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Lecture 25

Graph Layout Edge Bundling



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Graph Layout: A Brief Overview

TarawnehKellerEbert2011

<http://drops.dagstuhl.de/opus/volltexte/2012/3748/pdf/13.pdf>

Graph Vis: layouts + interactions

1. Node-Link Layouts

1. The Spring Layout Algorithm: Force-directed layouts
2. Topological Feature-Based Layout
3. Planar Graphs

2. Tree Layout

1. Node-Link Tree layout Algorithms
2. Space-Filling Techniques

3. Matrix Visualization

4. 3D Layout

5. Nodes and Edges Clustering

● Interaction Techniques

- Zooming and Panning
- Focus+Context Techniques

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Node-Link Layouts

Criteria and examples

Challenge: directed graph layout

Two step approach:

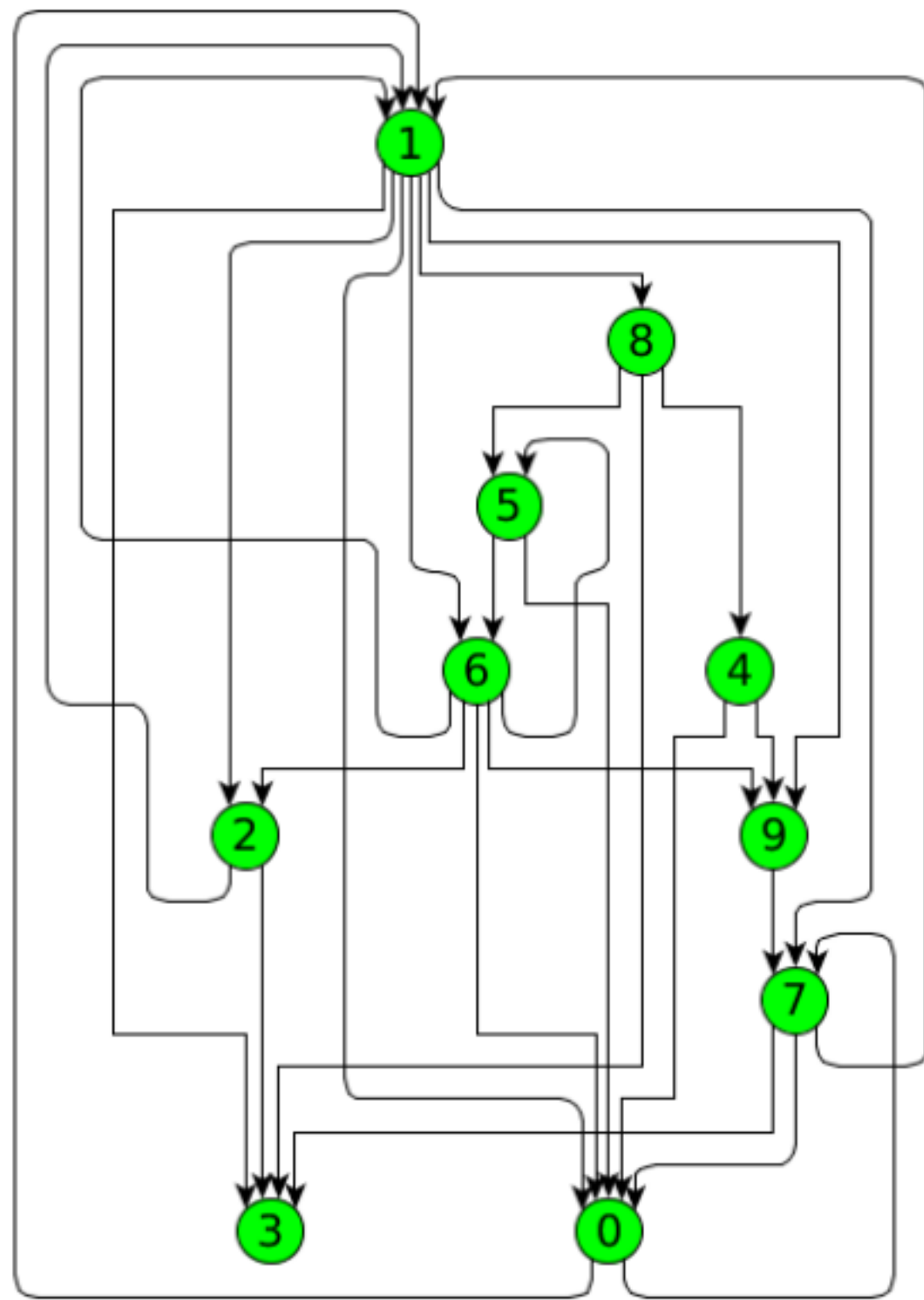
- First, layer the graph nodes: assign a layer for each node and placing the nodes into the corresponding layer.
- Second, reduce the edge-crossings and the node overlapping.

L-Drawing of directed graphs

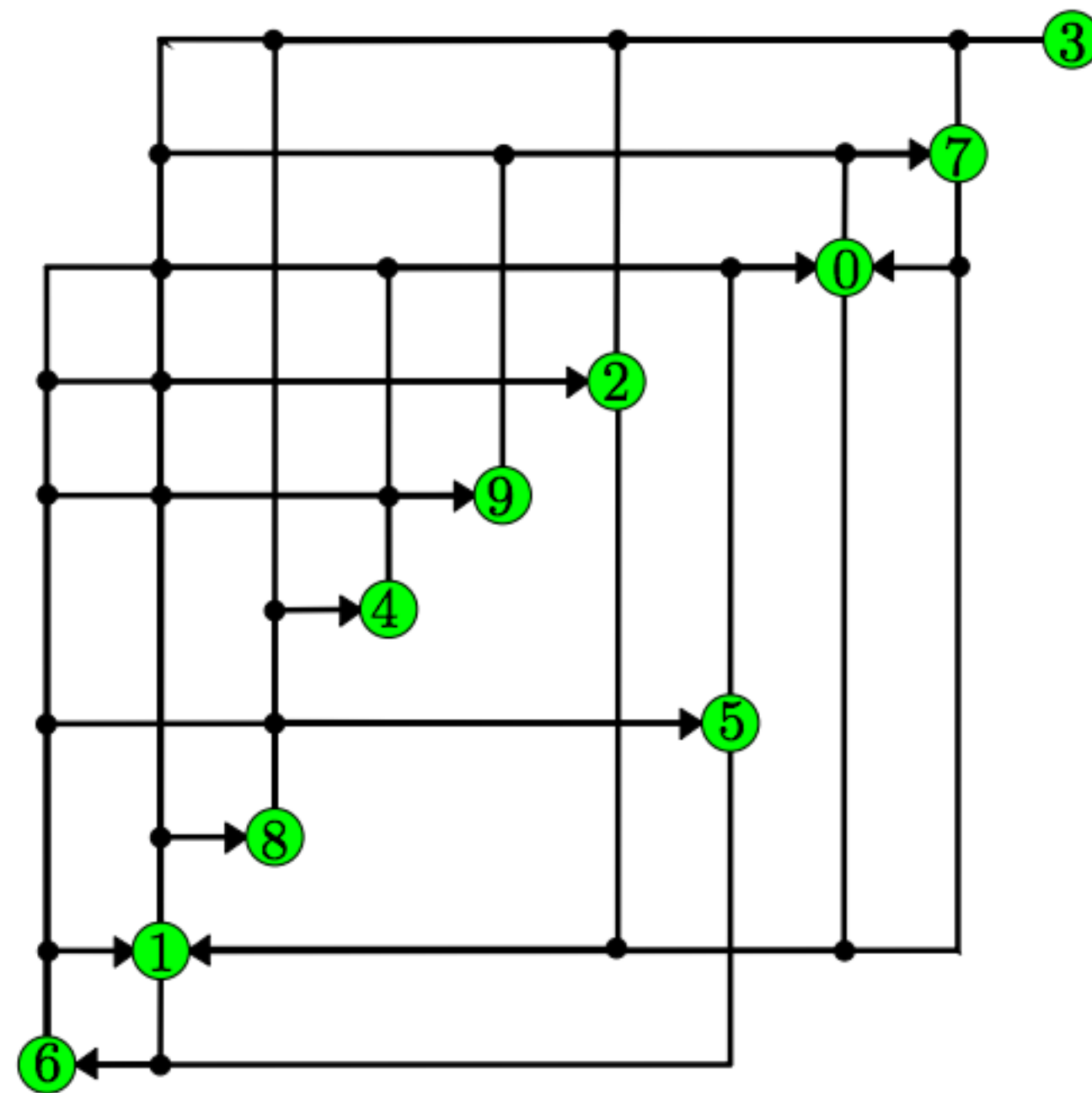
Combine Orthogonal Graph Drawing with matrix representation:

- Each vertex has exclusive x- and y-coordinates and each directed edge has two orthogonal segments, one leaving the source vertically and one entering the destination horizontally.
- Edges are allowed both to overlap and to intersect.
- Graphically, the joint between the horizontal and the vertical segment of an edge is drawn as a small circular arc, allowing the user to easily identify the edges even in the presence of overlaps and intersections
- The matrix is symbolically represented by the edges, that identify the portions of the rows and columns that have to be followed to connect adjacent vertices

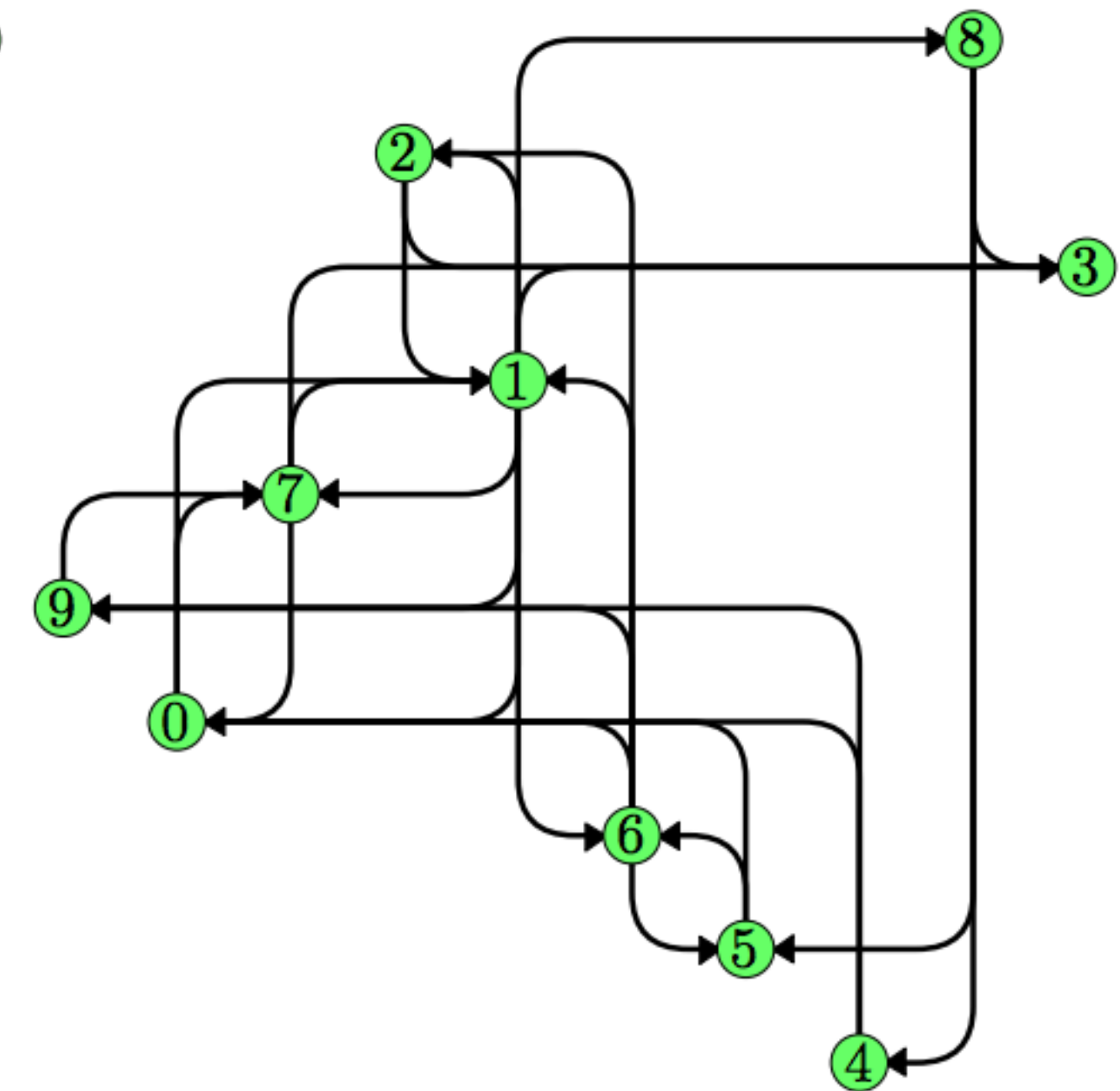
L-Drawing of directed graphs



(a)



(b)



(c)

Planer Graph Layout

- Graphs that can be drawn without edge crossings
- Pre-requisites:
 - Testing whether it is possible to draw the given graph without edges crossings or not.
 - Finding a planar layout algorithm satisfying the required application constrains.
- Schnyder's Algorithm

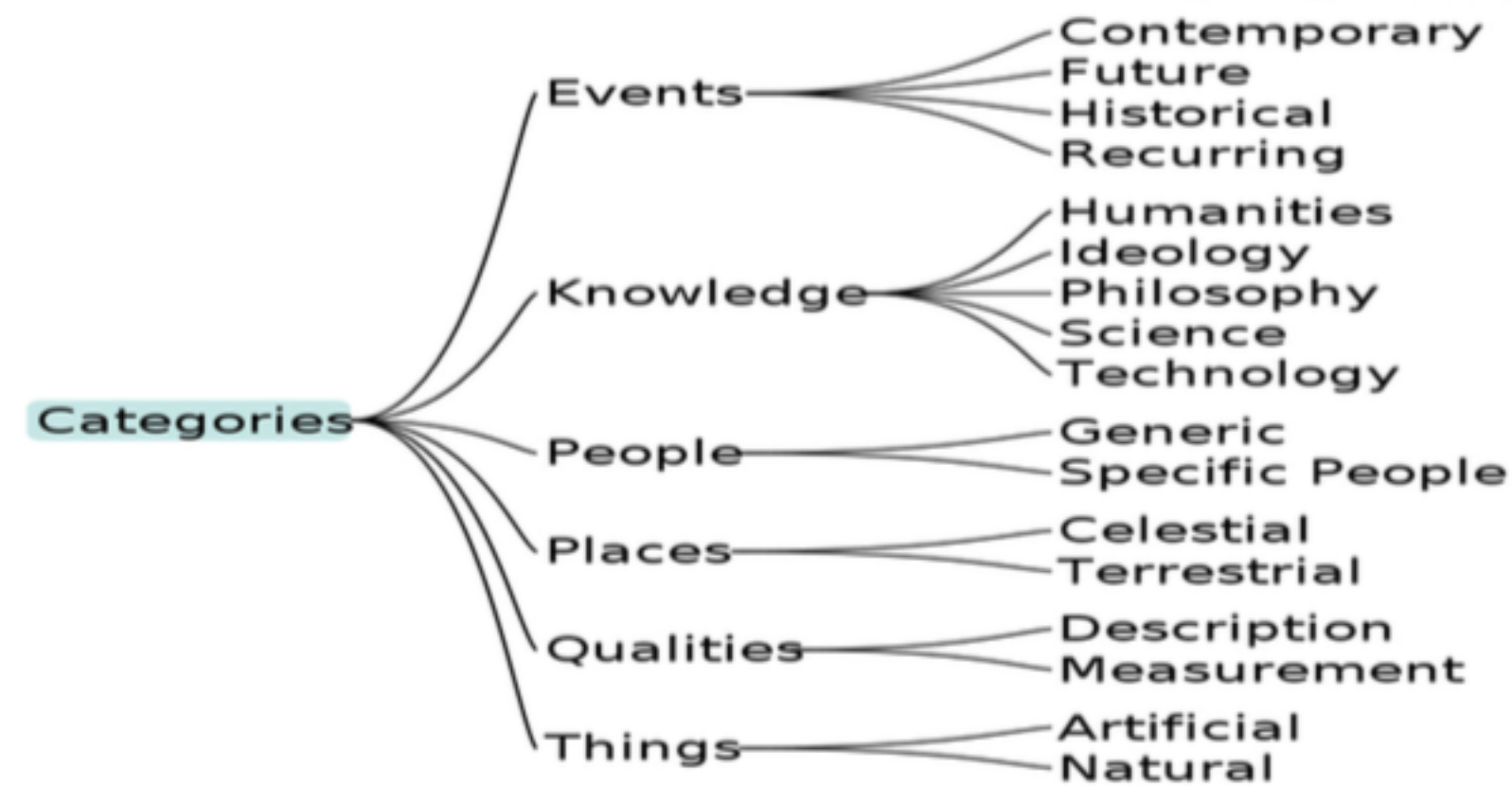
● A Graph $G=(V,E)$ is a Planar Graph if it can be drawn in the plane with no edges crossing



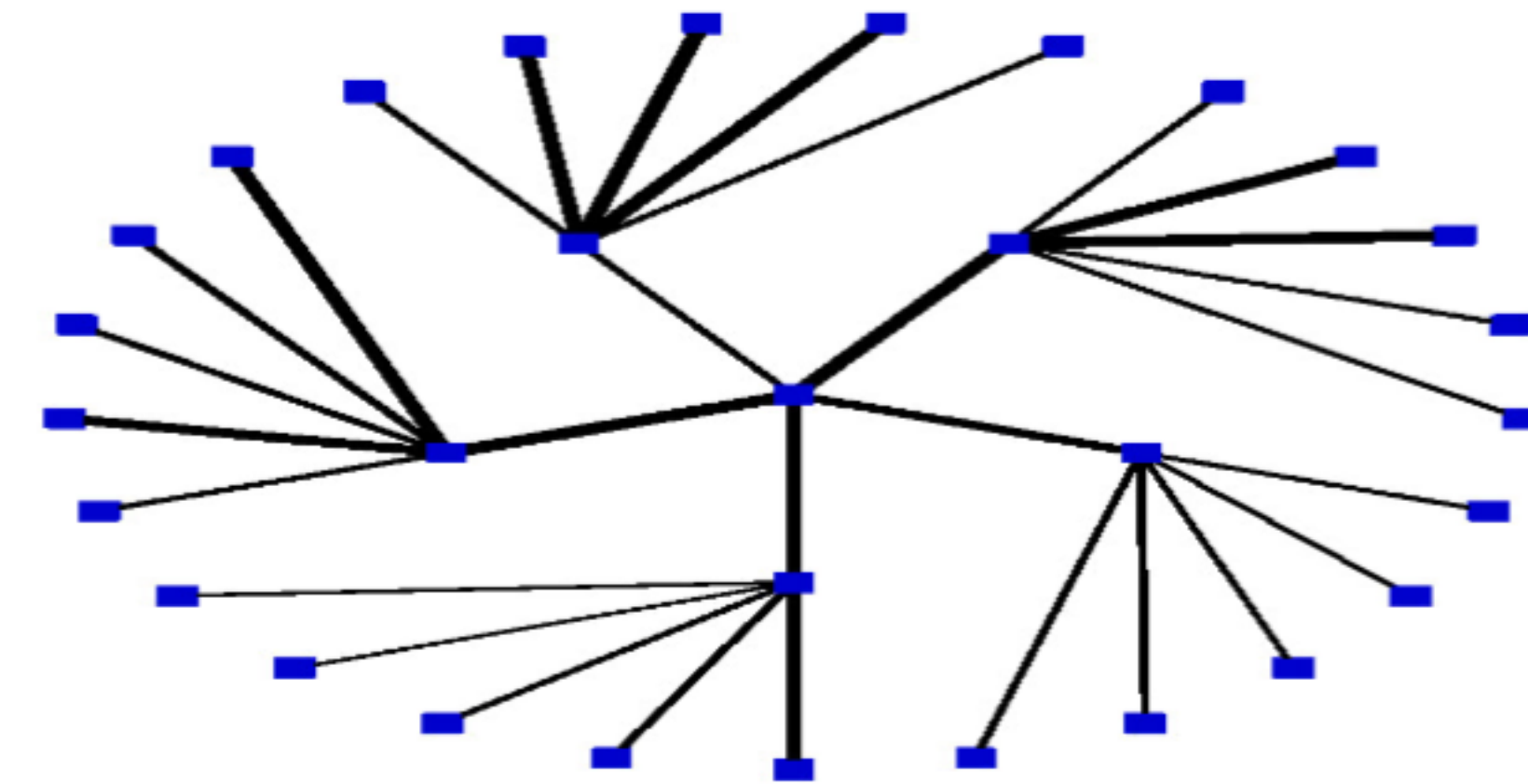
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Tree Layouts

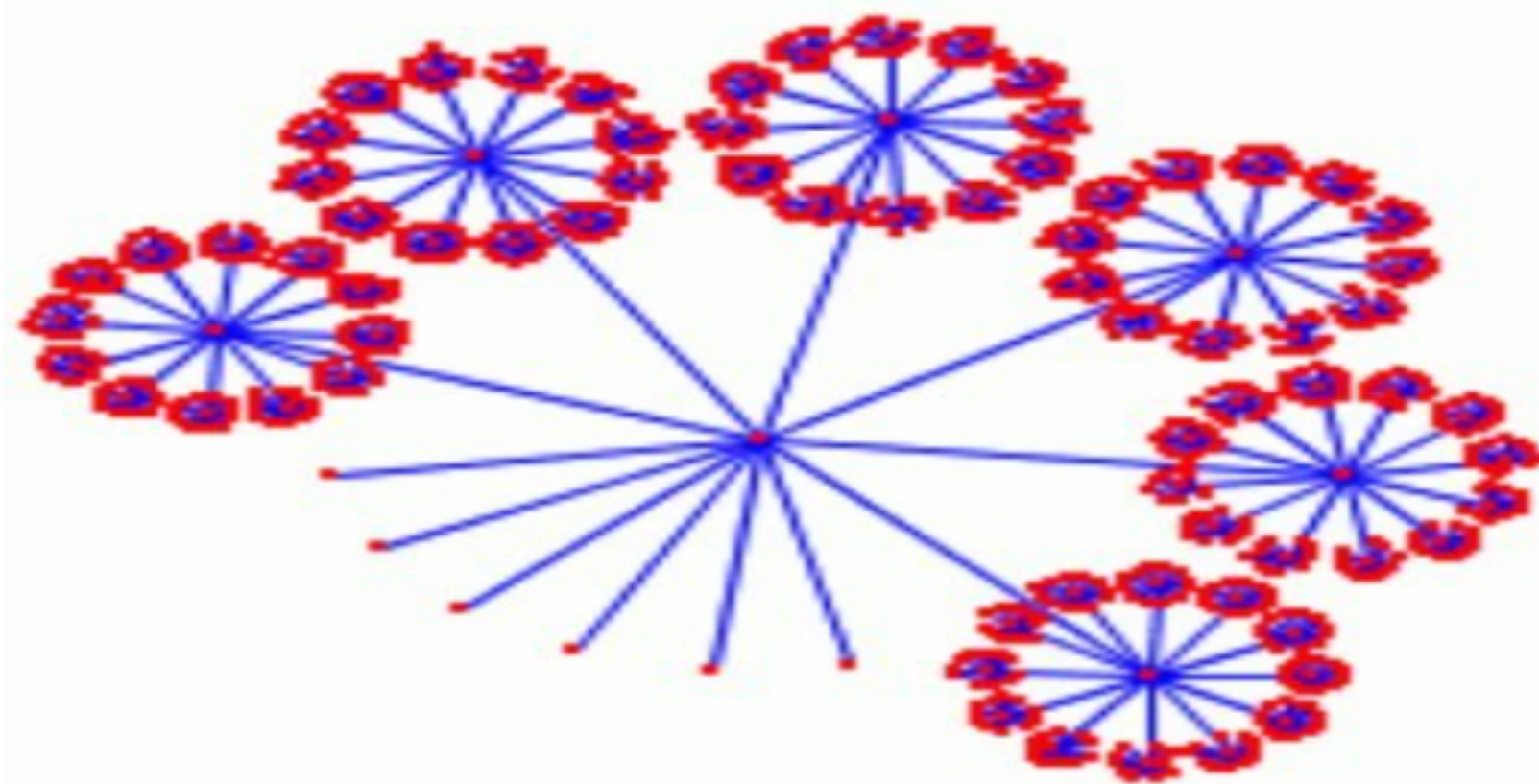
Node-Link Tree Layout



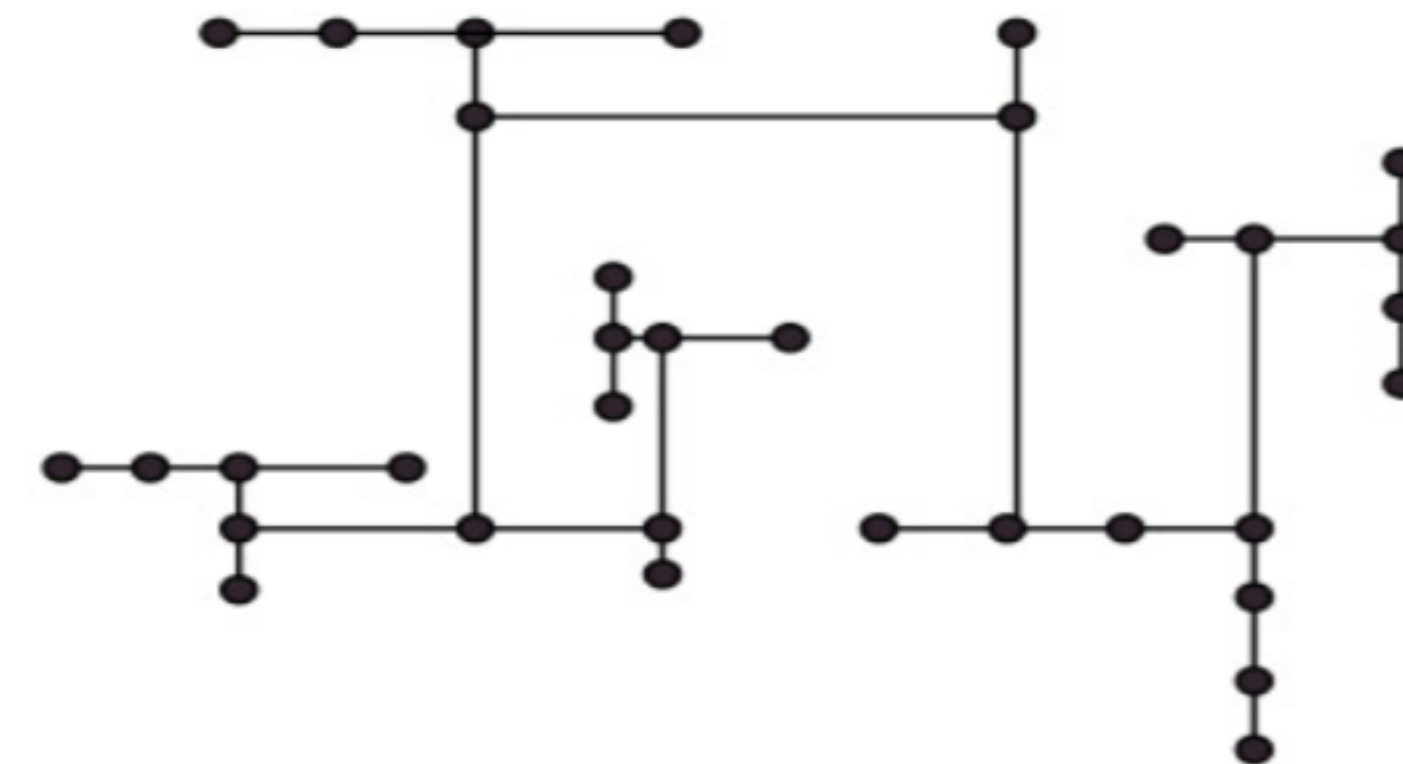
(a) Classical tree layout, produced with [19].



(b) Radial tree layout Example.



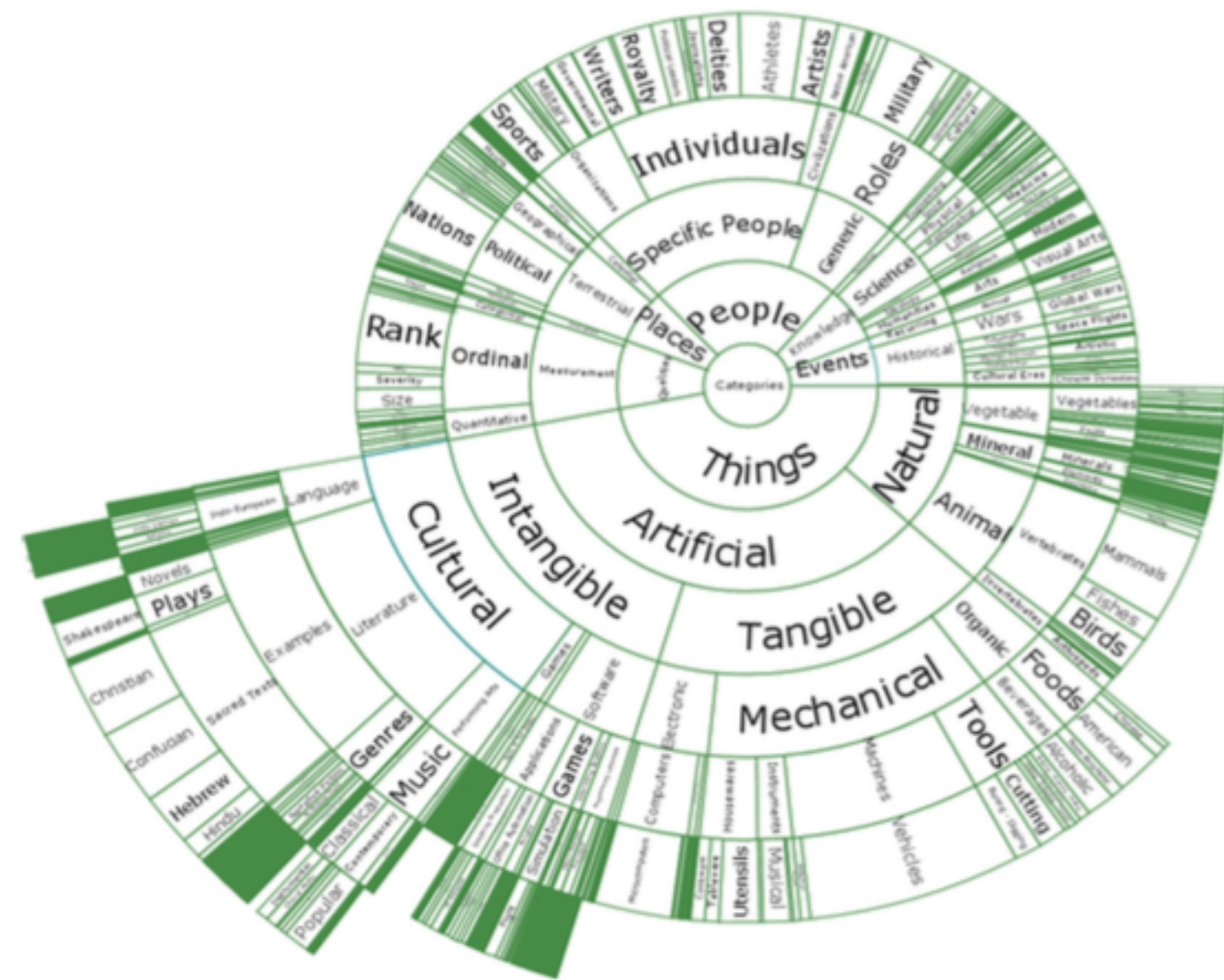
(c) Balloon tree layout: produced by [22].



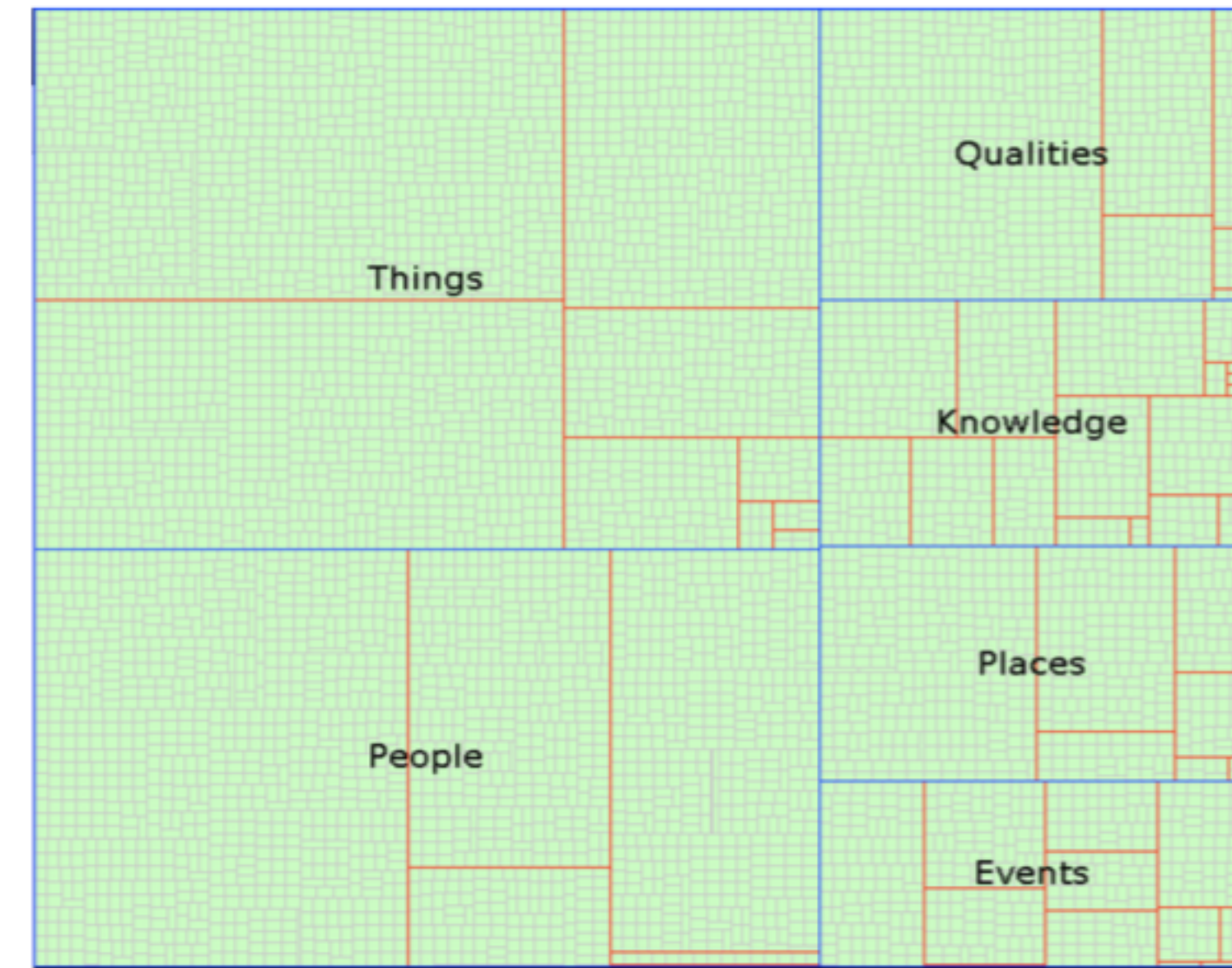
(d) H-Tree layout: produced by [22].

■ **Figure 2** Tree Layout Examples.

Space-Filling



(a) SunBurst layout.



(b) TreeMap layout.

■ **Figure 3** Examples of space-filling techniques [19].

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Matrix Visualization

MatrixExplorer

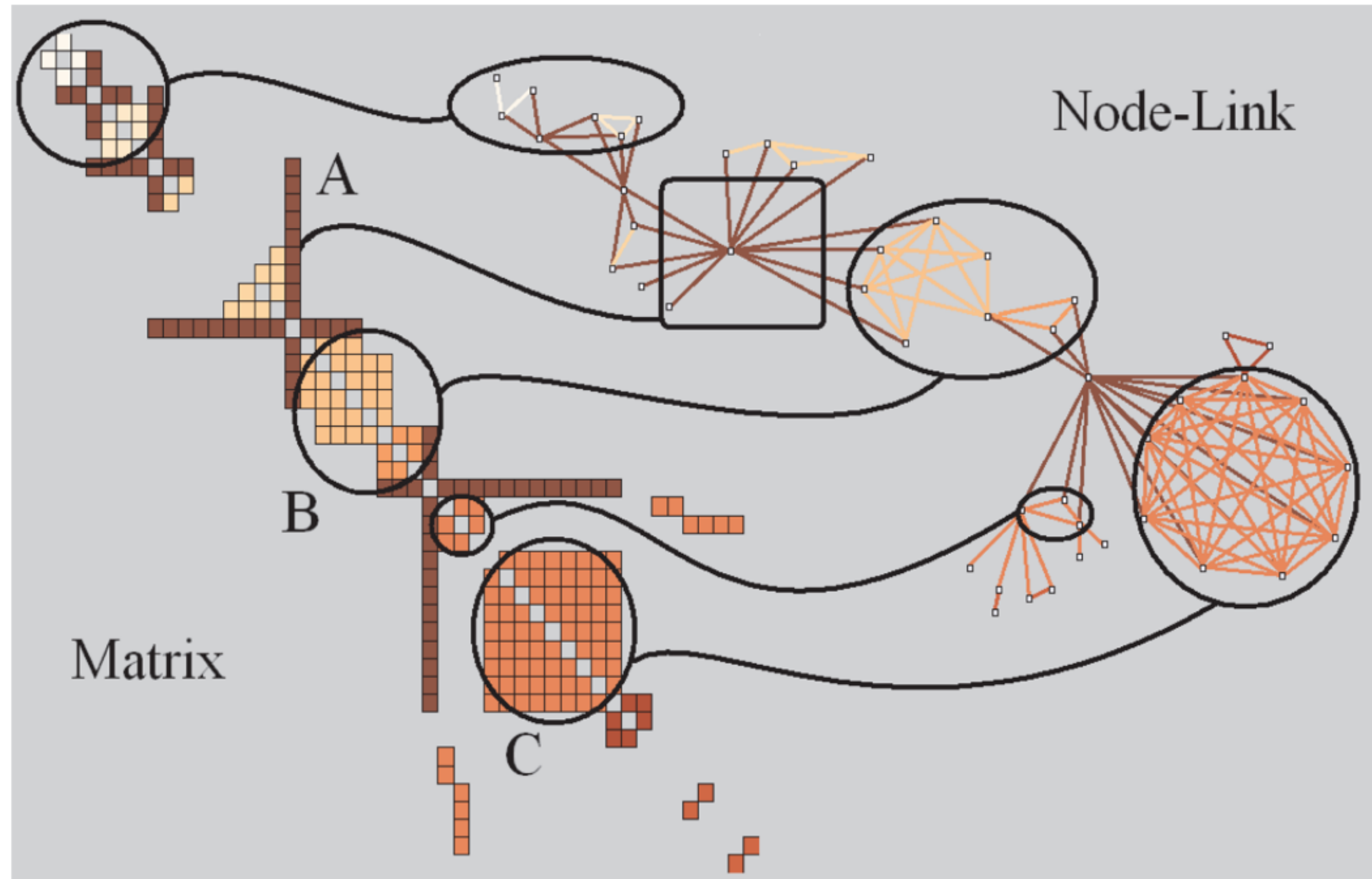


Fig. 3. Visual patterns in Matrix and Node-link representations of social networks. A represents an actor connecting several communities, B a community and C a clique (complete sub-graph).

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3D Layout

TreeCube

Extension from TreeGraph

TanakaOkadaNijima2003

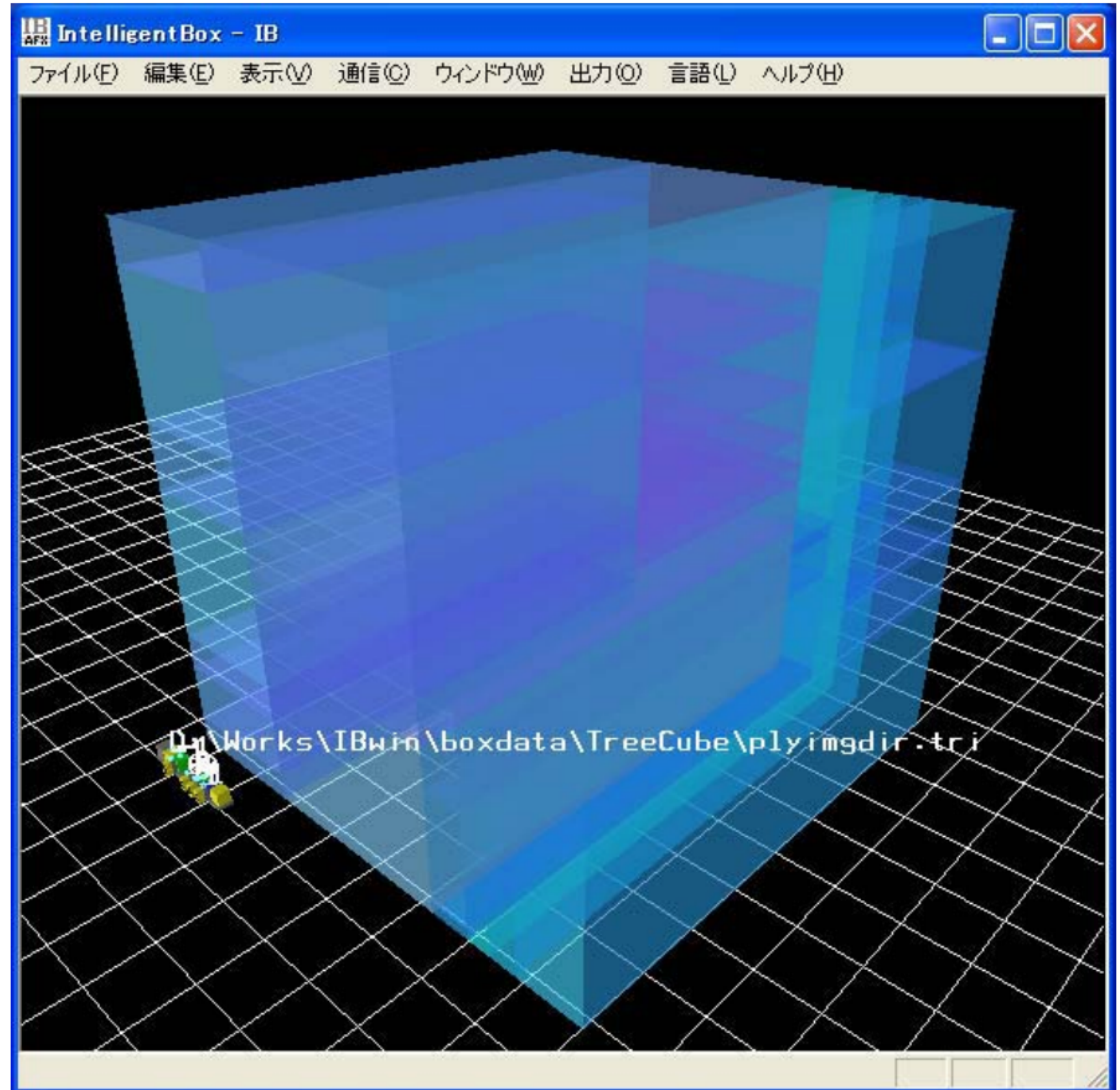


Fig. 2: Layout example of hierarchical information by the slice-and-dice treecube algorithm.

True Cube

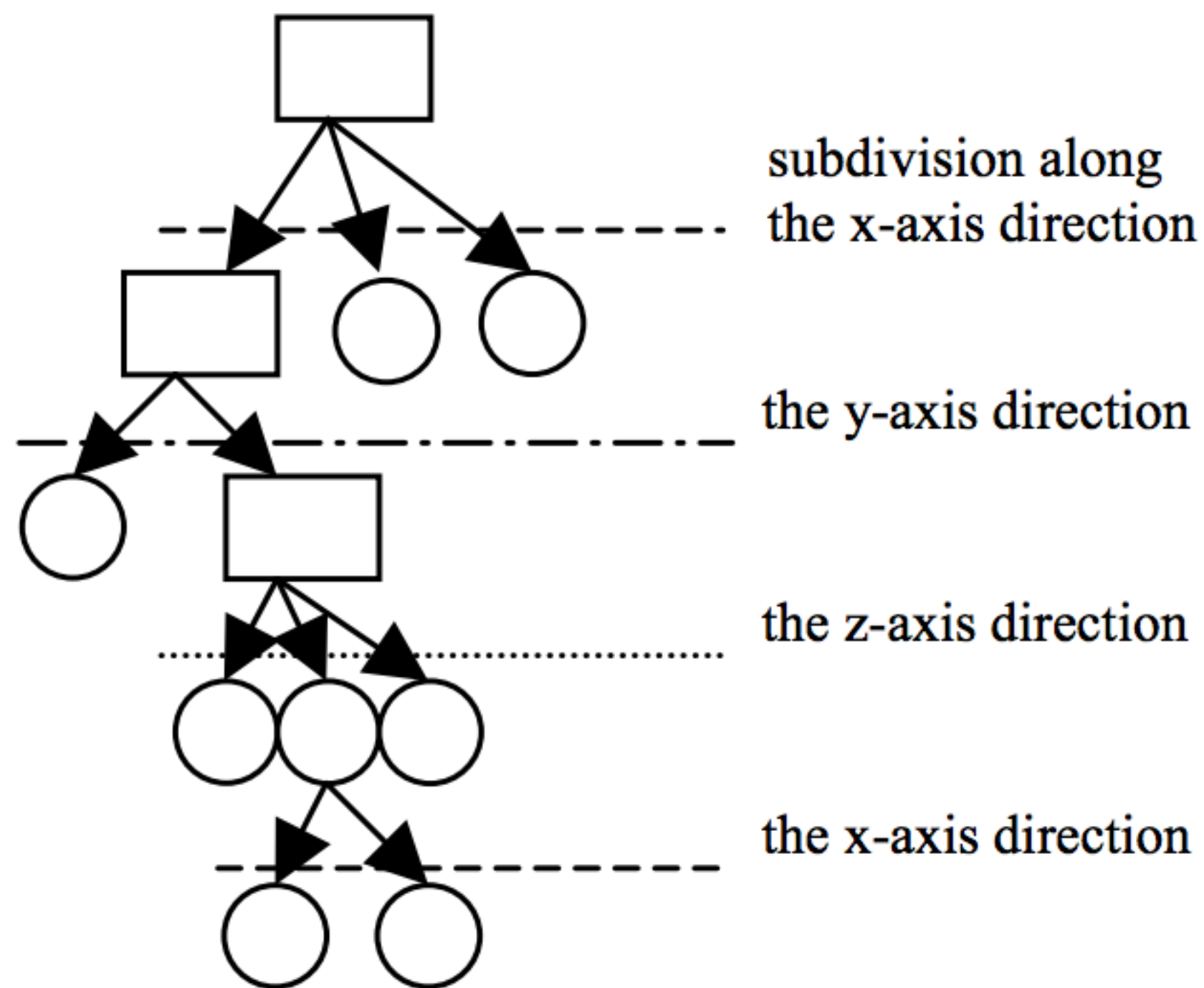


Fig. 1(a): Hierarchical information and the direction of the subdivision operation in its each level.

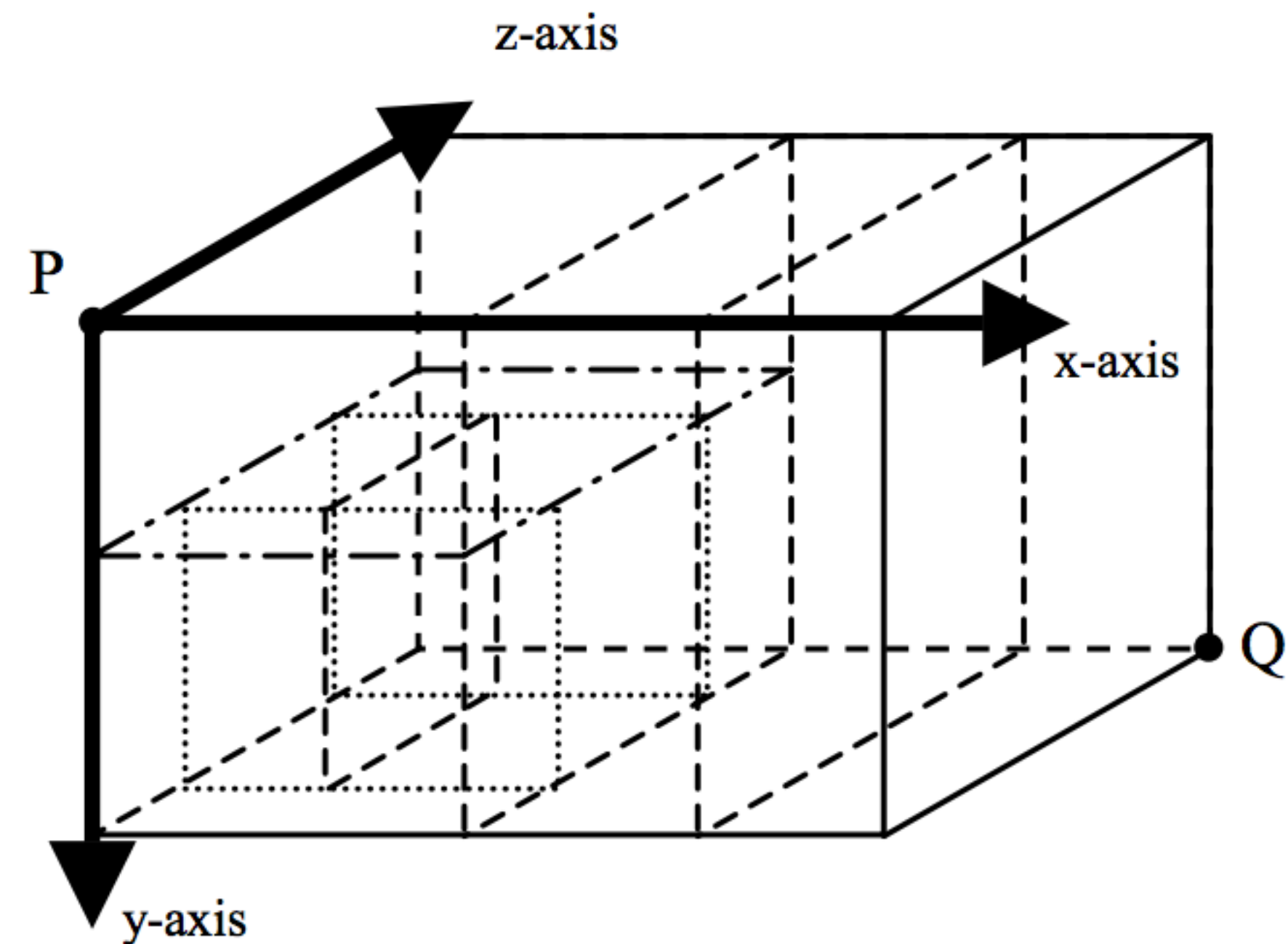
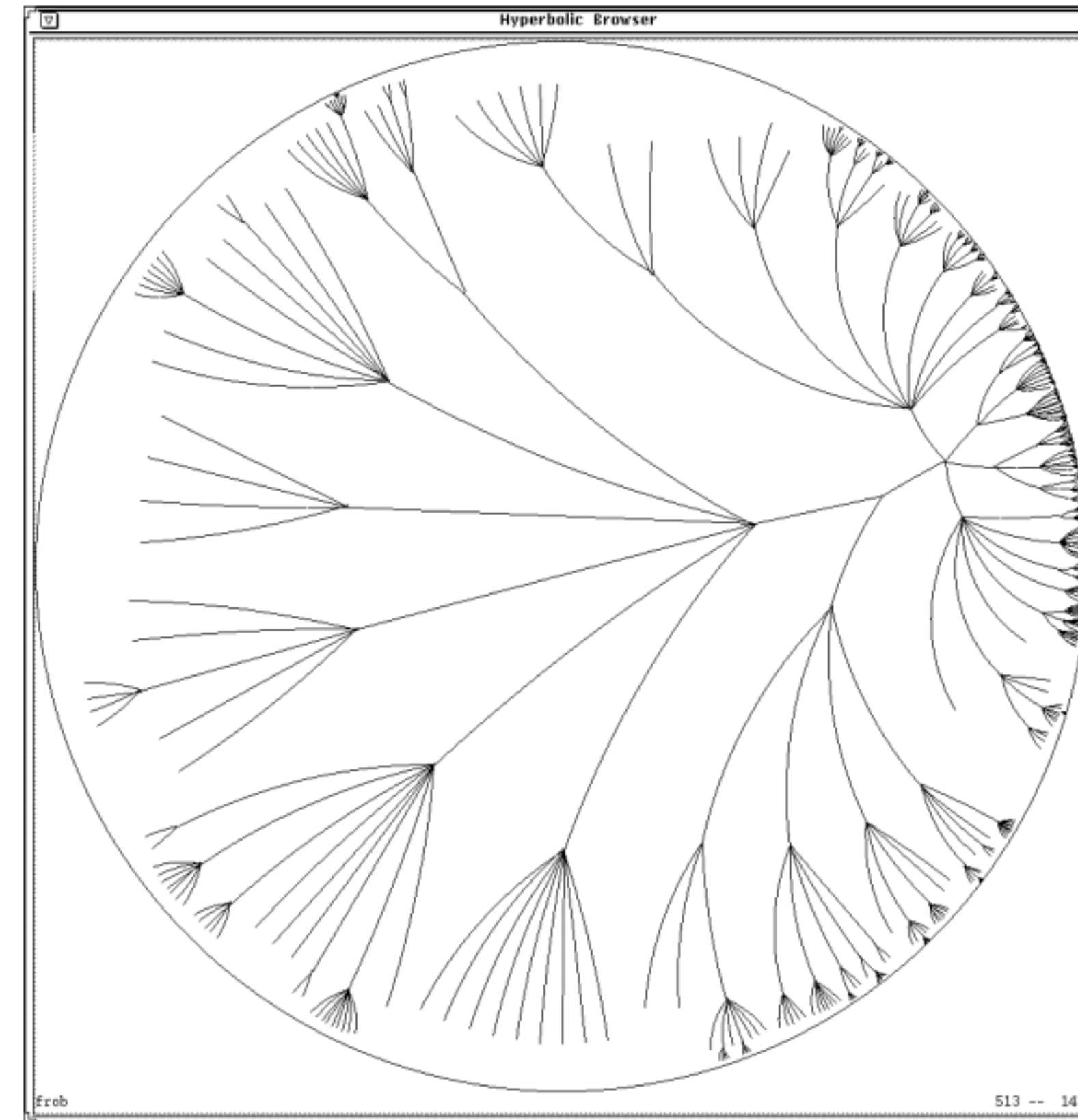
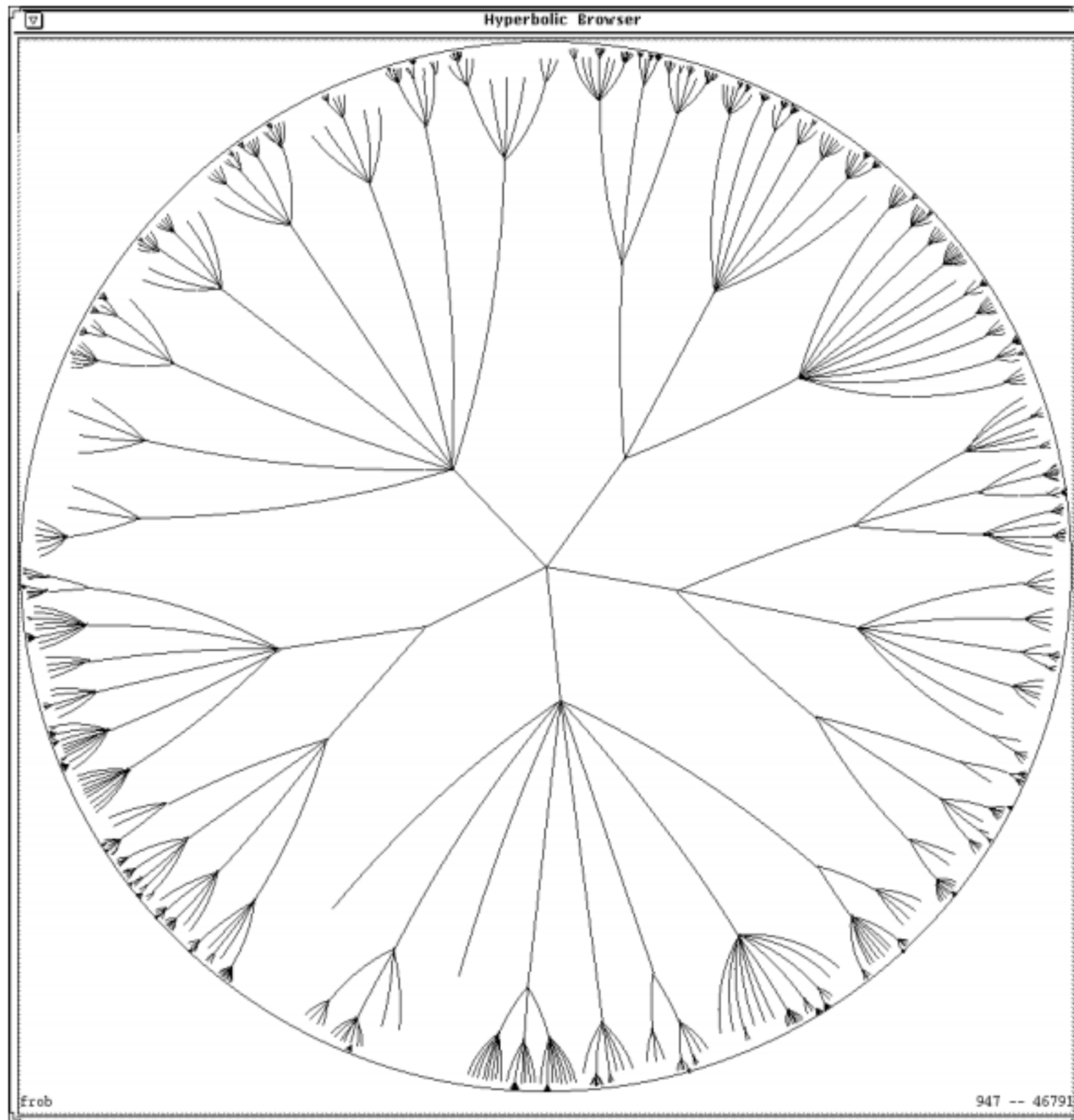


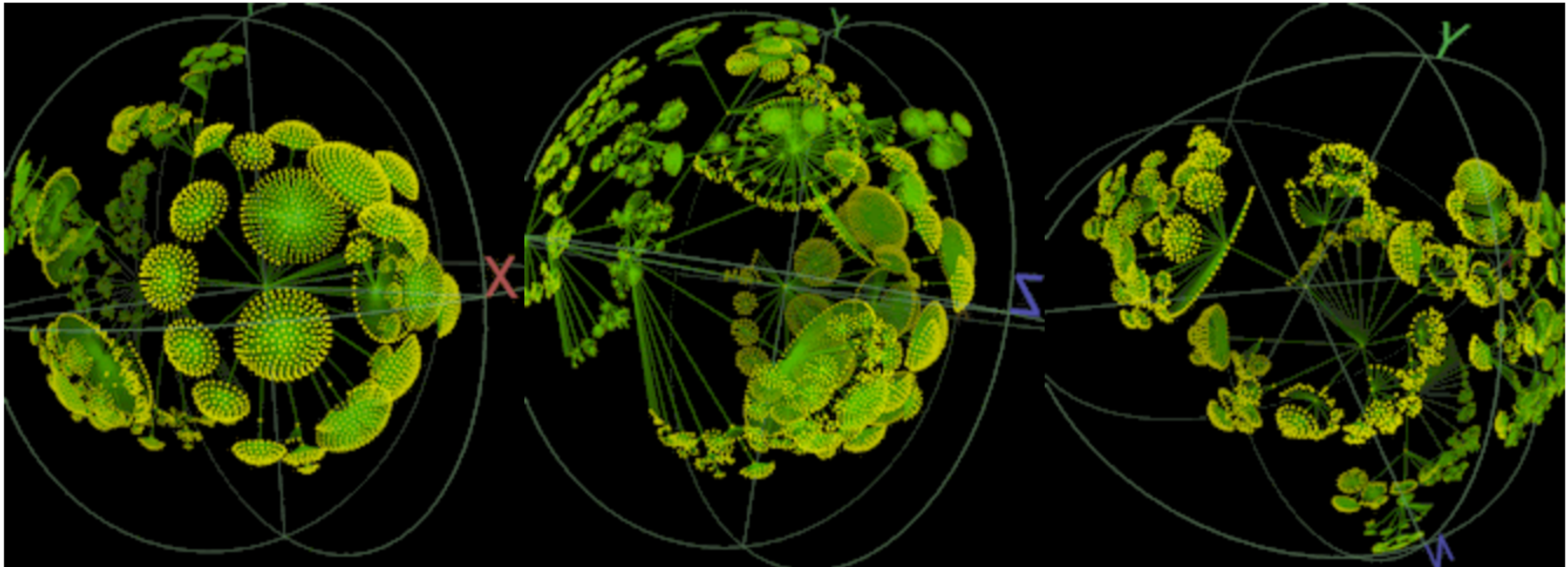
Fig. 1(b): Slice-and-dice treecube layout of the hierarchical information shown in Fig. 1(a).

Hyperbolic graph layout



(3D) Hyperbolic graph layout

CVS Repository (18,474 nodes and 18,473 links)



Immersive Graph Visualization

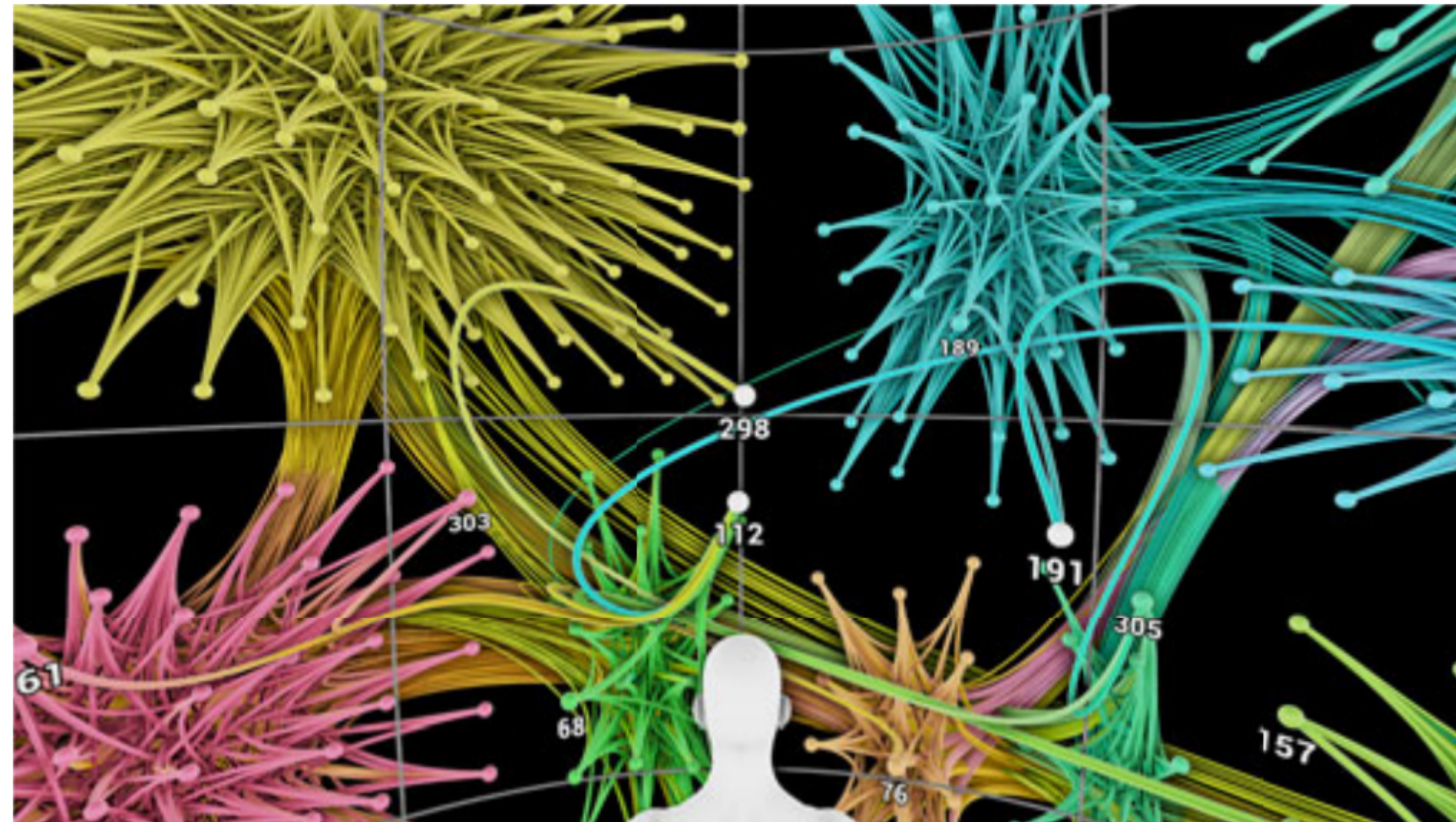
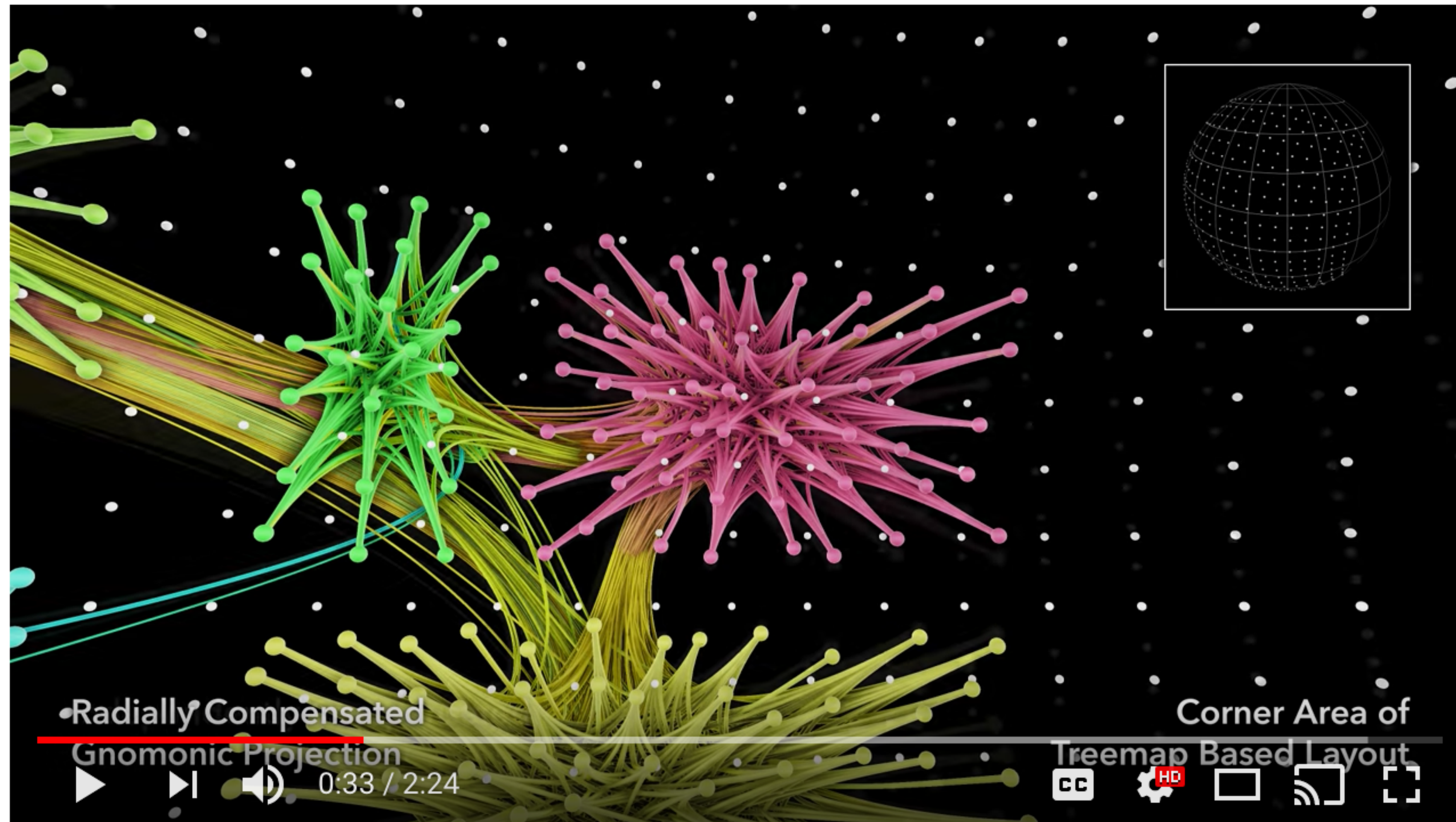


Fig. 1. The viewer is placed at the center of the sphere, on which the graph is laid out.

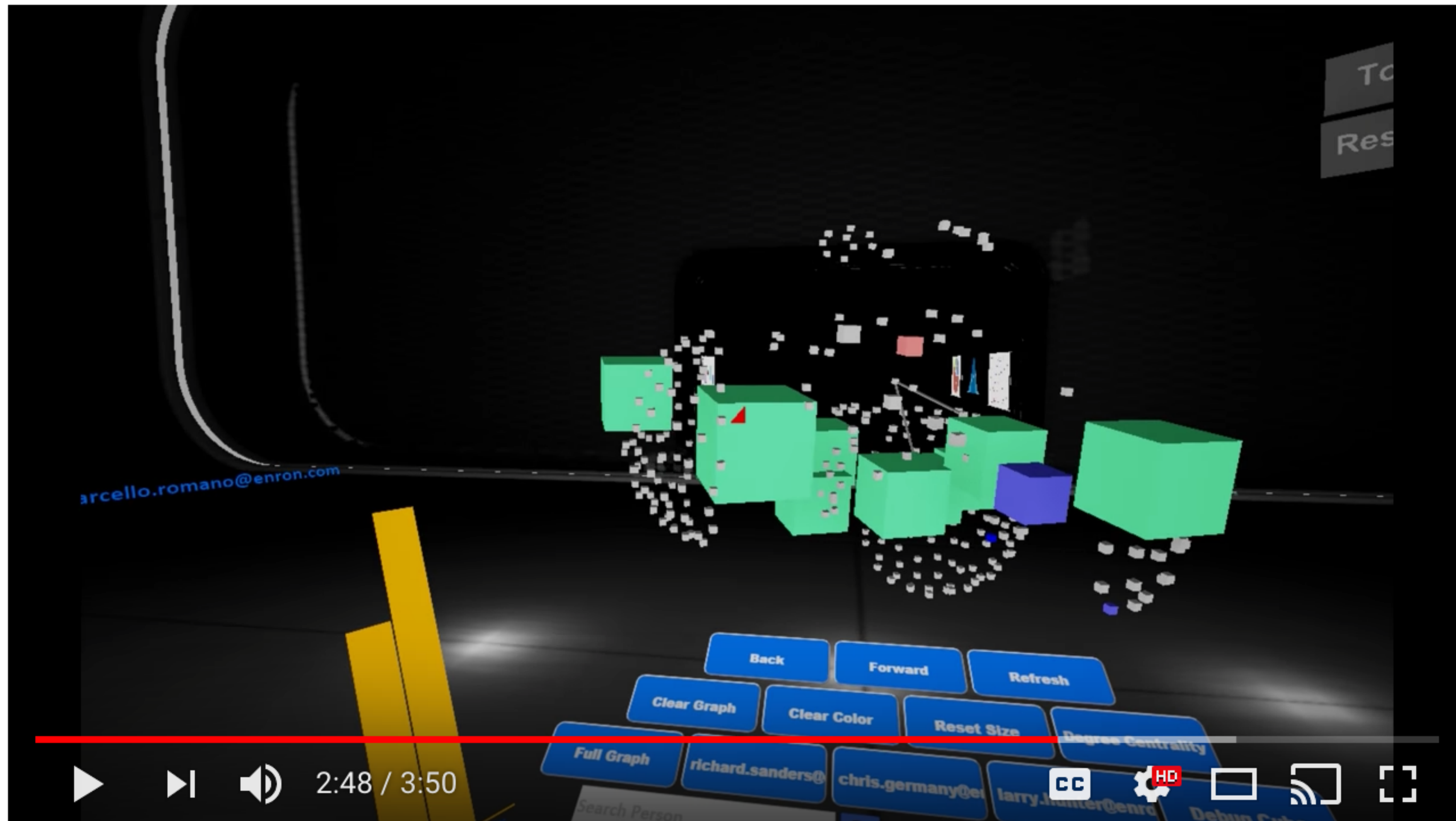
Immersive Graph Visualization



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQYamaU8OvA>

KwonMuelderLee2016

VR Graph Vis



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsMTdd12NB0>

Interacting with Graph layout

General Interactions

- **Selecting**: highlight and process specific objects
- **Abstracting/Elaborating**: change the level of detail of the representation.
- **Reconfiguring**: change the layouts for the same representation.
- **Encoding**: switch between different layout methods.
- **Exploring**: change the view point of the graph layout, e.g. **zooming and panning**.
- **Filtering**: remove unnecessary detail, filter the nodes based on their attributes.
- **Connecting**: highlight the paths between relevant objects and the focus object.

Zooming and Panning

- Panning: move the camera across the scene
- Zooming: switch between abstract and detailed views
 - Geometric zooming: adjusts the screen transformation, different level of magnification.
 - Semantic zooming: size of objects or displayed information may change when approaching a particular area of the graph.
 - Example: google earth
- Scale space diagram: combine geometric and semantic zooming

Scale Space Diagram

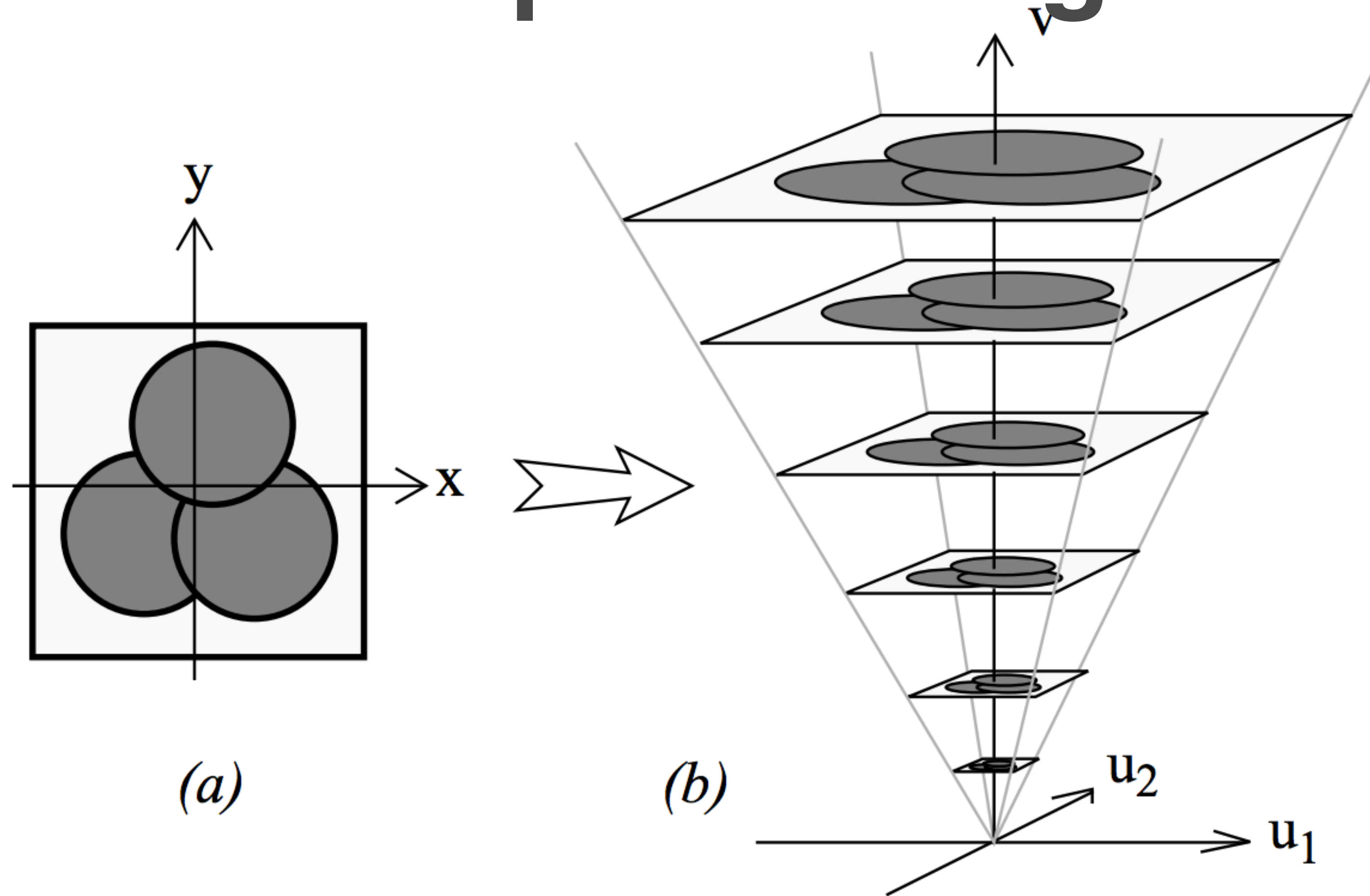
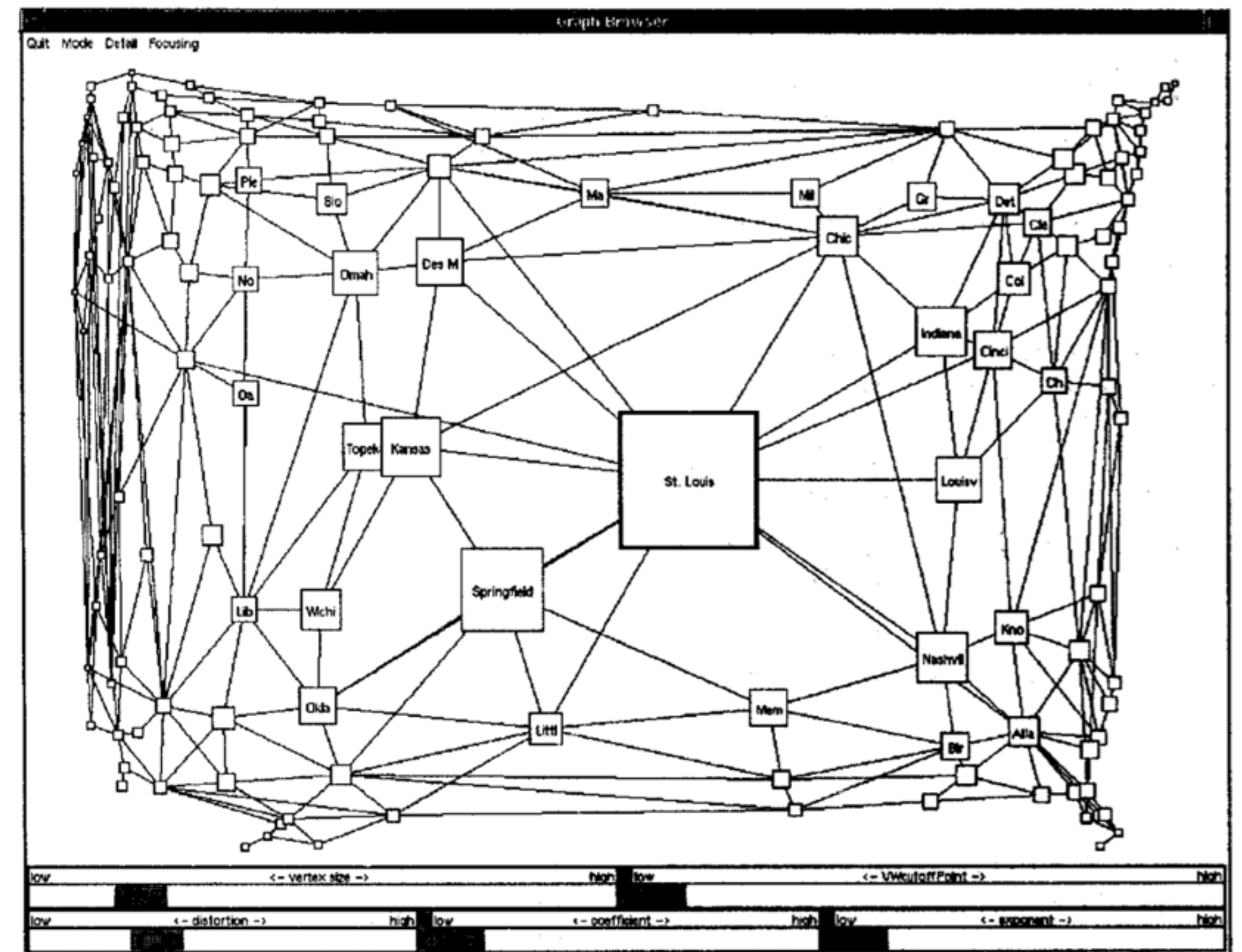
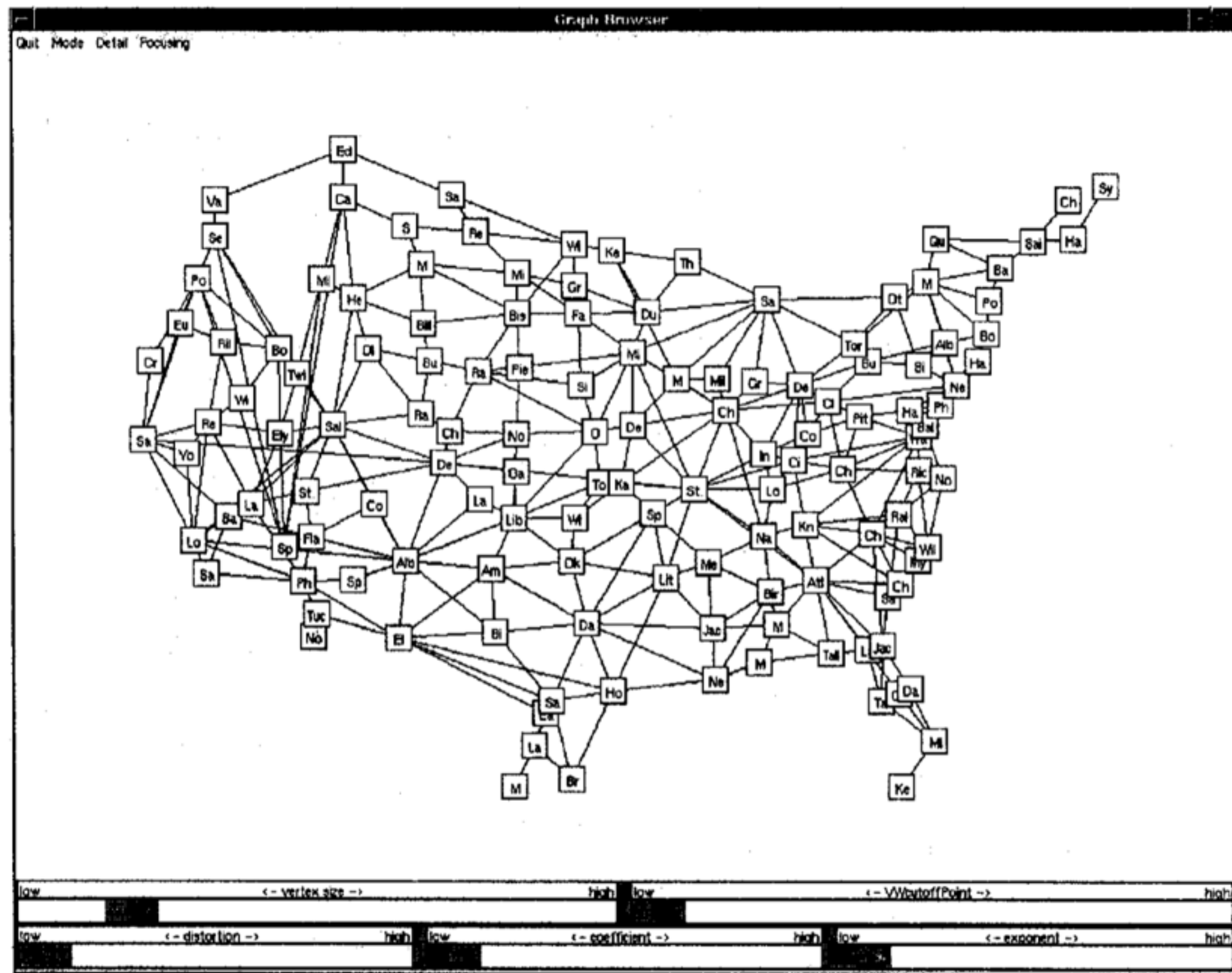


Figure 1. *The basic construction of a Space-Scale diagram from a 2D picture.*

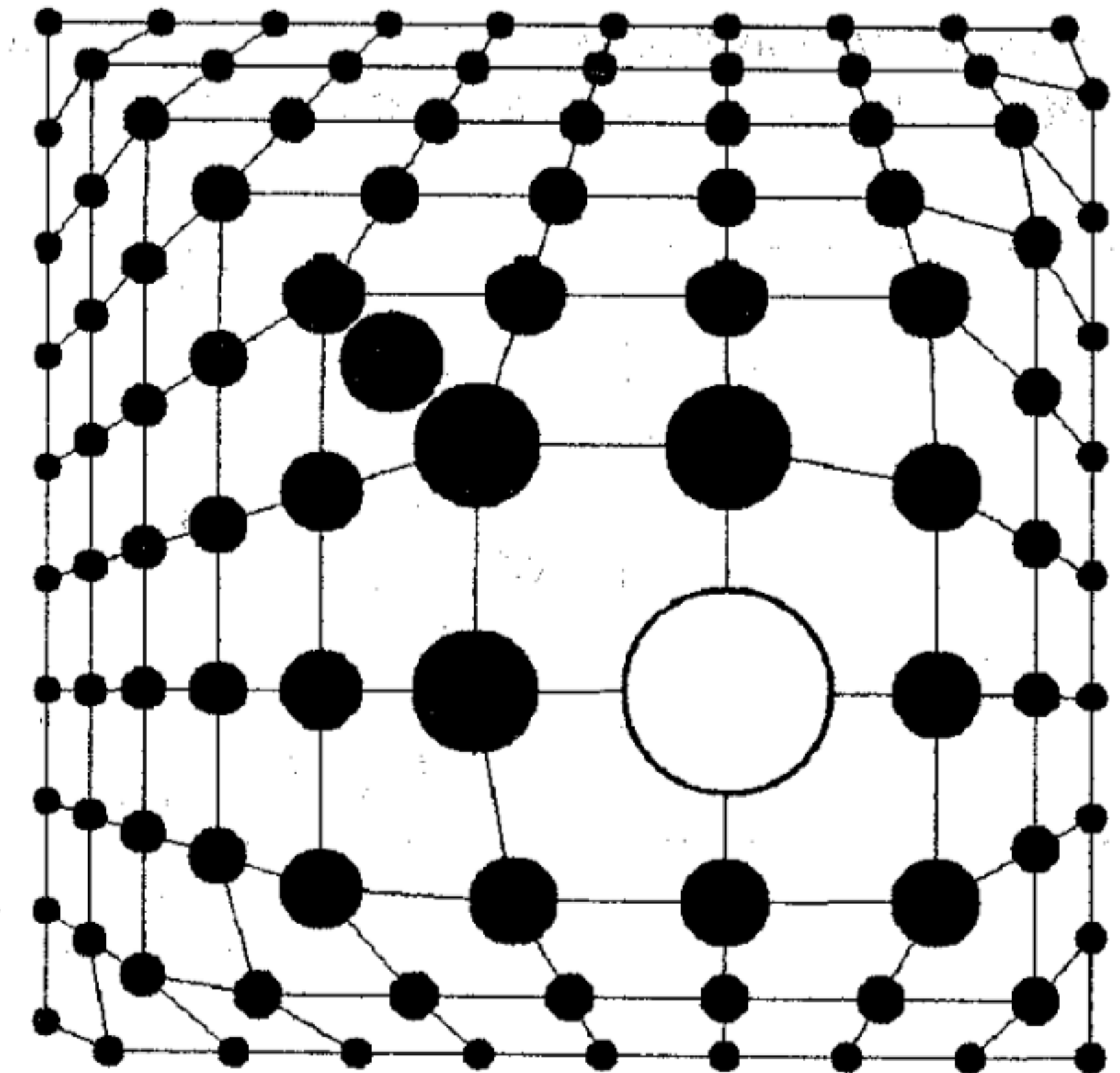
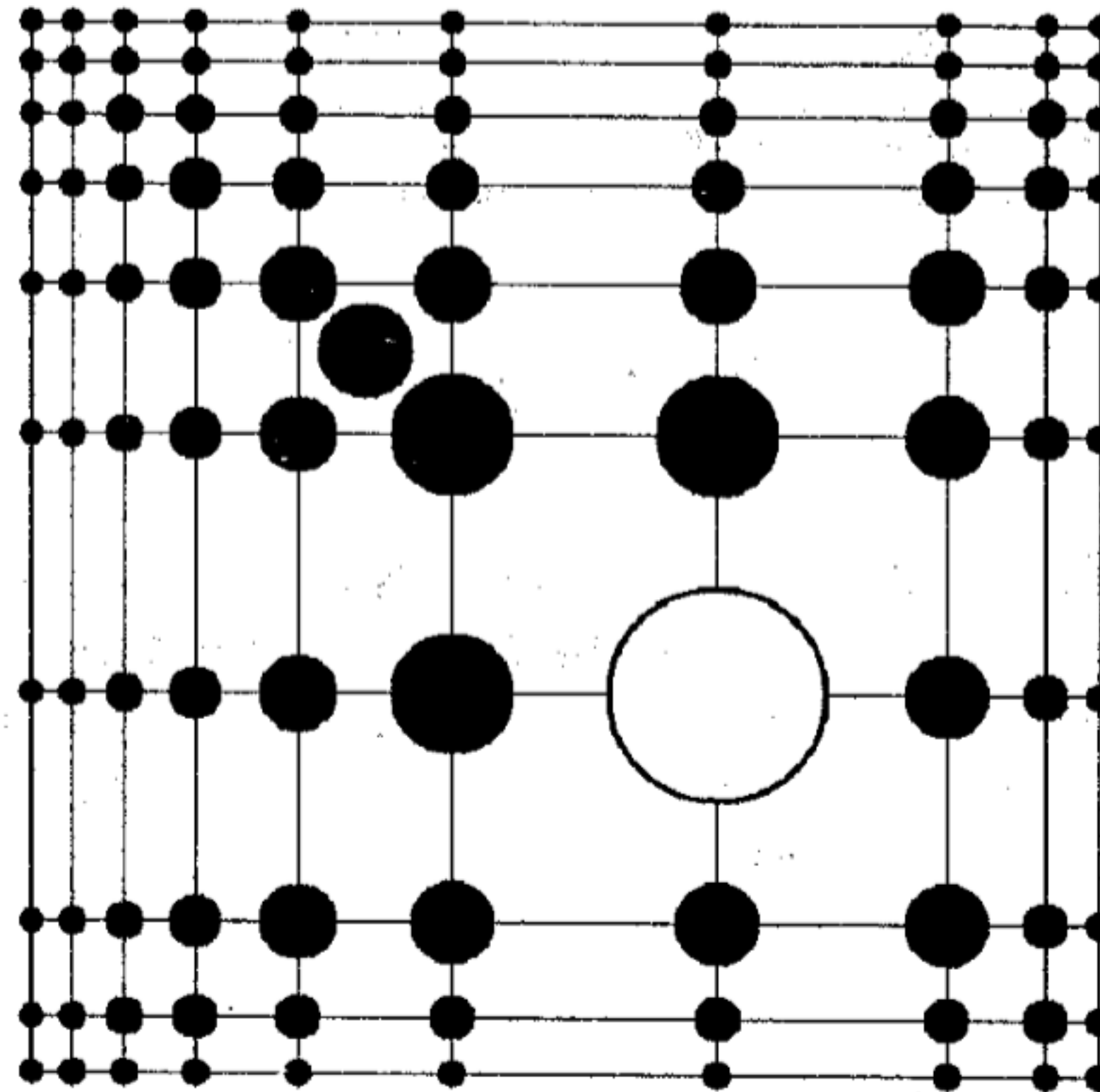
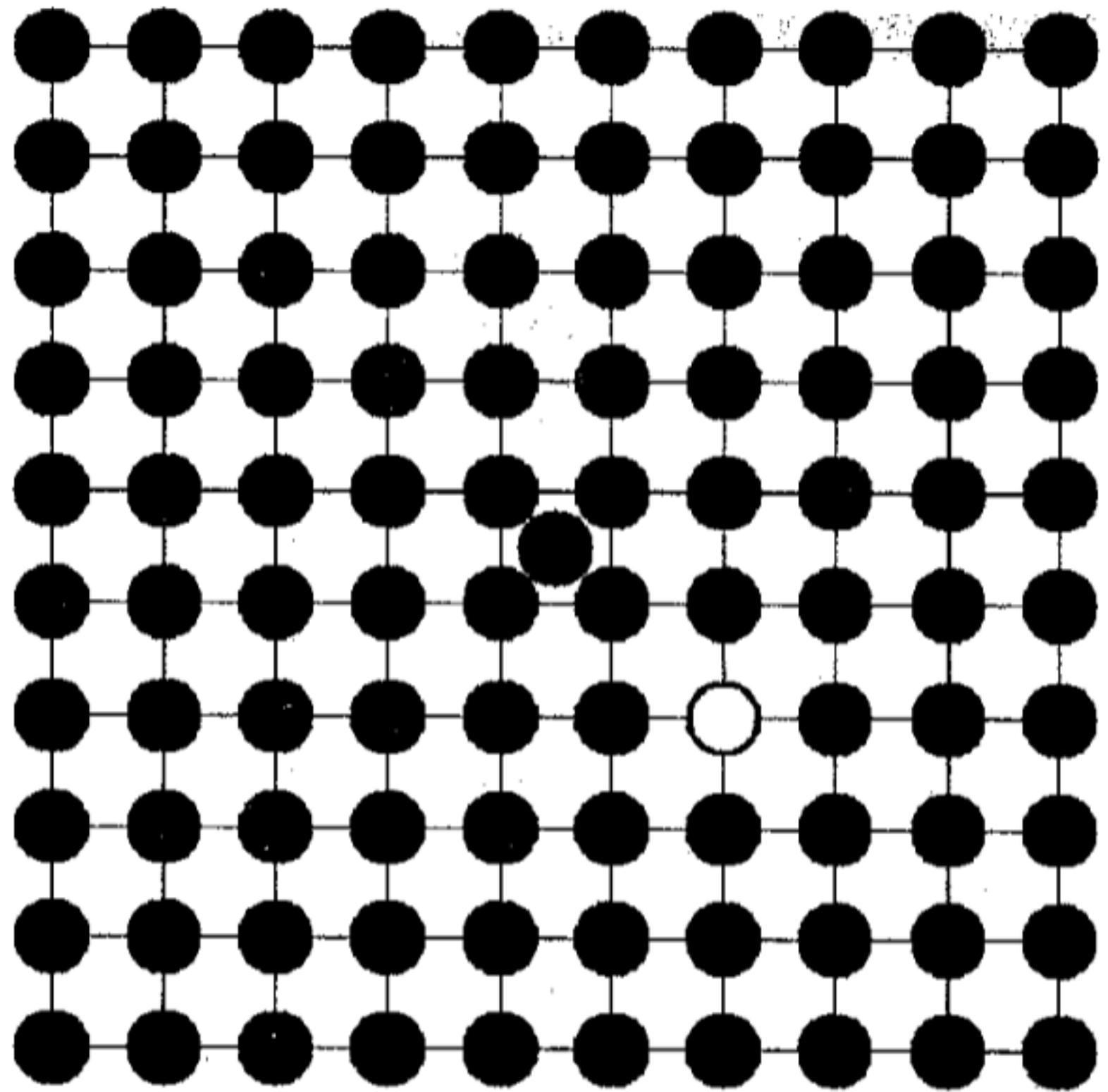
Focus+Context

- Avoid losing context when zooming into given data
- See the primary object in a detailed view (focus) together with an overview of all the surrounding information (context)
- For example: fish-eye
 - The area of interest becomes larger while at the same time the other regions of the layout are successively shown with less detail.

Fish-Eye



Fish-Eye



Introducing distortion to graphs

Fish-Eye



Figure 6: Outline of the United States



Figure 7: A cartesian transformation of Figure 6. The focus is at the point where Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee meet.



Figure 8: A polar transformation of Figure 6. The focus is at the point where Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee meet.

Topological Fish-Eye View

- Precompute a hierarchy of coarsened graphs that are combined on-the-fly into renderings
- Rendering's level of detail is dependent on distance from one or more foci.
- Geometric distortion yields constant information density displays from these renderings

Topological Fish-Eye View

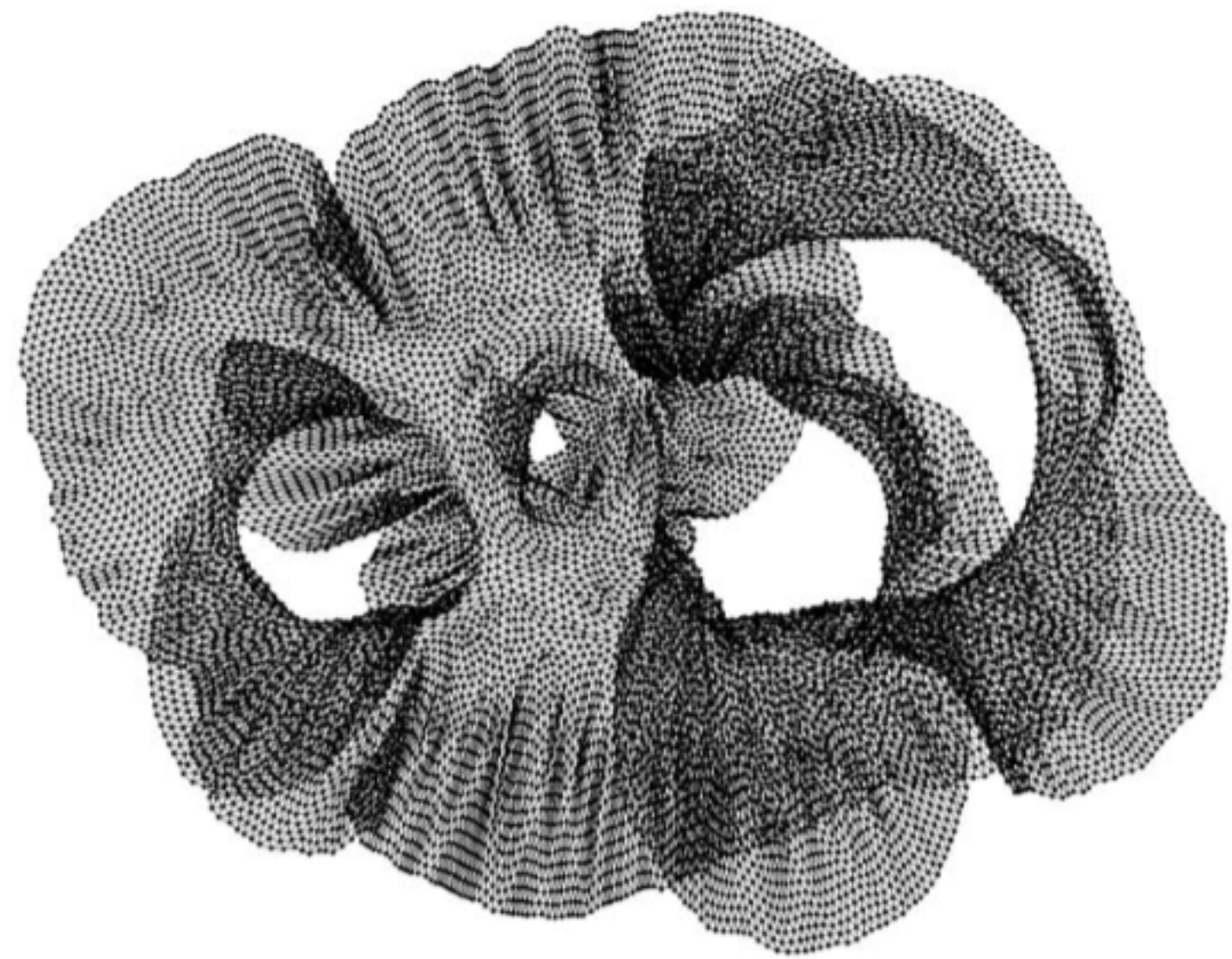


Fig. 1. The 4elt graph, $|V| = 15,606$, $|E| = 45,878$.

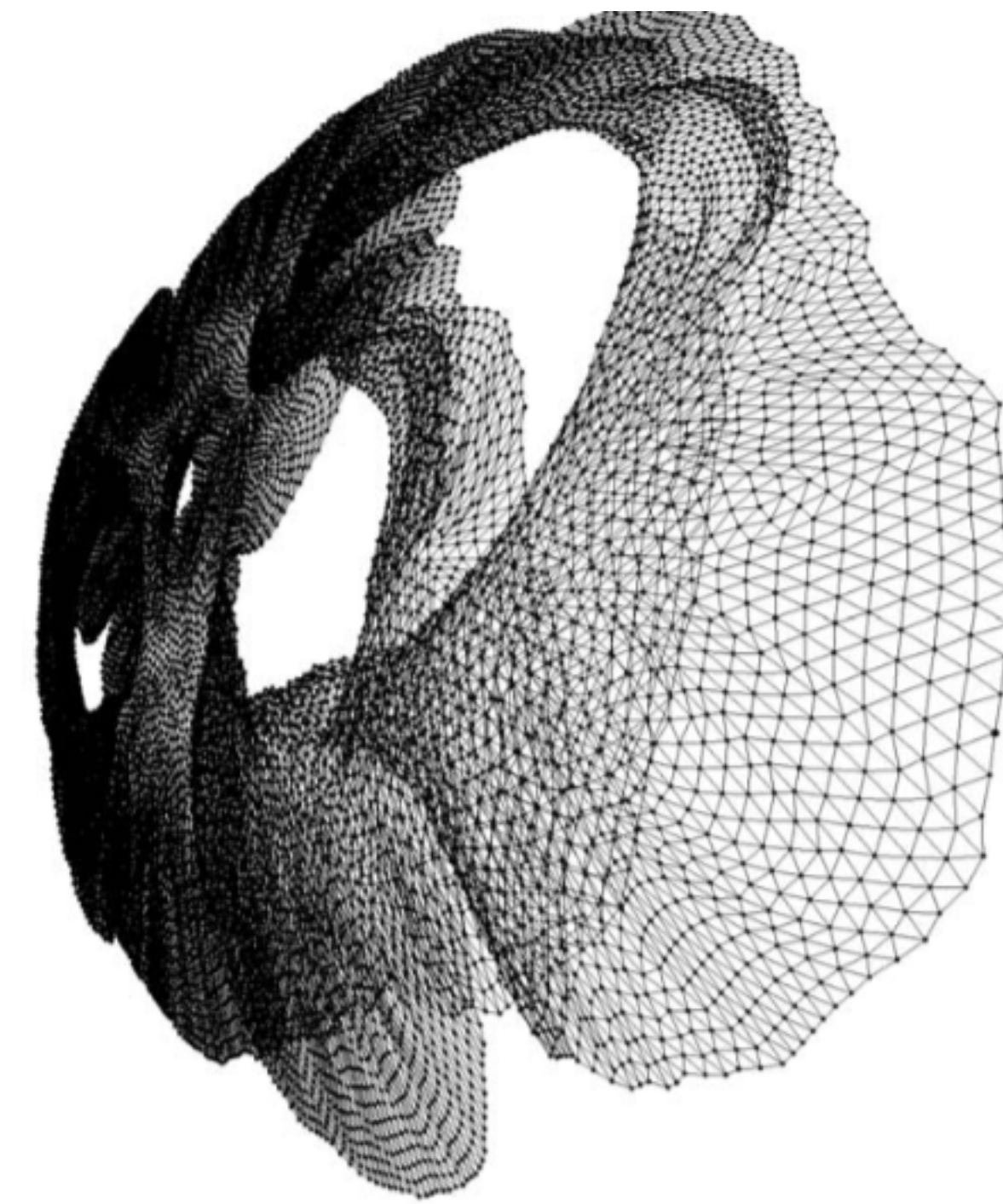
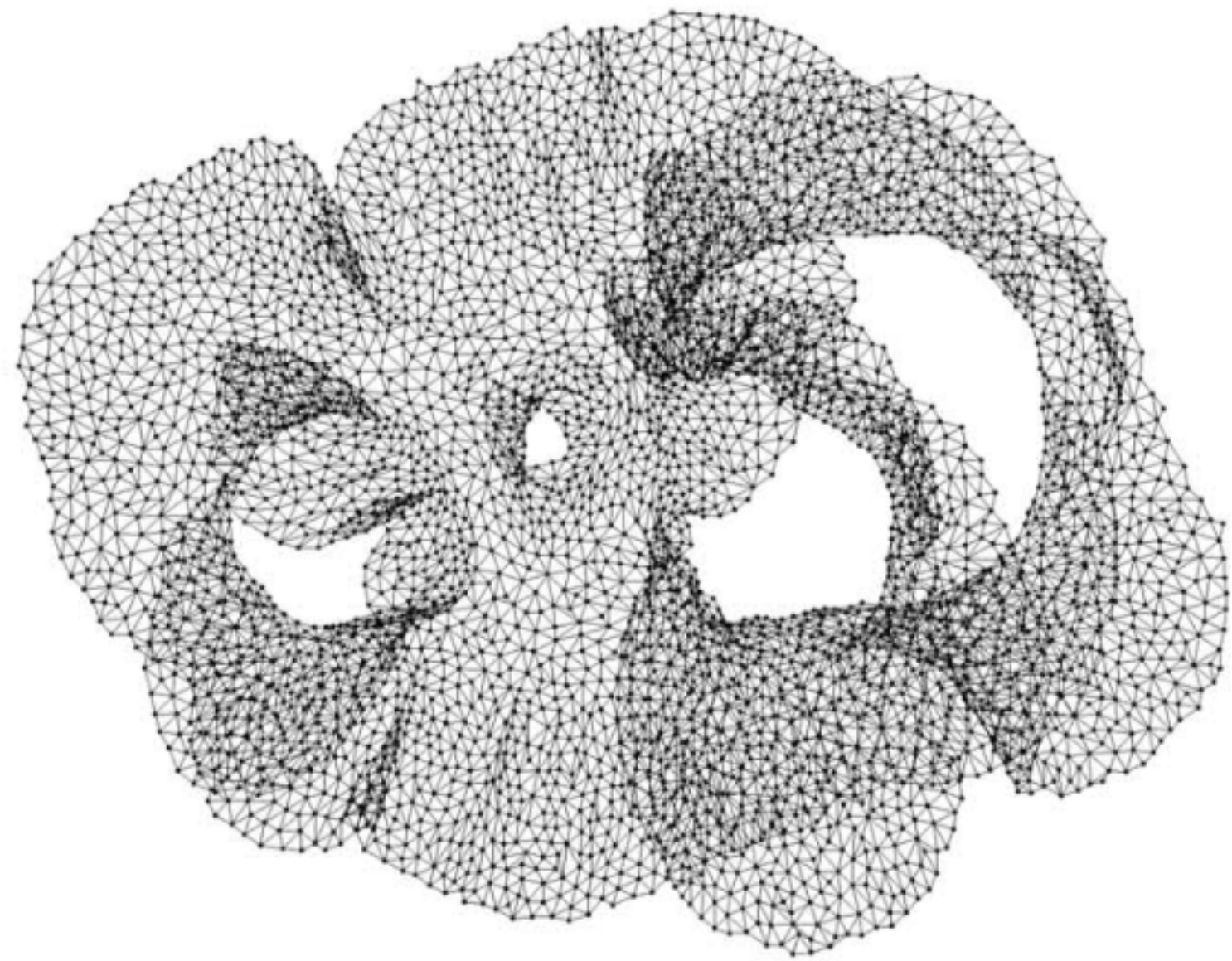
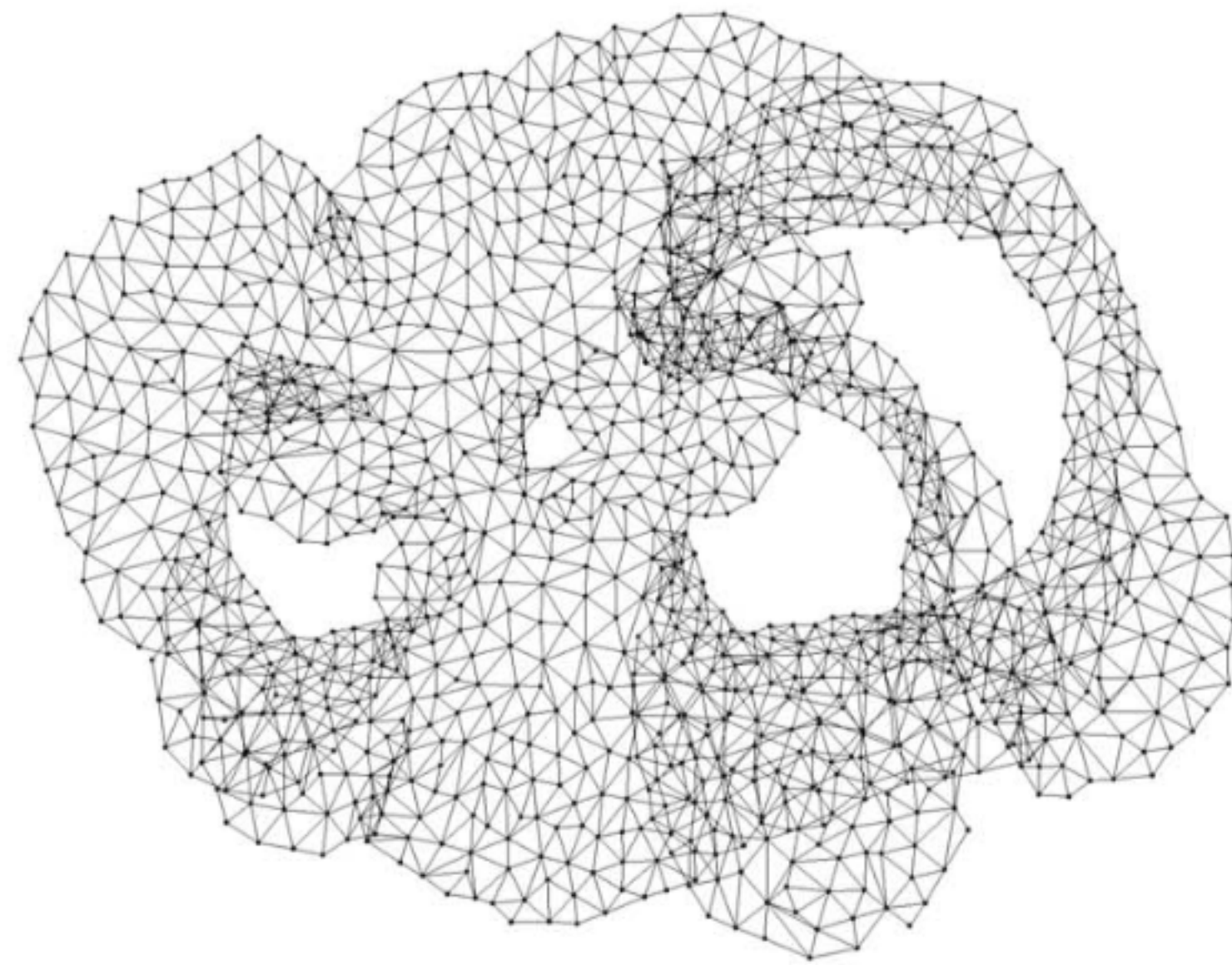


Fig. 2. A fisheye view of the 4elt graph focused on the right-hand portion.

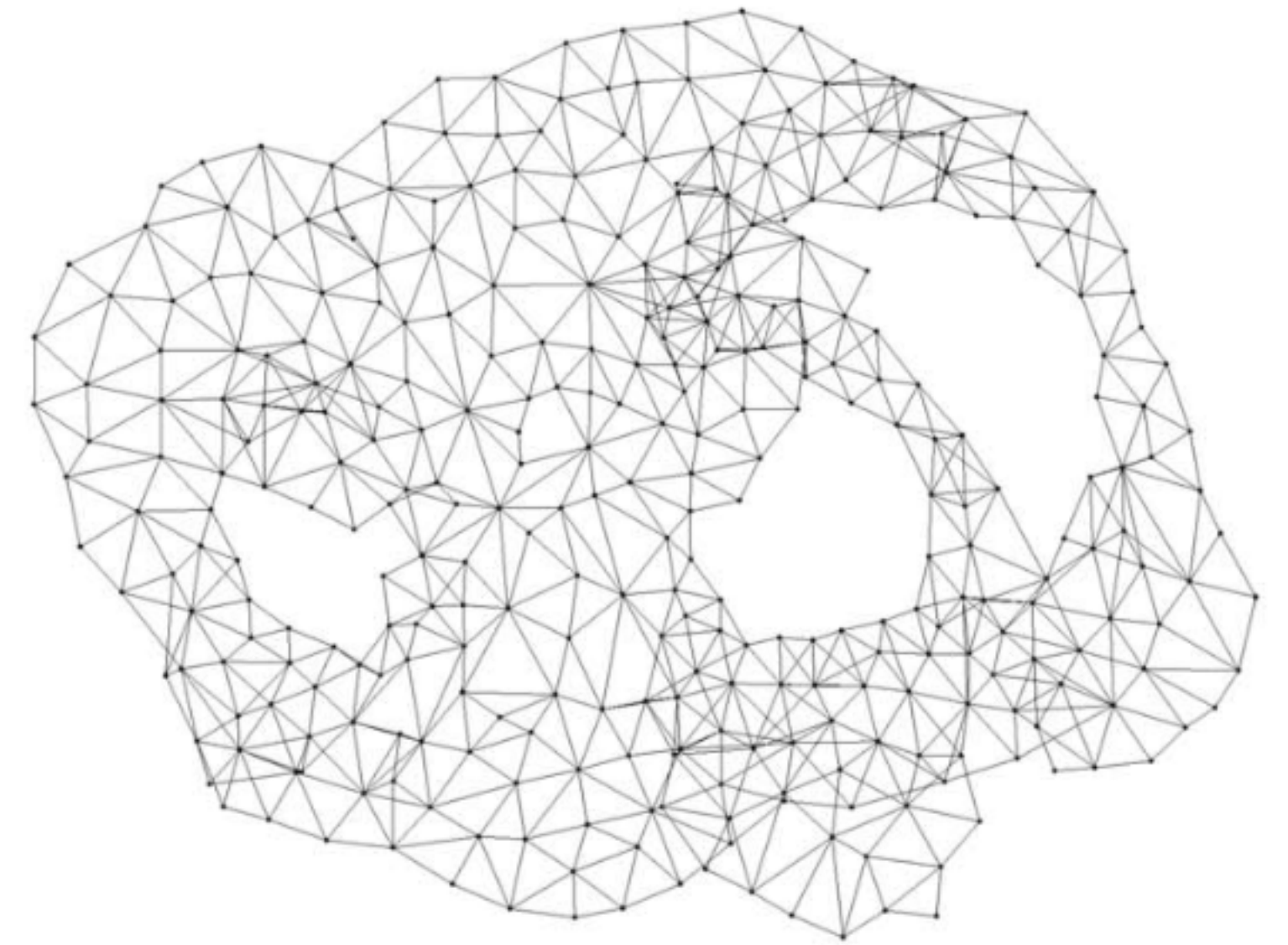
Topological Fish-Eye View



4394-node approximation



1223-node approximation



341-node approximation

Fig. 3. Approximating the 4elt graph at three different scales of decreasing size and accuracy.

Topological Fish-Eye View

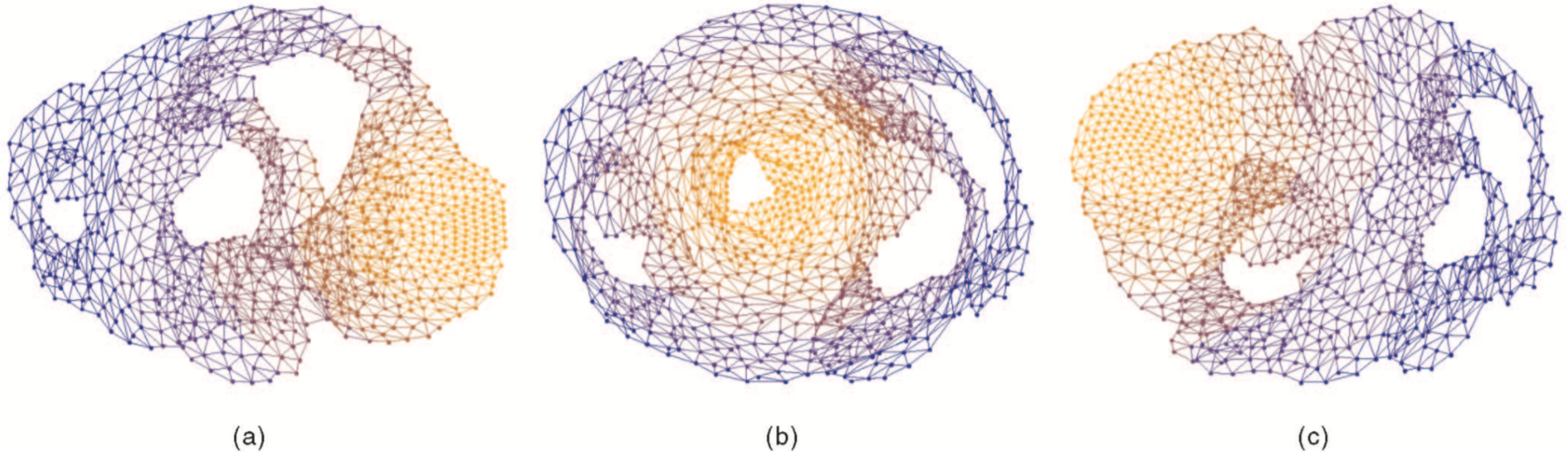
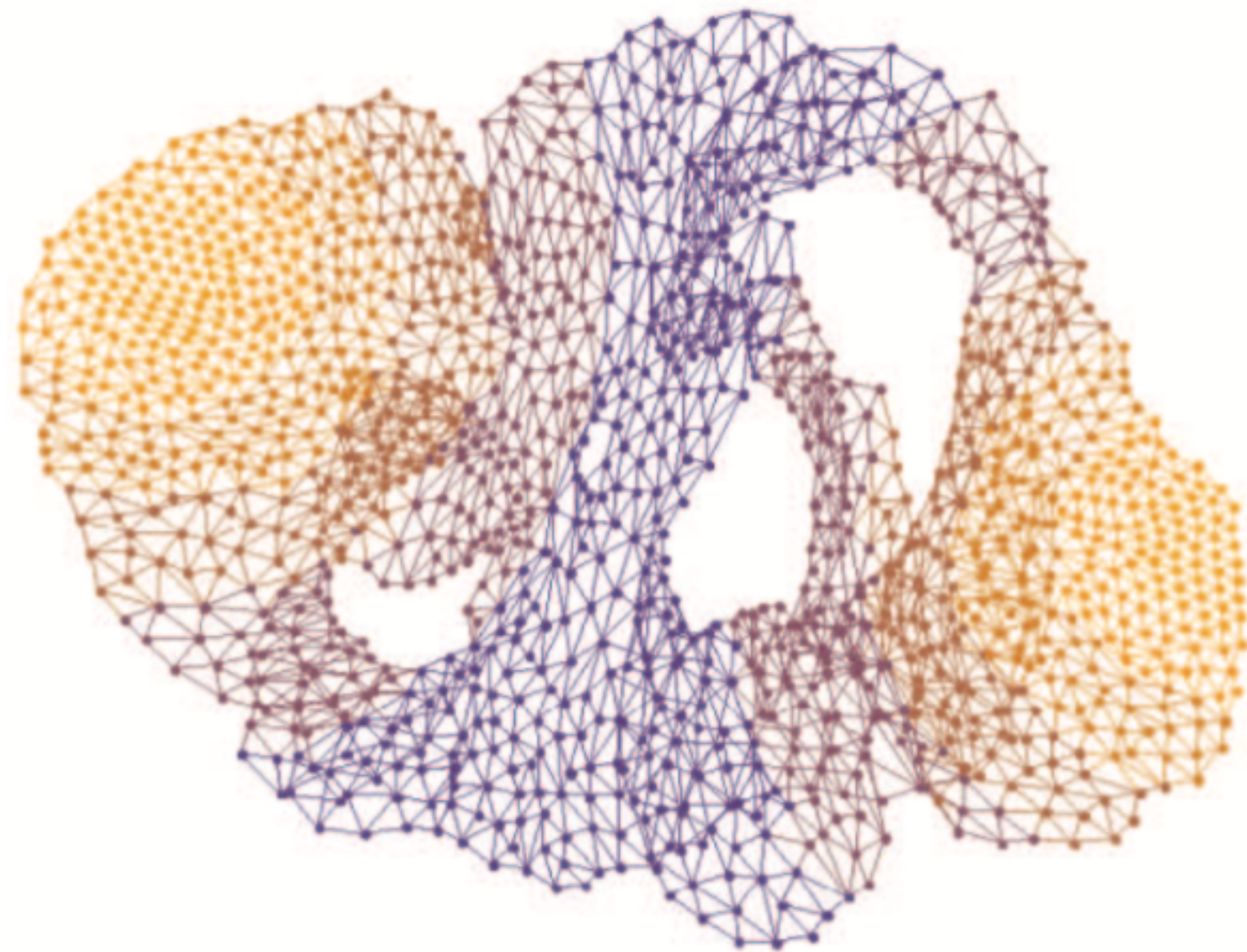
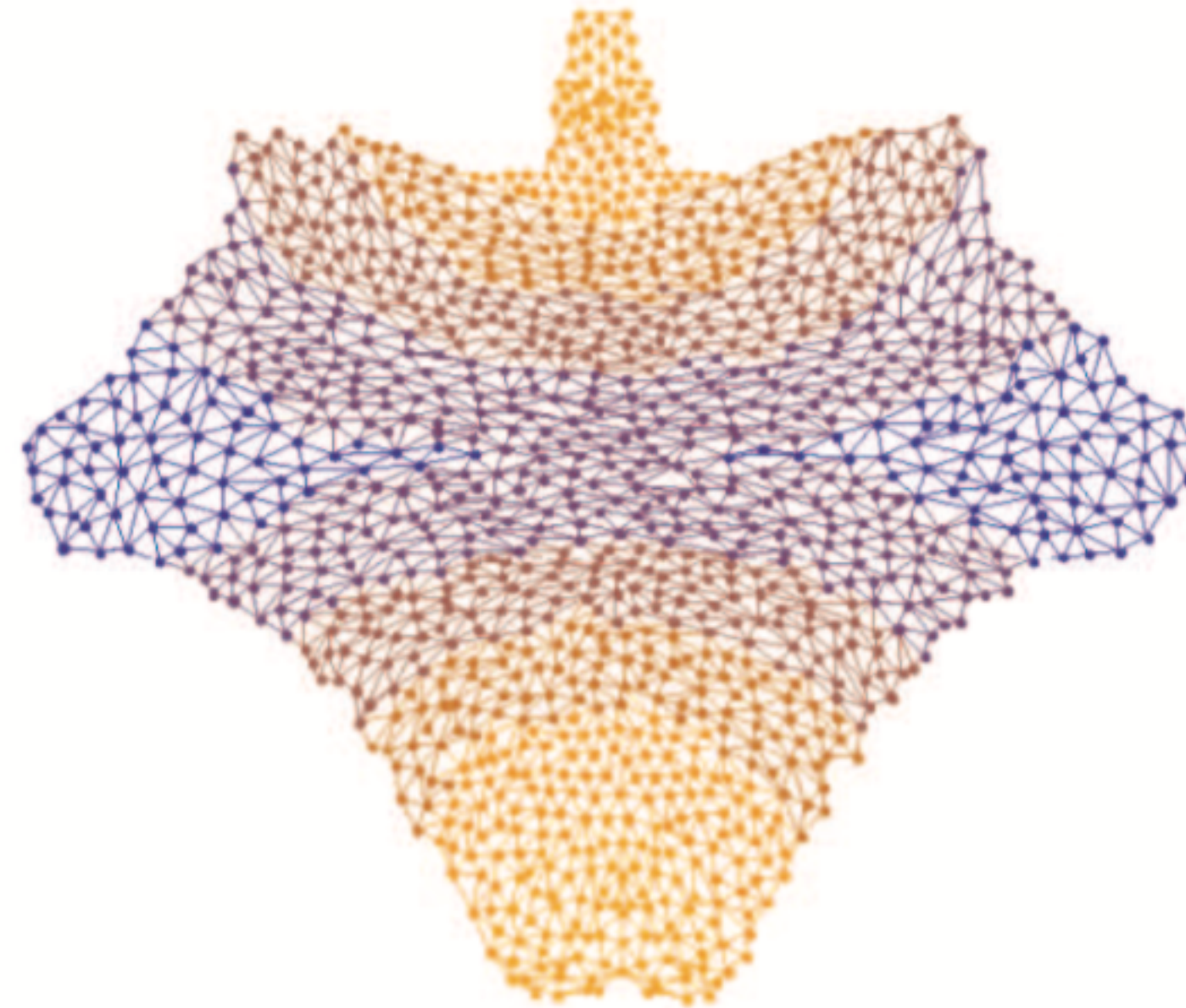


Fig. 4. Topological fish-eye views of the 4elt graph. Views are based on “hybrid graphs” formed by superposition of several approximations of the graph. Levels are colored orange-to-blue, where the focus area from the finest graph is in orange. The figure shows three examples, focusing on (a) the right-hand side, (b) the small central hole, and (c) the left-hand side.

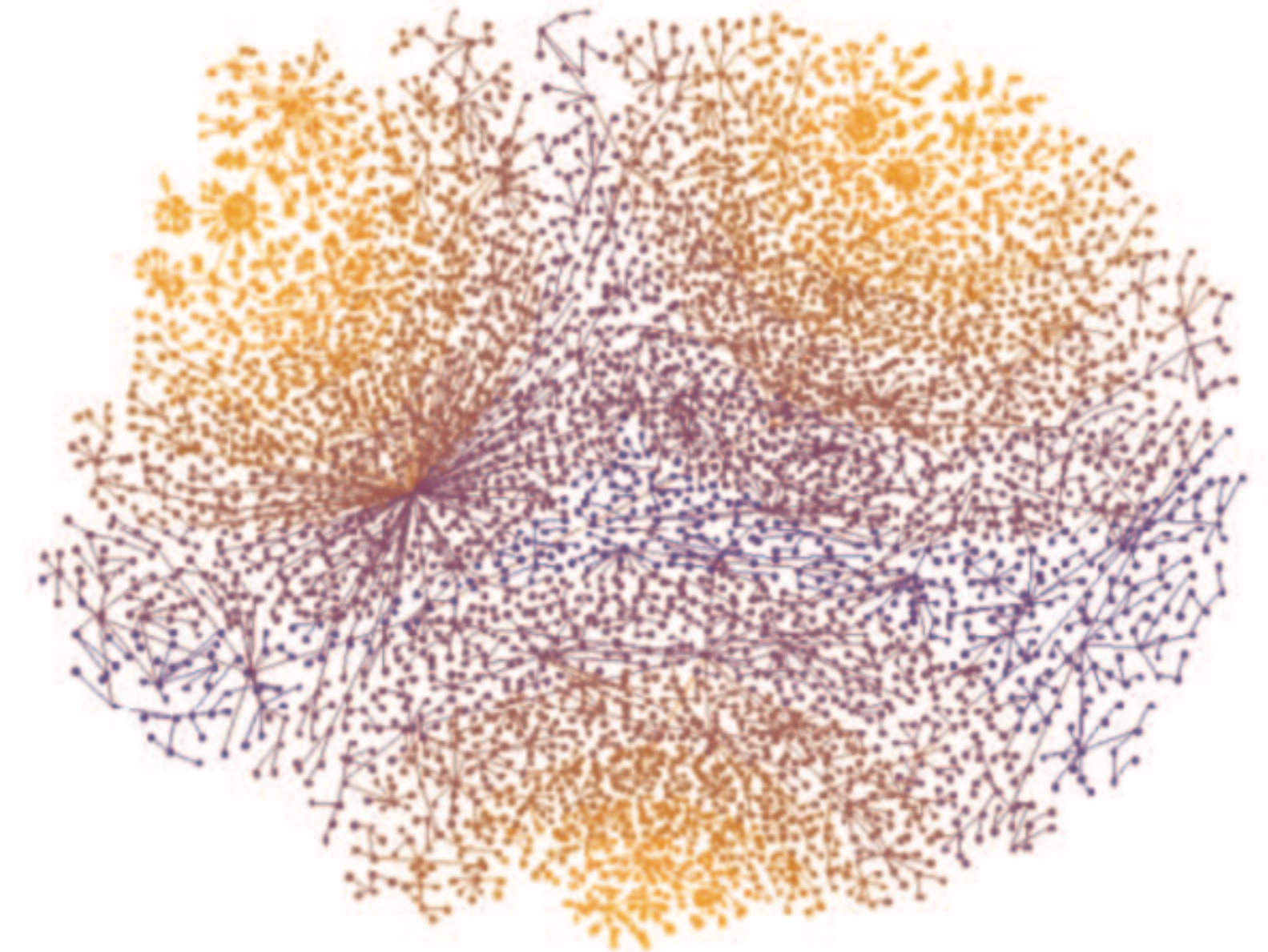
Topological Fish-Eye View



4elt graph (2 foci)



Crack graph (2 foci)



Internet graph (3 foci)

Fig. 17. Viewing graphs with multiple foci.

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**Node and edge
clustering**

Edge Bundling

Survey: ZhouXuYuan2013

Survey: <http://www.chaofz.me/asset/file/Edge%20Bundling%20Survey.pdf> [Zhou2017]

Edge Bundling Classification

- Hierarchical Edge Bundling
- Flow Map
- Geometry-based
- Force-directed
- Image-based
- Skeleton-based

Hierarchical Edge Bundling

Hierarchical Edge Bundling

- Starting from tree visualization...

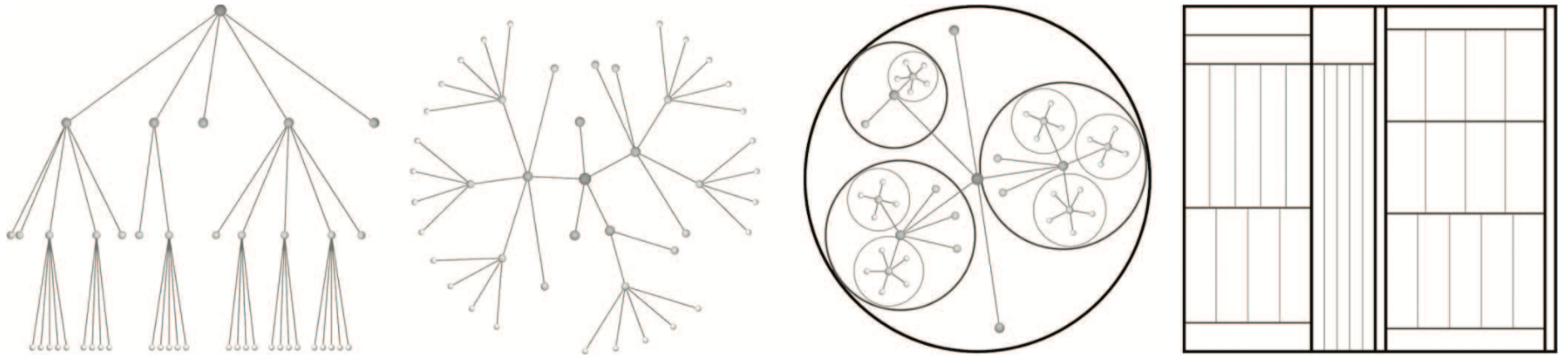


Fig. 1. Common tree visualization techniques. From left-to-right: rooted tree, radial tree, balloon tree, and treemap layout.

Hierarchical Edge Bundling

- Bundling adjacent edges using hierarchical relations

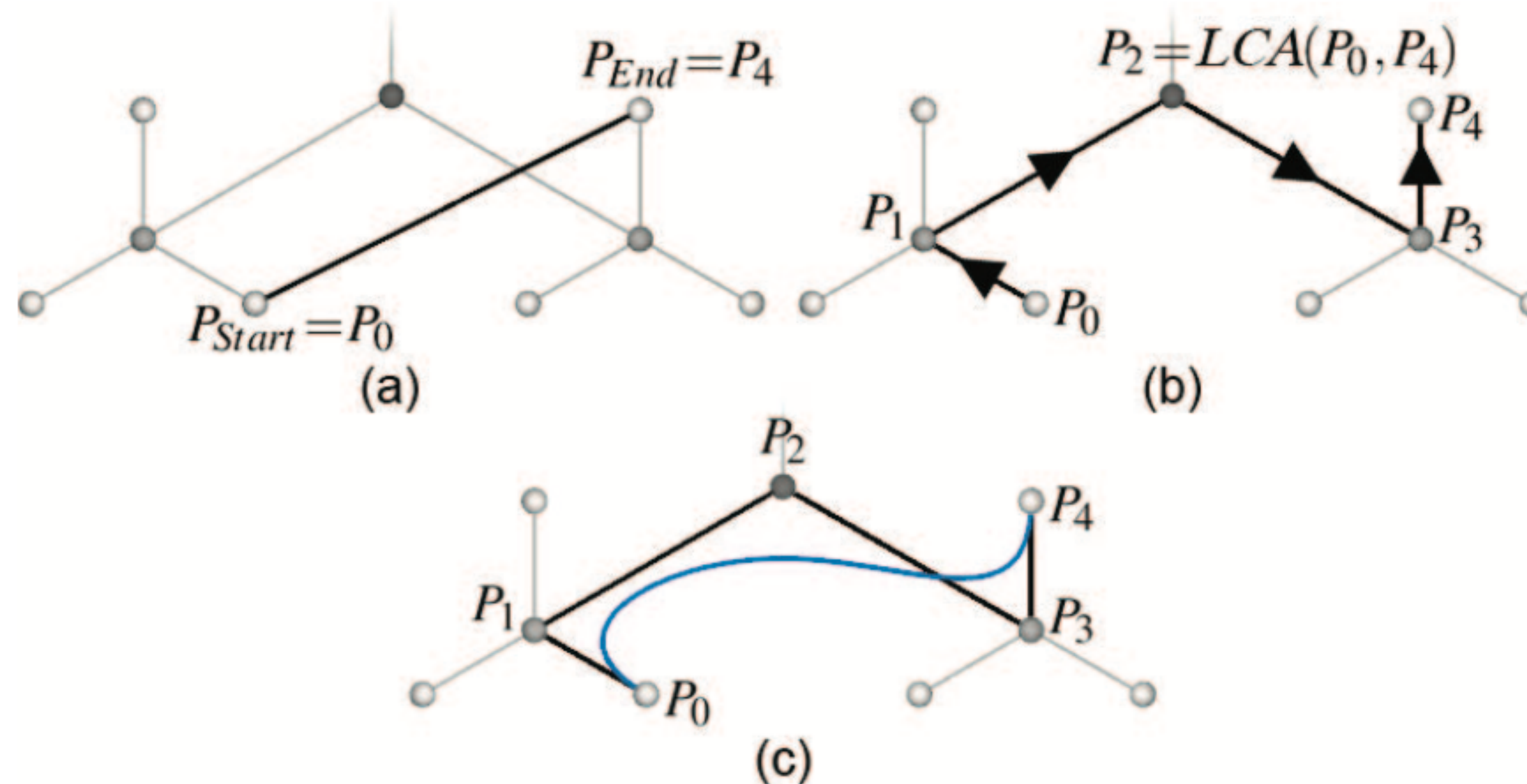
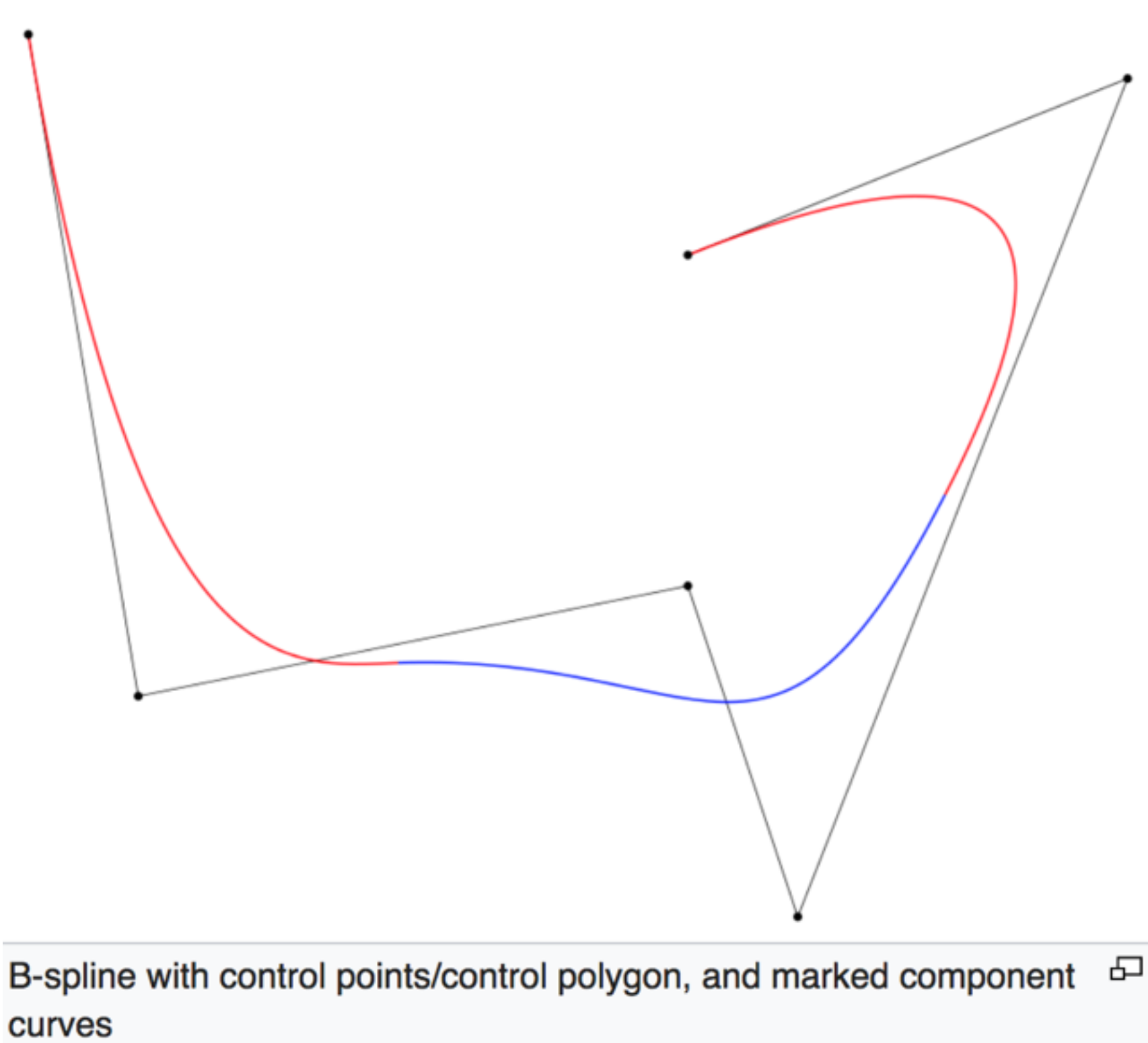


Fig. 3. Bundling adjacency edges by using the available hierarchy. (a) Straight line connection between P_0 and P_4 ; (b) path along the hierarchy between P_0 and P_4 ; (c) spline curve depicting the connection between P_0 and P_4 by using the path from (b) as the control polygon.

Spline Models



Piecewise cubic B-spline

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B-spline>

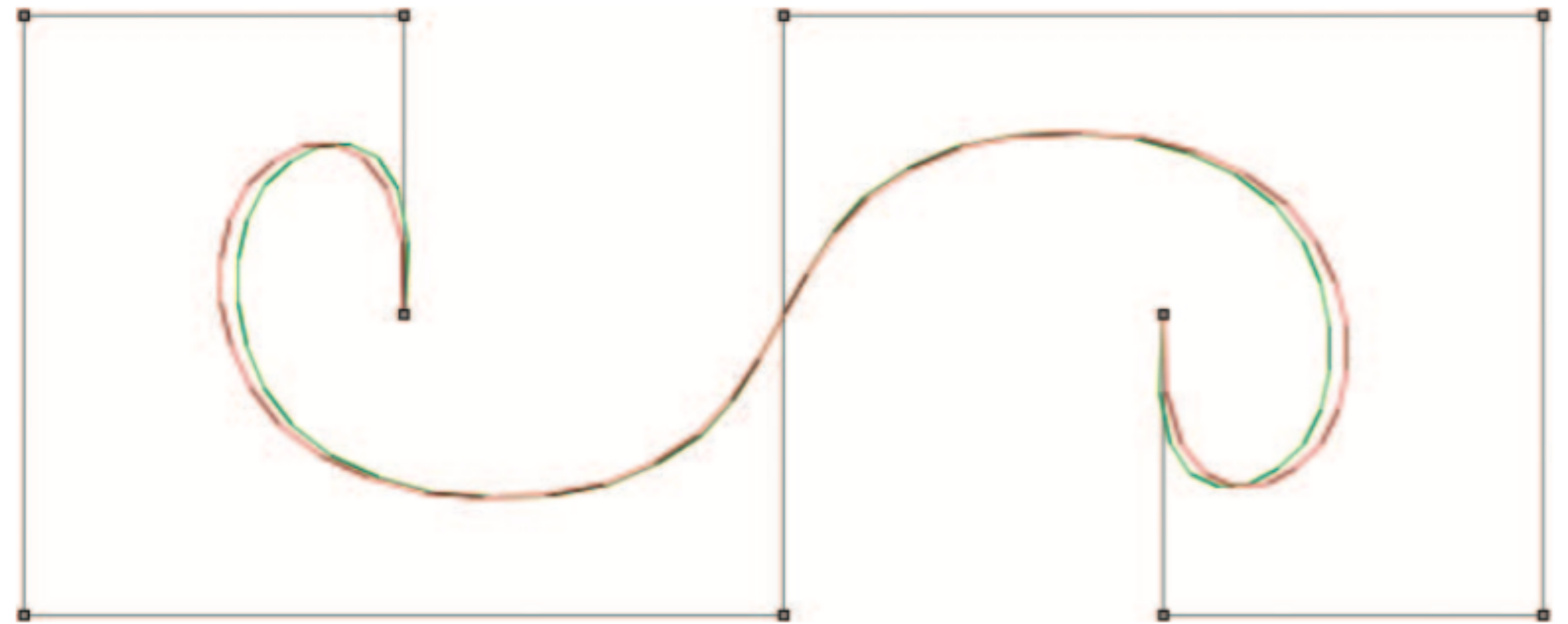
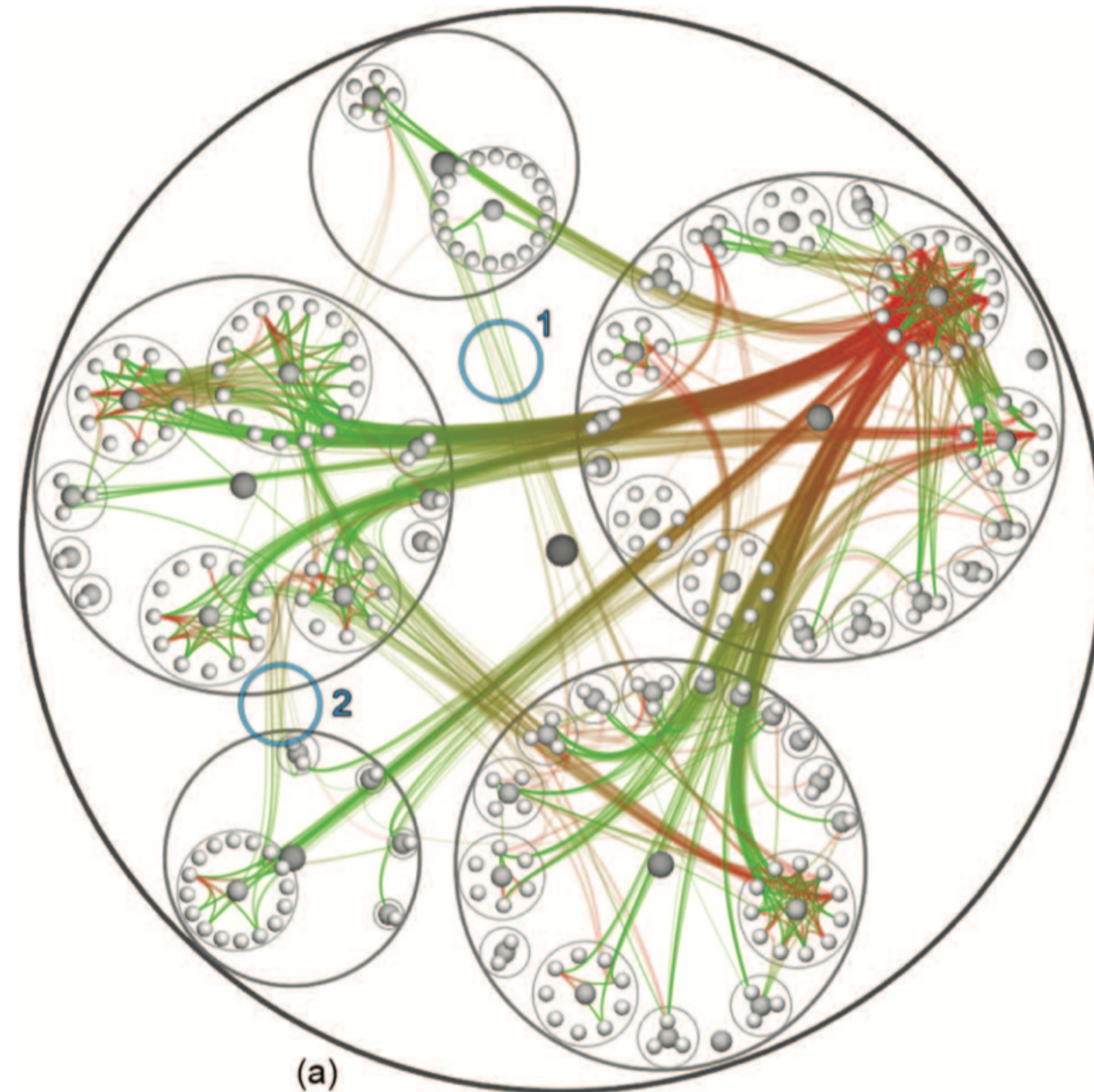
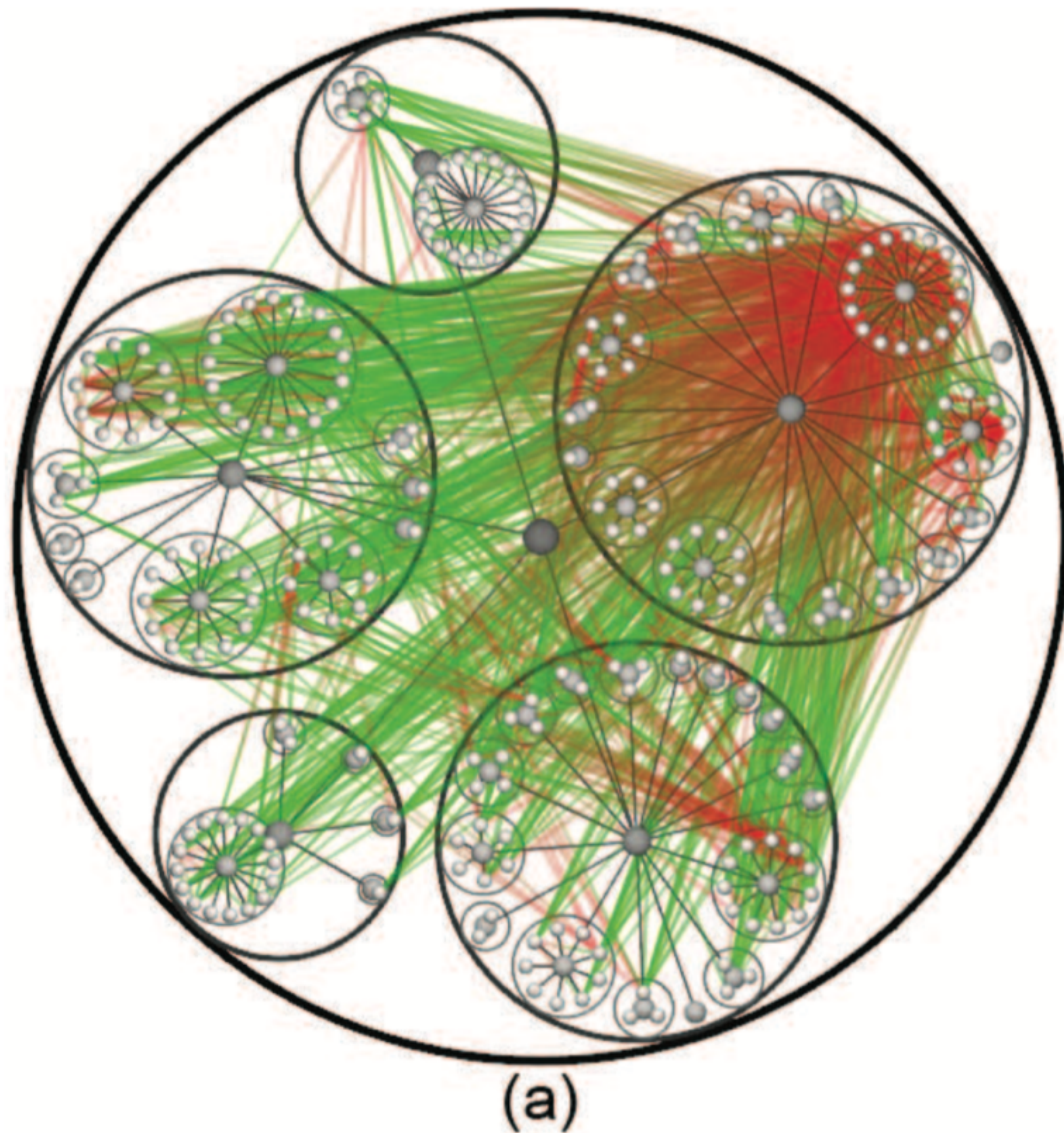


Fig. 5. Spline curve straightening by means of control polygon straightening (green) and spline point straightening (red) yield somewhat different results, but these differences are minimal from a visual point of view.

Hierarchical Edge Bundling



Bundling Strength

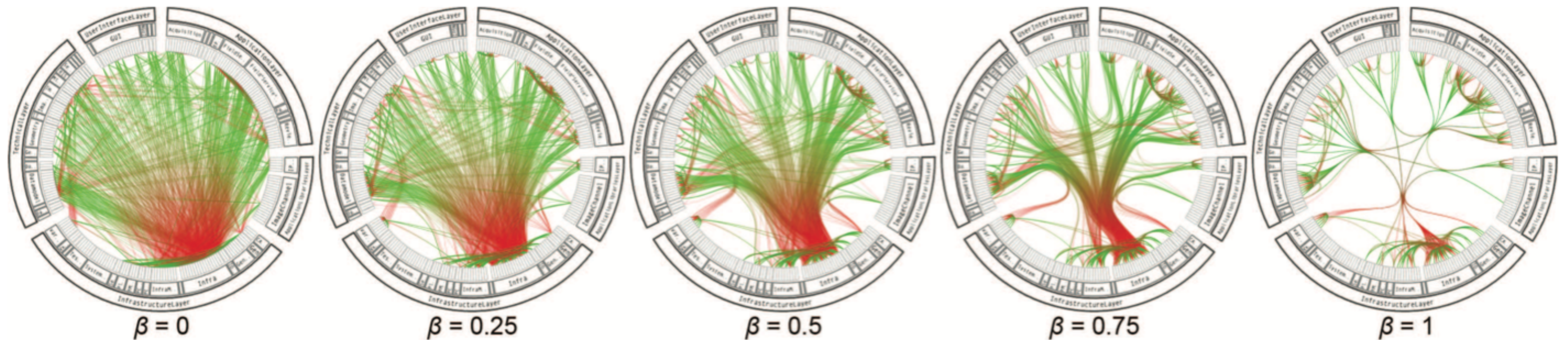


Fig. 14. Using the bundling strength β to provide a trade-off between low-level and high-level views of the adjacency relations. The value of β increases from left-to-right; low values mainly provide low-level, node-to-node connectivity information, whereas high values provide high-level information as well by implicit visualization of adjacency edges between parent nodes that are the result of explicit adjacency edges between their respective child nodes.

Flow Map Layout

Flow map layout

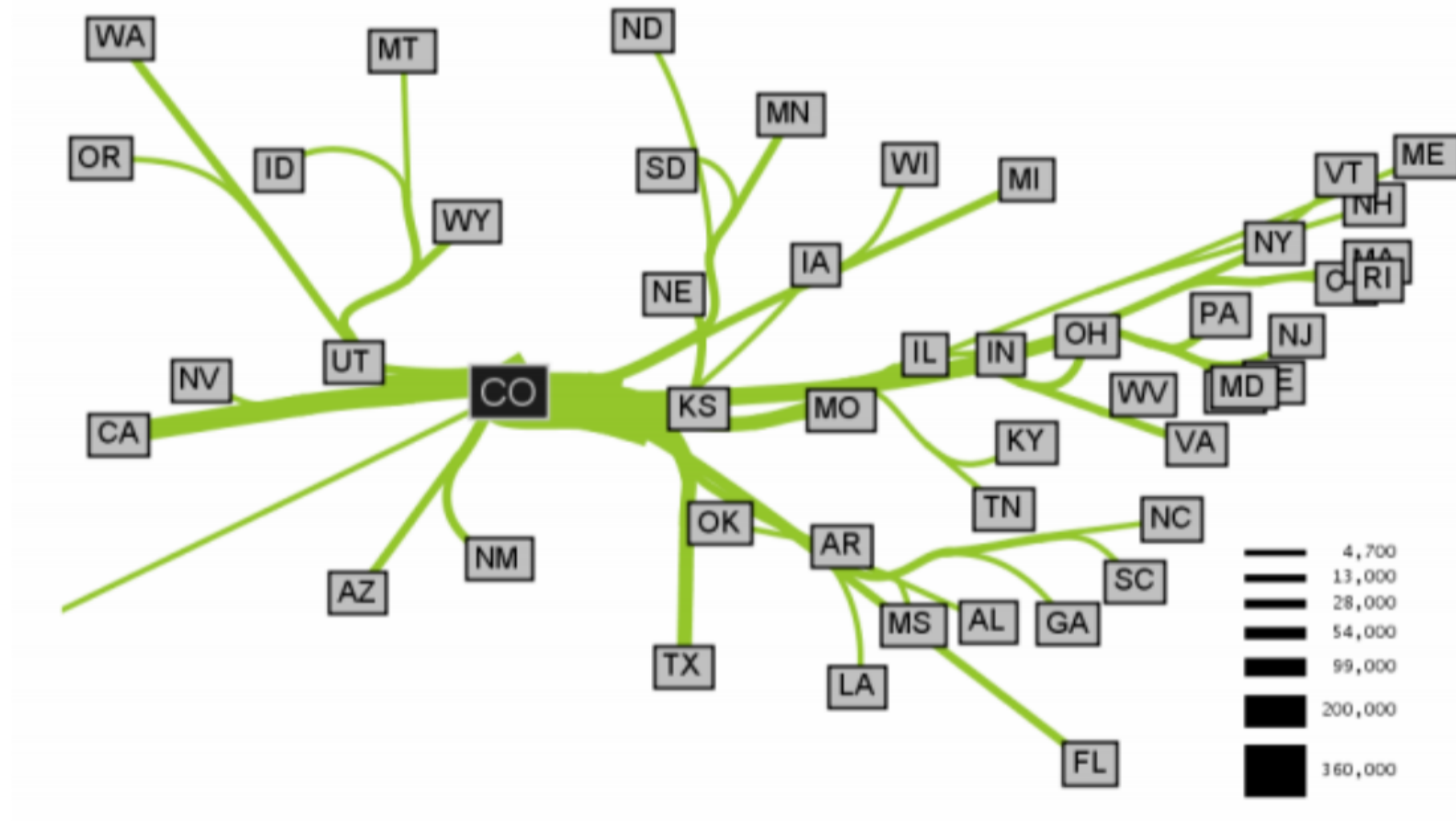


Fig. 1: Outgoing migration map from Colorado from 1995-2000, generated by Phan et al.'s algorithm

Flow map layout



Fig. 2: Flow layout of embodied CO2 to the United Kingdom generated by Verbeek et al.'s techniques

***Coming up:
Force-directed,
geometry-based,
Image-based
Edge bundling***



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