

SkyTree Visualization Fireside Chat

Is Big Data Visualization Possible?

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About me: Geometry Center 1991-1995

- geometry and topology vis
 - 3D, 4D, non-Euclidean



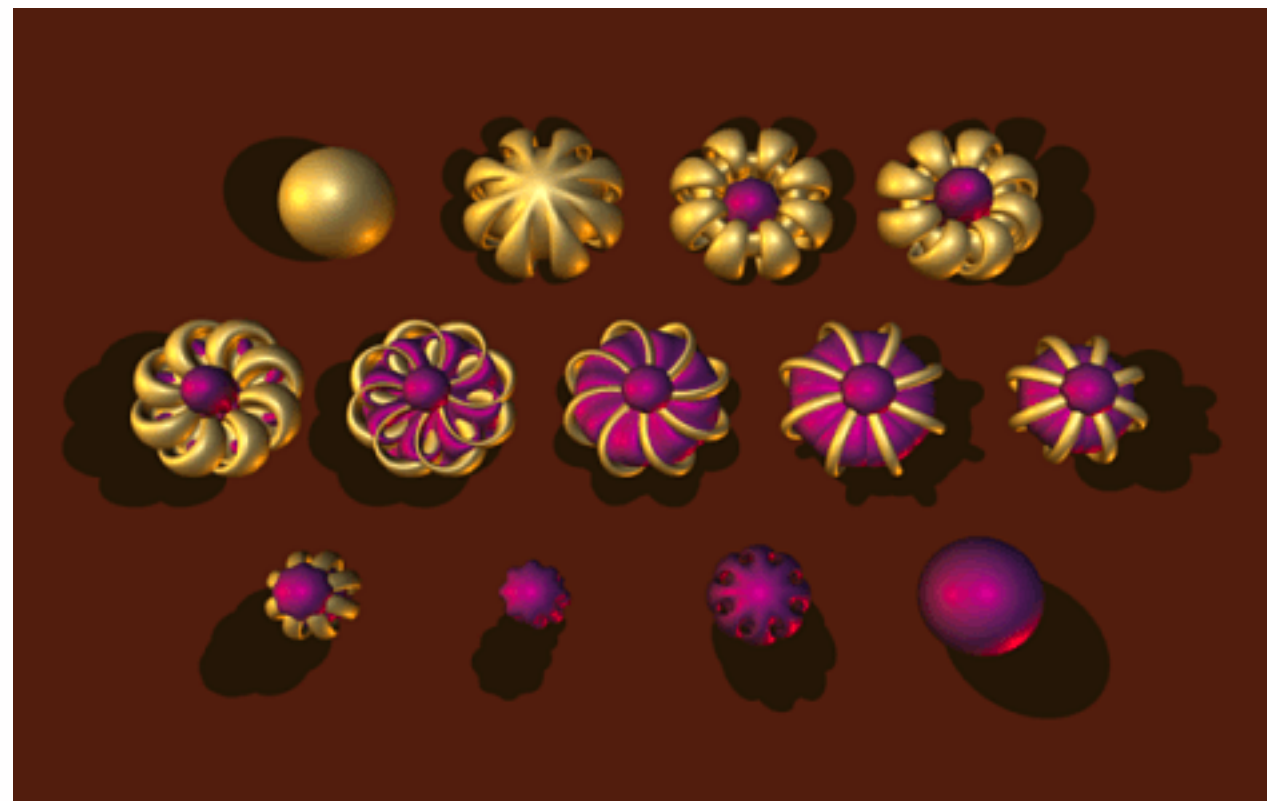
The Shape of Space

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Geomview

<http://geomview.org/>



Outside In

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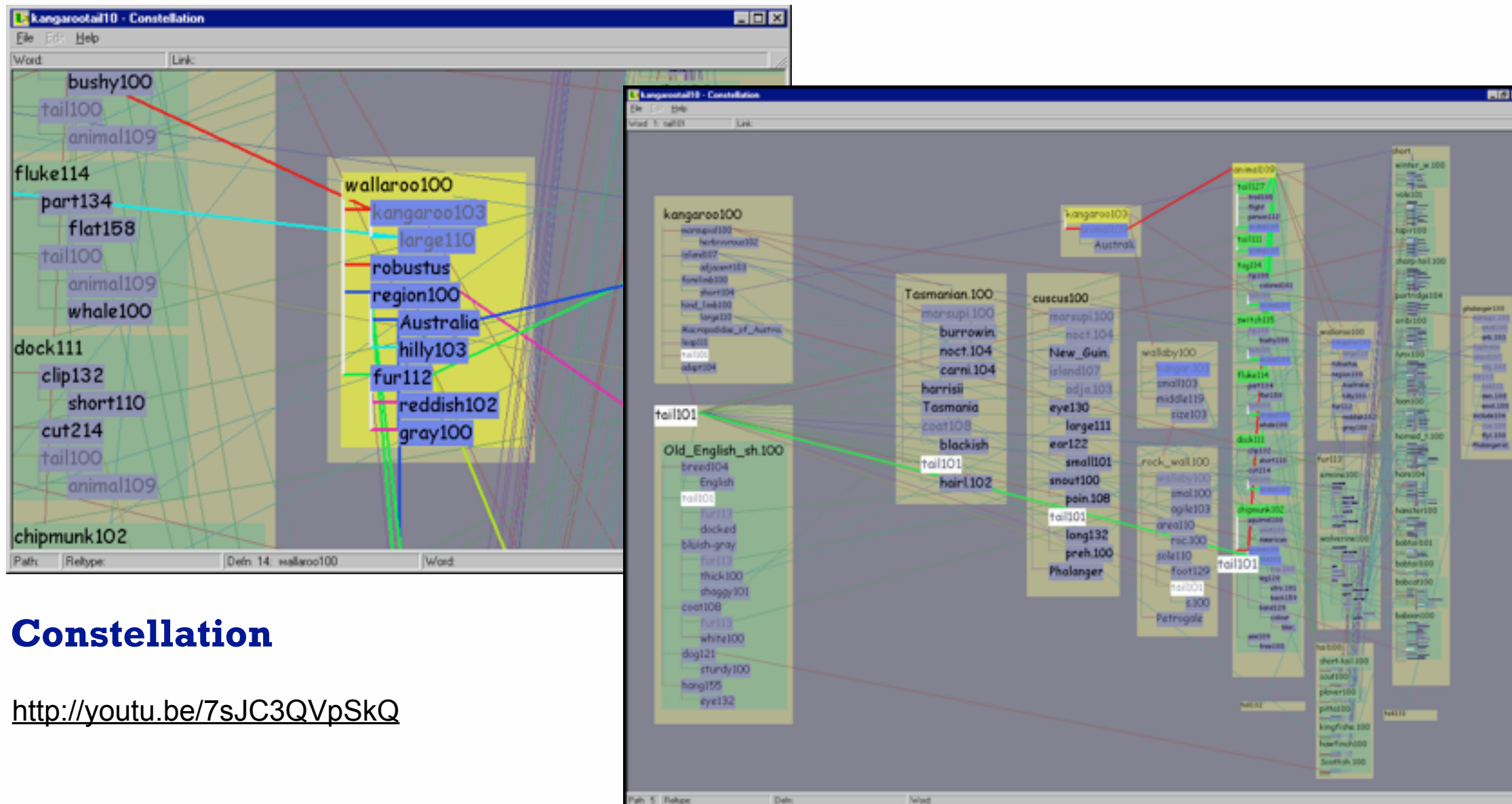
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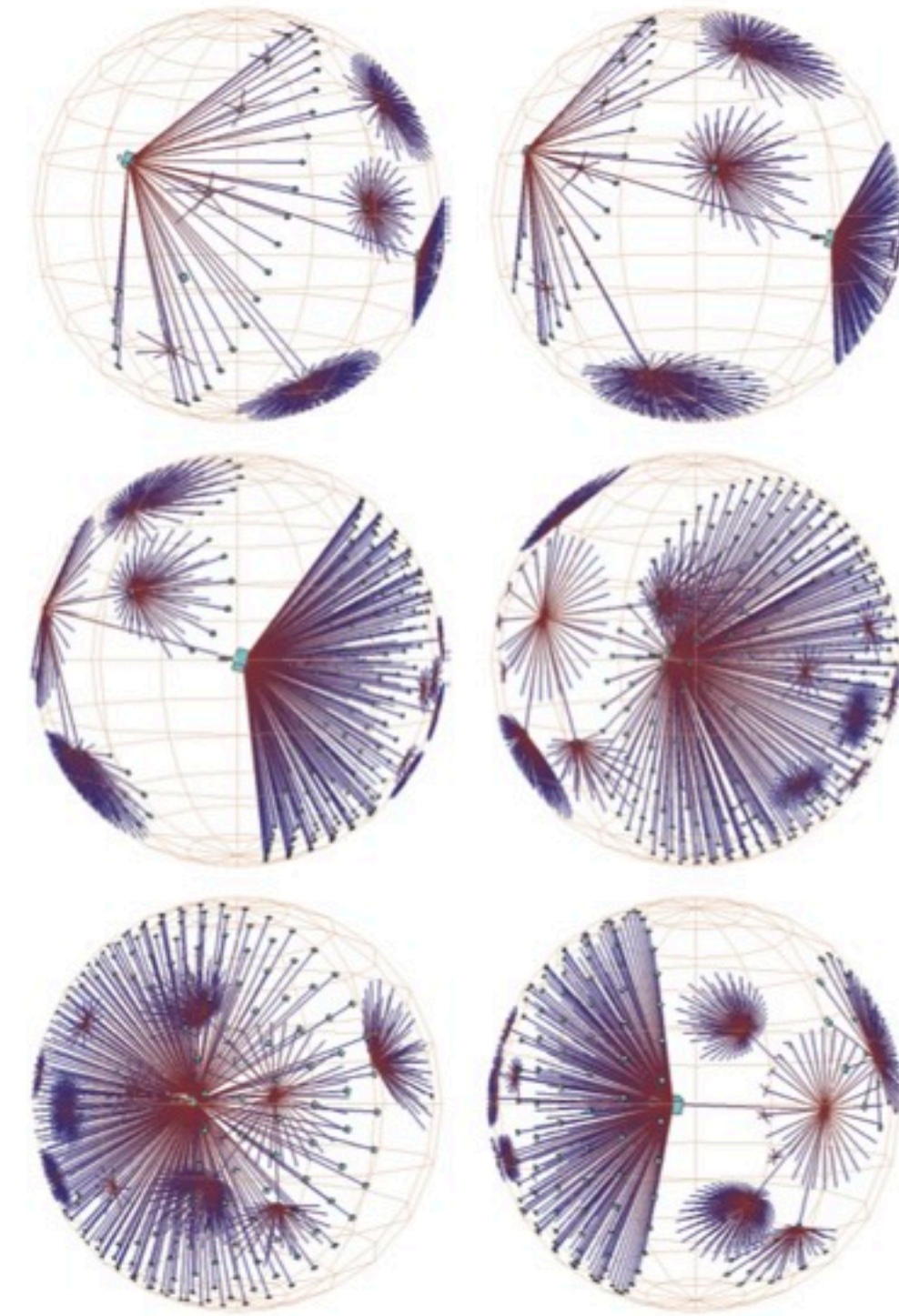
About me: Stanford 1995-2000

- infovis: network vis
 - 3D hyperbolic trees/networks
 - computational linguistics network



Constellation

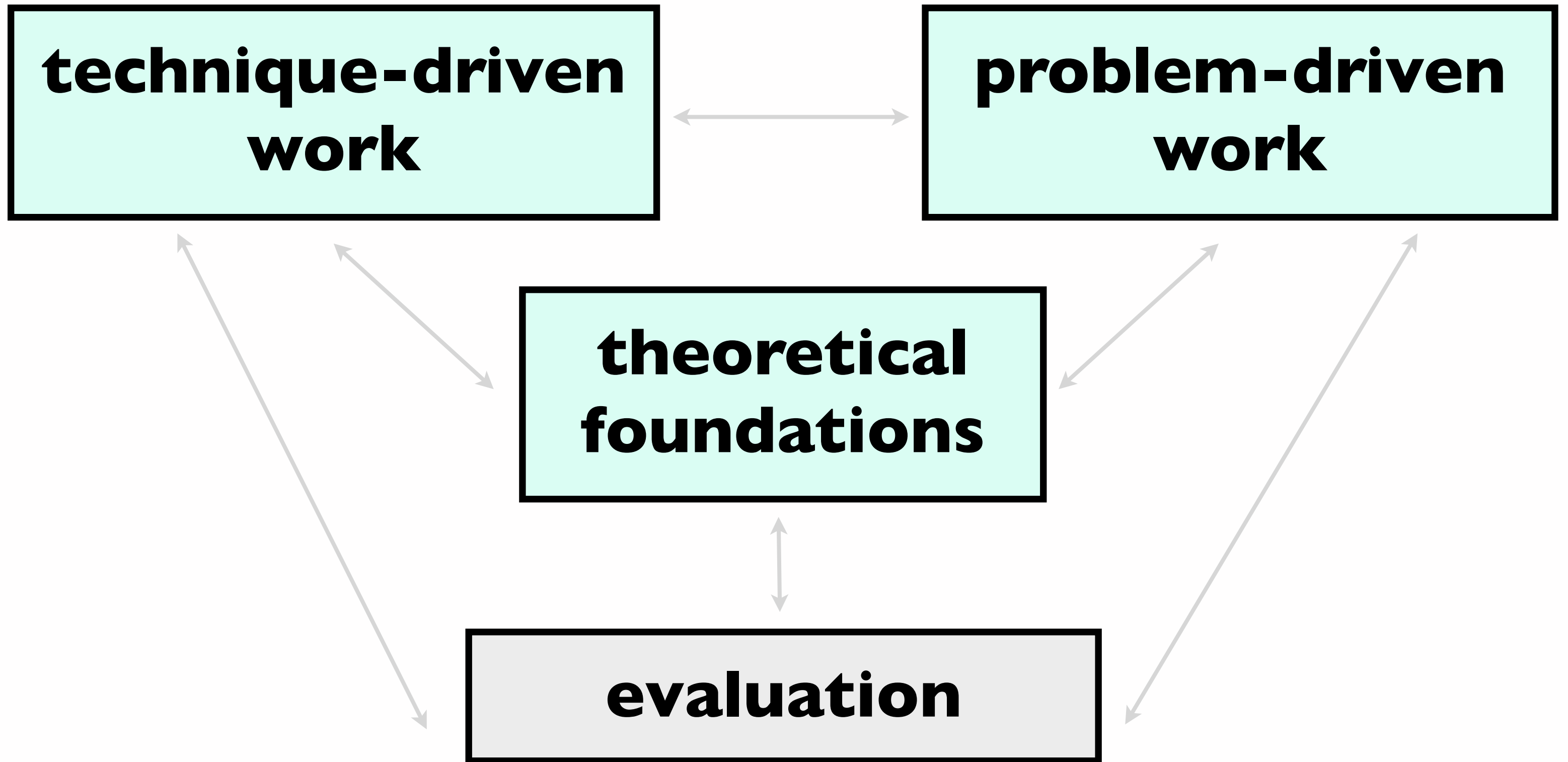
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When to use visualization

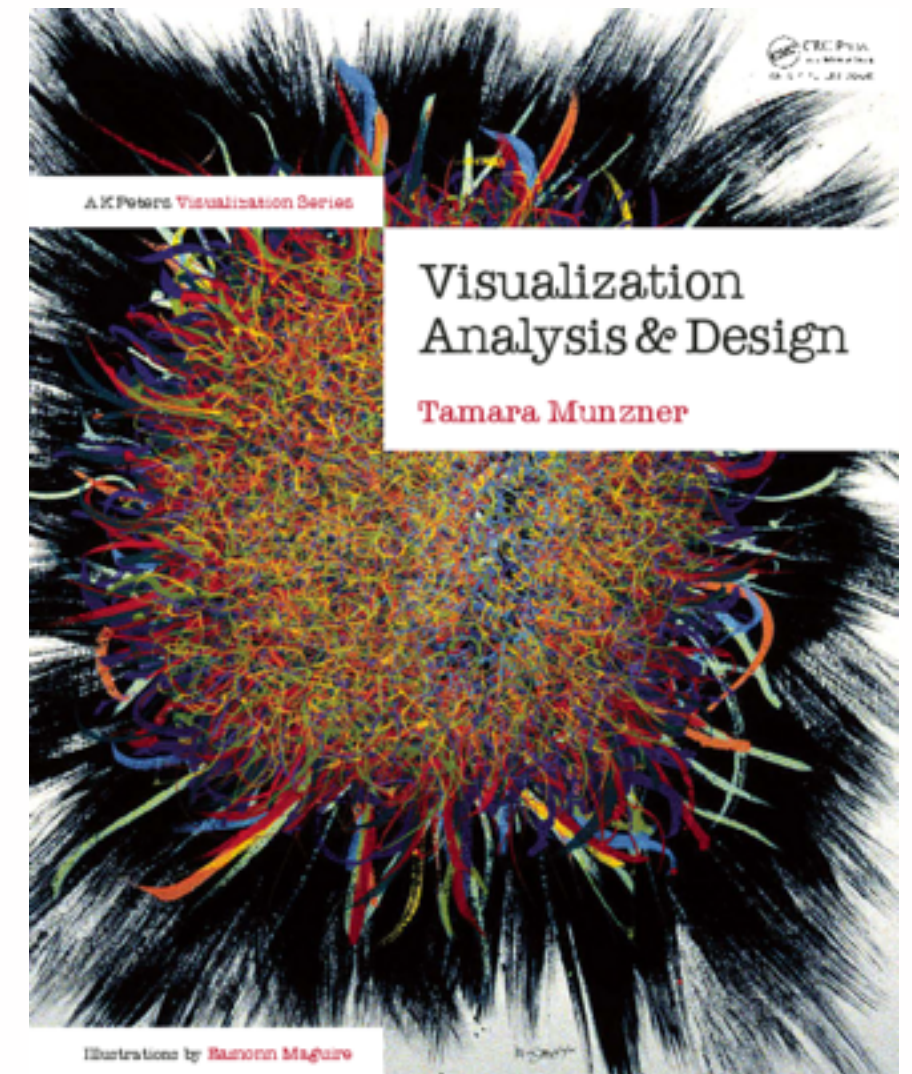
Computer-based visualization systems provide visual representations of datasets designed to help people carry out tasks more effectively.

Visualization is suitable when there is a need to augment human capabilities rather than replace people with computational decision-making methods.

- human in the loop needs the details
 - doesn't know exactly what questions to ask in advance
 - longterm analysis
 - automation stepping stone, refining, trustbuilding
 - presentation
- external representation: perception vs cognition
- intended task, measurable definitions of effectiveness

more at:

Visualization Analysis and Design, Chapter 1.
Munzner.AK Peters, 2014, to appear.



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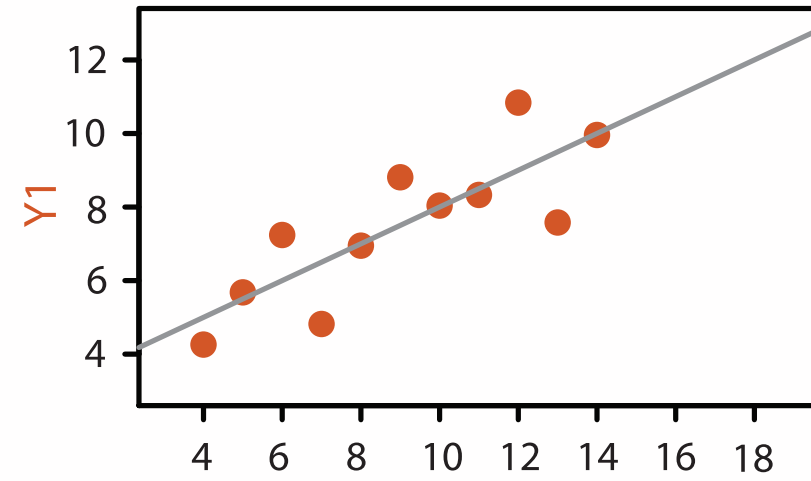
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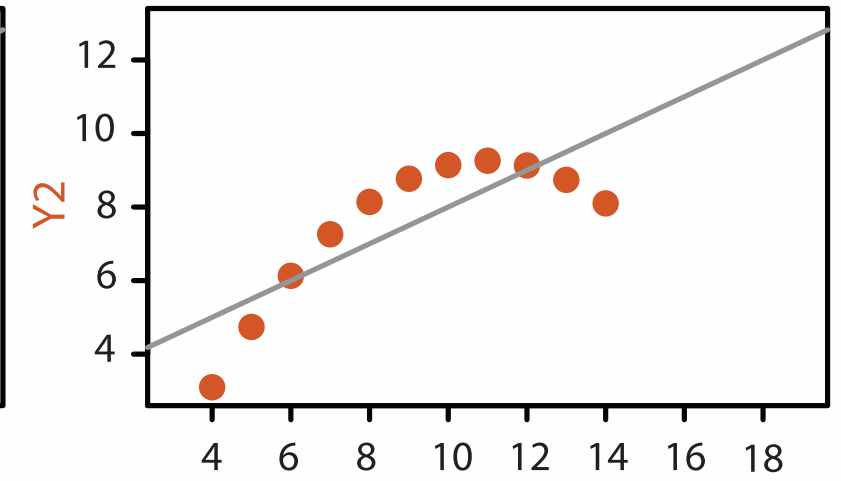
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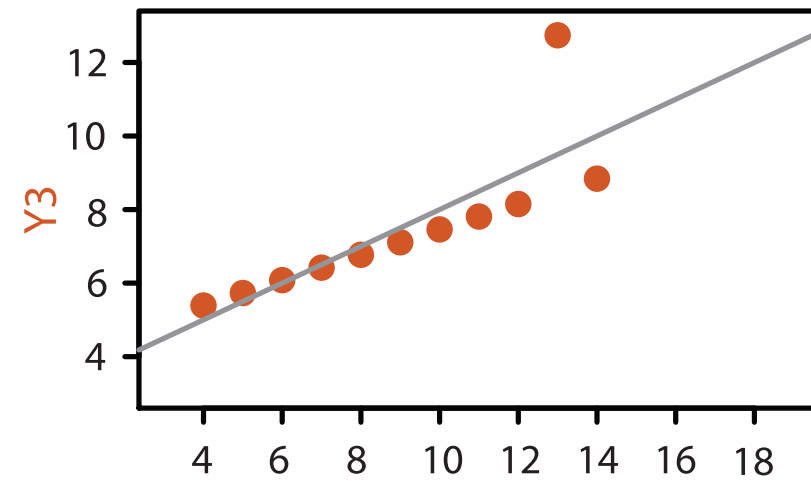
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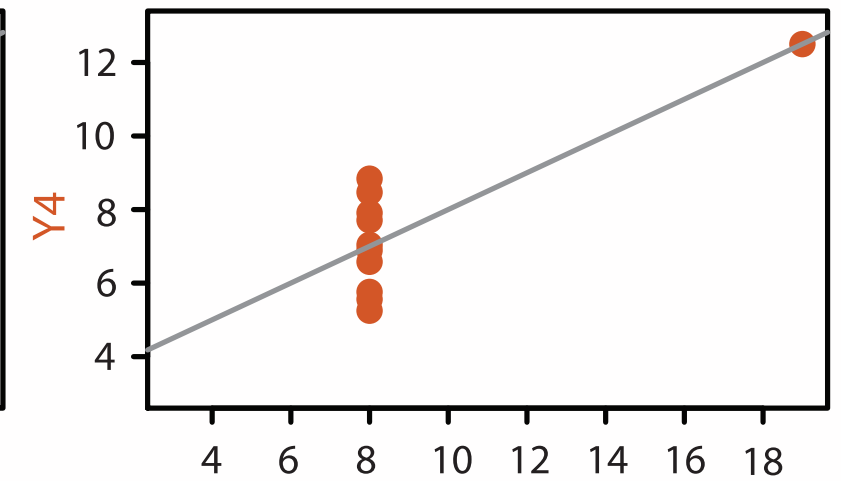
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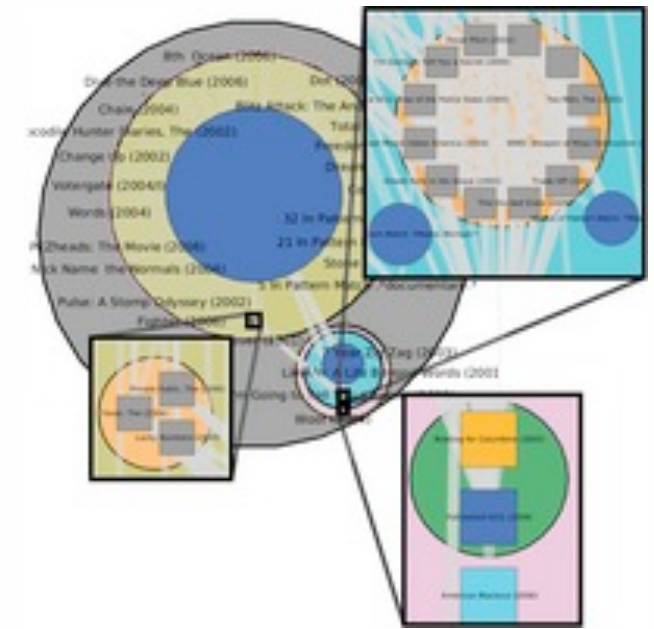
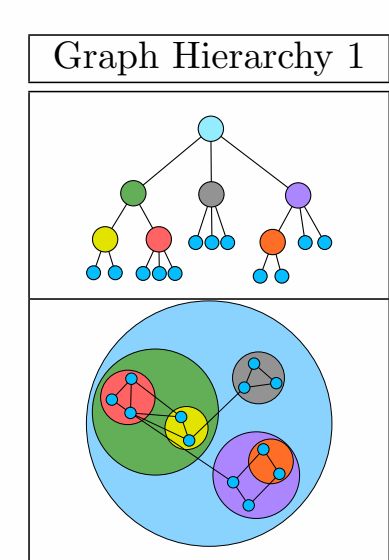
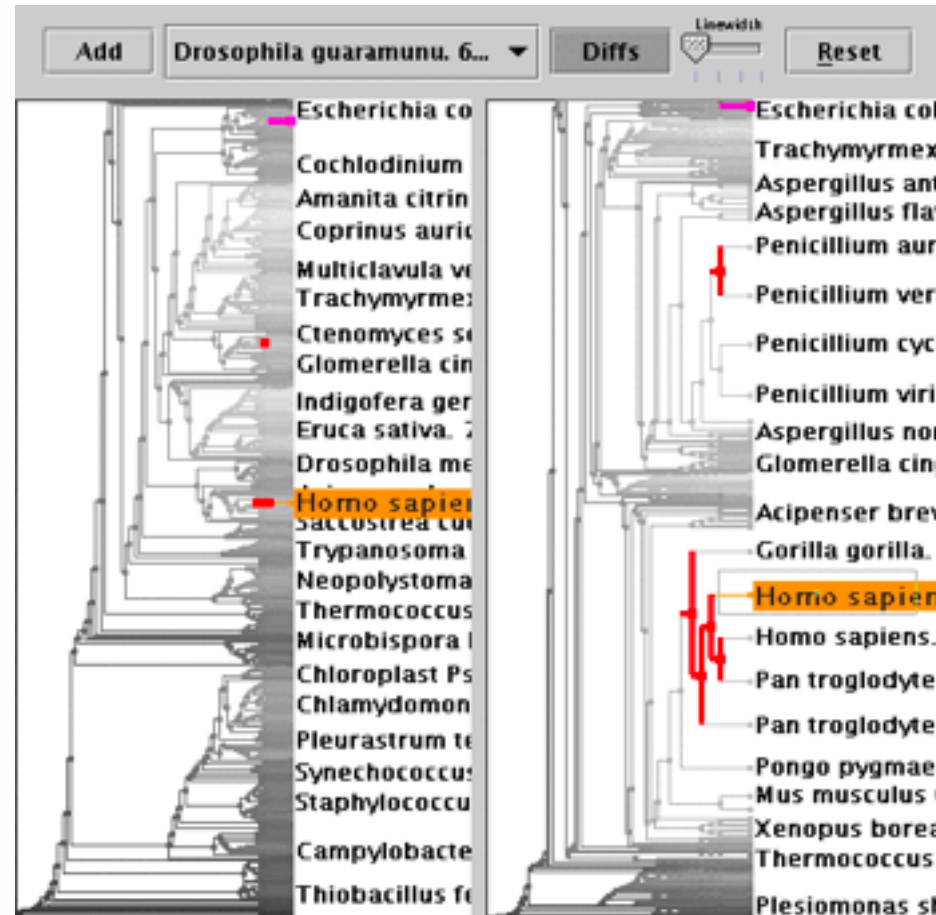
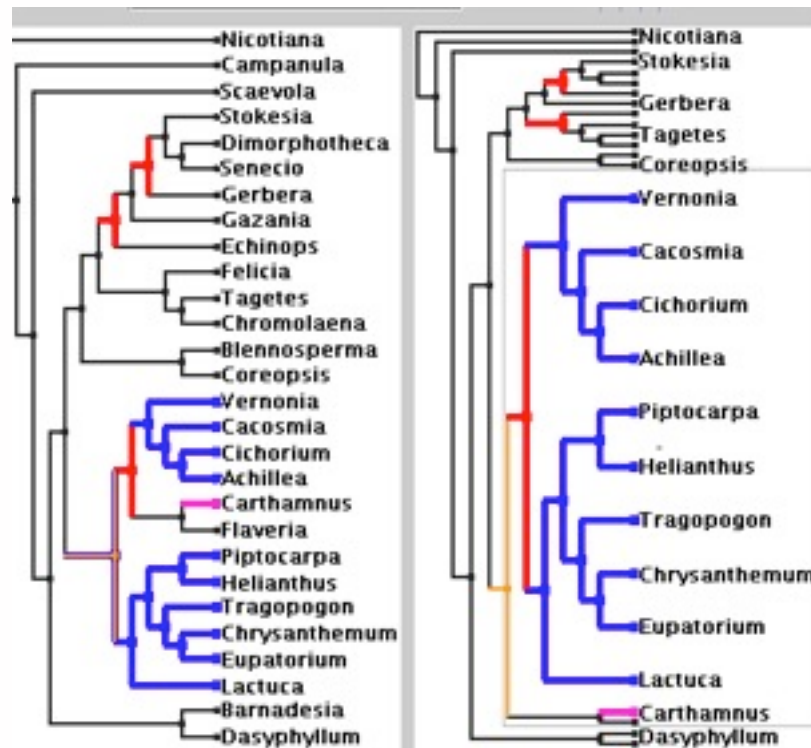
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X4

Technique-driven work: Networks

- scaling up networks
 - multilevel networks, 10K-100K nodes
 - topologically aware decomposition, layout, browsing
 - trees, millions of nodes
 - guaranteed visibility of semantically meaningful marks



TopoLayout
Smashing Peacocks Further
Grouse
GrouseFlocks
TugGraph

<http://youtu.be/t1Xbt6XOWp8>

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TreeJuxtaposer
PRISAD

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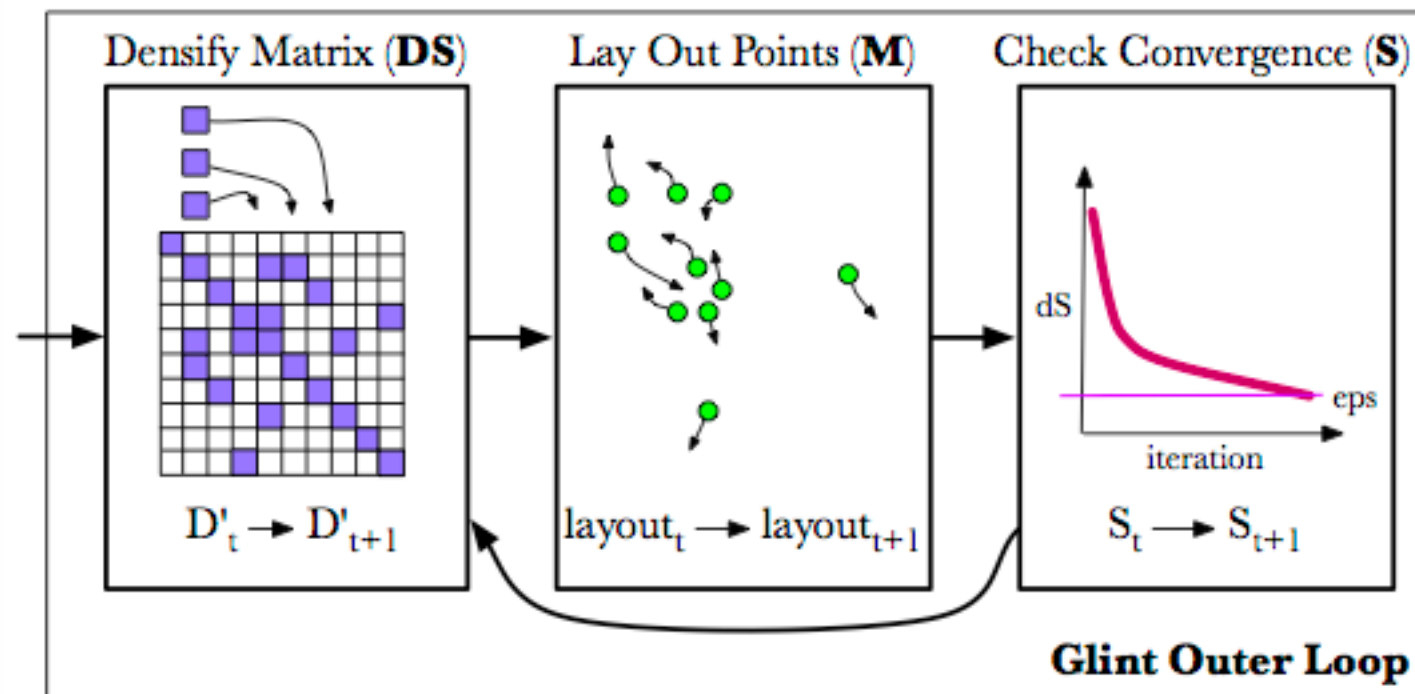
Technique-driven work: Dimensionality reduction

- closest overlap between vis and ML
 - Glimmer: MDS on the GPU
 - Glint: DR for costly distances
 - QSNE: sparse documents
 - high quality for millions of items

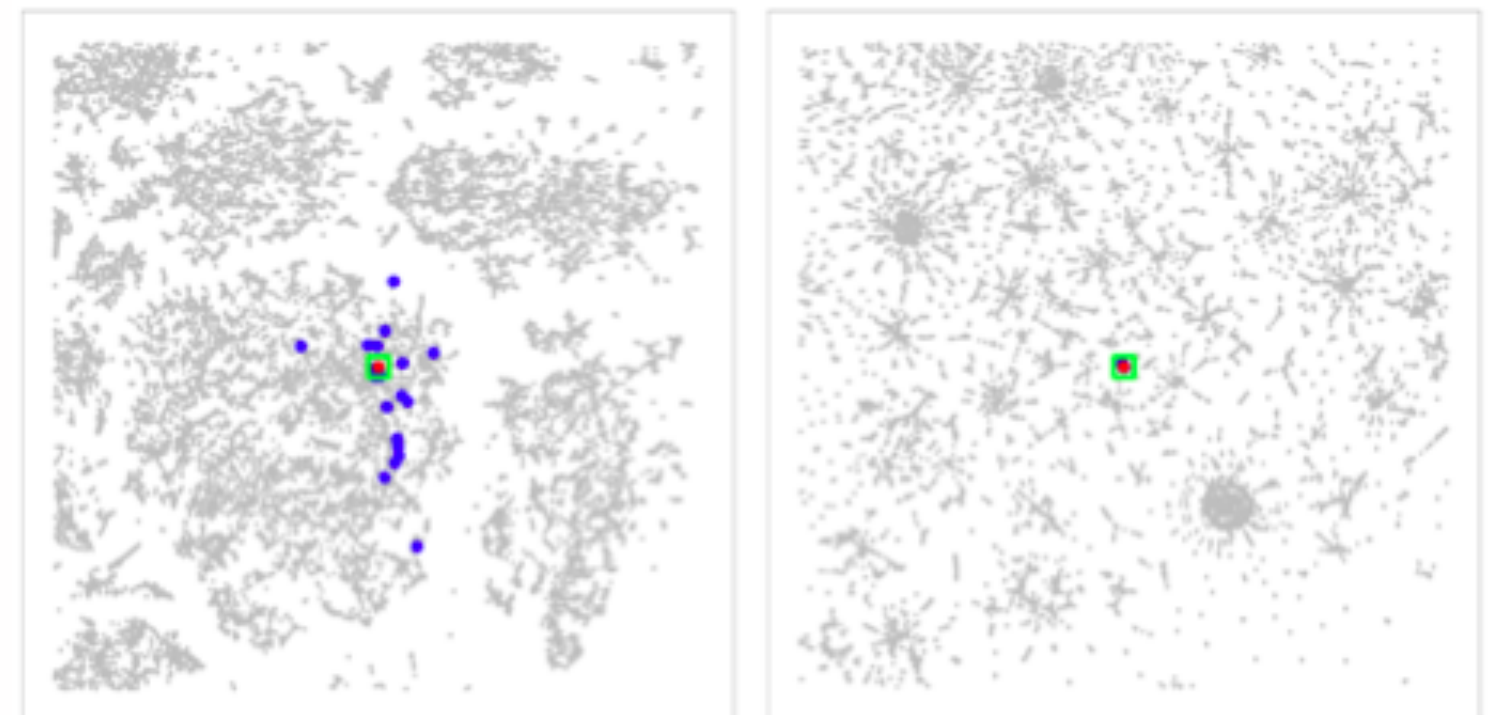


Glimmer

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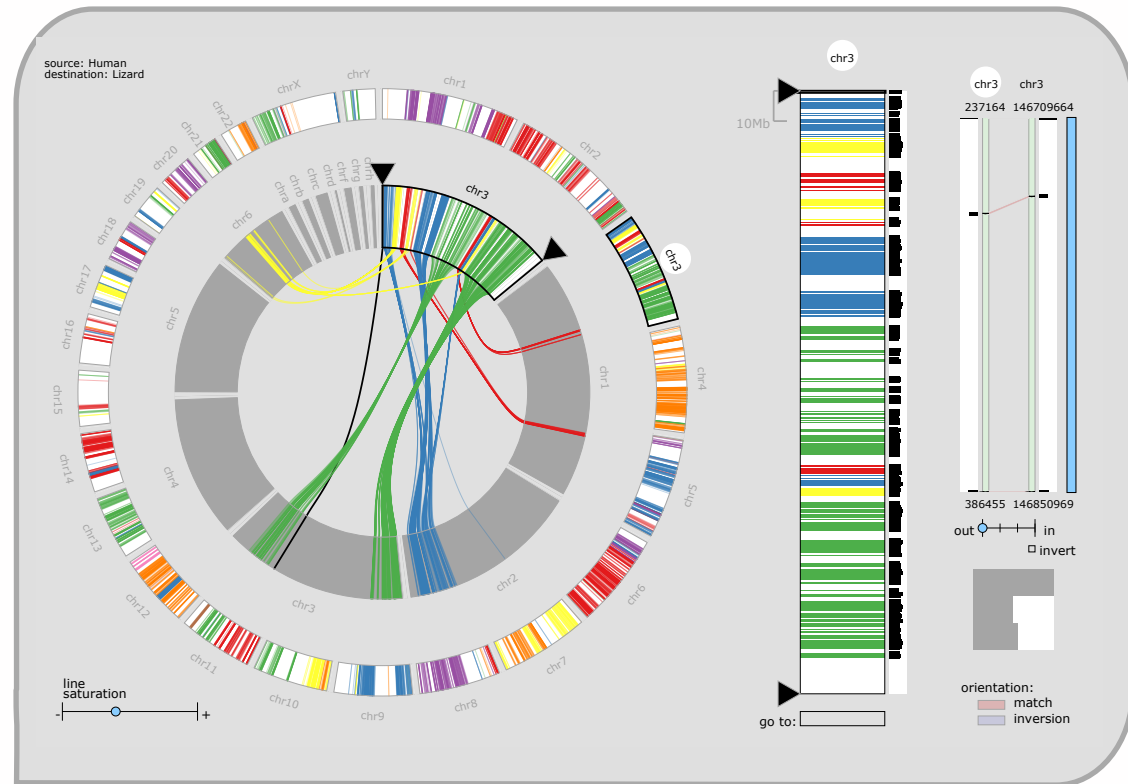


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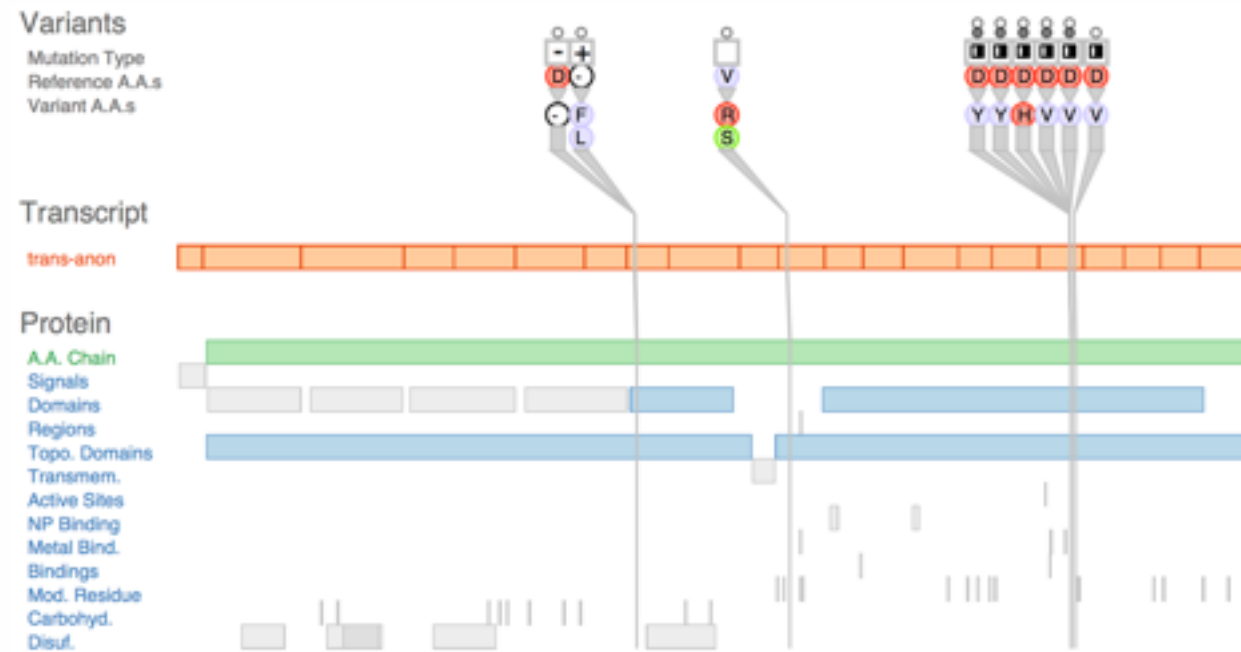
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Problem-driven work: Genomics



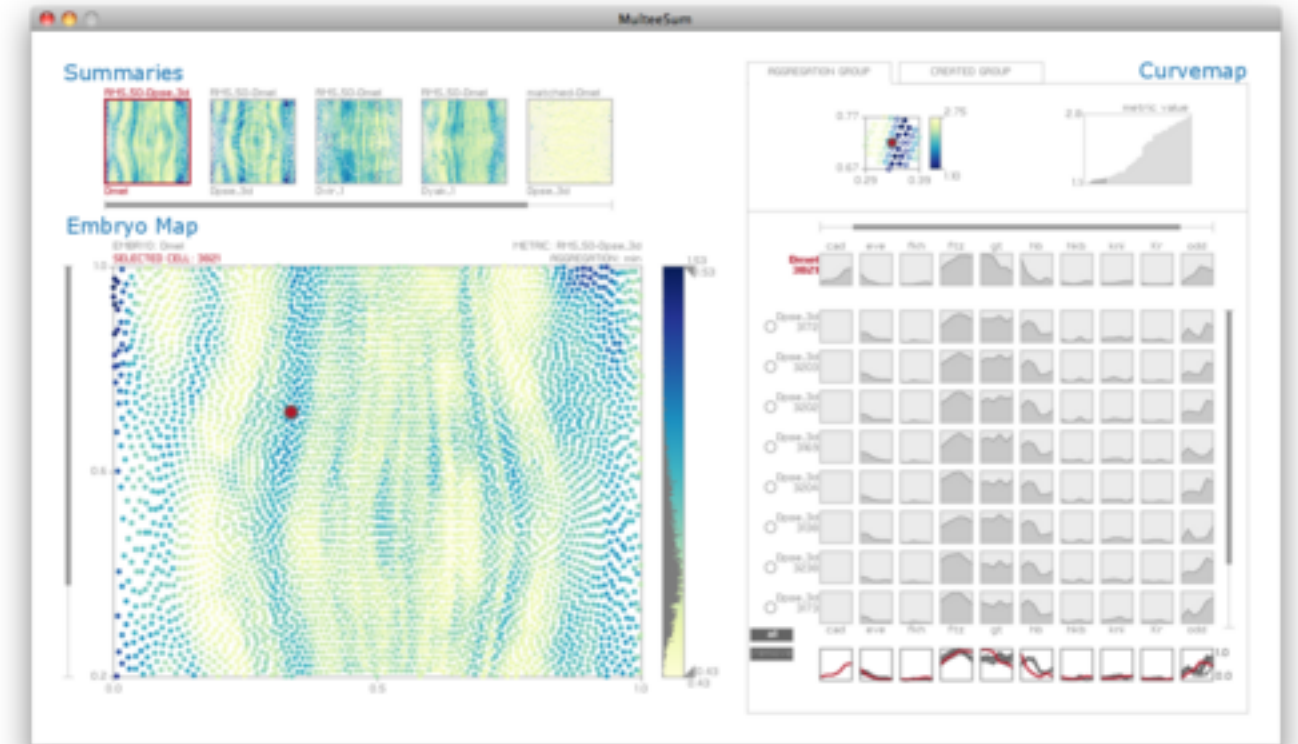
MizBee

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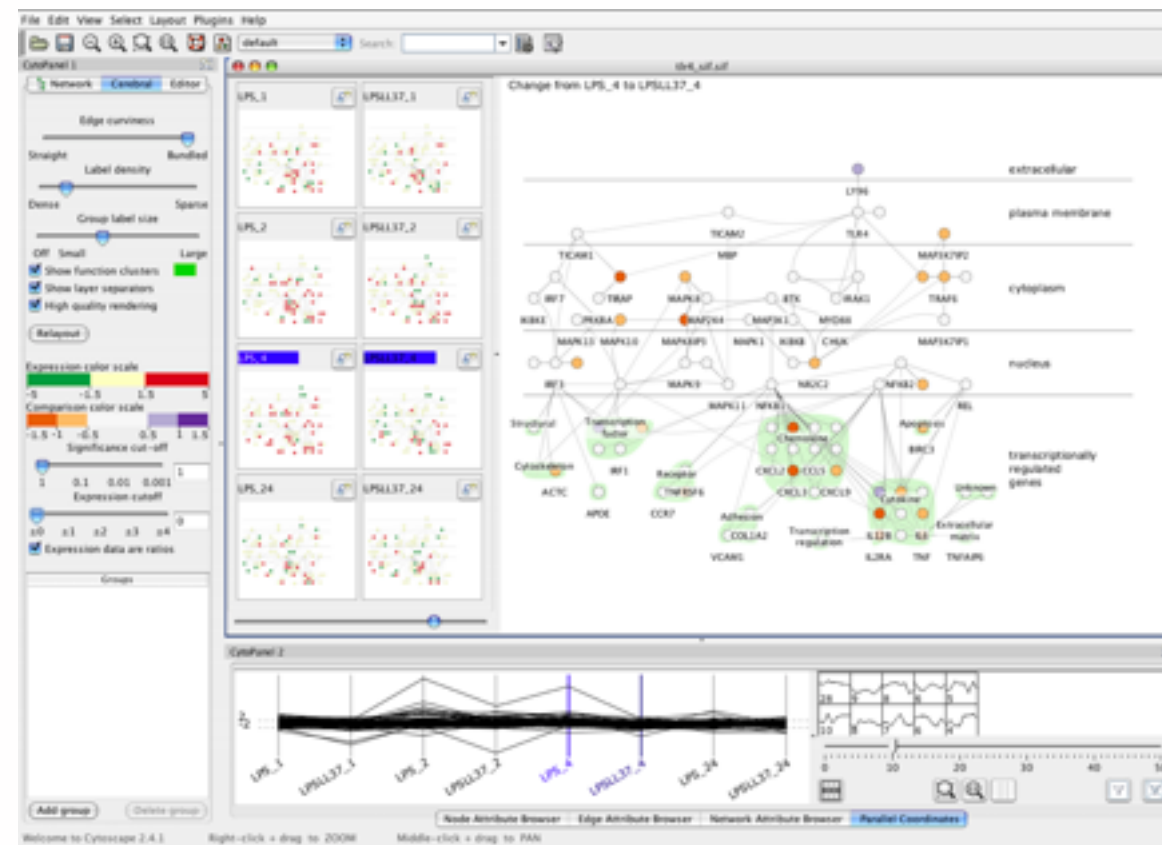


Variant View

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MulteeSum



Cerebral

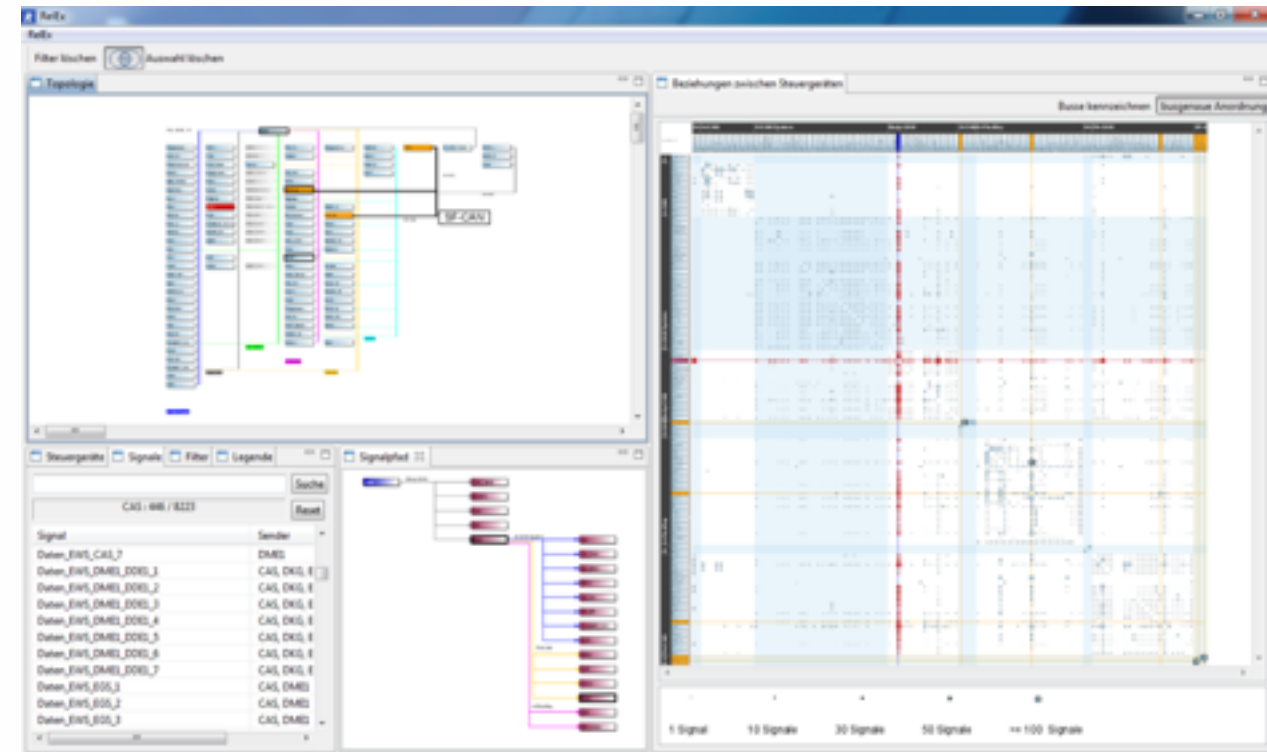
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Problem-driven work: Many domains

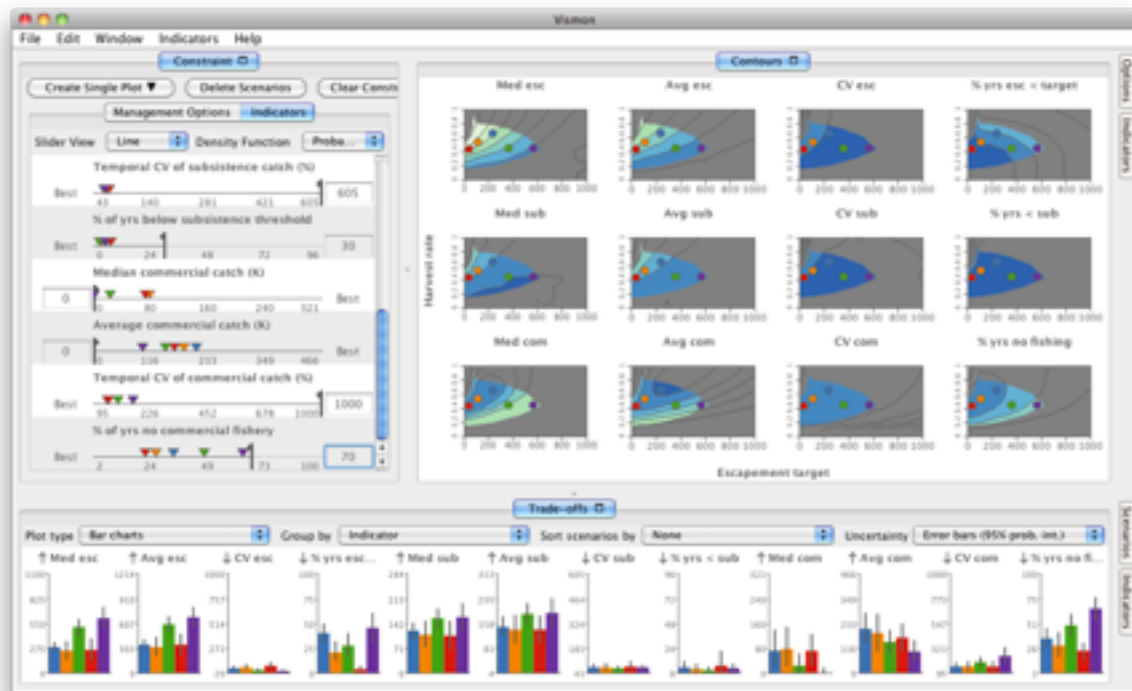


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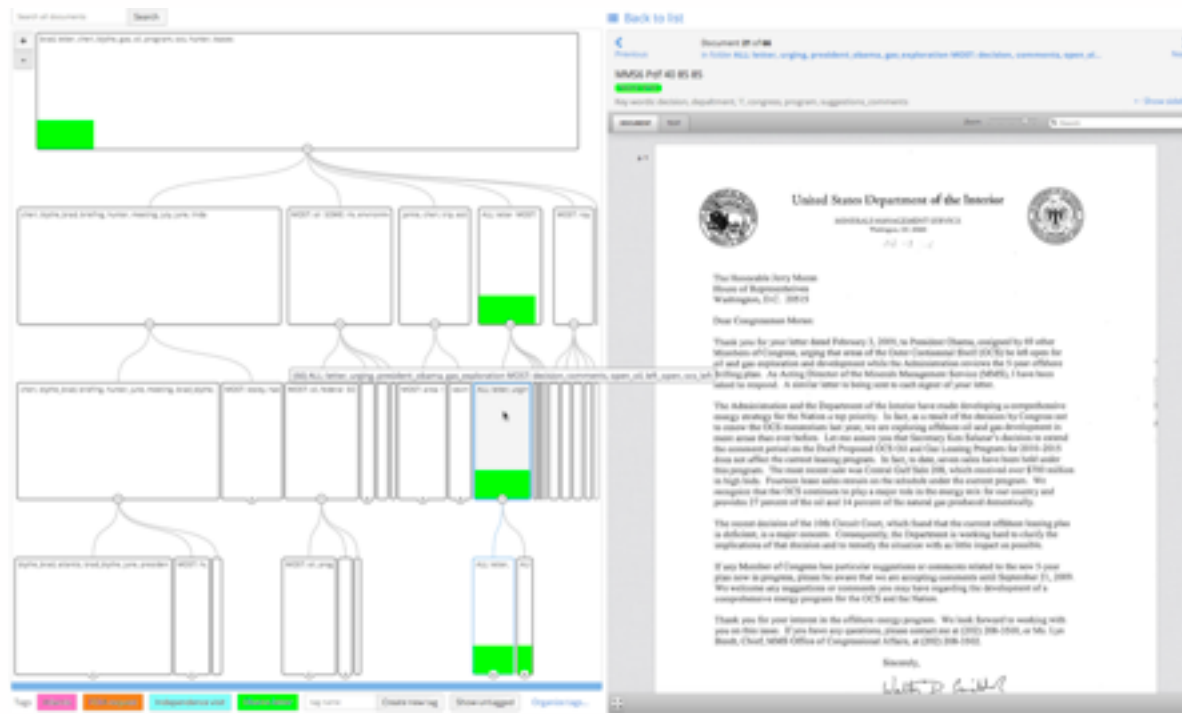
LiveRAC: system management time-series



RelEx: in-car overlay networks <http://youtu.be/89lsQXc6Ao4>



Vismon: fisheries management <http://youtu.be/h0kHoS4VYmk>



Overview: investigative journalism <http://vimeo.com/71483614>

More info

<http://www.cs.ubc.ca/group/infovis/>

<http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/talks.html#skytree14>

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RECENT NEWS

10/2014 [TALK]:

Visualization Fireside Chat: Is Big Data Visualization Possible

Tamara Munzner will chat with Lee Wilkinson and John Stasko, moderated by Eric Kavanagh, in a Google Hangout On Air on Wed Oct 1 (10am Pacific, 1pm Eastern).

[Google Hangout On Air link]



09/2014 [WORKSHOP PAPER]:

Visualizing Dimensionally-Reduced Data: Interviews with Analysts and a Characterization of Task Sequences

by Matthew Brehmer, Michael Sedimair (University of Vienna), Stephen Ingram, and Tamara Munzner was accepted to the ACM Workshop on *BEyond time and errors: novel evaluation methods for Information Visualization (BELIV)*.

[pre-print pdf]

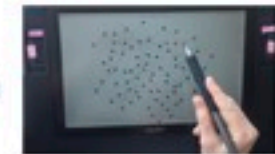


09/2014 [PAPER]:

A Search Set Model of Path Tracing in Graphs

by Jessica Dawson, Joanna McGrenere, and Tamara Munzner was accepted to the *Journal of Information Visualization*.

[pre-print coming soon]



08/2014 [WORKSHOP PAPER]:

Pre-Design Empiricism for Information Visualization: Scenarios, Methods, and Challenges

by Matthew Brehmer, Sheelagh Carpendale (University of Calgary), Bongshin Lee (Microsoft Research), and Melanie Tory (University of Victoria) was accepted to the ACM Workshop on *BEyond time and errors: novel evaluation methods for Information Visualization (BELIV)*.

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07/2014 [TALK]:

Visualization for Hackers: Why It's Tricky, and Where to Start

Tamara Munzner spoke at HOPE X: Hackers On Planet Earth on Jul 19 in New York City, USA.

[pdf slides] [video]



07/2014 [BOOK]:

Visualization Analysis and Design



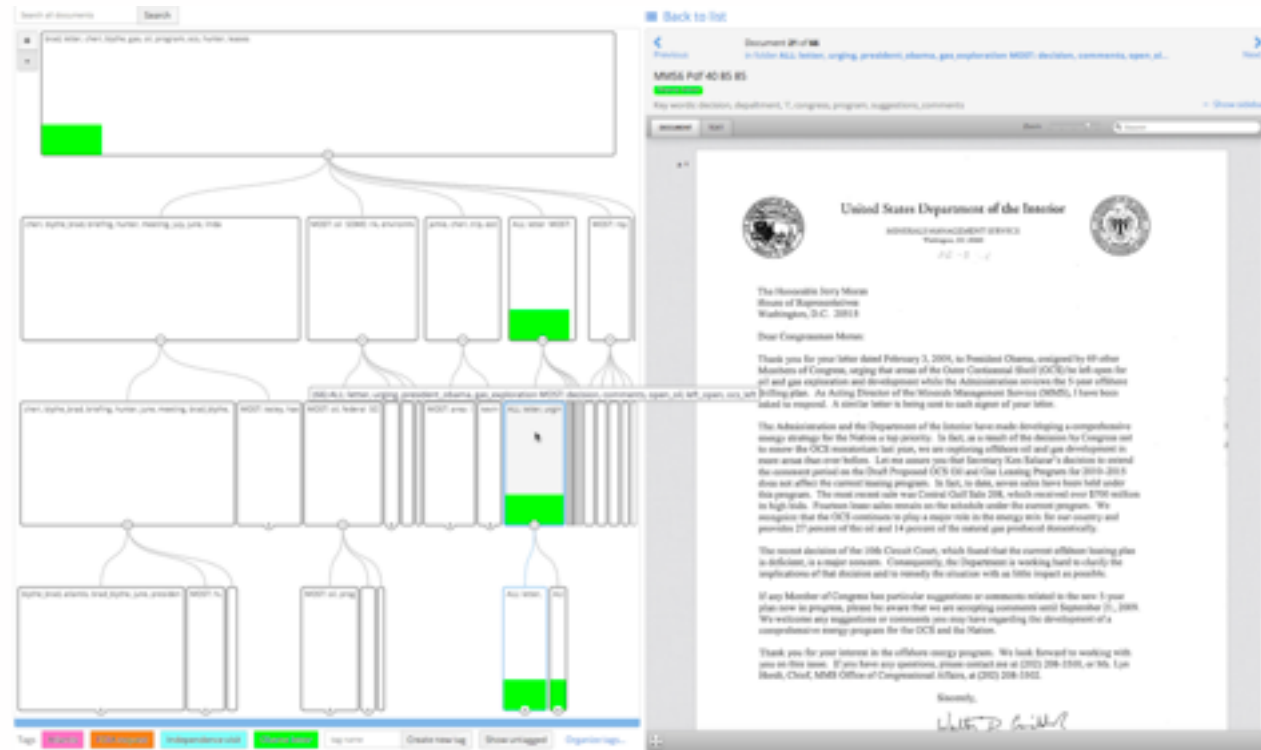
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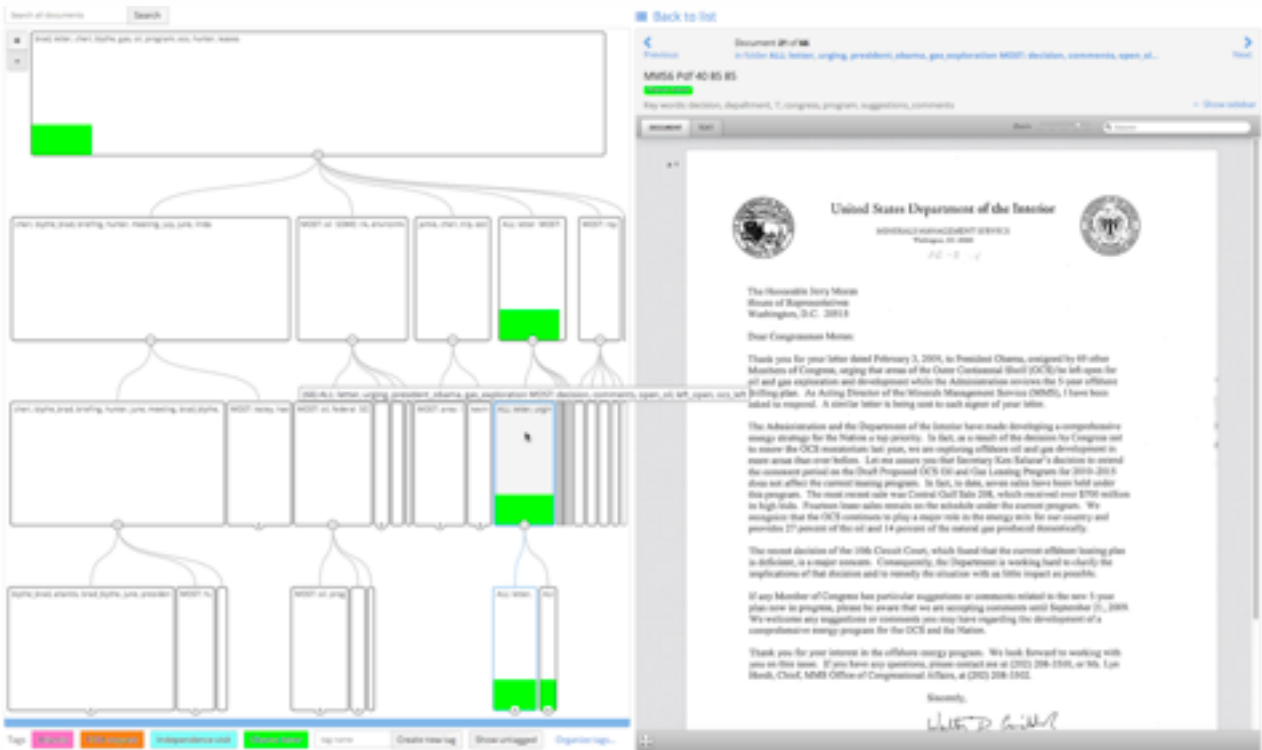
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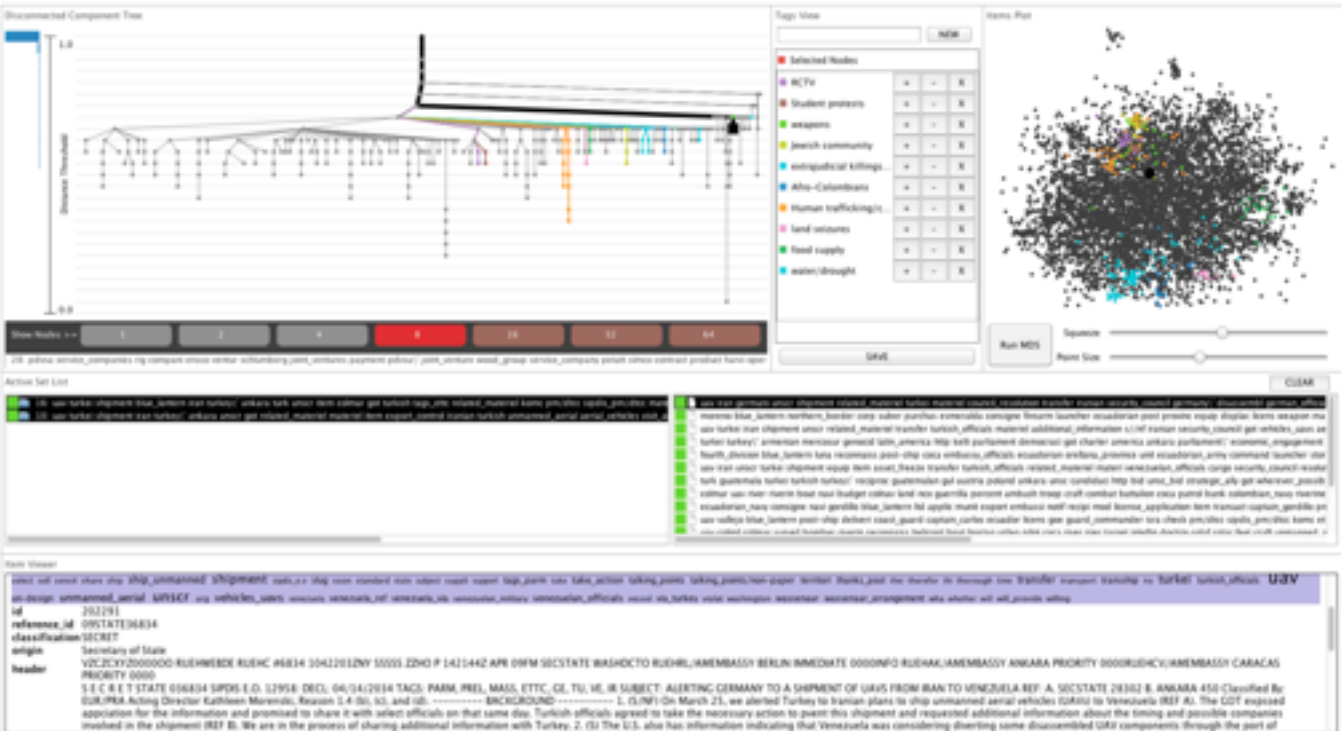
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v1

The v1 interface shows a network graph on the left with nodes and edges, and a document viewer on the right. The graph has a legend on the right side with categories like 'Selected Nodes', 'NCTV', 'Student projects', etc. The document viewer shows a letter from the United States Department of the Interior, dated February 3, 2010, addressed to the Honorable Jerry Moran.

v3

The v3 interface features a hierarchical tree on the left, a document viewer on the right, and a search bar at the top. The document viewer shows a letter from the United States Department of the Interior, dated February 3, 2010, addressed to the Honorable Jerry Moran. The search bar is located at the top right of the interface.

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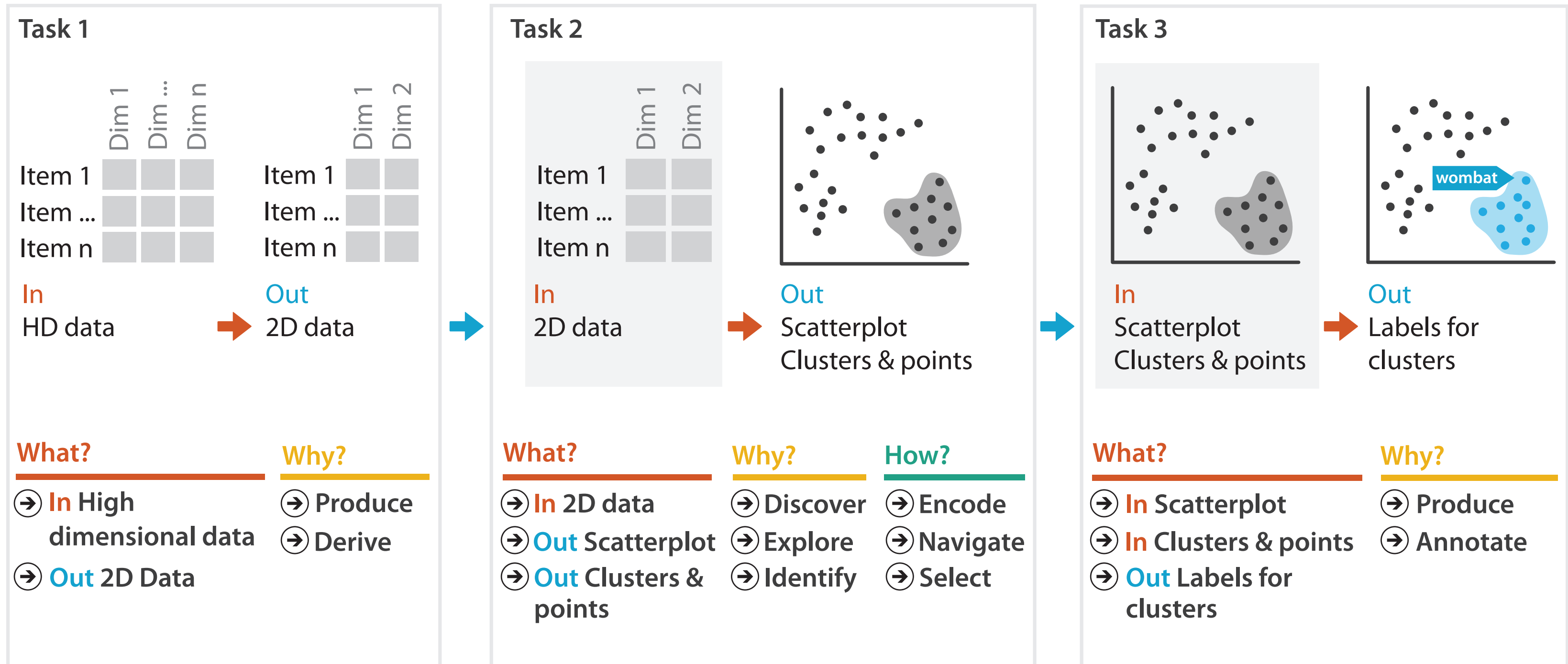
- Glimmer: multilevel dimensionality reduction algorithm
 - scalability to 30K documents and terms

[Glimmer: Multilevel MDS on the GPU.

Ingram, Munzner, Olano. IEEE TVCG 15(2):249-261, 2009.]



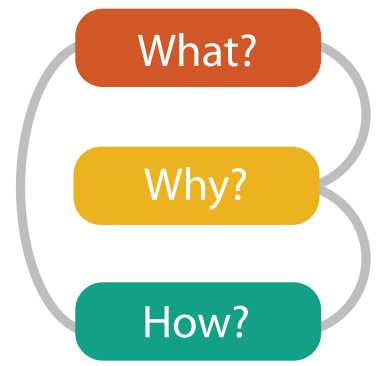
Visual dimensionality reduction for document datasets



- more on visual DR: hour-long talk *Dimensionality Reduction from Several Angles*

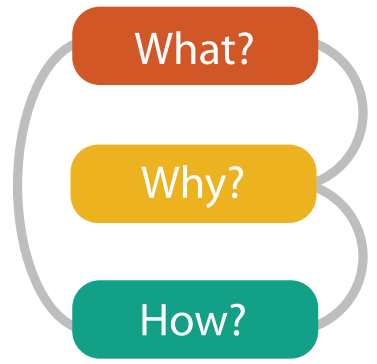
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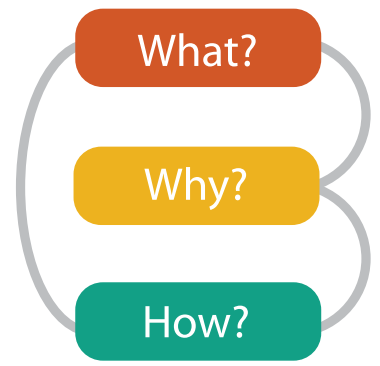
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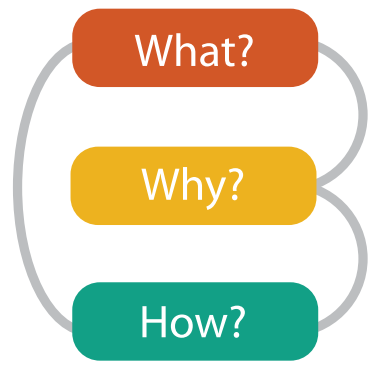
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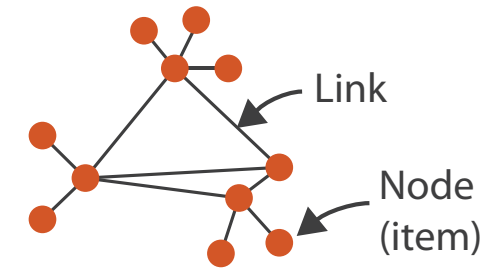


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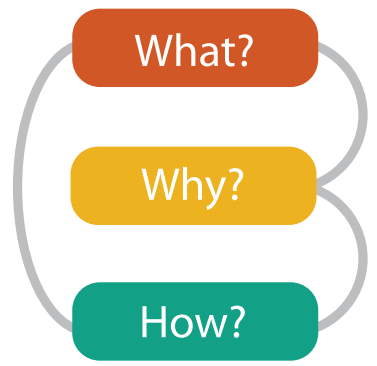
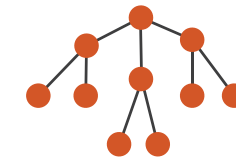
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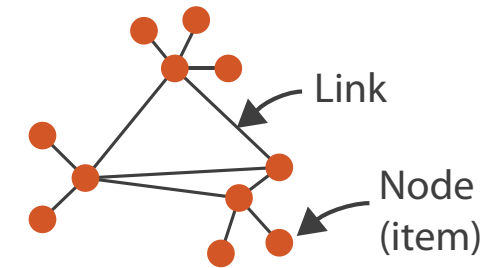


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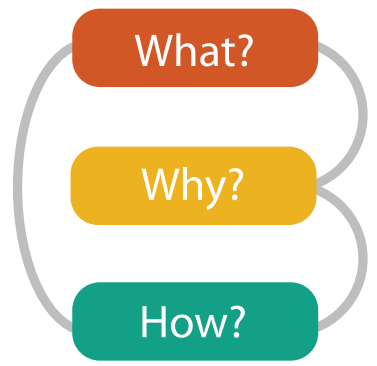
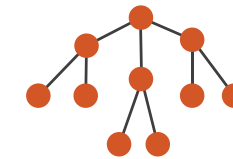
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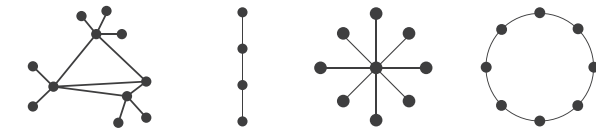
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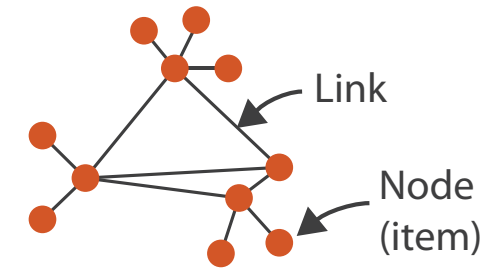


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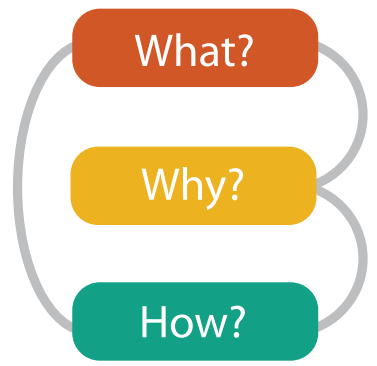
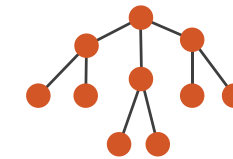
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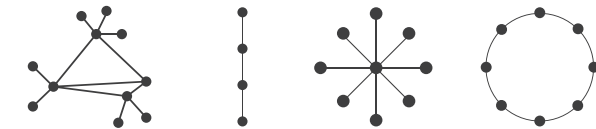
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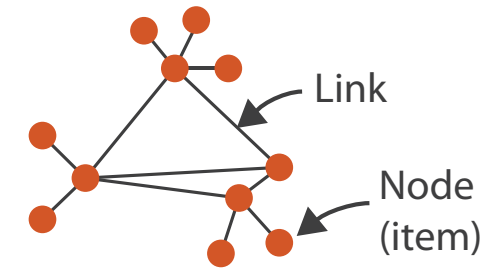


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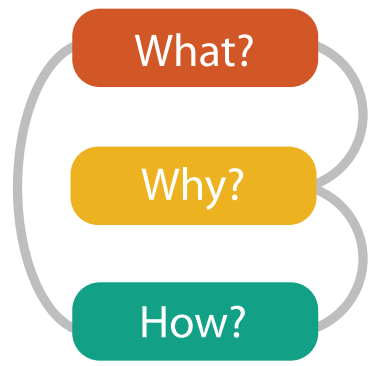
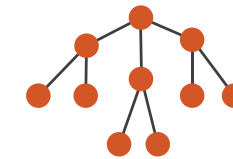
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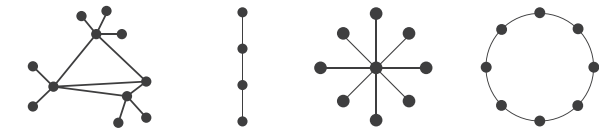
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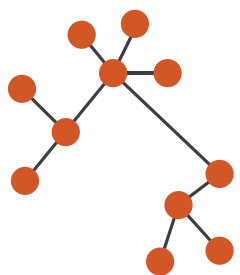
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➔ Node-link Diagrams Connections and Marks

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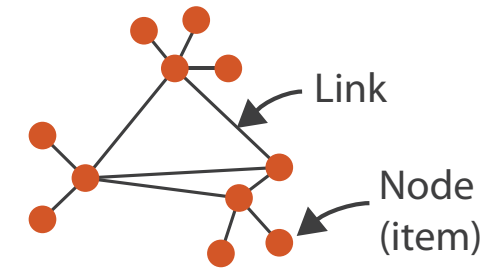


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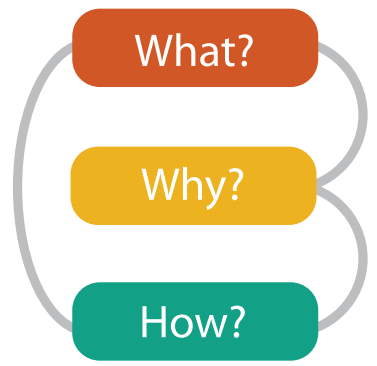
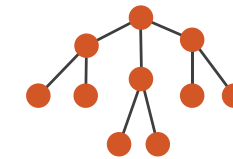
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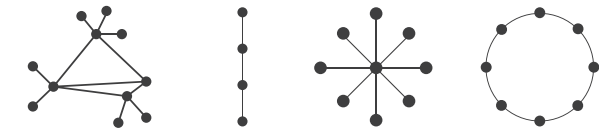
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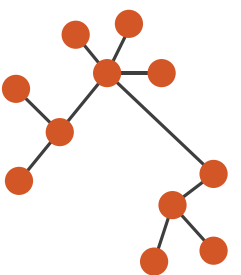


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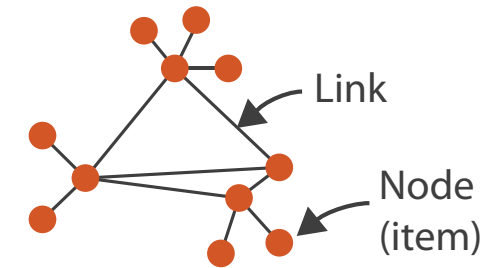


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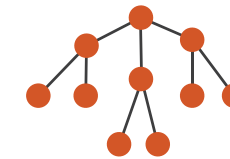
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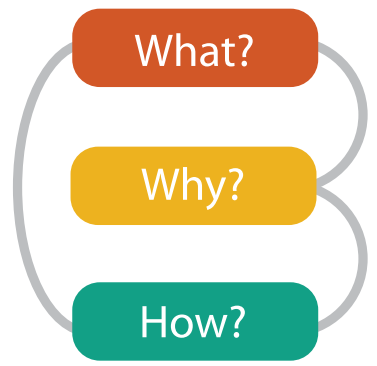
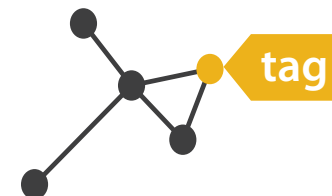


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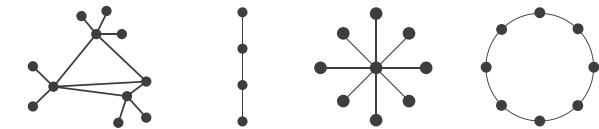
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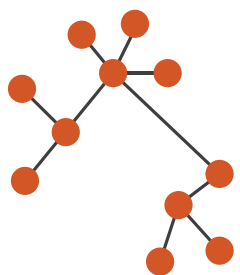
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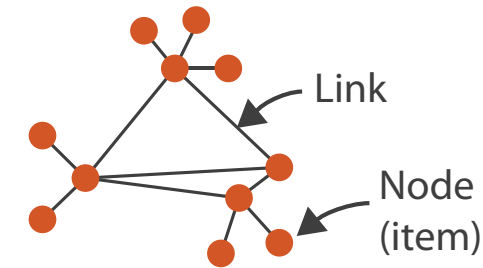


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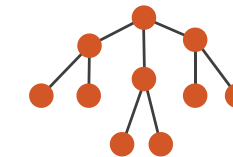
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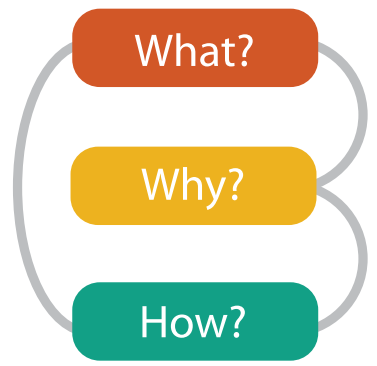
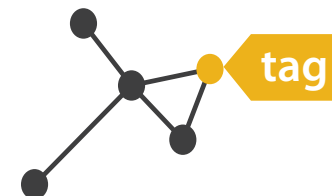


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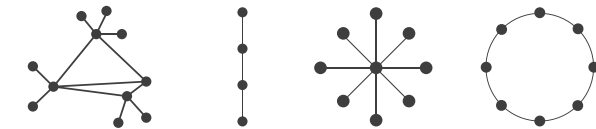
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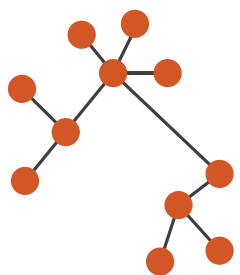
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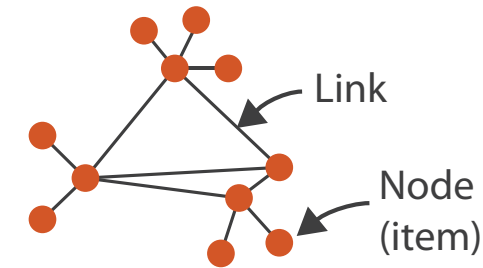


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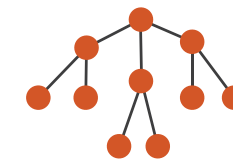
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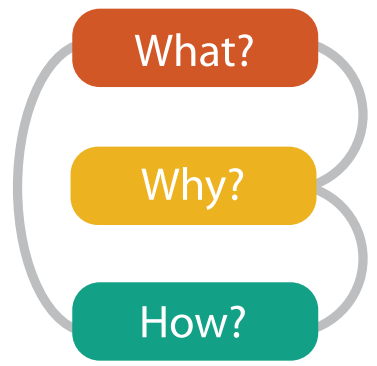
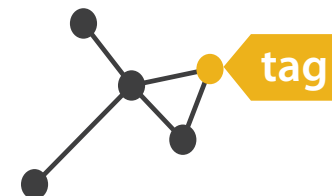


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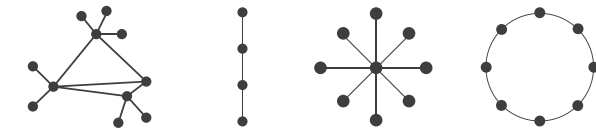
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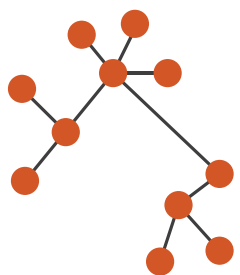
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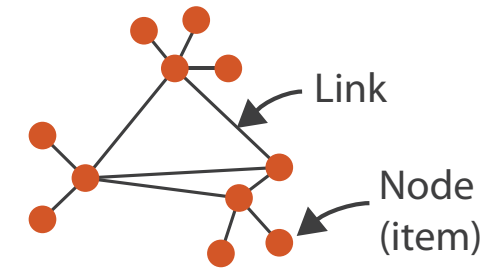


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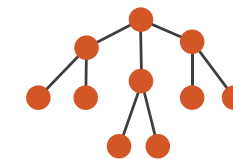
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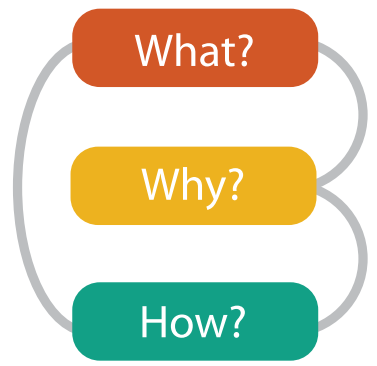
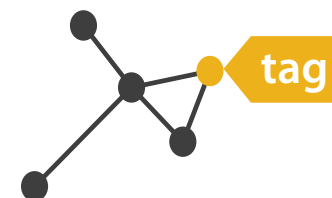


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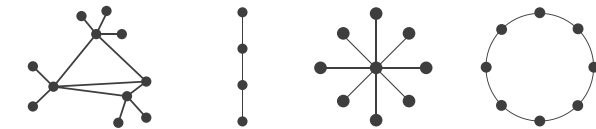
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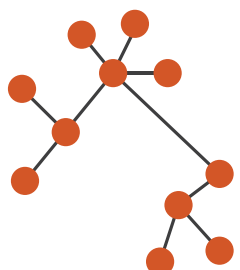
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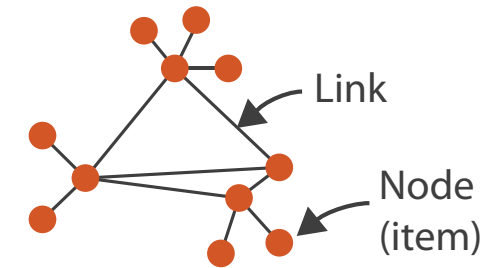


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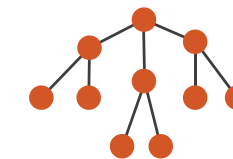
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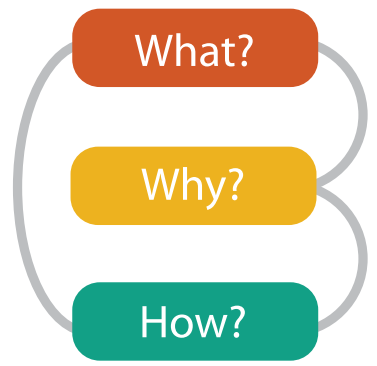
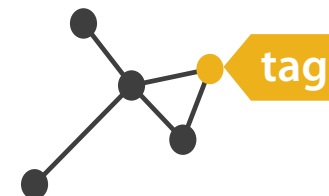


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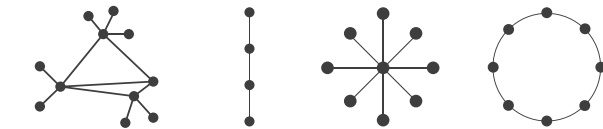
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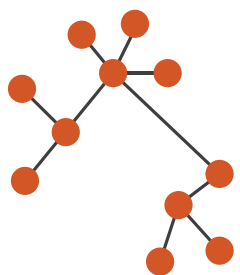
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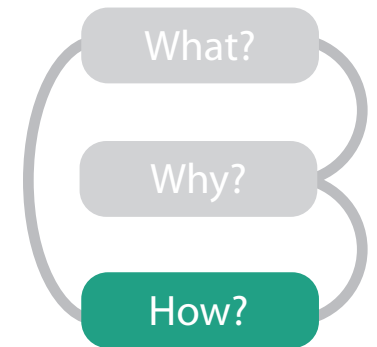
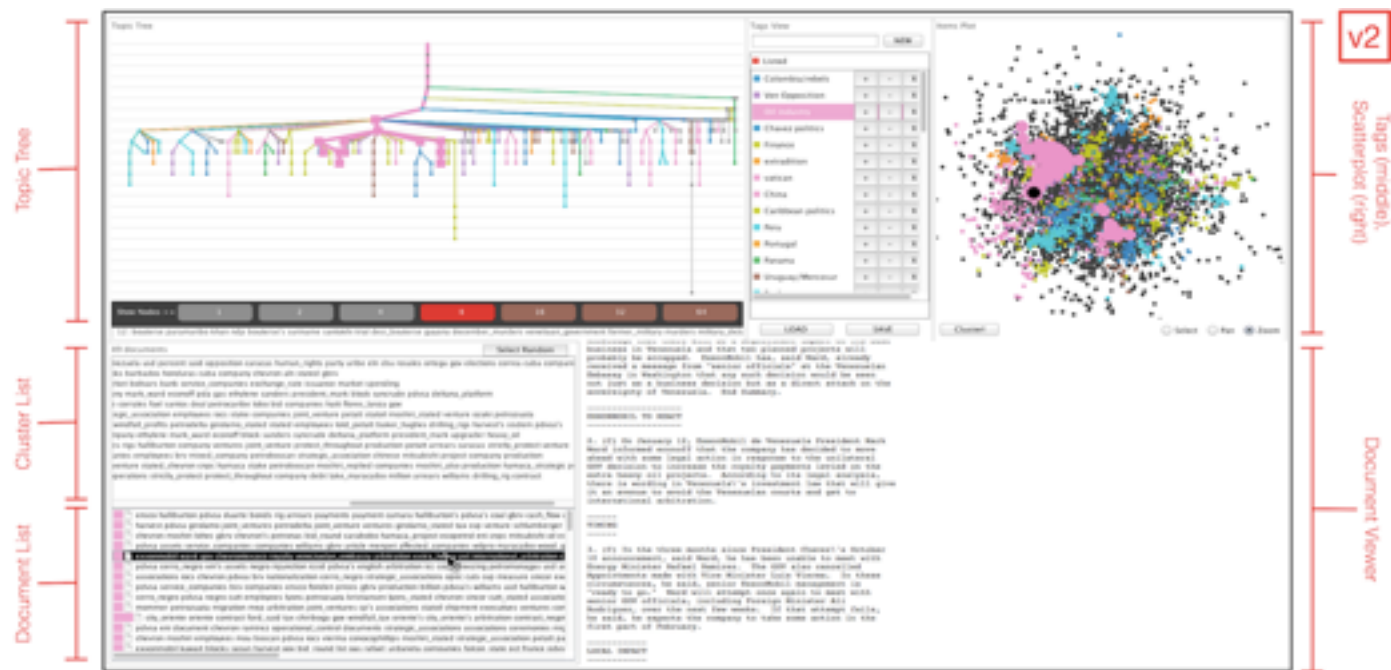
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How: Idiom design decisions

- facet: juxtapose linked views
 - linked color coding
 - cluster hierarchy tree
 - DR scatterplot
 - tags
 - reading text/keywords
 - cluster list
 - doc reader



→ Juxtapose and Coordinate Views

→ Share Encoding: Same/Different

→ *Linked Highlighting*



→ Identity Channels: **Categorical** Attributes

Spatial region



Color hue



Motion



Shape



Overview video (version 1)

Overview prototype

Disconnected Component Tree

Distance Threshold

1.0

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Show Nodes >= 1 2 4 8 16 32 64

4: basrah_palace palace_compound compound basrah ppe rso_basrah rounds_impacted indirect_fire clear_announcement daily_attacks palace_

Tags View

car crash NEW

Listed			
provincial	+	-	X
bad split	+	-	X
fired on friendly	+	-	X
marines	+	-	X
HN injury	+	-	X
including dismissal	+	-	X
aircraft	+	-	X
ied	+	-	X
fired at windshield	+	-	X
complex attack	+	-	X
extraction	+	-	X
motorcycle	+	-	X

LOAD SAVE

Items Plot

Run MDS

Squeeze

Point Size

Node and Document List

- 214: vehicle statement information department tst state_diplomatic n
- 11: aircraft january occurred central_rail aif action_report small_arms fire downed_aircraft venue tir
- 33: person_releasing releasing_report synopsis sdl_ops http rso_http chief_supervisor ops_cl
- 7: aircraft january occurred downed_aircraft action_report heavy_machine fire time_occurred recovery
- 4: rso_air air_asset asset saf striker air_assets kia bird ground_elements notified_ds/cc ds/cc_locati
- 46: statement including_dismissal action_including information disciplinary_action dismis
- 5: aircraft january occurred action_report time_occurred downed_aircraft recovery_time bridge heavy
- 4: jan vicinity report_kevin smalling_title location_vicinity person_releasing releasing_report kevin mi

aircraft mercedes individual culture well_gunner flight gunners safe_distance statement door_gunner

air_asset asset rso_air aircraft saf january salas unclassified bailey toc_watch notified_ds/cc ds/cc_lo

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jan blackwater_air aircraft birds little_birds vicinity person_releasing releasing_report pax air report

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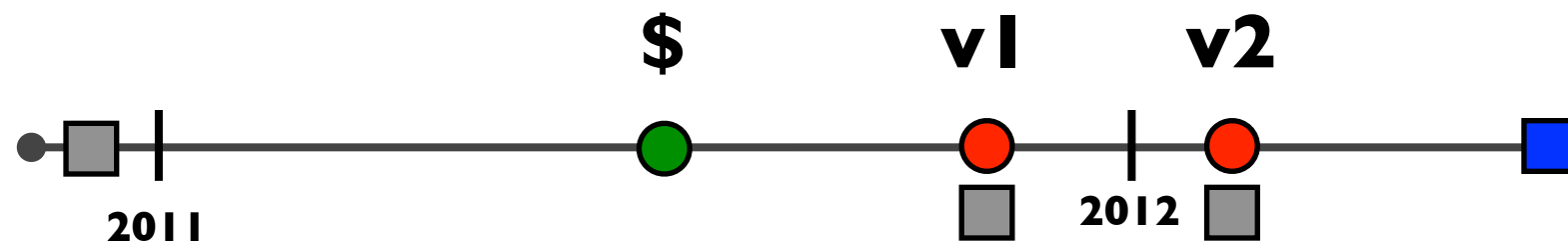
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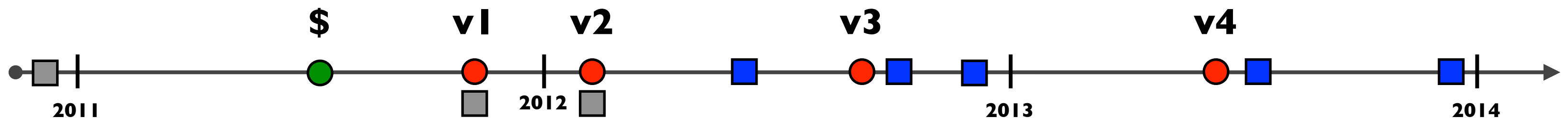
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 - many months of engineering
 - Knight Foundation funding to the rescue!
 - published story by unaffiliated reporter: police corruption in Tulsa



Path to adoption

- even more rounds of what/why/how interplay
 - which views needed? what should they show? how should they show it?
 - usability and utility
- version 3
 - published story: VP candidate Ryan asked for federal help even as championed cuts
 - published story: gun control debate
- version 4
 - followup investigation: government corruption in Texas
 - published story: police misconduct in New York (*Pulitzer prize finalist!*)



Overview video v4

Search all documents Search

66 documents in folder "ALL: letter, urging, president_obama, gas_exploration MOST: decis..."

Key words: alvin, letter, decision, congress, program, suggestions, comments

Key words: letter, decision, jun, congress, suggestions, comments

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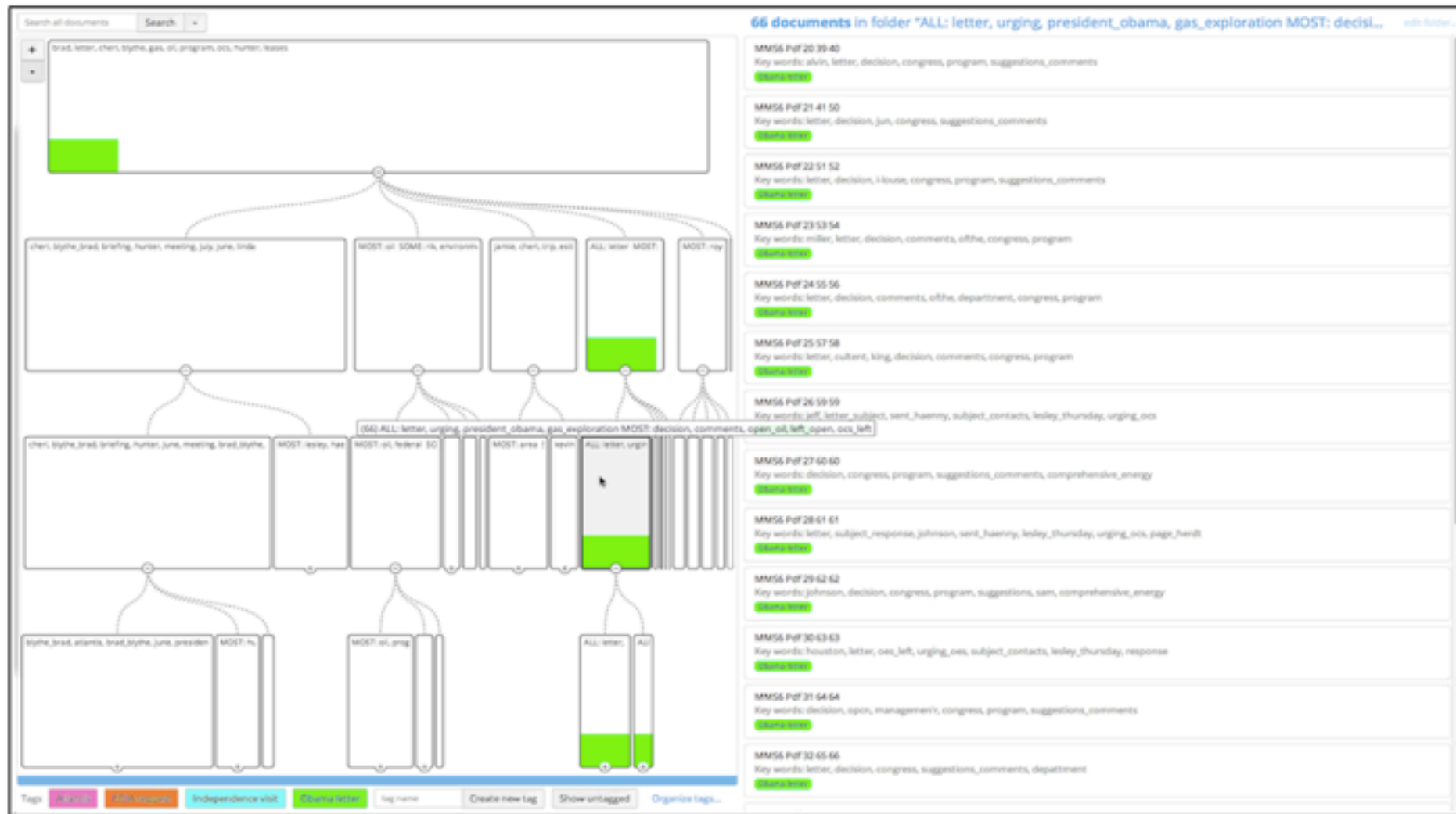
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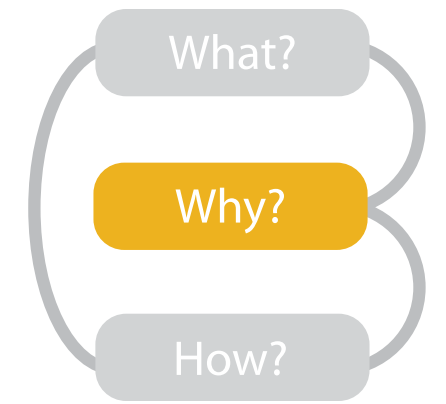
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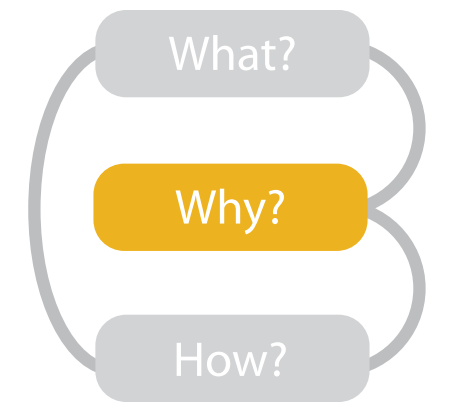
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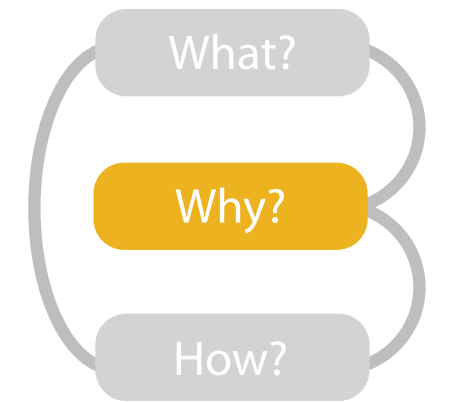
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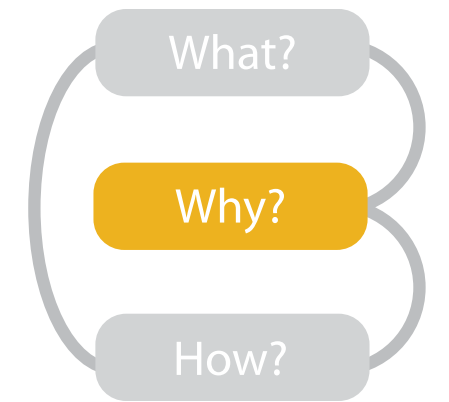
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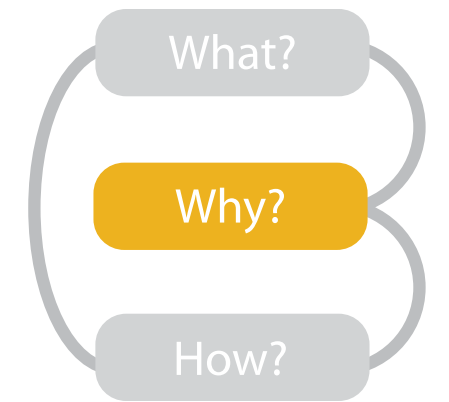
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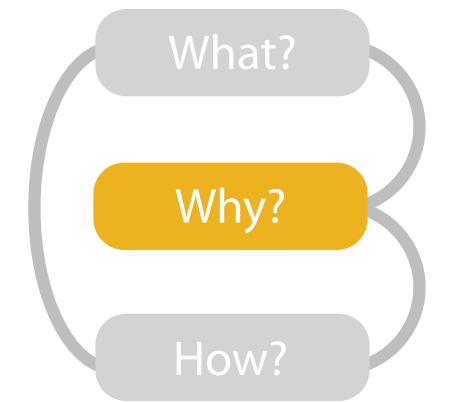
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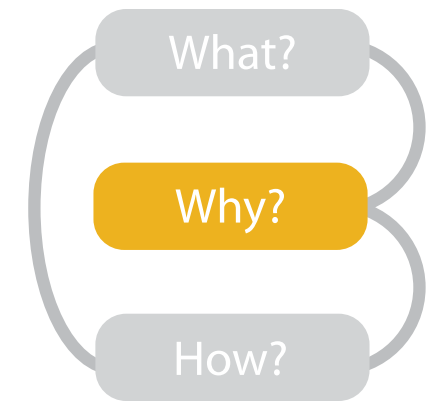
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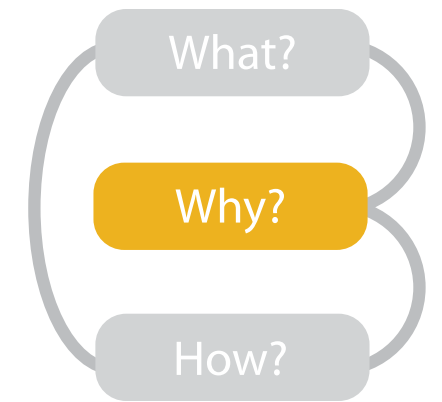
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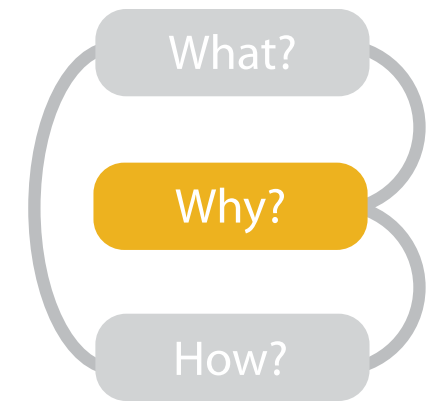
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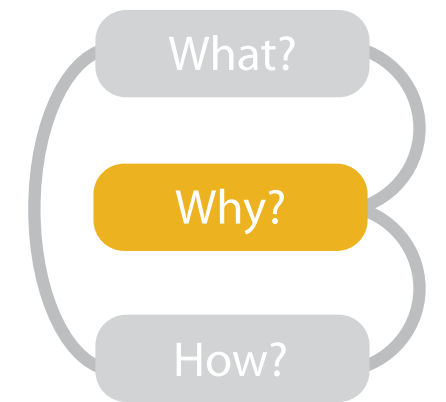
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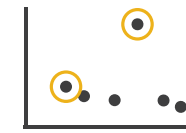
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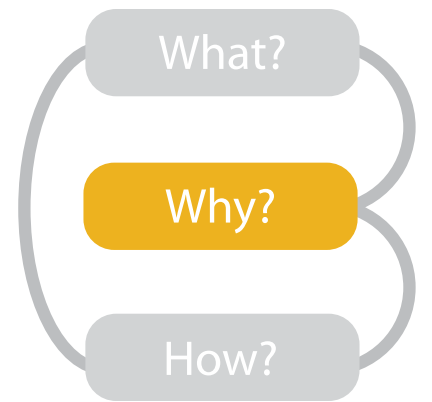
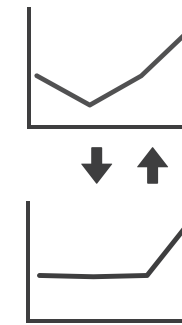


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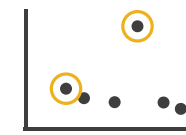
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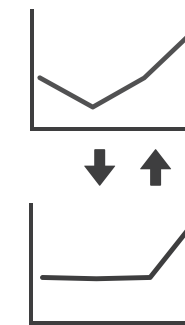


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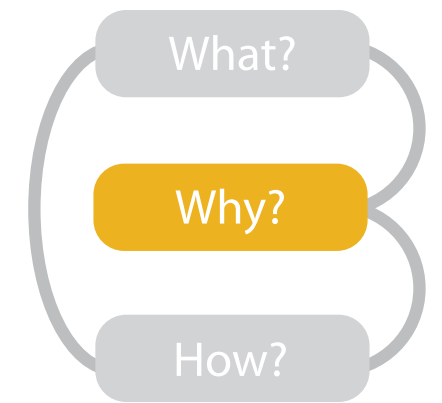
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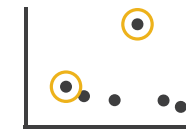
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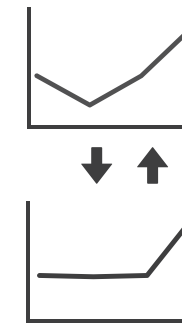


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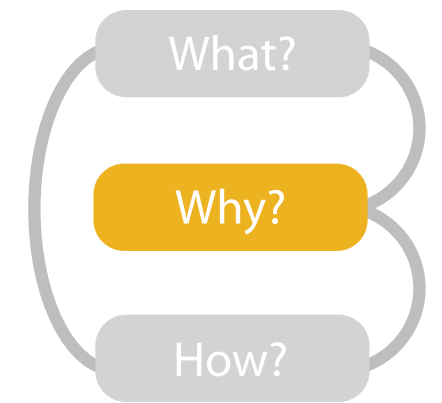
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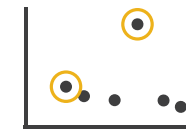
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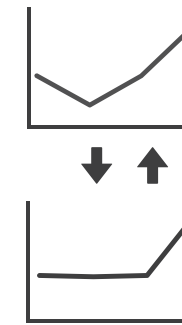


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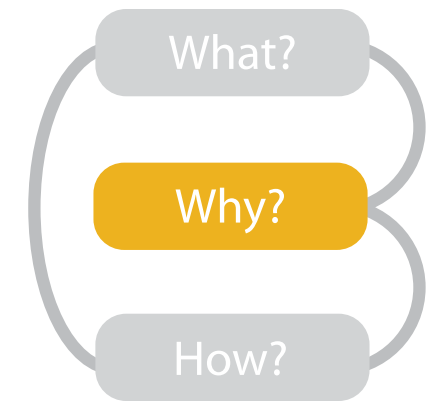
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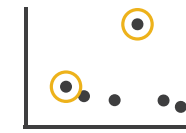
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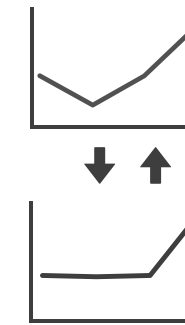


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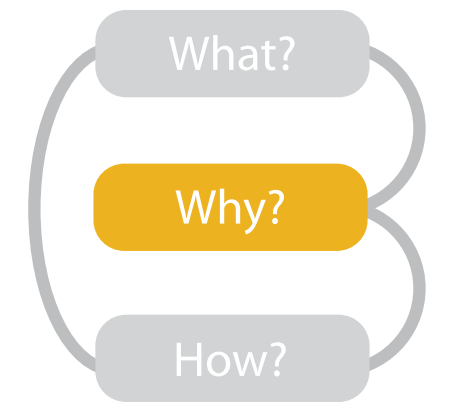


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[A Multi-Level Typology of Abstract Visualization Tasks. Brehmer and Munzner. *IEEE TVCG* 19(12):2376-2385, 2013 (Proc. InfoVis 2013).]

Now what?



- continuing adoption
 - food stamp distribution delays in North Carolina
 - Surprise! Many credit card agreements allow repossession
 - The brilliance of Louis C.K.'s emails: He writes like a politician
 - Private memo reveals winding tale involving John McCain, the NRA, and... condors
- continuing development
 - Knight Foundation funds v5: named entity recognition, plugin API

<https://www.overviewproject.org/>

<http://overview.ap.org/>

- InfoVis 14 paper

Overview: The Design, Adoption, and Analysis of a Visual Document Mining Tool For Investigative Journalists. *Brehmer, Ingram, Stray, and, Munzner.*

<http://www.cs.ubc.ca/labs/imager/tr/2014/Overview/>

Algorithm: Spinoff series

- dimensionality reduction for huge text collections
 - great algorithm problem in its own right!
 - QSNE: fast and high-quality DR for millions of documents
 - key feature: handle sparseness appropriately

*[Dimensionality Reduction for Documents with Nearest Neighbor Queries.
Ingram and Munzner. Neurocomputing (Special Issue on Visual Analytics
using Multidimensional Projections), to appear 2014.]*

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