A density Corrádi–Hajnal theorem

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An easy observation is that any graph of order n with minimum degree greater than n/2 contains at least one triangle. Mantel's theorem — a special case of Turán's theorem — shows that replacing the minimum degree with an average degree condition leads to the same conclusion. A natural question is how many triangles can we force, when we surpass this threshold. Corrádi-Hajnal theorem gives the minimum degree threshold of a graph forcing the containment of a tiling of k+1 triangles, i.e. the containment of k+1 vertex-disjoint triangles. In this talk, we will turn our attention to the average degree counterpart of this result, giving the minimum number of edges required to force the containment of a tiling of k+1 triangles.

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