

Large-scale Mining of Dynamic Networks

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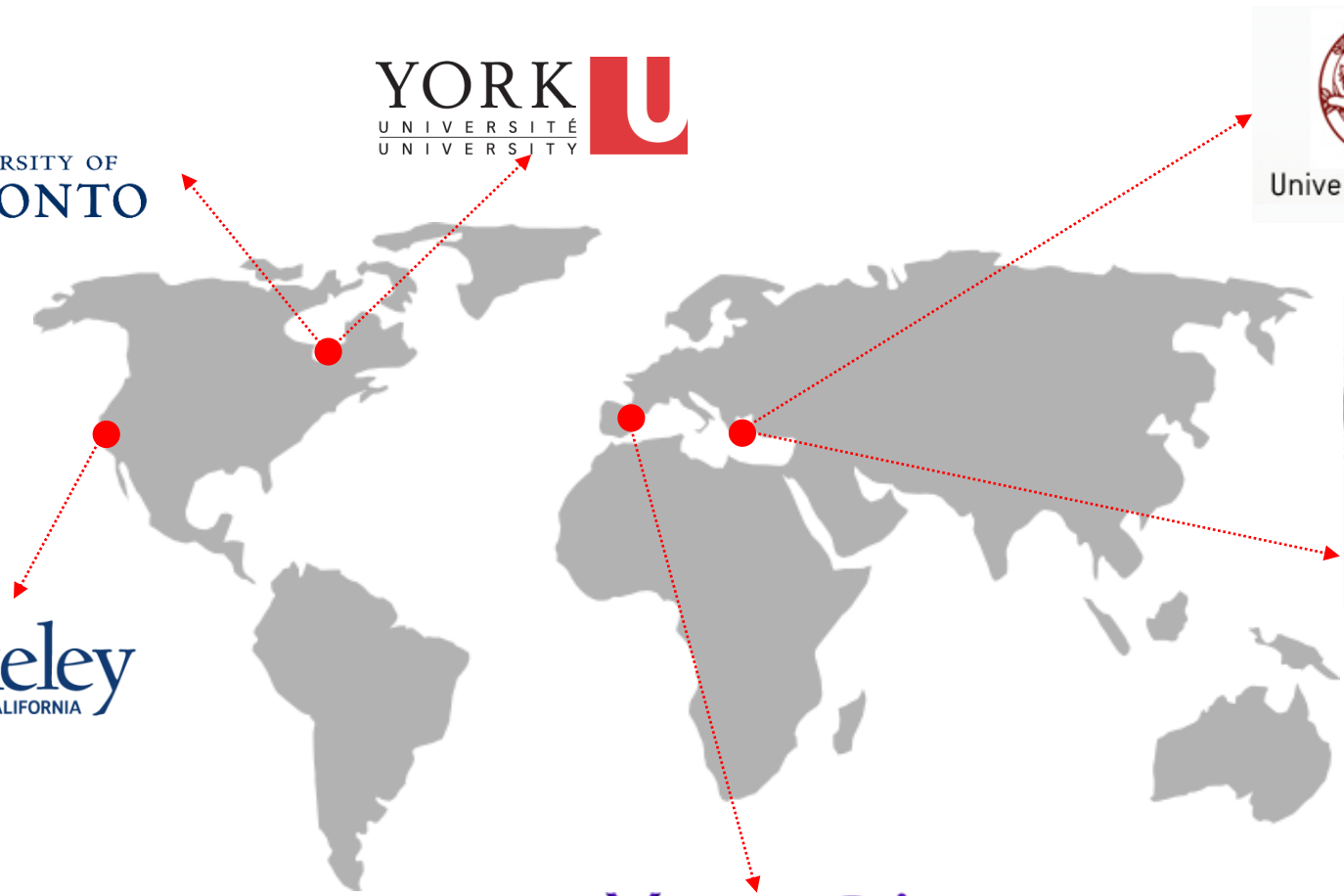
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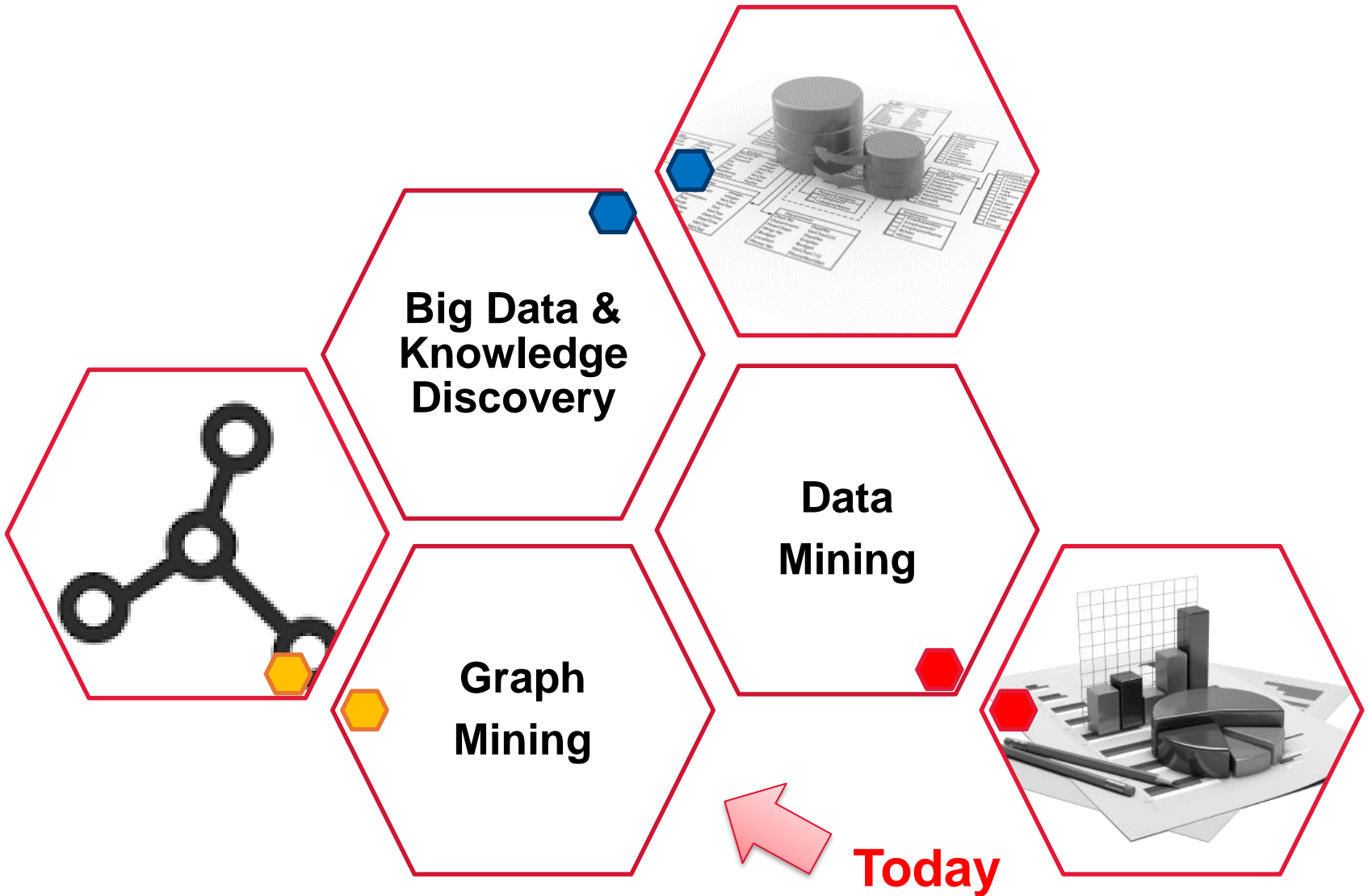
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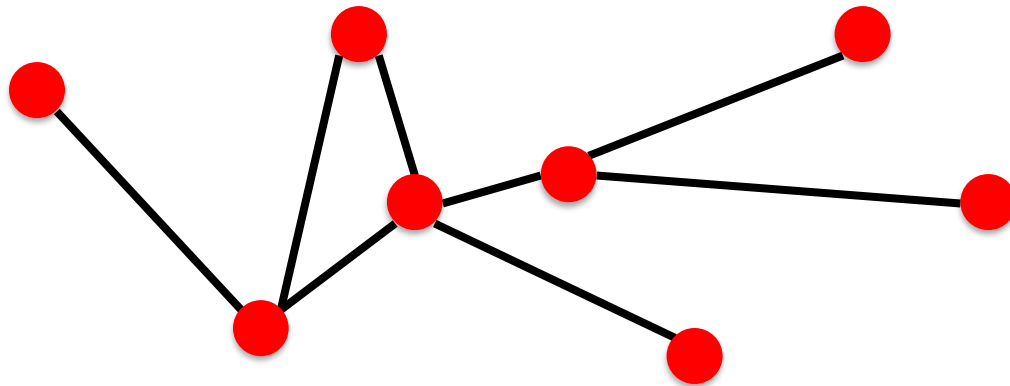


Research



what is a network or a graph?

Network Components



- **Network** (or **Graph**) $G(N, E)$
 - **Objects:** nodes (vertices) N
 - **Relationships:** links (edges) E

Built on the mathematics of **graph theory**

networks are ubiquitous

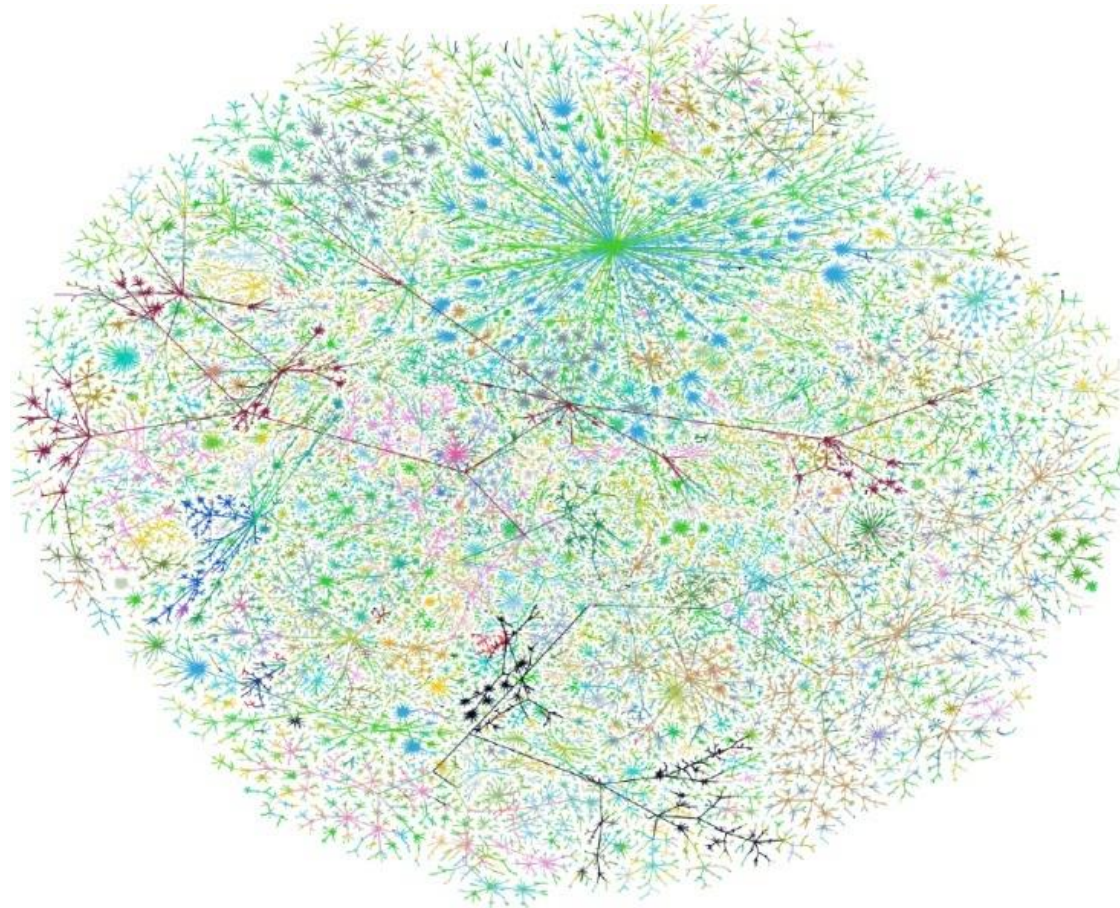
Networks: Social



Facebook social graph

4-degrees of separation [Backstrom-Boldi-Rosa-Ugander-Vigna, 2011]

Networks: Communication

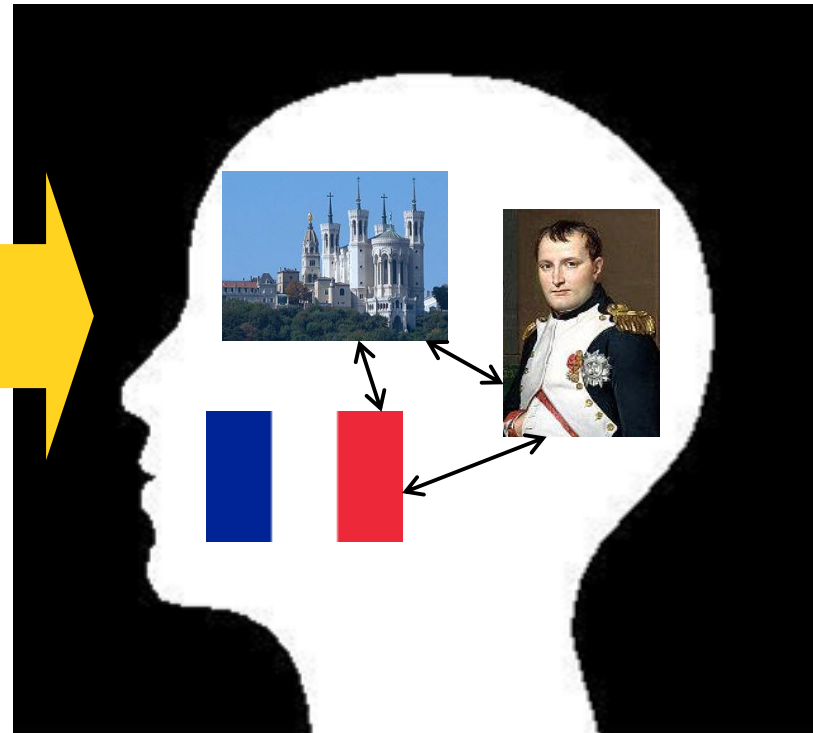
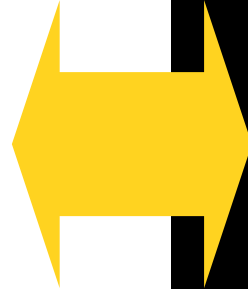


Graph of the Internet (Autonomous Systems)

Power-law degrees [Faloutsos-Faloutsos-Faloutsos, 1999]

Robustness [Doyle-Willinger, 2005]

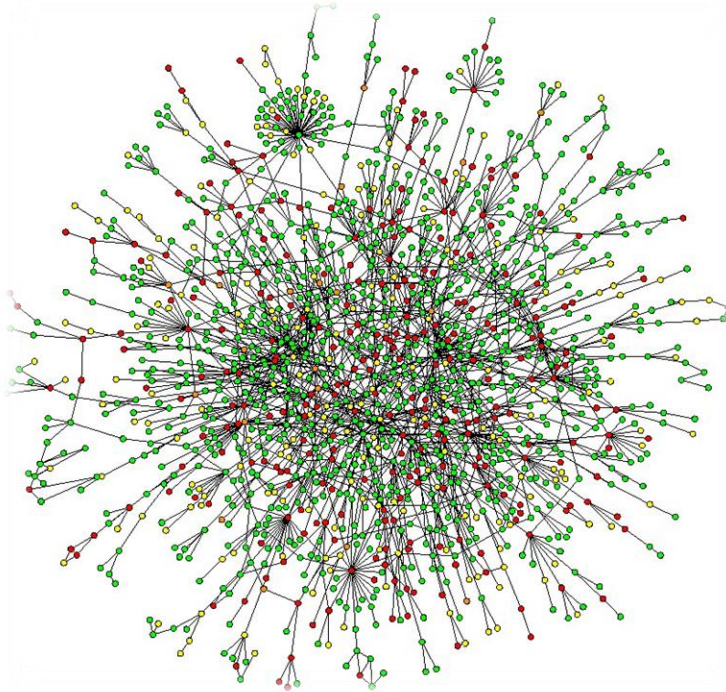
Networks: Knowledge Graph



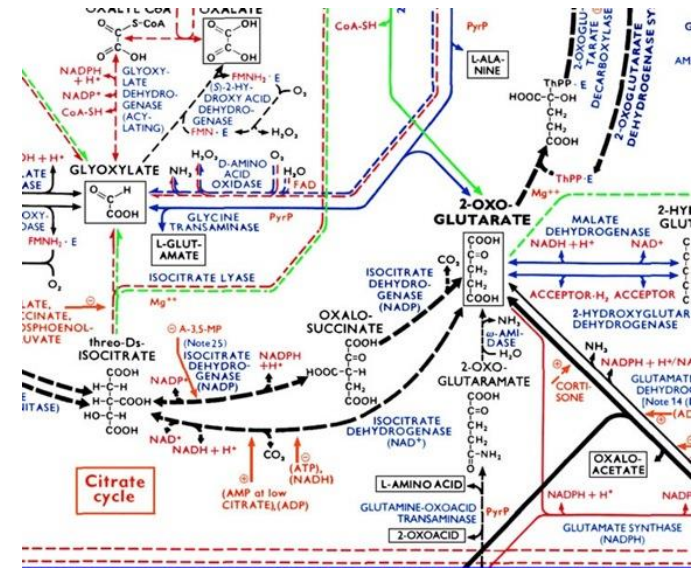
Understand how humans
navigate Wikipedia

Get an idea of how
people connect concepts

Networks: Biology



Protein-Protein Interaction Networks:
 Nodes: Proteins
 Edges: 'physical' interactions



Metabolic networks:
 Nodes: Metabolites and enzymes
 Edges: Chemical reactions

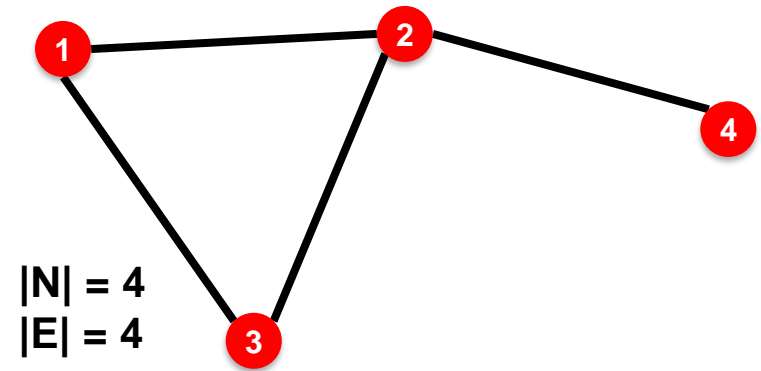
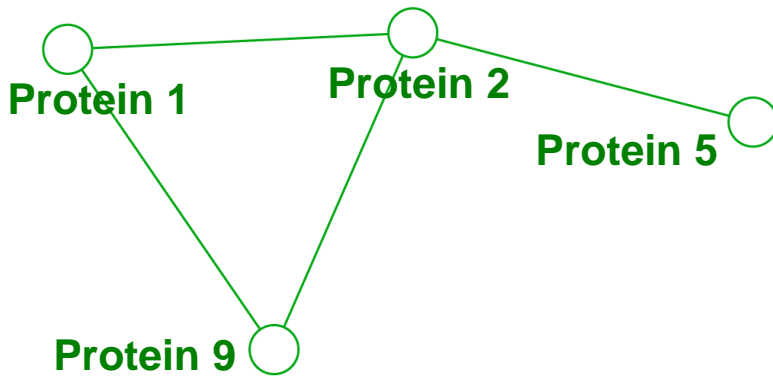
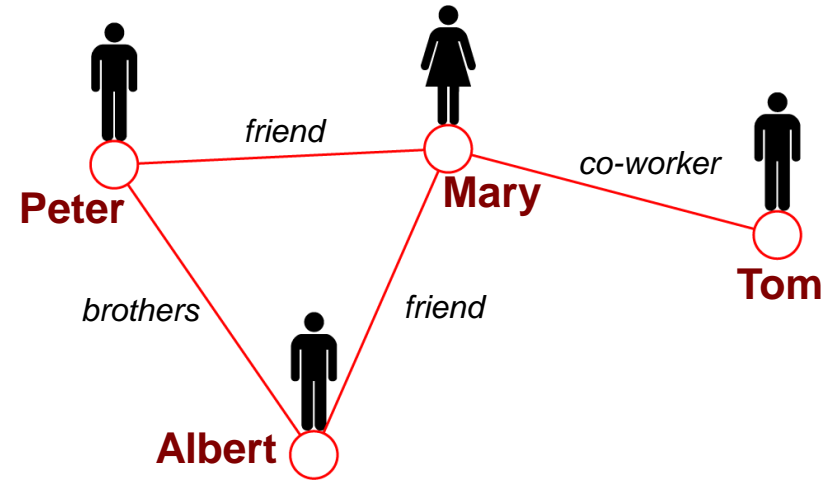
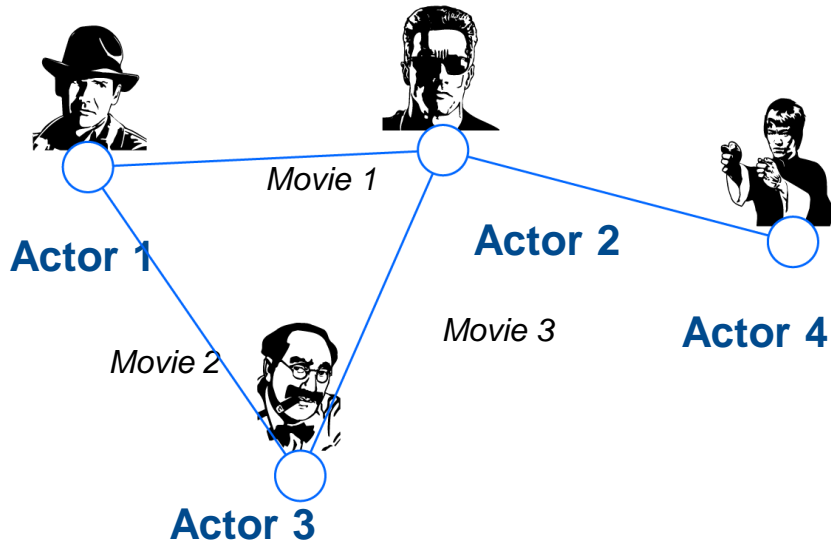
Networks: Brain



**Human brain has between
10-100 billion neurons**
[Sporns, 2011]

why should we care
about networks?

Networks: Common Language



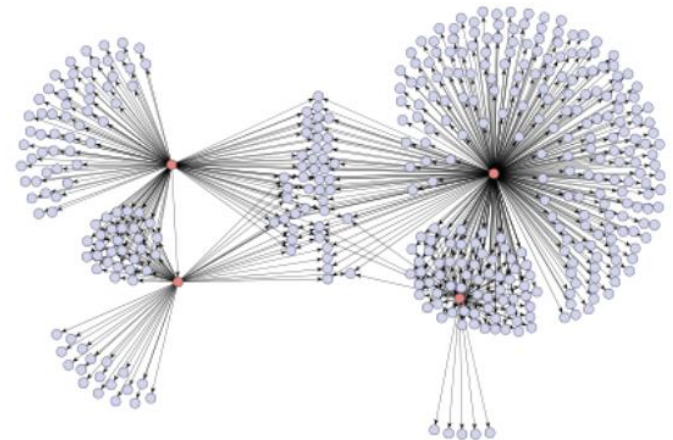
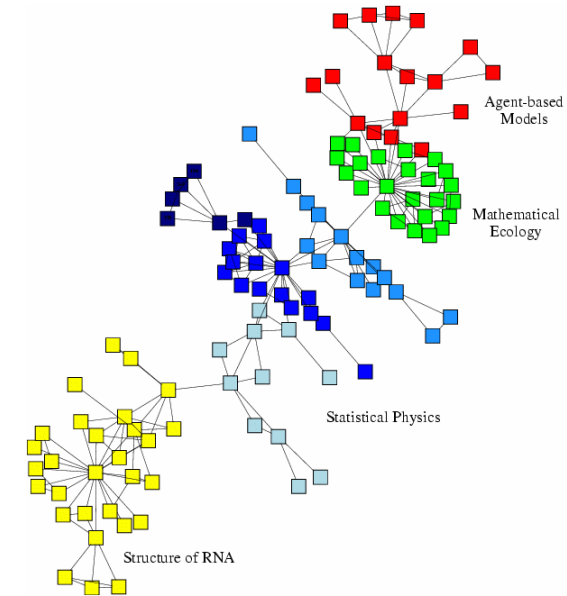
Network Analysis

network analysis helps to reveal the *underlying dynamics* of these systems,
not easily observable before

what do we study in networks?

Networks: Structure & Process

- **Structure and evolution**
 - What is the structure of a network?
 - Why and how did it become to have such structure?
- **Processes and dynamics**
 - Networks provide “skeleton” for spreading of information, behavior, diseases



how do we reason about networks?

Reasoning About Networks

- **Empirical studies/properties**

Study network data to find organizational principles

- **Mathematical models**

Probabilistic, graph theory

- **Algorithms**

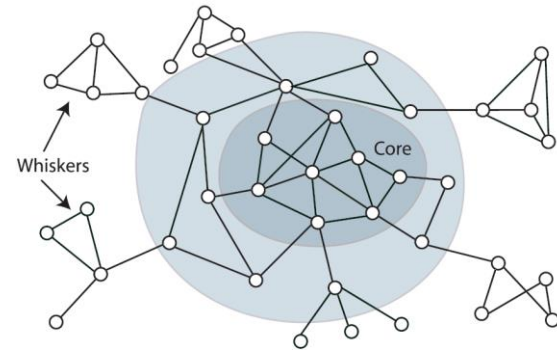
Methods for analyzing graphs, solving graph-related problems

Properties

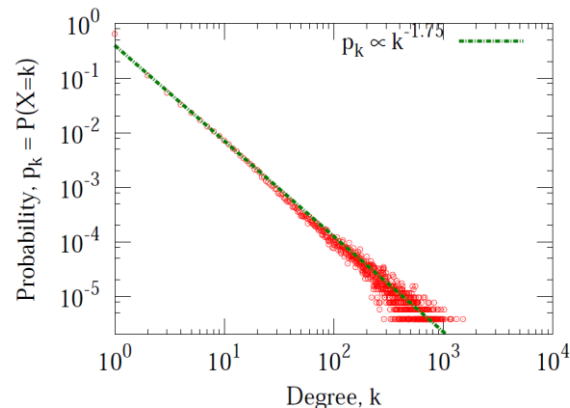
- Six degrees of separ.



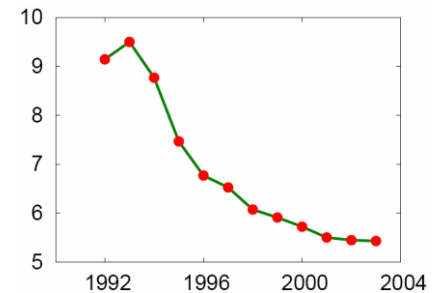
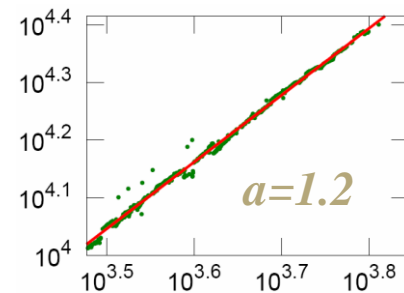
- Strength of weak ties



- Power-law degrees

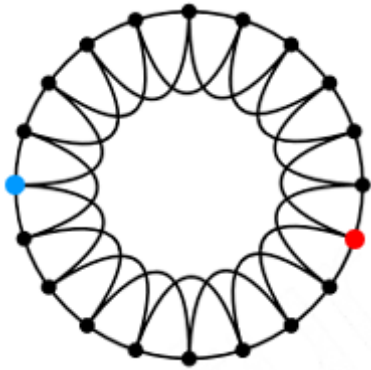


- Densif. power law,
Shrinking diameter

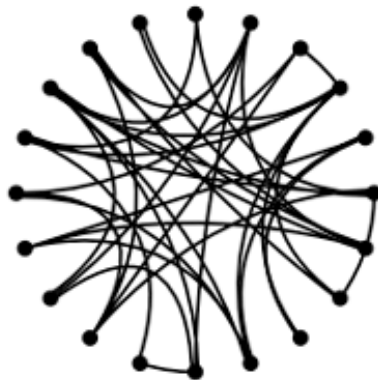


Models

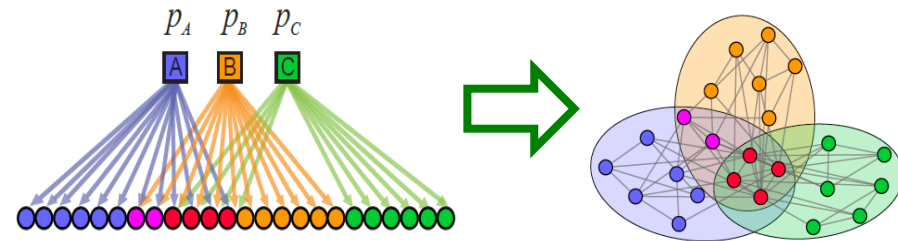
- Erdős-Renyi model



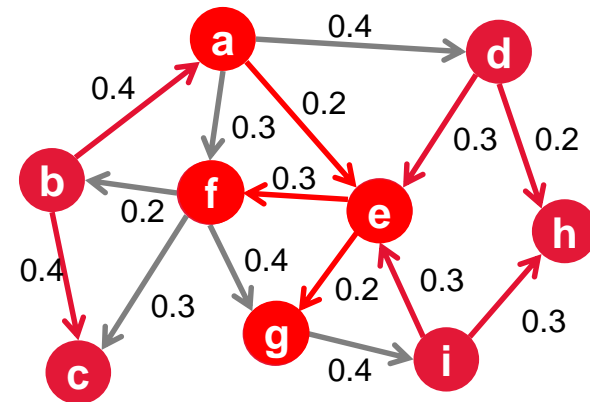
- Small-world model



- Community model

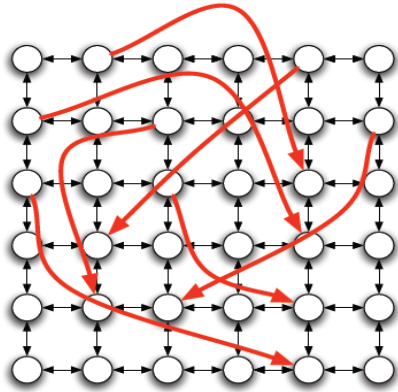


- Cascade model

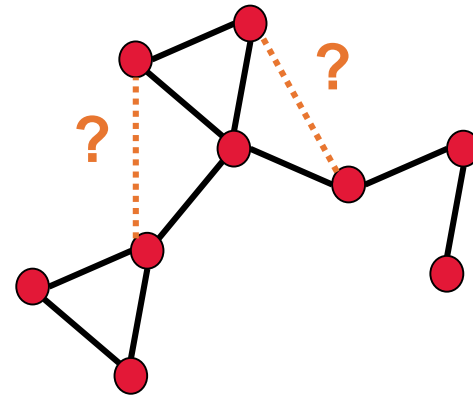


Algorithms

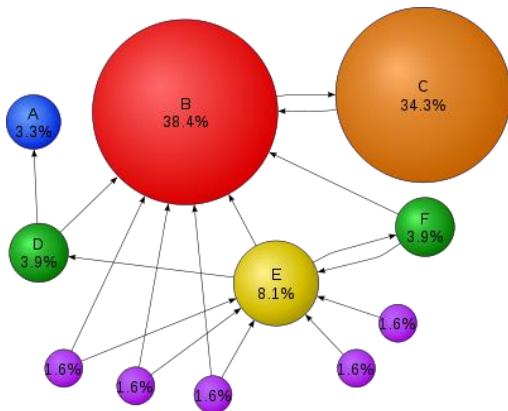
- **Decentralized search**



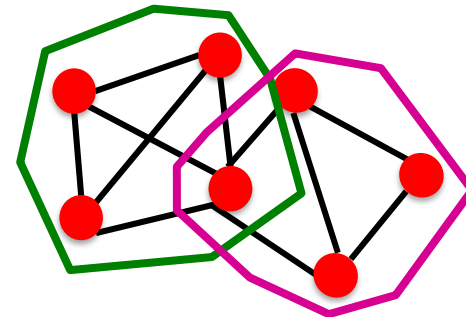
- **Link prediction**



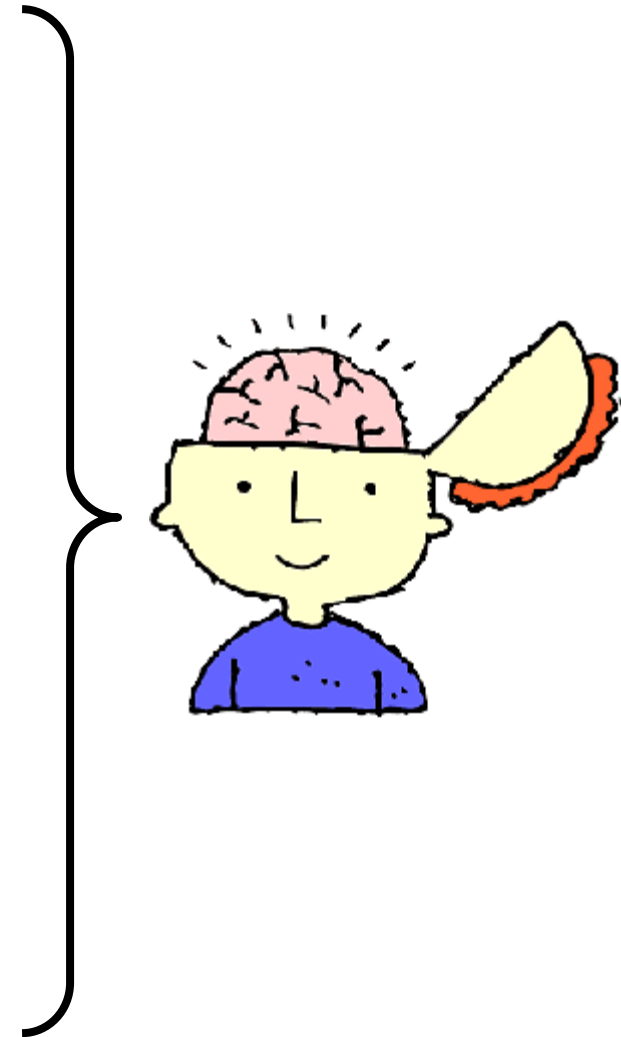
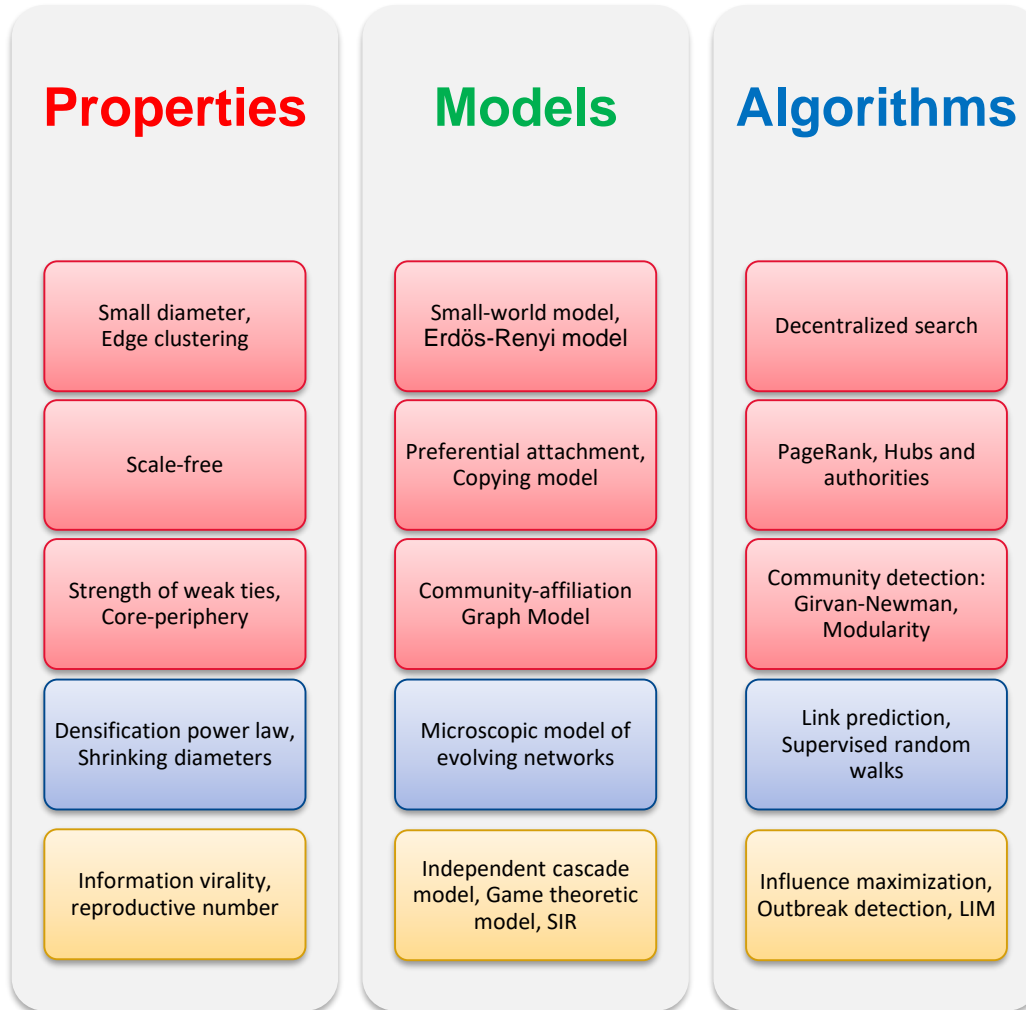
- **Link analysis**



- **Community detection**

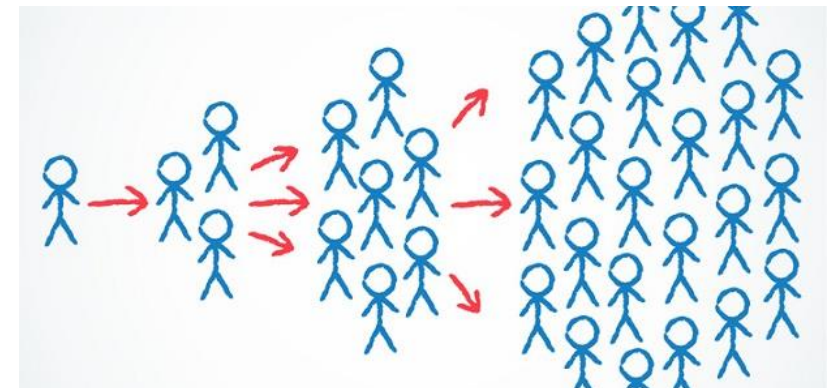


Map of Superpowers



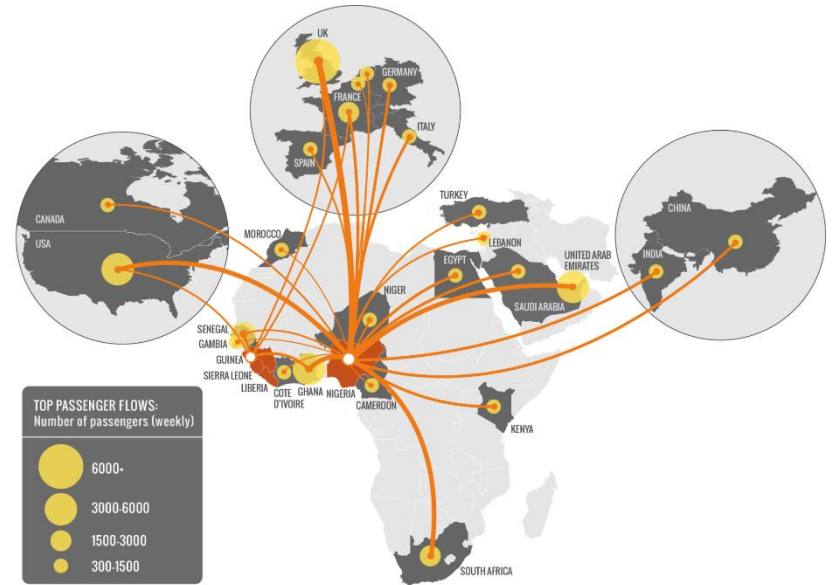
Applying Our Superpowers

- **Social media analytics**
- **Viral marketing**

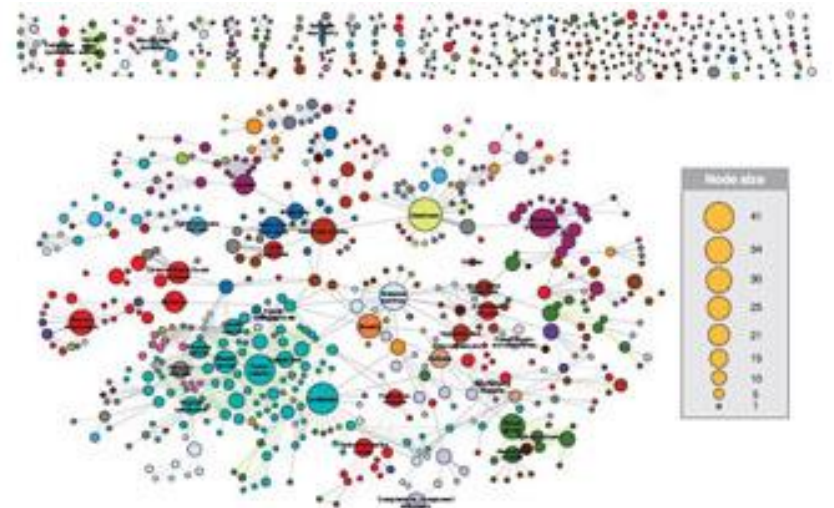


Applying Our Superpowers

- **Predicting epidemics:
Ebola**



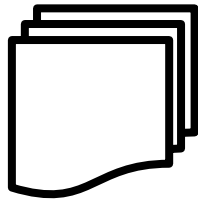
- **Drug design**



Graph Mining Abstract Methodology

Research Methodology

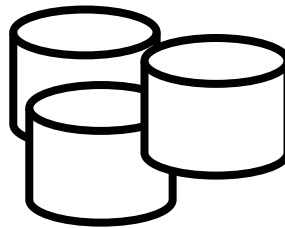
Unstructured
Data



extract



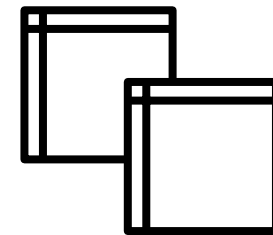
Structured
Data



identify



Entities/
Relationships

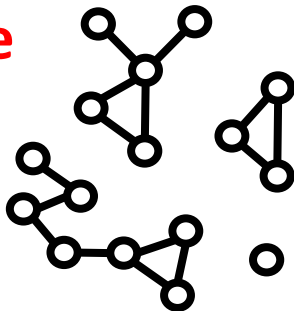


define



Graphs/
Networks

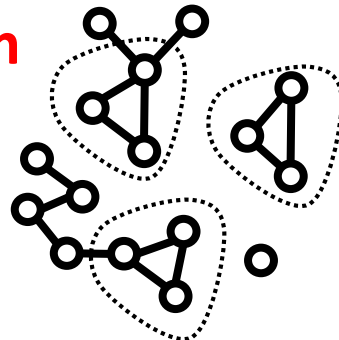
define



perform



Graph
Analytics



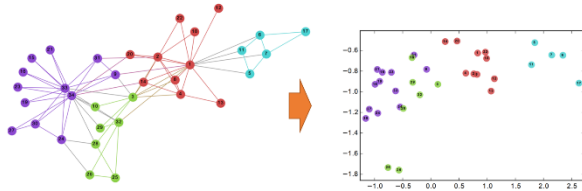
use in



Applications/
Decision Making



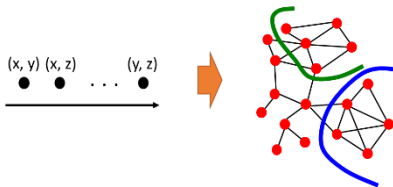
Current Research Focus



A. Network Representation Learning



B. Trajectory Network Mining



C. Streaming & Dynamic Graphs



D. Social Media Mining & Analysis



E. City Science / Urban Informatics / IoT



F. Natural Language Processing

Trajectory Network Mining

Problem 1

Group Pattern Discovery of Pedestrian Trajectories

Problem 2

Mining of Node Importance in Trajectory Networks

Group Pattern Discovery of Pedestrian Trajectories

Joint work with Sawas Abdullah et al.

Pedestrian trajectories



what is a group?

many definitions,
many algorithms

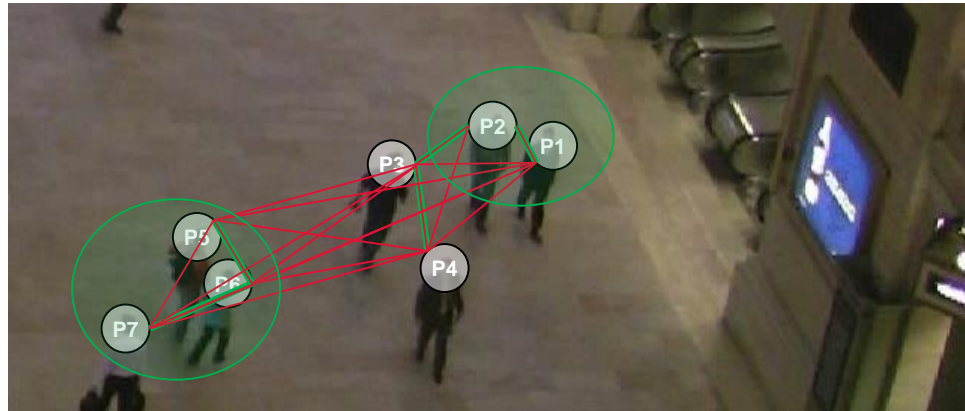
e.g., *flock*, *convoy*, *evolving-clusters*, *gathering-pattern*, ... [ACM TIST Tutorial 2015]

Finding pedestrian groups

Local Grouping

Intuitive method

Spatial-only



proximity threshold θ

key idea

find **pairs** of pedestrians x , y where $\text{distance}(x, y) < \theta$

expand **pairs** to discover **groups**

Local grouping



expand the key idea
to include the
time dimension

Global groups vs. Time-window groups



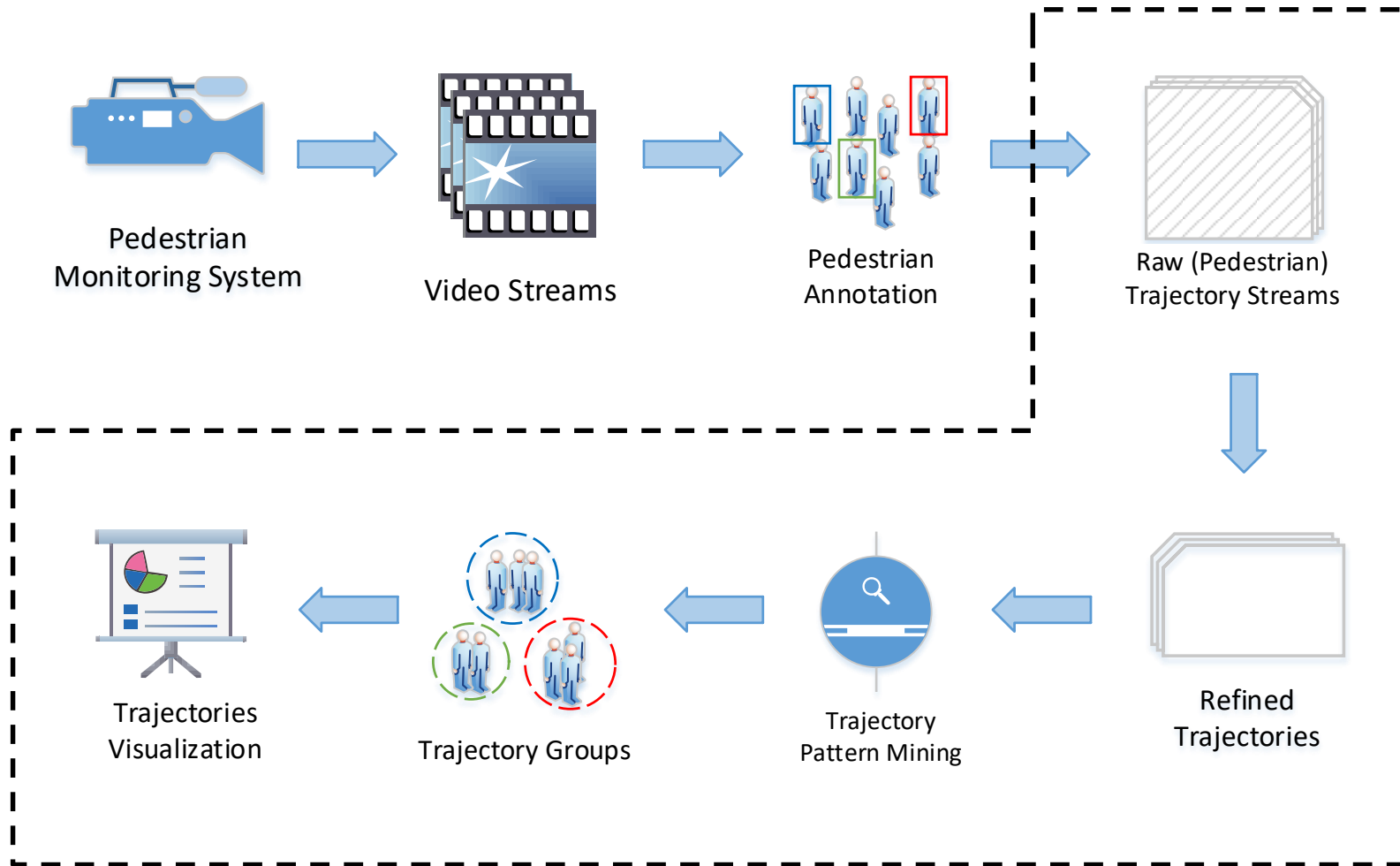
**global
grouping**

**time-window
grouping**

Trajectolizer

Demo

Trajectolizer: System Overview



Trajectolizer: Interactive Demo



descriptive statistics
about the current frame

timeline slider area to
navigate video frames

Video

Frame:1
Number of pedestrians:70
Average time pedestrians spent:00:01:41
Pedestrians spent above the average time:

P2 178	P8 145	P10 432	P11 469
P15 154	P28 228	P29 203	P36 1322
P38 232	P45 196	P46 195	P51 722
P63 743	P65 269	P68 141	P69 243
P70 144			

Number of pedestrians in frames

A

Groups

Proximity distance:Min 10 Max 8

Neighbors of pedestrian 38 are:

- P:2 (w:34-41,43,45-46,53-58)
- P:41 (w:4)
- P:46 (w:34-41,47-50,60-65)
- P:65 (w:61-65)
- P:95 (w:52)
- P:108 (w:34-41,46,48-50,60,65-73)
- P:123 (w:19-68)
- P:151 (w:?? 42,59,61,74)

grouping analysis

current frame with pedestrian
IDs and trajectories

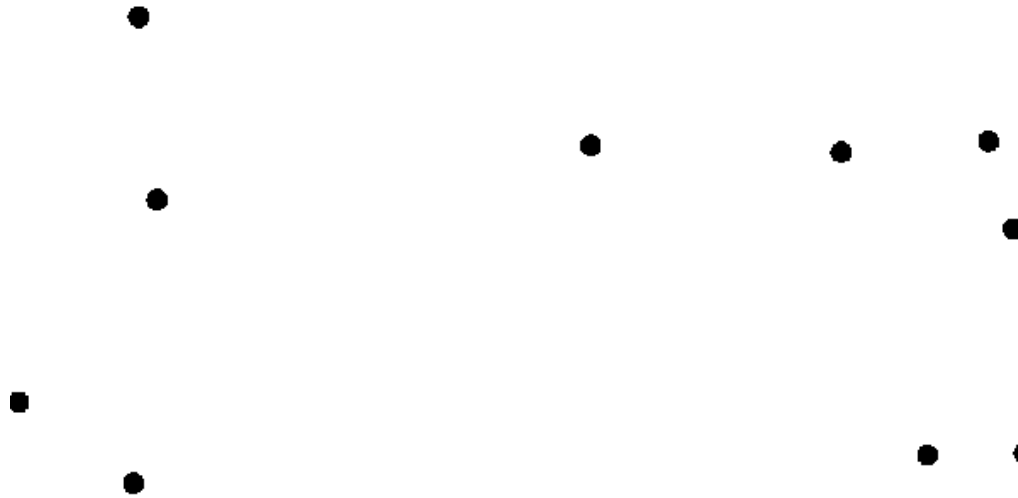
[Live Demo](#)

Node Importance in Trajectory Networks

Joint work with Tilemachos Pechlivanoglou

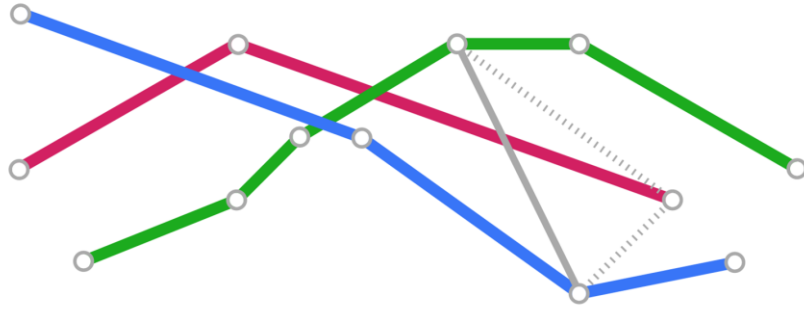
Trajectories of moving objects

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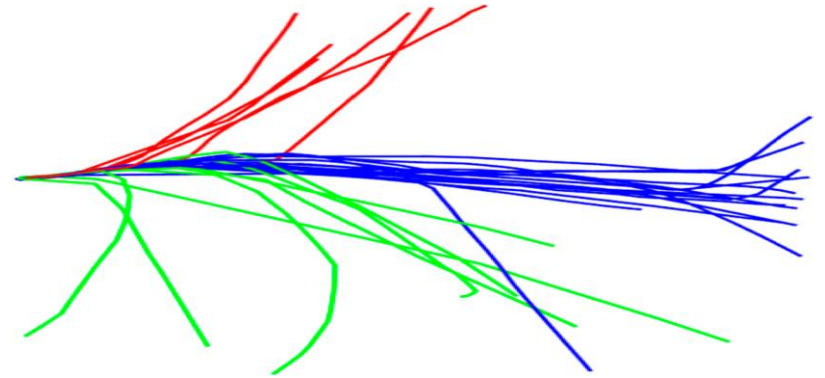


every moving object, forms a **trajectory** – in **2D** it is a sequence of **(x, y, t)**
there are trajectories of moving **cars, people, birds, ...**

Trajectory data mining



trajectory similarity

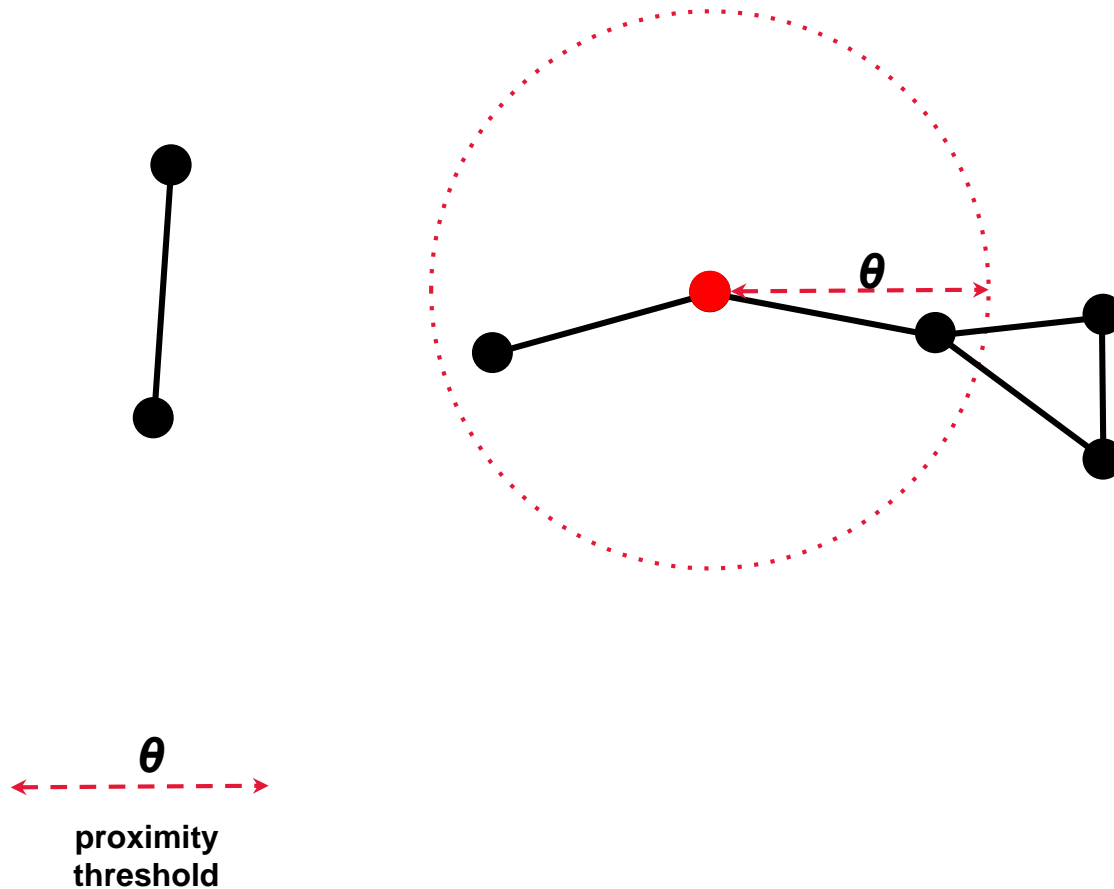


trajectory clustering

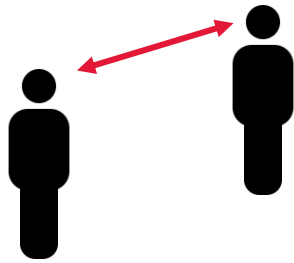
- trajectory anomaly detection
- trajectory pattern mining
- trajectory classification
- ...more

we care about **network analysis** of moving objects

Proximity networks



Distance can represent



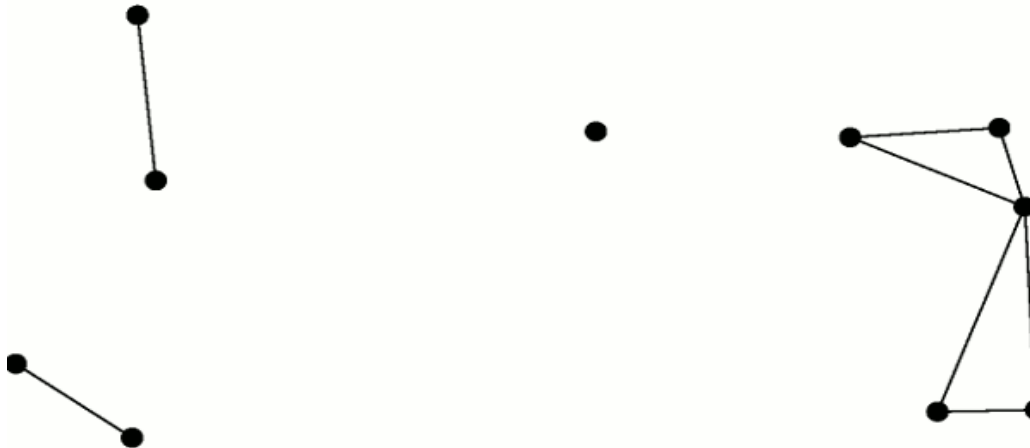
line of sight



wifi / bluetooth
signal range

Trajectory networks

0



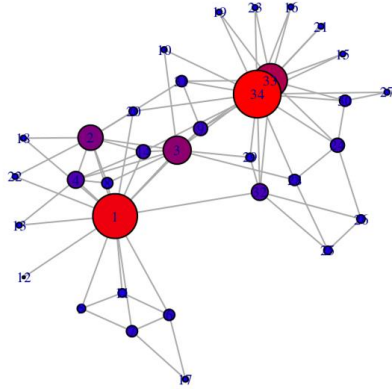
The Problem

Input: logs of trajectories (x, y, t) in time period $[0, T]$

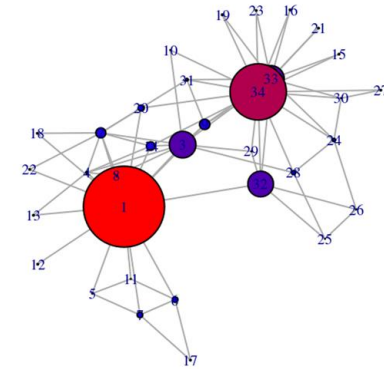
Output: node importance metrics

Node Importance

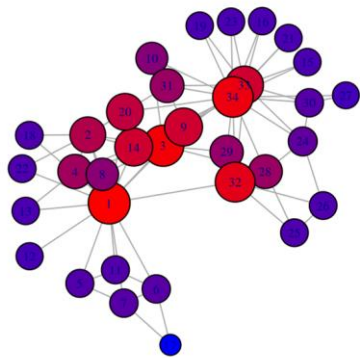
Node importance in static networks



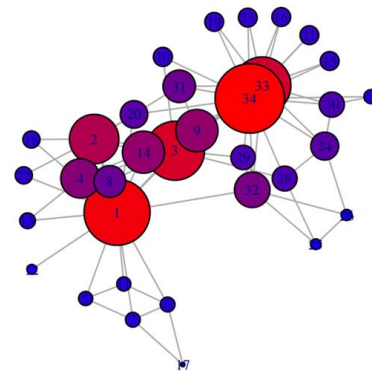
Degree centrality



Betweenness centrality

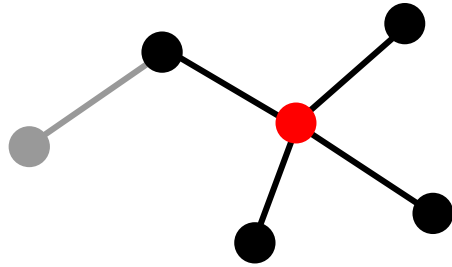


Closeness centrality

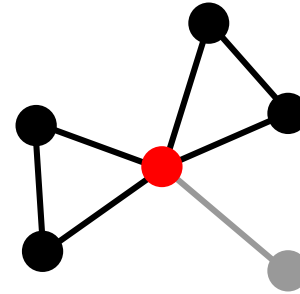


Eigenvector centrality

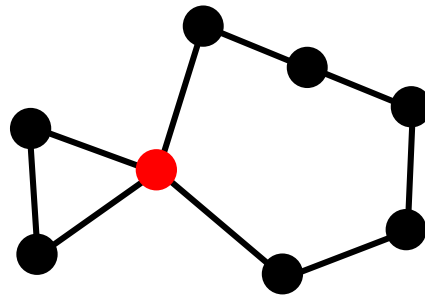
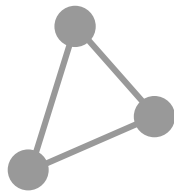
Node importance in TNs



node degree **over time**

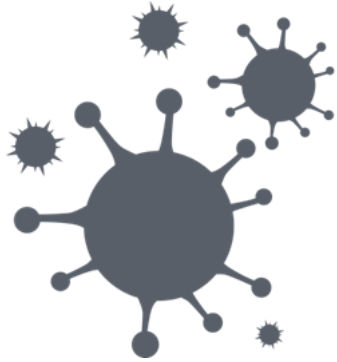


triangles **over time**



connected components **over time**
(connectedness)

Applications



infection spreading



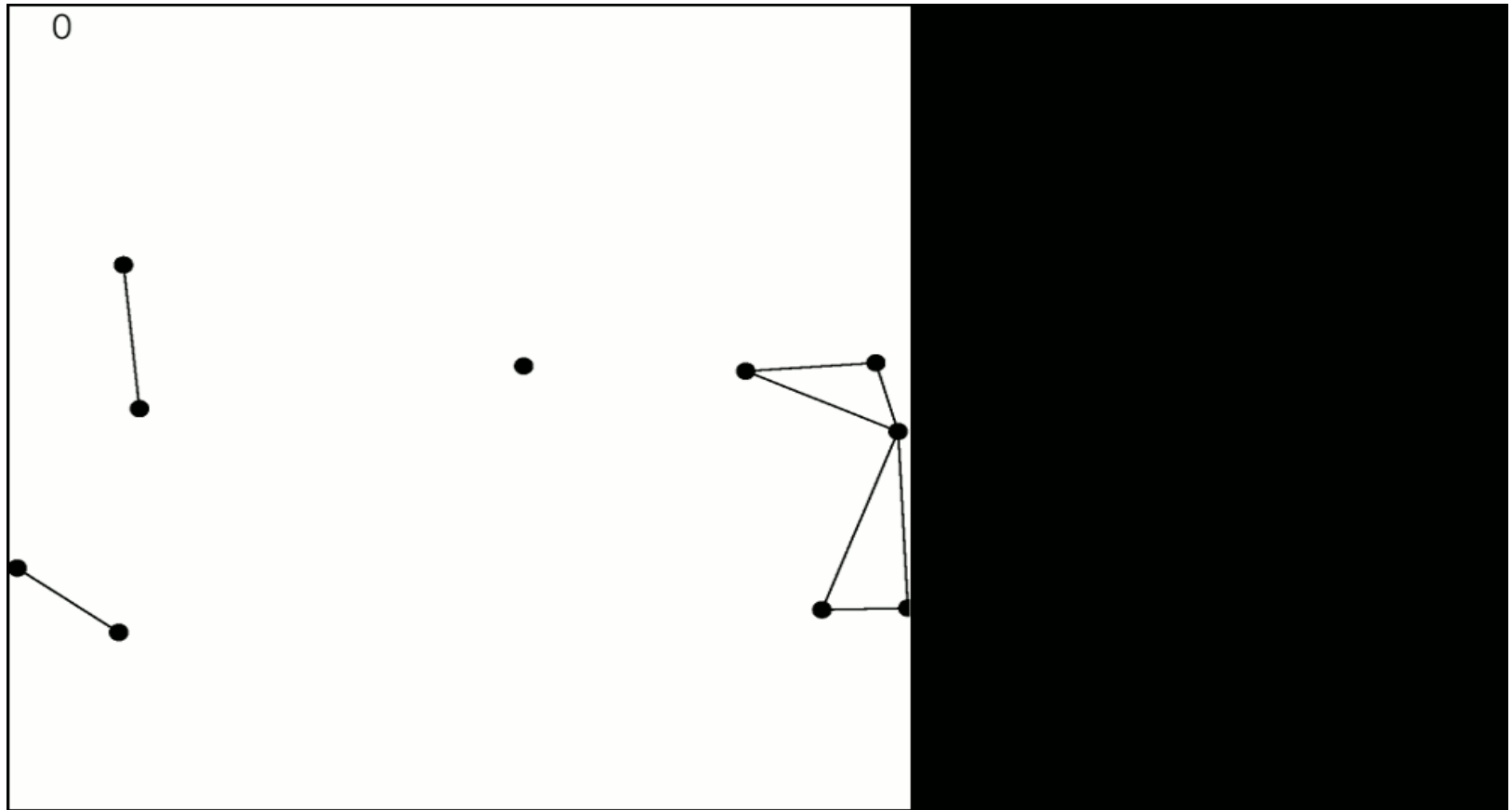
security in autonomous
vehicles



rich dynamic network analytics

Evaluation of Node Importance in Trajectory Networks

Naive approach



For **every** discrete time unit **t**:

1. obtain static **snapshot** of the proximity network
2. run **static** node importance **algorithms** on snapshot

Aggregate results at the end

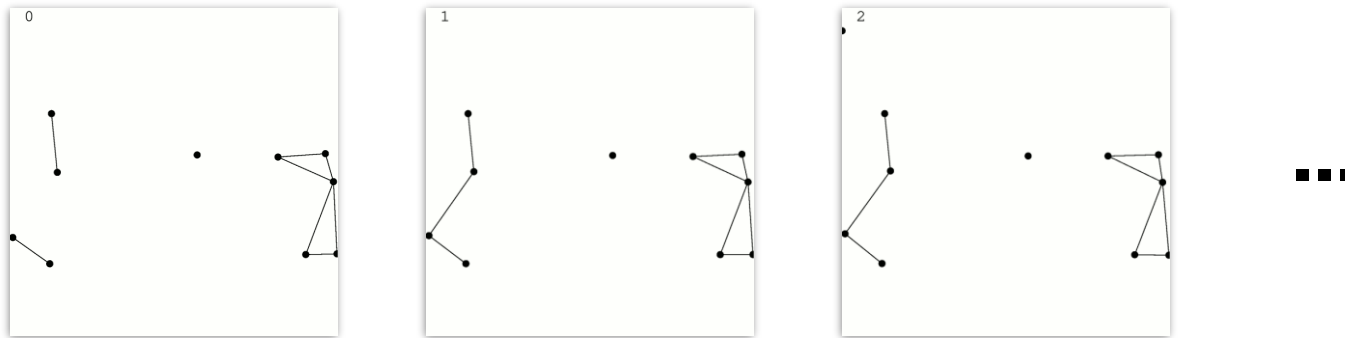
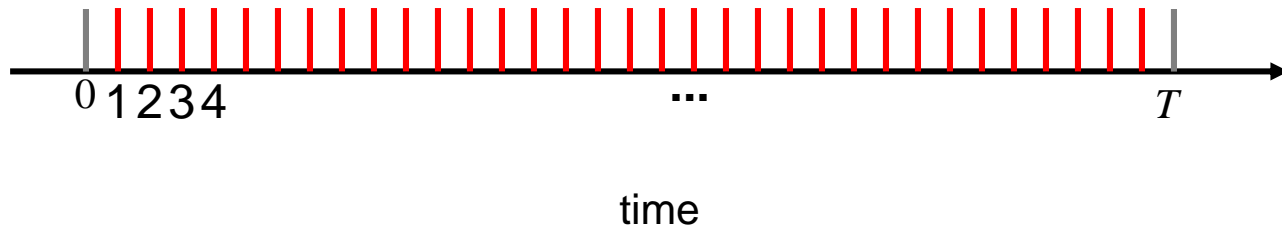
Streaming approach

Similar to naive, but:

- **no final aggregation**
- results calculated **incrementally** at every step

Still **every time** unit

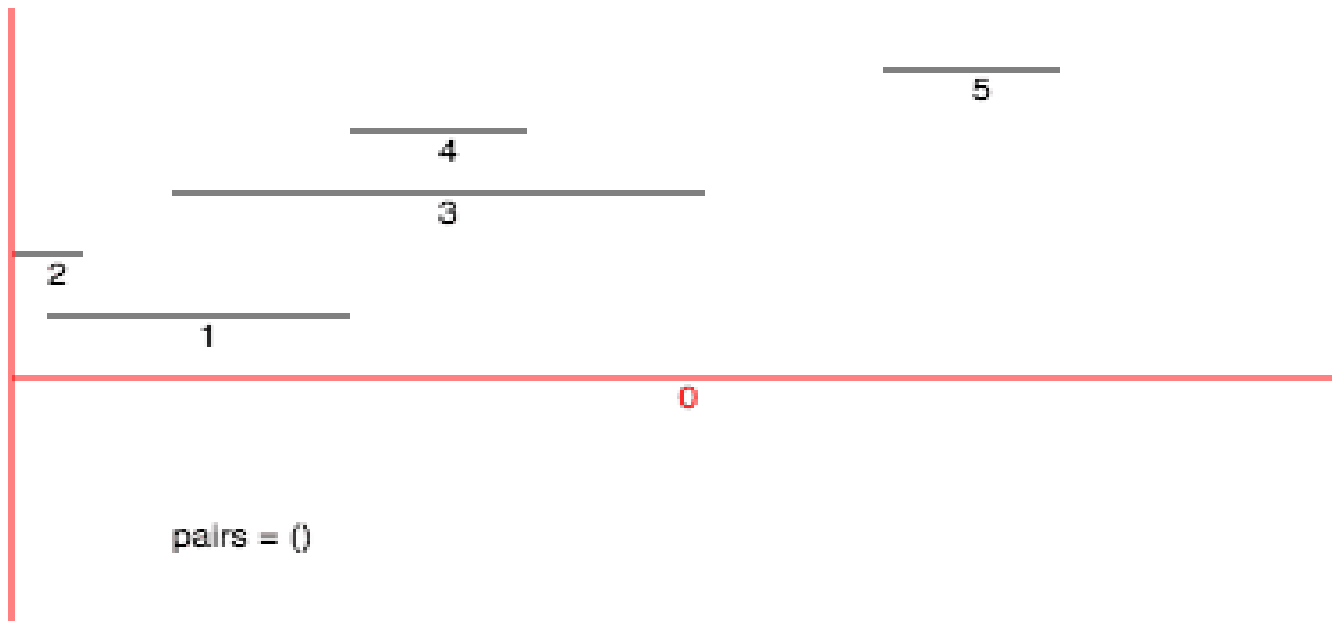
Every discrete time unit



Sweep Line Over Trajectories (SLOT)

Sweep line algorithm

A **computational geometry** algorithm that given **line segments** computes line segment **overlaps**



Efficient **one pass** algorithm that only processes line segments at the **beginning** and **ending** points

SLOT: Sweep Line Over Trajectories

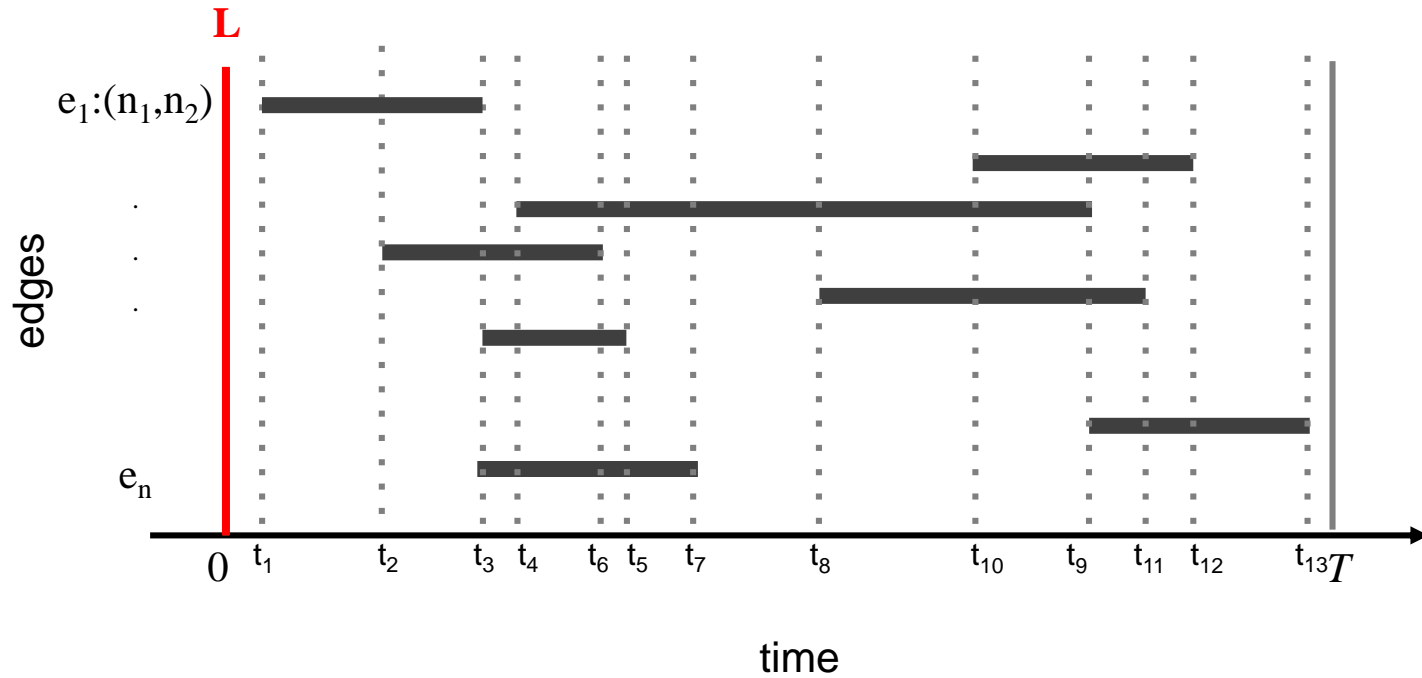
(algorithm sketch)

represent TN **edges** as **time intervals**

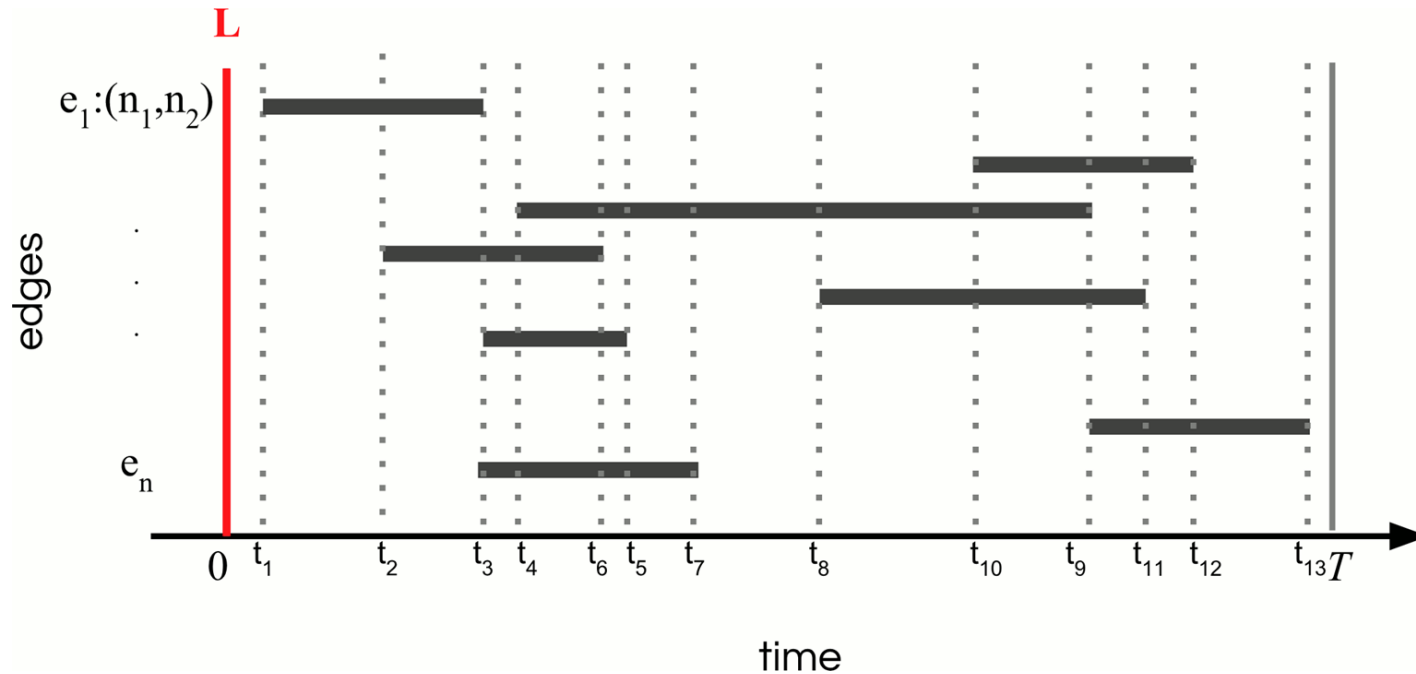
apply **variation** of sweep line algorithm

simultaneously compute *node degree*, *triangle membership*, *connected components* in **one pass**

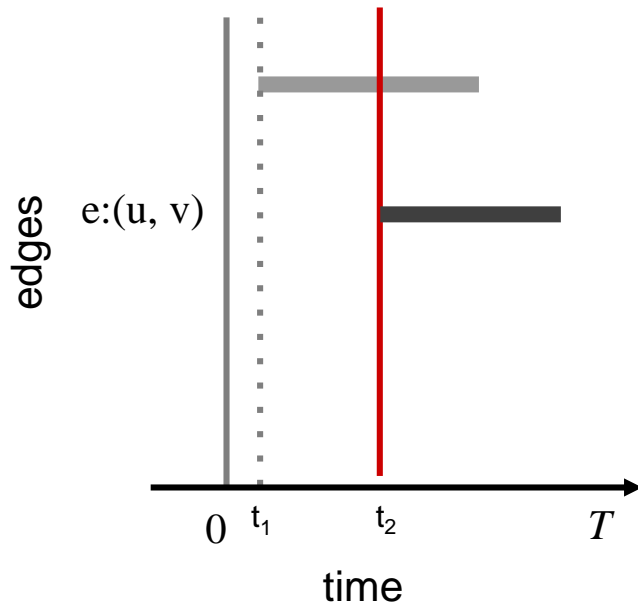
Represent edges as time intervals



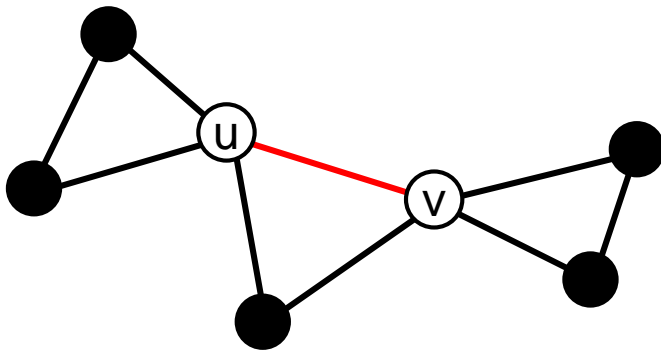
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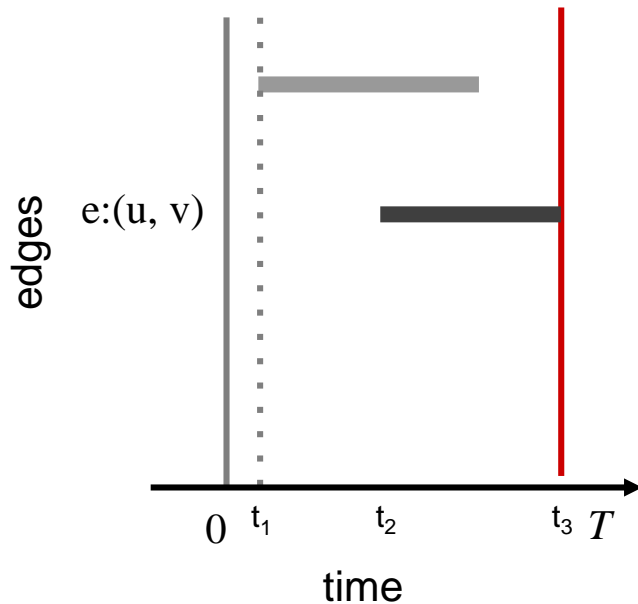
At every edge **start**



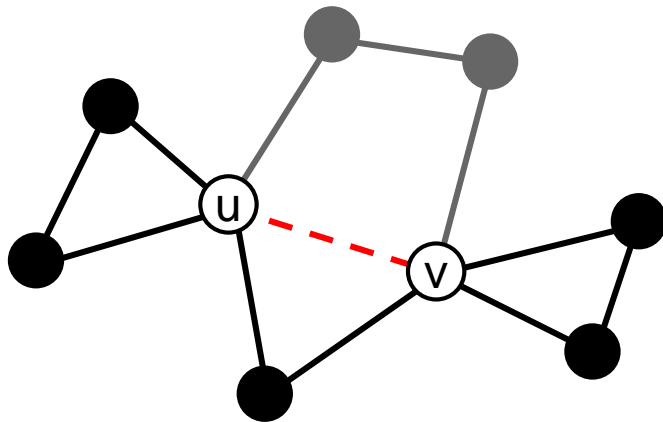
- **node degree**
 - nodes **u**, **v** now connected
 - increment **u**, **v** node degrees
- **triangle membership**
 - did a triangle just form?
 - look for **u**, **v** common neighbors
 - increment triangle (**u**, **v**, **common**)
- **connected components**
 - did two previously disconnected components connect?
 - compare old components of **u**, **v**
 - if no overlap, merge them



At every edge **stop**



- **node degree**
 - nodes **u**, **v** now disconnected
 - decrement **u**, **v** degree
- **triangle membership**
 - did a triangle just break?
 - look for **u**, **v** common neighbors
 - decrement triangle (**u**, **v**, **common**)
- **connected components**
 - did a conn. compon. separate?
 - BFS to see if **u**, **v** still connected
 - if not, split component to two



SLOT: At the end of the algorithm ...

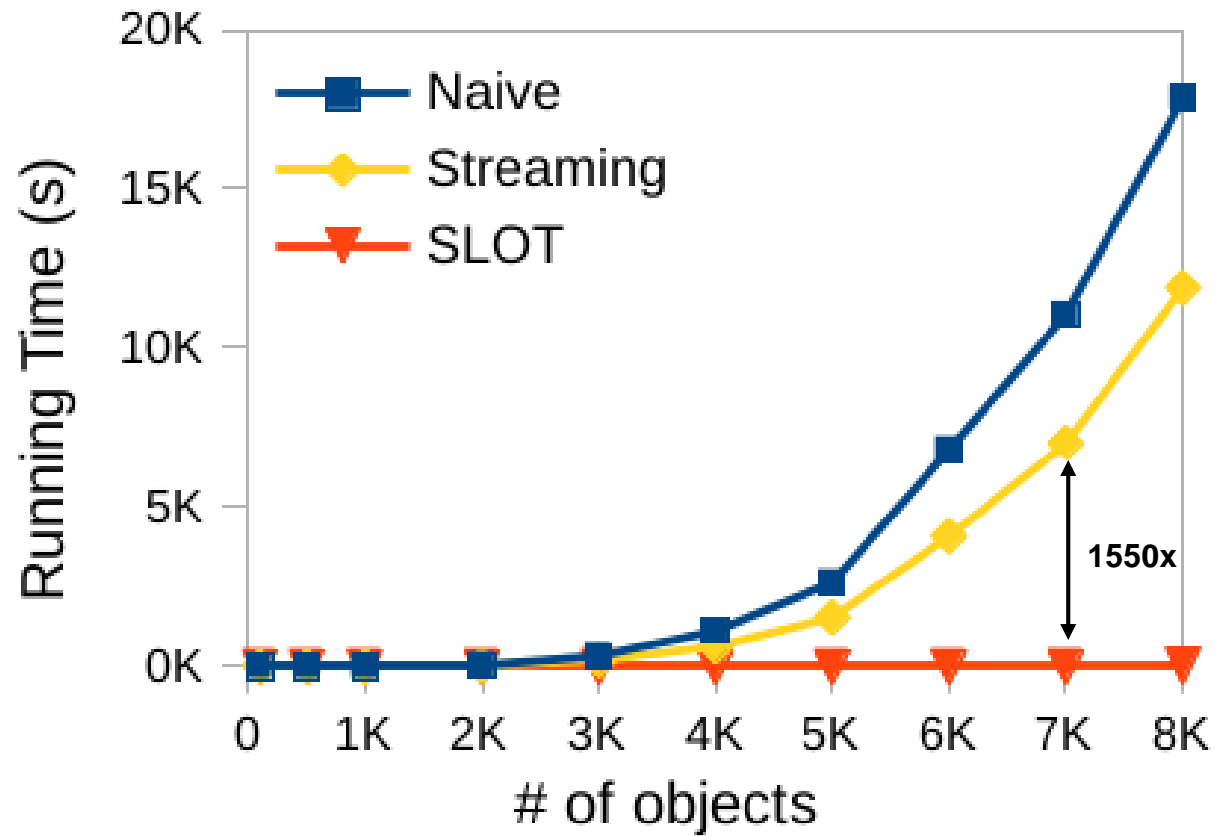
Rich Analytics

- **node degrees**: start/end time, duration
- **triangles**: start/end time, duration
- **connected components**: start/end time, duration

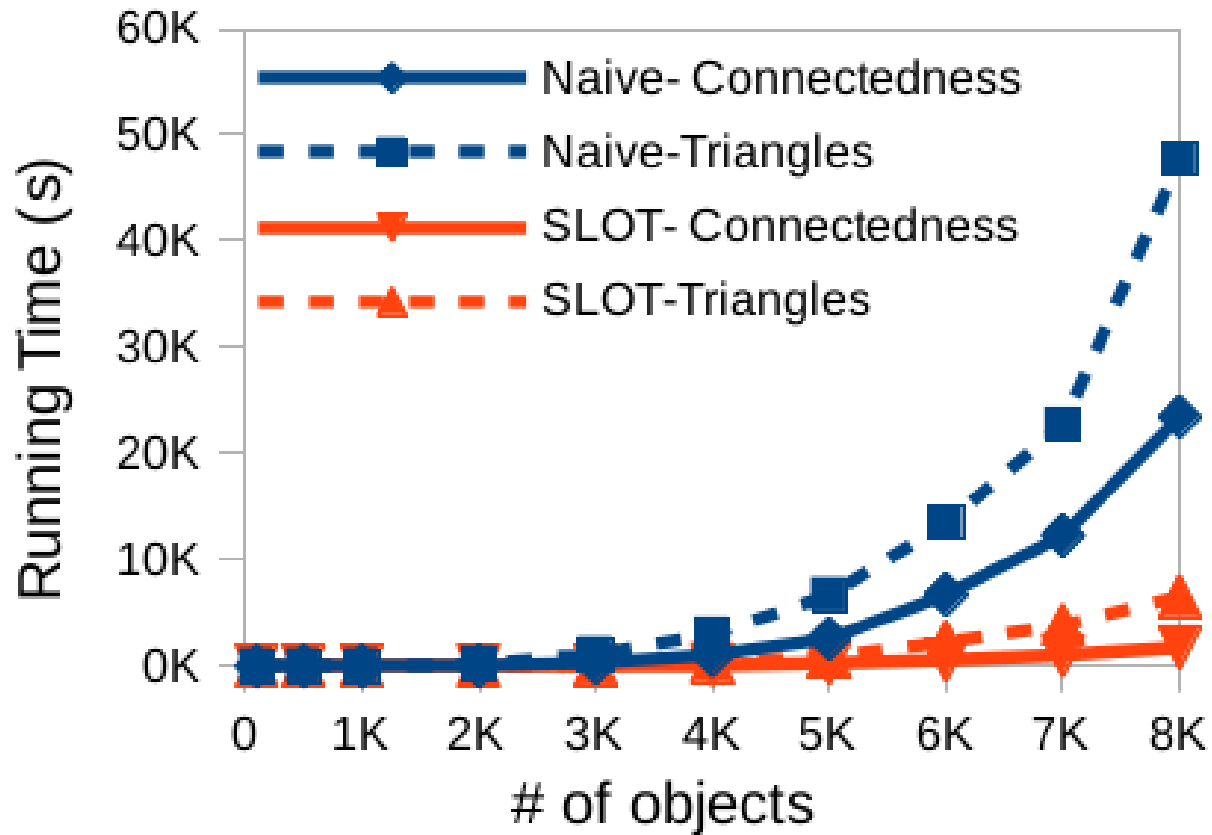
Exact results (not approximations)

Evaluation of SLOT

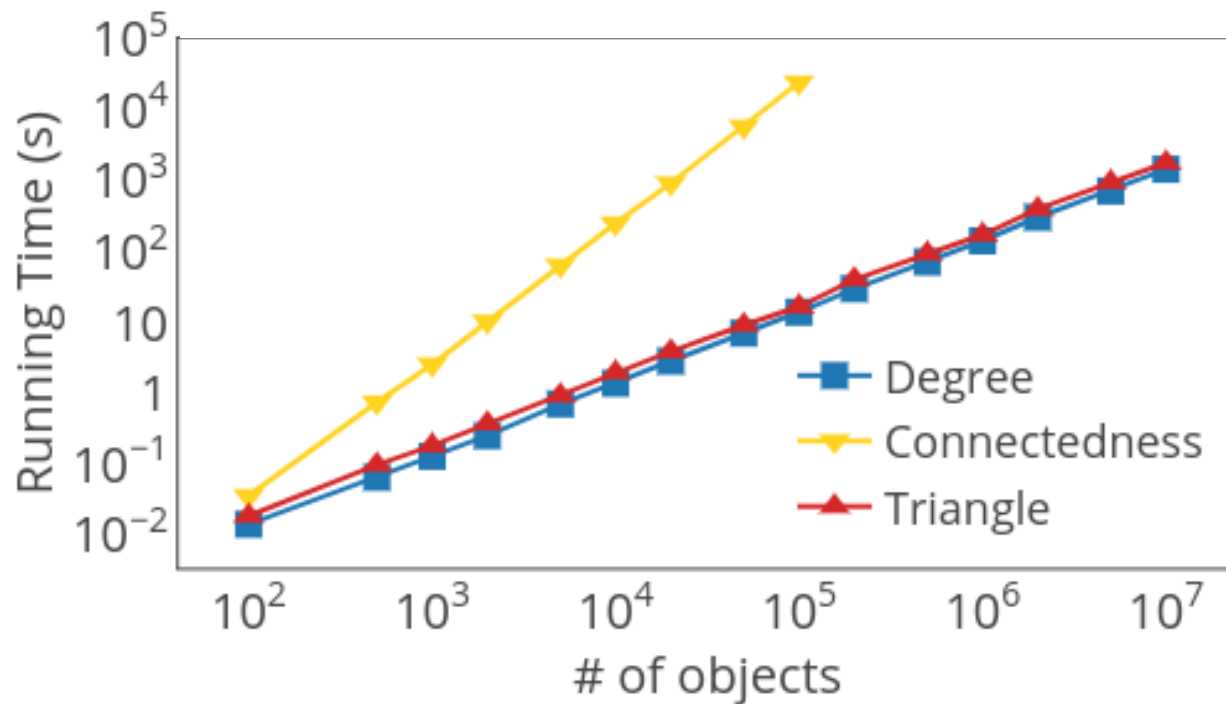
Node degree



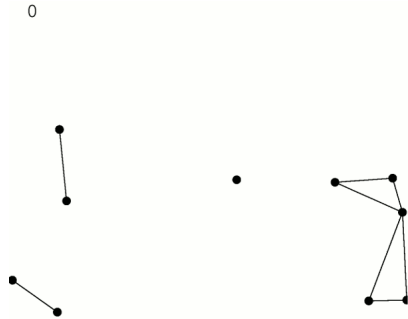
Triangle membership / connected components



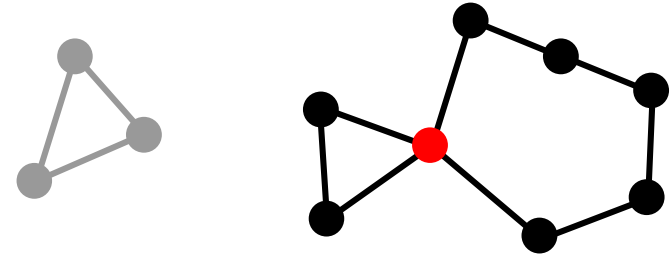
SLOT Scalability



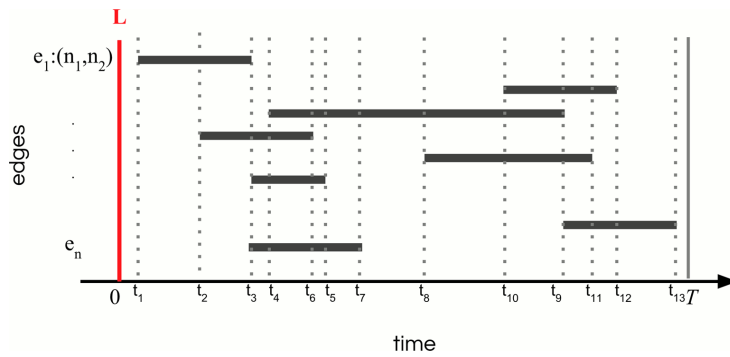
Takeaway



trajectory networks



network importance **over time**



SLOT algorithm

SLOT properties:

- fast
- exact
- scalable

Seagull migration trajectories



data from Wikelski et al. 2015

Thank you!

Questions?

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Working with Us

Data Mining Lab @ YorkU

- **Data Mining Lab**

- <http://dminer.eecs.yorku.ca/>
- **focus:** data mining / machine learning / graph mining / NLP / big data analytics/ visualization/ applications

- **Mandate**

- Conduct basic research and development
- Equip students with both theoretical knowledge and practical experience

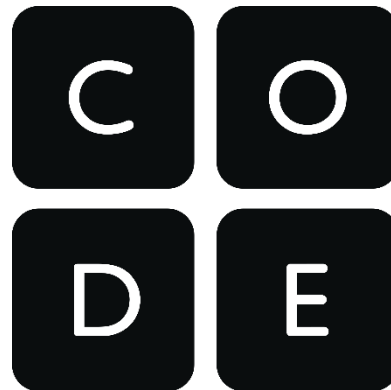
- **Members**

- Two Faculty (Prof. Aijun An, Prof. Manos Papagelis)
- ~20 High Quality Personnel (HQP)
 - ~5 Postdoc, ~6 PhDs, ~8 MSc, ~3 Undergrads, ~1 staff

What We Are Looking For?



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