

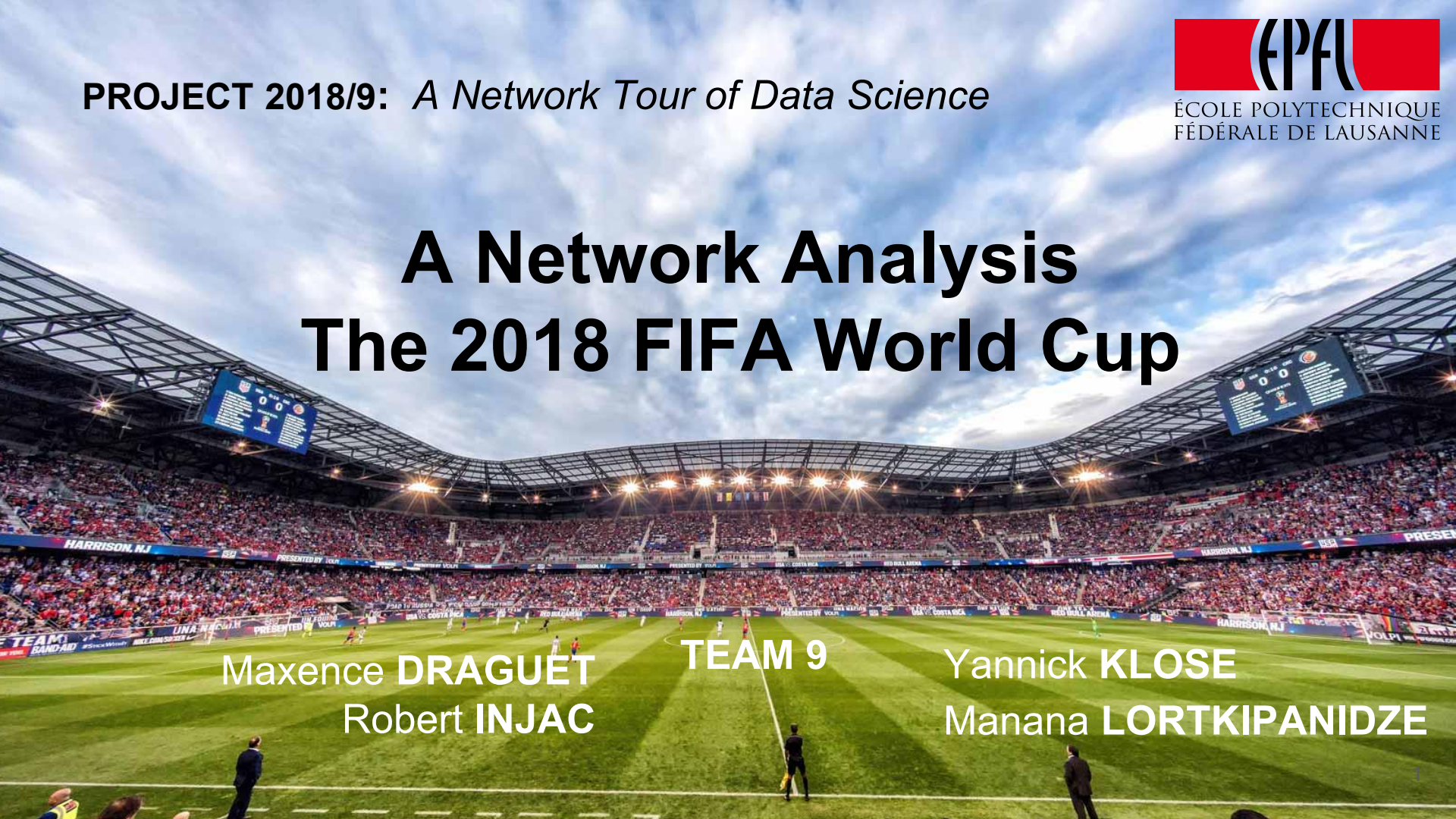
**PROJECT 2018/9:** *A Network Tour of Data Science*

# A Network Analysis The 2018 FIFA World Cup

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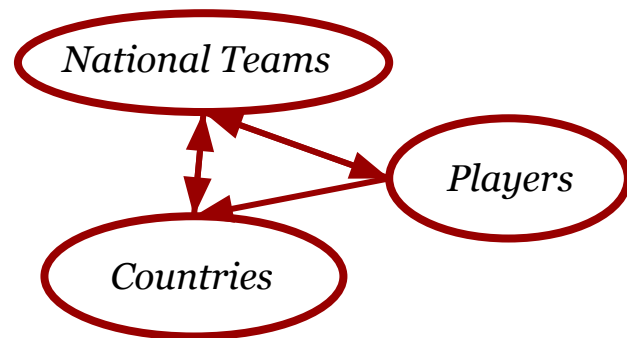
# Introduction & Data

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*One of the most hyped events, lasting a month with activities occurring at discretised dates.*

## Natural structure echoed on Wikipedia

➤ Hierarchy between node types  $\implies$  Hyperlinks



➤ Fluctuating popularity correlating to events  $\implies$  Number of Visits

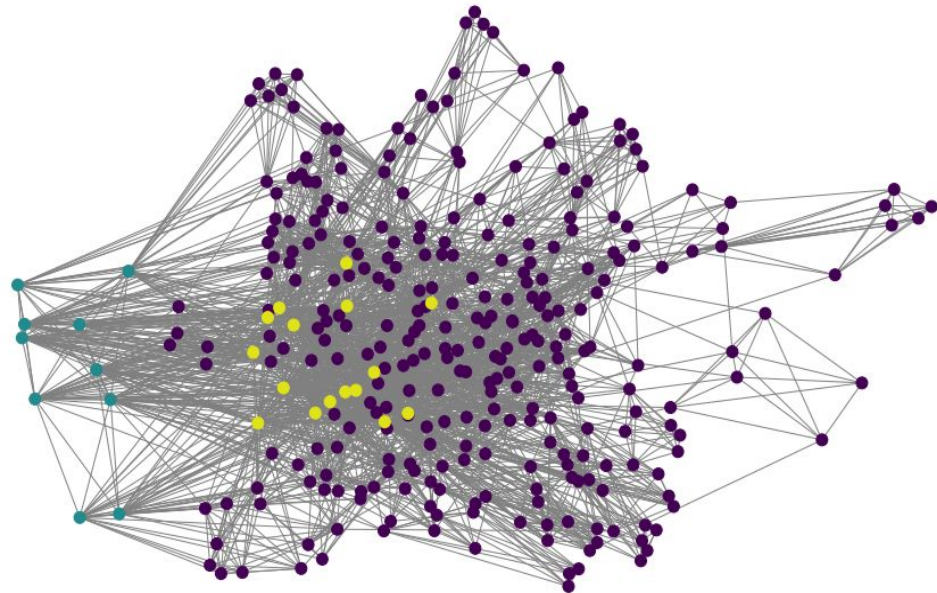
# The HyperLink Network

**NODES:** *Players*, *Countries* and *National Teams*

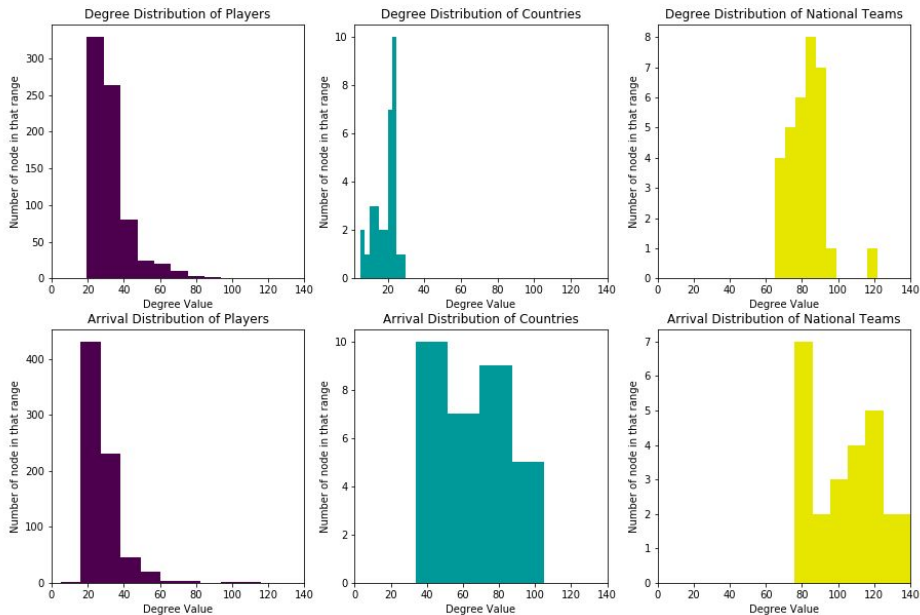
**EDGES:** Hyperlinks

A Binarised Directed Graph ...

... with a **Structure**



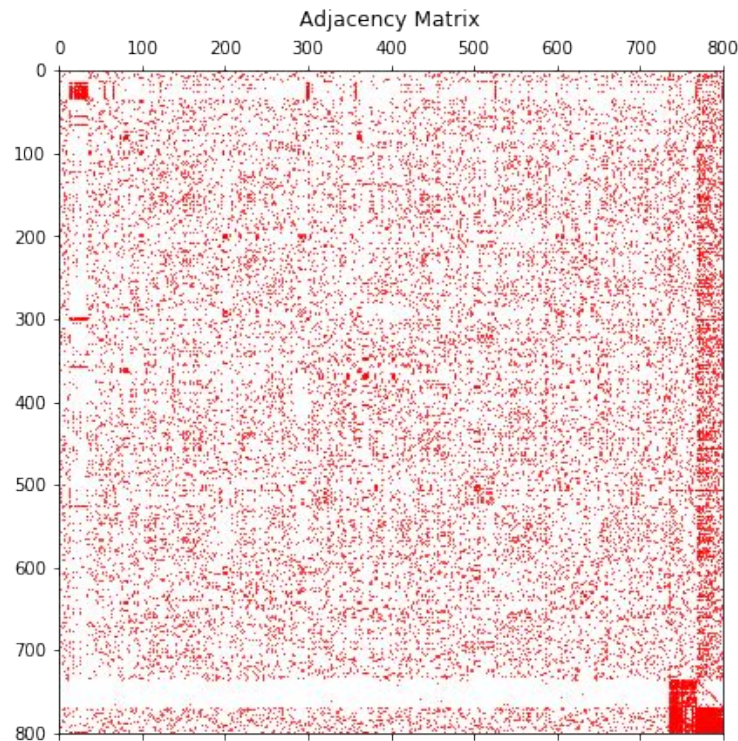
This is a subsample !





# The HyperLink Network

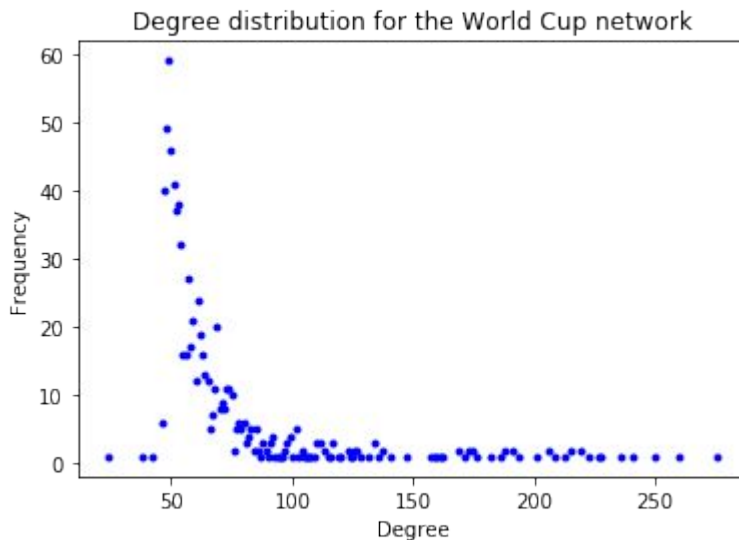
**Sparse, Scale Free and Small World**



**Sparsity:** 0.0432

**Diameter:** 5

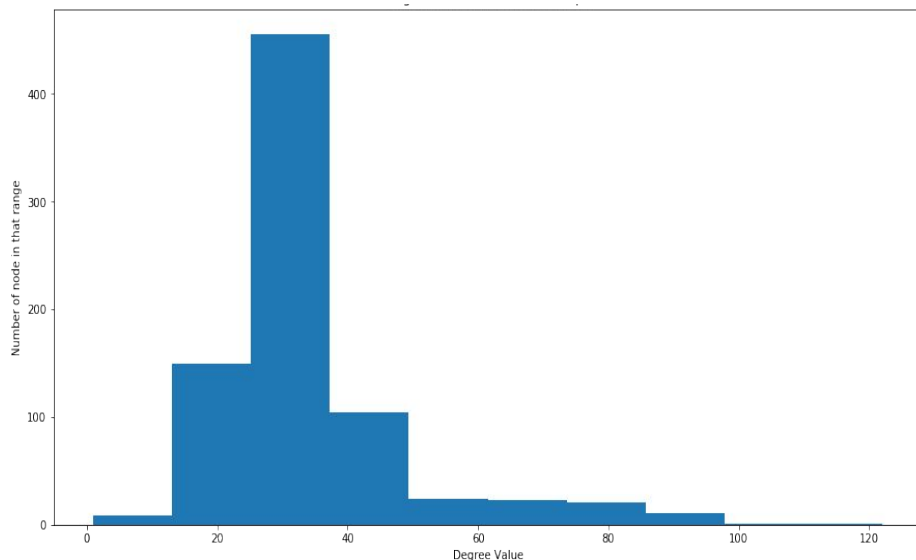
**Transitivity:** 0.508



# The Importance of Players

## Measure - Degree Distribution

Degree Distribution



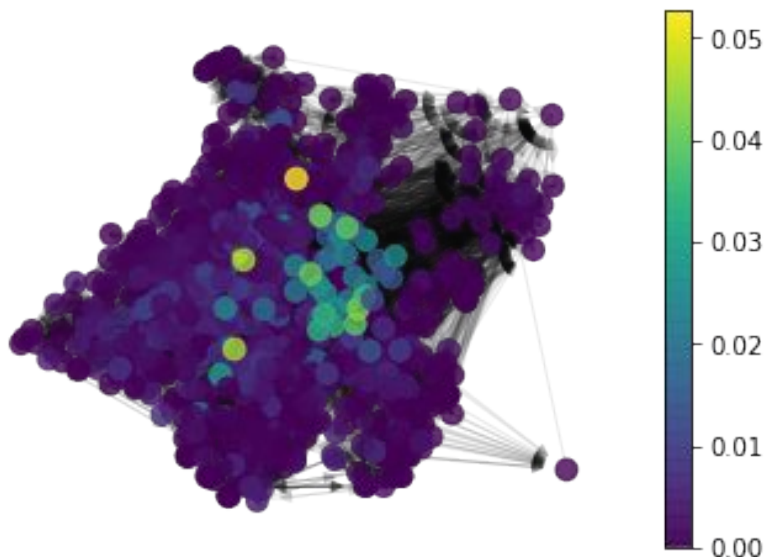
Top Five

Rank	Player	Degree
1	Lionel Messi	157
2	Eden Hazard	149
3	Cristiano Ronaldo	145
4	Luis Suárez	140
5	Neymar	127

# The Importance of Players

## Measure - Betweenness Centrality

Betweenness Centrality



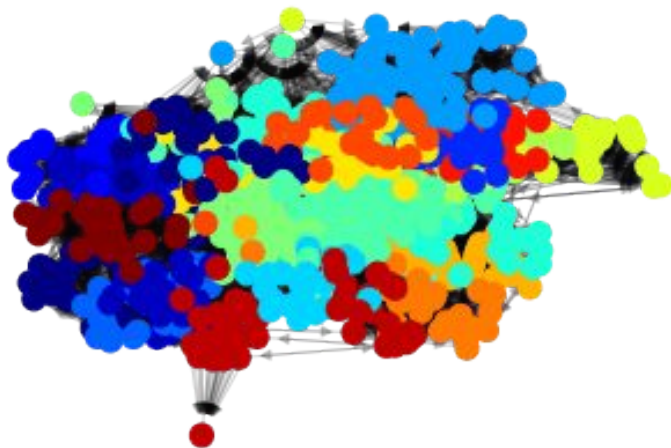
Top Five

Rank	Player	Betweenness
1	Keylor Navas	0.053
2	Luis Suárez	0.052
3	Lionel Messi	0.046
4	Mohamed Salah	0.046
5	Son Heung-min	0.034

# Finding Teams - The Louvain Method

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## Community/Cluster detection



**Teams:** 32

**Number of Clusters:** 18

**Teams as a Cluster:** 11

**Team Splits:** 0

### *Teams in Isolated Clusters*

Nigeria, Russia, Iran, Serbia, Colombia, Peru, Iceland, Sweden, Denmark, Morocco, Senegal

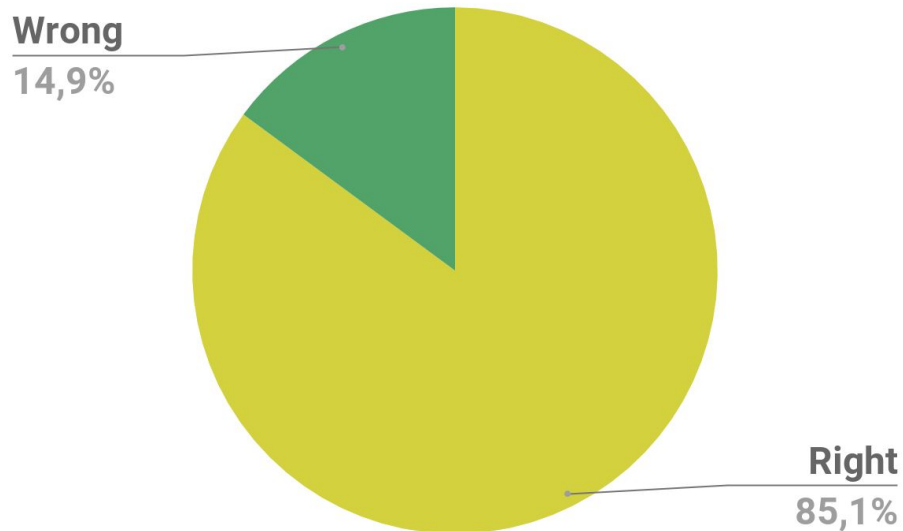
# Finding Teams - Heat Transfer

Quality of label prediction - Croatia



Correct | Wrong | Unrelated to label

Quality of label prediction - All teams





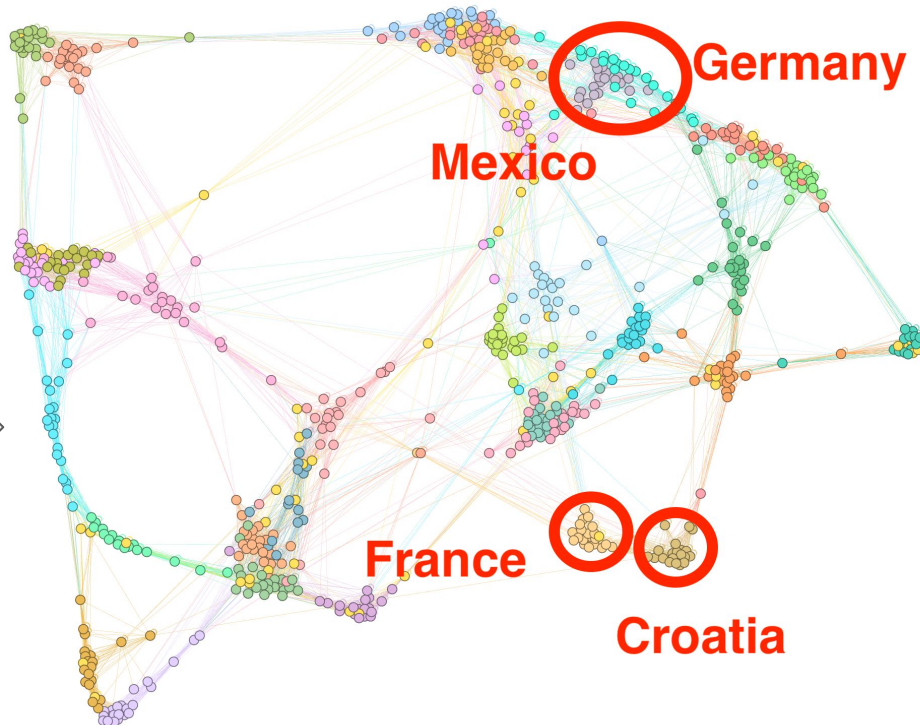
# Finding Teams - The Correlation Network

**NODES:** *Players*

**WEIGHTS:** Pearson Correlations of Feature Vectors

A **Weighted Undirected Graph**

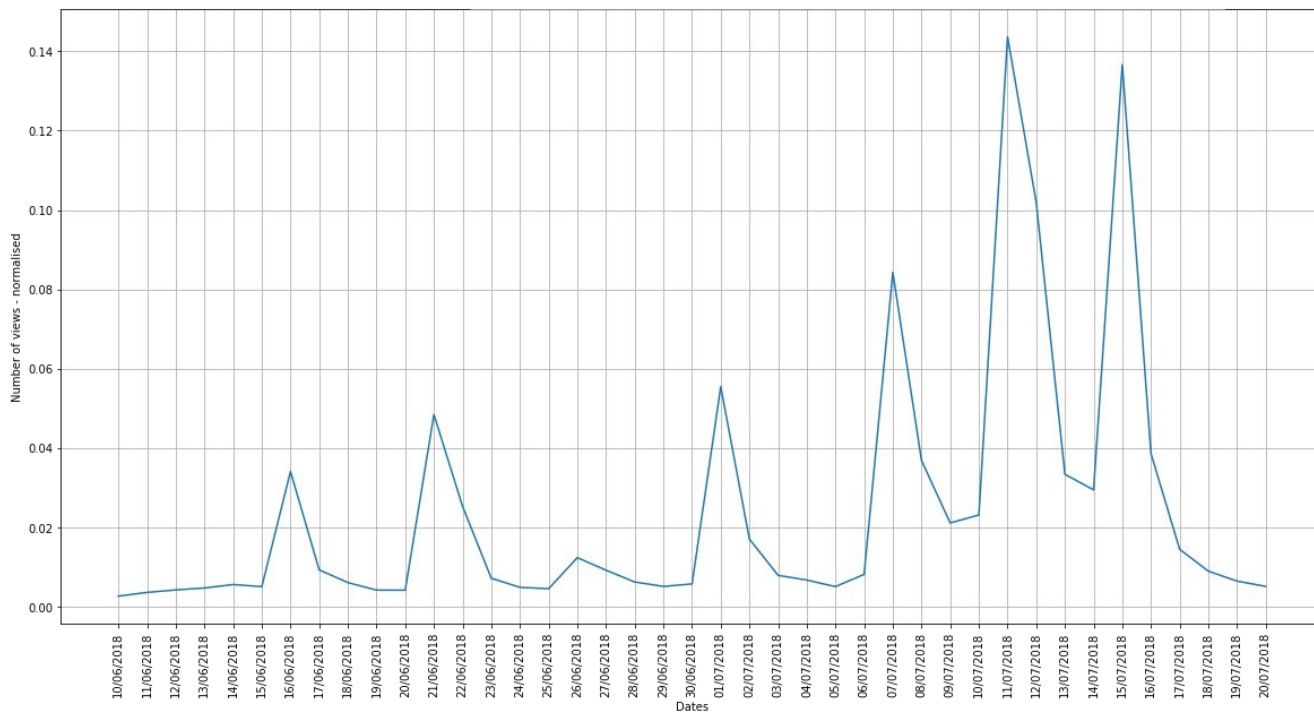
Binarising the 21\* most intense correlations per *player*



\* or less

# Finding Matches - Signal

## Normalised number of views per day - Croatian team

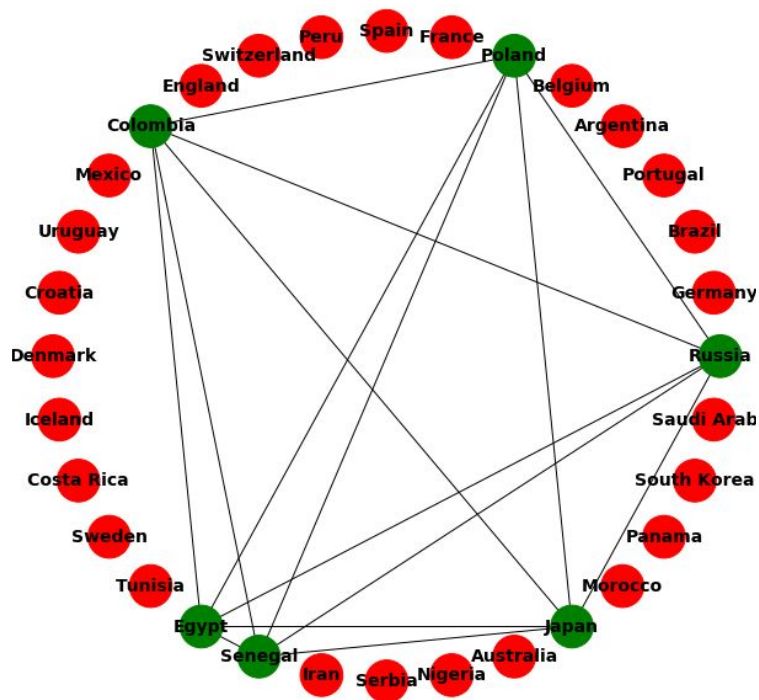


# Finding Matches - Dynamic Visualisation Network

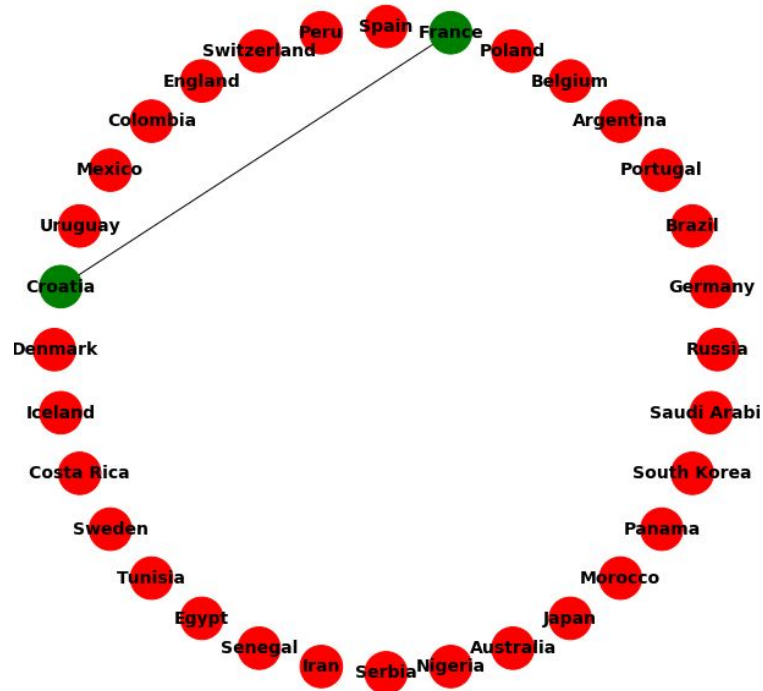
**NODES:** *National Teams*

**EDGES:** both numbers of views peak on selected day

19th June



15th July



# The End



Thank you for your attention!



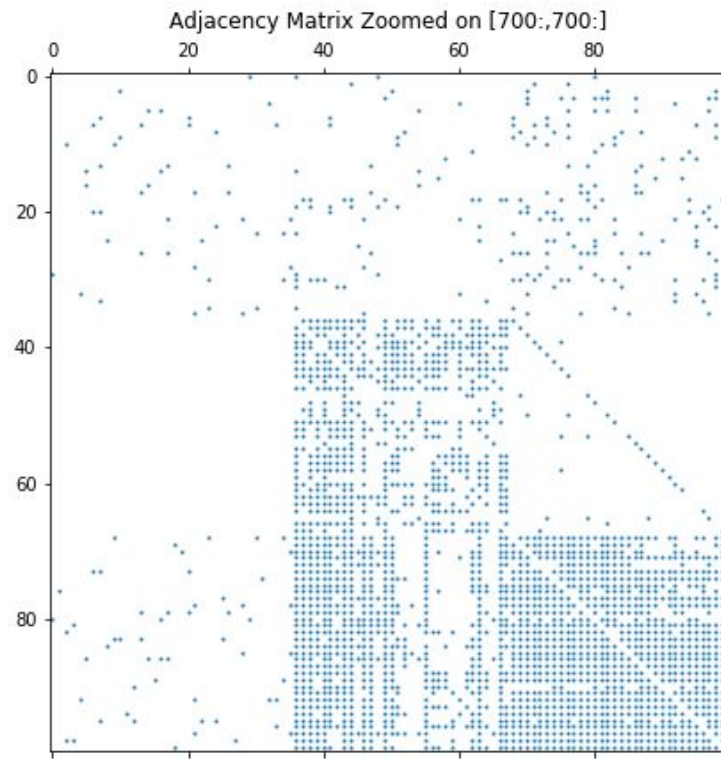
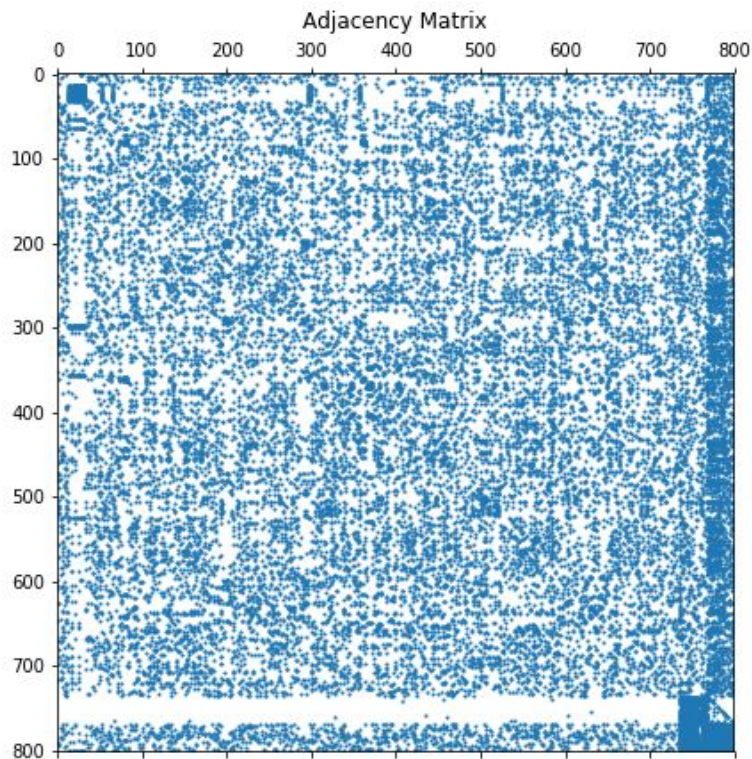
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# Additional Information

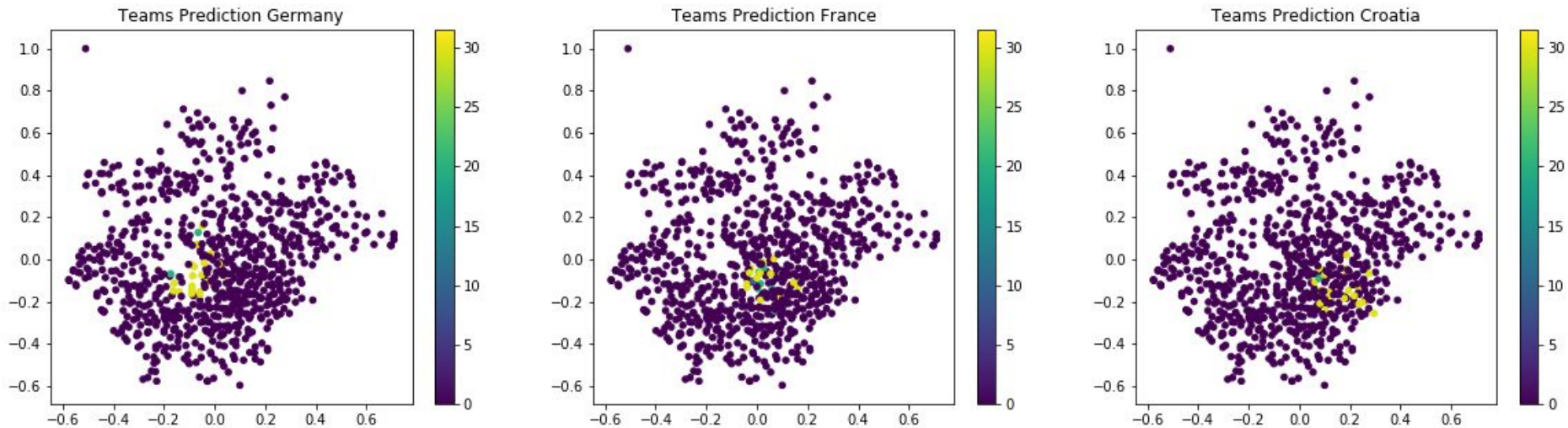




# Other Plots - HyperLink Adjacency

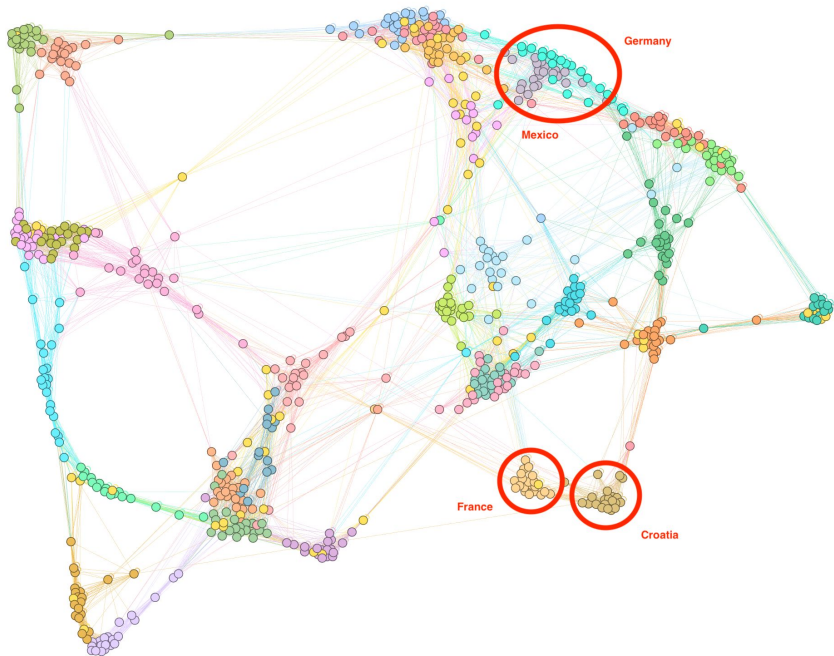


# Other Plots - Heat Transfer

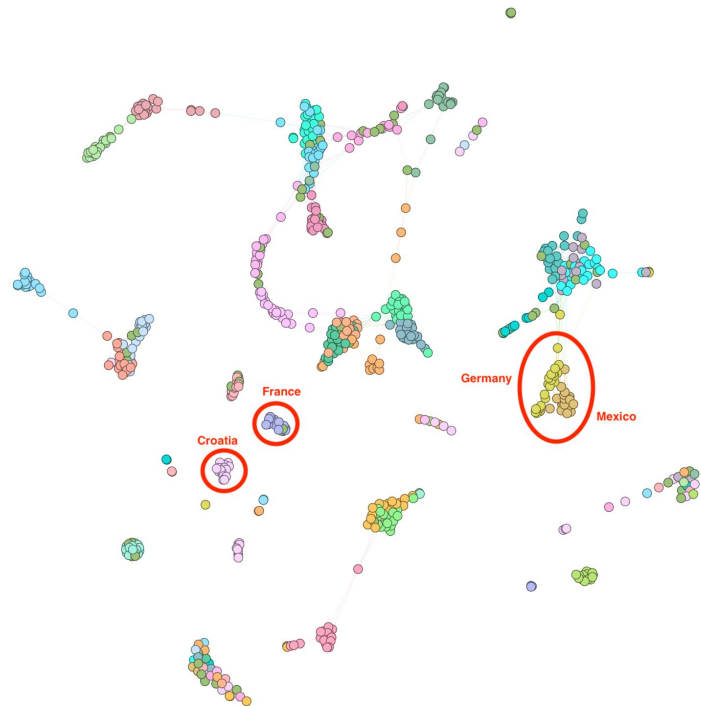


# Other Plots - Correlation Network

## Selecting 21 edges



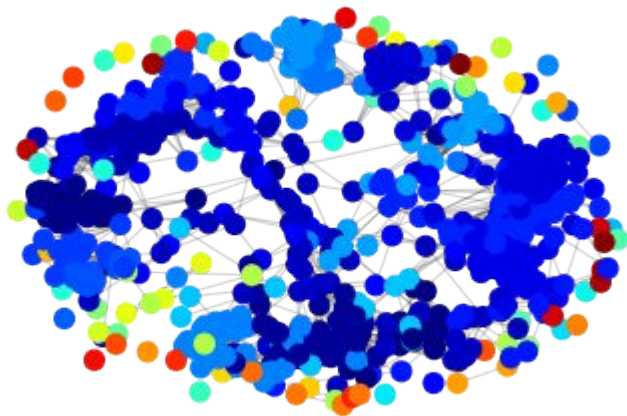
## Thresholding the Matrix



# Finding Teams - The Louvain Method

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*Community/Cluster detection using correlation matrix*



<b>Teams:</b>	32
<b>Number of Clusters:</b>	29
<b>Team Splits:</b>	265

Even though number of clusters after convergence is closer to the number of teams, clustering is not very precise  $\Rightarrow$  members of the same team belong to the different clusters