

Visualization Analysis & Design

Network Data (Ch 9)

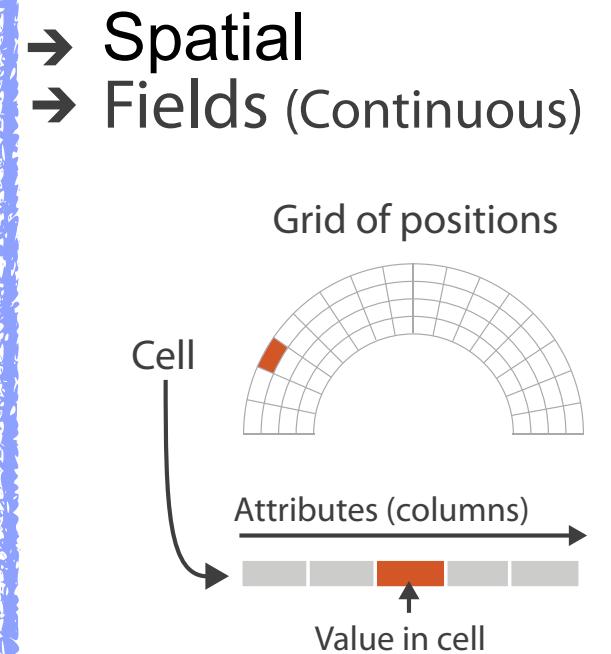
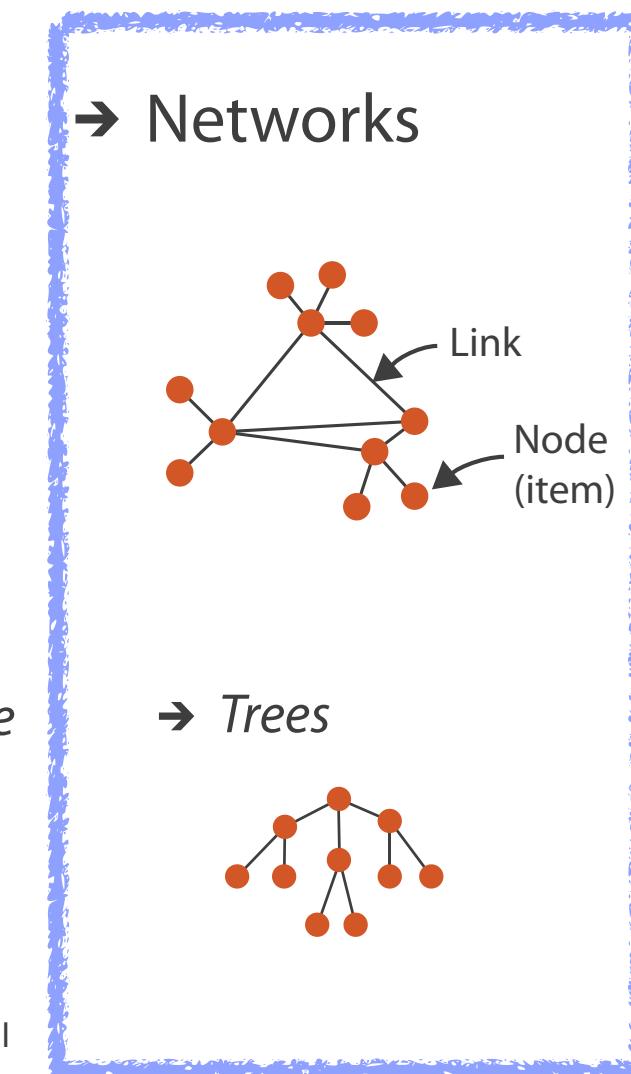
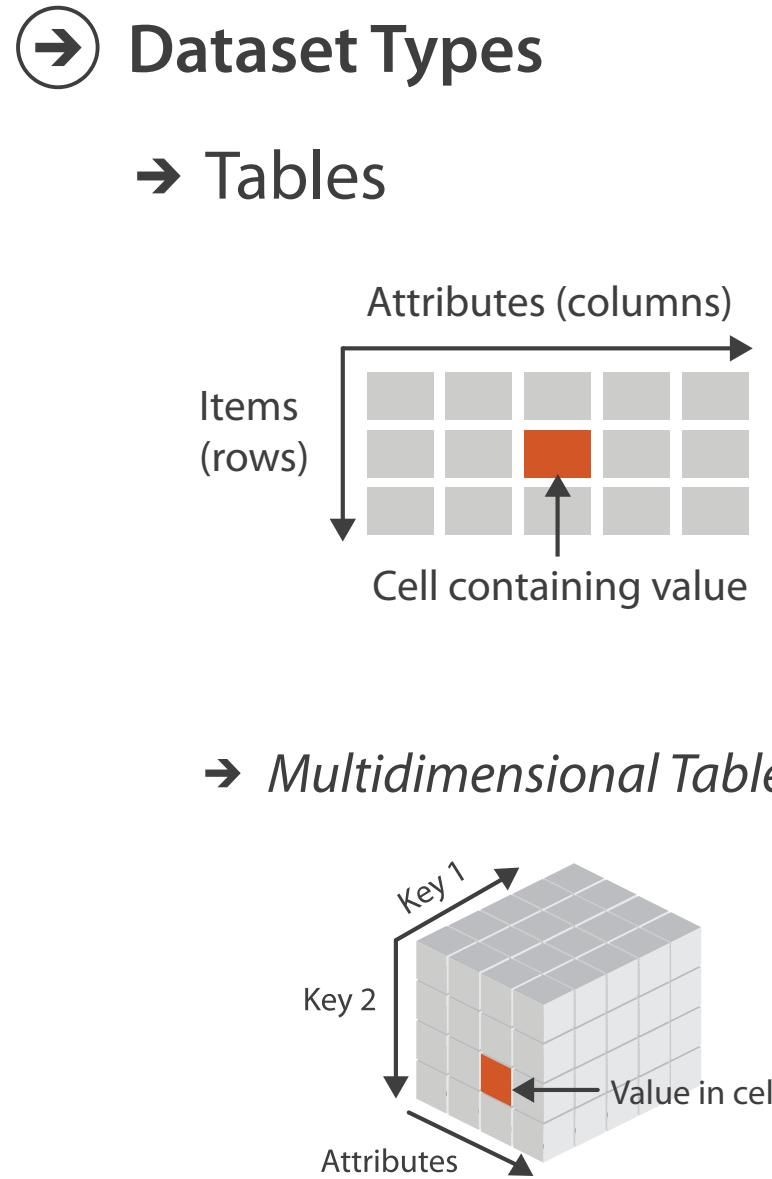
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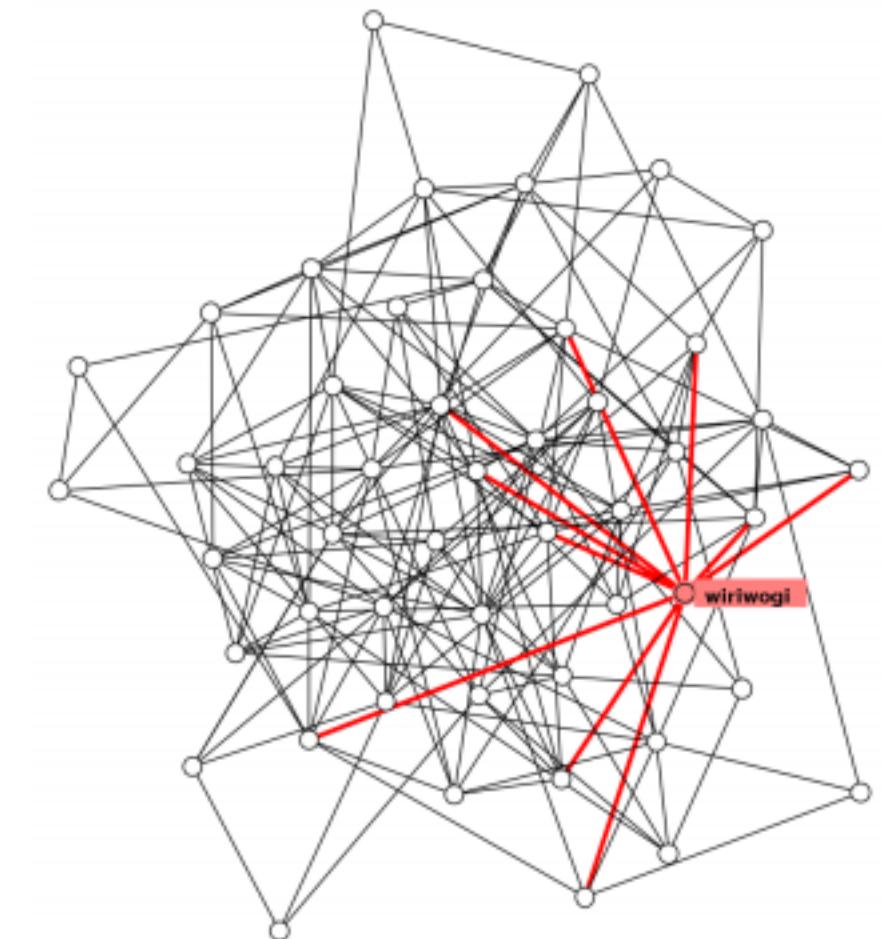
Network data

- networks
 - model relationships between things
 - aka graphs
 - two kinds of items, both can have attributes
 - nodes
 - links
- tree
 - special case
 - no cycles
 - one parent per node



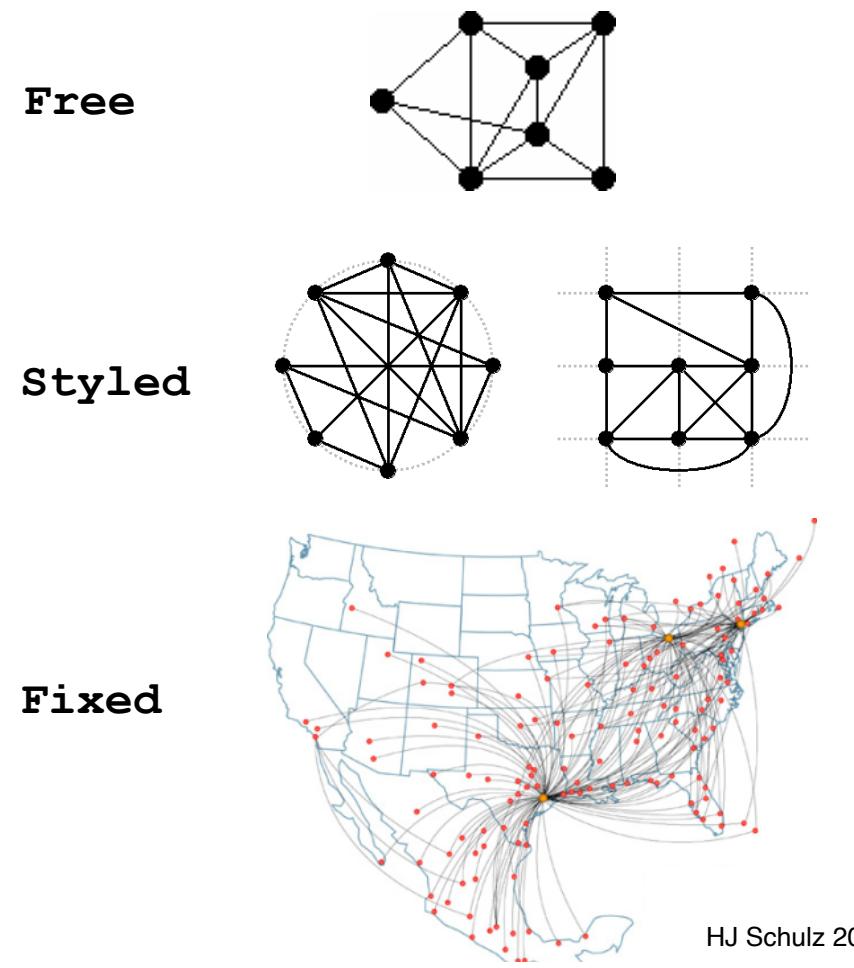
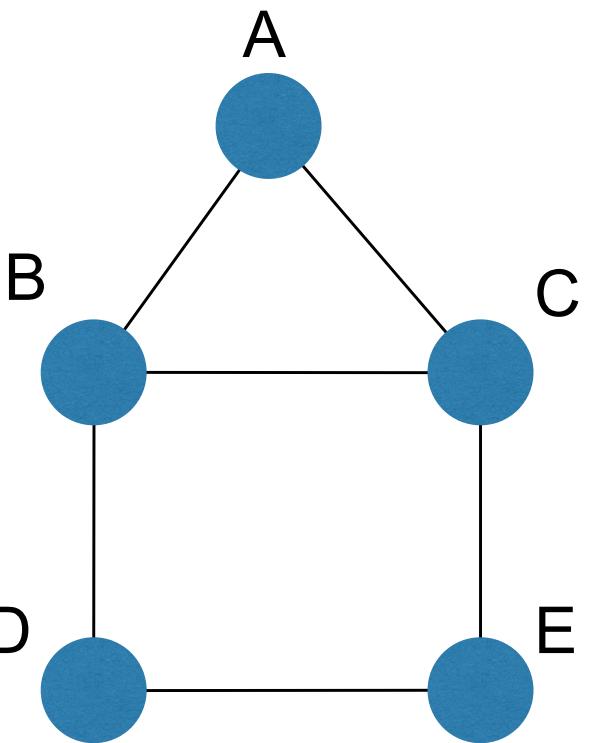
Network tasks: topology-based and attribute-based

- topology based tasks
 - find paths
 - find (topological) neighbors
 - compare centrality/importance measures
 - identify clusters / communities
- attribute based tasks (similar to table data)
 - find distributions, ...
- combination tasks, incorporating both
 - example: find friends-of-friends who like cats
 - topology: find all adjacent nodes of given node
 - attributes: check if has-pet (node attribute) == cat



Node-link diagrams

- nodes: point marks
- links: line marks
 - straight lines or arcs
 - connections between nodes
- intuitive & familiar
 - most common
 - many, many variants

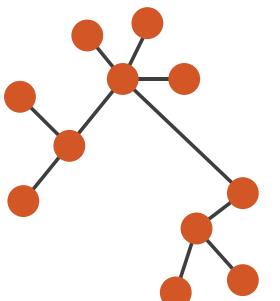


→ Node-Link Diagrams

Connection Marks

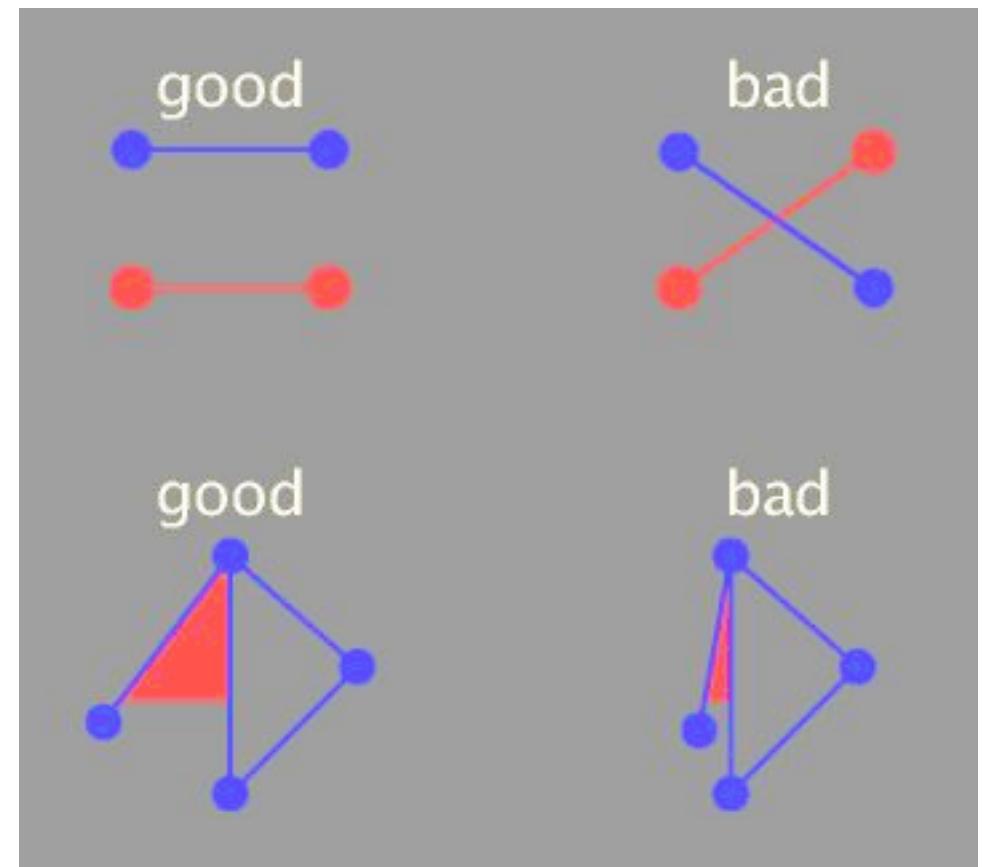
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Criteria for good node-link layouts

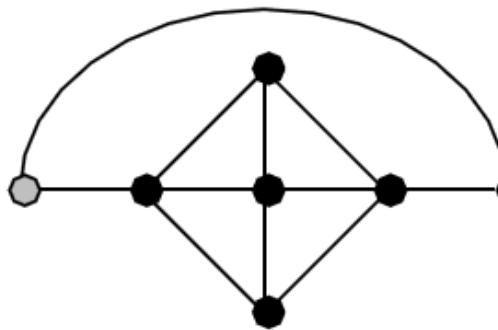
- minimize
 - edge crossings, node overlaps
 - distances between topological neighbor nodes
 - total drawing area
 - edge bends
- maximize
 - angular distance between different edges
 - aspect ratio disparities
- emphasize symmetry
 - similar graph structures should look similar in layout



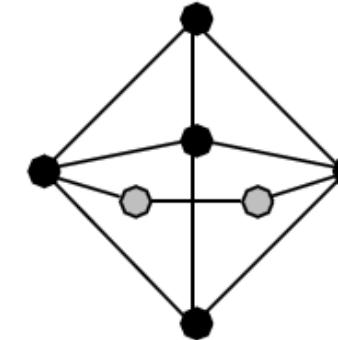
Criteria conflict

- most criteria NP-hard individually
- many criteria directly conflict with each other

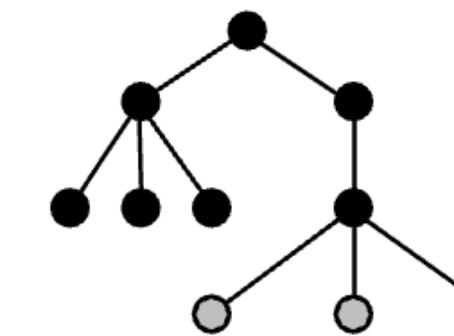
Minimum number
of edge crossings



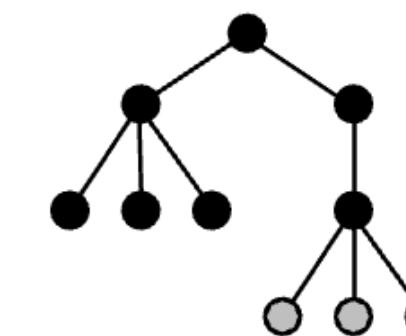
Uniform edge
length



vs.



Space utilization



Symmetry

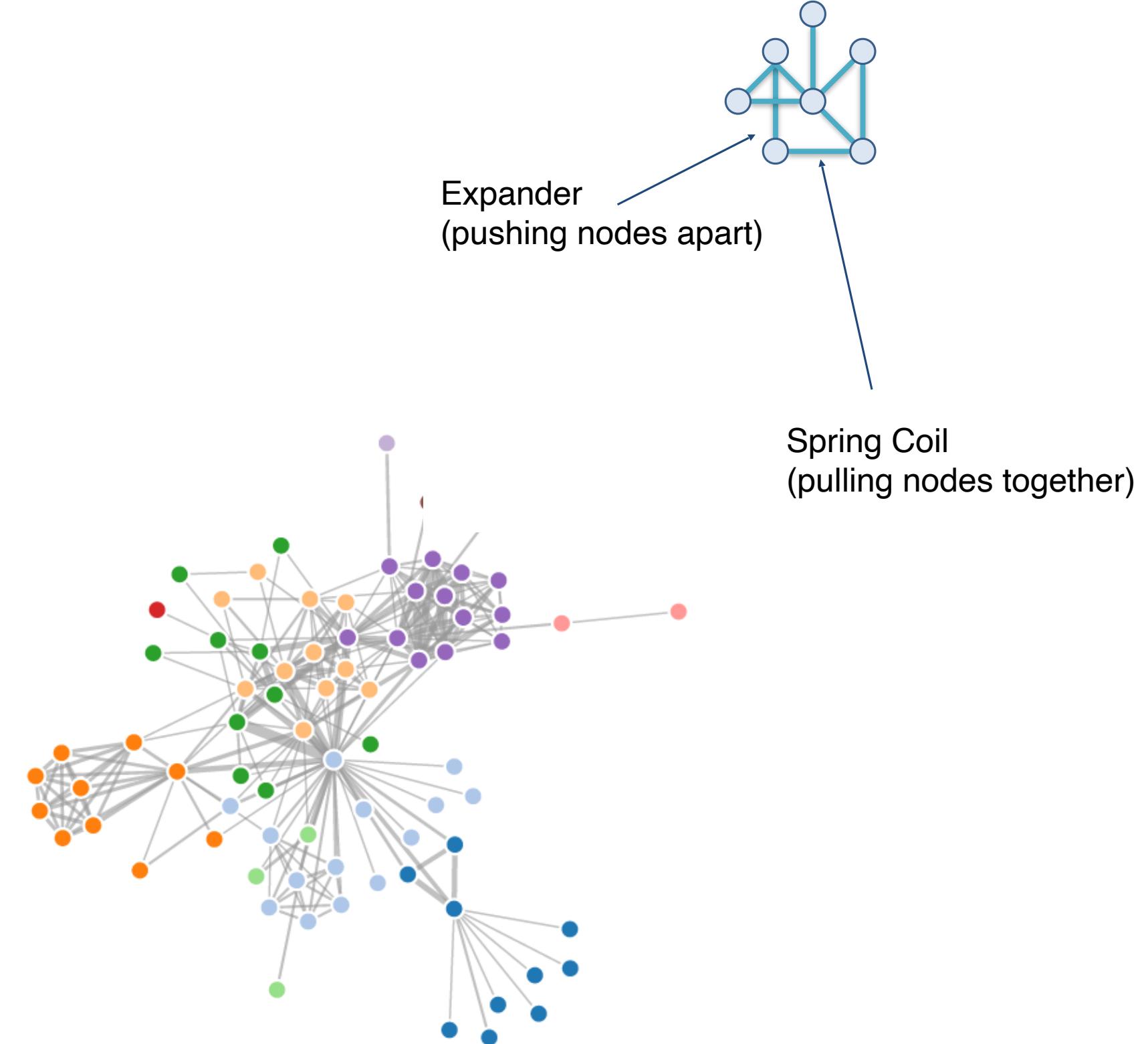
Schulz 2004

Optimization-based layouts

- formulate layout problem as optimization problem
- convert criteria into weighted cost function
 - $F(\text{layout}) = a * [\text{crossing counts}] + b * [\text{drawing space used}] + \dots$
- use known optimization techniques to find layout at minimal cost
 - energy-based physics models
 - force-directed placement
 - spring embedders

Force-directed placement

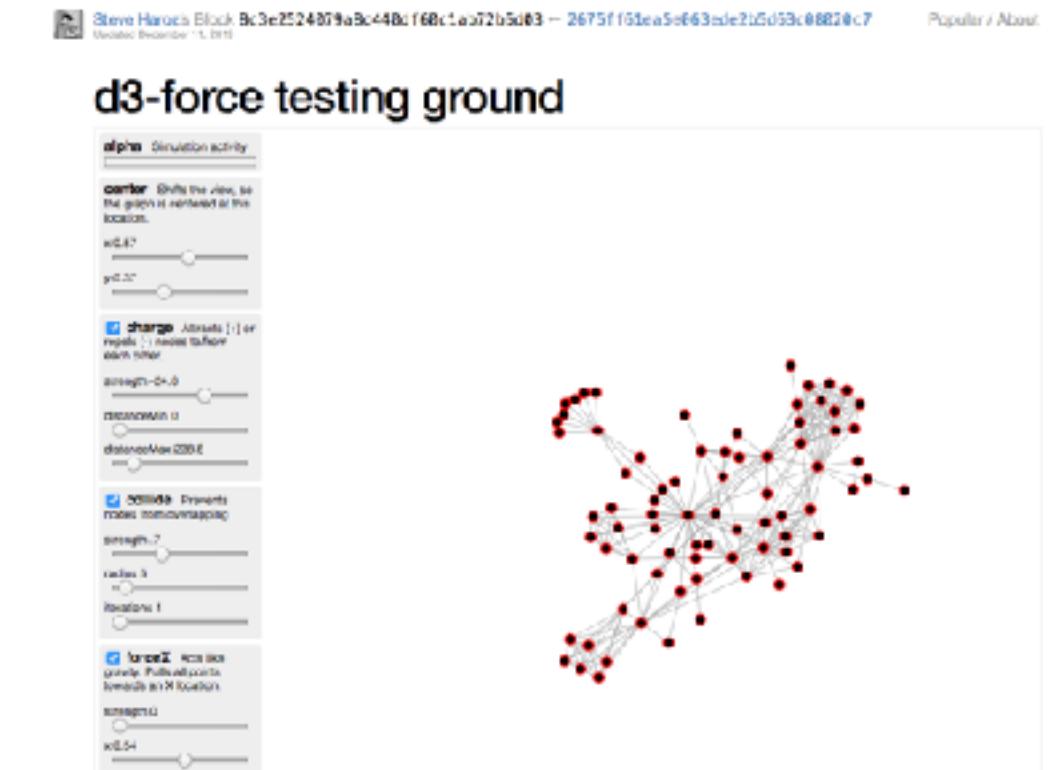
- physics model
 - links = springs pull together
 - nodes = magnets repulse apart
- algorithm
 - place vertices in random locations
 - while not equilibrium
 - calculate force on vertex
 - sum of
 - » pairwise repulsion of all nodes
 - » attraction between connected nodes
 - move vertex by $c * \text{vertex_force}$



<http://mbostock.github.com/d3/ex/force.html>

Force-directed placement properties

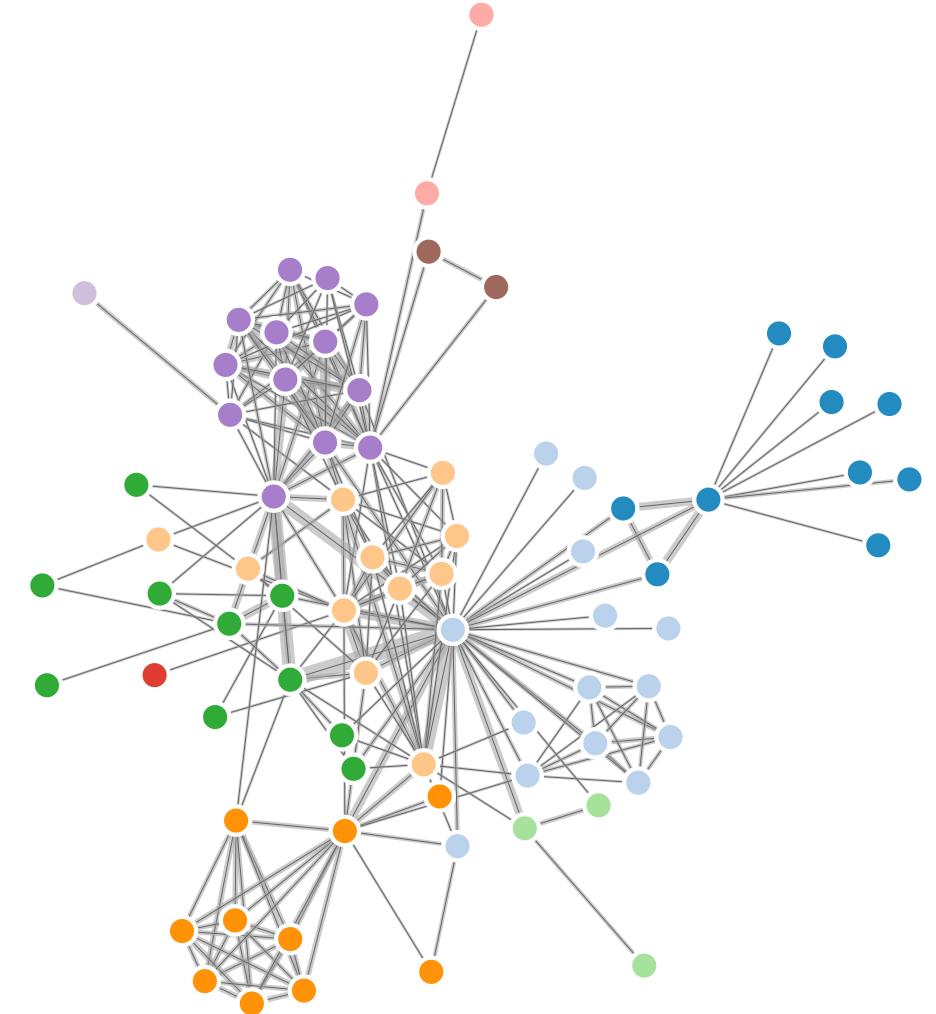
- strengths
 - reasonable layout for small, sparse graphs
 - clusters typically visible
 - edge length uniformity
- weaknesses
 - nondeterministic
 - computationally expensive: $O(n^3)$ for n nodes
 - each step is n^2 , takes $\sim n$ cycles to reach equilibrium
 - naive FD doesn't scale well beyond 1K nodes
 - iterative progress: engaging but distracting



<https://blocks.org/steveharoz/8c3e2524079a8c440df60c1ab72b5d03>

Idiom: force-directed placement

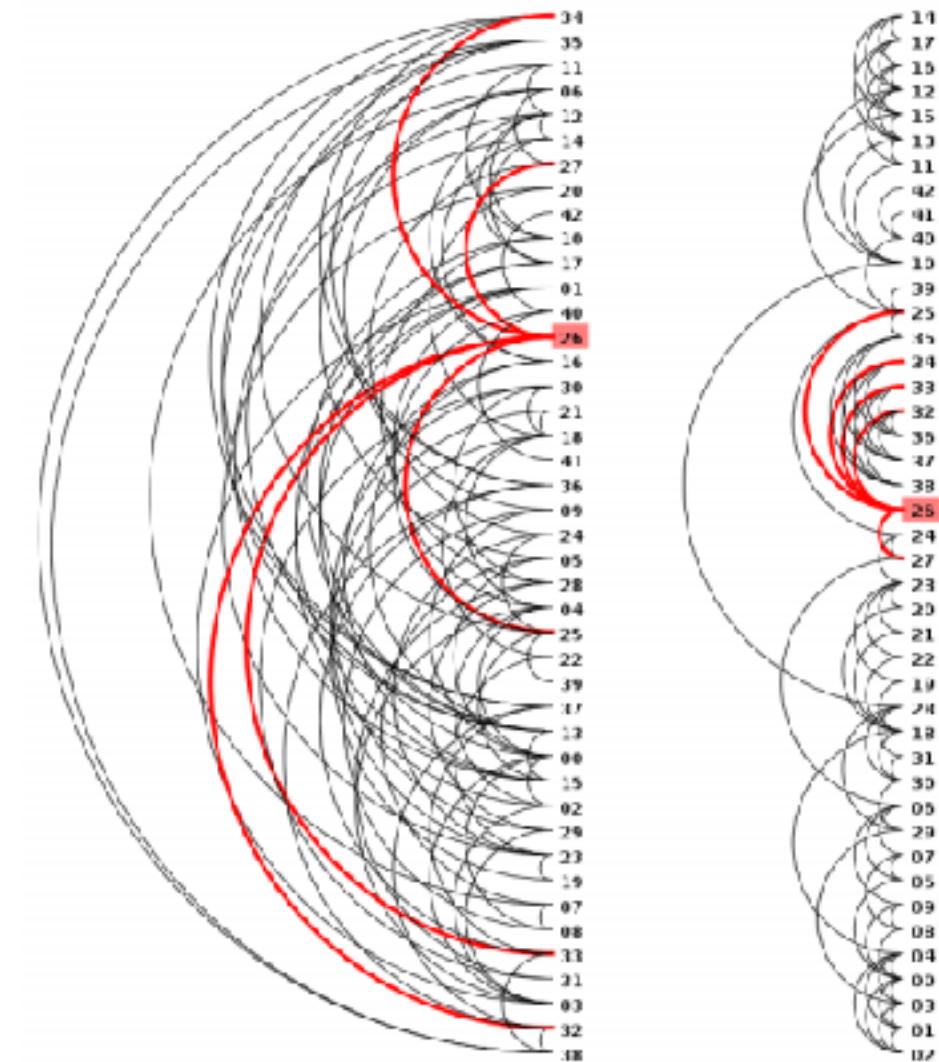
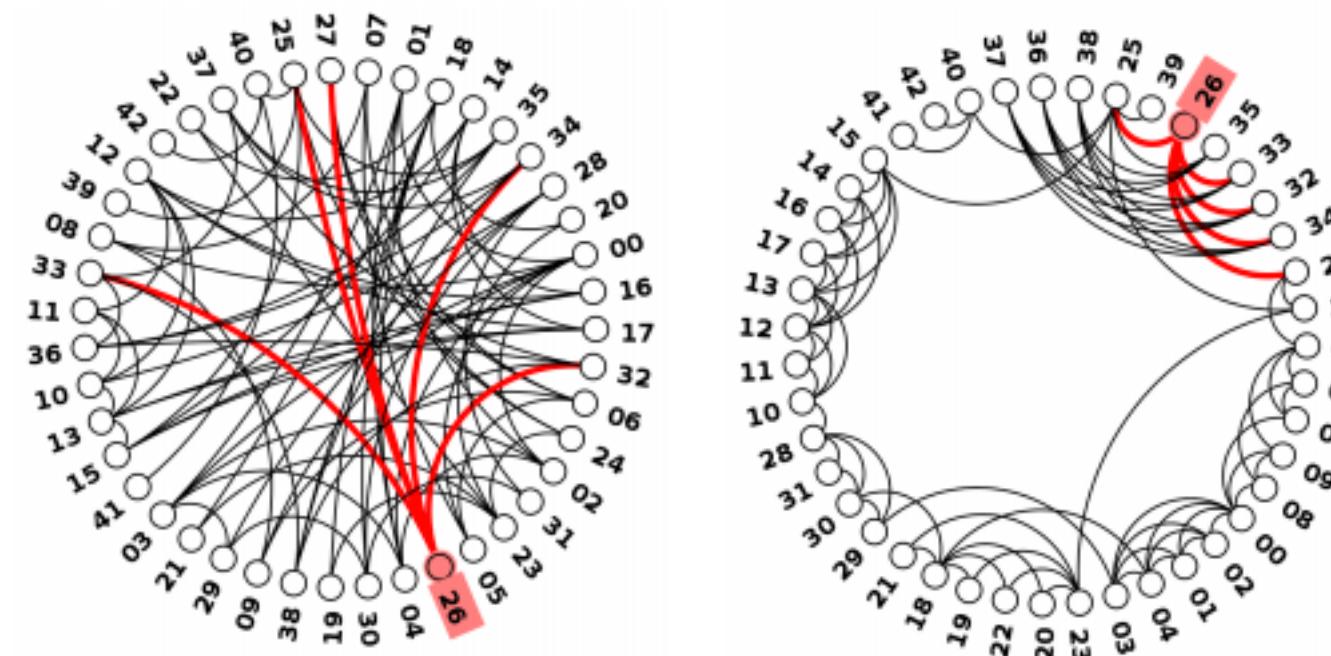
- visual encoding
 - link connection marks, node point marks
- considerations
 - spatial position: no meaning directly encoded
 - left free to minimize crossings
 - proximity semantics?
 - sometimes meaningful
 - sometimes arbitrary, artifact of layout algorithm
 - tension with length
 - long edges more visually salient than short
- tasks
 - explore topology; locate paths, clusters
- scalability
 - node/edge density $E < 4N$



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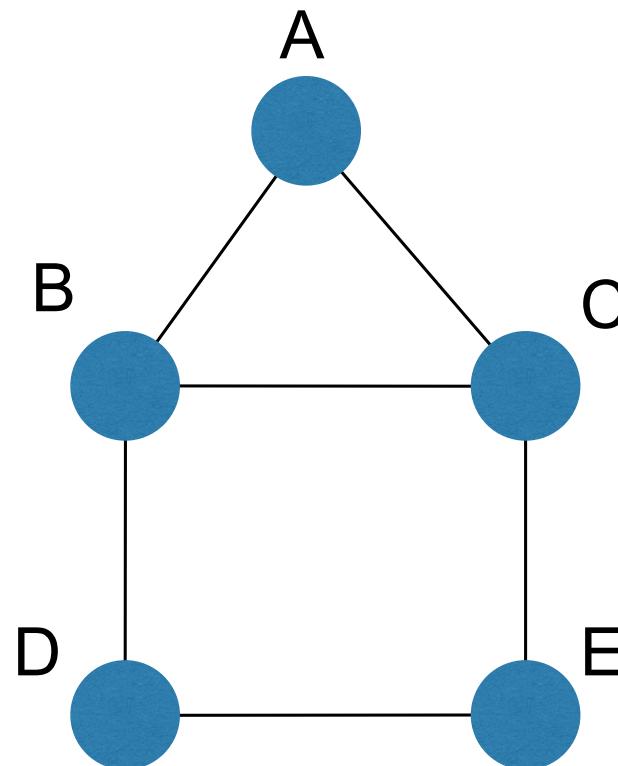
Idiom: circular layouts / arc diagrams (node-link)

- restricted node-link layouts: lay out nodes around circle or along line
 - data
 - original: network
 - derived: node ordering attribute (global computation)
 - considerations: node ordering crucial to avoid excessive clutter from edge crossings
 - examples: before & after barycentric ordering



Adjacency matrix representations

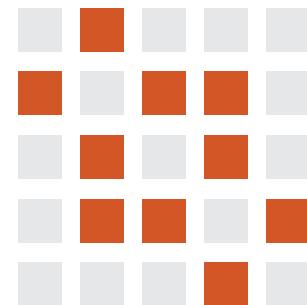
- derive adjacency matrix from network



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B					
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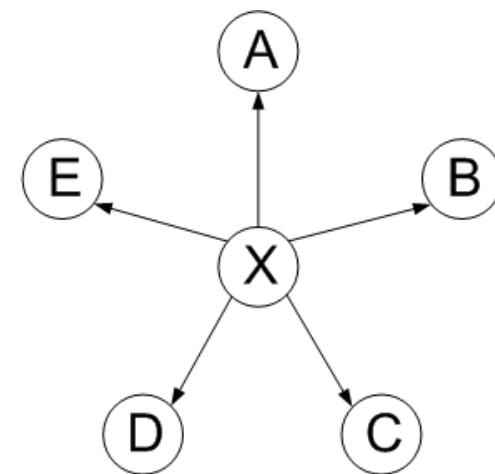
→ **Adjacency Matrix**
Derived Table

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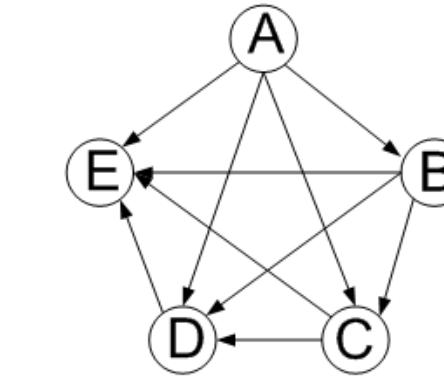


Adjacency matrix examples

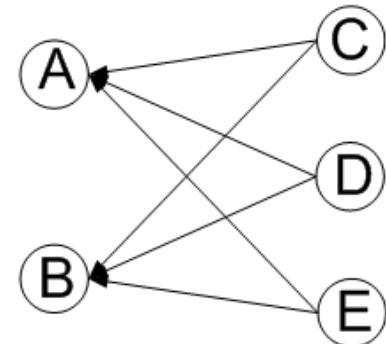
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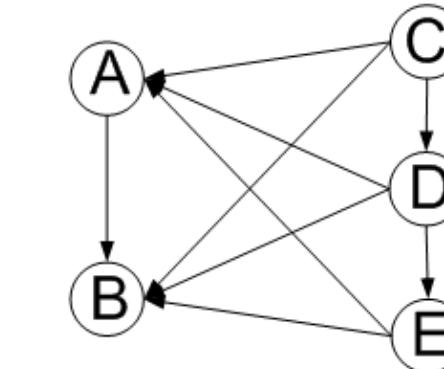
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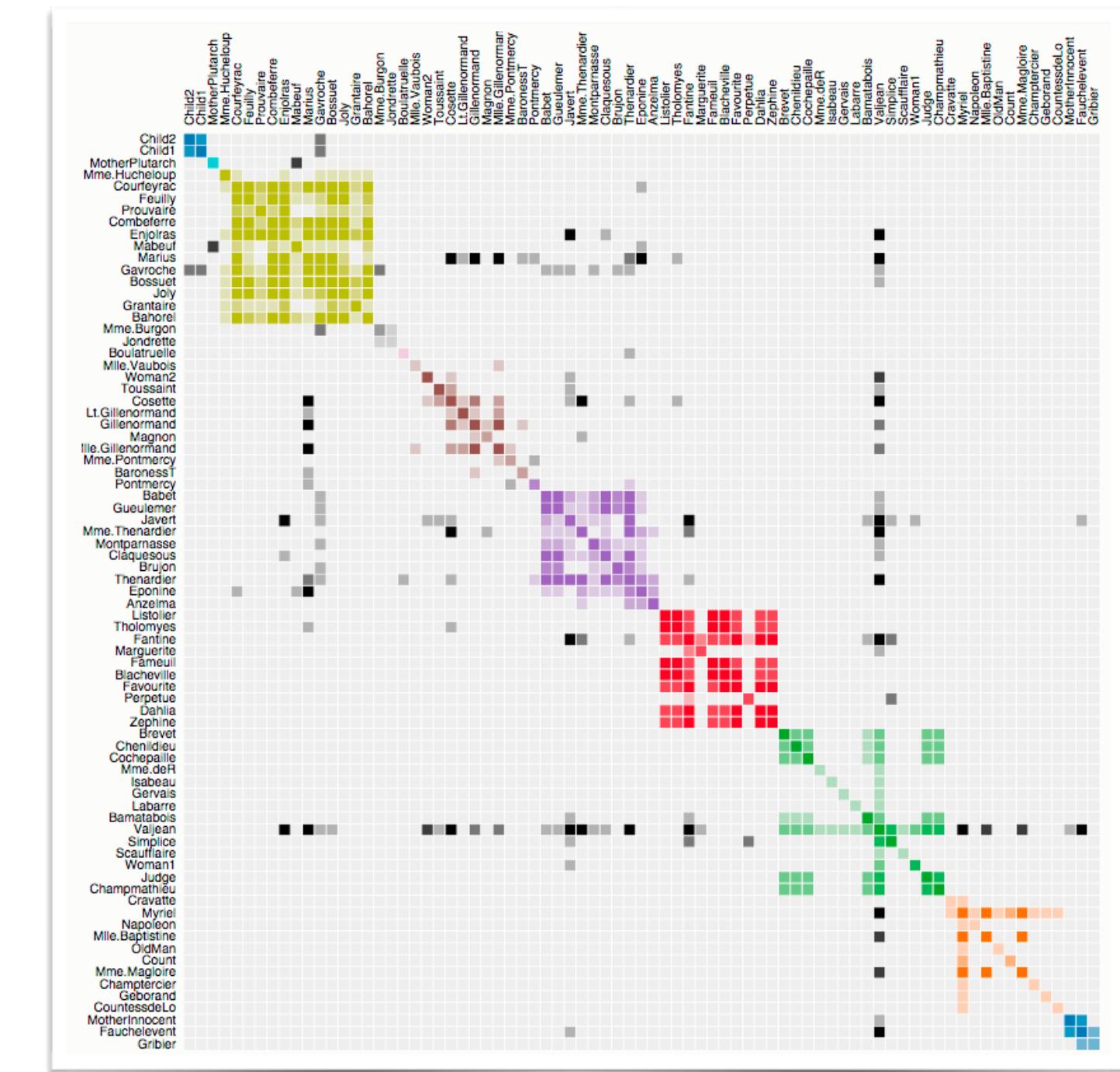
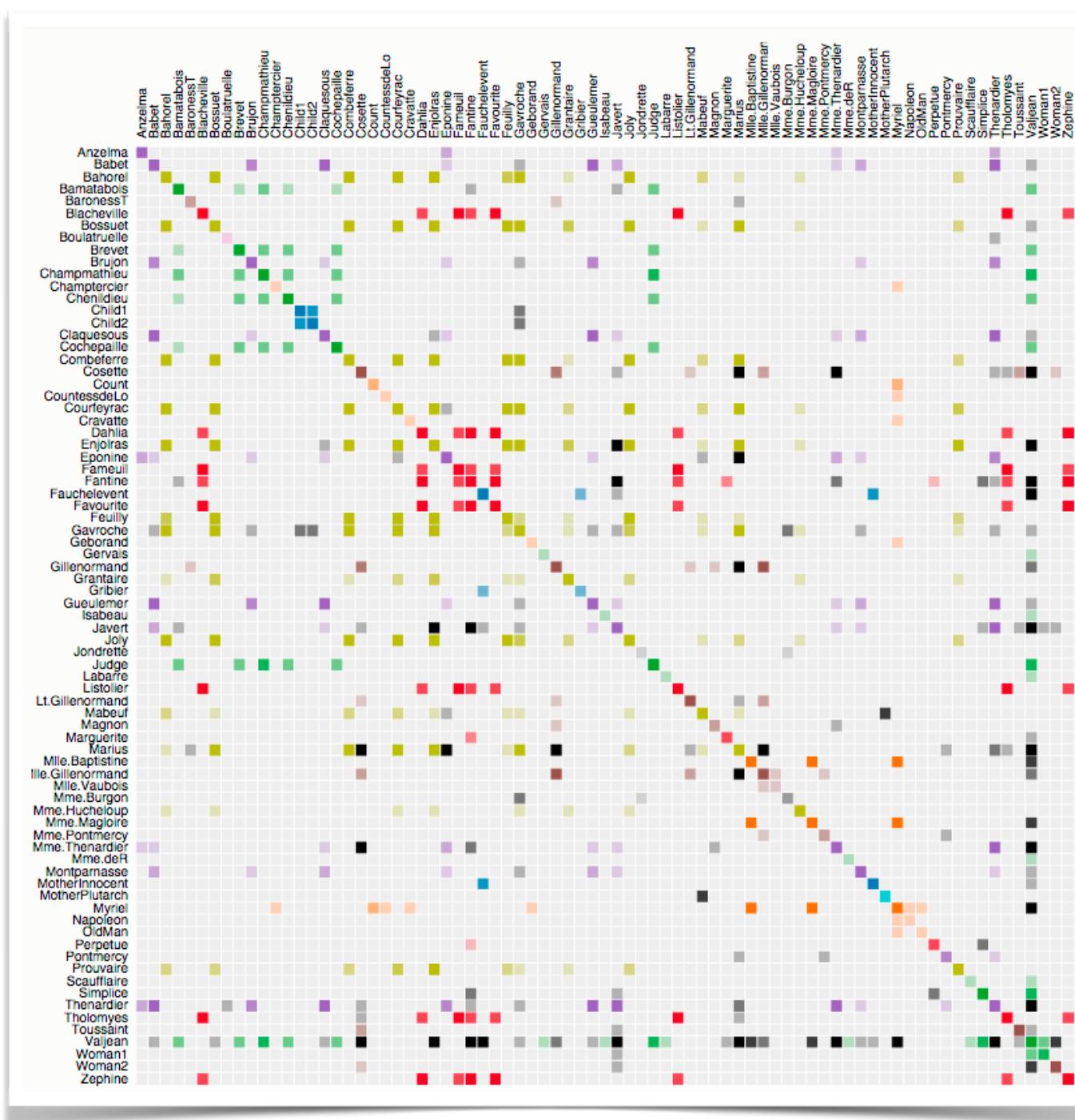
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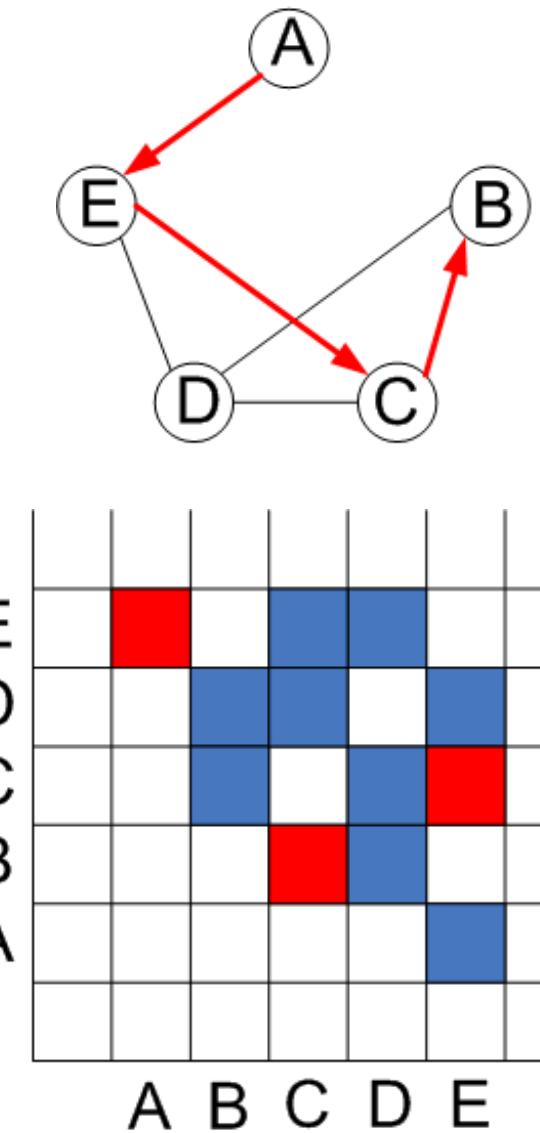
Node order is crucial: Reordering



Adjacency matrix

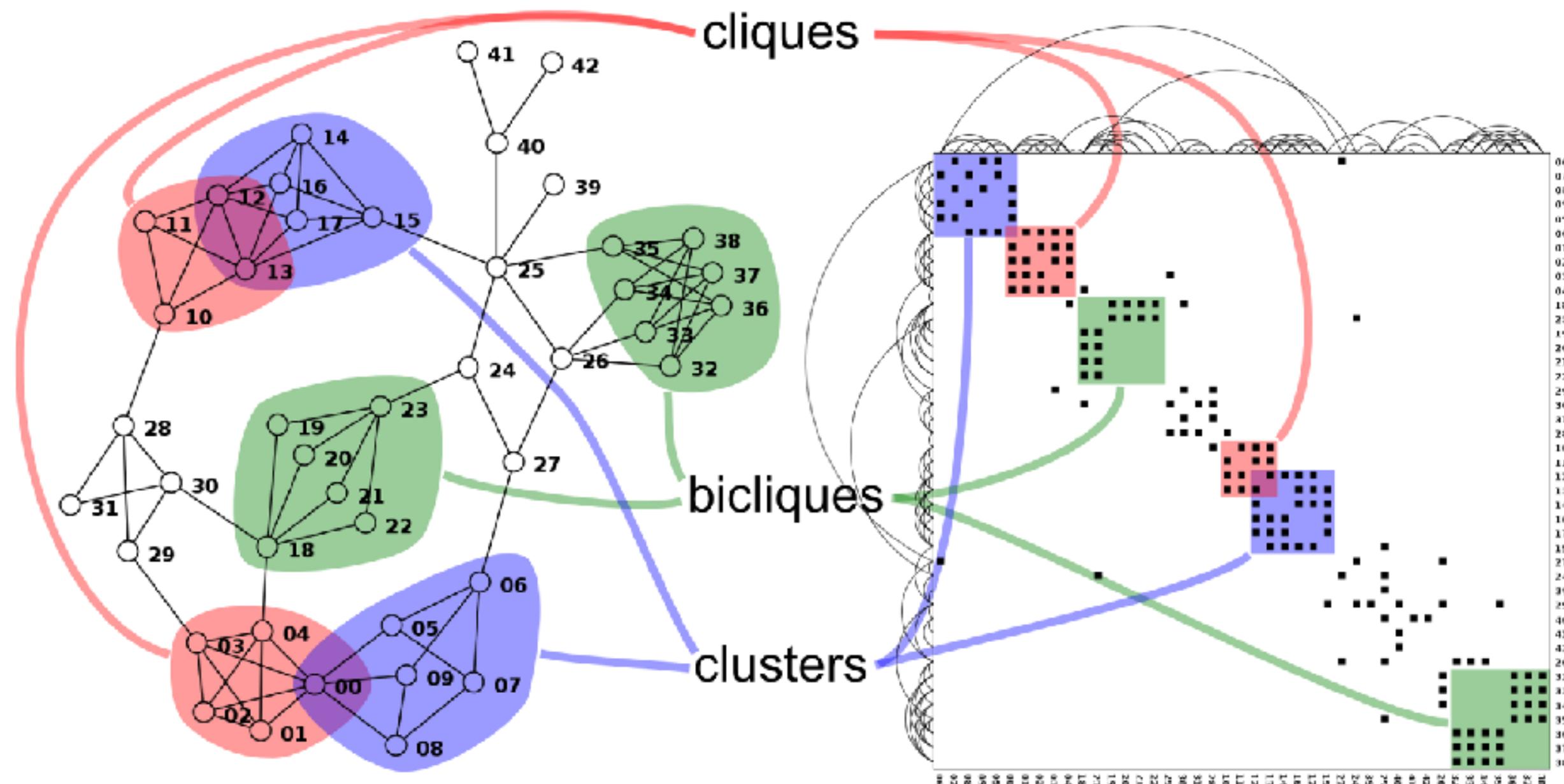
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good for topology tasks
related to neighborhoods
(node 1-hop neighbors)



bad for topology tasks
related to paths

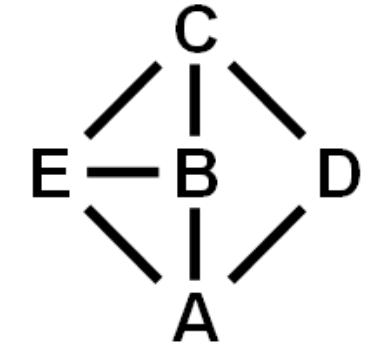
Structures visible in both



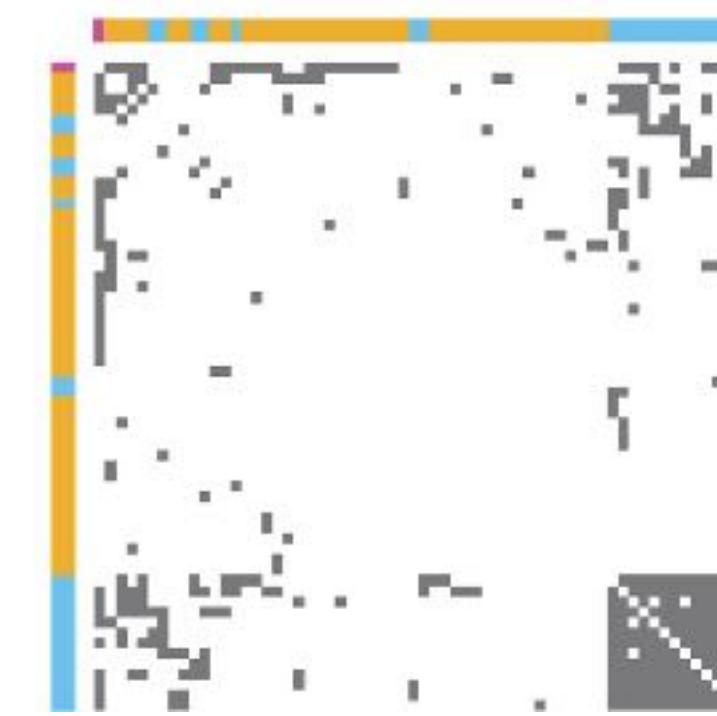
Idiom: adjacency matrix view

- data: network
 - transform into same data/encoding as heatmap
- derived data: table from network
 - 1 quant attrib
 - weighted edge between nodes
 - 2 categ attribs: node list x 2
- visual encoding
 - cell shows presence/absence of edge
- scalability
 - 1K nodes, 1M edges

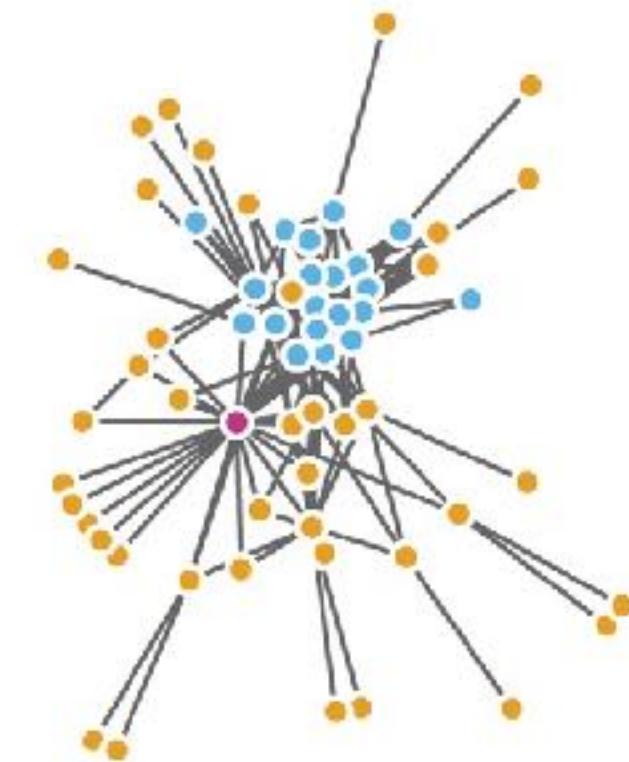
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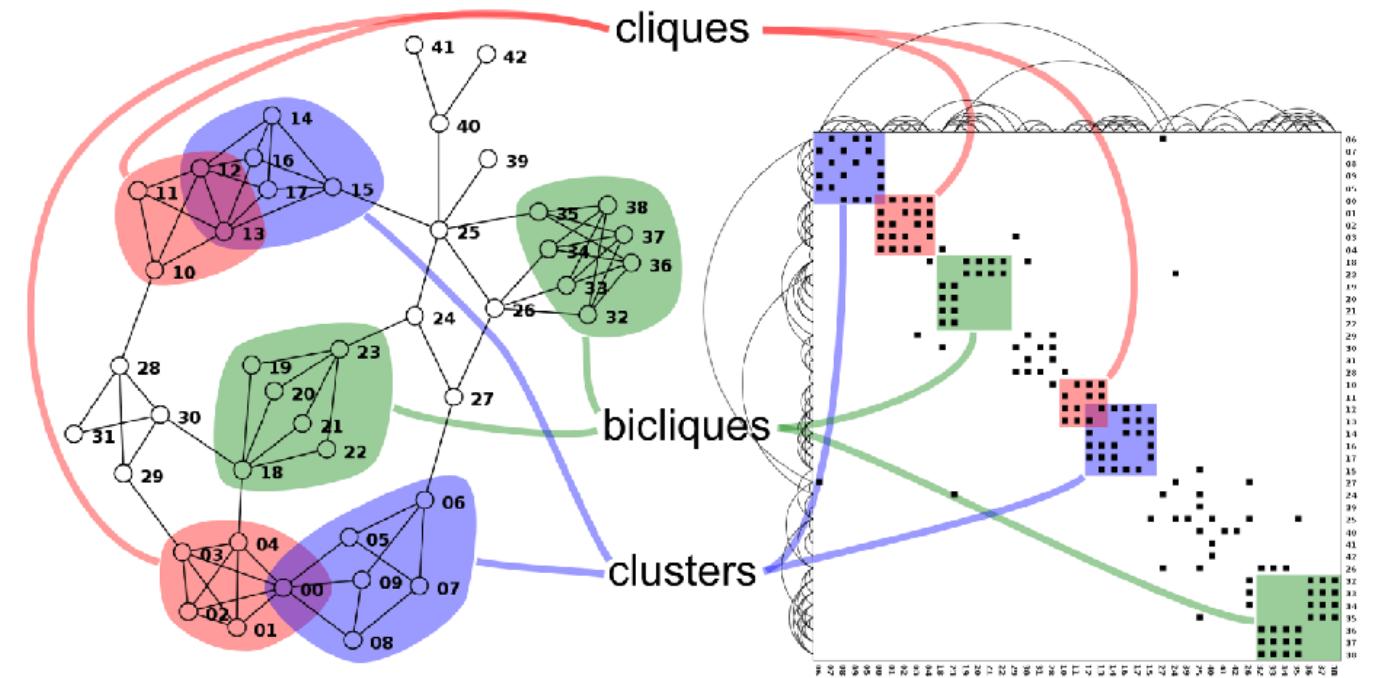


[Points of view: Networks. Gehlenborg and Wong. Nature Methods 9:115.]



Node-link vs. matrix comparison

- node-link diagram strengths
 - topology understanding, path tracing
 - intuitive, flexible, no training needed
- adjacency matrix strengths
 - focus on edges rather than nodes
 - layout straightforward (reordering needed)
 - predictability, scalability
 - some topology tasks trainable
- empirical study
 - node-link best for small networks
 - matrix best for large networks
 - if tasks don't involve path tracing!

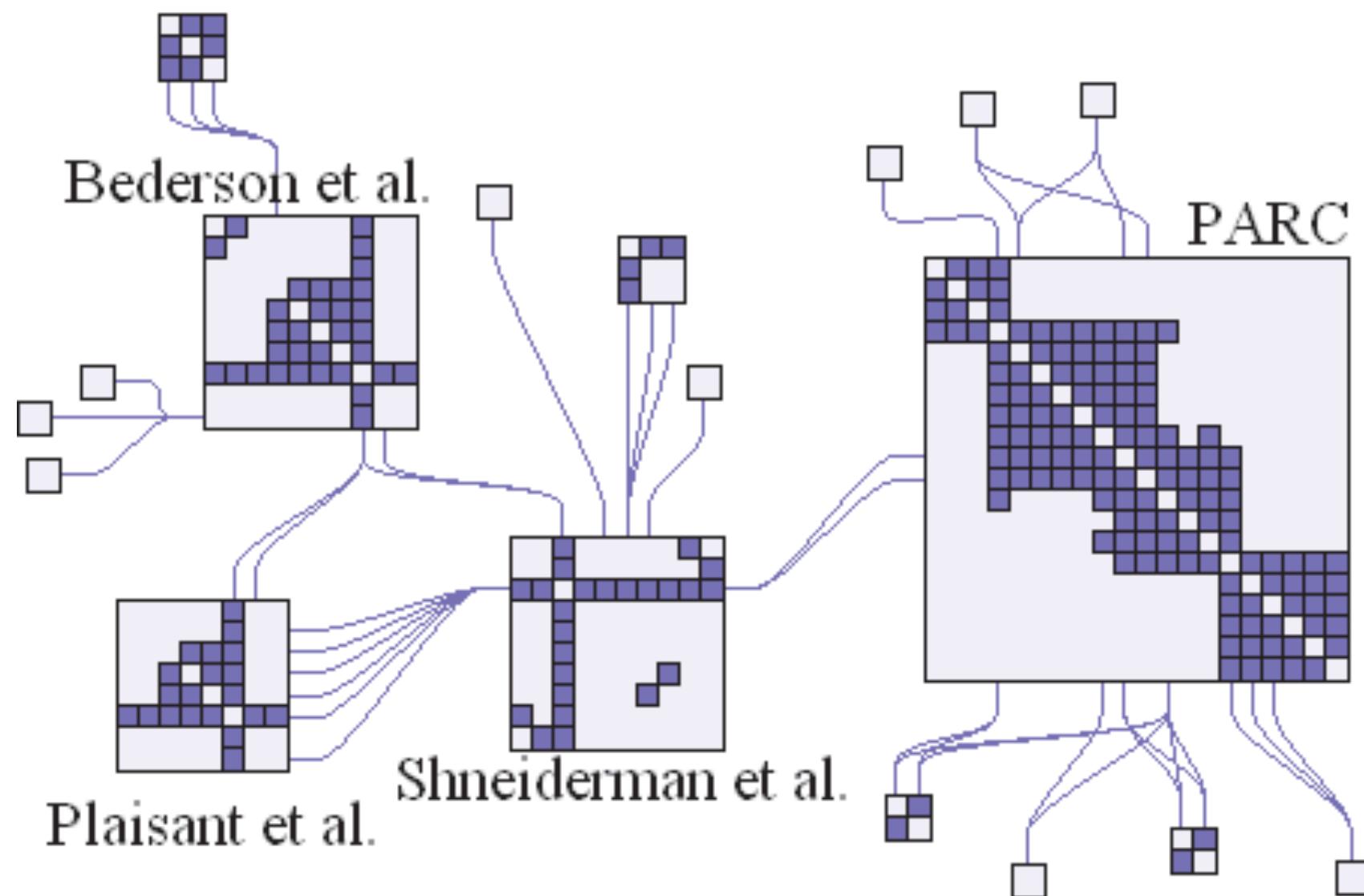


<http://www.michaelmcguffin.com/courses/vis/patternsInAdjacencyMatrix.png>

[On the readability of graphs using node-link and matrix-based representations: a controlled experiment and statistical analysis. Ghoniem, Fekete, and Castagliola. Information Visualization 4:2 (2005), 114–135.]

Idiom: NodeTrix

- hybrid nodelink/matrix
- capture strengths of both



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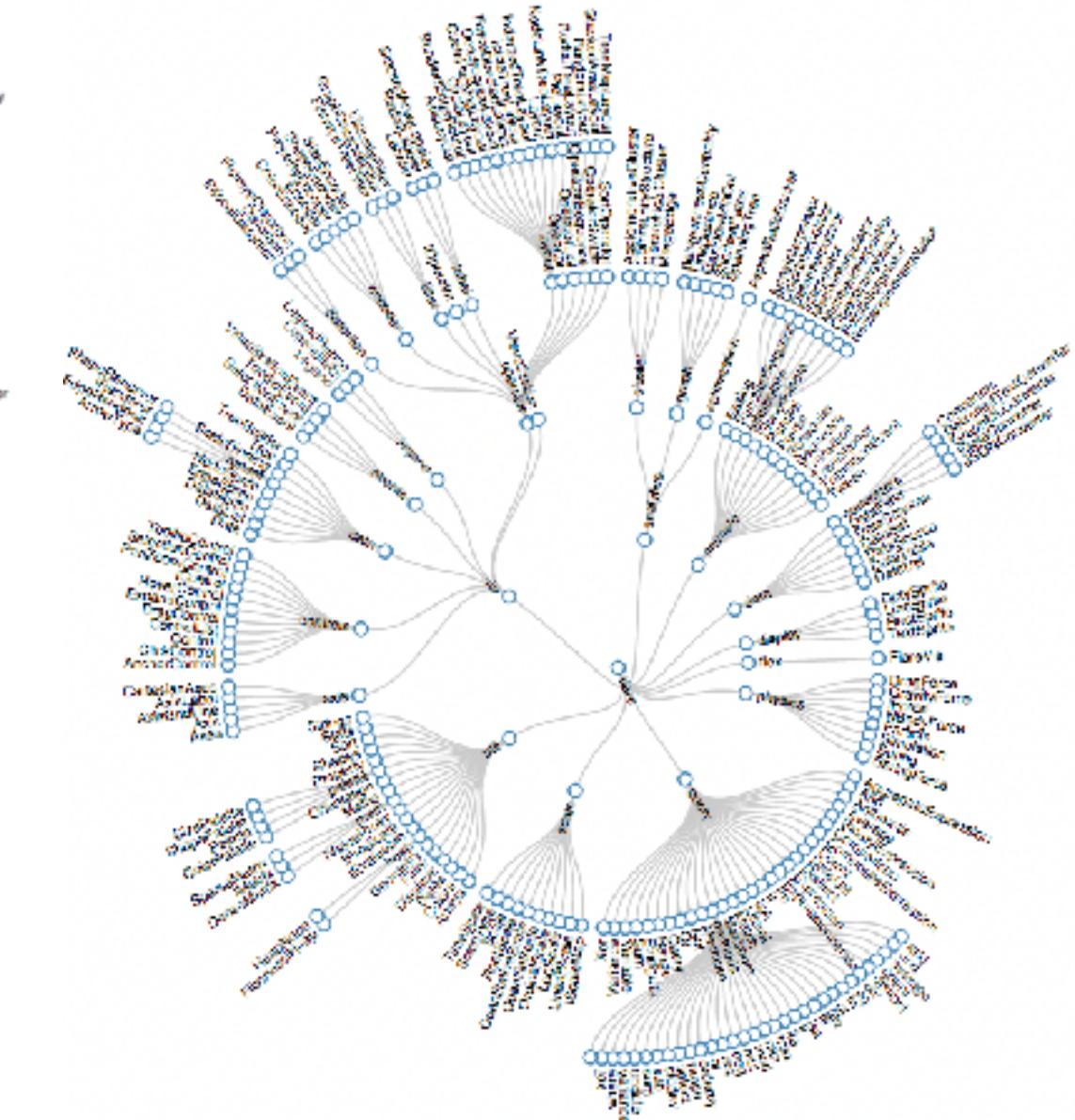
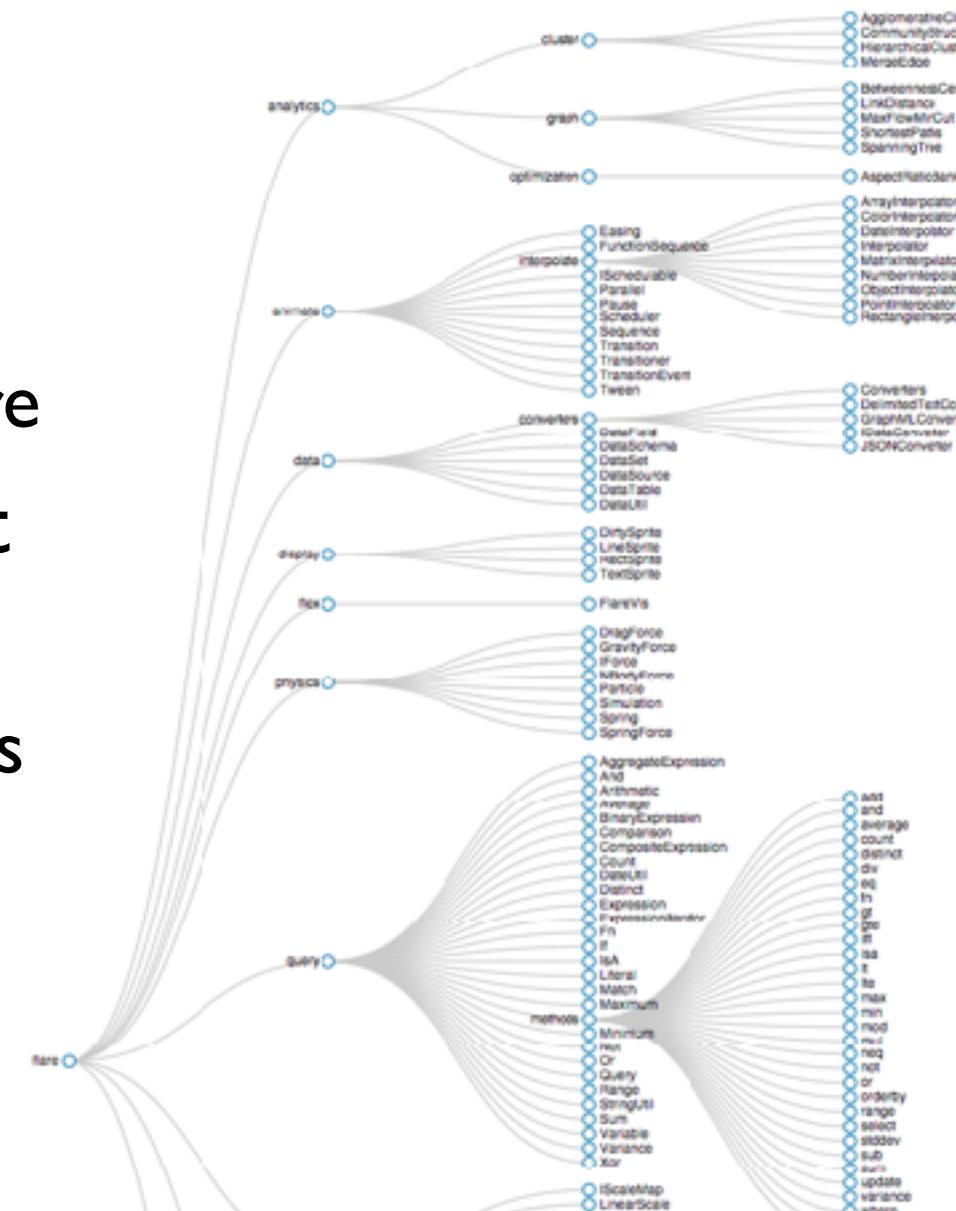
Trees

Node-link trees

- Reingold-Tilford
 - tidy drawings of trees
 - exploit parent/child structure
 - allocate space: compact but without overlap
 - rectilinear and radial variants

[Tidier drawing of trees. Reingold and Tilford. IEEE Trans. Software Eng., SE-7(2):223–228, 1981.]

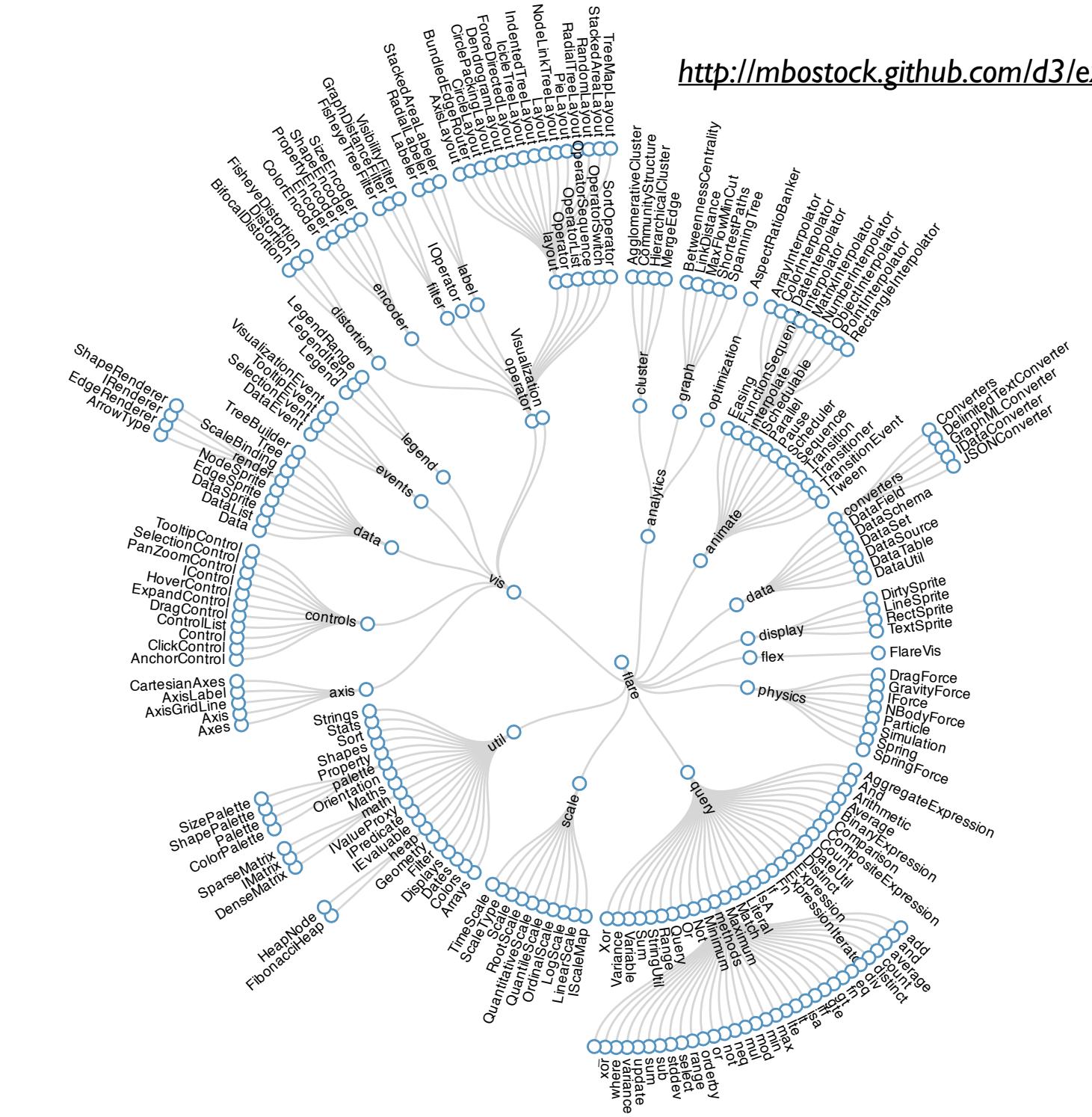
- nice algorithm writeup
 - <http://billmill.org/pymag-trees/>



Idiom: radial node-link tree

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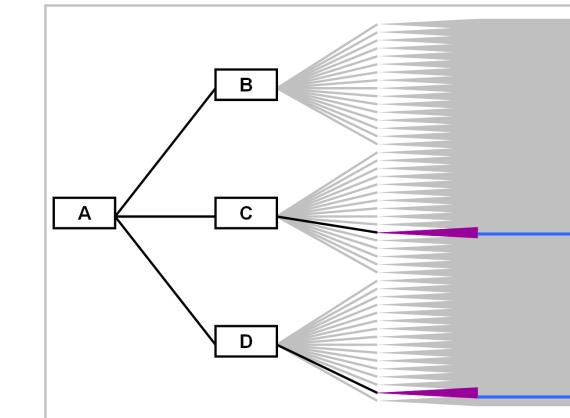
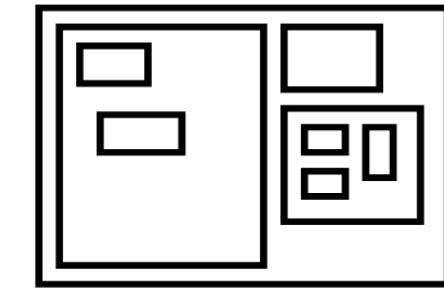
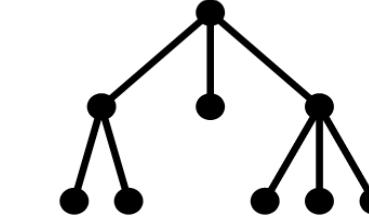
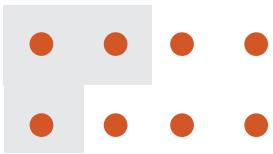
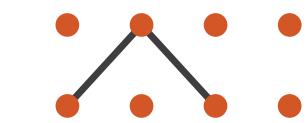
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 - tree
 - encoding
 - link connection marks
 - point node marks
 - radial axis orientation
 - angular proximity: siblings
 - distance from center: depth in tree
 - tasks
 - understanding topology, following paths
 - scalability
 - 1K - 10K nodes (with/without labels)



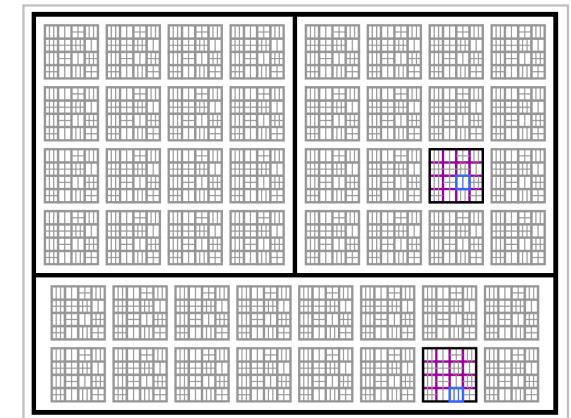
Link marks: Connection and containment

- marks as links (vs. nodes)
 - common case in network drawing
 - 1D case: connection
 - ex: all node-link diagrams
 - emphasizes topology, path tracing
 - networks and trees
 - 2D case: containment
 - ex: all treemap variants
 - emphasizes attribute values at leaves (size coding)
 - only trees

→ Connection → Containment



Node-Link Diagram



Treemap

[*Elastic Hierarchies: Combining Treemaps and Node-Link Diagrams.*
Dong, McGuffin, and Chignell. Proc. InfoVis 2005, p. 57-64.]

Idiom: treemap

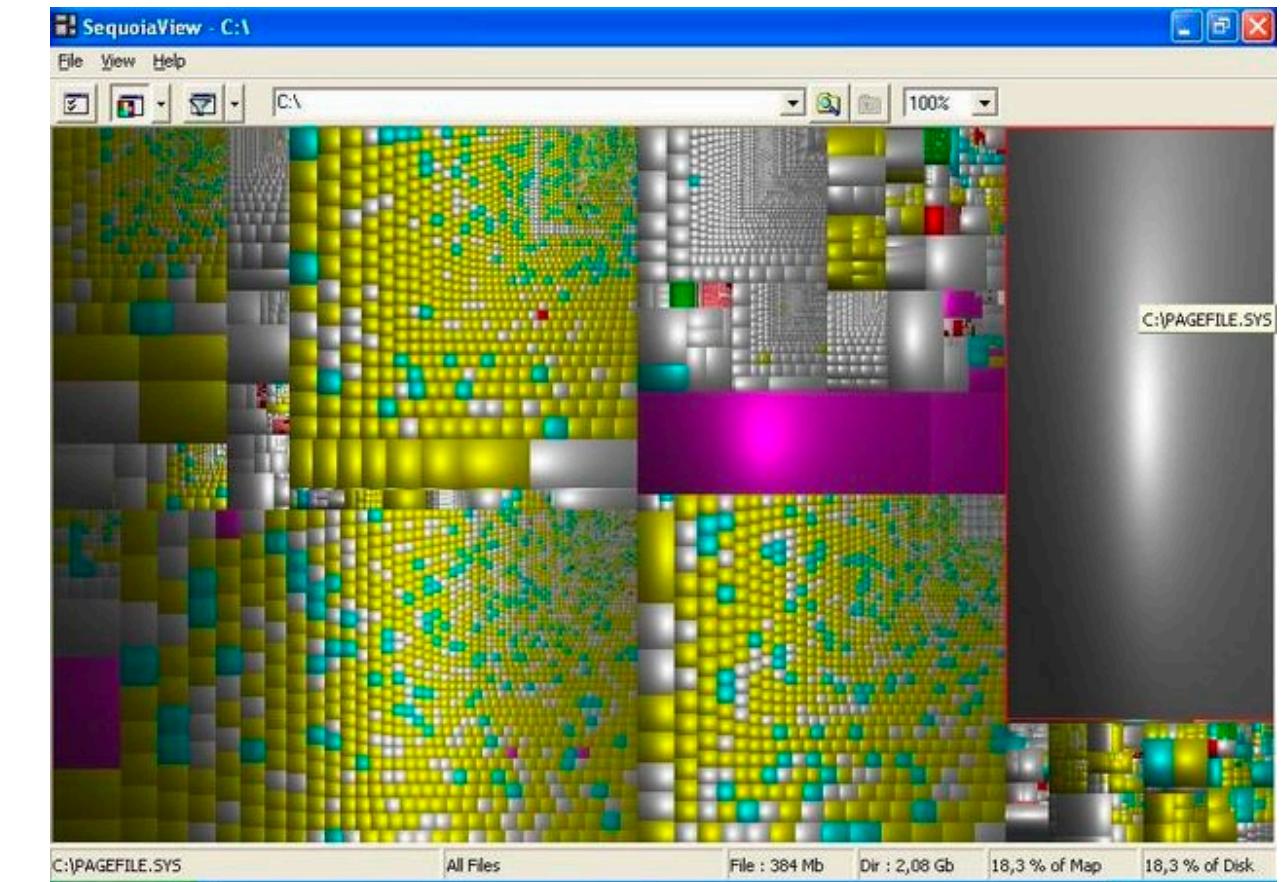
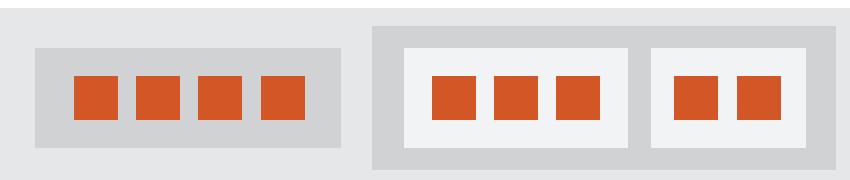
- data
 - tree
 - 1 quant attrib at leaf nodes
- encoding
 - area containment marks for hierarchical structure
 - rectilinear orientation
 - size encodes quant attrib
- tasks
 - query attribute at leaf nodes
 - ex: disk space usage within filesystem
- scalability
 - 1M leaf nodes

→ Enclosure

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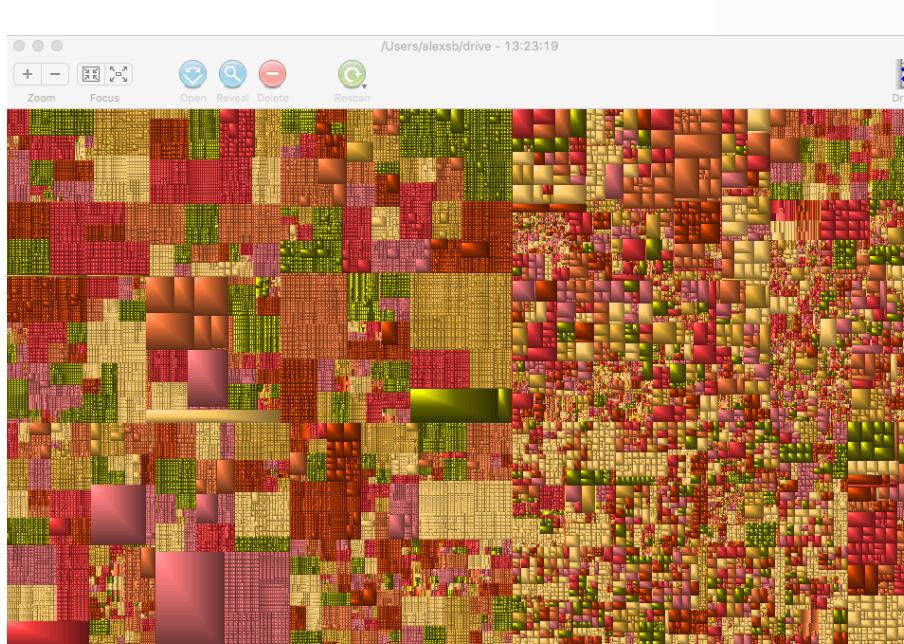
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[Cushion Treemaps. van Wijk and van de Wetering.
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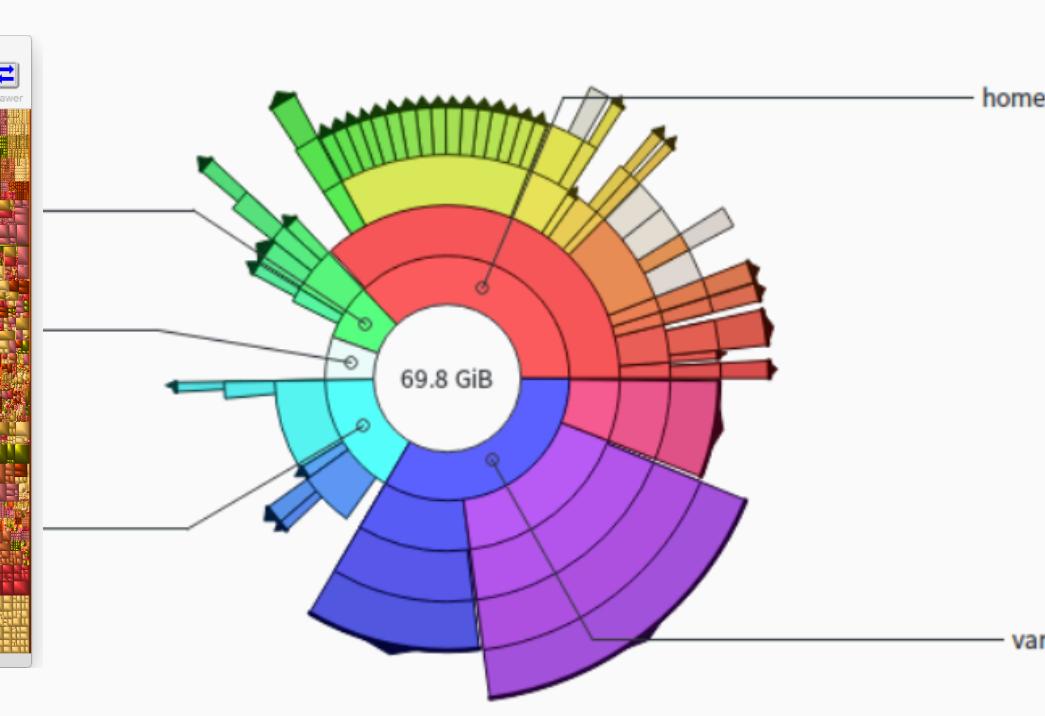
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Treemap containment



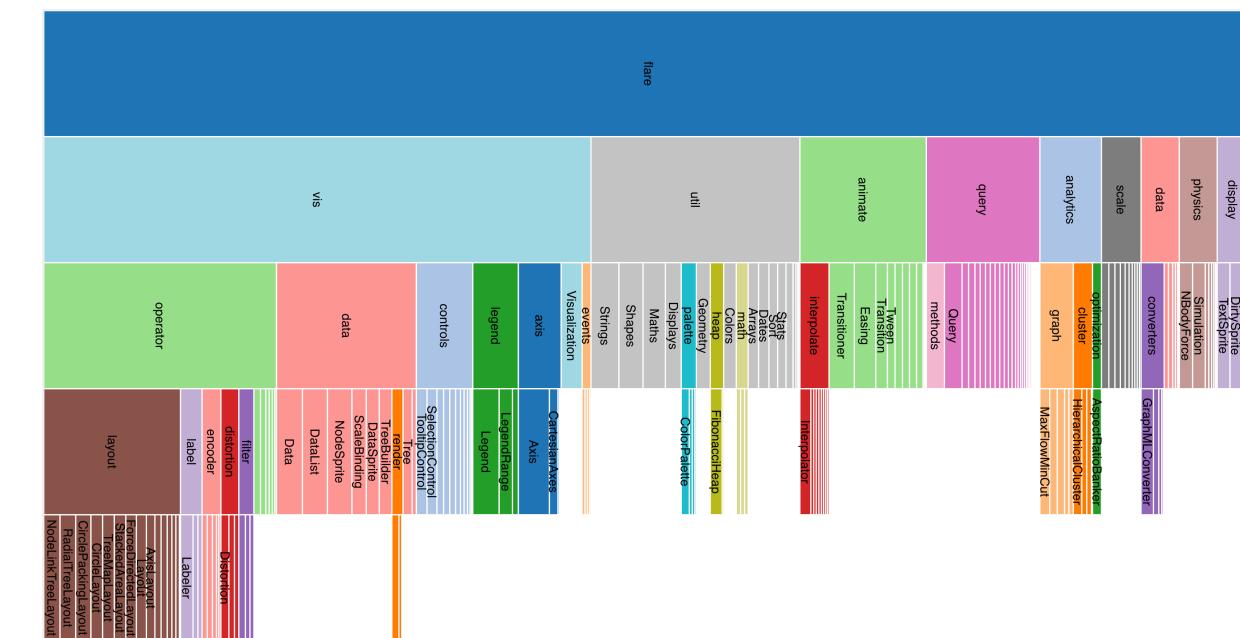
Sunburst

position (radial)



Icicle Plot

position (rectilinear)

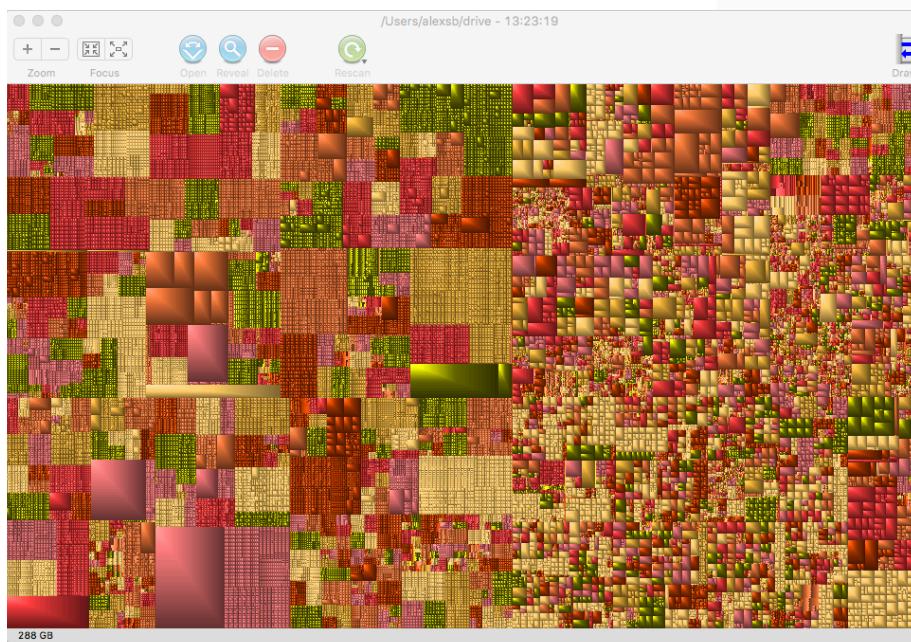


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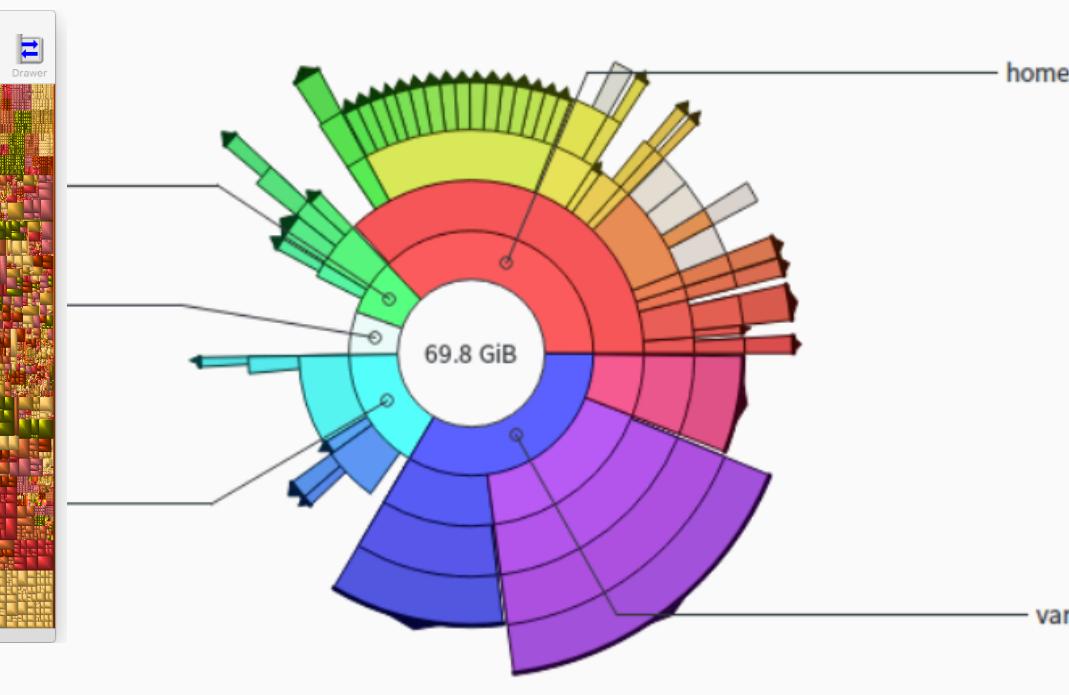
Treemap

containment
only leaves visible



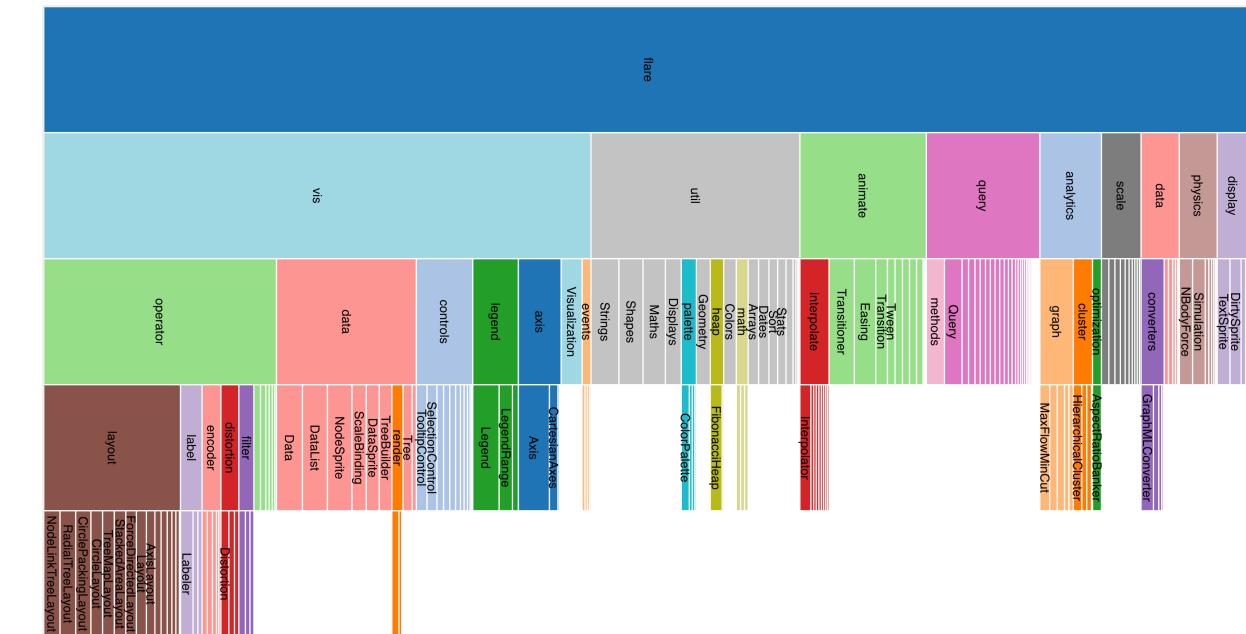
Sunburst

position (radial)
inner nodes & leaves visible



Icicle Plot

position (rectilinear)
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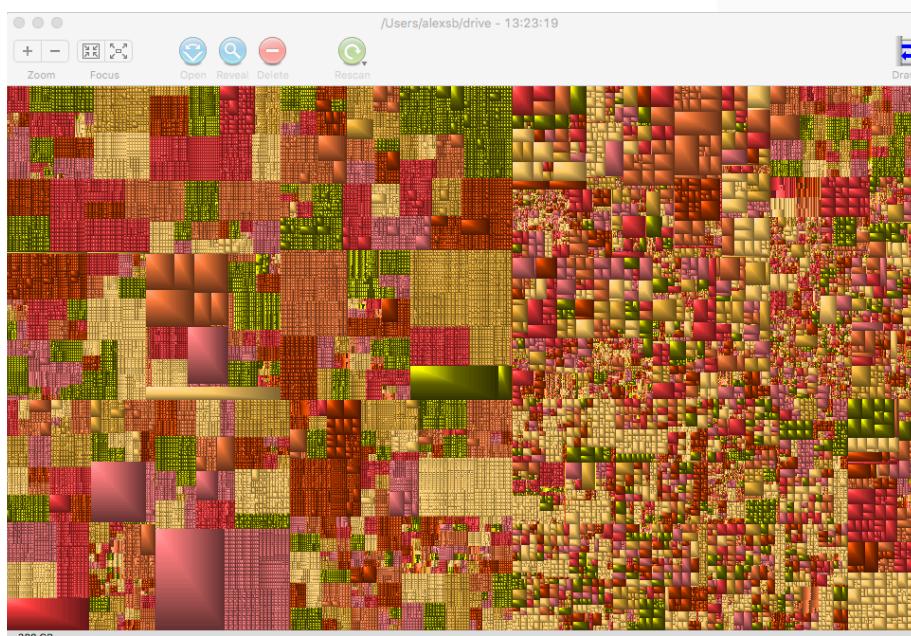
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Implicit
Spatial Position

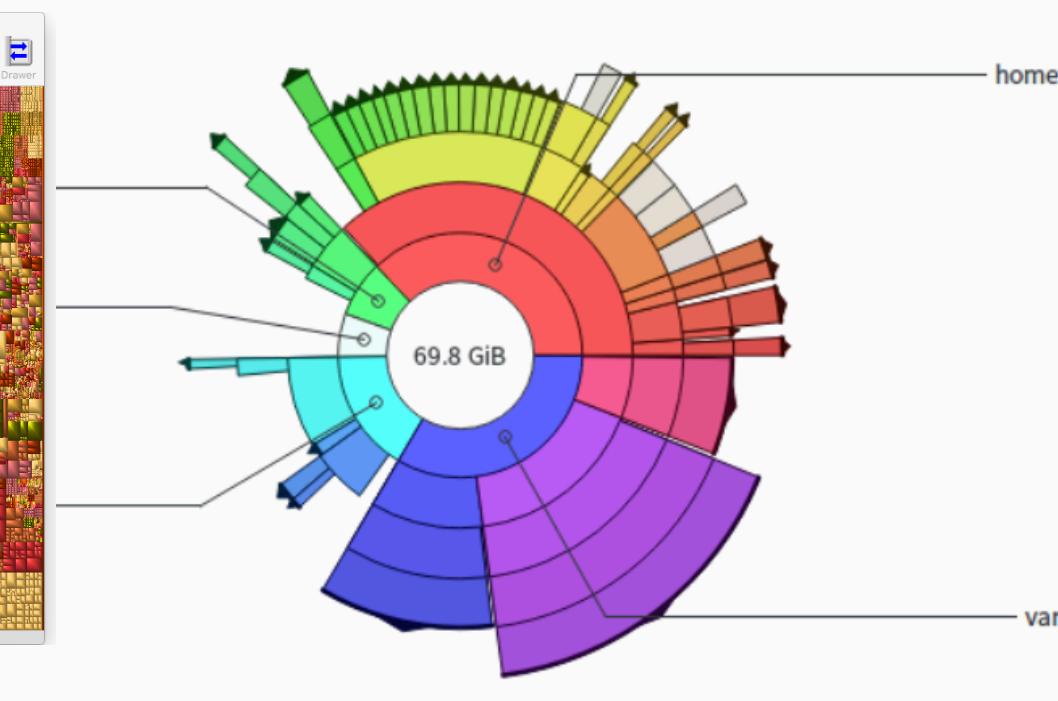
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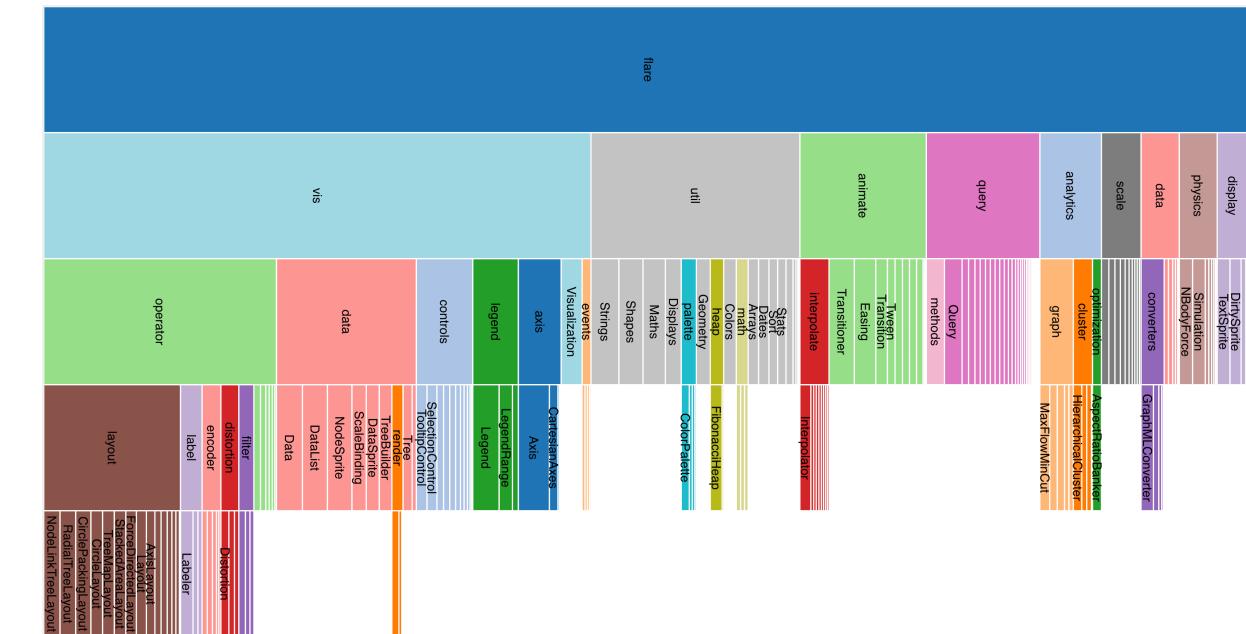
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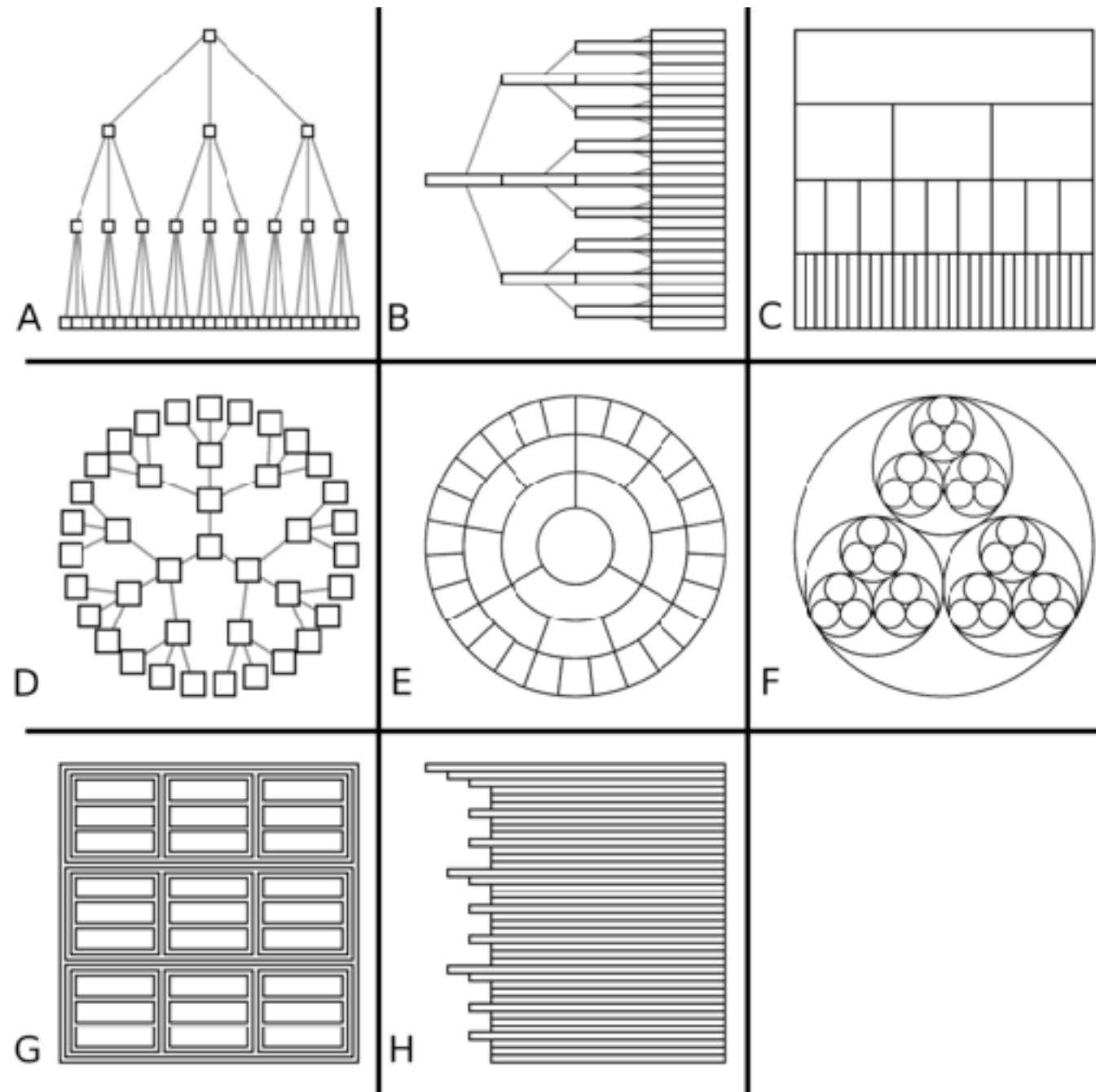
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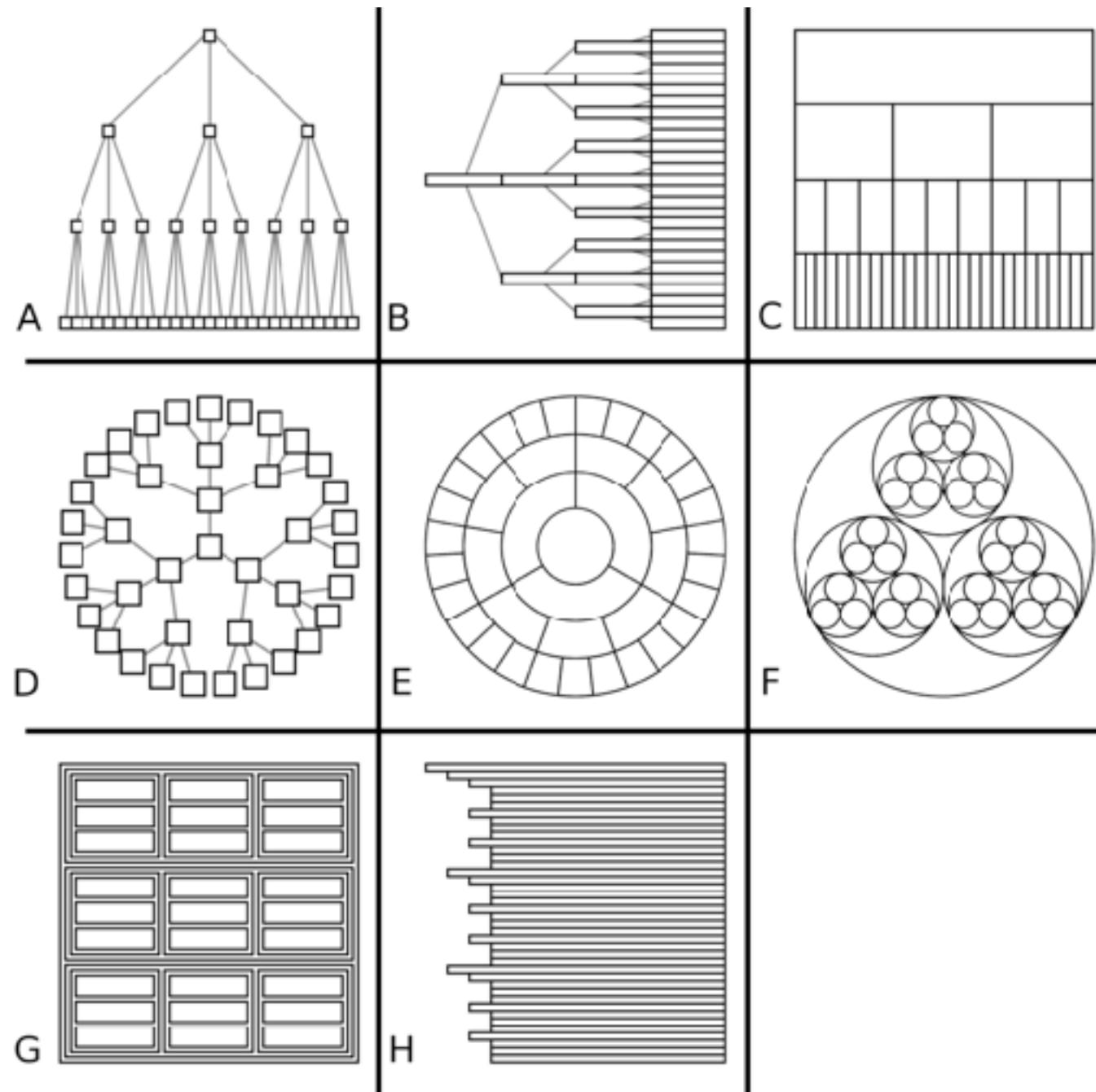


Tree drawing idioms comparison



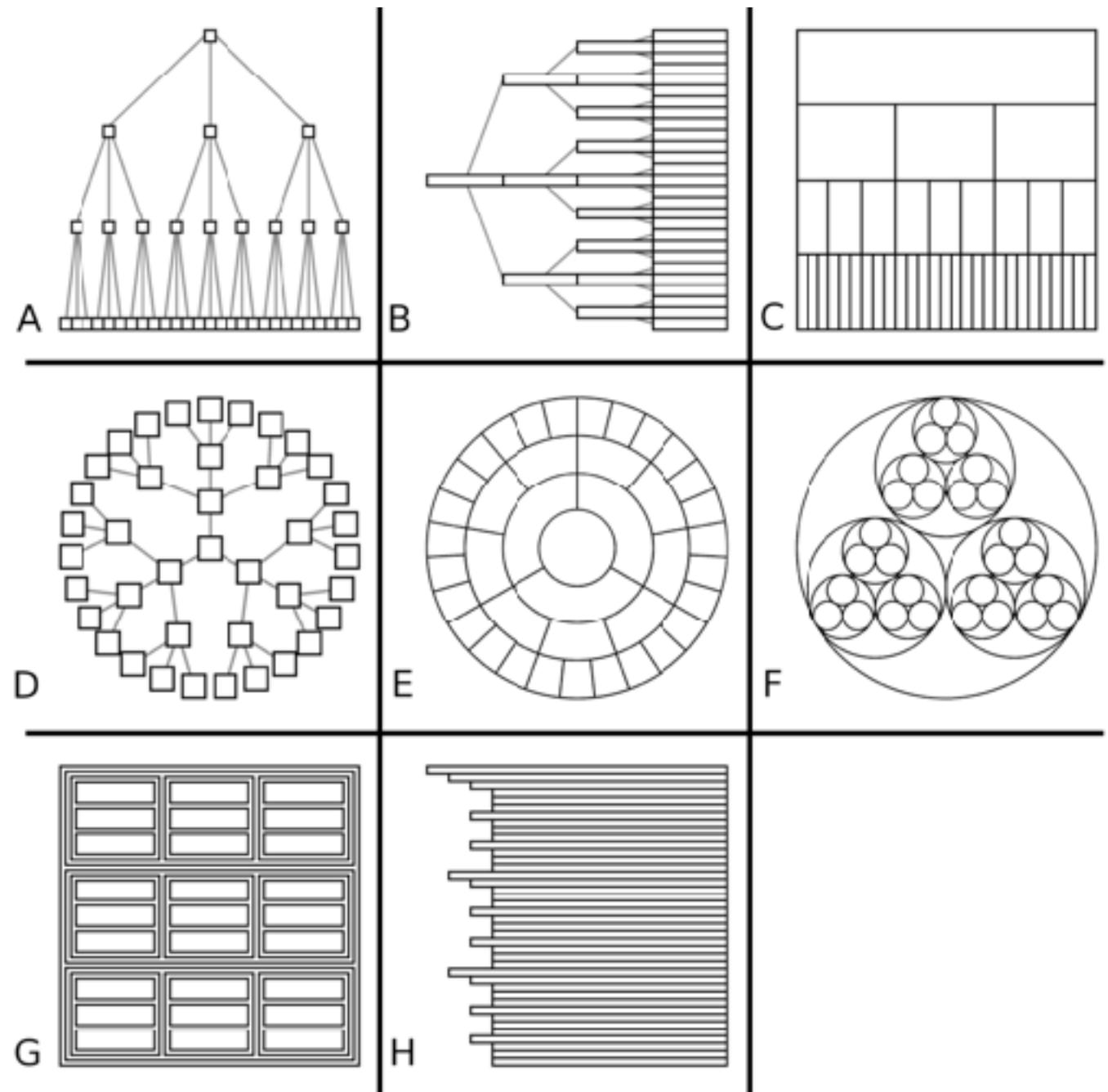
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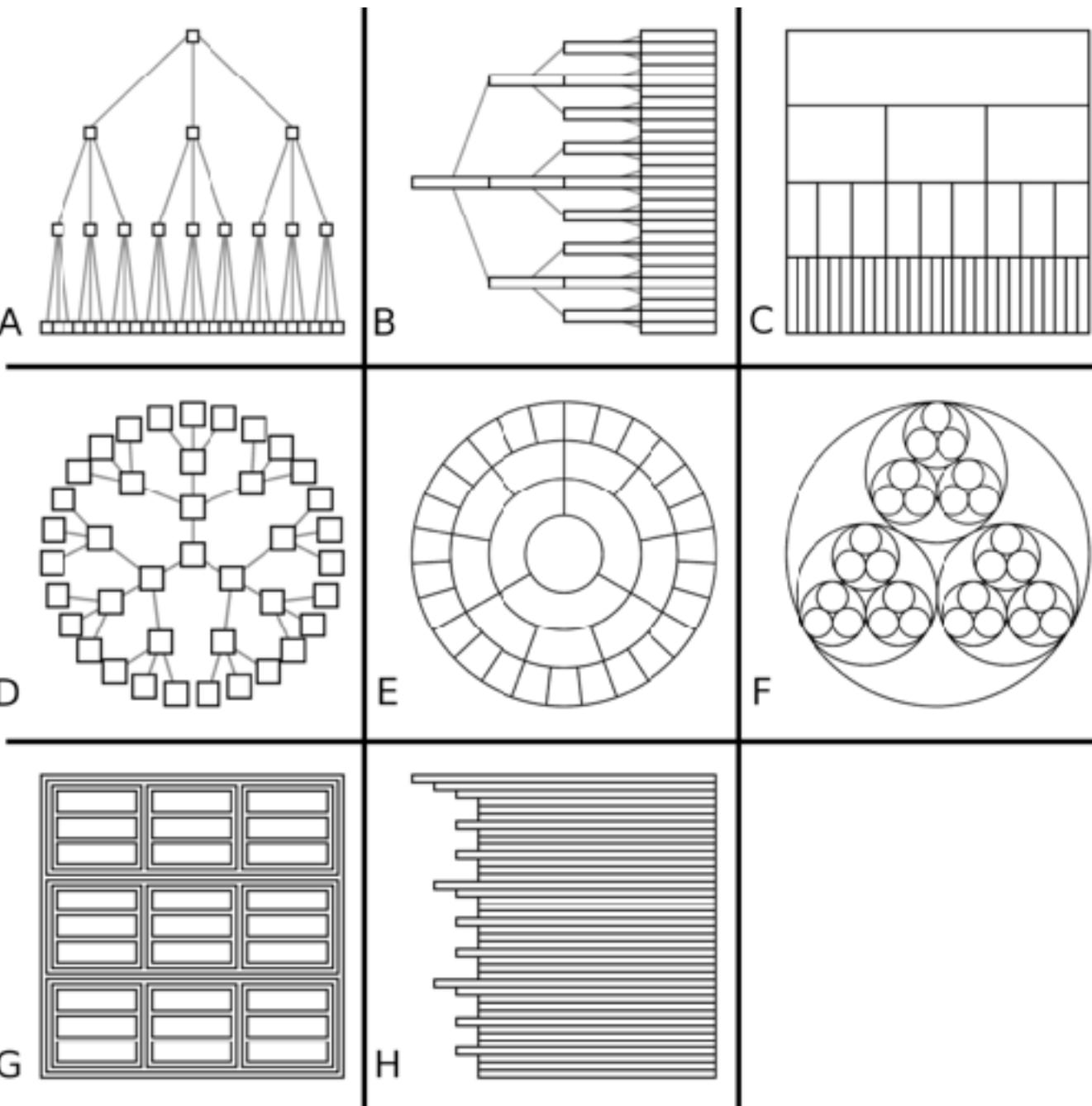
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- considerations
 - redundant? arbitrary?
 - information density?
 - avoid wasting space
 - consider where to fit labels!



treevis.net: Many, many options!

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Dimensionality Representation Alignment Fulltext Search Techniques Shown
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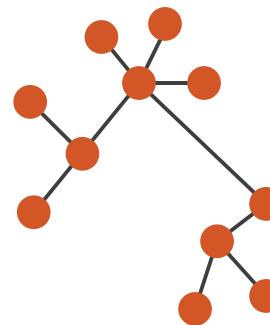
Arrange networks and trees

→ Node–Link Diagrams

Connection Marks

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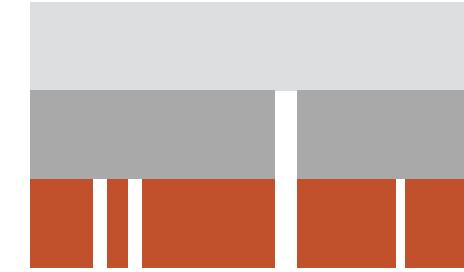
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→ Implicit Spatial Position

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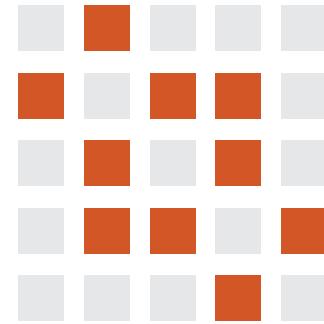


→ Adjacency Matrix

Derived Table

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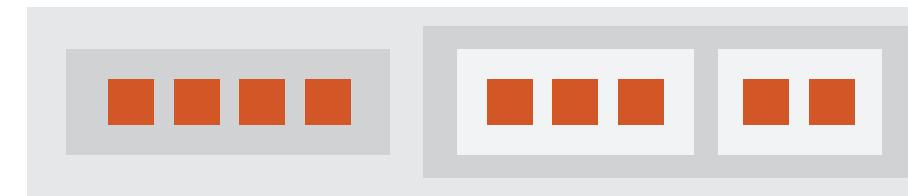


→ Enclosure

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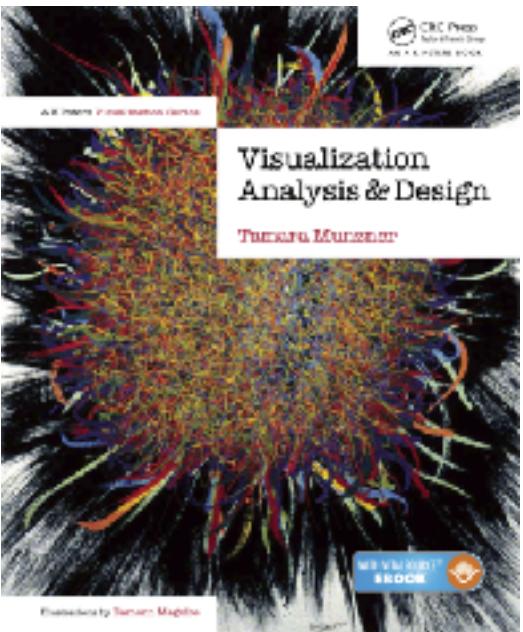
Visualization Analysis & Design

Network Data (Ch 9) II

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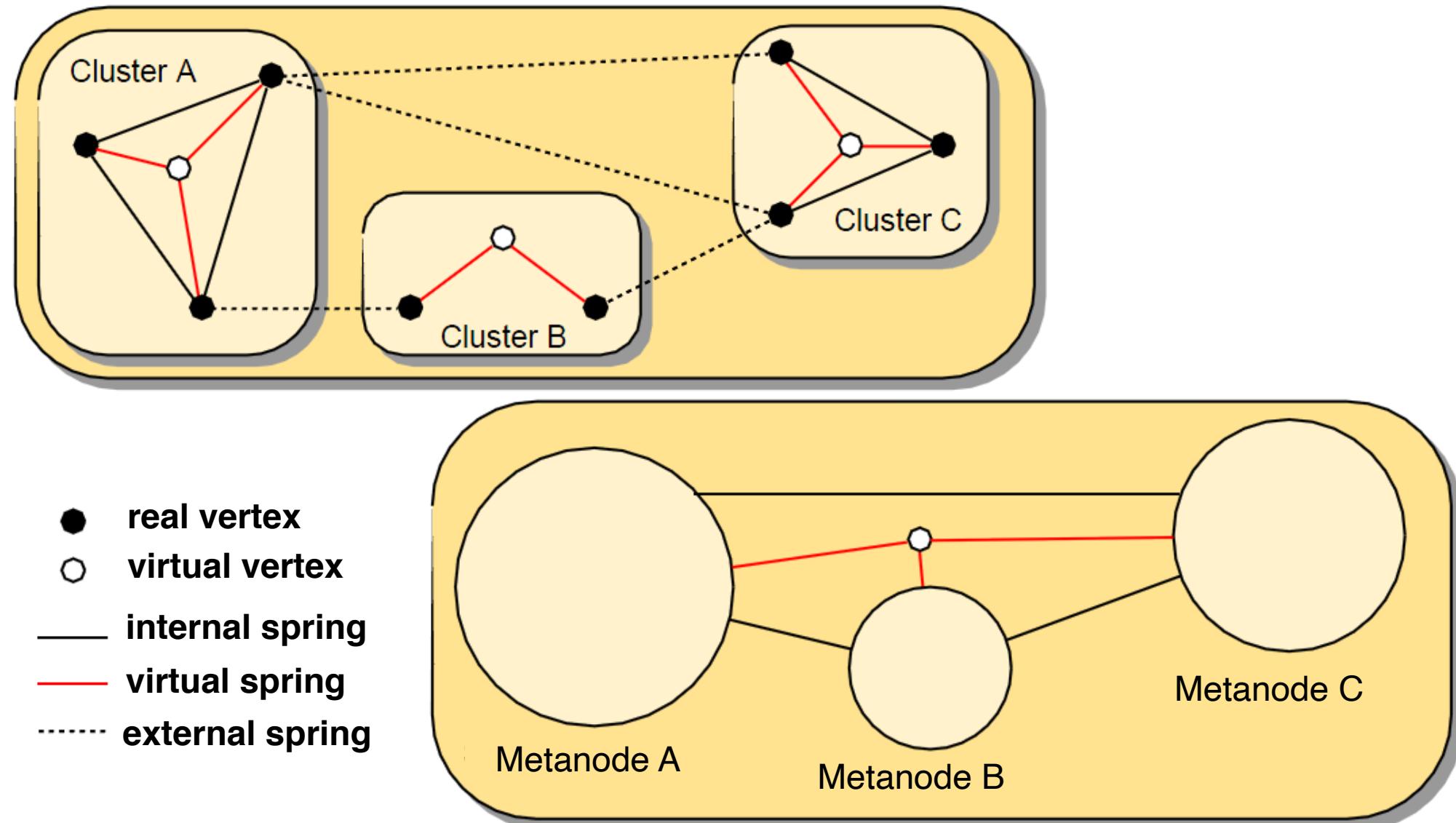
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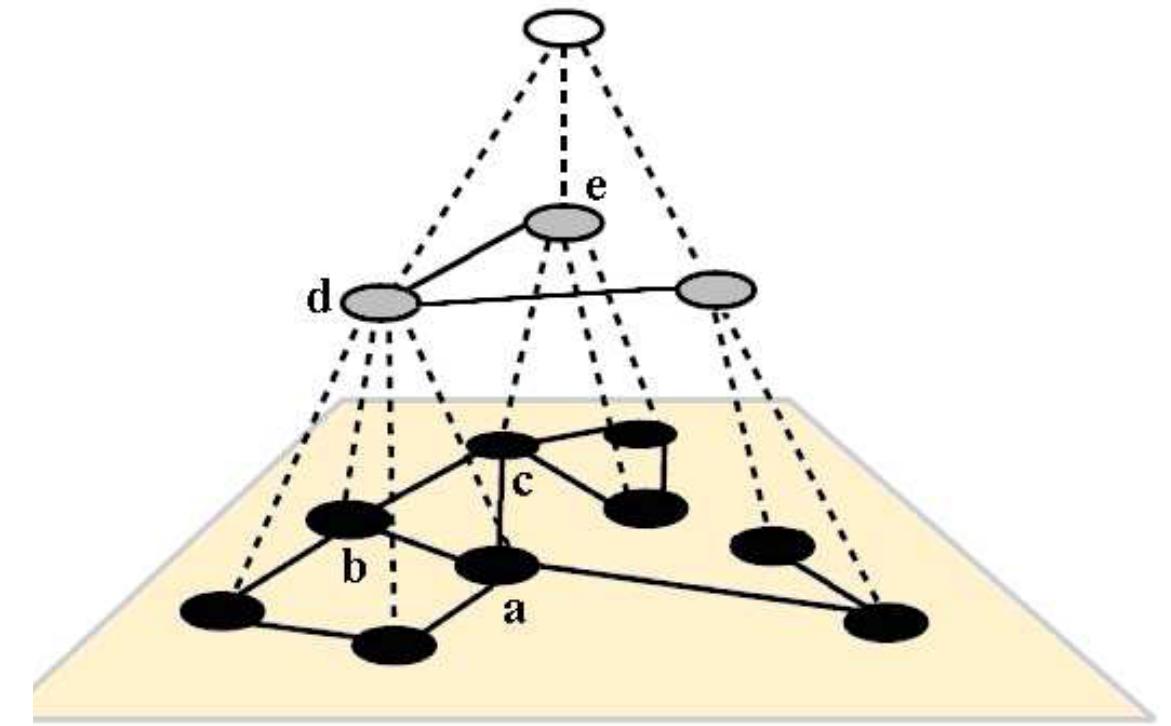


Multilevel networks

- derive cluster hierarchy of metanodes on top of original graph nodes

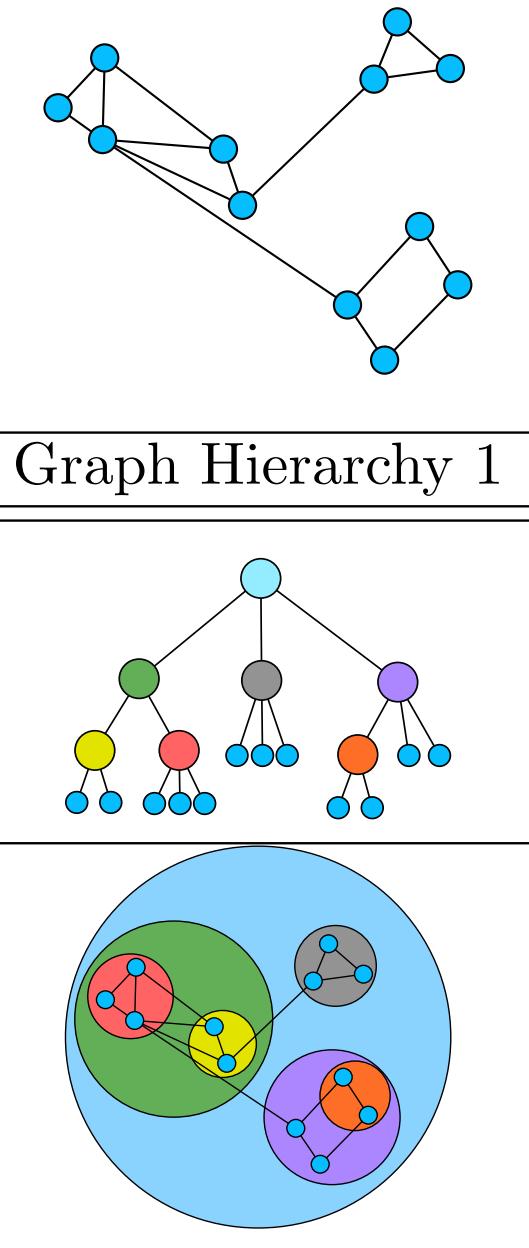


[Schulz 2004]



Idiom: GrouseFlocks

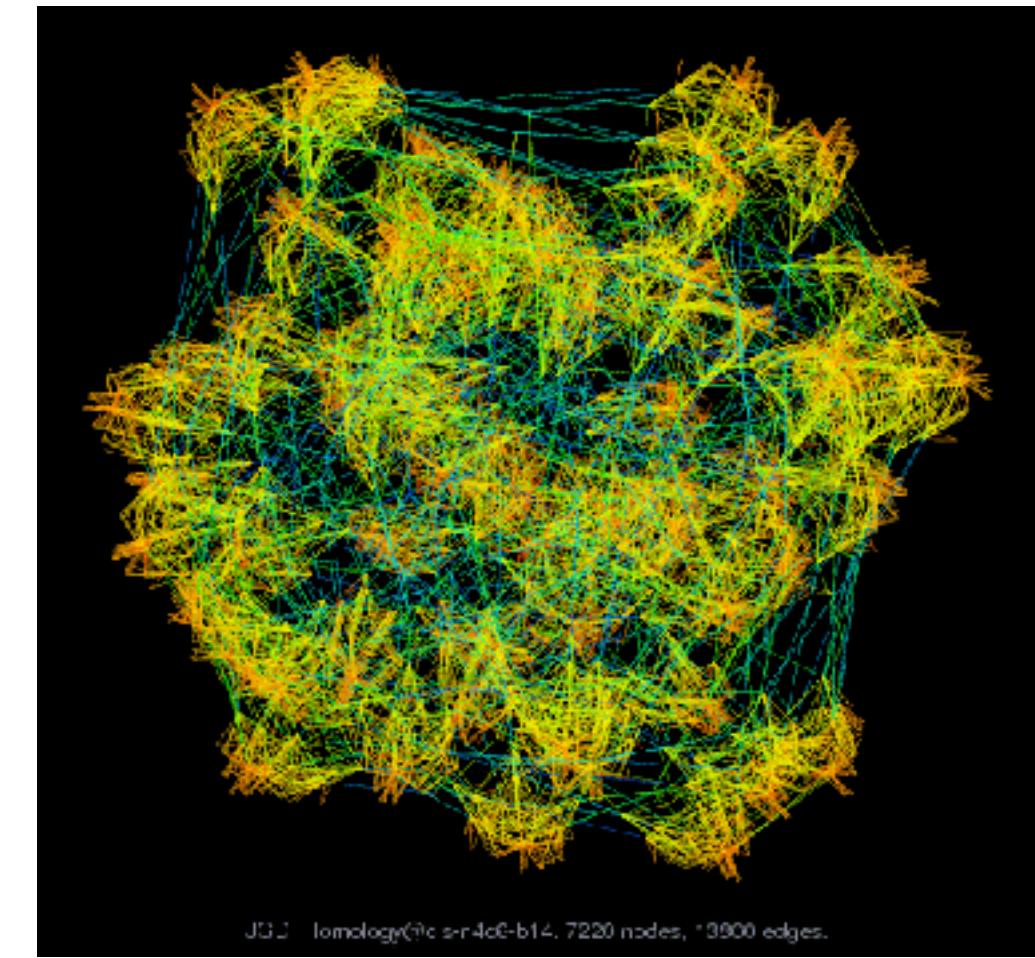
- data: compound network
 - network
 - cluster hierarchy atop it
 - derived or interactively chosen
- visual encoding
 - connection marks for network links
 - containment marks for hierarchy
 - point marks for nodes
- dynamic interaction
 - select individual metanodes in hierarchy to expand/contract



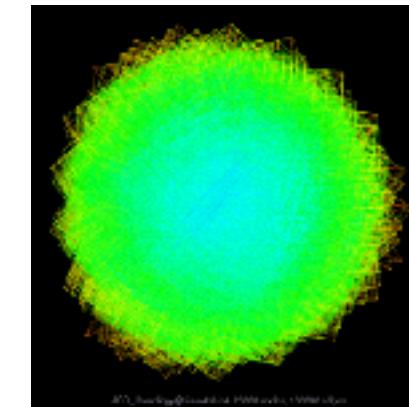
[*GrouseFlocks: Steerable Exploration of Graph Hierarchy Space*. Archambault, Munzner, and Auber. *IEEE TVCG* 14(4):900-913, 2008.]

Idiom: **sfdp** (multi-level force-directed placement)

- data: compound graph
 - original: network
 - derived: cluster hierarchy atop it
- considerations
 - better algorithm for same encoding technique
 - same: fundamental use of space
 - hierarchy used for algorithm speed/quality but not shown explicitly
- scalability
 - nodes, edges: 1K-10K
 - hairball problem eventually hits

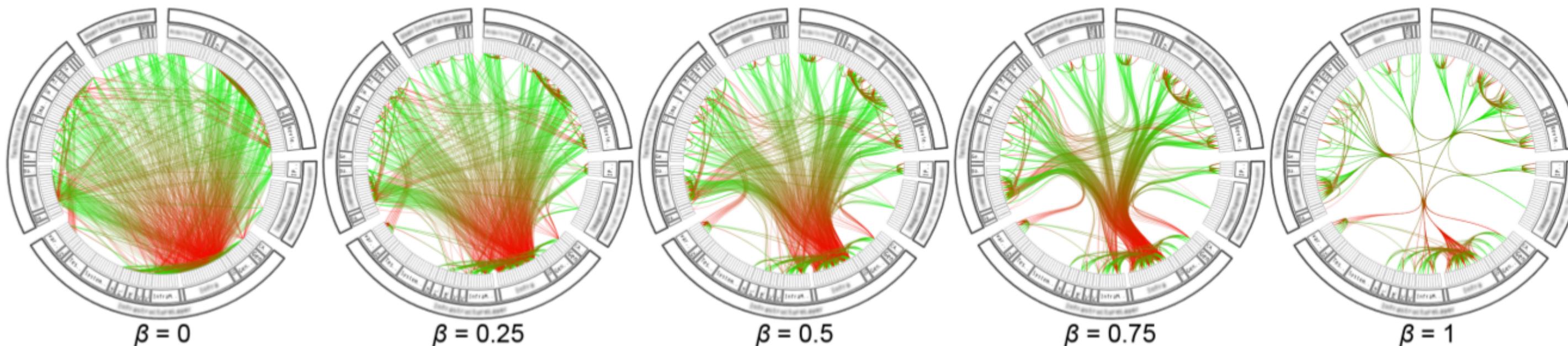


[Efficient and high quality force-directed graph drawing.
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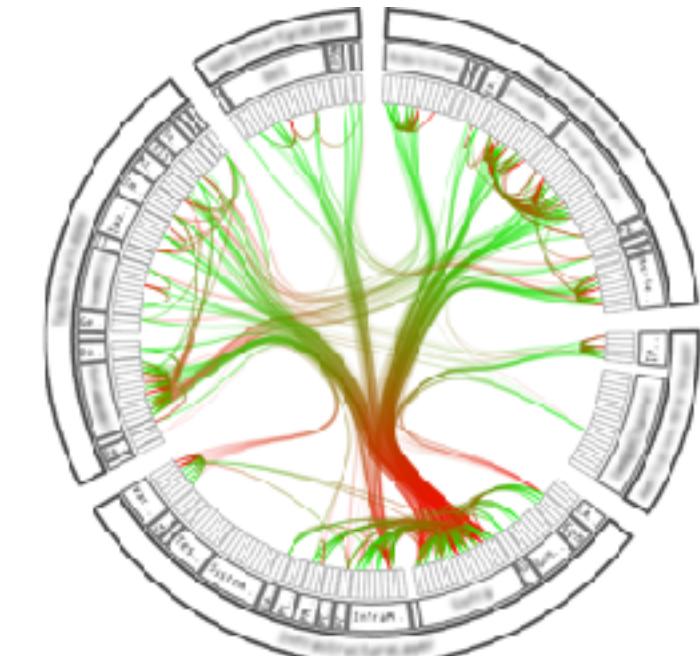
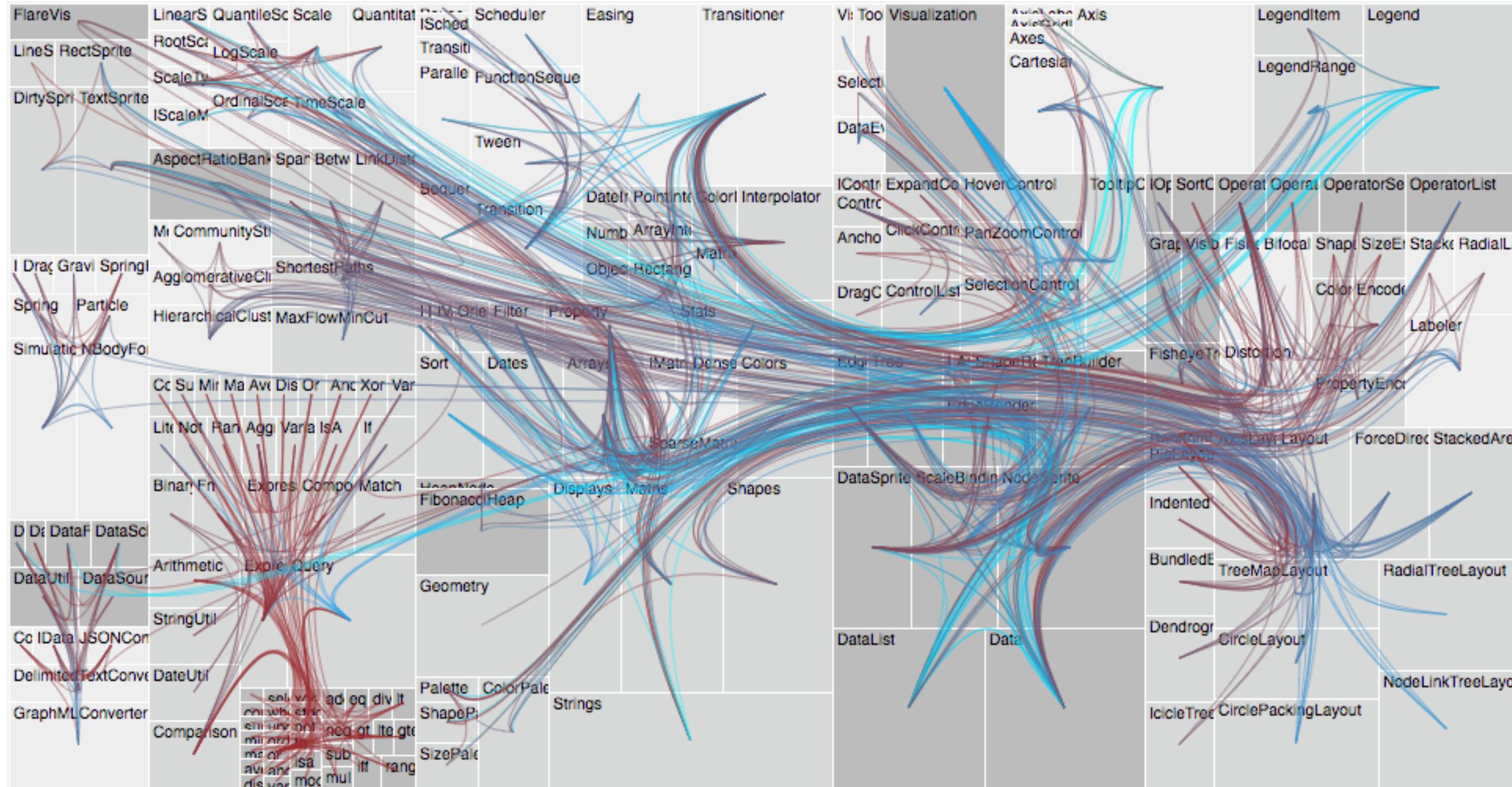
Idiom: hierarchical edge bundling

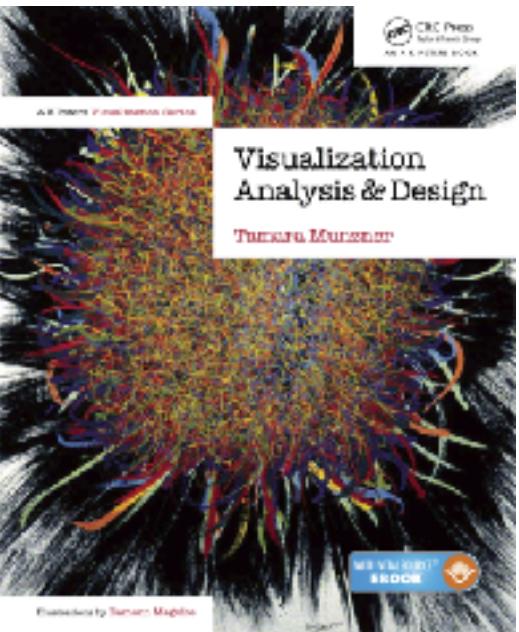
- data
 - any layout of compound network
 - network: software classes (nodes), import/export between classes (links)
 - cluster hierarchy: class package structure
 - derived: bundles of edges with same source/destination (multi-level)
- idiom: curve edge routes according to bundles
- task: edge clutter reduction



Hierarchical edge bundling

- works for any layout: treemap vs radial





Visualization Analysis & Design

Spatial Data (Ch 9)

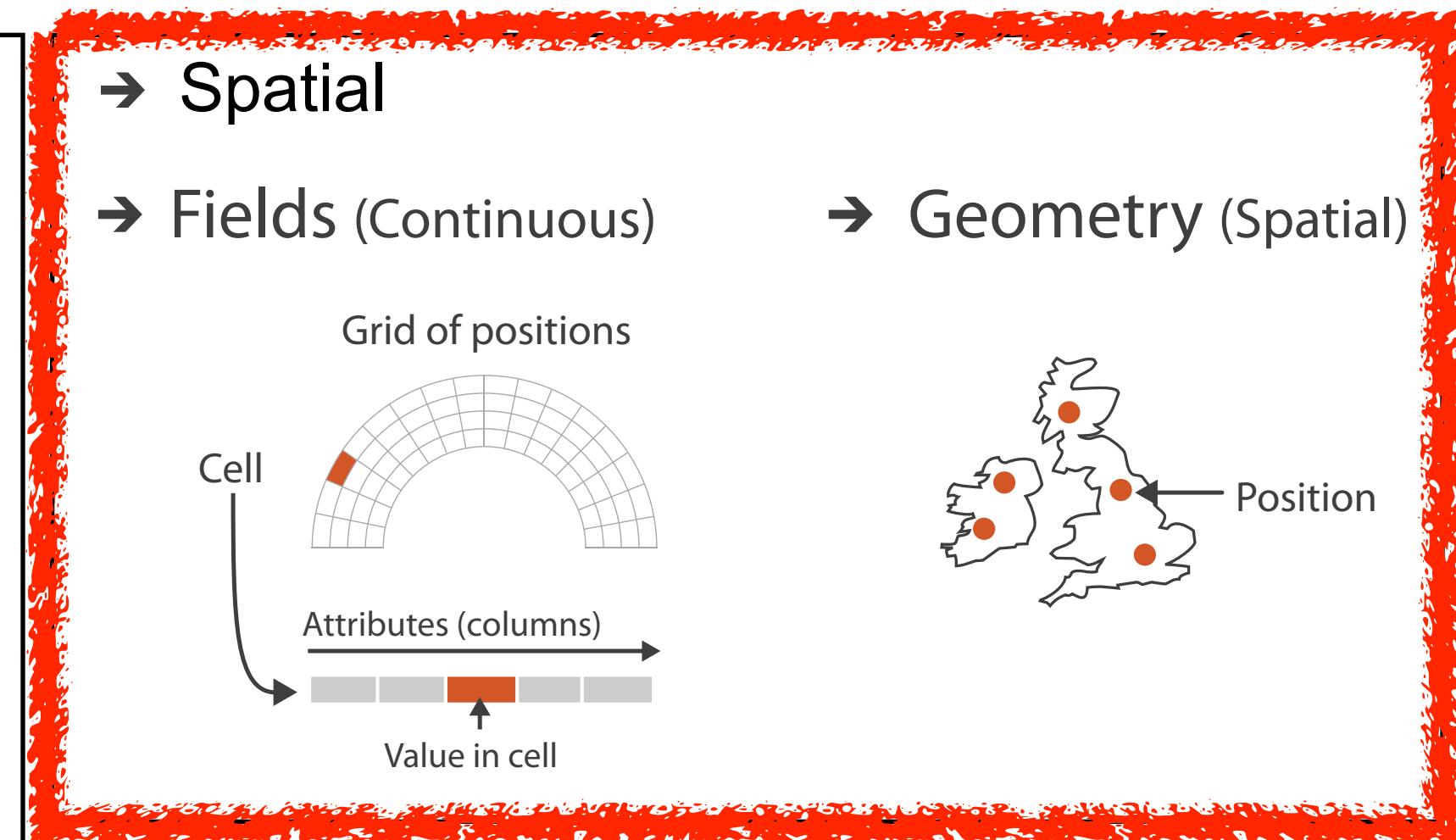
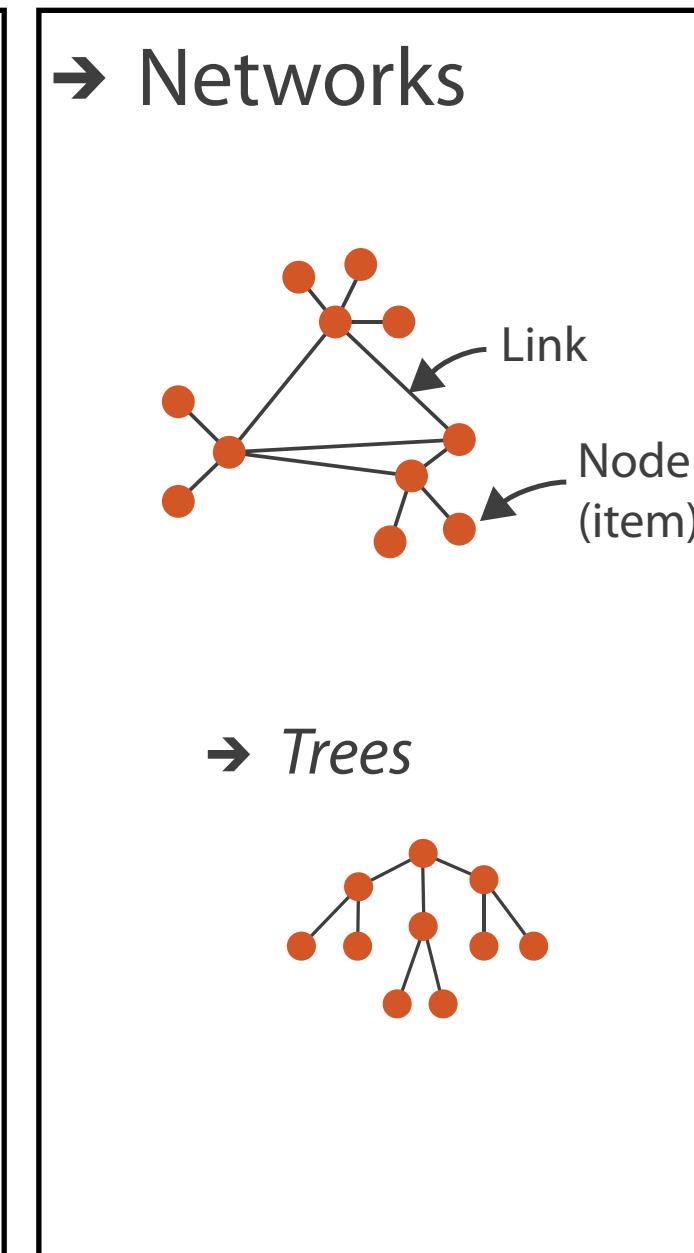
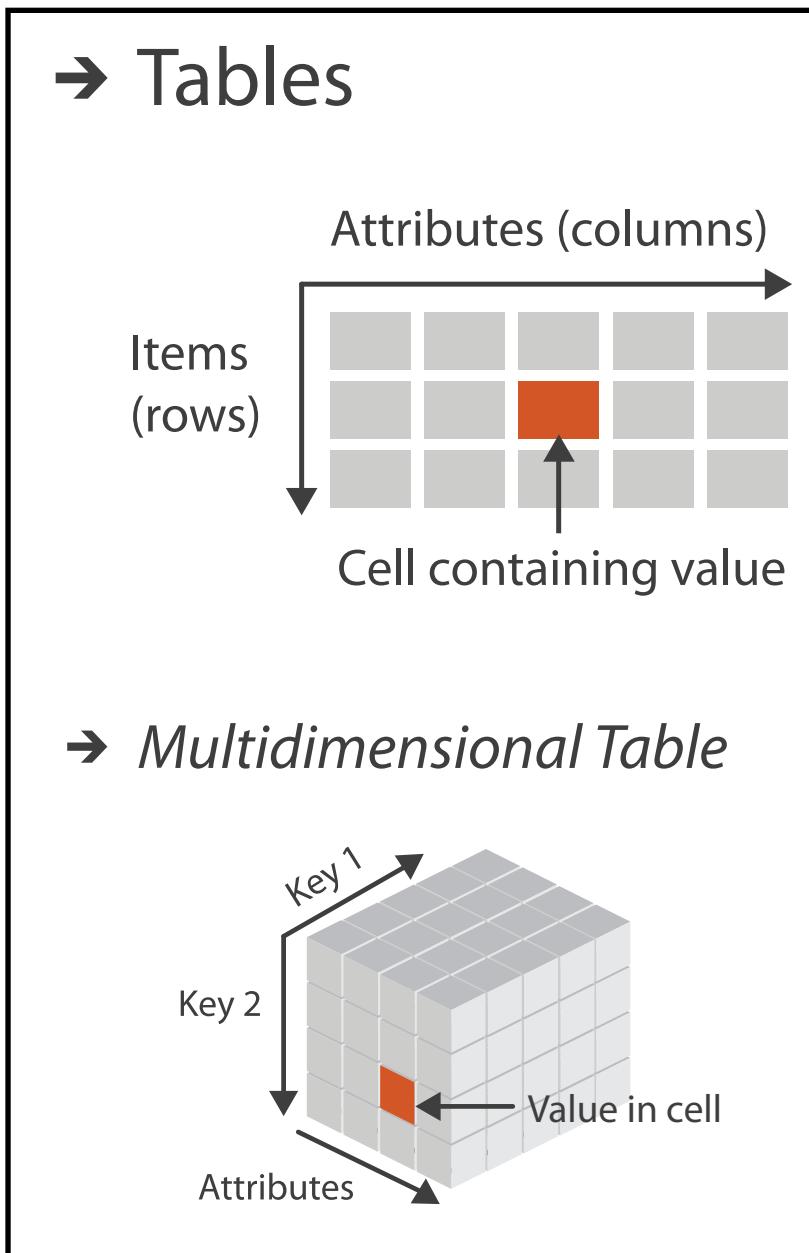
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Focus on Spatial

→ Dataset Types



How?

Encode

→ Arrange

→ Express



→ Separate



→ Order



→ Use



What?

Why?

How?

→ Map

from categorical and ordered attributes

→ Color



→ Size, Angle, Curvature, ...

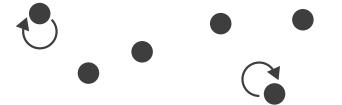


→ Shape



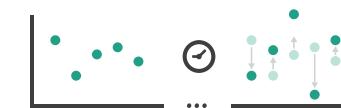
→ Motion

Direction, Rate, Frequency, ...



Manipulate

→ Change



→ Select



→ Navigate



Facet

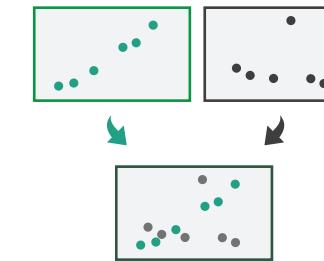
→ Juxtapose



→ Partition



→ Superimpose



Reduce

→ Filter



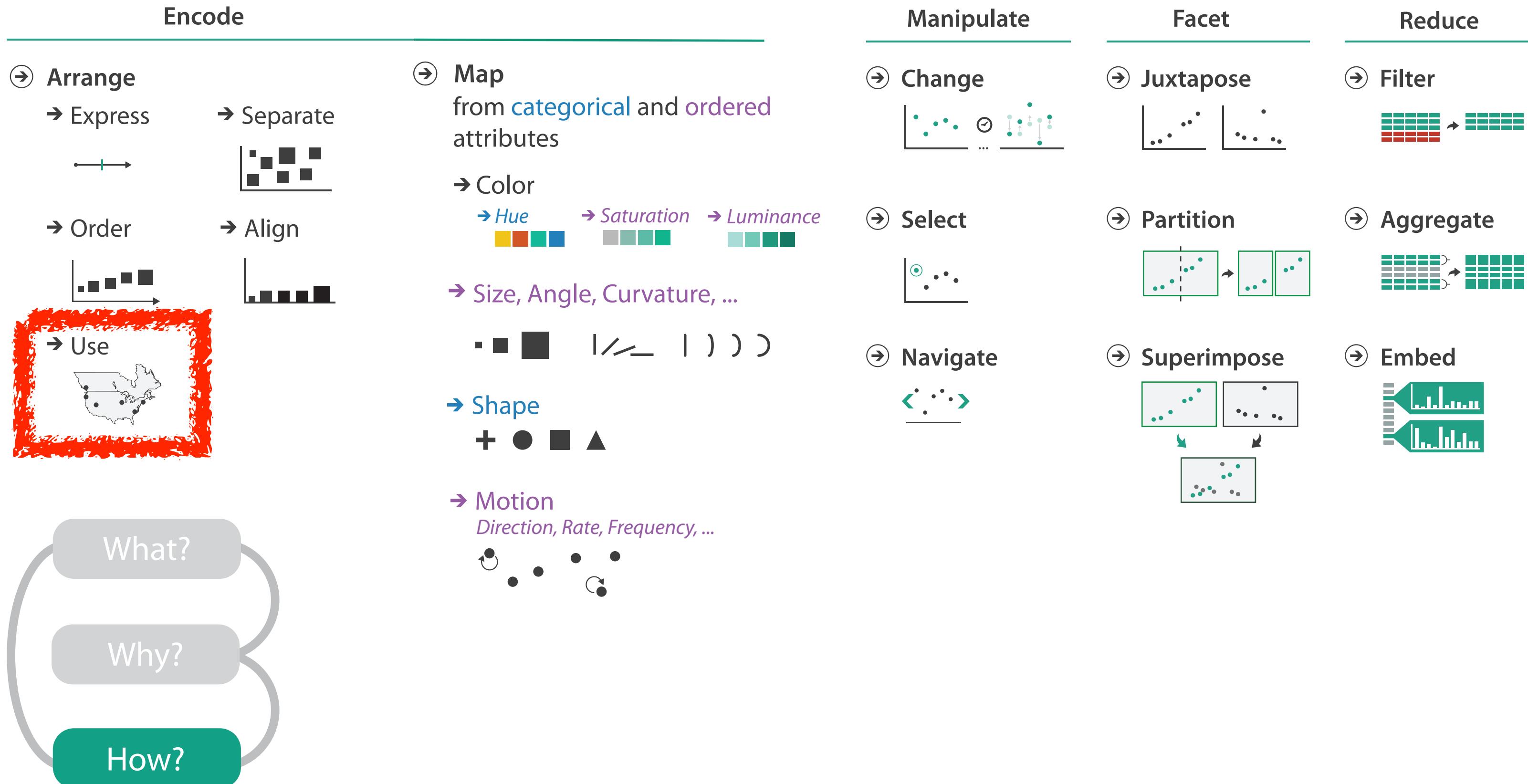
→ Aggregate



→ Embed



How?



Spatial data

- use given spatial position
- when?
 - dataset contains spatial attributes and they have primary importance
 - central tasks revolve around understanding spatial relationships
- examples
 - geographical/cartographic data
 - sensor/simulation data

Geographic Maps

Geographic Map



Interlocking marks

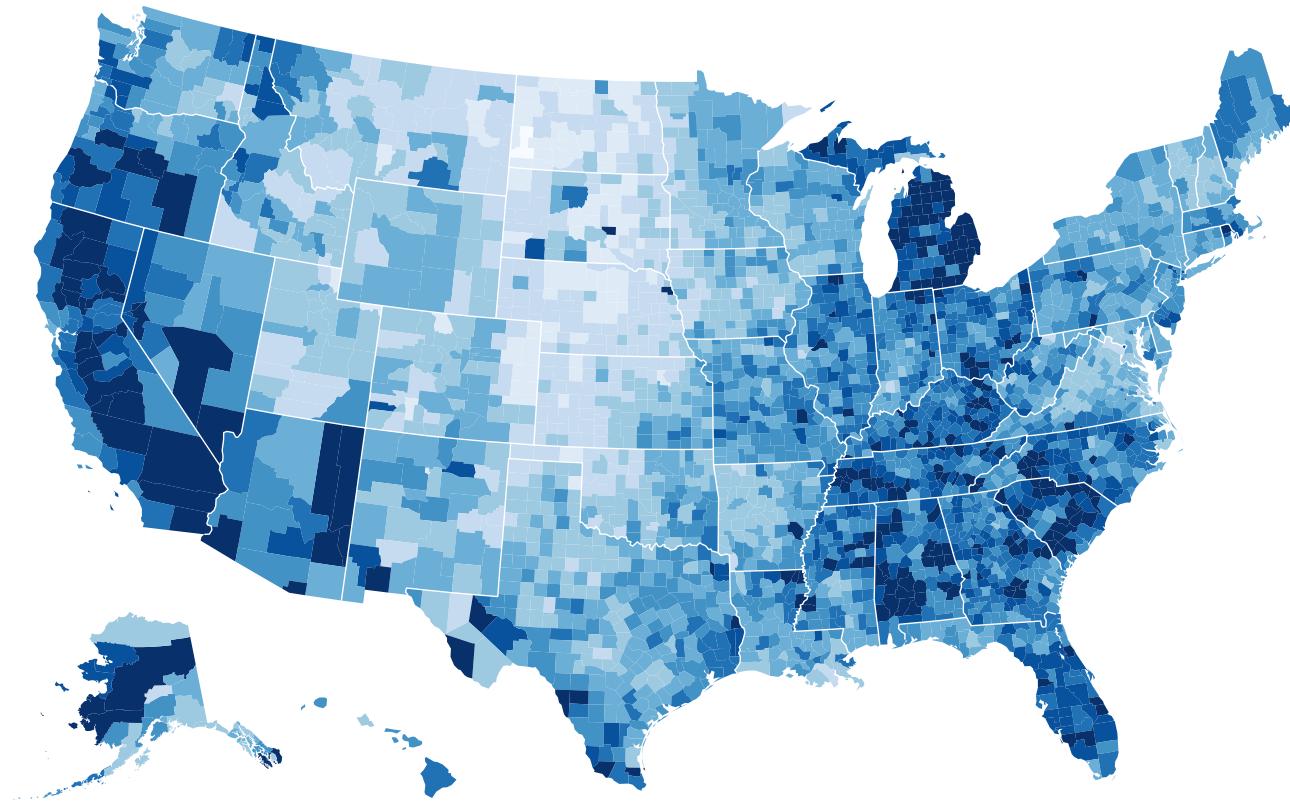
- **shape coded**
- **area coded**
- **position coded**
- cannot encode another attribute with these channels, they're "taken"

Thematic maps

- show spatial variability of attribute ("theme")
 - combine geographic / reference map with (simple, flat) tabular data
 - join together
 - region: interlocking area marks (provinces, countries with outline shapes)
 - also could have point marks (cities, locations with 2D lat/lon coords)
 - region: categorical key attribute in table
 - use to look up value attributes
- major idioms
 - choropleth
 - symbol maps
 - cartograms
 - dot density maps

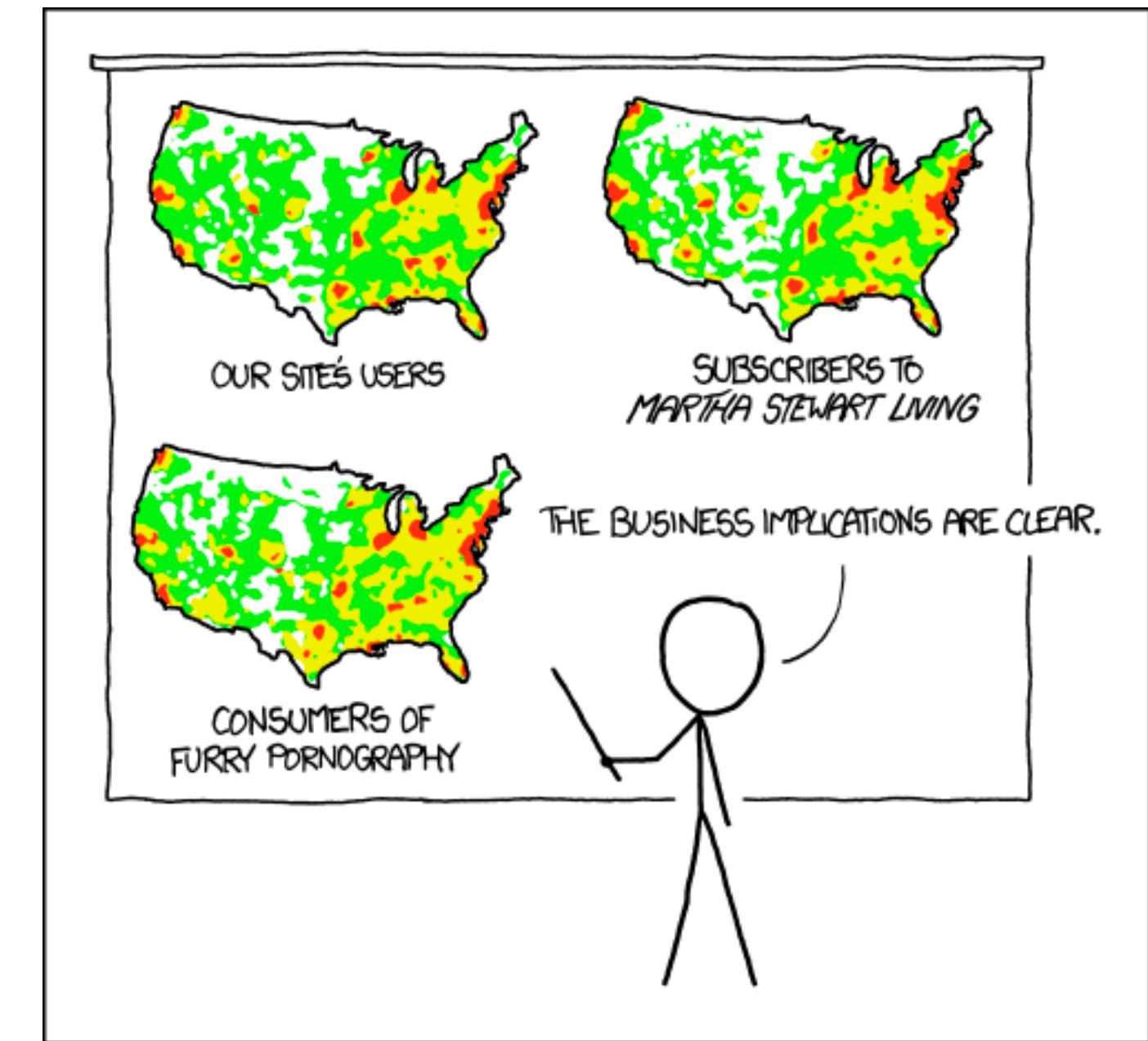
Idiom: choropleth map

- use given spatial data
 - when central task is understanding spatial relationships
- data
 - geographic geometry
 - table with 1 quant attribute per region
- encoding
 - position:
use given geometry for area mark boundaries
 - color:
sequential segmented colormap



<http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/4060606>

Beware: Population maps trickiness!

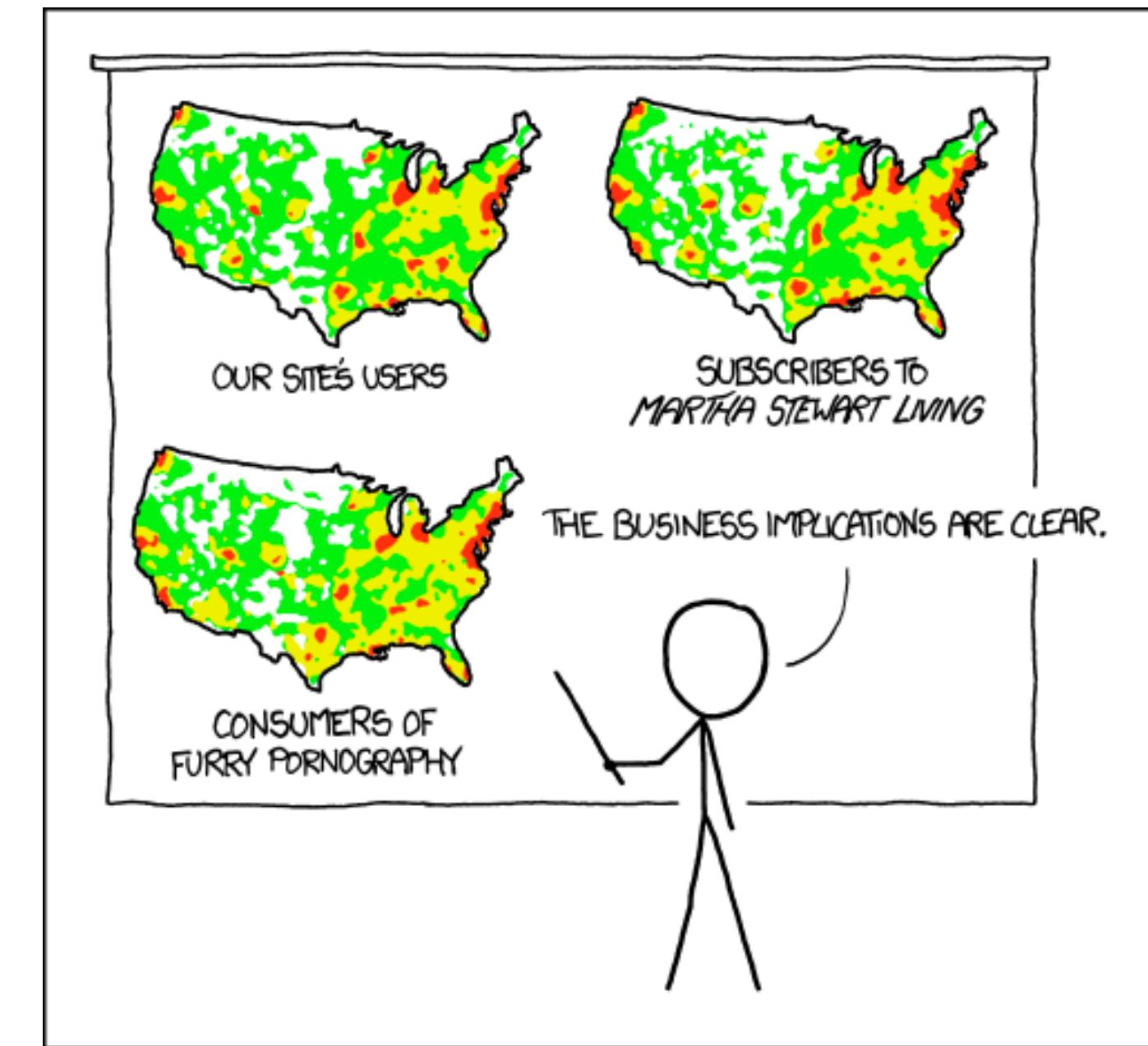


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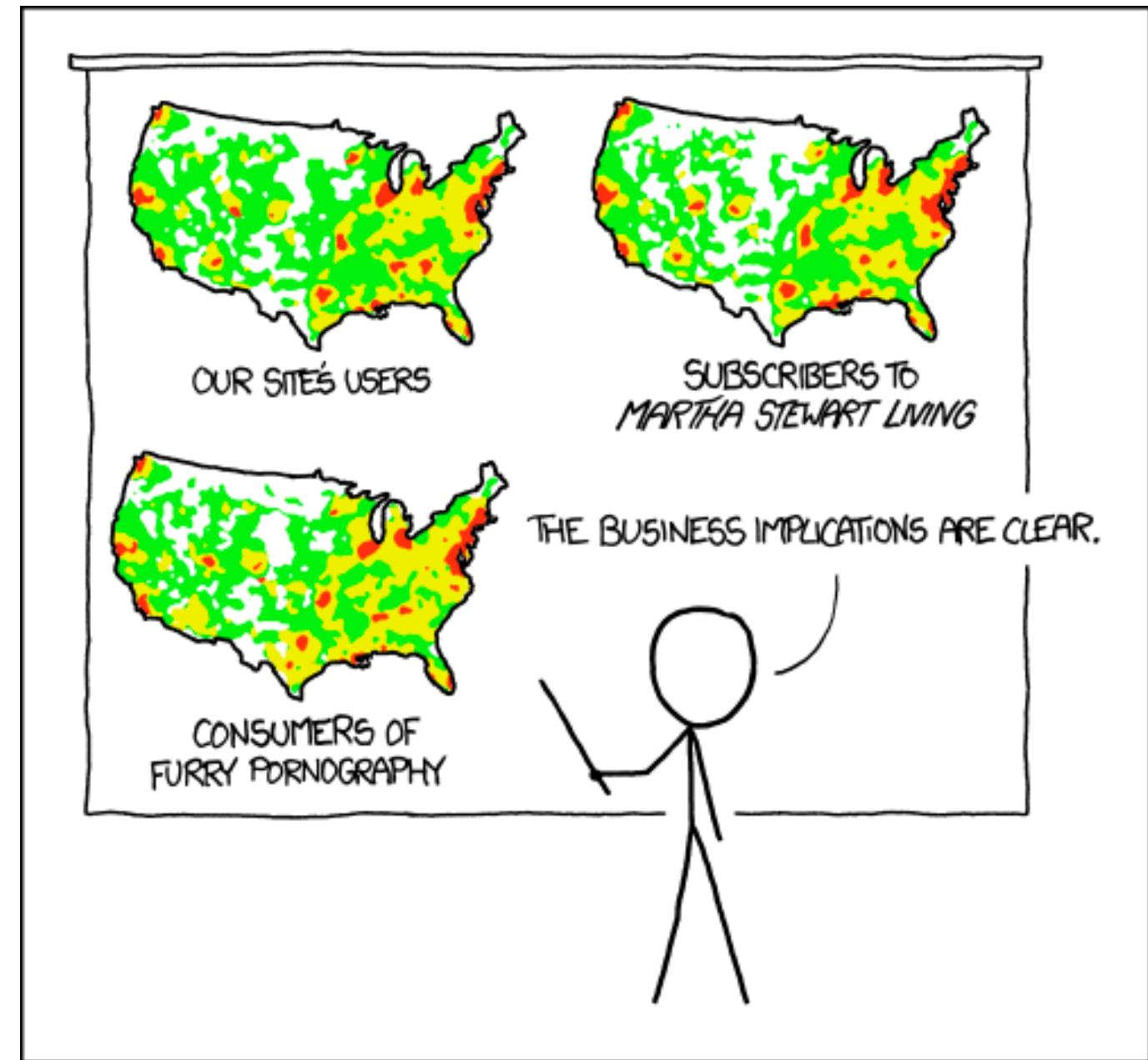


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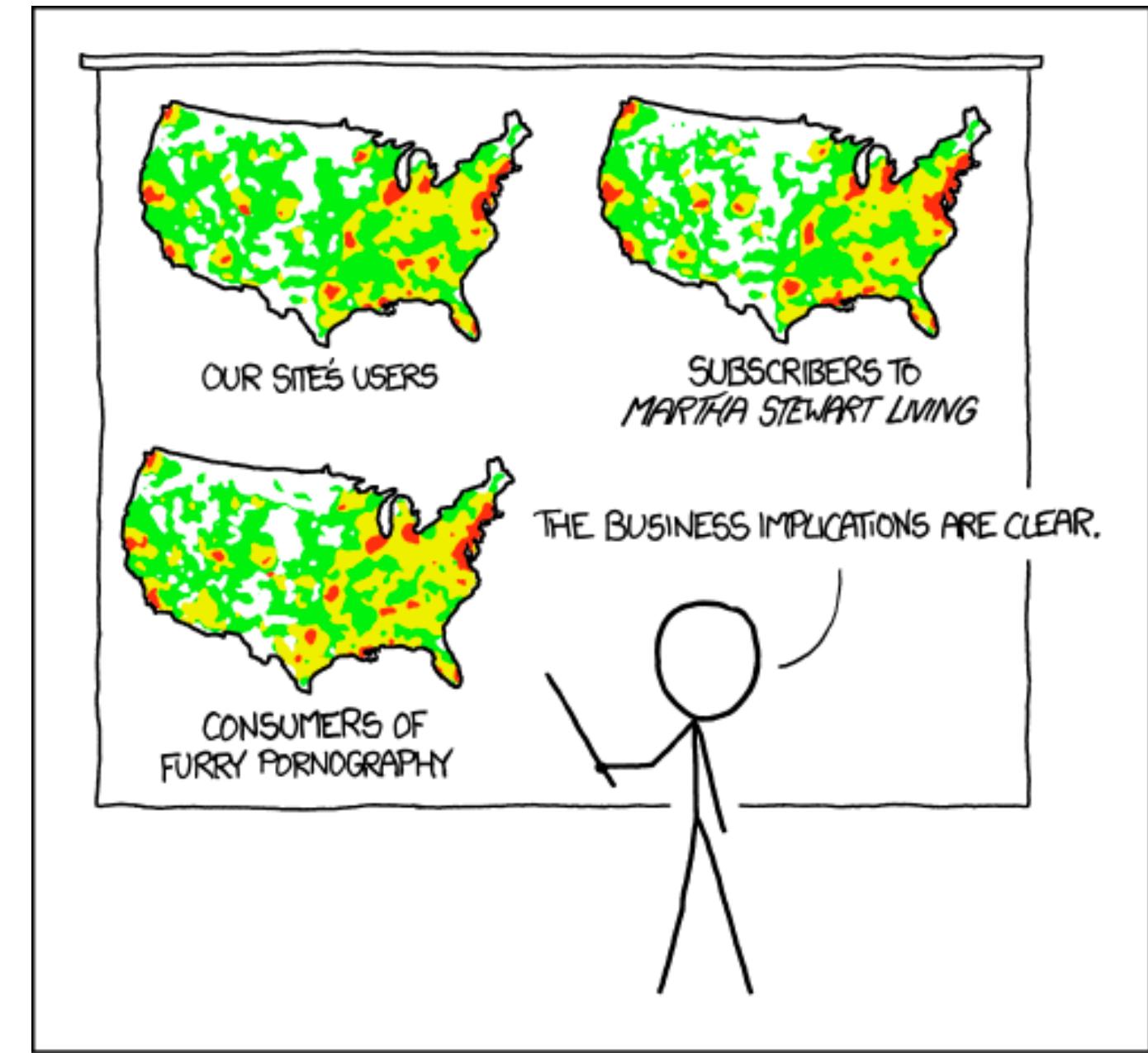
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- consider when to normalize by population density
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 - but should use normalized values
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- general issue
 - absolute counts vs relative/normalized data
 - failure to normalize is common error



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Choropleth maps: Recommendations

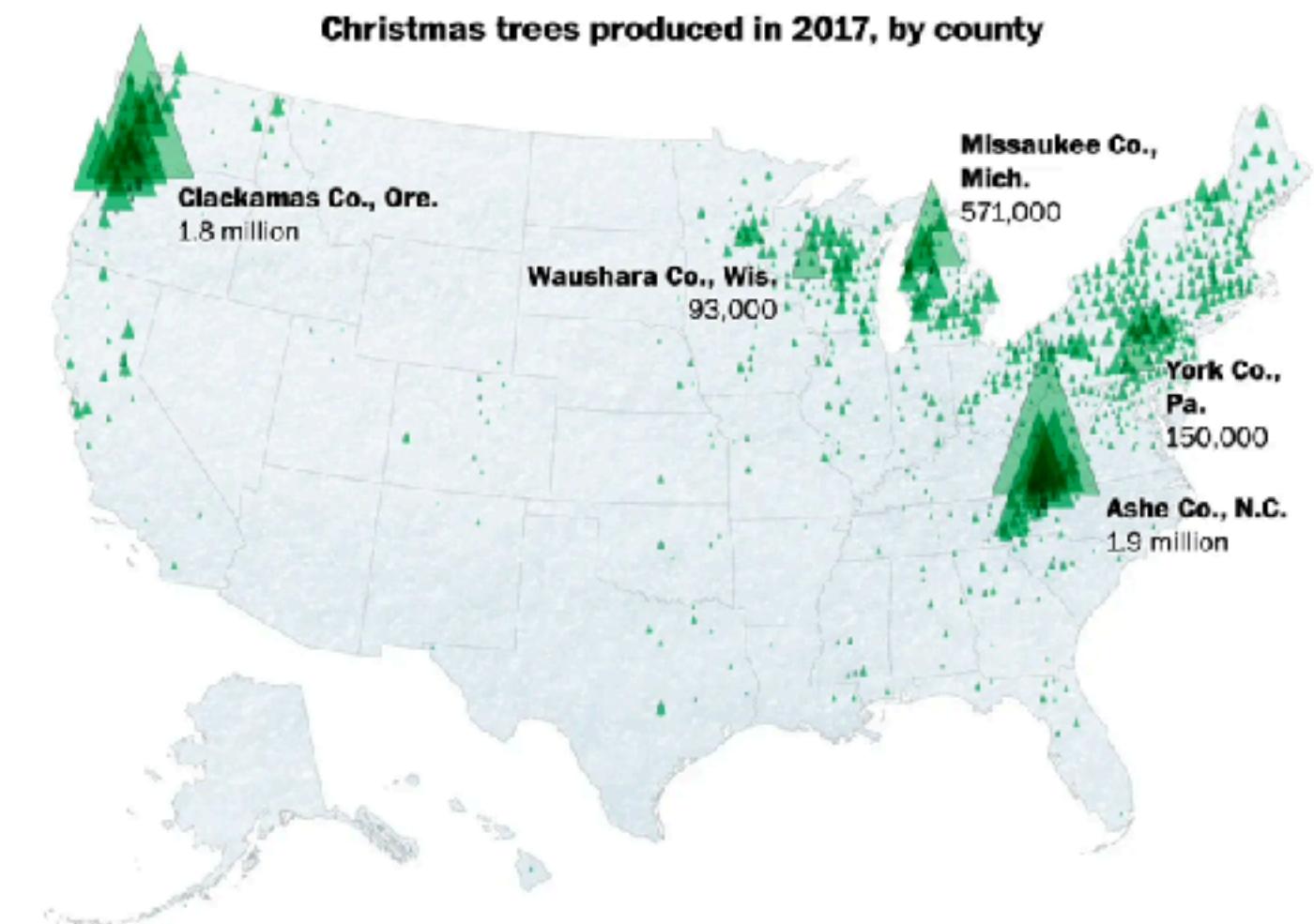
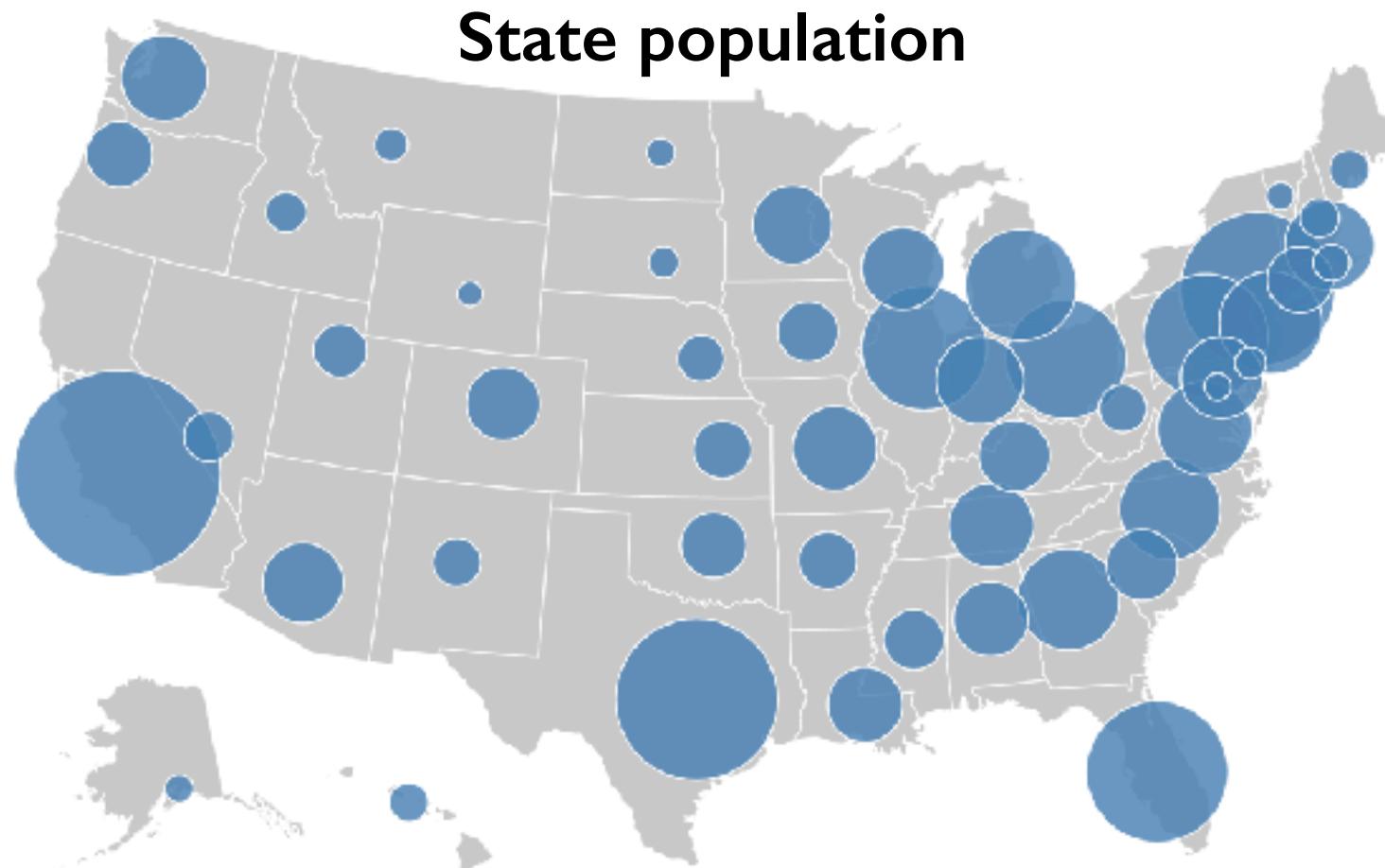
- only use when central task is understanding spatial relationships
- show only one variable at a time
- normalize when appropriate
- be careful when choosing colors & bins
- best case: regions are roughly equal sized

Choropleth map: Pros & cons

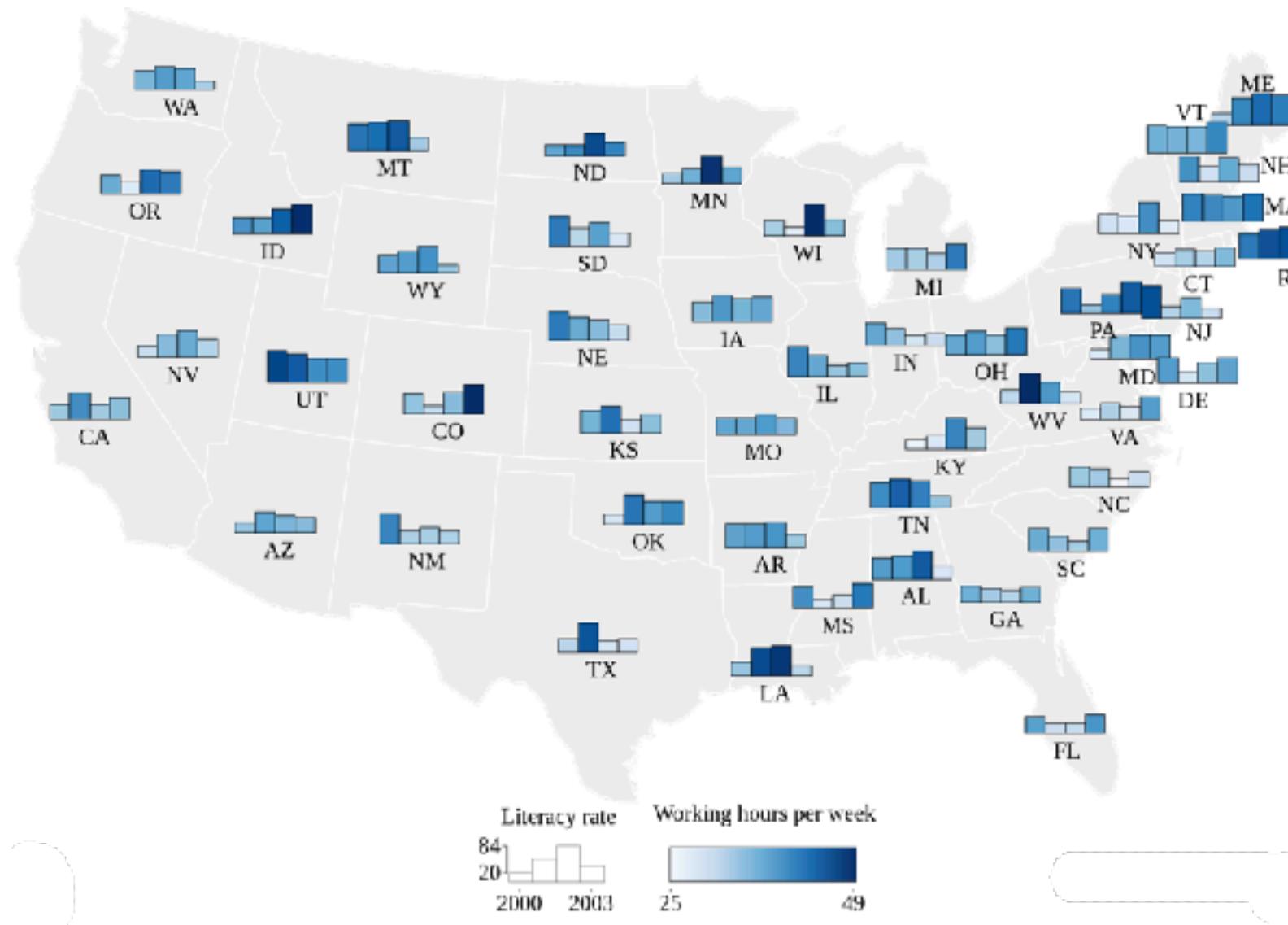
- pros
 - easy to read and understand
 - well established visualization (no learning curve)
 - data is often collected and aggregated by geographical regions
- cons
 - most effective visual variable used for geographic location
 - visual salience depends on region size, not true importance wrt attribute value
 - large regions appear more important than small ones
 - color palette choice has a huge influence on the result

Idiom: Symbol maps

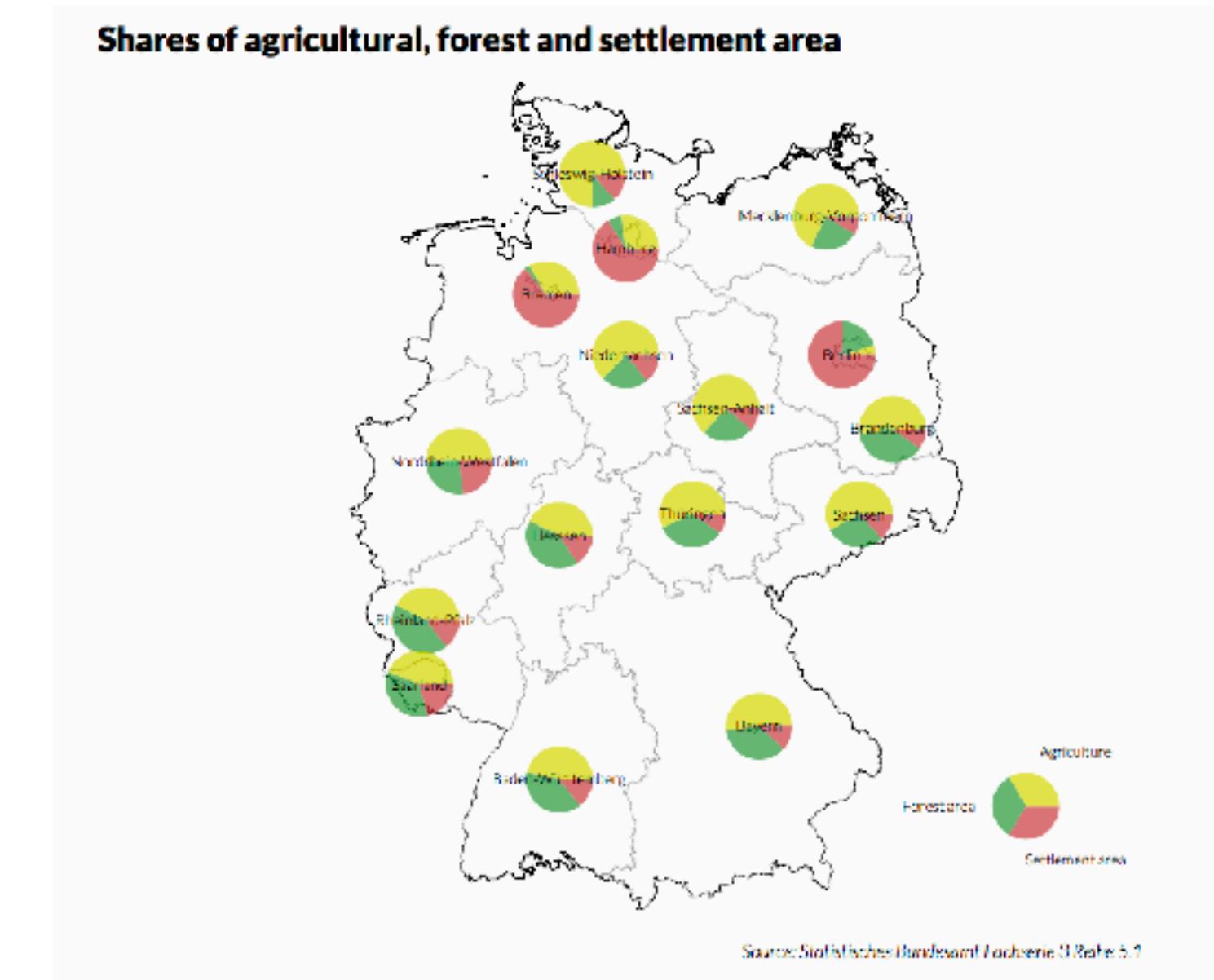
- symbol is used to represent aggregated data (mark or glyph)
 - allows use of size and shape and color channels
 - aka proportional symbol maps, graduated symbol maps
- keep original spatial geometry in the background
- often a good alternative to choropleth maps



Symbol maps with glyphs



Shares of agricultural, forest and settlement area

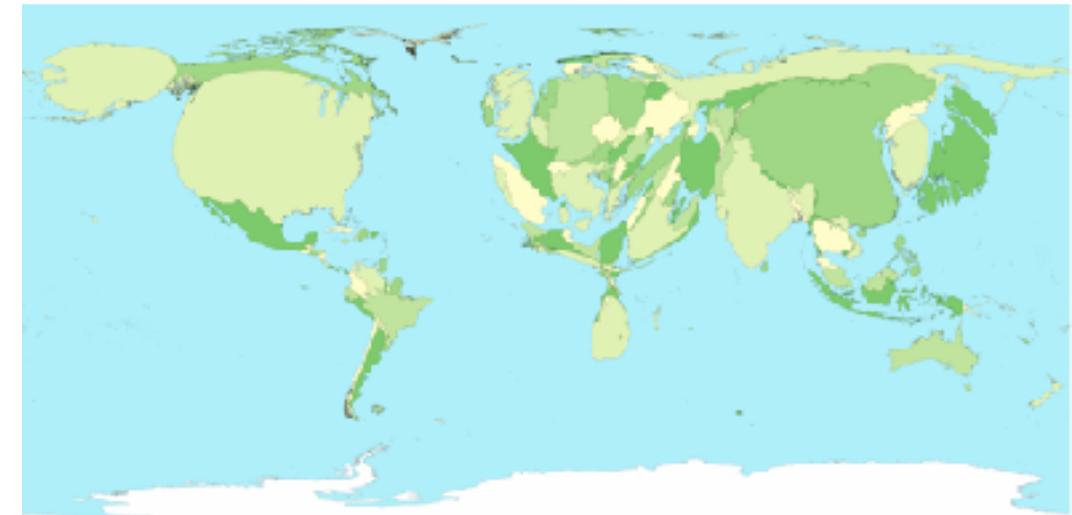


Symbol map: Pros & cons

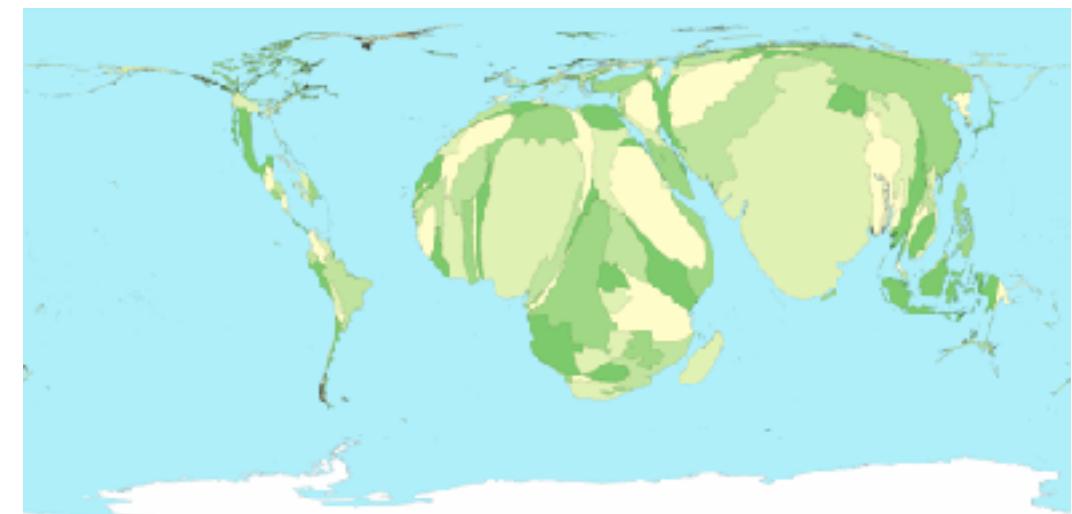
- pros
 - somewhat intuitive to read and understand
 - mitigate problems with region size vs data salience
 - marks: symbol size follows attribute value
 - glyphs: symbol size can be uniform
- cons
 - possible occlusion / overlap
 - symbols could overlap each other
 - symbols could occlude region boundaries
 - complex glyphs may require explanation / training

Idiom: Contiguous cartogram

- interlocking marks:
shape, area, and position coded
- derive new interlocking marks
 - based on combination of original interlocking marks and new quantitative attribute
- algorithm to create new marks
 - input: target size
 - goal: shape as close to the original as possible
 - requirement: maintain constraints
 - relative position
 - contiguous boundaries with their neighbours

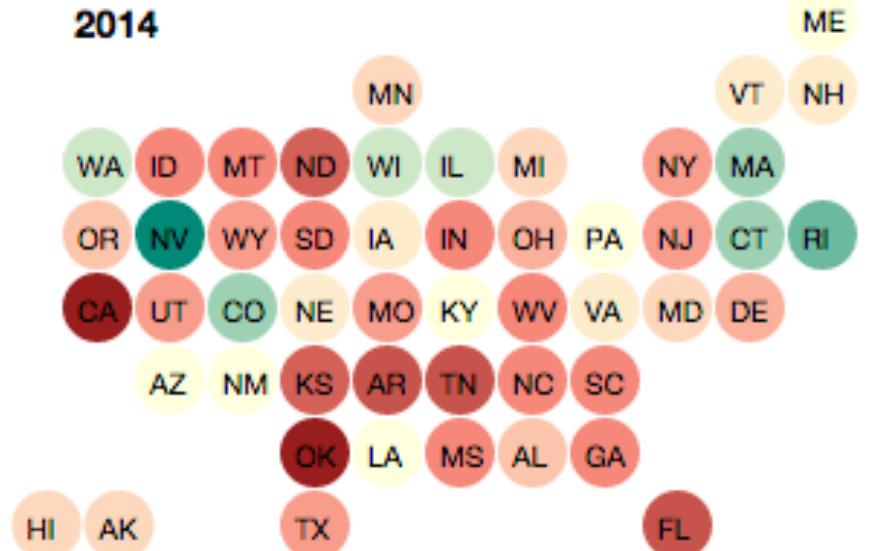
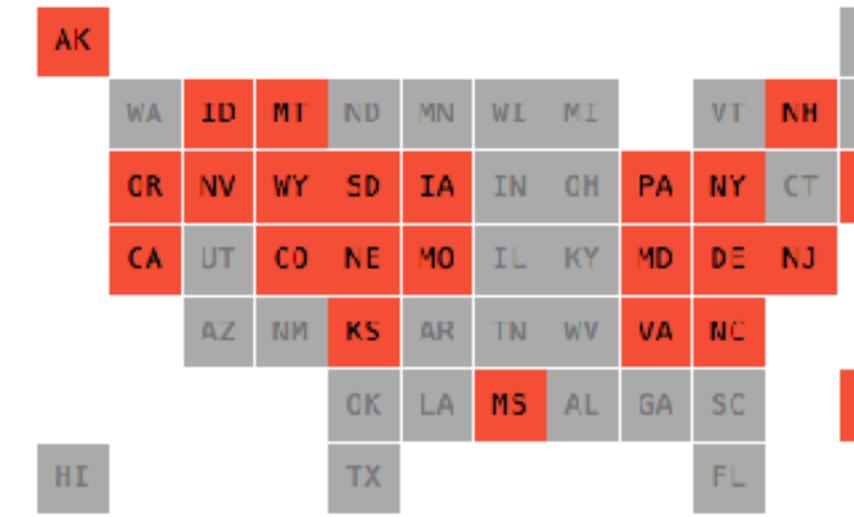
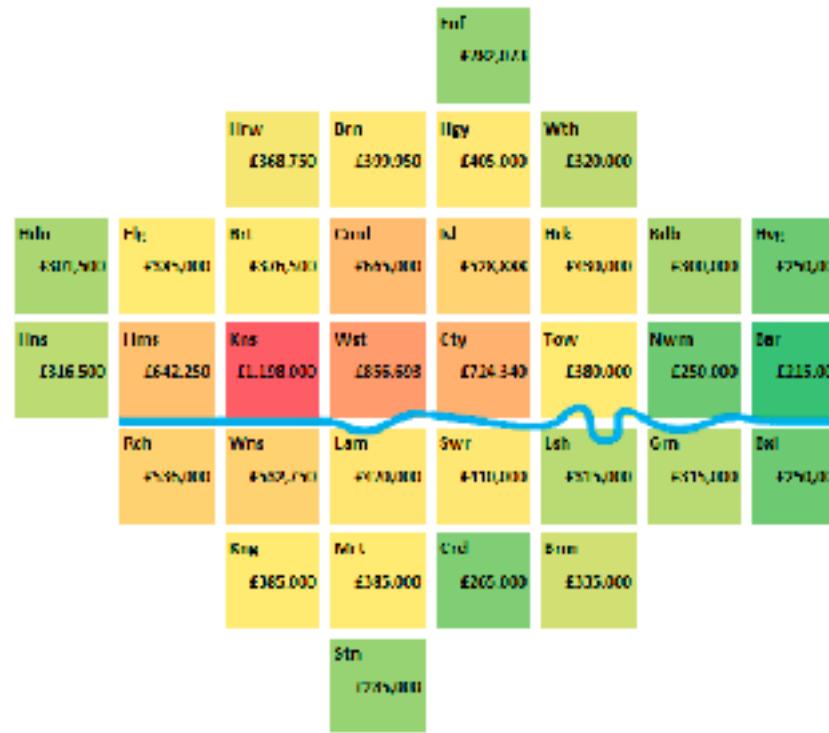


Greenhouse Emissions



Child Mortality

Idiom: Grid Cartogram



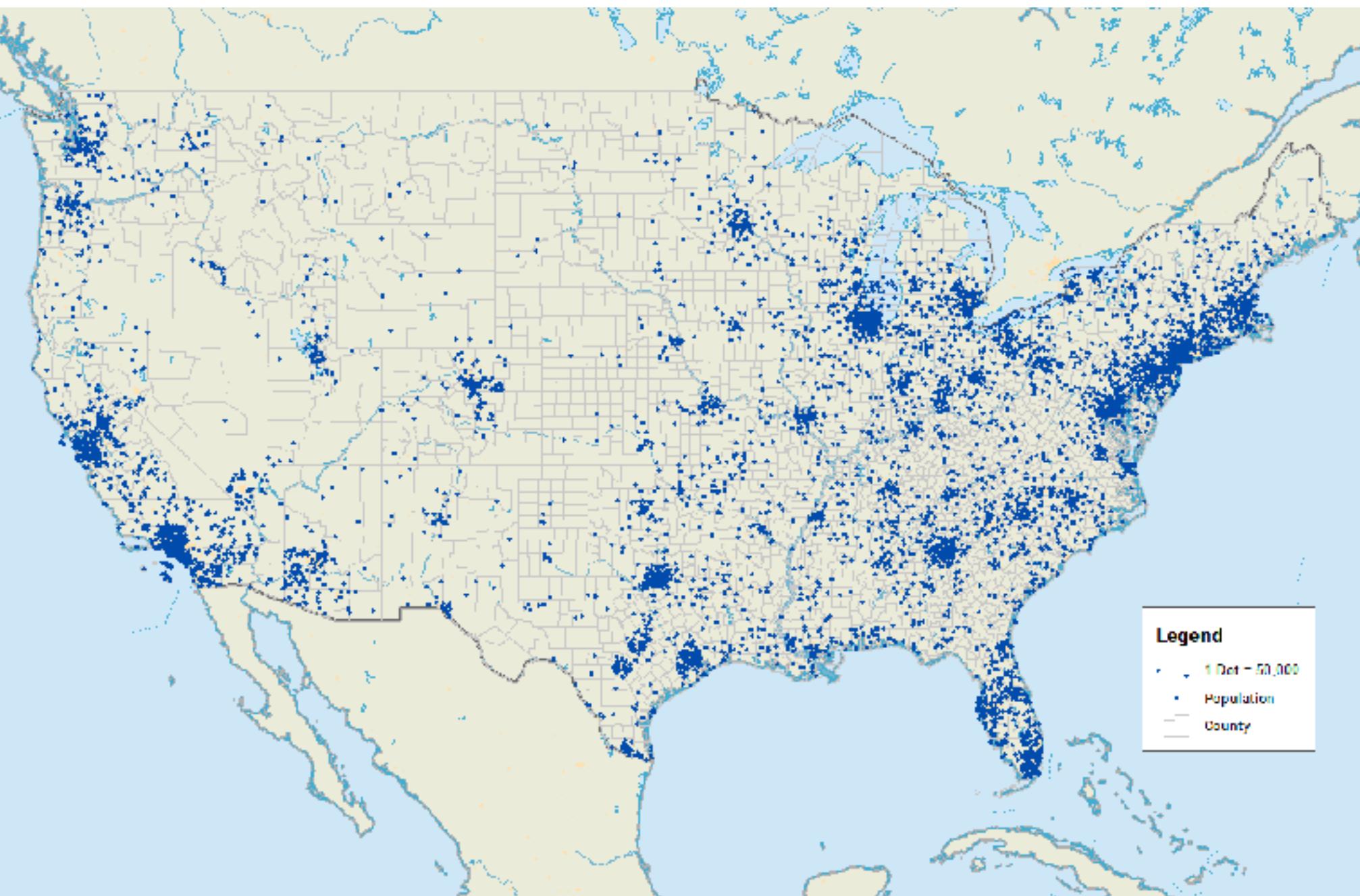
- uniform-sized shapes arranged in rectilinear grid
- maintain approximate spatial position and arrangement

Cartogram: Pros & cons

- pros
 - can be intriguing and engaging
 - best case: strong and surprising size disparities
 - non-contiguous cartograms often easier to understand
- cons
 - require substantial familiarity with original dataset & use of memory
 - compare distorted marks to memory of original marks
 - mitigation strategies: transitions or side by side views
 - major distortion is problematic
 - may be aesthetically displeasing
 - may result in unrecognizable marks
 - difficult to extract exact quantities

Idiom: Dot density maps

- visualize distribution of a phenomenon by placing dots
- one symbol represents a constant number of items
 - dots have uniform size & shape
 - allows use of color channel
- task:
show spatial patterns, clusters

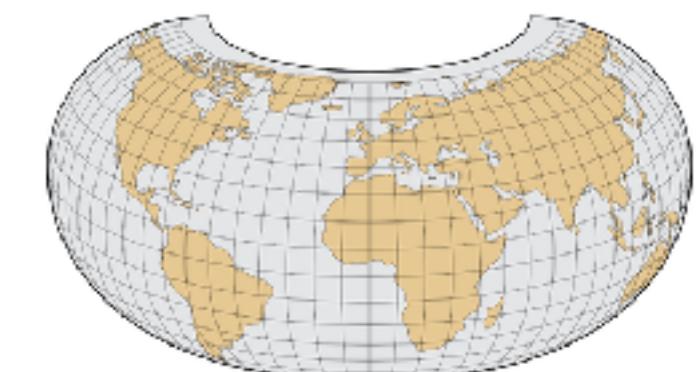
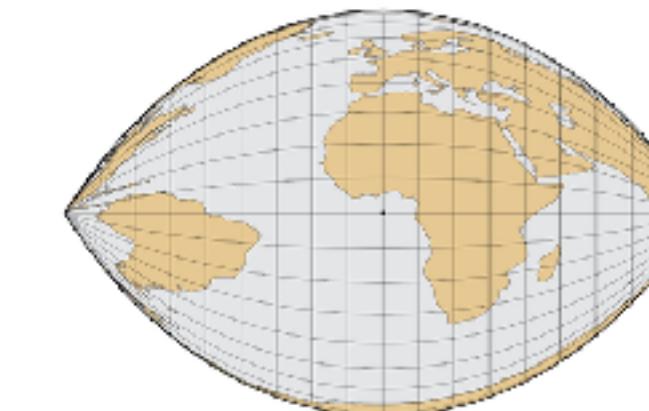
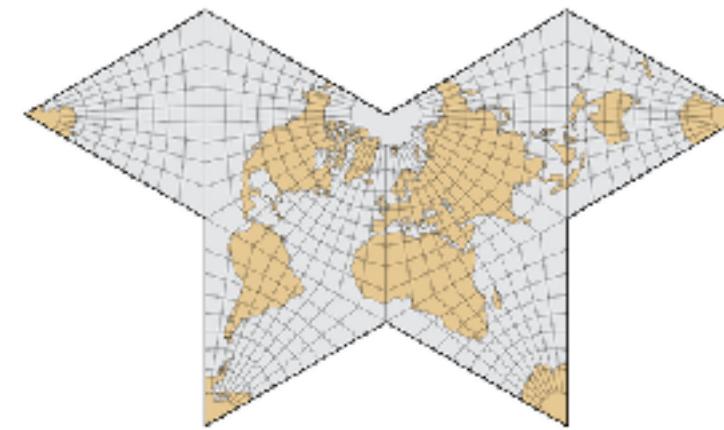
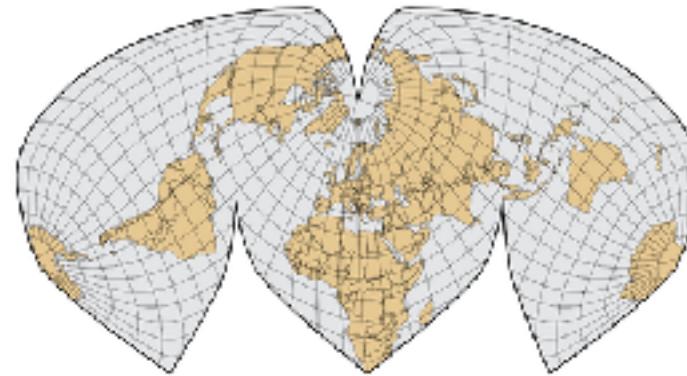
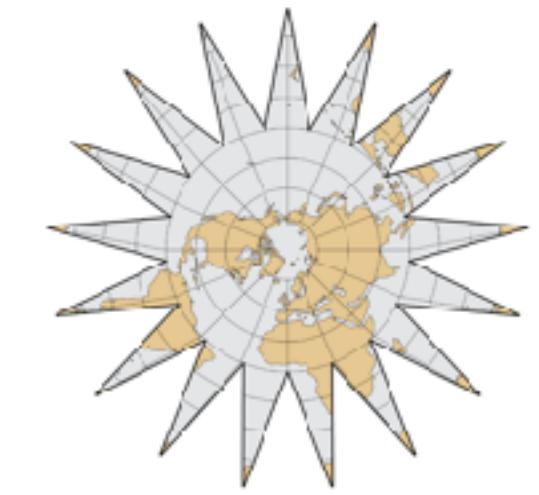
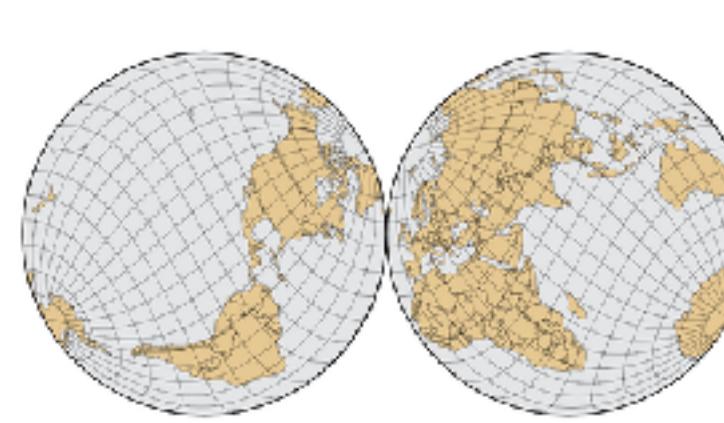
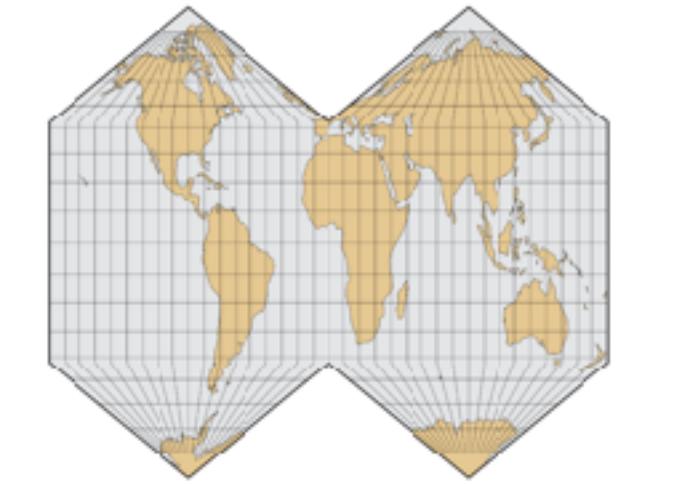


Dot density maps: Pros and cons

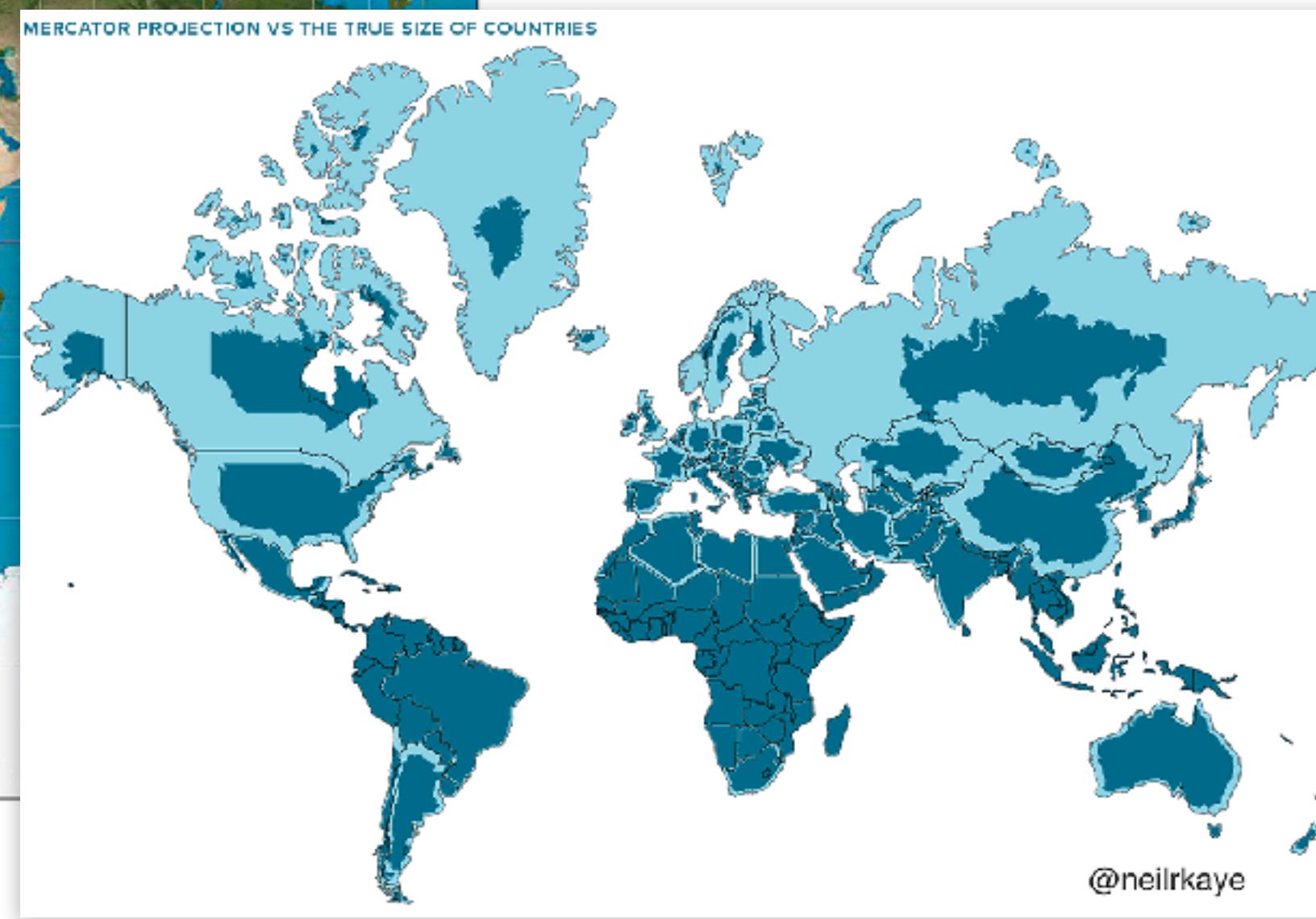
- pros
 - straightforward to understand
 - avoids choropleth non-uniform region size problems
- cons
 - challenge: normalization, just like choropleths
 - show population density (correlated with attribute), not effect of interest
 - perceptual disadvantage:
difficult to extract quantities
 - performance disadvantage:
rendering many dots can be slow

Map Projections

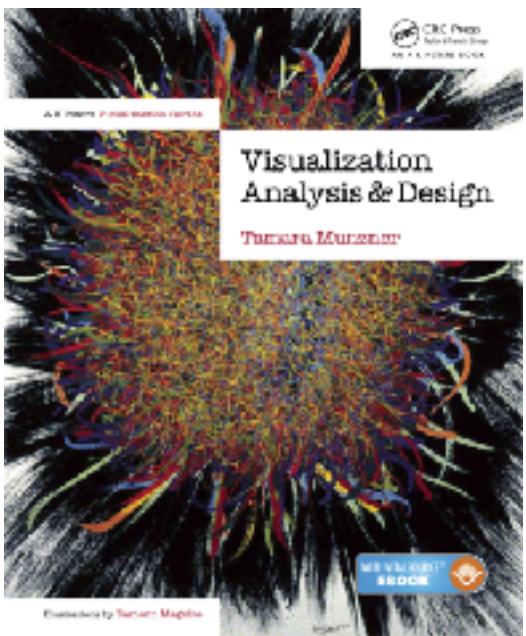
- mathematical functions that map 3D surface geometry of the Earth to 2D maps
- all projections of sphere on plane necessarily distort surface in some way
- interactive: philogb.github.io/page/myriahedral/ and jasondavies.com/maps/



Mercator Projection



» Heavily distorts country sizes; particularly close to the poles.



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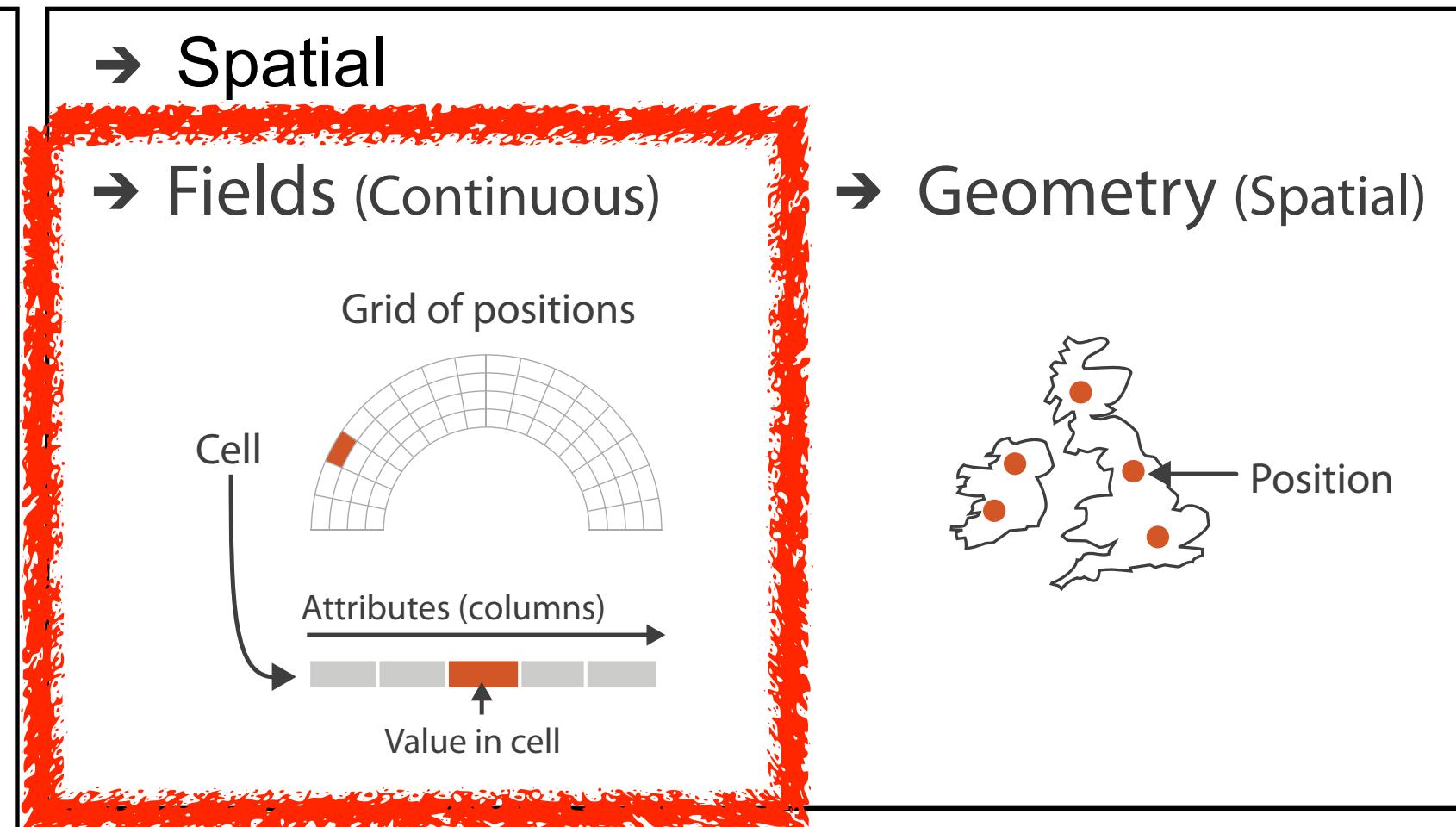
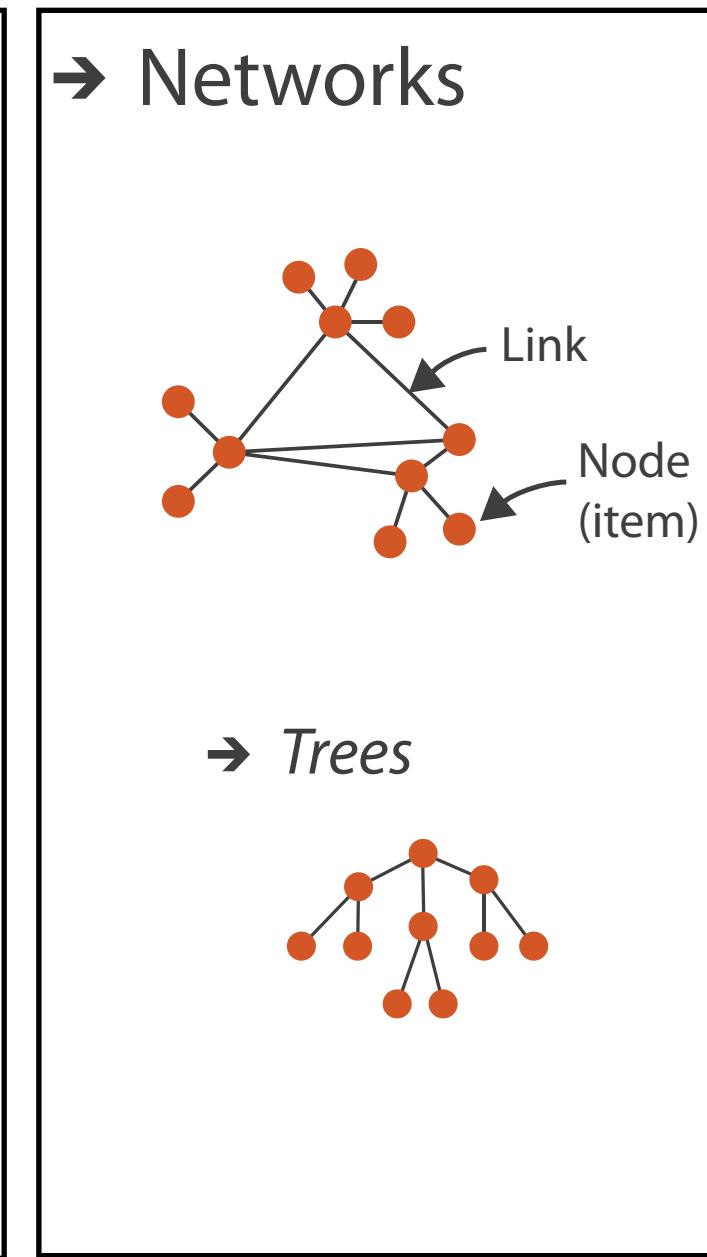
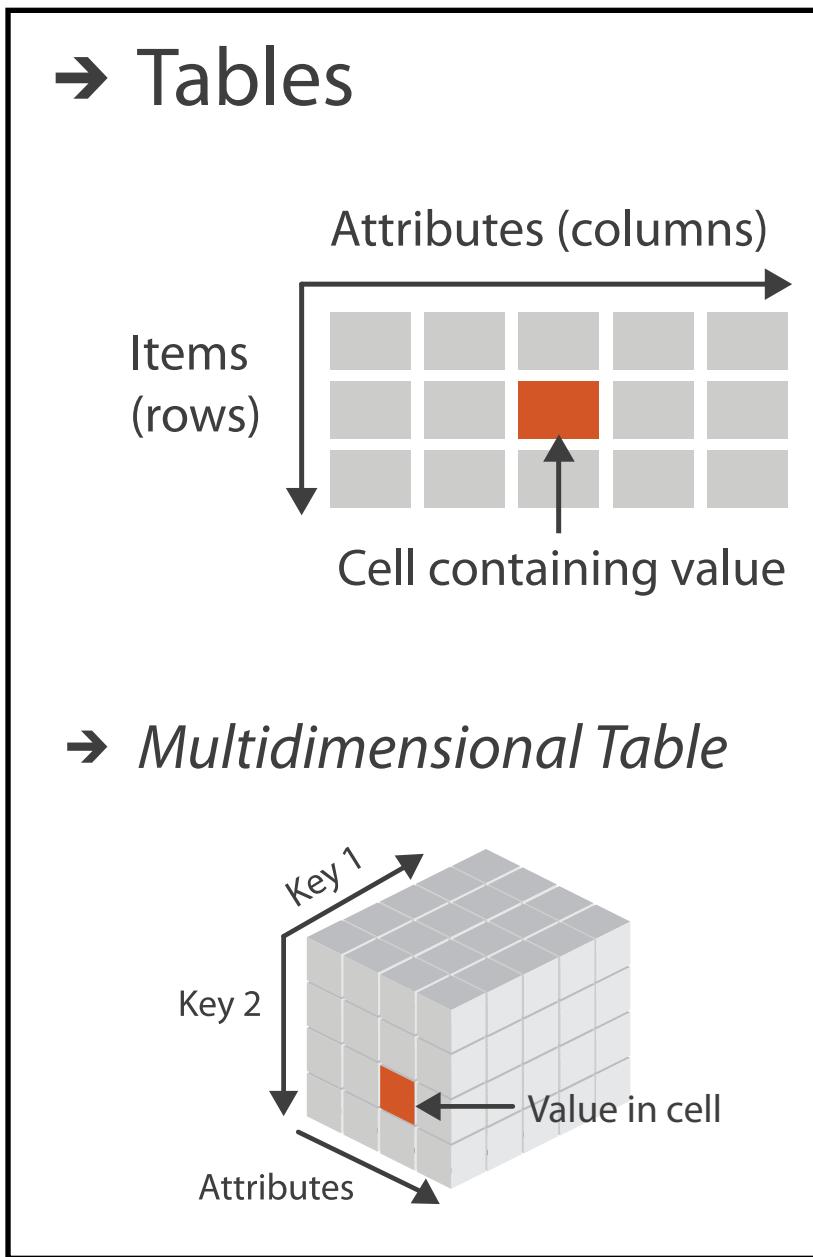
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Focus on Spatial

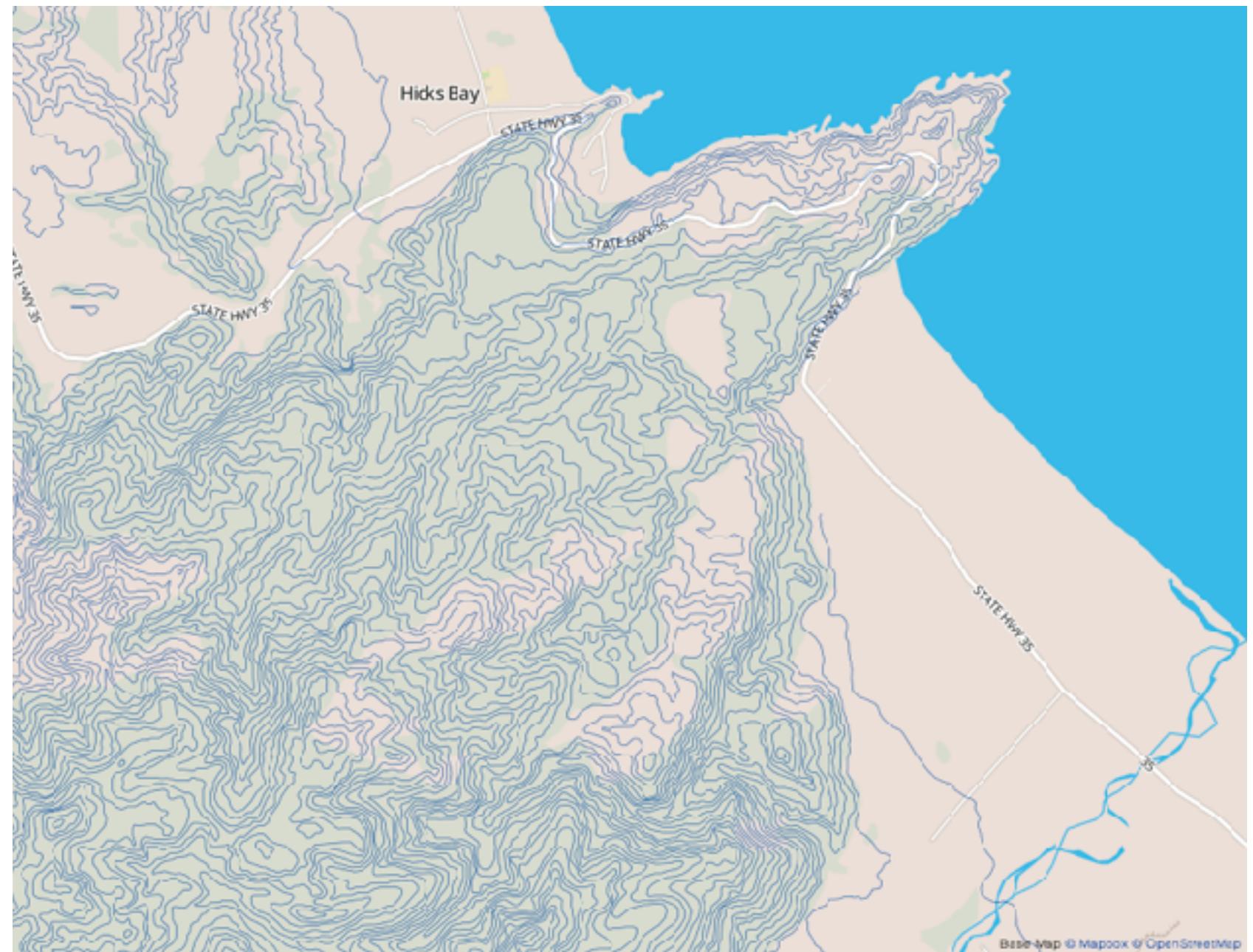
→ Dataset Types



Spatial Fields

Idiom: topographic map

- data
 - geographic geometry
 - scalar spatial field
 - 1 quant attribute per grid cell
- derived data
 - isoline geometry
 - isocontours computed for specific levels of scalar values
- task
 - understanding terrain shape
 - densely lined regions = steep
- pros
 - use only 2D position, avoid 3D challenges
 - color channel available for other attributes
- cons
 - significant clutter from additional lines



Land Information New Zealand Data Service

Idioms: **isosurfaces**, direct volume rendering

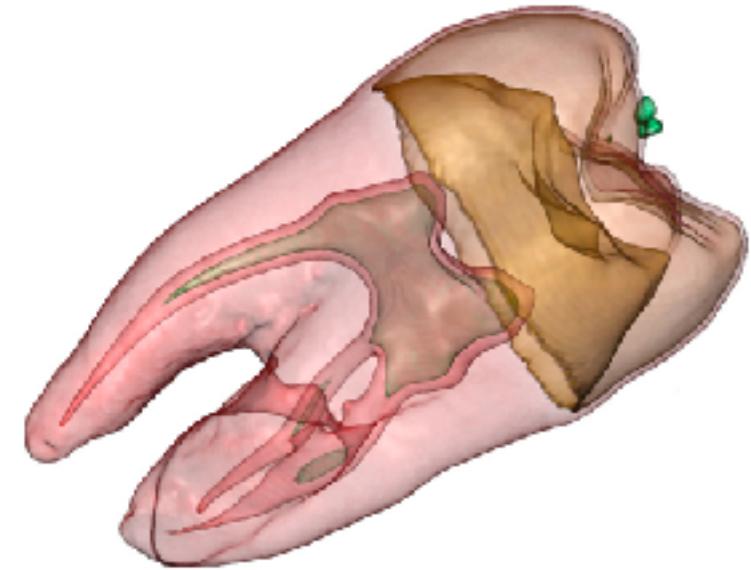
- data
 - scalar spatial field (3D volume)
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- task
 - shape understanding, spatial relationships

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Idioms: **isosurfaces**, direct volume rendering

- data
 - scalar spatial field (3D volume)
 - 1 quant attribute per grid cell
- task
 - shape understanding, spatial relationships
- isosurface
 - derived data: isocontours computed for specific levels of scalar values

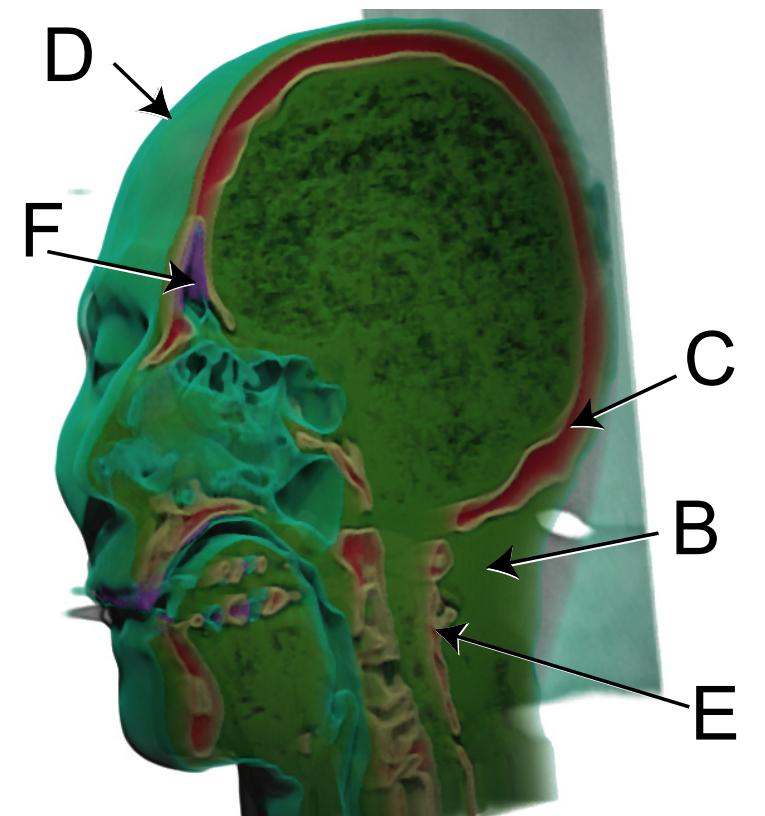
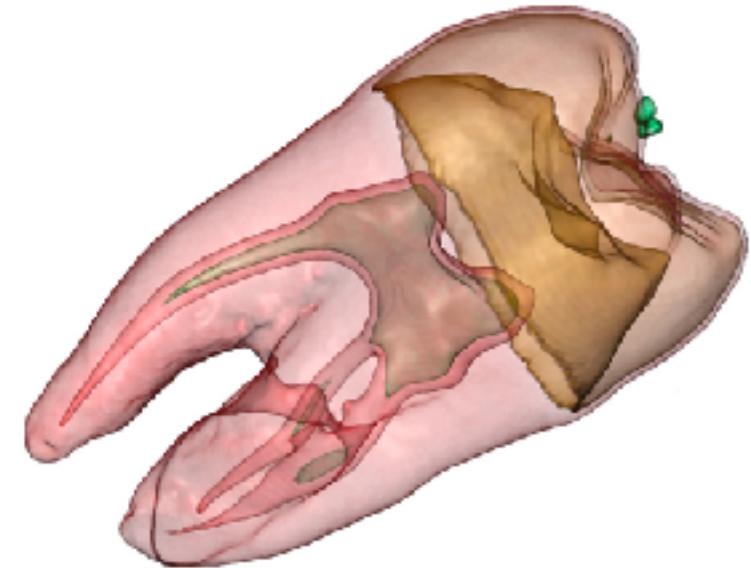


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 - scalar spatial field (3D volume)
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- task
 - shape understanding, spatial relationships
- isosurface
 - derived data: isocontours computed for specific levels of scalar values
- direct volume rendering
 - transfer function maps scalar values to color, opacity
 - no derived geometry

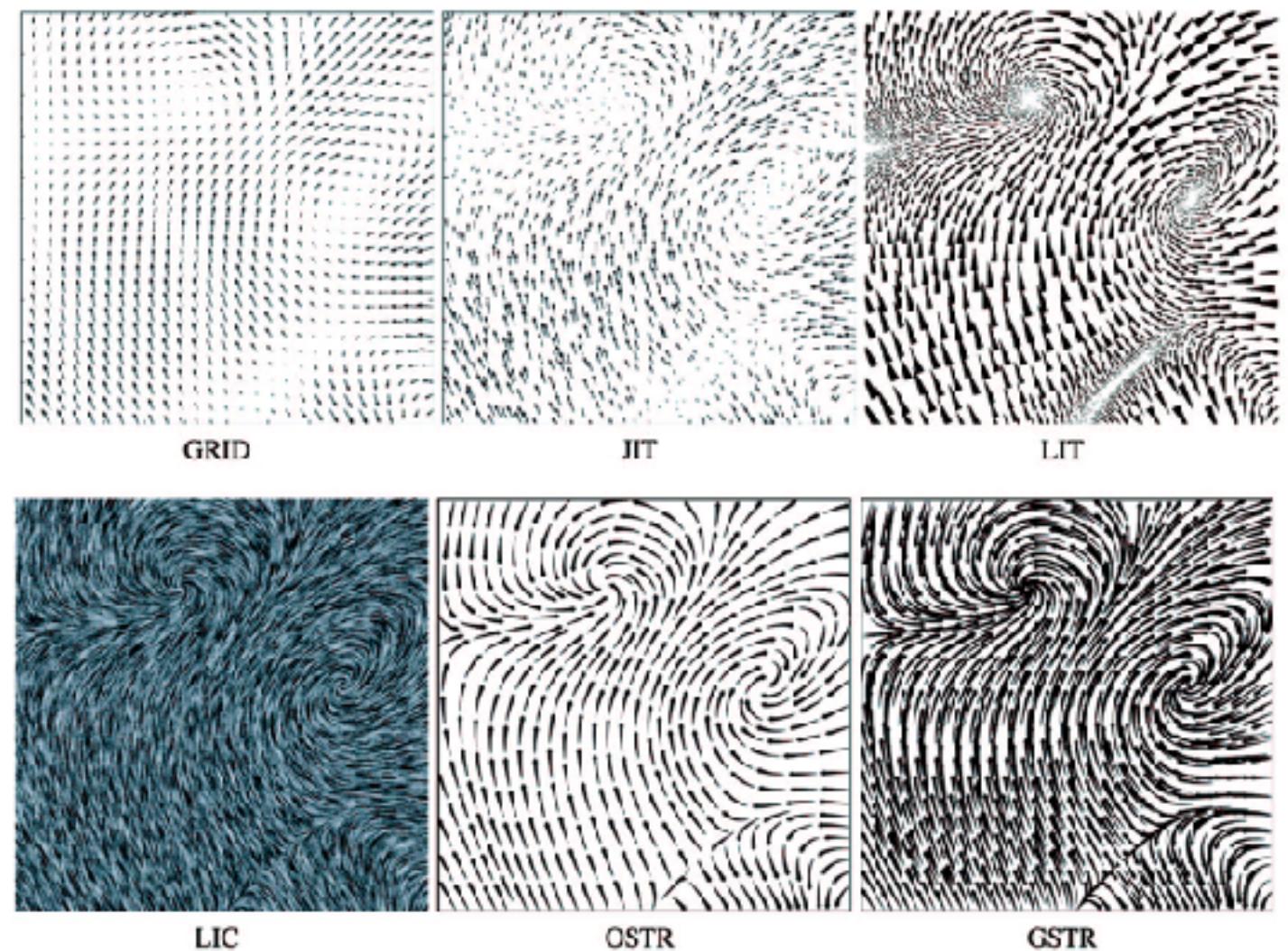


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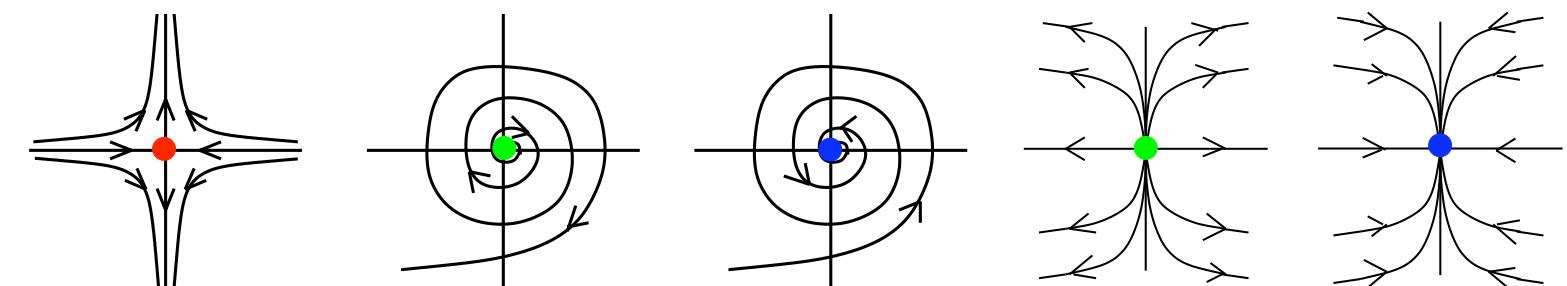
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Vector and tensor fields

- data
 - multiple attrs per cell (vector: 2)
- idiom families
 - flow *glyphs*
 - purely local
 - geometric flow
 - derived data from tracing particle trajectories
 - sparse set of seed points
 - texture flow
 - derived data, dense seeds
 - feature flow
 - global computation to detect features



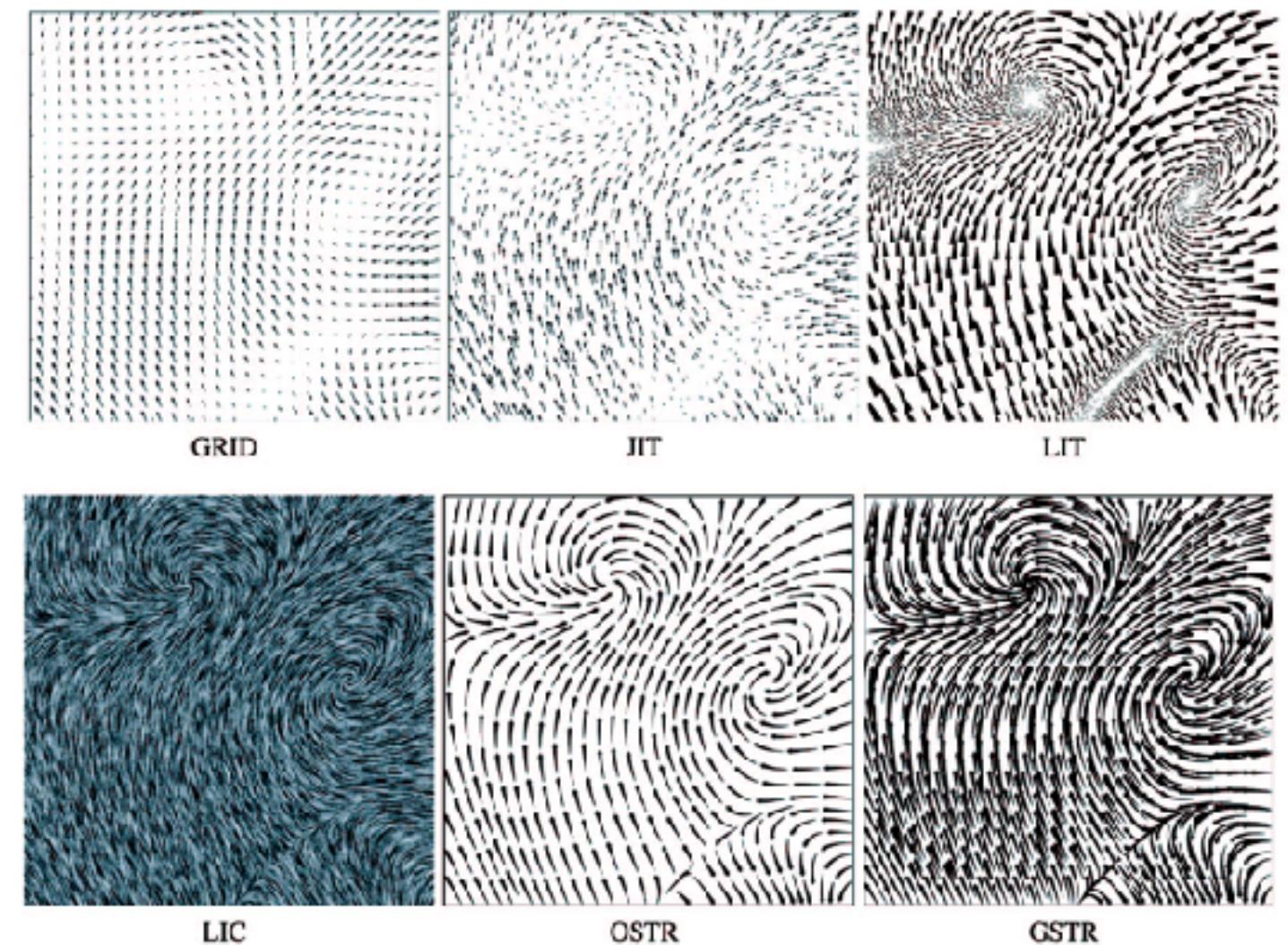
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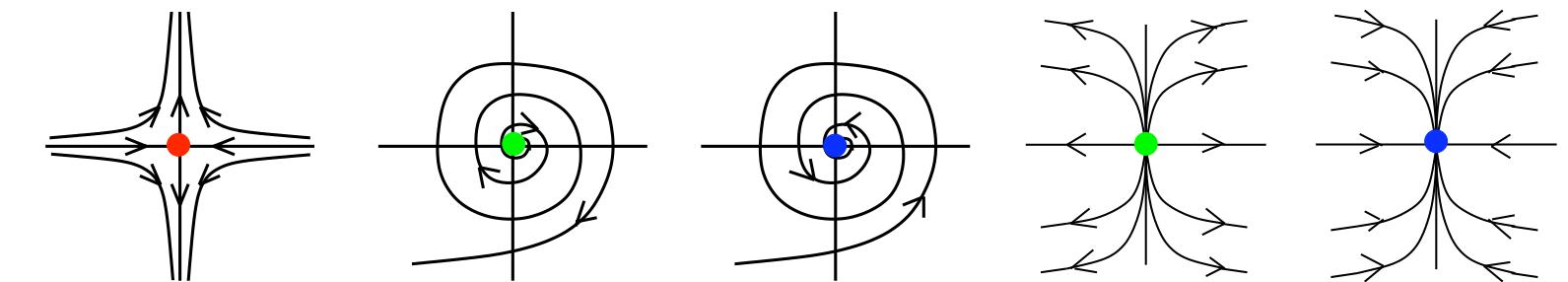
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Vector fields

- empirical study tasks
 - finding critical points, identifying their types
 - identifying what type of critical point is at a specific location
 - predicting where a particle starting at a specified point will end up (advection)



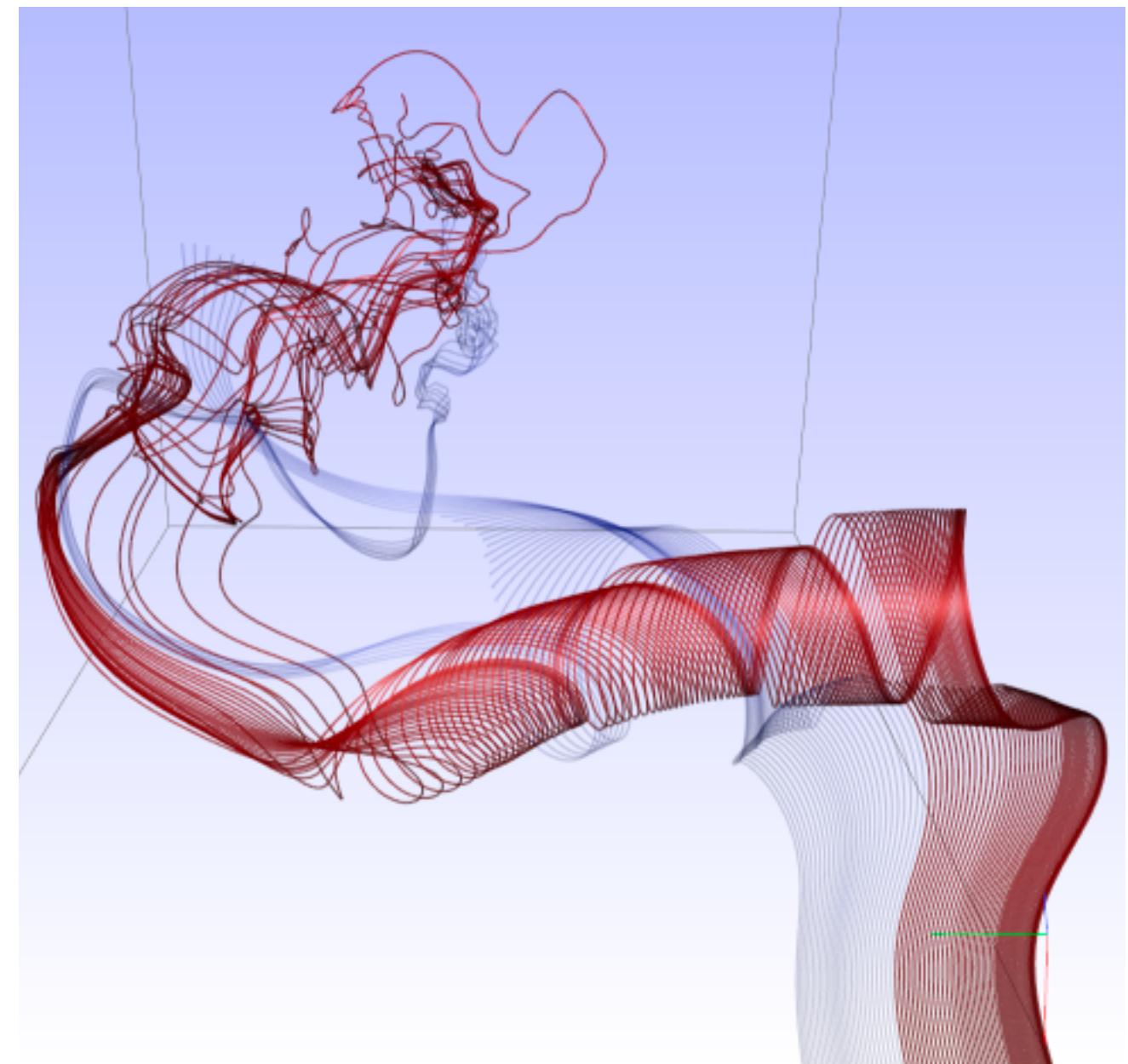
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Idiom: similarity-clustered streamlines

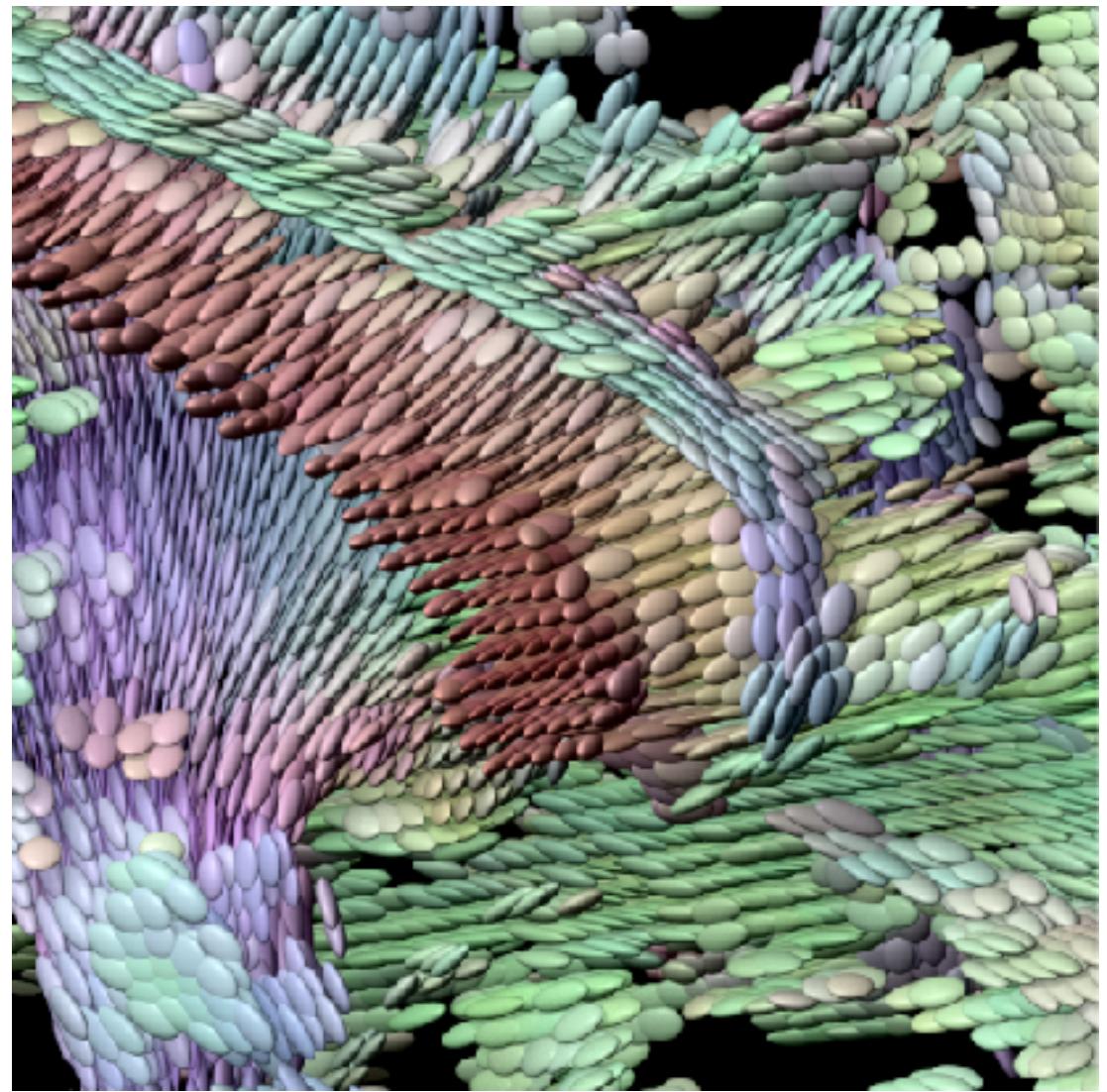
- data
 - 3D vector field
- derived data (from field)
 - streamlines: trajectory particle will follow
- derived data (per streamline)
 - curvature, torsion, tortuosity
 - signature: complex weighted combination
 - compute cluster hierarchy across all signatures
 - encode: color and opacity by cluster
- tasks
 - find features, query shape
- scalability
 - millions of samples, hundreds of streamlines



[*Similarity Measures for Enhancing Interactive Streamline Seeding*. McLoughlin, Jones, Laramee, Malki, Masters, and Hansen. IEEE Trans. Visualization and Computer Graphics 19:8 (2013), 1342–1353.]

Idiom: Ellipsoid Tensor Glyphs

- data
 - tensor field: multiple attributes at each cell (entire matrix)
 - stress, conductivity, curvature, diffusivity...
 - derived data:
 - shape (eigenvalues)
 - orientation (eigenvectors)
- visual encoding
 - glyph: 3D ellipsoid



[Superquadric Tensor Glyphs. Kindlmann. Proc. VisSym04, p147-154, 2004.]

Arrange spatial data

→ Use Given

→ Geometry

→ *Geographic*

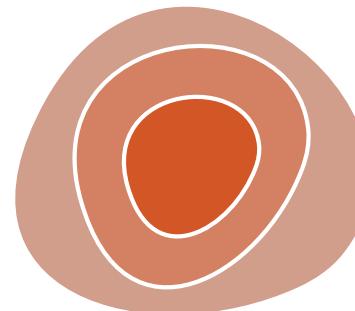


→ Spatial Fields

→ *Scalar Fields (one value per cell)*

→ *Isocontours*

→ *Direct Volume Rendering*



→ *Vector and Tensor Fields (many values per cell)*

→ *Flow Glyphs (local)*



→ *Geometric (sparse seeds)*



→ *Textures (dense seeds)*



→ *Features (globally derived)*

