## link bridging

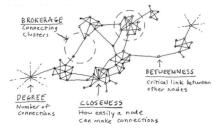
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## bridging *measures*

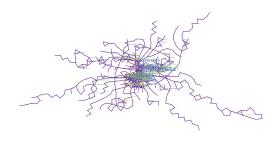
### which *links* are most *important*?

- link bridging measures for (un)directed networks
  - betweenness-based centrality [Fre77, FBW91, New05]
- link embeddedness measures for (un)directed networks
  - topological overlap measures [RSM<sup>+</sup>02, OSH<sup>+</sup>07, dNMB11]



## networkology LPP

- partial LPP public bus transport network\*
- n = 416 bus stops with  $\langle k \rangle = 2.72$  connections
- giant component 95.4% nodes (6 components)
- "small-world" with  $\langle C \rangle = 0.09$  and  $\langle d \rangle = 14.26$
- "scale-free" with  $\gamma = 2.43$  for cutoff  $k_{min} = 2$



<sup>\*</sup>reduced to largest connected component of simple undirected graph

## bridging betweenness

### important *links* are between other nodes

- for (un)directed G link betweenness  $\sigma$  [Fre77] of  $\{i, j\}$  is

  - $g_{st}$  is number of geodesic paths between s and t  $g_{st}^{ij}$  is number of such geodesic paths through  $\{i,j\}$

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sum_{st \notin \{i,j\}} \frac{g_{st}^{ij}}{g_{st}}$$

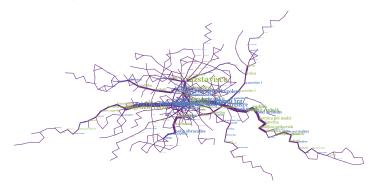
—  $\sigma$  considers only geodesic paths [FBW91, New05]





## networkology betweenness

- link betweenness  $\sigma$  in partial LPP network<sup>†</sup>
- highest  $\sigma_{ij} = 0.176n^2$  link is {Vič, Stan in dom}



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## bridging bridgeness

#### important links are bridges between nodes

- for (un)directed G link bridgeness  $\tilde{\sigma}$  [JMK+16] of  $\{i,j\}$  is
  - $g_{st}$  is number of geodesic paths between s and t
  - $g_{st}^{ij}$  is number of such geodesic paths through  $\{i,j\}$

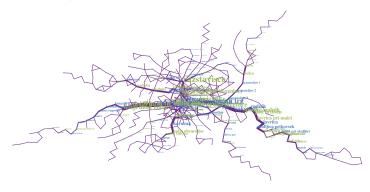
$$\widetilde{\sigma}_{ij} = \sigma_{ij} - \sum_{st \in \Gamma_i \cup \Gamma_j} \frac{g_{st}^{ij}}{g_{st}} = \sum_{st \notin \Gamma_i \cup \Gamma_j} \frac{g_{st}^{ij}}{g_{st}}$$

—  $\sigma$  mixes local centers with global bridges [JMK<sup>+</sup>16]



# networkology bridgeness

- link bridgeness  $\widetilde{\sigma}$  in partial LPP network<sup>‡</sup>
- highest  $\widetilde{\sigma}_{ij} = 0.169 n^2$  link is {Vič, Stan in dom}



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# bridging embeddedness

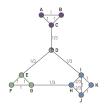
#### important links are embedded between nodes

— for undirected G link embeddedness§  $\theta$  [OSH+07] of  $\{i, j\}$  is –  $\Gamma_i$  is set of neighbors or neighborhood of i

$$heta_{ij} = rac{|\Gamma_i \cap \Gamma_j|}{k_i - 1 + k_j - 1 - |\Gamma_i \cap \Gamma_j|}$$
  $heta_{ij} = 0 ext{ for } k_i = k_j = 1$ 

- μ-corrected link embeddedness  $\theta$  [Bat19] of  $\{i,j\}$  is - μ is maximum number of triangles over links

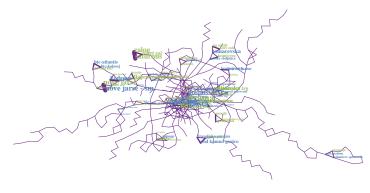
$$\widetilde{\theta}_{ij} = \tfrac{|\varGamma_i \cap \varGamma_j|}{\mu + \max(k_i, k_j) - 1 - |\varGamma_i \cap \varGamma_j|}$$



 $<sup>\</sup>S_{\theta}$  &  $\widetilde{\theta}$  better known as topological overlap indices/weights

## networkology embeddedness

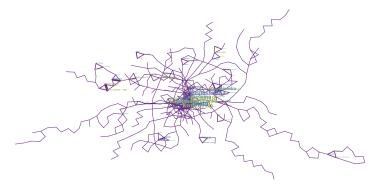
- *link embeddedness*  $\theta$  in partial LPP network ¶
- highest  $\theta_{ij} = 1.0$  links are {Zalog, Saturnus} etc.



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## networkology $\mu$ -embeddedness

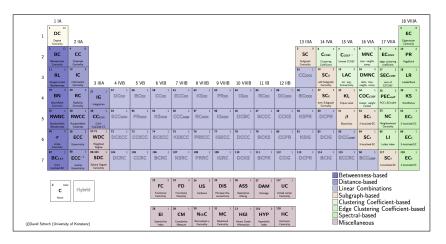
- $\mu$ -corrected embeddedness  $\widetilde{\theta}$  in partial LPP network
- highest  $\theta_{ij} = 0.4$  links are {Pošta, Konzorcij} etc.



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# bridging overview

#### which *links* are most *important*?



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