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# cosmograph



Visualizing large graphs  
and AI embeddings with ease

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👋 Hi, I'm Nikita

I create tools  
to work with data

[cosmograph.app](https://cosmograph.app)

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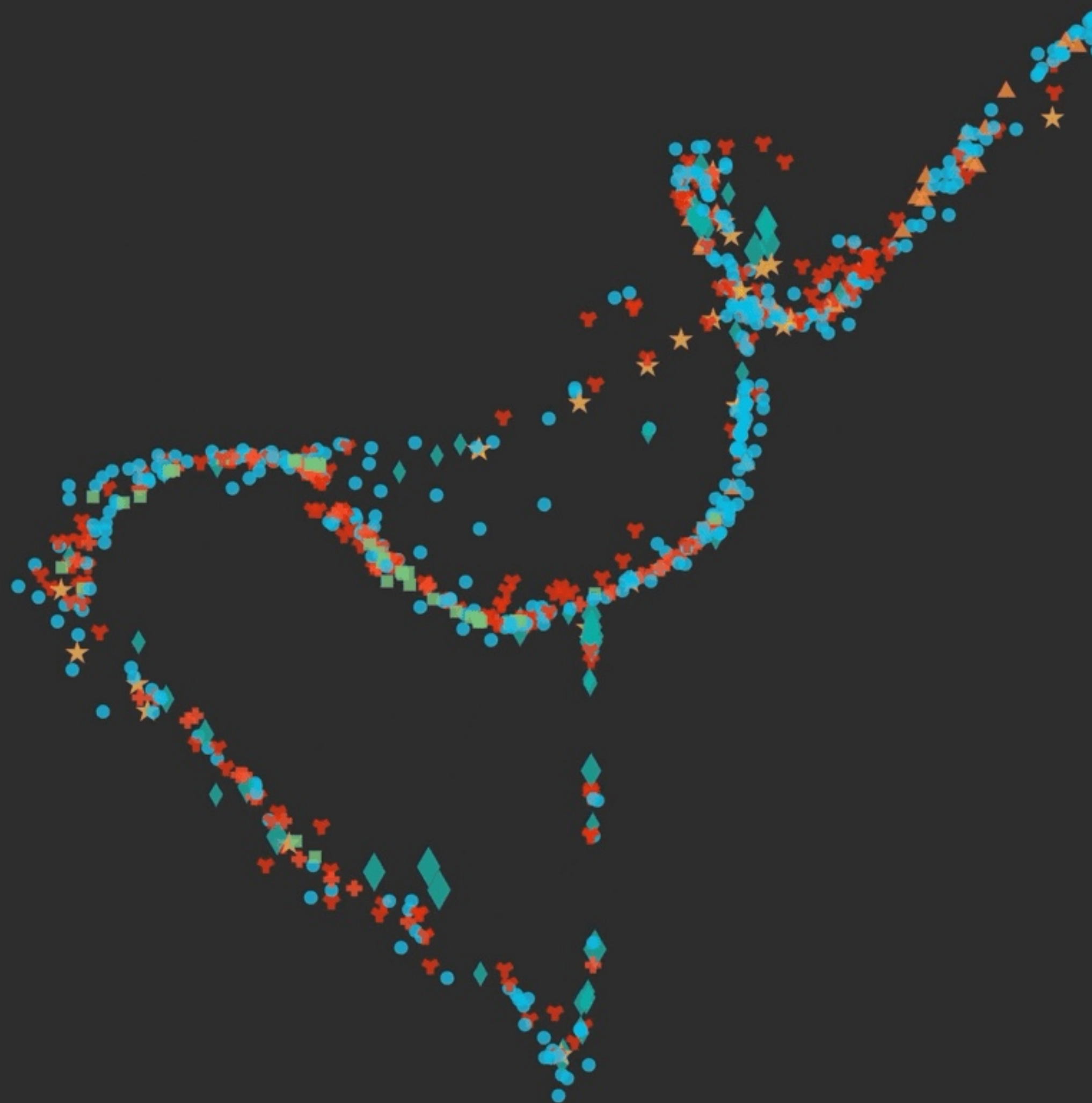
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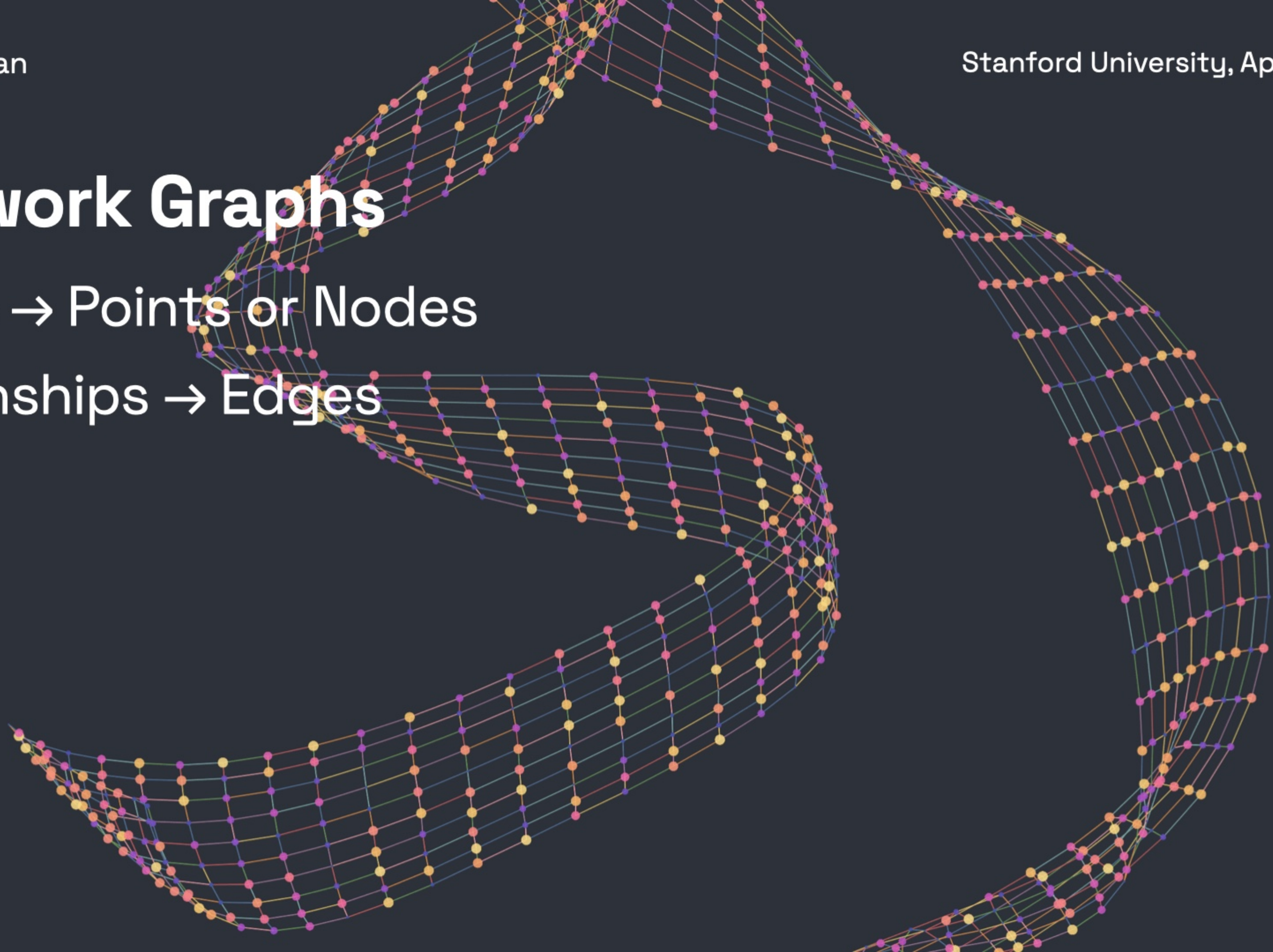
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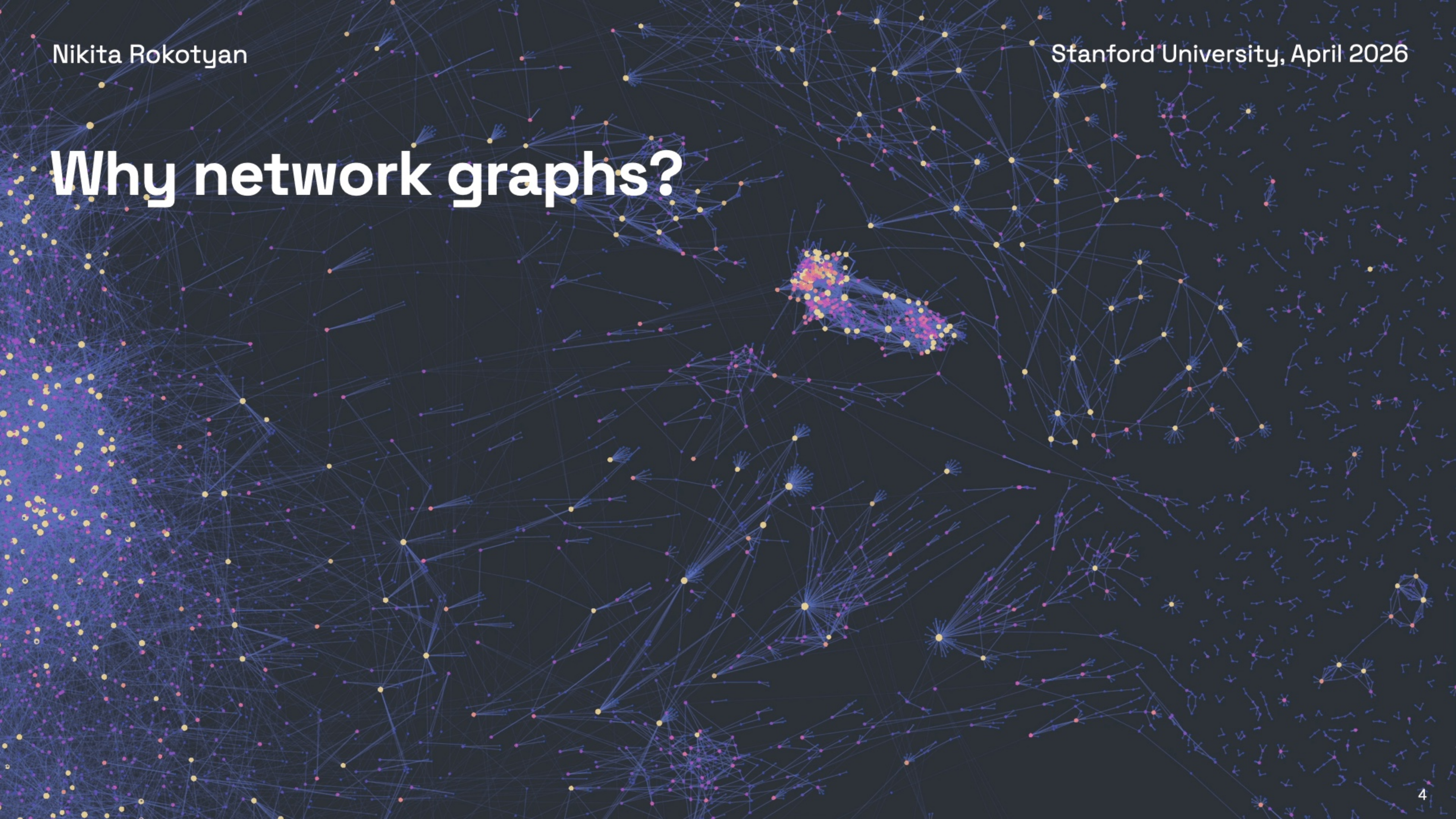
# I. Network Graphs

Entities → Points or Nodes

Relationships → Edges

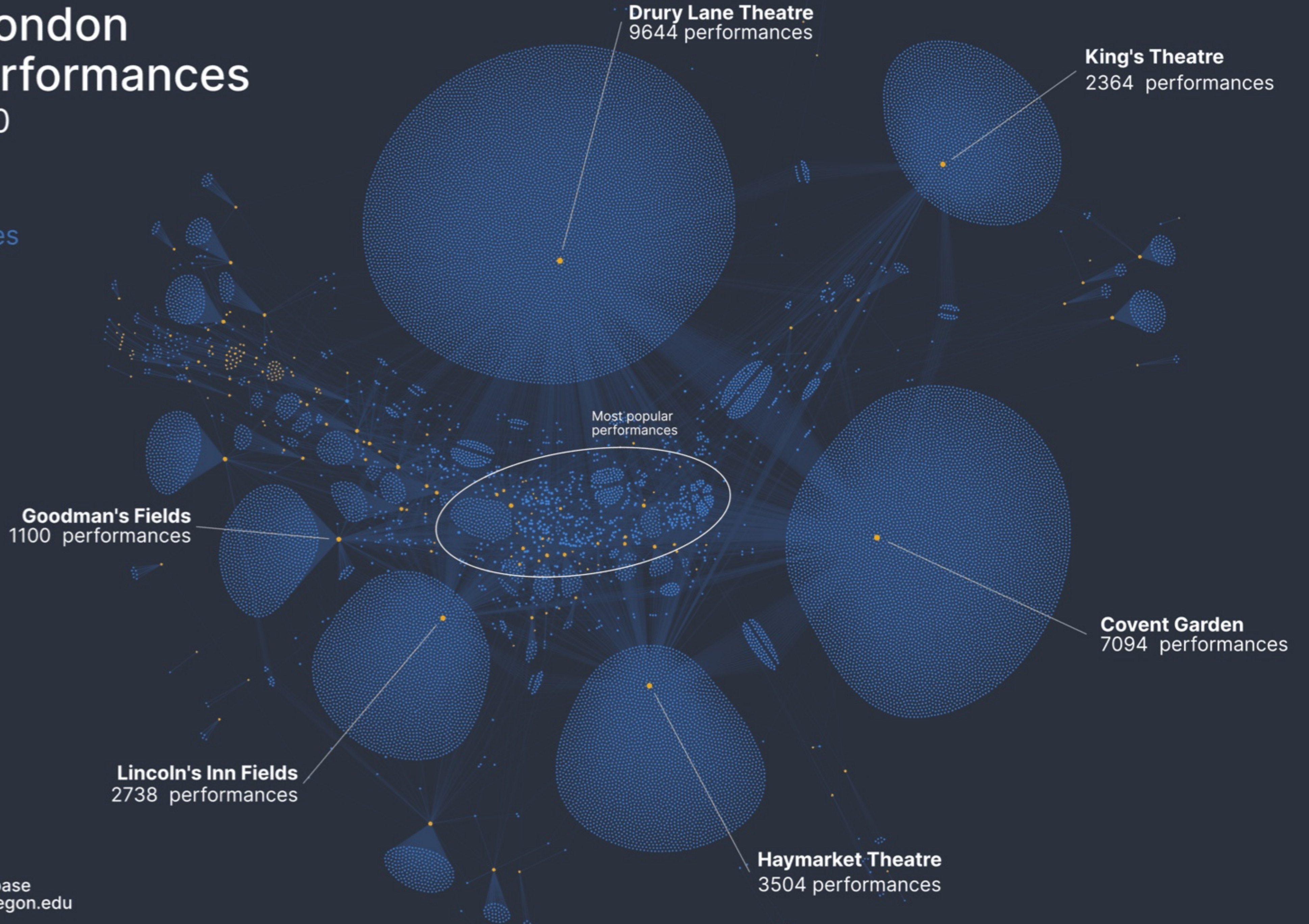


# Why network graphs?



# A graph of London theatrical performances from 1660 to 1880

- 240 Theaters
- 30 246 Performances



Created with Cosmograph  
by @ernaem

Data Source: London Stage Database  
<https://londonstagedatabase.uoregon.edu>

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**GRAPH CONFIGURATION**

**LABELS**

**CLUSTERS**

CLUSTER DATA COLUMN

SHOW CLUSTER LABELS

SCALE CLUSTER LABELS

USE POINT COLORS FOR CLUSTER LABELS

**POSITIONS**

X POINT POSITIONS COLUMN

Y POINT POSITIONS COLUMN

**TIMELINE**

POINT TIME DATA COLUMN

USE SYMLOG SCALE FOR Y AXIS

**SHAPE**

POINT SHAPE COLUMN

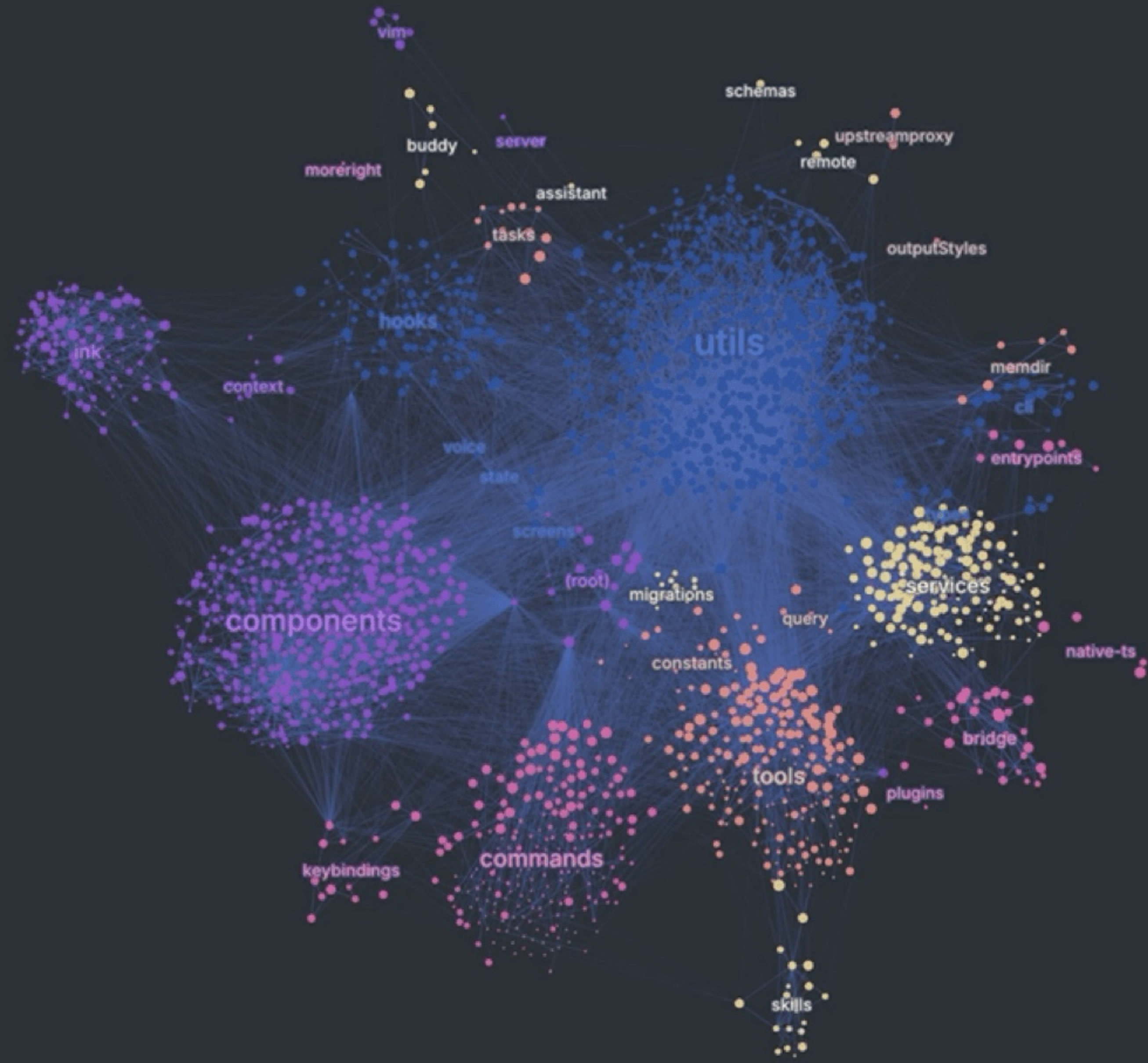
**IMAGES**

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- utils
- components
- commands
- tools
- services
- hooks
- ink
- bridge
- 28 more...

1,902 points · 11,924 links

12 969  
and less and more  
lines\_of\_code

# How to build a network graph?

1. Define Relationships
2. Choose the layout
3. Draw and analyze!



# Layout Types

Geo

Hierarchies

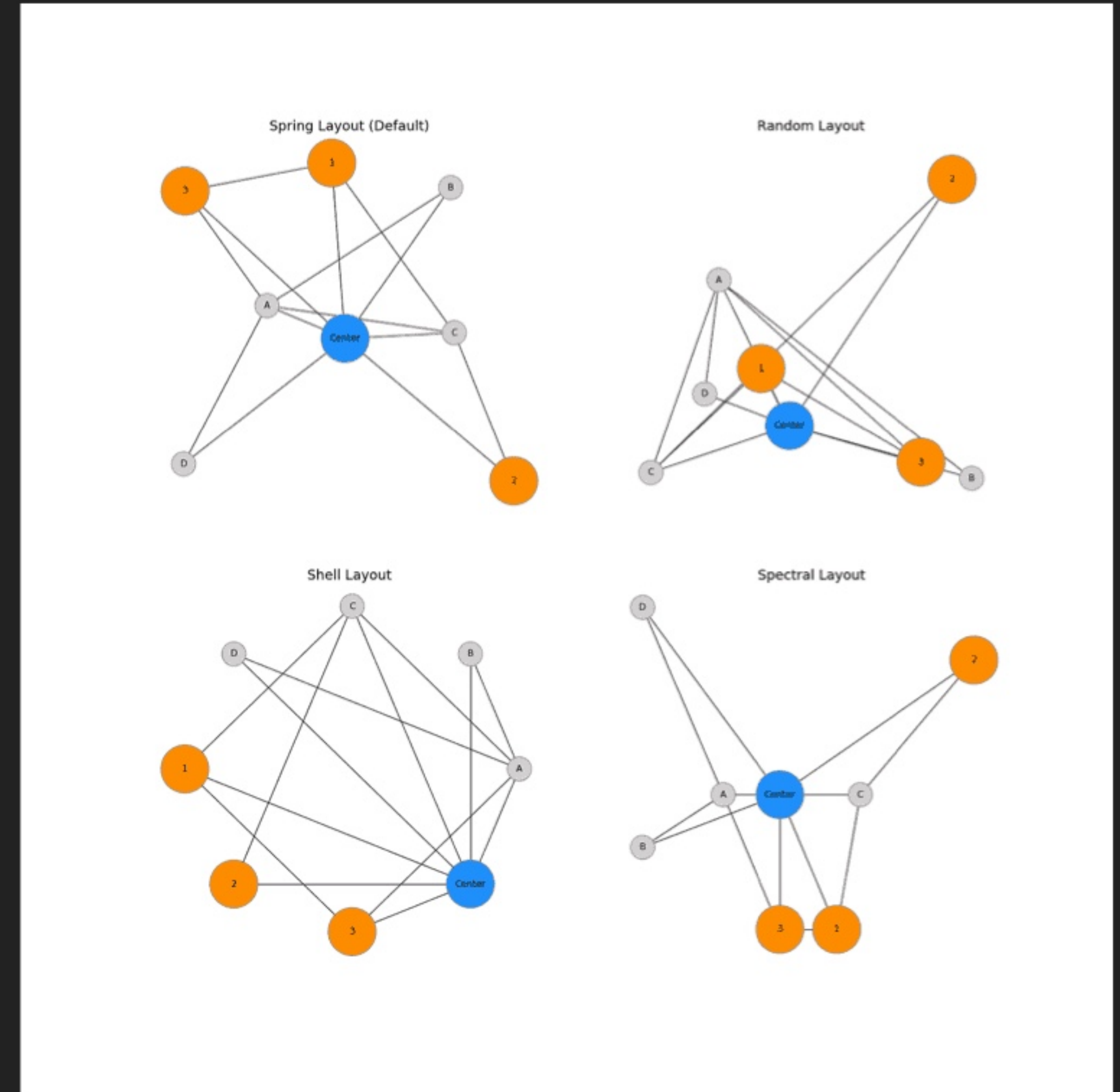
Columns

Force Graph

Spectral

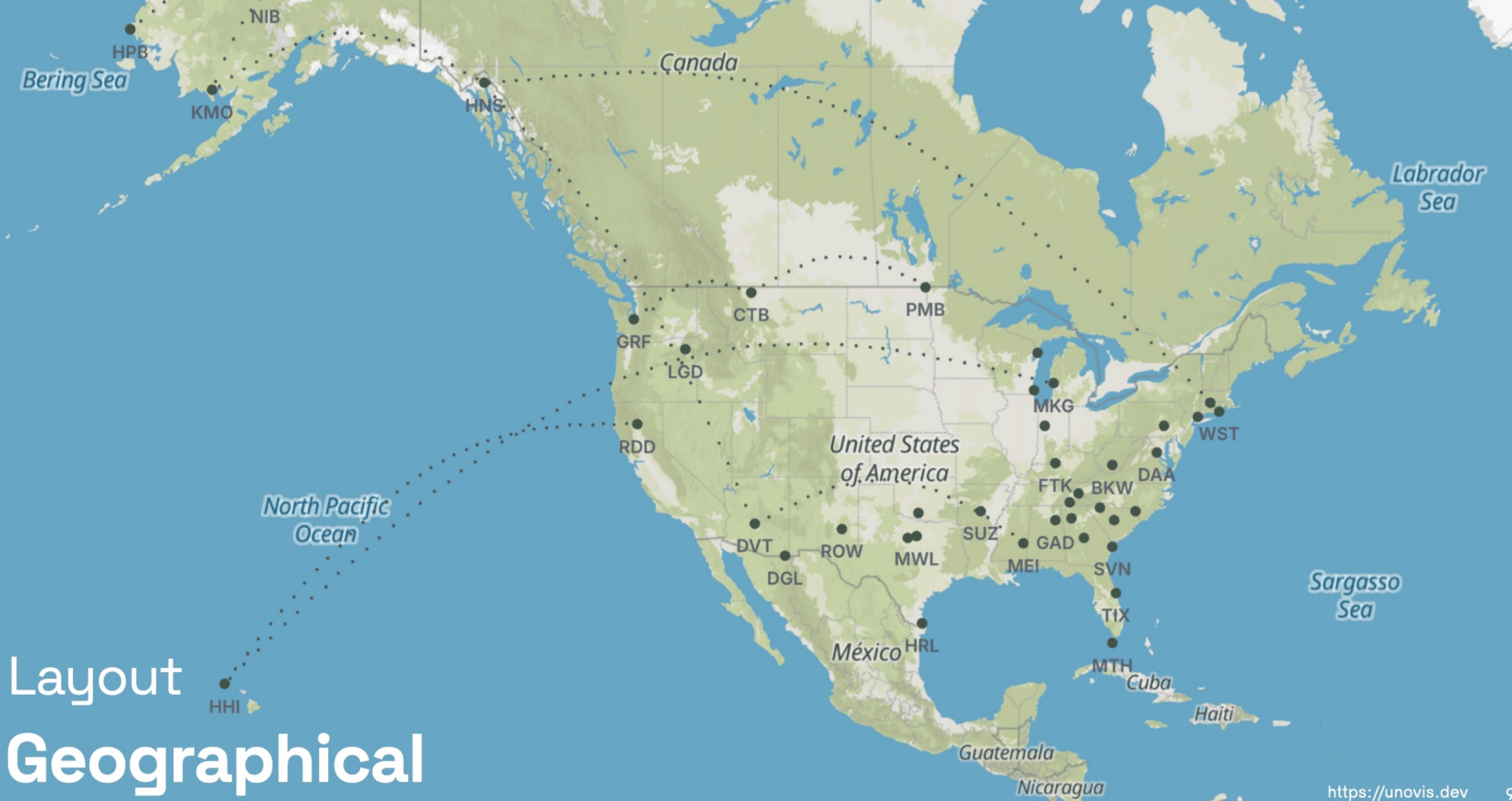
Circular

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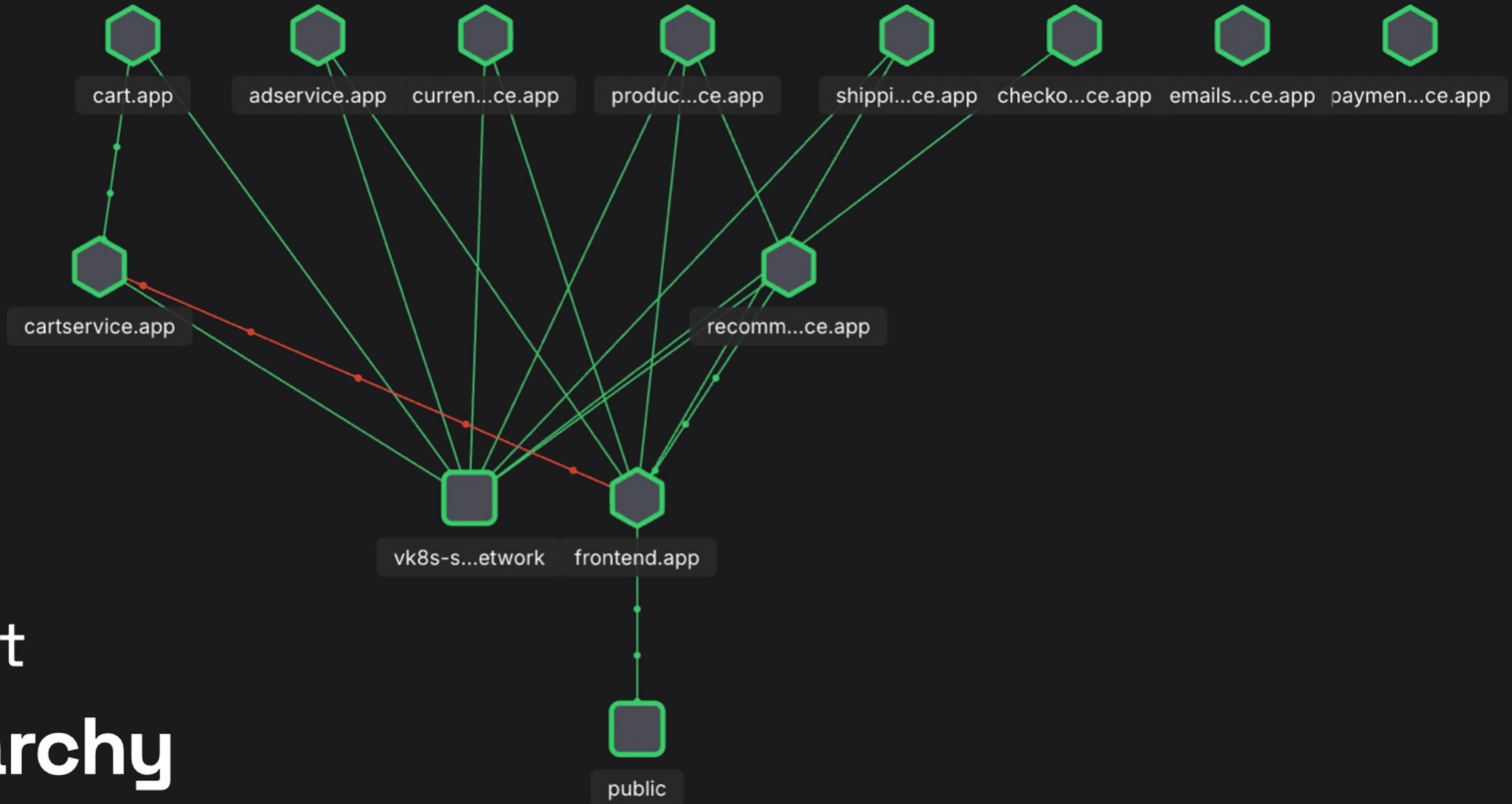


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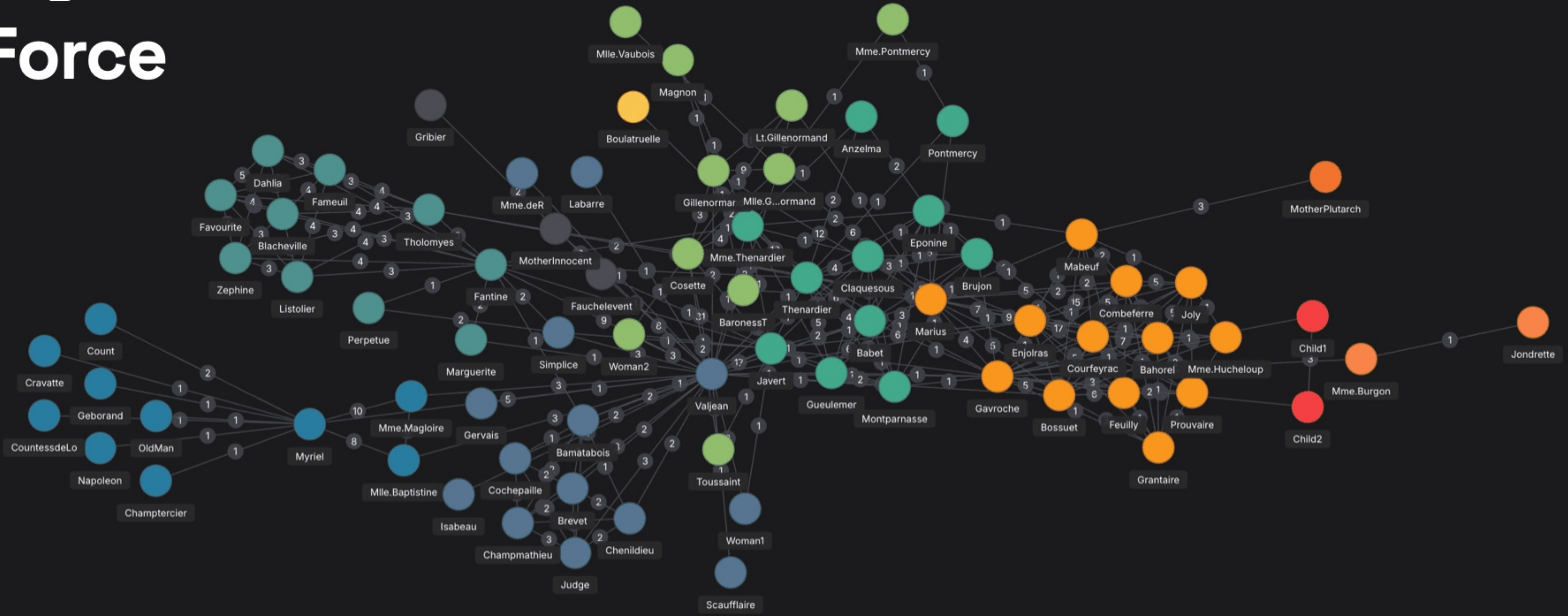


# Layout Geographical



# Layout Hierarchy

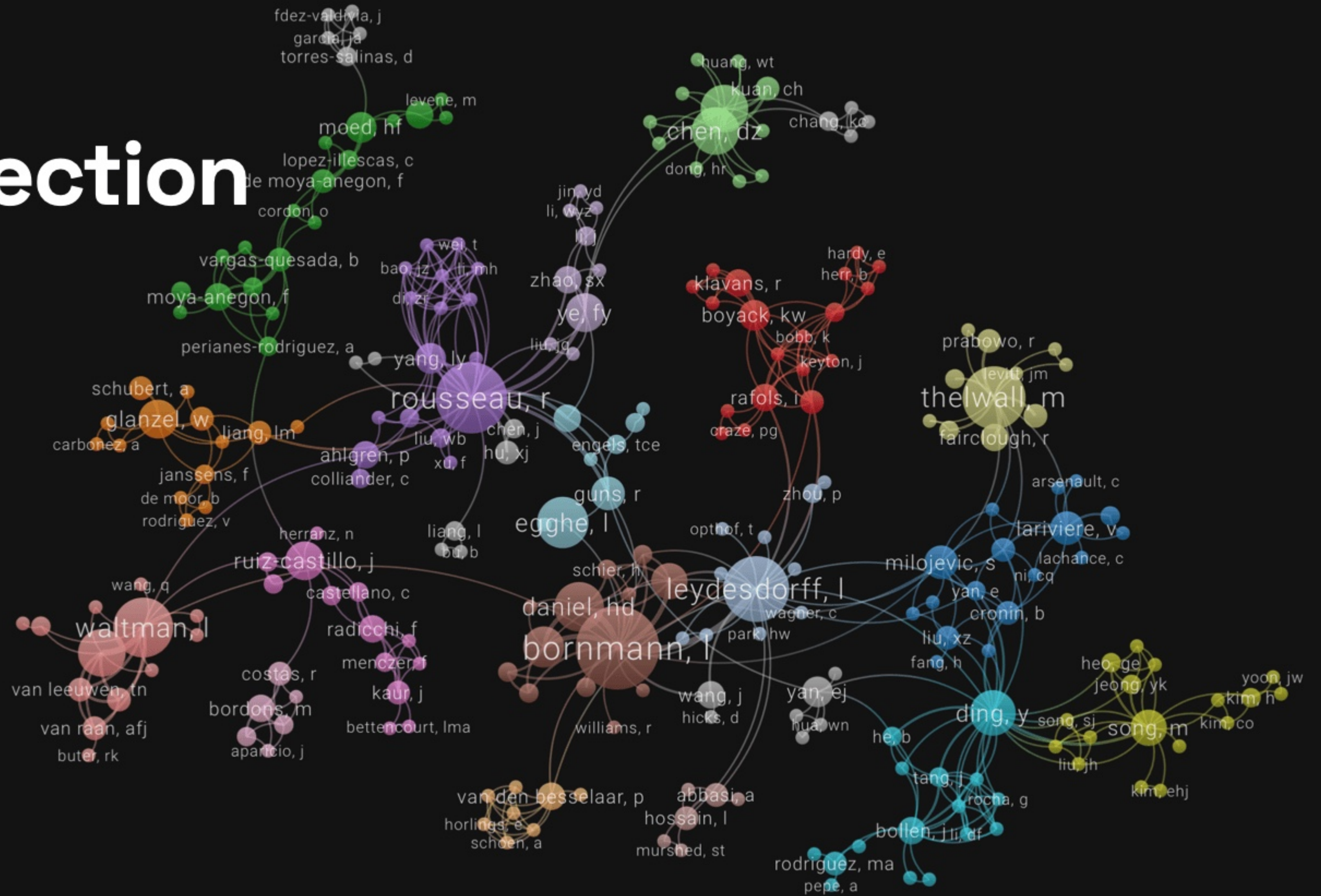
# Layout Force



# Algorithm Community Detection

Leiden algorithm

Louvain algorithm



# Algorithm Centrality

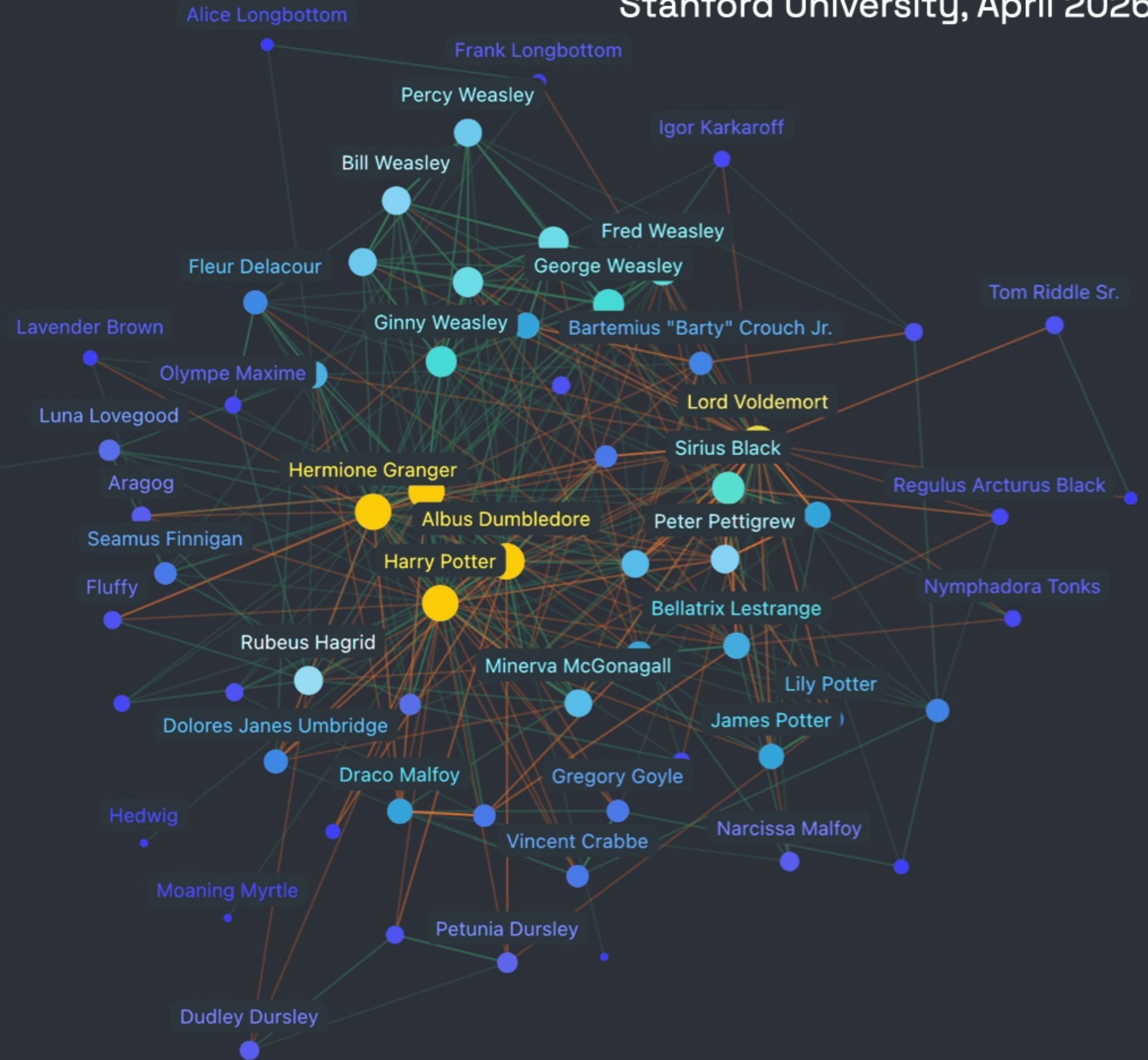
In Degree and Out Degree

Betweenness Centrality

Eigenvector Centrality

Page Rank

...



Algorithm

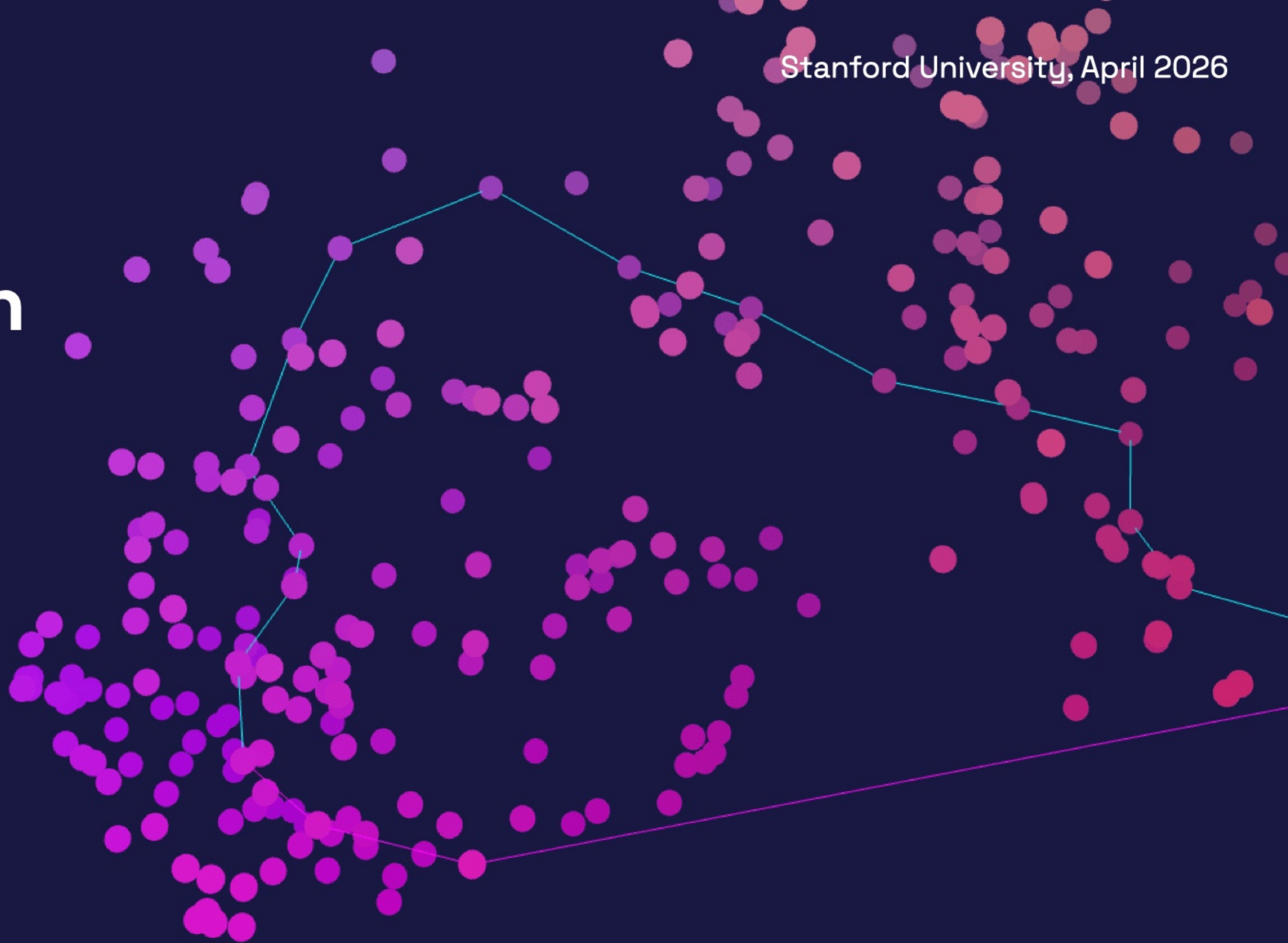
# Shortest Path

BFS

Dijkstra

Bellman–Ford

...



# Tools (apps) to draw your graphs

Cytoscape

Gephi

VOSviewer

 cosmograph

# Cosmograph

A library and a web tool for  
dealing with large graph datasets

[cosmograph.app](https://cosmograph.app)

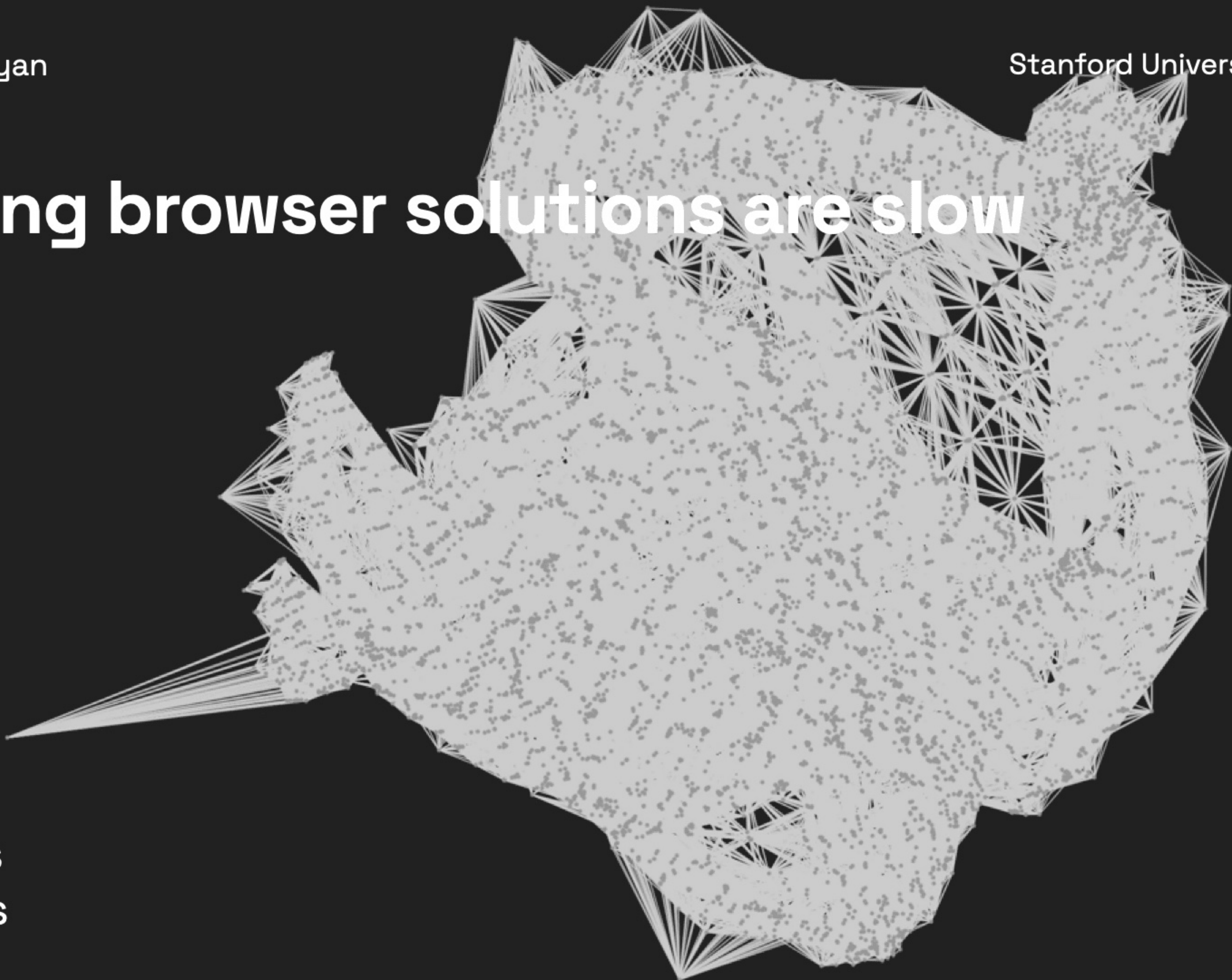


DuckDB

mesaie

SQLRooms

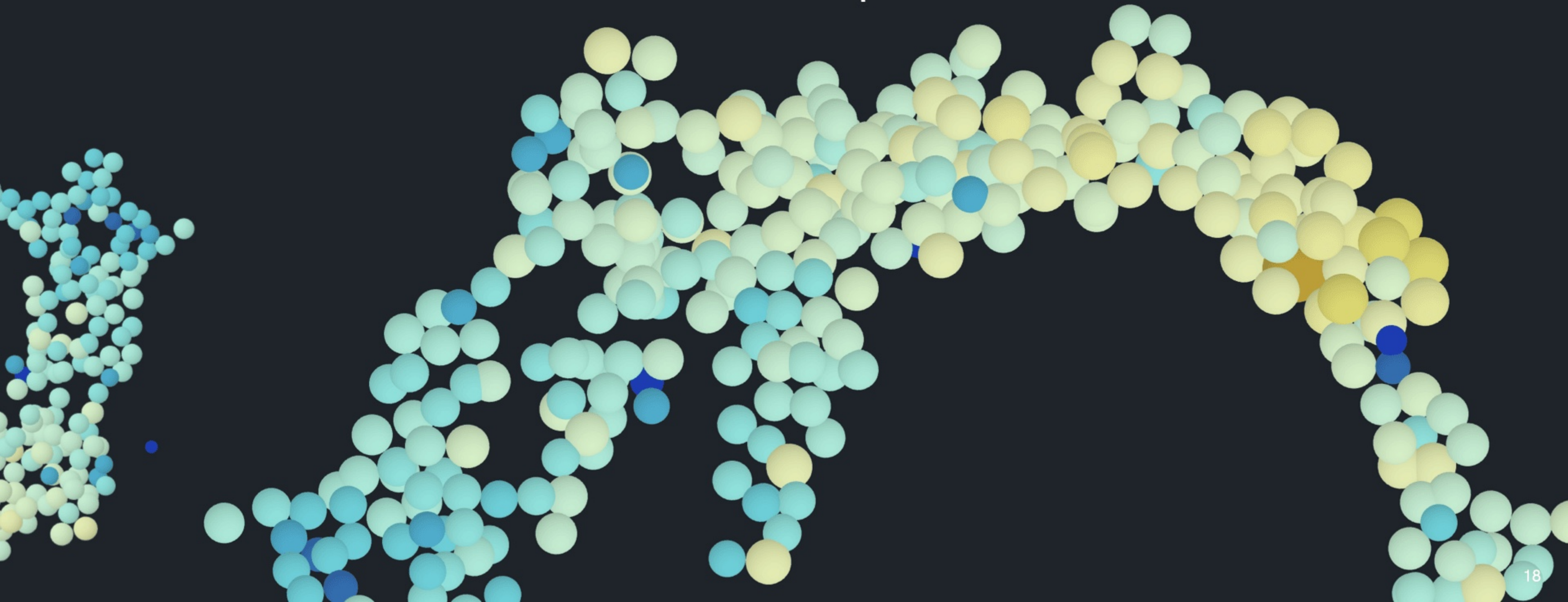
# Existing browser solutions are slow



sigma.js  
7K points  
166K links

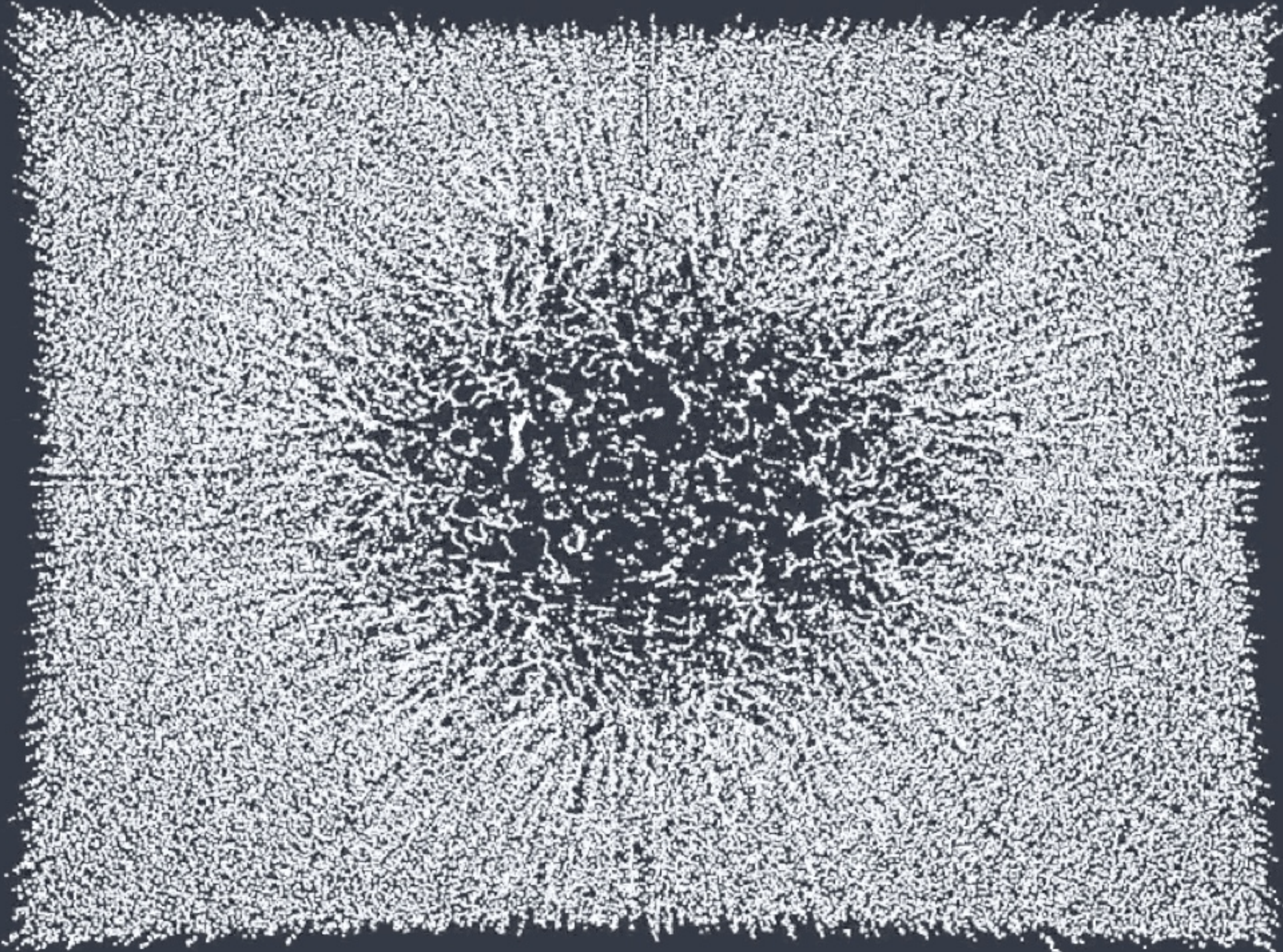
# Key Problems: Layout & Rendering

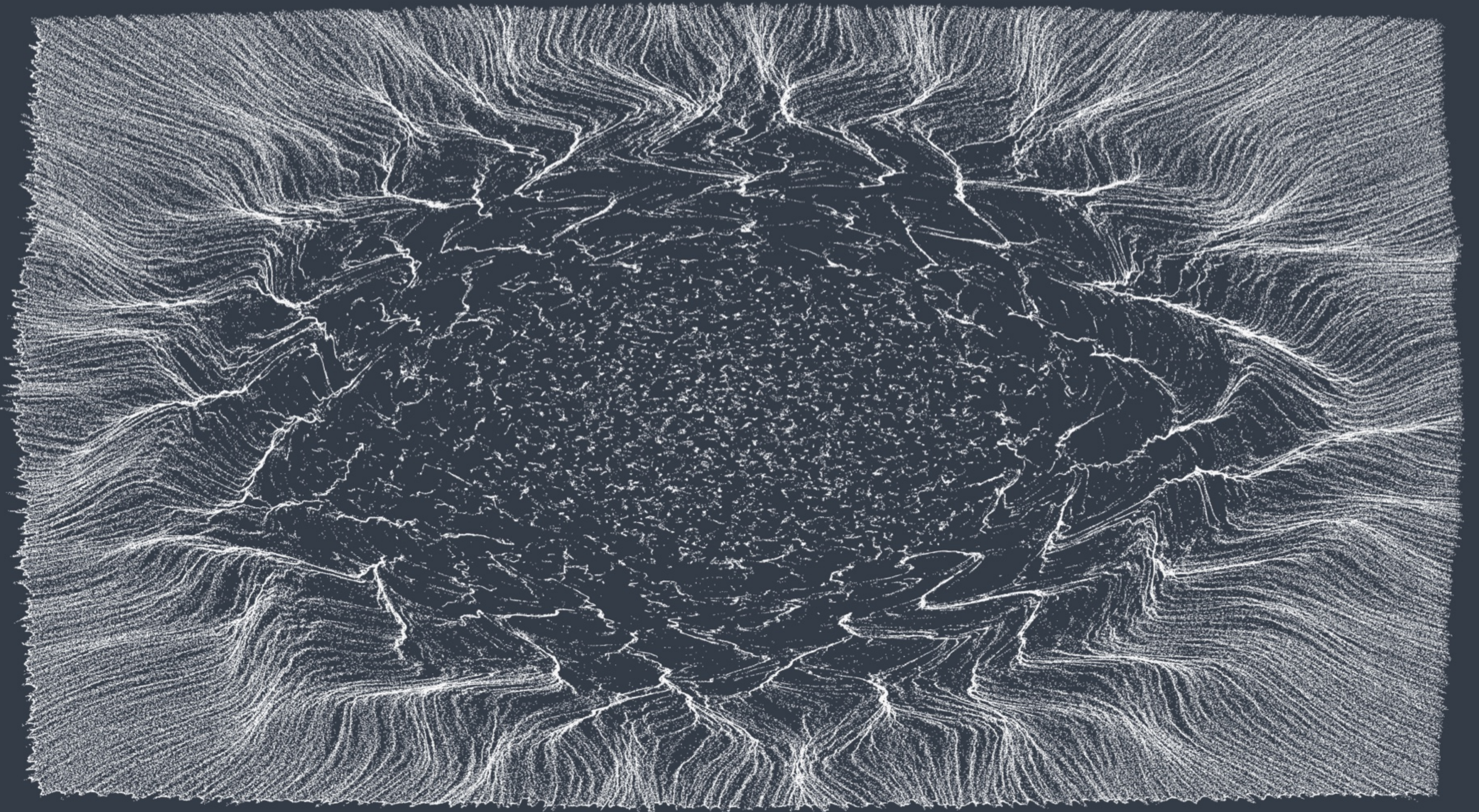
Force simulations on GPU are hard to implement



We had experience implementing particle simulations on CPU and GPU, for data visualization purposes and just for fun.

Challenge accepted!





# Simulation Forces

Many Body

Link

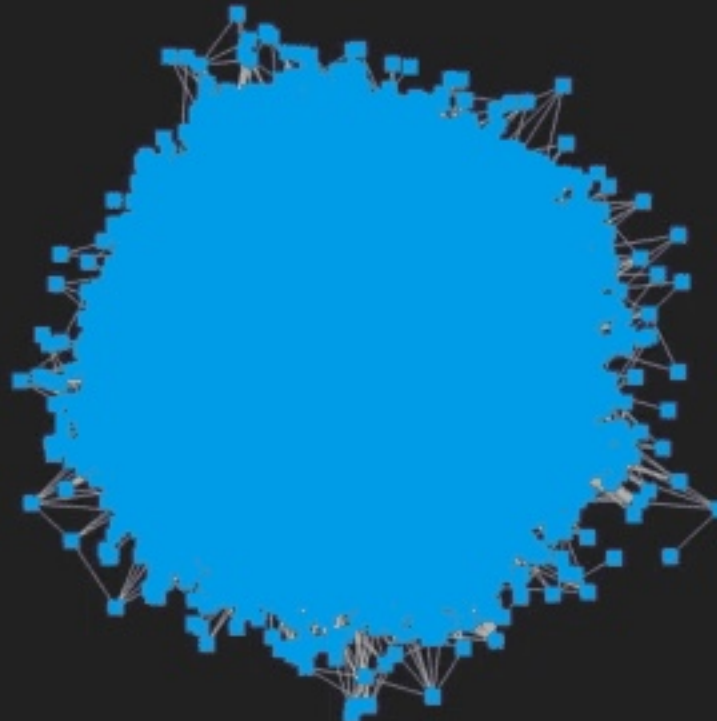
Gravity

Clustering

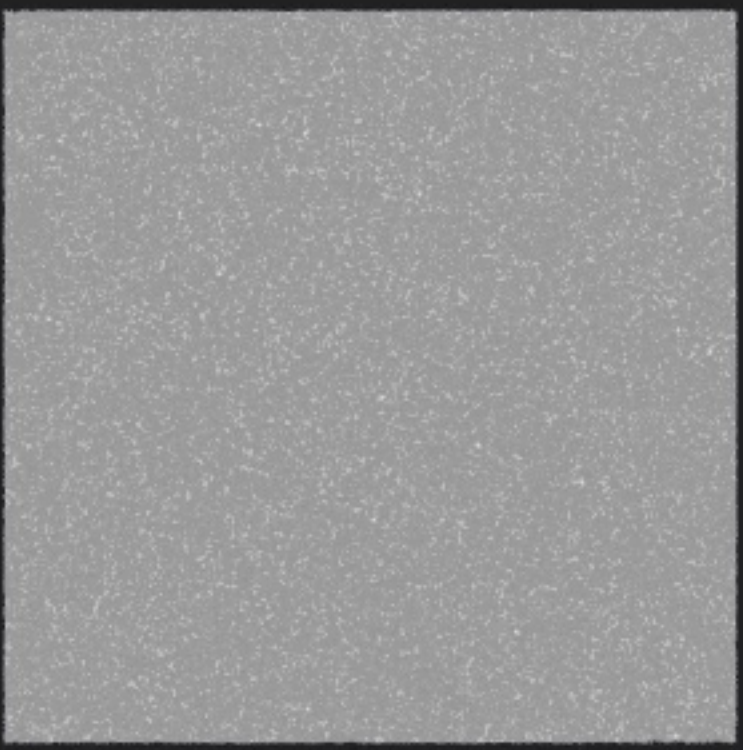
Centering



Vivagraph stop  
**Vivagraph**

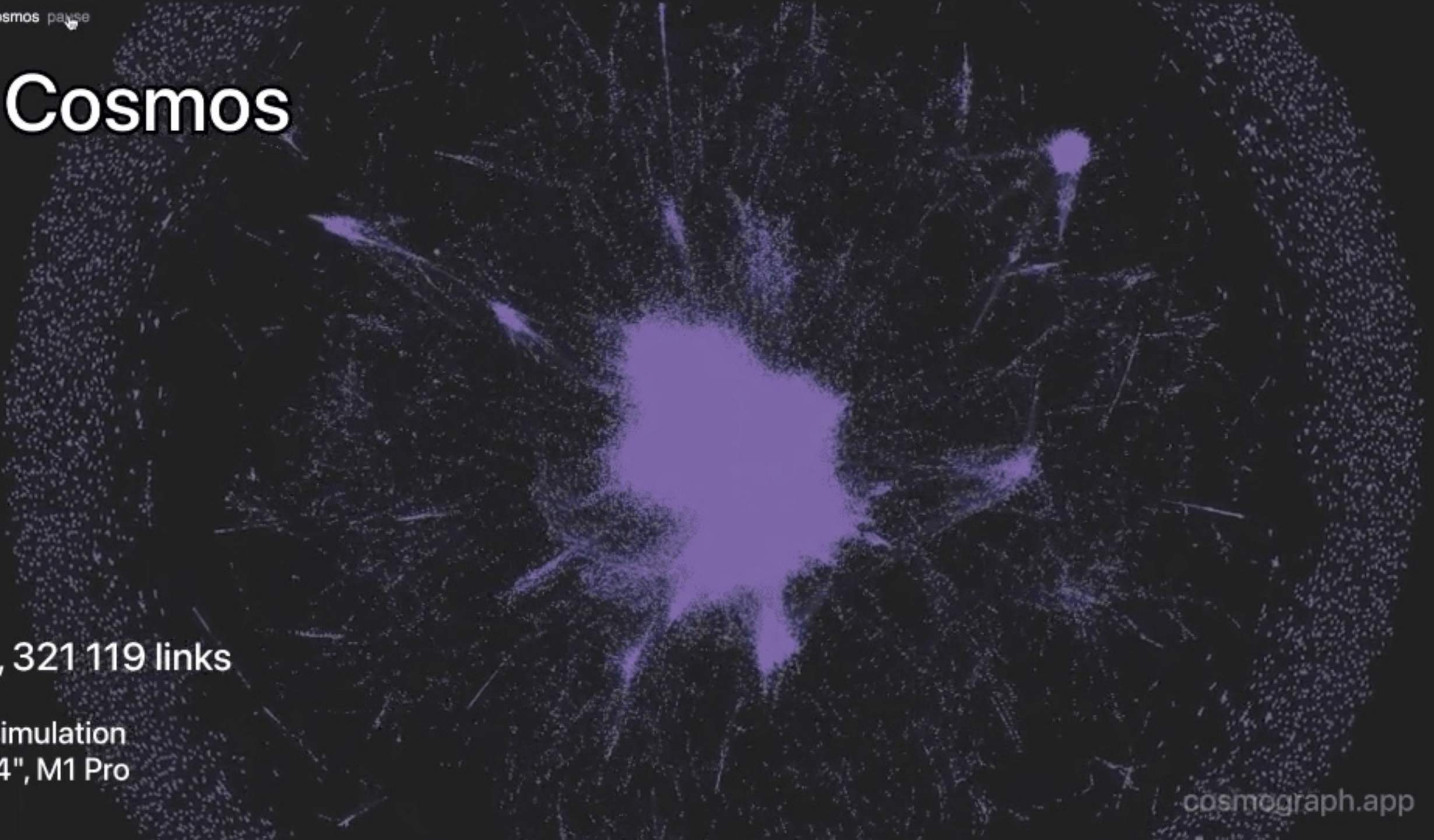


Sigma pause  
**Sigma**



react-force-graph pause  
**React-force-graph**

Cosmos pause  
**Cosmos**

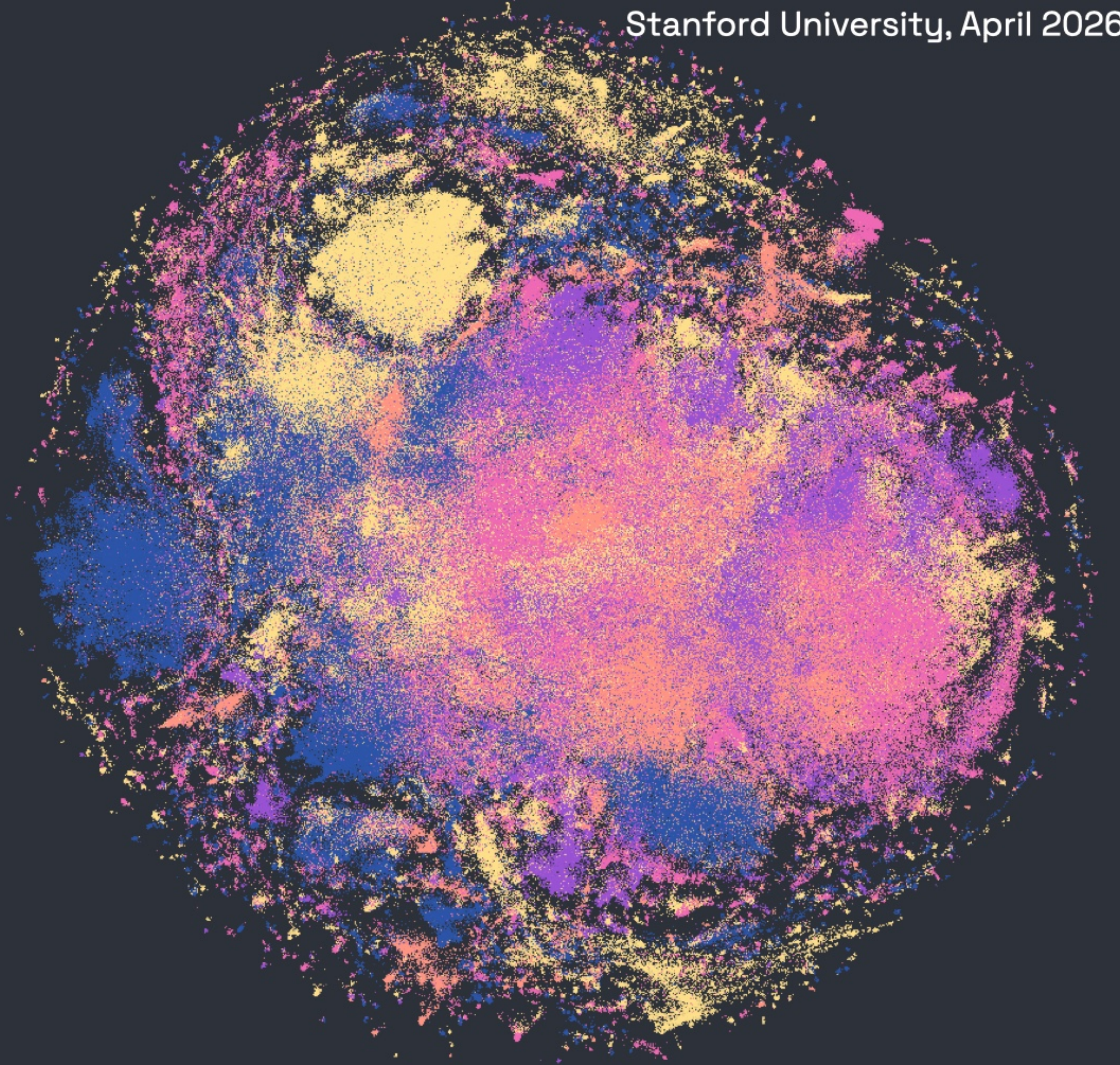


133 587 nodes, 321 119 links

Real-time simulation  
MacBook 14", M1 Pro

Cosmograph is also an excellent point rendering engine when you need to visualize ML embeddings at scale

## II. Visualizing Text



# Why to visualize text?

In just a few years, language models have become deeply integrated into our lives and have opened up new possibilities for working with text.

We generate unprecedented amounts of textual data every day.



Visualizing text data serves several important purposes:

1. **Highlighting Patterns and Trends:** Visualization can make patterns and trends in text data more apparent. For example, word clouds can show the most frequently used words in a document, and sentiment analysis graphs can display the overall mood of a collection of texts over time.
2. **Simplifying Complex Information:** Text data, especially large volumes of it, can be overwhelming to analyze. Visual representations like charts, graphs, and network diagrams can distill complex information into more digestible and interpretable formats.
3. **Supporting Decision Making:** Visualized text data can help in making data-driven decisions. For instance, a business might use customer feedback visualizations to identify areas needing improvement or to gauge the success of a new product.
4. **Identifying Relationships and Connections:** Techniques like network analysis can reveal connections and relationships within text data, such as links between different entities in social networks or co-occurring terms in scientific literature.
5. **Enhancing Engagement:** Visualizations ●



Message ChatGPT



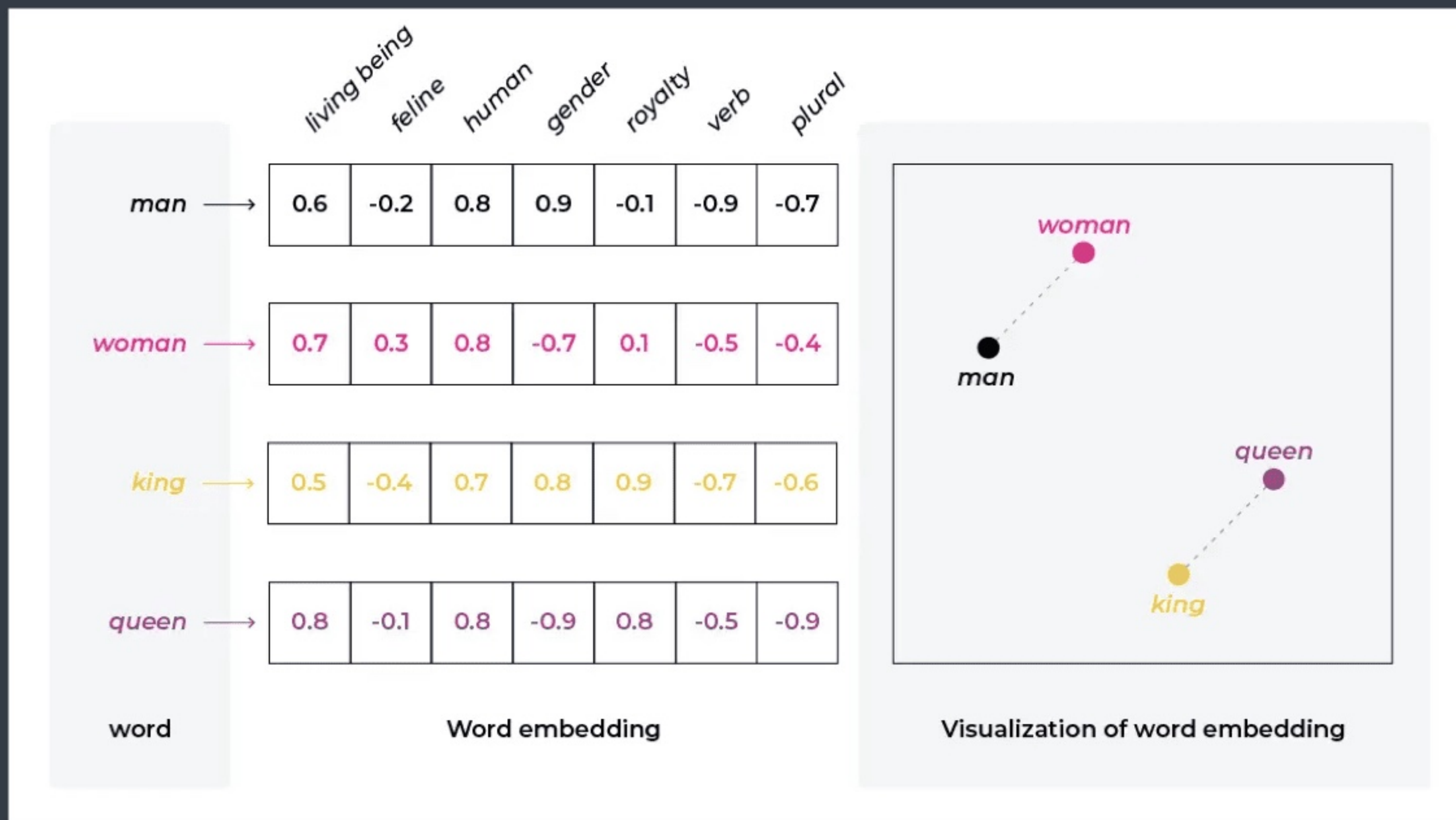


# A Little Bit of History

1930s	Zipf's law
1950s	Term Frequency (TF)
1970s	TF-IDF, Vector Space, N-grams
1980-1990s	Latent Semantic Analysis, Decision Trees, Support Vector Machines, and Bayesian Classifiers
2000s	Probabilistic models such as Latent Dirichlet Allocation
2010 - now	Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, Transformer Models (such as BERT and GPT)

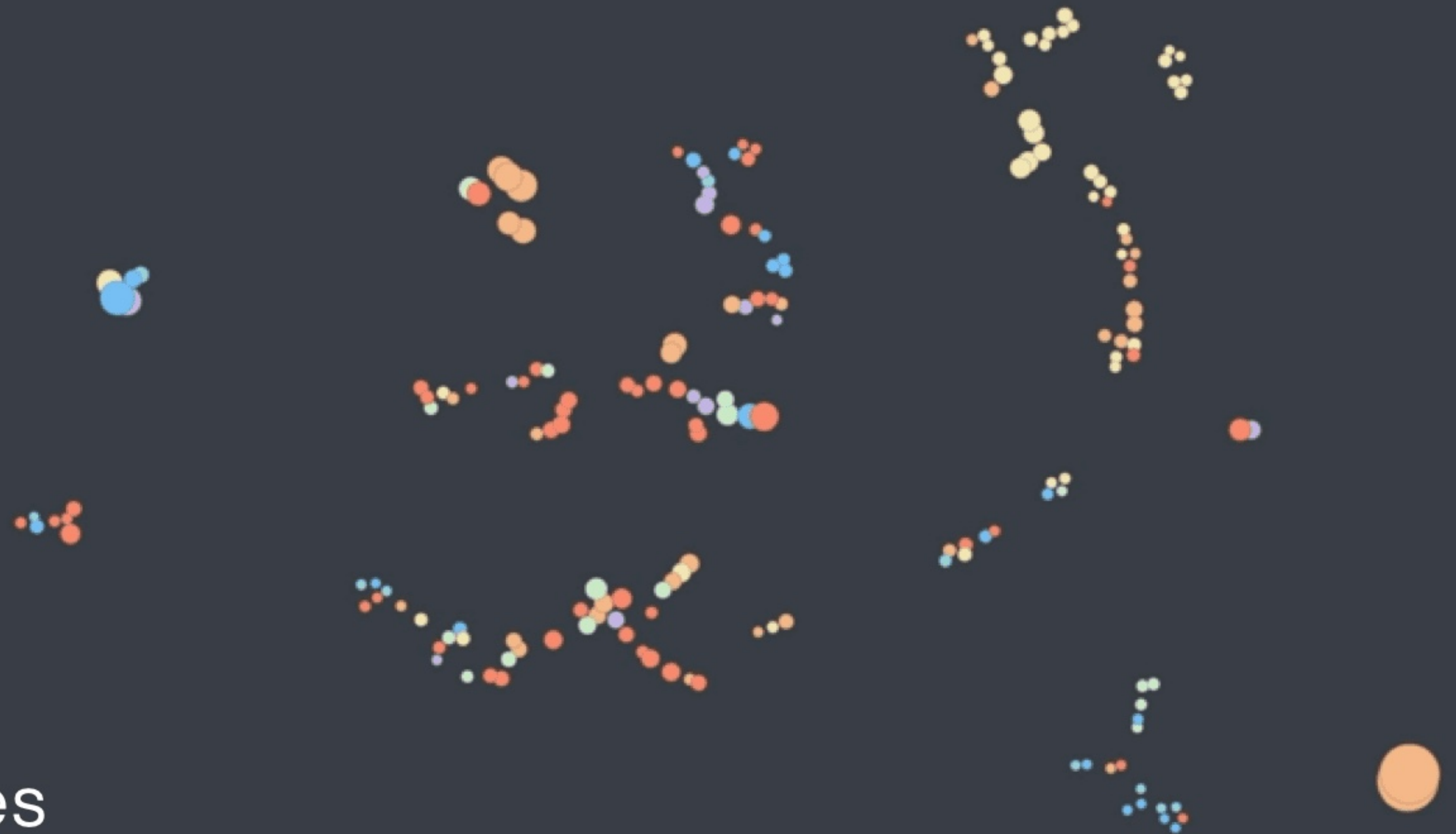
# Text Embeddings

Represent words or phrases in a dense, low-dimensional vector space, capturing semantic relationships between words.



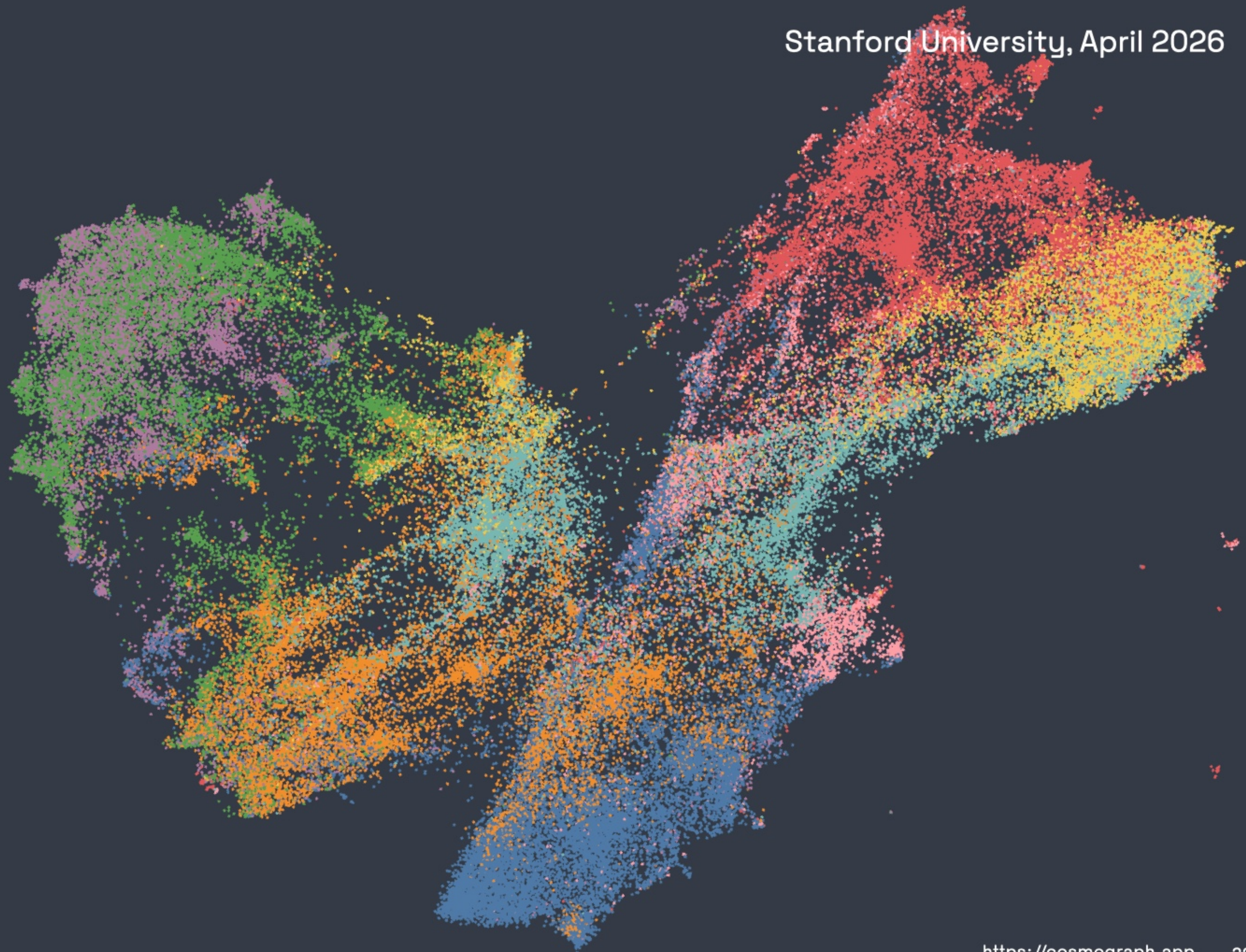


# PCA, t-SNE, UMAP, ...



Dimensionality  
Reduction Techniques  
come to the rescue

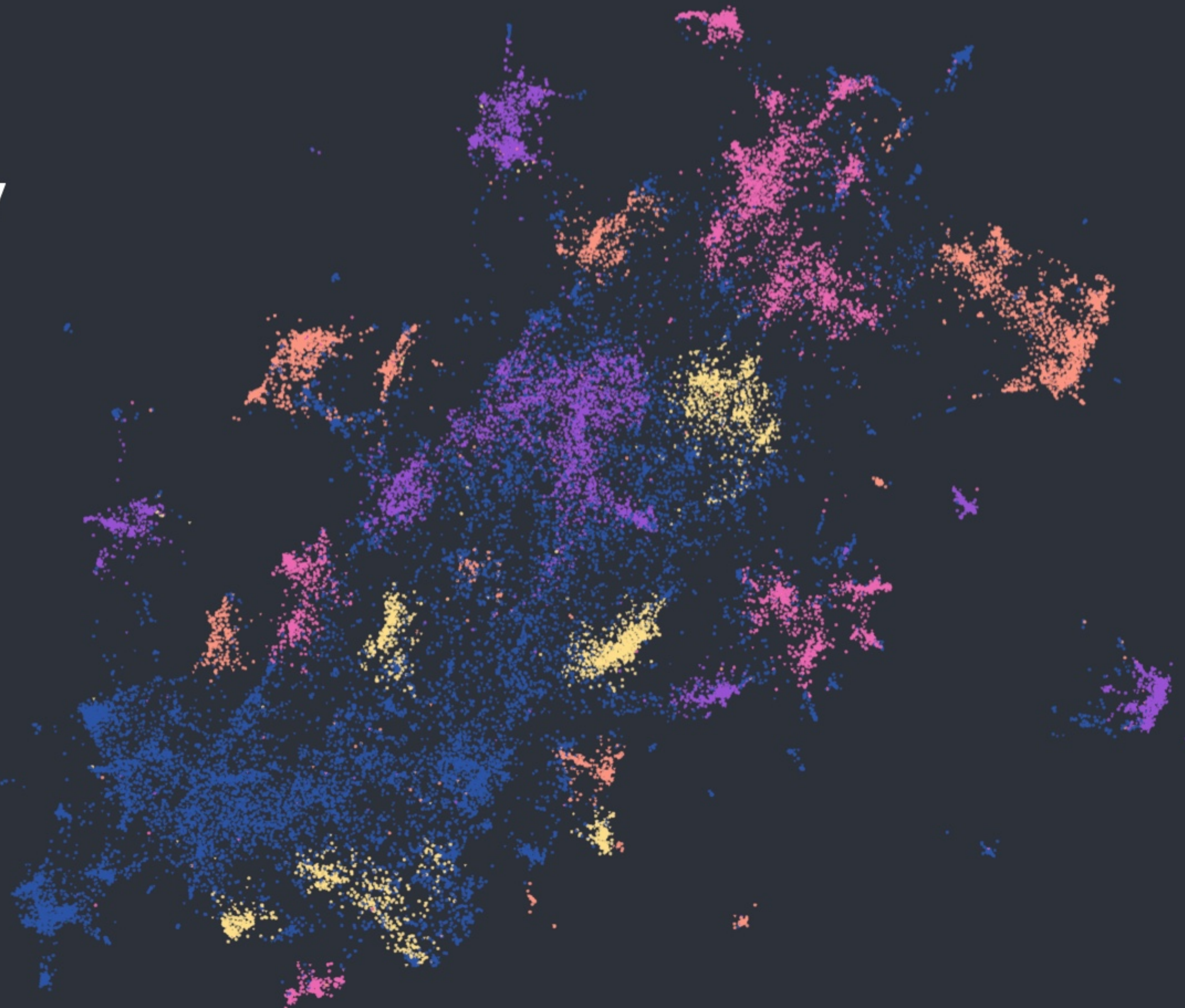
# On a Large Scale



You get beautiful  
semantic maps  
of your texts

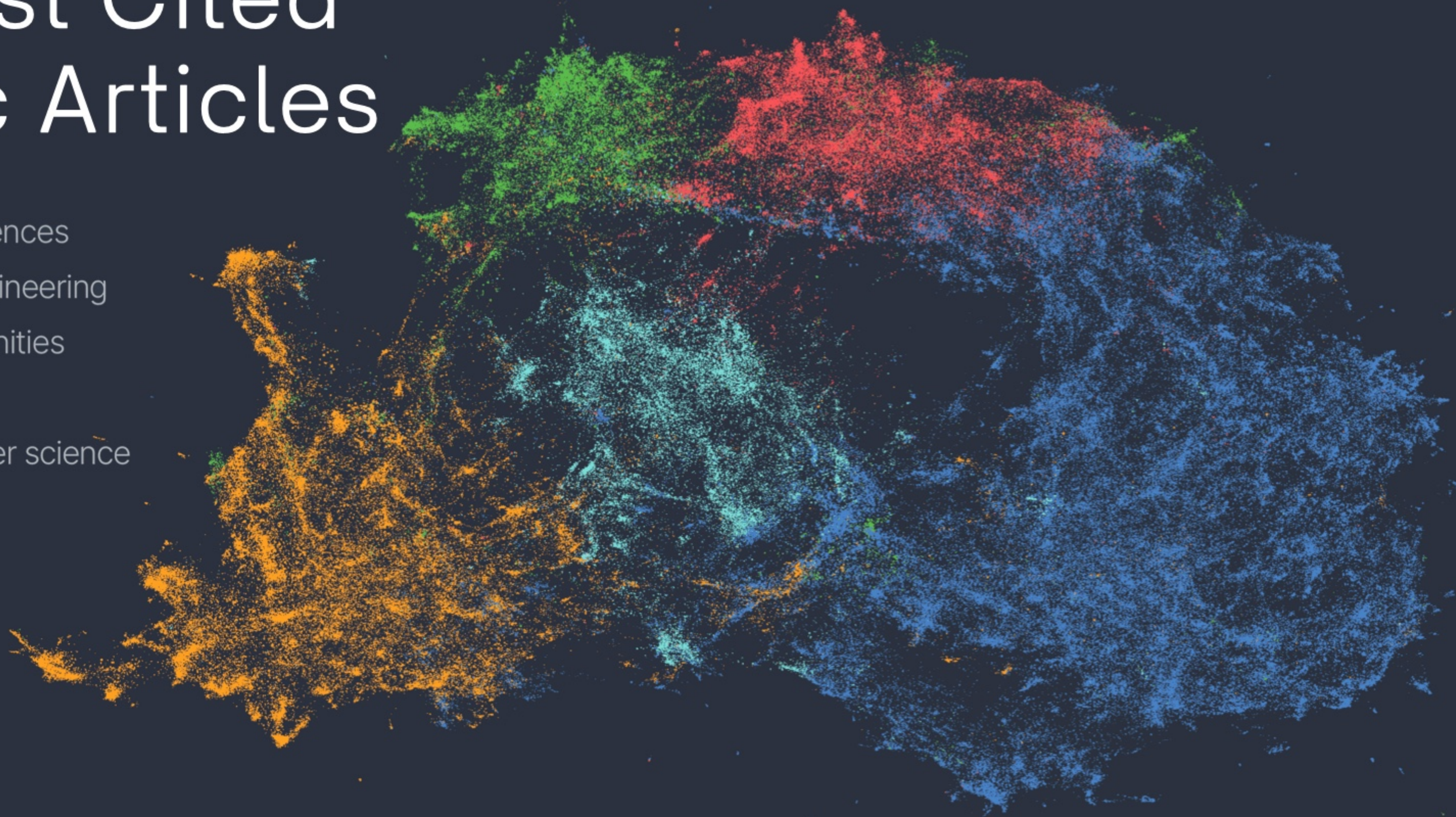
You can also  
apply a variety  
of algorithms  
to your  
embeddings

HDBScan, K-Means,  
Vector Search, Topic  
Modeling, ...



# 350K Most Cited Scientific Articles

- Biomedical and health sciences
- Physical sciences and engineering
- Social sciences and humanities
- Life and earth sciences
- Mathematics and computer science

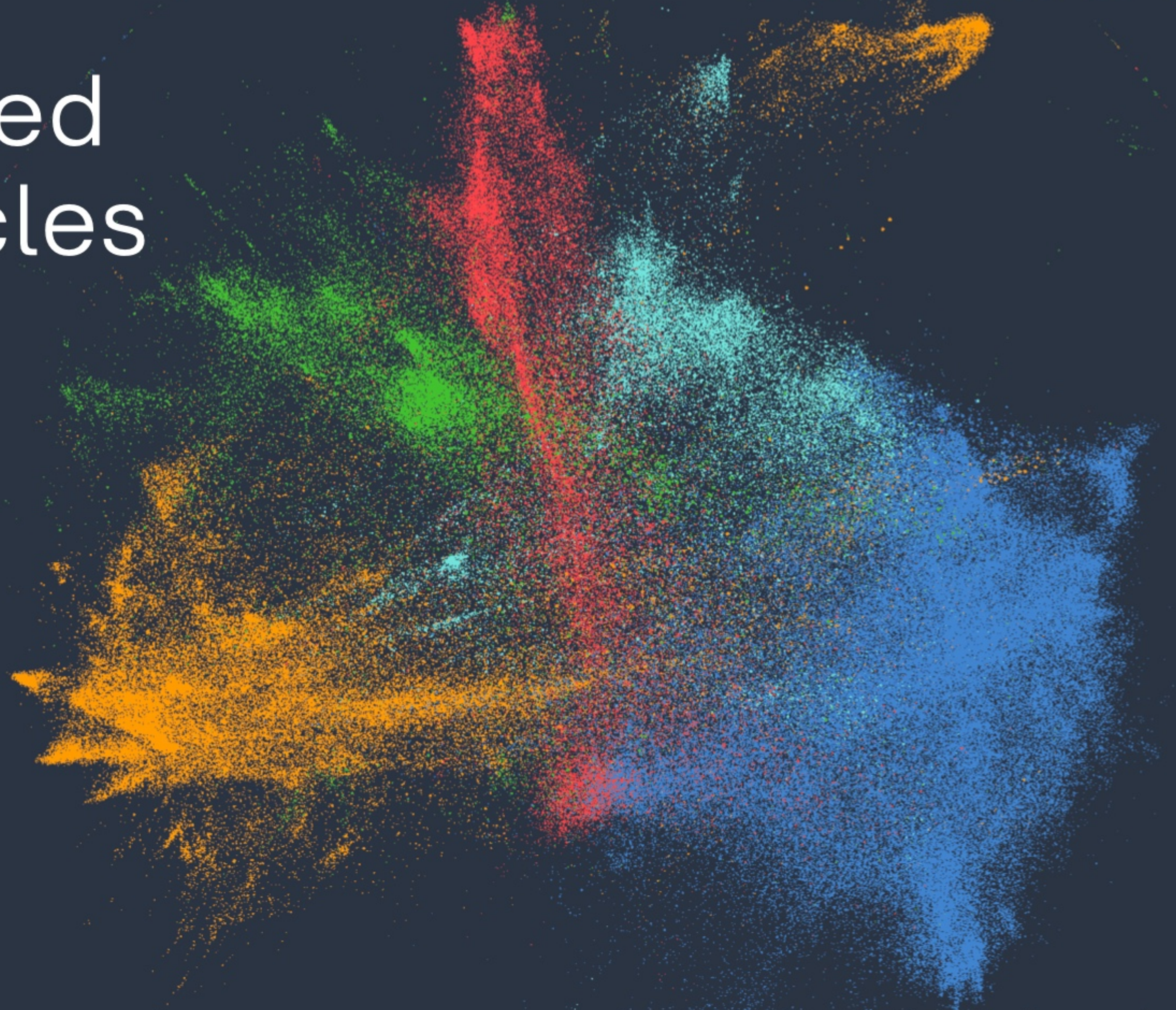


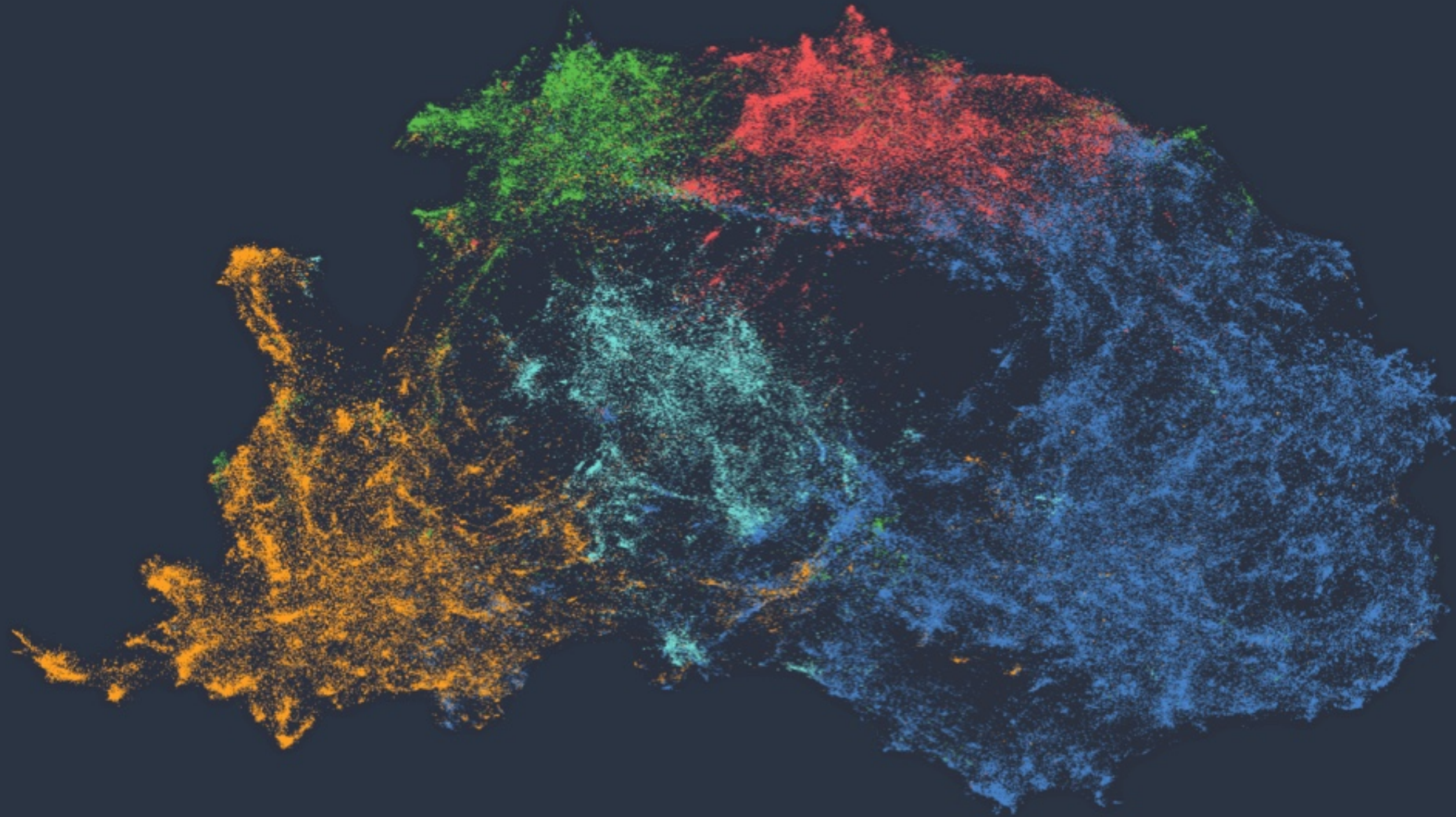
\* Paper abstracts → LLM embeddings → 2D UMAP

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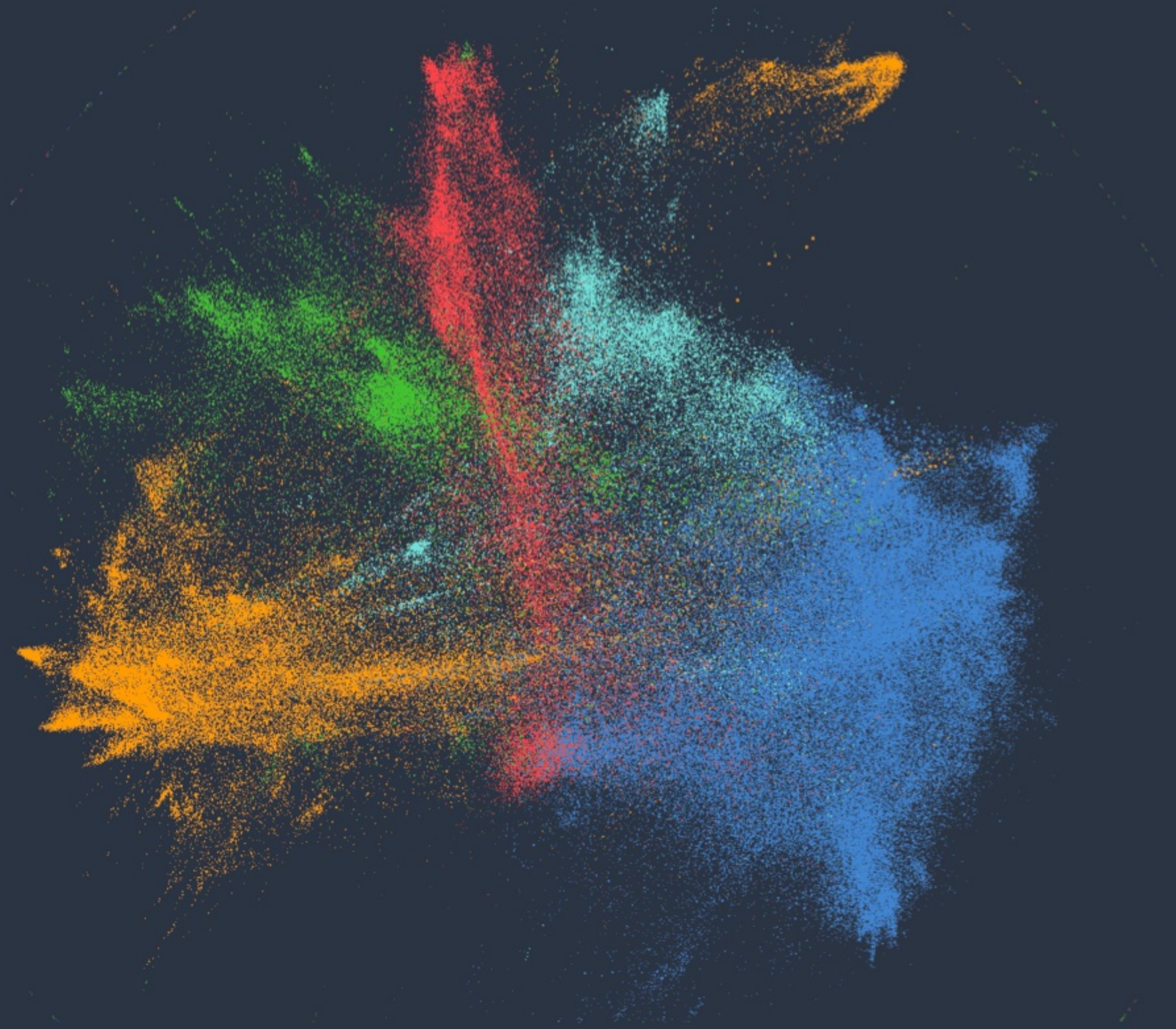
- Biomedical and health sciences
- Physical sciences and engineering
- Social sciences and humanities
- Life and earth sciences
- Mathematics and computer science

\* Same dataset visualized using the force-directed graph layout





Semantic



Network Graph

But how to do all this  
data prep?!

**Vibe code it!**

I have this repository. How can I build a dependency graph of it's source code

13 previous messages >

I added a repo-local scanner at `scripts/build-dependency-graph.mjs`.

This repo looks like a TypeScript source dump without the usual `package.json` / `tsconfig`, so the most reliable path here is static import analysis rather than trying to force `madge` / `dependency-cruiser` onto it. The script scans `import`, `export ... from`, `require()`, resolves this codebase's relative `.js` imports back to `.ts` / `.tsx`, and emits `mermaid`, `dot`, or `json`.

```
bash
cd /Users/nikitarokotyan/Downloads/claude-code

# Whole repo, top-level folders
node scripts/build-dependency-graph.mjs > dep-graph.mmd

# Better first zoom: services split to depth 2
node scripts/build-dependency-graph.mjs --scope services --depth 2 > services.mmd

# File-level slice for one subsystem
node scripts/build-dependency-graph.mjs --scope services/mcp --granularity file > services-mcp.mmd

# Machine-readable or Graphviz-friendly output
node scripts/build-dependency-graph.mjs --format json > dep-graph.json
node scripts/build-dependency-graph.mjs --format dot > dep-graph.dot
```

**FILTERS**

**POINTS**

+ Add filter

micro\_cluster 4.5K

1

size (n\_cits) 138K

300

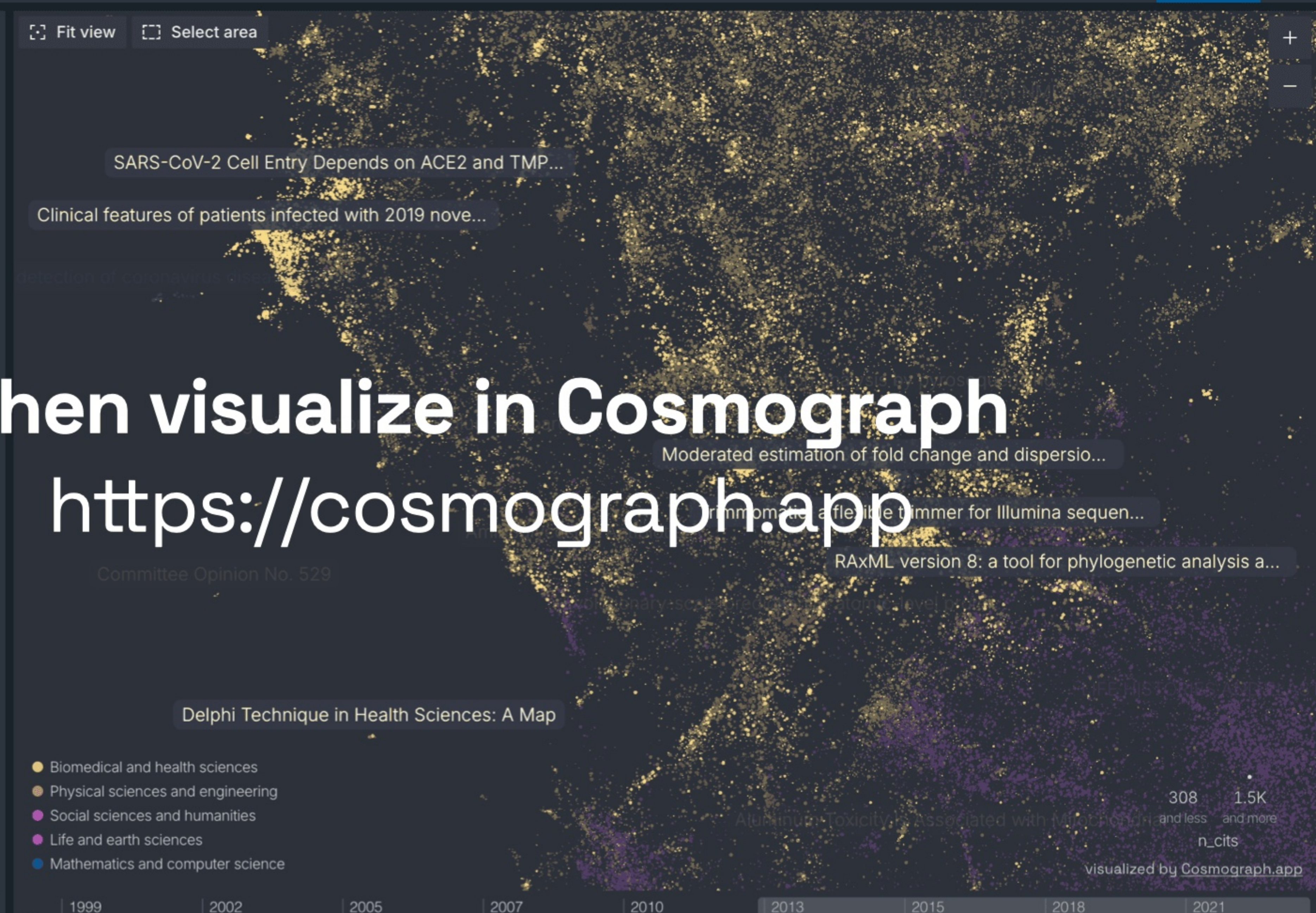
color (main\_field)

Search...

Biomedical and health sciences	165K
Physical sciences and engineering	78K
Social sciences and humanities	43K
Life and earth sciences	35K
Mathematics and computer science	32K

↑ABC ↓123 reset selection

**LINKS**



Then visualize in **Cosmograph**  
<https://cosmograph.app>

# By the way, there's a Python widget

## \$ pip install cosmograph

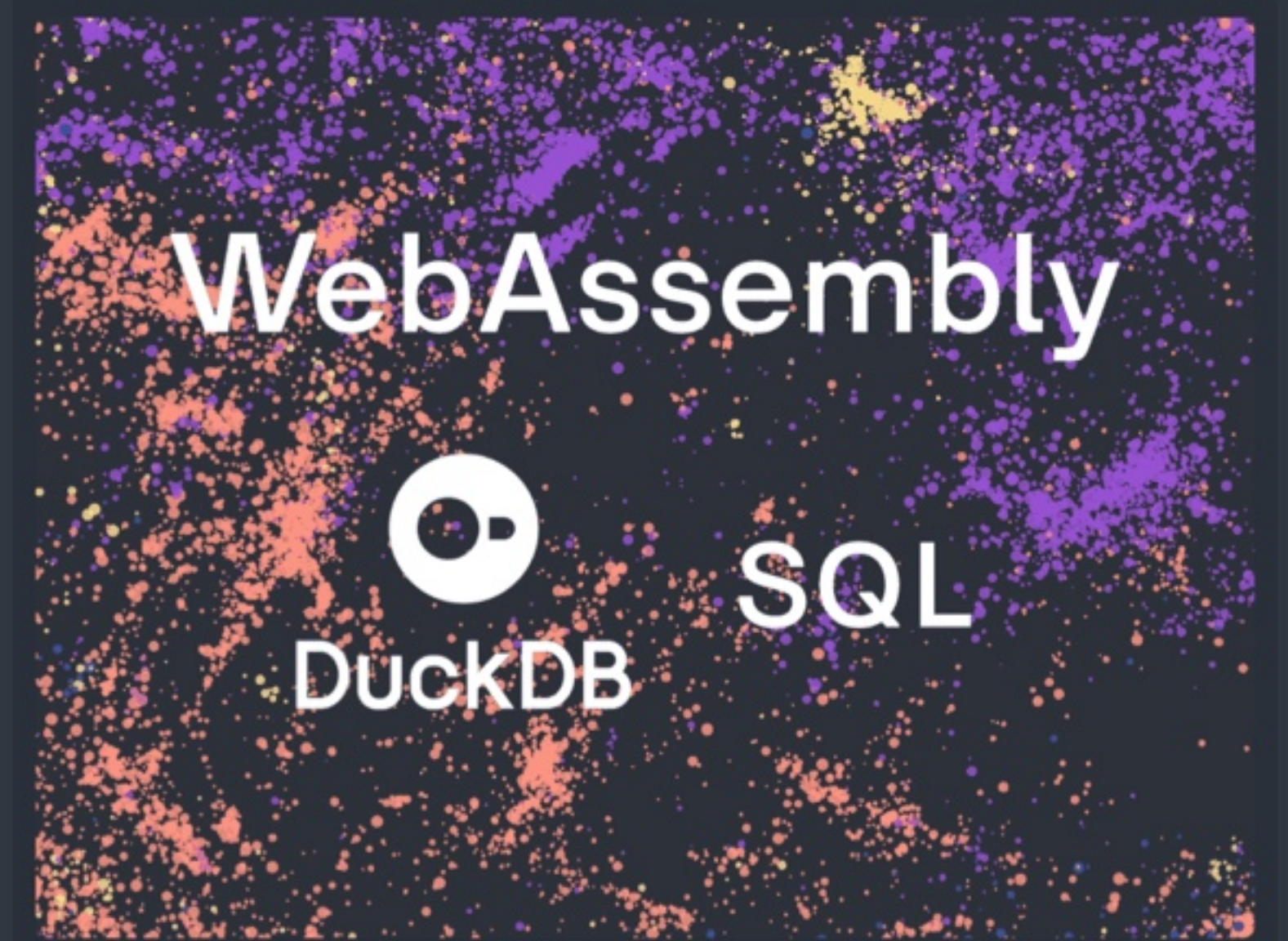
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    point_size_by='value',  
    point_label_by='label',  
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    point_timeline_by='date'  
)  
graph
```





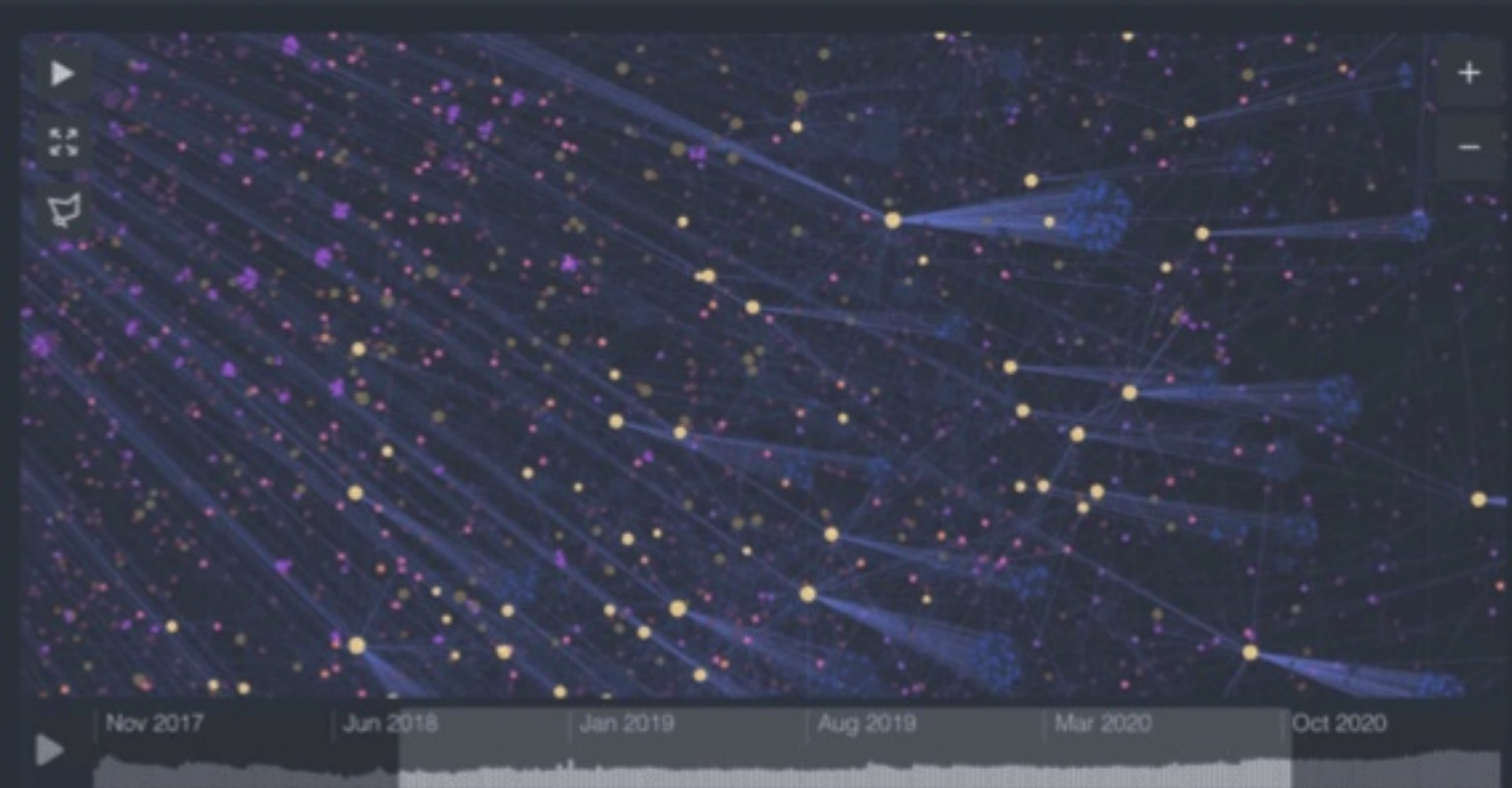
GPU Force Layout and ultra-fast rendering

The simulation runs entirely on the device GPU for real-time layout updates, with no CPU bottlenecks! WebGL rendering, zero-copy data flow, multi-million node graphs.



Built-in Analytics Engine

DuckDB-WASM for in-browser SQL on millions of rows.



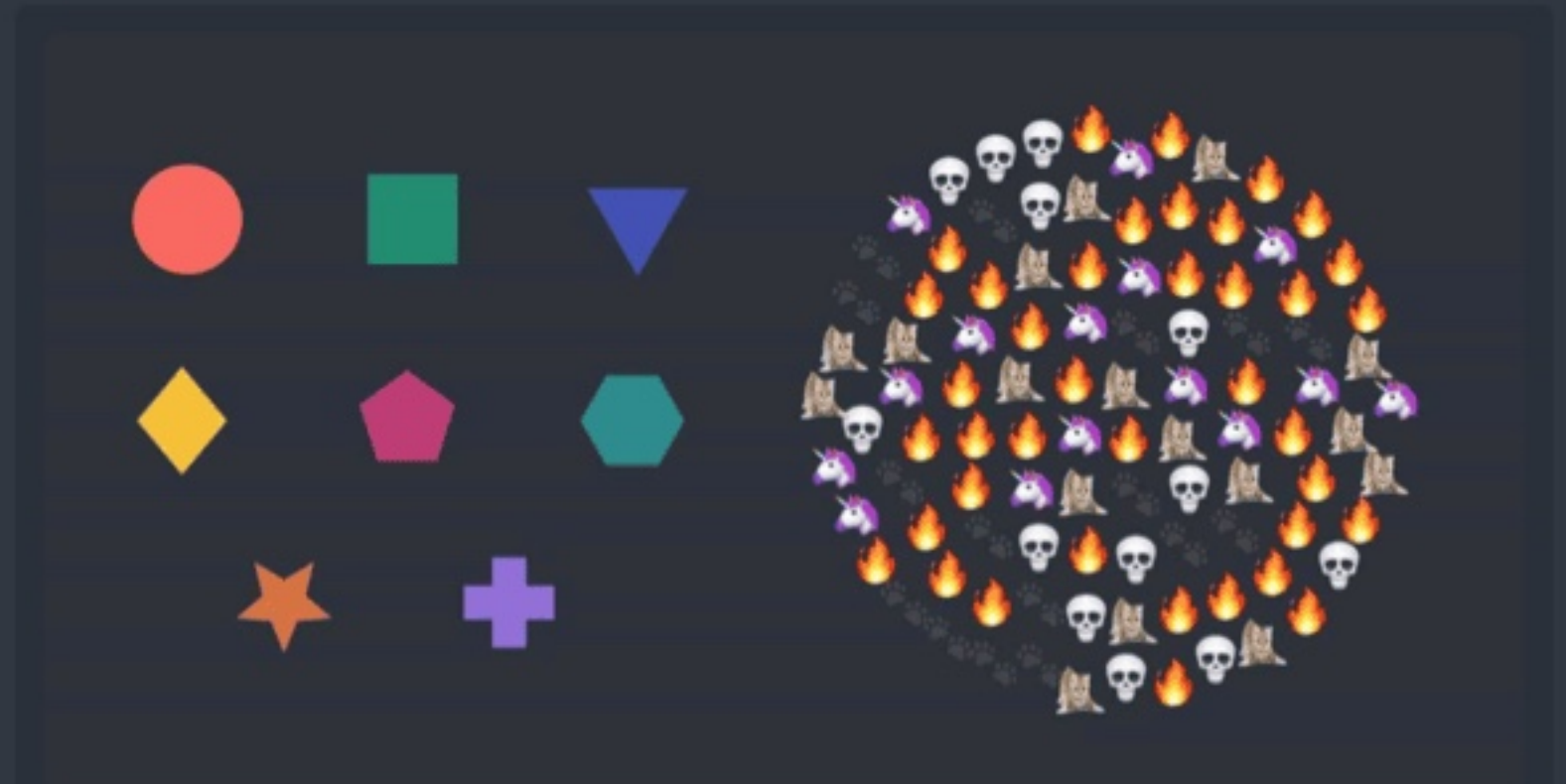
Timeline

Interval-aware timeline for points and links with adaptive binning from ms to years. Linked brushing updates all views instantly.



Filters

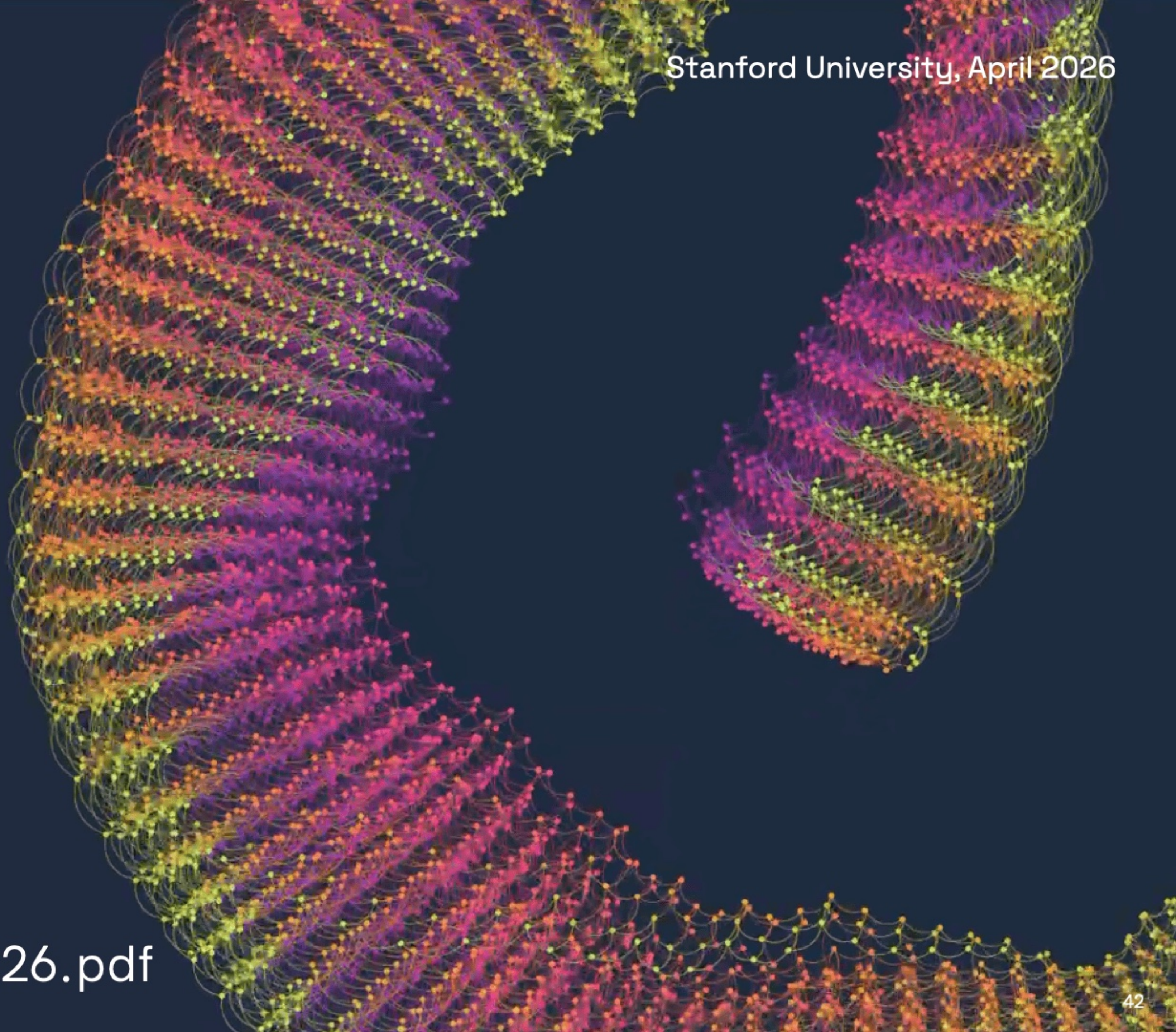
Histograms for numeric, categorical, temporal data with real-time cross-filtering.



Customization

Custom node shapes, images, curved links, data-driven styles, and more.

🙌 Thank you!



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