Information Visualization **Advanced Topics**

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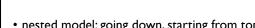
https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/courses/547-25/

Today: Week 14

- UBC InfoVis group research 1: problem-driven
- UBC InfoVis group research 2:Vis & ML intersections

Visualization for Actively Changing Overlay Network Specifications

next steps



· today: research highlights from my own group

Applying visualization to real-world problems

- nested model: going down, starting from top
- map from domain to abstraction level • crucial & difficult, iterative process
 - select appropriate idioms

Domain: In-car network engineering

- · or create new ones if necessary
- many case studies - different domains
- different methods



abstraction

idiom



· facilities management

in-car networks



• biology (x2)

Four case studies of problem-driven work

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biology

complex changes)

Michael Sedlmair, Annika Frank, Andreas Butz

RelEx

joint work with:

RelEx:Visualization for Actively Changing Overlay Network Specifications. SedImair, Frank, Butz, Munzner. IEEE TVCG 18(12): 2729-2738, 2012 (Proc. InfoVis 2012).



Abstractions

DATA **In-car Electronics**

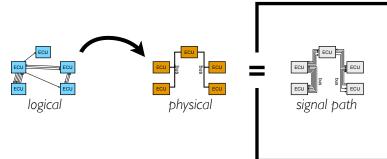
Data Abstraction: 3 Networks physical network

- 100 nodes: Electronic Control Units
- 10-15 hyperedges: bus systems -hardware engineers
- logical network -same nodes
- 10,000 multigraph edges: signals - 1,000 weighted edges: signal counts
- -software engineers
- overlay network - maps logical onto physical
- -30,000 edges: signal paths
- -target engineers

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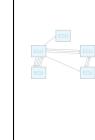
Task Abstraction: Mapping

• specify overlay network that maps logical onto physical



• traffic optimization

Task Abstraction: Optimizing



Many constraints bandwidth ... delay/real time .

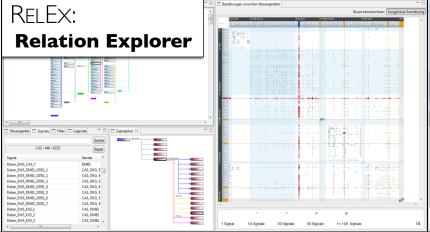
path length ... load balance. reliability ... money ...

- engineer, BMW

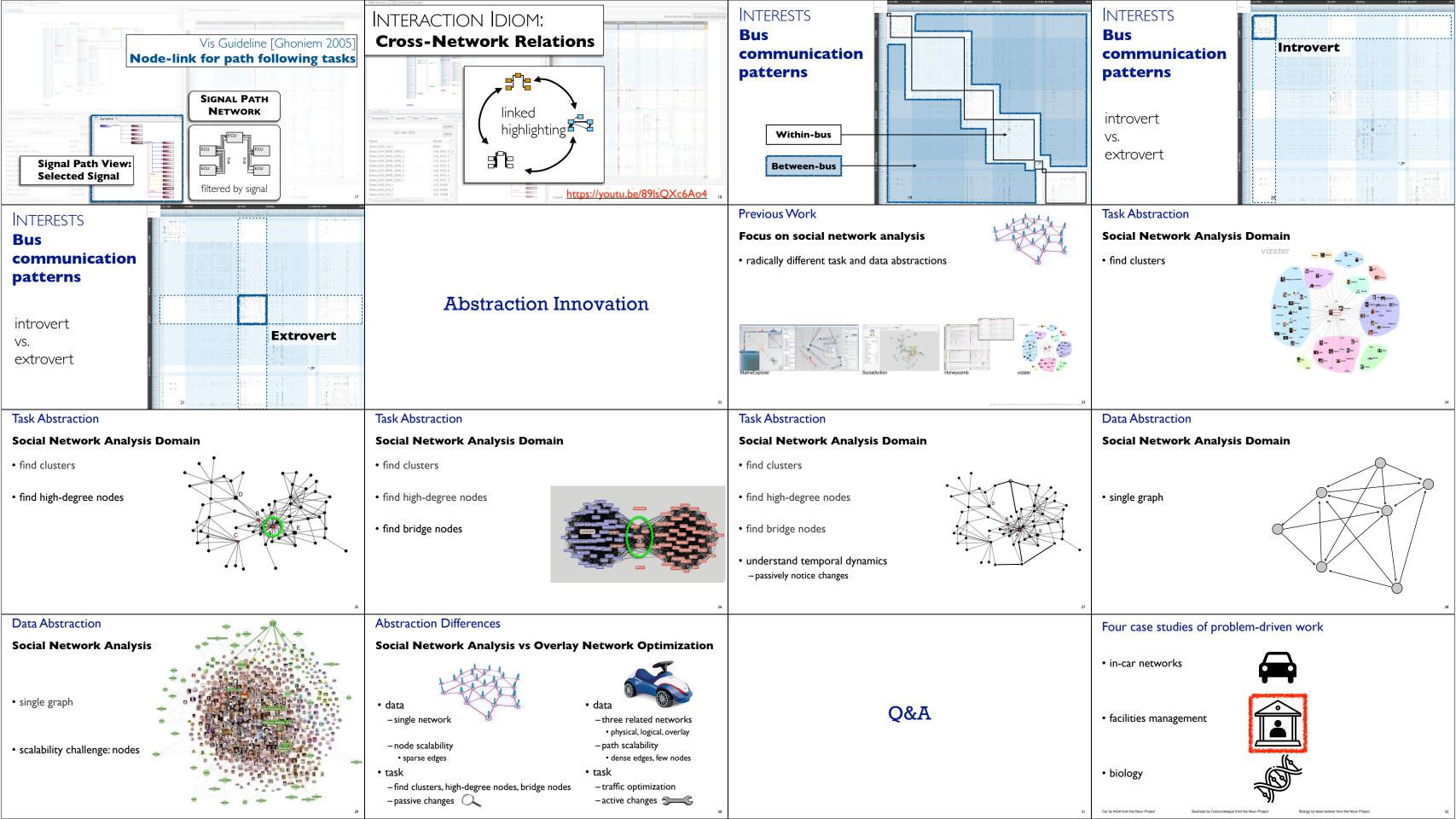
Task Abstraction: Changing

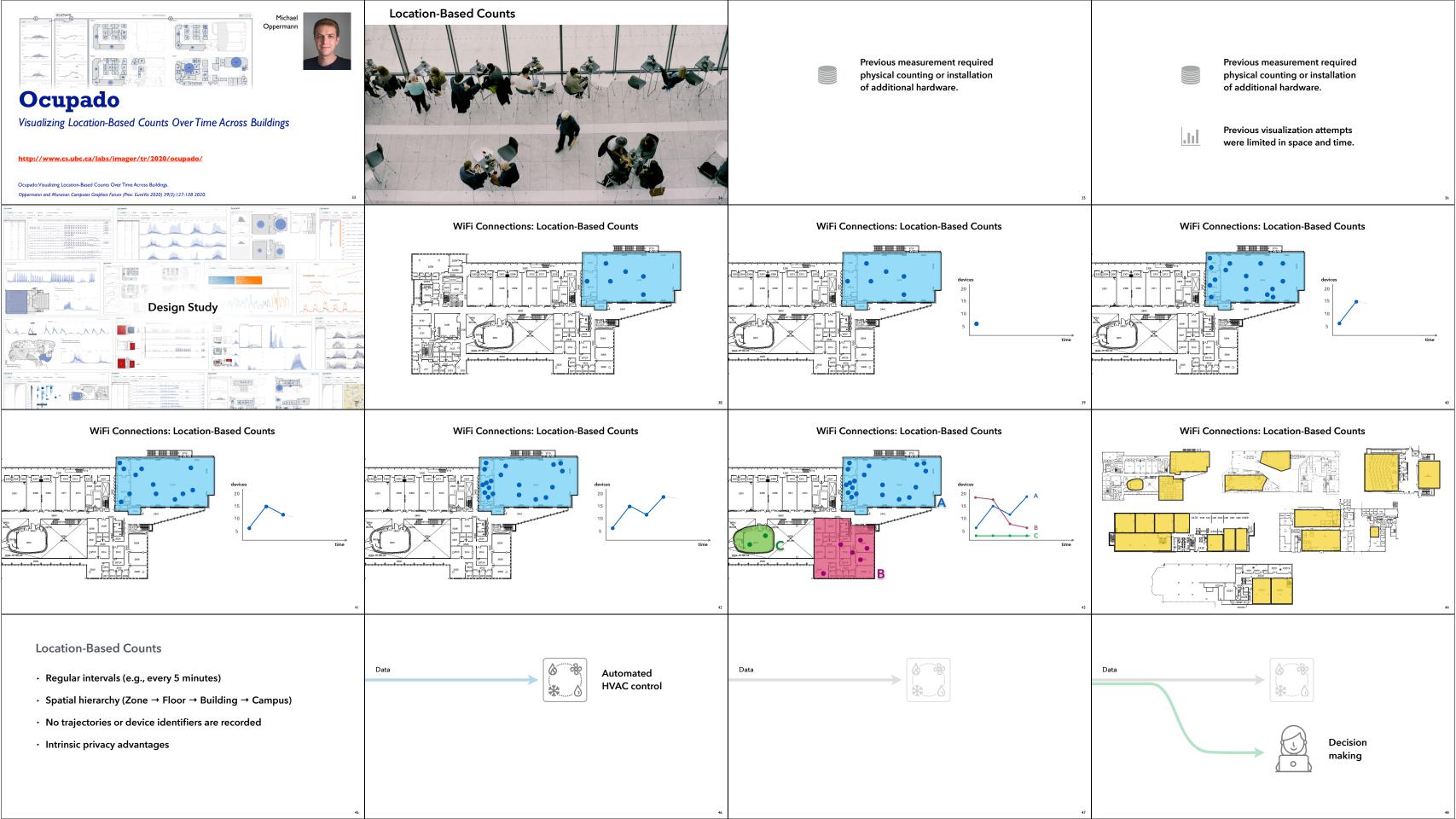
• external change requests signal path Change (trivial requests might lead to

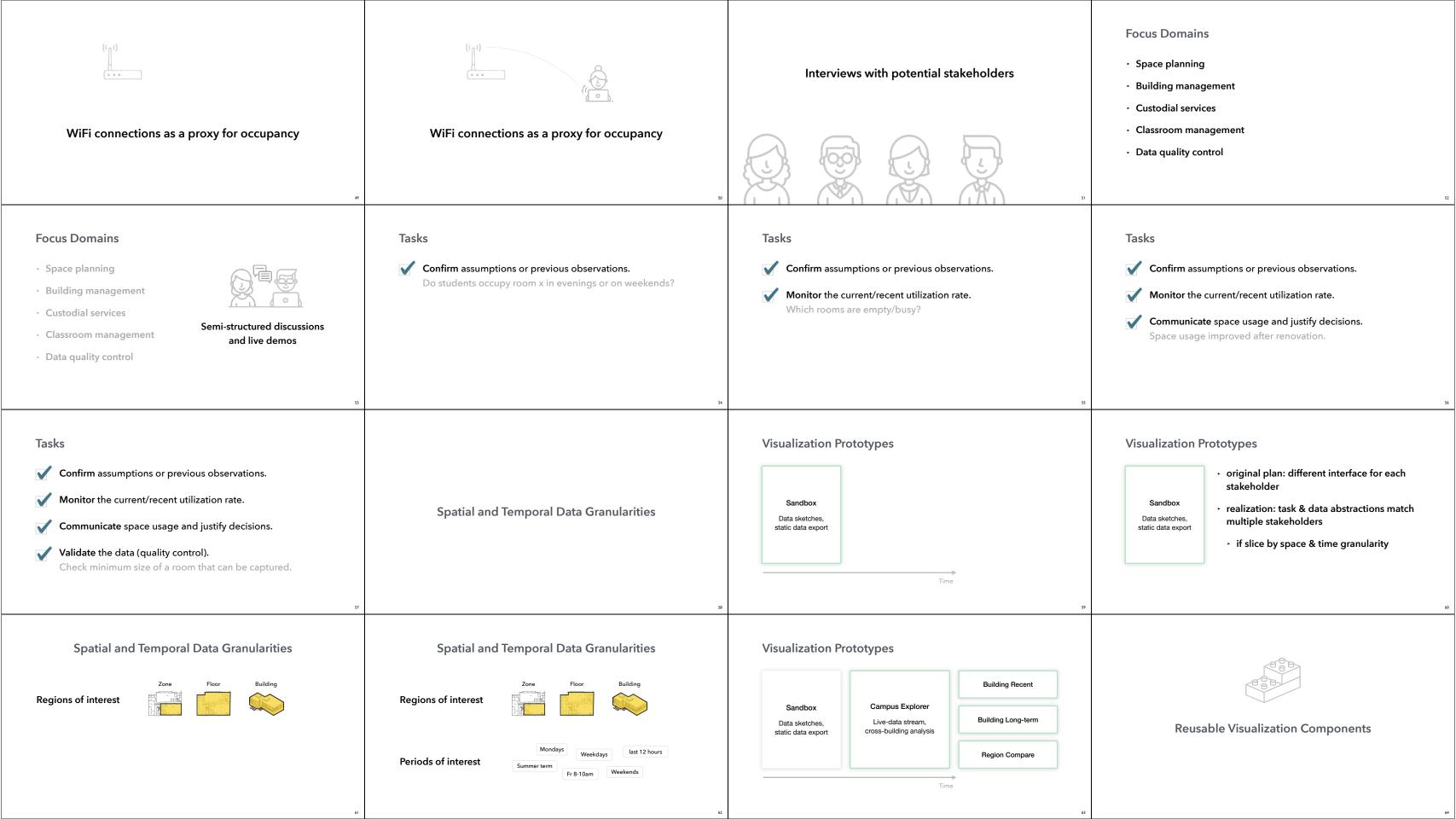
Idioms

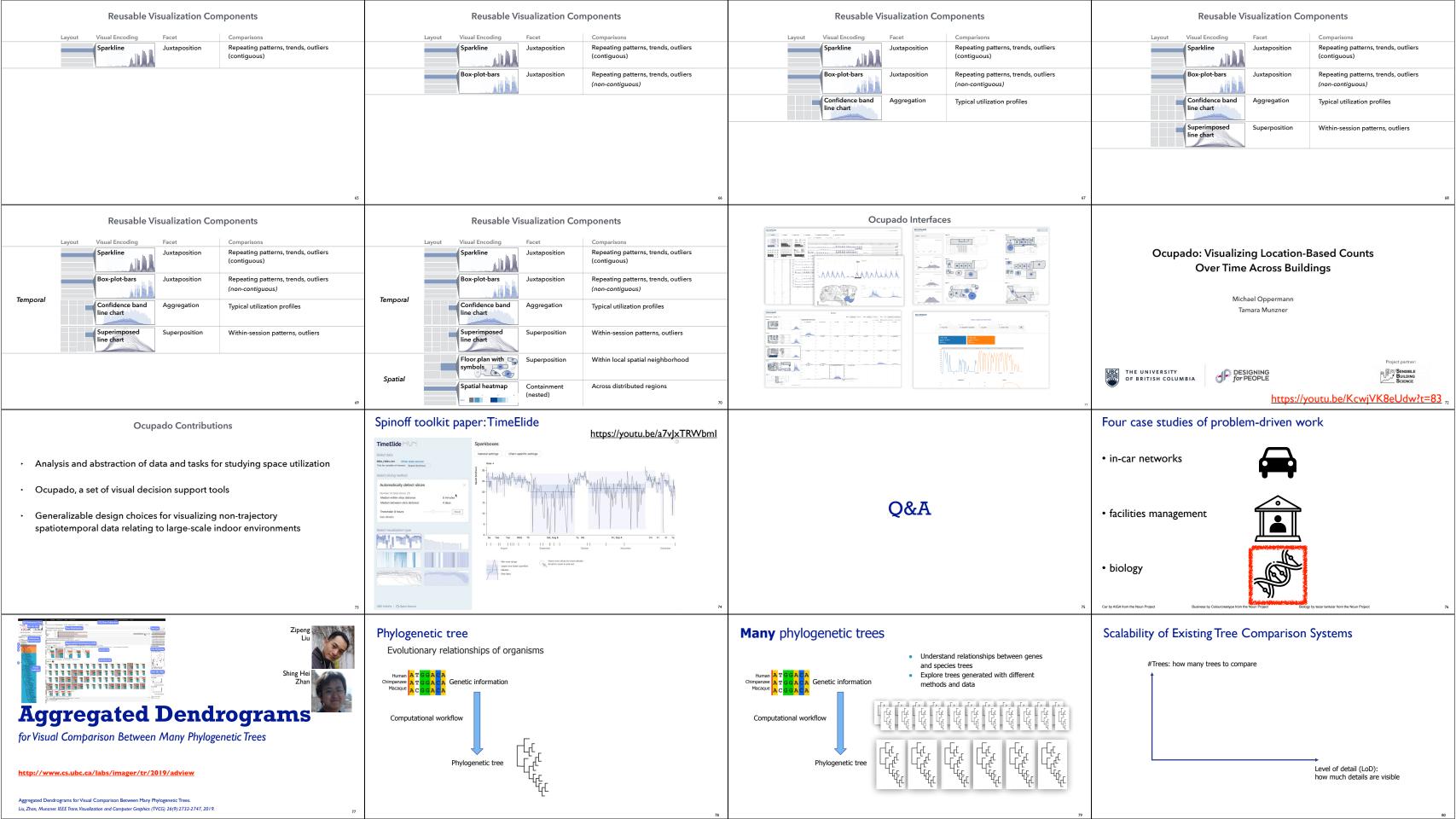


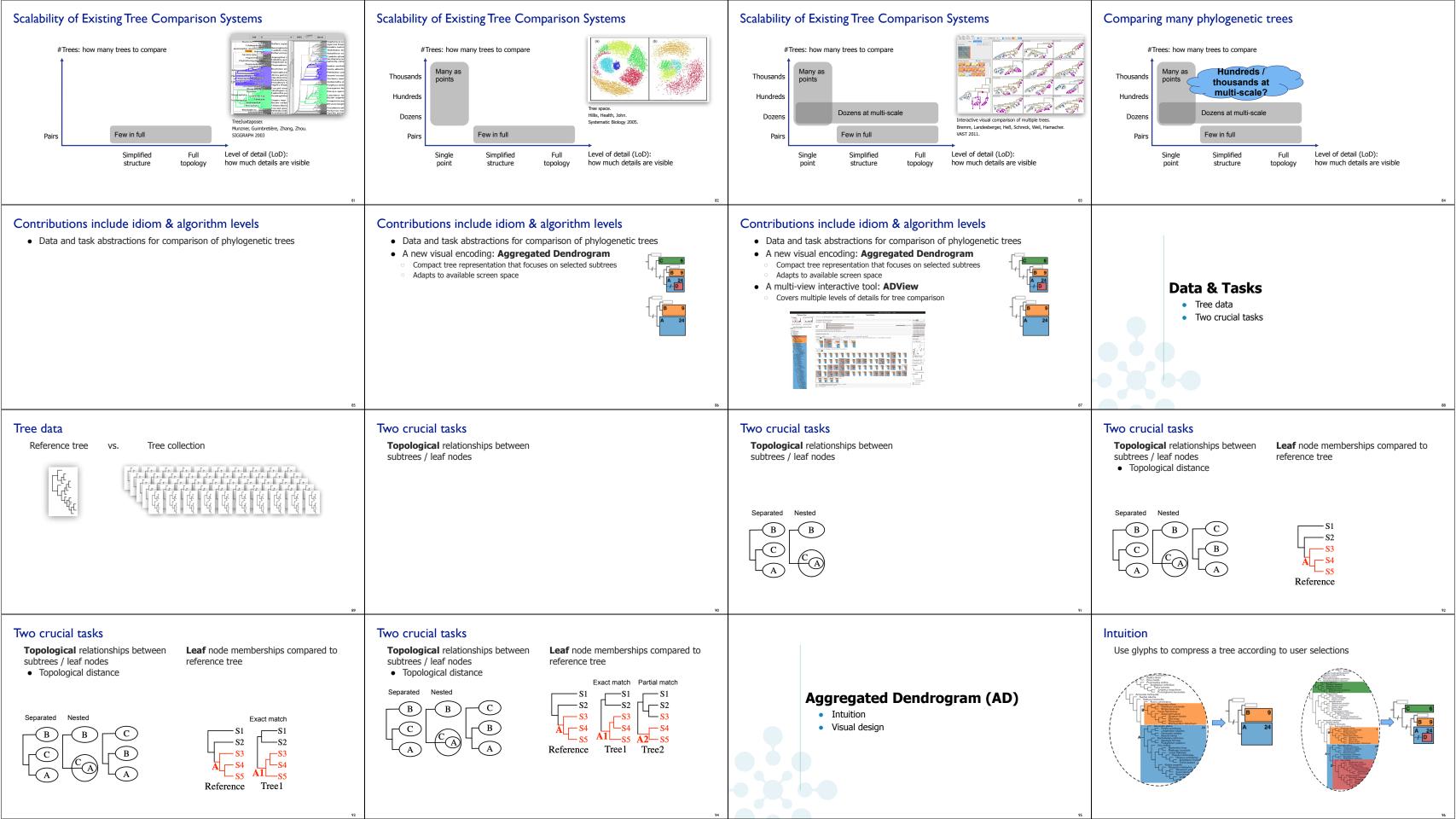
Vis Guideline [Ghoniem 2005] Matrix for dense network data **Logical Network View:** SIGNAL COUNT visual encoding: **Overview** size-coded matrix **N**ETWORK

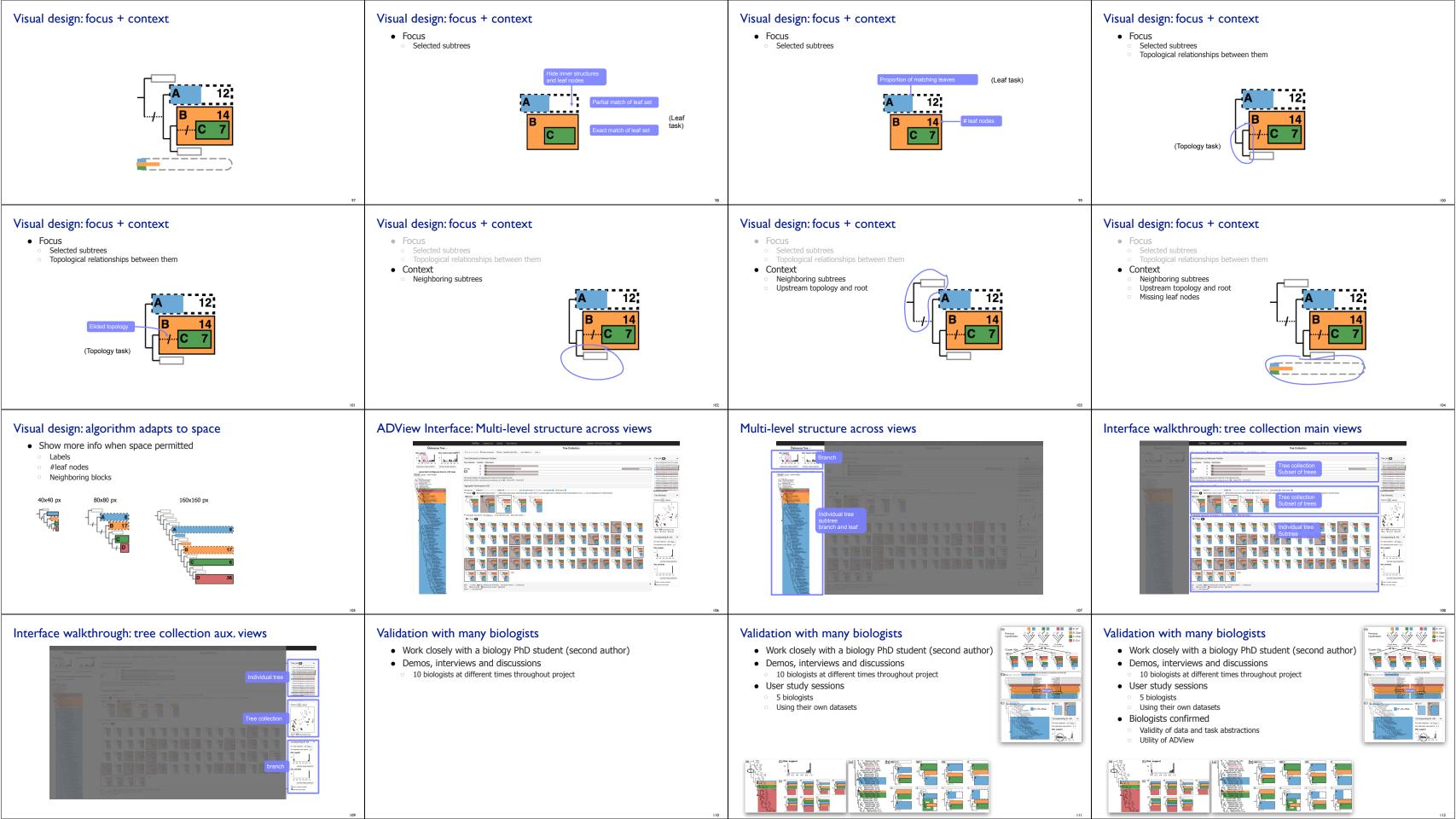


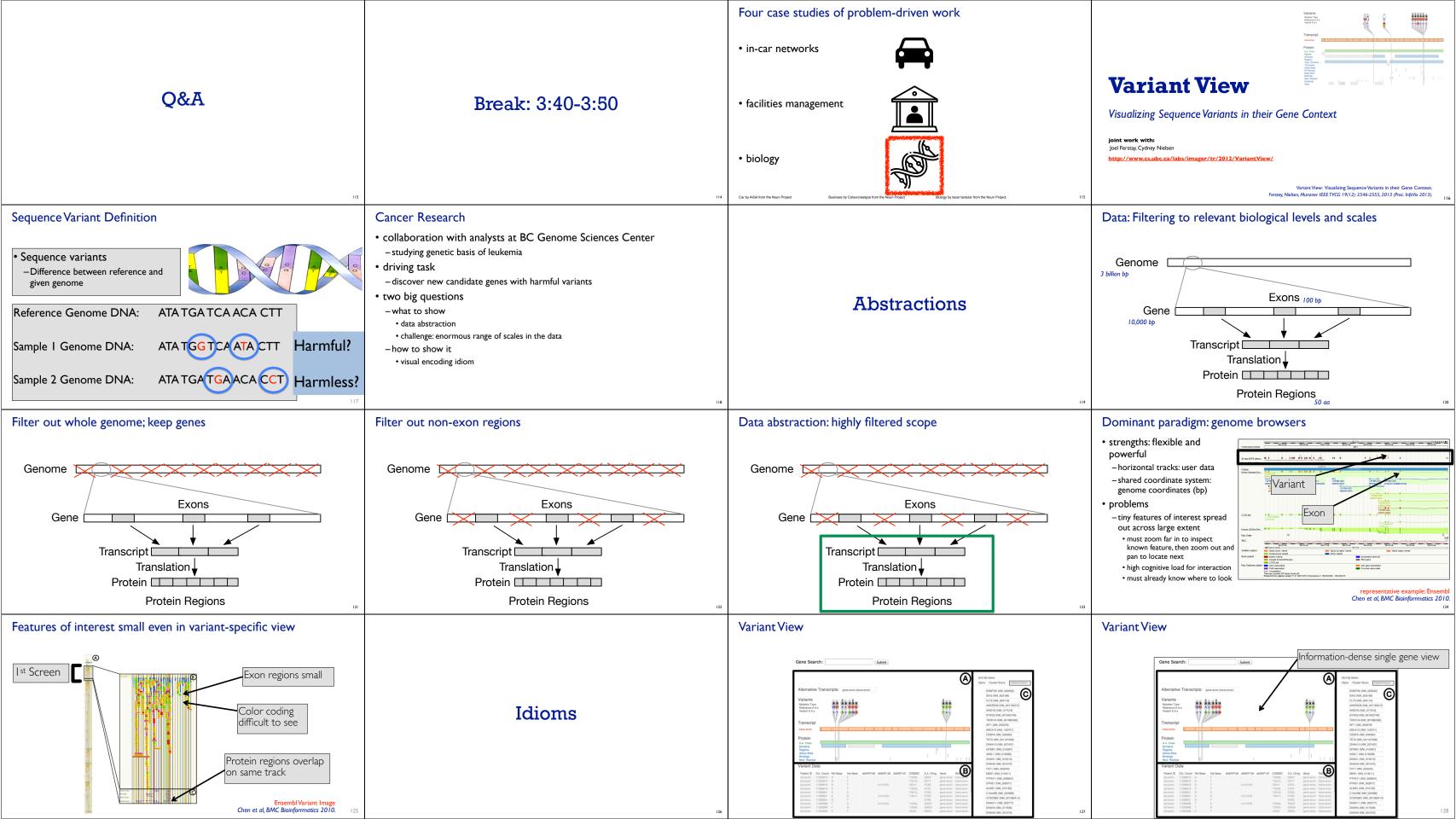


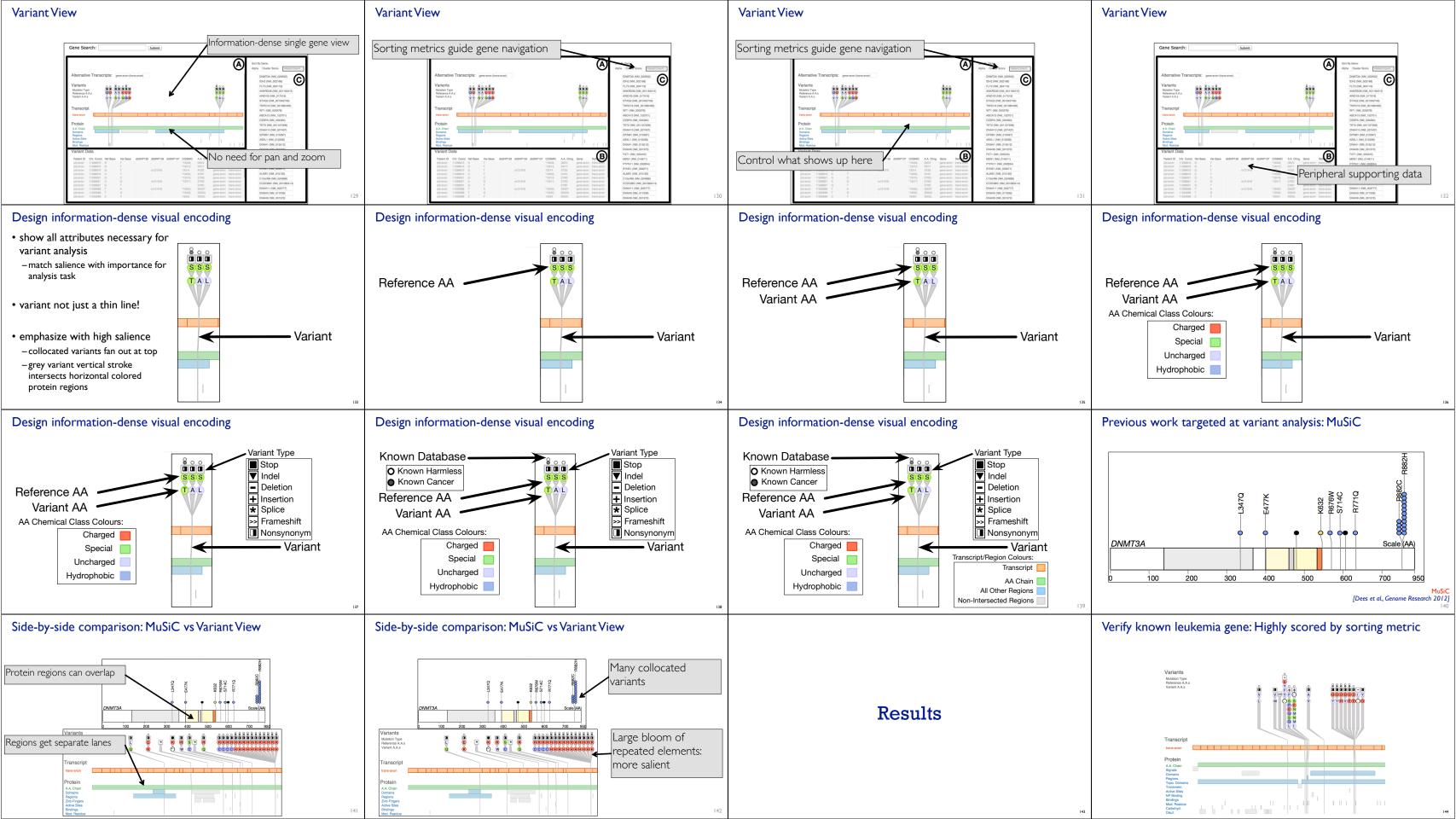


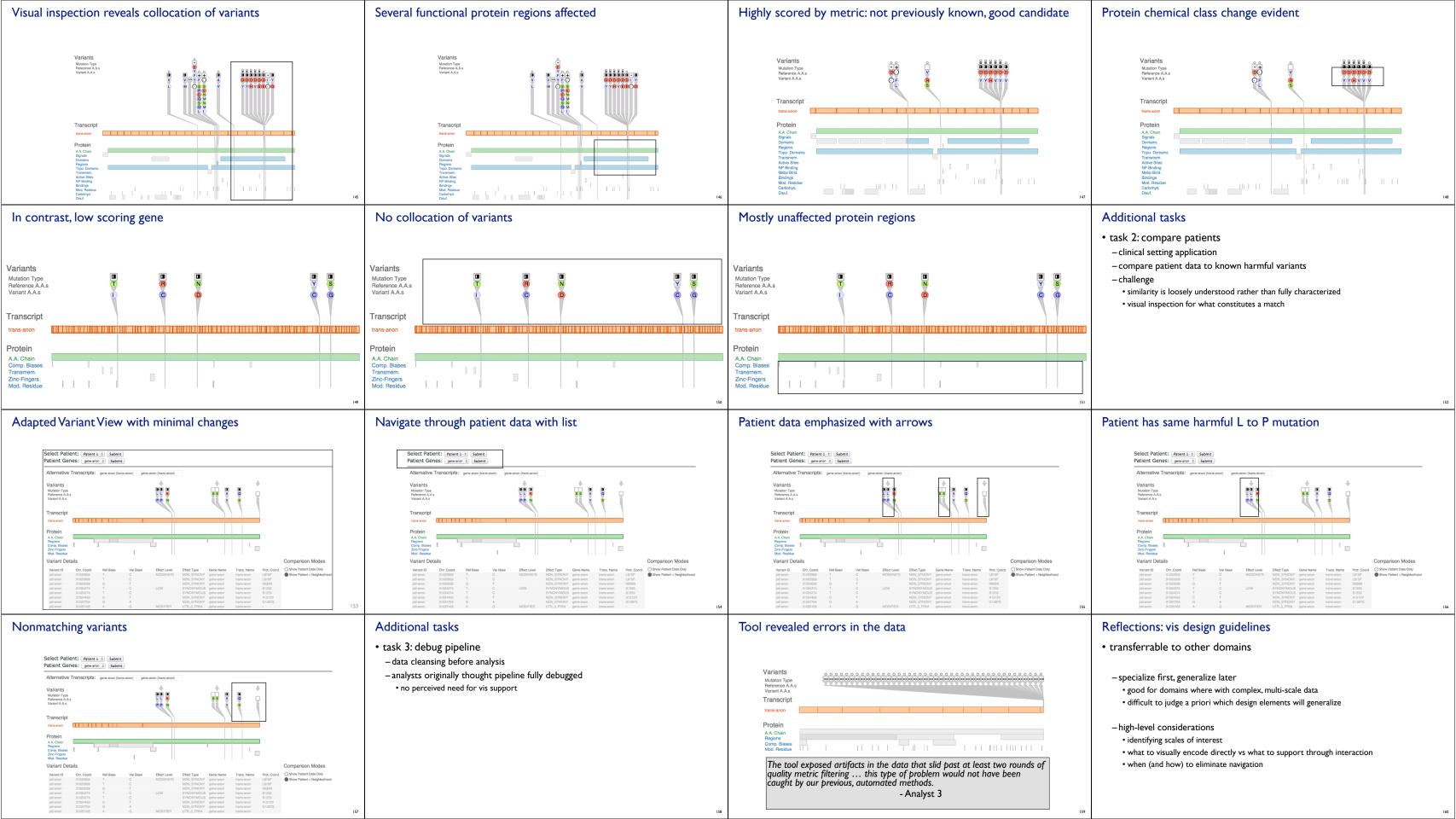


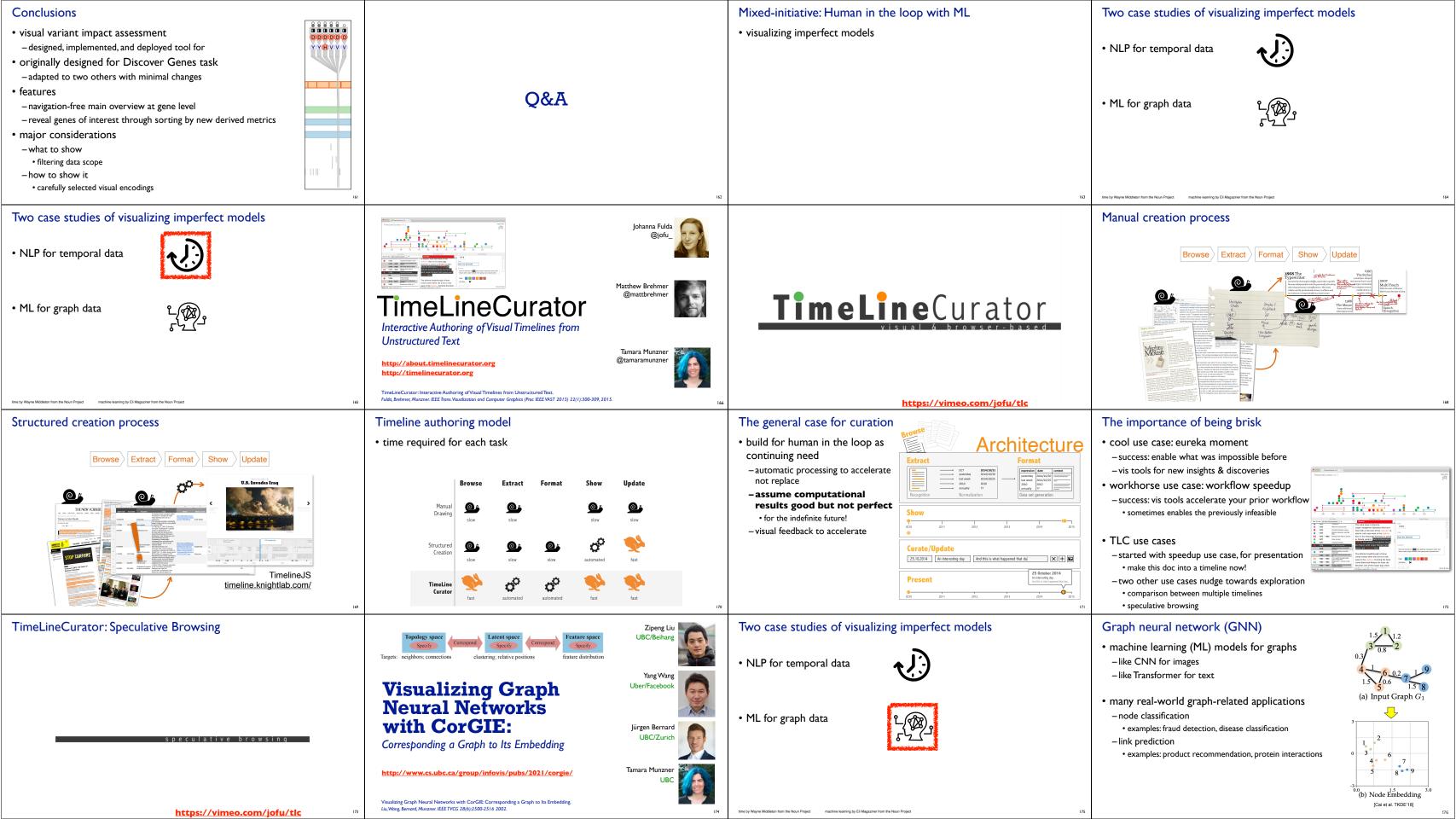


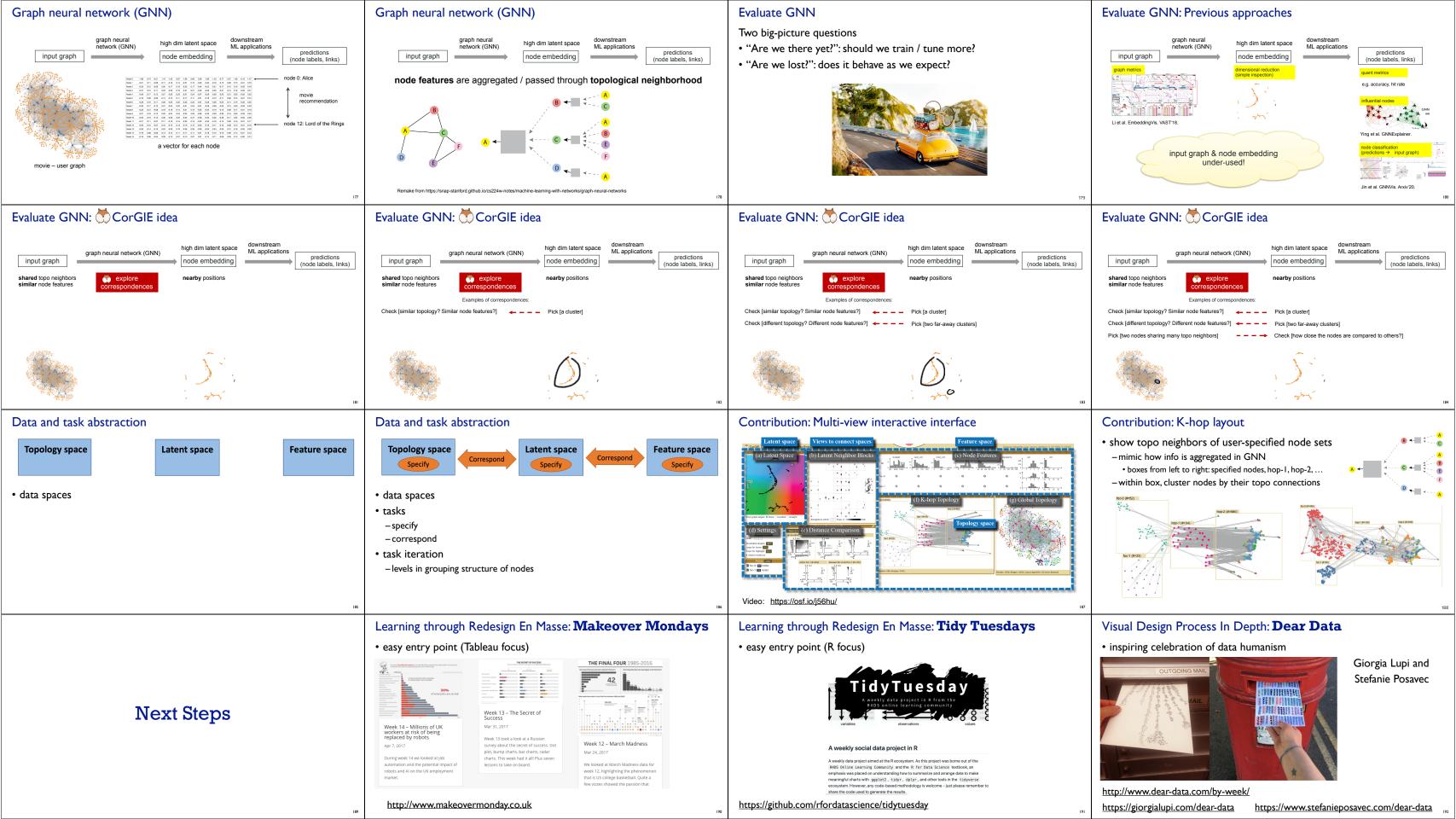












Visual Design Process In Depth: **Data Sketches**

 detailed process notes, from sketching through coding Shirley Wu & Nadieh Bremer









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http://www.datasketch.es/

Pathways for more participation: organizations

- join Vancouver Visualization meetup (4K+ members)
- https://www.meetup.com/Vancouver-Data-Visualization/
- join Data Visualization Society
- https://www.datavisualizationsociety.org
- -four years old, 23K+ members around the world
- -jobs board: full-time, part-time and contract positions worldwide https://jobs.datavisualizationsociety.org/
- -many other resources, super-active Slack incl local groups, challenges, ...
- -articles: Nightingale
- -conferences: Outlier
- -awards: Information Is Beautiful

Visualization jobs

- spectrum
- -visualization as main/core focus
- -visualization as occasional task
- -visualization skills add strength to your portfolio even if no immediate duties
- local companies
- Tableau Vancouver is largest company focused on visualization
- many smaller ones have visualization / data science needs

Upcoming

- see you next week for final presentations
- enjoy visualization, for those who keep going down this path!

-now or later...