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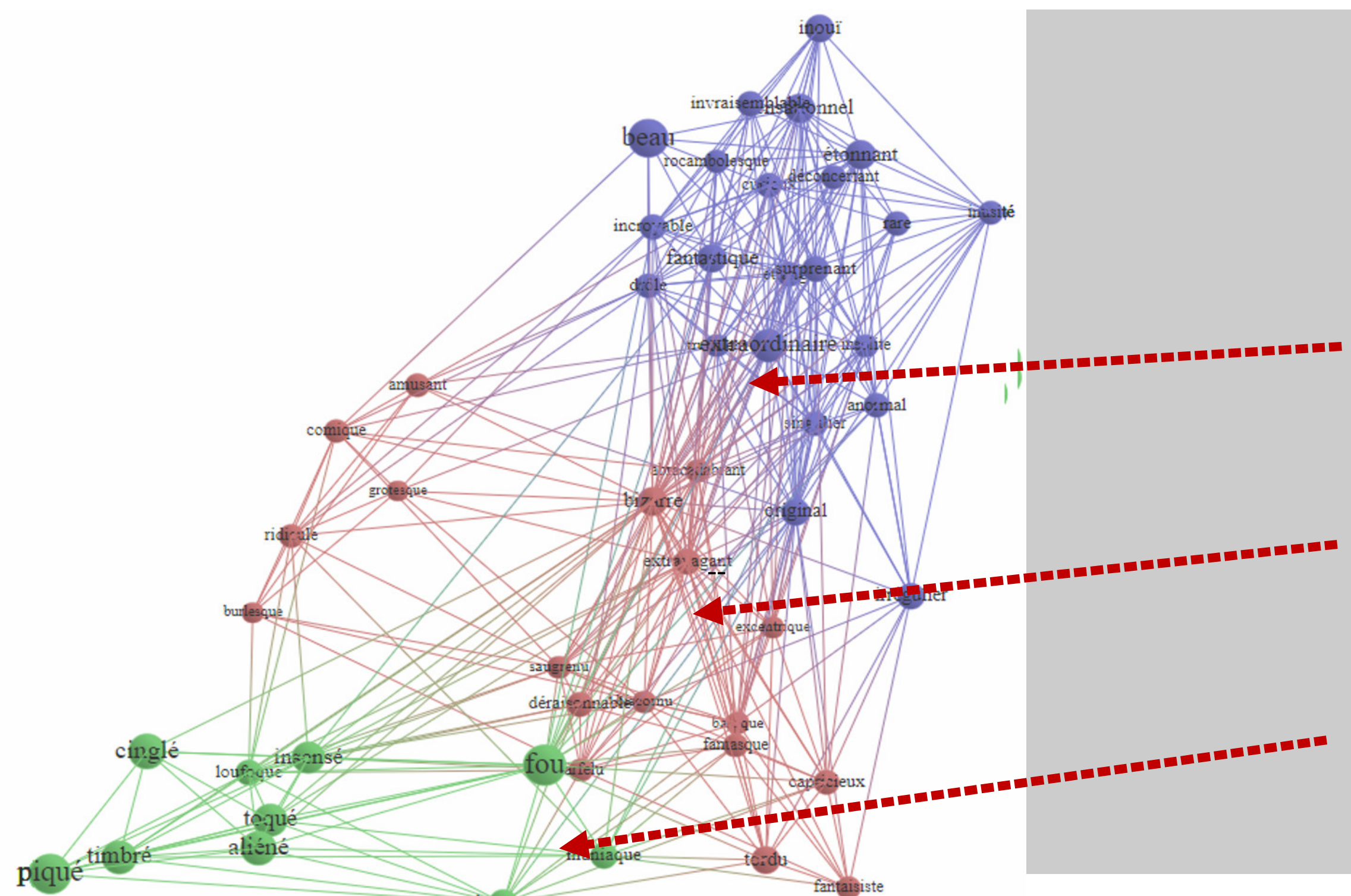
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WORDS OF STRANGENESS INVESTIGATED WITH STRANGE TOOLS

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1. LEXICAL POLYSEMY EXPLORED ALONG A SET OF SYNONYMY LINKS (*bizarre*)



In Bruno Gaume's (IRIT, Toulouse) PROXEMIC modelization, the polysemy of the French adj. *bizarre* is represented by a lattice of synonymy links consisting of three clusters.

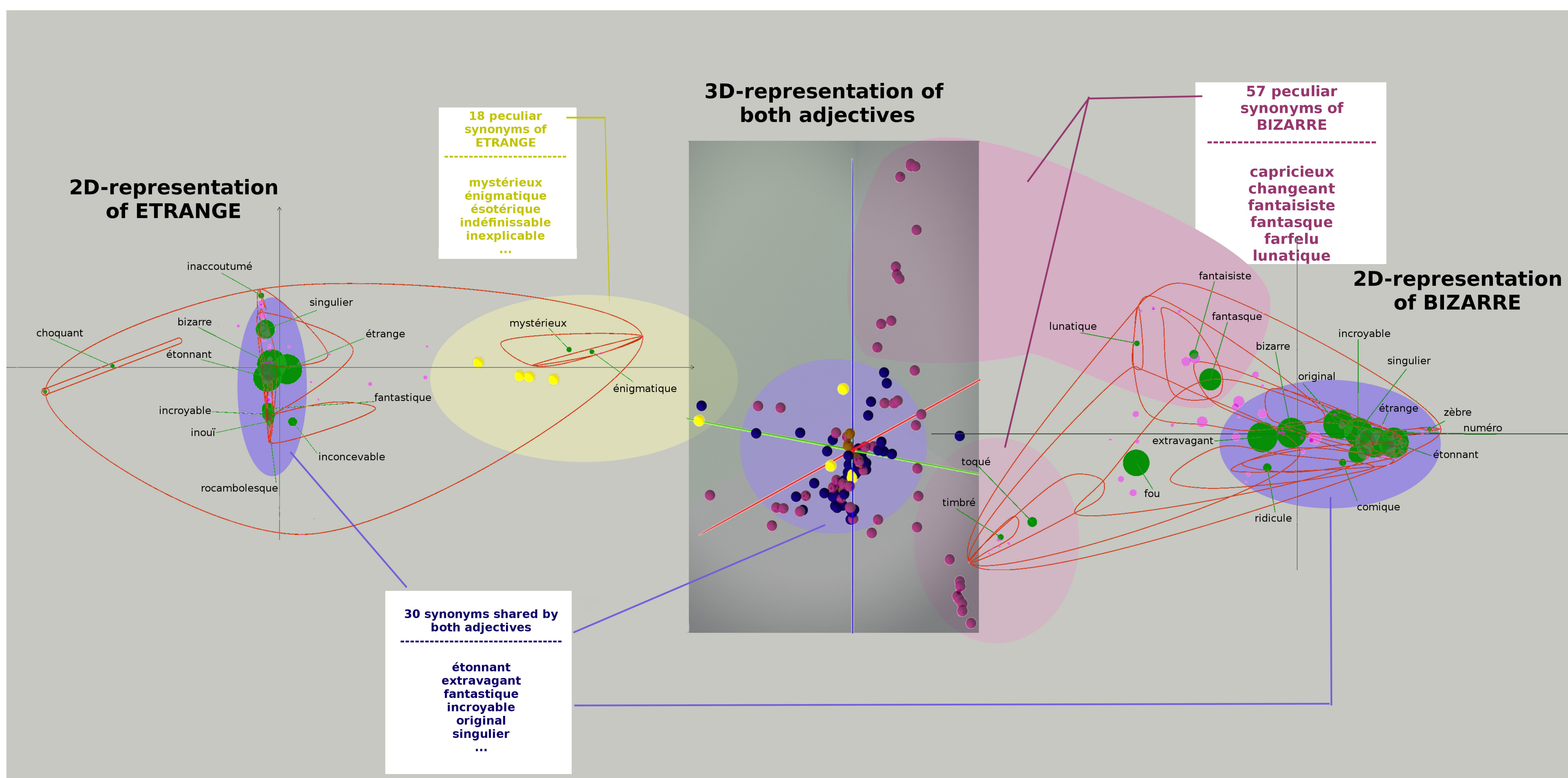
At the center of the top cluster (in blue) we find *extraordinaire* and at the ends *beau*, *inouï* and *inusité* and *irrégulier*,

At the center of the middle cluster (in red) *extravagant* and at some ends *comique*, *ridicule* and *fantaisiste*,

At the center of the bottom cluster (in green) *fou* and at its main end *piqué*, *timbre*, *cinglé*.

2. COMPARING THE POLYSEMY OF Fr. *étrange* AND *bizarre* WITH THE DICTIONNAIRE ÉLECTRONIQUE DES SYNONYMES (Caen, CRISCO)

The following schema merges two 2-dimensional representations of the semantic spaces of the adj., *étrange* (left); of the adj., *bizarre* (right) and one 3-dimensional representation of the merged semantic space of both adjectives (middle). In the space of *étrange*, *bizarre* appears near the center, whereas in that of *bizarre*, *étrange* appears off-center on the right together with *singulier*, *incroyable* and *étonnant*. In the 3D-representation the yellow spots represent the peculiar synonyms of *bizarre*; the pink ones, those of *étrange*; and the blue ones, the synonyms shared by both adjectives.

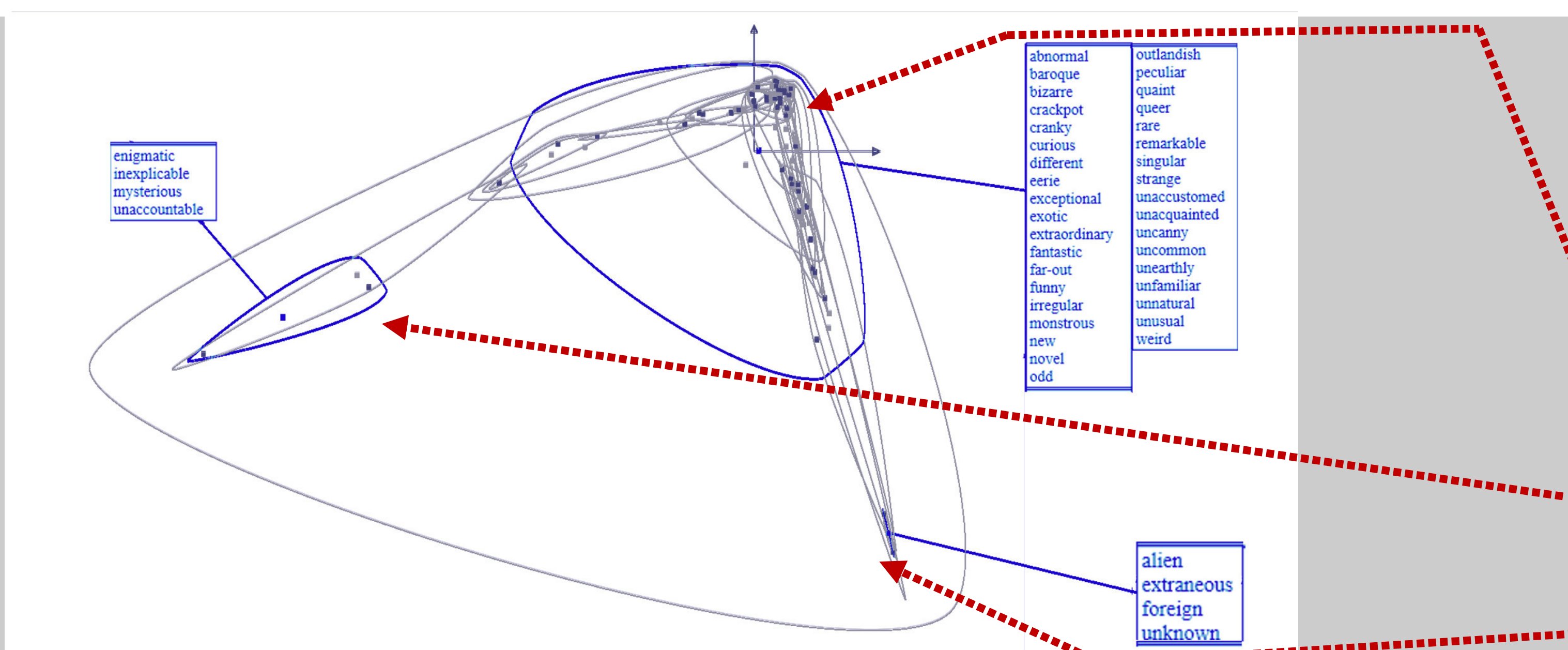


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At the left-middle interface the four distant yellow spots point to the right area of the 2D-representation of *étrange*, that of *mystery*. At the top right-middle interface the distant pink spots point to the area of *fantasy* of the 2D-representation of *bizarre*.

At the bottom, the distant pink spots point to the area of *madness*.

3. THE POLYSEMY OF ENG. *strange* INVESTIGATED WITH THE ATLAS SEMANTIQUE (Lyon, ISC)



The Semantic Atlas of Lyon delivers for the adjective *strange*

- ▶ a main cluster with 36 synonyms around the idea of **ORIGINALITY**, and two secondary clusters,
- ▶ one at the top left with 4 synonyms around the idea of **MYSTERY**
- ▶ and the other at the bottom right with also 4 synonyms around the idea of **OTHERNESS**.

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