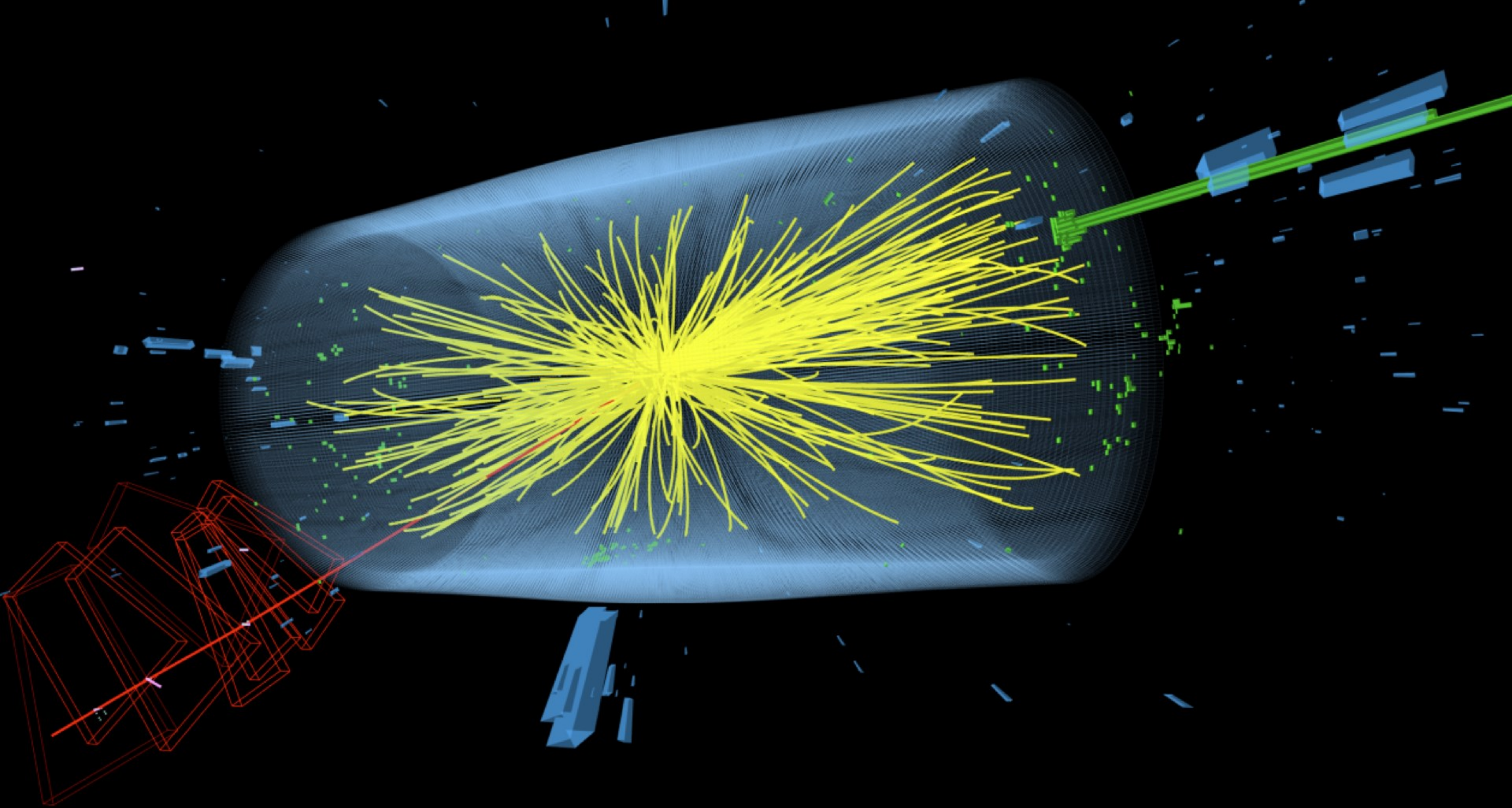


Social Data Science

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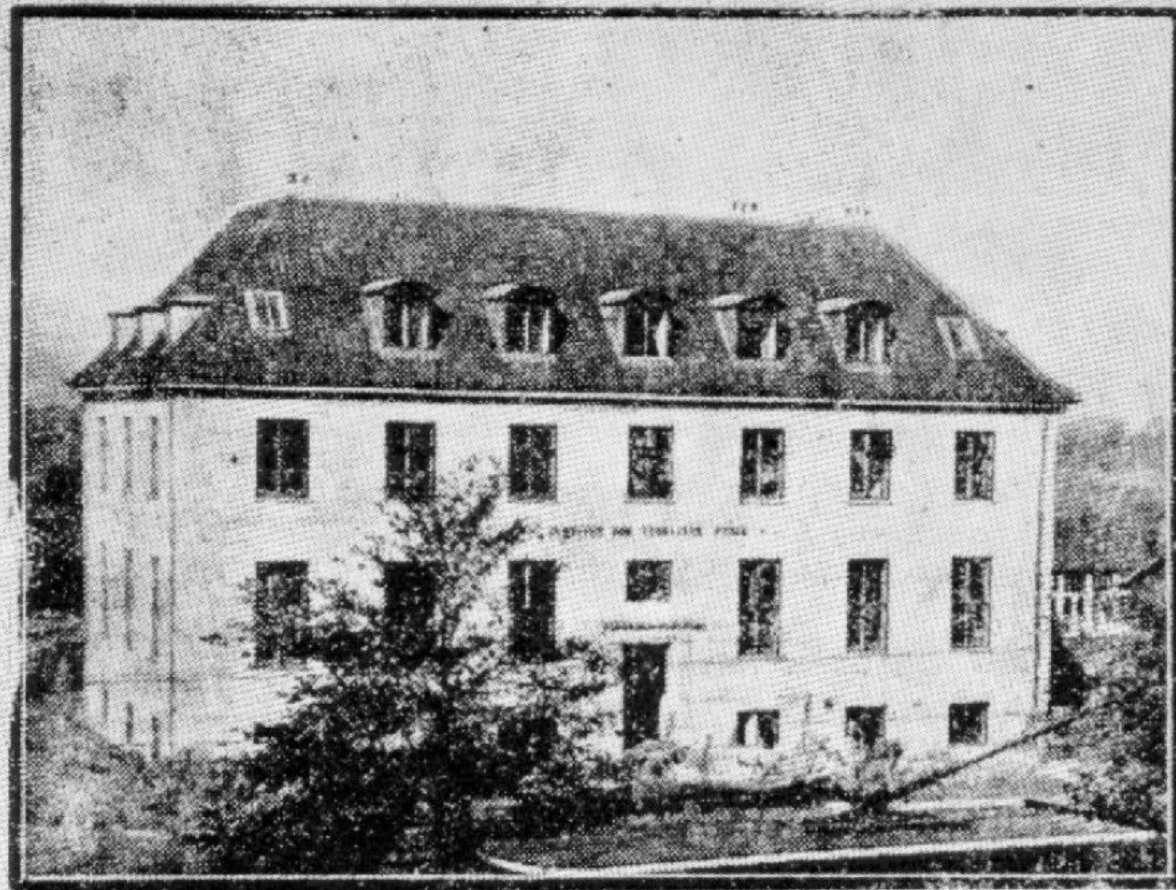




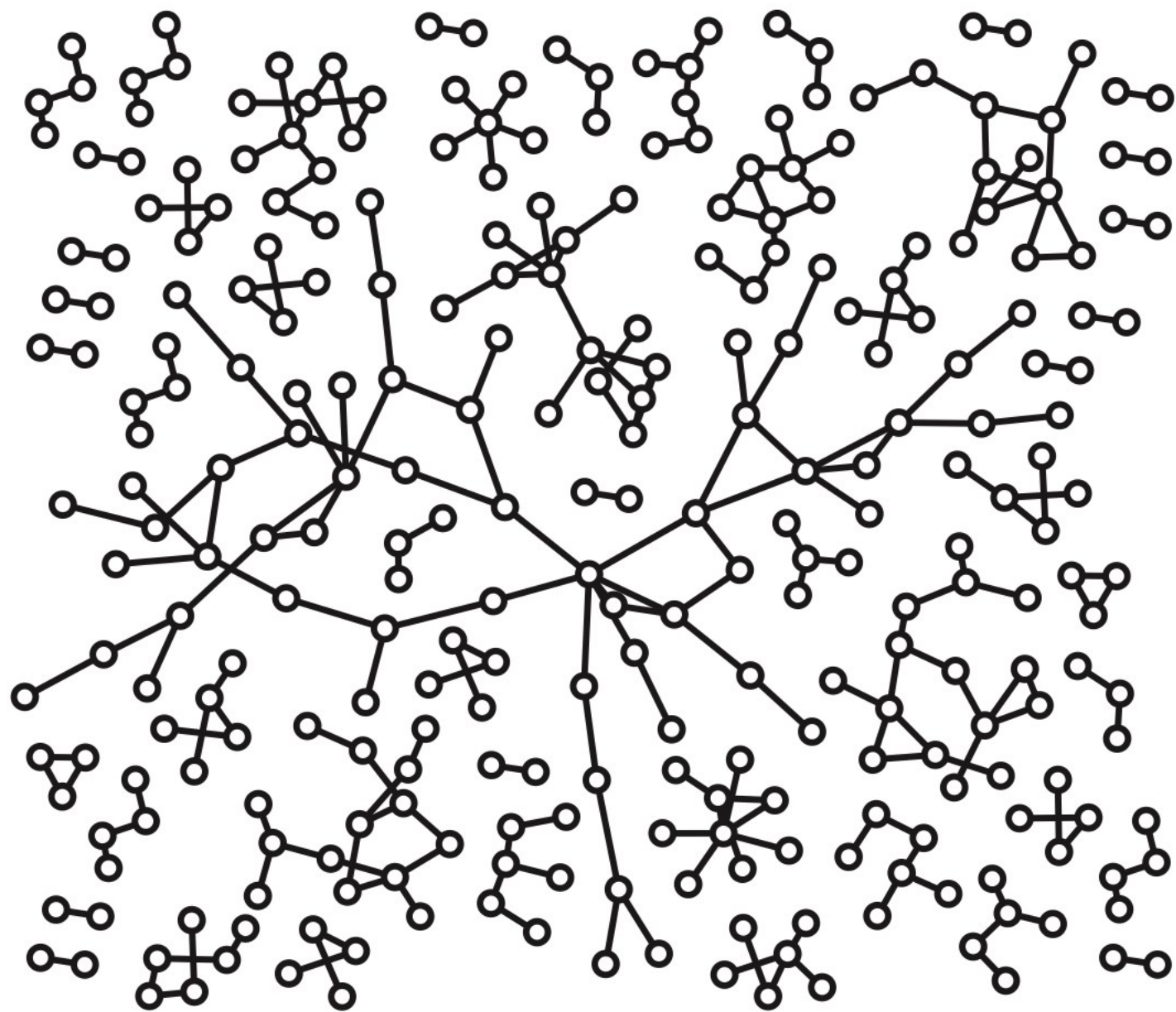
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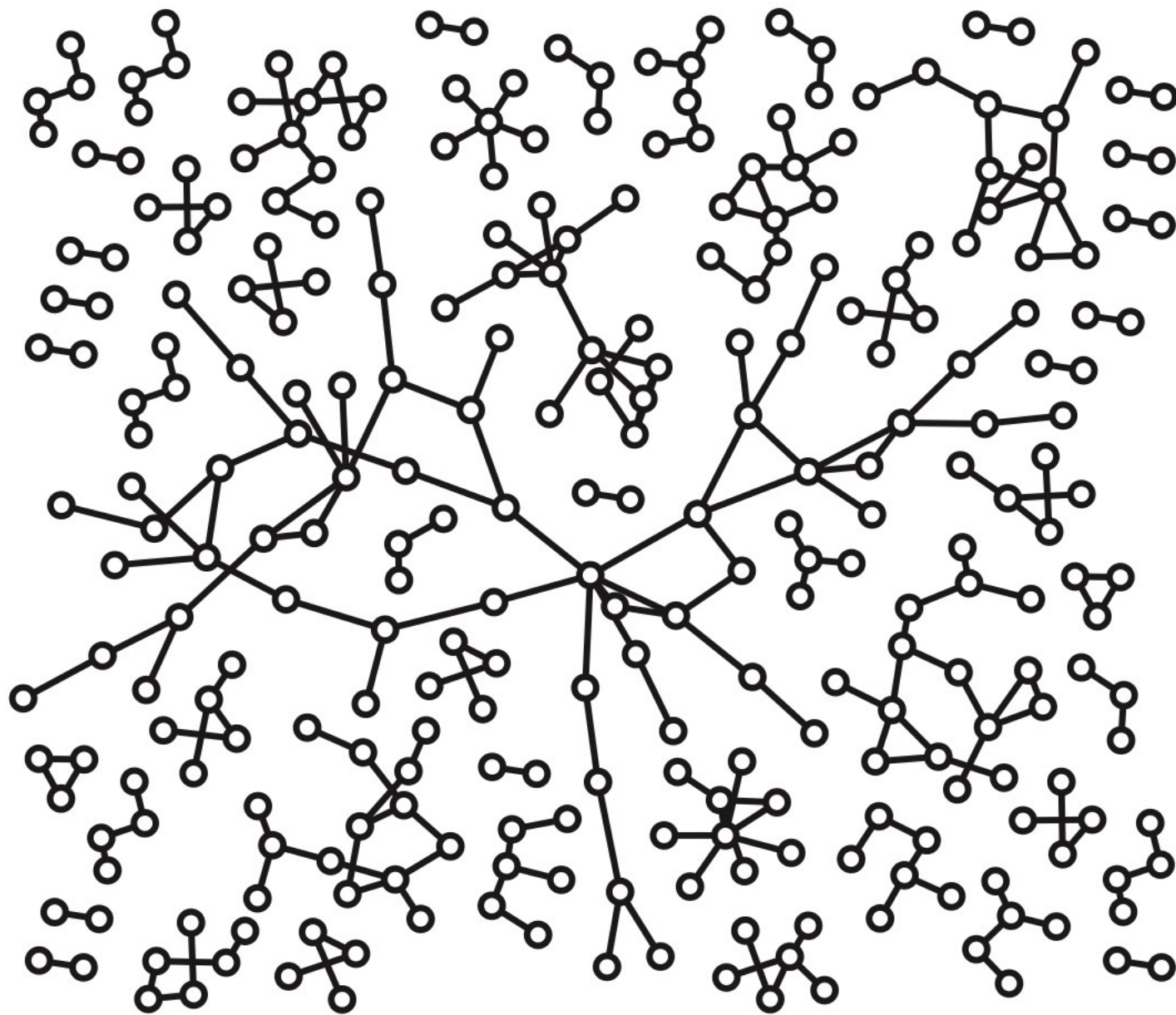


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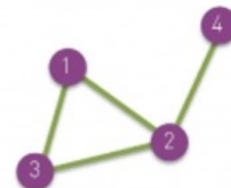


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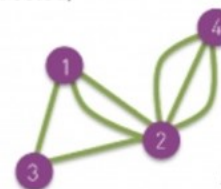


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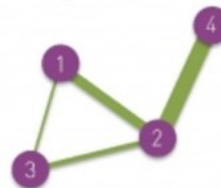


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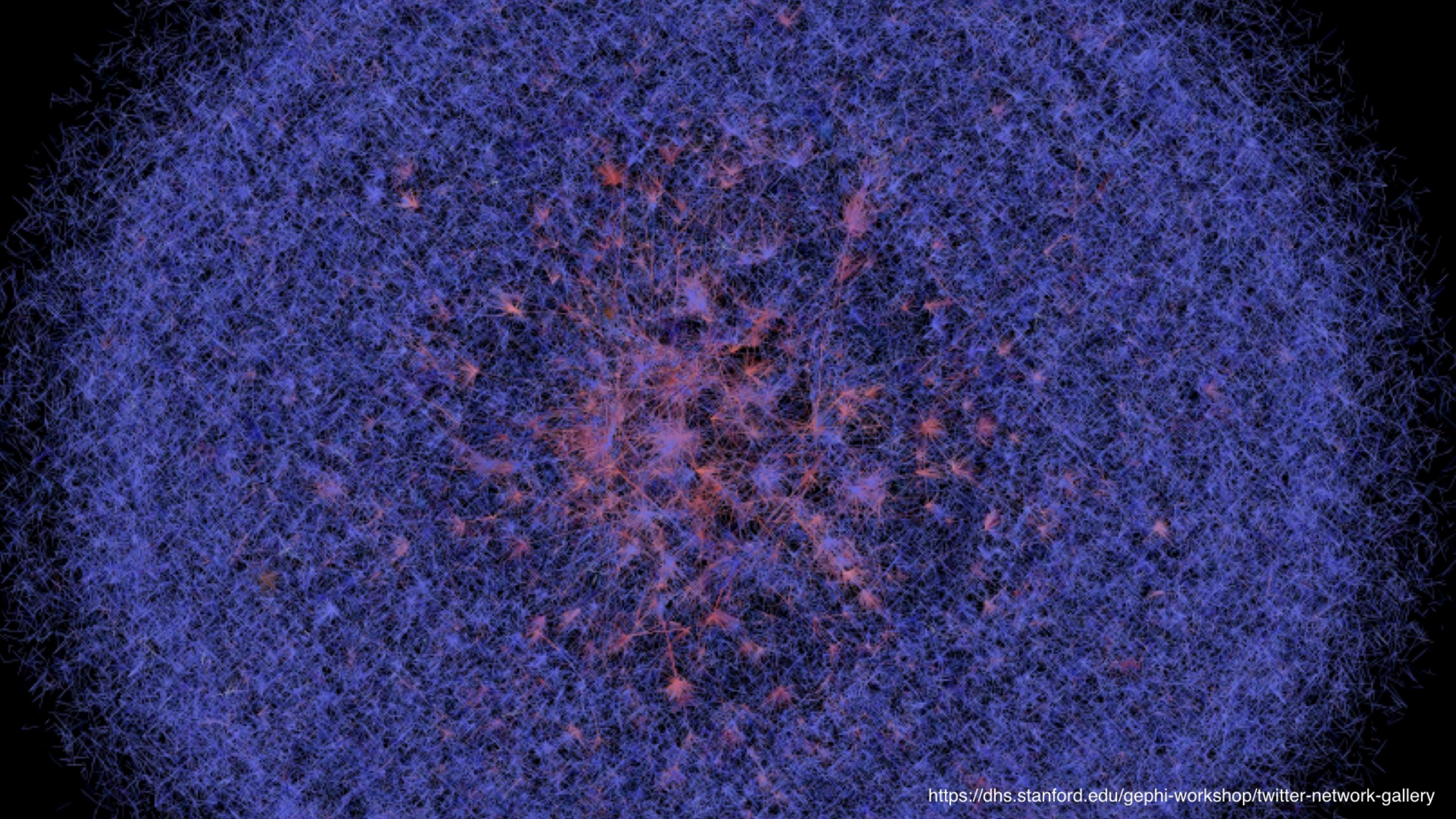
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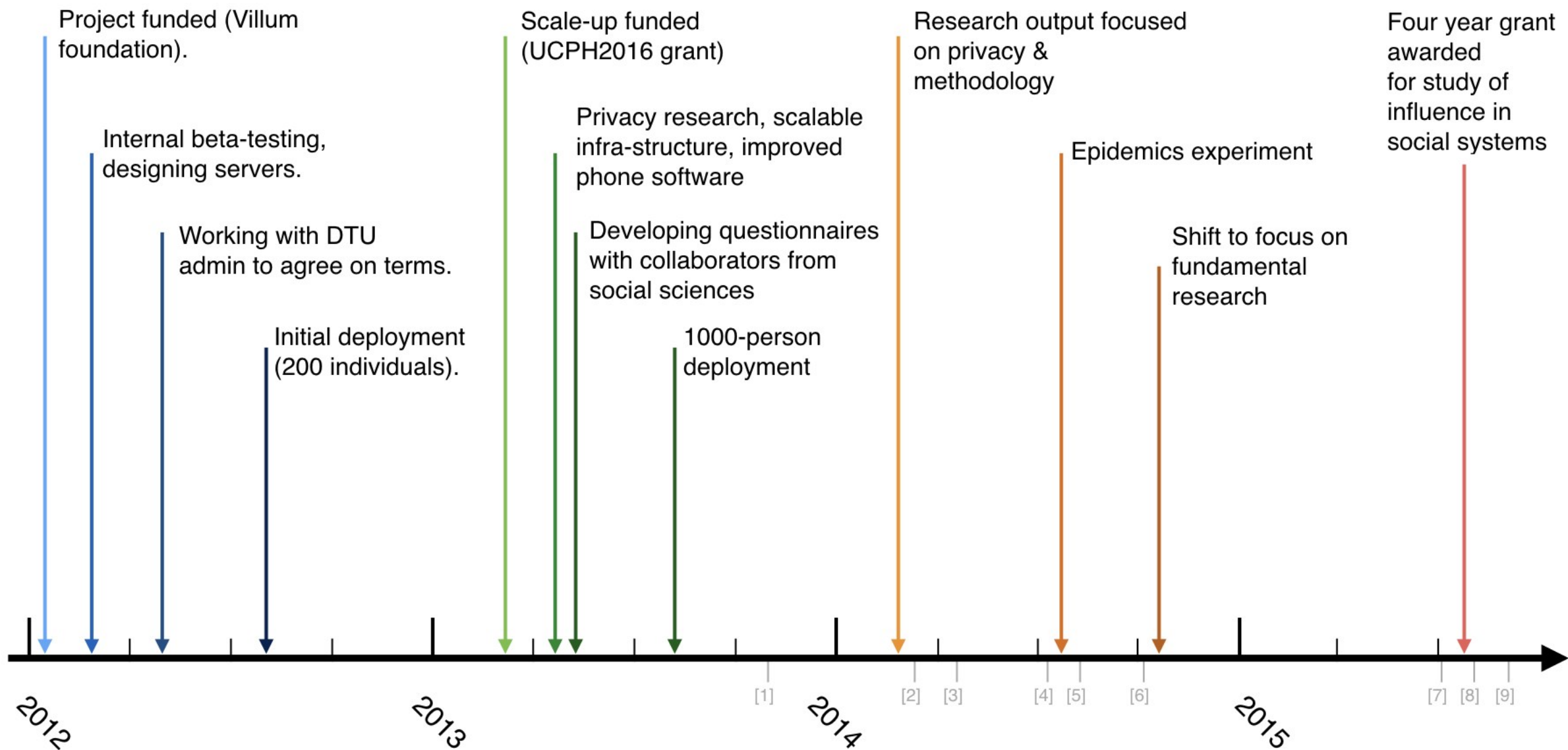


Data types

- Physical proximity (Bluetooth)
- Telecommunication network (phone calls, SMS)
- Facebook friendships & interactions
- Geolocation (GPS & WiFi)
- A few more nerdy things
- Also did extensive battery of paneled personality tests (Big 5, narcissism, etc, etc)



[data collection for approximately 2 years]




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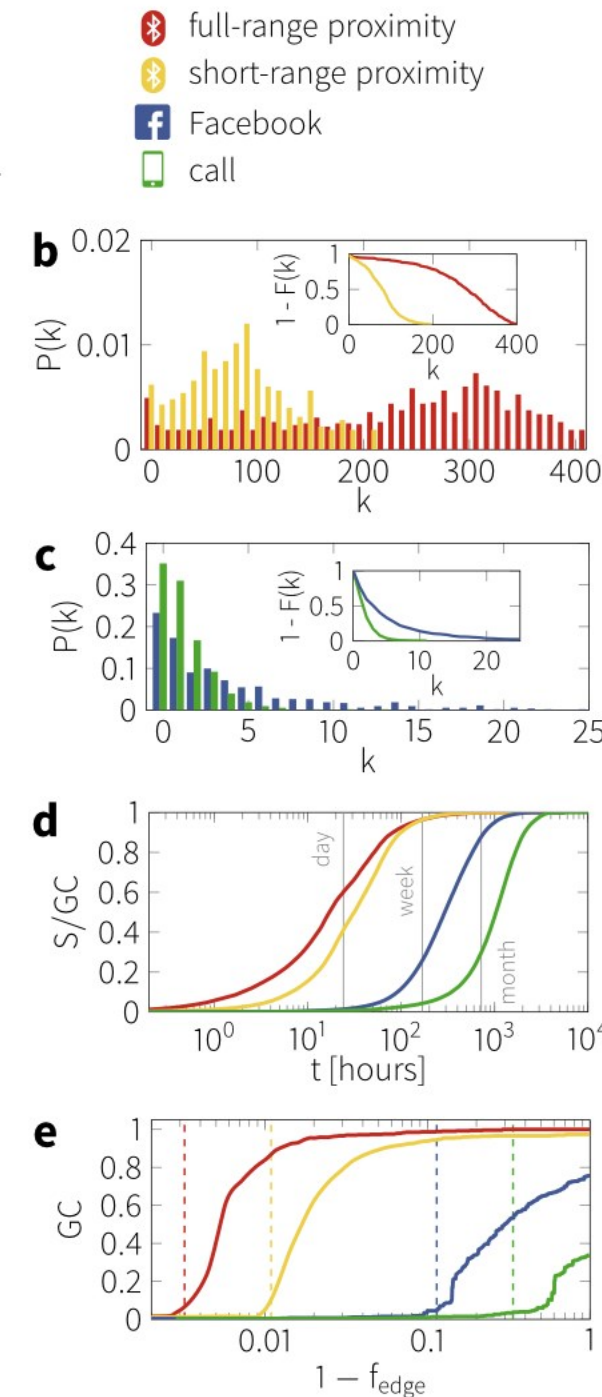
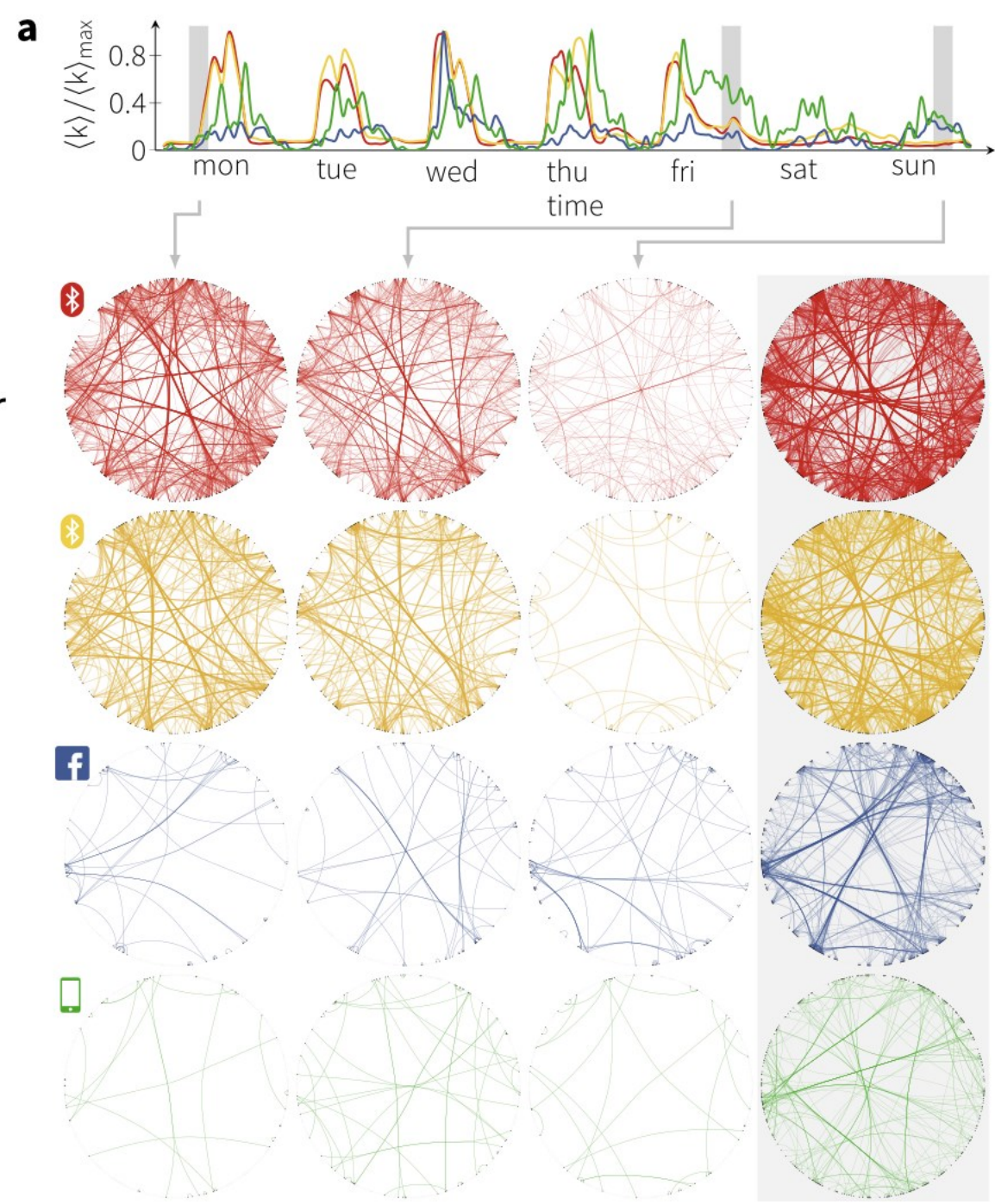
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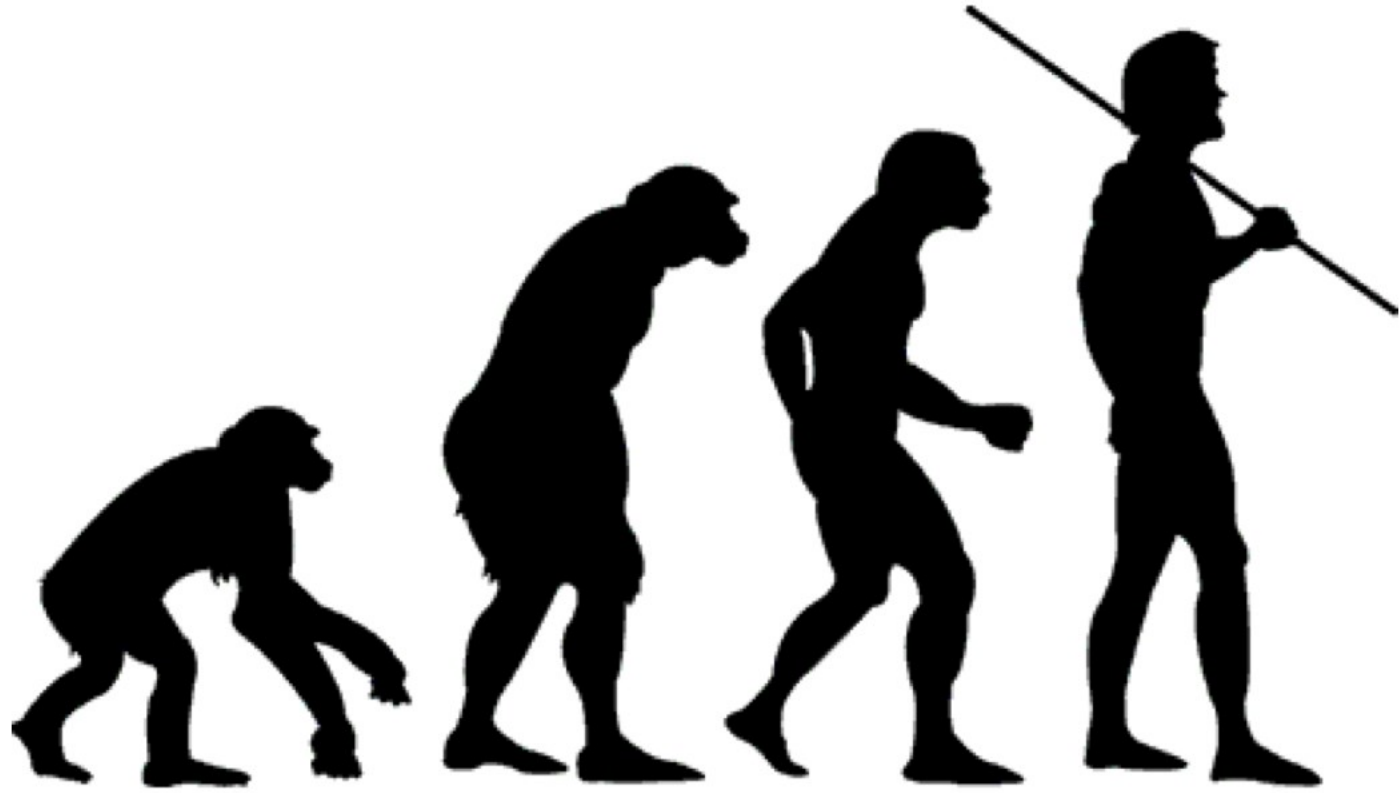
Principles of human social interactions



Some (of many) topics

- Epidemics
- Mobility
- Sleep
- Attributes and behavior
- Privacy
- And stuff





Privacy in Sensor-Driven Human Data Collection:

A Guide for Practitioners

Working Paper

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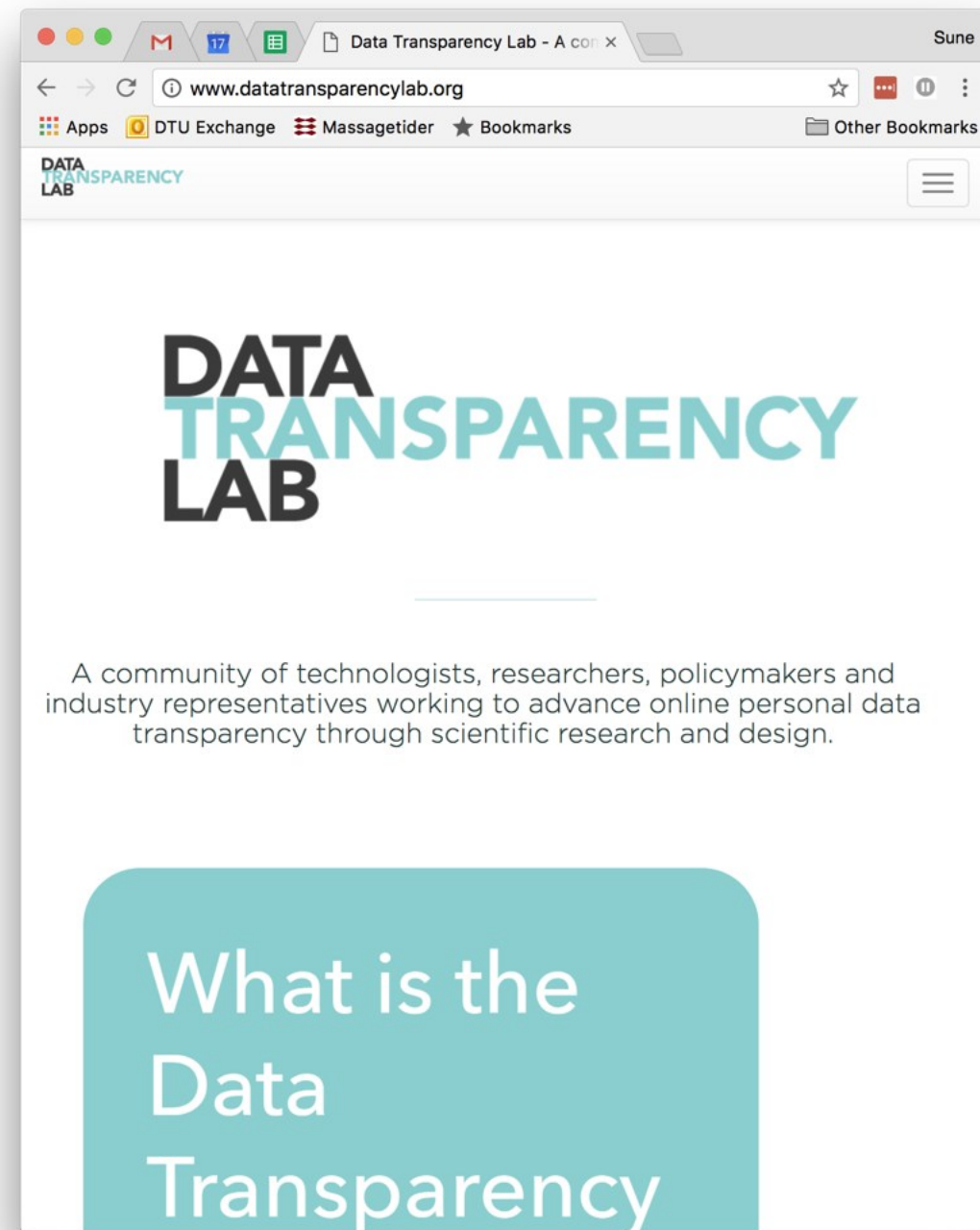
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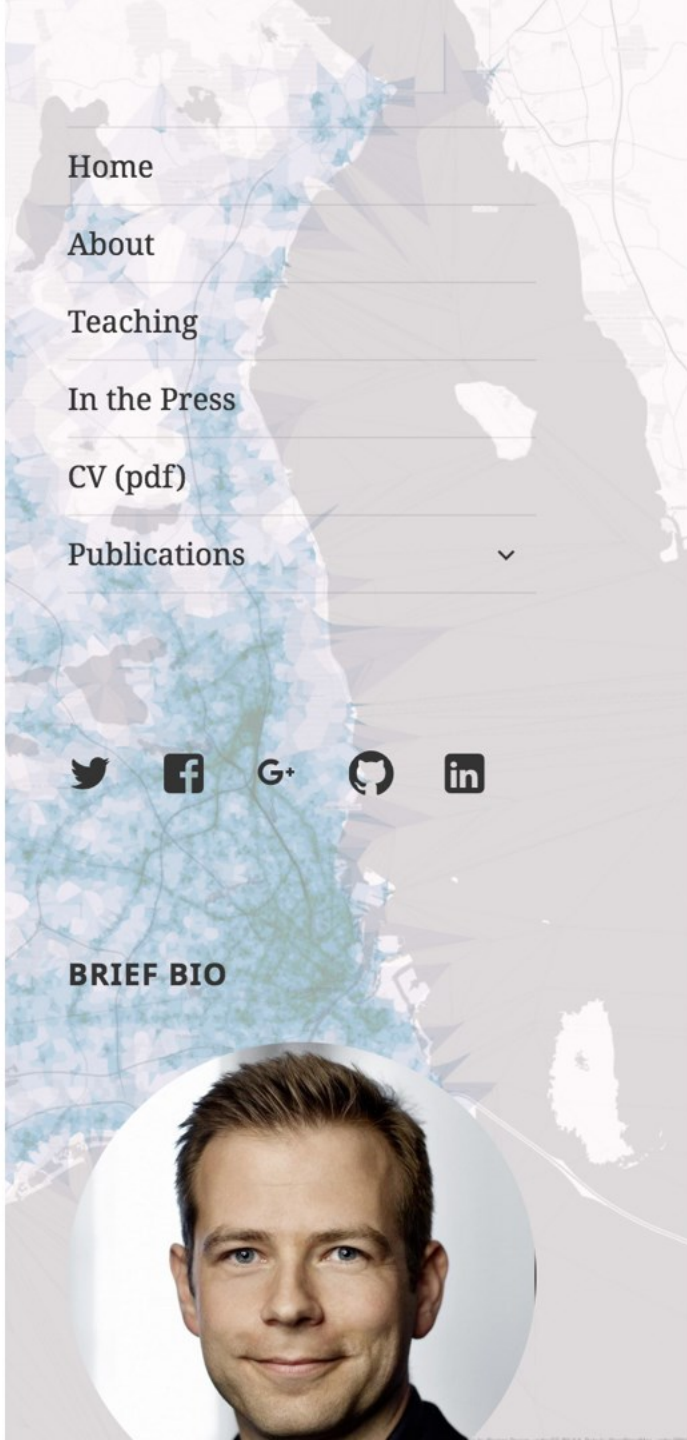
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Privacy Part I: Why everyone is complaining, but no one is taking action.

[This is part II of a series, you can find the overview [here](#)]

We all have a sense that privacy is important. A sense that our ability to freely express “who we are” is slowly eroded by large corporations and governments collecting data on our actions for purposes not clear to us (and maybe not to them either). But on the other hand, no one is doing anything about this. Why is that?

I think that there are two central reasons for this.

The first reason is that humans are not very good at handling situations where cause and effect is separated by a lots of time and space. (I was made aware of this point by [an excellent column in the Guardian](#) by the author Cory Doctorow, who I will be stealing from in the following). There are lots of examples of this: No one would smoke if you developed cancer immediately upon the first drag of a cigarette. The possibility of cancer is so far away in time that it feels like the consequences happen to another person. You would be less likely to binge-eat if the food

The good: Big data

(Or more precisely: What is there to be optimistic about?)

Big data algorithms allow for

- Personalization
- Prediction
- Efficiency

The good: Data Science Impact

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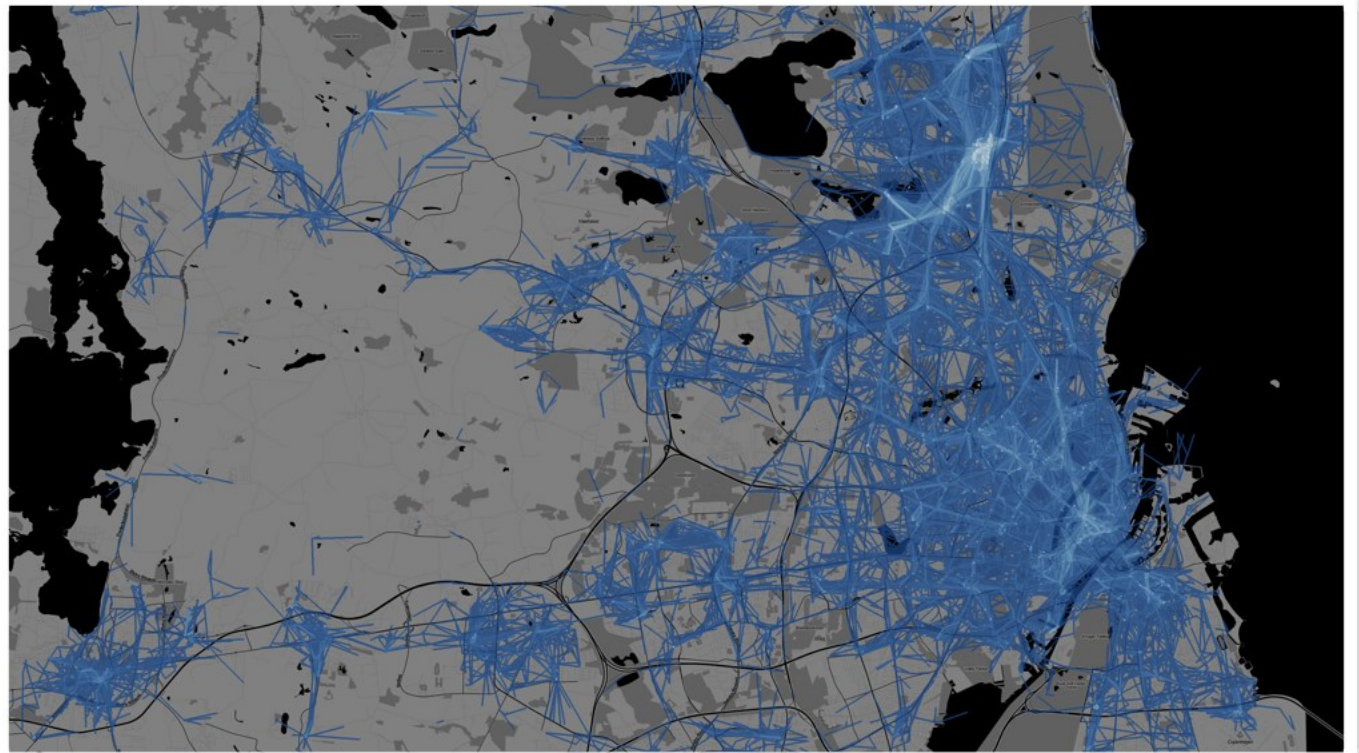
Big data has impacts across

- *Health*
- Businesses
- Government

My work



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The bad

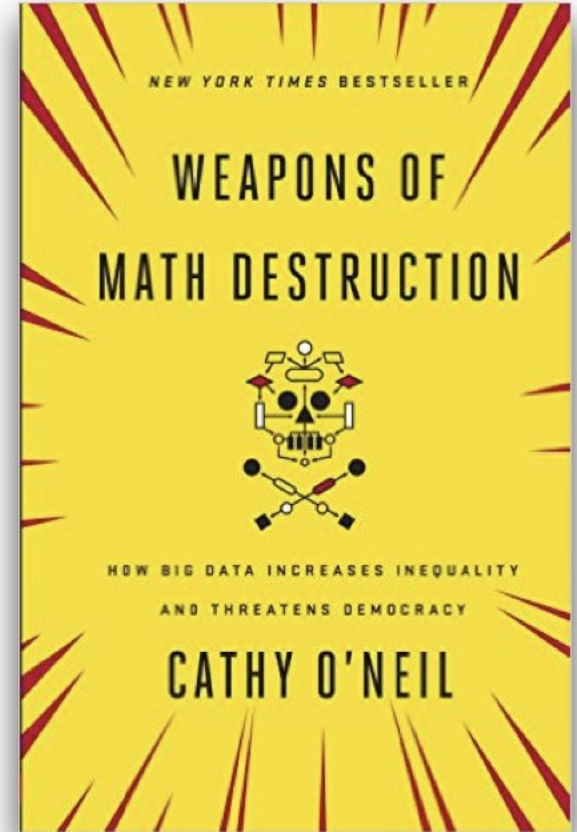
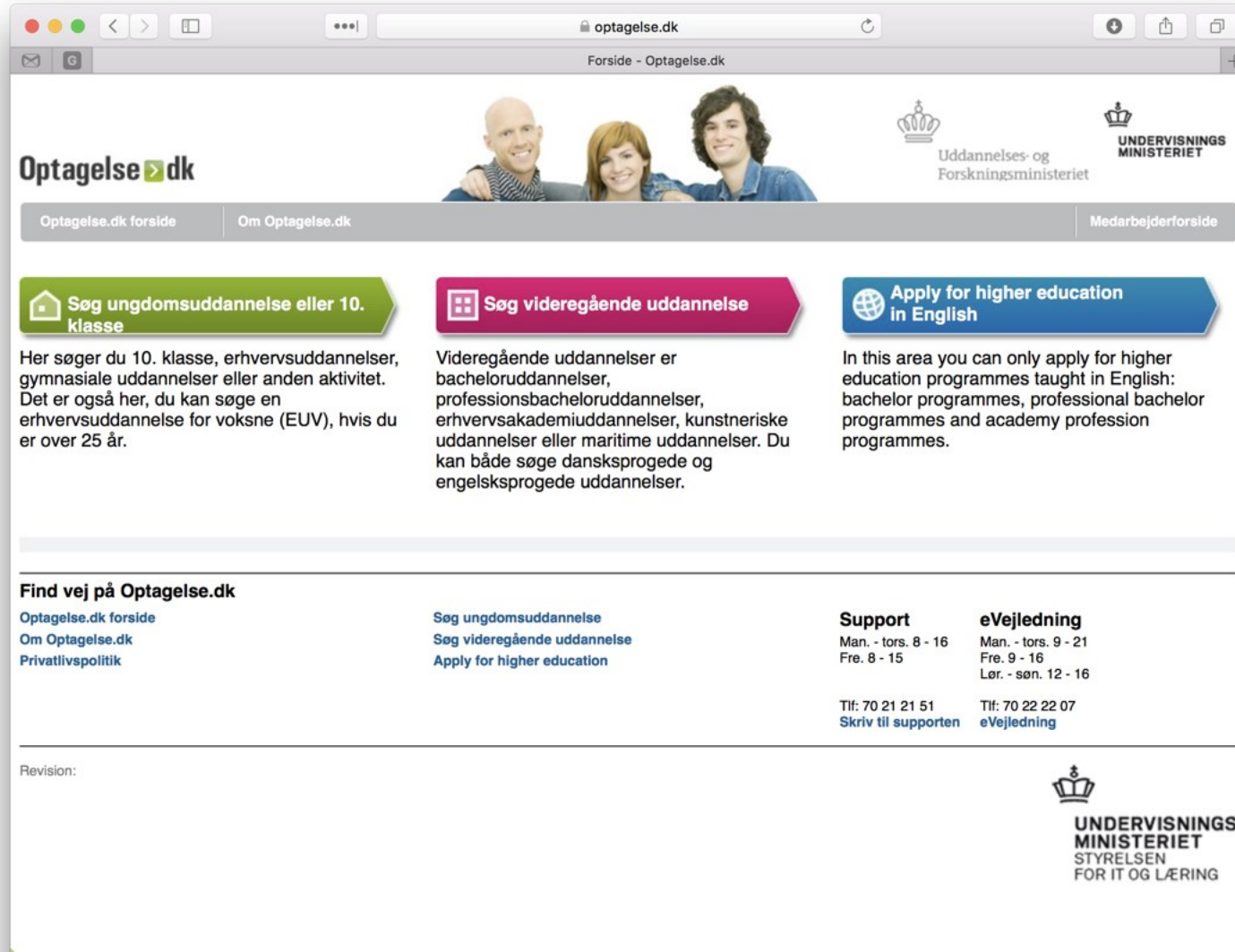
(Or more precisely: What should we be careful about?)

I see three key areas

- Algorithms.
- Nudging.
- Personal freedom.

The bad: Algorithms

As an illustration, let's consider a hypothetical case



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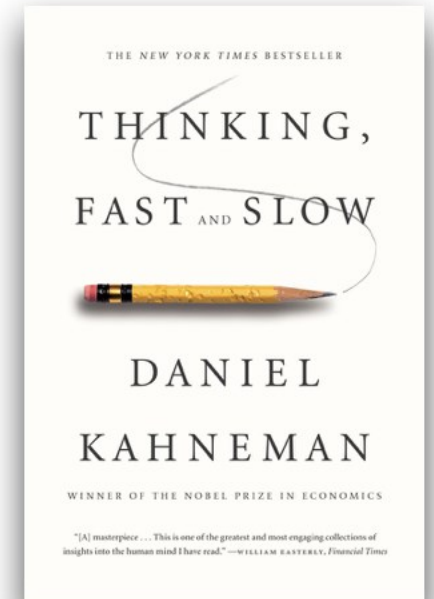
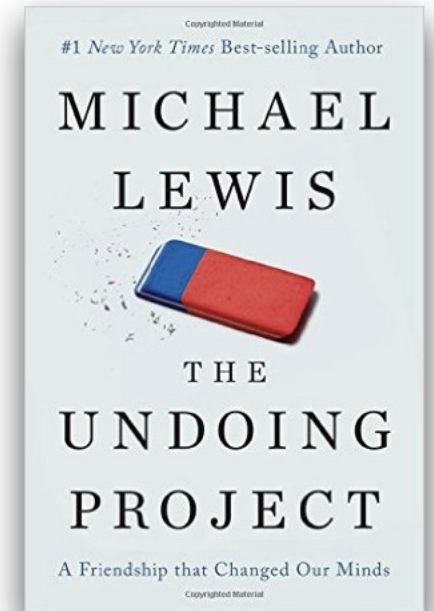
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How do you argue with an algorithm?

The bad: Nudging



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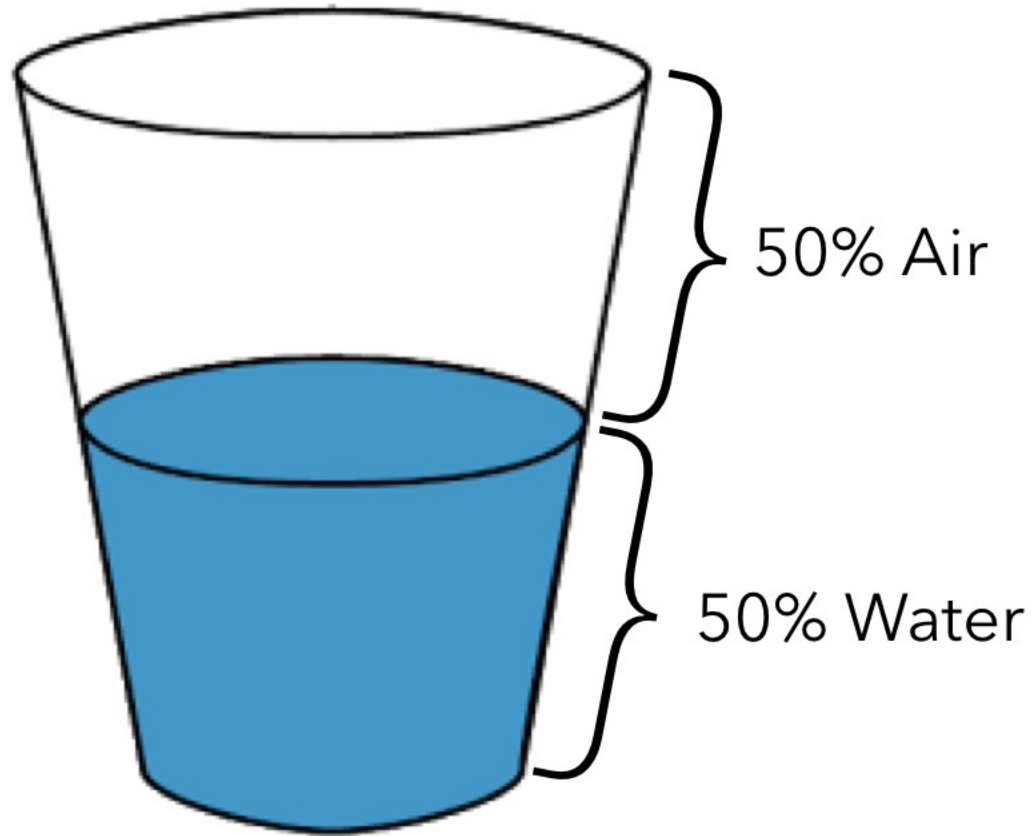


The bad: Personal freedom



"I lay all this while, as the reader may believe, in great uneasiness."—Page 8.

'Sustainable' Big Data



Technically, **the glass is 100% full!**