

# The Era of Social Computing

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## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2009

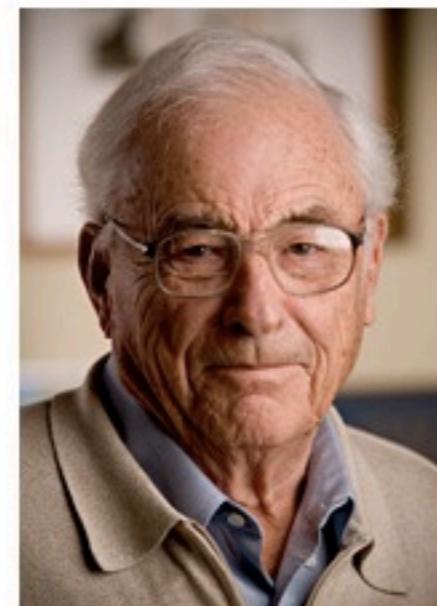
"for groundbreaking achievements concerning the transmission of light in fibers for optical communication"

"for the invention of an imaging semiconductor circuit – the CCD sensor"



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**Charles Kao**



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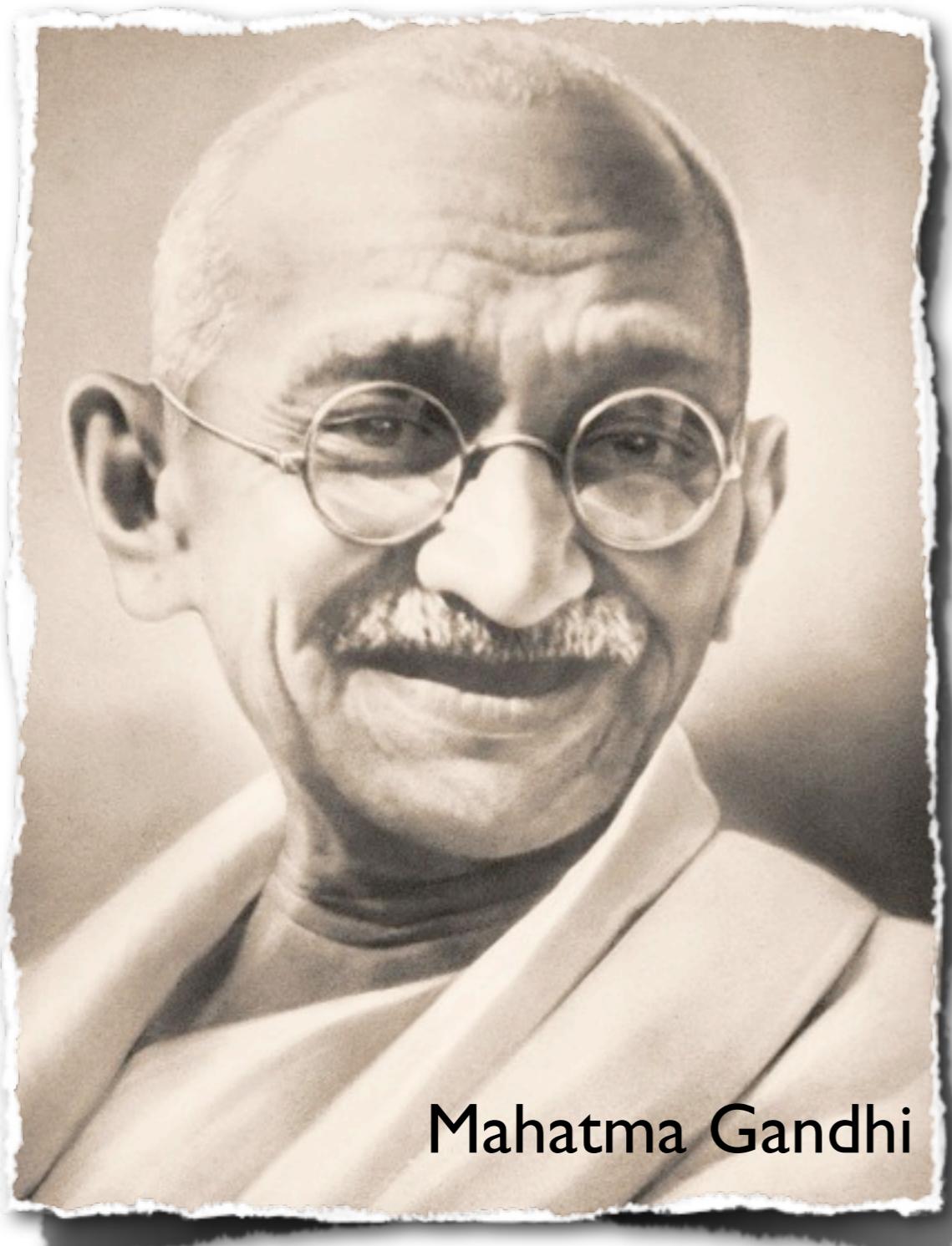
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Video Info

Nobel Lecture by Charles K. Kao (27 minutes)  
Charles K. Kao's Nobel Lecture was held on 8 December 2009, at Aula Magna, Stockholm University, by his wife, Mrs Gwen Kao. They were introduced by Professor Joseph Nordgren, Chairman of the Nobel Committee for Physics.



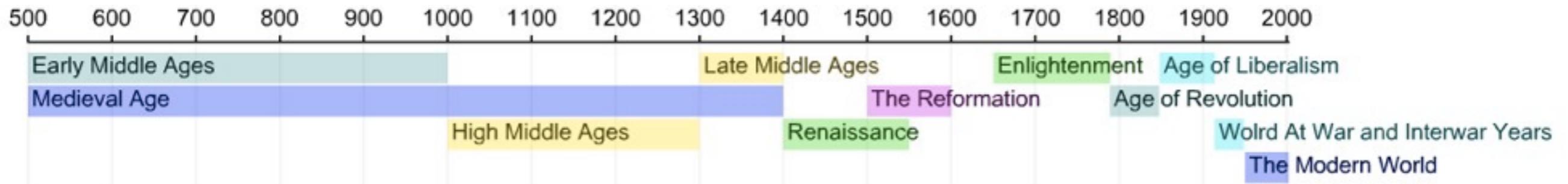


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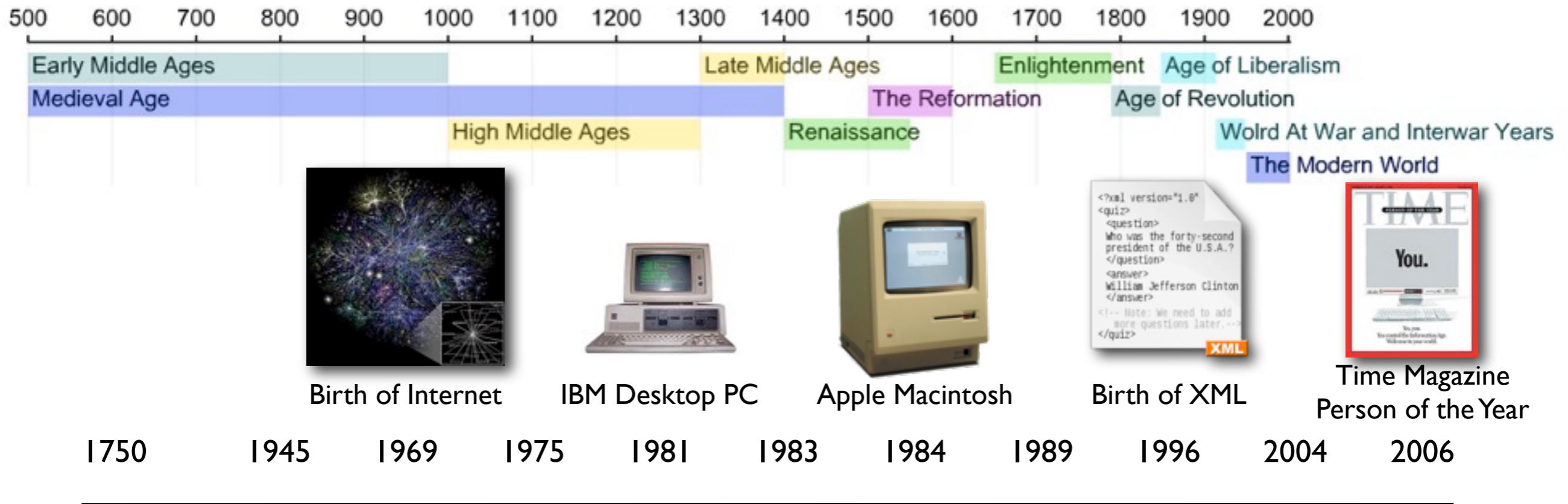
*Interdependence is and ought to be as much the ideal of man as self-sufficiency.*

*Man is a social being.*

# A Brief History of the World



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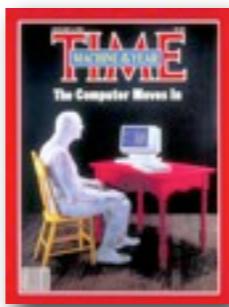


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Person of the Year

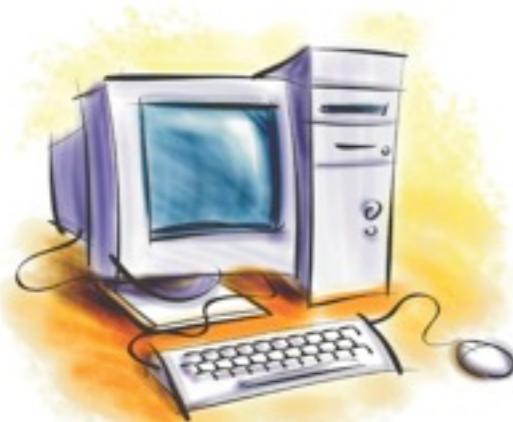


Birth of WWW



Birth of Web 2.0





# revolution in evolution

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# Billionaires' Shuffle

2007



William Gates



Warren Buffett



Carlos Slim Helu & family



Mark Zuckerberg

2008



Warren Buffett



Carlos Slim Helu & family



William Gates

Facebook in 2004.02

2008  
at **23** and **\$1.5 billion** later...

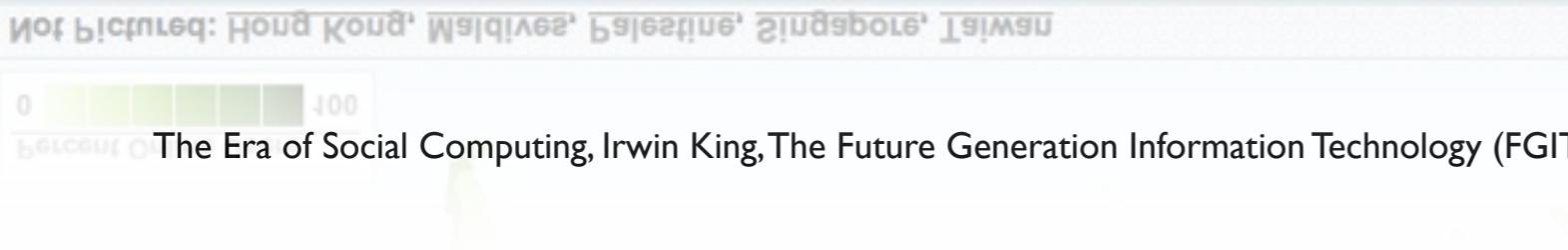
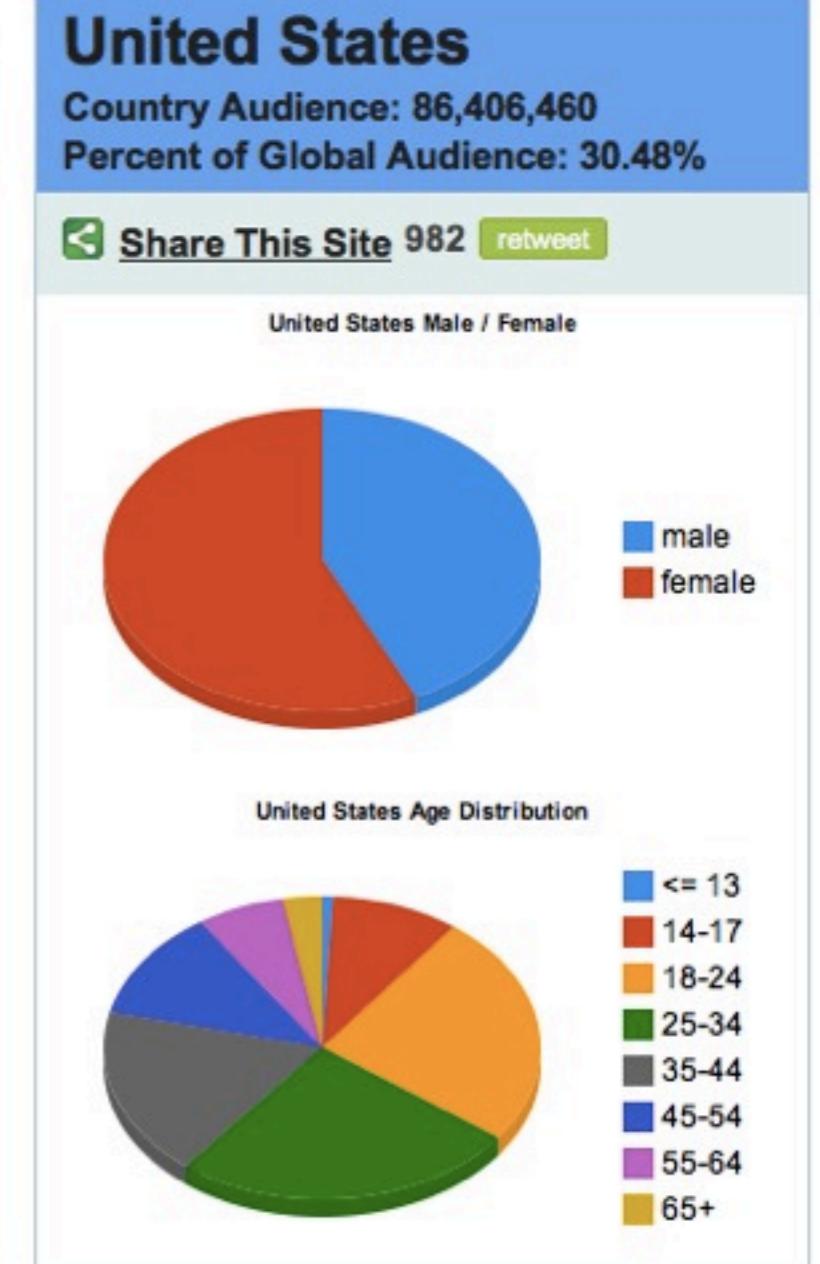
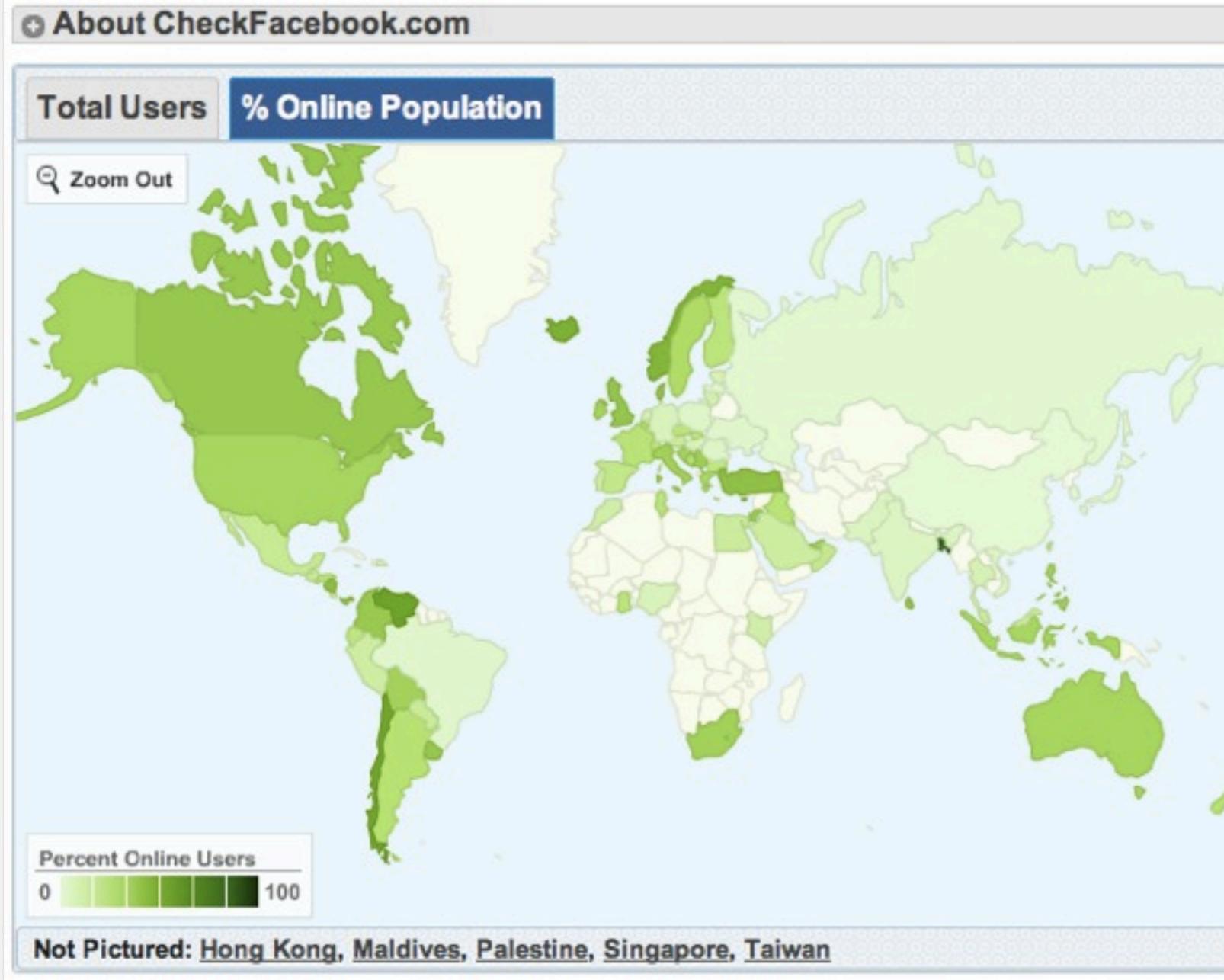
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# Facebook's Global Audience

Global Audience: 283,443,180

Data for 09/25/2009



# Facebook's Growth Table

**General Growth**

- More than 300 million active users
- 50% of our active users log on to Facebook in any given day
- The fastest growing demographic is those 35 years old and older

10 Largest Countries		10 Fastest Growing Over Past Week		
1.	United States	86,406,460	1.	China
2.	United Kingdom	20,214,180	2.	Taiwan
3.	Turkey	13,104,960	3.	Vietnam
4.	Canada	12,862,140	4.	Philippines
5.	France	12,245,140	5.	Iraq
6.	Italy	11,573,640	6.	Romania
7.	Indonesia	9,642,620	7.	Sweden
8.	Australia	6,572,900	8.	Ireland
9.	Spain	6,554,500	9.	Ukraine
10.	Argentina	6,380,080	10.	Qatar



# Global Internet Traffic

Alexa as of May 2009	China	USA	Japan	India	Brazil	Global
1	Baidu	Google	Yahoo.jp	Google.in	Google	Google
2	<b>QQ</b>	Yahoo	<b>FC2</b>	Google	<b>Orkut.br</b>	Yahoo
3	Sina	<b>Facebook</b>	Google.jp	Yahoo	Windows Live	<b>YouTube</b>
4	Google.cn	<b>YouTube</b>	<b>YouTube</b>	<b>Orkut.in</b>	Universo Online	<b>Facebook</b>
5	Taobao	<b>Myspace</b>	Rakuten	<b>YouTube</b>	<b>YouTube</b>	Windows Live
6	163	MSN	Livedoor	<b>Blogger</b>	Globo	MSN
7	Google	Windows Live	<b>Ameblo.jp</b>	Rediff	MSN	<b>Wikipedia</b>
8	Sohu	<b>Wikipedia</b>	<b>mixi</b>	<b>Facebook</b>	Google	<b>Blogger</b>
9	Youku	Craigslist	<b>Wikipedia</b>	<b>Wikipedia</b>	Yahoo	Baidu
10	Yahoo	EBay	Google	Windows Live	Terra	<b>Myspace</b>



# Twitter in Spotlight

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The New York Times Friday, June 19, 2009

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The New York Times News Blog

June 2, 2009, 7:05 PM

**China's Great Firewall Blocks Twitter**

By ROBERT MACKEY



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# Web 2.0

- Web as a medium vs. **Web as a platform**
- Read-Only Web vs. **Read-and-Write Web**
- Static vs. **Dynamic**
- Restrictive vs. **Freedom & Empowerment**
- Technology-centric vs. **User-centric**
- Limited vs. **Rich User Experience**
- Individualistic vs. **Group/Collective Behavior**
- Consumer vs. **Producer**
- Transactional vs. **Relational**
- Top-down vs. **Bottom-up**
- People-to-Machine vs. **People-to-People**
- Search & browse vs. **Publish & Subscribe**
- Closed application vs. **Service-oriented Services**
- Functionality vs. **Utility**
- Data vs. **Value**

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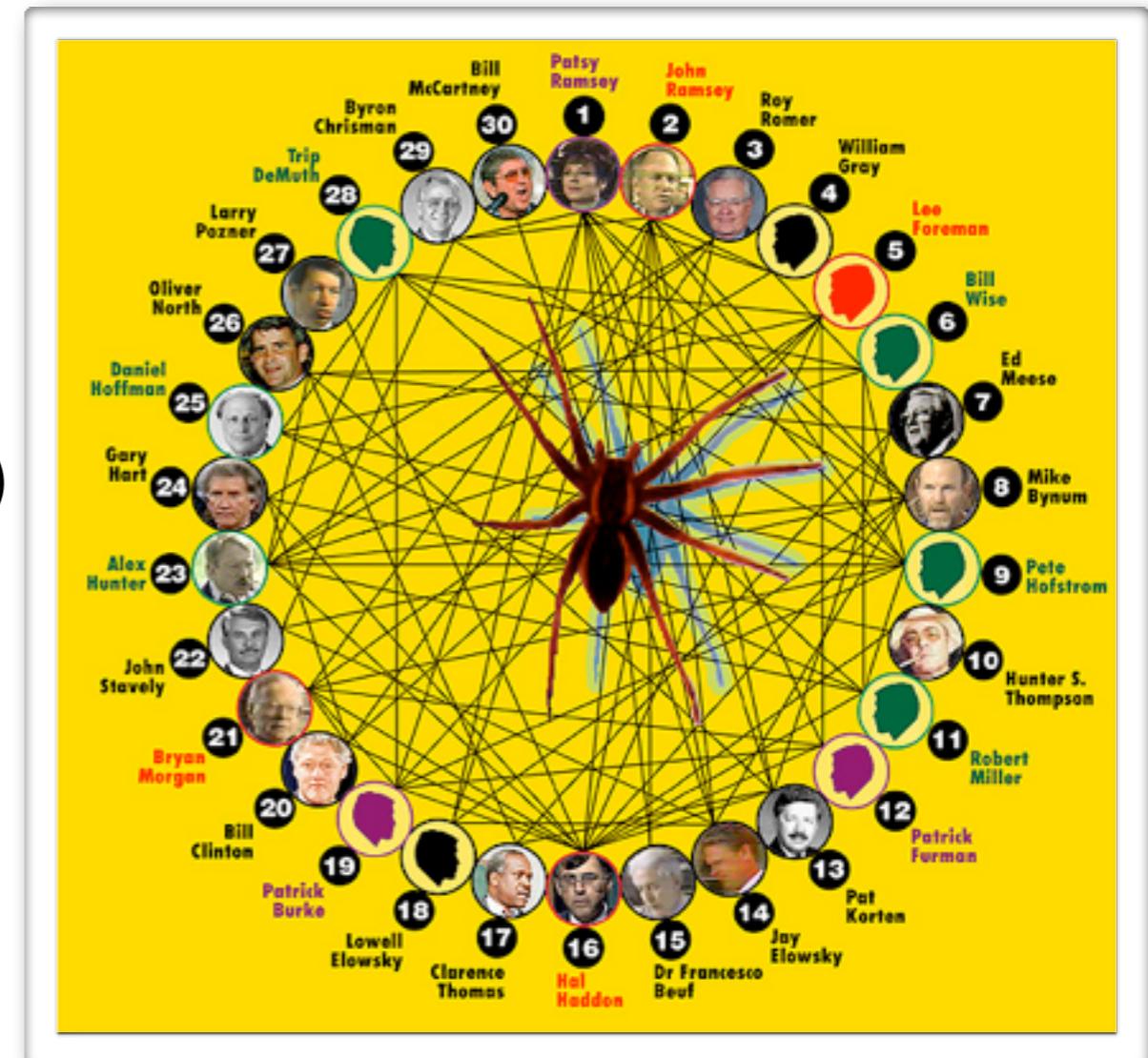
# Social Networks

**Society:**

**Nodes:** individuals

**Links:** social relationship

(family/work/friendship/etc.)



S. Milgram and John Guare: **Six Degree of Separation.**  
Social networks: Many **individuals** with diverse **social interactions** between them.

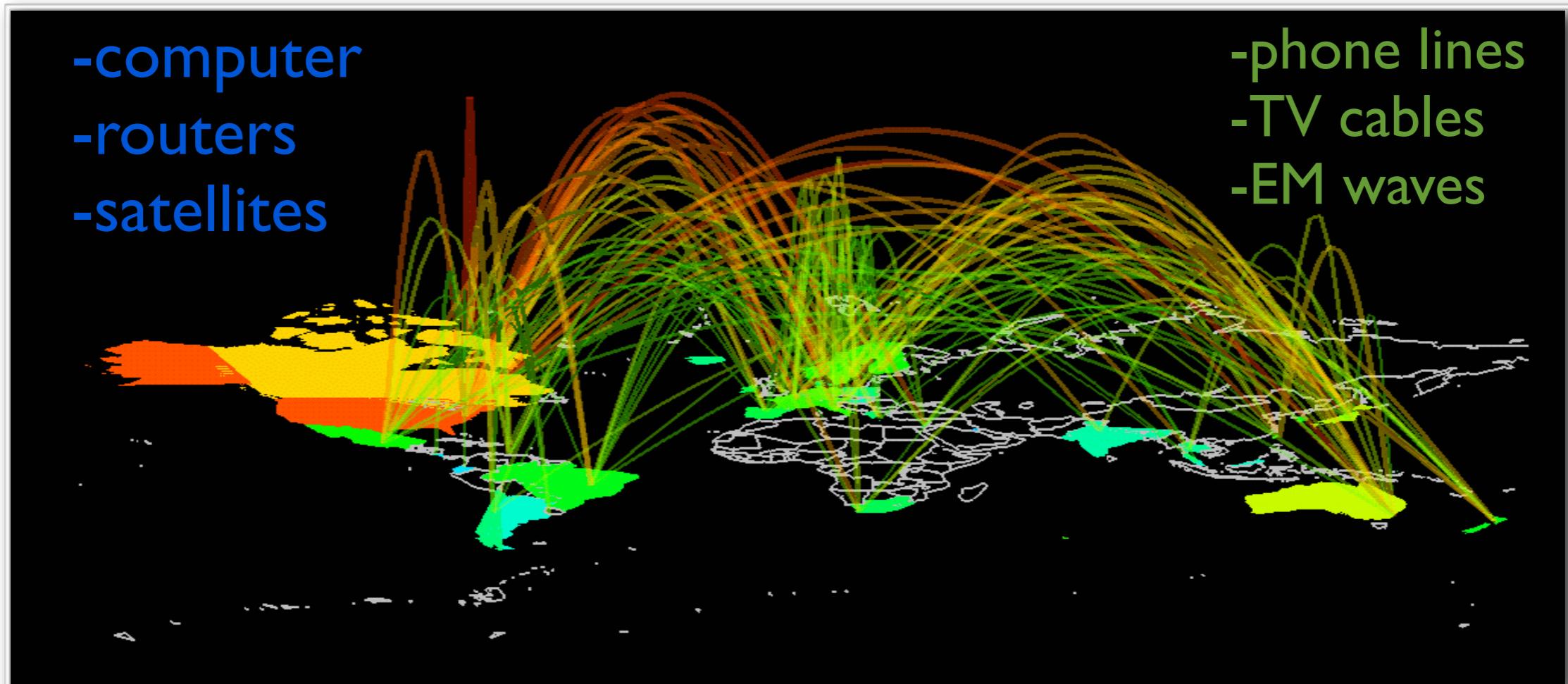


# Milgram's Experiment



# Social Networks

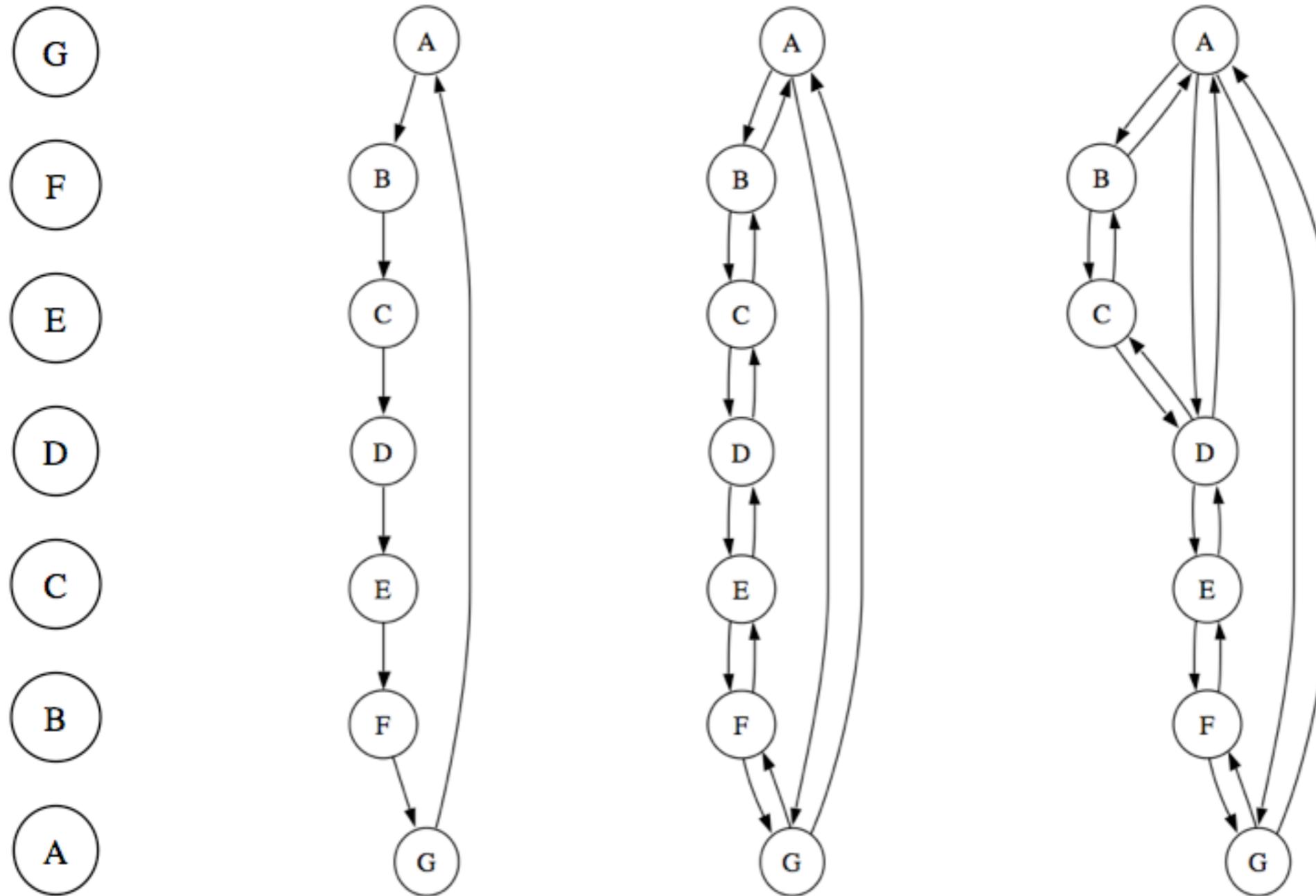
- The Earth is developing an electronic nervous system, a network with diverse **nodes** and **links**.



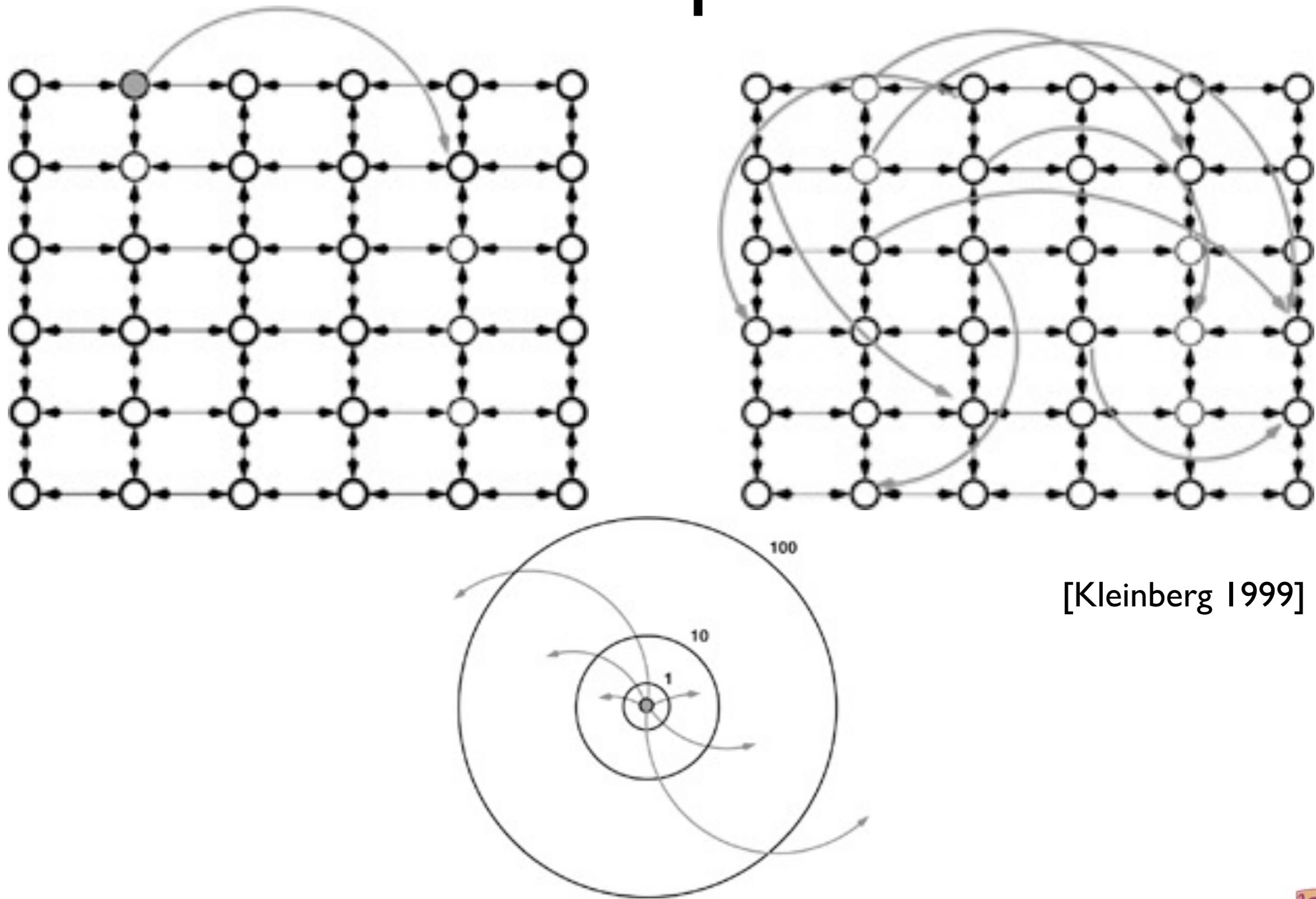
Communication networks: many non-identical components with diverse connections between them.



# The Flow of Information

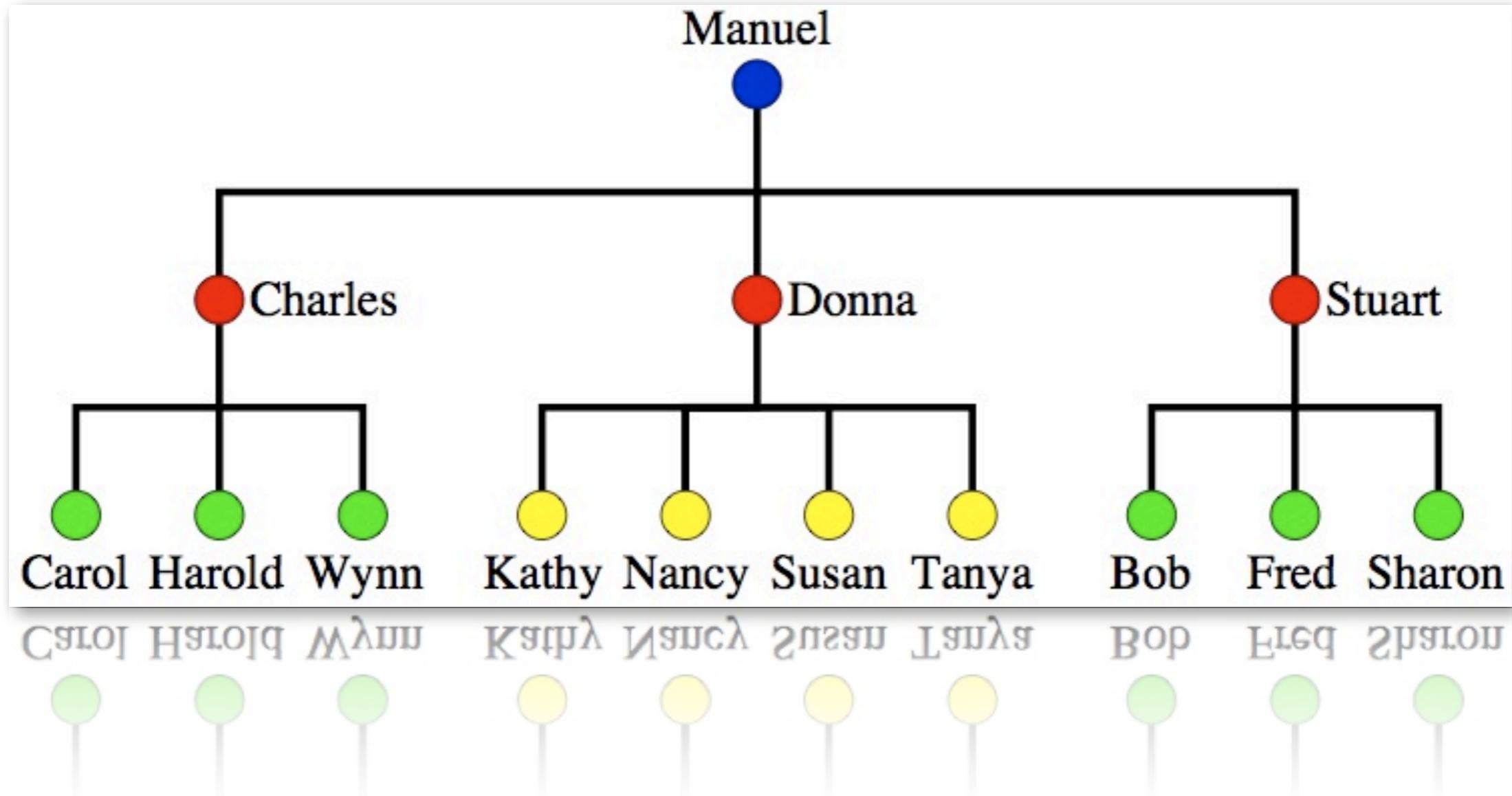


# Examples

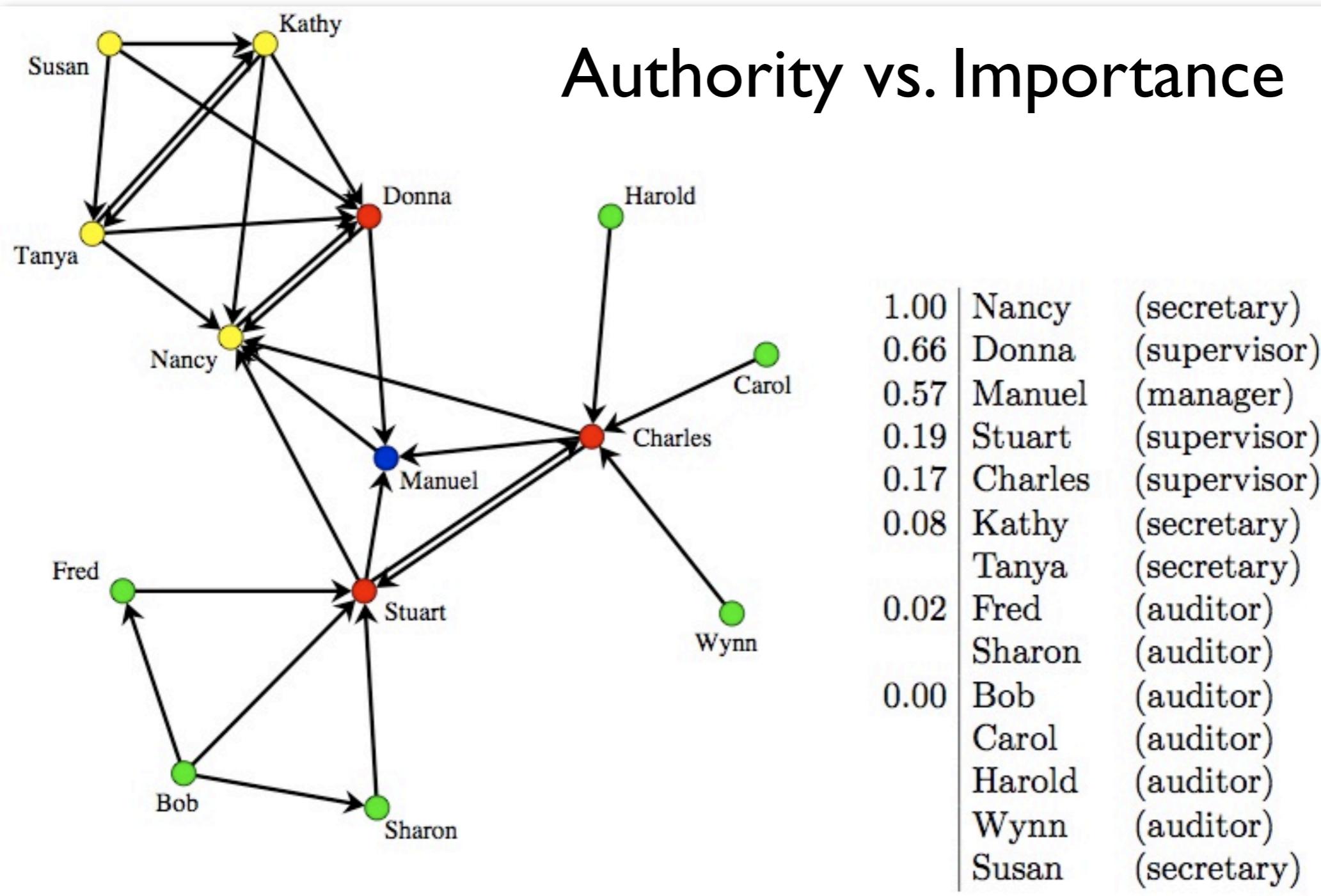


[Kleinberg 1999]

# Organizational Chart



# Social Network Chart



# Social Networking Sites

- Example of Social Networking Sites: FaceBook, MySpace, Blogger, QQ, etc.



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# Social Search

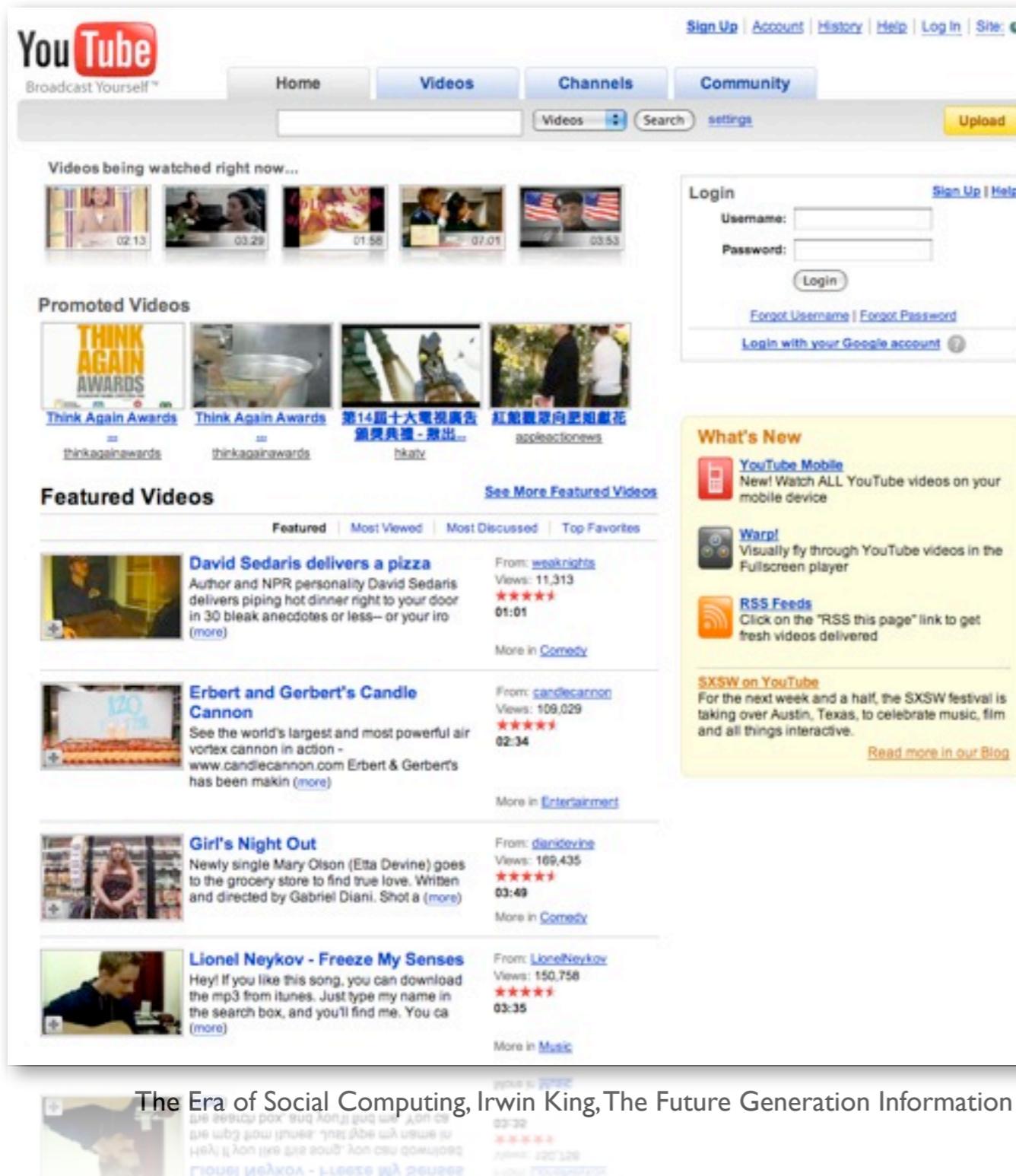
- Social Search Engine
- Leveraging your social networks for searching

The screenshot shows a social search interface with a green and yellow logo on the left. The main area displays a network graph where users are connected by dashed lines. A central node is highlighted with a box containing a photo of a person and the text: "Noa Rabiner Noa Rabiner is connected to you directly". Below this box are four options: "This is me!", "I know this person", "Add as Connection", and "Send Message". Above the graph, a banner says "Your friends are the best source of information! Look for information, media and people within your network". A large blue button labeled "(Go)" is positioned above the graph. At the top right, there are links for "My Profile" and "My Network".

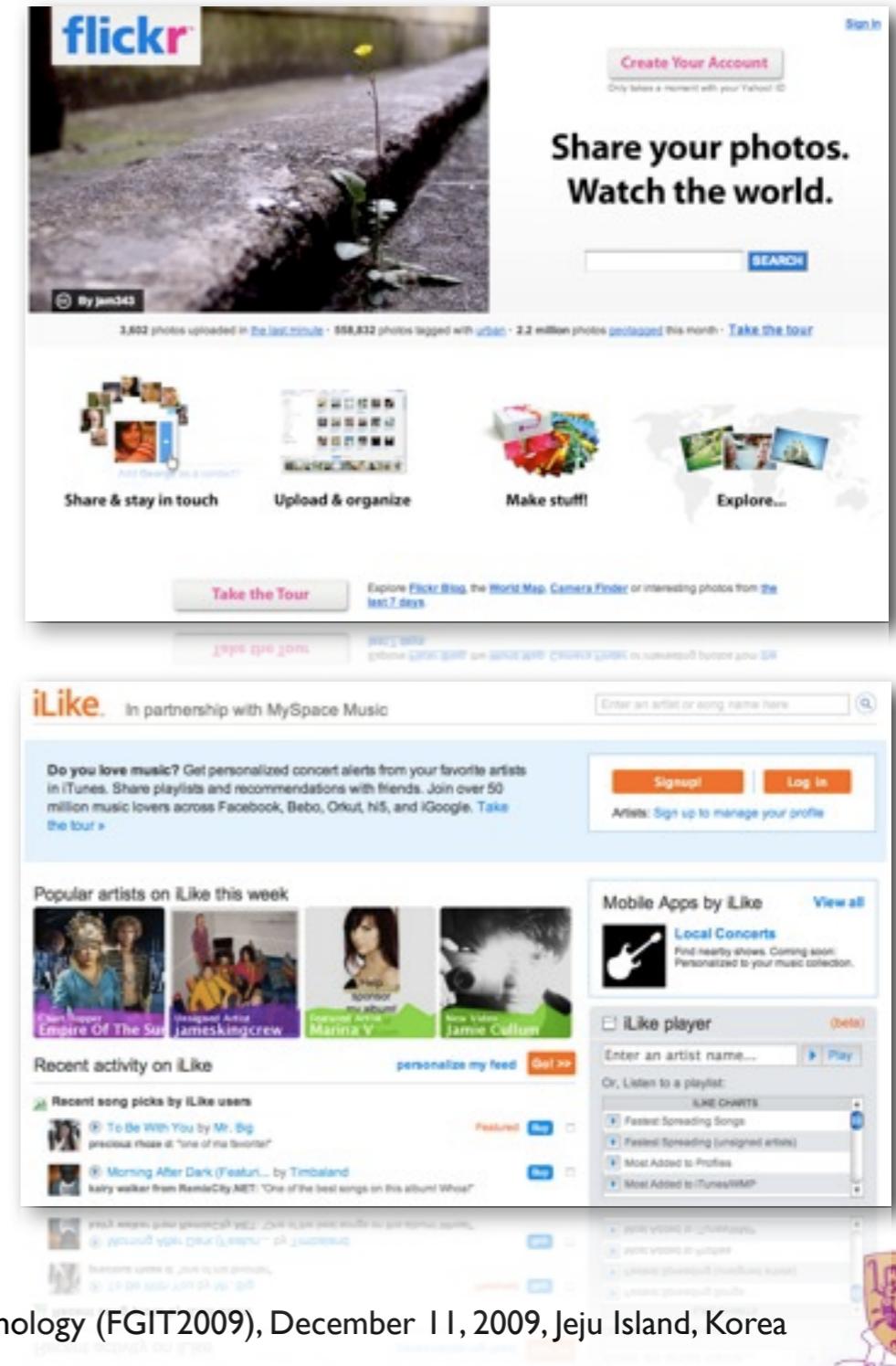
The screenshot shows the eurekster swicki website. At the top, it says "eurekster swicki" and has links for "build new swicki", "swicki directory", "about swickis", and "about eurekster". On the right, there are links for "login | sign up" and "Search and vote for your faves". The main content area features a large image of a crowd and the text: "a custom search portal around the topic of your choice powered by your community". Below this, a section titled "Build a swicki!" explains what a swicki is and how to build one, with a "Build a swicki!" button. To the right, a sidebar titled "Eurekster news" lists recent news items like "Now out of beta!", "Come join the network for swicki builders", "Swicki Users Go Green", "CEO Speaking at SES New York", and "Get swicki illustrated". The bottom half of the page shows a "Browse the directory" section with categories like "Recently created", "Top swickis", "DIY: home improvement swicki showcase", "Computers", "Business", "Home", and "Regional", each with a list of swicki names.



# Social Media



The YouTube homepage features a navigation bar with links for Sign Up, Account, History, Help, Log In, and Site. Below the navigation is a search bar and a "Upload" button. A section titled "Videos being watched right now..." displays five video thumbnails. The "Promoted Videos" section shows four thumbnails for "Think Again Awards" and "appleactionnews". The "Featured Videos" section lists four videos: "David Sedaris delivers a pizza", "Erbert and Gerbert's Candle Cannon", "Girl's Night Out", and "Lionel Neykov - Freeze My Senses". Each video entry includes a thumbnail, title, description, view count, rating, and duration. A "What's New" sidebar highlights "YouTube Mobile", "Warp!", "RSS Feeds", and "SXSW on YouTube".



The Flickr homepage features a "Create Your Account" button and a "Share your photos. Watch the world." slogan. It includes a search bar and a "Take the tour" button. The main area shows a large photo of a flower growing through a crack in a sidewalk. Below it are sections for "Share & stay in touch", "Upload & organize", "Make stuff!", and "Explore...". The "iLike" section is integrated with MySpace Music, showing personalized concert alerts and artist recommendations. It includes sections for "Mobile Apps by iLike", "Local Concerts", and "iLike player".

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**104** Microsoft Demos "ADD TO DIGG" Feature in IE8

microsoft.com — Using the new "Activities" XML feature in IE8, users can right-click on any page and "ADD TO DIGG". Check out the screenshot on Microsoft's site! Other new IE8 features: Atom feeds in normal web pages using Microformats, Data URI support (fast page renders), CSS2.1 fully supports, and of course, tons of bug fixes... More... Microsoft

**161** It was only a matter of time, The SIMS 3 Official

strategyinformer.com — Maxis have already showcased The Sims 3 in a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) event with press, the blockade is said to end on March 19. Waiting no time to rally the Sim communities around their latest expansion-spawner The Sims 3 website has launched promising more once the March embargo is lifted. More... (PC Games)

**151** Universe submerged in a sea of chilled neutrinos

space.newscientist.com — "Cosmic" neutrinos produced in the big bang fill space, according to five years of data from NASA's WMAP satellite - they can't be detected on Earth. More... (Space)

**180** Unique locks on microchips could reduce hardware piracy

re.umich.edu — The technique is called EPIC, short for Ending Piracy of Integrated Circuits. More... (Hardware)

**519** Warren Buffett Passes Gates To Become World's Richest Man

Businessweek.com — Oracle CEO Larry Ellison has been dethroned as the world's richest man by Warren Buffett. More... (Business)

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**Videos on YouTube**

- All is full of love 4:09
- bjork-hunter 3:38
- Björk - Human Behaviour 4:17

**Lyrics from Yahoo! Music**

By Track By Album

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- Alarm Call
- All Is Full of Love
- All Neon Like
- An Echo, A Stain
- Army of Me
- Aurora
- Bachelorette
- Big Time Sensuality
- Cetacea
- Cocoon
- Come to Me
- Crying
- Desired Constellation

**Flickr Photos**

**Artist on Last.fm**

**Music on Hype Machine**

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# twitter

What is Twitter?

What? Why? How? Watch a video!

Please sign in user name or email address:

password:

Remember me Sign In »

Forgot password? Click here.

Already using Twitter from your phone? Click here.

What is Twitter? Twitter is a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question. 8 new tweets

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Chukchi Sea Beaufort Sea Baffin Island

Gulf of Alaska

North Pacific Ocean United States

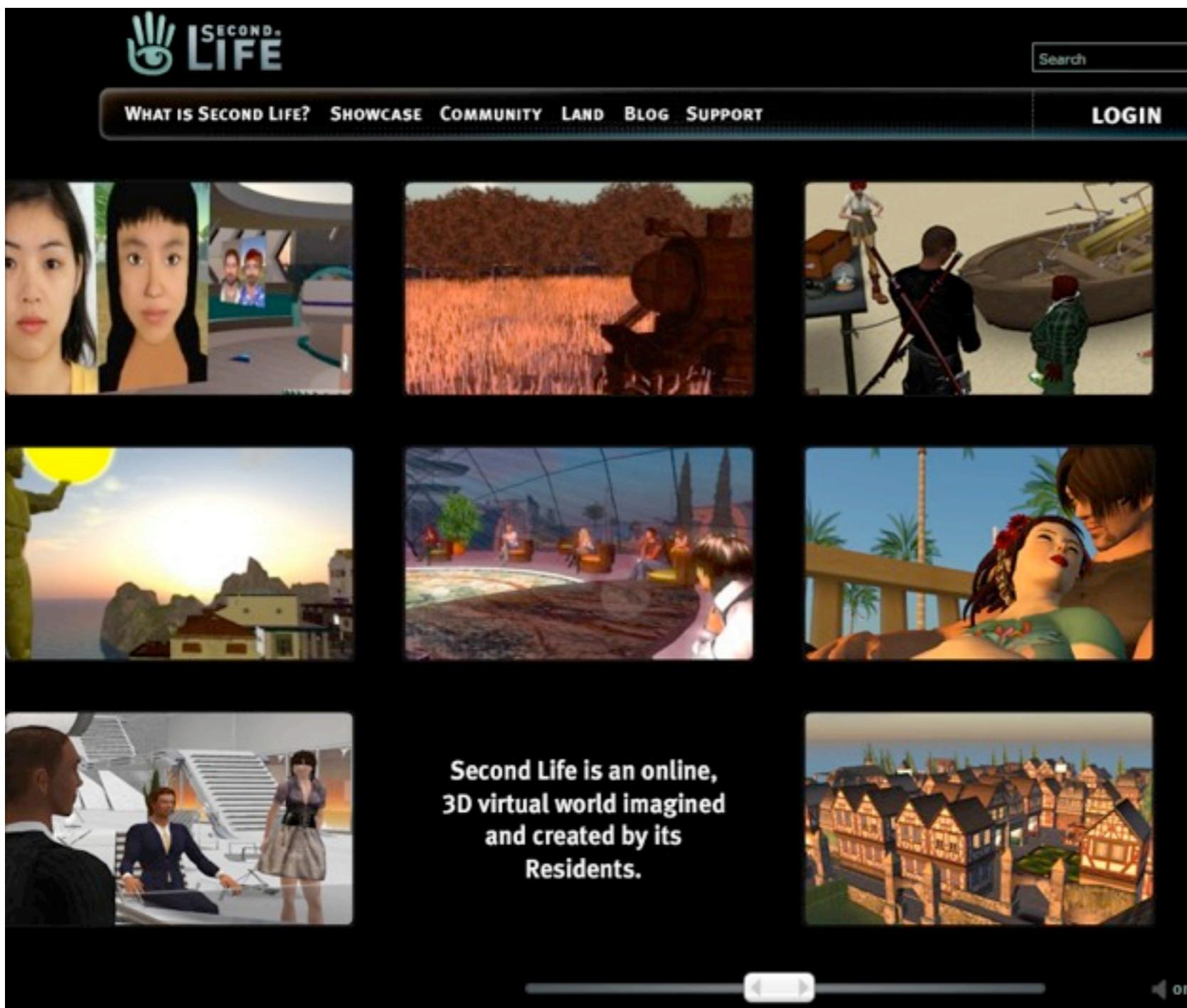
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# On-line Games and Virtual Communities



# Social Bookmarking

The screenshot shows the homepage of Delicious. At the top, there's a banner with the text "The tastiest bookmarks on the web. Save your own or see what's fresh now!" accompanied by an illustration of three cupcakes. Below the banner, there's a search bar with the placeholder "Search the biggest collection of bookmarks in the universe...". Underneath the search bar are three tabs: "Fresh Bookmarks", "Popular Bookmarks", and "Explore Tags". A section titled "The freshest bookmarks that are flying like hotcakes on Delicious and beyond." displays two examples: "The Associated Press: Text of Obama's Nobel Peace Prize speech" and "BBC News - Barack Obama set for Oslo Nobel Peace Prize ceremony". Each example includes a thumbnail, the title, the number of saves (e.g., 22 or 5), and a "SAVE" button.

The screenshot shows the homepage of BibSonomy. The header includes a search bar with "search:all" and "fulltext search here", and links for "login", "register", "help", "blog", and "about". There are also language selection buttons for German and English. The main content area has tabs for "Home", "tags", "authors", "relations", "groups", and "popular". A central text block describes BibSonomy as a system for sharing bookmarks and lists of literature, noting its advantage over traditional bookmarks by allowing access from anywhere. Below this, a section titled "This page shows you the latest updates of BibSonomy. Why don't you just try it yourself? After a free registration, you can organise your own bookmarks and publications, and discover related entries." contains links for "RSS", "XML", "bookmarks", and "publications". To the right, there's a sidebar with a "filter" input field and a list of "busy tags" including "2009", "algorithm", "analysis", "and", "application", "architecture", "article", "audio", "bibliothek", "blog", "book", "business", "classification", "clustering", "code", "community", "computer", "computing", "conference", "data", "datamining", "development", "digitalisierung", "e-learning", "education", "evaluation", "events", "evolution", "flash", "framework", "free", "fun", "functional", "google", "guide", "health", "history", "howto", "human", "information", "integration", "internet", "innovation", "interface", "java", "design", "development", "digitalisierung", "e-learning", "education", "evaluation", "events", "evolution", "flash", "framework", "free", "fun", "functional", "google", "guide", "health", "history", "howto", "human", "information", "integration", "internet", "innovation", "interface", "java".

The screenshot shows the homepage of citeulike. It features a large banner with the text "citeulike is a free service for managing and discovering scholarly references" and "3,367,975 articles - 5,043 added today.". Below the banner is a list of features: "Easily store references you find online", "Discover new articles and resources", "Automated article recommendations", "Share references with your peers", "Find out who's reading what you're reading", and "Store and search your PDFs". A "Join now" button is located at the bottom left. To the right of the list is a graphic illustrating the citeulike interface with icons for users, a search magnifying glass, and a document labeled "my tag".



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# Social Recommendations

## Genius Recommendations for Apps NEW

There are tens of thousands of apps in the App Store, with more added every day. A new feature of iPod touch makes finding cool new apps even easier. It's Genius for apps, and it works just like Genius for your music. Tap the Genius icon and get recommendations for apps that you might like based on apps you and others have downloaded.



Genius Recommendations for Apps  
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## Genius Playlists

Say you're listening to a song you really like and want to hear other tracks that go great with it. The Genius feature finds other songs on your iPod touch that sound great with the one you were listening to and makes a Genius playlist for you. Listen to the playlist right away, save it for later, or even refresh it and give it another go. Count on Genius to create a mix you wouldn't have thought of yourself.



## Genius Mixes NEW

Now the Genius feature is even more powerful. Introducing Genius Mixes. All you do is sync iPod touch to iTunes, and Genius automatically searches your library to find songs that sound great together. Then it creates multiple mixes you'll love. These mixes are like channels programmed entirely with your music.

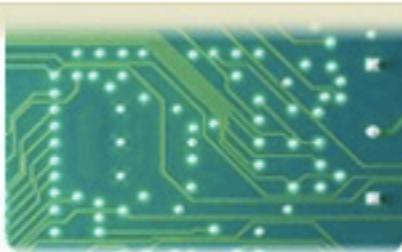


Genius Mixes  
See Genius Mixes in action.  
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# Social Informatics

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The notion of social informatics relates to the interaction between society and ICT (information-communication technologies). In its broadest sense it covers:

1. the social consequences of ICT at micro (e.g. social aspects of ICT applications at personal and organisational level) as well as at macro level (e.g. information society studies);
2. the application of ICT in the area of social sciences and social/public sector;
3. the use of ICT as a tool for studying social phenomena (within social science methodology).

Graphical presentation is [here>>](#)

### News

- 07.12.09 [Information Society Free Virtual Library](#)
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- 01.12.09 [Call for papers to "New technologies and data collection in social sciences"](#)
- 09.11.09 [Call for Papers "IASSIST 2010"](#)
- 27.10.09 [Job offer: Associate Professor Position - Department of Social Informatics](#)

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- [Social Informatics by Michael Tyworth](#)
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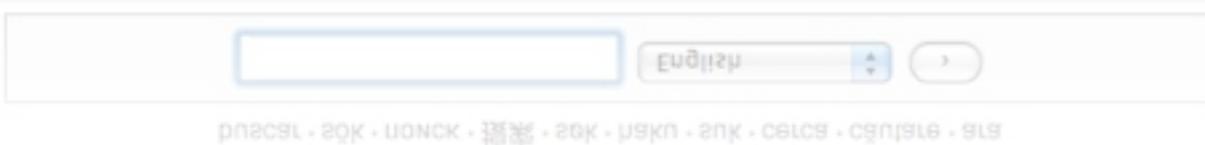
Write and post a knol (nōl) — a unit of knowledge.



**Create**  
easy to write and manage

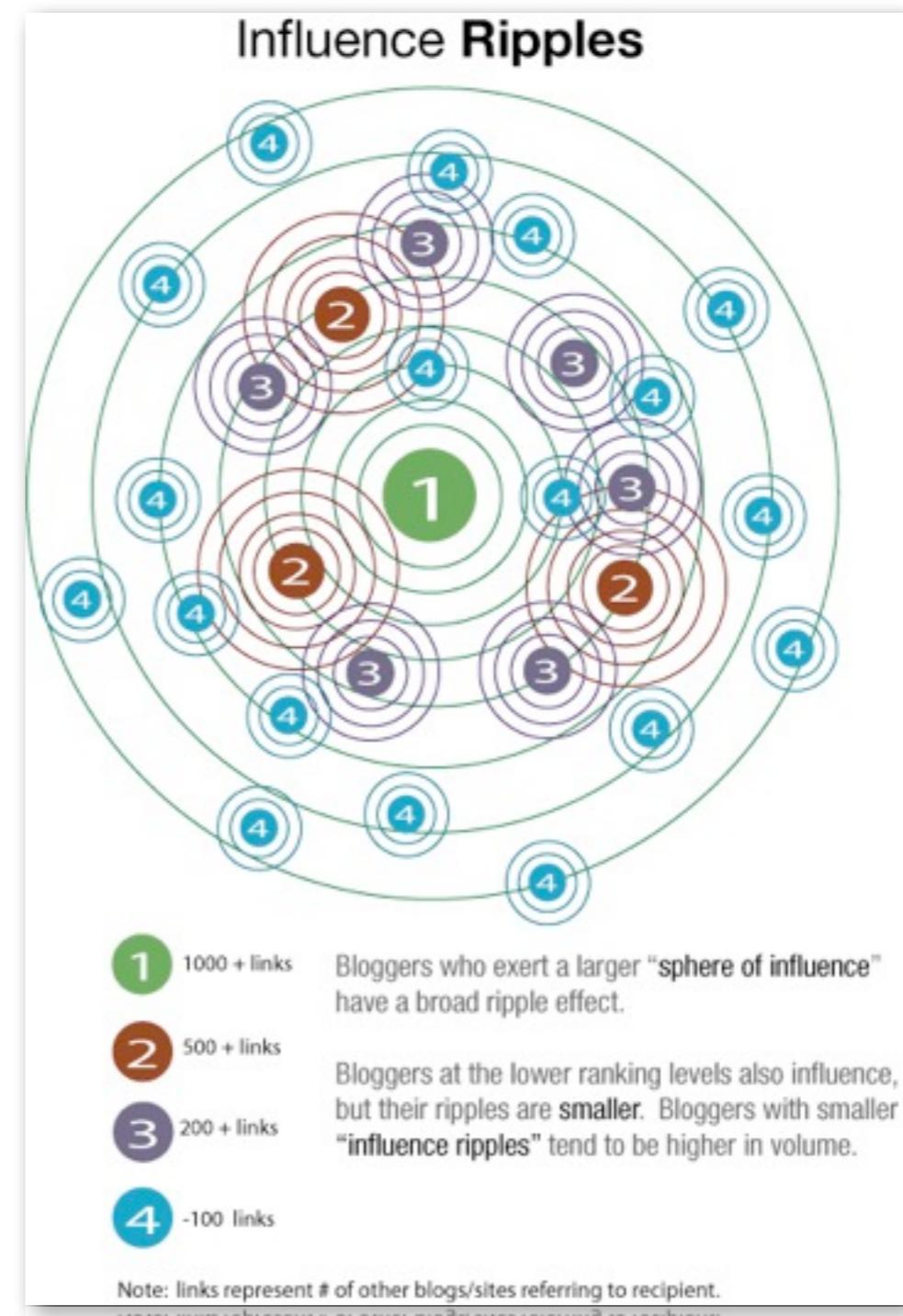
**Search**  
searchable through popular search engines

**Control**  
each knol is owned by you, the author



# Social Marketing

- Viral marketing
- Who are the **brokers?**
- Who can exert the **most influence** on buying/selling?
- How **much** should one advertise?



# Social/Human Computation

Security Check: Enter both words below, separated by a space. What's This?  
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Try an audio captcha

**discharge** **carolina**

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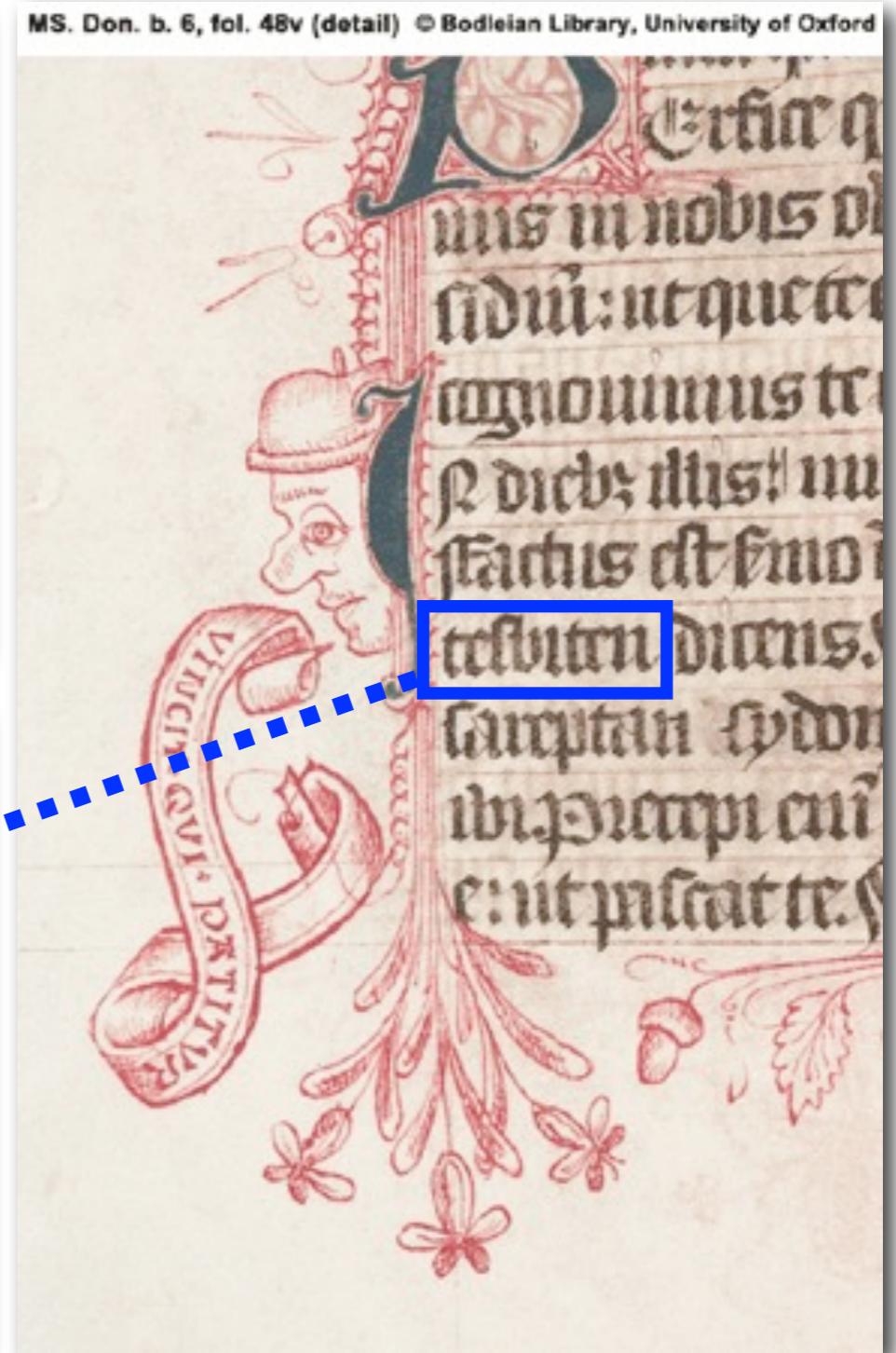
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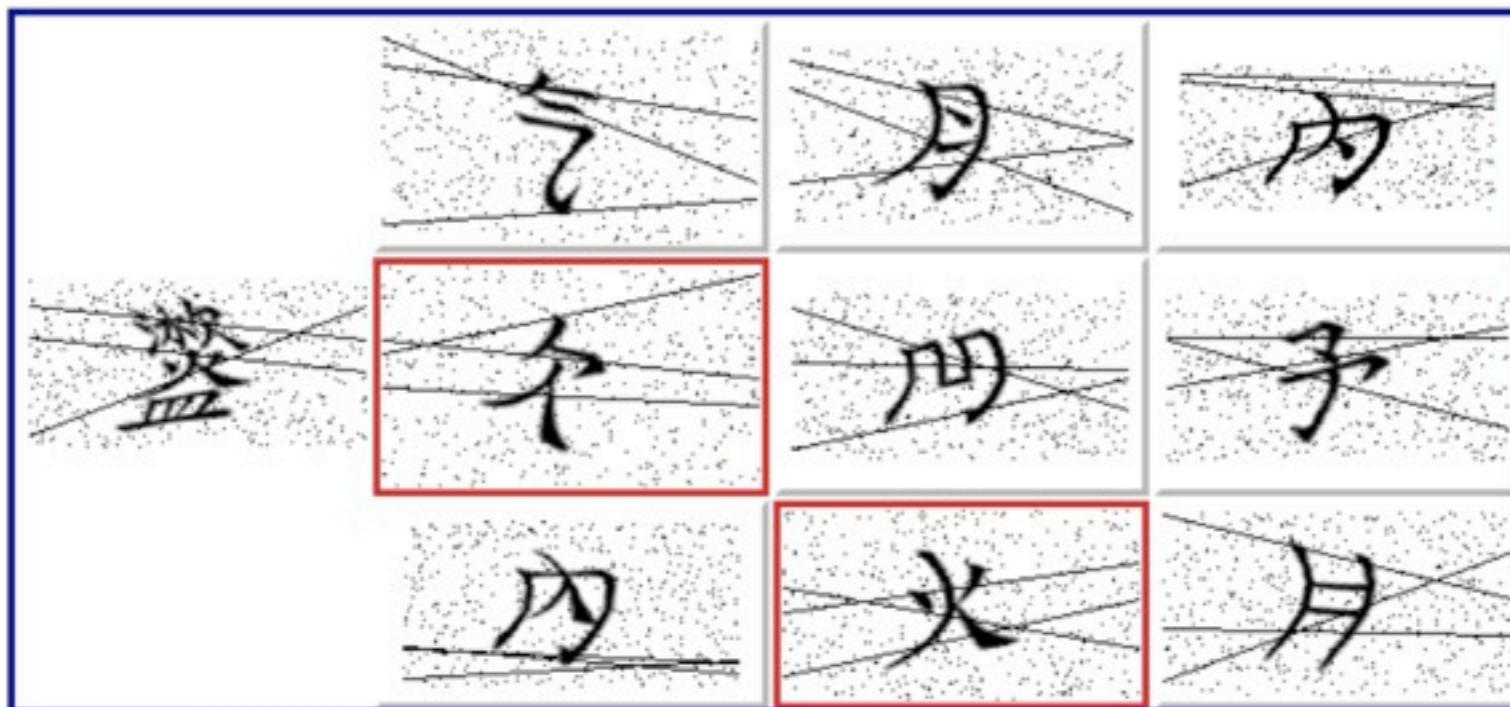
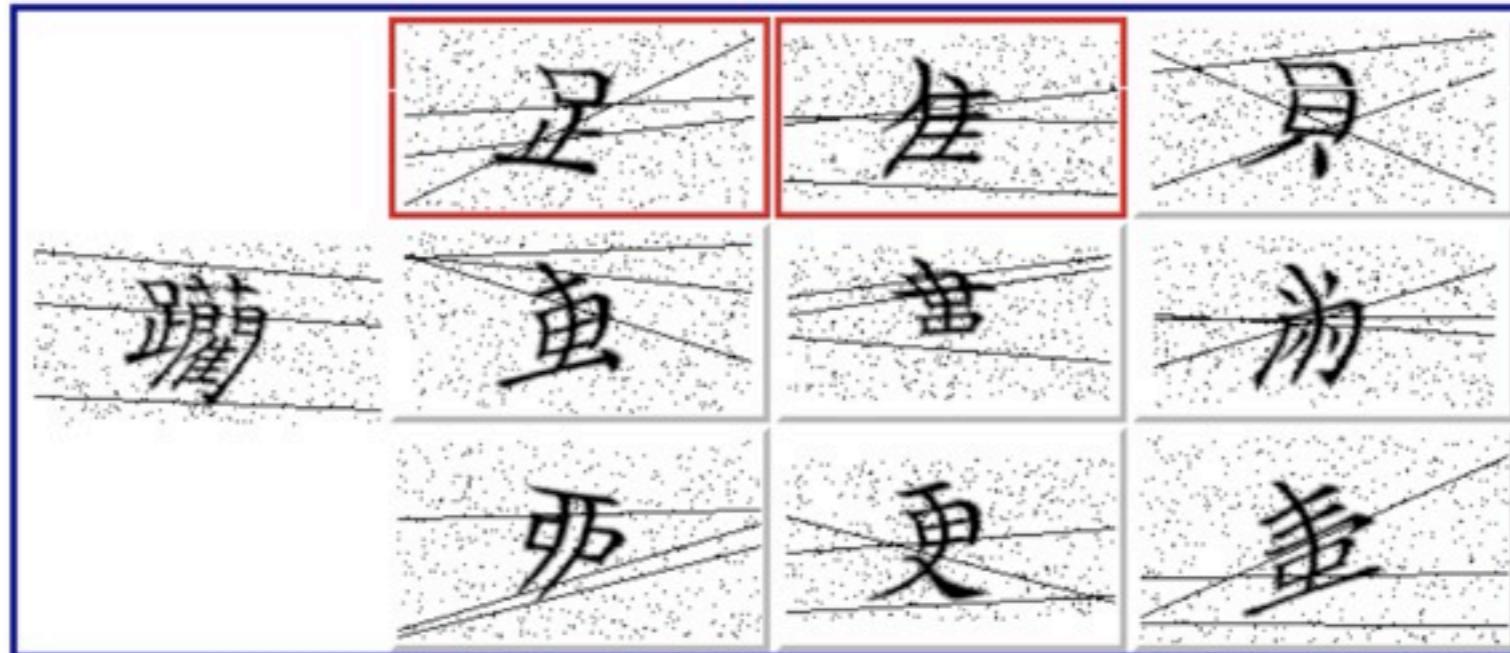
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# Chinese CAPTCHA

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# Human Computation

The screenshot shows the Google Image Labeler interface. At the top left is the Google logo and the text "Image Labeler BETA". The main title is "Google Image Labeler". On the left, there's a timer "time left" showing 01:17, a score "0", and passes "0". A message says "Your partner has suggested 10 labels.". In the center is a landscape image of mountains and a lake. Below the image are buttons for "label" and "pass", and a "zoom out" link. At the bottom are links for "Privacy Policy", "Terms of Use", and "Return to Google Image Search". The copyright notice "© 2007 Google" is at the bottom right. Red hand-drawn style stars are overlaid on the left side of the timer and the right side of the label suggestions.

Help | Sign In

Image Labeler BETA

time left  
01:17

score  
0

passes  
0

Your partner has suggested 10 labels.

label pass

zoom out

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off-limits

sky  
water  
blue  
lake  
mountain

my labels

# Games With A Purpose



- **Matchin**
  - Image search by aesthetic value
- **Babble**
  - Translate foreign language into English
- **InTune**
  - Tags songs with description text
- **Squigl**
  - Image segmentation
- **Verbosity**
  - Database of common knowledge description



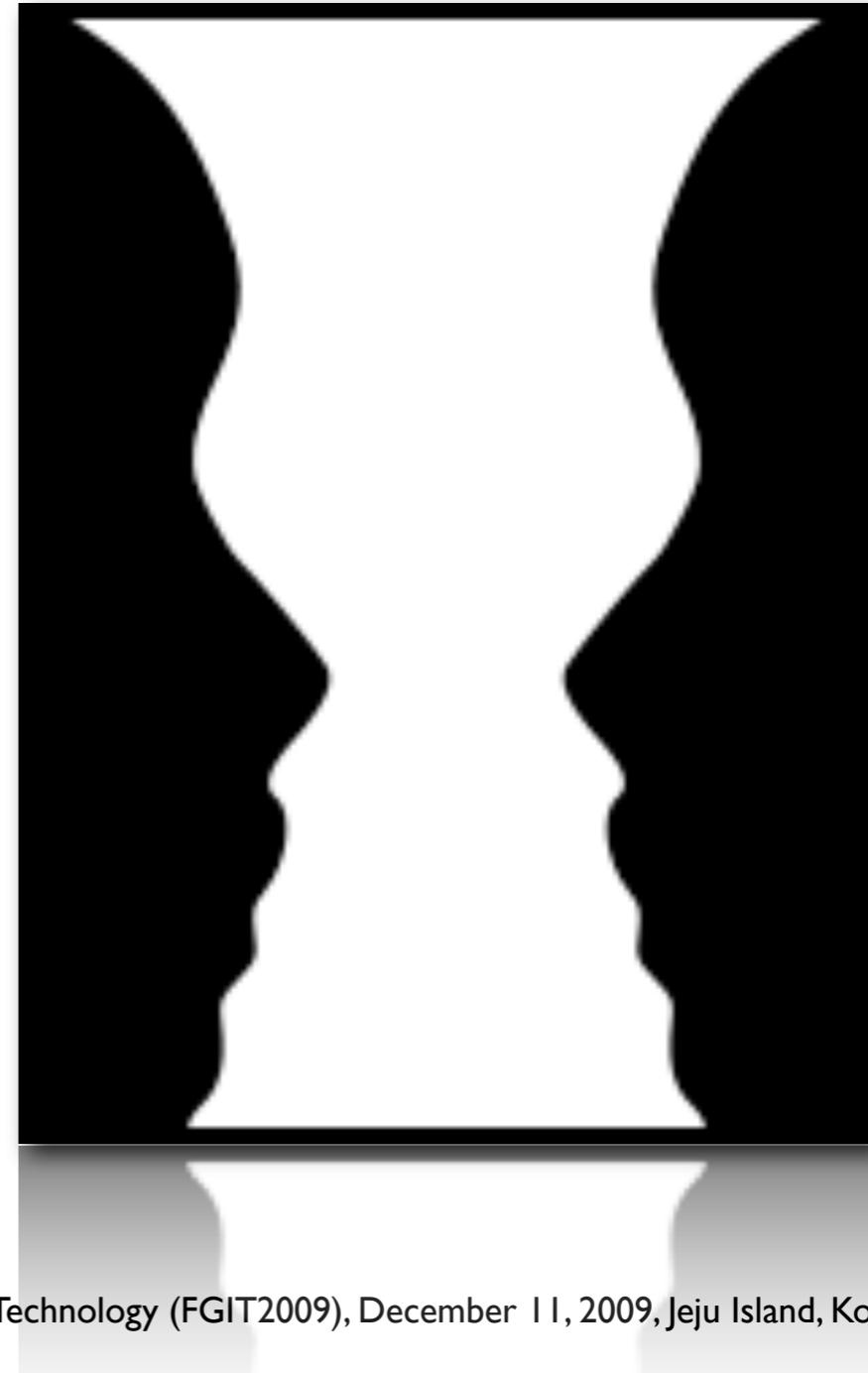
# Web 2.0 Revolution

- **Glocalization**-think globally and act locally!
- **Weblication**-Web is the application!
- Three C's

**Connectivity**

**Collaboration**

**Communities**



# Social Relations

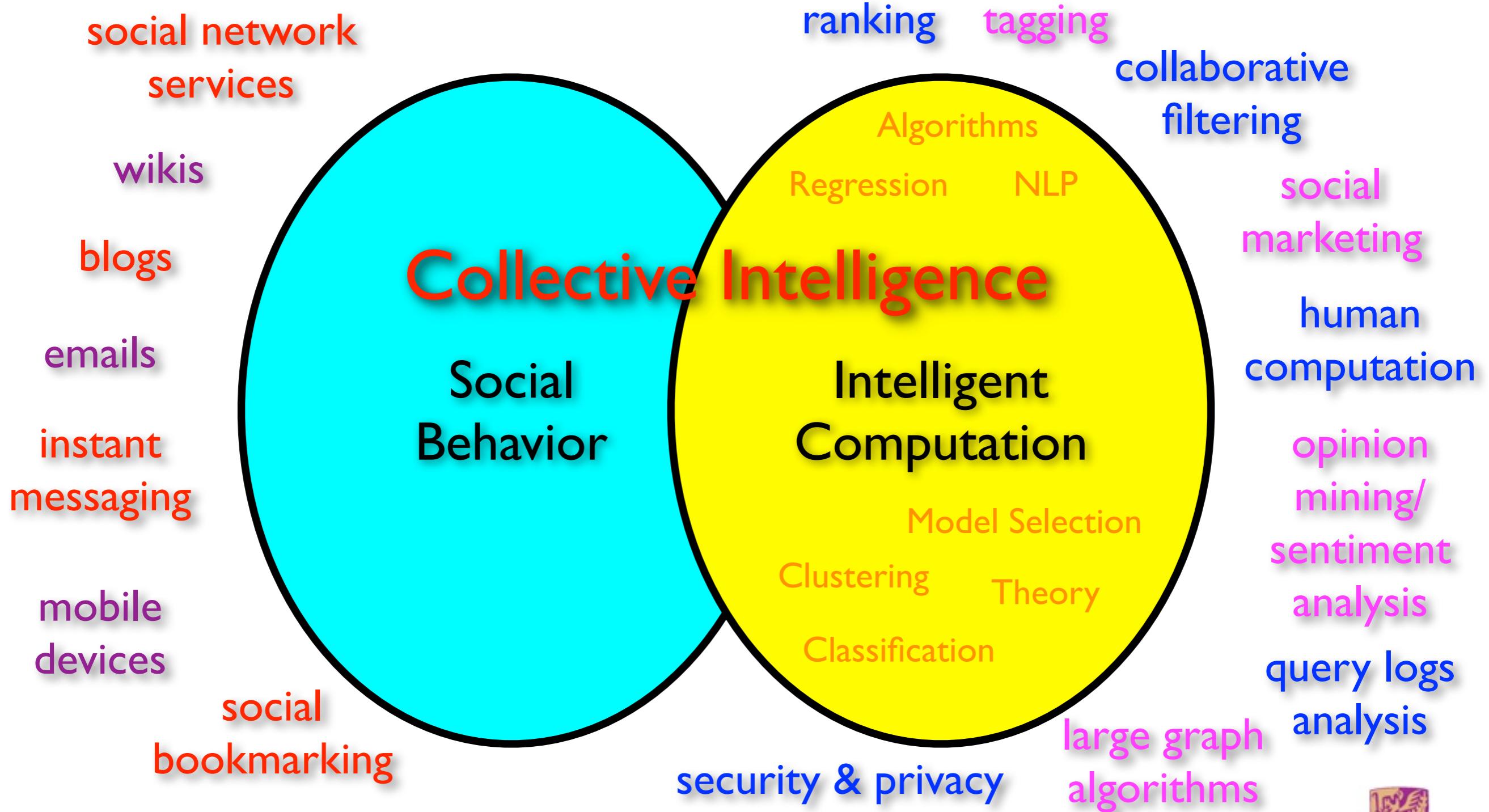


# Topics in Social Computing

- Social Behavior Analysis and Modeling
- Social Media
- Social Network Theory and Models
- Link Analysis/Graph Mining/ Large Graph Algorithms
- Recommender Systems/ Collaborative Filtering
- QA/Sentiment Analysis/ Opinion Mining
- Human Computation/ Crowdsourcing
- Risk, Trust, Security, and Privacy
- Monetization of Social Computing
- Software Tools and Applications
- and many, many more...



# Social Computing



# Social Computing

## Online communities

Blogs, wikis, social networks, collaborative bookmarking, social tagging, podcasts

## Business and public sector

Recommendation, forecasting, reputation, feedback, decision analysis, e-government

## Interactive entertainment

Edutainment, training, gaming, storytelling

## Applications

Web technology

Database technology

Multimedia technology

Wireless technology

Agent technology

Software engineering

## Technological infrastructure

Social psychology

Communication and human-computer interaction theories

Social network analysis

Anthropology

Organization theory

Sociology

Computing theory

## Theoretical underpinnings

## Social computing

[Wang et al. 2007]



# Definition of Social Computing

[wiki]

- Any Computer-mediated communication and interaction
- In the weaker sense: supporting any sort of social behavior
  - blogs, email, instant messaging, wiki, social network services, social bookmarking
- In the stronger sense: supporting “computations” that are carried out by a group of people
  - collaborative filtering, online auctions, prediction markets, reputation systems, tagging, verification games



# Motivation

A screenshot of a Google search results page titled "cat cancer - Google Search". The search bar contains "cat cancer". Below it, there are two radio buttons: one selected for "the web" and another for "pages from Hong Kong". The search results show 17,900,000 results for "cat cancer". The first result is a link to "Warning Signs Of Cancer In Cats: Knowledge of Common Cancer ...". The second result is a link to "Cancer (oncology) of Cats - General". The third result is a link to "Feline Cancer Resources". A red arrow points from the text "Word mismatch in information retrieval" in the callout box to the search bar.

**I. Difficult for users to express information needed  
2. Word mismatch in information retrieval**

The Era of Social Computing, Irwin King, The Future Generation Information Technology (FGIT2009), December 11, 2009, Jeju Island, Korea



# Motivation

The screenshot shows a Google search results page for the query "cat cancer". The page includes a navigation bar with links to Apple, Yahoo!, Google Maps, YouTube, Wikipedia, News (1691), and Popular. Below the navigation bar, a snippet of text discusses the emotional impact of learning a cat has cancer. A link to a PDF from AHT.org.uk is provided. A section titled "Searches related to: cat cancer" lists several terms, with four specific ones highlighted by a red box: "feline squamous cell cancer", "cat cancer symptoms", "squamous cell carcinoma cats", and "cat lymph nodes". At the bottom of the page, there is a decorative graphic of the word "Gooooooooooooo" followed by a search bar containing "cat cancer" and a "Search" button. Navigation links at the bottom include "Search within results - Language Tools - Search Help - Dissatisfied? Help us improve".

When you learn your **cat** has **cancer** there are often feelings of bewilderment and even guilt.  
('how could I have prevented this?'), and it ...  
[www.aht.org.uk/pdf/feline\\_cancer2.pdf](http://www.aht.org.uk/pdf/feline_cancer2.pdf) - [Similar pages](#)

Searches related to: **cat cancer**

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[cat cancer symptoms](#)   [cat lymph nodes](#)   [radiation therapy cats](#)   [lymphoma in cats](#)

Gooooooooooooo

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

cat cancer

Search

[Search within results](#) - [Language Tools](#) - [Search Help](#) - [Dissatisfied? Help us improve](#)



# Challenges

- Queries contain **ambiguous** and **new** terms
- **apple**: “apple computer” or “apple pie”?
- **NDCG**:
- Users tend to submit **short queries** consisting of only one or two words
  - almost **20%** one-word queries
  - almost **30%** two-word queries

- Users may have **little or even no knowledge** about the topic they are searching for!



# Query Suggestion Using Clickthrough Data

- Query logs recorded by search engines

$$\langle u, q, l, r, t \rangle$$

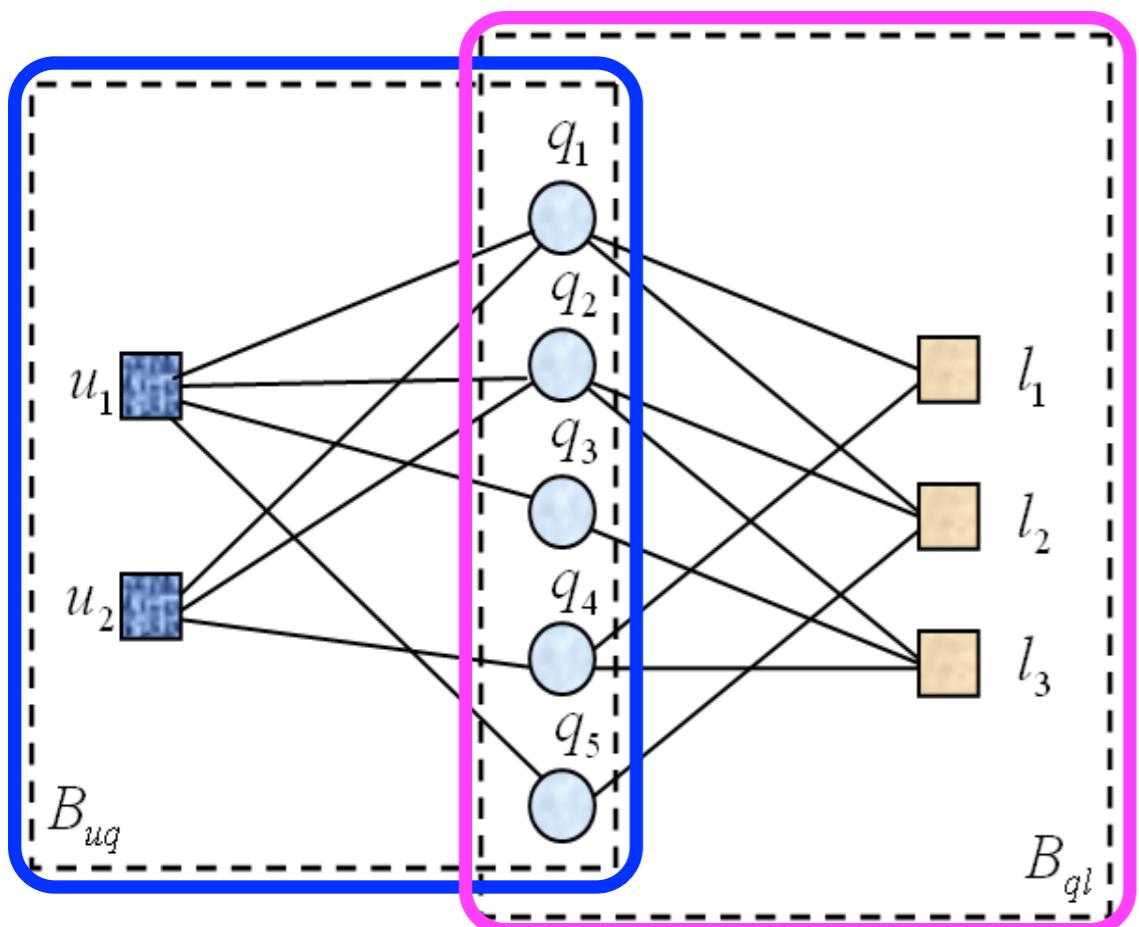
Table 1: Samples of search engine clickthrough data

ID	Query	URL	Rank	Time
358	facebook	http://www.facebook.com	1	2008-01-01 07:17:12
358	facebook	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facebook	3	2008-01-01 07:19:18
3968	apple iphone	http://www.apple.com/iphone/	1	2008-01-01 07:20:36
...	...	...	...	...

- Users' **relevance feedback** to indicate desired/preferred/target results



# Joint Bipartite Graph



$$B_{uq} = (V_{uq}, E_{uq})$$

$$V_{uq} = U \cup Q$$

$$U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$$

$$Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\}$$

$E_{uq} = \{(u_i, q_j) |$  there is an edge from  $u_i$  to  $q_j\}$   
is the set of all edges.

The edge  $(u_i, q_j)$  exists in this bipartite graph if and only if a user  $u_i$  issued a query  $q_j$ .

$$B_{ql} = (V_{ql}, E_{ql})$$

$$V_{ql} = Q \cup L$$

$$Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\}$$

$$L = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_p\}$$

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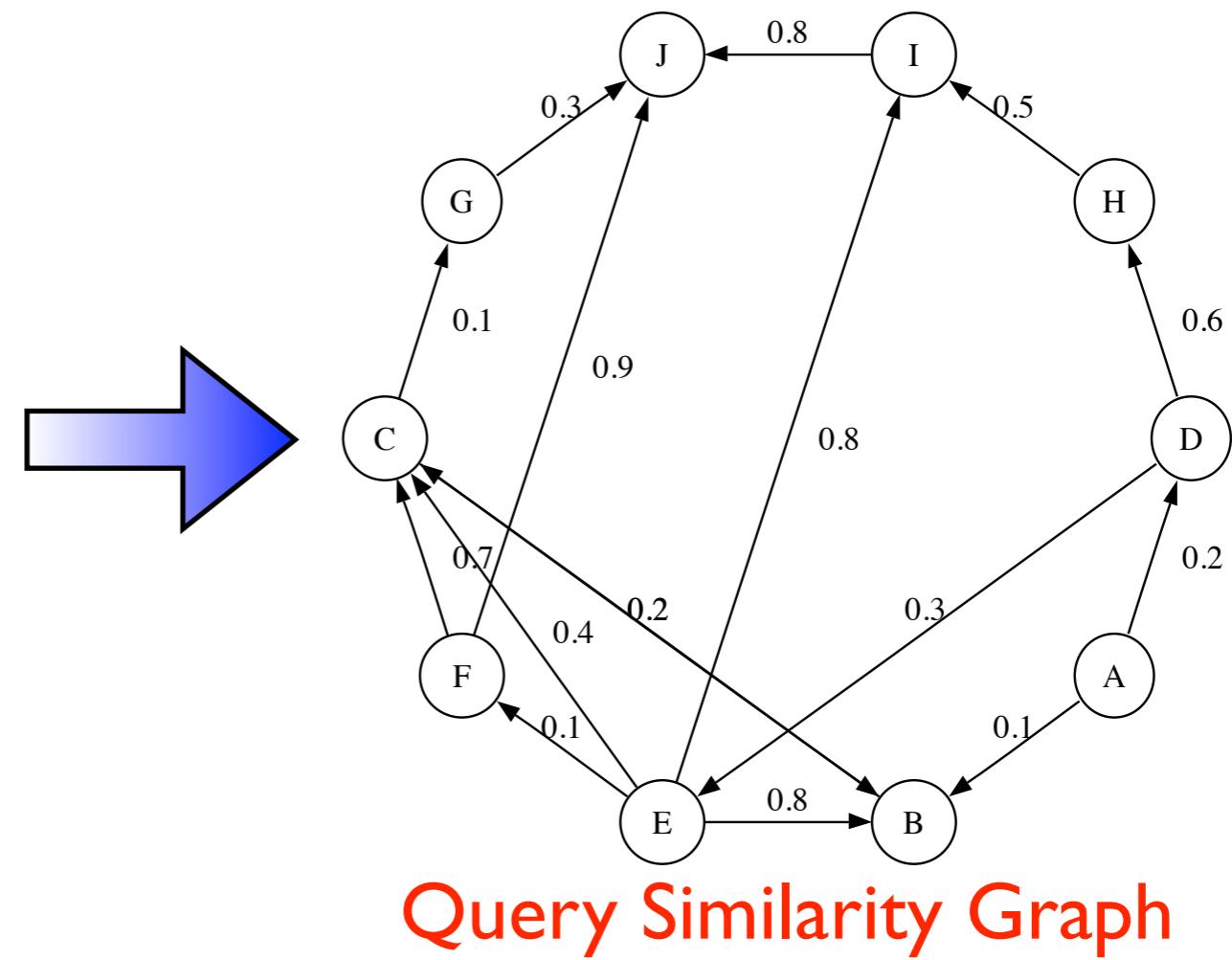
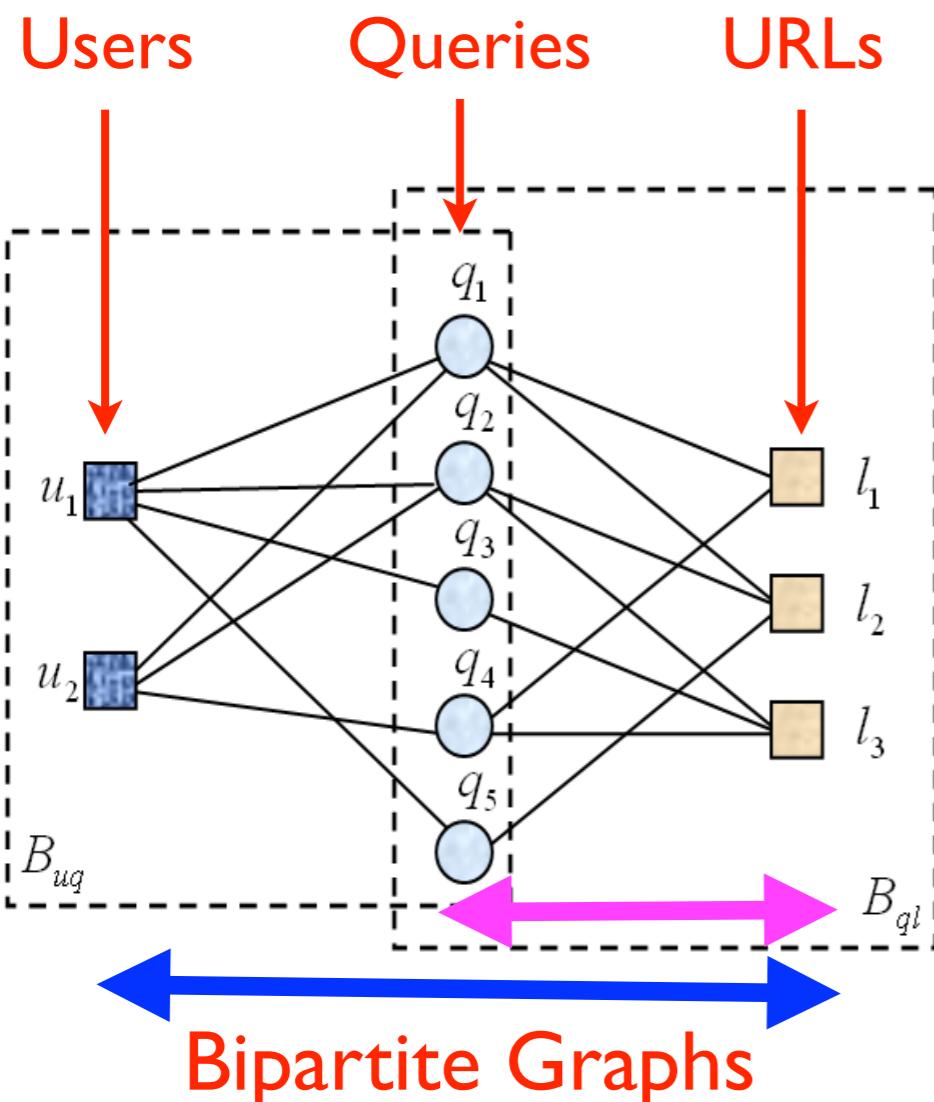
The edge  $(q_j, l_k)$  exists if and only if a user  $u_i$  clicked a URL  $l_k$  after issuing a query  $q_j$ .



# Key Points

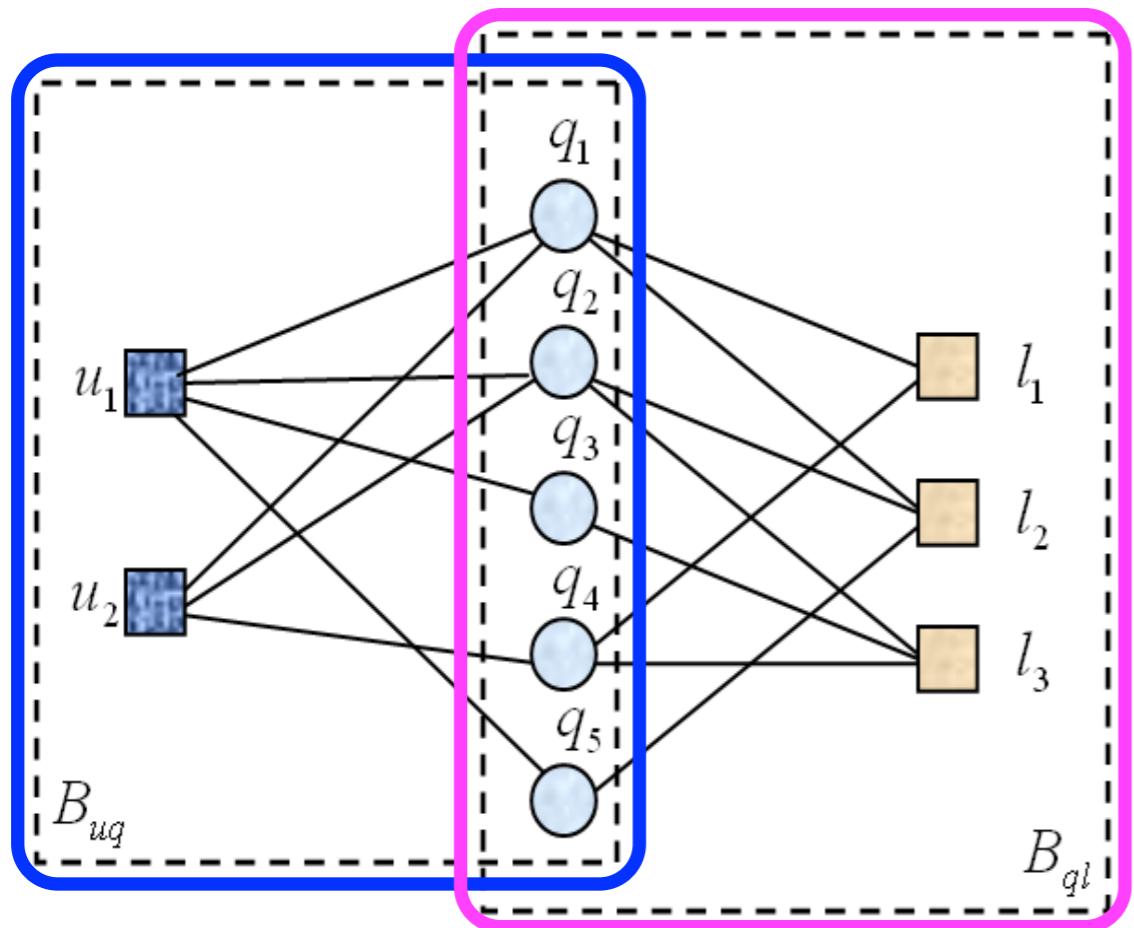
- Two-level latent semantic analysis
  - Level 1 { Consider the use of a joint **user-query** and **query-URL bipartite graphs** for query suggestion
  - Level 2 { Use **matrix factorization** for learning query features in constructing the Query Similarity Graph
  - Use **heat diffusion** for similarity propagation for query suggestions





- Queries are issued by the users, and which URLs to click are also decided by the users
- Two distinct users are similar if they issued **similar queries**
- Two queries are similar if they are issued by **similar users**



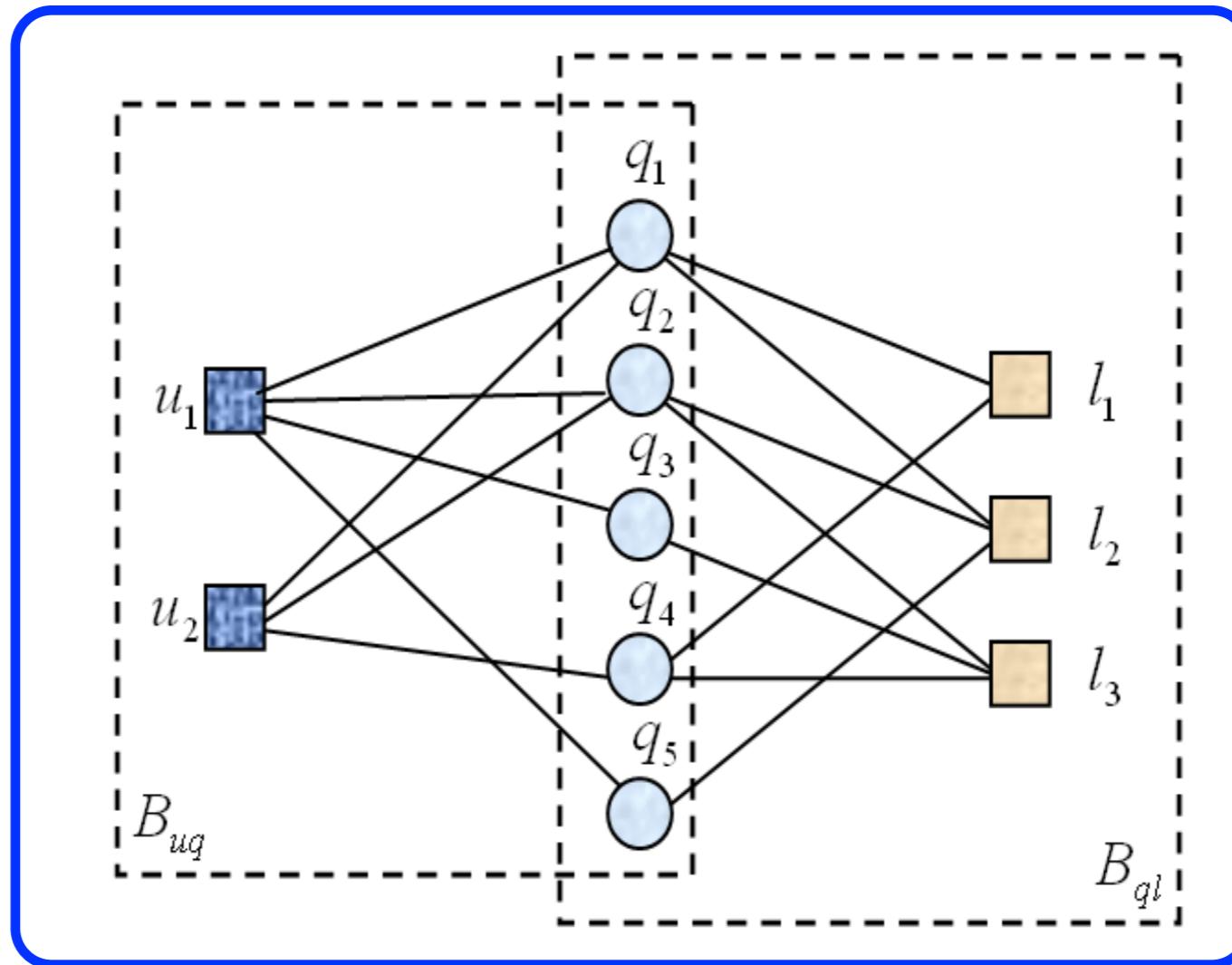


$r_{ij}^*$  Normalized weight, how many times  $u_i$  issued  $q_j$   
 $s_{jk}^*$  Normalized weight, how many times  $q_j$  is linked to  $l_k$   
 $U_i$   $L$ -dimensional vector of user  $u_i$   
 $Q_j$   $L$ -dimensional vector of query  $q_j$   
 $L_k$   $L$ -dimensional vector of URL  $l_k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}(R, U, Q) = & \min_{U, Q} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n I_{ij}^R (r_{ij}^* - g(U_i^T Q_j))^2 \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_u}{2} \|U\|_F^2 + \frac{\alpha_q}{2} \|Q\|_F^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}(S, Q, L) = & \min_{Q, L} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^p I_{jk}^S (s_{jk}^* - g(Q_j^T L_k))^2 \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_q}{2} \|Q\|_F^2 + \frac{\alpha_l}{2} \|L\|_F^2
 \end{aligned}$$





$$\mathcal{H}(S, R, U, Q, L) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^p I_{jk}^S (s_{jk}^* - g(Q_j^T L_k))^2 + \frac{\alpha_r}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n I_{ij}^R (r_{ij}^* - g(U_i^T Q_j))^2 \\ & + \frac{\alpha_u}{2} \|U\|_F^2 + \frac{\alpha_q}{2} \|Q\|_F^2 + \frac{\alpha_l}{2} \|L\|_F^2, \end{aligned}$$

- A local minimum can be found by performing **gradient descent** in  $U_i, Q_j$  and  $L_k$

# Gradient Descent Equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial U_i} = \alpha_r \sum_{j=1}^n I_{ij}^R g'(U_i^T Q_j)(g(U_i^T Q_j) - r_{ij}^*) Q_j + \alpha_u U_i,$$

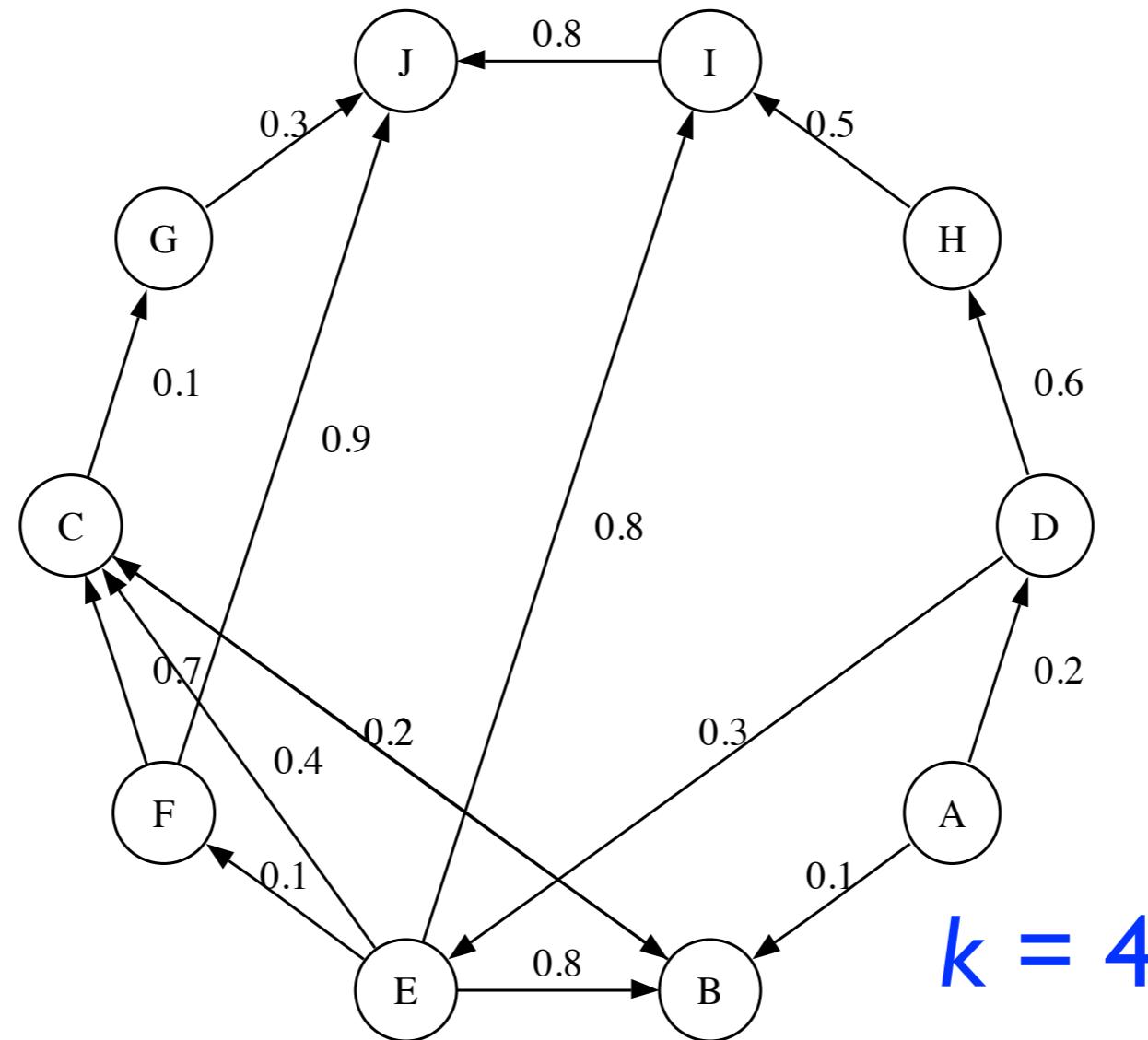
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial Q_j} &= \sum_{k=1}^p I_{jk}^S g'(Q_j^T L_k)(g(Q_j^T L_k) - s_{jk}^*) L_k \\ &+ \alpha_r \sum_{i=1}^m I_{ij}^R g'(U_i^T Q_j)(g(U_i^T Q_j) - r_{ij}^*) U_i + \alpha_q Q_j, \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial L_k} = \sum_{j=1}^n I_{jk}^S g'(Q_j^T L_k)(g(Q_j^T L_k) - s_{jk}^*) Q_j + \alpha_l L_k,$$

Only the **Q matrix**, the queries' latent features,  
is being used to generate the **query similarity graph!**



# Query Similarity Graph



- Similarities are calculated using queries' latent features
- Only the **top- $k$**  similar neighbors (terms) are kept



# Similarity Propagation

- Based on the **Heat Diffusion Model**
- In the query graph, given the **heat sources** and the **initial heat values**, start the heat diffusion process and perform **P steps**
- Return the **Top-N** queries in terms of highest heat values for query suggestions



# Heat Diffusion Model

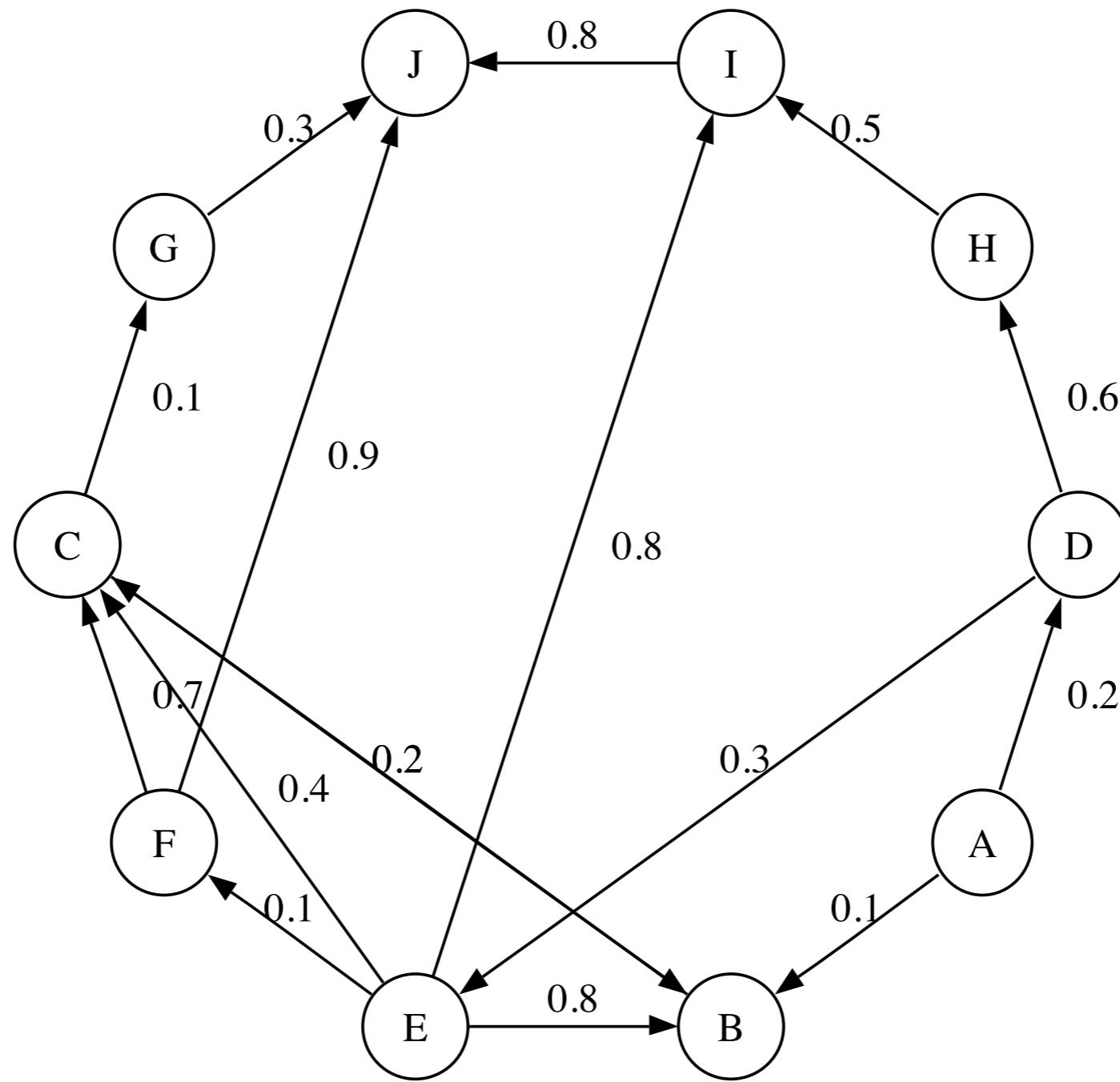
- Heat diffusion is a **physical phenomena**
- Heat flows from **high** temperature to **low** temperature in a **medium**
- **Heat kernel** is used to describe the amount of heat that one point receives from another point
- The way that heat diffuse varies when the **underlying geometry** varies

$$\rho C_P \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = Q + \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T)$$

$\rho$	Density
$C_P$	Heat capacity and constant pressure
$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$	Change in temperature over time
$Q$	Heat added
$k$	Thermal conductivity
$\nabla T$	Temperature gradient
$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$	Divergence



# Heat Diffusion Process



# Similarity Propagation Model

$$\frac{f_i(t + \Delta t) - f_i(t)}{\Delta t} = \alpha \left( -\frac{\tau_i}{d_i} f_i(t) \sum_{k:(q_i, q_k) \in E} w_{ik} + \sum_{j:(q_j, q_i) \in E} \frac{w_{ji}}{d_j} f_j(t) \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{f}(1) = e^{\alpha \mathbf{H}} \mathbf{f}(0) \quad (2)$$

$$H_{ij} = \begin{cases} w_{ji}/d_j, & (q_j, q_i) \in E, \\ -(\tau_i/d_i) \sum_{k:(i,k) \in E} w_{ik}, & i = j, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{f}(1) = e^{\alpha \mathbf{R}} \mathbf{f}(0), \quad \mathbf{R} = \gamma \mathbf{H} + (1 - \gamma) \mathbf{g} \mathbf{1}^T \quad (4)$$

$\alpha$	Thermal conductivity
$d_i$	Heat value of node $i$ at time $t$
$f_i(t)$	Heat value of node $i$ at time $t$
$w_{ik}$	Weight between node $i$ and node $k$
$\mathbf{f}(0)$	Vector of the initial heat distribution
$\mathbf{f}(1)$	Vector of the heat distribution at time 1
$\tau_i$	Equal to 1 if node $i$ has outlinks, else equal to 0
$\gamma$	Random jump parameter, and set to 0.85
$\mathbf{g}$	Uniform stochastic distribution vector



# Discrete Approximation

- Compute  $e^{\alpha R}$  is time consuming
- We use the **discrete approximation** to substitute

$$f(1) = \left( I + \frac{\alpha}{P} R \right)^P f(0)$$

- For every heat source, only diffuse heat to its neighbors within **P steps**
- In our experiments,  $P = 3$  already generates fairly good results



# Query Suggestion Procedure

- For a given query  $q$ 
  1. Select a set of  $n$  queries, each of which contains at least one word in common with  $q$ , as **heat sources**
  2. Calculate the initial heat values by
$$f_{\hat{q}_i}(0) = \frac{|\mathcal{W}(q) \cap \mathcal{W}(\hat{q}_i)|}{|\mathcal{W}(q) \cup \mathcal{W}(\hat{q}_i)|}$$
  3. Use  $f(1) = e^{\alpha R} f(0)$  to diffuse the heat in graph
  4. Obtain the **Top-N** queries from  $f(1)$

$q = \text{"Sony"}$

$\text{"Sony"} = 1$

$\text{"Sony Electronics"} = 1/2$

$\text{"Sony Vaio Laptop"} = 1/3$



# Physical Meaning of $\alpha$

- If set  $\alpha$  to a large value
  - The results depend more on the query graph, and **more semantically** related to original queries, e.g., **travel => lowest air fare**
- If set  $\alpha$  to a small value
  - The results depend more on the initial heat distributions, and **more literally** similar to original queries, e.g., **travel => travel insurance**



# Experimental Dataset

Data Source	Clickthrough data from AOL search	After Pre-Processing
Collection Period	March 2006 to May 2006 (3 months)	
Lines of Logs	19,442,629	
Unique user IDs	657,426	192,371
Unique queries	4,802,520	224,165
Unique URLs	1,606,326	343,302
Unique words		69,937



# Pre-processing

- Computer set-up  
Intel Pentium D CPU, 3.0 Gz, Dual Core with 1G memory
- Keep **valid** words which contains only ‘a’, ‘b’,...,‘z’ and spaces
- Remove those queries which appear less than **three times**



# Query Suggestions

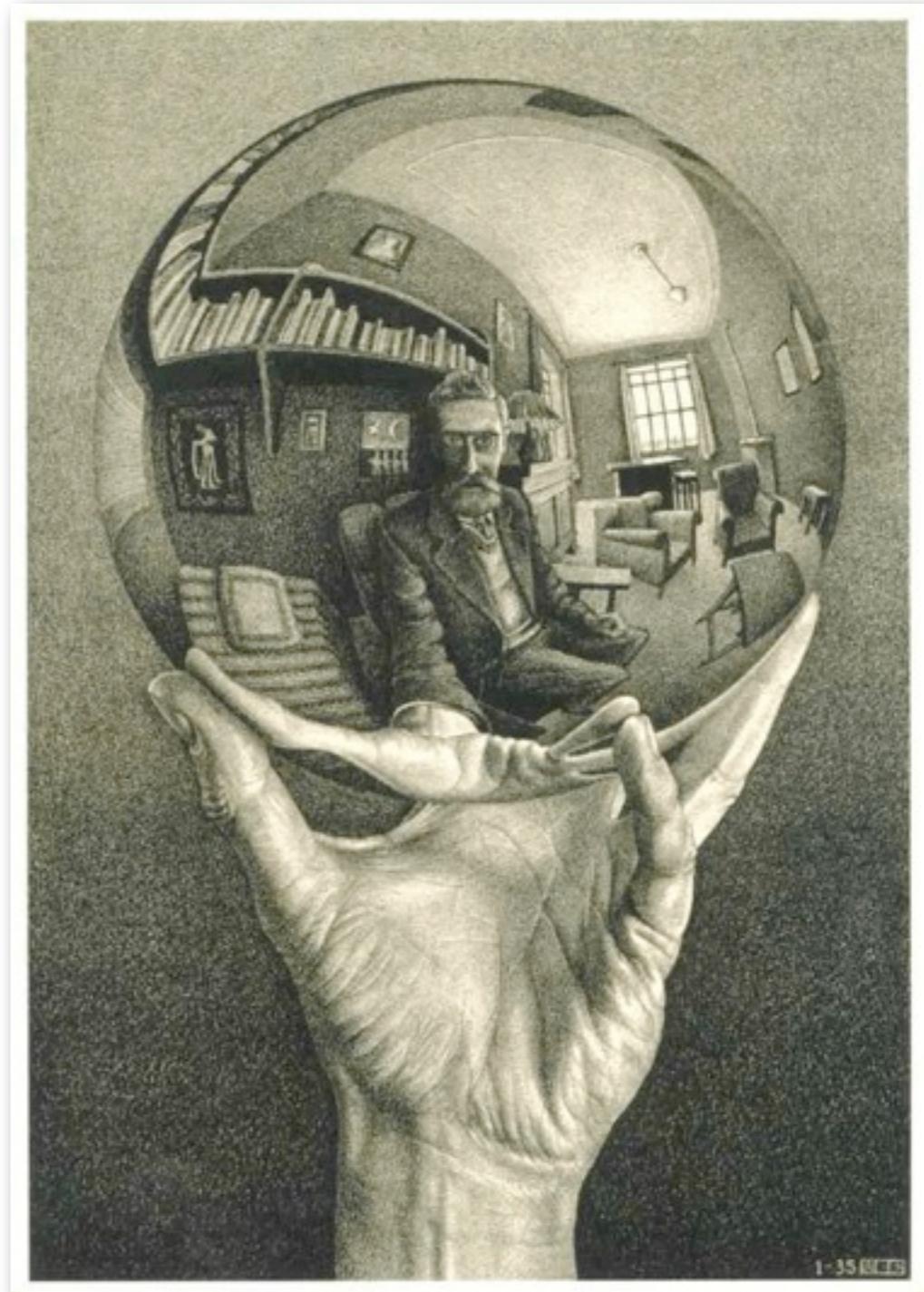
Table 2: Examples of LSQS Query Suggestion Results ( $k = 50$ )

Testing Queries	Suggestions					
	$\alpha = 10$			$\alpha = 1000$		
	Top 1	Top 2	Top 3	Top 4	Top 5	
michael jordan	michael jordan shoes	michael jordan bio	pictures of michael jordan	nba playoff	nba standings	
travel	travel insurance	abc travel	travel companions	hotel tickets	lowest air fare	
java	sun java	java script	java search	sun microsystems inc	virtual machine	
global services	ibm global services	global technical services	staffing services	temporary agency	manpower professional	
walt disney land	world of disney	disney world orlando	disney world theme park	disneyland grand hotel	disneyland in california	
intel	intel vs amd	amd vs intel	pentium d	pentium	centrino	
job hunt	jobs in maryland	monster job	jobs in mississippi	work from home online	monster board	
photography	photography classes	portrait photography	wedding photography	adobe elements	canon lens	
internet explorer	ms internet explorer	internet explorer repair	internet explorer upgrade	microsoft com	security update	
fitness	fitness magazine	lifestyles family fitness	fitness connection	womens health magazine	family fitness	
m schumacher	schumacher	red bull racing	formula one racing	ferrari cars	formula one	
solar system	solar system project	solar system facts	solar system planets	planet jupiter	mars facts	
sunglasses	replica sunglasses	cheap sunglasses	discount sunglasses	safilo	marhon	
search engine	audio search engine	best search engine	search engine optimization	song lyrics search	search by google	
disease	grovers disease	liver disease	morgellons disease	colic in babies	oklahoma vital records	
pizzahut	pizza hut menu	pizza coupons	pizza hut coupons	papa johns pizza coupon	papa johns	
health care	health care proxy	universal health care	free health care	great west healthcare	uhc	
flower delivery	global flower delivery	online florist	flowers online	send flowers	virtual flower	
wedding	wedding guide	wedding reception ideas	wedding decoration	unity candle	centerpiece ideas	
astronomy	astronomy magazine	astronomy pic of the day	star charts	space pictures	comet	



# Emerging Issues

- Theory and models
- Search, mining, and ranking of existing information, e.g., spatial (relations) and temporal (time) domains
- Dealing with partial and incomplete information, e.g., collaborative filtering, ranking, tagging, etc.
- Scalability and algorithmic issues
- Security, privacy, trust, and risk issues
- Monetization of social interactions
- Software platforms and development tools



# Economist Intelligent Unit 2008

**Which tools does your institution currently use, and which do you think will be used within five years?**

(% respondents)

Use now      Within five years      Don't know/Not applicable

Blogs

44      32      24

Wikis

41      30      29

Mashups

10      25      66

✓ Video podcasts

53      32      14

✓ Online courses

71      20      10

✓ Social networks

56      27      17

Text messaging/notifications

66      20      14

Collaboration software

59      26      15

✓ Document management

66      23      11

RFID/sensor networks

17      30      53

Mobile broadband

49      29      22

Other, please specify

13      6      81



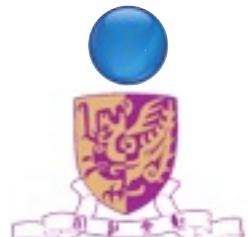
# Concluding Remarks

- The **Era of Social Computing** is here to stay!
- **Relations are important!**
- Discovering **new paradigms** by blending different **social media** and interactions
- Be concerned about computational techniques to **search, rank, and mine** data and information to achieve **collective intelligence/wisdom**



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# On-Going Research

## Machine Learning

- Heavy-Tailed Symmetric Stochastic Neighbor Embedding ([NIPS'09](#))
- Adaptive Regularization for Transductive Support Vector Machine ([NIPS'09](#))
- Direct Zero-norm Optimization for Feature Selection ([ICDM'08](#))
- Semi-supervised Learning from General Unlabeled Data ([ICDM'08](#))
- Learning with Consistency between Inductive Functions and Kernels ([NIPS'08](#))
- An Extended Level Method for Efficient Multiple Kernel Learning ([NIPS'08](#))
- Semi-supervised Text Categorization by Active Search ([CIKM'08](#))
- Transductive Support Vector Machine ([NIPS'07](#))
- Global and local learning ([ICML'04](#), [JMLR'04](#))



# On-Going Research

## Web Intelligence/Information Retrieval

- A Generalized Co-HITS Algorithm and Its Application to Bipartite Graphs ([KDD'09](#))
- Entropy-biased Models for Query Representation on the Click Graph ([SIGIR'09](#))
- Effective Latent Space Graph-based Re-ranking Model with Global Consistency ([WSDM'09](#))
- Formal Models for Expert Finding on DBLP Bibliography Data ([ICDM'08](#))
- Learning Latent Semantic Relations from Query Logs for Query Suggestion ([CIKM'08](#))
- RATE: a Review of Reviewers in a Manuscript Review Process ([WI'08](#))
- MatchSim: link-based web page similarity measurements ([WI'07](#))
- Diffusion rank: Ranking web pages based on heat diffusion equations ([SIGIR'07](#))
- Web text classification ([WWW'07](#))



# On-Going Research

## Recommender Systems/Collaborative Filtering

- Learning to Recommend with Social Trust Ensemble ([SIRIR'09](#))
- Semi-Nonnegative Matrix Factorization with Global Statistical Consistency in Collaborative Filtering ([CIKM'09](#))
- Recommender system: accurate recommendation based on sparse matrix ([SIGIR'07](#))
- SoRec: Social Recommendation Using Probabilistic Matrix Factorization ([CIKM'08](#))

## Human Computation

- A Survey of Human Computation Systems ([SCA'09](#))
- Mathematical Modeling of Social Games ([SIAG'09](#))
- An Analytical Study of Puzzle Selection Strategies for the ESP Game ([WI'08](#))
- An Analytical Approach to Optimizing The Utility of ESP Games ([WI'08](#))





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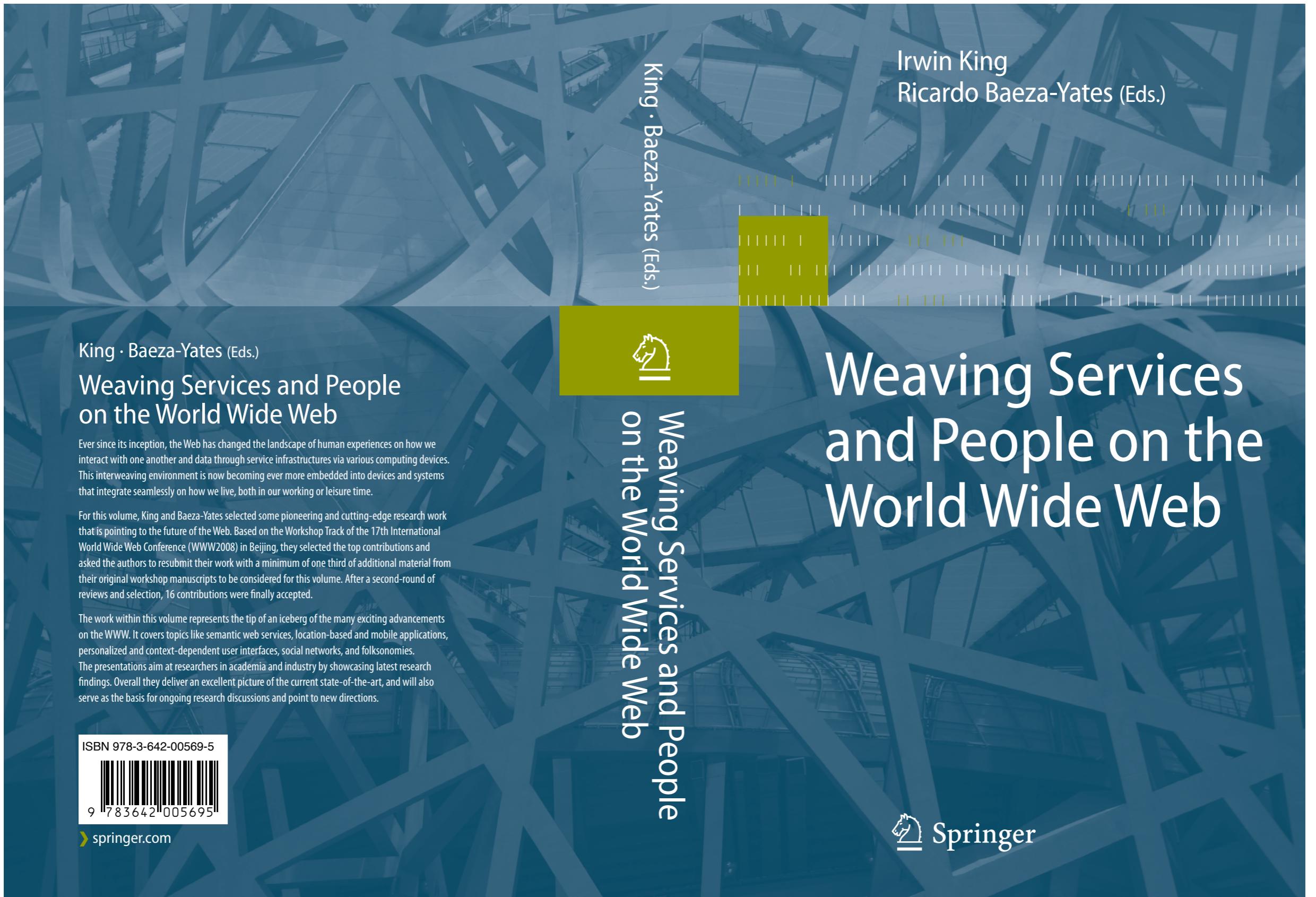


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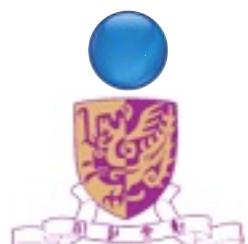
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