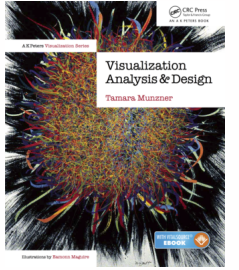


Visualization Analysis & Design I & II



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Defining visualization (vis)

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Why?...

Why have a human in the loop?

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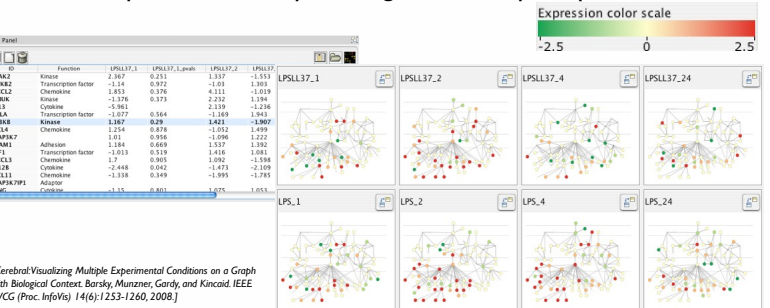
Visualization is suitable when there is a need to augment human capabilities rather than replace people with computational decision-making methods.

- don't need vis when fully automatic solution exists and is trusted
- many analysis problems ill-specified
 - don't know exactly what questions to ask in advance
- possibilities
 - long-term use for end users (e.g. exploratory analysis of scientific data)
 - presentation of known results
 - stepping stone to better understanding of requirements before developing models
 - help developers of automatic solution refine/debug, determine parameters
 - help end users of automatic solutions verify, build trust

Why use an external representation?

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- external representation: replace cognition with perception



[Centralizing Multiple Experimental Conditions on a Graph with Biological Context. Basky, Munzner, Gady, and Kincaid. IEEE TVCG (Proc. InfoVis) 14(6):1253-1260, 2008.]

Why represent all the data?

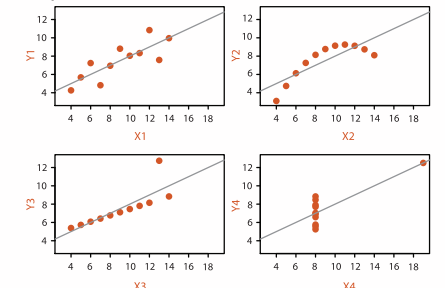
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- summaries lose information, details matter
 - confirm expected and find unexpected patterns
 - assess validity of statistical model

Anscombe's Quartet

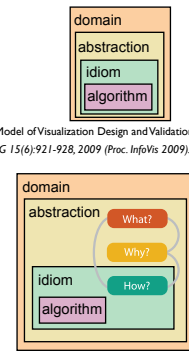
Identical statistics

x mean	9
x variance	10
y mean	8
y variance	4
x/y correlation	1



Analysis framework: Four levels, three questions

- domain situation**
 - who are the target users?
- abstraction**
 - translate from specifics of domain to vocabulary of vis
 - what** is shown? **data abstraction**
 - often don't just draw what you're given: transform to new form
 - why** is the user looking at it? **task abstraction**
- idiom**
 - how** is it shown?
 - visual encoding idiom**: how to draw
 - interaction idiom**: how to manipulate
- algorithm**
 - efficient computation



[A Nested Model of Visualization Design and Validation. Munzner. IEEE TVCG 15(6):921-928, 2009 (Proc. InfoVis 2009).]
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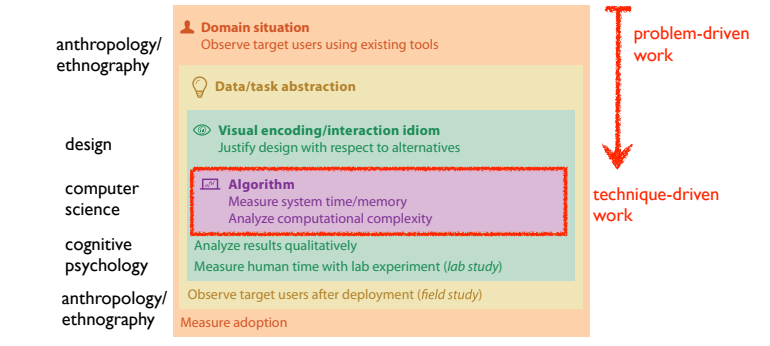
Why is validation difficult?

- different ways to get it wrong at each level

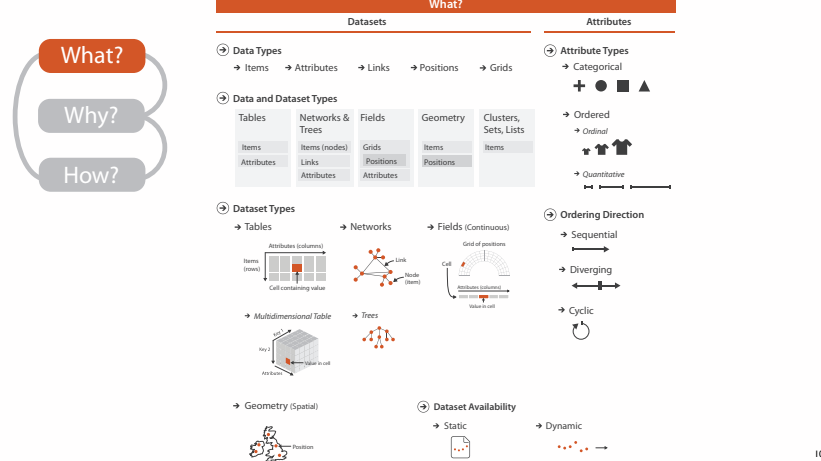


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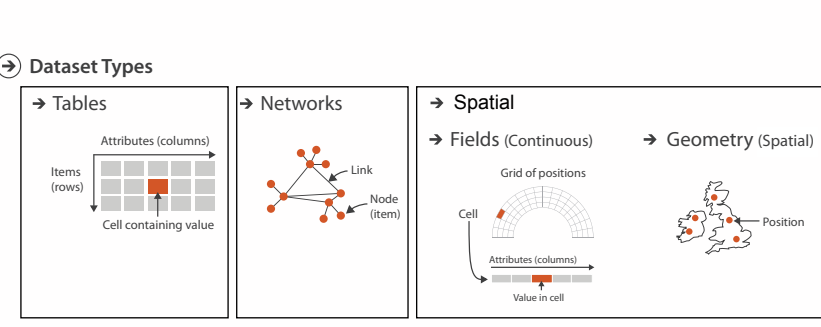
- solution: use methods from different fields at each level



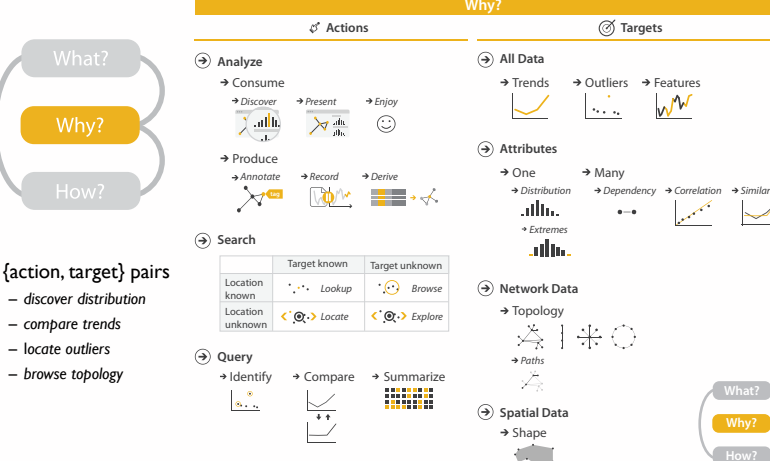
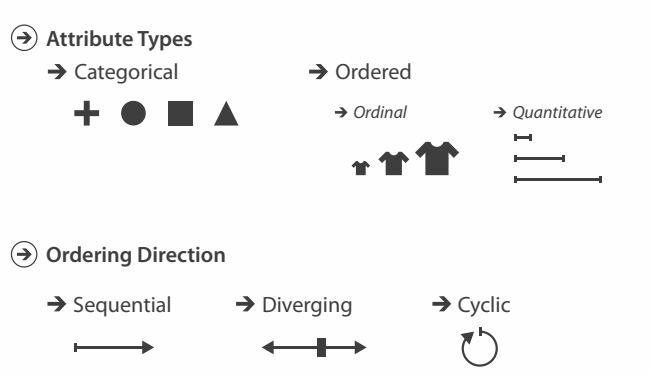
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Three major datatypes



Attribute types



- {action, target} pairs
 - discover distribution
 - compare trends
 - locate outliers
 - browse topology

Actions: Analyze, Query

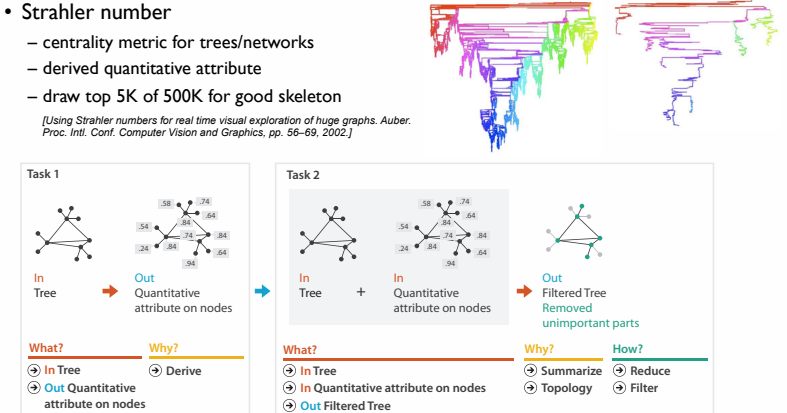
- analyze**
 - consume
 - discover vs present
 - aka explore vs explain
 - enjoy
 - aka casual, social
 - produce
 - annotate, record, derive
- query**
 - how much data matters?
 - one, some, all
- independent choices**
 - analyze, query, (search)

Derive

- don't just draw what you're given!
 - decide what the right thing to show is
 - create it with a series of transformations from the original dataset
 - draw that
- one of the four major strategies for handling complexity

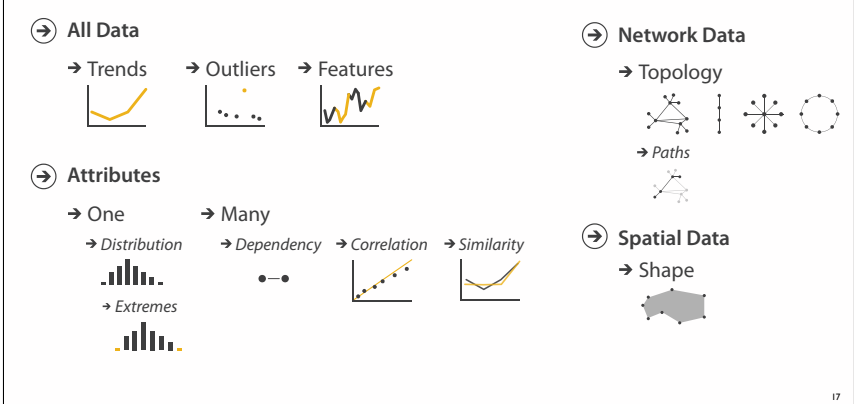


Analysis example: Derive one attribute

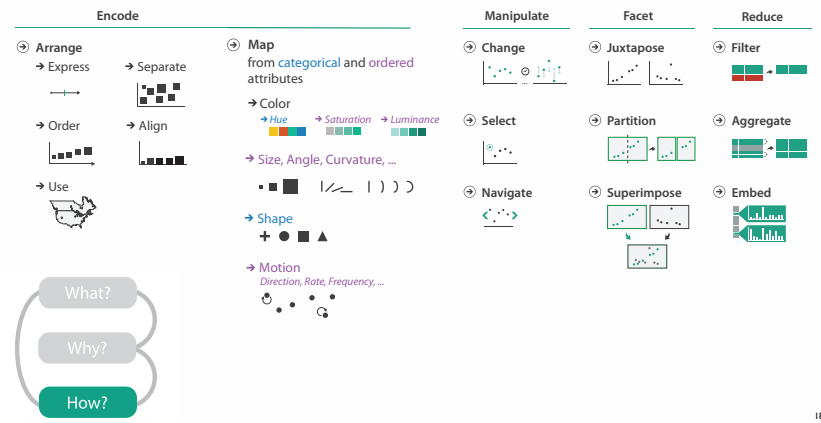


[Using Strahler numbers for real time visual exploration of huge graphs. Auber. Proc. Intl. Conf. Computer Vision and Graphics, pp. 56-69, 2002.]

Why: Targets



How?



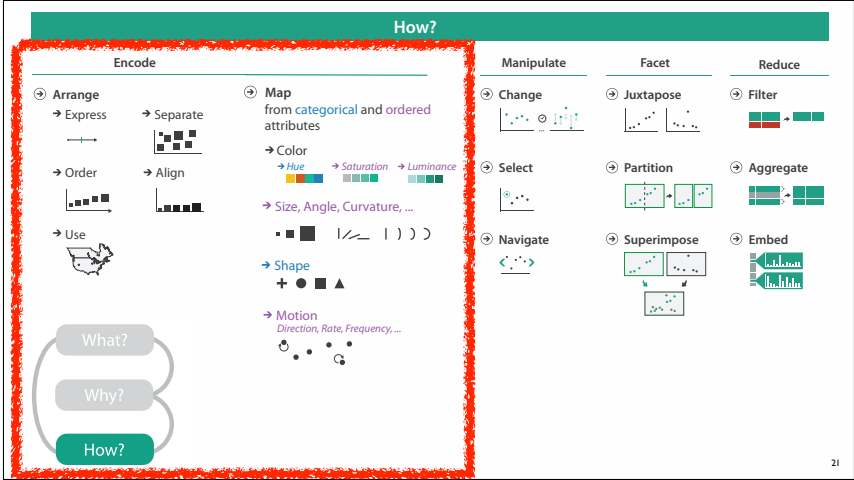
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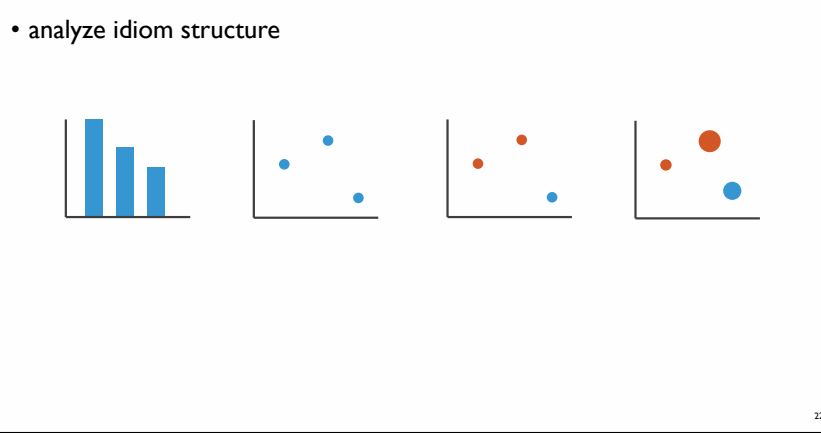
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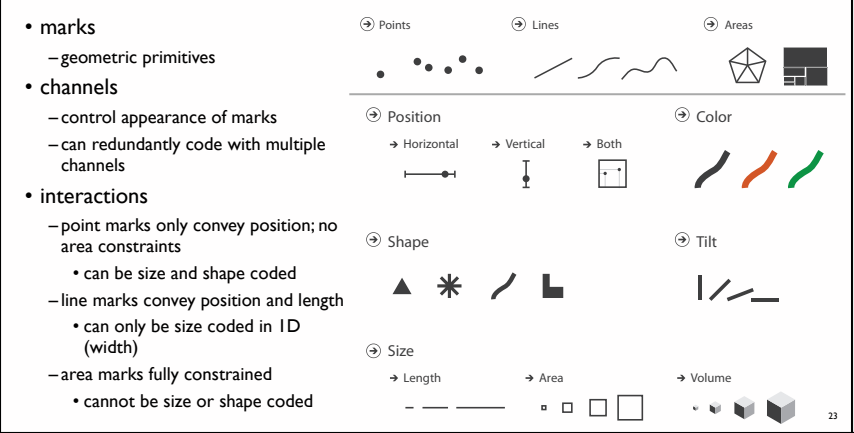
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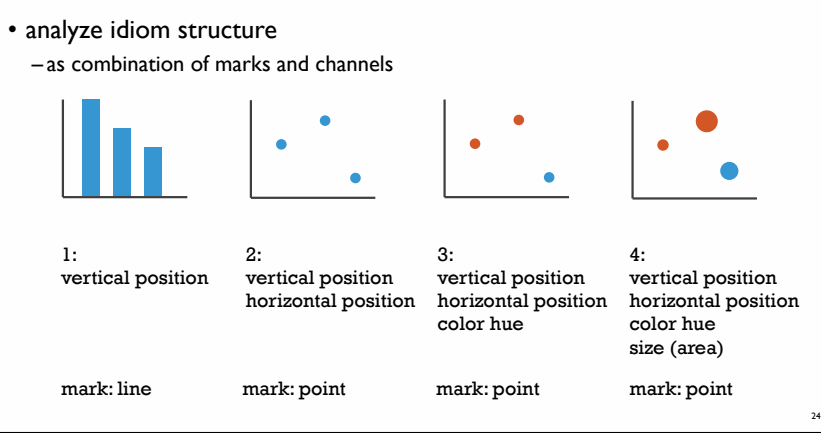
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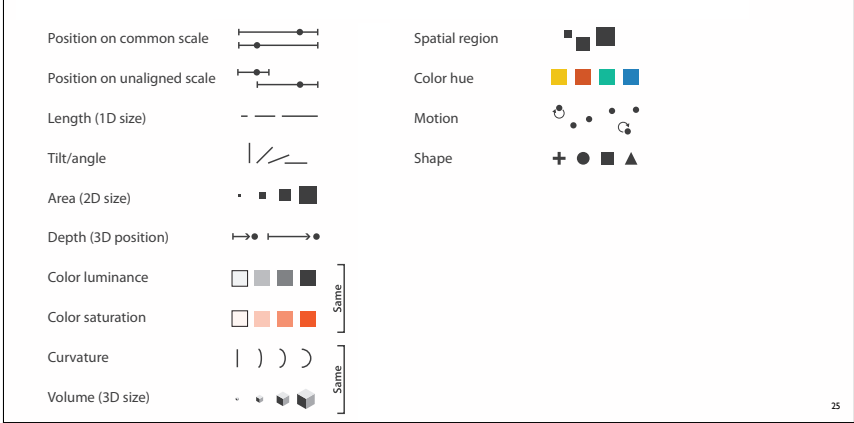
Definitions: Marks and channels



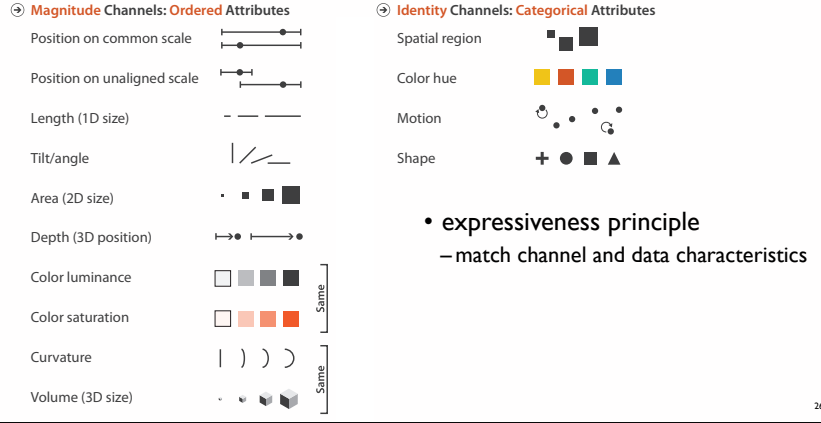
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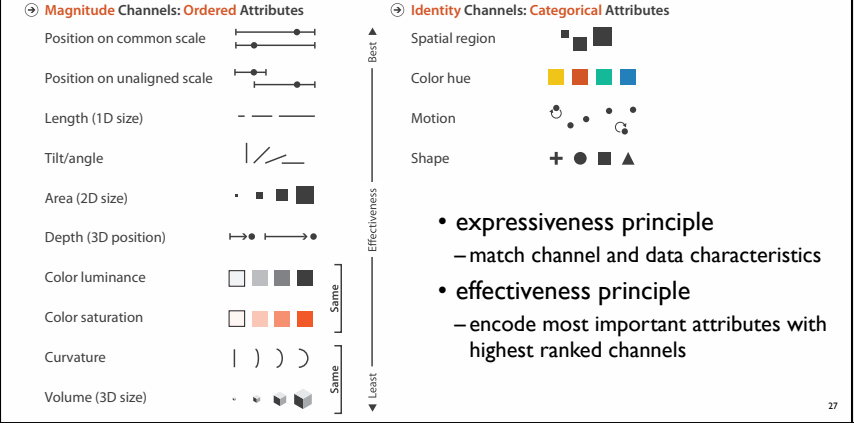
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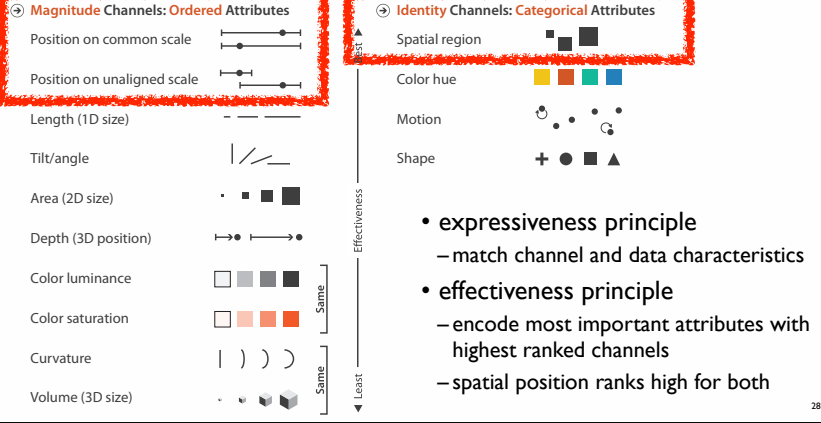
Channels: Matching Types



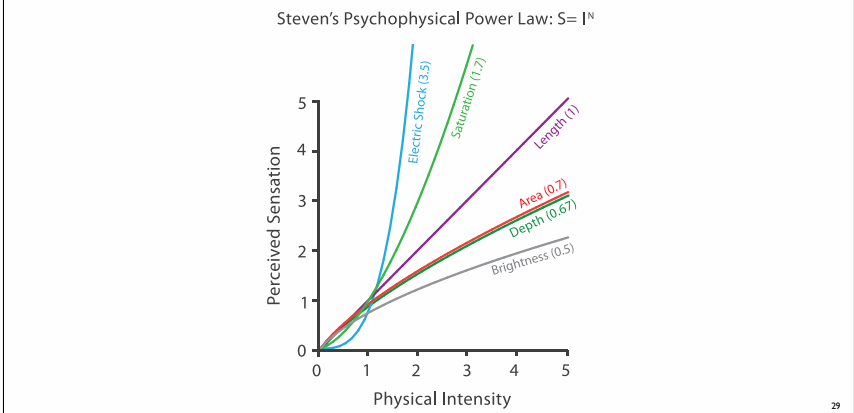
Channels: Rankings



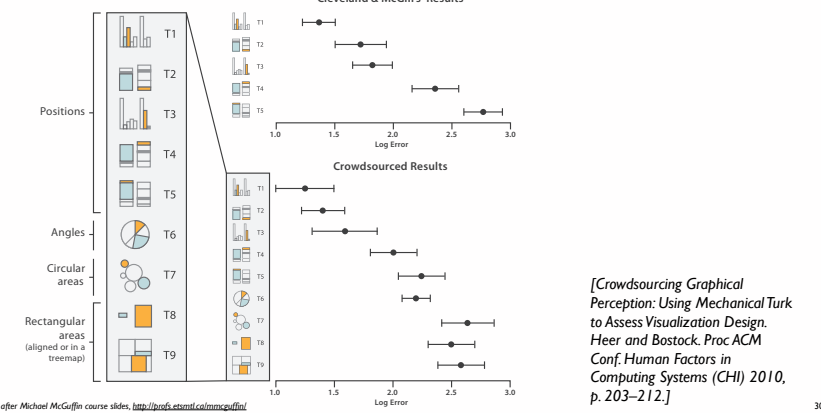
Channels: Expressiveness types and effectiveness rankings



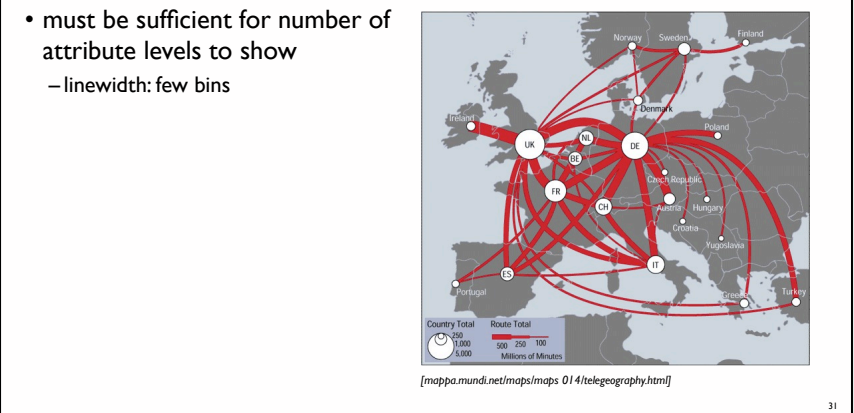
Accuracy: Fundamental Theory



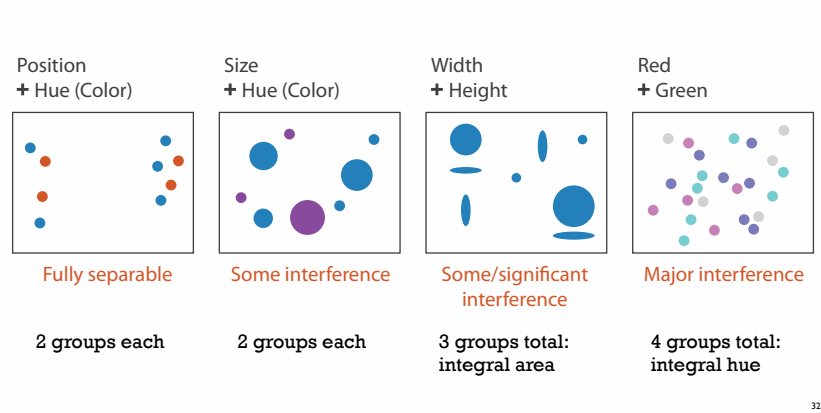
Accuracy: Vis experiments



Discriminability: How many usable steps?

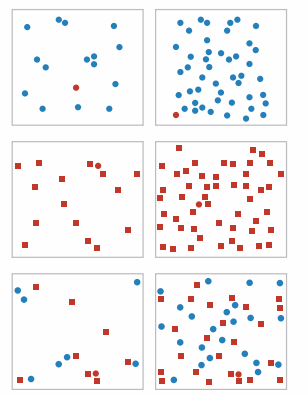


Separability vs. Integrality



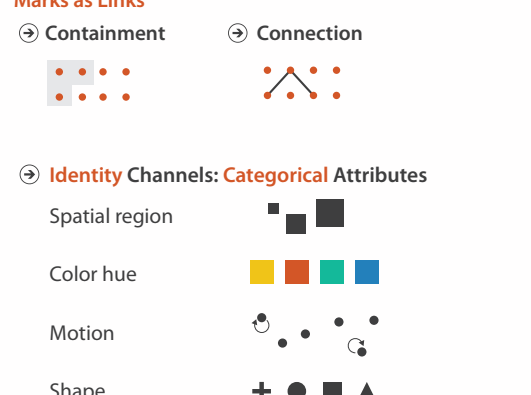
Popout

- find the red dot
 - how long does it take?
- parallel processing on many individual channels
 - speed independent of distractor count
 - speed depends on channel and amount of difference from distractors
- serial search for (almost all) combinations
 - speed depends on number of distractors



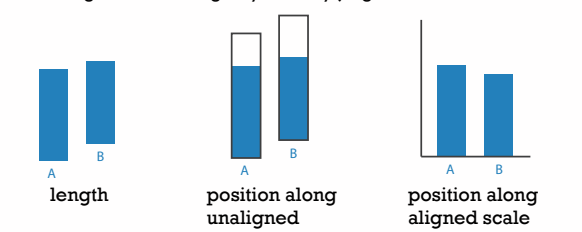
Grouping

- containment
 - same spatial region
- connection
 - same values as other categorical channels
- proximity
 - same spatial region
- similarity
 - same values as other categorical channels



Relative vs. absolute judgements

- perceptual system mostly operates with relative judgements, not absolute
 - that's why accuracy increases with common frame/scale and alignment
 - Weber's Law: ratio of increment to background is constant
 - filled rectangles differ in length by 1:9, difficult judgement
 - white rectangles differ in length by 1:2, easy judgement



after [Graphical Perception: Theory, Experimentation, and Application to the Development of Graphical Methods. Cleveland and McGill. Journ. American Statistical Association 79:387 (1984), 531–554.]

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Arrange tables

- Express Values
 - horizontal line with tick
- Separate, Order, Align Regions
 - Separate: grid of boxes
 - Order: boxes in a line
 - Align: boxes aligned to a line
- Axis Orientation
 - Rectilinear: L-shaped axis
 - Parallel: vertical/horizontal lines
 - Radial: star-shaped axis
- Layout Density
 - Dense: packed grid
 - Space-Filling: irregular shapes
- Key Count
 - 1 Key List: vertical list
 - 2 Keys Matrix: grid
 - 3 Keys Volume: 3D box
 - Many Keys Recursive Subdivision: complex nested shapes

Keys and values

- key
 - independent attribute
 - used as unique index to look up items
 - simple tables: 1 key
 - multidimensional tables: multiple keys
- value
 - dependent attribute, value of cell
- classify arrangements by key count
 - 0, 1, 2, many...

Idiom: scatterplot

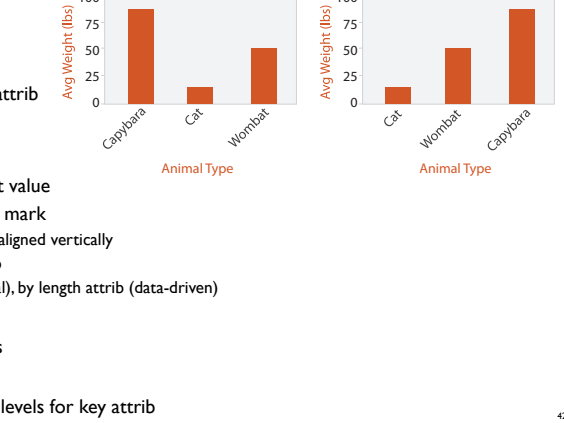
- express values
 - quantitative attributes
- no keys, only values
 - data
 - 2 quant attribs
 - mark: points
 - channels
 - horiz + vert position
 - tasks
 - find trends, outliers, distribution, correlation, clusters
 - scalability
 - hundreds of items



[A layered grammar of graphics. Wickham. Journ. Computational and Graphical Statistics 19:1 (2010), 3–28.]

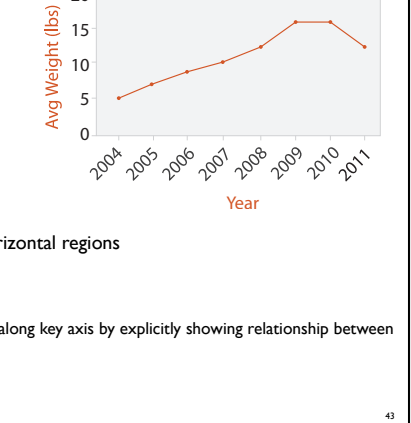
Idiom: bar chart

- one key, one value
 - data
 - 1 categ attrib, 1 quant attrib
 - mark: lines
 - channels
 - length to express quant value
 - spatial regions: one per mark
 - separated horizontally, aligned vertically
 - ordered by quant attrib
 - » by label (alphabetical), by length attrib (data-driven)
 - task
 - compare, lookup values
 - scalability
 - dozens to hundreds of levels for key attrib



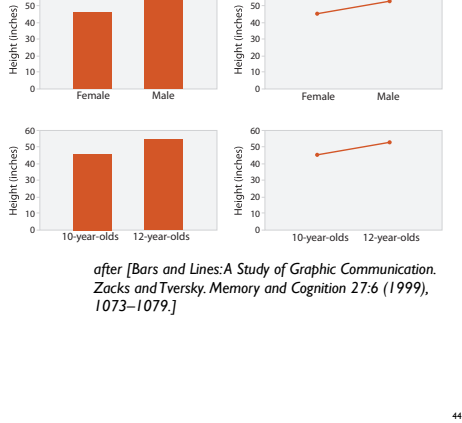
Idiom: line chart

- one key, one value
 - data
 - 2 quant attribs
 - mark: points
 - line connection marks between them
 - channels
 - aligned lengths to express quant value
 - separated and ordered by key attrib into horizontal regions
 - task
 - find trend
 - connection marks emphasize ordering of items along key axis by explicitly showing relationship between one item and the next



Choosing bar vs line charts

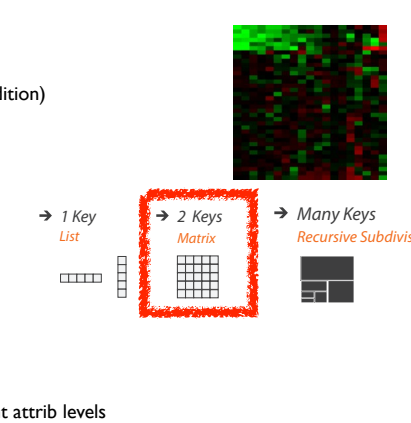
- depends on type of key attrib
 - bar charts if categorical
 - line charts if ordered
- do not use line charts for categorical key attribs
 - violates expressiveness principle
 - implication of trend so strong that it overrides semantics!
 - “The more male a person is, the taller he/she is”



after [Bars and Lines: A Study of Graphic Communication. Zacks and Tversky. Memory and Cognition 27:6 (1999), 1073–1079.]

Idiom: heatmap

- two keys, one value
 - data
 - 2 categ attribs (gene, experimental condition)
 - 1 quant attrib (expression levels)
 - marks: area
 - separate and align in 2D matrix
 - indexed by 2 categorical attributes
 - channels
 - color by quant attrib
 - (ordered diverging colormap)
 - task
 - find clusters, outliers
 - scalability
 - IM items, 100s of categ levels, ~10 quant attrib levels

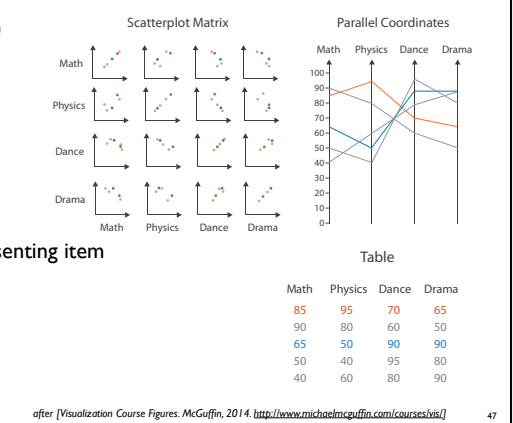


Axis Orientation

- Rectilinear: L-shaped axis
- Parallel: vertical/horizontal lines
- Radial: star-shaped axis

Idioms: scatterplot matrix, parallel coordinates

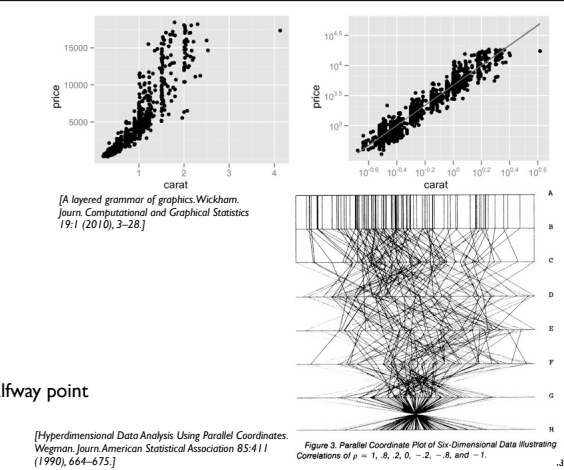
- scatterplot matrix (SPLOM)
 - rectilinear axes, point mark
 - all possible pairs of axes
 - scalability
 - one dozen attribs
 - dozens to hundreds of items
- parallel coordinates
 - parallel axes, jagged line representing item
 - rectilinear axes, item as point
 - axis ordering is major challenge
 - scalability
 - dozens of attribs
 - hundreds of items



after [Visualization Course Figures. McGuffin, 2014. <http://www.michaelmcguffin.com/courses/via/>]

Task: Correlation

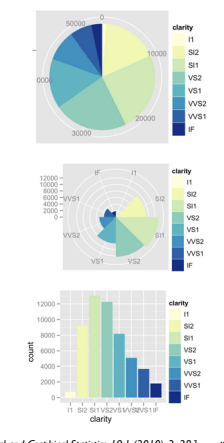
- scatterplot matrix
 - positive correlation
 - diagonal low-to-high
 - negative correlation
 - diagonal high-to-low
 - uncorrelated
- parallel coordinates
 - positive correlation
 - parallel line segments
 - negative correlation
 - all segments cross at halfway point
 - uncorrelated
 - scattered crossings



[Hyperdimensional Data Analysis Using Parallel Coordinates. Wigman. Journ. American Statistical Association 85:411 (1990), 664–675.]

Idioms: pie chart, polar area chart

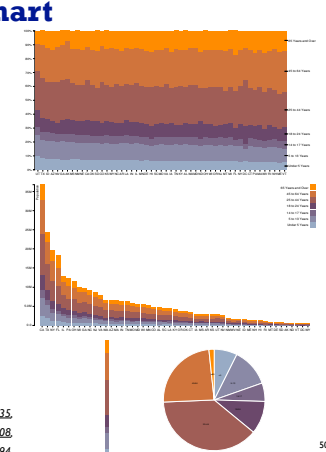
- pie chart
 - area marks with angle channel
 - accuracy: angle/area less accurate than line length
 - arclength also less accurate than line length
- polar area chart
 - area marks with length channel
 - more direct analog to bar charts
- data
 - 1 categ key attrib, 1 quant value attrib
- task
 - part-to-whole judgements



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Idioms: normalized stacked bar chart

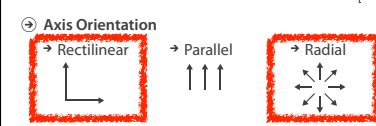
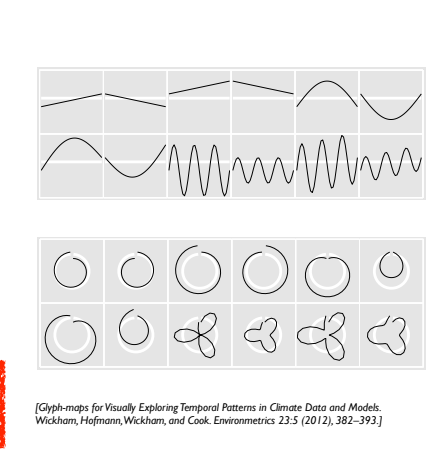
- task
 - part-to-whole judgements
- normalized stacked bar chart
 - stacked bar chart, normalized to full vert height
 - single stacked bar equivalent to full pie
 - high information density: requires narrow rectangle
- pie chart
 - information density: requires large circle



<http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/3887235>
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Idiom: glyphmaps

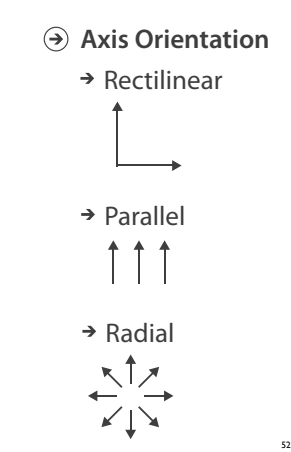
- rectilinear good for linear vs nonlinear trends
- radial good for cyclic patterns



[Glyph-maps for Visually Exploring Temporal Patterns in Climate Data and Models. Wickham, Hofmann, Wickham, and Cook. Environments 23:5 (2012), 382–393.] 51

Orientation limitations

- rectilinear: scalability wrt #axes
 - 2 axes best
 - 3 problematic
 - more in afterno
 - 4+ impossible
- parallel: unfamiliarity, training time
- radial: perceptual limits
 - angles lower precision than lengths
 - asymmetry between angle and length
 - can be exploited!



[Uncovering Strengths and Weaknesses of Radial Visualizations - an Empirical Approach. Diehl, Beck and Burch. IEEE TVCG (Proc. InfoVis) 16(6):935–942, 2010.] 52

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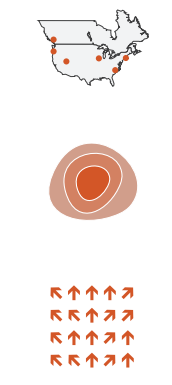
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Arrange spatial data

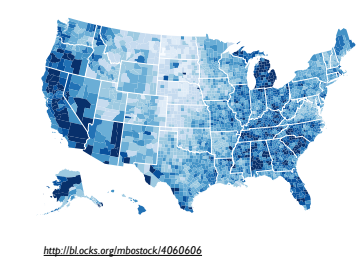
- Use Given
 - Geometry
 - Geographic
 - Other Derived
 - Spatial Fields
 - Scalar Fields (one value per cell)
 - Isocontours
 - Direct Volume Rendering
 - Vector and Tensor Fields (many values per cell)
 - Flow Glyphs (local)
 - Geometric (sparse seeds)
 - Textures (dense seeds)
 - Features (globally derived)



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Idiom: choropleth map

- use given spatial data
 - when central task is understanding spatial relationships
- data
 - geographic geometry
 - table with 1 quant attribute per region
- encoding
 - use given geometry for area mark boundaries
 - sequential segmented colormap [more later]



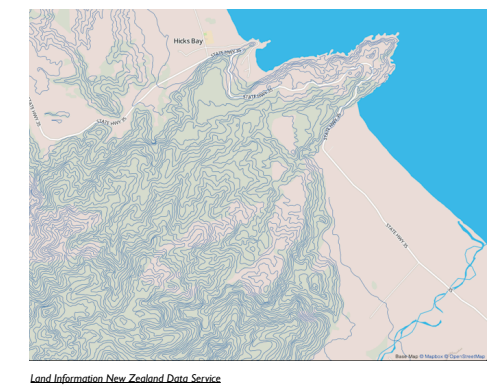
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Beware: Population maps trickiness!

[<https://xkcd.com/1138>]

Idiom: topographic map

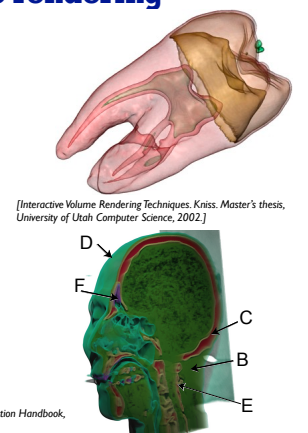
- data
 - geographic geometry
 - scalar spatial field
 - 1 quant attribute per grid cell
- derived data
 - isoline geometry
 - isocontours computed for specific levels of scalar values



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Idioms: isosurfaces, direct volume rendering

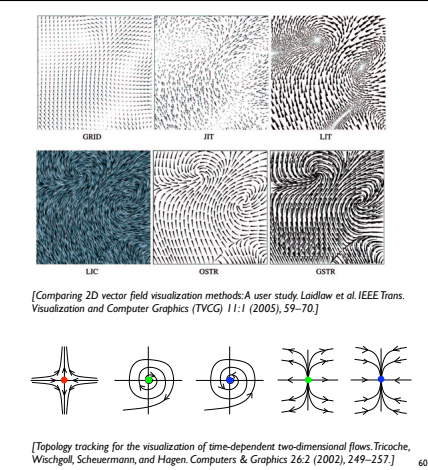
- data
 - scalar spatial field
 - 1 quant attribute per grid cell
- task
 - shape understanding, spatial relationships
- isosurface
 - derived data: isocontours computed for specific levels of scalar values
- direct volume rendering
 - transfer function maps scalar values to color, opacity
 - no derived geometry



[Interactive Volume Rendering Techniques. Kniss. Master's thesis, University of Utah Computer Science, 2002.] 59

Vector and tensor fields

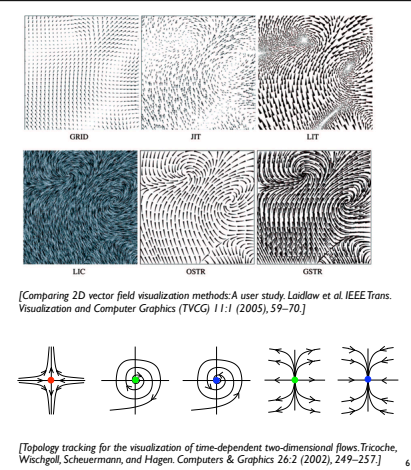
- data
 - many attribs per cell
- idiom families
 - flow glyphs
 - purely local
 - geometric flow
 - derived data from tracing particle trajectories
 - sparse set of seed points
 - texture flow
 - derived data, dense seeds
 - feature flow
 - global computation to detect features
 - encoded with one of methods above



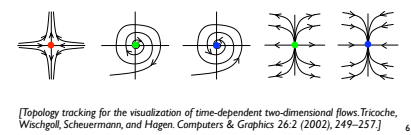
[Comparing 2D vector field visualization methods: A user study. Laidlaw et al. IEEE Trans. Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG) 11:1 (2005), 59–70.] 60

Vector fields

- empirical study tasks
 - finding critical points, identifying their types
 - identifying what type of critical point is at a specific location
 - predicting where a particle starting at a specified point will end up (advection)



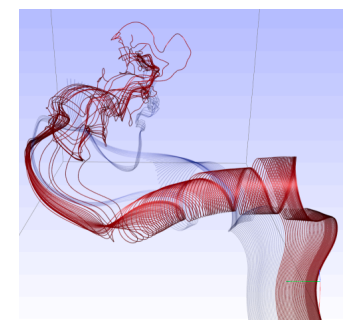
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Idiom: similarity-clustered streamlines

- data
 - 3D vector field
- derived data (from field)
 - streamlines: trajectory particle will follow
- derived data (per streamline)
 - curvature, torsion, tortuosity
 - signature: complex weighted combination
 - compute cluster hierarchy across all signatures
 - encode: color and opacity by cluster
- tasks
 - find features, query shape
- scalability
 - millions of samples, hundreds of streamlines



[Similarity Measures for Enhancing Interactive Streamline Seeding. McLoughlin, Jones, Laramee, Malki, Masters, and Hansen. IEEE Trans. Visualization and Computer Graphics 19:8 (2013), 1342–1353.] 62

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Arrange networks and trees

- Node-Link Diagrams**
Connection Marks
 NETWORKS TREES
- Adjacency Matrix**
Derived Table
 NETWORKS TREES
- Enclosure**
Containment Marks
 NETWORKS TREES

Idiom: force-directed placement

- visual encoding**
 - link connection marks, node point marks
- considerations**
 - spatial position: no meaning directly encoded
 - left free to minimize crossings
 - proximity semantics?
 - sometimes meaningful
 - sometimes arbitrary, artifact of layout algorithm
 - tension with length
 - long edges more visually salient than short
- tasks**
 - explore topology; locate paths, clusters
- scalability**
 - node/edge density $E < 4N$

Idiom: adjacency matrix view

- data: network**
 - transform into same data/encoding as heatmap
- derived data: table from network**
 - 1 quant attrib
 - weighted edge between nodes
 - 2 categ attribs: node list x 2
- visual encoding**
 - cell shows presence/absence of edge
- scalability**
 - 1K nodes, 1M edges

Connection vs. adjacency comparison

- adjacency matrix strengths**
 - predictability, scalability, supports reordering
 - some topology tasks trainable
- node-link diagram strengths**
 - topology understanding, path tracing
 - intuitive, no training needed
- empirical study**
 - node-link best for small networks
 - matrix best for large networks
 - if tasks don't involve topological structure!

[On the readability of graphs using node-link and matrix-based representations: a controlled experiment and statistical analysis. Ghoniem, Fekete, and Castagliola. Information Visualization 4:2 (2005), 114-135.]

Idiom: radial node-link tree

- data**
 - tree
- encoding**
 - link connection marks
 - point node marks
 - radial axis orientation
 - angular proximity: siblings
 - distance from center: depth in tree
- tasks**
 - understanding topology, following paths
- scalability**
 - 1K - 10K nodes

Idiom: treemap

- data**
 - tree
 - 1 quant attrib at leaf nodes
- encoding**
 - area containment marks for hierarchical structure
 - rectilinear orientation
 - size encodes quant attrib
- tasks**
 - query attribute at leaf nodes
- scalability**
 - 1M leaf nodes

Link marks: Connection and containment

- marks as links (vs. nodes)**
 - common case in network drawing
 - 1D case: connection
 - ex: all node-link diagrams
 - emphasizes topology, path tracing
 - networks and trees
 - 2D case: containment
 - ex: all treemap variants
 - emphasizes attribute values at leaves (size coding)
 - only trees

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Idiom design choices: Encode

Encode

- Arrange**
 - Express → Separate
 - Order → Align
 - Use
- Map from categorical and ordered attributes**
 - Color
 - Hue → Saturation → Luminance
 - Size, Angle, Curvature, ...
 - Shape
 - +
 -
 -
 - ▲
 - Motion
 - Direction, Rate, Frequency, ...

Color: Luminance, saturation, hue

- 3 channels**
 - identity for categorical
 - hue
 - magnitude for ordered
 - luminance
 - saturation
- RGB: poor for encoding**
- HSL: better, but beware**
 - lightness ≠ luminance

Comers of the RGB color cube
L from HLS
All the same

Luminance values

Colormaps

- Categorical**
 - Binary
 - Categorical
- Ordered**
 - Sequential
 - Diverging
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Colormaps

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Colormaps

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- color channel interactions**
 - size heavily affects salience
 - small regions need high saturation
 - large need low saturation
 - saturation & luminance: 3-4 bins max
 - also not separable from transparency

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Categorical color: Discriminability constraints

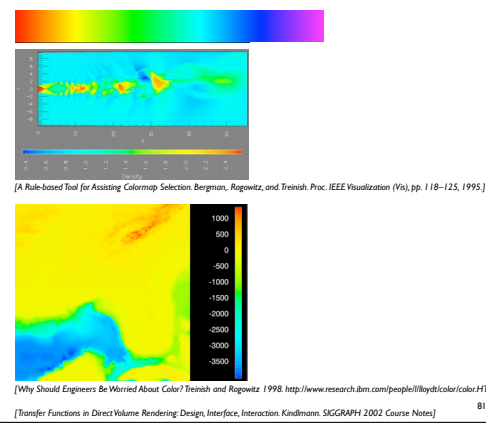
- noncontiguous small regions of color: only 6-12 bins**

Human Mouse

[Cinteny: flexible analysis and visualization of synteny and genome rearrangements in multiple organisms. Sinha and Meller. BMC Bioinformatics, 8:82, 2007.]

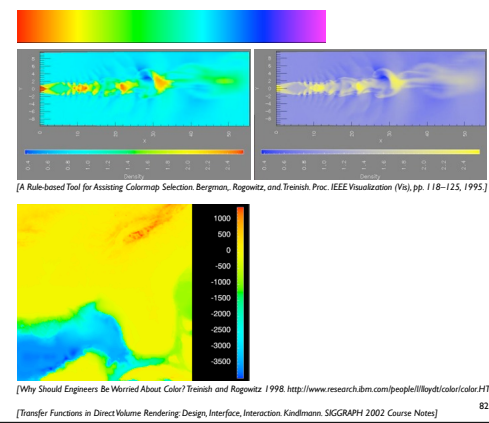
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- problems
 - perceptually unordered
 - perceptually nonlinear
- benefits
 - fine-grained structure visible and nameable



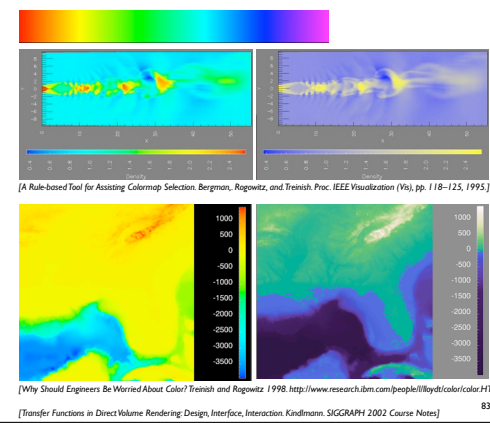
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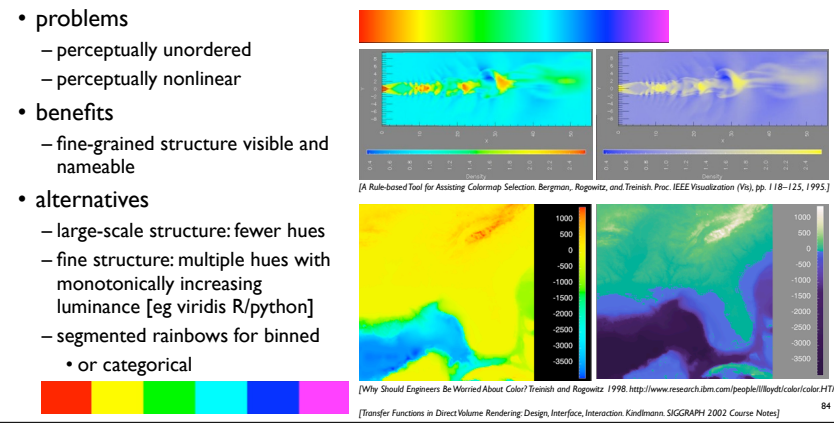
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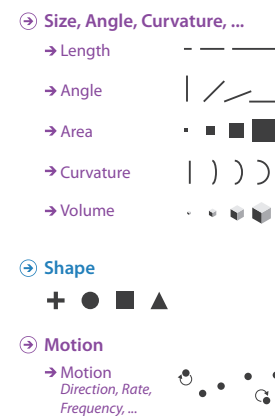
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 - segmented rainbows for binned
 - or categorical



Map other channels

- size
 - length accurate, 2D area ok, 3D volume poor
- angle
 - nonlinear accuracy
 - horizontal, vertical, exact diagonal
- shape
 - complex combination of lower-level primitives
 - many bins
- motion
 - highly separable against static
 - binary: great for highlighting
 - use with care to avoid irritation



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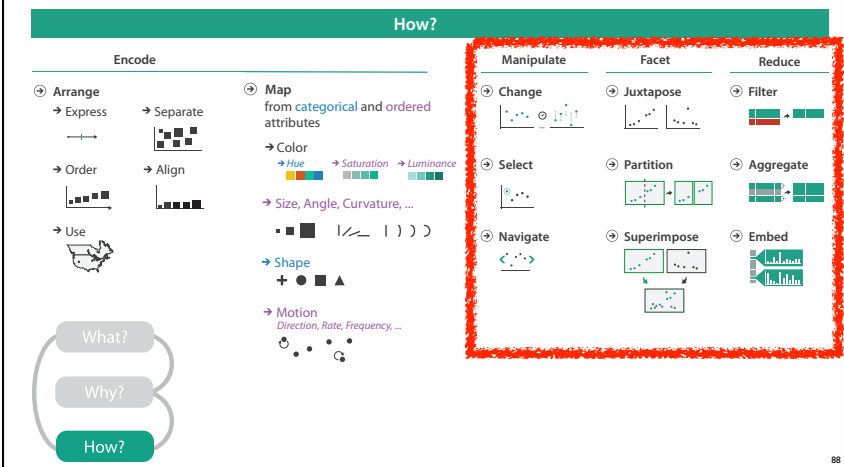
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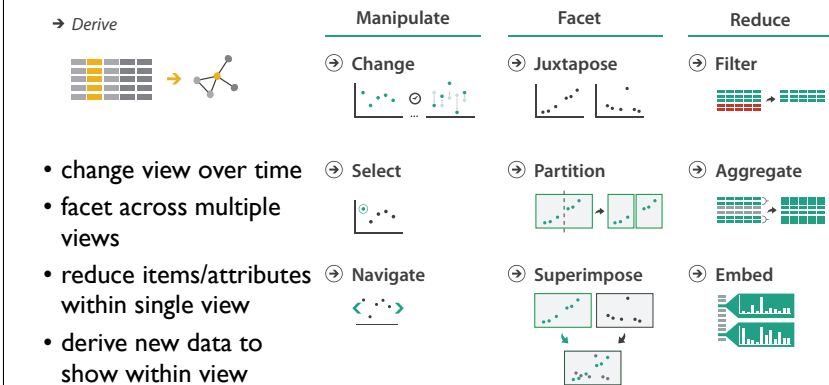
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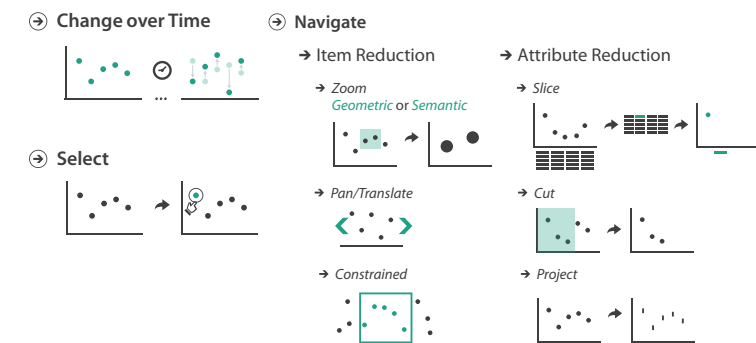
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How to handle complexity: 1 previous strategy + 3 more

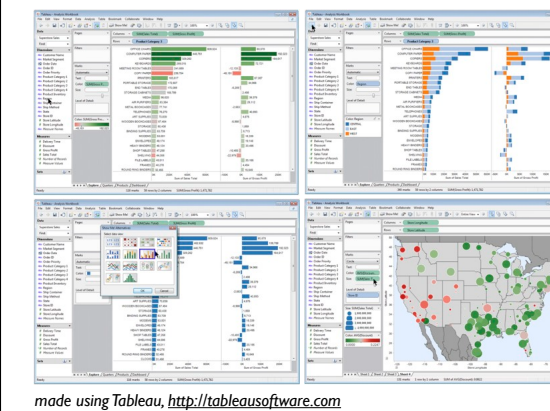


Manipulate



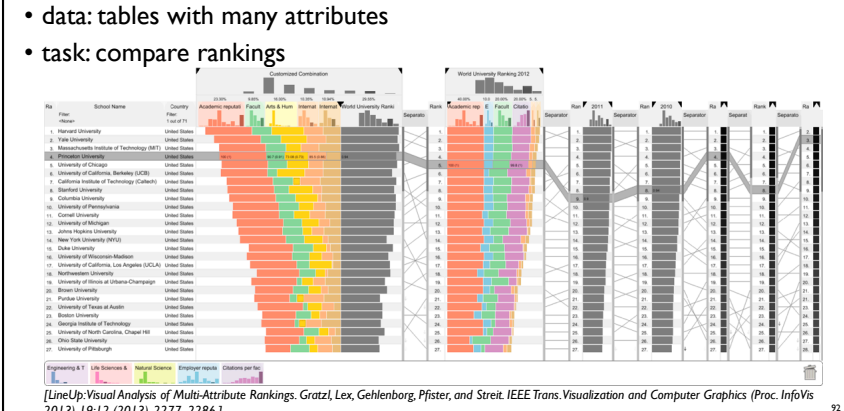
Idiom: Re-encode

System: Tableau



Idiom: Reorder

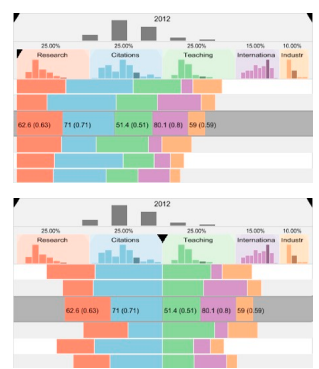
System: LineUp



Idiom: Realign

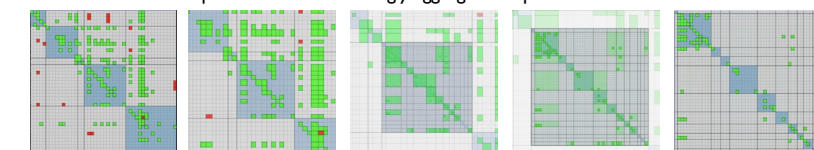
System: LineUp

- stacked bars
 - easy to compare
 - first segment
 - total bar
- align to different segment
 - supports flexible comparison



Idiom: Animated transitions

- smooth transition from one state to another
 - alternative to jump cuts
 - support for item tracking when amount of change is limited
- example: multilevel matrix views
 - scope of what is shown narrows down
 - middle block stretches to fill space, additional structure appears within
 - other blocks squish down to increasingly aggregated representations



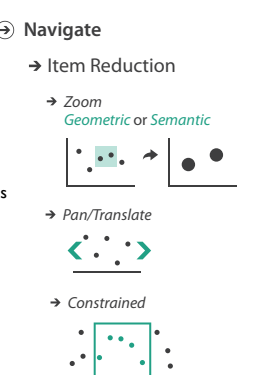
Select and highlight

- selection: basic operation for most interaction
- design choices
 - how many selection types?
 - click vs hover: heavyweight, lightweight
 - primary vs secondary: semantics (eg source/target)
- highlight: change visual encoding for selection targets
 - color
 - limitation: existing color coding hidden
 - other channels (eg motion)
 - add explicit connection marks between items



Navigate: Changing item visibility

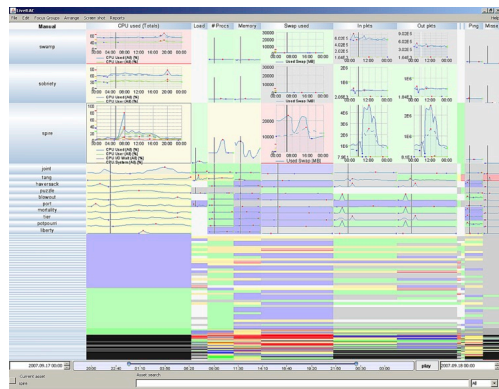
- change viewpoint
 - changes which items are visible within view
 - camera metaphor
 - zoom
 - geometric zoom: familiar semantics
 - semantic zoom: adapt object representation based on available pixels
 - » dramatic change, or more subtle one
 - pan/translate
 - rotate
 - especially in 3D
 - constrained navigation
 - often with animated transitions
 - often based on selection set



Idiom: Semantic zooming

System: LiveRAC

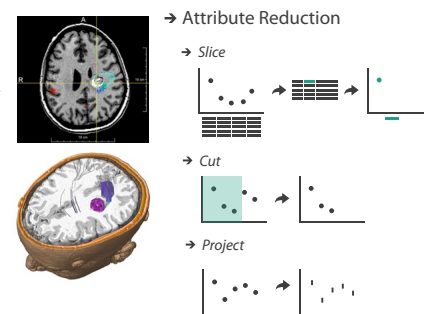
- visual encoding change
 - colored box
 - sparkline
 - simple line chart
 - full chart: axes and tickmarks



[LiveRAC - Interactive Visual Exploration of System Management Time-Series Data. McLachlan, Munzner, Koutsosios, and North. Proc. ACM Conf. Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), pp. 1483-1492, 2008.]

Navigate: Reducing attributes

- continuation of camera metaphor
 - slice
 - show only items matching specific value for given attribute: slicing plane
 - axis aligned, or arbitrary alignment
 - cut
 - show only items on far side of plane from camera
 - project
 - change mathematics of image creation
 - orthographic
 - perspective
 - many others: Mercator, cabinet, ...



[Interactive Visualization of Multimodal Volume Data for Neurosurgical Tumor Treatment. Rieder, Ritter, Raspe, and Peitgen. Computer Graphics Forum (Proc. EuroVis 2008) 27:3 (2008), 1055-1062.]

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Facet

- Juxtapose
- Partition
- Superimpose

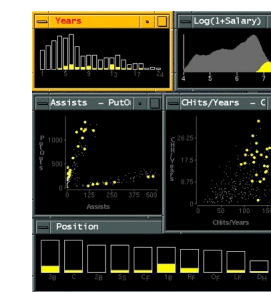
Juxtapose and coordinate views

- Share Encoding: Same/Different
 - Linked Highlighting
- Share Data: All/Subset/None
- Share Navigation

Idiom: Linked highlighting

System: EDV

- see how regions contiguous in one view are distributed within another
 - powerful and pervasive interaction idiom
- encoding: different
 - multiform
- data: all shared



[Visual Exploration of Large Structured Datasets. Wills. Proc. New Techniques and Trends in Statistics (NTTS), pp. 237-246. IOS Press, 1995.]

Idiom: bird's-eye maps

System: Google Maps

- encoding: same
- data: subset shared
- navigation: shared
 - bidirectional linking
- differences
 - viewpoint
 - (size)
- overview-detail

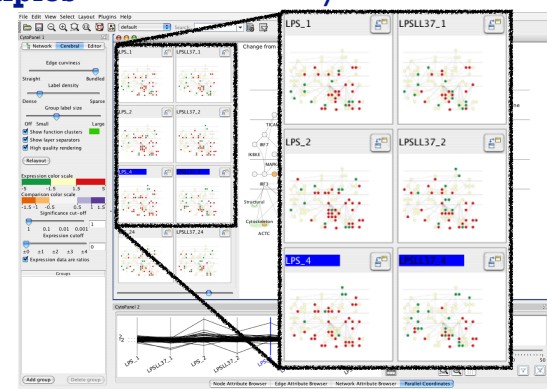


[A Review of Overview+Detail, Zooming, and Focus+Context Interfaces. Cockburn, Karlson, and Bederson. ACM Computing Surveys 41:1 (2008), 1-31.]

Idiom: Small multiples

System: Cerebral

- encoding: same
- data: none shared
 - different attributes for node colors
 - (same network layout)
- navigation: shared



[Cerebral: Visualizing Multiple Experimental Conditions on a Graph with Biological Context. Barsky, Munzner, Gardy, and Kincaid. IEEE Trans. Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. InfoVis 2008) 14:6 (2008), 1253-1260.]

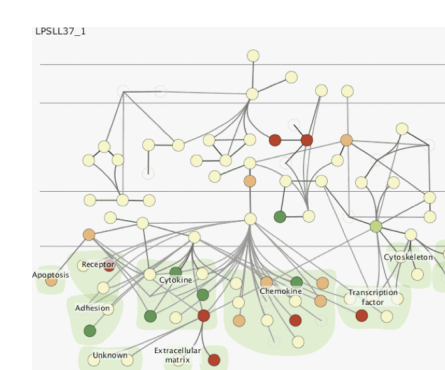
Coordinate views: Design choice interaction

		Data		
		All	Subset	None
Encoding	Same	Redundant	Overview/Detail	Small Multiples
	Different	Multiform	Multiform, Overview/Detail	No Linkage

- why juxtapose views?
 - benefits: eyes vs memory
 - lower cognitive load to move eyes between 2 views than remembering previous state with single changing view
 - costs: display area, 2 views side by side each have only half the area of one view

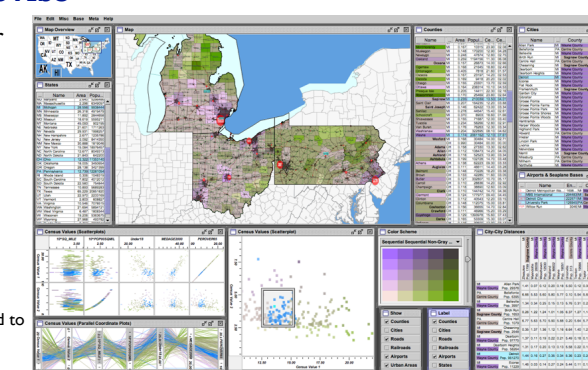
Why not animation?

- disparate frames and regions: comparison difficult
 - vs contiguous frames
 - vs small region
 - vs coherent motion of group
- safe special case
 - animated transitions



System: Improve

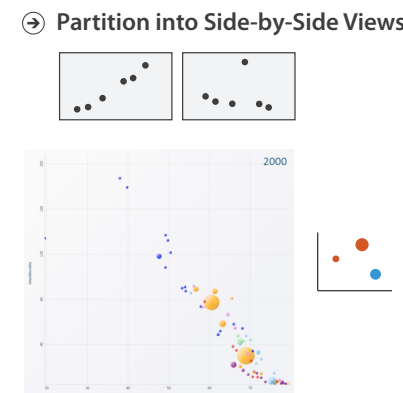
- investigate power of multiple views
 - pushing limits on view count, interaction complexity
 - how many is ok?
 - open research question
 - reorderable lists
 - easy lookup
 - useful when linked to other encodings



[Building Highly-Coordinated Visualizations In Improve. Weaver. Proc. IEEE Symp. Information Visualization (InfoVis), pp. 159-166, 2004.]

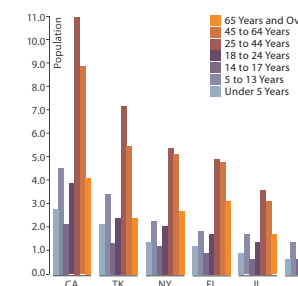
Partition into views

- how to divide data between views
 - split into regions by attributes
 - encodes association between items using spatial proximity
 - order of splits has major implications for what patterns are visible
- no strict dividing line
 - view: big/detailed
 - contiguous region in which visually encoded data is shown on the display
 - glyph: small/iconic
 - object with internal structure that arises from multiple marks

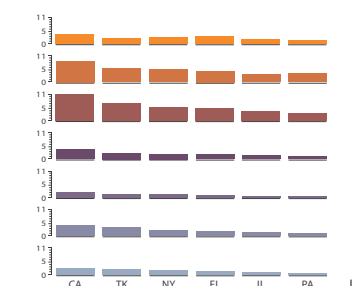


Partitioning: List alignment

- single bar chart with grouped bars
 - split by state into regions
 - complex glyph within each region showing all ages
 - compare: easy within state, hard across ages



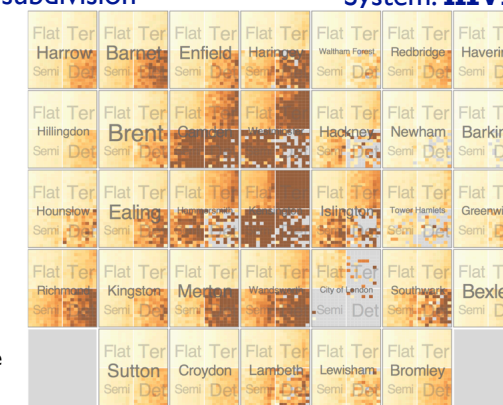
- small-multiple bar charts
 - split by age into regions
 - one chart per region
 - compare: easy within age, harder across states



Partitioning: Recursive subdivision

System: HIVE

- split by neighborhood
- then by type
 - years as rows
 - months as columns
- color by price
- neighborhood patterns
 - where it's expensive
 - where you pay much more for detached type



[Configuring Hierarchical Layouts to Address Research Questions. Slingsby, Dykes, and Wood. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. InfoVis 2009) 15:6 (2009), 977-984.]

Partitioning: Recursive subdivision

System: HIVE

- switch order of splits
 - type then neighborhood
- switch color
 - by price variation
- type patterns
 - within specific type, which neighborhoods inconsistent

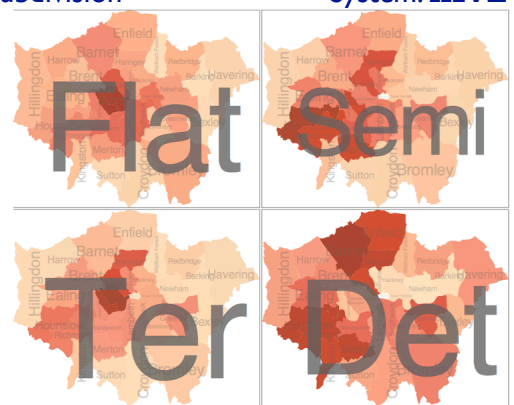


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Partitioning: Recursive subdivision

System: HIVE

- different encoding for second-level regions
- choropleth maps



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System: HIVE

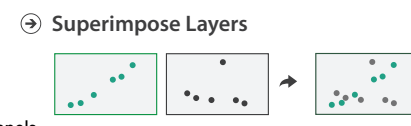
- size regions by sale counts
- not uniformly
- result: treemap



[Configuring Hierarchical Layouts to Address Research Questions. Slingsby, Dykes, and Wood. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. InfoVis 2009) 15:6 (2009), 977–984.]

Superimpose layers

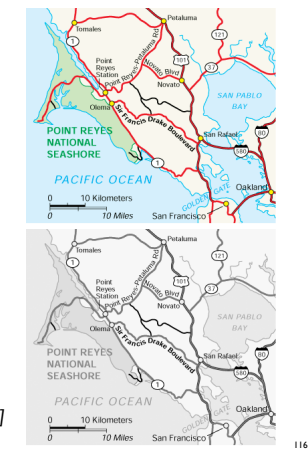
- layer:** set of objects spread out over region
- each set is visually distinguishable group
- extent: whole view
- design choices
- how many layers, how to distinguish?
- encode with different, nonoverlapping channels
- two layers achievable, three with careful design
- small static set, or dynamic from many possible?



[Get it right in black and white. Stone. 2010. <http://www.stones.com/wordpress/2010/03/get-it-right-in-black-and-white/>]

Static visual layering

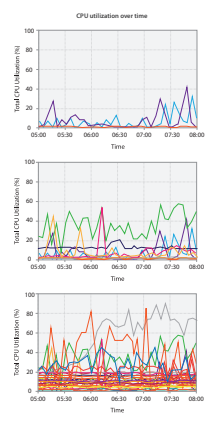
- foreground layer: roads
- hue, size distinguishing main from minor
- high luminance contrast from background
- background layer: regions
- desaturated colors for water, parks, land areas
- user can selectively focus attention
- “get it right in black and white”
- check luminance contrast with greyscale view



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Superimposing limits

- few layers, but many lines
- up to a few dozen
- but not hundreds
- superimpose vs juxtapose: empirical study
- superimposed for local, multiple for global
- tasks
- local: maximum, global: slope, discrimination
- same screen space for all multiples vs single superimposed

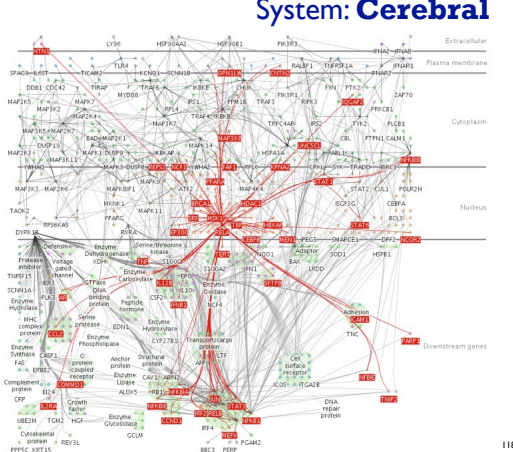


[Graphical Perception of Multiple Time Series. Javed, McDonnell, and Elmqvist. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. InfoVis 2010) 16:6 (2010), 927–934.]

Dynamic visual layering

System: Cerebral

- interactive, from selection
- lightweight: click
- very lightweight: hover
- ex: I-hop neighbors



[Cerebral: a Cytoscape plugin for layout of and interaction with biological networks using subcellular localization annotation. Barsky, Gardy, Hancock, and Munzner. Bioinformatics 23:8 (2007), 1040–1042.]

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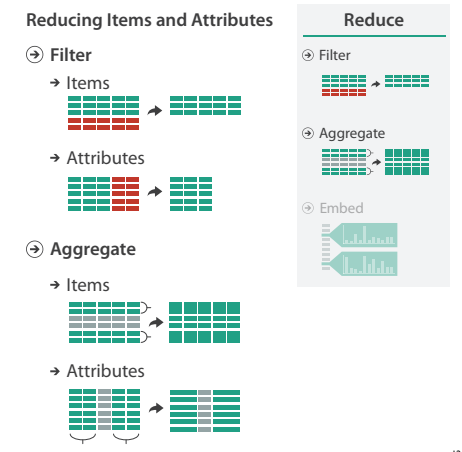
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Reduce items and attributes

- reduce/increase: inverses
- filter
- pro: straightforward and intuitive
- to understand and compute
- con: out of sight, out of mind
- aggregation
- pro: inform about whole set
- con: difficult to avoid losing signal
- not mutually exclusive
- combine filter, aggregate
- combine reduce, change, facet

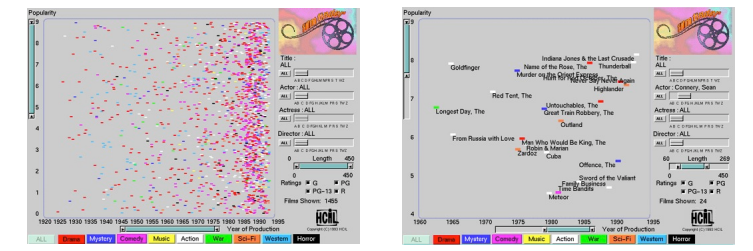


[Visual information seeking: Tight coupling of dynamic query filters with starfield displays. Ahlberg and Shneiderman. Proc. ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), pp. 313–317, 1994.]

Idiom: dynamic filtering

System: FilmFinder

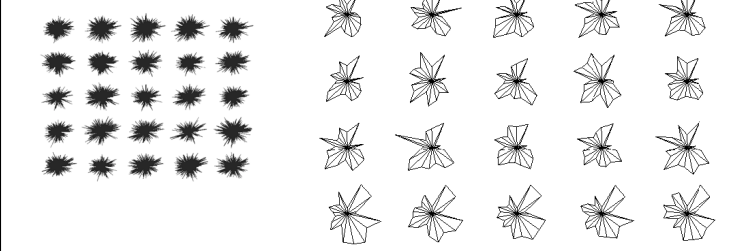
- item filtering
- browse through tightly coupled interaction
- alternative to queries that might return far too many or too few



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Idiom: DOSFA

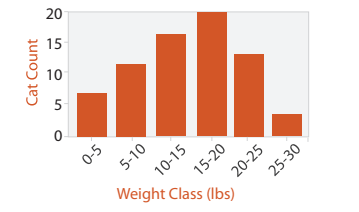
- attribute filtering
- encoding: star glyphs



[Interactive Hierarchical Dimension Ordering, Spacing and Filtering for Exploration Of High Dimensional Datasets. Yang, Peng, Ward, and Rundensteiner. Proc. IEEE Symp. Information Visualization (InfoVis), pp. 105–112, 2003.]

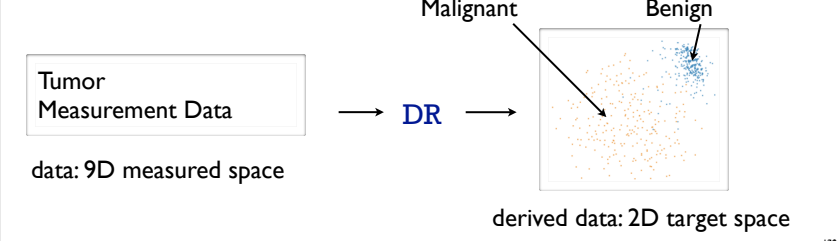
Idiom: histogram

- static item aggregation
- task: find distribution
- data: table
- derived data
- new table: keys are bins, values are counts
- bin size crucial
- pattern can change dramatically depending on discretization
- opportunity for interaction: control bin size on the fly



Dimensionality reduction

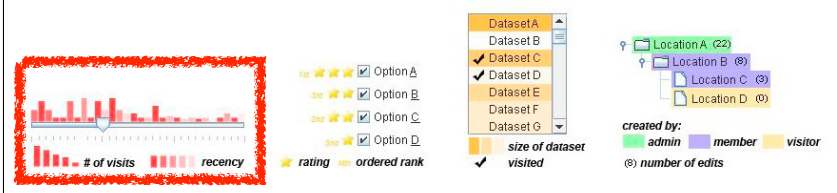
- attribute aggregation
- derive low-dimensional target space from high-dimensional measured space
- use when you can't directly measure what you care about
- true dimensionality of dataset conjectured to be smaller than dimensionality of measurements
- latent factors, hidden variables



[Hierarchical Parallel Coordinates for Exploration of Large Datasets. Fua, Ward, and Rundensteiner. Proc. IEEE Visualization Conference (Vis '99), pp. 43–50, 1999.]

Idiom: scented widgets

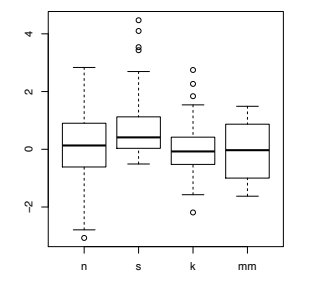
- augment widgets for filtering to show **information scent**
- cues to show whether value in drilling down further vs looking elsewhere
- concise, in part of screen normally considered control panel



[Scented Widgets: Improving Navigation Cues with Embedded Visualizations. Willett, Heer, and Agrawala. IEEE Trans. Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. InfoVis 2007) 13:6 (2007), 1129–1136.]

Idiom: boxplot

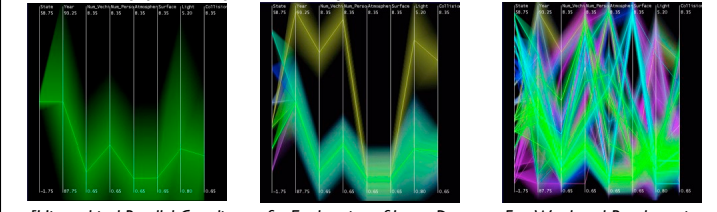
- static item aggregation
- task: find distribution
- data: table
- derived data
- 5 quant attribs
- median: central line
- lower and upper quartile: boxes
- lower upper fences: whiskers
- values beyond which items are outliers
- outliers beyond fence cutoffs explicitly shown



[40 years of boxplots. Wickham and Stryjewski. 2012. had.co.nz]

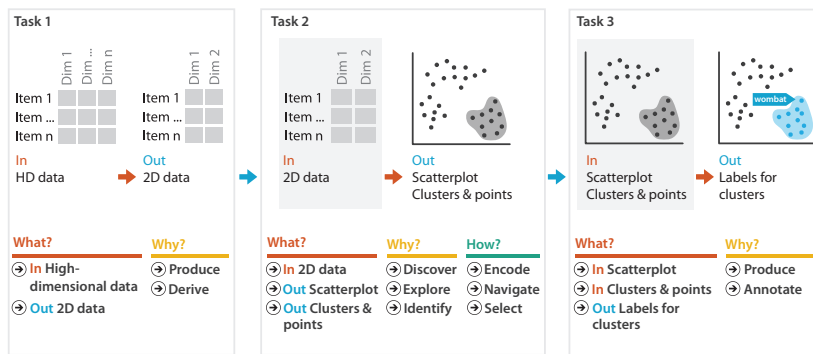
Idiom: Hierarchical parallel coordinates

- dynamic item aggregation
- derived data: **hierarchical clustering**
- encoding:
- cluster band with variable transparency, line at mean, width by min/max values
- color by proximity in hierarchy



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Idiom: Dimensionality reduction for documents



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Sneak preview: Not covered today

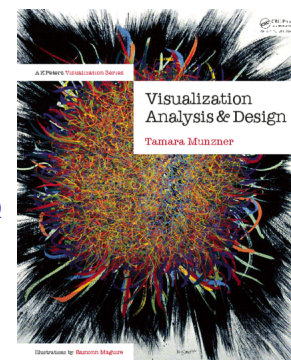
- **Rules of Thumb**
 - No unjustified 3D
 - Power of the plane, dangers of depth
 - Occlusion hides information
 - Perspective distortion loses information
 - Tilted text isn't legible
 - No unjustified 2D
 - Resolution over immersion
 - Overview first, zoom and filter, details on demand
 - Function first, form next

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