

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.

<https://cmu-vis-course.github.io/2017/project/>

**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

→ Embed

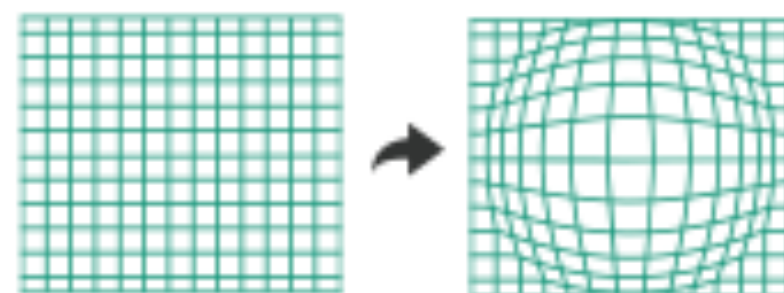
→ Elide Data



→ Superimpose Layer



→ Distort Geometry



Elision

focus items shown in detail,
other items summarized for context

e·li·sion

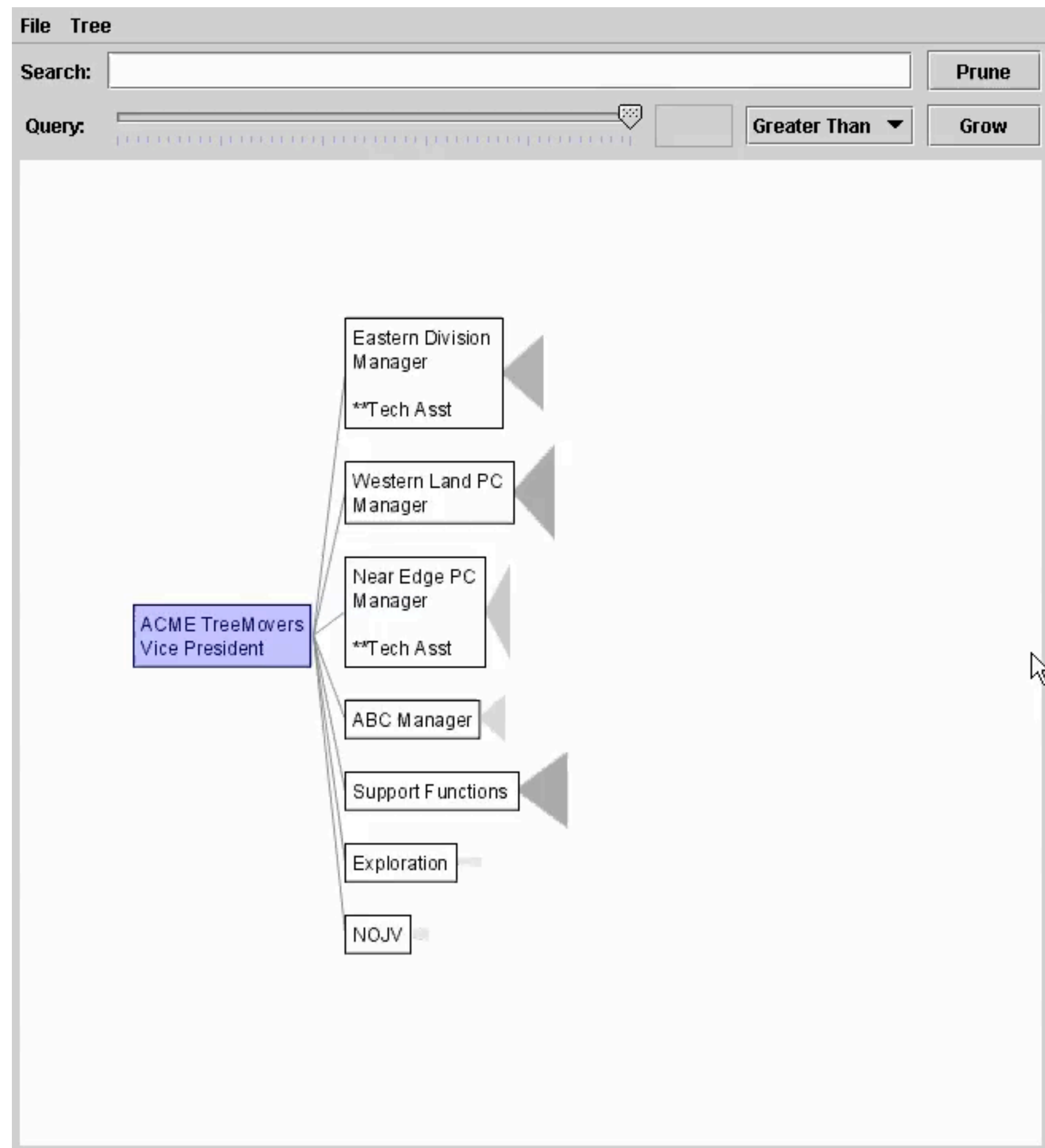
/iˈliːʒən/ 

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

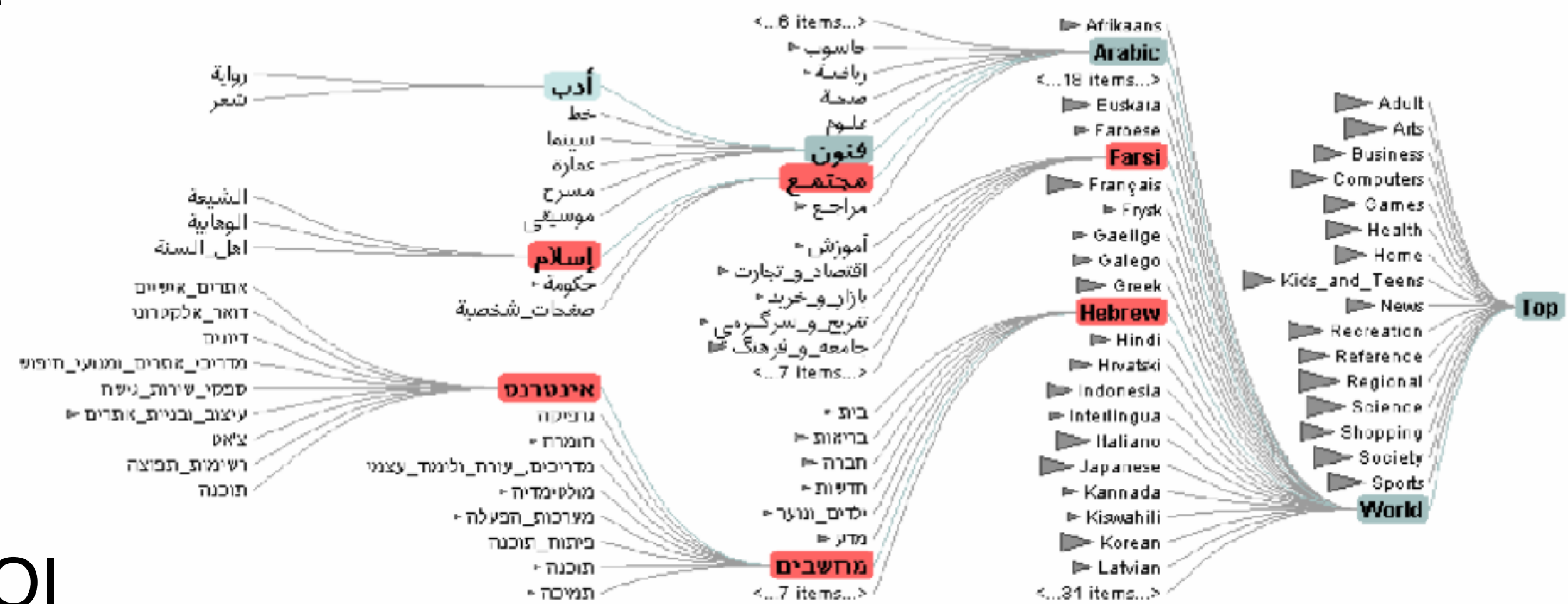
uses:

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

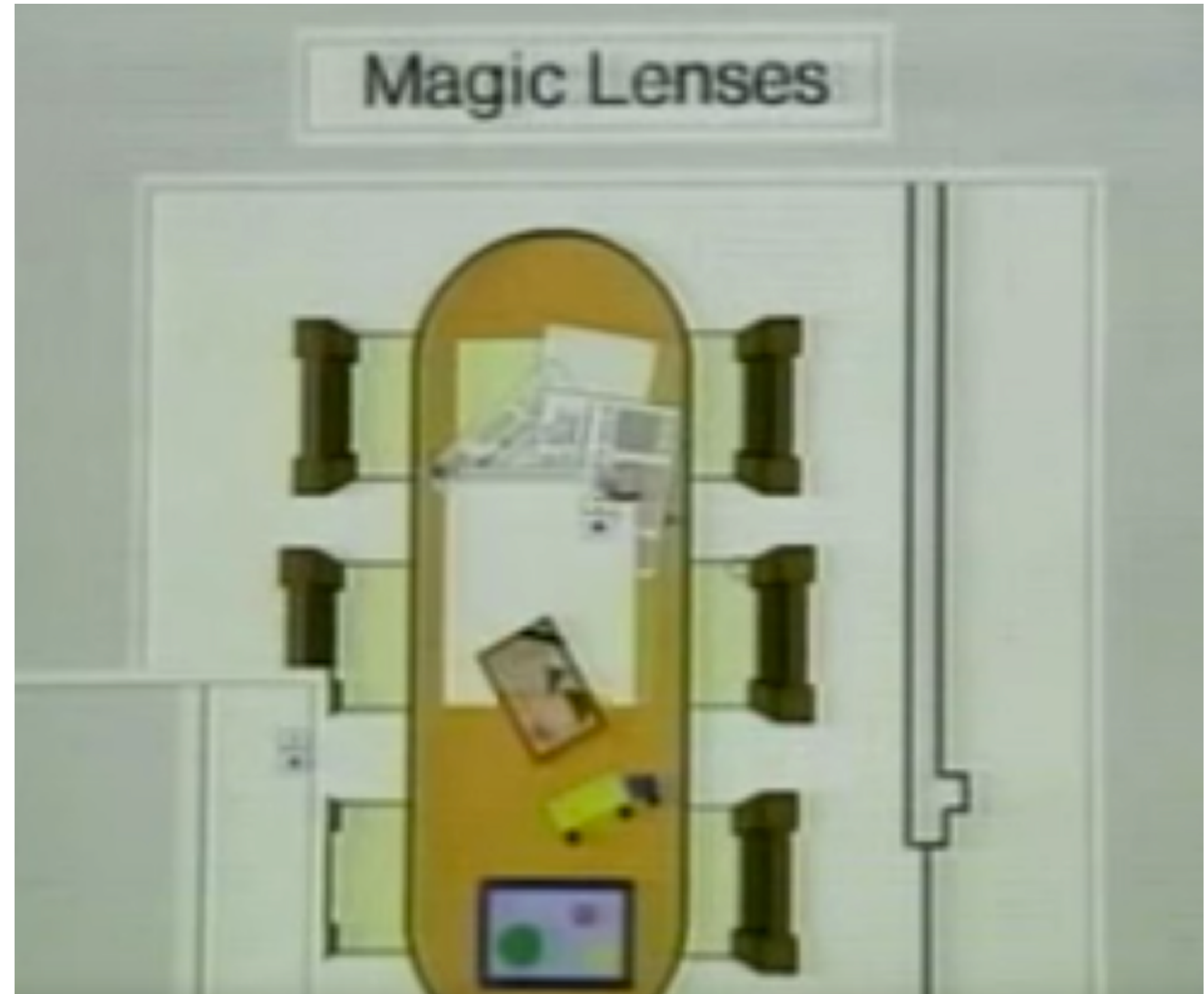
focus layer limited to a local region of view,
instead of stretching across the entire view

Toolglass & Magic Lenses

Magic Lenses:

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

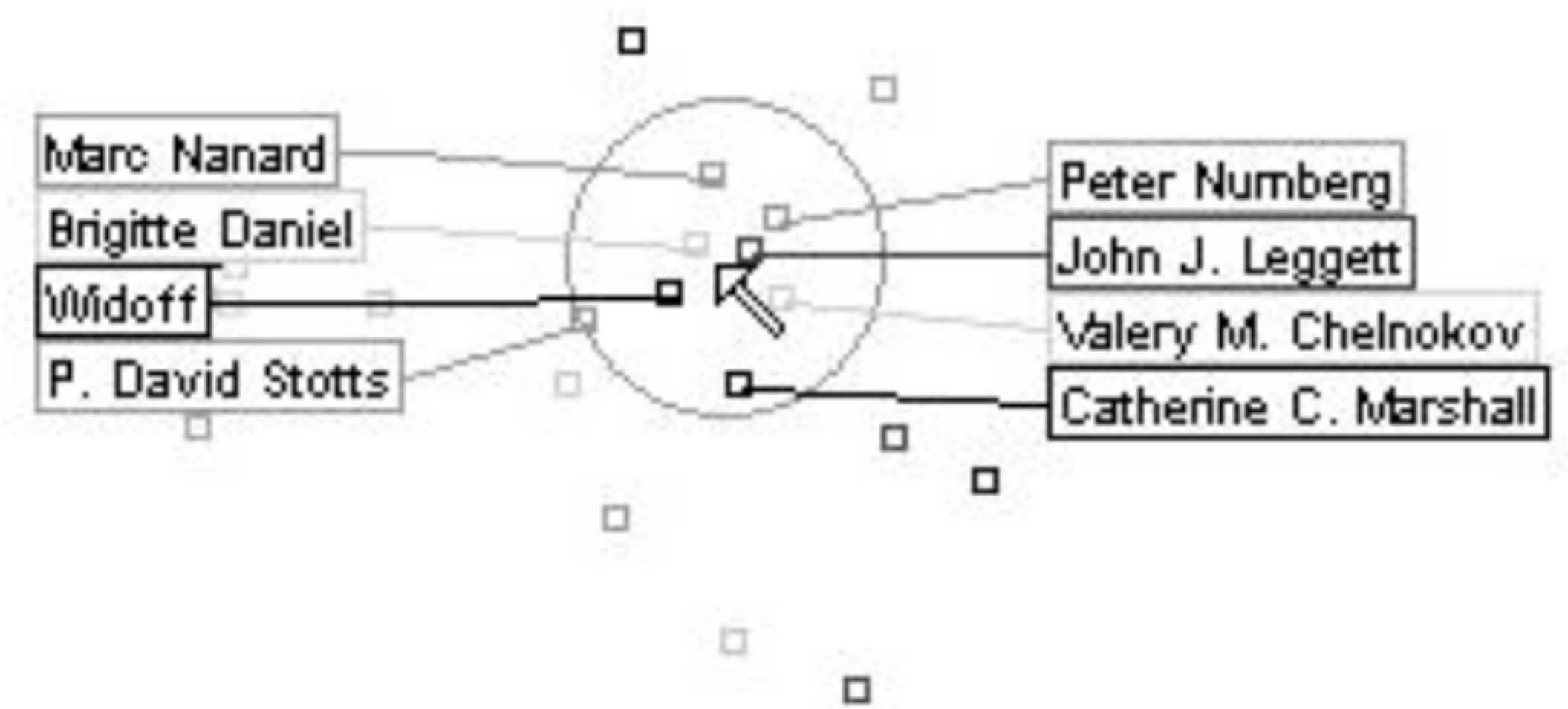
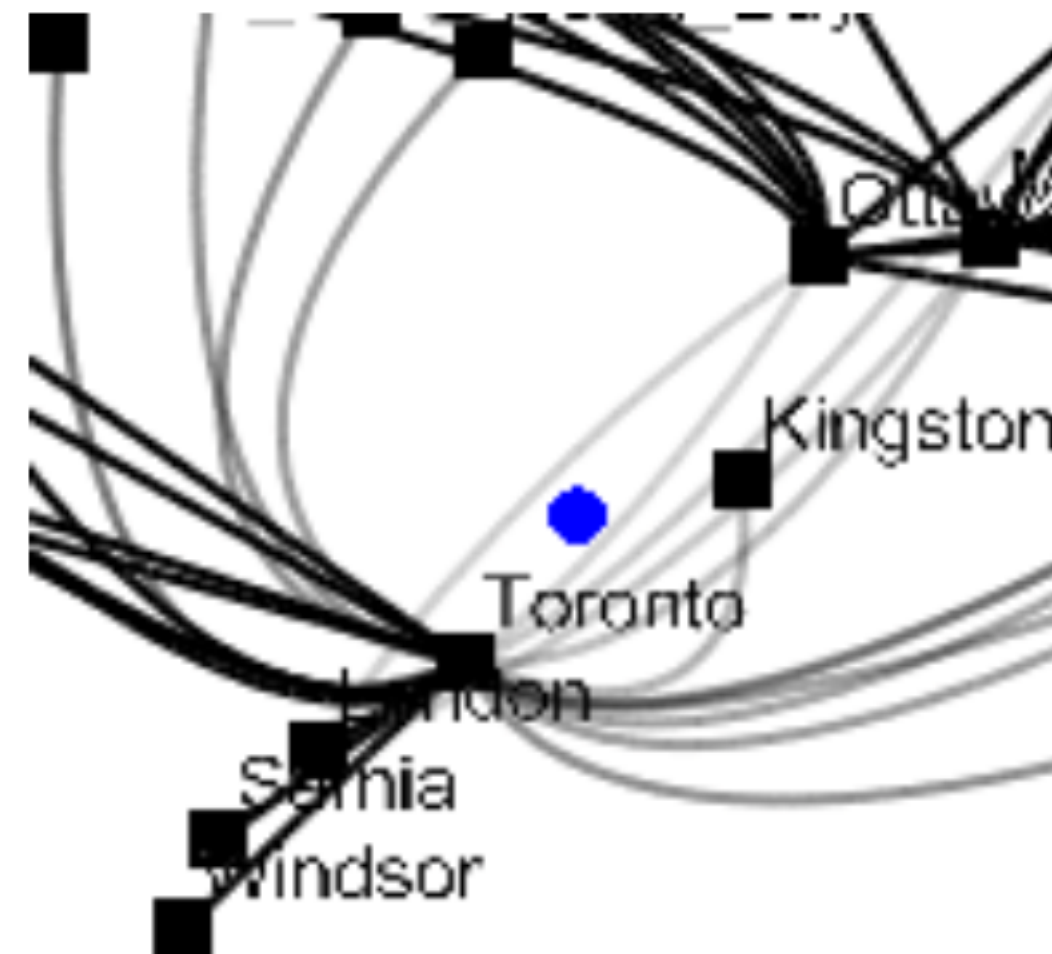
[Bier, Siggraph 1993]



Magic Lenses with Tangible Interface



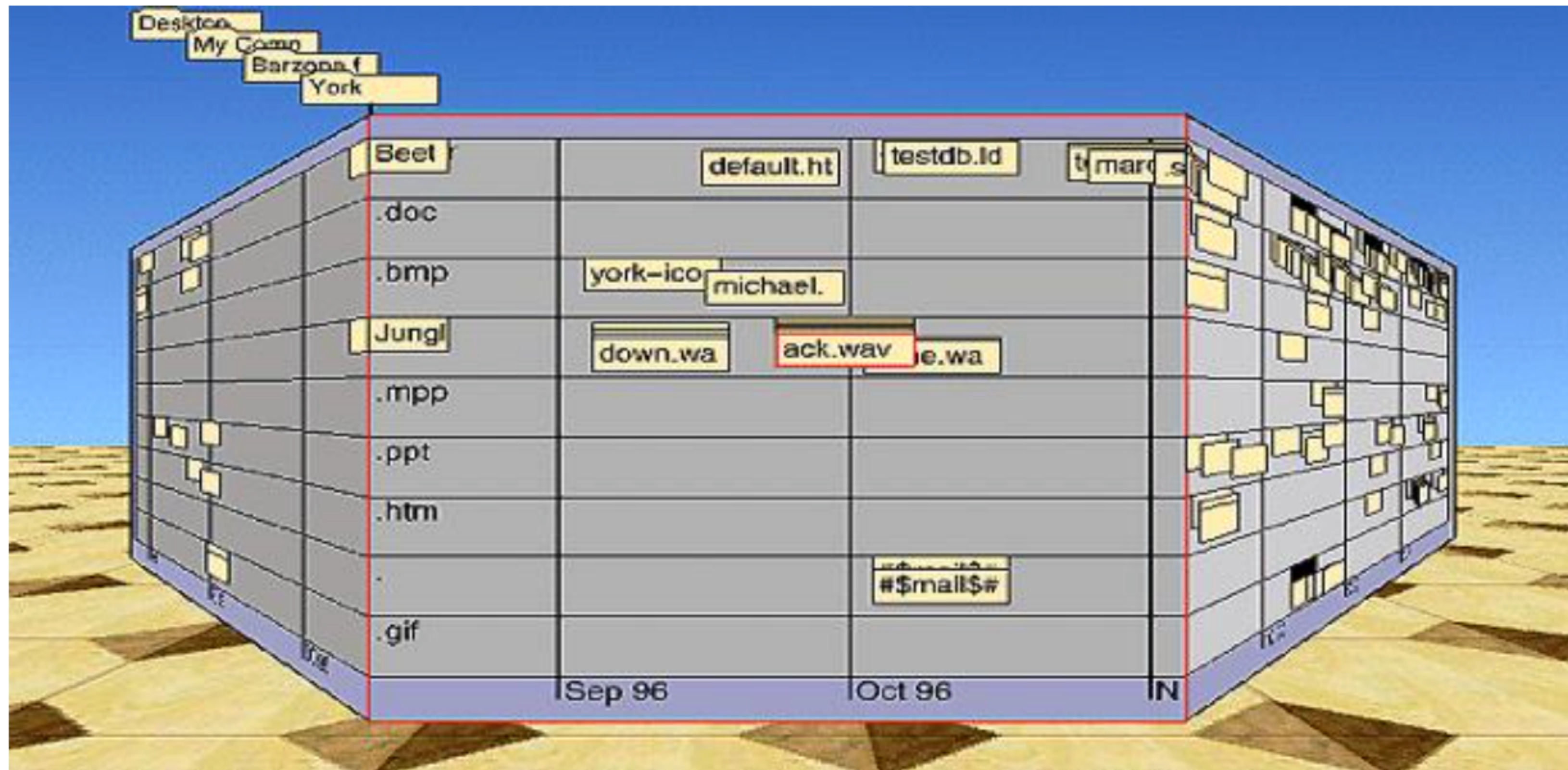
Magic Lens: Edges & Labeling



Distortion

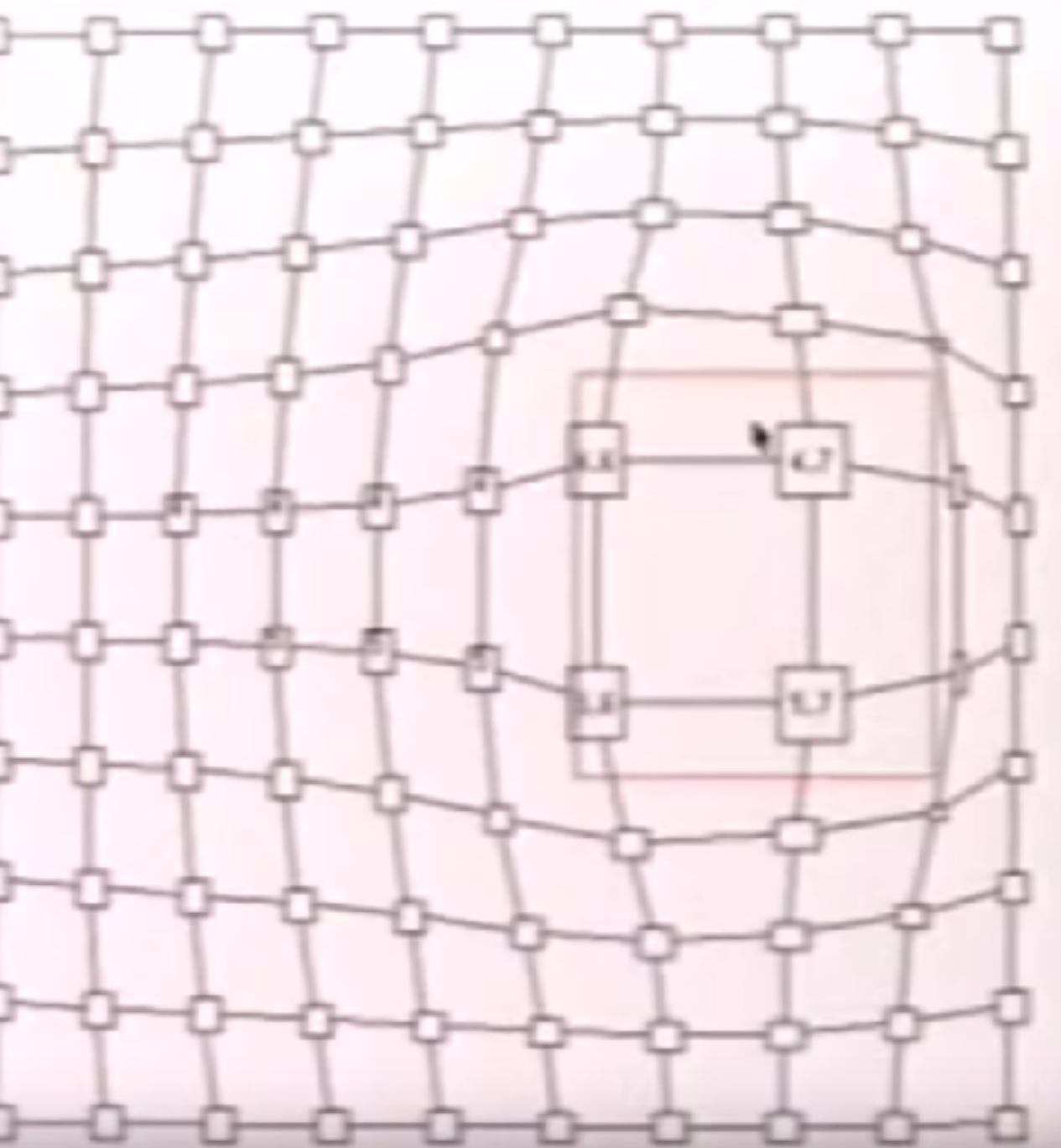
use geometric distortion of the contextual regions to make room for the details in the focus region(s)

Perspective Wall

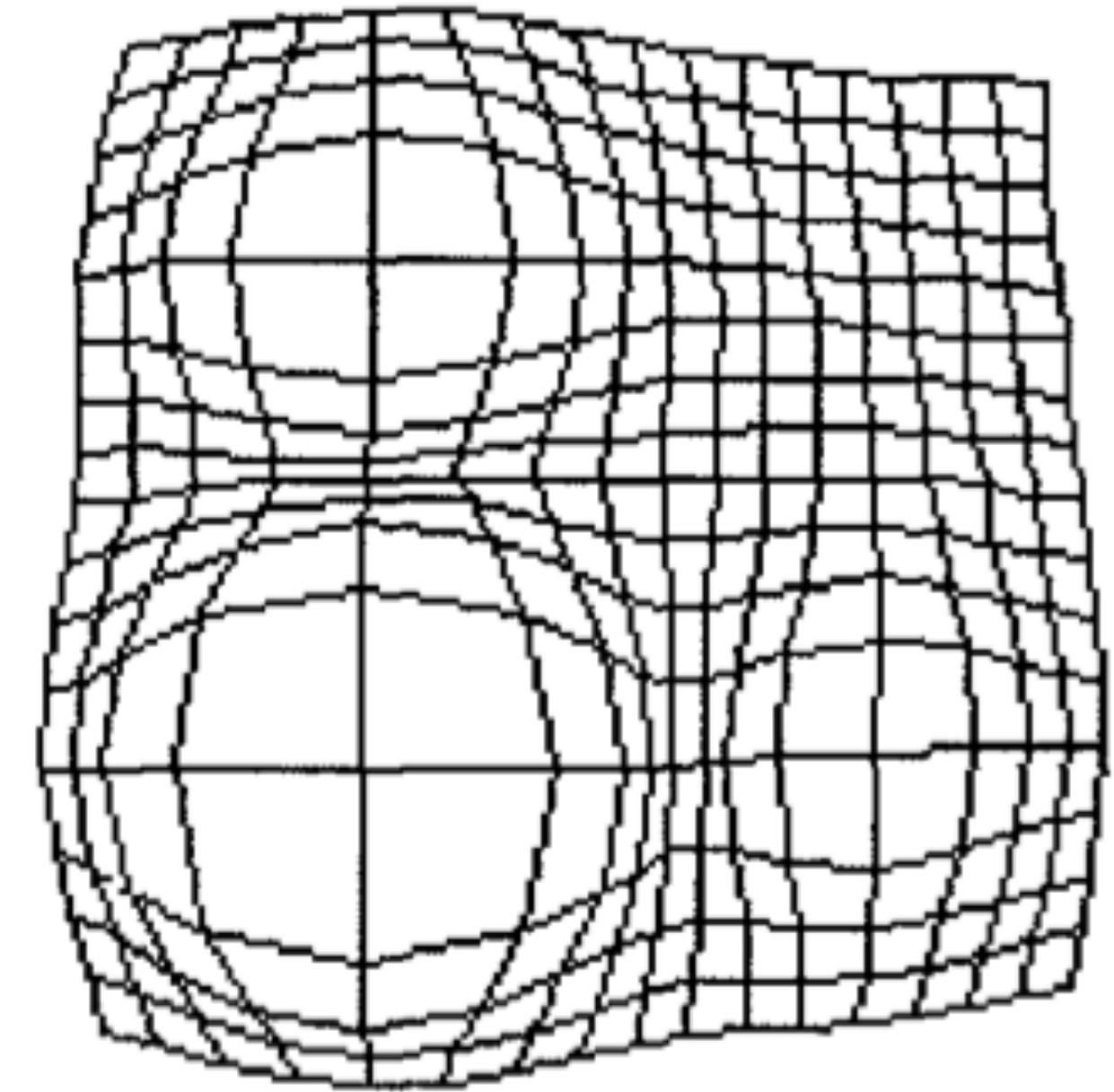
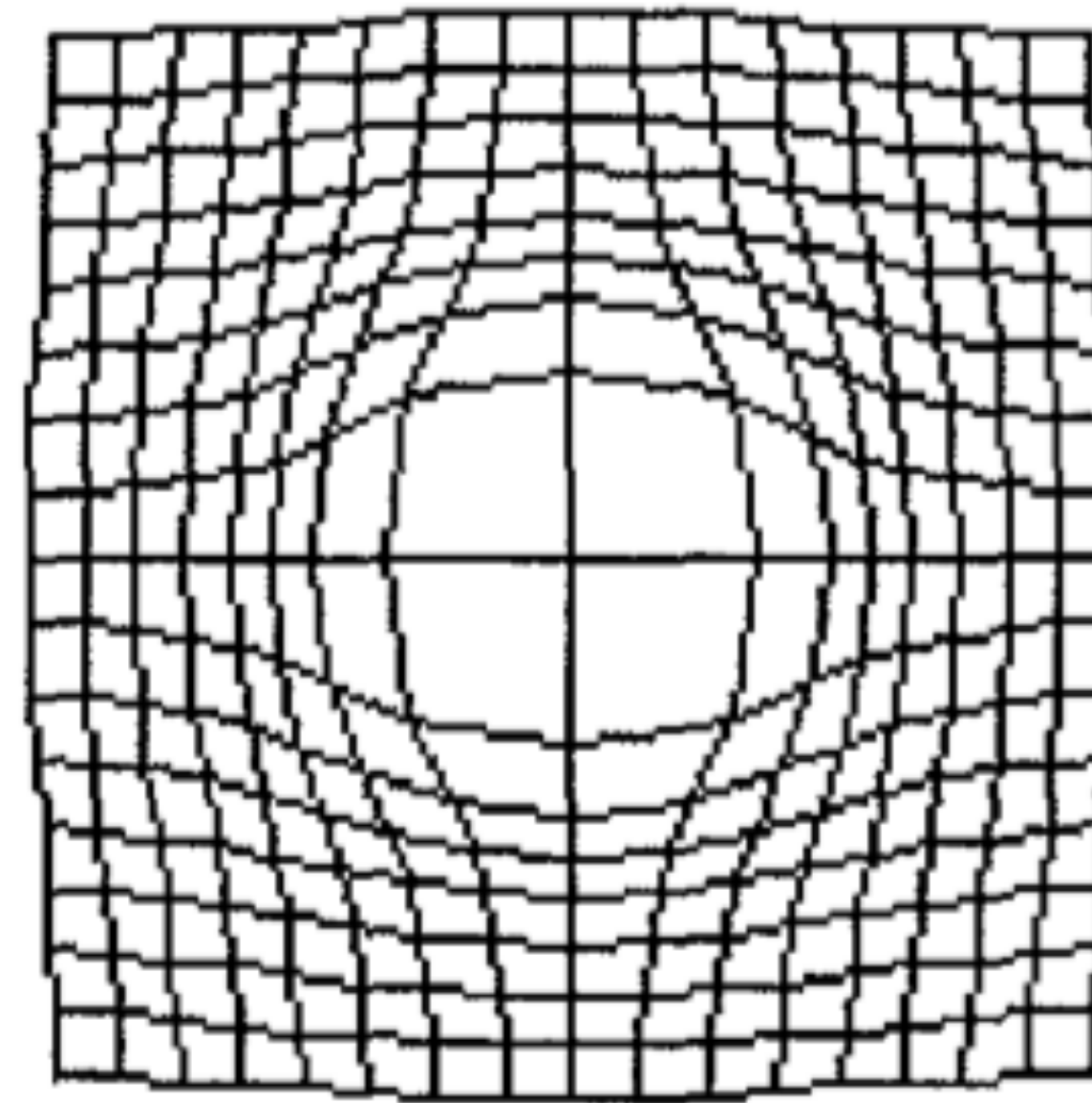
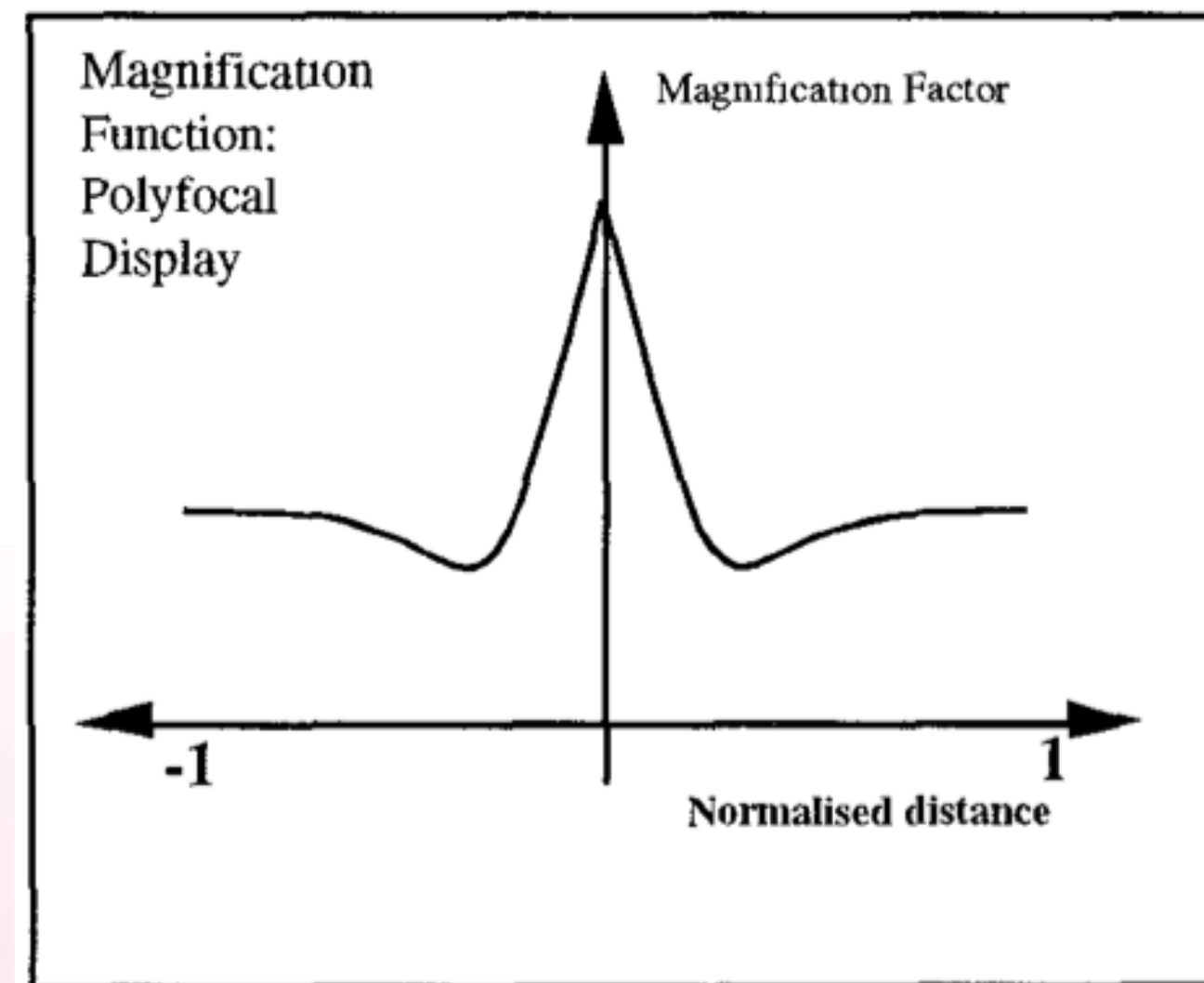


[Mackinlay, 1991]

Fisheye

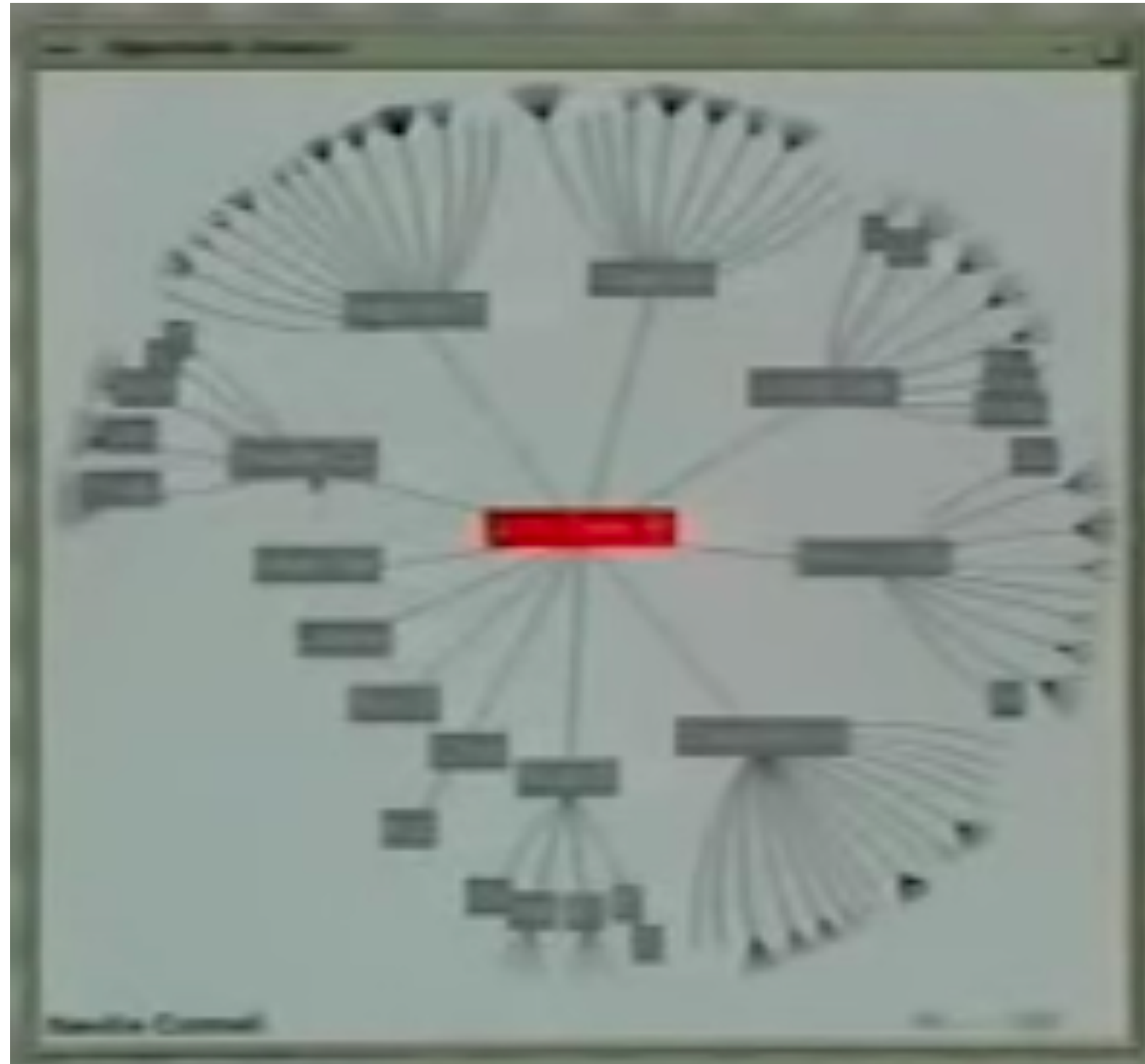


[Sarkar, 1993]



Leung 1994

Hyperbolic Geometry



[Lamping, 1995]



EXPLORING PUBLIC TRANSIT –BUSES AT BUS STOPS



Monday, April 11
07:31:39



Speed
1x



Bus locations with line number
at bus stops.



Number of passengers on bus
as passengers board/exit at stops.



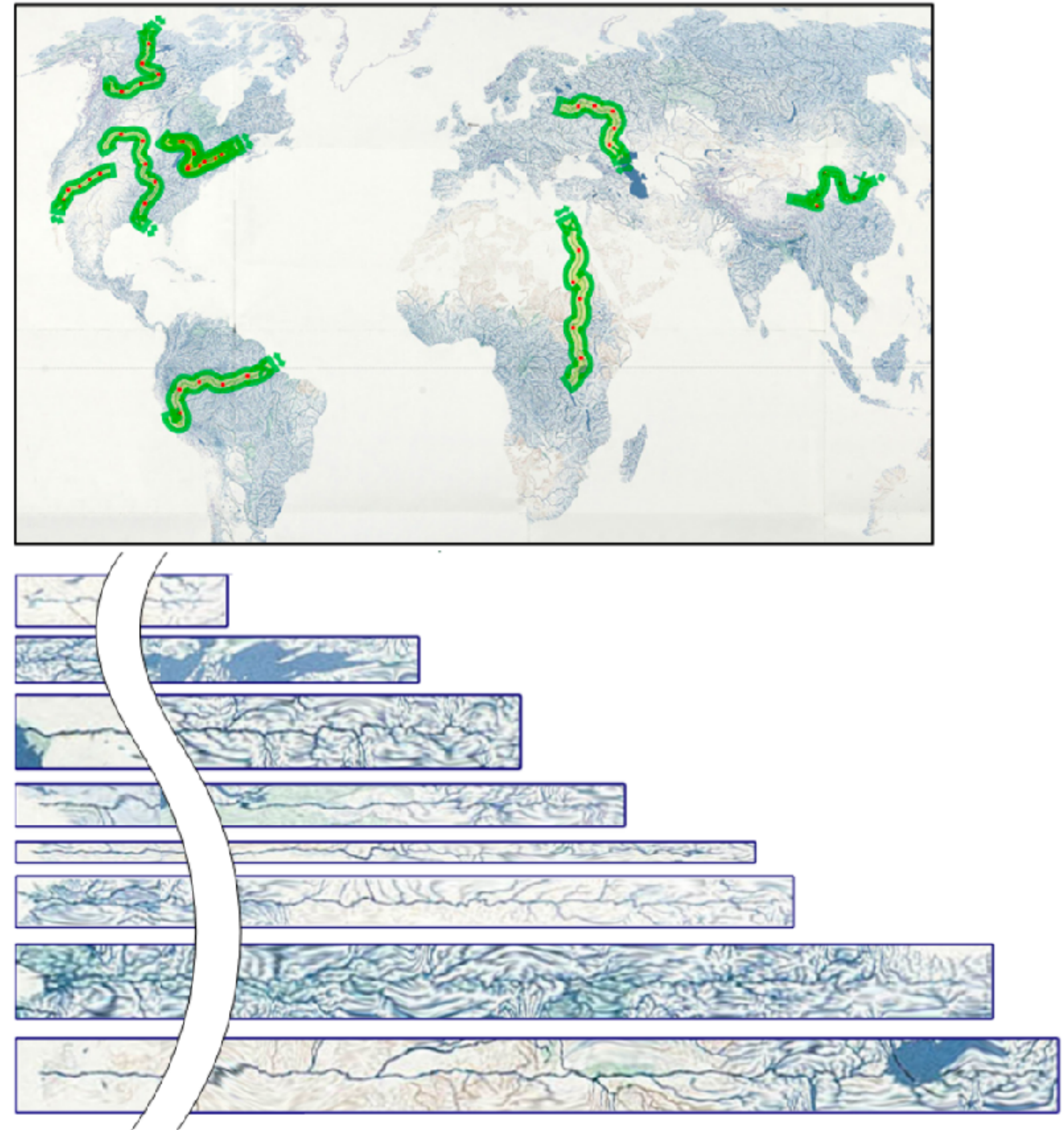
Tickets paid in total S\$ amount
paid at bus stops.



Transmorgification

Idea: straighten complex shapes in image space

Can be spatial data,
but also other vis techniques



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)

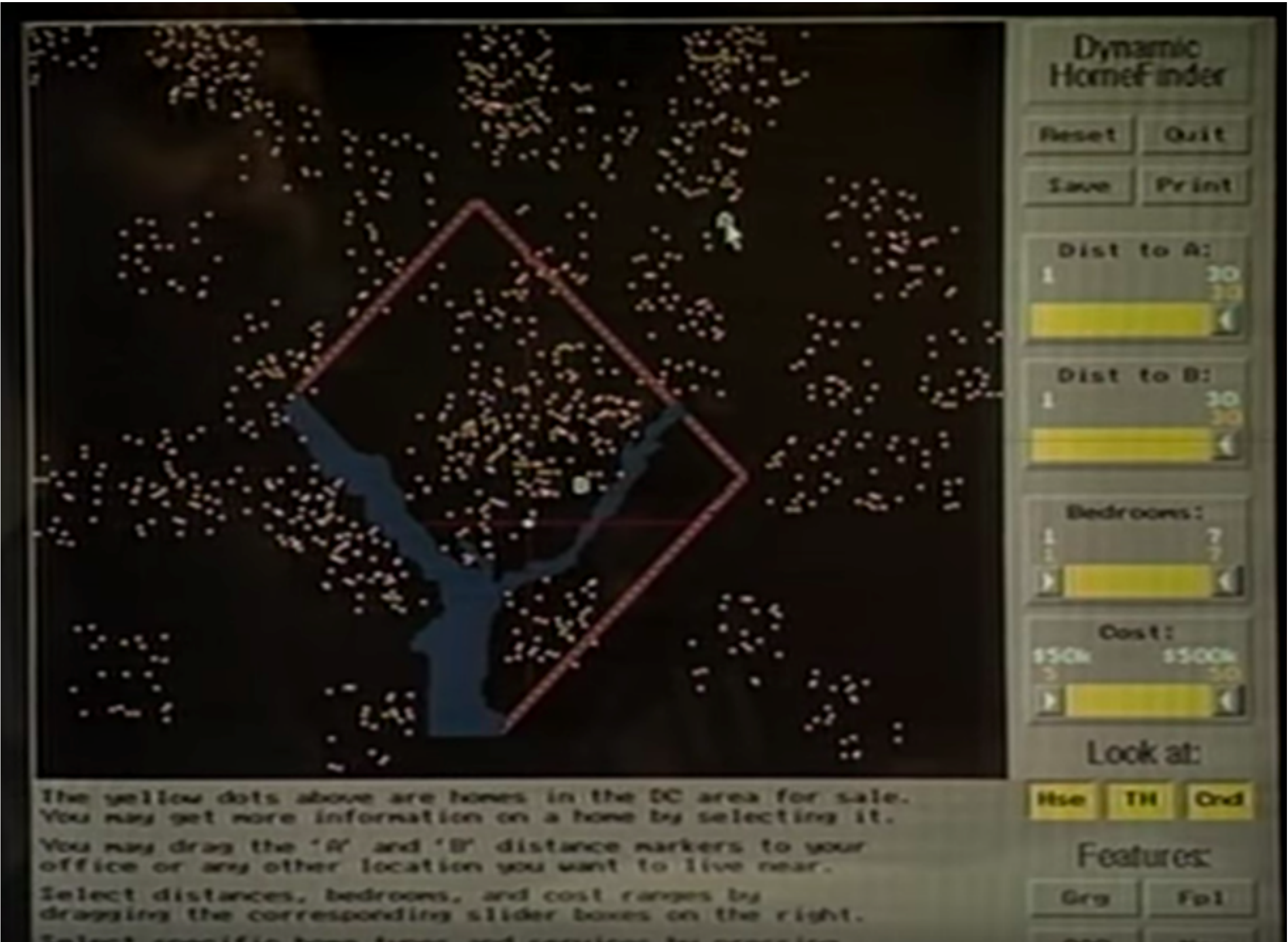
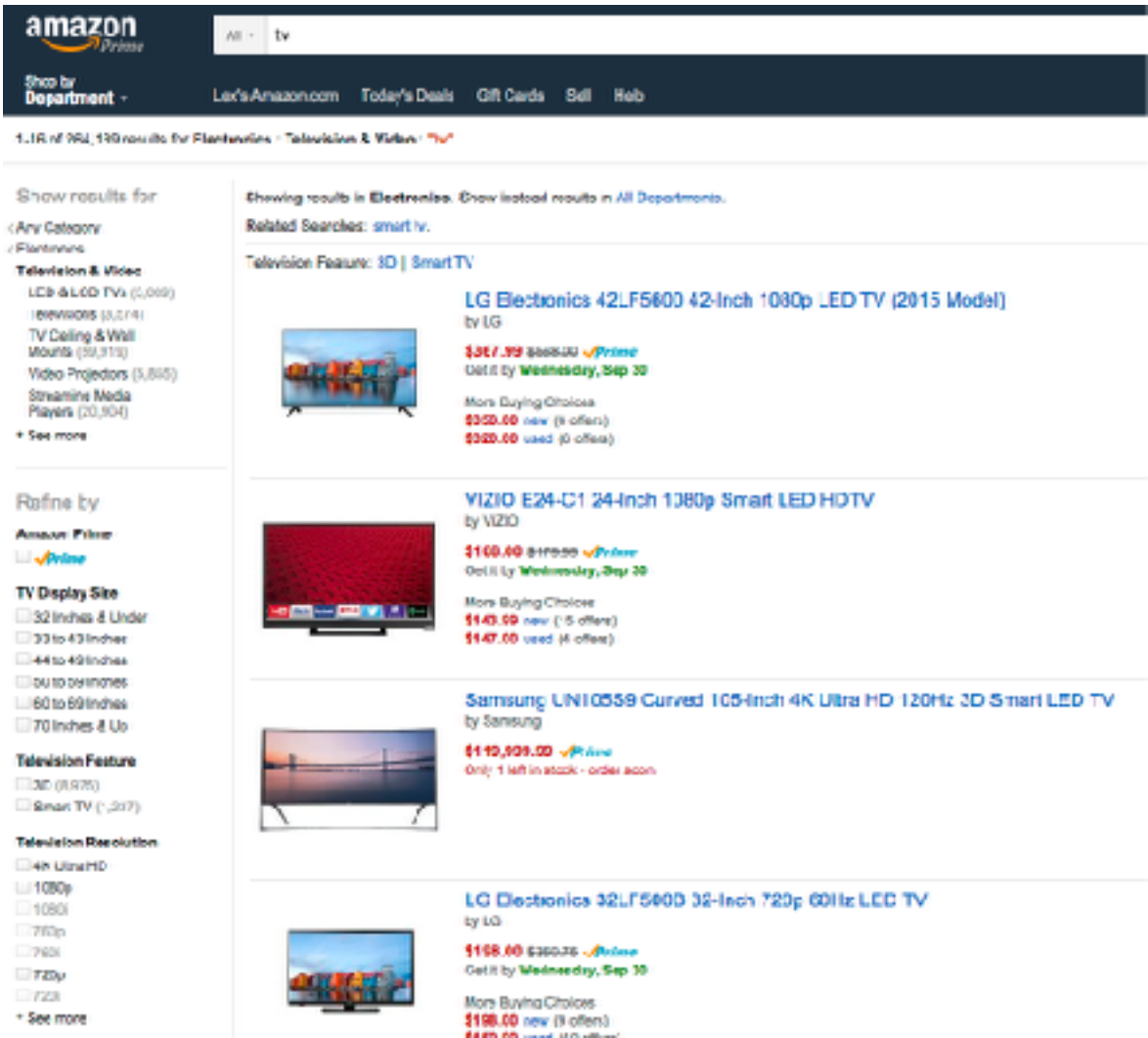
Overview first,
zoom and filter,
then details on demand
relate, history, extract



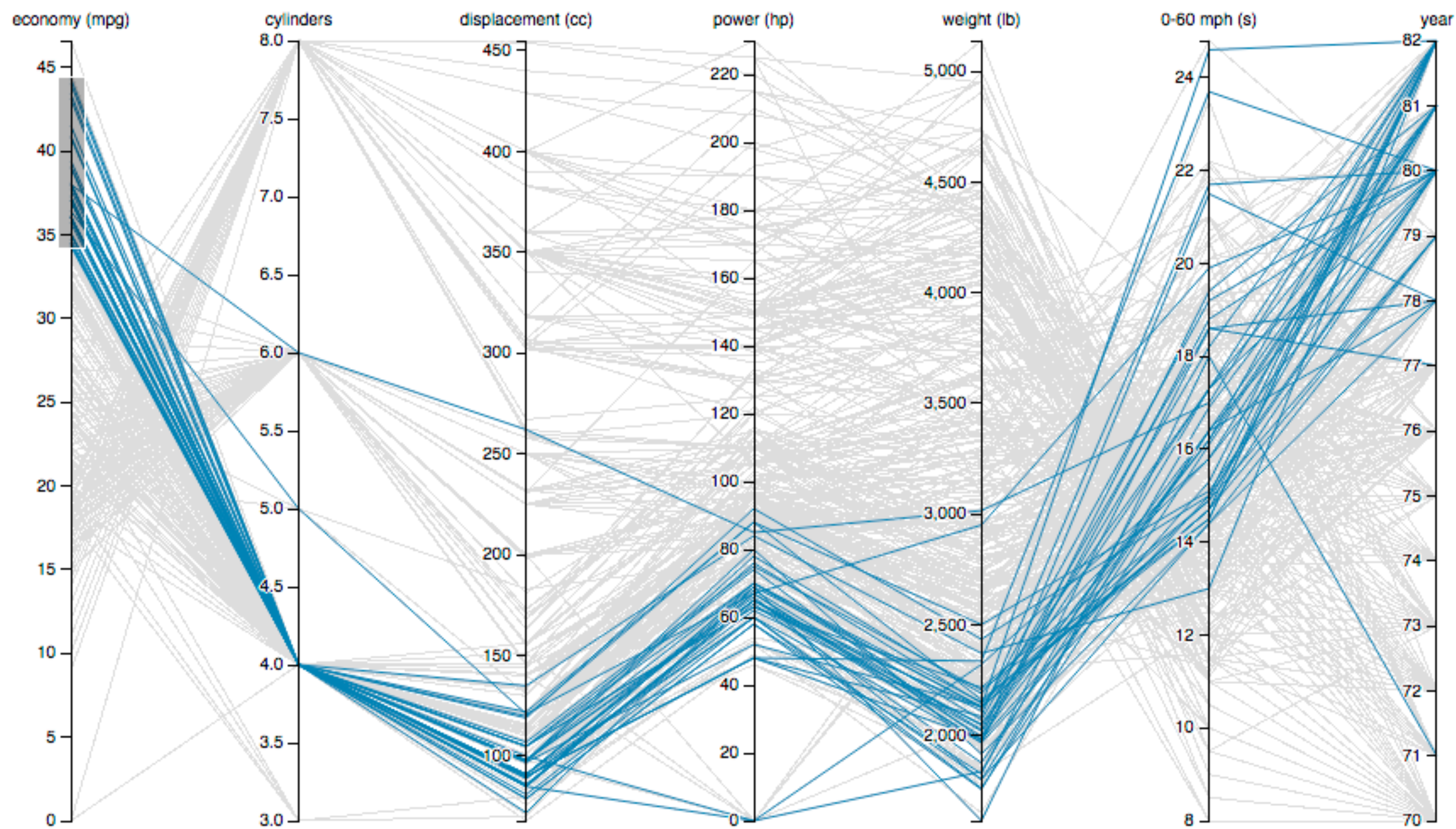
Dynamic Queries

Define criteria for inclusion/
exclusion

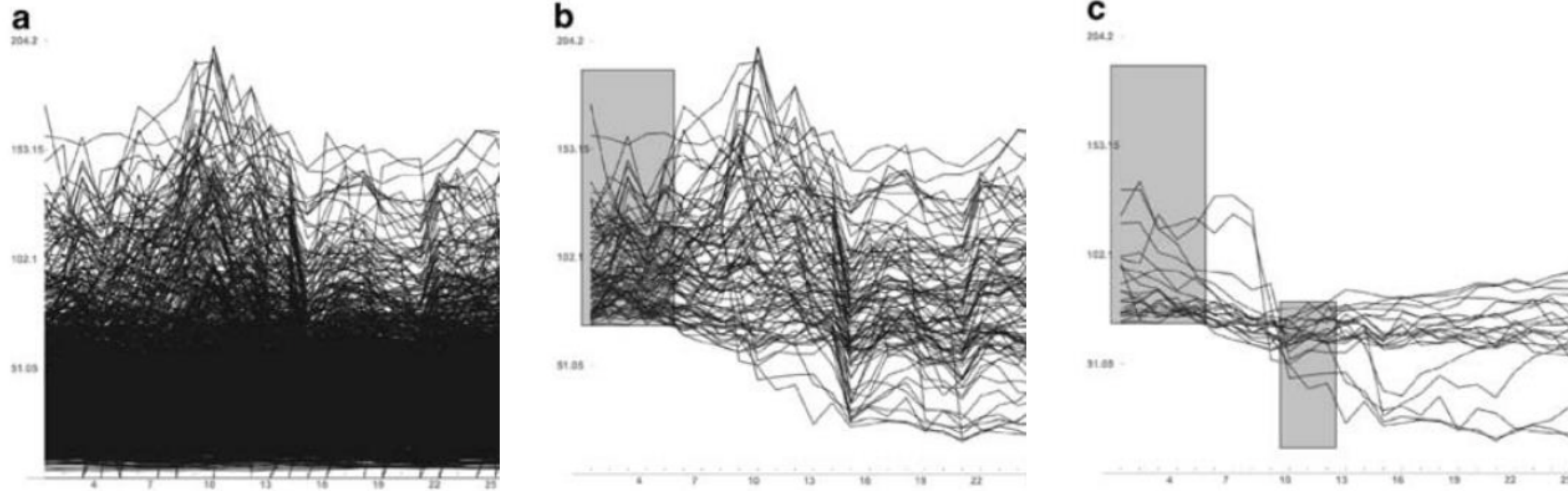
“Faceted Search”



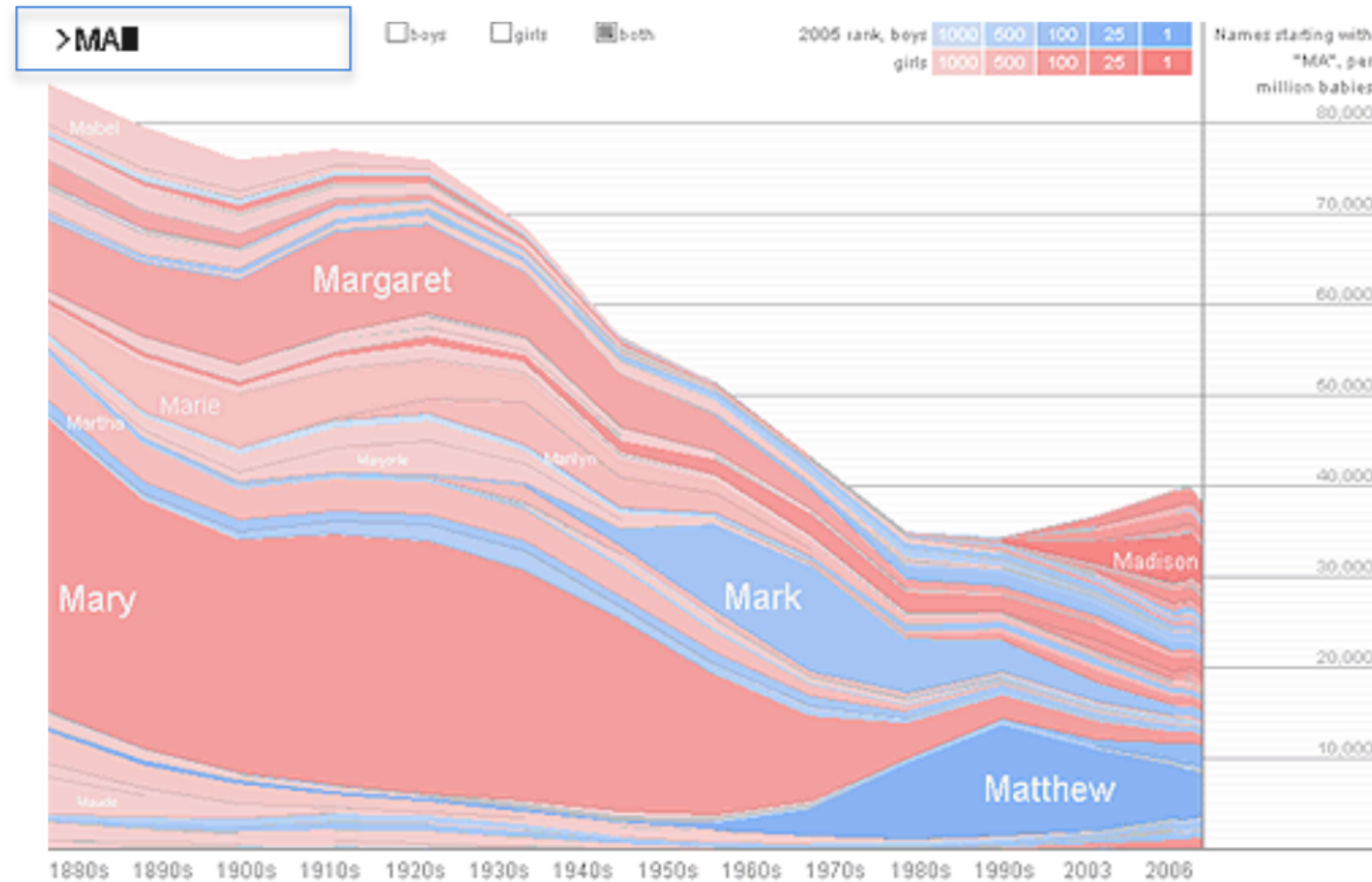
Visual Queries



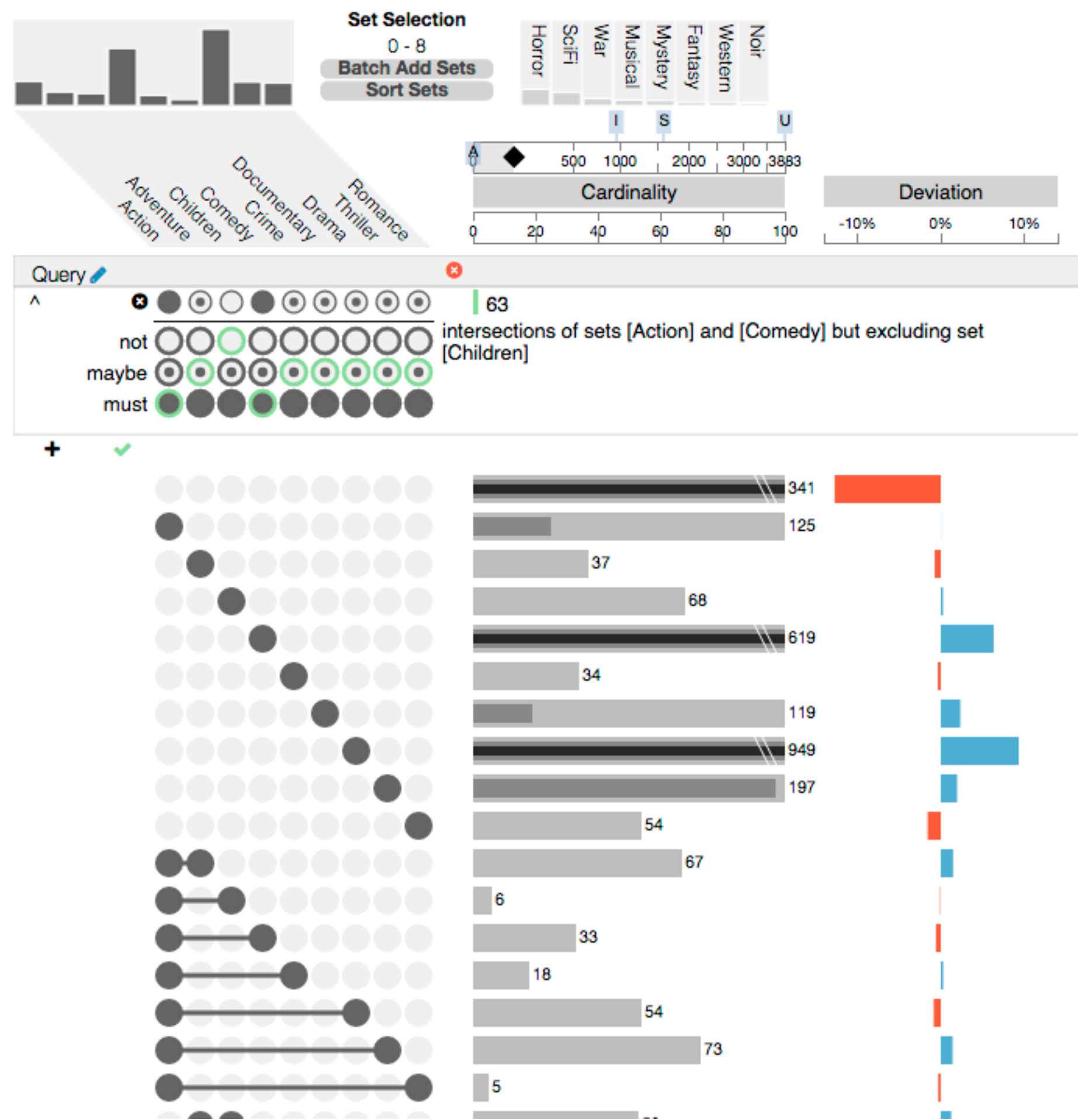
Visual Queries



Incremental Text Search



Query Interfaces



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IfF2wGw7Qk&feature=youtu.be>

Views

Multiple Views

Eyes over Memory:

Trade-off of display space and working memory

➔ 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

➔ Partition into Side-by-Side Views



➔ 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

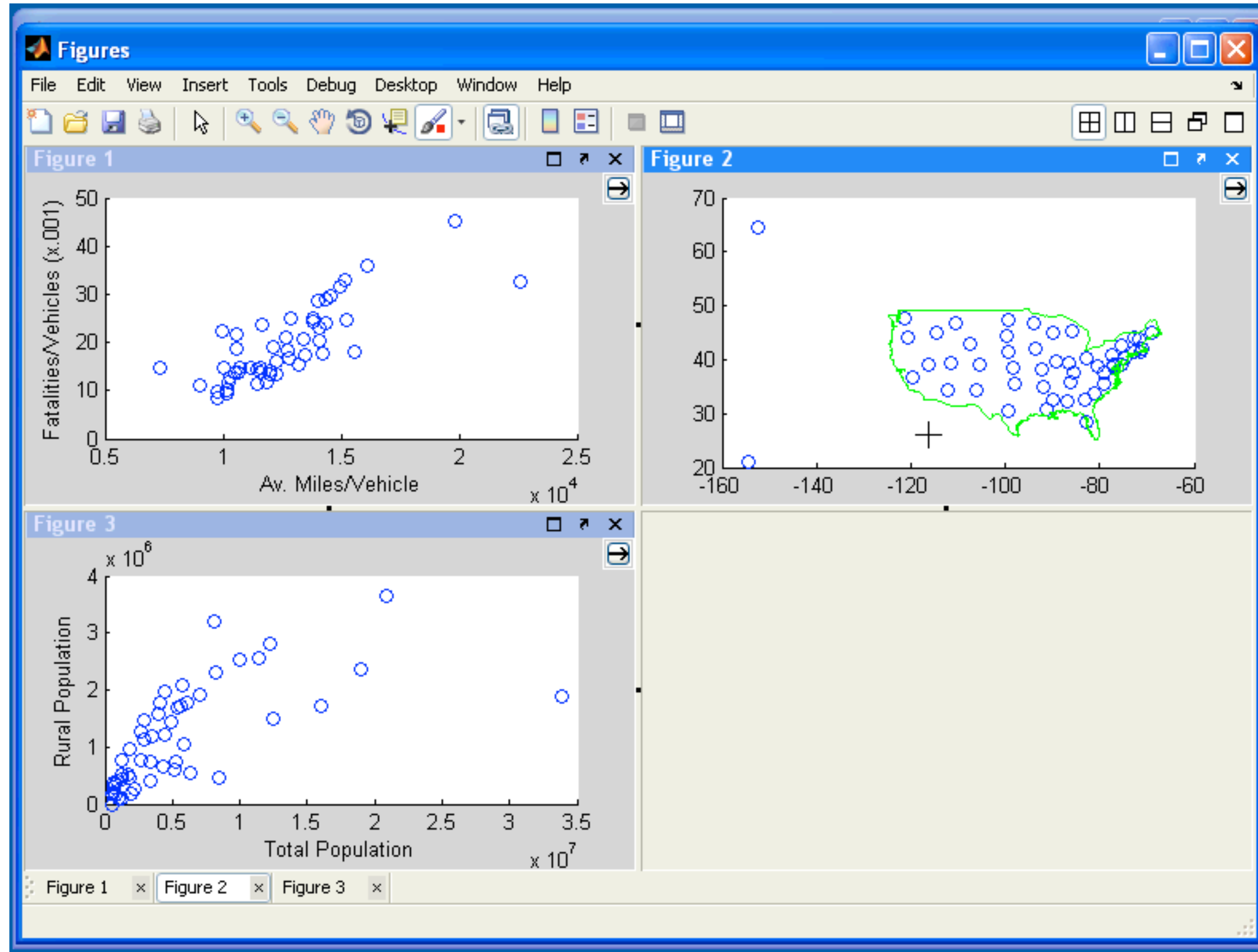
encoding: same or multiform

dataset: share all, subset, or none

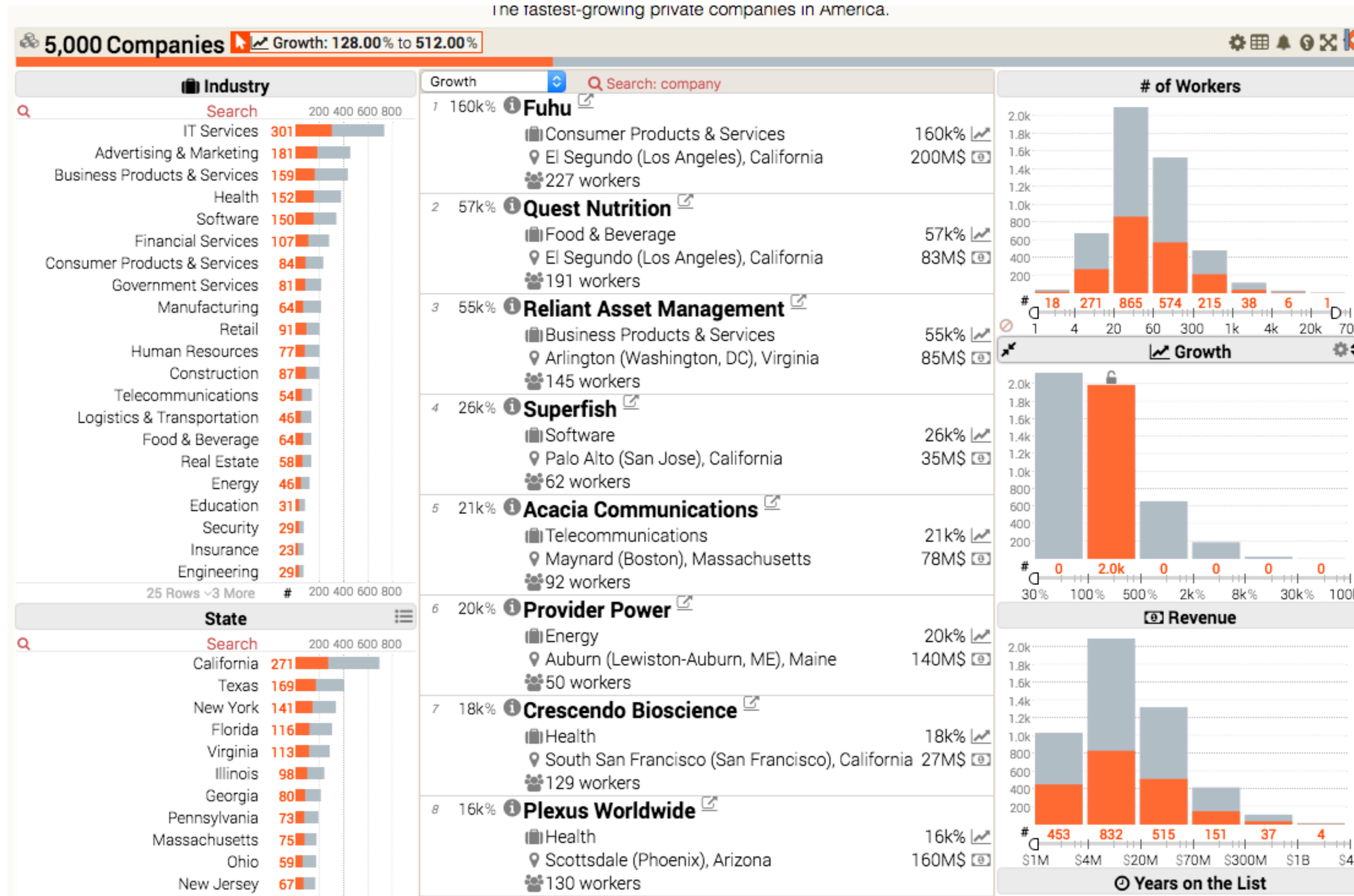
highlighting: to link, or not

navigation: to share, or not

Linked Highlighting



Linked Highlighting



Multiform

difference visual encodings are used between the views

- implies shared data

- either all data

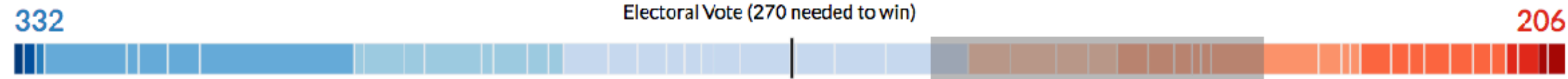
- or subset of data (overview + detail)

rationale:

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

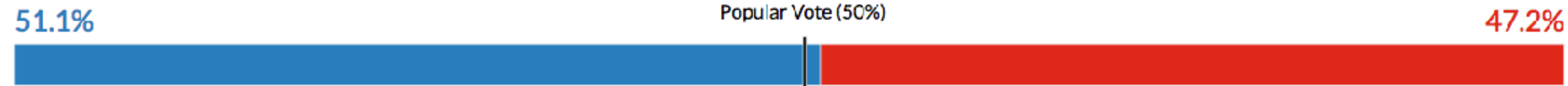
US Presidential Elections from 1940 to 2012

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



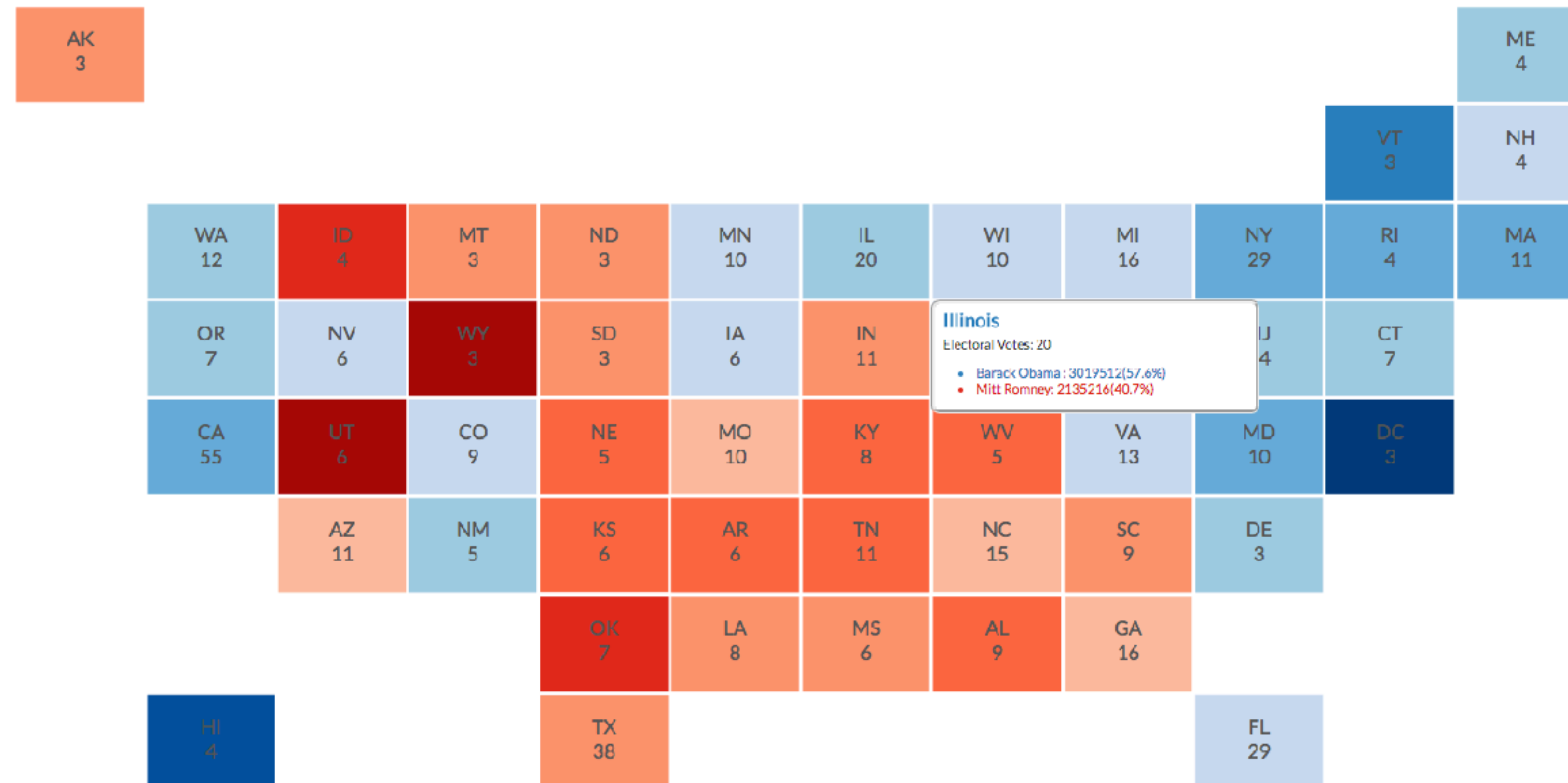
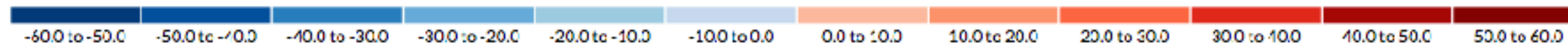
Barack Obama

Mitt Romney



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

Start Hanspeter Pfister End Ben Shneiderman

Advanced Query

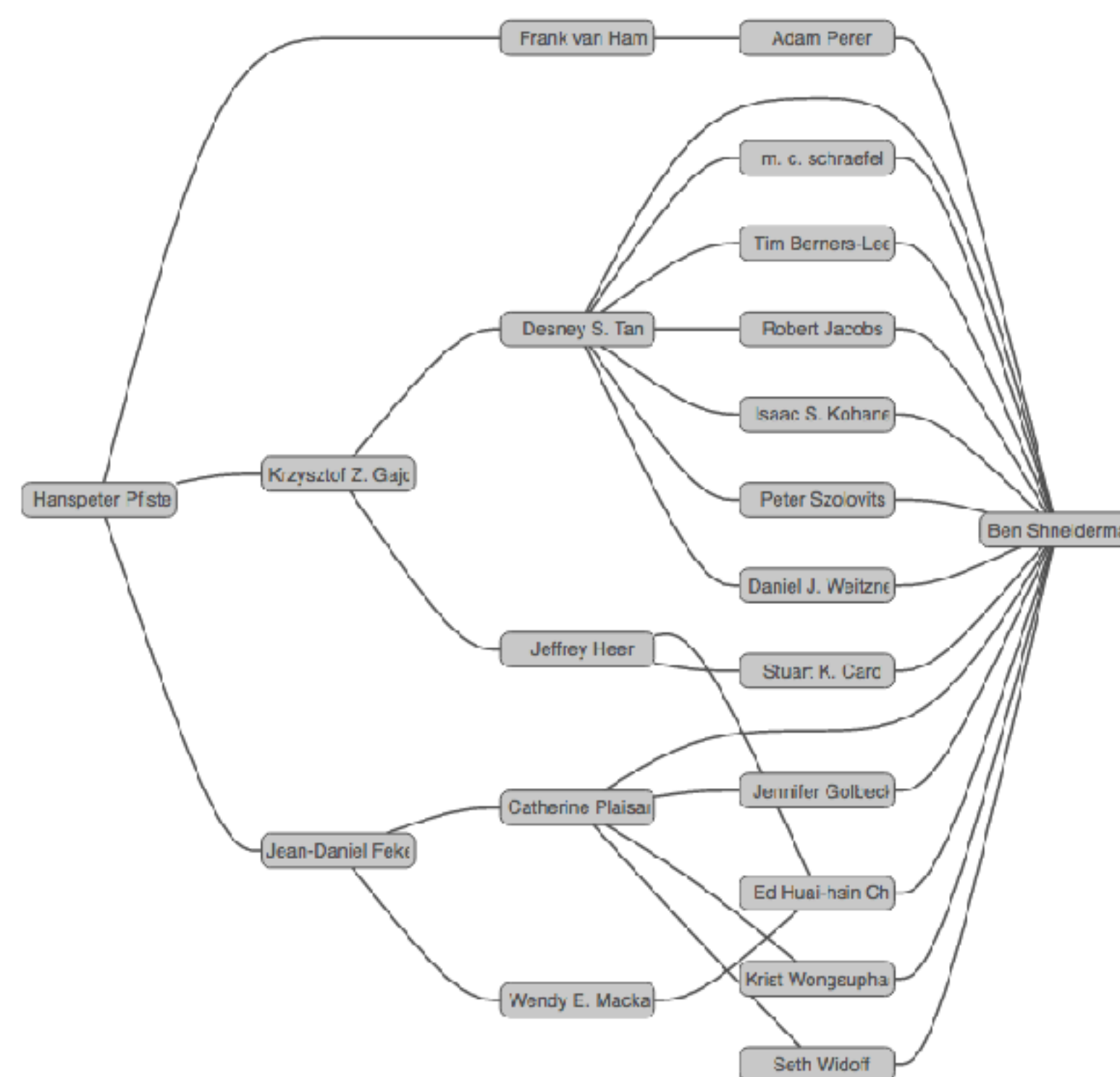
Length Paths 0 0 0 3 105

Path List

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Path Topology

Active Page All



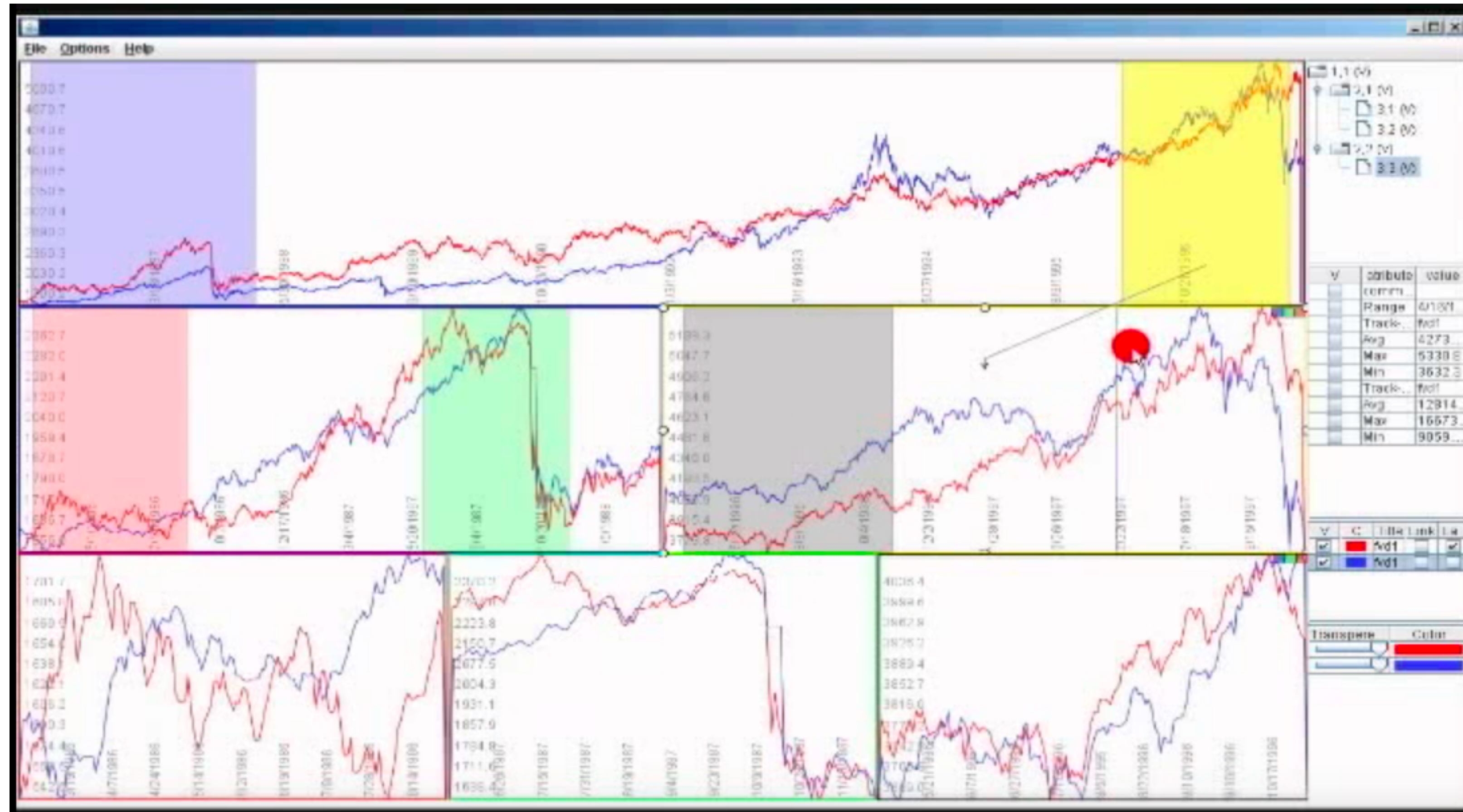
OVERVIEW + DETAIL

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

rationale:

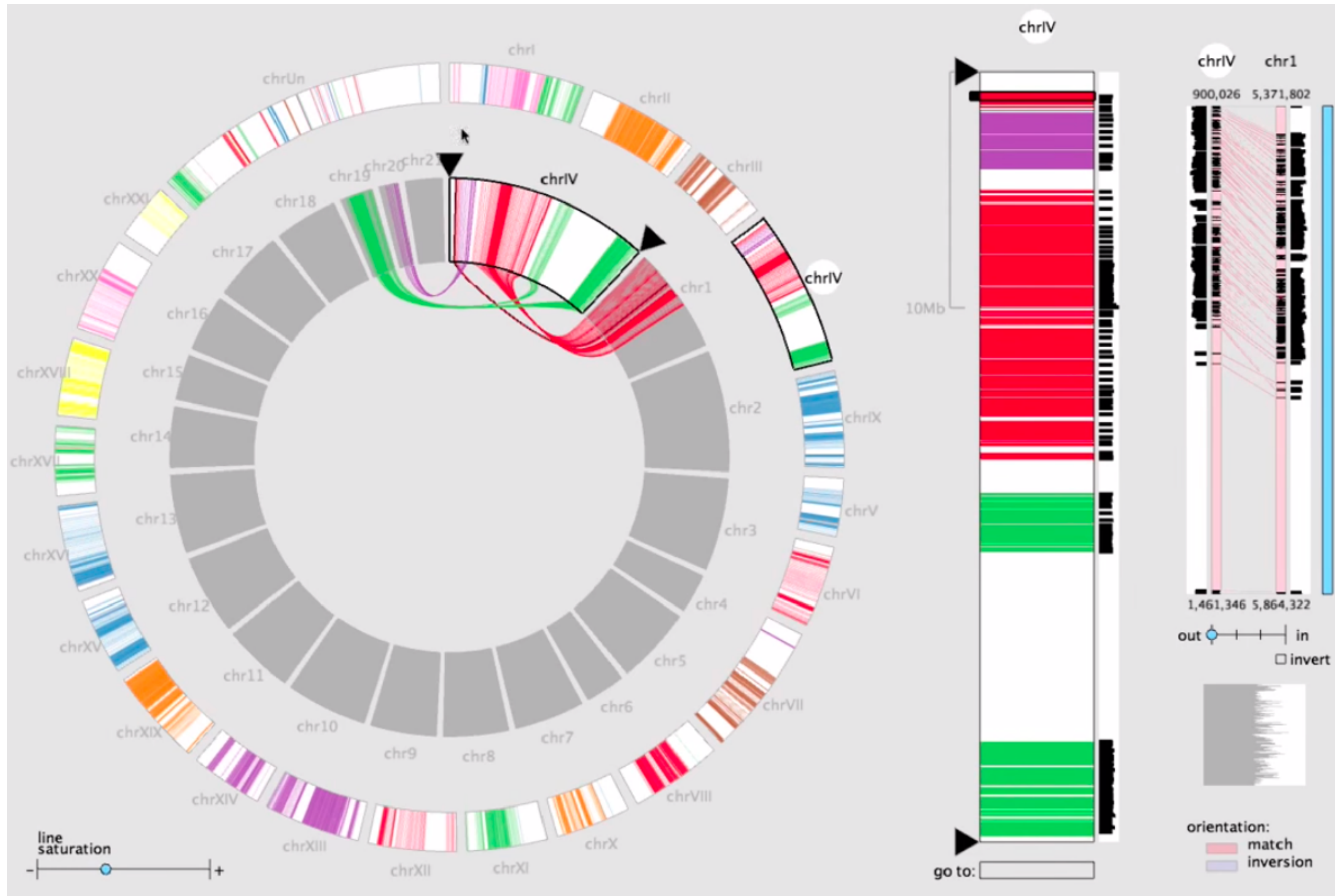
for large or complex data, a single view of the entire dataset cannot capture fine details

Stack Zooming



Same Data - Same Encoding, Different Resolution

MizBee



Multiform Overview & Detail

[Meyer 2009]

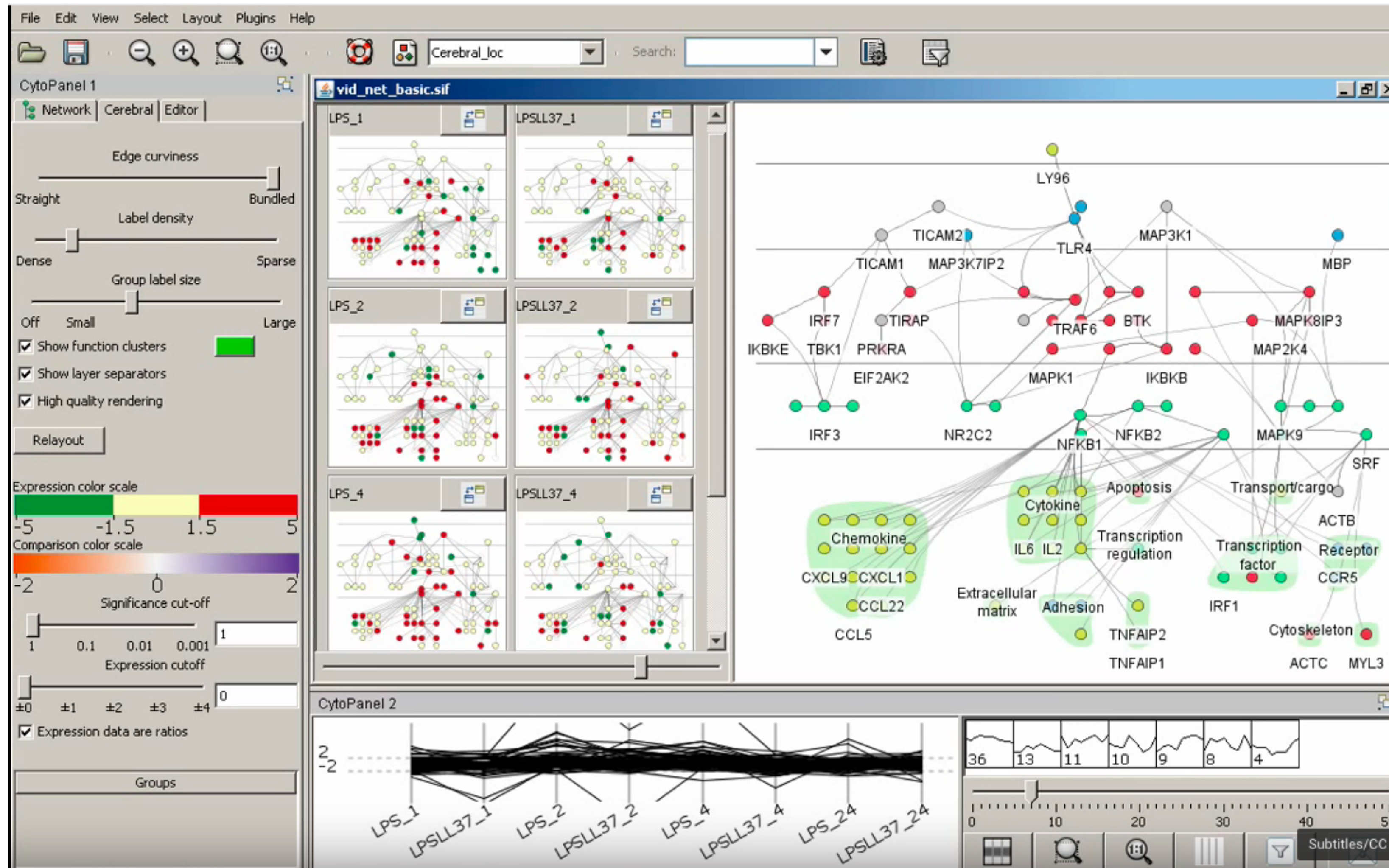
SMALL MULTIPLES

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

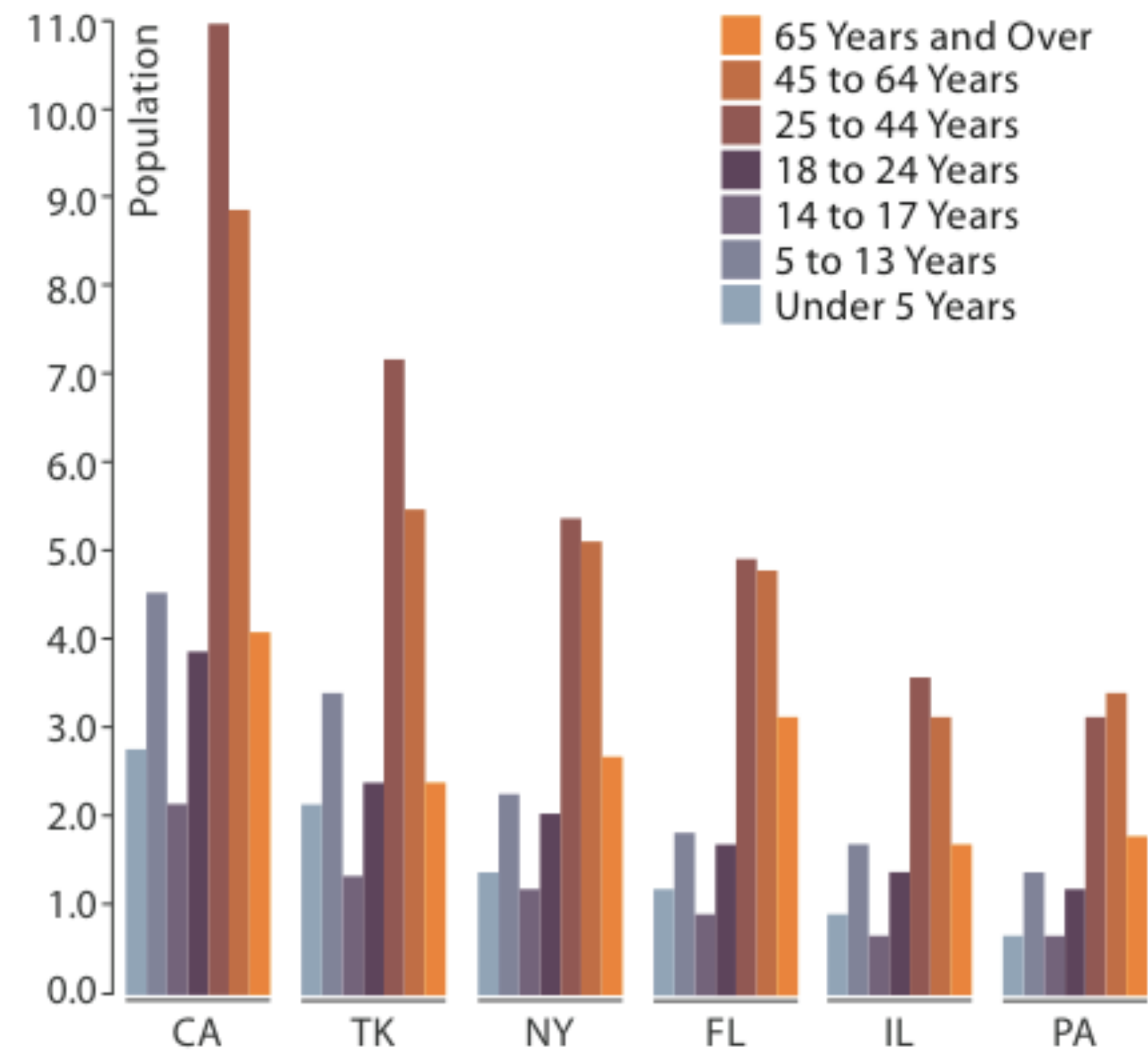
- how many splits, and order of splits

- how many views (usually data driven)

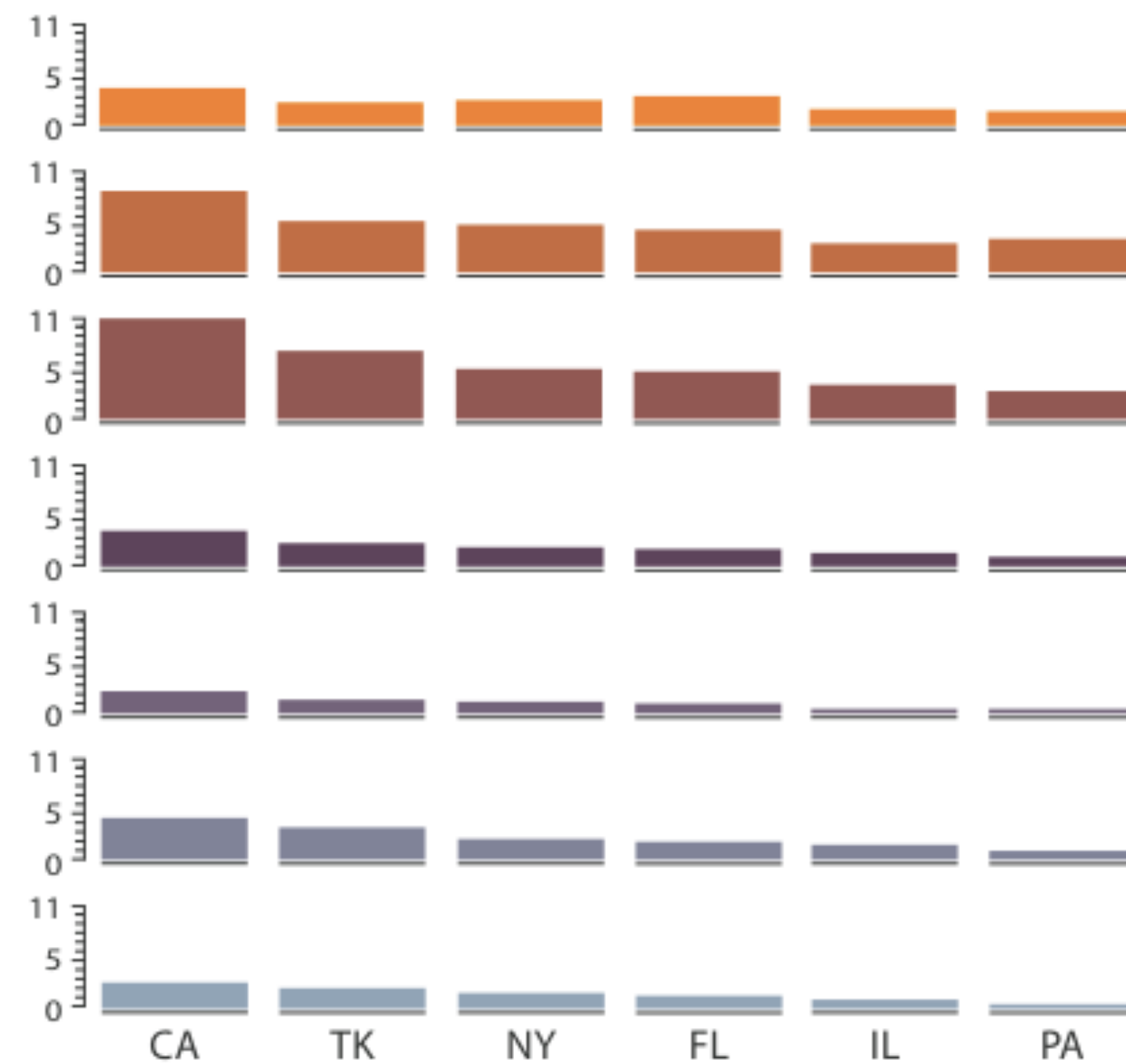
partition attribute(s)

- typically categorical

Partitioning

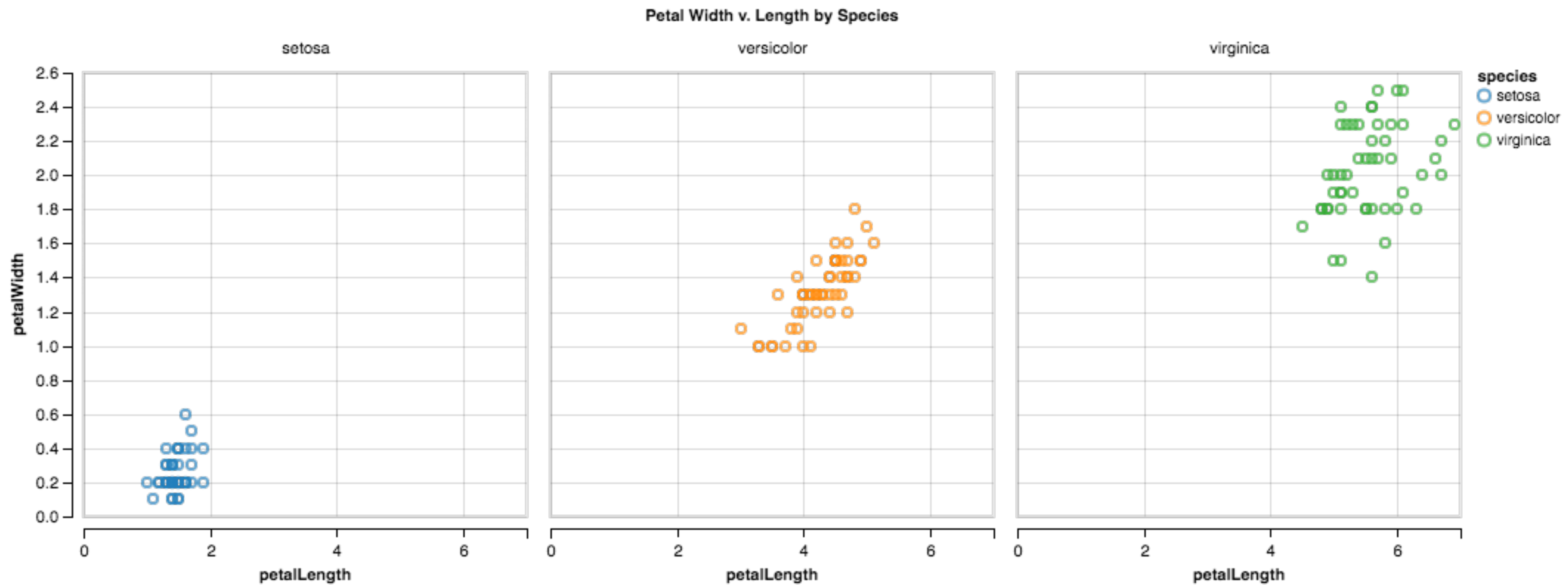


Partitioned by State



Partitioned by Age Group and State

Partition by Category



Trellis Plots

panel variables

attributes encoded in individual views

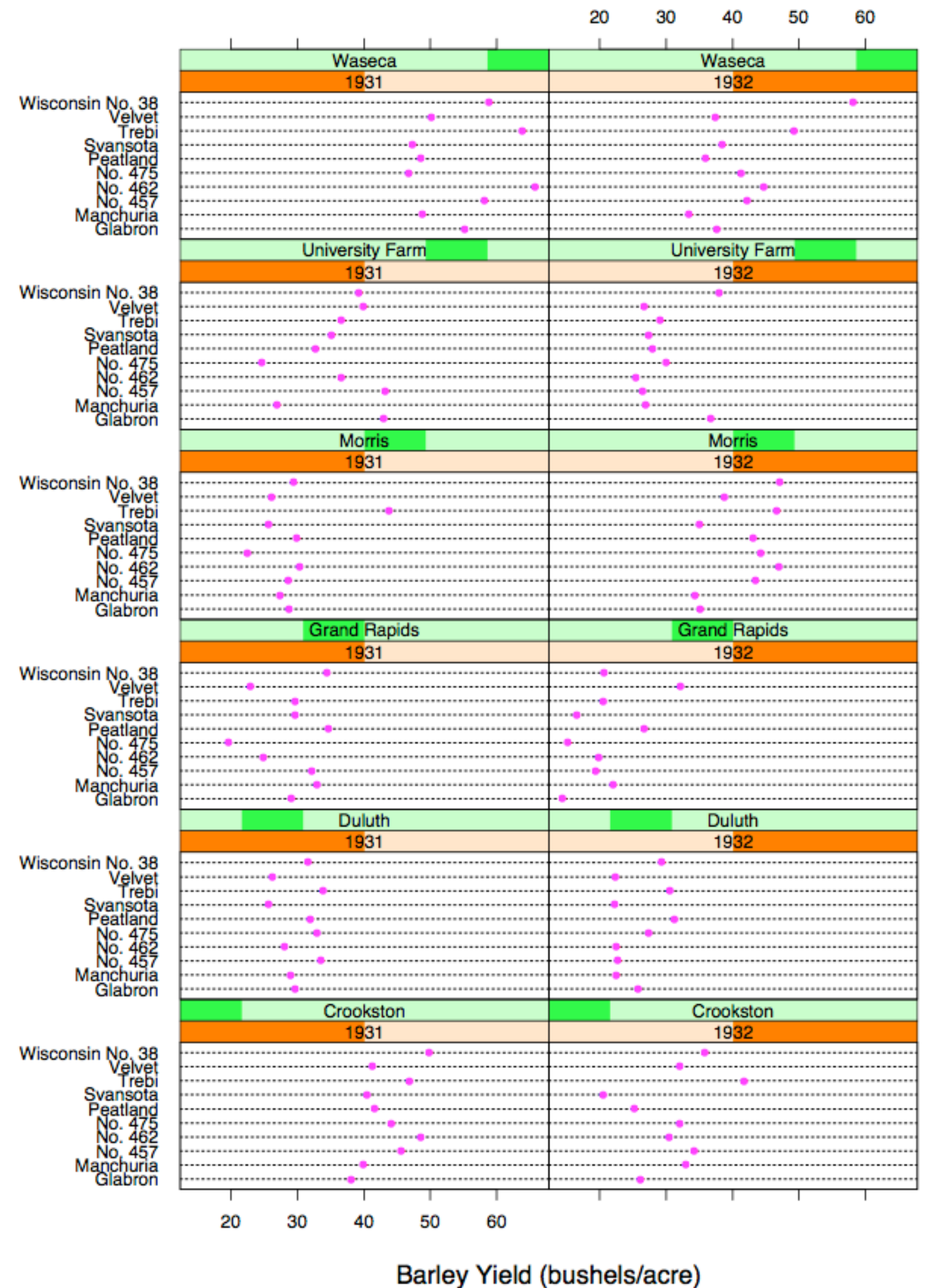
partitioning variables

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



Data

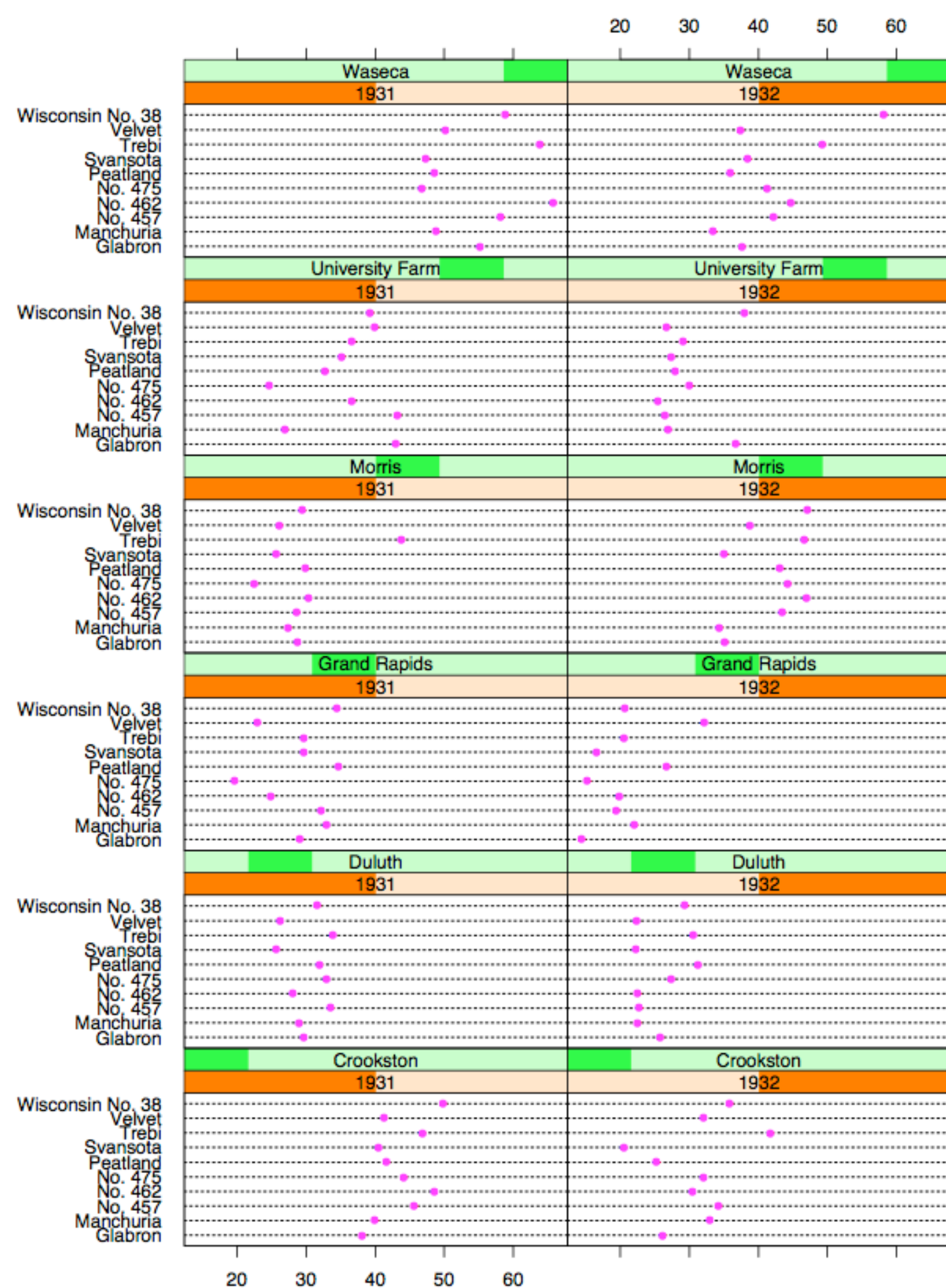
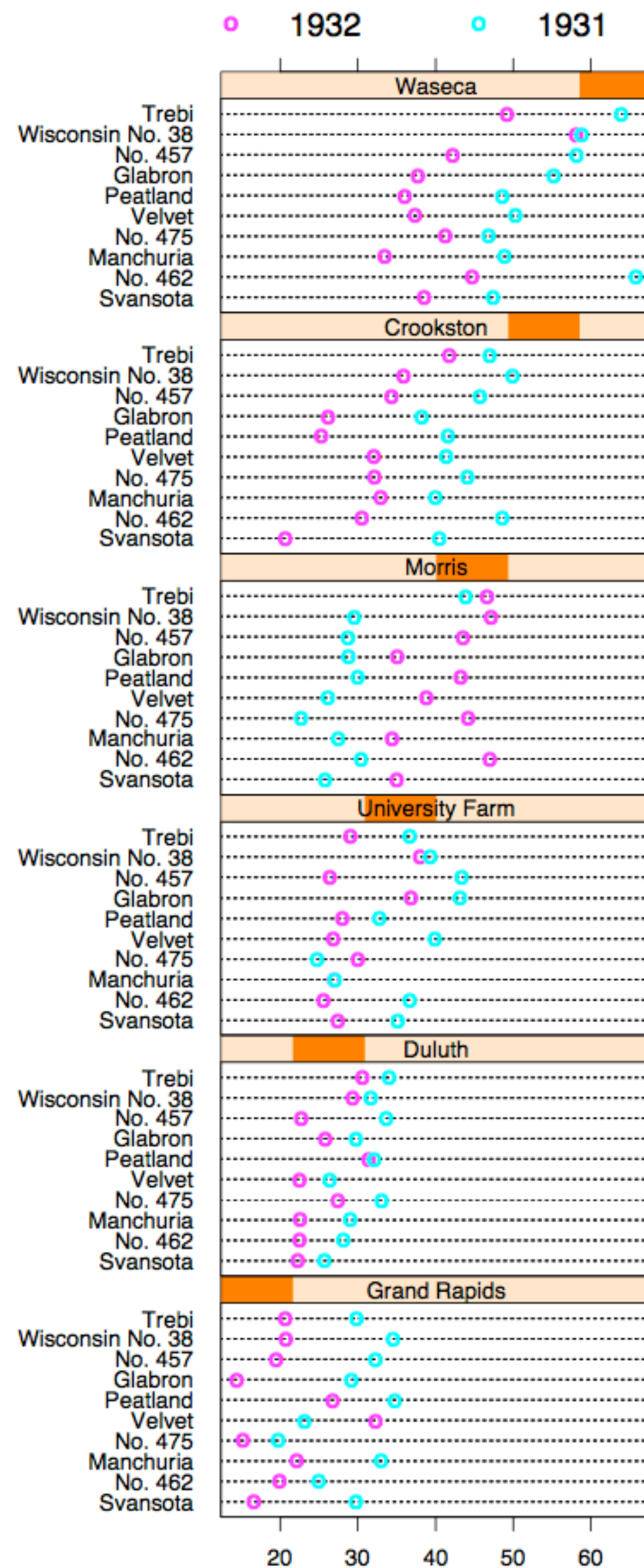
Barley Yields in two years across multiple farms for multiples barley strains

partitioning variables

Columns partitioned by year

Rows partitioned by farm

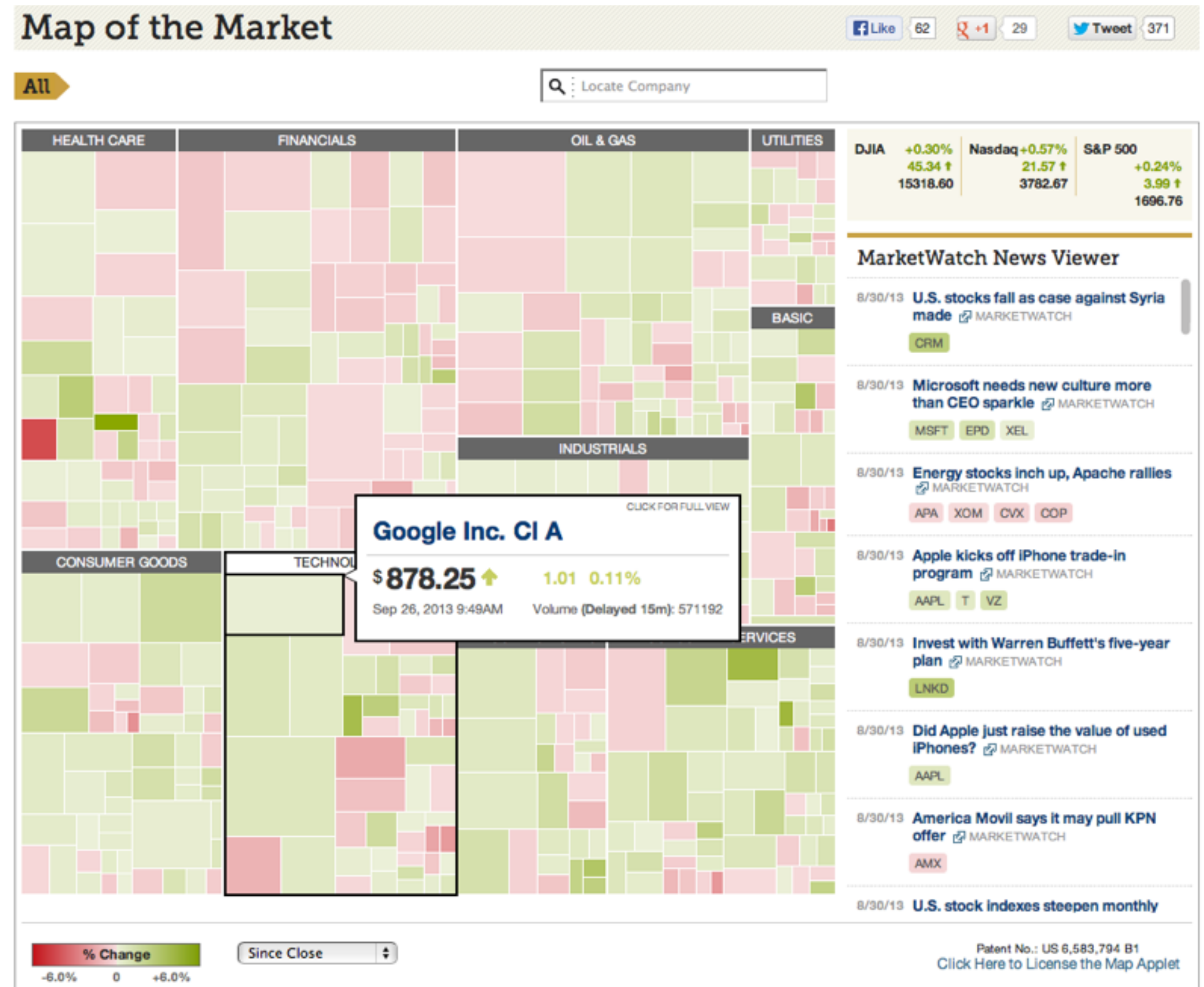




Recursive Subdivision

partitioning: flexibly
transform data
attributes into a
hierarchy

use treemaps as
spacefilling
rectangular layouts



Treemap

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)

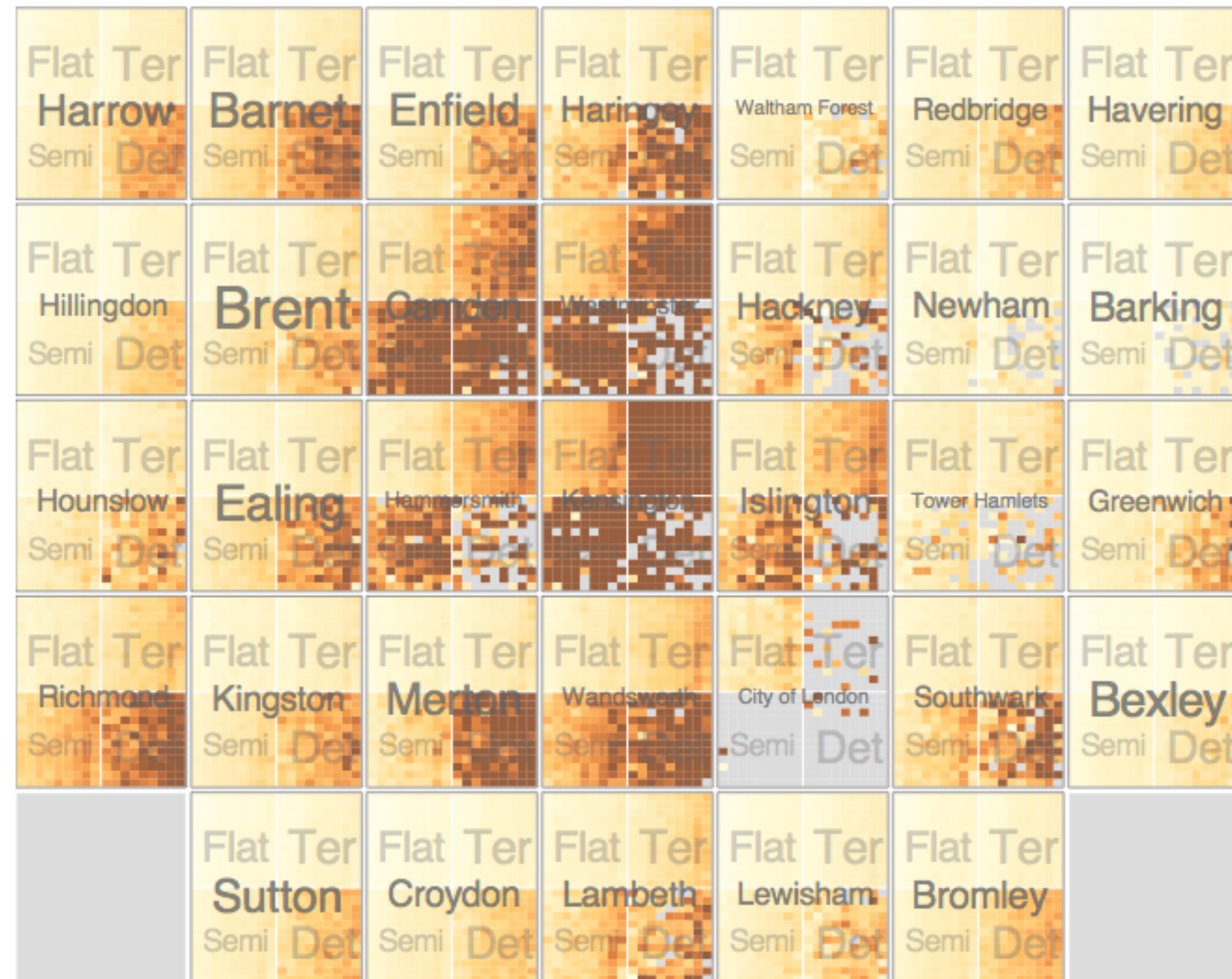
encoding attributes

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/



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LAYERING

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

rationale

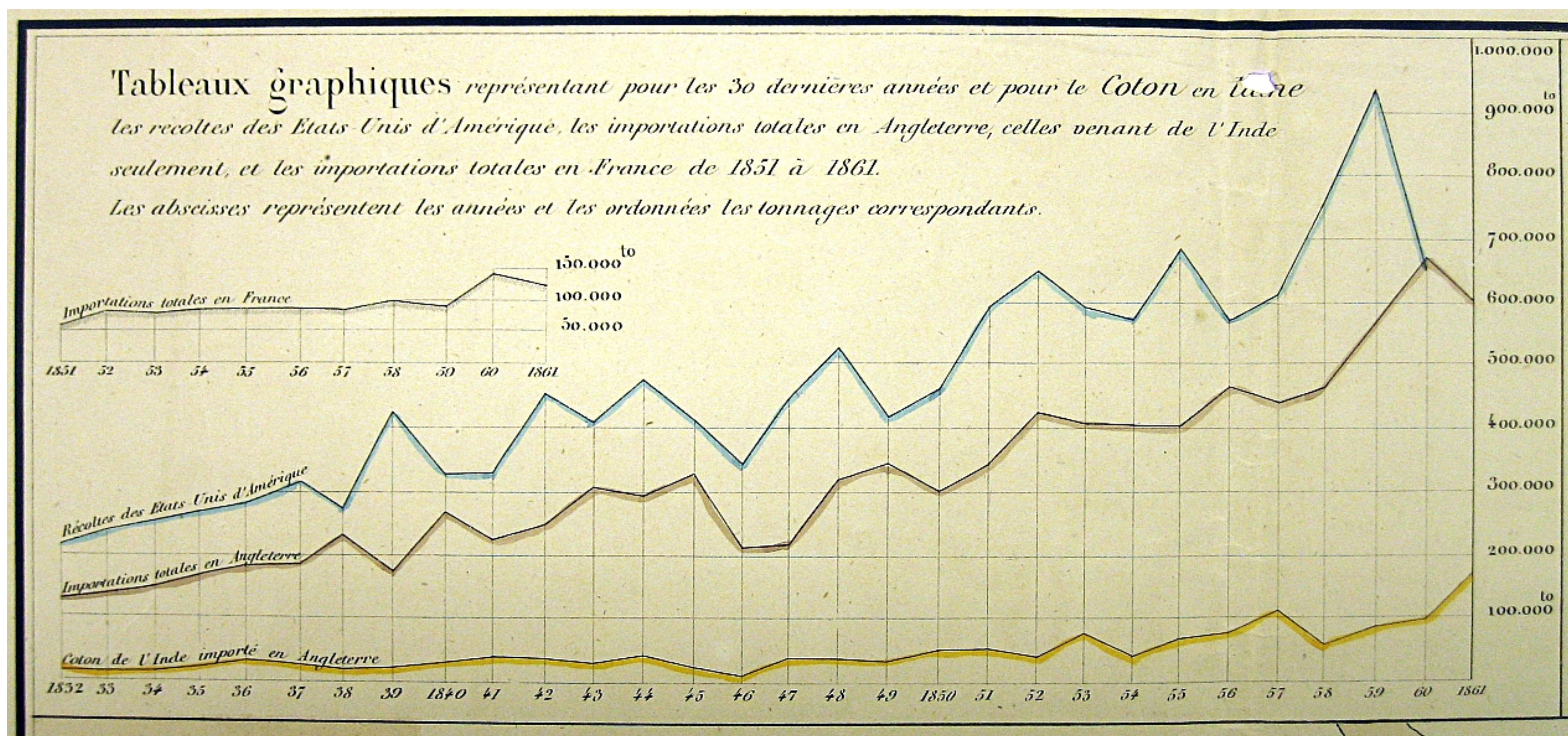
supports a larger, more detailed view than using multiple views

trade-off

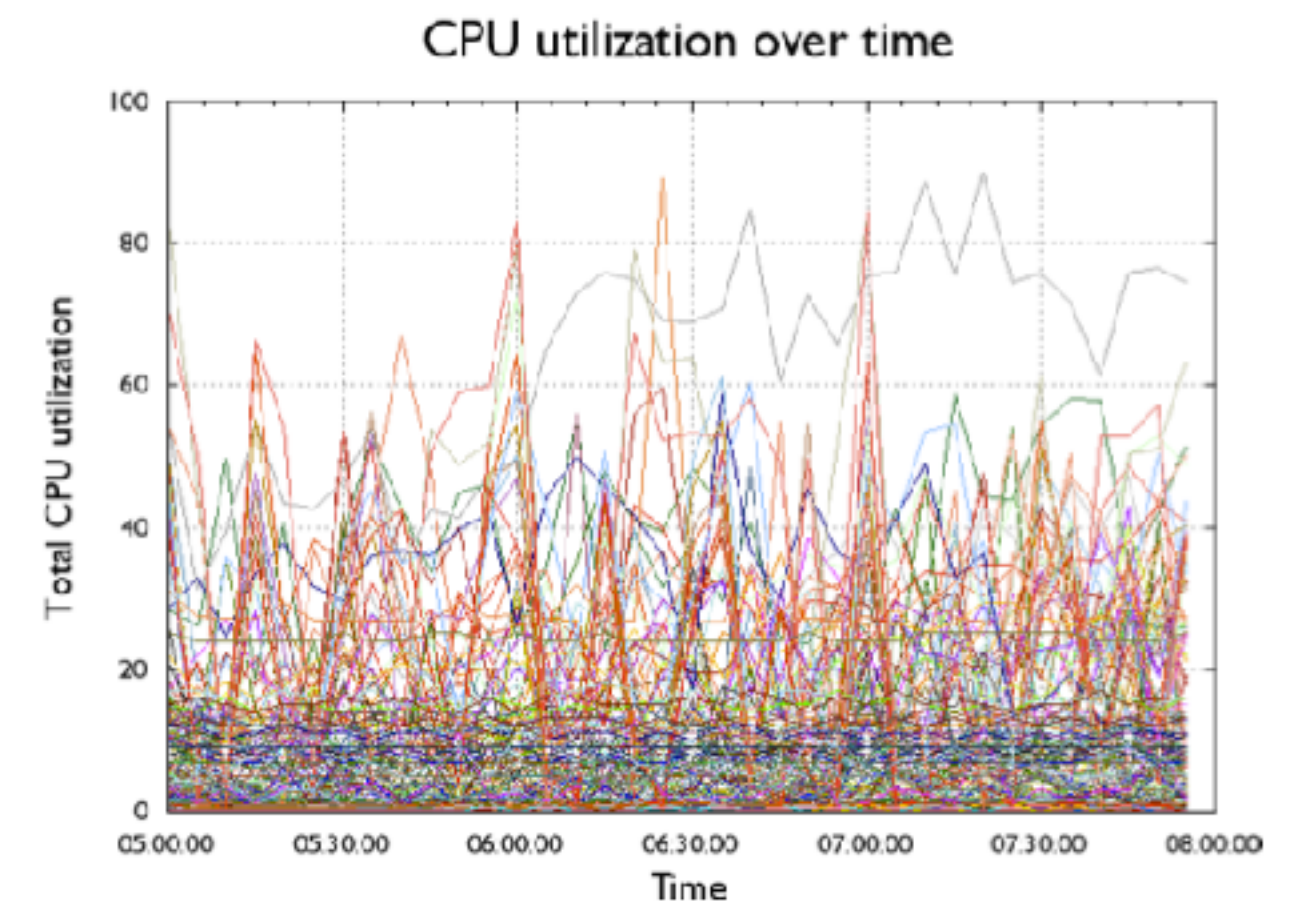
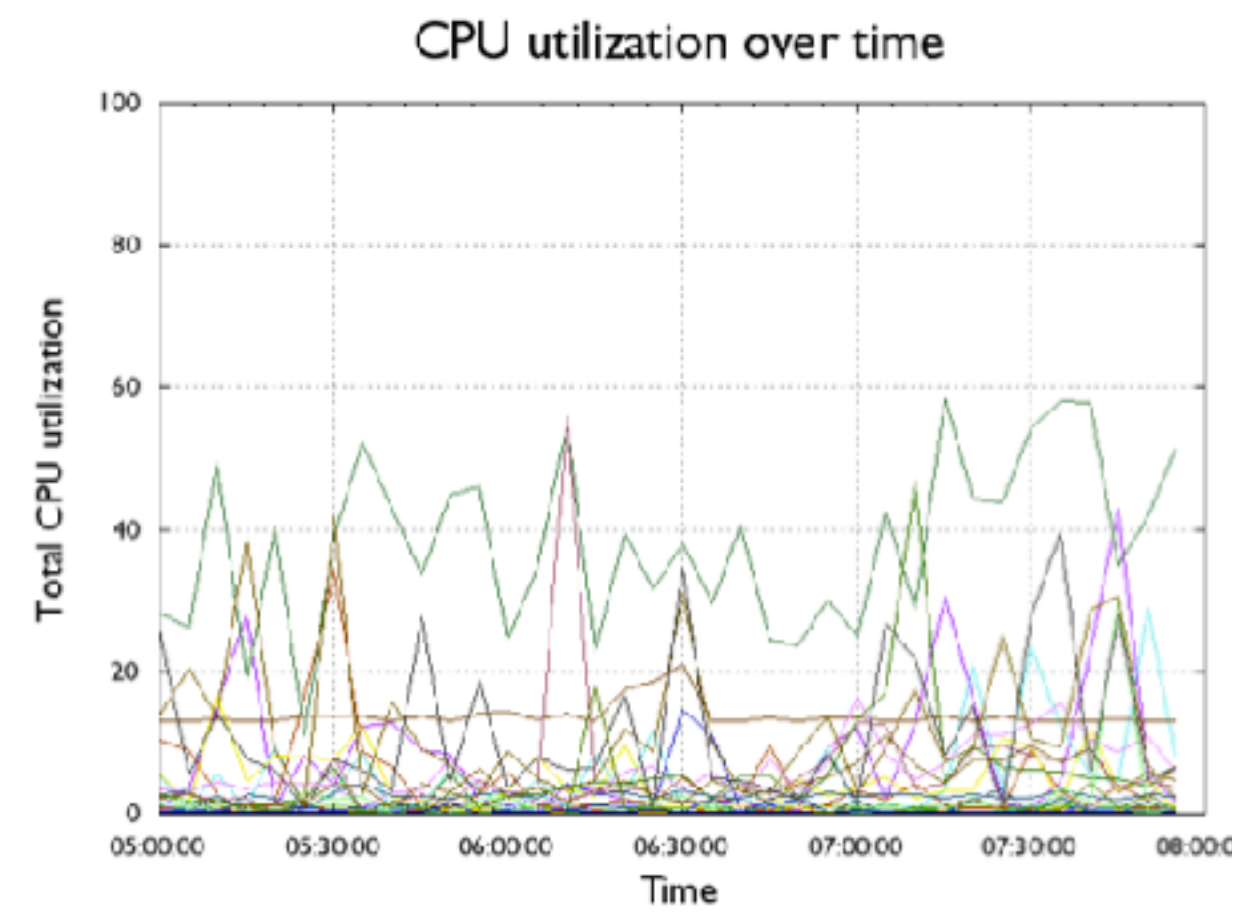
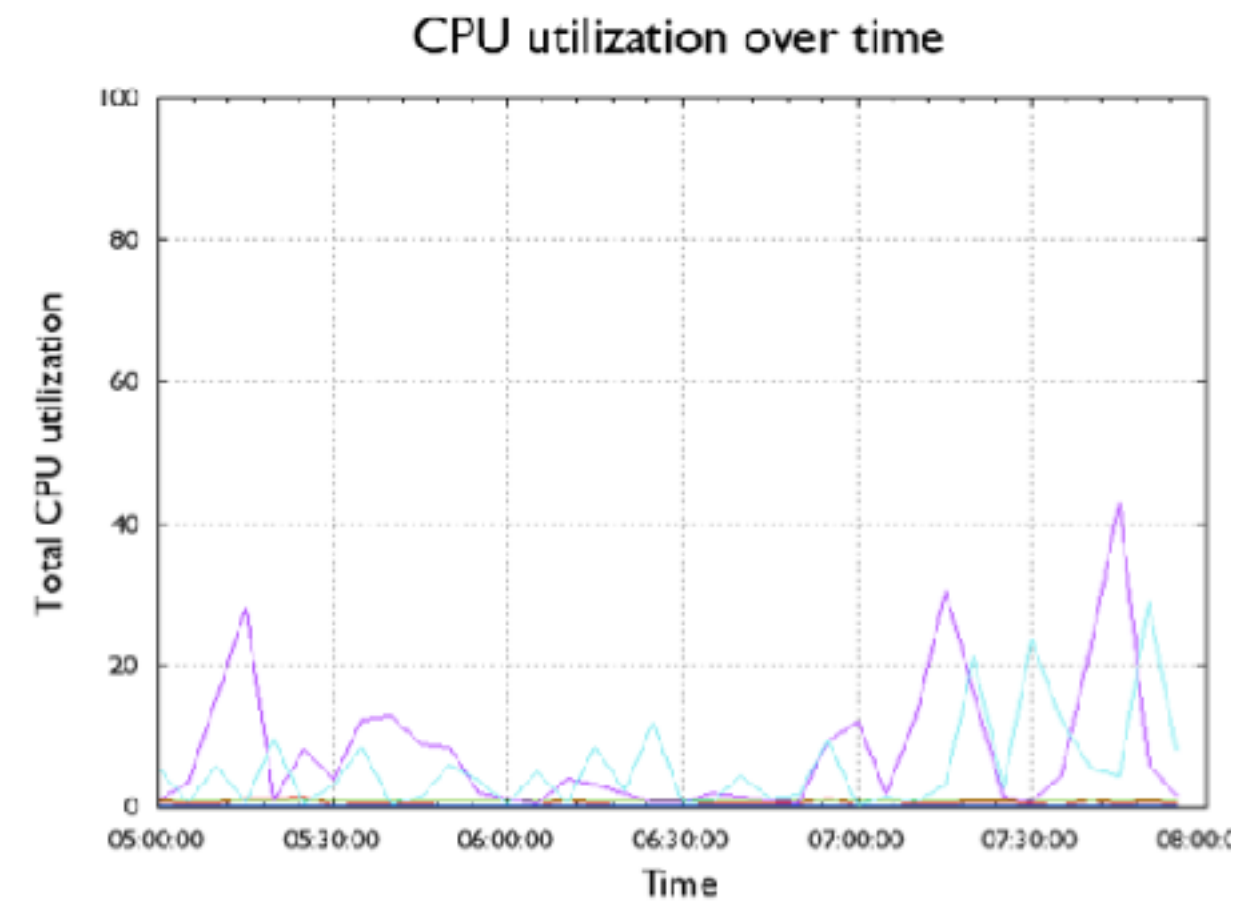
layering imposes constraints on visual encoding choice as well as number of layers that can be shown

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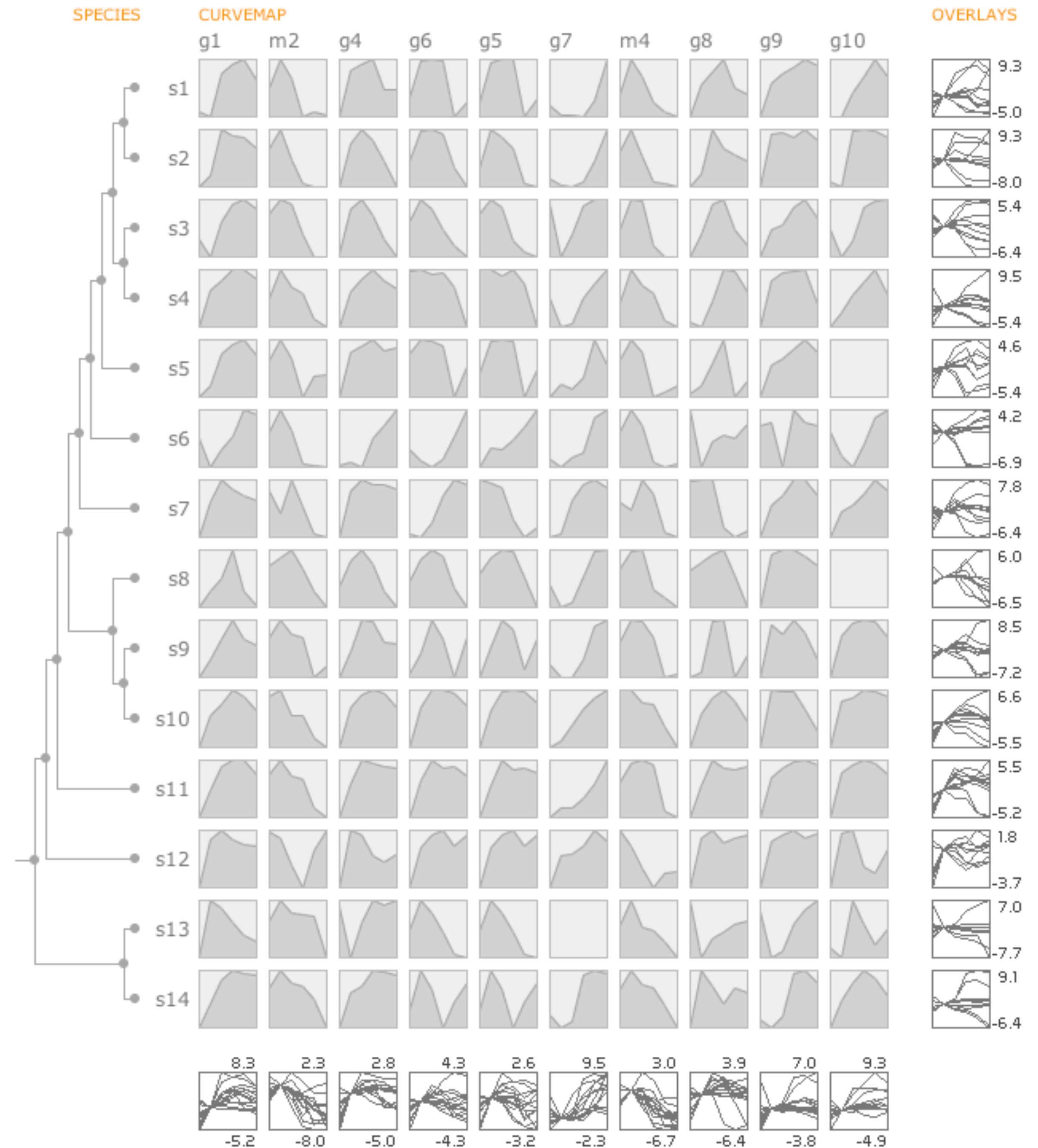
overlays



Combined

Partitioned + layered graph

Synchronized through
highlighting



MCV to the Max

