Urban Social Networks

Sensing, Modelling and Visualising Urban Mobility and Copresence Networks

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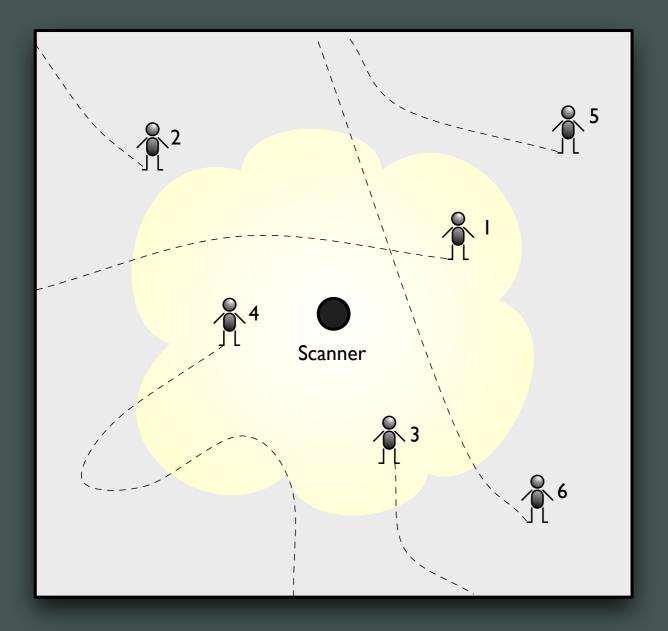
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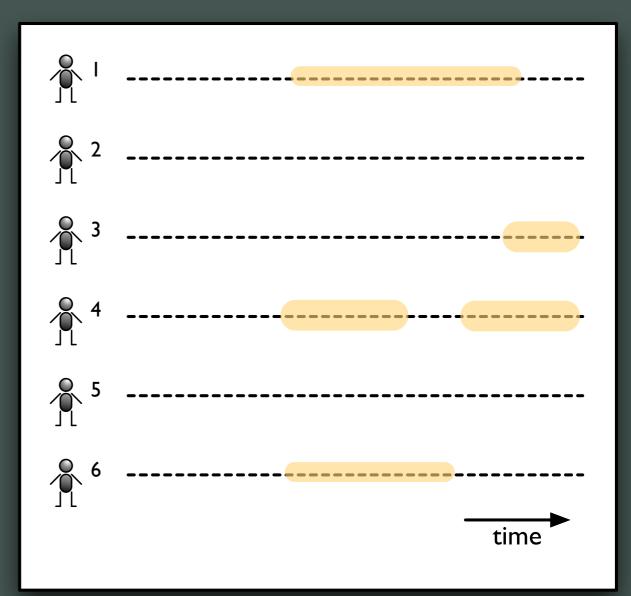
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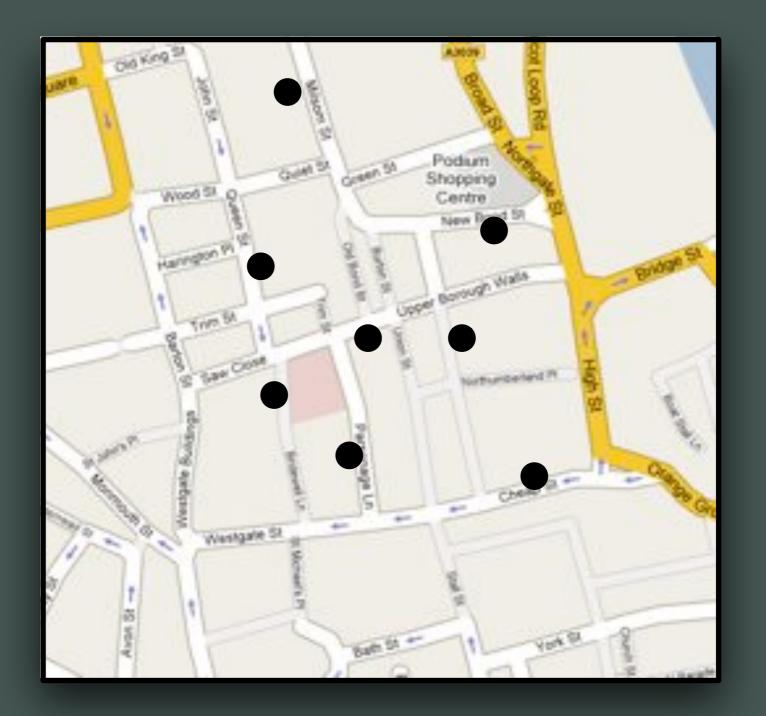


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Collected data

- 12 months
- 70 000 unique devices
- 3 000 000 unique data points



Analysis & Visualisation



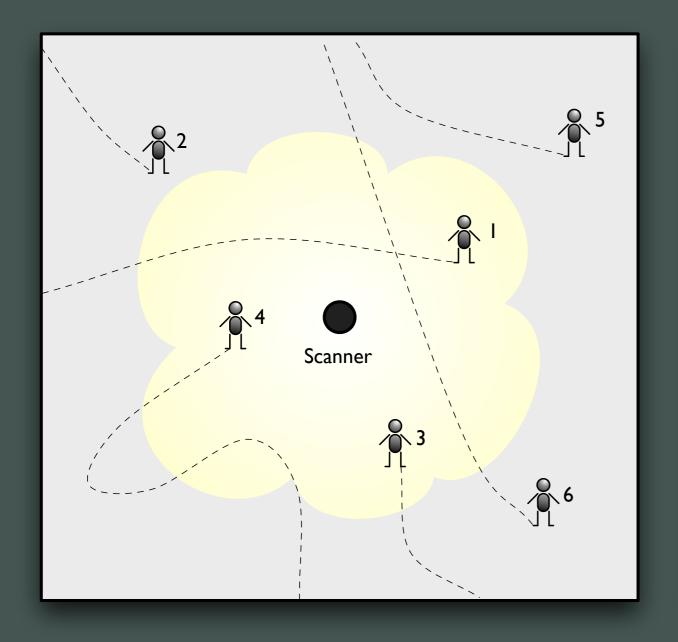
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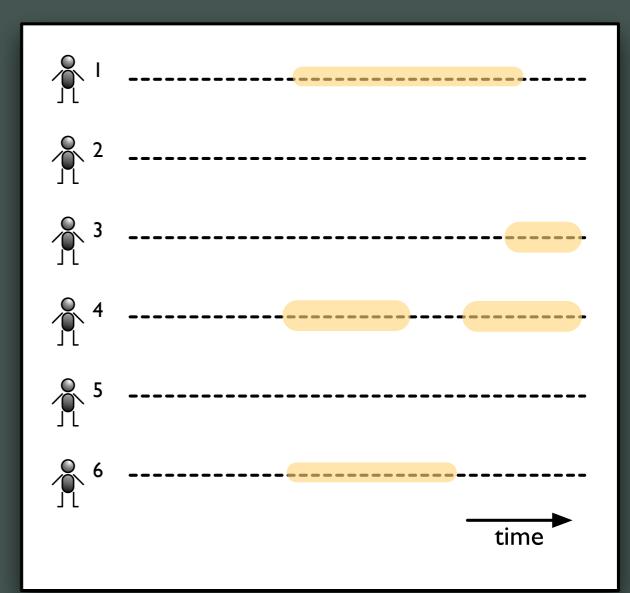
Main concepts

- Sessions
- Trails
- Encounters

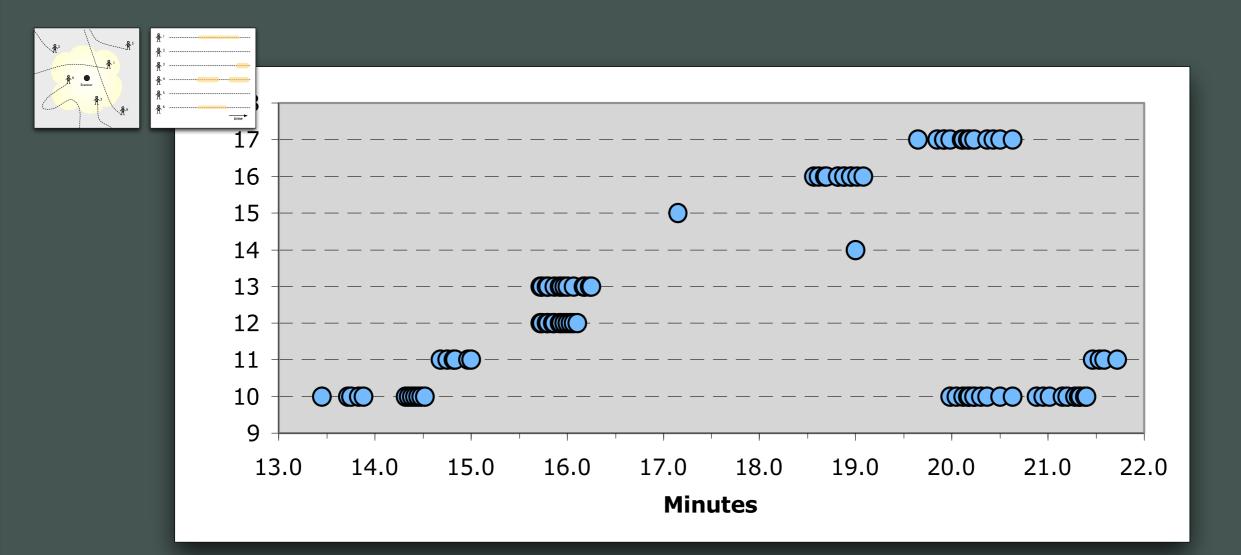


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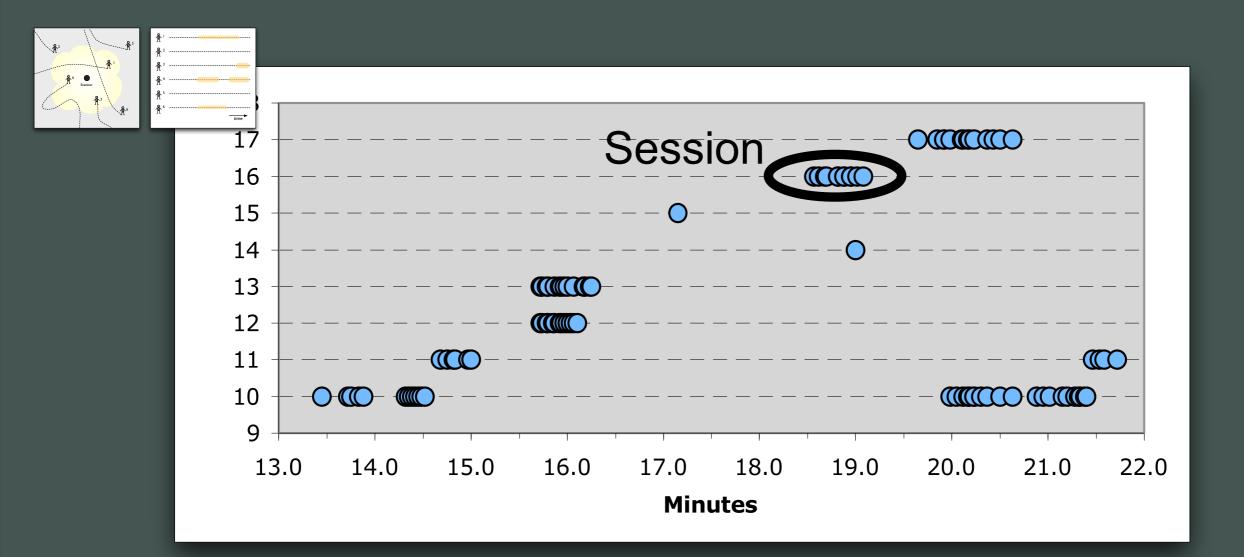




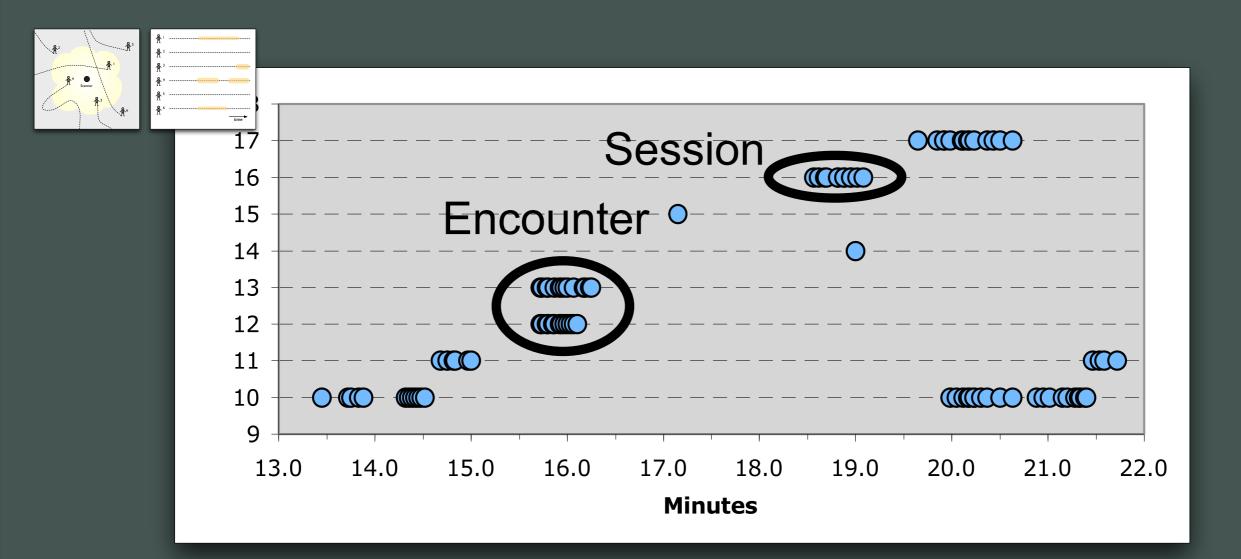




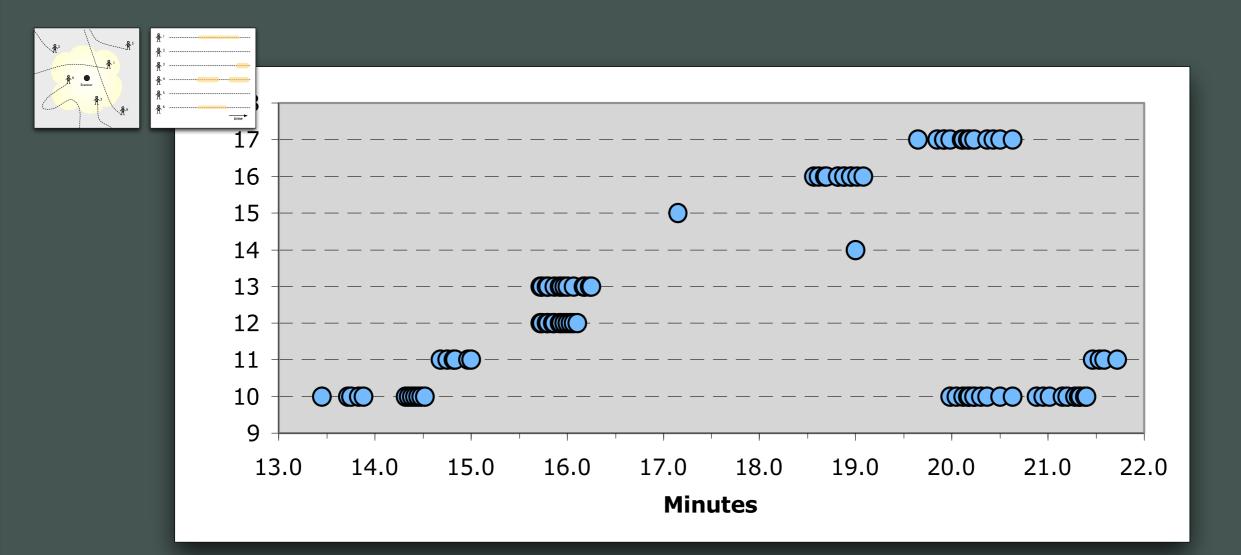














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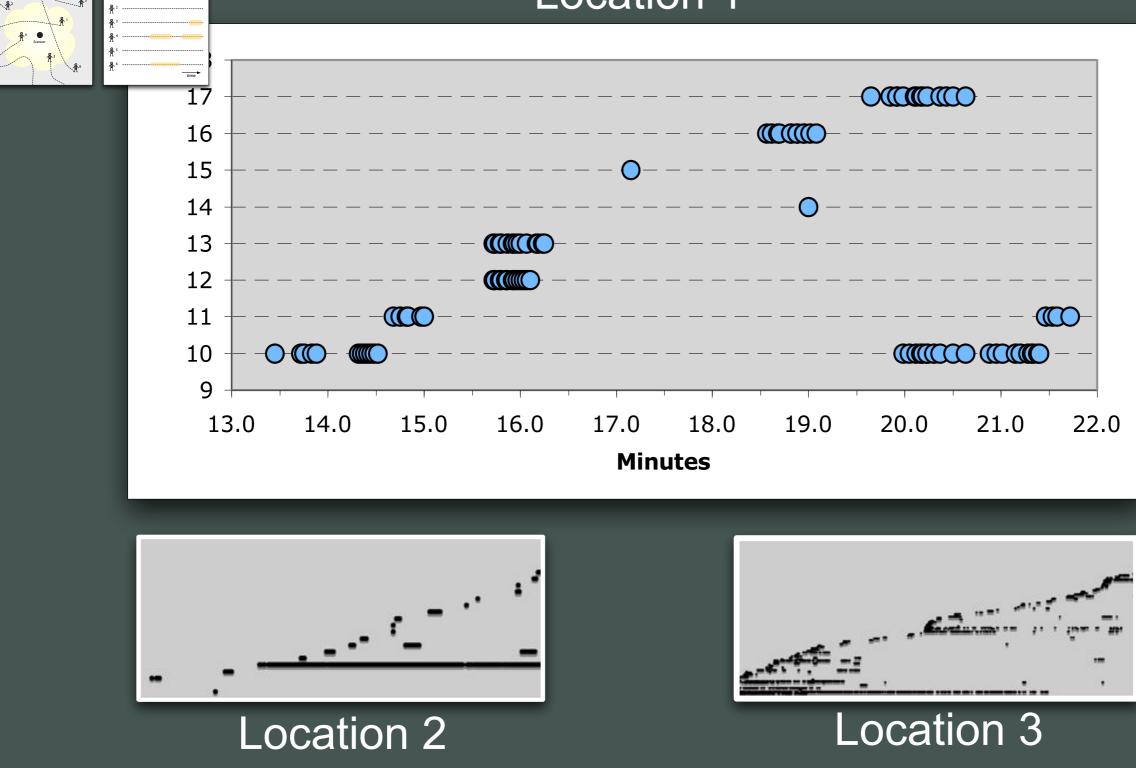


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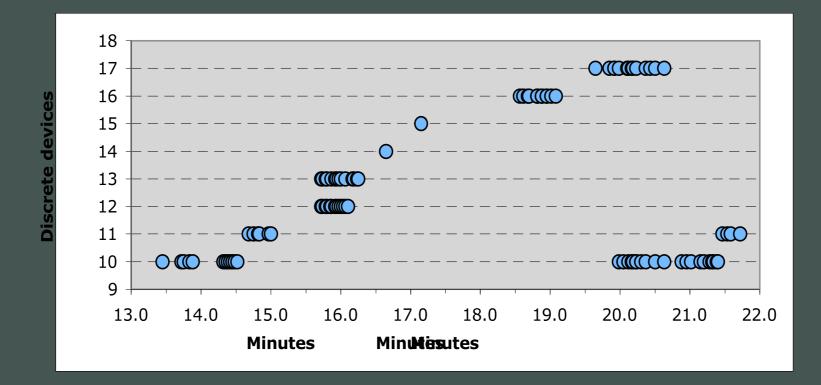
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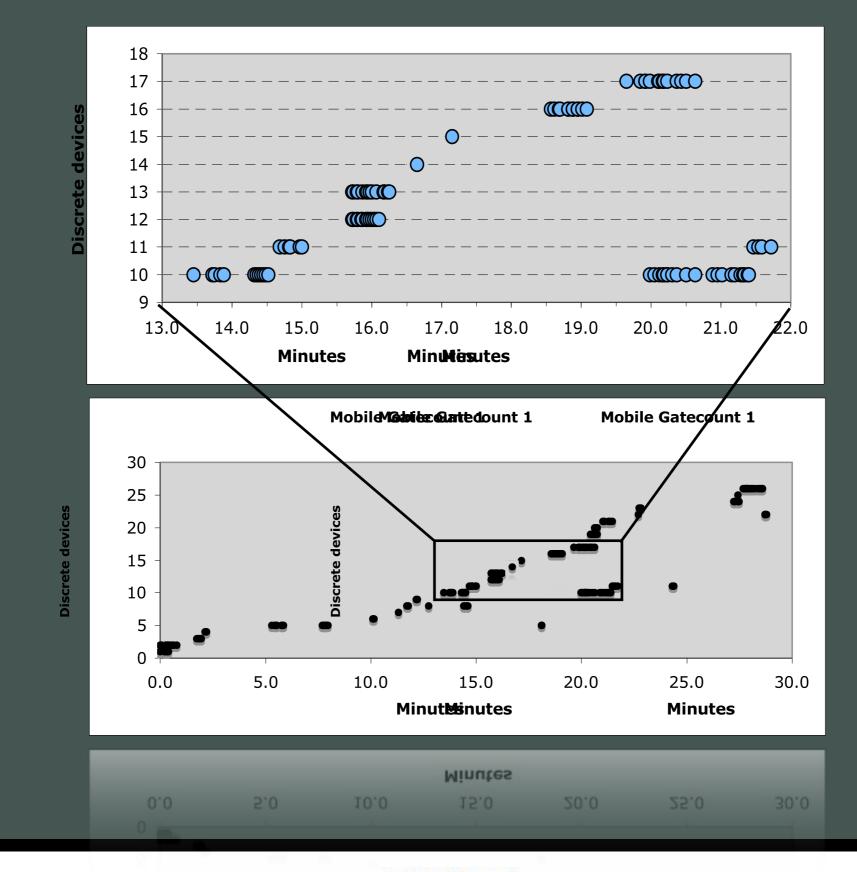




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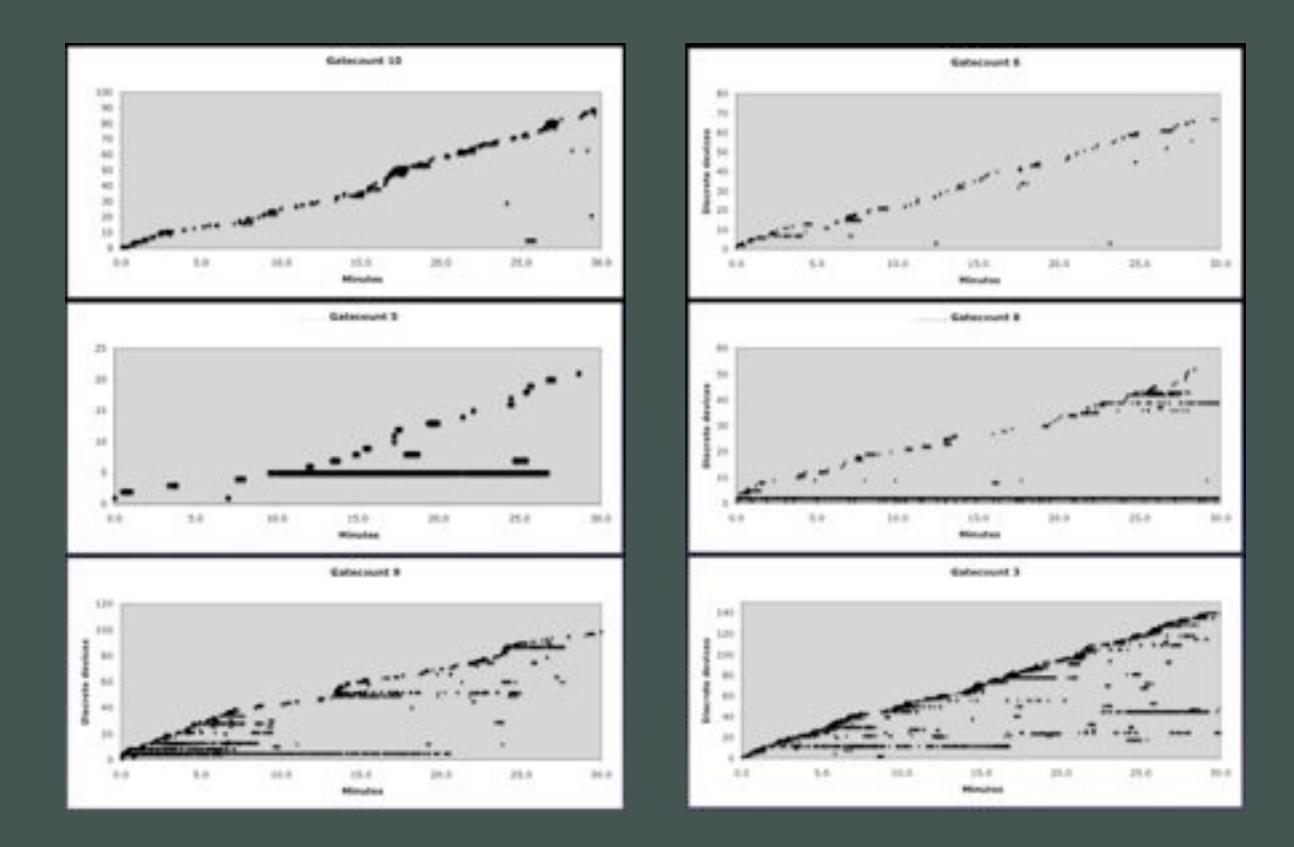
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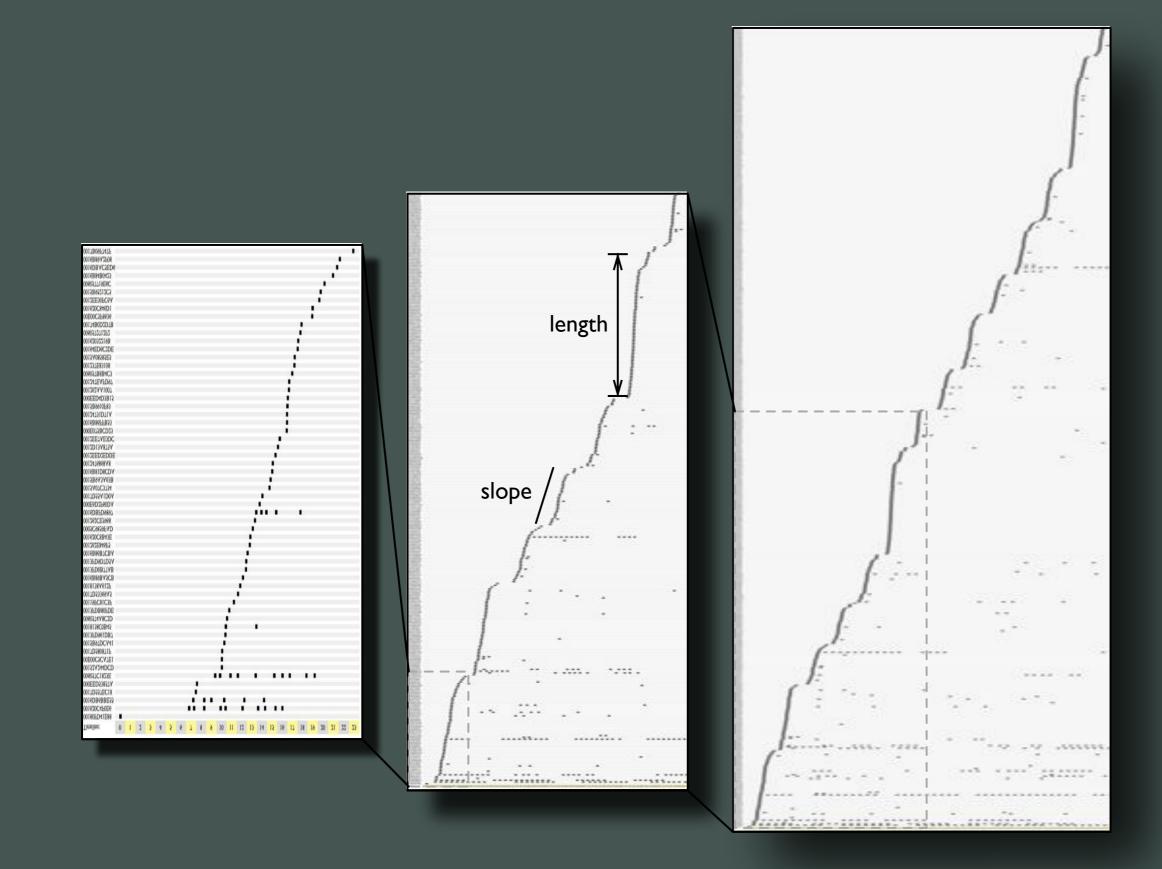


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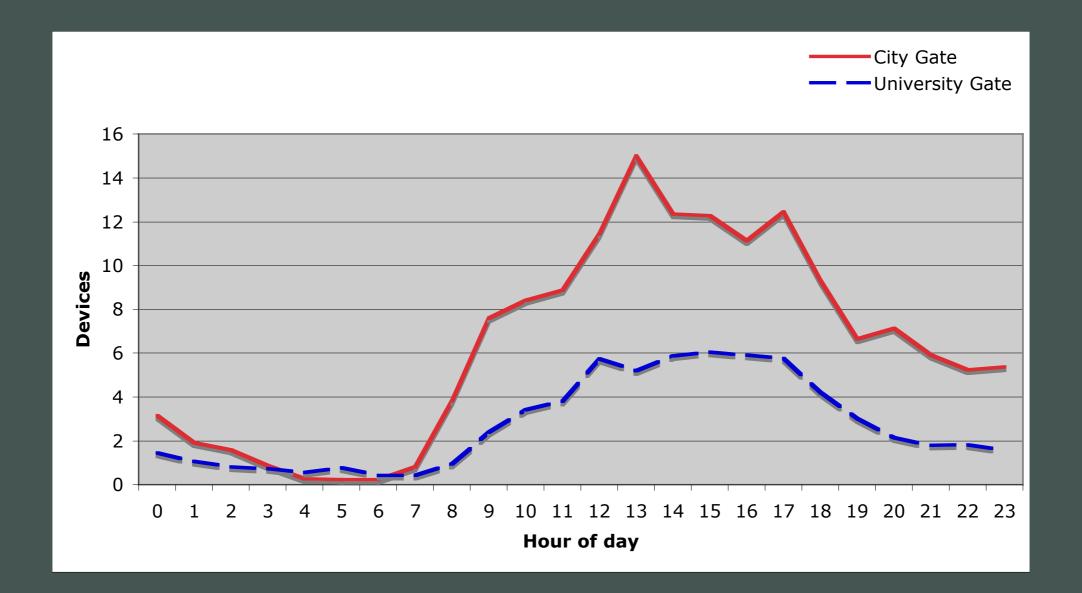








Flow of people





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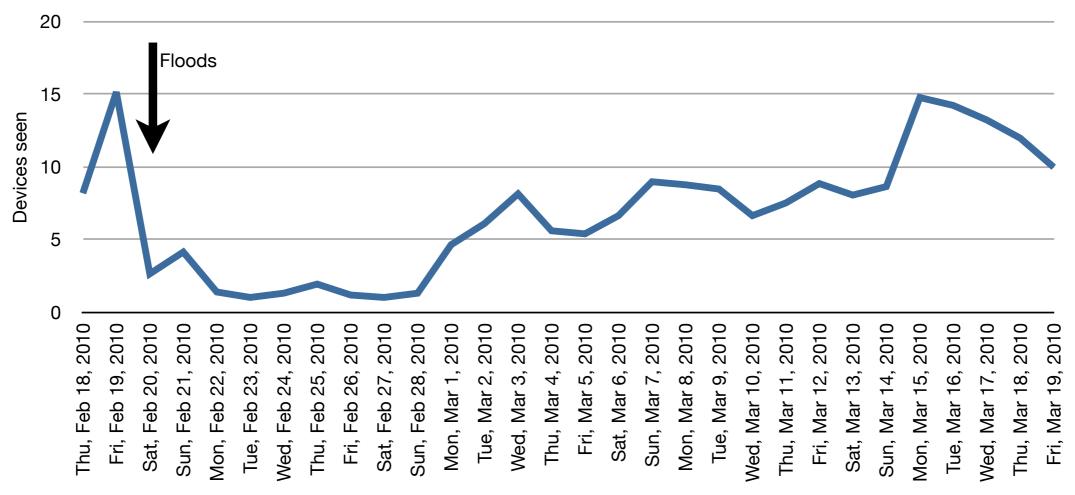


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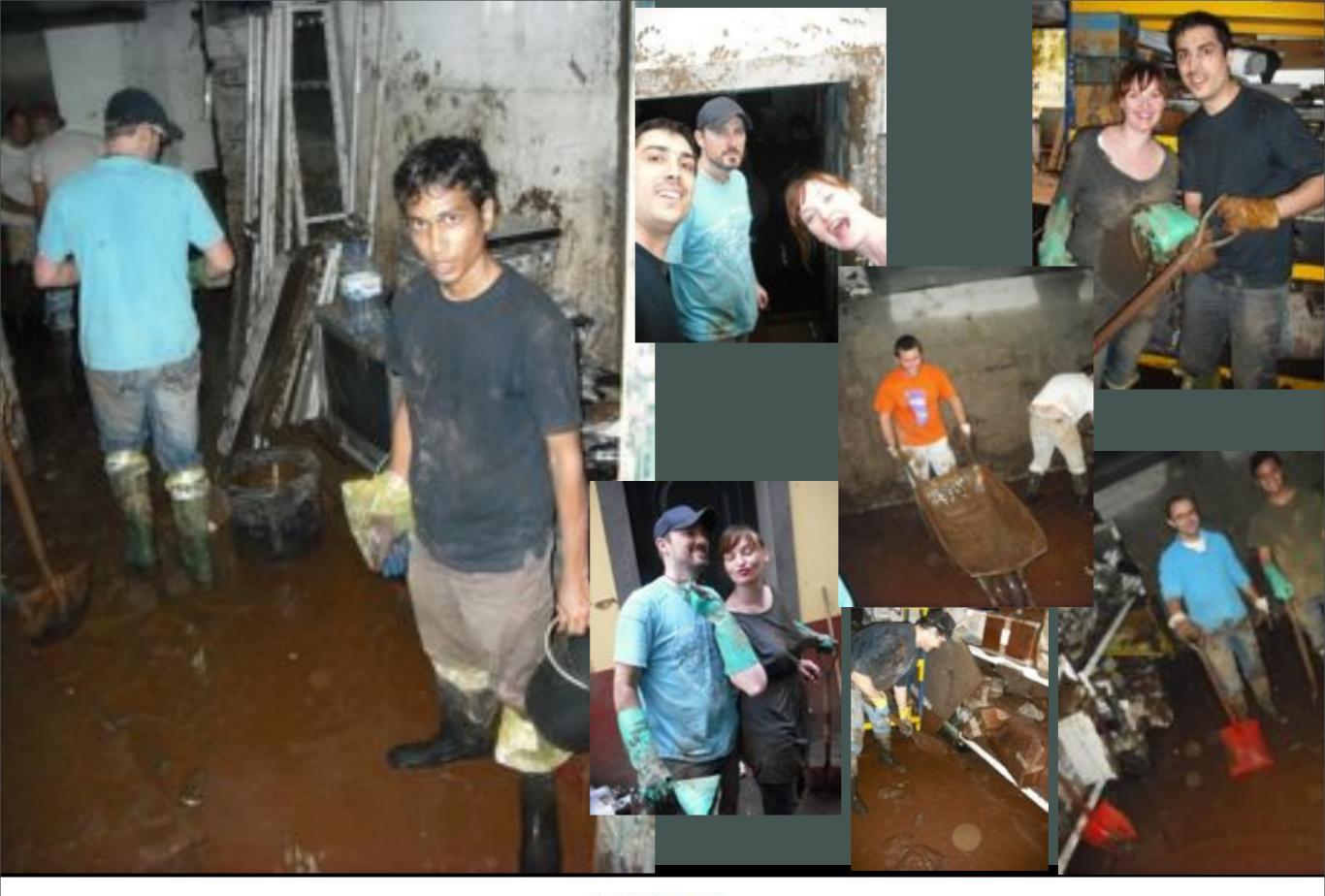






















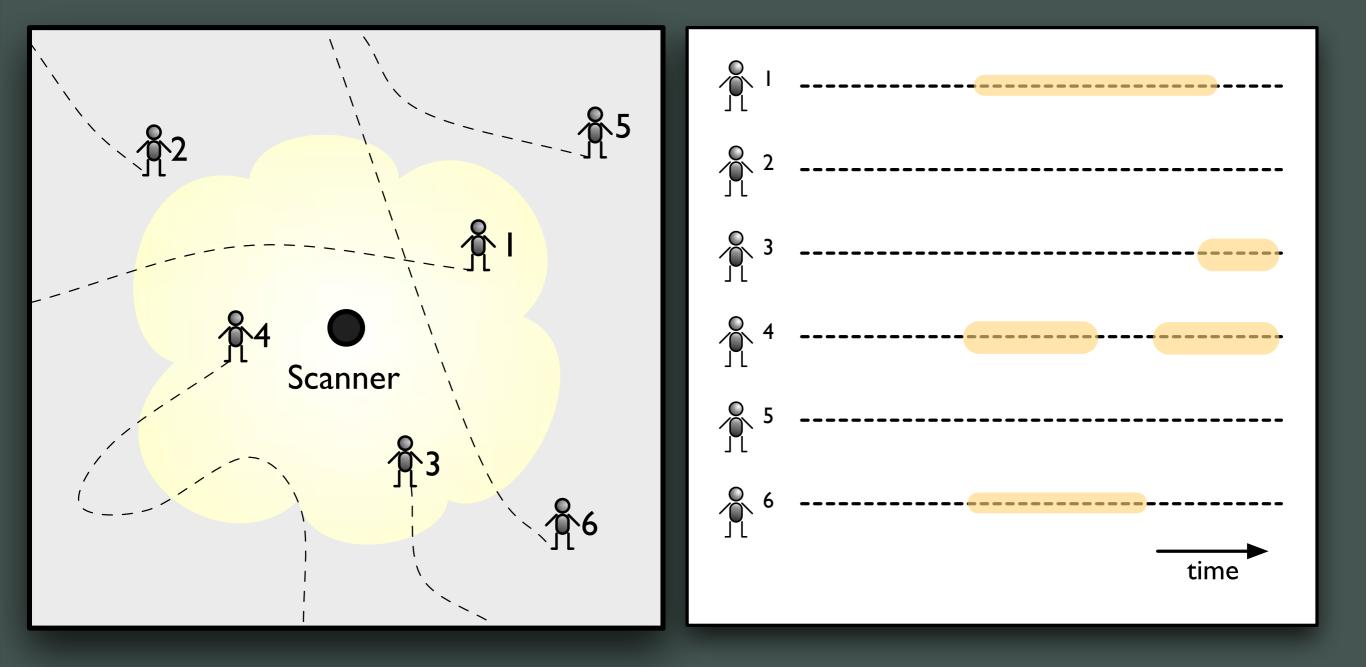
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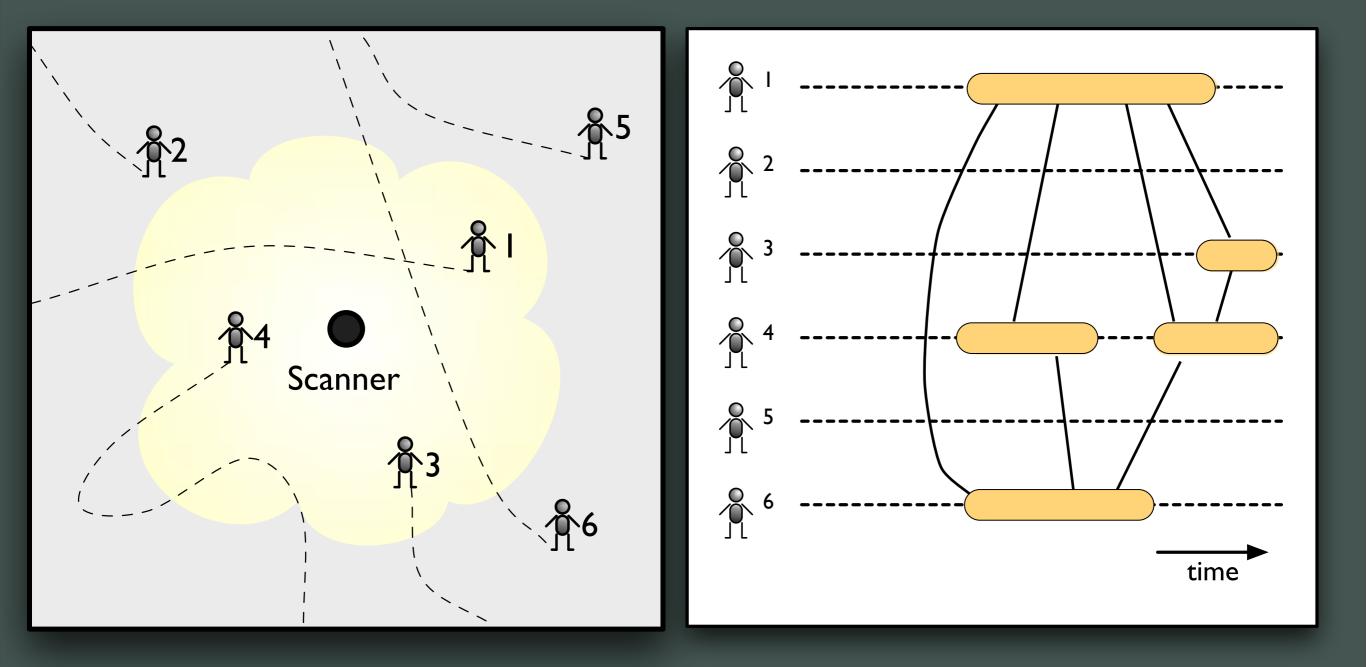
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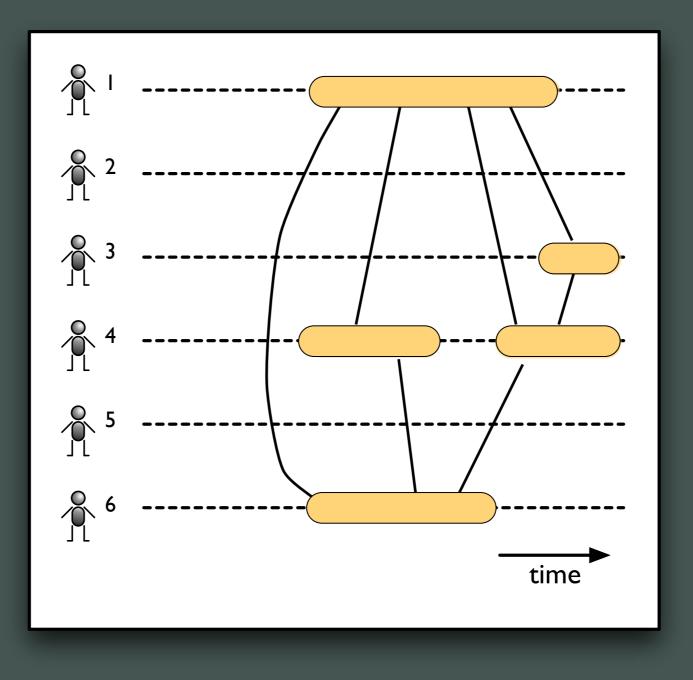
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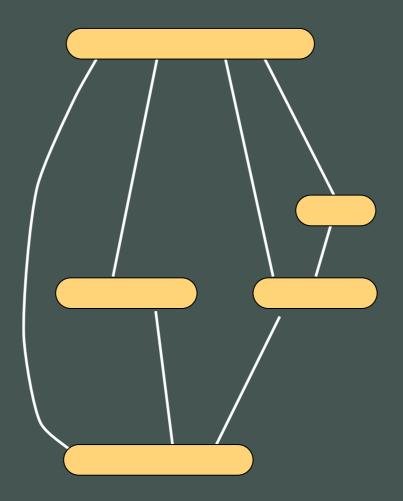






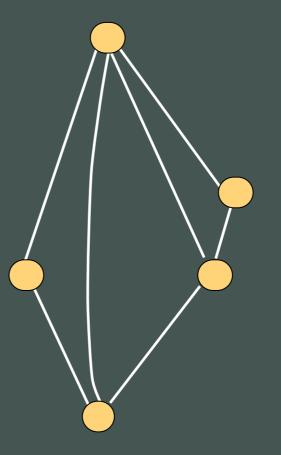






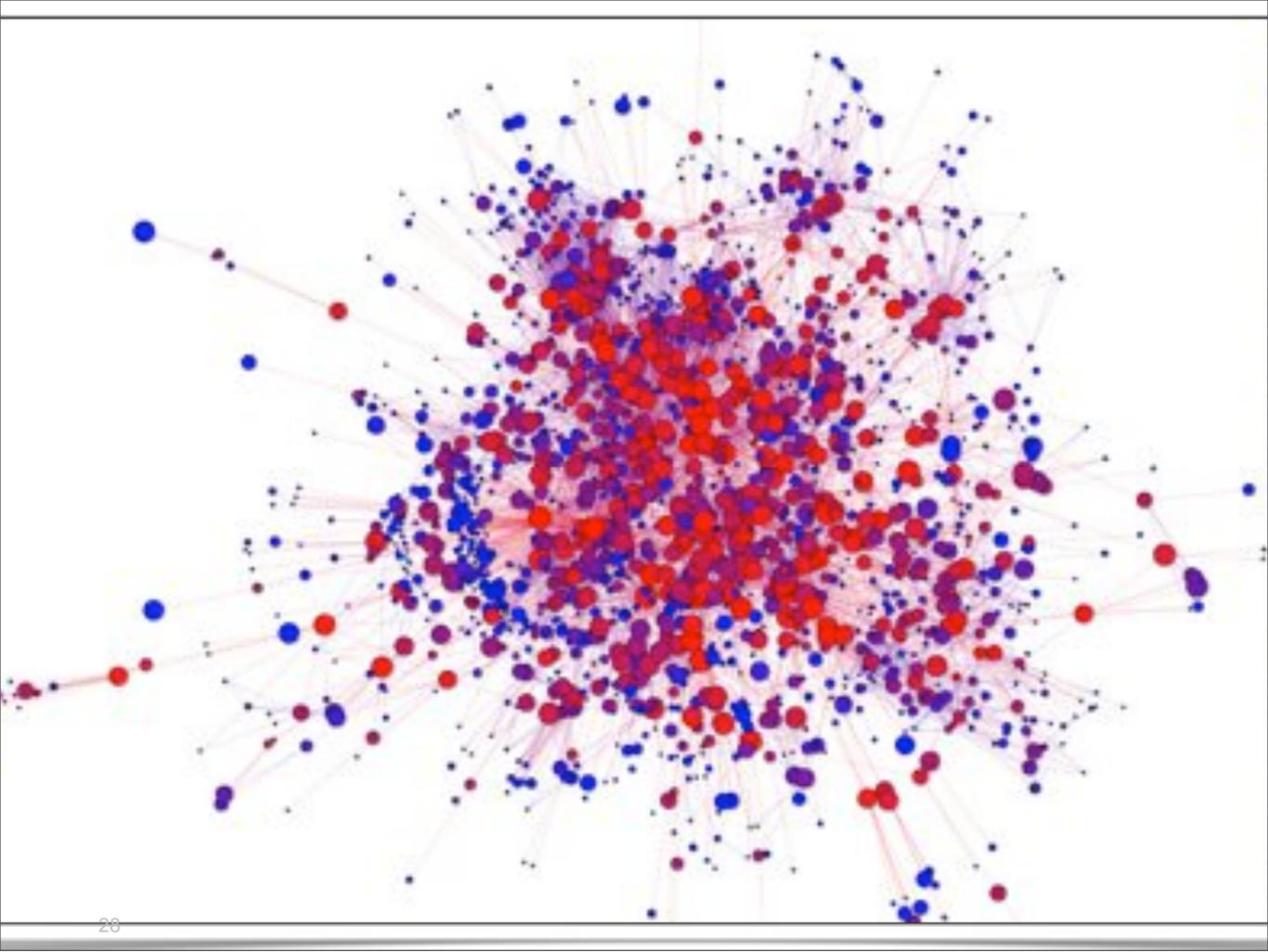


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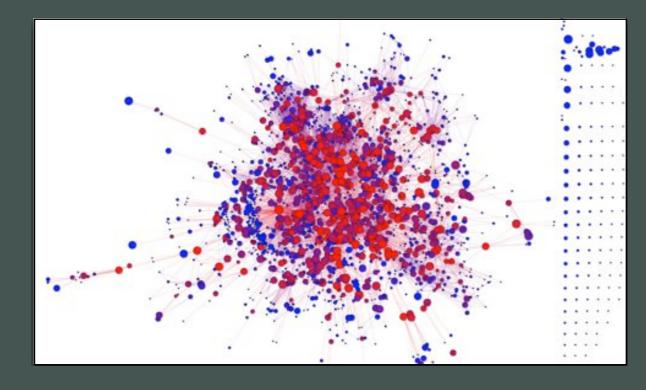


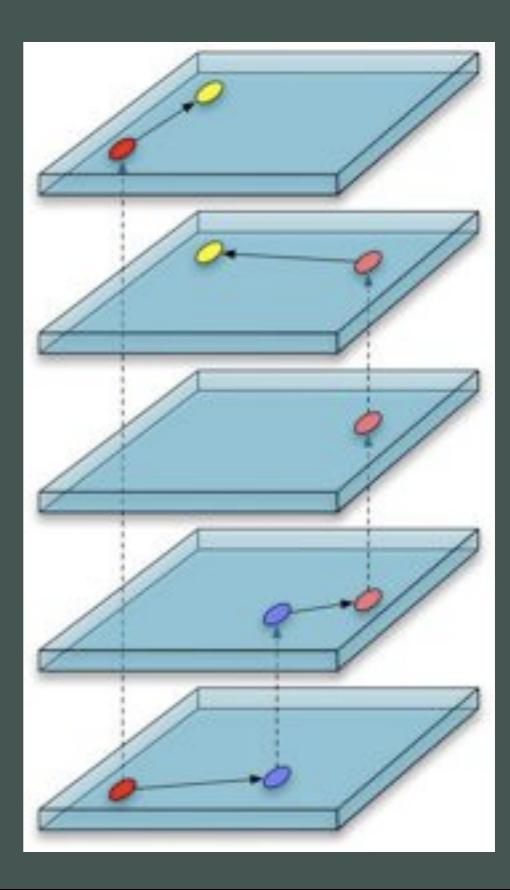
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Considering time







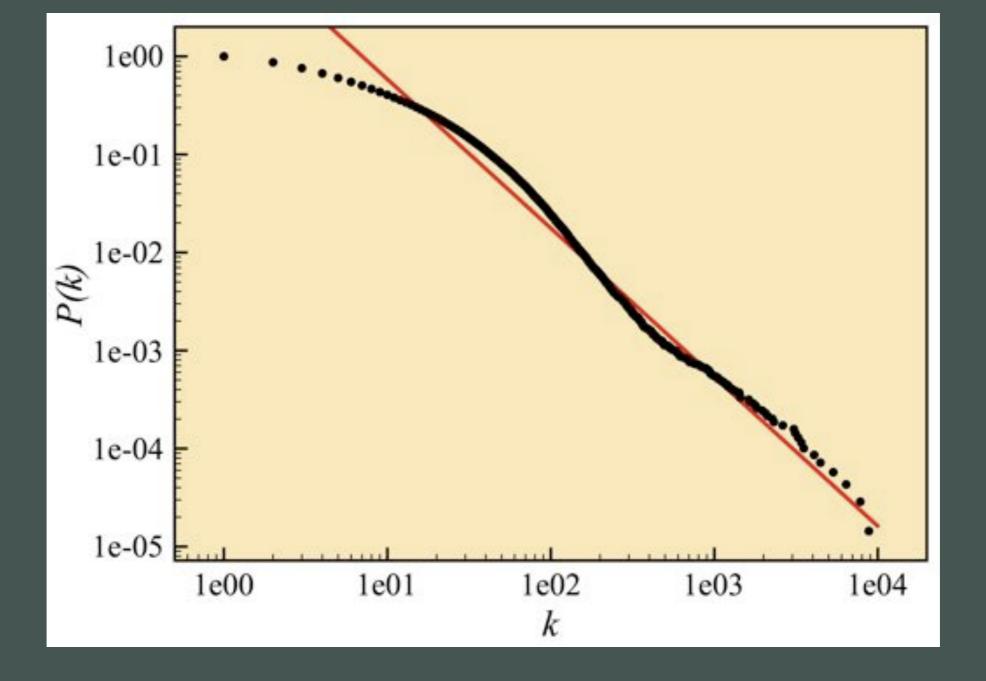
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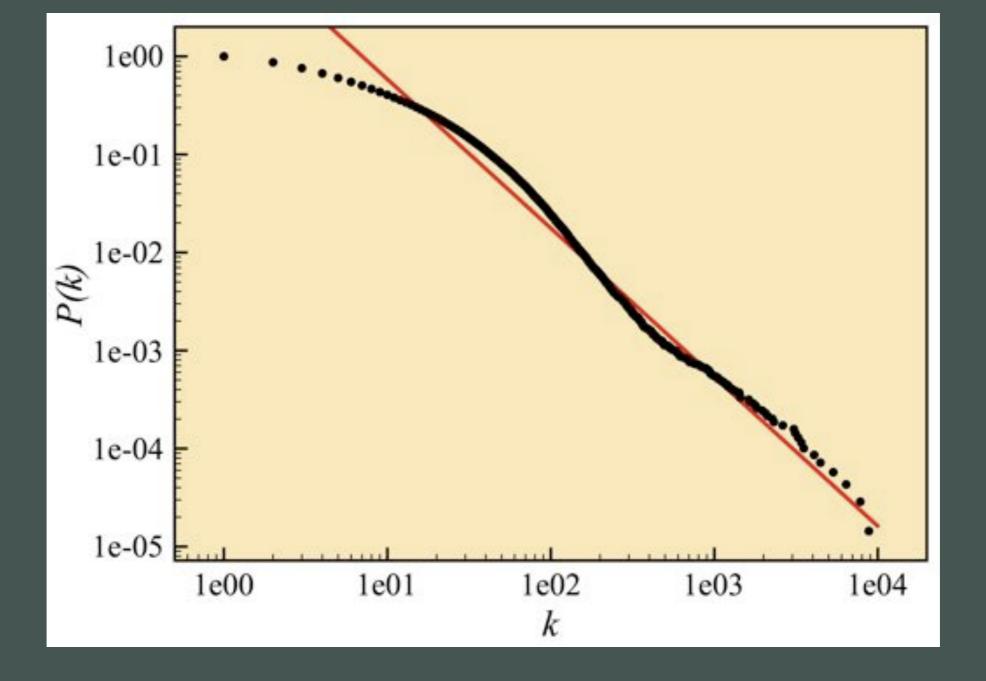


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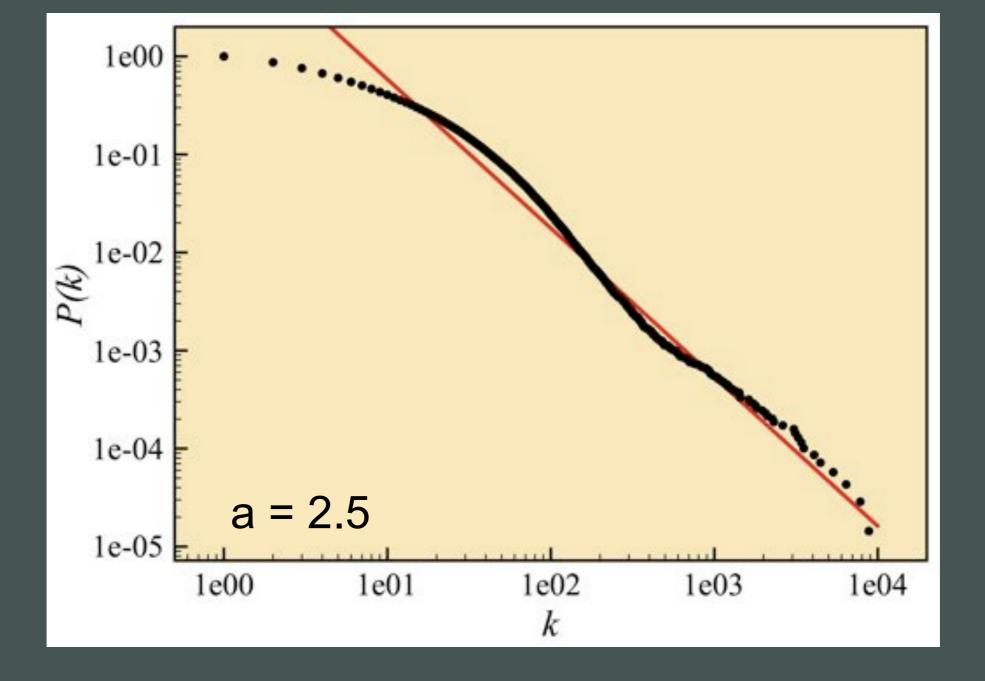






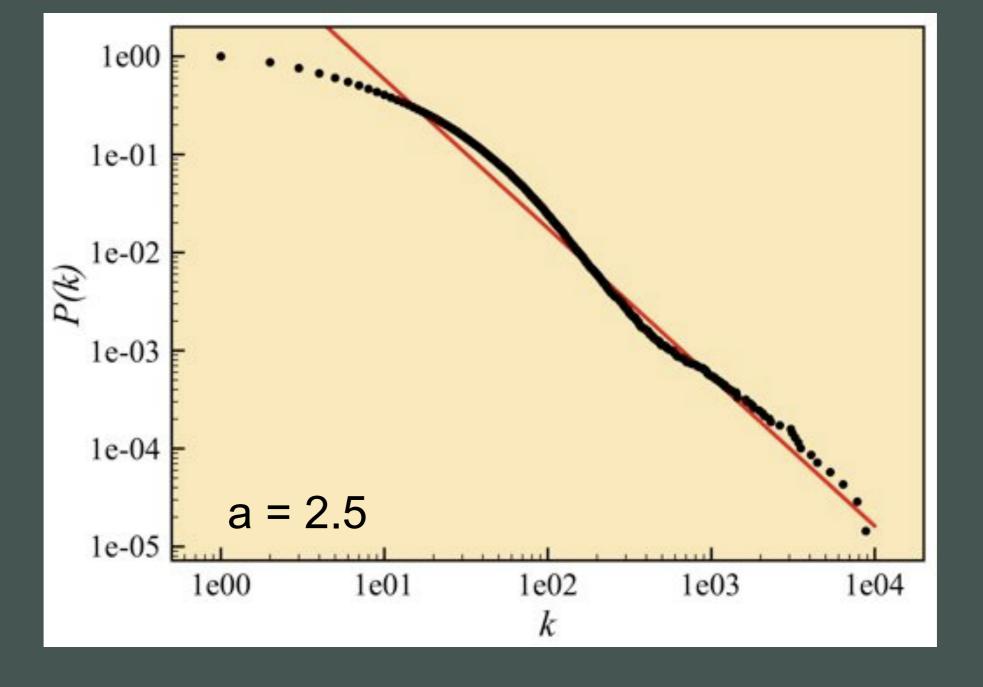
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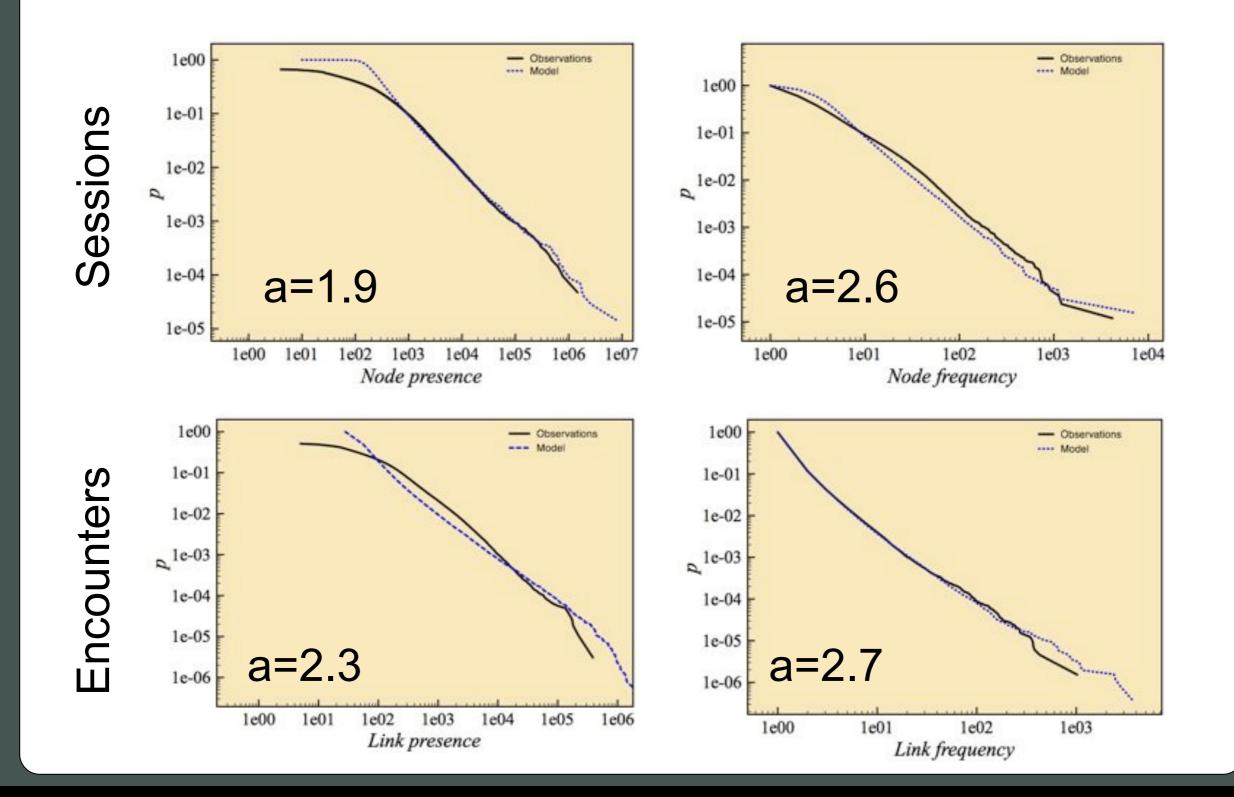
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Probability of encountering more than 10 people is 10^{-2.5}



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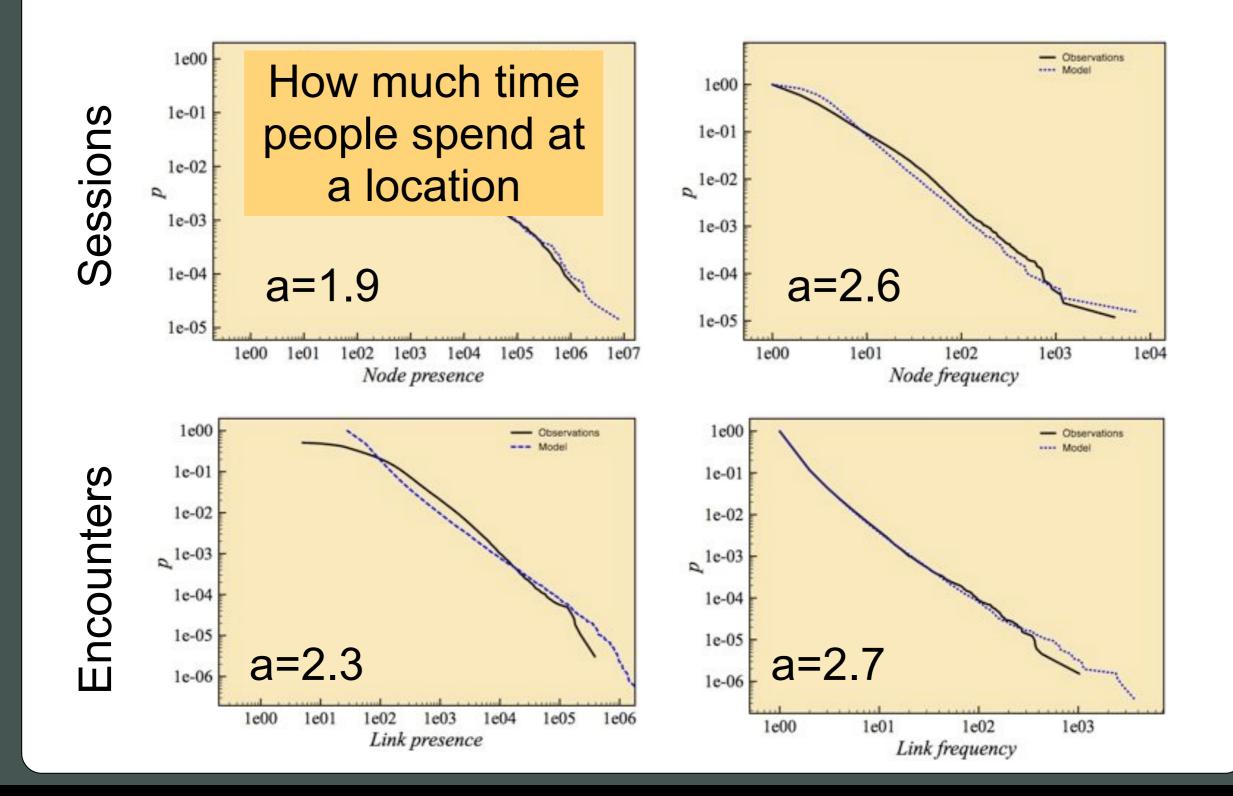
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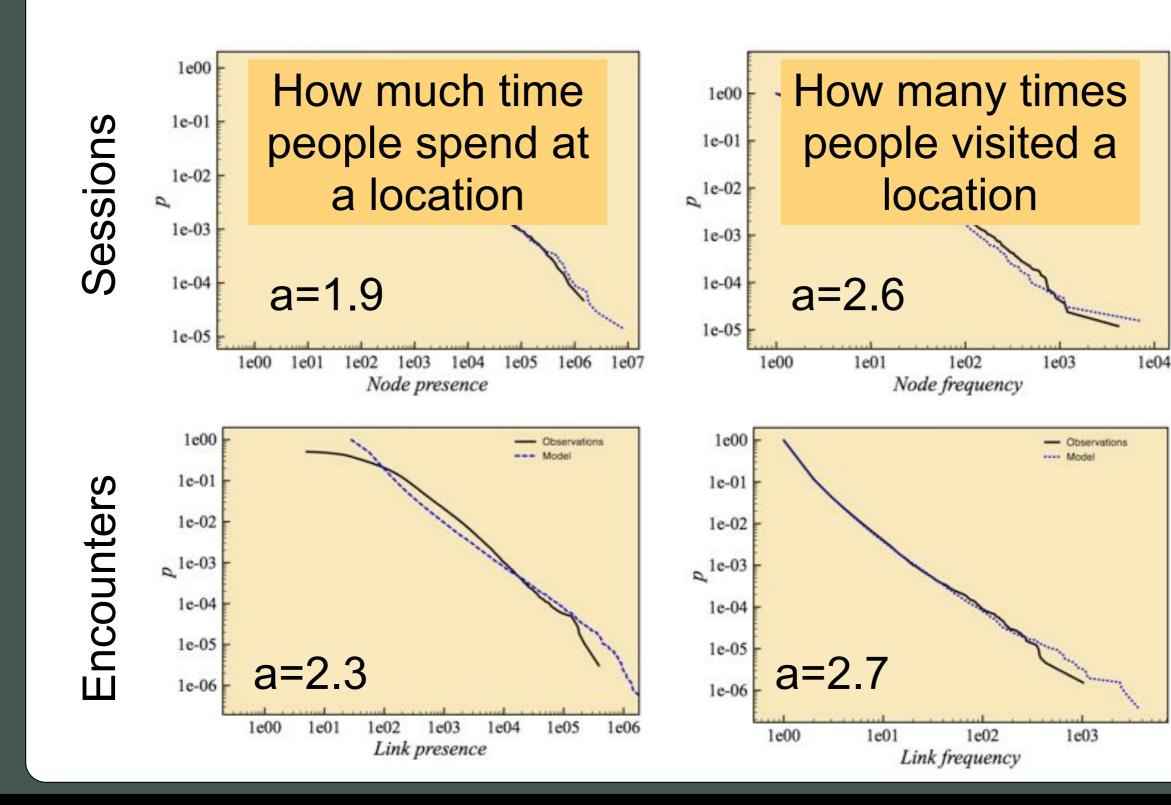
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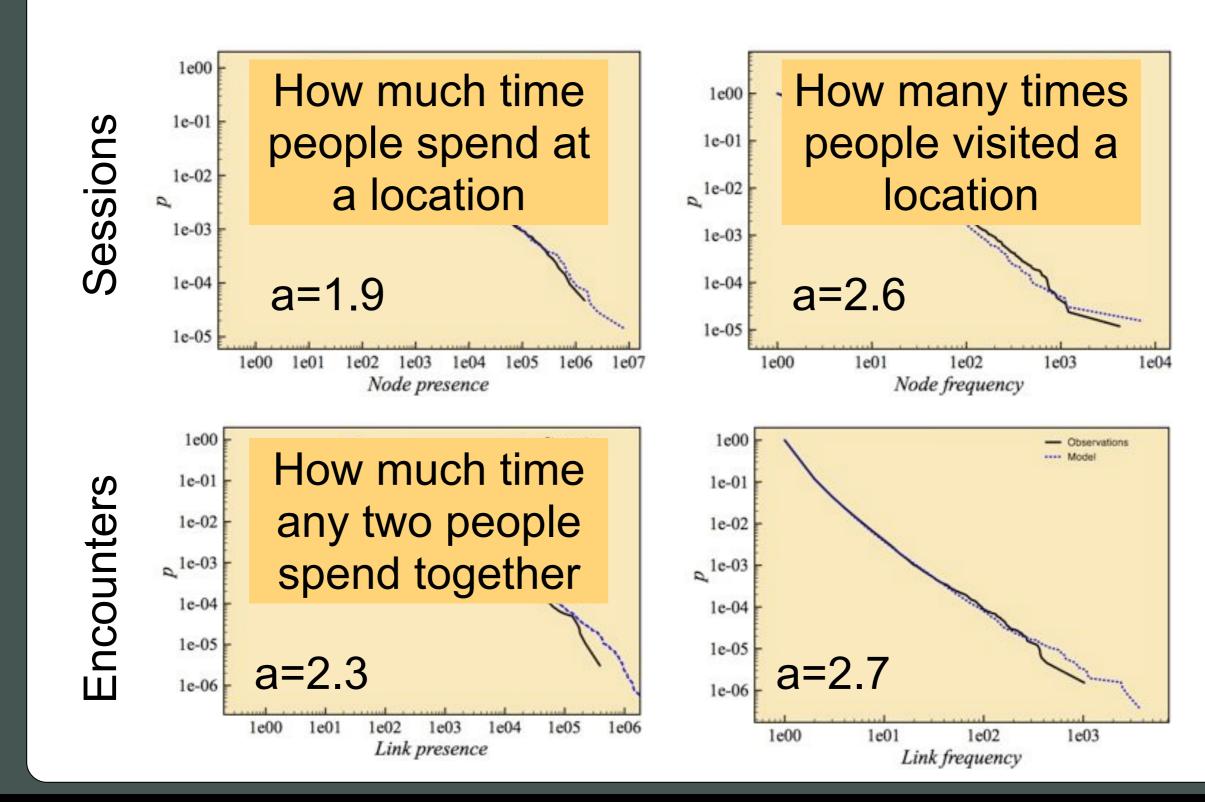
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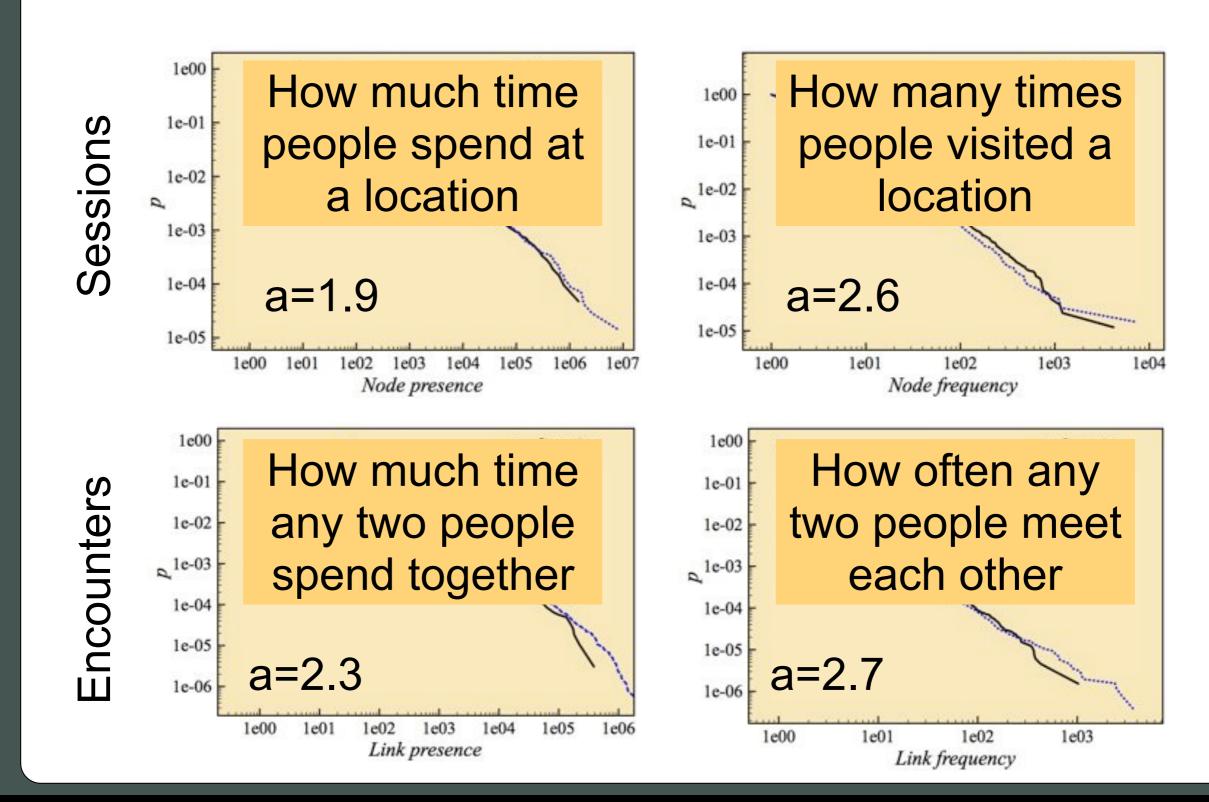
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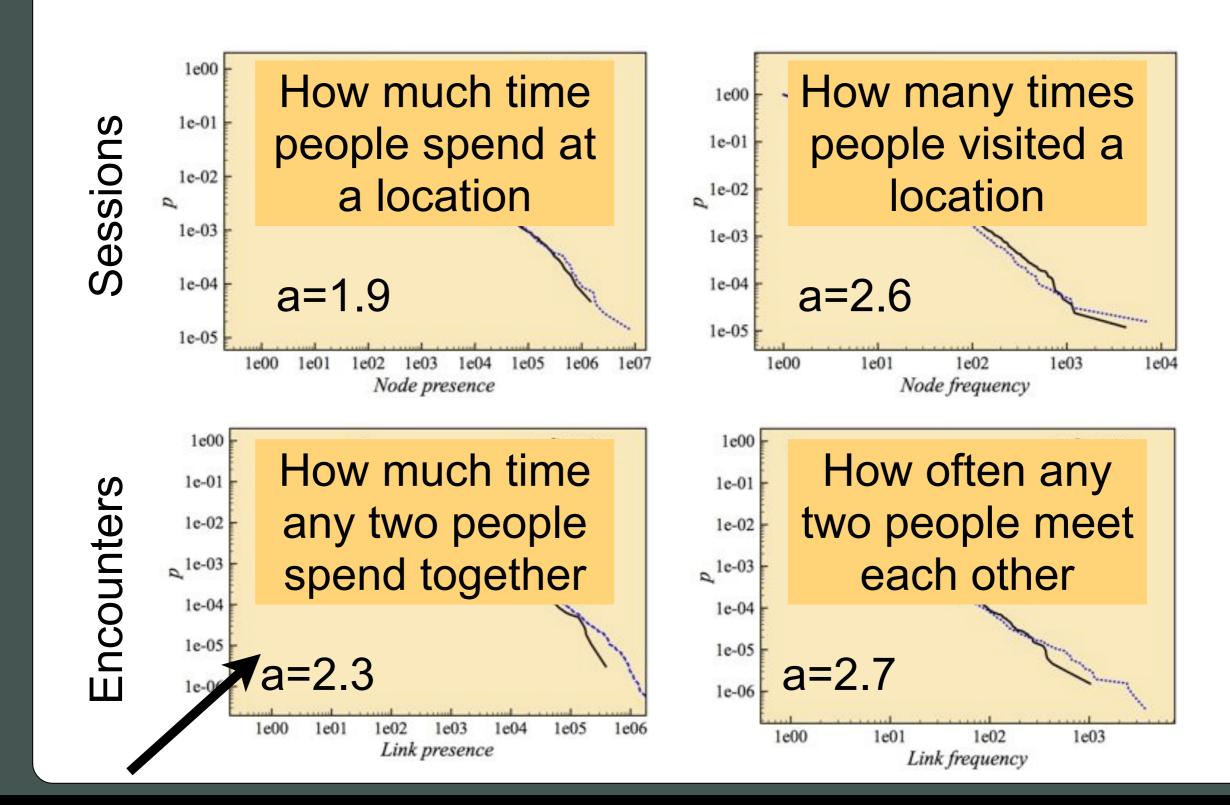
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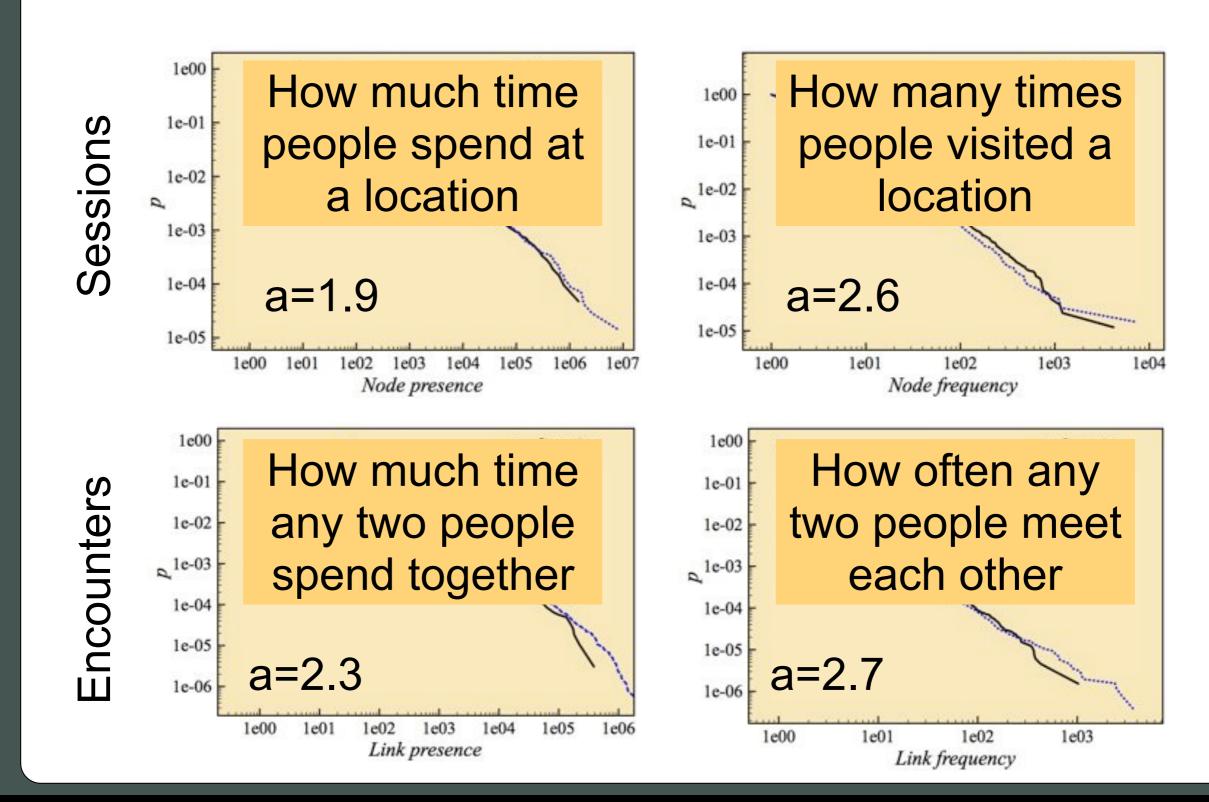
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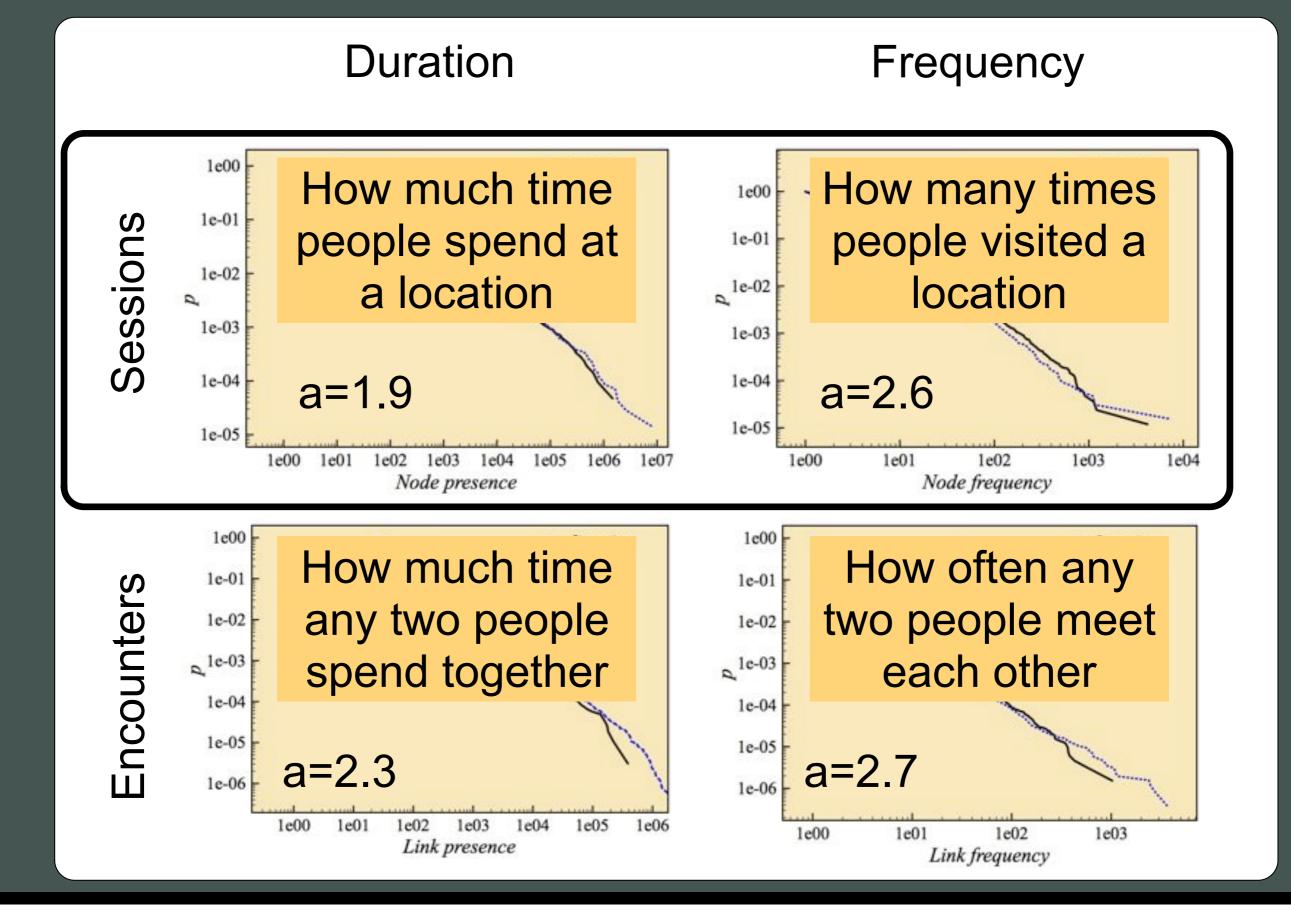
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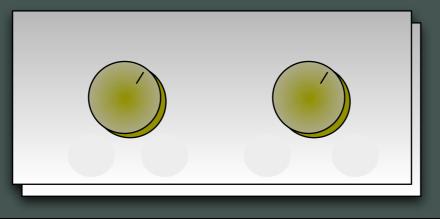


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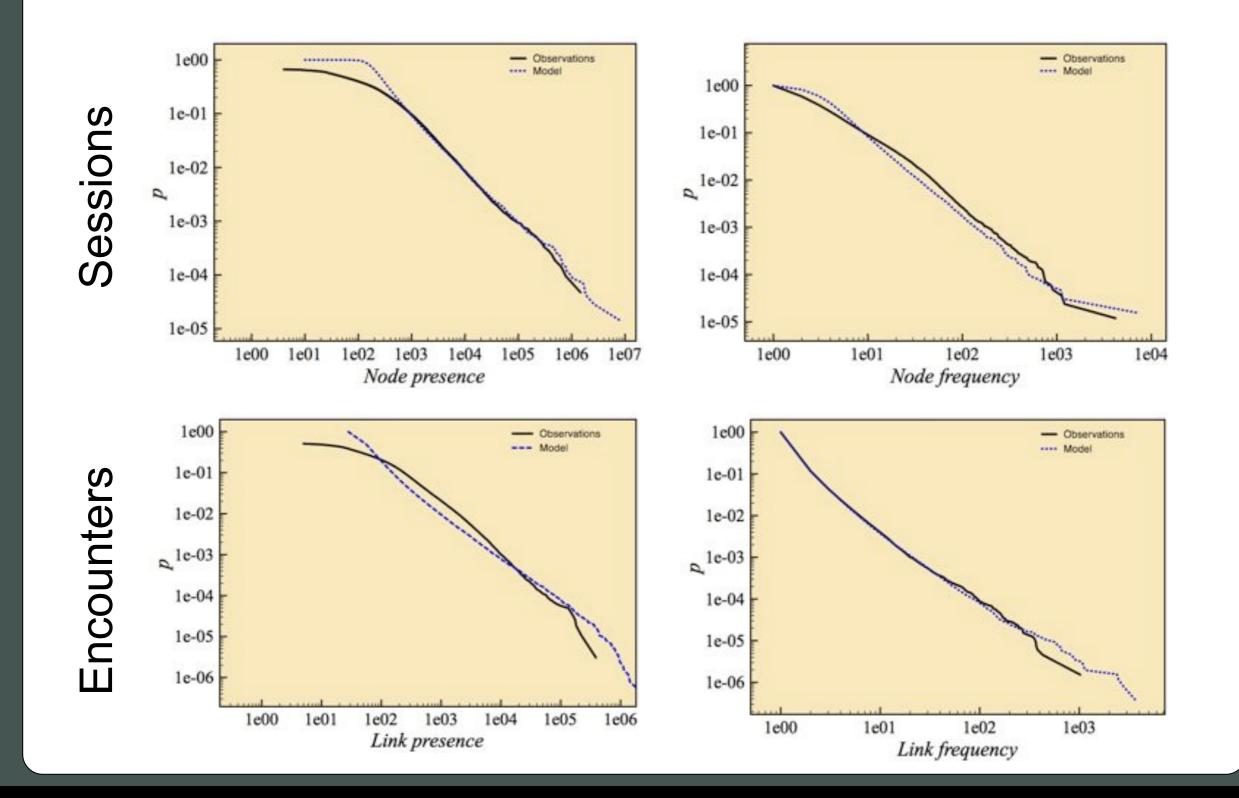








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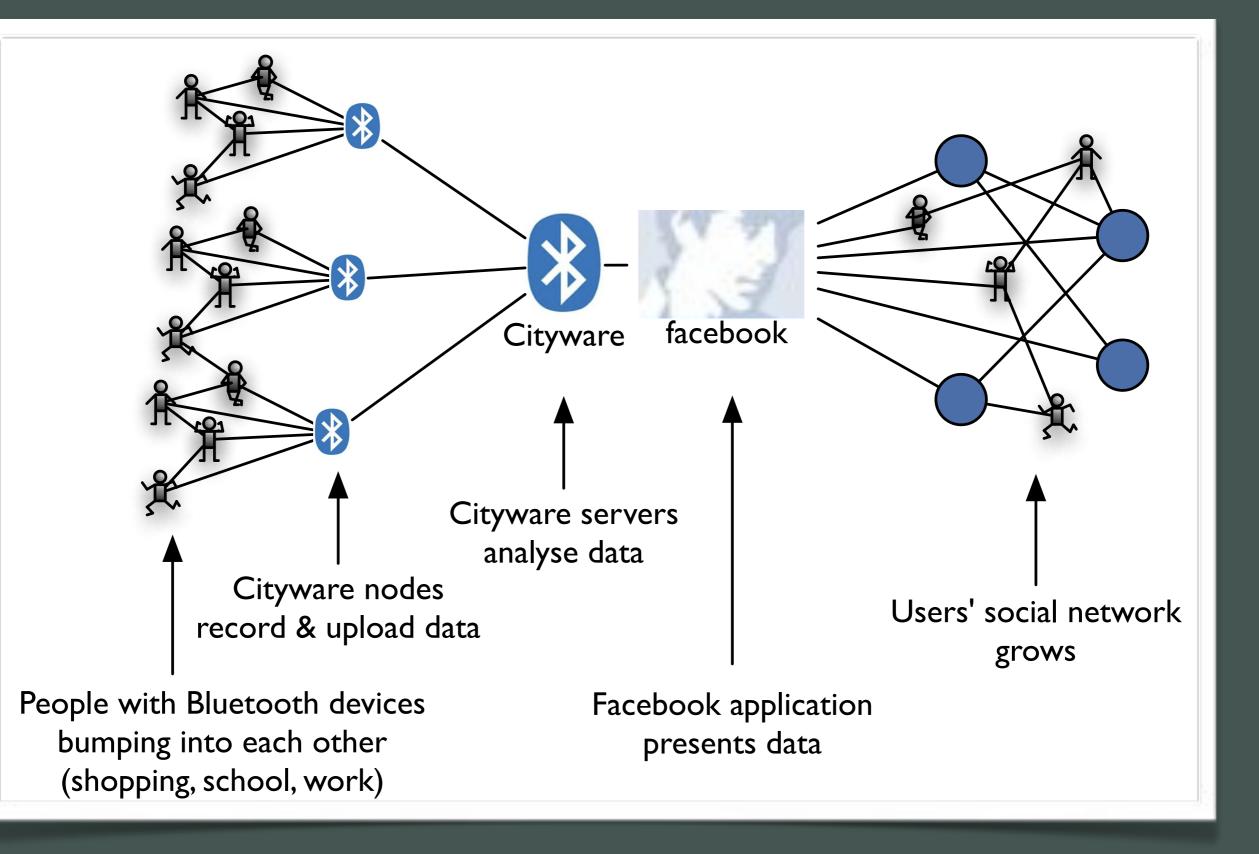


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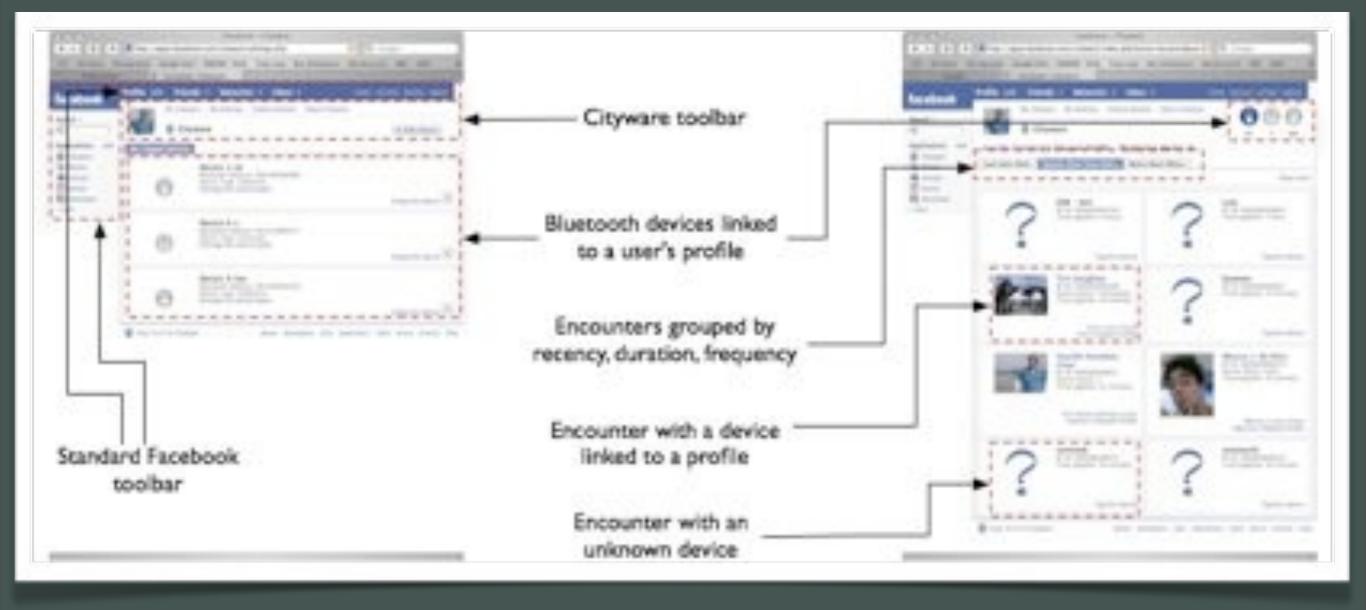




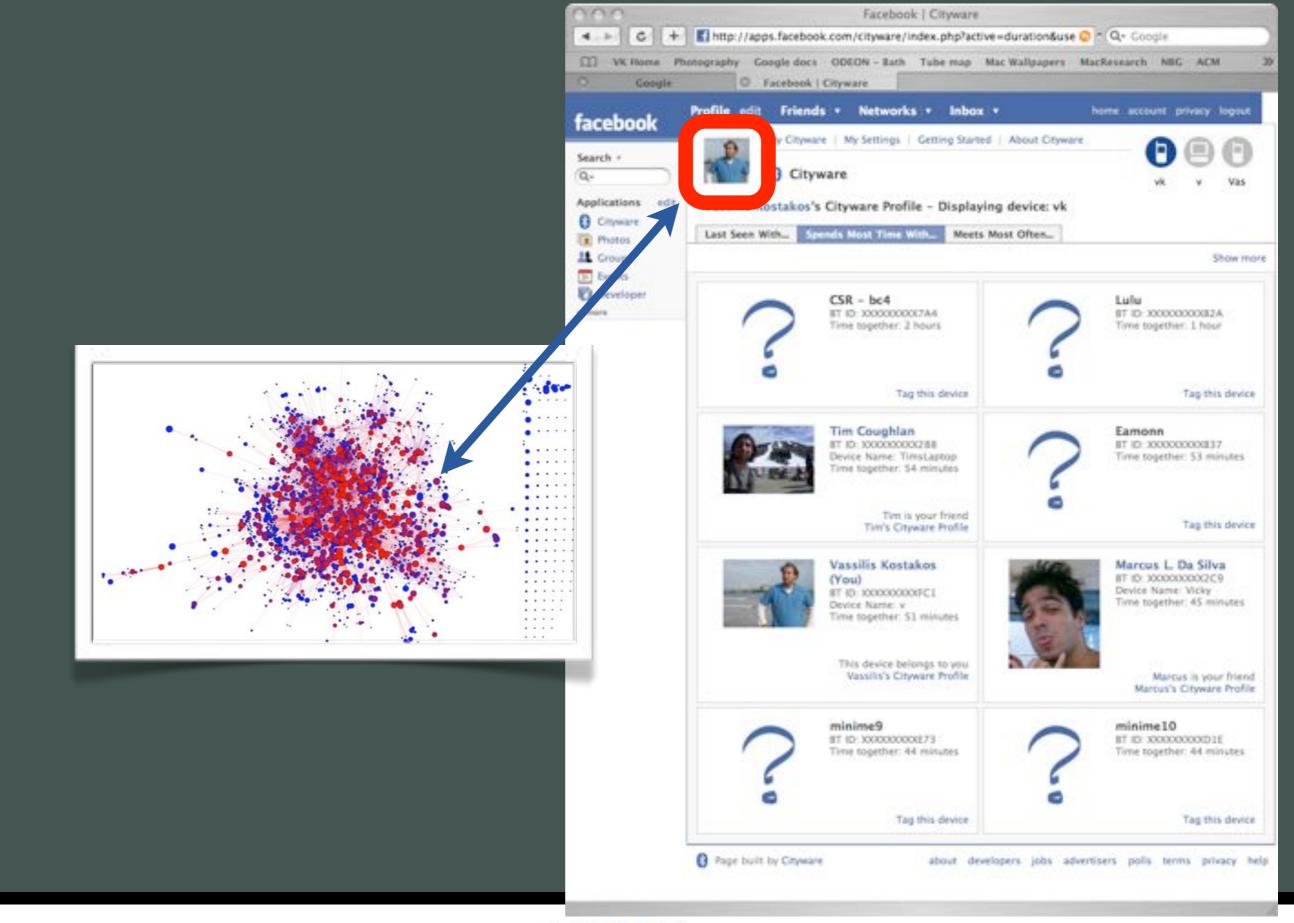




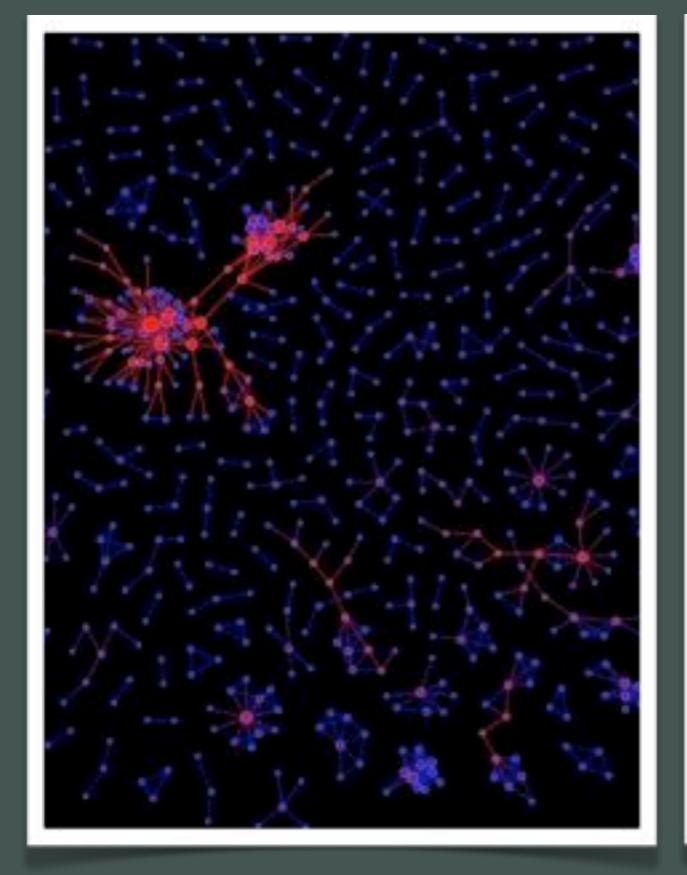


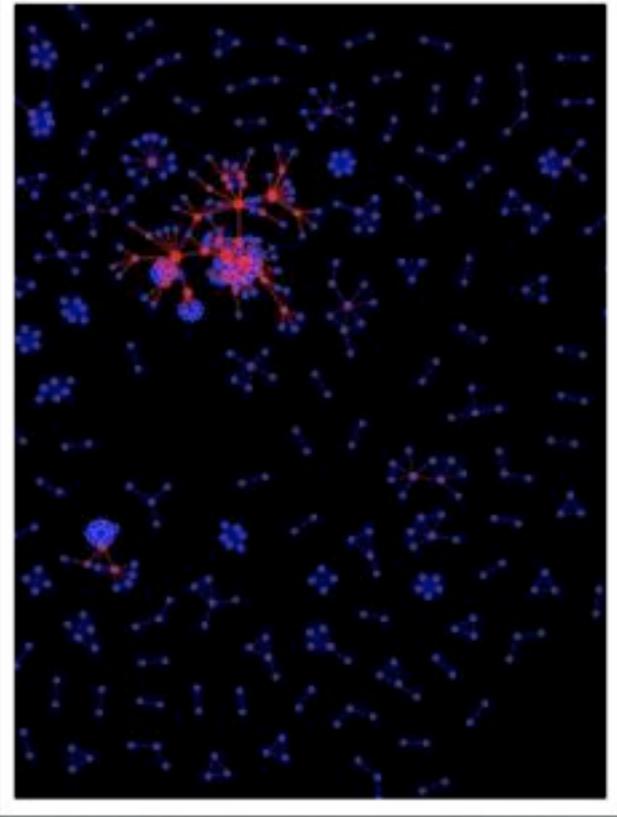








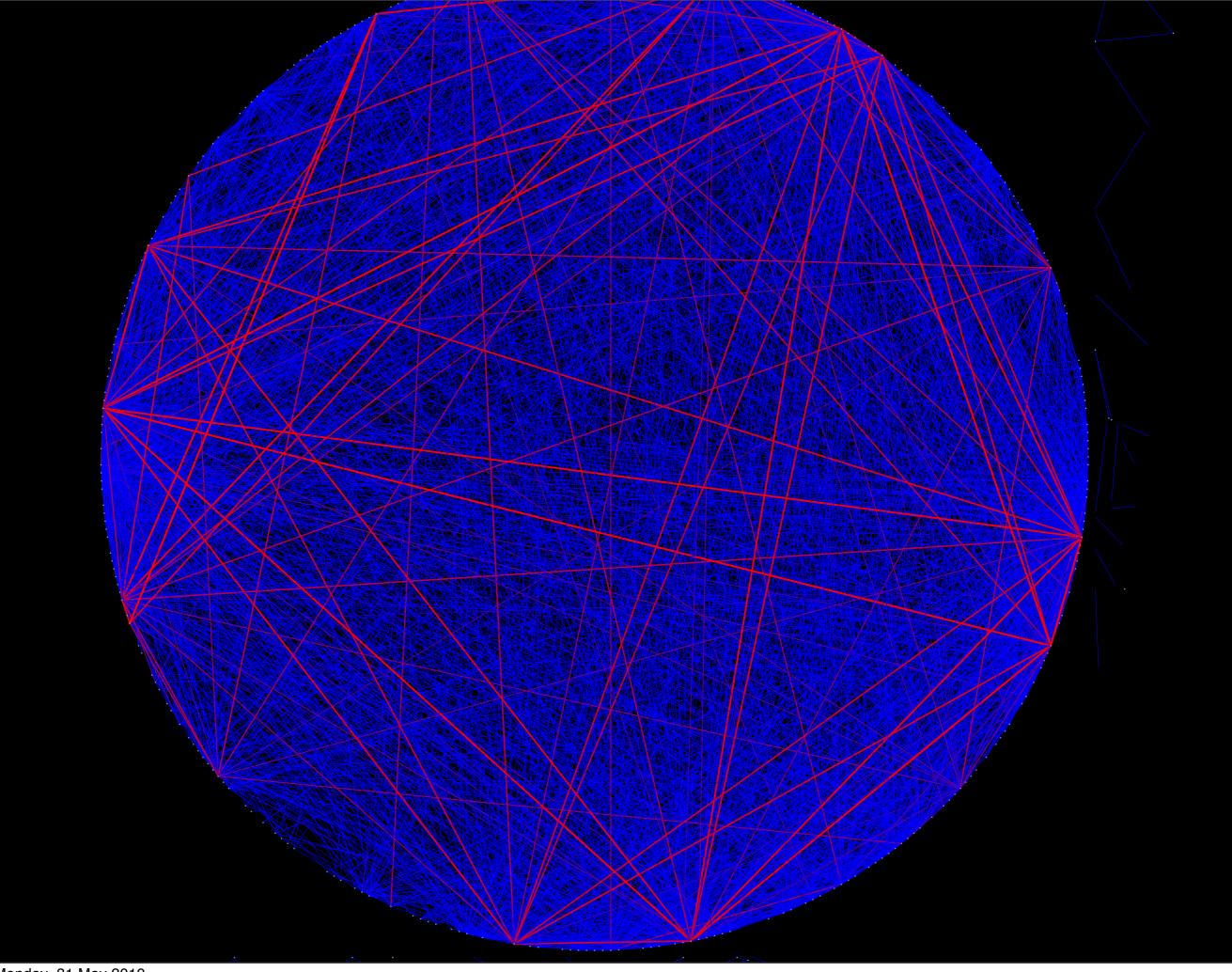


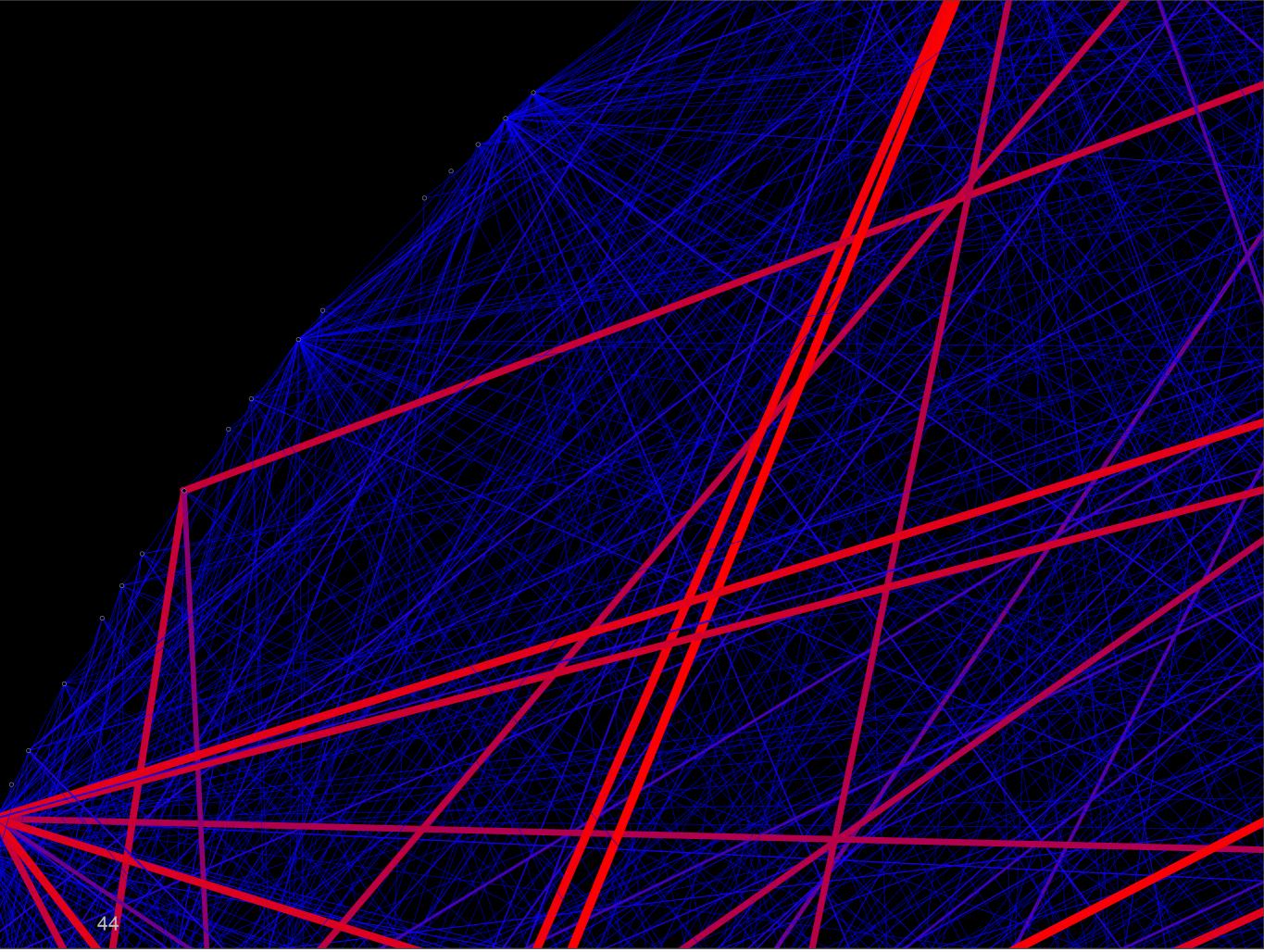




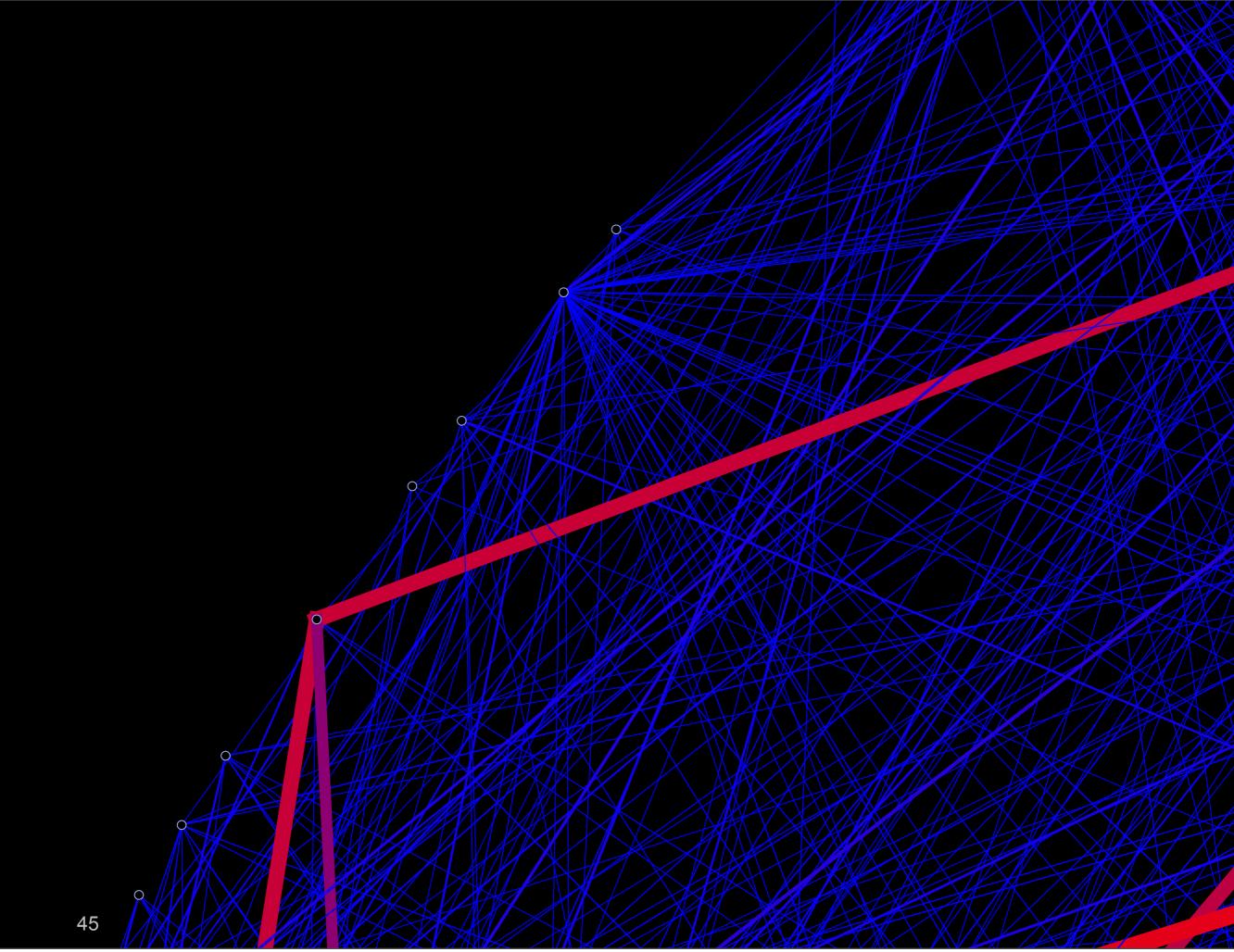


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The end

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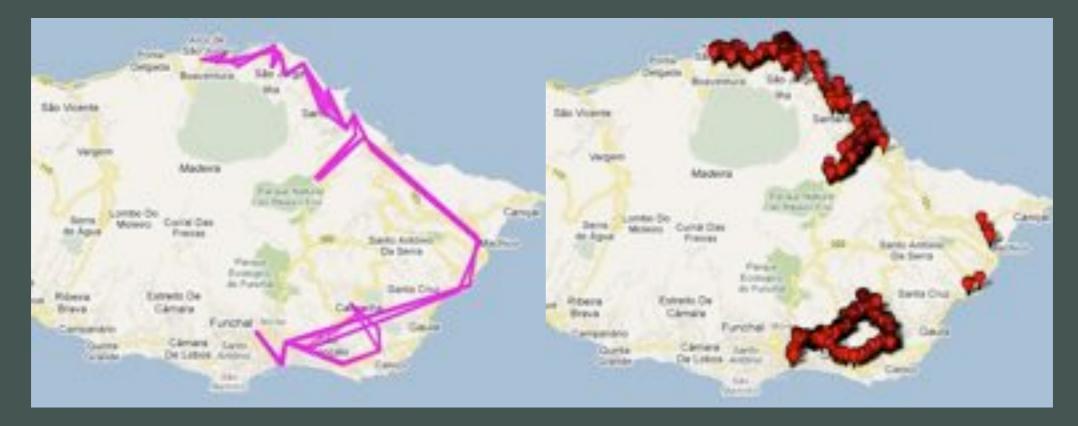
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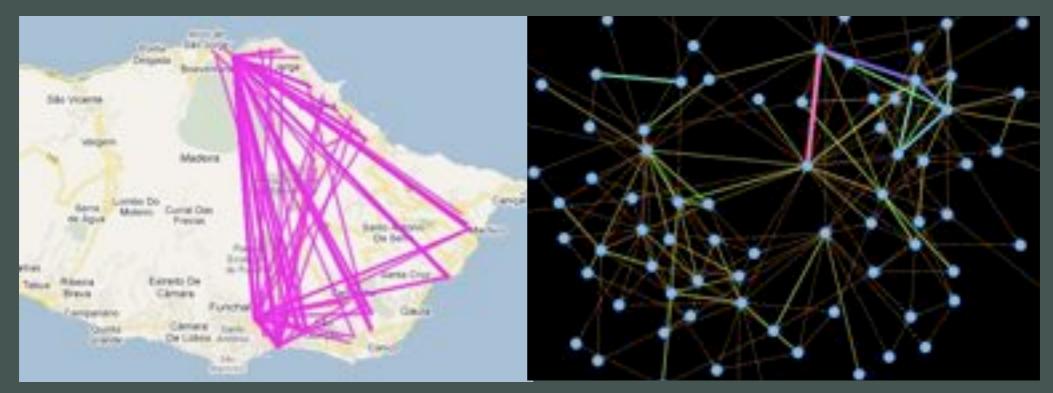
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