Information Visualization

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Information Visualization

interactive visual representation of abstract data

Interactivity

static images
- 10,000 years
- art, graphic design

moving images
- 100 years
- cinematography

interactive graphics
- 20 years
- computer graphics, human-computer interaction

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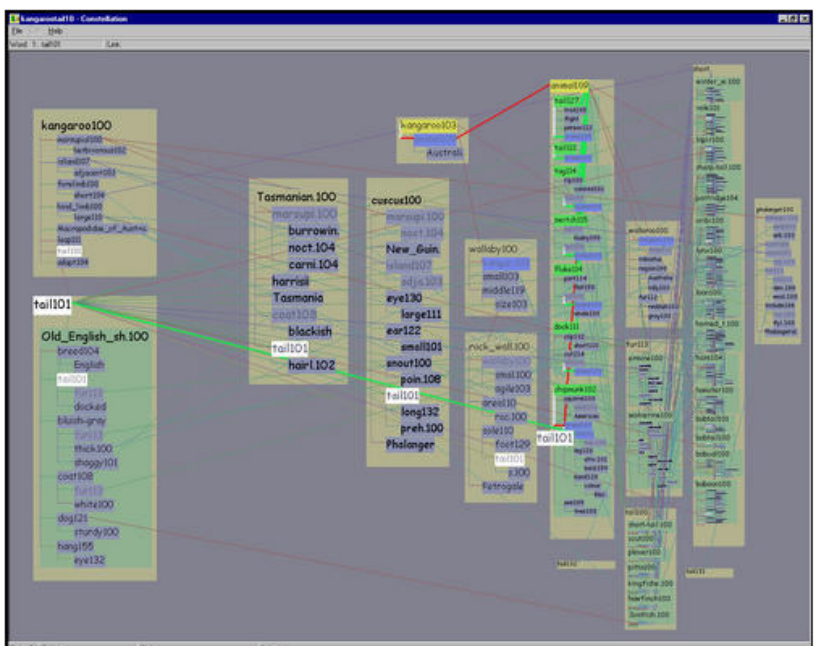
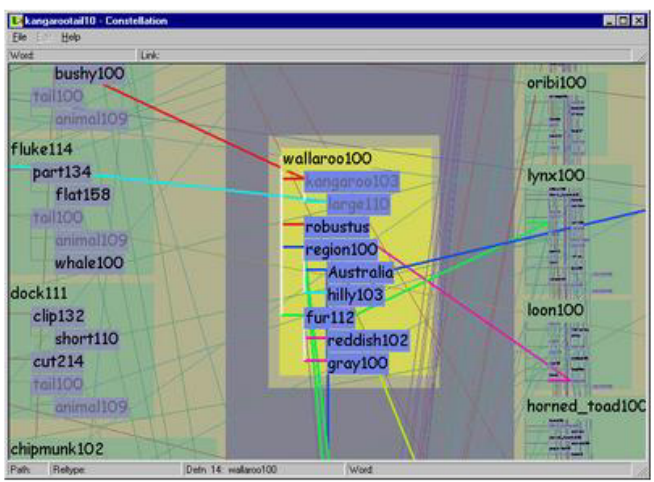
Task-Oriented Design: Constellation

custom design for checking semantic networks

- reading definition subgraph labels
- following paths through network





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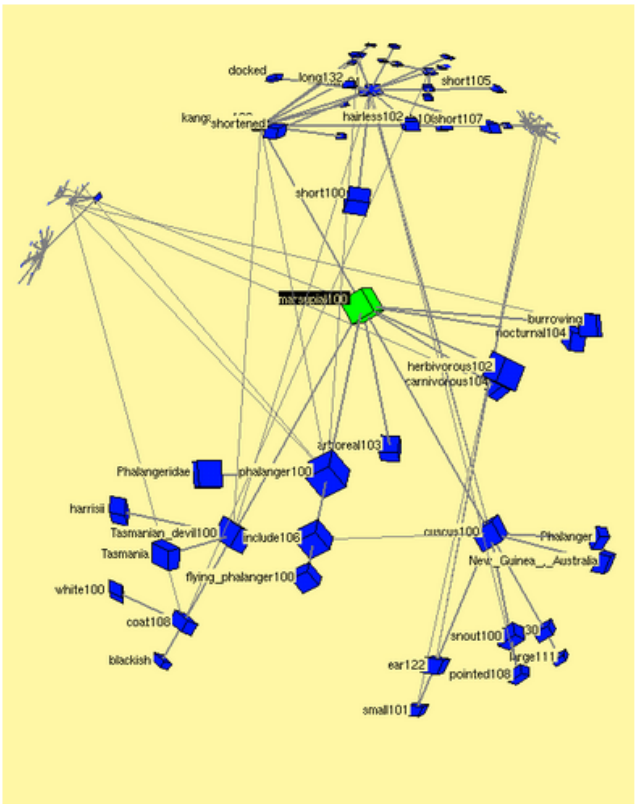
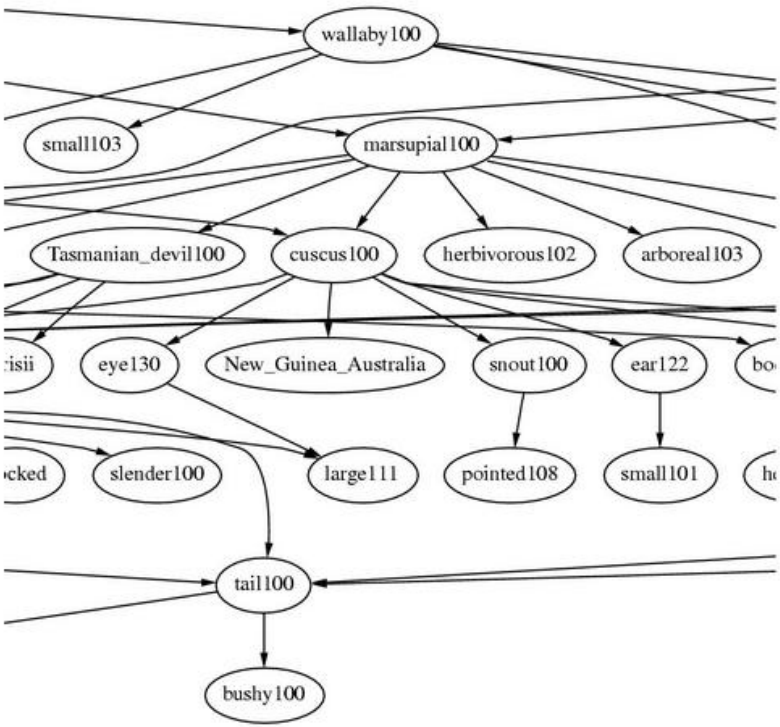
Task-Oriented Design

previous general methods





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bridging many fields

- graphics: interacting in realtime
- cognitive psych: finding appropriate representation
- HCI: using task to guide design and evaluation

external representation

- reduces load on working memory
- offload cognition

- familiar example: multiplication/division

External Representation: multiplication

paper mental buffer

57
x 48
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External Representation: multiplication

paper mental buffer

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  57
x 48
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[7*8=56]

External Representation: multiplication

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   5
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x 48
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   6
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[7*8=56]

External Representation: multiplication

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[5*8=40 + 5 = 45]

External Representation: multiplication

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  57
x 48
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 456
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[5*8=40 + 5 = 45]

External Representation: multiplication

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  57
x 48
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[7*4=28]

456

External Representation: multiplication

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   2
  57
x 48
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 456
  8
```

[7*4=28]

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paper mental buffer

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  2
 57
x48
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456
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[5*4=20 + 2 =22]

External Representation: multiplication

paper mental buffer

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  57
x 48
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[5*4=20 + 2 =22]

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 456
228
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External Representation: multiplication

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x 48
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External Representation: multiplication

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[8+5 = 13]

External Representation: multiplication

paper mental buffer

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  57
x 48
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  1
 456
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  36
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[8+5 = 13]

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[4+2+1=7]

External Representation: multiplication

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x 48
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- infovis example: topic graphs

External Representation: Topic Graphs

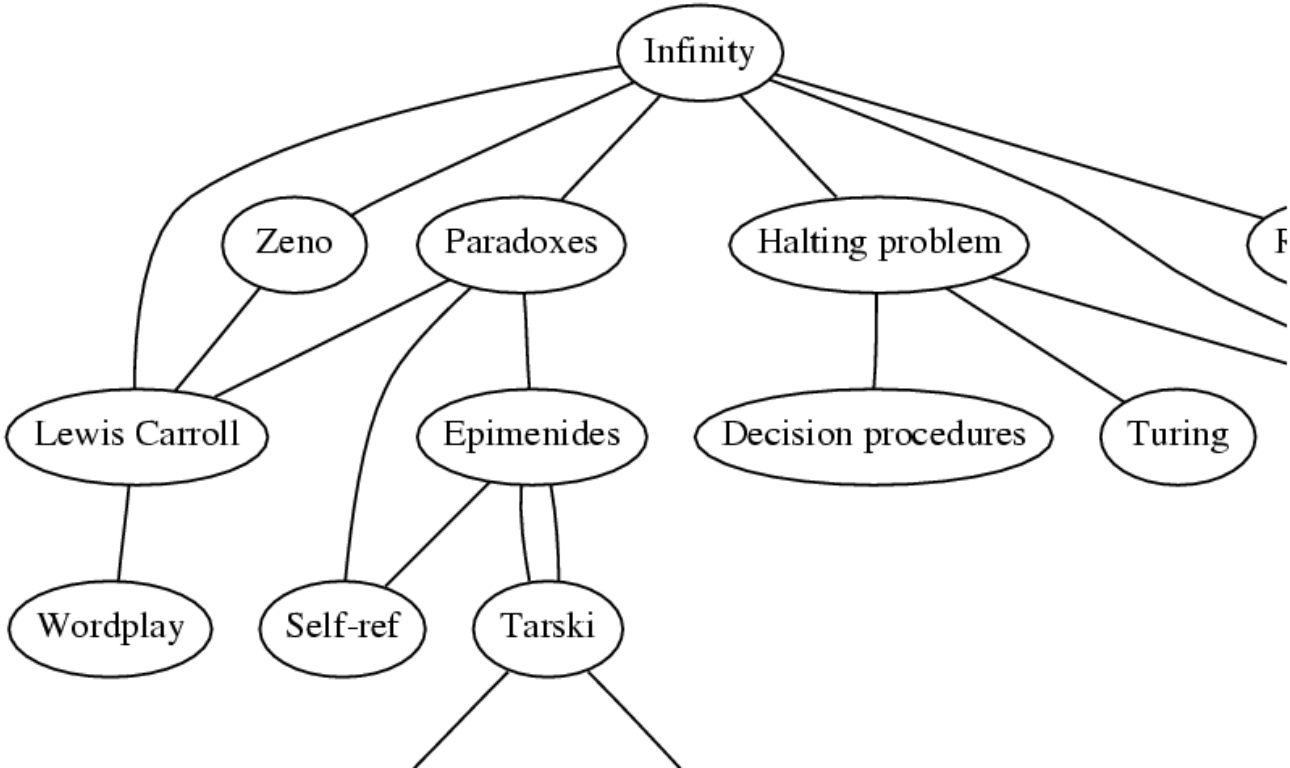
[Godel, Escher, Bach. Hofstadter 1979]

Paradoxes – Lewis Carroll
Turing – Halting problem
Halting problem – Infinity
Paradoxes – Infinity
Infinity – Lewis Carroll
Infinity – Unpredictably long searches
Infinity – Recursion
Infinity – Zeno
Infinity – Paradoxes
Lewis Carroll – Zeno
Lewis Carroll – Wordplay

Halting problem – Decision procedures
BlooP and FlooP – AI
Halting problem – Unpredictably long searches
BlooP and FlooP – Unpredictably long searches
BlooP and FlooP – Recursion
Tarski – Truth vs. provability
Tarski – Epimenides
Tarski – Undecidability
Paradoxes – Self-ref
[...]

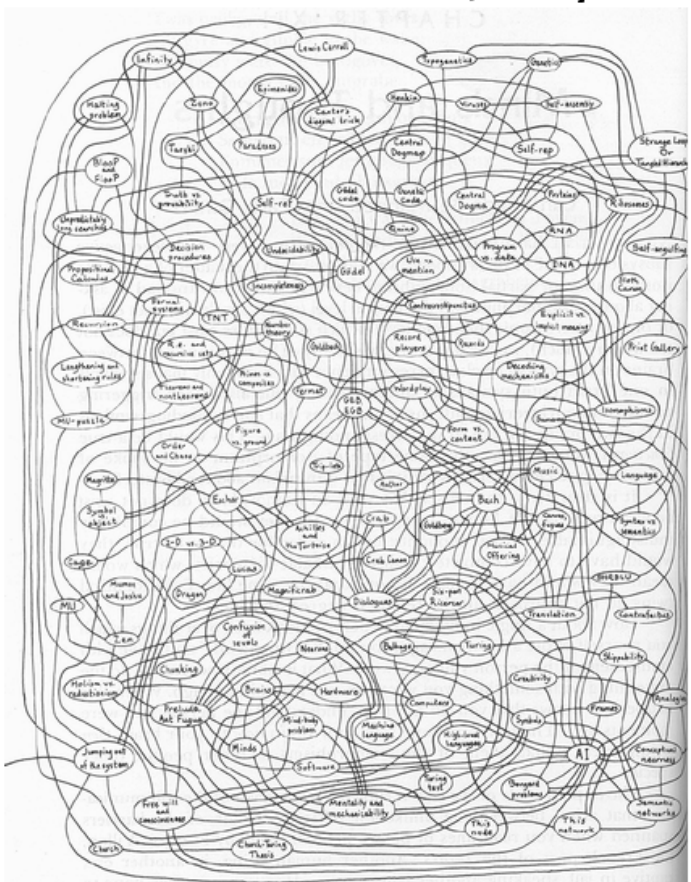
External Representation: Topic Graphs

offload cognition to visual systems
minimal attention to read answer



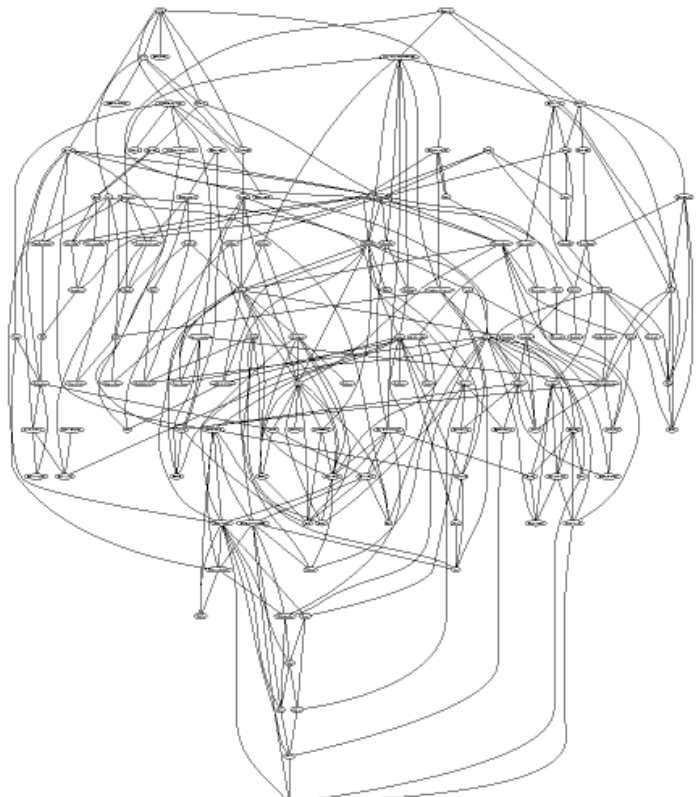
External Rep: Automatic Layout

manual: hours, days



[Godel, Escher, Bach. Hofstader 79]

automatic: seconds



dot, [Gansner et al 93]

InfoVis vs. SciVis

is spatialization given (scivis) or chosen (infovis)

- my definition

names are unfortunate historical accidents

- not scivis iff data generated by scientists
- infovis not unscientific
- scivis not uninformative
- but – too late to change

infovis: how to represent

- choosing, doing, evaluating
- huge space of possibilities: random walk ineffective
- need design guidelines

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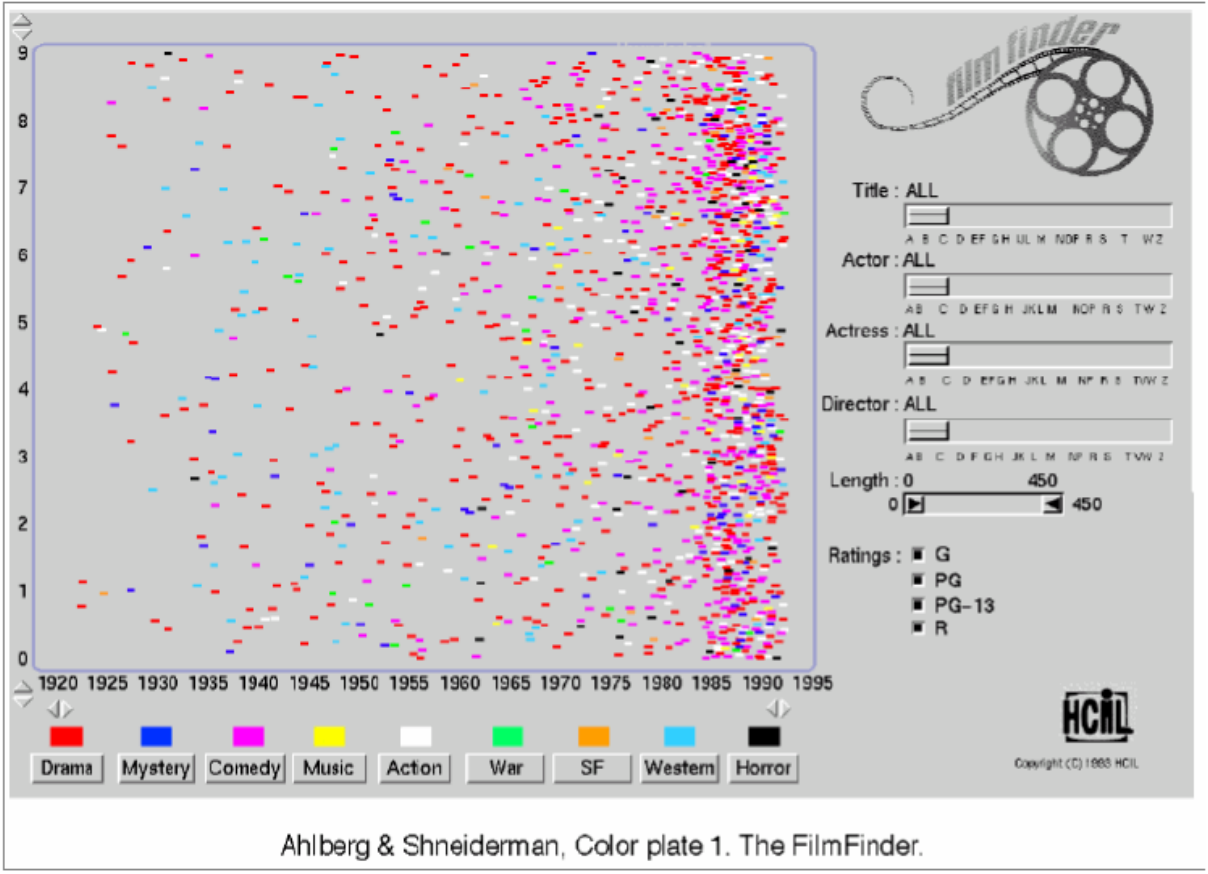
Overviews: Shneiderman mantra

overview

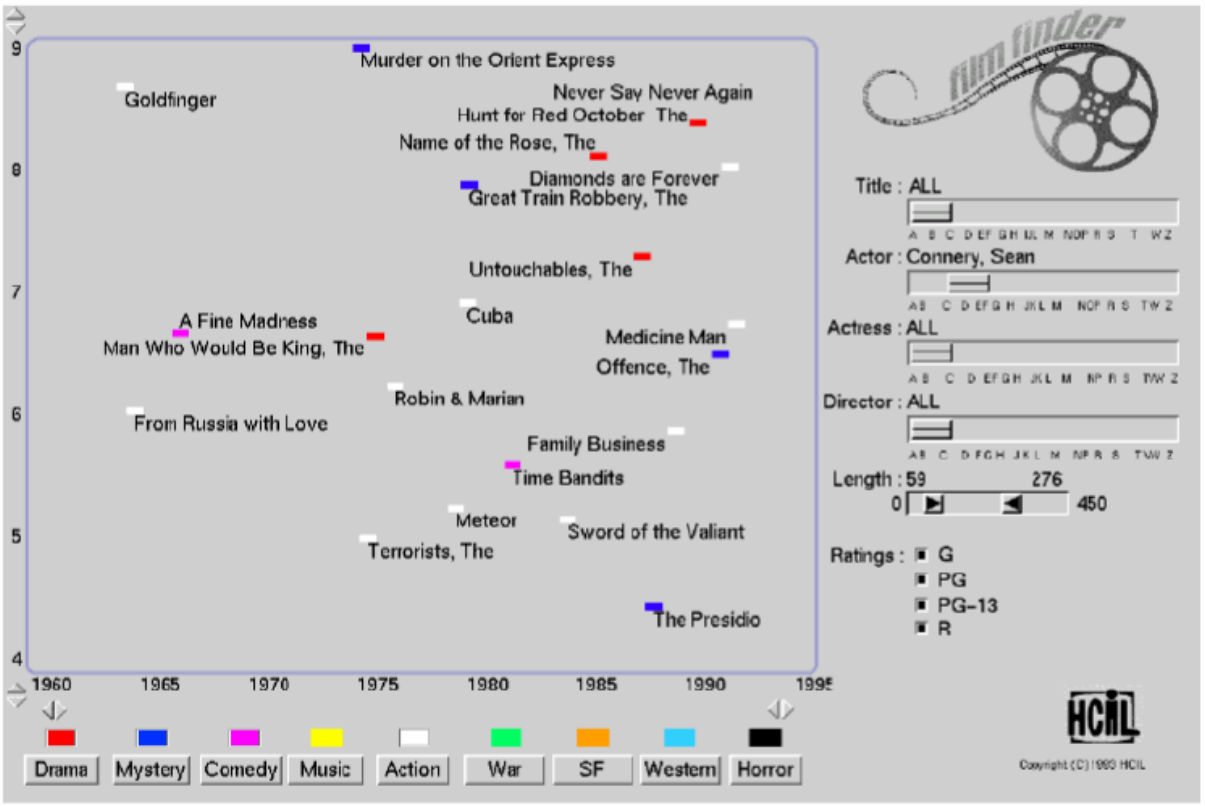


Ahlberg & Shneiderman, Color plate 1. The FilmFinder.

[Visual Information Seeking: Tight Coupling of Dynamic Query Filters with Starfield Displays. Ahlberg and Shneiderman, Proc SIGCHI '94, citeseer.ist.psu.edu/ahlberg94visual.html]

Overviews: Shneiderman mantra

overview, zoom and filter



Ahlberg & Shneiderman, Color plate 2. Categories have been selected, the displayed is zoomed

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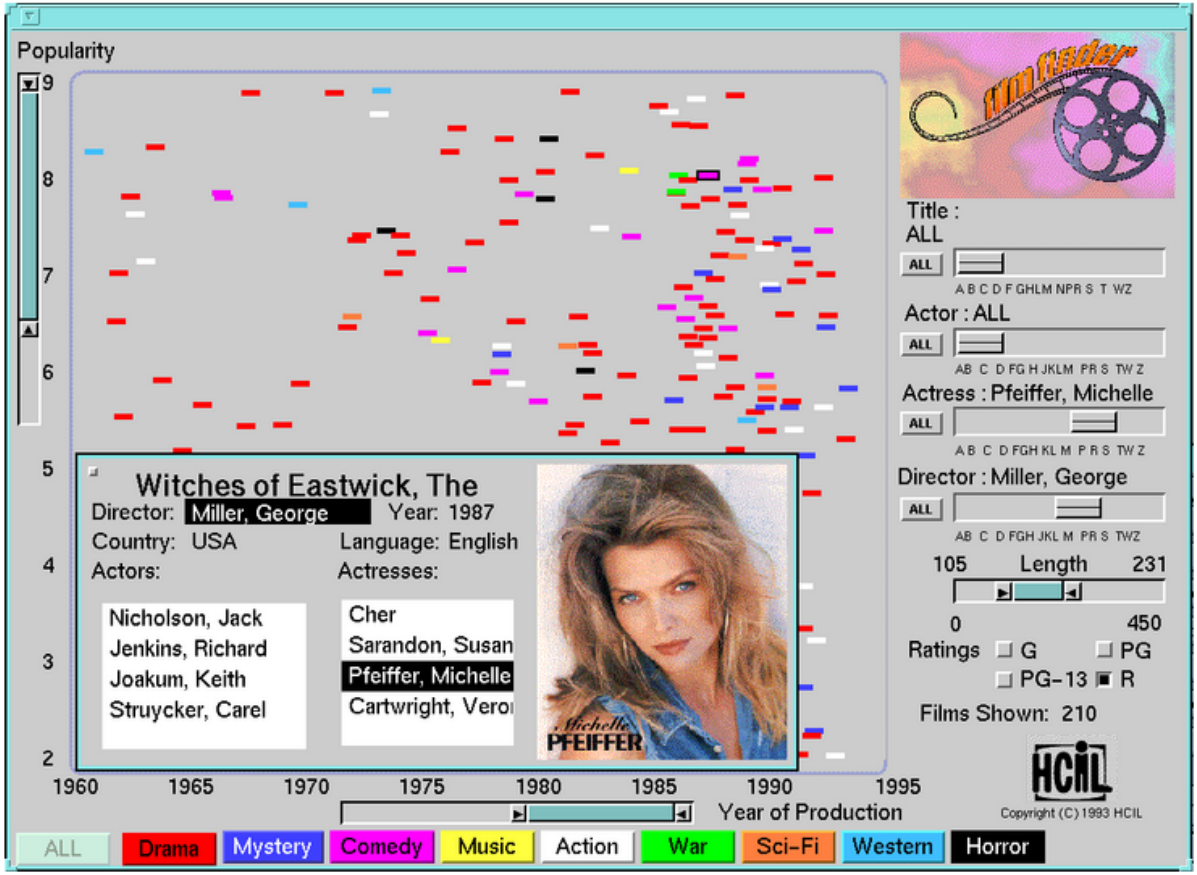
Overviews: Shneiderman mantra

overview, zoom and filter, details-on-demand



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Overviews: Shneiderman mantra

overview first,
then zoom and filter,
details-on-demand

other tasks

- relate, history, extract

data types

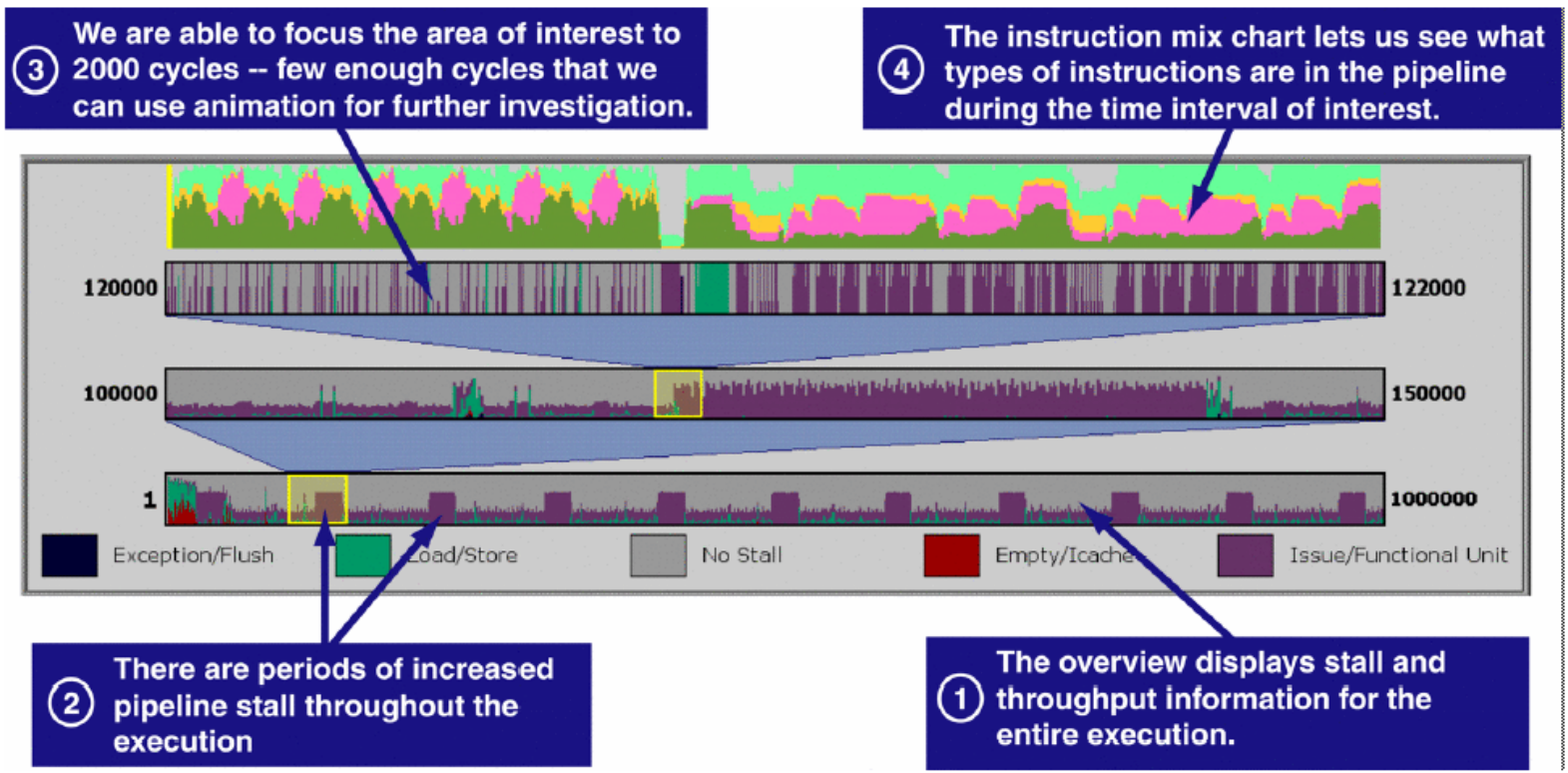
- 1D, 2D, 3D, nD, temporal, tree, network

The Eyes Have It: A Task by Data Type Taxonomy for Information Visualizations.
Ben Shneiderman, Proc. 1996 IEEE Visual Languages, also Maryland HCIL TR 96-13
ftp://ftp.cs.umd.edu/pub/hcil/Reports-Abstracts-Bibliography/96-13html/96-13.html

Overviews: Rivet

performance tuning

· levels of detail



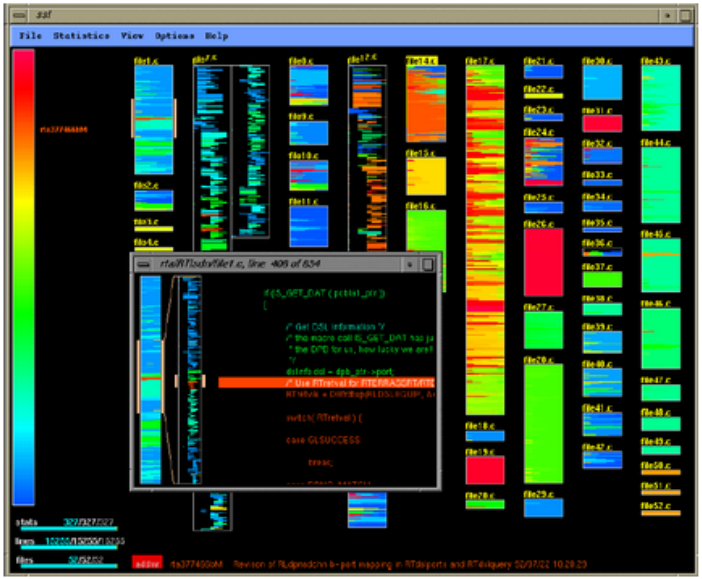
[Stolte et al, Visualizing Application Behavior on Superscalar Processors, InfoVis 99, graphics.stanford.edu/papers/rivet_pipeline]

Overviews: SeeSoft

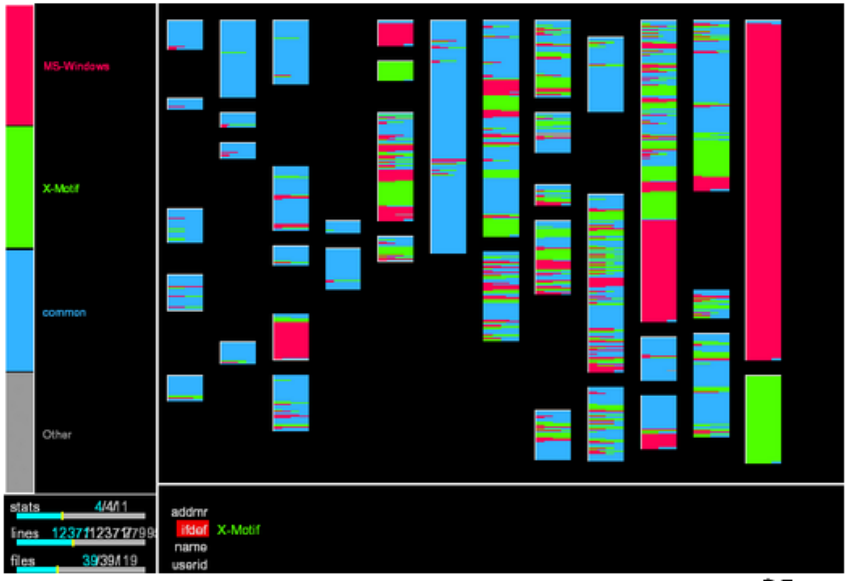
software maintenance

- colored lines of code -> lines one pixel high

code age



platform dependencies



[Ball and Eick, Software Visualization in the Large, Computer 29:4, 1996
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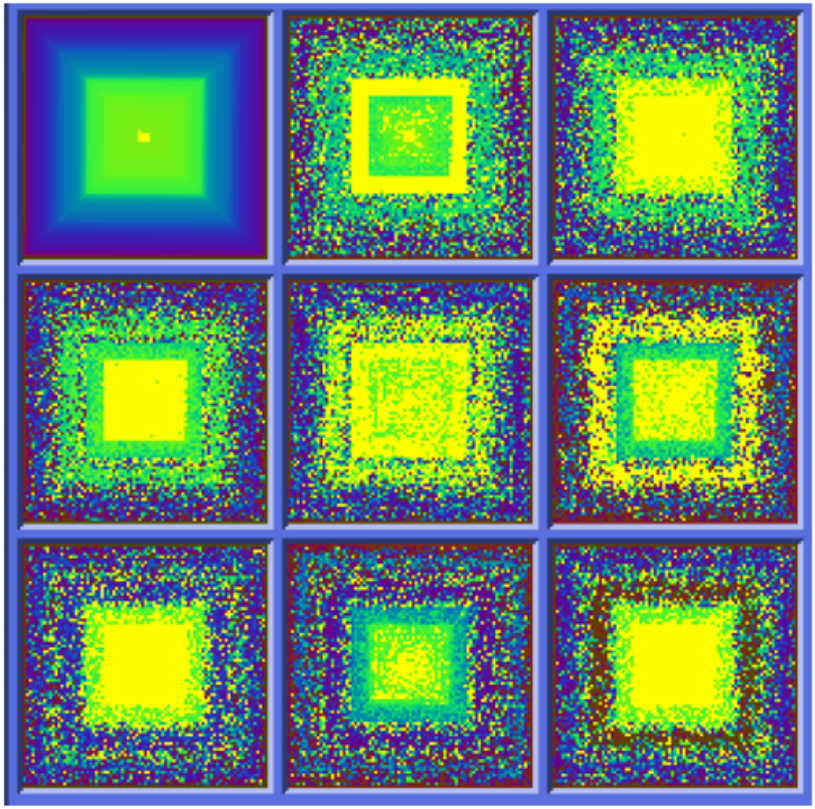
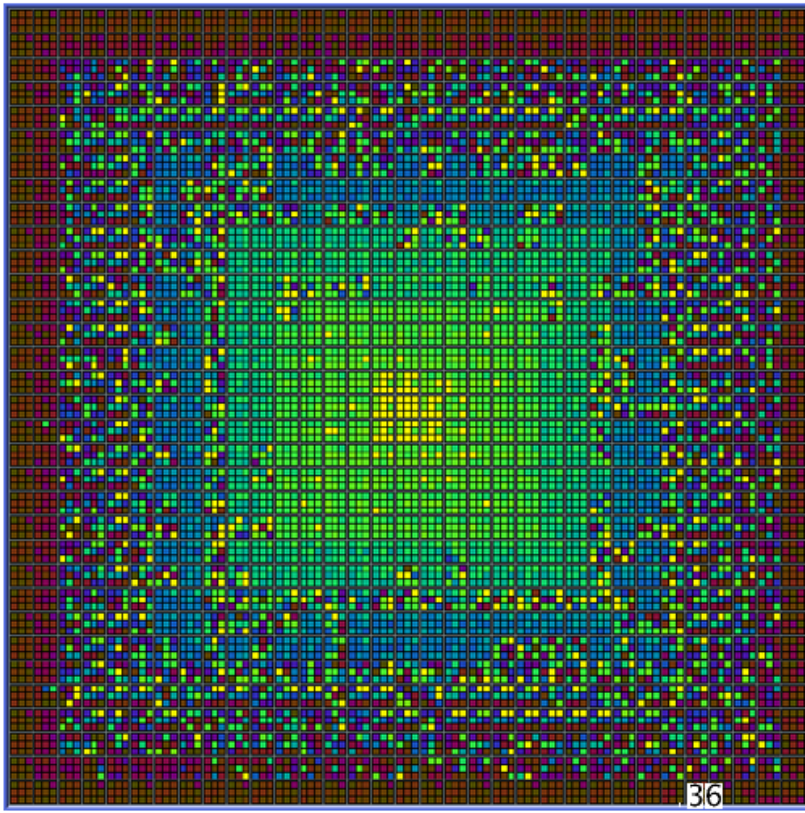
Overviews: VisDB

database queries

separate attributes



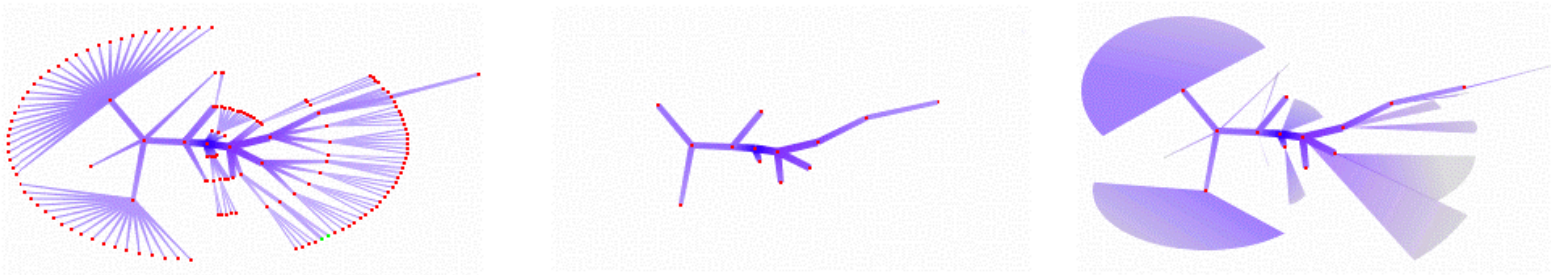
grouped attributes



[Keim and Kriegel, VisDB: Database Exploration using Multidimensional Visualization, IEEE CG&A,

Overviews: Tree Skeletonization

uses Strahler metric



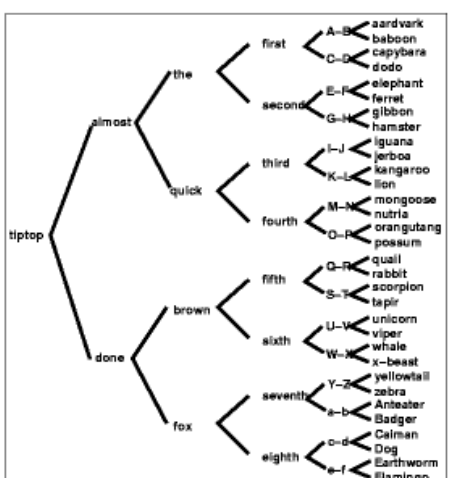
[Graph Visualisation in Information Visualisation: a Survey.
Ivan Herman, Guy Melancon, M. Scott Marshall.
IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 6(1), pp. 24–44, 2000.
http://citeseer.nj.nec.com/herman00graph.html]

Overview+Detail

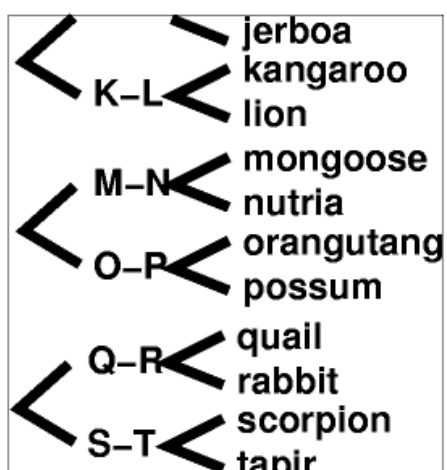
problem

- avoid user disorientation when inspecting detail
- hard for big datasets

bad: one window, must remember position



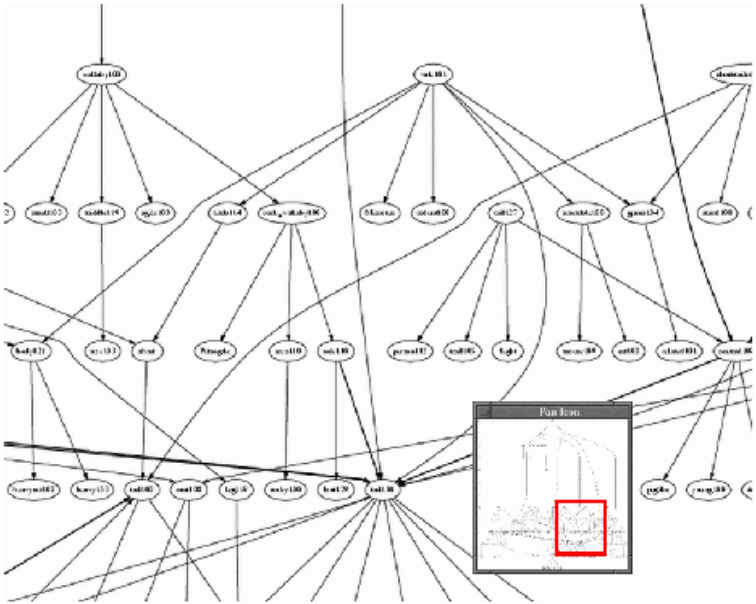
global overview



local detail

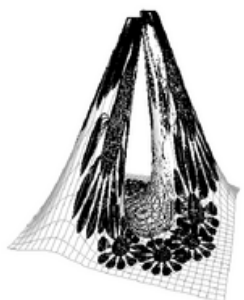
Overview+Detail

better: add linked overview window(s)
problem: still cognitive load to correlate



Single Merged View: Many Names

- focus+context
  - [Rao94]
- fisheye views
  - [Furnas86,Sarkar94]
- hyperbolic views
  - [Rao95, Munzner97]
- stretchable rubber sheet
  - [Sarkar93, Robertson93, Munzner03]
- nonlinear distortion
  - [Keahey97]
- pliable surfaces
  - [Carpendale95]



- distortion-oriented presentation techniques
  - [Leung94]

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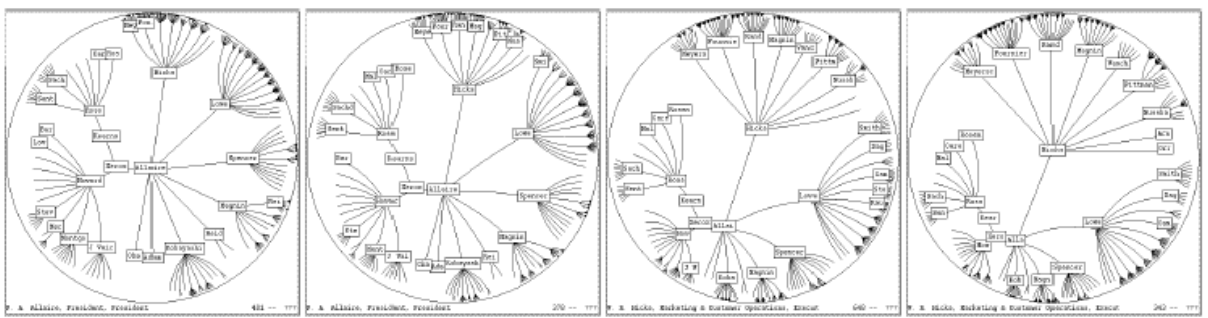
Focus+Context: Hyperbolic Trees

fisheye effect from 2D hyperbolic geometry

- [demo: www.lexisnexis.com/startree]



[The Hyperbolic Browser: A Focus + Context Technique for Visualizing Large Hierarchies. John Lamping and Ramana Rao, Proc SIGCHI '95.]

Focus+Context: H3

fisheye effect from 3D hyperbolic geometry

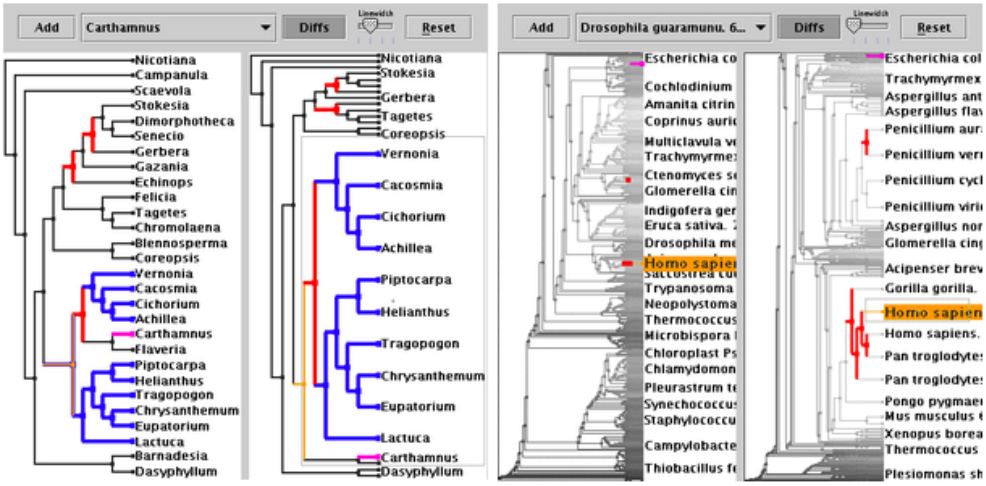
- [demo: graphics.stanford.edu/~munzner/h3]

[Tamara Munzner. H3: Laying Out Large Directed Graphs in 3D Hyperbolic Space. Proc. InfoVis 1997. graphics.stanford.edu/papers/h3]

Focus+Context: TreeJuxtaposer

stretch and squish "rubber sheet"
guaranteed visibility

- keeping highlighted marks visible at all times
- [demo: olduvai.sf.net/tj]

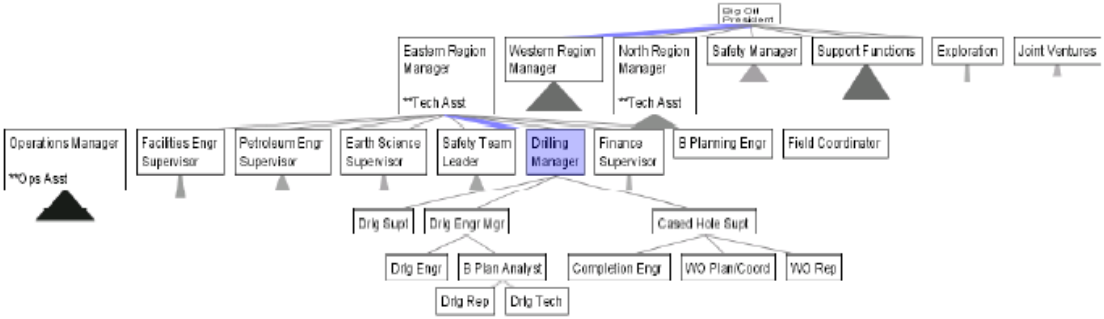


[TreeJuxtaposer: Scalable Tree Comparison using Focus+Context with Guaranteed Visibility. Munzner et al. SIGGRAPH 2003. www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/papers/tj]

Focus+Context: SpaceTree

interactively expand/contract

- not stretching space
- [demo: www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/spacetree]



[SpaceTree. Catherine Plaisant, Jesse Grosjean and Ben B. Bederson. Proc. InfoVis 2002 ftp://ftp.cs.umd.edu/pub/hcil/Reports-Abstracts-Bibliography/2002-05html/2002-05.pdf]

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Linked Views: EDV

Exploratory Data Visualizer: statistical graphics

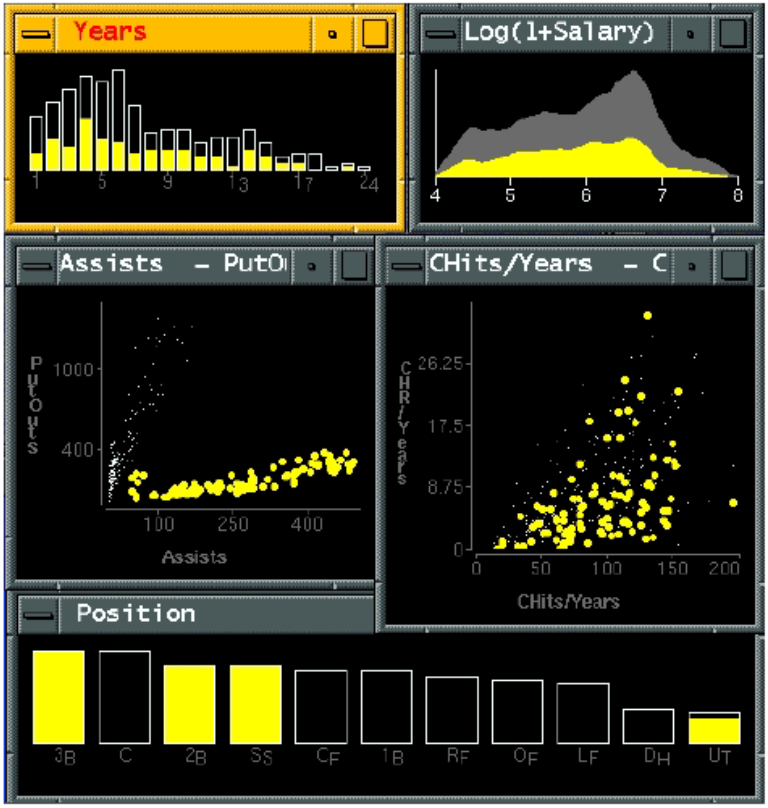
· selection in one view shown other views too

[Visual Exploration of Large Structured Databases, Graham J. Wills,

Linked Views: EDV

aka brushing, coordinated views

- see where contiguous area in one view falls in others



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Linked Views: Time-Series Data Analysis

data: N pairs of (value, time)

- N large: 50K

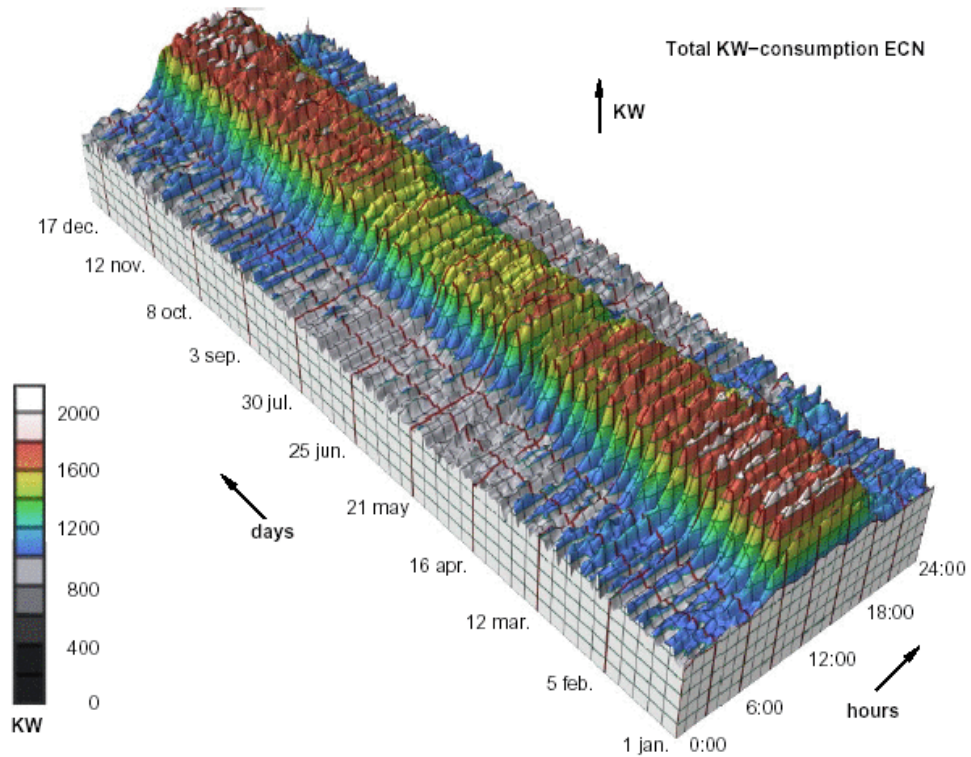
tasks

- find standard day patterns
- find how patterns distributed over year, week, season
- find outliers from standard daily patterns
- want overview first, then detail on demand

[van Wijk and van Selow, Cluster and Calendar based Visualization of Time Series Data, InfoVis99, citeseer.nj.nec.com/vanwijk99cluster.html]

3D Extrusion: Obvious but Nonoptimal

perspective interferes with comparison
daily, weekly patterns hard to see



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Hierarchical Clustering

start with all M day patterns

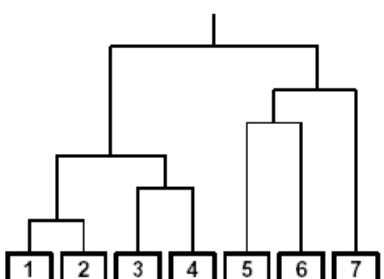
- compute mutual differences, merge most similar
- continue up to 1 root cluster

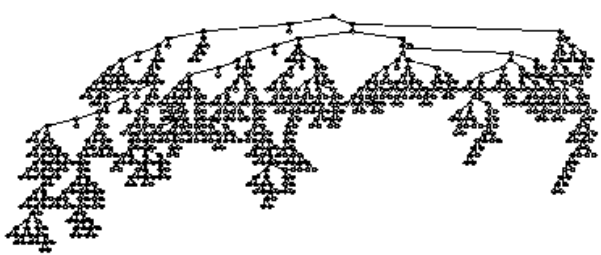
result: binary hierarchy of clusters

- choice of distance metrics

dendrogram display common

- shows structure of hierarchy
- still does not solve pattern finding problem!

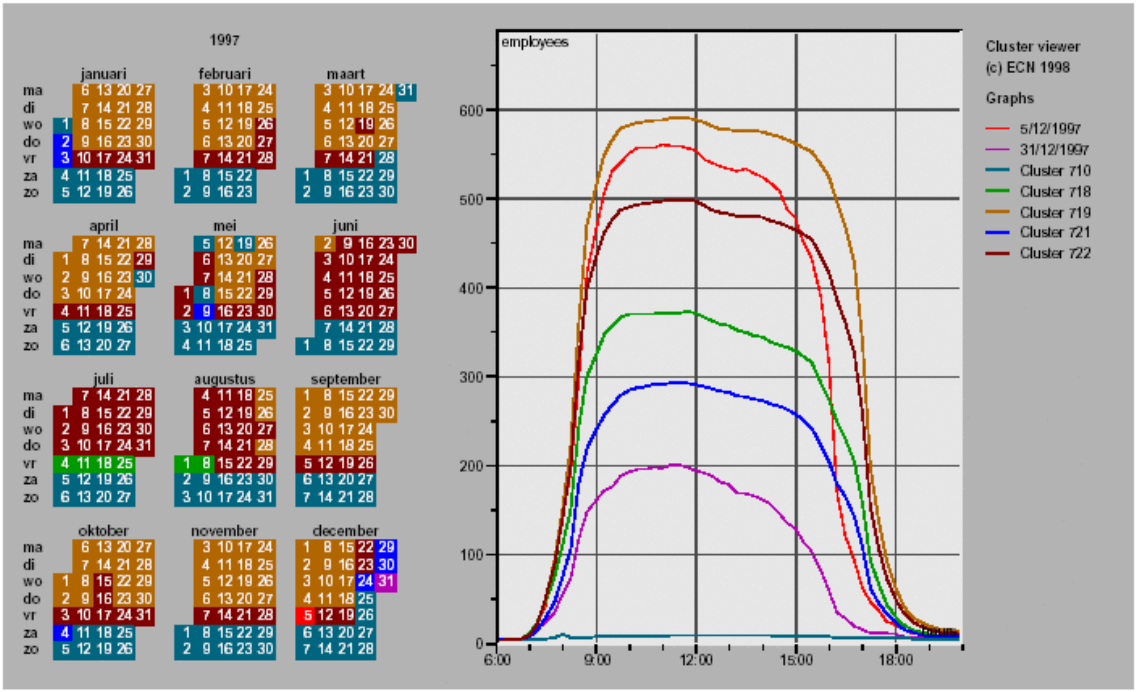




Link Clusters and Calendar

2D linked clusters-calendars shows patterns

- office hours, weekend/holidays, summer/fridays
- school break, post-holiday, santa claus



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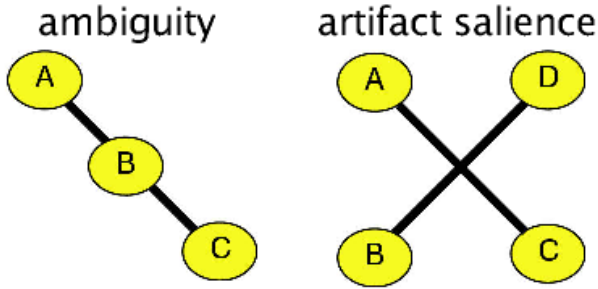
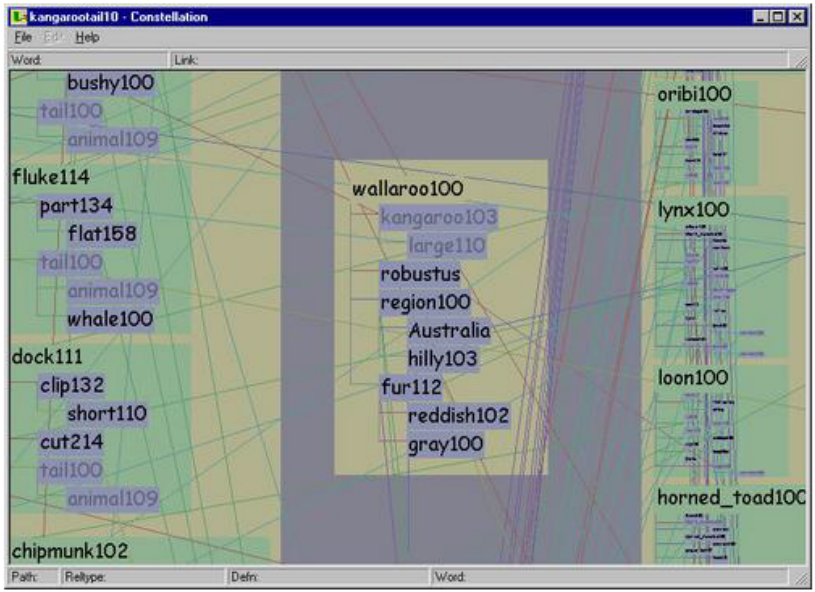
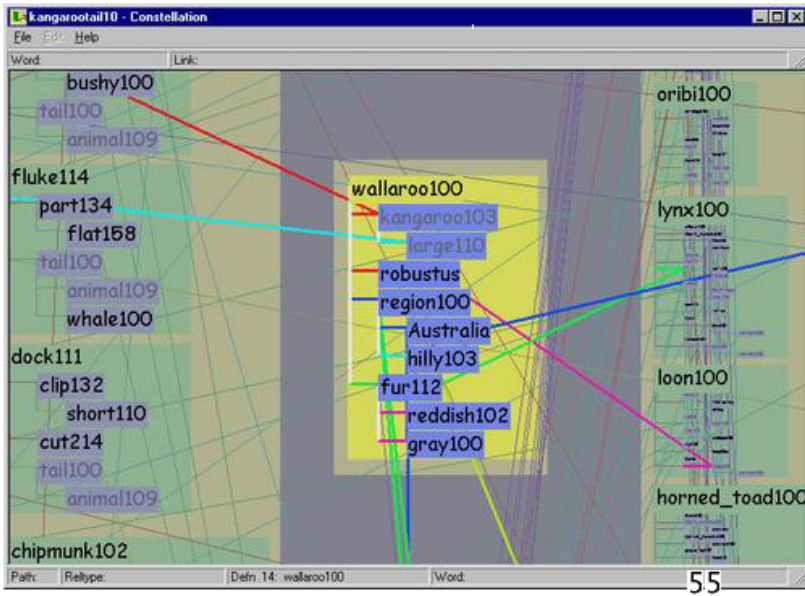
Layering: Semantic Networks

edge crossing problem
- false attachments



layers to avoid perception
- vs. spatial position

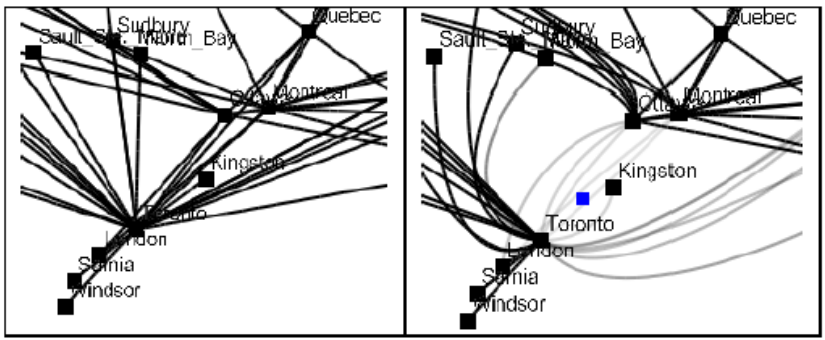


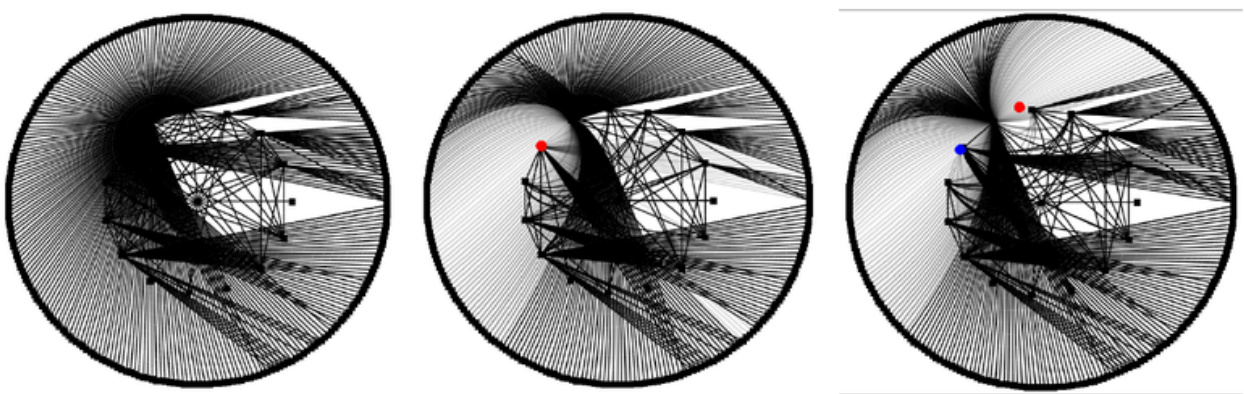


[Munzner et al, Constellation, Proc. InfoVis 99, graphics.stanford.edu/papers/const]

Layering: EdgeLens

interactive control over edge occlusion





[EdgeLens: An Interactive Method for Managing Edge Congestion in Graphs
Nelson Wong, M. Sheelagh T. Carpendale, Saul Greenberg, Proc. InfoVis03, pp 51-58
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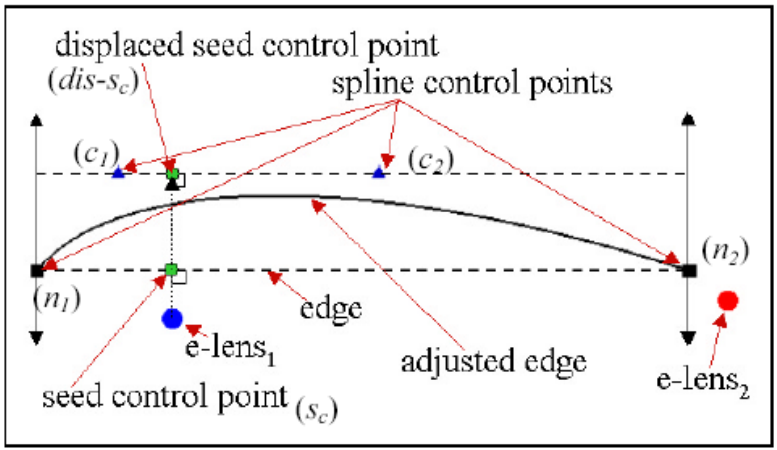
EdgeLens Algorithm



decide which edges affected
calculate displacements
calculate spline control points
draw curves

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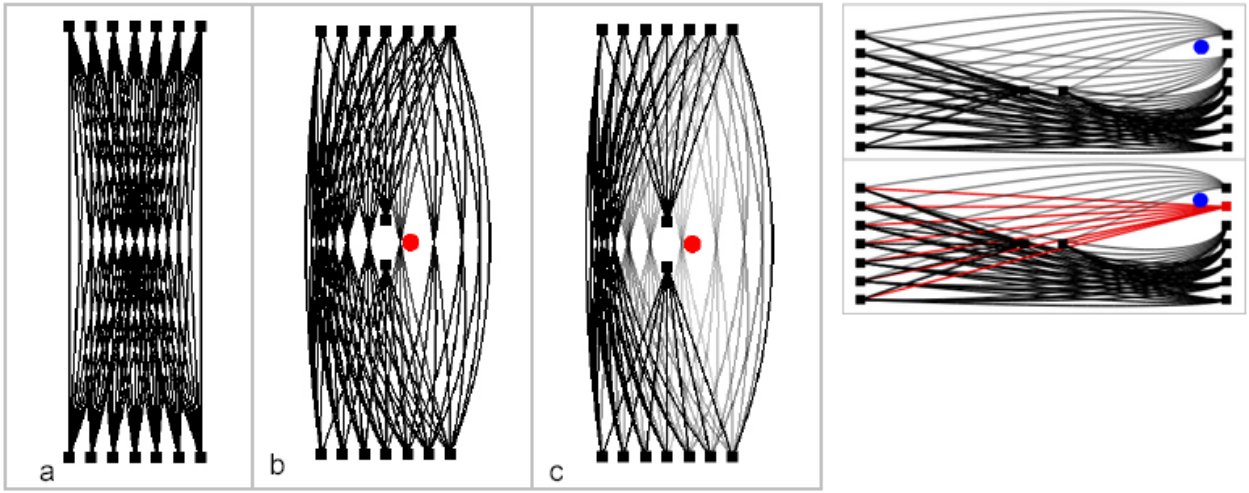
EdgeLens Techniques

deformation, transparency
color to show anchored exceptions



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Human Perception

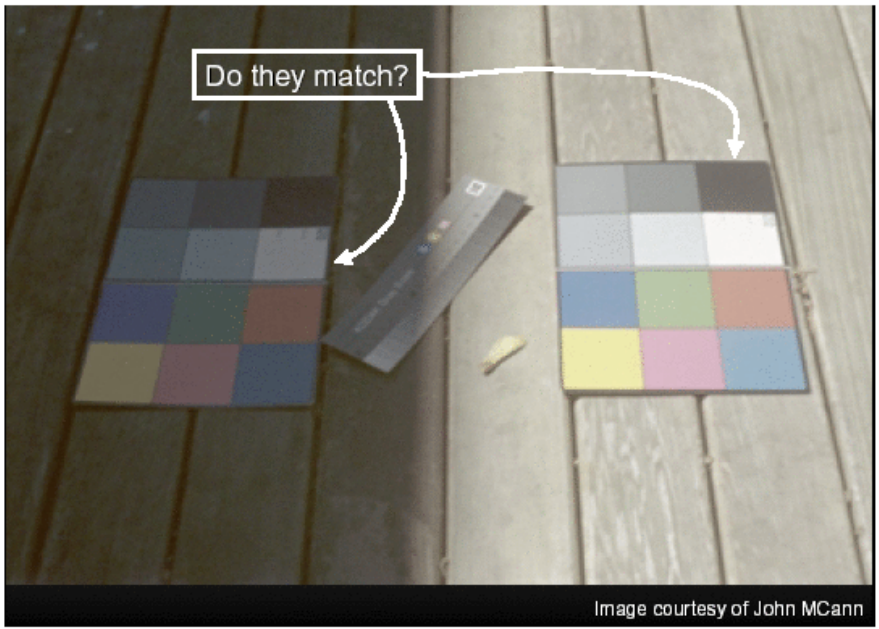
sensors/transducers

- psychophysics: determine characteristics
- eyes are not cameras

relative judgements: strong
absolute judgements: weak

Relative Judgements

color/brightness constancy



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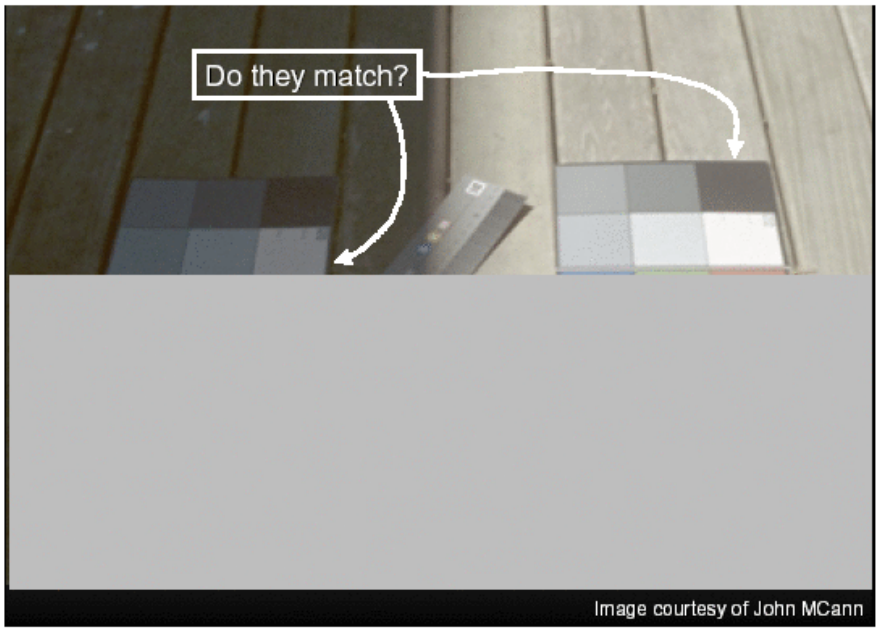

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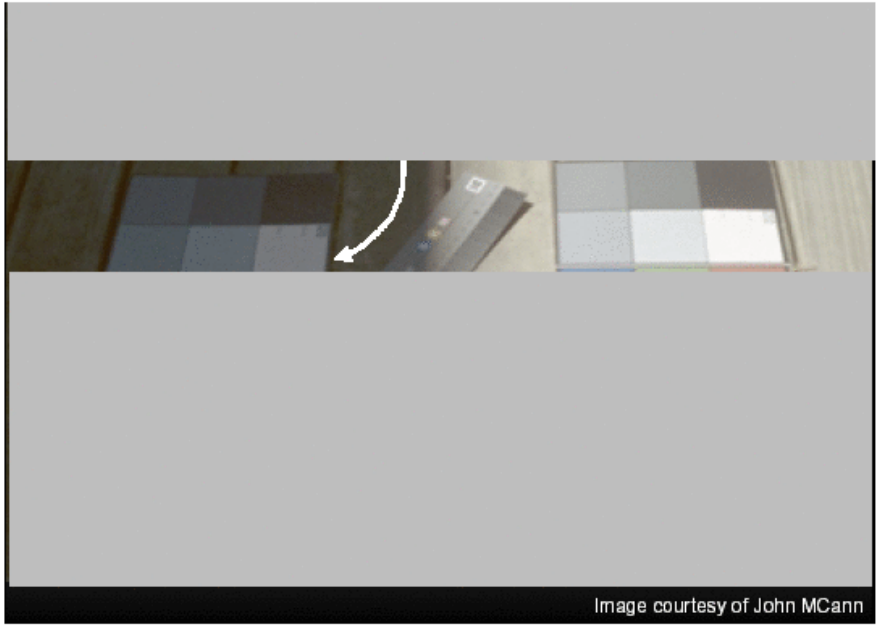

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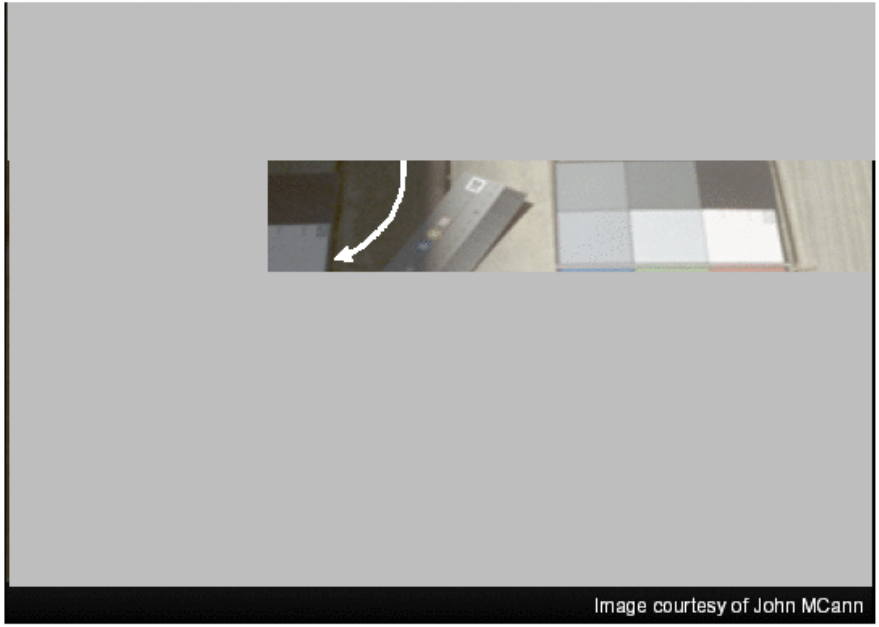

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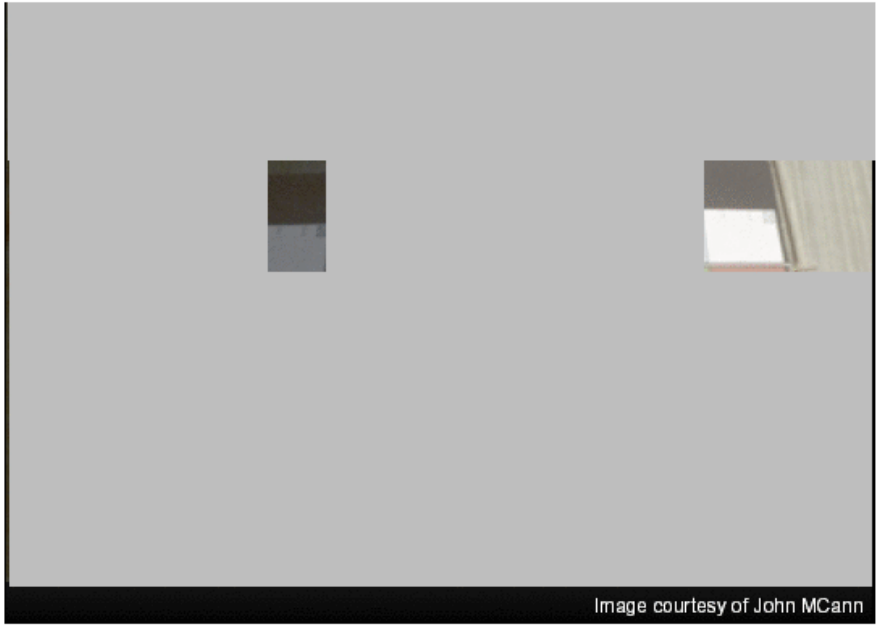

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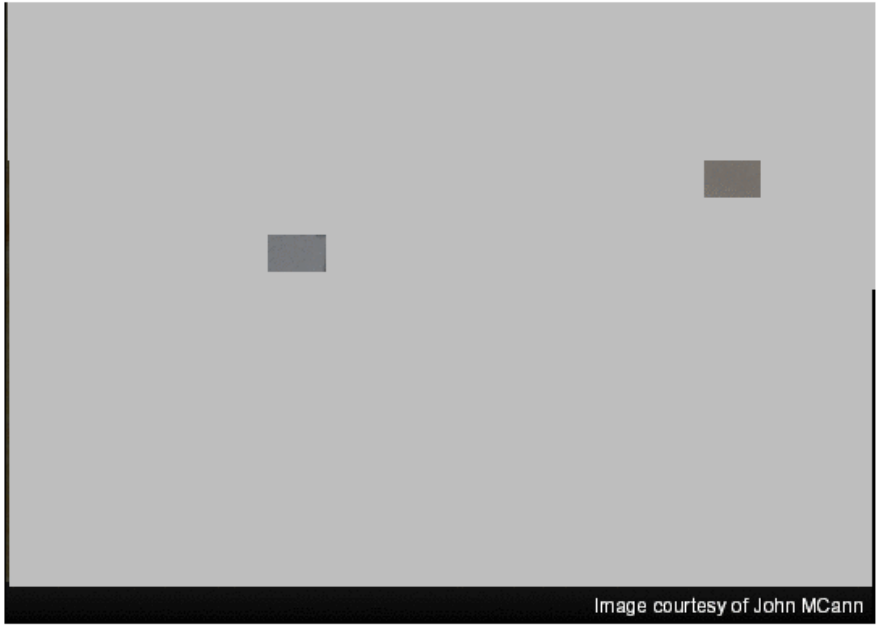

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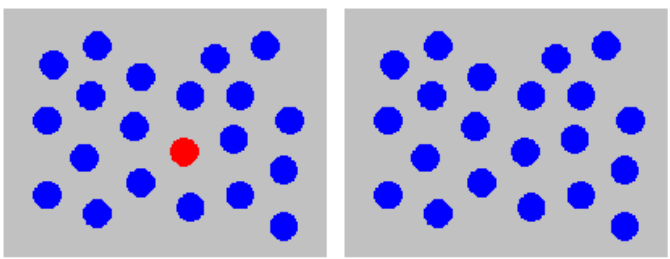
Preattentive Visual Channels: Popout

color (hue) alone: preattentive

- visual attentional system not invoked
- parallel search: speed independent of distractor count



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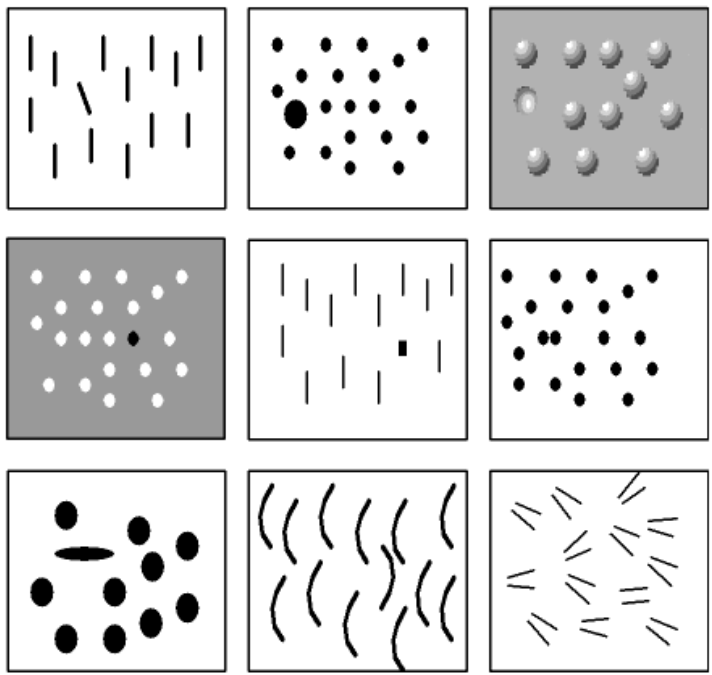
Preattentive Visual Channels: Popout

many preattentive channels of visual modality

- hue
- shape
- texture
- length
- width
- size
- orientation
- curvature
- intersection
- intensity
- flicker
- direction of motion
- stereoscopic depth
- lighting direction
- [and many more...]



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Non-preattentive: parallelism

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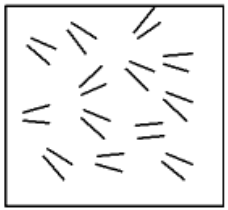

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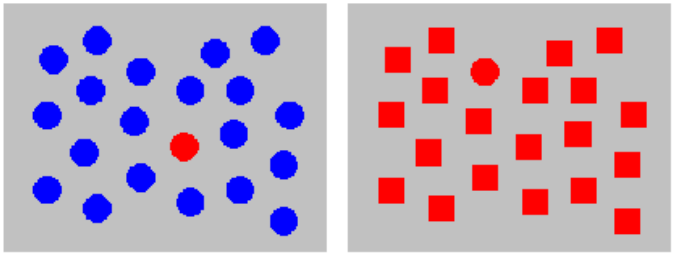
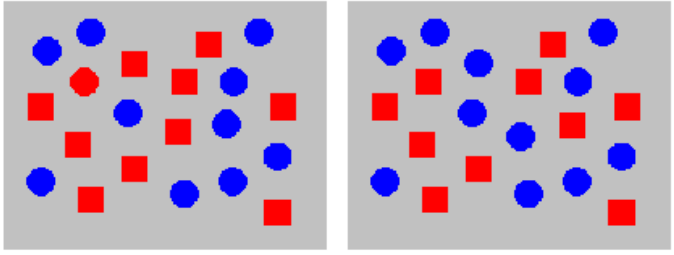
shape alone: preattentive



combined hue and shape: not preattentive



- requires attention
- sequential search: speed linear with distractor count

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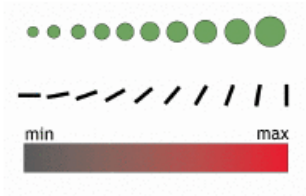
Data Types

continuous (quantitative)

- 10 inches, 17 inches, 23 inches



ordered (ordinal)

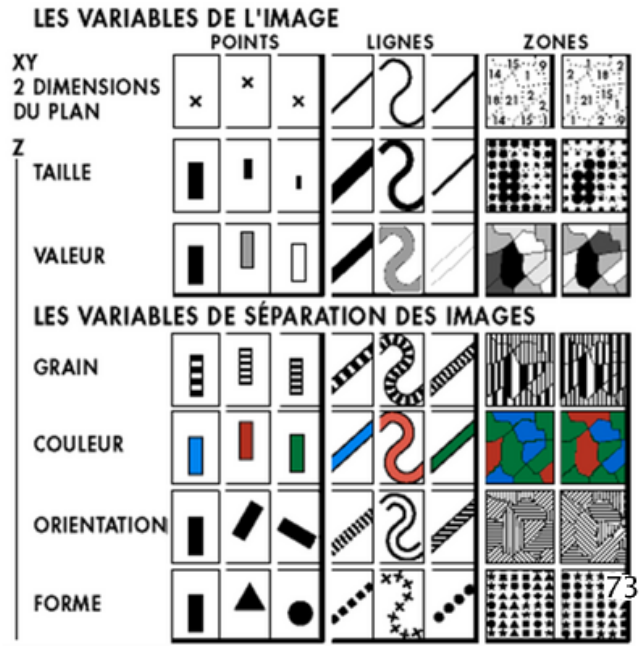
- small, medium, large

categorical (nominal)

- apples, oranges, bananas

Bertin: Semiology of Graphics

- geometric primitives: marks
  - points, lines, areas, volumes
- attributes: visual/retinal variables
  - parameters control mark appearance
  - separable channels flowing from retina to brain
  - [x,y]
    - position
  - [z]
    - size, shape, greyscale, color, texture, orientation
- data types
  - nominal, ordinal, quant

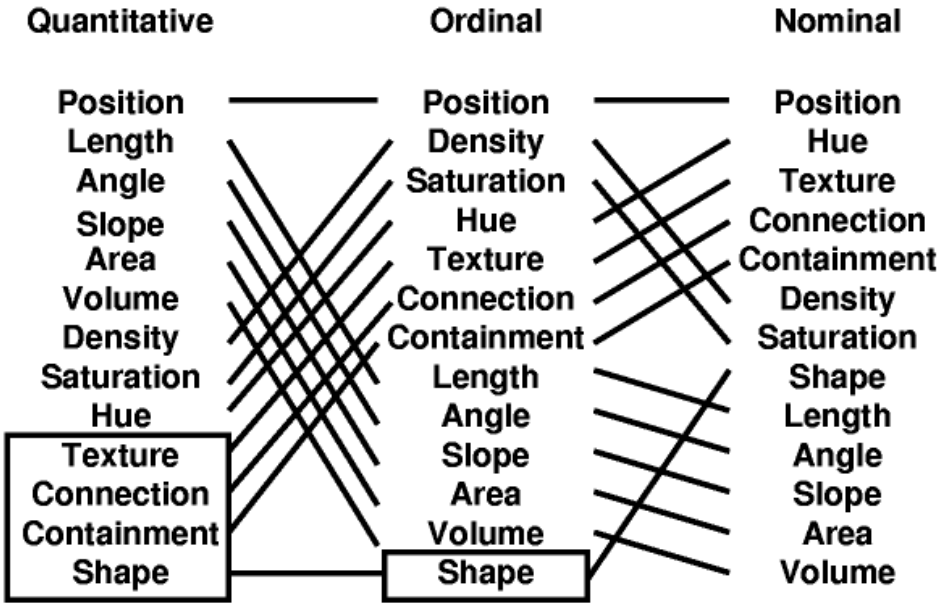


[Bertin, Semiology of Graphics, 1967 Gauthier-Villars, 1998 EHESS]

Data Type Affects Channel Ranking

spatial position best for all types

- accuracy at judging magnitudes, from best to worst



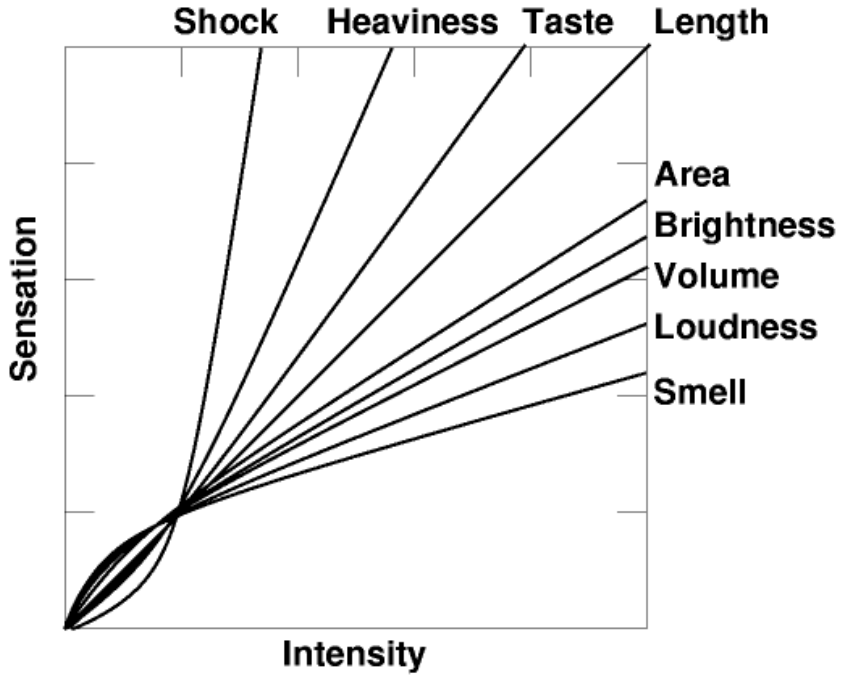
[Mackinlay, Automating the Design of Graphical Presentations of Relational Information, ACM TOG 5:2, 1986]

[Card, Mackinlay, and Shneiderman. Readings in Information Visualization: Using Vision to Think. Morgan Kaufmann 1999. Chapter 1]

Nonlinear Perception of Magnitudes

sensory channels not equally discriminable

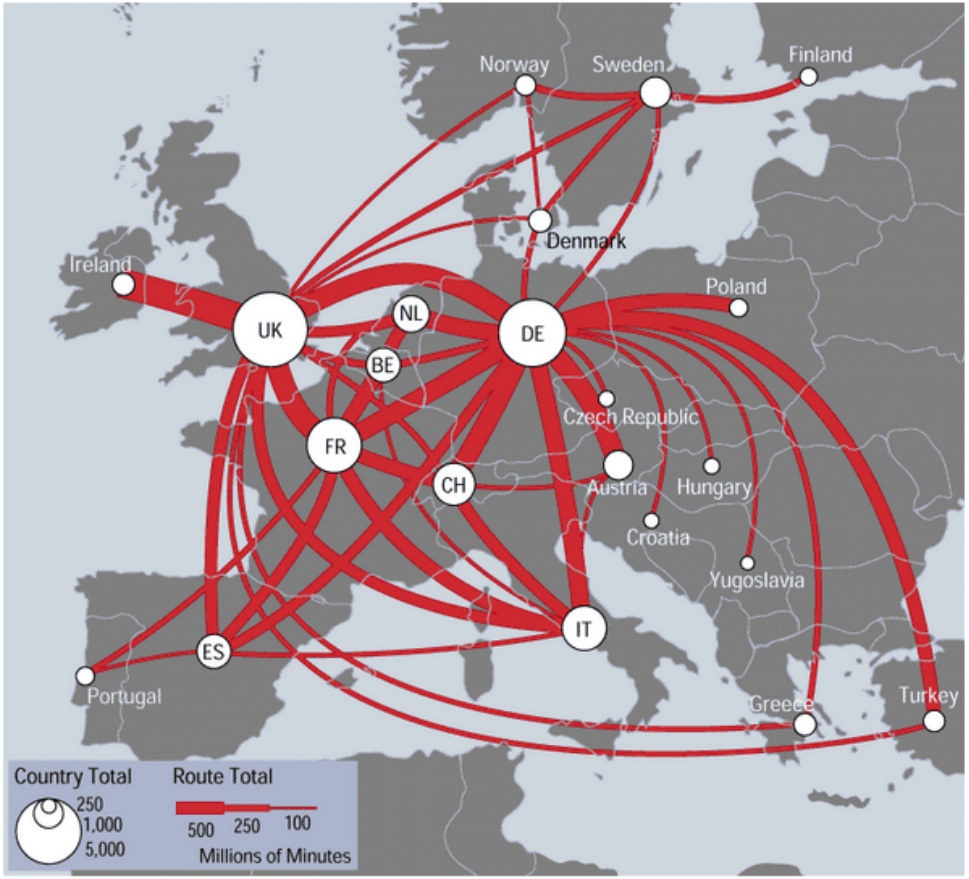
Stevens' Power Law: $I = S^p$



[Stevens, On the Theory of Scales of Measurement, Science 103:2684, 1946]

Channel Dynamic Range

linewidth: limited discriminability, but useful



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Integral vs. Separable Channels

red-green
yellow-blue

x-size
y-size

size
orientation

color
shape

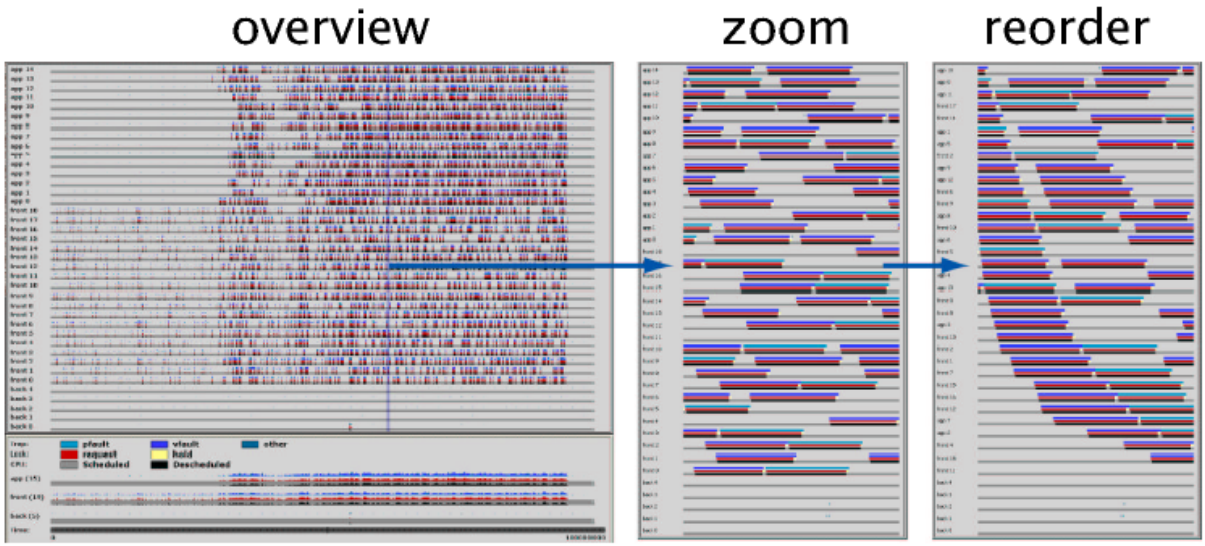
color
motion

color
location

[Colin Ware, Information Visualization: Perception for Design. Morgan Kaufmann 1999.]

Spatial Ordering: Rivet

performance analysis of parallel system



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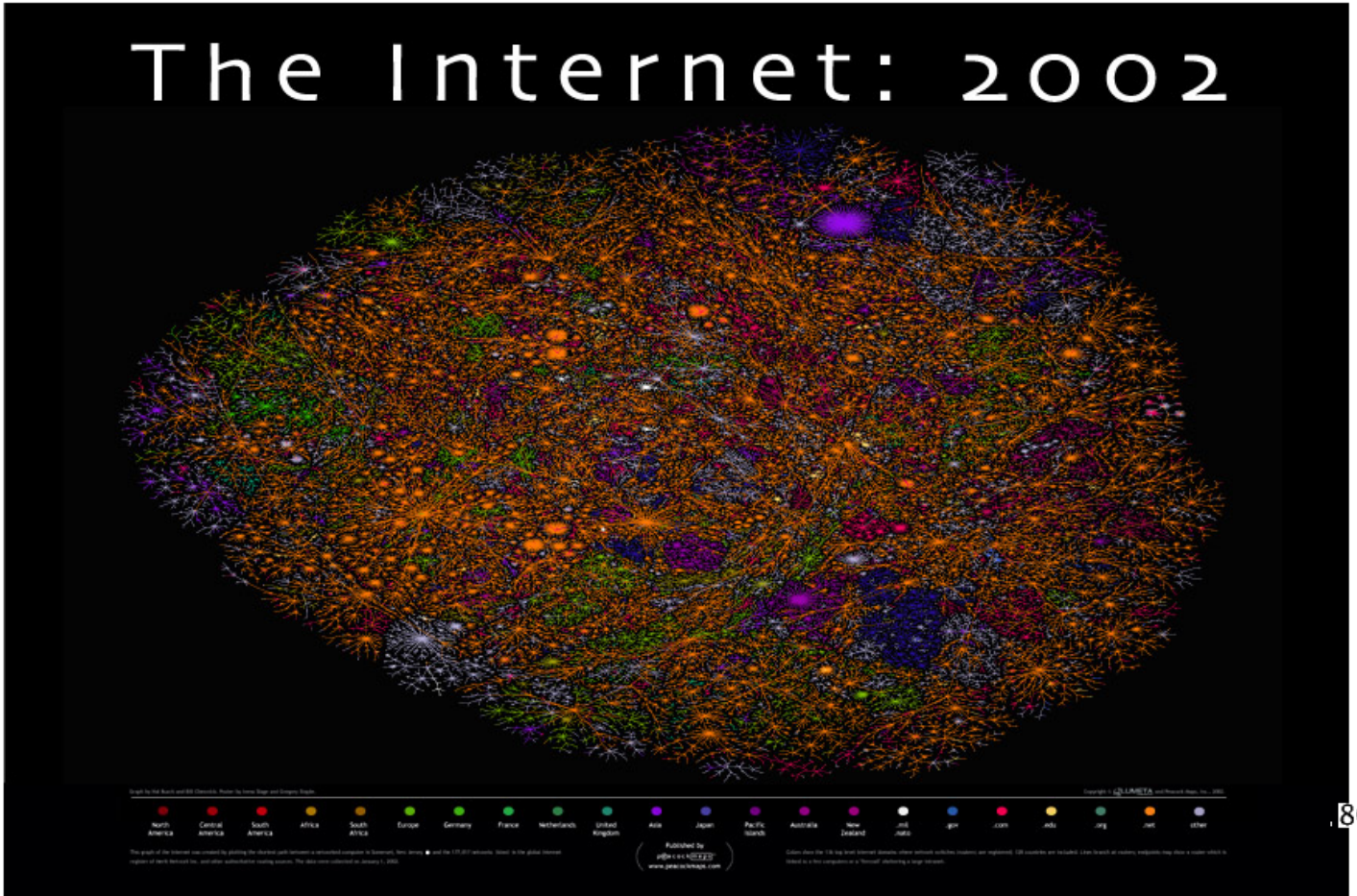
Coloring Categorical Data

22 colors, but only ~8 distinguishable



Coloring Categorical Data

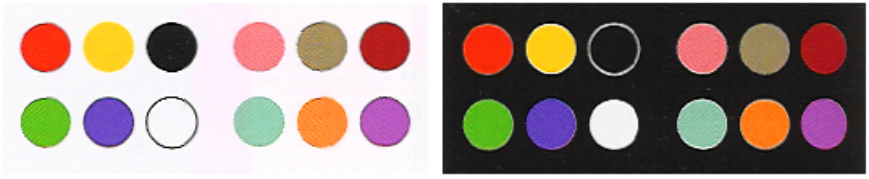
discrete small patches separated in space

limited distinguishability: around 8–14

- channel dynamic range: low
- choose bins explicitly for maximum milage

maximally discriminable colors from Ware

- maximal saturation for small areas

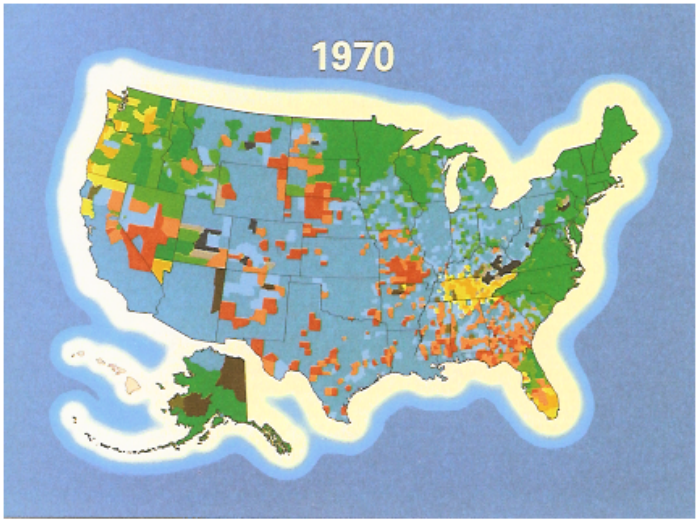


[Colin Ware, Information Visualization: Perception for Design. Morgan Kaufmann 1999. Figure 4.21]

Minimal Saturation for Large Areas

avoid saturated color in large areas

- "excessively exuberant"

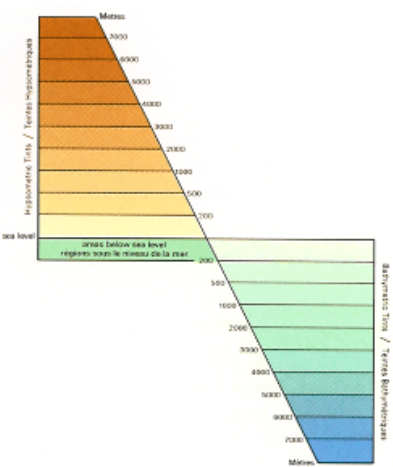


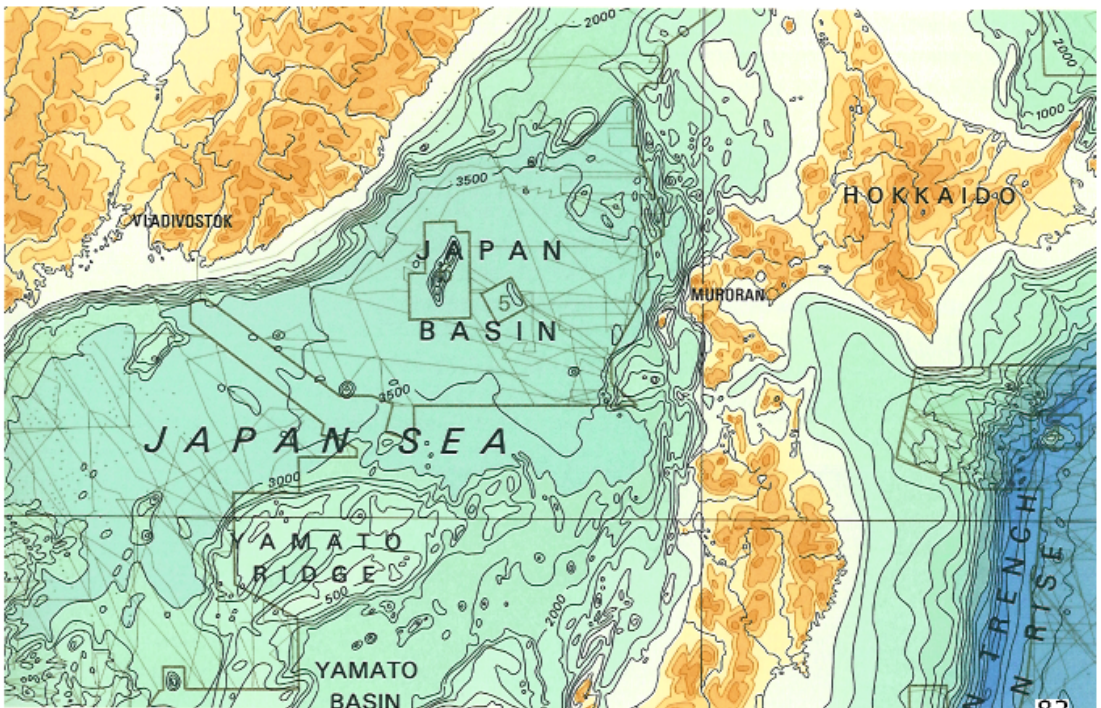
[Edward Tufte, Envisioning Information, p.82]

Minimal Saturation for Large Areas

large continuous areas in pastel

- diverging colormap (bathymetric/hypsometric)





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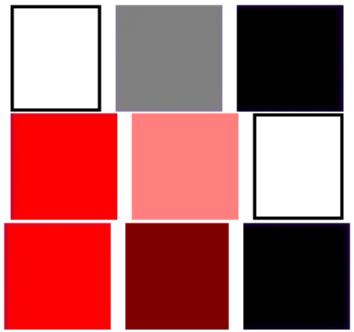
Coloring Ordered Data

innate visual order

- greyscale/luminance
- saturation
- brightness



debatable visual order

- hue

Coloring Quantitative Data

continuous field

side by side patches highly distinguishable

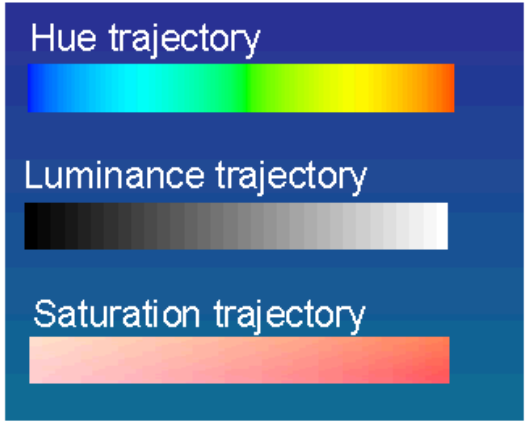
- channel dynamic range: high

mediocre

- hue (rainbow)

good

- greyscale/luminance
- saturation
- brightness



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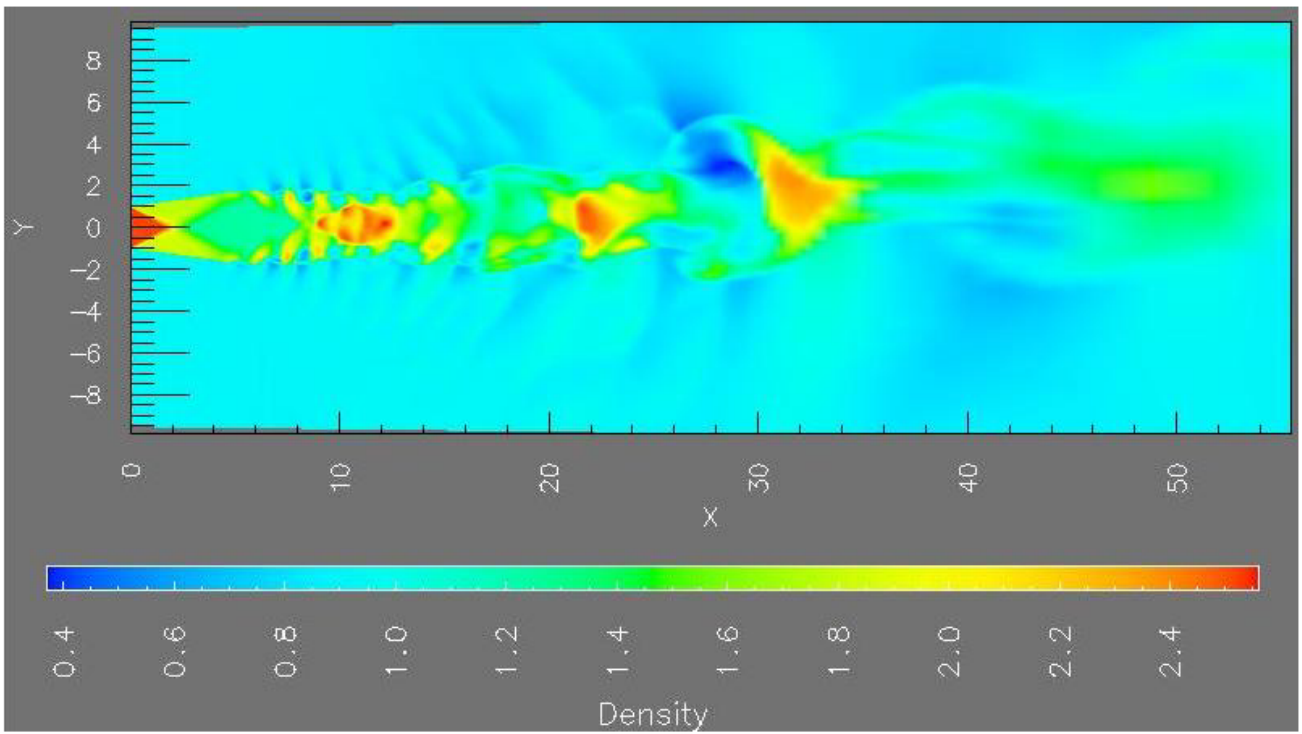
Rainbow Colormap Advantages

low-frequency segmentation

- "the red part", "the orange part", "the green part"



[Rogowitz and Treinish, Why Should Engineers and Scientists Be Worried About Color?
http://www.research.ibm.com/people/l/lloydt/color/color.HTM

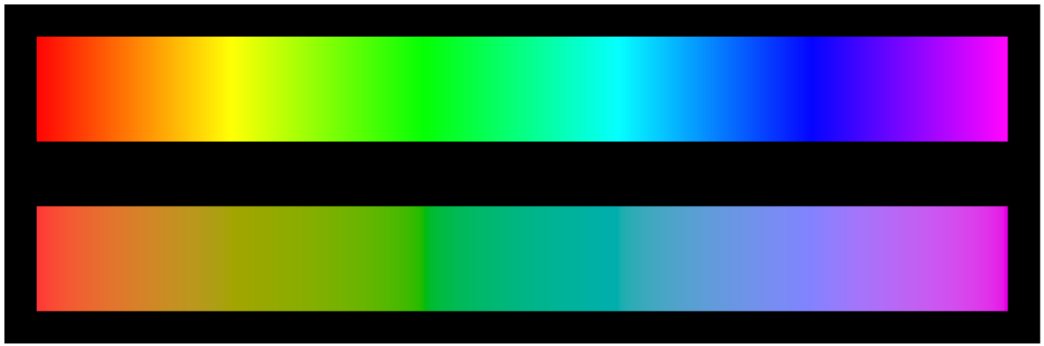
Rainbow Colormap Disadvantages

segmentation artifacts

- popular interpolation perceptually nonlinear!

solution

- create perceptually isolinear map



[Kindlmann, Reinhard, and Creem.
Face-based Luminance Matching for Perceptual Colormap Generation. Proc. Vis 02
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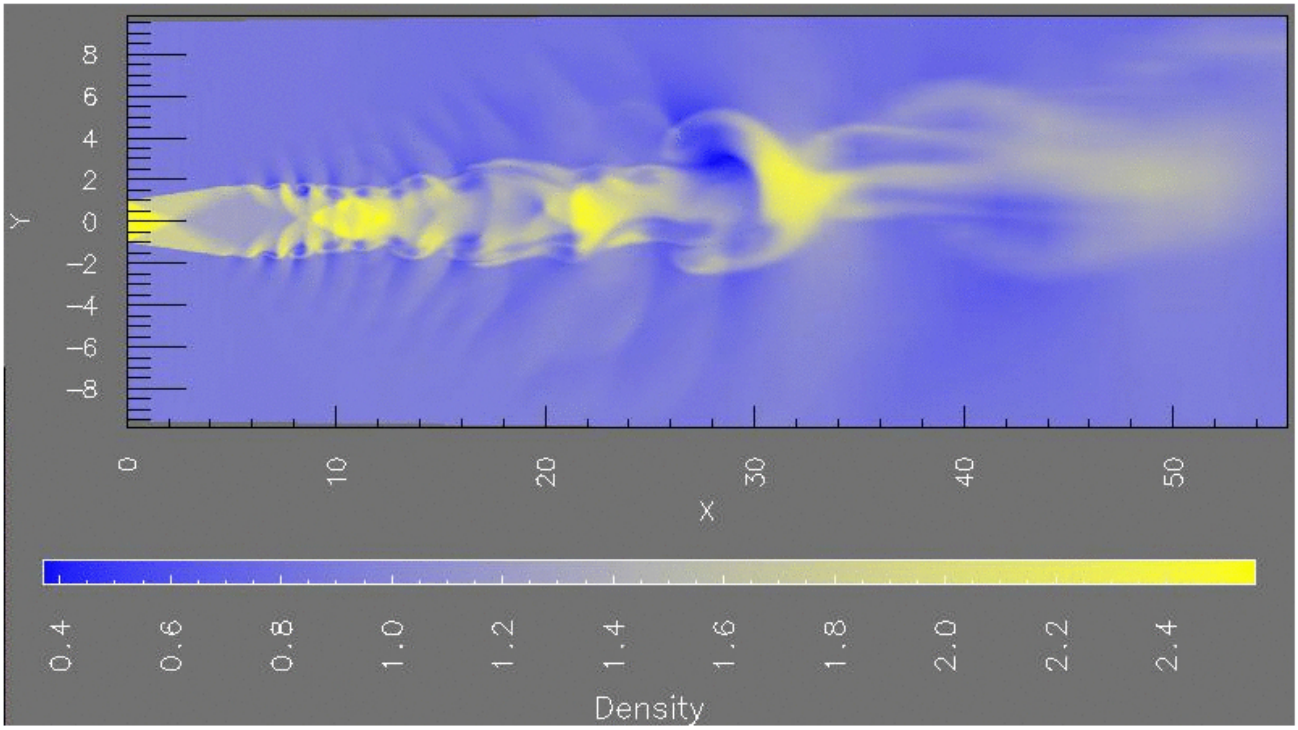
Non-Rainbow Colormap Advantages

high-frequency continuity

- interpolating between just two hues



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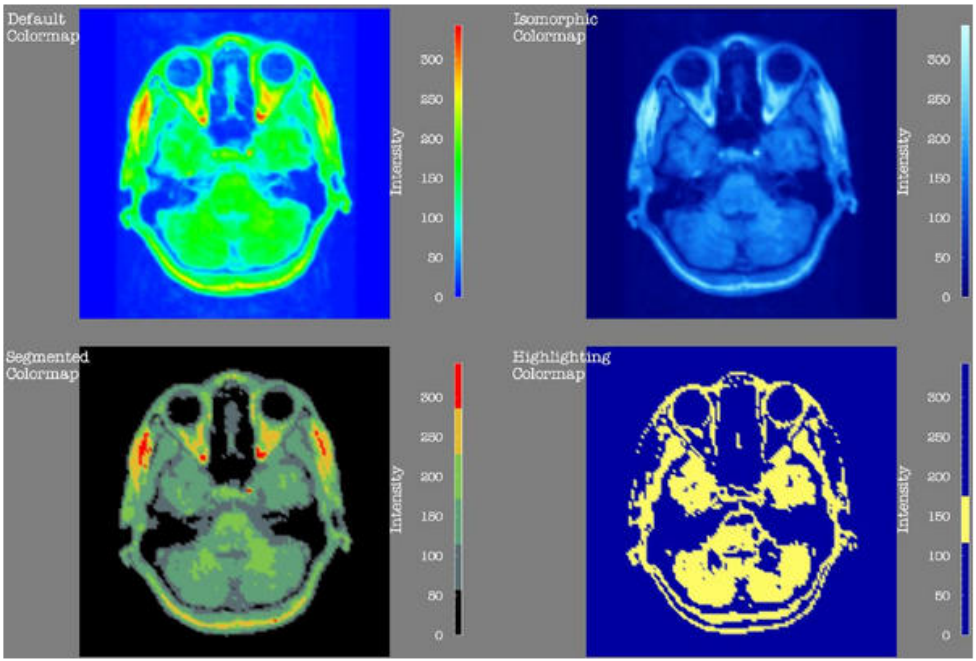
Segmenting Colormaps

explicit rather than implicit segmentation



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Color Deficiency

very low channel dynamic range for some!

protanope
deutanope

- has red/green deficit
- 10% of males!

tritanope

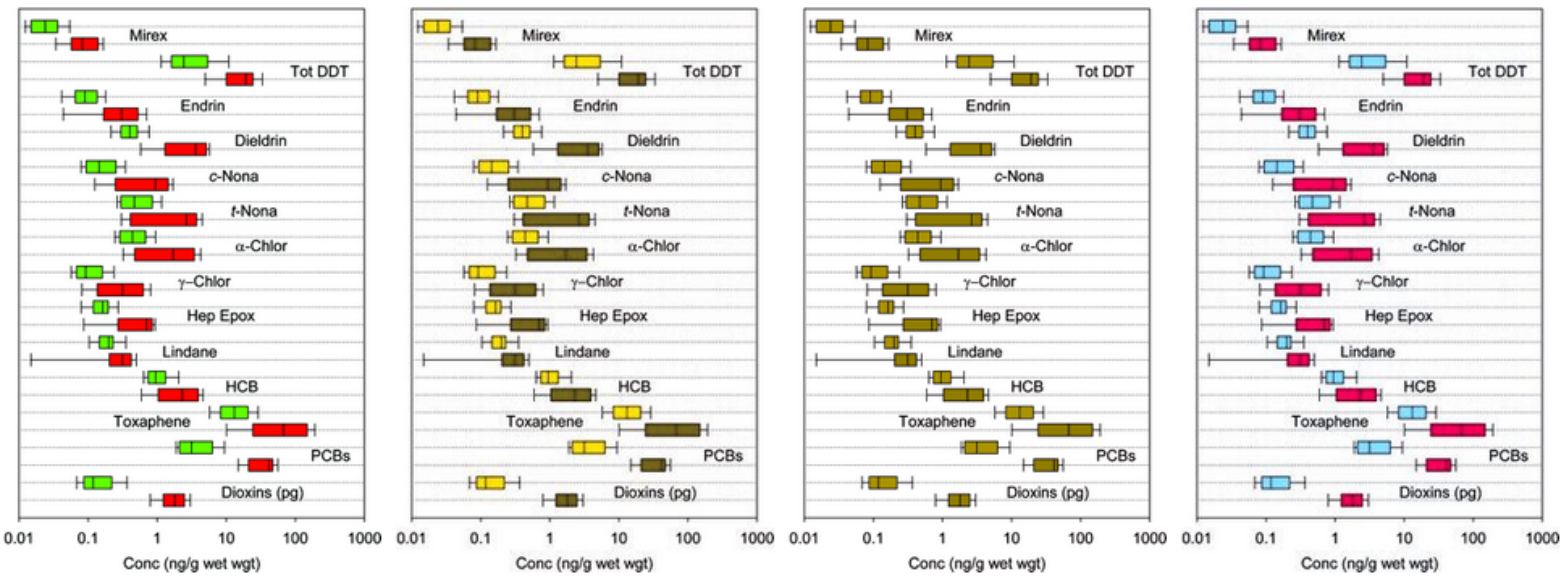
- has yellow/blue deficit

http://www.vischeck.com/vischeck

- test your images

Color Deficiency Examples: vischeck

original protanope deuteranope tritanope



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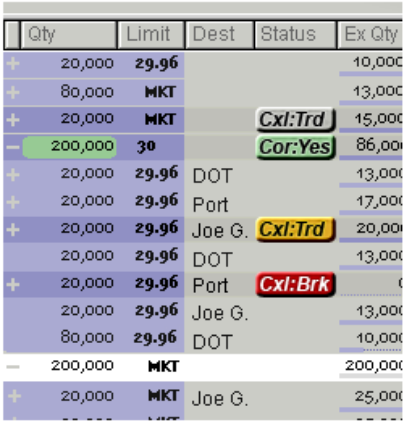
Designing Around Deficiencies

red/green could have domain meaning
then distinguish by more then hue alone

- redundantly encode with saturation, brightness

original



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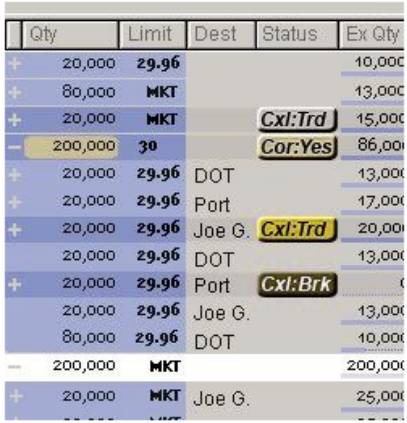

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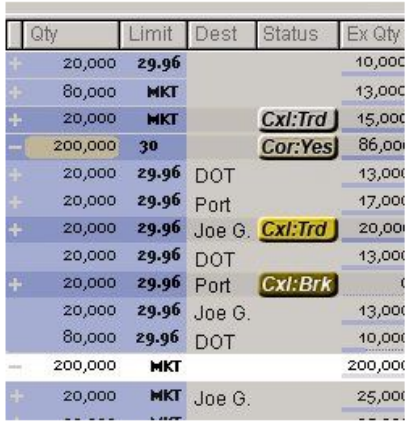

tritanope

[Courtesy of Brad Paley]

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literal — abstract

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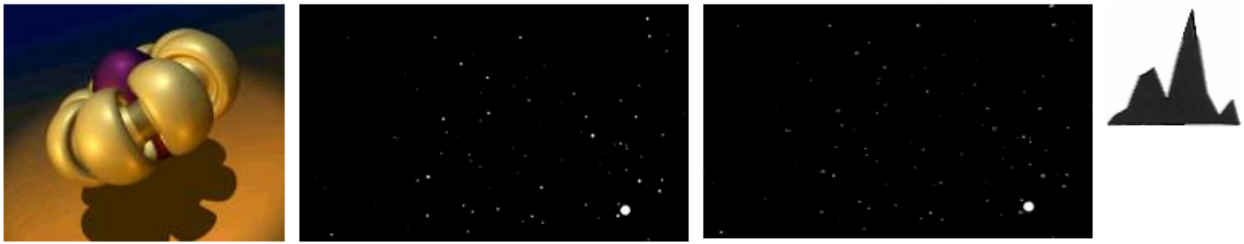

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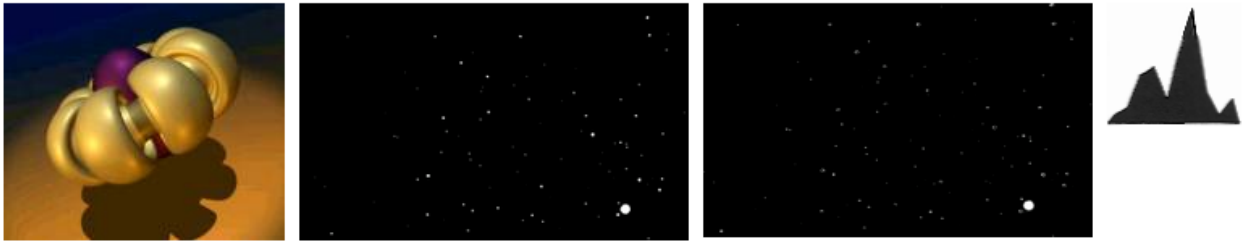
- good: compare by flipping between two things
- bad: compare between many things
  interference from intermediate frames



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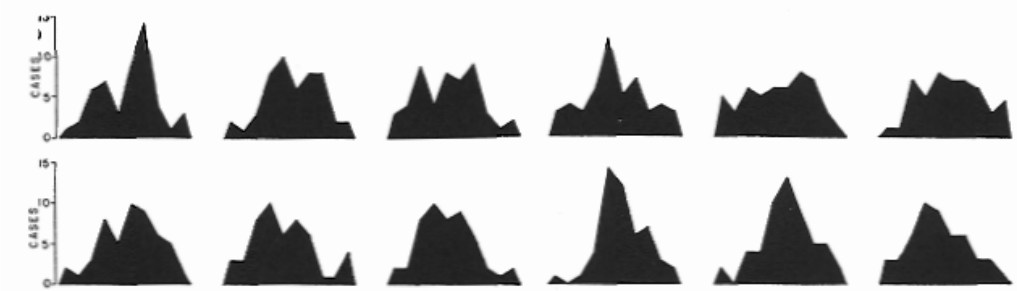
small multiples: show time using space

- overview: show each time step in array
- compare: side-by-side easier than temporal
  external cognition instead of internal memory
- general technique, not just for temporal changes



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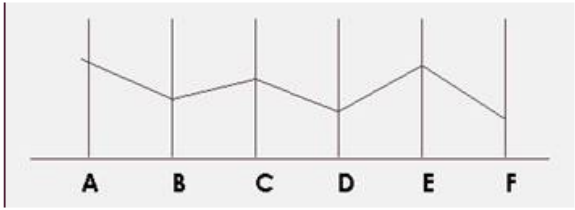
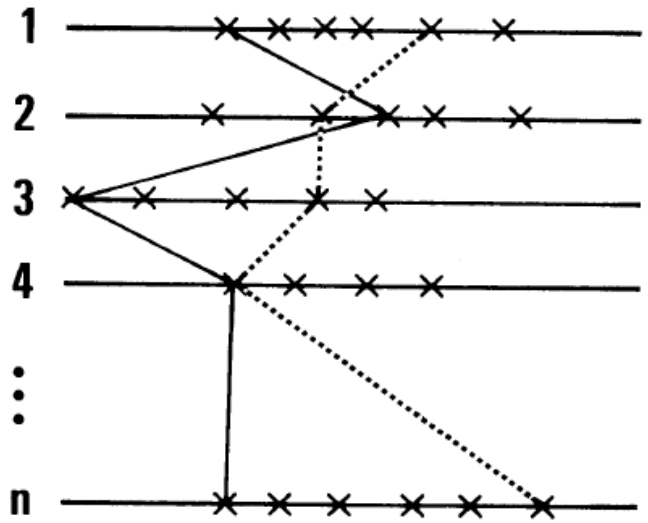
Parallel Coordinates

only 2 orthogonal axes in the plane
instead, use parallel axes!

- point in Cartesian coords -> line in PC

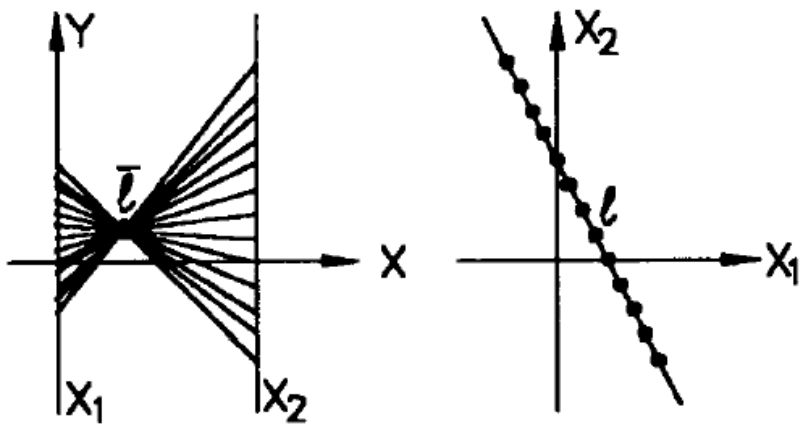




[Hyperdimensional Data Analysis Using Parallel Coordinates. Edward J. Wegman. Journal of the American Statistical Association, Vol. 85, No. 411. (Sep., 1990), pp. 664-675.]

Par Coords: Point-Line Duality

point in Cartesian coords -> line in PC
point in PC -> line in Cartesian n-space



[Parallel Coordinates: A Tool for Visualizing Multi-Dimensional Geometry. Alfred Inselberg and Bernard Dimsdale, IEEE Visualization '90.]

Par Coords: Correllation

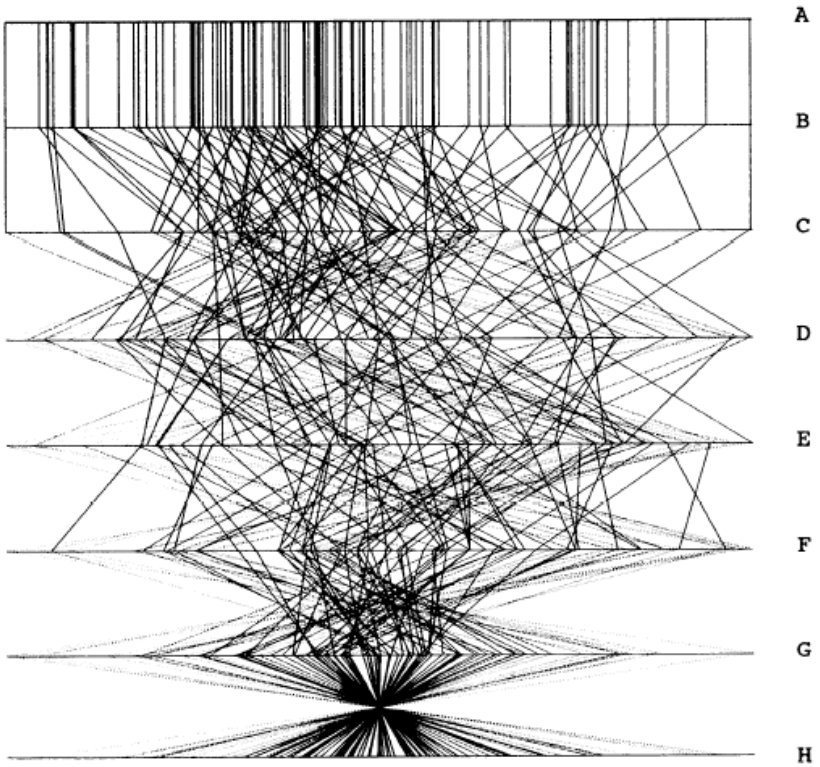


Figure 3. Parallel Coordinate Plot of Six-Dimensional Data Illustrating Correlations of $\rho = 1, .8, .2, 0, -.2, -.8,$ and -1.

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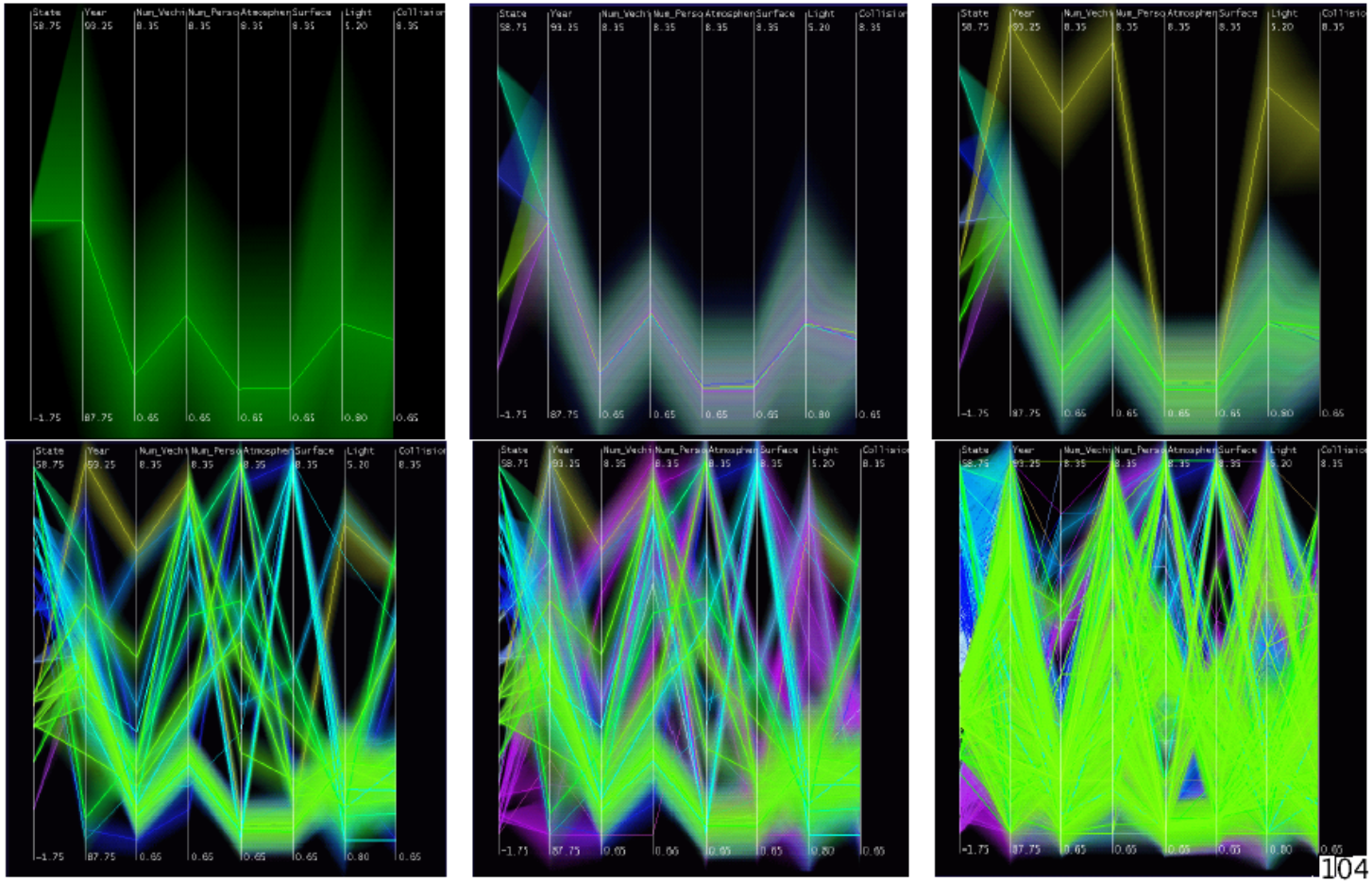
Par Coords: Axis Ordering

geometric interpretations
- hyperplane, hypersphere
- don't worry about point order

infovis
- no intrinsic order, what to do?
- indeterminate/arbitrary order
  - weakness of many techniques
  - downside: human-powered search
  - upside: powerful interaction technique
- most implementations
  - user can interactively swap axes

machine learning approach
- Automated Multidimensional Detective [Inselberg 99]

Hierarchical Parallel Coords: LOD



[Hierarchical Parallel Coordinates for Visualizing Large Multivariate Data Sets. Ying-Huey Fua, Matthew O. Ward, and Elke A. Rundensteiner. IEEE Visualization '99.]

Dimensionality Reduction

mapping multidimensional space into space of fewer dimensions

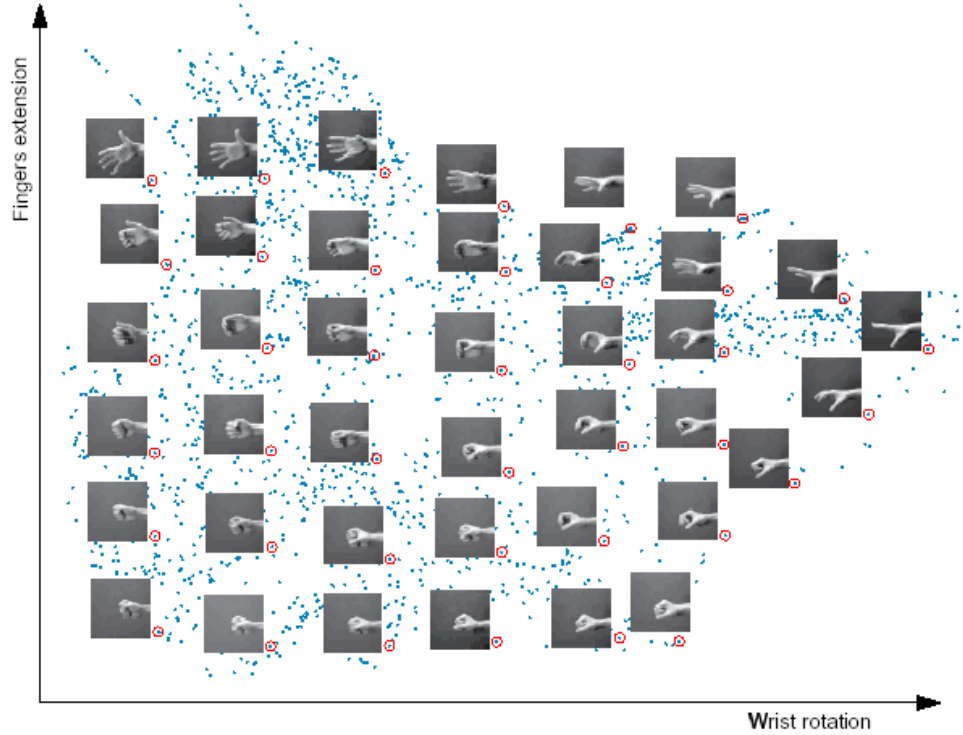
- typically 2D for infovis
- keep/explain as much variance as possible
- show underlying dataset structure

multidimensional scaling (MDS)

- minimize differences between interpoint distances in high and low dimensions

Dimensionality Reduction: Isomap

4096 D: pixels in image
2D scatterplot: wrist rotation, fingers extension



[A Global Geometric Framework for Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction. J. B. Tenenbaum, V. de Silva, and J. C. Langford. Science 290(5500), pp 2319--2323, Dec 22 2000]

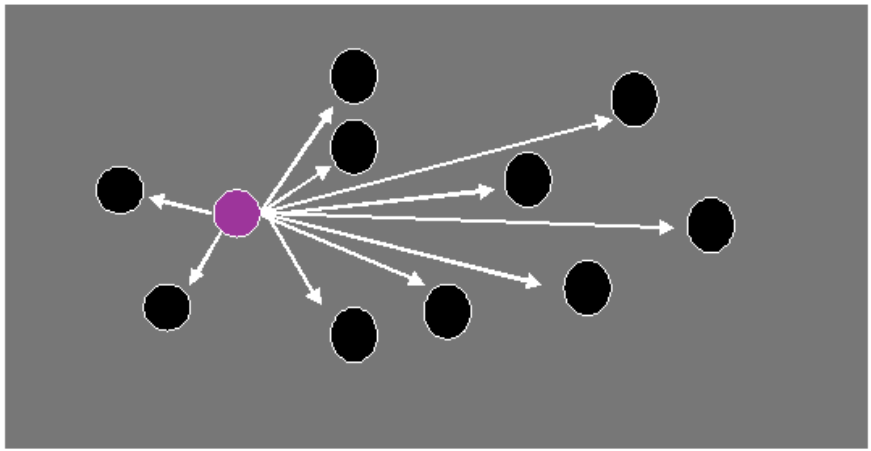
Naive Spring Model MDS

repeat for all points

- compute spring force to all other points
- difference between high dim, low dim distance
- move to better location using computed forces

compute distances between all points

- O(n^2) iteration, O(n^3) algorithm

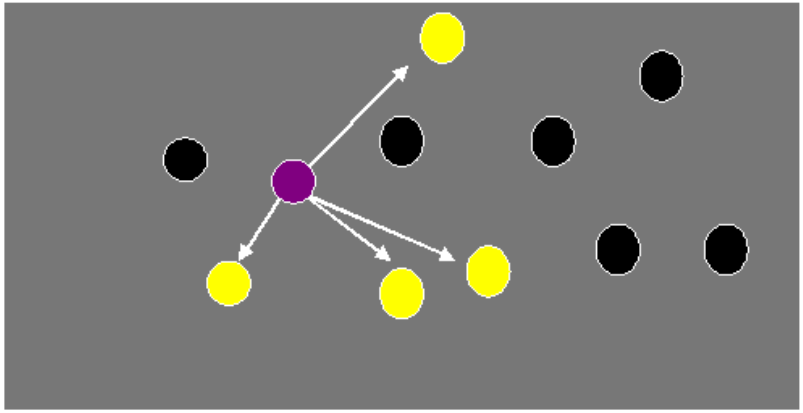


Faster Spring Model [Chalmers 96]

compare distances only with a few points

- maintain small local neighborhood set

A Linear Iteration Time Layout Algorithm for Visualising High-Dimensional Data.
Matthew Chalmers, Proc. IEEE Visualization 96



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compare distances only with a few points

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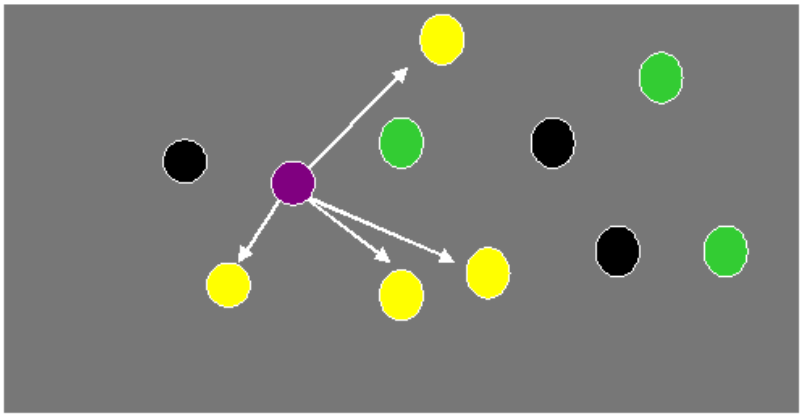
- each time pick some randoms, swap in if closer



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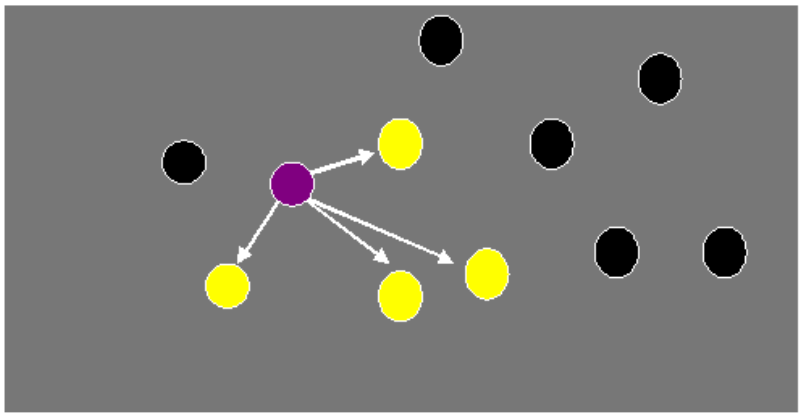

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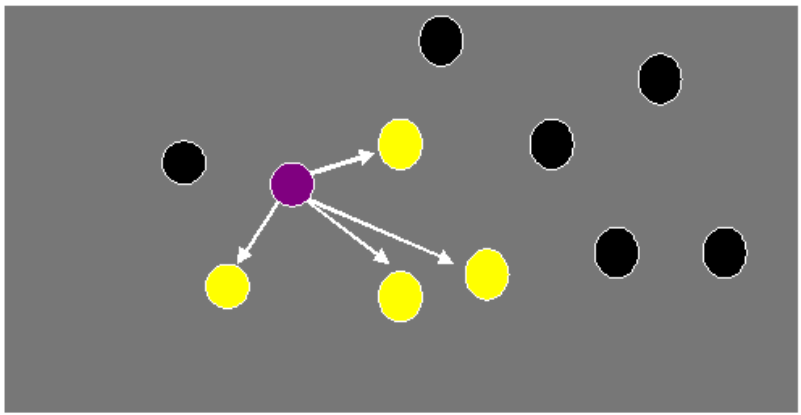
small constant: 6 locals, 3 randoms typical

- O(n) iteration, O(n2) algorithm

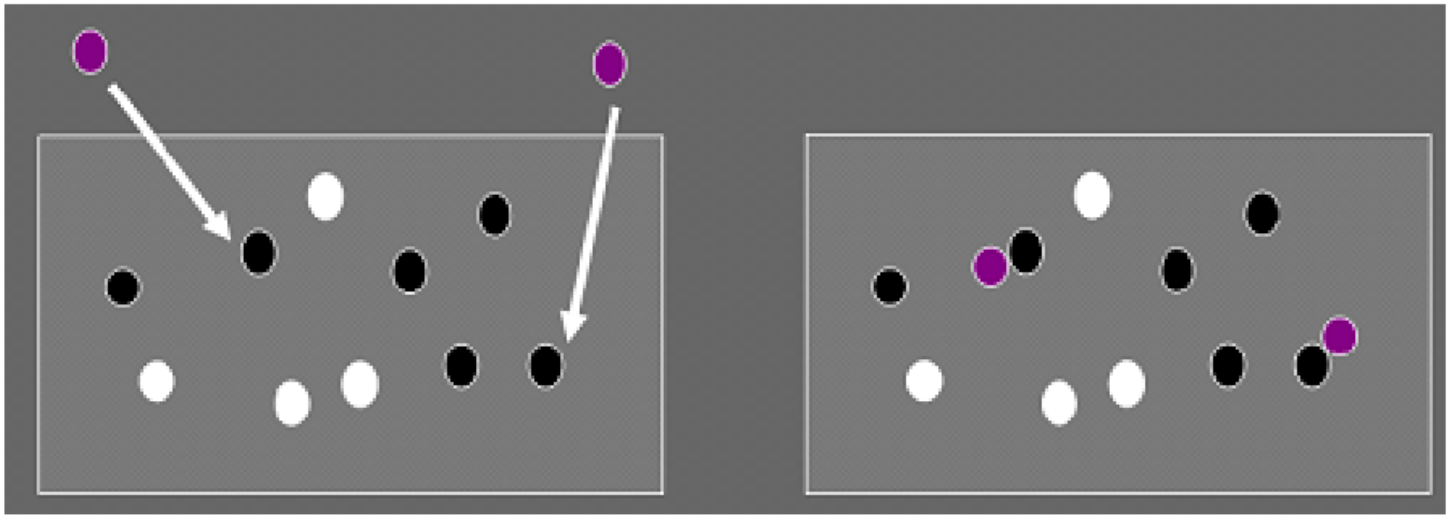


Parent Finding [Morrison 02, 03]

lay out a root(n) subset with [Chalmers 96]
for all remaining points

- find "parent": laid-out point closest in high D
- place point close to this parent

O(n^5/4) algorithm



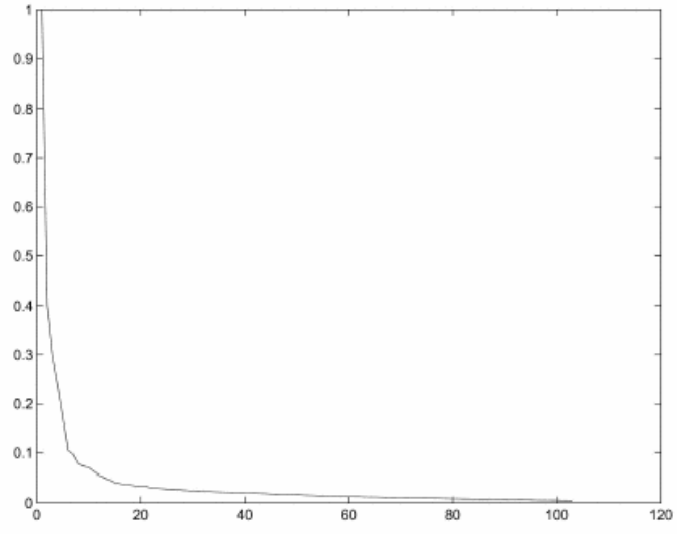
[Fast Multidimensional Scaling through Sampling, Springs and Interpolation
Alistair Morrison, Greg Ross, Matthew Chalmers
Information Visualization 2(1) March 2003, pp. 68–77.
http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/~matthew/papers/JInfoVis.pdf]

True Dimensionality

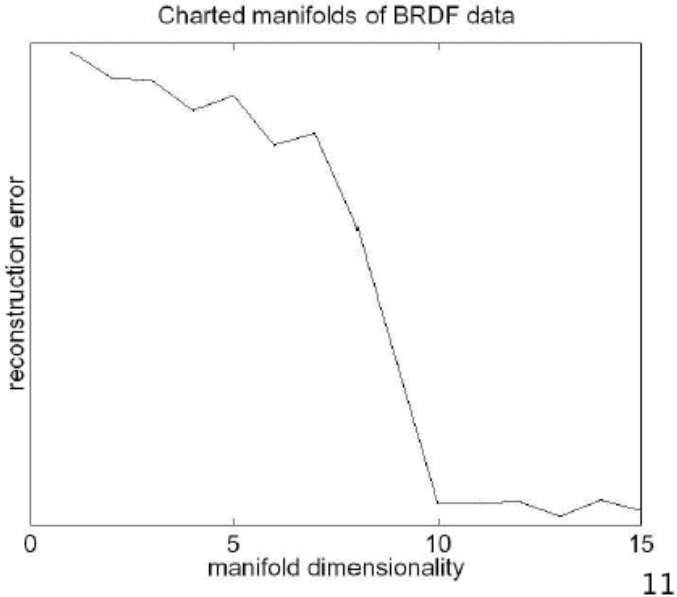
maybe need > 2D to show real structure

- find knee in error-dimensions curve
- show as multiple scatterplots

linear (PCA)



nonlinear (charting)



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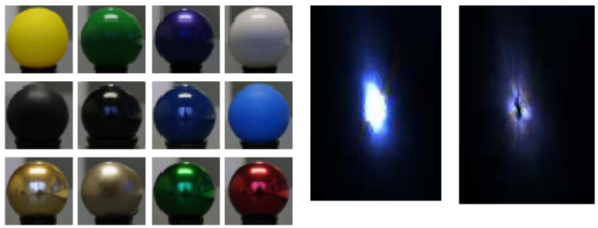
True Dimensionality: BRDF example



measured material properties (BRDFs)

linear PCA: 25–45 dimensions needed

- interpolating gives impossible intermediate points: highlights with holes

nonlinear charting: 10–15 dimensions needed

- physically plausible highlights

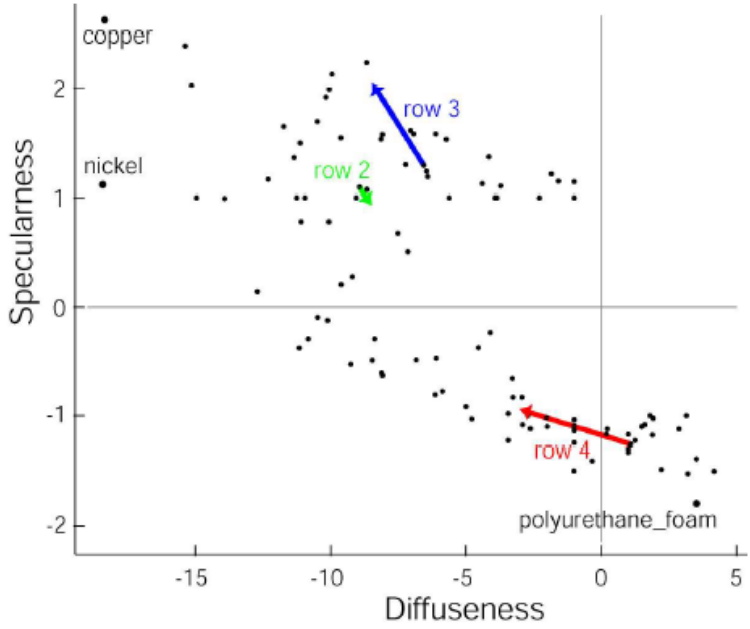
[A Data-Driven Reflectance Model, SIGGRAPH 2003, W Matusik, H. Pfister M. Brand and L. McMillan, graphics.lcs.mit.edu/~wojciech/pubs/sig2003.pdf]

True Dimensionality: BRDF example

nonlinear charting

2D scatterplot axes categorizable by people

- red, green, blue, specular, diffuse, glossy, metallic, plastic-y, roughness, rubbery, greasiness, dustiness...



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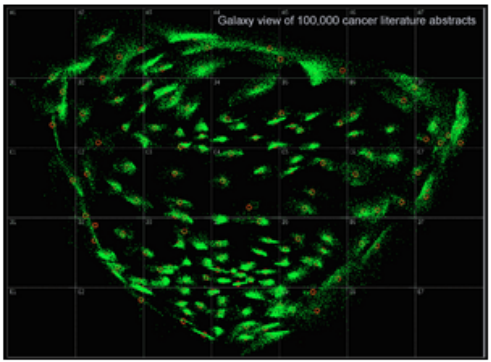
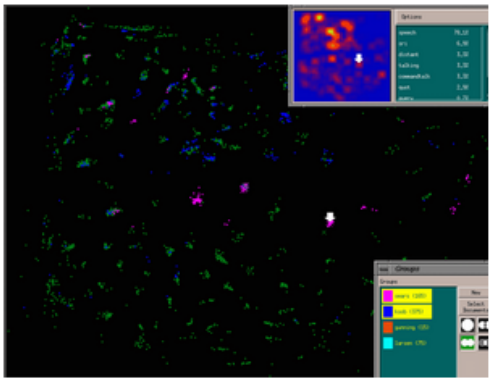
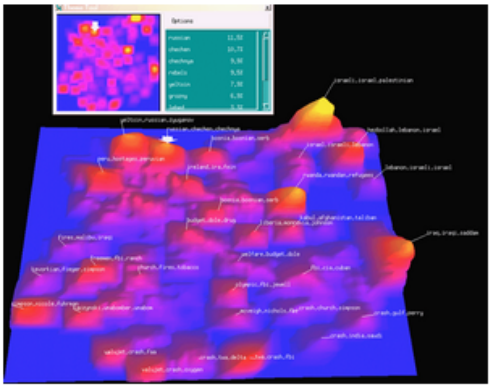
MDS Output: Beyond Point Clouds

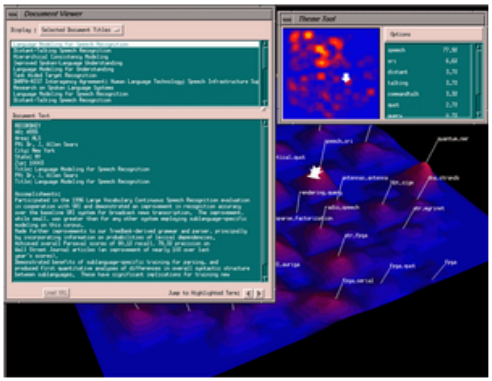
- galaxies: aggregation





- themescapes: terrain/landscapes





[Visualizing the non-visual: spatial analysis and interaction with information from text documents. James A. Wise et al, Proc. InfoVis 1995. www.pnl.gov/infoviz/graphics.html]

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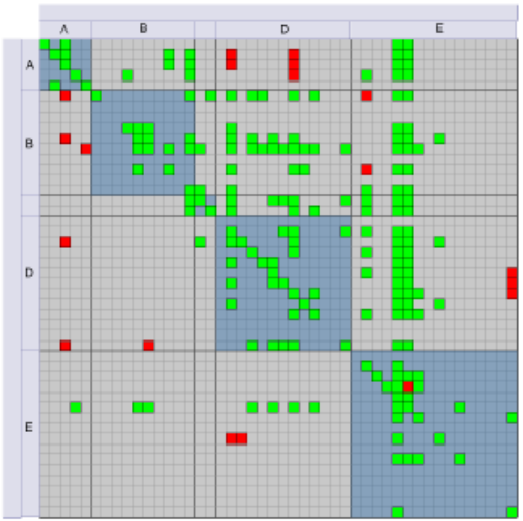
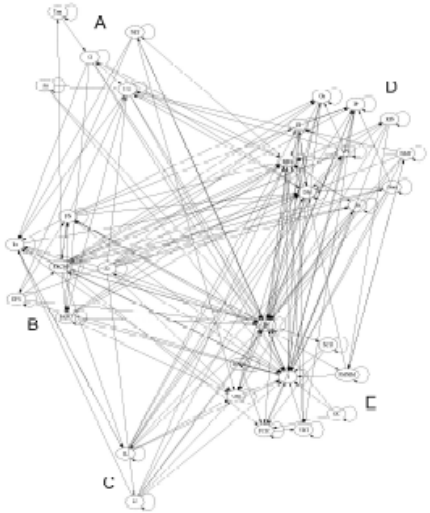
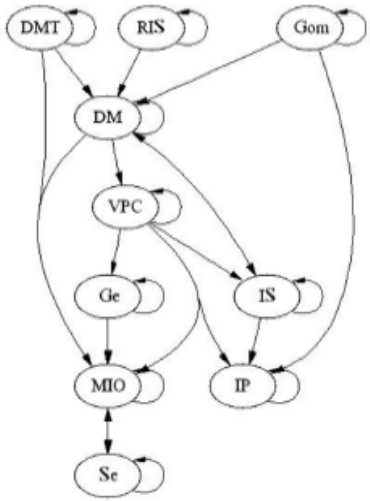
matrix



force-directed



hierarchical



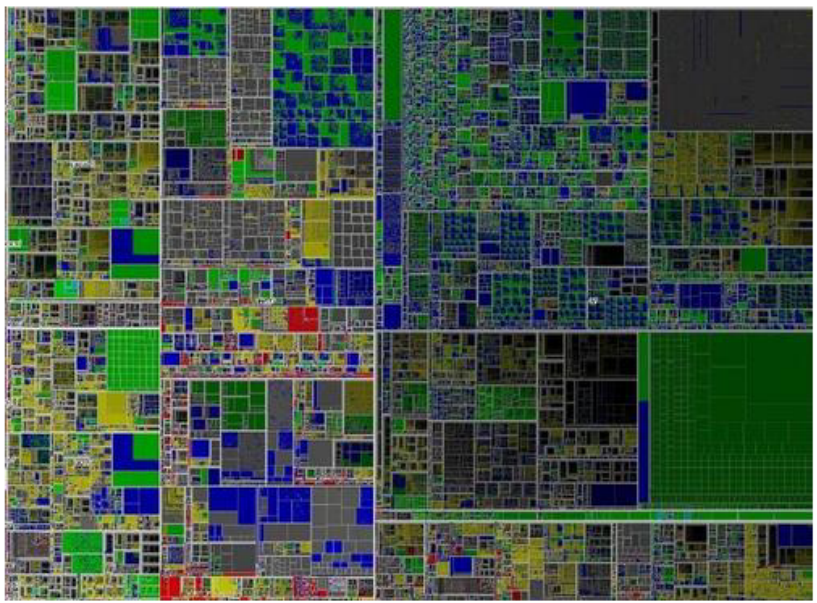
[Using Multilevel Call Matrices in Large Software Projects.
Frank van Ham, Proc. InfoVis 2003, pp.227-232]

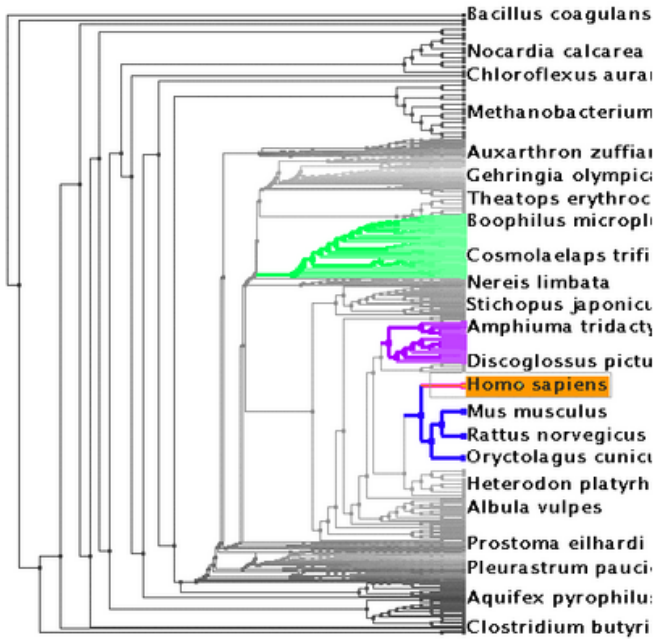
Trees: Treemap vs. Node-Link

treemaps: attribute values at leaves

- outlier detection: big files on disk

node-link: topology





[Interactive Information Visualization of a Million Items. Jean-Daniel Fekete and Catherine Plaisant, Proc InfoVis 2002. www.cs.umd.edu/local-cgi-bin/hcil/rr.pl?number=2002-01]

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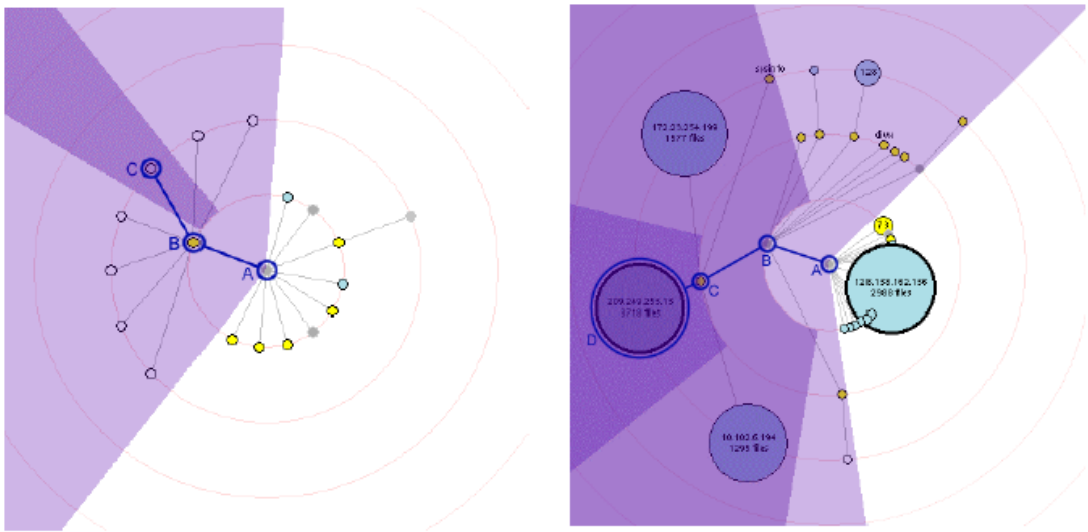
Animated Radial Layouts

adapt radial layout for dynamic case
[video]



[Animated Exploration of Graphs with Radial Layout.
Ka-Ping Yee, Danyel Fisher, Rachna Dhamija, and Marti Hearst, Proc InfoVis 2001.
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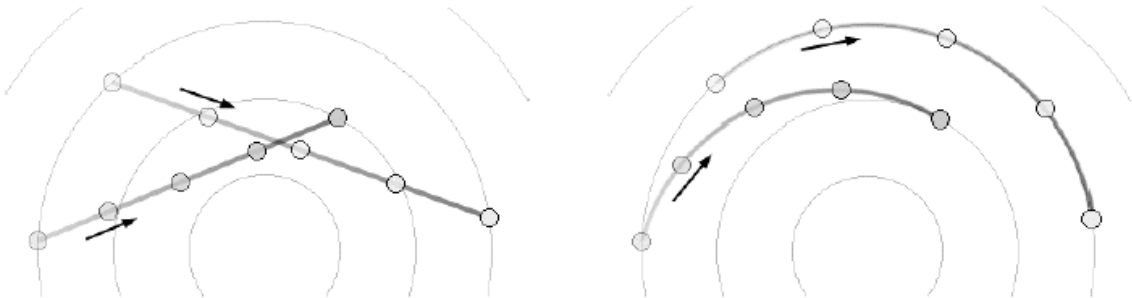
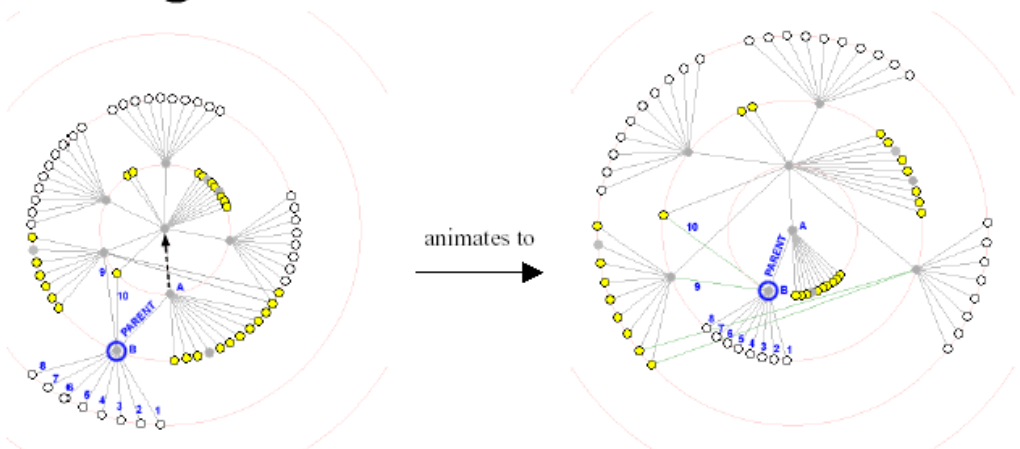
Animation

polar interpolation



maintain neighbor order



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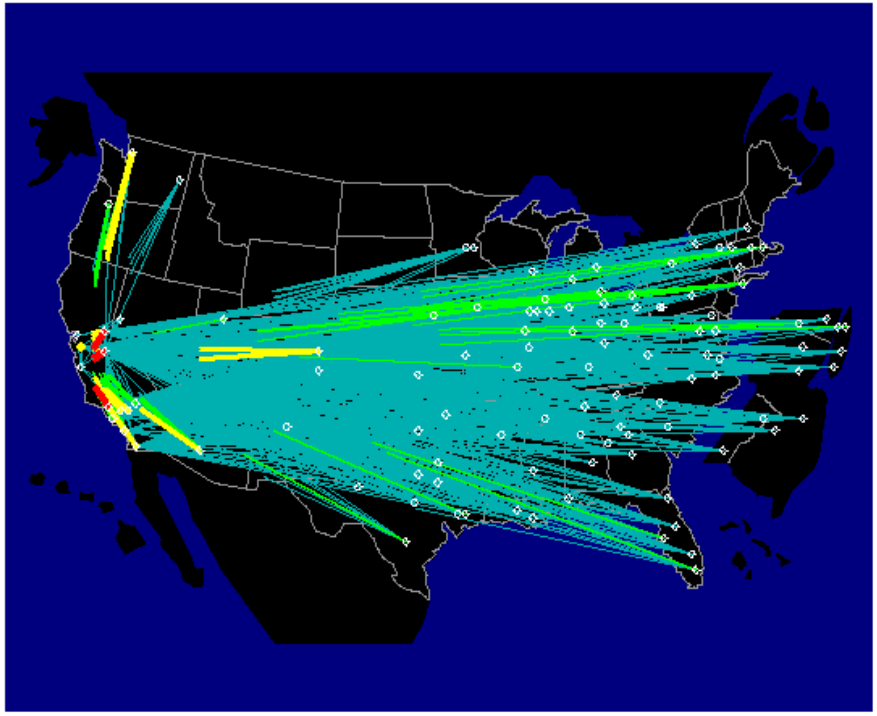
Geographic Networks

telephone network
post-earthquake Midwestern occlusion



[Becker, Eick, and Wilks. Visualizing Network Data, IEEE TVCG 1995
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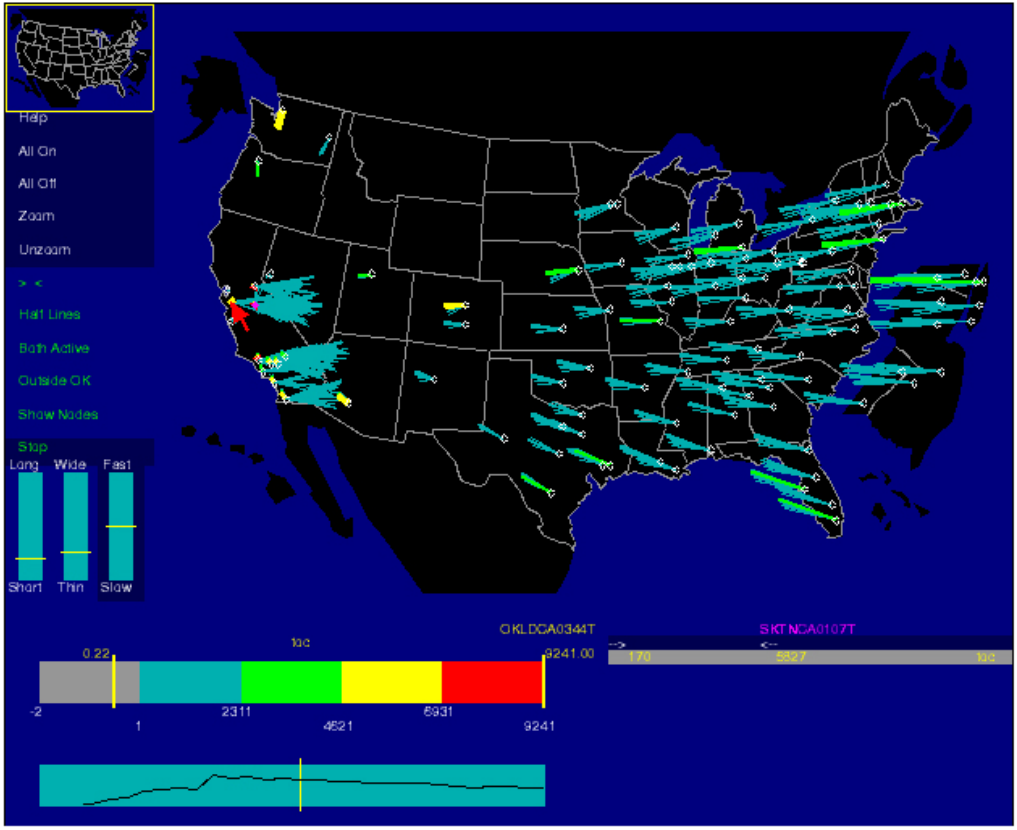
Geographic Networks

filter to show only start and end of lines



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current project domains

- bioinformatics, data mining, sustainability

past project domains

- topology, networking, computational linguistics, ...