

ABSTRACT**Method for characterizing flows between elements of a network**

The present invention relates to a flow characterization method for characterizing flows between elements of a network, the method comprising:

- a. receiving data in relation to flows between the elements of the network, called flow data,
- b. displaying a representation of the flow data,
- c. receiving at least one user constraint in relation to the grouping of the elements of the network, each user constraint being chosen by a user based on the displayed representation of the flow data, and
- d. grouping the elements of the network into groups based on the flow data and on the user constraints, the obtained groups of elements making it possible to characterize the flows between the elements of the network, the elements being equated, for the grouping, to nodes of a graph and the flows between the elements being equated to edges of the graph.

Figure for abstract: Figure 1