Handle Complexity:
Facet (Juxtapose, Partition, Superimpose)

How?

Encode

- Arrange
  - Express
  - Separate
  - Order
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  from categorical and ordered attributes
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Manipulate

- Change
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Facet

- Juxtapose
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What?

Why?

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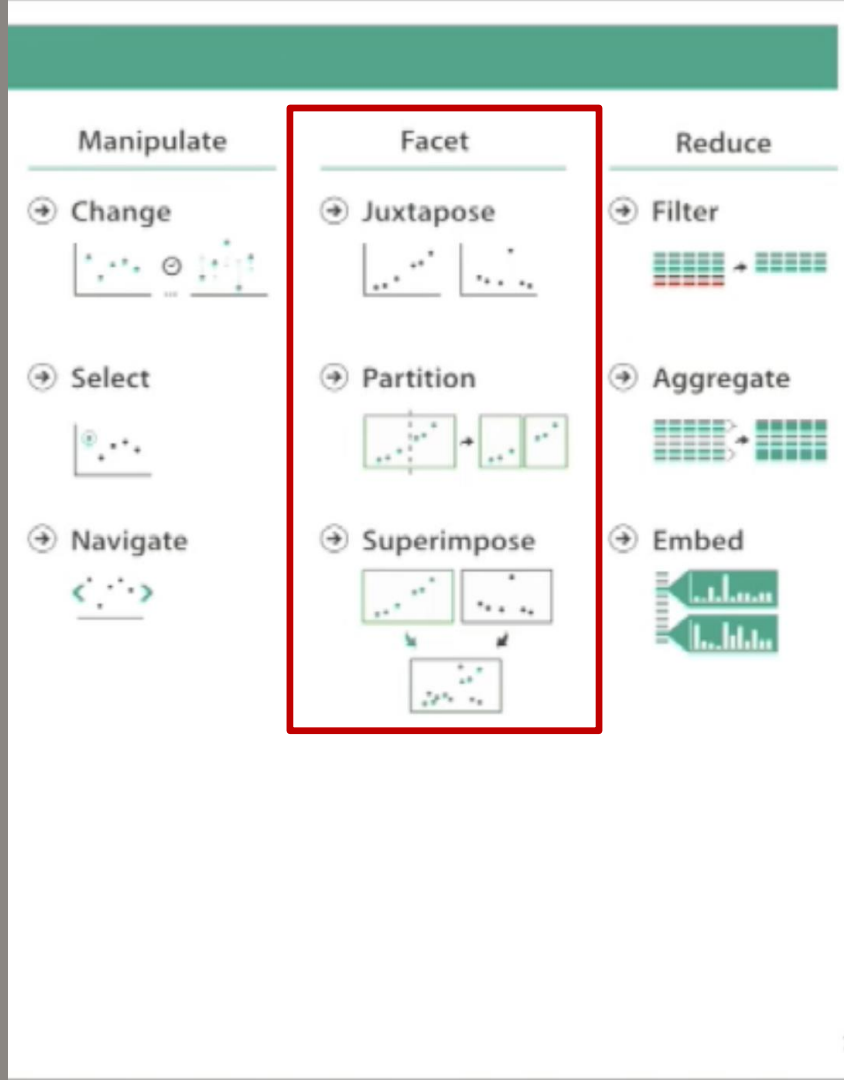
Handle Complexity

- If what we have before does not work
  - If the data or tasks are too complicated, do not insist on **one static view** to solve all problems

- Change view (what you see) over time
- **Facet across multiple view**
- Reduce item/attribute within single view



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- One example: Juxtapose
  - Get different insight from different views

A view

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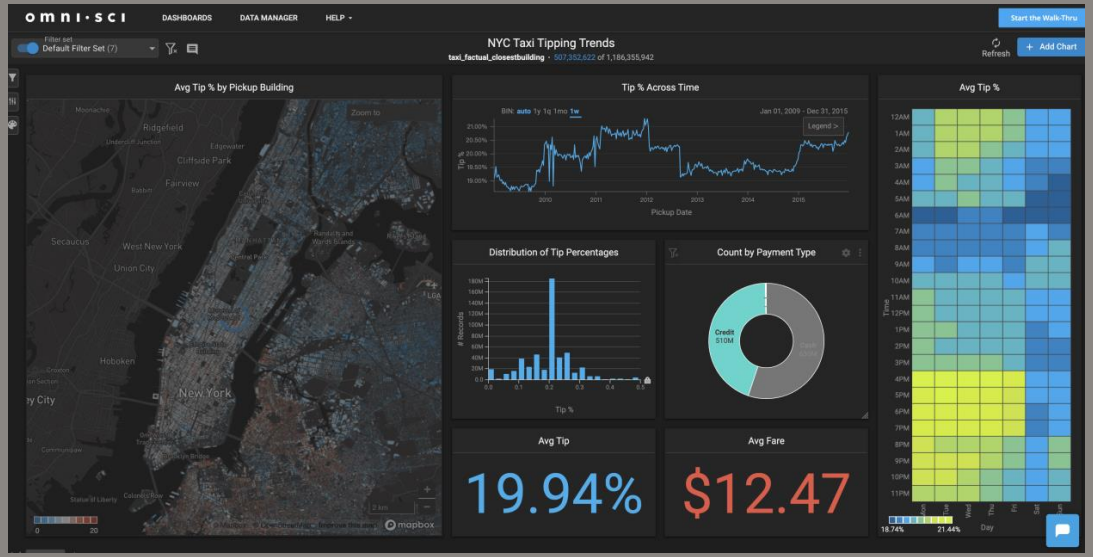
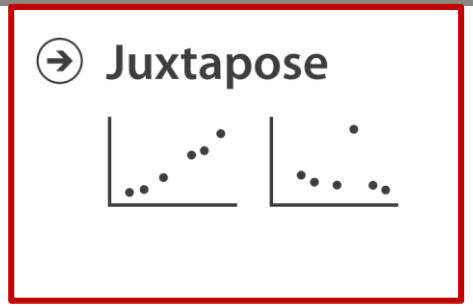
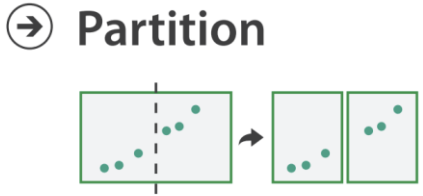
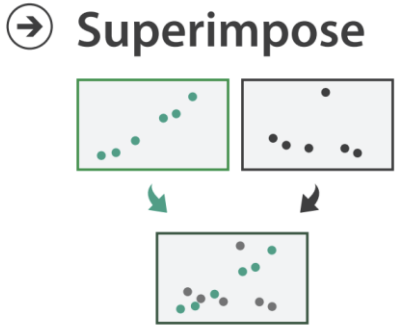
- Juxtapose, Partition, Superimpose
  - Different ways to layout multiple views









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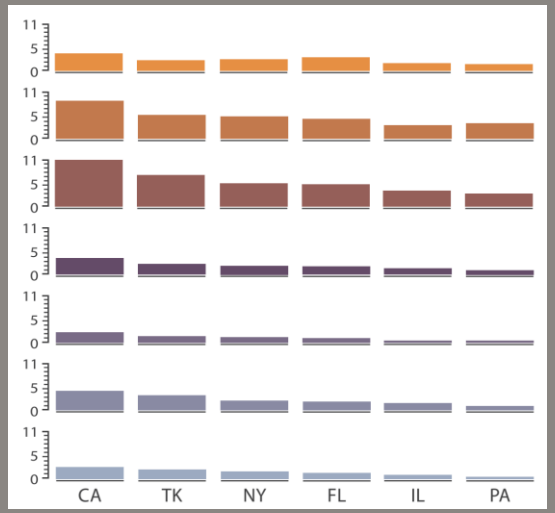

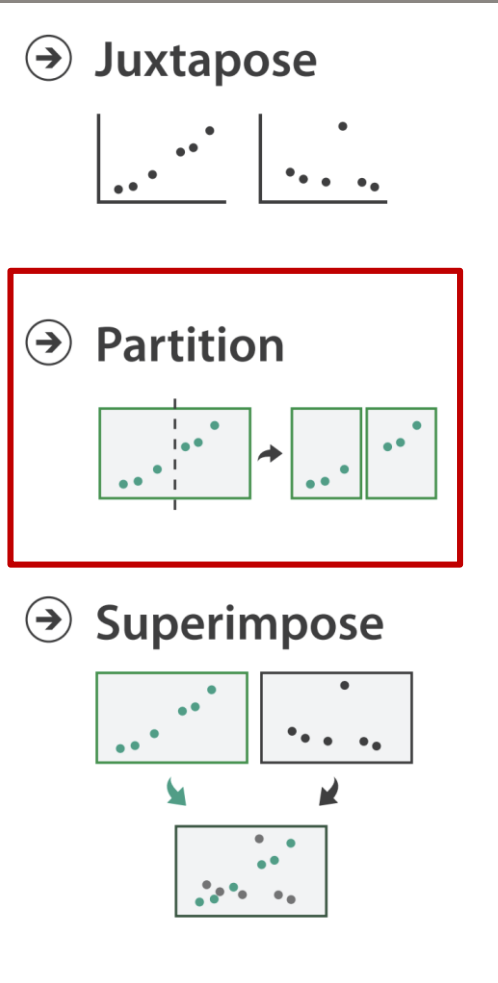

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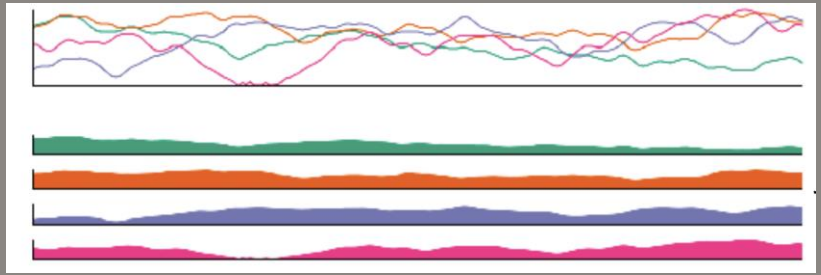

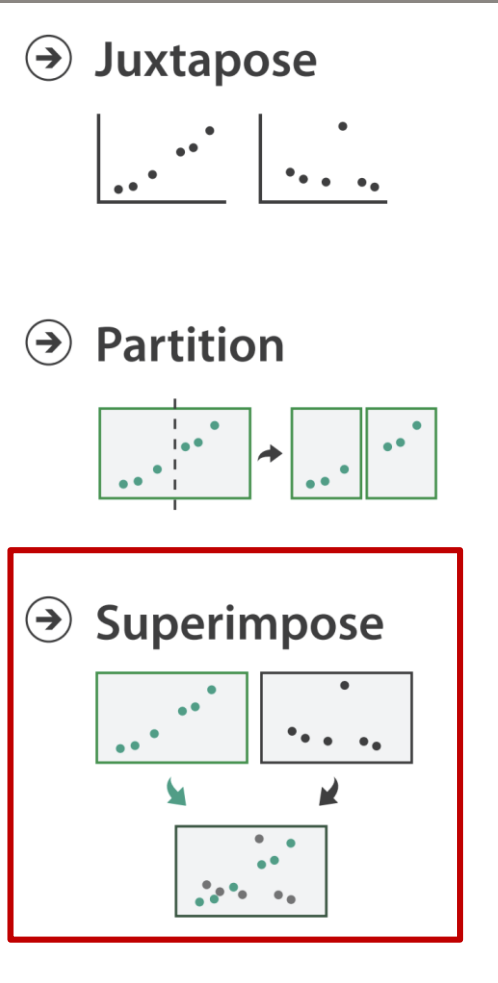

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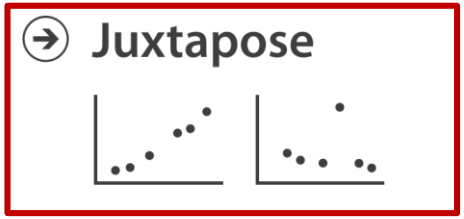

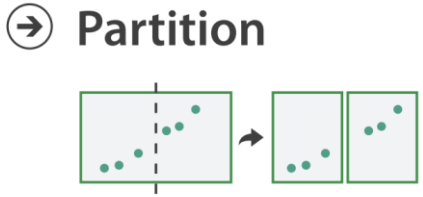

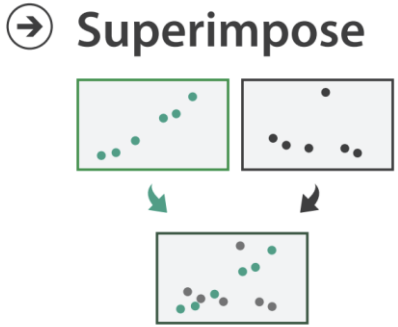

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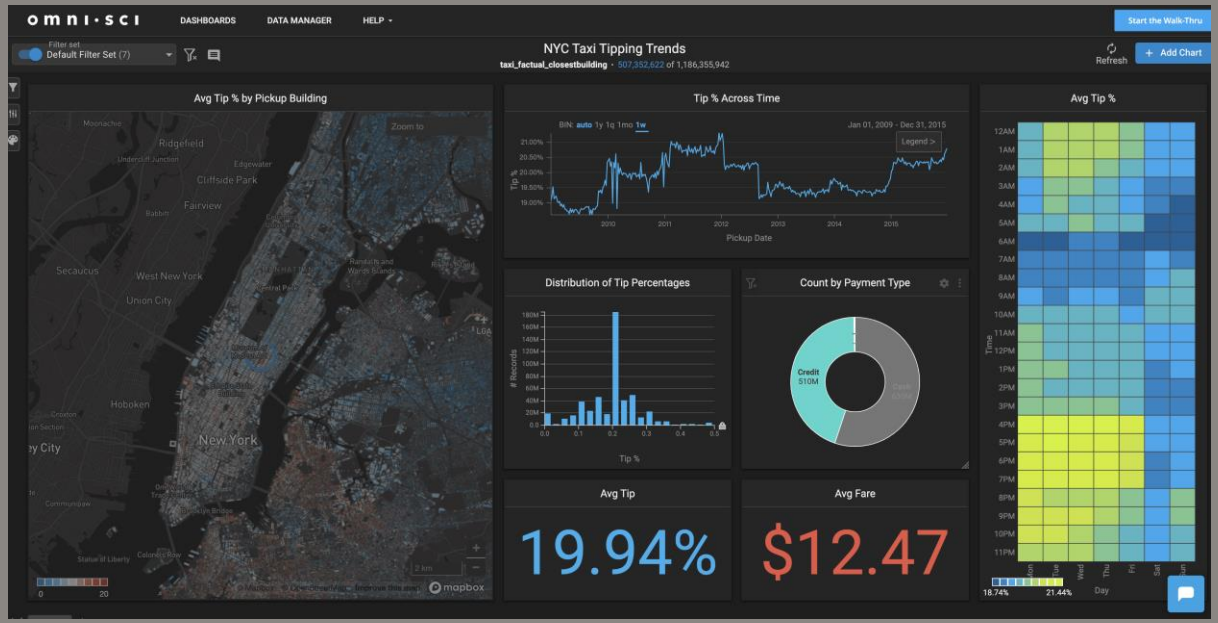
- Show multiple views on the screen at the same time



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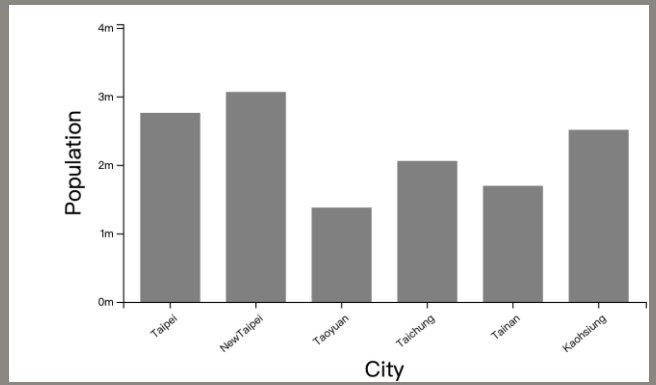

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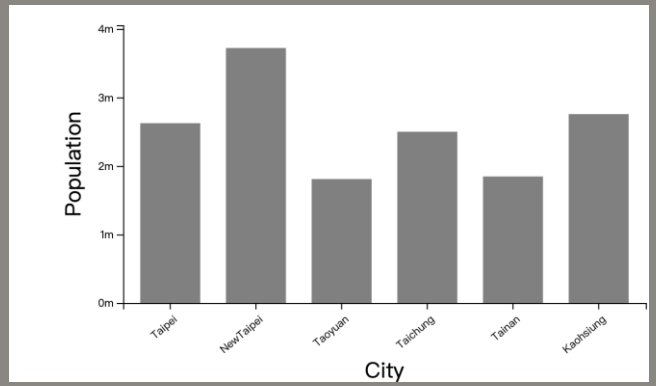

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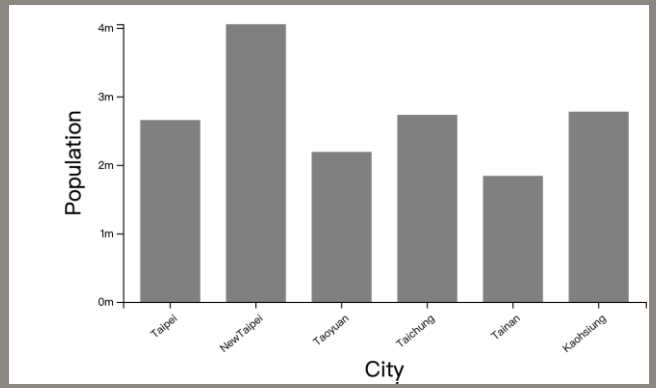

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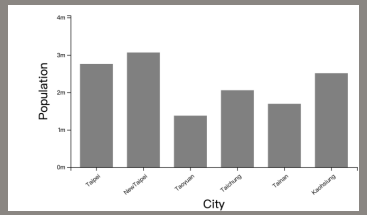

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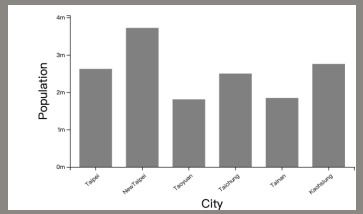

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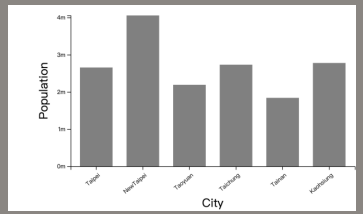

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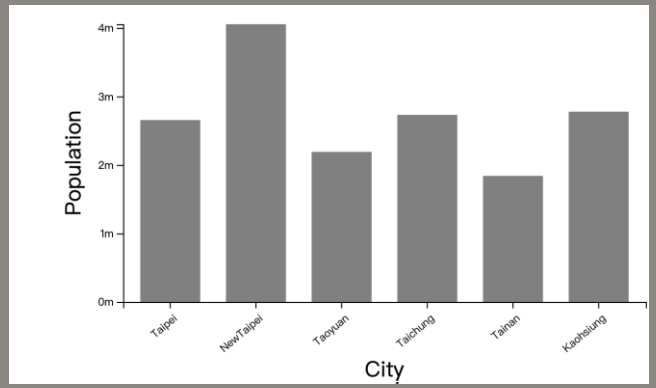

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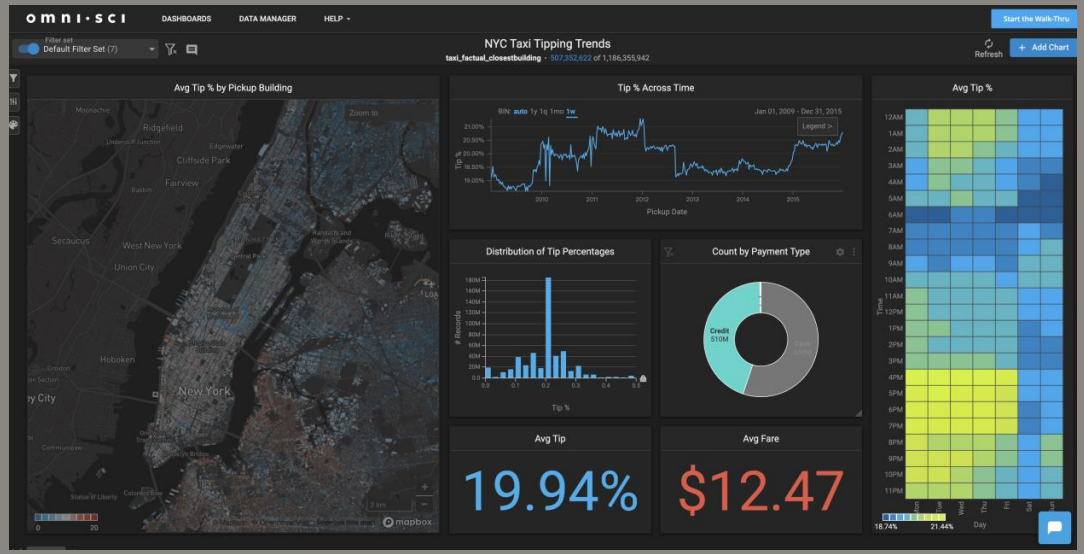
Juxtapose

- Without linking/coordinating views, it would be boring



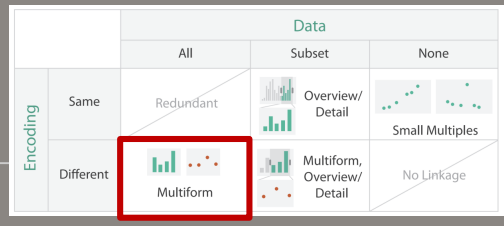
Juxtapose

- We can have different design choice (between views) of juxtapose
  - Data: all/subset/none
  - Encoding: same/different

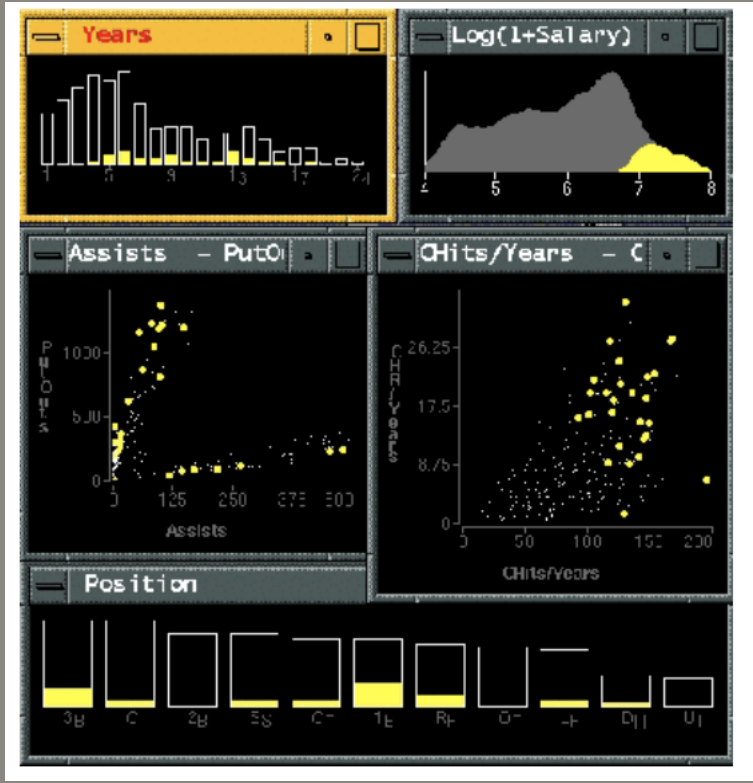
		Data		
		All	Subset	None
Encoding	Same	Redundant	Overview/ Detail	Small Multiples
	Different	Multiform	Multiform, Overview/ Detail	No Linkage

We are going to introduce different idioms of juxtapose

Idiom: Link Highlighting

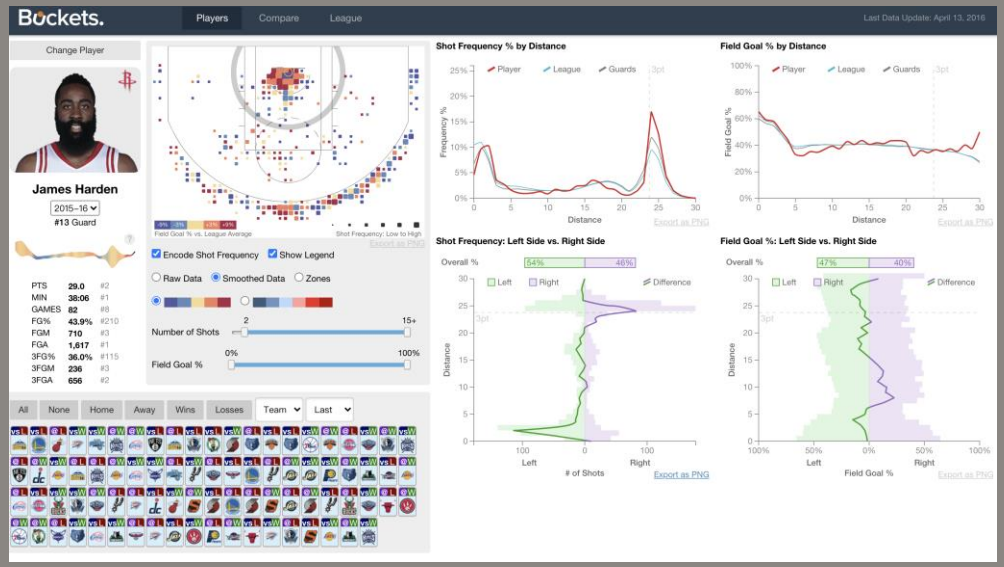


- See how regions contiguous in one view are distributed within another
  - Powerful and pervasive interaction idiom
- Encoding: different
  - Multiform
- Data:
  - all items shared
  - Different attribute across views
- brushing and linking



Idiom: Link Highlighting

- Multidirectional linking (more useful than unidirectional linking)



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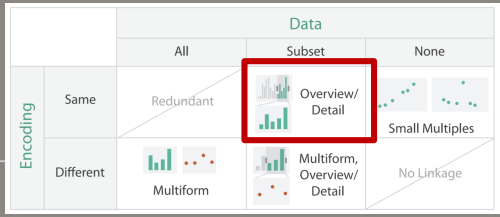
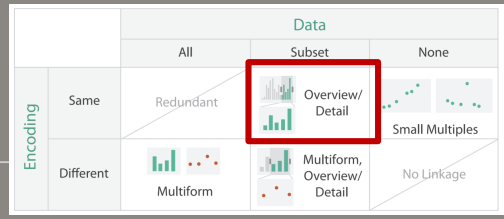
Idiom: Overview-detail views



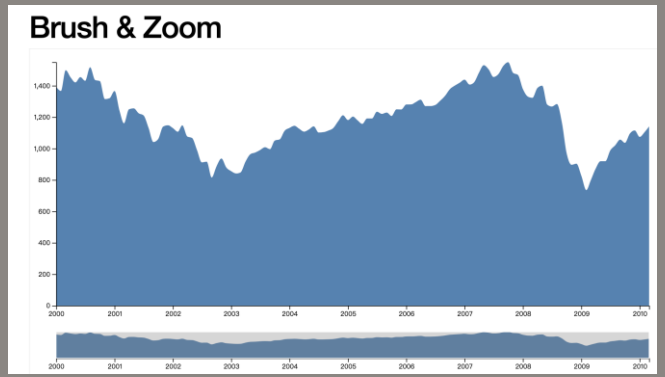
- Encoding: same
- Data: subset shared
- Navigation: bi-directional

- Differences
  - Viewpoint, size

Idiom overview-detail navigation



- Encoding: same
- Data: subset shared
- Navigation: shared
  - Unidirectional linking
  - Select in small overview
  - Change extent in large detail view



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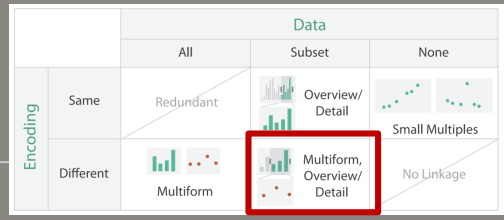

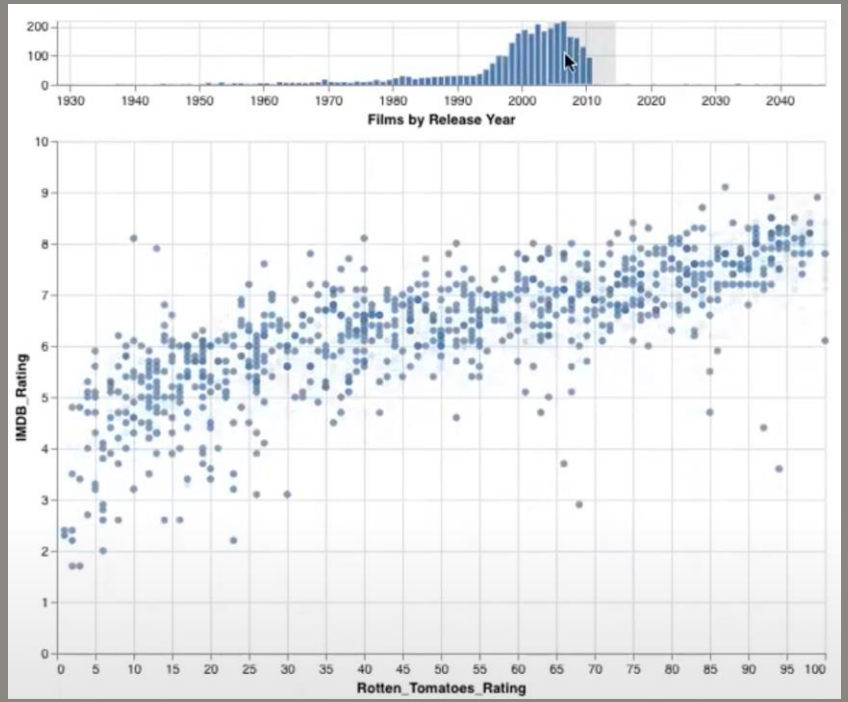

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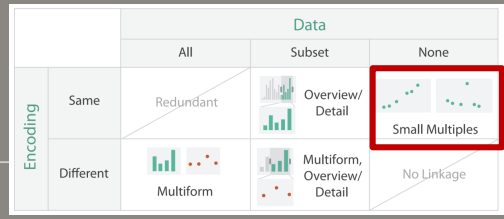
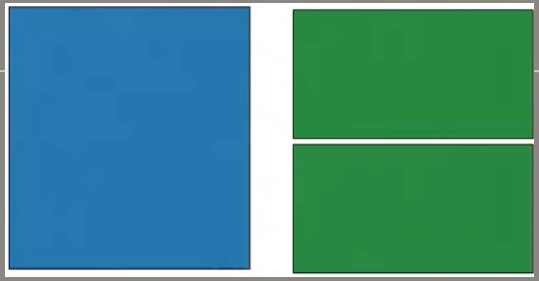
Idiom: Small Multiples



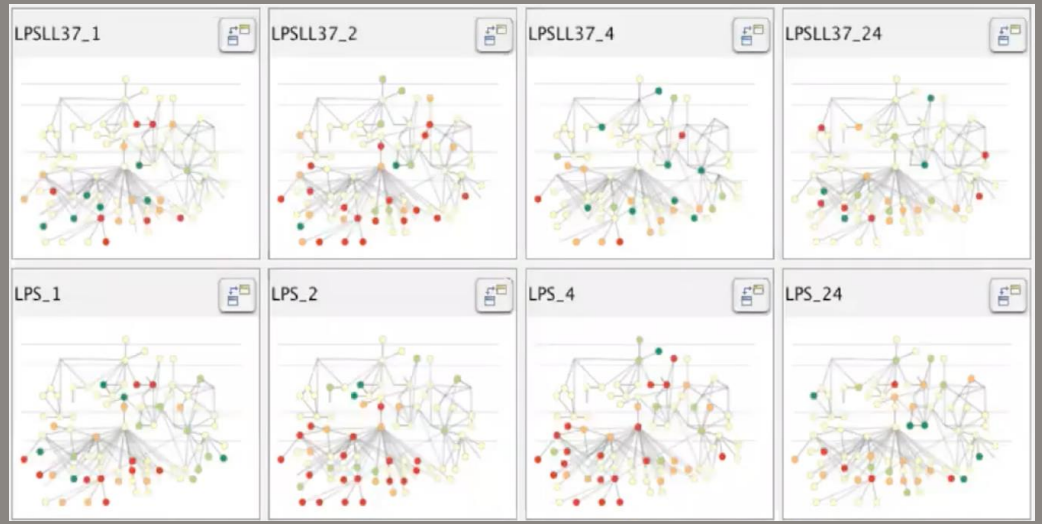
- Encoding: same
- Data: none shared (different data partition)
  - Different stock price over time
- Make different partition of data simultaneous visible
- Often aligned into a list or matrix
- Often use as an alternative of animation
- Small screen real estate is a weakness

Juxtapose View: Tradeoffs



- Juxtapose costs
  - Display area
  - 2 views side by side: each has only half of the area of one view
- Juxtapose benefits
  - Cognitive load: eye (juxtapose) vs memory (animation)
    - Lower cognitive load: move eye between 2 views
    - Higher cognitive load: compare single changing view to memory of previous state

Juxtapose vs Animation



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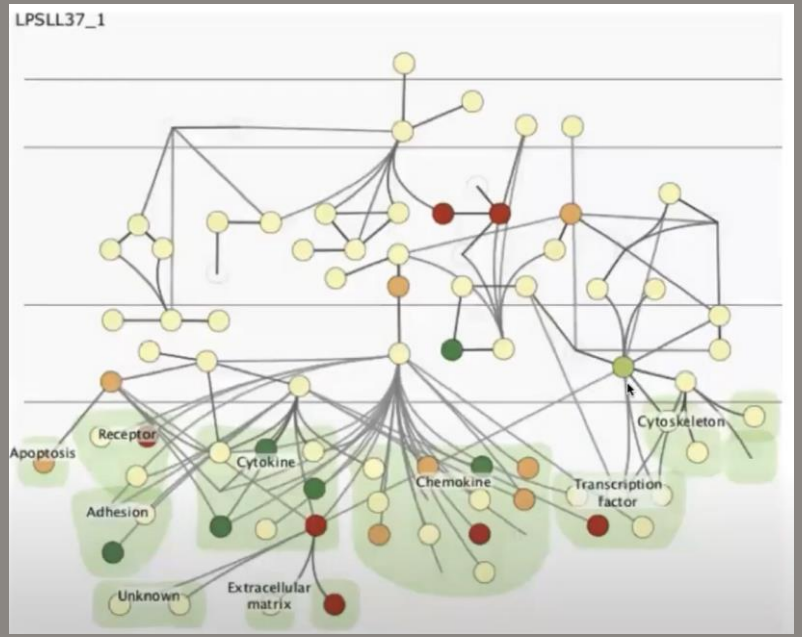

An animation

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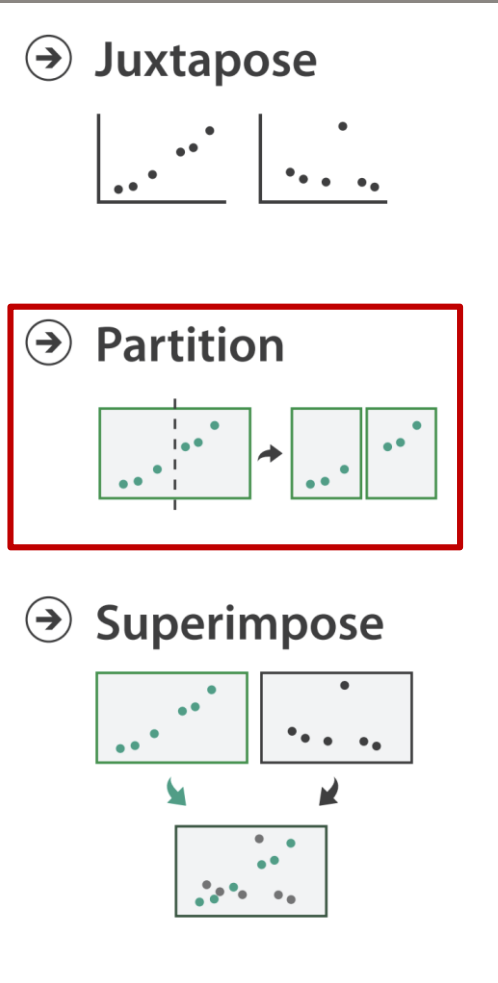
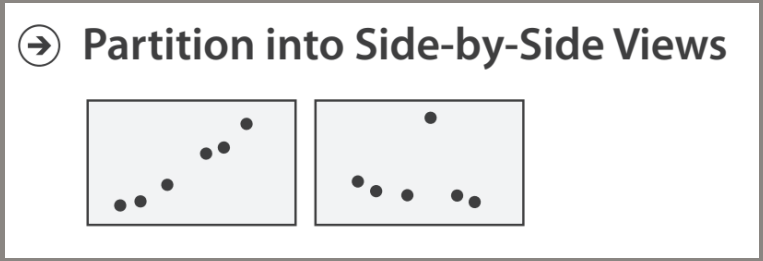
Partition



Partition (data) into Views

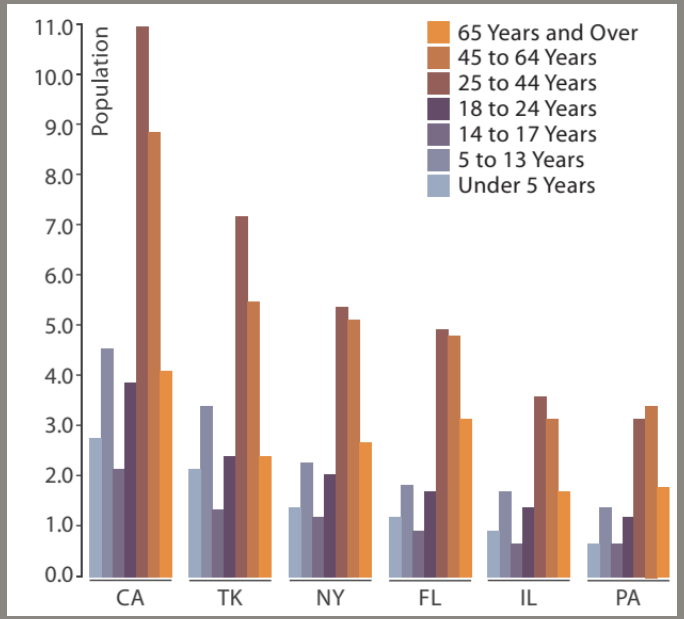
- How to divide data between views
  - Split into regions by attributes
    - Only one attribute? You may not need multiple views
  - Encodes association between items using spatial proximity
    - Close <-> easy to compare
  - **Order** of splits has major implications for what patterns are visible
    - Hierarchically partition



- Even if you visualize the same dataset, different ways to partition may give you different insights

Partition: List Alignment

- Split by state into regions
  - Easy within state, hard across ages



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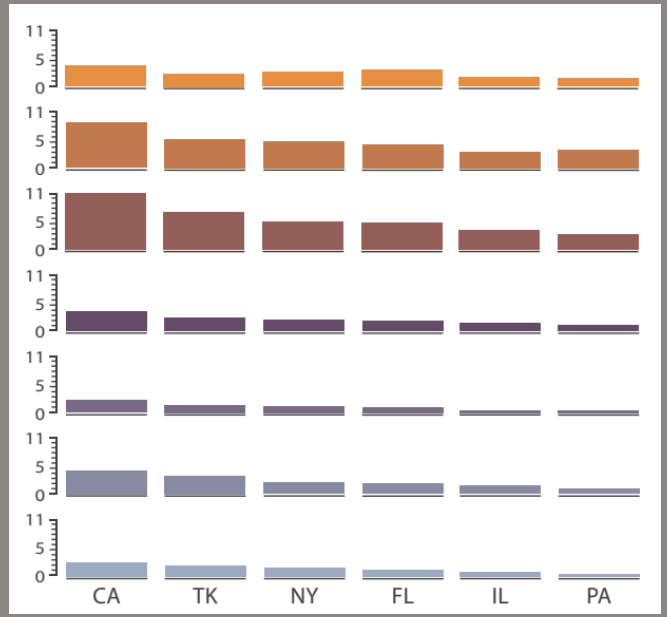
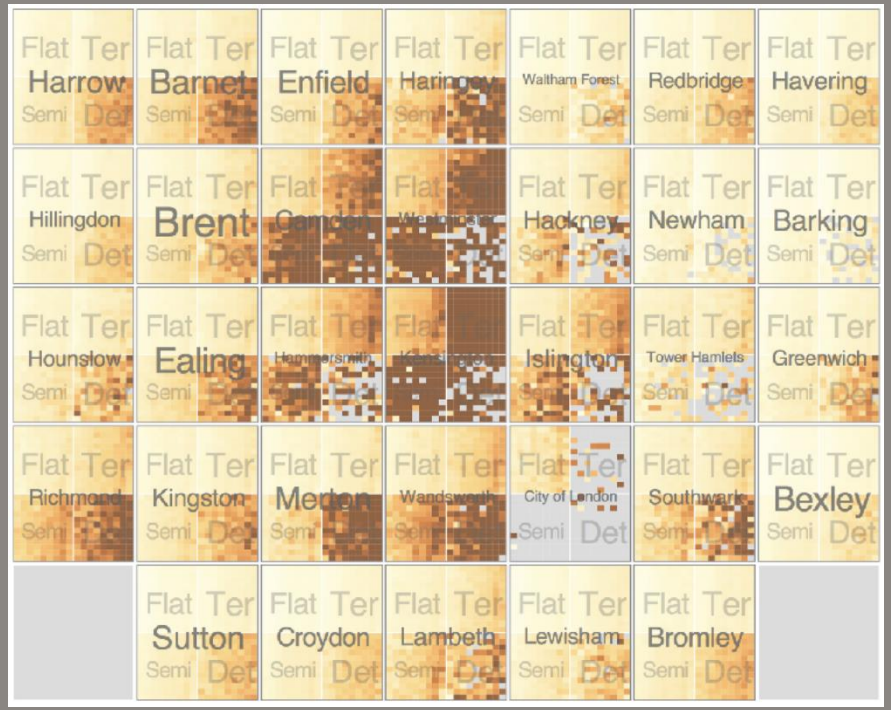


Partitioning: Recursive Subdivision

- Split by neighborhood,
- then by type,
- then by time (row: years, column: months)

- Color: price

- Easy to know
  - Where it is expensive
  - Where you pay much more for detached type



Each big rectangle is a region in London

In UK, they have four type of hours (flat, attached terrance semidetached, detached)

Partitioning: Recursive Subdivision

- Split by house types
- then neighborhood
- then by time (row: years, column: months)

- Color: price variation

- Easy to know
  - Within specific type, which neighborhoods inconsistent

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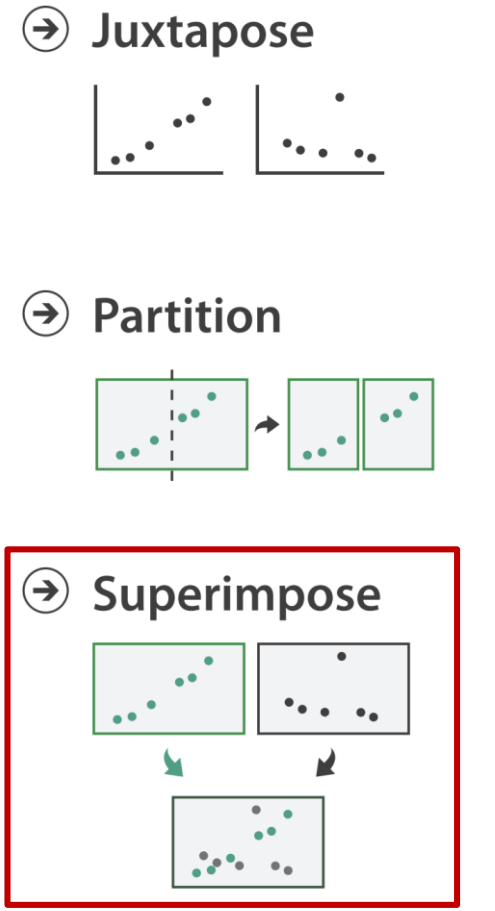
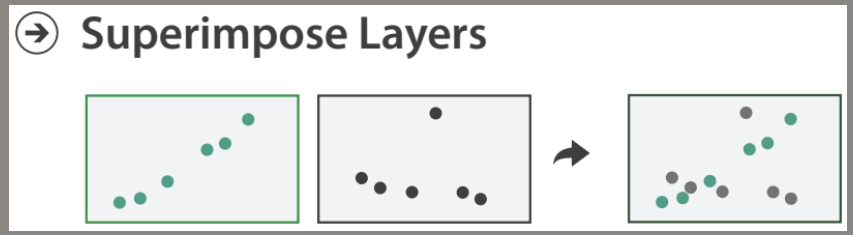
Superimpose



Superimpose Layers

- Layer: set of objects spread out over region
  - Each set is visually distinguishable group

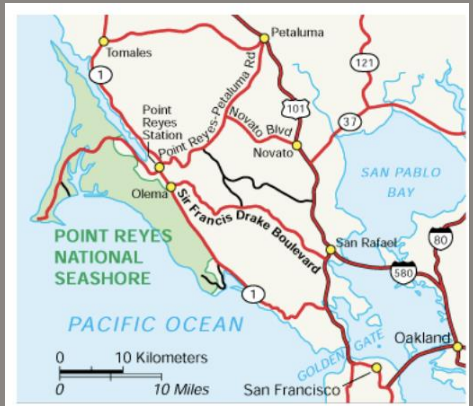


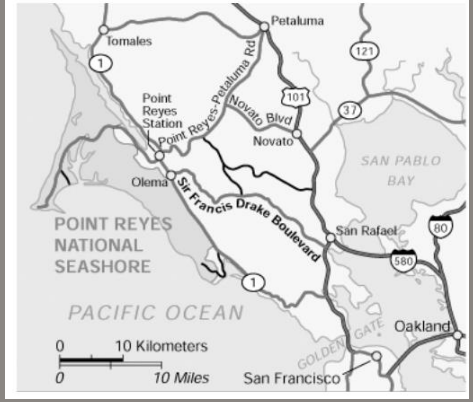
- Design choices
  - How many layers, how to distinguish?
    - Encode with different, nonoverlapping channels
    - Two layers achievable, three with careful design
  - Small static set, or dynamic from many possible?

Static Visual Layering

- Foreground layer: road
- Background layer: regions
  - Hue or saturation to separate

- User can selectively focus attention

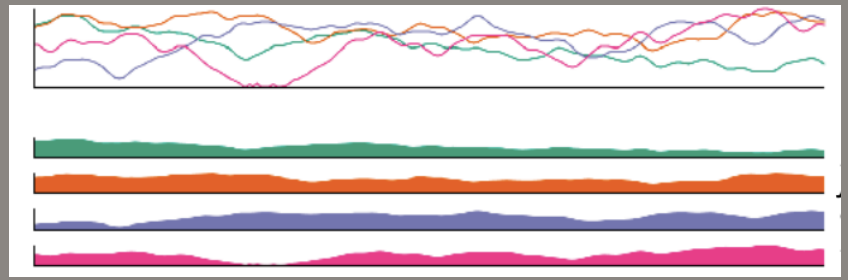


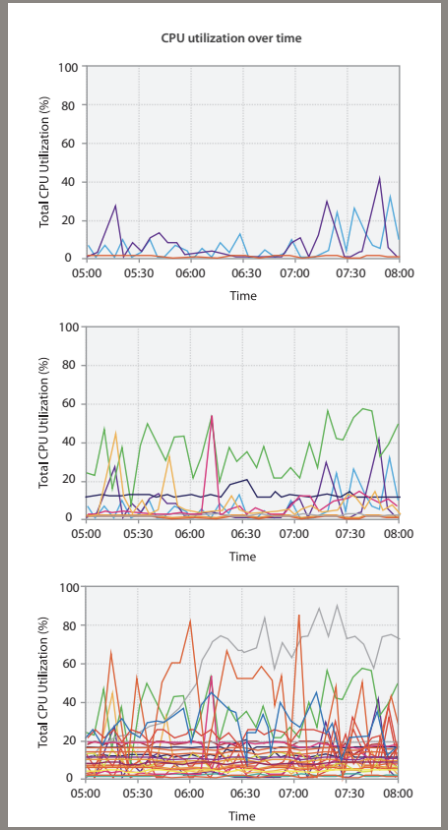


Superimposing Limits

- Few layers, but many lines
  - Up to a few dozen
  - But not hundreds

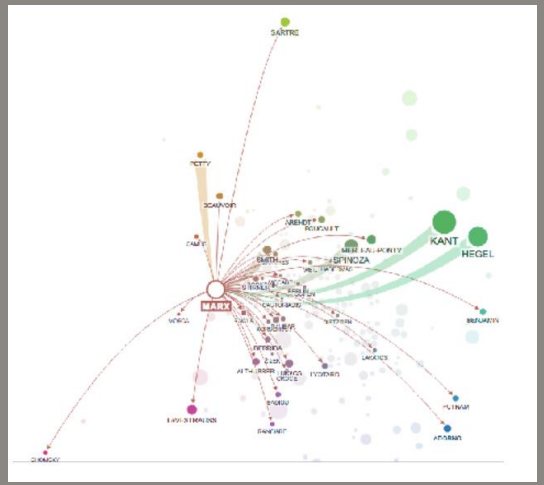
- Superimpose vs juxtapose: empirical study
  - Superimposed for local, multiple for global
  - Tasks:
    - Local: maximum
    - Global: slope, discrimination





Dynamic Visual Layers

- Interactive based on selection
- One-hop neighbor highlighting demo



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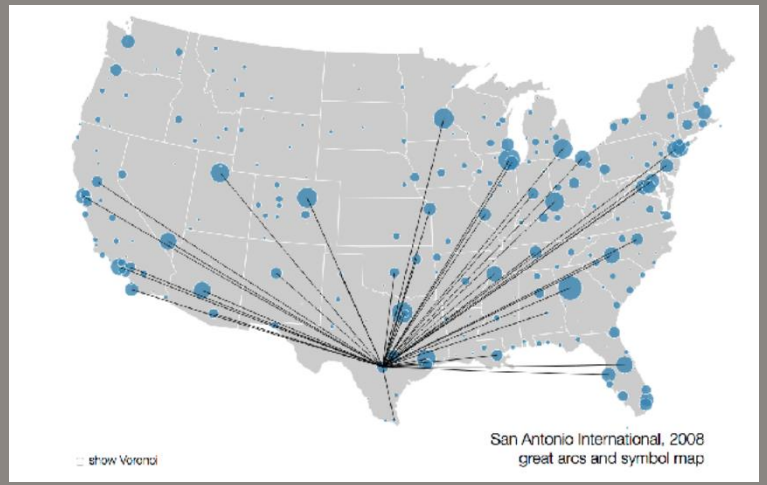

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