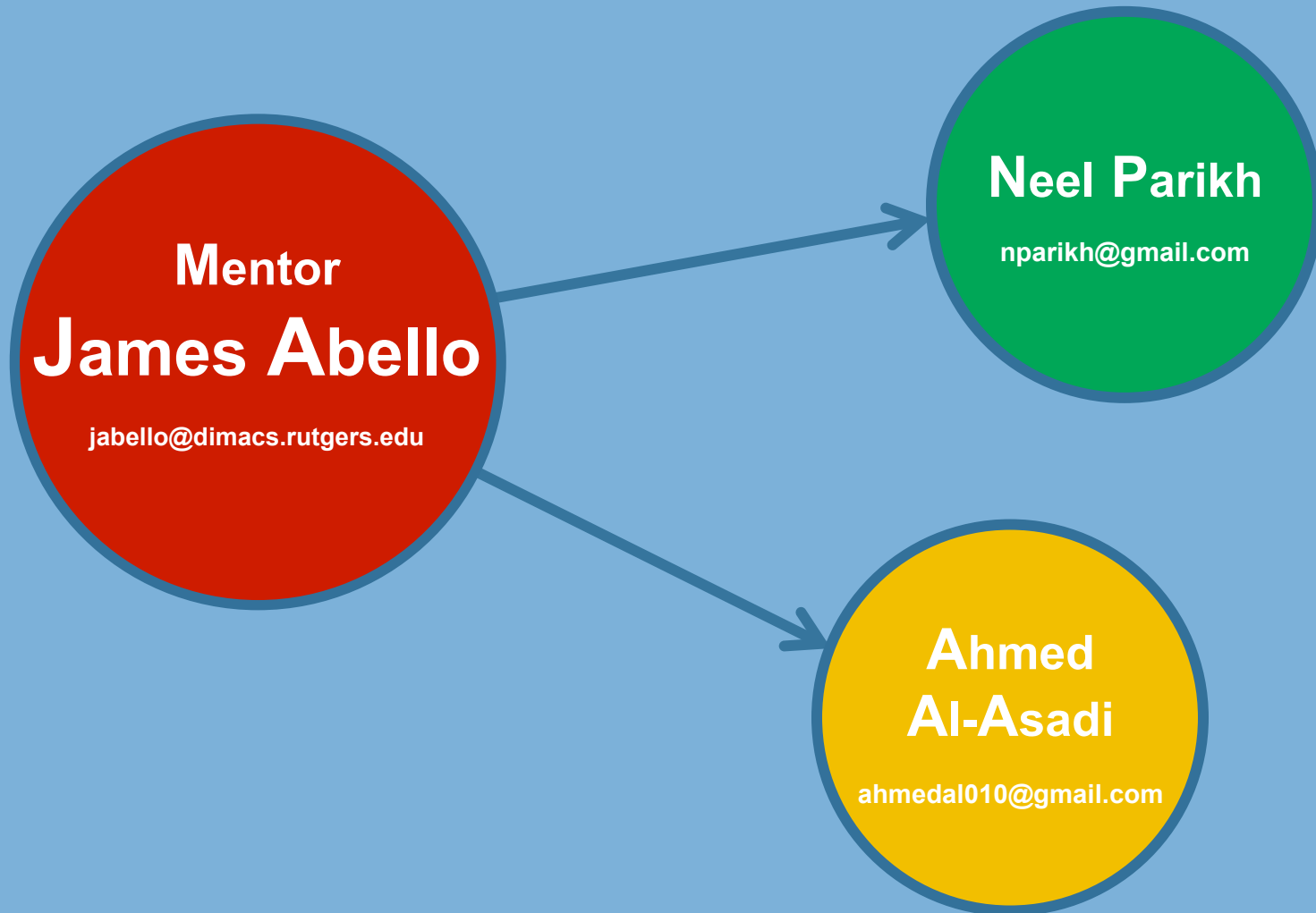


REU 2012

Visualizing Time-Varying Data

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PROJECT TEAM



Identify salient relationships and trends

- Handling massive, streaming data sets
- Making predictions

Graphs provide a logical representation

- Relationships between discrete data entities
- Mechanism for analysis
- How to capture dynamic aspect?

Visualizing the graph

- Laying out vertices to display clearly
- Preserving mental map
- Deciphering semantic interpretation

CHALLENGE: Preserving Mental Map

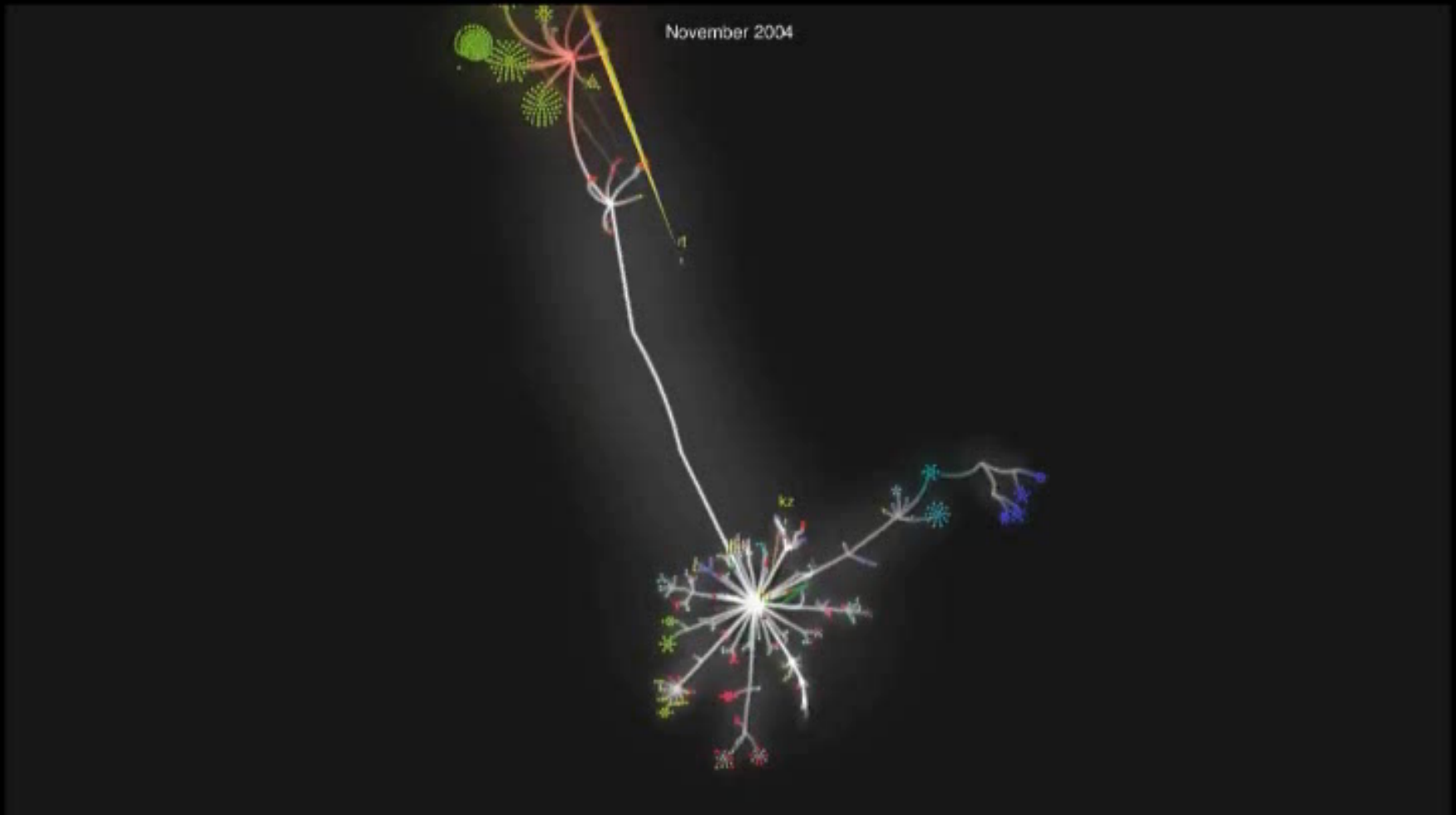
Preserving the User's View

- Vertices and edges are changing
- Maintaining clear layout
- Where to position graph elements?
- Movement must not be too drastic

Example of Problematic Graph

- Open Office software development history
- 3 months of commits to trunk of SVN repository
- Visualization on next slide

CHALLENGE: Preserving Mental Map



Produced with Gource 0.38

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=a-gAoYapM8U>

EXAMPLE: Shipping Manifest Data



Containerized Cargo Shipments



Foreign Ports to U.S Ports

Thirty days of data: Jan 30, 2009 - February 28, 2009

Time-Varying Graph Representation

One bipartite graph for each day of data

- Vertices are port pairs and content categories
- Edges weighted by quantity of a good shipped between port pair

Created 30 new graphs using *discrepancy weight*

- Statistical measure of how “out of the ordinary”
- Cumulative - reflects information from time 1 to t
- Chooses most salient edges up to that time

Computed the maximum spanning forest

- Simplifies and unclutters visualization
- Preserves the most important information
- Edges selected as they are streamed to forest

Encoding Attributes Visually

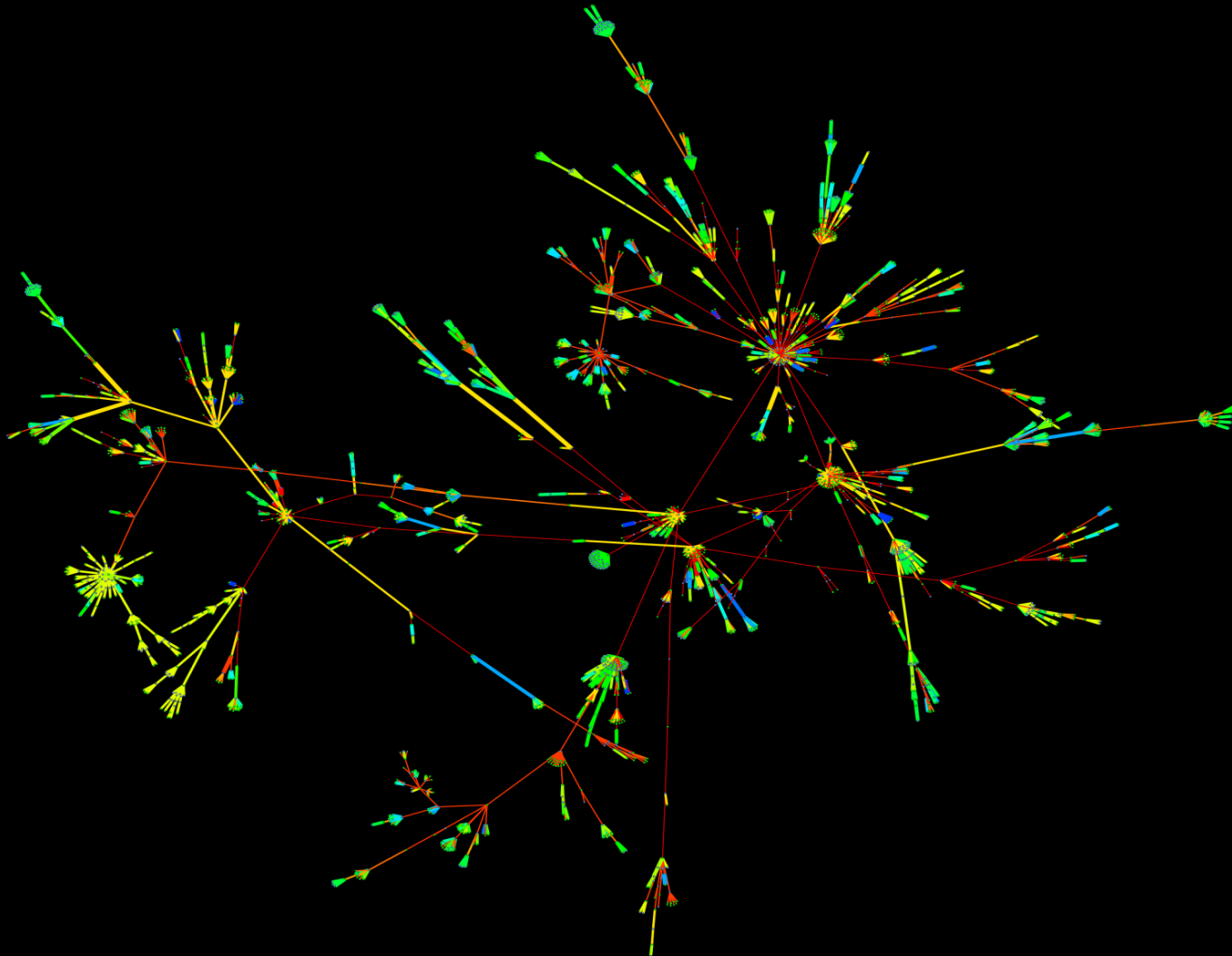
Two types of vertices

- **Green** nodes are port pairs
- **Blue** nodes are specific content categories

Measures used

- Edge Firing Rate (frequency/time) heat map
 - **Low**  **High**
- Edge Discrepancy Weight
 - Edge **Thickness**
- More “Notorious” Vertices
 - Those surrounded by hotter and thicker edges

Manifest Visualization: DAY 18



Created with Gephi 0.8-beta

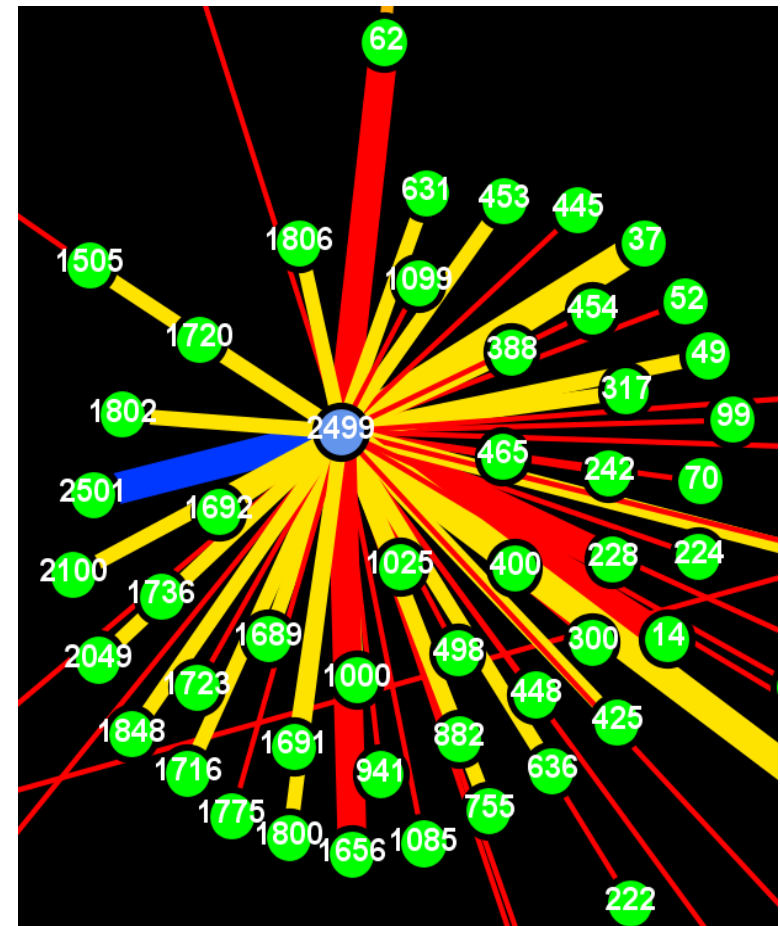
Detail of Vertex 2499

Contents Vertex

- Hardware-Plumbing-TrapStrainers

Port Pair Vertices

- 62: YantianChina -> NEWYORK-NY
- 37: ShanghaiChina -> PORTSMOUTH-VA
- 14: PusanKorRep -> NEWYORK-NY
- 228: LudaChina -> SANPEDRO-CA
- 1656: TientsinChina -> SANPEDRO-CA
- 1000: YingkouChina -> TACOMA-WA
- 1723: YingkouChina -> NEWARK-NJ
- 2501: XiamenChina -> CHARLESTON-SC



Visualizing Social Networks

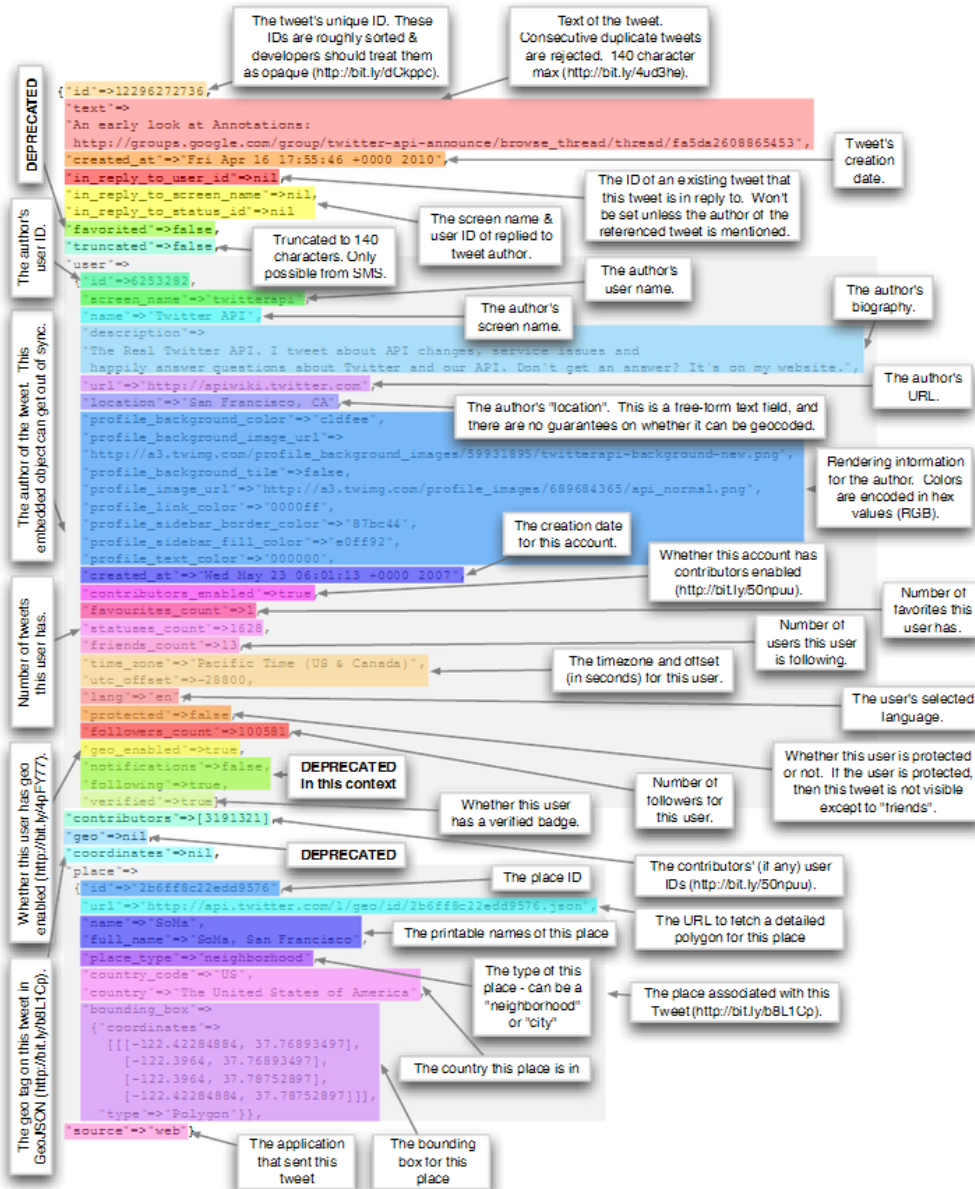
- Goal is general purpose visualization technique
- Use social network data to extend existing analysis method
- Twitter is a rich source of streaming data



Tweet Meta-Data

Not Just 140 Characters!

- Creation Date
- User Name
- Geo-Tag
- Location Type
- Number of Followers
- Language Preference
- App. That Sent Tweet



Natural Disasters

- Test effectiveness of discrepancy detection
- Hurricane Irene data set
- Over 3,000,000 Tweets

Example: 2011 Japan Earthquake

- 500% increase in Tweets from Japan
- @replies hour before and after earthquake
- Replies into Japan are **pink**, out of Japan are **yellow**

Tweeting During Japan Earthquake



Written in Processing.js

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=716mJnFnY7s>

Epidemiology

- Predict an outbreak of disease
- Determine “hot zones”
- Prevent spread

Example: Global Movements Trends

- Tweets with phrases like “just landed in” and “arrived”
- Destination compared with user’s home location
- System plots voyages over time
- Could be used to track spread of flu virus
- Shows what is possible for graph visualization

Global Movement Tweeting



Written in Processing (prog. language)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUuPBfEkiJs>

Questions and Comments



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