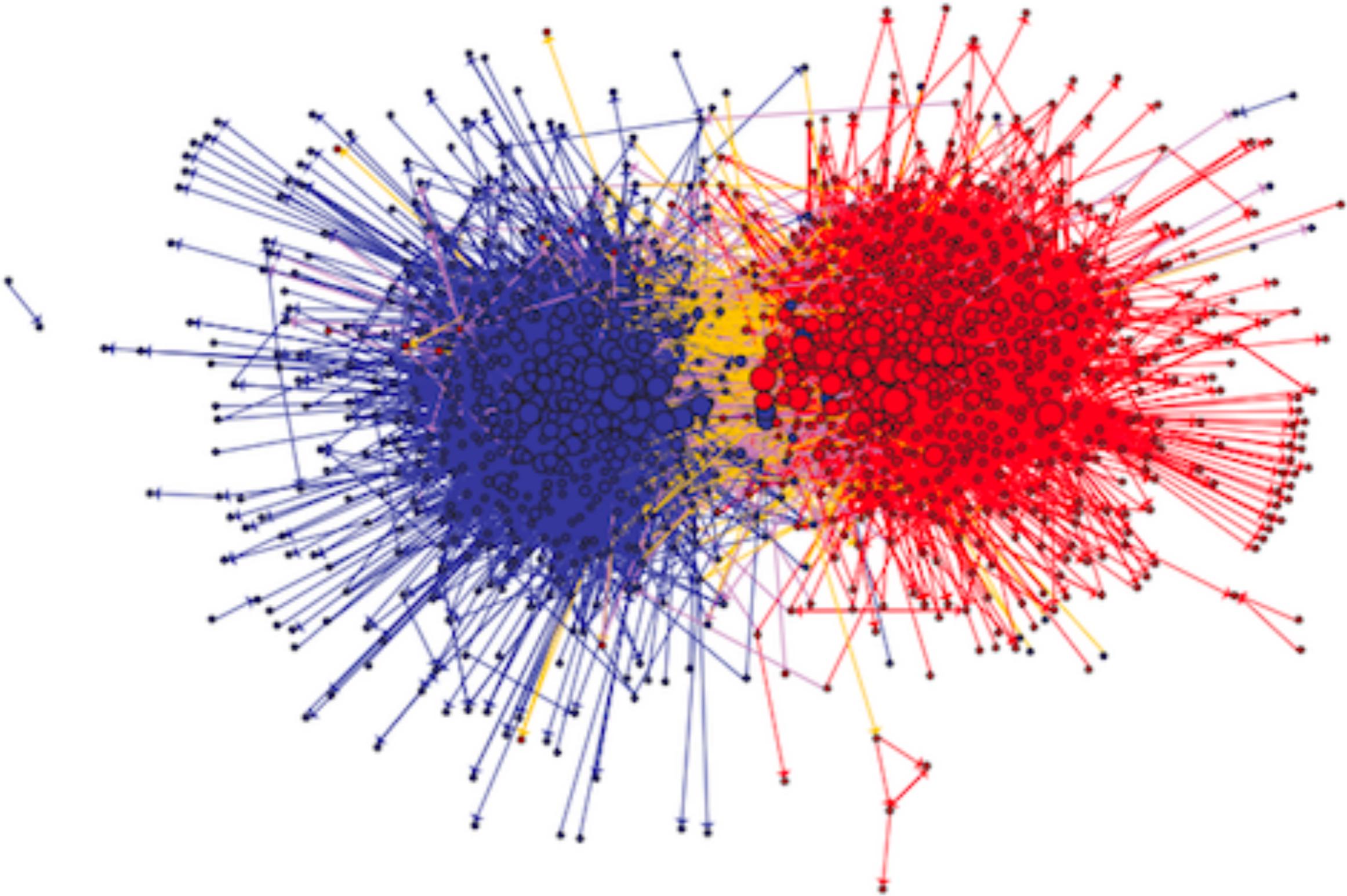


Graph / Network Visualizations

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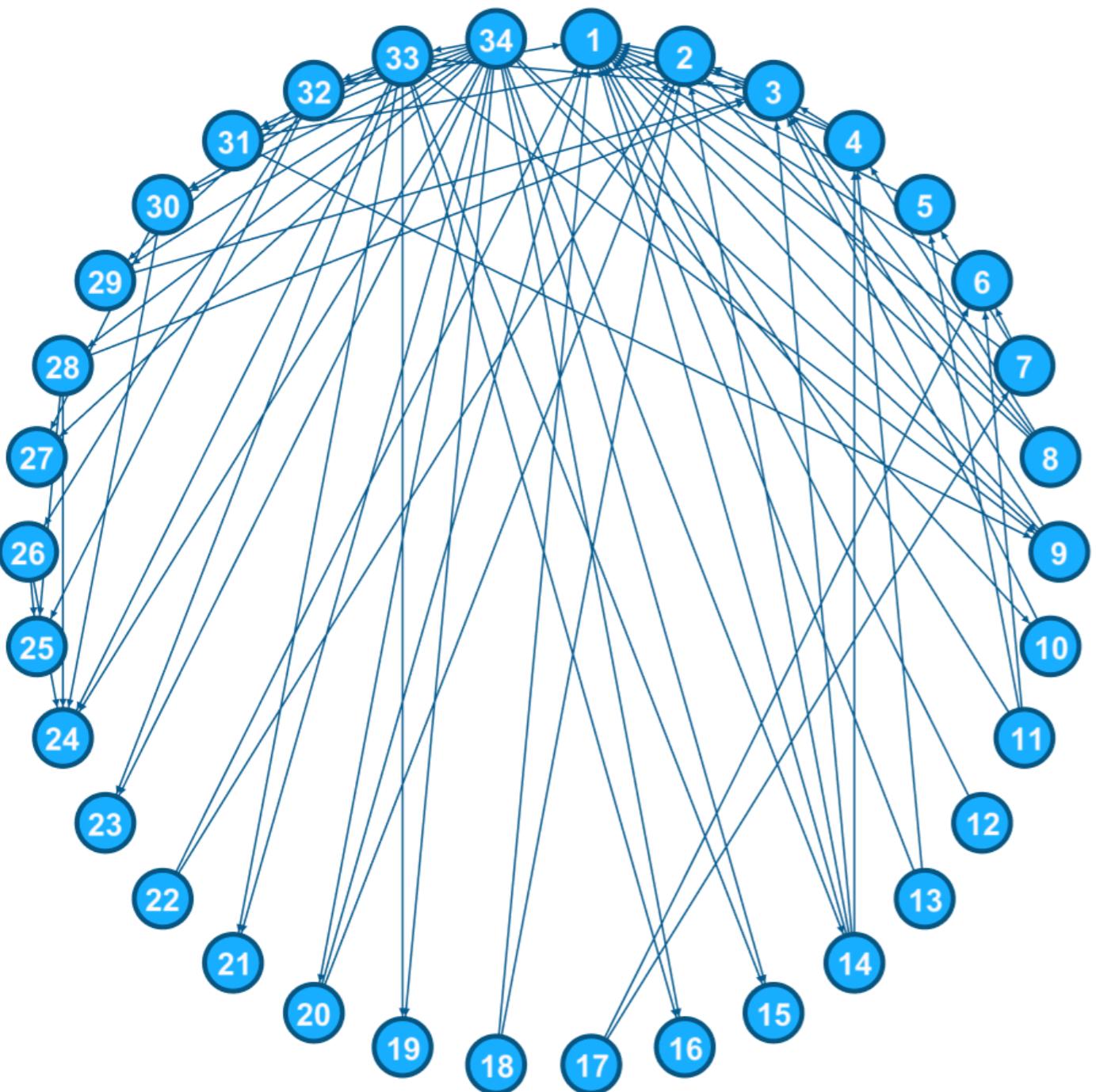
Adamic & Glance. 2005. The political blogosphere and the 2004 U.S. election: divided they blog

Examples of graph data:

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<https://discord.gg/EREHnzkc>





"Zachary's Karate Club"

2 yr longitudinal study

Nodes - club members

Edges - relationships
outside of club

Split in group between
"Mr. Hi" & "John"

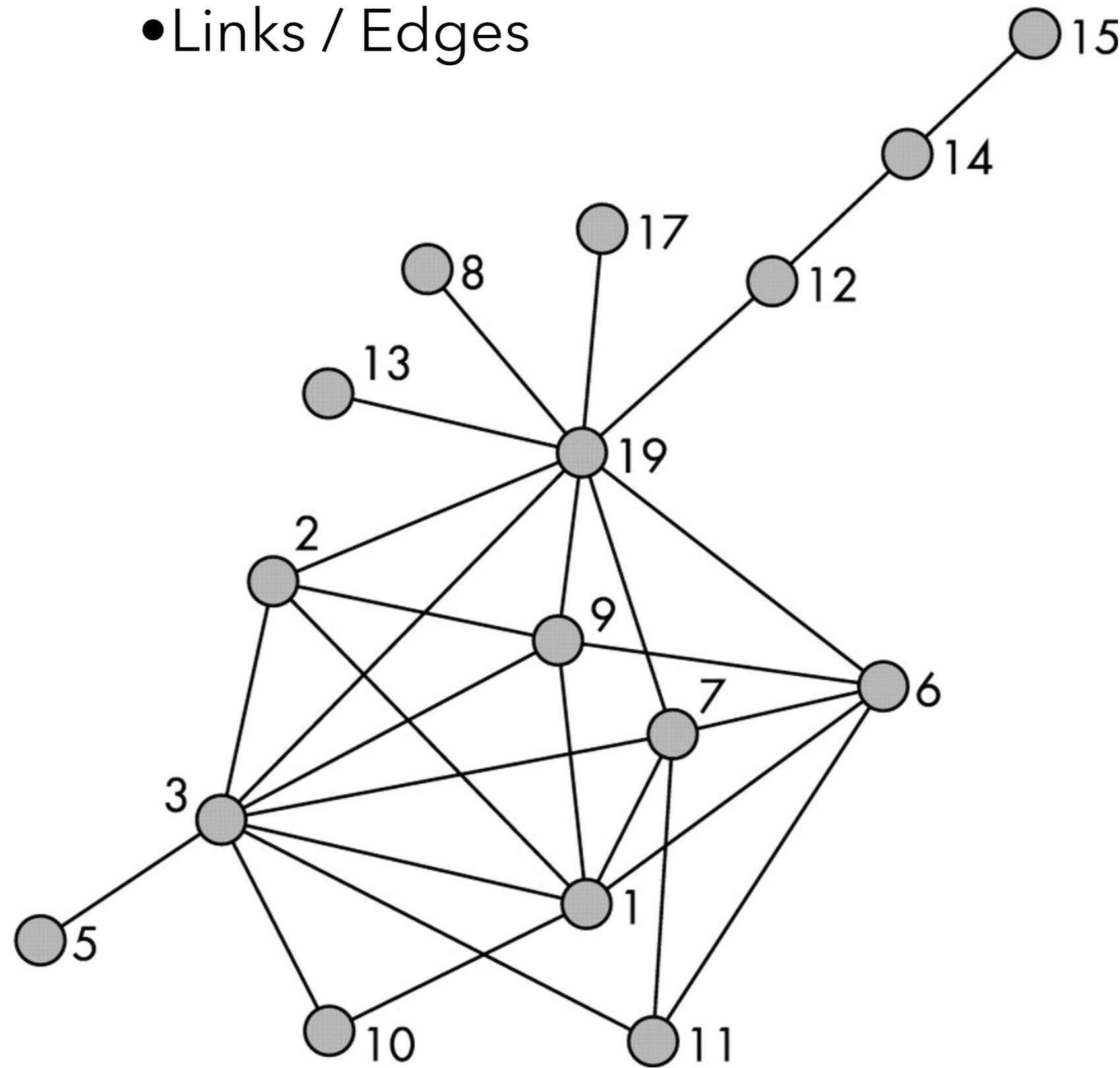
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•Nodes

•Links / Edges

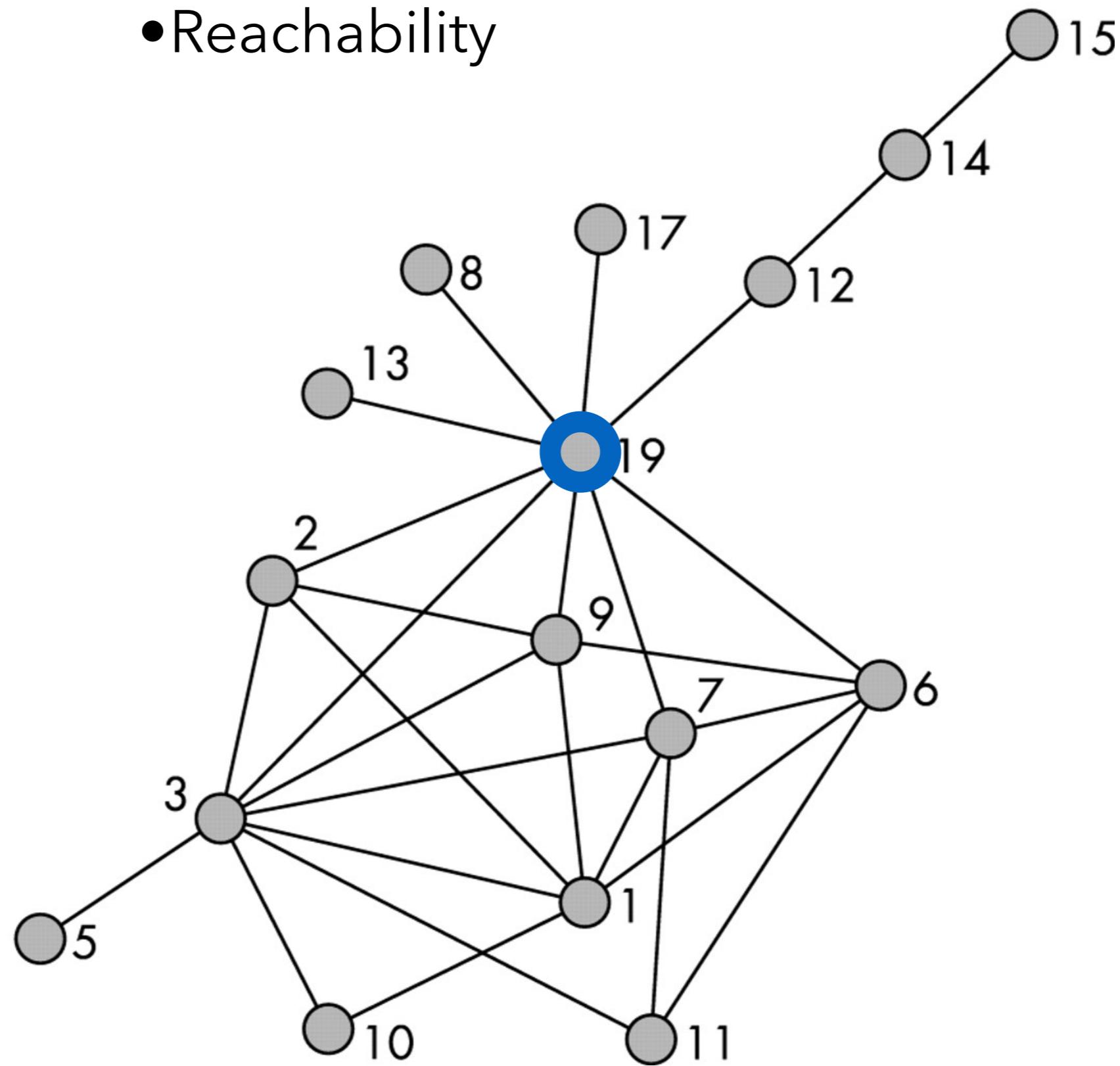


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- Degree
- Reachability

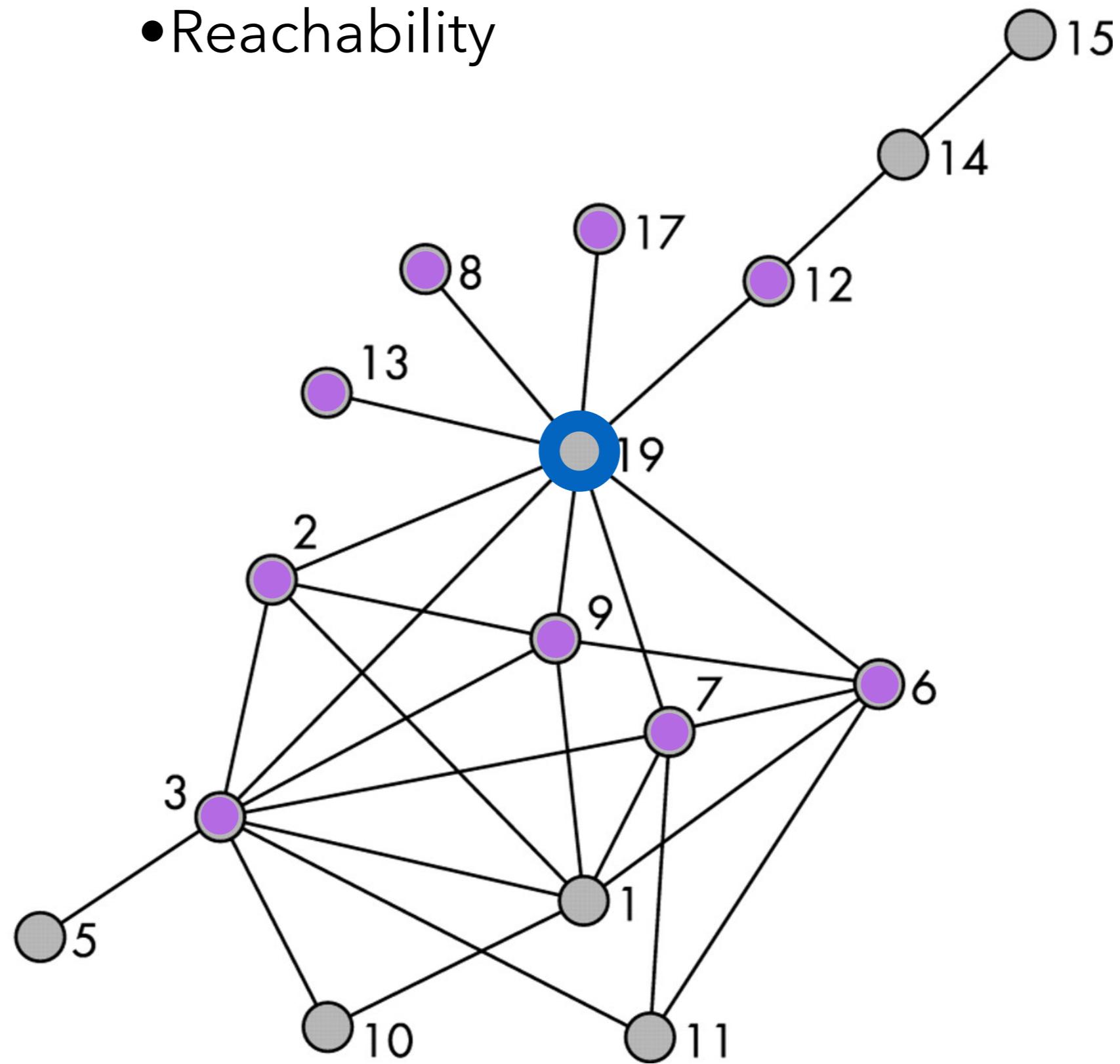


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- Degree
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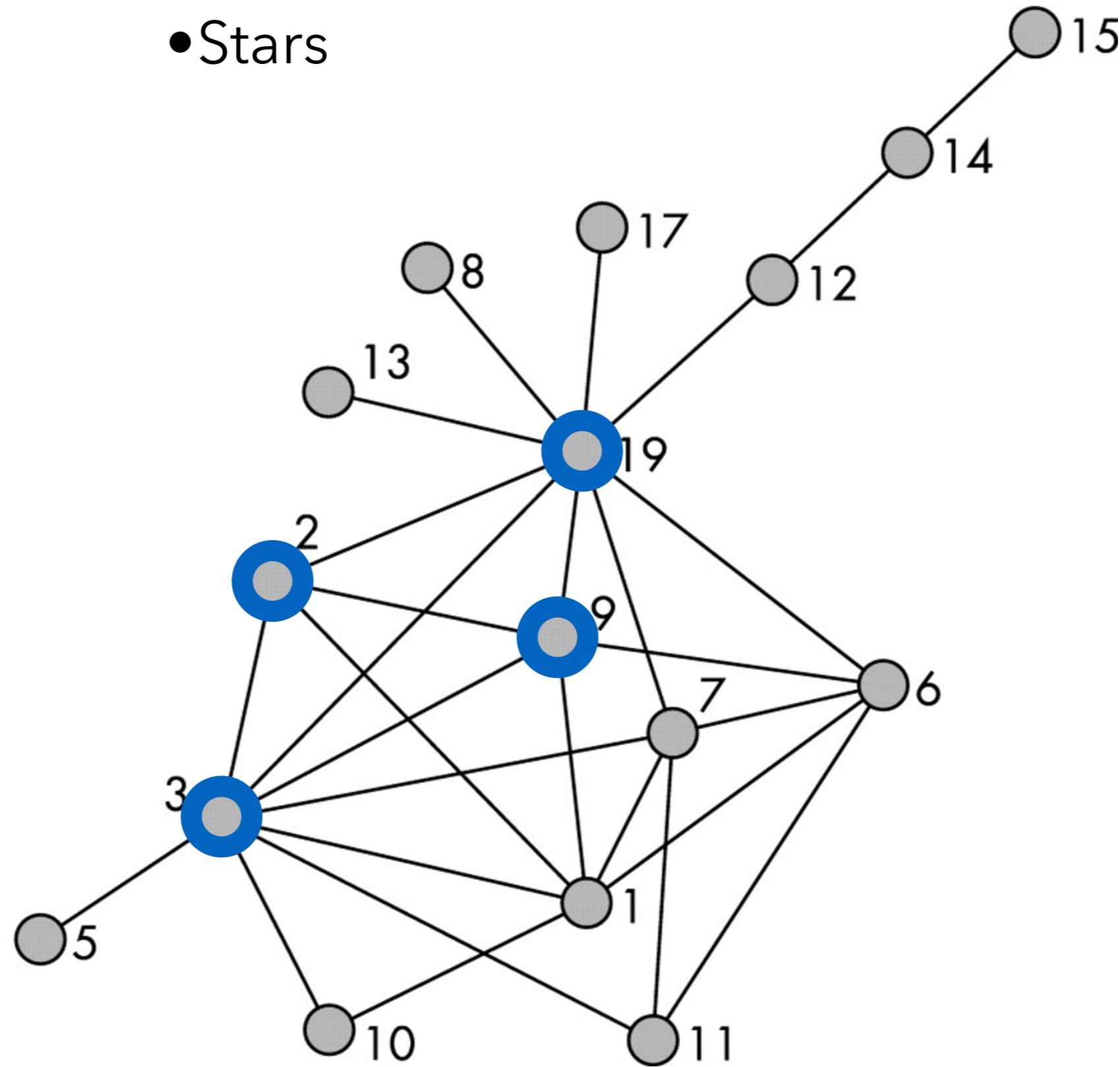
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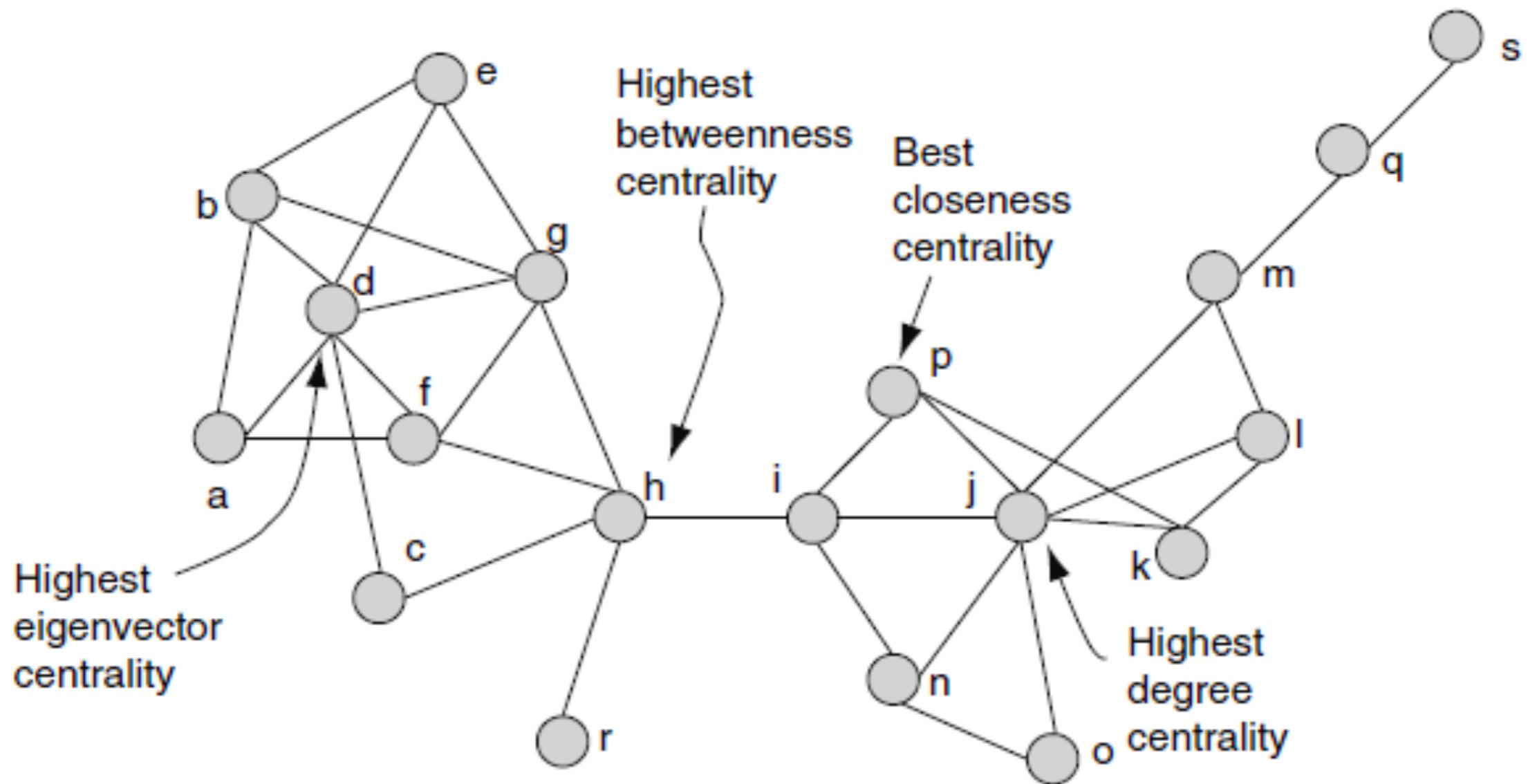
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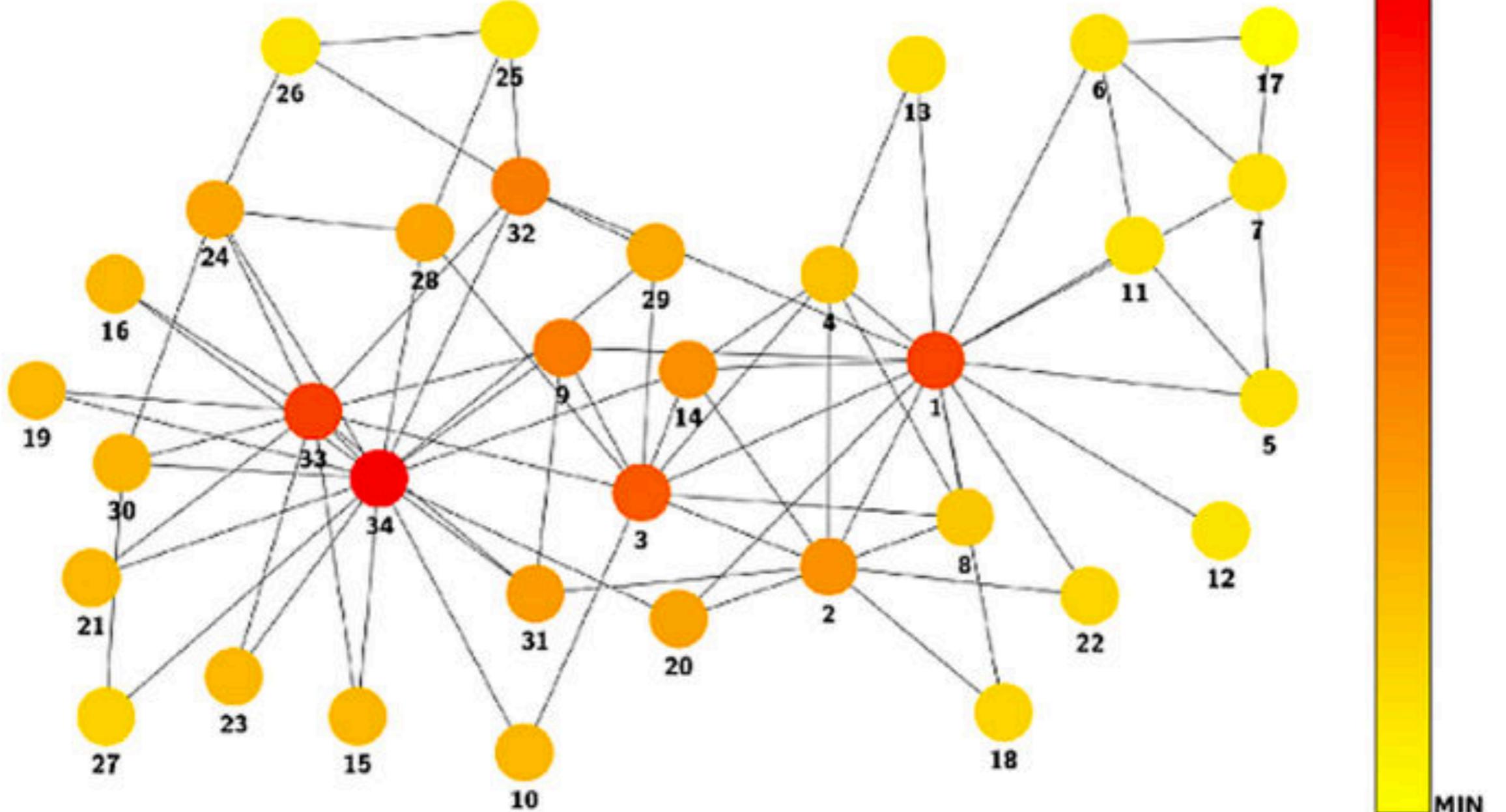
• Stars





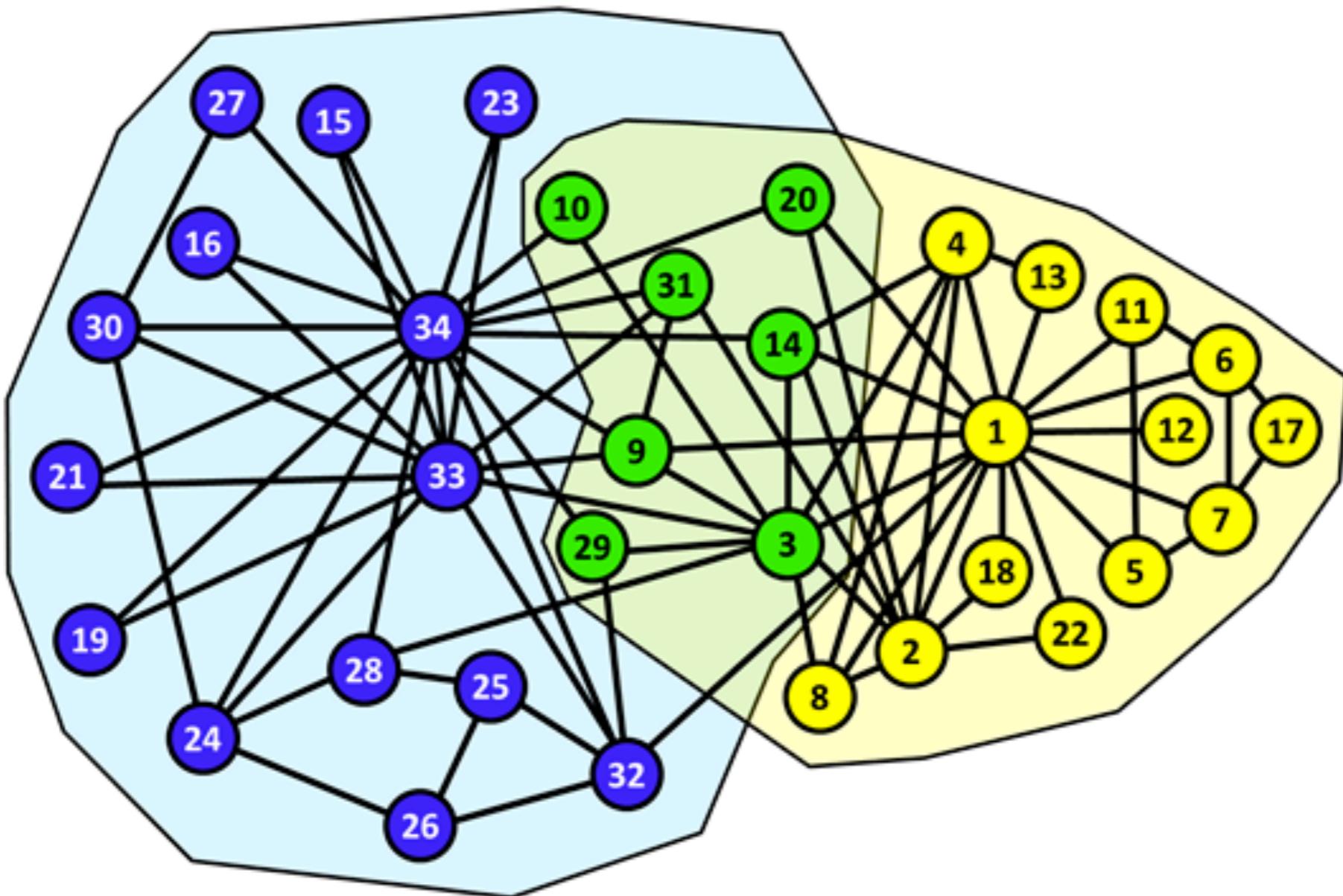
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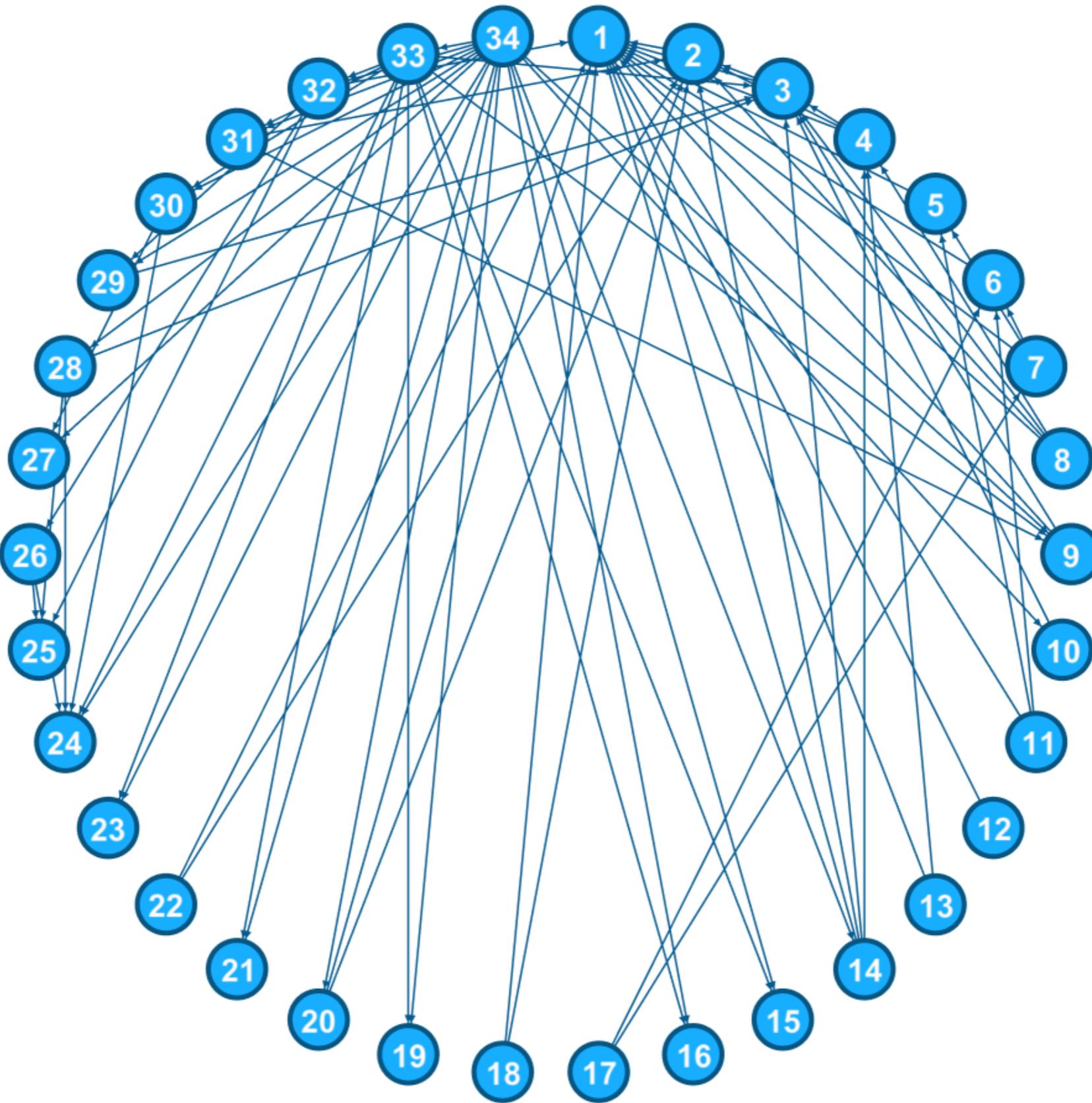
Eigenvector Centrality



Which nodes are “John” and “Mr. Hi”?

K-Means Clustering





Example structures / insights:

Leaders in a social group

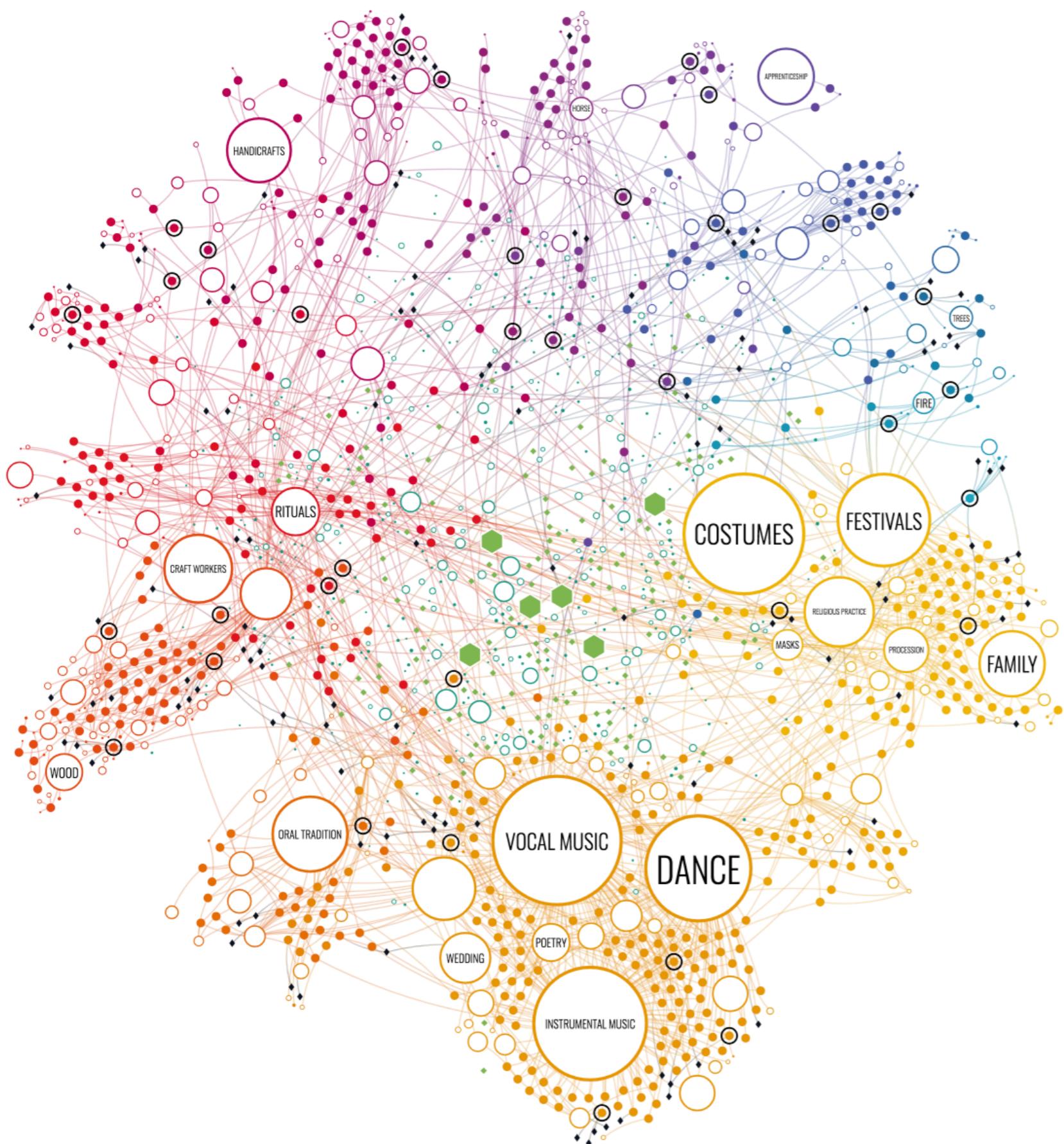
Partisan use of hashtags in Twitter discussion

Relationship between Wikipedia articles by hyperlink

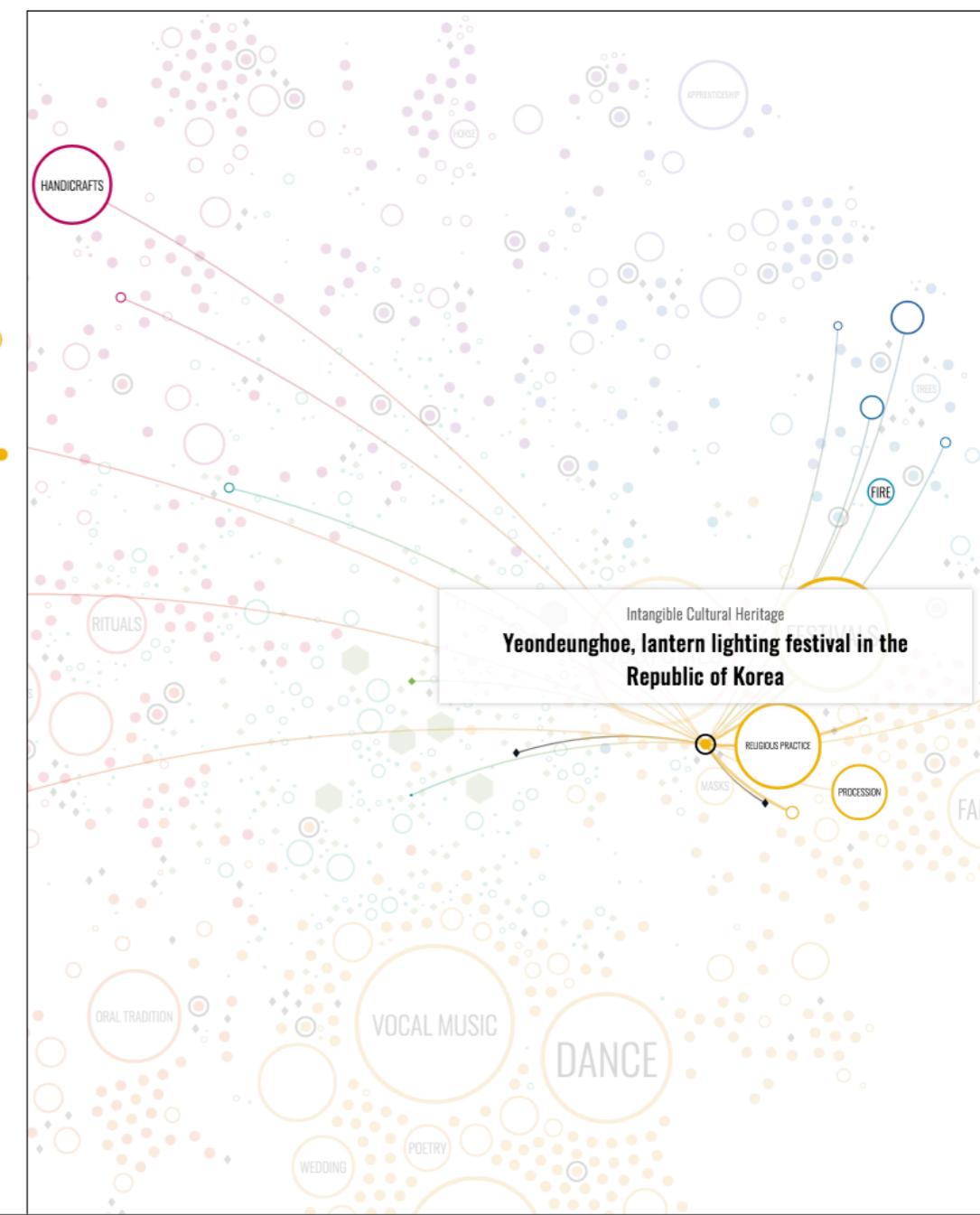
Lack of communication between business divisions

Most important road in a city for traffic management

Comparing friends with distant connections

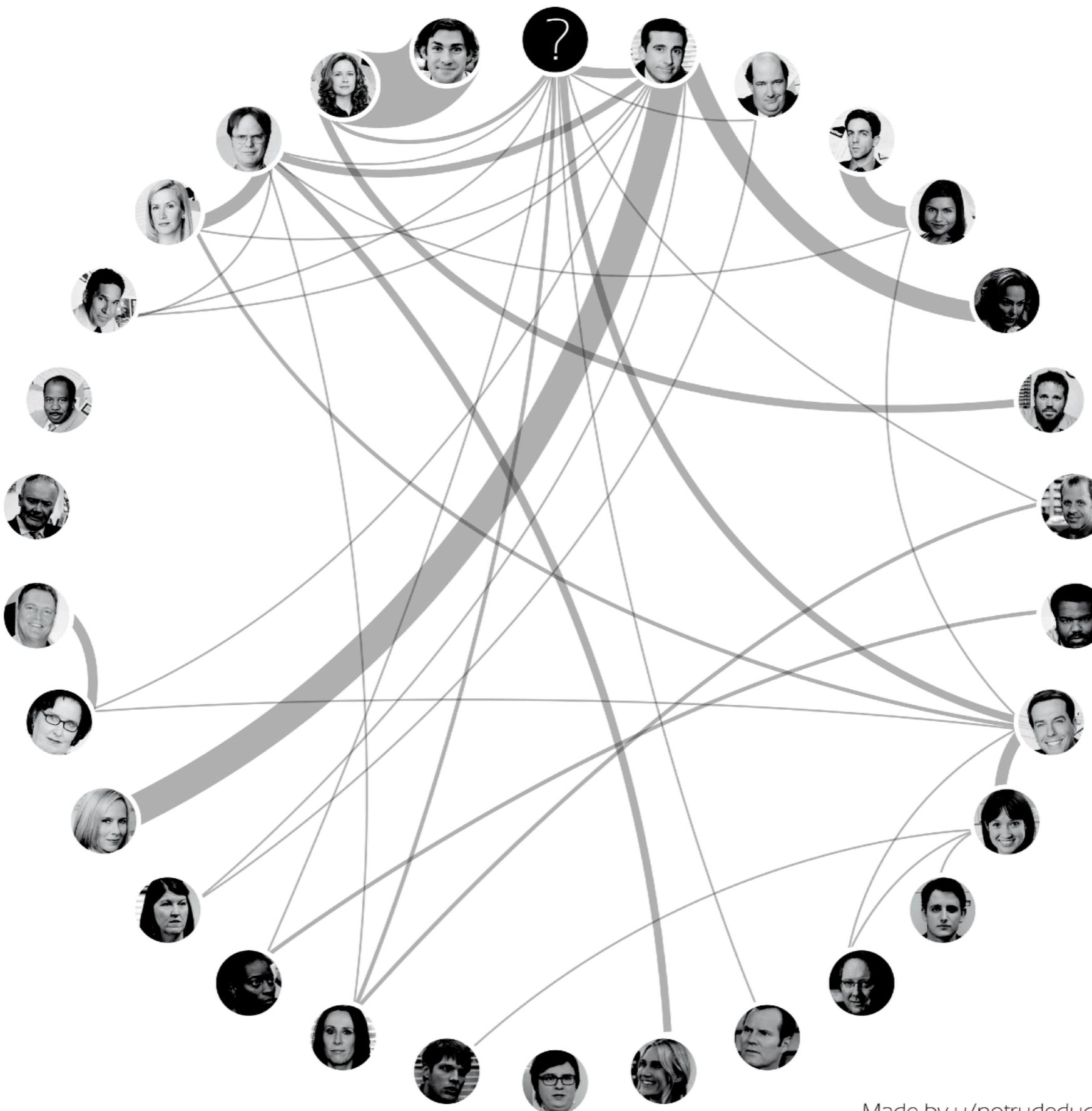


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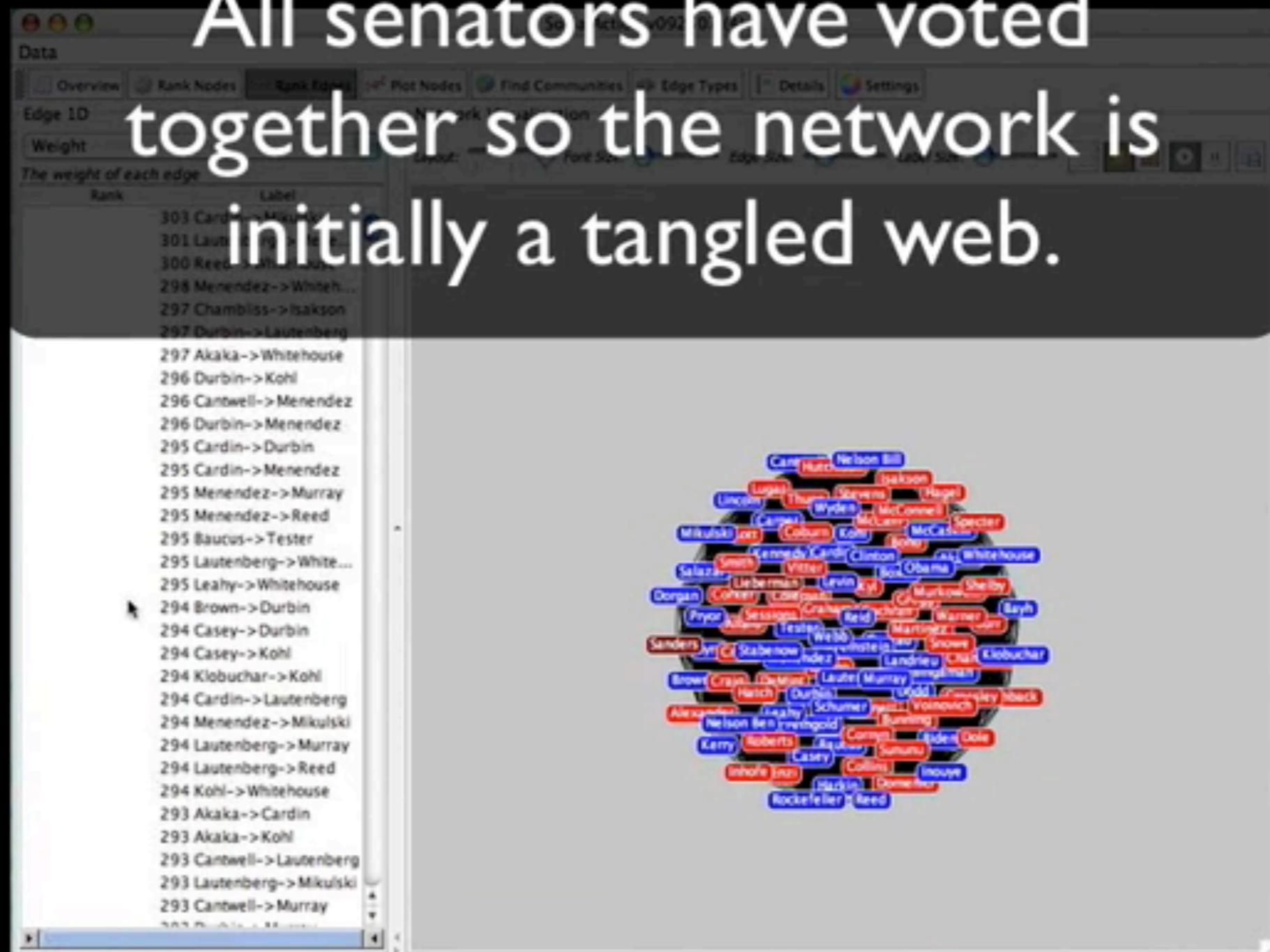
Who kissed whom in the office

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Made by u/notrudedude

All senators have voted together so the network is initially a tangled web.



Graph visualizations
depend on effective layouts
(and interactions)

Network Layout Algorithms

Force-Directed Optimization, unpredictable

Spanning tree Quick, good for SNS

Sugiyama UML charts, pseudo-hierarchical

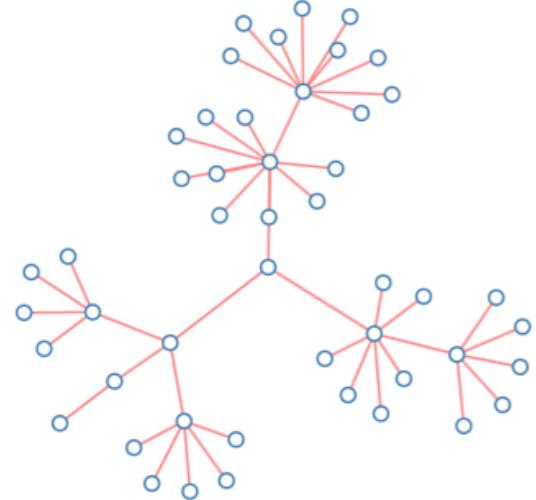
Matrices 2-d, quick, may be hard to interpret

Radial Circular, aggregated

Pivot Graph & Edge Bundling

research-based, reduce visual complexity





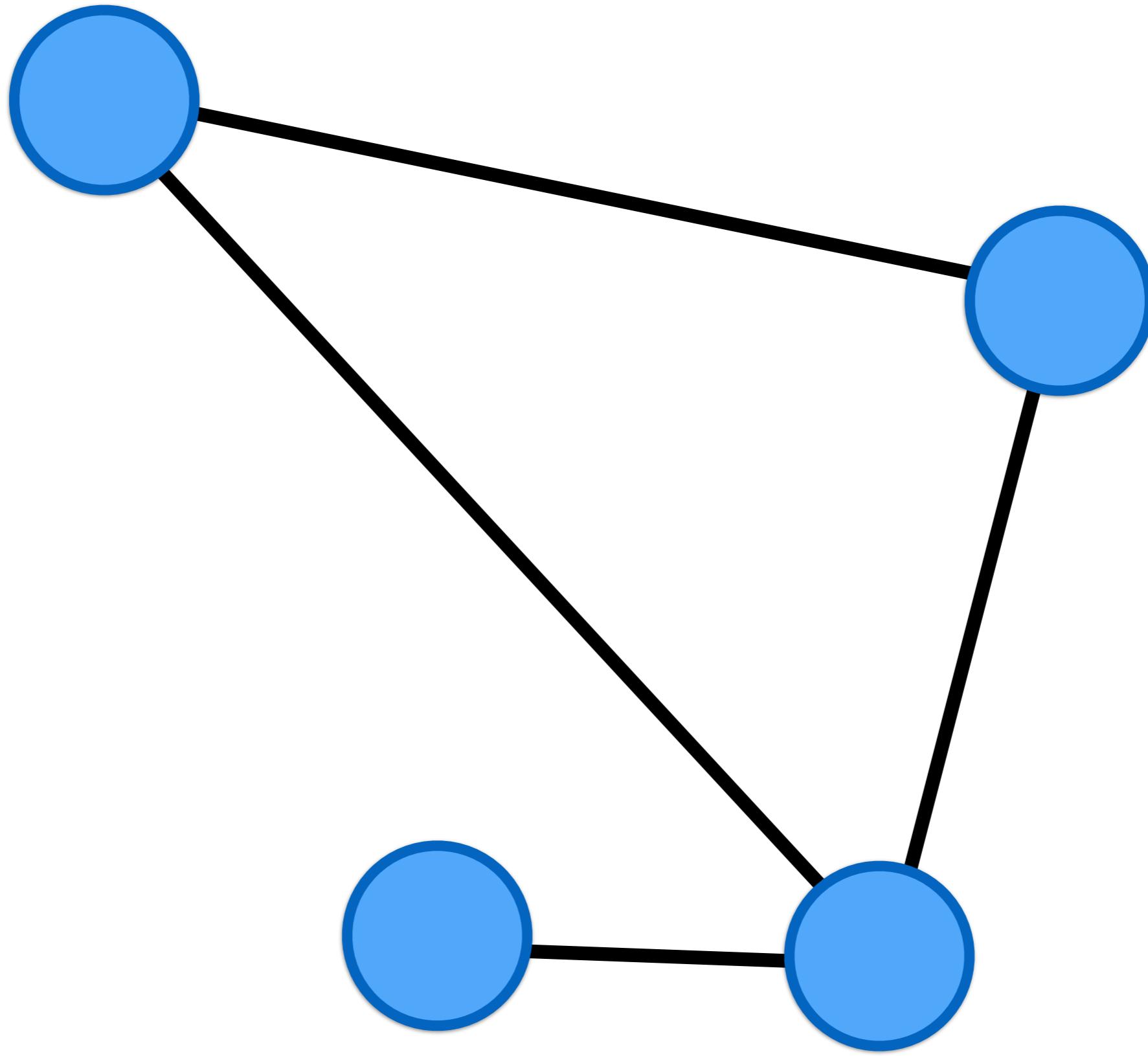
Force-Directed Layout

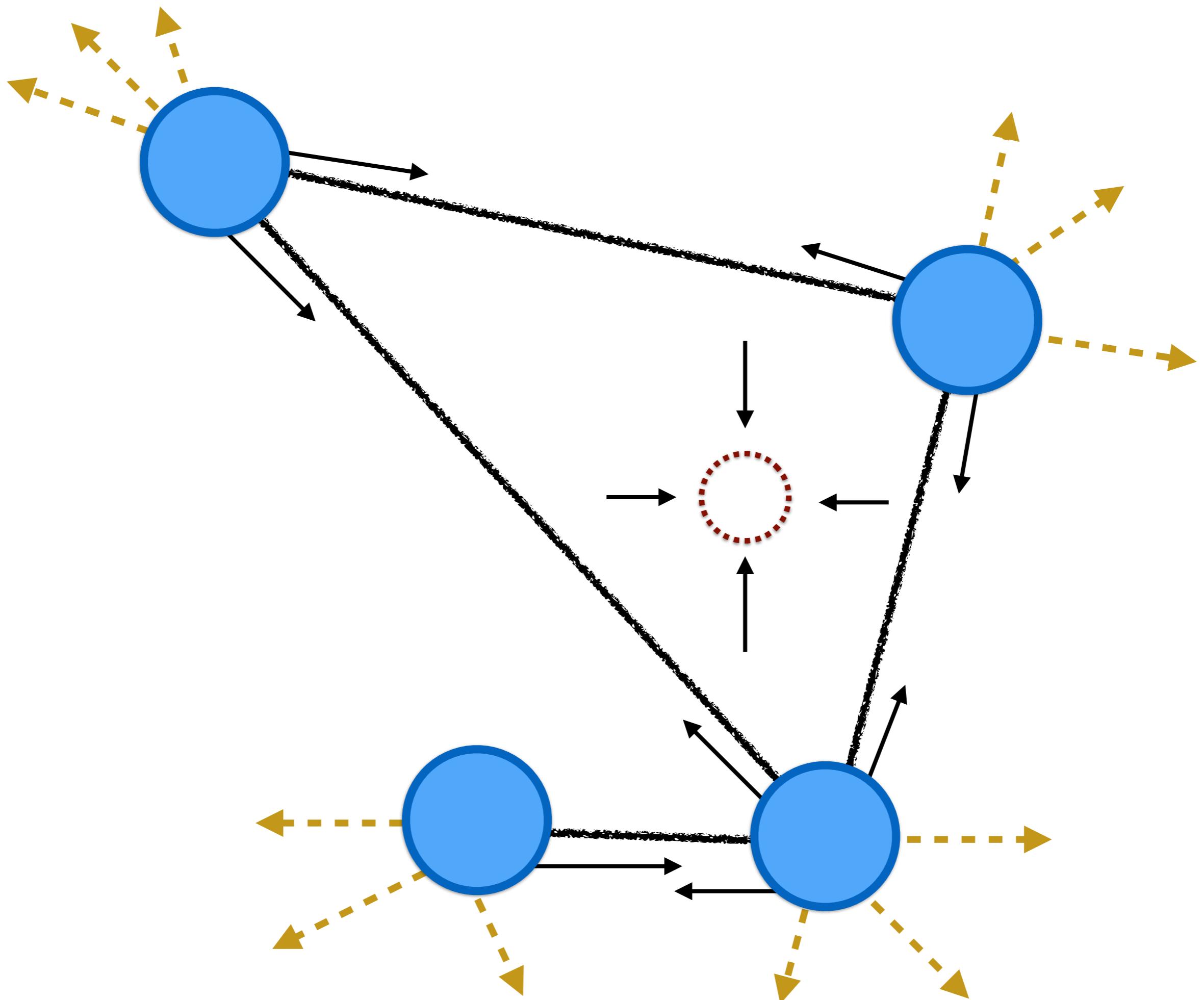
Optimization - layout is an *energy model* with *constraints*
low energy - good layout, *constraints*

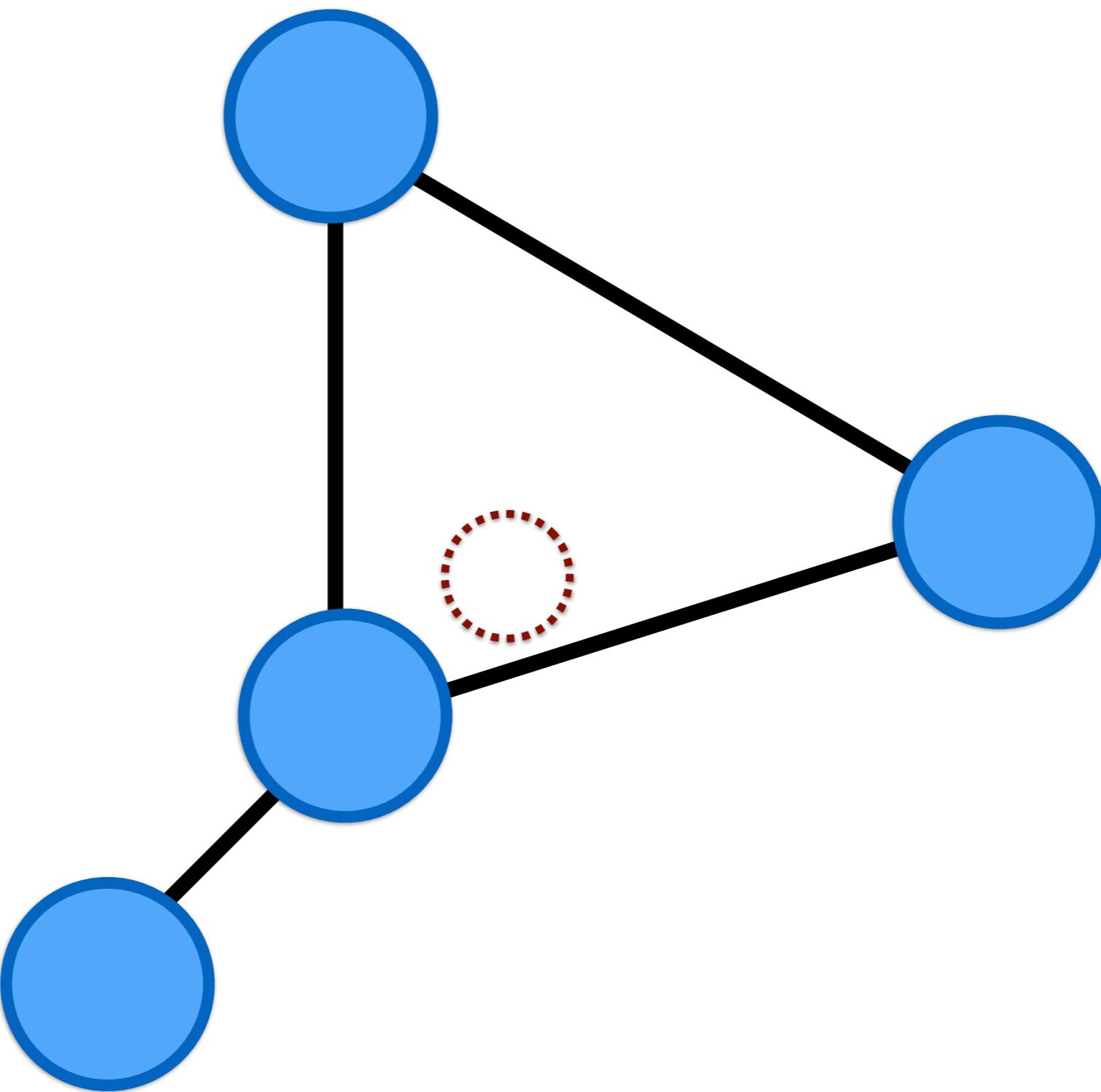
Treat layout like a physics system – gravity, springs, magnets

Additional complexity to make it more human-friendly

Iteratively solved w/finite approximation...
which leads to many local minima!







There is no single
“optimal” layout

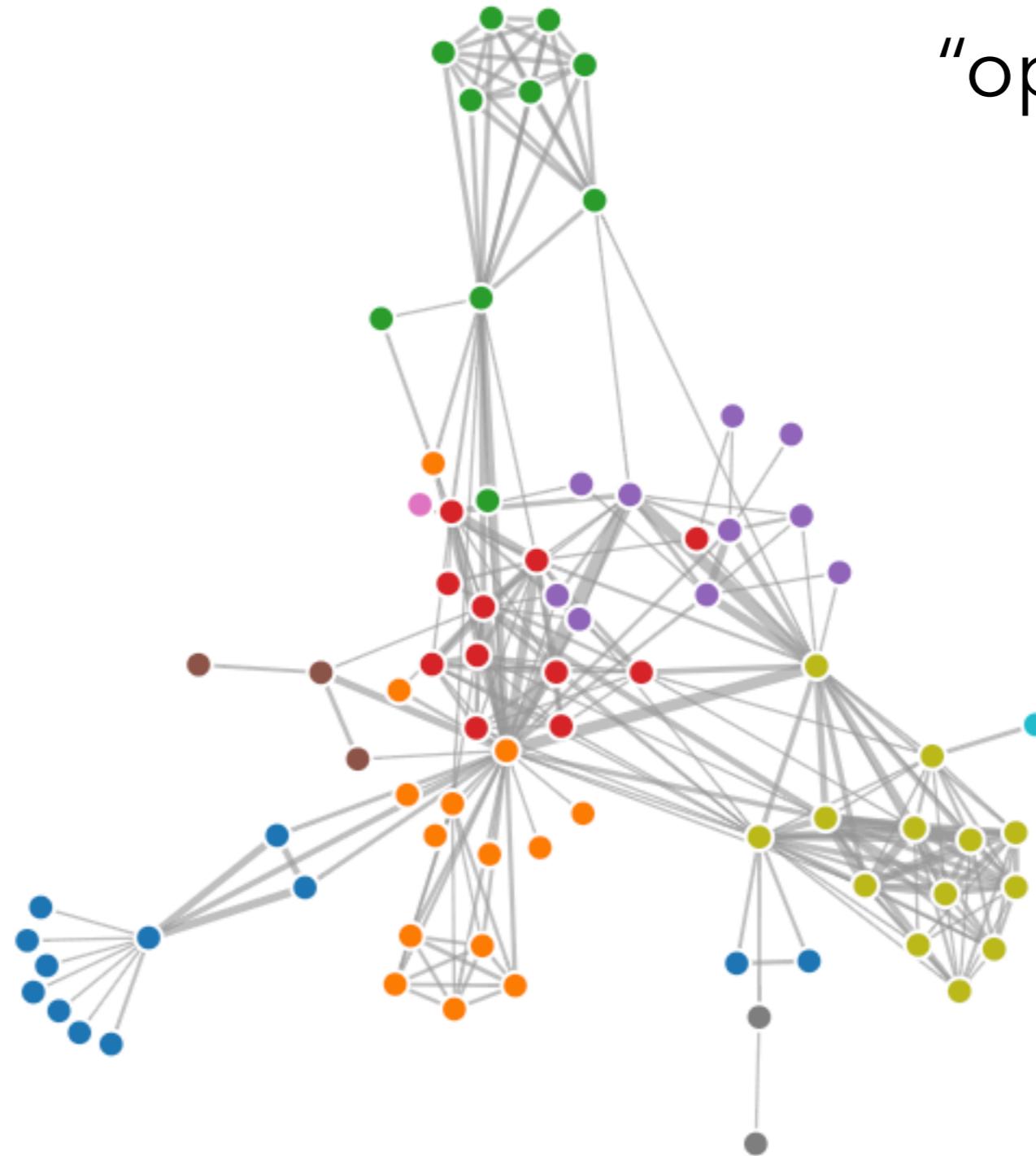


Les Misérables; d3 defaults

Credit: Mike Bostock <https://observablehq.com/@d3/force-directed-graph>



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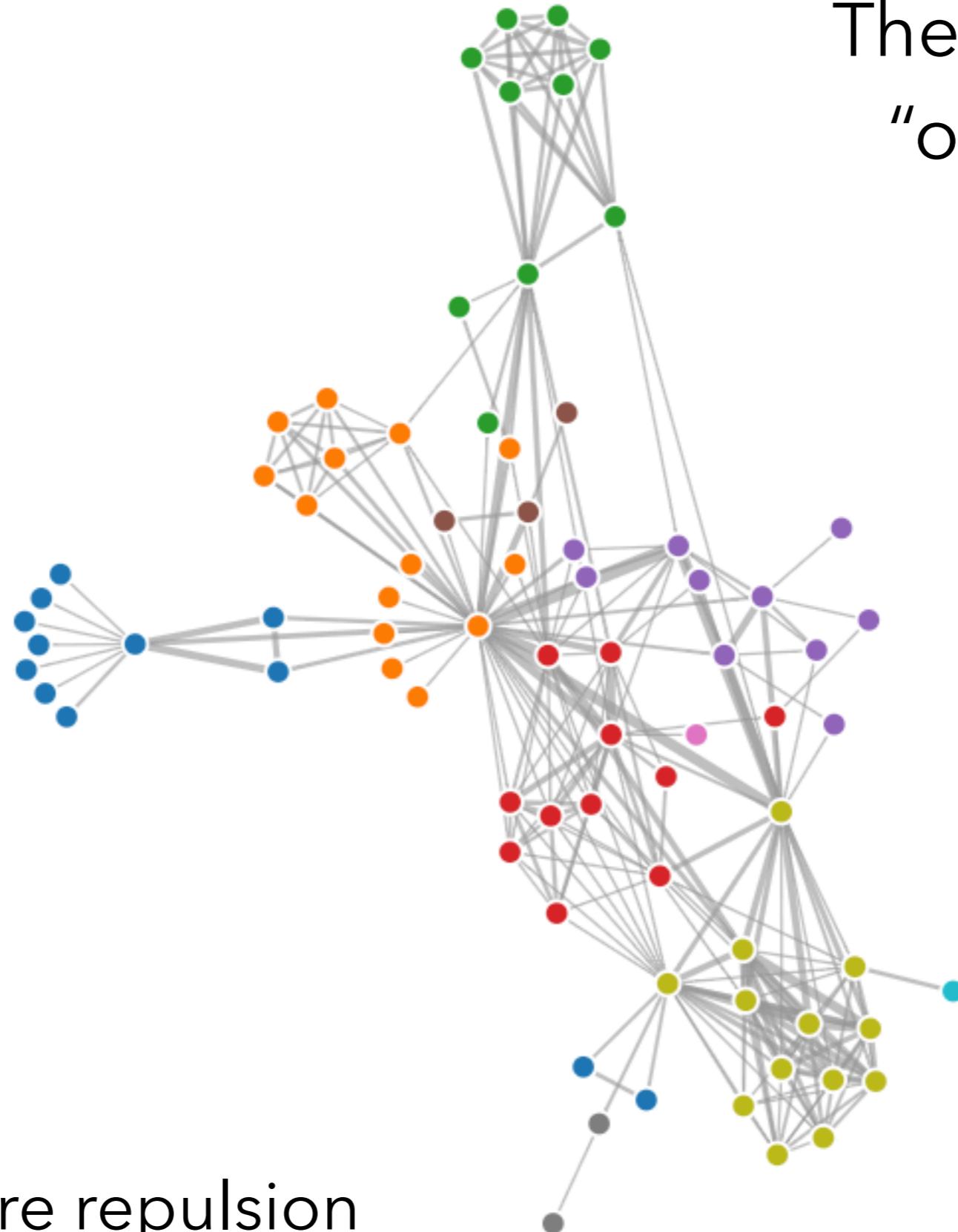


Just moving some nodes around!

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More repulsion

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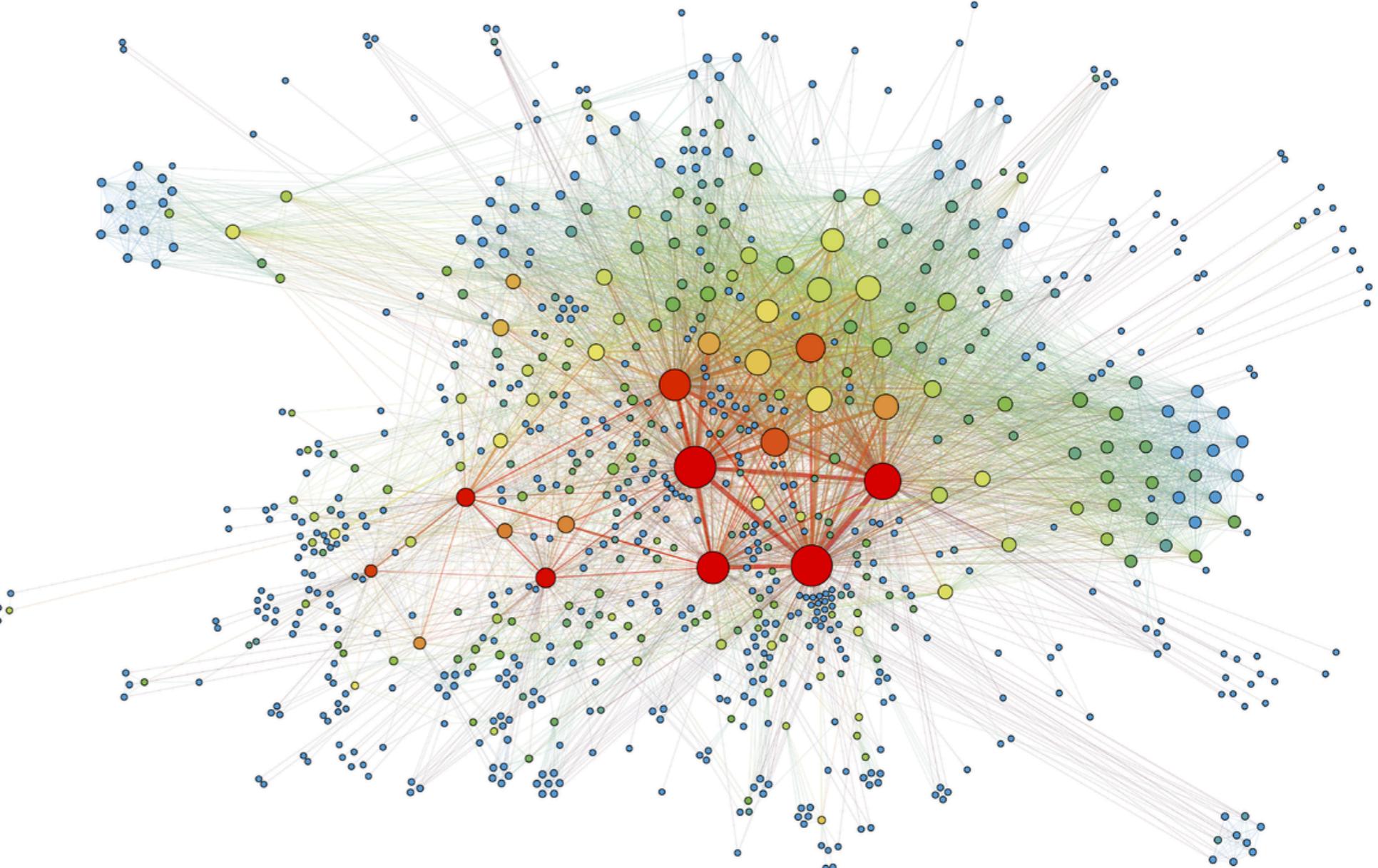
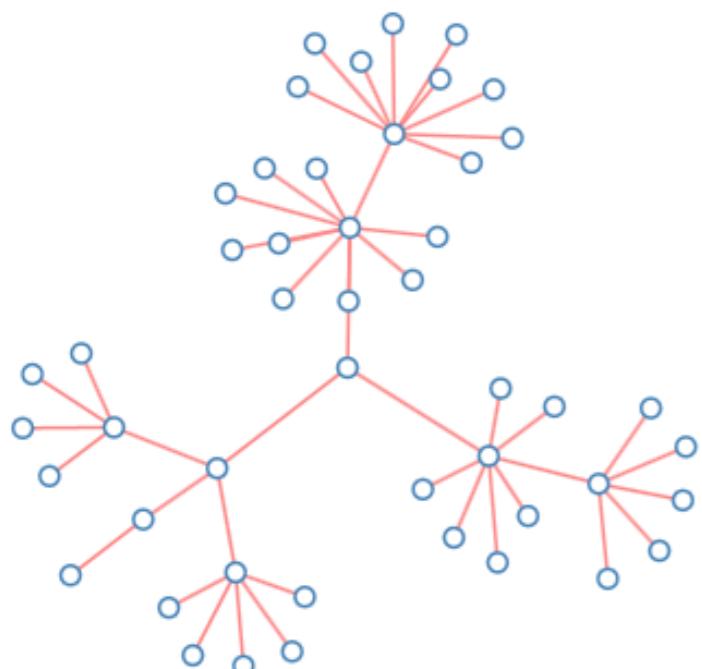


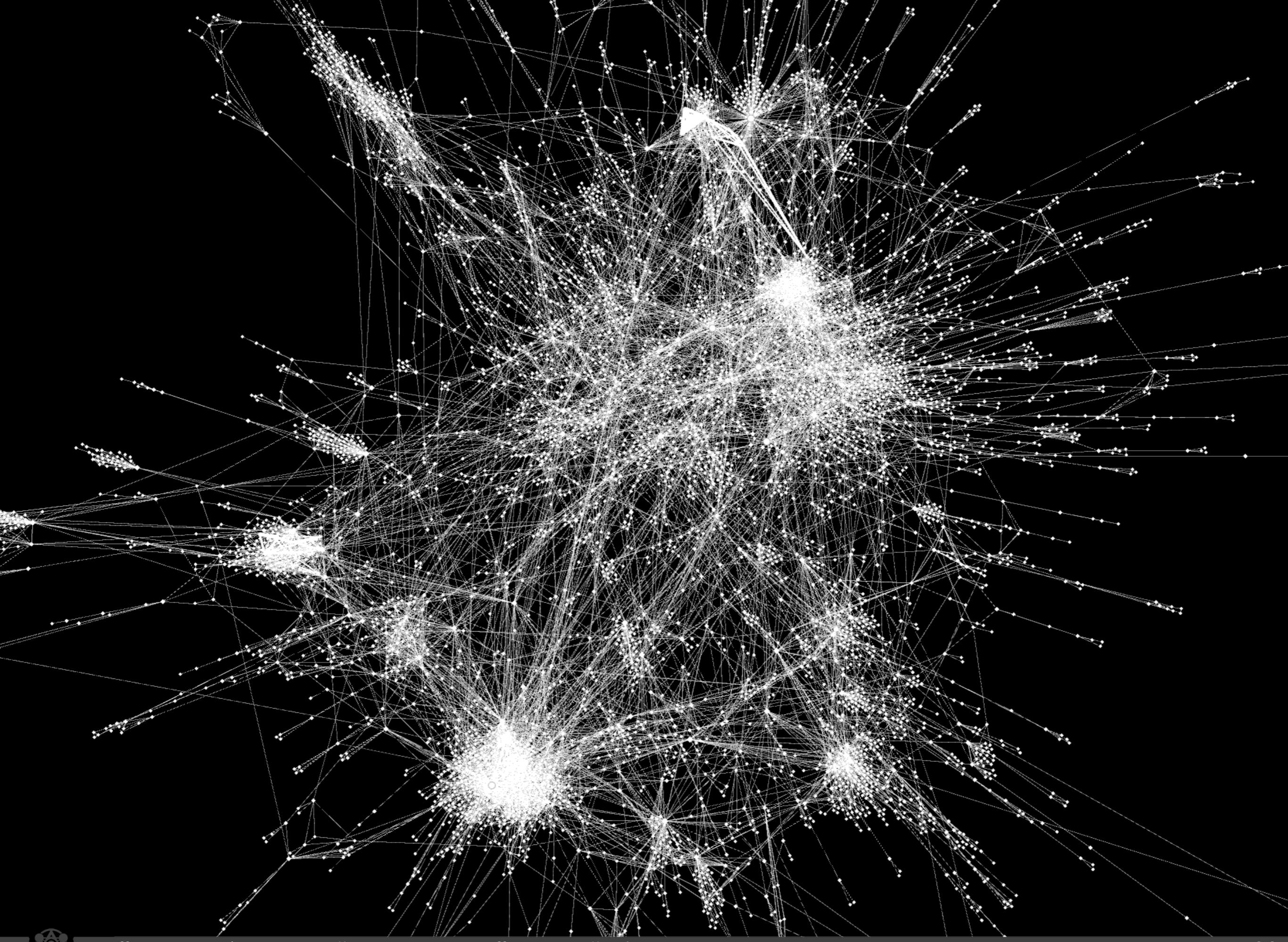
Collision radius increase

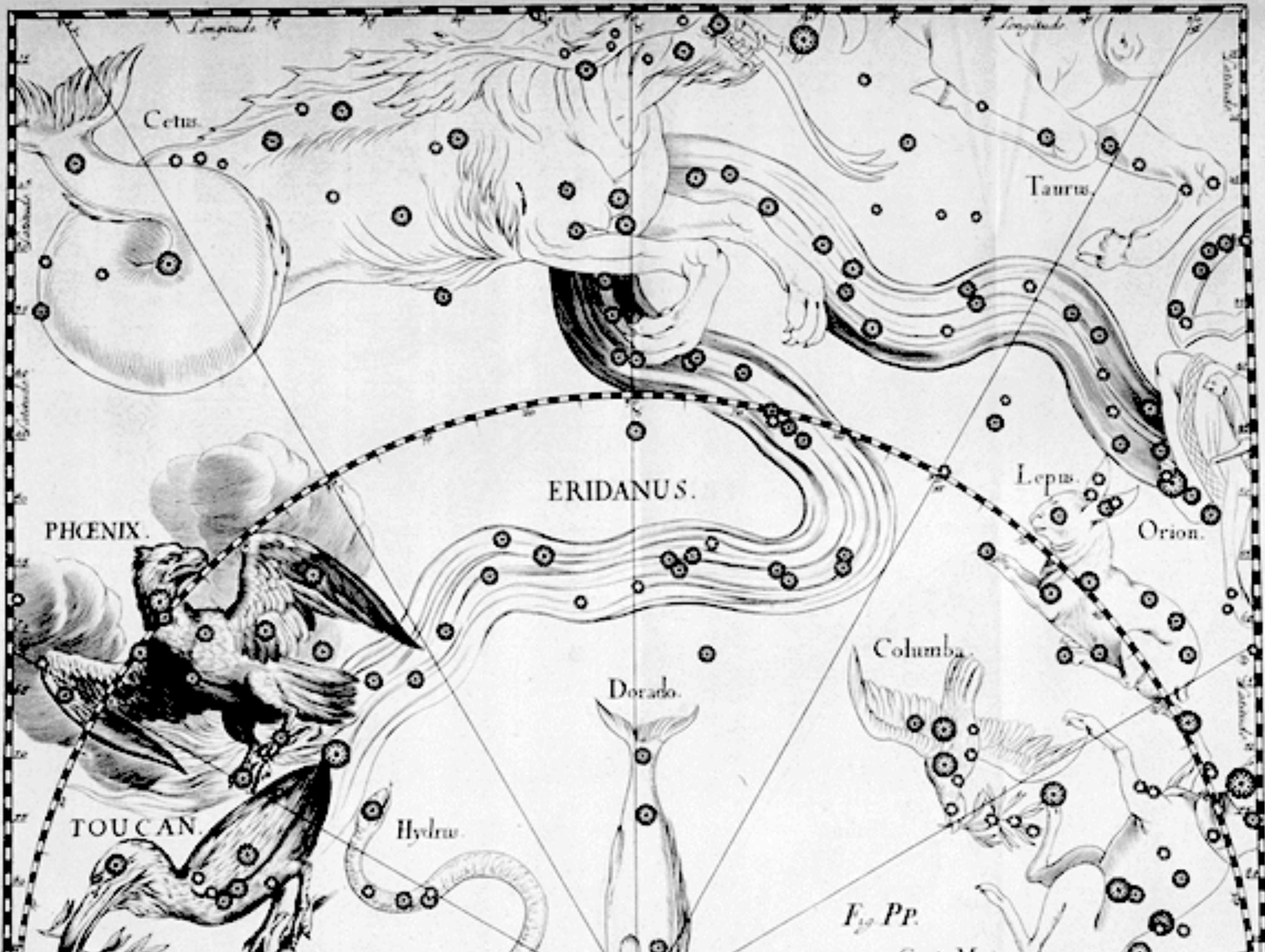
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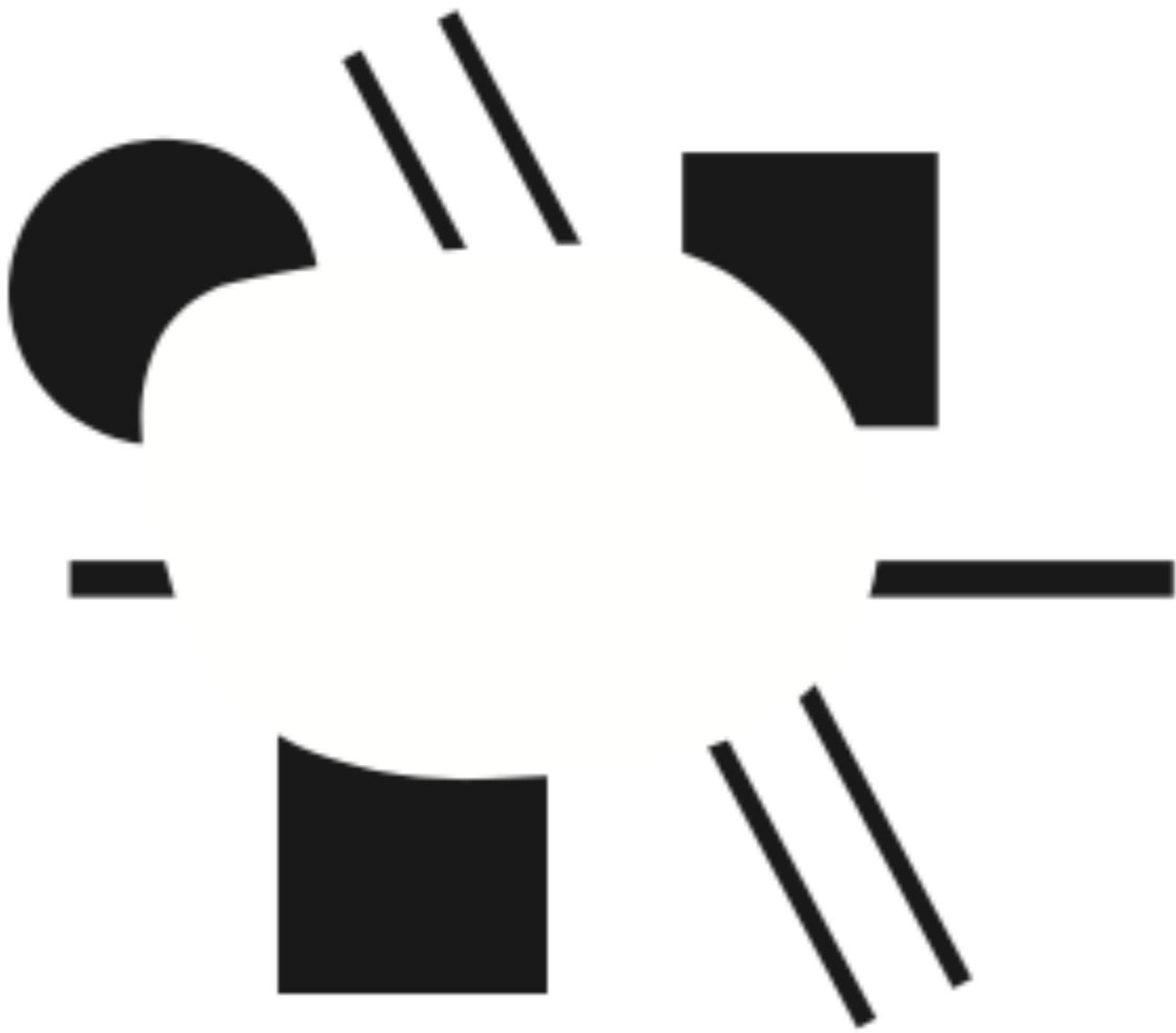


Results aren't always predictable









Ware, C., 2000. Information visualization: design for perception. *Morgan Kauffman, San Mateo, CA.*

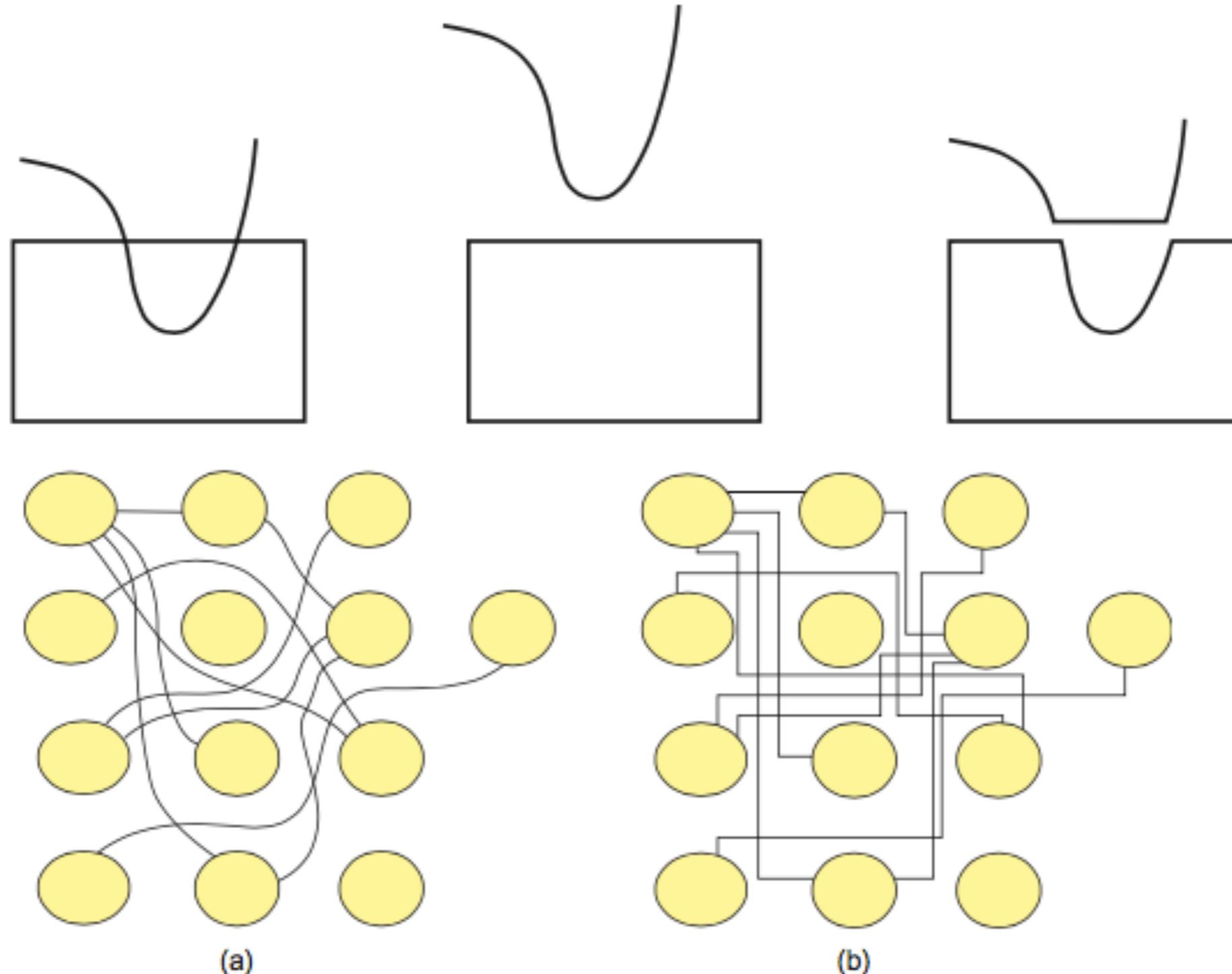


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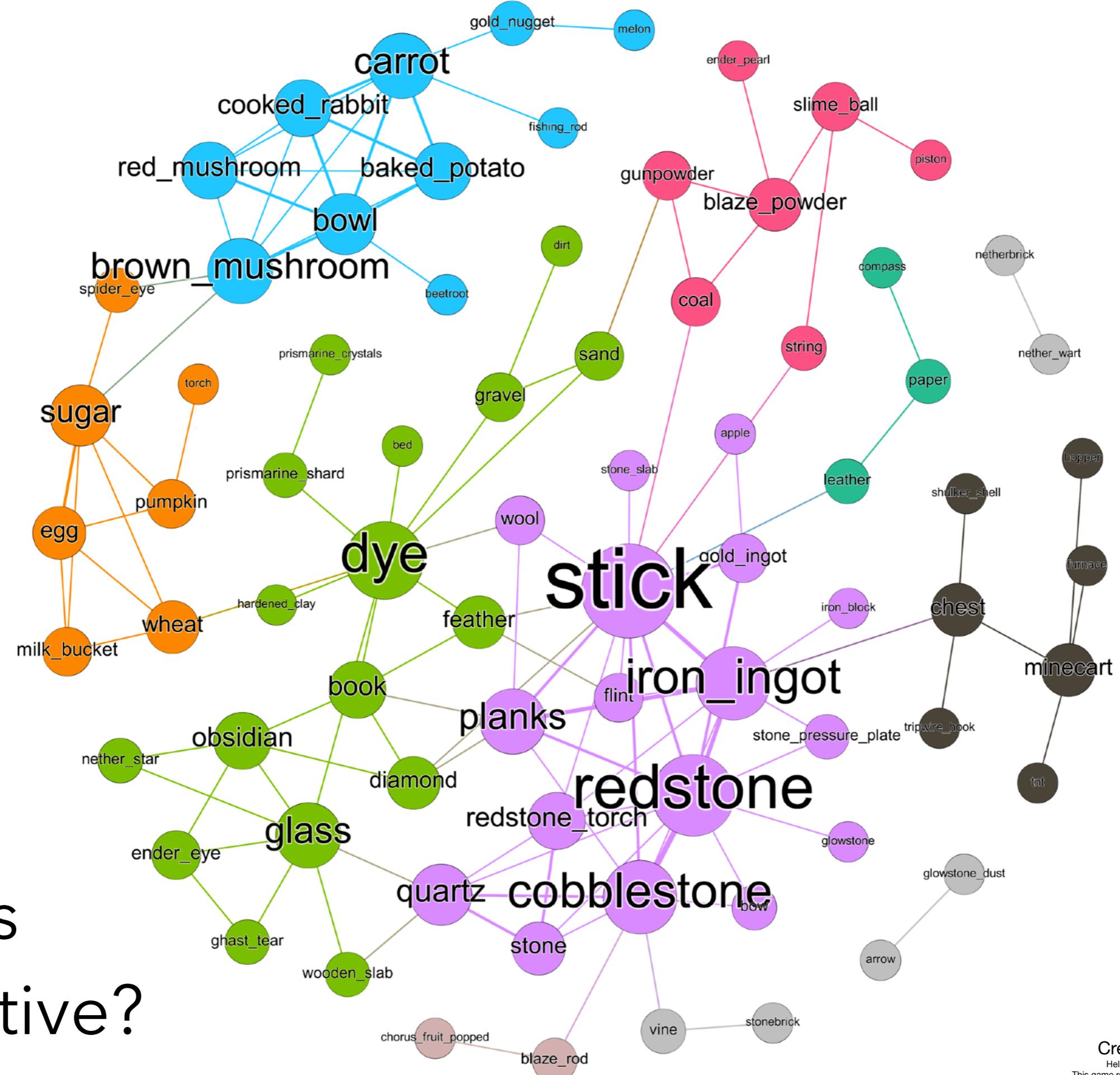
Network of Breast Cancer Co-Authors in the 2000's



Is this
effective?

Credit: <https://redd.it/k9ddbo>



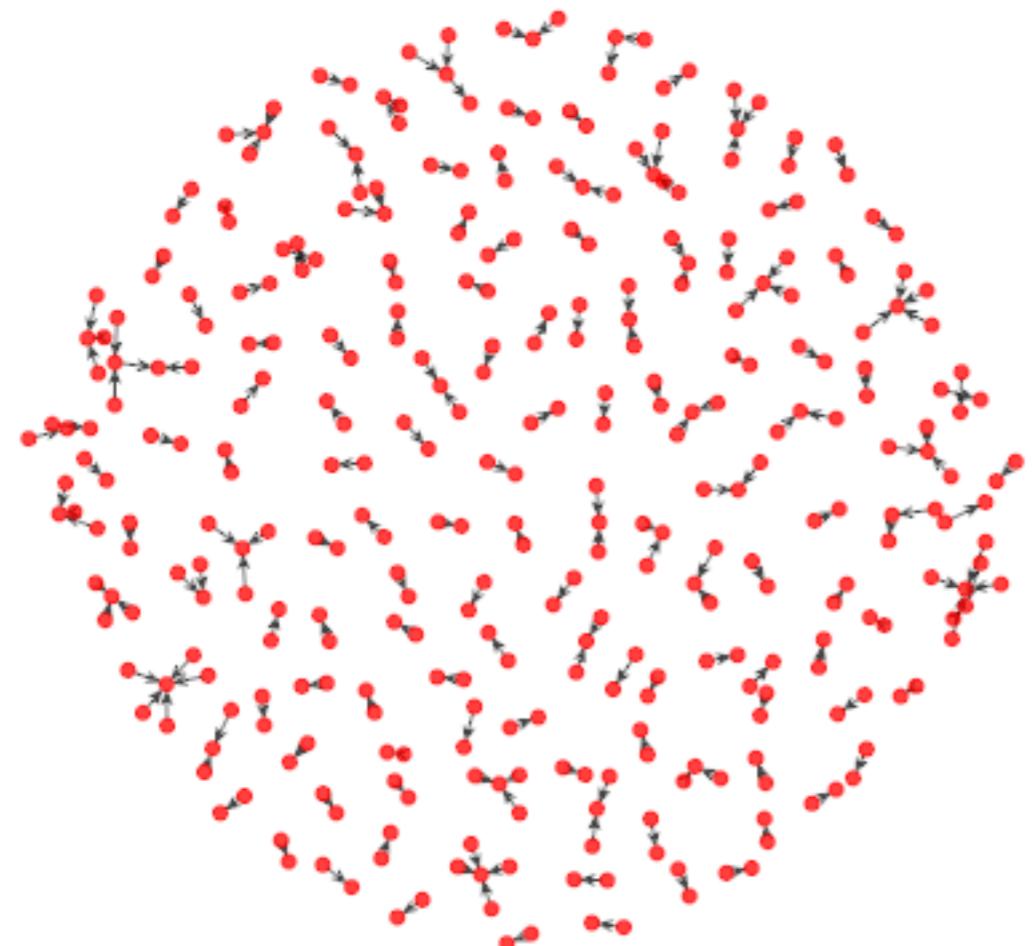


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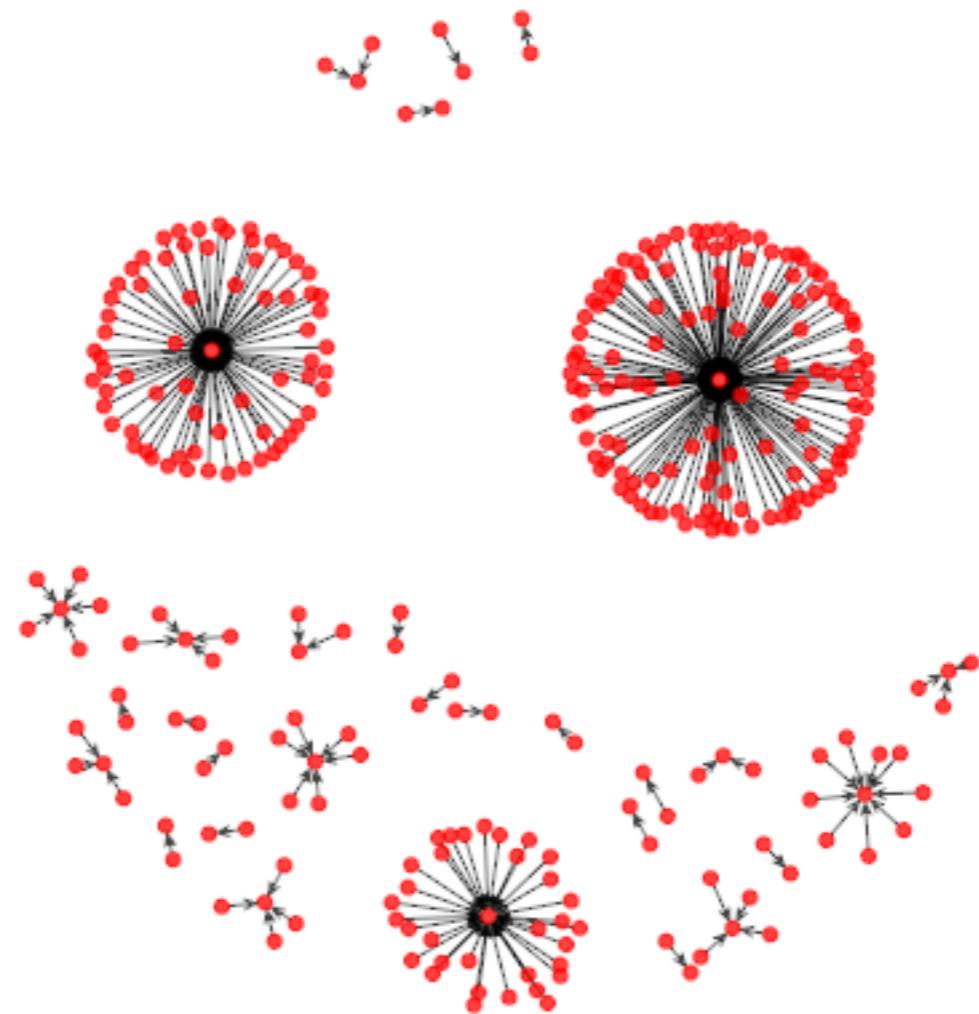
Credit: <https://redd.it/au6saj>

Hello, fellow kids who I assume still enjoy Minecraft™.
This game reference emphasizes that I am making a concerted effort to "be hip" and connect with you on a familiar level!





#qtina

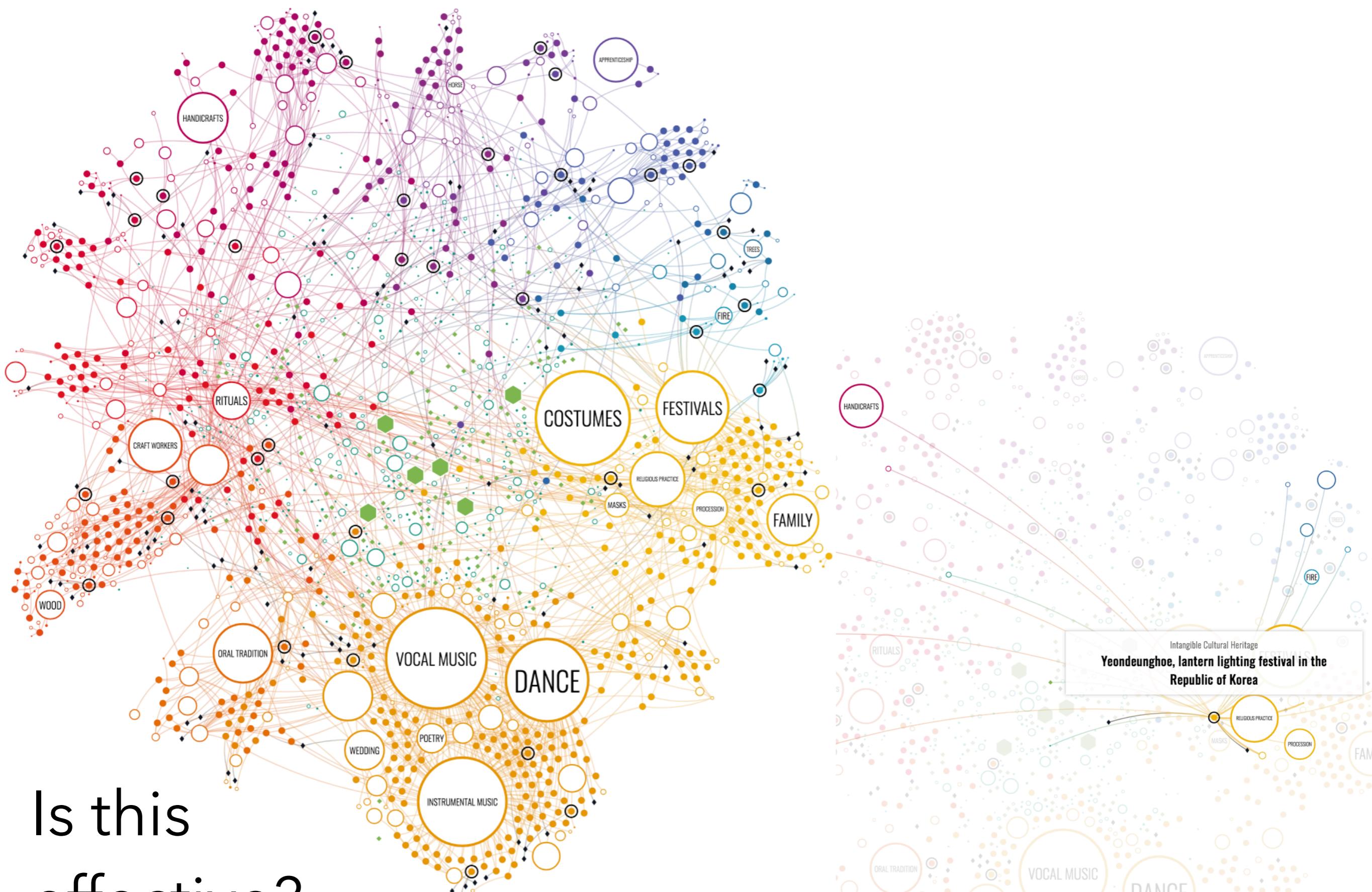


#randomquestion

Is this
effective?

Rzeszotarski, J.M., Spiro, E.S., Matias, J.N., Monroy-Hernández, A. and Morris, M.R., 2014.
Is anyone out there?: unpacking Q&A hashtags on twitter. ACM SIGCHI



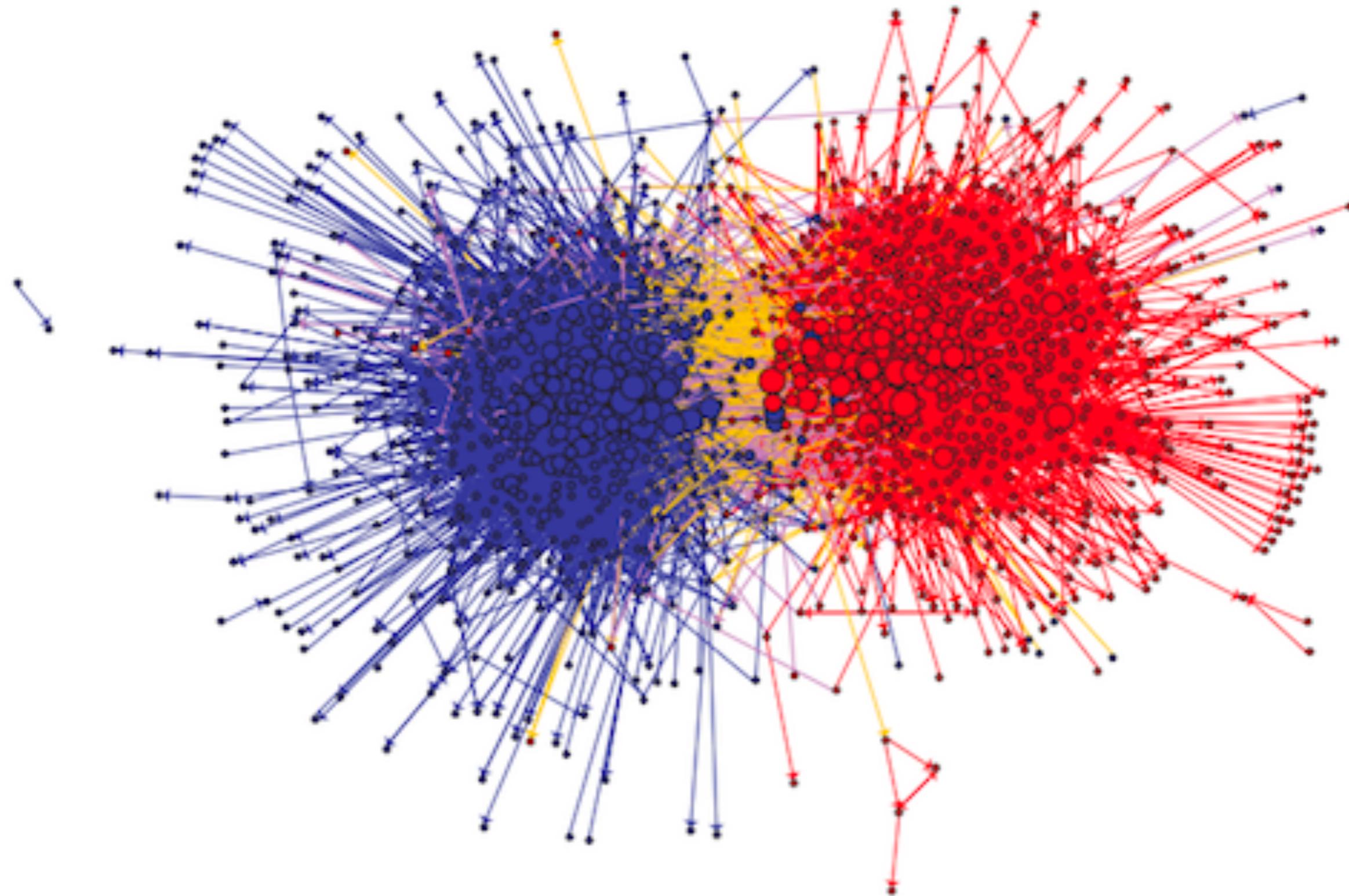


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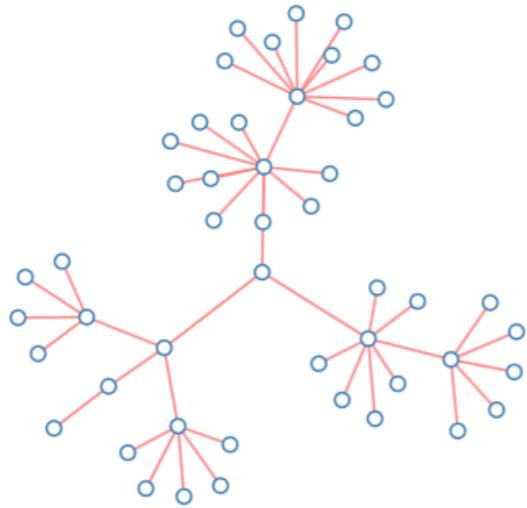
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Verify layout with other data



Adamic & Glance. 2005. The political blogosphere and the 2004 U.S. election: divided they blog



Aesthetic Constraints

Edge crossings

Overall area

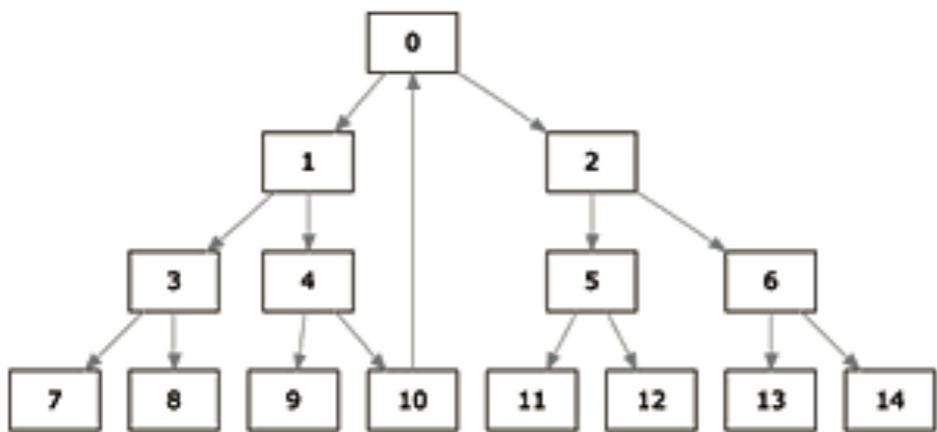
Edge intersection angle

Overall slope

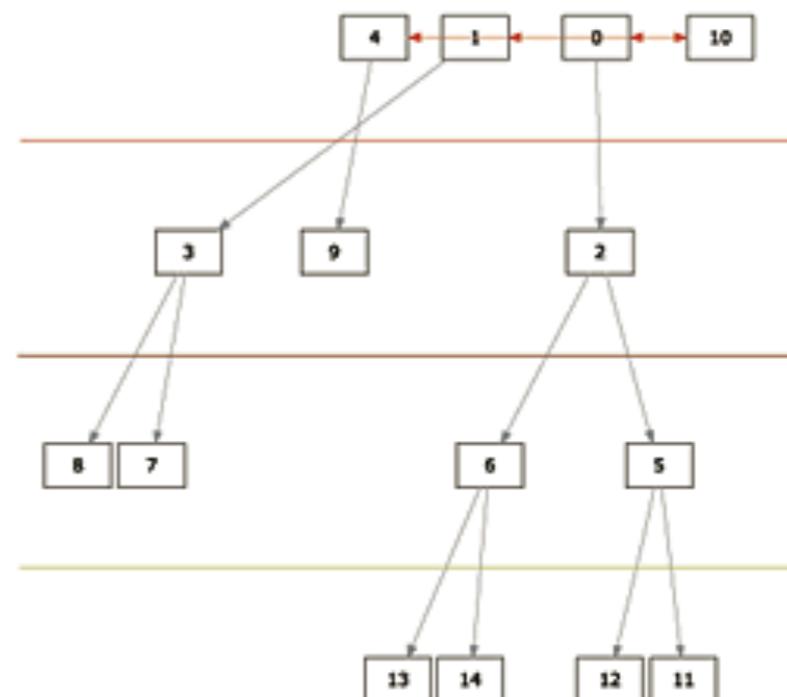
Symmetry

Node positioning

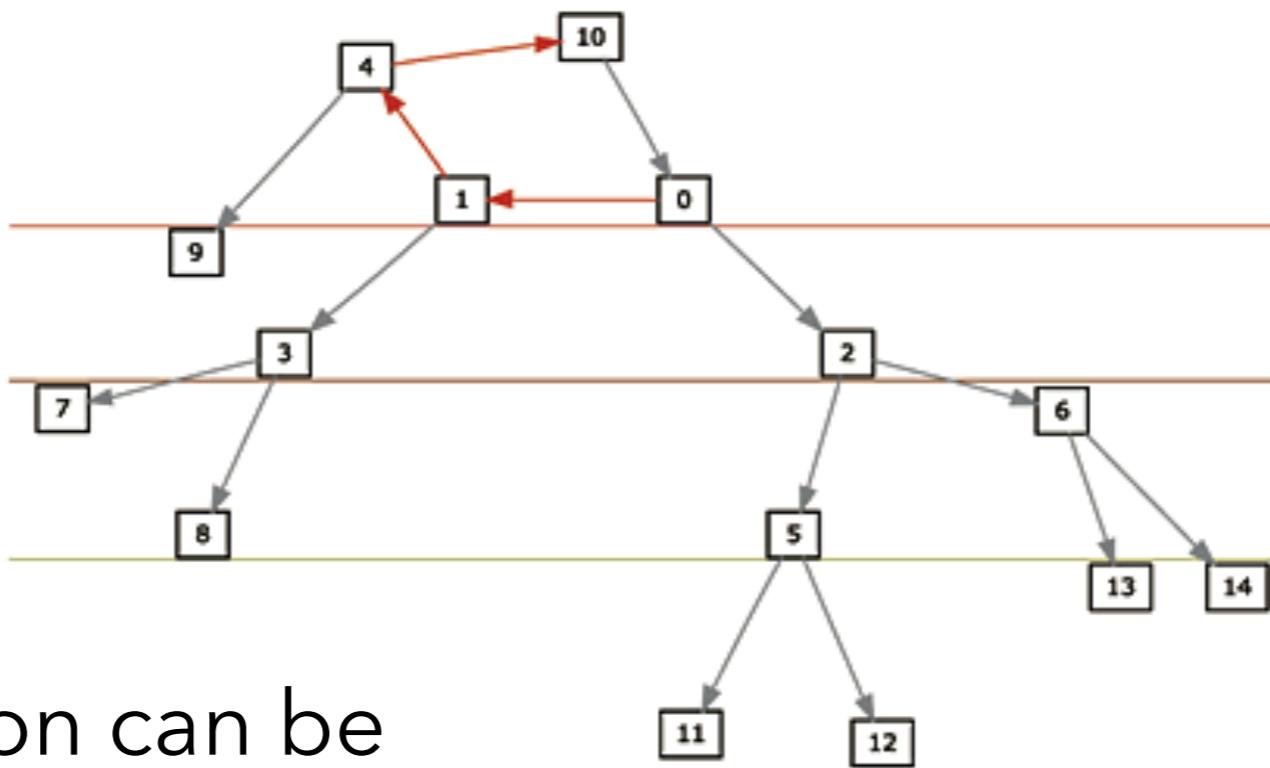
Every constraint adds significant processing time



(a)

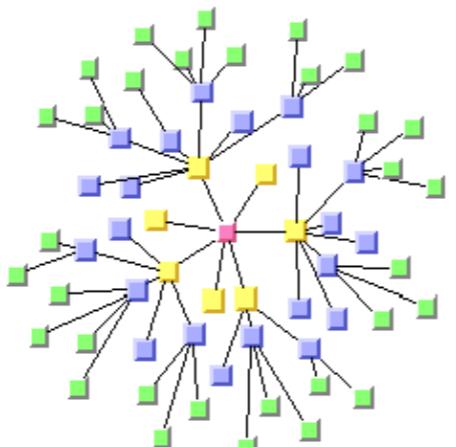
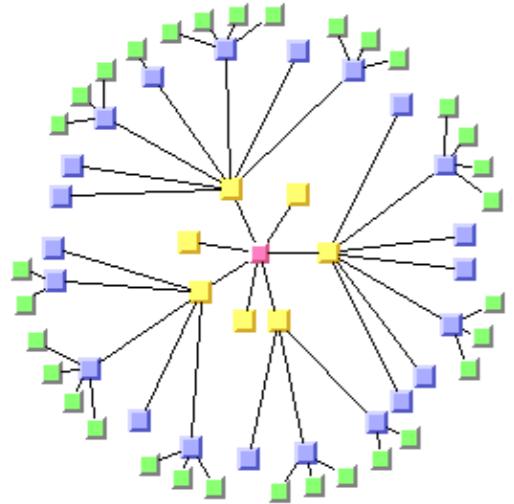


(b)



Force-direction can be applied to other layouts

(c)



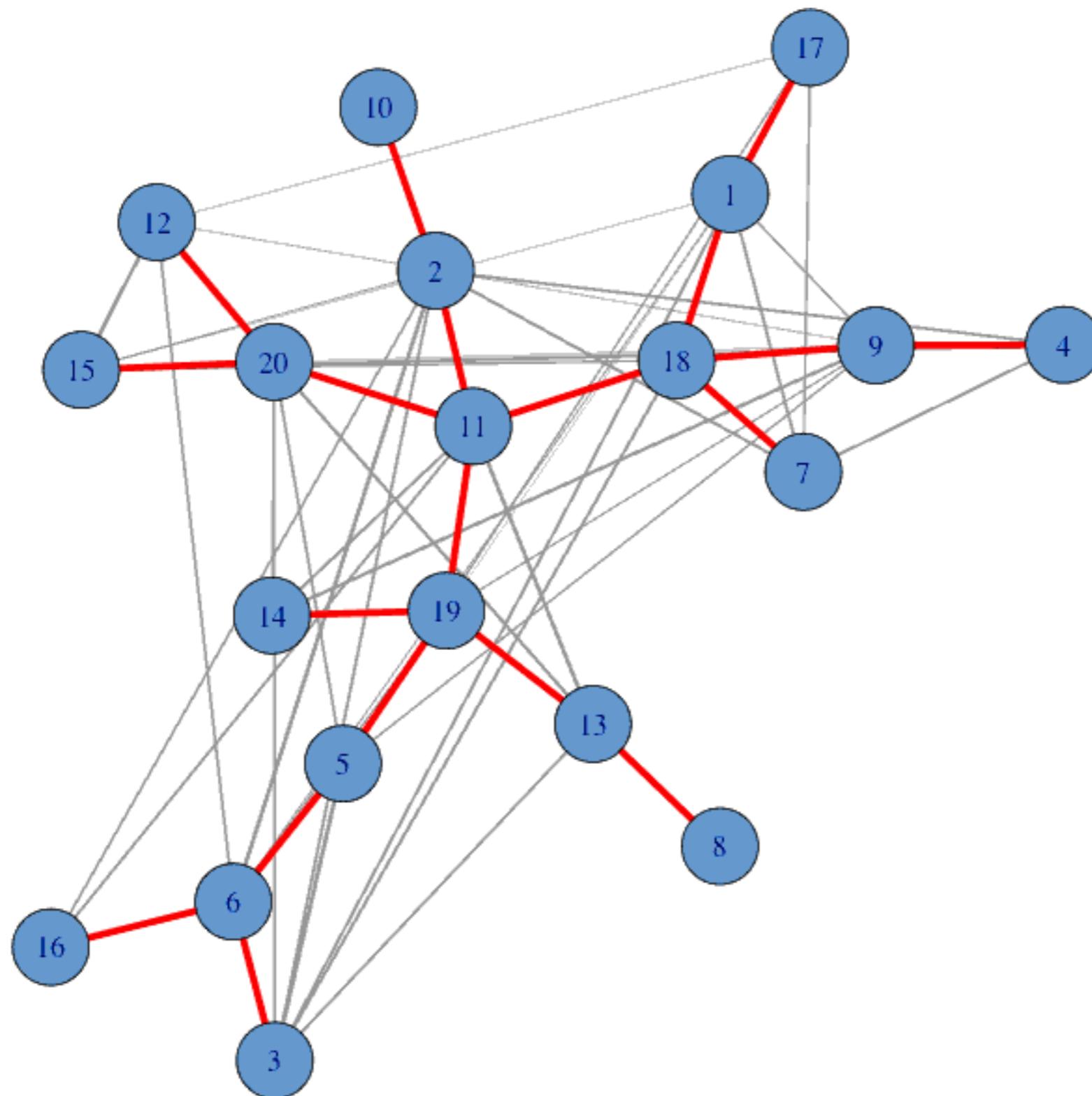
Spanning Trees

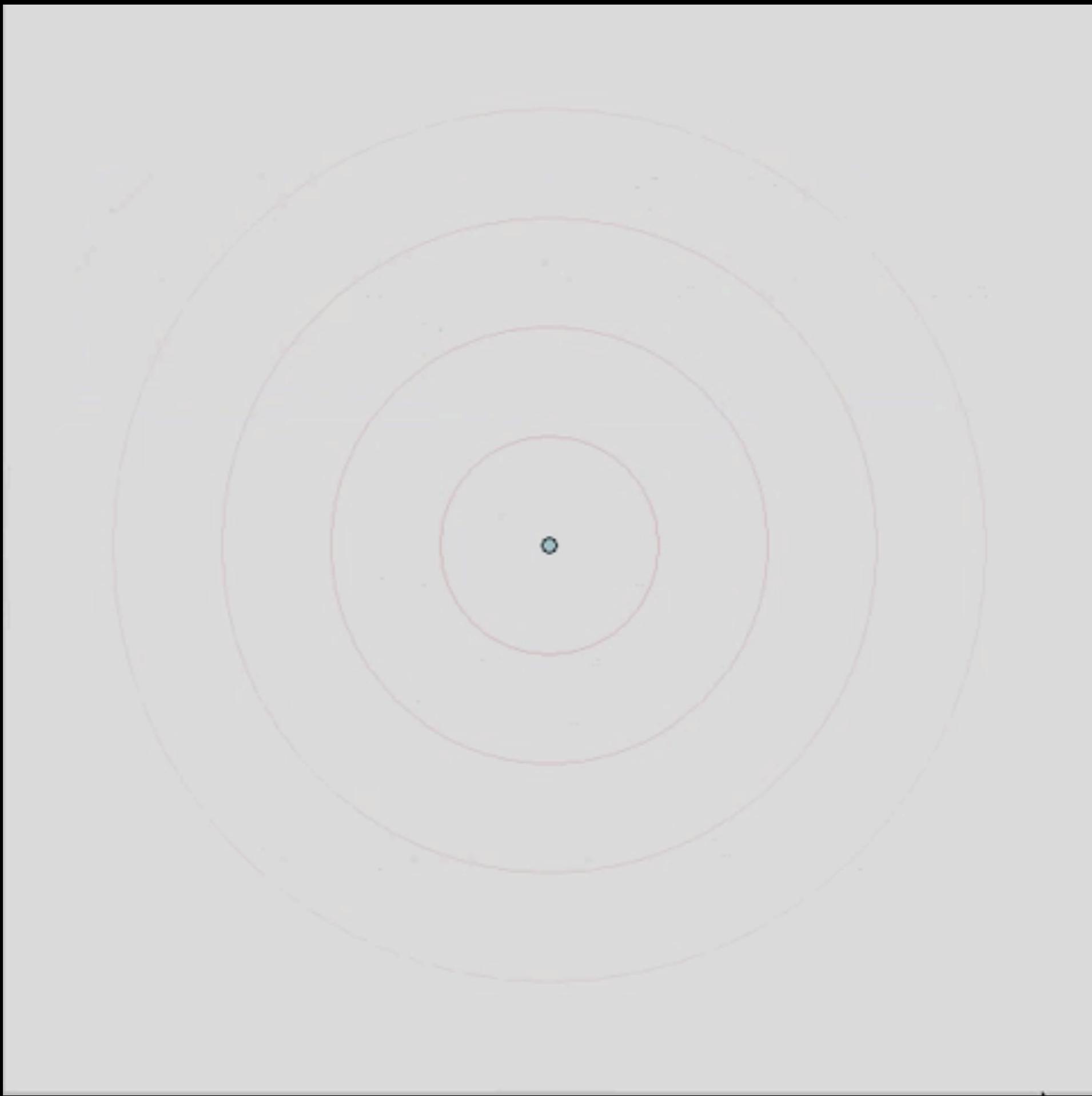
Minimum spanning tree - make tree out of graph which connects all nodes and has the smallest total edge weight

Can build if graph is connected, but not always useful

Lots of data are conducive to minimum spanning trees

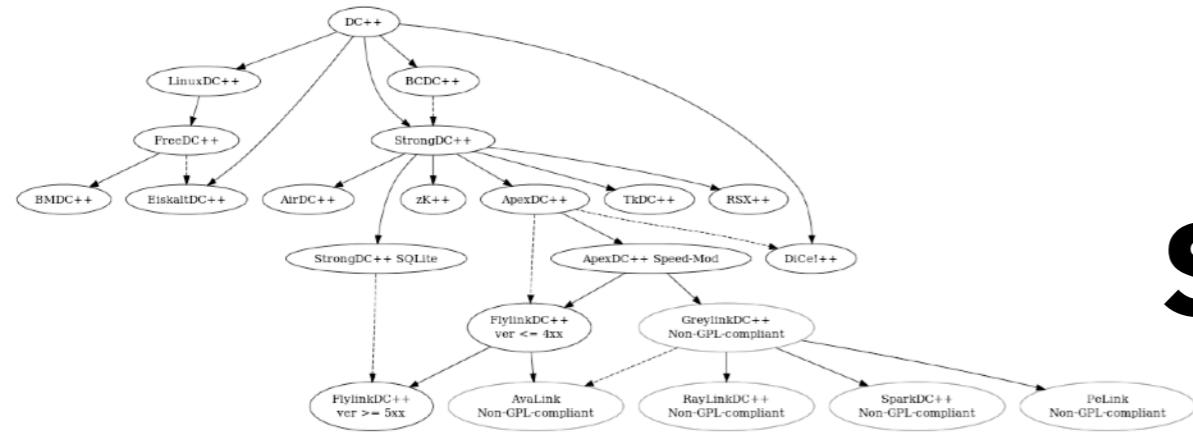
Once you have a tree, apply tree layouts but show all edges





Yee, K.P., Fisher, D., Dhamija, R. and Hearst, M., 2001. Animated exploration of dynamic graphs with radial layout. In Information Visualization, 2001.





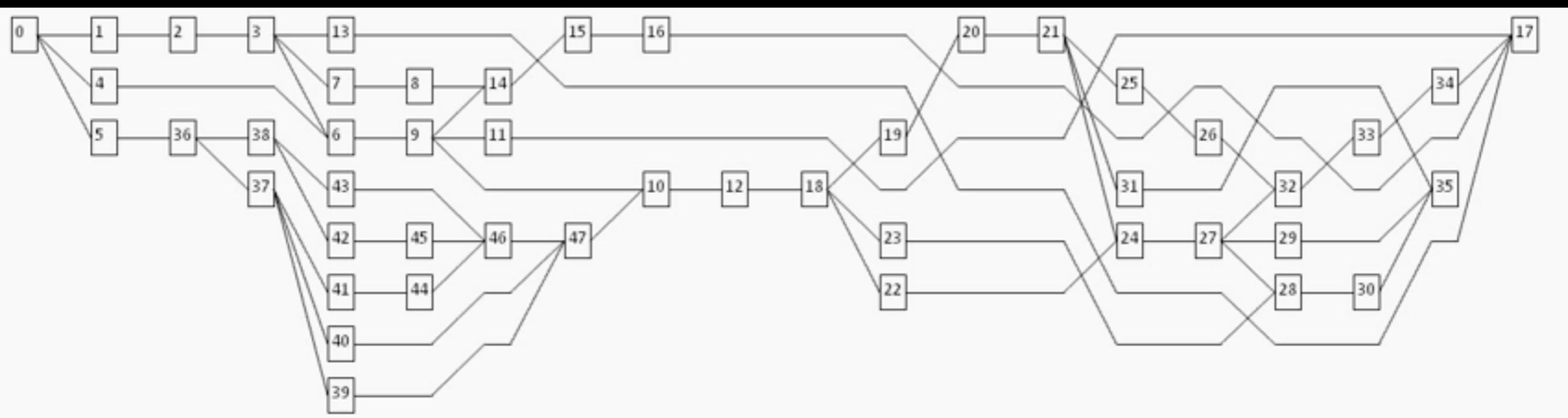
Sugiyama Layout

Kozo Sugiyama - created lots of graph layout algorithms

Make “layers” out of nodes from chosen center

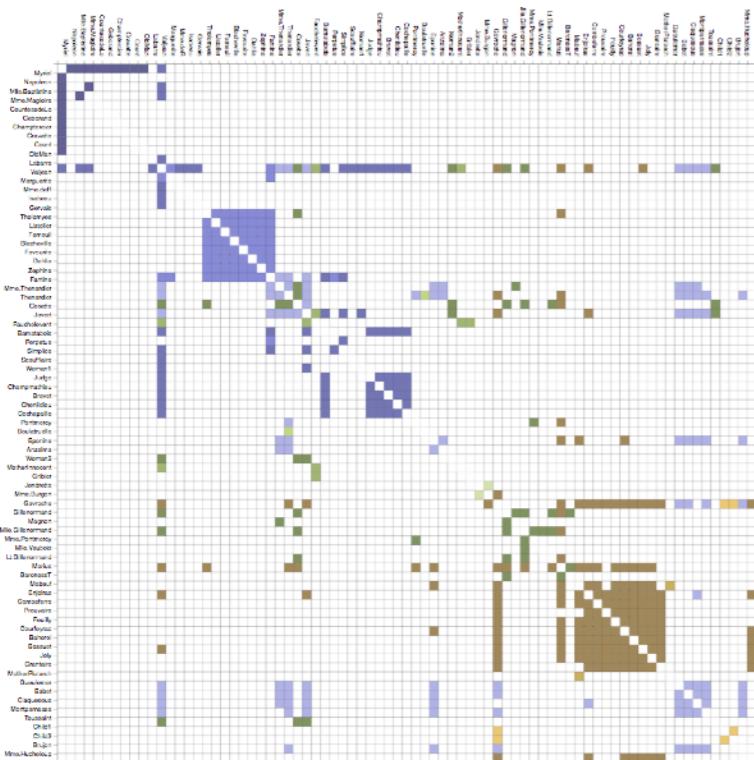
Gets messy if you have lots of cycles

“Hill-climbing” algorithms



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3tG0AKwiRE>





Adjacency Matrices

Table-based method – Fill “cells” if row and column connect

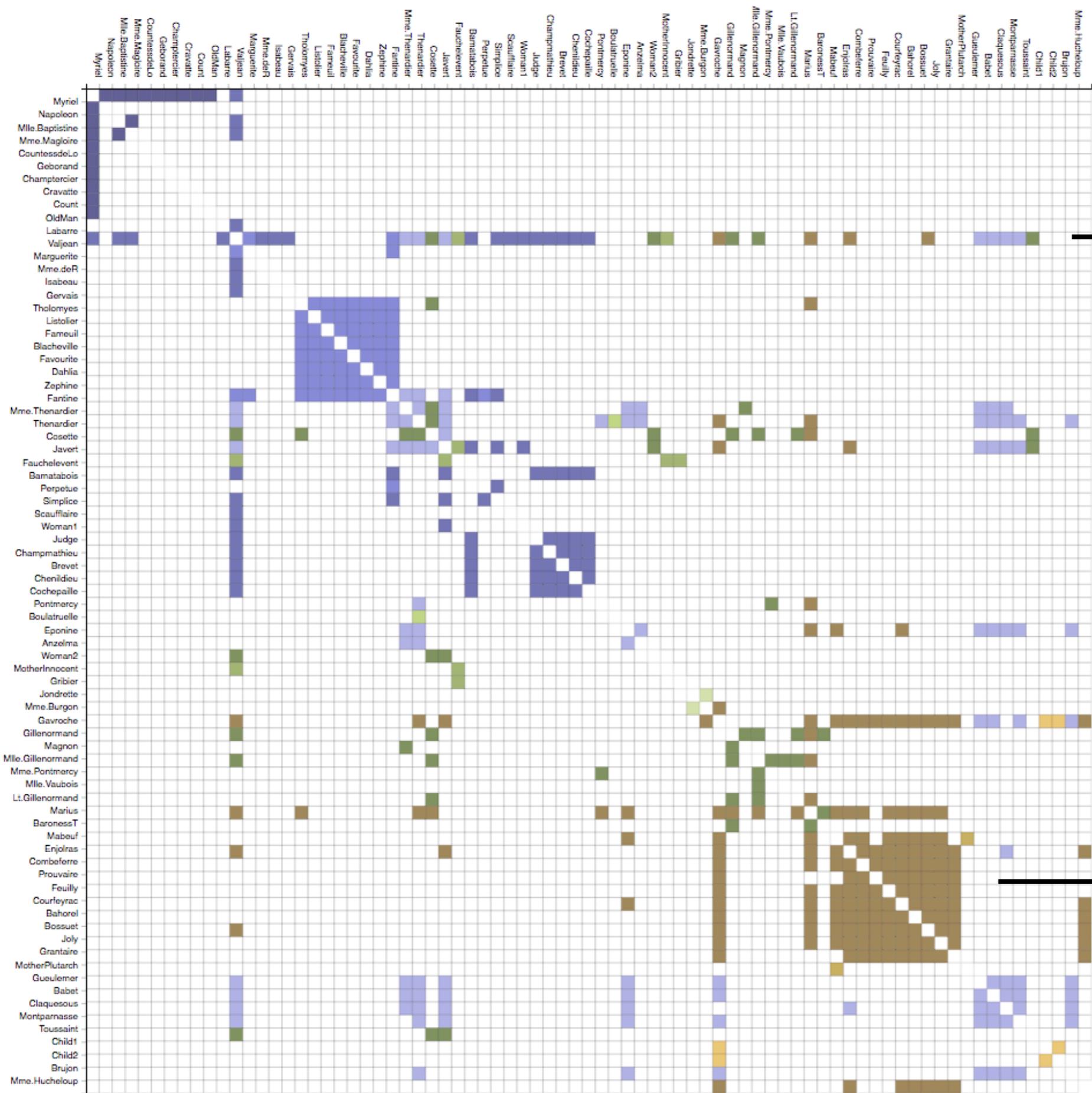
Order matters here!

Symmetry aids interpretation



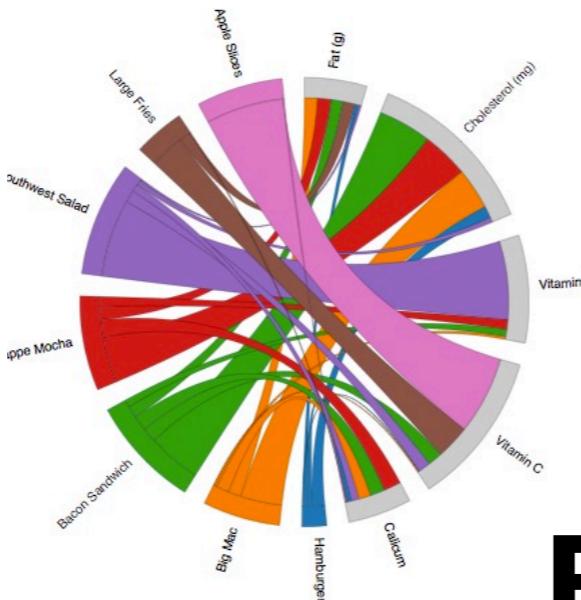
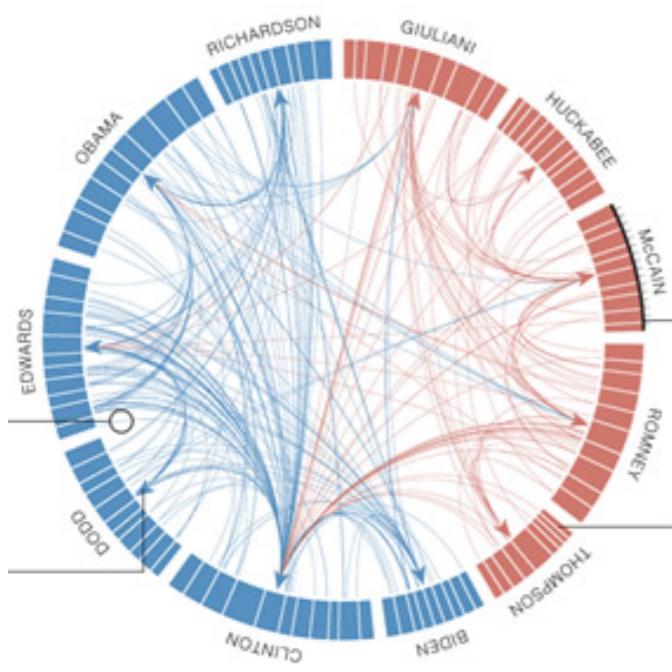
Les Misérables

co-occurrence



<https://bl.ocks.org/micahstubbs/7f360cc66abfa28b400b96bc75b8984e>





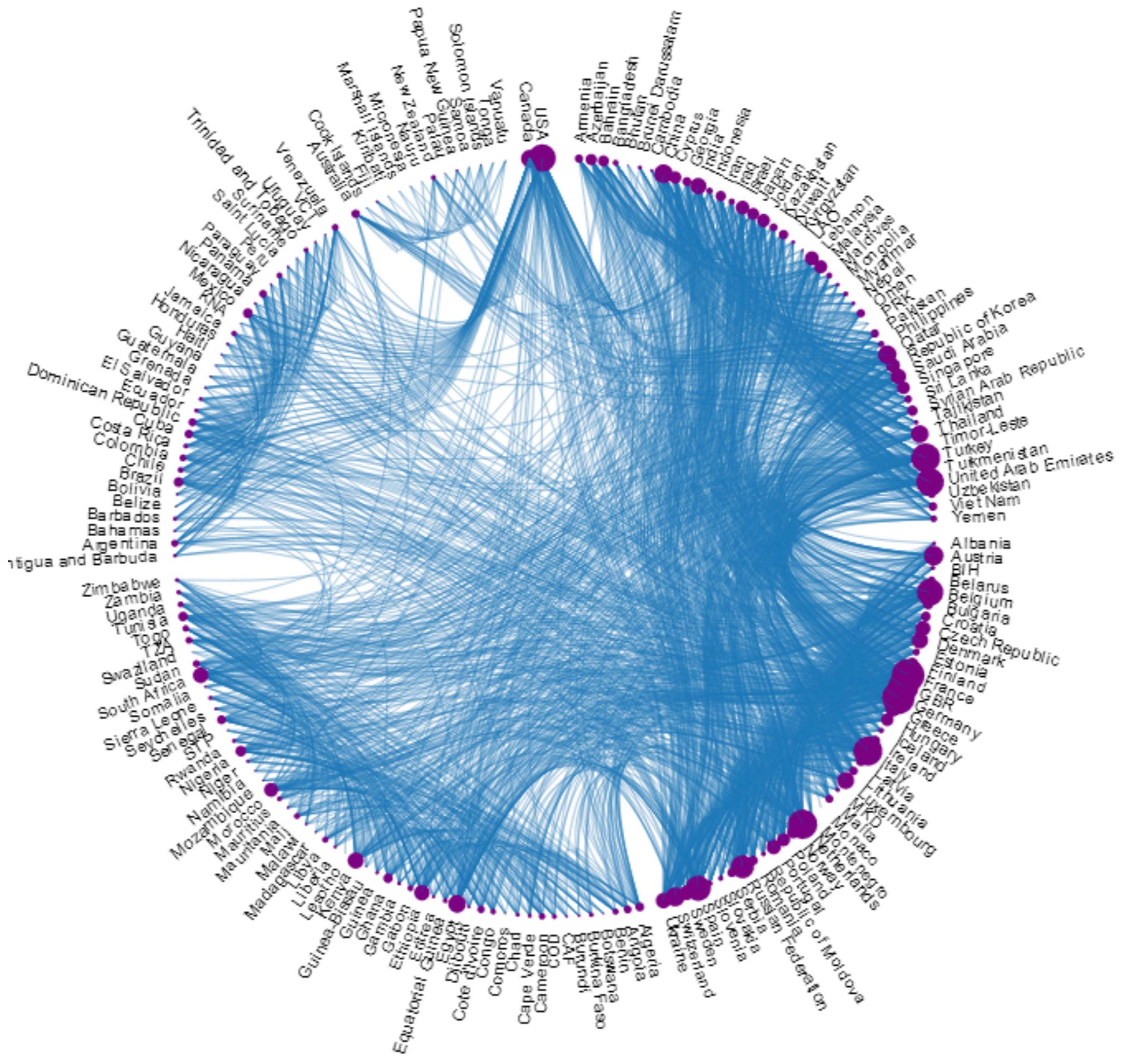
Radial & Chord

Put the nodes on a circle – Use circumference for attribute

Edges cross into circle and arc

Encode meaning into circle position

Aggregate edges into blocks for more legibility*





<https://flourish.studio/2018/07/25/how-to-make-a-chord-diagram/>



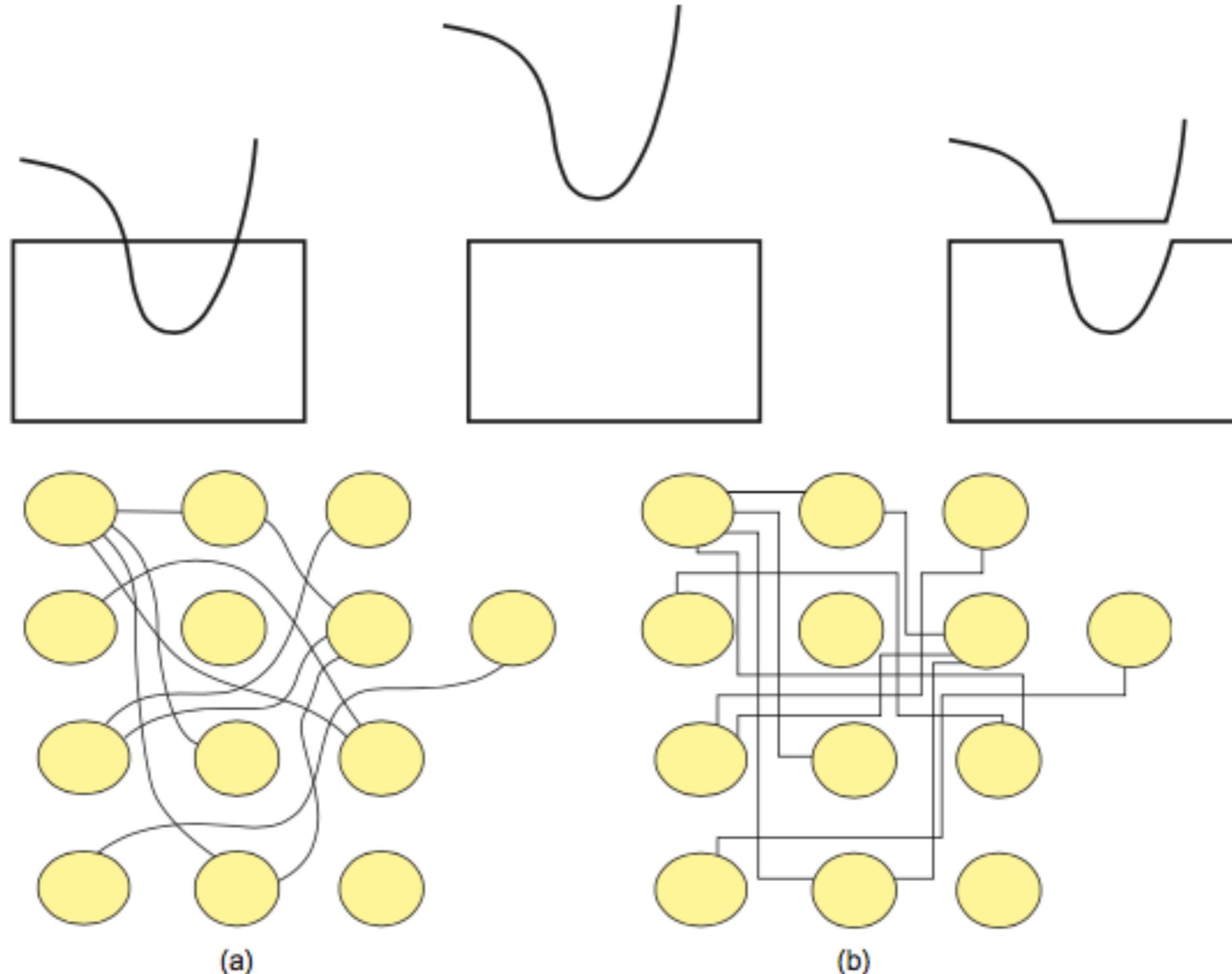
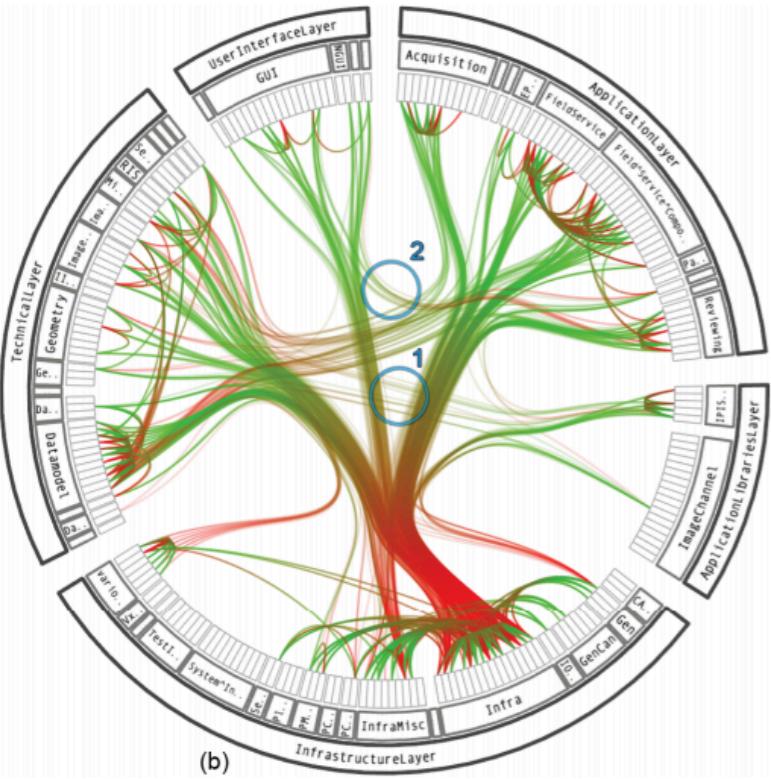


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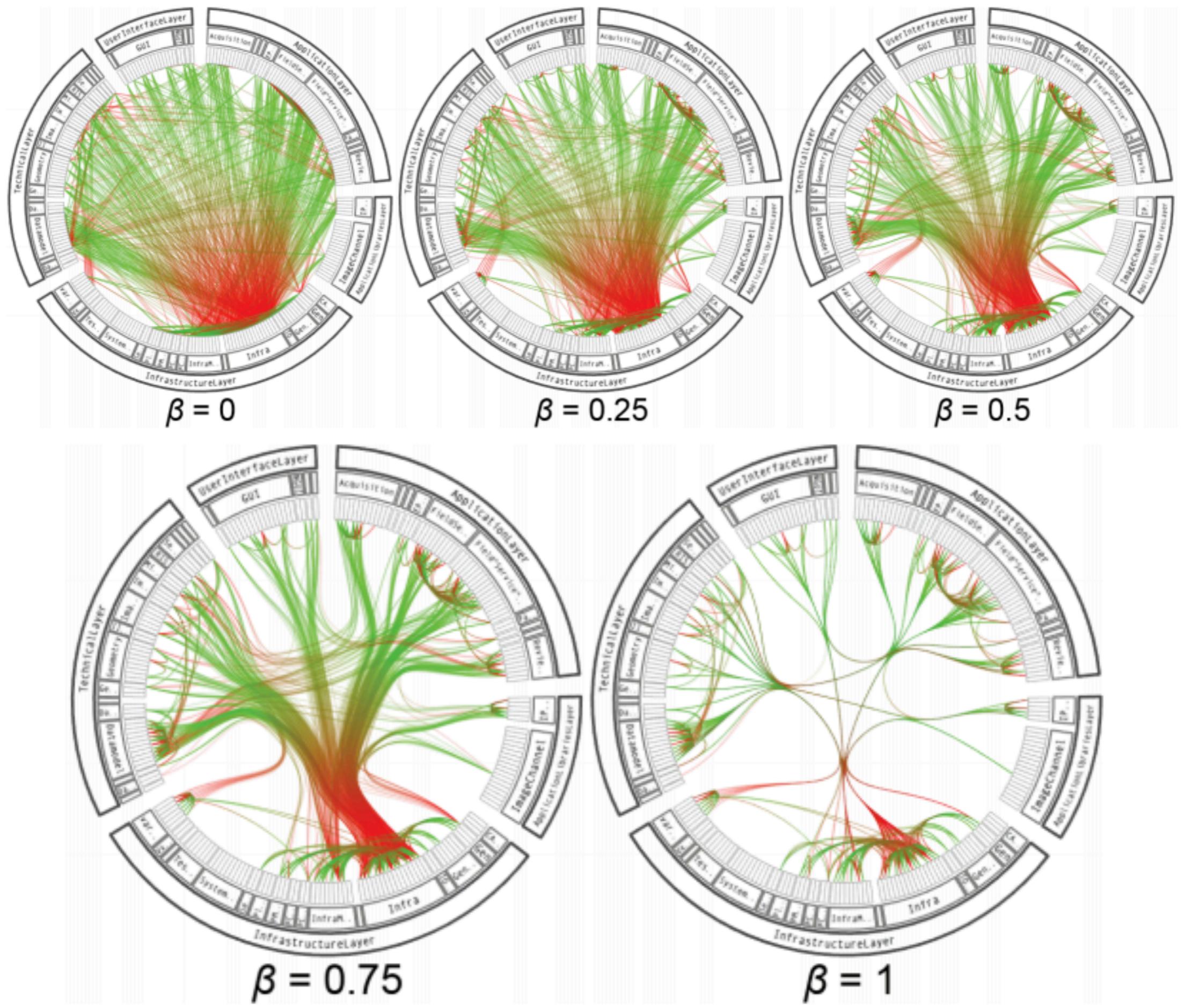
Edge Bundling

Bundle together edges with similar trajectories

Best w/hierarchical data

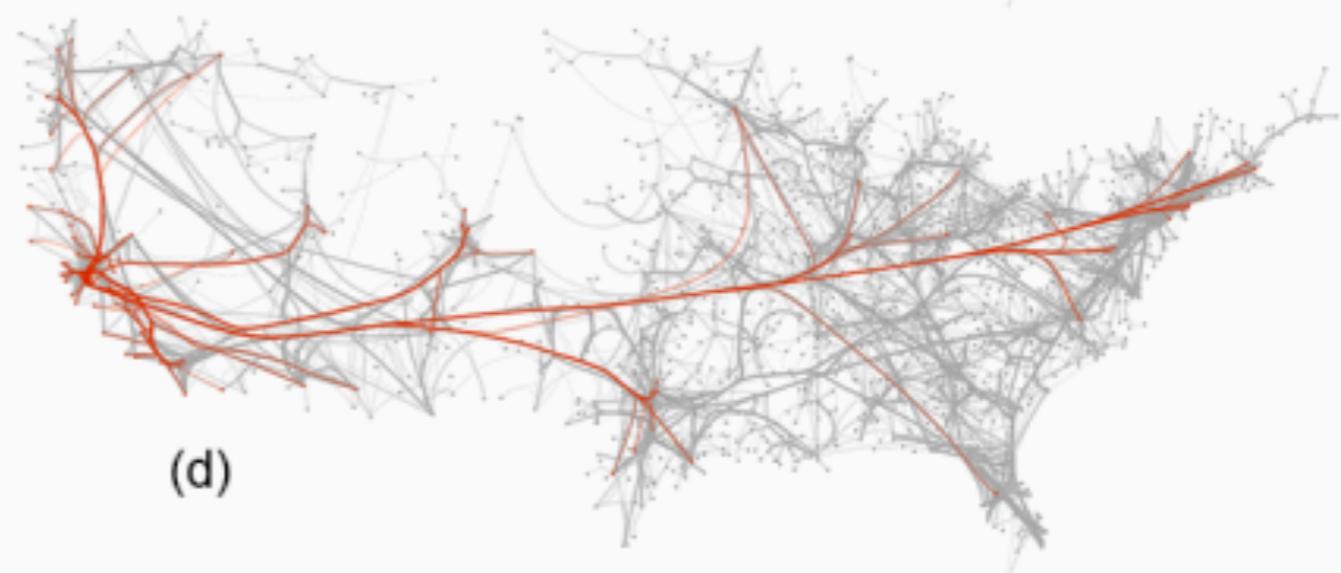
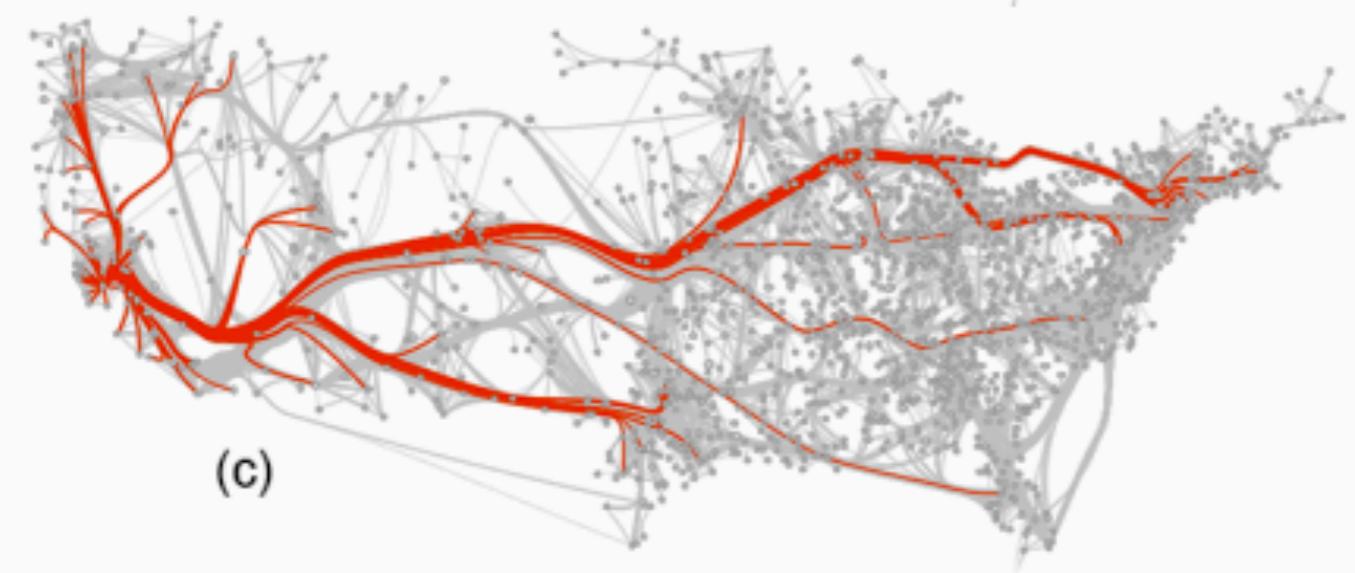
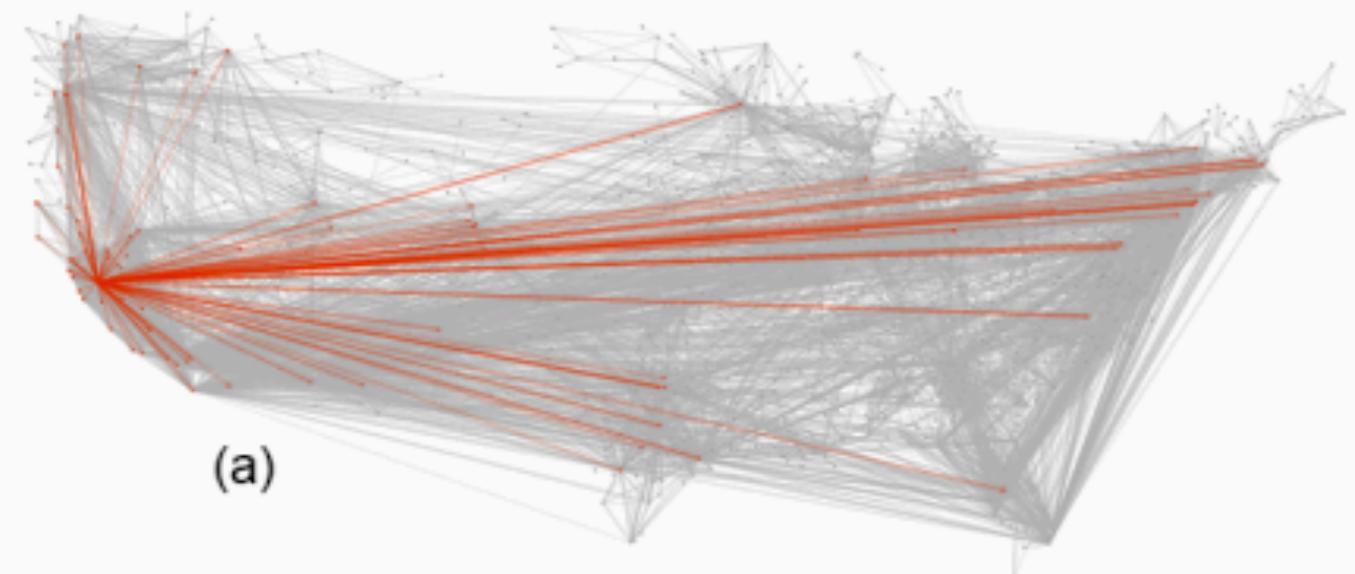
Angles, curved splines, alpha blending

Doesn't need a radial layout –
Use force-direction for complex cases



Holten, D., 2006. Hierarchical edge bundles: Visualization of adjacency relations in hierarchical data.





Considerations for design:

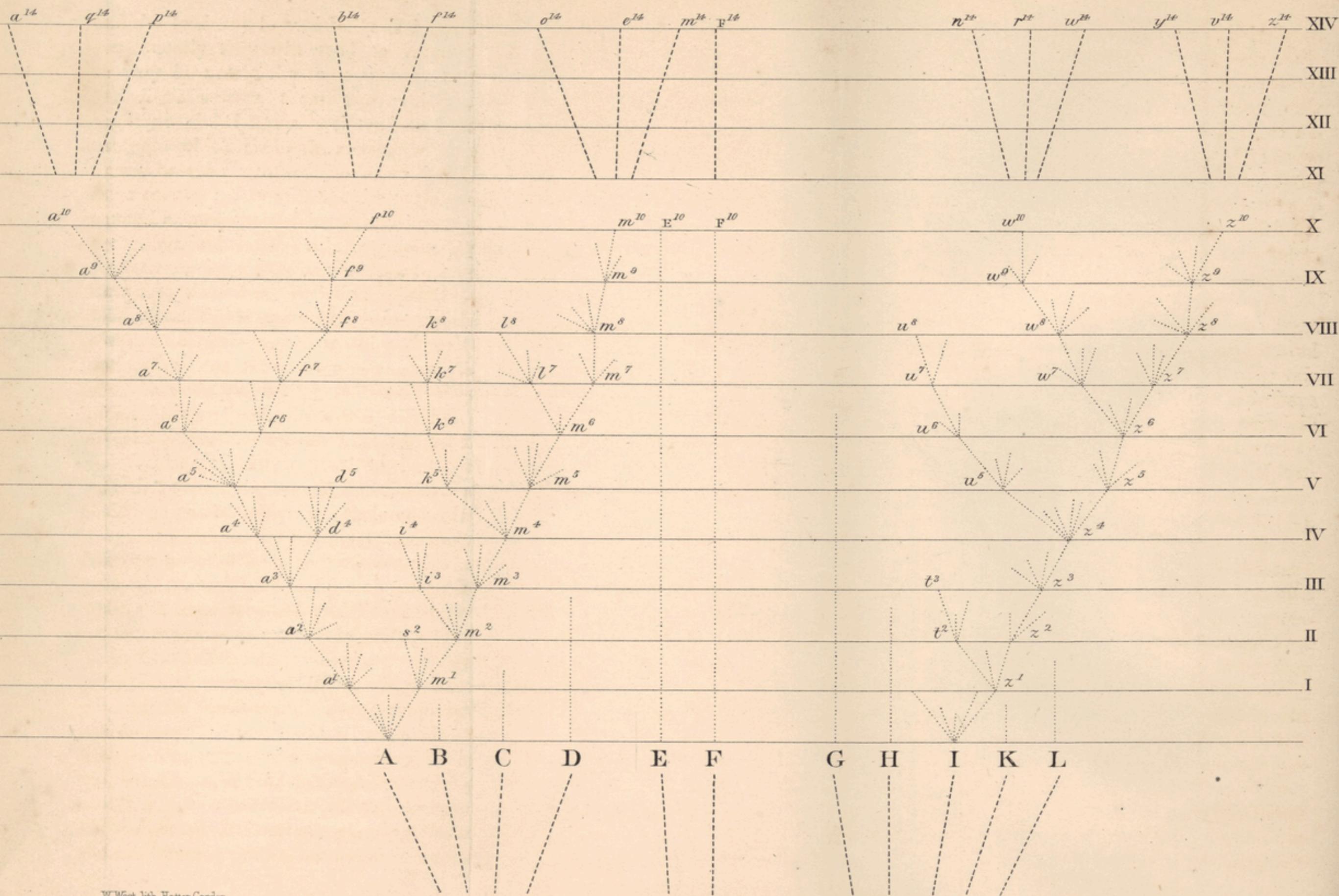
- Focus first on the insights
- Choose layout strategically
- Remember that network diagrams can lead to overconfidence
- Use few other visual channels
- Know when to give up and show something else instead!



Trees & Hierarchies

(optional content)



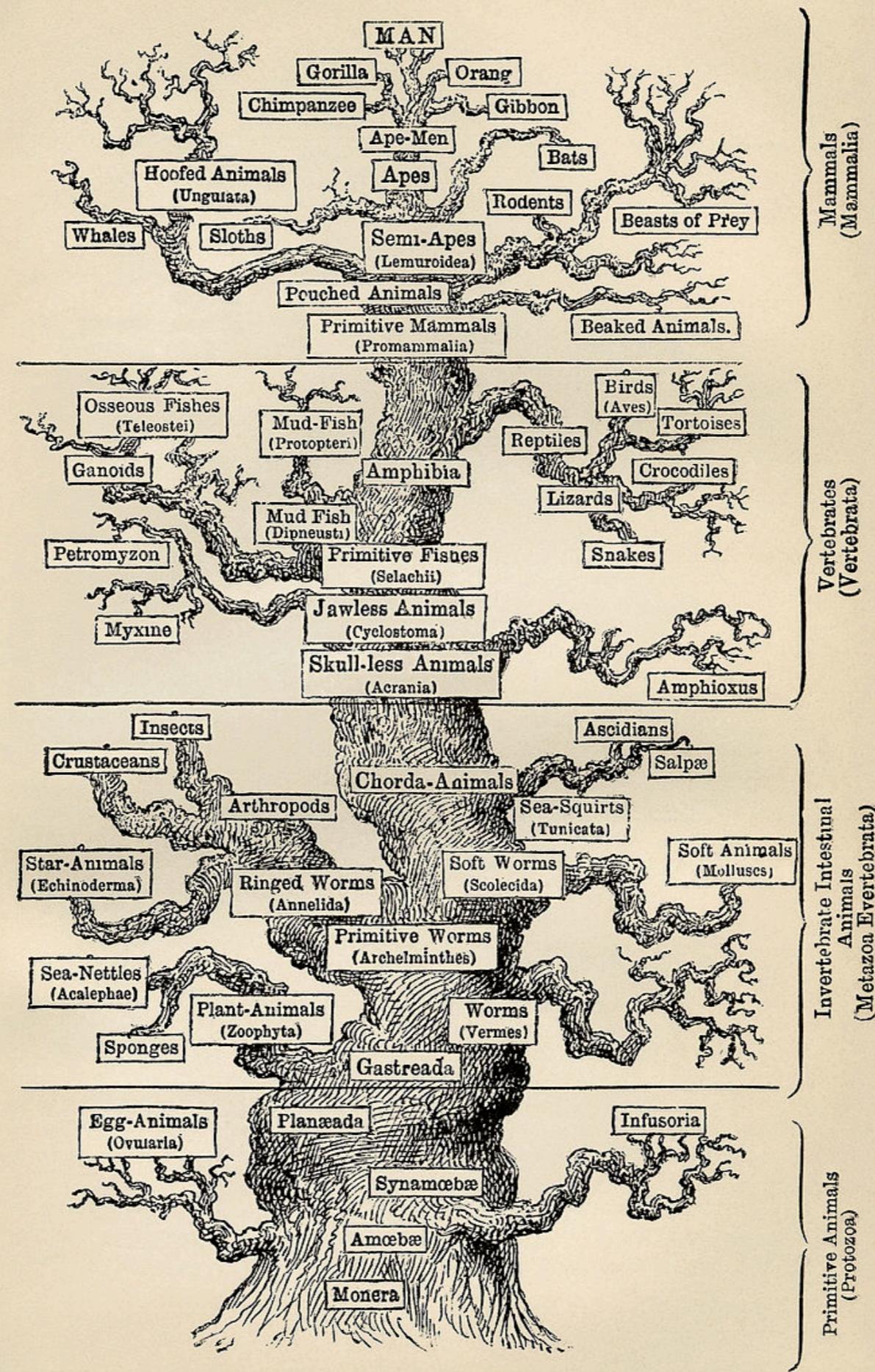


W. West lith. Hatton Garden.

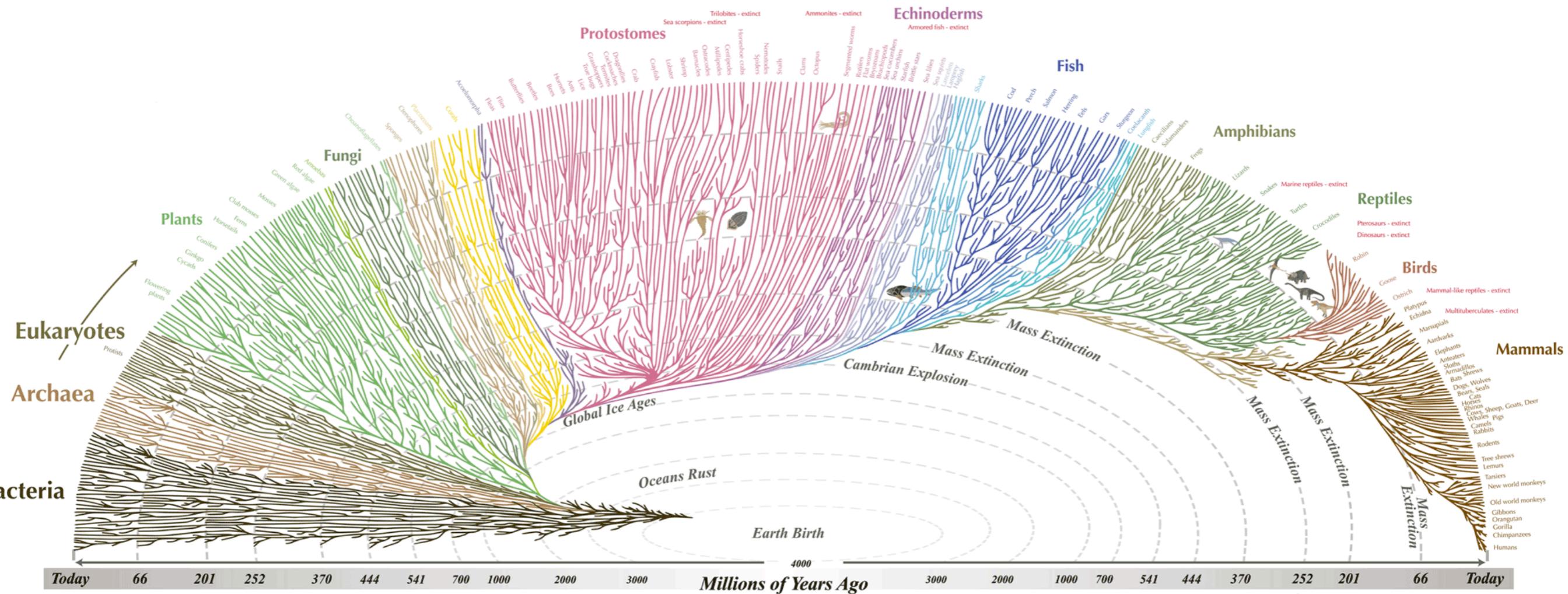
Charles Darwin, On the Origin of Species



PEDIGREE OF MAN.



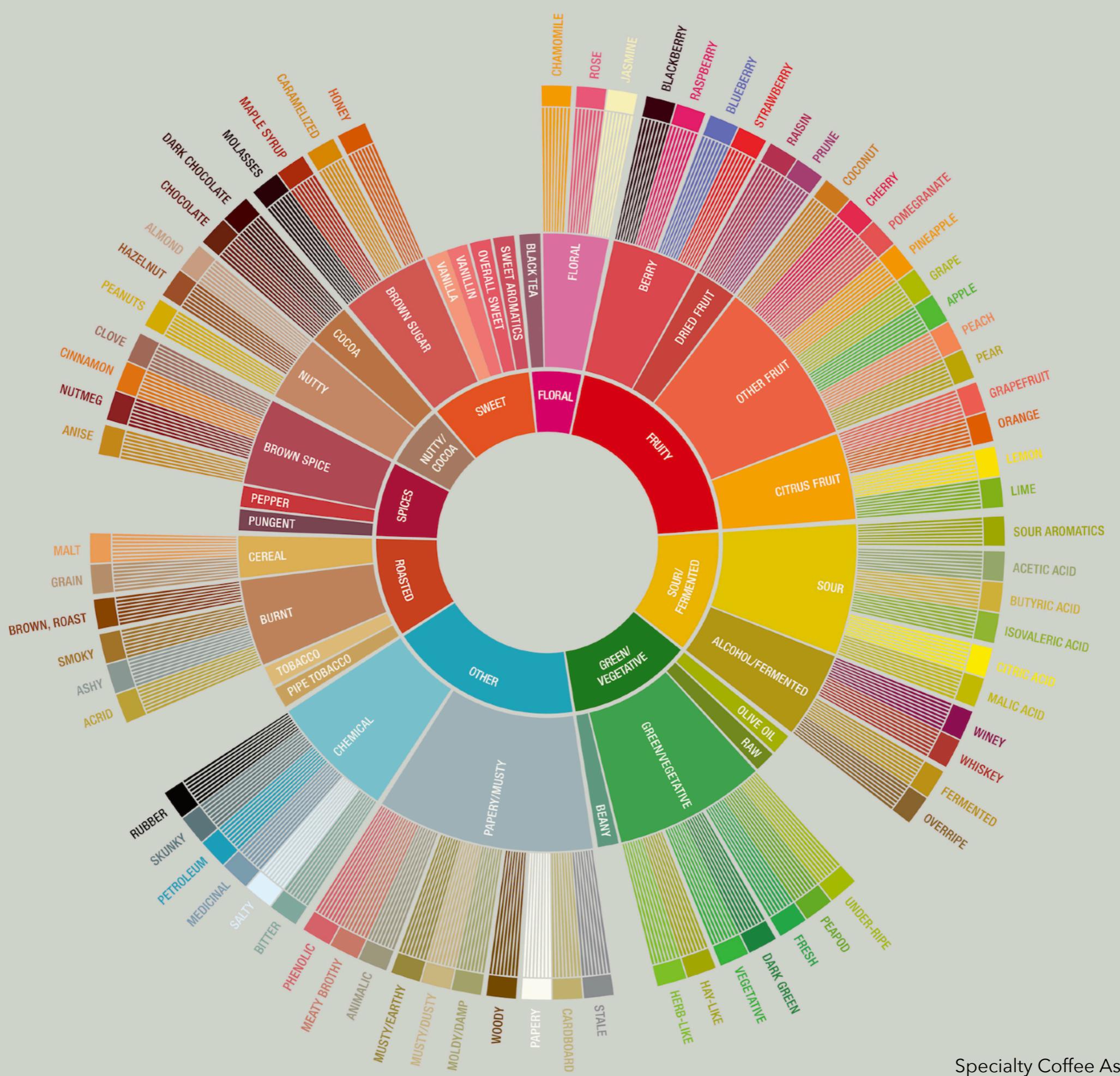
Ernst Haeckel, The Evolution of Man

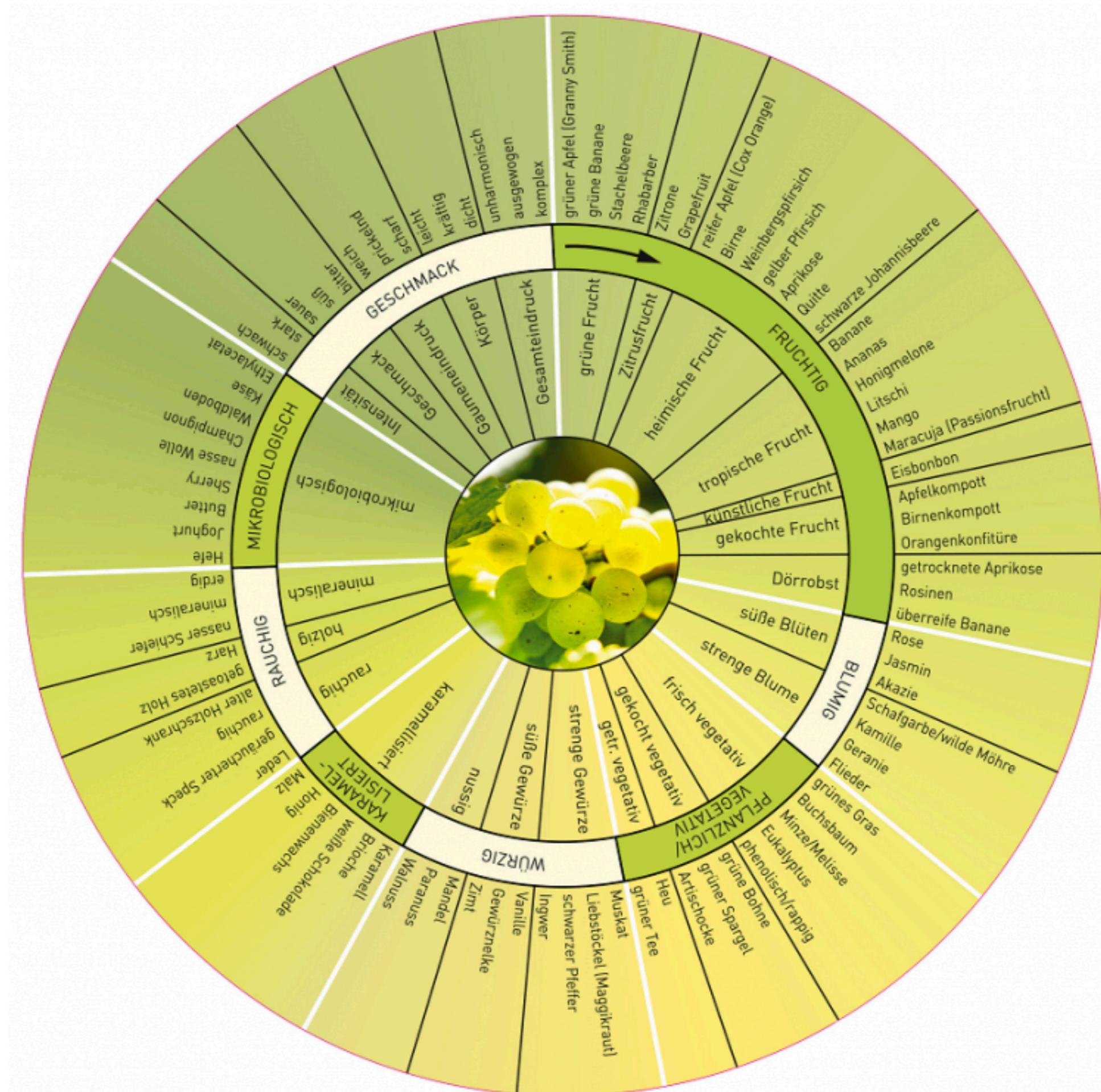


All the major and many of the minor living branches of life are shown on this diagram, but only a few of those that have gone extinct are shown. Example: Dinosaurs - extinct

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2019 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

First Round
MARCH 21-22

Second Round
MARCH 23-24

Regional
Semifinals
MARCH 28-29

Regional
Finals
MARCH 30-31

National
Semifinals
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Second Round
MARCH 23-24

First Round
MARCH 21-22



FIRST FOUR

DAYTON
MARCH 19-20

Watch On
truTV



FINAL FOUR

MINNEAPOLIS
APRIL 6 AND 8

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 8

3 Texas Tech Virginia 1

#MarchMadness

Watch the tournament on these networks
or online at NCAA.COM/MARCHMADNESS

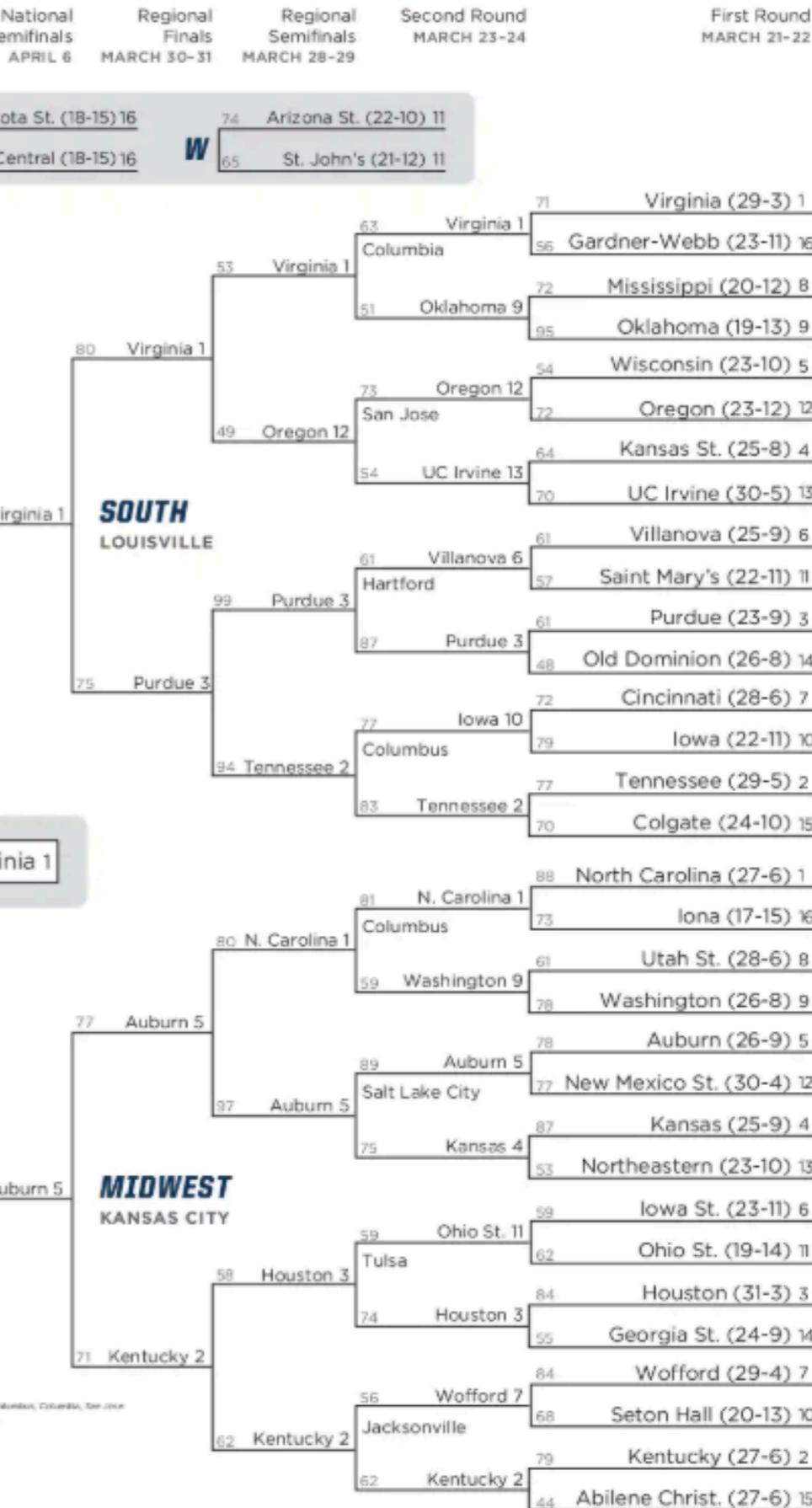


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The NCAA opposes all forms of sports wagering



Tree Layout

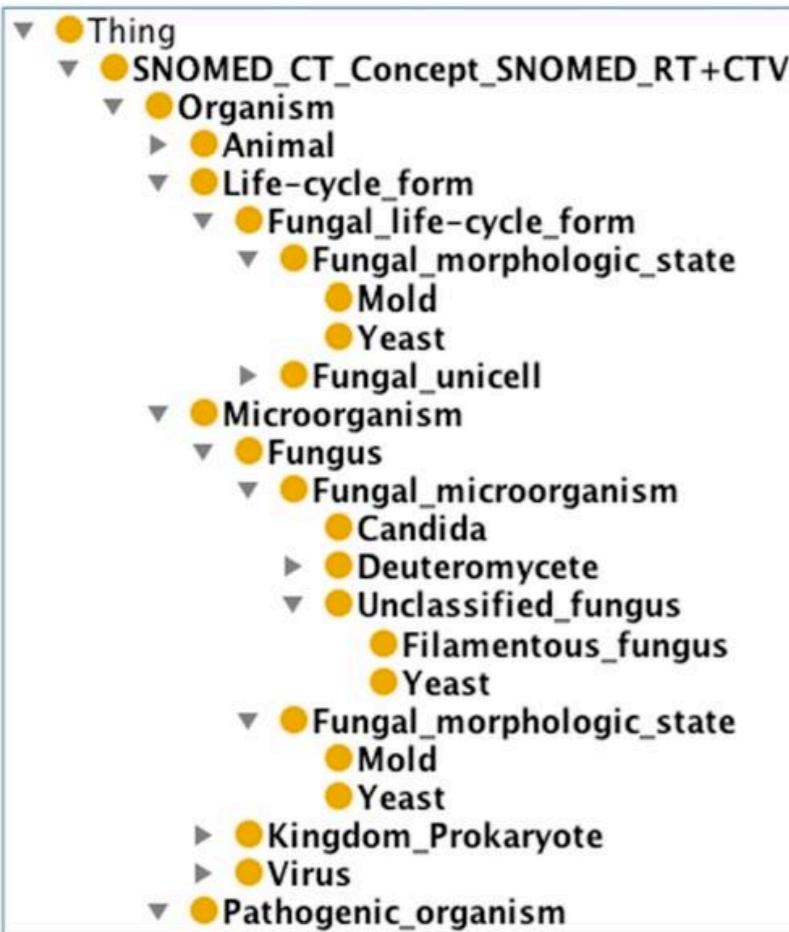
Indented List Indent for levels, shallow

Network Diagram Node-link, layout key

Space-filling Enclose subtrees within areas

Layered/Icicle “unwrapped” enclosure





Indented List

Indent child nodes in a list

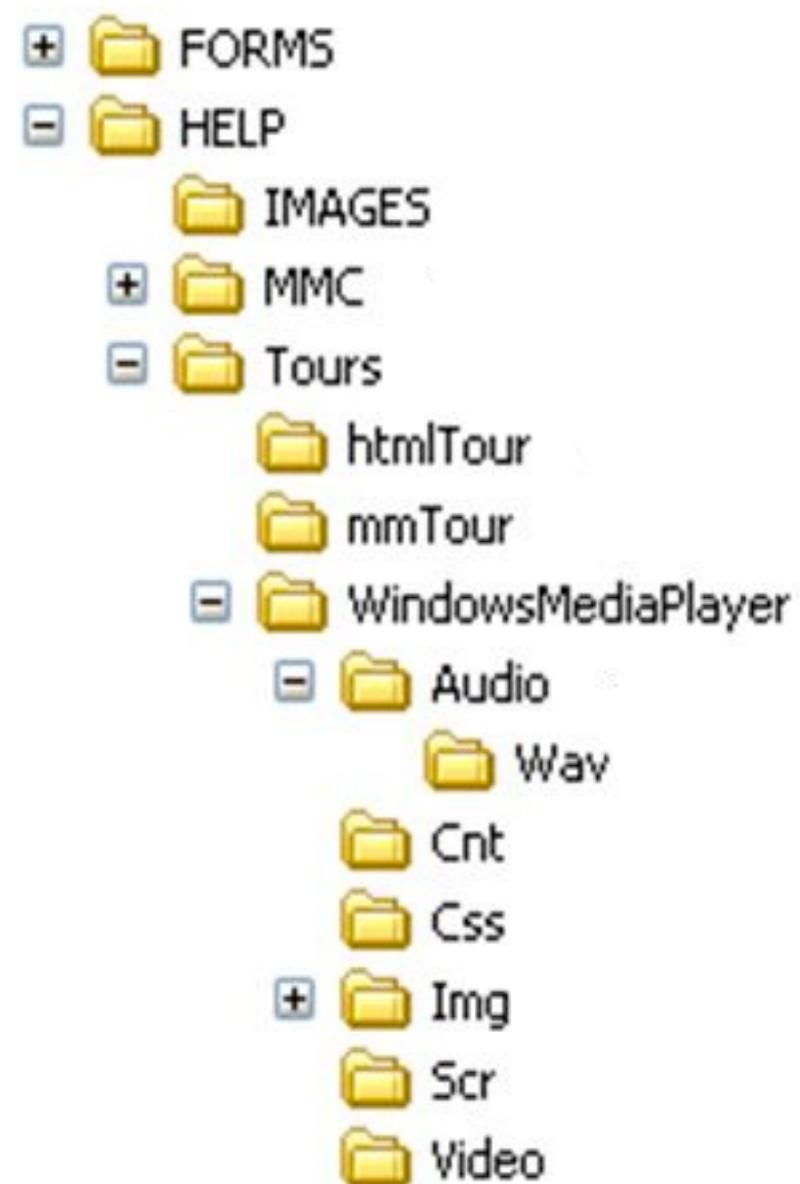
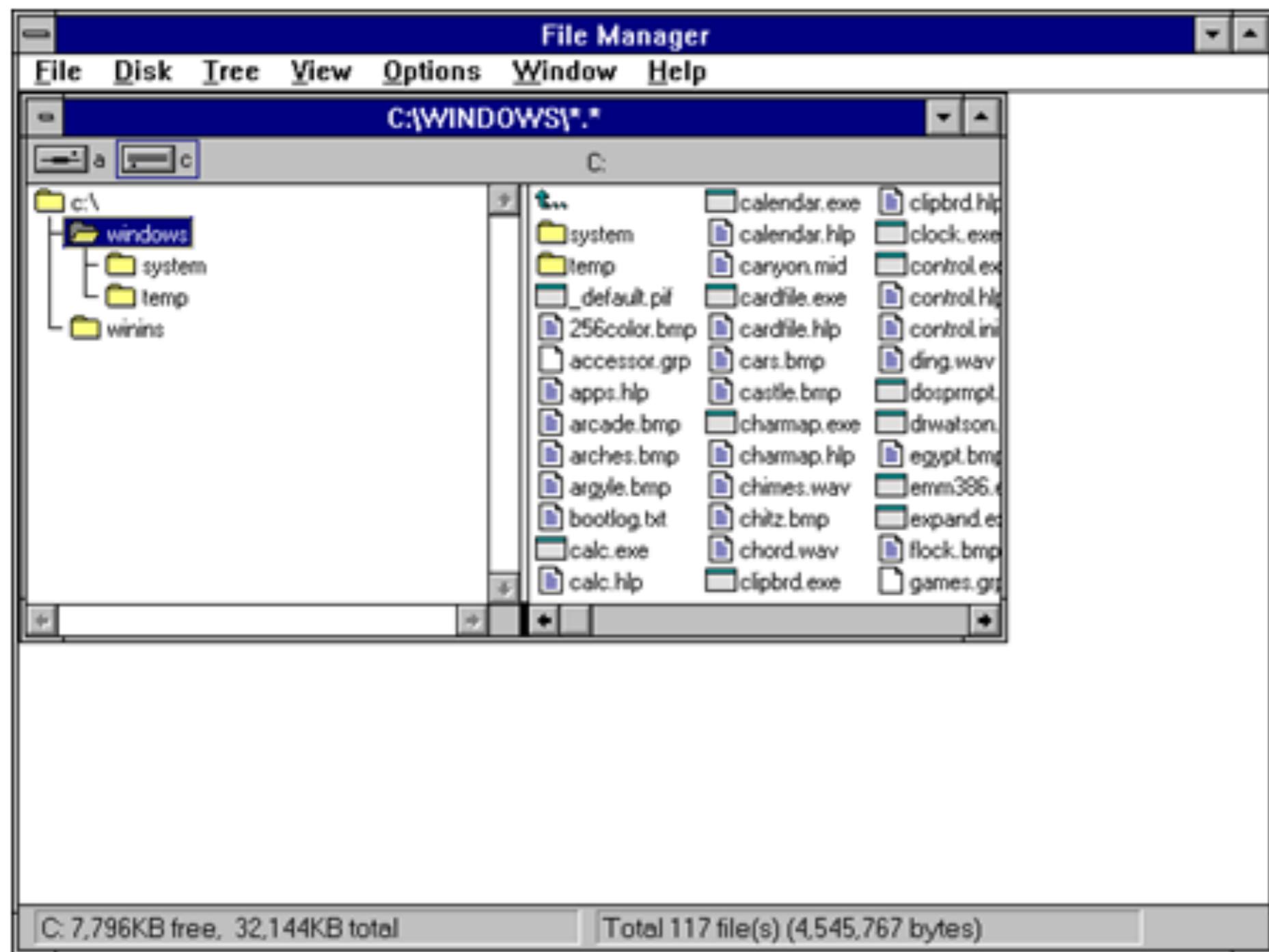
Familiar visual metaphor

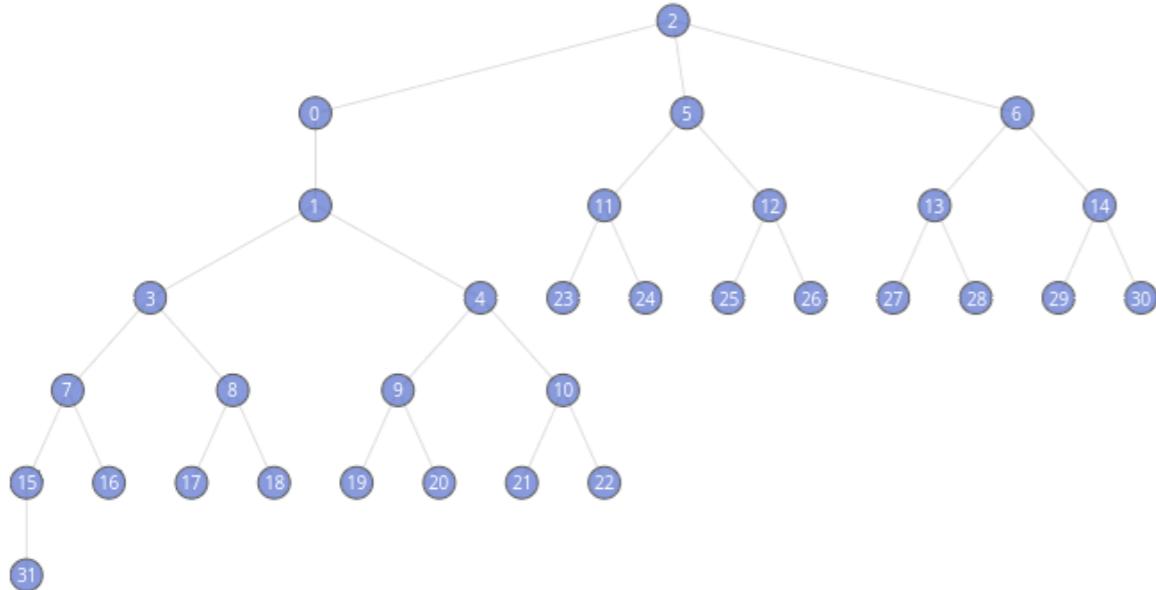
Shallow, brief hierarchies

Expand/contract affordance

Battle between breadth and depth







Node-Link Diagram

**Depth on one axis,
breadth on the other**

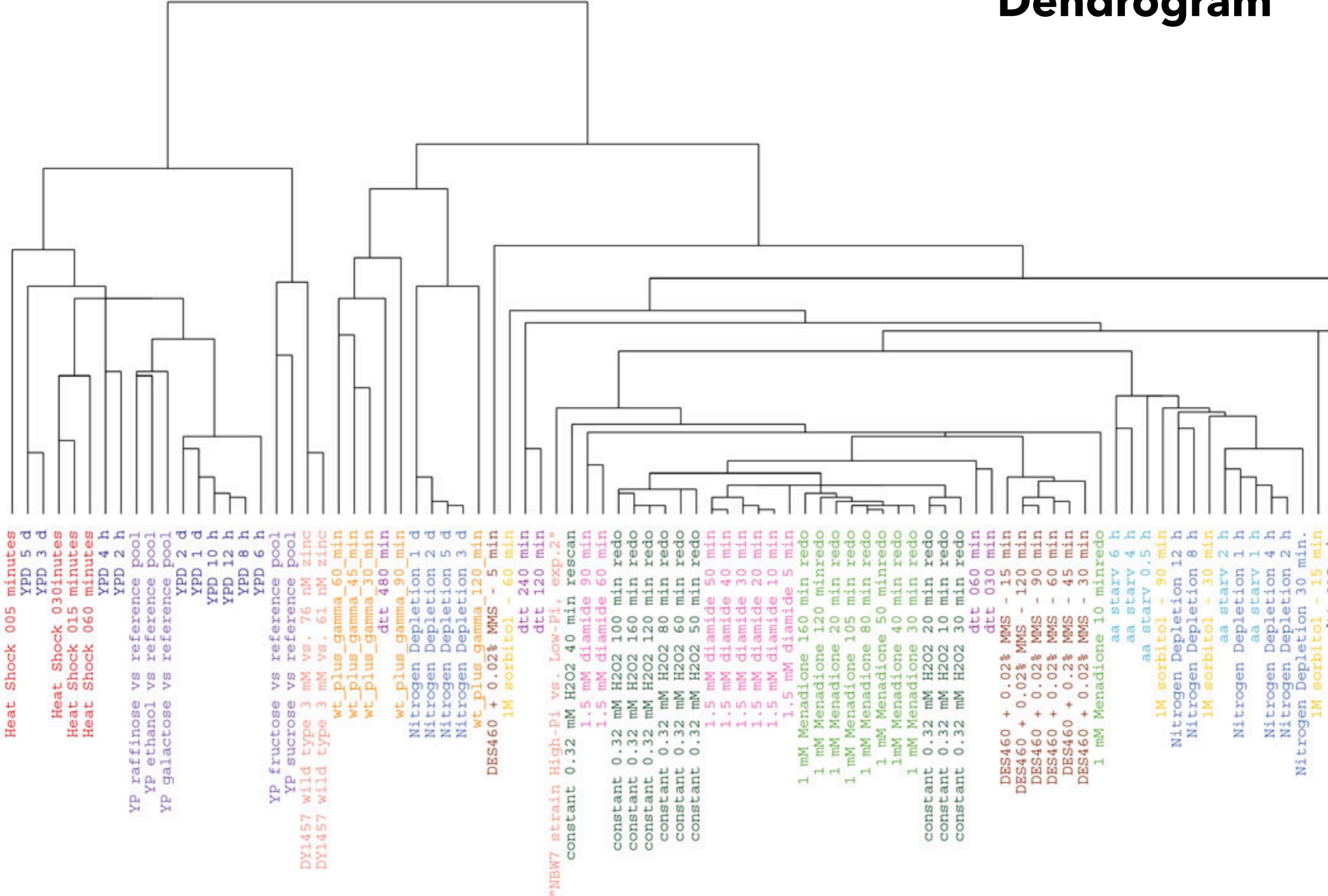
Left-right or top-bottom property

Hard to use space properly

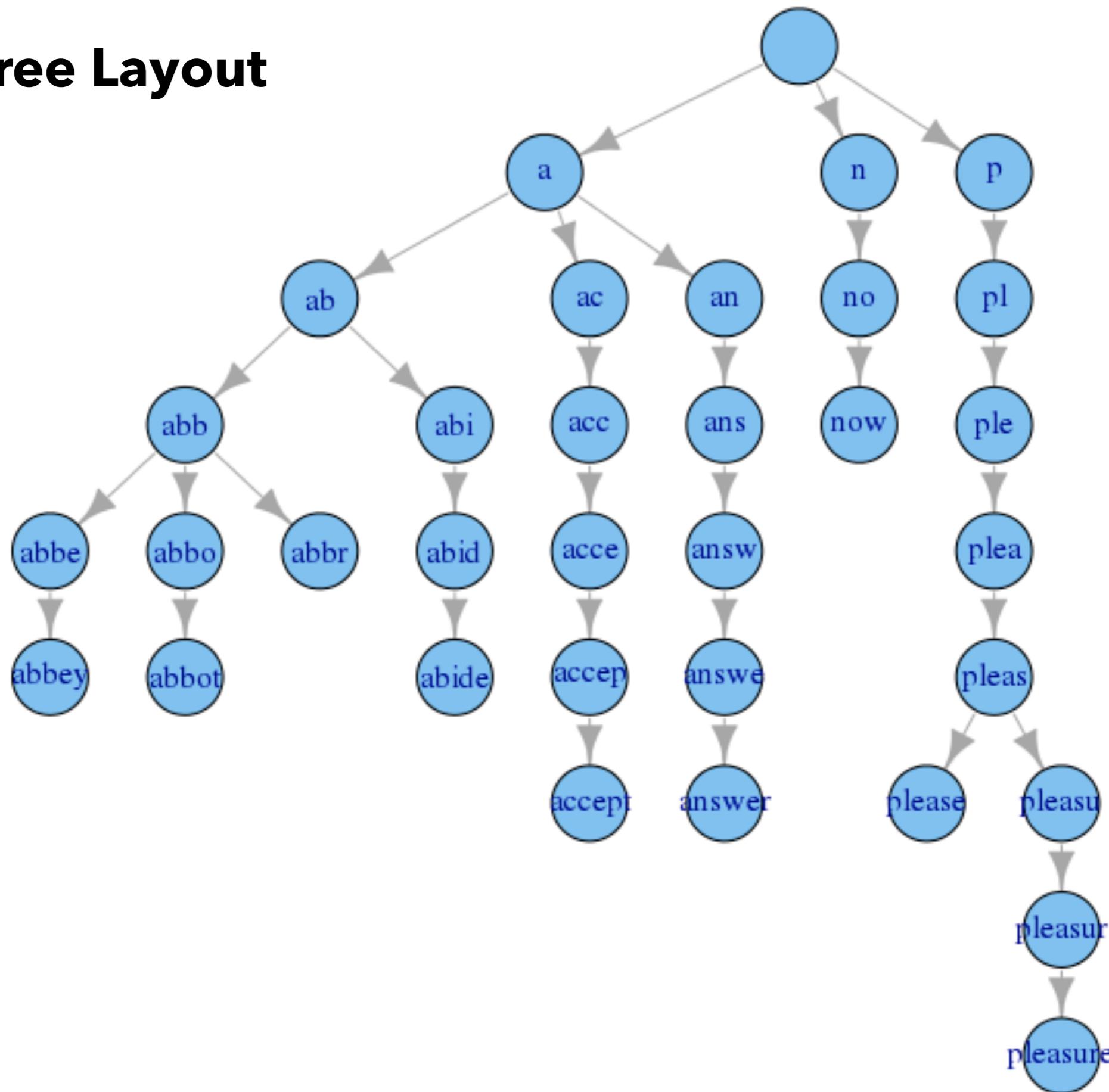
Expand/contract affordance

Still will run out of space!

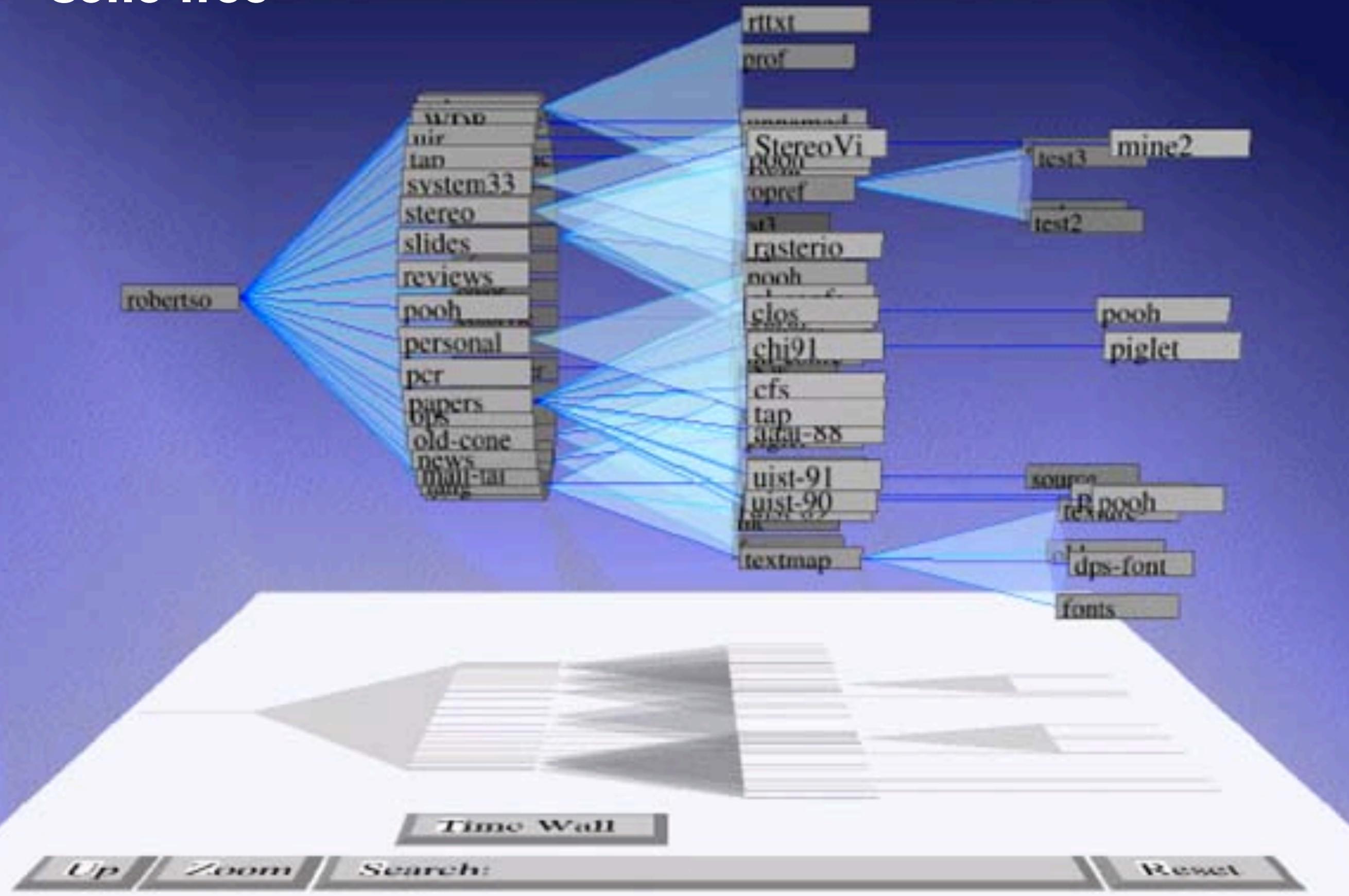
Dendrogram



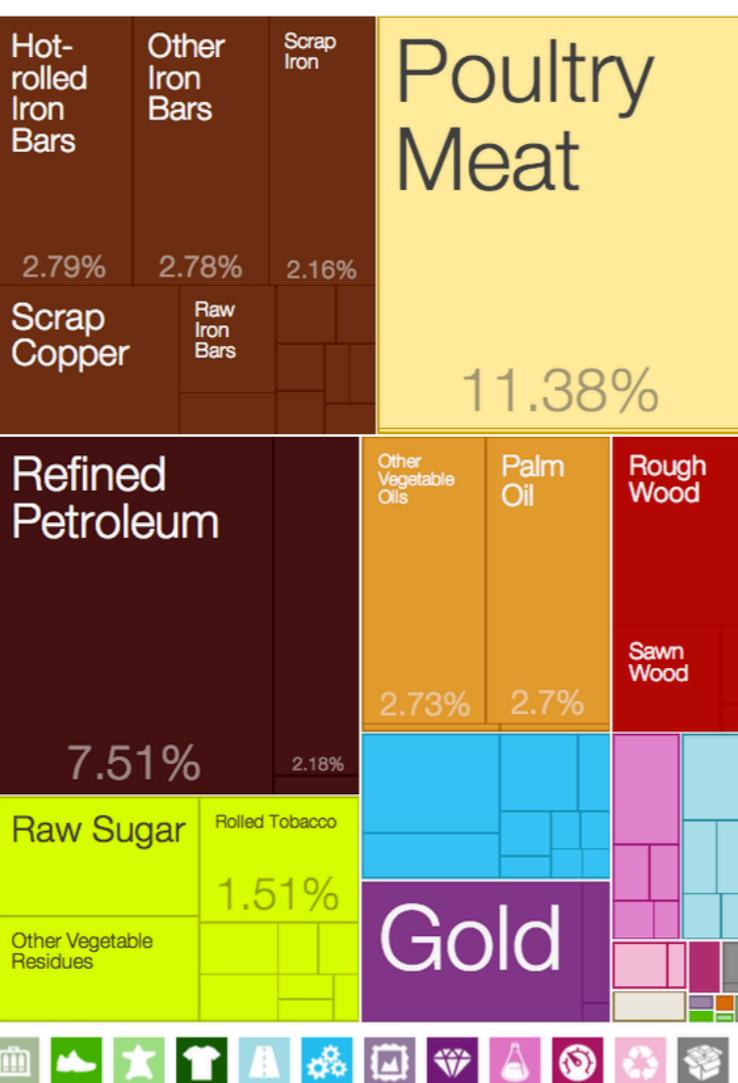
"Tidy" Tree Layout



Cone Tree



Raw Cotton



Space-filling Diagrams

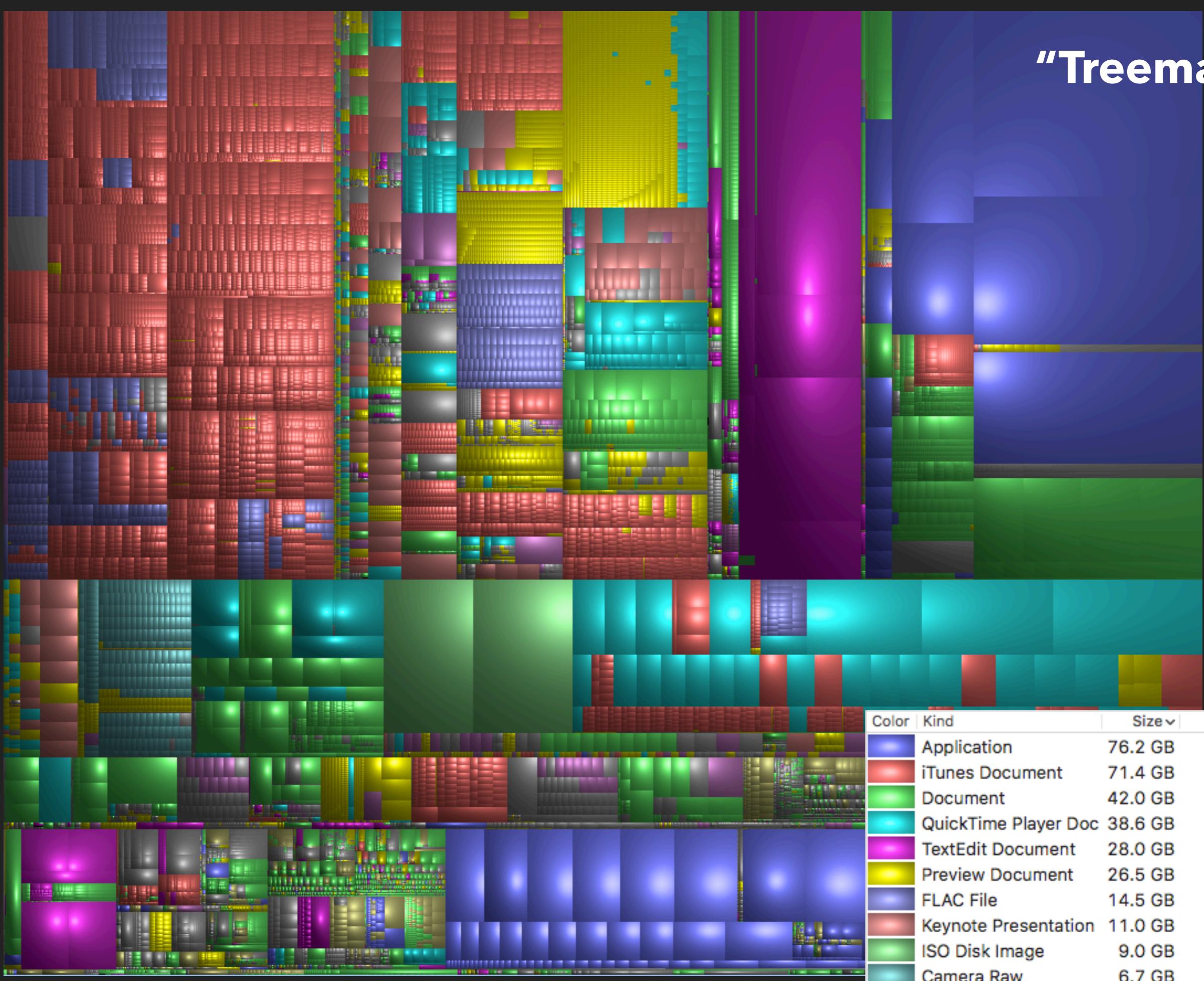
Nest child nodes within parent nodes

“Fixed” space consumption

(but nodes may get too small)



"Treemap"



An Average Consumer's Spending

Each shape below represents how much the average American spends in different categories.
Larger shapes make up a larger part of spending.

Color shows change in prices from March 2007 to March 2008



ZOOM IN

ZOOM OUT

Food and beverages 15%

The high price of oil is a factor that has made food prices rise quickly.

Miscellaneous 3%

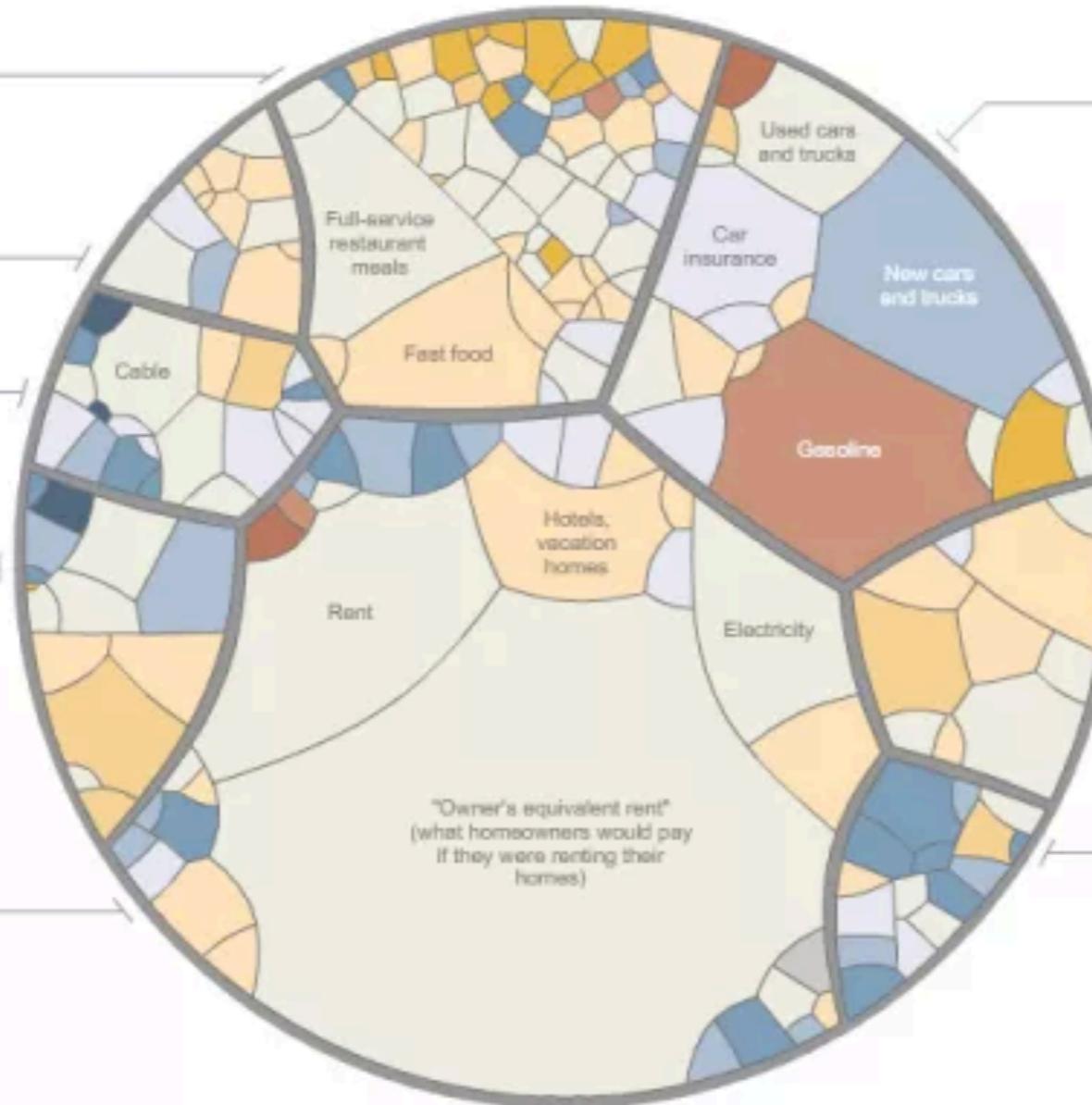
Recreation 6%

Education/Communication 6%

Cellphones were added to the index in 1997. Because the Consumer Price Index can be slow to add new goods, which are often cheaper, it may overstate parts of inflation.

Housing 42%

In the C.P.I., home ownership costs track rent prices more closely than housing prices. This means inflation may have been understated when home prices were rising faster than rents.



Transportation 18%

Gas is 5.2 percent of spending nationwide, but only 3.8 percent in the New York area.

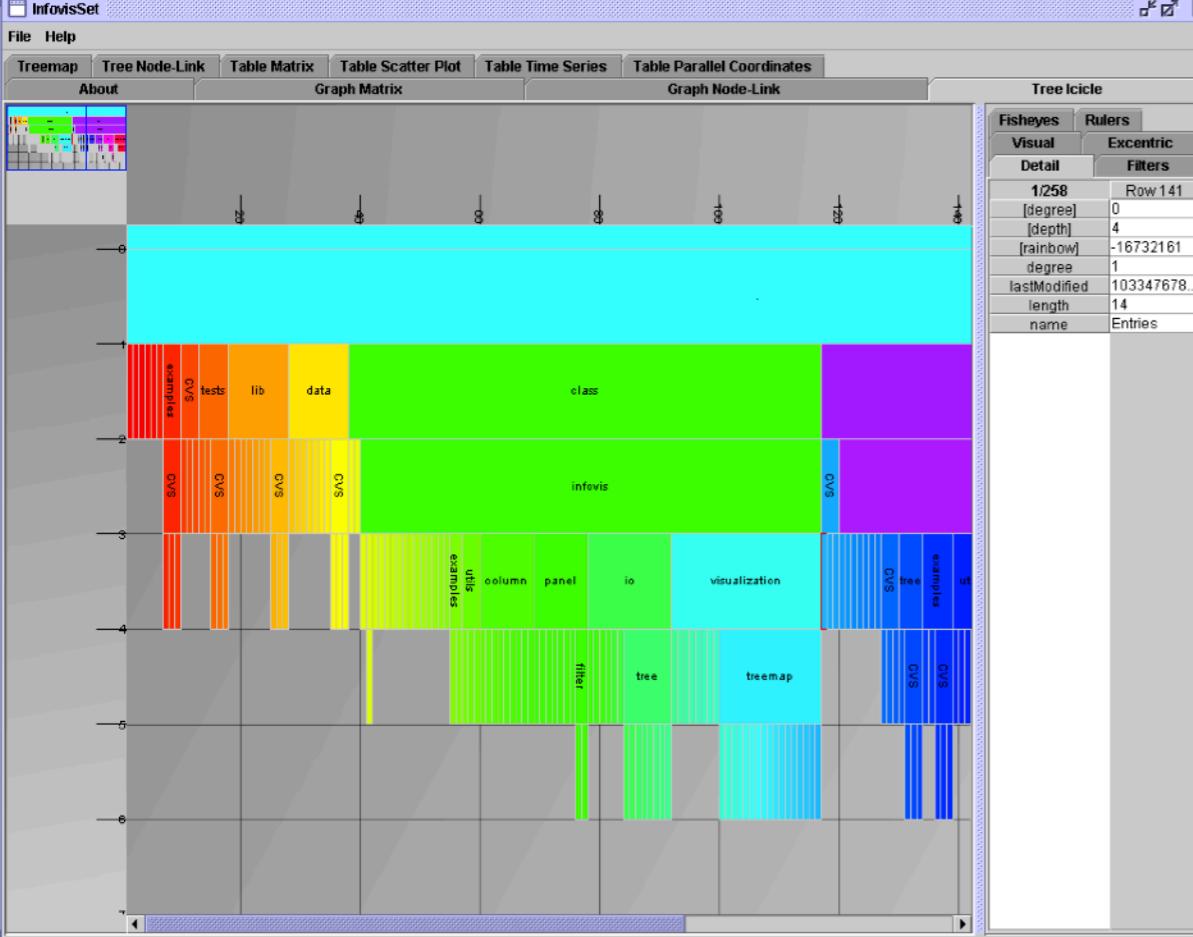
Health care 6%

As a group, the elderly spend about twice as much of their budget on medical care.

Apparel 4%

The ratio of spending on women's clothes to that on men's clothes is about 2 to 1.





Layered Diagrams

"Unwrapped" space-filling

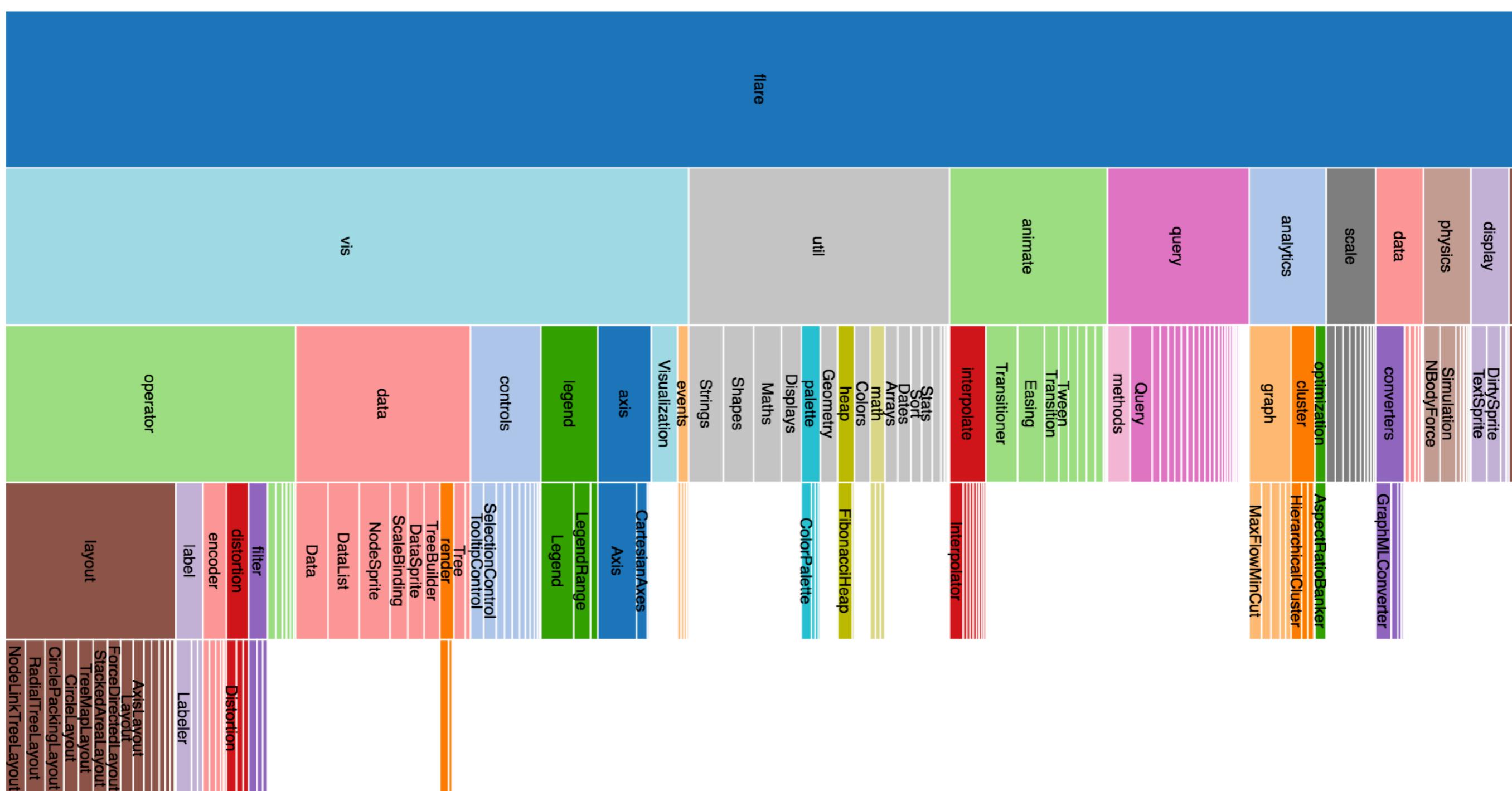
Depth in layers, nodes get area equal to subtree size

More depth cues than enclosure

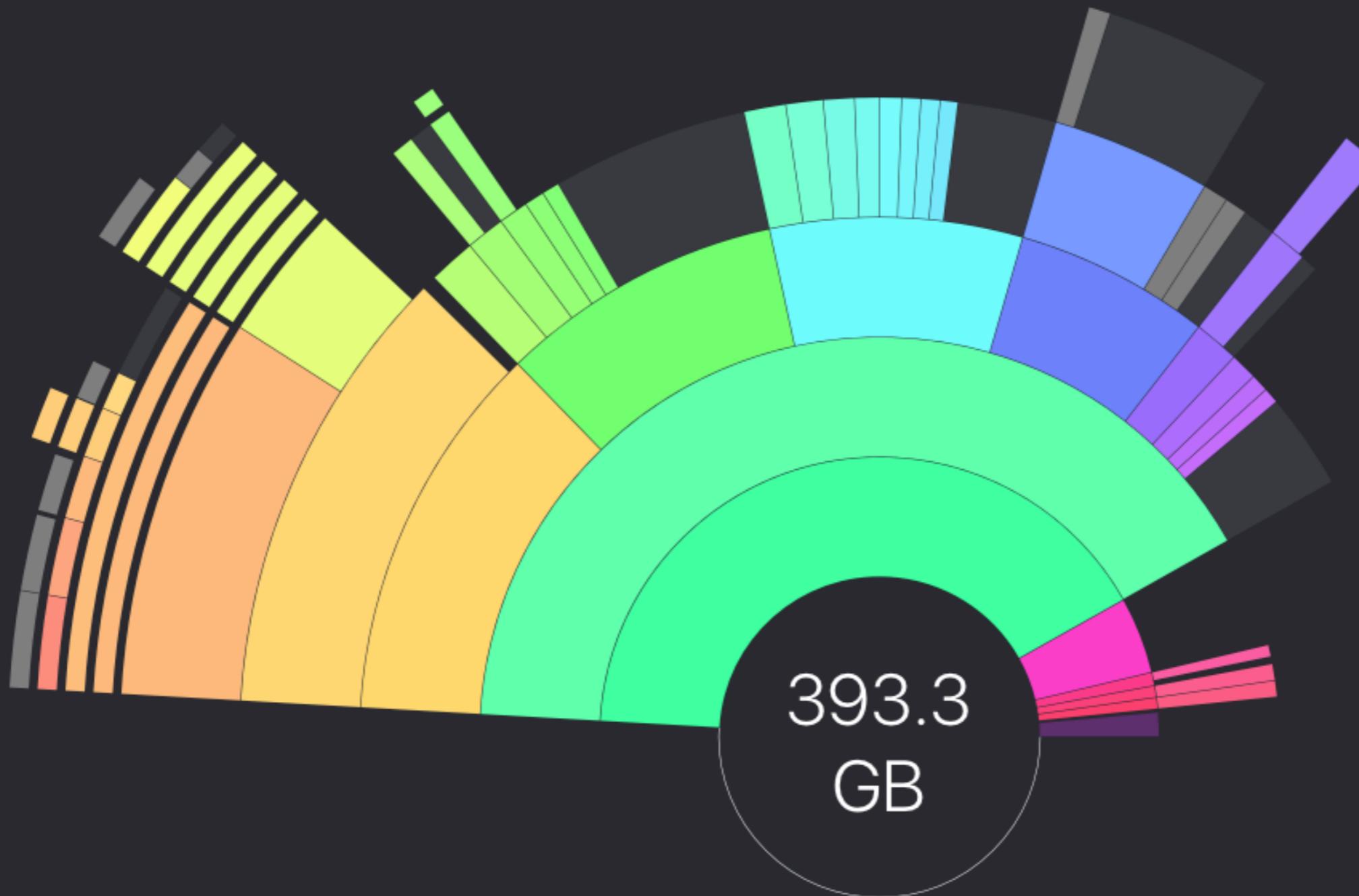
Risk of small elements due to breadth,
fixed depth limit onscreen



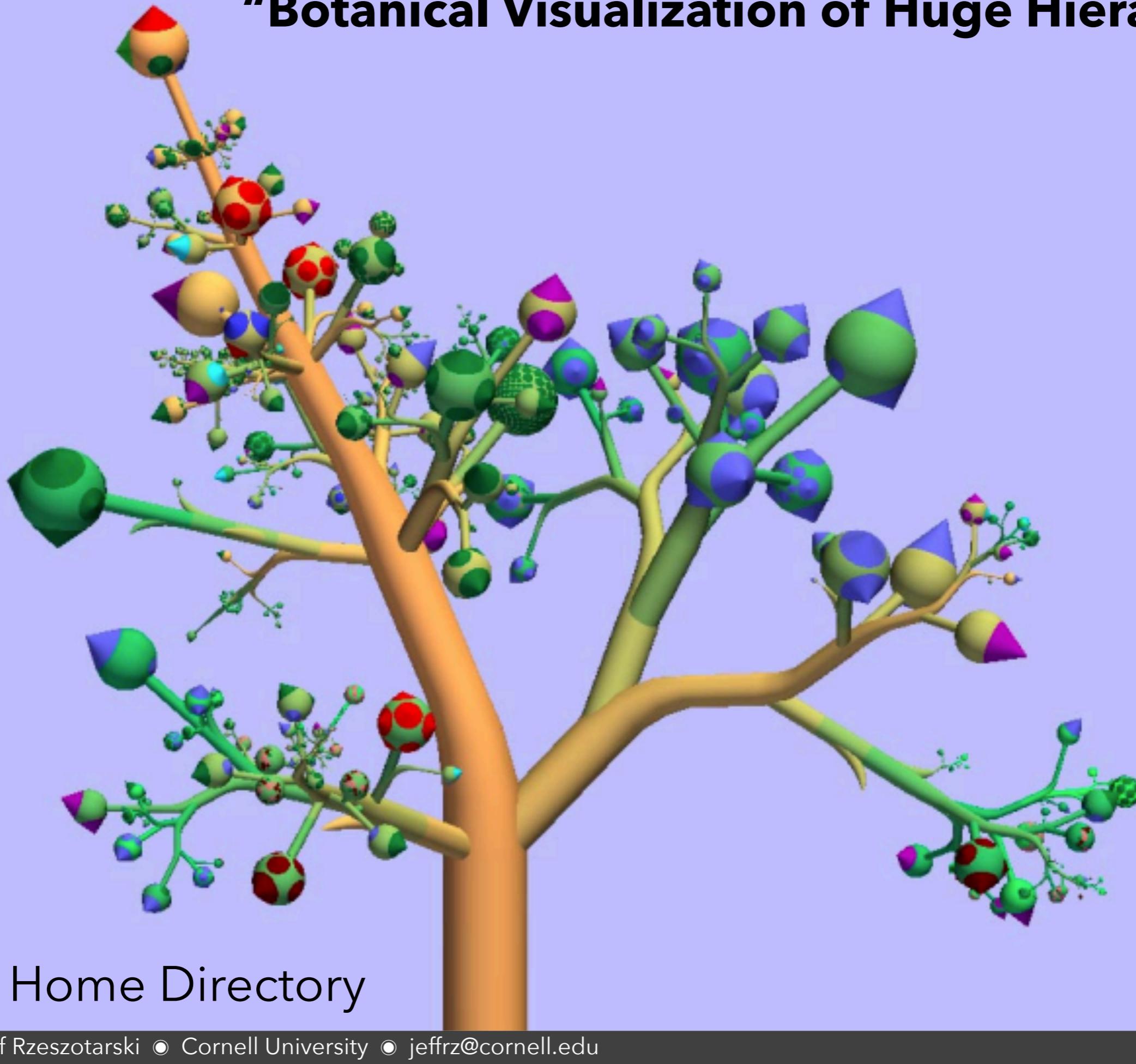
Icicle Plot



Sunburst Plot



"Botanical Visualization of Huge Hierarchies"



Unix Home Directory



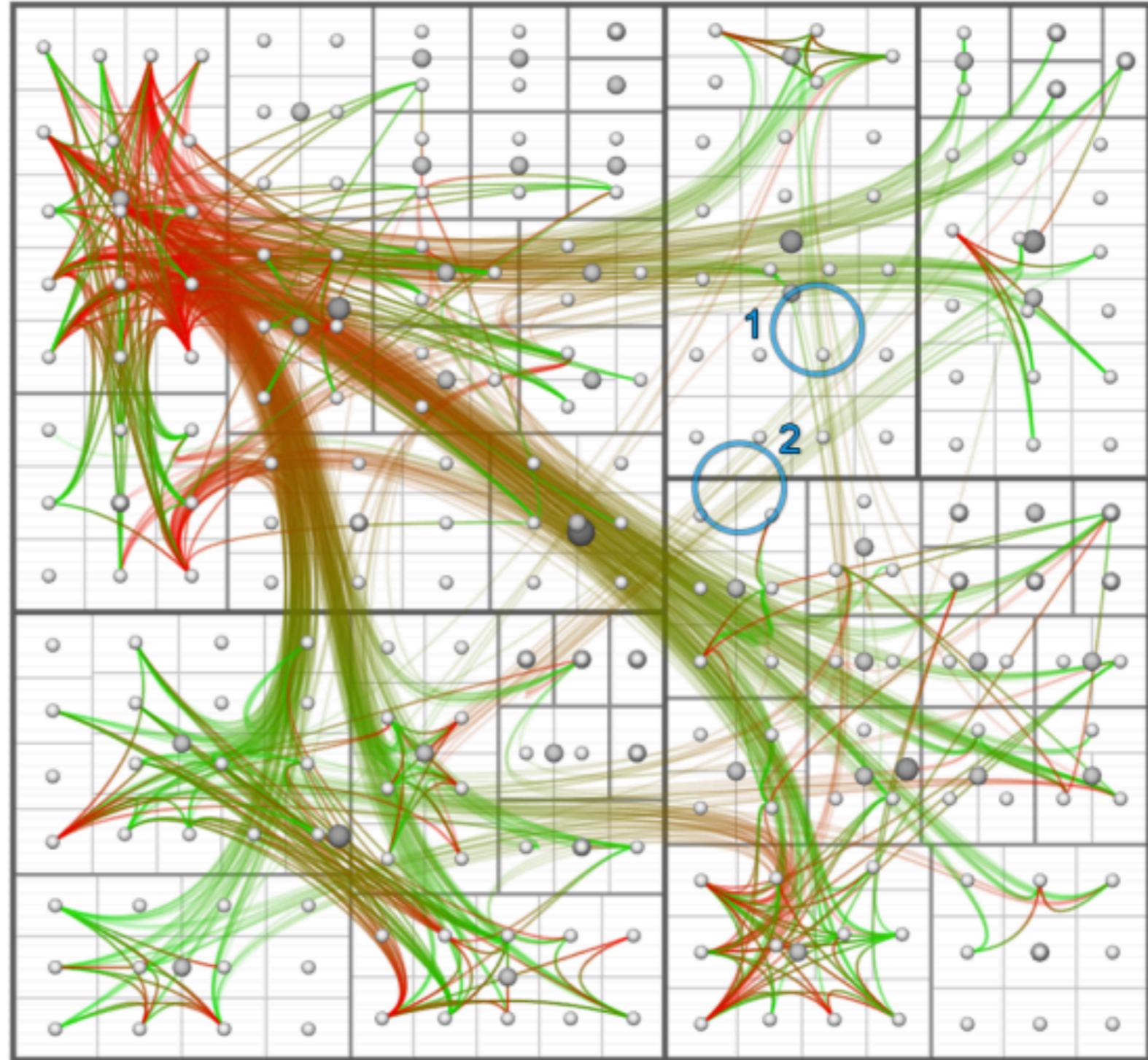
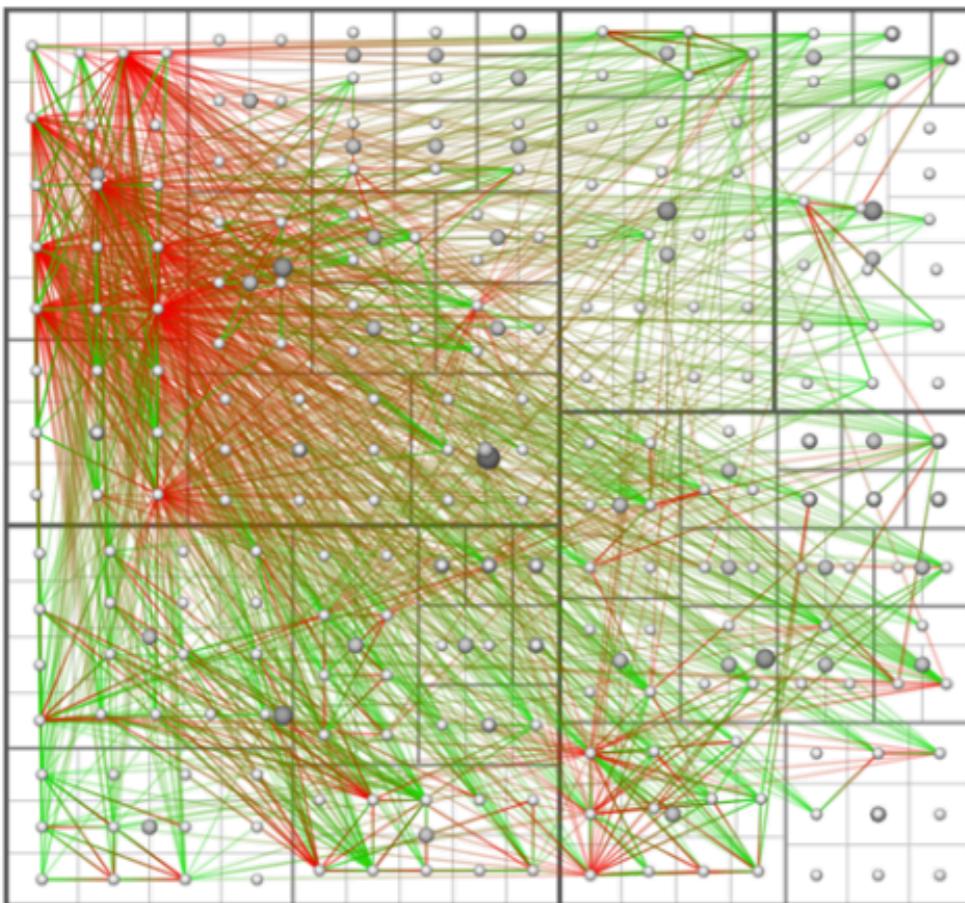


Fig. 15. The software system from figure 13 and its associated call graph (caller = green, callee = red) visualized using a squarified treemap layout (node labels disabled) for comparison with figure 11b. The encircled regions highlight the same parts of the system as in figure 13.