## Nodes in Evolving Networks – Visualizing the Citation Environment of *Social networks* over time

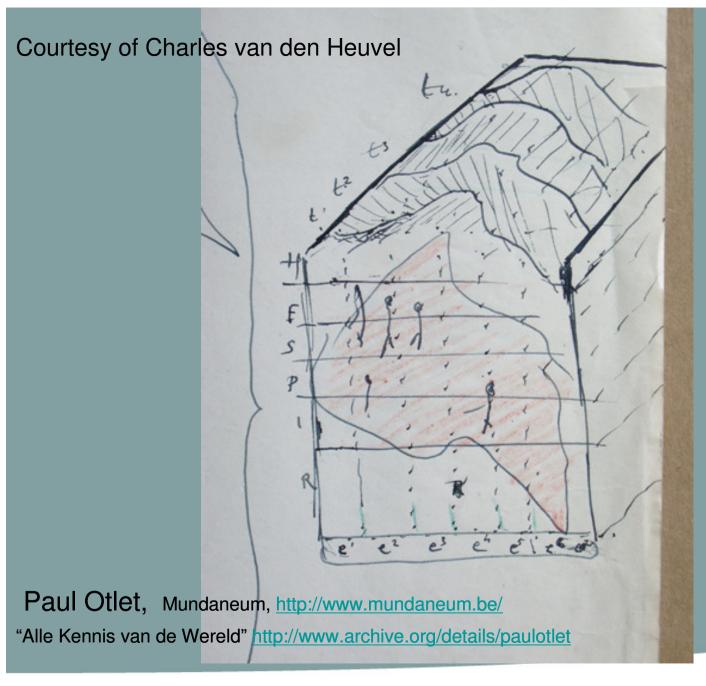
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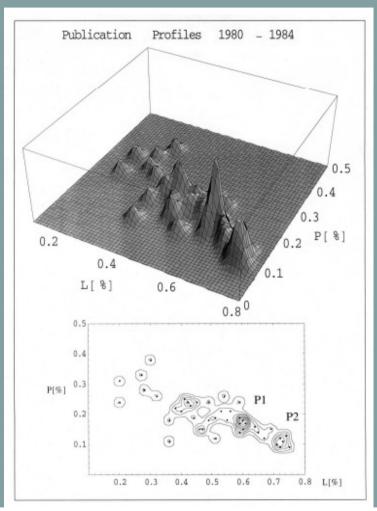




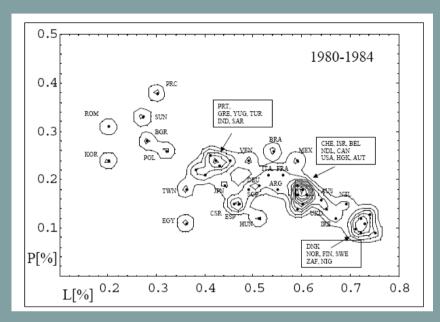


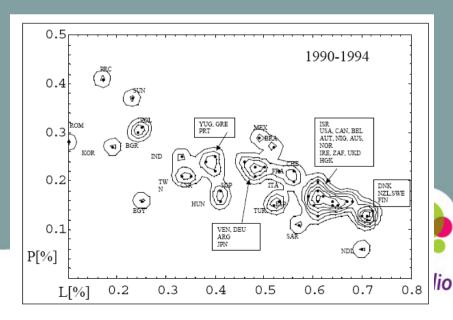
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### Publication profiles of countries



M. Bonitz, E. Bruckner, A. Scharnhorst: The Structure of World Science in the Eighties: Country Maps 1985-1989 versus 1980-1984. In: *Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference of the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics*, June 7-10, 1995, River Forest, II., U.S.A.. Eds. M.E.D. Koenig, A. Bookstein. Learned Information, Medford, New Jersey, 1995, pp. 63–72.





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# Visualizing knowldge spaces as networks

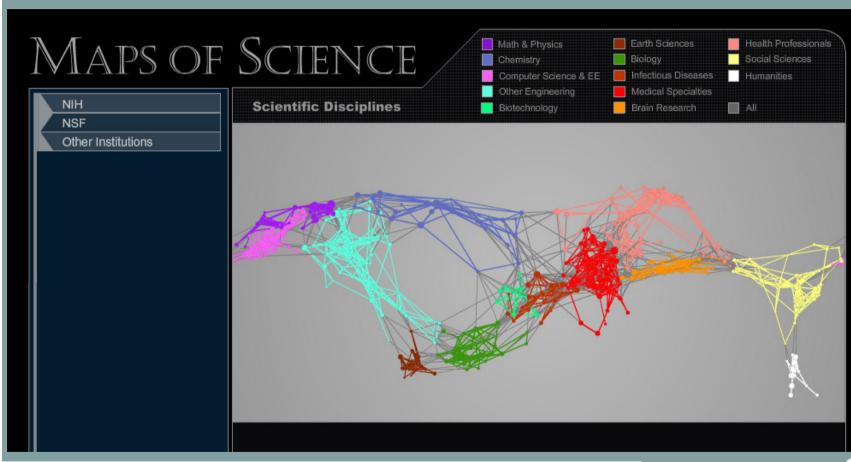


Figure from www.mapofscience.org
See also "Places and Spaces" www.scimaps.org



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Critical events in evolving networks

- -Emerging structures in scientific communication
- -New scientific fields
- -Changing role of scientific journals



# New fields – re-structuring of citation networks among scientific journals

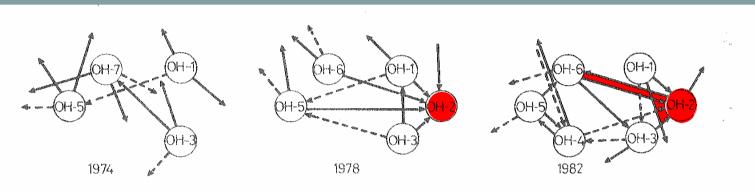


Fig. 3. Emergence of a journal cluster for 'occupational hygiene'.

- OH 1 Journal of Occupational Medicine
- OH 2 Scandinavian Journal of Work Environment and Health
- \*OH 3 British Journal Industrial Medicine
- OH 4 Annals of Occupational Hygiene
- \*OH 5 American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal
- \*OH 6 International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health

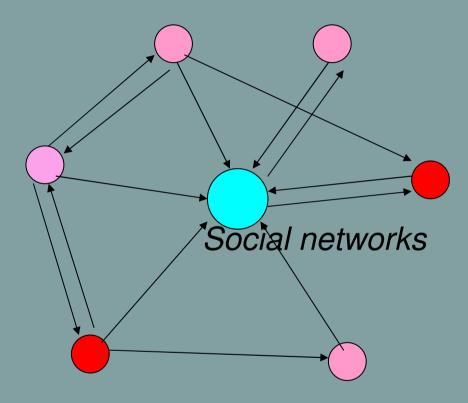
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### "Ego-network" of Social networks

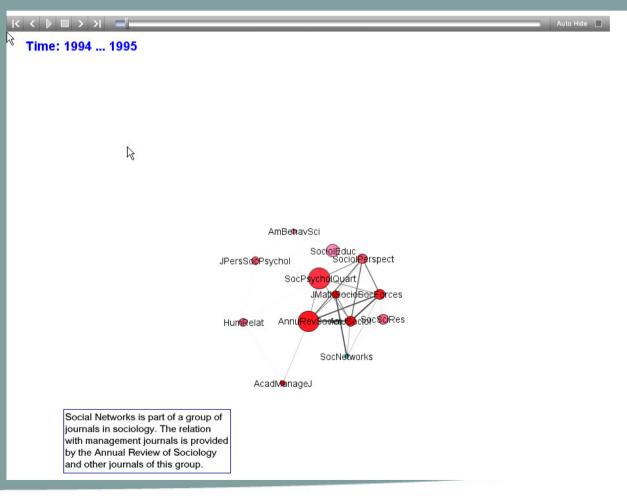


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# Opening the black box of citations – from citating to similarities in being cited





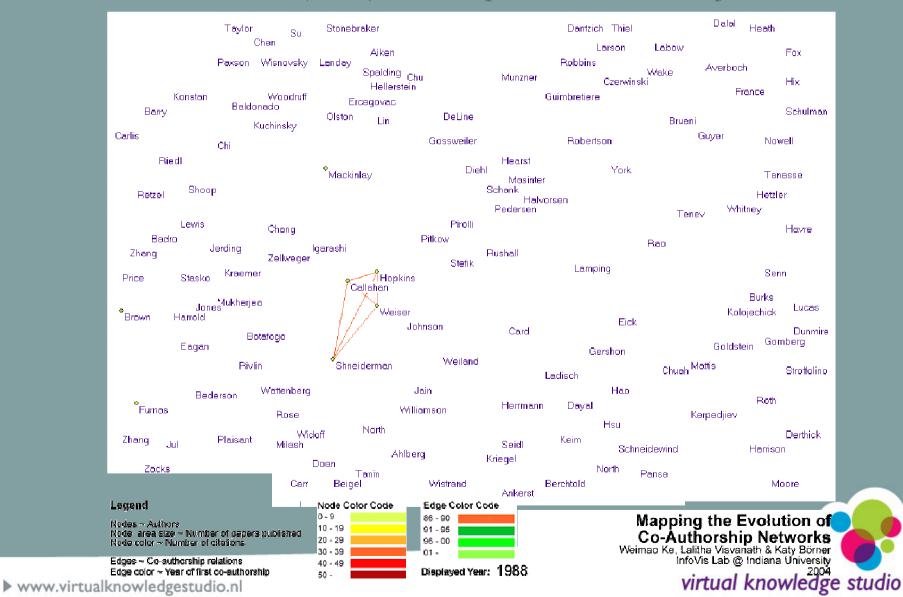
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#### Visualization

#### Mapping the Evolution of Co-Authorship Networks

Ke, Visvanath & Börner, (2004) Won 1st price at the IEEE InfoVis Contest.



### Kamada & Kawai (1989):

$$S = \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{d_{ij}^{2}} (\|x_i - x_j\| - d_{ij})^2$$

majorant function (Gansner *et al.*, 2004); dynamic stress minimalization (Schank, 2008):

$$S = \left[ \sum_{t} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{d_{ij}^{2}} (\|x_{i} - x_{j}\| - d_{ij})^{2} \right] + \left[ \sum_{1 \leq t < |T|} \sum_{i} \omega \|x_{i,t} - x_{i,t+1}\|^{2} \right]$$

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## Dynamic layouter in VISONE

 Animation of the citation environment of Social networks 1994-2007

http://users.fmg.uva.nl/lleydesdorff/journal s/socnetw/index.htm



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# What we know and what we don't know

- We got a visualization which allows us more easily to follow the "target journal" and we developed a "dynamic perspective" on citation environments of journals. In our case, we see
  - Excursions from "disciplinary" basins of attraction
  - No "interdisciplinarity," but "bi-disciplinarity"
  - no stabilization of an interface between the social and the natural sciences
- We are not sure how much we detected trends or "just" fluctuations (sample size).
- We are interested in further differentiate between "changes in projection" and "changes in disciplinary composition".
- We search for explaining factors and further operationalization of the knowledge landscape of science.

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