

# Visualization in HCI

05 - 499 / 05 - 899 Section C



## Interaction + Views

March 20, 2017

# Project Proposals Due Wednesday

Written Proposal (Uploaded to github):

- Motivation: Why you chose this topic?
- Objectives: what questions you will try to answer?
- Data: What and where? Processing?
- Visualization: Sketches of how it might look
- Features: Must-haves and optional
- Schedule: Weekly deadlines

Informal In-class Presentation:

**In 5 minutes**, summarize:

- Motivation
- Objectives
- Data Source + Processing Req.

Do not include visualization design/feature list.

**Announce team members +  
topic in Slack #general**

# Focus + Context

synthesis of **visual encoding** and **interaction**

user selects region of interest (focus)  
through navigation or selection

provide context through

aggregation

reduction

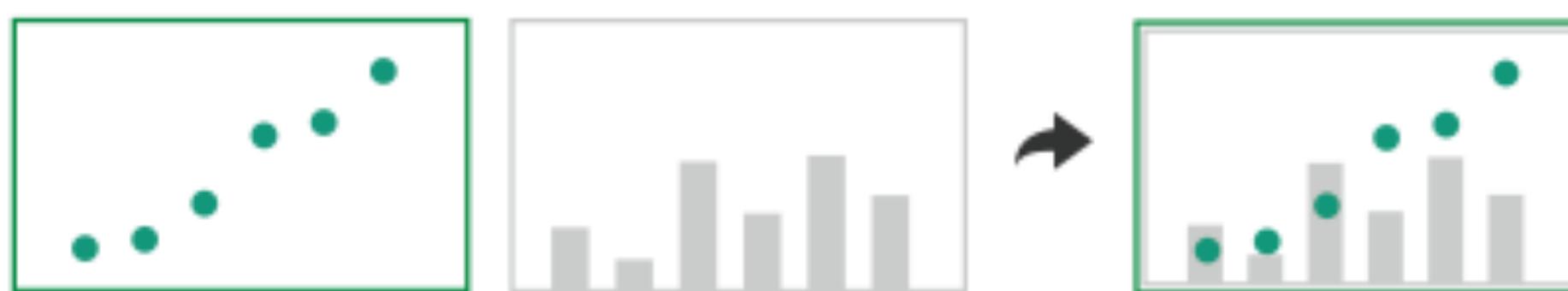
layering

④ Embed

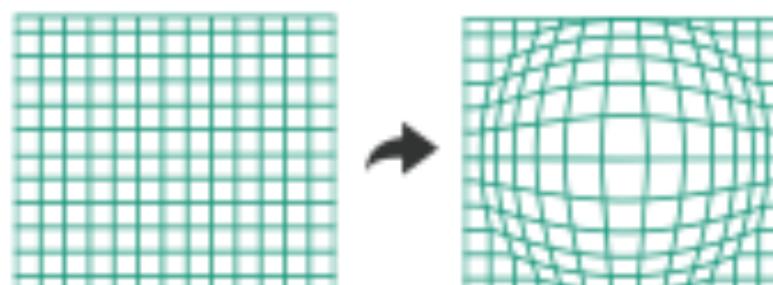
→ Elide Data



→ Superimpose Layer



→ Distort Geometry



# Elision

focus items shown in detail,  
other items summarized for context

e·li·sion

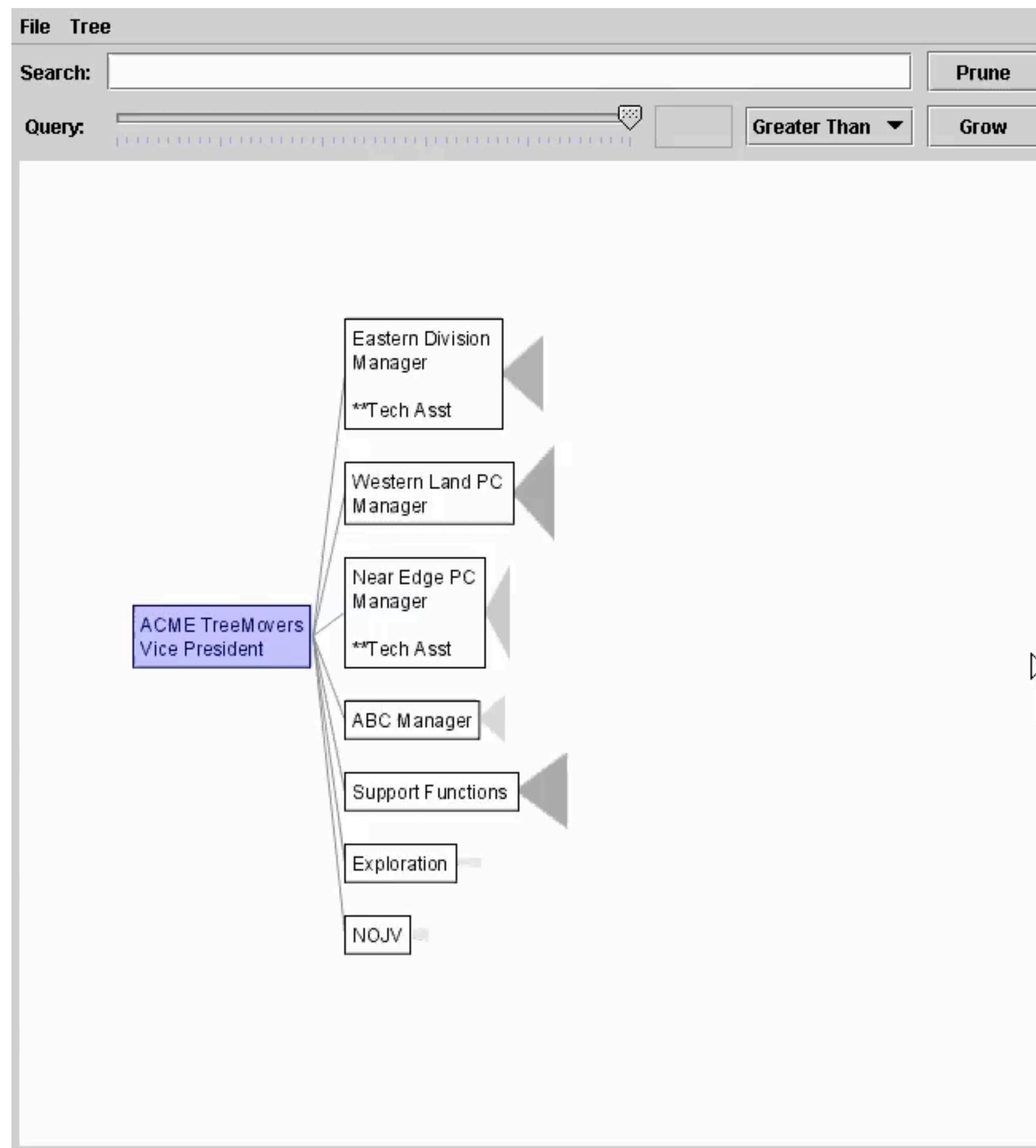
/i'liZHən/ ◂

*noun*

the omission of a sound or syllable when speaking (as in *I'm*, *let's*, *e'en* ).

- an omission of a passage in a book, speech, or film.  
"the movie's elisions and distortions have been carefully thought out"
- the process of joining together or merging things, especially abstract ideas.  
"unease at the elision of so many vital questions"

# SpaceTree



# Degree of Interest (DOI)

Based on observation that humans often represent their own neighborhood in detail, yet only major landmarks far away

Goal is balance between local detail and global context

$$DOI(x) = I(x) - D(x,y)$$

I - interest function

D - a distance function, either semantic or spatial

x- the location of an item

y - current focus point

# DOI Tree

# interactive trees with animated transitions that fit within a bounded region of space

layout depends on the user's estimated  
DOI

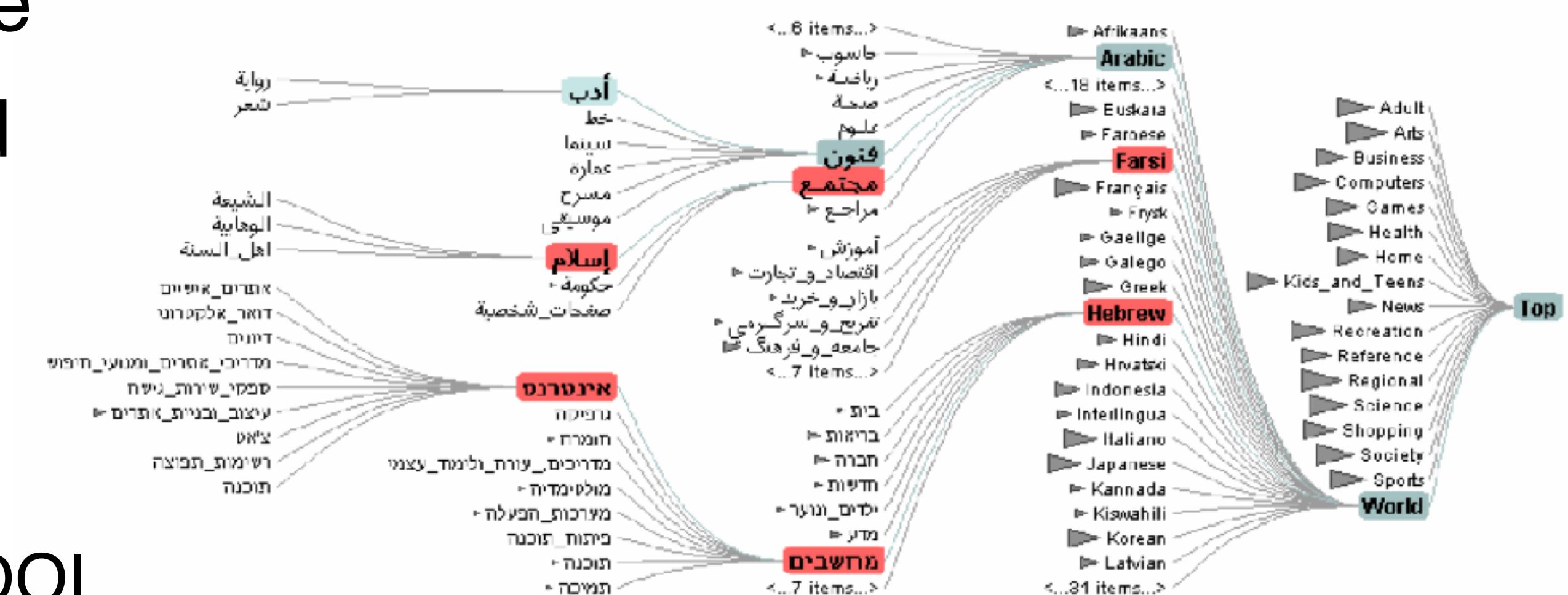
## uses:

# logical filtering based on DOI

# geometric distortion of node size based on DOI

# semantic zooming on content based on node size

# aggregate representations of elided subtrees



[Heer 2004]

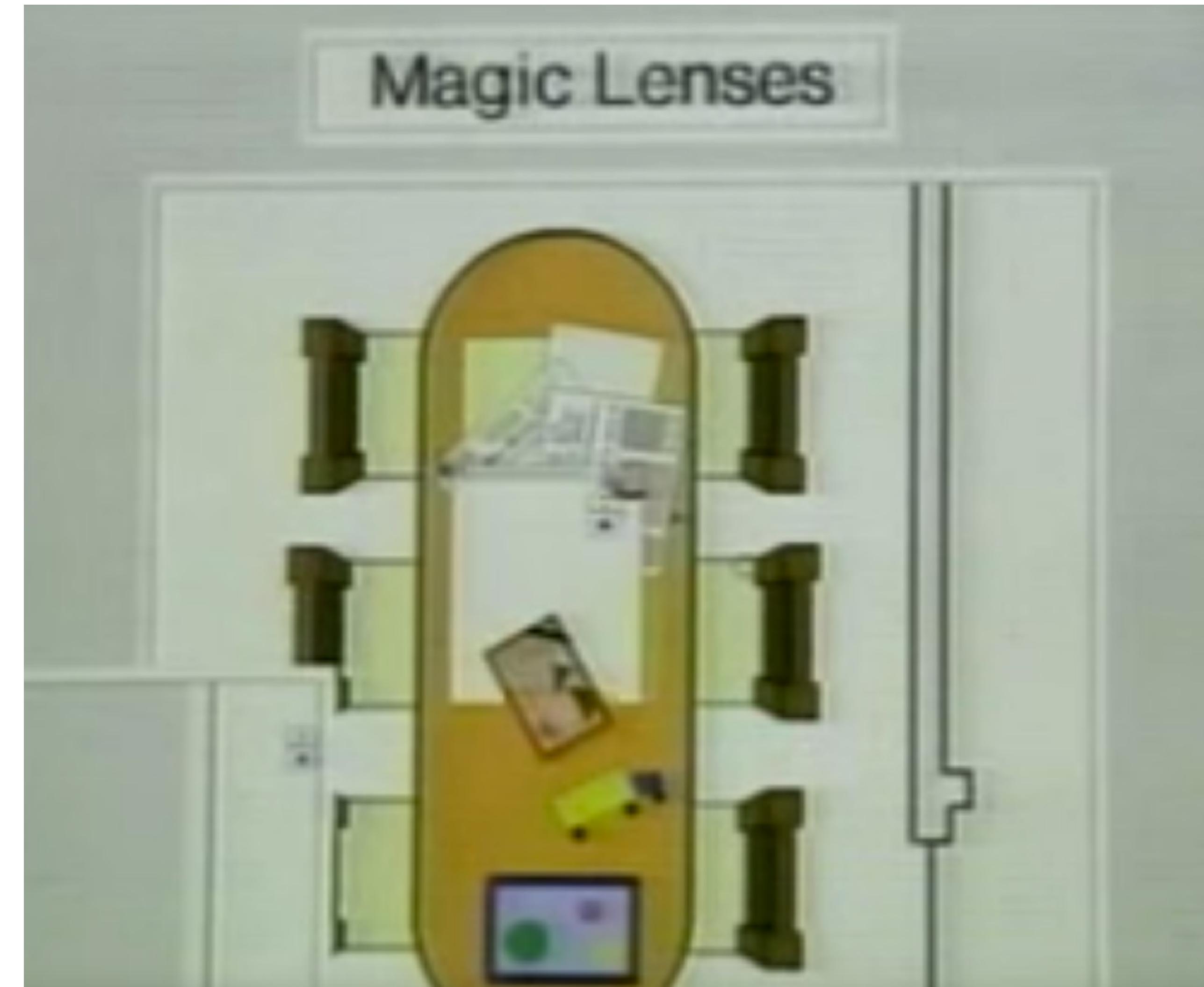
# Superimpose

focus layer limited to a local region of view,  
instead of stretching across the entire view

# Toolglass & Magic Lenses

Magic Lenses:

details/different data is shown  
when moving a lens  
over a scene



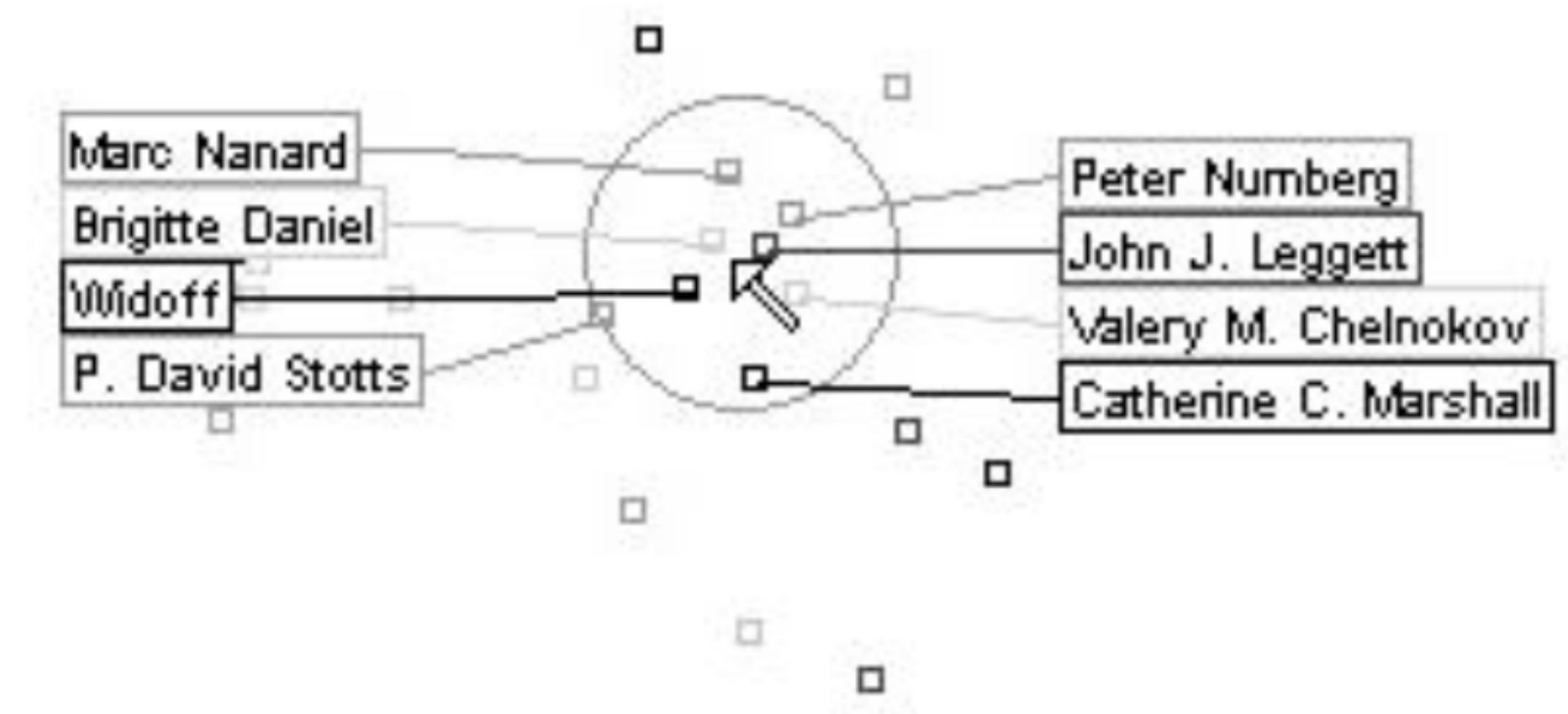
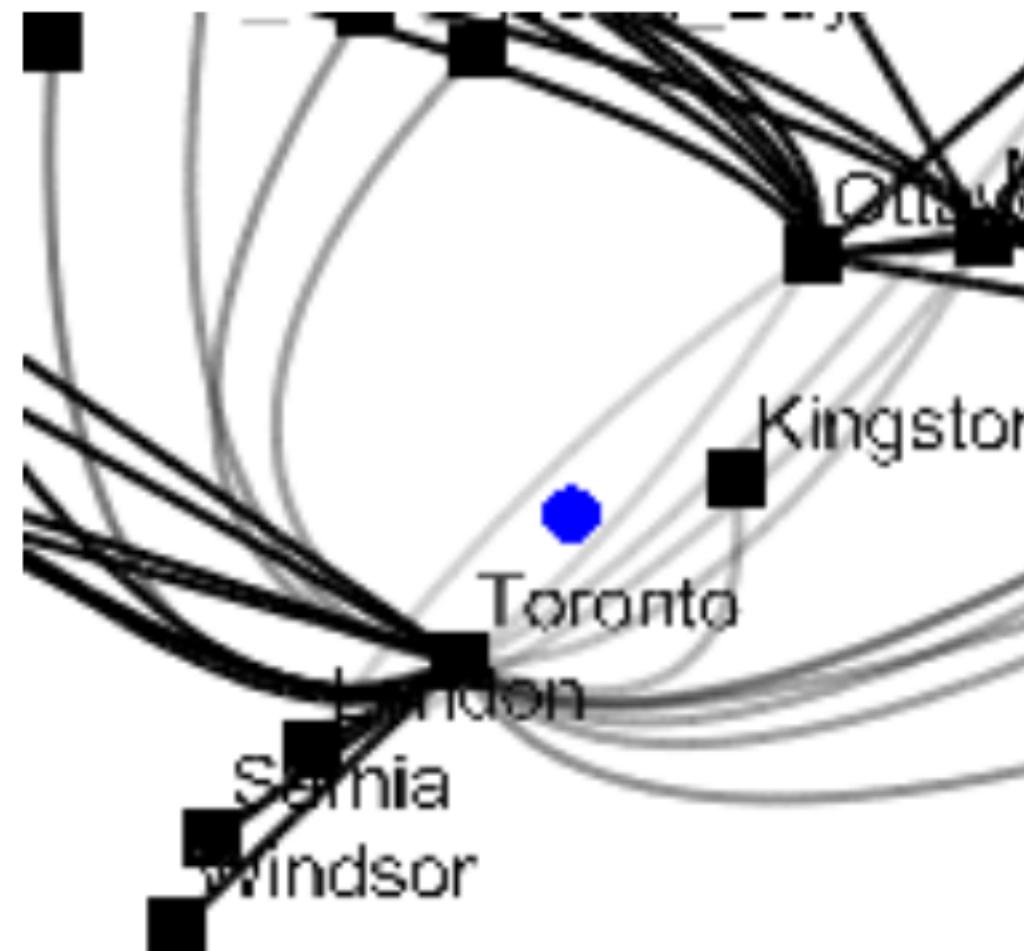
[Bier, Siggraph 1993]

# Magic Lenses with Tangible Interface



[Spindler, CHI 2010]

# Magic Lense: Edges & Labeling

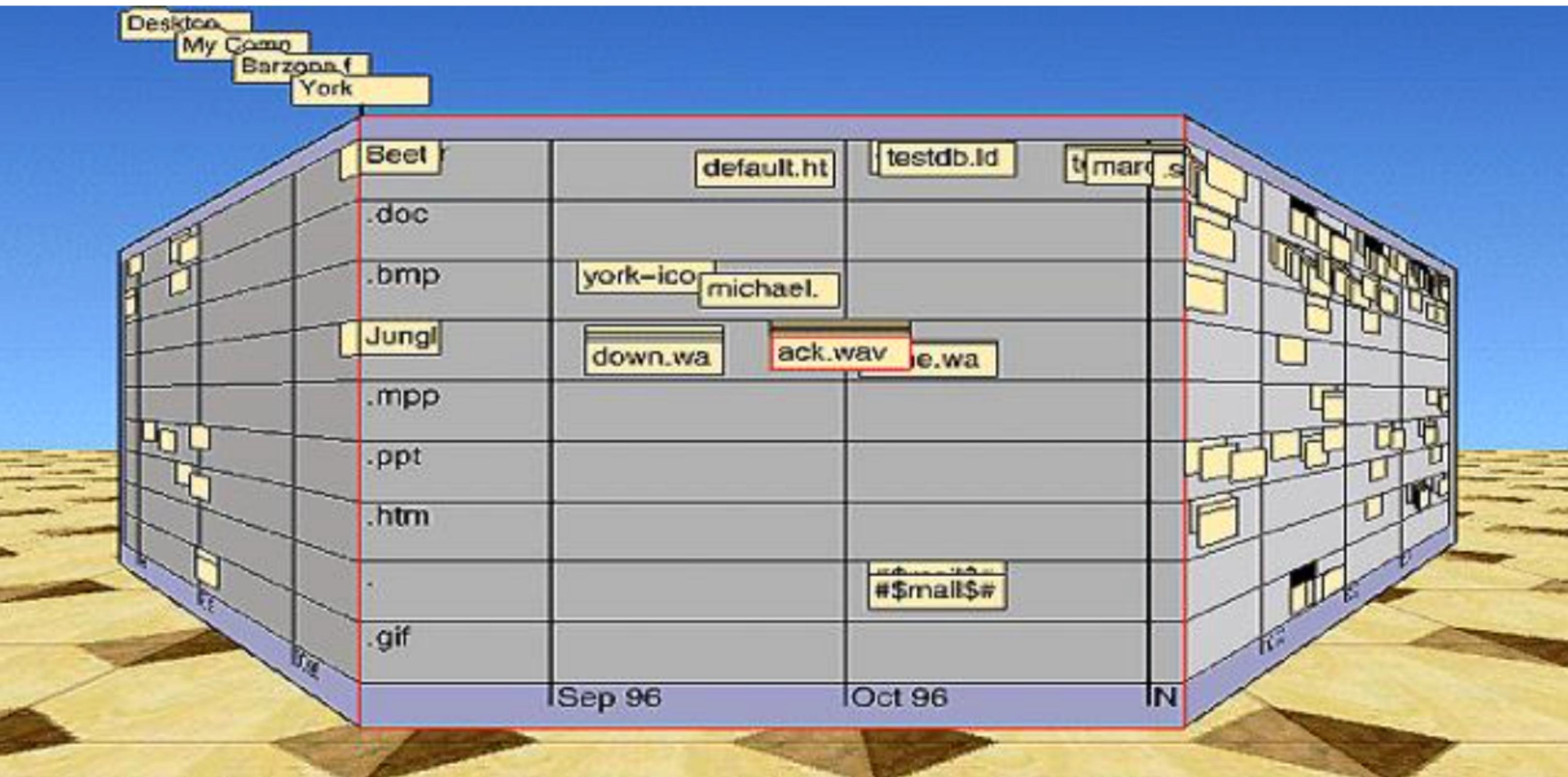


[Fekete and Plaisant, 1999]

# Distortion

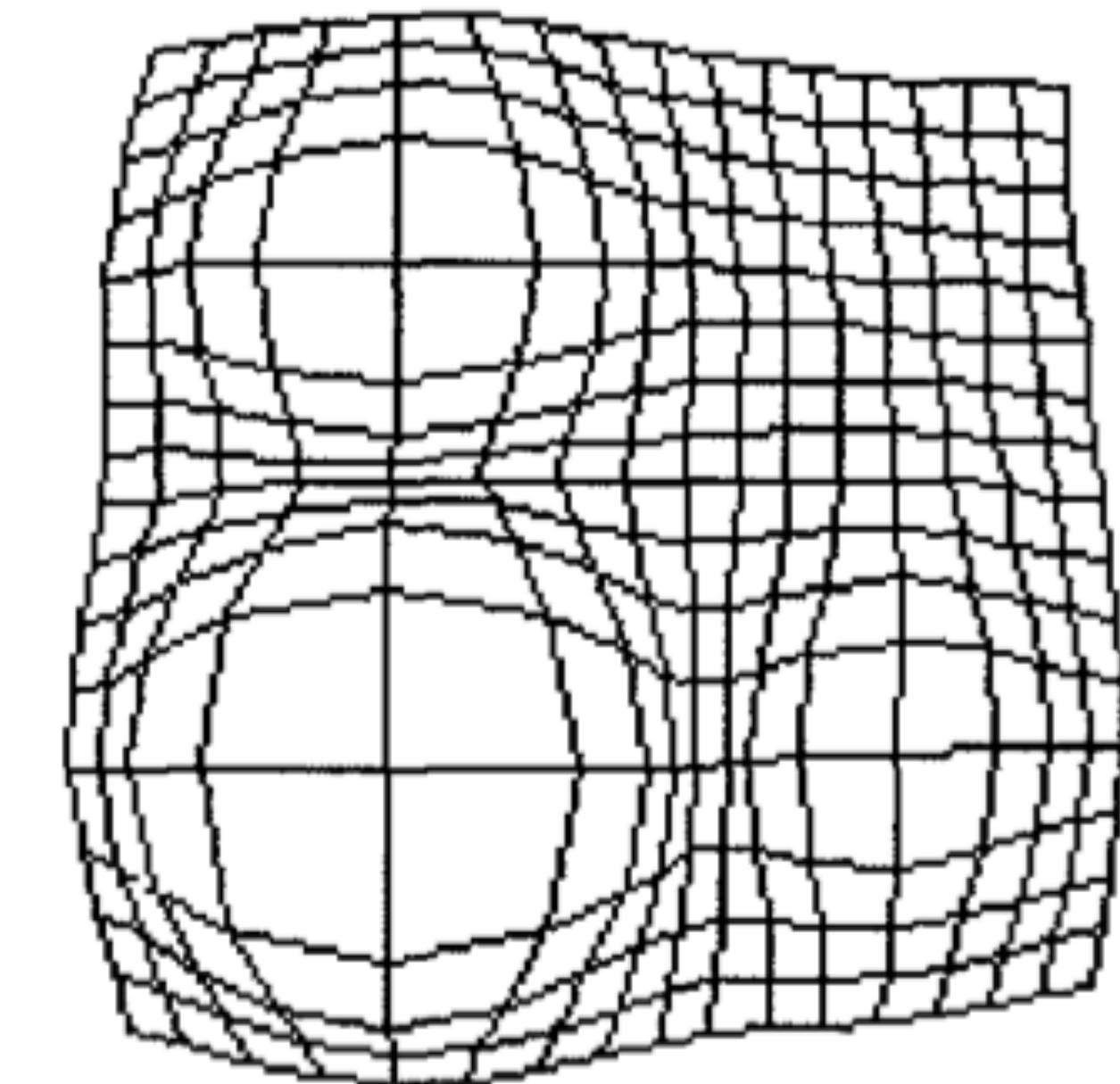
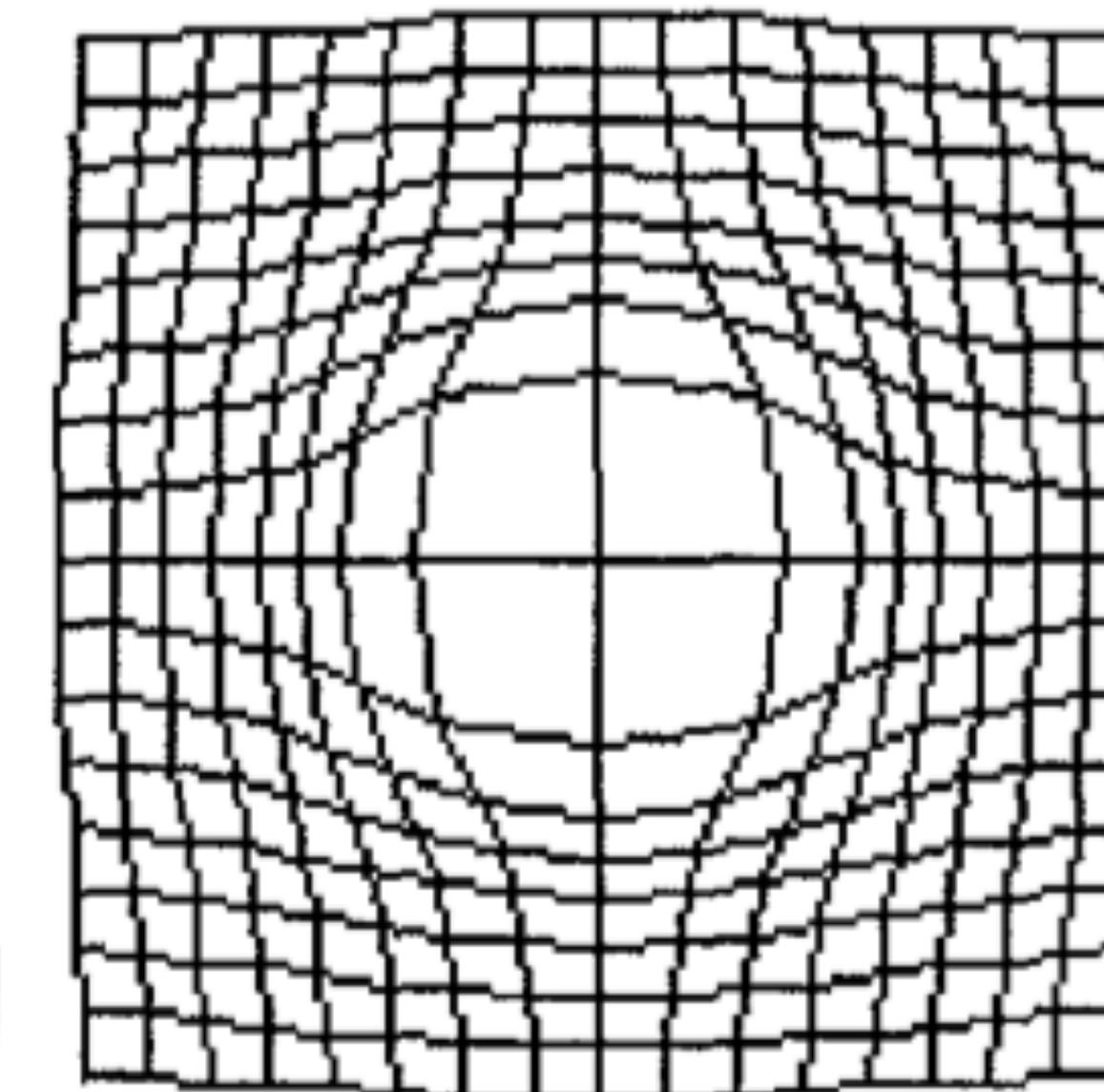
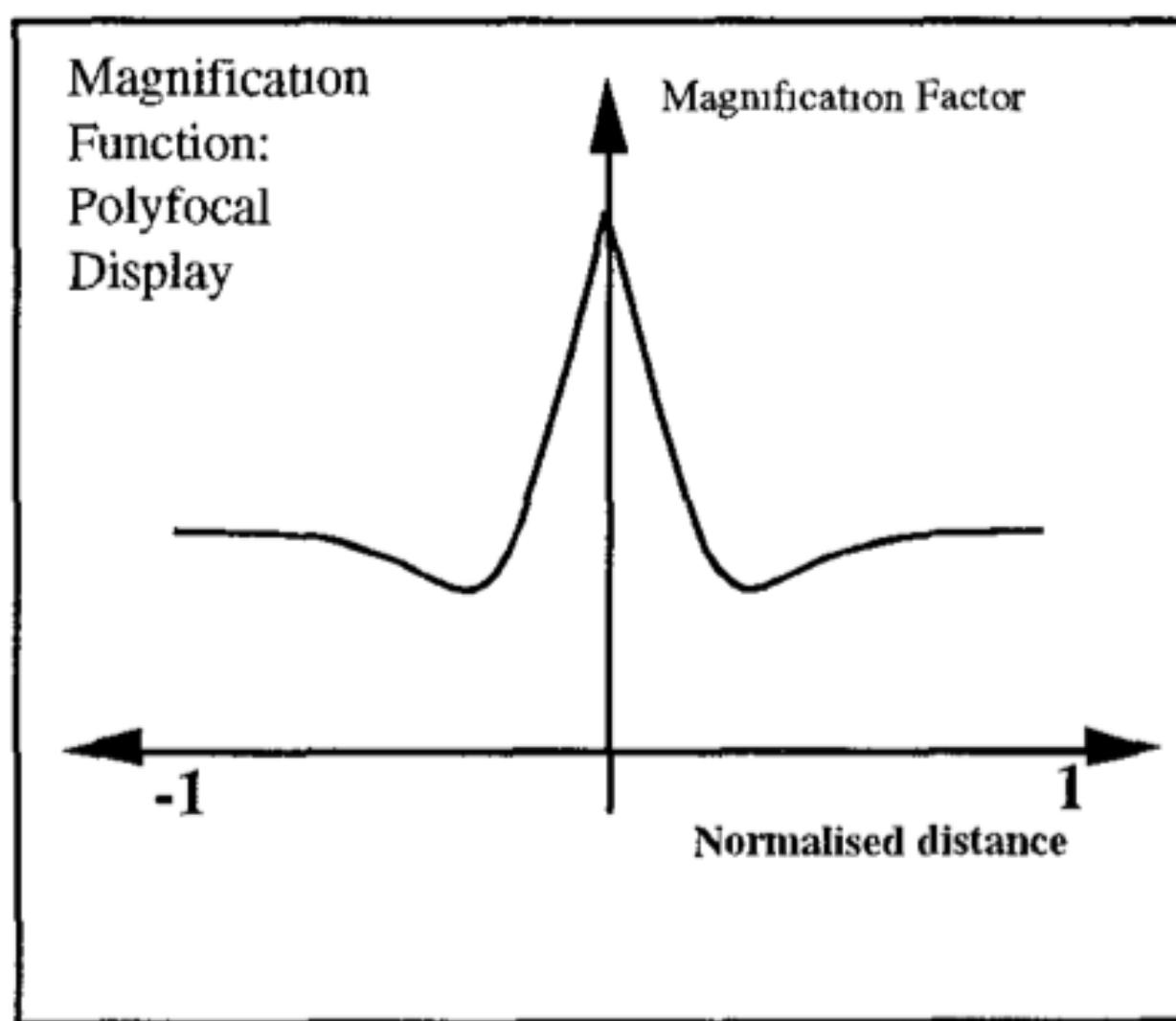
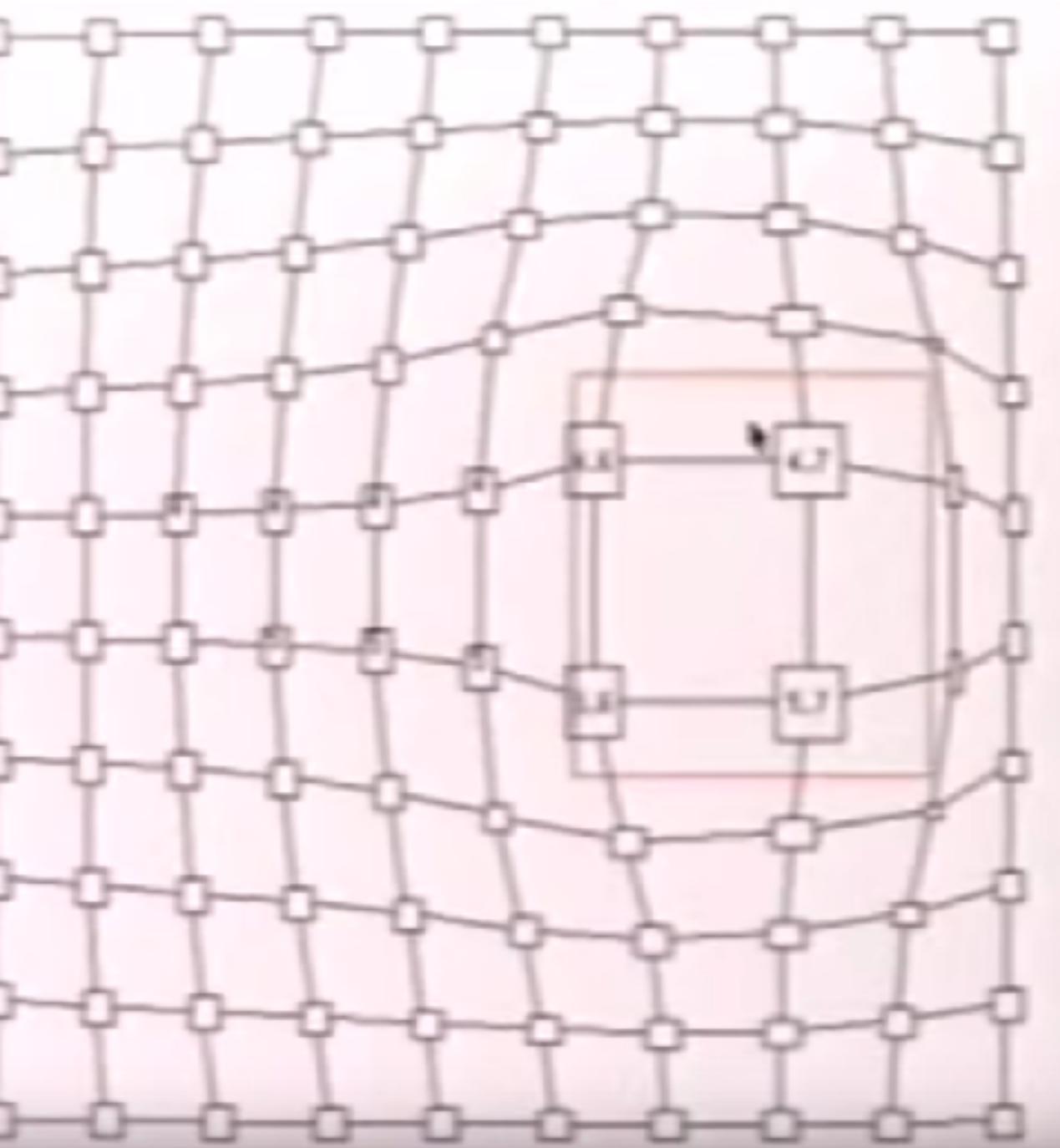
use geometric distortion of the contextual regions to make room for the details in the focus region(s)

# Perspective Wall



[Mackinlay, 1991]

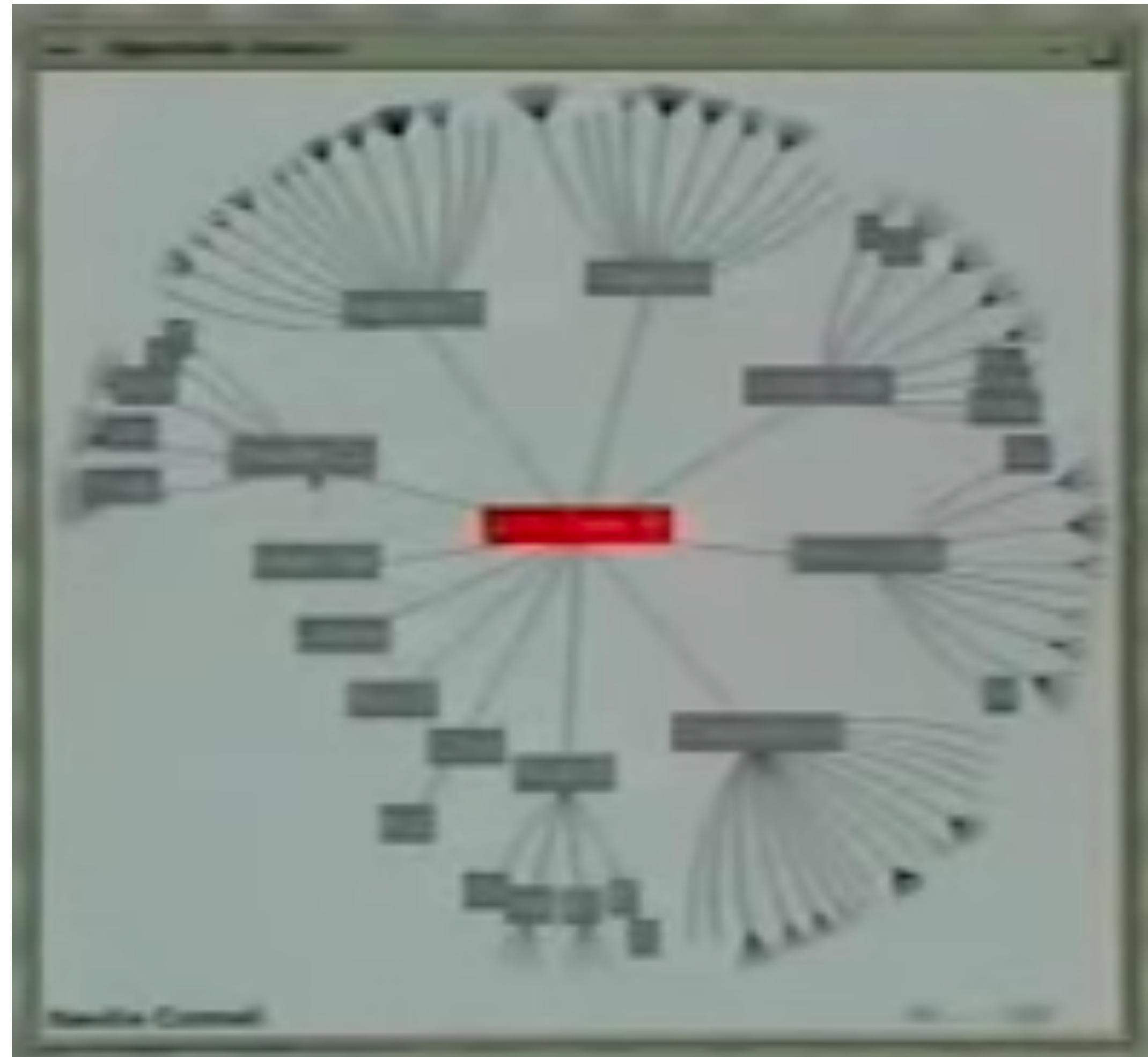
# Fisheye



[Sarkar, 1993]

Leung 1994

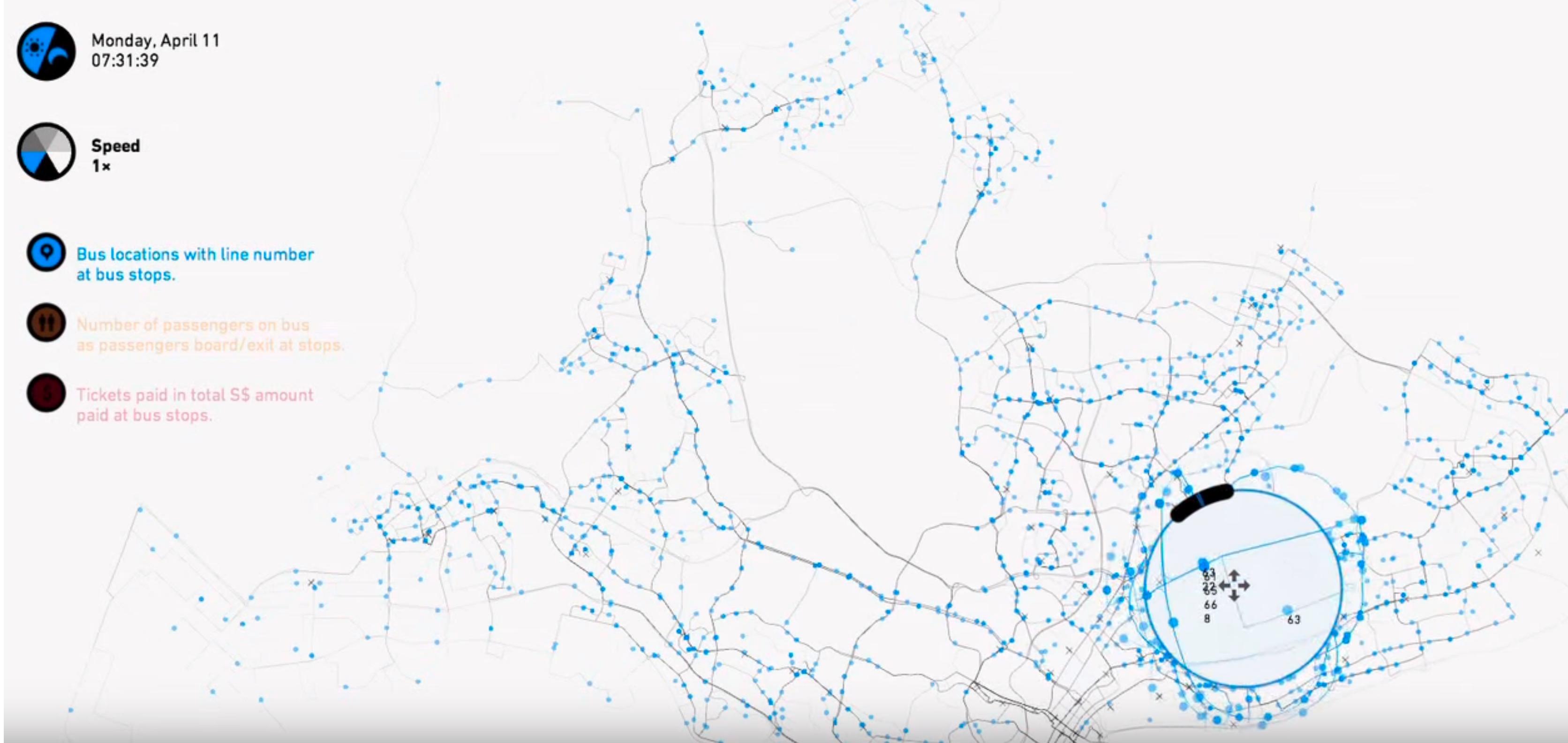
# Hyperbolic Geometry

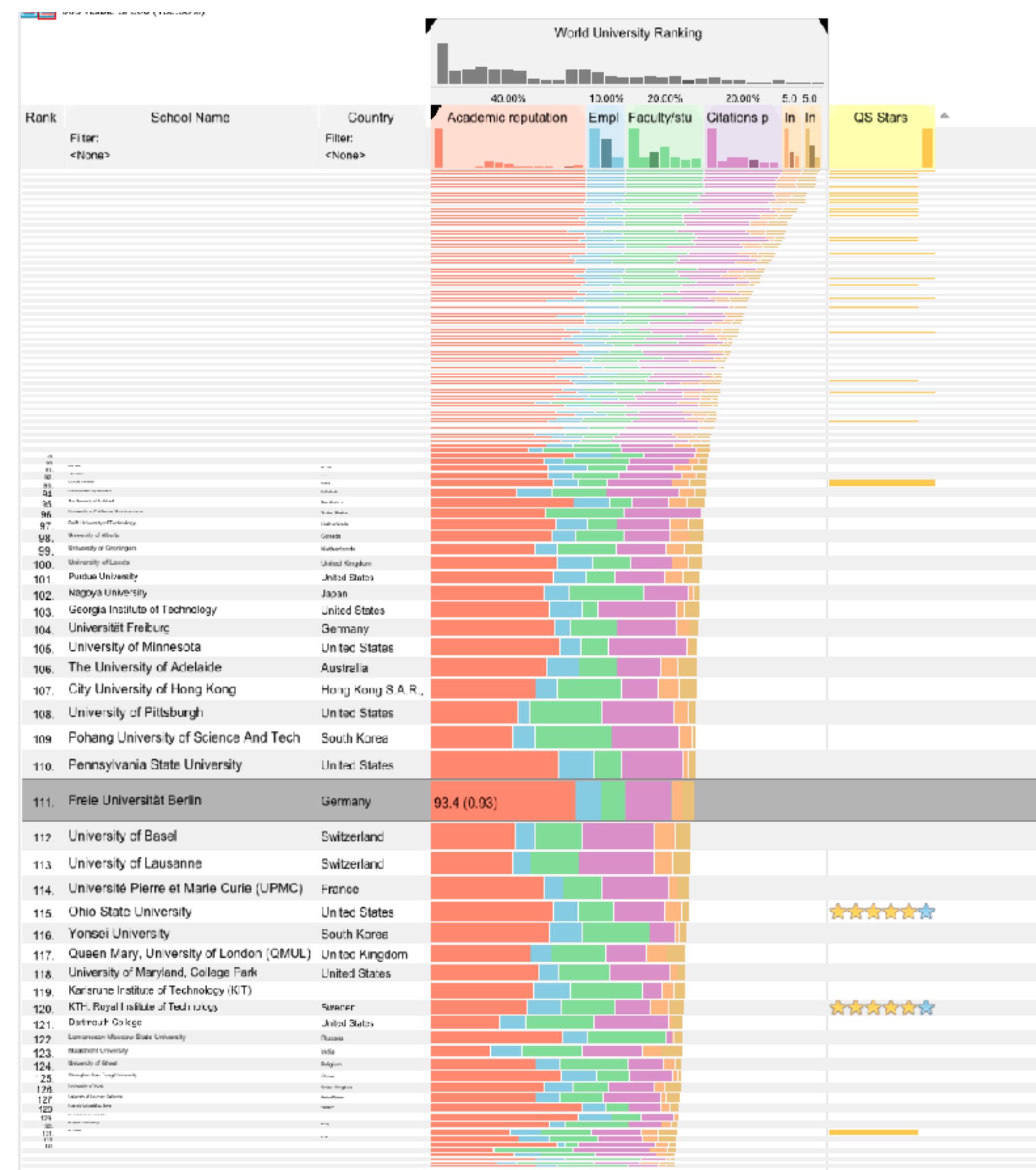


[Lamping, 1995]

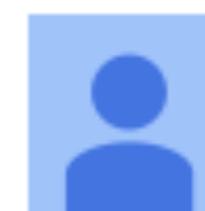


## EXPLORING PUBLIC TRANSIT -BUSES AT BUS STOPS





# Fisheye Tree View



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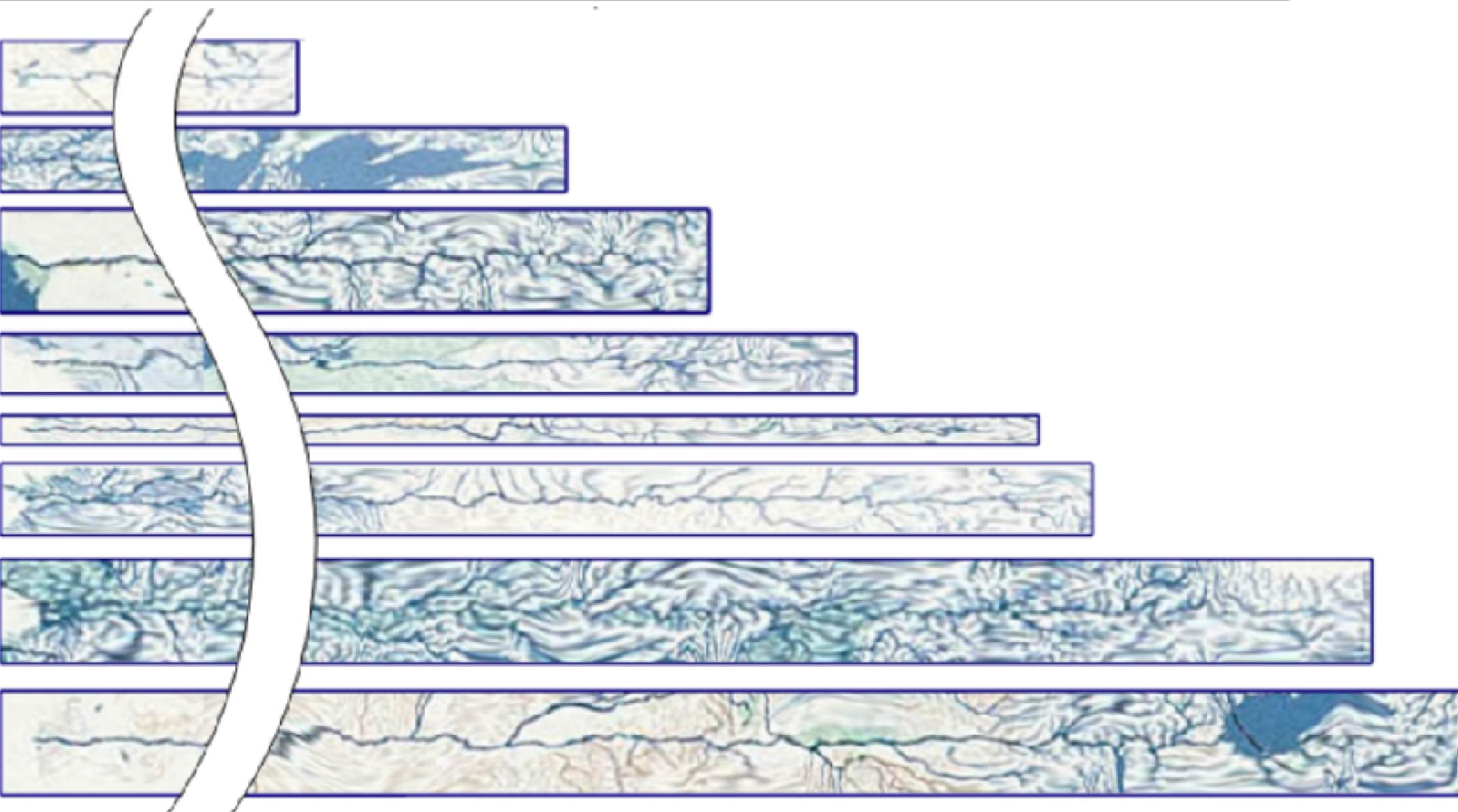
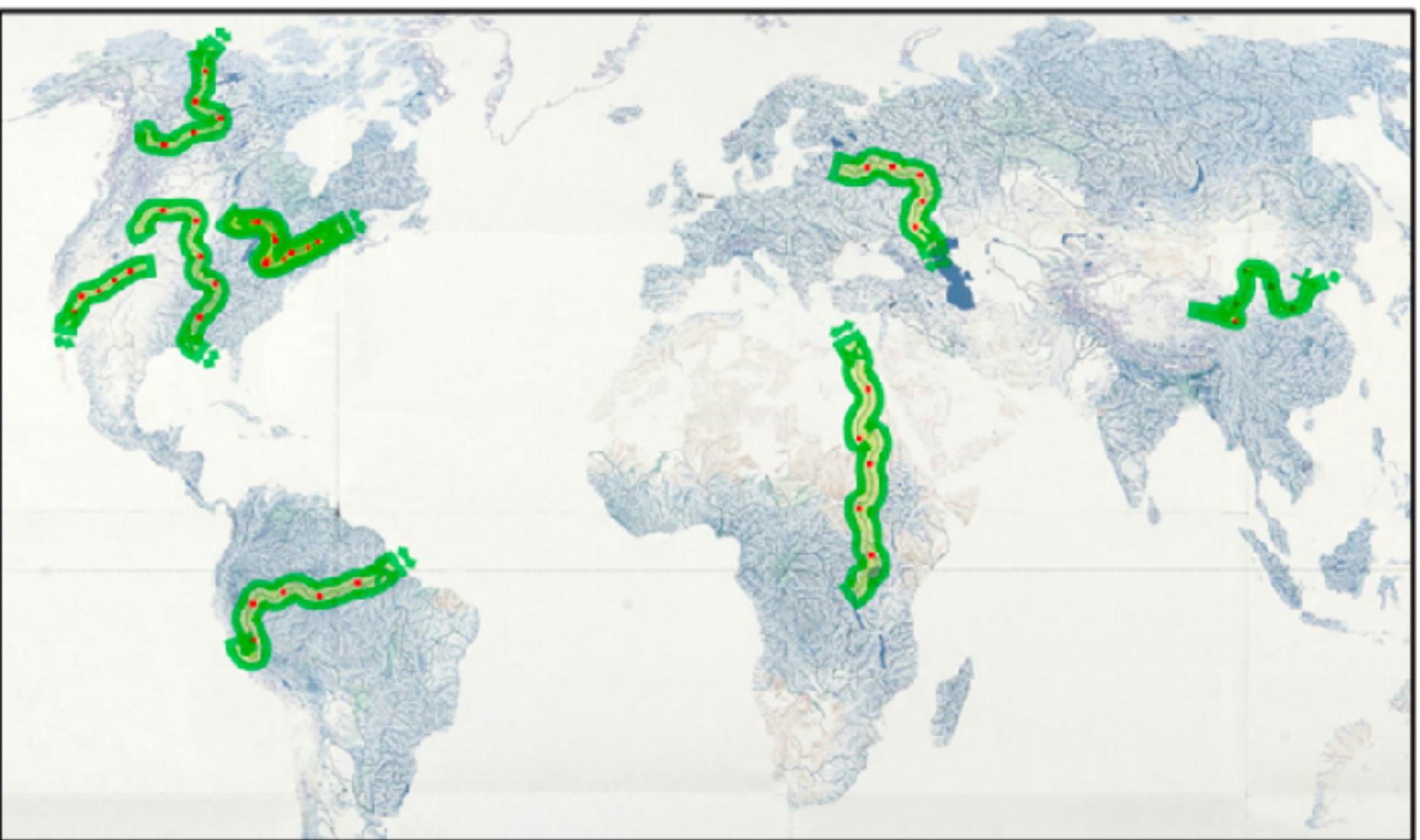
100 views

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# Transmogrification

Idea: straighten complex shapes in image space

Can be spatial data,  
but also other vis techniques



[Brosz, 13]

# Distortion Concerns

unsuitable for relative spatial judgements

overhead of tracking distortion

visual communication of distortion

gridlines, shading

target acquisition problem

lens displacing items away from screen location

mixed results compared to separate views and temporal navigation

# Filtering

aka brushing, aka selecting

& dynamic querying

# The MANTRA

Visual Information Seeking  
Mantra (Shneiderman, 1996)

**Overview first,  
zoom and filter,  
then details on demand  
relate, history, extract**

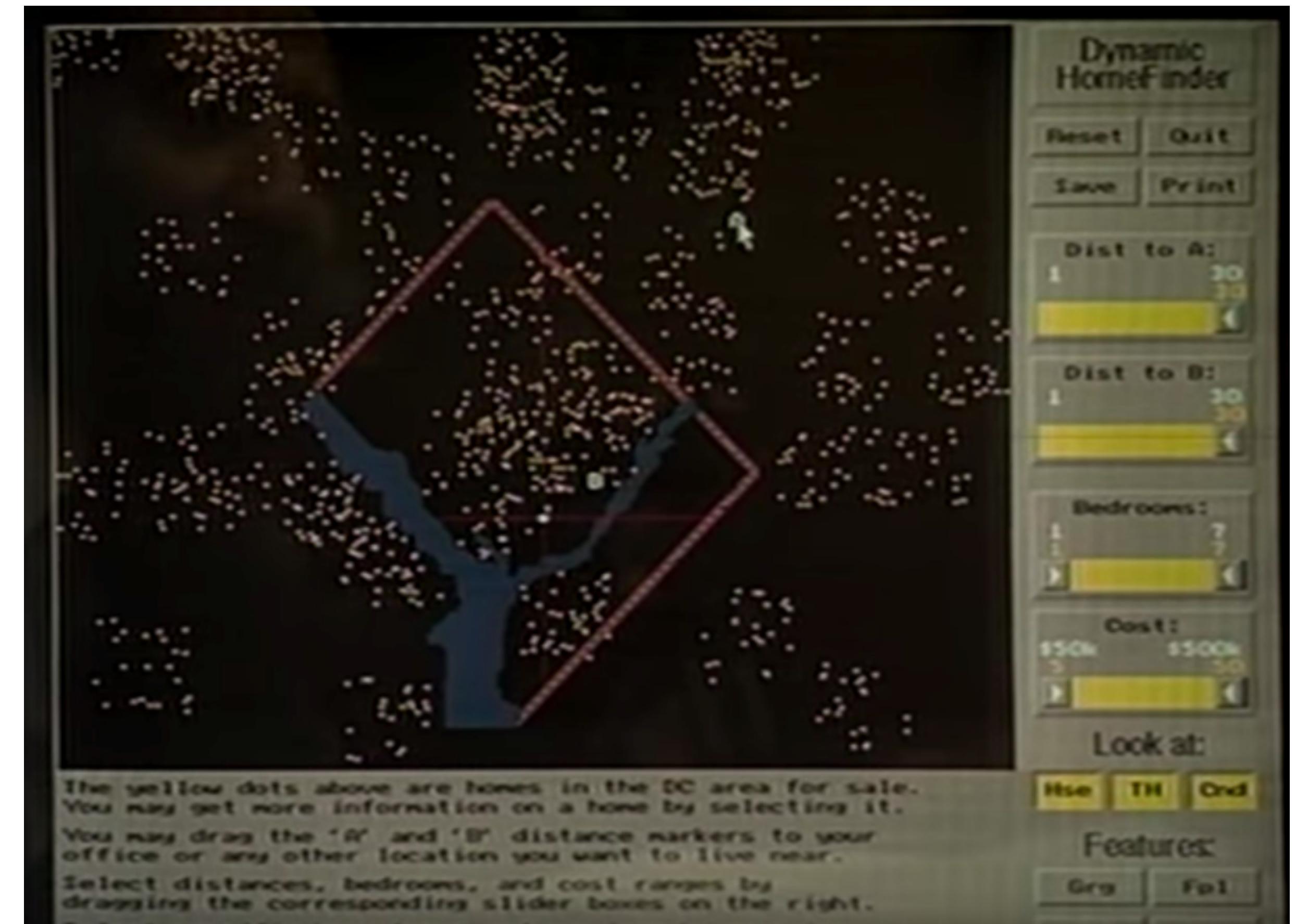


# Dynamic Queries

Define criteria for inclusion/exclusion

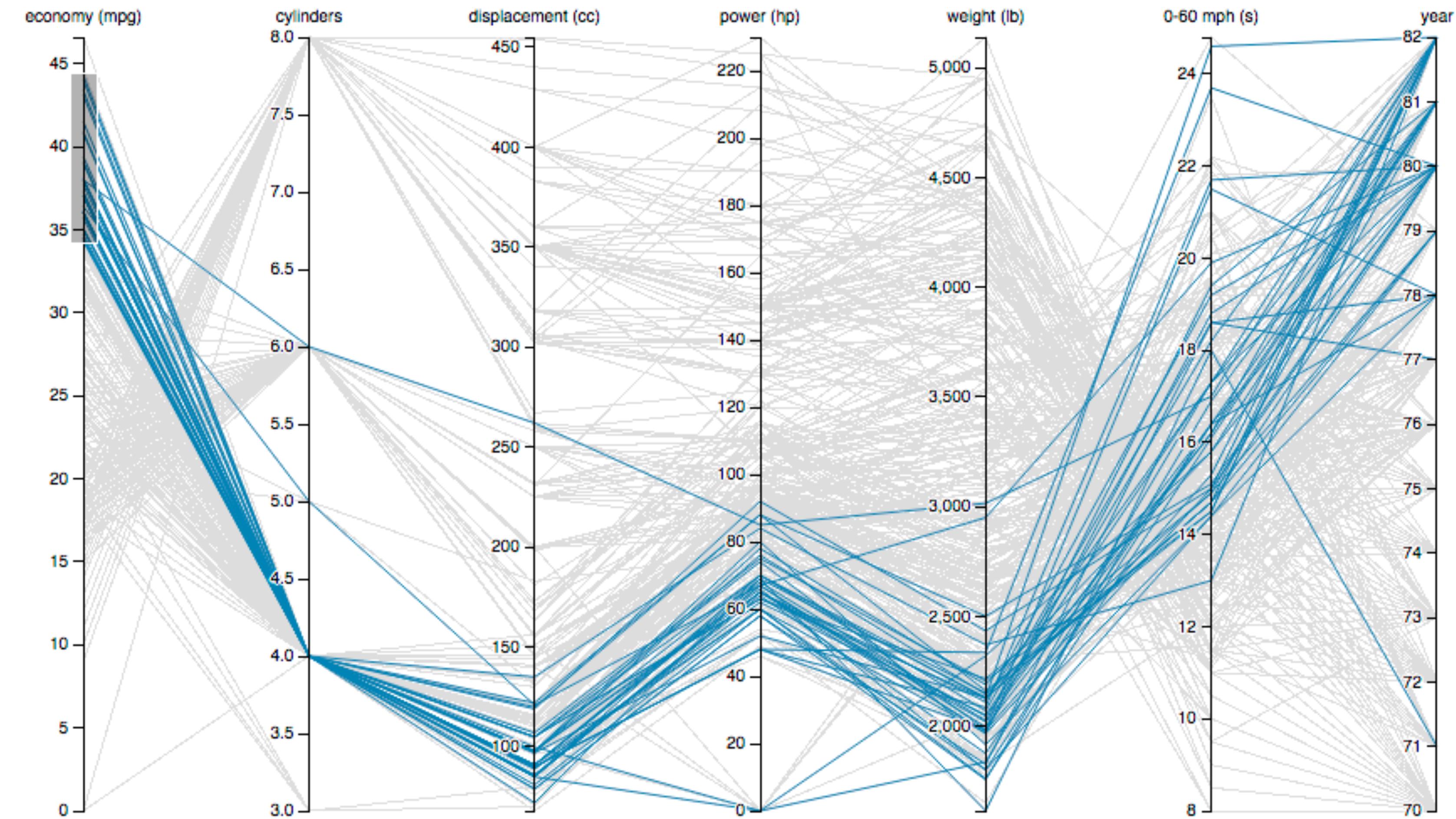
“Faceted Search”

The screenshot shows the Amazon search interface for 'tv'. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'All' and 'tv' selected. Below it, a search bar shows 'Lex'sAmazon.com Today's Deals Gift Cards Sell Help'. The main content area displays search results for 'Plano, TX - 190 results for Electronics > Television & Video'. A sidebar on the left allows refining results by category like 'Any Category' and 'Plano, TX', and by specific features like 'TV Display Size' (32 inches & Under, 33 to 47 inches, 48 to 59 inches, 60 to 69 inches, 70 inches & Up), 'Television Feature' (3D, Smart TV), and 'Television Resolution' (4K UltraHD, 1080p, 720p, 540p, 720p). The results list includes items like 'LG Electronics 42LF5600 42-Inch 1080p LED TV (2015 Model)', 'VIZIO E24-C1 24-Inch 1080p Smart LED HDTV', and 'Samsung UN105S9 Curved 105-Inch 4K Ultra HD 120Hz 3D Smart LED TV'.

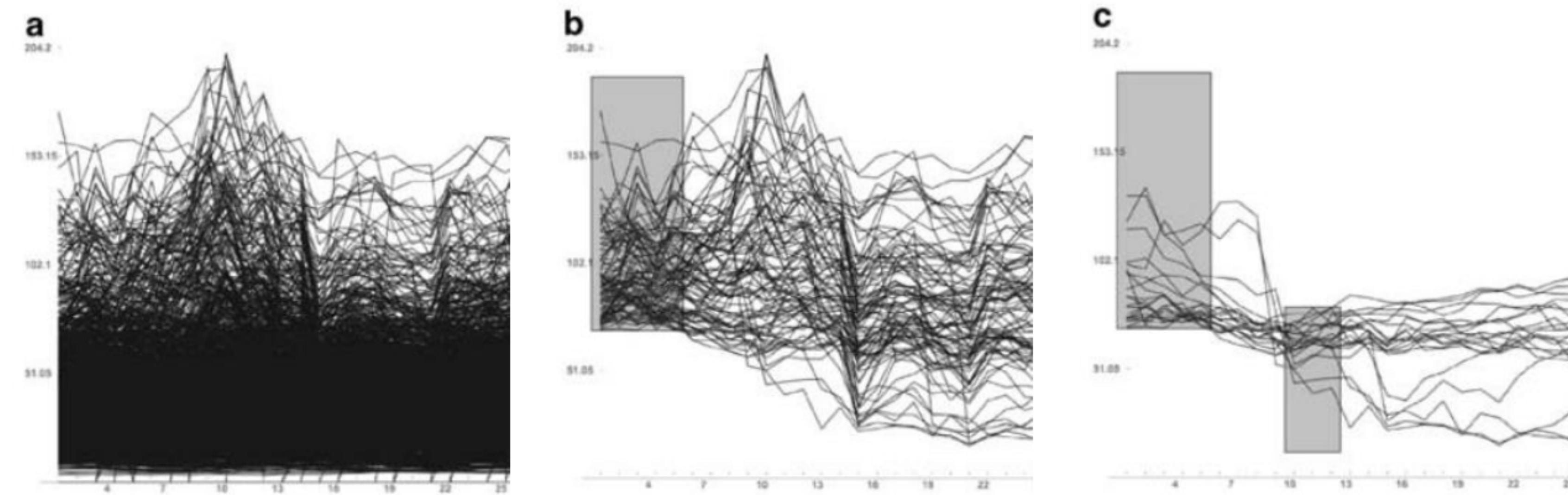


[Ahlberg & Shneiderman, 1994]

# Visual Queries

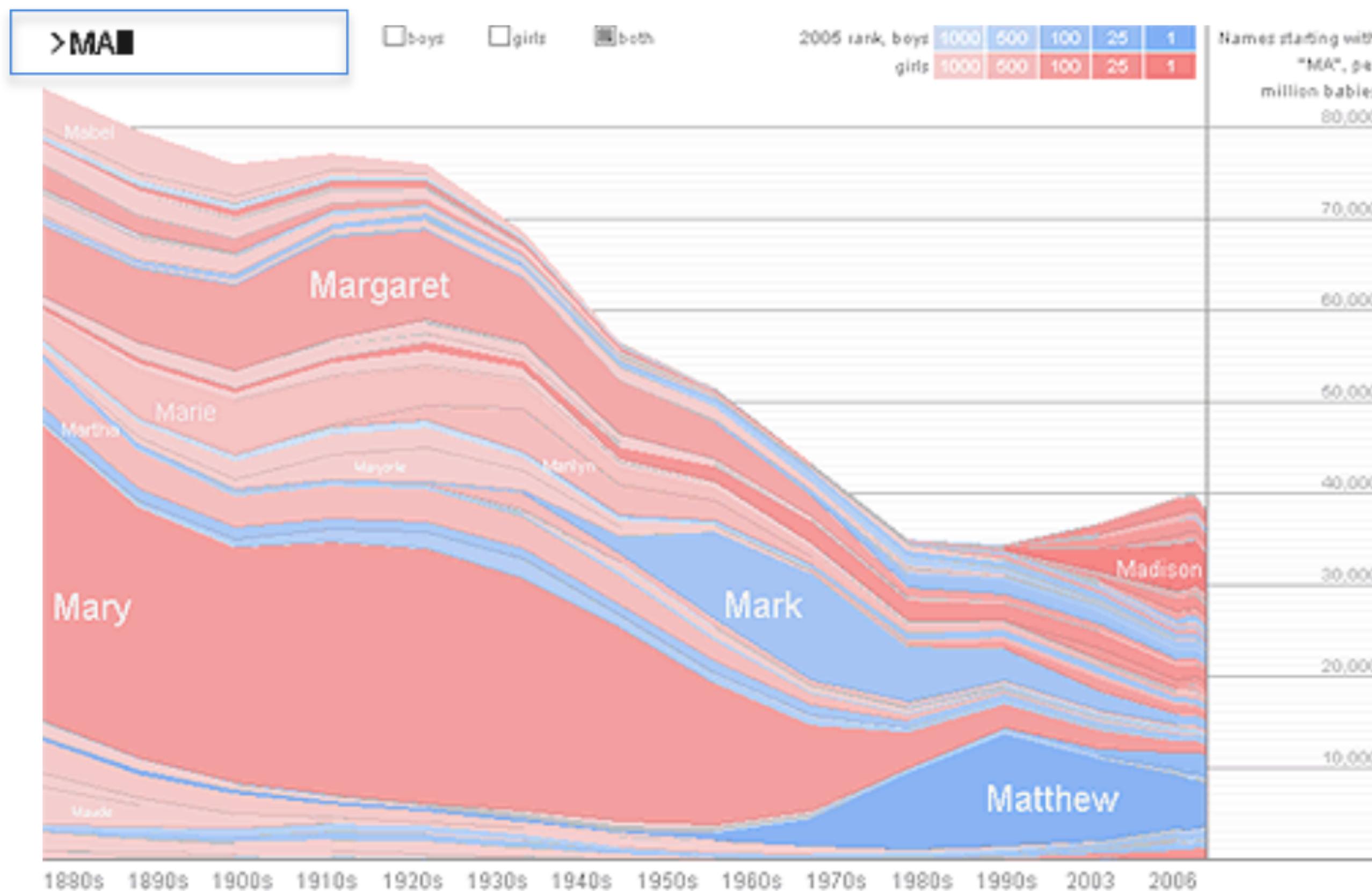


# Visual Queries

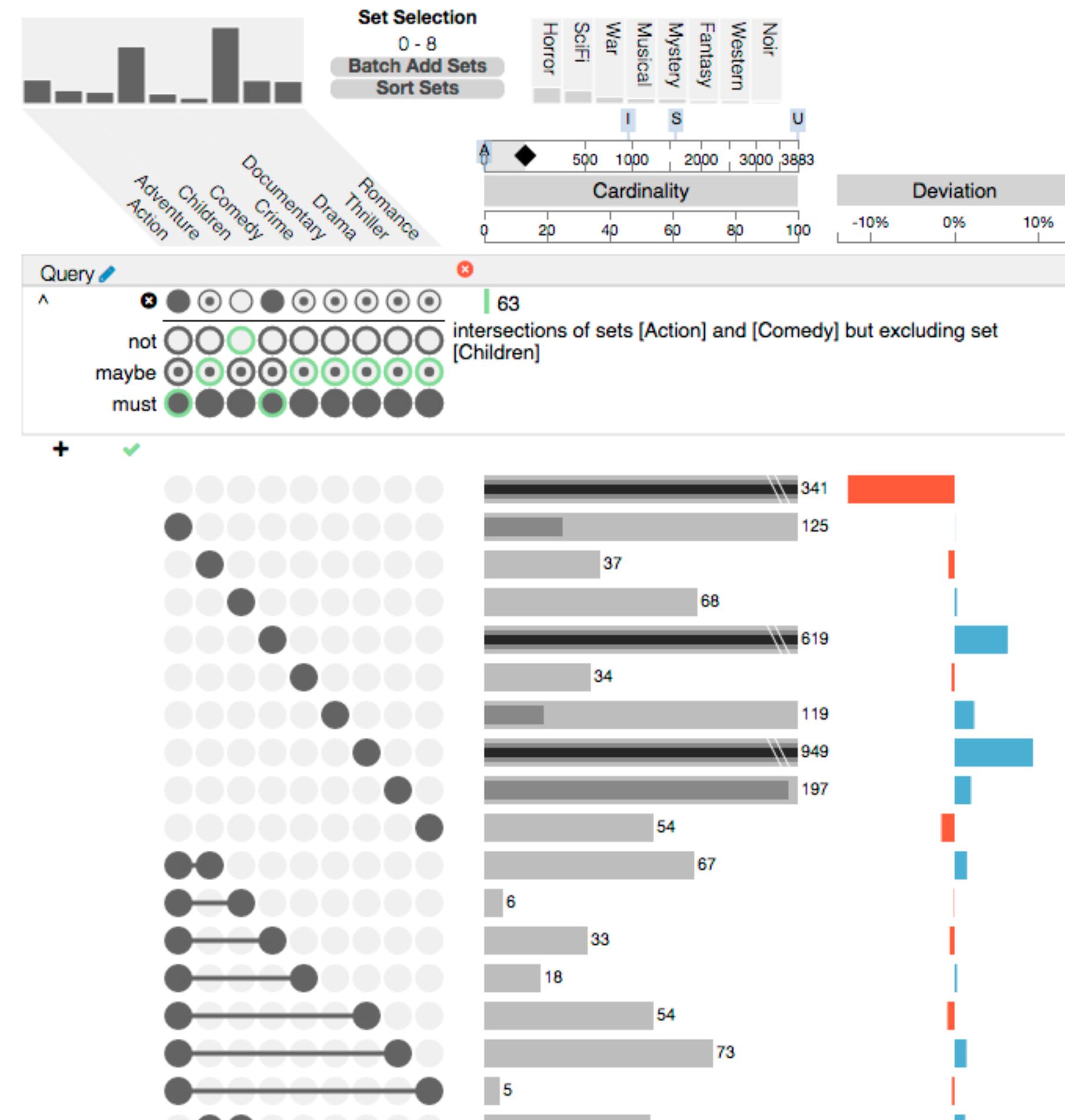


Time Searcher (Hocheiser, 2003)

# Incremental Text Search



# Query Interfaces



[https://  
www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=-  
IfF2wGw7Qk&featu  
re=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfF2wGw7Qk&feature=youtu.be)

# Views

# Multiple Views

Eyes over Memory:

Trade-off of display space and working memory

④ Juxtapose and Coordinate Multiple Side-by-Side Views

→ Share Encoding: Same/Different

→ Linked Highlighting



→ Share Data: All/Subset/None



→ Share Navigation



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

④ Partition into Side-by-Side Views



④ Superimpose Layers



# Linked Views

Multiple Views that are simultaneously visible and linked together such that actions in one view affect the others.

# Linked Views Options

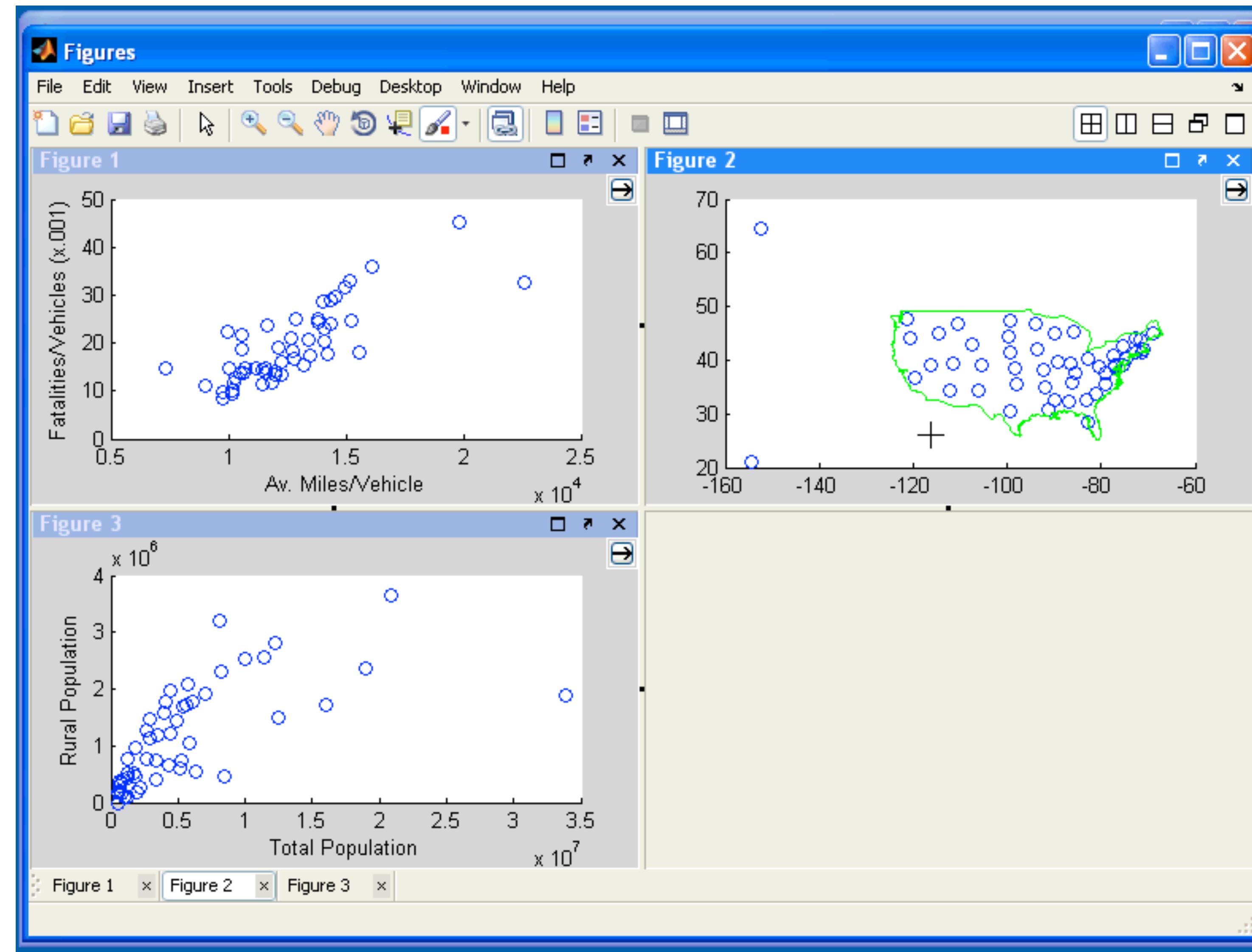
encoding: same or multiform

dataset: share all, subset, or none

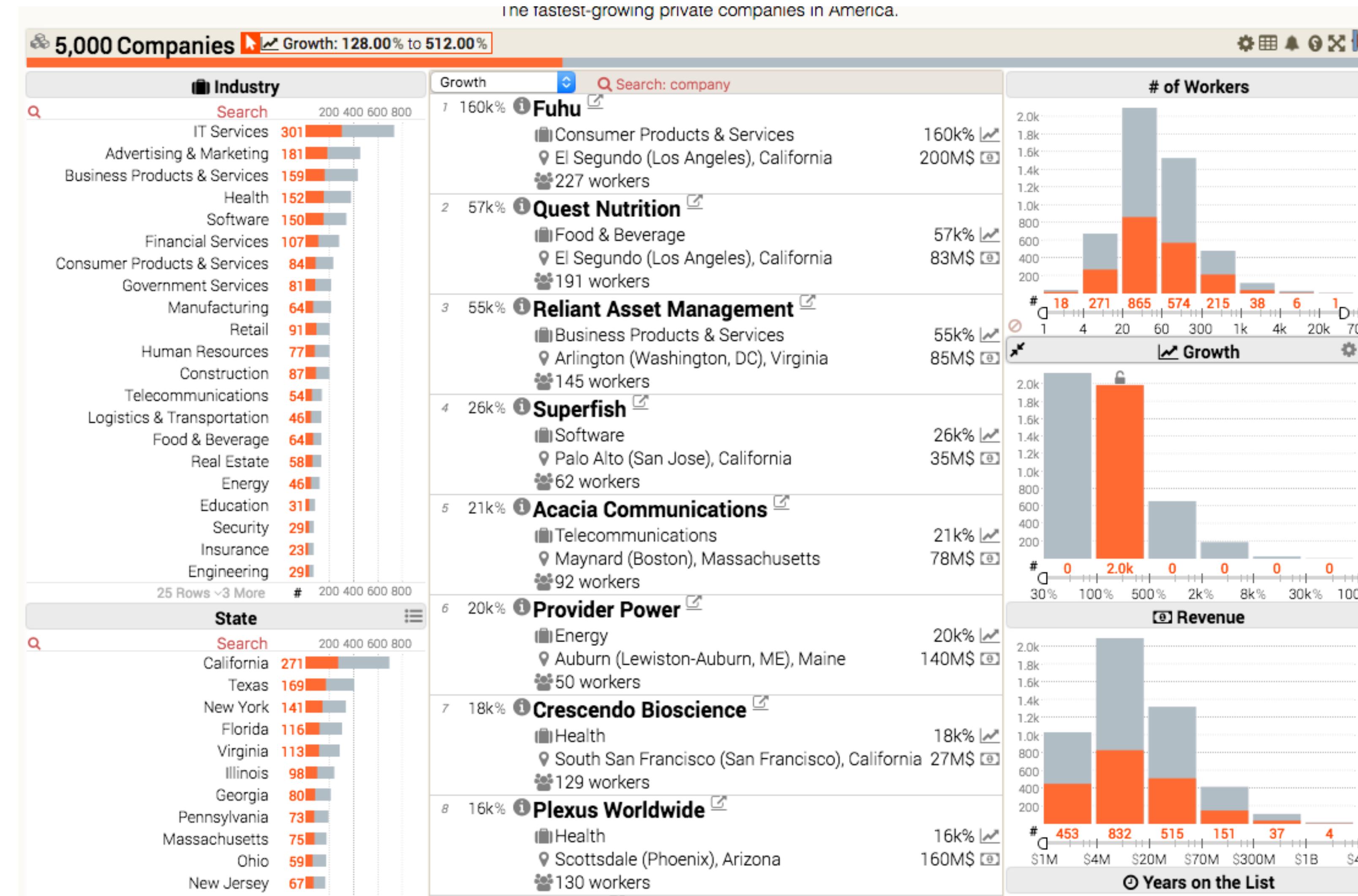
highlighting: to link, or not

navigation: to share, or not

# Linked Highlighting



# Linked Highlighting



# Multiform

difference visual encodings are used between the views

implies shared data

either all data

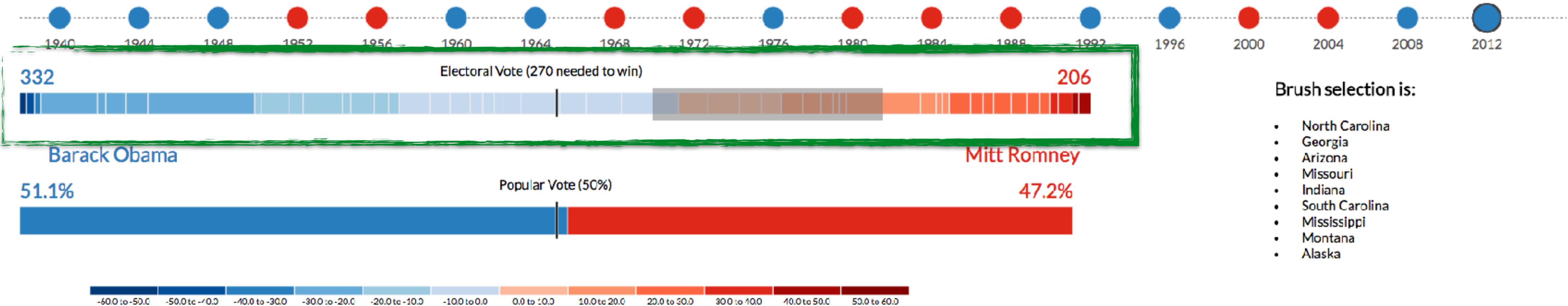
or subset of data (overview + detail)

**rationale:**

single, monolithic view has strong limits on the number of attributes that can be shown simultaneously

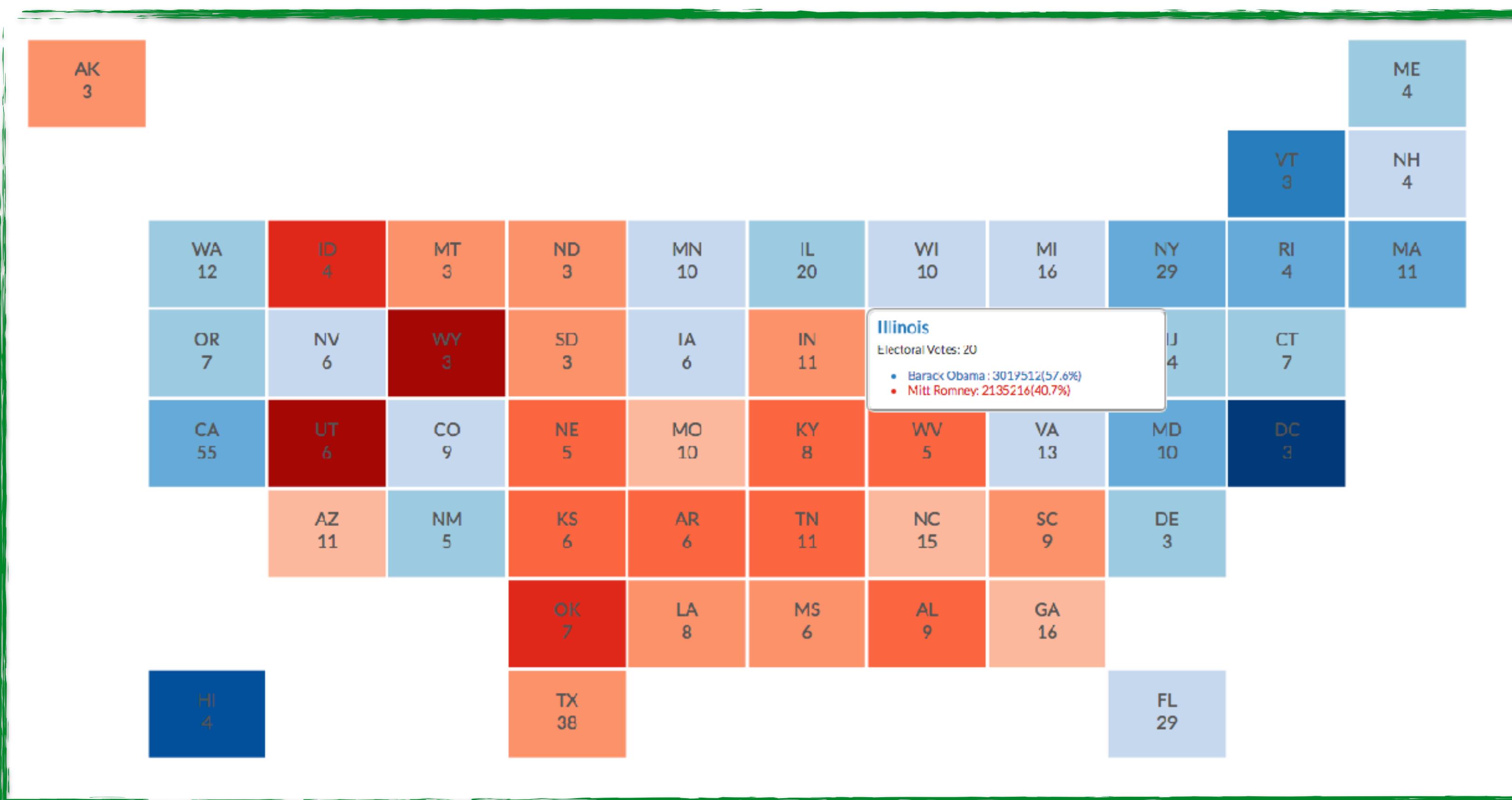
# US Presidential Elections from 1940 to 2012

Name Your Name; E-Mail: Your E-Mail; UID: Your UID



Brush selection is:

- North Carolina
- Georgia
- Arizona
- Missouri
- Indiana
- South Carolina
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Alaska



**Multiform**  
**Different Views**  
here also same data

# **SHARED-DATA**

showing all data in each view, but with different encoding schemes

**rationale:**

different views support different tasks

## Pathfinder

Start Hanspeter Pfist End Ben Shneiderma



Advanced Query

Length 0 1 2 3 4  
Paths 0 0 0 3 105

### Path List

1.	Hanspeter Pfiste → Frank van Ham → Adam Perer → Ben Shneiderma	3
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### Path Topology



Active Page All

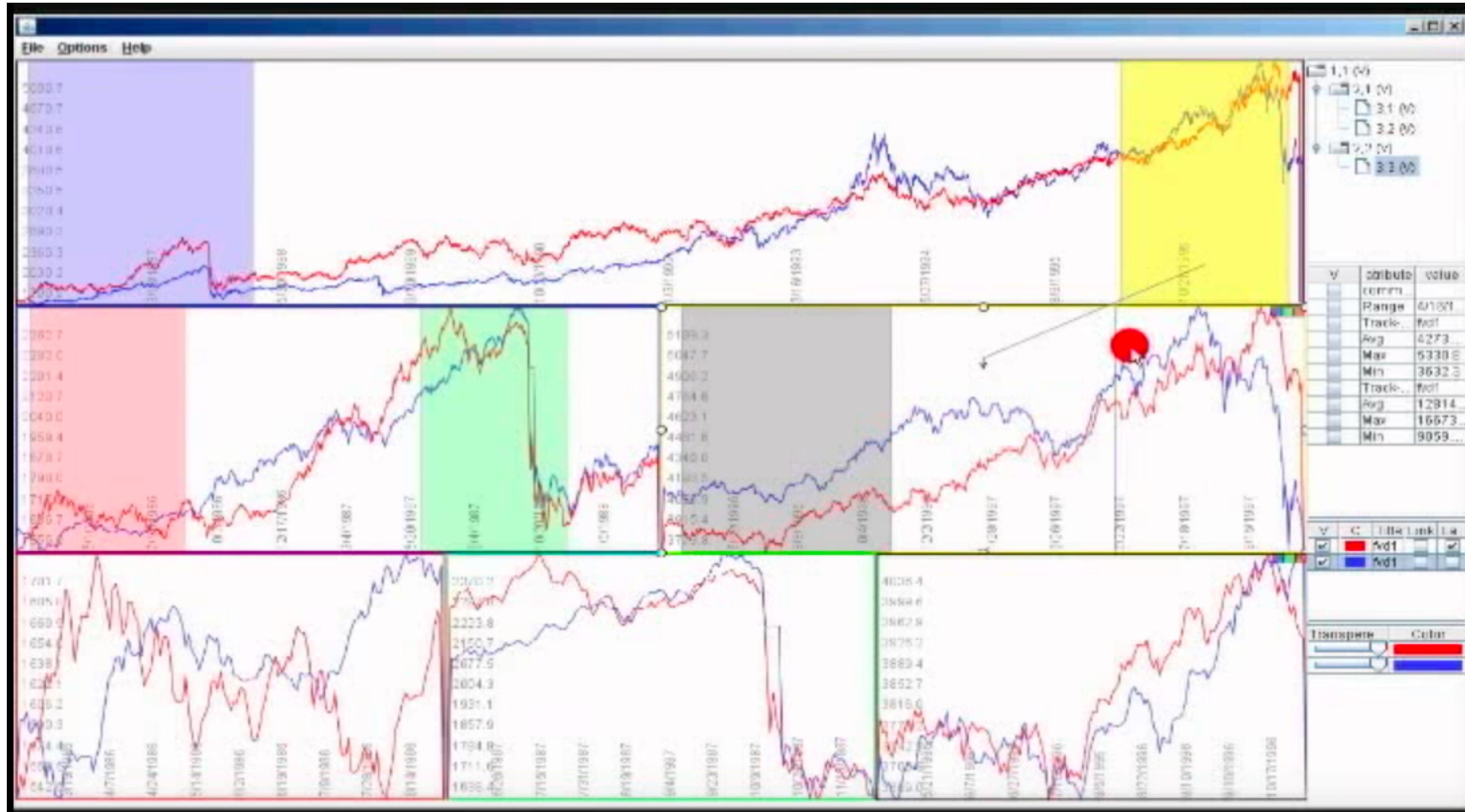
# OVERVIEW + DETAIL

one view shows (often summarized) information about entire dataset, while additional view(s) shows more detailed information about a subset of the data

## **rationale:**

for large or complex data, a single view of the entire dataset cannot capture fine details

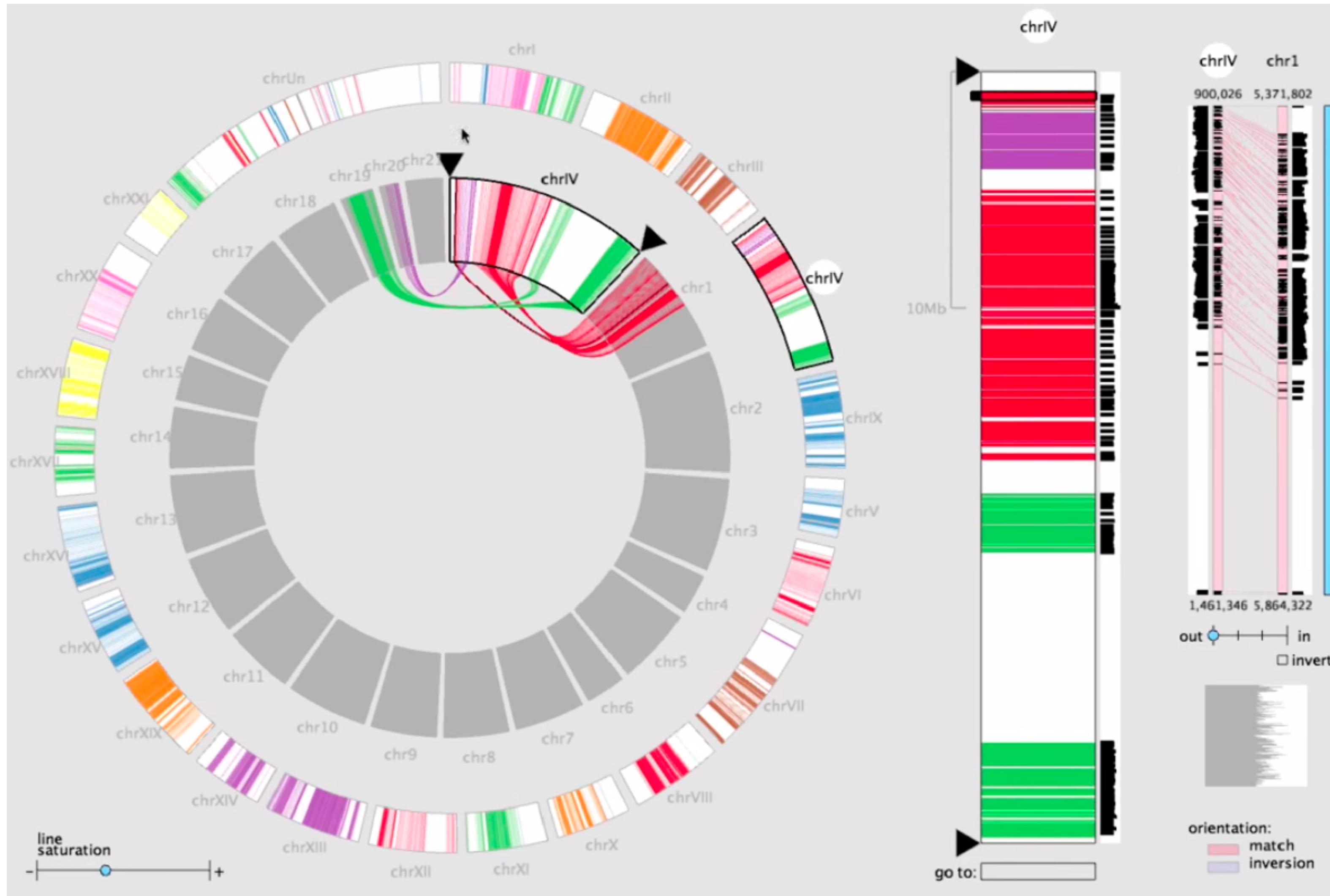
# Stack Zooming



Same Data - Same Encoding, Different Resolution

[Javed & Emlqvist, PacificVis, 2010]

# MizBee



## Multiform Overview & Detail

[Meyer 2009]

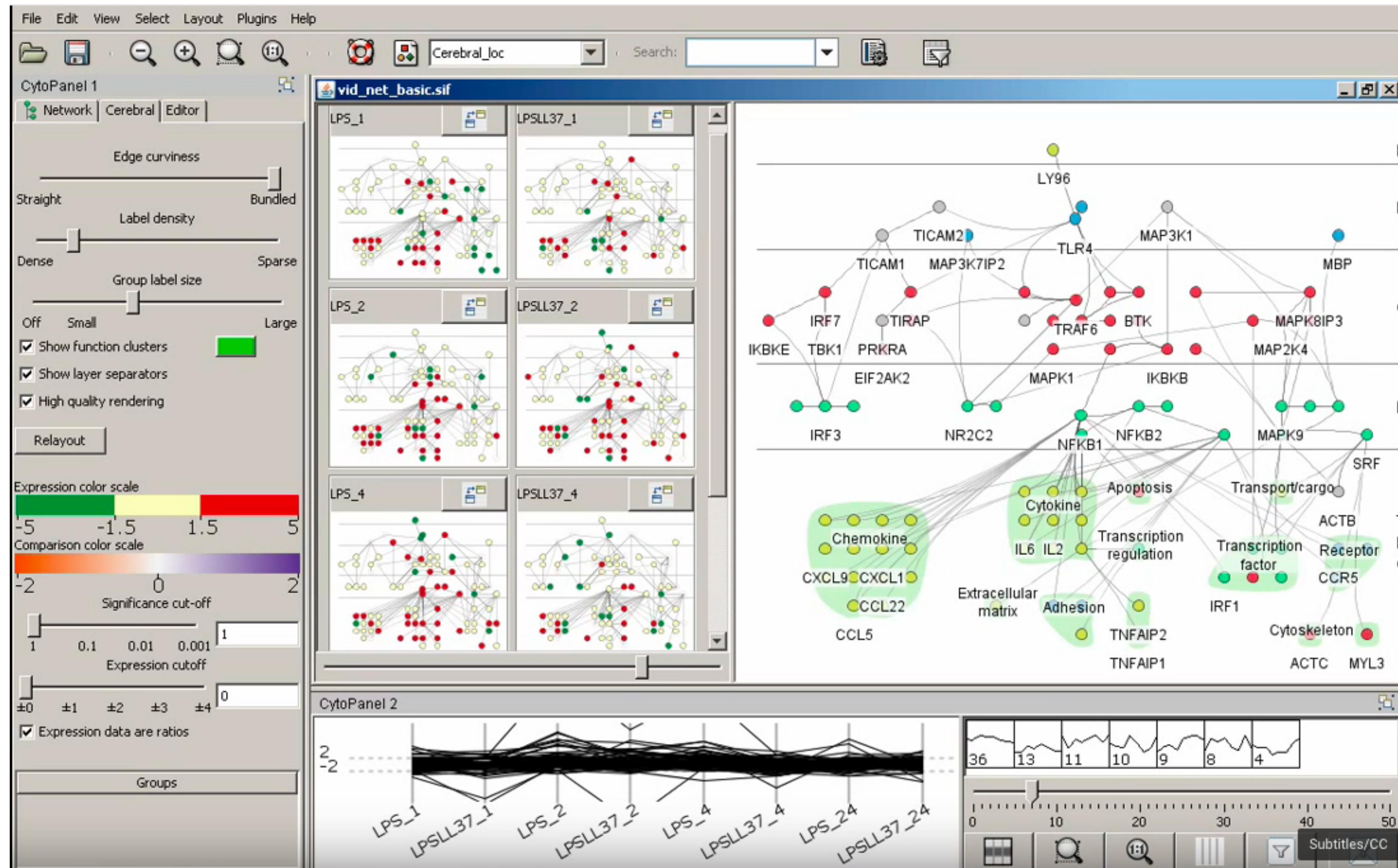
# SMALL MULTIPLES

each view uses the same visual encoding, but shows a different subset of the data

**rationale:**

quickly compare different parts of a data set, relying on eyes instead of memory

# Small Multiples for Graph Attributes



# Partitioning

# PARTITIONING

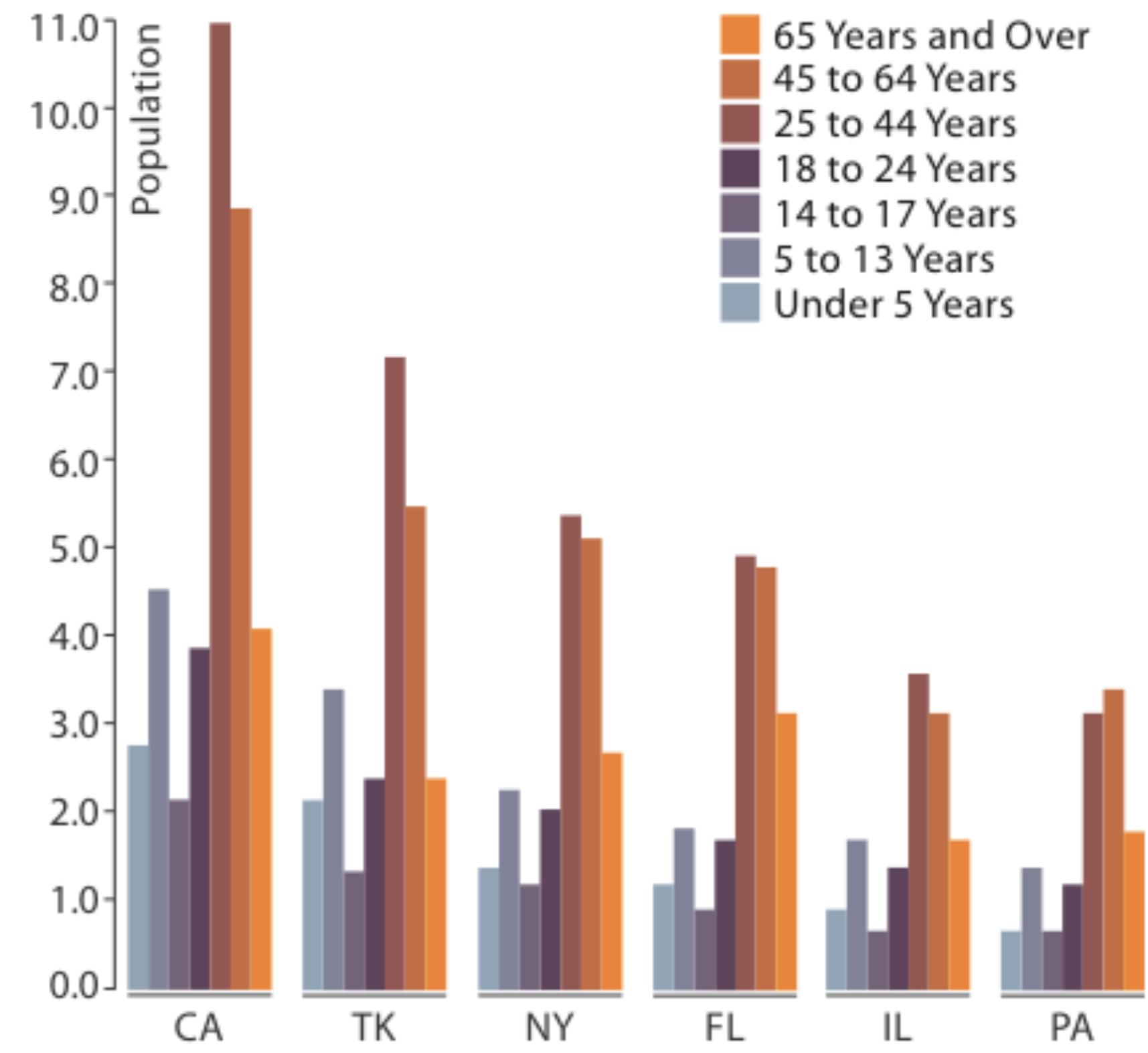
action on the dataset that **separates the data into groups**  
**design choices**

- how to divide data up between views, given a hierarchy of attributes
- how many splits, and order of splits
- how many views (usually data driven)

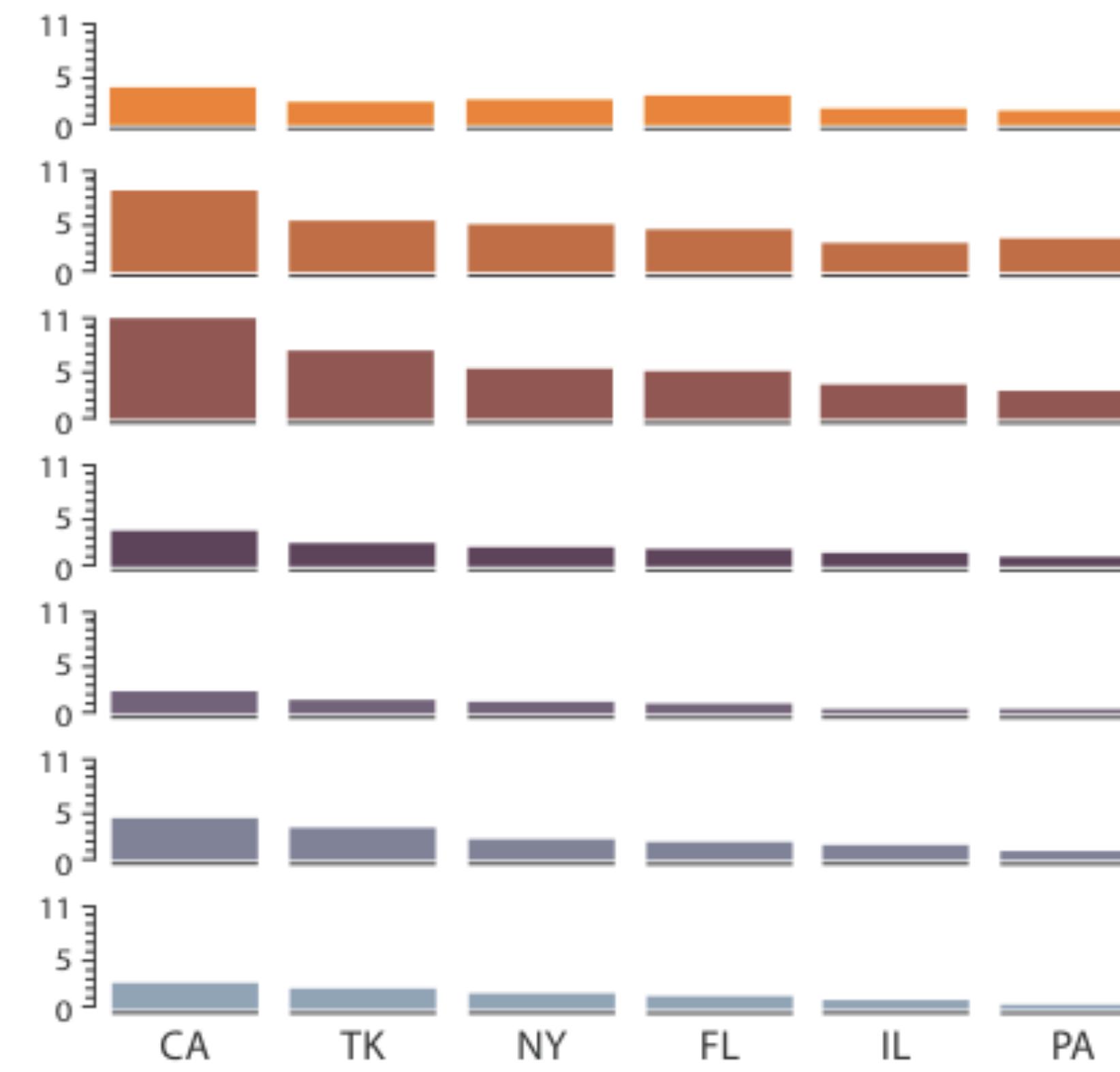
**partition attribute(s)**

typically categorical

# Partitioning

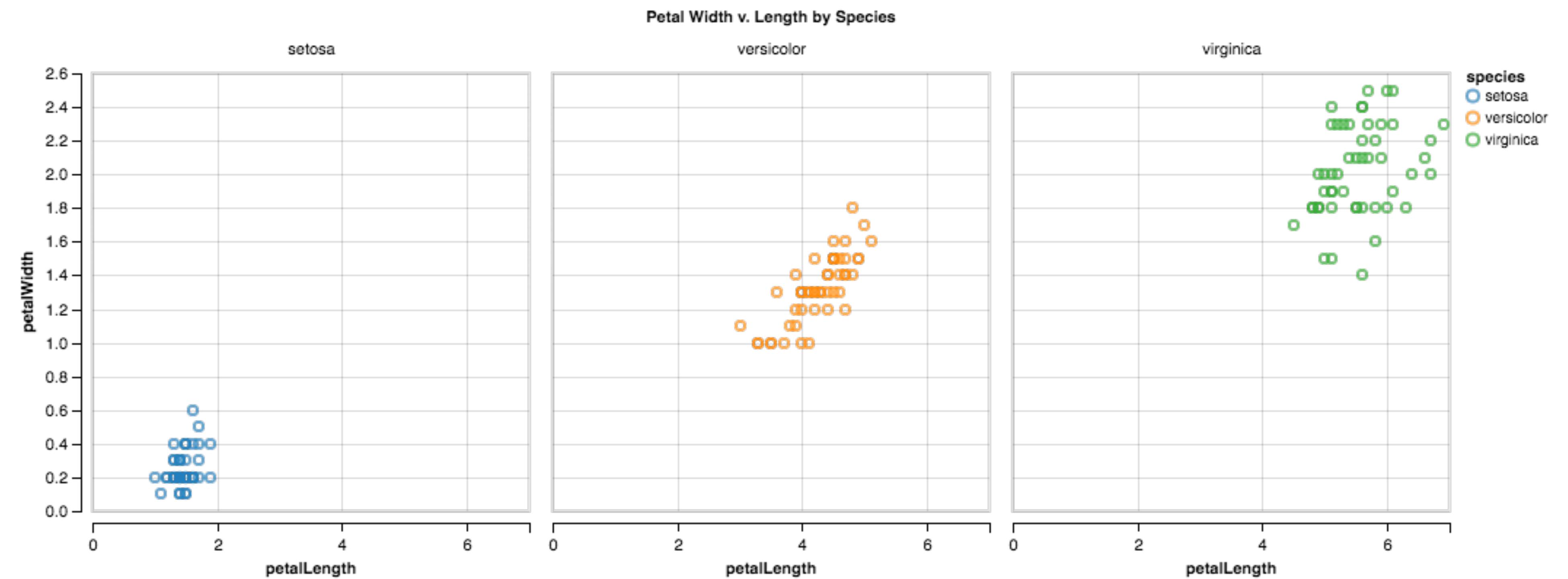


Partitioned by State



Partitioned by Age Group and State

# Partition by Category



# Trellis Plots

**panel variables**

attributes encoded in individual views

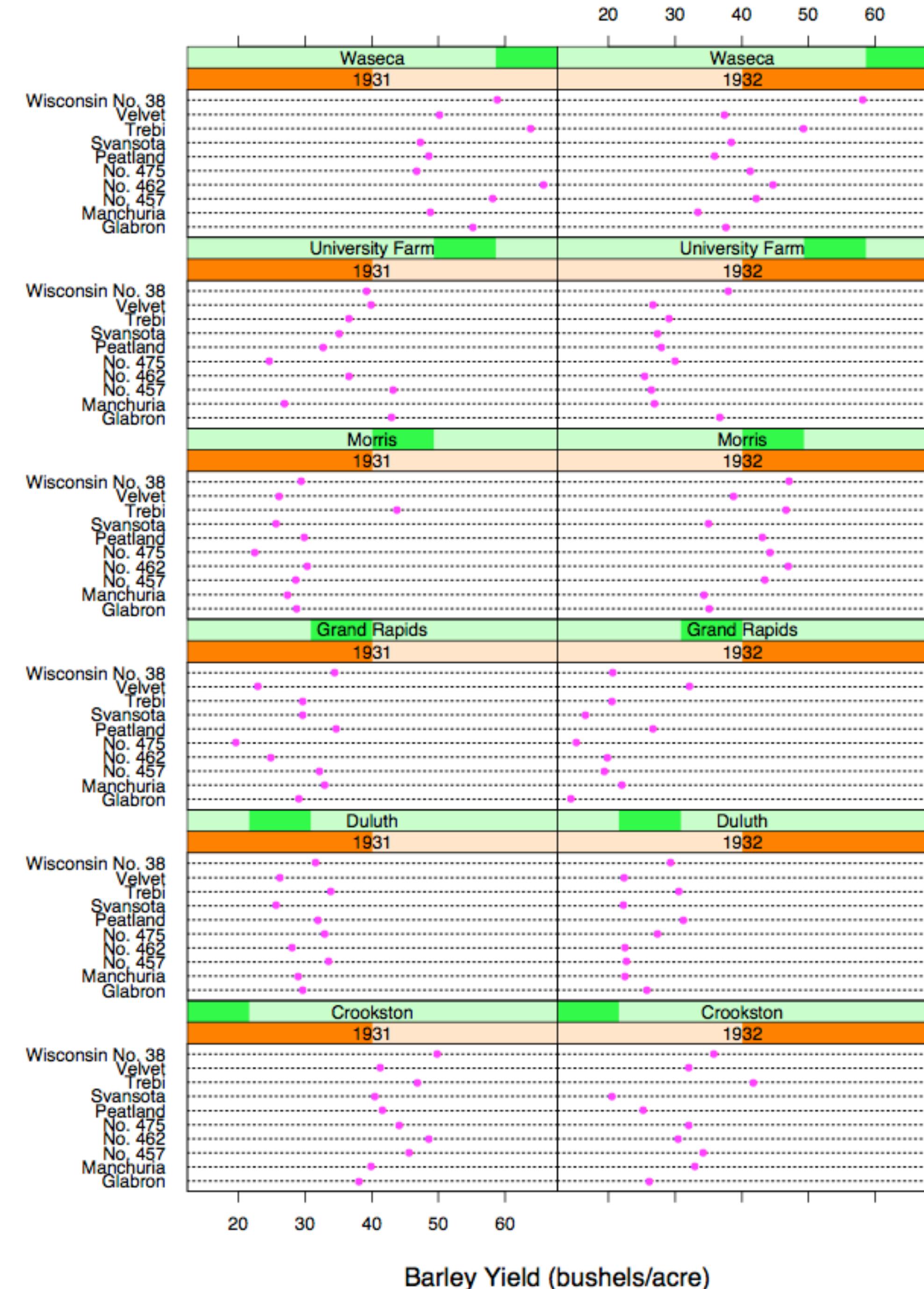
**partitioning variables**

partitioning attributes assigned to columns,  
rows, and pages

**main-effects ordering**

order partitioning variable levels/states  
based on derived data

support perception of trends and structure  
in data



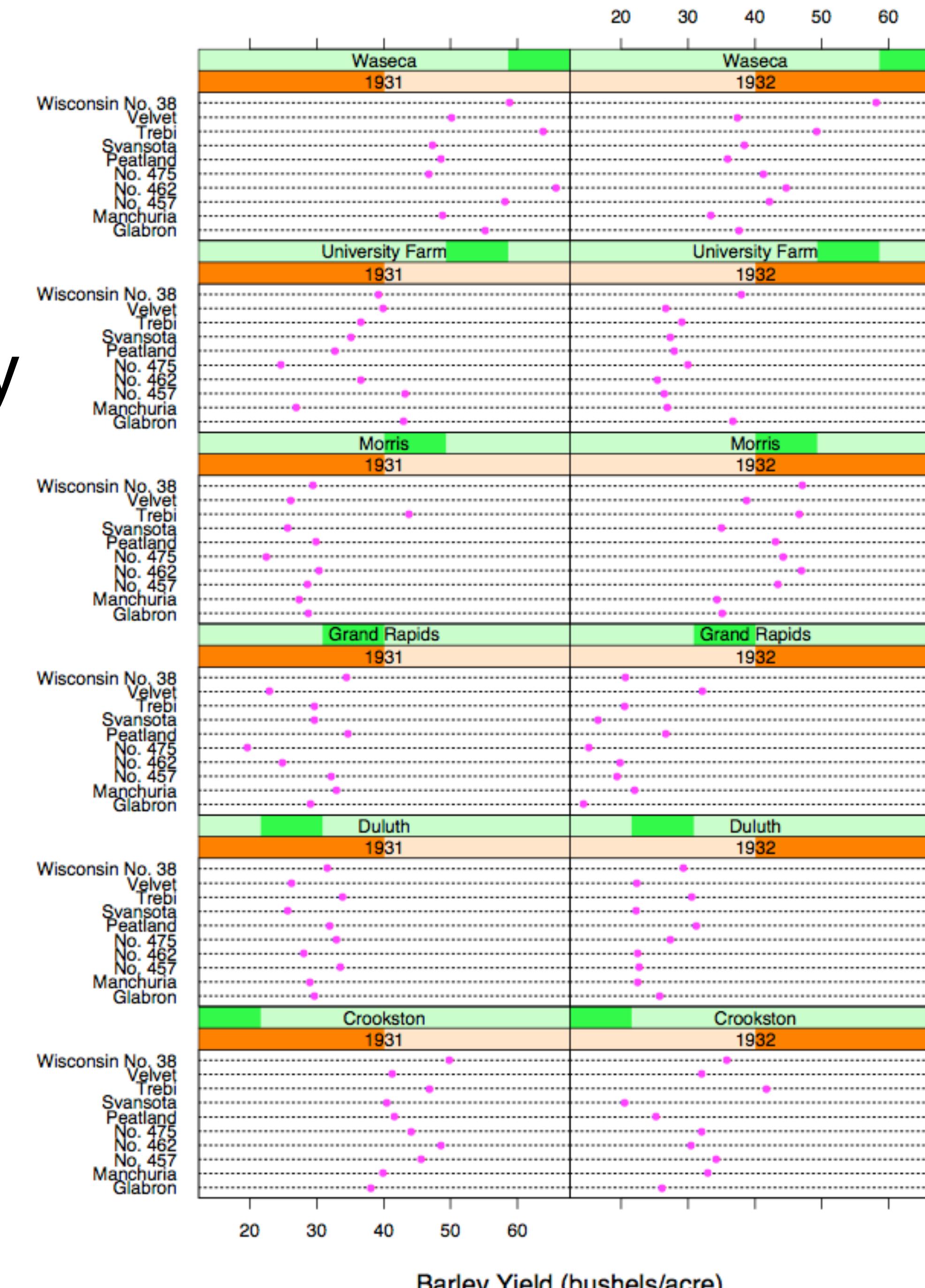
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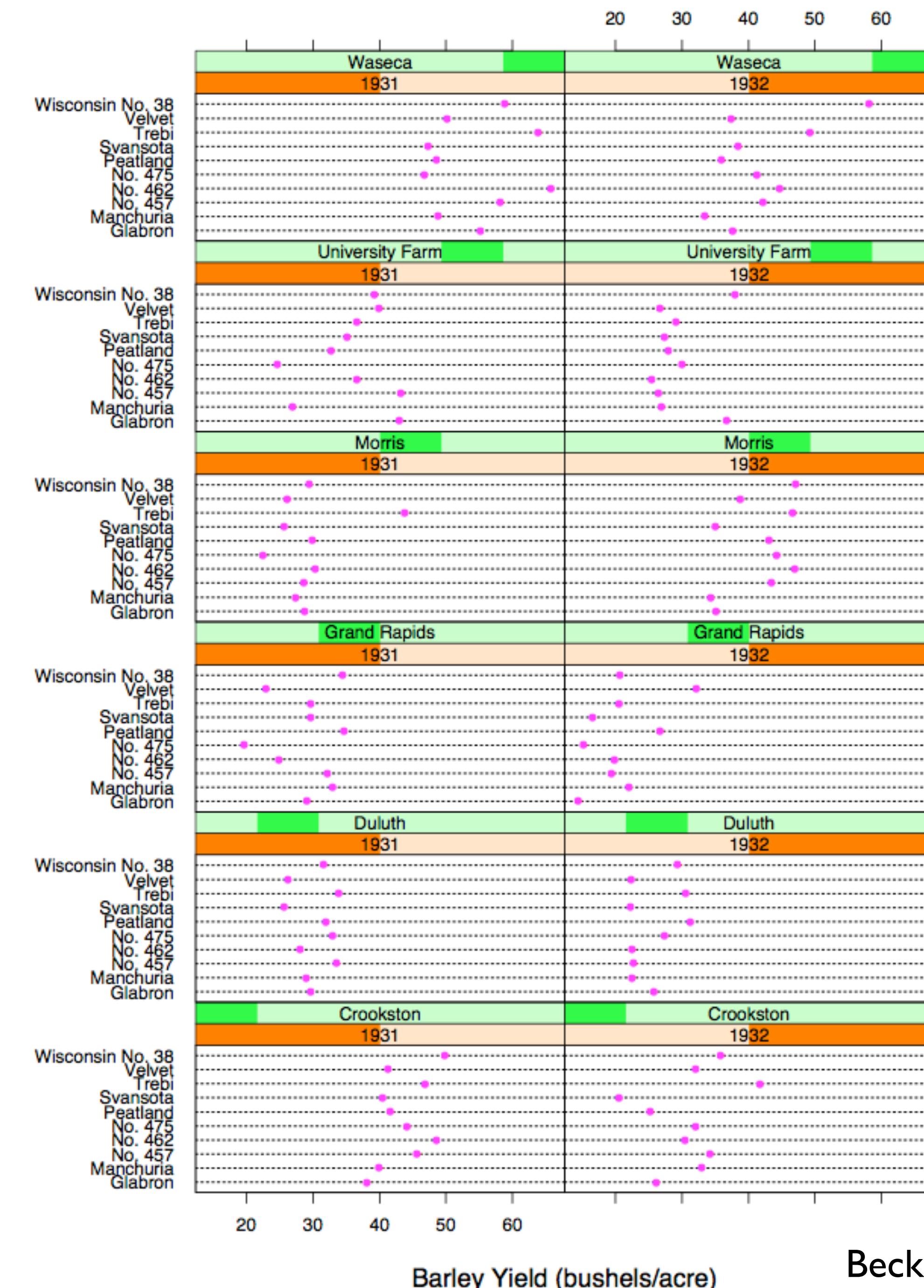
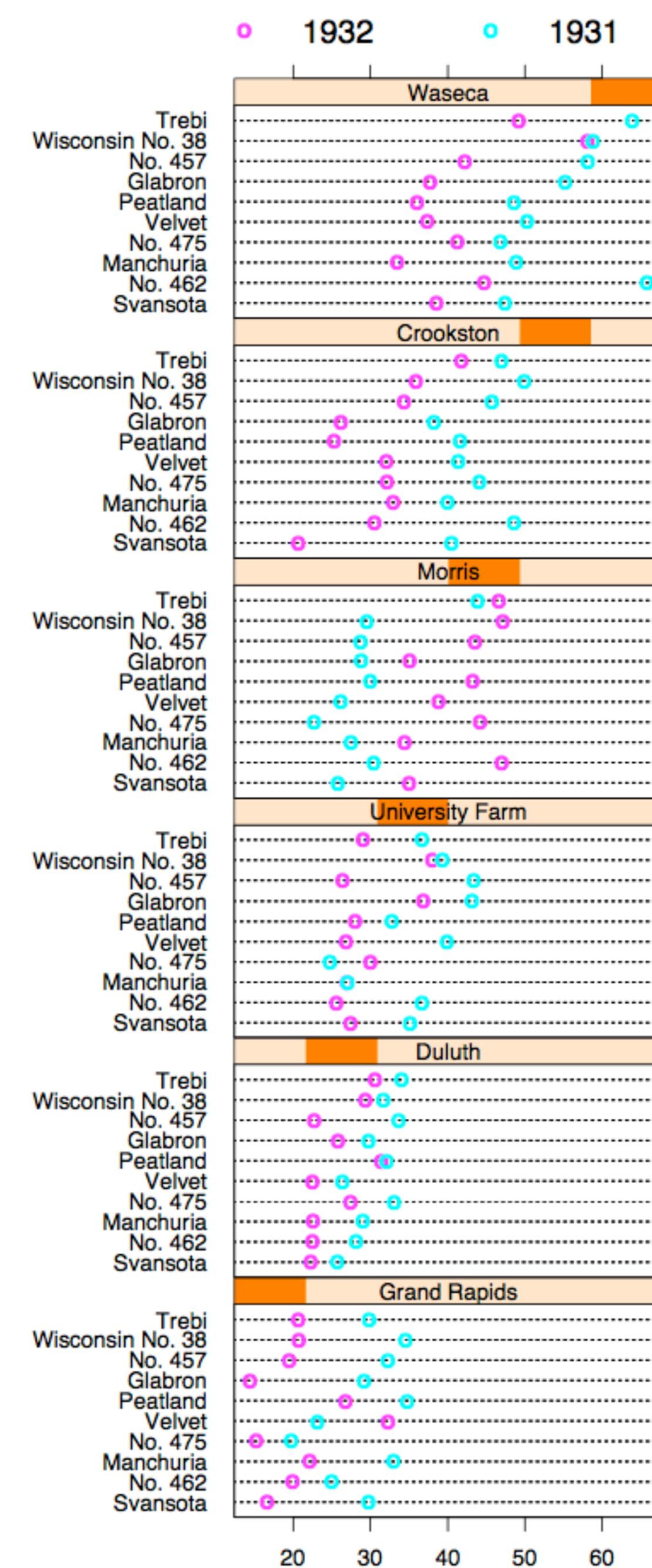
Barley Yields in two years across multiple farms for multiples barley strains

## partitioning variables

Columns partitioned by year

Rows partitioned by farm

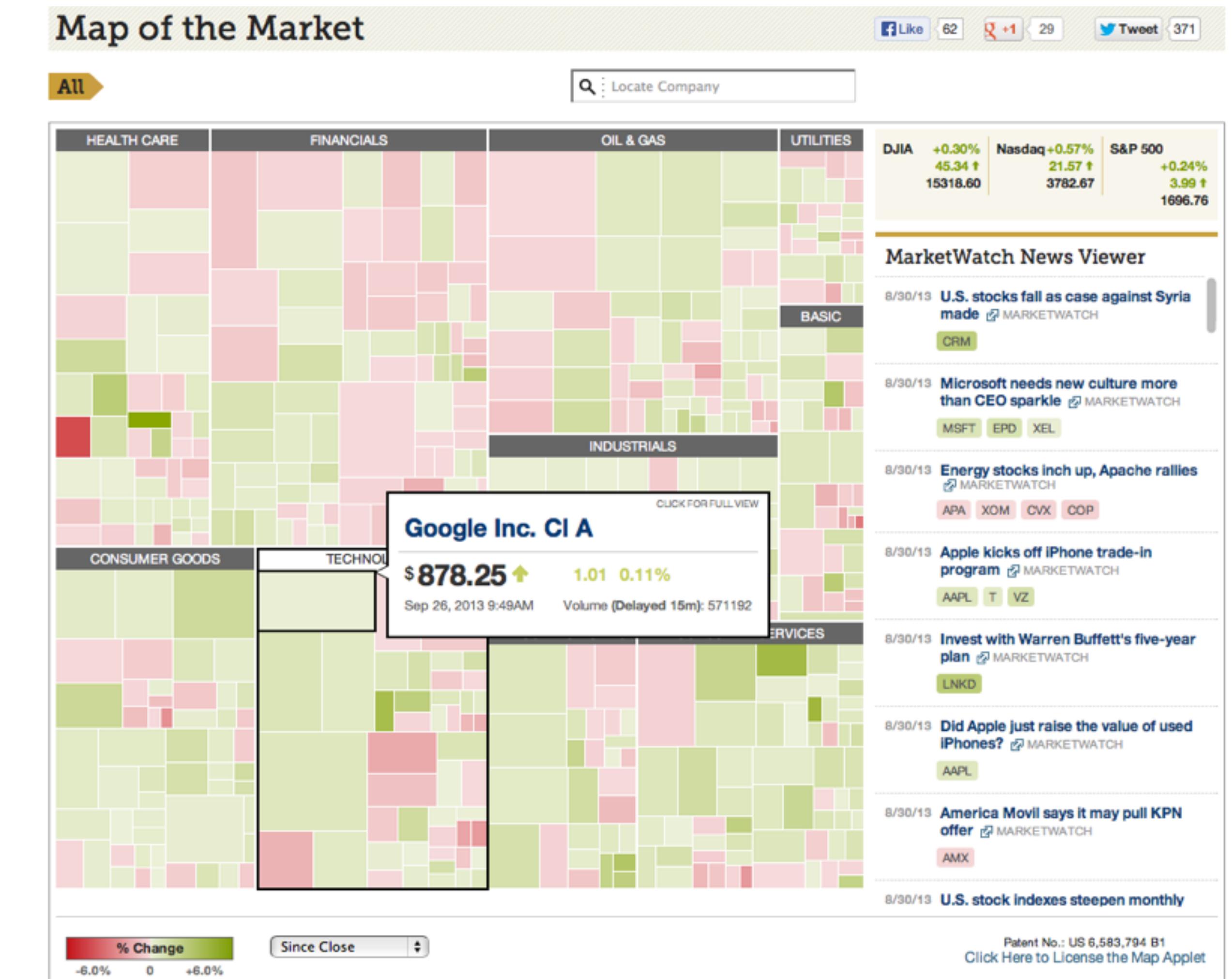




Becker 1996

# Recursive Subdivision

partitioning: flexibly transform data attributes into a hierarchy  
use treemaps as spacefilling rectangular layouts



# HiVE example: London property

## partitioning attributes

house type  
neighborhood  
sale time

## encoding attributes

average price (color)  
number of sales (size)

## results

between neighborhoods,  
different housing distributions

within neighborhoods,  
similar prices



# HiVE example: London property

## partitioning attributes

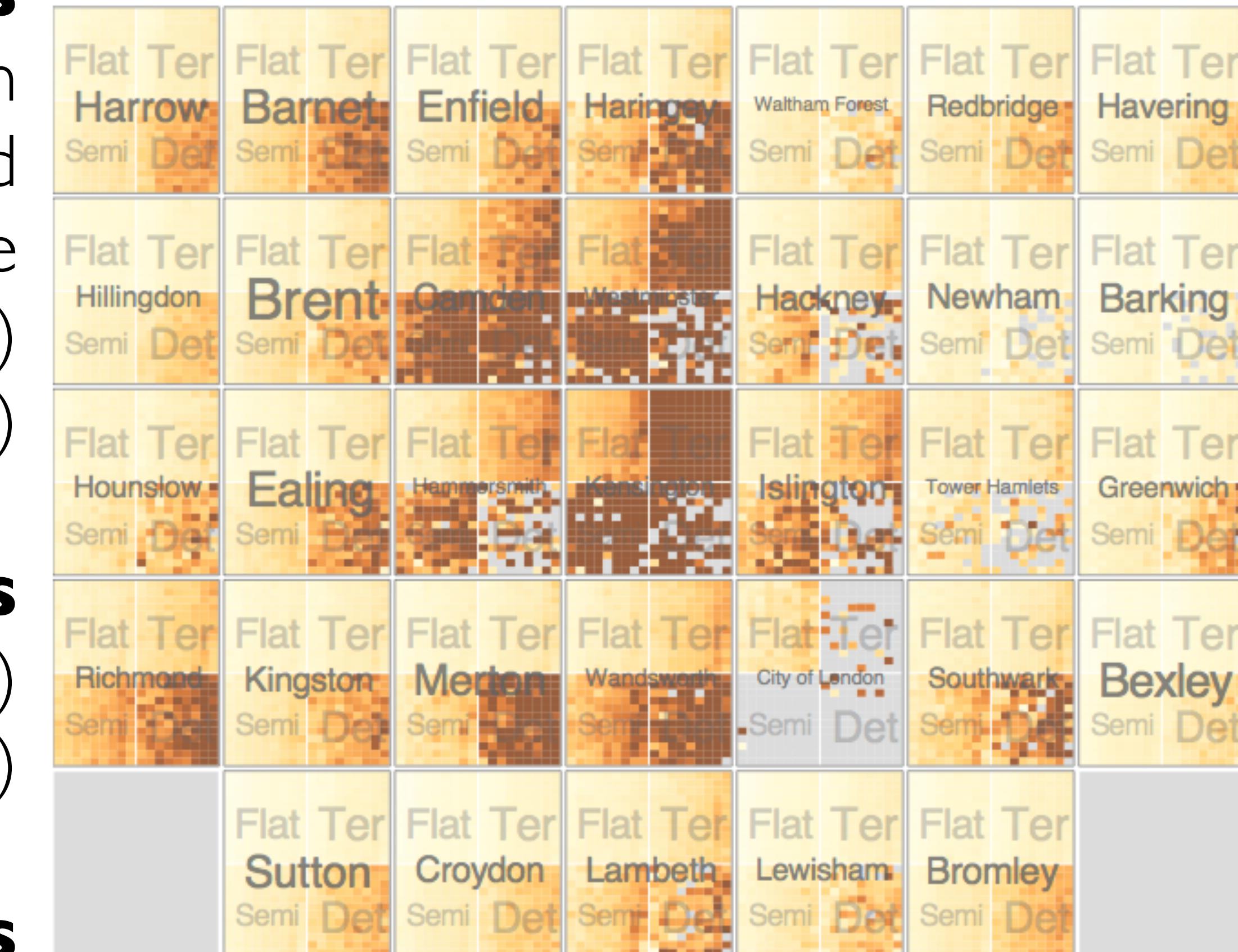
neighborhood location  
neighborhood  
house type  
sale time (year)  
sale time (month)

## encoding attributes

average price (color)  
n/a (size)

## results

expensive neighborhoods  
near center of city



# Configuring Hierarchical Layouts to Address Research Questions



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Aidan Slingsby, Jason Dykes and Jo Wood  
giCentre, Department of Information Science, City University London  
[http://www.gicentre.org/hierarchical\\_layouts/](http://www.gicentre.org/hierarchical_layouts/)

# **LAYERING**

combining multiple views on top of one another to form a composite view

## **rationale**

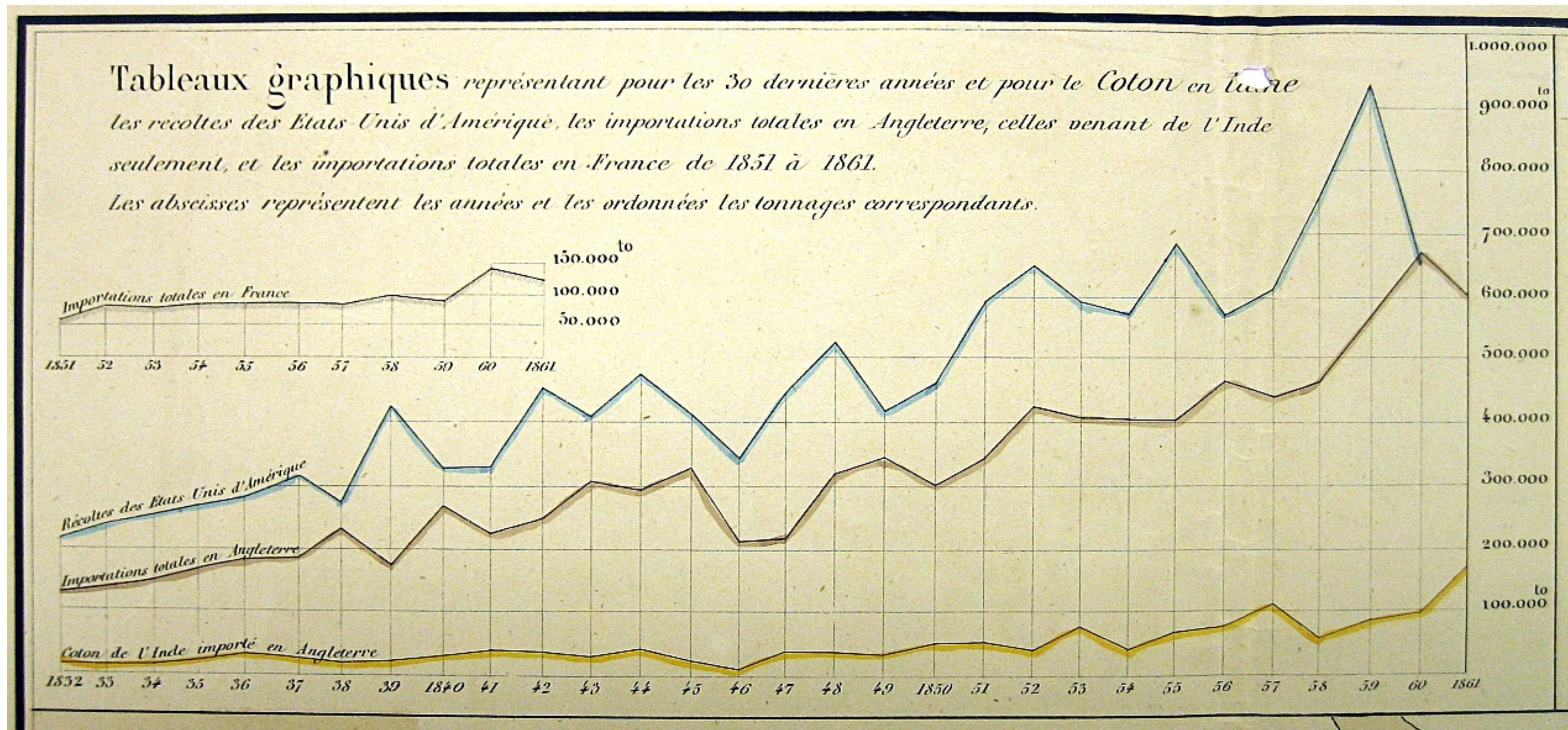
supports a larger, more detailed view than using multiple views

## **trade-off**

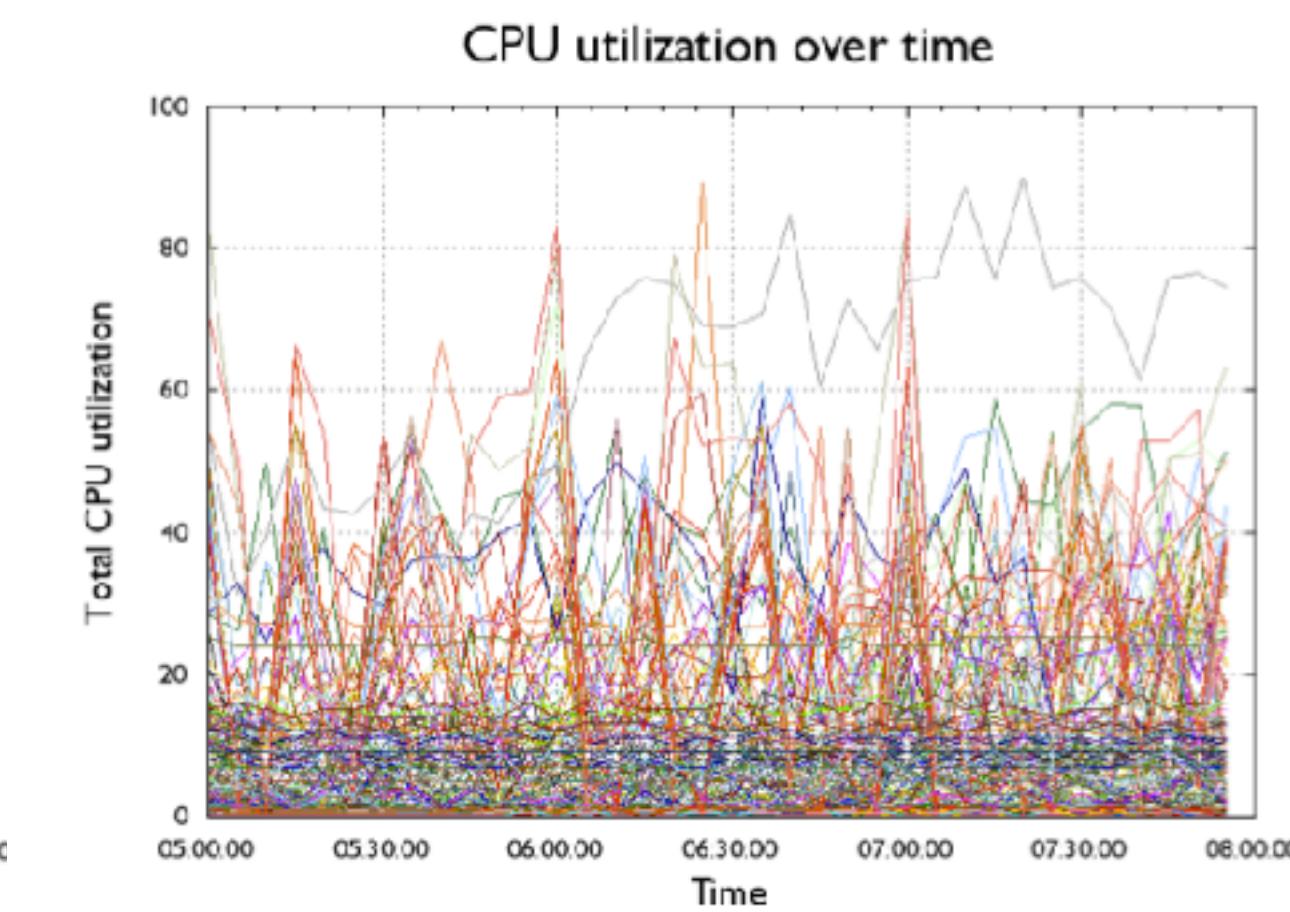
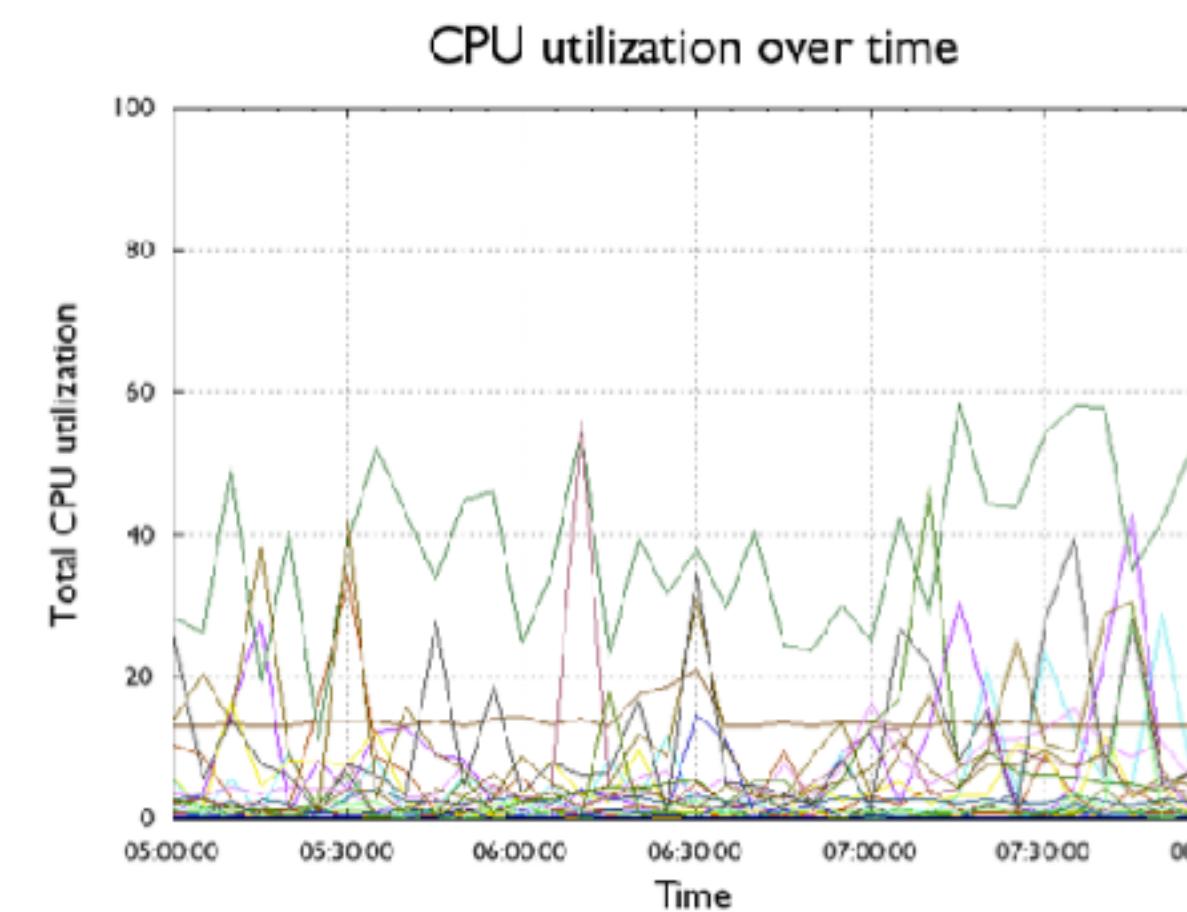
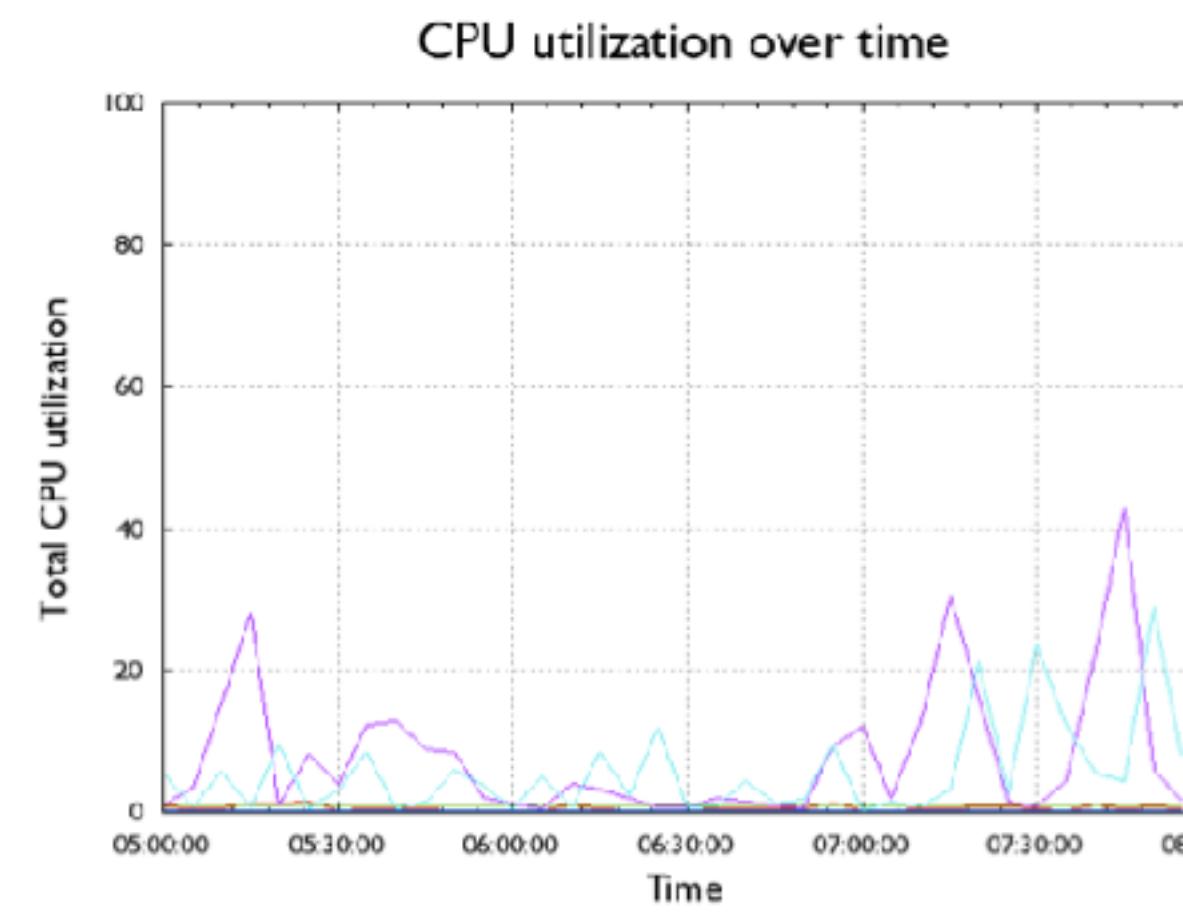
layering imposes constraints on visual encoding choice as well as number of layers that can be shown

# JOSEPH MINARD

1781-1870



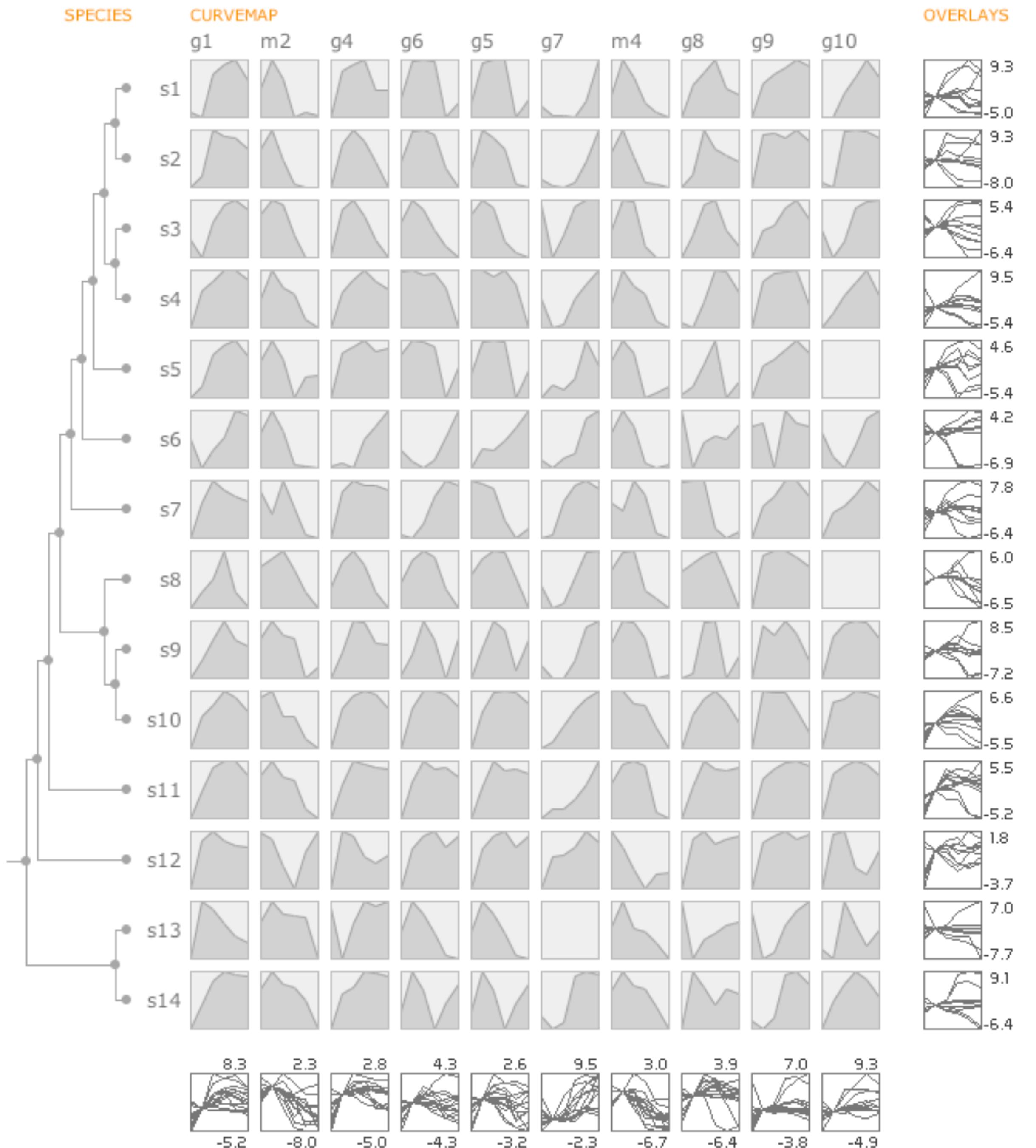
# overlays



# Combined

Partitioned + layered graph

Synchronized through  
highlighting



# MCV to the Max

