Envisioning Communication and Collaboration

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Language Communities of Twitter - Eric Fischer - 2012

Humanexus

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HUMANEXUS
Knowledge and Communication through the Ages

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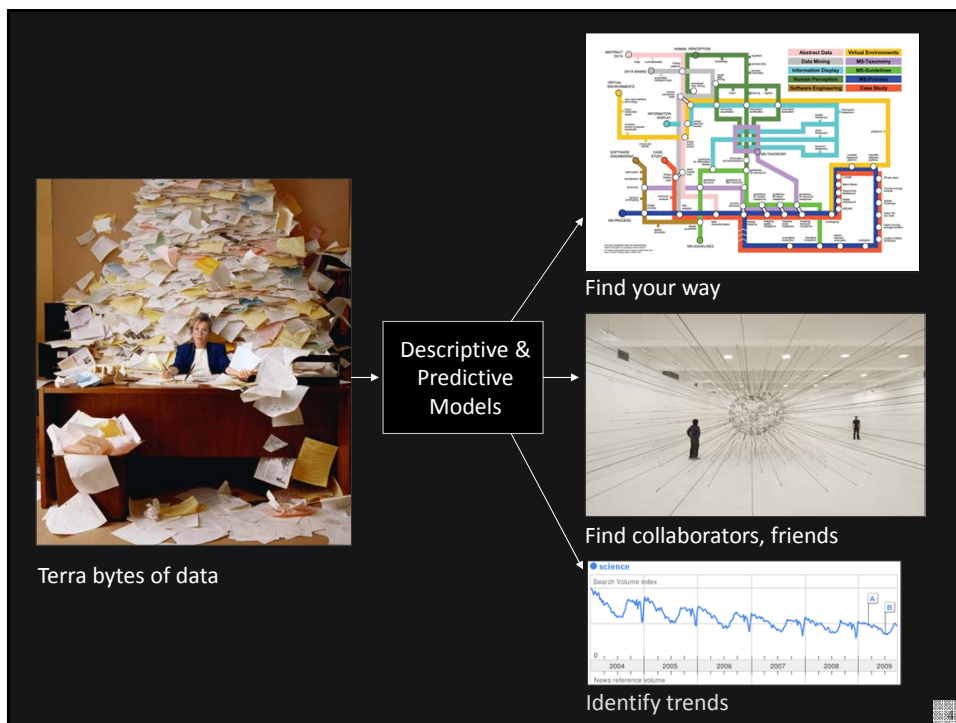http://cns.iu.edu/humanexus

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Terra bytes of data

Descriptive & Predictive Models

Find your way

Find collaborators, friends

Identify trends

Descriptive Models

Multiple levels: Micro … Macro

Answering: When? Where? What? With Whom?

Different Levels of Abstraction/Analysis

Macro/Global
Population Level
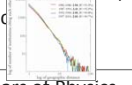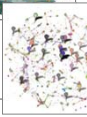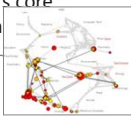
Meso/Local
Group Level

Micro
Individual Level

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Geospatial Analysis (Where?)	Career trajectory of one individual	Mapping a states intellectual landscape	PNAS publications
Topical Analysis (What?)	Base knowledge from which one grant draws.	Knowledge flows in Chemistry research	VxOrd/Topic maps of NIH funding
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Slide 1

Mapping Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Centers Publications

Compare R01 investigator based funding with TTURC Center awards in terms of number of publications and evolving co-author networks.
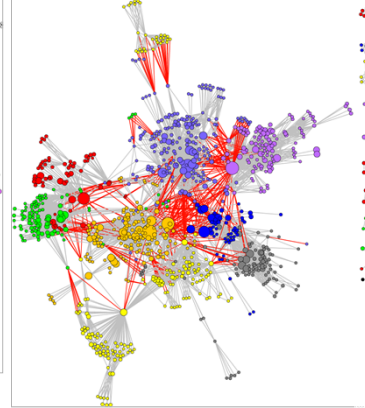
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R01 & TTURC Project Information
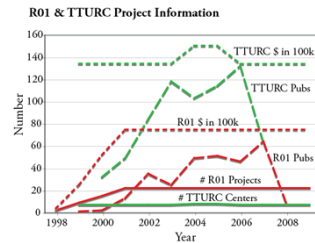
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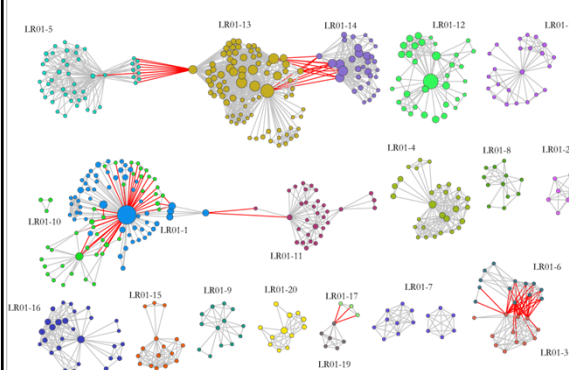
TTURC Co-Authorship Network

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Slide 2

Spatio-Temporal Information Production and Consumption of Major U.S. Research Institutions

Börner, Penumarthy, Meiss & Ke (2006) Mapping the Diffusion of Scholarly Knowledge Among Major U.S. Research Institutions. Scientometrics. 68(3), pp. 415-426.

Research questions:

1. Does space still matter in the Internet age?
2. Does one still have to study and work at major research institutions in order to have access to high quality data and expertise and to produce high quality research?
3. Does the Internet lead to more global citation patterns, i.e., more citation links between papers produced at geographically distant research instructions?

Contributions:

➢ Answer to Qs 1 + 2 is YES.
➢ Answer to Qs 3 is NO.
➢ Novel approach to analyzing the dual role of institutions as information producers and consumers and to study and visualize the diffusion of information among them.
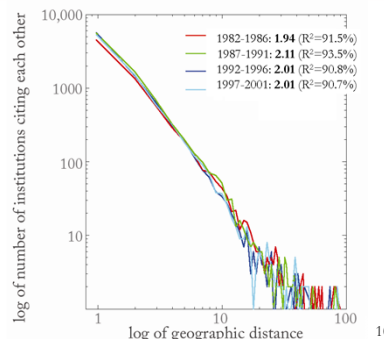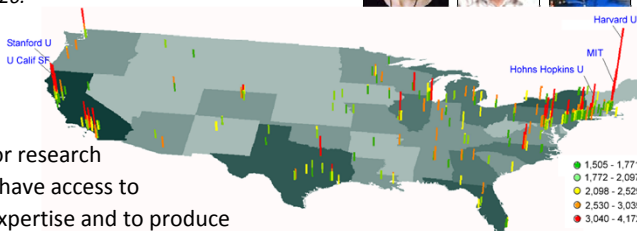
The Global 'Scientific Food Web'

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*http://cns.iu.edu/docs/publications/2013-mazloumian-food-web.pdf*

Contributions:

Comprehensive global analysis of scholarly knowledge production and diffusion on the level of continents, countries, and cities.

Quantifying knowledge flows between 2000 and 2009, we identify global sources and sinks of knowledge production. Our knowledge flow index reveals, where ideas are born and consumed, thereby defining a global 'scientific food web'.

While Asia is quickly catching up in terms of publications and citation rates, we find that its dependence on knowledge consumption has further increased.
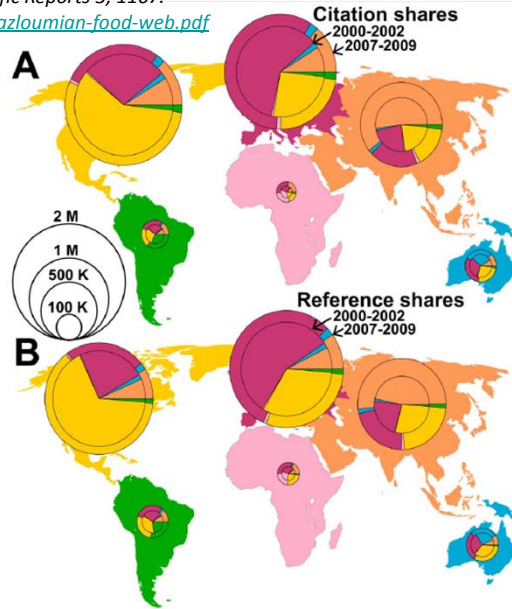
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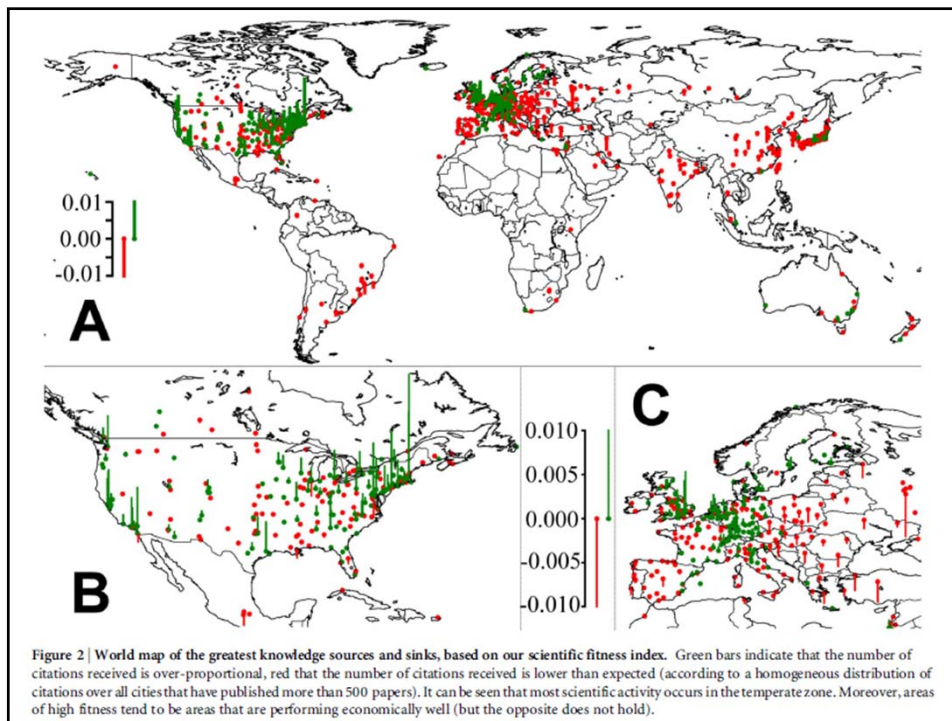
Figure 2 | World map of the greatest knowledge sources and sinks, based on our scientific fitness index. Green bars indicate that the number of citations received is over-proportional, red that the number of citations received is lower than expected (according to a homogeneous distribution of citations over all cities that have published more than 500 papers). It can be seen that most scientific activity occurs in the temperate zone. Moreover, areas of high fitness tend to be areas that are performing economically well (but the opposite does not hold).

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Predictive Models (Why?)

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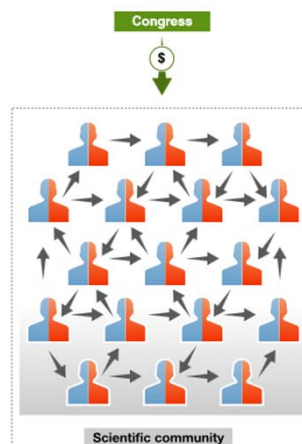*Bollen, Crandall, Junk, Ding & Börner. 2014. EMBO Reports 15 (1): 1-121.*
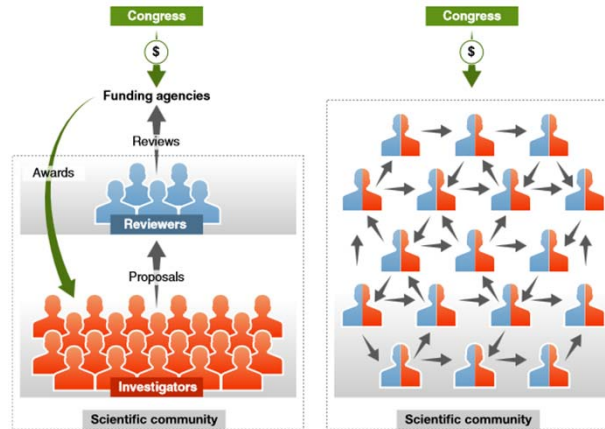
Existing (left) and proposed (right) funding systems. Reviewers in blue; investigators in red.

In the proposed system, all scientists are both investigators and reviewers: every scientist receives a fixed amount of funding from the government and discretionary distributions from other scientists, but each is required in turn to redistribute some fraction of the total they received to other investigators.

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Current Model is Expensive:

If four professors work four weeks full-time on a proposal submission, labor costs are about $30k [1]. With typical funding rates below 20%, about five submission-review cycles might be needed resulting in a total expected labor cost of **$150k**. The average NSF grant is **$128k** per year.

U.S. universities charge about 50% overhead (ca. $42k), leaving about **$86k**.

In other words, the four professors lose **$150k-$86k= - $64k** of paid research time by **obtaining** a grant to perform the proposed research.

To add: Time spent by researchers to review proposals. In 2012 alone, NSF convened more than 17,000 scientists to review 53,556 proposals.
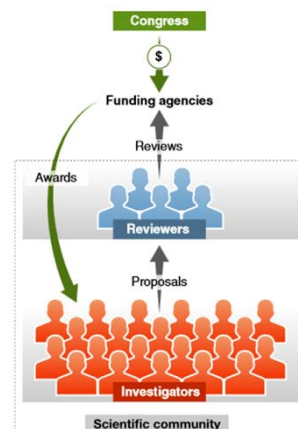
[1] Taulbee Survey of Salaries Computer Science ,
   http://cra.org/resources/taulbee

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Assume

Total funding budget in year y is t_y

Number of qualified scientists is n

Each year,

the funding agency deposits a fixed amount into each account, equal to the total funding budget divided by the total number of scientists: $t_y/n.$

Each scientist must distribute a fixed fraction, e.g., 50%, of received funding to other scientists (no self-funding, COIs respected).

Result

Scientists collectively assess each others' merit based on different criteria; they "fund-rank" scientists; highly ranked scientists have to distribute more money.
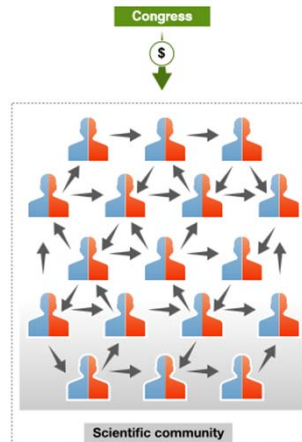
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Example:

Total funding budget per year is 2012 NSF budget

Given the number of NSF funded scientists, each receives a $100,000 basic grant.

Fraction is set to 50%

In 2013, scientist *S* receives a basic grant of $100,000 plus $200,000 from her peers, i.e., a total of $300,000.

In 2013, *S* can spend 50% of that total sum, $150,000, on her own research program, but must donate 50% to other scientists for their 2014 budget.

Rather than submitting and reviewing project proposals, *S* donates directly to other scientists by logging into a centralized website and entering the names of the scientists to donate to and how much each should receive.

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Model Run and Validation:

Model is presented in http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.1067

It uses **citations as a proxy** for how each scientist might distribute funds in the proposed system.

Dataset: 37M articles from TR 1992 to 2010 Web of Science (WoS) database with **770M citations** and 4,195,734 unique author names. The **867,872 names** who had authored at least one paper per year in any five years of the period 2000–2010 were used in validation.

For each pair of authors we determined the number of times one had cited the other in each year of our citation data (1992–2010).

NIH and NSF funding records from IU's Scholarly Database provided 347,364 grant amounts for 109,919 unique scientists for that time period.

Simulation run begins in year 2000, in which every scientist was given a fixed budget of B = $100k. In subsequent years, scientists distribute their funding in proportion to their citations over the prior 5 years.

The model yields funding patterns similar to existing NIH and NSF distributions.

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Making Every Scientist a Research Funder

When it comes to using peer review to distribute research dollars, Johan Bollen favors radical simplicity.

Over the years, many scientists have suggested that the current system could be improved by changing the composition of the review panels, tweaking the interactions among reviewers, or revising how the proposals are scored. But Bollen, a computer scientist at Indiana University, Bloomington, would simply award all eligible researchers a block grant—and then require them to give some of it away to colleagues they judge most deserving.

That radical step, described in a paper Bollen and four Indiana colleagues recently posted on *EMBO Reports*, retains peer review's core concept of tapping into the views of the most knowledgeable researchers. But it would eliminate the huge investment in time and money required to submit proposals and assemble panels to judge them.

Bollen's process would be almost instantaneous: In a version of expert-directed crowdsourcing, scientists would fill out a form once a year listing their favored researchers, and a predetermined portion of their annual grant money—a total of, say, 50%—would then be transferred to their choices.

"So many scientists spend so much time on peer review, and there's a high level of frustration," Bollen explains. "We already know who the best people are. And if you're doing good work, then you deserve to receive support."

Others are skeptical. "I've known Johan for a long time and have the highest regard for his ability as an out-of-the-box thinker," says Stephen Griffin, a retired National Science Foundation (NSF) program manager who's now a visiting professor of information sciences at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. "But there are a number of issues he doesn't address."

Those sticking points include the likely mismatch between what researchers need and what their colleagues give them; the absence of any replacement for the overhead payments in today's grants, which support infrastructure at host institutions; and the dearth of public accountability for the billions of dollars that would flow from public coffers to individuals. "Scientists aren't really equipped to be a funding agency," Griffin notes.

Bollen acknowledges that the process would need safeguards to ensure that scientists don't reward their friends or punish their enemies. But his analysis suggests that the U.S. research landscape would not look all that different if his radical proposal were adopted.

Drawing upon citation data in 37 million papers over 20 years, the Indiana researchers conducted a simulation premised on the idea that scientists would reallocate their federal dollars according to how often they cited their peers. The simulation, he says, yielded a funding pattern "similar in shape to the actual distribution" at NSF and the National Institutes of Health for the past decade—at a fraction of the overhead required by the current system.

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Visualizing STI Model Results

Example: Places & Spaces: Mapping Science Exhibit
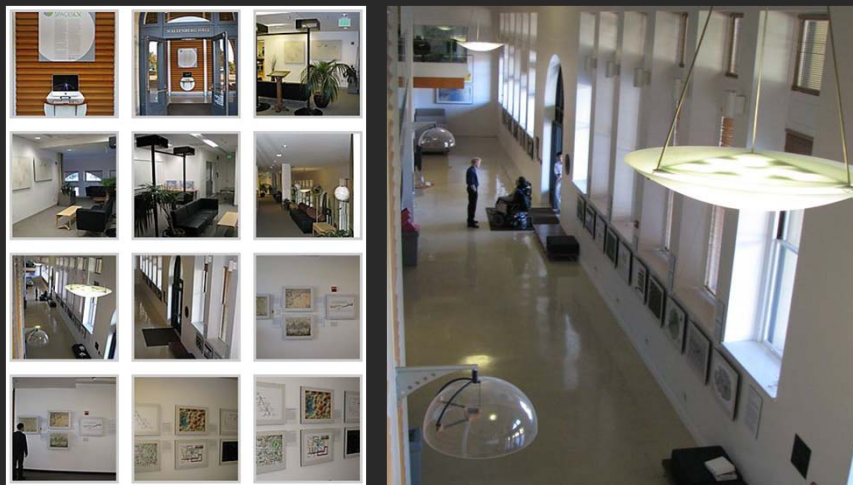
Mapping Science Exhibit on display at MEDIA X, Stanford University
http://mediax.stanford.edu, *http://scaleindependentthought.typepad.com/photos/scimaps*

Map of Scientific Collaborations from 2005-2009
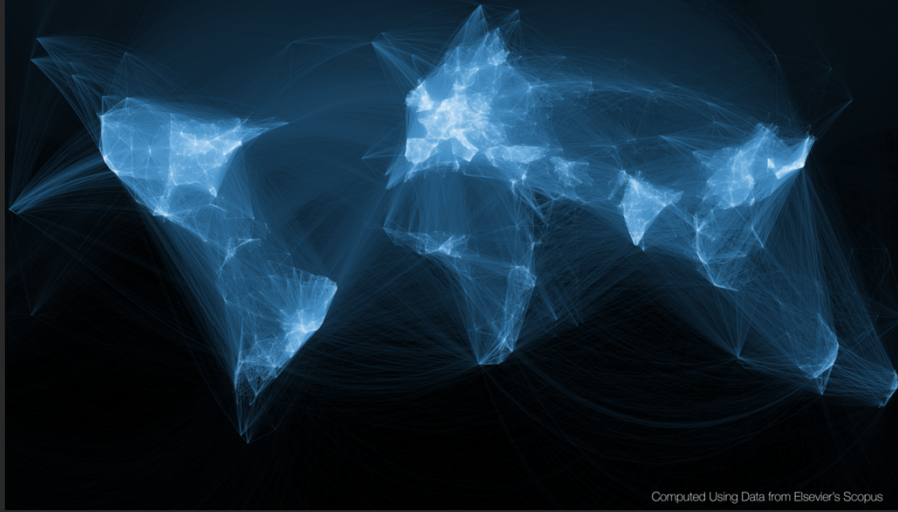
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Language Communities of Twitter

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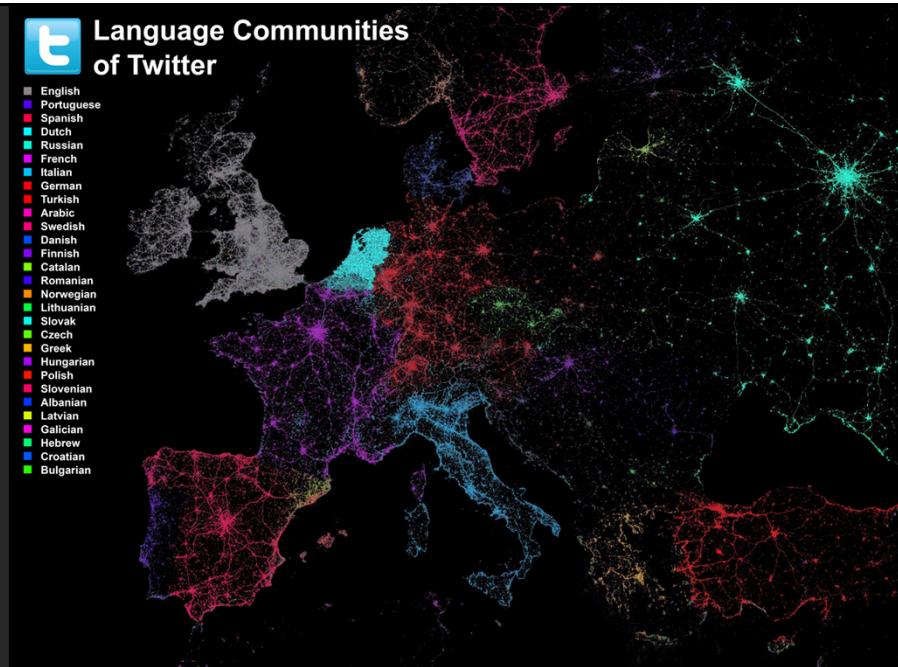
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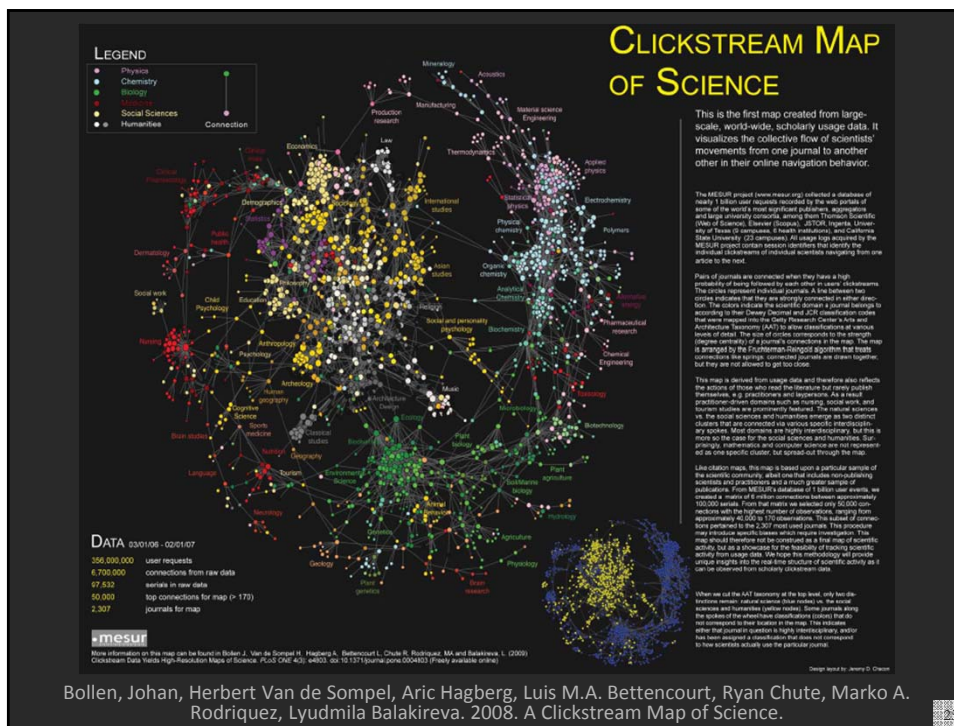
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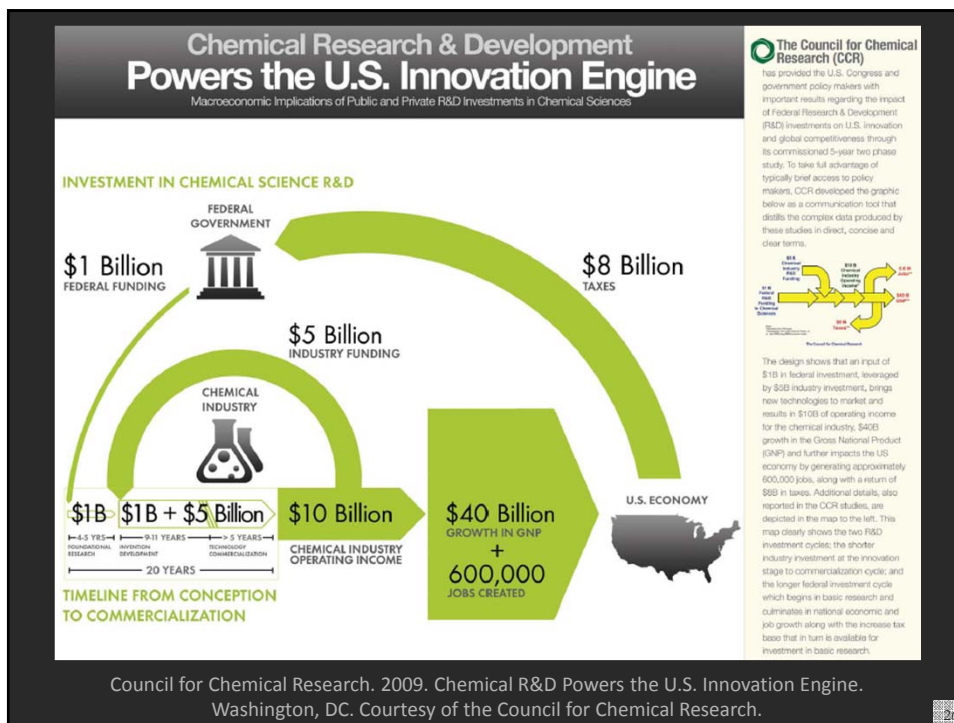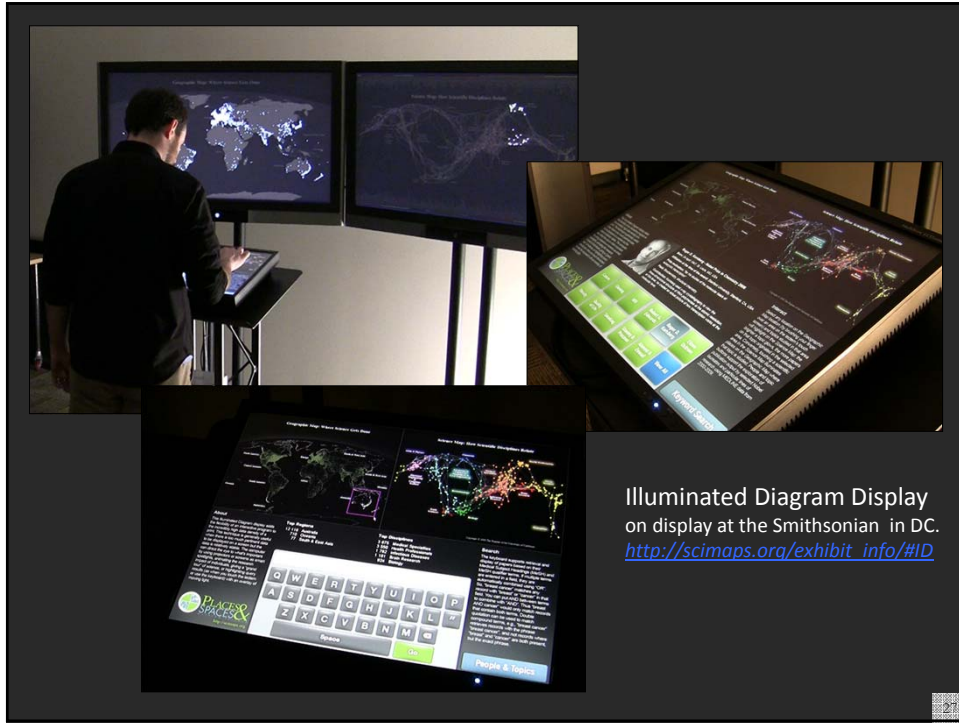
Council for Chemical Research. 2009. Chemical R&D Powers the U.S. Innovation Engine. Washington, DC. Courtesy of the Council for Chemical Research.

Illuminated Diagram Display
on display at the Smithsonian in DC.
http://scimaps.org/exhibit_info/#ID

Science Maps in "Expedition Zukunft" science train visiting 62 cities in 7 months 12 coaches, 300 m long Opening was on April 23rd, 2009 by German Chancellor Merkel
http://www.expedition-zukunft.de

Places & Spaces *Digital Display in North Carolina State's brand new Immersion Theater*

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Places & Spaces: Mapping Science Exhibit
http://scimaps.org

Maps are available for sale and the exhibit can be hosted by anyone.

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Visualizing STI Model Results

Example: The Information Visualization MOOC

Register for free at http://ivmooc.cns.iu.edu. Class will restart in January 2015.

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The Information Visualization MOOC
ivmooc.cns.iu.edu

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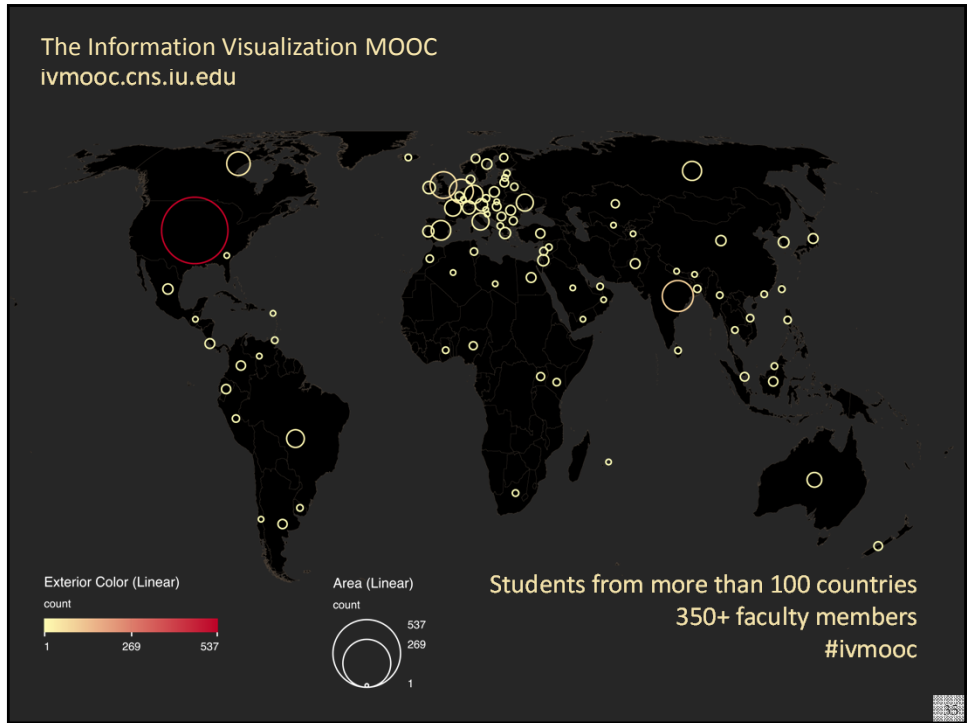
Course Schedule

- **Session 1** – Workflow design and visualization framework
- **Session 2** – "When:" Temporal Data
- **Session 3** – "Where:" Geospatial Data
- **Session 4** – "What:" Topical Data

Mid-Term

Students work in teams with clients.
- **Session 5** – "With Whom:" Trees
- **Session 6** – "With Whom:" Networks
- **Session 7** – Dynamic Visualizations and Deployment

Final Exam

Final grade is based on Midterm (**30%**), Final (**40%**), Client Project (**30%**).

Clients

National Science Foundation Awards to Institutions Conducting "Global Warming" Research from 1979-2009

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