

Ch 11/12: Manipulate, Facet
Paper: Paramorama

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Presentation topics: Pick one or two

- data types
 - networks
 - trees
 - geographic data
 - high-dimensional data
 - text data
 - temporal data
 - space & time (spatiotemporal / trajectory data)
 - sequences & events
 - multi-attribute tables
 - spatial fields
 - models (ML or other)
- domains
 - machine learning
 - genomics
 - medicine
 - sports
 - digital humanities
 - sensemaking
 - (other, if not too narrow)
 - topics
 - color
 - perception
 - uncertainty
 - analysis process
 - personal data
- comparison & similarity
 - communication, presentation, storytelling
 - techniques
 - dimensionality reduction
 - feature extraction
 - clustering
 - matrix views
 - multiple view coordination

Timing

- today
 - presentation topics
 - discussion catchup: color second half
 - discussion catchup: spatial, networks, abyss-explorer, genealogy
 - discussion for today's reading: manipulate, facet, paramorama
- next week
 - no class!
- Oct 29
 - readings: reduce, embed, TopoFisheye paper
 - more on presentations & project proposals
 - guest lectures TBA

Presentations & Projects

Presentation topic choices

- presentation topic choices due next Friday (Oct 25) at 5pm
 - post your choice to discussion thread on Canvas: 1 or 2 topic choices
 - ok to have more than one person with same choice
 - timing: let me know if a specific day is bad for you (“veto day”)
 - from this set: Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec 4
 - I’ll assign days soon
 - I’ll assign papers (from this year’s VIS conf) at least 1 week before your presentation
 - more on presentation expectations next time (Oct 29)

Paper: Paramorama

Paramorama: Visualization of Parameter Space for Image Analysis

- requirements
 - R1 separate out specification of input params and inspection of output
 - from slow computations (actual image processing)
 - R2 enable param optimization. three classes of params, focus on hard ones:
 - aliases: input once, never change, minimal effort
 - nominal params: pick from list, never change, minimal effort
 - continuous params: essential to find right thresholds; difficult & time consuming
 - only 3-7 out of the 5-20 total params need to be carefully sampled
 - R3 analyze outcomes for reference image wrt input params: find good vs bad
- strategy
 - offline batch processing to compute, then interactive exploration of output
 - user selects module, subset of continuous params, range, and target # samples

[Visualization of Parameter Space for Image Analysis. Pretorius, Ruddle, Bray, Carpenter. TVCG 12(17):2402-2411 2011 (Proc. InfoVis 2011).]

Interaction

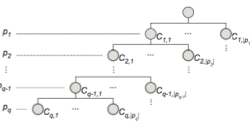
- multiple views w/ 3 scales
 - overview
 - mid-level refinement
 - detail view for selected single image (top right)
 - shortcut: next unselected subtree
- linked highlighting
 - selection blue
 - focus red
- tagging: good (green) vs bad (magenta)
- filtering: range or tags
- detail text view on control panel not popups

[Fig 4. Visualization of Parameter Space for Image Analysis. Pretorius, Ruddle, Bray, Carpenter. TVCG 12(17):2402-2411 2011 (Proc. InfoVis 2011).]

Data

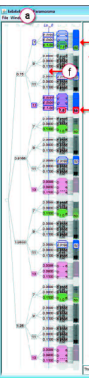
- data: samples & output
 - CellProfiler full pipeline has 150-200 params
 - 10-20 modules w/ 5-20 params each
- derived data: table
 - rows are unique combos of sampled param values
 - columns are user-selected params
- derived data: hierarchical clustering
 - root contains all tuples
 - each level represents user-selected parameter
 - path from the root to each leaf represents unique combination of sampled parameter
 - reorder parameters to change leaf order
 - instead of reorder columns in table

	p_1	p_2	...	p_{q-1}	p_q
t_1	$x_{1,1}$	$x_{2,1}$	...	$x_{q-1,1}$	$x_{q,1}$
$t_{|p_i|}$	$x_{1,i}$	$x_{2,i}$	...	$x_{q-1,i}$	$x_{q,i}$
$t_{|p_i|+1}$	$x_{1,i}$	$x_{2,i}$	...	$x_{q-1,i}$	$x_{q,i}$
$t_{|p_i|}$	$x_{1,i}$	$x_{2,i}$	...	$x_{q-1,i}$	$x_{q,i}$



Overview

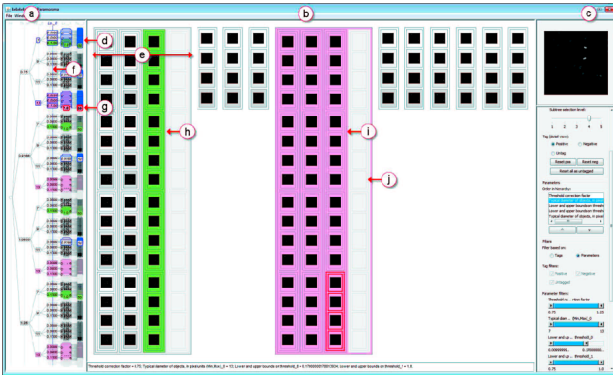
- cluster hierarchy of sampled params
- primary navigation control
 - user selects areas, linked highlighting in refinement view
- visual encoding spatial position: rectilinear node-link view
 - considerations: compactness, linear ordering, skinny aspect ratio
 - rejected: icicle plots & tree maps vs node-link
 - rejected: radial vs rectilinear
- vis enc: color
 - perceptually ordered, colourblind-safe
 - luminance high, saturation low



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Refinement view: Custom layout

- outputs in adjacent but visually distinct areas
- preserve top-to-bottom order from overview
- dynamically control parameter level to lay out side by side
 - so contiguous regions in cluster hierarchy map to refinement view
 - vertical blue line
 - cut through tree
- ex: 11 blue subtrees highlighted in overview, 11 regions shown on right.



[Fig 4. Visualization of Parameter Space for Image Analysis. Pretorius, Ruddle, Bray, Carpenter. TVCG 12(17):2402-2411 2011 (Proc. InfoVis 2011).]

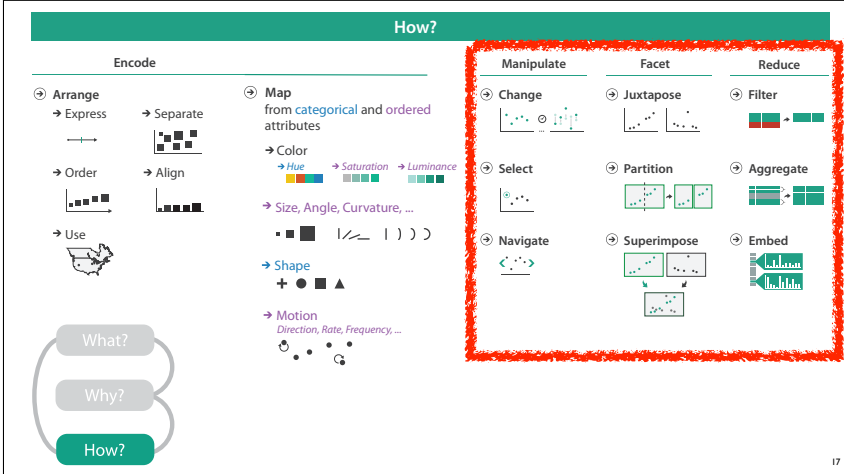
Case study: expert user

- quality: higher quality result from considering over 3K images

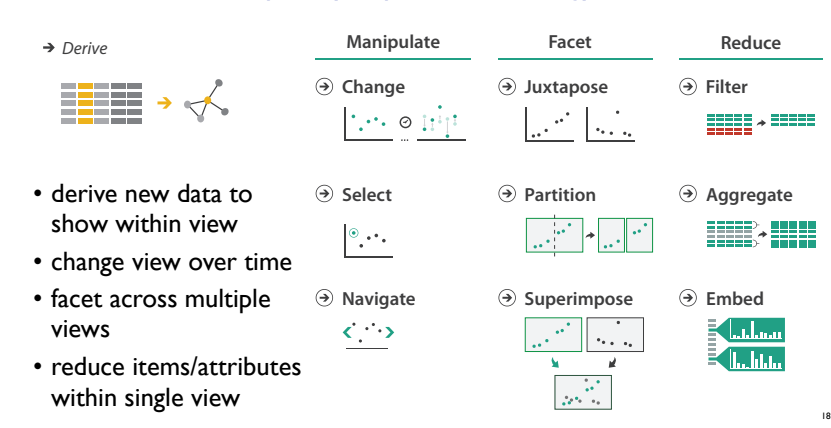


[Fig 7. Visualization of Parameter Space for Image Analysis. Pretorius, Ruddle, Bray, Carpenter. TVCG 12(17):2402-2411 2011 (Proc. InfoVis 2011).]

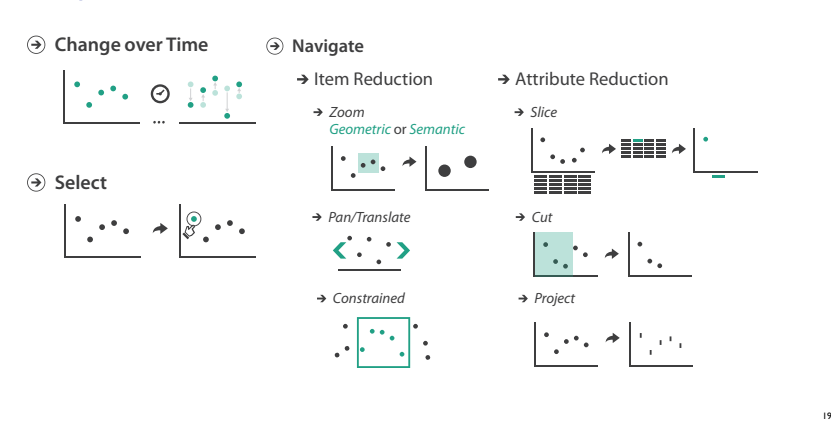
Ch 10: Manipulate



How to handle complexity: 1 previous strategy + 3 more



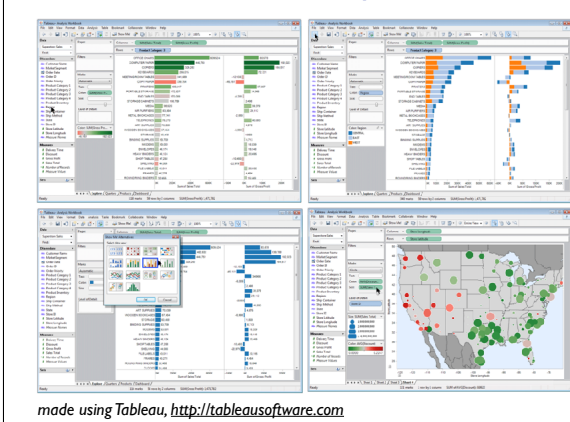
Manipulate



Change over time

- change any of the other choices
 - encoding itself
 - parameters
 - arrange: rearrange, reorder
 - aggregation level, what is filtered...
- interaction entails change

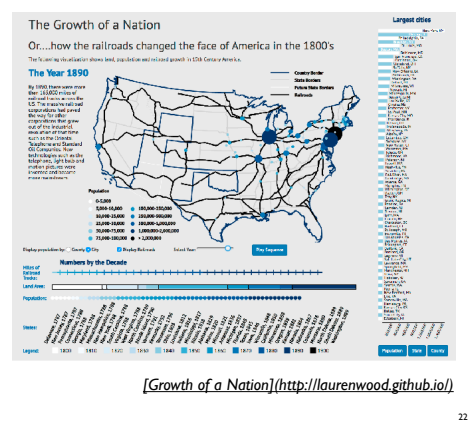
Idiom: Re-encode System: Tableau



made using Tableau, <http://tableausoftware.com>

Idiom: Change parameters

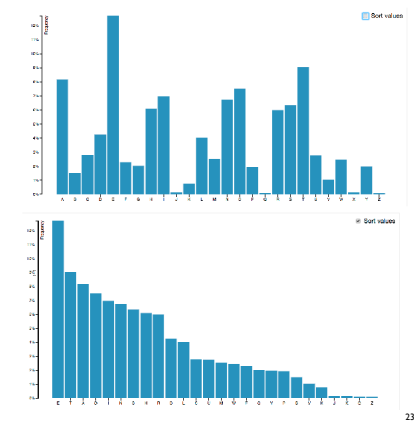
- widgets and controls
 - sliders, buttons, radio buttons, checkboxes, dropdowns/comboboxes
- pros
 - clear affordances, self-documenting (with labels)
- cons
 - uses screen space
- design choices
 - separated vs interleaved
 - controls & canvas



slide inspired by: Alexander Lex, Utah

Idiom: Change order/arrangement

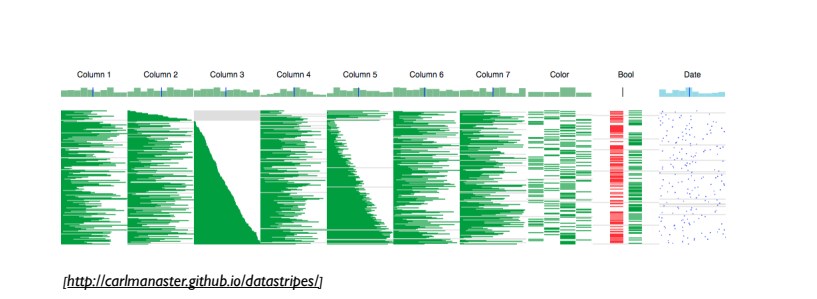
- what: simple table
- how: data-driven reordering
- why: find extreme values, trends



[Sortable Bar Chart](<https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/3885705>)

Idiom: Reorder System: DataStripes

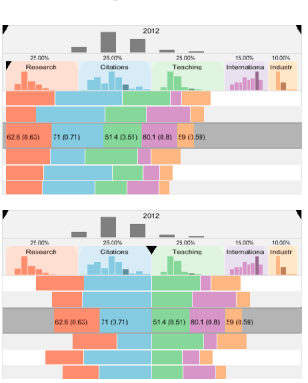
- what: table with many attributes
- how: data-driven reordering by selecting column
- why: find correlations between attributes



[<http://carlmanaster.github.io/datastripes/>]

Idiom: Change alignment System: LineUp

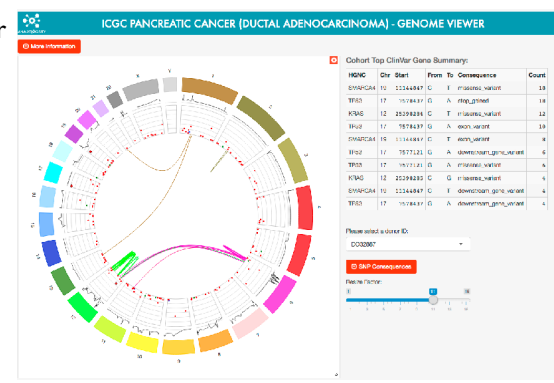
- stacked bars
 - easy to compare
 - first segment
 - total bar
- align to different segment
 - supports flexible comparison



[LineUp: Visual Analysis of Multi-Attribute Rankings. Gratz, Lex, Gehlenborg, Pfister, and Streit. IEEE Trans. Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. InfoVis 2013) 19:12 (2013), 2277–2286.]

Shiny example

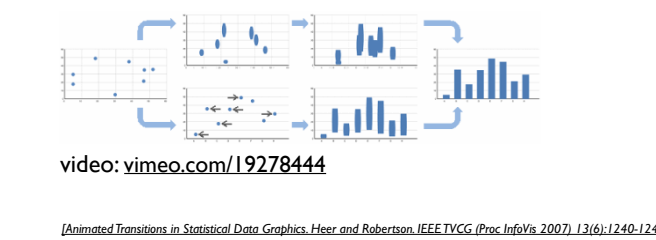
- APGI genome browser
 - tooling: R/Shiny
 - interactivity
 - tooltip detail on demand on hover
 - expand/contract chromosomes
 - expand/contract control panes



https://gallery.shinyapps.io/genome_browser/

Idiom: Animated transitions

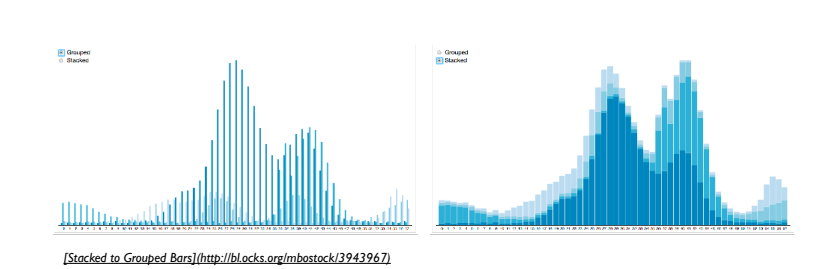
- smooth interpolation from one state to another
 - alternative to jump cuts, supports item tracking
 - best case for animation
 - staging to reduce cognitive load
- example: animated transitions in statistical data graphics



video: vimeo.com/19278444

Idiom: Animated transitions - visual encoding change

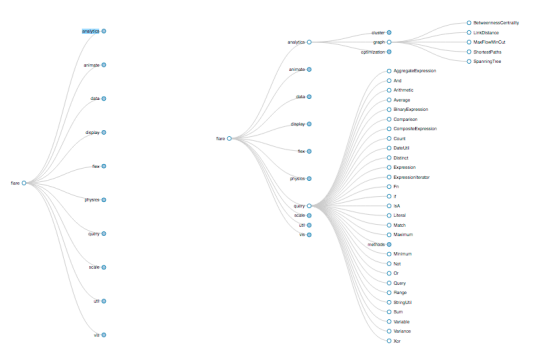
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[Stacked to Grouped Bars](<http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/3943967>)

Idiom: Animated transition - tree detail

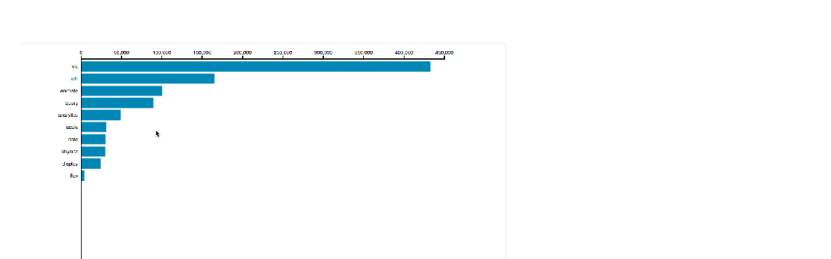
- animated transition
 - network drilldown/rollup



[Collapsible Tree](<https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/4339083>)

Idiom: Animated transition - bar detail

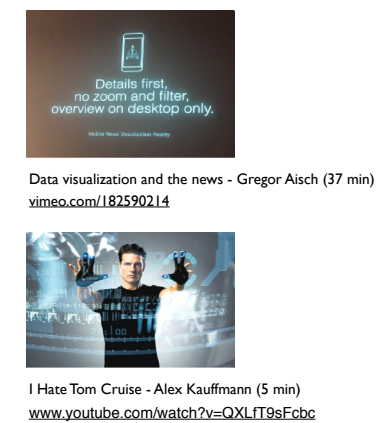
- example: hierarchical bar chart
 - add detail during transition to new level of detail



[Hierarchical Bar Chart](<https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/1283663>)

Interaction technology

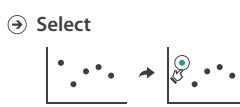
- what do you design for?
 - mouse & keyboard on desktop?
 - large screens, hover, multiple clicks
 - touch interaction on mobile?
 - small screens, no hover, just tap
- gestures from video / sensors?
 - ergonomic reality vs movie bombast
- eye tracking?



slide inspired by: Alexander Lex, Utah

Selection

- selection: basic operation for most interaction
- design choices
 - how many selection types?
 - interaction modalities
 - click/tap (heavyweight) vs hover (lightweight but not available on most touchscreens)
 - multiple click types (shift-click, option-click, ...)
 - proximity beyond click/hover (touching vs nearby vs distant)
 - application semantics
 - adding to selection set vs replacing selection
 - can selection be null?
 - ex: toggle so nothing selected if click on background
 - primary vs secondary (ex: source/target nodes in network)
 - group membership (add/delete items, name group, ...)



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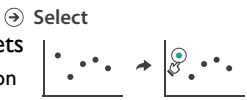
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Highlighting

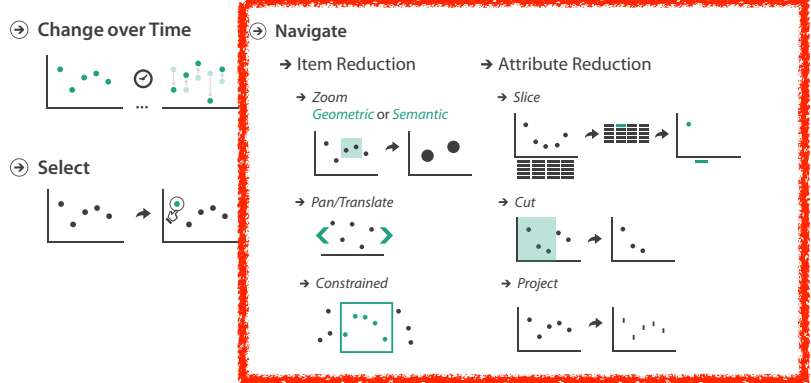
- highlight: change visual encoding for selection targets
 - visual feedback closely tied to but separable from selection (interaction)
- design choices: typical visual channels
 - change item color
 - but hides existing color coding
 - add outline mark
 - change size (ex: increase outline mark linewidth)
 - change shape (ex: from solid to dashed line for link mark)
- unusual channels: motion
 - motion: usually avoid for single view
 - with multiple views, could justify to draw attention to other views



Tooltips

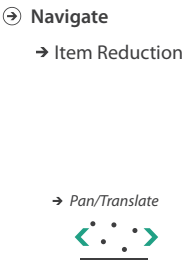
- popup information for selection
 - hover or click
 - can provide useful additional detail on demand
 - beware: does not support overview!
 - always consider if there's a way to visually encode directly to provide overview
 - “If you make a rollover or tooltip, assume nobody will see it. If it's important, make it explicit.” – Gregor Aisch, NYTimes

Manipulate



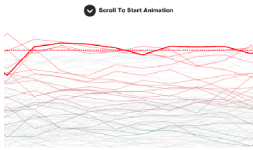
Navigate: Changing viewpoint/visibility

- change viewpoint
 - changes which items are visible within view
- camera metaphor
 - pan/translate/scroll
 - move up/down/sideways

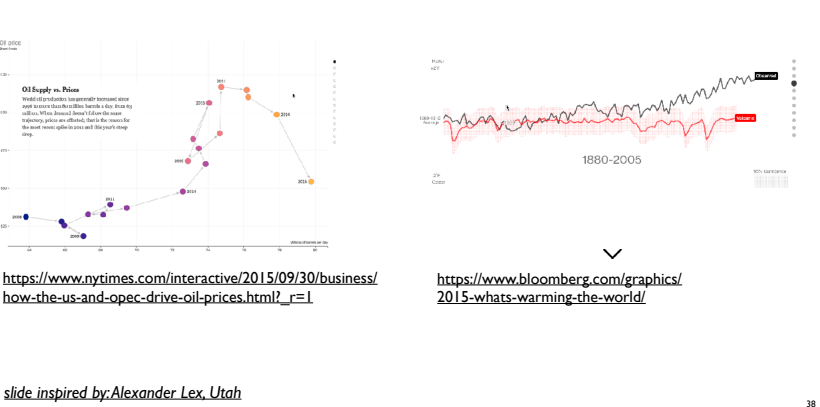


Idiom: Scrollytelling

- how: navigate page by scrolling (panning down)
- pros:
 - familiar & intuitive, from standard web browsing
 - linear (only up & down) vs possible overload of click-based interface choices
- cons:
 - full-screen mode may lack affordances
 - scrollytelling, no direct access
 - unexpected behaviour
 - continuous control for discrete steps

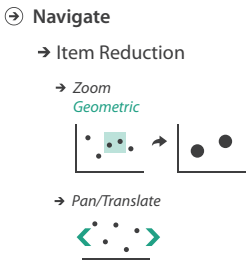


Scrollytelling examples



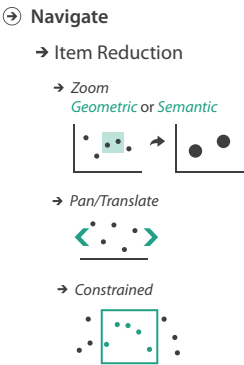
Navigate: Changing viewpoint/visibility

- change viewpoint
 - changes which items are visible within view
- camera metaphor
 - pan/translate/scroll
 - move up/down/sideways
 - rotate/spin
 - typically in 3D
 - zoom in/out
 - enlarge/shrink world == move camera closer/further
 - geometric zoom: standard, like moving physical object



Navigate: Unconstrained vs constrained

- unconstrained navigation
 - easy to implement for designer
 - hard to control for user
 - easy to overshoot/undershoot
- constrained navigation
 - typically uses animated transitions
 - trajectory automatically computed based on selection
 - just click; selection ends up framed nicely in final viewport



Idiom: Animated transition + constrained navigation

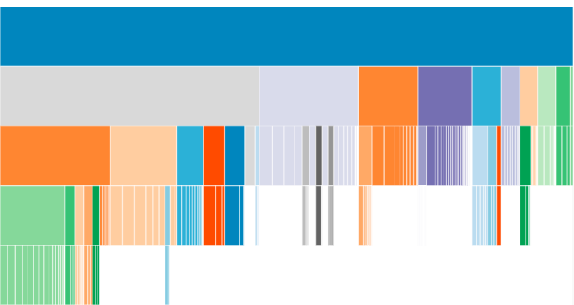
- example: geographic map
 - simple zoom, only viewport changes, shapes preserved



[Zoom to Bounding Box](https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/4699541)

Idiom: Animated transition + constrained navigation

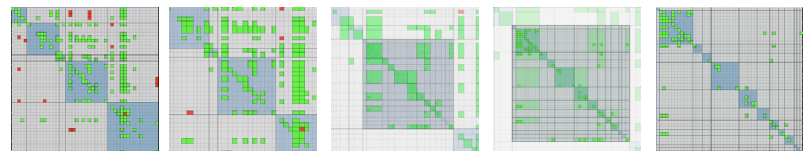
- example: icicle plot
 - transition into containing mark causes aspect ratio (shape) change



[Zoomable Icicle](https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/1005873)

Idiom: Animated transition + constrained navigation

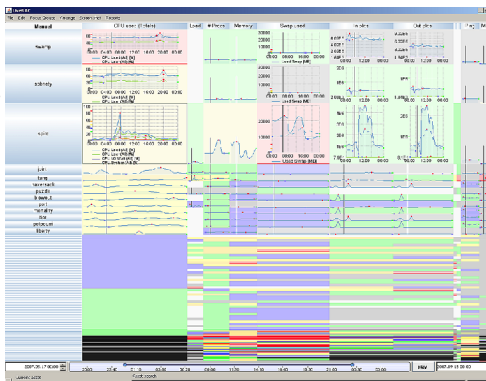
- example: multilevel matrix views
 - add detail during transition
 - movie: <http://www.win.tue.nl/vis1/home/fvham/matrix/Zoomin.avi>
 - movie: <http://www.win.tue.nl/vis1/home/fvham/matrix/Zoomout.avi>
 - movie: <http://www.win.tue.nl/vis1/home/fvham/matrix/Pan.avi>



[Using Multilevel Call Matrices in Large Software Projects. van Ham. Proc. IEEE Symp. Information Visualization (InfoVis), pp. 227–232, 2003.]

Idiom: Semantic zooming

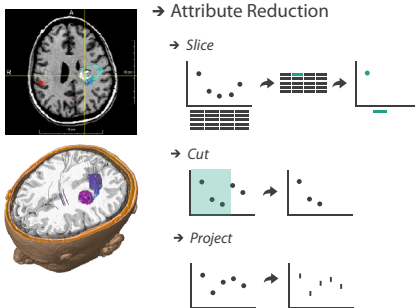
- semantic zoom
 - alternative to geometric zoom
 - resolution-aware layout adapts to available space
 - goal: legible at multiple scales
 - dramatic or subtle effects
- visual encoding change
 - colored box
 - sparkline
 - simple line chart
 - full chart: axes and tickmarks



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

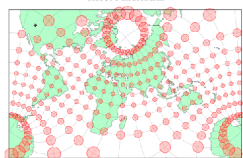
Navigate: Reducing attributes

- 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 (eliminate 3rd dimension)
 - perspective (foreshortening captures limited 3D information)

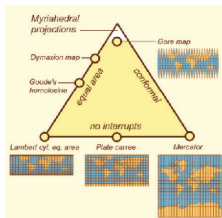


Navigate: Cartographic projections

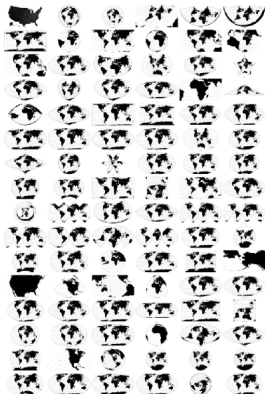
- project from 2D sphere surface to 2D plane
 - can only fully preserve 2 out of 3
 - angles: conformal
 - area: equal area
 - contiguity: no interruptions



<https://www.jasondavies.com/maps/tissot/>



<https://www.win.tue.nl/~vanwijk/myriahedral/>



[Every Map Projection](https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/29cddc0006fb98eff12e60dd08f59a7)

Interaction benefits

- interaction pros
 - major advantage of computer-based vs paper-based visualization
 - flexible, powerful, intuitive
 - exploratory data analysis: change as you go during analysis process
 - fluid task switching: different visual encodings support different tasks
 - animated transitions provide excellent support
 - empirical evidence that animated transitions help people stay oriented

Interaction limitations

- interaction has a time cost
 - sometimes minor, sometimes significant
 - degenerates to human-powered search in worst case
- remembering previous state imposes cognitive load
 - rule of thumb: eyes over memory
 - hard to compare visible item to memory of what you saw
 - ex: maintaining context/orientation when navigating
 - ex: tracking complex changes during animation
- controls may take screen real estate
 - or invisible functionality may be difficult to discover (lack of affordances)
- users may not interact as planned by designer
 - NYTimes logs show ~90% don't interact beyond scrollytelling - Aisch, 2016

Ch 12: Facet

Facet

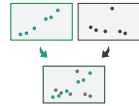
➔ Juxtapose



➔ Partition



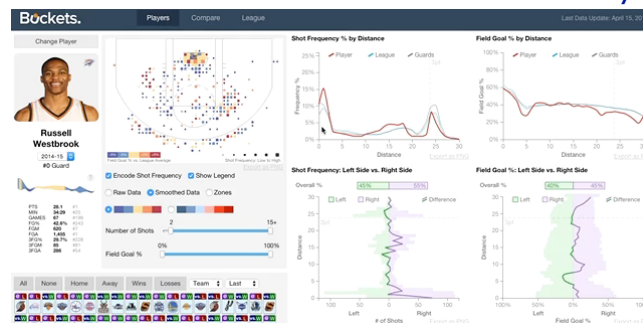
➔ Superimpose



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Linked views: Multidirectional linking

System: **Buckets**



<http://buckets.peterbeshai.com/>

<https://medium.com/@peshai/linked-highlighting-with-react-d3-js-and-reflux-16e9c067210b>

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Juxtapose and coordinate views

➔ Share Encoding: Same/Different

➔ Linked Highlighting



➔ Share Data: All/Subset/None



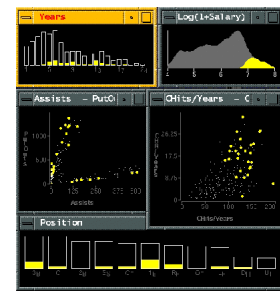
➔ Share Navigation



Idiom: **Linked highlighting**

System: **EDV**

- see how regions contiguous in one view are distributed within another
 - powerful and pervasive interaction idiom



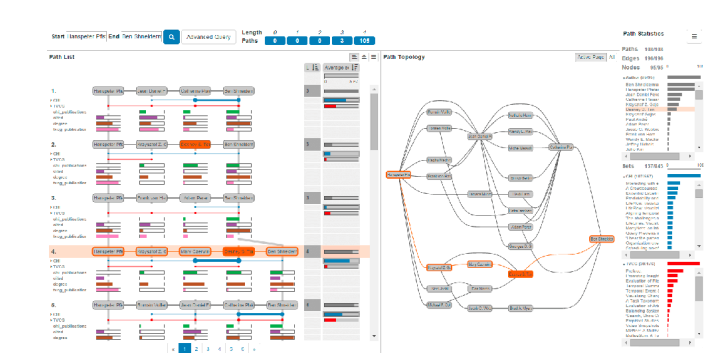
- encoding: different
 - **multiform**
- data: all shared

- aka: brushing and linking

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

Complex linked multiform views

System: **Pathfinder**

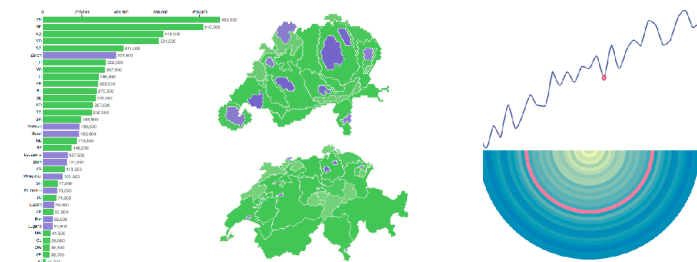


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZF7AC8aNXo>

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Linked views

- unidirectional vs bidirectional linking



<http://www.ralphstraumann.ch/projects/swiss-population-cartogram/>

<http://peterbeshai.com/linked-highlighting-react-d3-reflux/>

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Idiom: **Overview-detail views**

System: **Google Maps**

- encoding: same
- data: subset shared
- navigation: shared
 - bidirectional linking

- differences
 - viewpoint
 - (size)

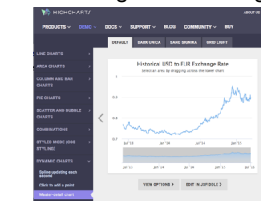
- special case:
 - birds-eye map**



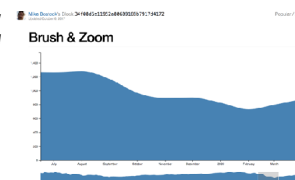
[A Review of Overview+Detail, Zooming, and Focus+Context Interfaces. Cockburn, Karlson, and Bederson. ACM Computing Surveys 41:1 (2008), 1–31.]

Idiom: **Overview-detail navigation**

- encoding: same
- data: subset shared
- navigation: shared
 - unidirectional linking
 - select in small overview
 - change extent in large detail view



<https://www.highcharts.com/demo/dynamic-master-detail>



<https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/34f08d5e11952a080609169b7917d4172>

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Overview-detail

System: **MizBee**

- multiscale: three viewing levels
 - linked views
 - dynamic filtering
 - tooling: processing (modern version: p5js.org)

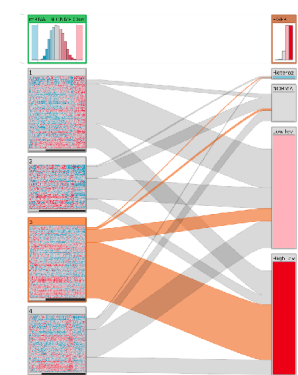


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86p7brwuz2g>

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Overview-detail

System: **StratomeX**



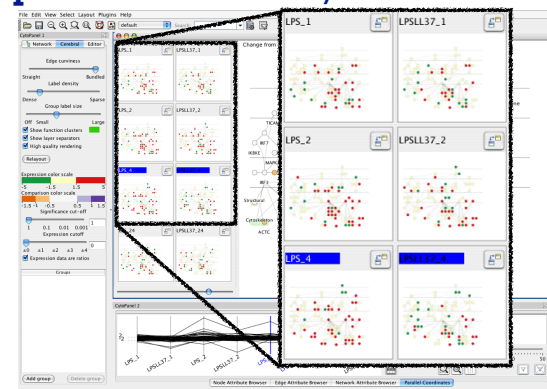
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcKDbGqHsdE>

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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.]

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Coordinate views: Design choice interaction

	Data		
	All	Subset	None
Encoding	Same	Redundant	Overview/Detail
	Different	Multiform	Multiform, Overview/Detail

- why juxtapose views?

- benefits: eyes vs memory

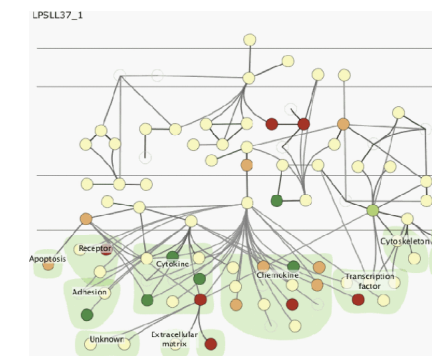
- lower cognitive load to move eyes between 2 views than remembering previous state with single changing view

- costs: display area, 2 views side by side each have only half the area of one view

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Why not animation?

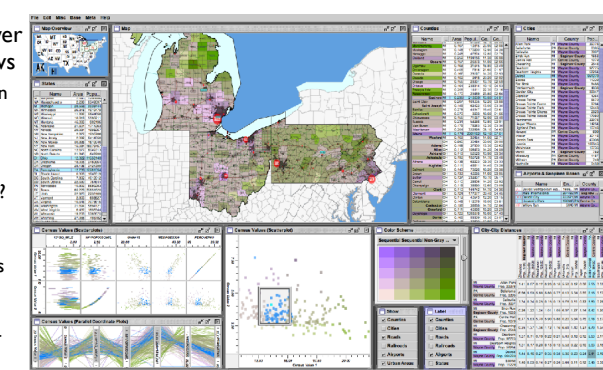
- disparate frames and regions: comparison difficult
 - vs contiguous frames
 - vs small region
 - vs coherent motion of group



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System: **Improvise**

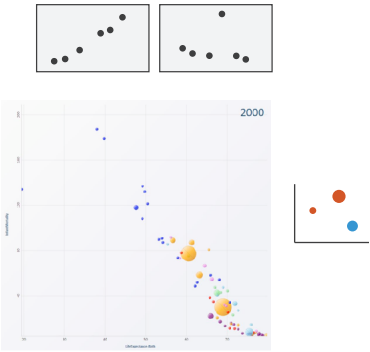
- investigate power of multiple views
 - pushing limits on view count, interaction complexity
 - how many is ok?
 - open research question
 - reorderable lists
 - easy lookup
 - useful when linked to other encodings



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

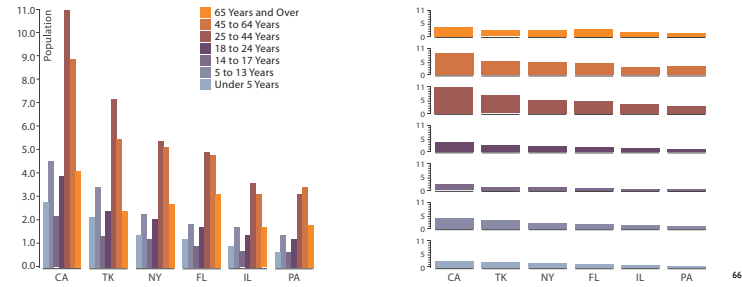
Partition into views

- how to divide data between views → Partition into Side-by-Side 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



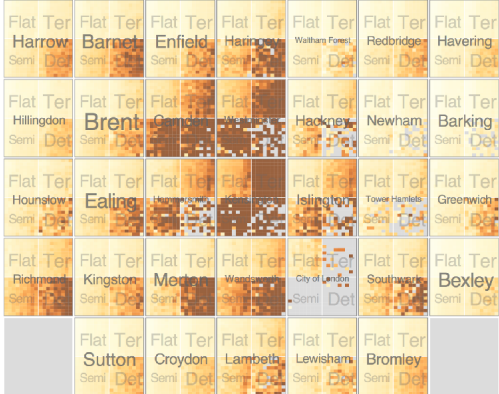
Partitioning: List alignment

- 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

- split by neighborhood
- then by type
- then time
 - 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

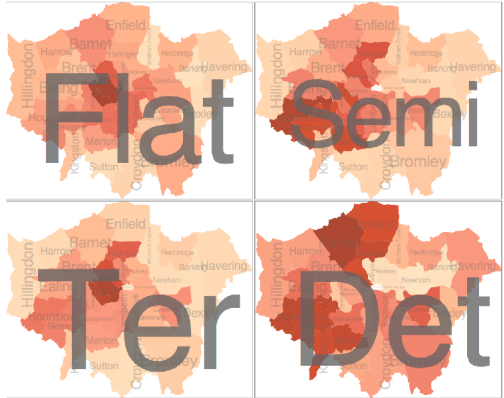
- switch order of splits
 - type then neighborhood
- switch color
 - by price variation
- type patterns
 - within specific type, which neighborhoods inconsistent



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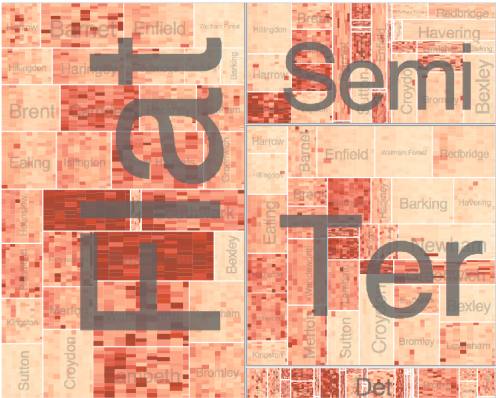
- different encoding for second-level regions
 - choropleth maps



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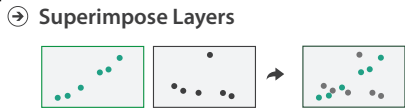
- size regions by sale counts
 - not uniformly
- result: treemap



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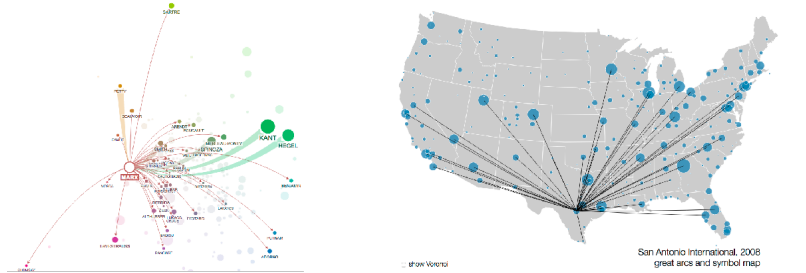
Superimpose layers

- **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?



Dynamic visual layering

- interactive based on selection
- one-hop neighbour highlighting demos: click vs hover (lightweight)



<http://mariandoerk.de/edgemaps/demo/>

<http://mbostock.github.io/d3/talk/20111116/airports.html>

Static visual layering

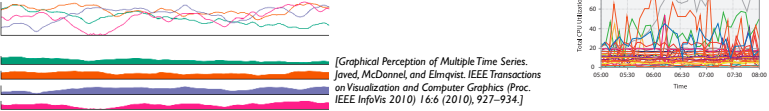
- foreground layer: roads
 - hue, size distinguishing main from minor
 - high luminance contrast from background
- background layer: regions
 - desaturated colors for water, parks, land areas
- user can selectively focus attention
- “get it right in black and white”
 - check luminance contrast with greyscale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



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

Superimposing limits

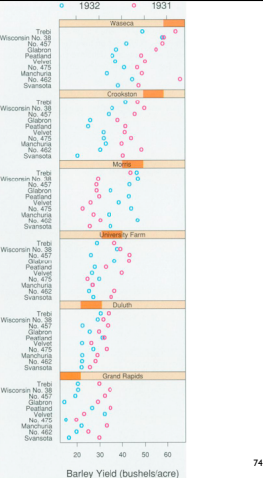
- few layers, but many lines
 - up to a few dozen
 - but not hundreds
- superimpose vs juxtapose: empirical study
 - superimposed for local, multiple for global
 - tasks
 - local: maximum, global: slope, discrimination
 - same screen space for all multiples vs single superimposed



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

Idiom: Trellis plots

- superimpose within same frame
 - color code by year
- partitioning
 - split by site, rows are wheat varieties
- main-effects ordering
 - derive value of median for group, use to order
 - order rows within view by variety median
 - order views themselves by site median



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Reading for next time

- VAD Ch 13: Reduce
- VAD Ch 14: Embed
- VAD Ch 15: Case Studies
- Paper: Topological Fisheye Views for Visualizing Large Graphs
 - paper type: algorithm

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