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# ReviewerNet

A visualization tool for scholarly data

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#### **Problem**

reviewer finding by journal editors and IPC members:

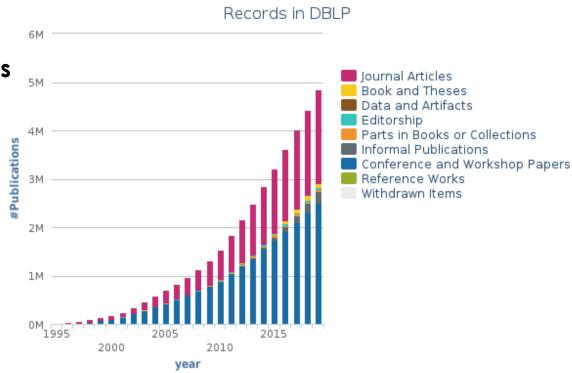
- Identify research communities by searching the literature
- Look for active experts with good topic coverage
- Check conflict of interest and distribution of candidate in the community



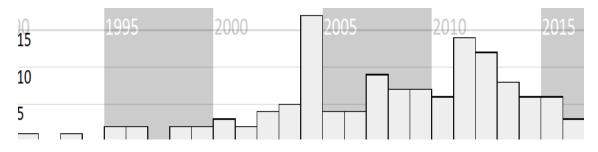


#### Introduction

- The number of academic uploaded documents grows very fast
- The volume, variety and velocity generated satisfies the big data definition
- More automation needed



 More than 100 visual approaches for document collections proposed in the last 10 years

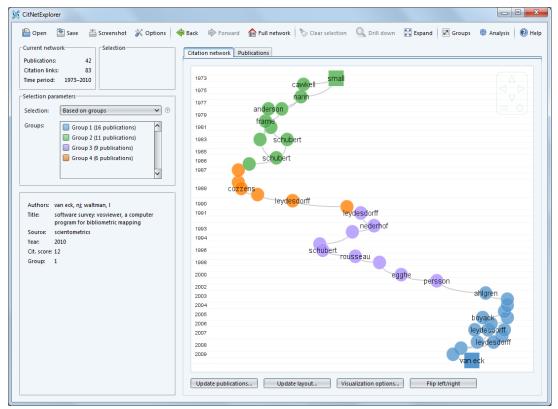


Number of visual approaches papers per publication year [FED17]

Most of the works focused on static visualization

[FED17] Paolo Federico, Florian Heimerl, Steffen Koch, and Silvia Miksch. "A Survey on Visual Approaches for Analyzing Scientific Literature and Patents". In: IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics 23.9 (2017), pp. 2179–2198.

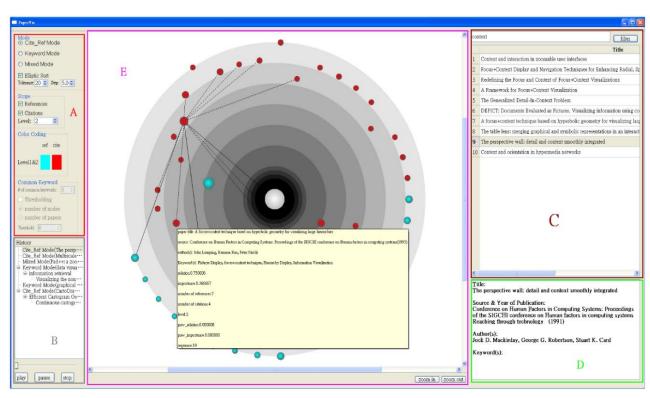
- The visualization of bibliometric networks is an active area of research
- History and development of research fields can be analyzed with citation networks



CiteNetExplorer



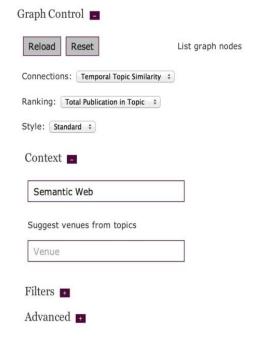
 Exploit graph structure to obtain semantically meaningful hierarchies

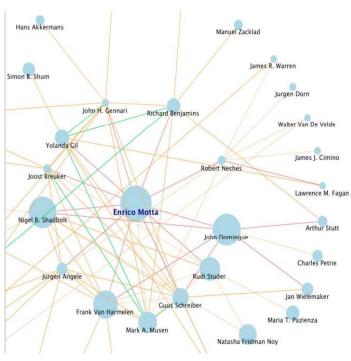


PaperViz



 Rexplore includes a graph connecting similar authors





Rexplore



#### Main Intuition & The Reviewer Selection Process

- specific goal: provide enough understanding to help editors IPC members in picking reviewers
- To support the user in the reviewer selection process we only rely on citations.

Identify relevant papers

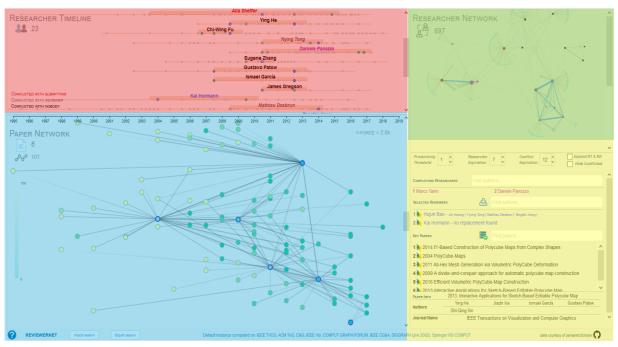
Navigate&Expand Citations Network

Assess the suitability and conflicts of researchers

Authors of relevant papers are good candidate reviewers



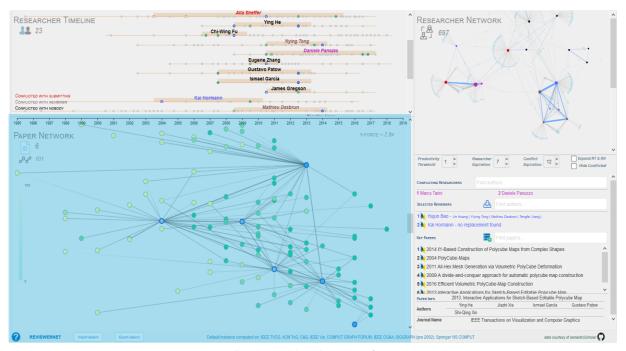
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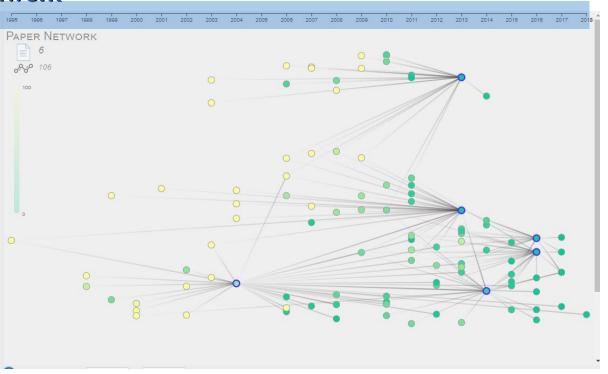


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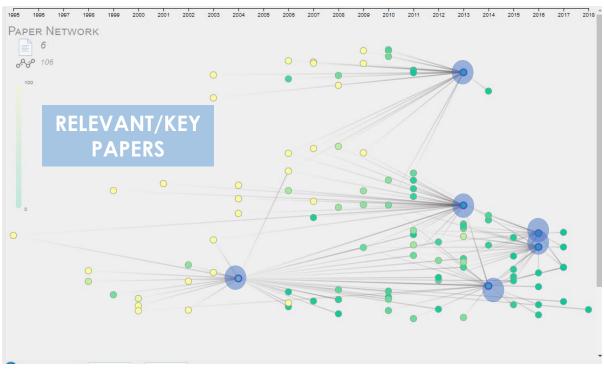
**User Interface:** the Paper Network

#### Time axis

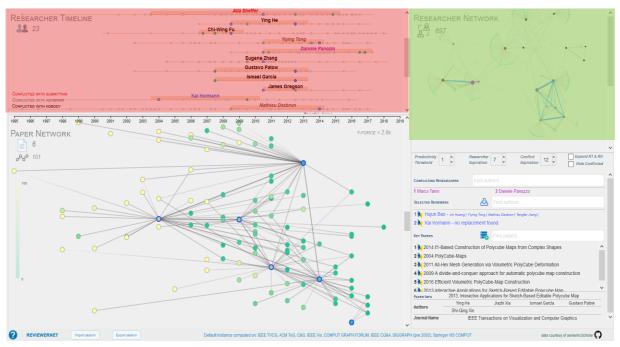




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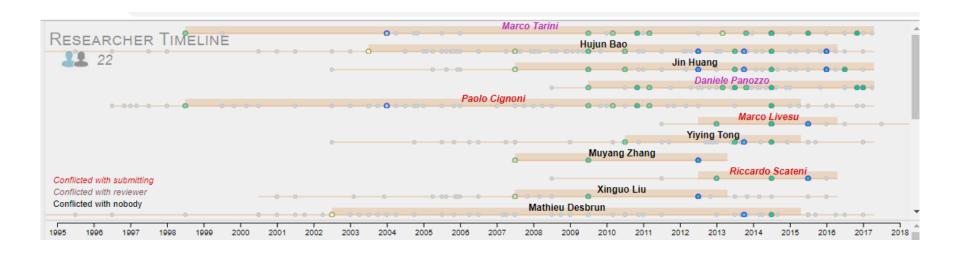
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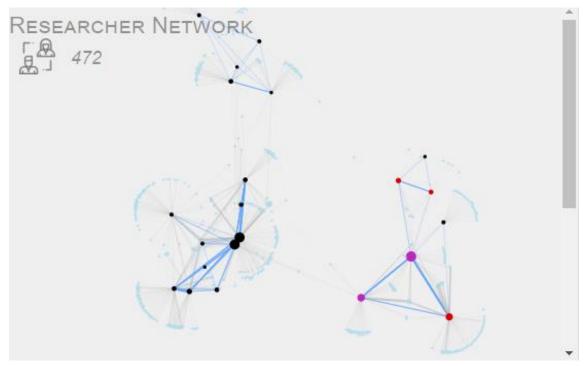


# User Interface: the Researcher Timeline



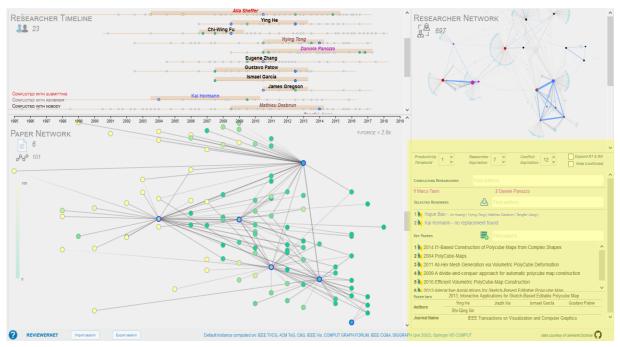


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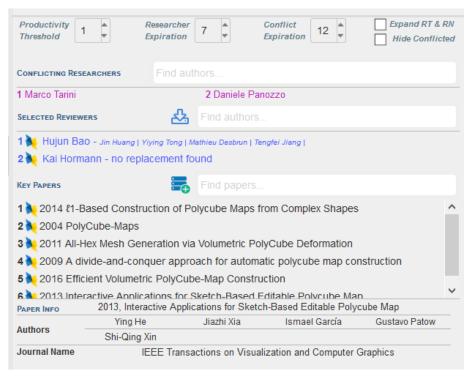


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# User Interface: the Control Panel



### **Dataset**

The Semantic Scholar corpus contains more than 70M publications

We filtered the dataset to keep complexity low and offer a cleaner

visualization.

ReviewerNet default instance runs on a bibliographic database in the field of Computer Graphics extracted from the Semantic Scholar Corpus.

The Computer Graphics instance contains 15893 papers, 108370 citations, and 21274 authors, from 1995 to 2019, from 8 sources:

**IEEE TVCG** 3041 papers 2821 papers **ACM ToG** C&G 1859 papers **IEEE Vis** 741 papers **COMPUT GRAPH FORUM** 3080 papers **IEEE CG&A** 1754 papers 884 papers SIGGRAPH (pre 2002) Springer VIS COMPUT 1910 papers

Computer Graphics Instance statistics







Semantic Scholar

# **Architecture & Implementation Detais**

Data source <u>Semantic Scholar</u>

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{
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   "title": "Knowledge-rich, computer-assisted composition of Chinese couplets",
   "paperAbstract":
...
   "year": 2016,
   "venue": "DSH",
   "journalName": "DSH"
}
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Generic JSON record of the Semantic Scholar corpus

- Python for preprocessing
- HTML, JS for UI and <u>D3js</u> for graph drawing
- ReviewerNet is a client-side application





publicly available @ reviewernet.org



Code on github @ <a href="mailto:cnr-isti-vclab/ReviewerNet">cnr-isti-vclab/ReviewerNet</a>



Now a brief demonstration

#### **Conclusions**



ReviewerNet fully supports the reviewer selection process



Only relies on citations and co-authorship relationships



Avoids conflicts and builds a distributed pool of reviewers

# Conclusions: pros&cons





# Conclusions: Further Work



- easy to use
- fast to learn
  - multifunctional



 no customizable data coverage



Automated choice of key papers

user-friendly procedure to generate

custom instances







# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

