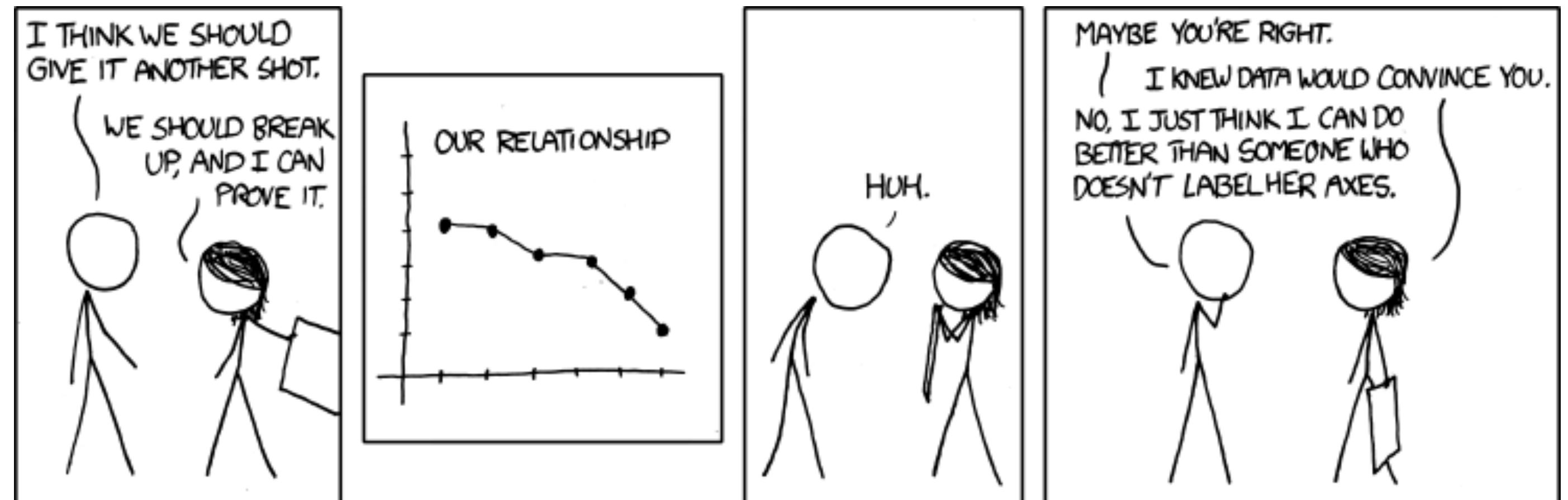


# CS-5630 / CS-6630 Visualization for Data Science Interaction

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# Project

It's time to start thinking about your project.

Announce your project by Oct 7

Your project proposal, due Oct 21

Come to office hours!

Peer feedback session on Oct 25 (mandatory attendance)

What you need:

A team – use #looking-f-teammember channel

An idea

A dataset (that you actually can get!) <https://www.dataviscourse.net/2022/resources/>

More Info: <https://www.dataviscourse.net/2022/project/>

# Stages

Announcement (not graded)

Proposal (5%)

Project Milestone (10%)

Final Project (25%)

Process Book

Narrated Video

Vis live on website

# Project Requirements

Scope as agreed upon with TAs

Be ambitious! Define your goals and categorize them:

- must have, nice to have, etc.

- check out the hall of fame!

Minimum:

- original idea of dataset/vis combo

- interactive

- at least two coordinated views



# Dos and Don'ts

Do a custom visualization

Do a newspaper-style visualization – add narration and storytelling

Don't build a generic exploration tool – focus on one dataset

Communicate your project well, on website, on video.

# IEEE VIS



THE Conference for data visualization

[ieevis.org](http://ieevis.org)

Oct 16-21 (week after fall break)

Most of course staff is traveling -> no class!

Use the time to work on project proposals

We'll post highlight videos instead of lectures

# Interaction

# Spectrum

## Static Content

e.g., infographics, books

## Dynamic Content

### 1. Animated Content

“Auto-play”, user not in control

### 2. Interactive Content

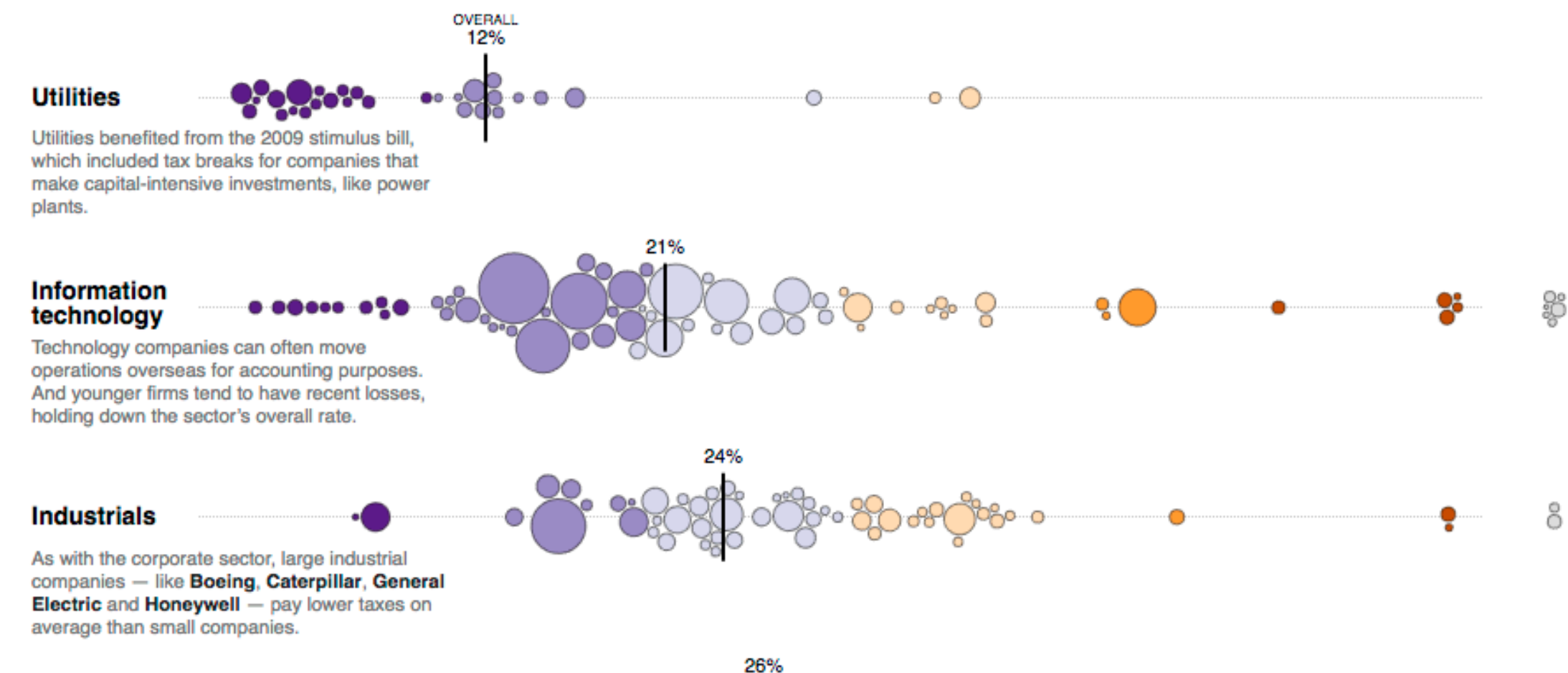
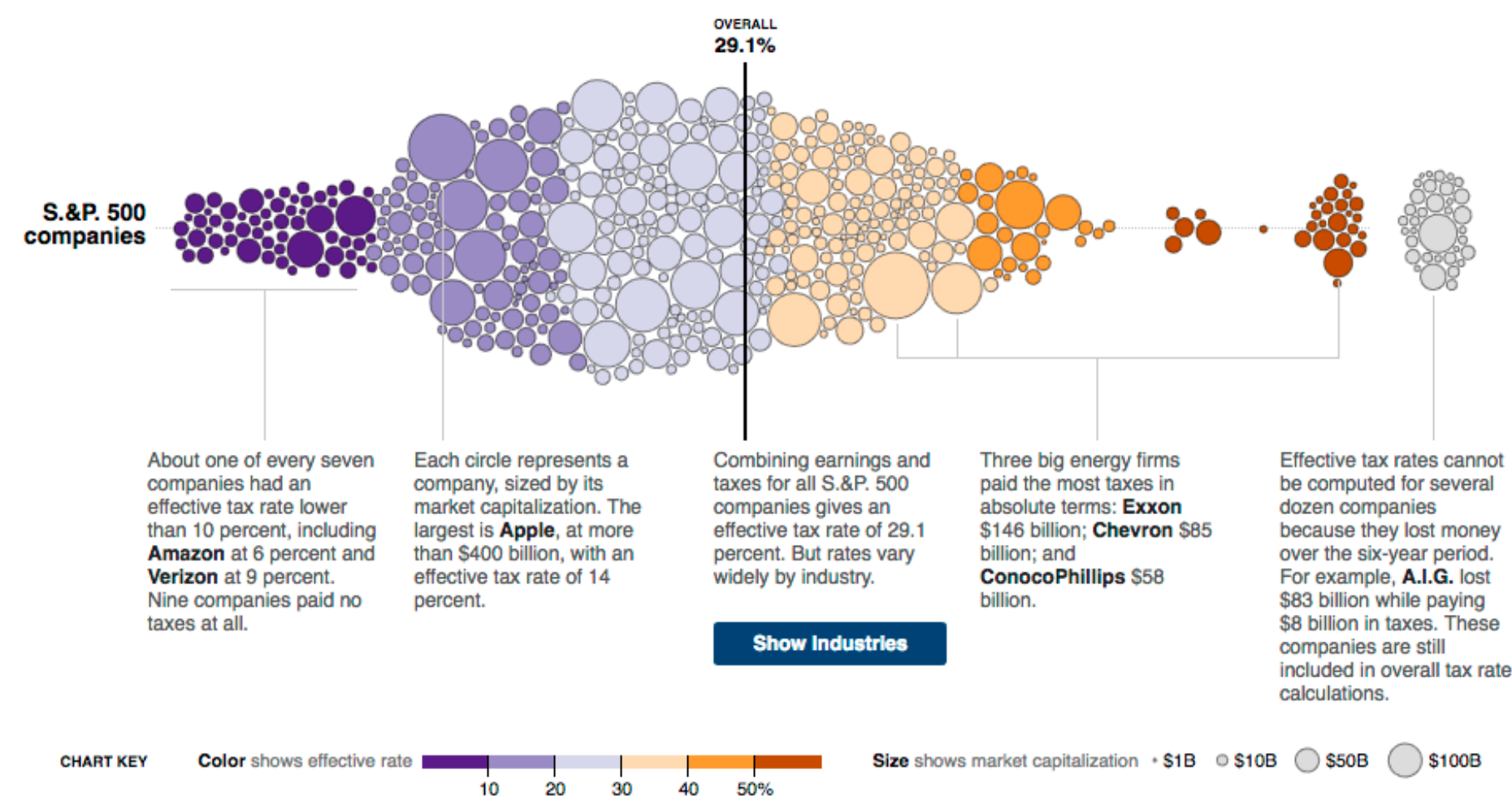
Changes are a result of user actions

# Why Interact with Visualization?

Explore data that is big / complex

There is too much data

There are too many ways to show it



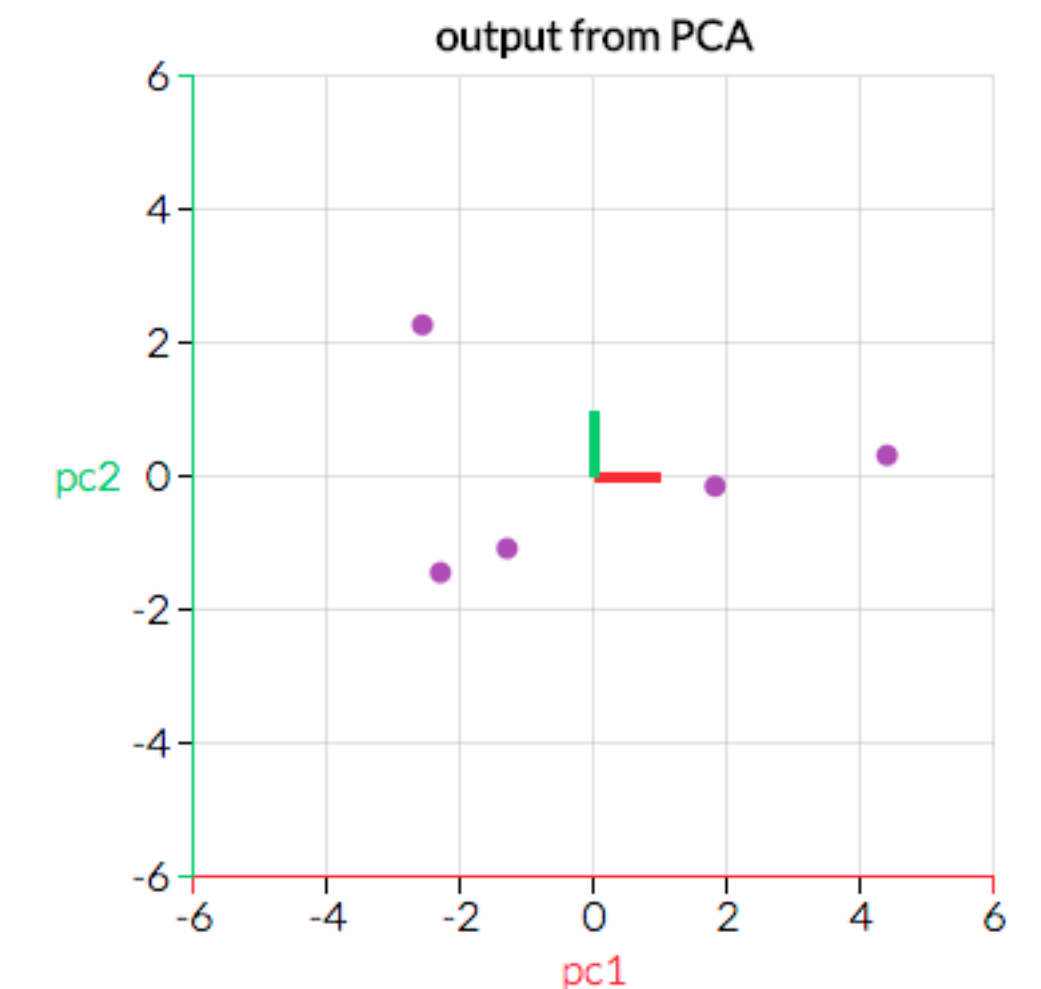
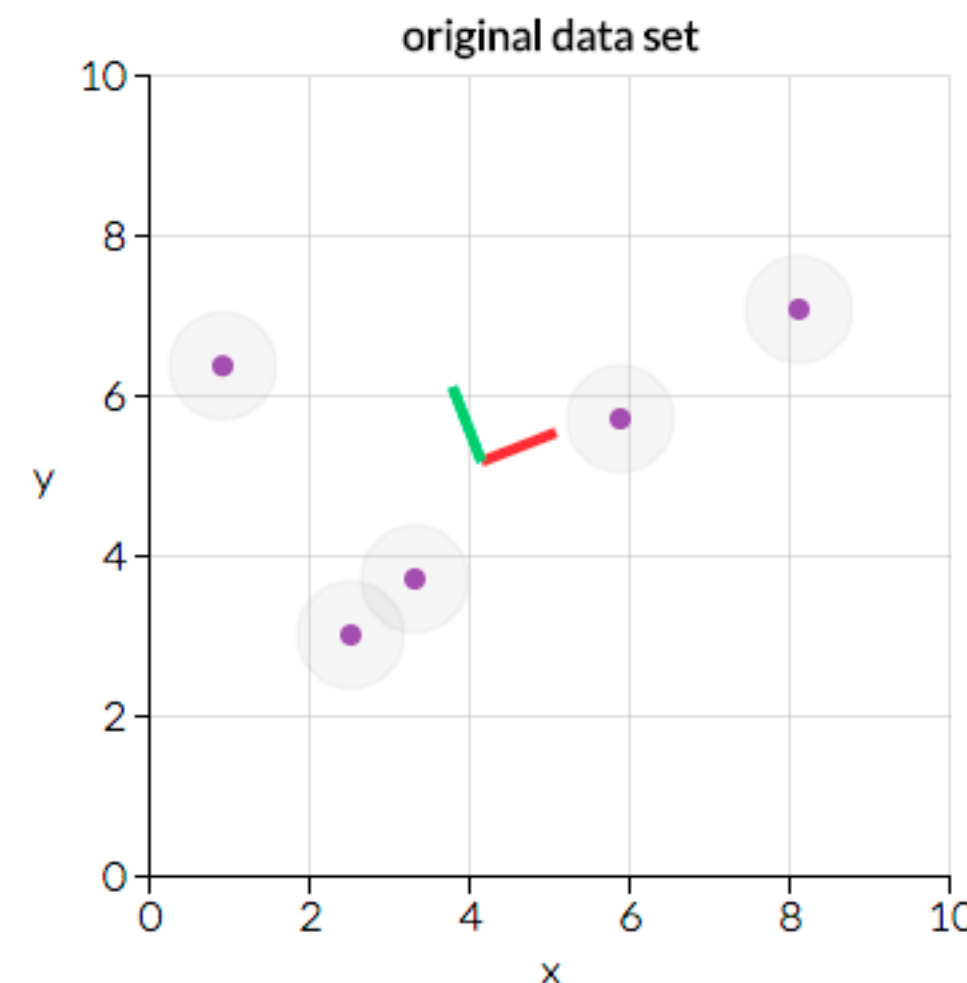
# Why Interact with Visualization?

Interaction amplifies cognition

We understand things better

if we can touch them

if we can observe cause  
and effect





# Interaction Methods

What do you design for?

Mouse, keyboard?

Touch interaction / mobile?

Gestures?

Eye Movement?

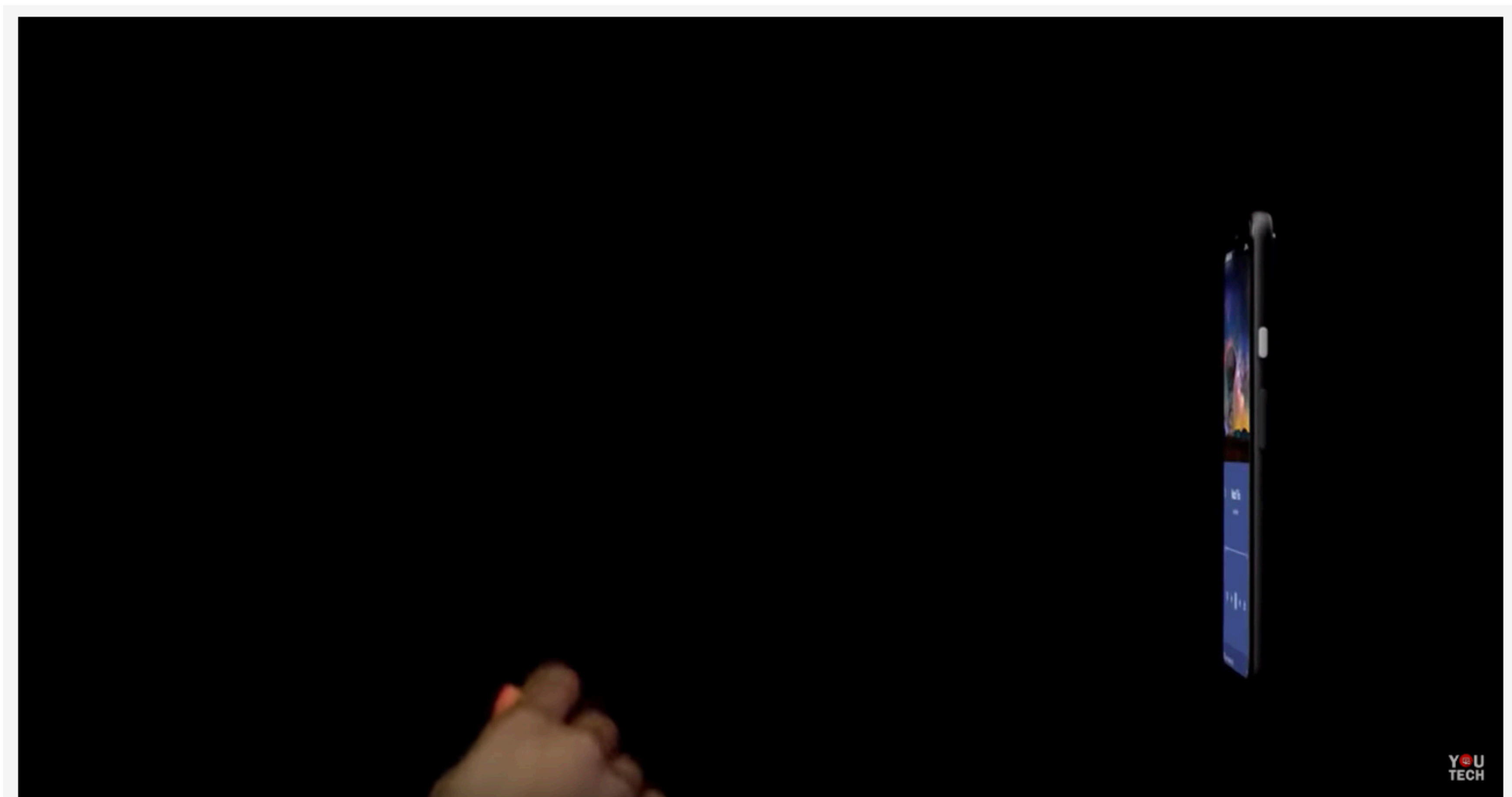
Speech?









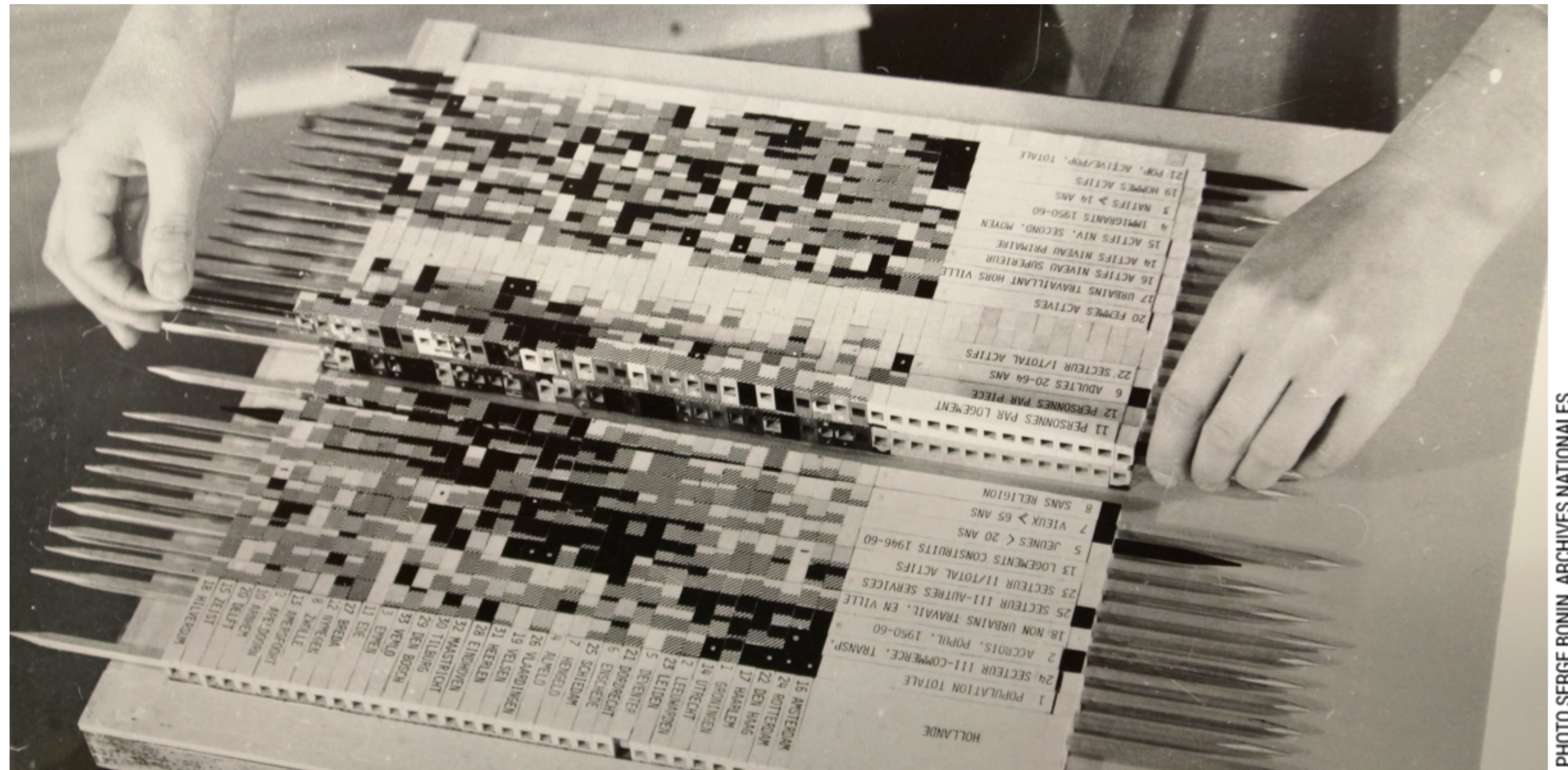
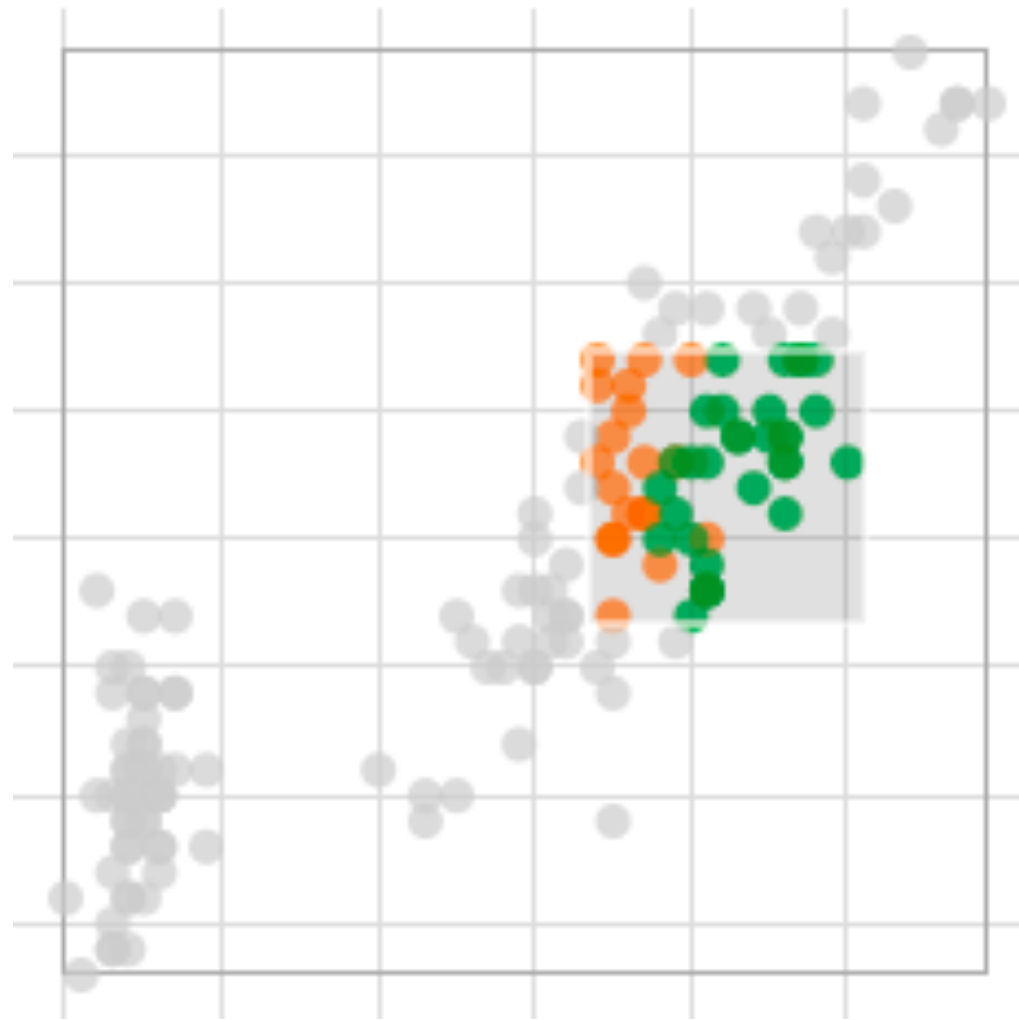


# Direct Manipulation

Interact directly with object

Continuous feedback / updates

Compare to using a query,  
a slider, etc.





# Types of Interaction

## Single View

Change over time

Navigation

Semantic zooming

Filtering and Querying

Focus + Context

## Multiple Views

Selection (Details on Demand)

Linking & Brushing

Adapting Representations

Future Lecture

# Purposes of Interaction

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queue.acm.org

**A taxonomy of tools that support the fluent and flexible use of visualizations.**

BY JEFFREY HEER AND BEN SHNEIDERMAN

## Interactive Dynamics for Visual Analysis

THE INCREASING SCALE and availability of digital data provides an extraordinary resource for informing public policy, scientific discovery, business strategy, and even our personal lives. To get the most out of such data, however, users must be able to make sense of it: To pursue questions, uncover patterns of interest, and

identify (and potentially correct) errors. In concert with data-management systems and statistical algorithms, analysis requires contextualized hu-

analysis consists of repeated explorations as users develop insights about significant relationships, domain-specific contextual influences, and causal

TABLE 1: Taxonomy of interactive dynamics for visual analysis

Data & View Specification	Visualize data by choosing visual encodings. Filter out data to focus on relevant items. Sort items to expose patterns. Derive values or models from source data.
View Manipulation	Select items to highlight, filter, or manipulate them. Navigate to examine high-level patterns and low-level detail. Coordinate views for linked, multi-dimensional exploration. Organize multiple windows and workspaces.
Process & Provenance	Record analysis histories for revisitation, review and sharing. Annotate patterns to document findings. Share views and annotations to enable collaboration. Guide users through analysis tasks or stories.

Data & View Specification, View Manipulation

<https://taggle-daily.caleydoapp.org/>

Process and Provenance:

[https://gapminder.caleydoapp.org/#clue\\_graph=clue\\_gapminder0&clue\\_state=30&clue=P&clue\\_slide=41](https://gapminder.caleydoapp.org/#clue_graph=clue_gapminder0&clue_state=30&clue=P&clue_slide=41)

# Change over Time / Transitions

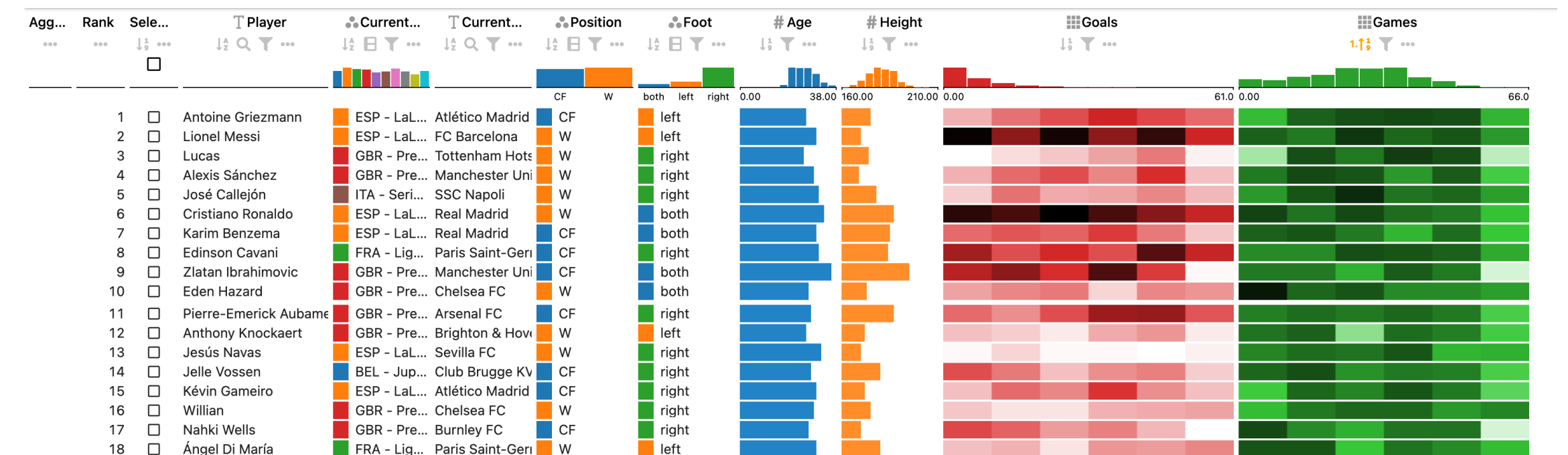
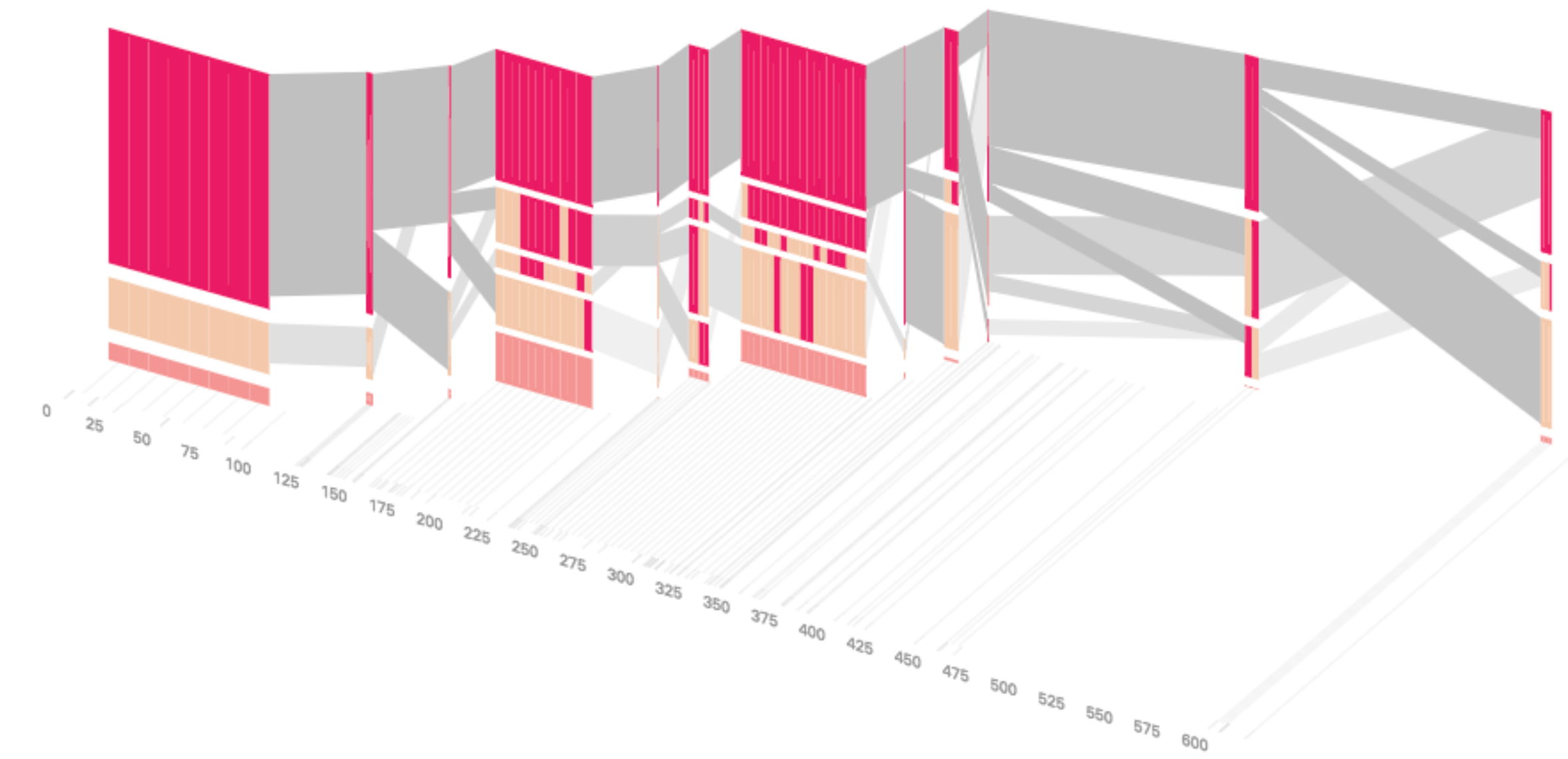
# Why Change?

Different representations support different tasks

bar chart, vs stacked bar chart

Change Ordering, Layouts, Mapping, ....

Transition make it possible for users to track what is going on

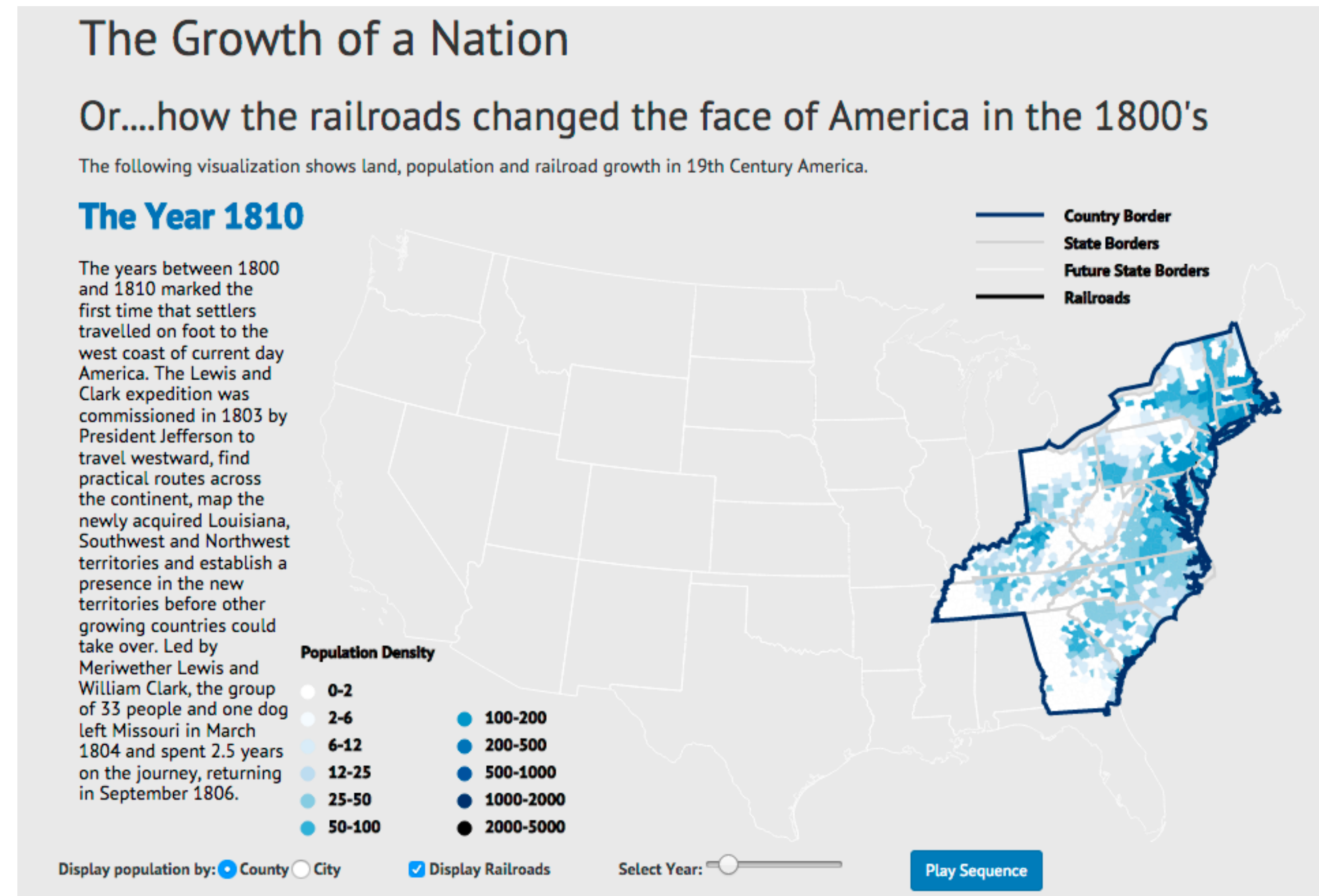




# Change

Use, e.g., slider to see view with data at different times

Sometimes better to show difference explicitly

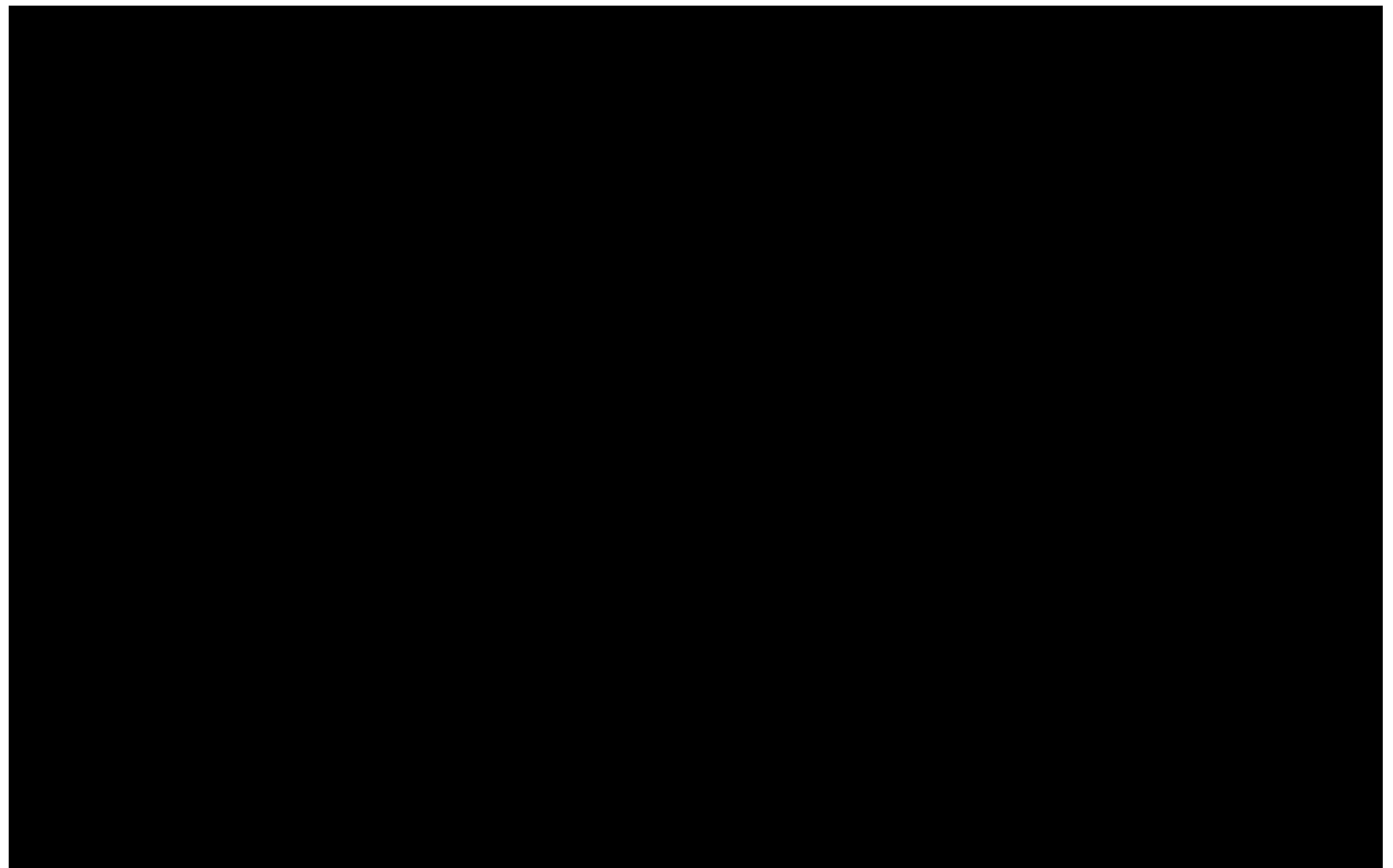


# Animated Transitions

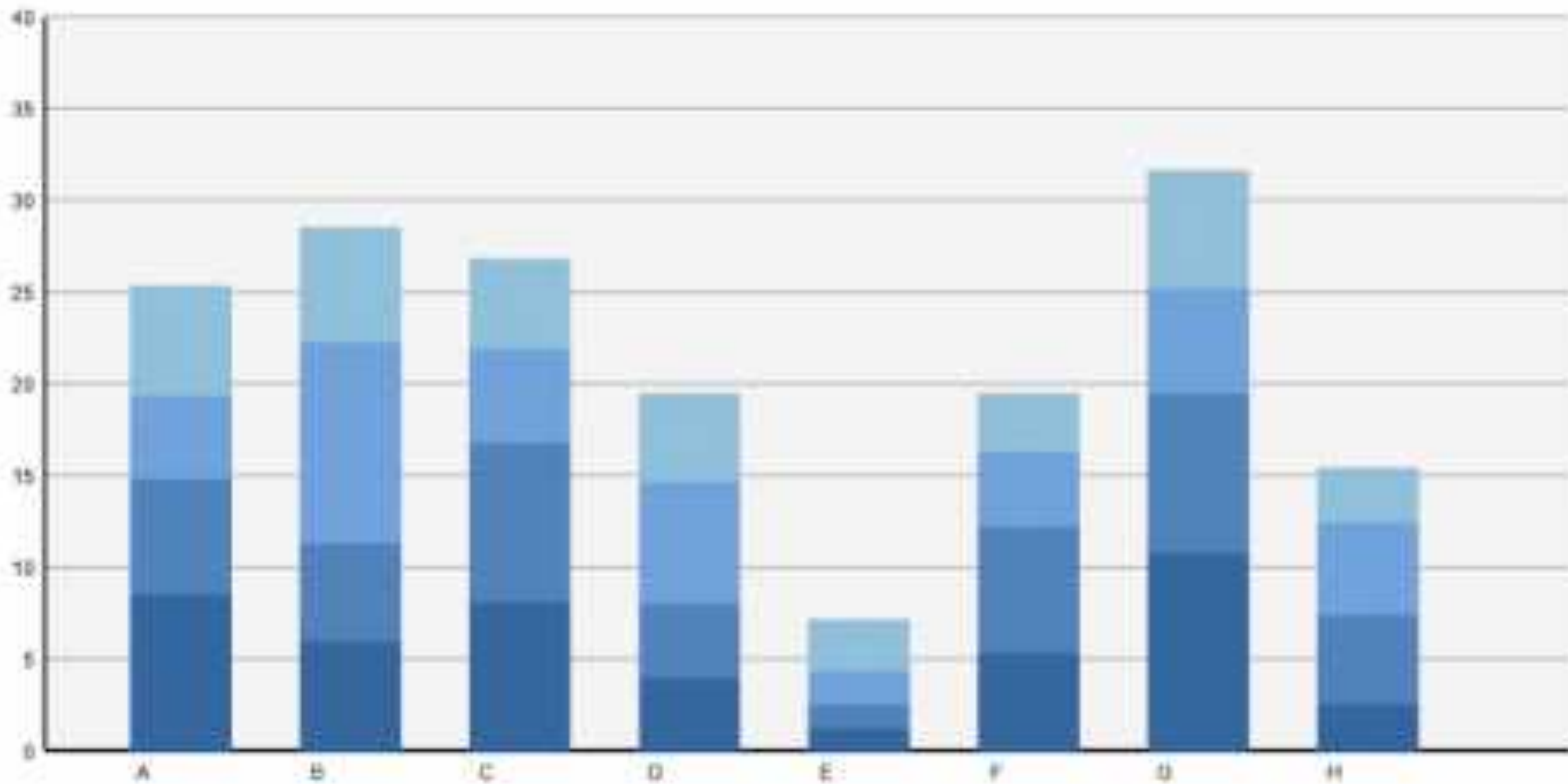
Smooth interpolation between  
states or visualization  
techniques

Keep track of items

Understand relationships  
between states







[Heer & Robertson, 2007]

# Animation Caveats

Changes can be hard to track

Eyes over memory!

Show all states in multiple views

# Navigation

# Navigation

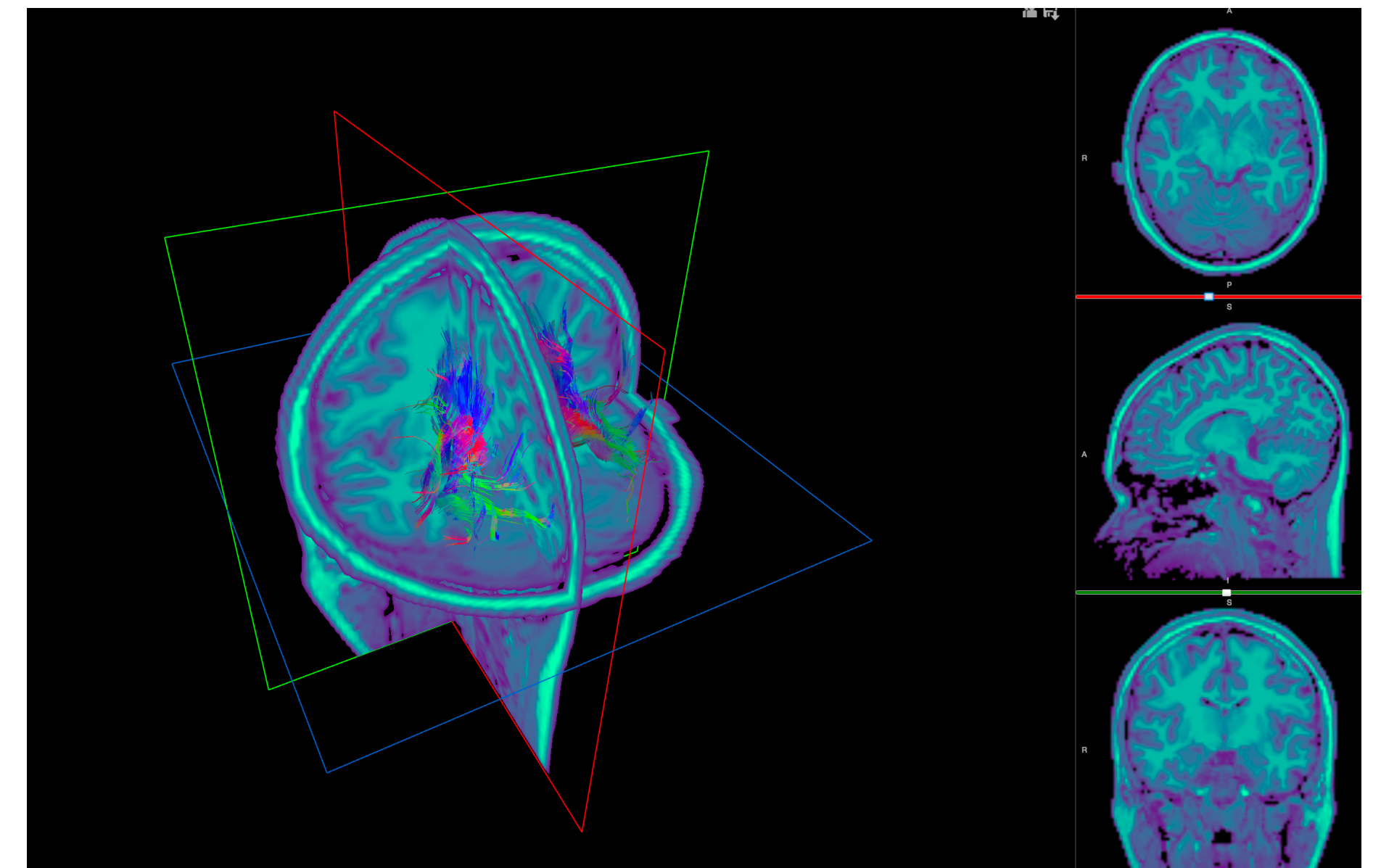
## Pan

move around

## Zoom

enlarge/ make smaller (move  
camera)

## Rotate





# Navigating a Story: Scrollytelling

Telling an interactive story

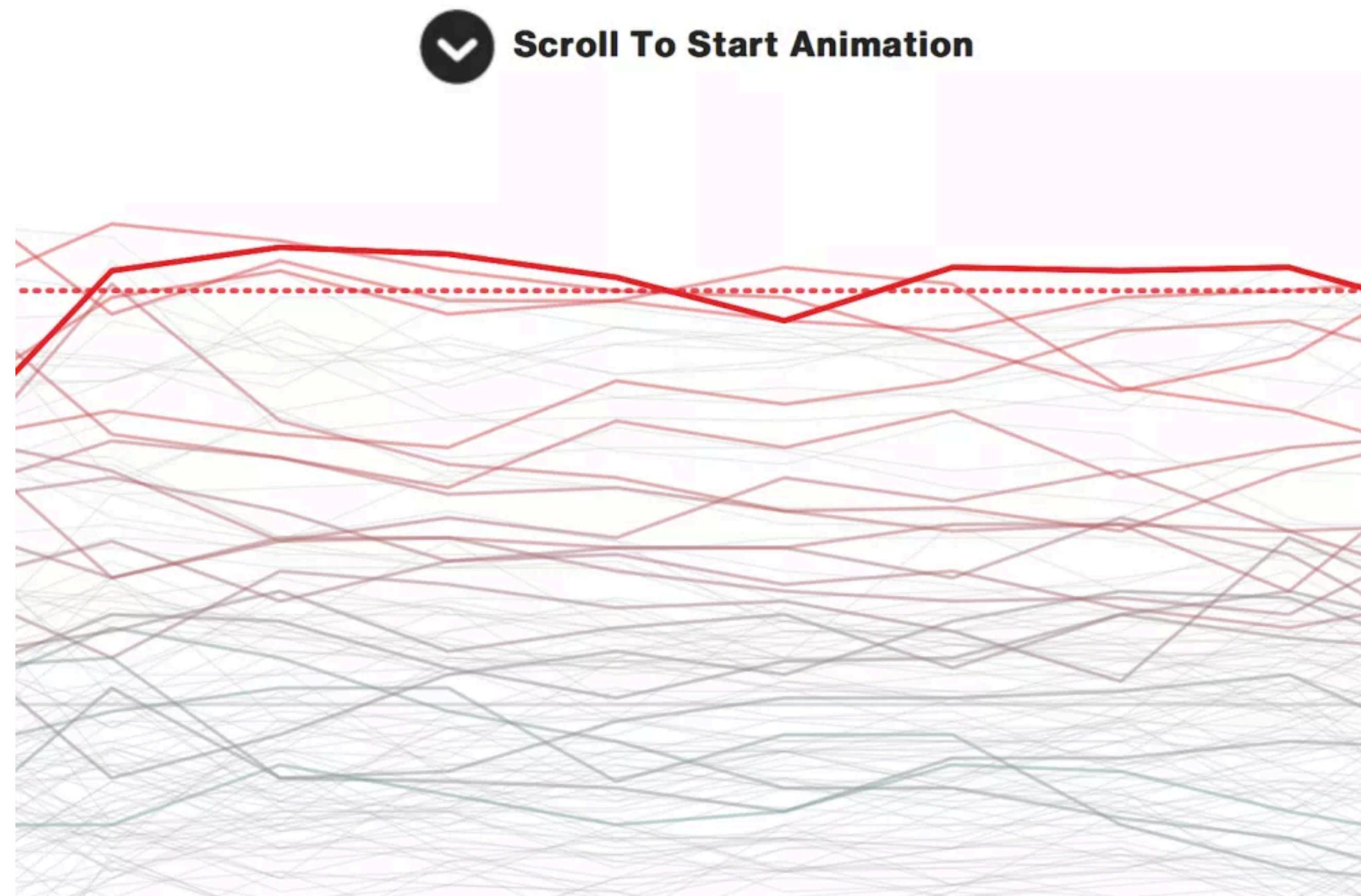
Interaction by scrolling

Nice but

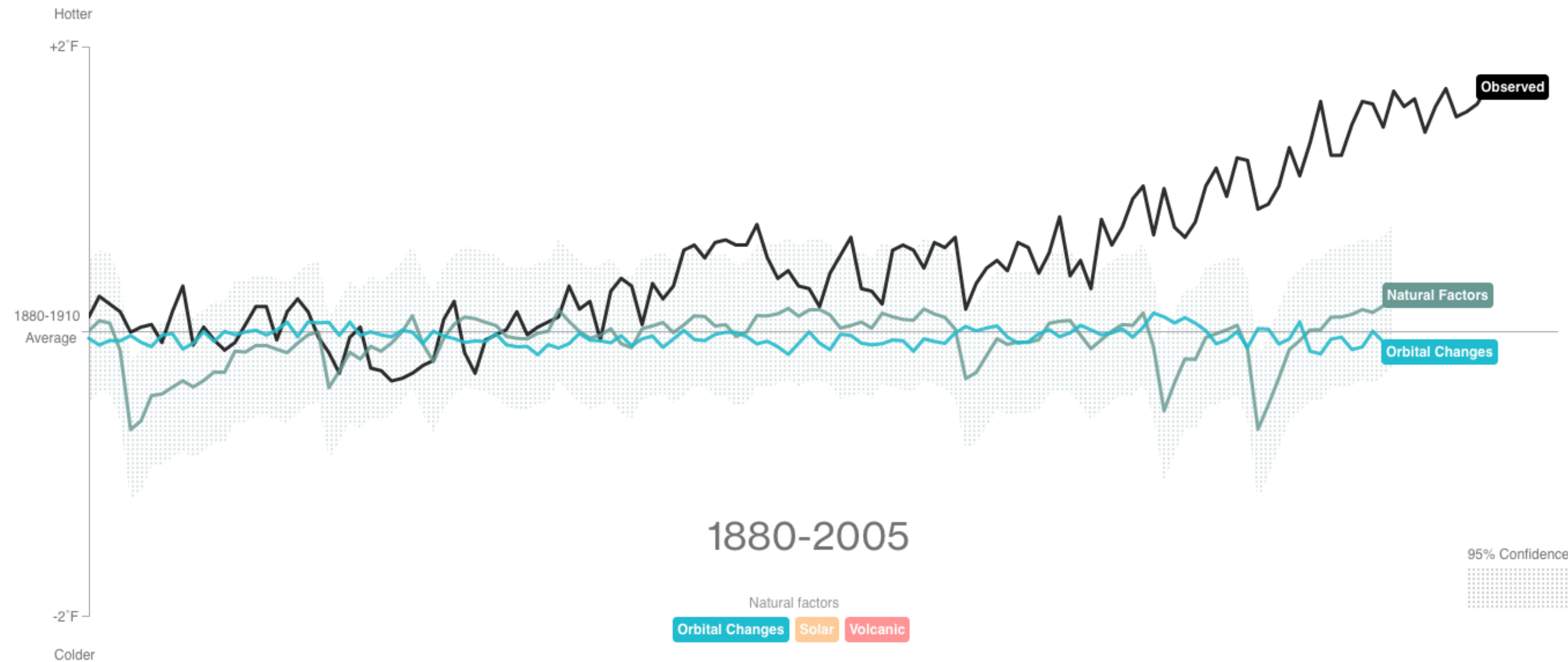
Continuous scrolling vs discrete states

Direct access

Unexpected behavior



# Example: What's Warming the World



# Semantic Zooming

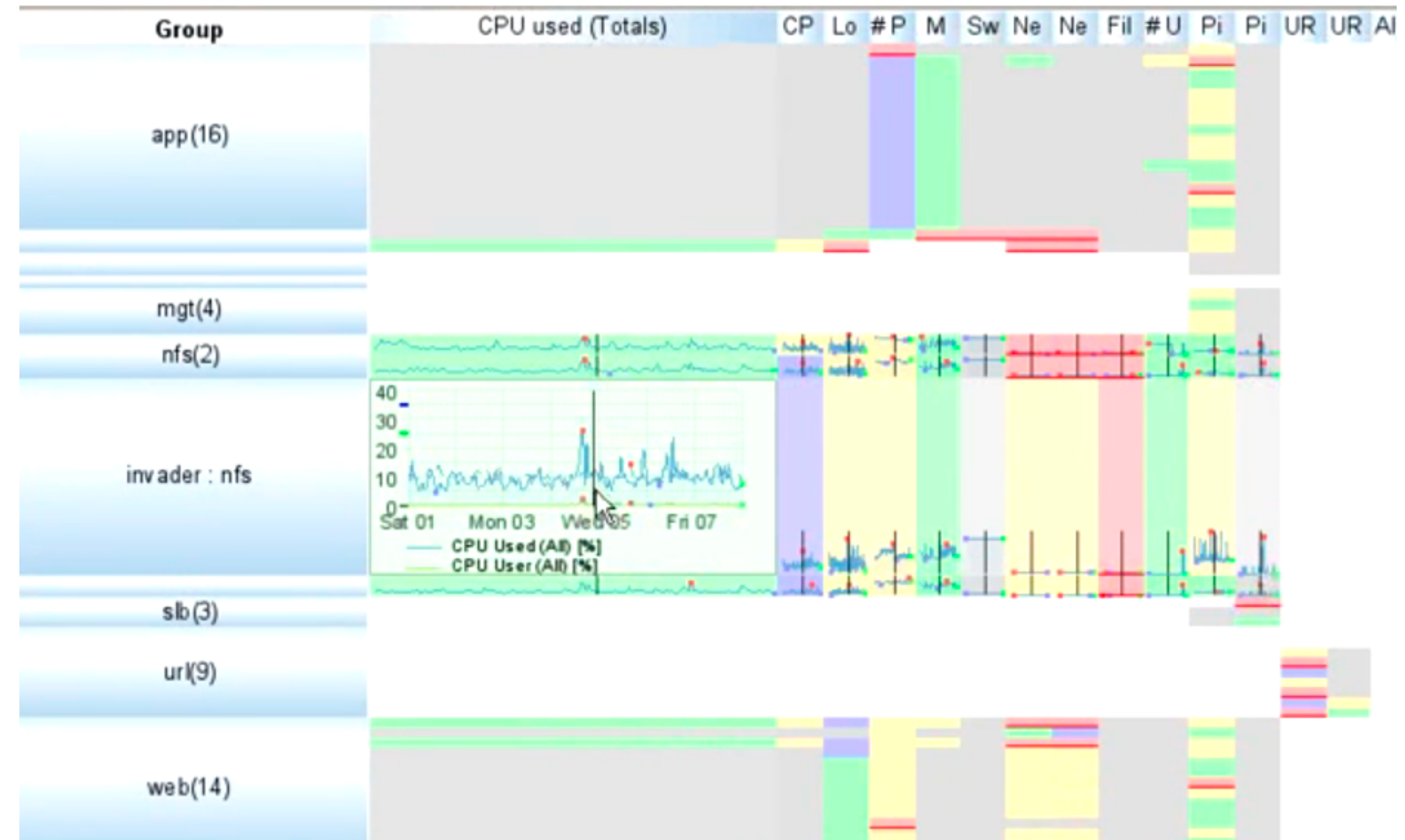


# Semantic Zooming

As you zoom in, content is updated

More detail as more space becomes available

Ideally readable at multiple resolutions





Focus + Context

# Focus + Context

carefully pick what to show

hint at what you are not showing

# 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

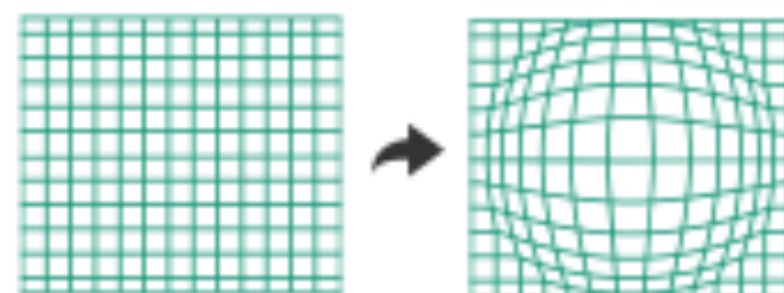
→ Elide Data



→ Superimpose Layer



→ Distort Geometry





# Elision

focus items shown in detail,  
other items summarized for context

e·li·sion

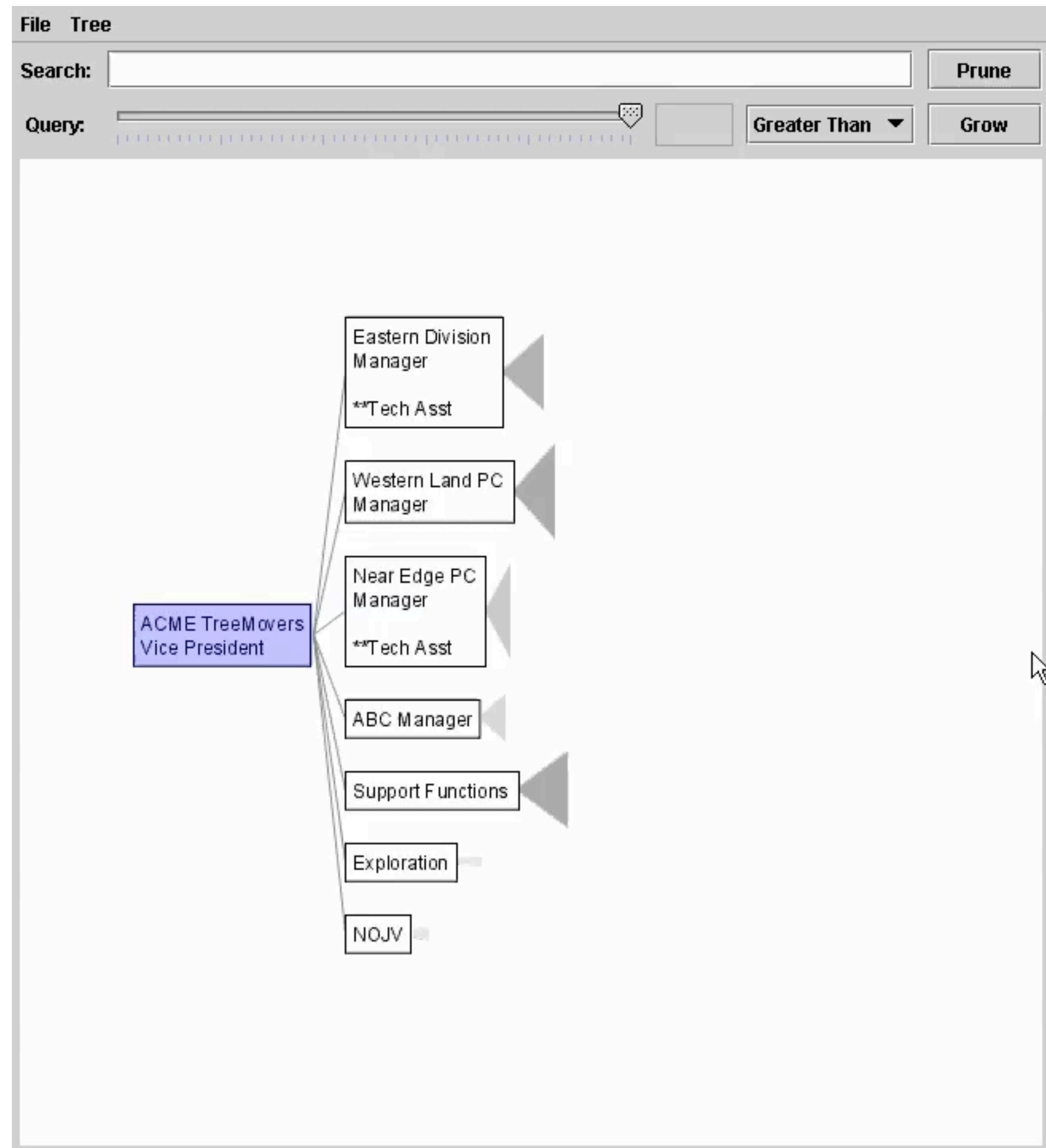
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*noun*

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



→ Elide Data





# 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

$$\text{DOI}(x) = \text{API}(x) - D(x,y)$$

API – a priori interest

D – a distance function to the current focus  
can have multiple foci

interactive trees with animated transitions  
that fit within a bounded region of space  
layout depends on the user's estimated  
DOI

# 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



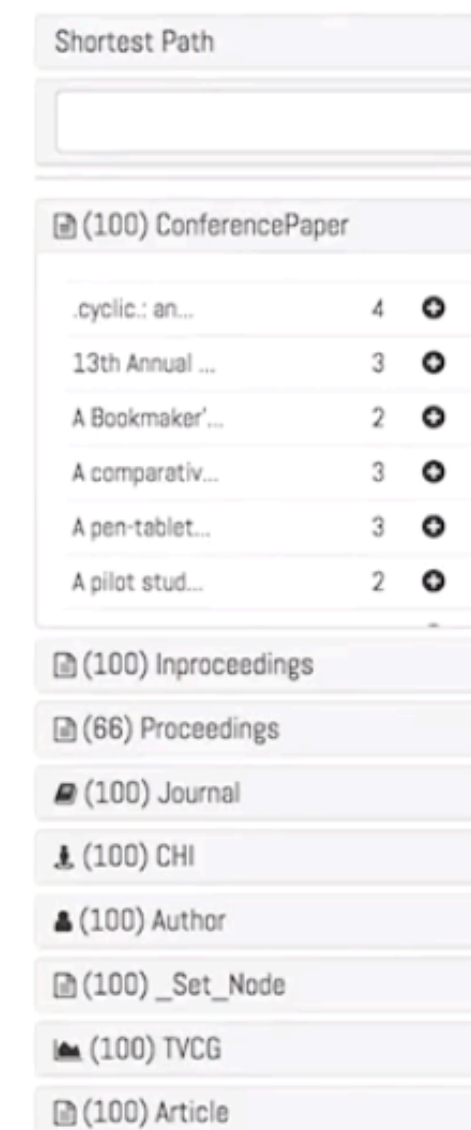




# DOI without distance function

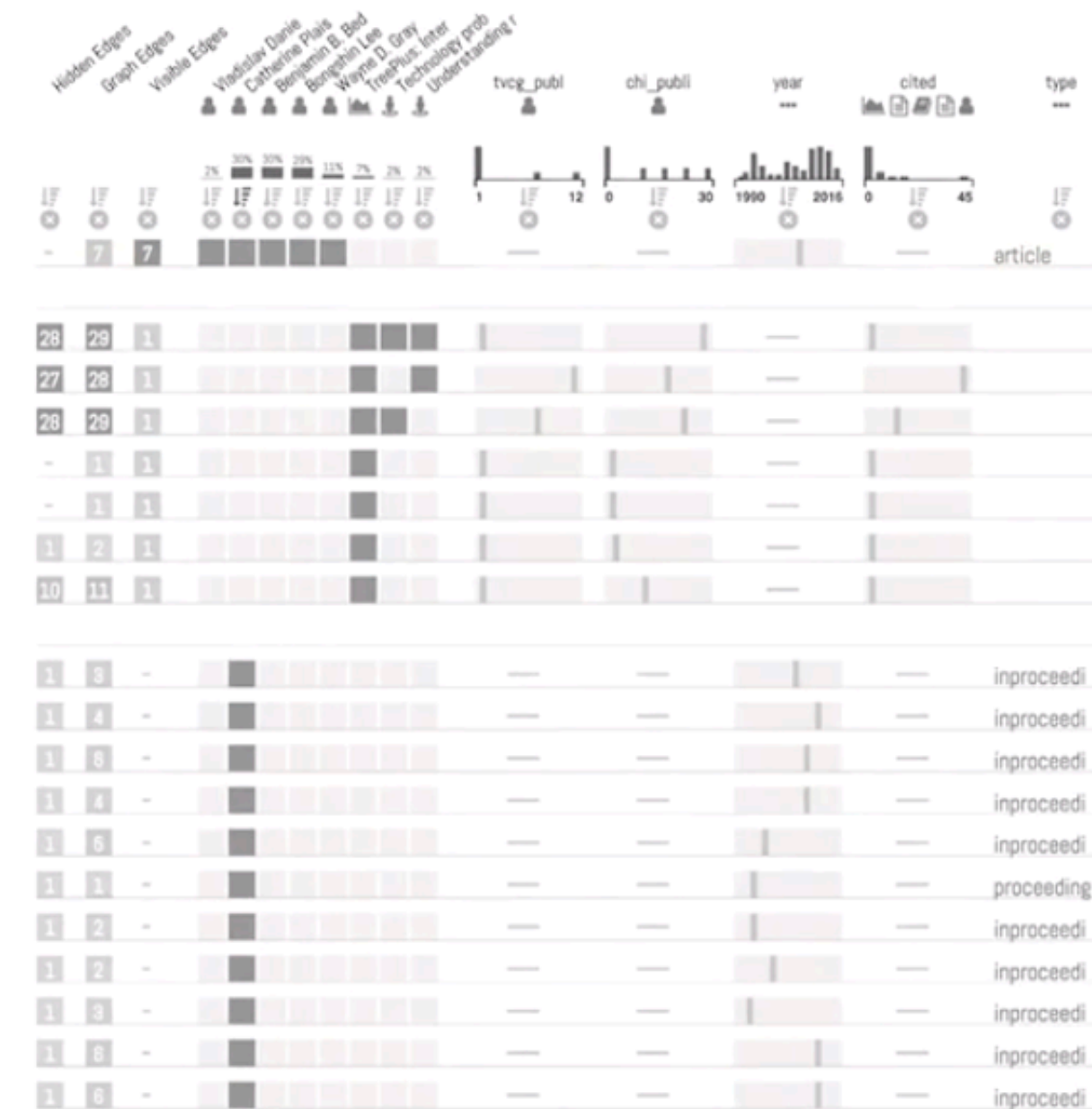
Distance function can lead to big, involuntary changes.

Useful also without distance function



TreePlus: Interactive Exploration of Networks with Enhanced Tree Layout

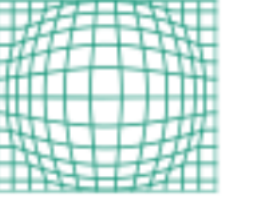
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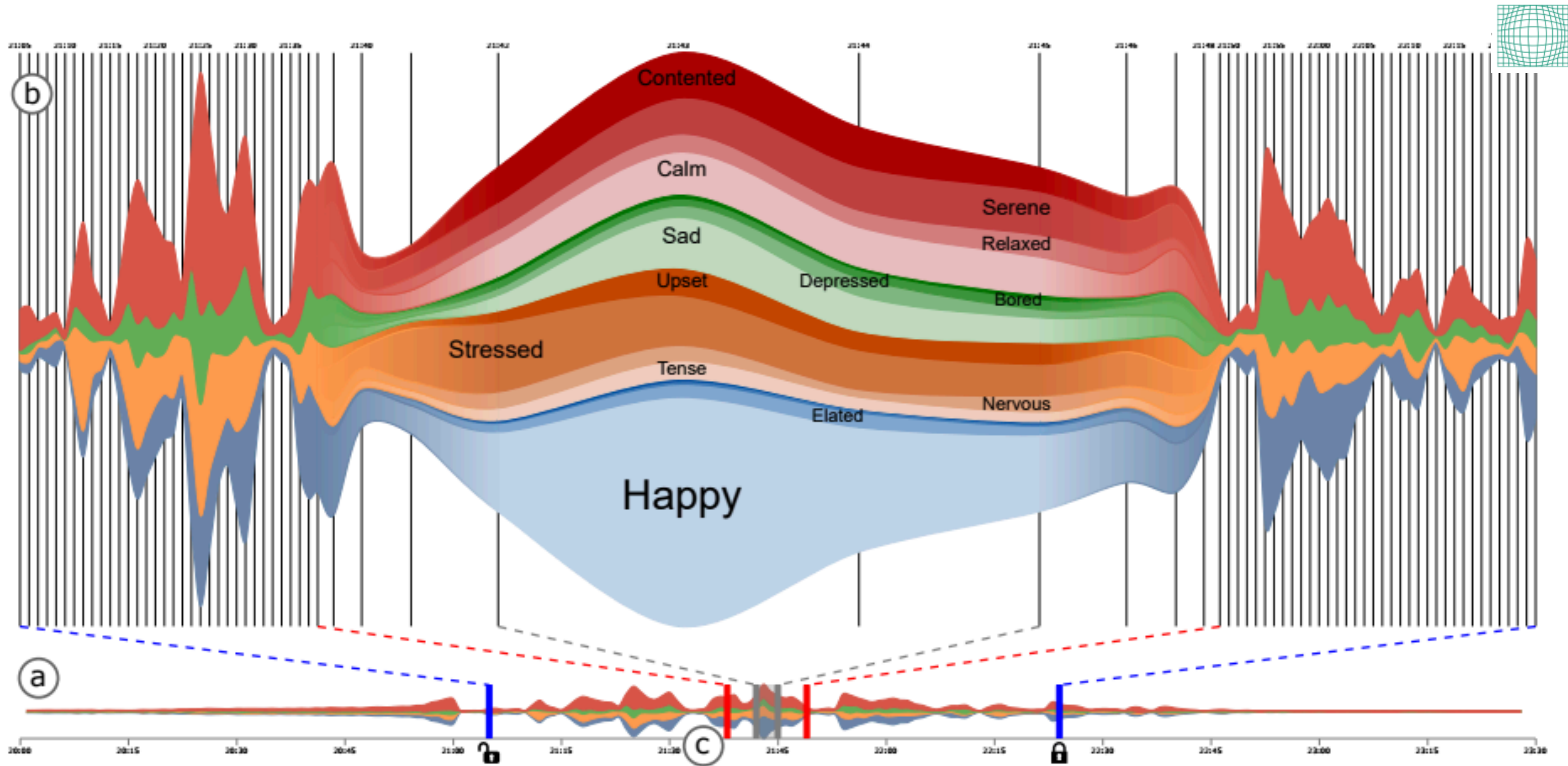
# Superimpose

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



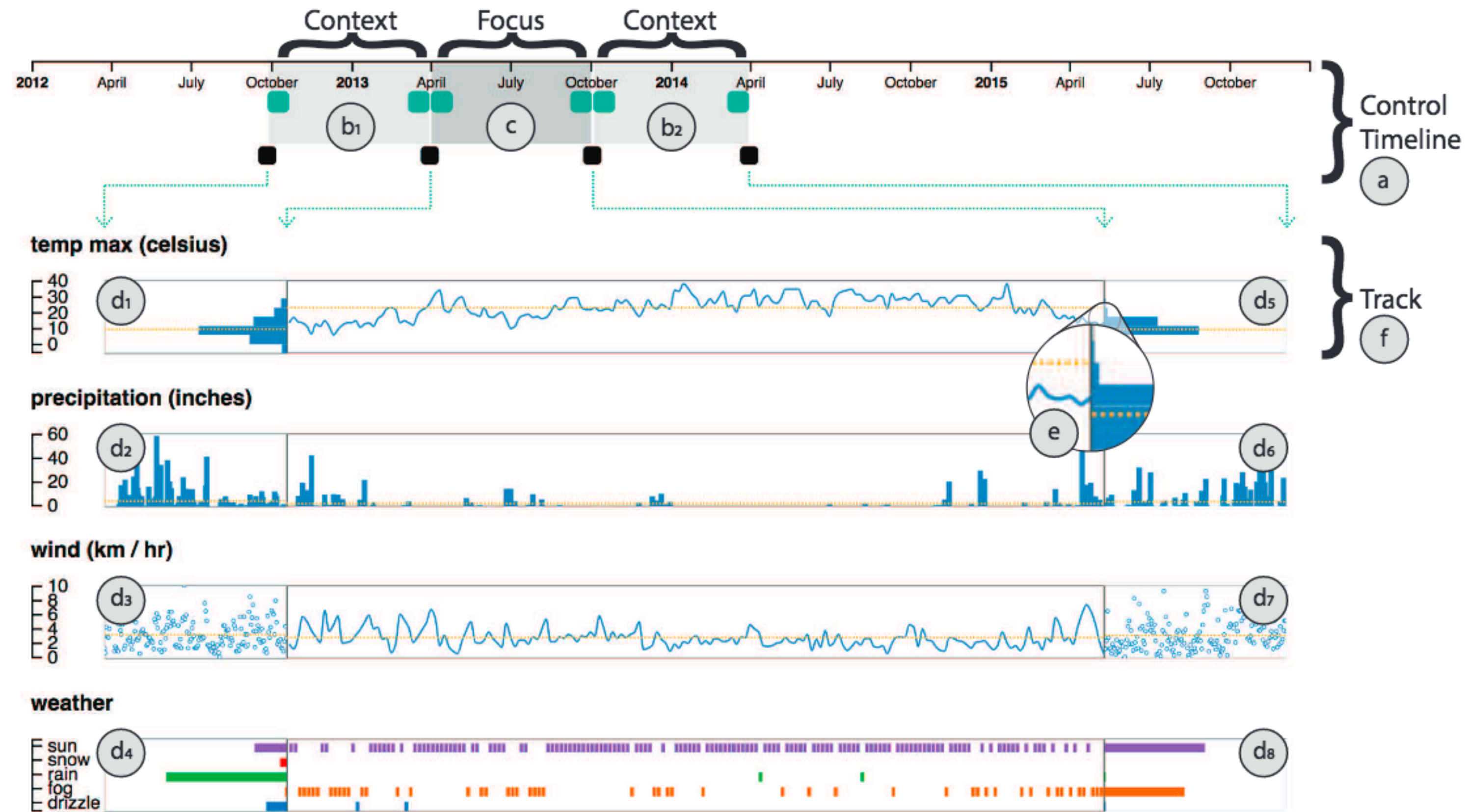
# Distortion

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



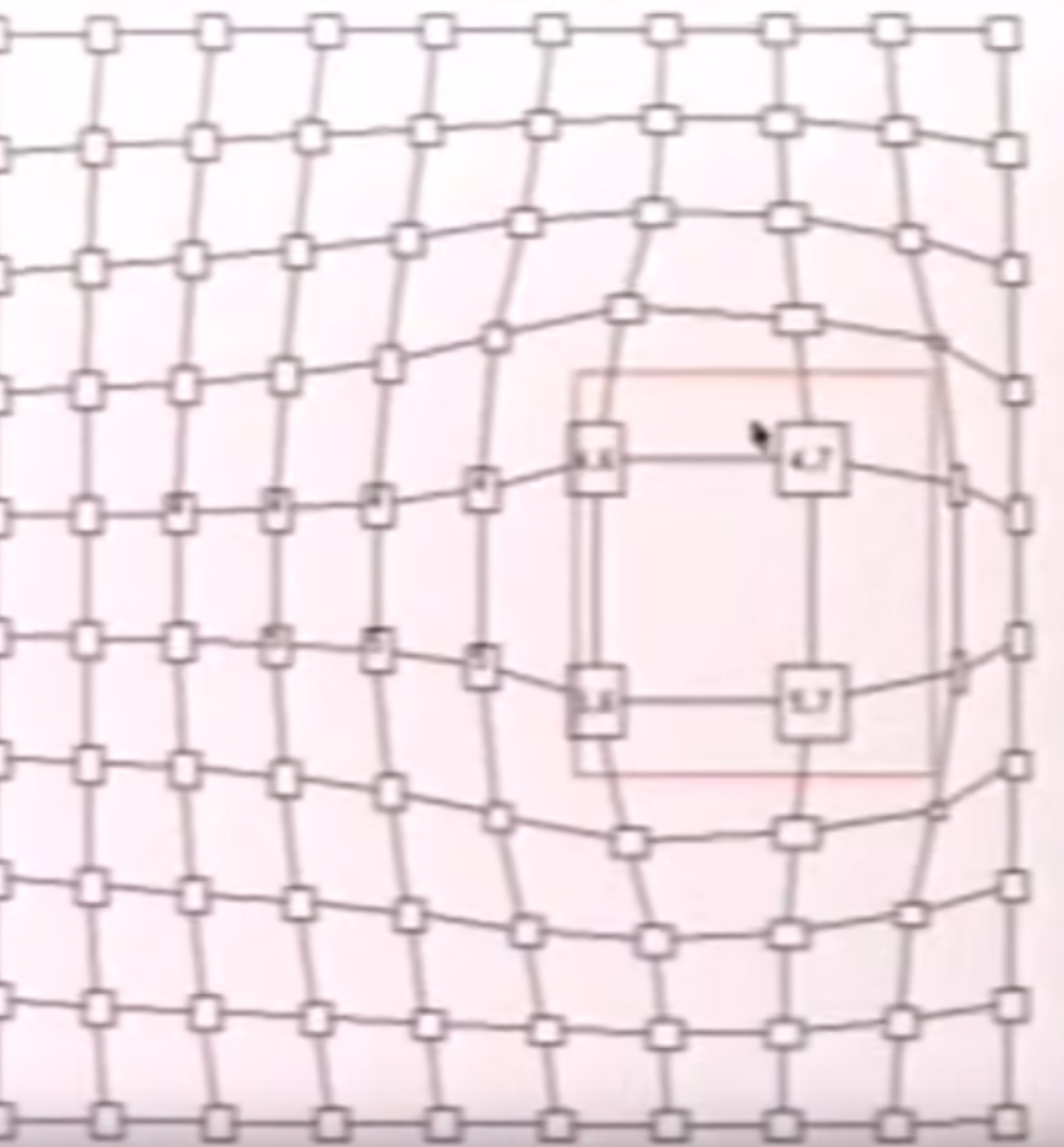
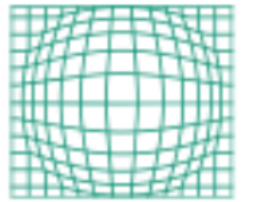


# Distortion Alternative: Smart Aggregation

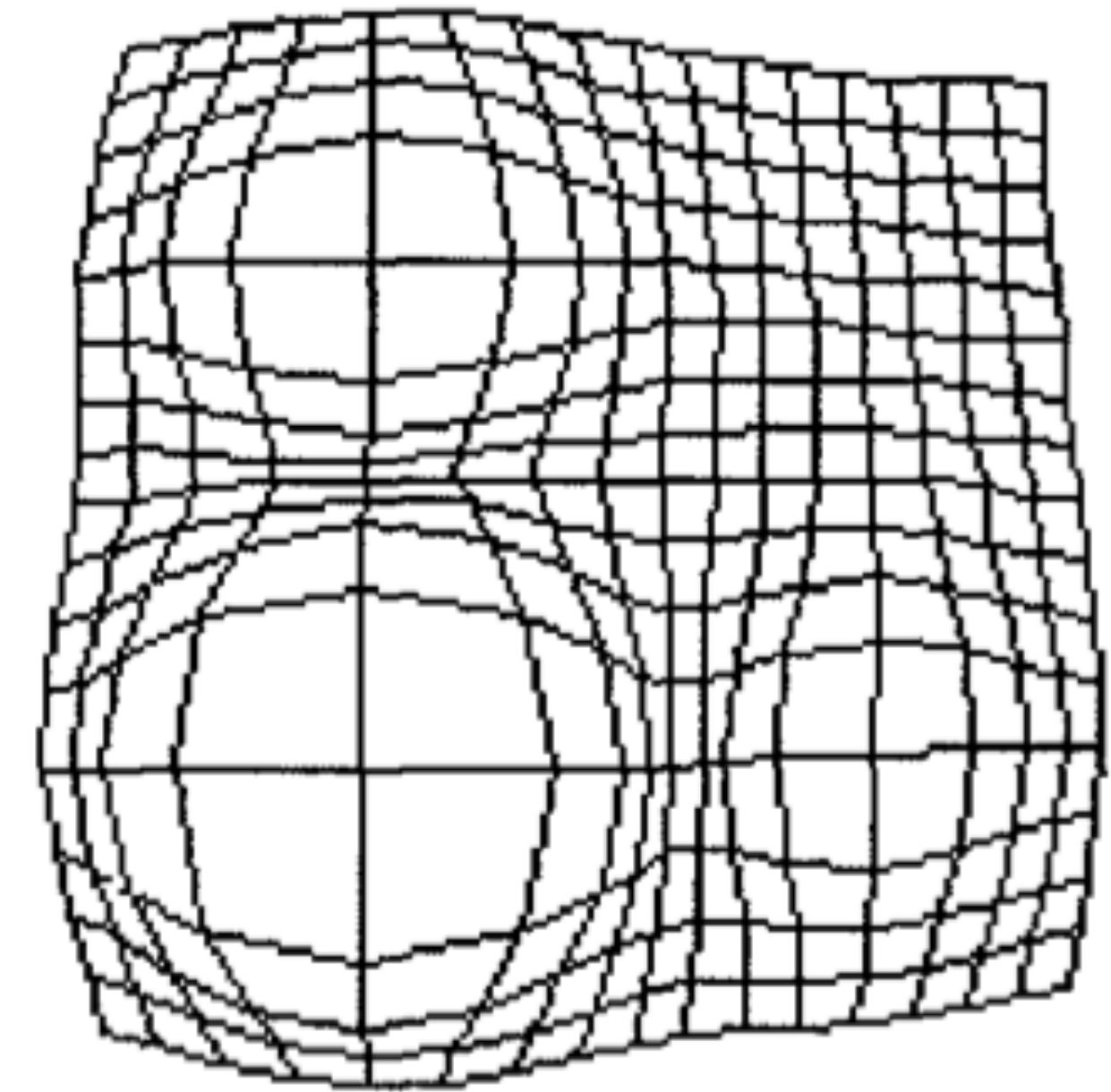
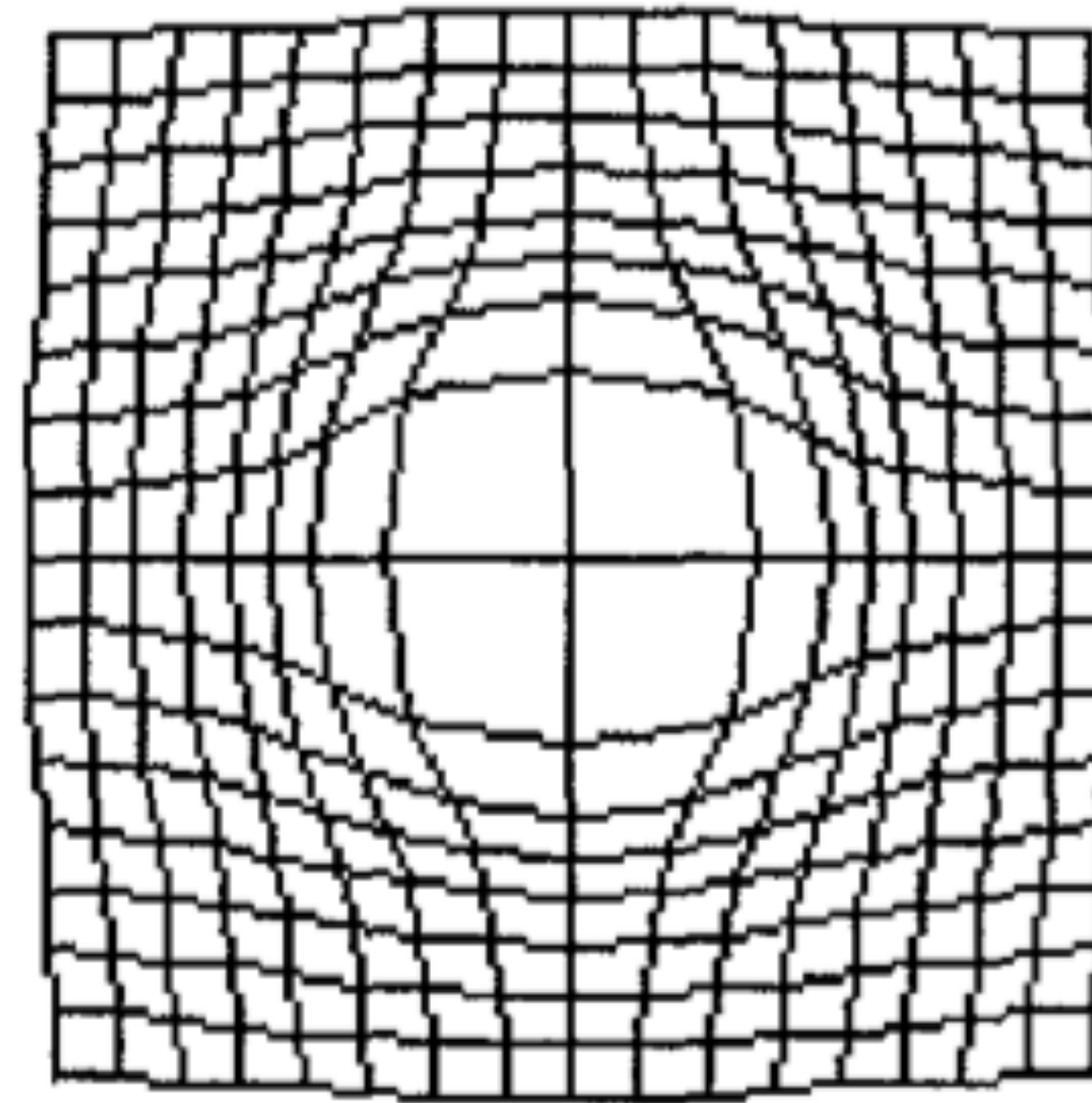
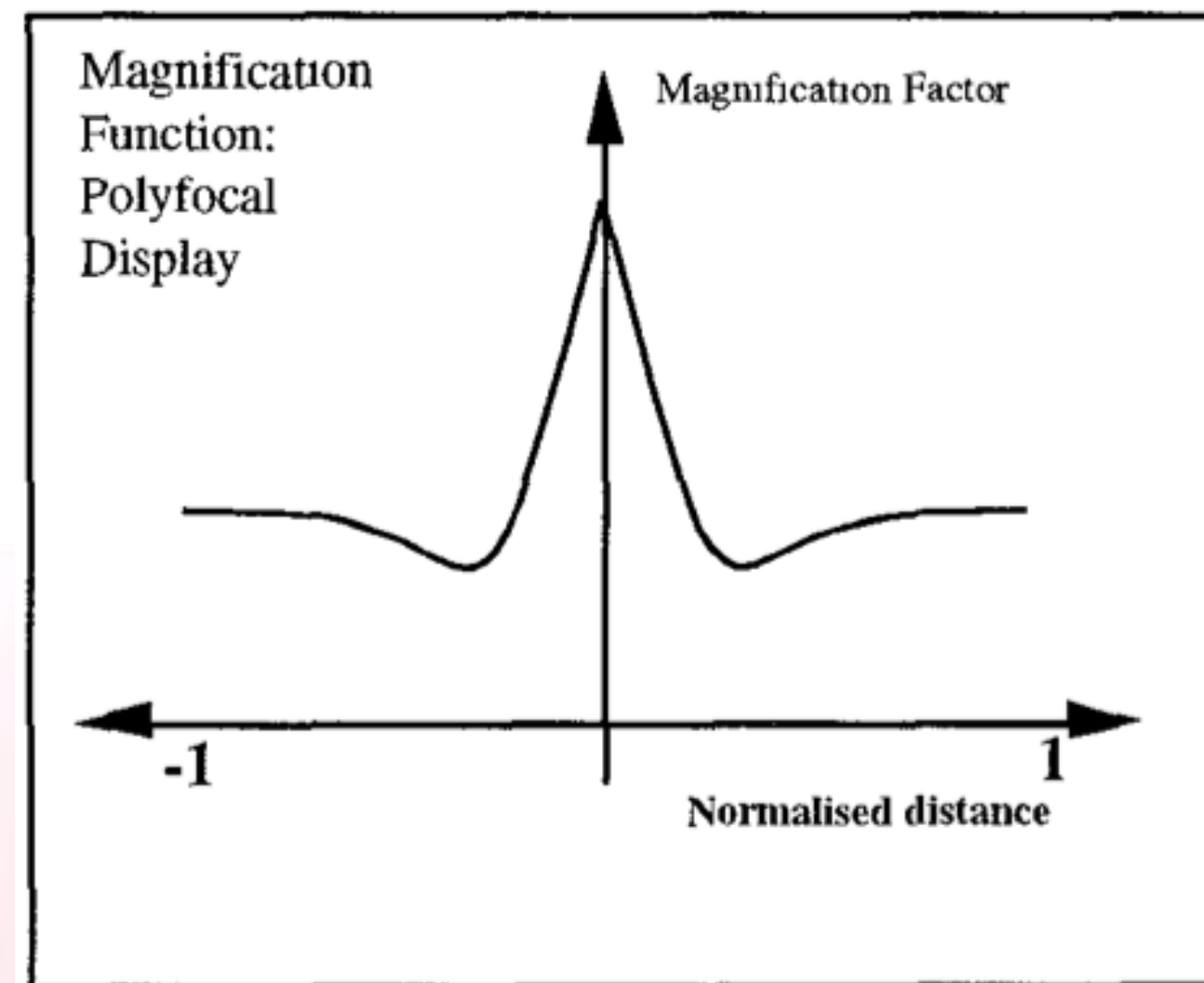


<https://precisionvissta.github.io/PeripheryPlots/>

# Fisheye



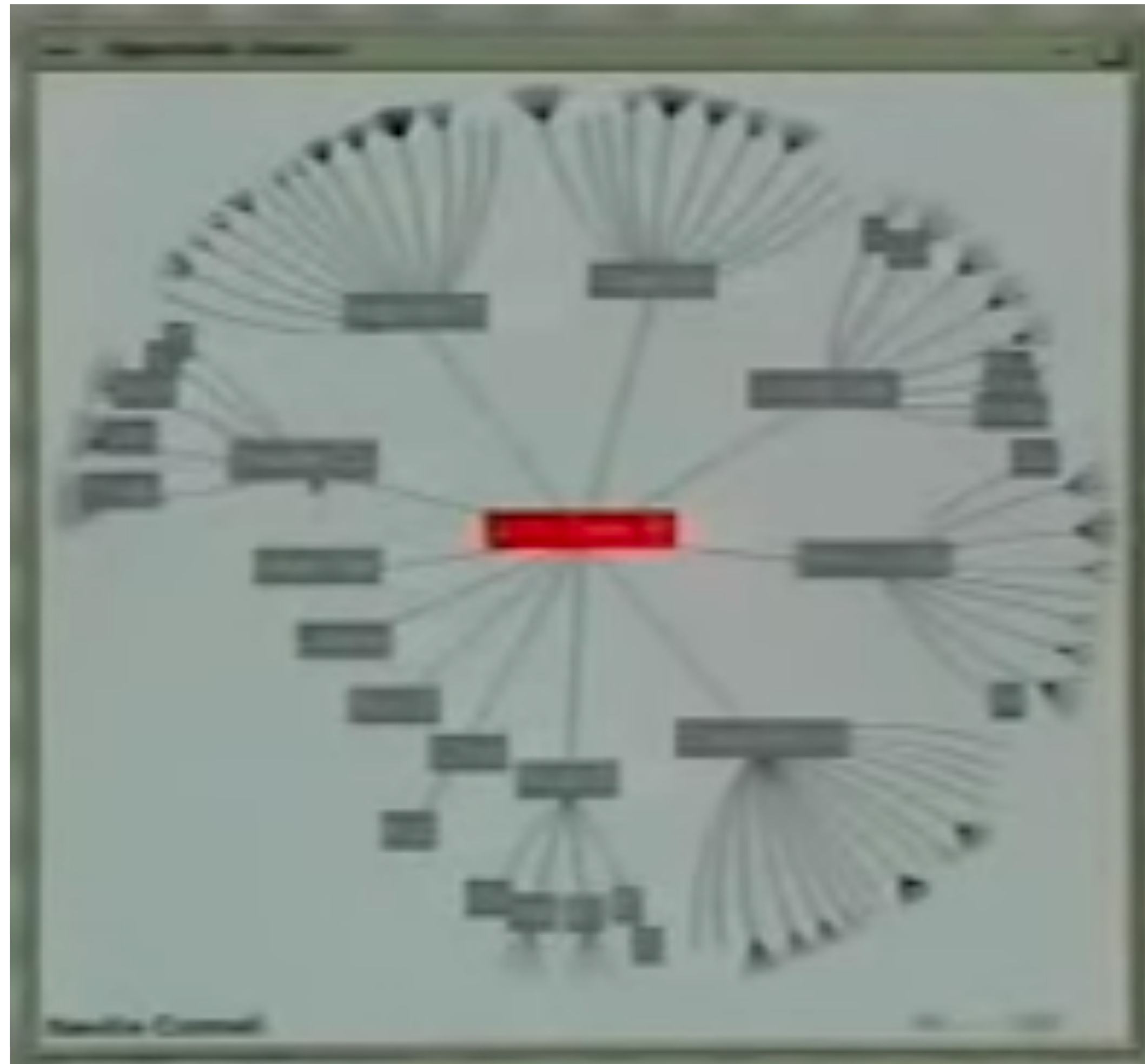
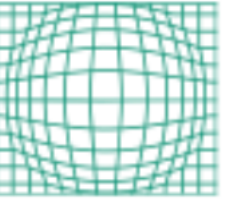
[Sarkar, 1993]



Leung 1994

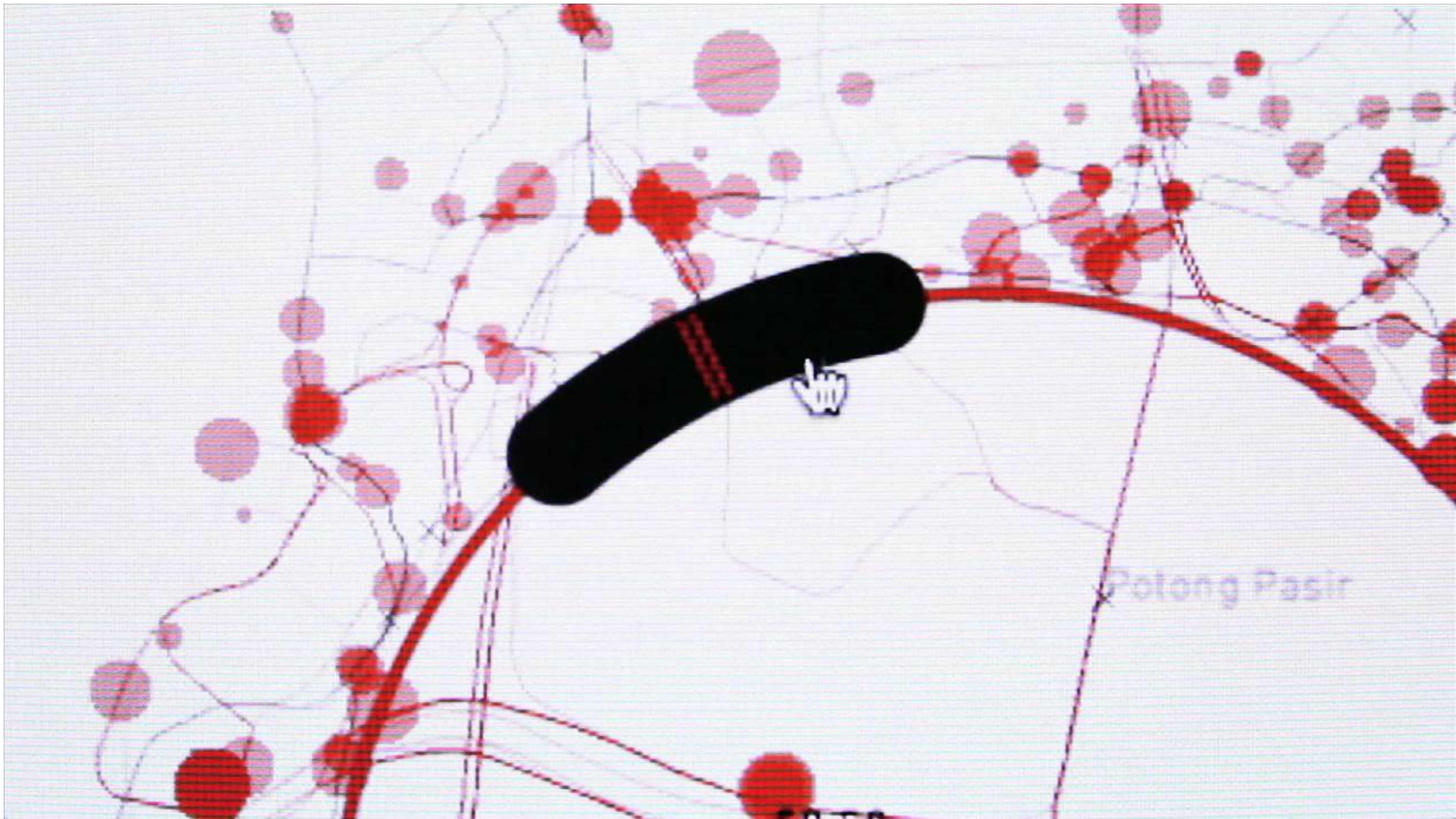
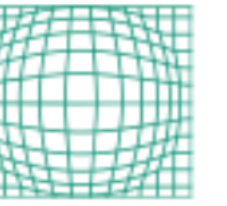


# Hyperbolic Geometry



[Lamping, 1995]









**What do you think about  
distortion?**



# Distortion Concerns

unsuitable for relative spatial judgements

overhead of tracking distortion

visual communication of distortion

- gridlines, shading

target acquisition problem

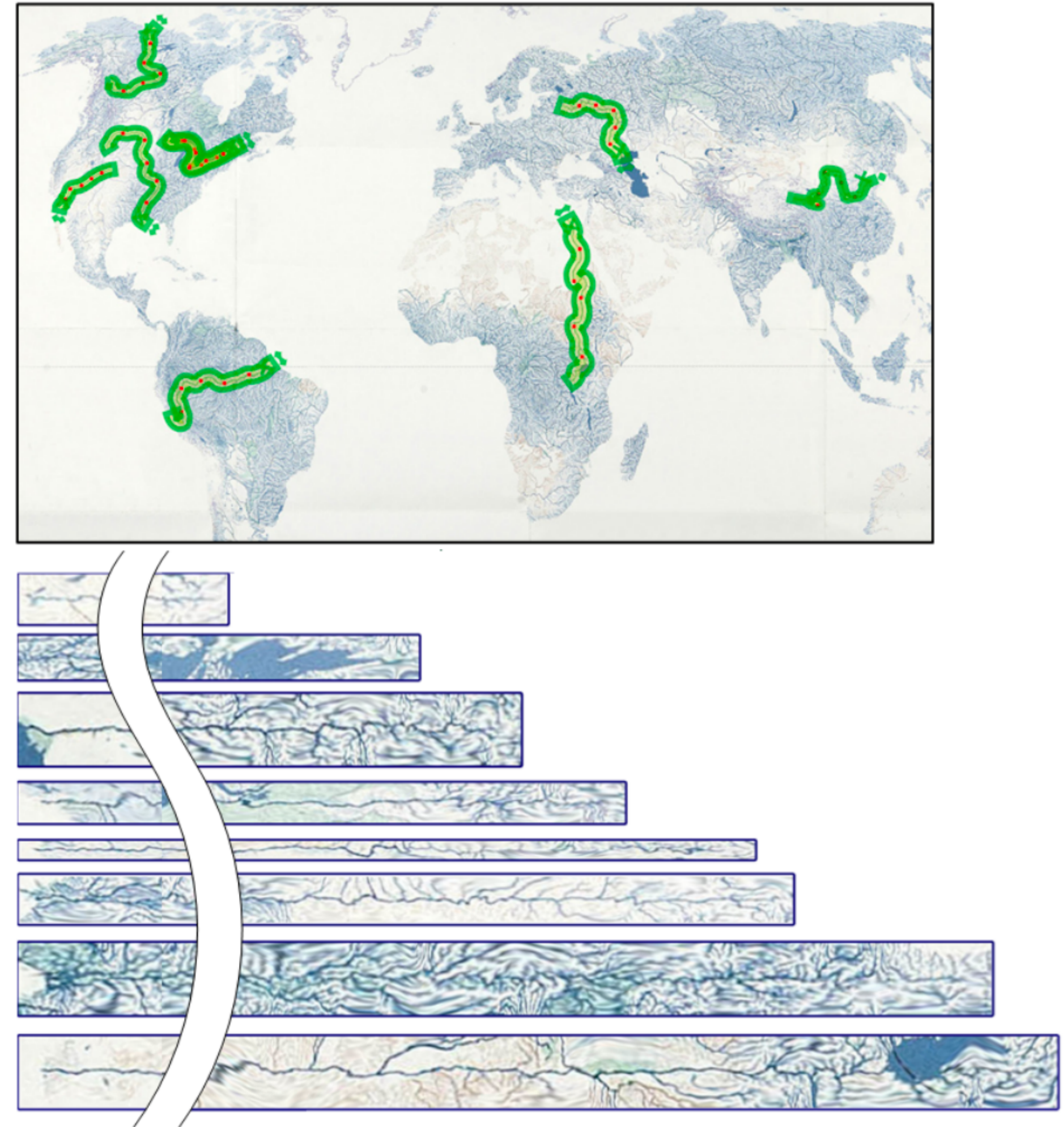
- lens displacing items away from screen location

mixed results compared to separate views and temporal navigation

# Transmorgification

Idea: straighten complex shapes in image space

Can be spatial data,  
but also other vis techniques



[Brosz, 13]





Adjust on the fly to  
discover new insights

# Overview + Detail



# Overview and Detail

One view shows overview

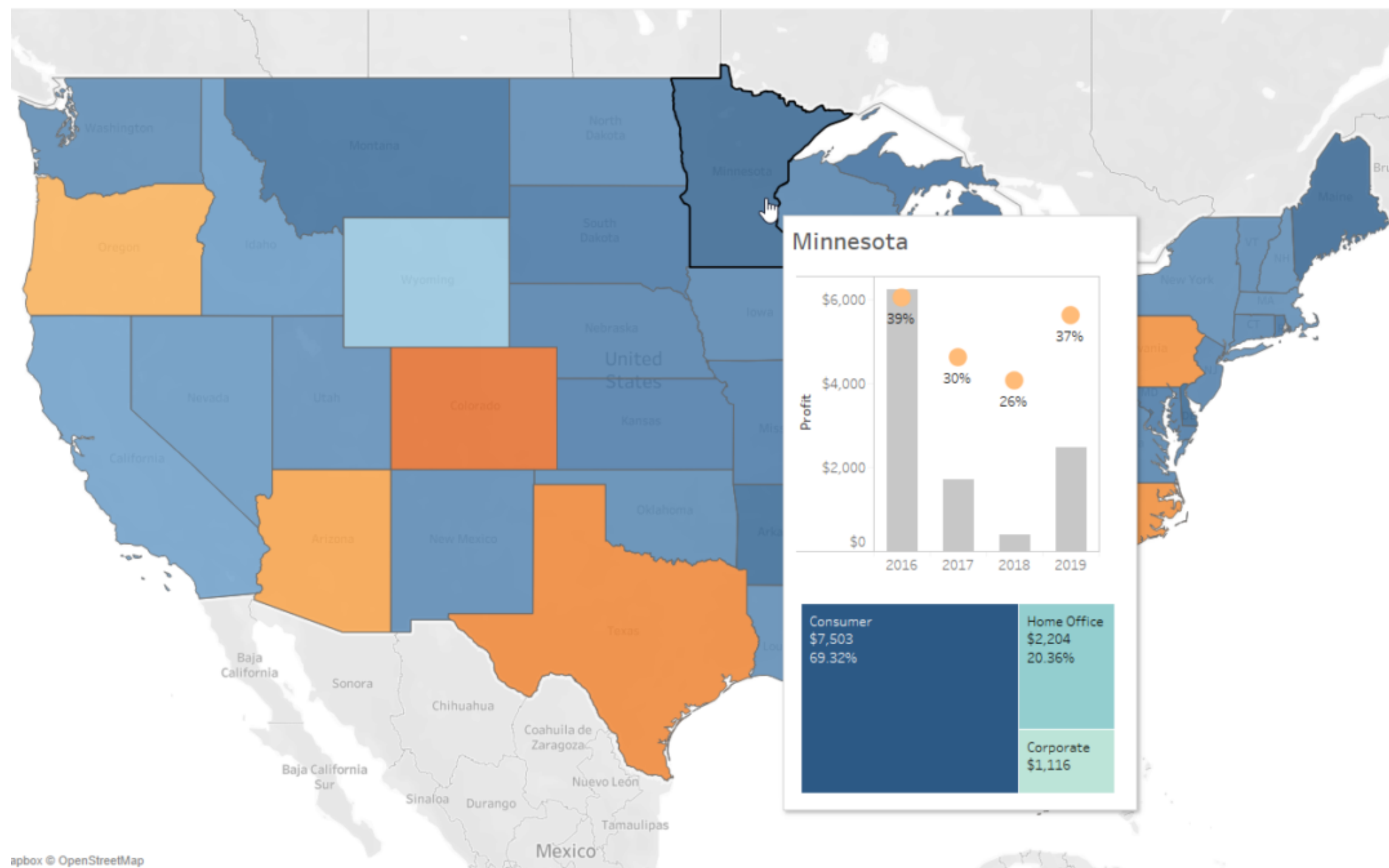
Other shows detail

Warcraft III

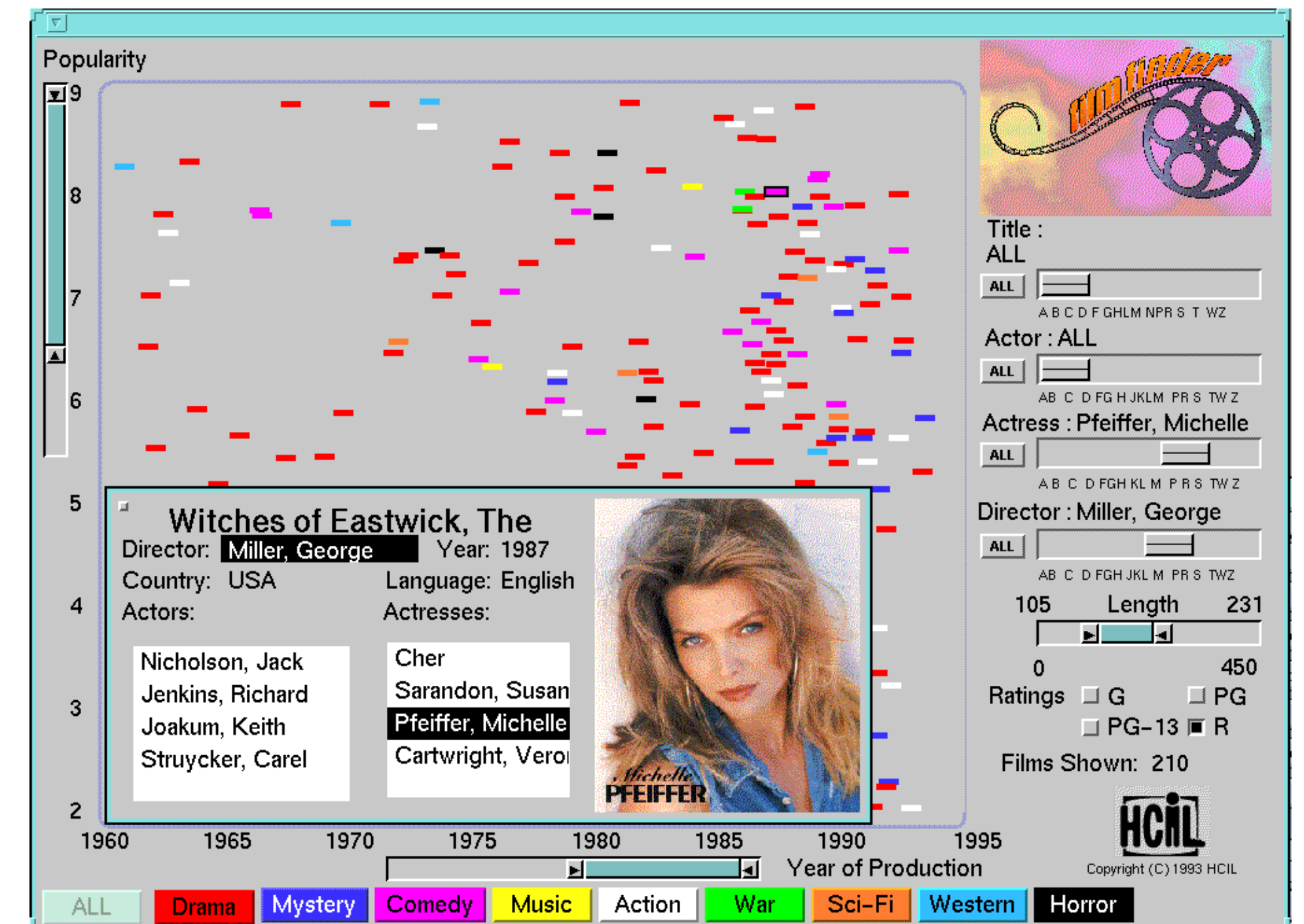




# Tool-Tips Can Provide Details



[Tool Tips in Tableau]



[FilmFinder, Ahlberg & Shneiderman, 1994]

# Filtering & dynamic querying

aka brushing, aka selecting



# The MANTRA

Visual Information Seeking  
Mantra (Shneiderman, 1996)

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

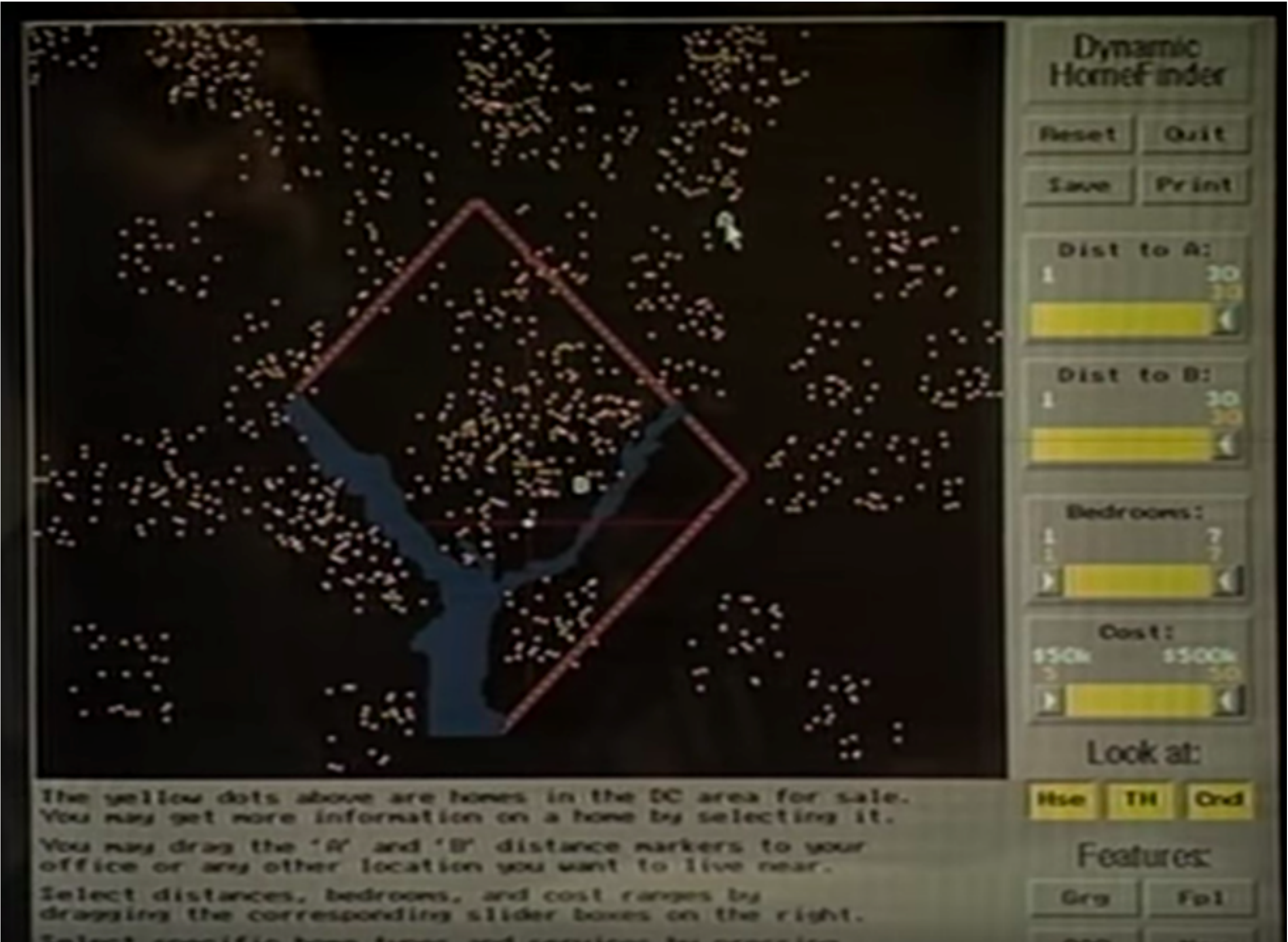
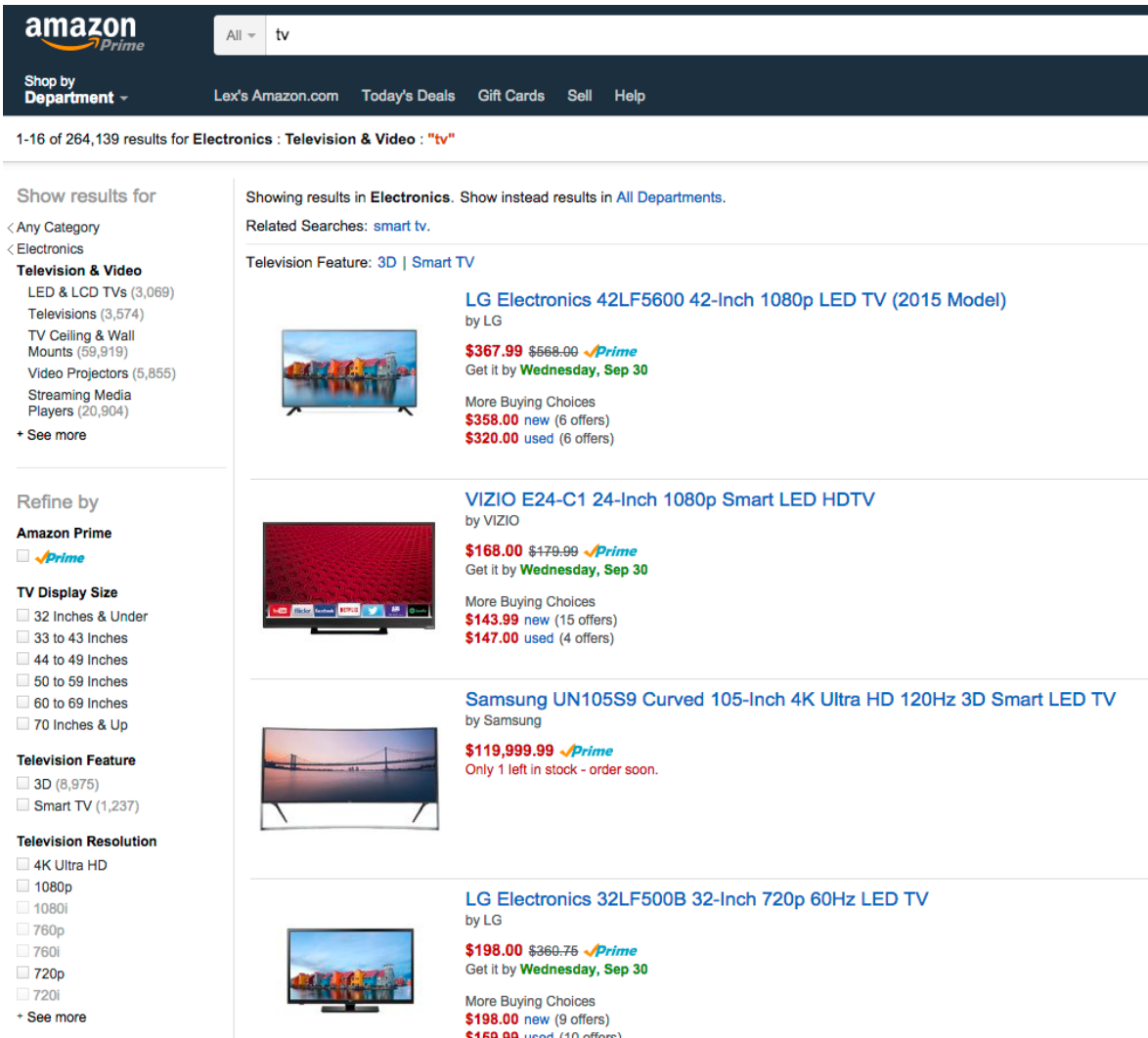




# Dynamic Queries

Define criteria for inclusion/  
exclusion

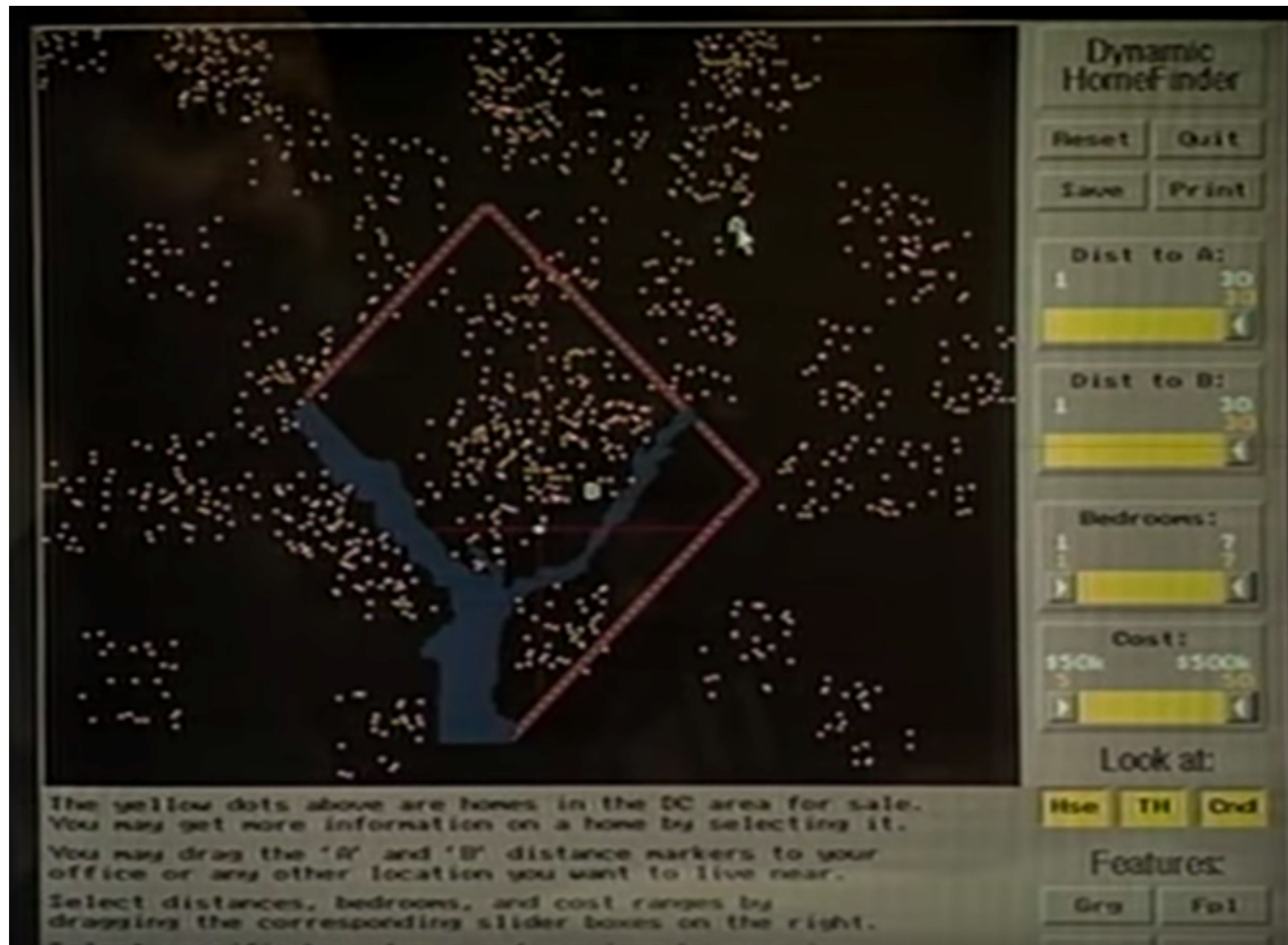
“Faceted Search”



[Ahlberg & Shneiderman, 1994]



# Exercise: Redesign

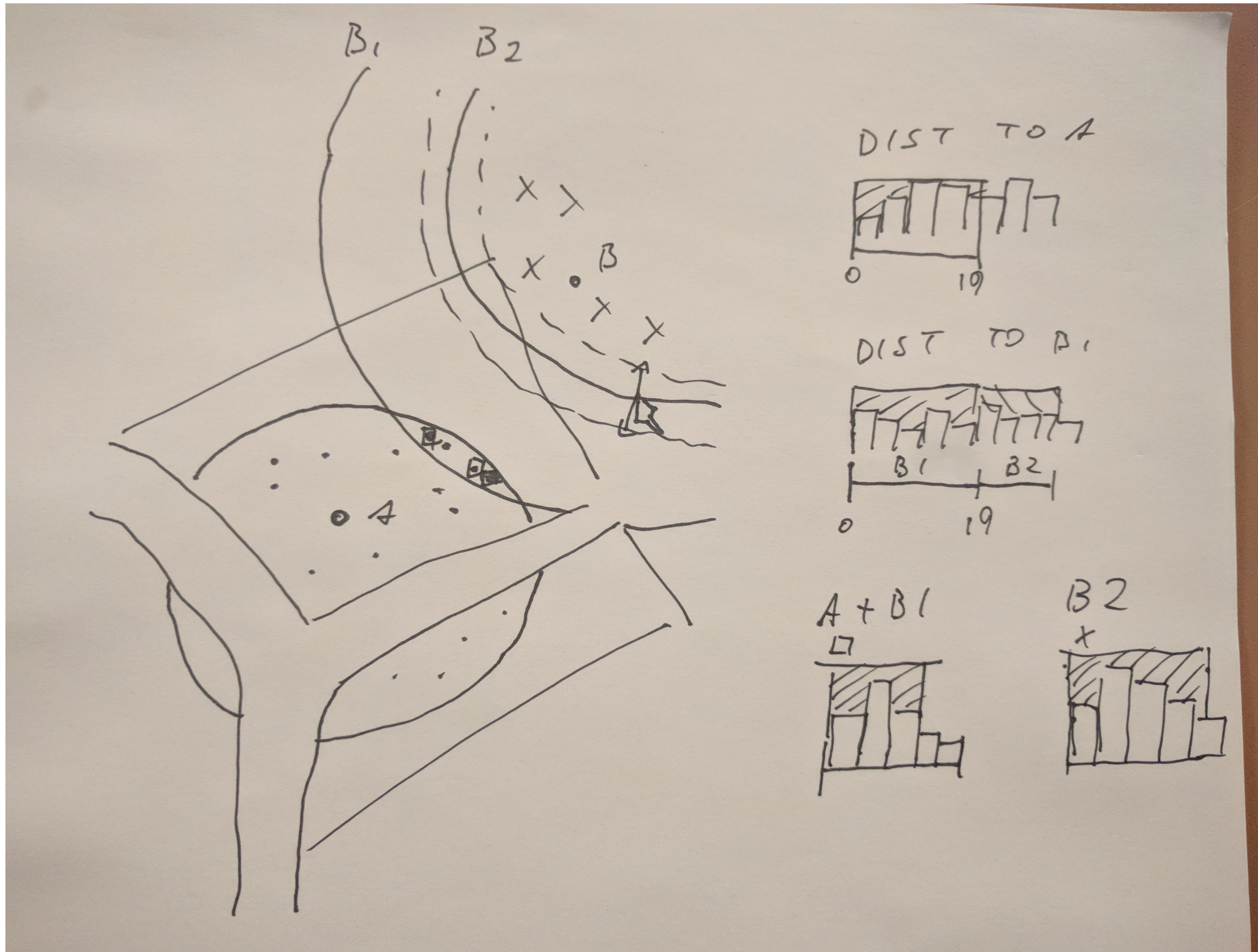


Include Direct Manipulation  
Show distribution of homes  
across variable

Sketch alternative interface  
to use different criteria in  
different areas.

Teams of 2-3; 15 minutes





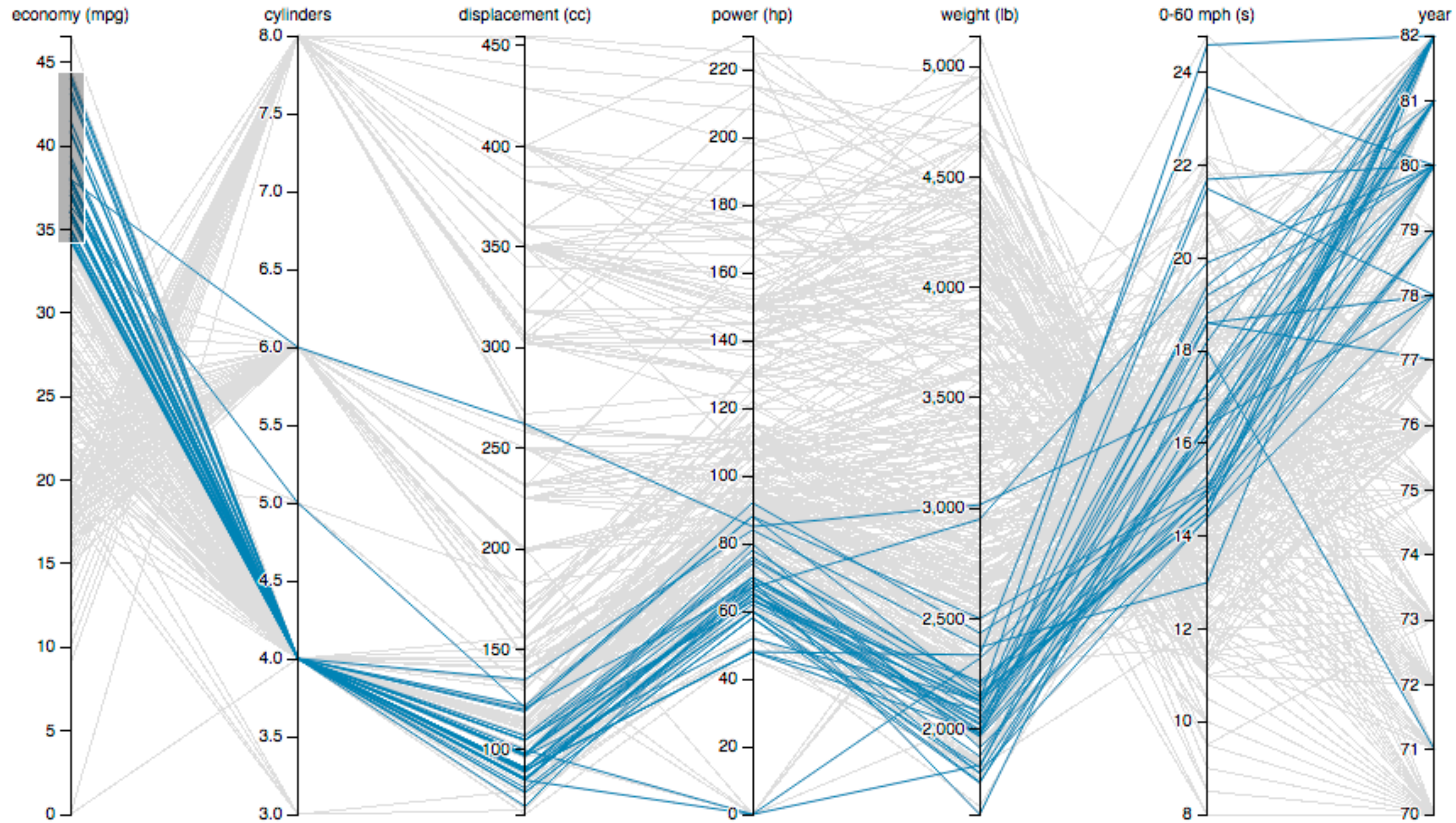
Direct manipulation realized for distance with the circles

Two filters applied to  $B$ ,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ ,

Split up for  $A+B_1$  and just  $B_2$  for other parameters

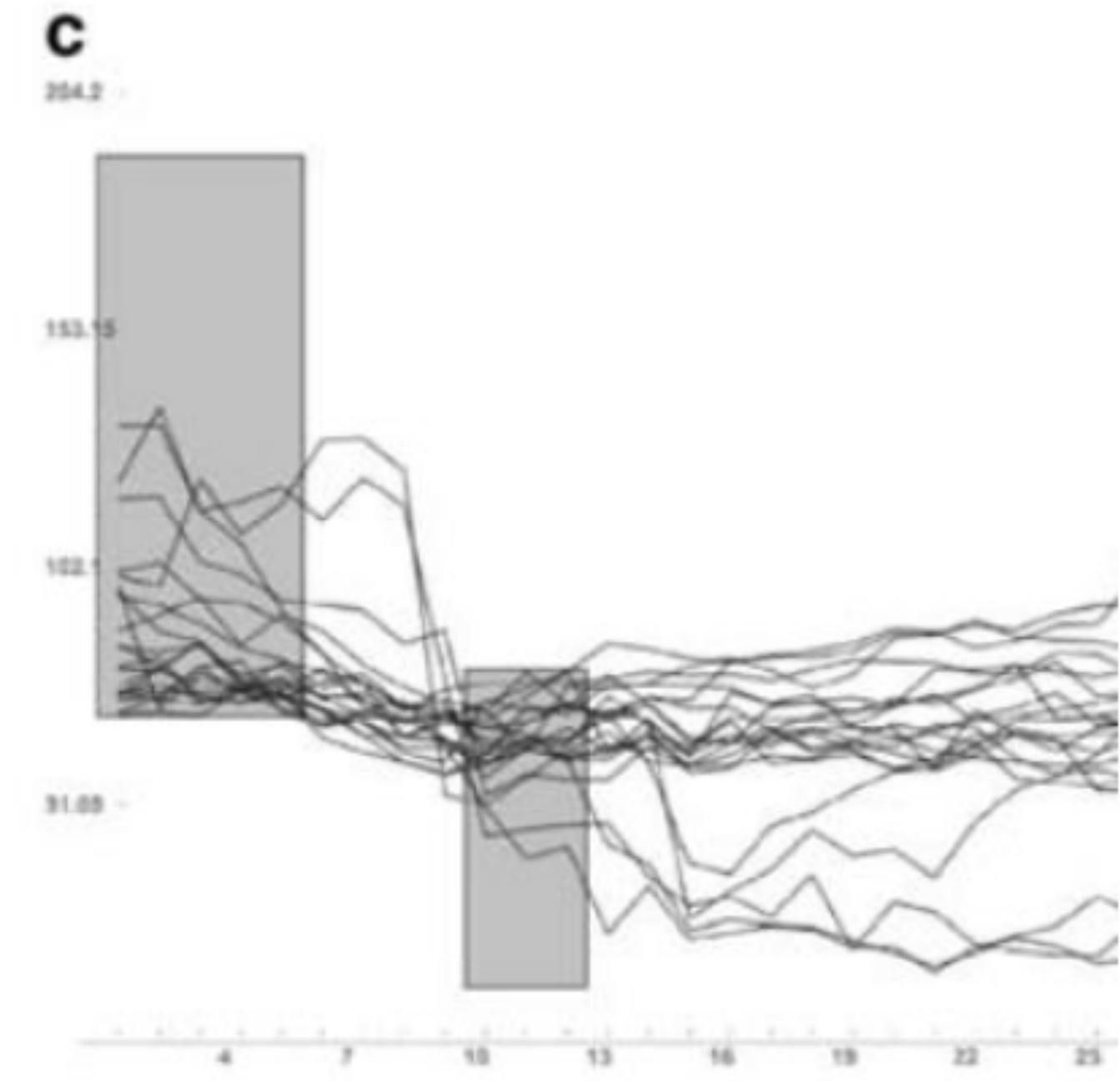
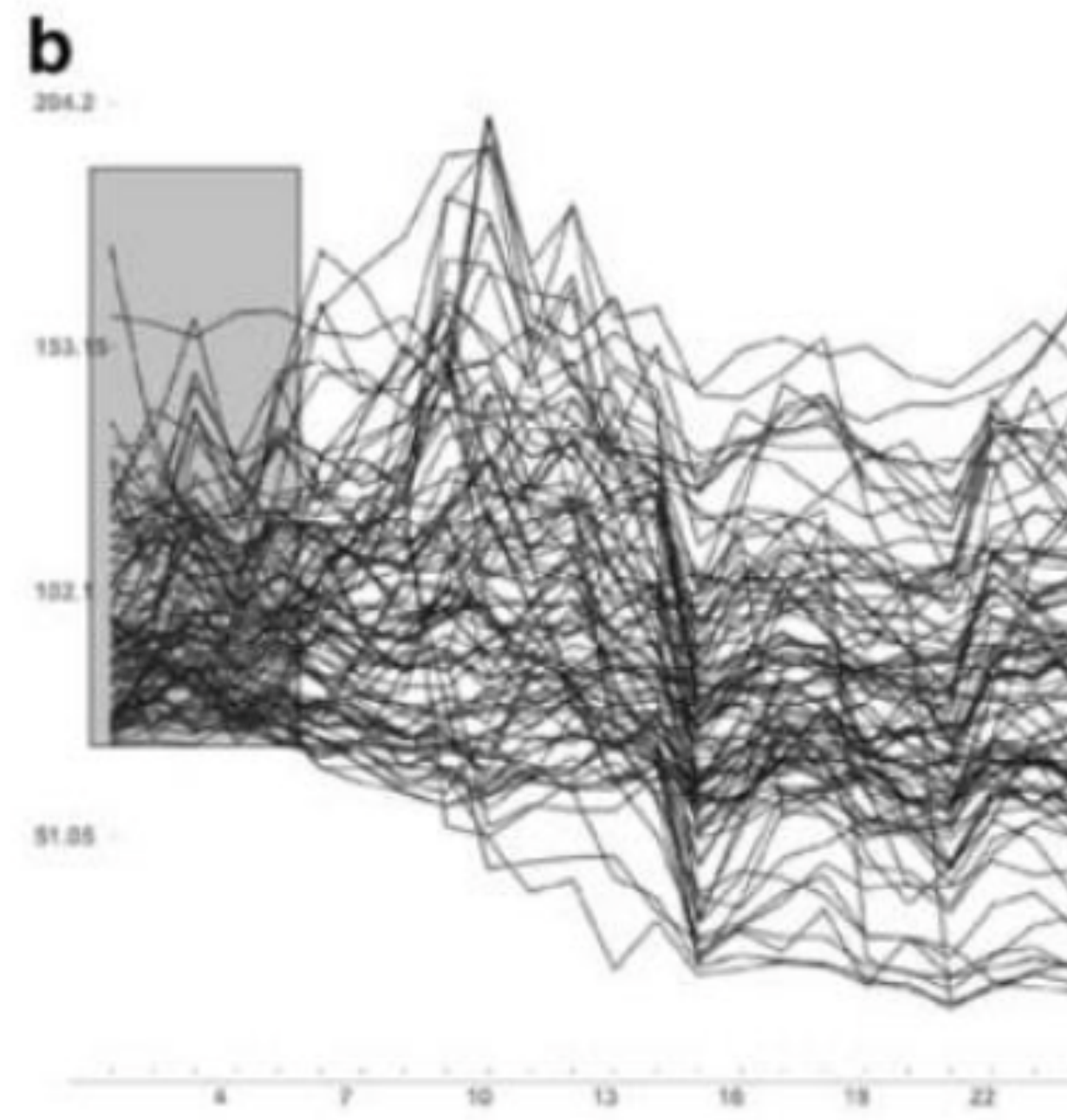
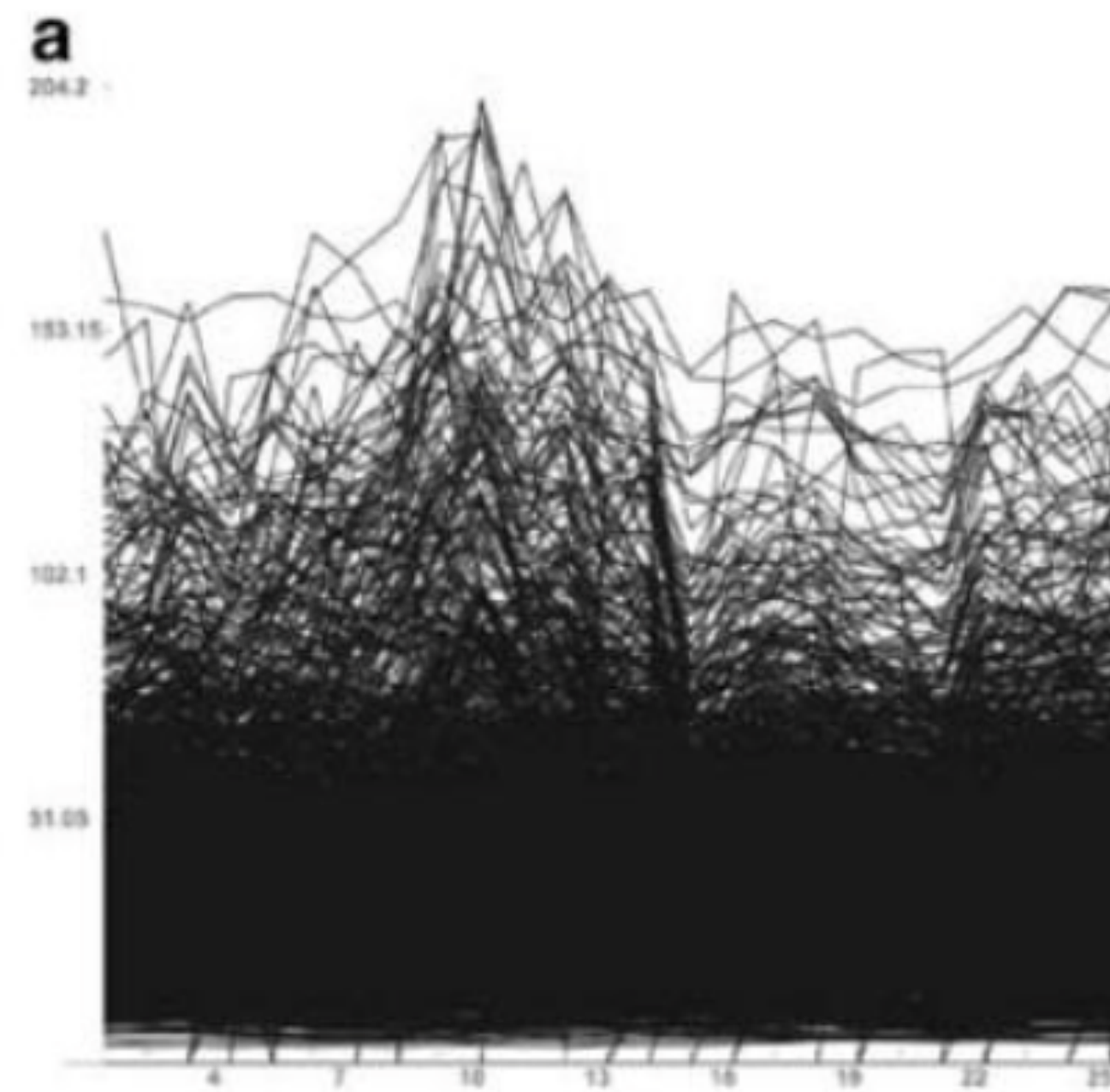


# Visual Queries





# Visual Queries

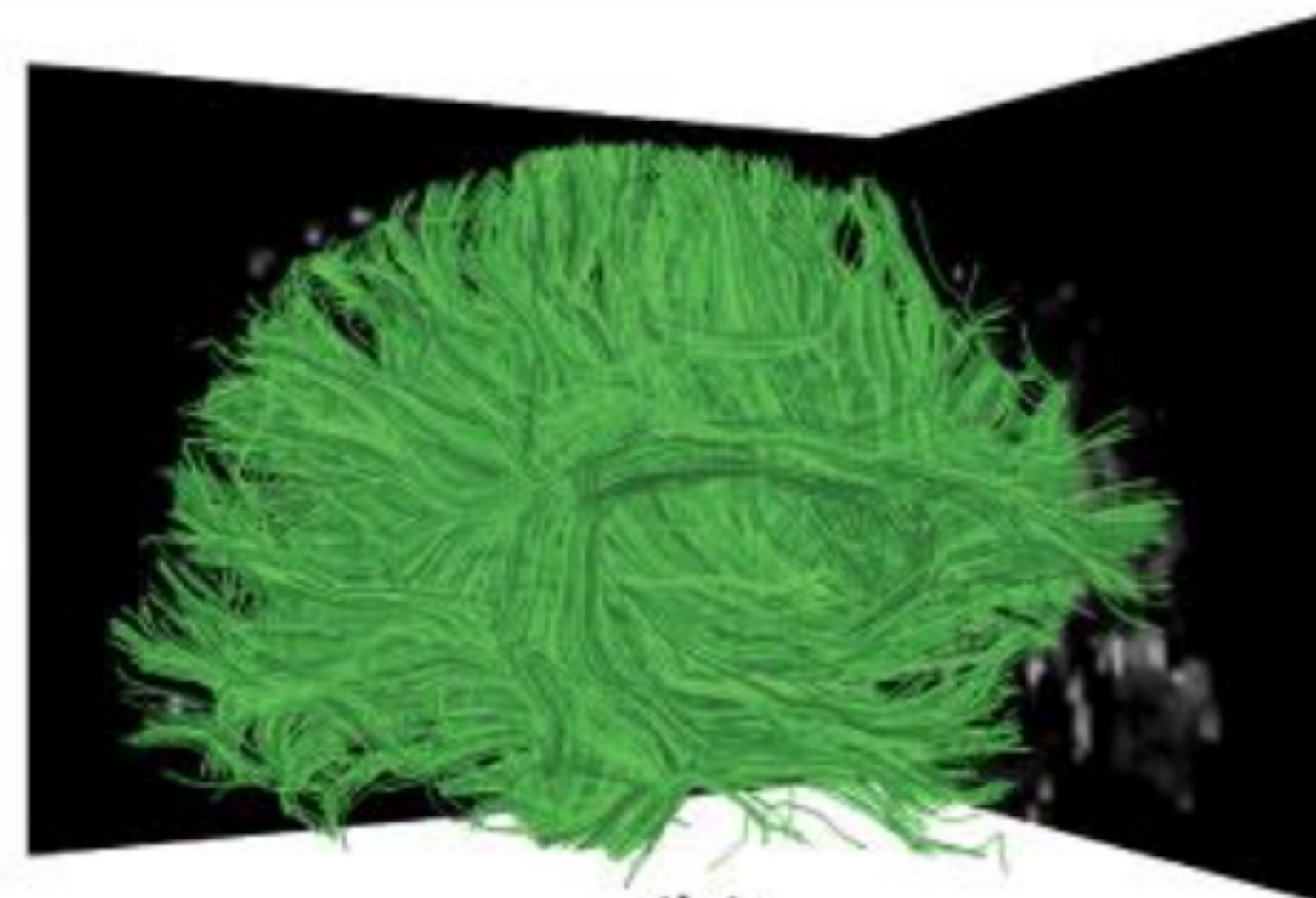




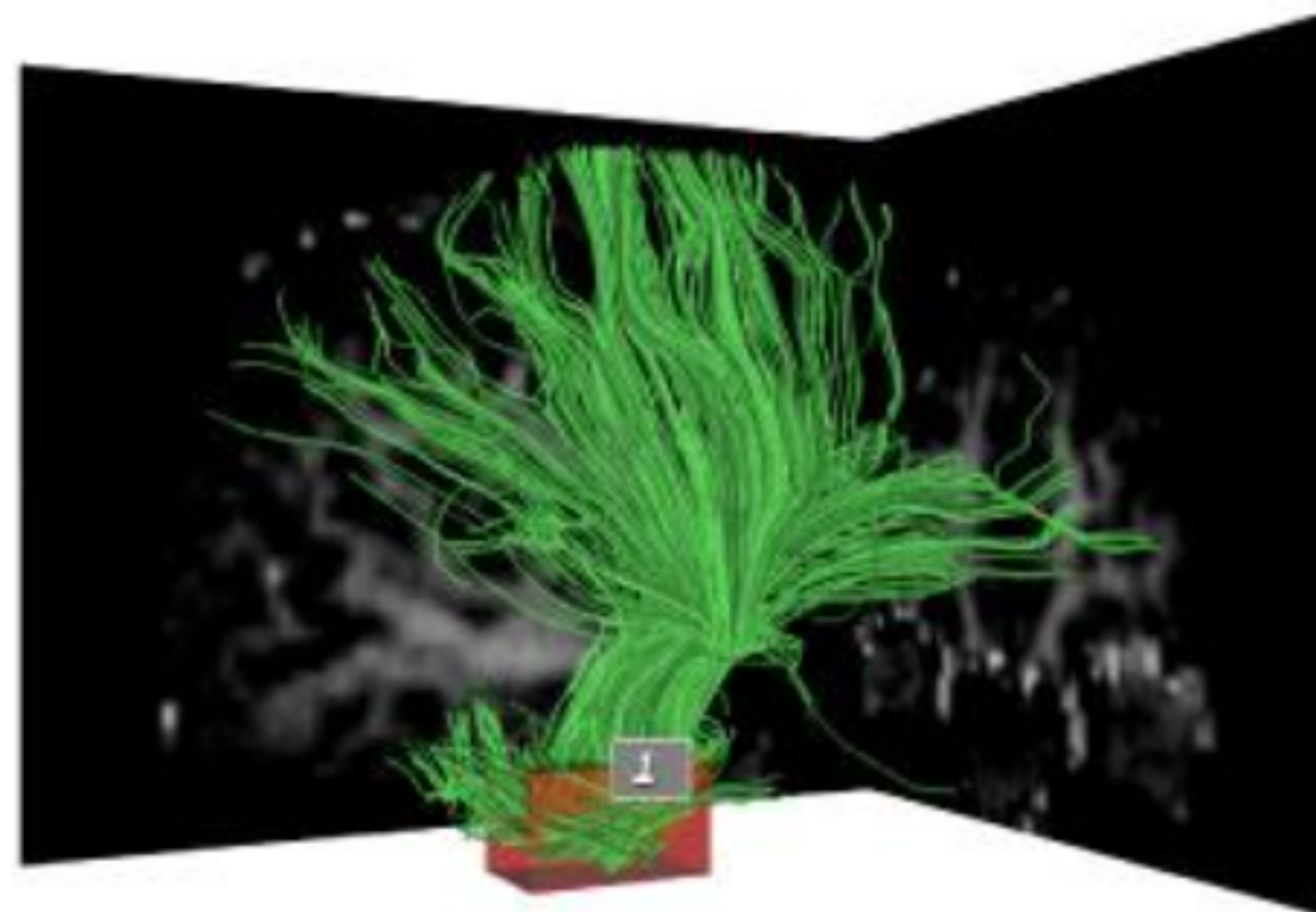
# Dynamic Queries for Volumes



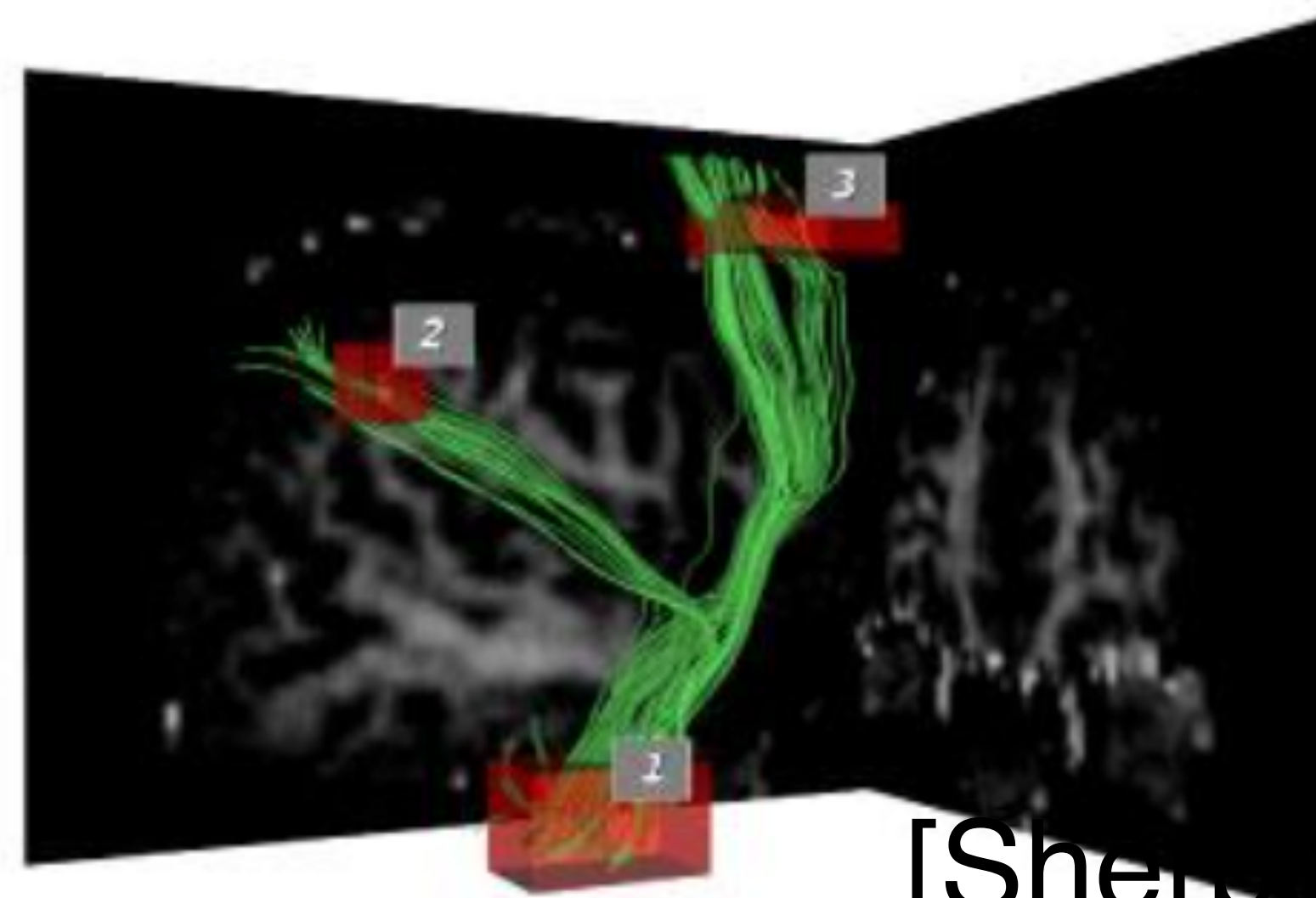
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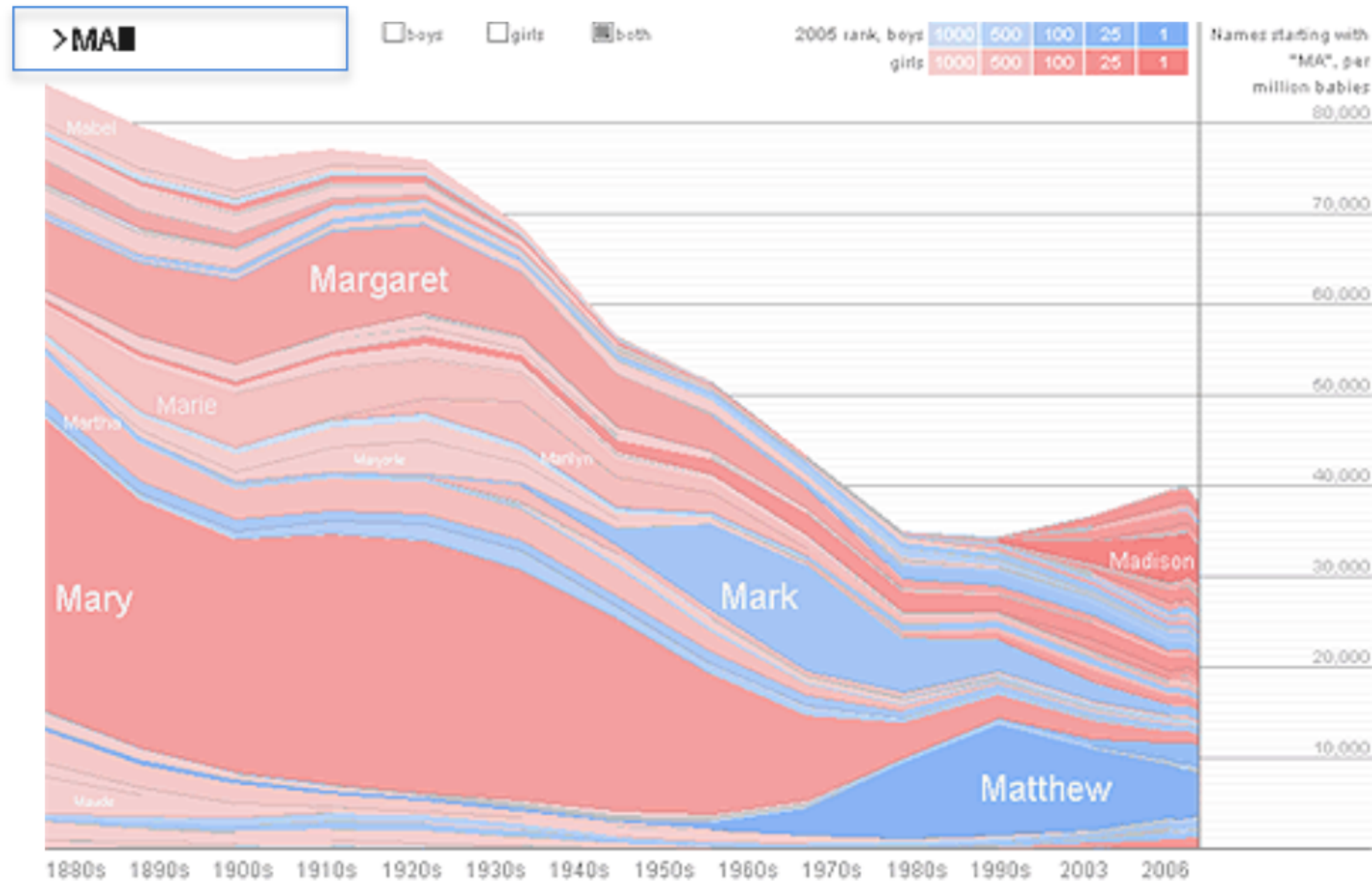
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[Shen and J. 2004]

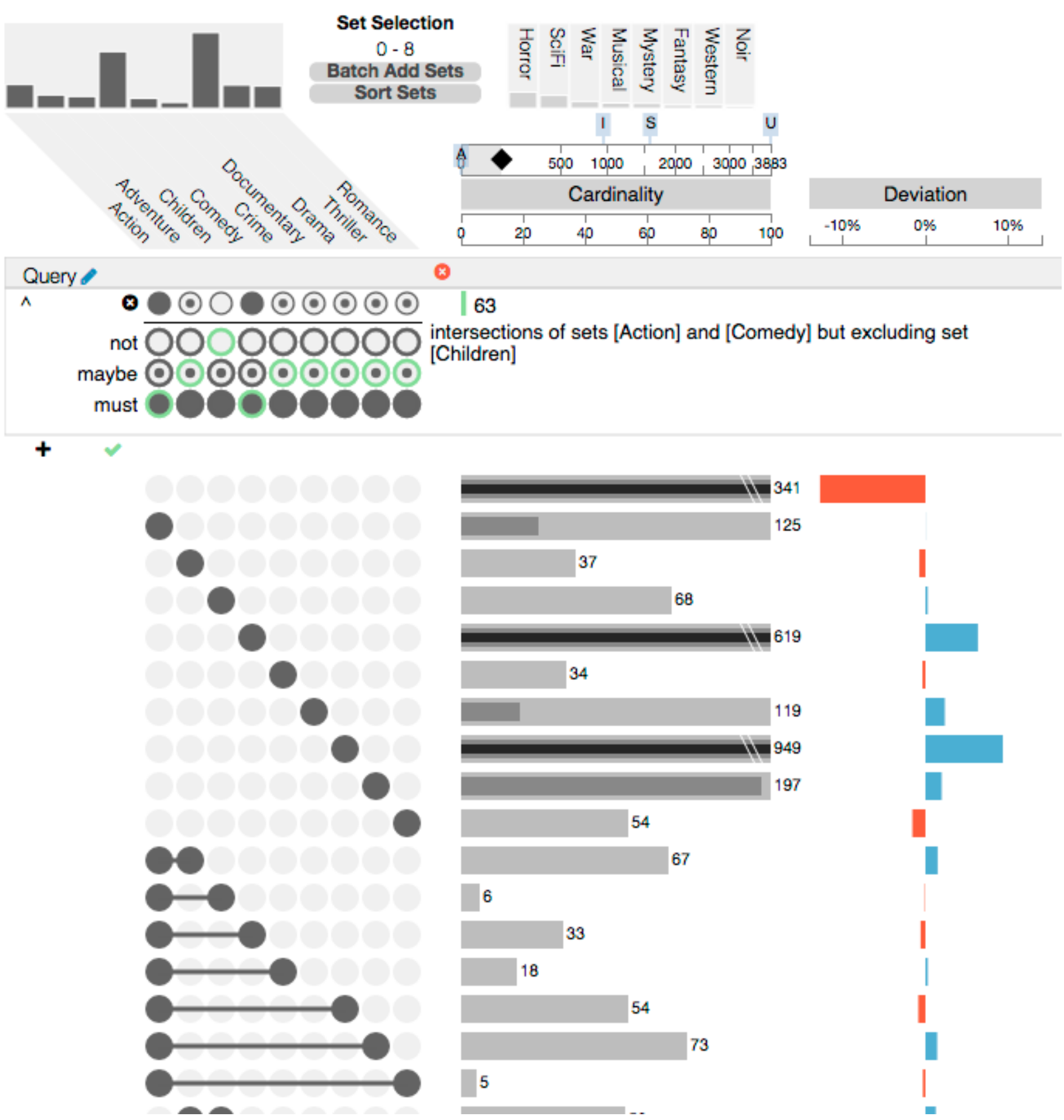


# Incremental Text Search





# Query Interfaces



**More on Filters In Future Lecture**