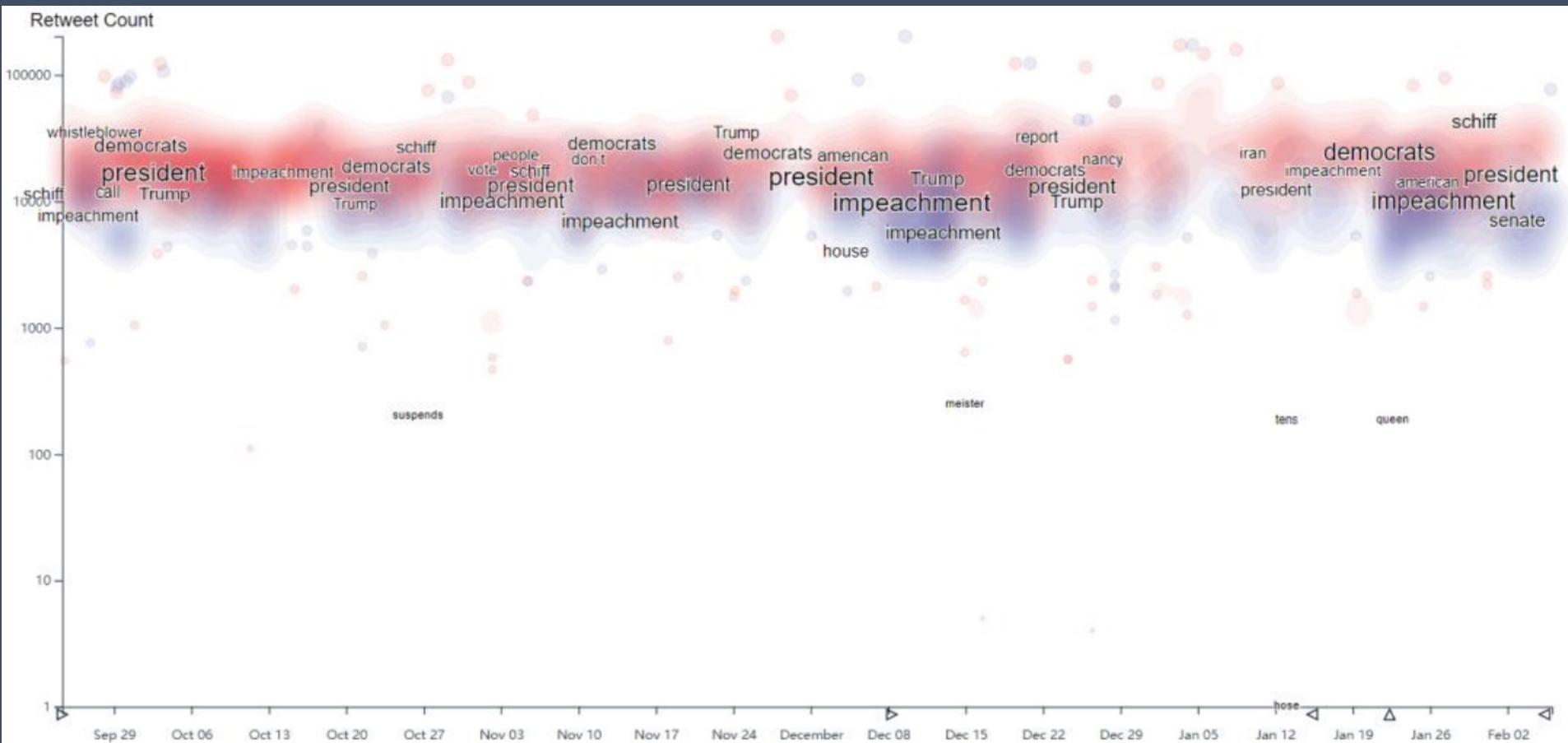
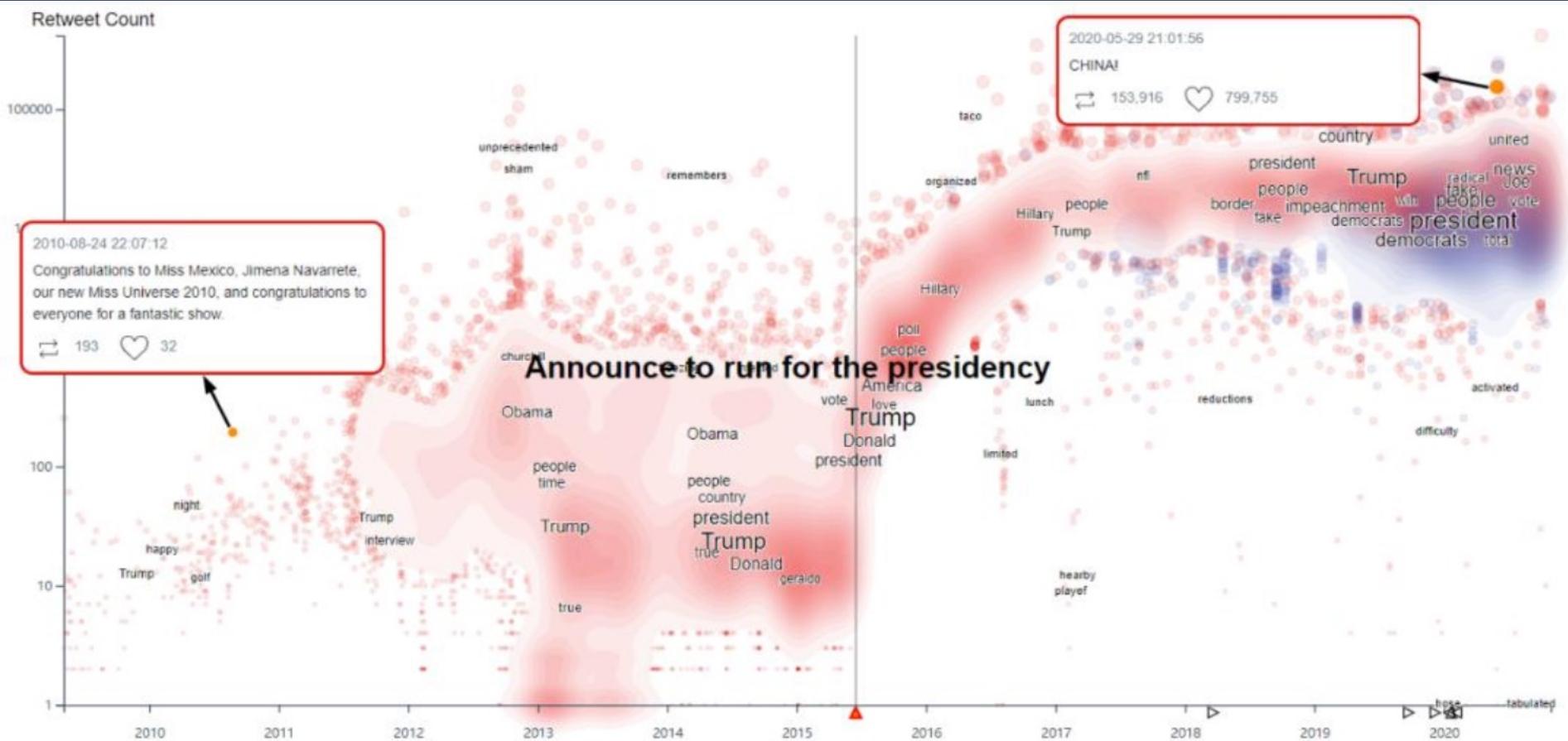

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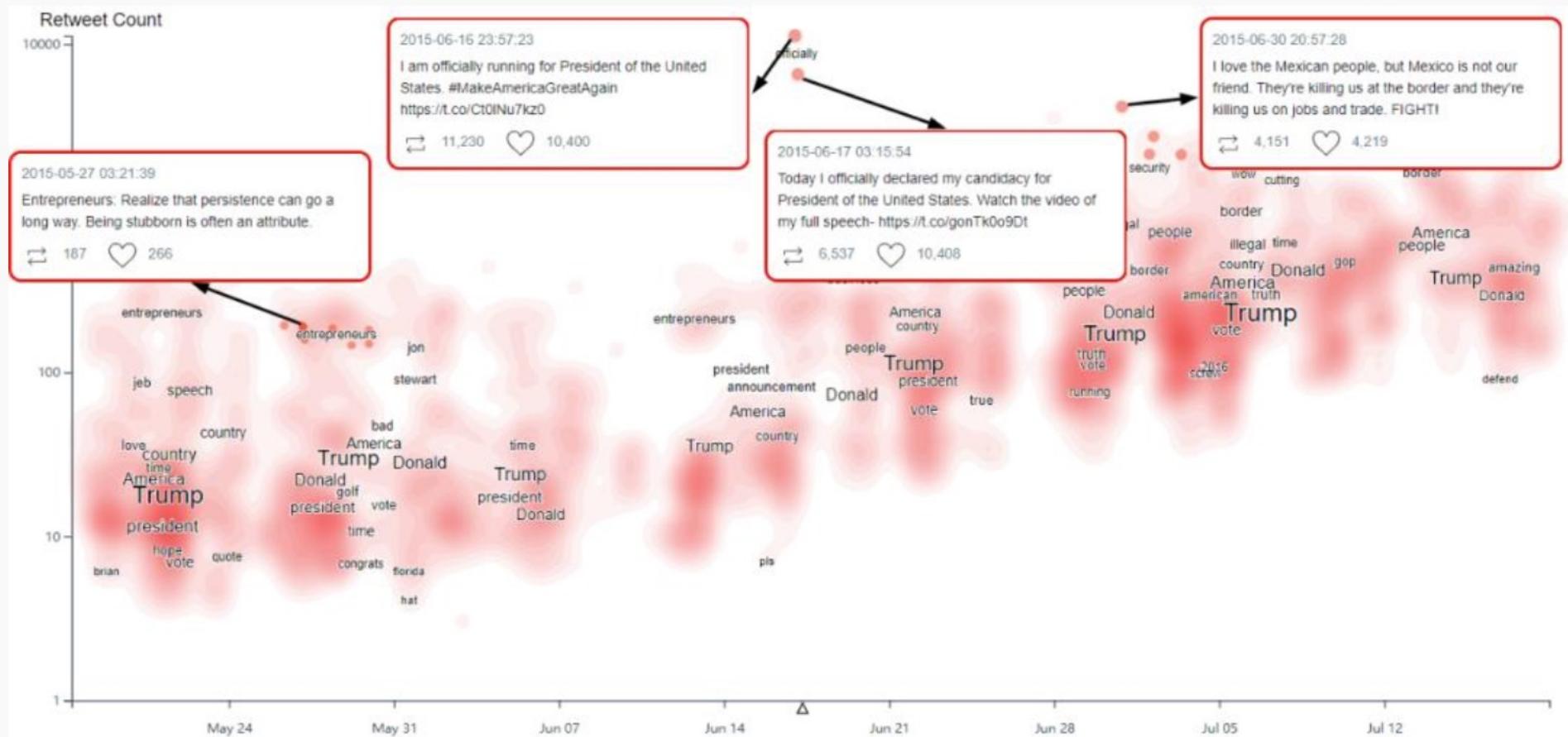
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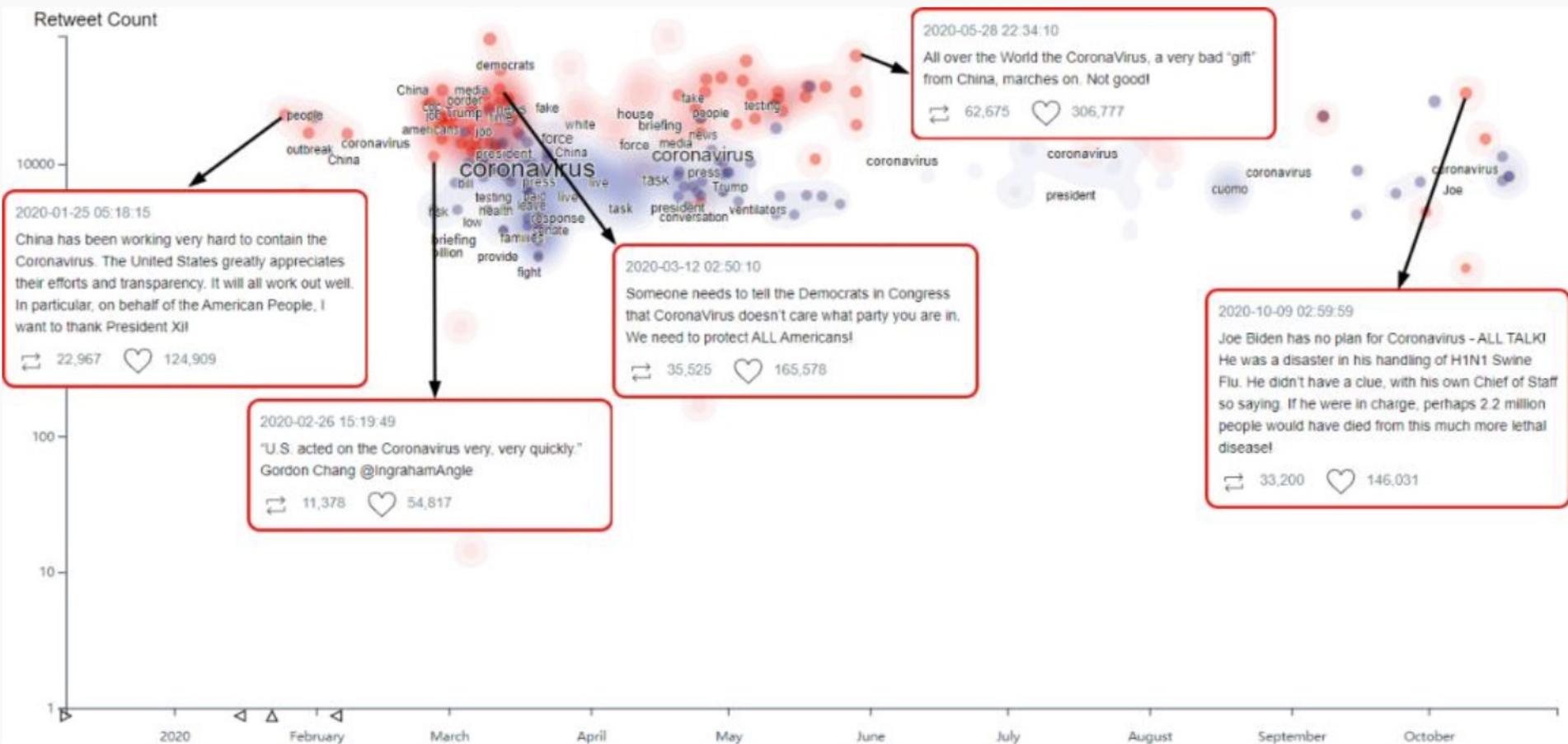
Lingyun Yu

Visualization









Once Upon A Time

- Sketchpad Ivan Sutherland 1963



Interactions in Visualization

- “Overview first, zoom and filter, and details on demand.”
 - Ben Schneiderman



Representation and Interaction

There are two major components of visualization:

- **Representation** of objects users pay attention to, and
- **Interactions** which are operations users can apply.

Outline

- Fundamental Interaction methods
- Interaction models
- Tasks, Techniques and Devices
- Take-away Messages

Fundamental Interaction methods

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Select

- “Mark something as interesting.”
- Mark items of interest to keep track.
- Seems to often work as a preceding action to subsequent operations.

Examples

- Select a landmark in Google Map.
- Select the Focus feature in TableLens.

Method 1: Pop-up Tooltips

- Hovering mouse cursor brings up details of item.

SIMPLE TOOLTIPS

2 years ago | 20 Replies

Easily add tooltips to your WordPress site. Tooltips will show when target element is hovered over. On mobile devices tooltips show when target element is tapped. You can easily pick your tooltip color settings in **Settings > Simple Tooltips**.

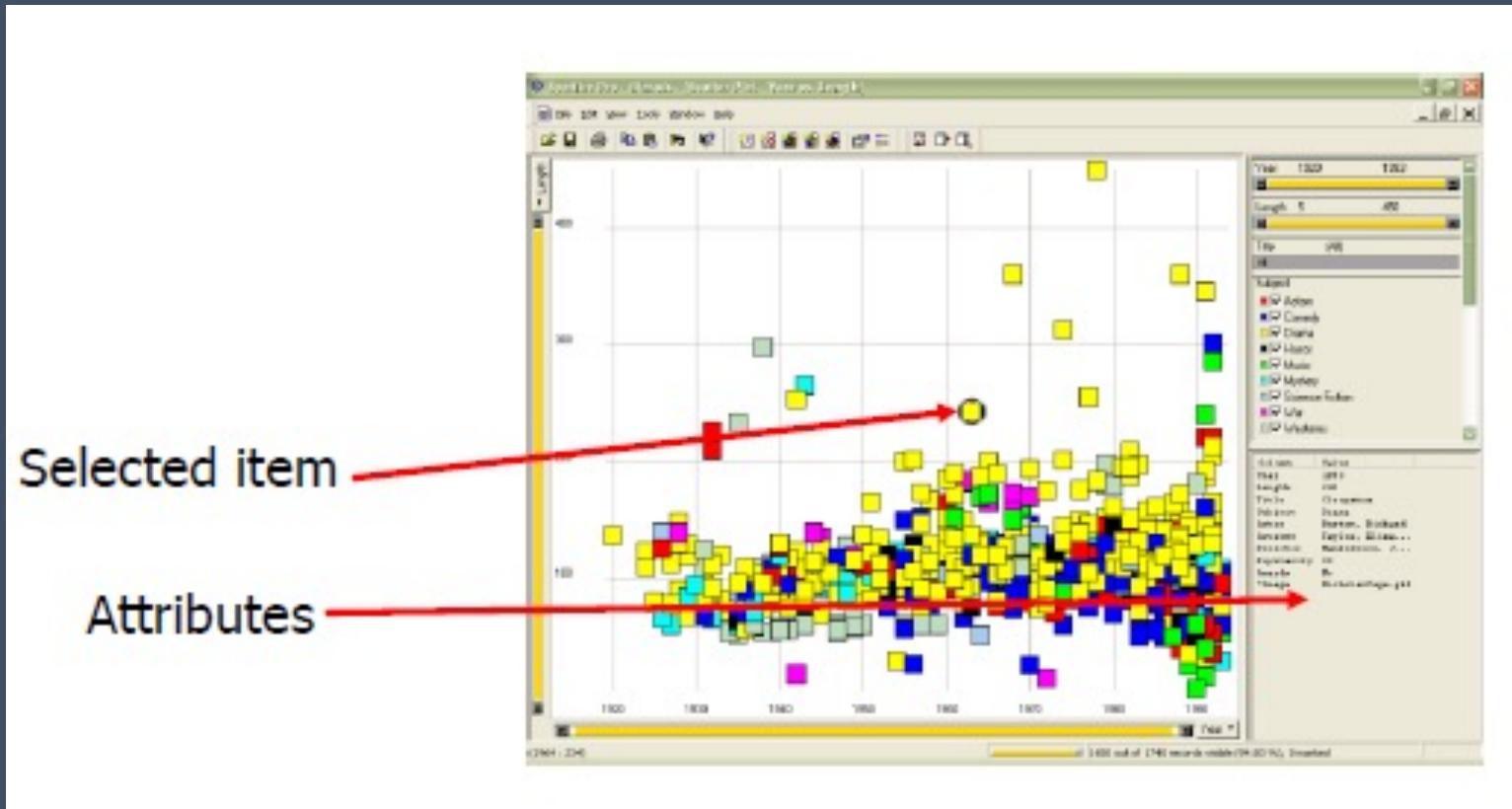
Now you know what it will
look like

What Will it Look Like?

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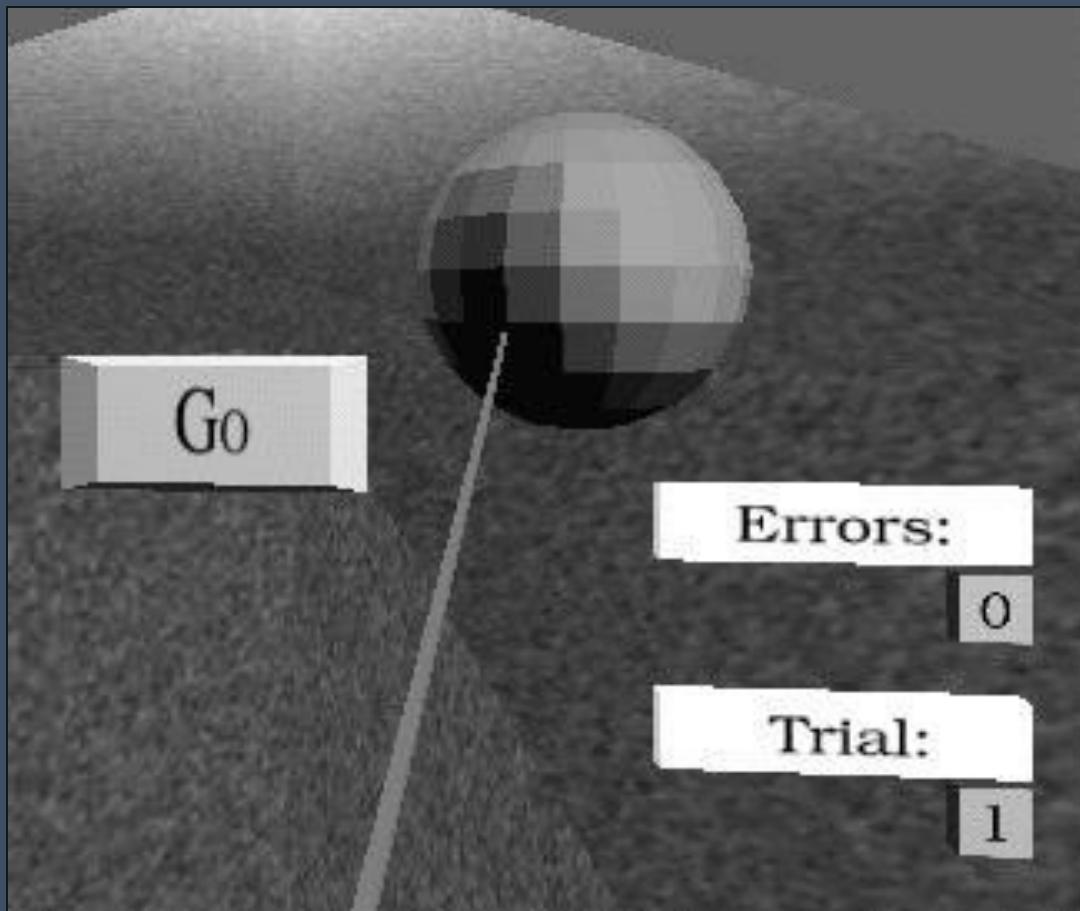
Method 2: Picking (in 2D)

- Clicking on an item on a 2D projection: selects it, attributes of the selected item are shown.



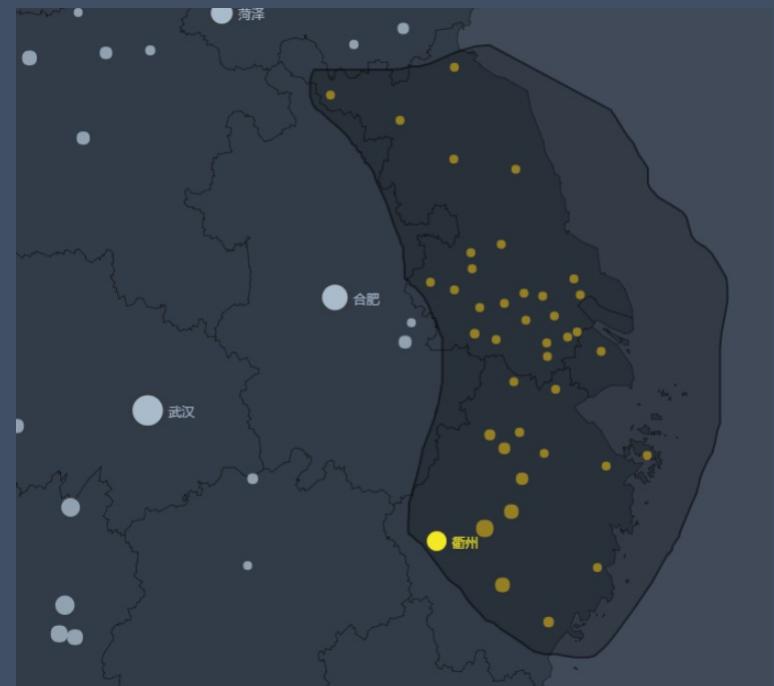
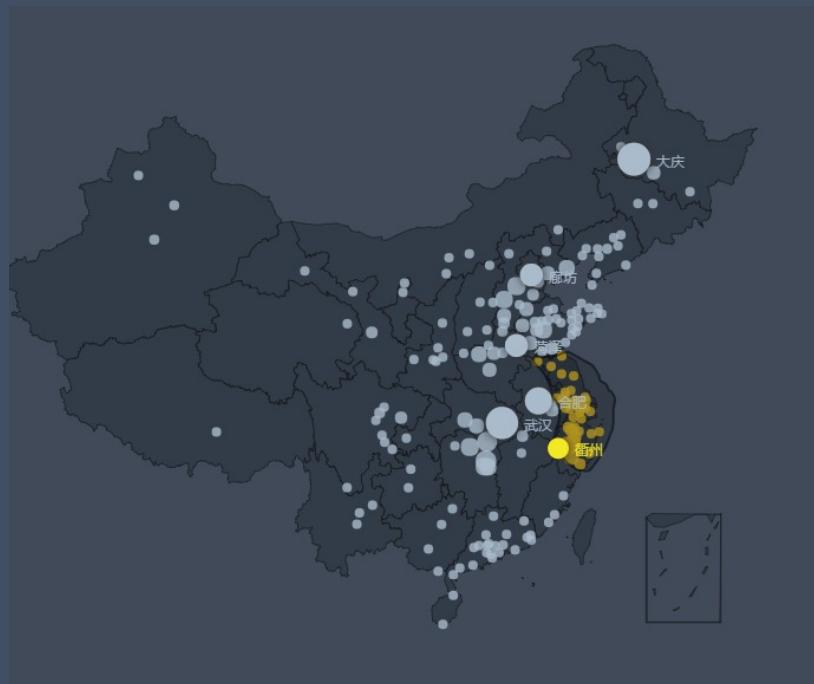
Method 2: Picking (in 3D)

- Picking an item in a 3D space:



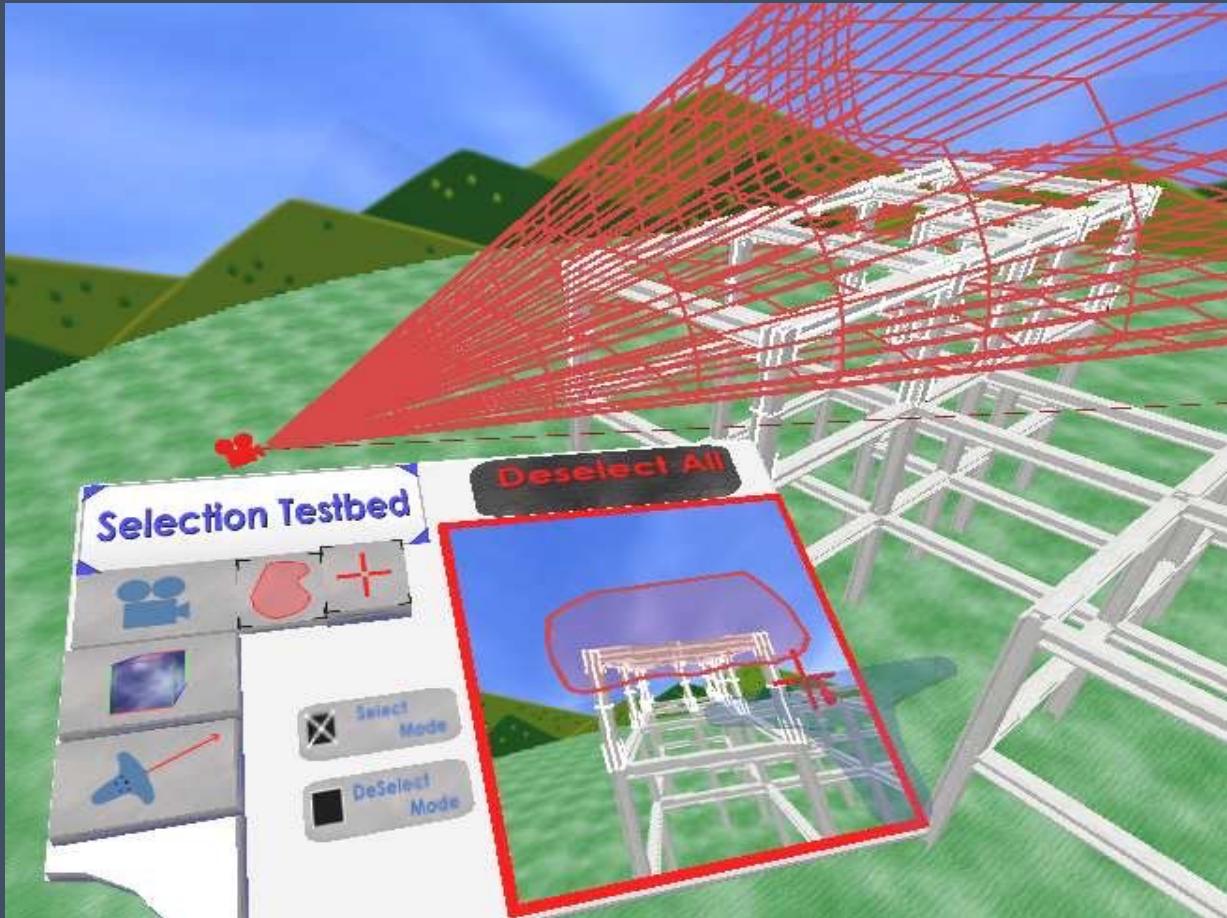
Method 3: Lasso (in 2D)

- Select a region on the map and use amplification technology to visualize clusters in the selection.



<http://www.echartsjs.com/examples/#chart-type-map>

Method 3: Lasso (in 3D)



Design and Evaluation of 3D Multiple Object Selection Techniques. Report, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA, 2005.

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Explore

- “Show me something different.”
 - Exploration enable users to examine a different subset of data.
 - Exploration overcome the limitation of display size.
- Examples
 - Panning in Google Earth
 - Navigation in 3D space

Direct Walk

Linkages between cases : Exploring one may lead to another.

- Follow the hyperlinks on web pages.



<http://www.zju.edu.cn/>

3D Navigation



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tI_sJuA2LWg

Fundamental Interaction Techniques

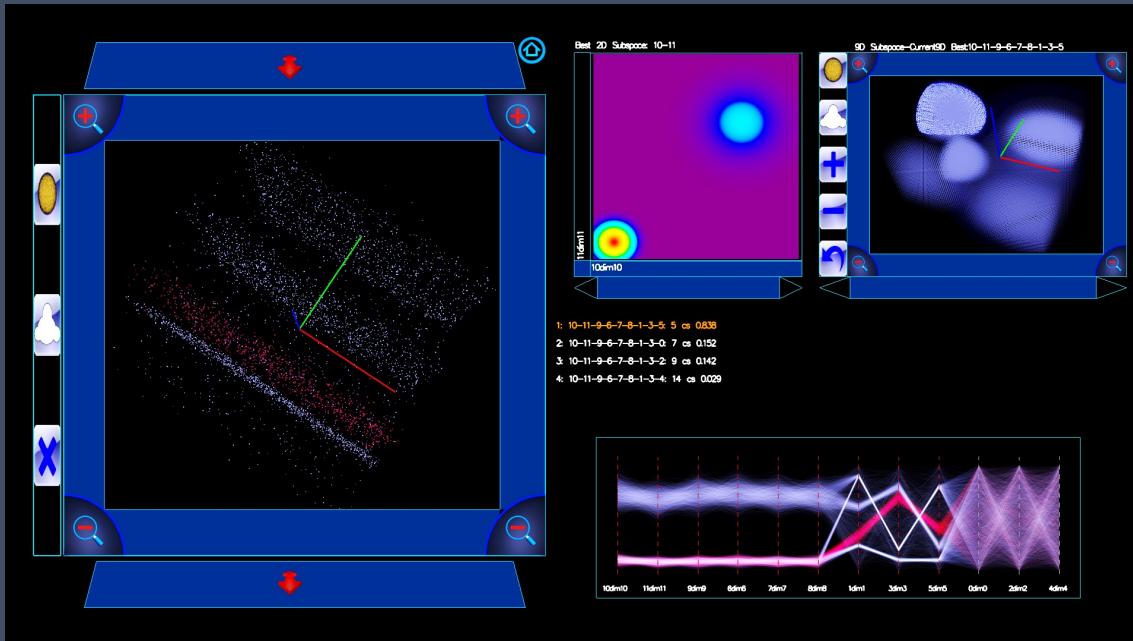
- Select
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Reconfigure

- “Show me a different arrangement.”
- Reconfiguring provides different perspectives by changing the spatial arrangement of representation.
- Examples
 - Sorting and rearranging columns in TableLens.
 - Changing the attributes in a scatter plot.

Method 1: Rearrange View

- Keep same fundamental representation and what data is being shown, but rearrange elements by:
 - Alter positioning
 - Sort



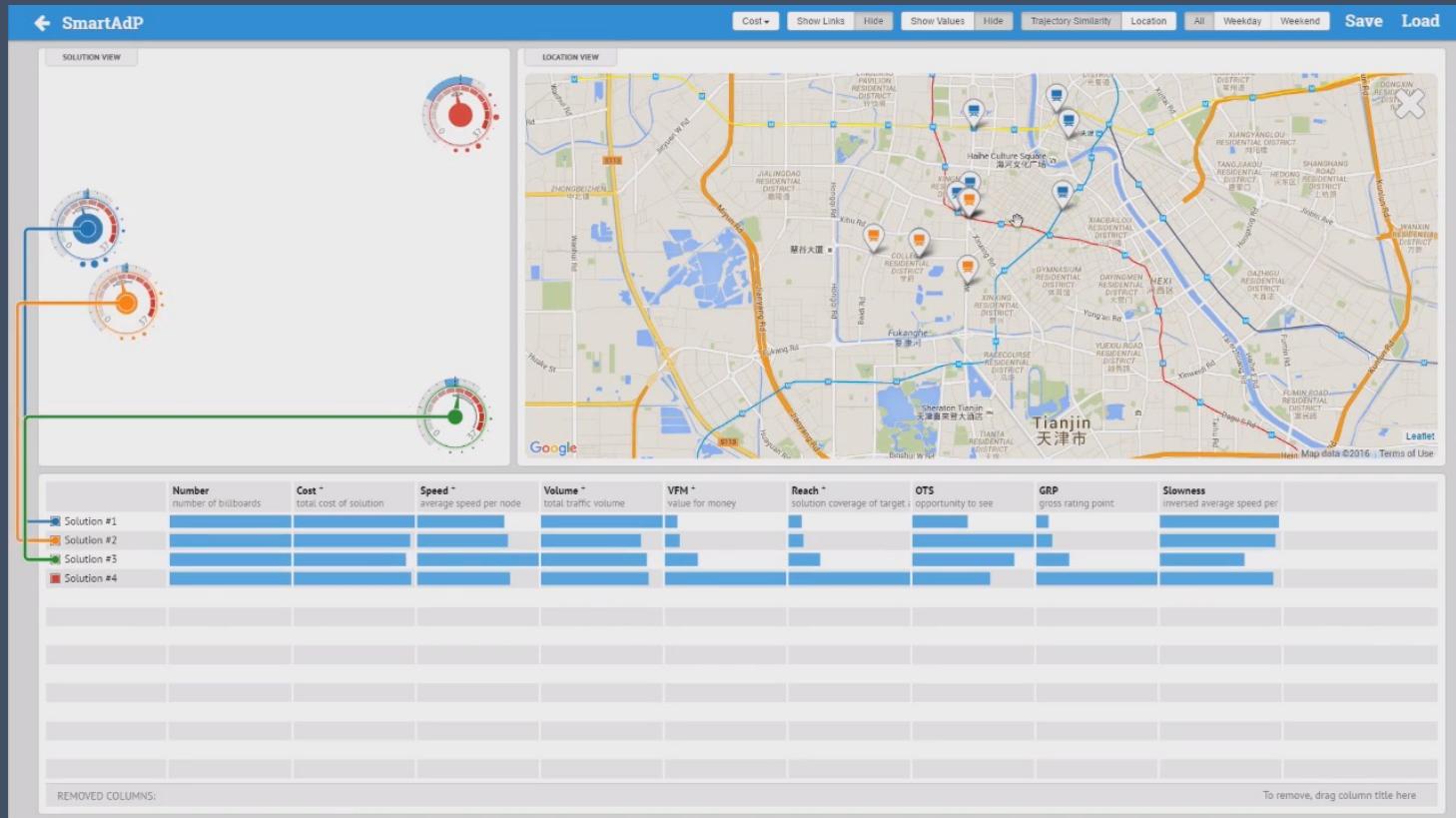
You can change the attributes in the scatter plots

You can move columns (attributes) left and right.

Touching 3D data. Interactive visualization of cosmological simulations. PhD thesis. University of Groningen.

Method 2: Sorting

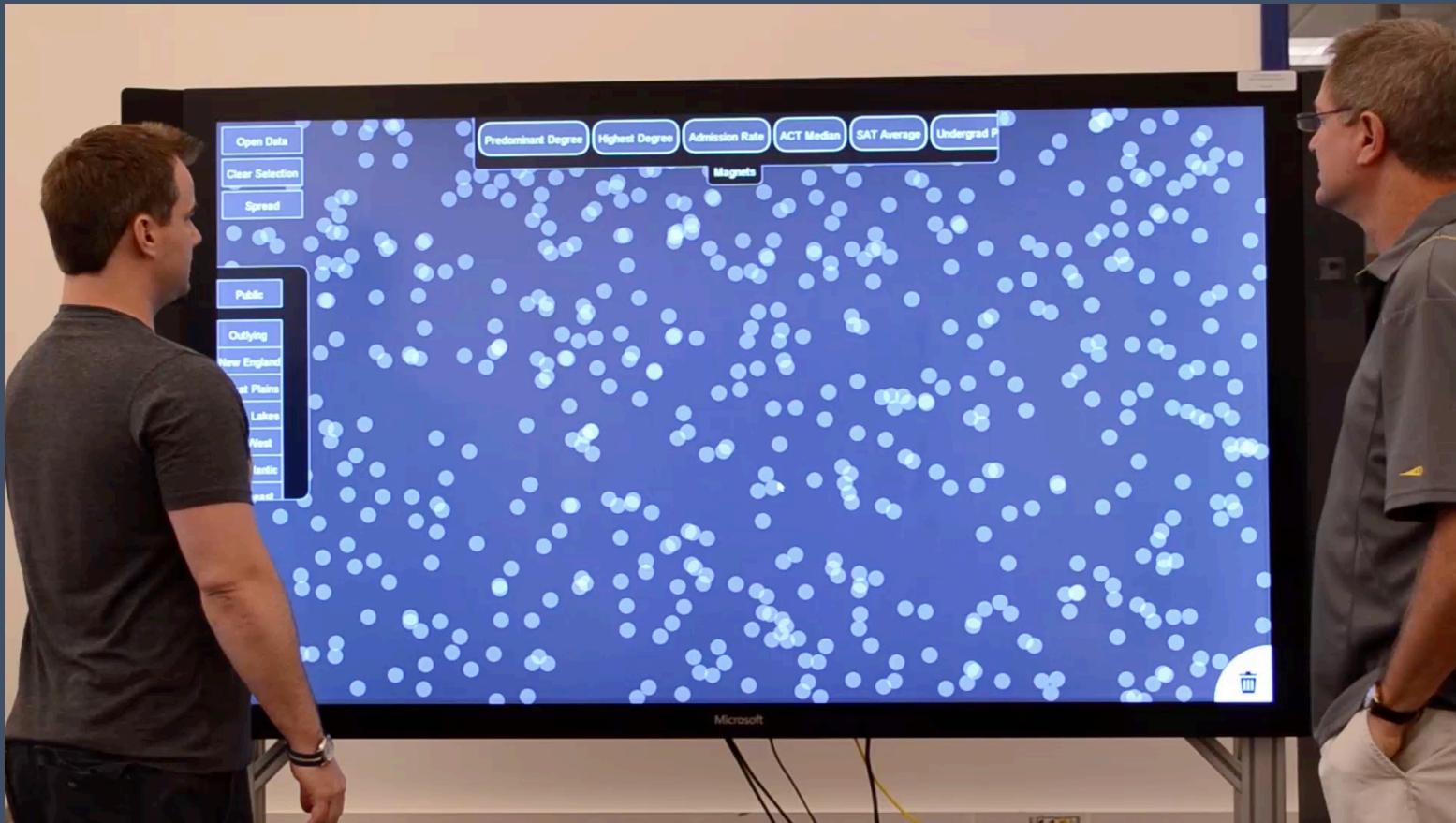
- Sort data with respect to a particular attribute.



Liu, Dongyu, et al Smartadp: Visual analytics of large-scale taxi trajectories for selecting billboard locations. IEEE TVCG 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vkYubfIVuo>

Method 3: Reposition

- Dust & Magnet



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laGJ4v7DEU0>

Example

Rolling the Dice

Multidimensional Visual Exploration
using Scatterplot Matrix Navigation

Niklas Elmqvist
Pierre Dragicevic
Jean-Daniel Fekete

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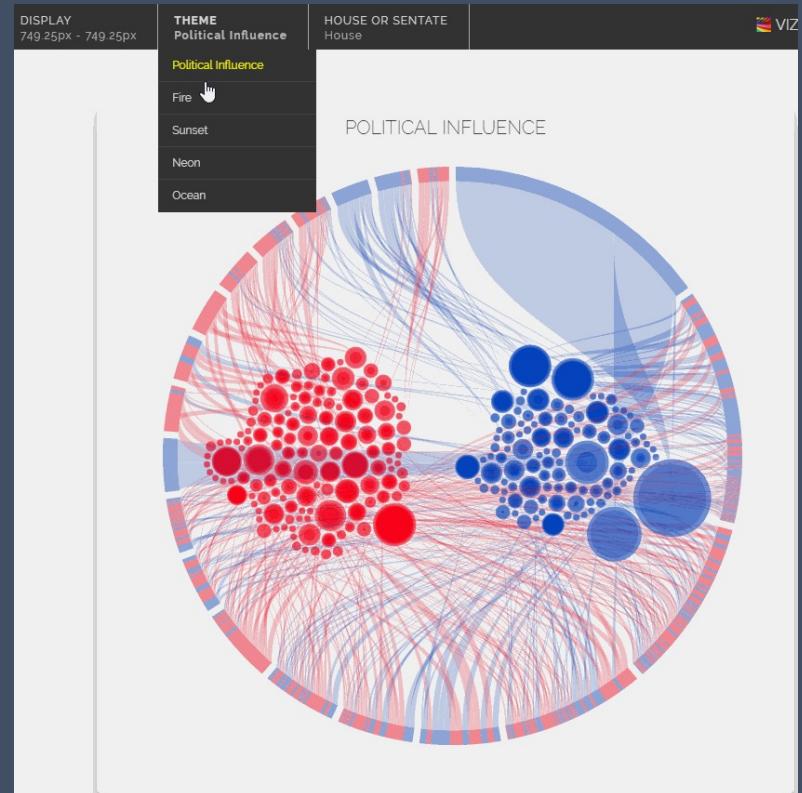
Rolling the Dice: Multidimensional Visual Exploration using Scatterplot Matrix Navigation. TVCG. 2008

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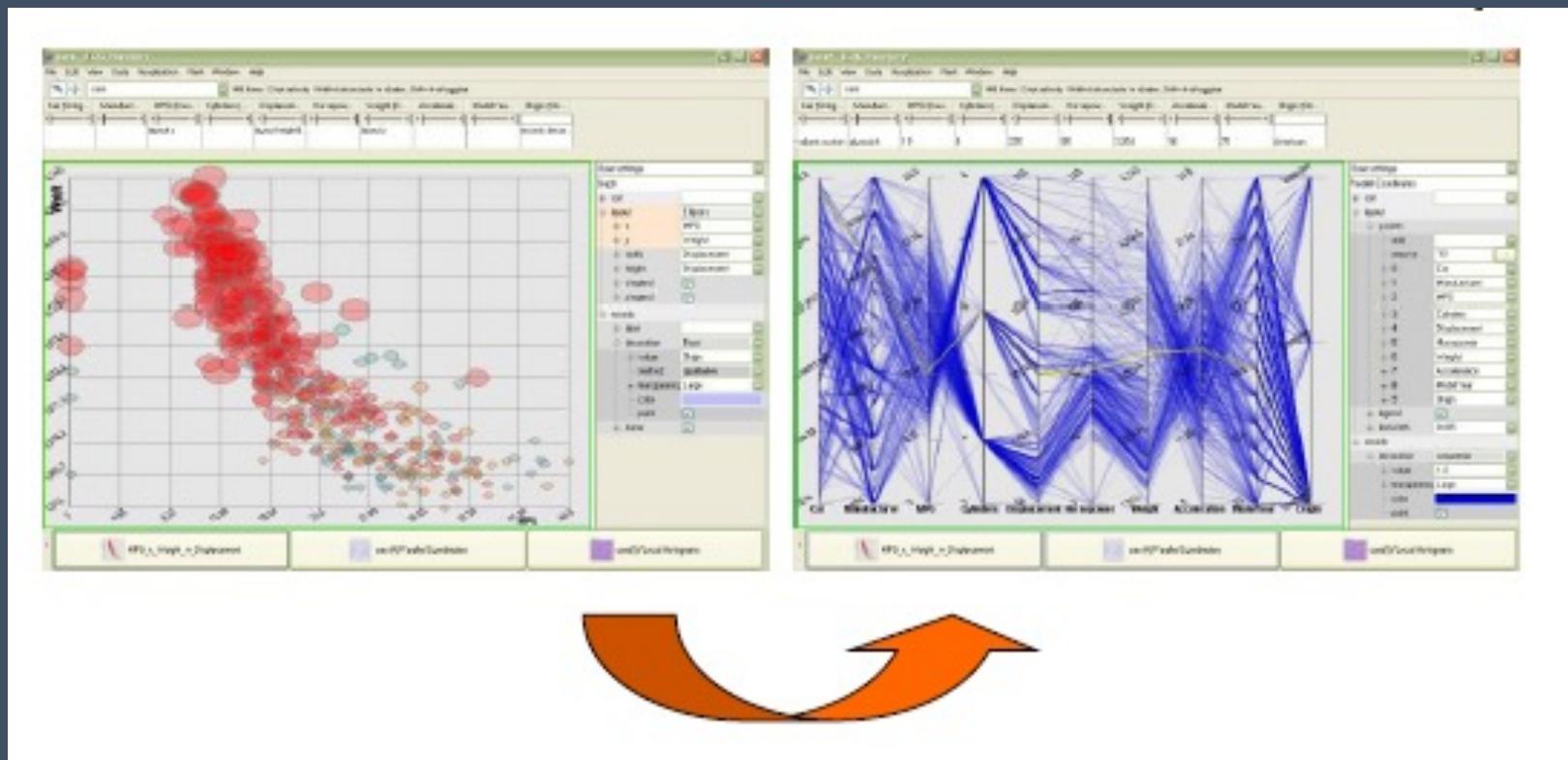
Encode

- “Show me a different representation.”
- Change visual appearances.
- Examples
 - Changing color encoding
 - Changing size
 - Changing orientation
 - Changing shape



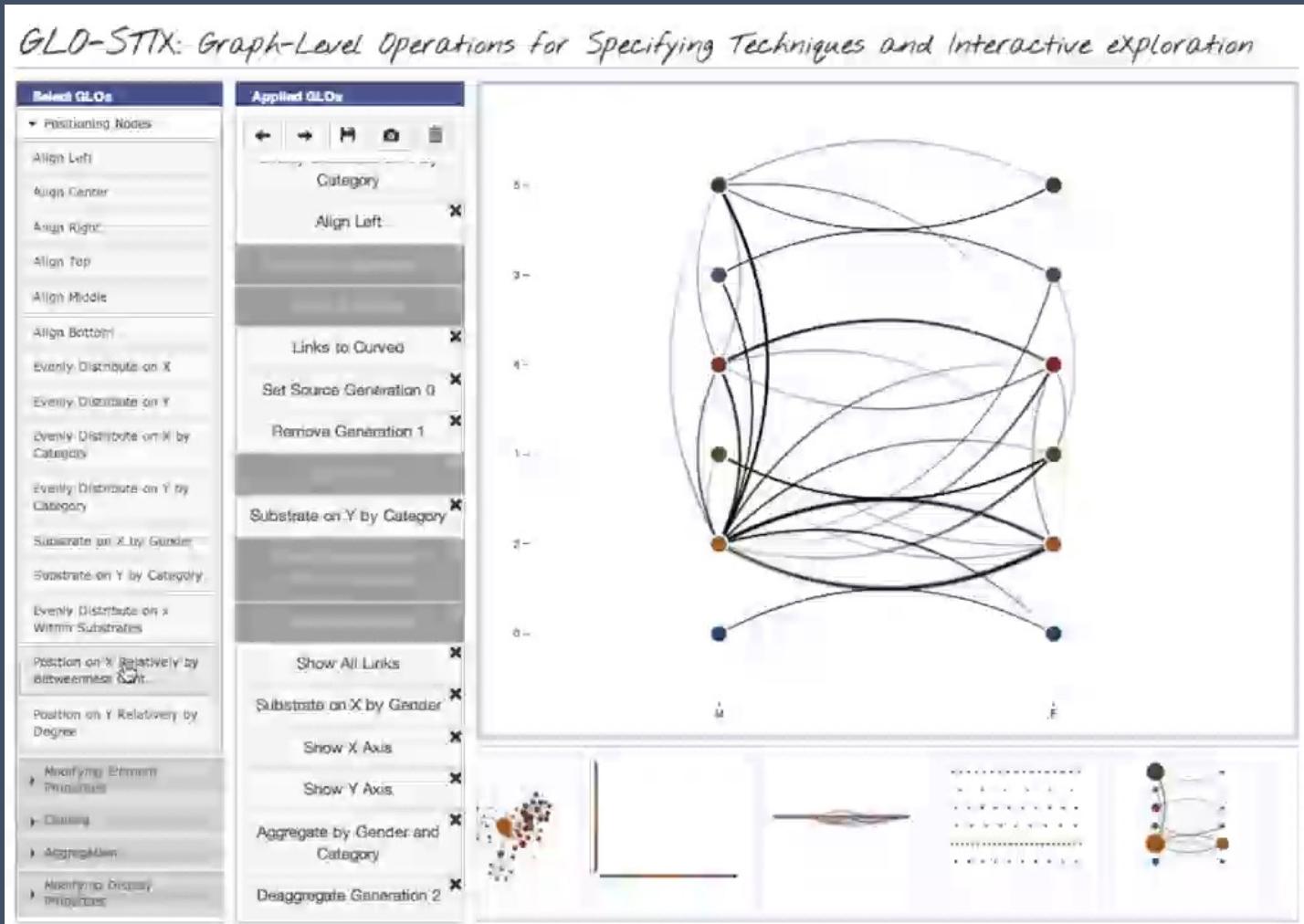
<https://github.com/d3/d3/wiki/Gallery>

Examples



Selecting different representation from options at the bottom.

Examples



Stolper et al. Glo-stix: Graph-level operations for specifying techniques and interactive exploration. IEEE TVCG, 2014
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7ZkZRU6VBM>

Examples



Interactive Exploratory Visualization of 2D Vector Fields. Computer Graphics Forum, 2008

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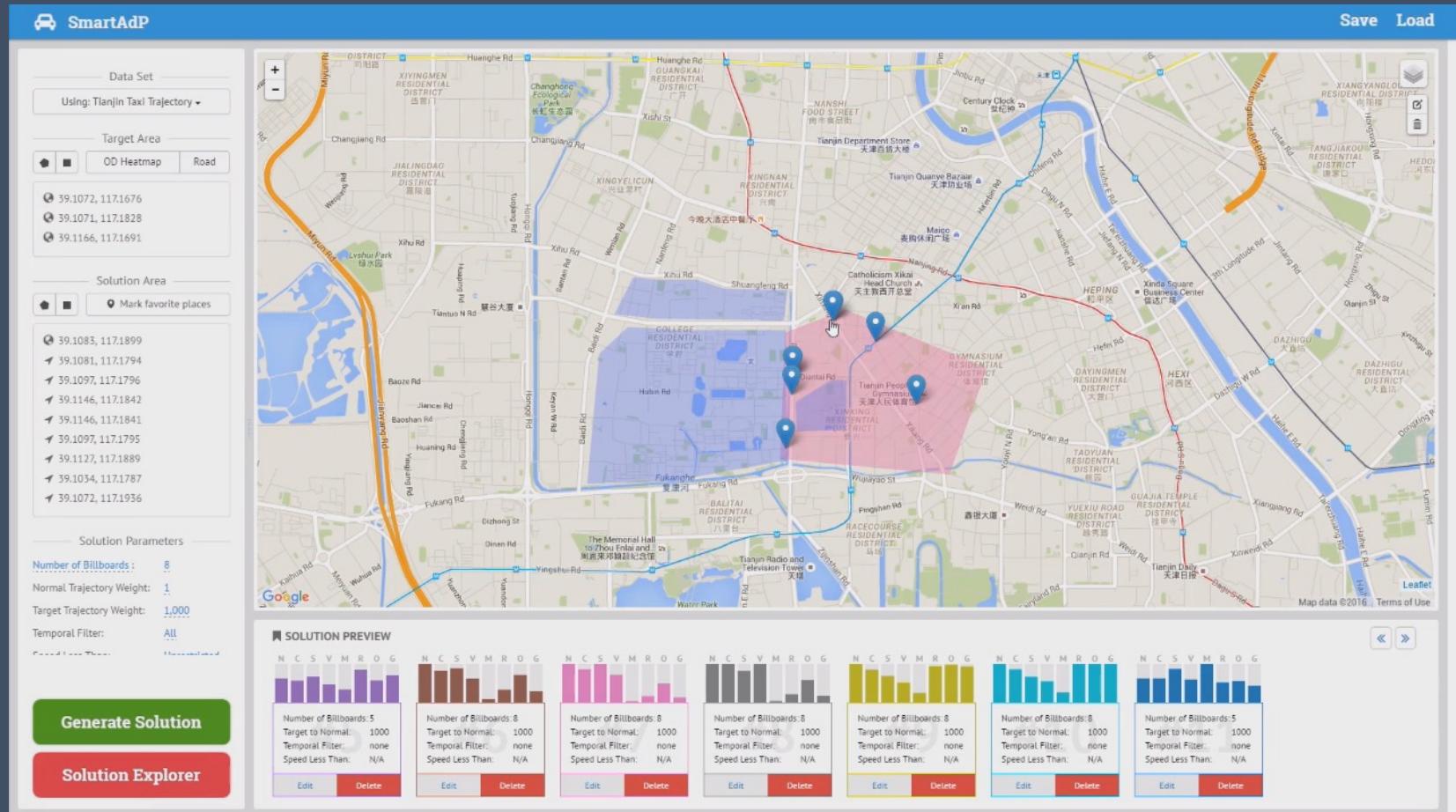
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Abstract/Elaborate

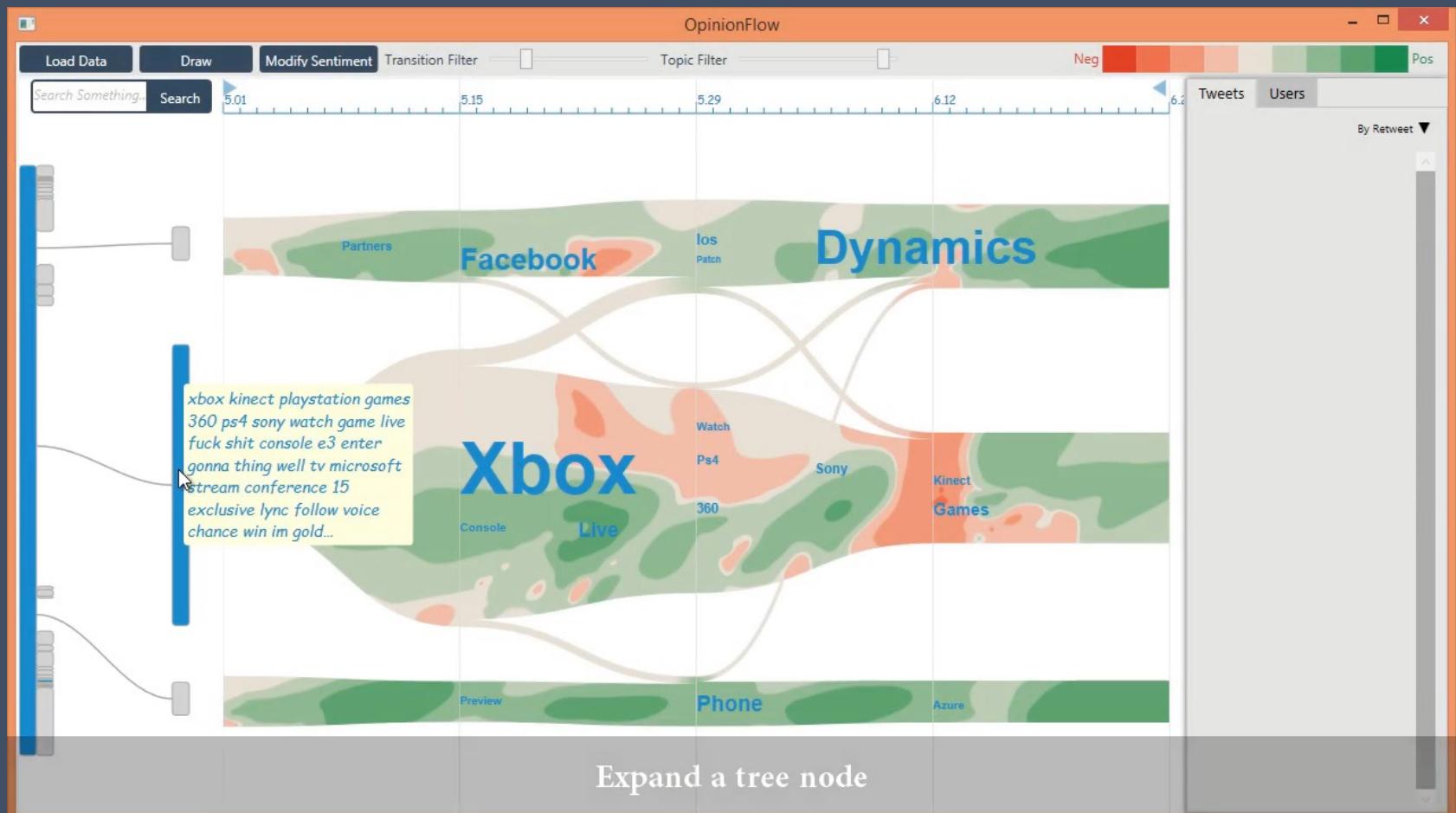
- “Show me more or less detail”.
- Adjust the level of abstraction (overview and details)
- Examples
 - Zooming (geometric zooming)
 - Unfolding sub-categories in an interactive pie chart
 - Details-on-demand

Examples



SmartAdP: Visual Analytics of Large-scale Taxi Trajectories for Selecting Billboard Locations, VAST, 2016

Examples



OpinionFlow: Visual Analysis of Opinion Diffusion on Social Media, TVCG, 2014

Fundamental Interaction Techniques

- Select
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- **Filter**
- Connect

Filter

- “Show me something conditionally.”
- Change the set of data items being presented based on some specific conditions.
- Examples
 - Dynamic query

Dynamic Query

- Probably best-known and one of most useful infovis techniques
- Let's explore more details...

DB Query

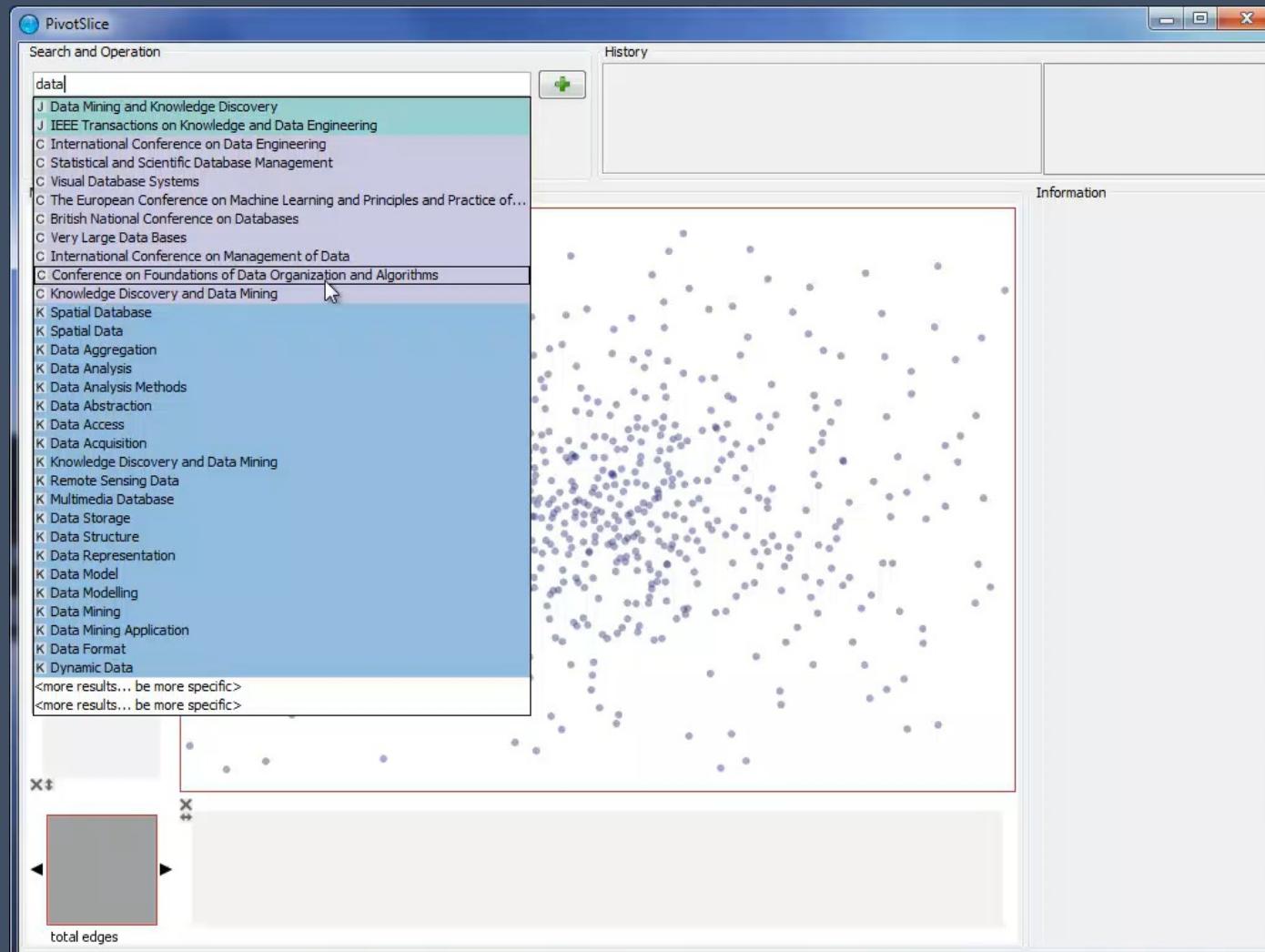
Query language

```
- Select house-address  
From atl-realty-db  
Where price >= 200,000 and  
      price <= 400,000 and  
      bathrooms >= 3 and  
      garage == 2 and  
      bedrooms >= 4
```

Usually we will get

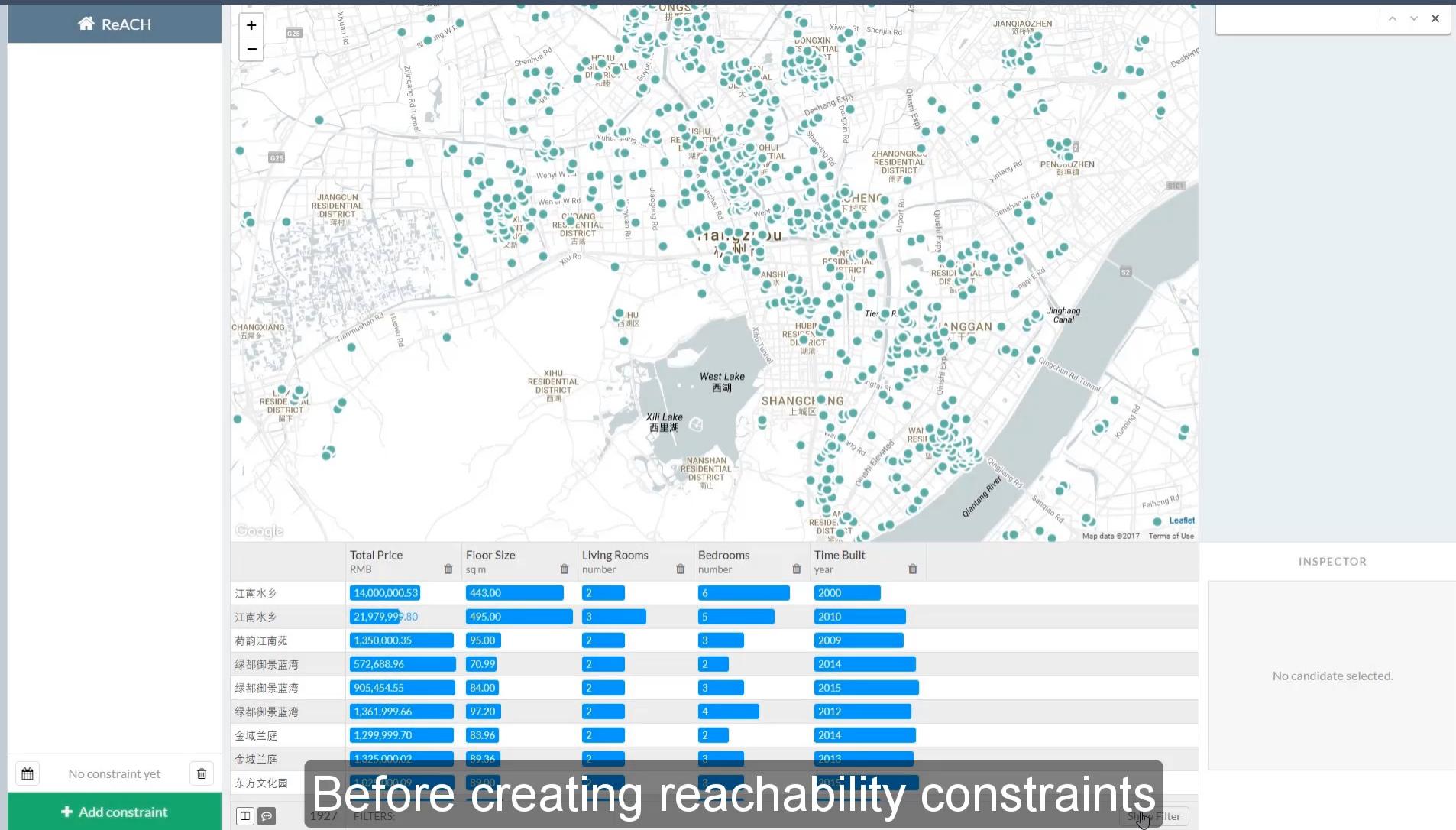
- 124 hits found
 - 1. 748 Oak St. - a beautiful ...
 - 2. 623 Pine Ave. -
 - ...
- 0 hits found

Dynamic Query



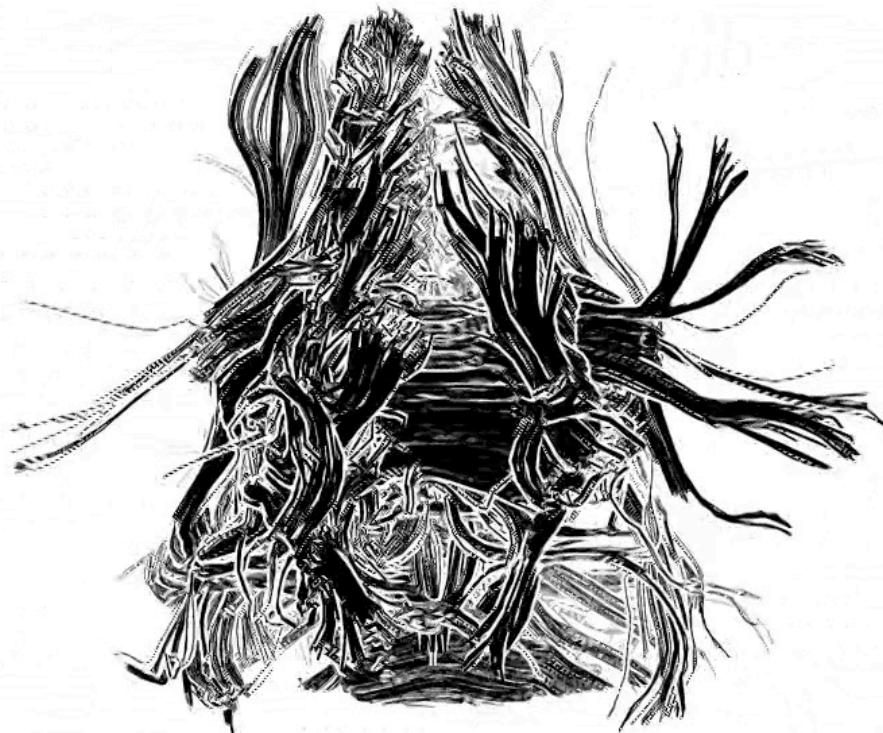
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Example



Example

fiber tracts (selection)



Depth-Dependent Halos: Illustrative Rendering of Dense Line Data. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 15(6):1299–1306, November/December 2009.

Fundamental Interaction Techniques

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- Encode
- Abstract / Elaborate
- Filter
- **Connect**

Connect

- “Show me related items.”
- Highlight associations and relationships.
- Show hidden data items that are relevant to a specified item.
- Examples:
 - Highlighting directly connected nodes
 - Brushing

Linked Views

- Viewer may wish to examine different attributes of a data case simultaneously.
- Alternatively, viewer may wish to view data case under different perspectives or representations.
- But need to keep straight where the data case is.

Linked Views

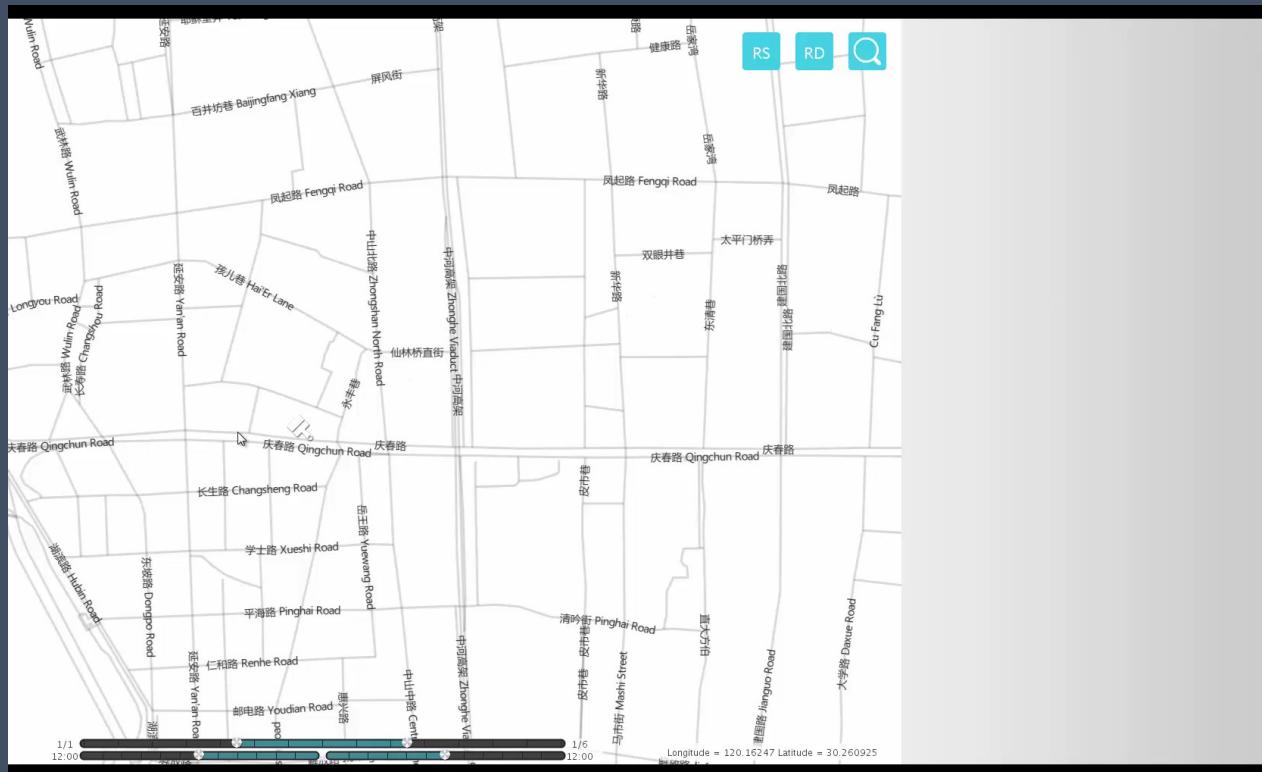
- Very common technique in InfoVis
- Applies when you have multiple views about the same data

Selecting or brushing a case in one view generates highlighting the case in the other views



Brushing

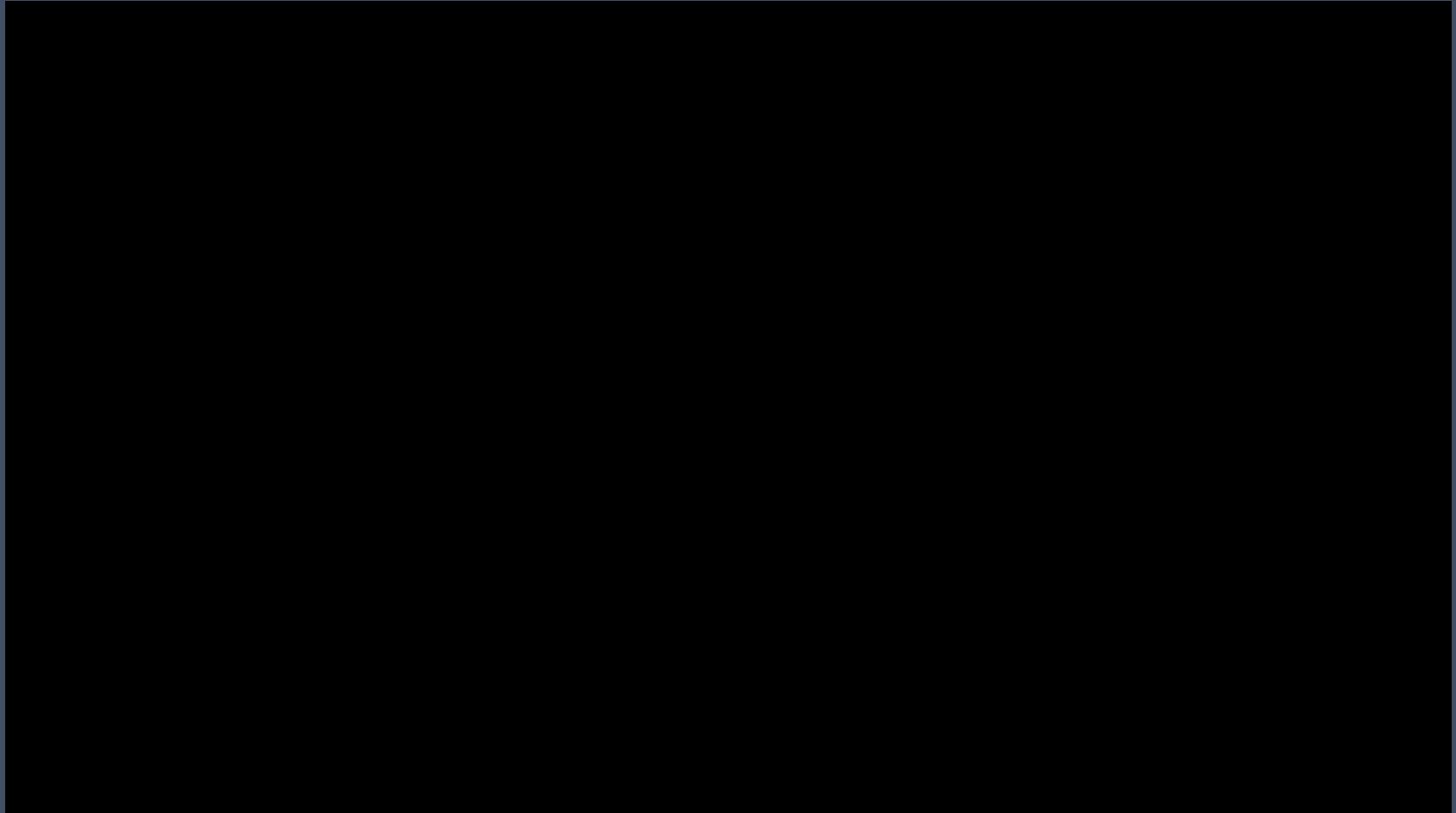
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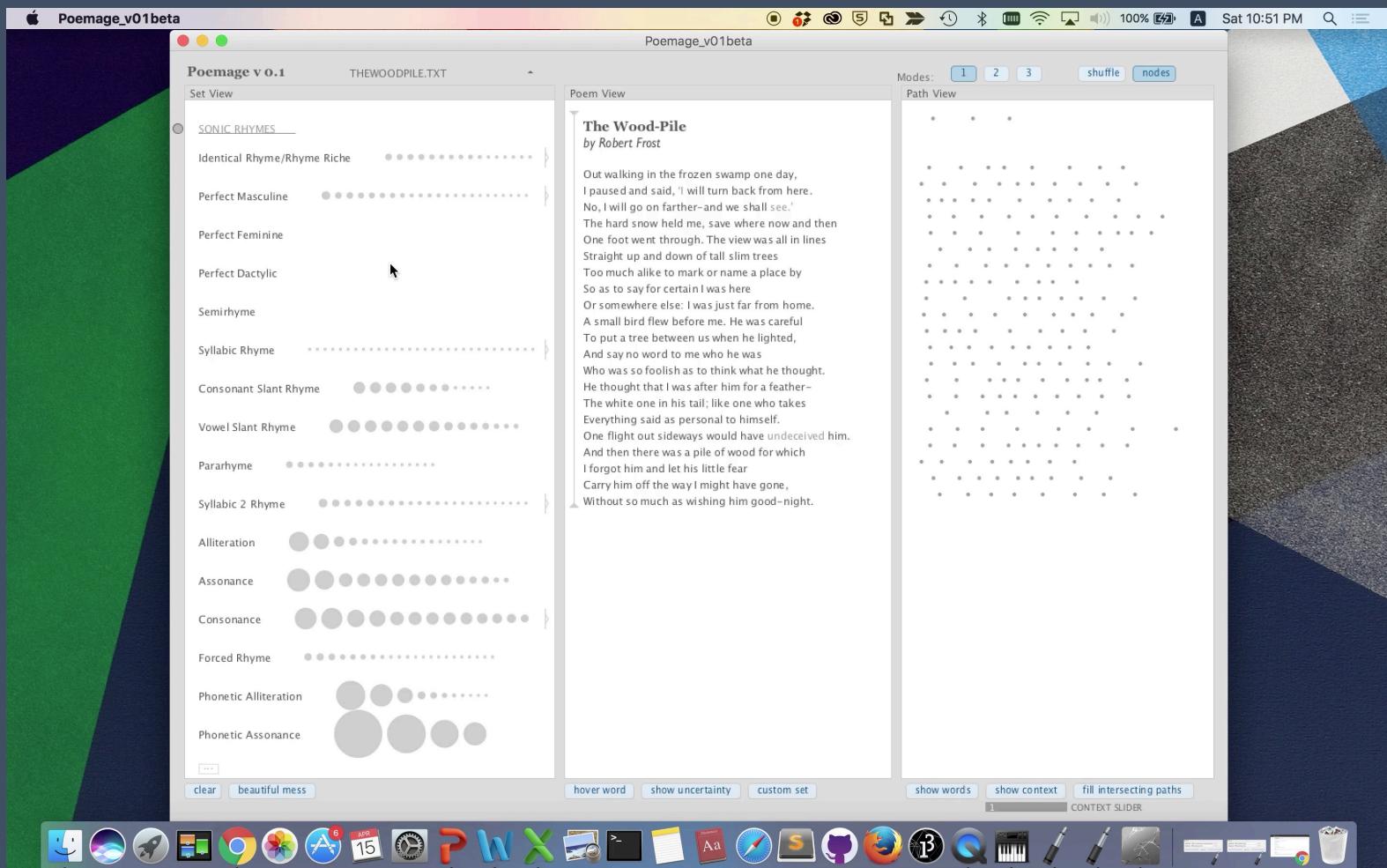
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Example



Yalcin et al. AggreSet: Rich and scalable set exploration using visualizations of element aggregations. IEEE TVCG 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSSAvDAre-E>

Example



Poemage: Visualizing the Sonic Topology of a Poem. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proceedings of InfoVis 2015), pages 439-448, January 2016.

Interaction models

Interaction models

- Overview + Details
- Focus + Context

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- Focus + Context

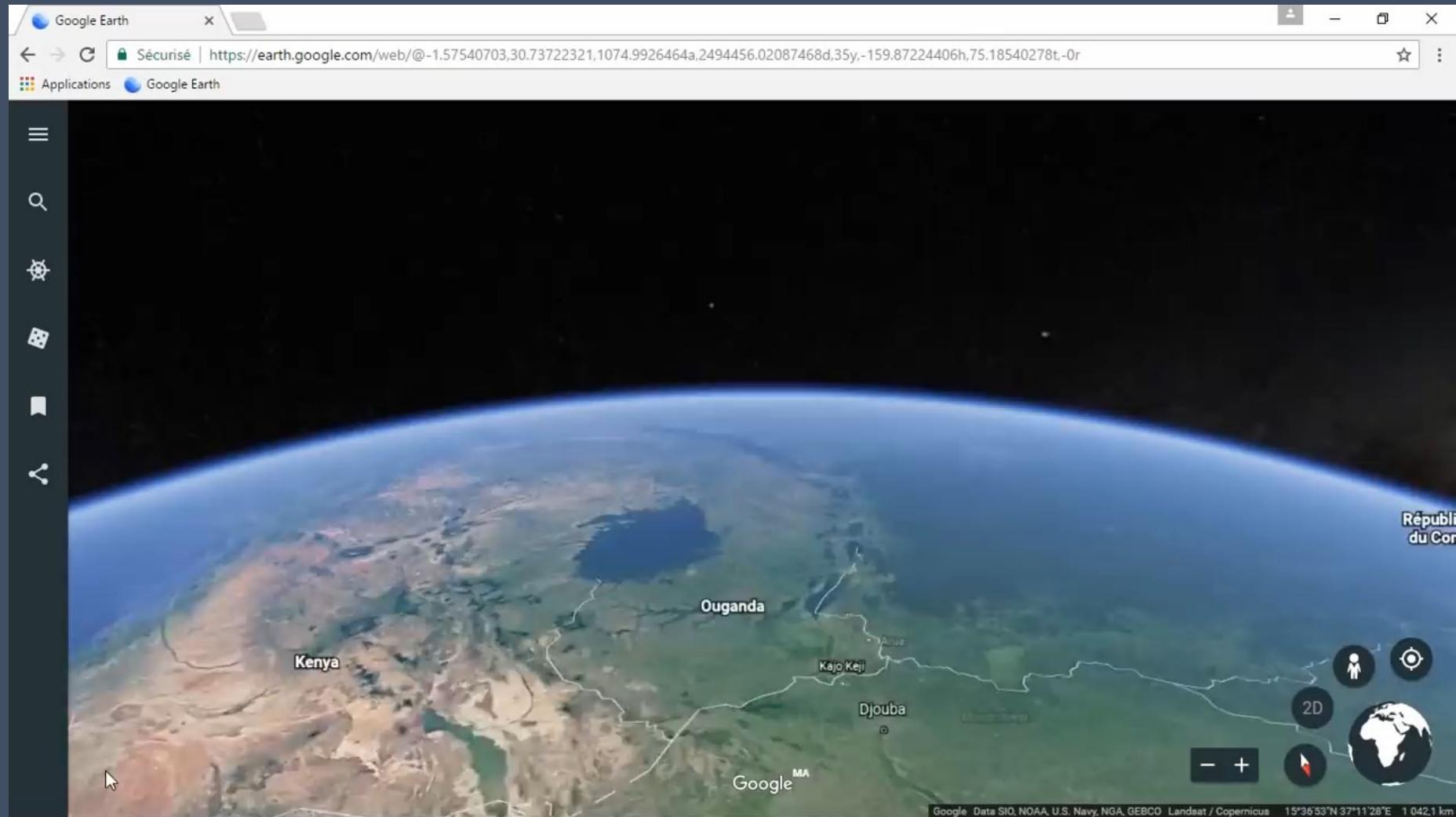
Overview + Details

- Scale-Many data sets are too large to visualize on one screen.
 - Too many cases.
 - Too many variables.
 - May only be able to highlight particular cases or particular variables, but viewer's focus may change from time to time.
- Potential solutions lie in:
 - Data representation,
 - Interaction,
 - Or both.

Examples

Creating a TimeNotes Presentation

Examples



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paqB4FrJN0w>

Interaction models

- Overview + Details
- **Focus + Context**

Why is it called Fisheye?

Fisheye Camera Lens



Fisheye 1992

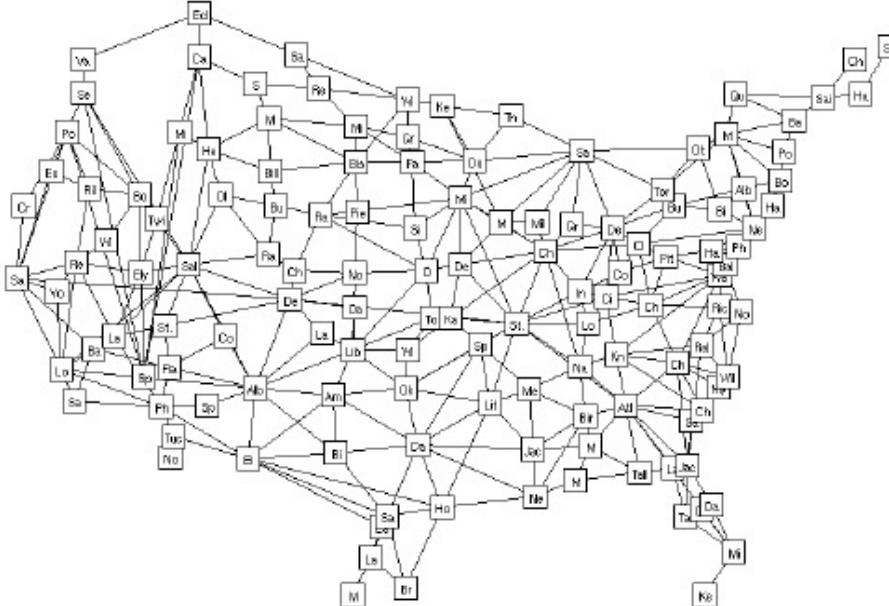


Figure 1: A graph with 134 vertices and 338 edges. The vertices represent major cities in the United States, and the edges represent paths between neighboring cities. (Typically, the edges would be annotated with the distance and driving time between the cities.) The *a priori importance* value assigned to each vertex is proportional to the population of the corresponding city. Fisheye views of this graph appear in Figures 2–6

Sarkar et al. Graphical fisheye views of graphs. SIGCHI ACM, 1992.

Fisheye 1992

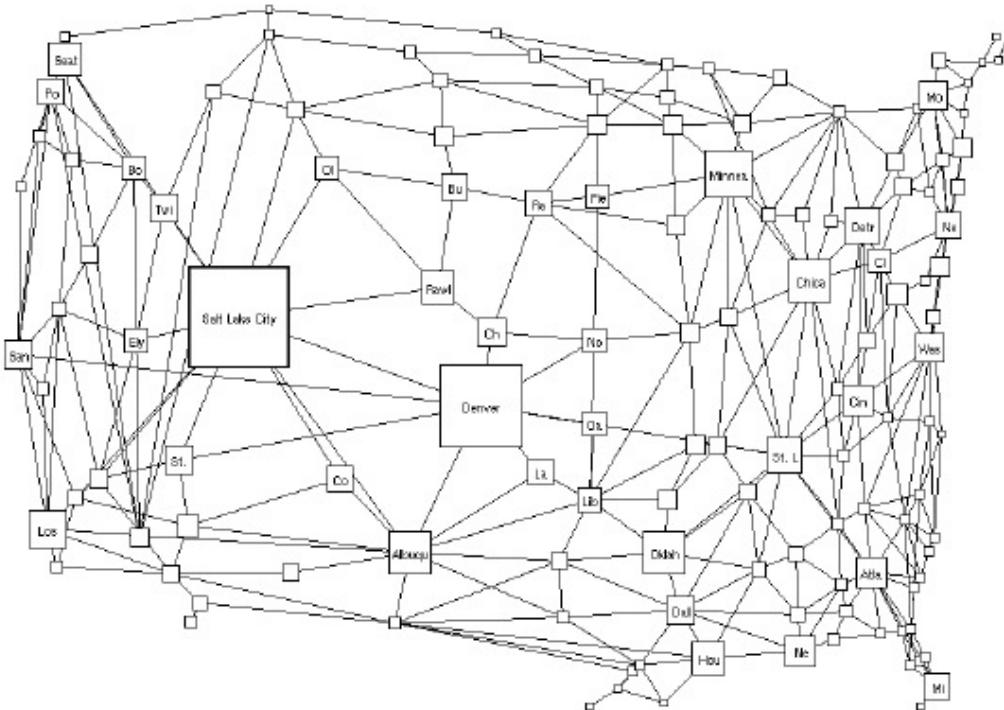
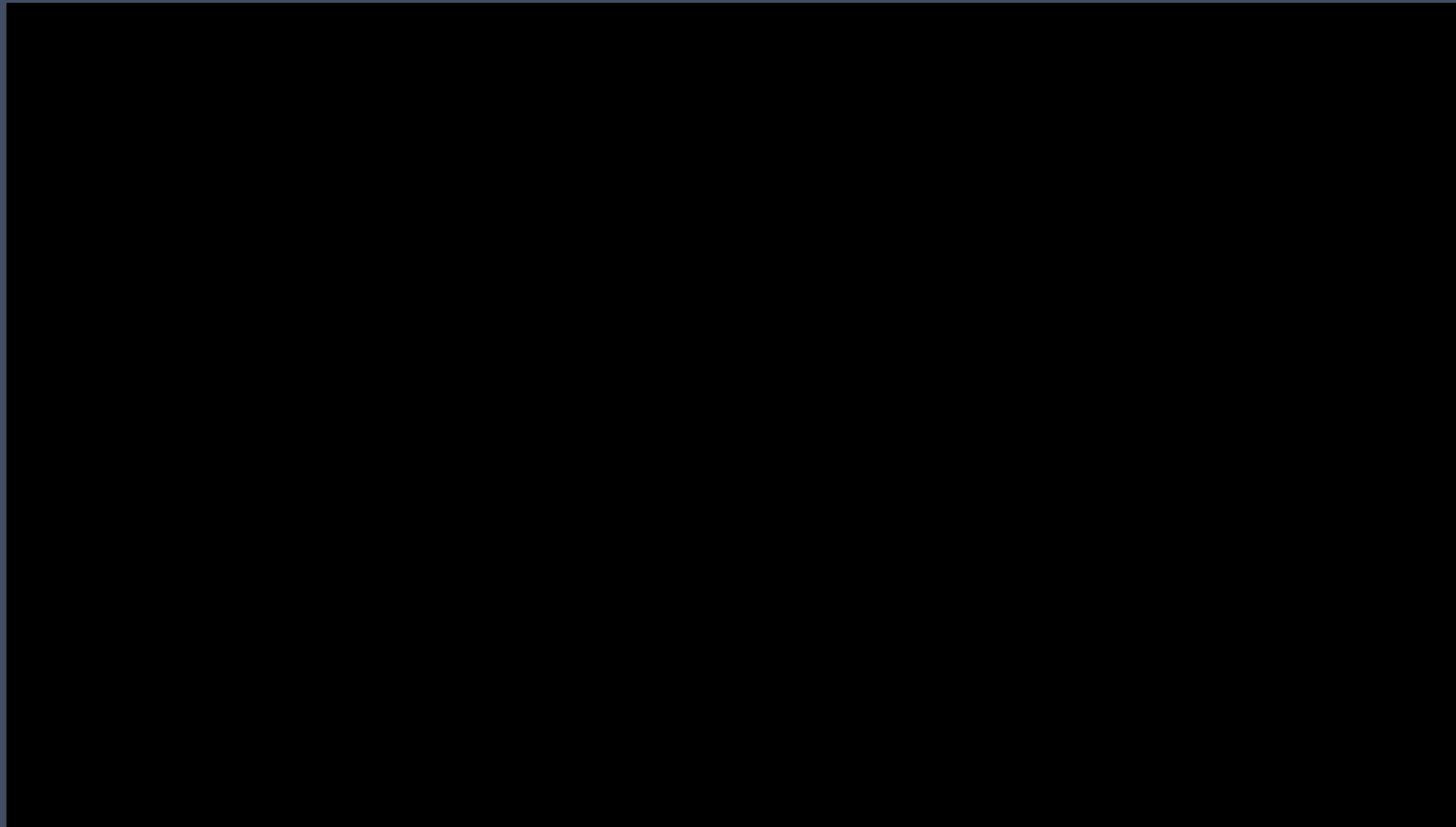


Figure 4: A fisheye view of the graph in Figure 1, with the focus on Salt Lake City. The level of distortion is the same as in Figure 3; only the location of the focus has changed. The values of the fisheye parameters are $d = 2$, $c = 0.5$, $e = 0.5$, $VWcutoff = 0$.

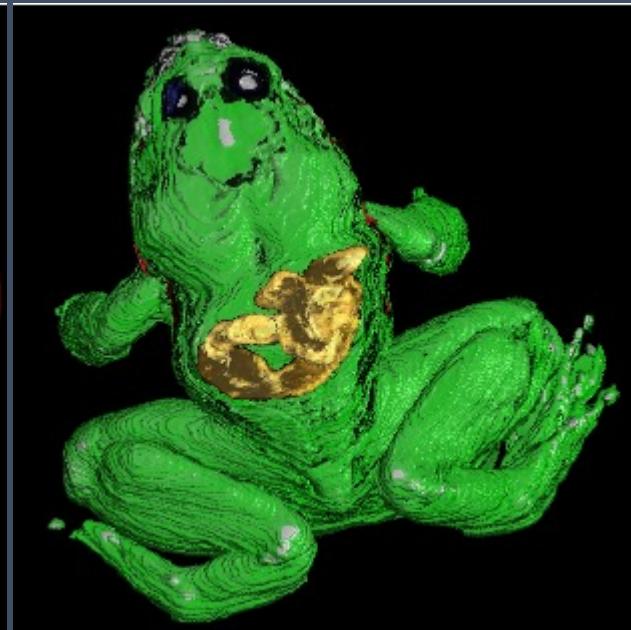
Example

- Maps

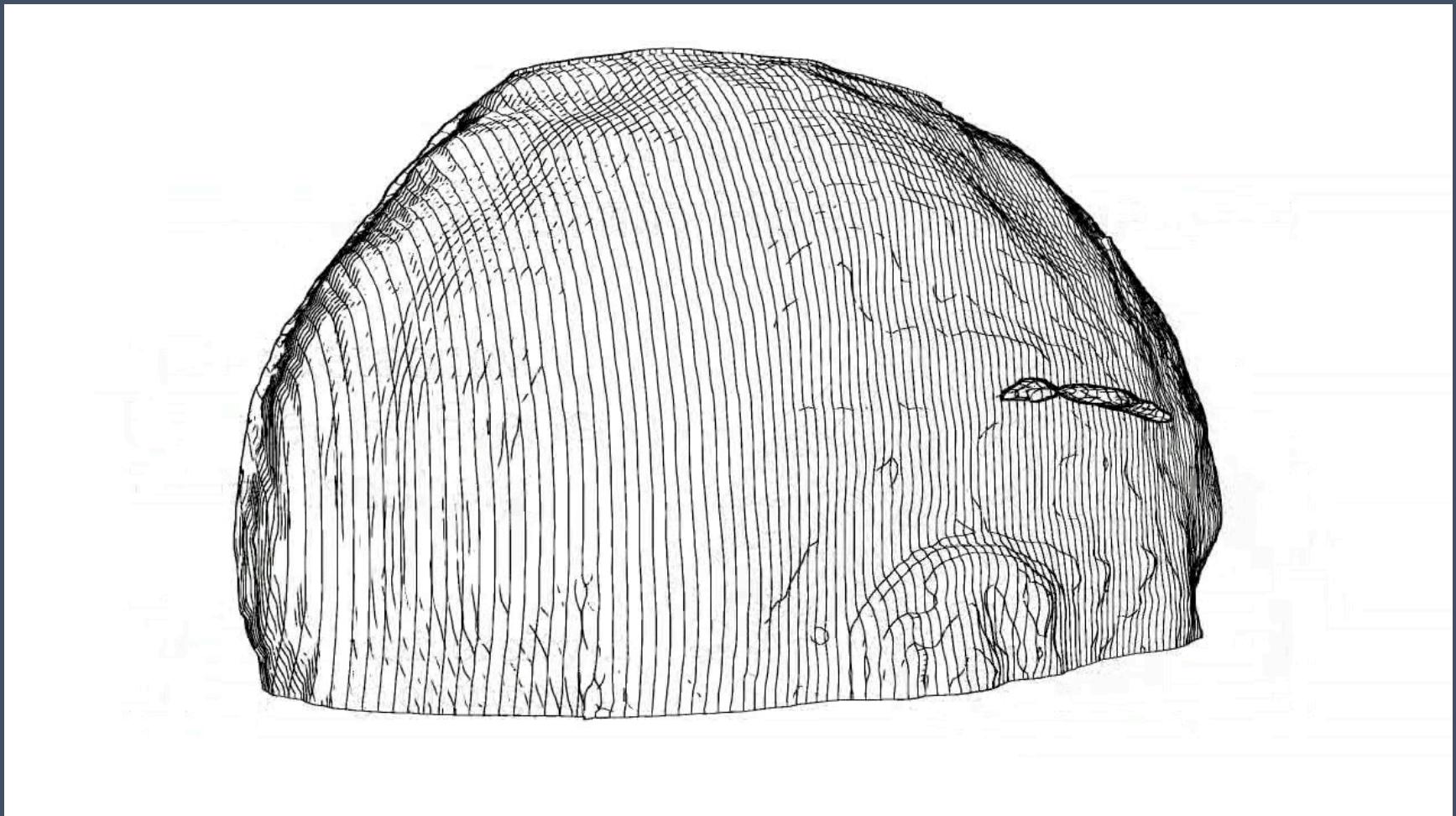


Tominski et al. 3d information visualization for time dependent data on maps. International Conference on Information Visualisation , 2005.

The magic volume lens



Focus & Context



DTI in Context: Illustrating Brain Fiber Tracts In Situ. Computer Graphics Forum, 29(3):1024–1032, June 2010.
<http://tobias.isenberg.cc/VideosAndDemos/Svetachov2010DCI>

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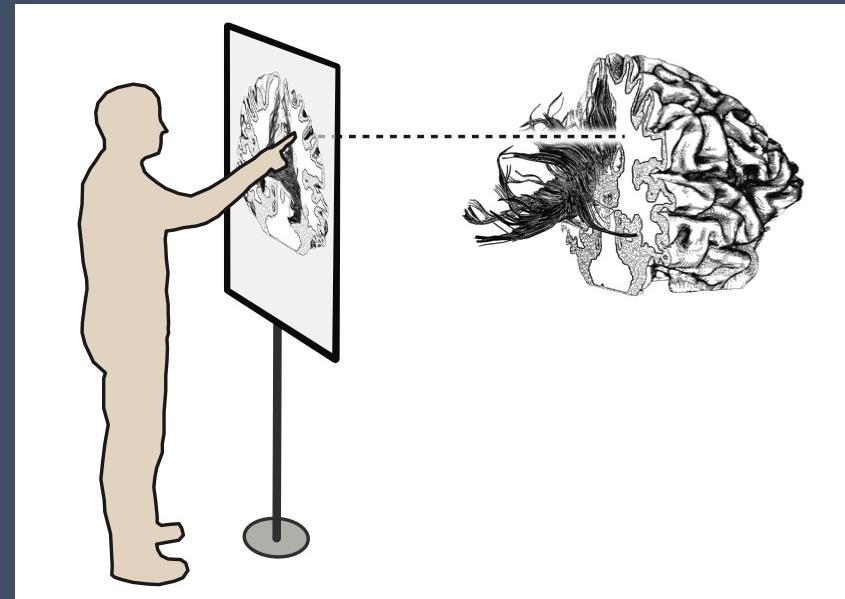
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Spatial Interaction

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Touch / Pen-based Interaction

- Pros:
 - fast, precise, direct
 - increase the user's impression they are making direct manipulations
- Cons:
 - limited: used as a discrete interaction mechanism
 - limiting: many complex tasks (in particular for 3D manipulations) require input/control with more than three degrees of freedom



Large vs Small Displays



(1)

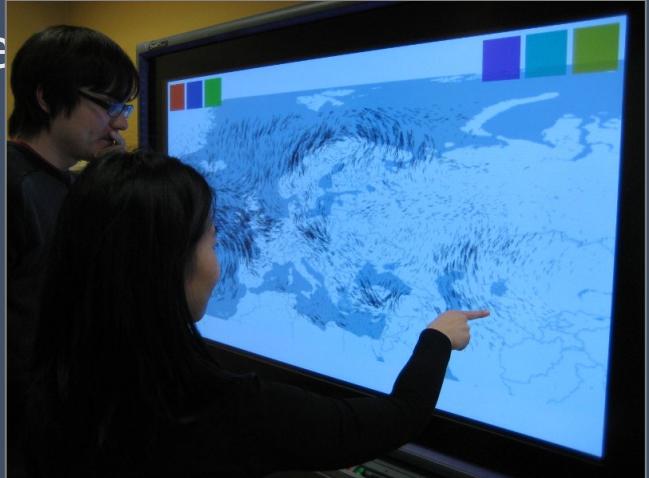


(2)

1. OpenSpace: Bringing NASA missions to the public. *IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications*, 2018
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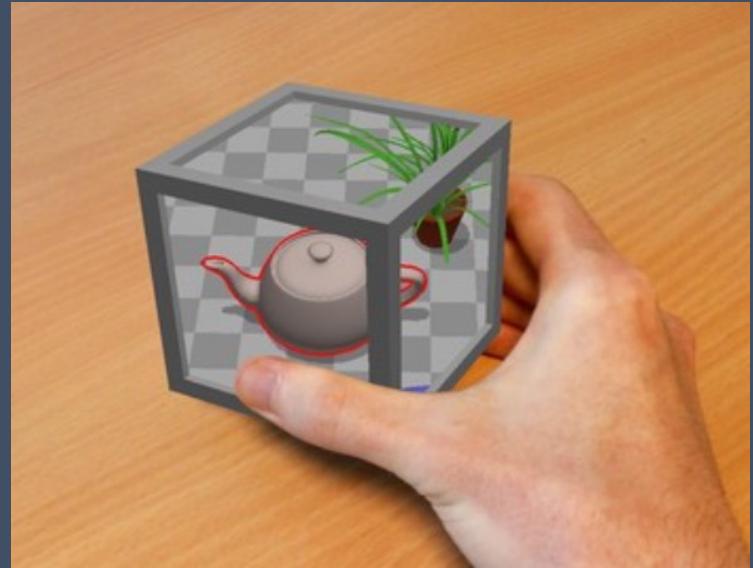
Horizontal vs. Vertical Displays

- PC: display oriented vertically
 - (Horizontal) desktop shown on a (vertical) screen
- Wall displays: vertical orientation
 - White/black board
- Tabletop displays:
 - Tabletop
- Other orientations: tilted
 - Drafting boards



Tangible Interaction

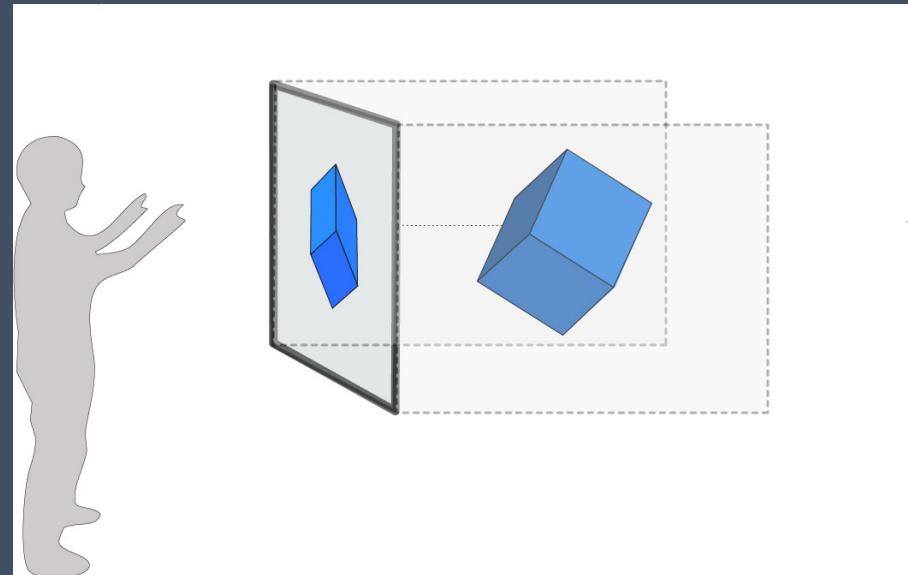
- allow users to achieve complex 3D manipulations with simple real-world style gestures
- more flexible than other interaction paradigms
- Manipulations with these devices can be programmed to feel realistic, as they would in the real world



Issartel et. al. *A Tangible Volume for Portable 3D Interaction*. In Adjunct Proceedings of the International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality pages 215–220, 2016.

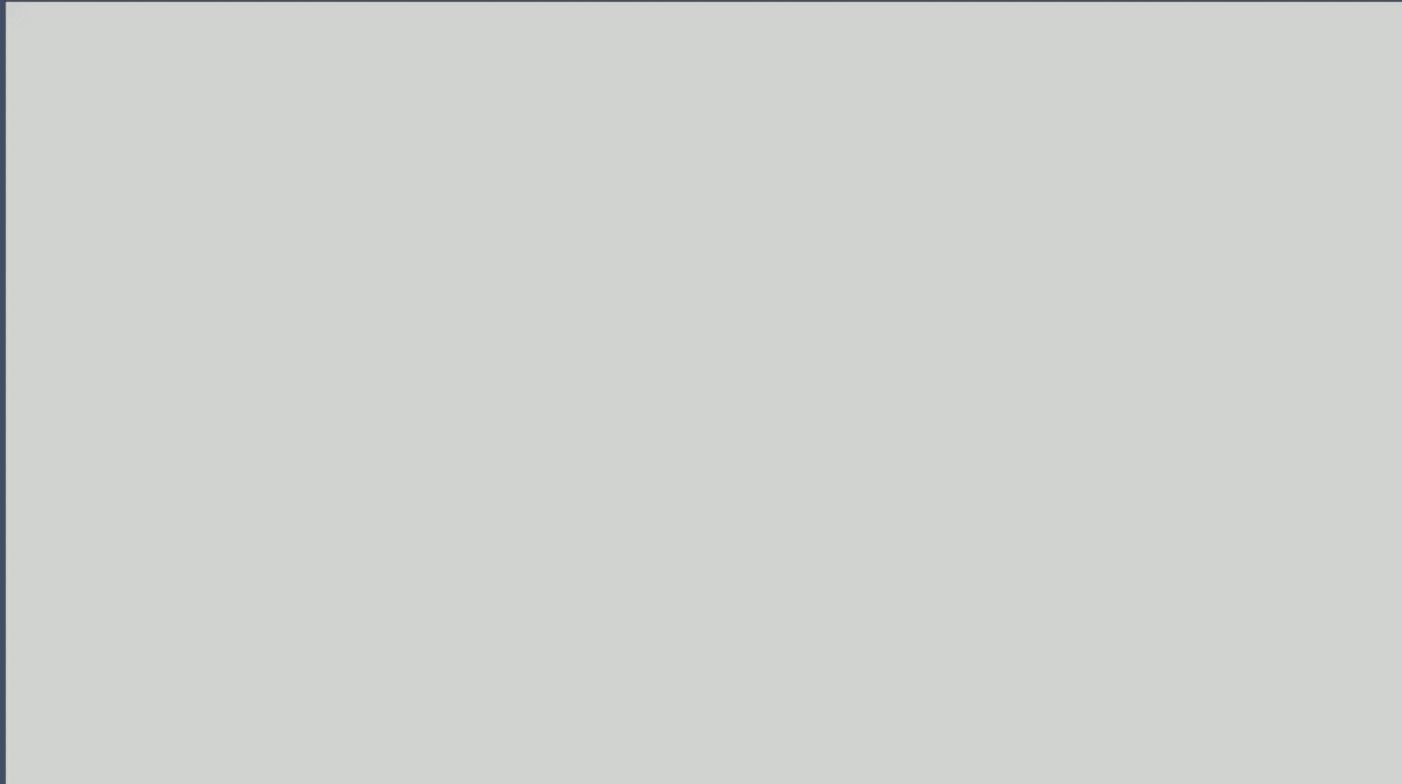
Mid-air gestural interaction

- touchless interaction
- mimics the physical actions we make in the real world



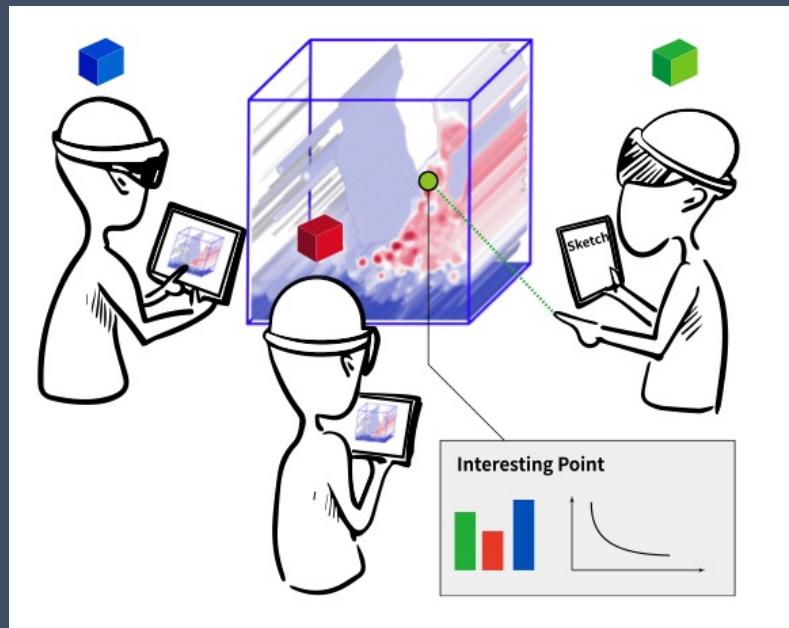
Mid-air Interaction

- Finger-Level 3D Input: Leap Motion
 - 3D sensing on a smaller scale, smaller space
 - More precision: finger-accurate tracking



Hybrid Interaction

- combine multiple interaction paradigms together
- overcome the inherent limitations of a device
 - augmenting the number of DOF that can be manipulated
 - reduce the occlusion limitation with tactile interaction
- combine the benefits of two interaction paradigms
- simply tackle complicated tasks



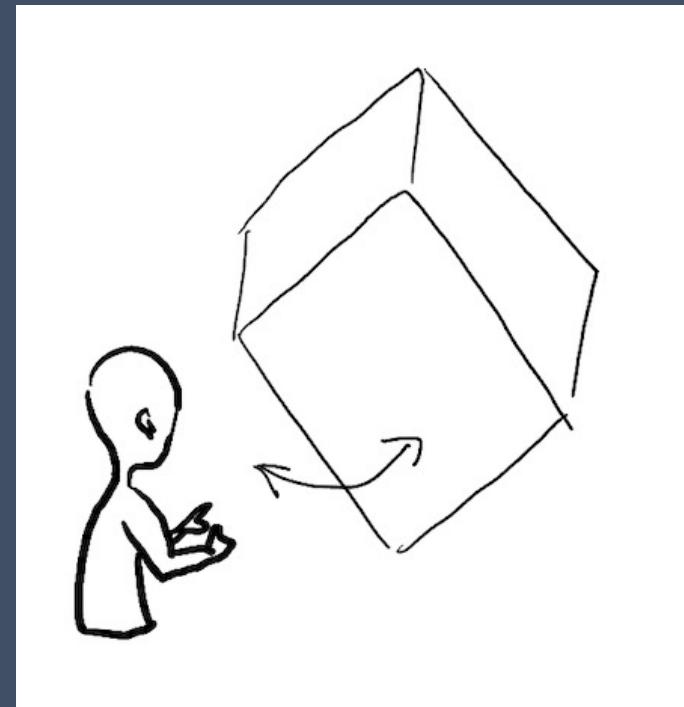
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Interaction Tasks for Visualization

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Volumetric view & object manipulation

- Volumetric view and clipping manipulation tasks are fundamental to visualize spatial 3D data effectively
 - a single viewpoint, all of the important aspects of the data may be analyzed
 - adjust the viewpoint of the rendering(s) or to manipulate clipping planes within the data
- Manipulation of cutting planes or transfer function editors.



Astronomical visualization

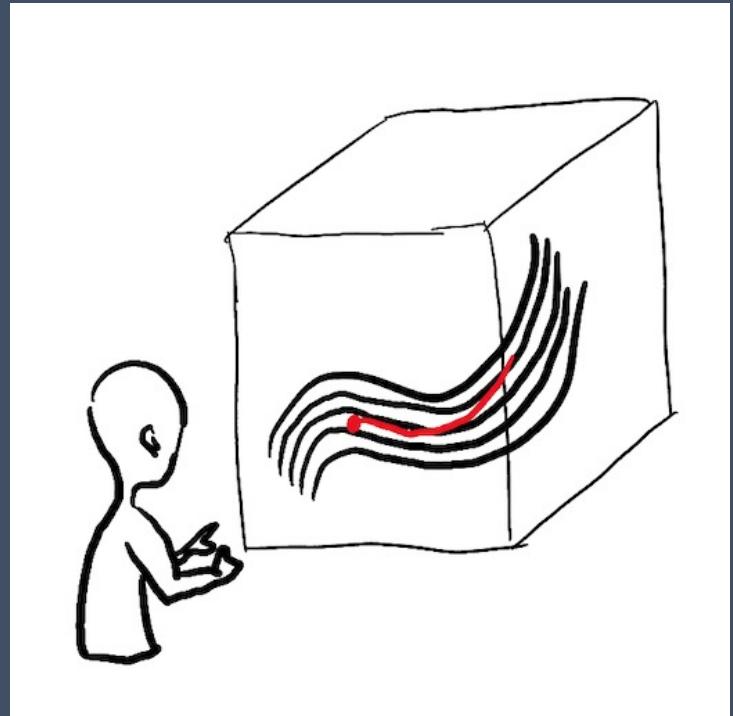


Medical visualization



Defining, placing, & manipulating visualization widgets

- visualization widgets is required to more deeply explore and interrogate the data
- virtual tools that are manipulable by users in much the same way as any traditional 2D or 3D user interface widget
- Cutting plane, particle seeding, 3D placement, magic lens, measurement widgets



Flow visualization

Continuous Navigation of Nested Abstraction Levels

Matthew van der Zwan Alexandru Telea Tobias Isenberg

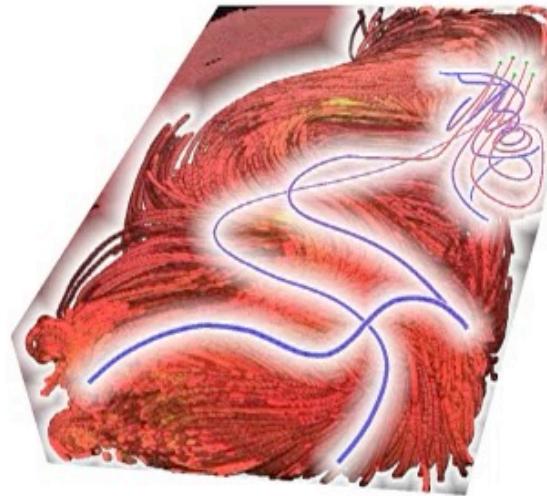


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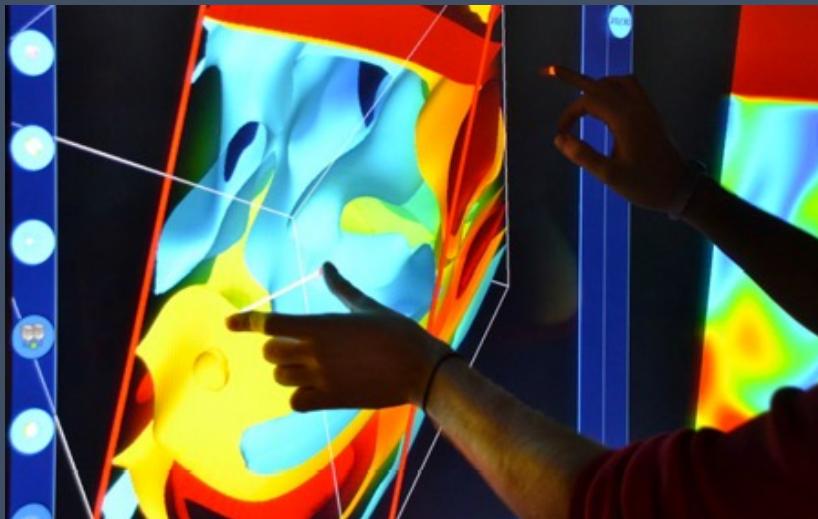


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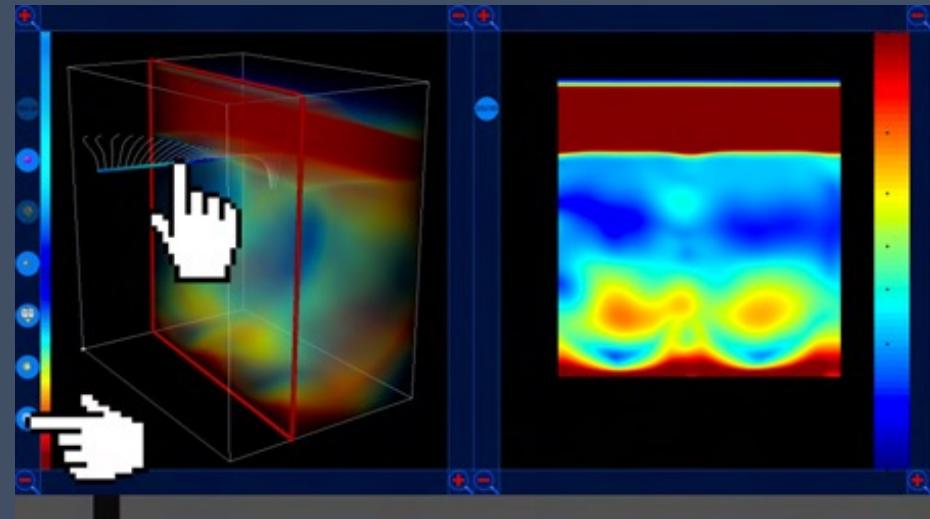


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Touch & Manipulation of Visualization Widgets



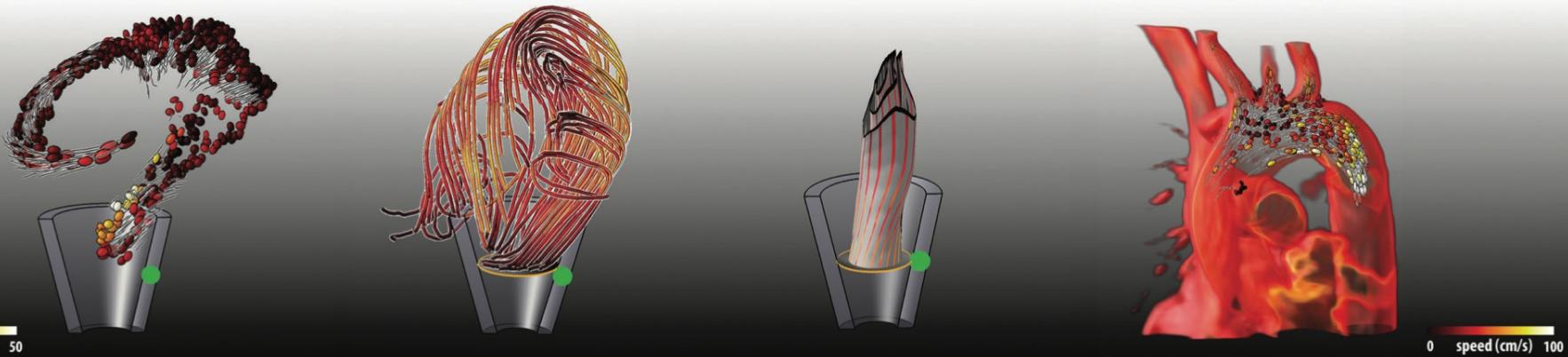
Cutting plane interaction



Drilling interaction

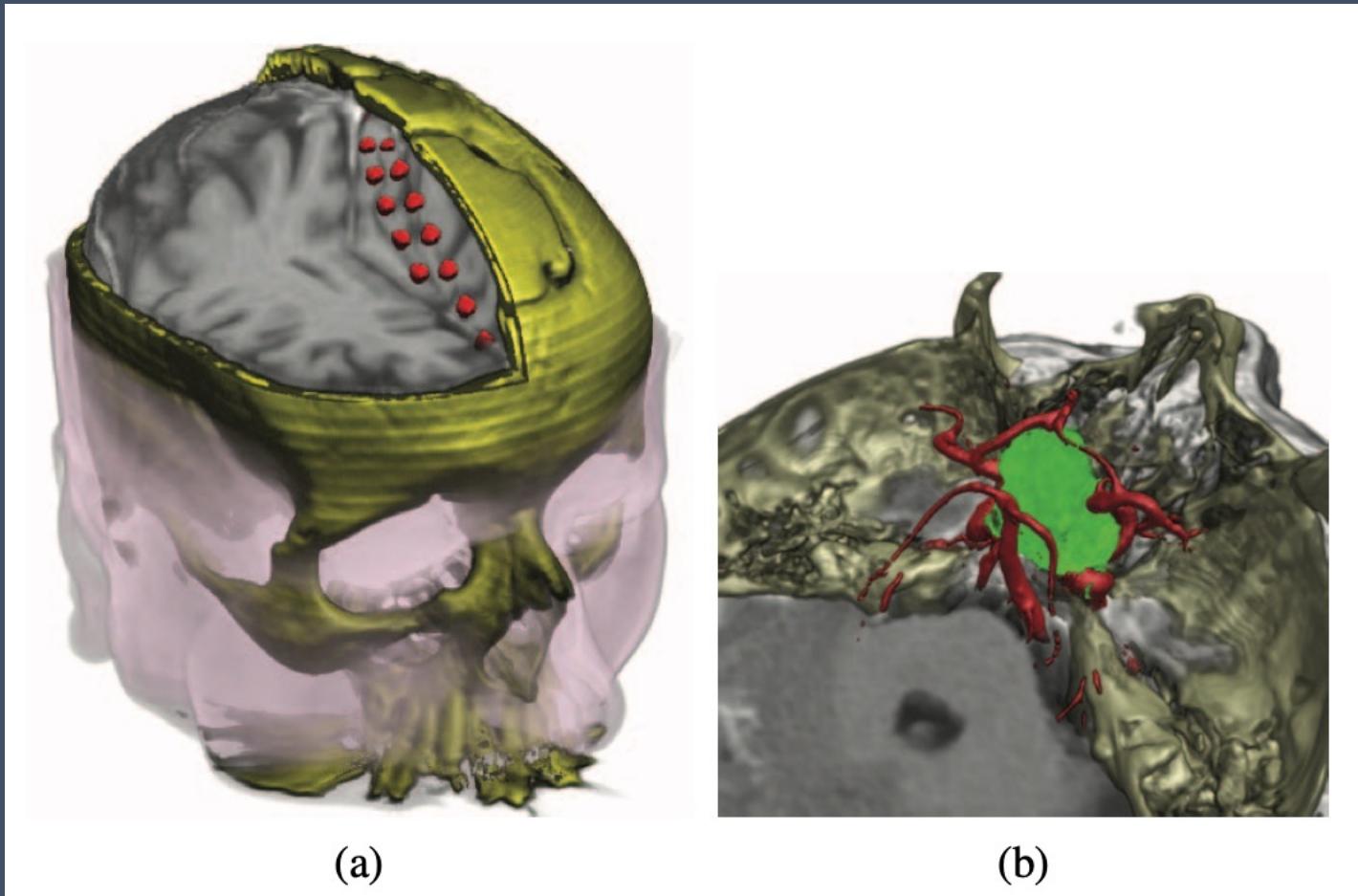
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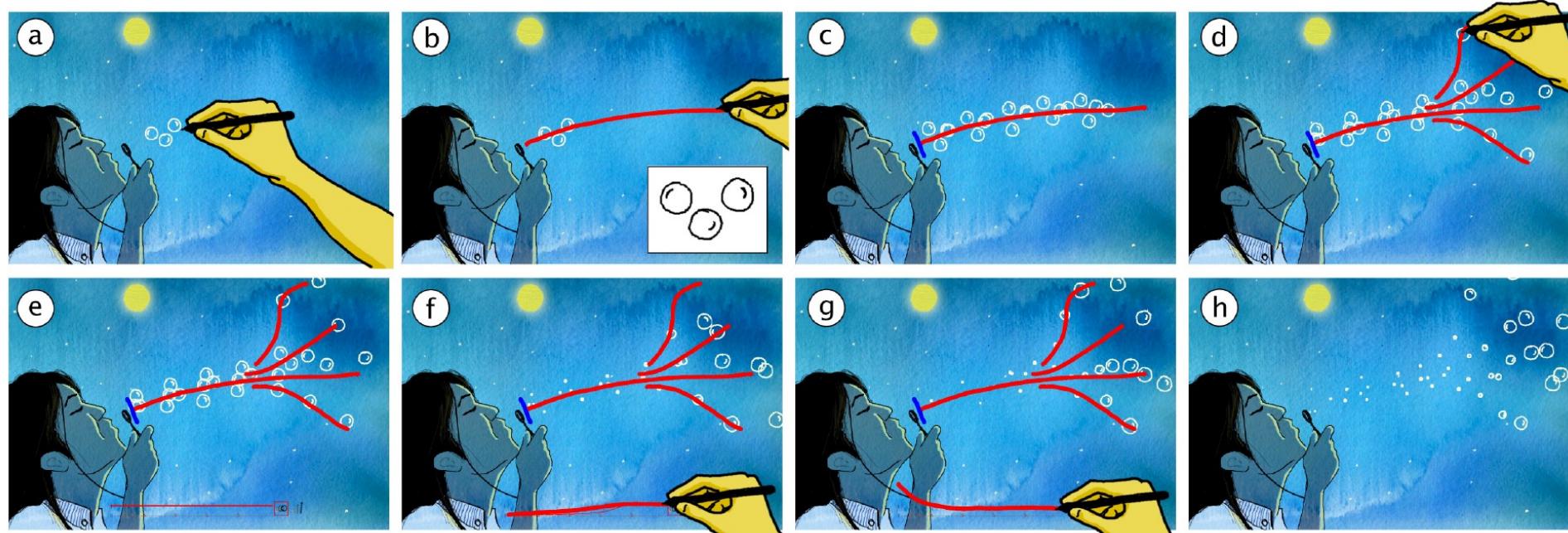
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Transfer function



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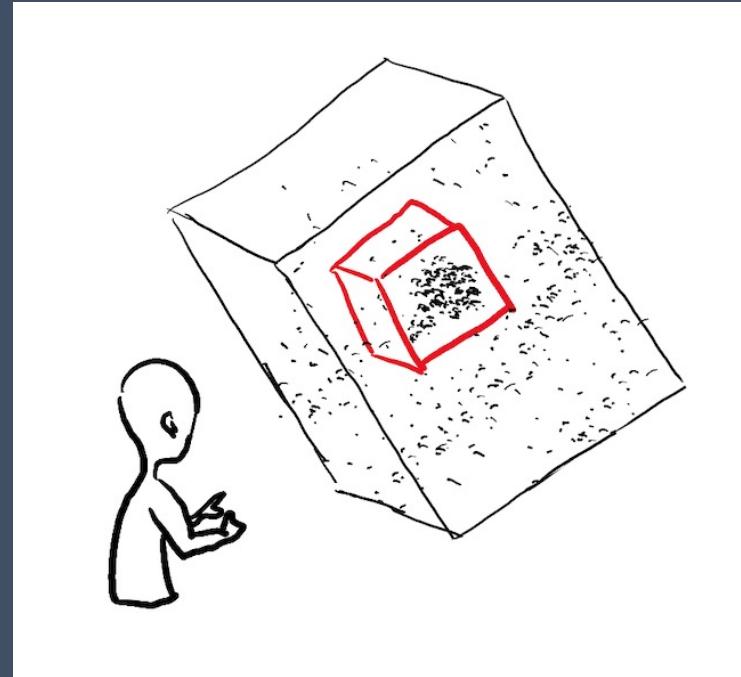


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3D data selection & annotation

- Selection: the first step in accessing deeper information about some subset or feature of the 3D spatial data
- Annotation: insights or questions



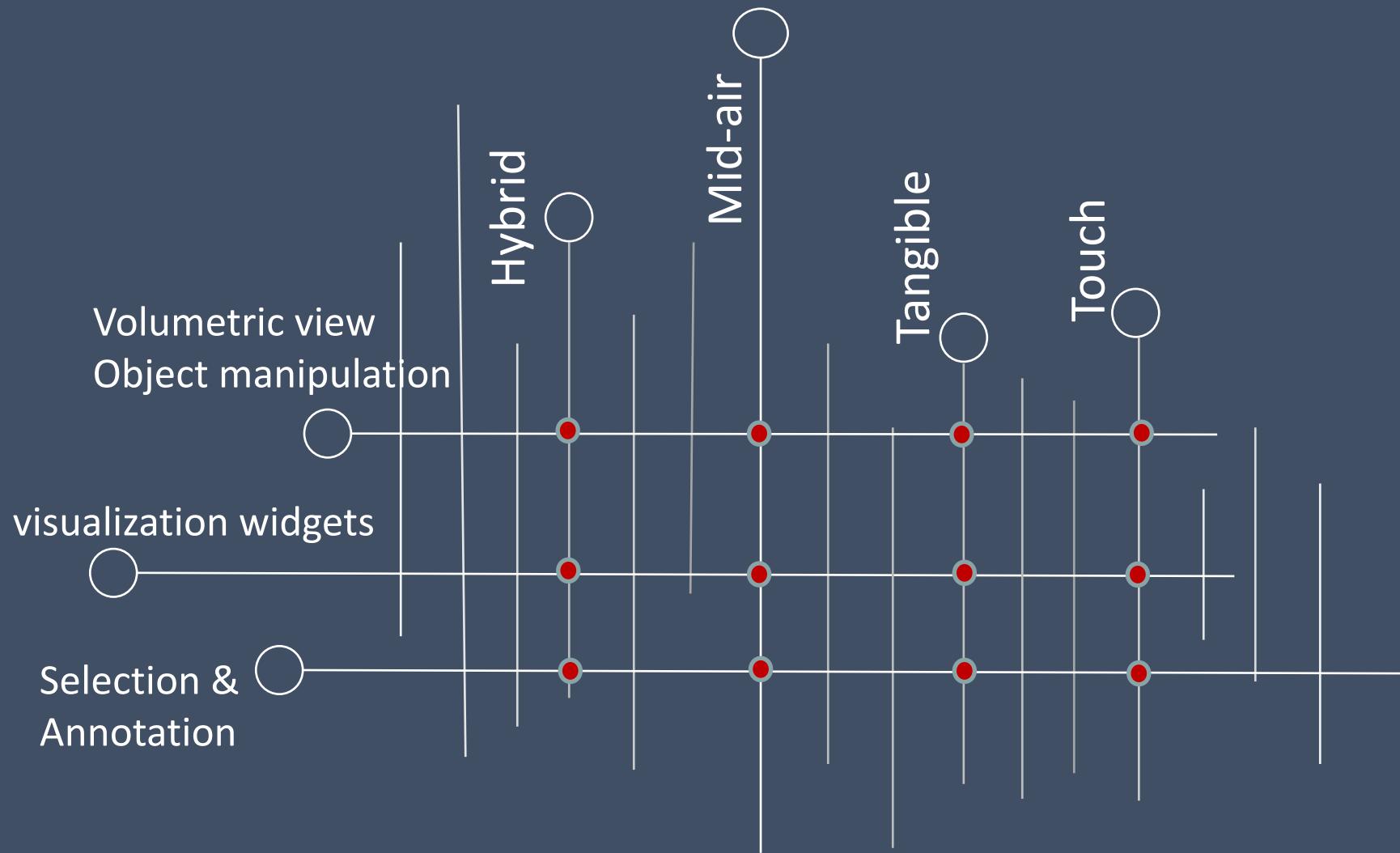
Annotation

HyperLabels: Browsing of Dense and Hierarchical Molecular 3D Models

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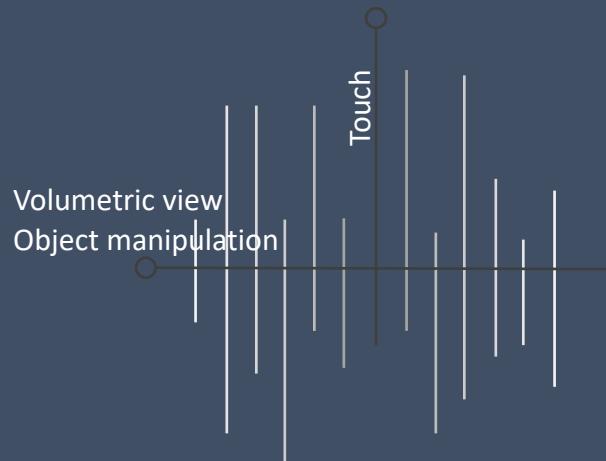
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Spatial interaction for 3D visualization



Touch/pen Interaction & Volumetric view / object manipulation

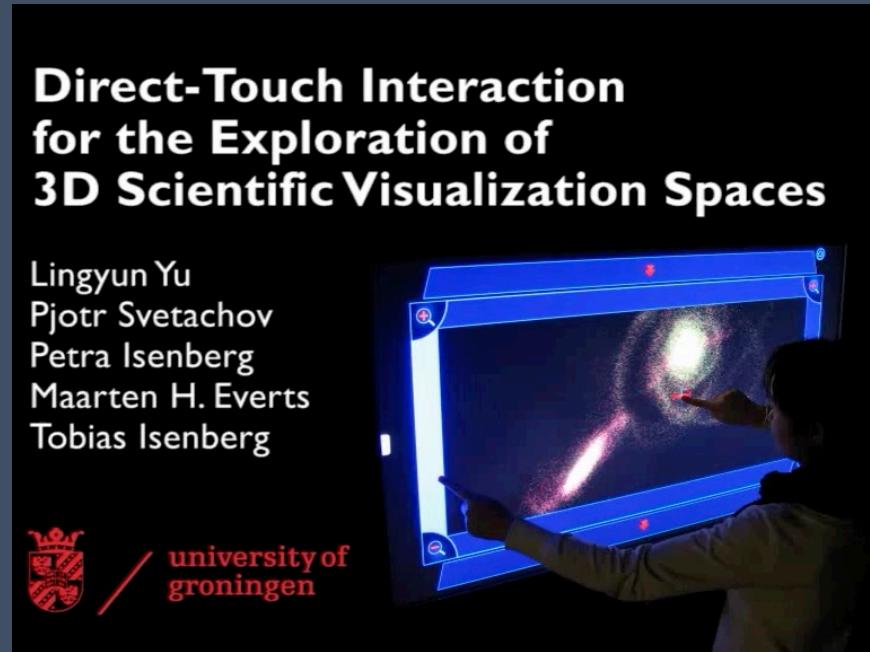
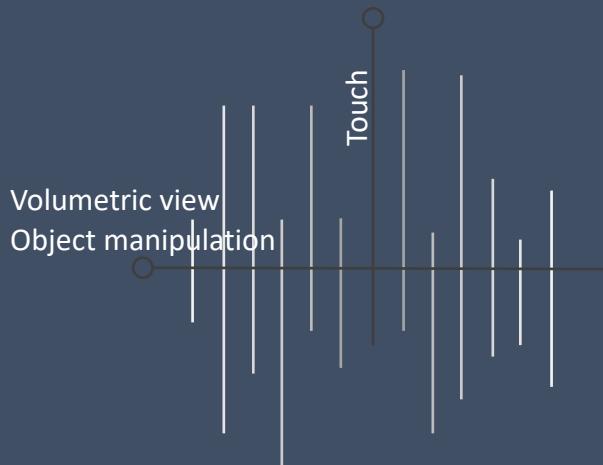
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- Precise control
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Supporting Sandtray Therapy on an Interactive Tabletop. CHI 2010

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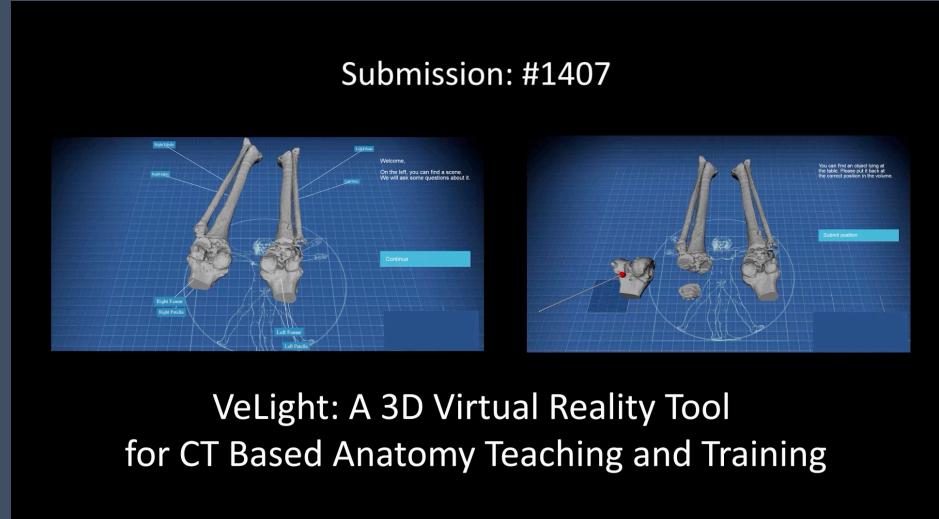
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Yu et.al. FI3D: Direct-Touch Interaction for the Exploration of 3D Scientific Visualization Spaces. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 16(6):1613–1622, November/December 2010.

Tangible interaction & Volumetric view / object manipulation

- props used as intuitive proxies for manipulating data and slicing planes
- constraining the interaction (not utilizing all 6-DOF) can often be useful

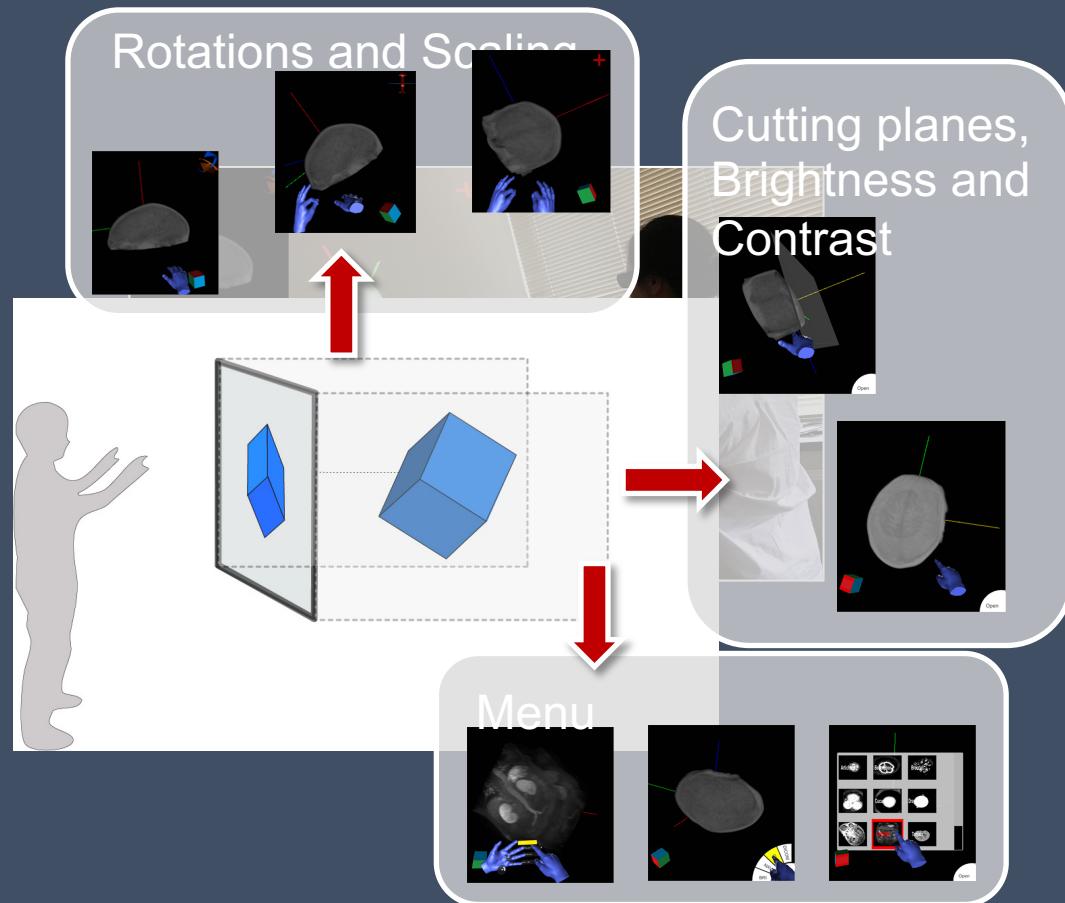
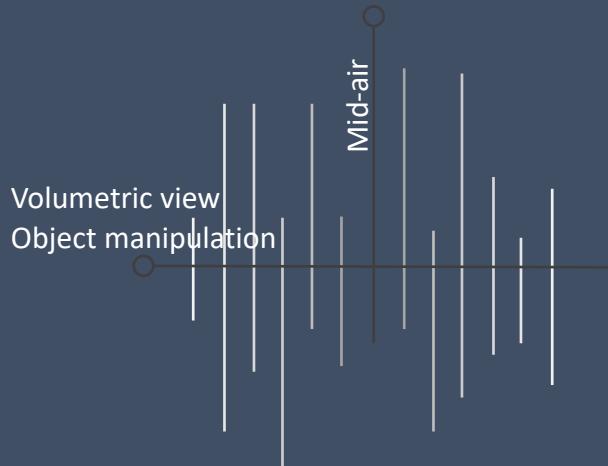


Hybrid Interaction

- The idea to combine different interaction techniques and devices was suggested and investigated in the 1990s and 2000s.
- The combinations of techniques: pressure and touch interaction, touch and tangible interaction, mid-air interaction and touch interaction, mid-air interaction and tangible interaction, etc.
- The **benefits** includes:
 - reduce the occlusion issue of touch interaction;
 - combine the benefits of two (or many) interaction paradigms;
 - tackle complicated tasks.

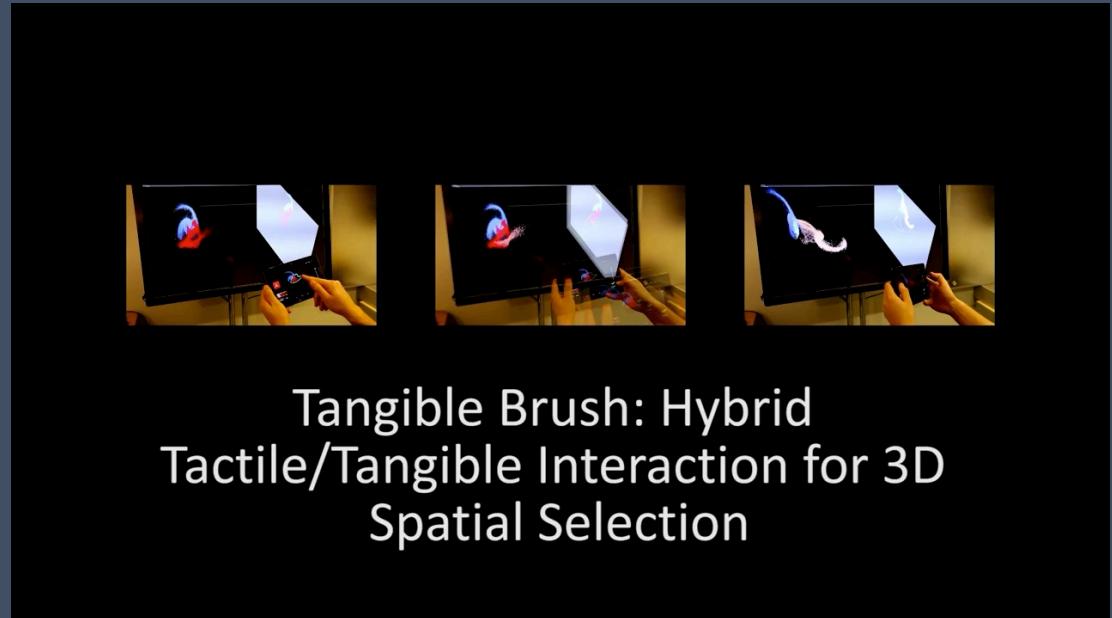
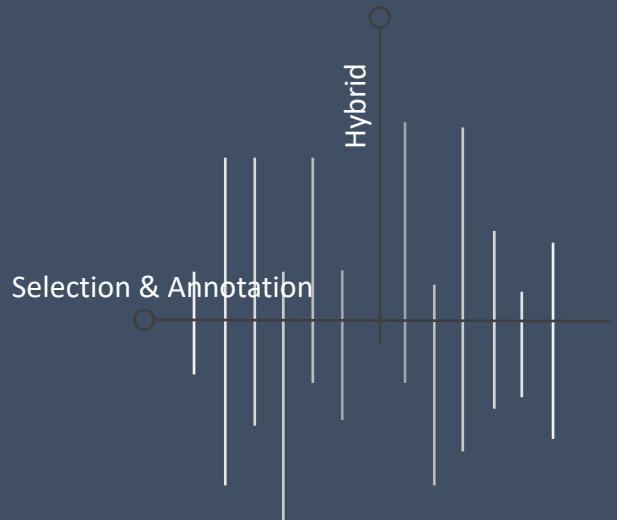
Mid-air interaction & Volumetric view / object manipulation

- natural 3D manipulations
- constrained by the application domain
- Receive little attention



Hybrid interaction & Selection / Annotation

- More flexible

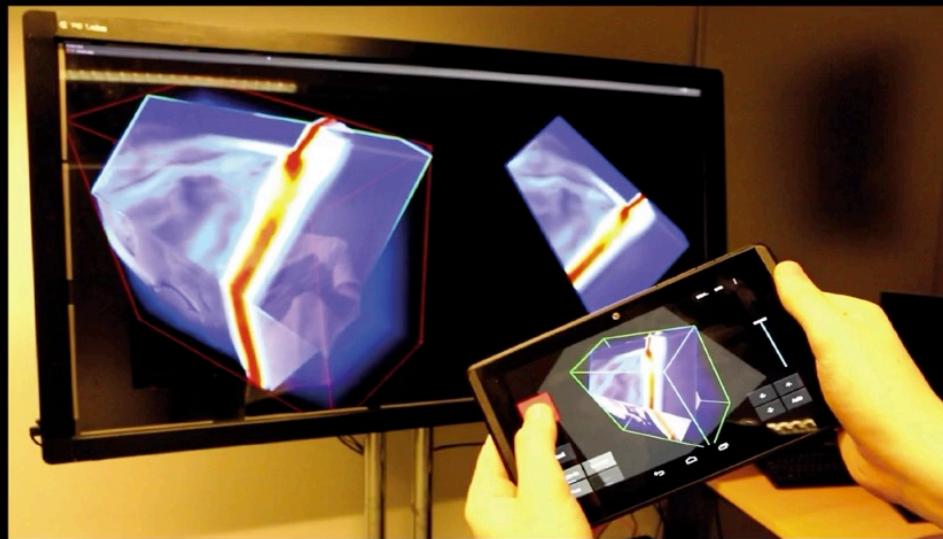


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Hybrid Interaction & Manipulation of Visualization Widgets

Hybrid Tactile/Tangible Interaction for 3D Data Exploration

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Hybrid tactile/tangible interaction for 3D data exploration. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics 23, 1 (Jan. 2017), 881–890.

Future work

Opportunities for future research

Previously...

- A lot of work has been done in 2D data interaction.
- 3D interaction is more challenging when applied to complex features or structures of 3D datasets.
- 3D interaction becomes more interesting when taking users' intention into consideration.

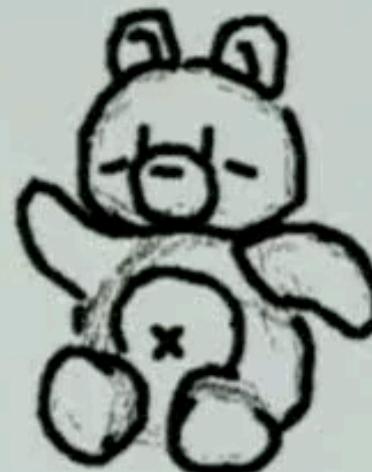
Context/Structure aware Interactions

Point cloud selection methods

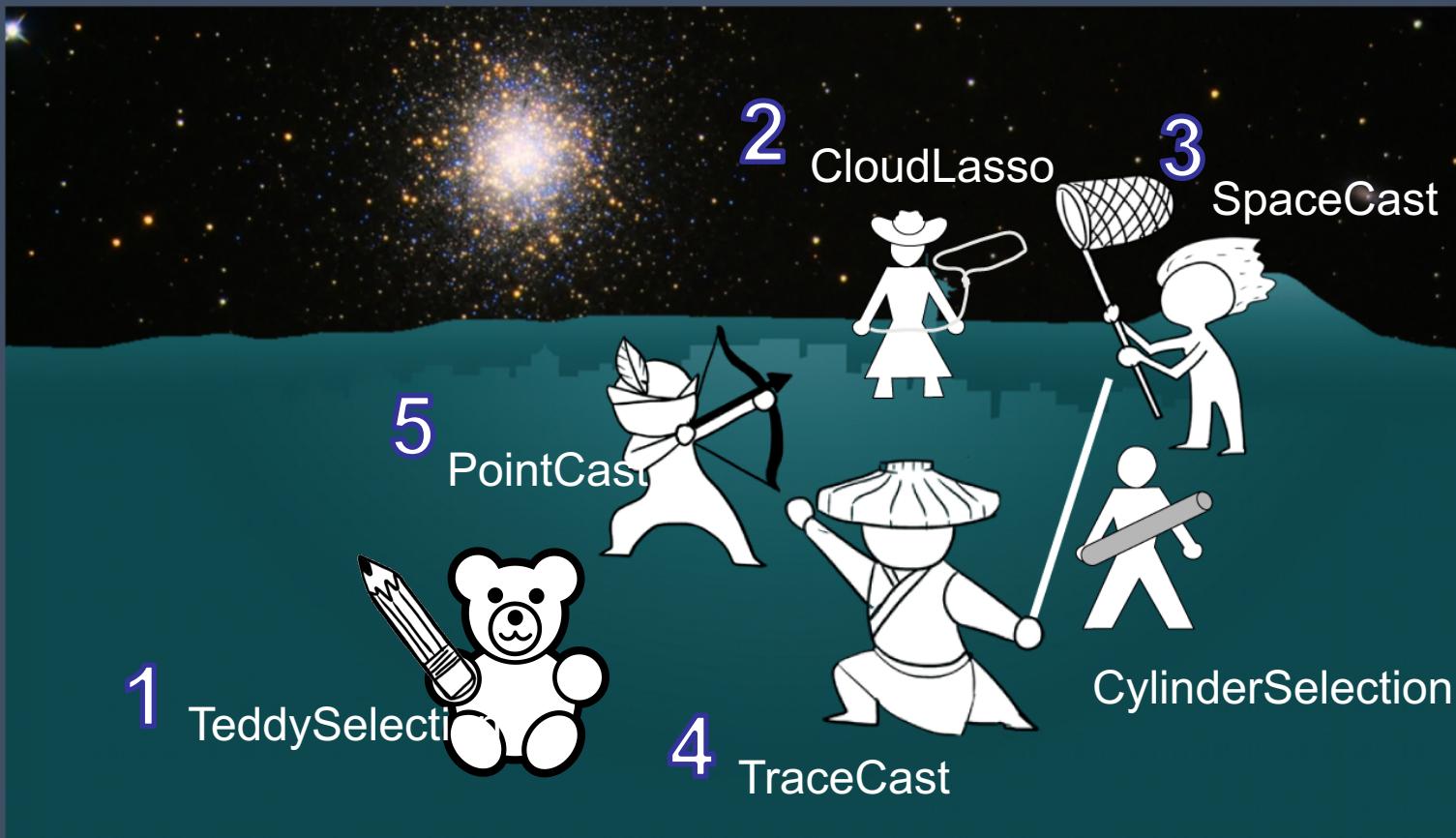
Teddy

Teddy: A Sketching Interface for 3D Freeform Design

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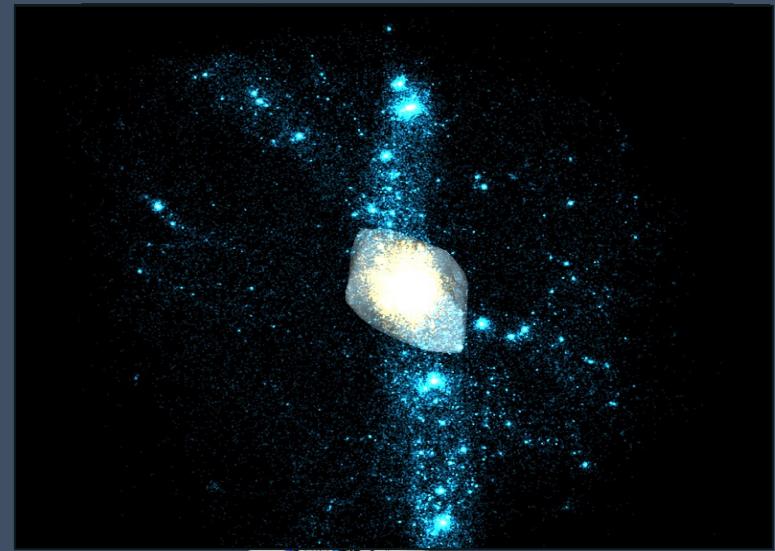
Particle selection techniques



- Efficient Structure-Aware Selection Techniques for 3D Point Cloud Visualizations with 2DOF Input [Yu et al., 2012].
- CAST: Effective and Efficient User Interaction for Context-Aware Selection in 3D Particle Clouds. [Yu et al., 2016].

The Problem: Selection of 3D Subspaces

- 3D spatial data - basis of many visualization research questions
- **problem:** why/how to efficiently select subspaces in 3D?
 - raycasting requires large objects
 - want spatial selection from 2D (Tablet Freehand Lasso)
 - iterative selection too tedious



Wingreen & Stavropoulos, 2005
Cylinder Selection

Interactive Selection Techniques

- *spatial selection* rather than object-based selection
- *two-dimensional input* (PC, touch displays)
- *2D lasso* interaction: *intended* selection
- *structure-aware selection* in 3D depth

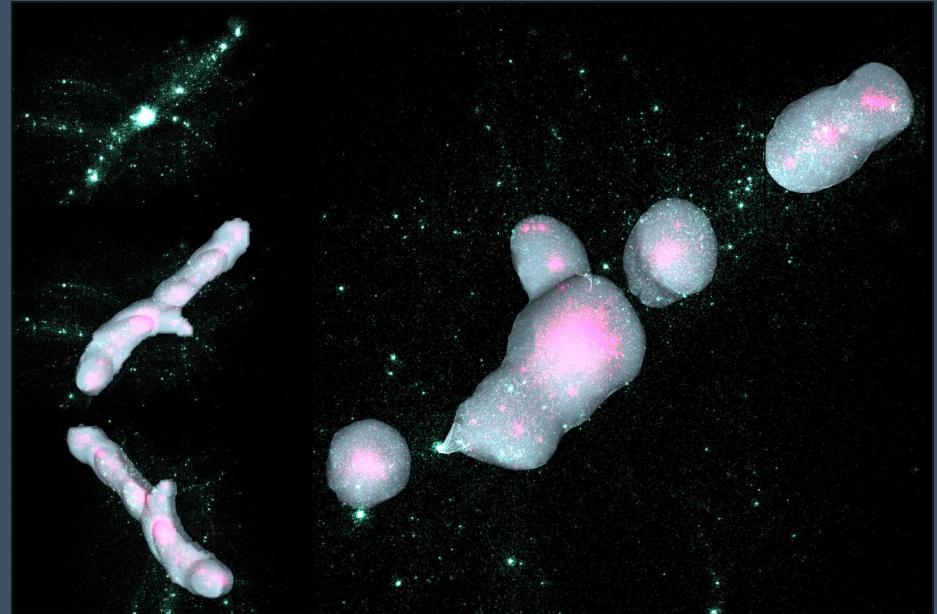
Cloudlasso

- *spatial, structure-aware* 3D selection techniques
- *2D lasso* interaction:
 - particle density or the scalar properties of volume data
 - Select all dense clusters through the 3D space that is enclosed by the drawn lasso



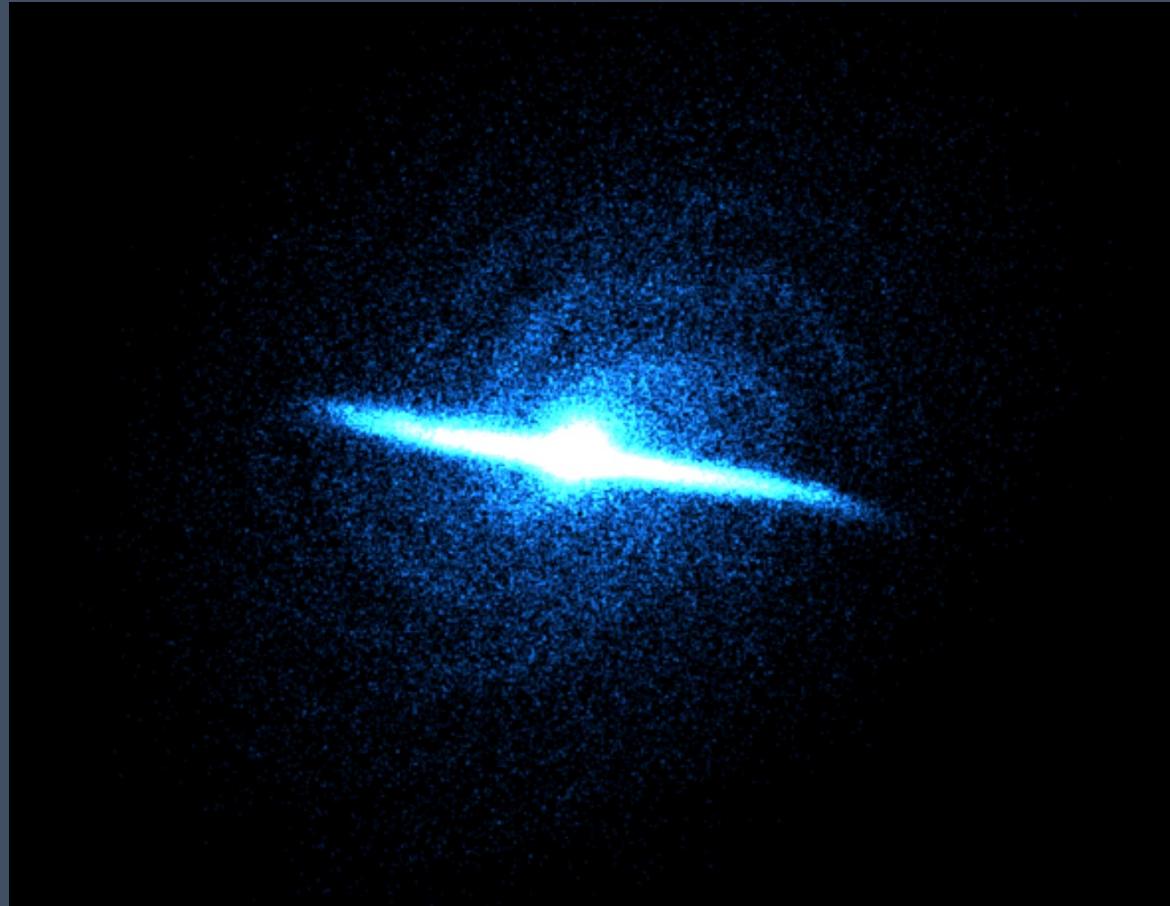
Cloudlasso

- structure-aware selection
- separate clusters
- interactive adjustment of selection threshold
- performance:
Marching Cubes: ≈ 0.4 sec.
density estimation:
 $4\text{--}6$ sec. for $\approx 2 \bullet 10^5$ particles



Video: CloudLasso Selection & Interaction





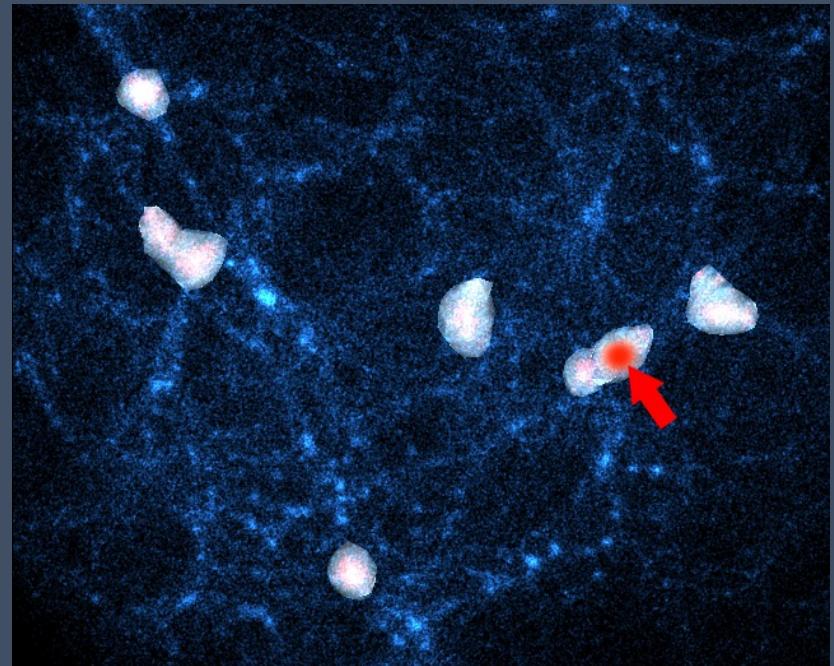


Cast family

- *spatial, context-aware*

selection techniques

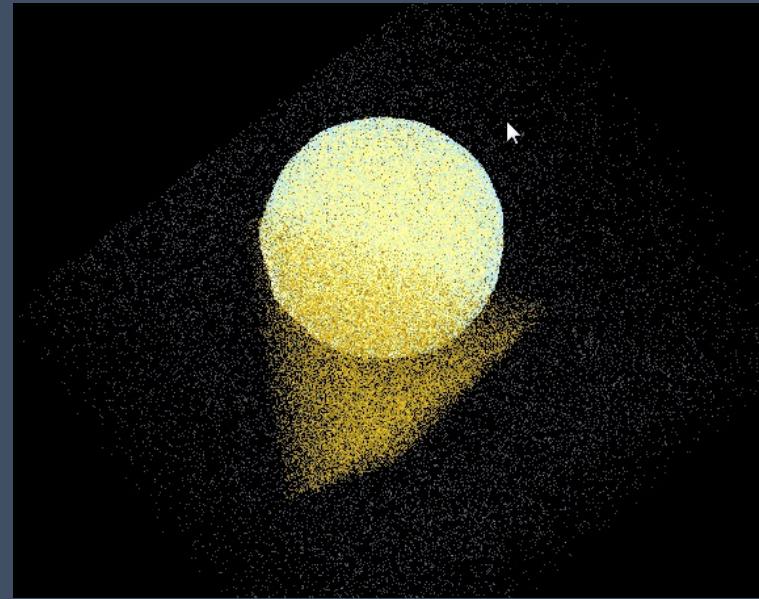
- Input : 2D lasso / point
- Location or shape
- Output: *intended* 3D selection



SpanCast

SpaceCast

- the idea: Selecting only the part that has the best overlap with the input lasso.
- principle:
 - identify the volume set V where the density ρ is above the threshold ρ_0 (only consider the regions inside of the lasso)
 - project each volume V_k to an area S_k on the screen
 - compare to the SL , compute the overlap
 - identify S_{kM} that has the maximal overlap and determine the selection volume to be V_{kM}

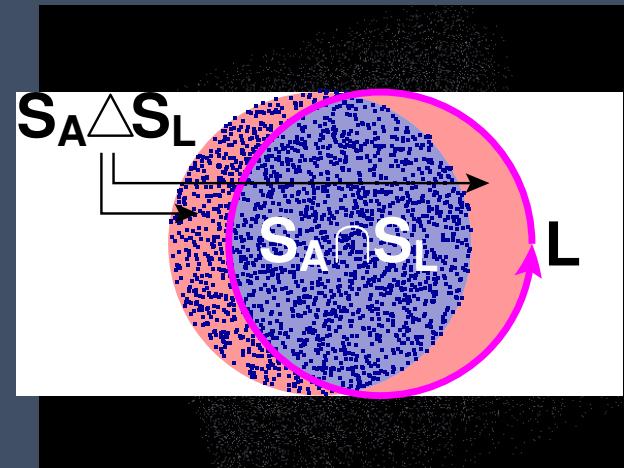


Video: SpaceCast

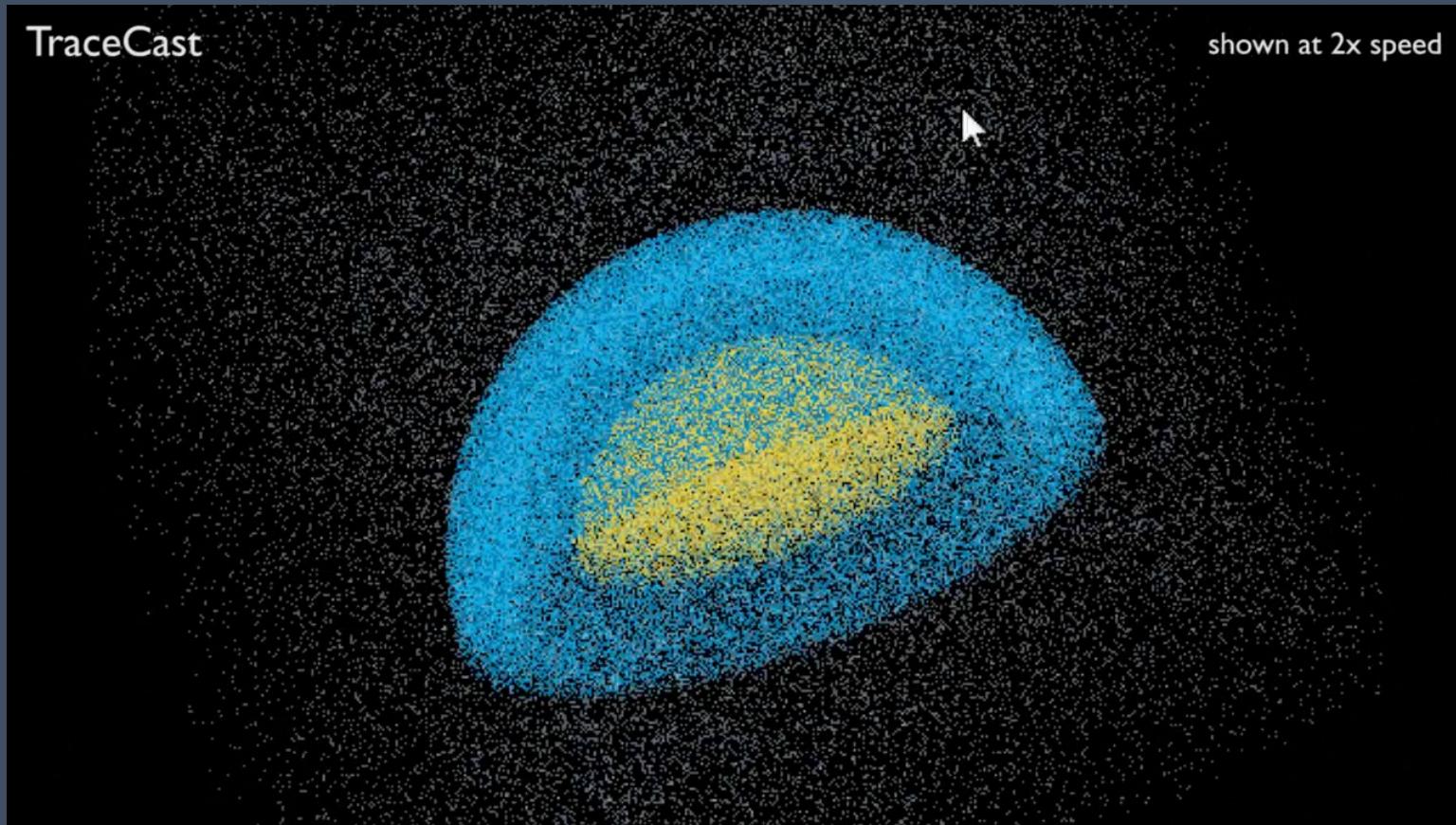


TraceCast

- the idea: Selecting the candidate cluster whose 2D projection is best approximated by the drawn stroke.
- principle:
 - identify the volume set V (consider the regions outside F).
 - project each volume V_k to an area S_k on the screen
 - compare to the SL , compute the overlap $M_k = \text{area}(S_k \cap SL) - \text{area}(S_k \Delta SL)$
 - identify M_k that has the maximal overlap and determine the selection volume to be $V_k M$

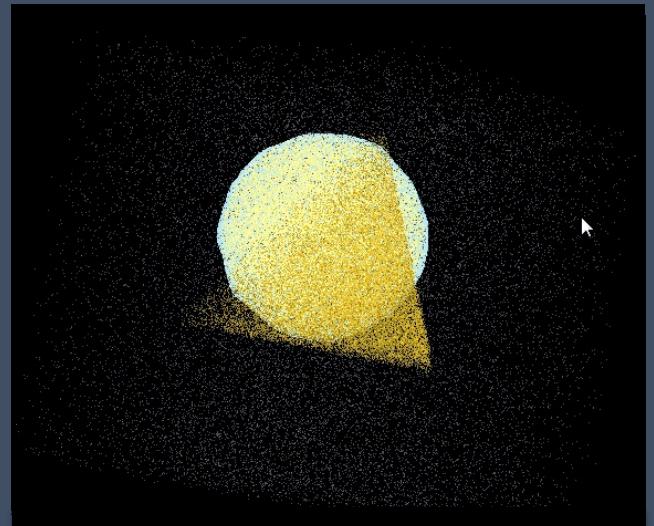


Video: TraceCast

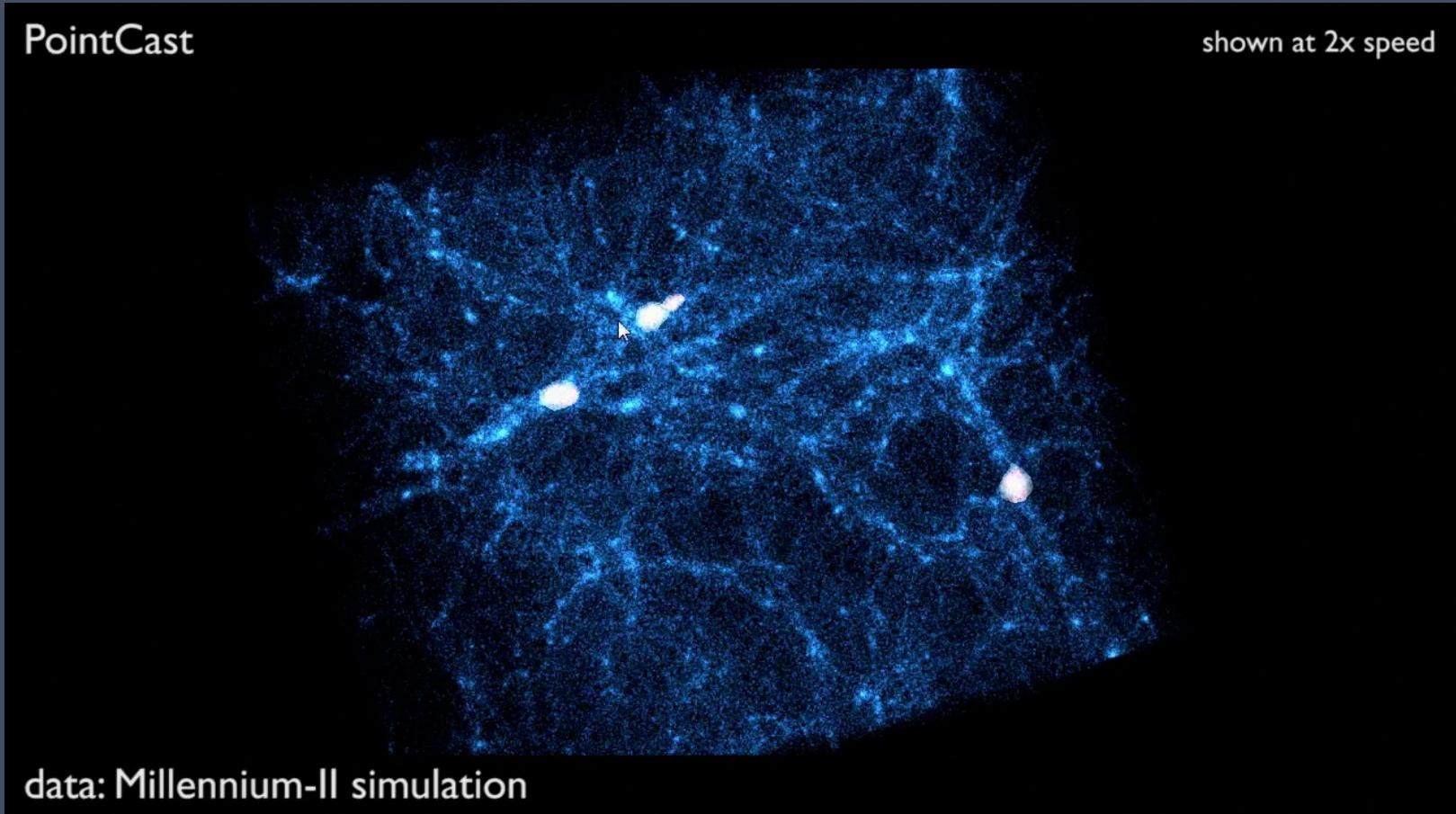


PointCast

- the idea: a single click or touch action to mark a cluster.
- principle:
 - project a ray into the dataset.
 - sample the particle density ρ at equally spaced points along the ray.
 - identify clusters along this ray.
 - select the closest one.



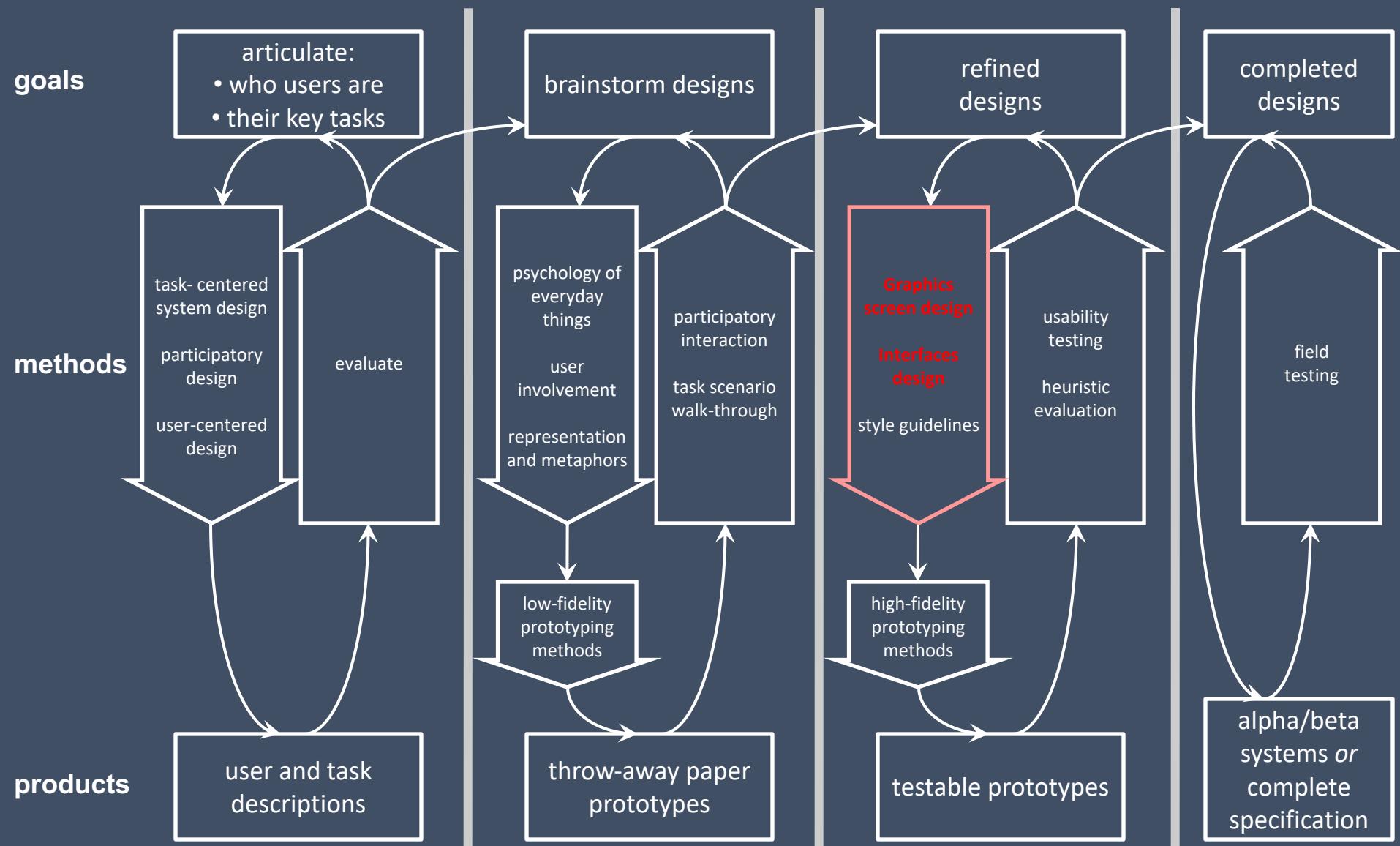
Video: PointCast



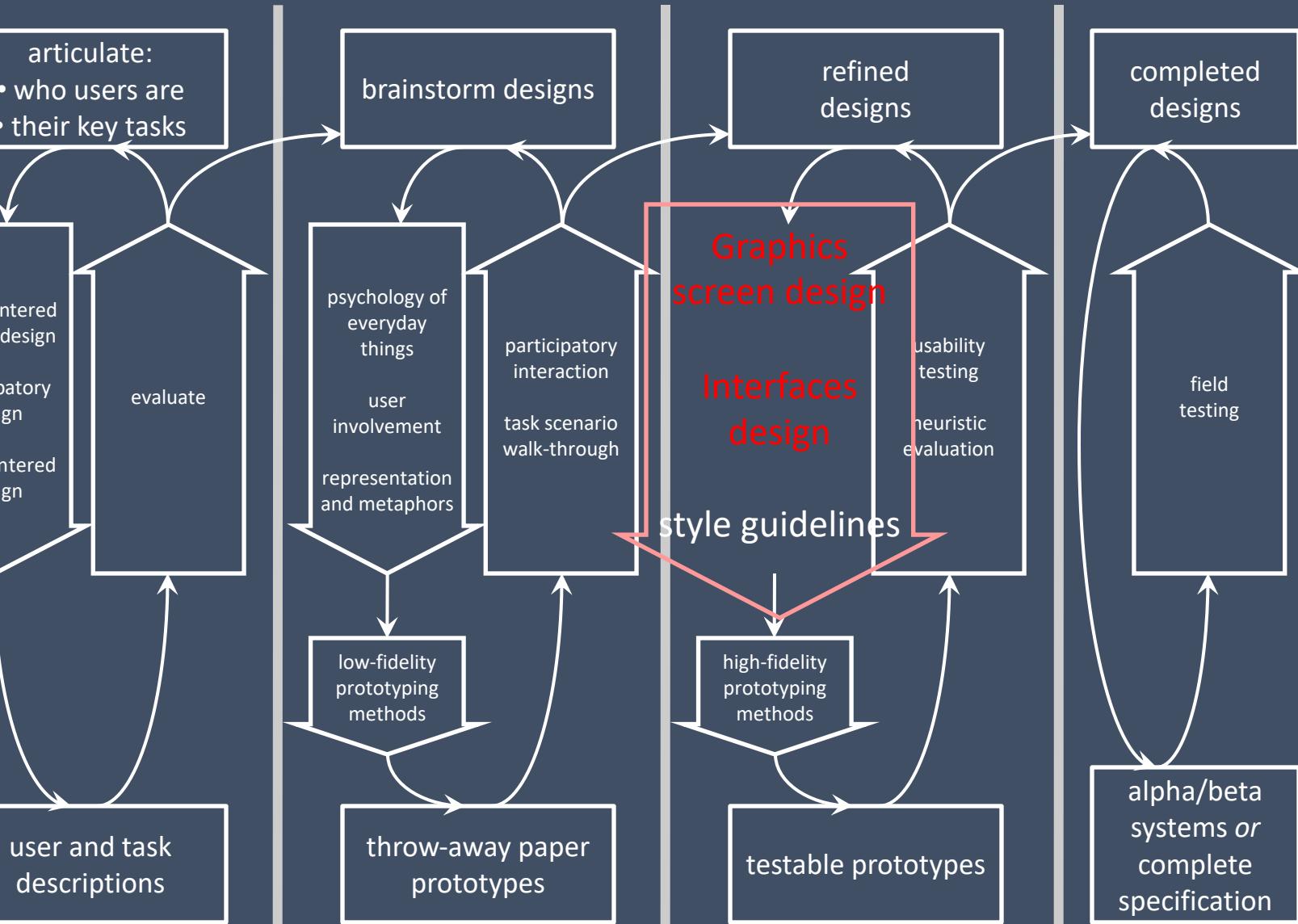
Comparison between WYSIWYP and picking most contributing position

MRI scan of the abdomen

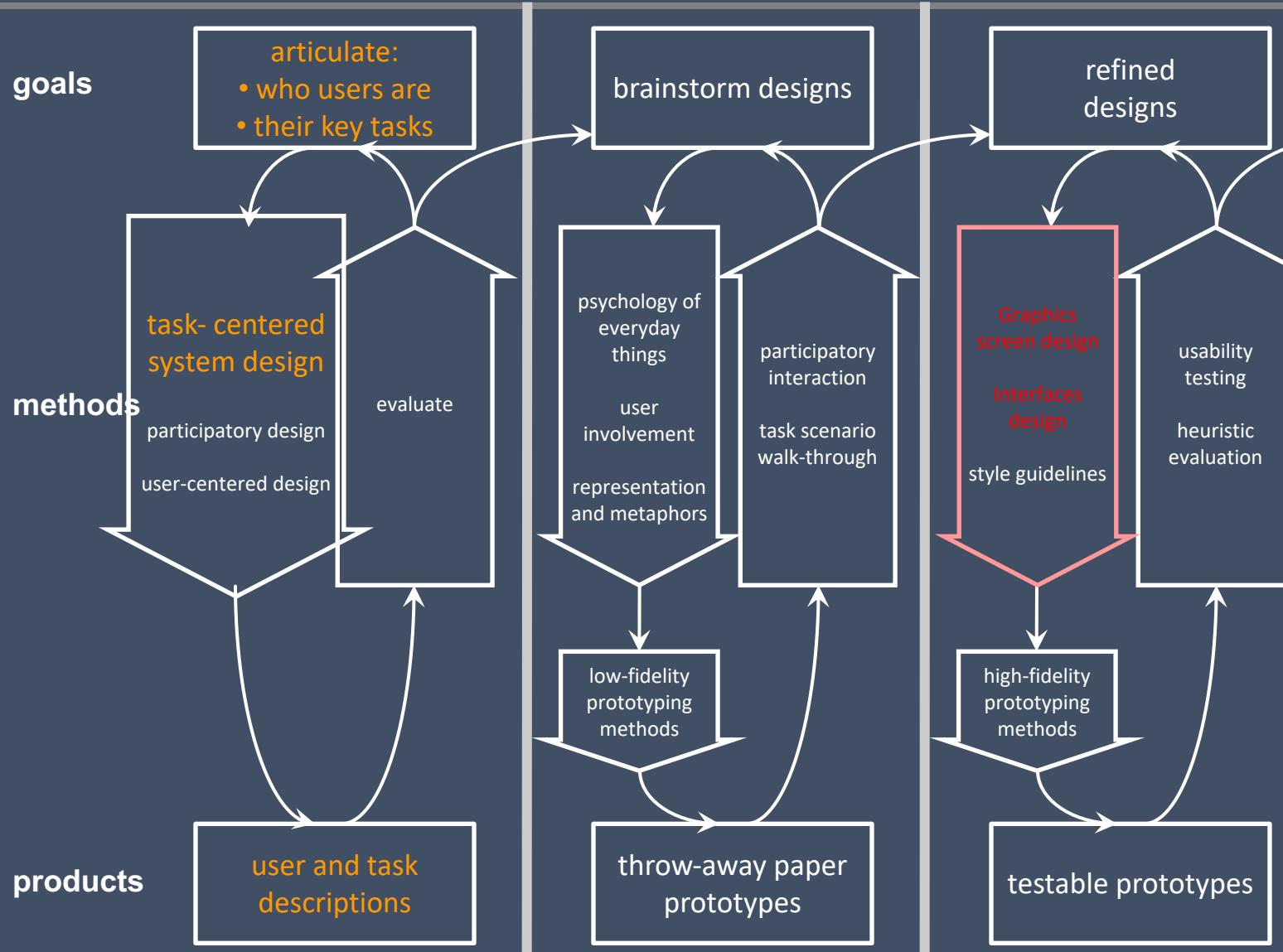
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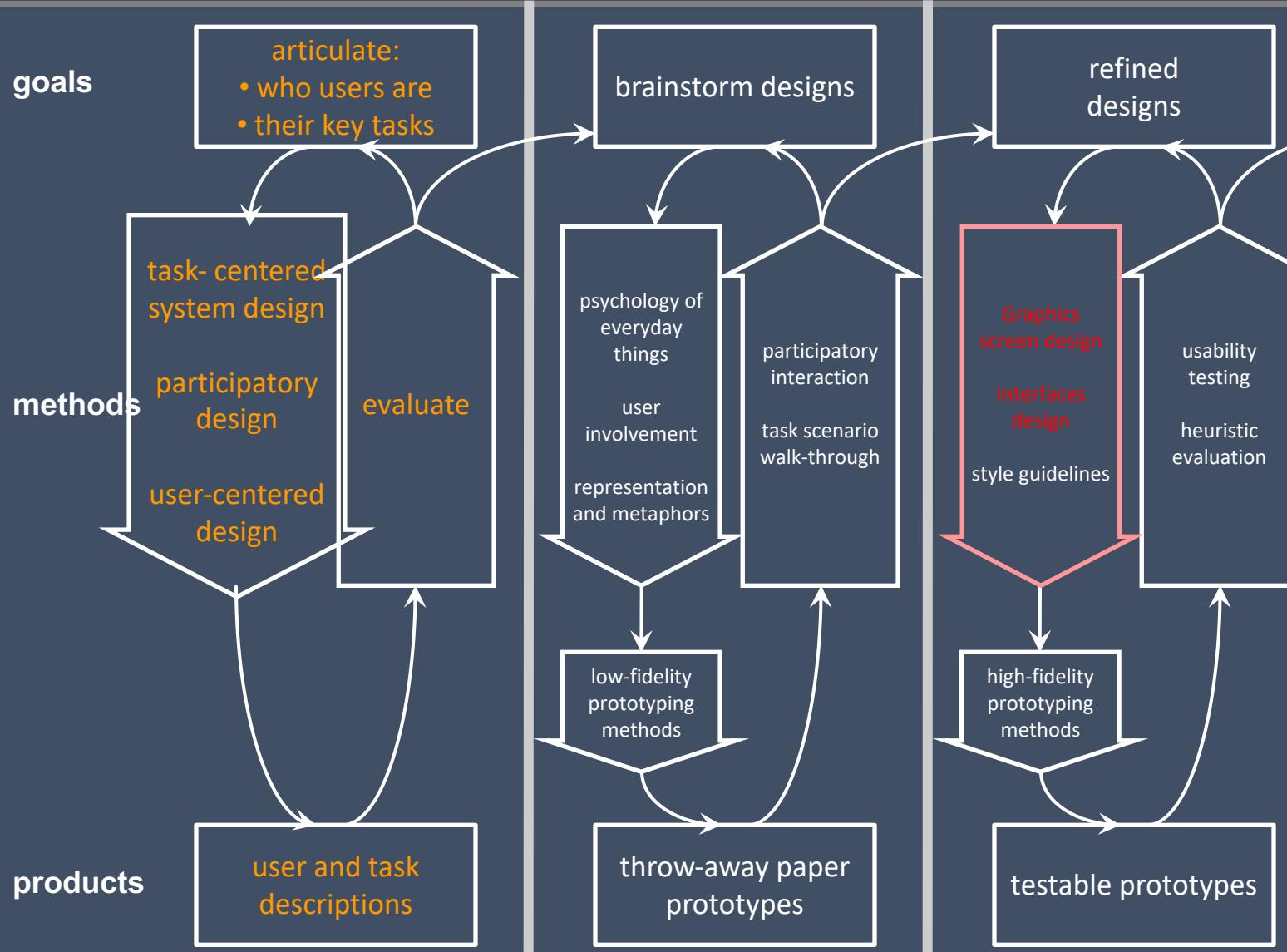
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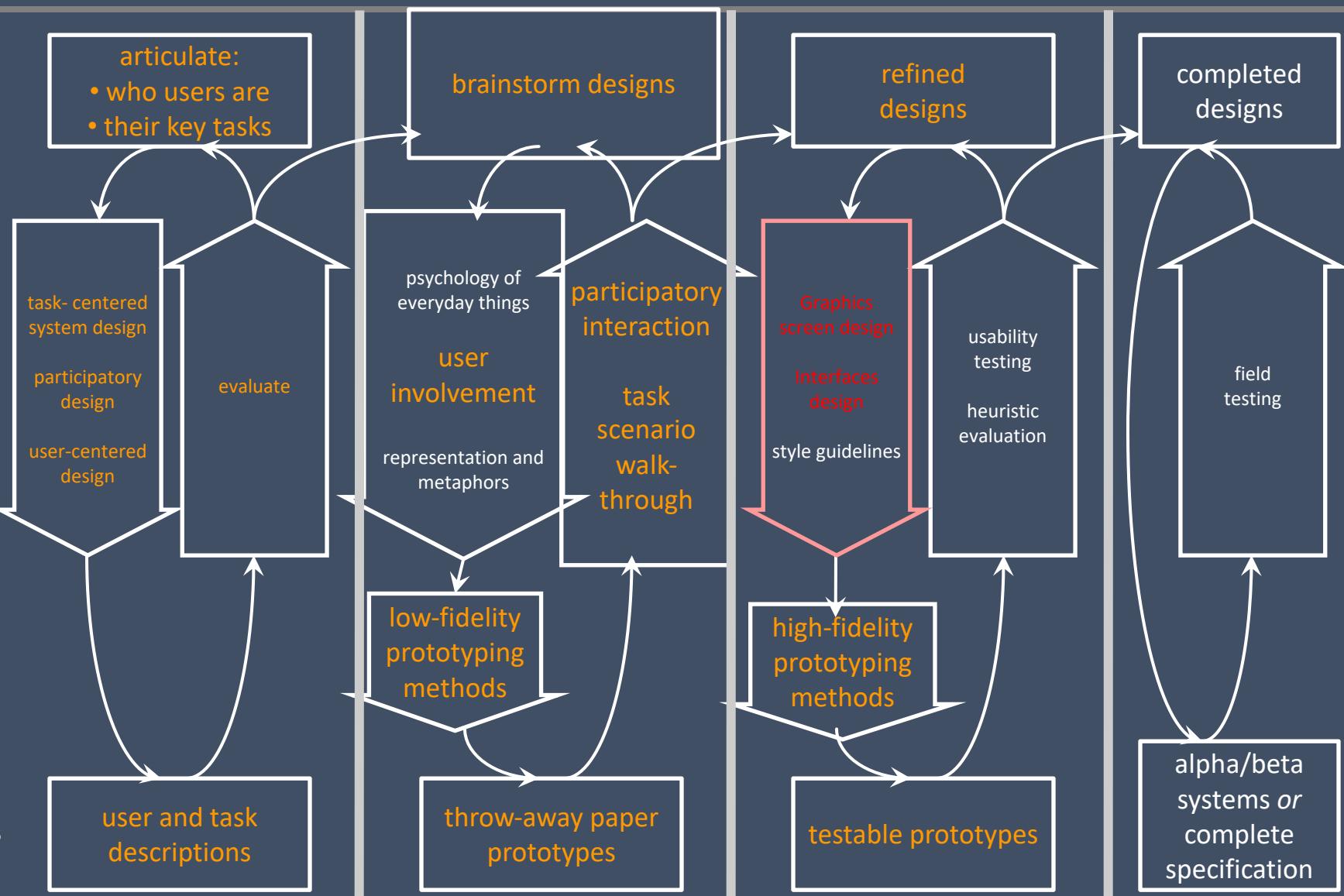
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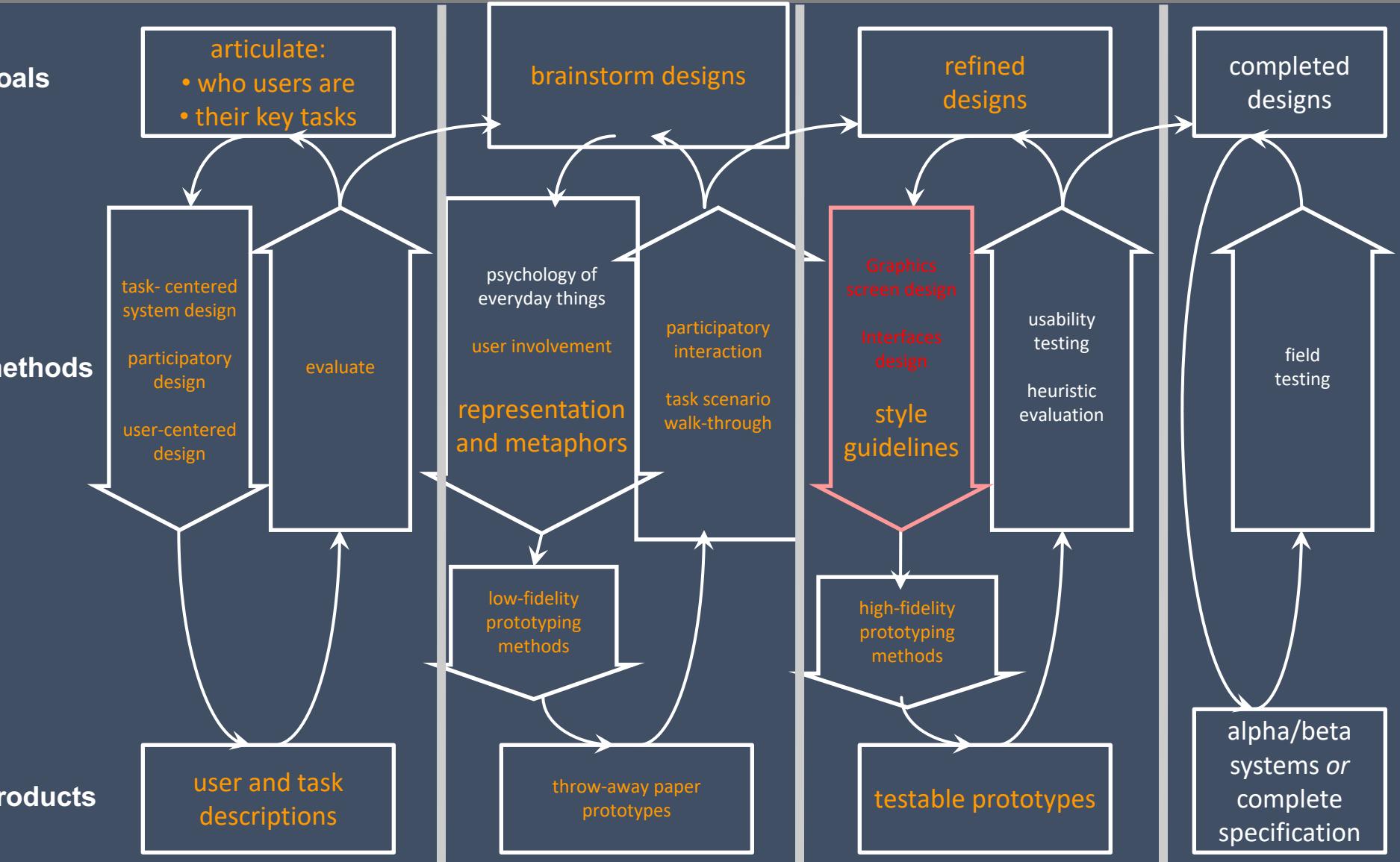
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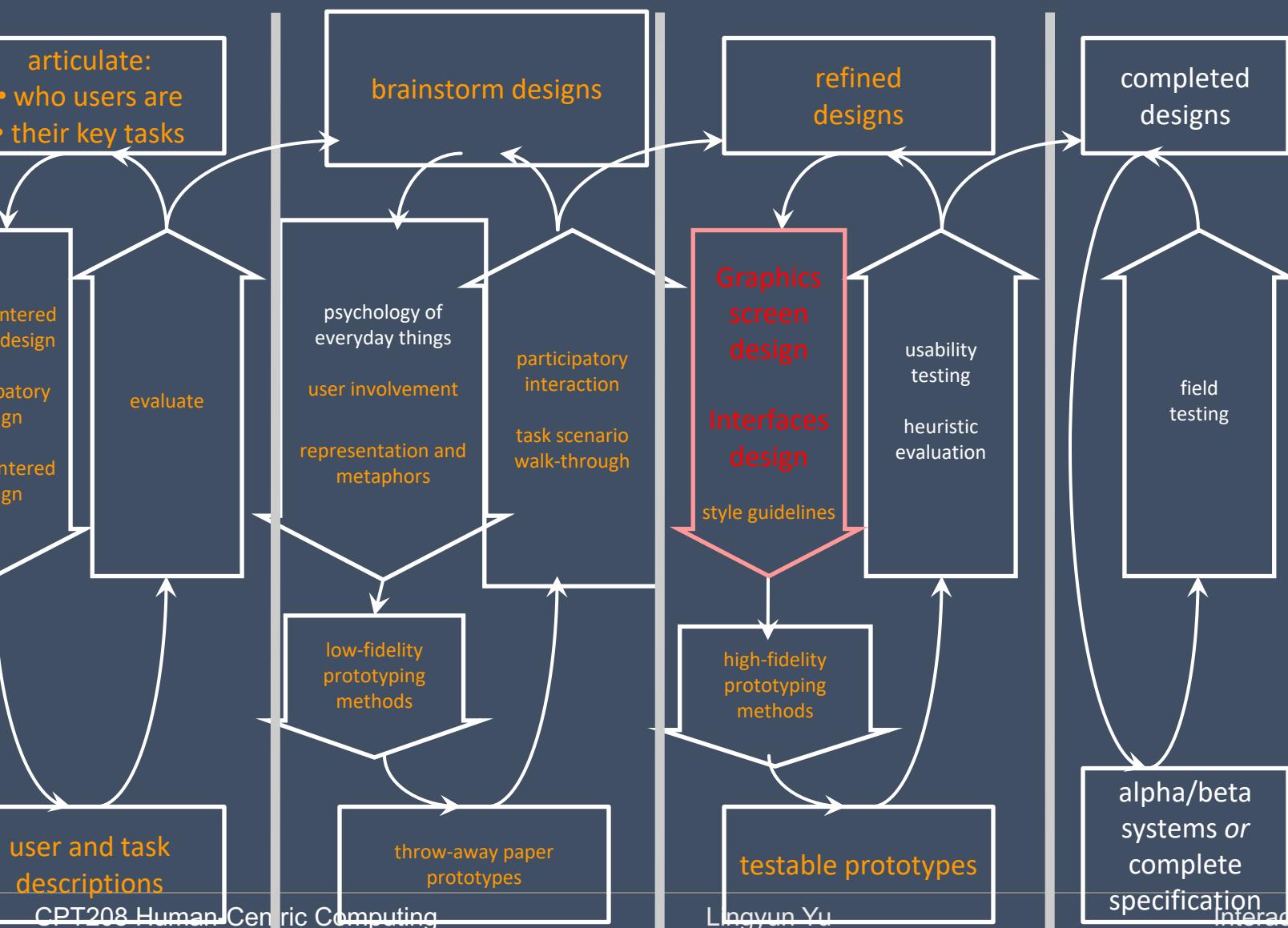
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