

# Visualization of large networks and Pajek

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#### **Networks in social sciences**

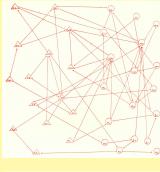


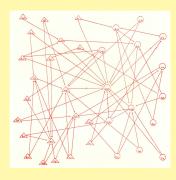
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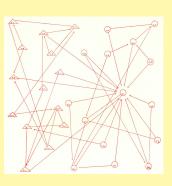
The use of networks was introduced in sociology by Moreno developing the sociometry (1934, 1953, 1960). An overview of visualization of social networks was prepared by Lin Freeman (1, 2).



#### Moreno: Who shall survive?



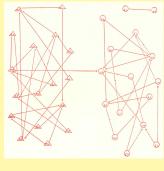


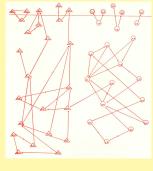


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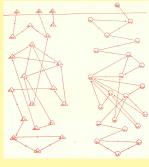
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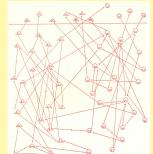


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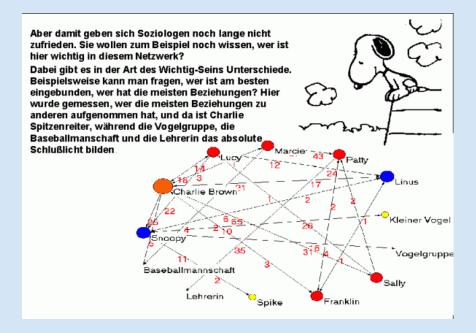
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#### **Networks**



A *network* is based on two sets – set of *vertices* (nodes), that represent the selected *units*, and set of *lines* (links, ties), that represent *relations* between units. They determine a *graph*. A line can be *directed* – an *arc*, or *undirected* – an *edge*.

Additional data about vertices or lines can be known – their *properties* (attributes). For example: name/label, type, value, ...

Alexandra Schuler/ Marion Laging-Glaser: Analyse von Snoopy Comics

# Network = Graph + Data

The data can be measured or computed.



#### **Networks / Formally**

A *network*  $N = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{W})$  consists of:

- a graph  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L})$ , where  $\mathcal{V}$  is the set of vertices,  $\mathcal{A}$  is the set of arcs,  $\mathcal{E}$  is the set of edges, and  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{A}$  is the set of lines.  $n = \operatorname{card}(\mathcal{V})$ ,  $m = \operatorname{card}(\mathcal{L})$
- $\mathcal{P}$  vertex value functions / properties:  $p: \mathcal{V} \to A$
- W line value functions / weights:  $w: \mathcal{L} \to B$

## **Types of networks**

Besides ordinary (directed, undirected, mixed) networks some extended types of networks are also used:

- 2-mode networks, bipartite (valued) graphs networks between two disjoint sets of vertices.
- multi-relational networks.
- *temporal networks*, dynamic graphs networks changing over time.
- specialized networks: representation of genealogies as *p-graphs*; *Petri's nets*, ...

The network (input) file formats should provide means to express all these types of networks. All interesting data should be recorded (respecting privacy).







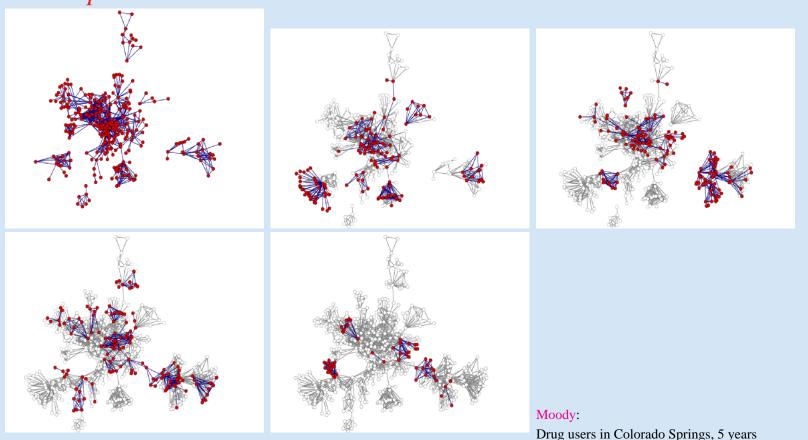
Classical example of two-mode network are Southern women (Davis 1941).

Davis.paj. Freeman's overview.

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#### **Temporal networks**

In a *temporal network* the presence/activity of vertex/line can change through time. Two types of descriptions of temporal networks are used – based on *presence* and based on *events*.



#### Multi-relational temporal network – KEDS/WEIS

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% Recoded by WEISmonths, Sun Nov 28 21:57:00 2004
% from http://www.ku.edu/~keds/data.dir/balk.html
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Kansas Event Data System *KEDS* 



#### **Size of Networks**

The size of a network/graph is expressed by two numbers: number of vertices  $n = |\mathcal{V}|$  and number of lines  $m = |\mathcal{L}|$ .

In a *simple undirected* graph (no parallel edges, no loops)  $m \leq \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ ; and in a *simple directed* graph (no parallel arcs)  $m \leq n^2$ . The quotient  $\gamma = \frac{m}{m_{max}}$  is a *density* of graph. In large networks more intuitive density measure is the *average degree*  $\bar{d} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{v \in V} deg(v) = \frac{2m}{n}$ .

**Small** networks (some tens vertices) – can be represented by a picture and analyzed by many algorithms (**UCINET**, **NetMiner**).

Also *middle size* networks (some hundreds vertices) can still be represented by a picture (!?), but some analytical procedures can't be used.

Till 1990 most networks were small – they were collected by researchers using surveys, observations, archival records, . . . The advances in IT allowed to create networks from the data already available in the computer(s). Large networks became reality.



## **Large Networks**

*Large* network – several thousands or millions of vertices. Can be stored in computer's memory – otherwise *huge* network.

Usually sparse  $m \ll n^2$ ; typical: m = O(n) or  $m = O(n \log n)$ .

#### Examples:

network	size	n =  V	m =  L	source
ODLIS dictionary	61K	2909	18419	ODLIS online
Citations <b>SOM</b>	168K	4470	12731	Garfield's collection
Molecula 1ATN	74K	5020	5128	Brookhaven PDB
Comput. geometry	140K	7343	11898	BiBT <sub>F</sub> X bibliographies
English words 2-8	520K	52652	89038	Knuth's English words
Internet traceroutes	1.7M	124651	207214	Internet Mapping Project
Franklin genealogy	12M	203909	195650	Roperld.com gedcoms
World-Wide-Web	3.6M	325729	1497135	Notre Dame Networks
Actors	3.9M	392400	1342595	Notre Dame Networks
US patents	82M	3774768	16522438	Nber
SI internet	38M	5547916	62259968	Najdi Si

## Pajek

Large networks are too big to be displayed in details; special algorithms are needed for their analysis.



**Pajek** is a program, for Windows, for analysis and visualization of *large networks* having some ten or houndred of thousands of vertices.

In Slovenian language pajek means spider.

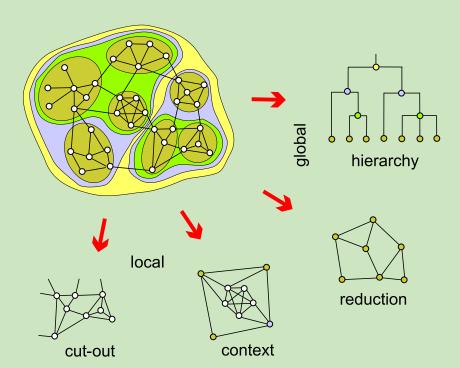
The latest version of **Pajek** is freely available, for noncommercial use, at its home page:

http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/pub/networks/pajek/

Book: W. de Nooy, A. Mrvar, V. Batagelj: *Exploratory Social Network Analysis with Pajek*, CUP, 2005. Amazon. ESNA page.



#### Main design goals

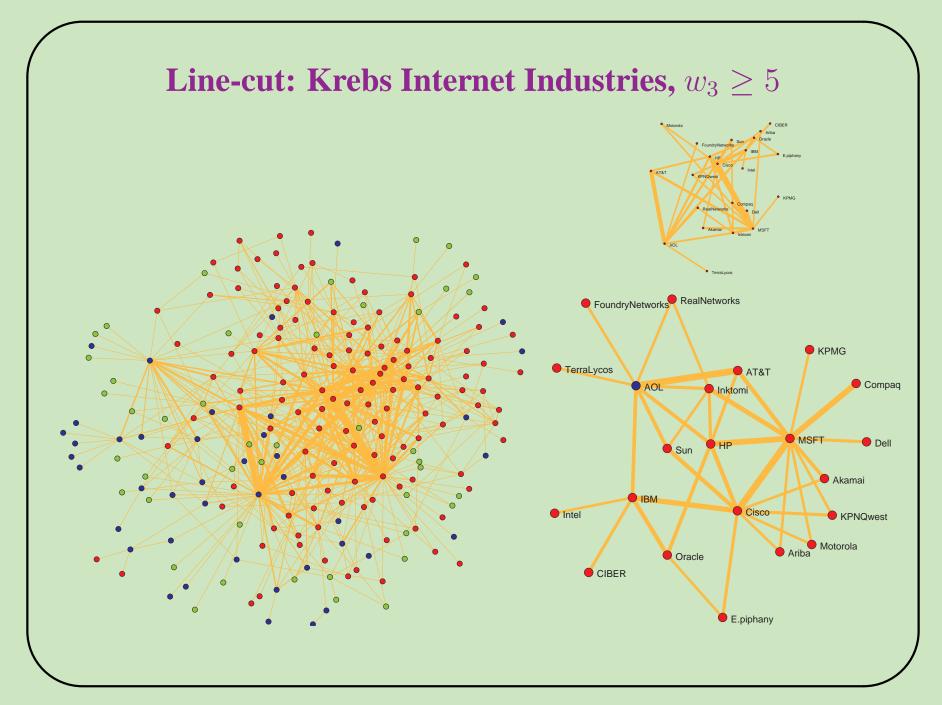


The main goals in the design of **Pajek** are:

- to support abstraction by (recursive) decomposition of a large network into several smaller networks that can be treated further using more sophisticated methods;
- to provide the user with some powerful visualization tools;
- to implement a selection of efficient subquadratic algorithms for analysis of large networks.

With Pajek we can: *find* clusters (components, neighbourhoods of 'important' vertices, cores, etc.) or patterns (motifs) in a network, *extract* vertices that belong to the same clusters and *show* them separately, possibly with the parts of the context (detailed local view), *shrink* vertices in clusters and show relations among clusters (global view).





## Representations of properties

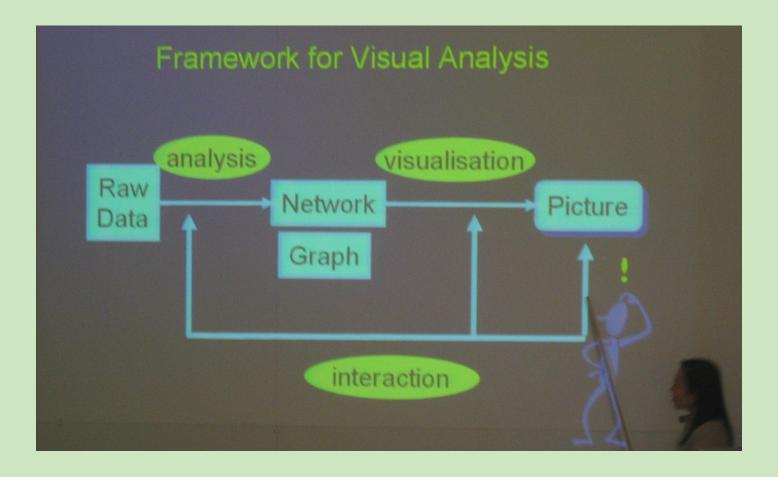
**Properties** of vertices  $\mathcal{P}$  and lines  $\mathcal{W}$  can be measured in different scales: numerical, ordinal and nominal. They can be *input* as data or *computed* from the network.

In **Pajek** numerical properties of vertices are represented by *vectors*, nominal properties by *partitions* or as *labels* of vertices. Numerical property can be displayed as *size* of vertex (figure), as its *coordinate*; and a nominal property as *color* or *shape* of the figure, or as a vertex *label*.

We can assign in **Pajek** numerical values to links. They can be displayed as *value*, *thickness* or *grey level*. Nominal vales can be assigned as *label*, *color* or *line pattern* (see Pajek manual, section 4.3).

# **Analysis and Visualization**

The network visualization is an iterative process that combines analysis and creation of layouts.



#### **Some comments**

While the technical graph drawing problems could ask for a single 'the best' picture, the social network analysis is a part of data analysis. Its goal is to get insight into the structure and characteristics of a given network, but also how it influences related social processes.

What is the goal: exploration of network data (*layout editor*), presentation of the obtained results (*layout viewer*), ...?

What is a GD result: picture or layout?

What is the medium of the result: static picture on 'paper', interactive layout, ...?

What kind of user will use the result: simple, advanced, ...?

Most methods are 'paper' oriented. In larger/denser networks there is often too much information to be presented at once. A possible answer are interactive layouts where the user controls what (s)he wants to see.



#### Sociograph

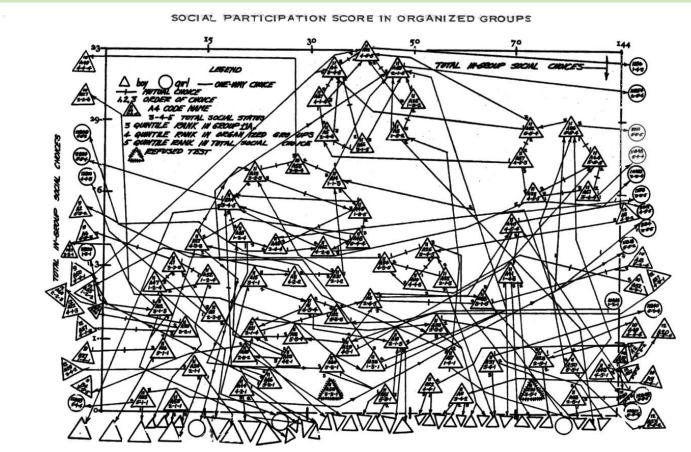
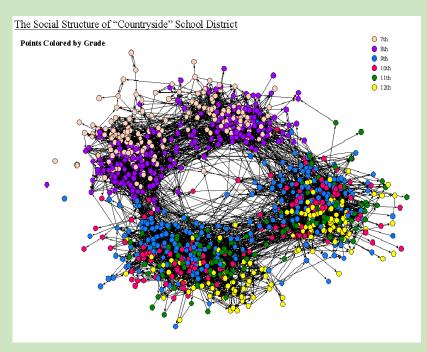
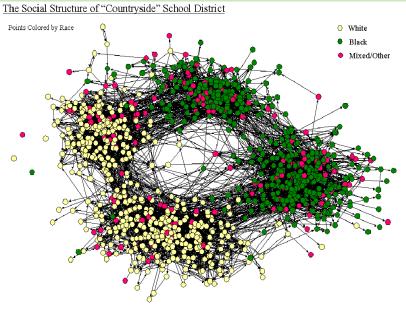


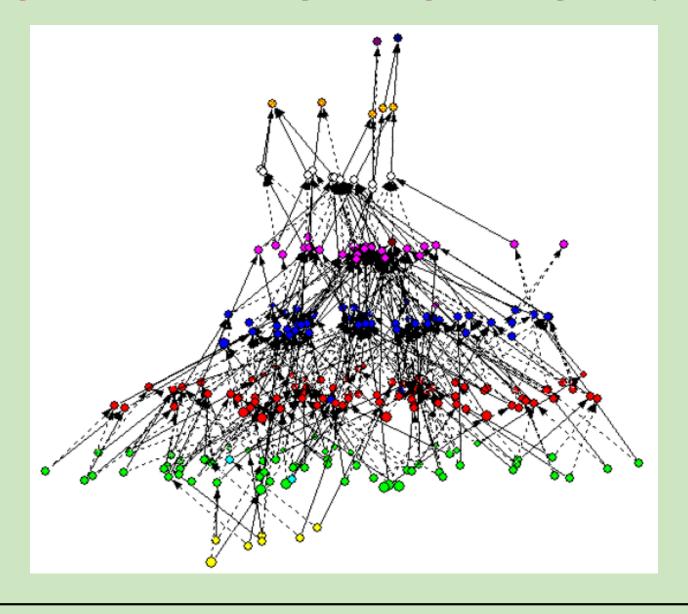
FIGURE 3. GROUP 11A. A SOCIAL STATUS SOCIOGRAPH OF THE 68 BOYS OF THE 11TH GRADE. IT SHOWS QUINTILE POSITIONS FOR: (1) GRADE AVERAGE, (2) SOCIAL PARTICIPATION SCORES IN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND (3) TOTAL FRIENDSHIP CHOICES ON A SOCIOMETRIC TEST (TOTAL CHOICES INCLUDE DIRECT AND INDIRECT CHOICES). THE STUDENT'S POSITION ON THE CHART IS THAT OF HIS CLIQUE GROUP AVERAGE FOR BOTH SOCIAL PARTICIPATION SCORES AND TOTAL FRIENDSHIP CHOICES, OUT-OF-CLASS CHOICES APPEAR IN THE SIDE MARGIN; OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHOICES IN THE LOWER MARGIN.

## James Moody: Display of properties – school





# Douglas White: relinking marriages among the Aydinli



## **Lothar Krempel**



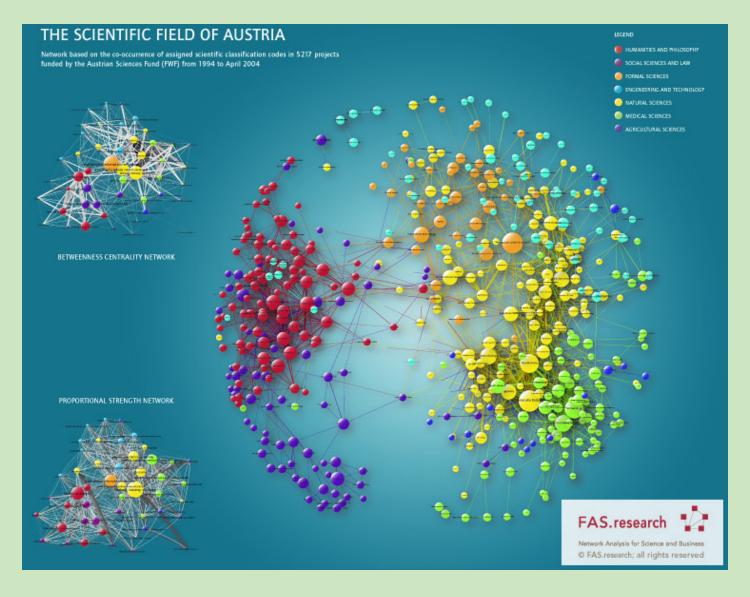




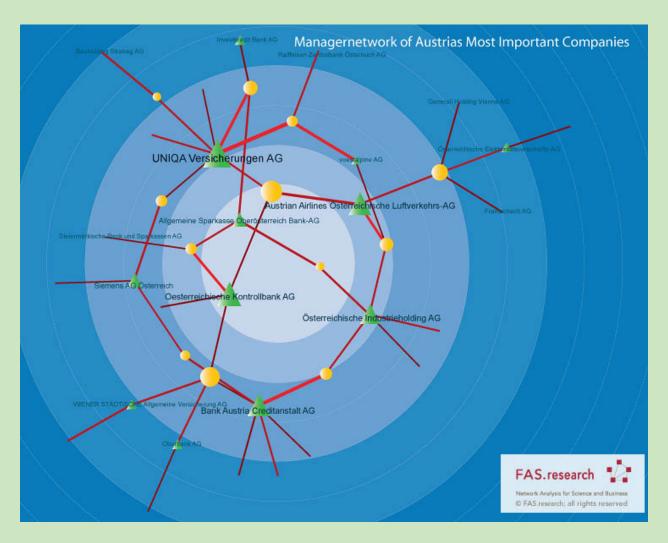




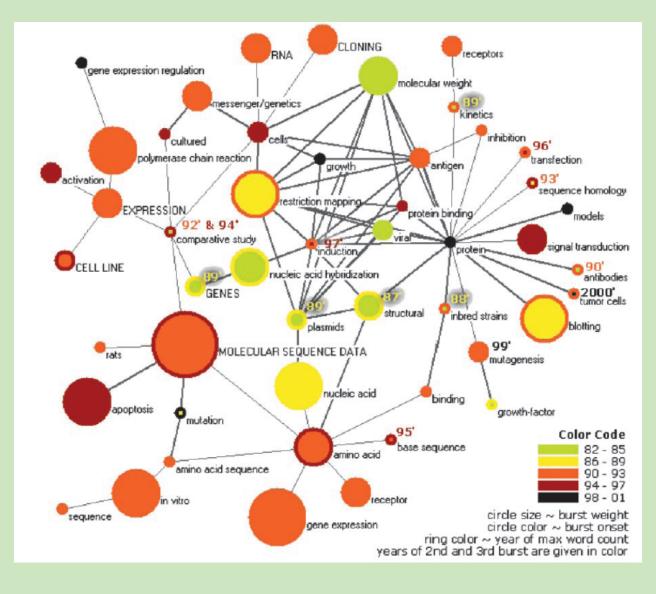
#### **FAS:** The scientific field of Austria



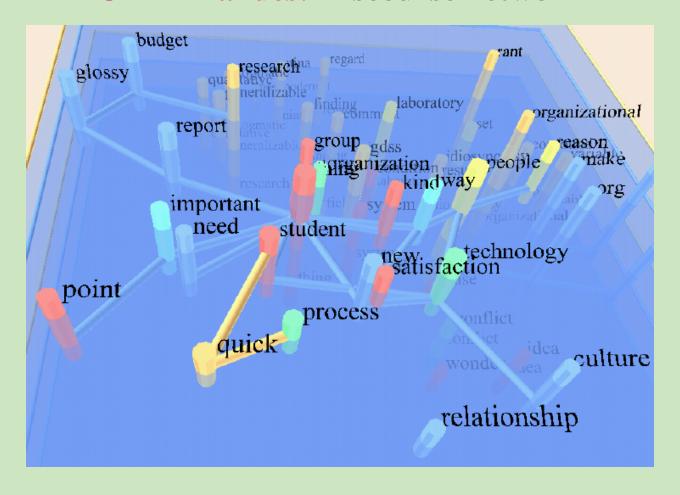
## **FAS:** Austria's most important Companies



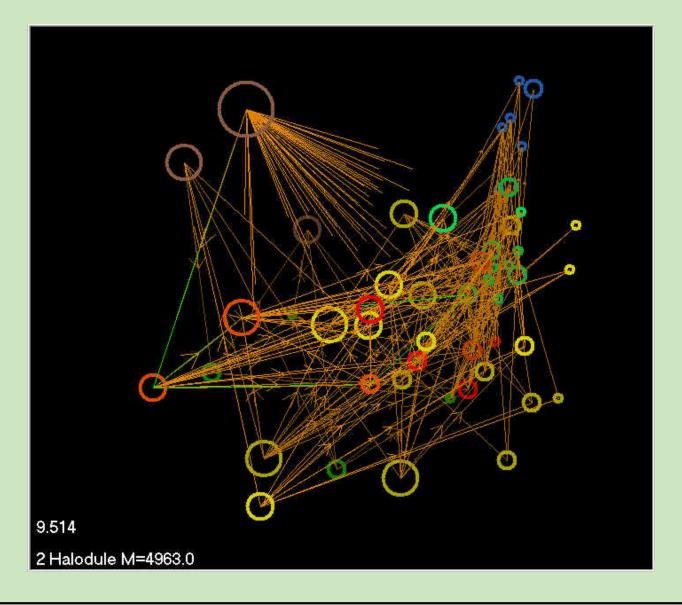
## **Katy Börner: Text analysis**



#### **Ulrik Brandes: Discourse network**



## Jeffrey Johnson: St Marks food web



## Large networks

The simplest solution would be to take very large 'paper'.

The standard solution is abstraction – clustering. We could also introduce different new graphical objects representing typical parts of network, LOD.

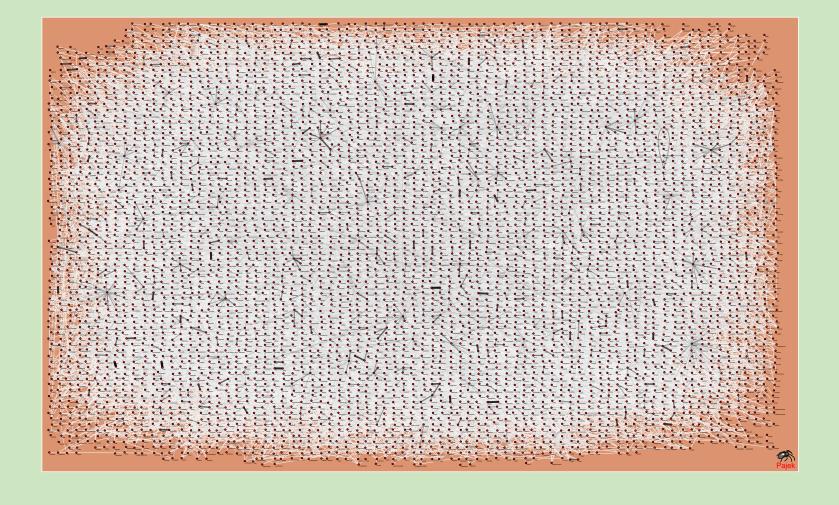
The other possibility is dynamic navigation through network: visualization of the neighborhood with indications of position in the global network (darker/brighter background – distribution of neighbors) complemented with a global map.

## Big picture, V. Batagelj, AE'04



subnetwork (n = 5952, m = 18008) of the symmetrized Edinburgh Associative Thesaurus

## **Big picture**



#### **Michael Blum**





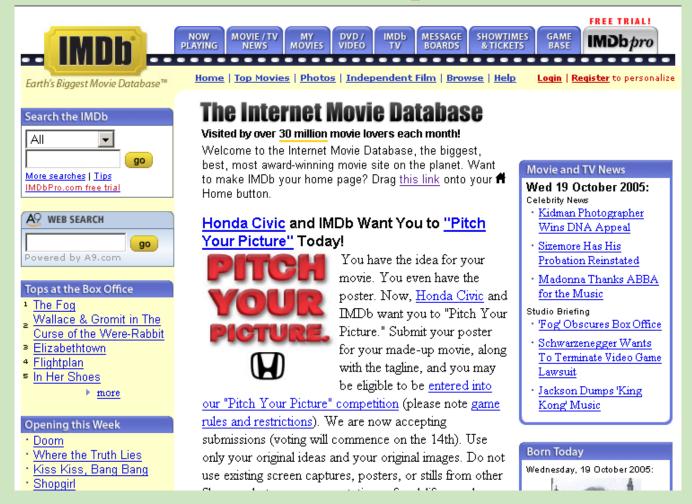








#### Internet Movie Database http://www.imdb.com/



12th Annual Graph Drawing Contest, 2005. The IMDB network is bipartite (2-mode) and has

1324748 = 428440 + 896308 vertices and 3792390 arcs.



## **Bipartite cores**

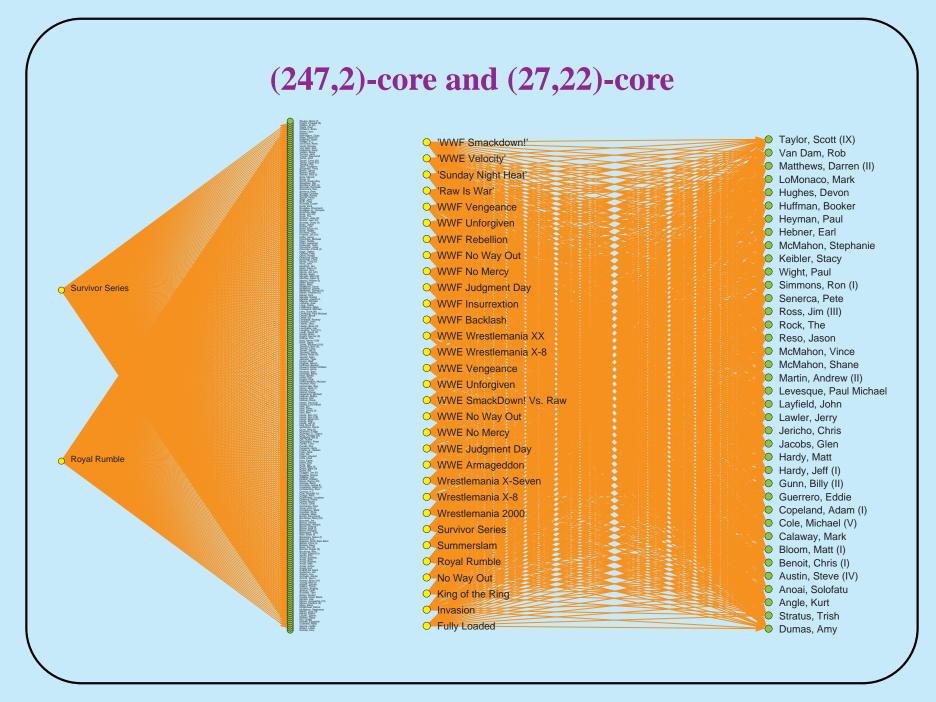
The subset of vertices  $C \subseteq V$  is a (p,q)-core in a bipartite (2-mode) network  $N = (V_1, V_2; L), V = V_1 \cup V_2$  iff

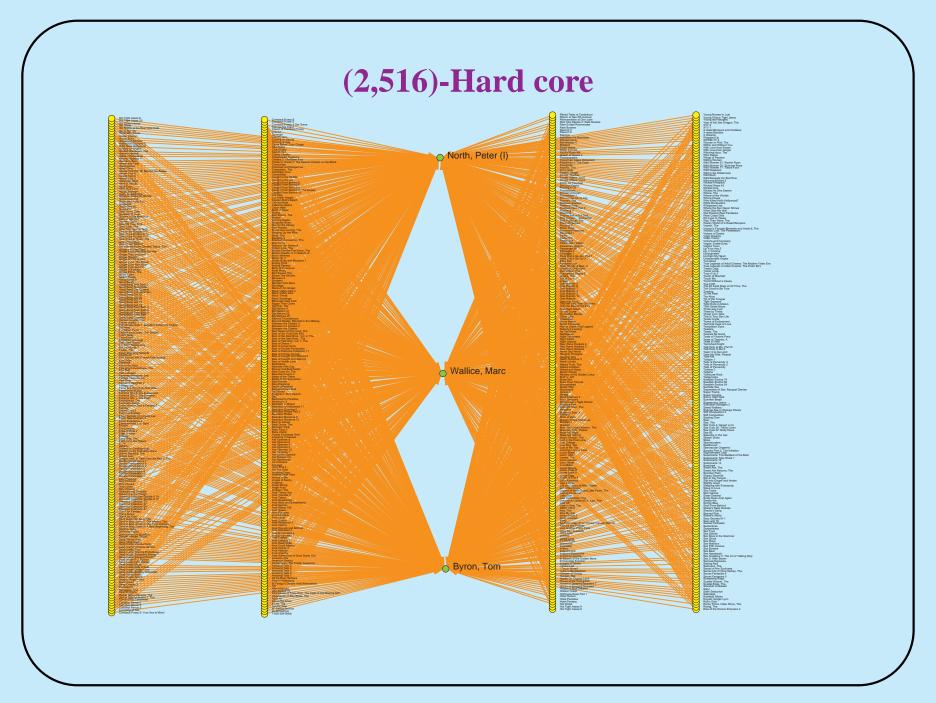
- **a.** in the induced subnetwork  $K = (C_1, C_2; L(C)), C_1 = C \cap V_1, C_2 = C \cap V_2$  it holds  $\forall v \in C_1 : \deg_K(v) \geq p$  and  $\forall v \in C_2 : \deg_K(v) \geq q$ ;
- **b**. C is the maximal subset of V satisfying condition **a**.

Properties of bipartite cores:

- C(0,0) = V
- K(p,q) is not always connected
- $(p_1 \leq p_2) \land (q_1 \leq q_2) \Rightarrow C(p_1, q_1) \subseteq C(p_2, q_2)$
- $C = \{C(p,q) : p, q \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . If all nonempty elements of C are different it is a lattice.
- To determine a (p, q)-core the procedure similar to the ordinary core procedure can be used.

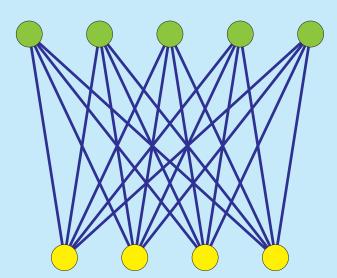






#### 4-rings and analysis of 2-mode networks

In bipartite (2-mode) network there are no 3-rings. The densest substructures are complete bipartite subgraphs  $K_{p,q}$ . They contain many 4-rings.

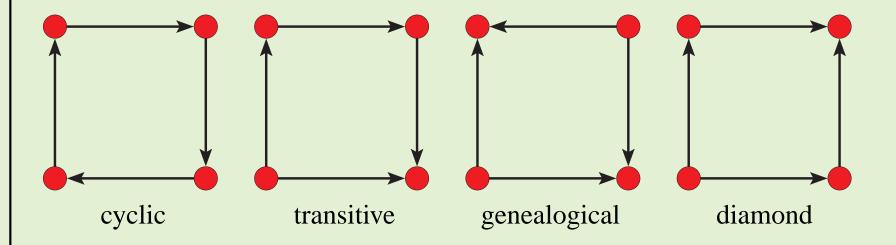


$$w_4(K_{p,q}) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

The 4-rings weights were implemented in **Pajek** only recently, in August 2005.

# **Directed 4-rings**

There are 4 types of directed 4-rings:



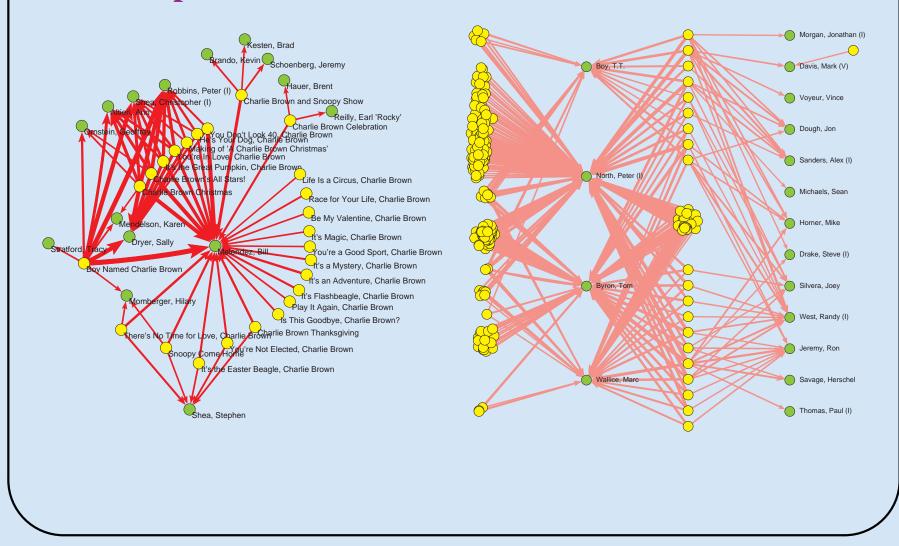
In the case of transitive rings **Pajek** provides a special weight counting on how many transitive rings the arc is a *shortcut*.

# Simple line islands in IMDB for $w_4$

We obtained 12465 simple line islands on 56086 vertices. Here is their size distribution.

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### **Example:** Islands for $w_4$ / Charlie Brown and Adult



#### **Example:** Island for $w_4$ / Polizeiruf 110 and Starkes Team Maranow, Maja Polizeiruf 110 - Ein Bild von einem Mörder Starkes Team, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Kopf in der Schlinge Starkes Team - Eins zu Eins, Ein Affäre Semmeling Polizeiruf 110 - Zerstörte Träume Stackes Team - Kollege Mörder, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Angst um Tessa Bülow Starkes Team - Sicherheitsstufe 1, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Rosentod Starkes Team - Das Bombenspiel, Ein Starkes Team - Erbarmung Starkes Team - Blutsbande, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Doktorspiele Starkes Team. Tödliche Rache, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Jugendwahn Starkes Team - Der Mann, den ich hasse, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Heißkalte Liebe Starkes Team - Kinderträume, Ein Starkes Team Möderisches Polizeiruf 110 - Todsicher Starkes Team chwarz. Jaecki Polizeiruf 110 - Der Spieler etzte Kampt Eir Polizeiruf 110 - Mordsfreunde Keine Fische, große Fische, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Kurschatten Roter Schnee er Todfeind, Ein Starkes Team Mordlust, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Tote erben nicht Starkes Team - Das groß AWBISH, Wolfgang Polizeiruf 110 - Der Pferdemörder eam - Der schöne Tod, Ein Starkes Team - Träume und Lügen, Ein Polizeiruf 110 - Henkersmahlzeit Starkes Team - Der Verdacht Starkes Team - Bankraub, Ein Starkes Team - Verraten und verkauft, Ein Starkes Team - Braunauge, Ein Starkes Team - Im Visier des Mörders, Ein Starkes Team - Die Natter, Ein Lerche, Arnfried



### New drawing algorithms from GD'05

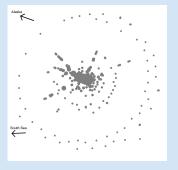
Tim Dwyer, Yehuda Koren, and Kim Marriott: Stress Majorization with Orthogonal Ordering Constraints.

The 1138bus graph (1138 vertices, 1458 arcs).



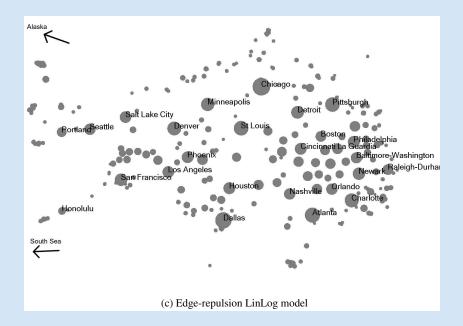
### New drawing algorithms from GD'05





(a) Fruchterman-Reingold model

(b) Node-repulsion LinLog model



#### Andreas Noack:

Energy-Based Clustering of Graphs with Nonuniform Degrees.

American airports.

### **Dense networks**

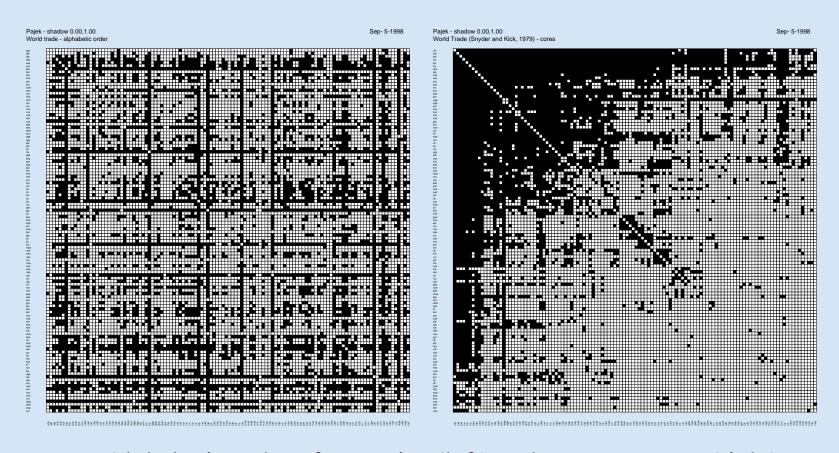
Dense(r) networks with more than 15 vertices usually can't be clearly presented. For such networks a more appropriate display is using *matrix representation*. Properly reordering vertices can reveal *patterns* in corresponding matrix display.

Matrix representation can be supplemented with display of properties of vertices. It is also compatible with shrinking/ expanding with respect to a given hierarchy (see papers 1, 2).

There are different approaches how to determine good orderings: weak, strong components; topological sort in acyclic networks; special heuristics (Reverse Cuthill-McKee); seriation and clumping (Murtagh, 1985); clustering; blockmodeling.

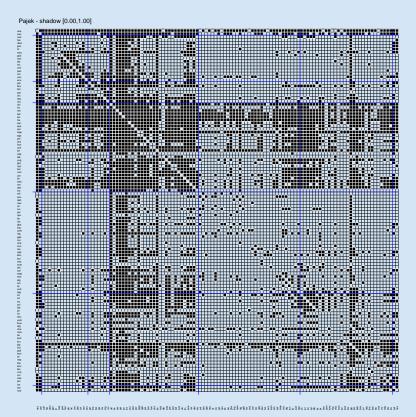


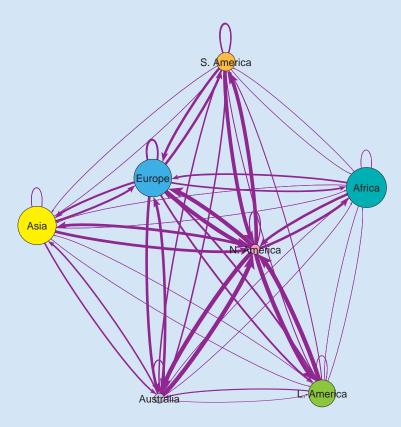
### Snyder & Kick's World trade network / $n=118,\,m=514$



Alphabetic order of countries (left) and rearrangement (right)

#### **Contracted clusters – international trade**



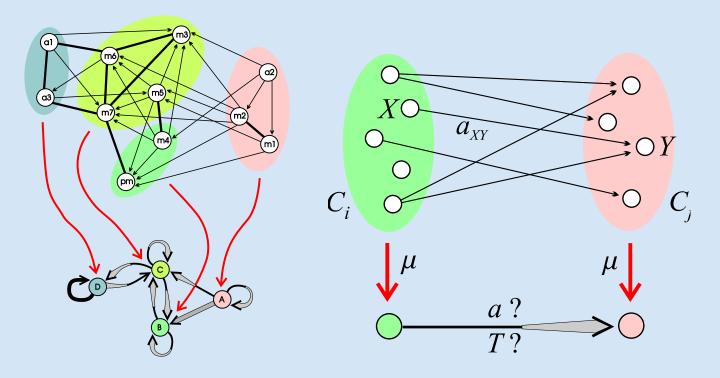


Snyder and Kick's international trade. Matrix display of dense networks.

$$w(C_i, C_j) = \frac{n(C_i, C_j)}{n(C_i) \cdot n(C_j)}$$

### **Generalized Blockmodeling**

A *blockmodel* consists of structures obtained by identifying all units from the same cluster of the clustering **C**. For an exact definition of a blockmodel we have to be precise also about which blocks produce an arc in the *reduced graph* and which do not, and of what *type*.



Book: P. Doreian, V. Batagelj, A. Ferligoj: Generalized Blockmodeling, CUP, 2004. Amazon.



# **New graphical elements**

To improve the pictures new graphical elements could be introduced:

- Almost clique or bipartite complete graph could be replaced by the circle/quadrangle with the inverse drawing of missing edges.
- 'multiedges'



### **Core based layout**

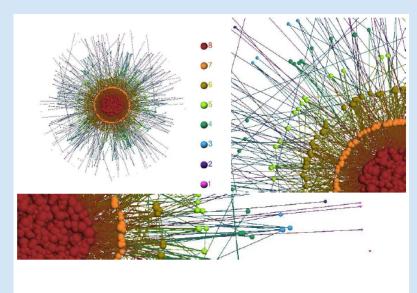


Figure 3: Graphical representation of a BA network with a random  $m \in [1:10]$ , and n=1000

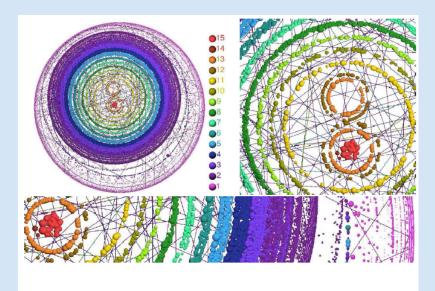


Figure 11: Graphical representation of a fraction of the .fr domain of the WWW

I. Alvarez-Hamelin, L. DallAsta, A. Barrat, and A. Vespignani: k-core decomposition: a tool for the visualization of large scale networks arXiv:cs 0504107

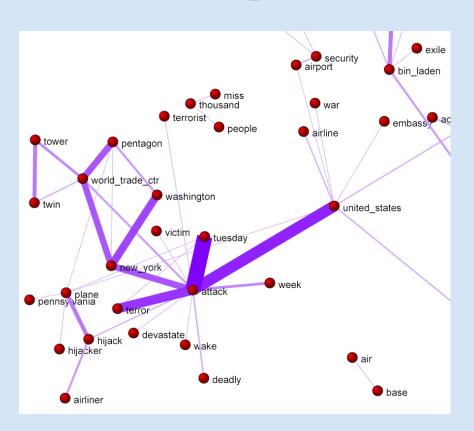
Graphical representation should be simplified into icon omitting details.

# **Dynamic/temporal networks**

There are different types of temporal networks:

- networks with implicit time dimension: genealogies
- (recorded) sequence of time slices: Sampson's monks
- (recorded) sequence of events changing the network: KEDS
- online networks: They rule

### **Temporal networks / September 11**

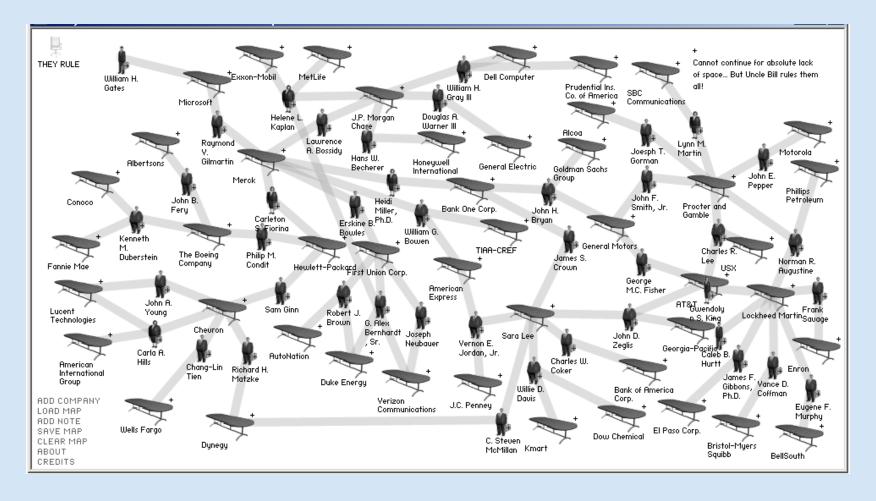


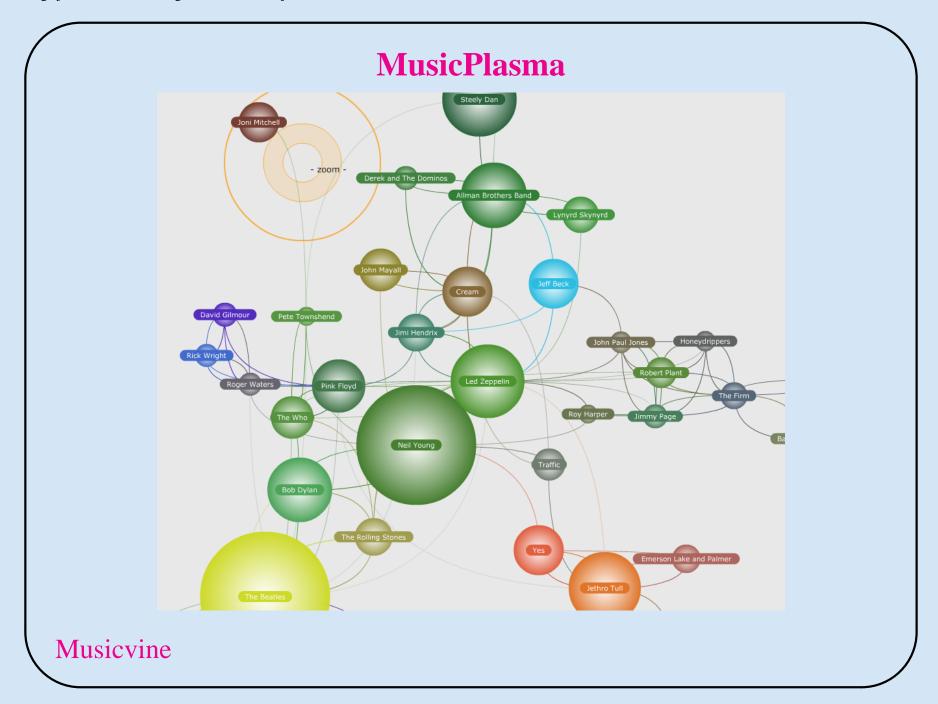
Steve Corman with collaborators from Arizona State University transformed, ing his Centering Resonance Analysis (*CRA*), daily Reuters news (66 days) about September 11th into a temporal network of words coappear-This network was a ance. challange network for *Viszards* 2002 session.

Pictures in SVG: 66 days. (SVG viwer)

Every year (from 2002) we have at the Sunbelt conference a Viszards session presenting solutions of Viszards group to a visualizations of selected network or type of networks.

### **They Rule**









#### **Networks from the Internet**



Internet Mapping Project.

Links among WWW pages.

KartOO, TouchGraph.

Derived from archives of E-mail, blogs, ..., server's logs.

Cybergeography, CAIDA.



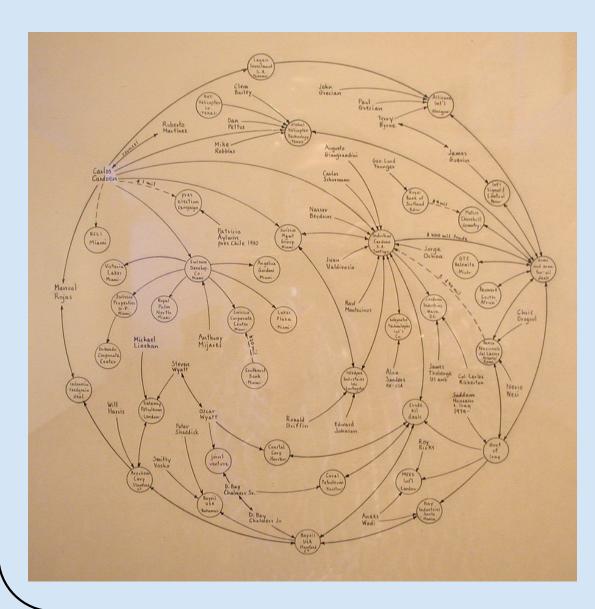


# **Challenges**

- Visualization of properties
- Drawing/display styles
- Interactive layouts, common format(s)?
- Matrix layout, generalized blockmodeling of large networks
- Additional graphical elements to improve layouts
- Visualization (and analysis) of multi-relational networks
- Visualization (and analysis) of dynamic/temporal networks
- Visualization of dense acyclic networks (genealogies, citation networks)



#### **Lombardi's networks**



Mark Lombardi
(1951-2000)
transformed business
relations into art.

#### **Context**



# Barcelona / Peter Davies – Joseph Beuys: Text painting

