Interaction & Multiple views

CS424: Visualization & Visual Analytics

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Big data example

Distribution of NYC Taxi Pickups and Dropoffs in Midtown Manhattan

Big data example

VendorID	tpep_pickup_datetime	tpep_dropoff_datetime	passenger_count	trip_distance	RatecodeID	store_and_f	PULocationID	DOLocationID	payment_	fare_amo	extra	mta_tax	tip_amou	tolls_amo	improvem	total_amount
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1	1/1/2018 0:08	1/1/2018 0:14	2	0.8	1	N	262	141	1	6	0.5	0.5	1	0	0.3	8.3
1	1/1/2018 0:20	1/1/2018 0:52	1	10.2	1	N	140	257	2	33.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.3	34.8
1	1/1/2018 0:09	1/1/2018 0:27	2	2.5	1	N	246	239	1	12.5	0.5	0.5	2.75	0	0.3	16.55
1	1/1/2018 0:29	1/1/2018 0:32	3	0.5	1	N	143	143	2	4.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.3	5.8
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1	1/1/2018 0:41	1/1/2018 0:46	1	0.6	1	N	162	229	1	5.5	0.5	0.5	1.35	0	0.3	8.15

Data transformation

- Filter the data:
  - Only rows within Manhattan.
  - Only rows inside certain blocks of Manhattan.
- Merge data with other data:
  - Traffic accidents within 100 meters and 1 hour of pickup and dropoff.
- Aggregate the data:
  - Number of pickups in each hour.
  - Number of pickups in each day of the week..

Data transformation

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Data transformation

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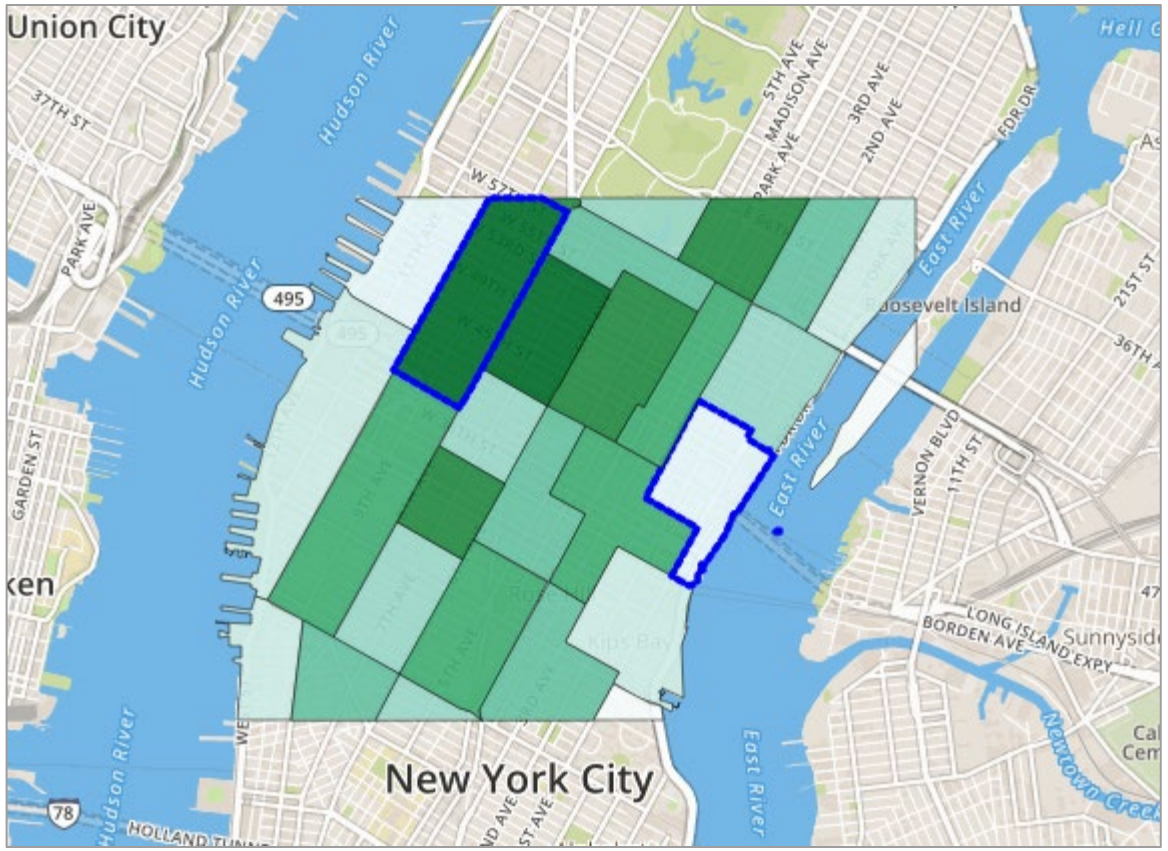
Visual mapping

Quantitative data
Mark: polygon areas
Channel: color



Visualization so far…

Up until now in the course, all visual representations were presented as static pictures…

… but digital devices enable people to interact with graphical representations.

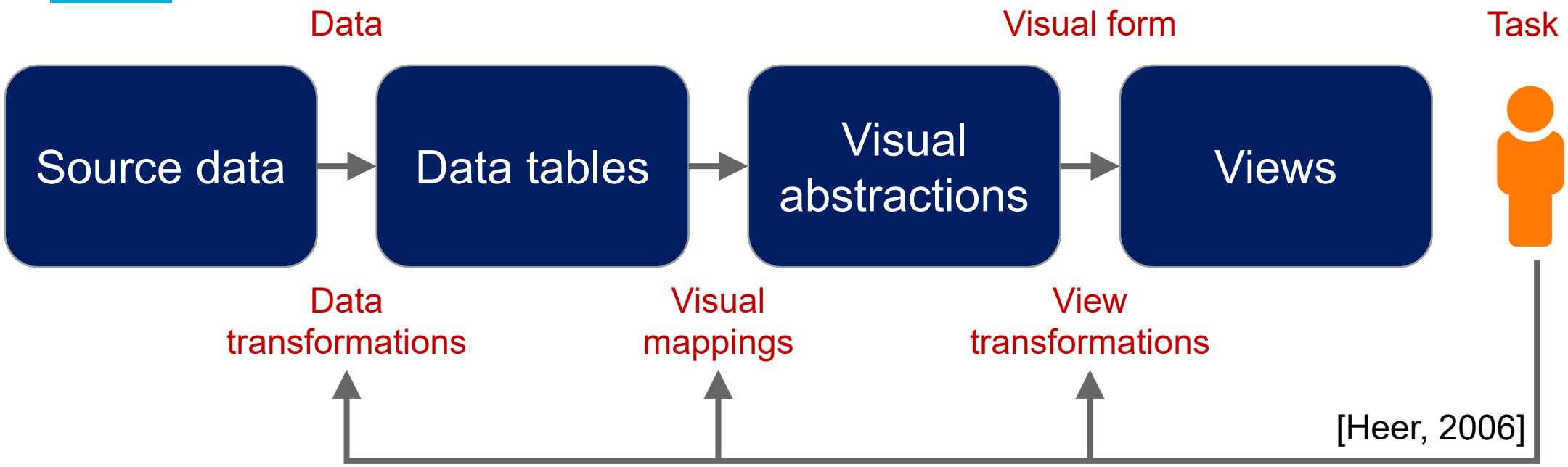
Interaction

- Two main questions:
  - What is possible to do with interaction in visualization?
  - When is it useful to make visualizations interactive?

Interaction

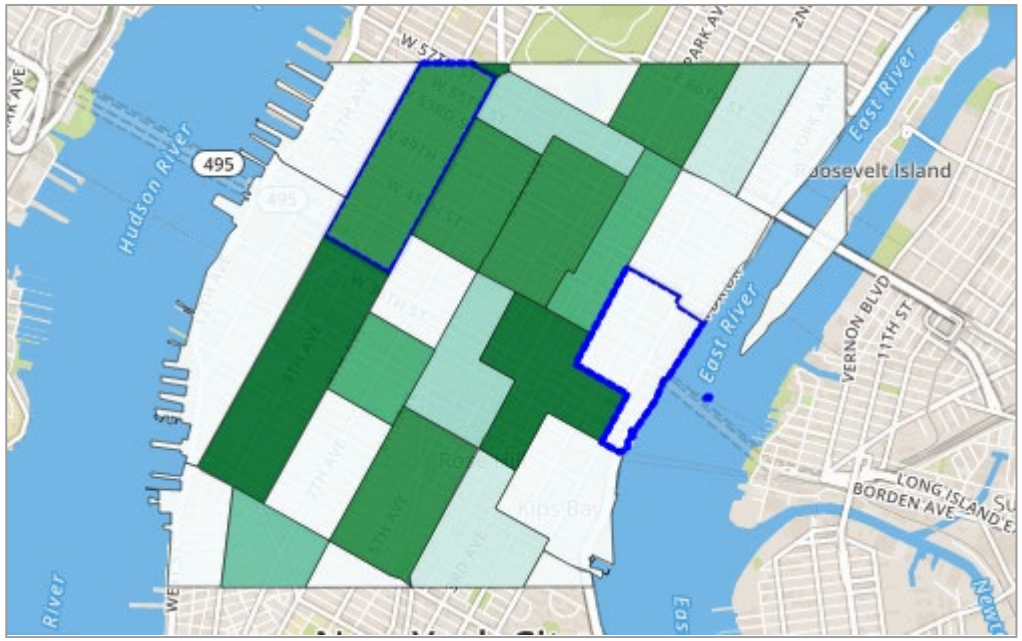
- What we will cover:
  - Interaction methods.
  - Multiple linked views.
  - Why / when these methods are useful.

Visualization design

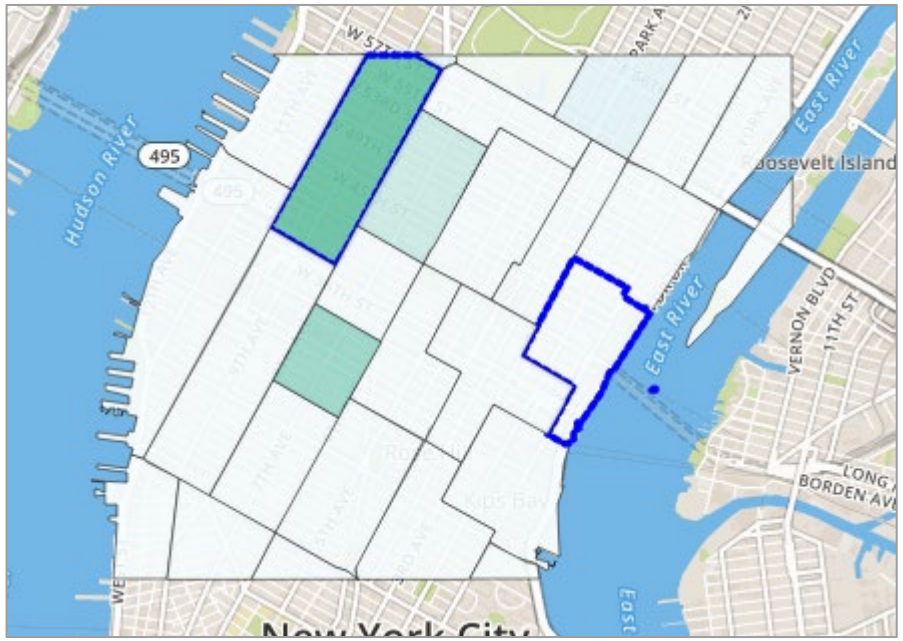


- Creating a data visualization is easy; creating a **good** visualization is hard.
- Visualization design space is huge, it's important to make good choices in each stage.

Visual interaction



12pm– 2pm pickups



6am pickups

Interaction

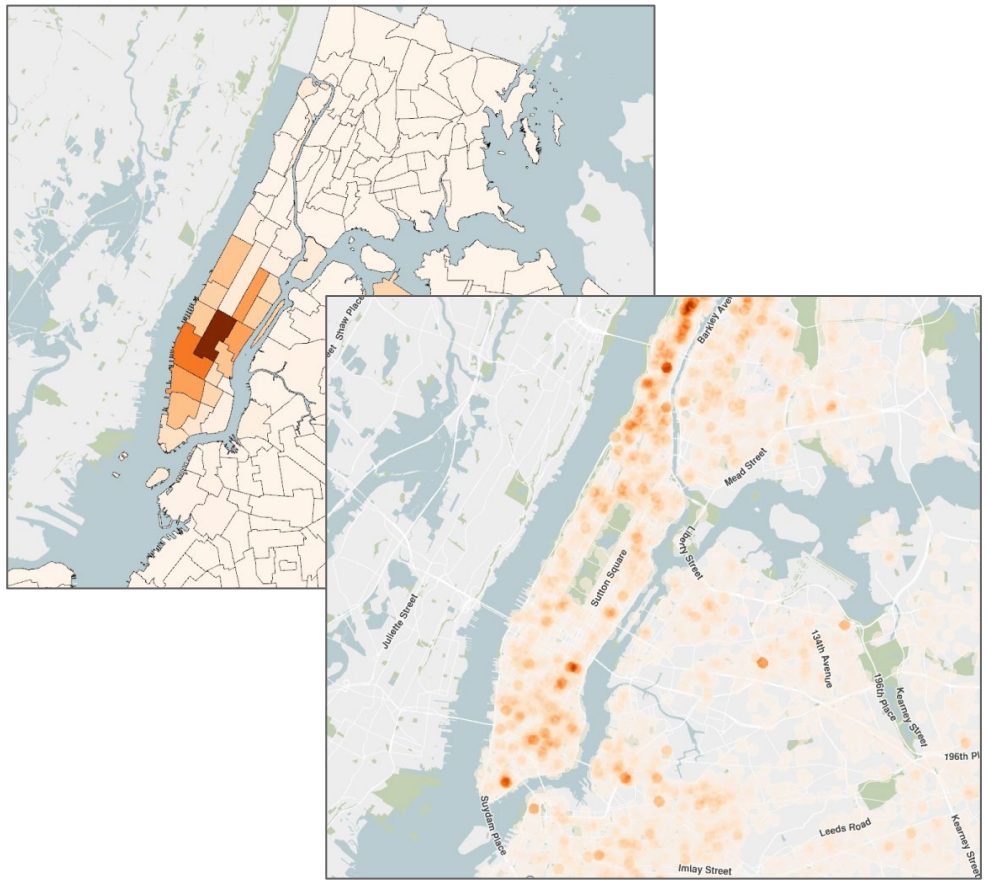
- Interaction can be used to manipulate:
  - Data
  - Visual mapping
  - View

Manipulating the data

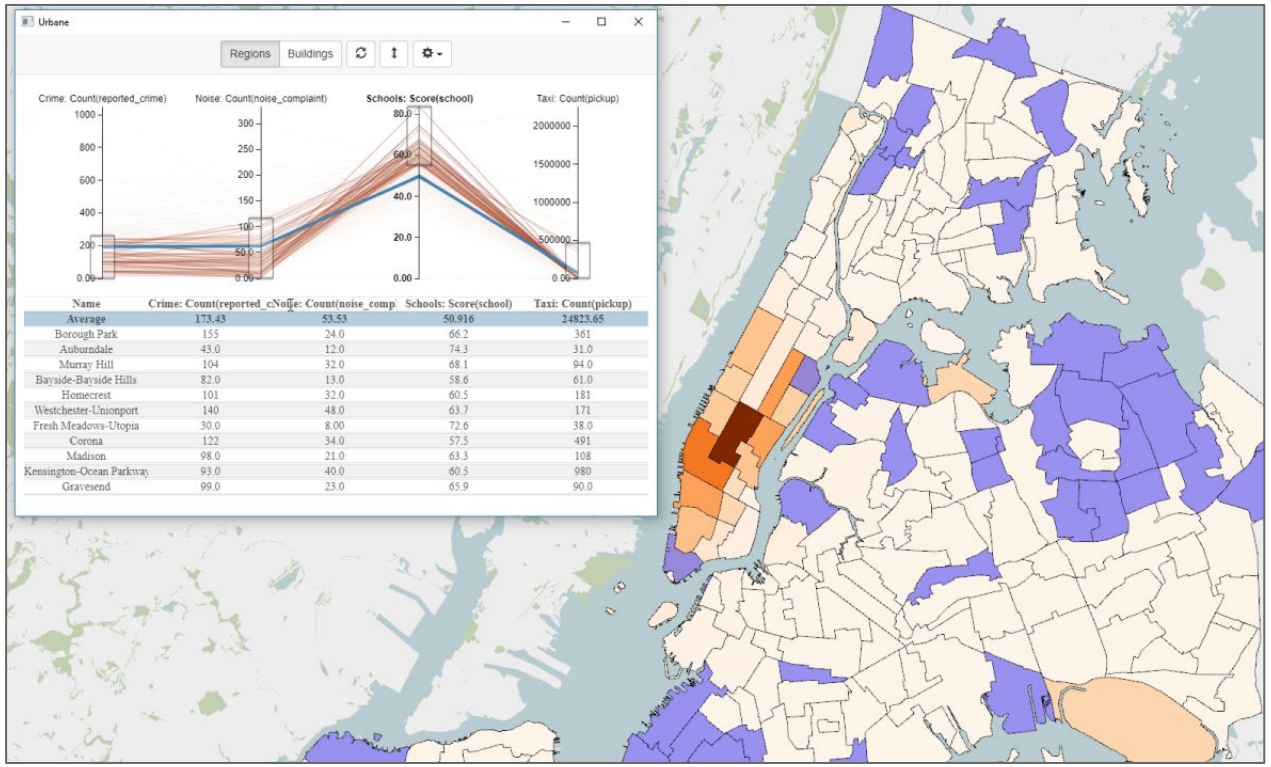
- Data transformations (see last lectures):
- Aggregation: changing the level of granularity of a given data set.
  - Space and time are hierarchical and often require observing patterns at different resolutions.
- Filtering: filtering data interactively according to some criteria or constraints.

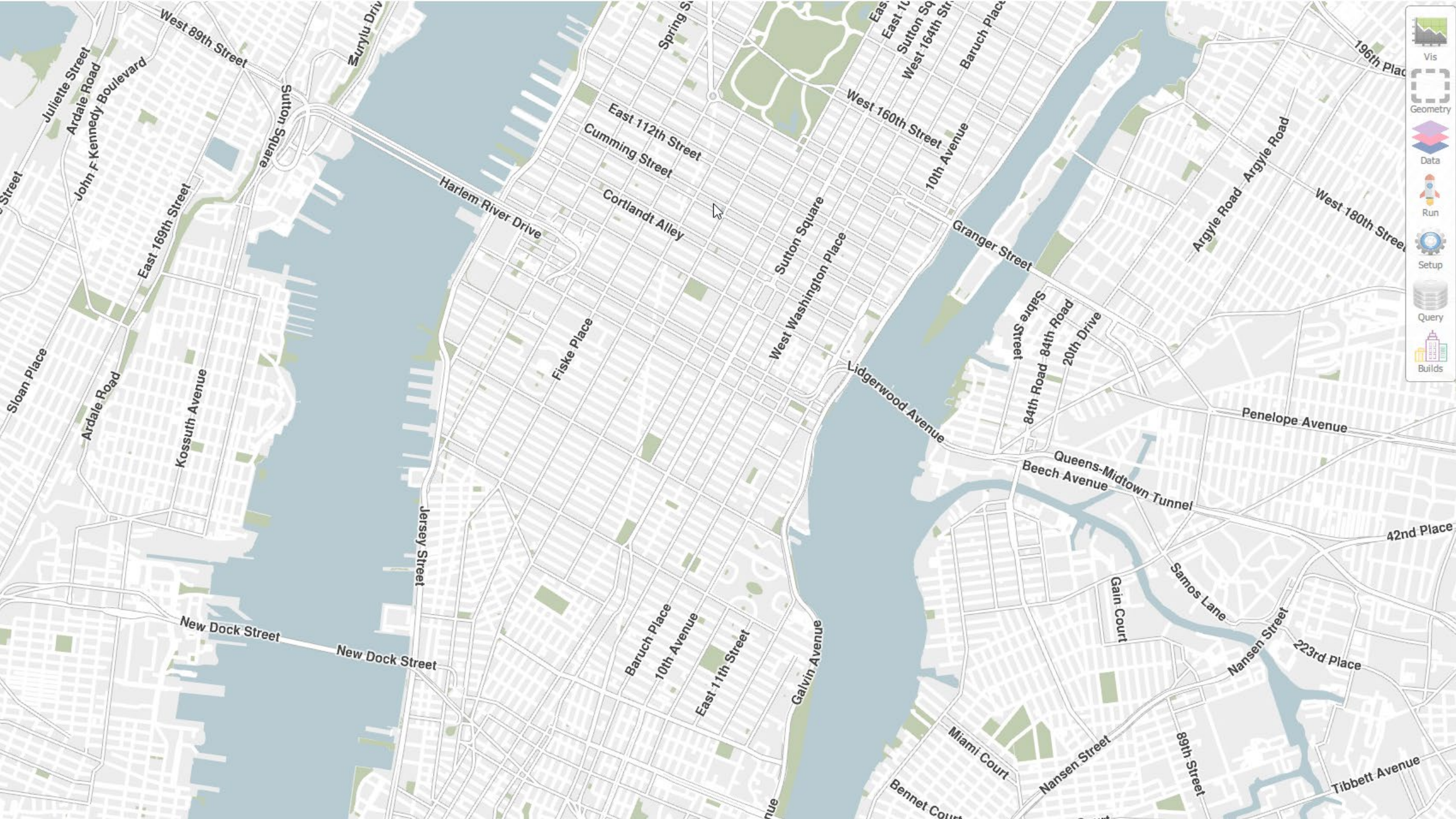
Date interaction methods

Aggregation



Filtering

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West Washington Place
Granger Street
Argyle Road
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Kossuth Avenue
Fiske Place
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Sabre Street
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Beech Avenue
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Manipulating the view

- **Selection**: any action aimed at selecting one or more elements of the visualization.

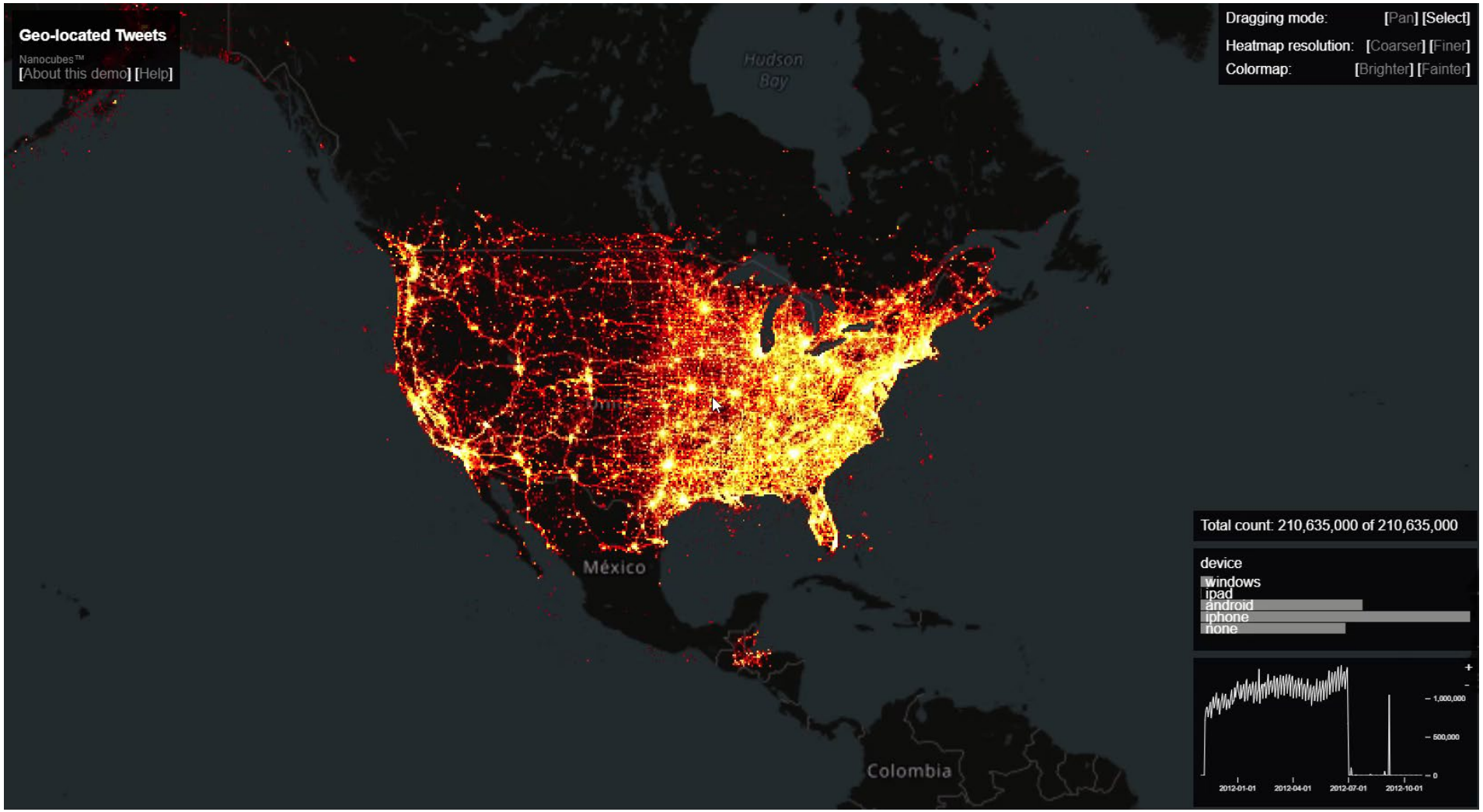
Action:
- Click
- Hover
- Click + Drag

Change:
- Highlight
- Show more info
- Apply operation

Manipulating the view

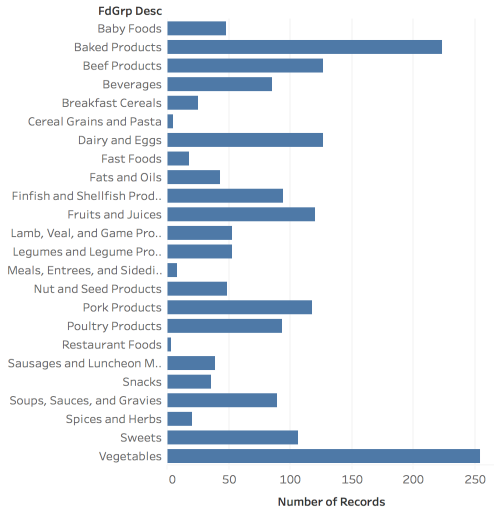
- **Navigation**: changing the level of details and moving the viewpoint.
  - Panning and zooming.
  - Semantic zooming: type and quantity of information show changes with the zoom level.

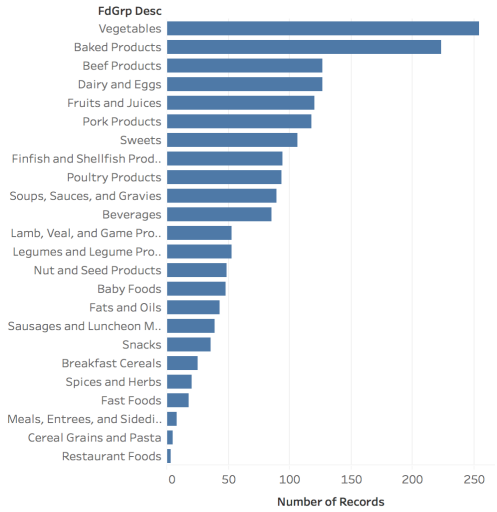
Manipulating the view: panning and zooming

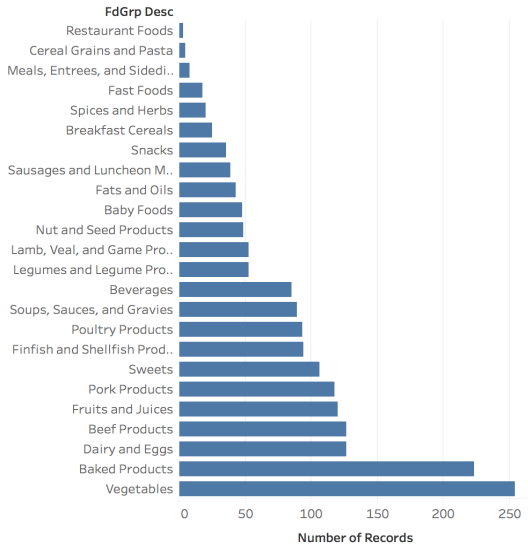


Manipulating the view

- **Spatial arrangement**: change the way elements of the visualization are arranged / ordered.
  - Reordering: fundamental to make visual patterns apparent.





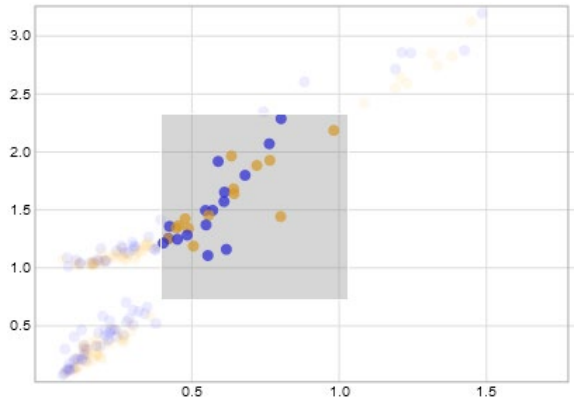


View interaction methods

- Selection: any action aimed at selecting one or more elements of the visualization.
  - Click → highlight (change color and/or borders, grey out the rest, etc.)
  - Hover → show more info (labels, info in linked view, etc.)
  - Click + drag → apply operation
- Navigation: changing the level of details and moving the viewport.
- Spatial arrangement: changing the way elements of the visualization are arranged / ordered.
  - Reordering → make visual patterns apparent.

Manipulating the view

Selection



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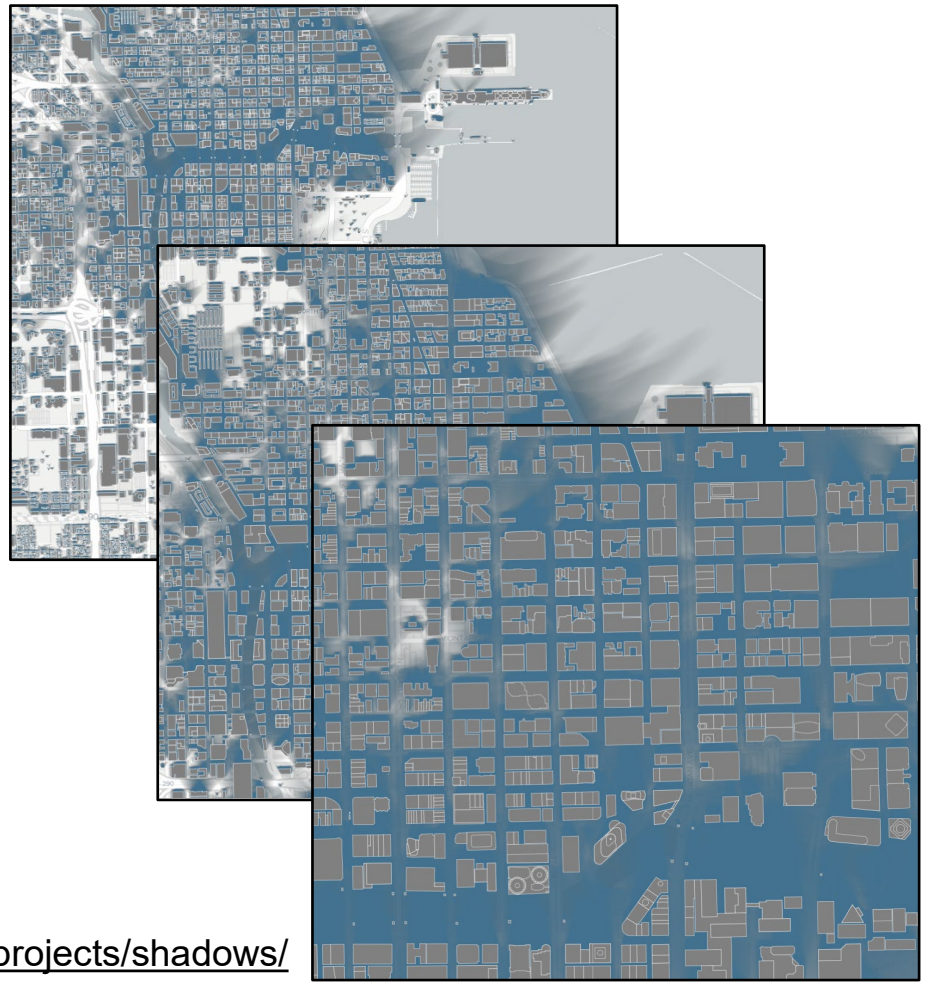
Navigation



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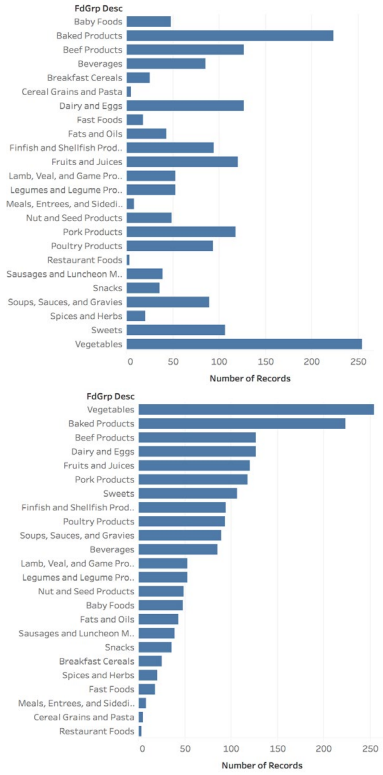
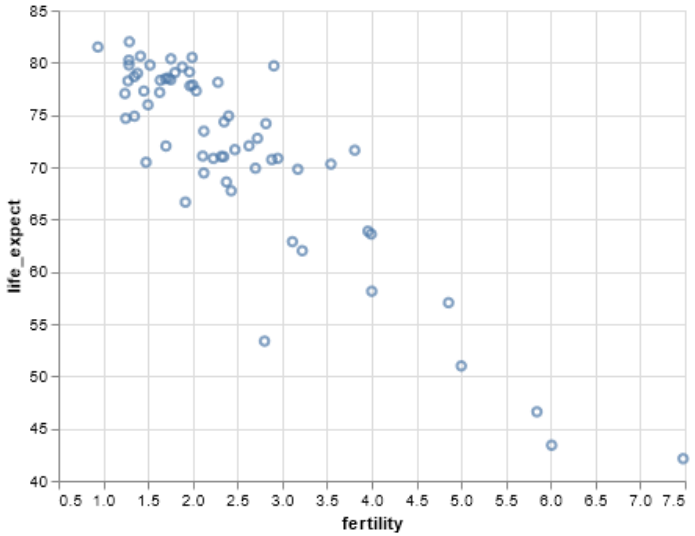
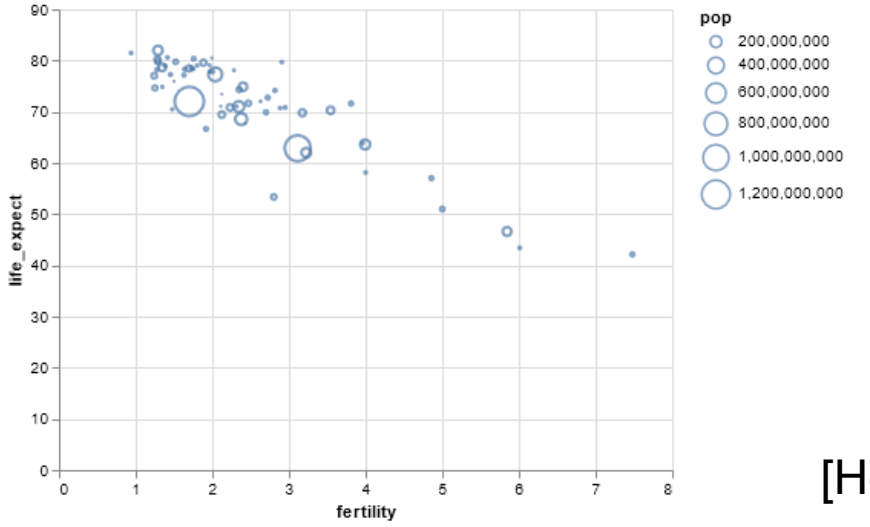
Spatial arrangement



Manipulating the visual mapping

- Change mapping: changing the way attributes are encoded with visual channels.
  - Completely different plot or changes in properties of a given plot.





[Heer, 2020]

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- Filtering items that do not belong to a given category?

Manipulating the visual mapping?

- Changing the color scale used to depict an attribute?
  - True.
- Changing the order of bars in a bar chart?
  - False – order of the bars is a parameter of the graph, so it belongs to manipulation of the view.
- Filtering items that do not belong to a given category?
  - False – filtering is an action that takes place at the level of the data.

Why manipulate visualizations?

- Often not possible to visualize all the information needed to answer all questions in one single static view.
- Interaction permits to adapt / change the visualization so that it's possible (or easier) to answer multiple questions.
- Especially useful when visualization is used as a general-purpose application for data analysis and exploration.

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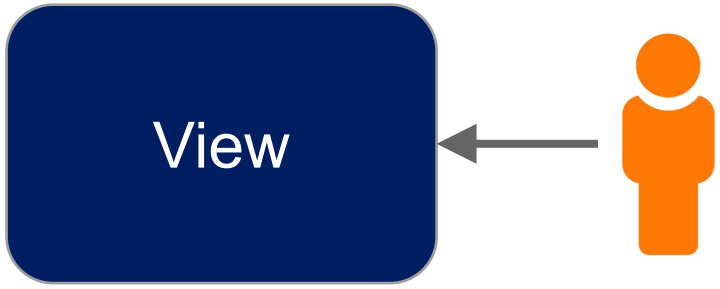
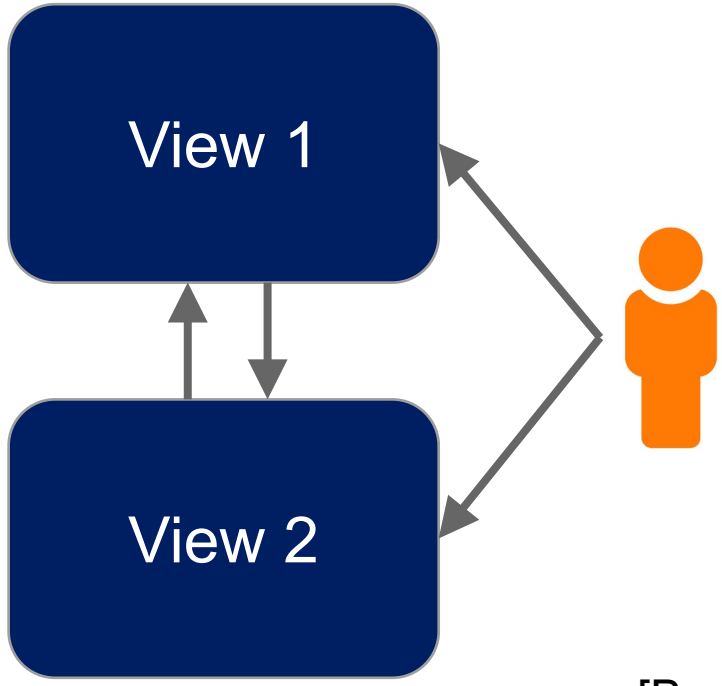
Interaction

Single view



Multiple views



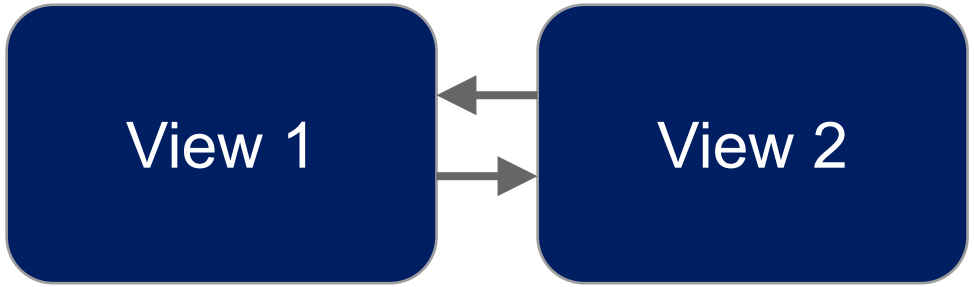
[Bertini, 2020]

Single view interactions

Manipulate	Methods
Data	Aggregation Filtering
Mapping	Change mapping
View	Selection Navigation Spatial arrangement

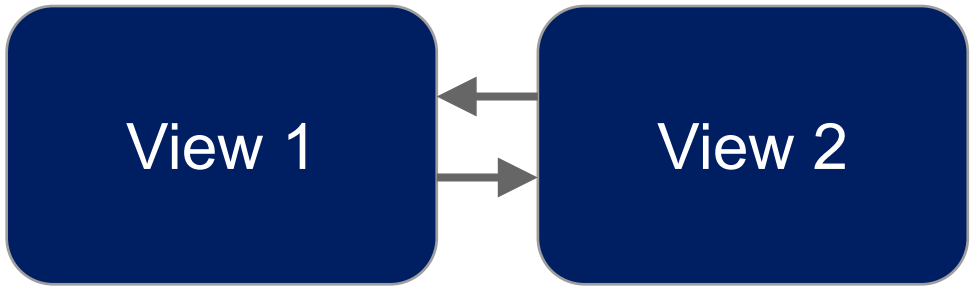
Multiple linked views

- Why multiple linked views?
  - Show different properties of the same data simultaneously.
  - Use one view to navigate, select, filter information in the other view.



Multiple linked views

- How to show different properties?
  - Different information
    - Subset of data
    - Different attributes
    - Different granularity
    - Transformation
  - Different representation



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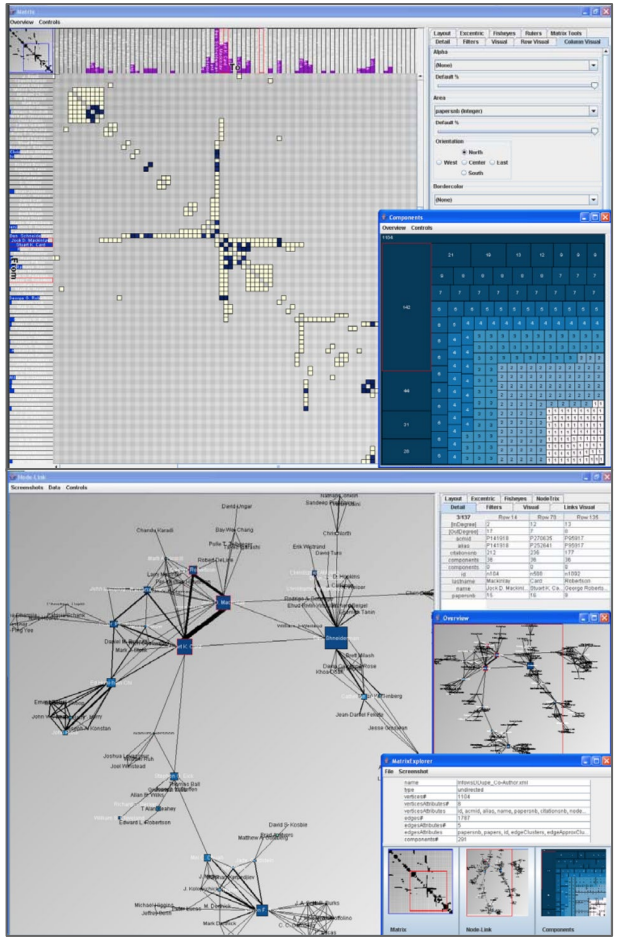
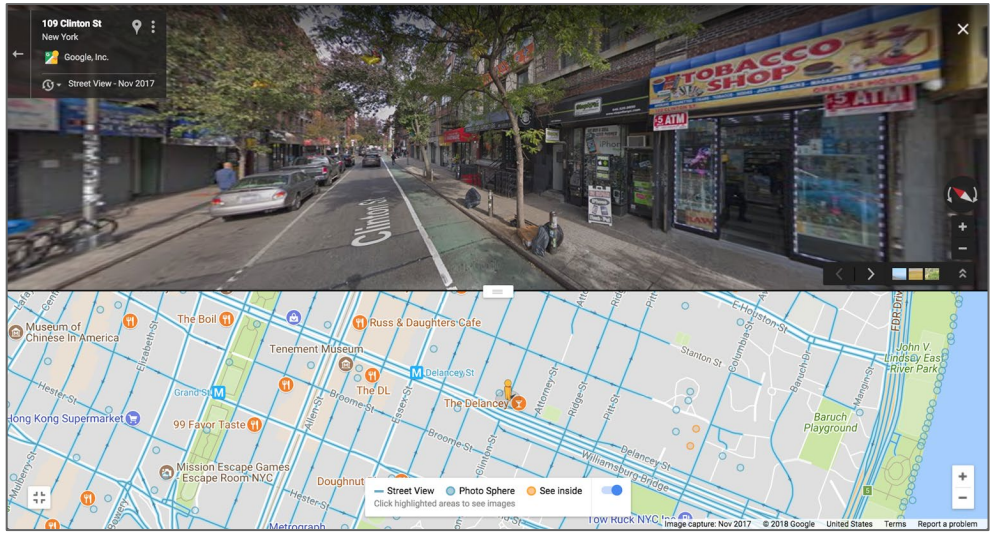
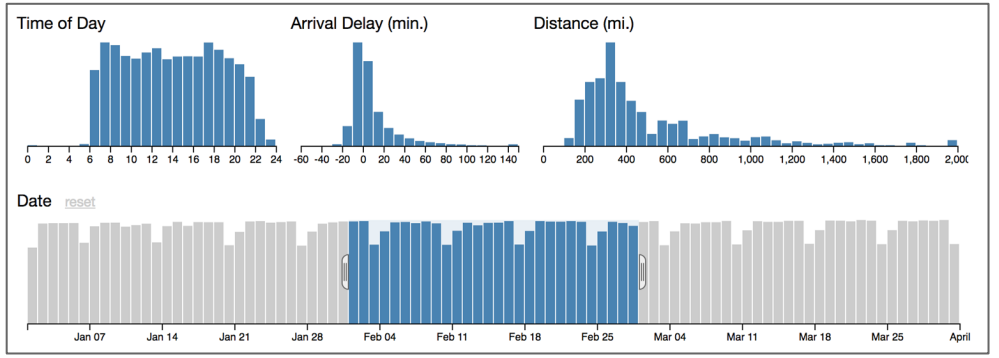


Same information,
different representation
[Riche, 2006]



Different information & representation



Different information,
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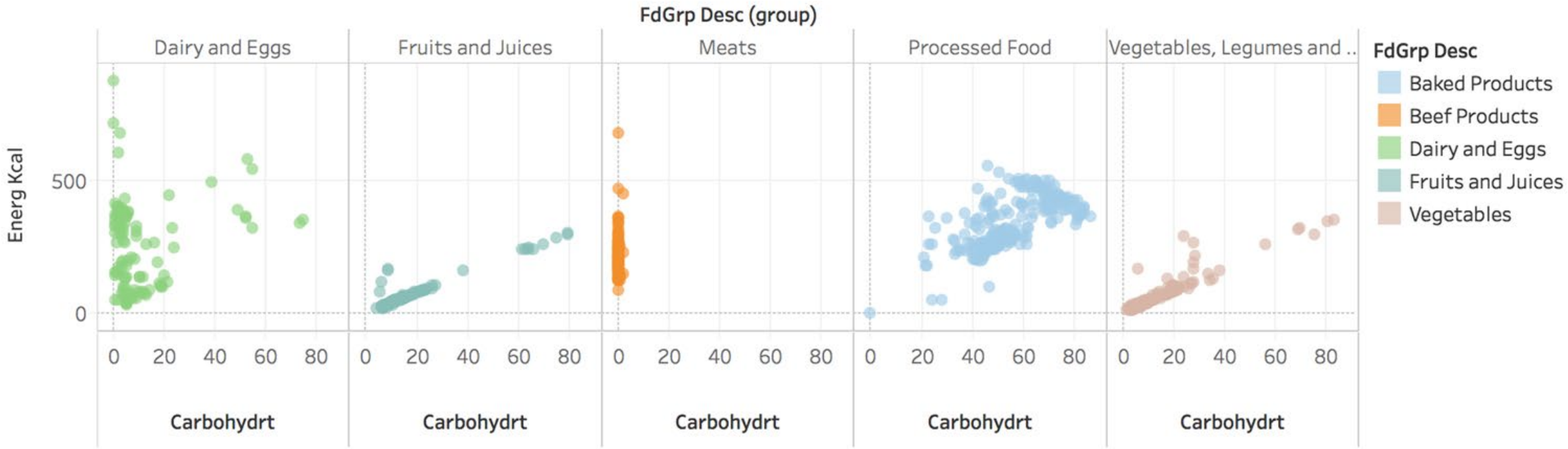

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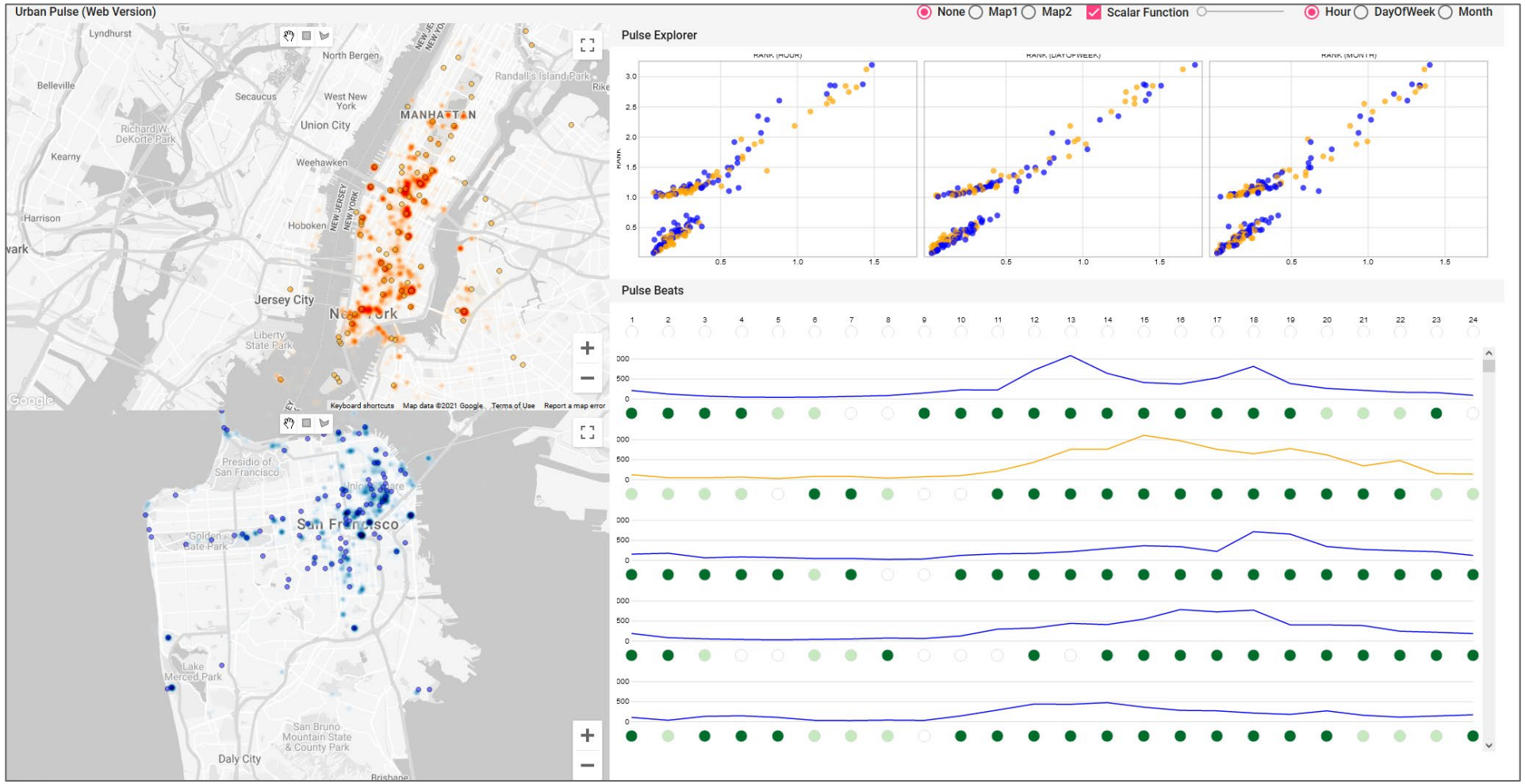

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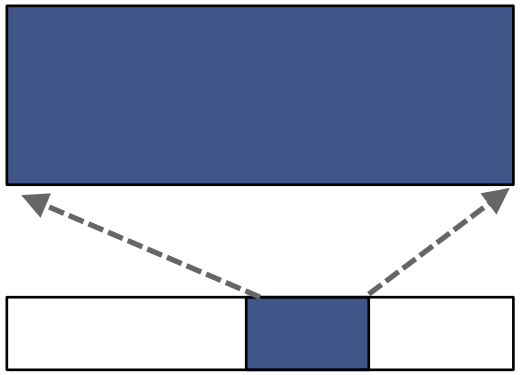
Overview + detail

- Visualization mantra:
  "O*verview first, zoom and filter, then details on demand*"

[Shneiderman, 1996]

1D



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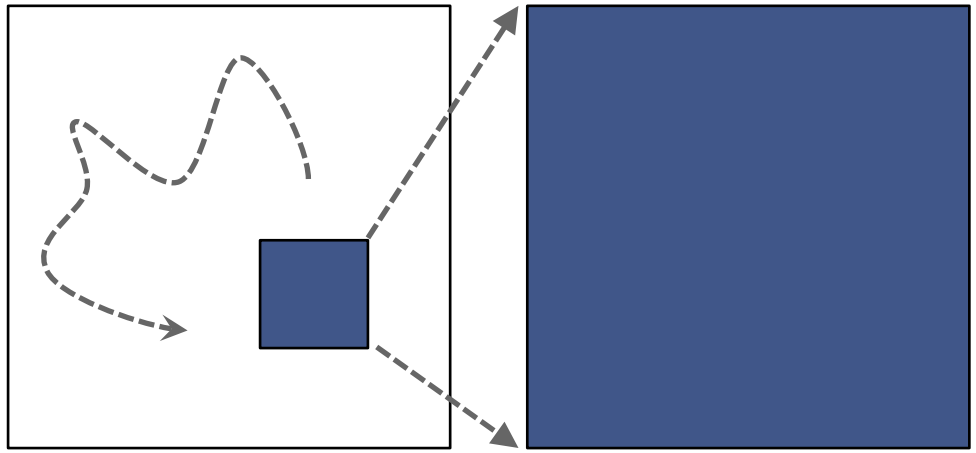

Overview + detail

- **Ideal scenario**: can't fit all information on the screen without panning / scrolling.
- And why can panning and scrolling be a problem?
  - Hard to gain an overview.
  - Hard to make comparisons (it relies too heavily on human memory).

Overview + detail

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Overview + detail

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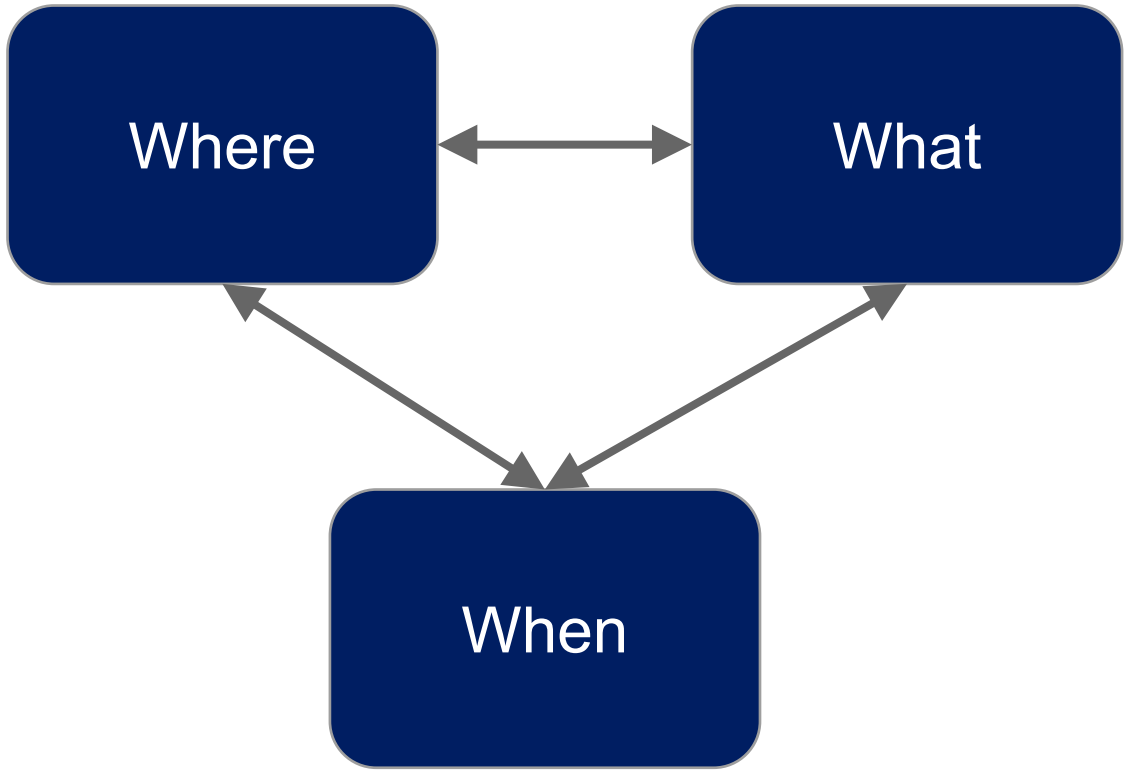
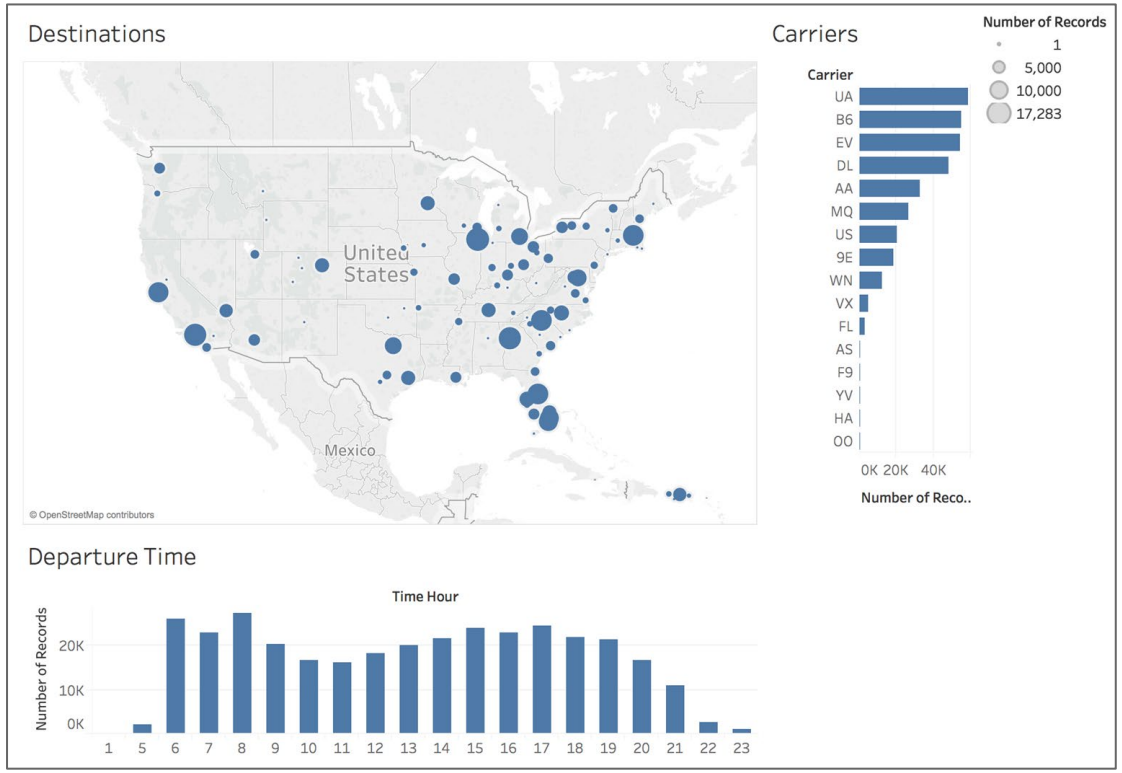
  - True.
- It permits to visualize some objects at a much higher resolution.
  - True, but other visualizations also permit that (e.g., zooming).
- It permits to gain an overview of the whole dataset.
  - True, but other views can also help gain an overview.

Where, what, when





Where, what, when

- **Ideal scenario**: need to visualize different facets of the same data simultaneously.