

Appendix A

Procedures and parameters used in this study

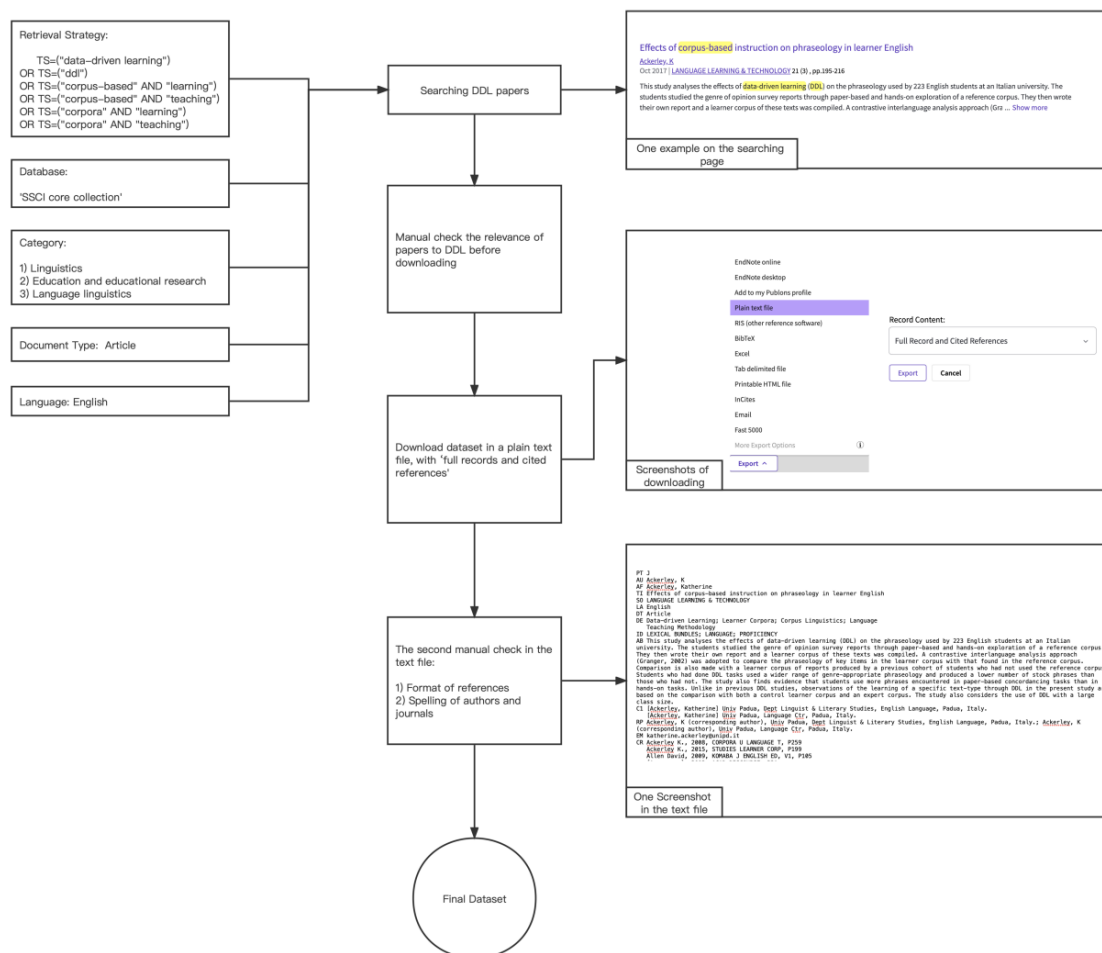


Figure A1. The procedures of data collection

Figure A1 depicts the procedures of data collection based on the WoS core collection database. In retrieving the data set, the following steps were taken. Firstly, the function ‘advanced search’ was used to implement the following retrieval strategy:

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The results show that the earliest paper in this field is from 1994 and the most recent paper is from 2021 (retrieved in Nov 2021). Secondly, in order to refine the results to research articles related to the field of applied linguistics, three categories were used to filter the dataset: 1) Linguistics; 2) Education and educational research; 3) Language linguistics; and alternative publication types (e.g., dissertations and theses, book reviews, and editorials) were removed by selecting document type of ‘articles’ following Liu and Hu (2021).

Thirdly, a close check of the titles, keywords and abstracts of the articles was conducted to confirm their close relevance to DDL, and articles irrelevant to DDL were excluded. The initial

search identified 412 articles, which were then subjected to a manual check and excluded the articles that were not relevant to the topics. For example, one of the searched results was *Machine learning comprehension grammars for ten languages* authored by Suppes, Bottner and Liang (1996). Although it contains ‘corpora’ and ‘learning’ in its *abstract* and *title* respectively, it has no relevance to DDL, and thus was excluded. This is then followed by ticking the articles that are relevant to the topics. One example relevant to DDL in our dataset was Ackerley (2017), which is highly related to DDL based on close examination, and its screenshot in WoS is presented in Figure A1. Finally, a total of 126 articles were selected with 3297 distinct references.

The next step is downloading papers as a plain text file from WoS, with ‘full records and cited references’ (see Figure A1). Then, for the maximum utility and consistency of the dataset, formatting errors and misspellings were also corrected in the text file. For instance, author names with full letters capitalised were changed into the first letter capitalised, such as ‘BOULTON, A’ to ‘Boulton, A’.

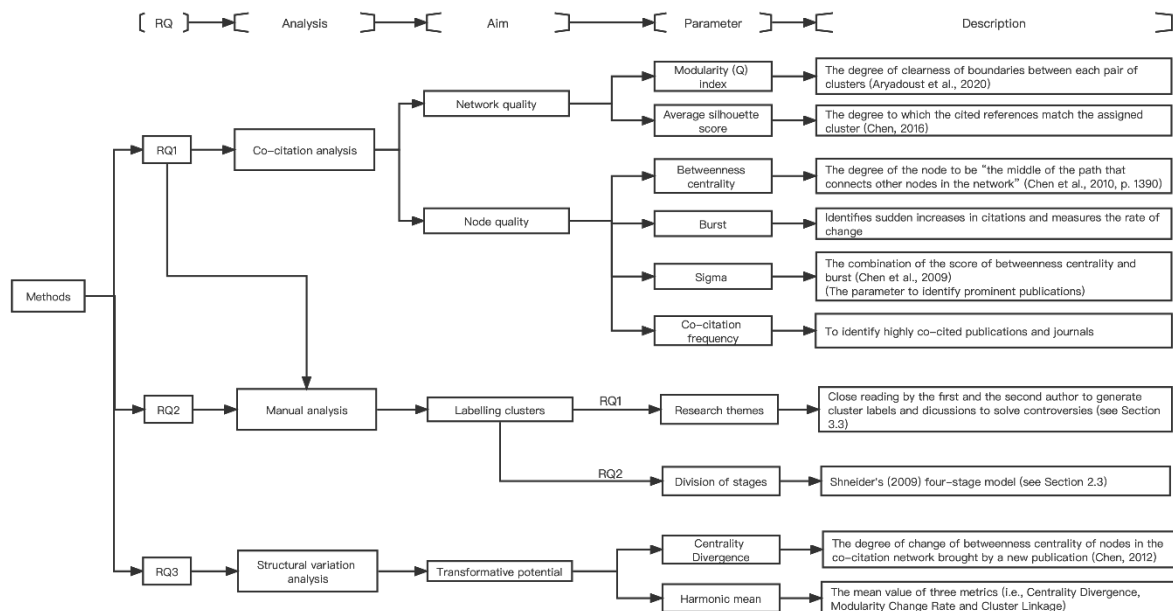


Figure A2. Parameters used in the present study

The description of parameters used in addressing each question is presented below.

CiteSpace (6.1.R2) (Chen, 2006) was used in the co-citation analysis and SVA. The Log-Likelihood Ratio (LLR) algorithm was utilised to identify the characteristics of clusters, as previous studies had confirmed its utility (Chen et al., 2010). In addition, following Chen (2013), the ‘keywords’ function (i.e., keywords selected by the authors and WoS indexing terms) was used to determine automatic cluster labels.

To answer the first research question, both the network structure and nodes (i.e., cited publications in the network) were analysed. First, following Chen et al. (2010), the modularity (Q) index and average silhouette score were adopted to measure the quality of the network, which are automatically computed in CiteSpace. The modularity scores (0 to 1) determine the clearness of boundaries between each pair of clusters, which refers to the extent to which the

network can be decomposed into different components (Aryadoust et al., 2020). The network can be decomposed into several recognisable clusters if the modularity score of the network is close to 1. The average silhouette value (-1 to 1) determines the quality of a clustering structure, which refers to the degree to which the cited references match the assigned cluster (Chen, 2016). A high average silhouette score indicates the high reliability of clustering. The modularity score of the network in this study was 0.79, indicating clear boundaries between each pair of clusters; and the high quality of clustering configuration is attested by the weighted mean silhouette score of 0.92, indicating that the cited publications in the co-citation network can be clearly separated into different clusters (see Figure A3).

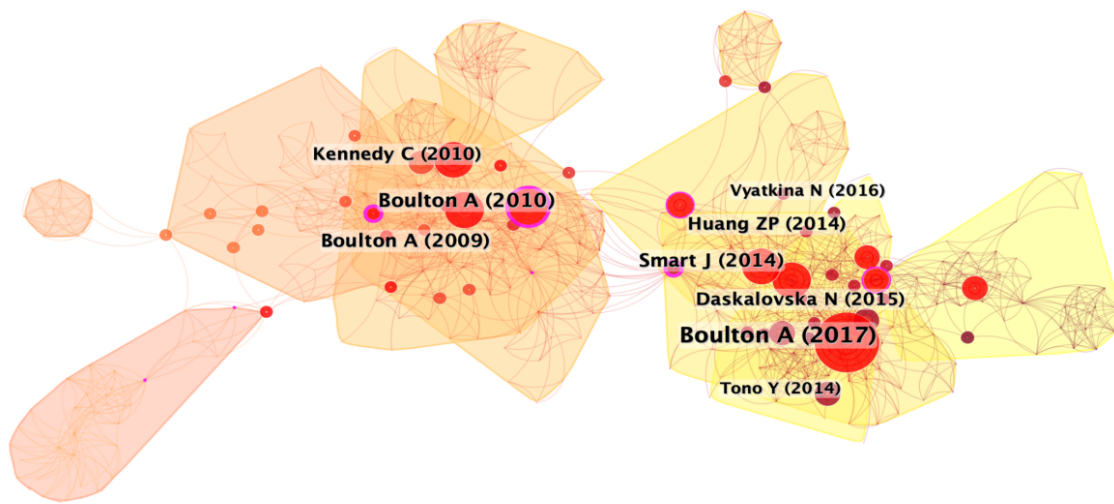


Figure A3. The co-citation network generated in CiteSpace

To identify important research themes and prominent publications, the following three metrics were enabled in CiteSpace: sigma (Σ), betweenness centrality and burst. Betweenness centrality (0 to 1) specifies the degree to which the node publication is “in the middle of the path that connects other nodes in the network” (Chen et al., 2010, p. 1390). A node of high betweenness centrality indicates a strong connection between two or more large clusters of nodes, with this node in-between. Burst is an indicator of recent or ongoing research interest according to sudden increases in citations and measures the rate of change. A large number of bursts in one cluster indicate a high level of activity in the respective research area (Chen, 2016). Sigma, a measure by combining the value of betweenness centrality and citation burst (Chen, Chen, Horowitz, Hou, Liu & Pellegrino, 2009), was used to identify prominent publications of high innovative potential. A high value of sigma indicates a high level of scientific novelty (Chen et al., 2009), and thus the more prominent the publication. The nodes with high centrality and burst are signalled in purple and red respectively, as can be seen in Figure A3. For example, the node representing Boulton and Cobb (2017) is red and is the largest node, indicating its burst status and high co-citation frequency; while Boulton (2010a) obtained a high centrality score, which is indicated by its purple colour. Also of note, although several publications were not identified as prominent publications by automatic analysis in CiteSpace, they obtained relatively high co-citation frequencies, indicating their high impact. The inclusion of frequently

co-cited papers enabled a wider coverage of high-impact publications in the DDL field.

In answering the second research question, based on the existing themes of publications in each cluster, the major clusters were assigned to appropriate stages of Shneider's (2009) evolutionary model in terms of their time frames, interrelationships, and embodiment of the model's defined qualities for each stage. For instance, if the manual analysis reported that a specific cluster included several publications focusing on the research instrument, such as the invention of the software and corpus, then the cluster can be regarded as representing the second stage. However, if the research instrument(s) is utilised in the publications to investigate new subject domains, it can be deduced that the cluster has reached the third stage.

To answer the third question, SVA was employed to detect transformative publications in co-citation networks by means of Centrality Divergence (C_{KL}) and Harmonic mean (H) scores. C_{KL} is a parameter that measures the degree of change of betweenness centrality of nodes in the co-citation network brought by a new publication (Chen, 2012). C_{KL} was adopted as the main parameter as it has been identified as optimal in detecting the transformative characteristics of a particular publication at cross-disciplinary levels (Sebastian & Chen, 2021). H is a parameter that signals the potential impact of a publication from various aspects of structural variations. Thus, it can be regarded as a complementary metric to C_{KL} as it can detect papers that are outstanding concerning their average scores of different metrics.

Appendix B

The detailed setting and operating of CiteSpace

Figure B1 shows the 'Edit Project Properties' dialog box in CiteSpace. The window title is 'Edit Project Properties'. The title field contains 'data-driven learning'. Below the title field, there are fields for 'Project Home' and 'Data Directory', both with 'Browse' buttons. The 'Data Source' section has radio buttons for WoS (selected), Scopus, Lens, MAG, CNKI/WanFang, CSCD, CSSCI, and PubMed. The 'Preferred Language' section has radio buttons for English (selected) and Chinese. There are 'SO Filter' and 'SC Filter' sections, each with 'Enable' and 'Disable' buttons. The main area contains two columns of settings. The left column includes: 'Alias List (on/off) on', 'Export Space (on/off) off', 'Export Matrices (csv) (off/on) off', 'Save Merged Slice (off/on) off', 'Phrase/Keyword: Maximum Words (4) 4', 'Maximum GML Node Label Length (8) 8', 'Include GP (Group Author) (off/on) off', 'Node Degree Weighted (true) true', 'Link Retaining Factor (RF)(*N; -1:unlimited) -1', 'Maximum Links Per Node (L/N) (-1:unlimited) -1', 'Filter Refs By Intrinsic Citations on', and 'Use Authors' Fullnames on'. The right column includes: 'Exclusion List (on/off) on', 'Export Abstracts (Time Consuming) (on/off) on', 'Enable JDIC (on/off) on', 'Phrase/Keyword: Minimum Words (2) 2', 'Burst Term Threshold (0.00) 0.00', 'CTSA (1-Disciplines, 2-Sciences) (1) 1', 'Include ED (Editors) (off/on) off', 'Look Back Years (LBY)(-1:unlimited) -1', 'Percentage of Nodes to Label (%) 1.0', 'TopN = {n|f(n)≥e} 1.0', 'Concept Tree Home /Users/zhaoyanan/.citespace', and 'Dimensions Endpoint https://app.dimensions.ai/'. At the bottom, there is a 'Description' field with the text 'How did you create the dataset?' and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. Two red boxes highlight 'Link Retaining Factor (RF)(*N; -1:unlimited) -1' and 'Look Back Years (LBY)(-1:unlimited) -1', with the numbers '2' and '1' respectively placed to their left.

Figure B1. Properties set in CiteSpace

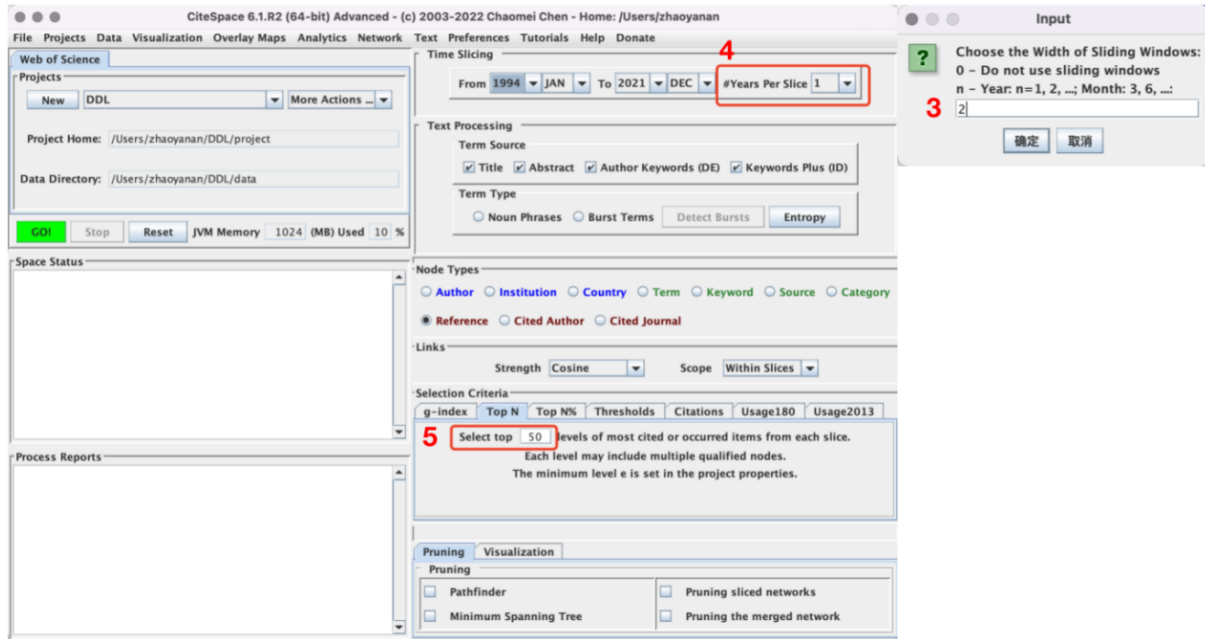


Figure B2. The main user interface of CiteSpace

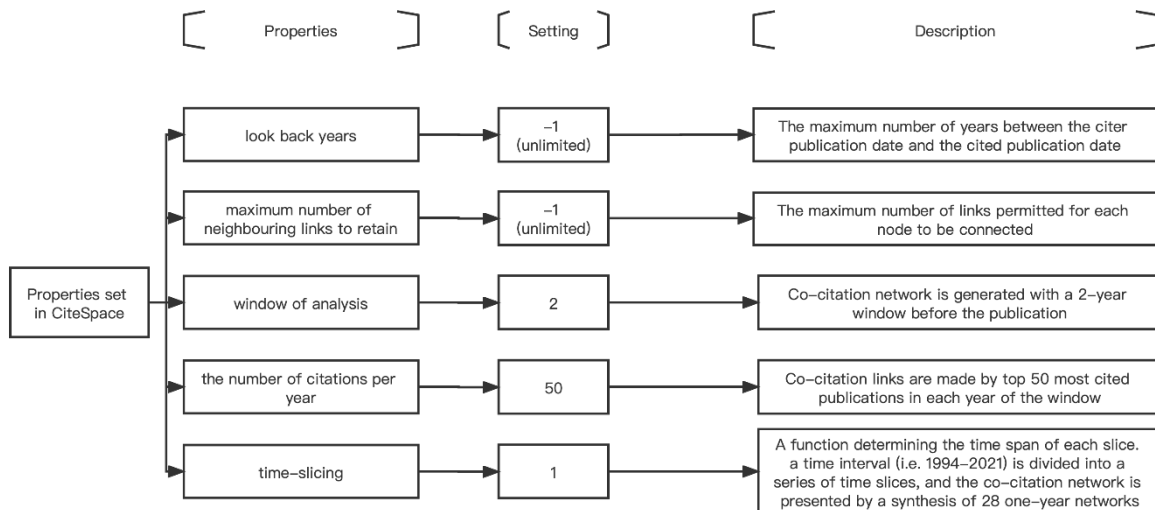


Figure B3. Properties set in the present study

Figure B1-B3 illustrate the properties set in CiteSpace and the explanation of these properties. In Figure B1, the first property, 'look back years', refers to the maximum number of years between the citer publication date and the cited publication date. Setting the value as '-1' stands for the unlimited number of years, ensuring wider coverage of the synthesized network. The second property, 'link retaining factor', is the maximum number of links permitted for each node to be connected. Similarly, setting this property to '-1' means that links connected between each pair of nodes were unlimited, reaching a more complete picture of groups of nodes (Chen, 2016). The third, fourth and fifth properties were presented in Figure B2. The third property, 'the window of the analysis', refers to the window considered from the publishing year. Following Chen, Hu, Liu and Tseng (2012), this property was set to 2, indicating that the two

years [Y-2, Y-1] before the publishing year Y of the article were used for the network generation. The fourth property, top N is the number of most-cited articles in each year to be used to generate the network. Setting this value as default '50' means that the 50 most cited publications in each year were used to construct the co-citation network. The fifth property, the 'time-slicing' function is a function determining the time span of each slice. Setting the value to '1' stands that a time interval (i.e., 1994-2021) is divided into a series of time slices, and the co-citation network is presented by a synthesis of 28 one-year networks (1994-2021) (Chen, 2017). Thus, the co-citation network was constructed based on "multiple panoramic snapshots" (Chen, 2016, p. 49). A detailed description of the properties and the value set are presented in Figure B3.

Appendix C

Figures for Co-cited publications and Co-citation network of journals in results

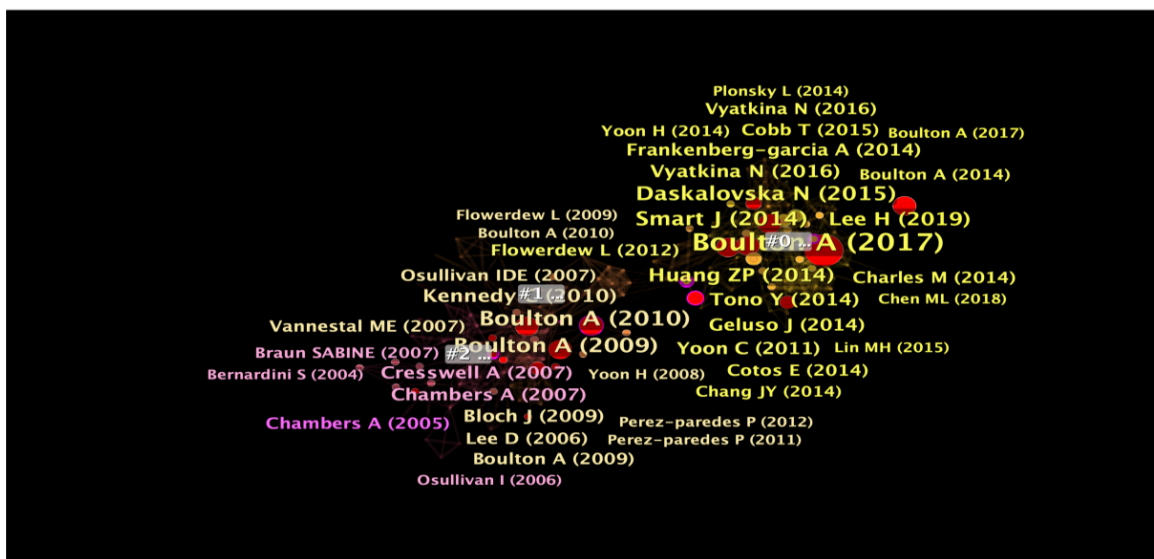


Figure C1. Co-cited publications in Cluster #0, #1 and #2

Figure C1 presents co-cited publications in the three biggest clusters: #0, #1 and #2. The font size of each publication indicates their co-citation frequency. In other words, the larger the font size, the more frequently co-cited the publication is. For instance, Boulton and Cobb (2017) is the most frequently co-cited publication in Cluster #0 and is illustrated in the largest font size.

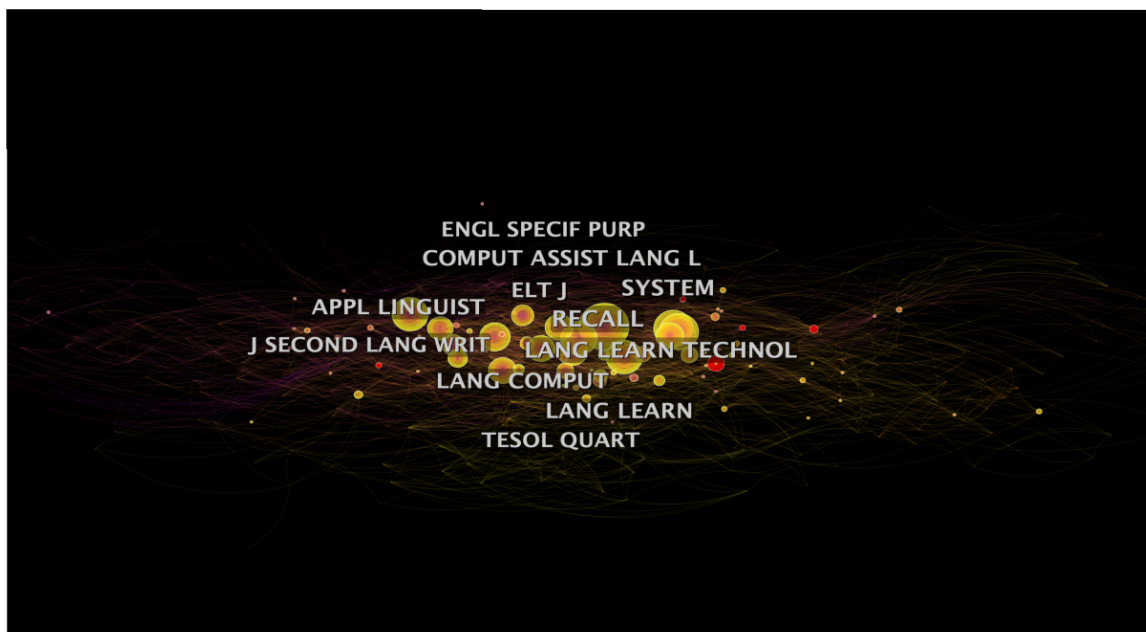


Figure C2. Co-citation network of journals

Figure C2 is the screenshot of highly co-cited journals or books, and this is addressed in detail in Section 4.4.

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