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#### **Content**

- What is social media analytics
- · Mining and visualising social media
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  - Network analysis metrics
- · SNA Case study: Event detective
- Visualising and analysing spatio-temporal patterns of social media data
- · Pandemics in the age of social media

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#### **Motivation**

- · Rapid growth of social media
  - Facebook: 500 million users<sup>1</sup>
  - Twitter: 200 million users<sup>2</sup>
- More updates posted than ever before
  - Facebook: 7.5 billion items shared per week1
  - Twitter: 1 billion tweets per week<sup>2</sup>

[1] Facebook Press Room. Accessed 13 Apr 2011 (http://www.facebook.com/press/info.php?statistics)
[2] Twitter Blog: #numbers, 14 March 2011 (http://blog.twitter.com/2011/03/numbers.html)



#### **Social Media and Society**

stuck in the train for an hour



No MRT, no taxi, now waiting for bus. C'mon, where are you?



hendrikch

Best so many people stuck on a train.



thBlackcat

East-West line MRT breakdown 7th April 2011

Via @kennylow75: political forum- PAP showed poise, SDA needs 2 B specific, SDP eager 2 fight, SPP needs help, WP is promising. #sgelections



keenlen

after the #sgcnaforum, PAP gets even more airtime on the news. what's the point, you tell me. #sgelections



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**Political Forum** 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011



#### **What is Social Media Analytics**

- Social media analytics is the practice of gathering data from blogs and social media websites, such as Twitter, Facebook, Digg and Delicious, and analysing that data to inform business decisions.
- The most common use of social media analytics is gauging customer opinion to support marketing and customer service activities.

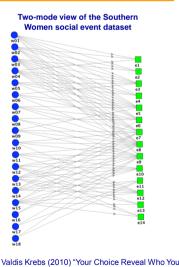
Source: http://searchbusinessanalytics.techtarget.com/definition/social-media-analytics

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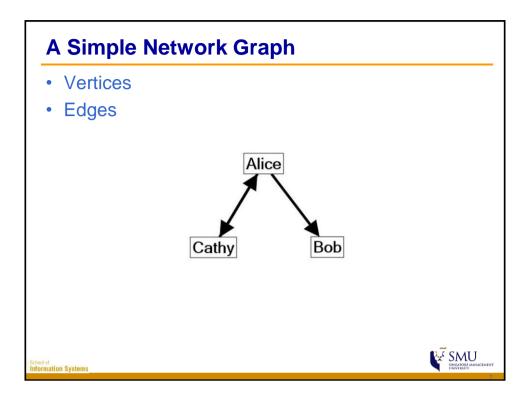
#### **Social Network Analysis**

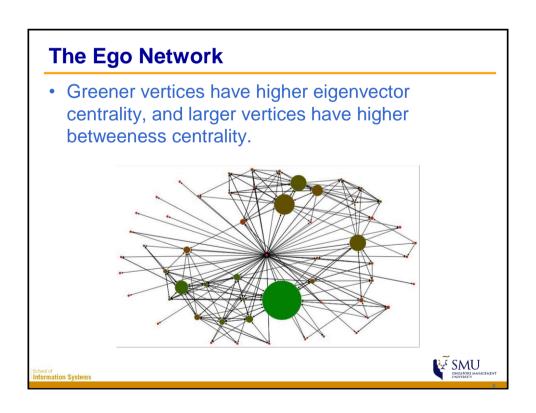
 It maps and measures formal and informal relationships to understand what facilitates or impedes the knowledge flows that bind interacting units, viz., who knows whom, and who shares what information and knowledge with whom by what communication media (e.g., data and information, voice, or video communications)

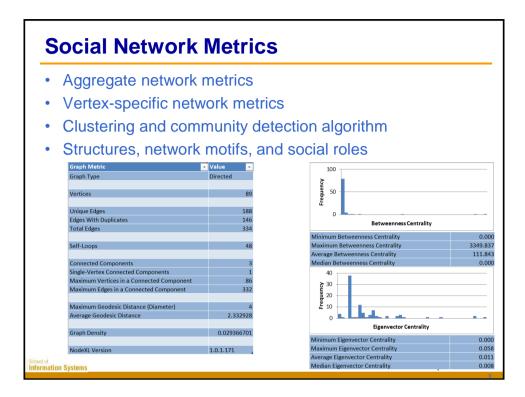


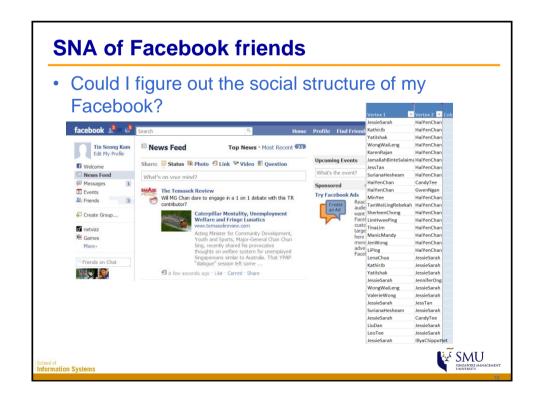
Valdis Krebs (2010) "Your Choice Reveal Who You Are: Mining and Visualizing Social Patterns" in **Beautiful Visualization**.

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# Tools for analysing and visualising social media network

 NodeXL, an Excel Add-in for analysing and visualising social media network



NodeXL: Network Overview, Discovery and Exploration for Excel

 Gephi, an open source interactive visualization and exploration platform for all kinds of networks and complex systems, dynamic and hierarchical graphs.

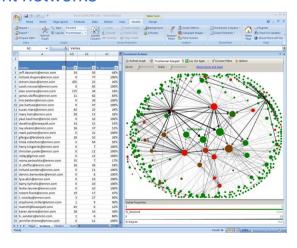


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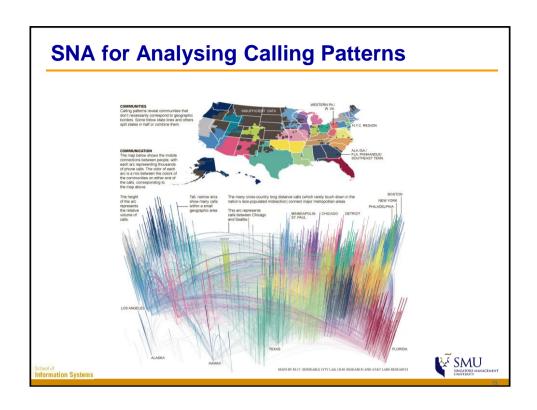
#### **Historical and Legal Analysis of Enron E-mail**

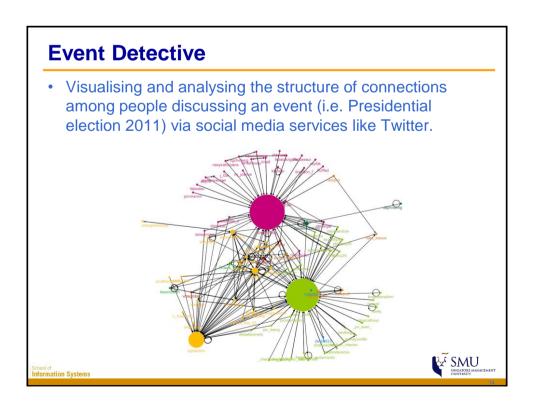
SNA was used to identify key individuals using content networks



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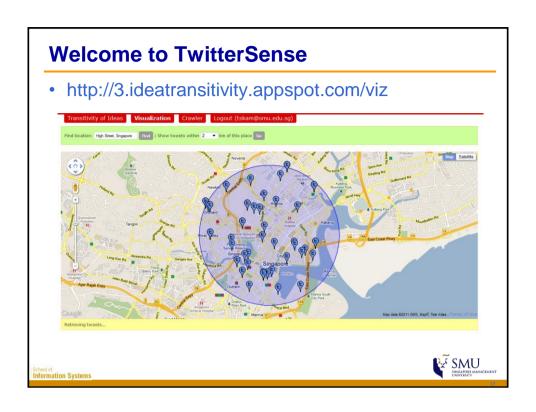
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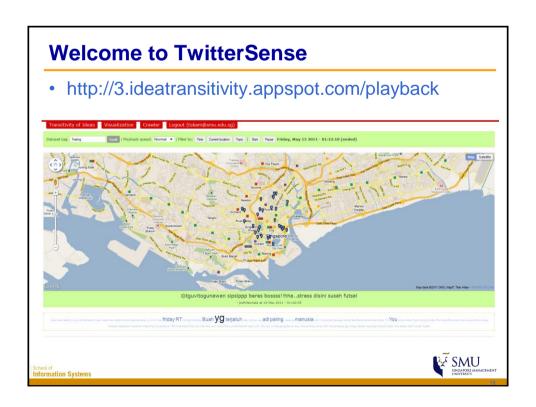












### GeoTweets on GE2011 polling day

21,180 Tweets, 5810 with #sgelection

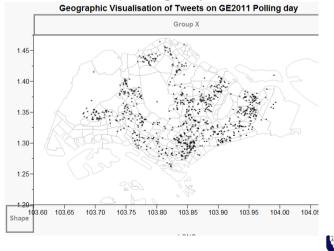
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ID: 66638	linkedinevents	New Event: IFAI Expo Asia 2012. A world-class exhib	07/05/2011 7:01 AM	1.28944	103.85
ID: 66638	SkavengR	Redbull for breakfast.	07/05/2011 7:01 AM	1.30391	103.850363
ID: 66638	darlingmonkey	Whole night spend looking at YouTube vids! Haven't	07/05/2011 7:02 AM	1.31234	103.878176
ID: 66639	chrisWALAOE	@edgarteo yucks	07/05/2011 7:03 AM	1.40191	103.744425
ID: 66639	pradhanaaawr	RT @ditariyani: Happy saturday morning. Be a nice	07/05/2011 7:03 AM	1.37686	103.939076
ID: 66639	lovefromcharl	@ the airport with my double shot caramel macchiat	07/05/2011 7:03 AM	1.35482	103.988021
ID: 66639	ImAnnaMaldita	@edikenkoy @nornlim hello beautiful souls Morning	07/05/2011 7:04 AM	1.30548	103.831125
ID: 66639	Vivienneeluv	Voting starts in an hour's time Therefore I'm up So	07/05/2011 7:04 AM	1.34221	103.9518
ID: 66639	_lass	is back. To the polls we go. (@ Terminal 3 w/ 11 oth	07/05/2011 7:04 AM	1.35616	103.987033
ID: 66639	ImAnnaMaldita	@edikenkoy san ka punta? Haha! Dala ka rosaryo.	07/05/2011 7:05 AM	1.30548	103.831125
ID: 66639	chrisWALAOE	This month really no luck- meaning no money. Sigh	07/05/2011 7:06 AM	1.40191	103.744425
ID: 66640	ziang_	I'm at Blk 9 Telok Blangah Crescent http://4sq.com/j	07/05/2011 7:07 AM	1.27731	103.819232
ID: 66640	Garion_gr	I'm at Jurong East MRT Interchange (NS1/EW24) (1	07/05/2011 7:08 AM	1.33378	103.741837
ID: 66640	Ms_Masiah	Mrngu too happy week-n :) RT @meyca_wish: Tipo	07/05/2011 7:08 AM	1.32244	103.91529
ID: 66640	ErlandAng	Setuju ! RT @IndoSpurs: RT @GOAL_ID: m.goal.co	07/05/2011 7:09 AM	1.33943	103.708051
ID: 66640	ErlandAng	Rajin amat dah bangun pagi2 :D RT @fabfabfeb: sle	07/05/2011 7:09 AM	1.33943	103.708051
ID: 66640	benleong84	@LANNNYAN @gabbyann2188 @pearlynyeo @jdch	07/05/2011 7:09 AM	1.27276	103.825112
ID: 66641	Garion_gr	Going for my basic theory evaluation now - wish me I	07/05/2011 7:10 AM	1.33366	103.741324
ID: 66641	shiockshock	It was a hell of a great night til the parking ticket cam	07/05/2011 7:11 AM	1.43005	103.772206
ID: 66641	nicholastardo	Let's go work! Running HD energy! (High Drain) >	07/05/2011 7:11 AM	1.42561	103.834884
ID: 66641	YuuJingg	@_yeolcheeks Happy birthday! ^o^v	07/05/2011 7:11 AM	1.37141	103.949626
ID: 66641	ErlandAng	I need to sleep now http://myloc.me/jO4Fi	07/05/2011 7:13 AM	1.33916	103.706466
ID: 66641	NaadhiaC	Woah-we-4sibling sleep tgt in the aircon rm since y	07/05/2011 7:13 AM	1.34433	103.758497
ID: 66642	I_AmStillAlive	Long day ahead therefore early night for now Zzzzzz	07/05/2011 7:15 AM	1.28144	103.824436
ID: 66642	esmesepheria	Byeeeeee Singapore! Gonna go meet our favourite b	07/05/2011 7:15 AM	1.33573	103.981918
ID: 66642	esmesepheria	Bye Singapore too!!! "@haemeimei: Bye singapore!	07/05/2011 7:15 AM	1.33194	103.987521
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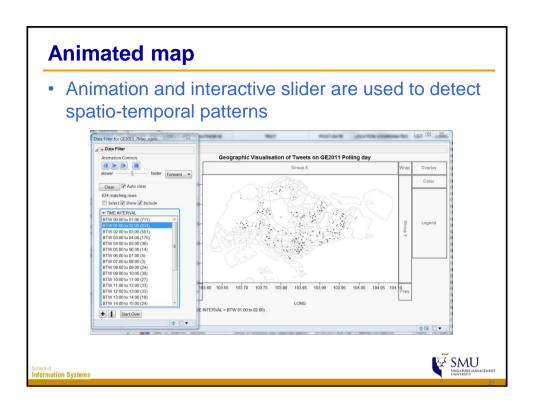


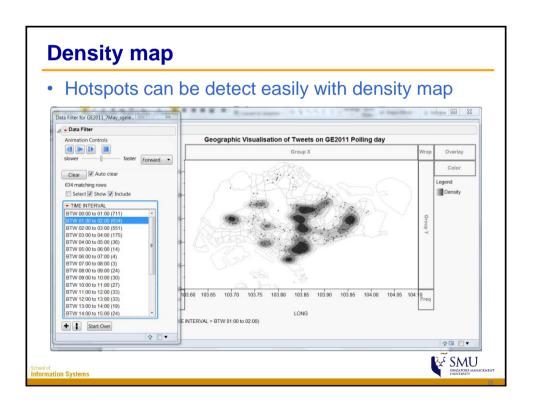
### **Geographic visualisation**

 This dot map showing the spatial patterns of tweets on GE2011 polling day



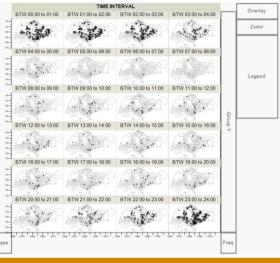
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#### **Trellis data visualisation**

• The data visulisation shows the spatio-temporal patterns of the tweets.



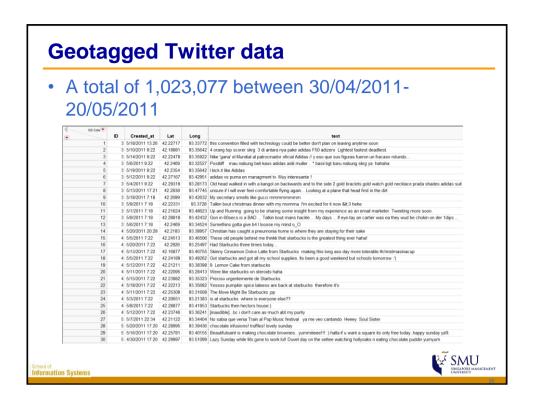


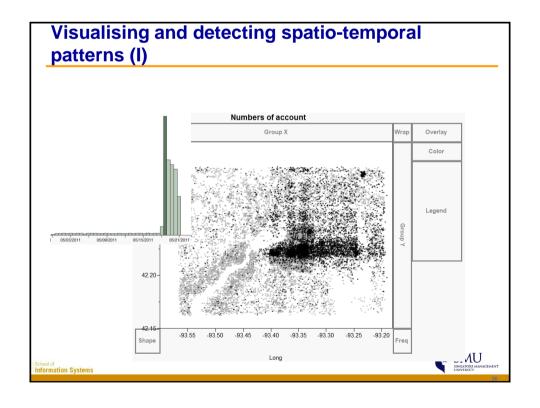
#### Pandemics in the Age of Social Media

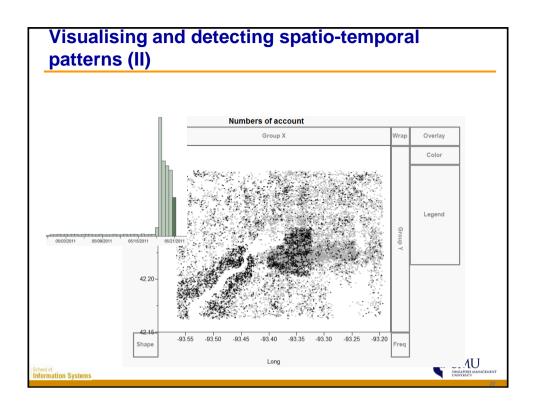
- To visualise and detect the spatio-temporal patterns of the epidemic spread
- Is the outbreak contained? Is it necessary for emergency management personnel to deploy treatment resources outside the affected area?

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#### In Conclusion

- Social media analytics can be fun!
- You shouldn't have to be a statistician to get information from your data
- Interactive and visual analytics approaches empowering everyday data analysts
- Visual analytics is more than computer graphics.
   It's an entirely different way of approaching data:
   It's dynamic, it's interactive, and it's visual.

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