#### CSE 512 - Data Visualization

## Interaction



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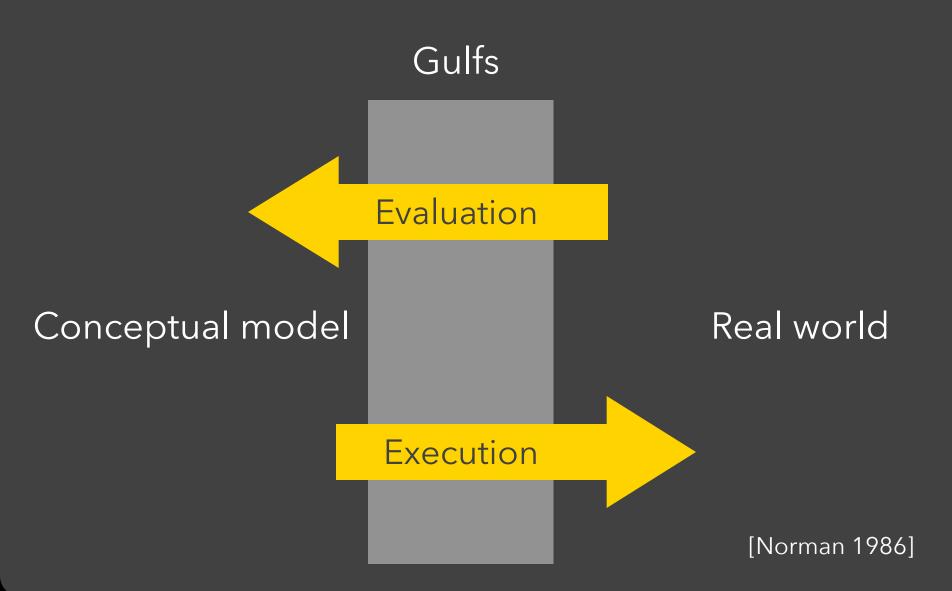
[There is an] apparent challenge that computational artifacts pose to the longstanding distinction between the physical and the social, in the special sense of those things that one designs, builds, and uses, on the one hand, and those things with which one communicates, on the other.

"Interaction"- in a sense previously reserved for describing a uniquely interpersonal activity - seems appropriately to characterize what goes on between people and certain machines as well.

Lucy Suchman, Plans and Situated Actions

Interaction between people and machines requires mutual intelligibility or shared understanding.

#### Gulfs of Execution & Evaluation



#### Gulf of Execution

The difference between the user's intentions and the allowable actions.

#### Gulf of Evaluation

The amount of effort that the person must exert to interpret the state of the system and to determine how well the expectations and intentions have been met.

### **Gulf of Evaluation**

Gulf

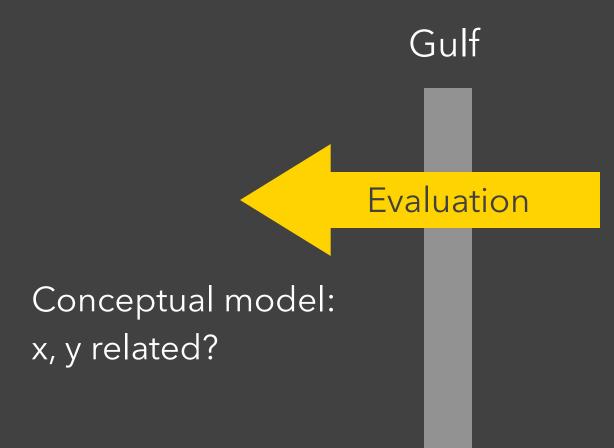
**Evaluation** 

Conceptual model: x, y related?

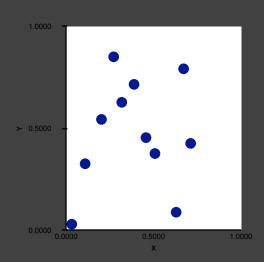
#### Real world:

Х	Υ
0.67	0.79
0.32	0.63
0.39	0.72
0.27	0.85
0.71	0.43
0.63	0.09
0.03	0.03
0.20	0.54
0.51	0.38
0.11	0.33
0.46	0.46

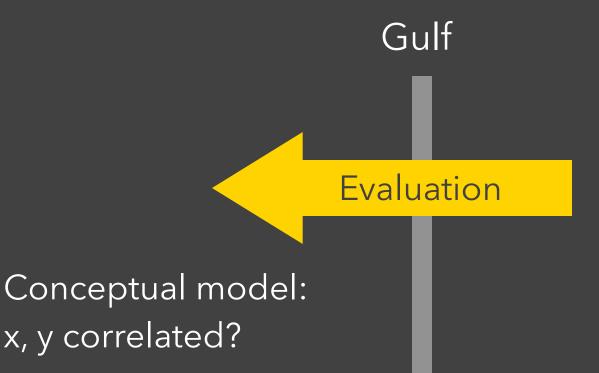
### Gulf of Evaluation



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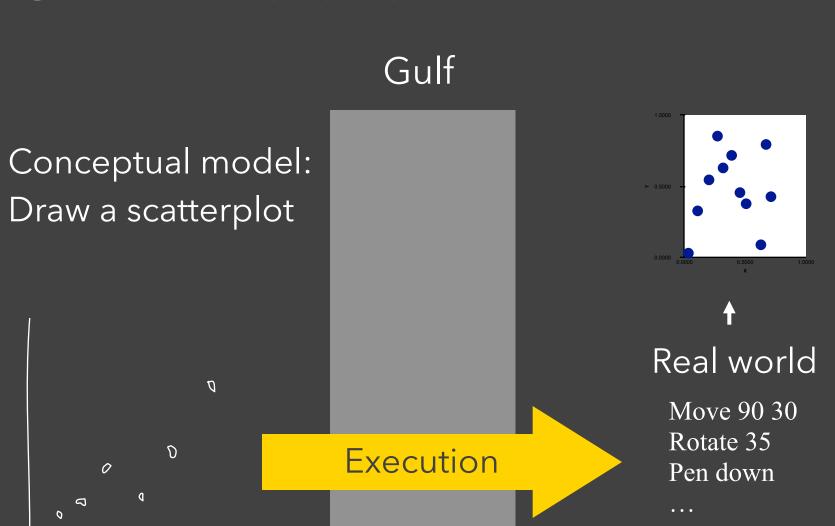
### **Gulf of Evaluation**



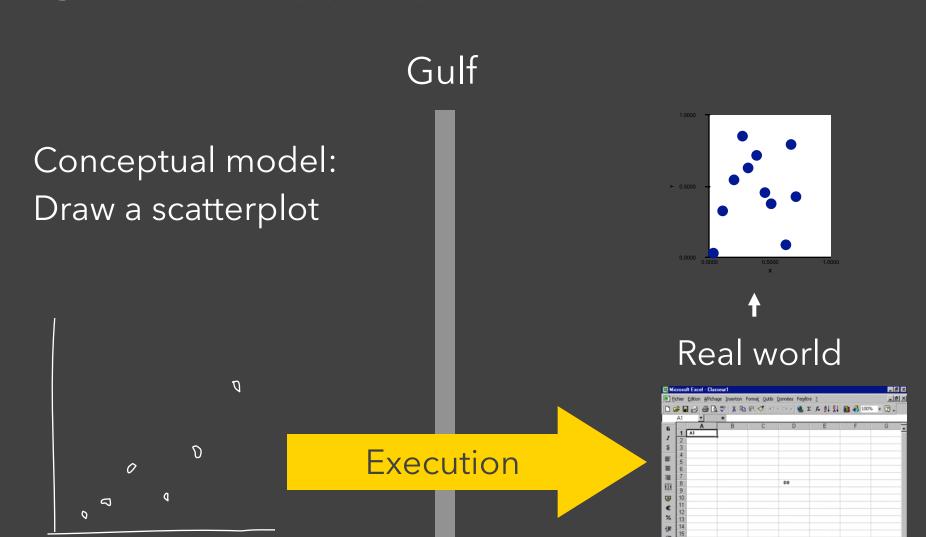
Real world:

$$\rho = -.29$$

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# Interactive Visualization

### Interaction Techniques

Are there "essential" interactive operations for exploratory data visualization?

Data and View Specification
Visualize, Filter, Sort, Derive

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View Manipulation

Select, Navigate, Coordinate, Organize

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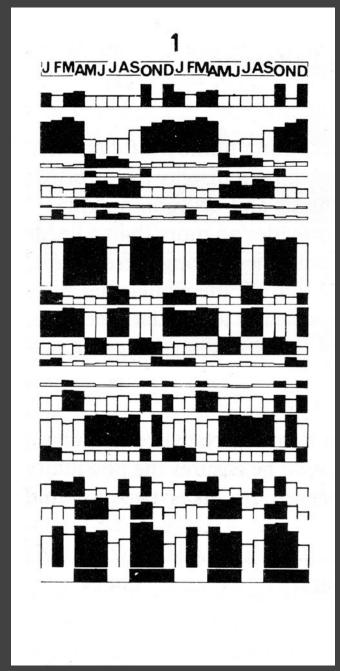
View Manipulation

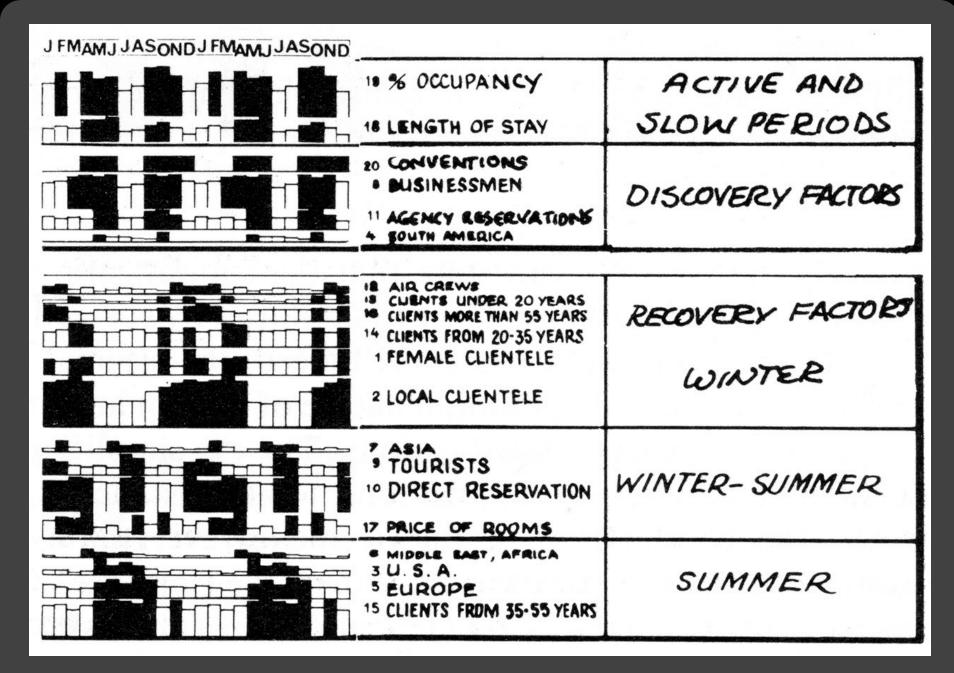
Select, Navigate, Coordinate, Organize

**Process and Provenance** 

Record, Annotate, Share, Guide

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70	70	75	74	69	68	74	75	68	68	64	75	10	% DIRECT RESERVATIONS
20	18	19	17	27	27	19	19	26	27	21	15	11	% AGENCY ——//—
10	12	6	9	4	5	7	6	6	5	15	10	12	% AIR CREWS
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48	49	42	48	54	55	53	51	55	46	55	43	15	% —//— 35-55 —//—
25	22	17	15	19	19	19	19	19	20	19	25	16	%/- MORE THAN 55 -/-
163	167	166	174	152	155	145	170	157	174	165	156	17	PRICE OF ROOMS
1.65	1.71	<i>1.65</i>	1.91	1. <b>90</b>	2.	1.54	7.60	1.73	1.82	1.66	1.44	18	LENGTH OF STAY
67	82	70	83	74	77	56	62	90	92	78	55	19	% OCCUPANCY
			X	×	X			×	×	×	×	20	CONVENTIONS

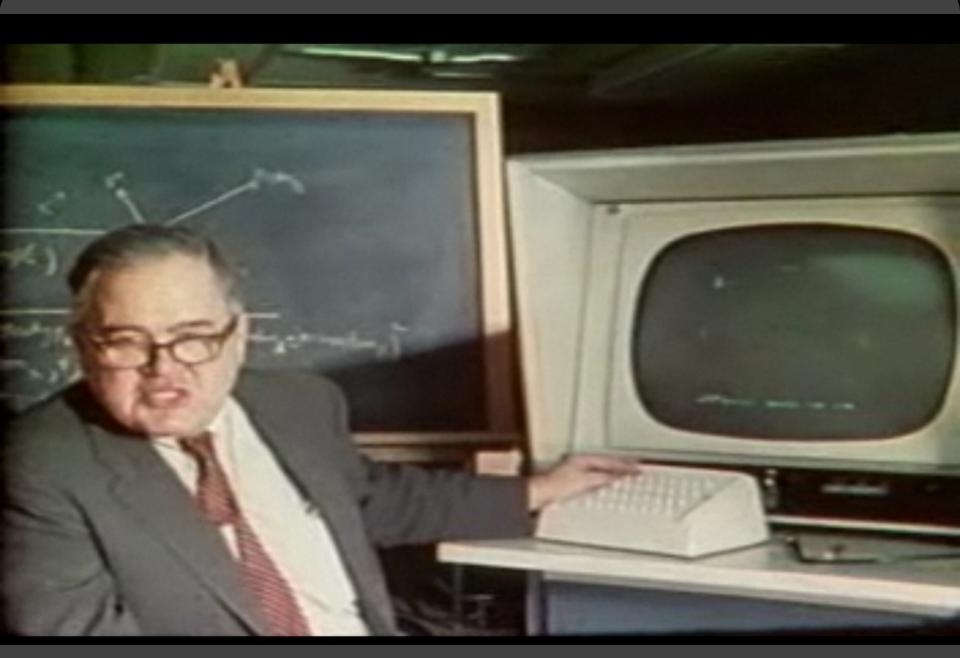












PRIM-9, Tukey, Fisherkeller, Friedman 1972





# Selection

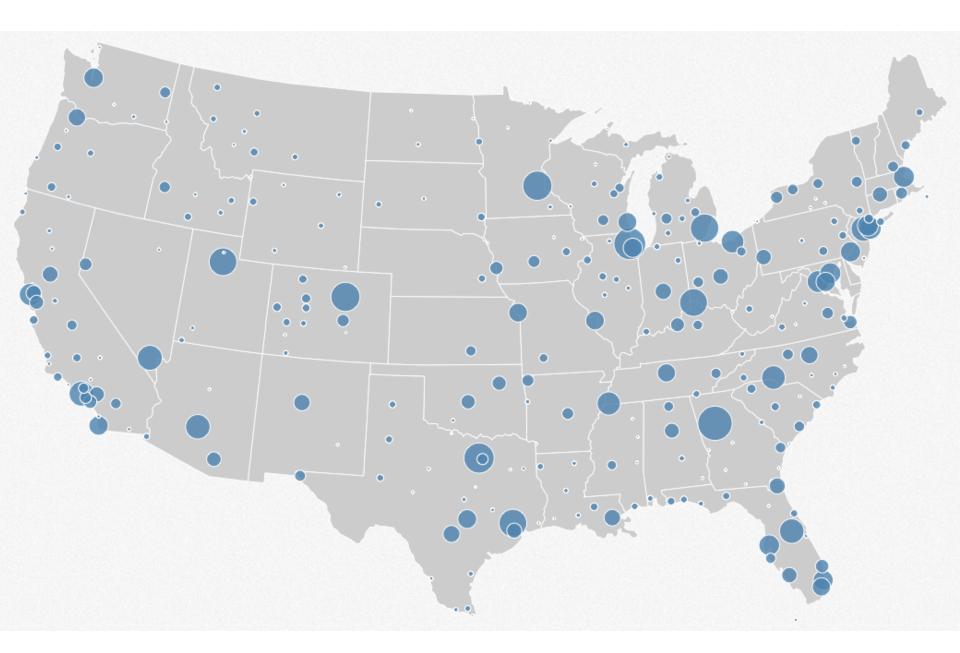
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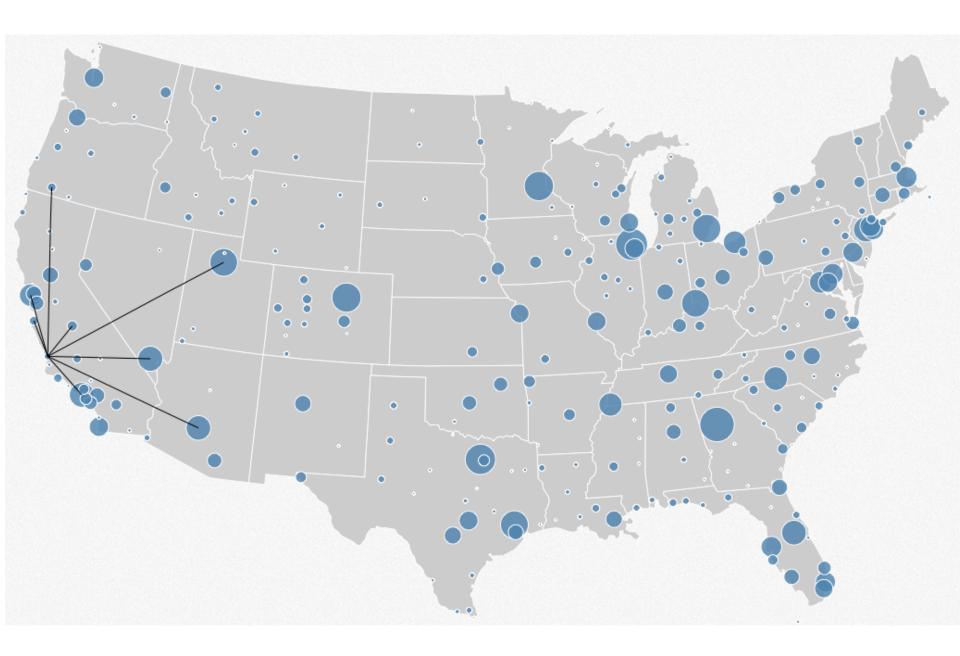
#### **Point Selection**

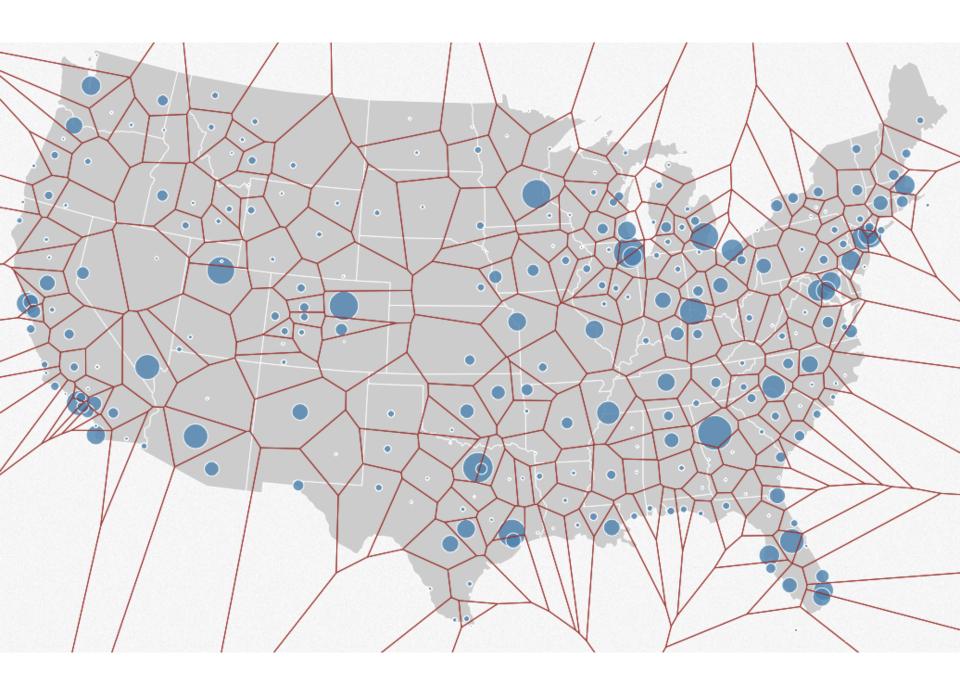
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Touch / Tap

Select Nearby Element (e.g., Bubble Cursor)







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#### Region Selection

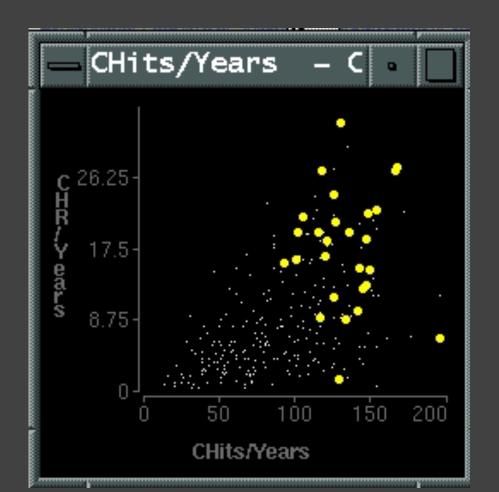
Rubber-band (rectangular) or Lasso (freehand)

Area cursors ("brushes")

# Brushing & Linking

### Brushing

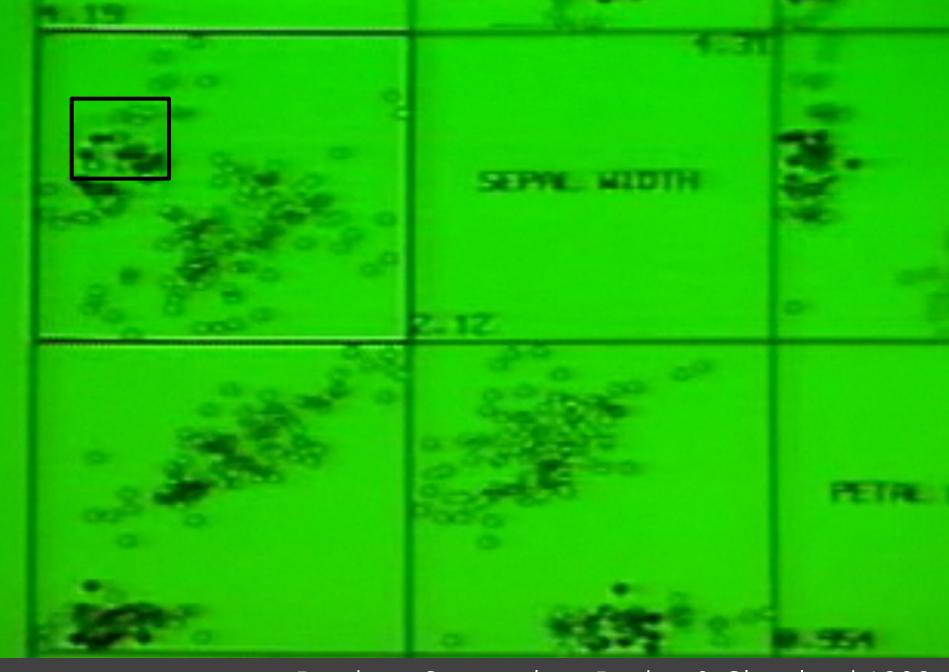
Direct attention to a subset of data [Wills 95]



### **Brushing & Linking**

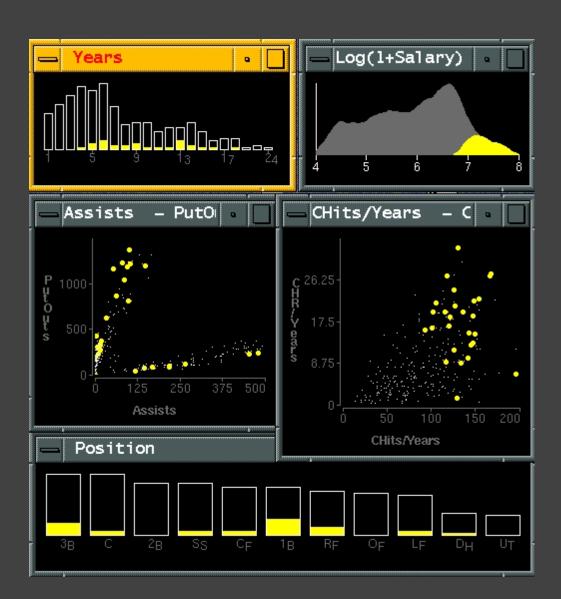
Select ("**brush**") a subset of data See selected data in other views

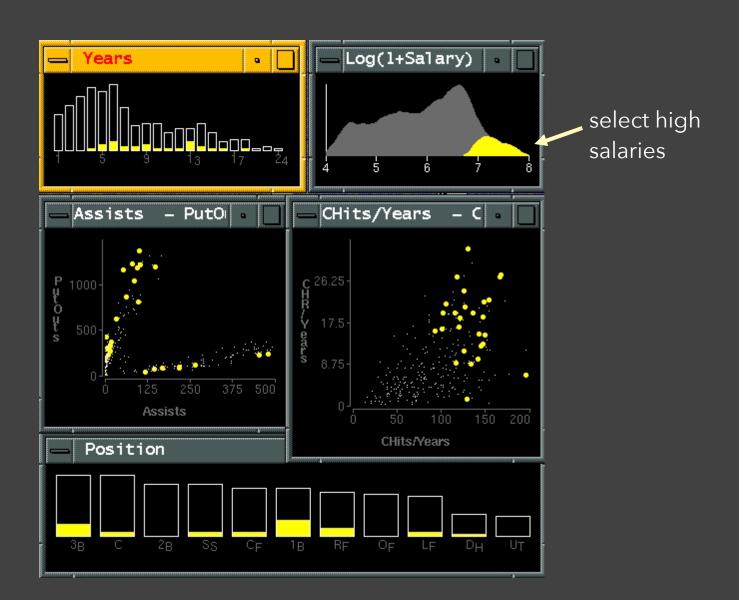
The components must be *linked*by *tuple* (matching data points), or
by *query* (matching range or values)

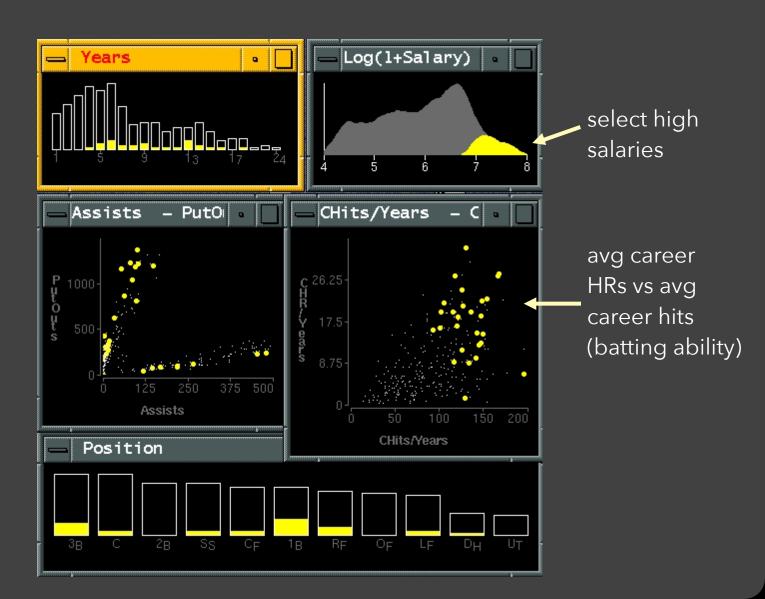


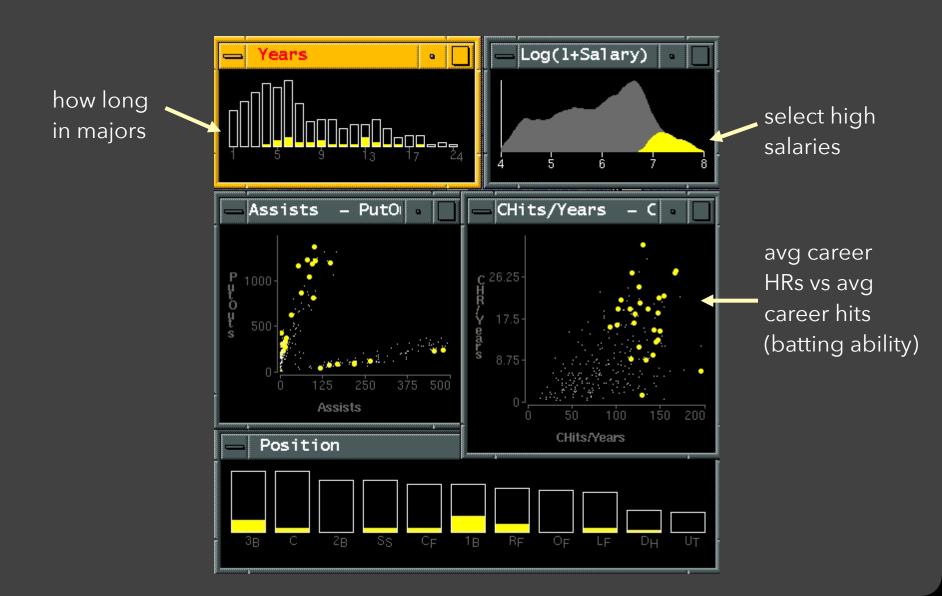
Brushing Scatterplots, Becker & Cleveland 1982

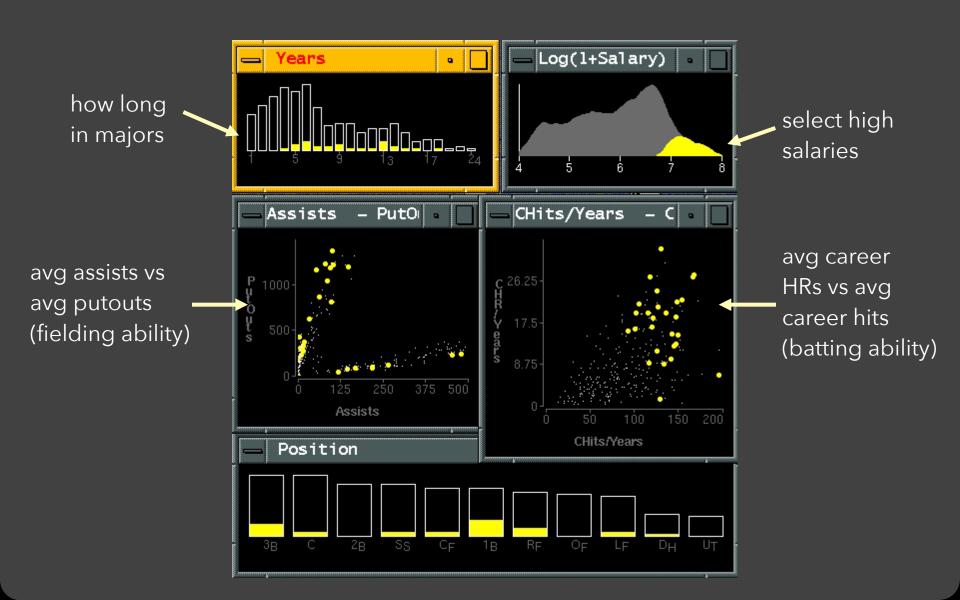
### **Baseball Statistics** [Wills 95]

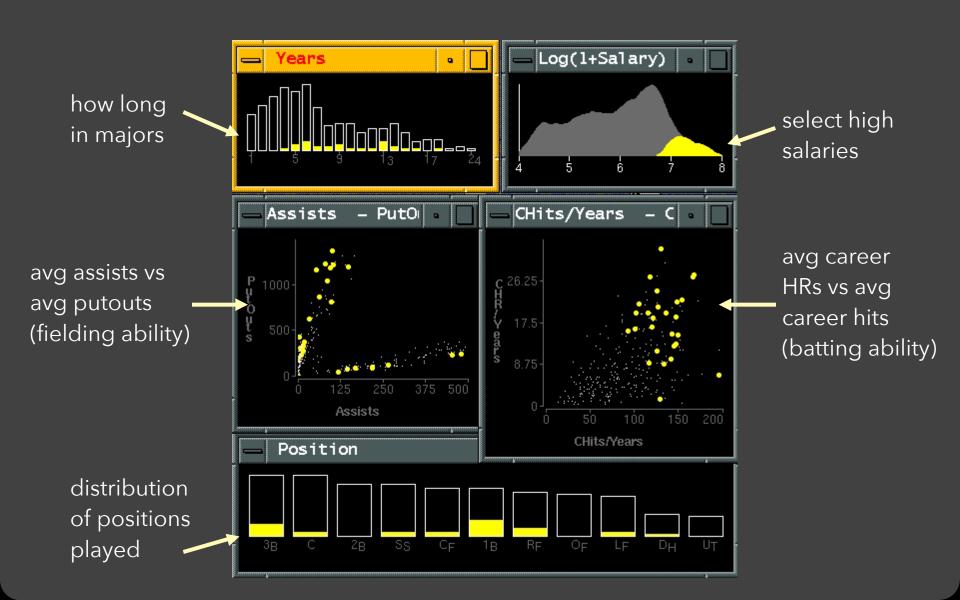




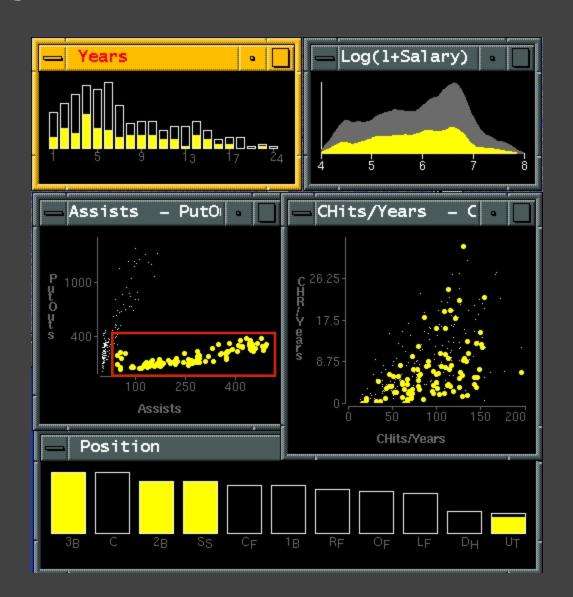




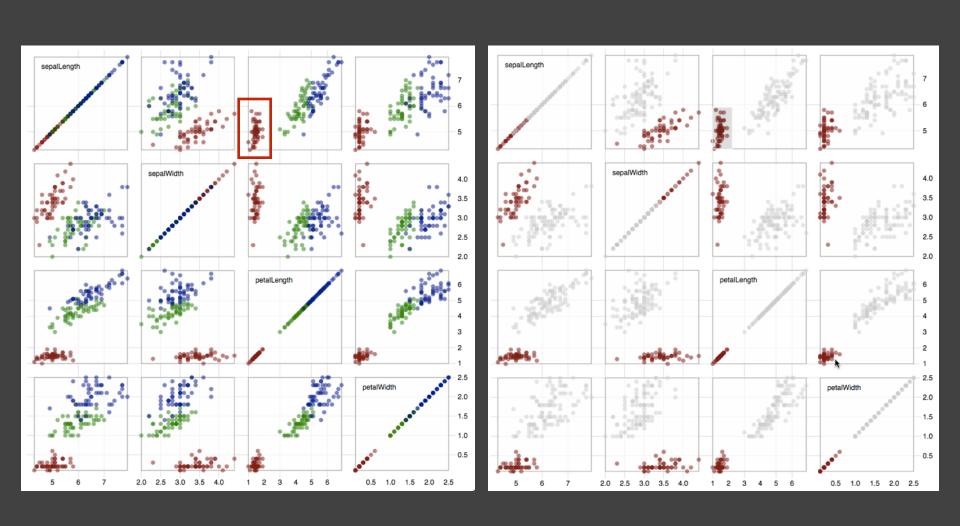




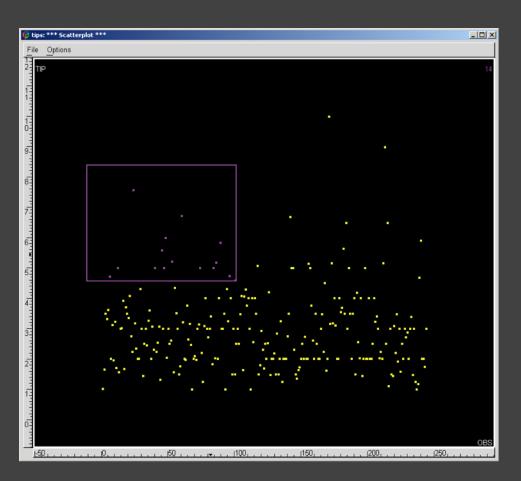
#### Linking Assists to Positions

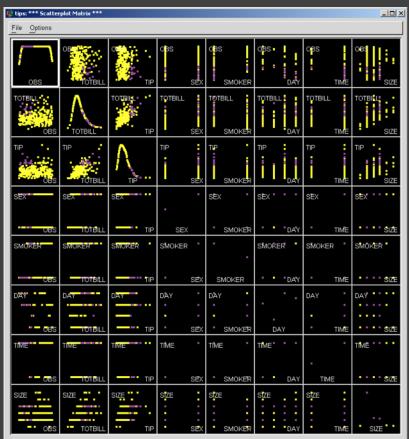


# **Brushing Scatterplots**



## Brushing in GGobi





http://www.ggobi.org/

# Dynamic Queries

#### **Query & Results**

SELECT house FROM seattle\_homes

WHERE price < 1,000,000 AND bedrooms > 2

ORDER BY price

```
Dunamic Browser : DC Home Finder
IdNumber Dwelling Address
                                        City
         House
                  5256 S. Capitol St.
                                        Beltsville, MD
         House
                  5536 S. Lincoln St.
                                        Beltsville, MD
         House
                  5165 Jones Street
                                        Beltsville, MD
         House
                  5007 Jones Street
                                        Beltsville, MD
                   4872 Jones Street
                                        Beltsville, MD
 17
         House
                  5408 S. Capitol St.
                                        Beltsville, MD
         House
                  5496 S. Capitol St.
                                        Beltsville, MD
 85
         Condo
                  5459 S. Lincoln St.
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         Condo
                  5159 Hamilton Street Laurel, MD
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101
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103
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                  5562 Glass Road
                                        Laurel, MD
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                  5546 Hamilton Street Laurel, MD
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         House
                   7670 31st Street
                                        Upper Marlboro, MD
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#### Issues with Textual Queries

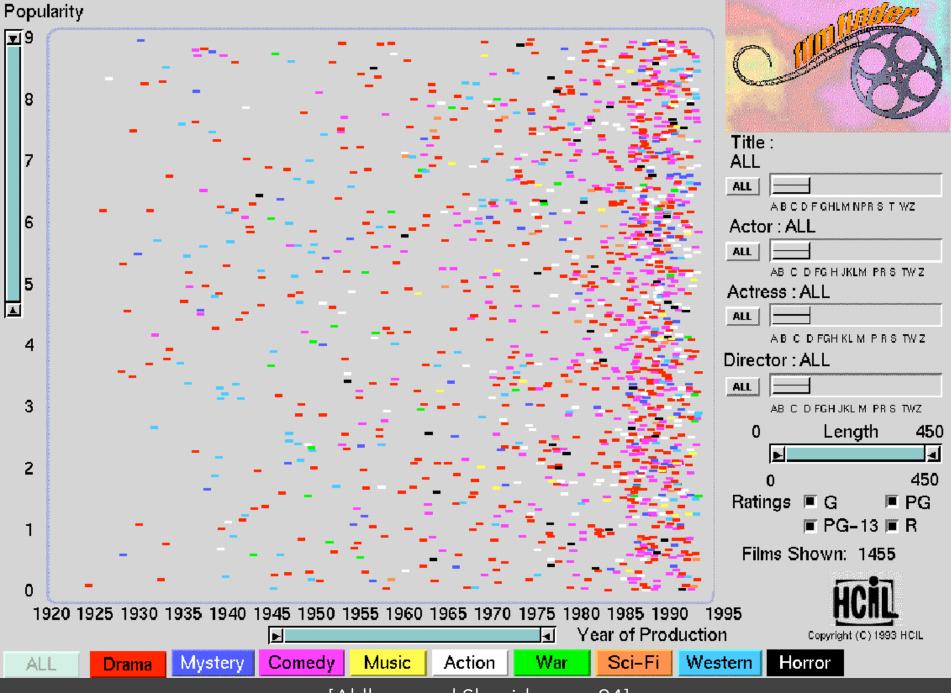
- 1. For programmers
- 2. Rigid syntax
- 3. Only shows exact matches
- 4. Too few or too many hits
- 5. No hint on how to reformulate the query
- 6. Slow question-answer loop
- 7. Results returned as table

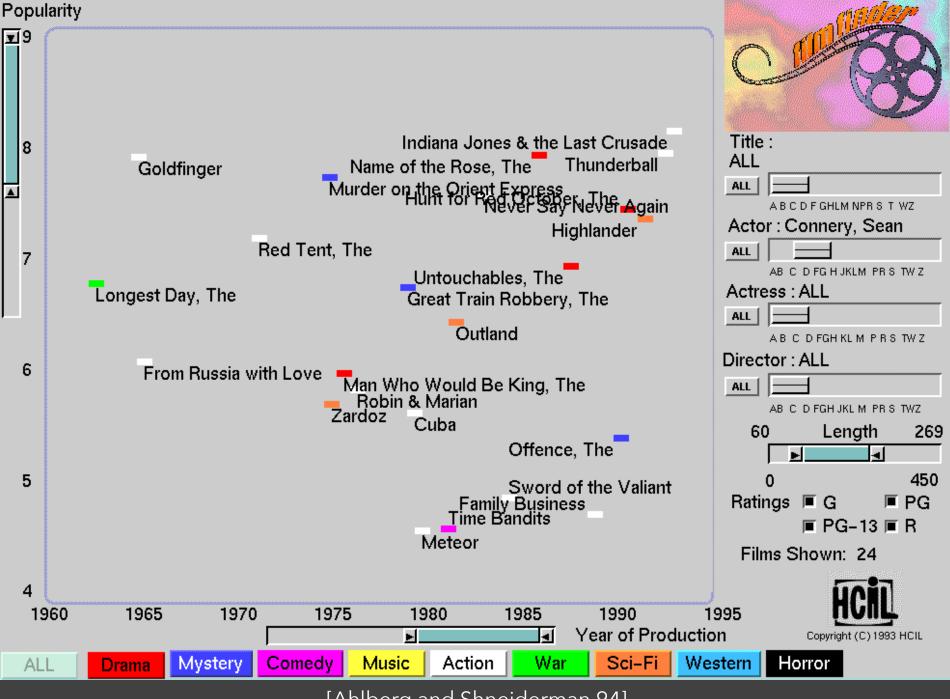
#### HomeFinder



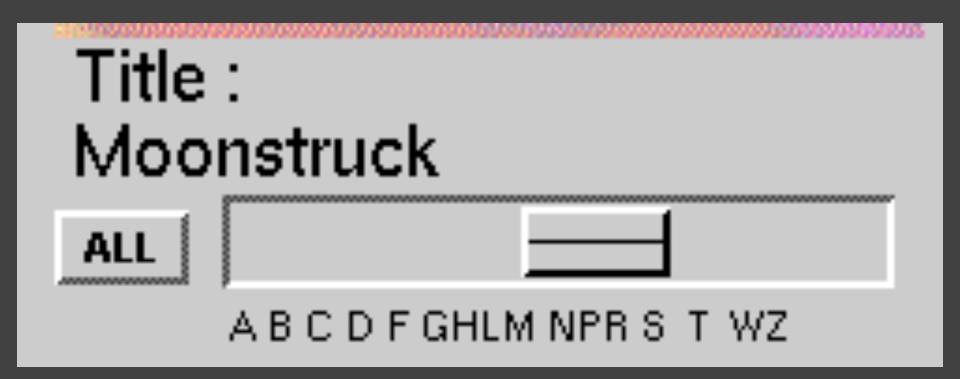
#### **Direct Manipulation**

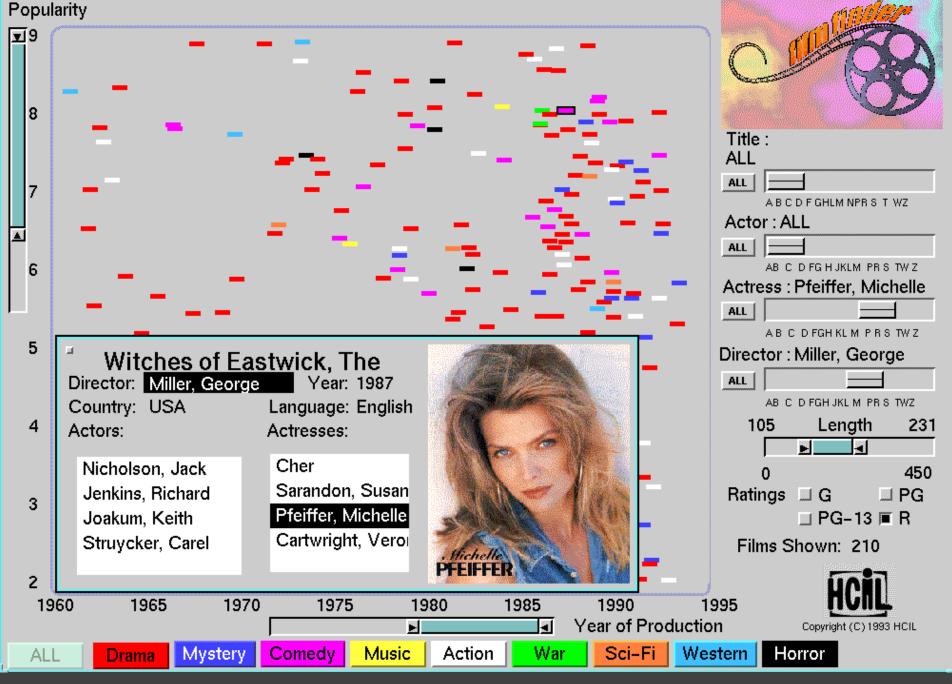
- 1. Visual representation of objects and actions
- 2. Rapid, incremental and reversible actions
- 3. Selection by pointing (not typing)
- 4. Immediate and continuous display of results





## Alphaslider



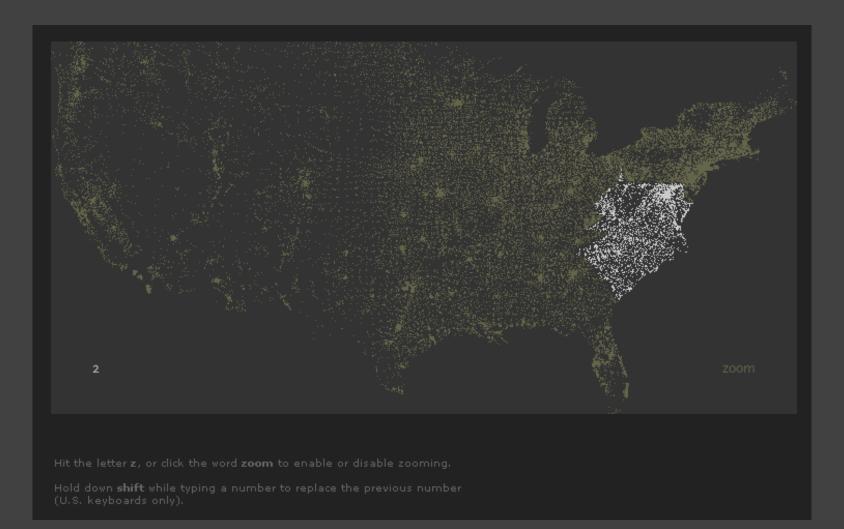


# The Attribute Explorer

#### Attribute Explorer [Spence & Tweedie 96]

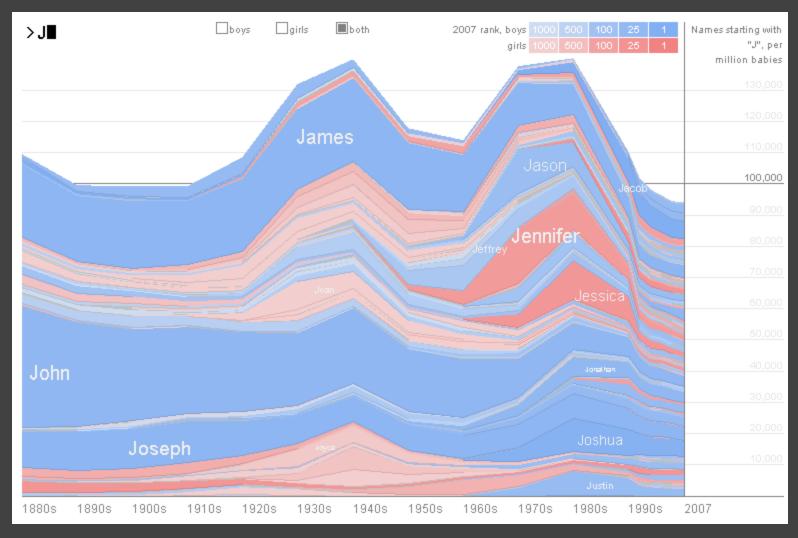
Video Clip

## Zipdecode [Fry 04]



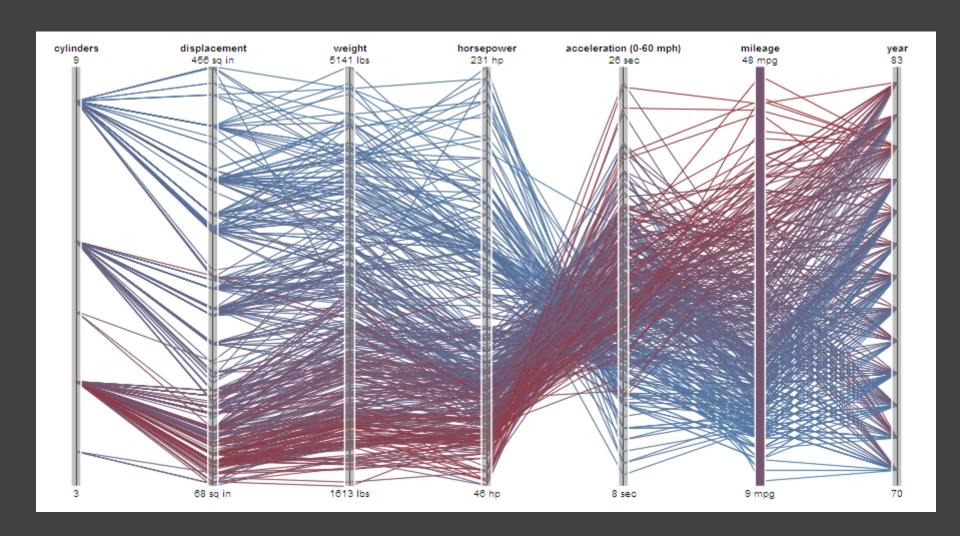
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#### NameVoyager [Wattenberg 06]

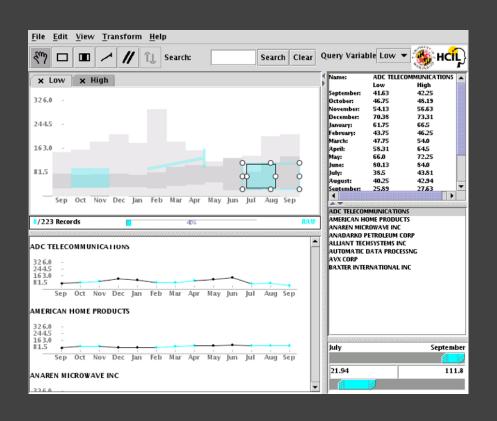


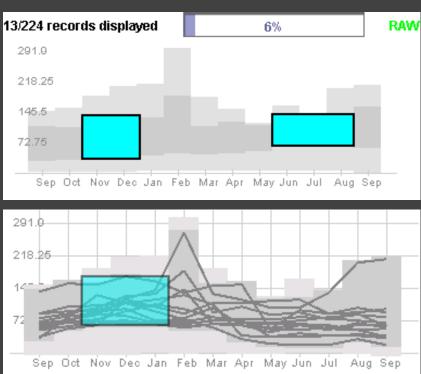
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## Parallel Coordinates [Inselberg]



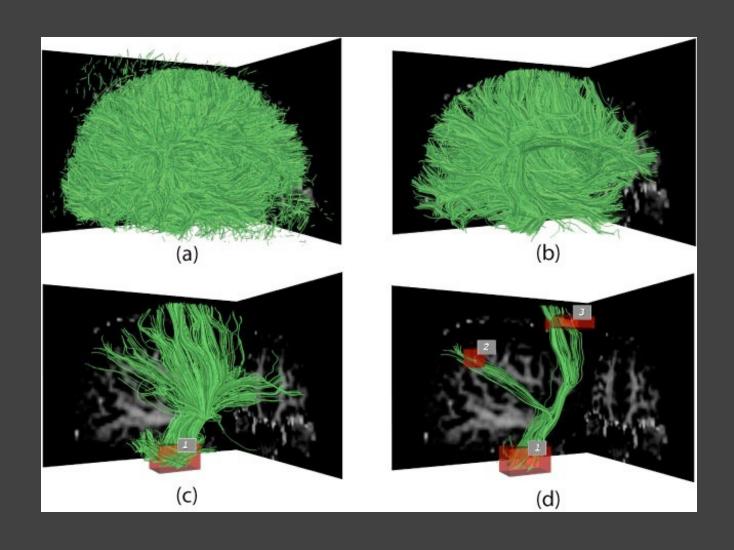
#### TimeSearcher [Hocheiser 02]



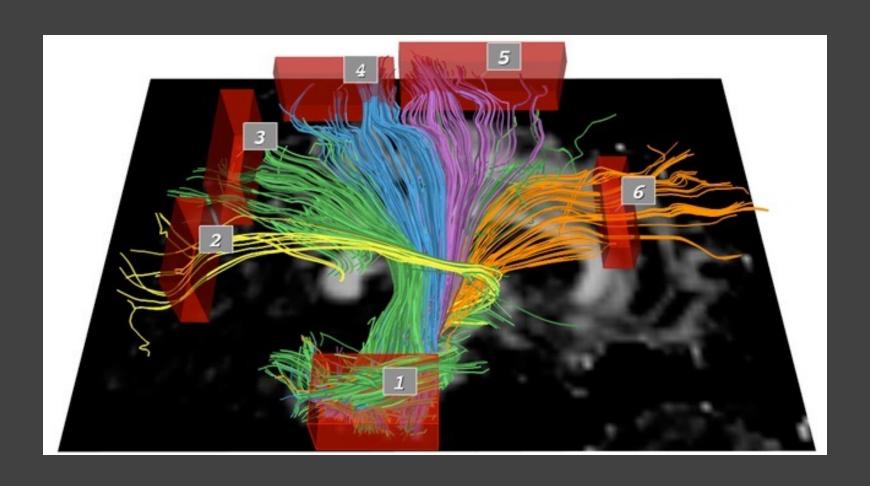


Builds on Wattenberg's [2001] idea for sketch-based queries of time-series data.

### 3D Dynamic Queries [Akers 04]



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#### **Pros & Cons**

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#### Cons

Simple queries

Lots of controls

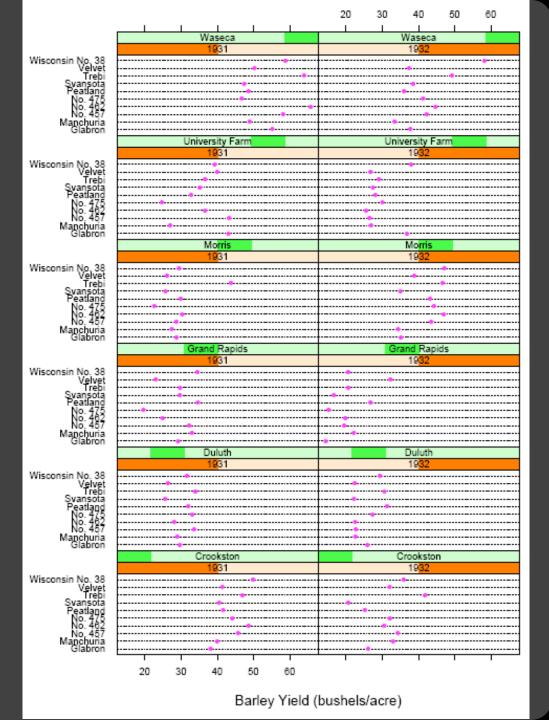
Amount of data shown limited by screen space

Who would use these kinds of tools?

# Sorting

## Trellis Display

[Becker, Cleveland, and Shyu 96]

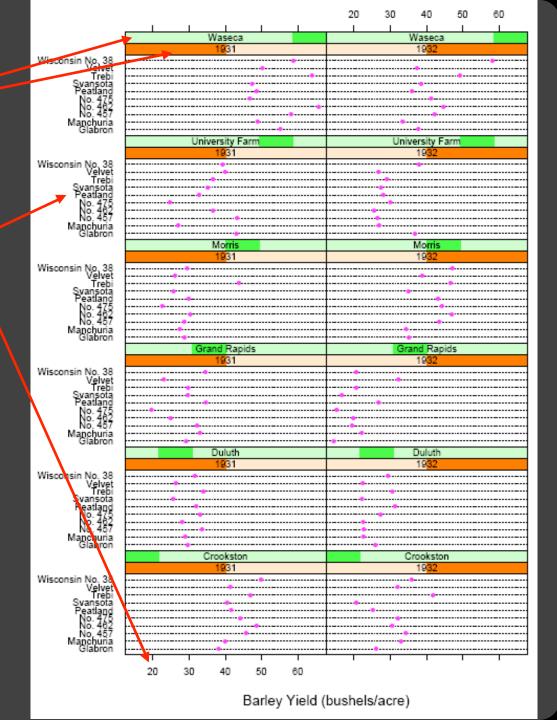


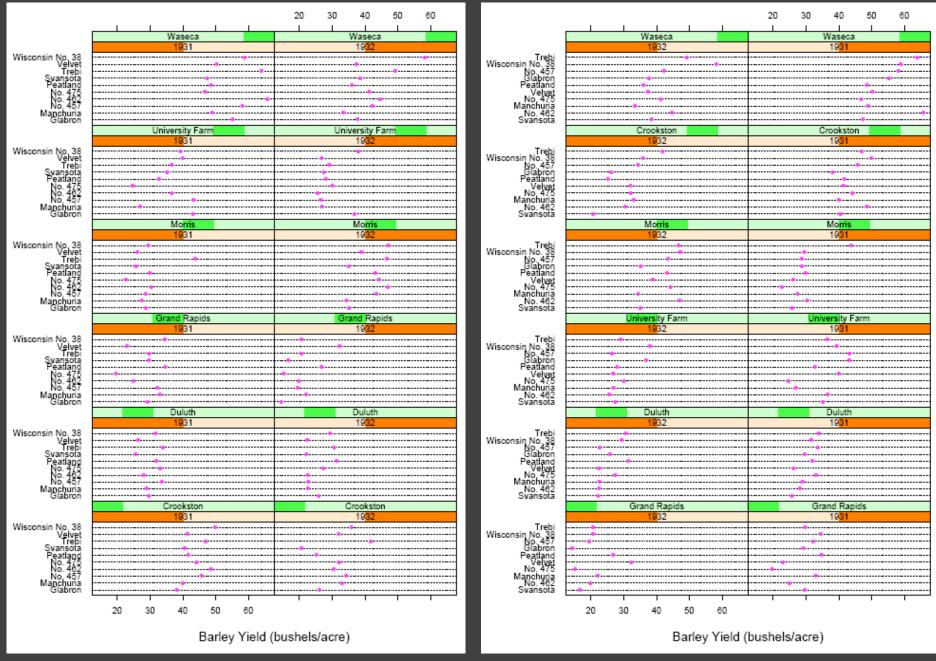
Condition variables location, year

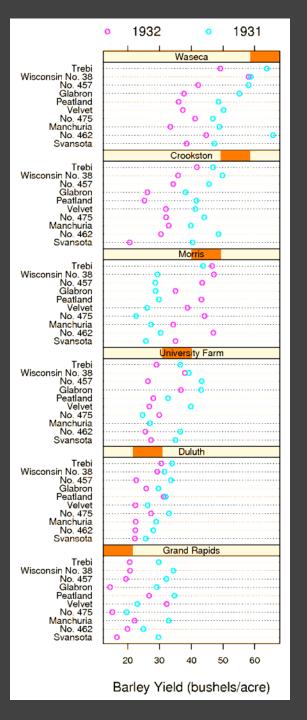
Panel variables type, yield

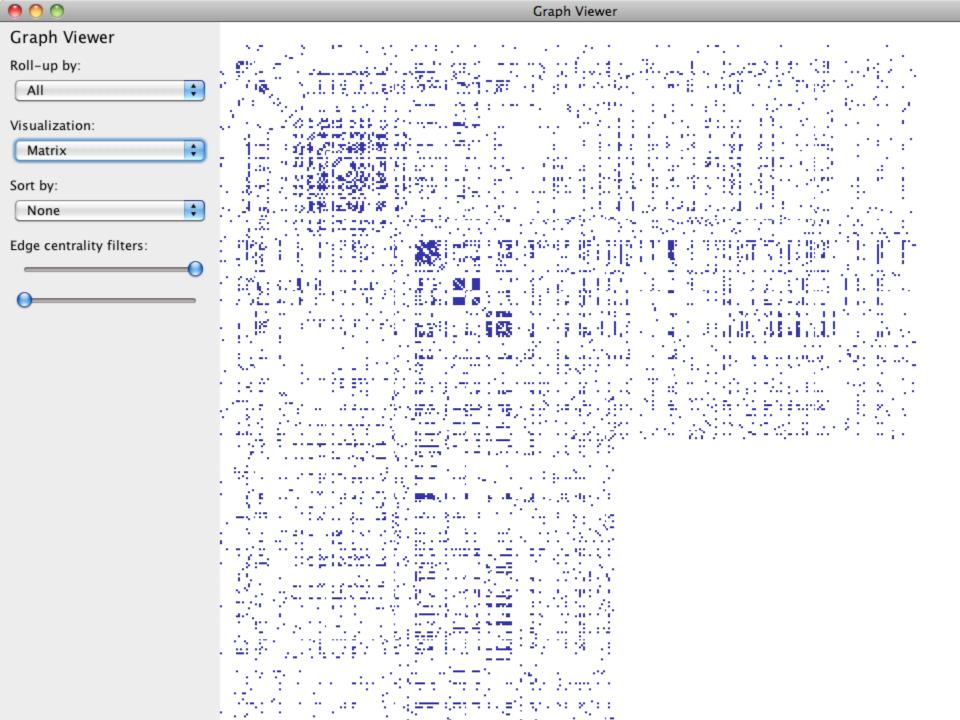
#### Trellis Display

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# Administrivia

### A3: Interactive Visualization

Create an interactive visualization application. Choose a data domain and an appropriate visualization technique.

- 1. Choose a data set and storyboard your interface
- 2. Implement the interface using tools of your choice
- 3. Submit your application and produce a final write-up You should work in groups of 2-3.

Due by 5pm on Monday, May 4



### A3: Project Partners

For A3, you should work in groups of 2-3.

If you do not have a partner, you should:

Use the facilities on Canvas

Stay after class to meet potential partners



### **Assignment 3 Tips**

Start now. It will take longer than you think.

**Keep it simple.** Choose a minimal set of interactions that enables users to explore and generate interesting insights. Keep the design clean.

**Promote engagement**. How do your chosen interactions reveal interesting observations?



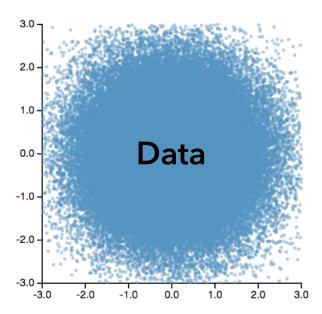
## imMens

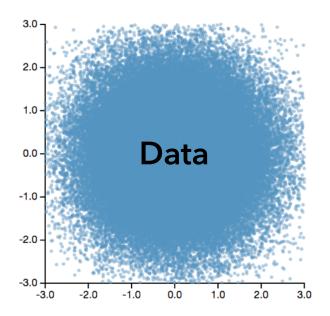
# How can we visualize and interact with **billion+ record** databases in real-time?

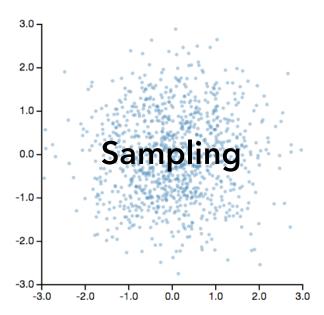
### Two Challenges:

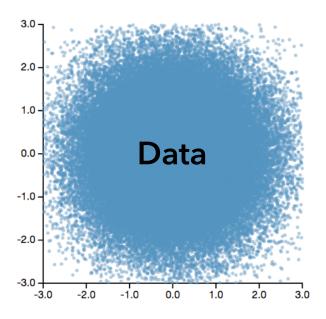
- 1. Effective visual encoding
- 2. Real-time interaction

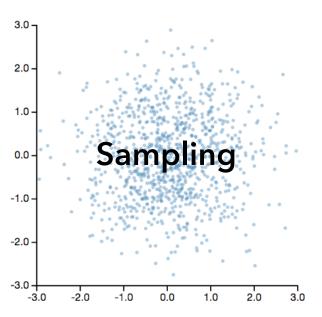
Perceptual and interactive scalability should be limited by the chosen resolution of the visualized data, not the number of records.

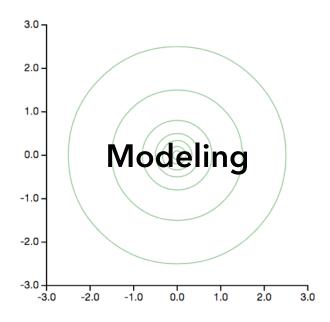


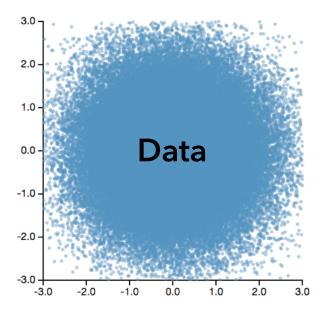


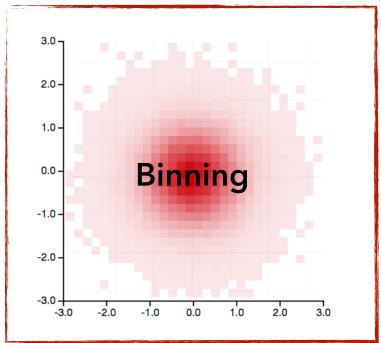


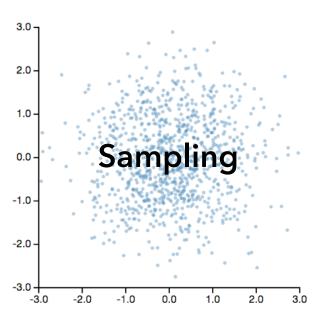


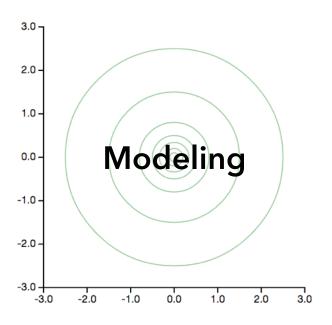


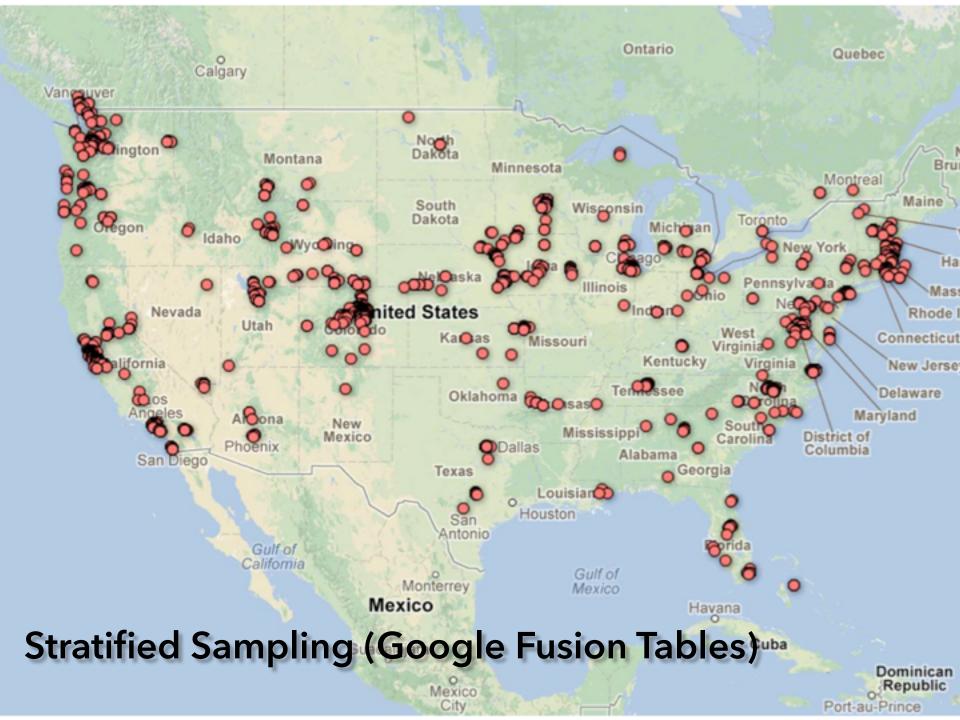


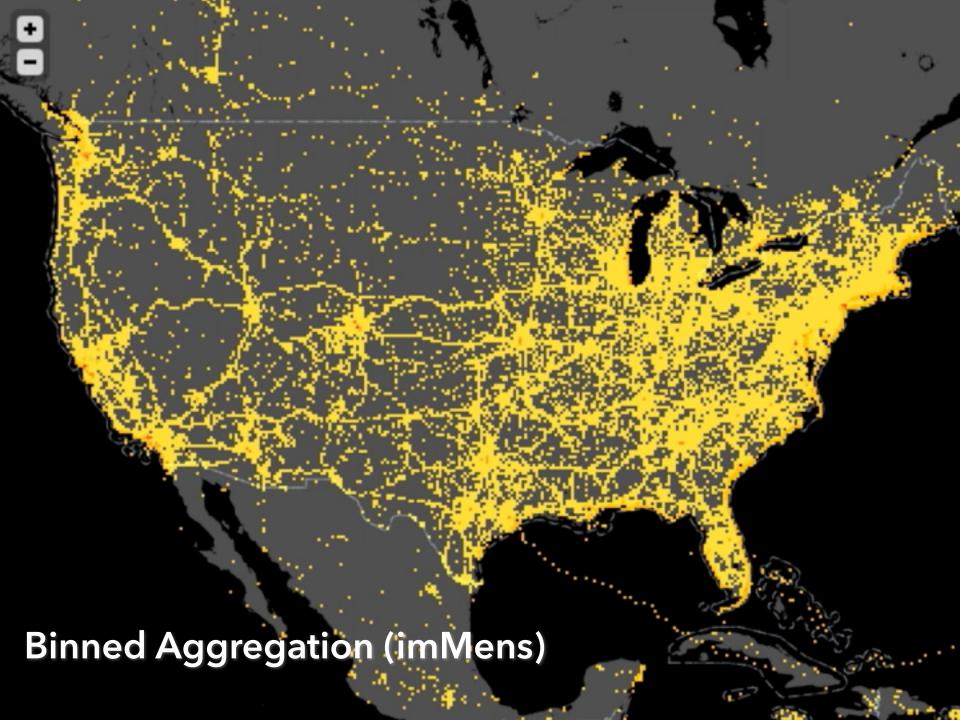


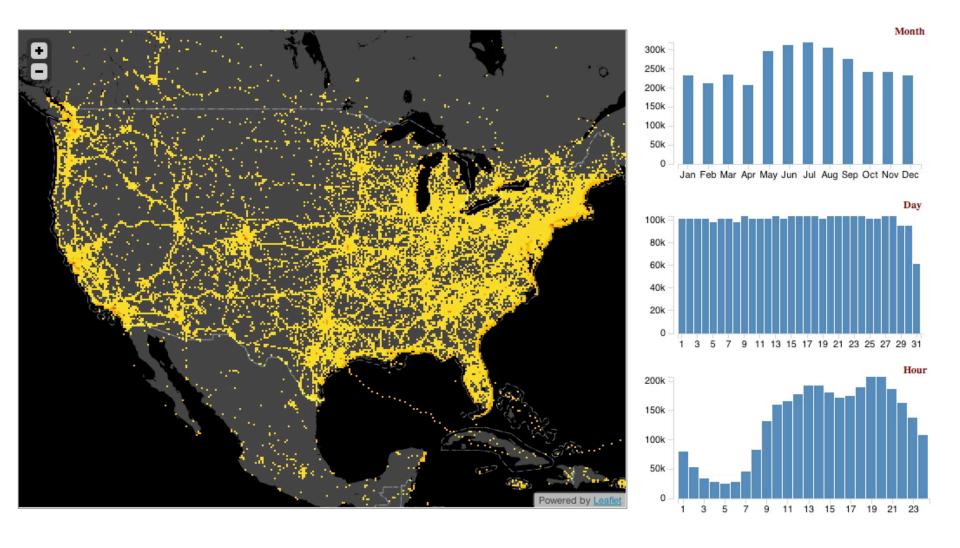






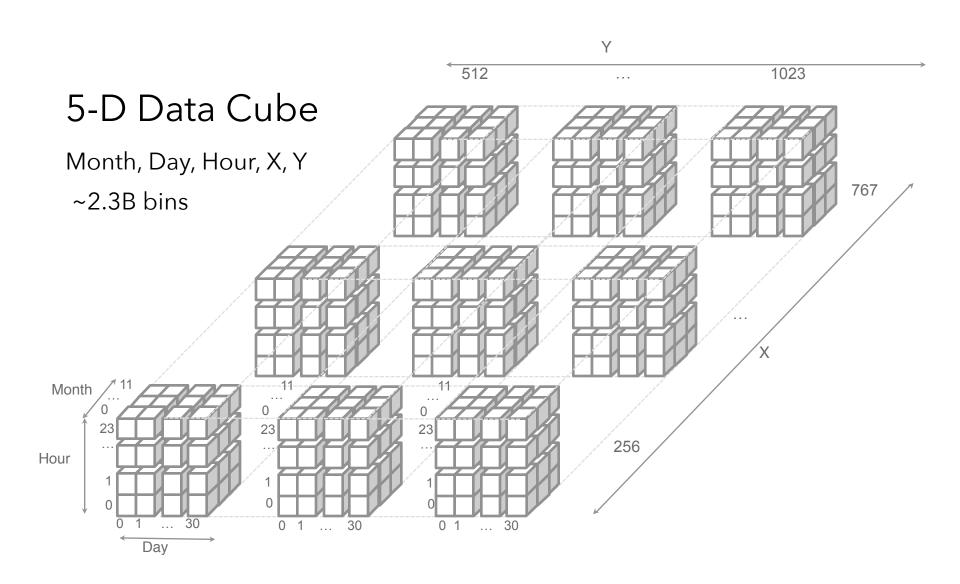


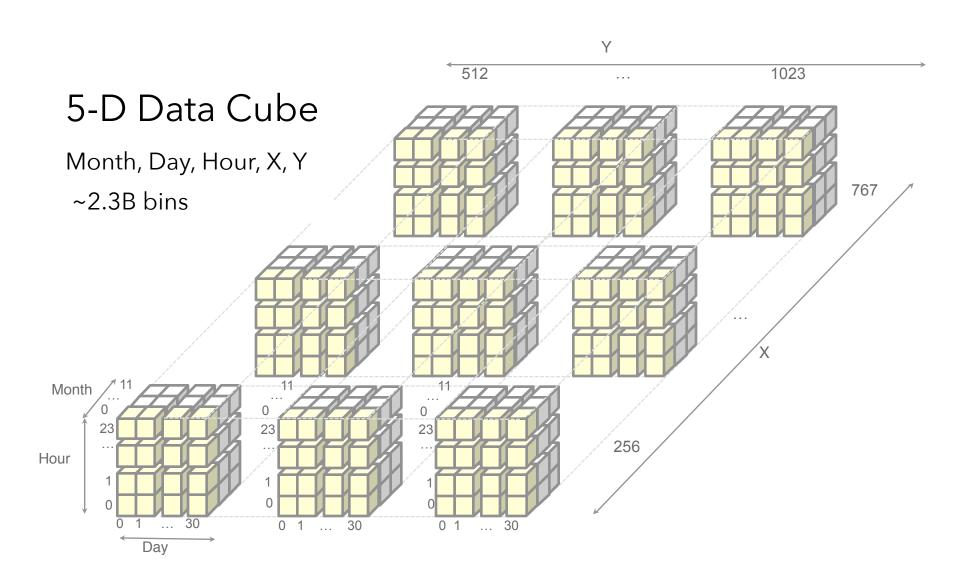


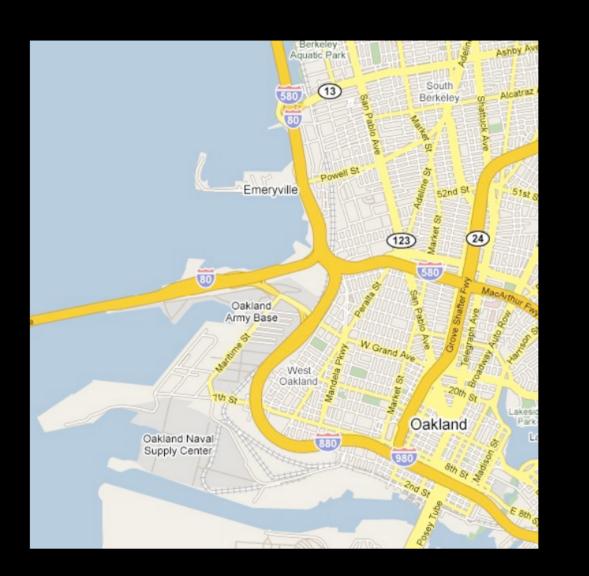


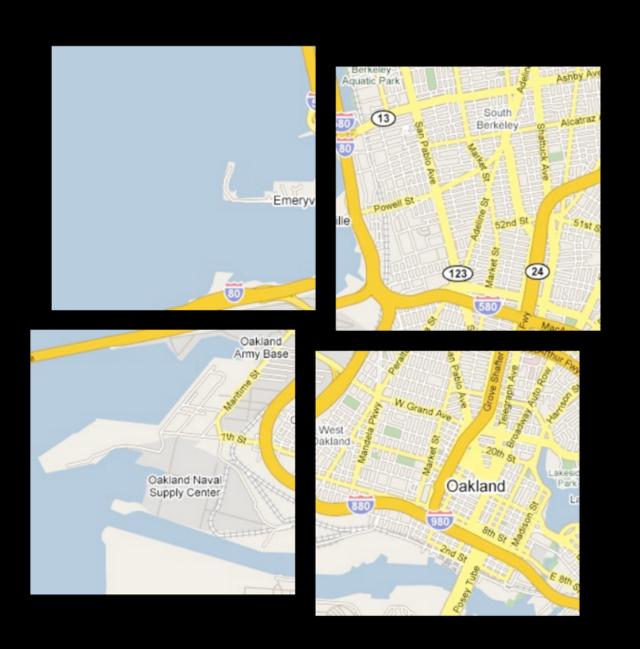
imMens: Real-Time Visual Querying of Big Data

with Zhicheng (Leo) Liu & Biye Jiang



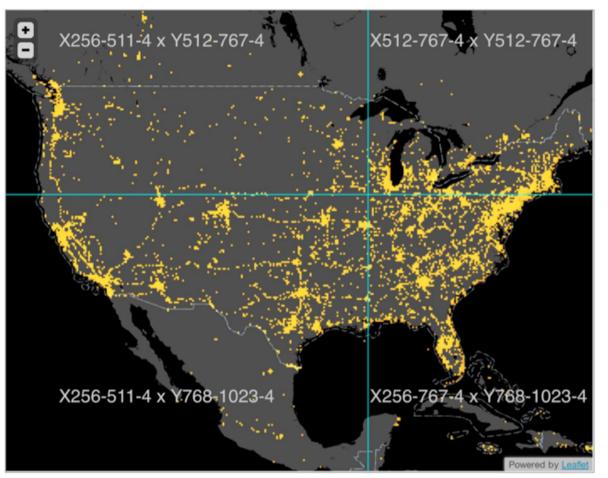




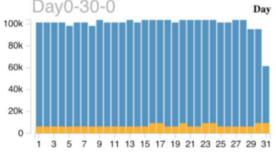


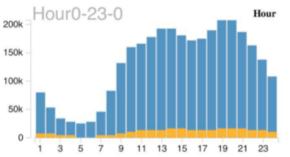
### Multivariate Data Tiles

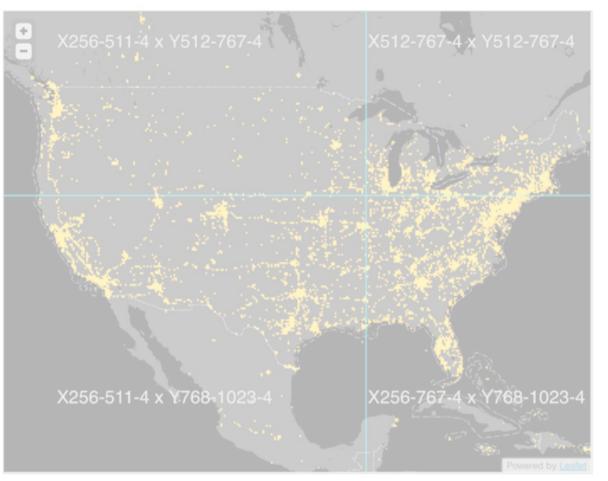
- 1. Send data, not pixels
- 2. Embed multi-dim data

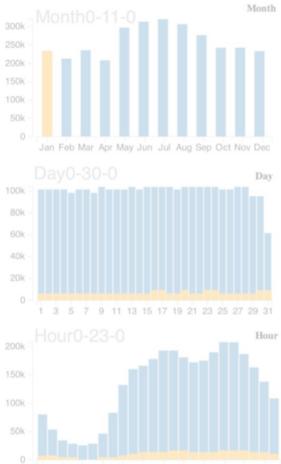


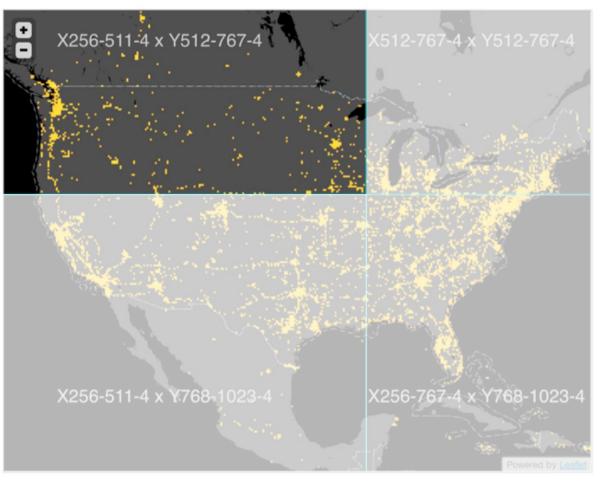




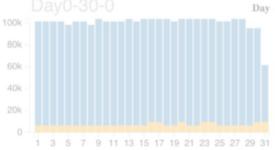


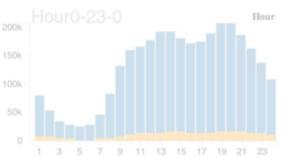


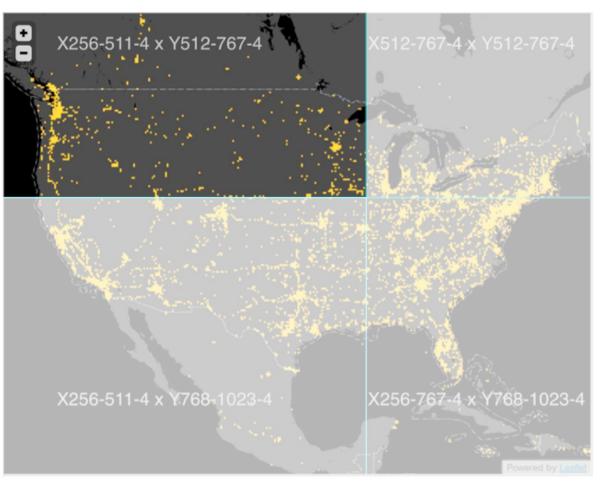




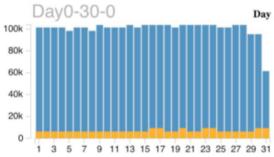


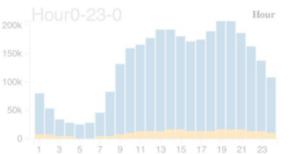


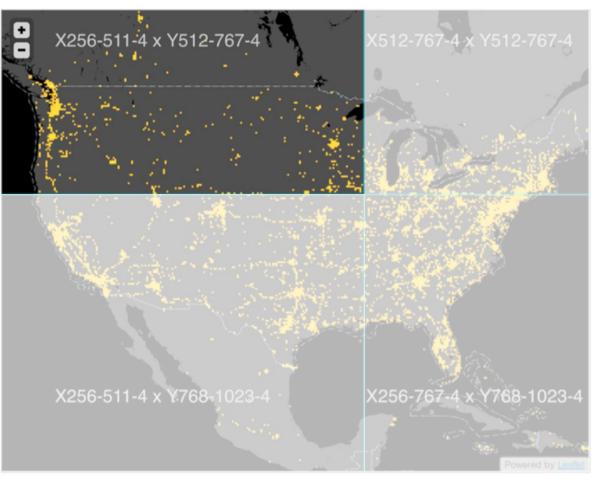




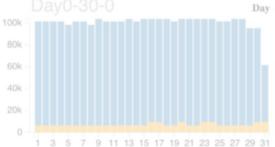


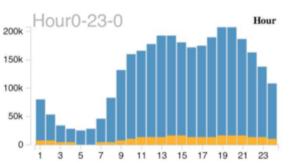


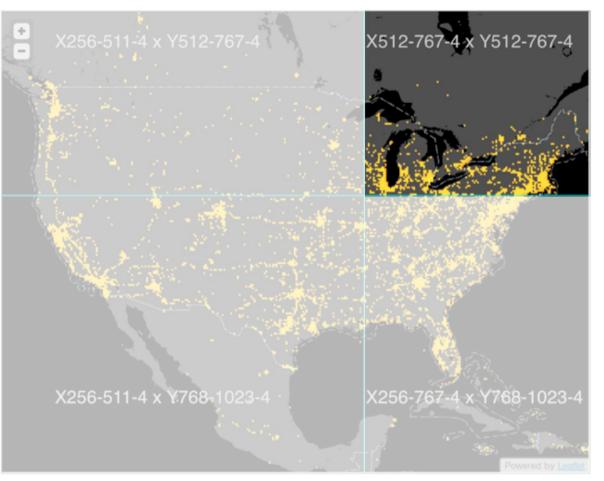


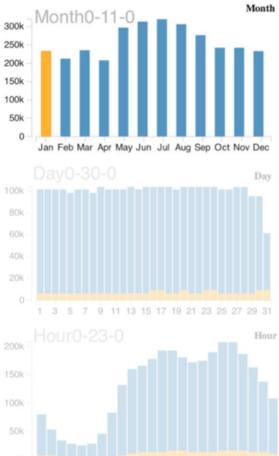


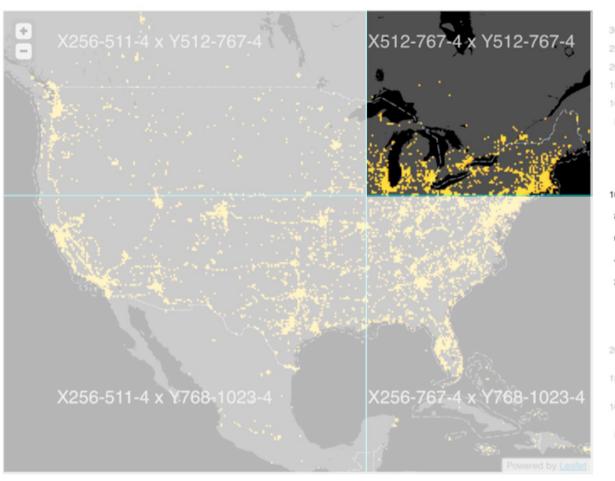


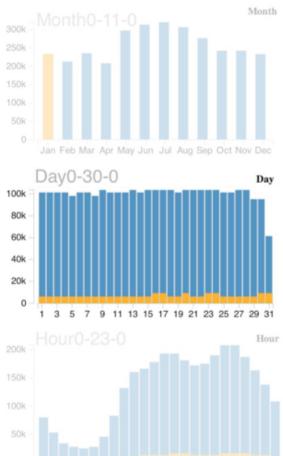


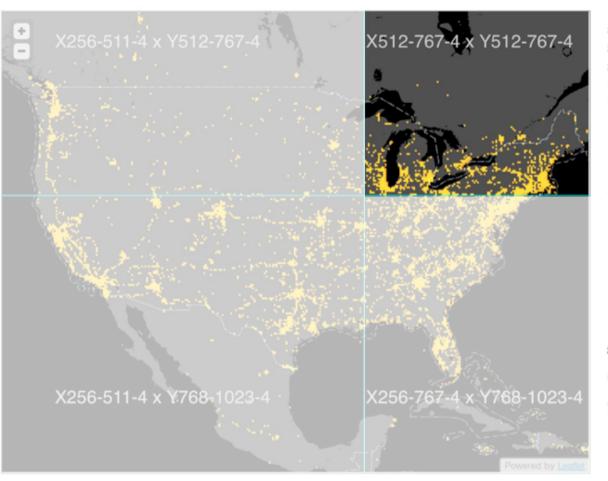


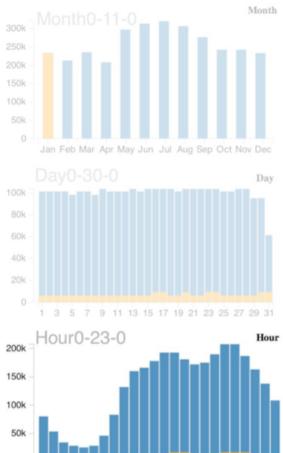




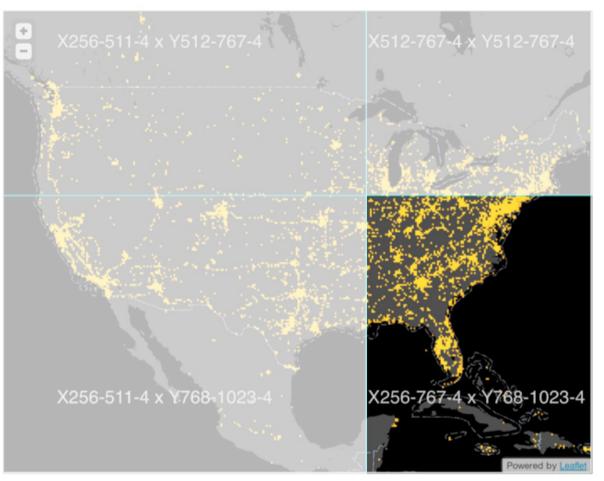


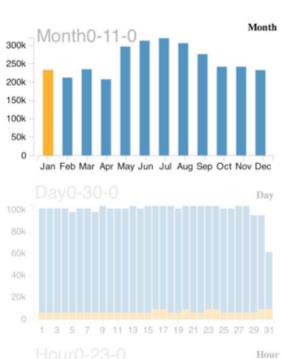


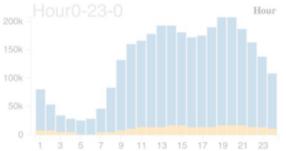


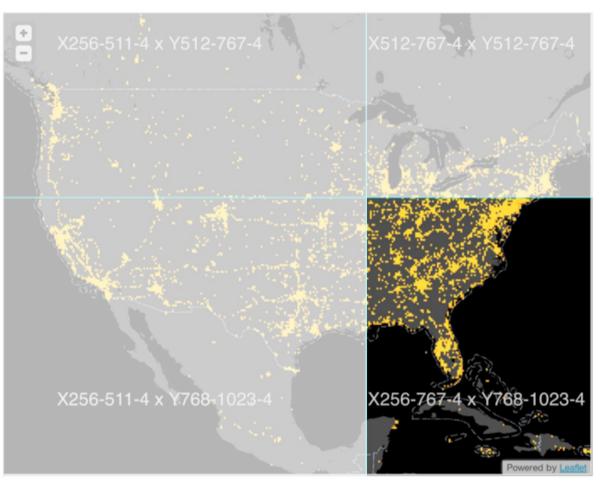


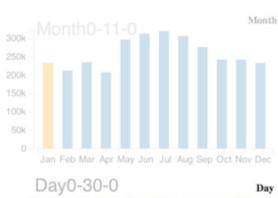
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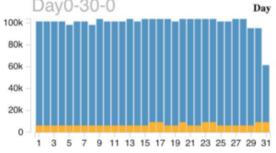


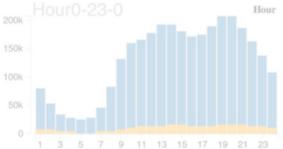


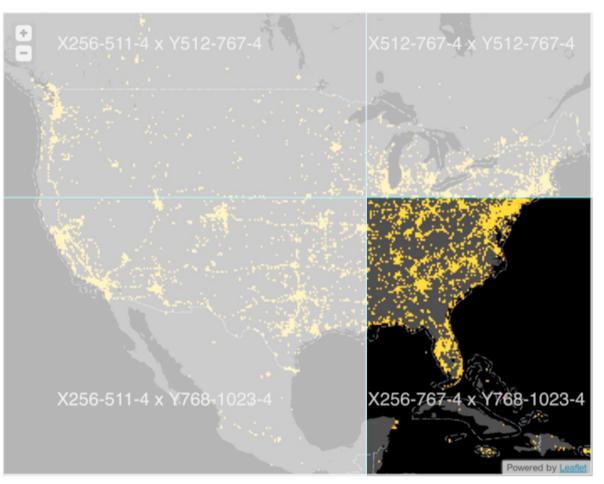




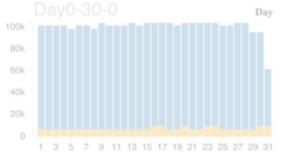


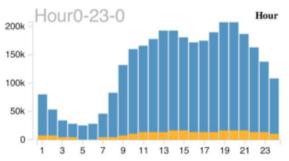


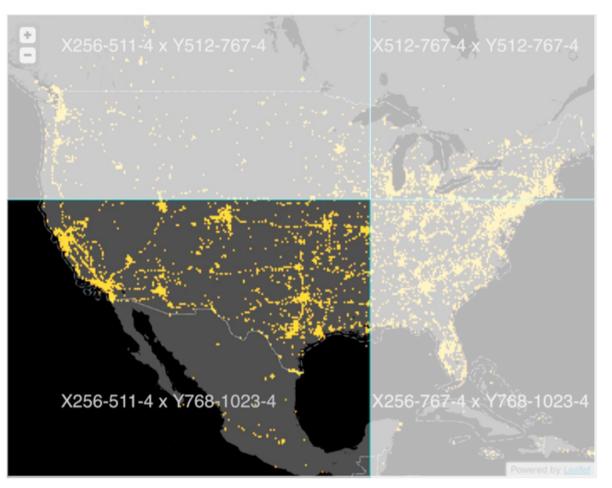


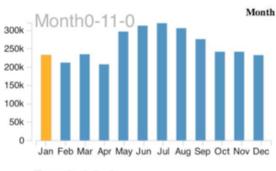


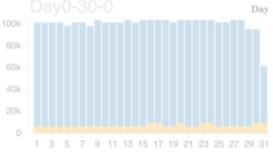


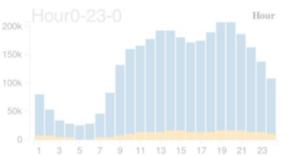


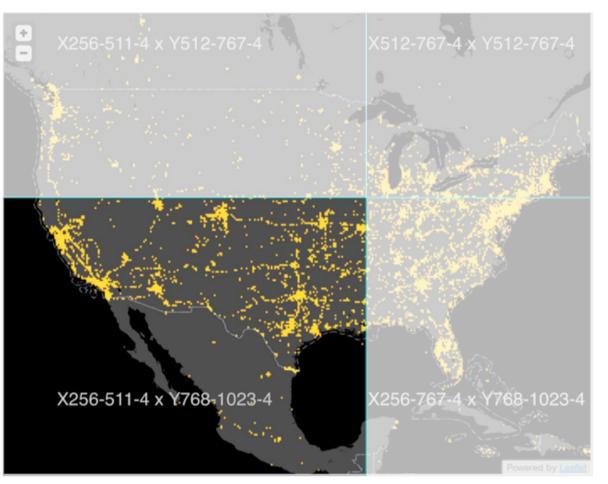




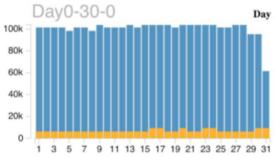


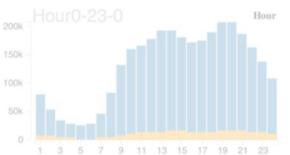


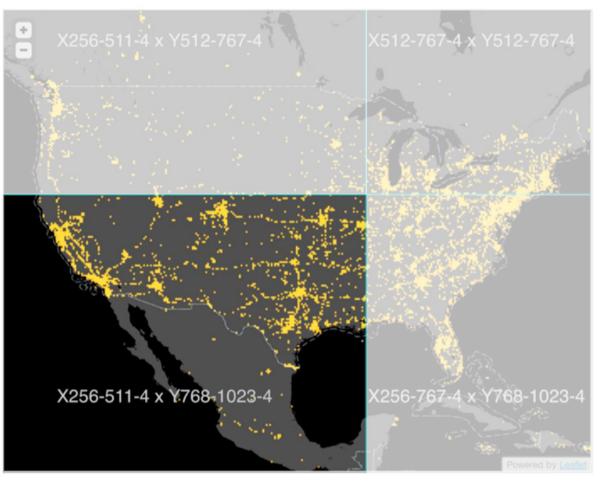




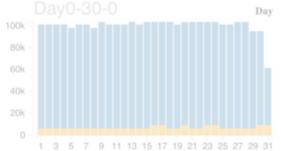


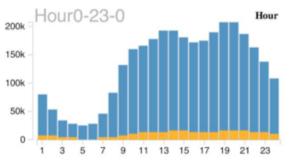


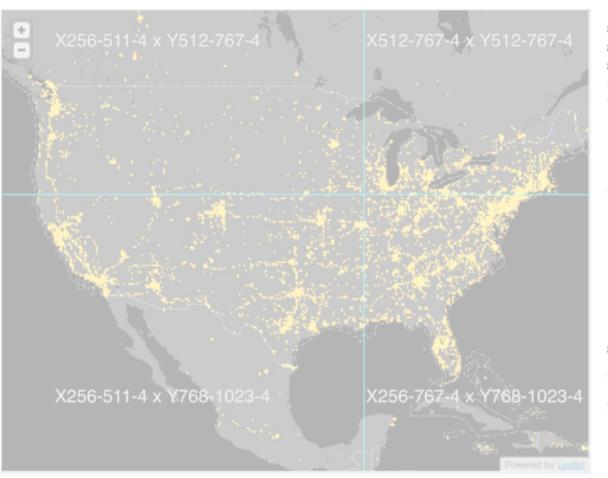


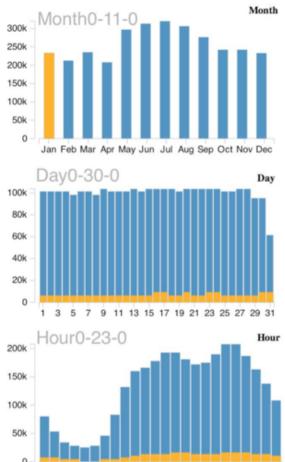






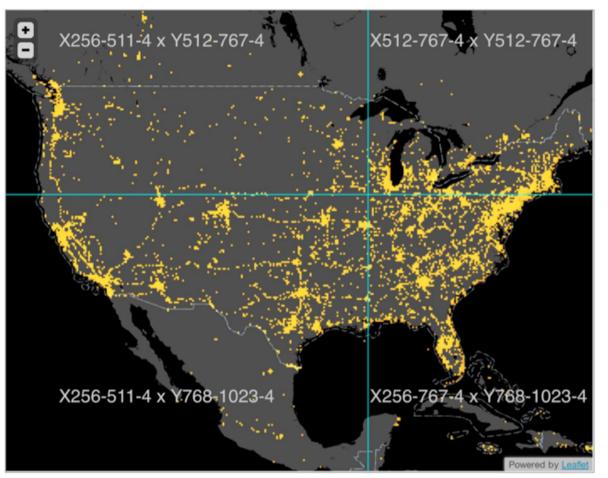




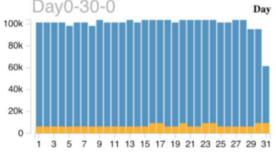


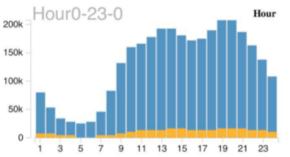
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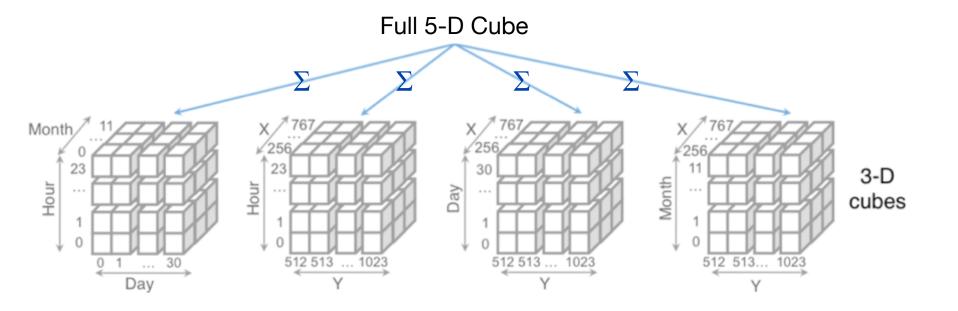




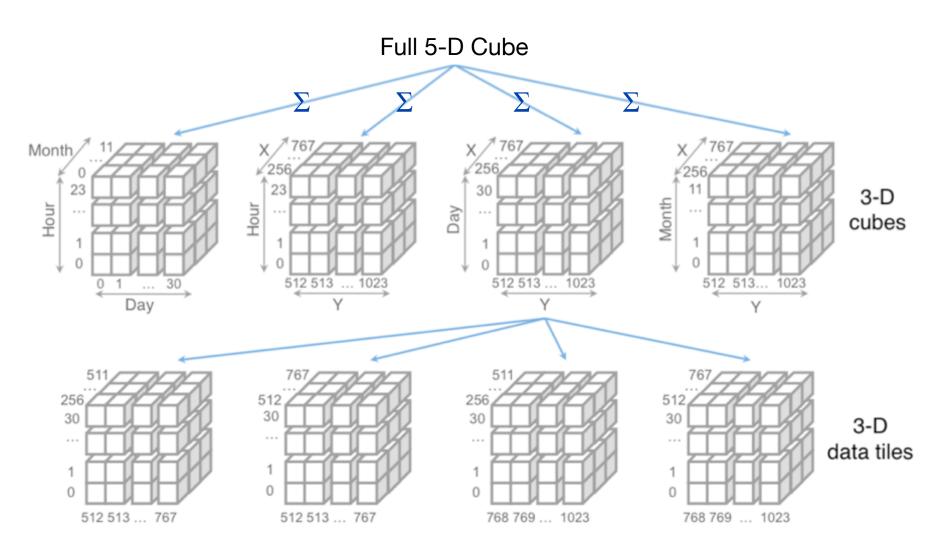




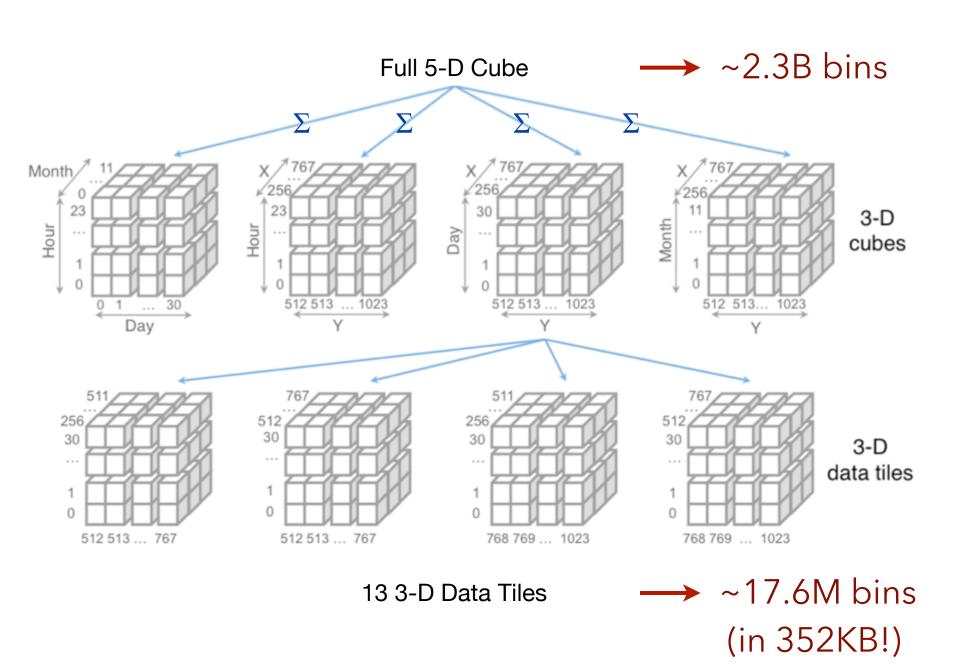
#### Full 5-D Cube



For any pair of 1D or 2D binned plots, the maximum number of dimensions needed to support brushing & linking is **four**.



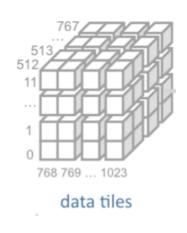
13 3-D Data Tiles



### Multivariate Data Tiles

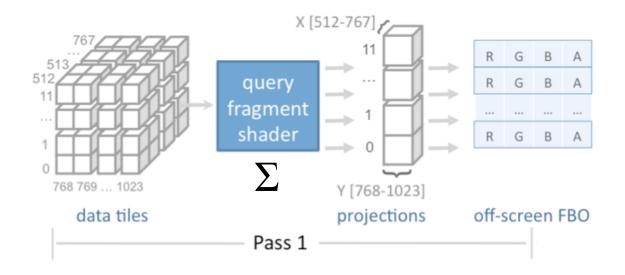
- 1. Send data, not pixels
- 2. Embed multi-dim data
- 3. Parallelize queries (GPU)

## **Query & Render on GPU (WebGL)**



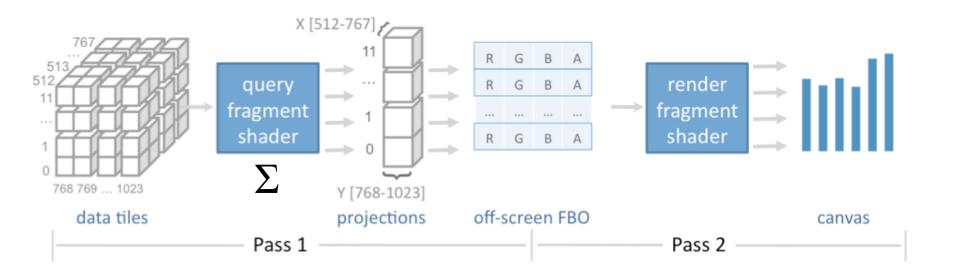
Pre-compute tiles & send from server. Bind data tiles as image textures.

## **Query & Render on GPU (WebGL)**



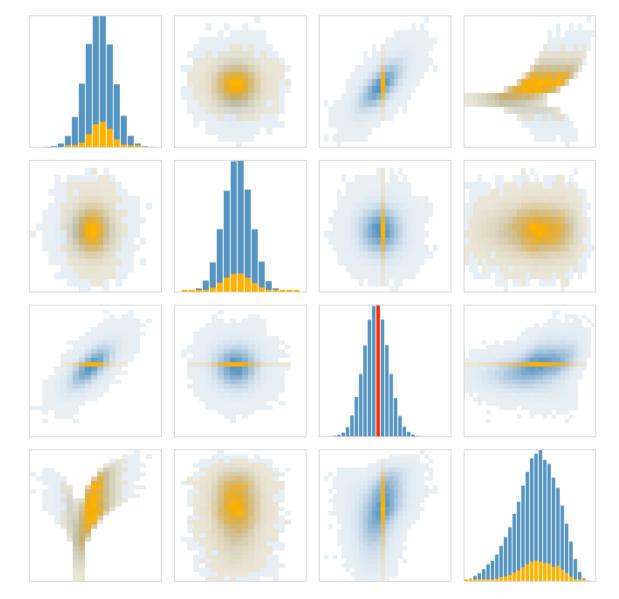
Compute aggregation for each output bin. Executes in parallel on GPU.

# **Query & Render on GPU (WebGL)**



Accumulate results in offscreen buffer. Render resulting plots in second pass.

#### **Performance Benchmarks**



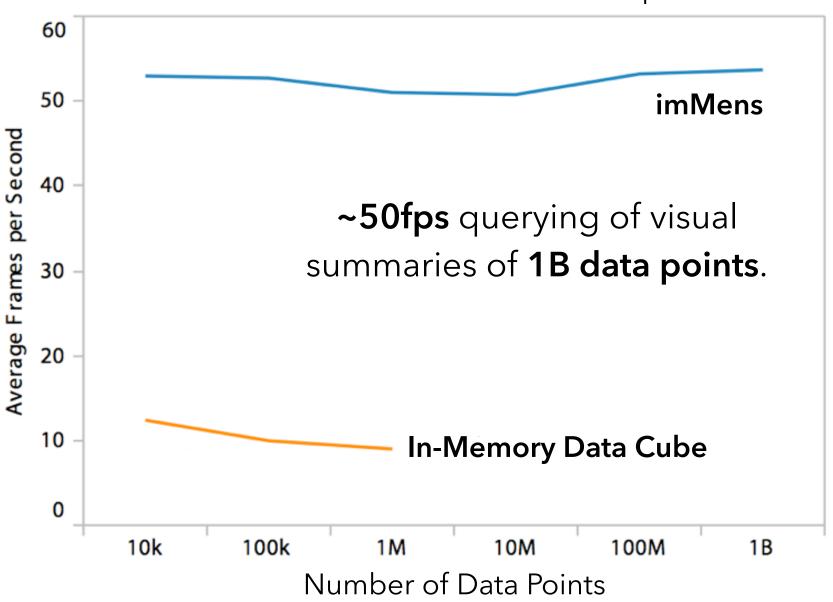
Simulate interaction: brushing & linking across binned plots.

- 4x4 and 5x5 plots
- 10 to 50 bins

Measure time from selection to render.

Test setup: 2.3 GHz MacBook Pro NVIDIA GeForce GT 650M Google Chrome v.23.0

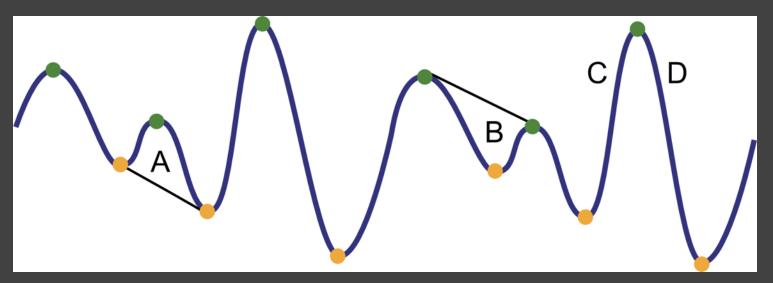
5 dimensions x 50 bins/dim x 25 plots



# **Parting Thoughts**

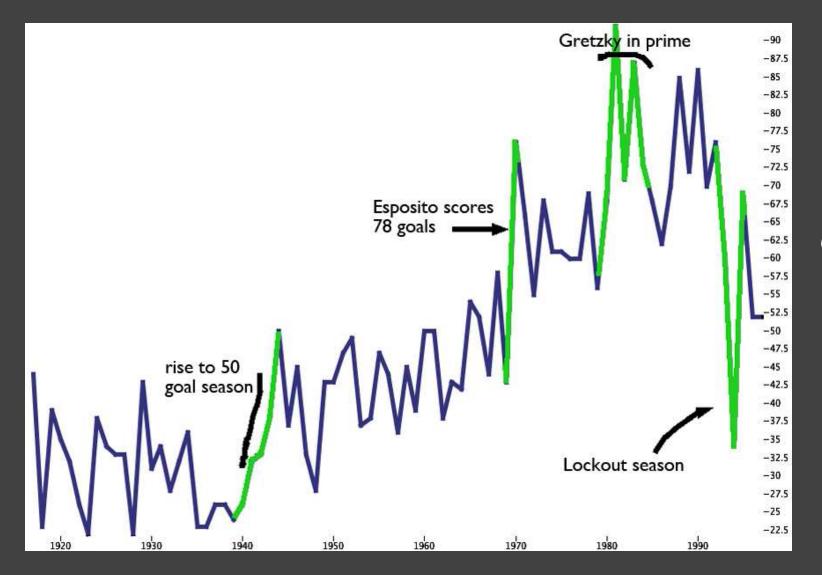
Consider how the structure and/or semantics of the data might be leveraged to aid analysis.

One idea: look beyond data features to incorporate perceptual features of the display.



Peaks, valleys, & slopes

## Perceptual Annotation [Kong & agrawala 09]



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## Summary

Most visualizations are interactive

Even passive media elicit interactions

Good visualizations are task dependent

Pick the right interaction technique

Consider the semantics of the data domain

Fundamental interaction techniques
Selection / Annotation, Sorting, Navigation,
Brushing & Linking, Dynamic Queries