

Studying mobile and social networks through time-aware network analysis

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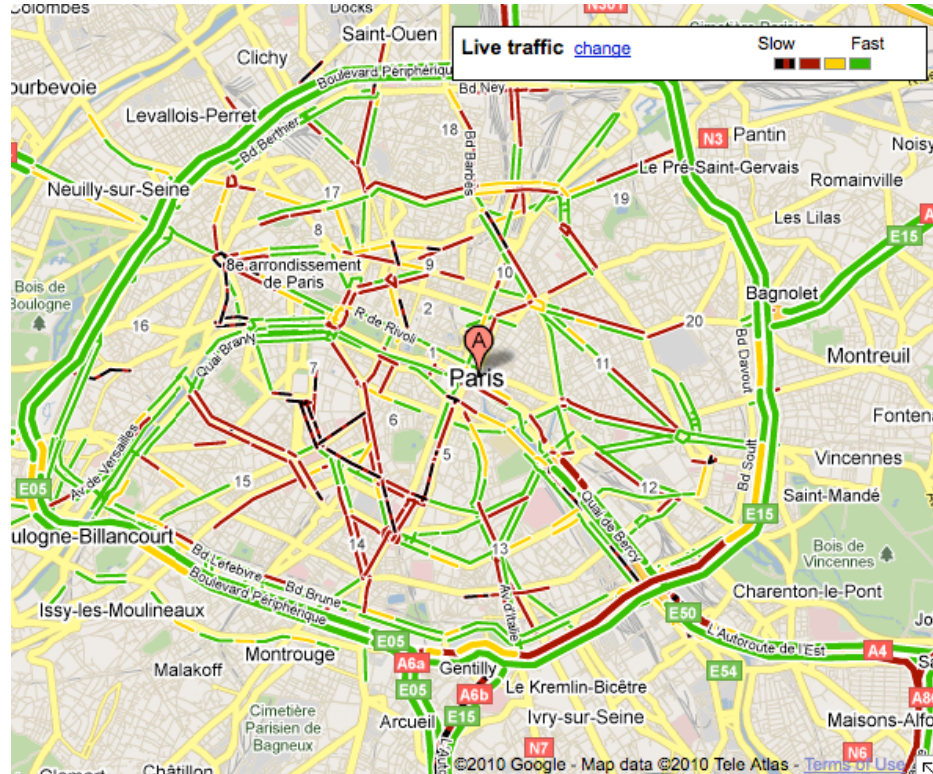
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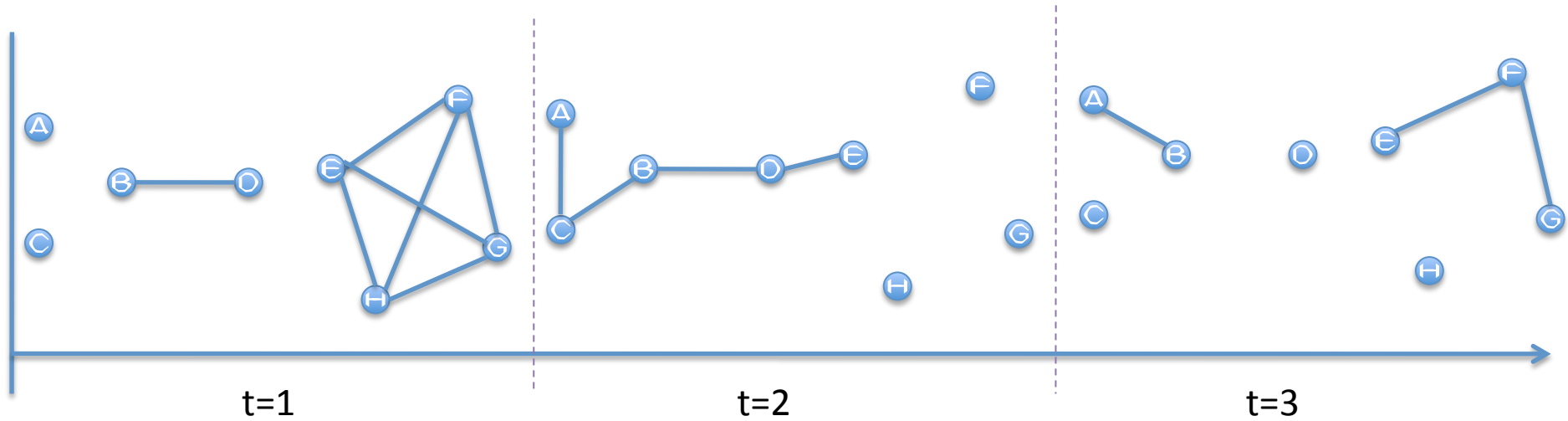
Some Real Networks



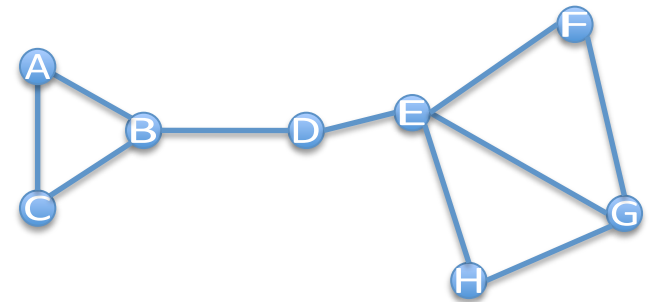
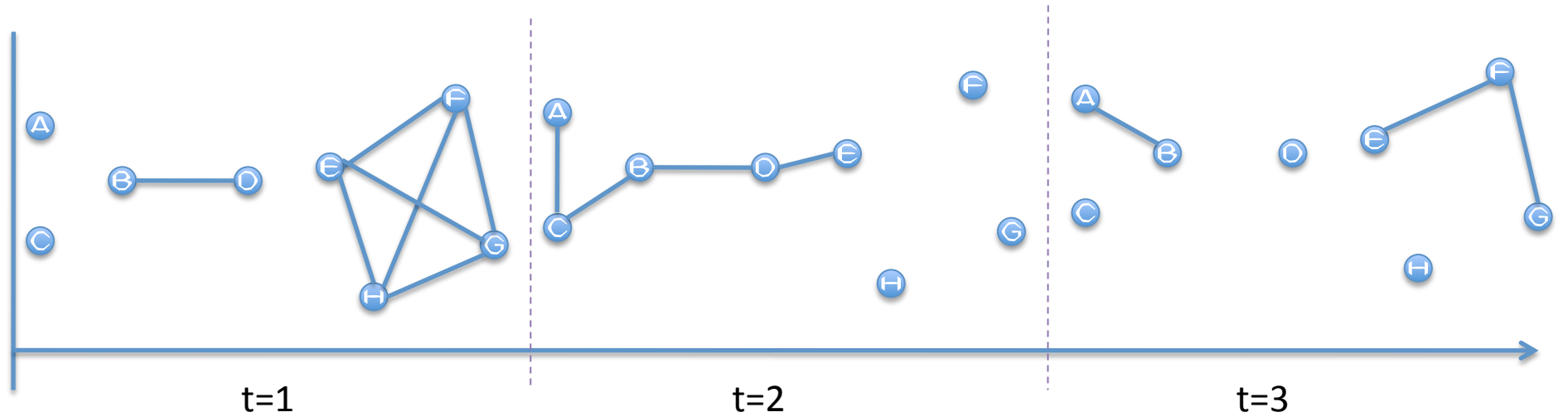
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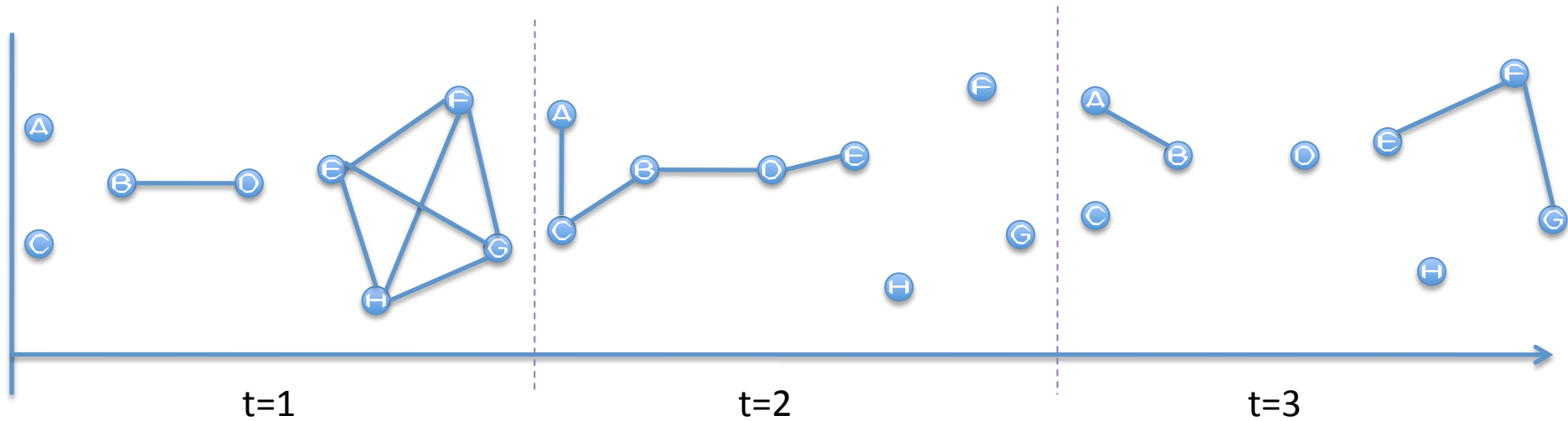
Temporal Graph



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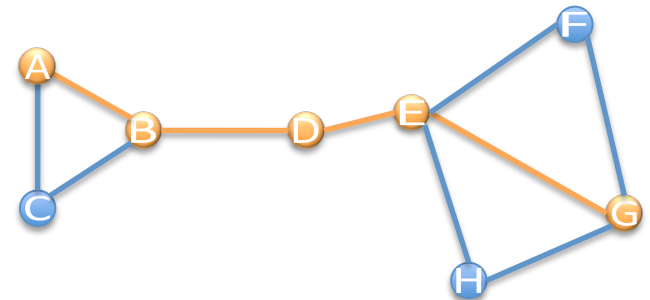


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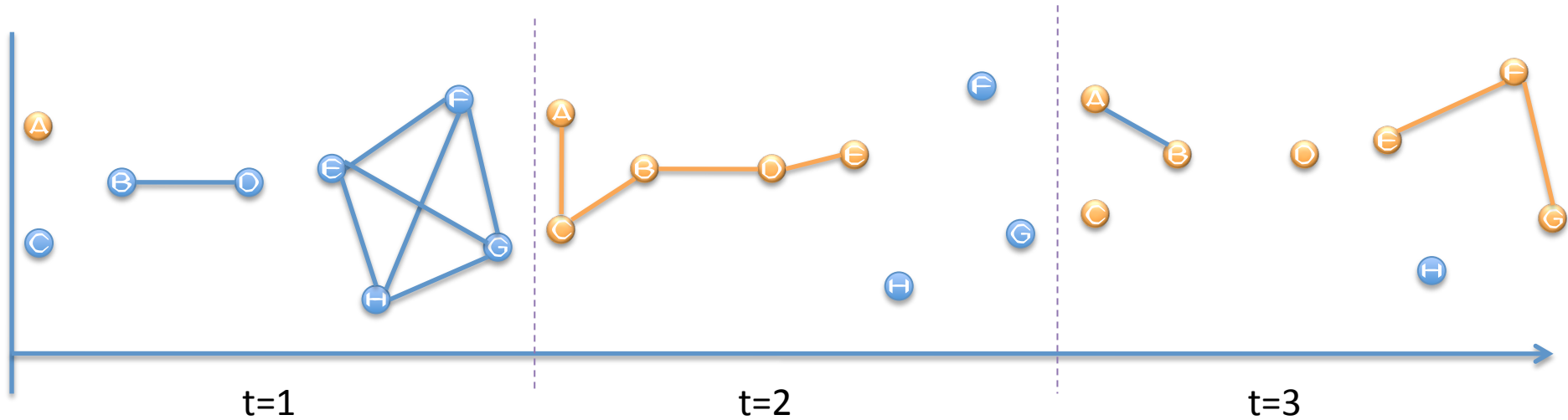


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- Shortest path length (A,G) = 4 hops



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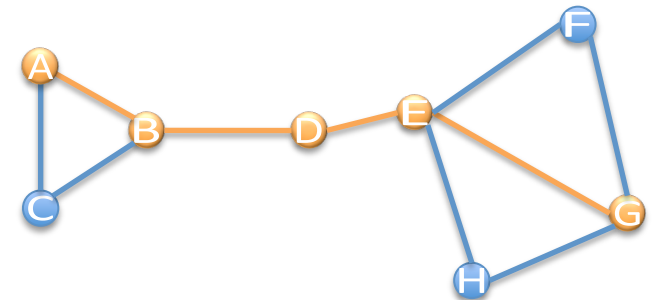
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- Temporal

- Shortest path (A,G) = [A,C,B,D,E,F,G]
- Shortest path length (A,G) = 6 hops

- Time=3 seconds



Temporal Metrics

- d_{ij} Shortest Temporal Path Length
- d_{ij}^* Shortest Path with temporal constraints
- $E_{ij} = \frac{1}{d_{ij}}$ Temporal Efficiency

Temporal Metrics

- Average Temporal $L = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{ij} d_{ij}$
- Average Temporal $L^* = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{ij} d_{ij}^*$
- Average Efficiency $E_{glob} = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{ij} E_{ij}$

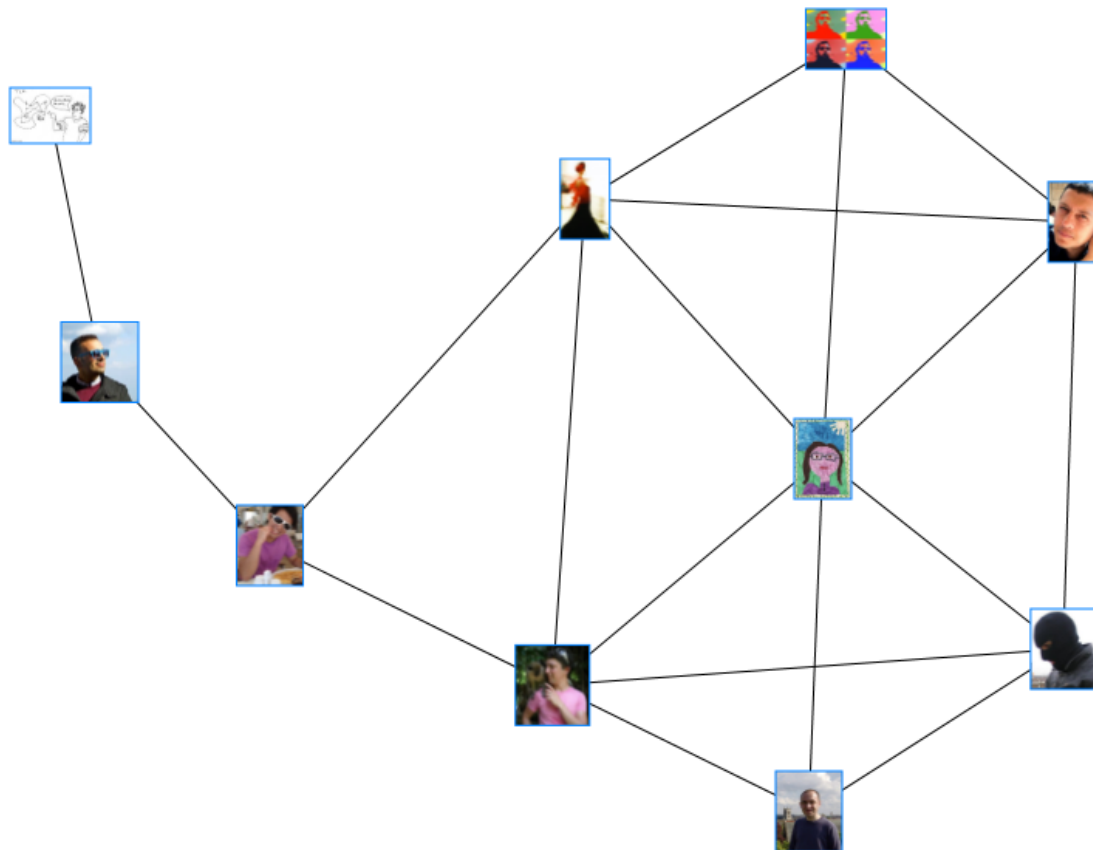
Does it really matter?

- Infocom 2005 conference environment
- Bluetooth colocation scans
- 5 Minute Windows
- Measure 24 hours starting 12am

					Static		Temporal		
Day	N	<k>	Activity	Contacts	L	Eglob	L*	L	Eglob
1	37	25.73	6pm-12pm	3668	1.291	0.856	4.090	19h 39m	0.003
2	39	28.31	12am-12pm	8357	1.269	0.870	4.556	9h 6m	0.024
3	38	22.32	12am-12pm	4217	1.420	0.798	4.003	10h 32m	0.018
4	39	21.44	12am-5pm	3024	1.444	0.781	4.705	9h 55m	0.013

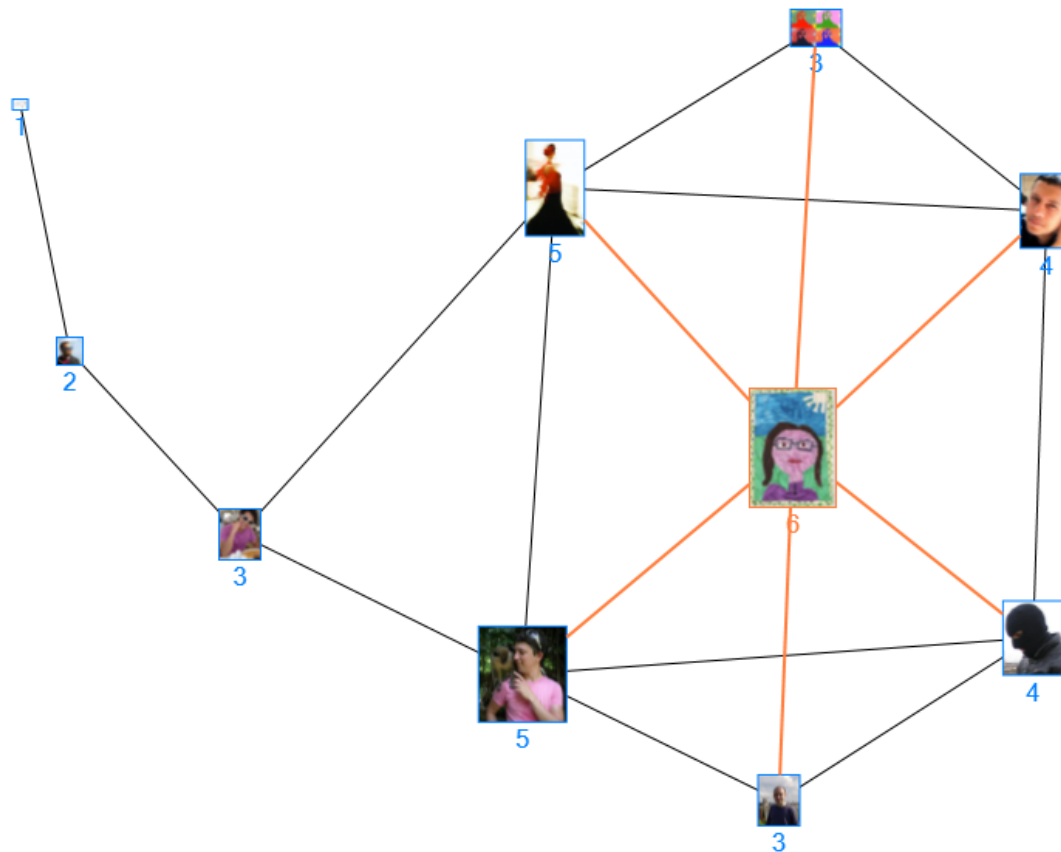
Important Nodes

- Most number of friends
- Quickly spread information to many people
- Mediates between the most information flows



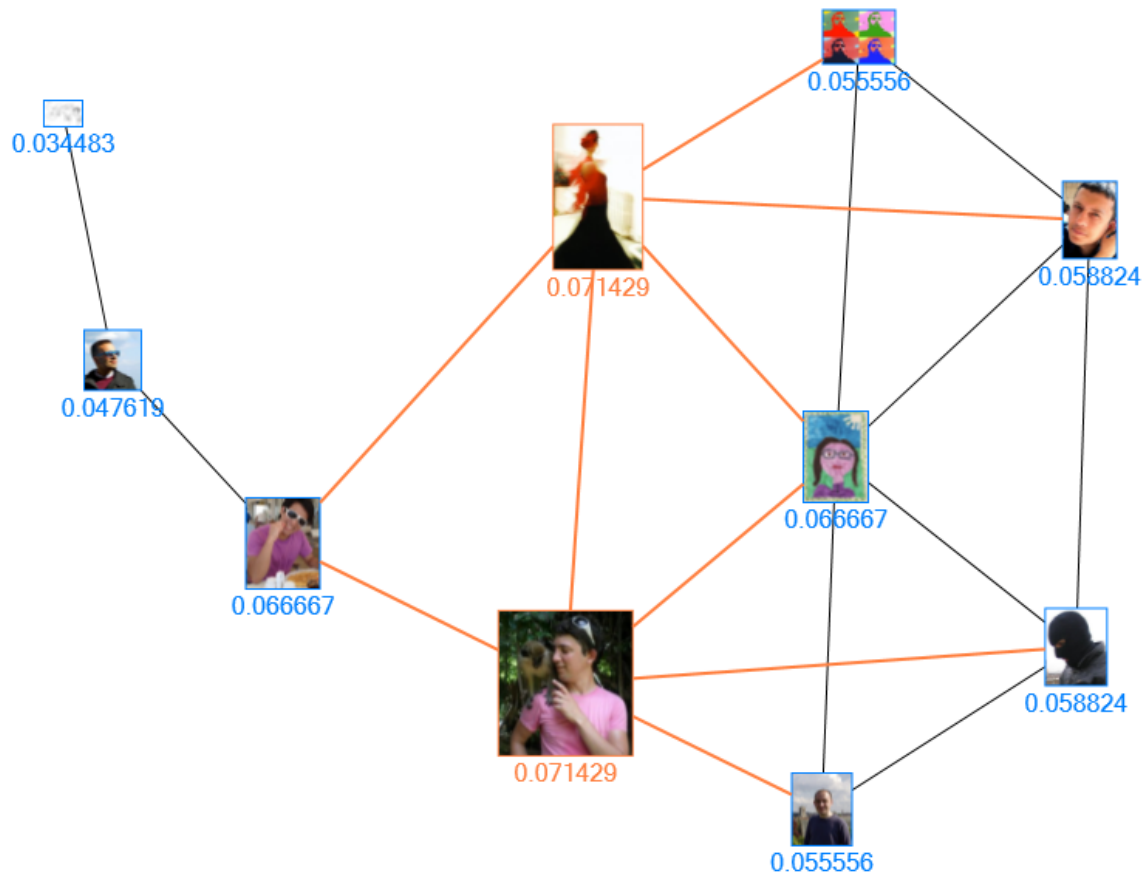
Degree

- C_i^{deg} = number of links to i
- Popular nodes



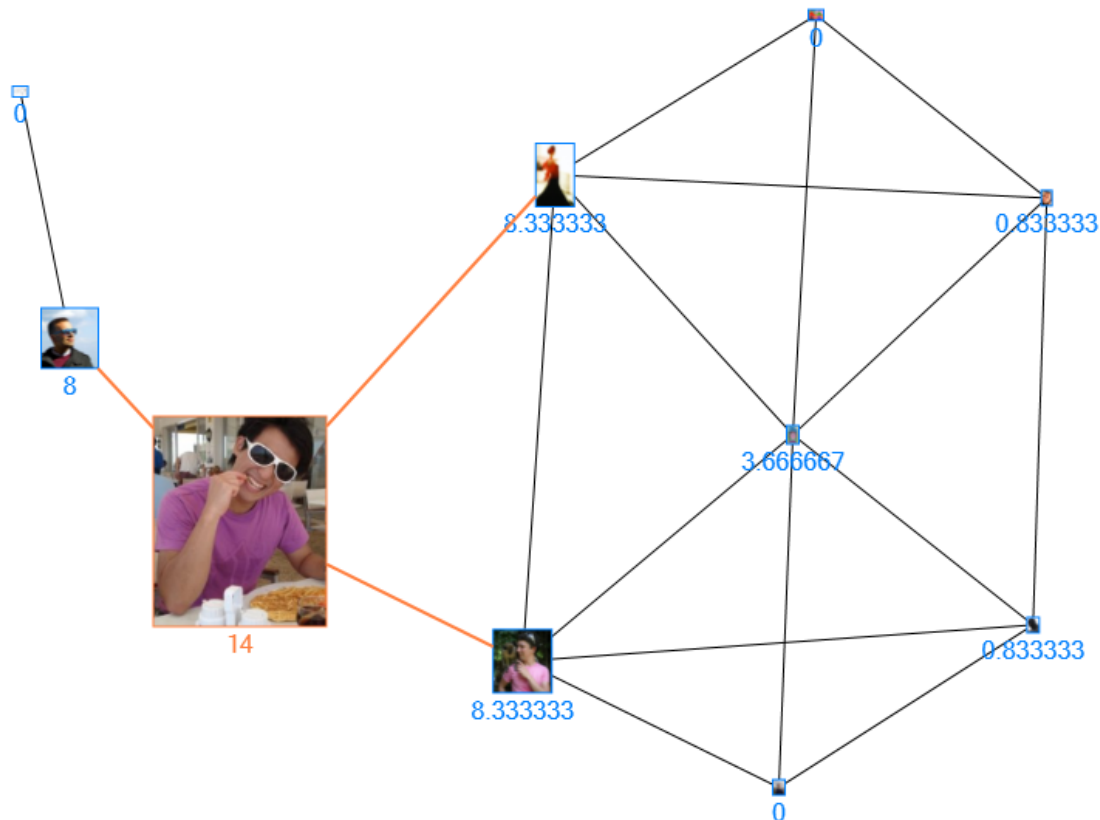
Static Closeness Centrality

- $C_i = \sum_{i \neq j} d_{ij}$
- Average shortest path length to all other nodes



Static Betweenness Centrality

- $C_i^{bet} = \sum_{i \neq s \neq t} \frac{\delta_{st}(i)}{\delta_{st}}$ where δ_{st} is # shortest paths from s to t
 $\delta_{st}(i)$ is # shortest paths passing through i
- Fraction of shortest paths which pass through node i



Temporal Centrality Metrics

- Static Closeness and Betweenness based on *static shortest paths*
- Reformalise *closeness* and *betweenness* with temporal paths:
 - Duration
 - Time Order
 - Frequency

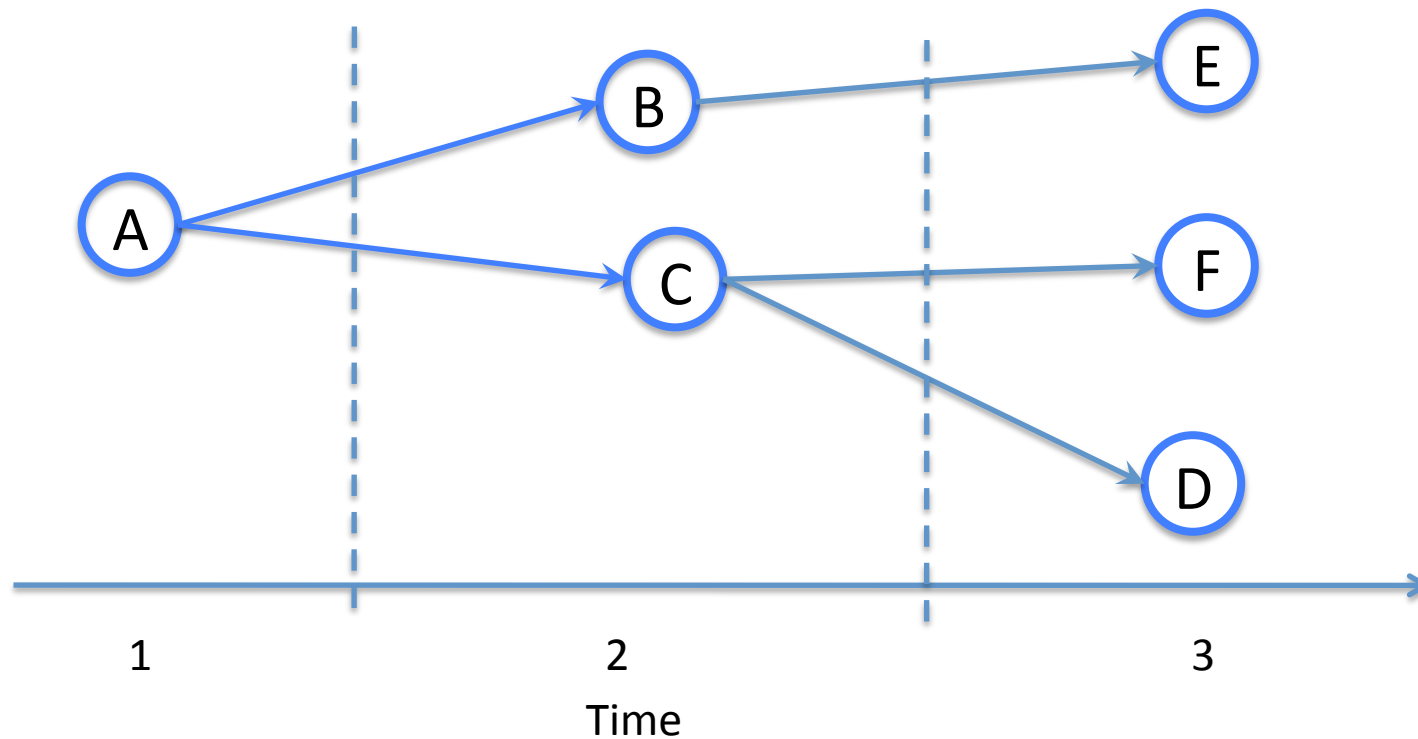
Temporal Closeness

Average over shortest *temporal* paths to all other nodes:

$$C_i = \frac{1}{W(N-1)} \sum_{j \neq i \in V} d_{i,j}$$

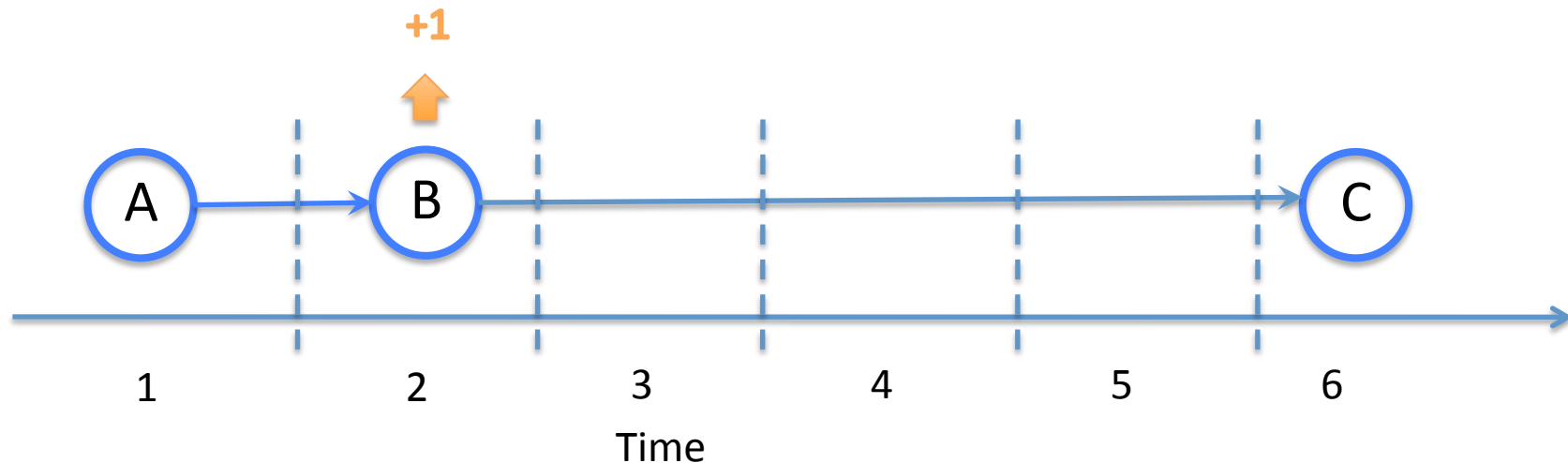
Temporal Closeness

$$C_A = \frac{(2 + 2) + (3 + 3 + 3)}{(3 * (6 - 1))} = 0.867$$



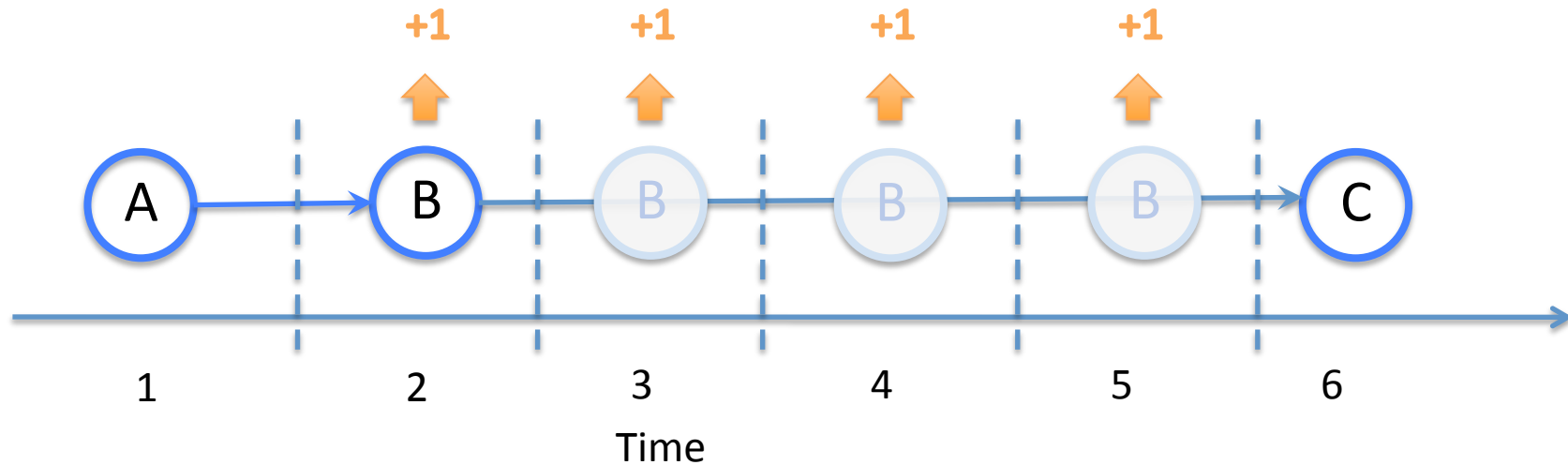
Temporal Betweenness

- Using temporal path length



Temporal Betweenness

- Take into account **duration**



Temporal Betweenness

$$C_i^B(t) = \frac{1}{(N-1)(N-2)} \sum_{\substack{j \in V \\ j \neq i}} \sum_{\substack{k \in V \\ k \neq i \\ k \neq j}} \frac{U(i, t, j, k)}{|S_{jk}^h|}$$

Where:

- $U(i, t, j, k)$ returns number of shortest paths from j to k , which node i is holding a message at time window t
- $|S_{jk}^h|$ number of shortest temporal paths between j and k

Temporal Betweenness

Sum over all time windows for each node:

$$C_i^B = \frac{1}{W} \sum_{t=1}^W C_i^B((t \times w) + t_{min})$$

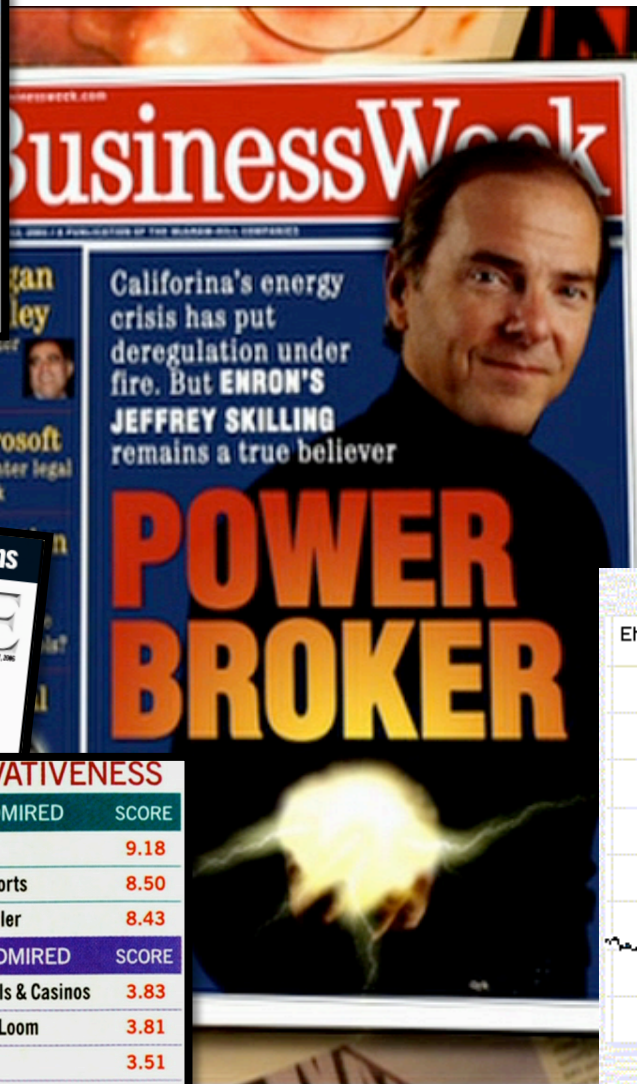
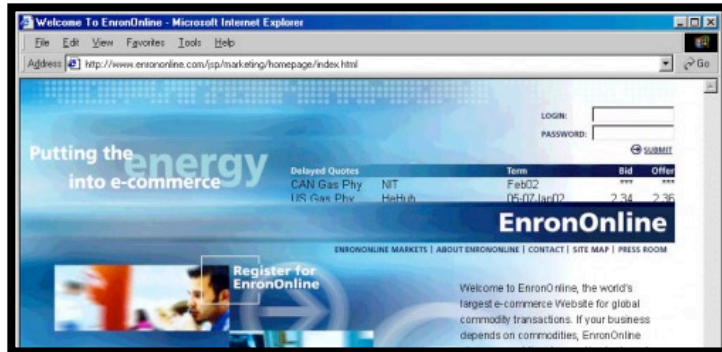
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- Two perspectives:
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Enron in the News



Scandals

The chalkboard diagram illustrates a network of entities and transactions. At the top left, a box labeled 'ENRON' has an arrow pointing to a box labeled 'BARGES'. Another arrow points from 'ENRON' to a box labeled 'MERRILL LYNCH', with '\$2M' written next to the arrow. From 'MERRILL LYNCH', an arrow points to a box labeled 'LJM'. Another arrow points from 'MERRILL LYNCH' to a box labeled 'FA', with '\$7.525M' written next to the arrow. A box labeled 'BARGE DEAL' is at the top right, with an arrow pointing to 'MERRILL LYNCH'. The inset image shows a close-up of a calculator, a pair of glasses, and a pen resting on a document with a grid pattern.

The screenshot shows the LIFE NEWS website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'LIFE', 'NEWS', 'CELEBRITY', 'TRAVEL', 'ANIMALS', and 'SPORTS'. Below the navigation bar is a 'Return to Search Results' link. A grid of four news articles is displayed, each with a thumbnail image and a title: 'Civil Rights: Women in the Struggle', 'Taliban: Oppression and Resistance', 'Disasters at Sea', and 'Troops Honor Fallen Comrades'. To the right of the grid is a vertical sidebar with social media and utility icons: EMAIL, RSS, RATE, PRINT, LINK TO, LICENSE, DIGG IT, TWEET, and SHARE. Below the grid is a large image of a power plant at night with smoke rising from the chimneys. The caption below the image reads: 'California Experiences Second Week of Energy Crisis'. The text below the caption provides details about the Etowanda Generating Plant and the statewide energy crisis.

California Experiences Second Week of Energy Crisis

384758 04: FILE PHOTO: Steam rises from the Etowanda Generating Plant behind power lines near Rancho Cucamonga, CA, January 24, 2001, as the statewide energy crisis continues. The power plant is owned and operated by Edison O&M Service Division. Blackout warnings were issued for the first time by the California Independent System Operator June 17, reporting that blackouts could occur Monday and Tuesday afternoons between noon and eight in the evening.

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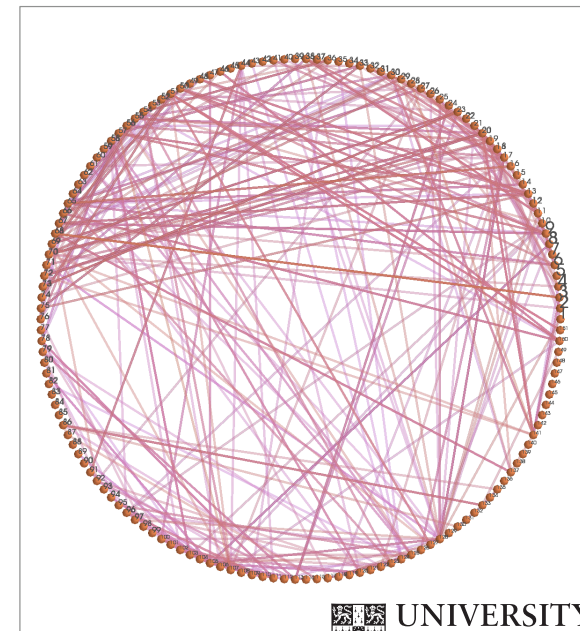
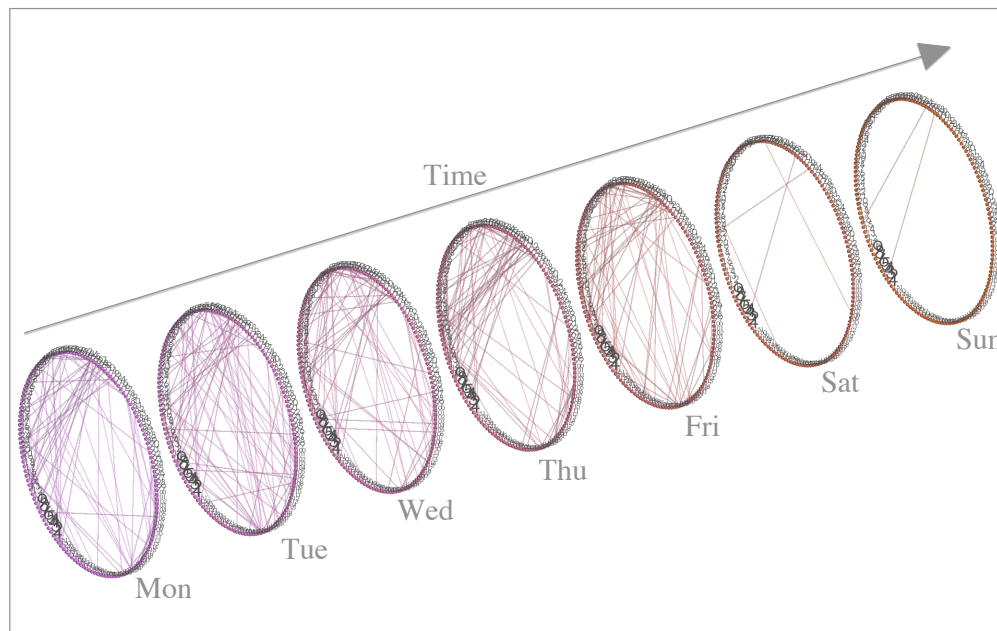
Public Investigation

- Telephone logs
- Documents
- Financials
- Emails
 - 151 user mailboxes
 - May 1999 to Jun 2002
 - 250,000 emails
 - NOT anonymised

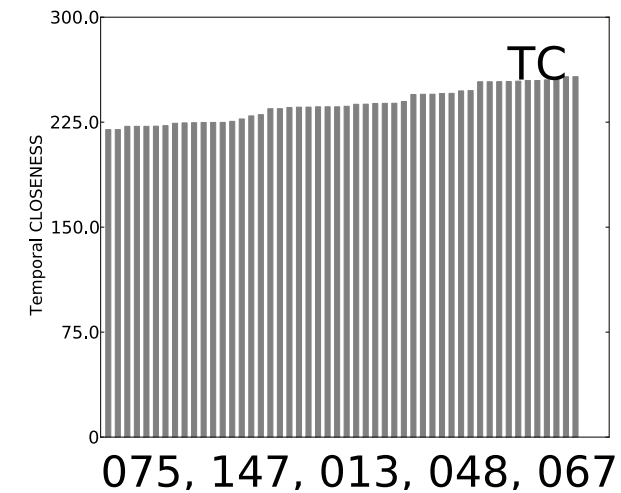
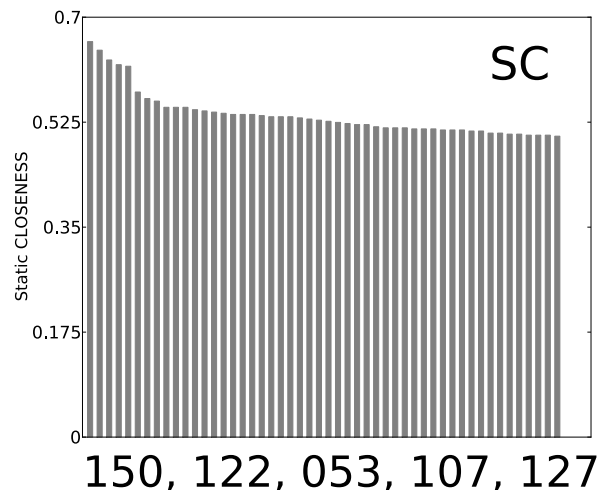
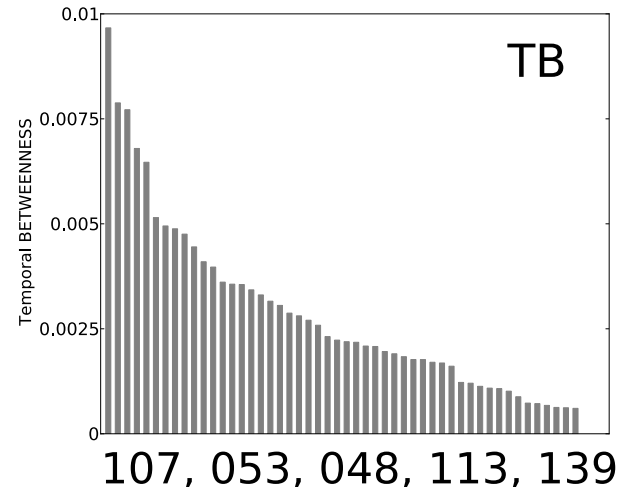
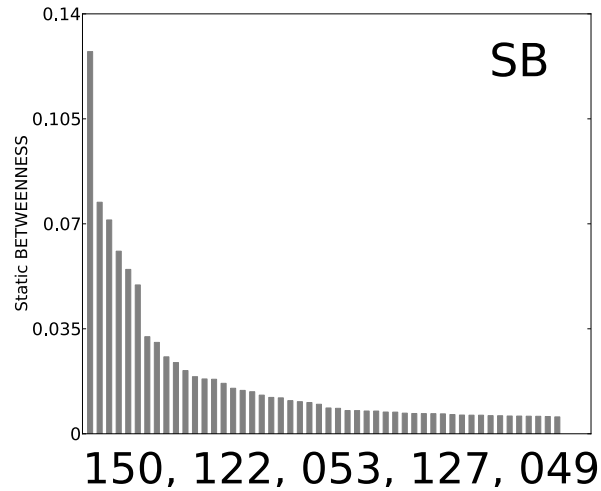


Email exchanges to Temporal Graph

- Core 151 users
- Window size= 1 business day
- 1137 days



Centrality Rankings



Digging deeper

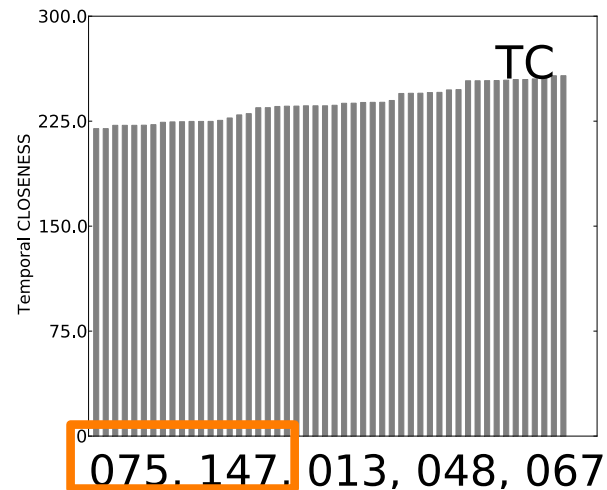
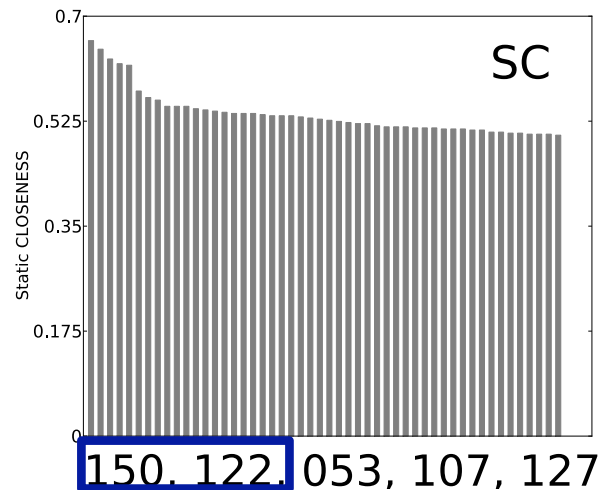
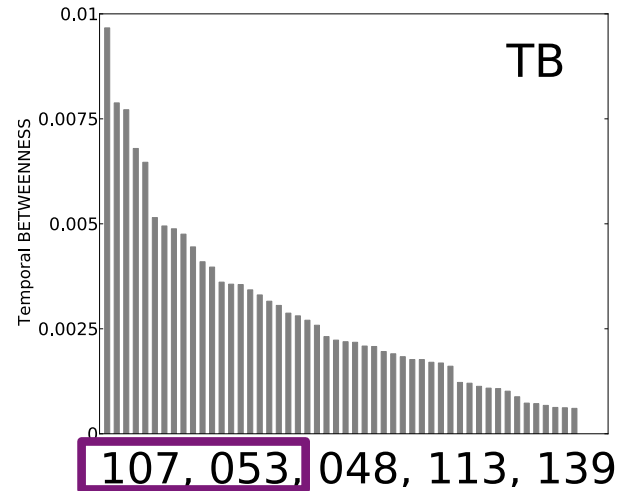
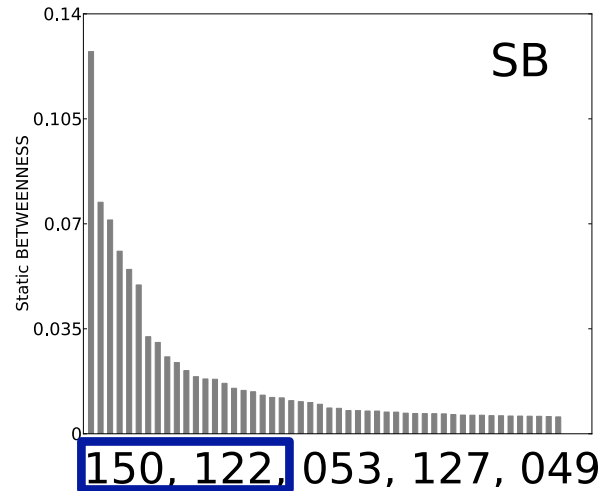
- Static centrality strongly correlated with degree

	SB	SC	SD	TB	TC	TD
SB	1.00	0.57	0.69	0.41	0.24	0.43
SC	-	1.00	0.70	0.36	0.22	0.31
SD	-	-	1.00	0.39	0.28	0.48
TB	-	-	-	1.00	0.43	0.34
TC	-	-	-	-	1.00	0.40
TD	-	-	-	-	-	1.00

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Semantics



ID	Role
009	(Unknown)
013	Legal
017	Manager
048	Executive
053	Trader
054	President
067	Vice President
073	Trader
075	Director of Trading
107	Trader
122	Managing Director
127	Manager
139	Director
147	Trader
150	Secretary

Semantics

ID	Name	Role
9	Stephanie Panus	(Unknown)
13	Marie Heard	Legal
17	Mike Grigsby	Manager
48	Tana Jones	Executive
53	John Lavorato	Trader
54	Greg Whalley	President
67	Sara Shackleton	Vice President
73	Jeff Dasovich	Trader
75	Gerald Nemec	Director of Trading
107	Louise Kitchen	Trader
122	Sally Beck	Managing Director
127	Kenneth Lay	Manager
139	Mary Hain	Director
147	Carol Clair	Trader
150	Liz Taylor	Secretary

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Top bonuses awarded

John Lavorato: \$5 million

Louise Kitchen: \$2 million

Jeffrey McMahon: \$1.5 million

James Fallon: \$1.5 million

Raymond Bowen Jr.: \$750,000

Mark Haedicke: \$750,000

Gary Hickerson: \$700,000

Wesley Colwell: \$600,000

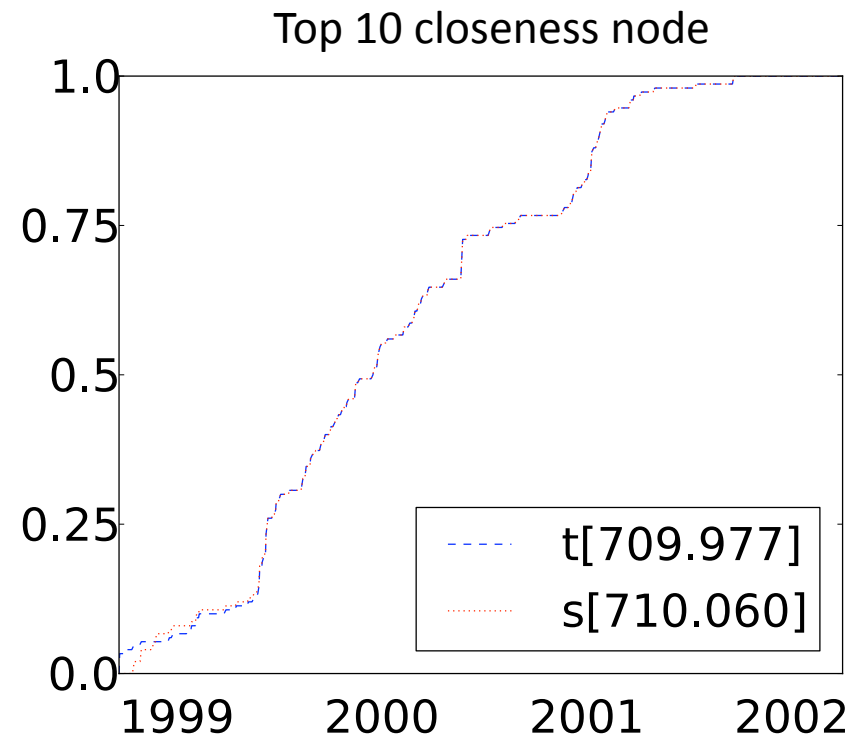
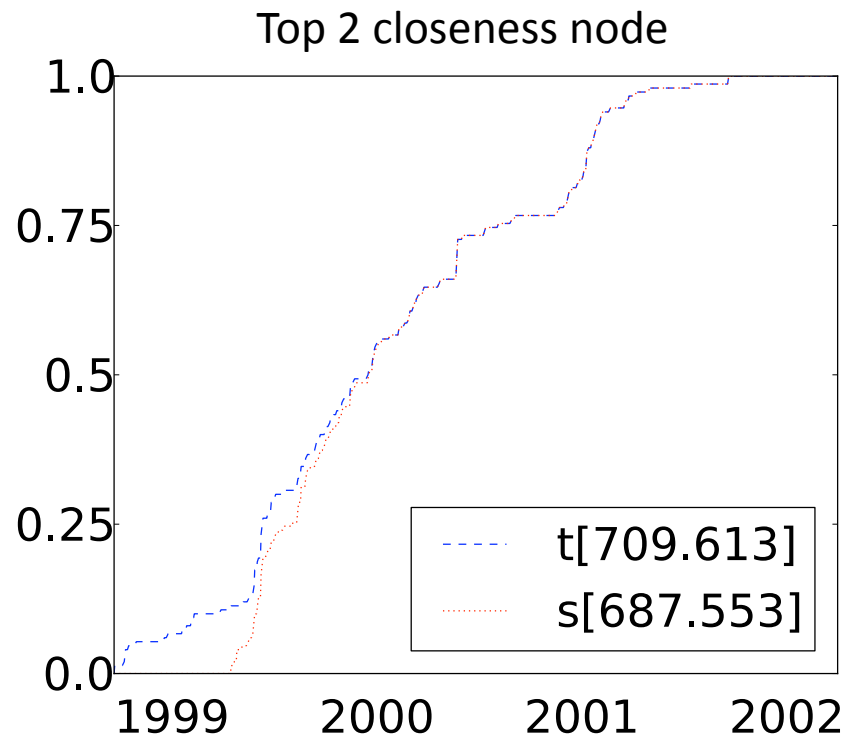
Richard Dimichele: \$600,000

- Big bonuses linked with information mediators

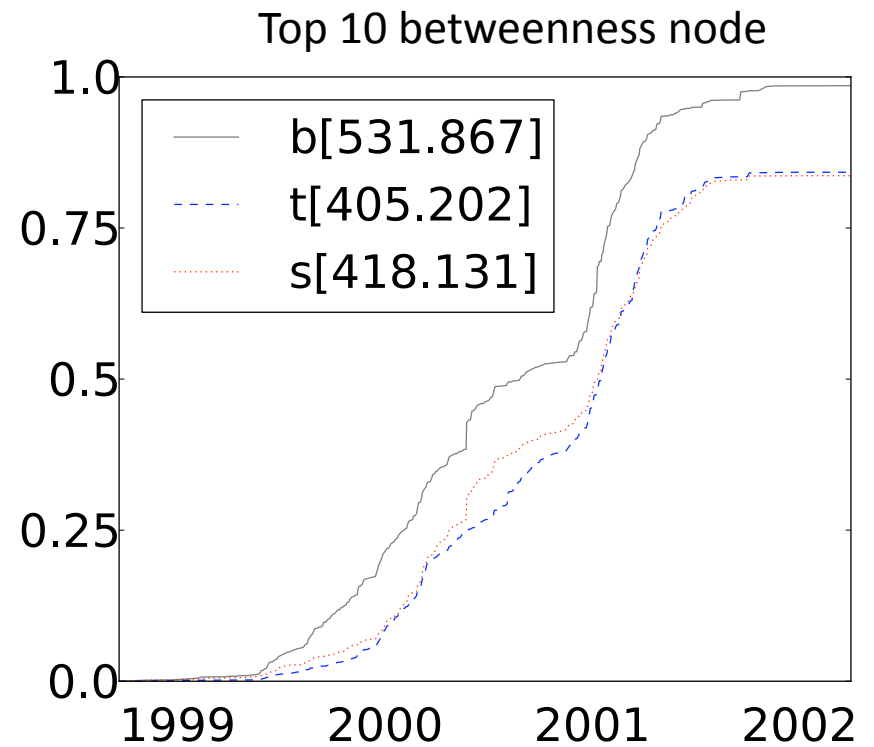
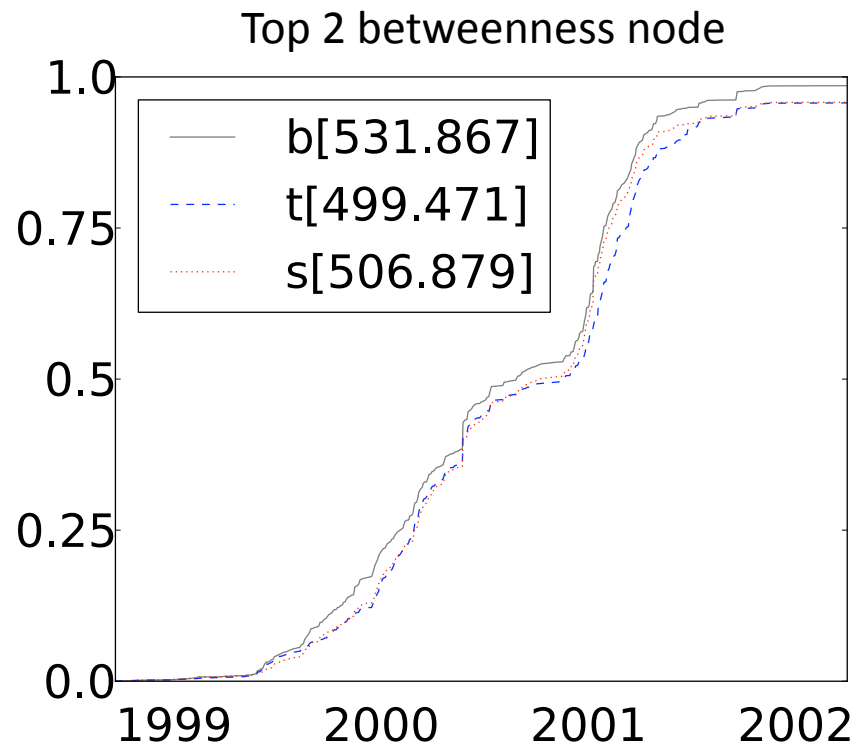
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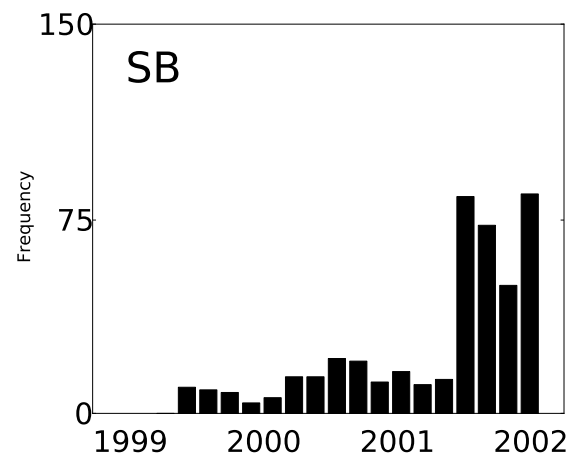
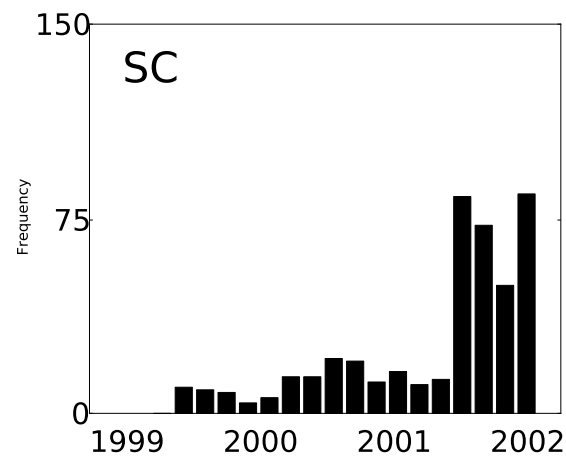
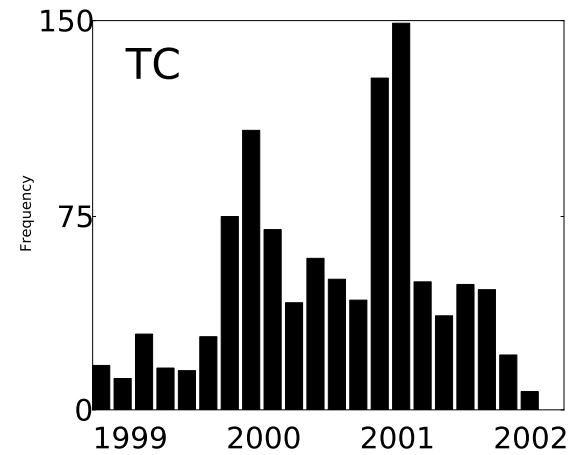
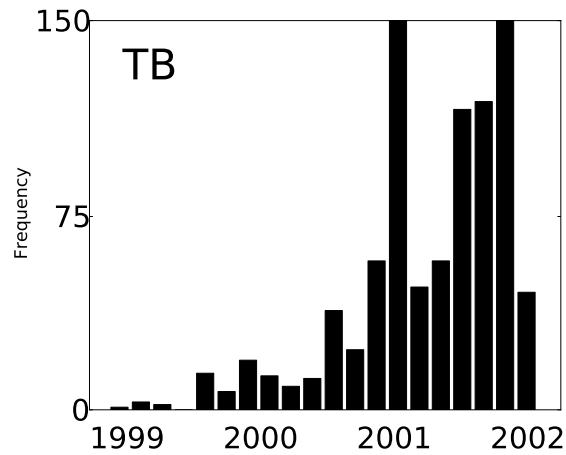
Information Dissemination



Information Mediation



Understanding Temporal Dynamics



Summary of Talk

- Temporal Graphs & Distance Metrics
 - Static shortest paths overestimate available hops and hence underestimate shortest path length
- Temporal Centrality Metrics:
 - More consistent node role
 - Better for dynamic processes
- Future Work
 - Inference using Temporal Model
 - Missing nodes/links, Future nodes/links, De-anonymise people
 - More traces with semantic information
 - Malware propagation
 - Best nodes for patching
 - Spectral Analysis

Questions?

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