## Extracting Knowledge from Social Sites

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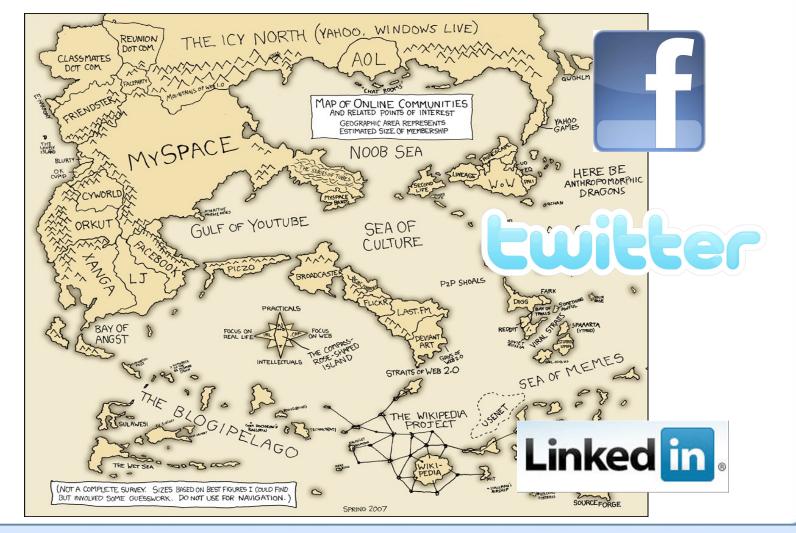
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- Community detection in Social Media
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## **Our world today (already old)**



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## Web 2.0 content

- 20h of video content uploaded every minute at YouTube (2009)
- 3,024,780,142 photos in Flickr @ 11:52, 12 Nov 2008
- 2 million geotagged photos uploaded each month (2008)

Facebook:

- More than 250 million active users
- More than 120 million users log on to Facebook at least once each day
- More than 1 billion photos uploaded to the site each month

flickr <sup>®</sup> from YAHOO!				
Home	You 👻	Organize & Create 👻	Contacts 👻	Groups

### Winner

🕑 ADD 🏘 SENDITO 🔲 ADD 🚚 BLOG 🍭 ALL 🍻 ORDER 🔿 ROTATE 🖉 EDIT NOTE 🦉 GROUP 🗍 TO SET 🚚 THIS



The winner of the WeKnowlt Grand Travel Challenge

## **Tags everywhere**

tag cloud Call for papers CIVR2009 Collective Intelligence Conference content popularity images Invited Talk IVUS Multimedia Retrieval Multimedia Semantics News object detection Ontologies Patents proceedings **Project** Semantic Multimedia Semantics social bookmarking tutorial video retrieval WeKnowlt Workshop WWW2009 more tags

# Search, Describe content, Extract knowledge

amsterdam animal animals april architecture art australia baby barcelona beach berlin bird birthday black blackandwhite blue boston bridge building bw california cameraphone camping canada car cat cats chicago china christmas church city clouds color concert day dc dog dogs england europe family festival florida flower flowers food france friends fun garden geotagged germany girl graduation graffiti green hawaii holiday home hongkong house india ireland italy japan june kids lake landscape light IONDON losangeles macro march may me mexico mobilog mountains museum music nature new newyork newyorkcity newzealand night nyc ocean old orange oregon paris park party people phone photo pink portrait red reflection river roadtrip rock rome sanfrancisco school scotland sea seattle sign sky snow spain spring street summer sun sunset taiwan texas thailand tokyo toronto travel tree trees trip uk unfound urban usa vacation vancouver washington water wedding white window winter work yellow zoo

## **Very low precision**

Search

Everyone's Uploads

Photos Groups People

SEARCH

Full Text | Tags Only Advanced Search

#### Sort: Relevant Recent Interesting





From Hugo...

From fwumpbungle

From jaudrius

From fernando780

From B@rbar@

**\$**]

apple

From Glenn Waters...



From flyzor

From nk@flickr

From nkpix



View: Small Medium Detail Slideshow

From Taxi Lady ...



From { karen }

From HAZEL- 名もなき 詩

Tert ta Bone

From Warm 'n...







From nebarnix



From Marchissimo



From humedini





From jonbradbury



From photophilde



From arny johanns

From rolon2000

From dave~



From nrvica



From jordanmerric...





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From Bald Monk



## **Very low recall**



#### Tags

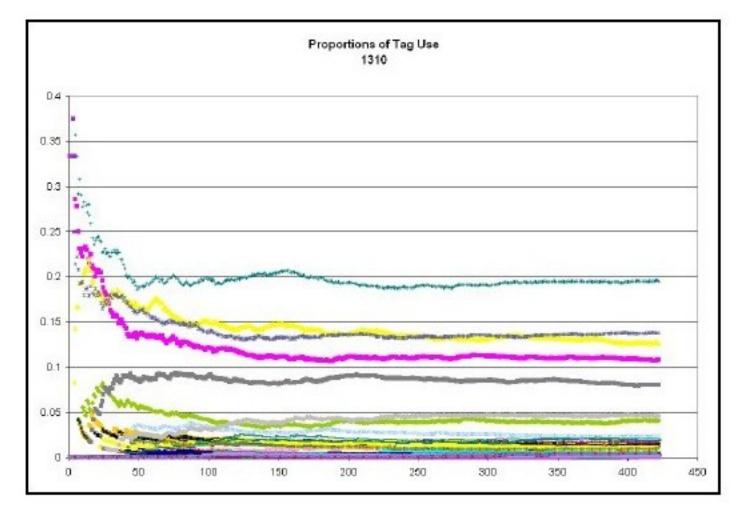
- Property#1
- Canada
- Ophoto (19)
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- 🕘 urban
- 🛞 Halifax
- ø park
- morning
- afternoon
- night
- Pentax K20D
- ③ Sigma 70-300
- early
- Sackville

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## **Stable tagging patterns**



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### What else we can do?

Tags that are "representative" for a geographical area

- 1. Clustering of photos
  - K-means, based on their location [Kennedy07]
- 2. Rank each cluster's tags
- Get tags above a certain threshold

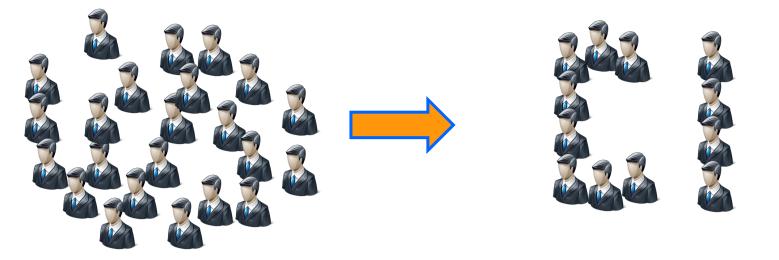
### Contribute to our understanding of the world



Representative tags for San Francisco [Kennedy07]

### **Collective Intelligence**, PeopleWeb, Croudsourcing, Wisdom of crouds ...

Collective Intelligence is the Intelligence which emerges from the collaboration, competition and coordination among individuals.



...an Intelligence greater than the sum of the individuals' intelligence

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## CI and Web 2.0?

 Analyze user-generated content, such as tags that are manually assigned to photos, and its relation to context over time, space and social connectivity

### Sources

- Tags
- Content
- Social info
- Time, Location
- Other sources (e.g. Wikipedia)



http://www.iyouit.eu

### Comms level flickr **Deutsches Eck from Ehrenbreitstein** Fortress, Koblenz, Germany Favs by schaengel 🗐 121 comments 🛭 👷 69 faves Tagged with koblenz, ehrenbreitstein ... Taken on November 15, 2009, uploaded Tags Time November 17, 2009 See more of schaengel photos, or visit 17 his profile. When you're high up on the hill above Koblenz at Ehrenbreitstein Fortress you can get a great panoramic view of the city and the surrounding area. Caption Groups Geo toungefly, • neimoral User Profile

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## Why today?

Web 2.0 (Collective)



Mobile Networks / High Performance Computing

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## A "simple" example

- Uses the GPS in cellular phones to gather traffic information, process it, and distribute it back to the phones in real time
- online, real-time data processing
- privacy-preservation
- data efficiency, i.e. not requiring excessive cellular network



Mobile Century Project: http://traffic.berkeley.edu/mobilecentury.html

## **Image search - Tourism**

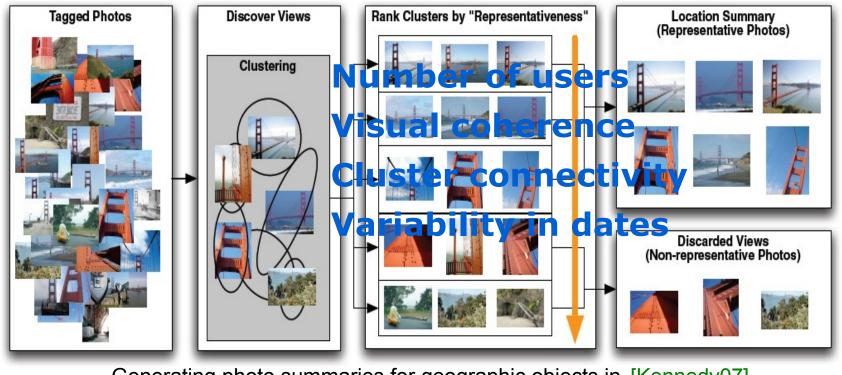
- Linguistic processing of semistructured sources
  - Wikipedia,
     Geoplanet
- Statistical analysis for ranking
  - User Queries
  - Flickr tags



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## **Generating photo summaries**

• **Problem formulation**: Having identified a tag x as representative of a cluster, compute a set of photos that are representative for that tag



Generating photo summaries for geographic objects in [Kennedy07]

## Sample photo summaries of events [Quacko8]

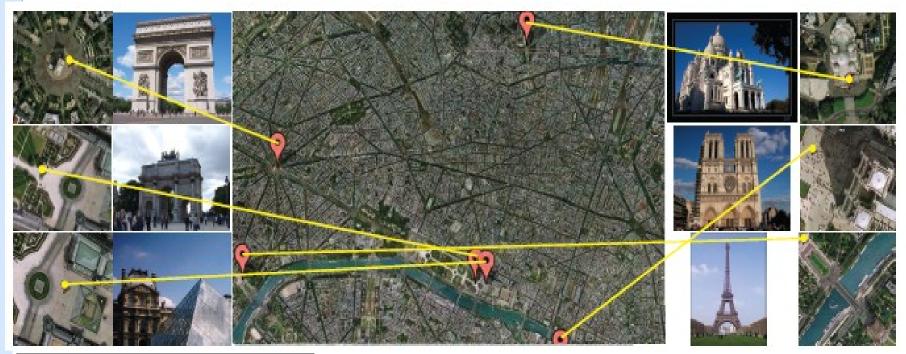
**DATASET:** Divide the earth's surface into square tiles of 200m2 70000 geographic tiles 220000 geotagged photos from Flickr After preprocessing, 73000 photos were assigned to clusters Manually labeling of 700 clusters



The most commonly identified event (single day covered by a single photographer) "Oxford Geek nights"
 "Movie premiere Italy"
 "Exhibition gallery paris"

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## Auto annotation & geo-location



# Images	222'757
Size Metadata	1.1 GB
Size Features	111 GB
# Images assigned to clusters	73'236
# Similarities computed	217'330'144
# Similarities > 0	751'457

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[Quack08]

### **EpiCollect: Science - epidemiology example**

- A scientist or member of the public collects and records data, photos and videos then sends this information to a central web-based database
- e.g. to document the presence of an animal or plant species that are "representative" for a geographical area
- Location information maps
- Citizen scientists



EpiCollect: Linking Smartphones to Web Applications for Epidemiology, Ecology and Community Data Collection, David M. Aanensen, Derek M. Huntley, Edward J. Feil, Fada'a al-Own, Brian G. Spratt

## **Research Fields and Issues**

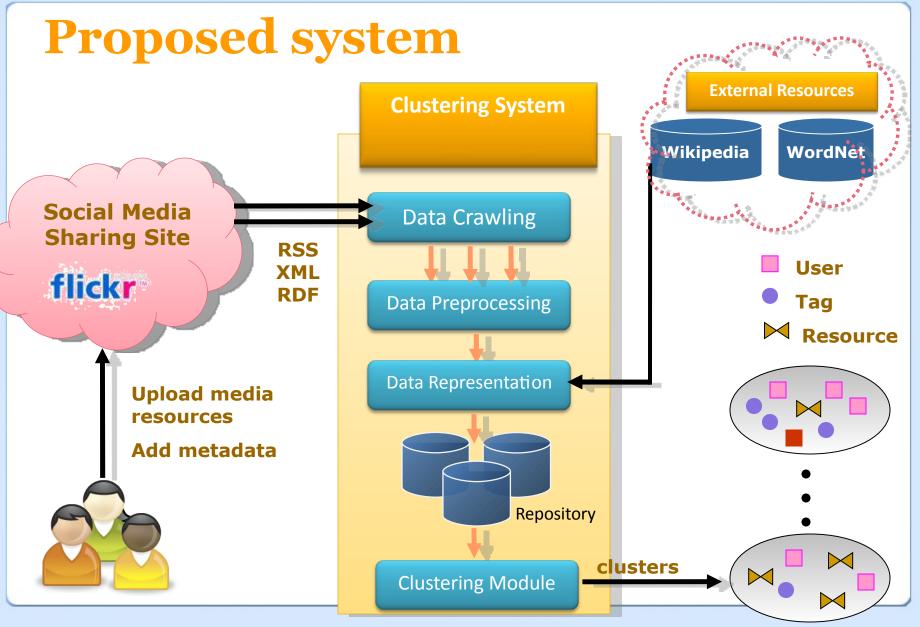
- Statistical analysis, machine learning, data mining, pattern recognition, social network analysis
- Clustering
- Graph theory
- Image, text, video analysis
- Information extraction
- Fusion techniques
- Trust, security, privacy
- Performance, scalability
  - speed, storage, power, grids, clouds

## **Clustering for Social Media**

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## **Clustering Approaches**

- Tag-Based
- Content-Based
- Time-based



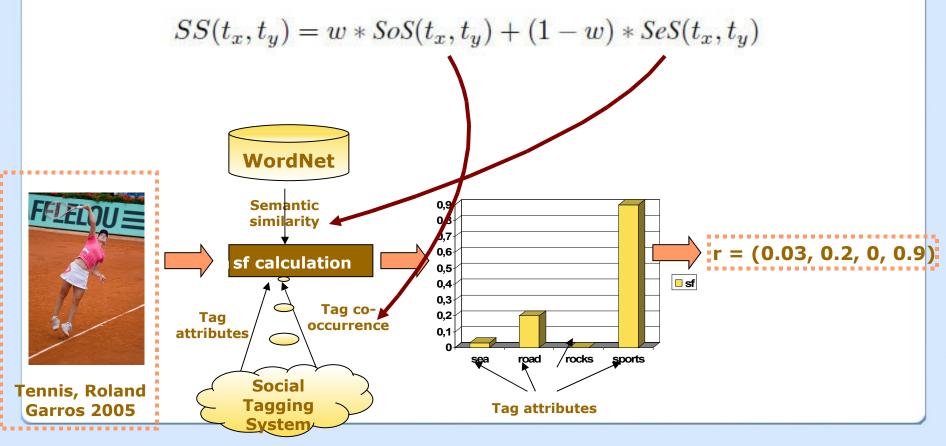
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## **Tag-based Clustering (I)**

- 1. Vector data model
- Assume n resources and d attribute-tags
  - d: a representative set of tags
- A resource representation in vector space (sf) is based on semantic similarity and tag cooccurrence between the resource's tags and the attribute-tags
- A resource r<sub>i</sub> is represented by a d-dimensional vector r<sub>i</sub> = (sf<sub>1</sub>, sf<sub>2</sub>,..., sf<sub>d</sub>)
- All resources can be represented by an n x d matrix

## **Tag-based Clustering (II)**

• 2. Clustering on n (resources, r) x d (attributes) matrix (K-means, Hierarchical, COBWEB)



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## **Tag-based Clustering -Experimental Results**

- **Dataset:** 3000 images downloaded from Flickr
- Meaningful subdomains of roadside:
   buildings, roof, street, road
   cars, vehicles, race



(a)





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(c)



people, street, festival



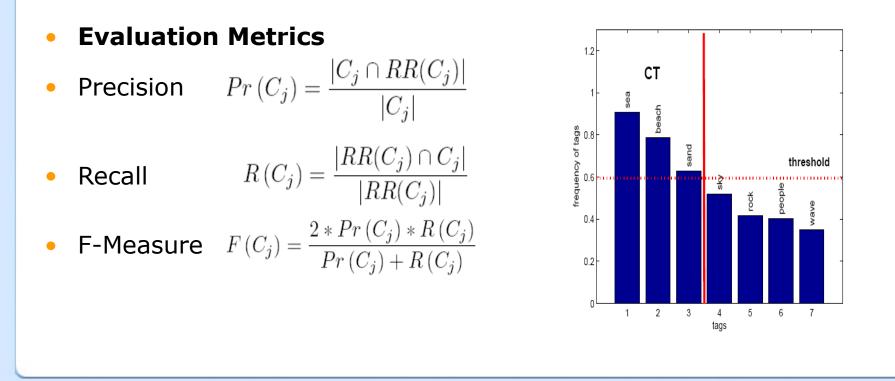
## **Tag & Content-based Clustering**

- After performing tag-based clustering, low-level features of resources are used for cluster refinement
- Outlier Detection (mahalanobis distance)
- For each resource the following visual descriptors are extracted:
  - Scalable Color, *SC*
  - Color Structure, CS
  - Color Layout, CL
  - Edge Histogram, *EH*
  - Homogenous Texture, HT
- A single image feature vector per each resource is produced, encompassing all descriptors normalized in [0,1]
- Feature extraction and distances between image feature vectors are according to MPEG-7 XM.

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## **Evaluation Method**

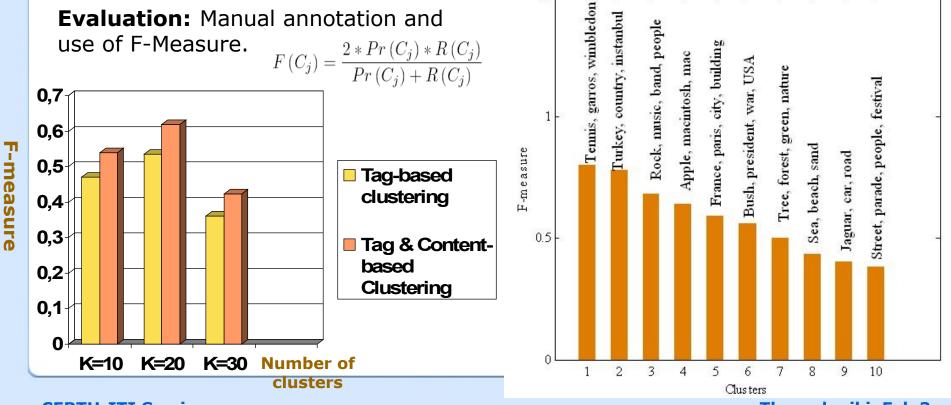
 Definition: Cluster Topic, CT, are the tags that have frequency in cluster's resources annotation over a threshold T.



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## Tag & Content-based Clustering – Experimental Results

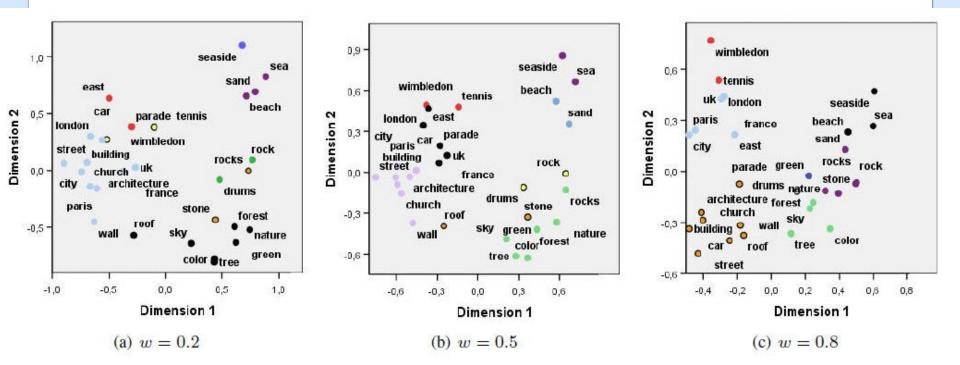
**Dataset:** 10000 images (with their tags) downloaded from Flickr



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## **Experimental Results (II)**



Attributes Assignment to k=8 clusters,

*W*: weighting factor of semantic similarity against similarity derived from tag co-occurrence

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## Why consider time?

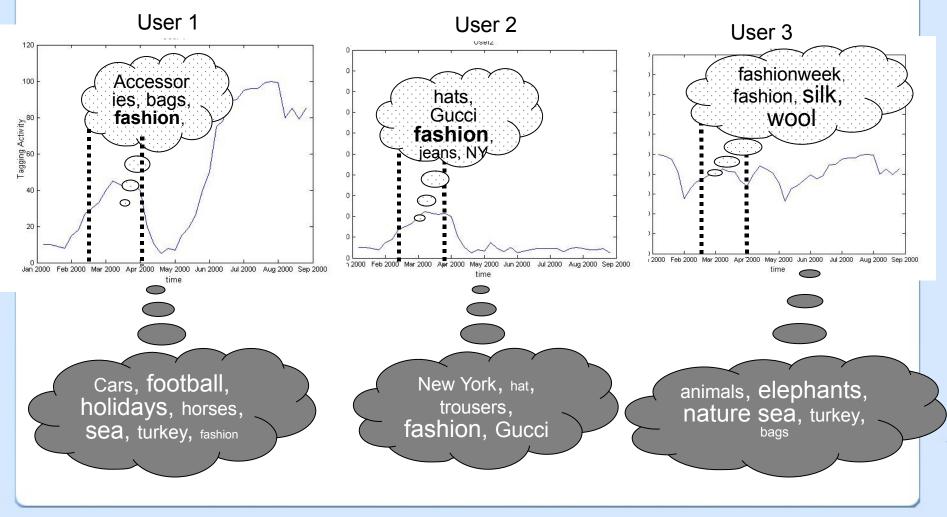
Motivation

Events, Trends, Changing of user interests

Users Tagging Behavior changes over time

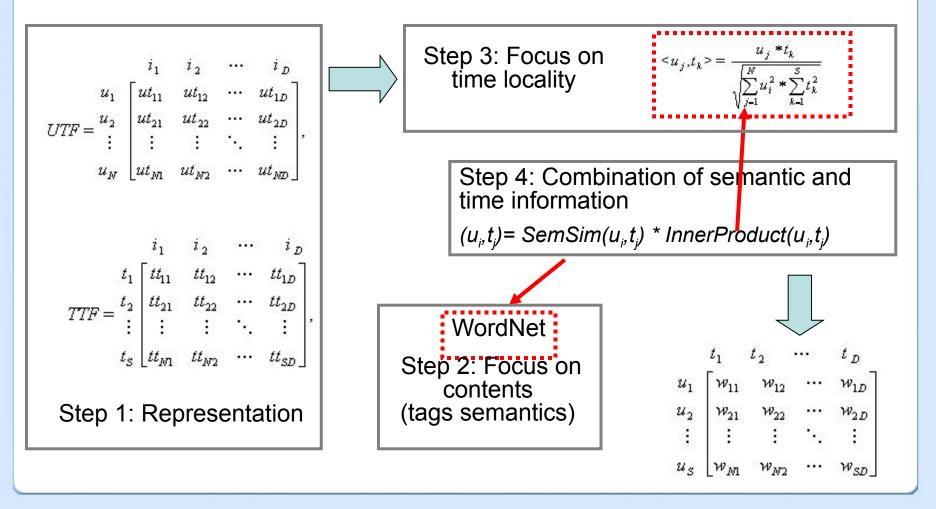
Time is a fundamental dimension in analysis of users and tags in a social tagging system

# Many times, a user's targeted interest is hidden in the general tagging activity....



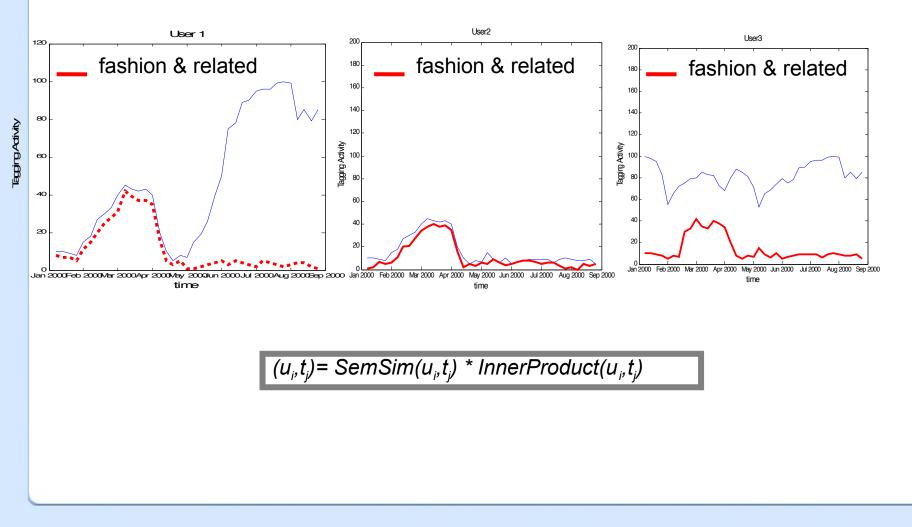
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## The basic idea



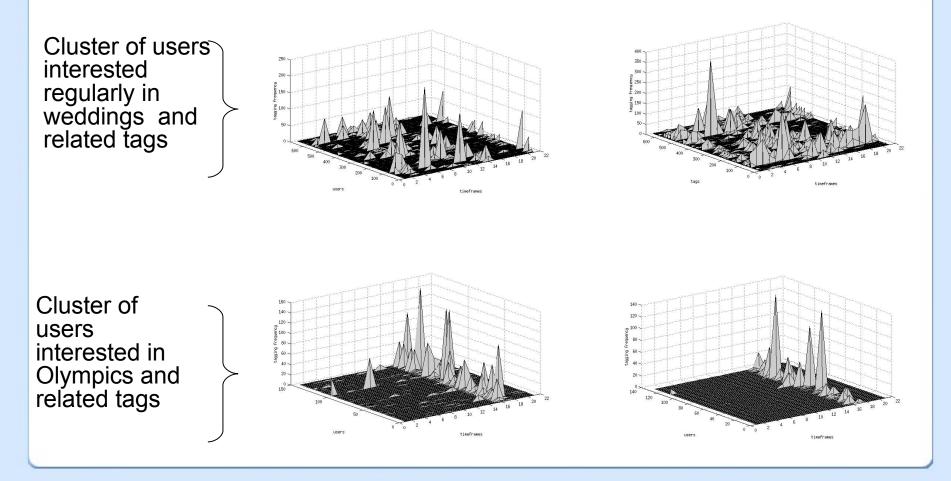
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## An example



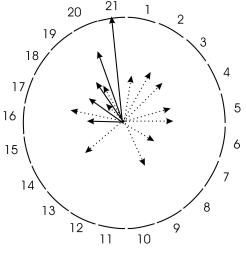
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## **Time-aware user/tags clusters** on Flickr (I)

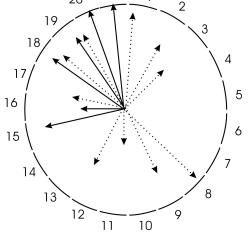


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### **Time-aware user/tags clusters** on Flickr (II)



User1' s tags distribution

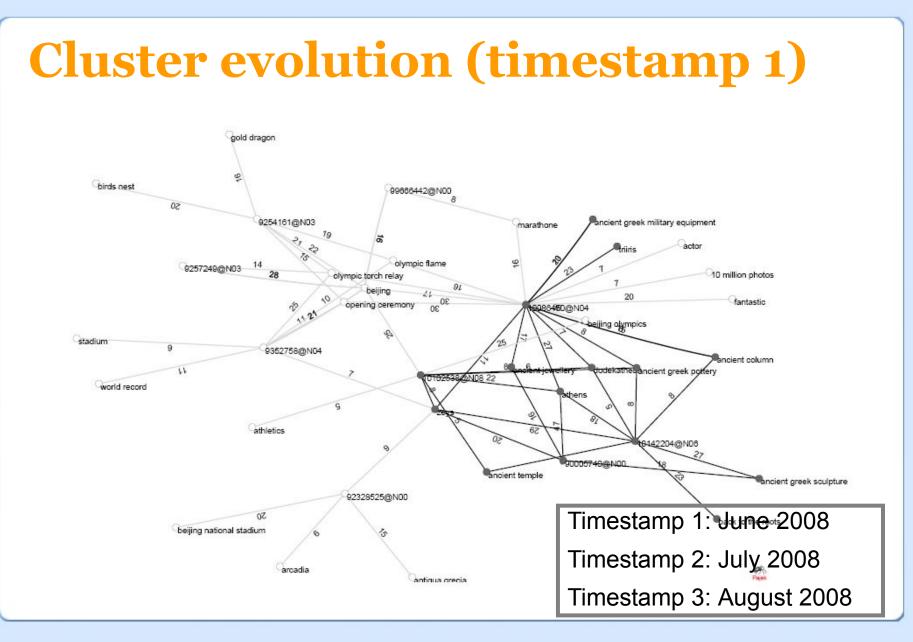


User2' s tags distribution

→ Olympics –related tags

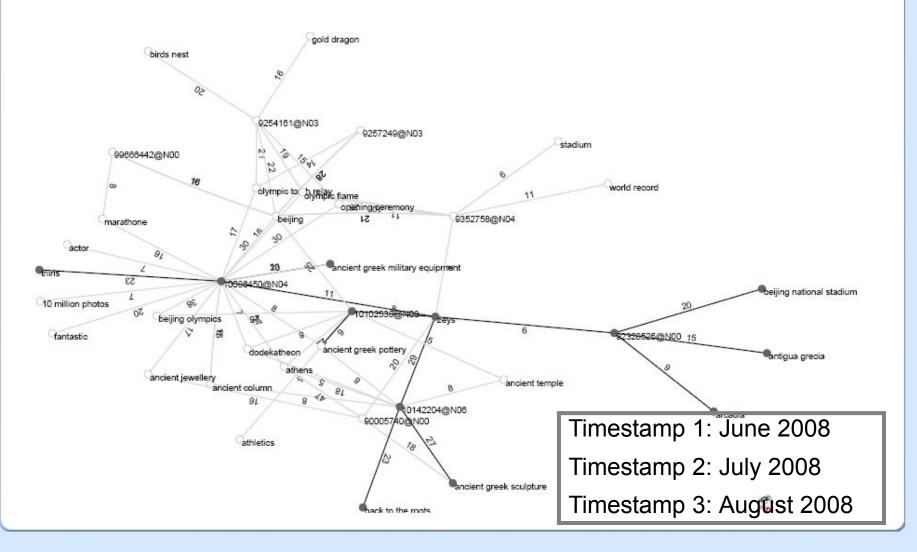
Ancient Greece –related tags

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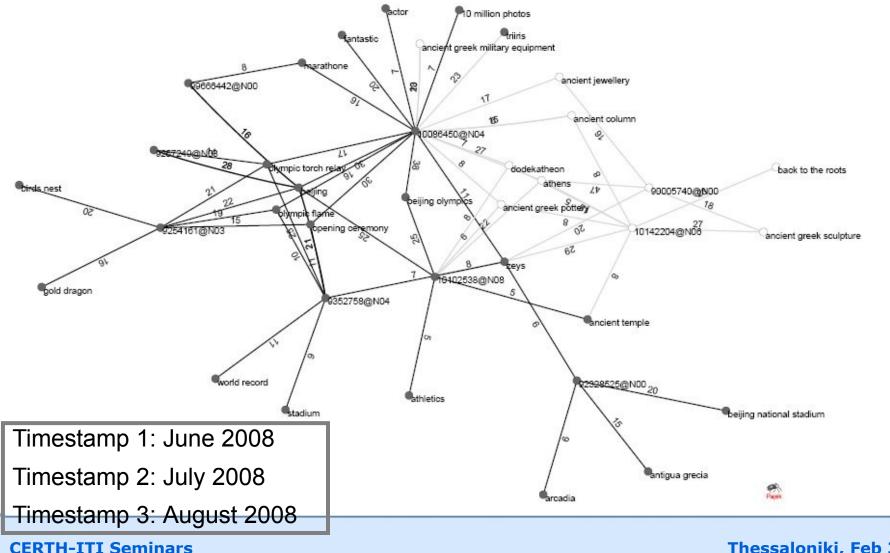
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# **Cluster evolution (timestamp 2)**



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# **Cluster evolution (timestamp 3)**



# Social Media "teacher" of the machine

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### **Exploiting clustering for machine learning**

<u>Objective</u>: Develop a framework able to create strongly annotated training samples from weakly annotated images

### Tagged images





sand, wave, rock, skv

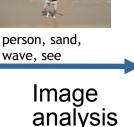
sand, sky

Solutions:

sea, sand



Social information



#### Region-detail annotated

WAVE

SKY

SAND

SKY

SAND

#### **Problems:**

- Object detection schemes require region-detail annotations
- Manual annotation is laborious and ٠. time consuming

[Chatzilari09]



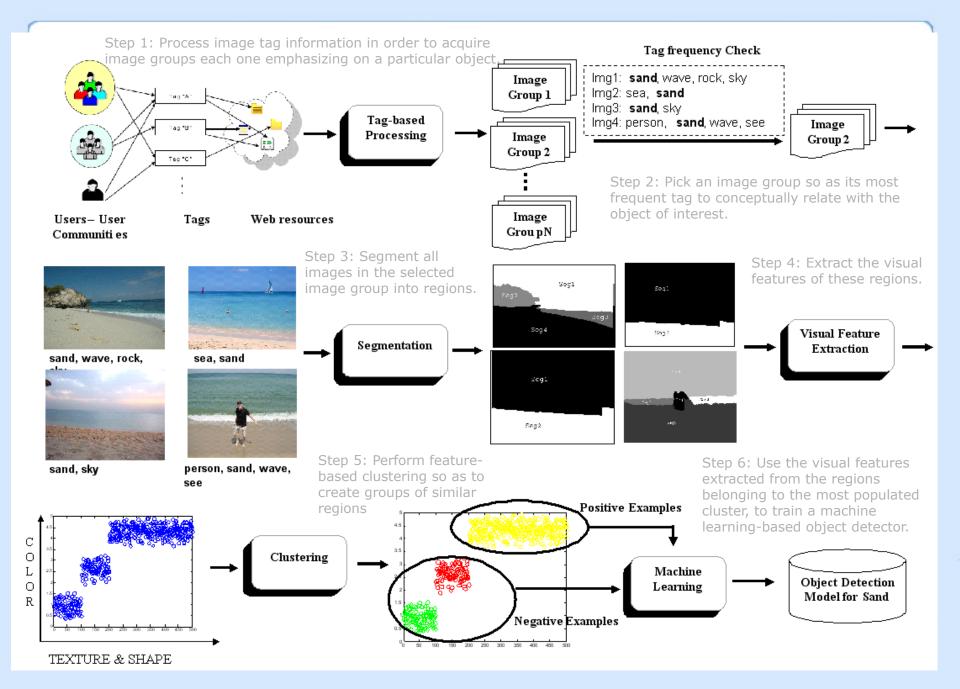
SEA

SAND



Exploit user tagged images from social sites like flickr

Combine techniques operating on tag and ٠. visual information space

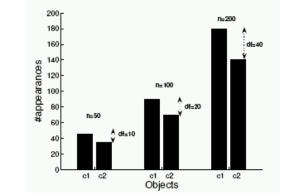


### **Tag-based processing**

[Giannakidou08]

**SEMSOC**, vector space model where each image is projected onto a space defined by the most prominent tags

> Absolute difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> most highly ranked objects increases as n increases



**Distribution of objects based** on their frequency rank

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c1

c2

c3

Objects

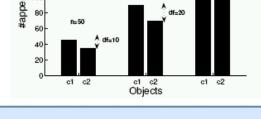
c4

100<sub>0</sub>

70

60

appearances



#### **SEMSOC** output example



# **Segmentation & Visual Descriptors**

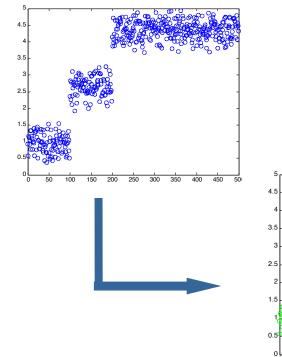
- Segmentation
  - K-means with connectivity constraint (KMCC)

[Mezaris et al., 2004]

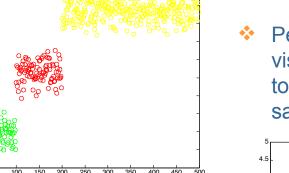
- Visual Descriptors
  - MPEG-7 standard
    - Dominant Color, Color Layout, Color Structure, Scalable Color, Edge Histogram, Homogeneous Texture, Region Shape.

[Bober et al., 2001], [Manjunath et al., 2001].

### **Region-based Clustering & Cluster Selection Region clustering**



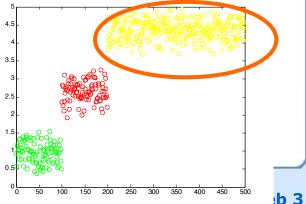
 Perform segmentation and visual feature extraction from all images in an image group (Identified by SEMSOC)



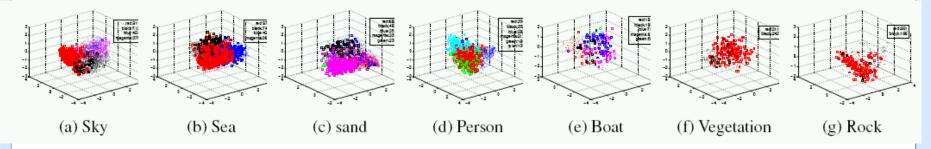
 Pick the most populated cluster as the one representing the most frequently appearing tag of the group

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Perform clustering based on visual features to gather together regions depicting the same object



# **Experimental Results – Cluster Selection**



#### Setting:

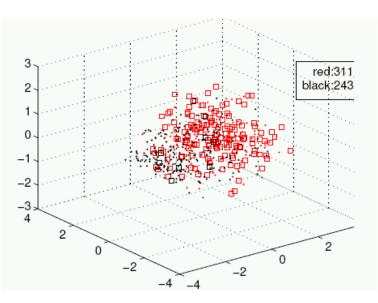
- Visualise the way regions are distributed among clusters
- Use shape-code (squares) to indicate the regions of interest and color-code to indicate a cluster's rank (largest cluster: red)
- Ideally all squares should be painted red and all dots should be painted differently

#### <u>Goal:</u>

 Validate our theoretical claim that the most populated cluster contains the majority of regions depicting the object of interest

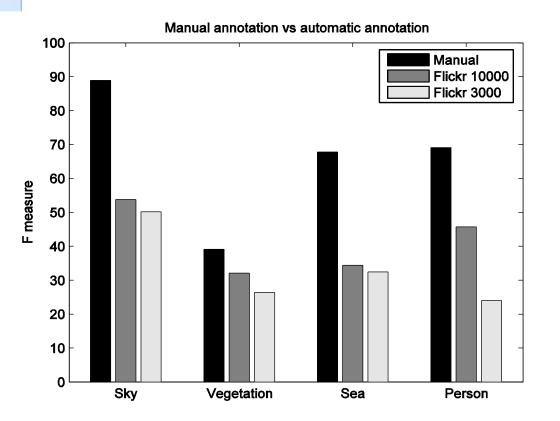
#### **Conclusions:**

 Our claim is valid in 5 (i.e., sky, sea, person, vegetation, rock) and not valid in 2 (i.e., boat, sand) cases



**Vegetation in magnification** 

### **Experimental Results -Man. vs Autom. trained object detectors**



### **Observations:**

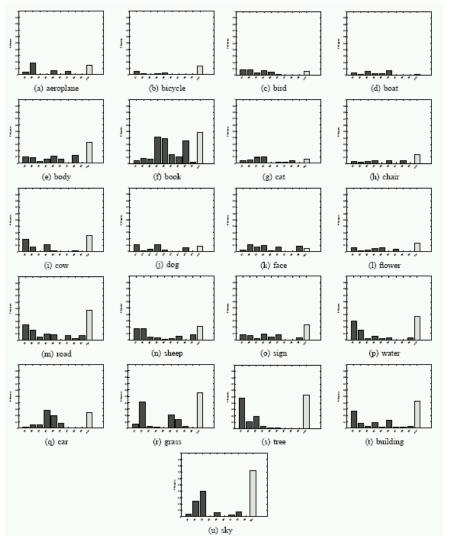
- Performance lower than manually trained detectors
- Consistent performance improvement as the dataset size increases

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### Experimental Results – MSRC Dataset (21 objects)

### **Observations:**

- In 5 cases the objects were too diversiform to be described by the employed feature space (not even the manual annotations performed well)
- In 5 cases the annotation we got from Flickr groups were not appropriate
- In 6 cases, our method has failed to select the appropriate cluster
- In 5 cases our method worked well



### Experimental Results -MSRC vs Flickr groups Target object: Tree

**Tree object** 









#1 Cluster - trees

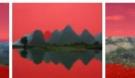






#2 Cluster - grass







#3 Cluster - mountain with noise









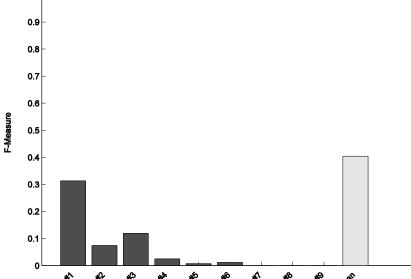


#5 Cluster - cloudy sky





#9 Cluster - water

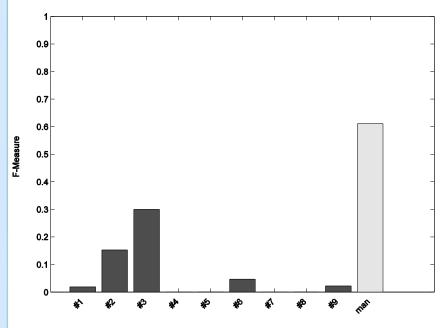


Good example: Semantic objects are correctly assigned to clusters and the most-populated cluster corresponds to the target object)

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### Experimental Results -MSRC vs Flickr groups Target Object: Sky

**Sky object** 



Bad example: Sky regions are split in many clusters and the most populated cluster contains noise regions



#1 Cluster - architecture (statues, buildings)









#2 Cluster - sky (but a bit noisy)







#3 Cluster - sky (best performing model)







#5 Cluster - noise







#6 Cluster - sky (mostly dark)





#7 Cluster - sky (mostly light)

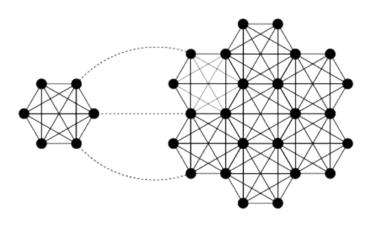
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### **Community Detection**

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# **Community Detection in Complex Networks**

- Community Detection: The Problem
- Global vs. Local Community Detection
- Bridge Bounding
- Conclusions Future Work



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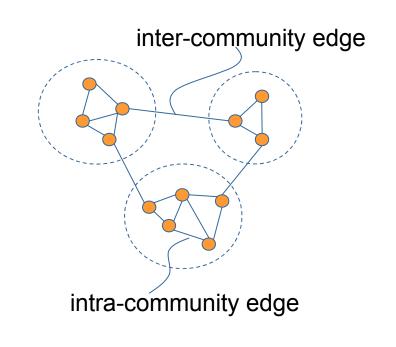
### **communities context** ...

- typically ... communities are defined with reference to some graph (network) which represents a set of entities / objects (nodes) and their relations (edges).
- ... even when there is no explicit graph, one can infer it, e.g.:
  - feature vectors  $\rightarrow$  distances  $\rightarrow$ threshold application  $\rightarrow$  graph
- Given a graph, a community is loosely defined as a set of nodes that are more densely connected to each other than to the rest of the graph vertices.

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# a simple example ...

- extremely profound community structure.
- key-concepts : withincommunity nodes, intracommunity edges, intercommunity edges.



rarely appearing in real systems.

Definition of communities is heavily dependent on graph properties and subgraphs discovery

### **Global vs. Local**

- **Global:** Process the whole graph to derive a partition into communities
  - + Abundant research
  - + Good results (community quality, algorithm efficiency)
  - Not practical for huge graphs or for real-time applications
- Local: Incremental process of the graph and output communities (streaming)
  - Relatively little research
  - Great potential for demanding applications

# **Bridge Bounding**

### Algorithm

- Start a community with a seed node
- Add neighbouring nodes as long as they are connected by edges that are not inter-community ("bridges").
- Stop when it is not possible to add any more nodes.

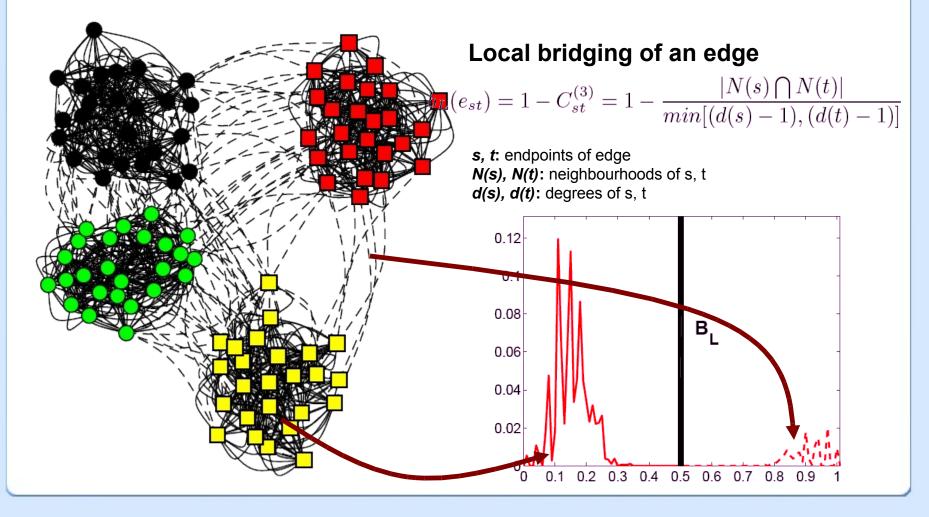
### **Basic success factor:**

Algorithm 1 LocalCommunityDetection **Require:** Seed node  $s \in G = (V, E)$ **Require:** Community mapping  $q_C: V \to \mathbf{P}$ **Require:** Bridge function  $b: E \to [0.0, 1.0]$ 1:  $C_s = \emptyset$ 2: Frontier set  $F = \{s\}$ 3: while |F| > 0 do  $\{F \text{ is non-empty}\}$ 4:  $c \leftarrow F.pop()$ 5:  $C_s \leftarrow C_s \bigcup \{c\}$ 6:  $C_U \leftarrow C_U \setminus \{c\}$ for all  $n \in N(c)$  such that  $e_{cn} = (c, n) \in E$  do 7: if  $g_C(n) = C_U$  and  $b(e_{cn}) \leq B_L$  then 8: F.push(n)9: end if 10:11: end for 12: end while

13: 
$$\mathbf{P} \leftarrow \mathbf{P} \bigcup C_s$$

Edge Bridge-ness: The property of an edge to lie between two communities.

# **Bridge Bounding – Toy Example**

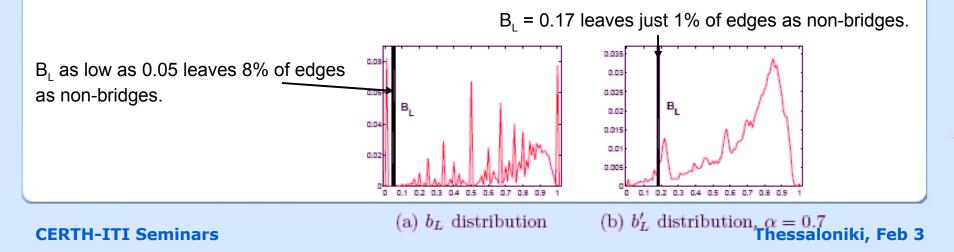


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### **Bridge Bounding - Problems**

- Local bridging not suitable for scale-free networks
- Solution (partial) 2<sup>nd</sup> order local bridging.

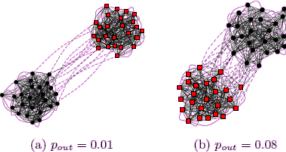
$$b'_{L}(e_{st}) = \alpha \cdot b_{L}(e_{st}) + (1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{|N(e_{st})|} \sum_{e \in N(e_{st})} b_{L}(e)$$



# **Experiments on Synthetic Community Networks**

 Synthetic networks according to method of Newman and Girvan.

$$S_{PAR} = \{N, K, z_{tot}, p_{out}, s_{var}\}$$



Change complexity of underlying communities.

		$F_C$		NMI			
$p_{out}$	BB	BB'	GN	BB	BB'	GN	
0.01	100	100	100	1.0	1.0	1.0	
0.05	100	100	100	1.0	1.0	1.0	
0.1	100	100	50	1.0	1.0	0.86	
0.15	100	99	50	1.0	.98	0.86	
0.20	99	74	50	0.98	0.84	0.86	
0.25	24	24	0	0.54	0.56	0.02	

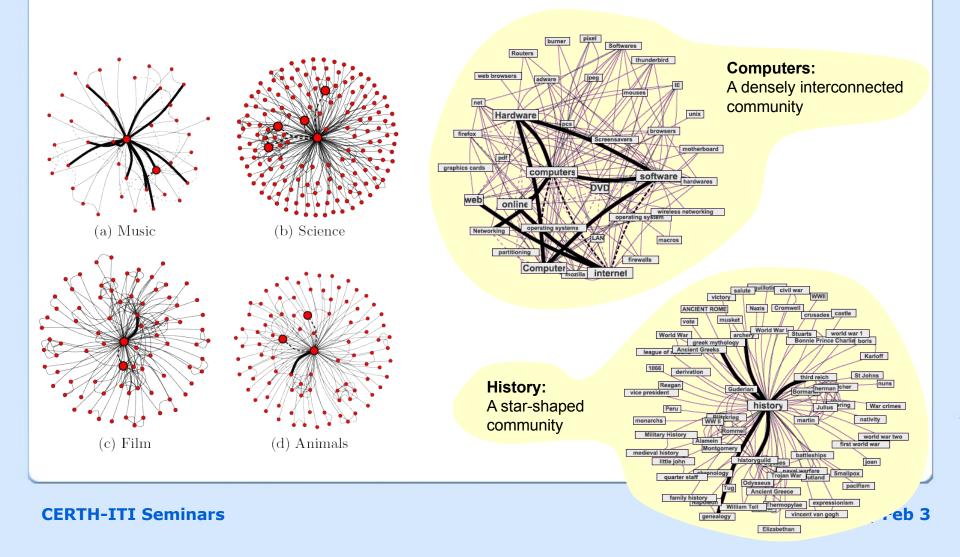
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Change relative sizes of underlying communities.

			$F_C$		NMI		
	$s_{var}$	BB	BB'	GN	BB	BB'	GN
	1.1	100	100	100	1.0	1.0	1.0
	1.5	100	100	100	1.0	1.0	1.0
	1.6	99.5	100	100	0.99	1.0	1.0
	1.7	88	98	100	0.82	0.96	1.0
	1.8	85.5	97	100	0.79	0.95	1.0
	1.9	58.5	87	90	0.68	0.82	0.88
	2.0	12.5	80	82	0.45	0.73	0.81
	2.5	0	62	75	0.45	0.63	0.72

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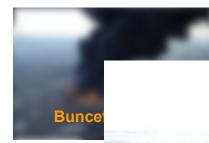
# **Future Work for Community Detection**

- Investigate label propagation techniques.
  - Application on external memory graphs.
- Possibilities for incremental community detection.
  - Application on large dynamic networks (e.g. Social Tagging Systems)
- Applications on different domains:
  - Hybrid image clustering (use of both visual and tag features)
  - Domain-specific clustering, e.g. Points-Of-Interest in travel applications.

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#### **Personal Intelligence**



Profile of contributor
>> What to send where,

e a location age

#### **Media Intelligence**

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### **Buncefield 2005**

**Collective intelligence - the full picture emerges** 

> Determine trustworthiness
 and hub-structures by SNA

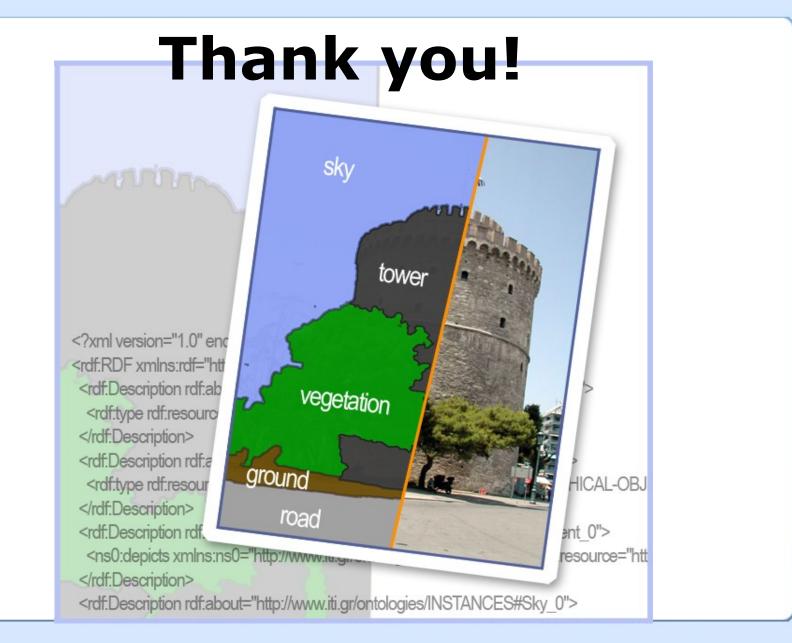


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### **Further Issues**

- Not all data always available (e.g. User queries, fb)
- Long tail is forgotten (e.g. flu trends in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries)
- "More data, less analysis",....
- Applications and commercialization
- Efficiency of semantics and analysis
- Real integration
  - not just sum of different analysis
  - formal framework and approach
  - representation
- User interaction Interfaces



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