How Diaspora Networks line up ICT?
The case of Breton in New York

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Brittany ... as an introduction

http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/

http://www.kevrennalre.com

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Method

• Active participation: March 06 -> November 08

• Digital data collected
  – Emails
  – Websites
  – Files

• RéseauLu
  an analytical system for data analysis
How to create a Breton network in New York?

- Obala uses Skype to connect with Bretons
- Eric uses webforum of the French Community in New York
- They organise events:
  - Meetings
  - Dinners
  - Sports

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A configuration to explore

  - Skype
  - Social Network Sites

  - Web forums discussions
    ➔ Refer to the *Domestic World*
Events to become famous

• An opportunity: Kevrenn Alre invited to the Saint Patrick's Parad

• Bretons are creating a group

Photos credits: Capucine Bourcart
Configuration for event

  - Website
  - Microsoft Offices files

  - Newsletters
  - Press Mailing lists
  - Website
  → Refer to the *World of Fame*
A local community

• BZH-NY become an official 'non profit organization'

• Private & regular activities
  – Dinners
  – Card game
  – Ski week end
  – Sport contests
  – ...

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Community management

- Etienne Wenger: Communities of Practice (2002)
  - Regular activities to strengthen ties

  - Dinners as familiar ceremonies
  - Galleries on the website
  - President's talk
    - Refer to the Domestic World
As a conclusion...
Thank you ...

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Sociology of Diaspora Knowledge Networks.
How Breton networks use ICT and Web platforms?