Europe), but also
 - persistence of national specificities, and
 - a trend away from the strong inter-corporate ties that have been distinctive of organized capitalism.
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- We concluded that a transnational business community, centred on the North Atlantic, is in the making, with practices centred primarily around class formation: construction of community and hegemony.

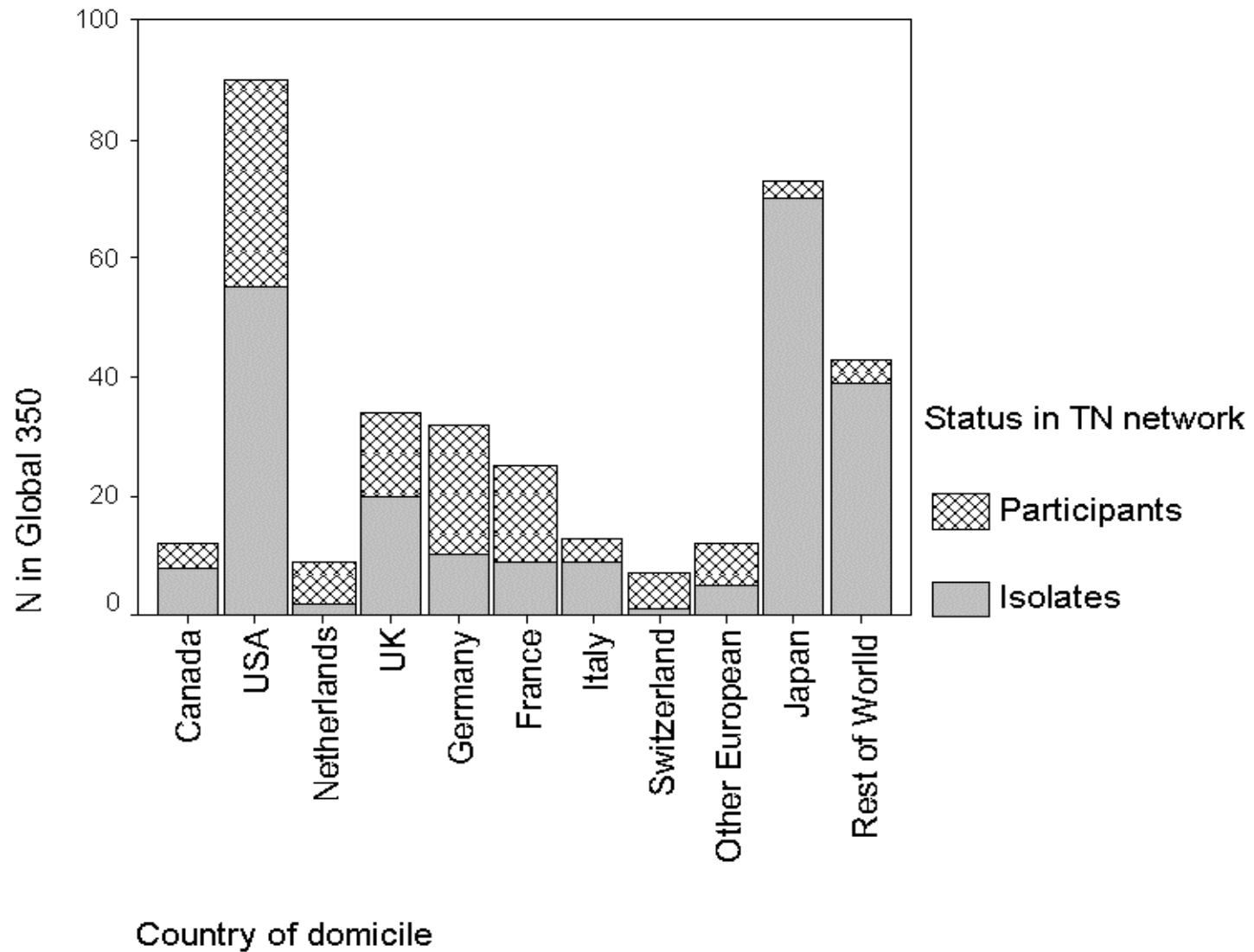
Carroll and Carson (2003): Forging a new hegemony

- broadened the network analysis to include 350 corporations as well as five policy-planning groups – important promoters of neoliberal globalization:
- World Economic Forum,
- International Chamber of Commerce,
- Trilateral Commission,
- Bilderberg Conference and
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development

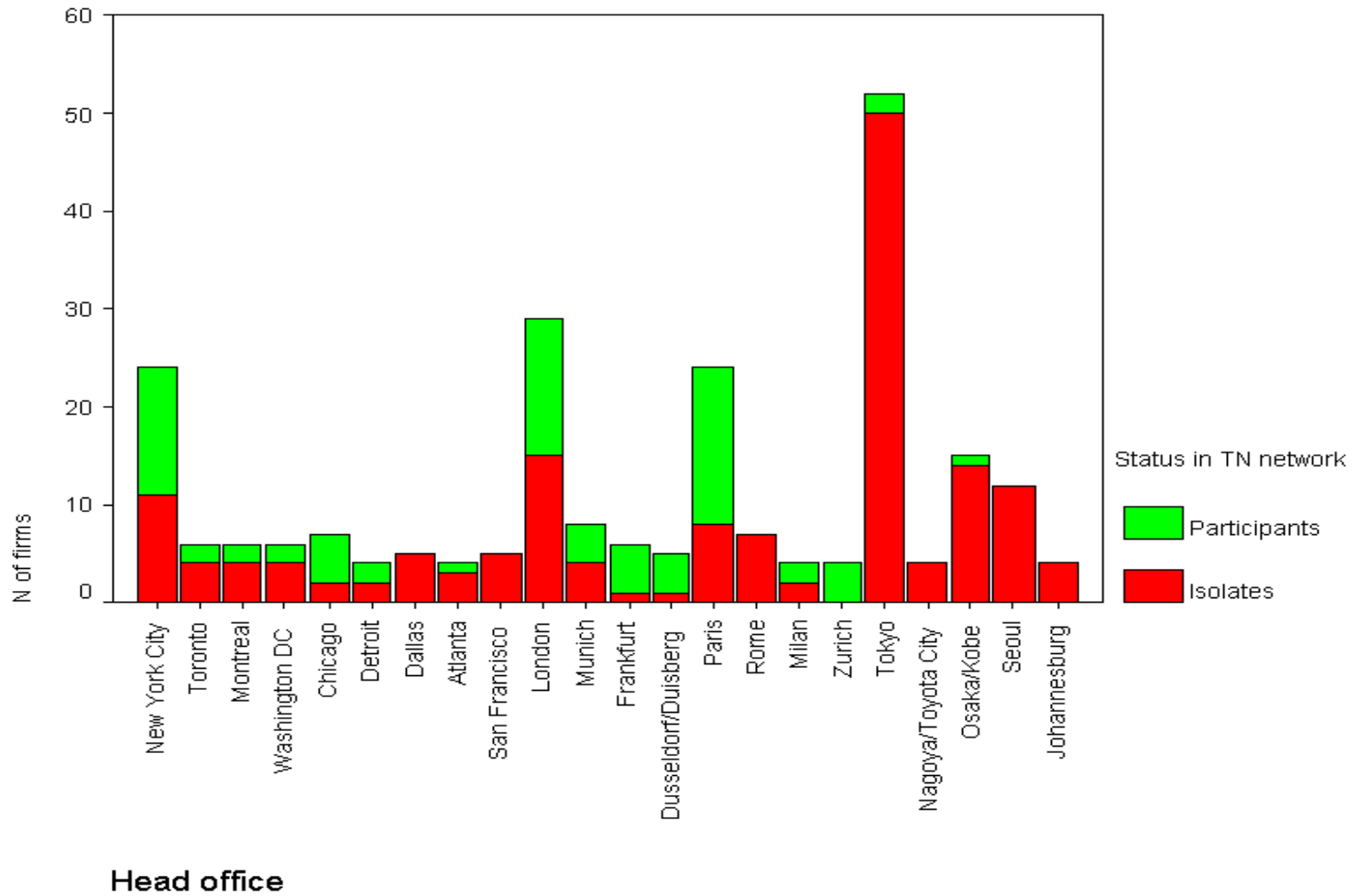
Parameters of the Present Analysis

- 622 corporate directors (Carroll and Carson's global corporate elite)
-400 who direct only corporations in a single country
222 corporate directors with transnational reach.
- Of the 222,
94 are transnational corporate linkers
128 are not transnational corporate linkers, but sit on one
or more global policy board.
- The 94 transnational corporate linkers carry a corporate
network of 122 corporations.

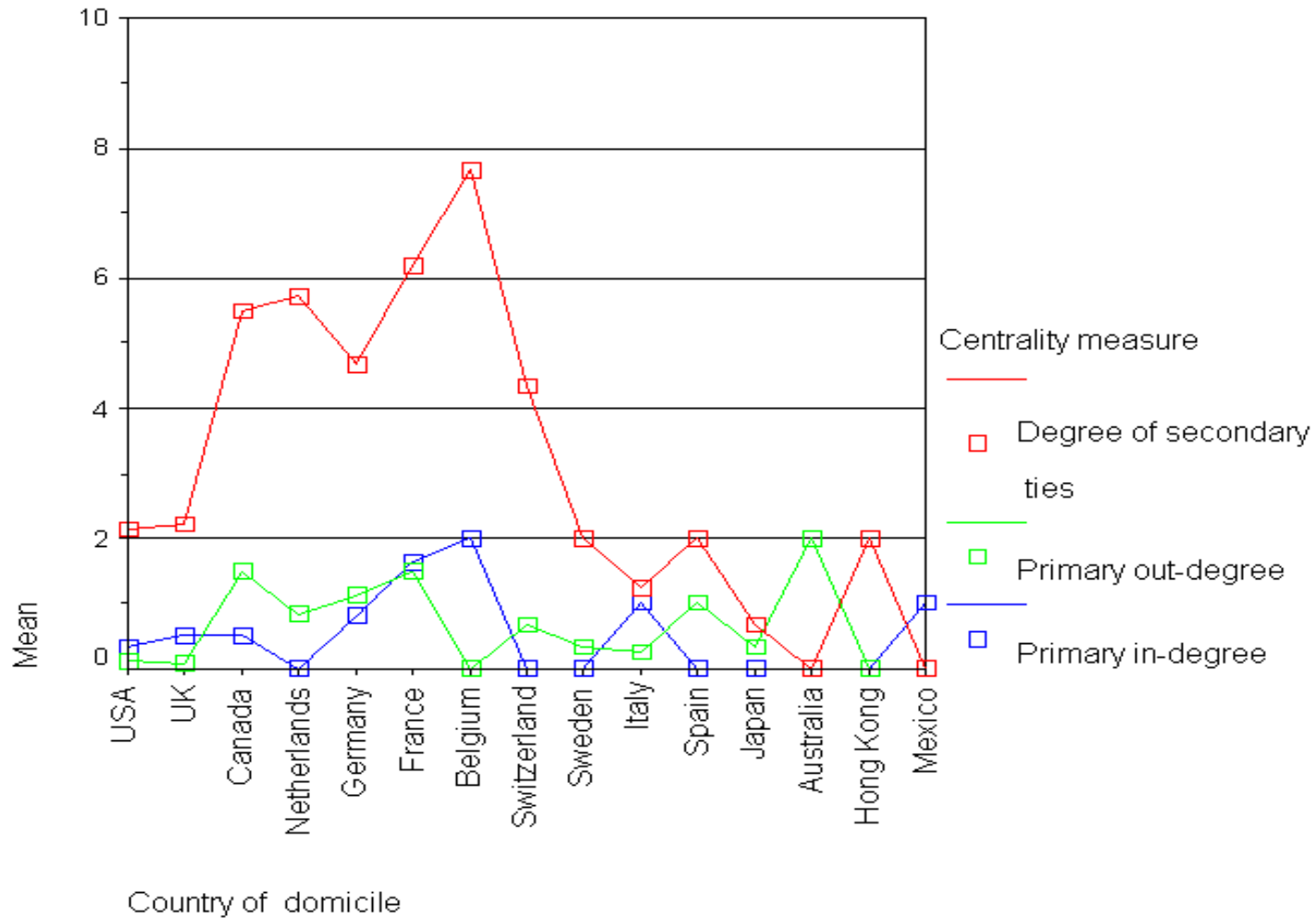
Participation in the Transnational Corporate Network by Country



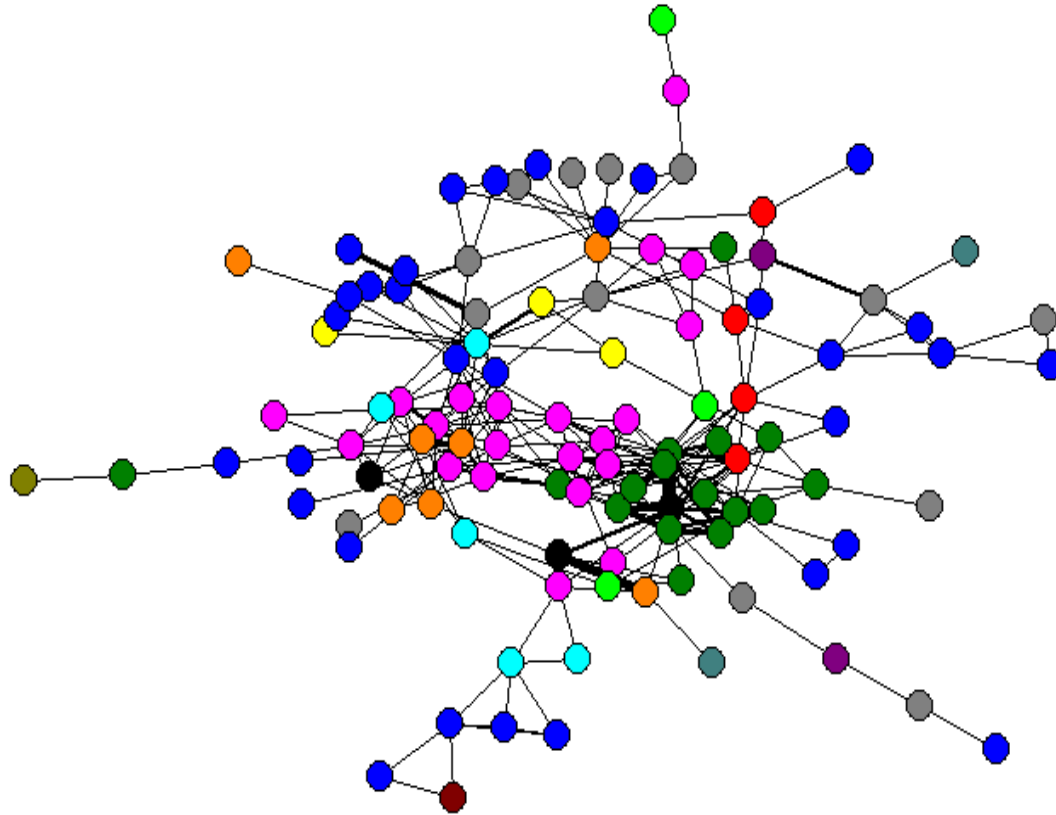
Participation in the TN Network by City



Three Components of Degree Centrality: Means by Country

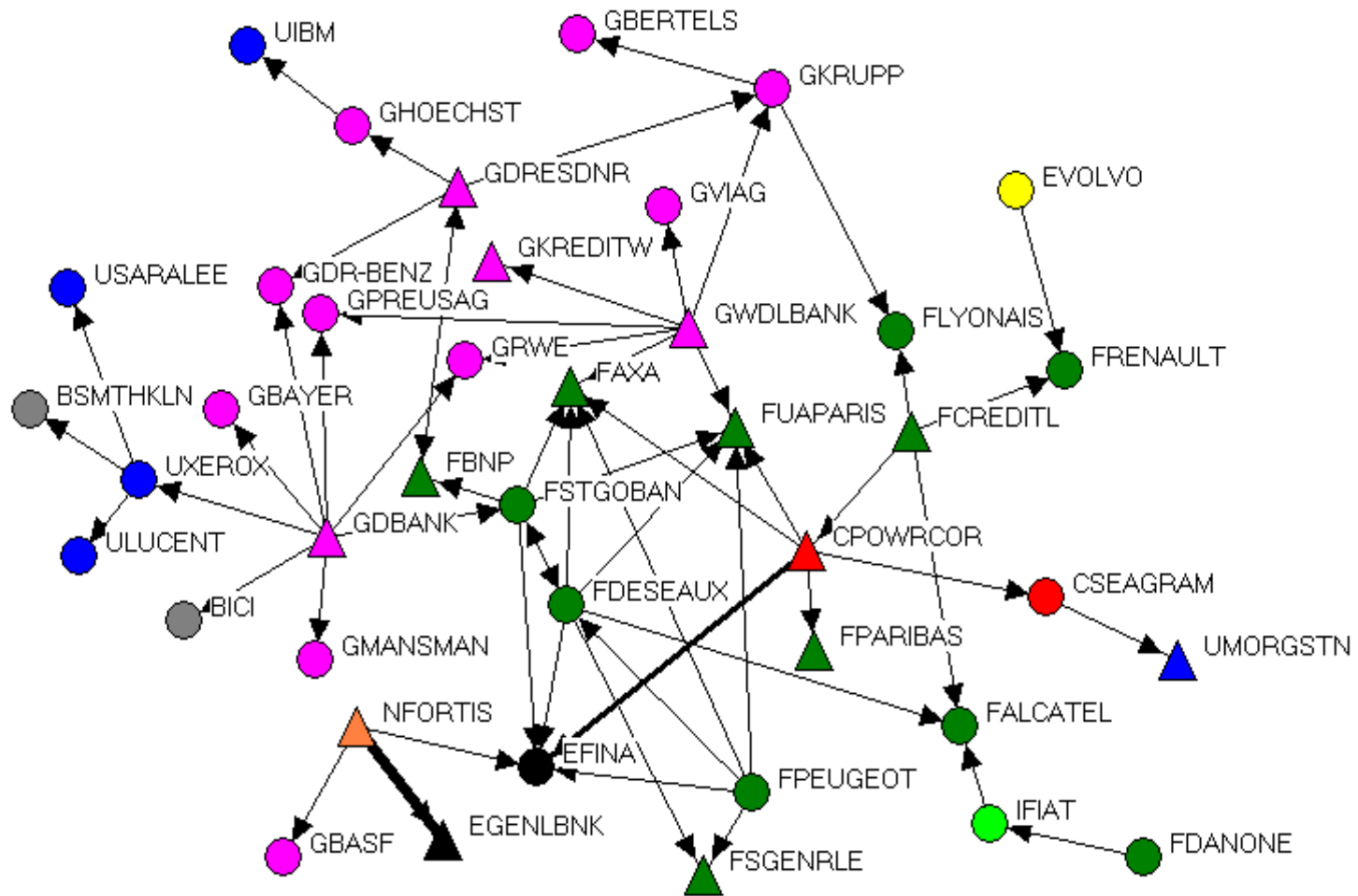


The Transnational Corporate Network, Coded by Country of Domicile



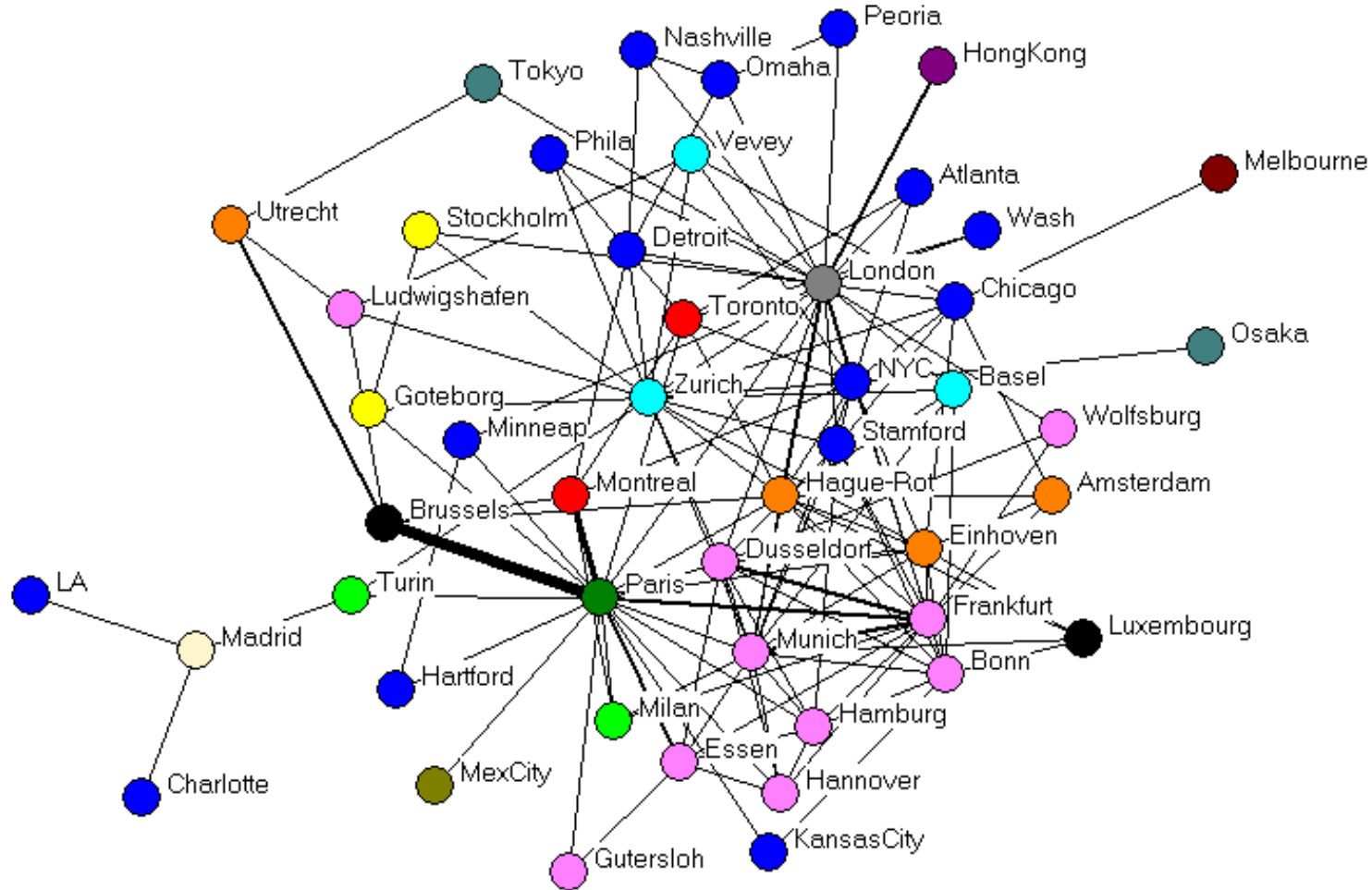
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The Dominant Component of Primary Interlocks



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- Circles: industrials, Triangles: financials

The Inter-Urban Corporate Network, Showing all Ties

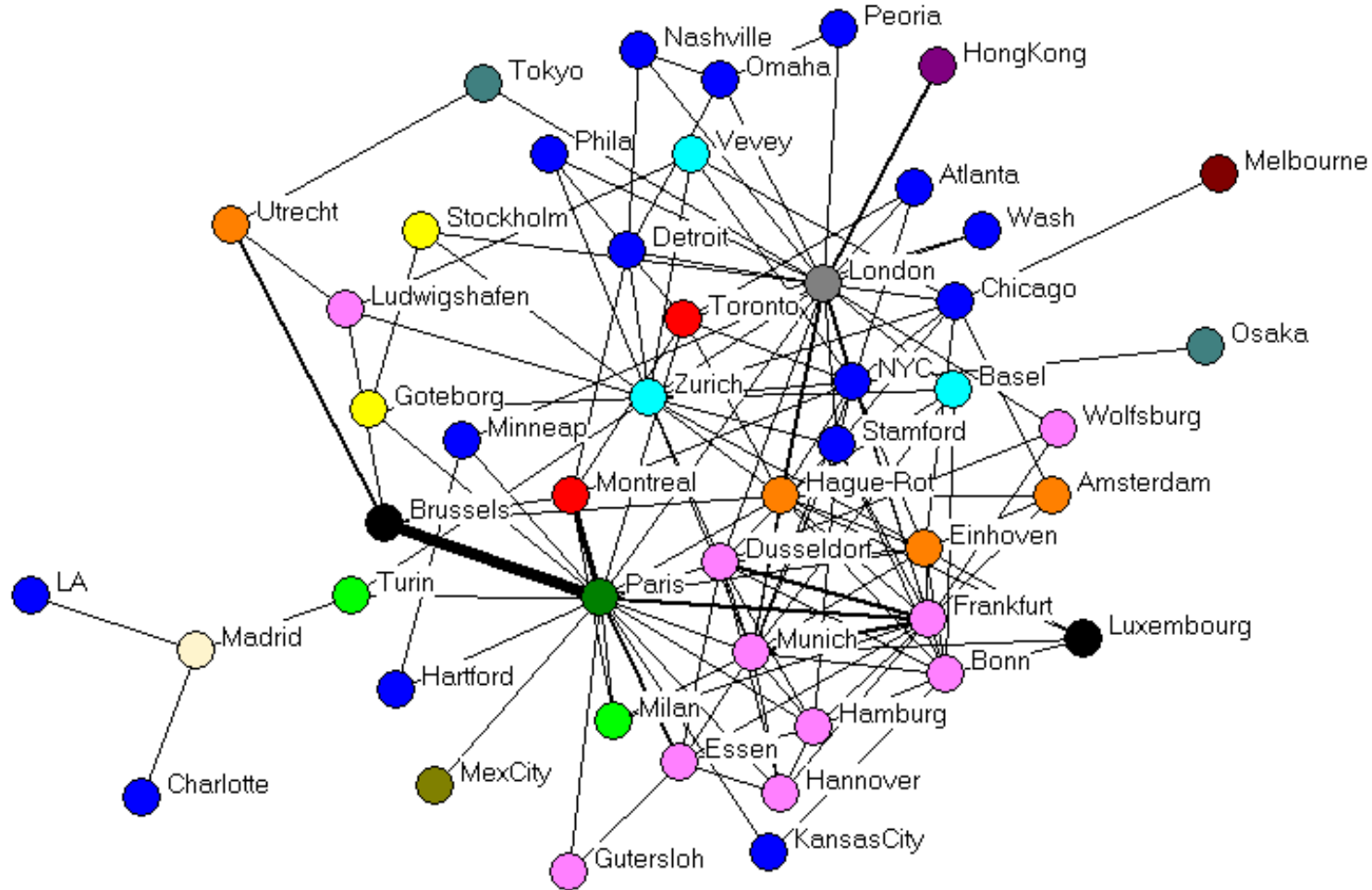


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Central Cities in the Inter-Urban Network

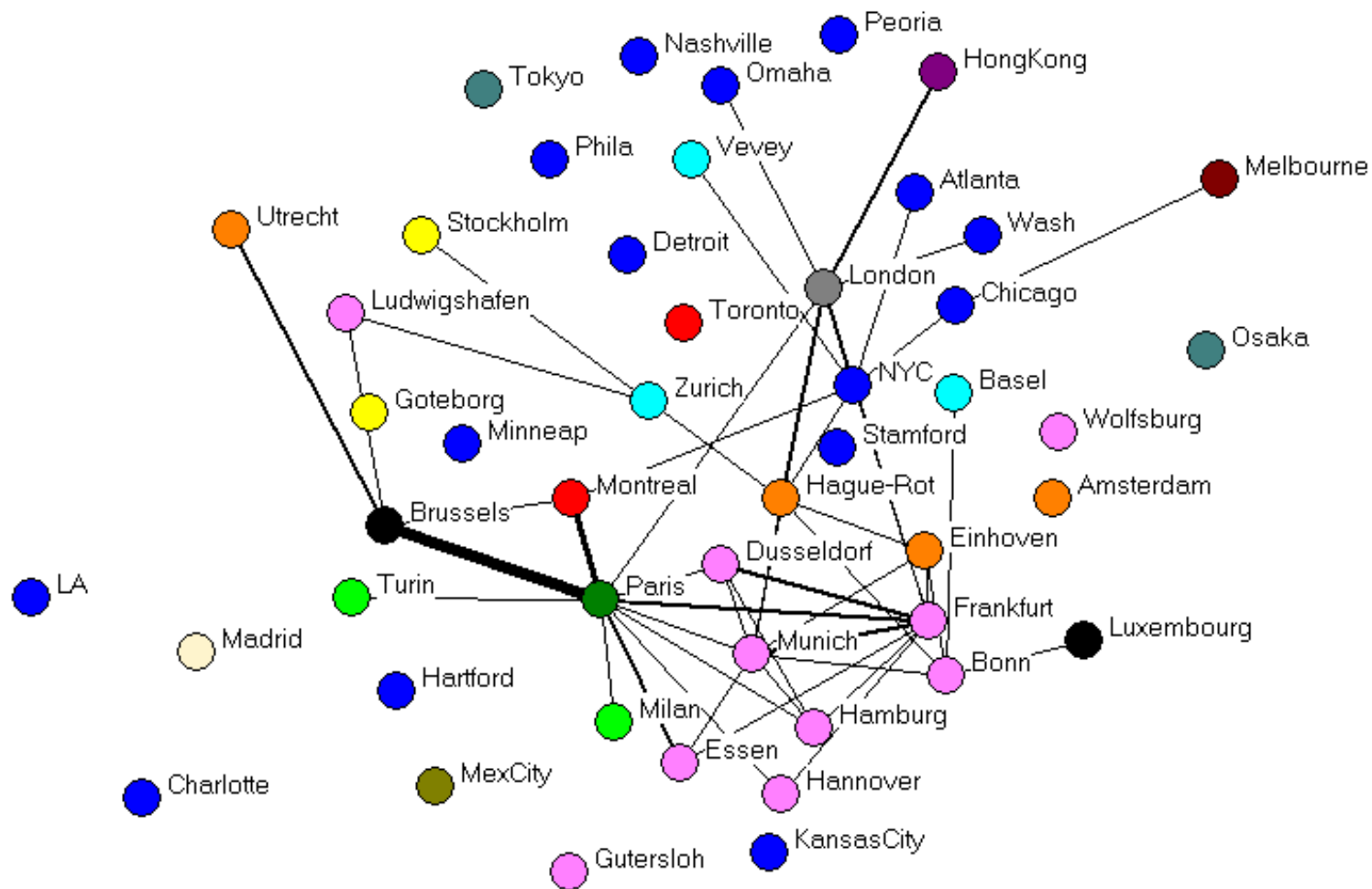
	<u>City</u>	<u>Inter-Urban Interlocks</u>
1	Paris	74
2	London	41
3	Brussels	36
4	Frankfurt	34
5	Munich	29
6	NYC	28
7	Hague-Rotterdam	25
8	Montreal	22
9	Zurich	20
10	Dusseldorf	18
11	Bonn	16
12	Eindhoven	16
13	Essen	13
14	Hamburg	12
15	Chicago	11

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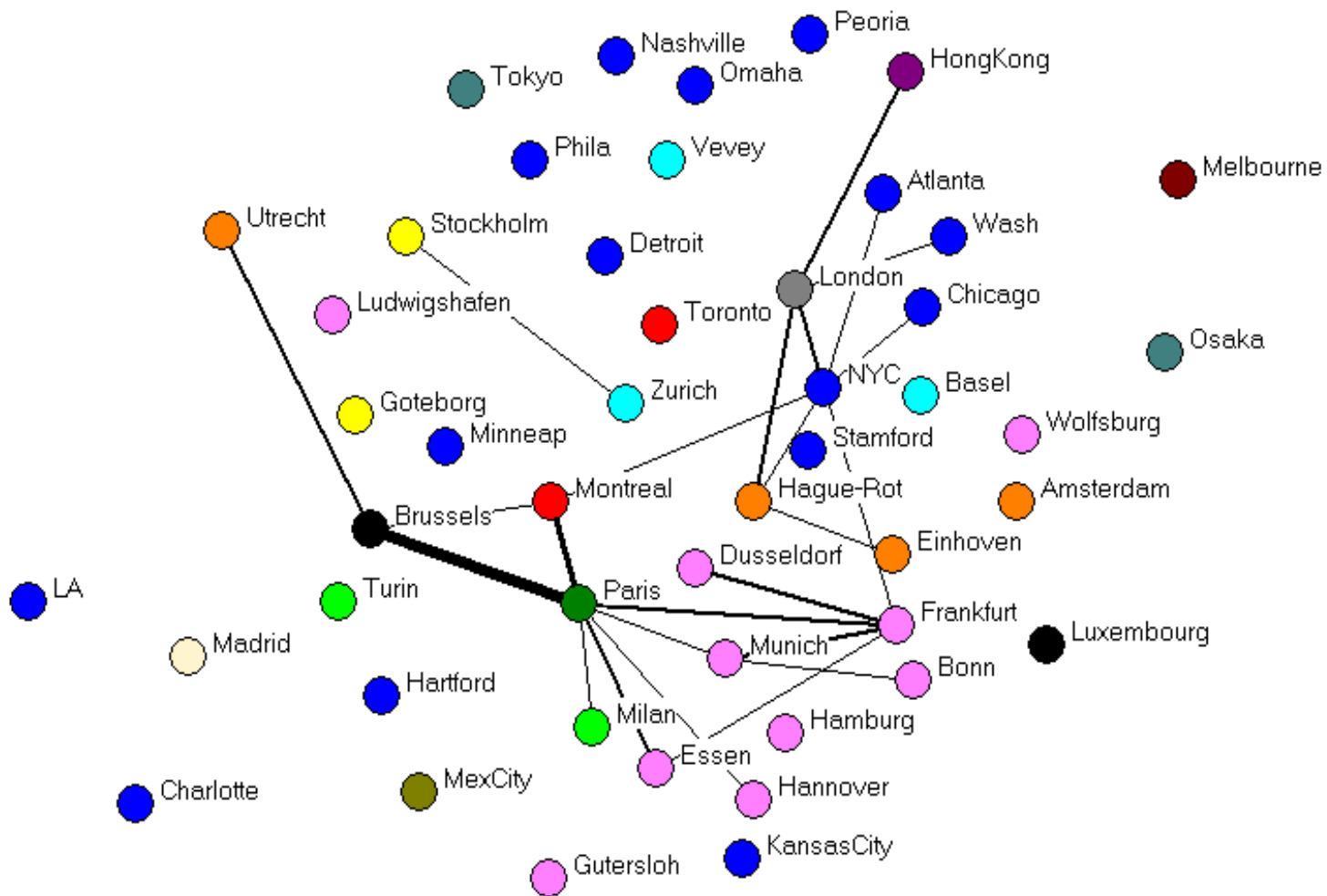
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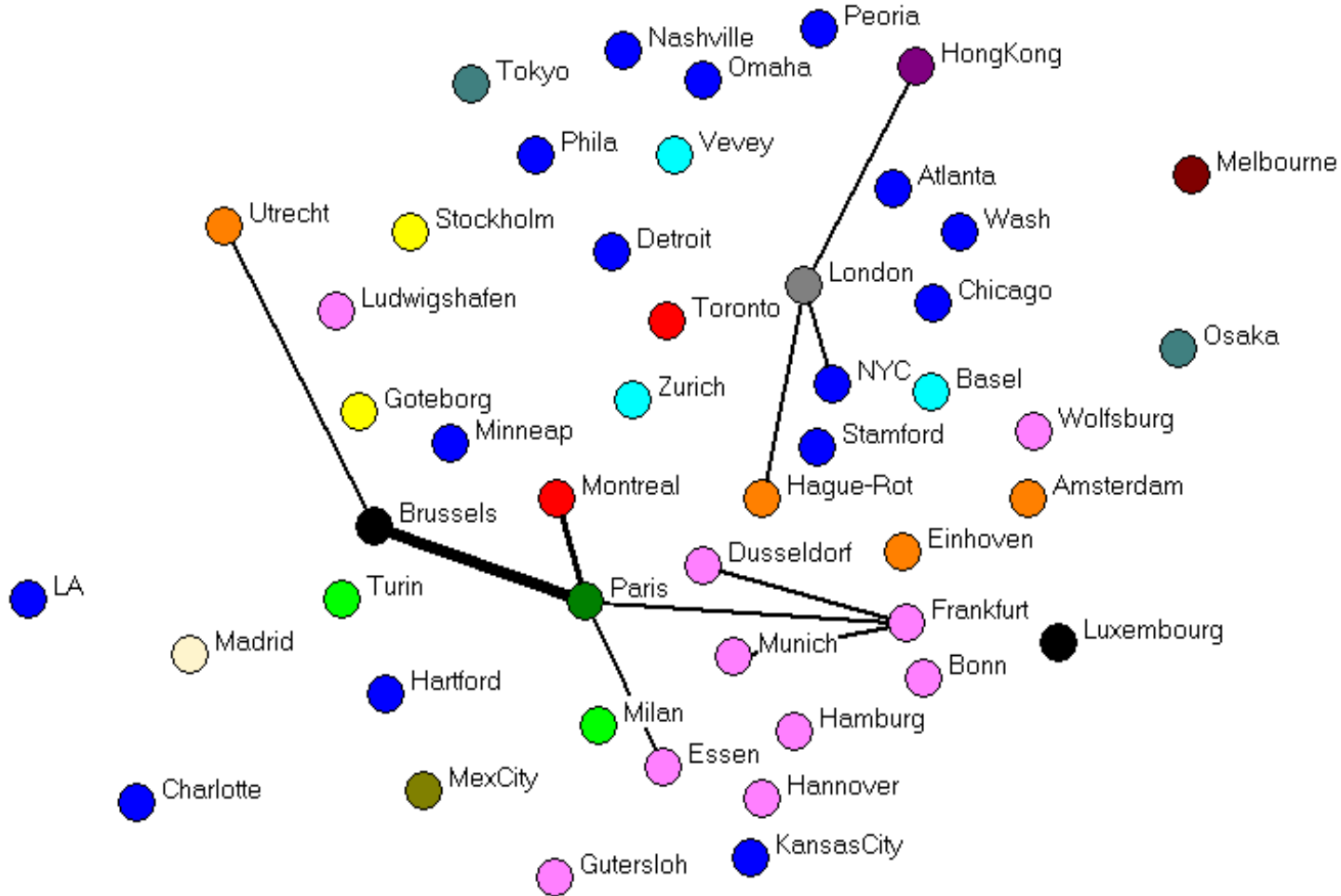
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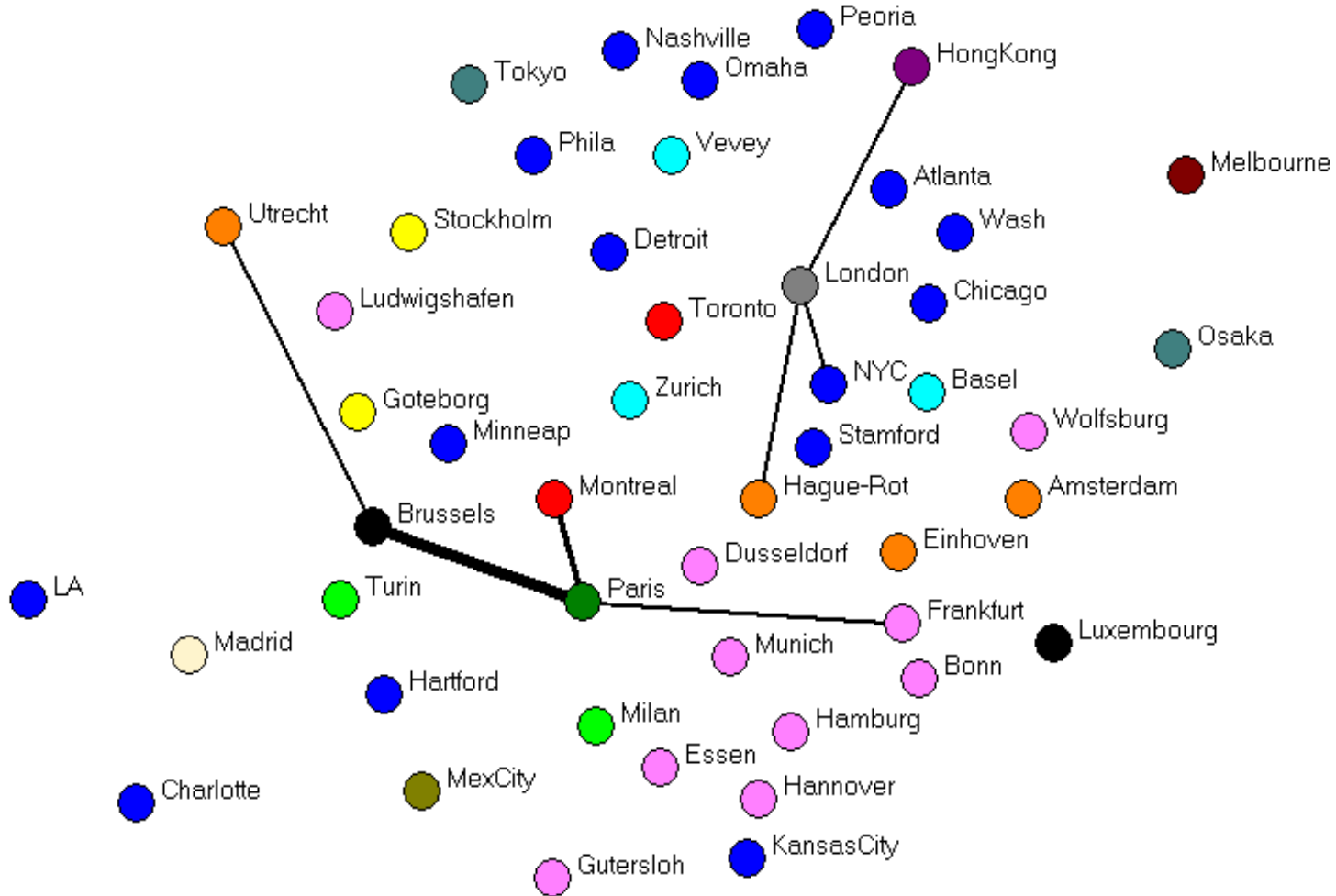
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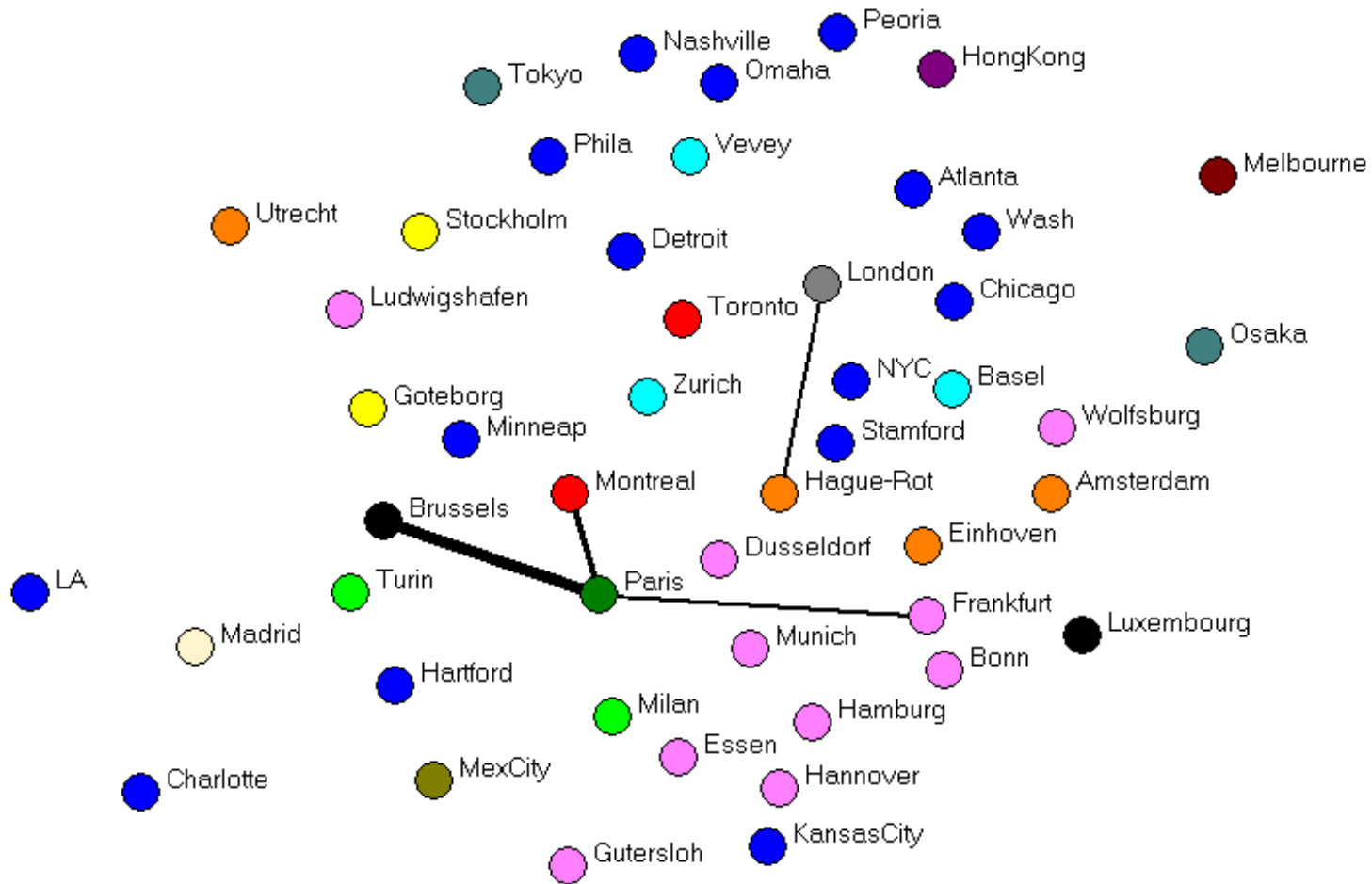
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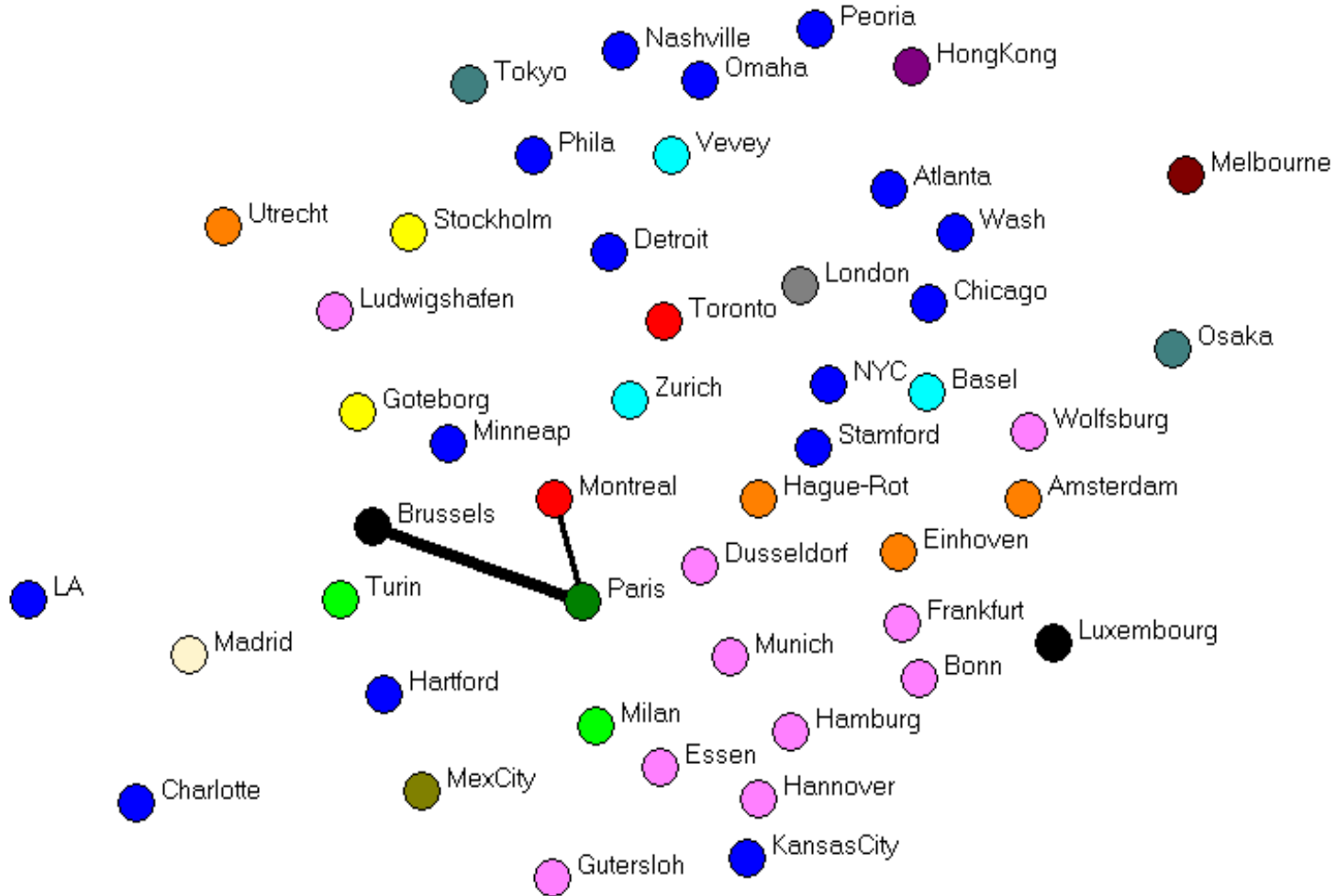
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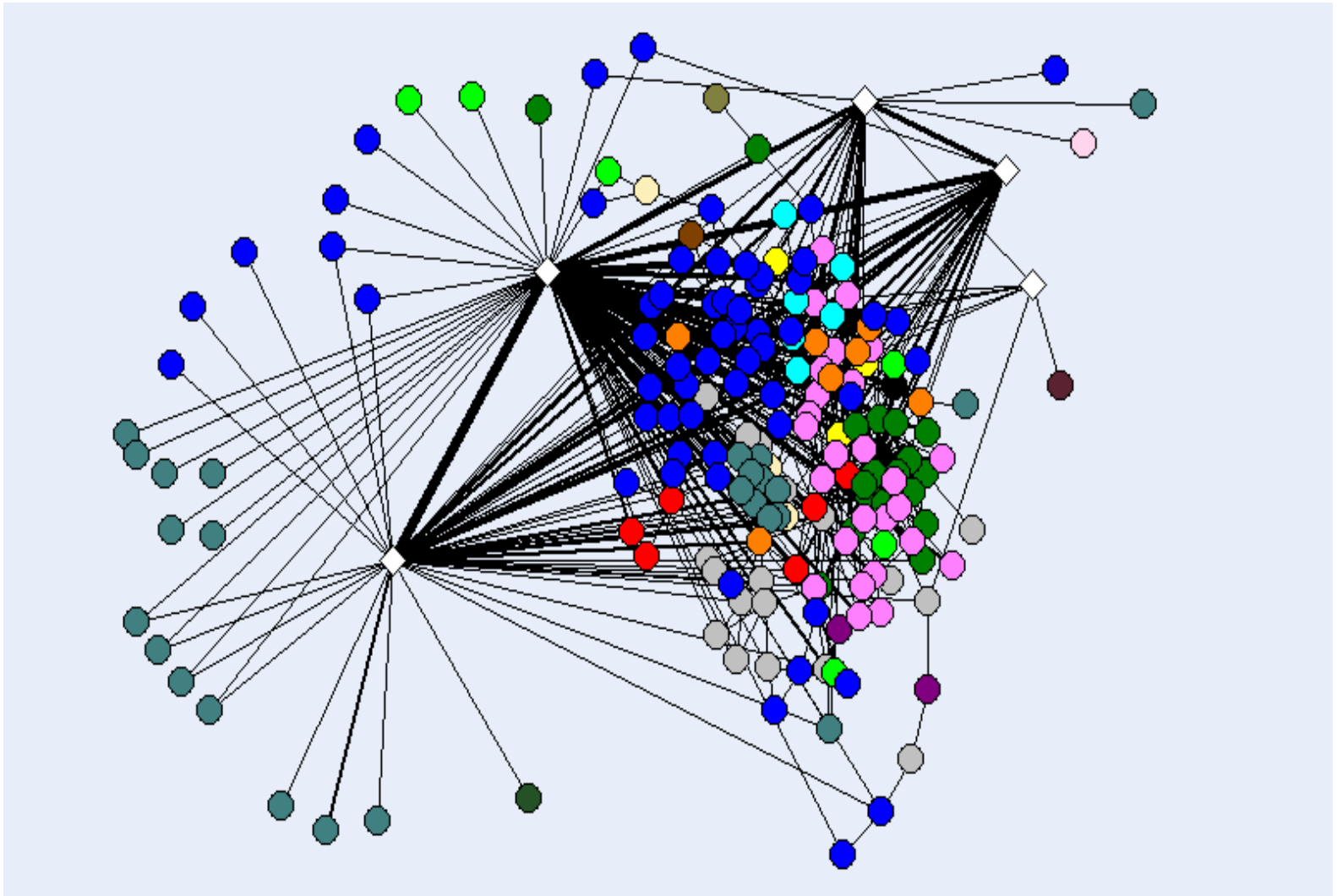
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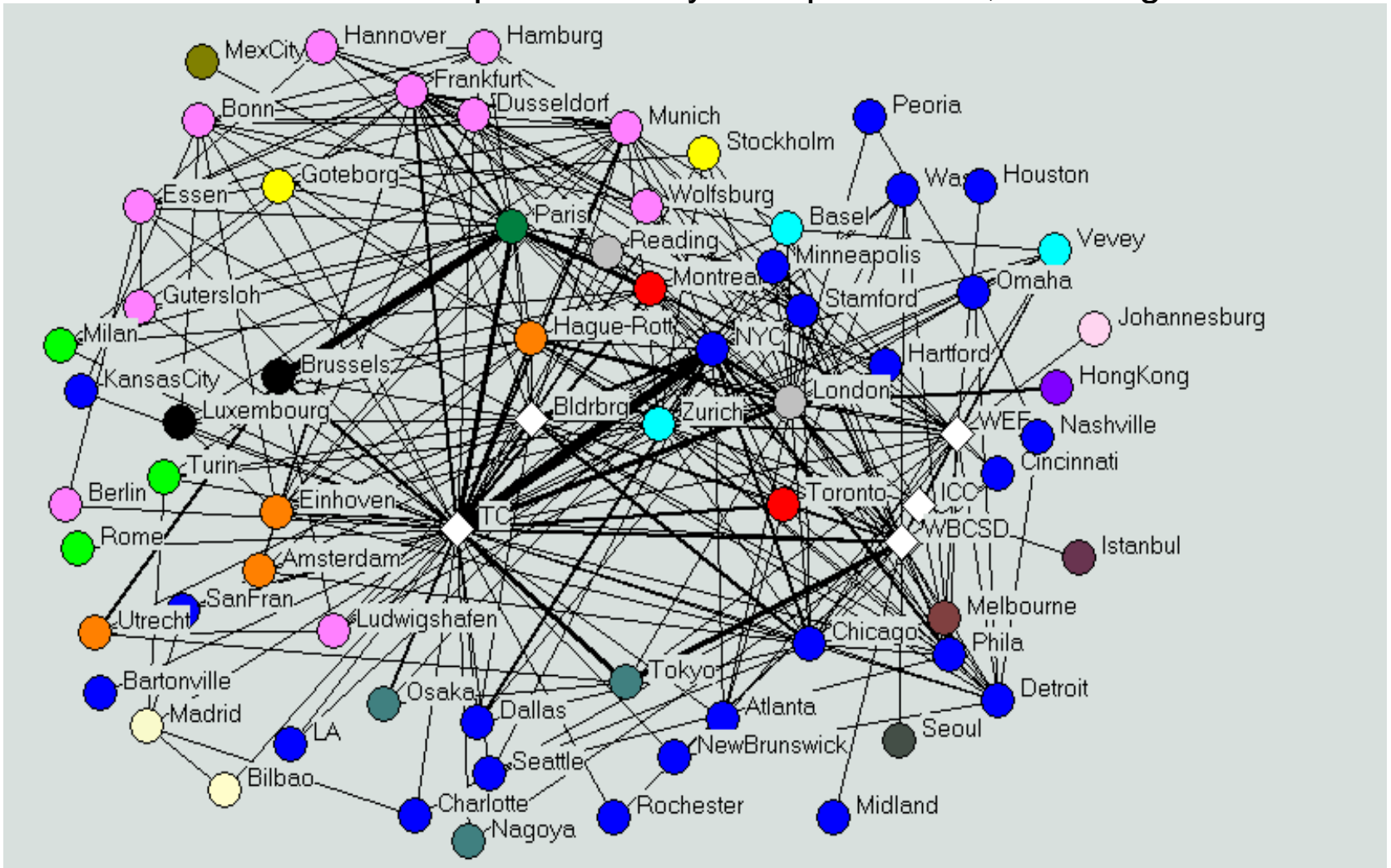
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The Network of 187 Corporations and Five Policy-Planning Boards



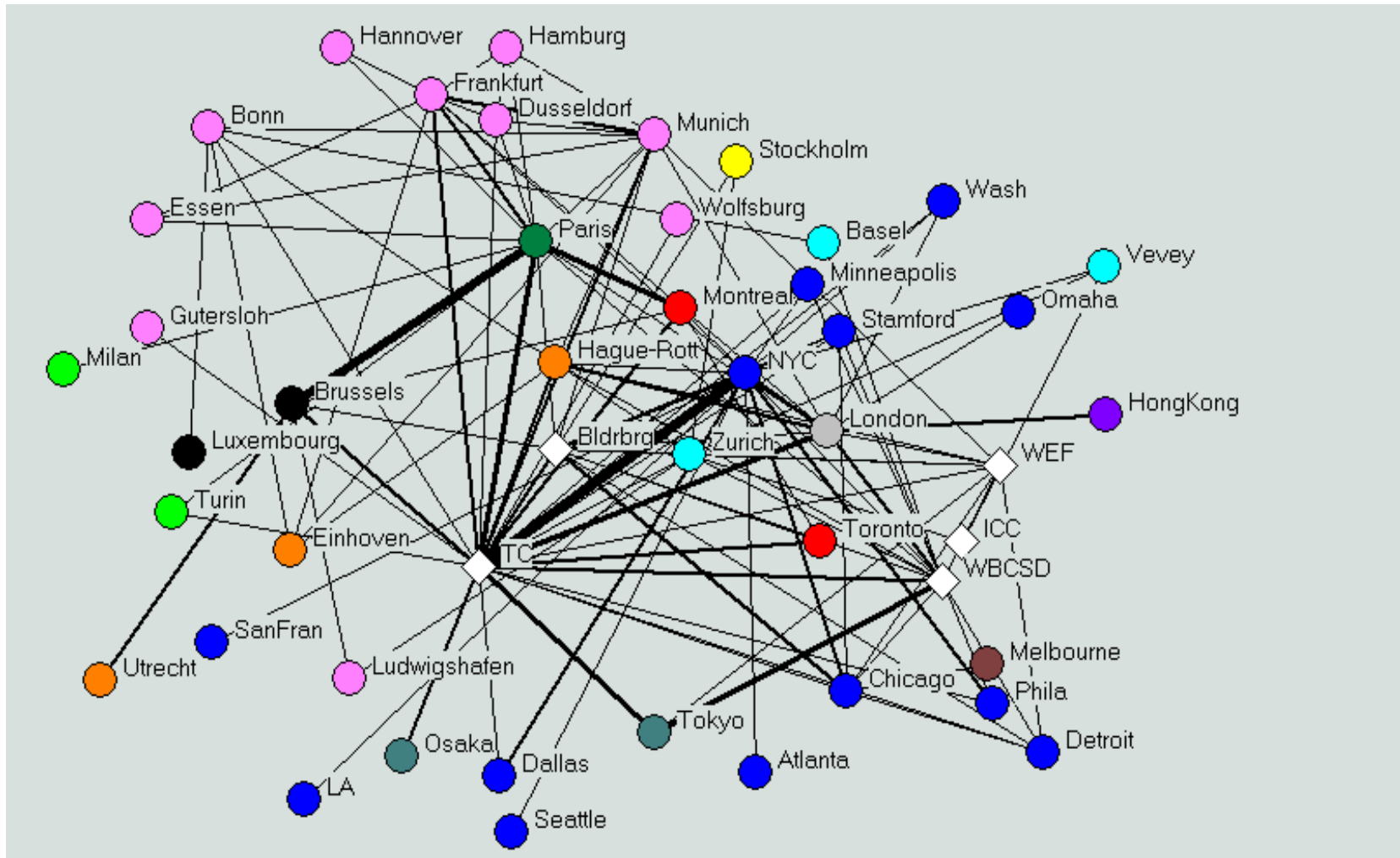
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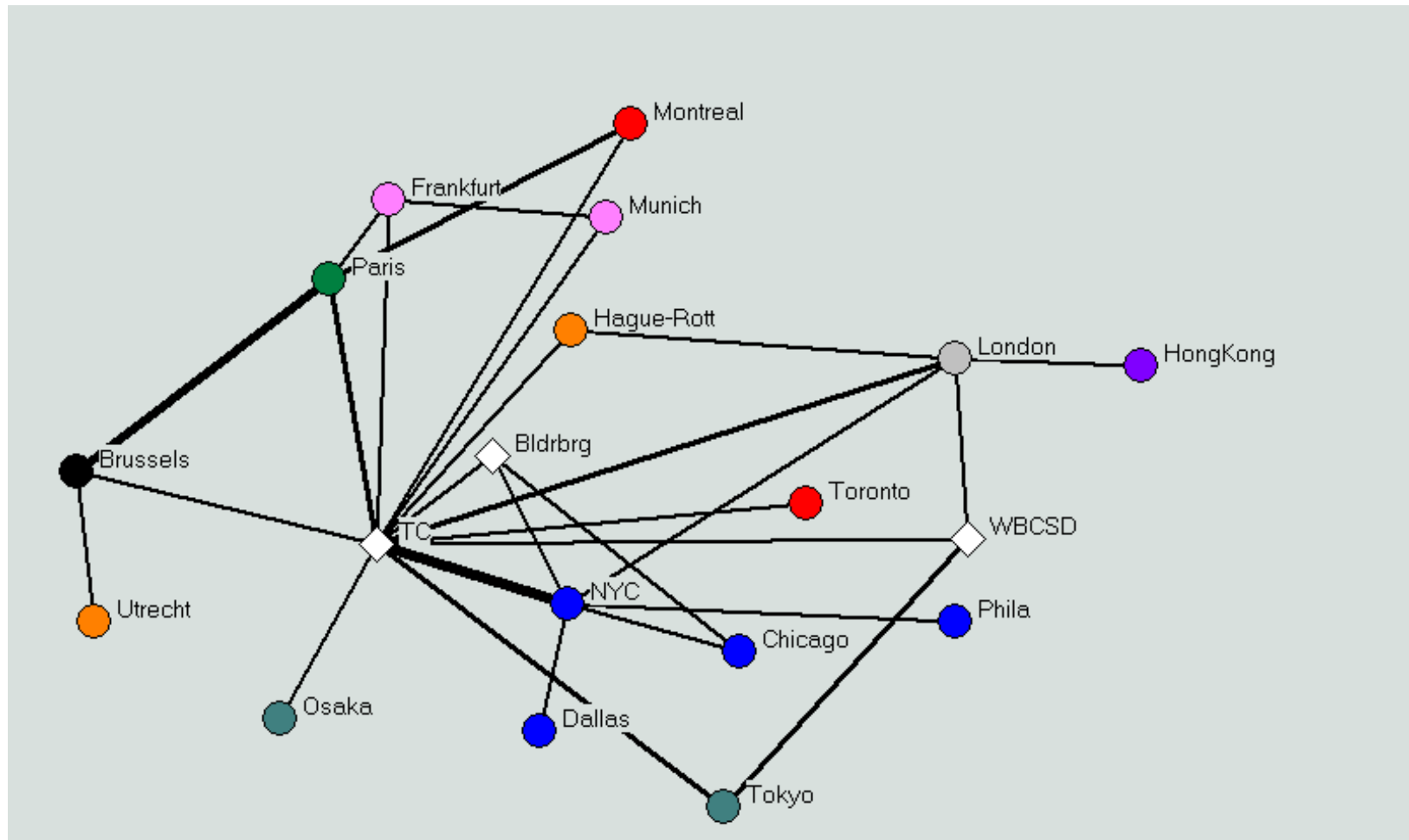
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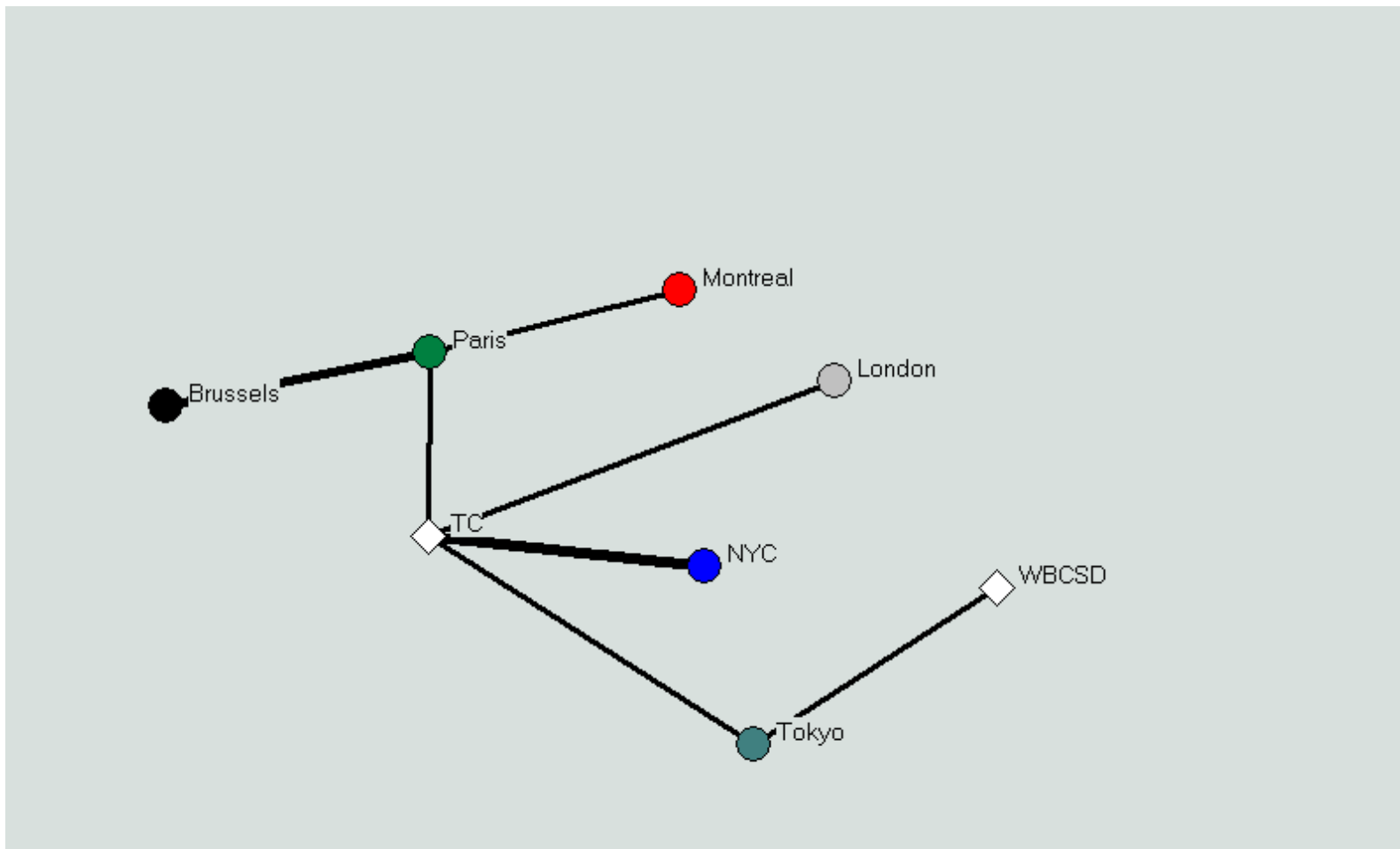
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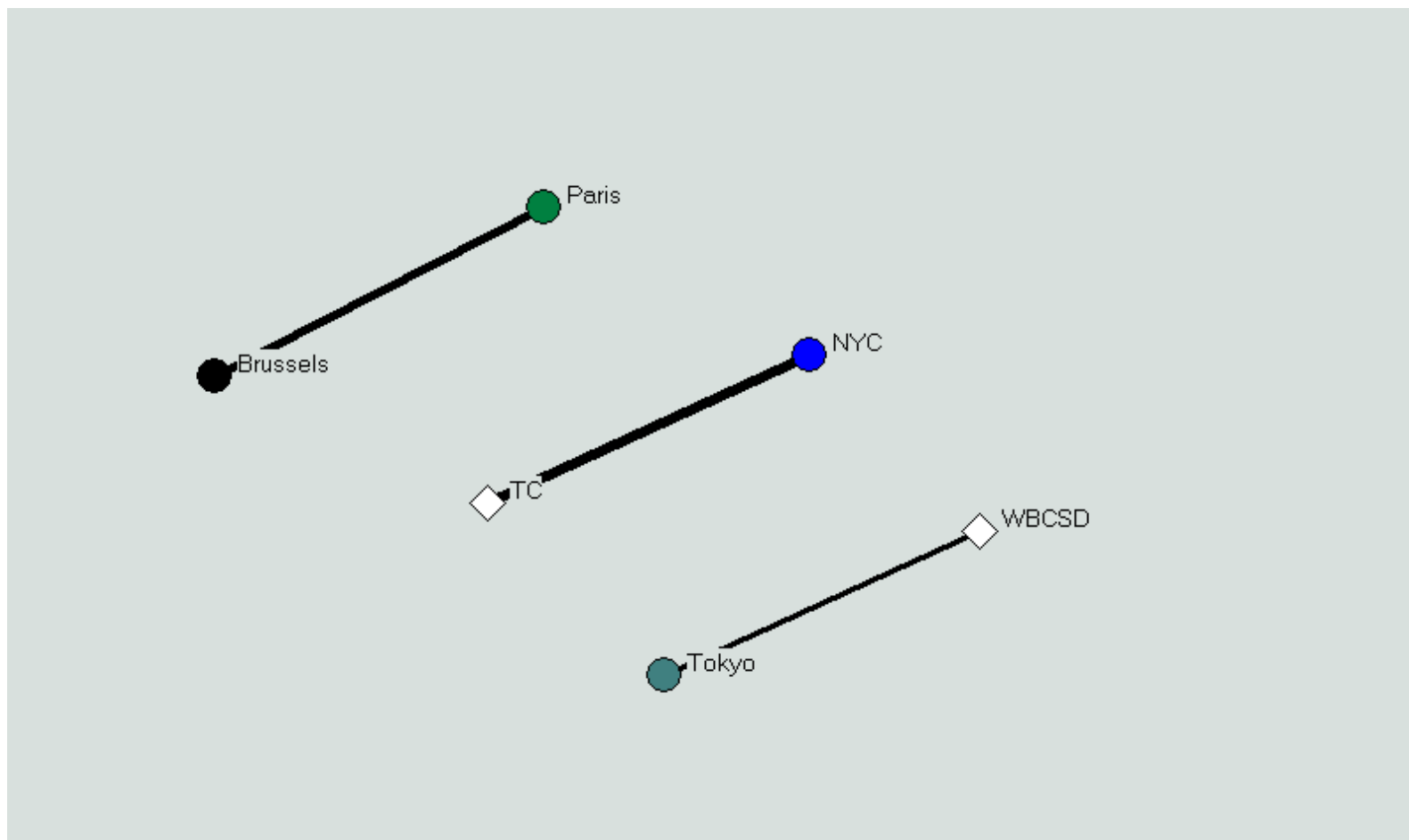
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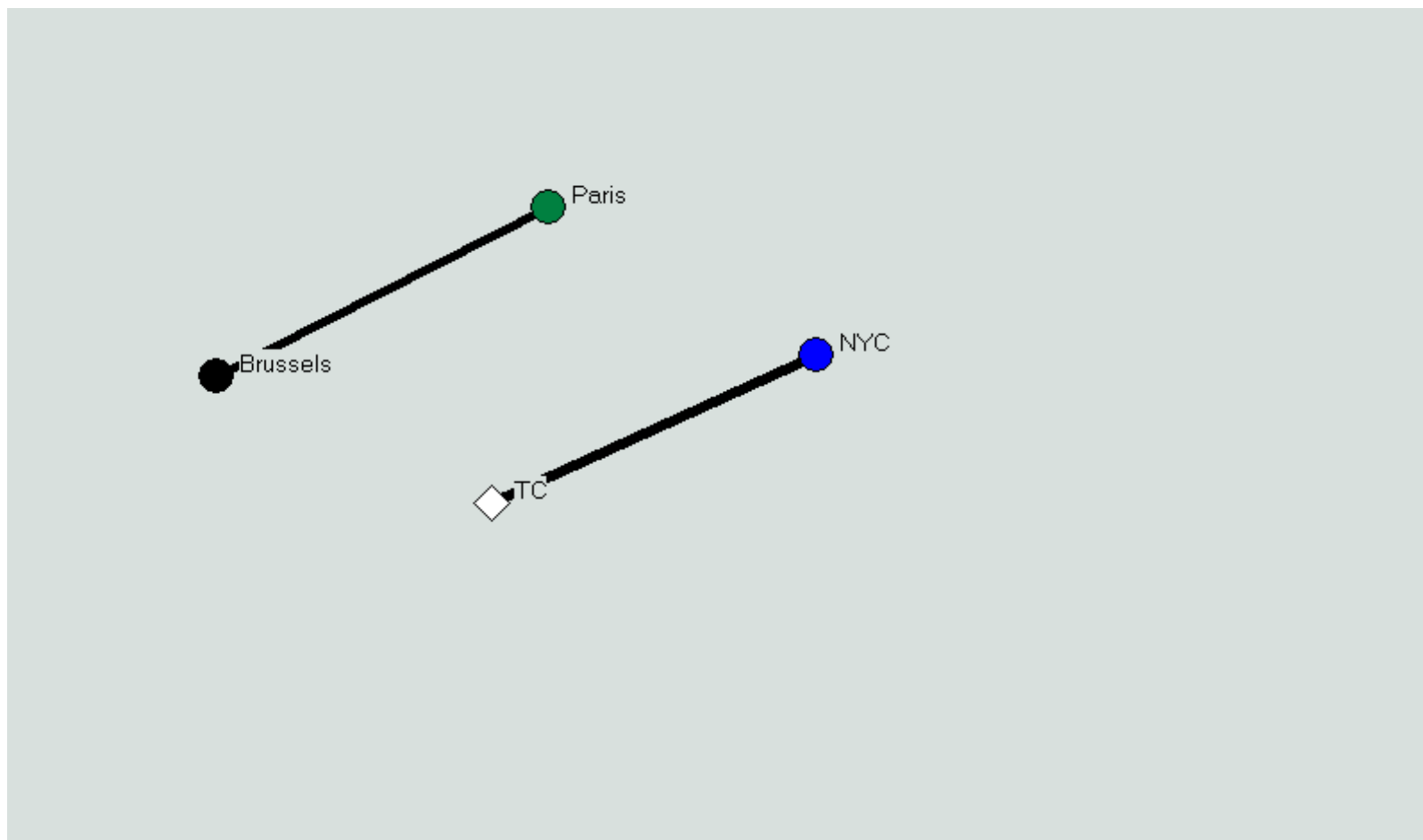
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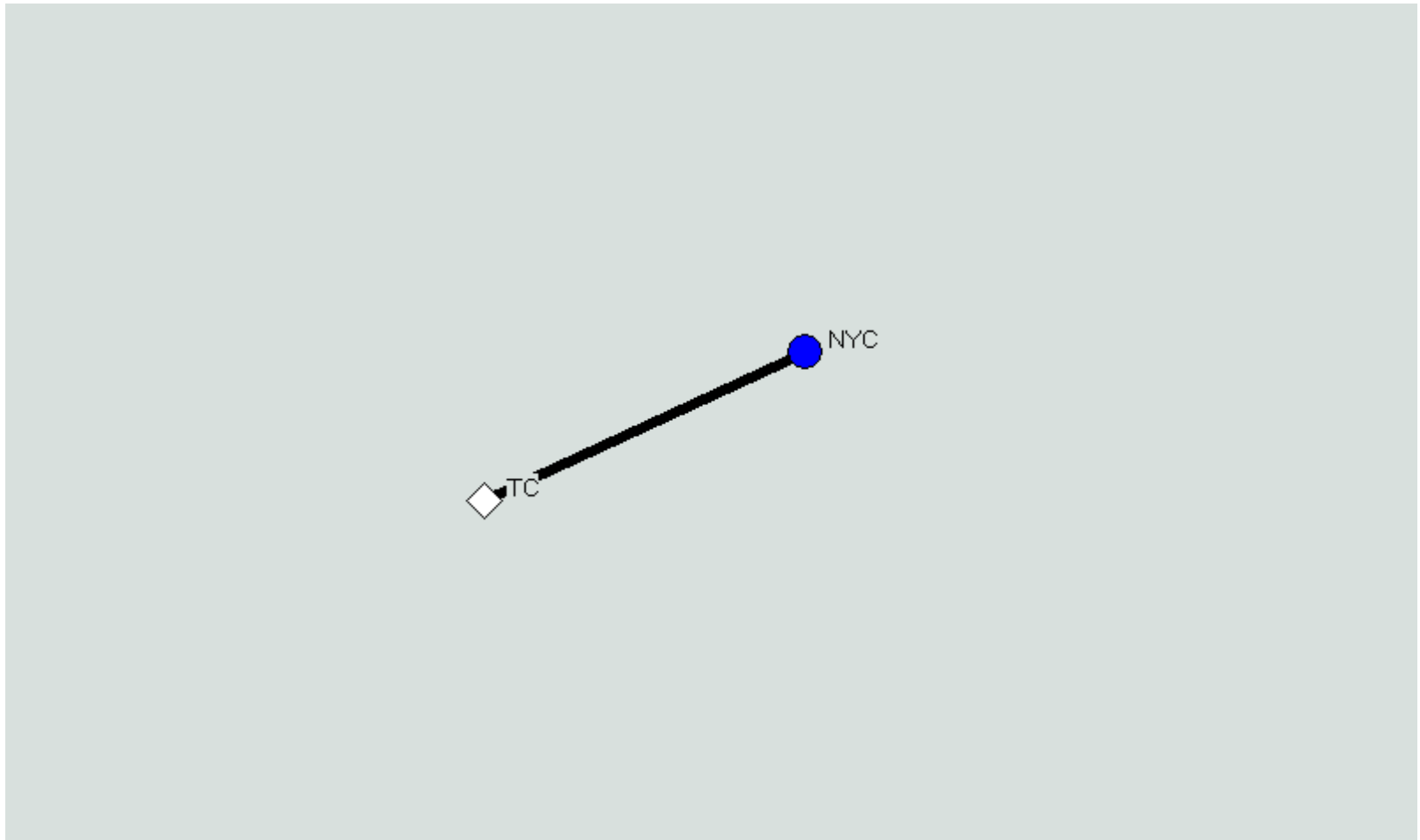
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The Inter-Urban Corporate-Policy Group Network: 31 Interlocks



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Discussion