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### Outline

- Pervasive Computing
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Cityware
- Pervasive Computing 1.0

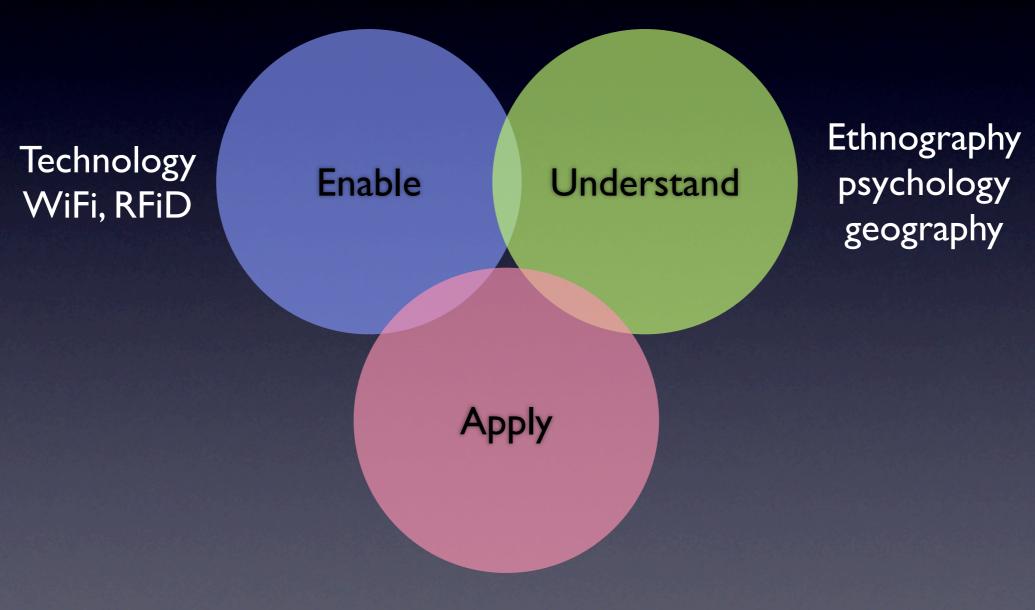
Motivation: Make the world a better place

- "Simpler" technology
- More "humane" technology
- Embedded in the fabric of everyday life

- Ubiquitous Computing (Mark Weiser, Xerox PARC 1988)
- Calm Computing (John Brown, Xerox PARC 1996)
- Universal Computing (James Landay, Berkeley 1998)
- Invisible Computing (G. Barriello, UoWashington 1999)
- Tangible Computing (Ishii, 1997)
- Pervasive Computing (Academia, IBM 1999, SAP 2000)
- Context Based Computing (Berkeley/IBM 1999)
- Hidden Computing (Toshiba 1999)

- Post PC Computing (Popular media)
- Ambient Intelligence (European Commission, FP5)
- Everyday Computing (Georgia Tech, 2000)
- Sentient Computing (AT&T, 2002)
- Autonomous Computing (IBM, 2002)
- Amorphous Computing (DARPA, 2002)
- Spray Computing (Zambonelli, 2003)
- Cityware (O'Neill & Kostakos, 2005)

- An application domain, not a discipline
- A potpourri of
  - computer science (Al & Agents graphics)
  - hardware sensors
  - psychology (cognitive, experimental, clinical)
  - sociology (ethnography, ethnomethodology)
  - geography
  - architecture
  - history
  - arts & design (music, performance)



Human-Computer Interaction

# HCI + Pervasive Systems

- Desktop systems are understood quite well
  - command prompts, GUIs, dialogues, metaphors, security mechanisms
- Pervasive systems are not understood so well (yet)
  - Mobility, sociability

## Cityware

- People
- Space
- Technologies



### Unpacking the layers of a city

Repesentation of cities can take a variety of forms. A map from 1806 (right) shows plans for Bath New Town, designed by Robert Adam - a development of the city that remained unfufilled due to financial constraints. Bath, now a World Heritage Site, has much of the same structure in the city



The many heritage institutions represent different layers of the city's past, such as Roman and Georgian periods.

In our research within the Space Syntax group and as part of the Cityware project, we seek to extend and adapt our understanding and practice of urban design by looking at the urban environment as an integrated system of the built environment and pervasive information and communication systems. For example, the images below depict the flows of Bluetooth devices across the city centre.



The image on the right depicts an axial map of the city of Bath. Such maps represent the least and longest lines of sight across the city. The axes are coloured to represent "integration" or how well a street is connected to the whole network (red: high integration, blue: low integration).

#### Heritage



The project has begun monitoring temperature and relative humidity data in the Victoria Art Gallery, to examine how the presence of people's movement affects environmental conditions to which historic objects are sensitive. People add heat and moisture to rooms, which can damage objects. Methods to control this can be expensive and slow to respond. Using mobile applications to recommend alternative locations to visitors during critical times will lead to demand-led passive control of building environments.

#### Spatial analysis



We intend to explore the effect of digital encounters in the city, and the use of digital platforms as a physical stage. We plan to use installations across the city of Bath, like the digital carpet shown below.

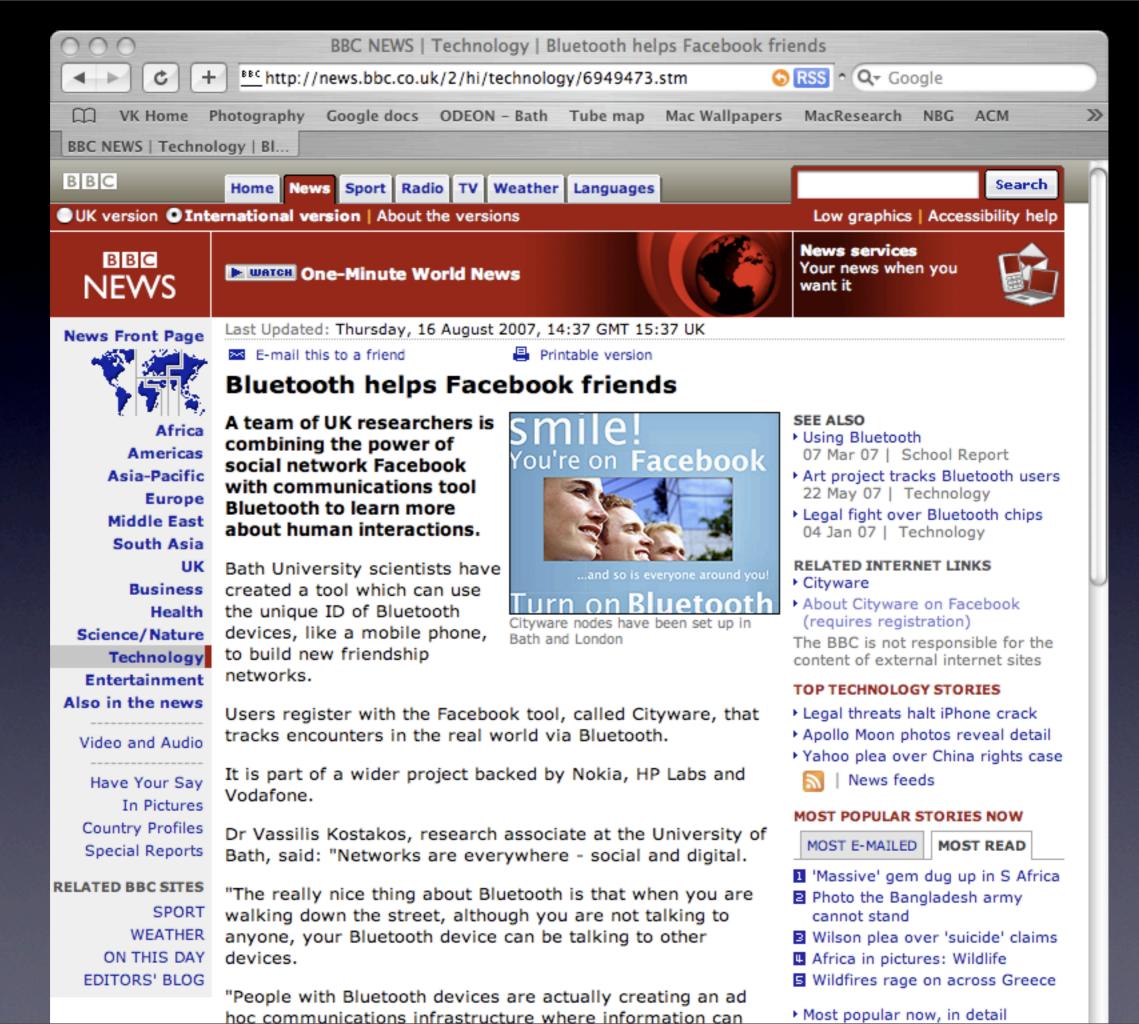






We are in the process of planning a study to explore our cohort's conceptions of their neighbourhoods. We are interested in understanding the features (spatial, economic, social) that define the boundaries of their neighbourhood. Additionally, we are interested in exploring the participants' cognitive maps, and the strategies by which they navigate, for example using landmarks.

Controversy is a measure of progress



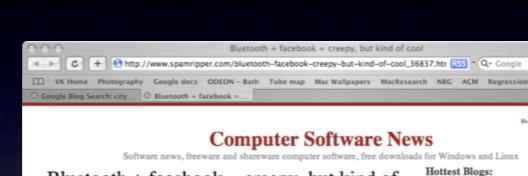












#### Bluetooth + facebook = creepy, but kind ofcool

Filed under: Internet, Social Software

For far too long you had to tell Facebook who you know. It's about time Facebook smartened up and gamered the ability to tell you who you've been in contact with automatically. It's impossible for Facebook to completely take over all of our lives unless it can follow us around everywhere we go. Finally, a team of Bath University scientists have come up with a solution. Combine Facebook with mobile Bluetooth electronics! You can now install a Facebook tool, called Cityware, and register your Bluetooth product, and it will atomically tell you who you've come in close contact with. The best part is that now, instead of actually meeting someone on the street, you can just go home and meet them in the more intimate and personal Facebook environment.



It's actually kind of neat how it works. The catch is that in order to use it you have to live in a city that has a 'node' installed. These nodes are computers that will scan for Bluetooth devices and match them up with other devices from the area. These nodes are currently installed in a few places in the UK, as well as at the University of California in San Diego. Basically, you just go for a walk around one of the nodes, then when you log into Facebook, it gives you a list of everyone who was in the same area. It's a wonderful way to meet new people, without, you know, actually meeting them. Also great for stalkers. Can't forget about the stalkers.

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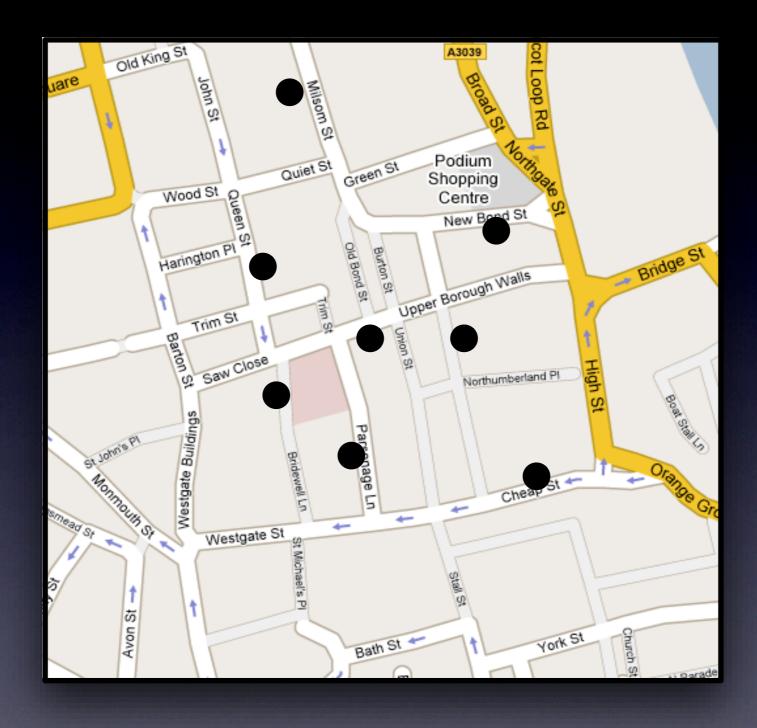
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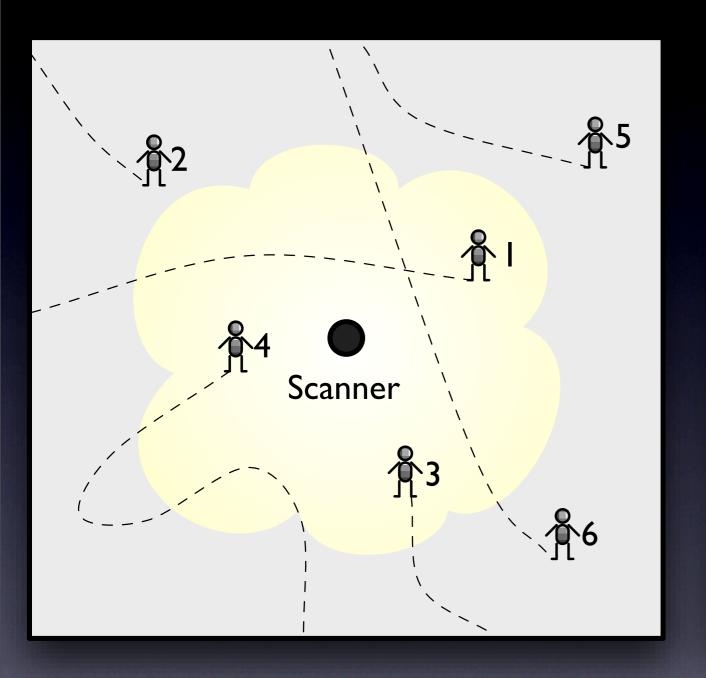
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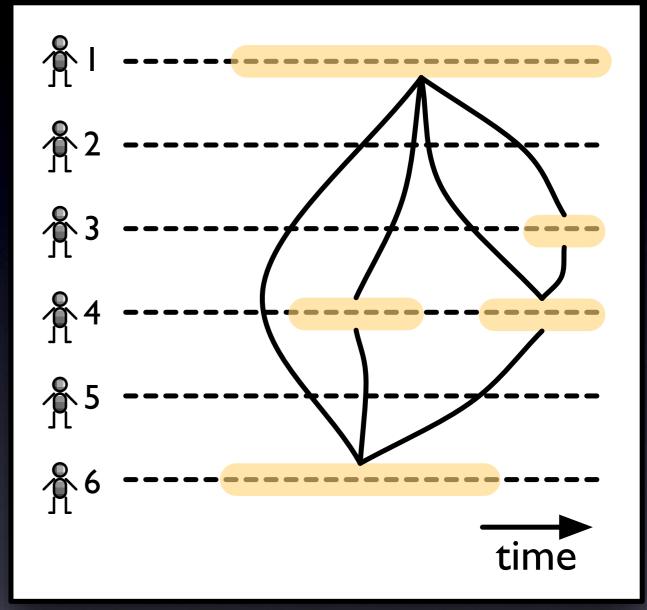


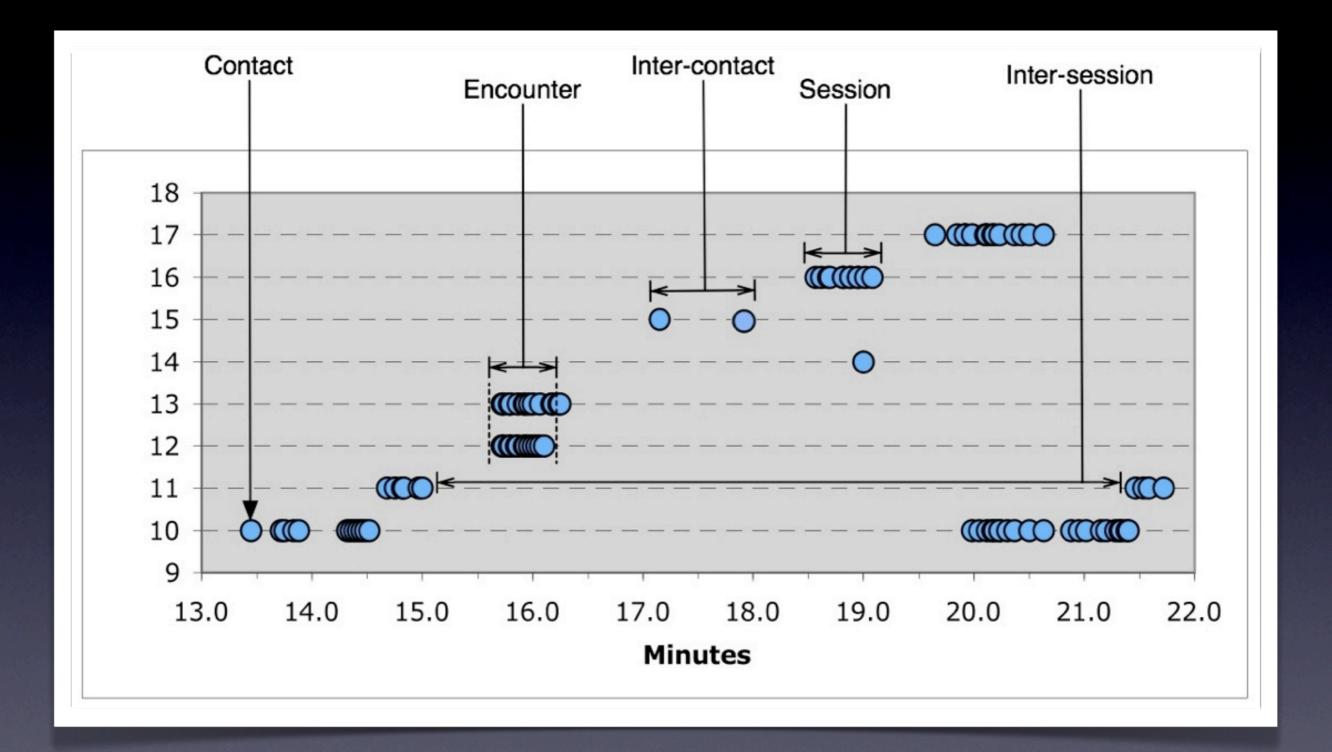
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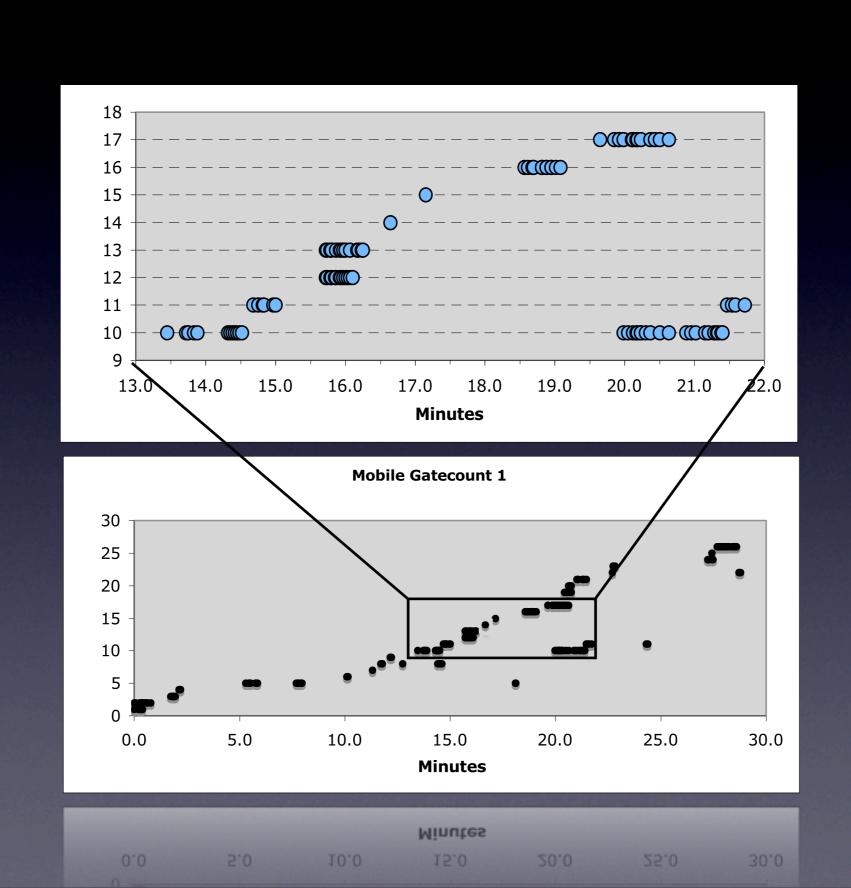
- People are unsure how to react
- It is definitely 2.0



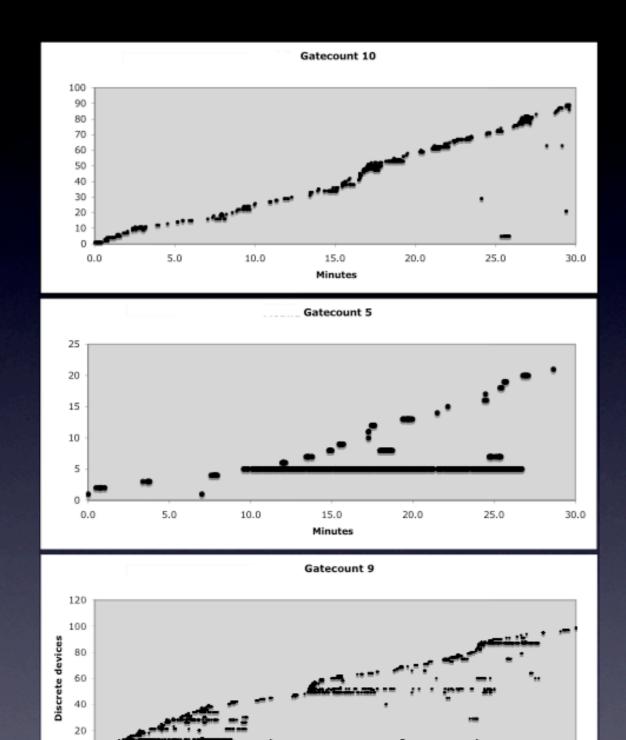








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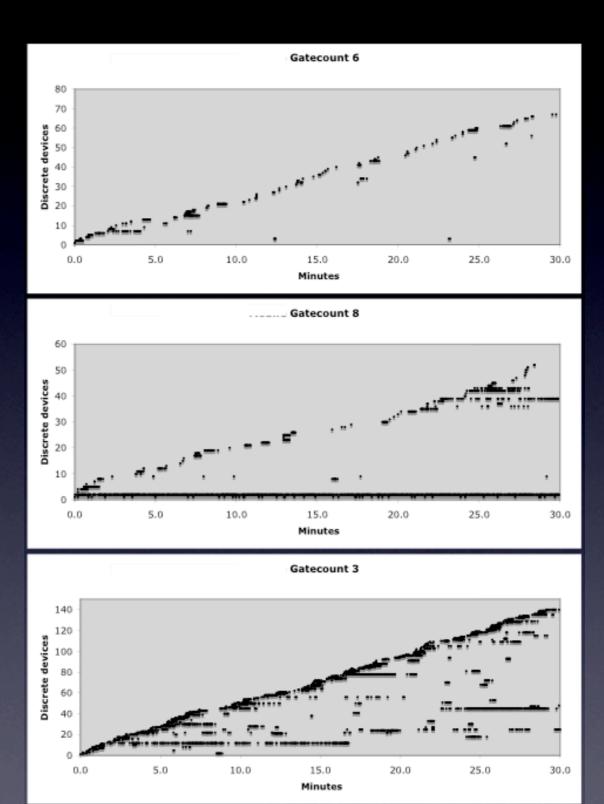


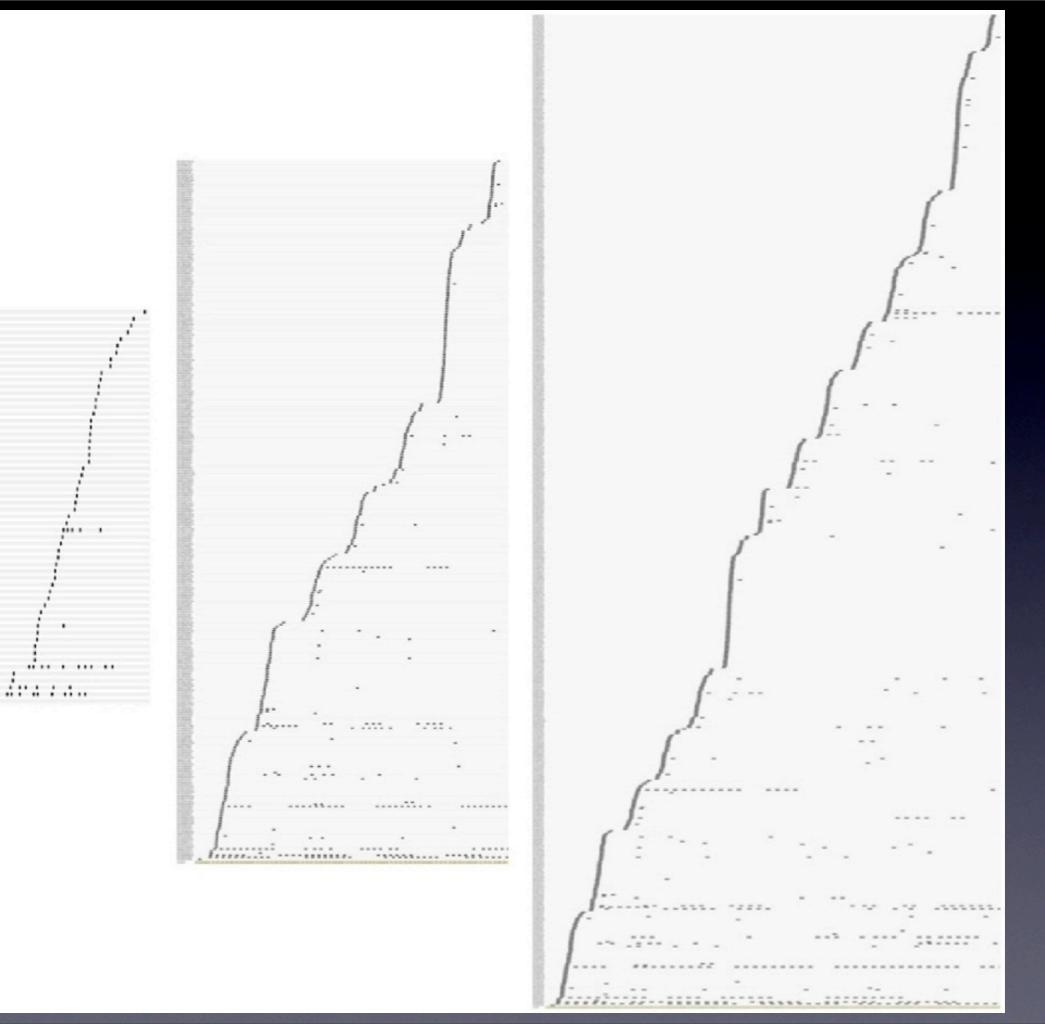
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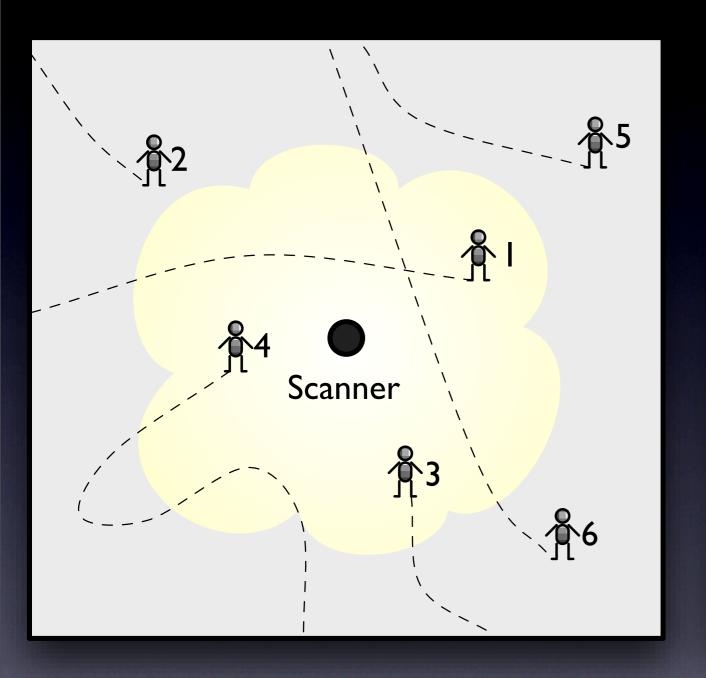
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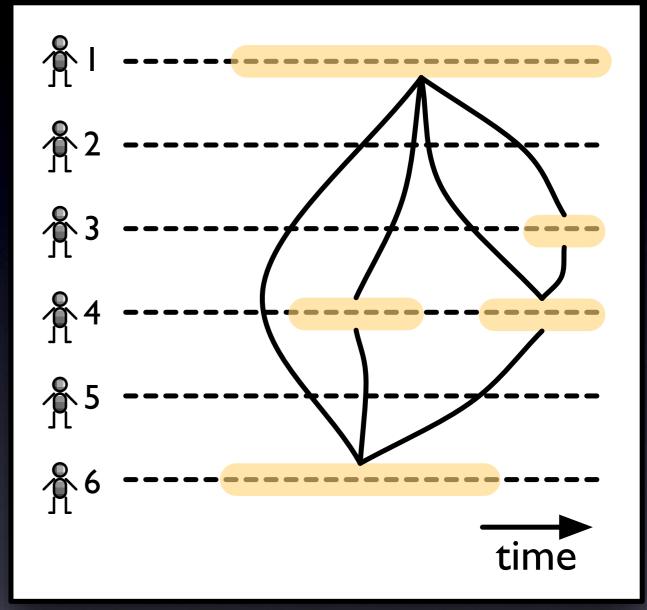
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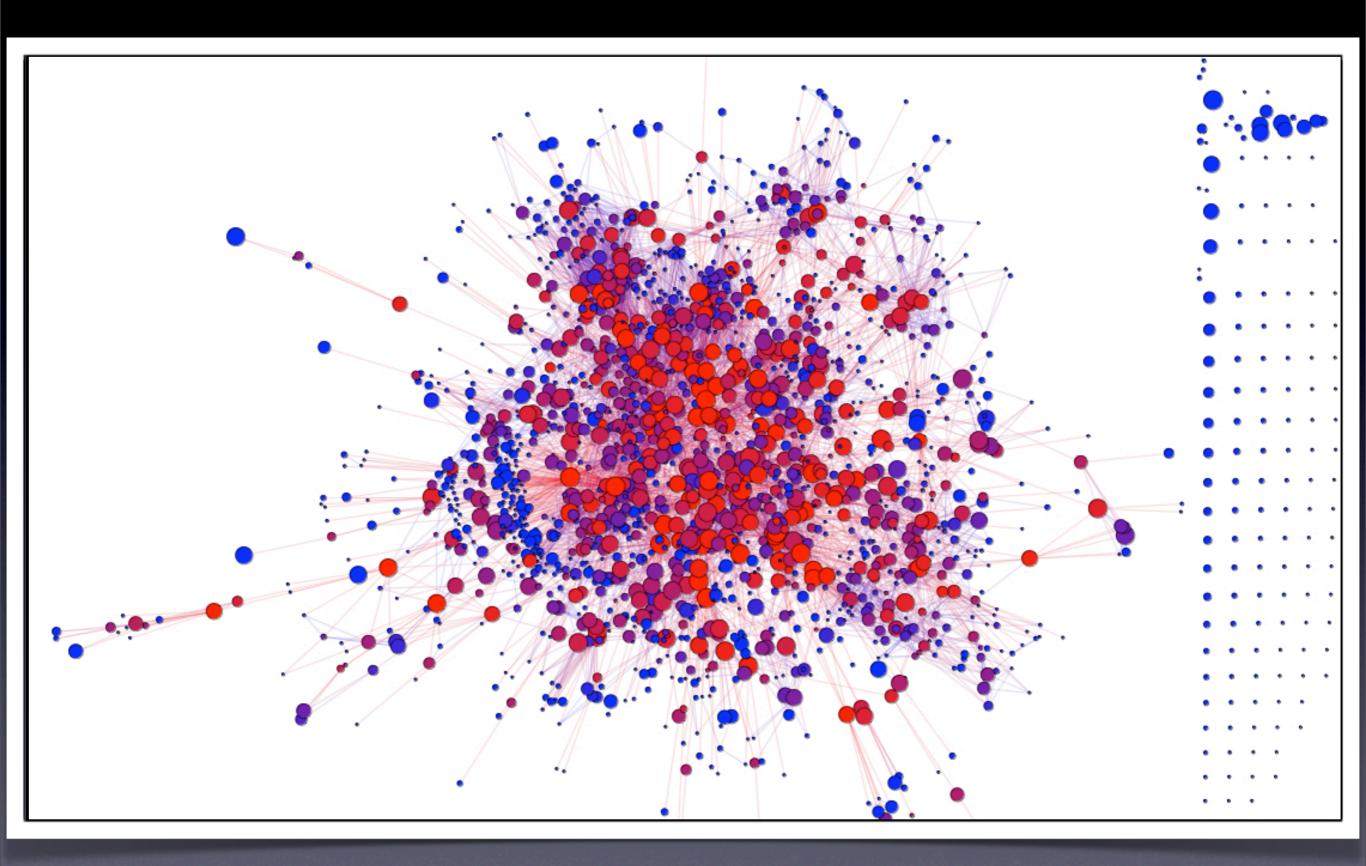
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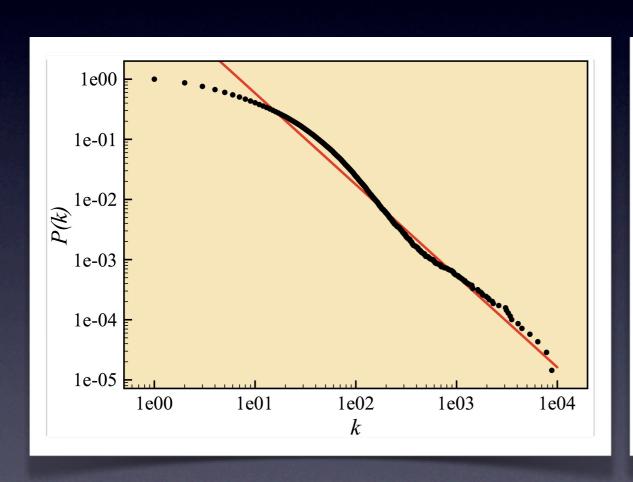


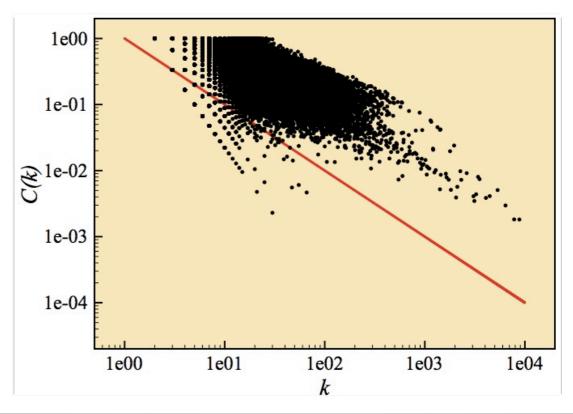


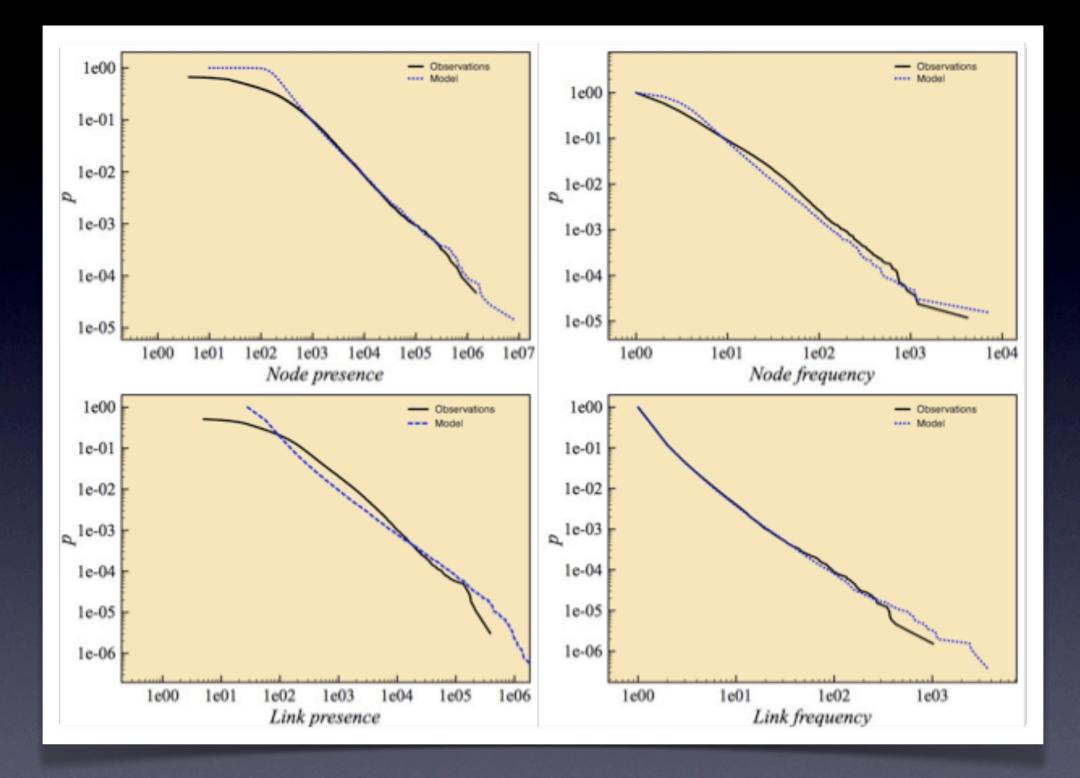


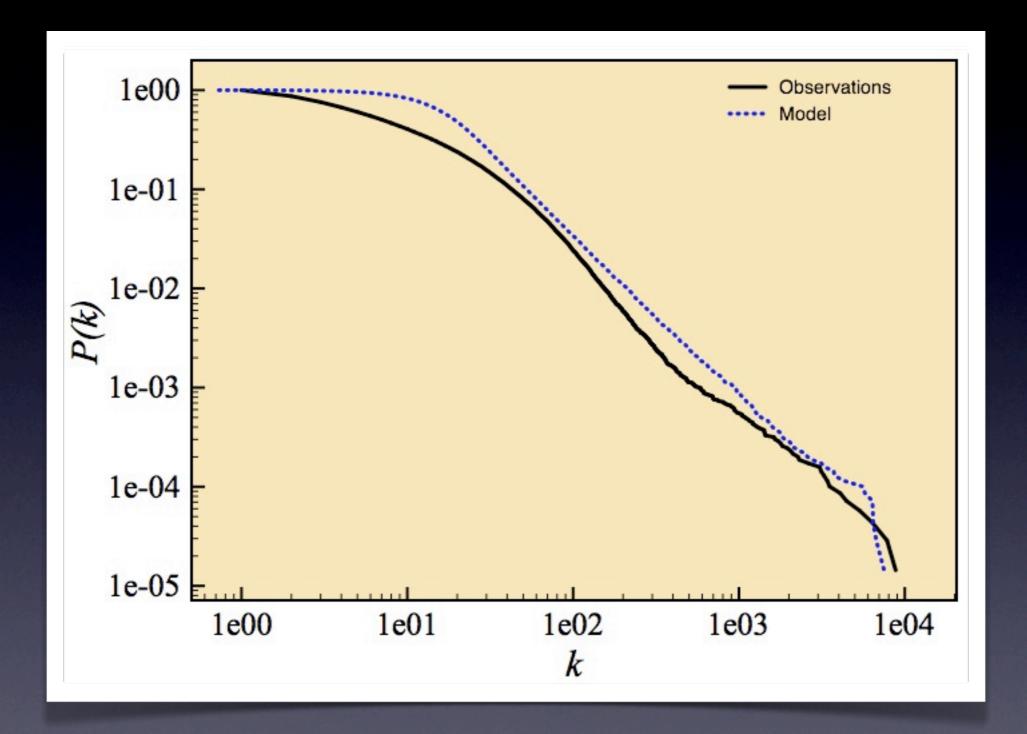


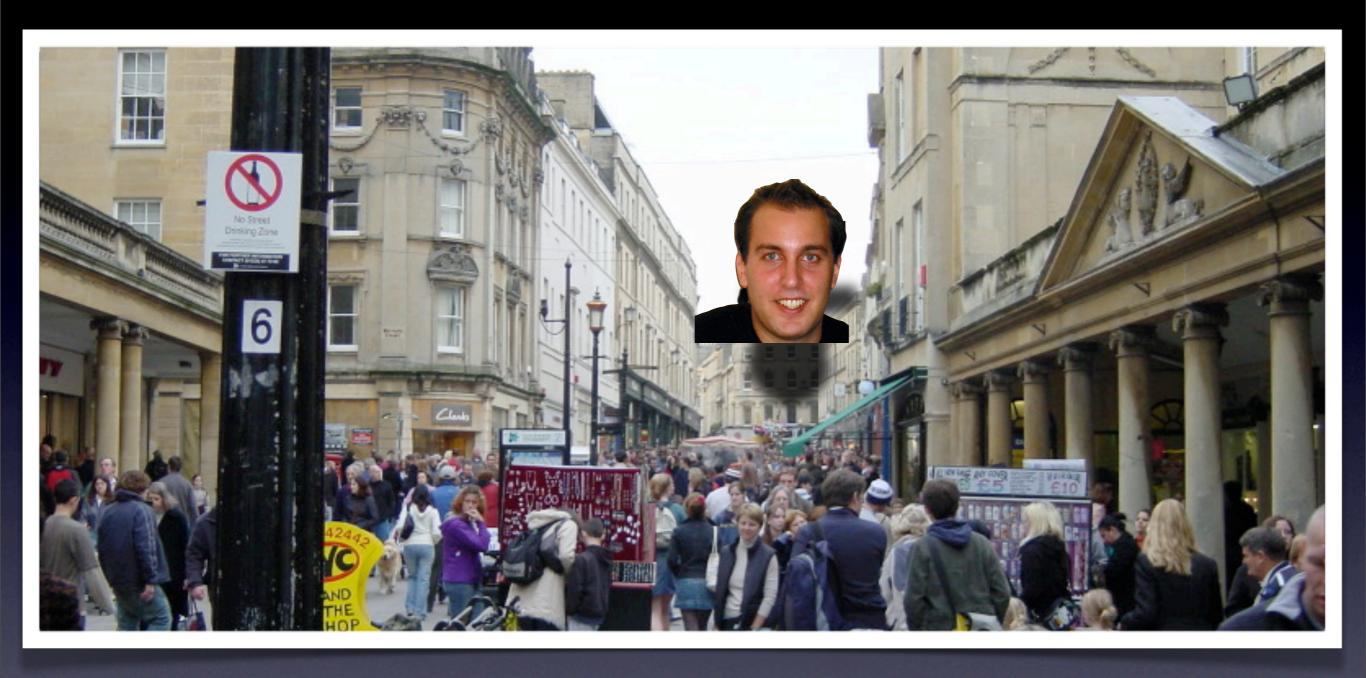
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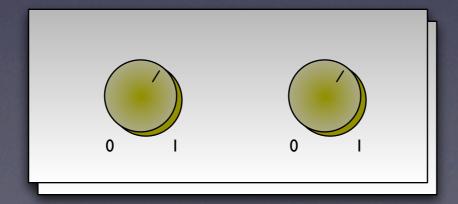




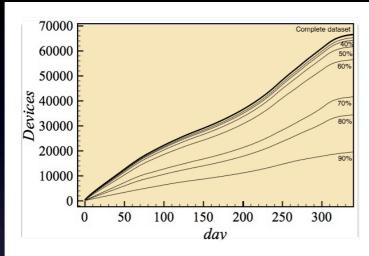




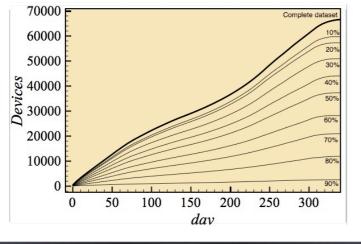




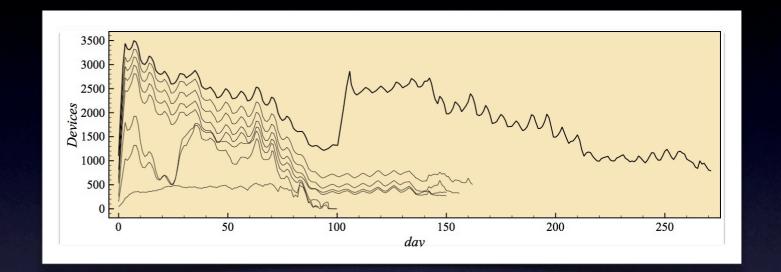
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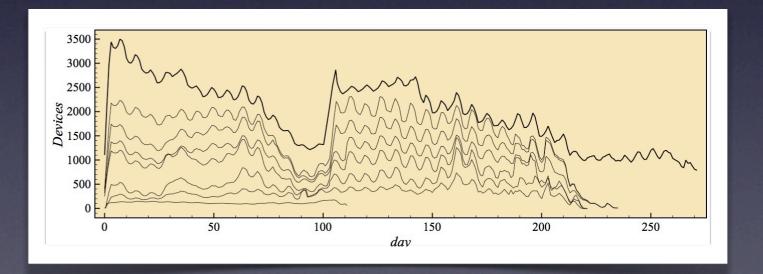


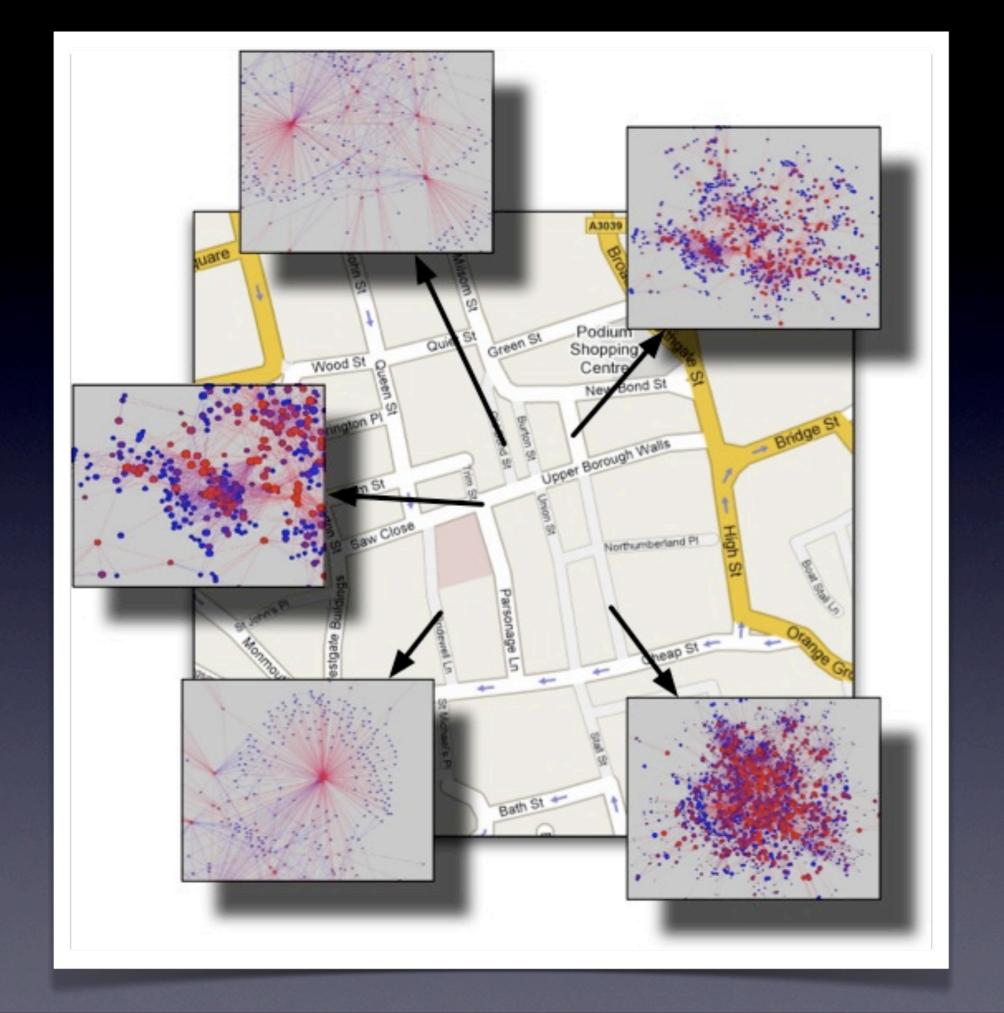
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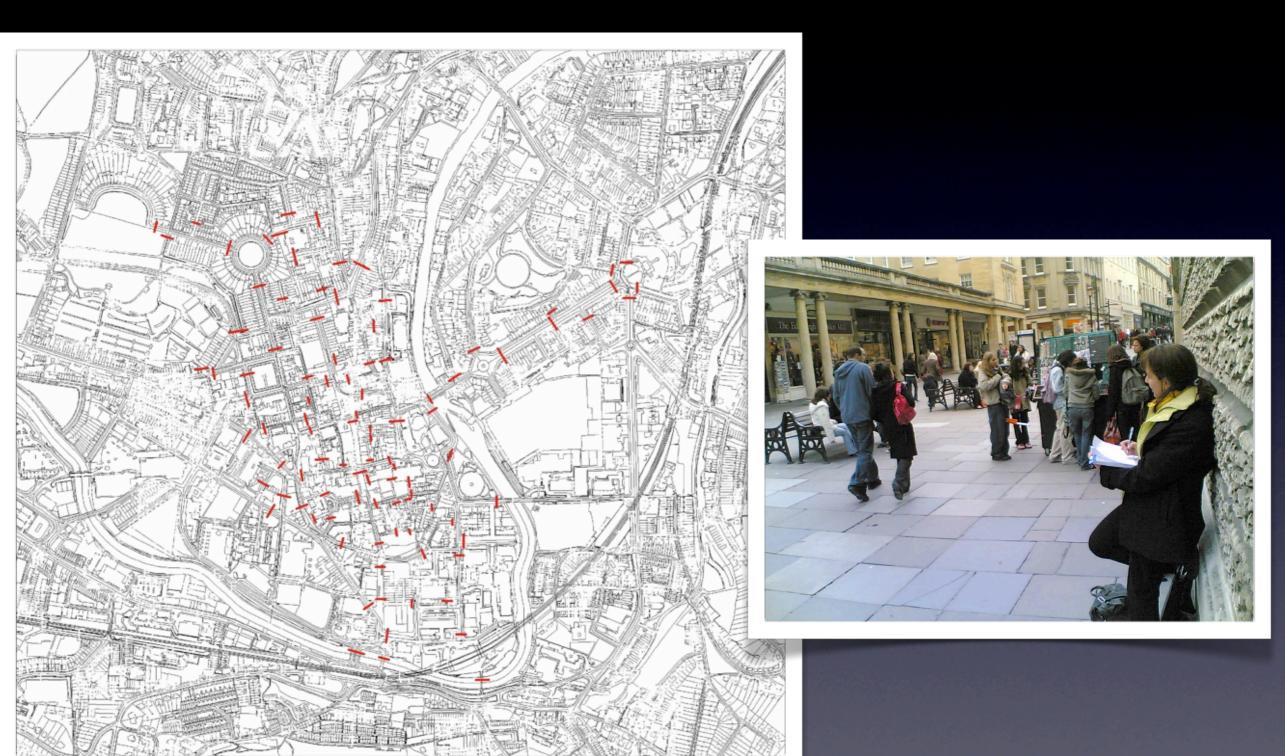
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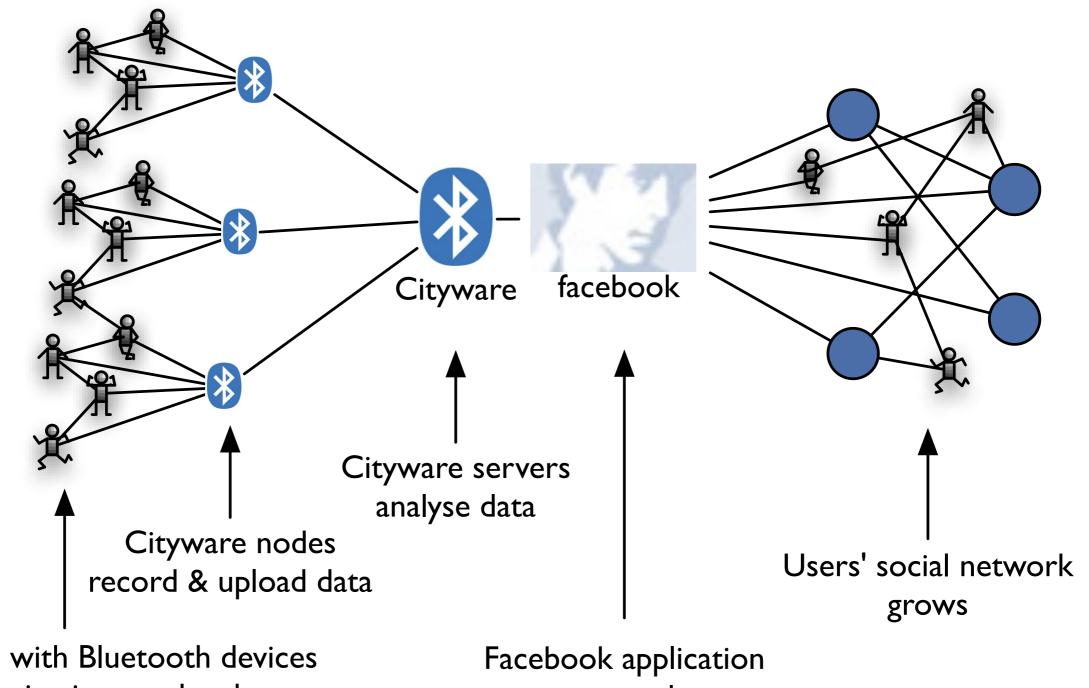






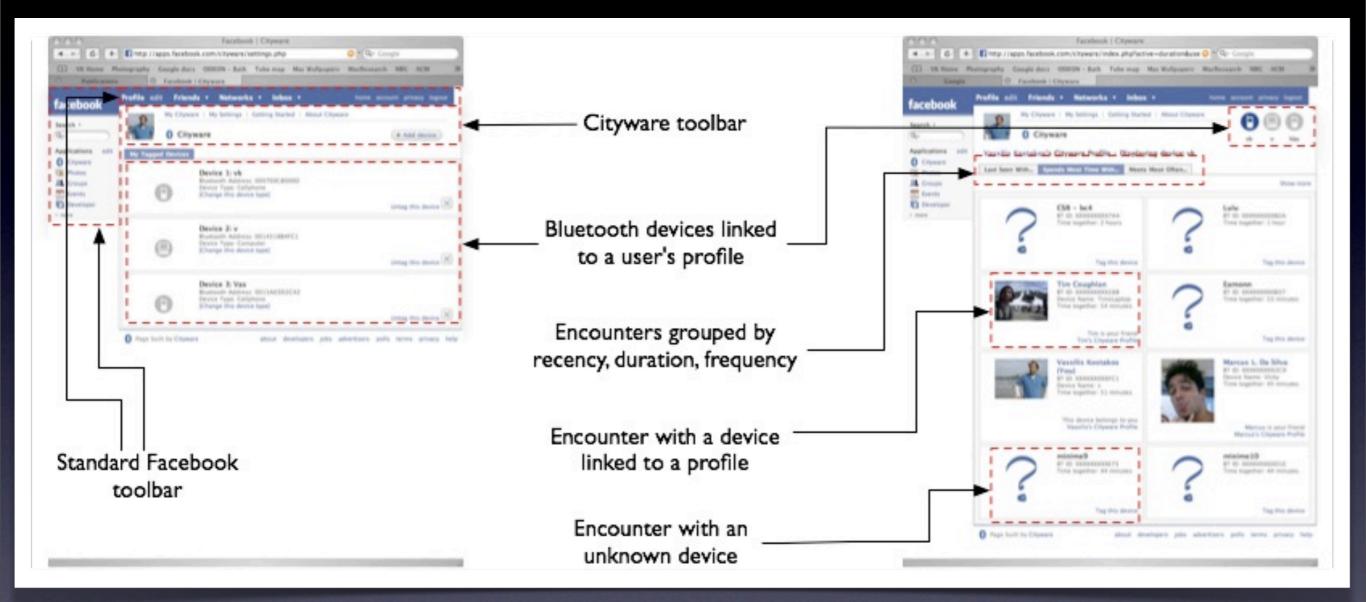
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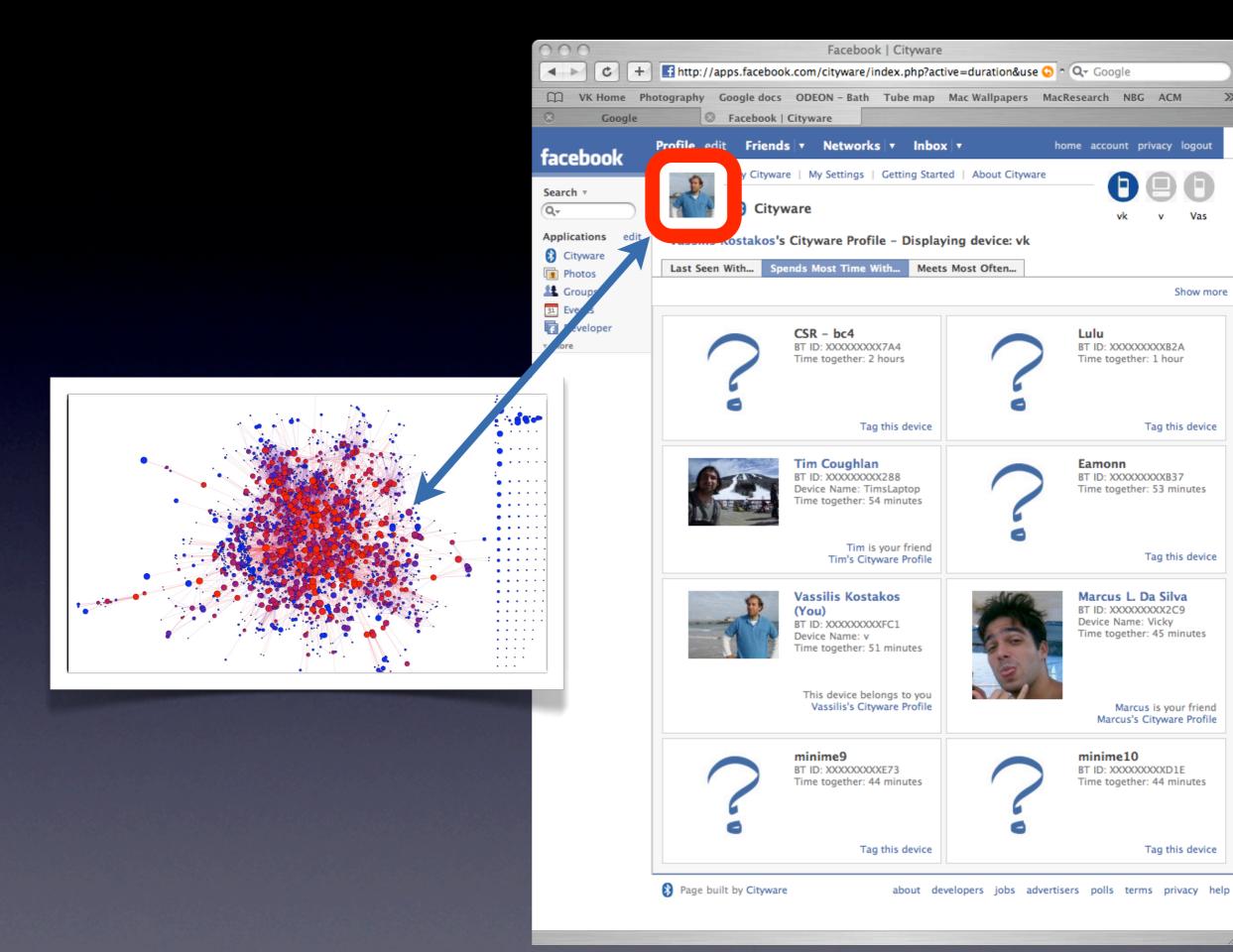




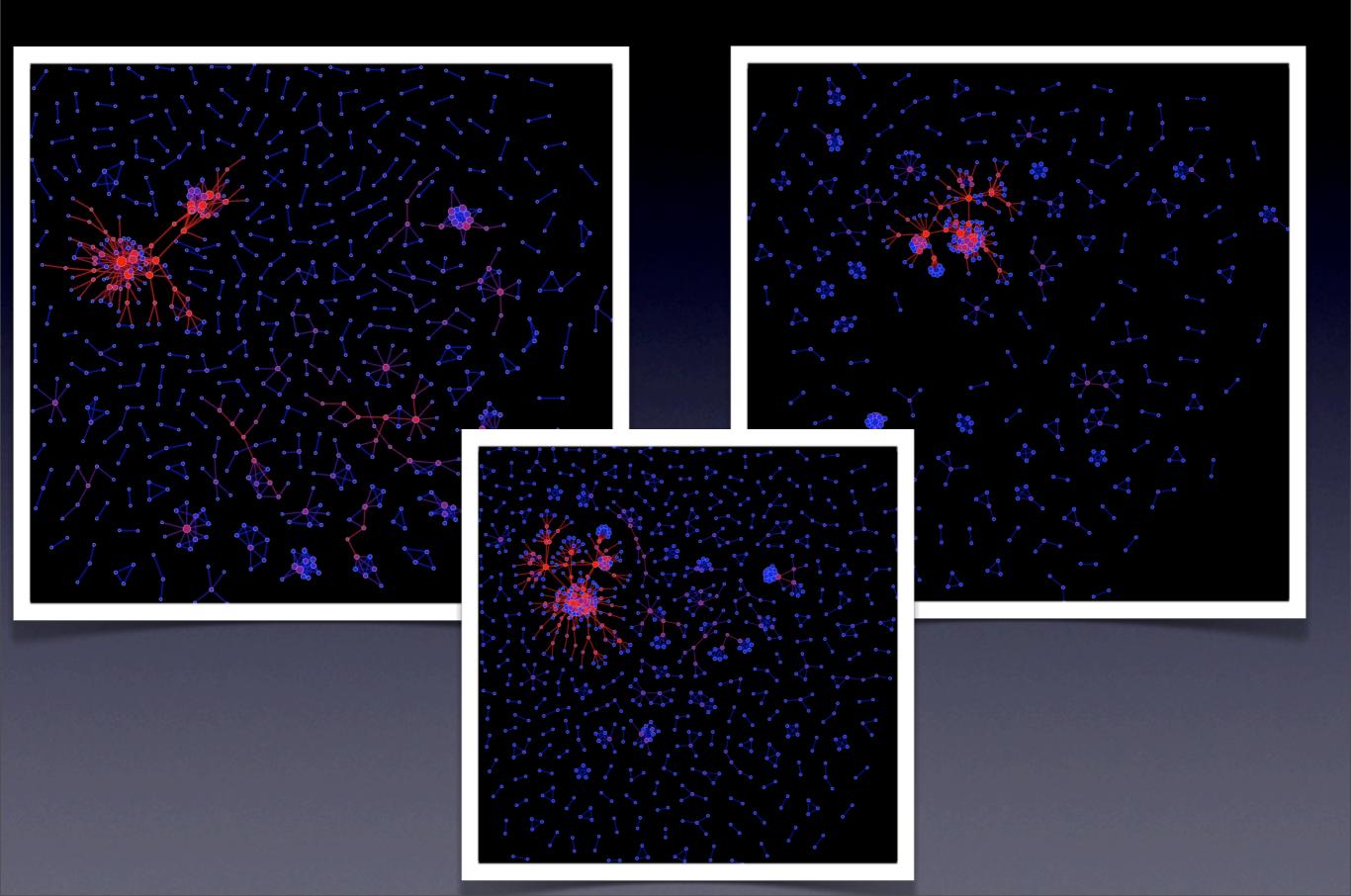
People with Bluetooth devices bumping into each other (shopping, school, work)

presents data





### Future work





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