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## Visual Analytics – *Detect the Expected and Discover the Unexpected*

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[Tufte, 1997]  
adapted from [Hearst, 2004]

### One Visualization Success Story

**Mystery:**  
What is causing a cholera epidemic in London  
in 1854?

## Content

### Motivation & Introduction

One Visualization Success Story  
Three Problem Areas

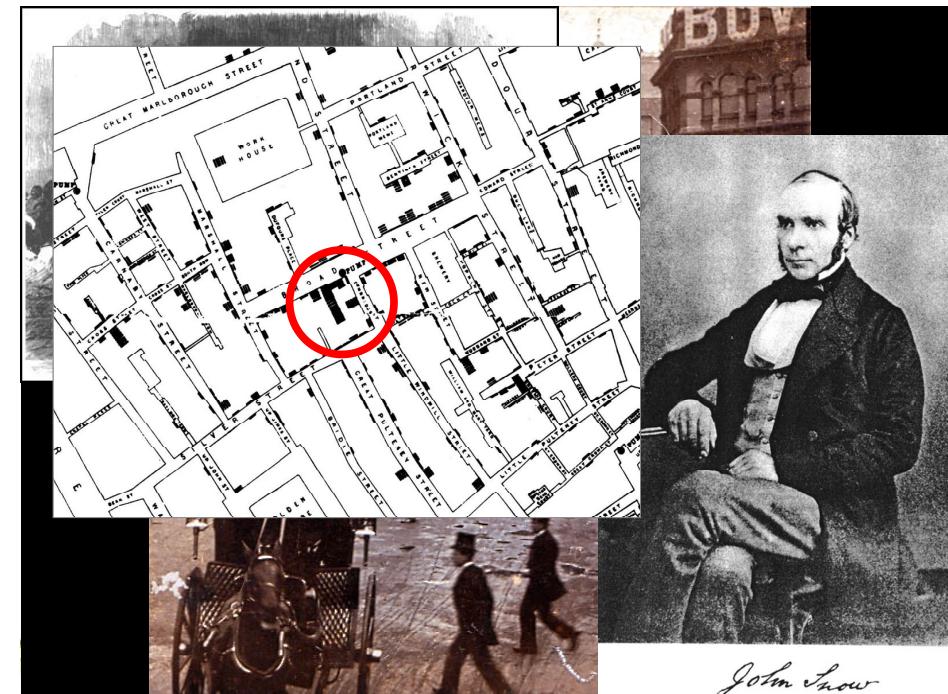
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Concepts, Goals, & Tasks  
Information Discovery Process  
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### Visual Analytics: Examples & Applications

Visual Analytics of Time-Oriented Data  
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John Snow

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## Motivation: Main Problems

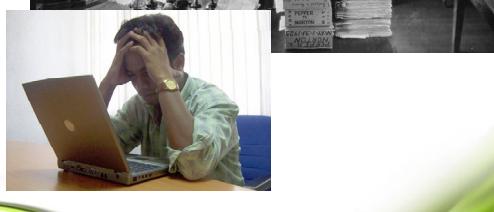
Data Unmanageable – Information Overload



Missing Integration of  
Various (Heterogeneous)  
Information Sources

Various  
Interdisciplinary Methods

Missing Involvement of  
Users and their Tasks



## Analytical Methods

Screen Resolution: **1024 \* 768 = 786.432**

Yearly Measurements of Water Level in Low.Austria:<sup>1</sup> **5.256.000**

Number of Cellular Phones in Austria (2005):<sup>2</sup> **8.160.000**

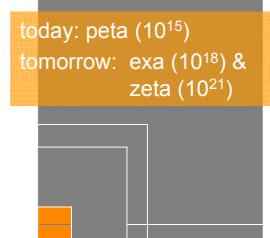
Transmitted Emails Every Hours (World-Wide):<sup>3</sup> **35.388.000**

Whole Data often not Presentable

1. Applying Analytical Methods (*Data Reduction*)
2. Visualization of Most Important Data and Information

### Analytical Methods

Statistics, Machine Learning & Data Mining

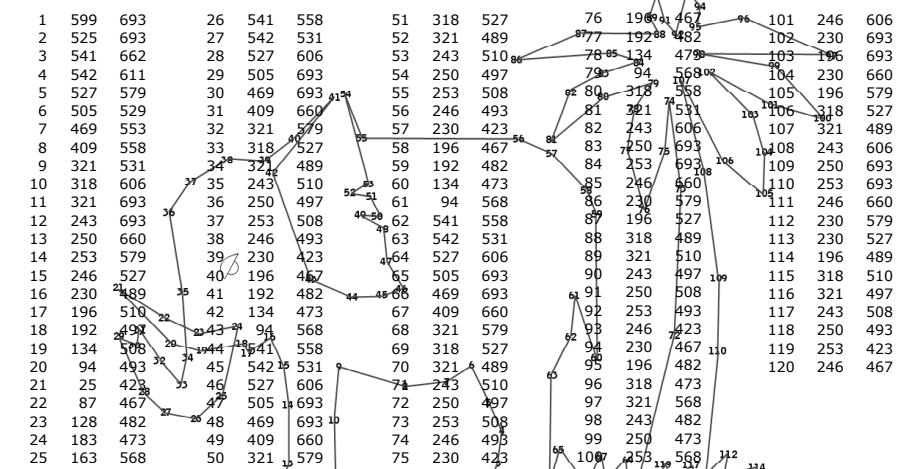


1 ... Amt der NÖ Landesregierung, Abt. WA5 - Hydrologie, <http://www.noel.gv.at/SERVICE/WA/WA5/htm/wnd.htm>

2 ... CIA Factbook, <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

3 ... How Much Information?, UC Berkeley, <http://www2.sims.berkeley.edu/research/projects/how-much-info-2003/>

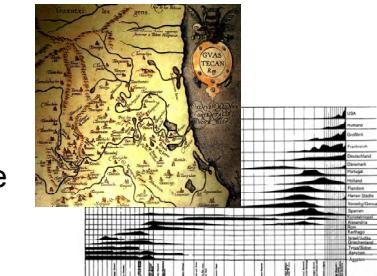
## Visualization for Problem Solving



## Interactions

### Past

Only passive Observations  
Representation not Changeable  
“one fits all”



### Today

Active Examination with Visualizations  
Dynamically Adaptable and Modifiable

→ *Different Users, Tasks, and Aims*

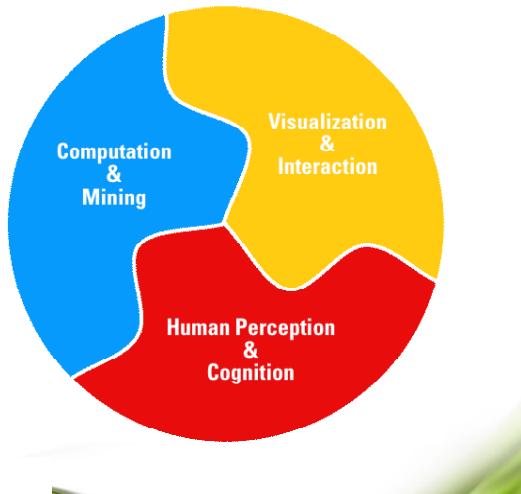
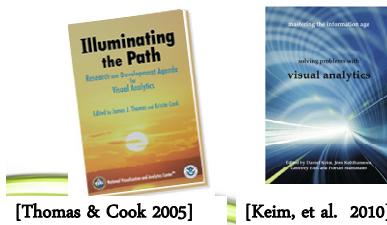


# Visual Analytics – What is it?

James Thomas & Kristin A. Cook

NVAC (National Visualization and Analytics Center), Seattle, USA

**"Visual Analytics  
is the science of  
analytical reasoning  
facilitated by  
interactive  
visual interfaces"**



## Analytical Reasoning Process

[Thomas & Cook 2005]



## Visual Analytics Agenda

[Thomas & Cook 2005]

### The Science of Analytical Reasoning

... enable users to obtain deep insights that directly support assessment, planning, and decision making. "

### Visual Representations & Interaction Technologies

... take advantage of human eye's broad bandwidth pathway into the mind to allow users to see, explore, and understand large amount of information at once."

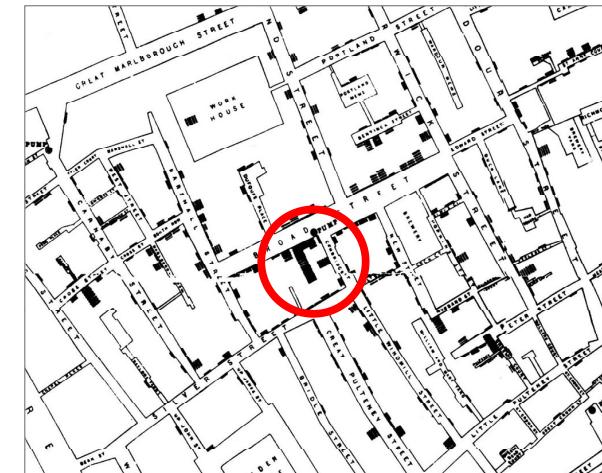
### Data Representations & Transformations

... convert all types of conflicting and dynamic data in ways that support visualization and analysis."

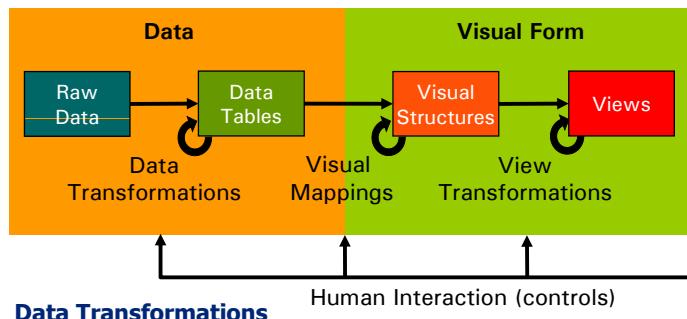
### Production, Presentation, & Dissemination

... communicate information in the appropriate context to a variety of audience."

## Cognition



# Visualization Reference Model



## Data Transformations

Mapping raw data into an organization fit for visualization

## Visual Mappings

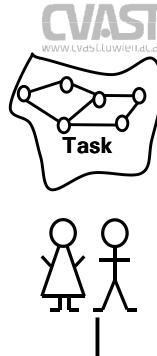
## Encoding abstract data into a visual representation

## View Transformations

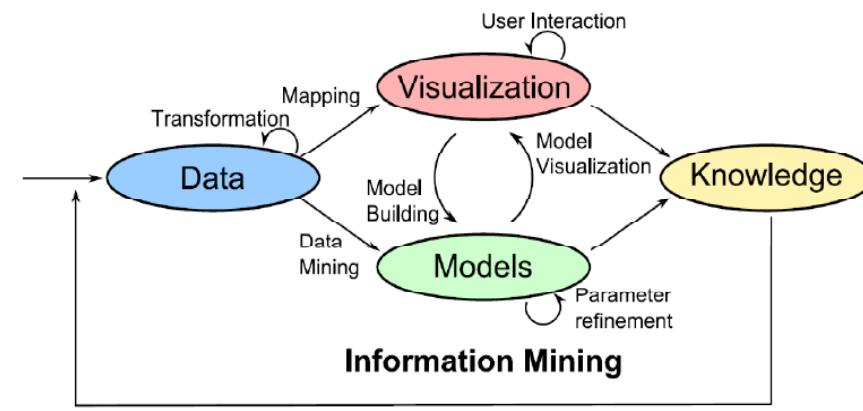
Changing the view or perspective onto the visual representation

**User interaction can feed back into any level**

[Card, et al., 1999]



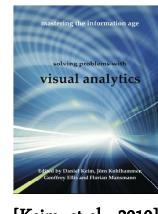
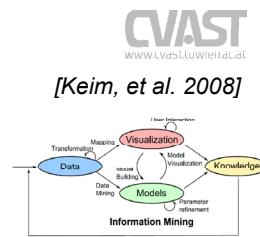
## Visual Analytics – Process



## **Visual Analytics – Definition**

## **“Tight Integration of Visual and Automatic Data Analysis Methods for Information Exploration and Scalable Decision Support”**

"Visual analytics combines automated analysis with interactive visualisations for an effective understanding, reasoning and decision making on the basis of very large and complex datasets".



[Keim, et al. 2010]

## Visual Information Seeking Mantra



overview first, zoom and filter, then details-on-demand

**overview first, zoom and filter, then details-on-demand**

10 times

## Visual Analytics Mantra



[Keim, 2005, presentation,  
Keim, et al., 2008]

Analyze first,  
show the important,  
zoom filter & analyze,  
then details-on-demand

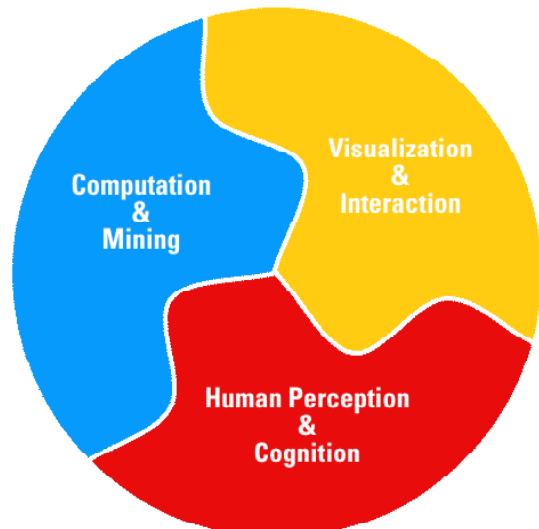
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show the important,  
zoom filter & analyze,  
then details-on-demand

Analyze first,  
show the important, ...

... 10 times ...



## Visual Analytics



## Goals of Visual Analytics ...



[Keim, et al. 2010]

... is design and create methods to enable users to

synthesize information and derive insight from massive,  
dynamic, ambiguous, and often conflicting data

detect the **expected** and discover the **unexpected**

provide timely, defensible, and understandable  
**assessments**

communicate these assessments effectively for action



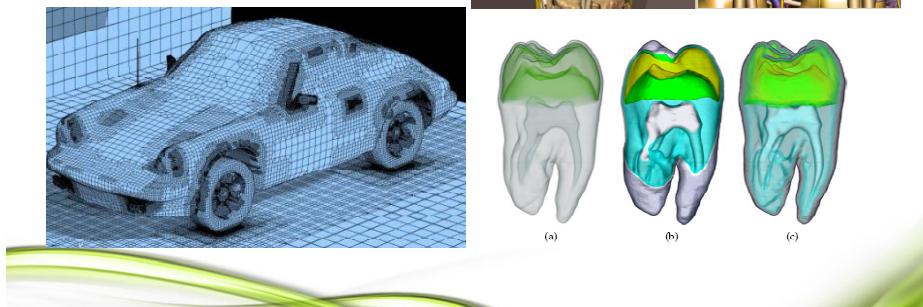
## Visual Analytics



## Visualization: Classical Areas

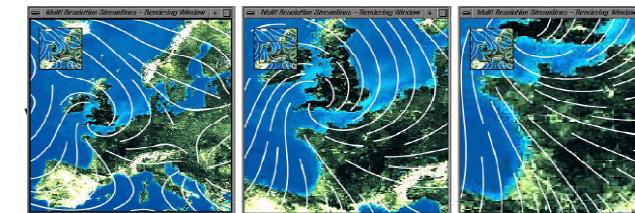
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### Volume Visualization

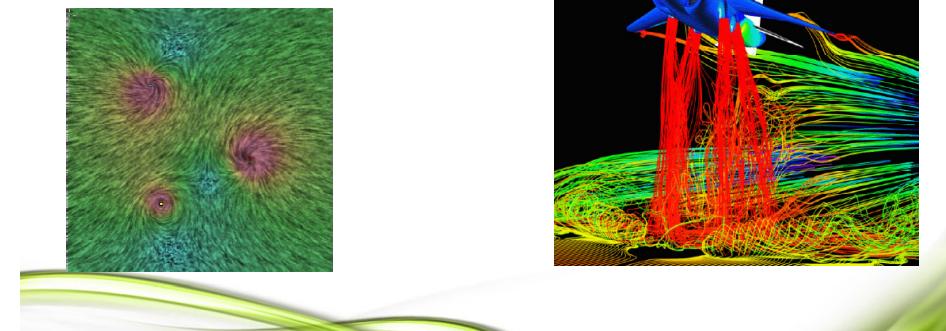


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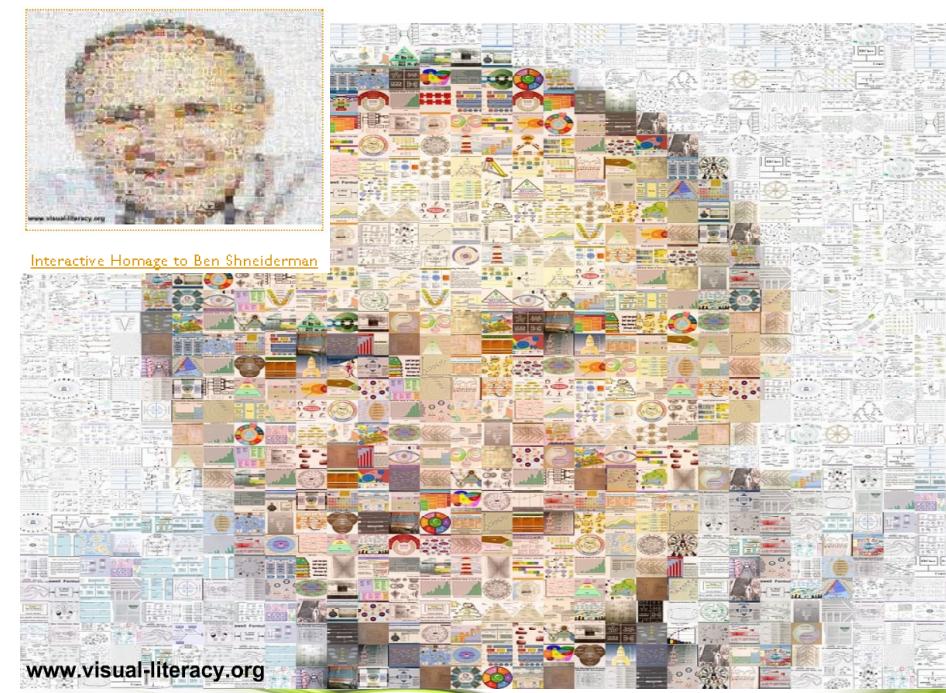
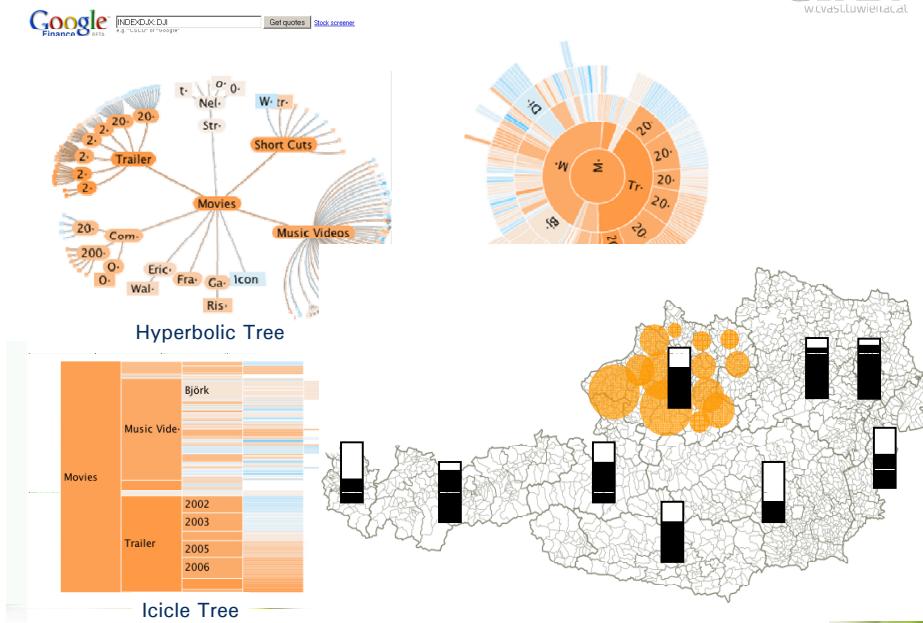


### Flow Visualization



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## Visual Analytics

“Visual Analytics is the science of analytical reasoning facilitated by interactive visual interfaces.”

[Thomas & Cook, 2005]



## Why Interaction?

“Interaction between human and computer is at the heart of modern information visualization and for a single overriding reason: the enormous benefit that can accrue from **being able to change one's view** of a corpus of data. Usually that corpus is so large that no single all-inclusive view is likely to lead to insight. Those who wish to acquire insight must **explore, interactively**, subsets of that corpus to find their way towards the view that triggers an 'a ha!' experience.”

[Spence, 2007]

Users prefer **inferior visualizations with interaction** over superior static visualizations ... through the **combination of** visual representations ad appropriate interaction mechanisms, the users achieve **insights** into the data

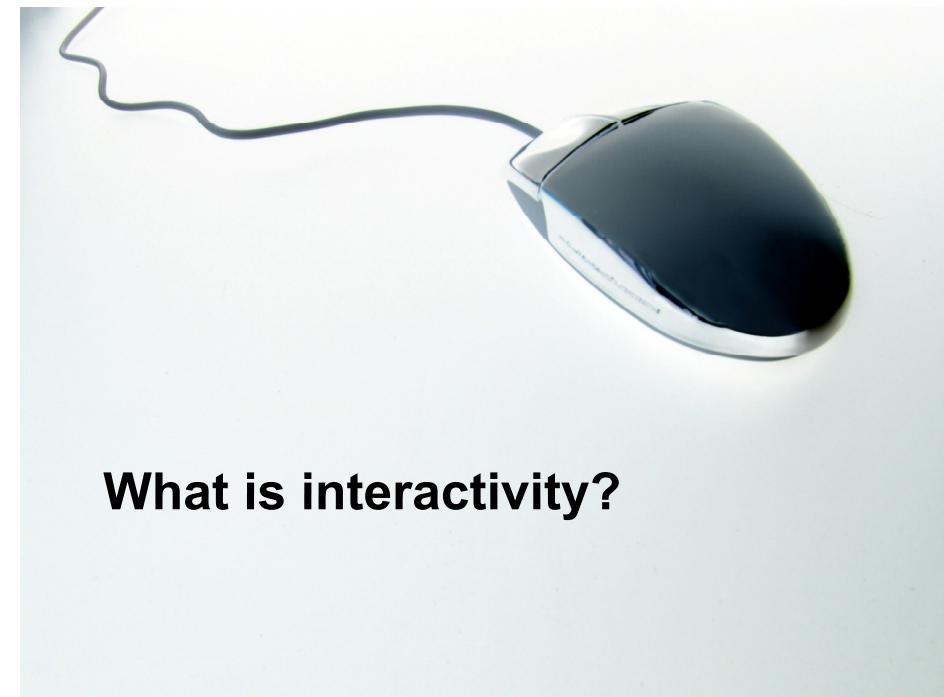
Study in [Saraiya, North, Lam & Duca, 2006]



## Science of Interaction

“Too often in the visual analytic process, researchers tend to focus on visual representations of the data but interaction design is not given equal priority. We need to develop a ‘**science of interaction**’ rooted in a deep understanding of the different forms of interaction and their respective benefits.”

[Thomas & Cook, 2005, p. 73]



## What is interactivity?

## Value of Interaction

### Reduction of distance

Reducing the gulfs of execution and evaluation

### Reduction of cognitive load

Cognitive offloading, external anchoring, information foraging

### Higher engagement

Feeling of being in control / first person-ness

### Higher expressiveness of the user interface language

Richer possibilities for input and output

## Interaction Levels

### Physical Level

How does the user physically interact?

*E.g., Mouse Wheel, Touch Screen*

→ Interaction Devices

### Control Level

How can it be carried out by the user?

*E.g., Move Scrollbar*

→ User Interface

### Conceptual Level

What to be done?

*E.g., Scrolling / Navigating*

→ Task

## Visual Information Seeking Mantra

[Shneiderman, 1996]

### **Overview first, zoom and filter, then details-on-demand.**

**Overview:** Gain an overview of the entire collection.

**Zoom:** Zoom in on items of interest.

**Filter:** Filter out uninteresting items.

**Details on demand:** Select an item or group and get details when needed.

**Relate:** View relationships among items.

**History:** Keep a history of actions to support undo, replay, and progressive refinement.

**Extract:** Allow extraction of sub-collections and of the query parameters.

## Interaction Taxonomy

Based on 1) [Yi et al., 2007] and 2) [Raskin, 2000]

<b>Indicate:</b> show me where I am pointing at	2)
<b>Select:</b> mark something as interesting	1,2)
<b>Explore:</b> show me something else	1)
<b>Reconfigure:</b> show me a different arrangement	1)
<b>Encode:</b> show me a different representation	1)
<b>Abstract/Elaborate:</b> show me more or less detail	1)
<b>Filter:</b> show me something conditionally	1)
<b>Connect:</b> show me related items	1)
<b>Activate:</b> trigger action	2)
<b>Modify:</b> manipulate elements	2)

**Indicate:** show me where I am pointing at



Adapted [Aigner, Presentation 2010]

E.g., Visual Feedback, Pop-Up Tooltips (Mouse Over)



**Select:** mark something as interesting



Adapted [Aigner, Presentation 2010]

E.g., Selecting, Highlighting, Brushing

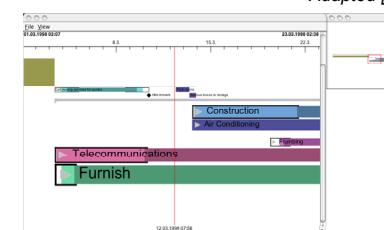


**Explore:** show me something else



Adapted [Aigner, Presentation 2010]

**Zooming + Panning,**  
**Overview + Detail**



**E.g.,**  
**Size + Position of**  
**Viewport**

**Geometric Zoom**

e.g., Photoshop

**Semantic Zoom**

e.g., Google Maps

**Overview+Detail**  
**Focus+Context**

e.g., Fisheye Zoom

**Panning**

**Navigation & Browsing**

in Space

in Time



Demo: VisuExplore

**Reconfigure:** show me a different arrangement



Adapted [Aigner, Presentation 2010]

E.g., Swap x and y Axis of a Scatter Plot; Axis of Parallel Coordinates; Rearrange View, Move View Position, Sorting Items in a Table, Switch Scale on Axes



Demo [gravi++, 2006]

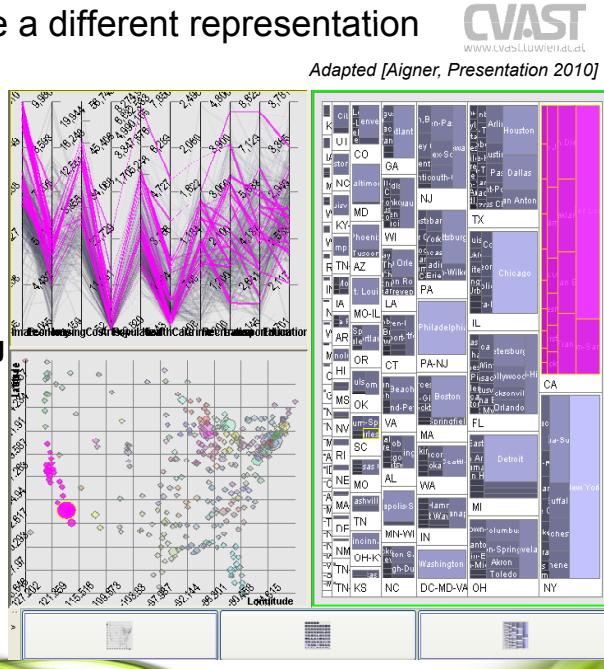
**Encode:** show me a different representation

## Switching to a Different Visualization Method

## Multiple Views: Brushing & Linking

*A multiple view–system uses two or more distinct views to support the investigation of a single conceptual entity*

[Baldonado et al., 2000]



**Abstract/Elaborate:** show me more or less detail

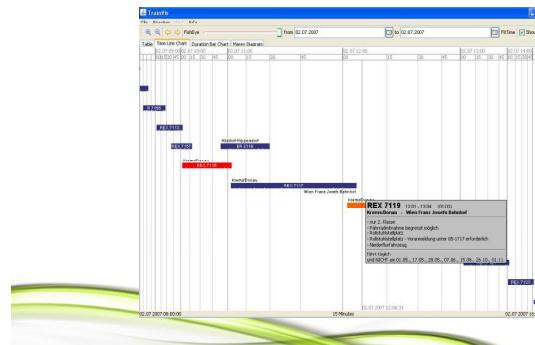
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E.g., Details on Demand

**Displaying detailed information about data case(s) on demand to the user**

May just be more info about a case

May be moving from aggregation view to individual view



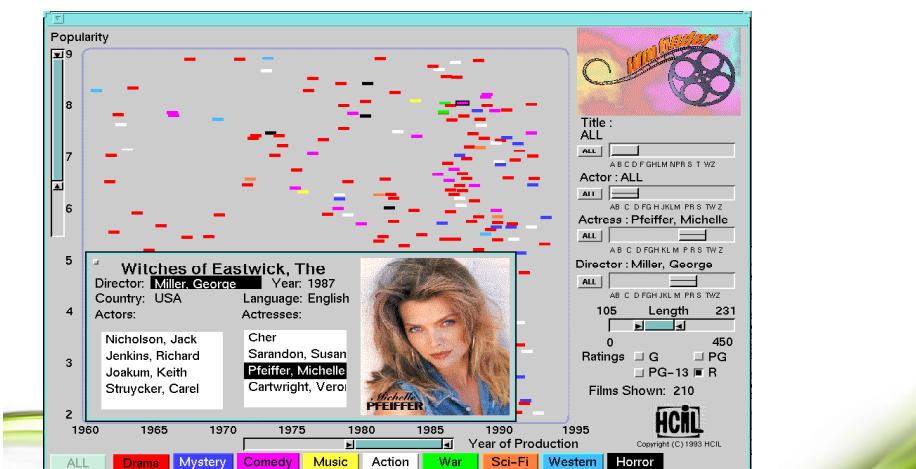
[TrainVis, Weishapl, Aigner, 2007]

## **Filter:** show me something conditionally

### E.g., Dynamic Queries

Selecting value ranges of variables via controls with real time feedback in the display. *[Shneiderman, 1994]*

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## **Connect:** show me related items

**E.g., Linking**

Connection between multiple views of the same data space

Updating one view means updating all

Often mentioned in conjunction with “brushing” (Linking + Brushing)

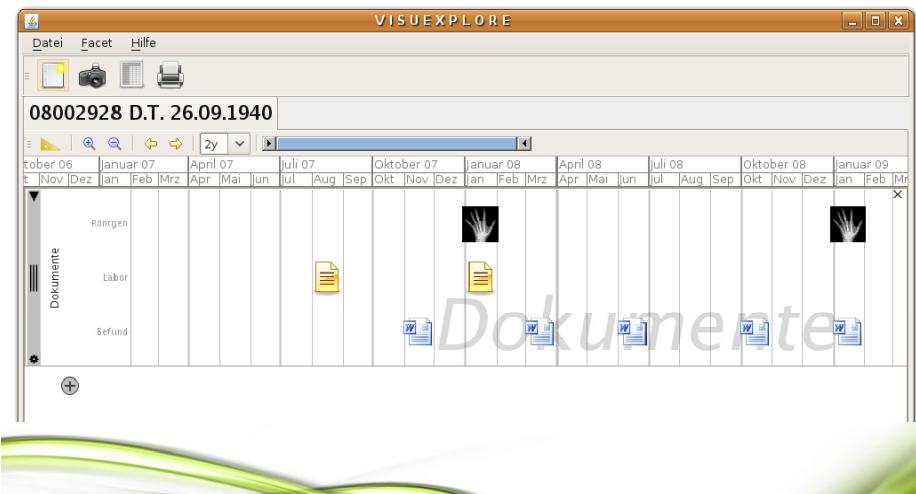


**Activate:** trigger actions



Adapted [Aigner, Presentation 2010]

E.g., open document, go to webpage



**Modify:** manipulate elements



Adapted [Aigner, Presentation 2010]

**generate**

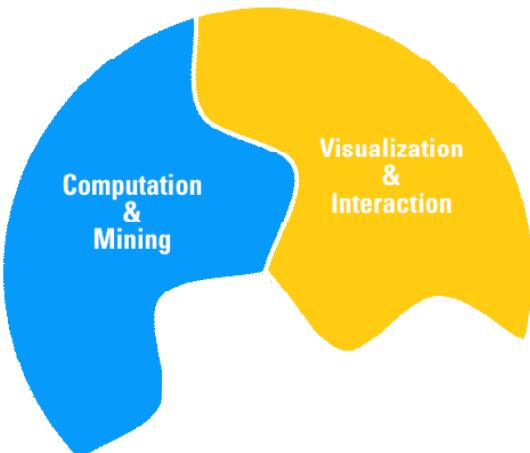
**delete**

**move**

**transform**

**copy**

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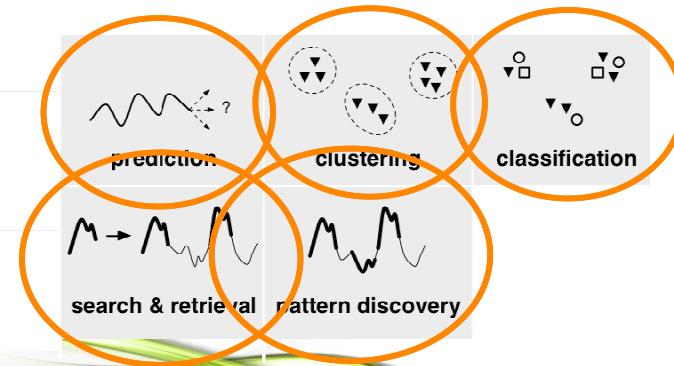
**Computation & Mining**

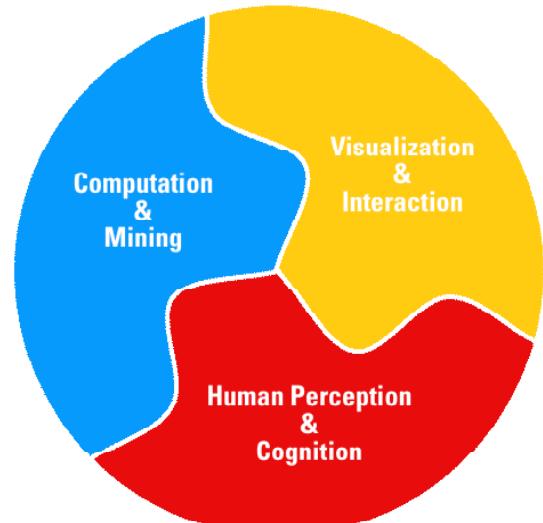


→**Data Reduction**

**Statistics**

**Data Mining & Knowledge Discovery in DB**





## Gestalt Laws

### 1. Proximity

[Max Westheimer, Kurt Koffka, and Wolfgang Kohler (1912)]

--> published in [Kurt Koffka (1935),

*Principles of Gestalt Psychology*, Harcourt-  
Brace, New York]

--> used from [Ware, 2000]

### 2. Similarity

### 3. Prägnanz

### 4. Good Continuation

### 5. Closure

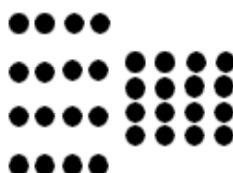
### 6. Common fate

### 7. Familiarity

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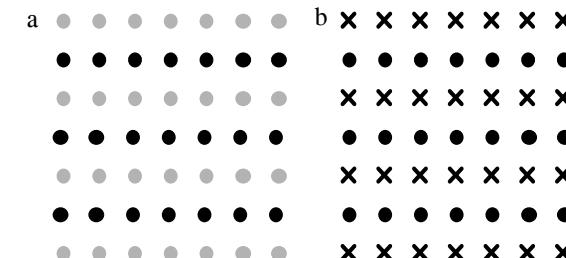
The tendency of objects near one another to be grouped together into a perceptual unit.



## Gestalt Laws

### 2. Similarity

If several stimuli are presented together, there is a tendency to see the form in such a way that the similar items are grouped together.



# Gestalt Laws

## 3. Pragnanz

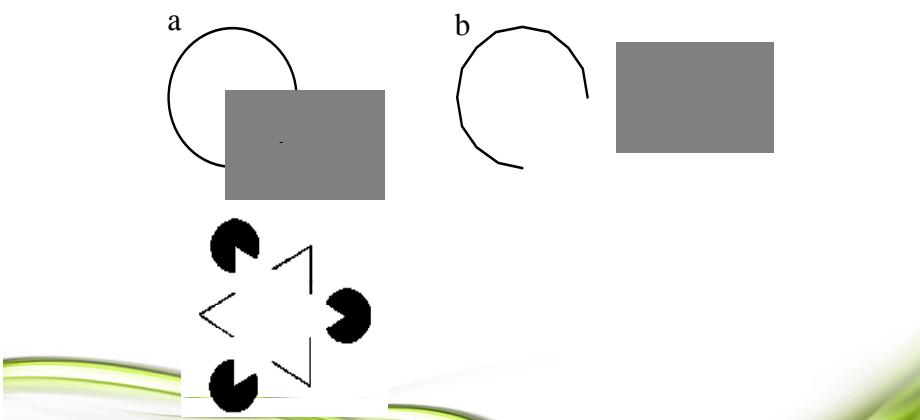
Every stimulus pattern is seen in such a way that the resulting structure is as simple as possible.



# Gestalt Laws

## 5. Closure

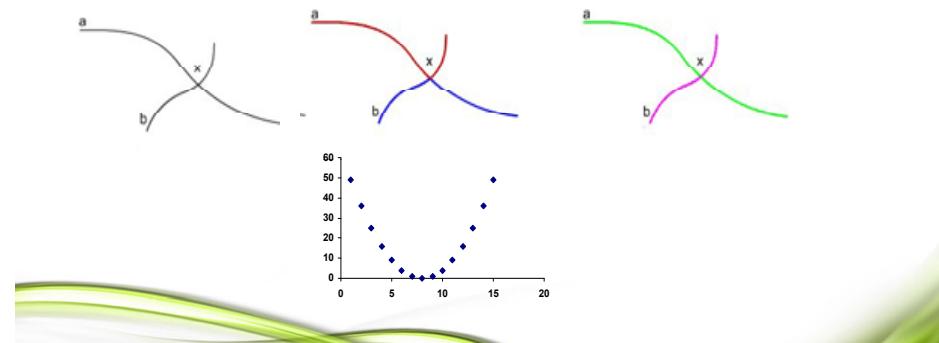
The tendency to unite contours that are very close to each other.



# Gestalt Laws

## 4. Good Continuation

Neighboring elements are grouped together when they are potentially connected to straight or smoothly curved lines.



# Gestalt Laws

## 6. Common Fate

Elements that are moving in the same direction seem to be grouped together.

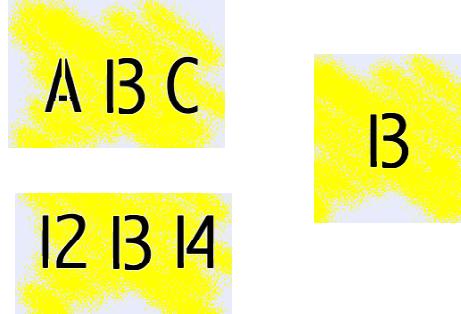


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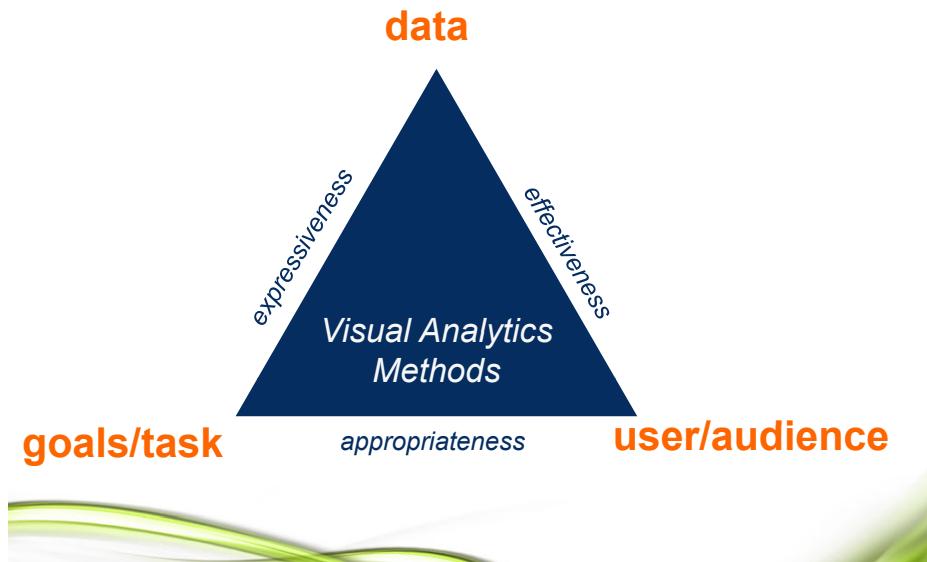
[Max Wertheimer, Kurt Koffka, and Wolfgang Kohler (1912)]

## 7. Familiarity (Effect of Past Experience)

Elements are more likely to form groups if the groups appear familiar or meaningful.



# User-Centered Design



## Video

 **VisMaster**  
Visual Analytics - Mastering the Information Age



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The EU CORDIS site just released a news headline on VisMaster in different languages!

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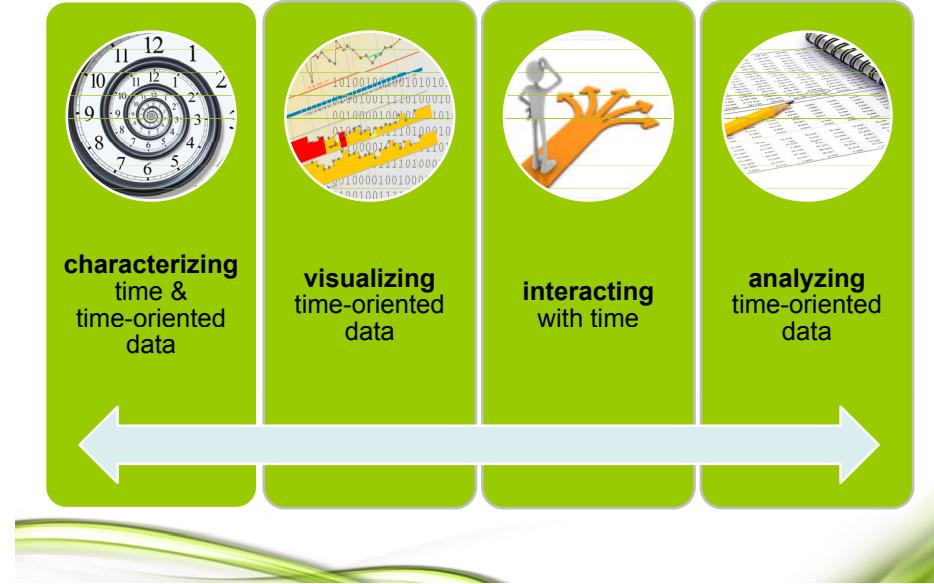
## Time has a Complex Structure



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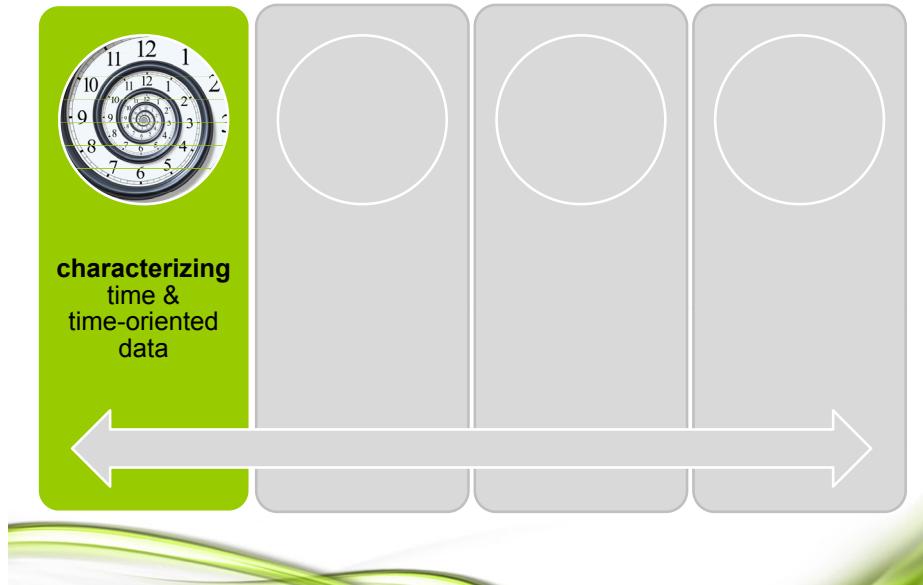
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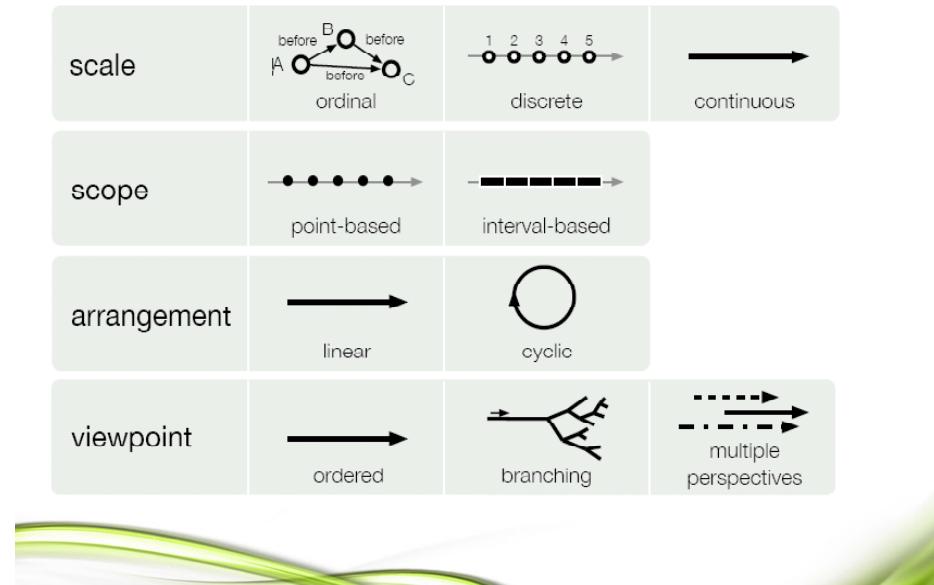
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## Modelling Time

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## Modelling Time

### Abstractions

granularity & calendars			
time primitives			
determinacy			

## Example: Granularity Paradoxon

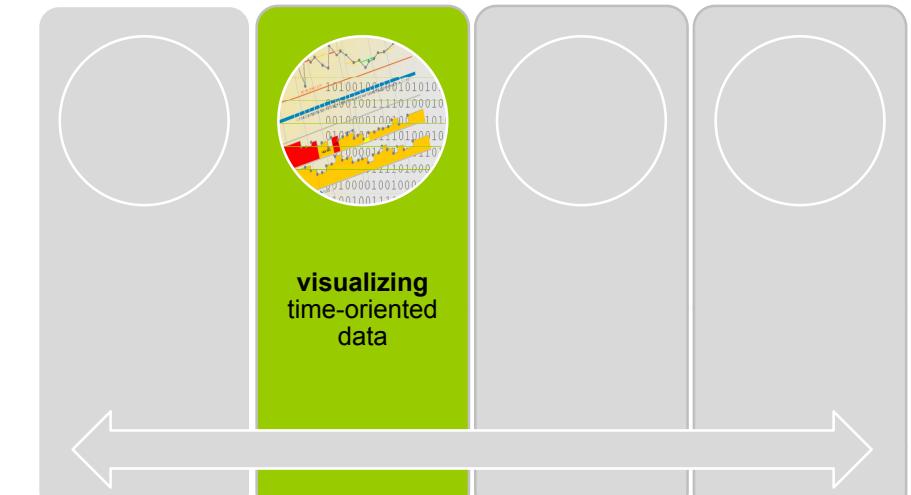
Relationship of A and B:

Years	...	A not equals B
Weeks	...	A equals B
Days	...	A not equals B

## Modelling Time-Oriented Data

scale	3.14 3.27 4.88 quantitative	coconut banana apple qualitative
frame of reference		
kind of data		
number of variables		

## Visual Analytics of Time-Oriented Data

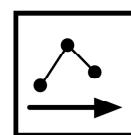


## Visualizing Time

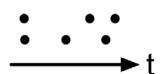
Time → Time (Animation)

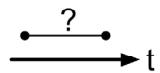


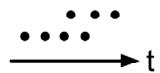
Time → Space



Patient cohorts pose additional challenges   
for animated scatter plots

 Irregular sampling

 Data wear

 Data sets covering different portions of time



## TimeRider

[Rind, et al., 2011]

Users

Medical Experts and  
Physicians

Data

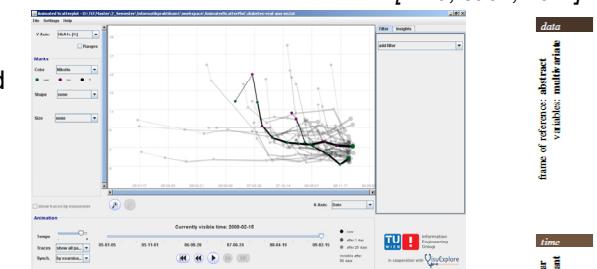
Patient Cohorts

Data: multivariate,  
abstract

Time: linear, instant

Task

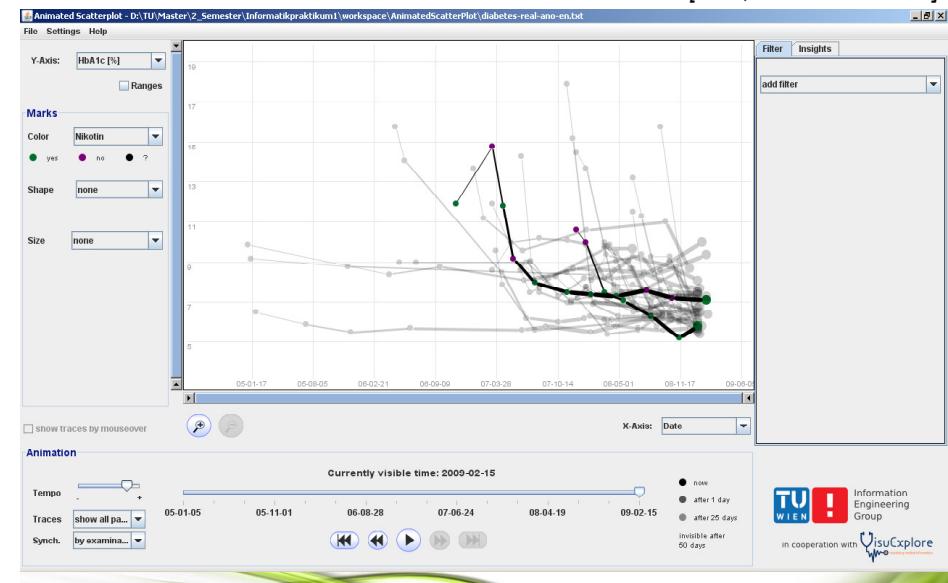
Finding Patterns in  
Multivariate Data over  
Time (Patient Cohorts)



Demo

## Visualizing Time: Time → Time (Animation)

[Rind, et al. : TimeRider]



# Visualizing Time: Time → Space



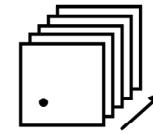
[Rind, et al.: VisuExplore]



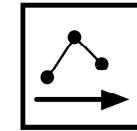
# Visualizing Time



## Time → Time (Animation)

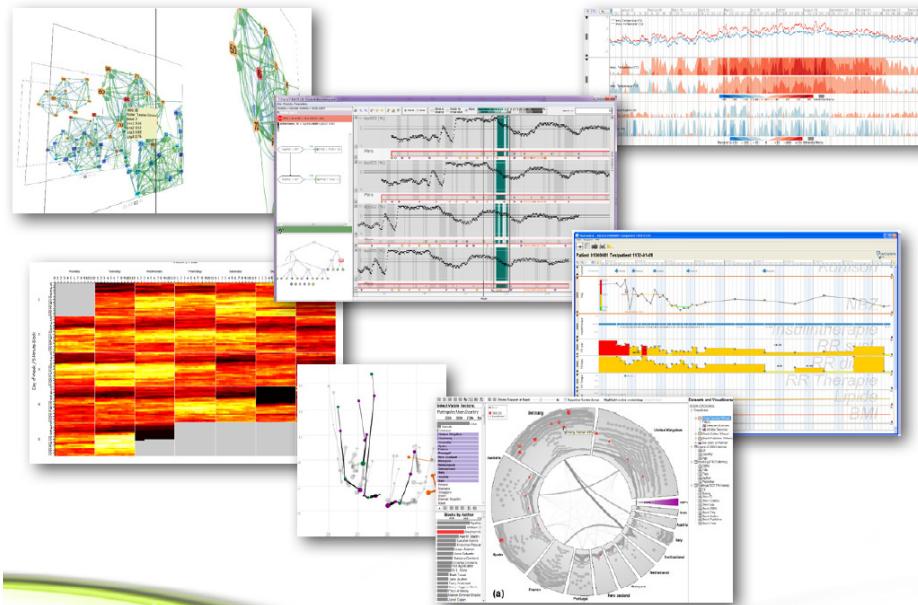
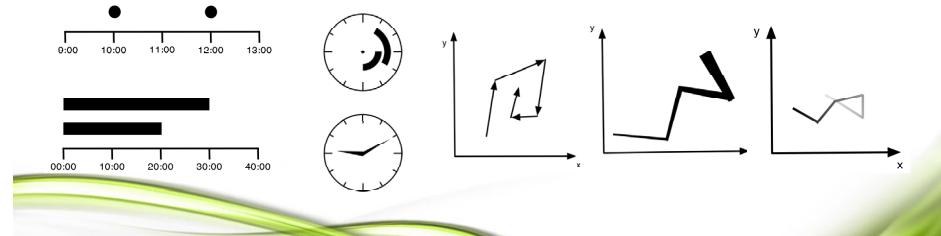


## Time → Space



## Visual Variables

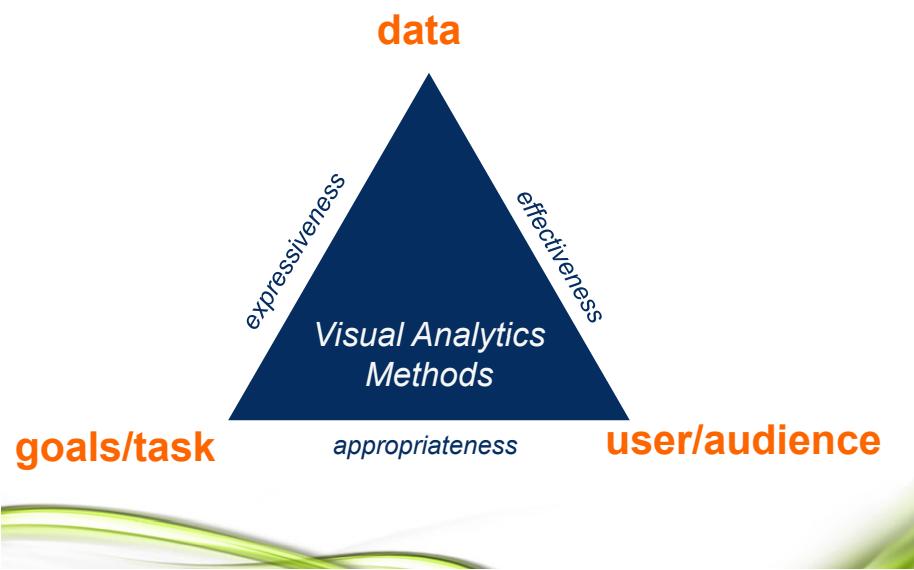
Position, Length, Angle, Slope, Connection, Thickness, ...



# Visual Analytics of Time-Oriented Data



## User-Centered Design



## CareCruiser

[Gschwandtner, et al., 2010, 2011]

### Users

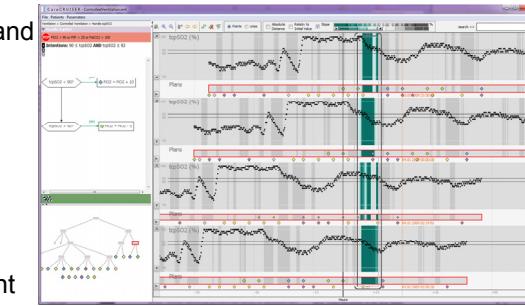
Medical Experts and Physicians

### Data

Patient Data and Treatment Plans

Data: multivariate, abstract

Time: linear, instant



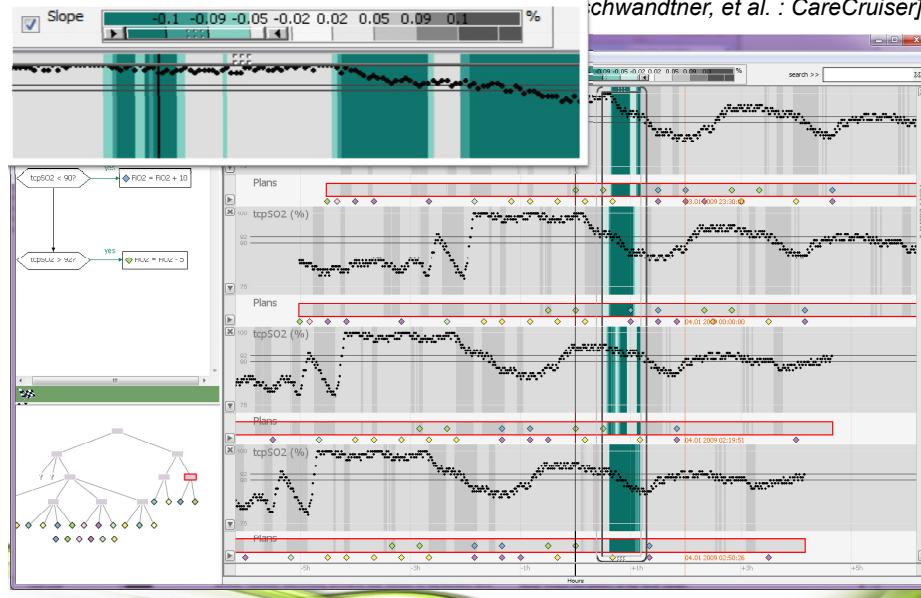
### Task

Exploring the Effects of Clinical Actions on a Patient's Condition

[Demo](#) [Video Patterns](#) [Video Range Slider](#)

## Interacting with Time

Gschwandtner, et al. : CareCruiser]



[Rind, et al., 2010, 2011]

### Users

Medical Experts and Physicians

### Data

Heterogeneous

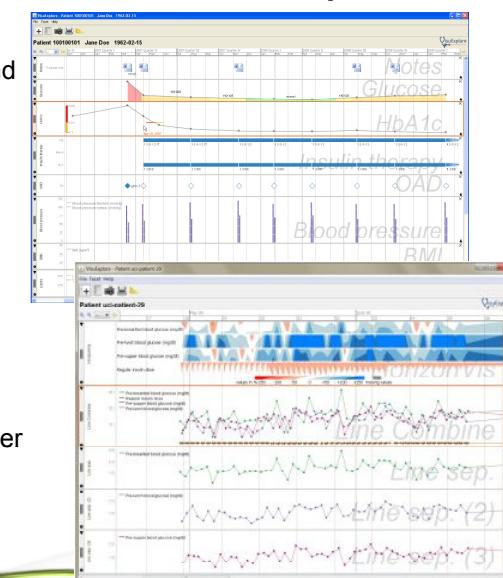
Data: multivariate, abstract

Time: linear, instant and intervall

### Task

Finding Patterns in Multivariate Data over Time

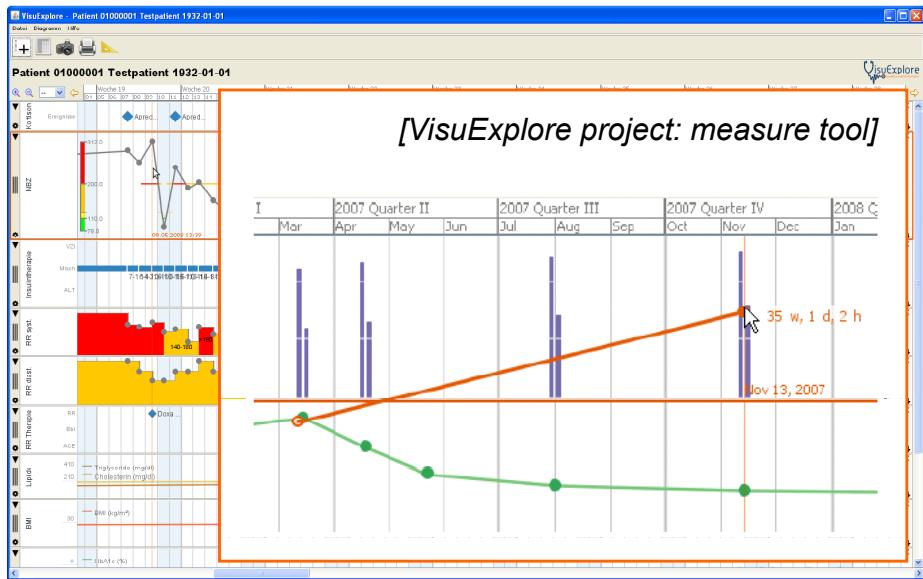
[Demo](#)



## Interacting with Time



[Rind, et al.: VisuExplore]



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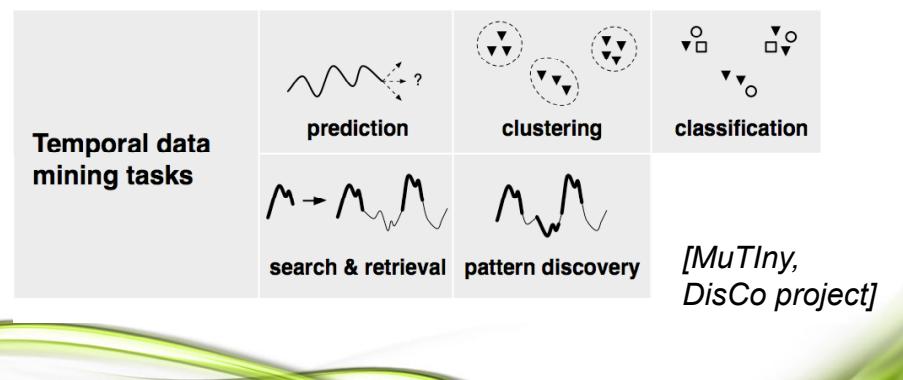
## Automatic Analysis of Time-Oriented Data



### Temporal Data-Abstraction

### Statistics

### Temporal Data-Mining



### Users

Network Experts/Consultants

Business Users with Managing Functions

### Data

Organizational Information:  
Roles, Skills, Processes, etc

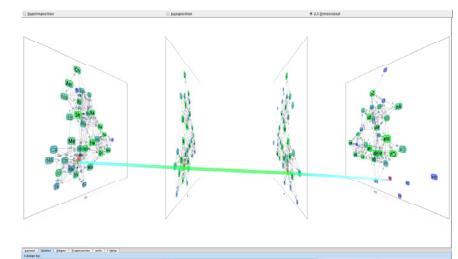
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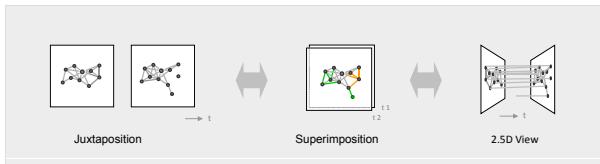
Exploring Organizational Changes over Time

Dynamic Network Analysis (DNA)



[video](#)

3 Views: animated smooth transition between them



## Interactive Dynamic Layout

User controlled stability & consistency

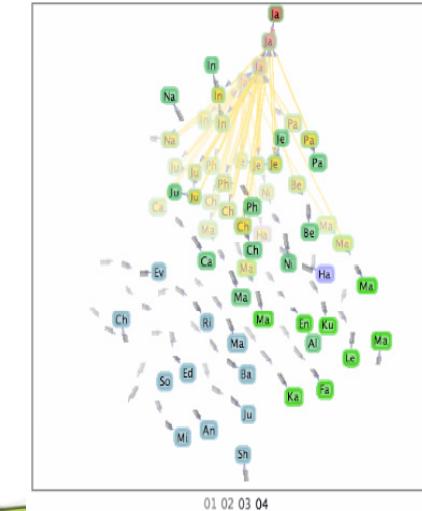
## Dual-mode highlighting

## Integration of Social Network Analysis metrics

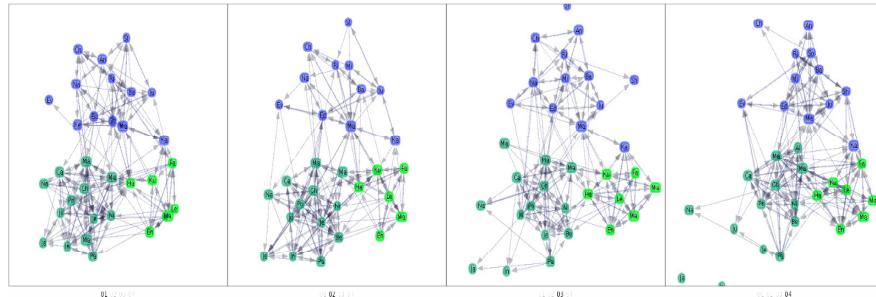
## Visualization of node 'trajectories'



Mapping time  
to a visual  
variable

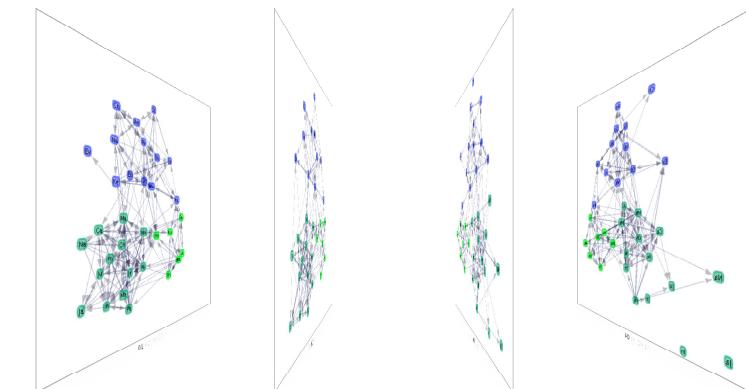


## Juxtaposition



Mapping time to space (horizontal axis)

## 2.5 Dimensional View



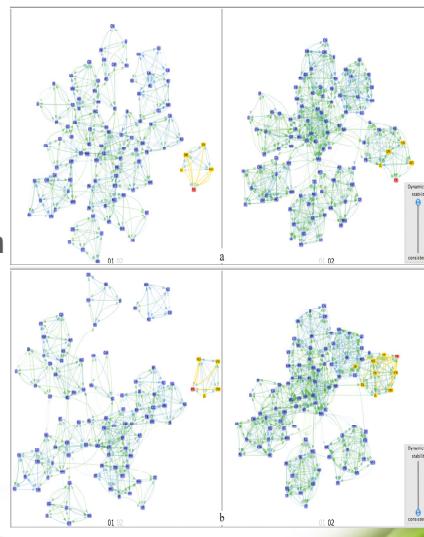
Mapping time to space (3<sup>rd</sup> dimension)

## Specific Interactions

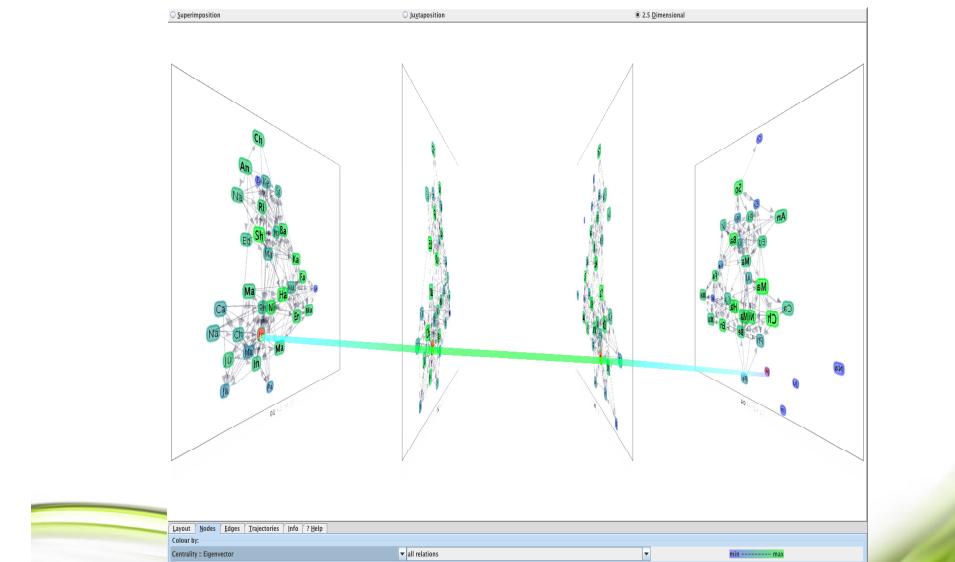
**Layout Control**

**Dual Mode Highlighting**

**2D and 3D pan, Zoom, Rotation**



## SNA Computation + Trajectories



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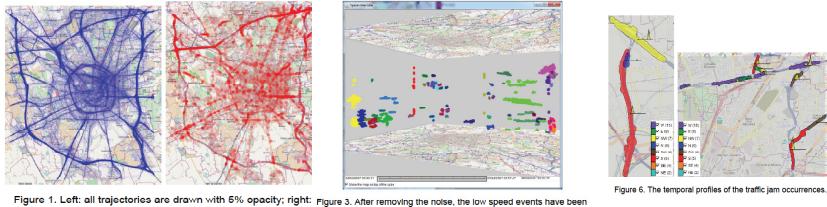
### From Movement Tracks through Events to Places: Extracting and Characterizing Significant Places from Mobility Data

Gennady Andrienko<sup>1</sup>, Natalia Andrienko<sup>1</sup>, Christophe Hurter<sup>2</sup>, Salvatore Rinzivillo<sup>3</sup>, Stefan Wrobel<sup>1</sup>

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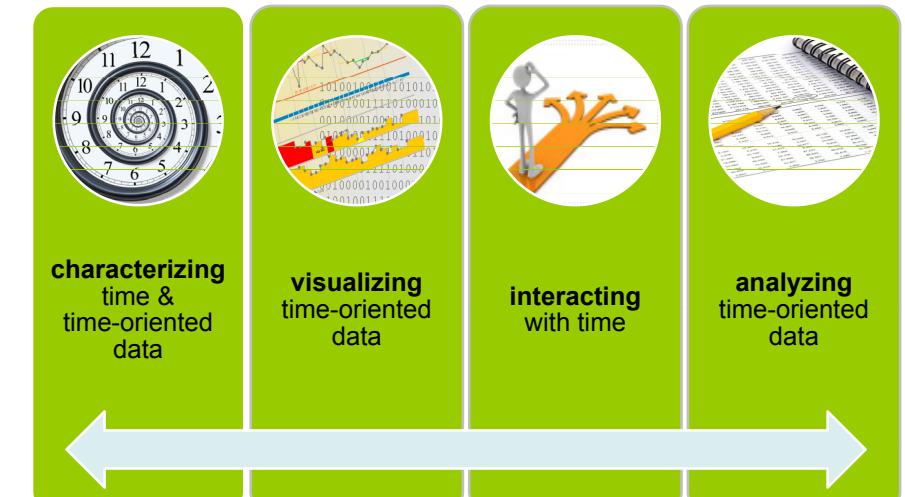
Extracting events from trajectories

Determining relevant places (clustering + thresholds)

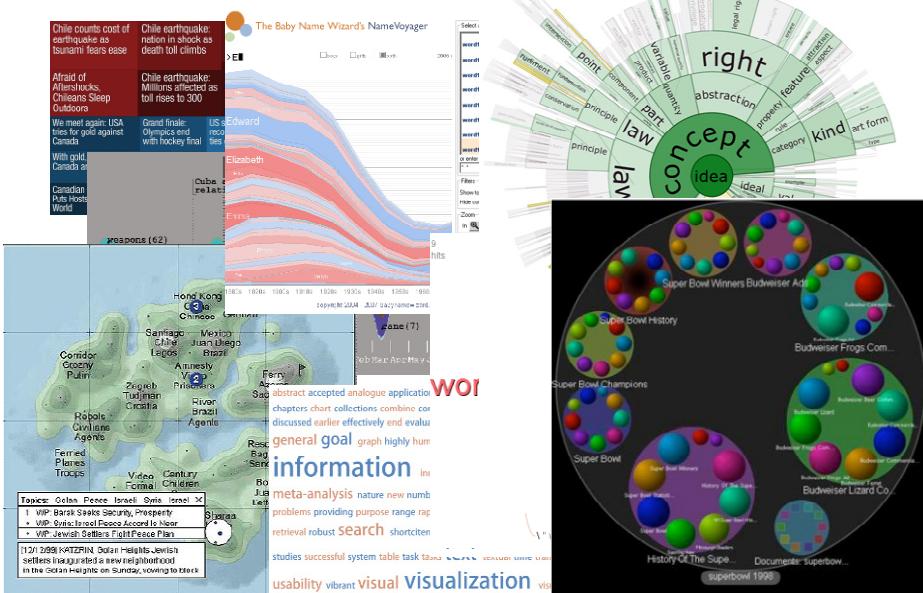
Aggregating events and trajectories

Analysis of aggregated data (Traffic congestions in Milan, Flights in France)

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## Text Visualizations/ Visual Analytics



## Text Visualizations/ Visual Analytics

### History Flow Visualization

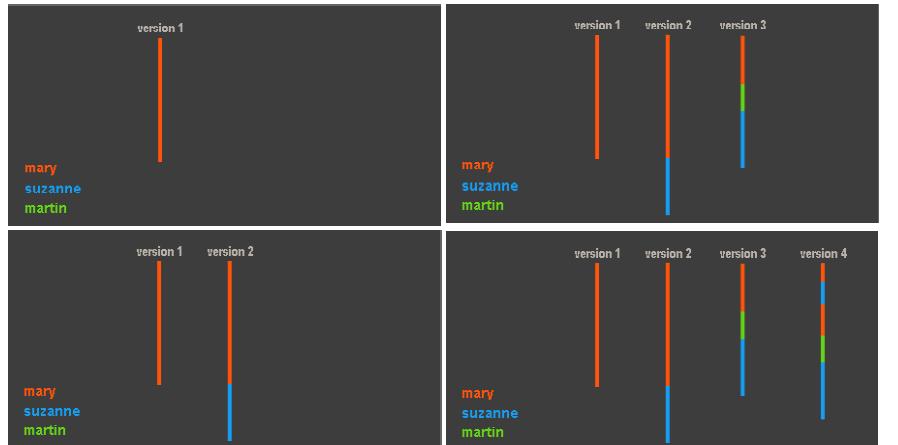
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## History Flow Visualization

[Wattenberg & Viégas, 2006]



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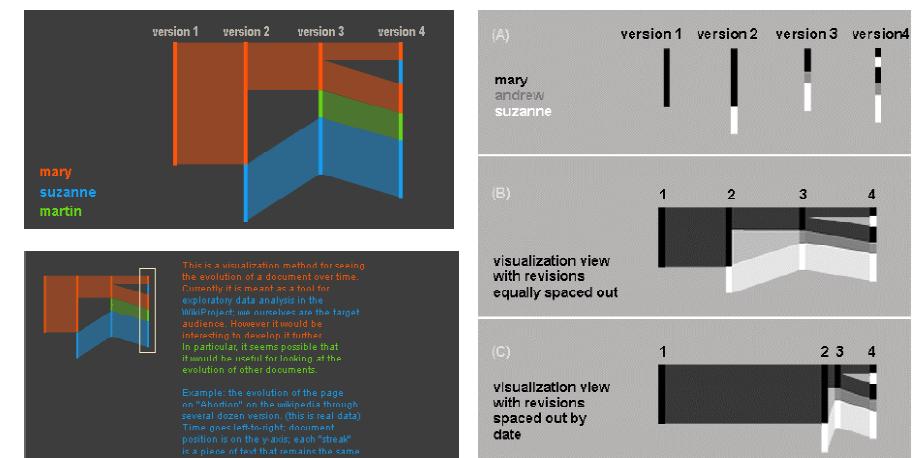
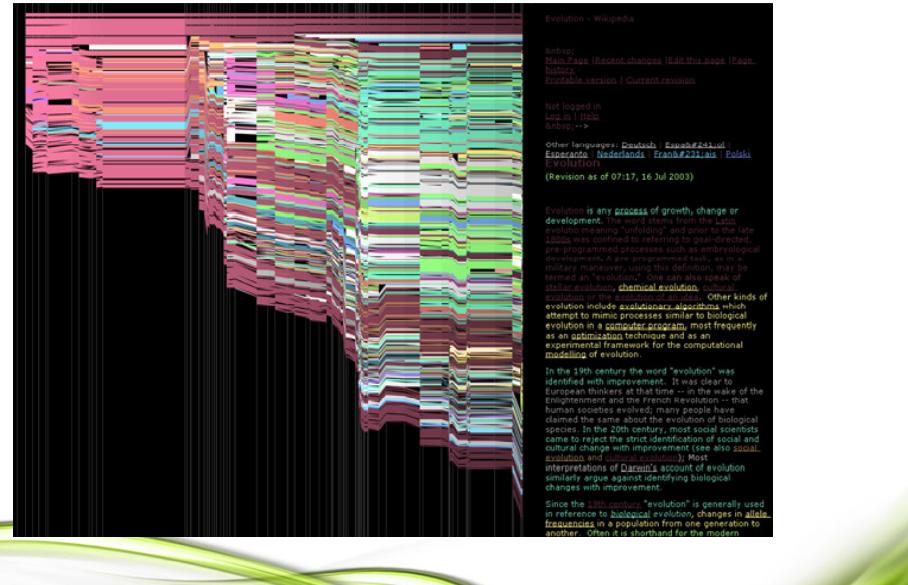


Fig 2: explanation of history flow's visualization mechanism

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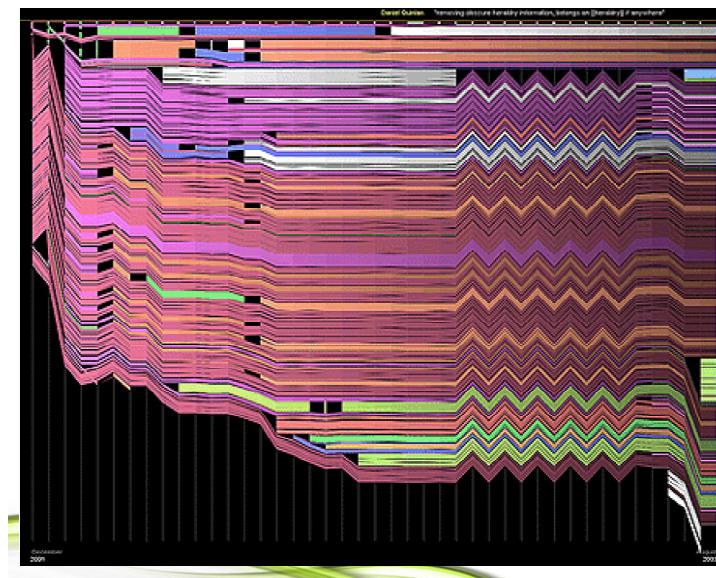
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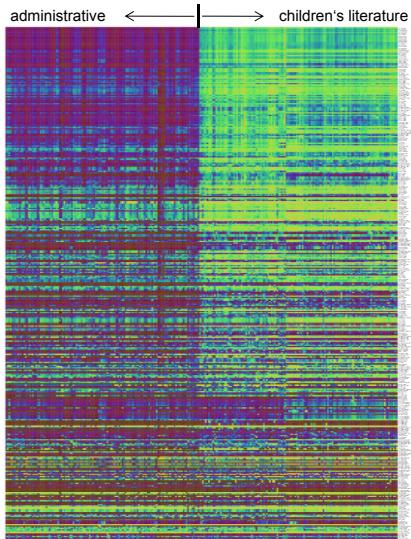
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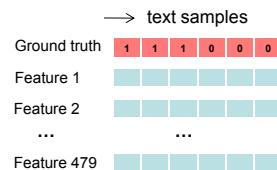
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→ 479 feature vectors with one value  
for each text sample

Method: Pearson Correlation  
Coefficient  
removed if correlation < 0.7

high

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#### Word Length

#### Vocabulary Complexity

#### Nominal Forms

#### Sentence Length

#### Sentence Structure Complexity



Average = Overall  
readability score

#### Normalization with respect to:

#### Sentence length

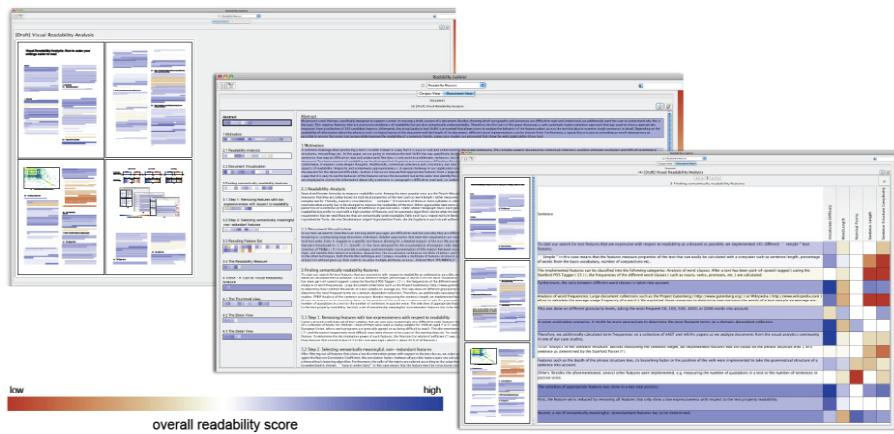
#### the ground-truth data set (mapping between 0 and 1)

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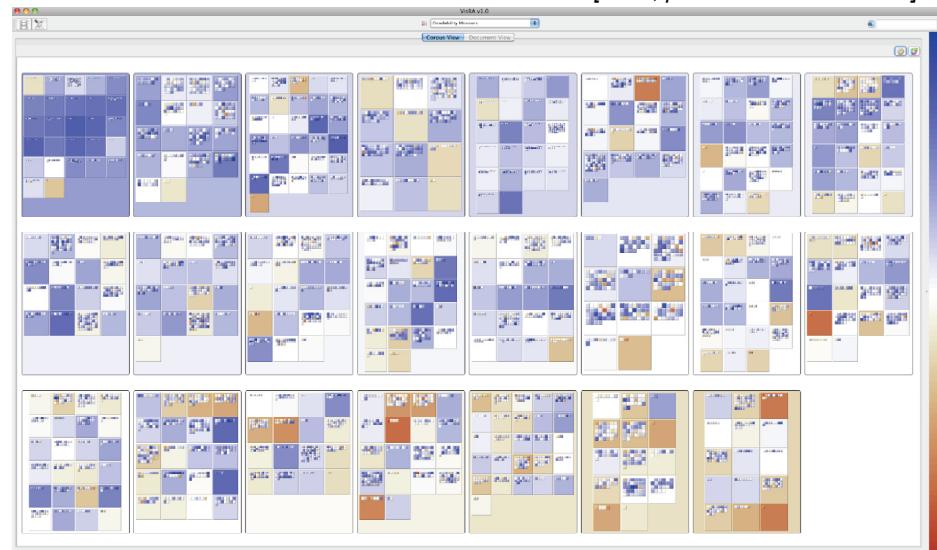


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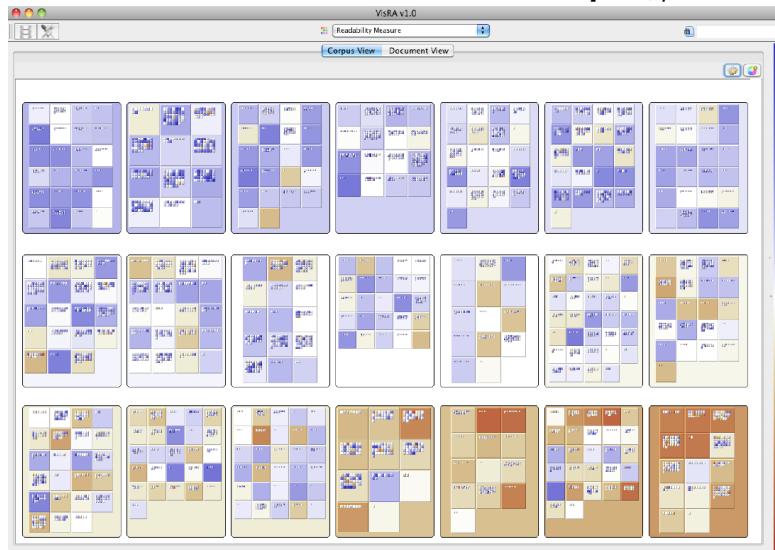


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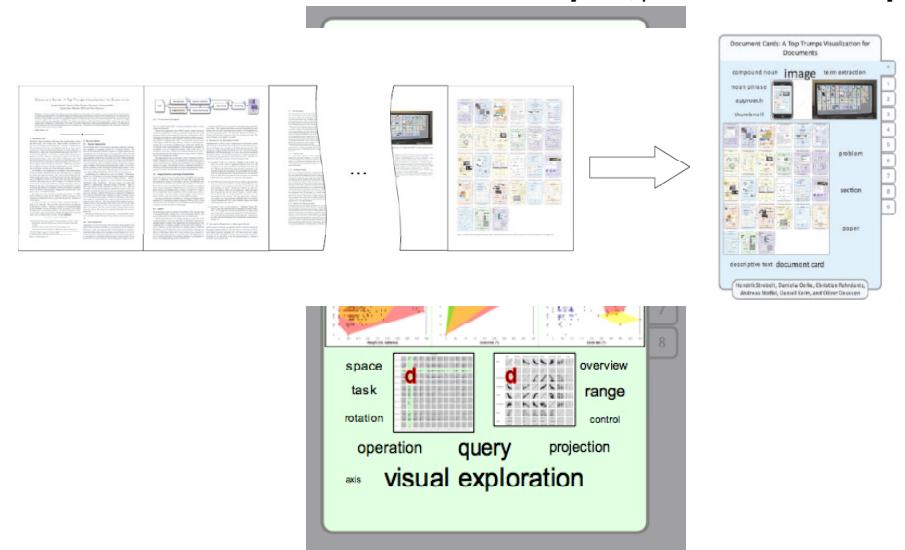


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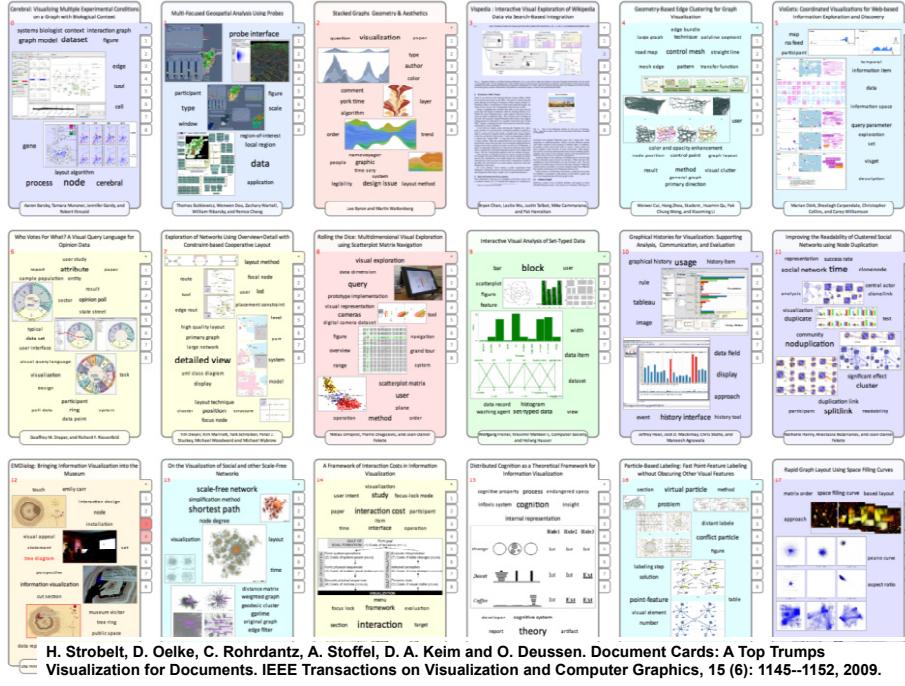
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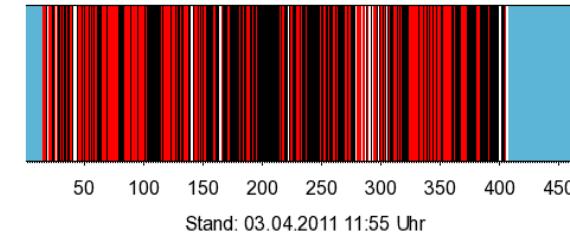
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## Conclusion :: Challenges

### Visual Analytics –

*Detect the Expected and Discover the Unexpected*

### Technical Challenges in Visual Analytics

Data Quality and Uncertainty

Data Provenance

Data Streams

Scalability in Problem Size

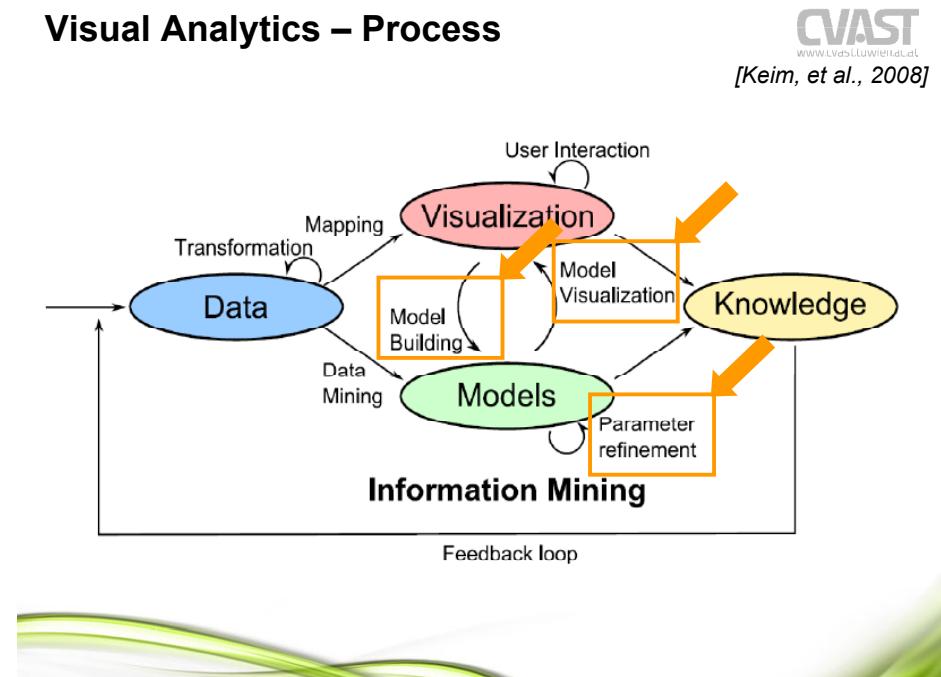
Process Integration

Evaluation

### Application Challenges in Visual Analytics



## Visual Analytics – Process



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[Keim, et al., 2008]

## Conclusion

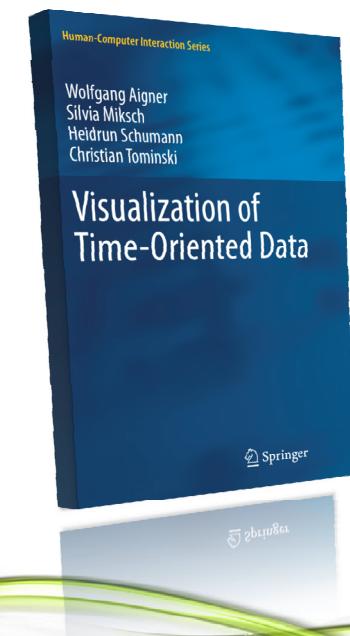
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**Visual Analytics**  
is the  
***scientific discovery method***  
needed to solve some of  
the Grand Challenge problems!

**"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them."**

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)



### NEW BOOK

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## Visualization of Time-Oriented Data

with a foreword by Ben Shneiderman

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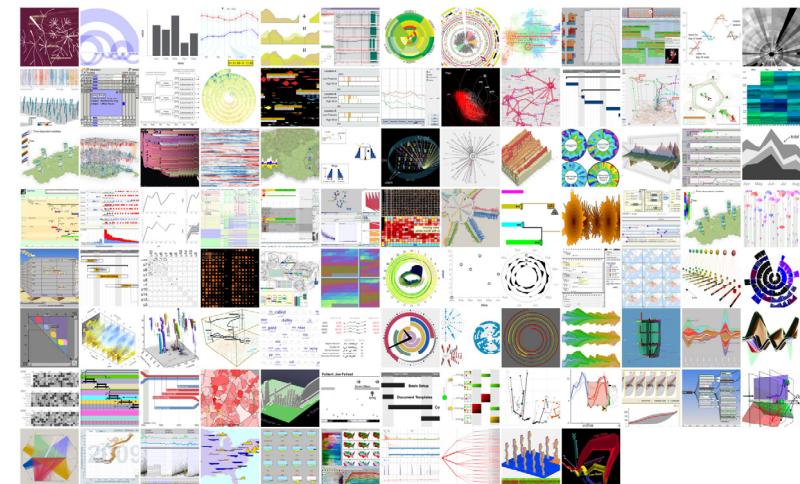
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## 3 Key Questions of the Visualization

<b>What?</b>	time	scale, scope, arrangement, viewpoint granularity & calendars, time primitives, determinacy see Chapter 3
	data	scope, frame of reference, kind of data, number of variables see Chapter 3
	time & data	internal time, external time see Chapter 3

<b>Why?</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> level		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> level		
	3 <sup>rd</sup> level		

<b>How?</b>	mapping		
	dimensionality		

- 1. What has to be presented?  
– Time and data!**

- 2. Why has it to be presented?  
– User tasks!**

- 3. How is it presented?  
– Visual representation!**

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**CareCruiser**

func of reference: abstract  
variables: multiple set  
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**VisuExplore**

7.1 Techniques  
231  
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**Fig. 7.39:** A patient's parameters are displayed together with the applied clinical actions. In the selected area on the right, a delayed drop of the patient's  $cSO_2$  values after applying a specific clinical action is revealed. Contextual views are shown on the left – top-left: flow-chart like representation of the treatment plan logic; bottom-left: hierarchical decomposition of treatment plan. Source: Generated with the VisuExplore software.

**CareCruiser** by [Gschwandtner et al. (2011)] is a visualization system for exploring the effects of clinical actions on a patient's condition. It supports exploration via aligning, color-highlighting, filtering, and providing focus and context information. Aligning treatment plans vertically supports the comparison of the effects of different treatments or the comparison of different effects of one treatment plan applied on different patients. Three different color-schemes are provided to highlight interesting portions of the development of a parameter: highlighting the actual values to the intended value helps to identify critical values; highlighting the progress of the actual values relative to the initial values shows to what extent the applied treatment plan has the intended effect; and highlighting the slope of a value helps to explore the immediate effects of applied clinical actions. A range slider is provided to filter the color-highlighting for selected events (see Figure 7.43 top) and a focus window which grays out the color-information outside its borders is used to support a focused investigation of a region of specific interest.

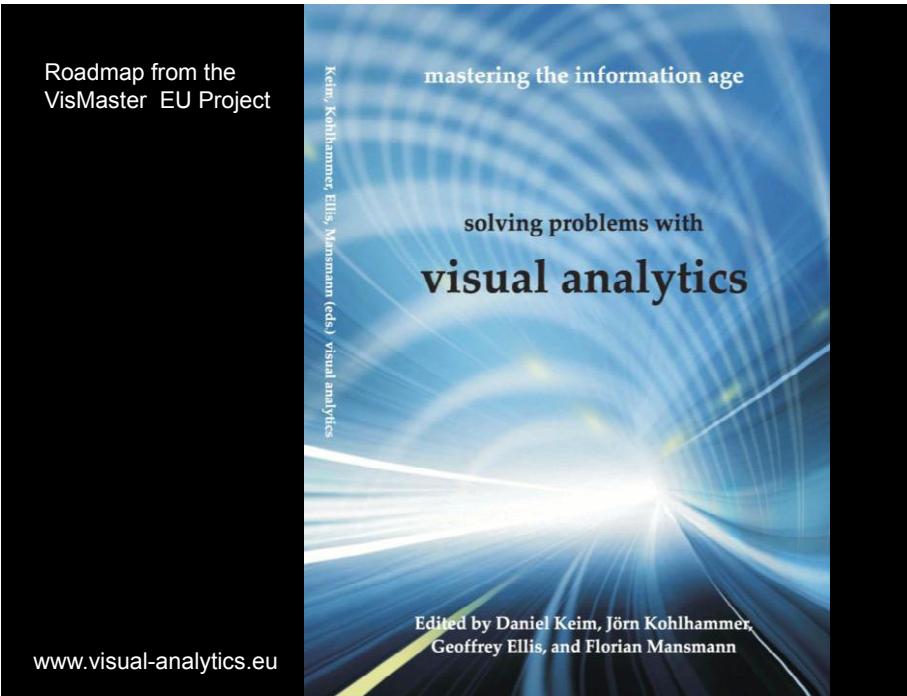
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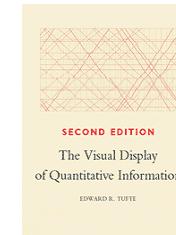
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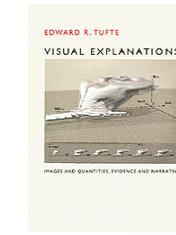
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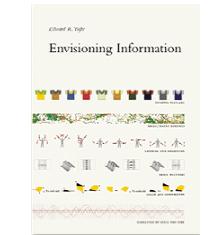
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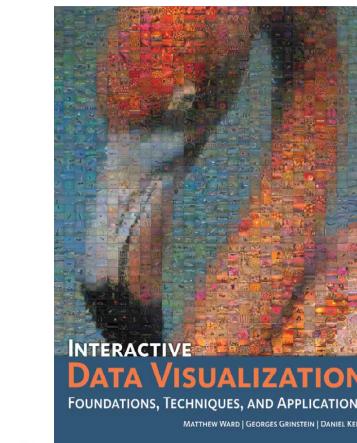


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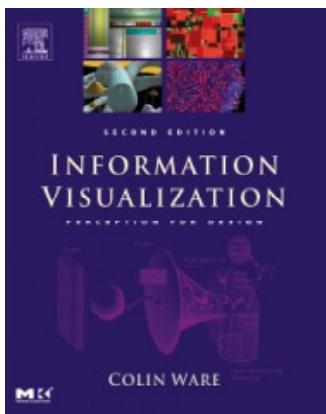
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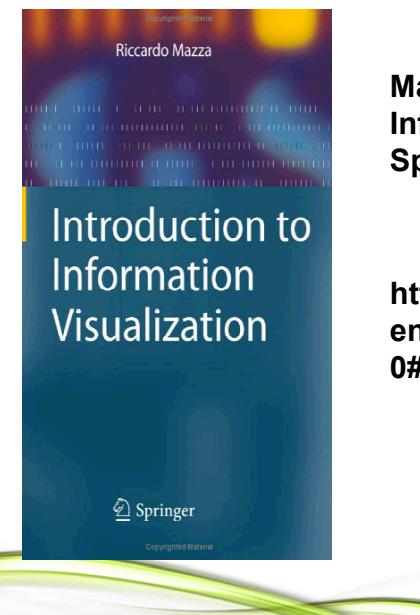
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