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1. Motivation

Facing the Information Flood:

- > Information available in electronic form doubles every 18 months.
- Human perception stays constant.
- Major means of accessing humanity's knowledge and expertise are search interfaces.

Opportunities & Challenges:

Apply advanced data mining and visualization techniques to study the structure and evolution of S&E development. Present results as visual maps to shift user's mental load from slow reading to faster perceptual processes such as visual pattern recognition.

Facilitated by:

- > CPU speed & hard disk sizes have increased by two orders of magnitude.
- Bandwidth: Since the invention of the web browser, international IP bandwidth deployments have more than doubled each year.
- ➤ Monitor resolution has increased by a factor of 4 (800x600 -> 1600x1200).



2. Analysis and Visualization of Knowledge Domains

Based on publication, patent, grant, etc. data to help answer questions such as:

- What are the major research areas, experts, institutions, regions, nations, grants, publications, journals in xx research?
- ➤ Which areas are most insular?
- What are the main connections for each area?
- What is the relative speed of areas?
- Which areas are the most dynamic/static?
- What new research areas are evolving?
- Impact of xx research on other fields?
- How does funding influence the number and quality of publications?

Answers are needed by funding agencies, companies, and researchers.

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User Groups

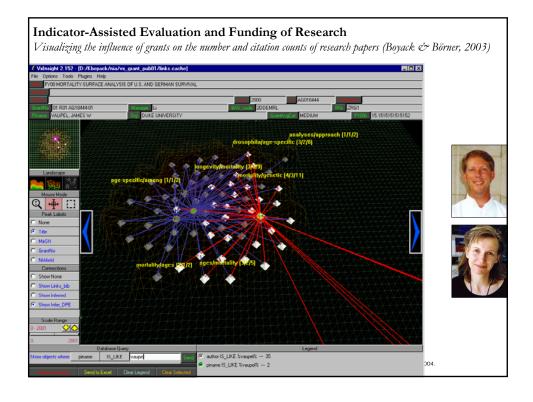
- > Students can gain an overview of a particular knowledge domain, identify major research areas, experts, institutions, grants, publications, patents, citations, and journals as well as their interconnections, or see the influence of certain theories.
- Researchers can monitor and access research results, relevant funding opportunities, potential collaborators inside and outside the fields of inquiry, the dynamics (speed of growth, diversification) of scientific fields, and complementary capabilities.
- Grant agencies/R&D managers could use the maps to select reviewers or expert panels, to augment peer-review, to monitor (long-term) money flow and research developments, evaluate funding strategies for different programs, decisions on project durations, and funding patterns, but also to identify the impact of strategic and applied research funding programs.
- Industry can use the maps to access scientific results and knowledge carriers, to detect research frontiers, etc. Information on needed technologies could be incorporated into the maps, facilitating industry pulls for specific directions of research.
- **Data providers** benefit as the maps provide unique visual interfaces to digital libraries.
- Last but not least, the availability of dynamically evolving maps of science (as ubiquitous as daily weather forecast maps) would dramatically improve the communication of scientific results to the general public.

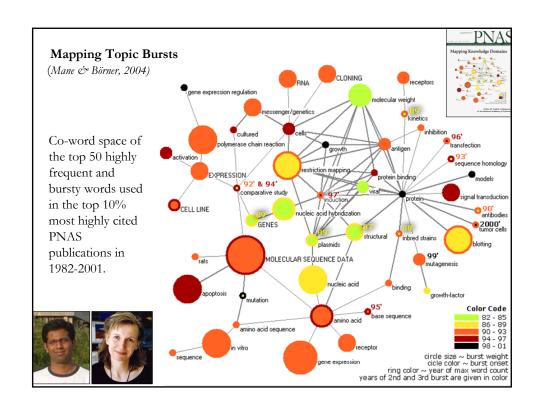


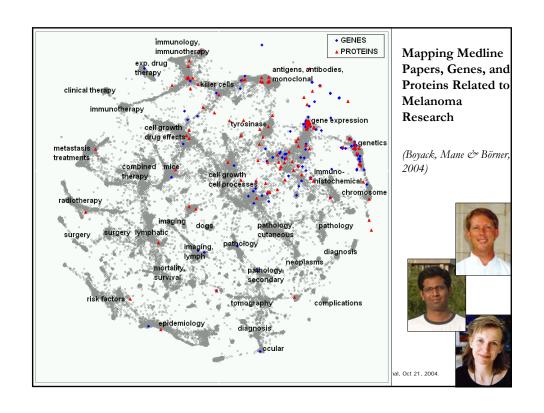
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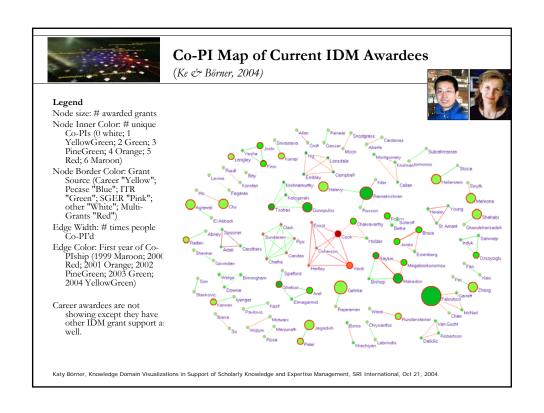
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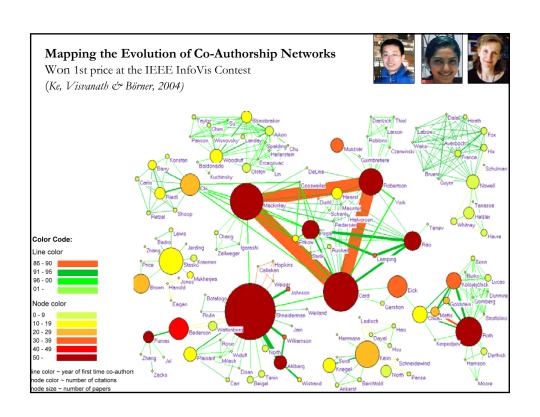
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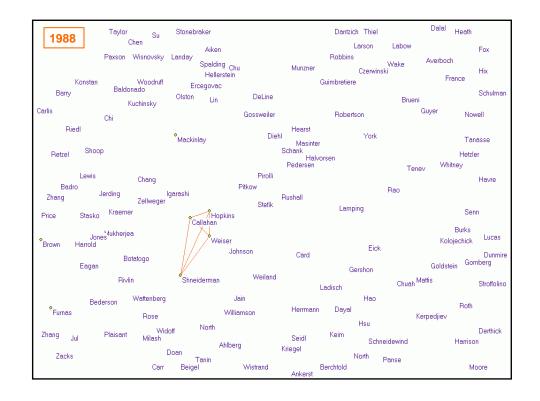


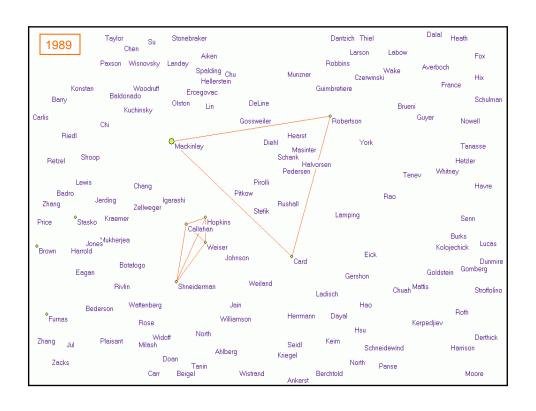


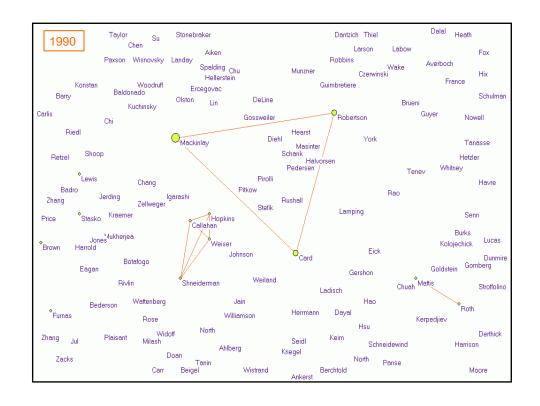


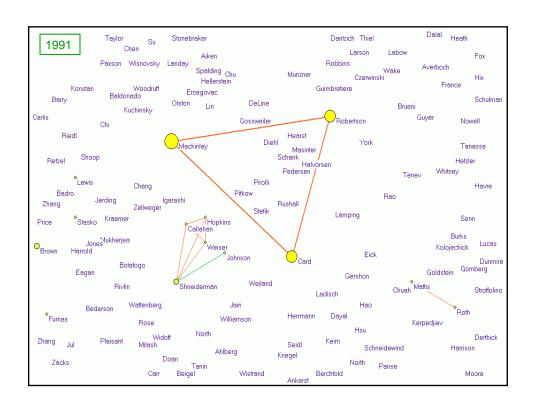


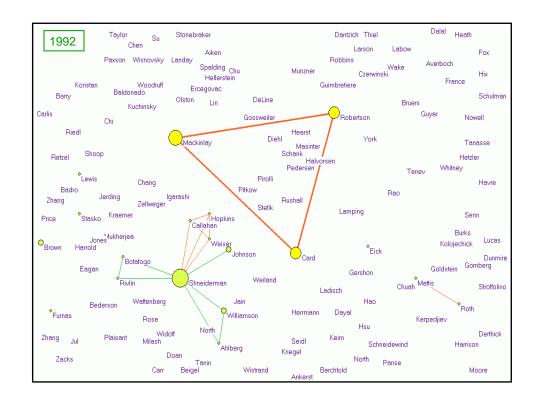


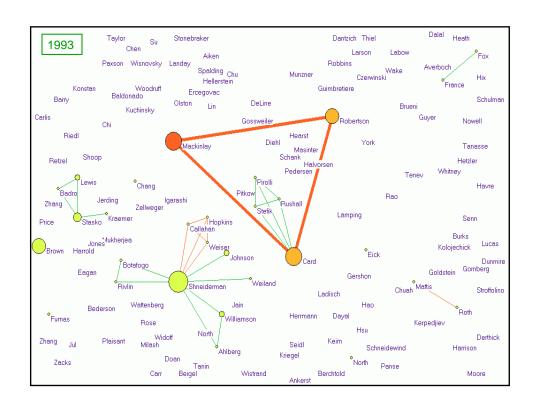


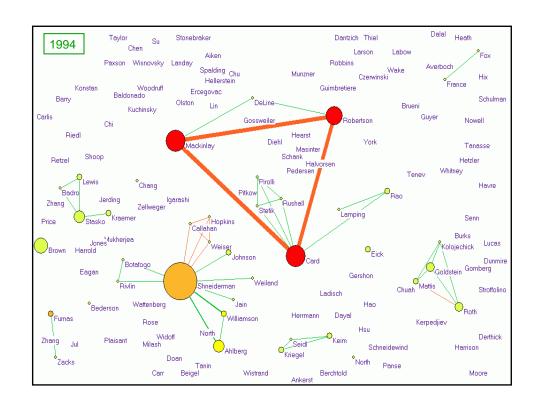


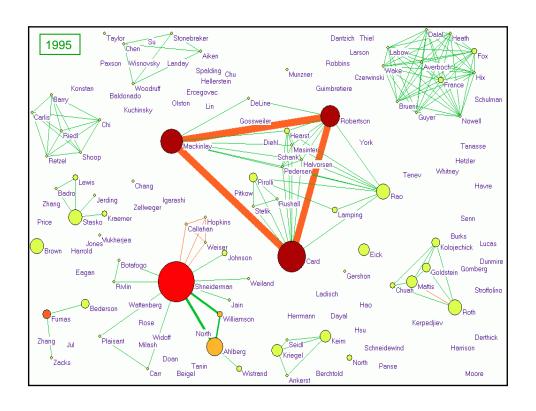


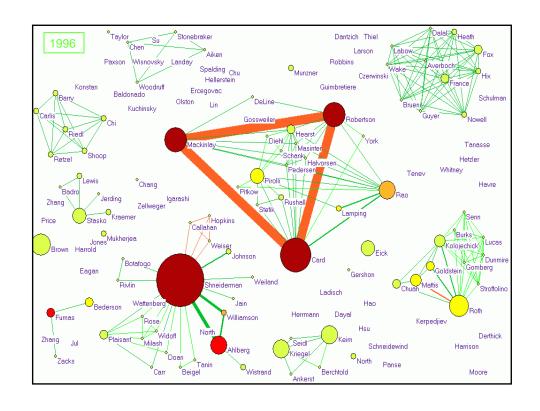


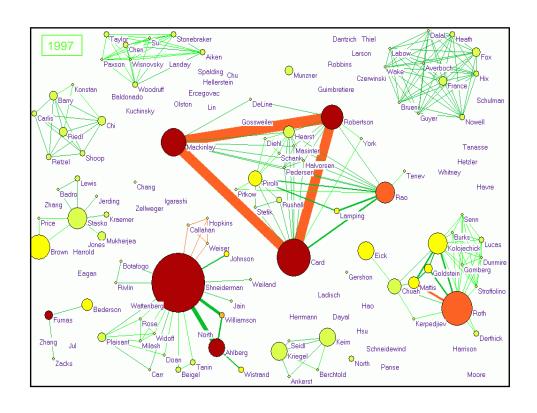


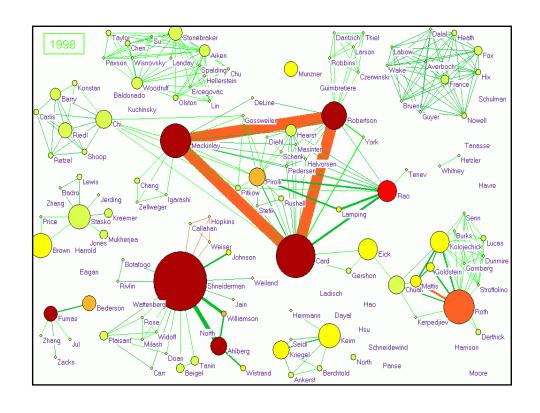


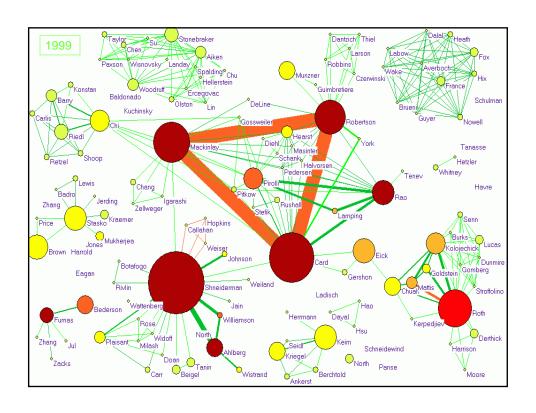


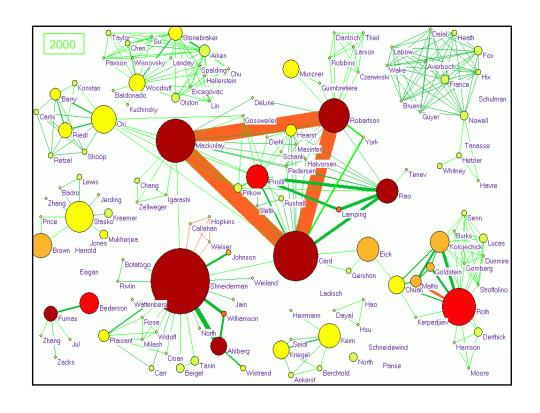


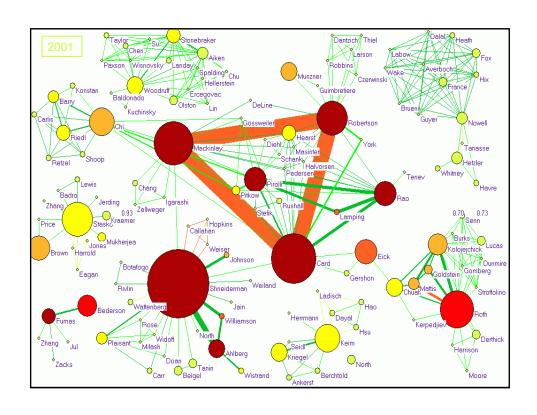


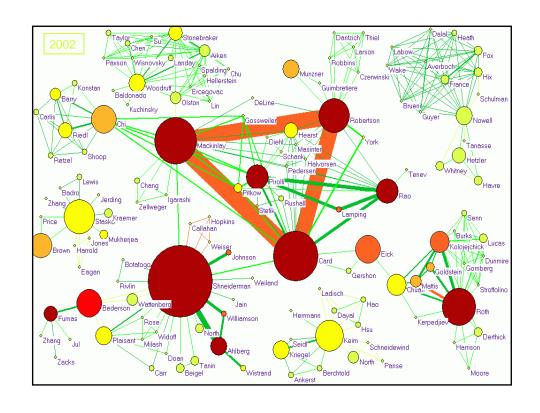


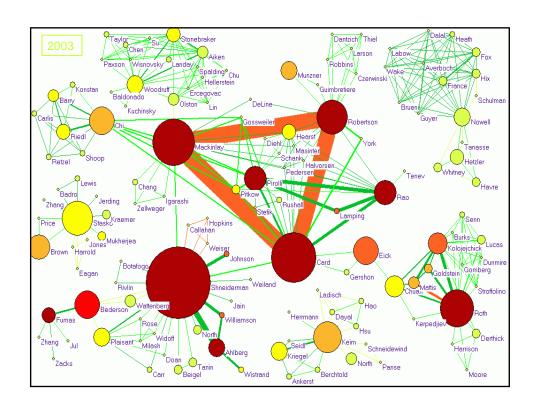


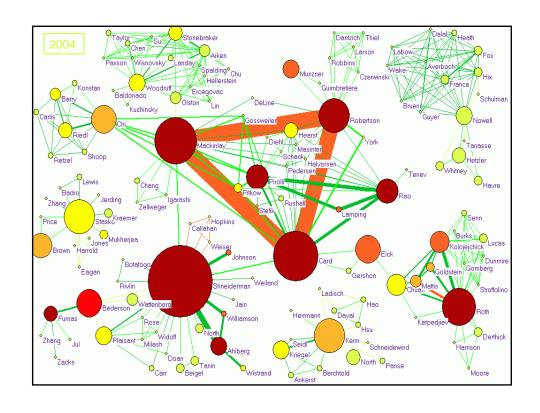


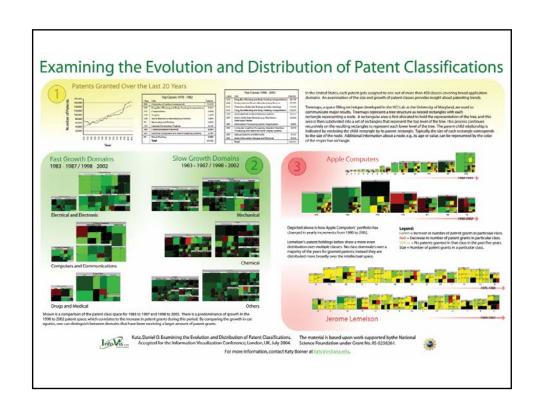














- Diverse attempts have been made to generate maps of science.
- Most have concentrated on specific knowledge domains due to data availability and scalability of algorithms.
- Cartographic metaphors seem to work well as they exploit the map reading skills people acquire in their education.
- Ideally, maps of science would resemble weather forecast maps in that they not only show the structure but also the dynamics of scientific evolution and progress.

It is just today, that we have the data, code and compute power to study science using the scientific methods of science as suggested by Derek J. deSolla Price about 40 years ago.

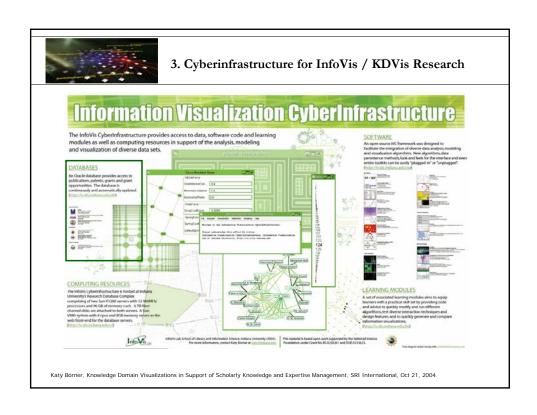
However, generating a map of science requires a computational effort common in physics or biology but not in the social sciences.

However, maps of science will benefit every field.

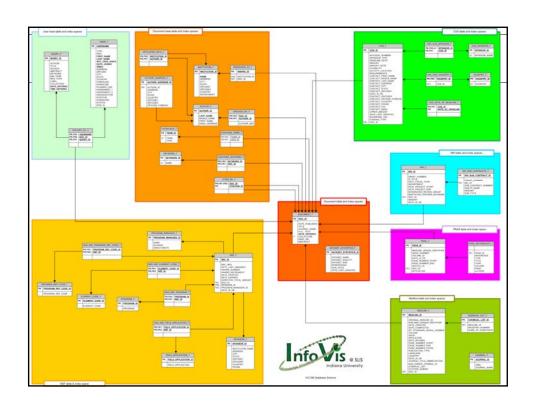
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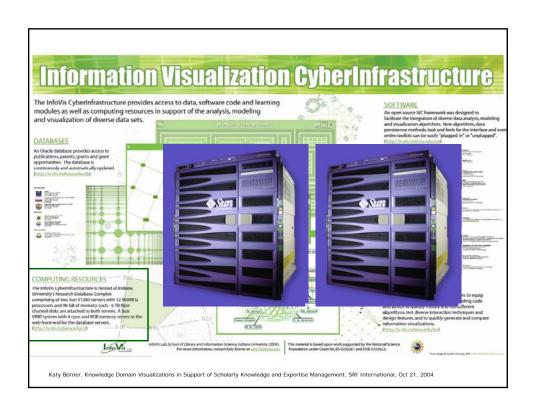


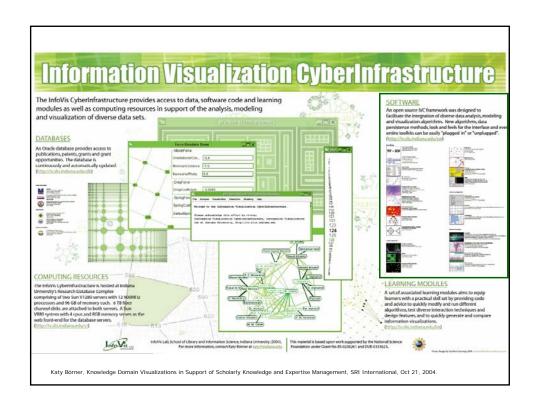
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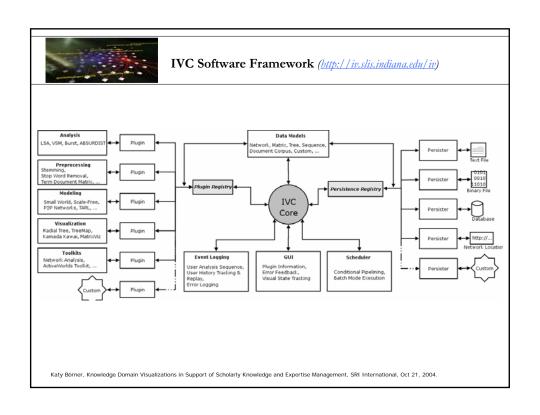


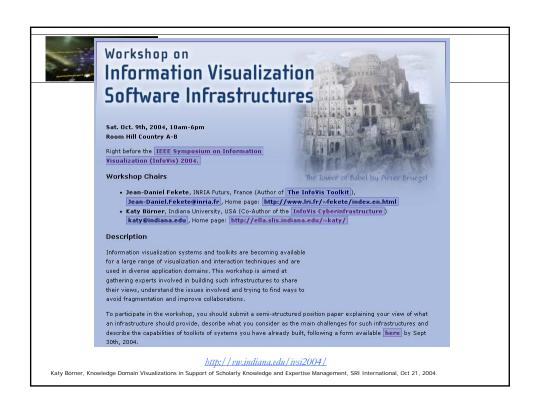


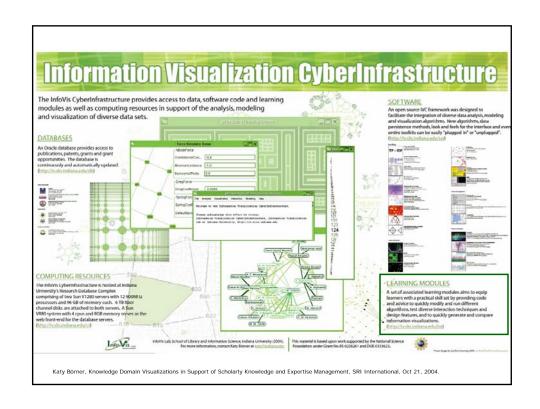




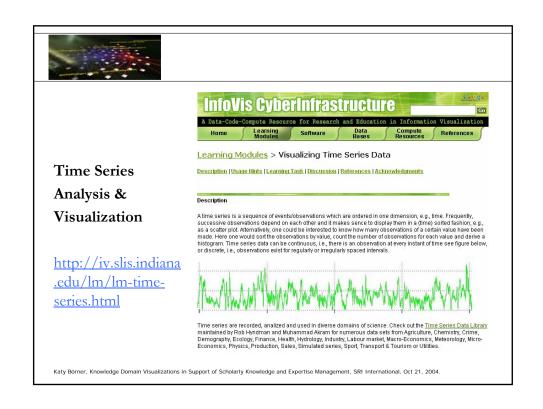


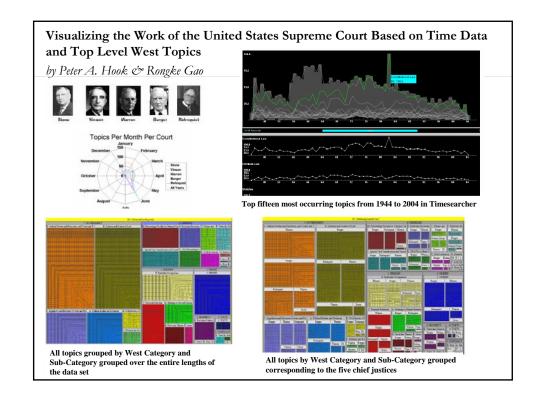














4. Conclusions

Given access to appropriate databases knowledge domain analysis and visualization techniques can be employed to

- Understand the structure and evolution of scientific disciplines.
- Correlate research input (funding) and research output.
- > Track and communicate the development of S&E fields at proper levels of detail.
- Identify major players (individuals or institutions).
- Understand the result of / the need for cross-disciplinary S&E.
- > Correlate taxonomies with the data they describe.

Mapping Humanity's Knowledge and Expertise in the Digital Domain

At the 101st Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Denver, CO: April 5-9, 2005.

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Description

This session will bring together leading researchers and practitioners that aim to develop techniques, tools, and infrastructures to map humanity's knowledge and expertise for the improvement of science and education.

Knowledge and expertise is typically extracted from digitally available literature, news, computer mediated communication data as well as from information about the producers and consumers of those data sets. Advanced data analysis techniques in combination with spatial metaphors, geographic principles, and cartographic methods are applied to organize, visualize, and communicate the semantic relationships inherent in the data.

The ultimate goal of this work might be an interactive cartographic map of all of science, with continents representing the major research areas such as, e.g., biology or physics, dots denoting major authors, PIs, papers or news, dynamically evolving research frontiers, blinking 'hot' papers and topics, etc. This map could be used to teach and understand the evolving structure of all of science, to identify major experts, to find and read the most relevant papers and news, to see the effects of resource allocation decisions, to study social networks, etc. Last but not least, it would provide a unique bird's eye view of major experts in specific areas and mankind's knowledge in general.

Some of the leading-edge research on this topic is found where geography intersects with information/library science, computer science, and cognitive science. We invite papers on the broad foundations, computational methods, software systems, and evaluation of such data analyses and visualizations, as they have emerged in this interdisciplinary endeavor.

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