

Patent Network Visualisation with Gephi

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Synthetic Biology: Mapping the Scientific Landscape

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Abstract

This article uses data from Thomson Reuters *Web of Science* to map and analyse the scientific landscape for synthetic biology. The article draws on recent advances in data visualisation and analytics with the aim of informing upcoming international policy debates on the governance of synthetic biology by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. We use mapping techniques to identify how synthetic biology can best be understood and the range of institutions, researchers and funding agencies involved. Debates under the Convention are likely to focus on a possible moratorium on the field release of synthetic organisms, cells or genomes. Based on the empirical evidence we propose that guidance could be provided to funding agencies to respect the letter and spirit of the Convention on Biological Diversity in making research investments. Building on the recommendations of the United States Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues we demonstrate that it is possible to promote independent and transparent monitoring of developments in synthetic biology using modern information tools. In particular, public and policy understanding and engagement with



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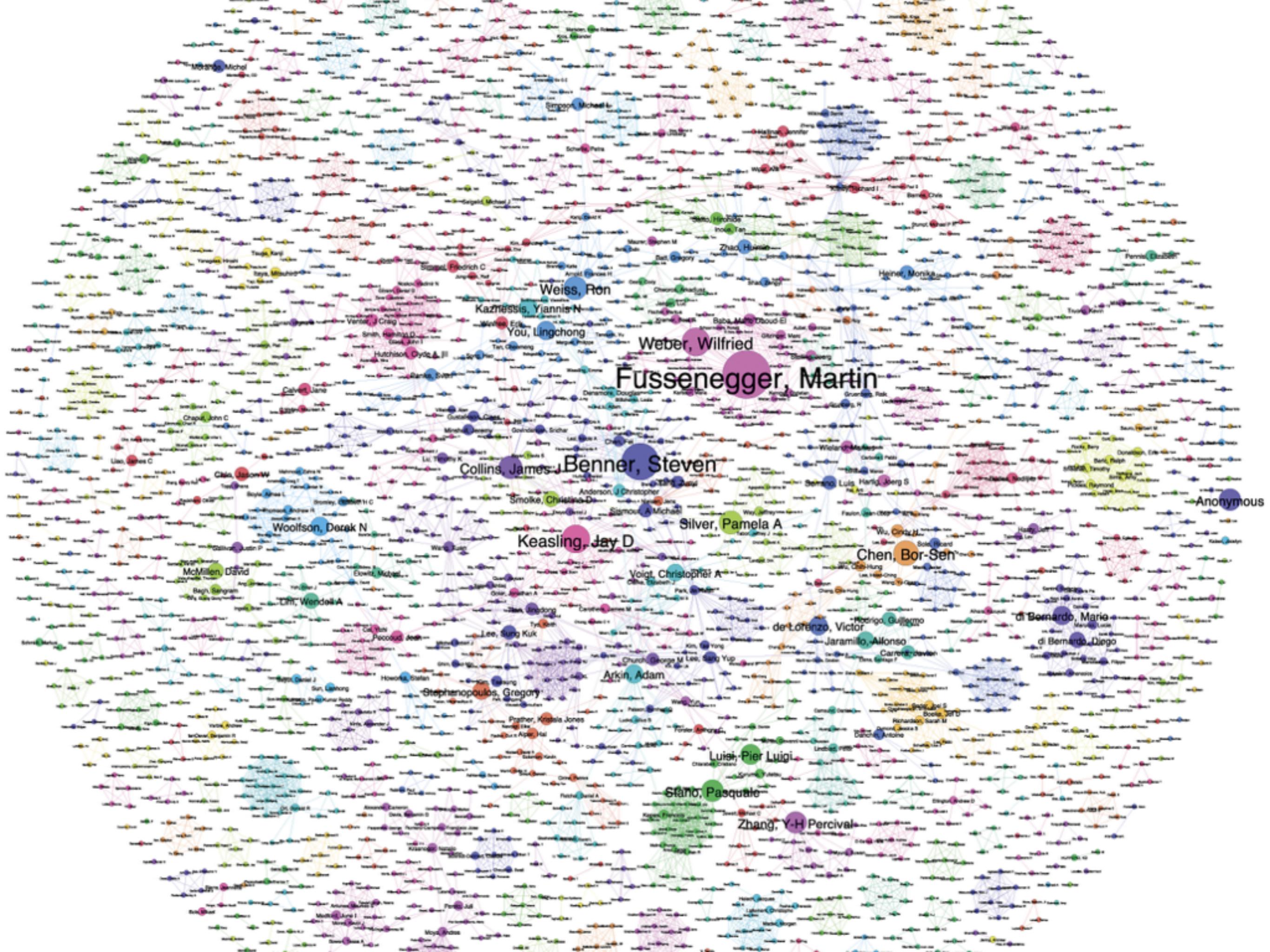
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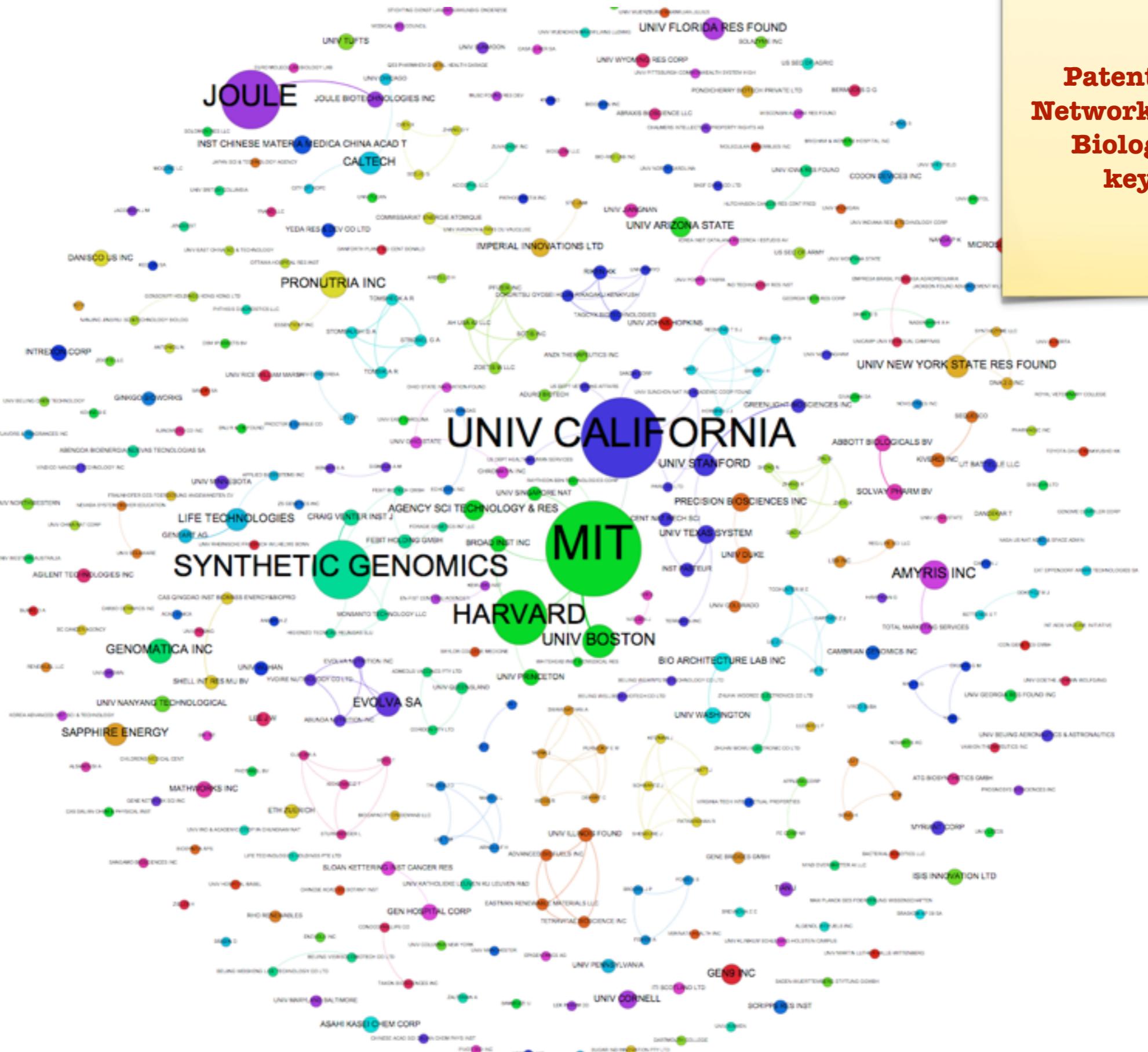
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The Open Graph Viz Platform

Gephi is an interactive visualization and exploration **platform** for all kinds of networks and complex systems, dynamic and hierarchical graphs.

Runs on Windows, Linux and Mac OS X. Gephi is open-source and free.

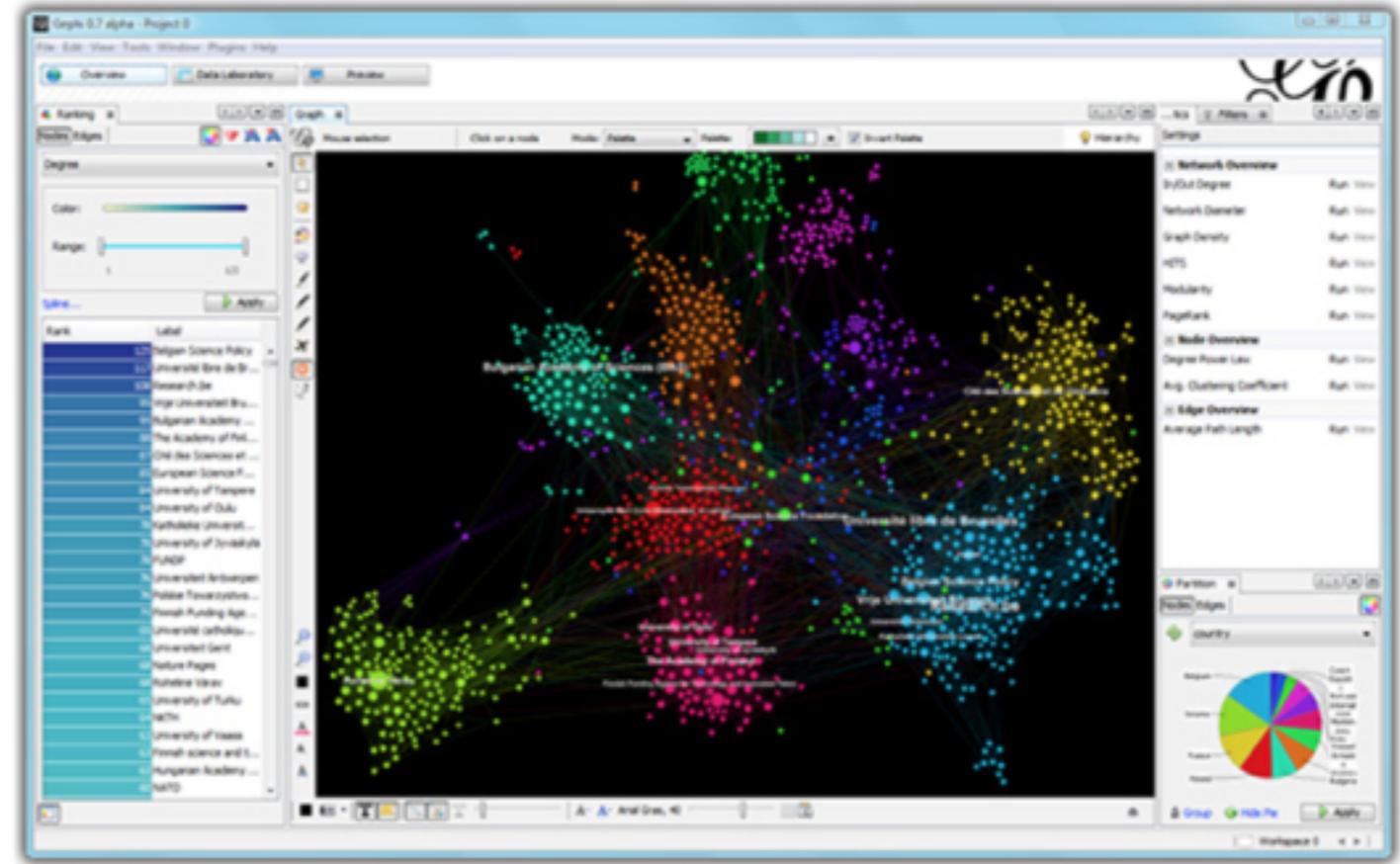
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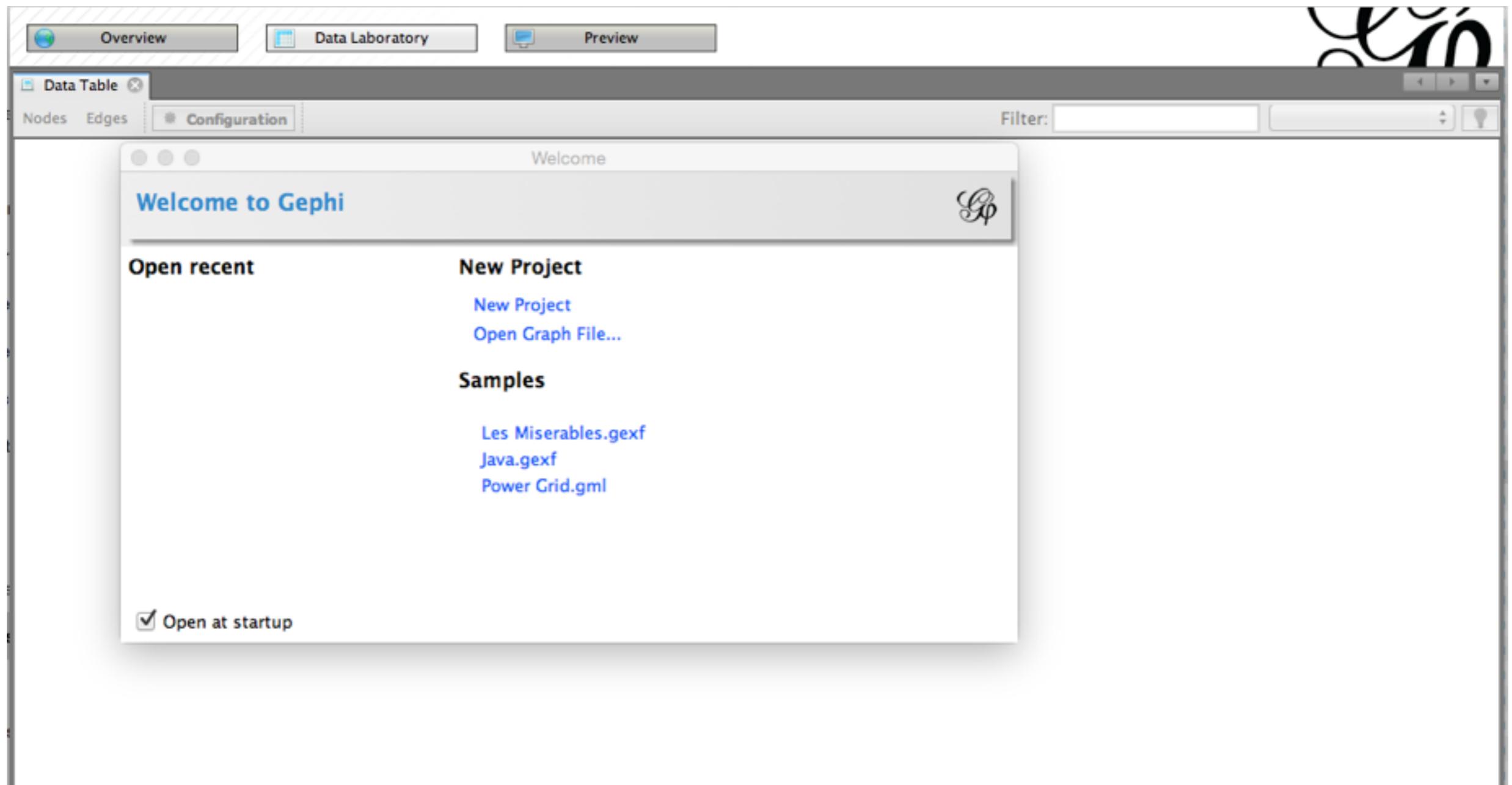
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Download Gephi (hosted on GitHub)

Follow the installation instructions. There can often be issues with the Java versions.
Instructions for Windows are [here](#). Instructions for Mac are [here](#).

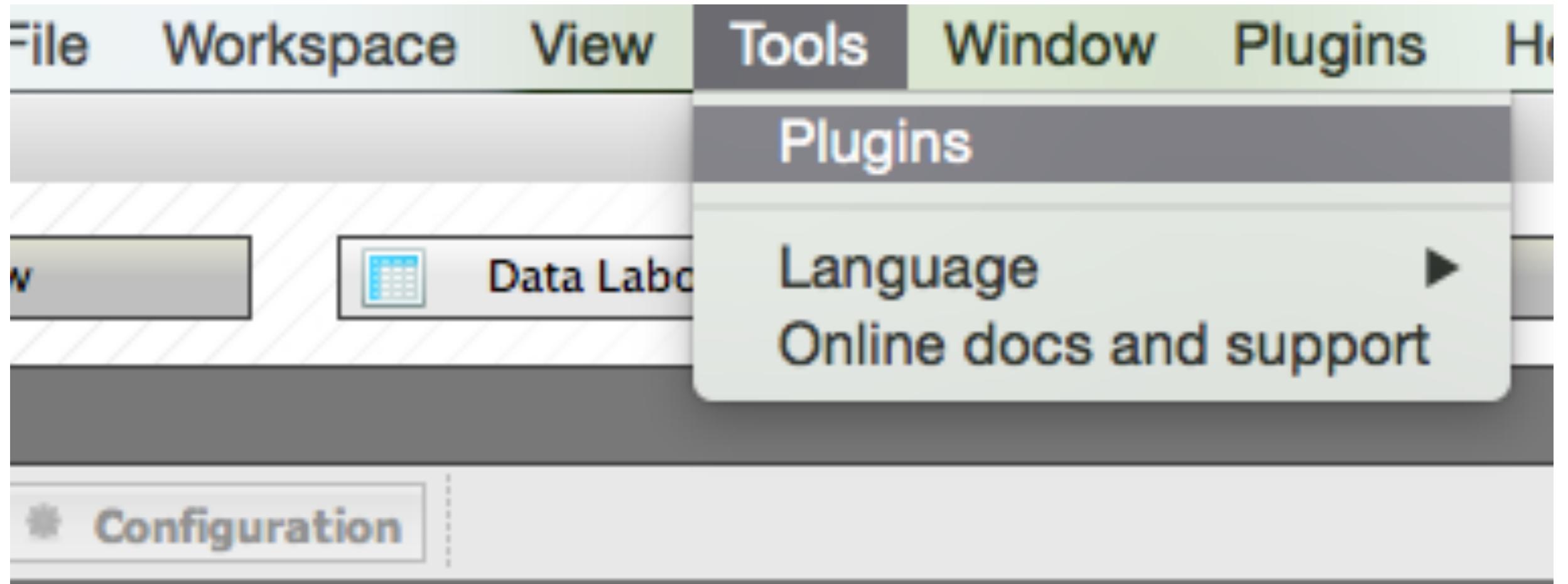
Install Java 1.7 & Configure

1. Go to <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk7-downloads-1880260.html> and install Java 1.7
2. Go to your Gephi installation folder (probably C:\Program Files (x86)\Gephi-0.8.2) and locate the folder **etc**
3. Inside **etc** folder you will find a file named **gephi.config**, open this file with notepad.
4. Search for the keyword `#jdkhome="/path/to/jdk"`
5. Once you find this part of code, remove the # from the beginning since the machine will not execute this code and it will consider it as comment.



Click on New Project

This will create a blank project (if using import spigot, described below). If you have a .gexf file then choose Open Graph File



Go to Plugins

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Search:

Select	Name	Category	Active
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algorithms	Gephi Core	✓
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Branding	Gephi UI	✓
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Clustering Plugin	Gephi Core	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collection Utils	Gephi Core	✓
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Convert Excel and csv files to networks (including dynamic!)	Network Converter	✓
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Desktop Filters	Gephi UI	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desktop Generate	Gephi UI	✓

Activate Deactivate Uninstall 1 plugin selected

Convert Excel and csv files to networks

Version: 4.3
Source: Gephi Thirdparties Plugins

Plugin Description

Convert Excel and csv files to networks (including dynamic!)

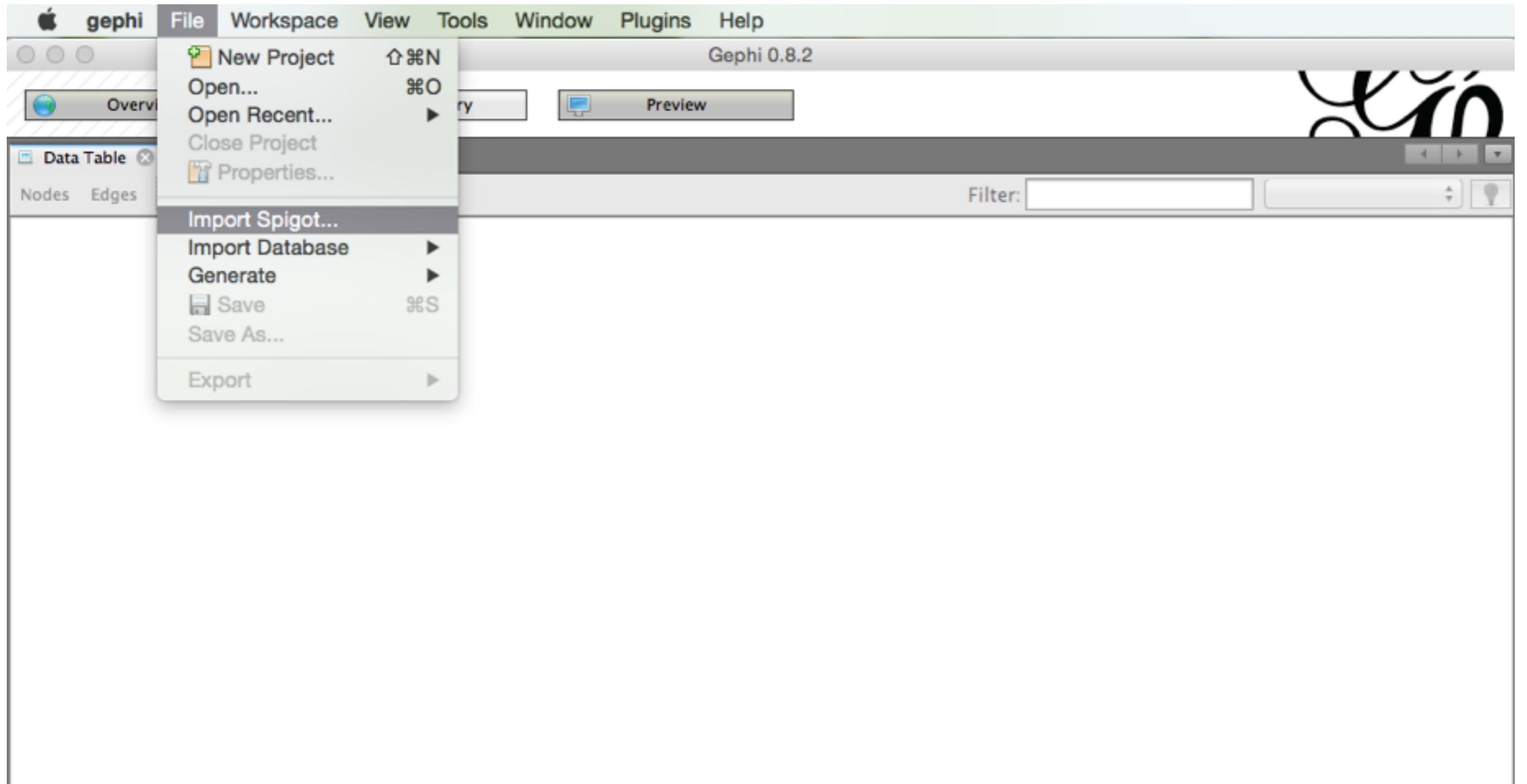
This plugin helps you import Excel files and csv files into Gephi, by transforming them into networks. It takes the rows of your file and let you define which relations should be found in it.

Please post issues and ask for feature request on [Github](#).
Or contact me (Clement Levallois) via Twitter @seinecle.

Close **Help**

Install Plugins

Look for Convert Excel. Also look for No Overlap and Expansion (if not already installed by default).



From the File menu select Import Spigot

Import Spigots

Steps

1. Select Spigot
2. ...

Select Spigot (1. from 2)

Category:

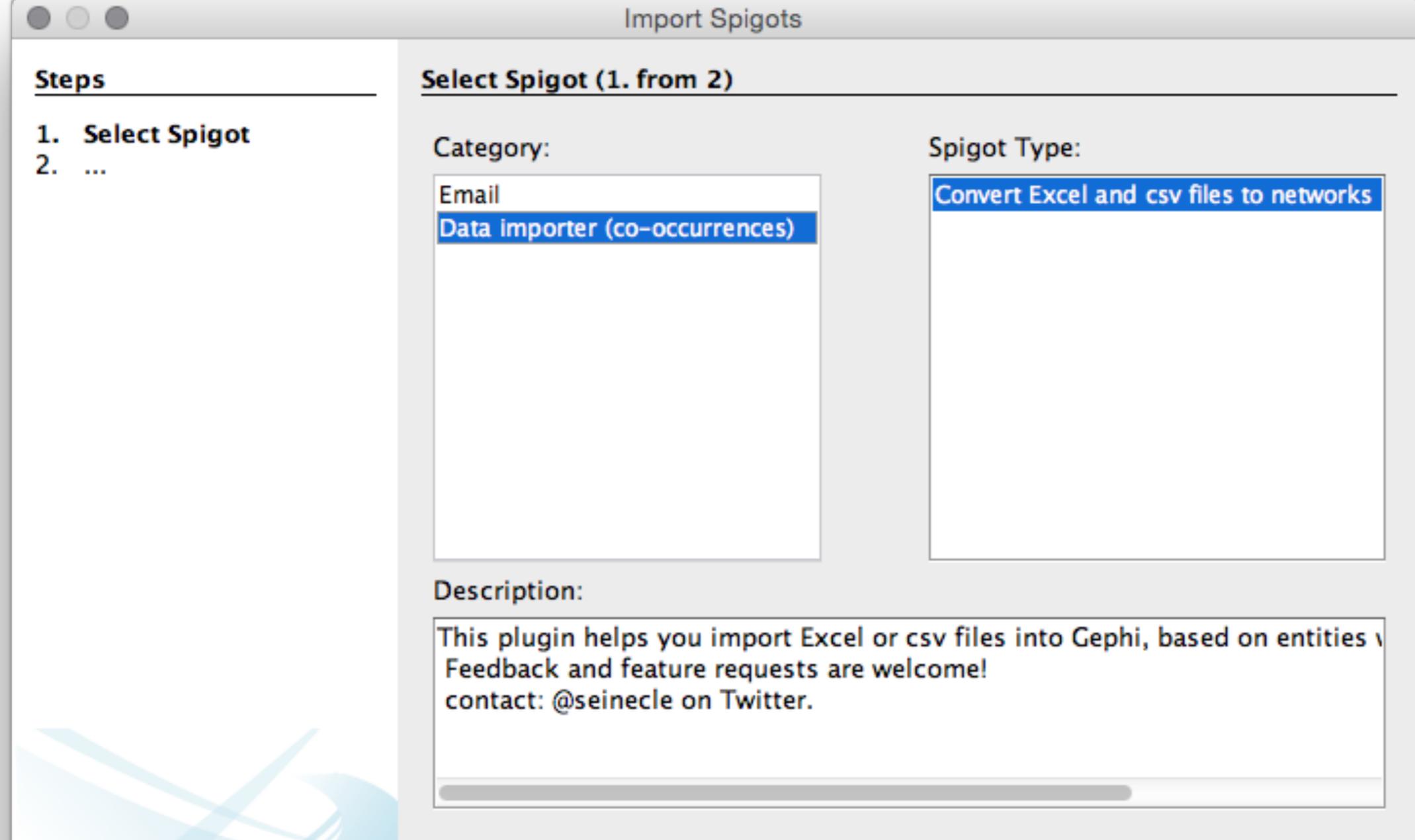
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Data importer (co-occurrences)

Spigot Type:

Convert Excel and csv files to networks

Description:

This plugin helps you import Excel or csv files into Gephi, based on entities \ Feedback and feature requests are welcome!
contact: @seinecle on Twitter.



Data Importer

Steps

1. Select Spigot
2. Select Excel or csv file
3. Select agents
4. Subfields in ag
5. Dynamic netwo
6. Options
7. Ready to impor

Select Excel or csv file (2. from 7)

select file

Select a file

synbio_patents

Name	Date Modified
license_synbio_patents.txt	Sunday, July 26, 2015 6:43 PM
synbio.csv	Saturday, May 16, 2015 6:23 PM
synbio.xlsx	Friday, July 24, 2015 1:31 PM
synbio_applicants.xlsx	Friday, July 24, 2015 1:31 PM
synbio_inventors.csv	Friday, July 24, 2015 1:26 PM
synbio_inventors.xlsx	Friday, July 24, 2015 1:30 PM
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Select the synbio_inventors file

Steps

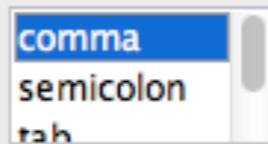
1. Select Spigot
2. **Select Excel or csv file**
3. Select agents
4. Subfields in agents
5. Dynamic network?
6. Options
7. Ready to import

Select Excel or csv file (2. from 7)

select file

file includes headers (column titles)

Choose the field delimiter:



default text delimiter is a double quote --> " <-- You can choose another one

Select comma as the field delimiter

Steps

1. Select Spigot
2. Select Excel or csv file
- 3. Select agents**
4. Subfields in agents
5. Dynamic network?
6. Options
7. Ready to import

Select agents (3. from 7)

What are the connections ma...

1. This type of agent:

A screenshot of a dropdown menu with the following options listed:
patent_assignees_cleaned_sector
patent_assignees_cleaned
patent_assignees_original_no_address
patent_assignees_original_with_address
priority_countries_names

is connected to

2. This type of agent:

A screenshot of a dropdown menu with the following options listed:
patent_assignees_cleaned_sector
patent_assignees_cleaned
patent_assignees_original_no_address
patent_assignees_original_with_address
priority_countries_names
priority_countries_codes

Example: for a network of co-authors. pick the field of co-authors twice!

Select patent_assignees_cleaned

For co-occurrence choose the same field in both boxes

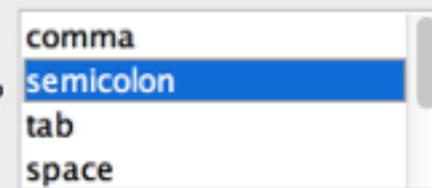
Steps

1. Select Spigot
2. Select Excel or csv file
3. Select agents
- 4. Subfields in agents**
5. Dynamic network?
6. Options
7. Ready to import

Subfields in agents (4. from 7)

patent_assignees_cleaned

Is this field made of subfields? If so, what is the delimiter?



Example:

Let's imagine you selected "authors" for agents in the previous screen. Suppose that the field for "authors" is made of several co-authors, separated by semicolon.
=> Please choose "semicolon" as a delimiter.
(leave the selection empty if no delimiter applies).

Help

< Back

Next >

Finish

Cancel

Use semicolon (subfield separator)

Steps

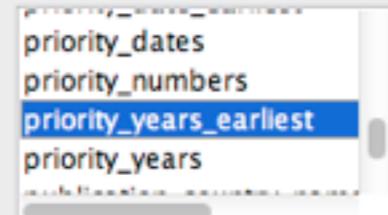
1. Select Spigot
2. Select Excel or csv file
3. Select agents
4. Subfields in agents
5. **Dynamic network?**
6. Options
7. Ready to import

Dynamic network? (5. from 7)

If you want to create a dynamic network, where is the field for time?

Leave blank if the network is not dynamic

! Works only for Excel files at the moment (not csv!).



Let's imagine you each of your data entry has a time stamp. You could create a network changing in time, where nodes and their connections appear and disappear along a timeline.
2 time formats allowed: 1984, 2014-09-17 (but not 2014-17-09).
Dates (1984) but also durations (1984,1986) are allowed in this field. For duration, use the comma to separate the start and end dates.

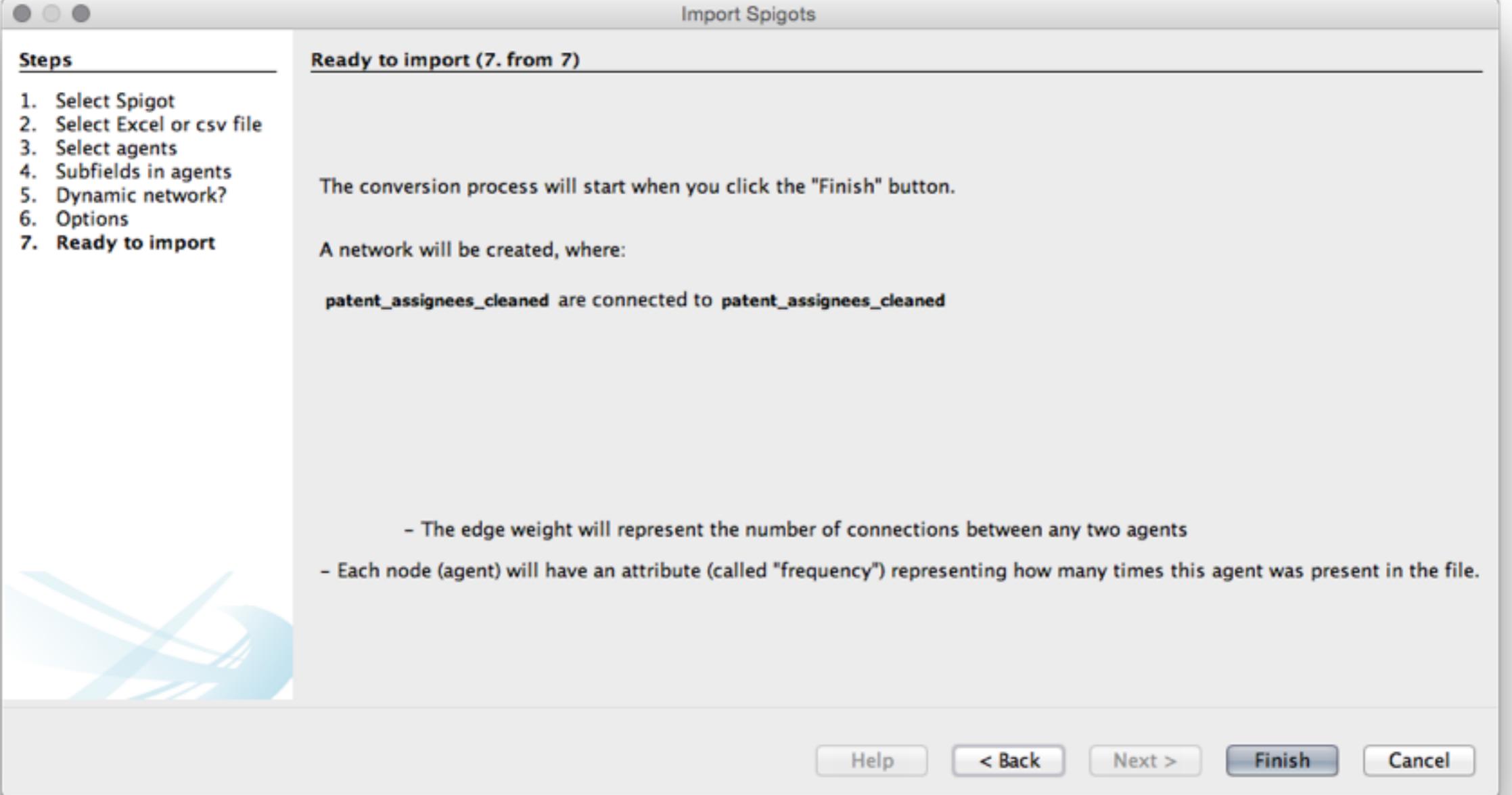
Dynamic network session - priority_year_earliest

Leave blank or choose a year field. Note that gephi can struggle with date formats and so this does not always work correctly (because of problems in the underlying data format).

<u>Steps</u>	<u>Options (6, from 7)</u>
1. Select Spigot 2. Select Excel or csv file 3. Select agents 4. Subfields in agents 5. Dynamic network? 6. Options 7. Ready to import	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> create links between patent_assignees_cleaned agents and links between patent_assignees_cleaned agents. <input type="checkbox"/> remove duplicates: lines that have exactly the same values for both types of agents will be removed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> remove self-loops: when an agent is connected to itself.

Create Links and Remove Self Loops

Removing self loops is removing the diagonal from the matrix where an agent is connected to itself. If self loops are not removed gephi creates a handle mark that we do not normally want.

Import Spigots

Steps

1. Select Spigot
2. Select Excel or csv file
3. Select agents
4. Subfields in agents
5. Dynamic network?
6. Options
7. Ready to import

Ready to import (7. from 7)

The conversion process will start when you click the "Finish" button.

A network will be created, where:

`patent_assignees_cleaned` are connected to `patent_assignees_cleaned`

- The edge weight will represent the number of connections between any two agents

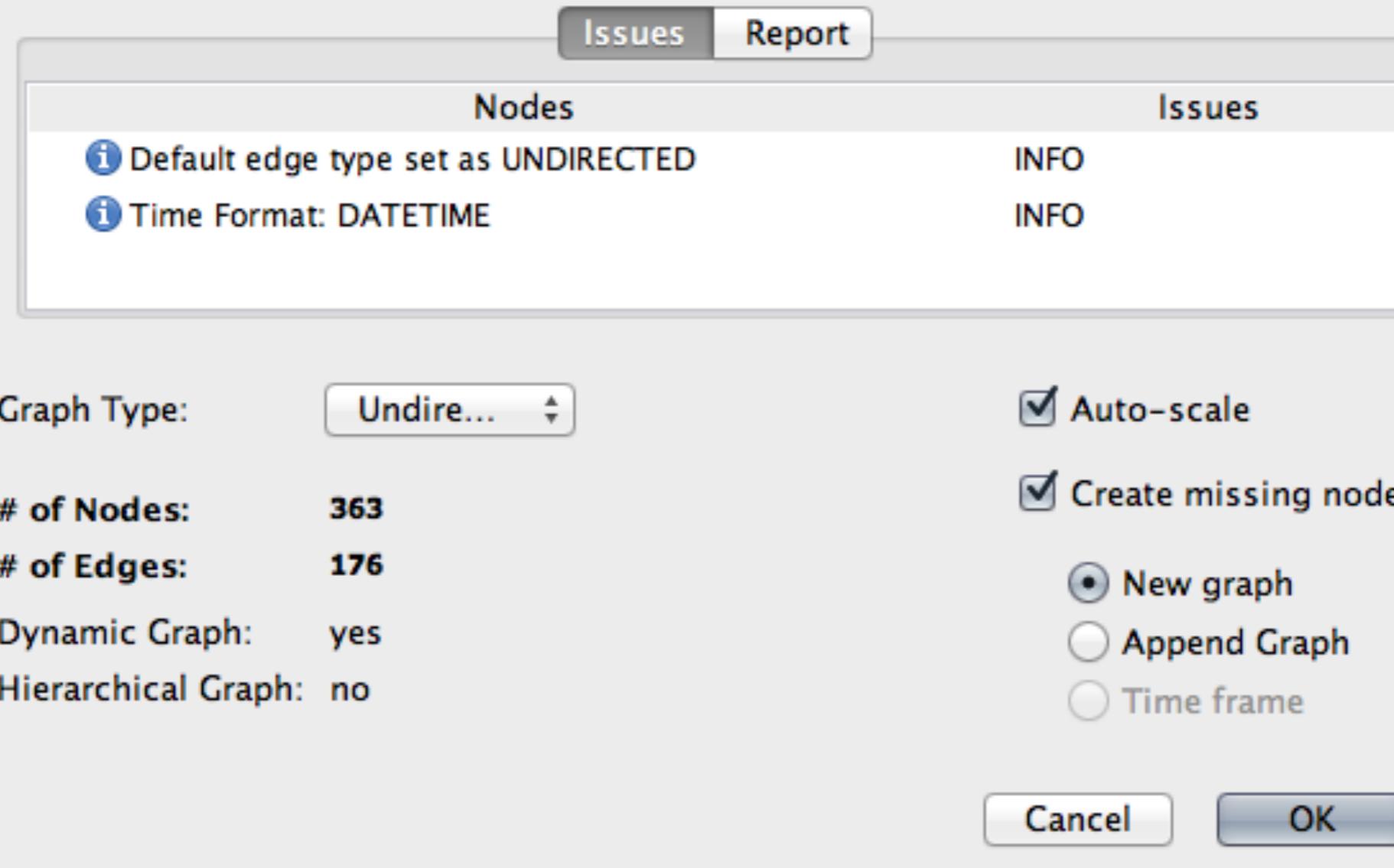
- Each node (agent) will have an attribute (called "frequency") representing how many times this agent was present in the file.

Help < Back Next > Finish Cancel

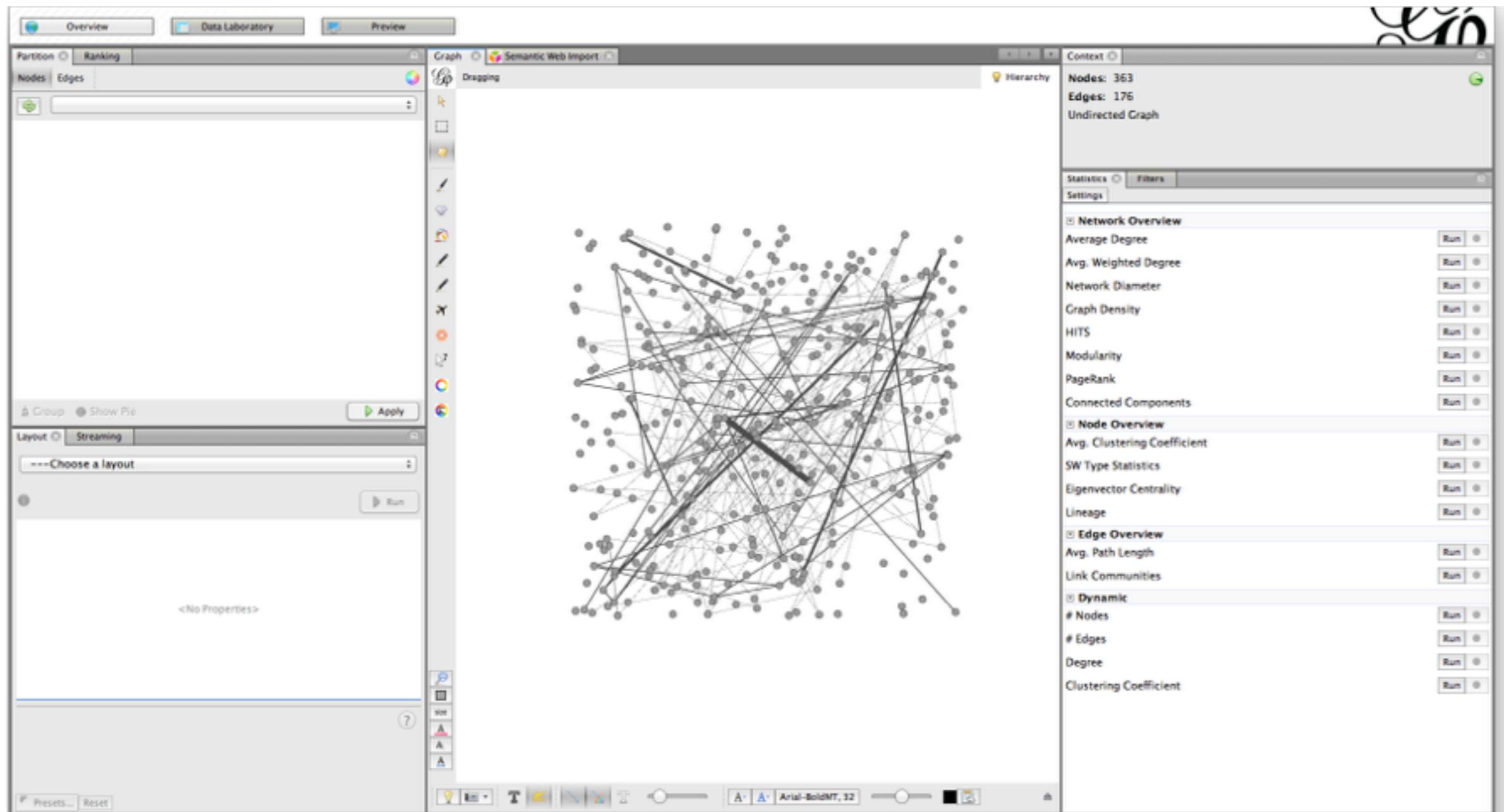
Conversion

Counts the number of times a node or agent appears in the data as the frequency score
(note that can vary slightly from record counts but normally by a very small amount)

Source: Data importer (co-occurrences):Convert Excel and csv files to networks



Generally we want an undirected graph



The raw network view

This network has not yet been laid out or coloured. Note the panels and tabs to the right and the left (statistics and filters). Note the

Gephi 0.8.2 - Project 1

The screenshot shows the Gephi Data Laboratory interface. At the top, there are tabs for Overview, Data Laboratory (which is selected), and Preview. Below the tabs is a toolbar with buttons for Data Table, Nodes, Edges, Configuration, Add node, Add edge, Search/Replace, Import Spreadsheet, Export table, More actions, Filter, and Nodes.

The main area is a table titled "Data Table" with the following columns:

- Nodes
- Id
- Label
- Time Interval

The table contains approximately 30 rows of data, each representing a node with its ID, label, and time interval. Some labels are truncated or repeated. The "Time Interval" column shows various date ranges, often involving multiple dates separated by semicolons.

Nodes	Id	Label	Time Interval
ABBOTT BIOLOGICALS BV	ABBOTT BIOLOGICALS BV	ABBOTT BIOLOGICALS BV	<[2009-01-01, 2009-01-01]>
QB3 PHARMHEM DIGITAL	QB3 PHARMHEM DIGITAL	QB3 PHARMHEM DIGITAL	<[2011-01-01, 2011-01-01]>
EMPRESA BRASIL PESQUISA	EMPRESA BRASIL PESQUISA	EMPRESA BRASIL PESQUISA	<[2012-01-01, 2012-01-01]>
UNIV BROWN	UNIV BROWN	UNIV BROWN	<[2009-01-01, 2009-01-01]>
UNIV SUNMOON	UNIV SUNMOON	UNIV SUNMOON	<[2012-01-01, 2012-01-01]>
LIU J S	LIU J S	LIU J S	<[2012-01-01, 2012-01-01]>
ARDELL D H	ARDELL D H	ARDELL D H	<[2007-01-01, 2007-01-01]>
UNIV IOWA RES FOUND	UNIV IOWA RES FOUND	UNIV IOWA RES FOUND	<[2012-01-01, 2012-01-01]; [2013-01-01, 2013-01-01]>
TERMAN D S	TERMAN D S	TERMAN D S	<[1999-01-01, 1999-01-01]>
SEELIG G	SEELIG G	SEELIG G	<[2011-01-01, 2011-01-01]>
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	<[2012-01-01, 2012-01-01]>
YEDA RES & DEV CO LTD	YEDA RES & DEV CO LTD	YEDA RES & DEV CO LTD	<[2007-01-01, 2007-01-01]; [2008-01-01, 2008-01-01]>
BIO-RAD LAB INC	BIO-RAD LAB INC	BIO-RAD LAB INC	<[2013-01-01, 2013-01-01]>
MOGENE LC	MOGENE LC	MOGENE LC	<[2010-01-01, 2010-01-01]>
ECHOGEN INC	ECHOGEN INC	ECHOGEN INC	<[2013-01-01, 2013-01-01]>
SHENG N	SHENG N	SHENG N	<[2005-01-01, 2005-01-01]>
UNIV IND & ACADEMIC CO	UNIV IND & ACADEMIC CO	UNIV IND & ACADEMIC CO	<[2013-01-01, 2013-01-01]>
UNIV CHICAGO	UNIV CHICAGO	UNIV CHICAGO	<[2009-01-01, 2009-01-01]; [2011-01-01, 2011-01-01]>
JOULE UNLIMITED TECHNOLOGY	JOULE UNLIMITED TECHNOLOGY	JOULE UNLIMITED TECHNOLOGY	<[2007-01-01, 2007-01-01]; [2008-01-01, 2008-01-01]; [2009-01-01, 2009-01-01]; [2010-01-01, 2010-01-01]; [2011-01-01, 2011-01-01]>
HU W	HU W	HU W	<[2012-01-01, 2012-01-01]>
TETRAVITAE BIOSCIENCE	TETRAVITAE BIOSCIENCE	TETRAVITAE BIOSCIENCE	<[2007-01-01, 2007-01-01]>
ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE	ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE	ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE	<[2013-01-01, 2013-01-01]>
DISCUVA LTD	DISCUVA LTD	DISCUVA LTD	<[2012-01-01, 2012-01-01]>
UNIV ALBERTA	UNIV ALBERTA	UNIV ALBERTA	<[2010-01-01, 2010-01-01]>
NASA US NAT AERO & SPACE	NASA US NAT AERO & SPACE	NASA US NAT AERO & SPACE	<[2011-01-01, 2011-01-01]>
PIVOT BIO INC	PIVOT BIO INC	PIVOT BIO INC	<[2012-01-01, 2012-01-01]>
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UNIV NORTH CAROLINA	UNIV NORTH CAROLINA	UNIV NORTH CAROLINA	<[2013-01-01, 2013-01-01]>
UNIV COLORADO	UNIV COLORADO	UNIV COLORADO	<[2006-01-01, 2006-01-01]; [2009-01-01, 2009-01-01]>

Select Data Laboratory Then Nodes

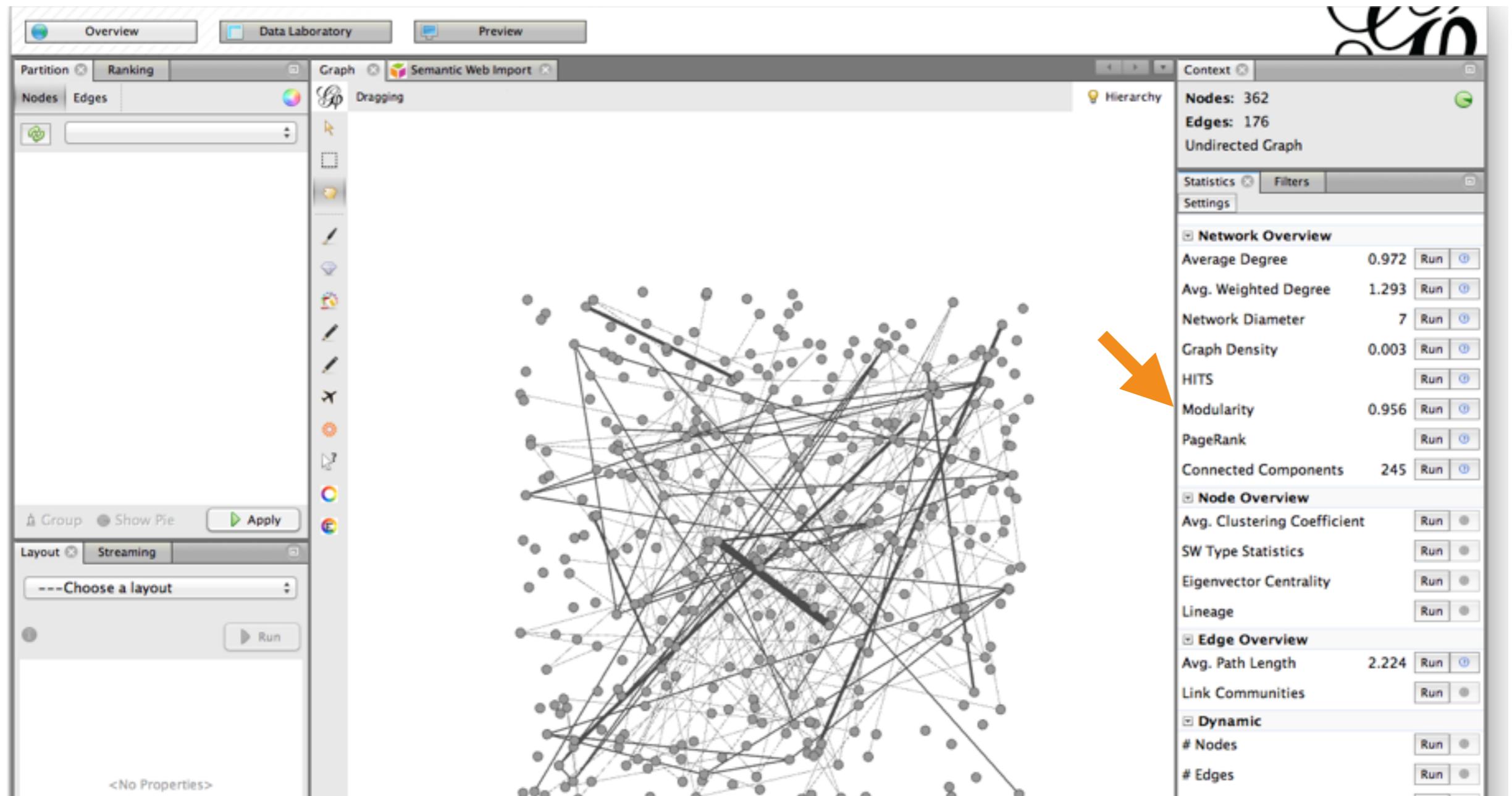
Overview Data Laboratory Preview

Data Table

Nodes Edges Configuration Add node Add edge Search/Replace Import Spreadsheet Export table More actions Filter: Source

Source	Target	Type	Id	Label	Weight	Time Interval
ANZA THERAPEUTICS INC	ADURO BIOTECH	Undirected	161			2 <[2008-01-01, 2008-01...
BEIJING WEISHENG LIDE TE...	BEIJING VIEWSOLIDBIOTECH...	Undirected	68			1 <[2011-01-01, 2011-01...
BEIJING WELSENS BIOTECH...	BEIJING WEIXINYU BIOTECH...	Undirected	141			1 <[2010-01-01, 2010-01...
CITY OF HOPE	CALIFORNIA INST OF TECH...	Undirected	15			1 <[2009-01-01, 2009-01...
CORIDON PTY LTD	ADMEDUS VACCINES PTY LTD	Undirected	3			1 <[2007-01-01, 2007-01...
EASTMAN RENEWABLE MAT...	ADVANCED BIOFUELS INC	Undirected	159			2 <[2007-01-01, 2007-01...
EVOLVA NUTRITION INC	ABUNDA NUTRITION INC	Undirected	121			2 <[2010-01-01, 2010-01...
EVOLVA SA	ABUNDA NUTRITION INC	Undirected	79			2 <[2010-01-01, 2010-01...
EVOLVA SA	EVOLVA NUTRITION INC	Undirected	53			2 <[2010-01-01, 2010-01...
FEBIT HOLDING GMBH	FEBIT BIOTECH GMBH	Undirected	160			1 <[2006-01-01, 2006-01...
FISHER A	BROOKS J P	Undirected	162			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
FONG S S	BROOKS J P	Undirected	26			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
FONG S S	FISHER A	Undirected	140			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
HARVARD COLLEGE	BROAD INST INC	Undirected	64			2 <[2011-01-01, 2011-01...
INST PASTEUR	CENT NAT RECH SCI	Undirected	49			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
JEE N Y	GARTNER Z J	Undirected	51			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
JOULE UNLIMITED TECHNO...	JOULE BIOTECHNOLOGIES INC	Undirected	52			4 <[2007-01-01, 2007-01...
KEMIJSKI INST	EN-FIST CENT ODLIAOENOSTI	Undirected	82			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
KICKENWEIZ T	GLIEDER A	Undirected	118			1 <[2013-01-01, 2013-01...
KITZMAN J	HIATT J	Undirected	32			1 <[2011-01-01, 2011-01...
LEE T M	ARNOLD F H	Undirected	99			1 <[2013-01-01, 2013-01...
LIFE TECHNOLOGIES CORP	APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC	Undirected	86			1 <[2007-01-01, 2007-01...
LIFE TECHNOLOGIES CORP	GENEART AG	Undirected	98			3 <[2011-01-01, 2011-01...
LIU C	CAI Y	Undirected	104			1 <[2013-01-01, 2013-01...
LIU J S	GARTNER Z J	Undirected	70			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
LIU J S	JEE N Y	Undirected	10			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
LIU P	HU W	Undirected	137			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
MALI P G	CHURCH G M	Undirected	174			1 <[2012-01-01, 2012-01...
MASSACHUSETTS INST TEC...	BROAD INST INC	Undirected	45			2 <[2011-01-01, 2011-01...
MASSACHUSETTS INST TEC...	HARVARD COLLEGE	Undirected	148			3 <[2010-01-01, 2010-01...
MAYO S L	ARNOLD F H	Undirected	90			1 <[2013-01-01, 2013-01...
MAYO S L	LEE T M	Undirected	31			1 <[2013-01-01, 2013-01...
MONK J	DEHART C	Undirected	92			1 <[2008-01-01, 2008-01...

Now Select the Edges



Run the Modularity Algorithm

This will produce a pop up window that calculates the number of communities. Notice the reference article by Blondel et al at the bottom and read it later (it is very good).



Physics > Physics and Society

Fast unfolding of communities in large networks

Vincent D. Blondel, Jean-Loup Guillaume, Renaud Lambiotte, Etienne Lefebvre

(Submitted on 4 Mar 2008 (v1), last revised 25 Jul 2008 (this version, v2))

We propose a simple method to extract the community structure of large networks. Our method is a heuristic method that is based on modularity optimization. It is shown to outperform all other known community detection method in terms of computation time. Moreover, the quality of the communities detected is very good, as measured by the so-called modularity. This is shown first by identifying language communities in a Belgian mobile phone network of 2.6 million customers and by analyzing a web graph of 118 million nodes and more than one billion links. The accuracy of our algorithm is also verified on ad-hoc modular networks. .

Comments: 6 pages, 5 figures, 1 table; new version with new figures in order to clarify our method, where we look more carefully at the role played by the ordering of the nodes and where we compare our method with that of Wakita and Tsurumi

Subjects: Physics and Society (physics.soc-ph); Statistical Mechanics (cond-mat.stat-mech); Computers and Society (cs.CY); Data Structures and Algorithms (cs.DS)

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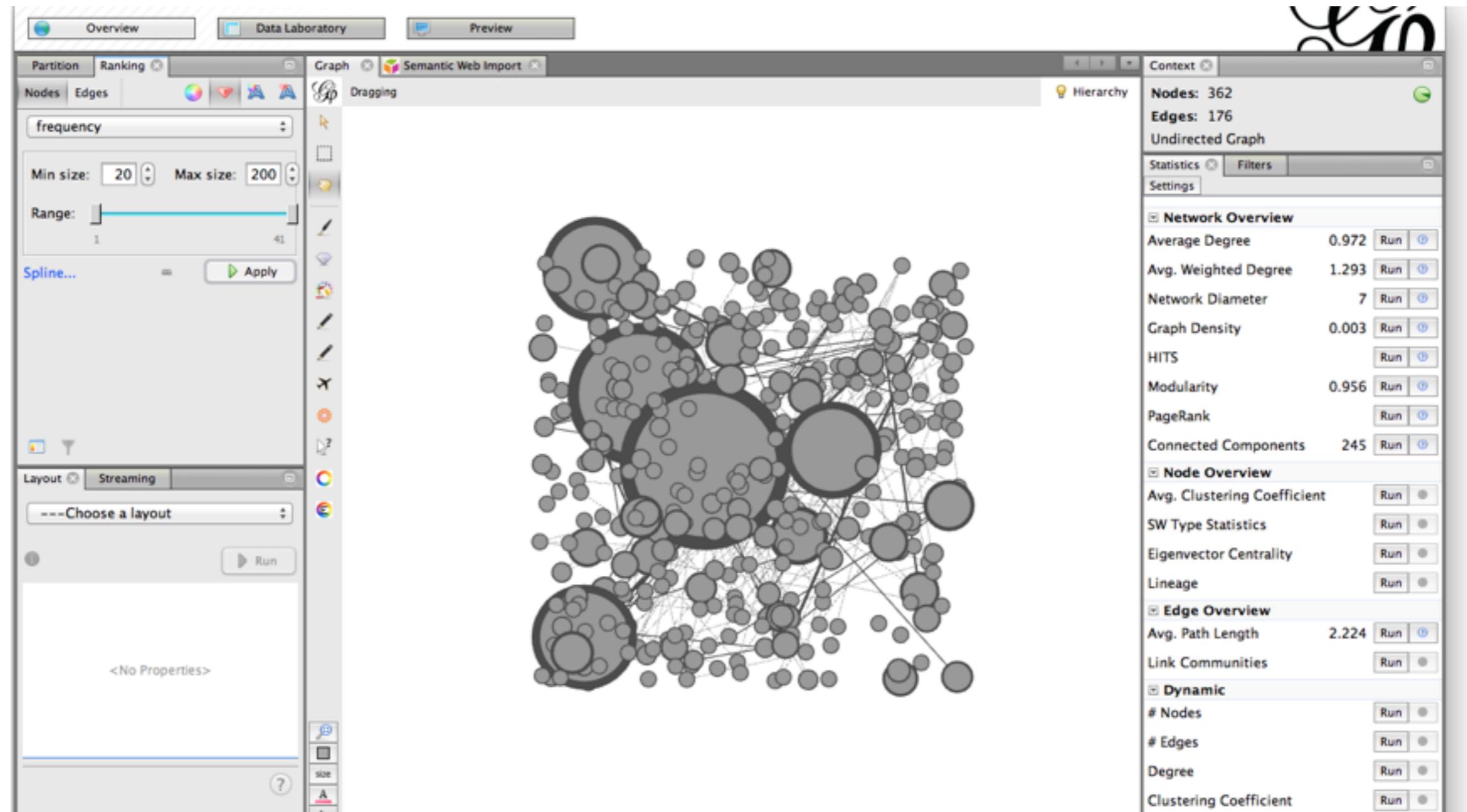
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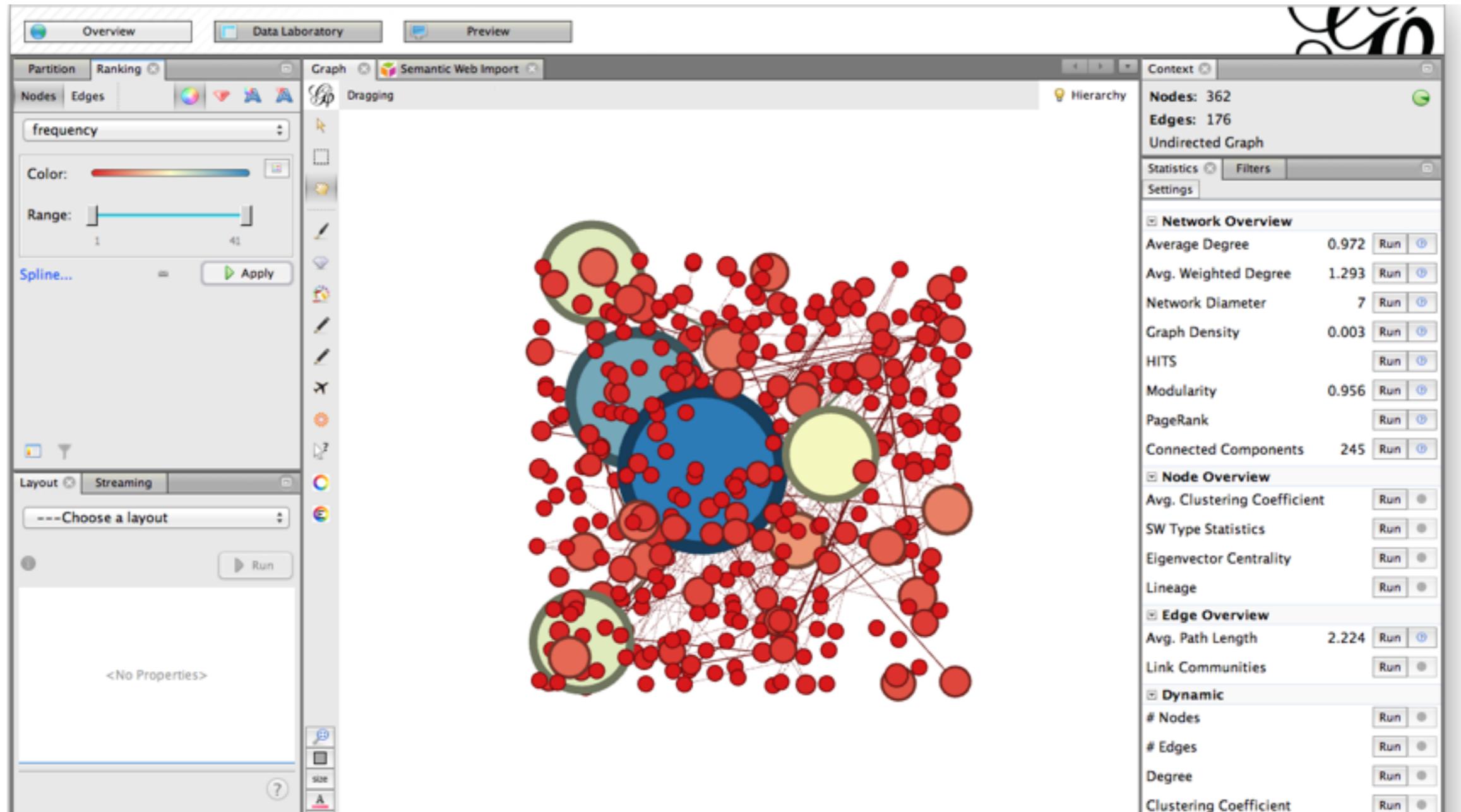
Modularity Class Algorithm

Allocates nodes to communities iteratively on the strength of the links between them (allocates to one community only). Mainly used on large networks but extremely useful for identifying clusters of interlinked actors



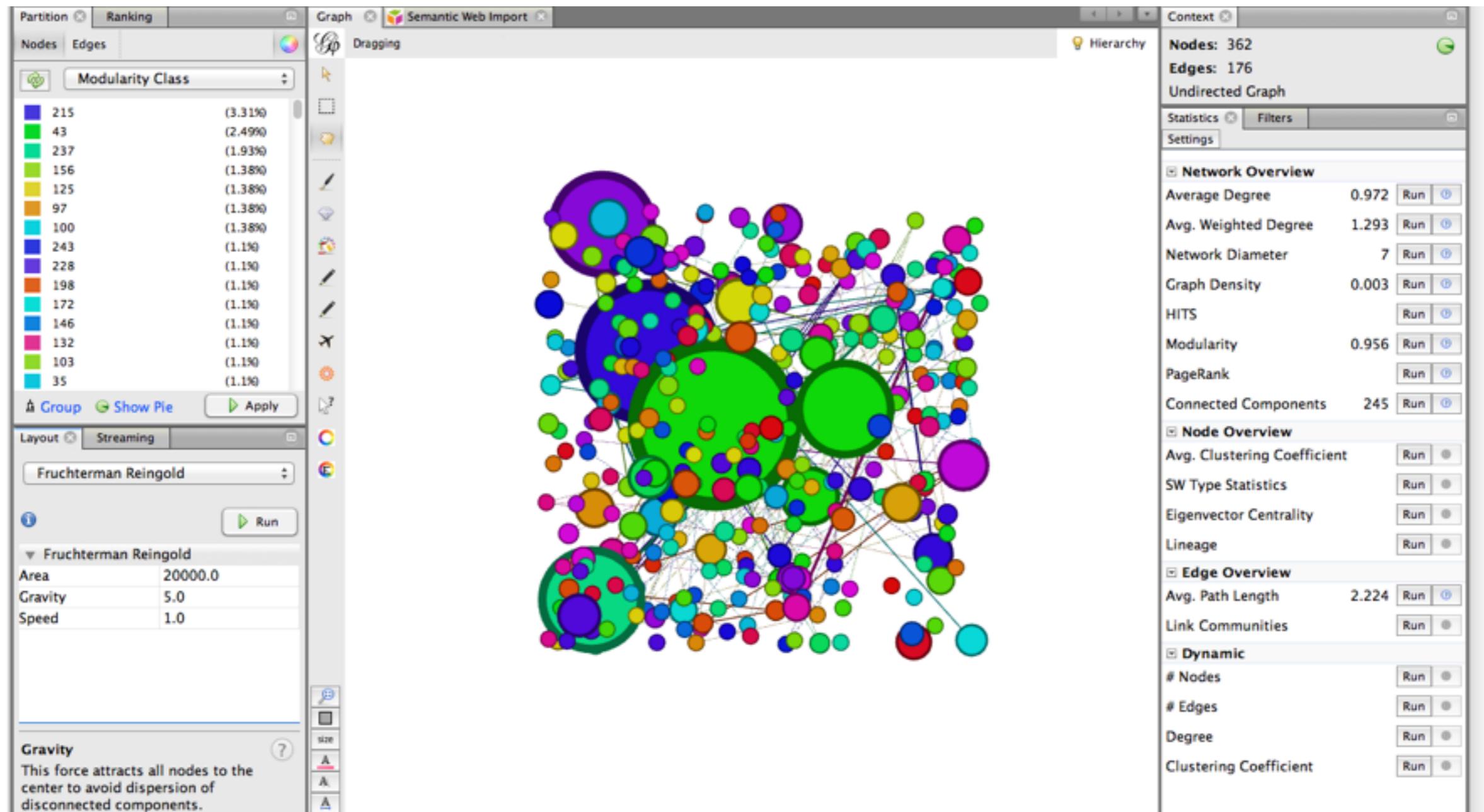
Size the Nodes - Ranking Tab

Size the nodes with the red inverted triangle. Choose limits such as 20 and 200 (smaller Min size has an impact on ease of viewing labels later)



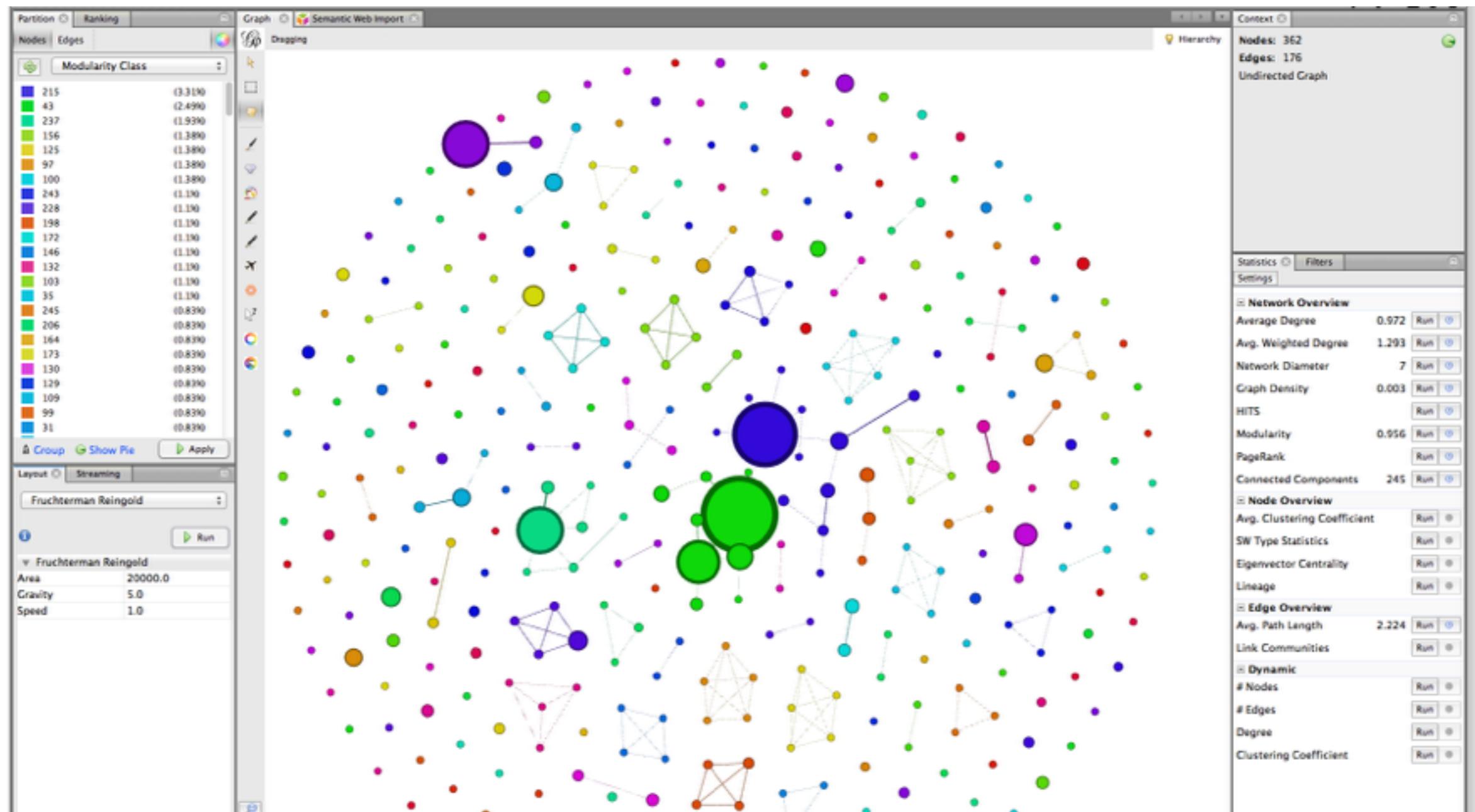
Choose the Colour Wheel Button. Then Apply

You can right click on the small box next to the colour wheel to choose different colours. Also try using the slider.



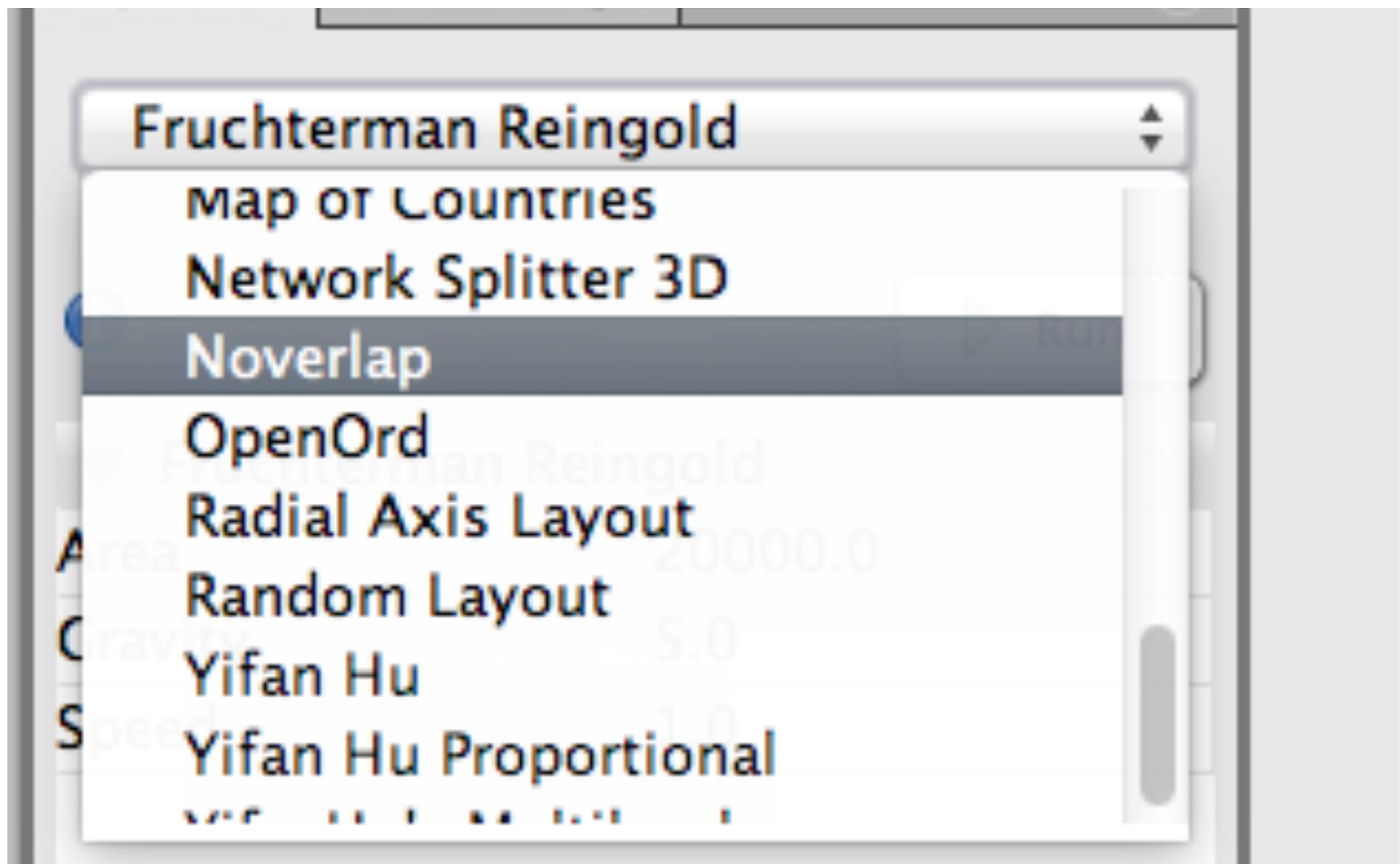
Choose Partition - Nodes

Press the green arrows and then choose Modularity Class. Note that our nodes are now coloured by clusters or communities.

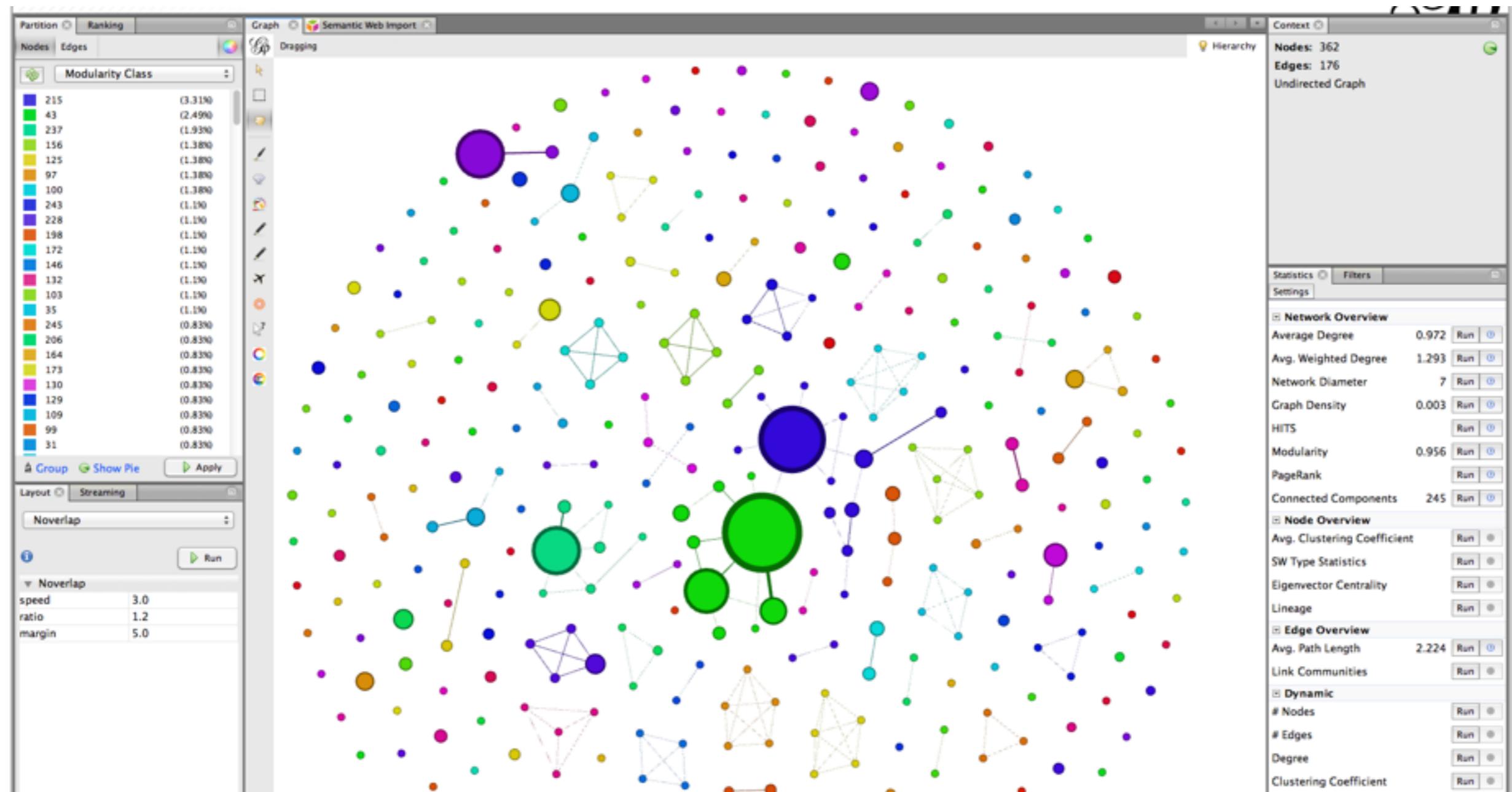


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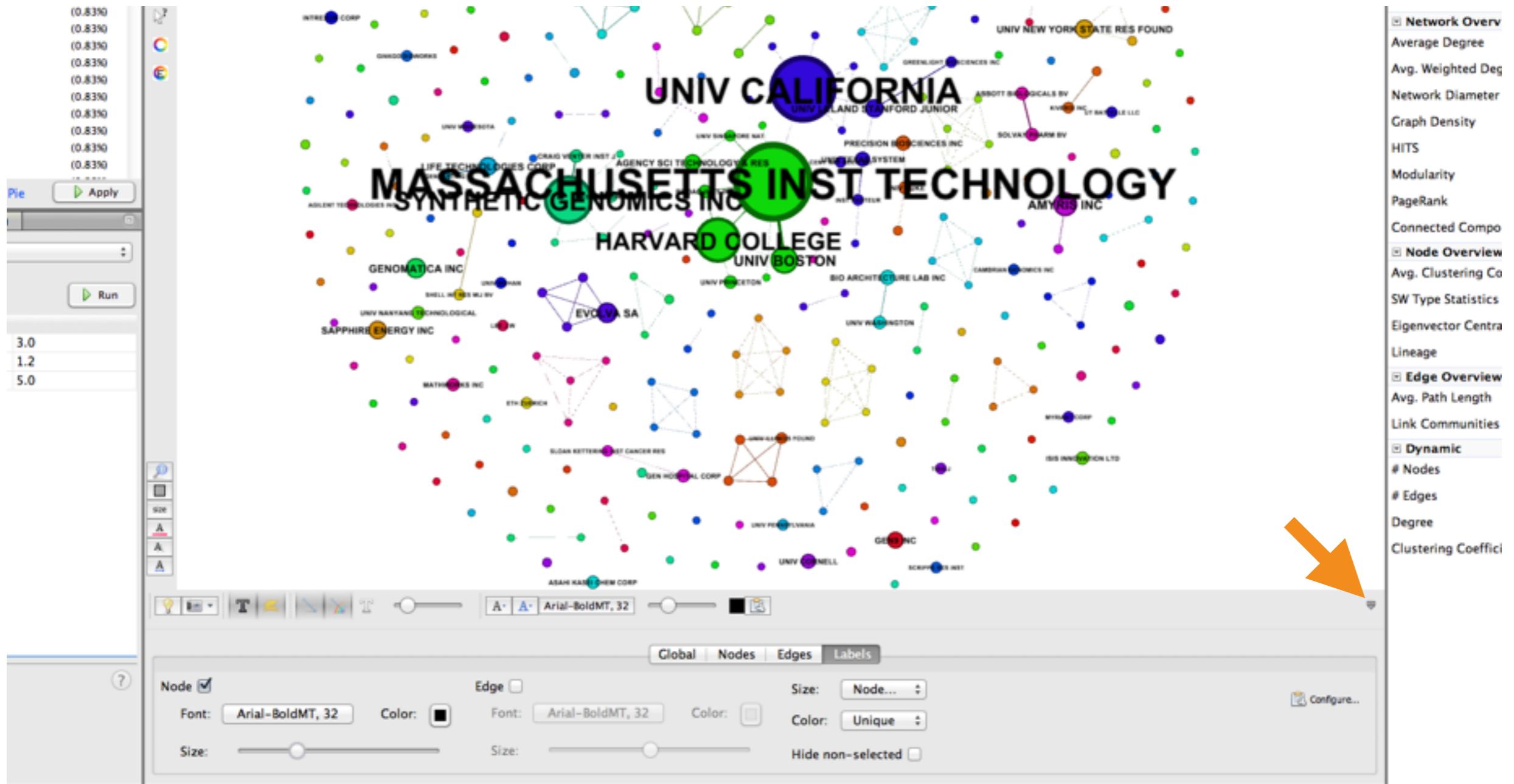
Choose Fruchterman Reingold. Use 15000 for Area and 5.0 for gravity. Then press Run. Do not press stop yet. (Illustrate manual adjustment to layout while running)



Use No overlap to prevent nodes overlapping
Make sure you have installed this plugin (also LabelAdjust is helpful)

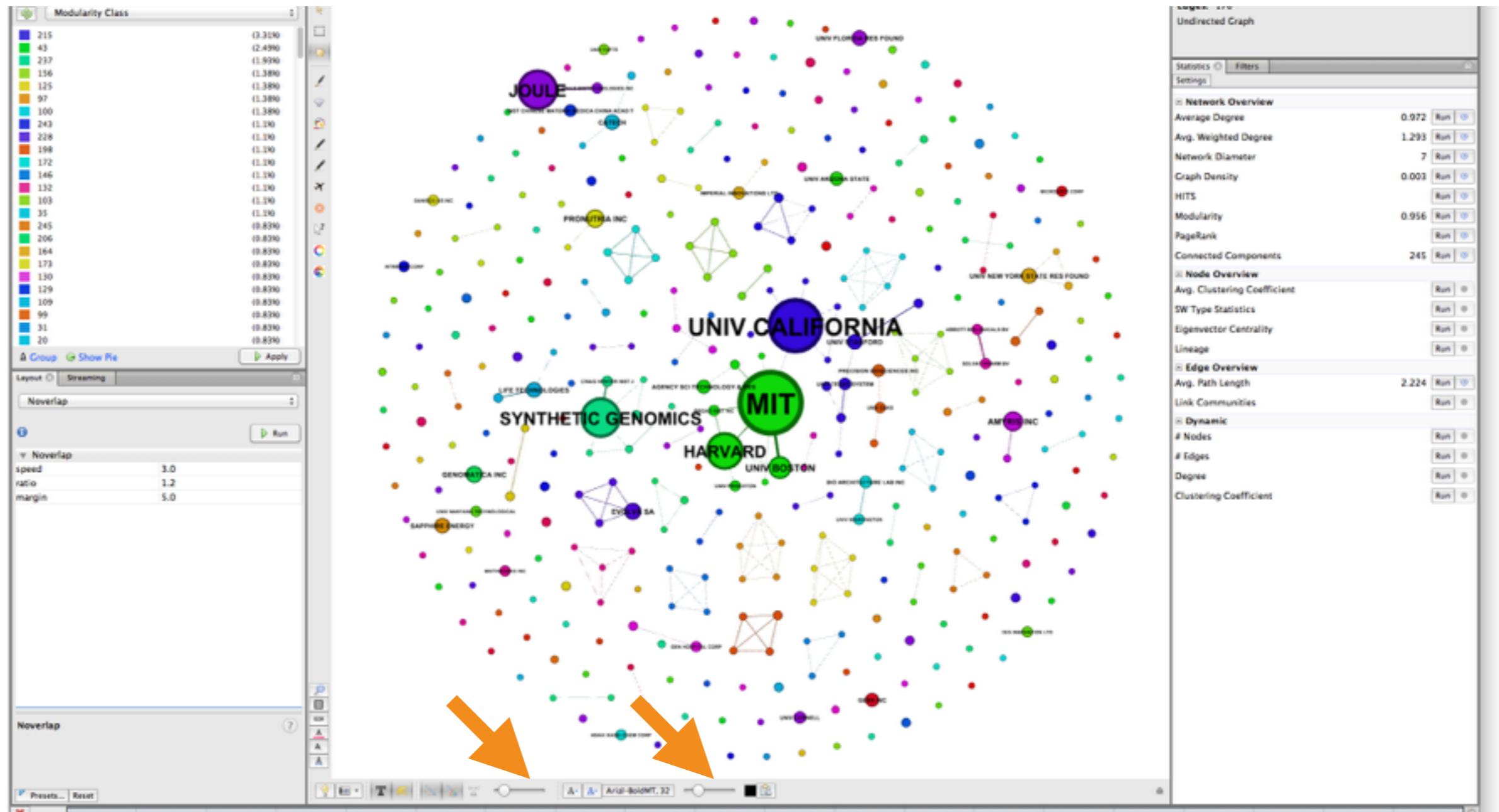


No overlapping nodes



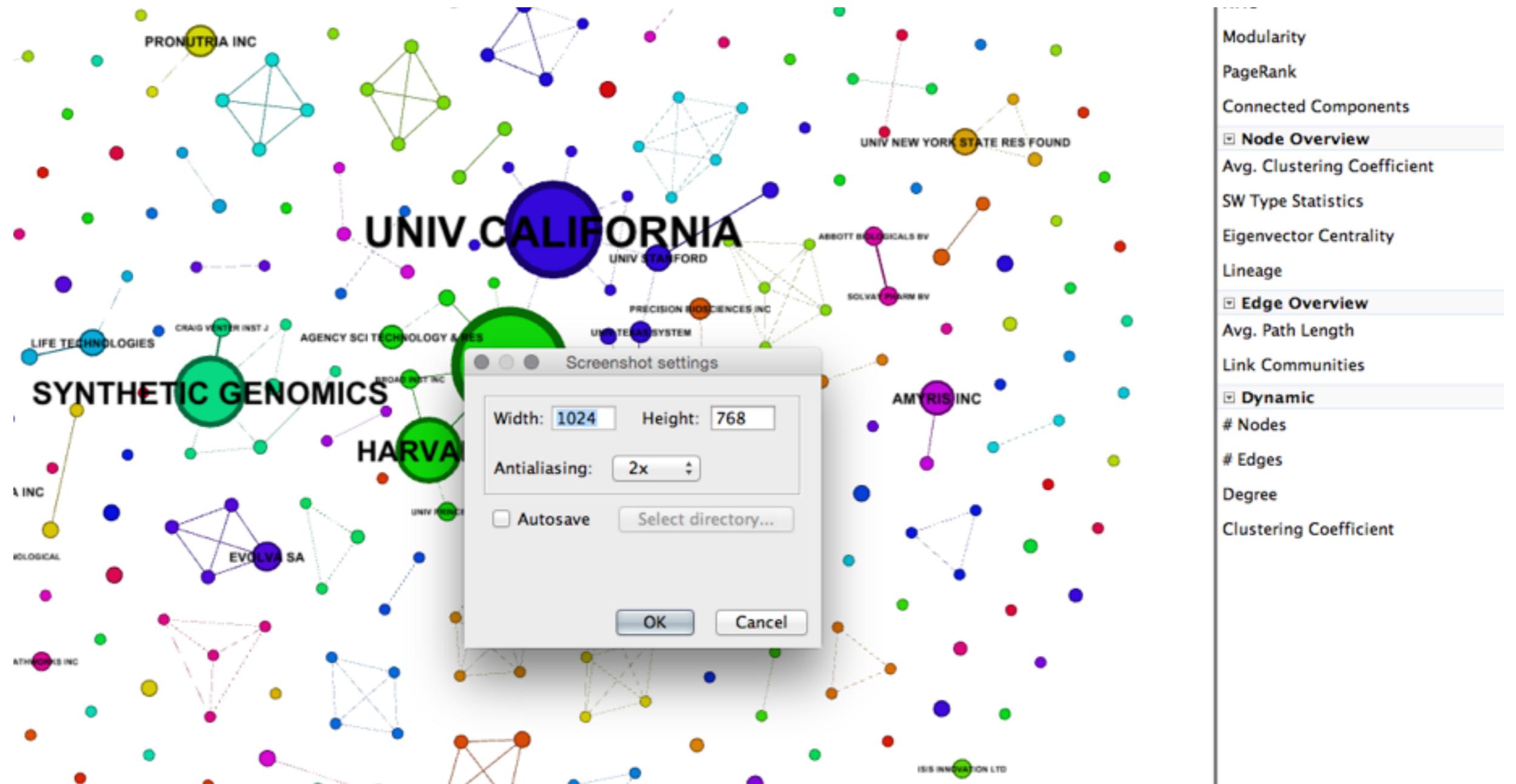
Click the inverted triangle for a new menu

Then select the Labels, Check the Node Box and move over to Size. Change to Node Size. Adjust long labels such as MIT in Data Laboratory, Nodes, Labels. Delete the NA node.

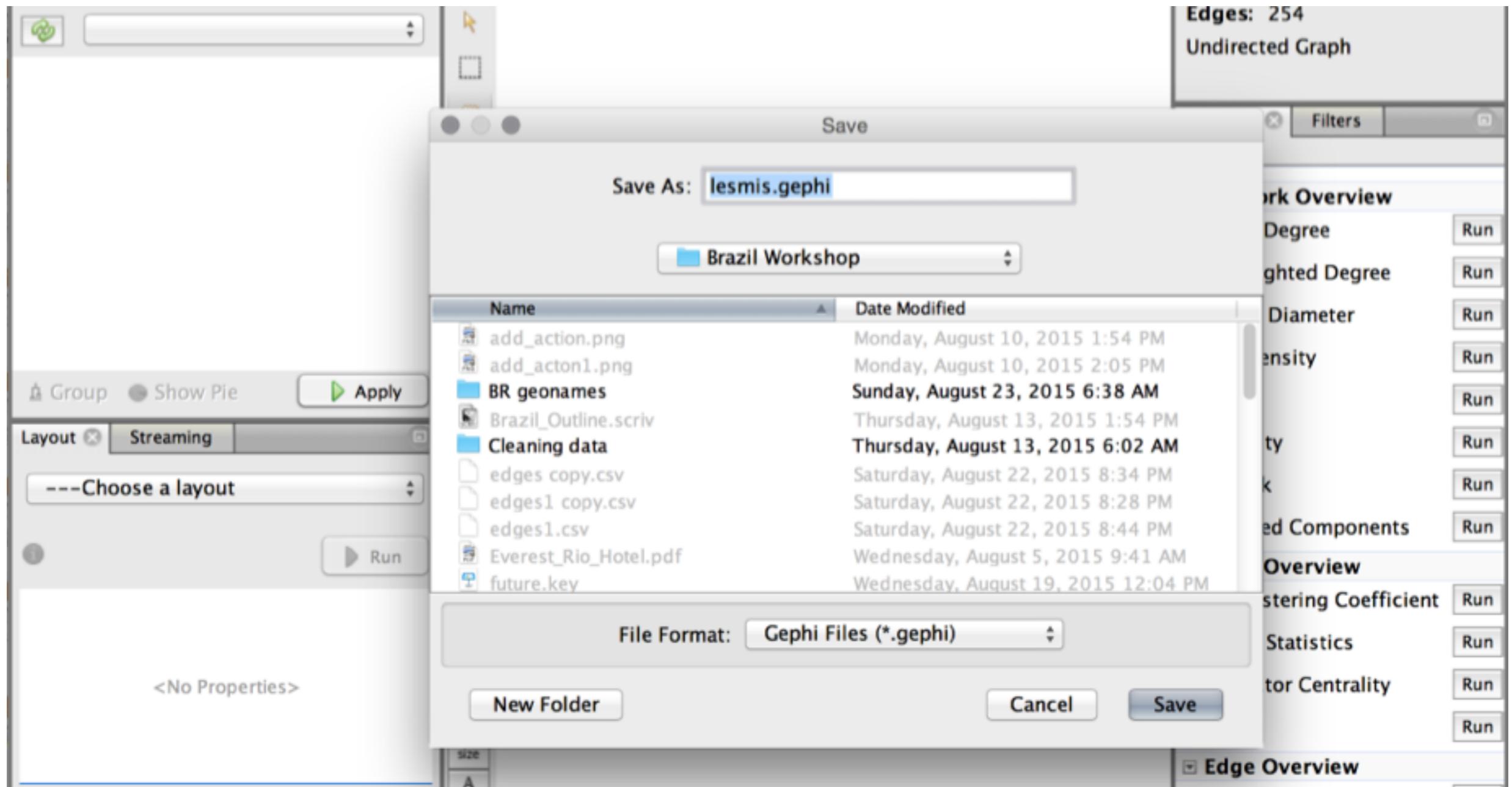


Move the sliders to adjust the sizes

Note the small camera sign, on the bottom menu. This can be used to take a screen shot (useful when not seeking publication quality graphics)



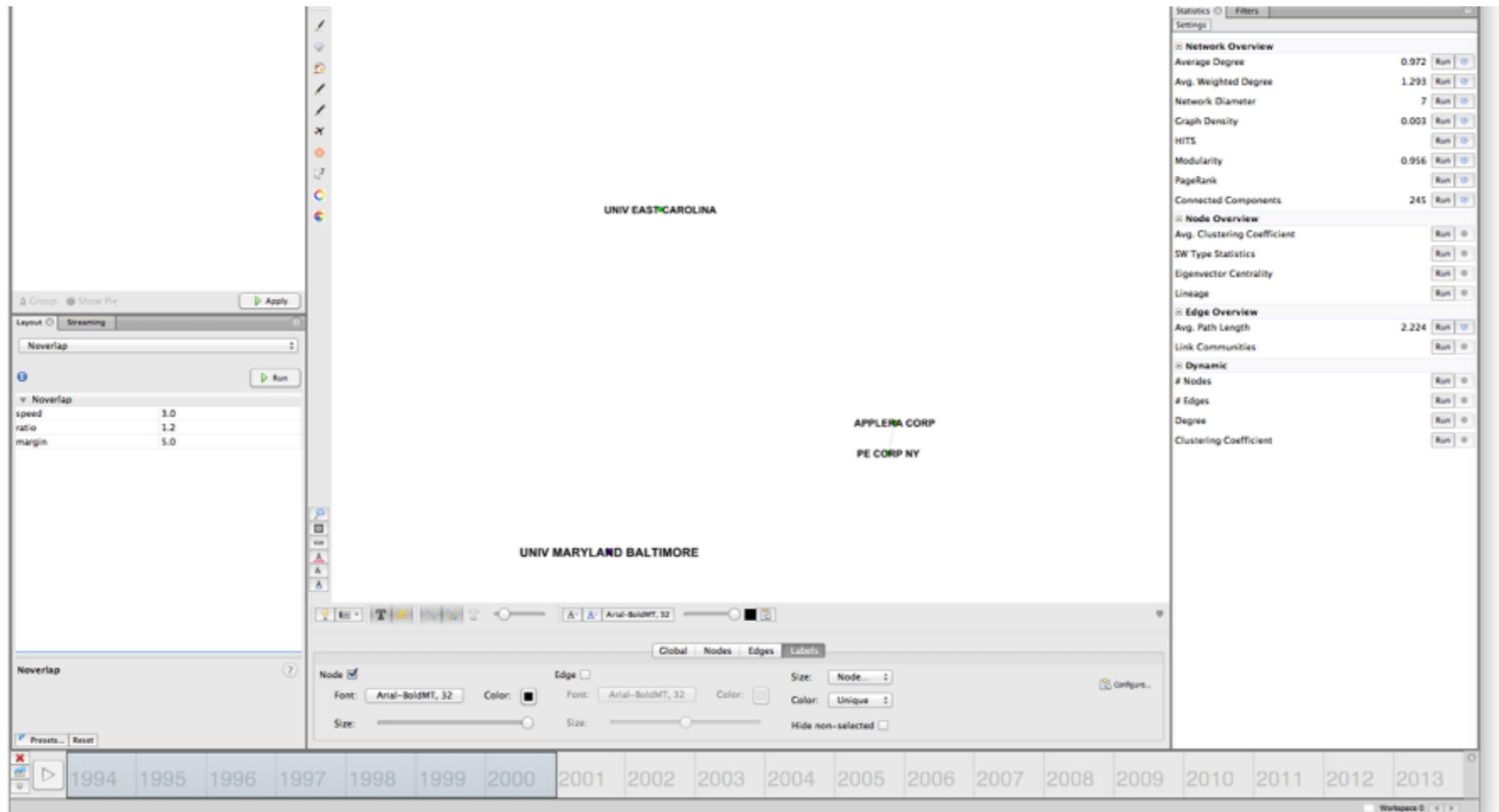
Screenshot settings can be changed



Saving gephi files

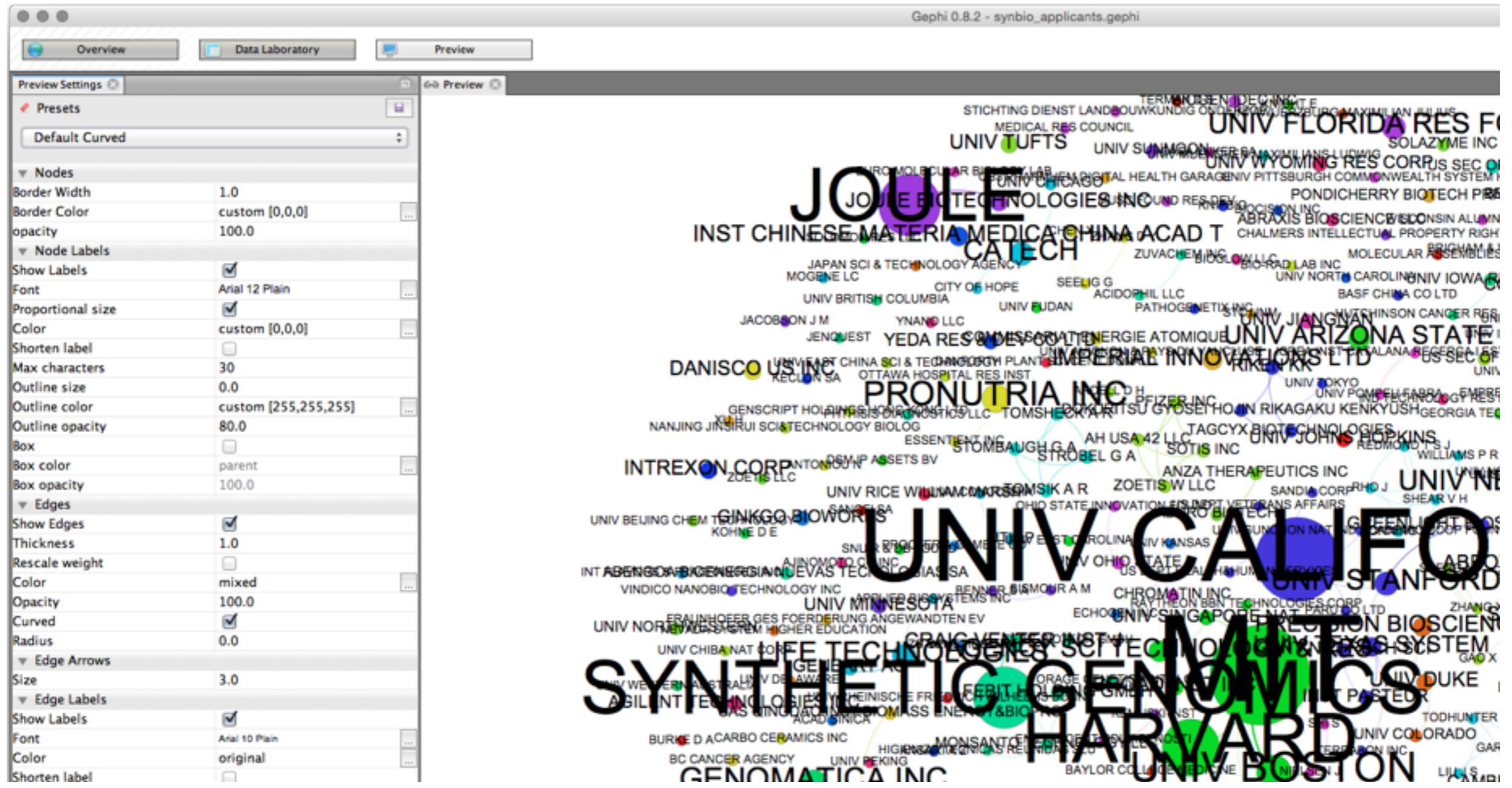
It is important to save files regularly as gephi is unstable.

Using the Timeline



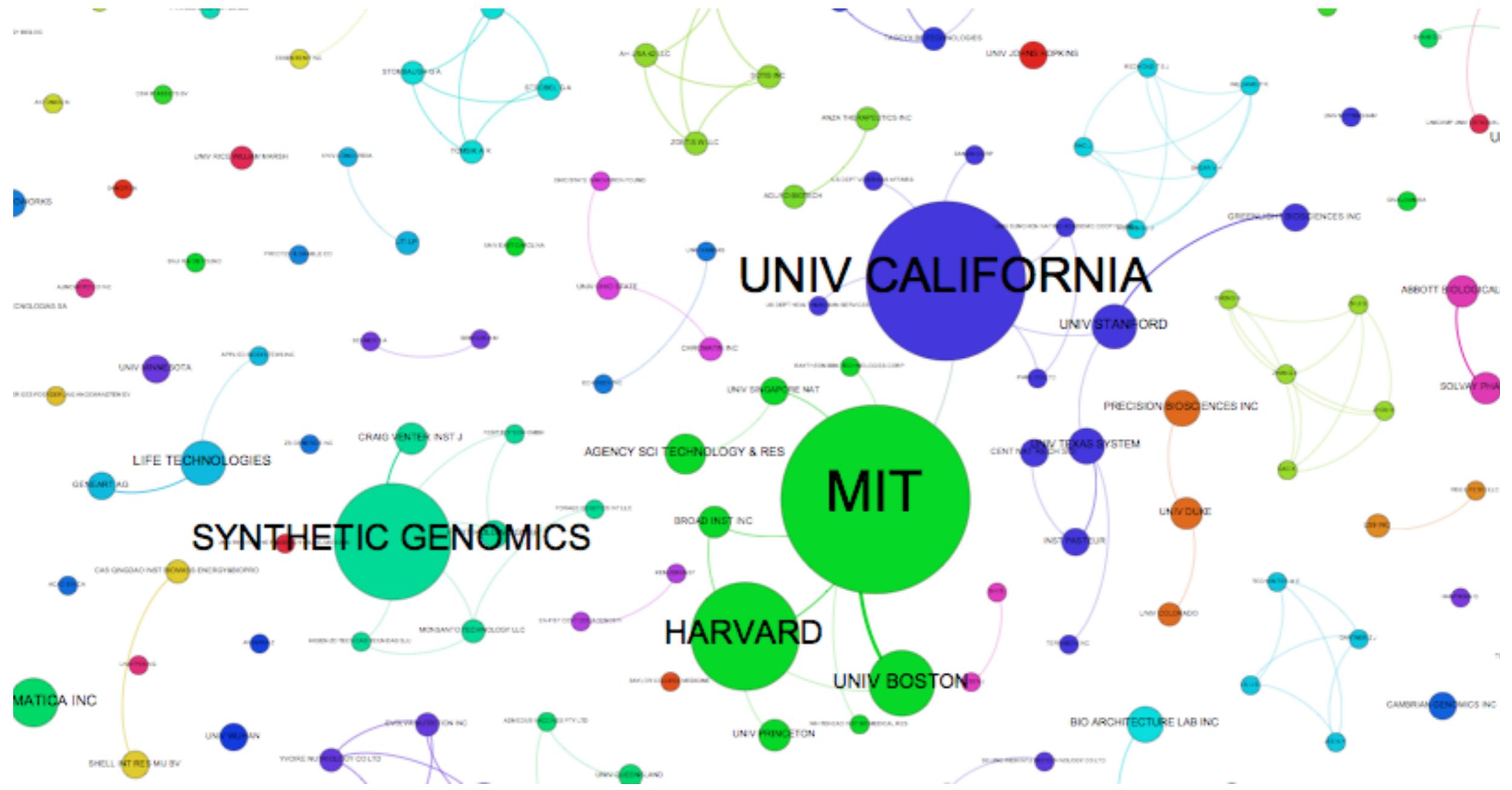
Select Enable Timeline at the bottom of the screen

Then select a few years (1994-2000) and play around. Note that the size of the nodes does not seem to adjust with time. Note that important to lay out the final graph first.



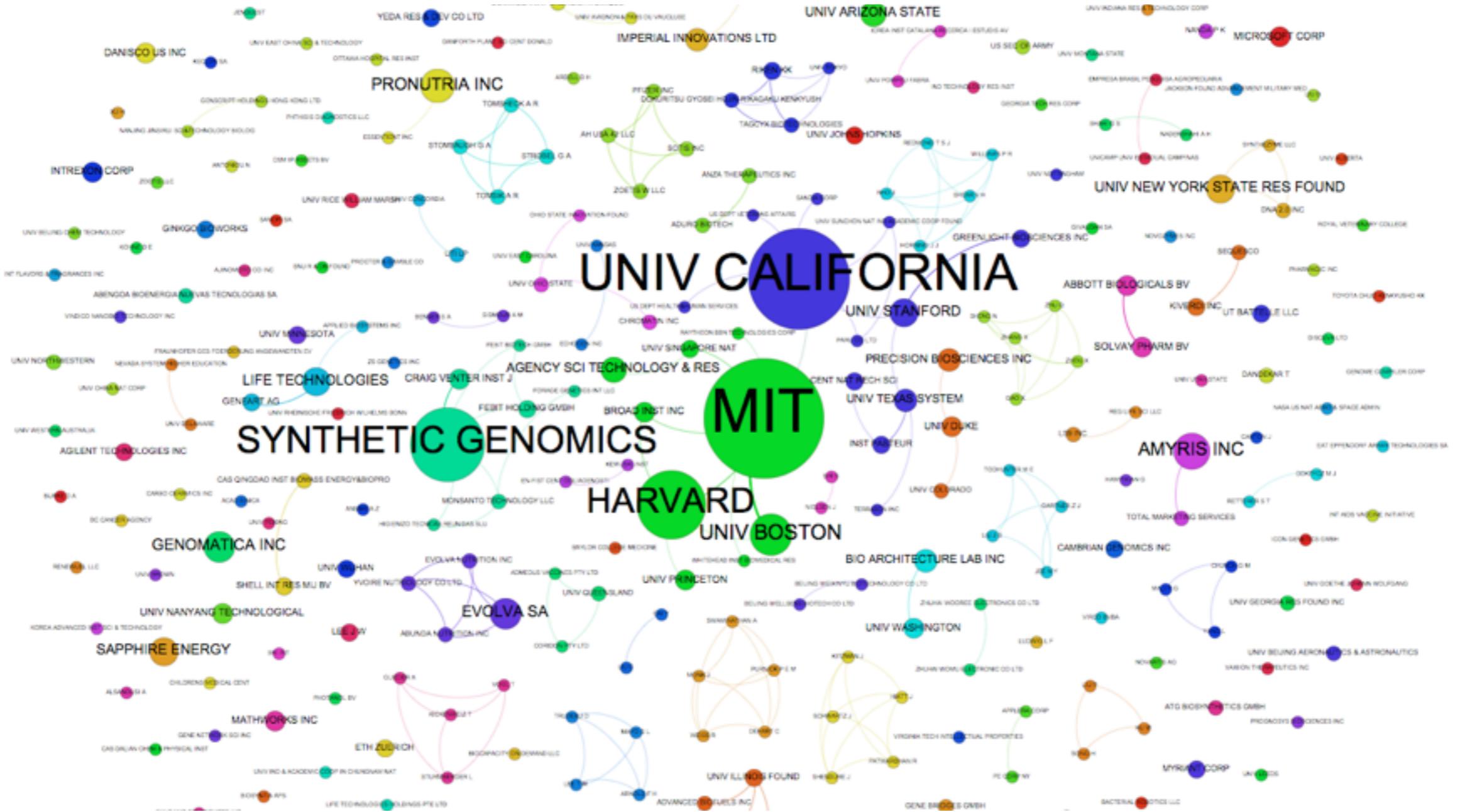
Preview Pane - for publication graphics

Select Default Curved. Then under Font reduce the Font size to 3 (experimentation is normally needed here). Use Refresh to View changes. You may need to edit long labels in Data Laboratory Long (or merge if duplicates found).

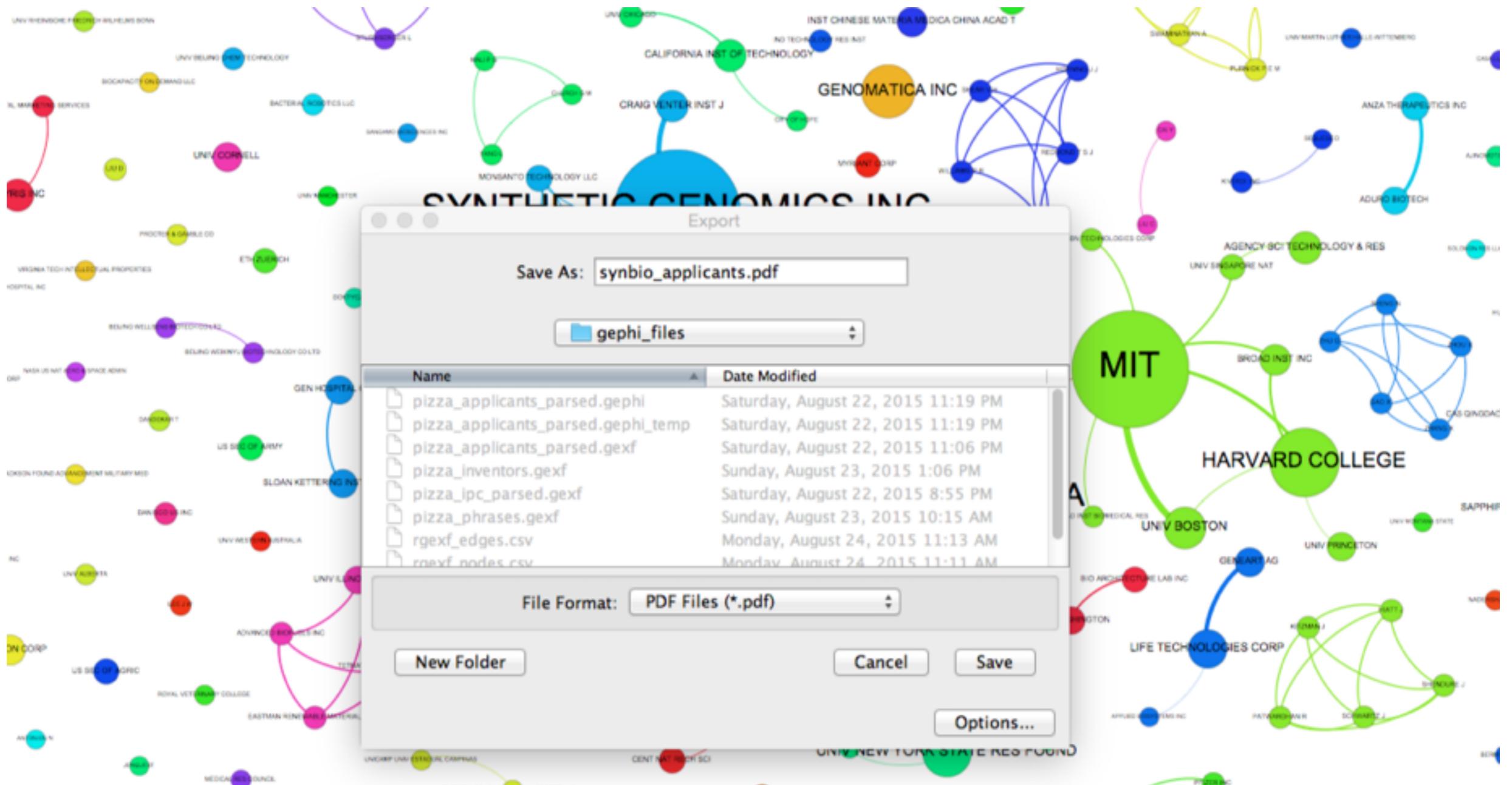


Adjust Overlapping Nodes and Labels

Starting at 12 o'clock move around the graph to identify nodes that are overlapping. Go to overview and move the node the amount necessary. Then in preview use Refresh to check results.



The outcome



Choose Export near Refresh Button

The pdf defaults are good (so leave them as is). You may need to adjust overhanging labels and outline text for publication in Illustrator or GIMP.



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Assignment

In the `brazil_workshop` folder there are ready made `.gexf` files. Experiment with these tonight to create networks for the morning. Include the results in your Tableau Public pizza patent workbook.

Assignment Tips

- Use Welcome - Open Graph File.
- In Data Laboratory - Delete NA at the very beginning.
- There are a lot of nodes. Use Filters then Attributes then Range = records and use the slider or type in value until you have something reasonable (keep pressing Filter). The aim is communication not completeness.
- Edit long labels in Data Lab - Nodes.
- Save your work with .gephi extension before using Preview.
- Tableau - create a new dashboard and look at options.
- Bring to the session tomorrow morning