

# Computationally Harnessing Wikipedia's Knowledge

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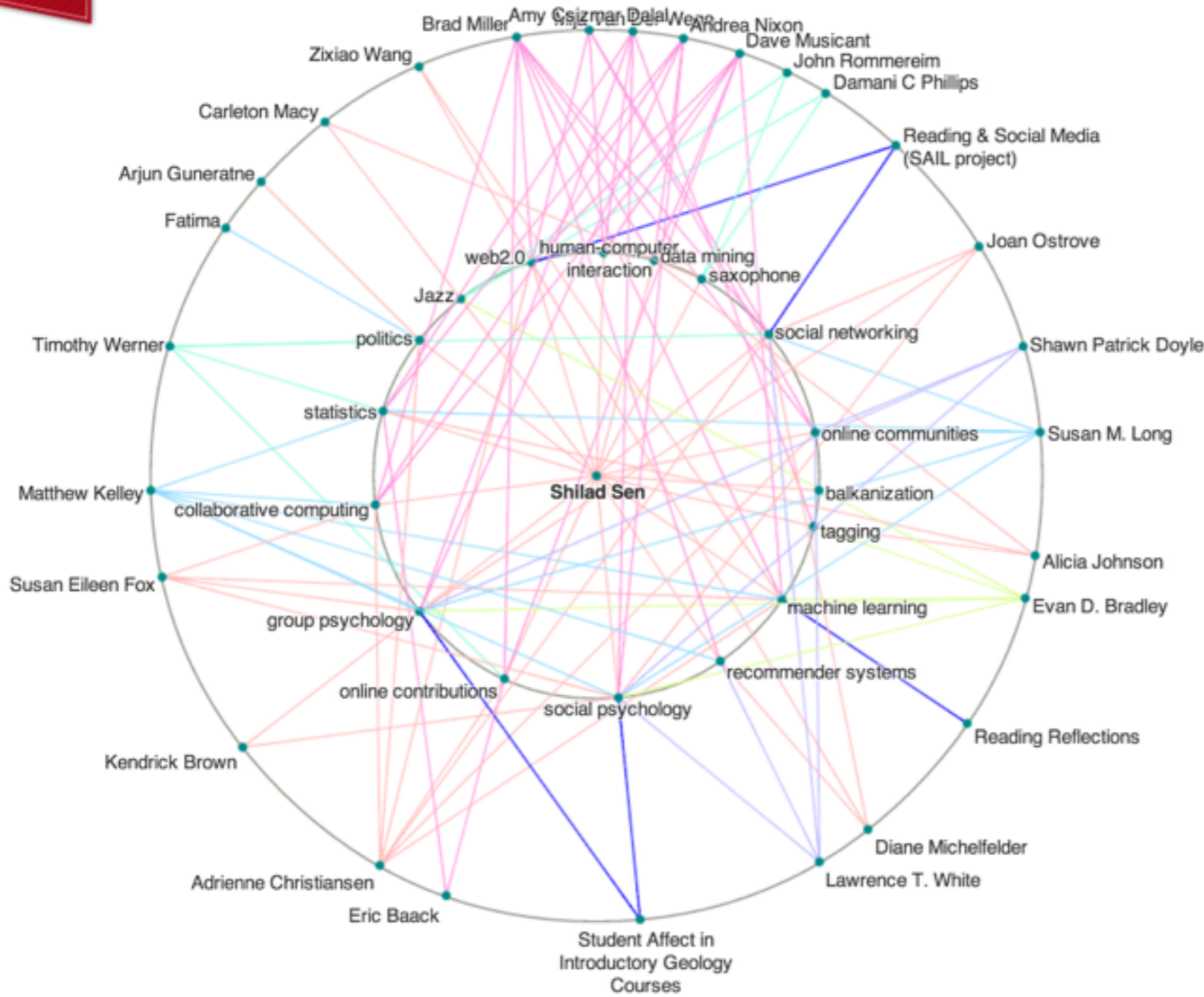
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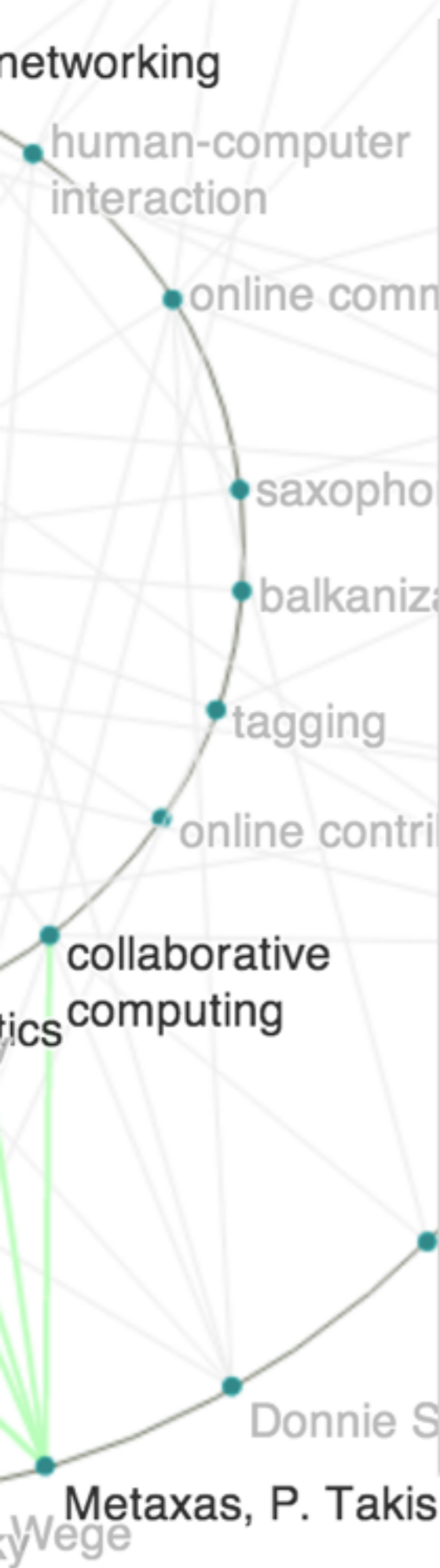
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# WP:Clubhouse? An Exploration of Wikipedia's Gender Imbalance

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## ABSTRACT

Wikipedia has rapidly become an invaluable destination for millions of information-seeking users. However, media reports suggest an important challenge: only a small fraction of Wikipedia's legion of volunteer editors are female. In the current work, we present a scientific exploration of the gender imbalance in the English Wikipedia's population of editors. We look at the nature of the imbalance itself, its effects on the quality of the encyclopedia, and several conflict-related factors that may be contributing to the gender gap. Our findings confirm the presence of a large gender gap among editors and a corresponding gender-oriented disparity in the content of Wikipedia's articles. Further, we find evidence hinting at a culture that may be resistant to female participation.

## Categories and Subject Descriptors

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but by harnessing the collective effort of millions of volunteer editors. However, not all is well with Wikipedia. Researchers have identified and studied several factors that represent challenges for Wikipedia, including increased vandalism [21], increased overhead in resolving editor conflict and performing other coordination activities [13], and an overall stagnation in growth rate [24].

More recently, in a January 2011 New York Times article, Noam Cohen described another challenge: a wide gender gap amongst Wikipedia's editors [7]. Cohen observes that just 13% of Wikipedia's contributors are female, according to a 2009 Wikimedia Foundation survey. Furthermore, he suggests that this disparity has led to deficiencies in Wikipedia's coverage of "female" topics, as evidenced by a series of anecdotal examples (e.g., Wikipedia's coverage of topics like friendship bracelets or "Sex and the City" pales in comparison to that of toy soldiers or "The Sopranos").

The Wikimedia Foundation has established a goal of increasing the female share in editors to 25% by 2015. While ambitious,

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## Computational sociology

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Computational sociology** is a branch of [sociology](#) that uses phenomena. Using [computer simulations](#), [artificial intelligence](#), [network analysis](#), computational sociology develops and tests social interactions.<sup>[1]</sup>

It involves the understanding of social agents, the interaction aggregate.<sup>[2]</sup> Although the subject matter and methodologies

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## Collaborative Computing Project for

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Collaborative Computing Project for NMR** (CCPN) is a project community involved in [NMR spectroscopy](#), especially those who work existing NMR software via a common data standard and provide a forum for the scientific methods it supports. CCPN was initially started in 1999 development groups worldwide.

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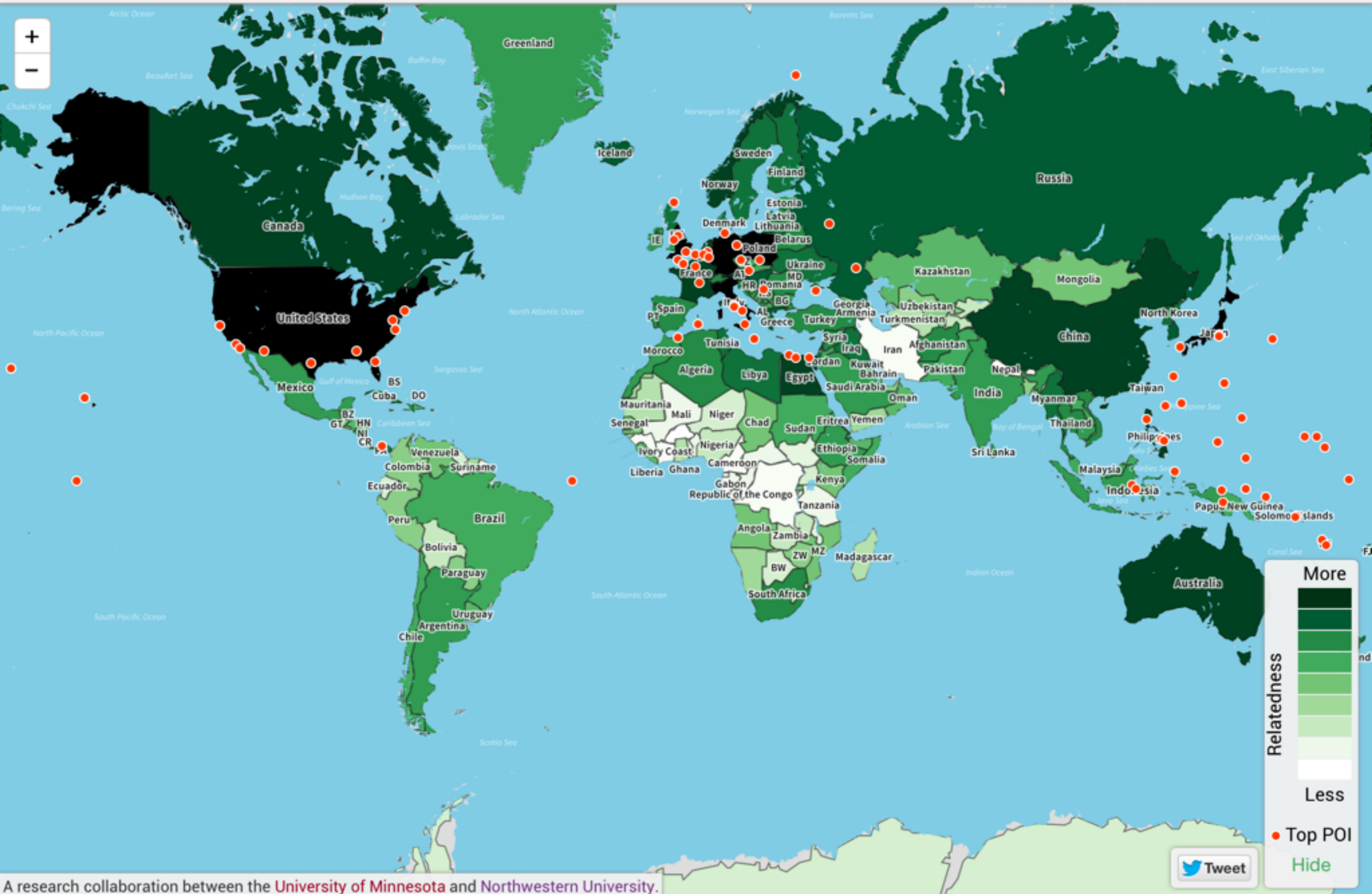
conspiracy theory

Language Editions: All 25 Link Direction: Outlinks Sorting: Unique Mentions First Breadth: Article Group

All 25	✓ Catalan	0.36M articles
Biggest Wikipedias	✓ Czech	0.22M
Smallest Wikipedias	✓ Danish	0.16M
Top 10 Economies	✓ German	1.35M
UN Security Council Members	✓ English	3.87M
East Asian Languages	✓ Spanish	0.87M
Eastern European Languages	✓ Finnish	0.29M
Scandinavian Languages	✓ French	1.20M
NATO Languages	✓ Hebrew	0.13M
World War II Languages	✓ Hungarian	0.21M
World War I Languages	✓ Indonesian	0.18M
European Union Languages	✓ Italian	0.97M
Custom:	✓ Japanese	0.79M
	✓ Korean	0.19M
	✓ Dutch	1.01M
	✓ Norwegian	0.37M
	✓ Polish	0.88M
	✓ Portuguese	0.72M
	✓ Romanian	0.17M
	✓ Russian	0.82M
	✓ Slovak	0.13M
	✓ Swedish	0.42M
	✓ Turkish	0.24M
	✓ Ukrainian	0.36M
	✓ Chinese	0.40M







A research collaboration between the [University of Minnesota](#) and [Northwestern University](#).

Hecht, B., Carton, S., Quaderi, M., Schöning, J., Raubal, M., Gergle, D., Downey, D. 2012. "Explanatory Semantic Relatedness and Explicit Spatialization for Exploratory Search". *SIGIR 2012*.

# The challenge of Wikipedia algs

Wikipedia is crucial to NLP, AI, and geospatial algs.

but...

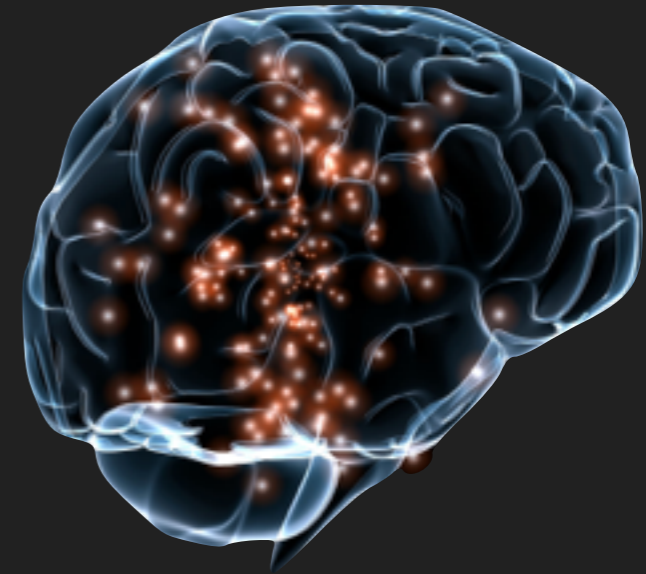
Wikipedia is big.

Wikipedia is messy.

Robust implementations of algorithms are rare.

Research is difficult to reproduce.

# Enter WikiBrain



**Mission:** Democratize access to state-of-the-art Wikipedia algorithms and technologies.

**Audience:** Programmers with basic Java (for now).

**Focus:** Core data structures, AI, NLP, Geospatial.

**Design goals:** Fast, flexible, easy to use (3rd gen).

# WikiBrain



## Resources related to Shilad's 2014 OpenSym talk:

- [Talk slides](#)
- [WikiSym 2014 paper](#)
- Source files: [Quickstart.java](#), [TranslateConcept.java](#), [SimilarMovies.java](#), [CountryPageViews.java](#), [SimpleToblersEvaluator.java](#), [CategoryViews.java](#)

WikiBrain's busy thinking up its first public release. Please be patient while we fine tune our APIs and complete our documentation. Ask us questions at the [WikiBrain google group](#)!

The WikiBrain Java library enables researchers and developers to incorporate state-of-the-art Wikipedia-based algorithms and technologies in a few lines of code.

WikiBrain is easy to use. Wikipedia data can be downloaded, parsed, and imported into a database by running a single command. WikiBrain allows you to incorporate state-of-the-art algorithms in your Java projects in just a few lines of code.

WikiBrain is multi-lingual. WikiBrain supports all 267 Wikipedia language editions, and builds a concept-map that connects an article in one language to the same article in another language.

WikiBrain is fast. WikiBrain uses single-machine parallelization (i.e. multi-threading) for all computationally intensive features. While it imports data into standard SQL databases (h2 or Postgres), it builds optimized local caches for critical data.

WikiBrain integrates a variety of specific algorithms and datasets in one framework, including:

- **Semantic-relatedness** algorithms that measure the strength of association between two concepts such as "racecar" and "engine."
- **GeoSpatial** algorithms for spatial Wikipedia pages like [Minnesota](#) and the [Eiffel Tower](#).
- **Wikidata**: Support for structured [Wikidata](#) "facts" about articles.
- **Pageviews**: Public data about how often Wikipedia pages are viewed with hourly precision.

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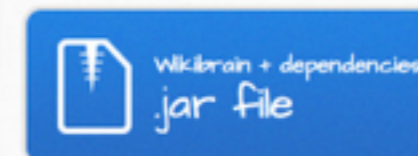
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## Maven dependency:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.wikibrainapi</gr
  <artifactId>wikibrain</artifc
  <version>0.3.1</version>
</dependency>
```



WikiBrain is maintained by [Shilad Sen](#), [Brent Hecht](#), and many others.

This page uses the [GitHub Pages Architect](#) theme by [Jason Long](#).

## Developers:

- [IDE setup](#)
- [Release checklist](#)
- [Travis CI status](#)

WikiBrain Configuration

Base directory:

Java memory:

Language(s):

Data source:

H2 Path:

- Please select phases:
- Basic data
  - Lucene (required by SR)
  - Phrases (required by SR)
  - Concepts
  - Universal links
  - Wikidata
  - Spatial data
  - Semantic relatedness

Command output:

```
*****  
** ALL DIAGNOSTIC TESTS SUCCEEDED! **  
*****  
Rough estimate of download size: 1236.0 MBs  
This may be an over-estimate if some files have already been downloaded.  
Time on dial-up (50kbs): 4120.0 minutes  
Time on Broadband (1Mbps): 206.0 minutes  
Time on Broadband (10Mbps): 20.6 minutes  
Time on Broadband (100Mbps): 2.1 minutes  
stage download will download about 576.0 about MBs  
stage concepts will download about 660.0 about MBs  
  
Completion time estimate: 7.1 minutes (NOT including download time)  
stage fetchlinks: 0.0 minutes  
stage download: 0.0 minutes  
stage concepts: 6.7 minutes  
stage sr: 0.3 minutes  
  
Disk space is okay. (need 0.838 GBs, have 39.276 GBs)  
Warning: Available disk space may be INACCURATE if you have multiple drives.  
stage fetchlinks: 1.2 MBs  
stage download: 576.0 MBs  
stage concepts: 41.1 MBs  
stage sr: 240.0 MBs  
  
Amount of memory allocated for the JVM is okay  
memory required: 3.0GB  
memory allocated: 3.8GB  
  
Connection to database succeeded. Active configuration:  
username: "sa"  
url: "jdbc:h2:./db/h2;LOG=0;CACHE_SIZE=65536;LOCK_MODE=0;UNDO_LOG=0;MAX_OPERATION_MEMORY=  
100000000"  
partitions: "default"  
connectionsPerPartition: 2  
driver: "org.h2.Driver"  
password: ""  
  
Beginning import process in 20 seconds...
```

Run

Restore Default

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# Import times for core data:

<b>language</b>	<b># articles</b>	<b># links</b>	<b>runtime*</b>
Simple English	102K	6M	8 min
German	1.9M	96M	210 min
English	4.6M	470M	640 min
25 largest	25M	1,670M	3163 min

\*Additional time required for SR, geospatial, wikidata.



# Quickstart.java

```
public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
```

```
    // Prepare the environment
```

```
    Env env = EnvBuilder.envFromArgs(args);
```

```
        resolution of Apple
```

```
        Apple Inc. (simple): 0.5
```

```
        Apple (simple): 0.2769231
```

```
        Apple Records (simple): 0.2
```

```
        App Store (iOS) (simple): 0.015384615
```

```
        Apple Corps (simple): 0.0076923077
```

```
    // show the closest pages
```

```
    System.out.println("resolution of apple");
```

```
    if (resolution == null) {
```

```
        System.out.println("\tno resolution !");
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        for (LocalId p : resolution.keySet()) {
```

```
            Title title = pageDao.getById(p).getTitle();
```

```
            System.out.println("\t" + title + ": " + resolution.get(p));
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
, 20);
```

# WikiBrain features

# Core data structures

Graphs: link, category, redirect.

Article text: wikitext and plaintext.

Full text search using Lucene.

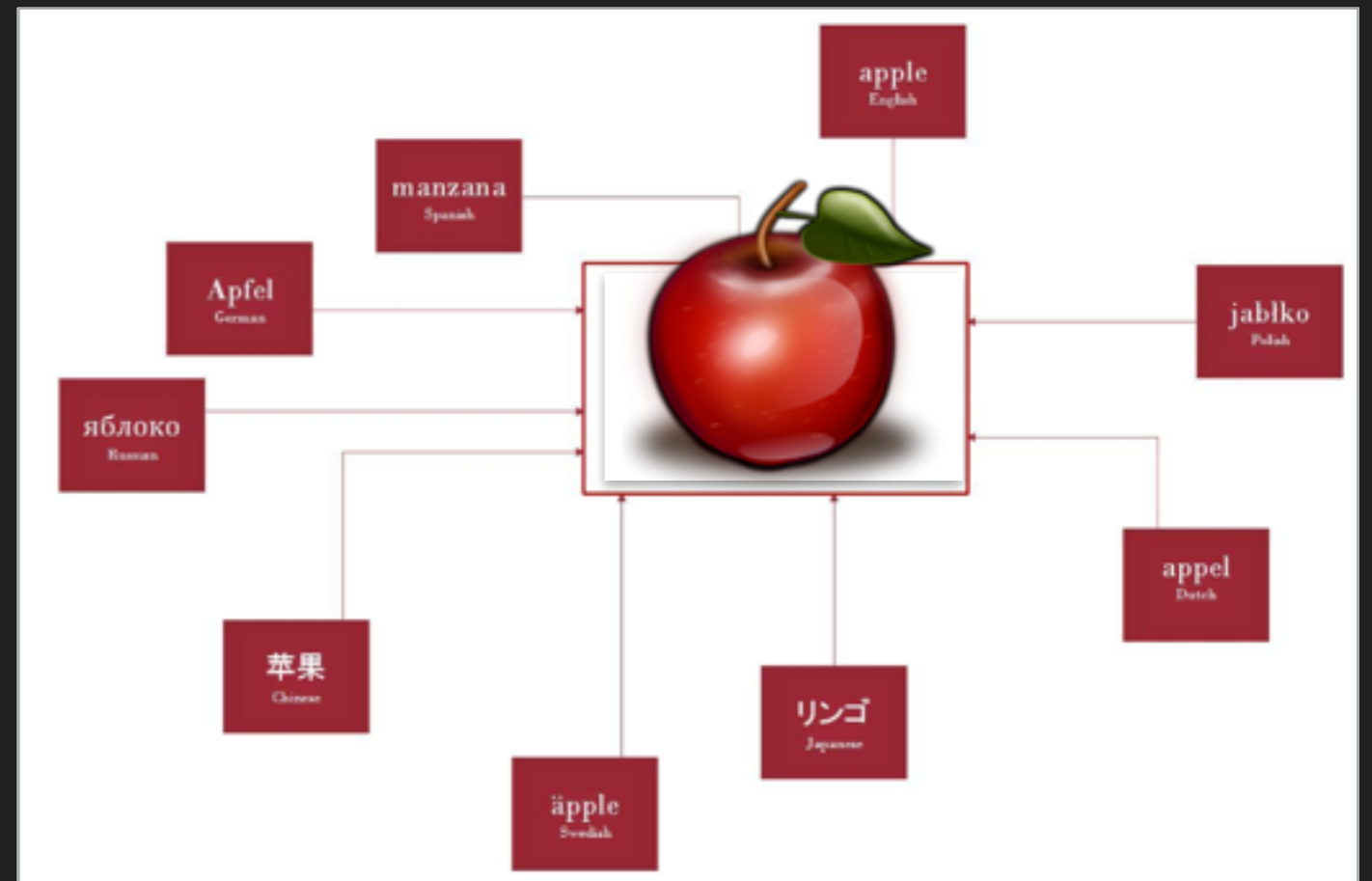
Highly optimized disk and memory caches.

# Multilingual

All languages\*\*

Concept alignment

Universal links



Apple in other languages:

Bosnian: Jabuka

Scots: Aiple

Welsh: Afal

Icelandic: Epli

Hindi: सेब

Simple English: Apple

# Pageview module

Num of page views for a requested date range.

On August 14, 2014:

```
Top pageviews in English
```

1. Main Page (en) (nviews=9961795)
2. Robin Williams (en) (nviews=312002)
3. Parkinson's disease (en) (nviews=132250)
4. Webserver directory index (en) (nviews=111069)
5. Independence Day (India) (en) (nviews=93255)
6. Java (en) (nviews=89945)
7. Lauren Bacall (en) (nviews=77279)
8. Ebola virus disease (en) (nviews=73883)

# Wikidata module

Over 40M statements about 15M concepts.

What does WikiBrain  
know about Berlin?

```
values for property OpenStreetMap Relation ID are:  
  Berlin OpenStreetMap Relation ID 62422  
values for property ISO 3166-2 are:  
  Berlin ISO 3166-2 DE-BE  
values for property legislative body are:  
  Berlin legislative body Abgeordnetenhaus of Berlin  
values for property shares border with are:  
  Berlin shares border with Brandenburg  
  Berlin shares border with Barnim  
  Berlin shares border with Märkisch-Oderland
```

+ 100 more statements

Who was born in Berlin?

```
Wilhelm II place of birth Berlin  
Rosa Valetti place of birth Berlin  
Laura Ludwig place of birth Berlin  
Paul Otto place of birth Berlin  
Betty Heidler place of birth Berlin  
Alexander von Humboldt place of birth Berlin  
Joachim Heinrich Wilhelm Wagener place of birth Berlin  
Martin Roman place of birth Berlin  
Günther Kohlmey place of birth Berlin  
Tom Schilling place of birth Berlin
```

+ 2000 more people in EN

# Semantic relatedness module

```
similarity(x,y)
```

```
mostSimilar(x)
```

```
cosimilarity(x1, x2, ...xn)
```

```
mostSimilar("Berlin"):
```

1. Munich
2. Hamburg
3. Vienna

```
mostSimilar("Berlin", <all movie ids>):
```

1. The Wall (1962 film)
2. The Tunnel (2001 film)
3. The Road to the Wall

# Named Entity Recognition

```
resolve(phrase)
```

```
resolve(phrase, context)
```

```
wikify(text)
```

```
resolve("Apple"):
```

```
1. Apple Inc. (simple): 0.50
```

```
2. Apple (simple): 0.28
```

```
3. Apple Records (simple): 0.20
```

```
wikify("Wikipedia is a free-access..."):
```

```
Wikipedia is a free-access, free-content Internet  
encyclopedia, supported and hosted by the non-  
profit Wikimedia Foundation.
```



# Geospatial module

Built on PostGIS and OpenGeo.

Layers connected to articles:

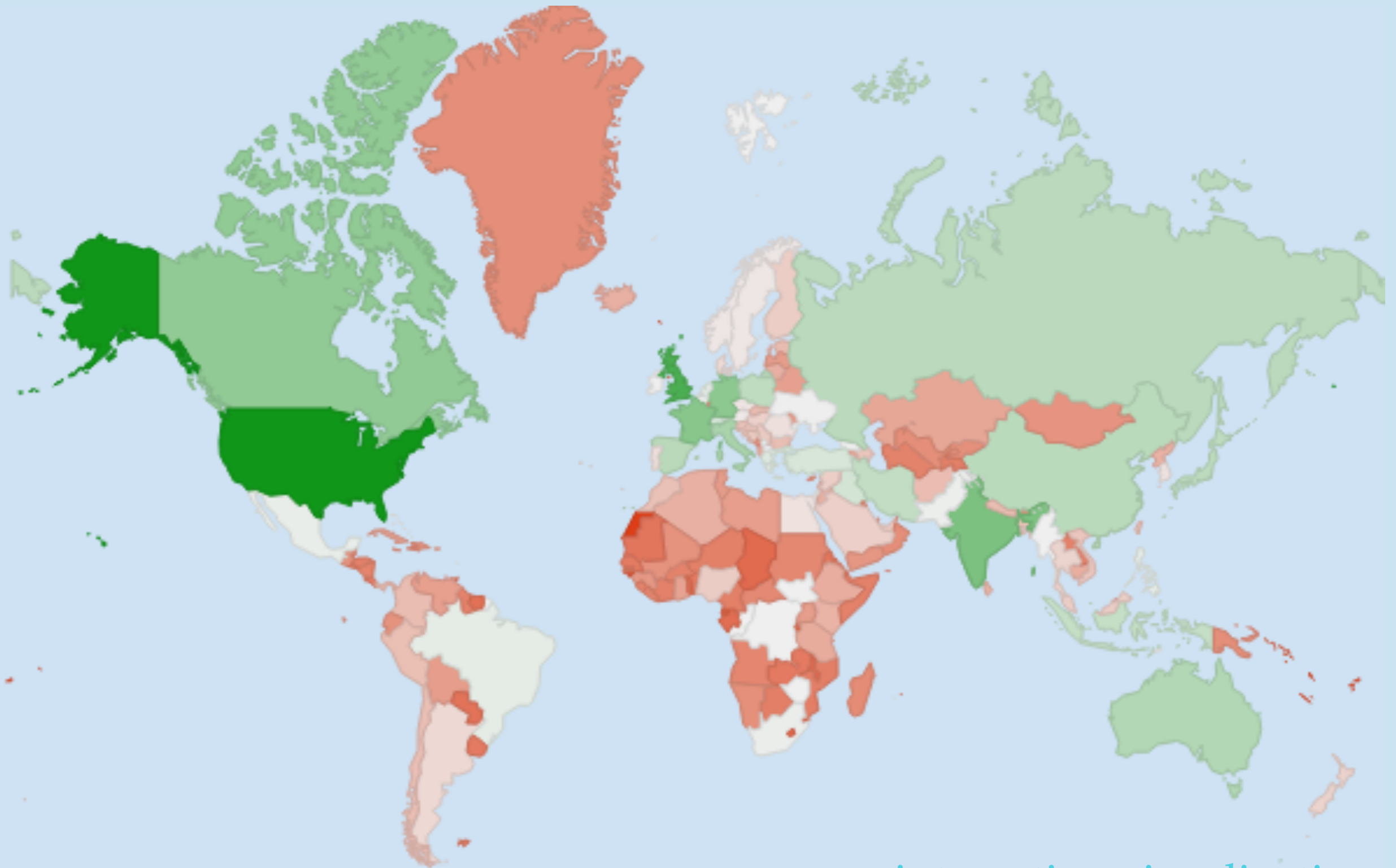
- Wikidata (coordinate points).
- Country (polygons from NaturalEarth).
- State (polygons from NaturalEarth).

Q: How many kms separate Berlin and Alaska?

Q: How many countries separate Berlin and Shanghai?

Q: What articles are about places in Minnesota?

# Spatial article views by country (EN)



[interactive visualization](#)

# CountryPageViews.java

```
public static void main(String args[]) throws ConfigurationException, DaoException {
    // Configure environment
    Env env = EnvBuilder.envFromArgs(args);
    final PageViewDao viewDao = env.getConfigurator().get(PageViewDao.class);
    final LocalPageDao pageDao = env.getConfigurator().get(LocalPageDao.class);
    final SpatialDataDao spatialDao = env.getConfigurator().get(SpatialDataDao.class);
    final Language lang = env.getDefaultLanguage();
    final UniversalPageDao conceptDao = env.getConfigurator().get(UniversalPageDao.class);
    final DateTime start = new DateTime(2014, 8, 14, 11, 0, 0);
    final DateTime end = new DateTime(2014, 8, 14, 23, 0, 0);
    viewDao.ensureLoaded(start, end, env.getLanguages());

    // Build universal id -> country shape and local page -> shape
    Map<Integer, Geometry> conceptShapes = spatialDao.getAllGeometriesInLayer("country");
    final Map<LocalPage, Geometry> countryShapes = new HashMap<LocalPage, Geometry>();
    for (int conceptId : conceptShapes.keySet()) {
        int pageId = conceptDao.getById(conceptId).getLocalId(lang);
        LocalPage page = pageDao.getById(lang, pageId);
        if (page != null) {
            countryShapes.put(page, conceptShapes.get(conceptId));
        }
    }

    // Initialize view count by country
    final Map<LocalPage, Integer> views = new ConcurrentHashMap<LocalPage, Integer>();
    for (LocalPage p : countryShapes.keySet()) views.put(p, 0);

    final Map<Integer, Geometry> conceptPoints = spatialDao.getAllGeometriesInLayer("wikidata");
    ParallelForEach.loop(conceptPoints.keySet(), new Procedure<Integer>() {
        @Override
        public void call(Integer conceptId) throws Exception {
            LocalPage country = findCountry(countryShapes, conceptPoints.get(conceptId));
            int pageId = conceptDao.getLocalId(lang, conceptId);
            if (country == null || pageId < 0) return; // probably in the ocean or outer space
            int n = viewDao.getNumViews(lang, pageId, start, end);
            views.put(country, views.get(country) + n);
        }
    });

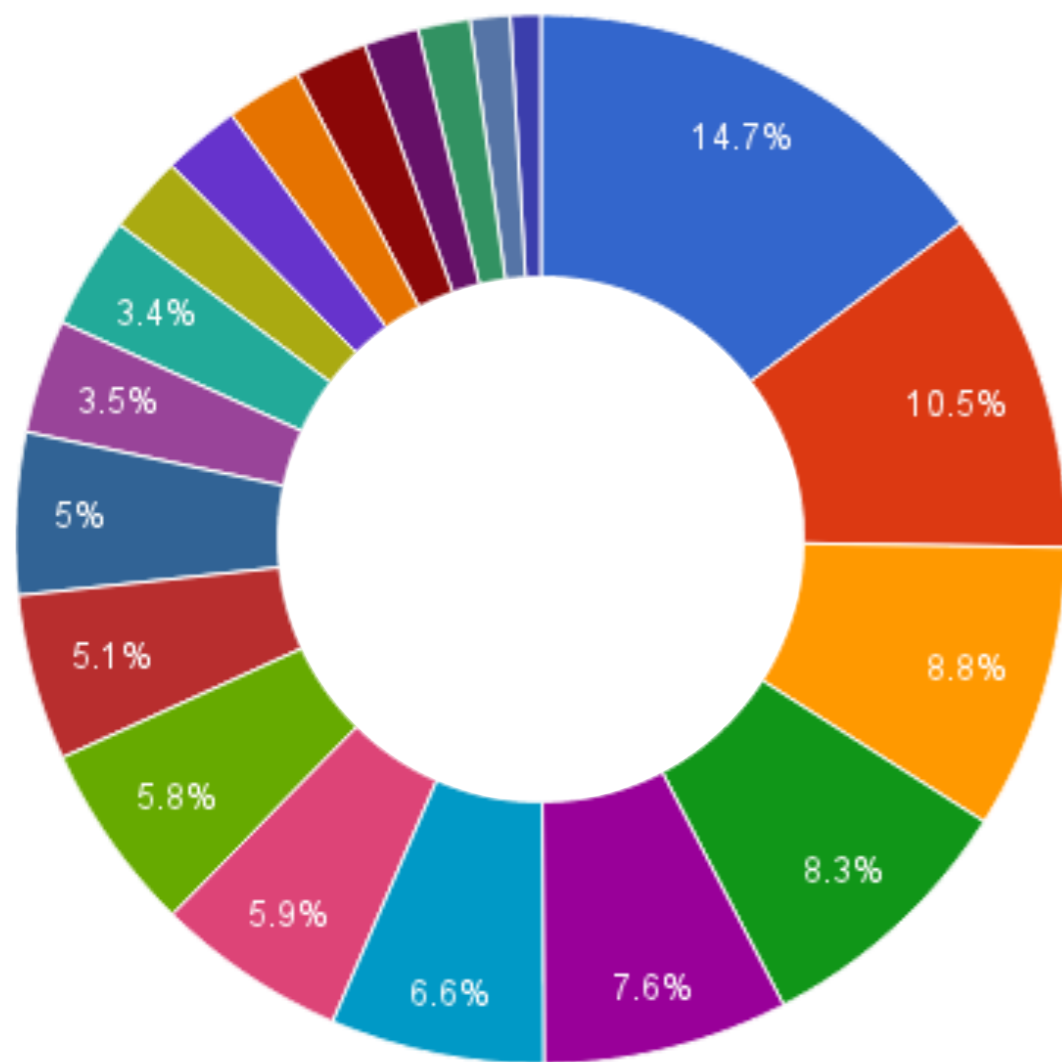
    System.out.println("Views for articles contained by each country");
    for (LocalPage page : WpCollectionUtils.sortMapKeys(views, true)) {
        System.out.format("%s\t%s\n", page.getTitle().getCanonicalTitle(), views.get(page).toString());
    }
}

private static LocalPage findCountry(Map<LocalPage, Geometry> countryShapes, Geometry point) {
    for (LocalPage country : countryShapes.keySet()) {
        if (countryShapes.get(country).contains(point)) {
            return country;
        }
    }
    return null;
}
```

# Supply vs demand of categories

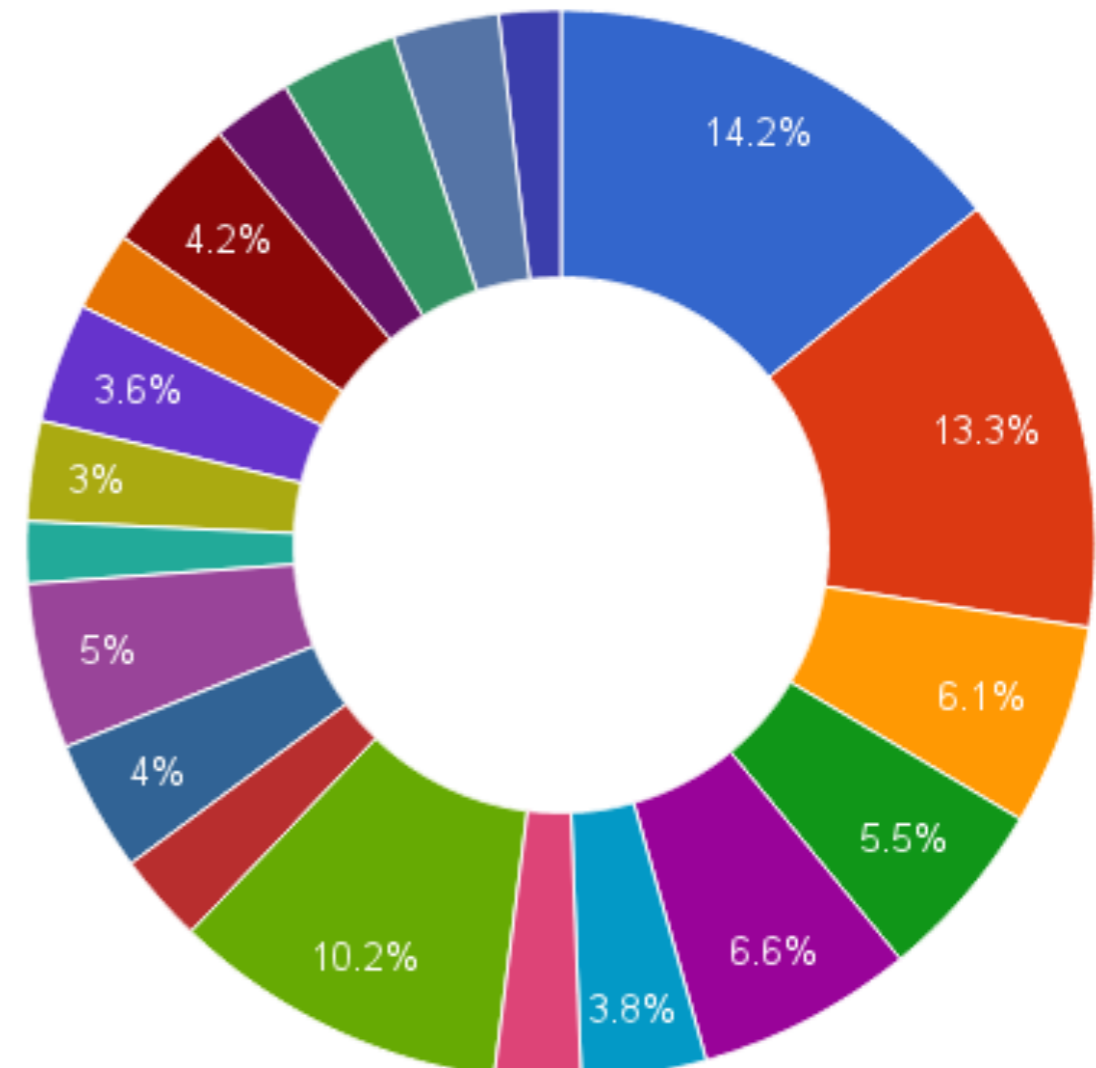
Supply:

# articles per category



Demand:

# views per category

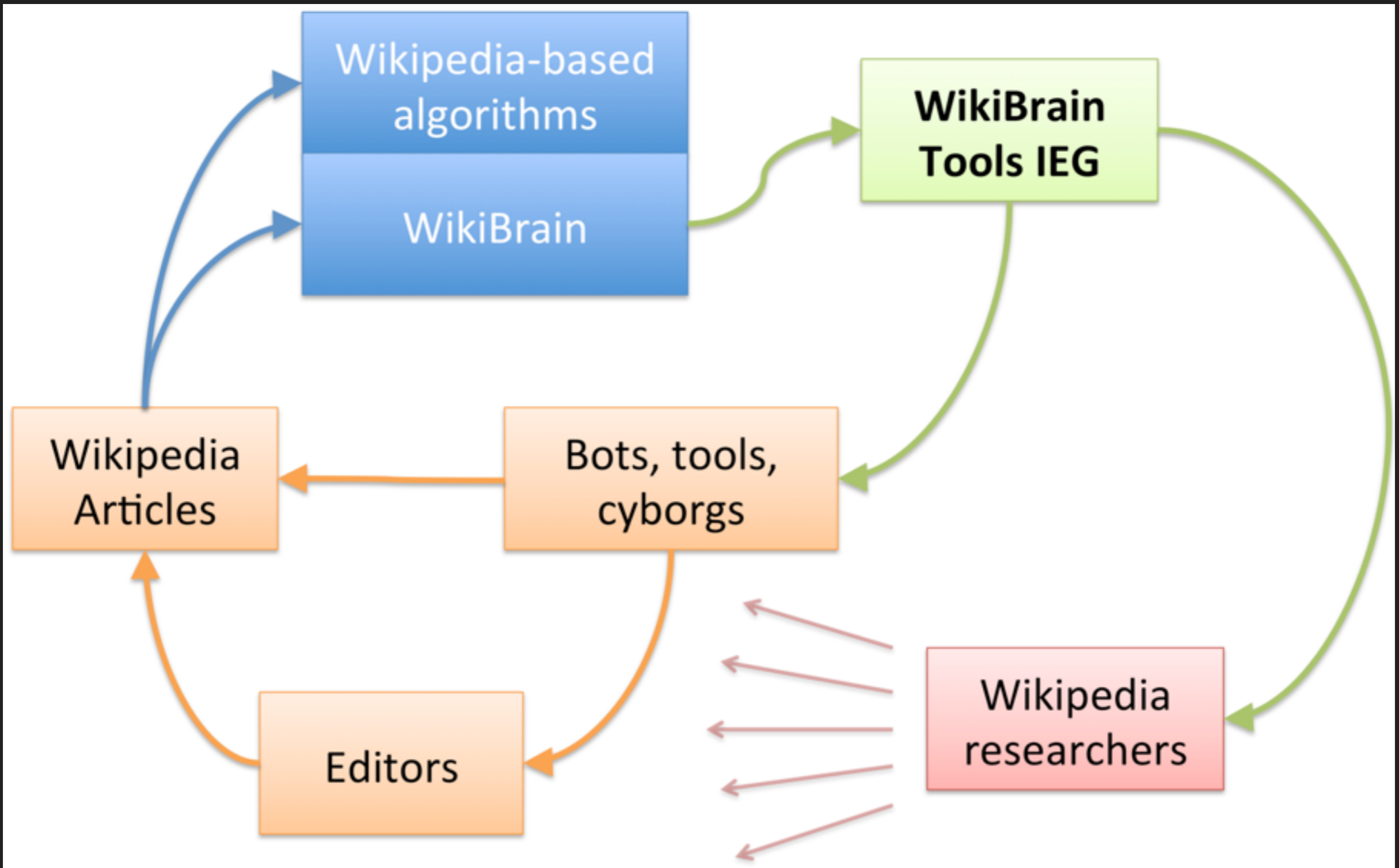


Inspired by Kittur, Chi, and Suh. "What's in Wikipedia?: mapping topics and conflict using socially annotated category structure." *CHI*, 2009.

# CategoryViews.java

```
public static void main(String args[]) throws ConfigurationException, DaoException {  
  
    // Get the pageview dao  
    Env env = EnvBuilder.envFromArgs(args);  
    Language lang = env.getDefaultLanguage();  
    final PageViewDao viewDao = env.getConfigurator().get(PageViewDao.class);  
    final LocalCategoryMemberDao catDao = env.getConfigurator().get(LocalCategoryMemberDao.class);  
    LocalPageDao pageDao = env.getConfigurator().get(LocalPageDao.class);  
  
    // Download and import pageview stats if necessary.  
    DateTime start = new DateTime(2014, 8, 14, 11, 0, 0);  
    DateTime end = new DateTime(2014, 8, 14, 23, 0, 0);  
    viewDao.ensureLoaded(start, end, env.getLanguages());  
  
    // Build up set of top level categories  
    final Set<LocalPage> topLevelCategories = new HashSet<>();  
    LocalPage parent = pageDao.getByTitle(lang, NameSpace.CATEGORY, TOP_LEVEL_PARENT);  
    for (LocalPage page : catDao.getCategoryMembers(parent).values()) {  
        if (page.getNameSpace().equals(NameSpace.CATEGORY)) {  
            topLevelCategories.add(page);  
        }  
    }  
  
    // Map from page id -> num views  
    final TIntIntMap allViews = viewDao.getAllViews(lang, start, end);  
  
    final Map<LocalPage, Integer> articleCounts = new HashMap<LocalPage, Integer>();  
    final Map<LocalPage, Integer> viewCounts = new HashMap<LocalPage, Integer>();  
    final AtomicInteger numPages = new AtomicInteger();  
  
    // Build up accumulators for each category by looping over pages in parallel  
    ParallelForEach.iterate(  
        pageDao.get(DaoFilter.normalPageFilter(lang)).iterator(),  
        new Procedure<LocalPage>() {  
            @Override  
            public void call(LocalPage page) throws Exception {  
                int views = allViews.get(page.getLocalId());  
                LocalPage cat = catDao.getClosestCategory(page, topLevelCategories, true);  
                if (cat != null) {  
                    if (articleCounts.containsKey(cat)) {  
                        articleCounts.put(cat, articleCounts.get(cat) + 1);  
                        viewCounts.put(cat, viewCounts.get(cat) + views);  
                    } else {  
                        articleCounts.put(cat, 1);  
                        viewCounts.put(cat, views);  
                    }  
                    if (numPages.incrementAndGet() % 10000 == 0) {  
                        System.err.println("doing page " + numPages.get());  
                    }  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    );  
  
    for (LocalPage page : viewCounts.keySet()) {  
        System.out.format("%s\t%d\t%d\n", page.getTitle().getCanonicalTitle(), articleCounts.get(page),  
    }  
}
```

# WikiBrain Tools IEG



[mostSimilar?lang=simple&phrase=spider&n=3](http://mostSimilar?lang=simple&phrase=spider&n=3)

```
{
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  ]
}
```

[categoriesForArticle?title=Jesus&lang=simple](http://categoriesForArticle?title=Jesus&lang=simple)

```
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}
```

# Wikification

*Wikipedia is a free-access, free-content Internet encyclopedia, supported and hosted by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation.*

```
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  ],  
}
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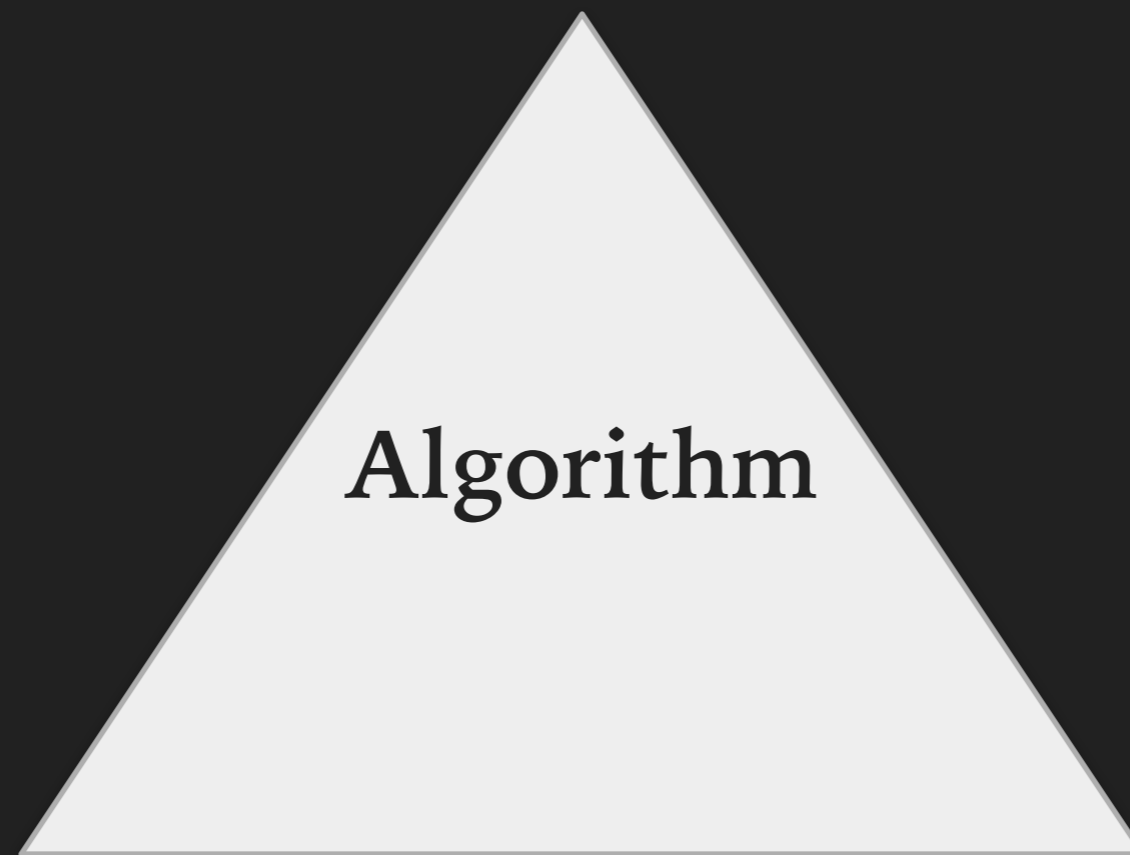
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# WikiBrain Case Studies

# Cultural Alignment in Algorithms

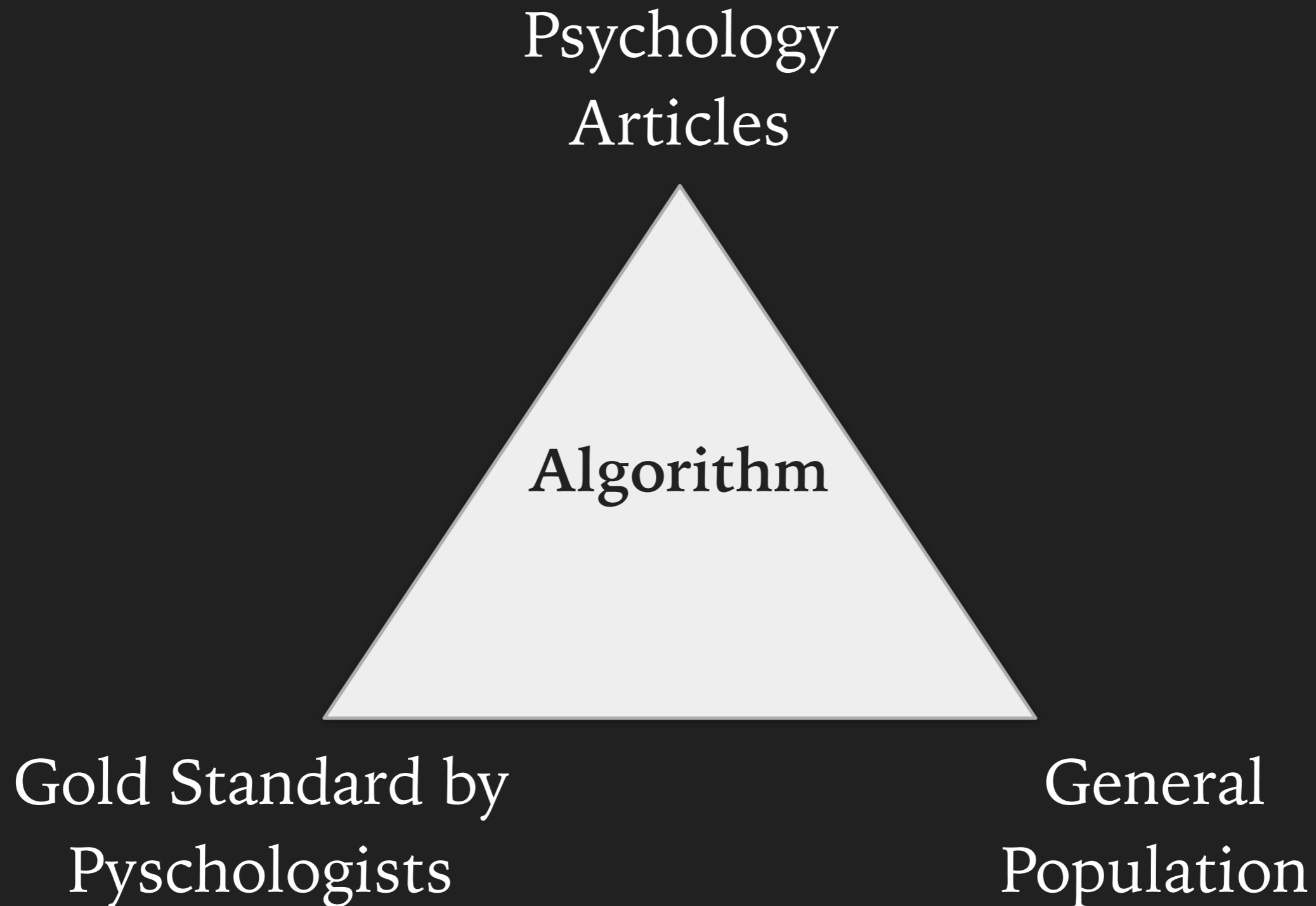
Knowledge Base  
(Wikipedia Editors)



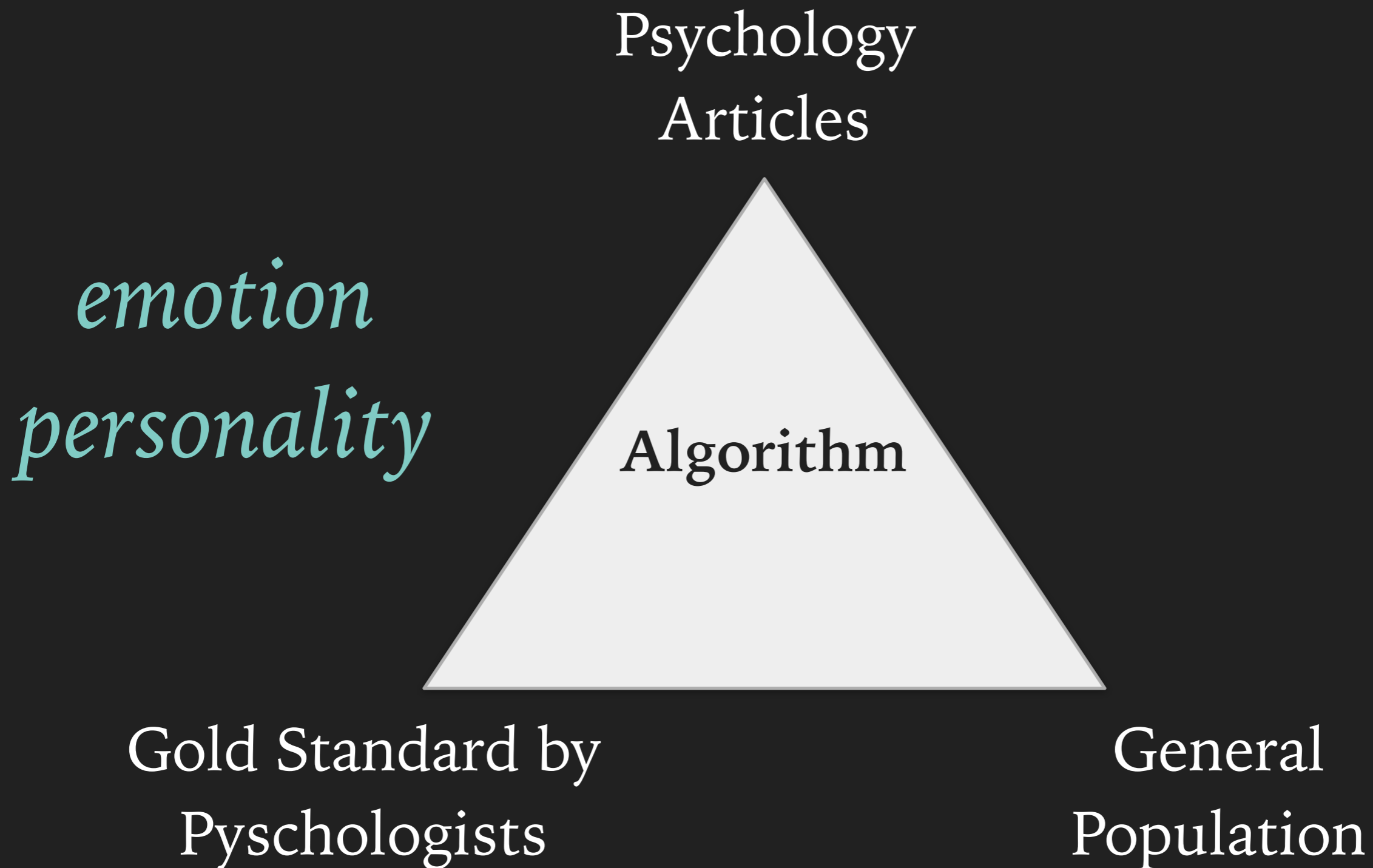
Gold Standard  
(Human-Labeled Data)

Application Audience  
(End-Users)

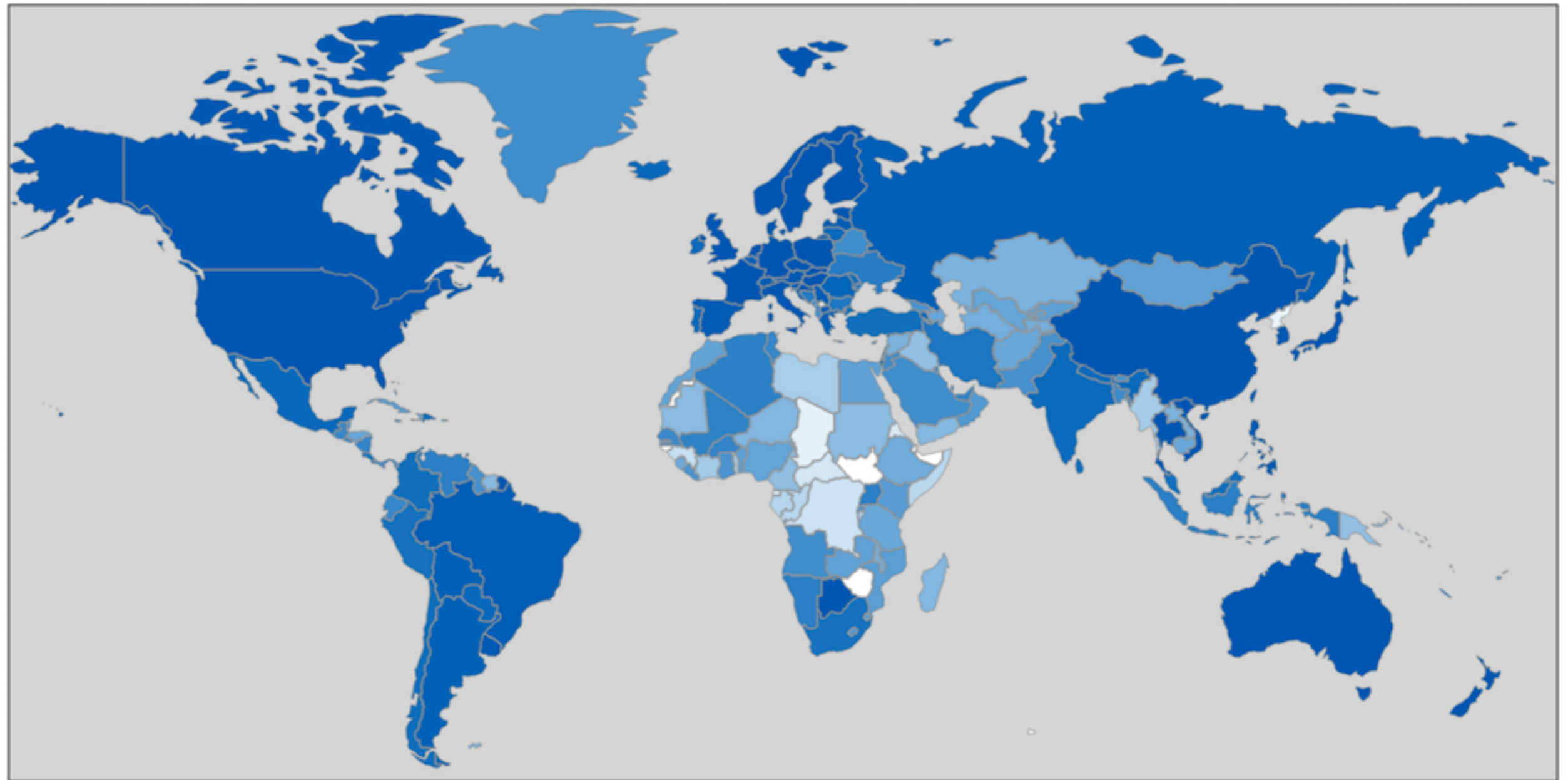
# Cultural Alignment in Algorithms



# Cultural Alignment in Algorithms



# Localness of Sources Cited in Spatial Articles



<http://shilad.com/localness>



$$SR ( \begin{matrix} SF \\ \text{Minneapolis} \end{matrix} ) = 0.6$$



$$SR ( \begin{matrix} SF \\ \text{Sahara} \end{matrix} ) = 0.2$$

$$\text{GESR}(A,B) = -0.019 * \text{states}(A,B) +$$

$$-0.173 * \text{ordinal}(A,B) +$$

$$+2.598 * \text{general-SR}(A,B)$$

scale(A)

scale(B)

	POI	state	country
country	+1.68	n/a	n/a
state	+0.77	n/a	n/a
POI	n/a	n/a	n/a

	-0.27	-1.25	-0.65
	-0.16	-0.12	
	-0.09		

Towards domain-specific semantic relatedness : A case study from geography. Sen; Johnson; Harper; Mai; Olsen; Mathers; Vonessen; Wright; Hecht. IJCAI, 2015.



# Cartograph

<http://cartograph.info>





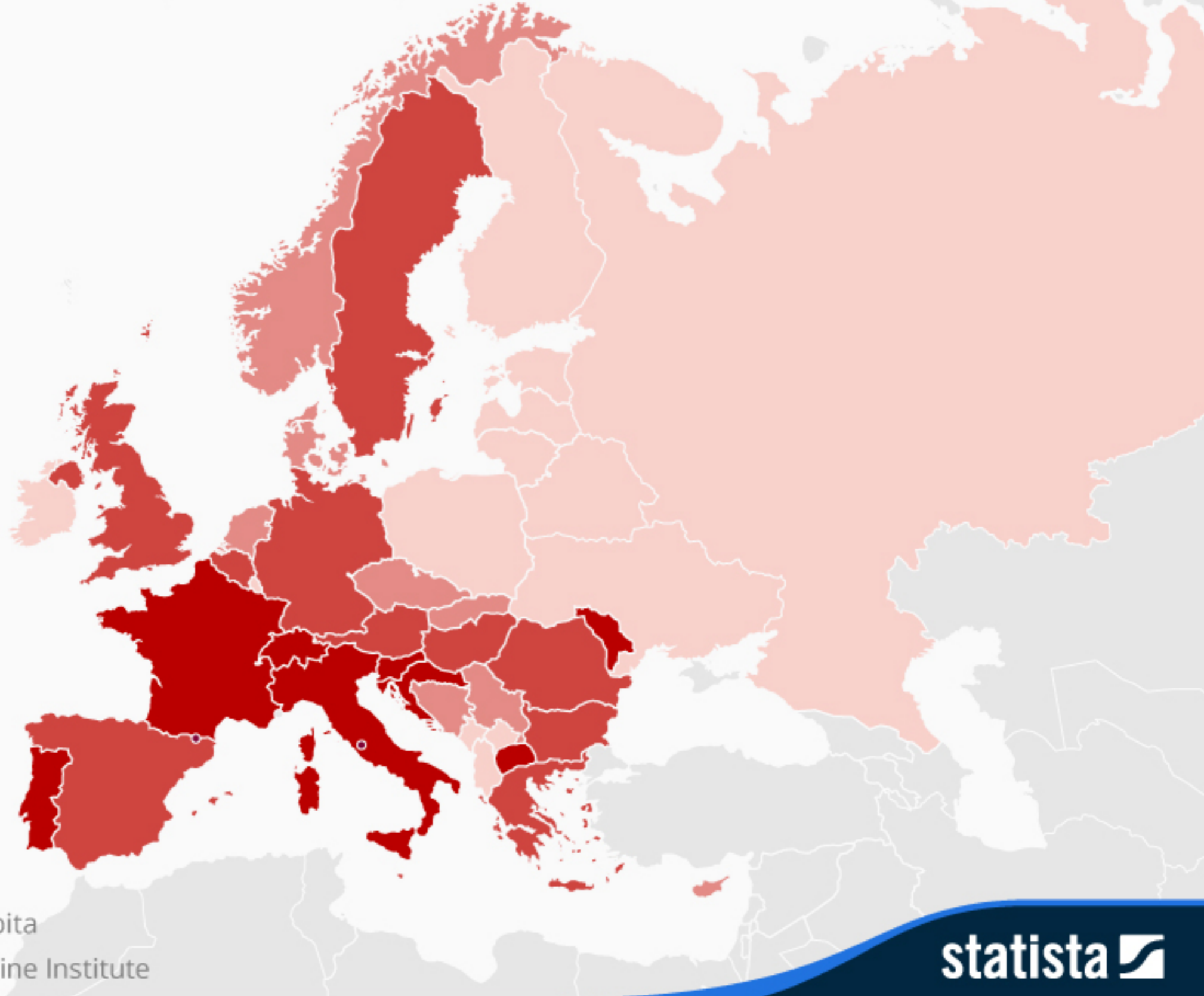
Sen, Swoap, Li, Boatman, Dippenaar, Gold, Ngo, Pujol, Jackson, Hecht.  
"Cartograph: Unlocking Spatial Visualization Through Semantic  
Enhancement." IUI, 2017.

# Thematic Cartography

# Europe's Biggest Wine Drinkers

Annual per capita wine consumption in European countries (Nov 2015)\*

- 45l-50l
- 30l-45l
- 20l-30l
- 10l-20l
- 0-10l



CC BY ND  
@StatistaCharts

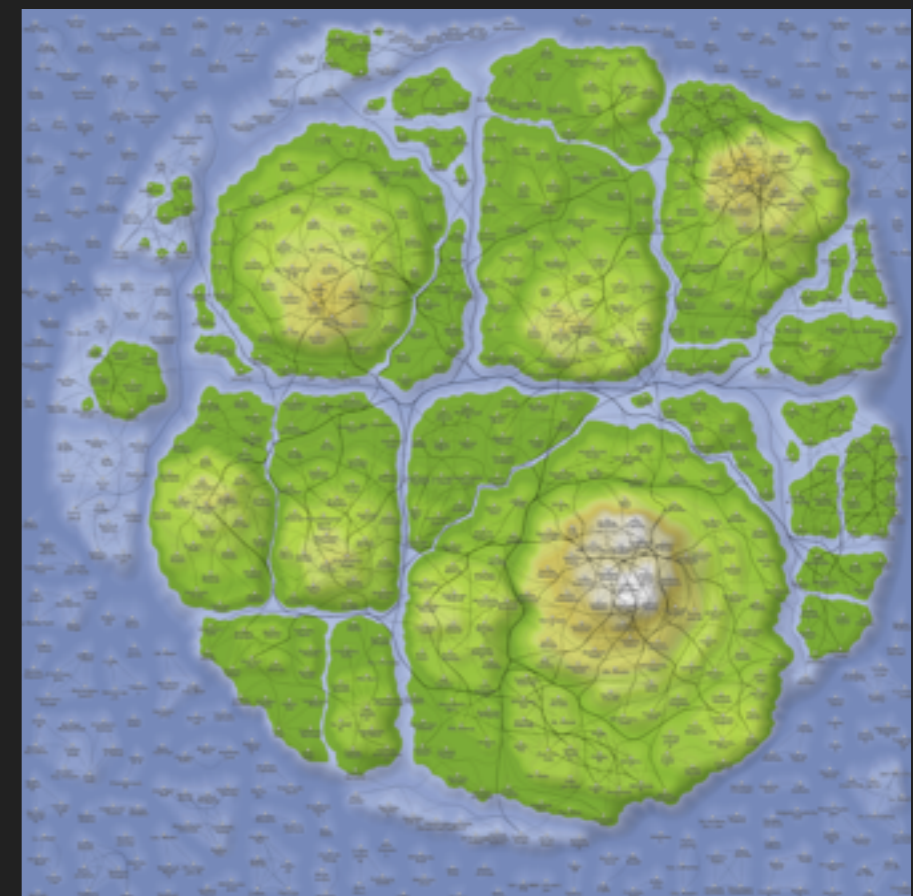
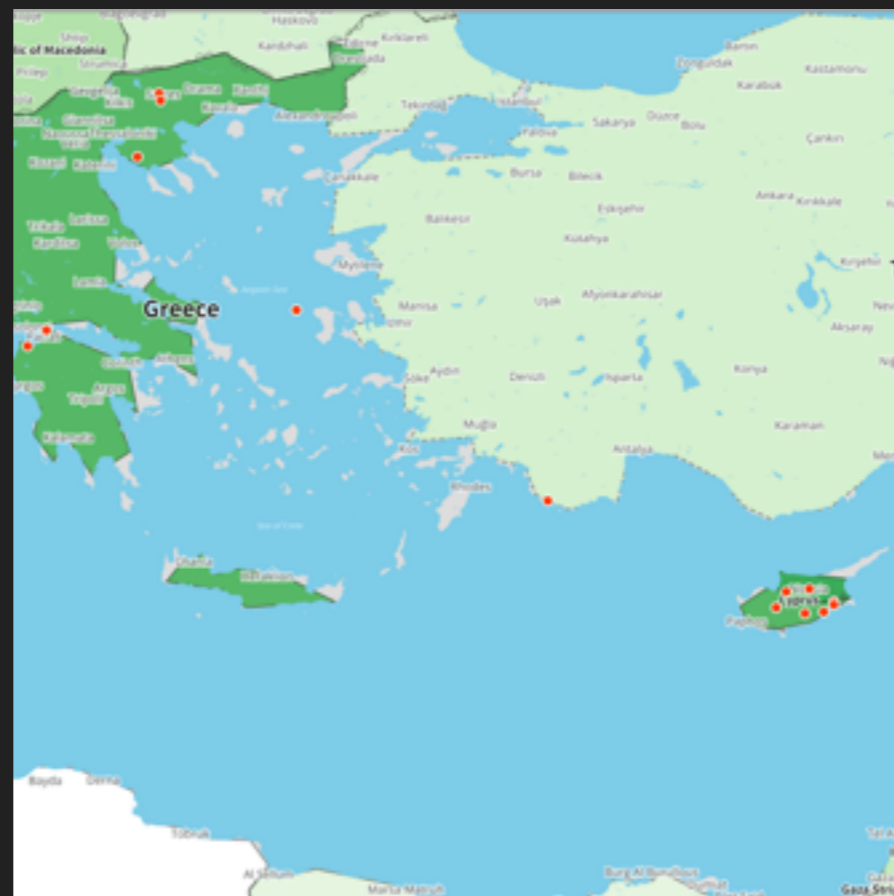
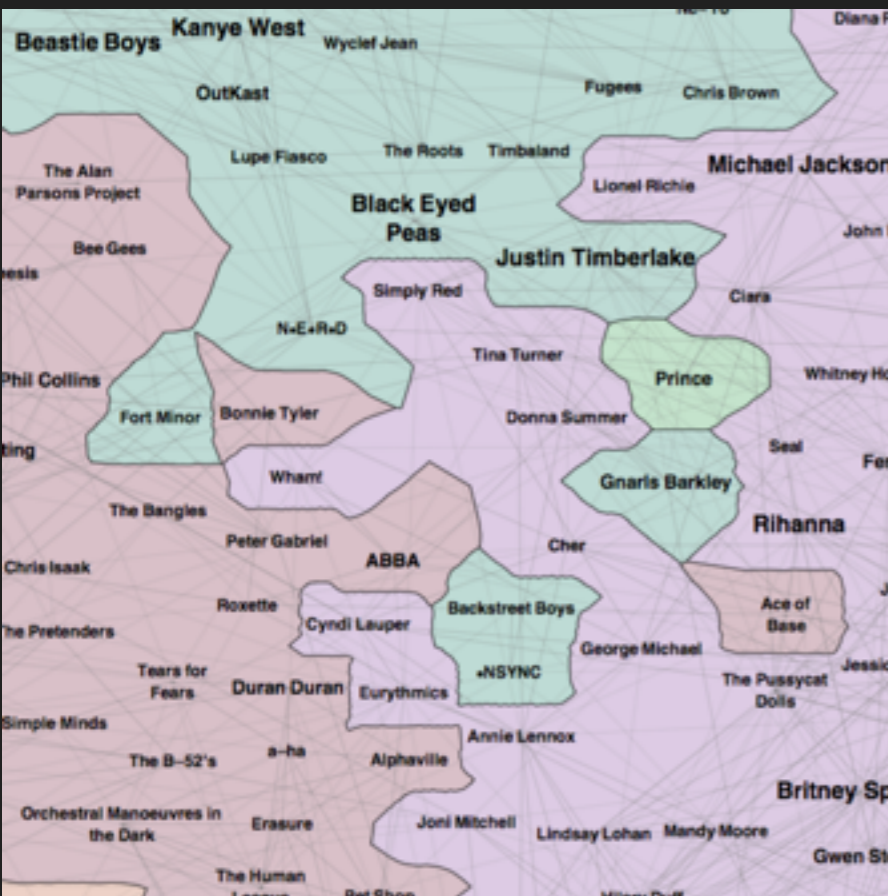
\* litres per capita  
Source: The Wine Institute

statista

Tobler's First Law of Geography:  
Everything is related to everything  
else, but near things are more  
related than distant things.

# Spatialization

# Prior Spatialization Systems



GMap  
*Hu et al., 2010*

Atlasify  
*Hecht et al., 2012*

Gronemann  
and Jünger, 2013

...and many others!

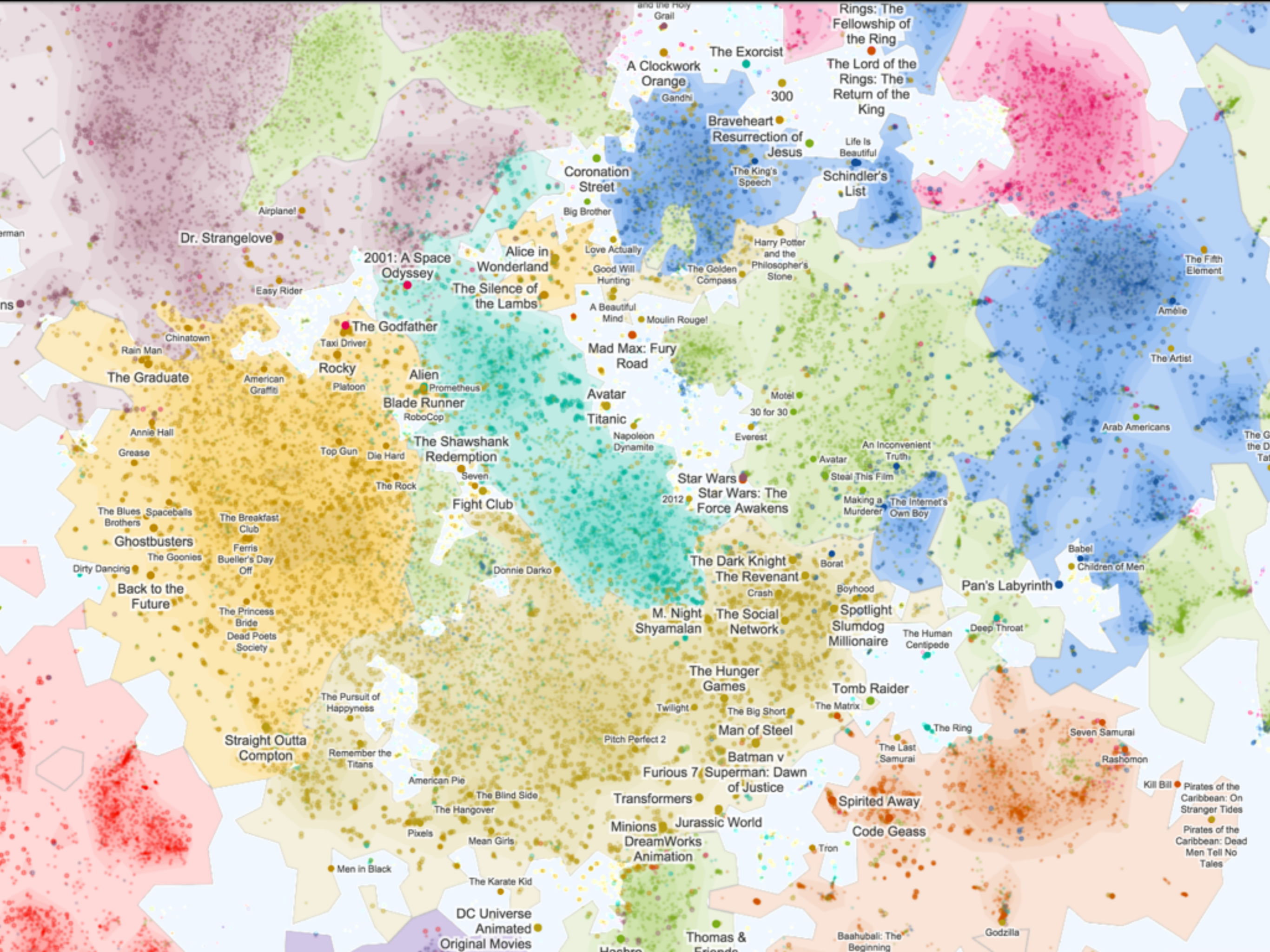
# Spatialization in Cartograph

Title	Gender Score
Missing in Action 2: The Begir	0.08
Cross of Iron (1977)	0.08
Heartbreak Ridge (1986)	0.08
Bloodsport (1988)	0.09
Predator 2 (1990)	0.09
Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970)	0.09
Red Heat (1988)	0.09

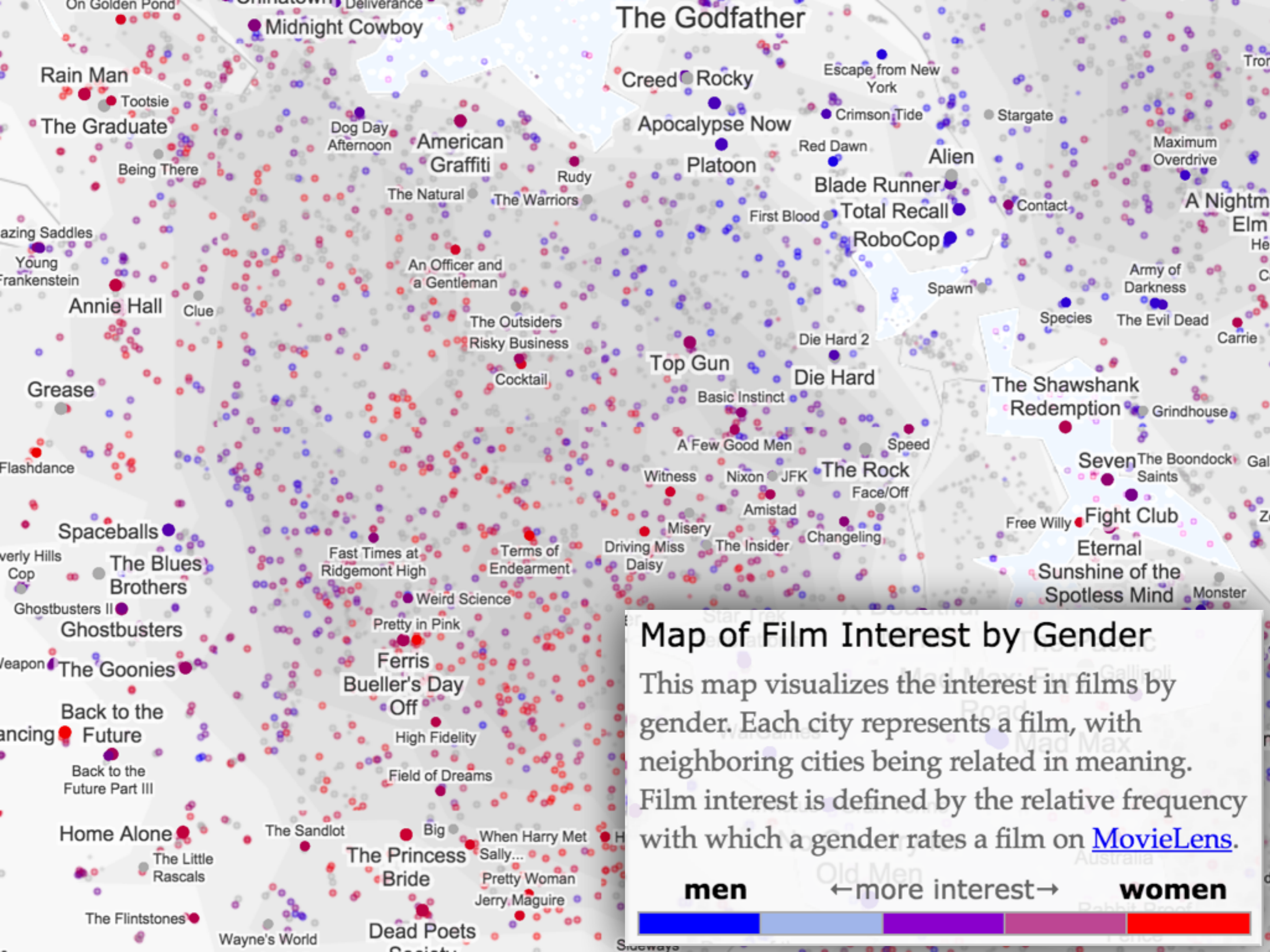
+

Wikipedia

=







**Map of Film Interest by Gender**

This map visualizes the interest in films by gender. Each city represents a film, with neighboring cities being related in meaning. Film interest is defined by the relative frequency with which a gender rates a film on [MovieLens](http://www.movieLens.com).

**men** ← more interest → **women**

<http://cartograph.info>

# Cartograph Innovations:

1. Taps vast world knowledge encoded in Wikipedia.
2. Leverages recent advances in NLP algorithms.
3. Maps delivered via cutting-edge web technologies.

Thematic cartography that is **scalable**,  
**interactive**, **applicable** to almost any dataset.

# Cartograph Pipeline

1. Concept definition
2. X, Y embedding
3. Thematic layers
4. Map delivery

# Step 1: Concept definition

Text in dataset row

NLP Algorithms

Wikification

Entity Recognition

Concept

Wikidata Entity

Popularity Estimate

Page Rank

Page Views

"Star Wars"

The screenshot shows the Wikidata page for "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope" (Q107738). The page displays the article title in English and lists translations in various languages. The table below shows the first few entries from the "Also known as" section.

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope	1977 American epic space opera film	Star Wars Star Wars IV Star Wars 4 Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope
Greek	Ο Πόλεμος των Άστρων: Εννιάδες 4 - Με Νέα Ελπίδα	No description defined	
Turkish	Yıldız Savaşları: Bölüm IV - Yeni Bir Umut	No description defined	
French	Star Wars, épisode IV : Un nouvel espoir	film américain de la saga Star Wars sorti en 1977	La Guerre des étoiles Un nouvel espoir La Guerre des étoiles, IV Star Wars IV Star Wars 4

article in 69 langs

Importance: #5 of 72K

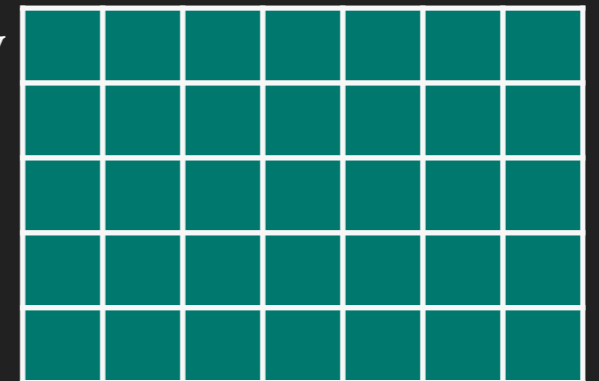
# Step 2: X, Y embedding

Berkshire Hathaway Inc. is an American multinational conglomerate holding company headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska...

Word2Vec  
----->

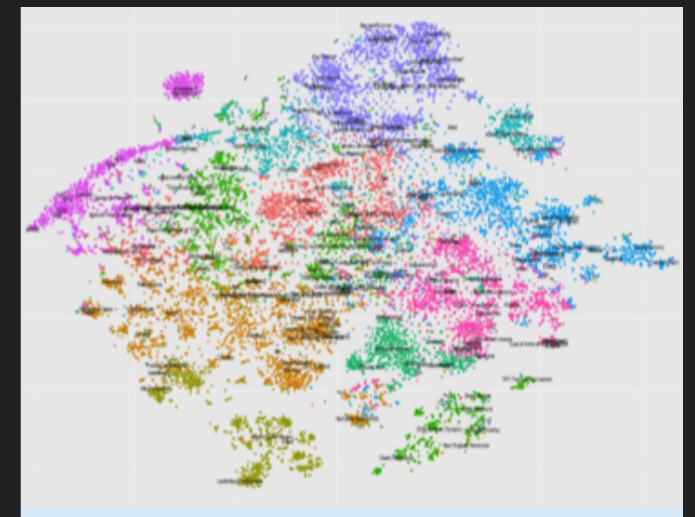
Berkshire Hathaway  
American  
Multinational...  
Holding company  
Omaha, nebraska

200 columns

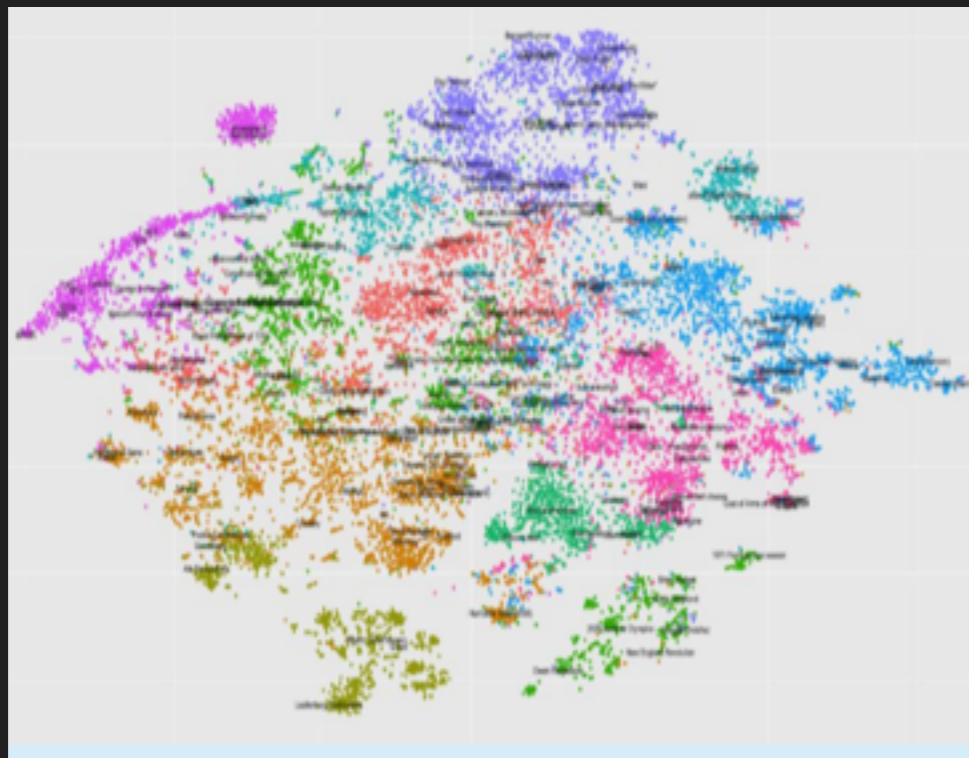


10 M rows

t-SNE on 50K  
sample points

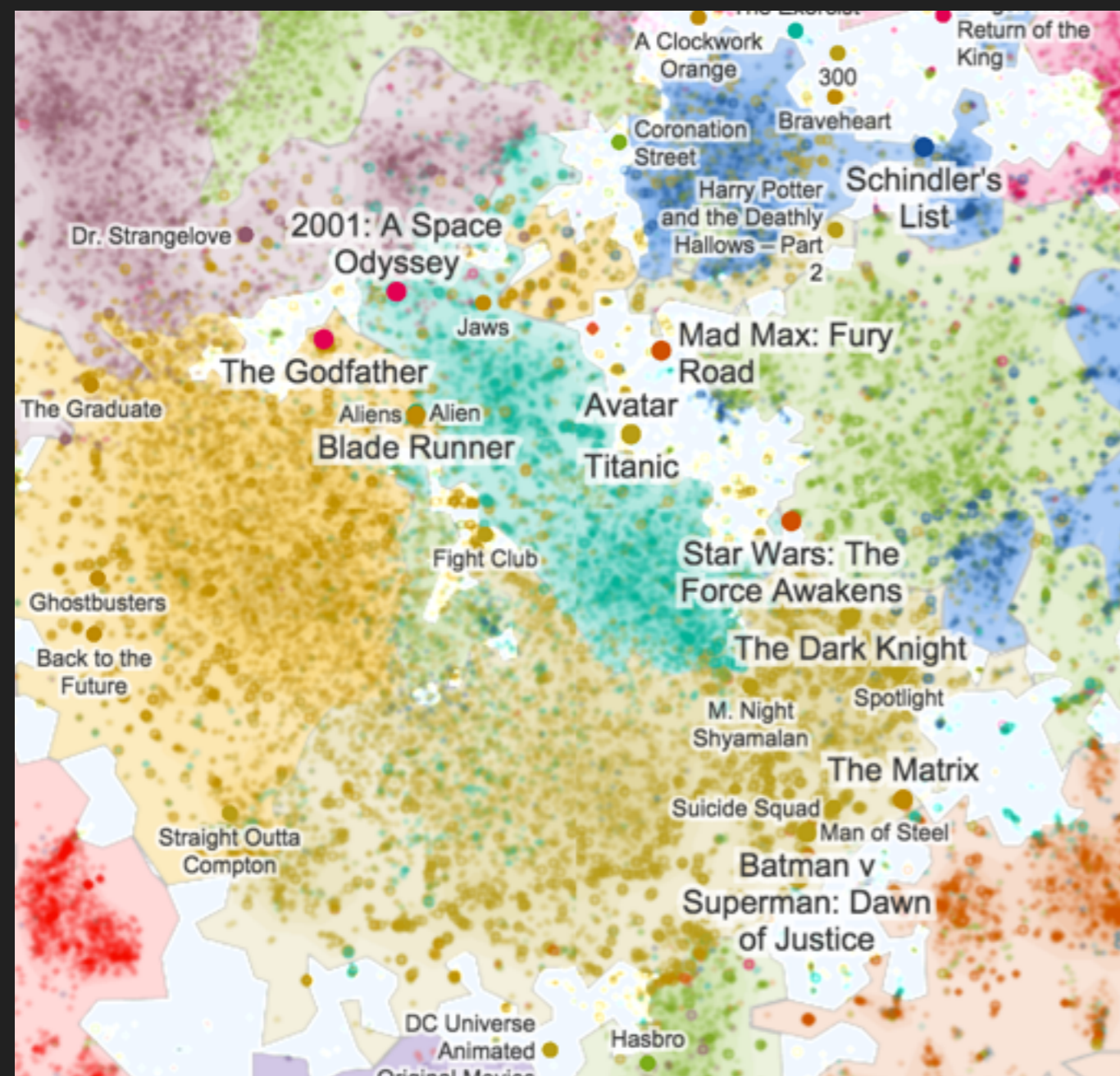


interpolation  
for out of  
sample points

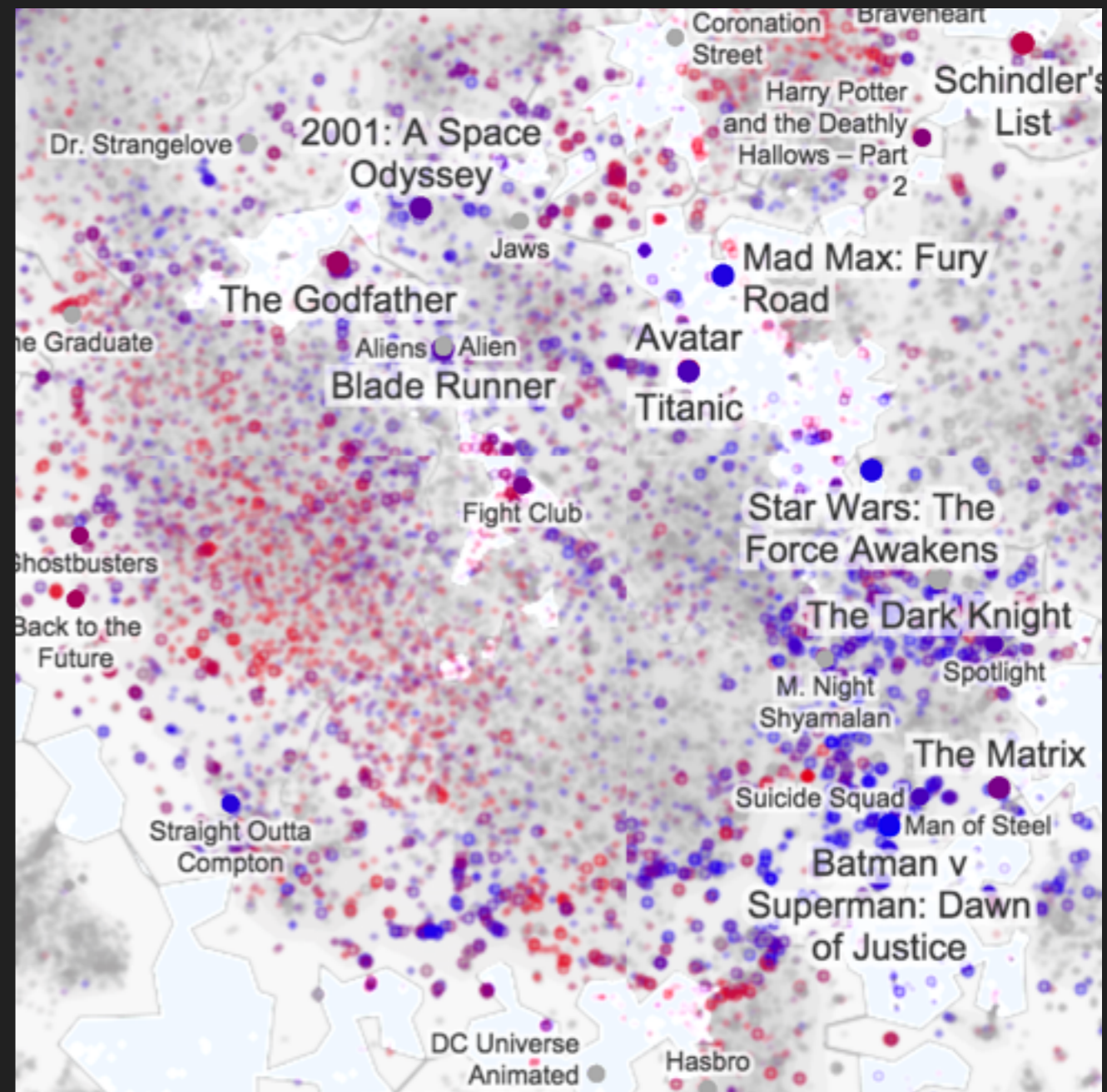




# Step 3: Thematic Layers



Thematic Cluster  
(Categorical Layer)

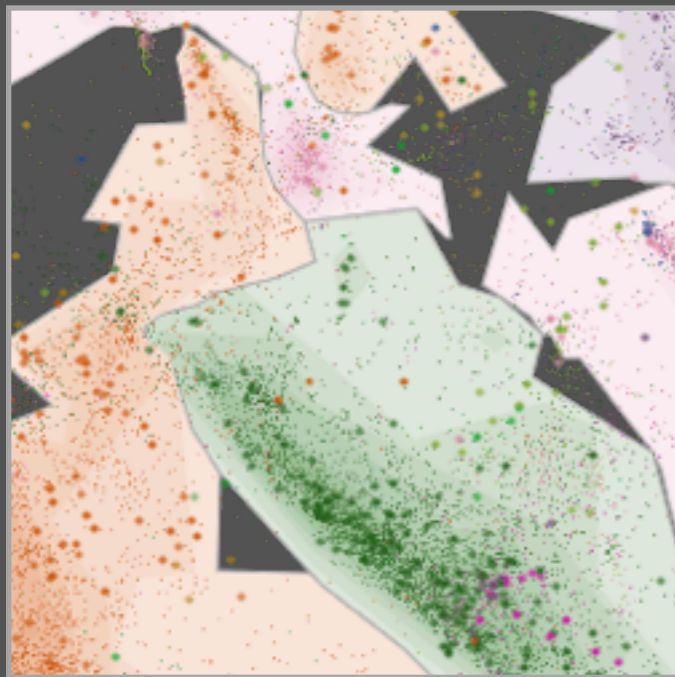


Relative Gender Interest  
(Proportional Layer)



# Step 4: Web Delivery

Custom Tile Server



Raster  
Background  
Tiles

Vector  
Foreground  
Data Tiles

Browser (WebGL)

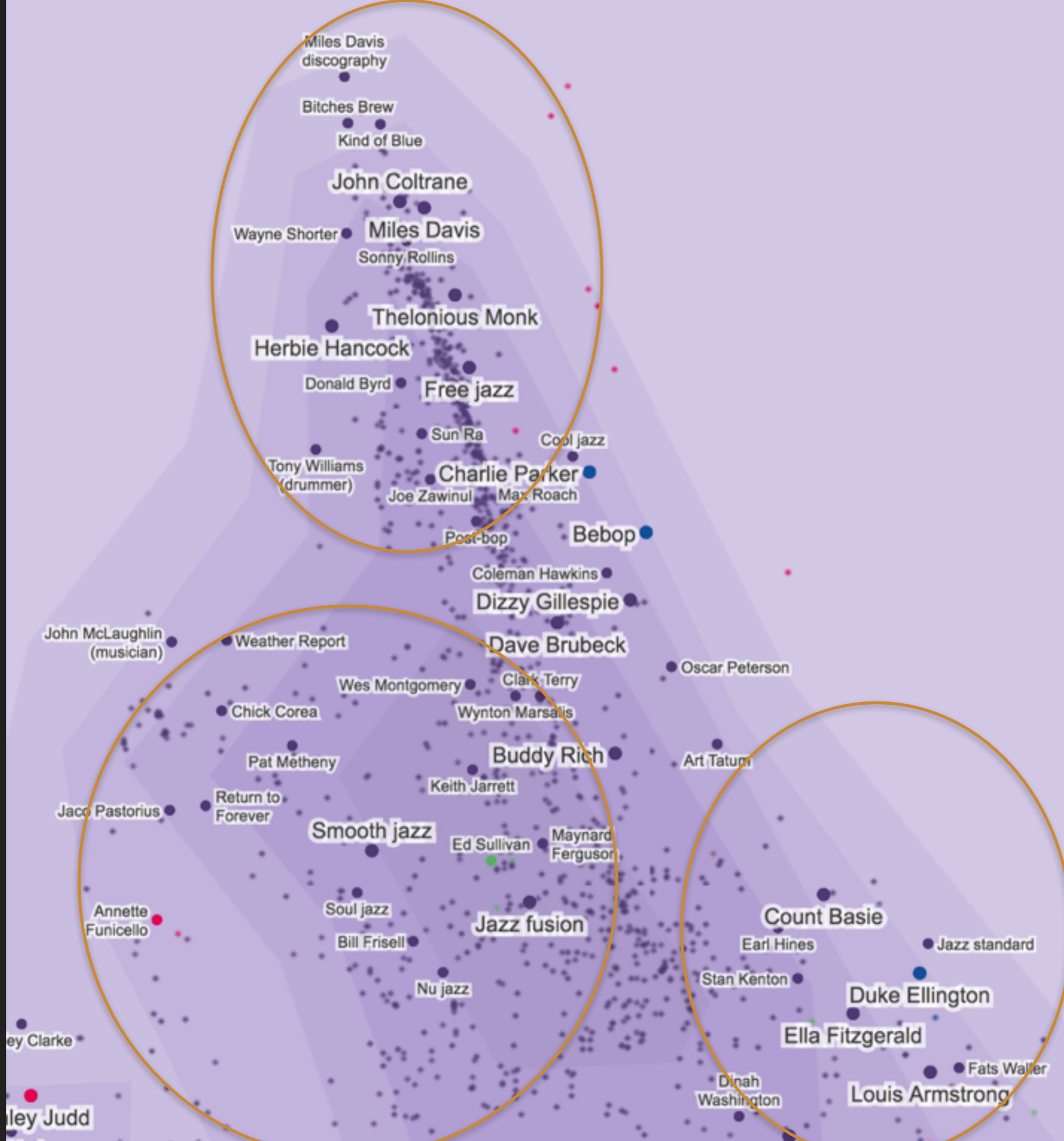


# Case Studies

# Case Study: Map of Wikipedia

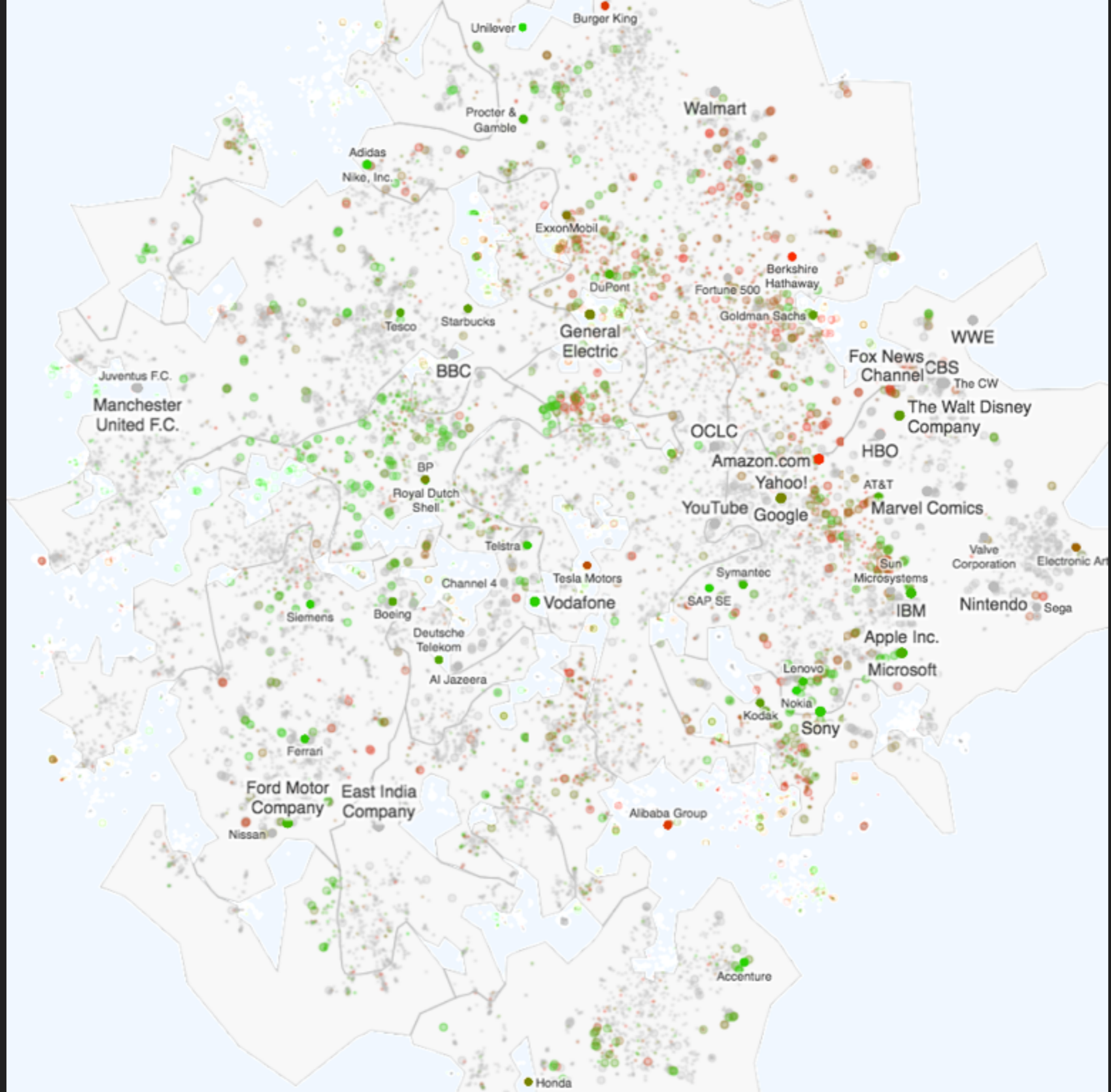
1.4 million Wikipedia articles with sufficient page views





# Case Study: Corporate Sustainability

Data from <https://www.csrhub.com/>



Unilever

Burger King

Walmart

Procter & Gamble

Adidas

Nike, Inc.

ExxonMobil

DuPont

Fortune 500

Berkshire Hathaway

Goldman Sachs

Tesco

Starbucks

General Electric

WWE

Juventus F.C.

BBC

Manchester United F.C.

Fox News Channel

CBS

The CW

The Walt Disney Company

OCLC

Amazon.com

HBO

BP

Royal Dutch Shell

Yahoo!

AT&T

YouTube

Google

Marvel Comics

Telstra

Tesla Motors

Symantec

Sun Microsystems

Valve Corporation

Electronic Arts

Channel 4

Vodafone

SAP SE

Nintendo

Sega

Siemens

Boeing

Deutsche Telekom

Al Jazeera

IBM

Apple Inc.

Microsoft

Ferrari

Ford Motor Company

East India Company

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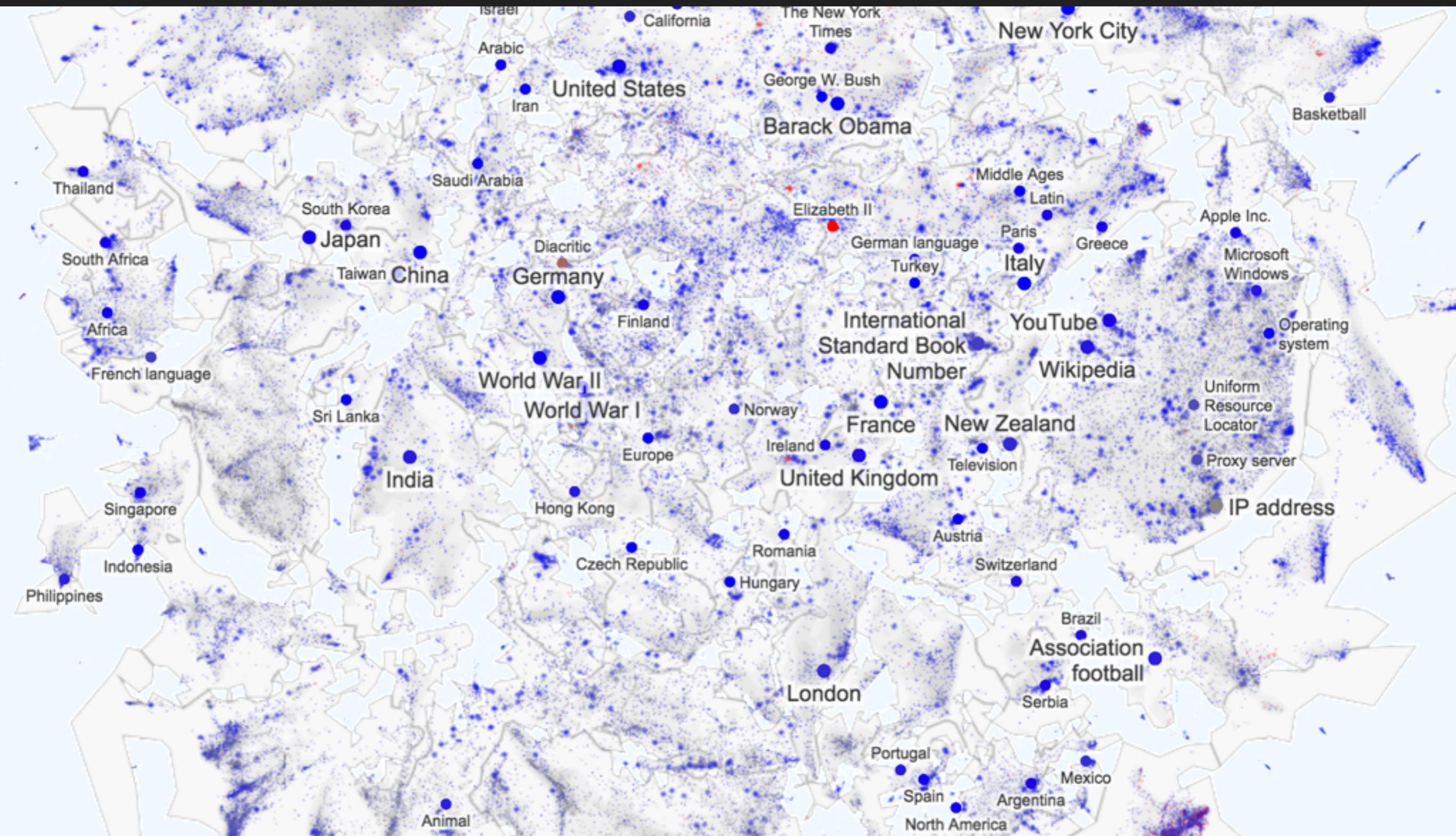


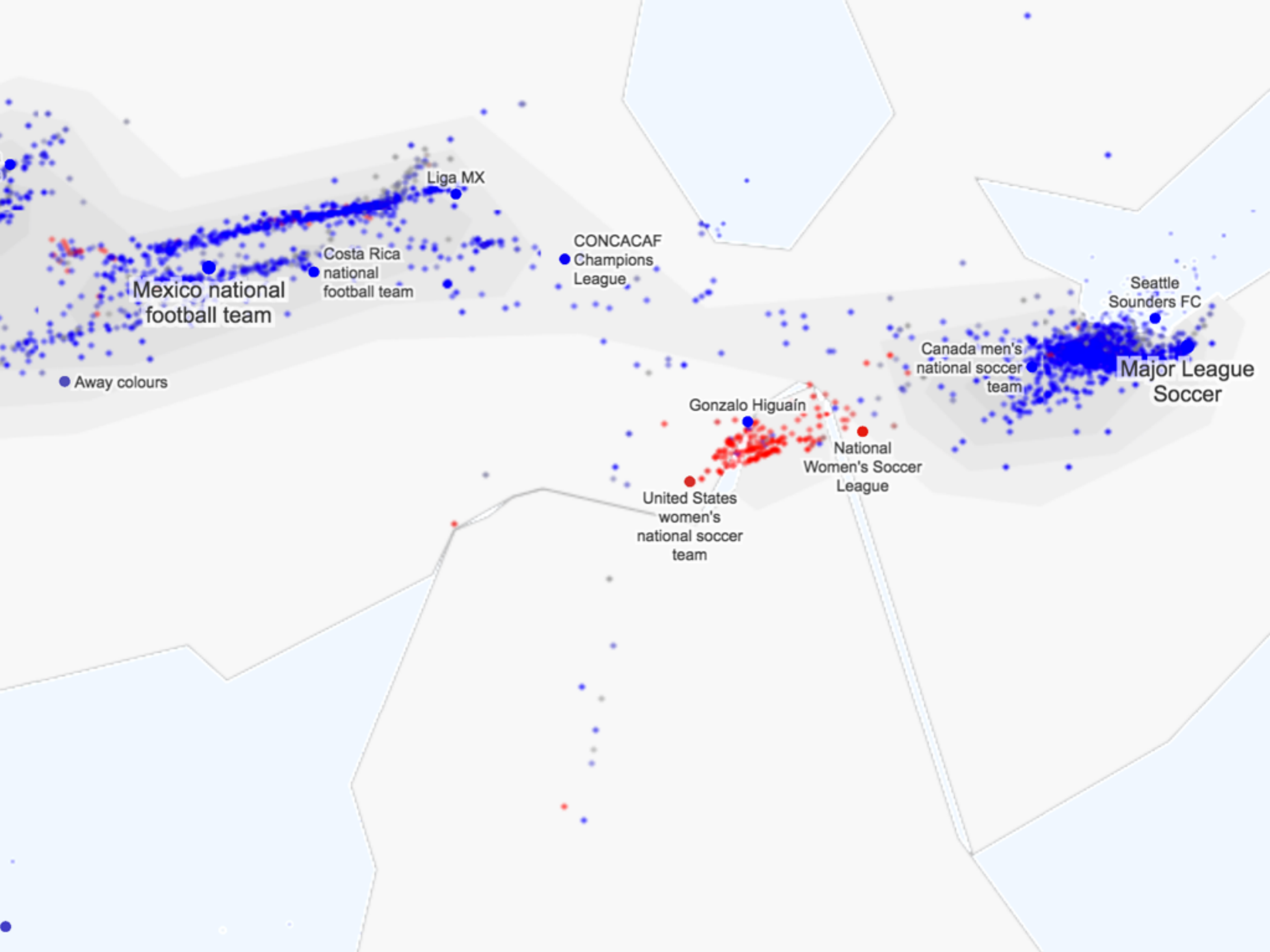


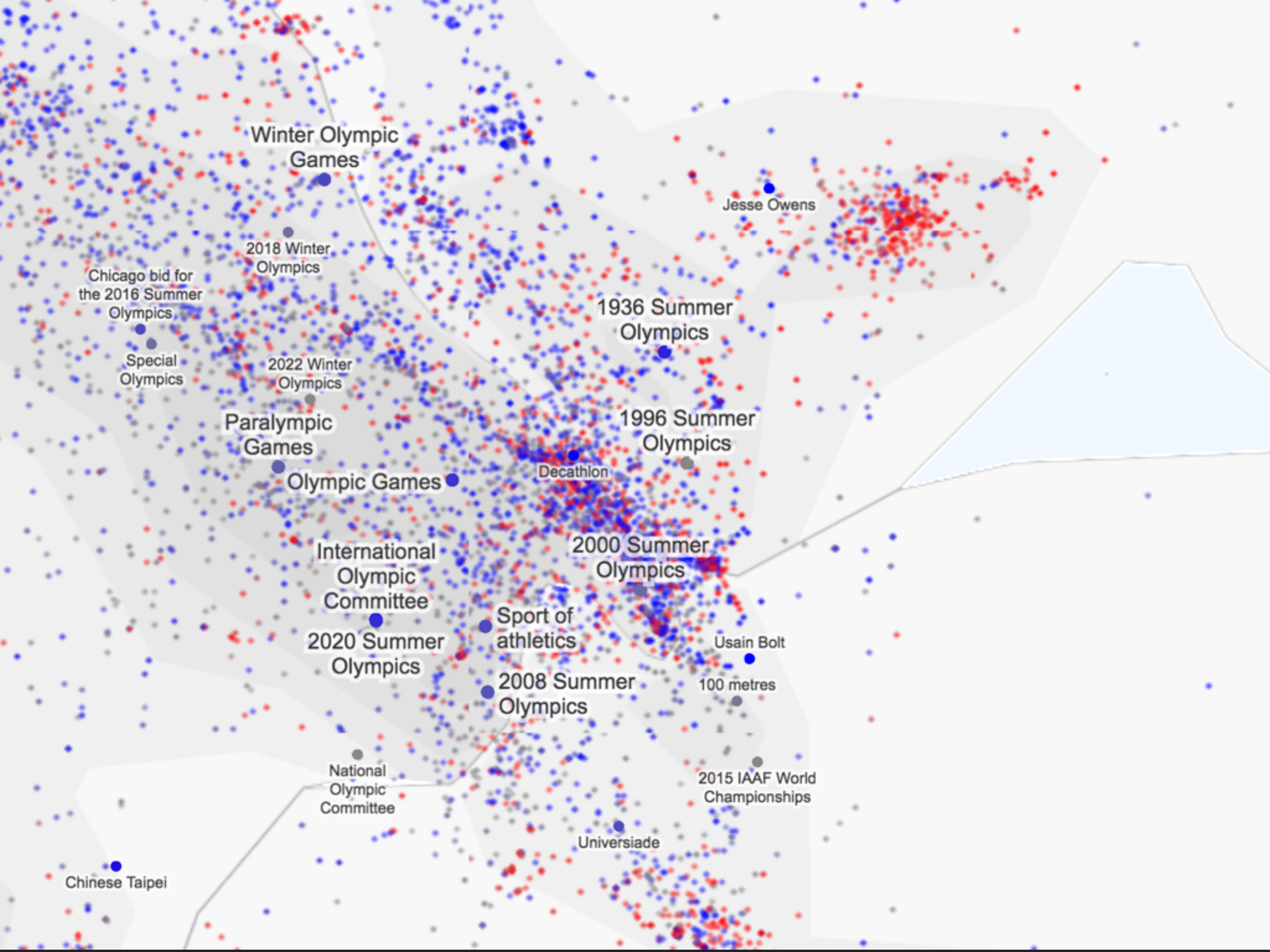
# Exploratory Study: Feedback from Users

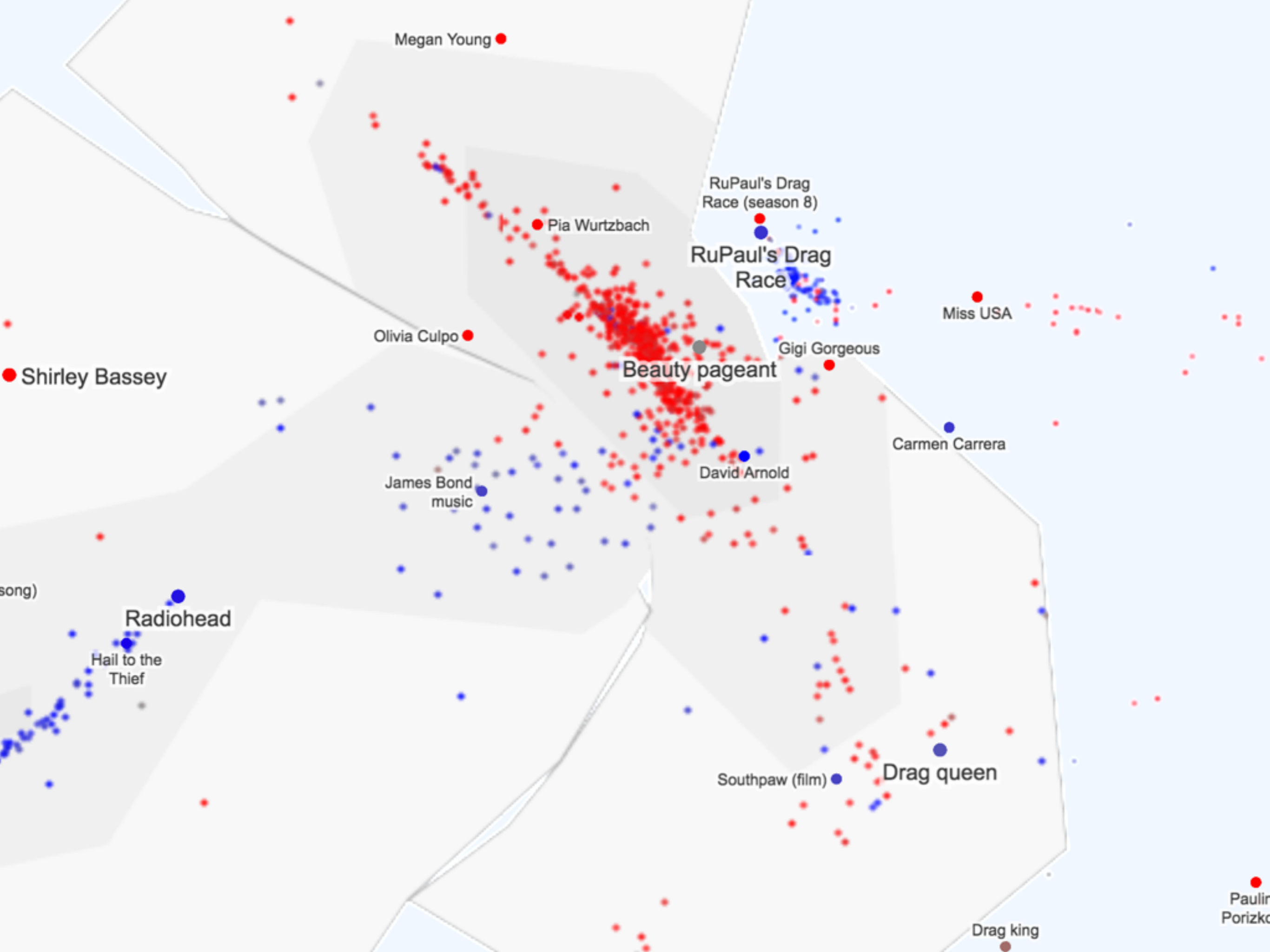










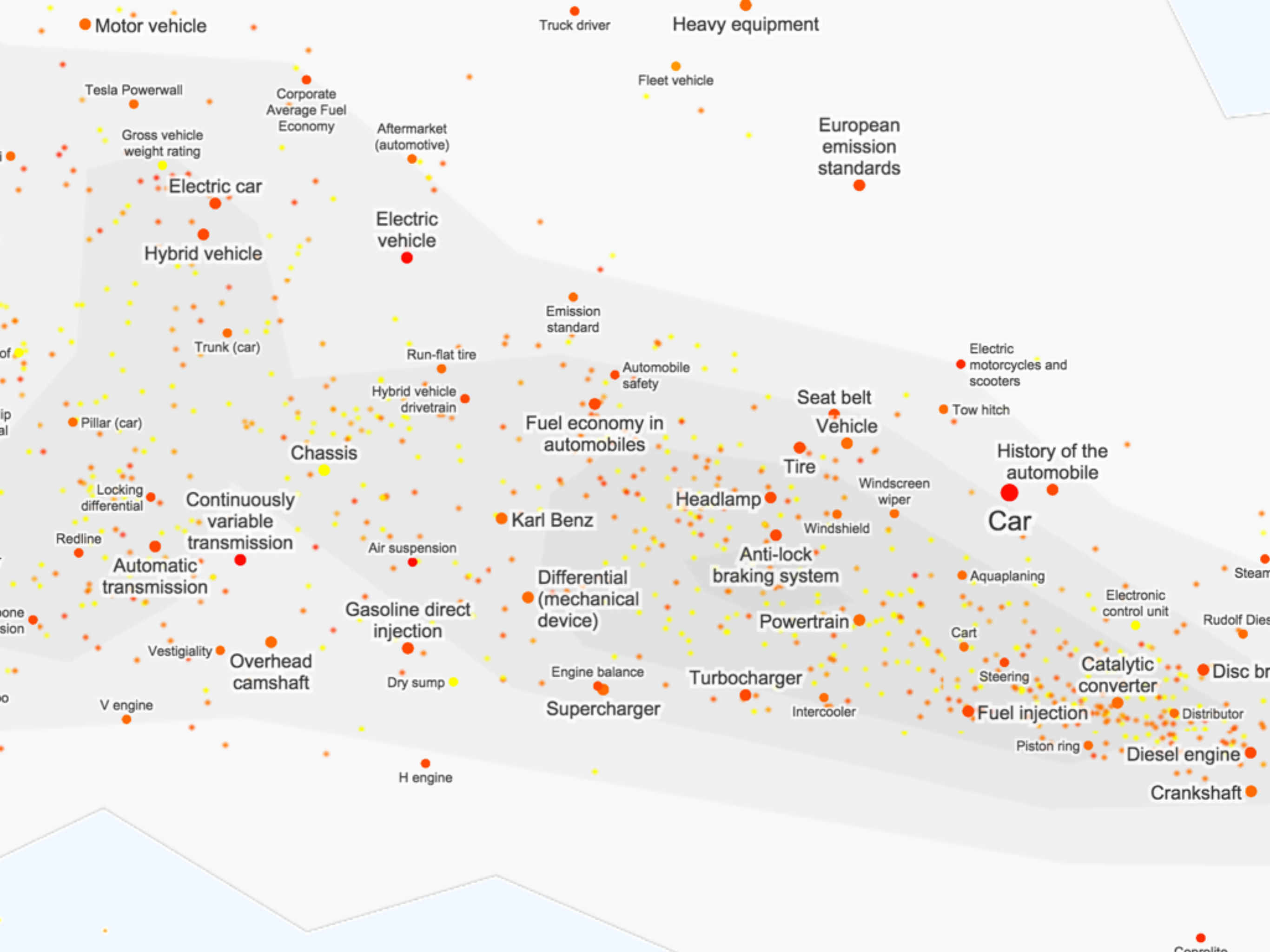








Women's rights: Women's rights are the rights and entitlements claimed for women and girls worldwide, and formed the basis for the women's rights movement in the nineteenth century and feminist movement during the 20th century. In some countries, these rights are institutionalized or supported by law, local custom, and behavior, whereas in others they are ignored and suppressed. They differ from broader notions of...[\[see Wikipedia article\]](#) Article links to 57 men and 49 women.



Motor vehicle

Truck driver

Heavy equipment

Tesla Powerwall

Corporate Average Fuel Economy

Fleet vehicle

Gross vehicle weight rating

Aftermarket (automotive)

European emission standards

Electric car

Electric vehicle

Hybrid vehicle

Emission standard

Trunk (car)

Run-flat tire

Automobile safety

Electric motorcycles and scooters

Pillar (car)

Hybrid vehicle drivetrain

Fuel economy in automobiles

Seat belt Vehicle

Tow hitch

Chassis

History of the automobile

Locking differential

Continuously variable transmission

Tire

Windscreen wiper

Car

Redline

Automatic transmission

Air suspension

Karl Benz

Headlamp

Windshield

Anti-lock braking system

Aquaplaning

Steam

one sion

Gasoline direct injection

Differential (mechanical device)

Powertrain

Electronic control unit

Rudolf Diesel

Vestigiality

Overhead camshaft

Dry sump

Engine balance

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Cart

Steering

Catalytic converter

Disc brake

V engine

Supercharger

Fuel injection

Piston ring

Diesel engine

Crankshaft

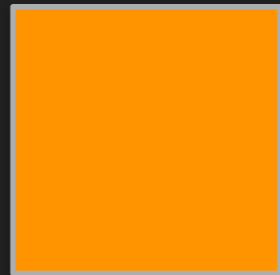
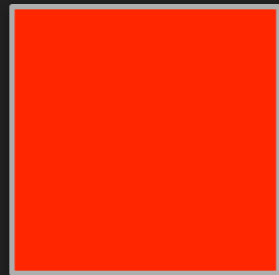
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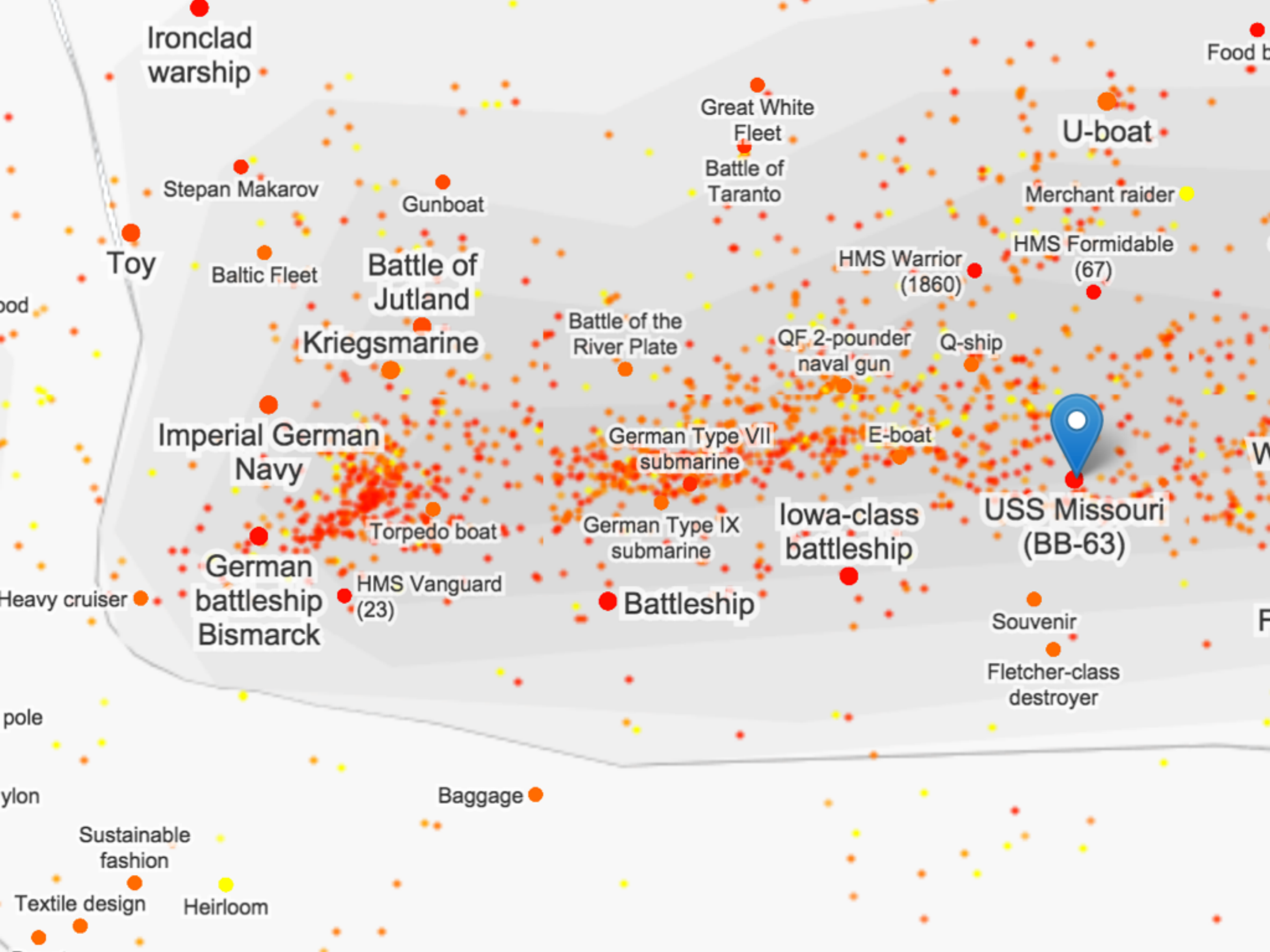
# Article Quality Visualization

Quality estimates from ORES (Halfaker)

High Quality



Low Quality



# User Study Results

Overall positive feedback

Easy, fun

Some confusion about article placement

# Next Steps

1. Stand up WikiBrain API in labs
2. Regular releases of navigation embeddings
3. Release Cartograph
4. Cartograph enhancements

# Thank You!

Research collaborators, Wikipedians, Aaron Halfaker

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