

Animated Cartographic Visualisation of Networks on Mobile Devices

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- Cartographic Visualisation of Networks
- Mobile Devices and Off-Screen Objects
- Existing Approaches
- Animation
- A First Model / Rules for Cartographic Visualisation
- Outlook

Types of networks:

- metro networks
- street networks
- organisational networks
- power supply grids
- ...

Cartographic Presentations of Networks help to ...

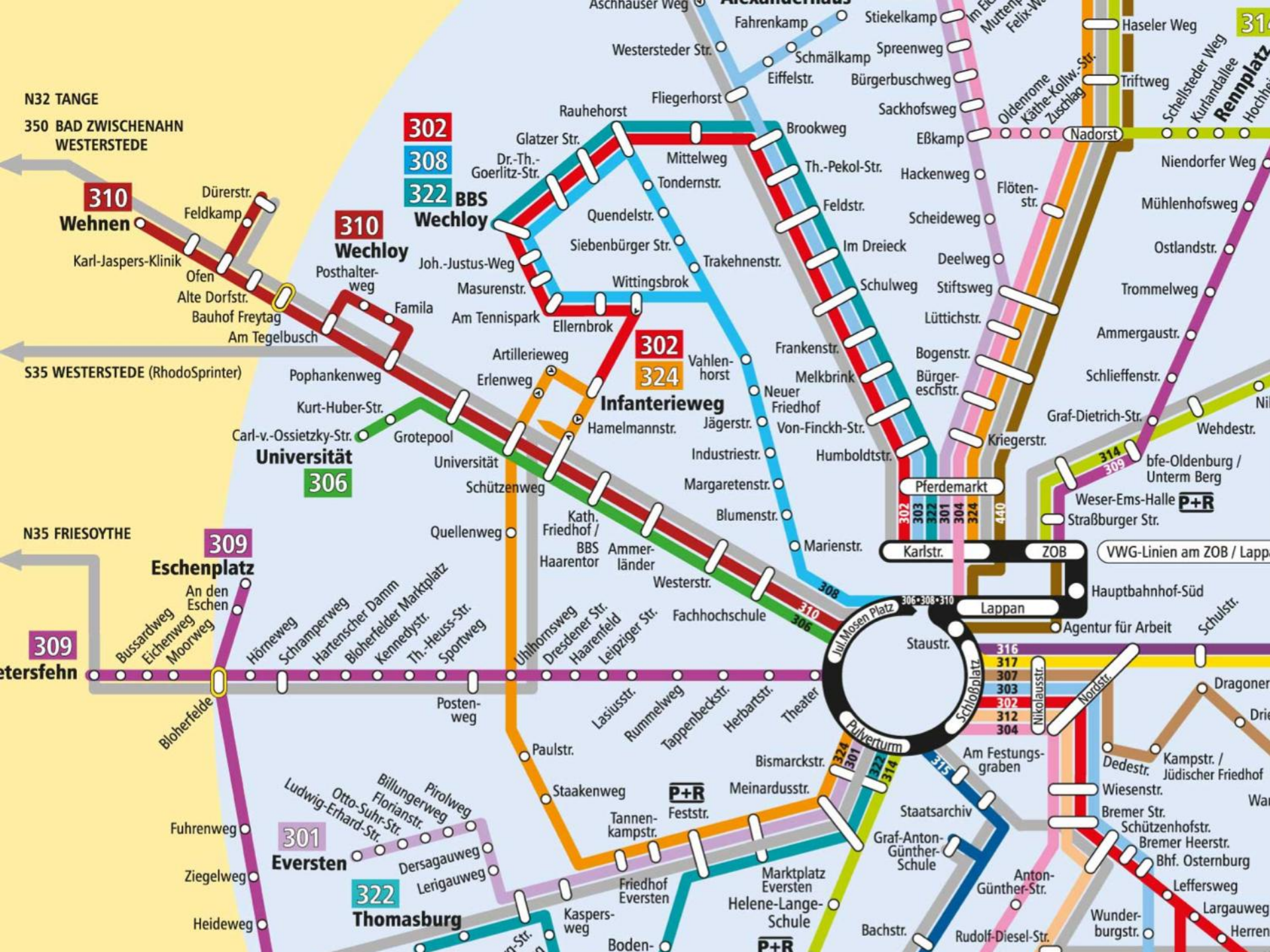
- explore
- analyse
- interpret
- ...

... relations between objects

CARTOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

- example:
 - “classical” bus map
 - highly generalised
 - schematic
 - raumtreu
 - focus on „correct“ topology
 - ...







MOBILE DEVICE

- very limited viewport
- special usability aspects



- find an acceptable compromise between mobility and the ability to show as much information as needed or even possible

OFF SCREEN OBJECTS

What?

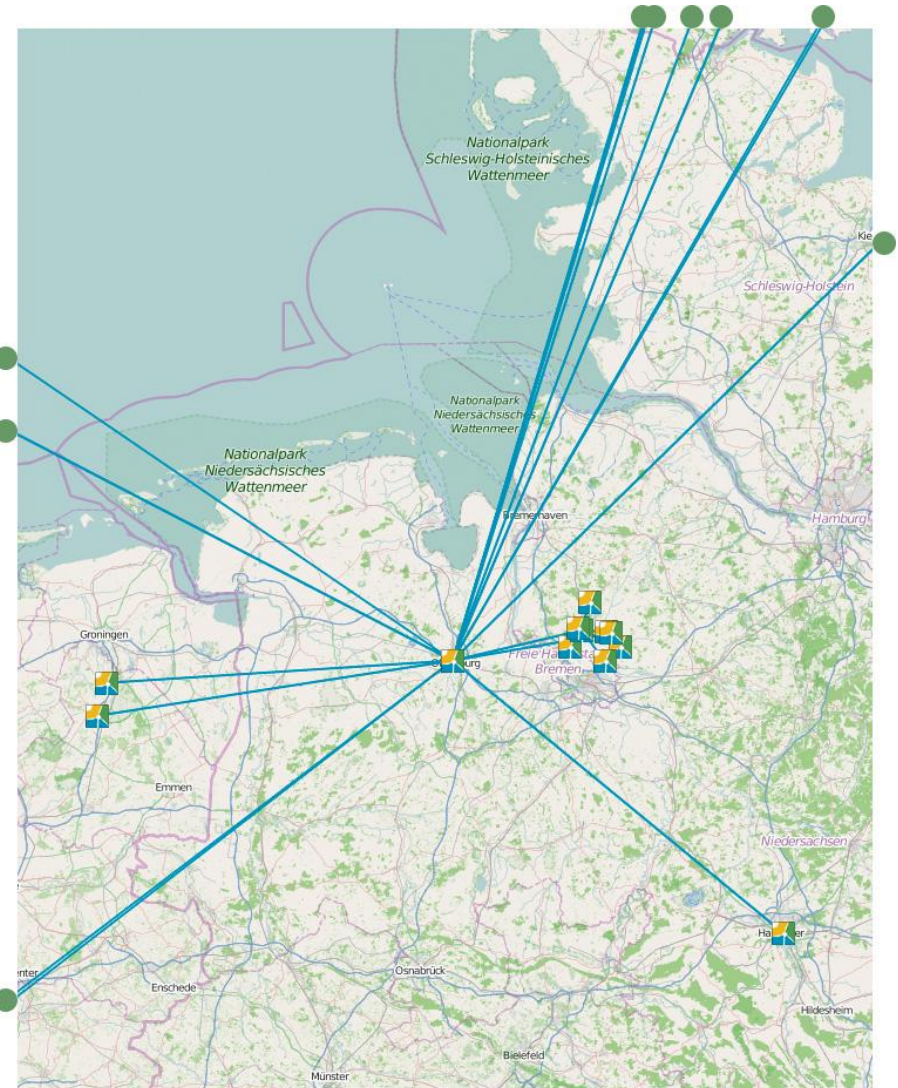
When?

Where?

How much?



OFF-SCREEN OBJECTS



THE FRINGE



NOUN a fringe | fringes
VERB to fringe | fringed | fringed
fringing | fringes
SYNO fringe | interference fringe | bang ...

to fringe

ausfransen
umsäumen
säumen **cloth.** **textil.**

to fringe [hem, border]

einsäumen

to fringe sth.

etw. mit Fransen besetzen **textil.**

fringe [periphery]

Rand {m} [Peripherie]

fringe [chiefly Br.]

Pony {m} [Frisur]

fringe

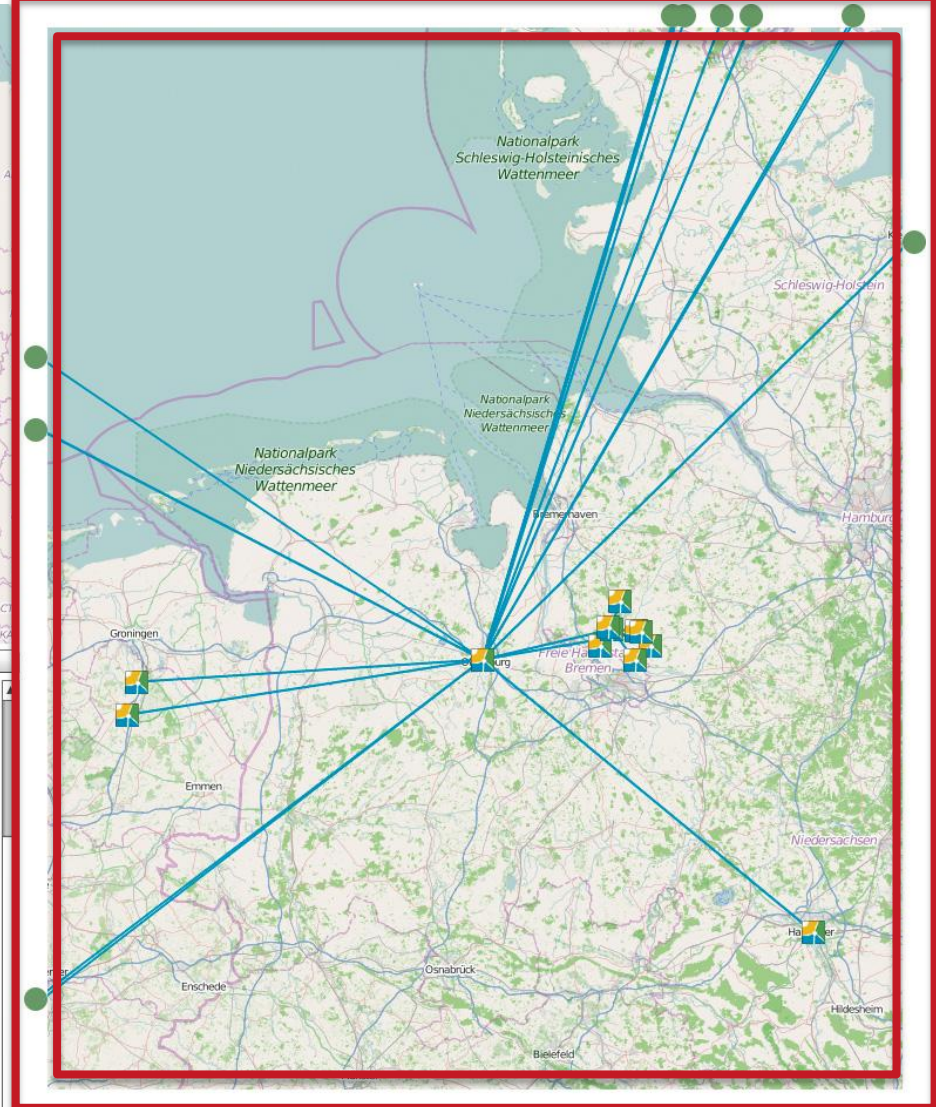
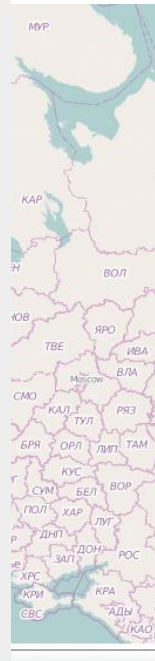
Franse {f}
Randgebiet {n}
Saum {m}
Umrandung {f}
Randzone {f}
Randbezirk {m}
Einfassung {f}
Ponyfrisur {f}

fringe [hairstyle]

Stirnfransen {pl}

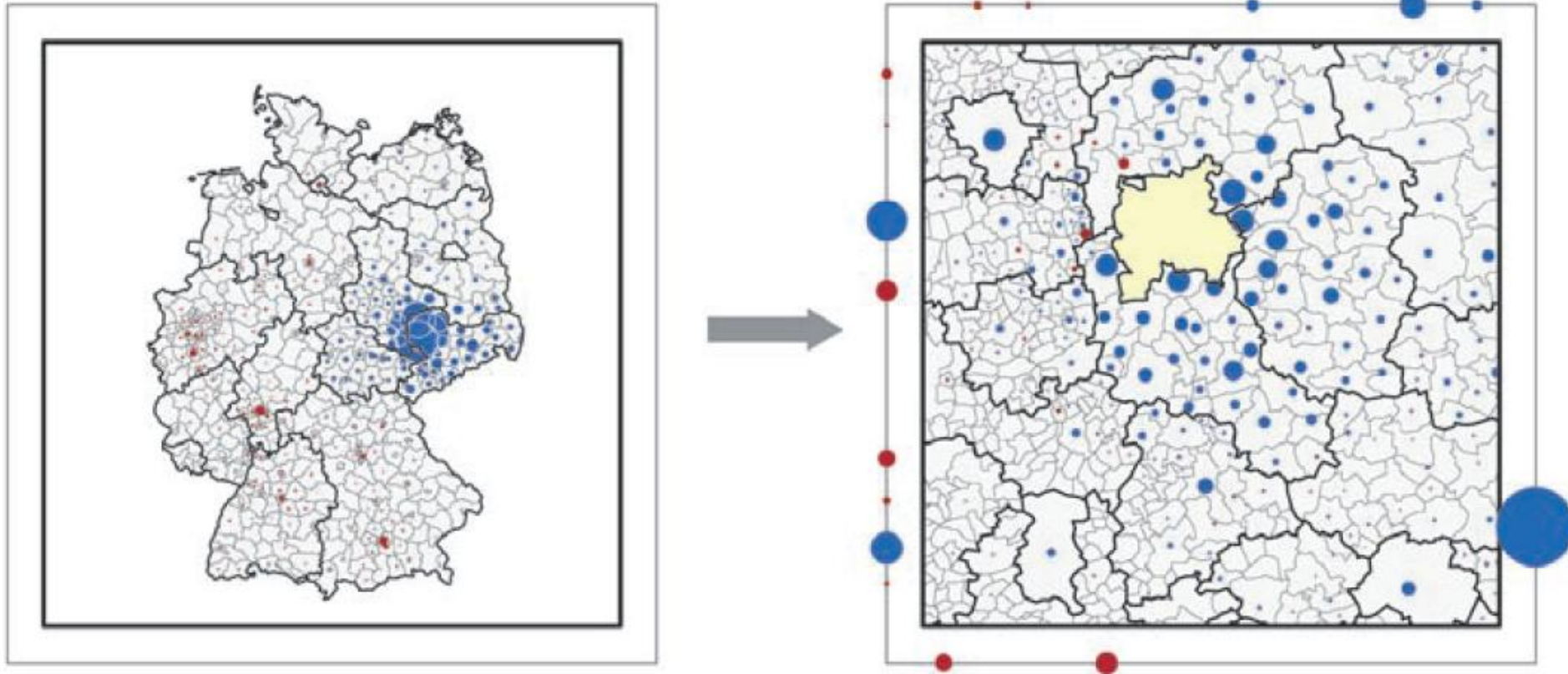
fringe {sg} [hairstyle]

Ponyfransen {pl}





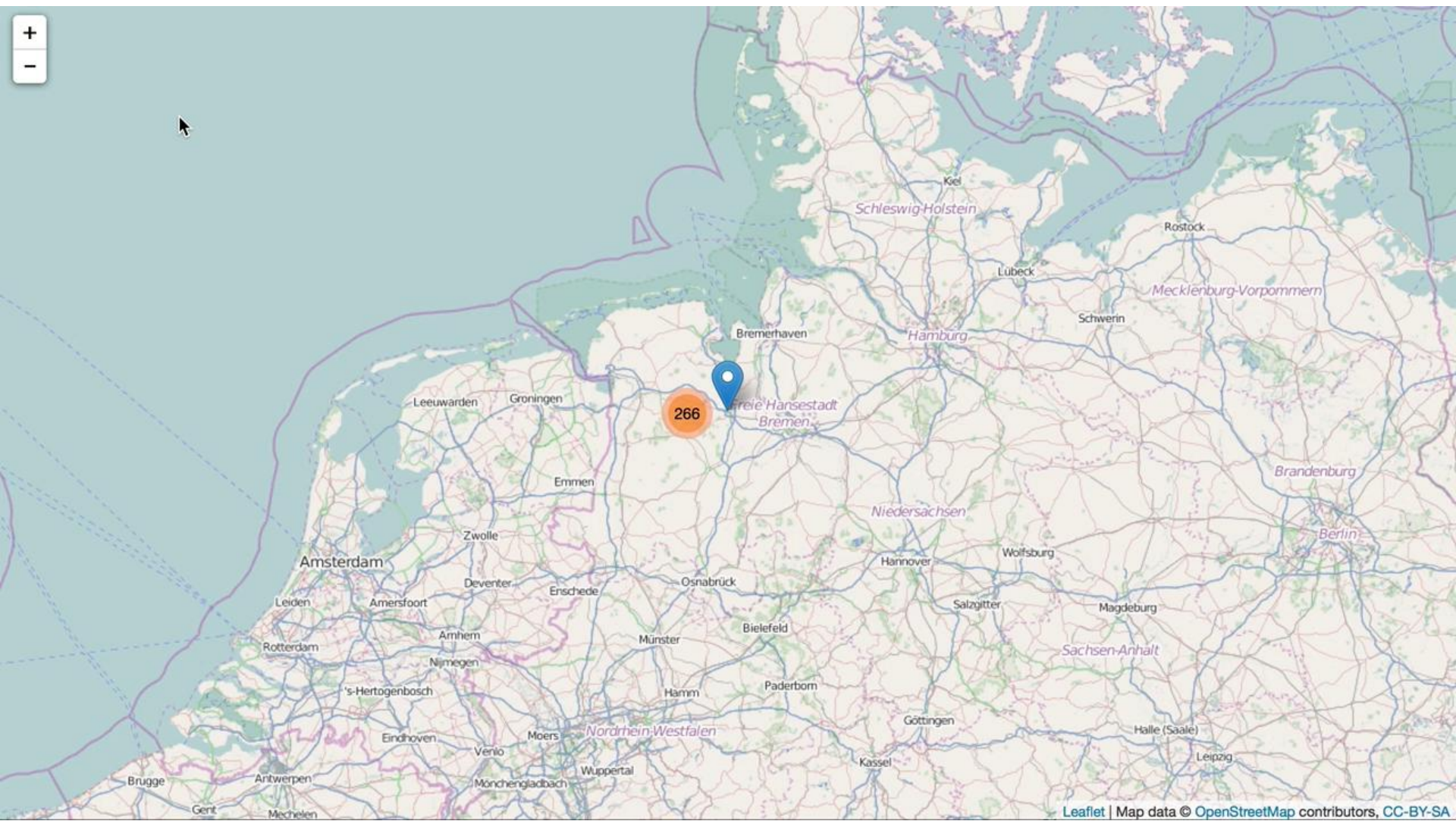
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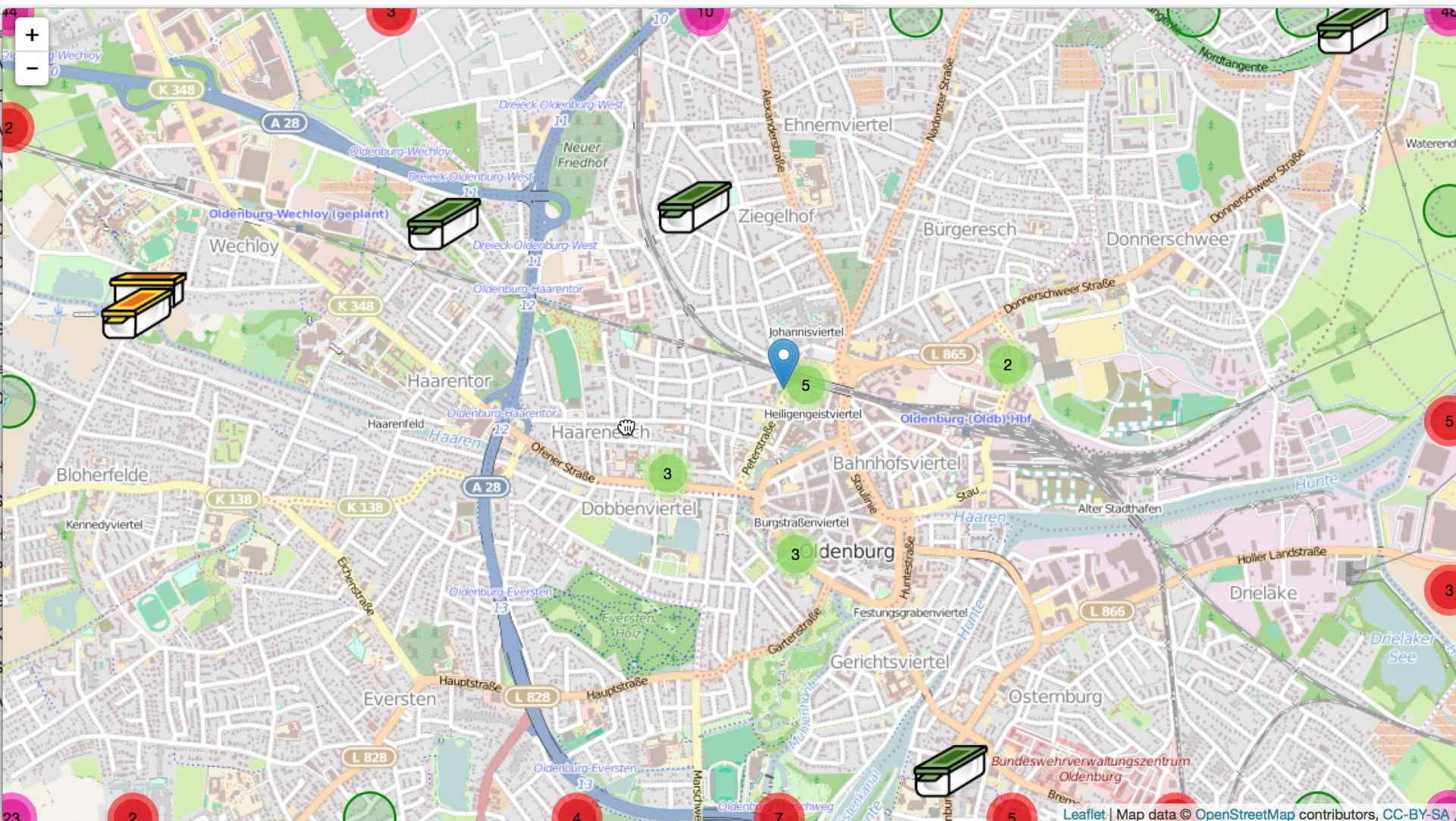
- Existing approaches are
 - not always following the rules for cartographic presentations
 - not always appropriate for mobile devices
 - not specialized on networks presentations
 - ...

THE ANIMATED FRINGE



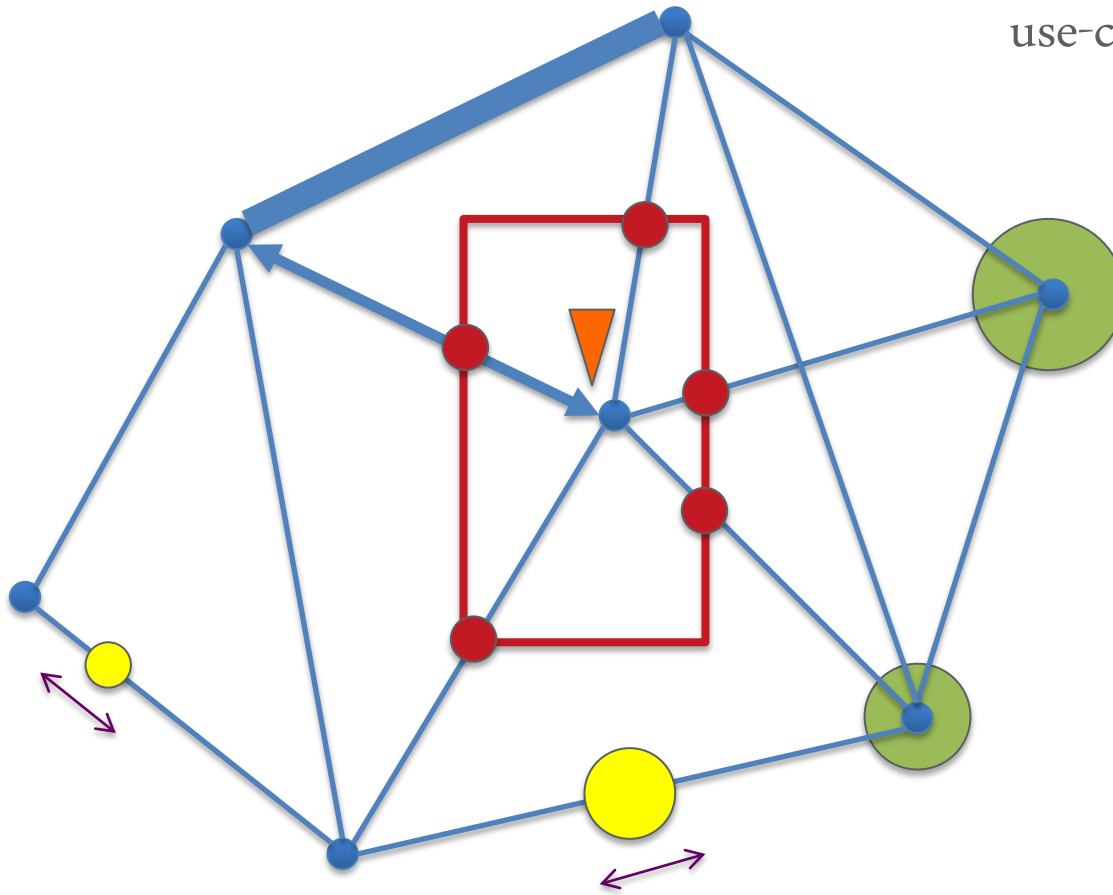
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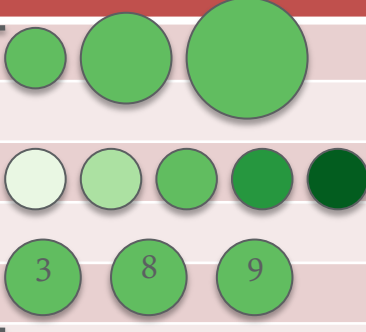
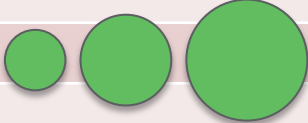








- “Leaflet” JS framework (www.leafletjs.com)
- leaflet plug-in for the fringe
- PhoneGap for mobile devices (www.phonegap.com)
- cartographic rules for visualisation have not been taken into account here yet!!!
- just a functional prototype

- schematic visual model for the use-case “bus network”



FIRST MODEL BASED RULES (EXCERPT)

elements	attribute-types	static/dynamic	un-/directed	direction	network objects	fringe objects
nodes	qualities	static				
		changing				
	quantities	static				
		changing				
edges	qualities	static				
		changing				
	quantities	static	undirected			
			directed	single		
				bidir		
		changing	undirected			
			directed	single		
				bidir		
objects moving on edges	qualities					
	quantities					
	time					
...		colours: www.colorbrewer2.org

LOCATION BASED INFORMATION



- more complex and more generic model
- refining the visualisation rulebook
 - algorithms ...
- implementing generalisation techniques
- not “just” focussing on network presentations
- also using the techniques in e. g. web apps
- optimising user interaction
- empirical user tests
- ...

Thank you for your attention