

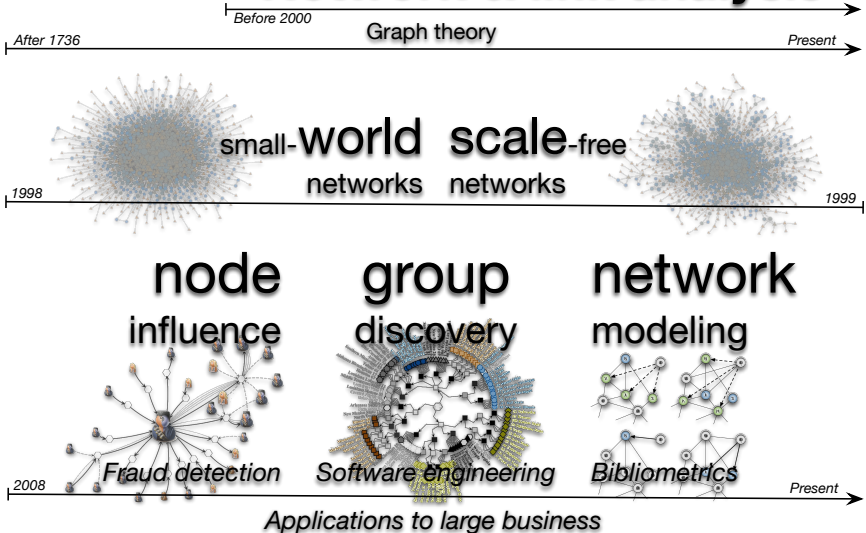
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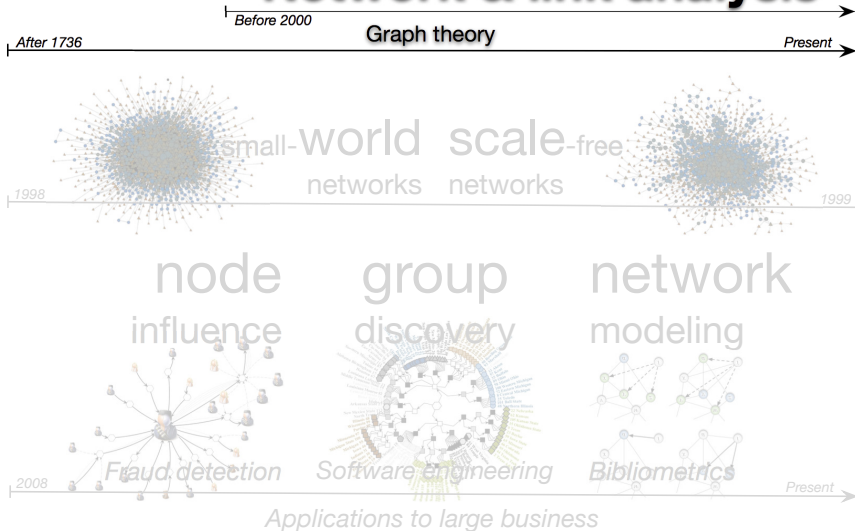
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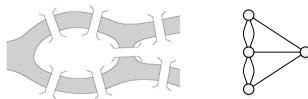


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Graph theory

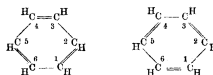
1736 *Königsberg bridge problem* (Euler)



1800s *Travelling salesman problem* (Hamilton)

1845 *Electrical circuit laws* (Kirchhoff)

1857 *Chemical structure* (Kekulé)

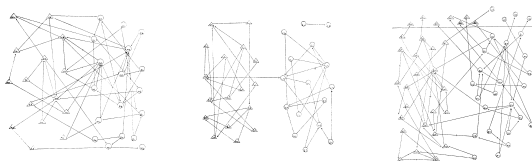


1950s *Operations research* (Dijkstra, Kruskal, Ford)

1959 *Random graphs* (Erdős, Rényi)

Sociometry

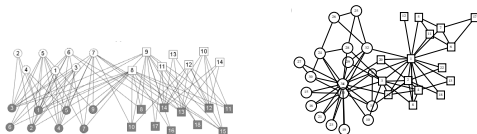
1934 *Sociograms* Moreno (1934)



1941 *Southern women* Davis et al. (1941)

1970 *University karate club* Zachary (1977)

1970s *Social graphs* Granovetter (1973); Freeman (1977, 1979)



Bibliometrics & other

1965 *Scientific papers* Price (1965)

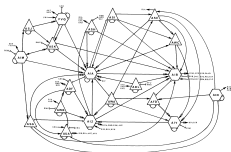


SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

1980s *Political scandals* Hobbs and Lombardi (2003)

1986 *Neurology & chemistry* White et al. (1986)

1999 *Transportation* Pelletier (1999)

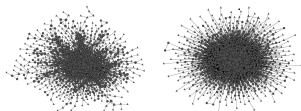


Network analysis

- < 2000 Small graphs (10^2 - 10^3 nodes)
- $\approx$ 2000 *Communication networks* (10^5 - 10^8 nodes)
- $\approx$ 2005 *Online social networks* (10^8 nodes)
- $\approx$ 2010 *Web graphs* (10^9 nodes)

1998 *Small-world networks* Watts and Strogatz (1998)

1999 *Scale-free networks* Barabási and Albert (1999)



Social, information, biological & technological networks. Newman (2003)

Network & link analysis

network analysis → structure & function of networks (*network theory*)

link analysis → data mining over nodes using links (*network mining*)

GBDM → data mining over graphs (*graph mining*)



Network analysis & visualization tools:

C++ → SNAP SNAP (2013)

Python → NetworkX Hagberg et al. (2008)

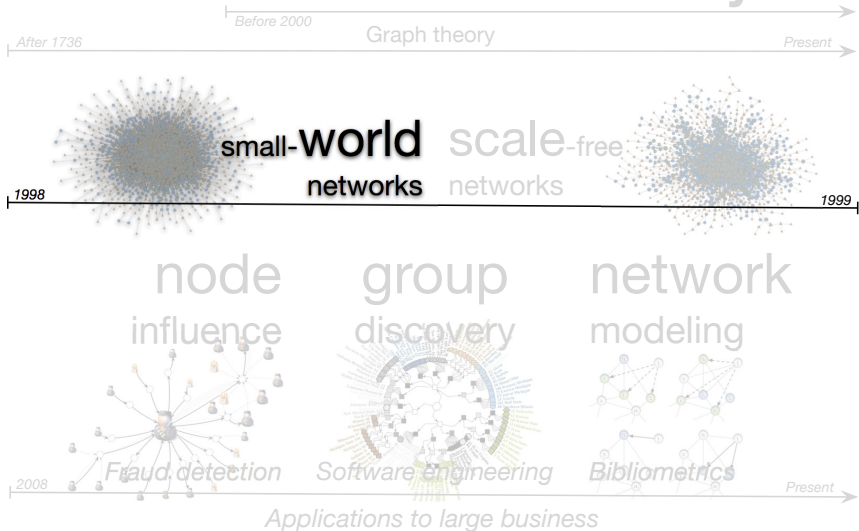
Java → JUNG O'Madadhain et al. (2005)

Excel → NodeXL Hansen et al. (2010)

other → Pajek de Nooy et al. (2005)

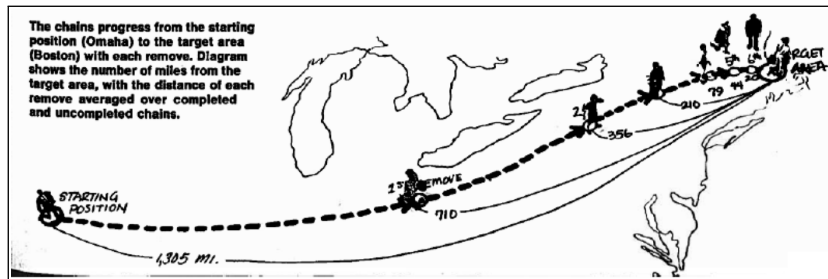
Gephi Bastian et al. (2009)

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Milgram's experiment

Sending a chain letter to a stock-broker in Boston (through friends):
small-world of networks or 6 degrees of separation. Milgram (1967)



Source: Milgram (1967)

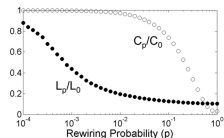
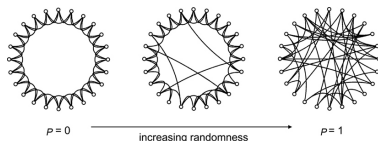
Strength of weak ties & weakness of strong ties. Granovetter (1973)

Small-world graph model

Let k_i be the degree of node i , Δ_i # linked neighbors & d_{ij} the distance between nodes i, j .

$$L = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{ij} d_{ij} \quad C = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{\Delta_i}{\binom{k_i}{2}}$$

Random rewiring of links: Watts and Strogatz (1998)



Source: <http://www.frontiersin.org/>

Regular graphs have *high* L & C , while random graphs have *low* L & C .
Real-world networks have high C & low L !

Small-world networks

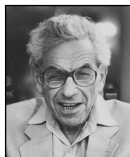
Properties of small-world networks:

6 degrees of separation Milgram (1967)

7 (4) degrees of separation in e-mail Dodds et al. (2003)

4 degrees of separation on Facebook Backstrom et al. (2012)

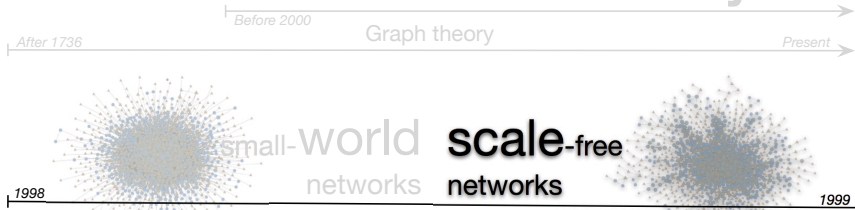
Small *Erdős & Bacon numbers* (distances in a collaboration network).



Are small-world networks, e.g., peer-2-peer, also navigable? Kleinberg (2001)

Searchable with a decentralized algorithm in time polynomial in $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$.

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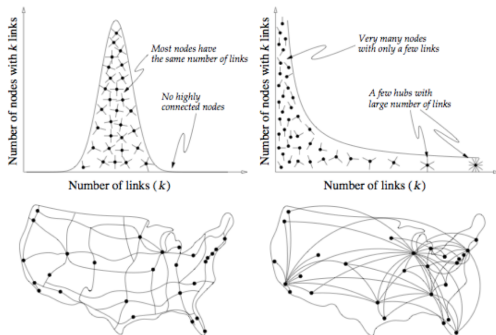


Normal & power-law distributions

Citations, Internet & the web have *power-law* $P(k)$: Price (1965); Faloutsos et al. (1999)

$$P(k) \sim k^{-\alpha}$$

k_i is the degree of node i & α a power-law exponent, $\alpha > 1$.



Source: Barabási (2002)

Scale-free graph model

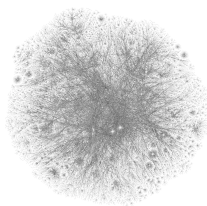
Networks with power-law tail of $P(k)$ are called *scale-free*.

Preferential attachment of nodes: Barabási and Albert (1999)

- (1) node i links to a randomly chosen node j with probability p
- (2) otherwise, node i links to a node j with probability $\frac{k_j}{\sum k_j}$

$$P(k) = k^{-\alpha} \quad \alpha = 1 + \frac{1}{1-p}$$

Power-laws arise from *rich get richer phenomena* (cumulative advantage).



SOURCE: Barabási and Albert

Scale-free networks

Let n & m be # nodes or links, respectively.

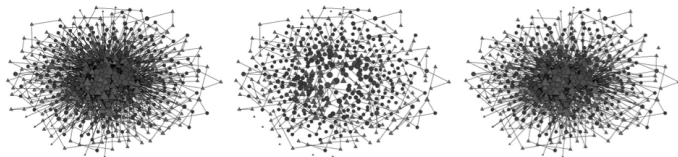
Properties of scale-free networks:

sparse with $m \approx n$ (& not $m \approx n^2$) Del Genio et al. (2011)

for $\alpha \geq 2$ & $\alpha \geq 3$, the *mean or variance of k_i is infinite* (no scale)

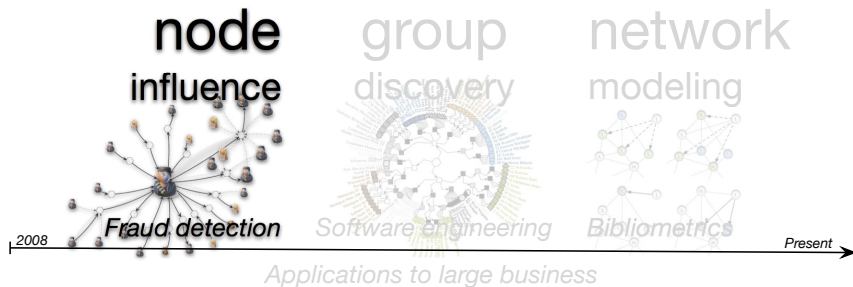
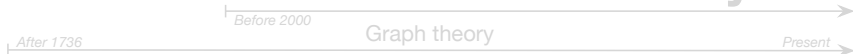
for $2 < \alpha < 3$, a small infection can *spread in epidemic* Sinha (2011)

robust against failures & *vulnerable to attacks* Albert et al. (2000)



The Internet with 10% of high-degree or random nodes removed, respectively.

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Automobile insurance fraud

Staged traffic accidents & fake insurance claims.

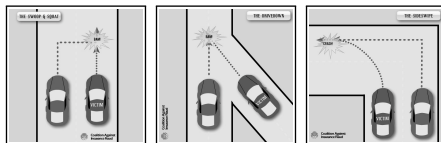
Great risk for other traffic participants (e.g., elders).

≈ 10% outcome for claims only on account of fraud.

≈ 100 million €/year loss for Slovenia (population 2 million).

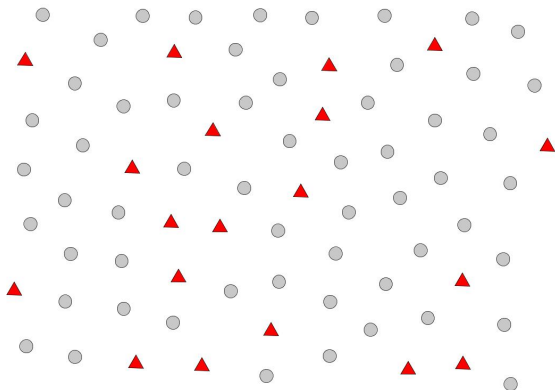
Particularly interesting are groups of collaborating fraudsters.

Design of expert system applicable in practice (e.g., reports).



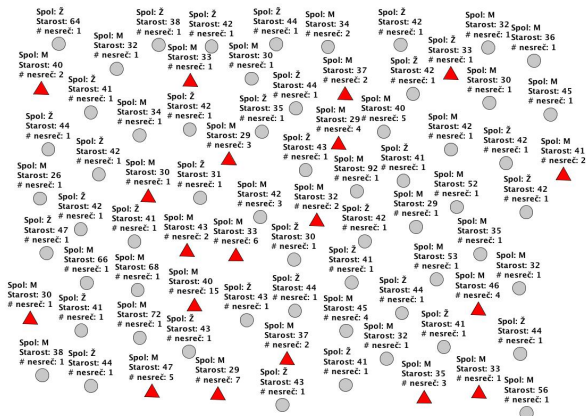
Source: <http://www.insurancefraud.org/>

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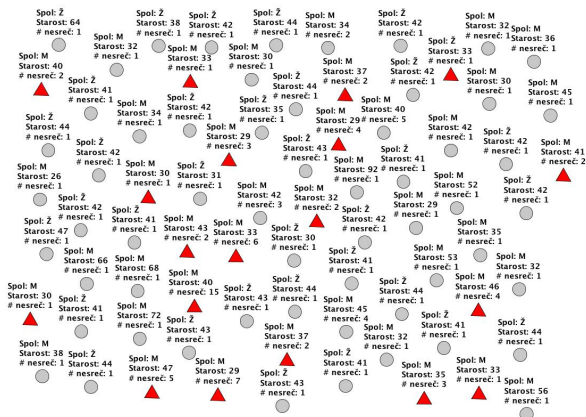
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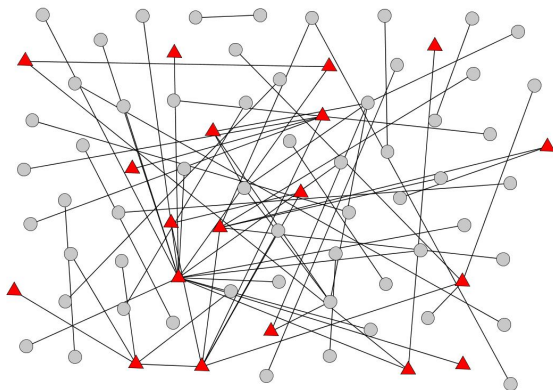
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No differences in practice & much fraud is undetected.



Social network analysis

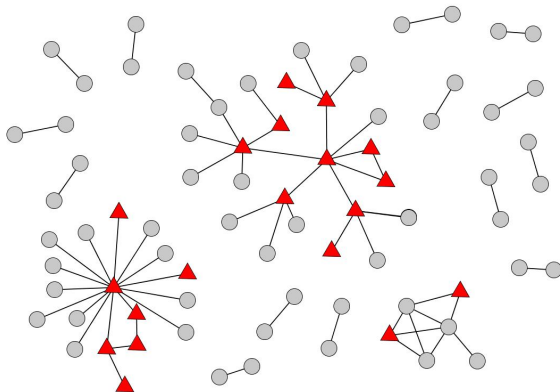
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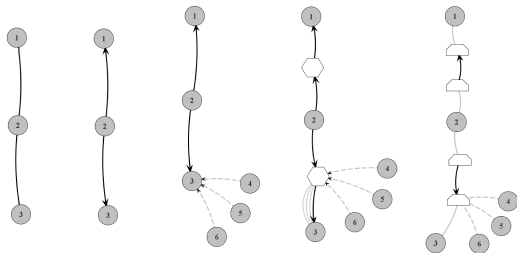
Fraudsters can be detected already with a naked eye.



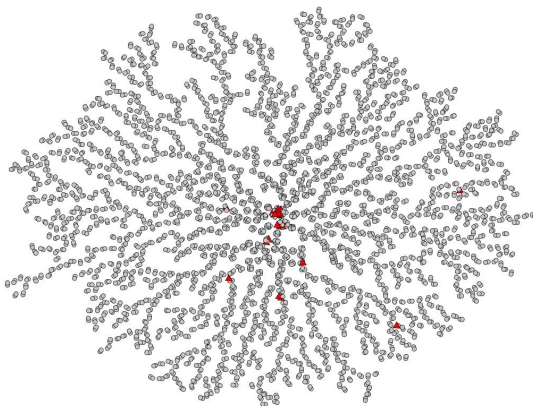
Expert system for fraud detection

Four-phase fraud detection system: Šubelj et al. (2011, 2009)

- (1) *Projection* to a social network
- (2) Detection of *suspicious groups*
- (3) Detection of *suspicious participants*
- (4) *Representation* of the results

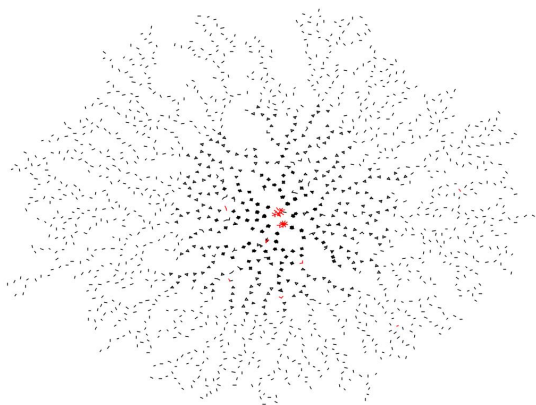


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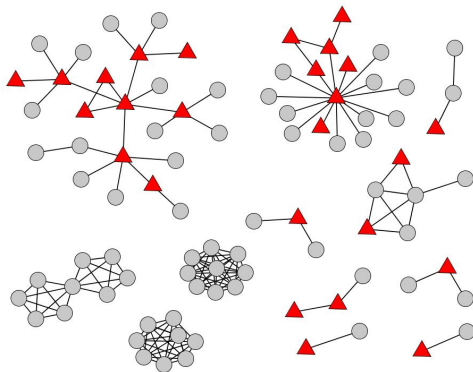
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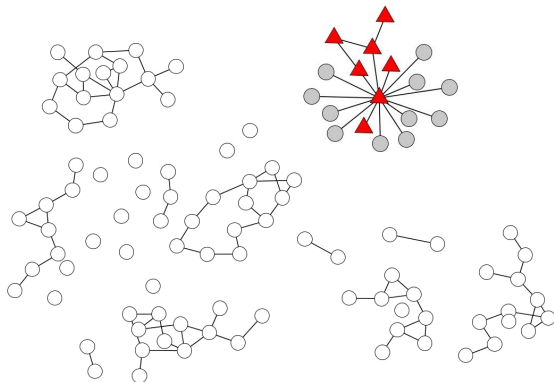


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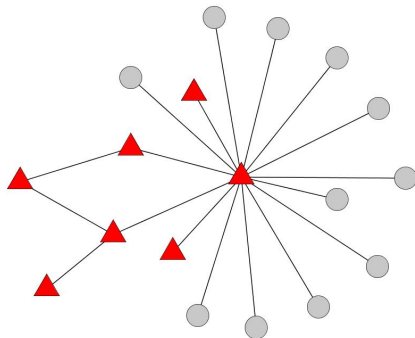
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Suspicious groups (i.e., components) are detected by simulation.

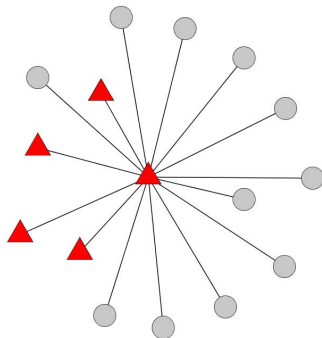


Suspicious participants detection



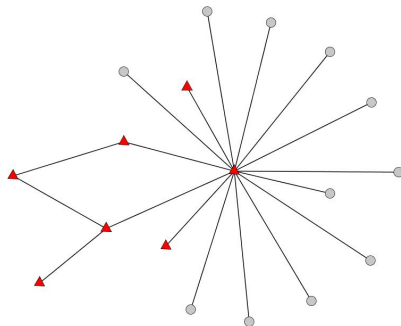
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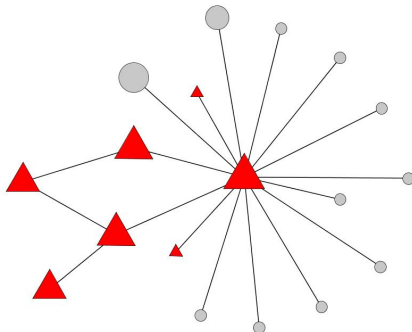
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Propagation of suspicion over the network overcomes locality.
Suspicious participants are detected by a link analysis algorithm...



Link analysis algorithm

Iterative assessment algorithm (with Laplace smoothing): Šubelj et al. (2011)

$$s_i = \frac{1 + k/k_i}{2} \left(f_i \sum_{j \in \Gamma_i} f_{ij} \cdot s_j \right)$$

s_i is score of node i , f_i its factor, k_i its degree & k the mean degree, $f : i \rightarrow [0, \infty)$.

$$f_i = \prod_k f_i^k \quad f_i^k = \begin{cases} 1/(1 - F_i^k) & F_i^k \geq 0 \\ 1 + F_i^k & F_i^k < 0 \end{cases}$$

F are suspicion factors set by an expert, $F : i \rightarrow (-1, 1)$.

HITS Kleinberg (1999) & PageRank Page (2001) are *not directly applicable* here.

Social network centrality

Degree centrality: see Scott (2000)

$$c_i = \frac{k_i}{n-1}$$

Closeness centrality: Freeman (1979)

$$c_i = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_j d_{ij}$$

Betweenness centrality: Freeman (1977)

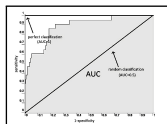
$$c_i = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{j,k} \sigma_{jk}(i) / \sigma_{jk}$$

Eigenvector centrality: Bonacich (1987)

$$c_i = \frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_{j \in \Gamma_i} c_j$$

d_{ij} is the distance & σ_{ij} the # geodesics between nodes i, j . κ is the leading eigenvector.

Traffic accidents in Slovenia 1999–2008



Area under the ROC for *groups & participants ranking*: Šubelj et al. (2011)

	Cover	L_1	BC	MAJOR	RIDIT	PRIDIT
All	0.6019	0.6386	0.6774	0.7946	0.6843	0.7114
Suspicious	0.6119	0.8494	0.8549	0.8507	0.9221	0.9228

						IAA algorithm		
	ML/DM	DC	CC	BC	EC	No F	Raw F	Expert F
All	/	0.7428	0.8138	0.6401	0.7300	0.8188	0.8435	0.8787
Suspicious	≈ 0.86	0.8597	0.8158	0.6541	0.8581	0.8942	0.9086	0.9228

Awards & other

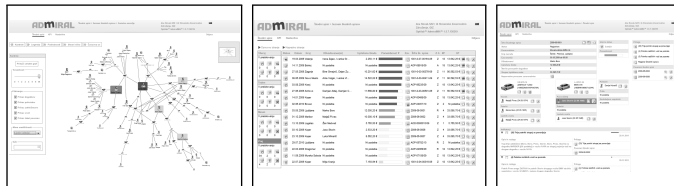
Publication awards:

journal exceptional work by Slovenian Research Agency! Šubelj et al. (2011)

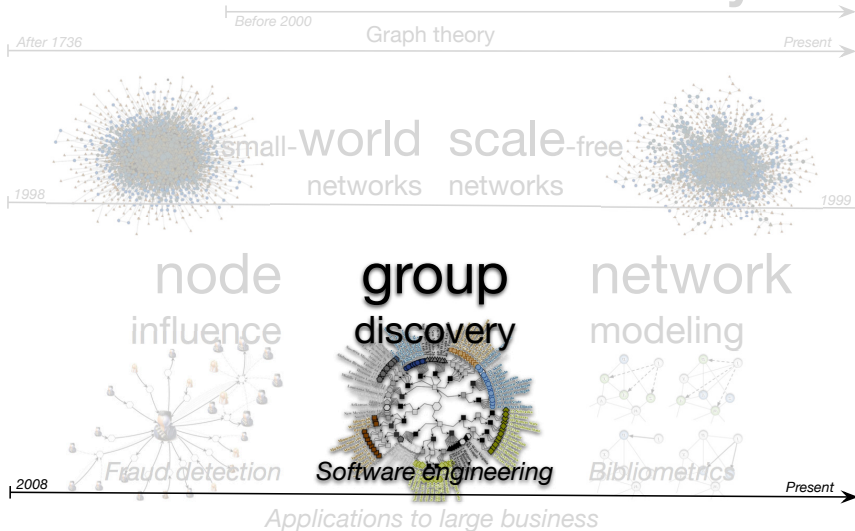
thesis Prešeren award by Faculty of Computer Science Šubelj (2008)

conference best student paper award at DSI '09 Šubelj et al. (2009)

Optilab offers tool *Admiral* adopted by Slovenian Insurance Association.



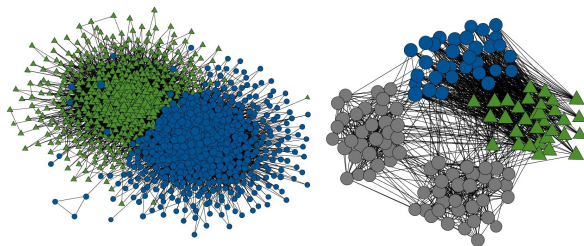
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Groups in real-world networks

community densely linked nodes that are sparsely linked between
(or dense groups of sparse graphs) Girvan and Newman (2002)

module nodes linked to similar other nodes Newman and Leicht (2007)
(or groups with similar linking pattern) Šubelj and Bajec (2012b)

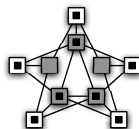
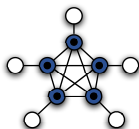


Group type formalism

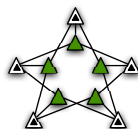
Let S be a group (filled) & T its linking pattern (marked). Šubelj et al. (2013a)



Community ($S = T$)



Mixture ($S \approx T$)



Module ($S \neq T$)



Let $\tau_{S,T}$ be a parameter of group S & its pattern T .

$$\tau_{S,T} = \frac{|S \cap T|}{|S \cup T|}$$

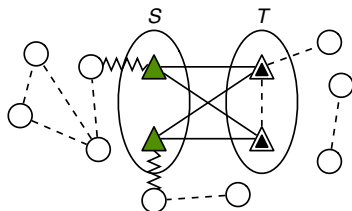
$\tau = 1$ for communities, $\tau \approx \frac{1}{2}$ for mixtures & $\tau = 0$ for modules...

Group quality criterion

Let $L_{S,T}$ be a number of links between S & T .

$$W_{S,T} = \dots \left(\frac{L_{S,T}}{|S||T|} - \frac{L_{S,T^C}}{|S||T^C|} \right) \text{ Šubelj et al. (2013a)}$$

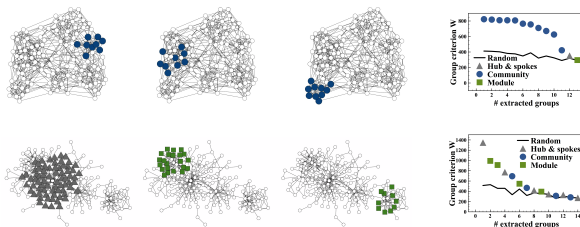
A local asymmetric criterion that *favors links* in (S, T) & *penalizes for links* in (S, T^C) . Consistent with wide class of models for $S = T$. Zhao et al. (2011)



Group discovery by extraction

Sequential group extraction: Šubelj et al. (2013a) & Zhao et al. (2011)

- (1) Find S & T that optimize W (tabu search)
- (2) Extract *only links between S & T* (& isolated nodes)
- (–) Repeat until W larger than at random (by simulation)

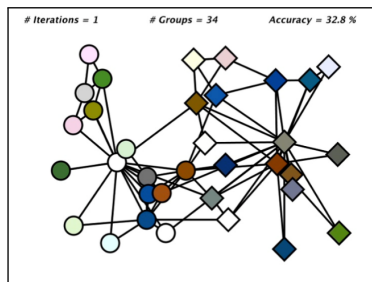


Group detection by propagation (intermezzo)

Propagation group detection: Raghavan et al. (2007)

$$s_i = \operatorname{argmax}_s \sum_{j \in \Gamma_i} \delta(s_j, s)$$

s_i is (group) label of node i & Γ_i are its neighbors.



Group detection by propagation (II)

performance Diffusion propagation Šubelj and Bajec (2011b)

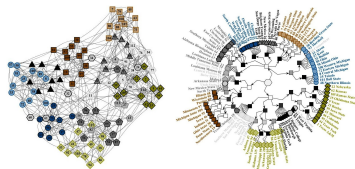
robustness Balanced propagation Šubelj and Bajec (2011a)

generality General propagation Šubelj and Bajec (2012b)

Hierarchical group detection: Šubelj and Bajec (2014)

$$s_i = \operatorname{argmax}_s \left(\overbrace{\tau_s \cdot \sum_{j \in \Gamma_i} \dots \delta(s_j, s)}^{\text{Community detection}} + \overbrace{(1 - \tau_s) \cdot \sum_{\substack{j \in \Gamma_i \\ k \in \Gamma_j \setminus \Gamma_i}} \dots \delta(s_k, s)}^{\text{Module detection}} \right)$$

The algorithm is *at least comparable* to the state-of-the-art! Šubelj (2013)



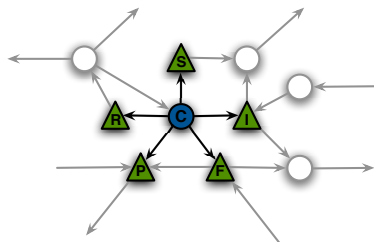
Software networks

Class dependency software networks: Šubelj and Bajec (2011c)

nodes → *classes* of an object-oriented software project

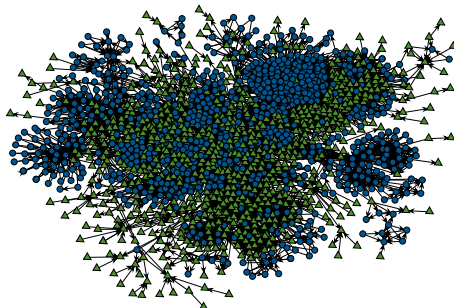
links → *dependencies* between classes (e.g., inheritance)

```
class C extends S implements I {  
    F field;  
    public C() { ... }  
    void foo(P parameter) { ... }  
    private R bar() { ... }  
}
```



Structure of software networks

Software networks are similar to other real-world networks. Valverde et al. (2002)

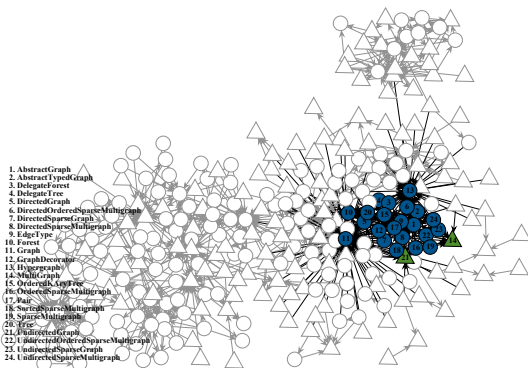


software networks = Šubelj et al. (2013b)

= dense social network structure + sparse Internet topology

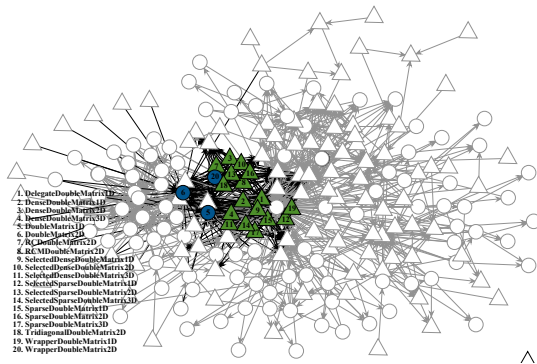
Communities in software networks

Communities are *core classes* of the software project. Šubelj and Bajec (2011c)



Modules in software networks

Modules are classes with the *same functionality*. Šubelj and Bajec (2012b)



Software engineering

Accuracy of *class package* prediction: Šubelj et al. (2013b)

Software	# Classes	# Categories	Neighbors Γ	Groups S	Network N	Baseline	Random
<i>JBullet</i>	107	11	72.0%	75.7%	64.5%	28.0%	8.6%
<i>colt</i>	154	16	58.4%	73.4%	55.2%	22.7%	5.9%
<i>JUNG</i>	237	31	72.2%	74.2%	65.0%	11.4%	3.3%
<i>Lucene</i>	1335	178	47.1%	49.2%	43.7%	6.4%	0.6%

Accuracy of *high-level class package* prediction:

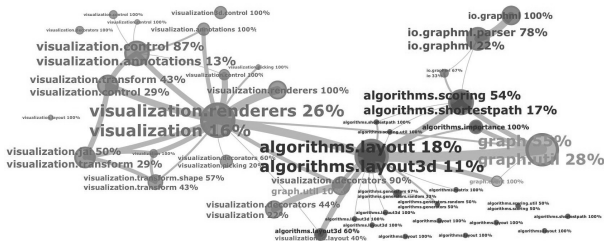
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<i>JUNG</i>	237	5	89.1%	90.5%	91.1%	44.3%	20.3%
<i>Lucene</i>	1335	15	85.5%	90.8%	85.0%	28.2%	6.6%

Accuracy of *class type, version, author* prediction:

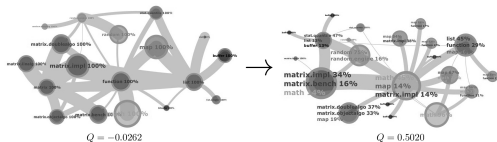
Setting	# Categories	Neighbors Γ	Groups S	Network N	Baseline	Random
Class type	2	65.0%	85.2%	84.8%	84.4%	49.9%
Class version	9	67.7%	72.8%	66.2%	44.3%	11.2%
Class author	11	71.6%	71.0%	70.9%	44.3%	9.2%

Software engineering (II)

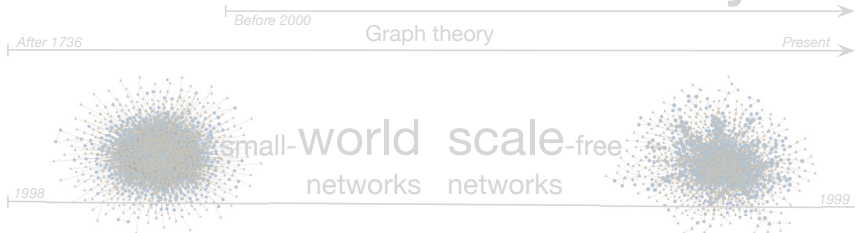
High-level abstraction of a software system: Šubelj and Bajec (2012a)



Reorganization of software packages (modular or functional):



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Social & non-social networks

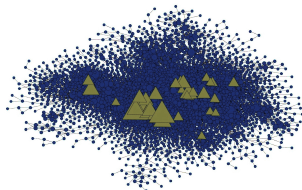
Real-world networks are small-world, scale-free, shrink & densify.

Degree mixing (correlations of degrees at links' ends): Newman (2002)

Social networks → *assortative* Newman and Park (2003)

Non-social networks → *disassortative* Šubelj and Bajec (2012b)

Citation networks → *neither*

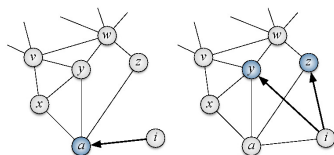


Forest fire graph model

Sequential node inclusion: Leskovec et al. (2007)

- (1) node i selects ambassador a & links to a
- (2) node i selects neighbors $a_1, \dots, a_{x_p}$ & links to a_i
- (3) $a_1, \dots, a_{x_p}$ are taken as ambassadors

p is burning probability & $x_p \sim G(\frac{p}{1-p})$.

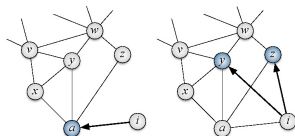


Generated graphs are small-world, scale-free & *degree assortative*.

Model of citation networks

Author citation dynamics:

- (1) author selects a paper & cites it
- (2) author selects its references & cites them
- (3) references are taken for consideration



Authors should read all papers they cite (& vice-versa).

Only $\approx 20\%$ cited papers are actually read. Simkin and Roychowdhury (2003)

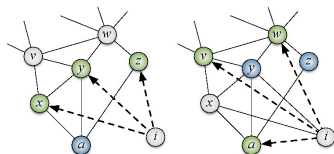
Authors read & cite papers due to independent processes.

Citation graph model

Sequential node inclusion: Šubelj and Bajec (2013)

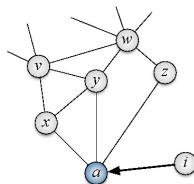
- (1) node i selects ambassador a
- (2) node i selects neighbors $a_1, \dots, a_{x_p}$
node i selects neighbors $l_1, \dots, l_{x_q}$ & links to l_i
- (3) $a_1, \dots, a_{x_p}$ are taken as ambassadors

q is linking probability & $x_q \sim G(\frac{q}{1-q})$.

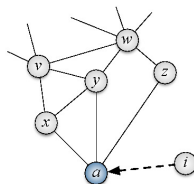
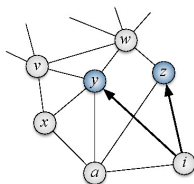


Generated graphs are small-world, scale-free & *degree (dis)assortative*.

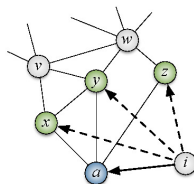
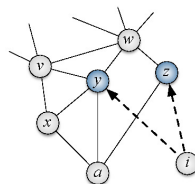
Alternative graph models



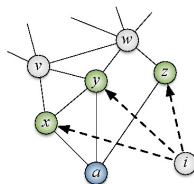
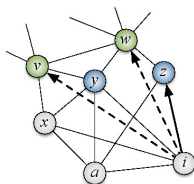
Forest fire model Leskovec et al. (2007)



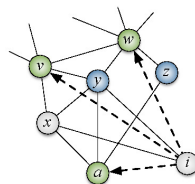
Butterfly model McGlohon et al. (2008)



Copying model Krapivsky and Redner (2005)



Citation model Šubelj and Bajec (2013)



Analysis of graph models

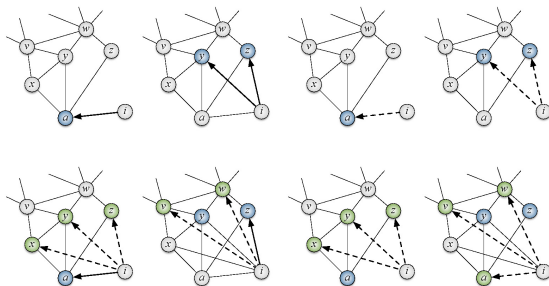
Let A be the set of ambassadors & L the set of linked nodes.

Forest fire model $\rightarrow A = L$

Butterfly model $\rightarrow A \supseteq L$

Copying model $\rightarrow A \subseteq L$

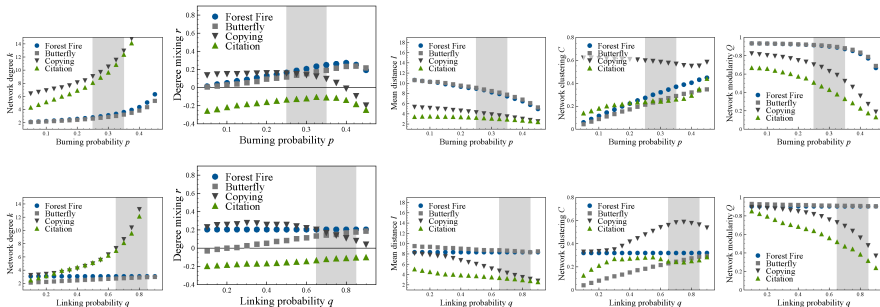
Citation model $\rightarrow A \text{ \& } L \text{ arbitrary}$



Comparison of graph models

All models generate *small-world* & *scale-free* graphs with high *modularity*.

Shaded regions show likely parameter values. Laurienti et al. (2011)



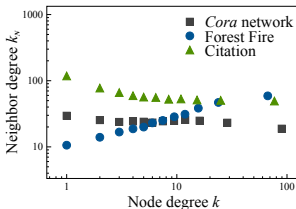
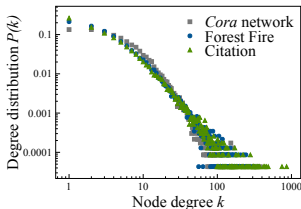
Only citation model realizes *degree disassortative* graphs! Šubelj and Bajec (2013)

Cora citation network

Cora dataset of computer science papers from the web. McCallum et al. (2000)

	p	q	# Nodes	# Links	Degree k	Mixing r
Forest fire model	0.46	/	23166	88828	7.669	0.211
Citation model	0.37	0.59		89888	7.760	-0.047
Cora network			23166	89157	7.697	-0.055

Citation model reproduces *degree disassortativity* of Cora network.

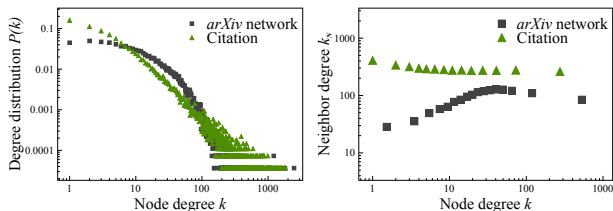


arXiv citation network

High energy particle physics preprints from *arXiv* server. KDD (2003)

	p	q	# Nodes	# Links	Degree k	Mixing r
Citation model	0.46	0.67	27400	350699	25.598	−0.068
arXiv network			27400	352021	25.695	−0.030

Directed *arXiv* network is modeled with an *undirected graph*...



Biblio- & scientometrics

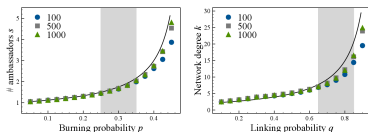
% *Papers read* relative to # *papers cited* is

$$\approx 2s/k$$

$$s \leq \frac{1-p}{1-2p} \quad k \leq \frac{2ps}{1-q-(1-q)^{s+1}}$$

s is # ambassadors selected by a node.

	p	q	# Cited	# Read	% Read
<i>Cora</i> network	0.37	0.59	3.85	2.54	66%
<i>arXiv</i> network	0.46	0.67	12.85	6.30	49%



Biblio- & scientometrics (II)

Papers cited or citing is $\approx k/2$

% *Papers read* relative to # *papers cited* is $\approx 2(1 - p)/(k - 2kp)$

% *Papers cited* relative to # *papers read* is $\approx q/(1 - q)$

Directed citation model (ongoing work):

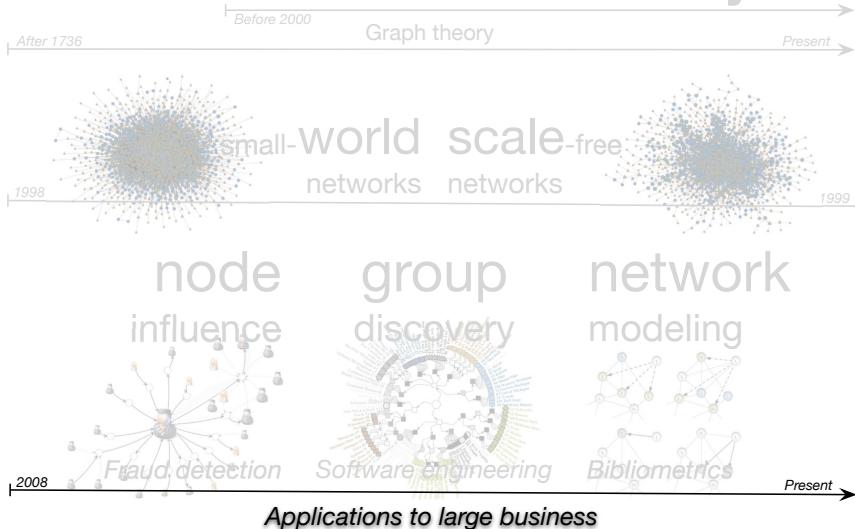
burning process $\rightarrow$ probabilities p_{fwd} & p_{bck}

linking process $\rightarrow$ probabilities q & q_{amb}

Citation dynamics of scientific fields from WoS (future work).

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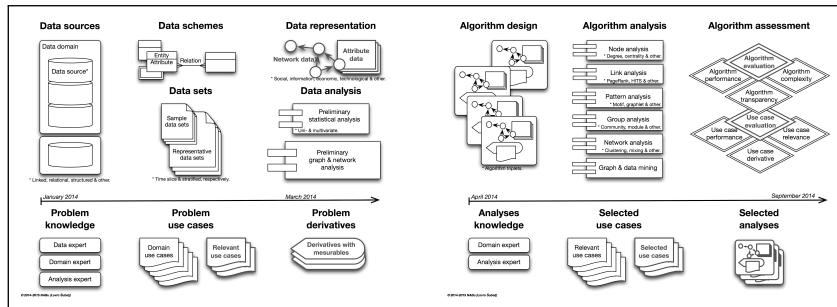
Applications to large business

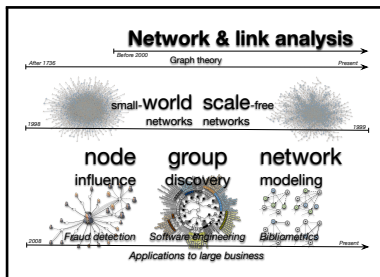
Postdoc project 2014–2015:

Algorithms for network analysis in large company

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Project outline/2:





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