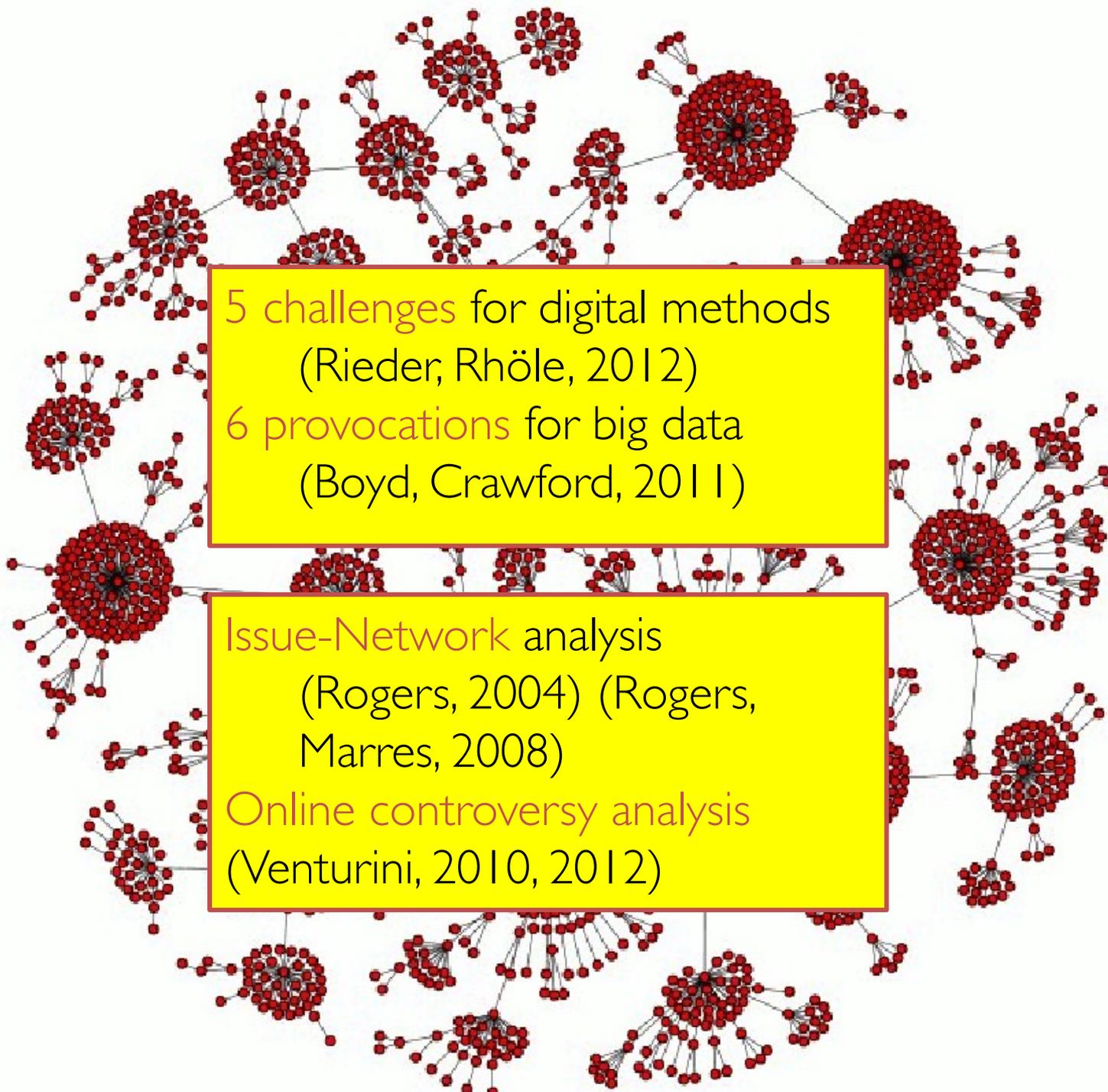


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5 challenges for digital methods

(Rieder, Rhöle, 2012)

6 provocations for big data

(Boyd, Crawford, 2011)

Issue-Network analysis

(Rogers, 2004) (Rogers,  
Marres, 2008)

Online controversy analysis

(Venturini, 2010, 2012)

# I. Common uses



To display

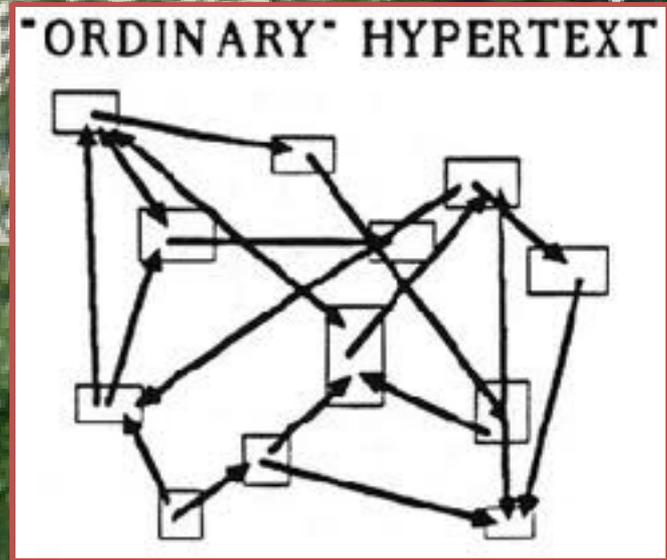


To navigate



To analyse

II. What is different?



Ordinary Hypertext, Ted N  
1967, URL

Geographic space *vs.* hypertext  
system

### III. Common challenges



1/7. Between  
immutability  
and dynamic

Henri Cartier-Bresson, derrière la gare Saint-Lazare, URL

process

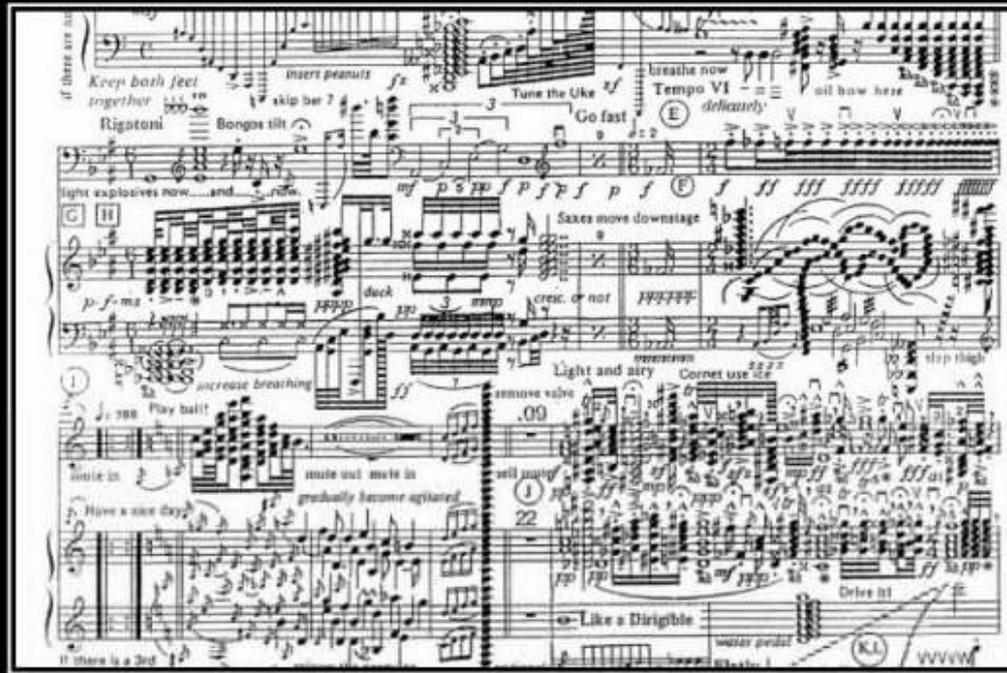


2/7. The danger of  
black-boxing  
Ex. Navicrawler vs.  
Issuercrawler

# 3/7. Researcher's reflexivity



Les Meninas, Diego  
Velázquez, 1656. Wikipedia



# APHEX TWIN

Honestly does he write this stuff or just slam his keyboard?

4/7. Beware of the *dataporn*

# 5/7. Taking your time: mapping as a recursive process

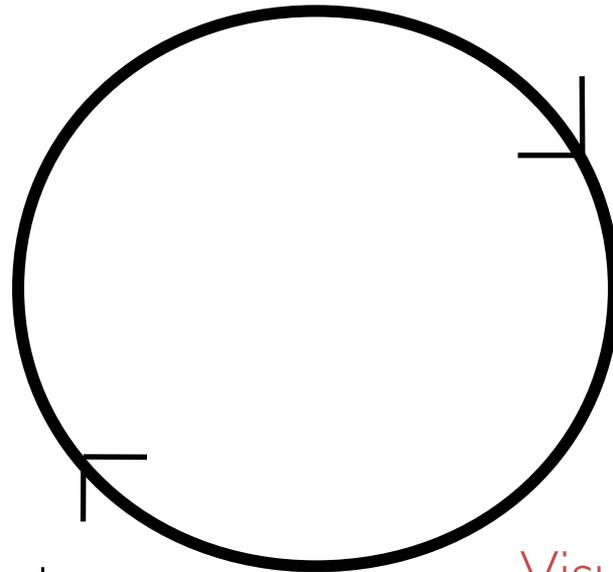
Identifying and exploring  
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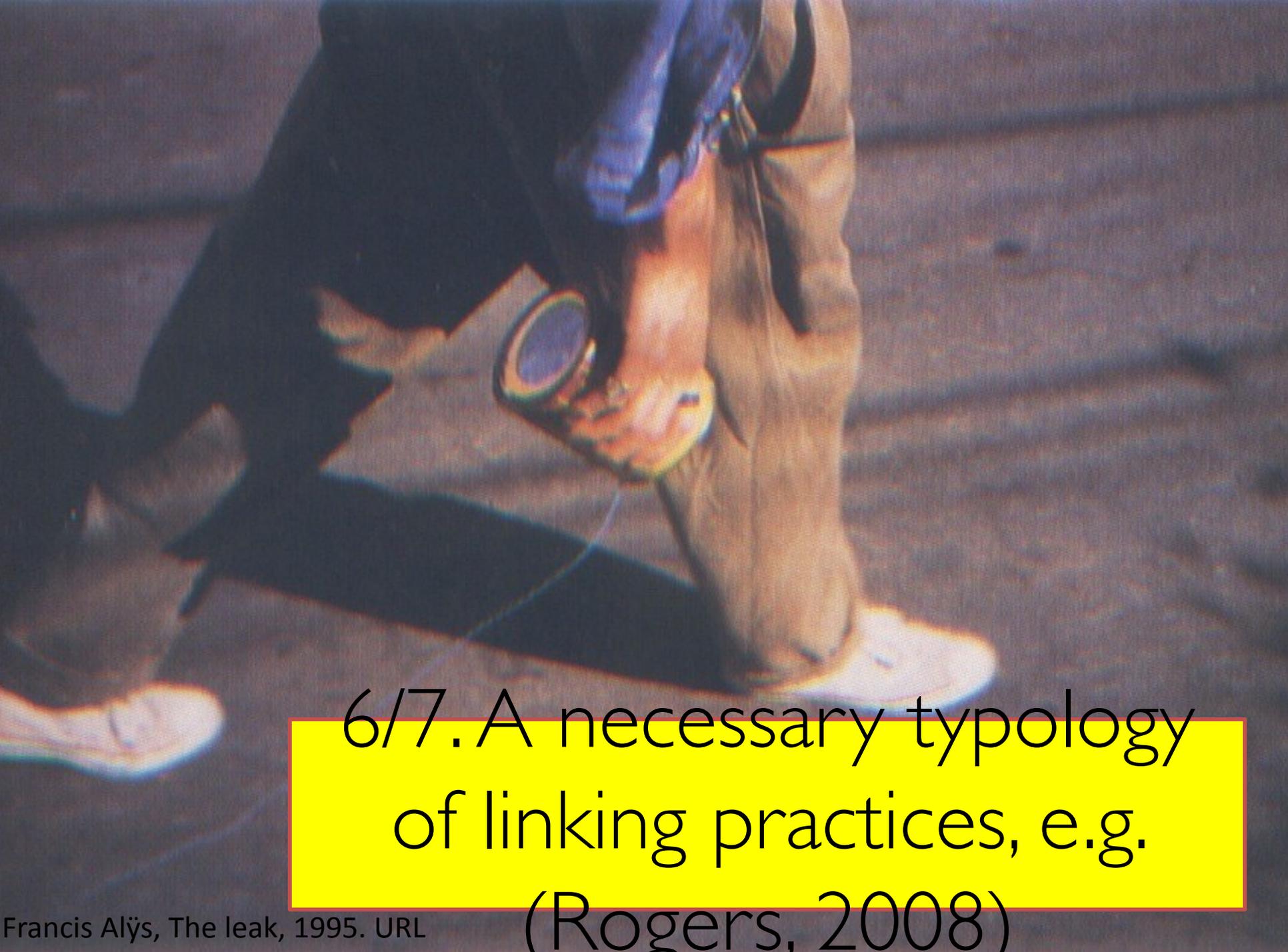
new and/or modified  
hypothesis emerge

Indexing and  
categorizing

Exploring the  
graph

Visualizing in a  
graph





6/7. A necessary typology  
of linking practices, e.g.  
(Rogers, 2008)



## 7/7. Multiplying methods



Thanks for your attention

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