

# Interaction

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## Stephen Curry's 3-Point Record in Context: Off the Charts

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This chart contains 752 lines — one for each N.B.A. player who finished in the top 20 in 3-point attempts made in each season since 1980. [Screenshot](#) is the Golden State Warrior Stephen Curry, who finished the regular season with a record 402 3-pointers.

The record is an outlier that defies most comparisons, but here is one: It is the equivalent of hitting 103 home runs in a Major League Baseball season.

The colors show a clear progression toward more 3-pointers. In the 1979-80 N.B.A. season, the first to feature the 3-pointer, [making just 21](#) was good enough to put a player among the league's top 20. On Feb. 27, Curry [made 18 3-pointers](#) in a single game.

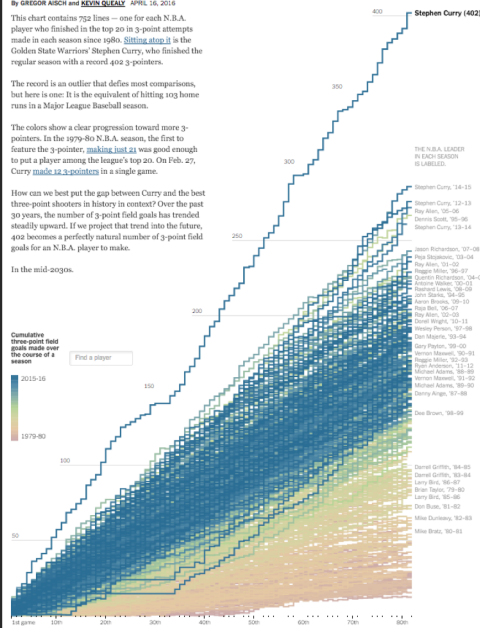
How can we best put the gap between Curry and the best three-point shooters in history in context? Over the past 30 years, the number of 3-point field goals has trended steadily upward. If we project that trend into the future, 402 becomes a perfectly natural number of 3-point field goals for an N.B.A. player to make.

In the mid-2000s.

Cumulative three-point field goals made over the course of a season



Find a player



## Last Time: Perception

### Just noticeable difference

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JND (Weber's Law)

$$\Delta S = k \frac{\Delta I}{I}$$

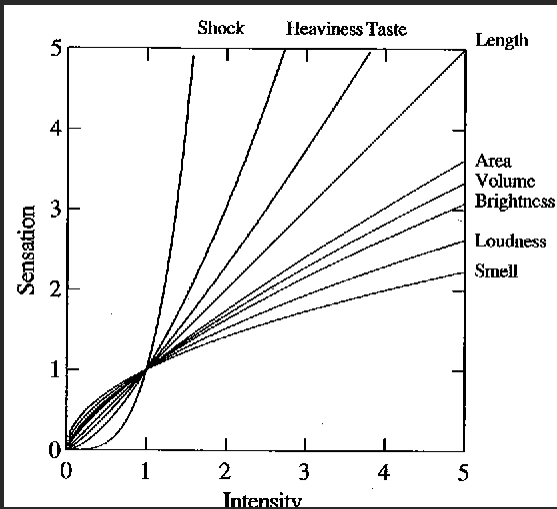
- Ratios more important than magnitude
- Most continuous variations in stimuli are perceived in discrete steps



# Steven's power law

$$S = I^p$$

$p < 1$  : underestimate  
 $p > 1$  : overestimate



[graph from Wilkinson 99, based on Stevens 61]

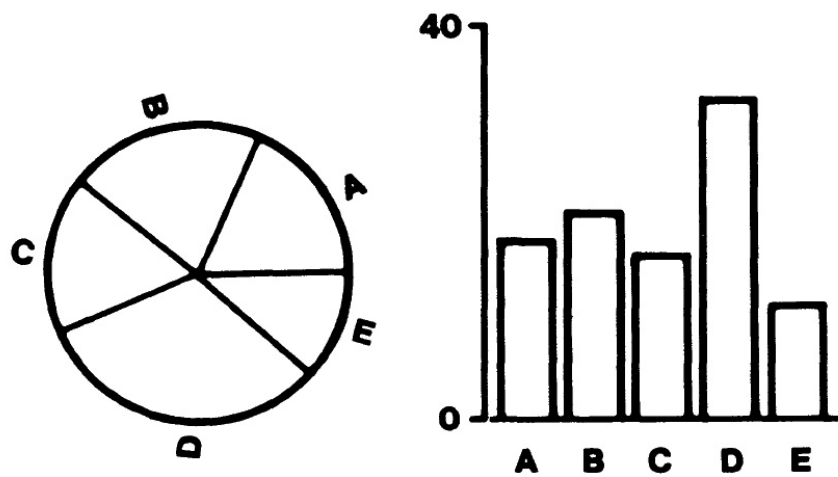


Figure 3. Graphs from position-angle experiment.

[Cleveland and McGill 84]

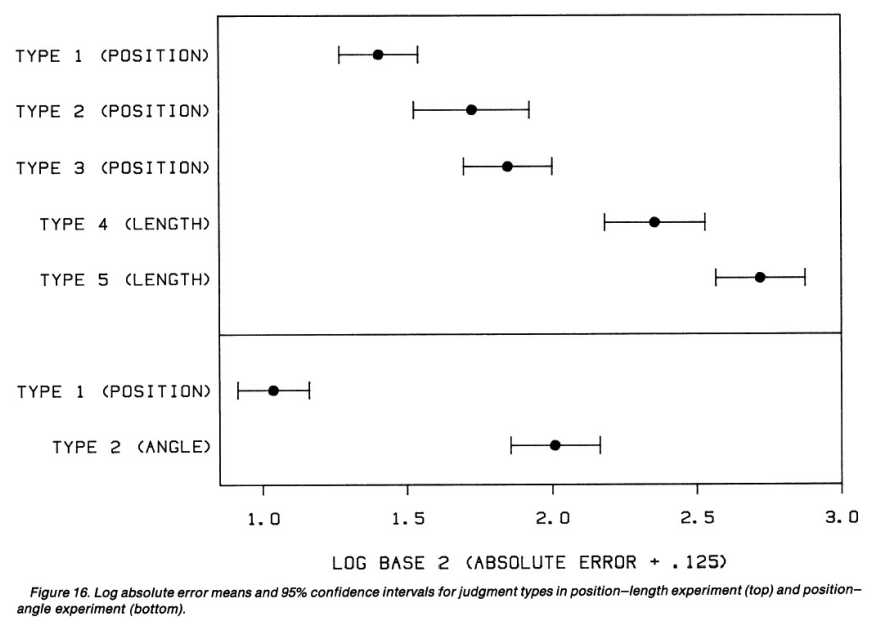


Figure 16. Log absolute error means and 95% confidence intervals for judgment types in position-length experiment (top) and position-angle experiment (bottom).

[Cleveland and McGill 84]

# Relative magnitude estimation

Most accurate



Least accurate



Position (common) scale



Position (non-aligned) scale



Length



Slope



Angle



Area



Volume



Color hue-saturation-density



# Gestalt

## Principles

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- **figure/ground**
- **proximity**
- **similarity**
- **symmetry**
- **connectedness**
- **continuity**
- **closure**
- **common fate**
- **transparency**

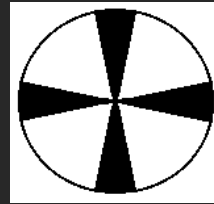
# Figure/Ground



Ambiguous



Principle of surroundedness



Principle of relative size

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/media/Modules/MC10220/visper06.html>

# Figure/Ground



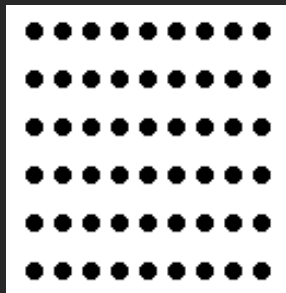
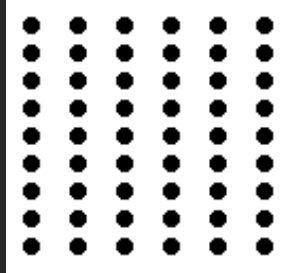
Ambiguous



Unambiguous

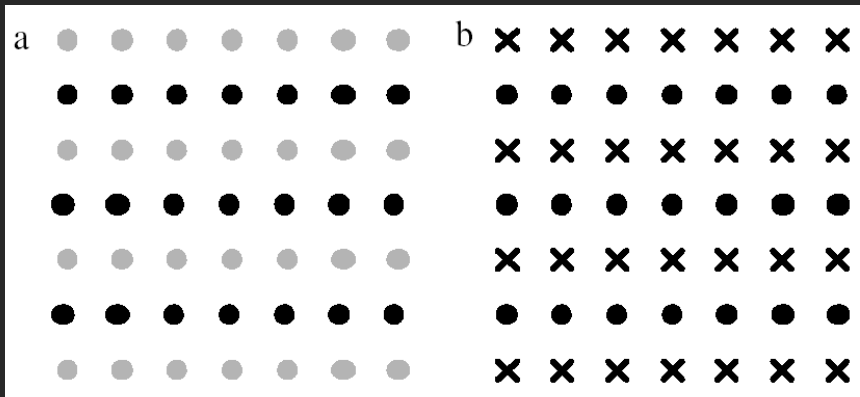
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# Proximity



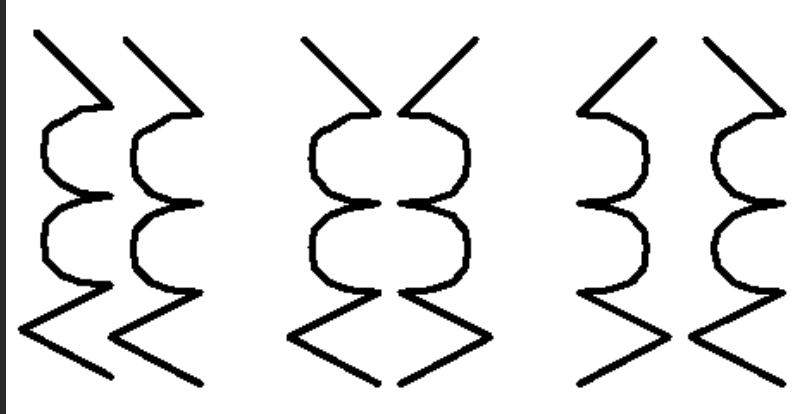
[Ware 00]

# Similarity



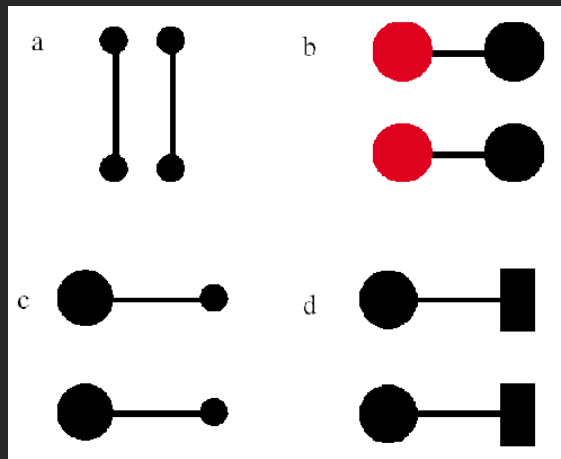
Rows dominate due to similarity [from Ware 04]

# Symmetry



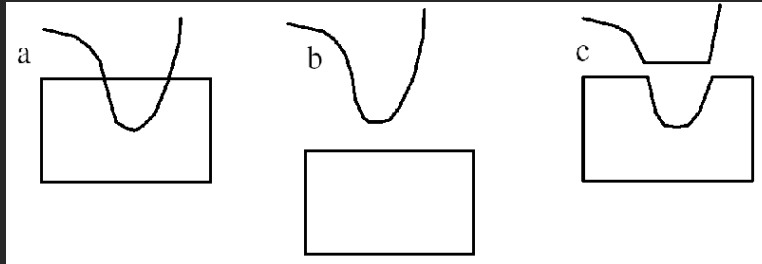
Bilateral symmetry gives strong sense of figure [from Ware 04]

# Connectedness

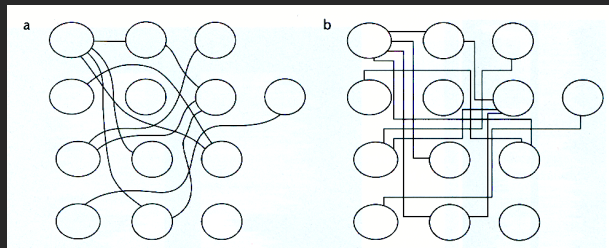


Connectedness overrules proximity, size, color shape [from Ware 04]

# Continuity

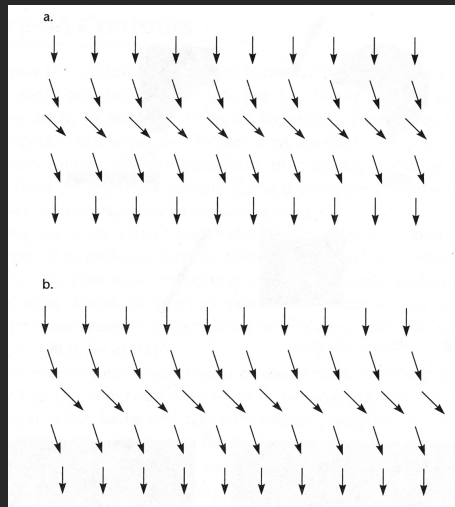


We prefer smooth not abrupt changes [from Ware 04]



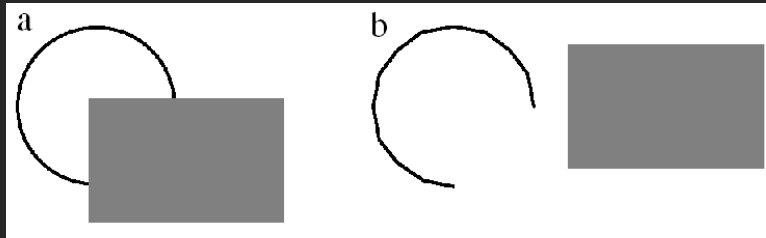
Connections are clearer with smooth contours [from Ware 04]

# Continuity: Vector fields

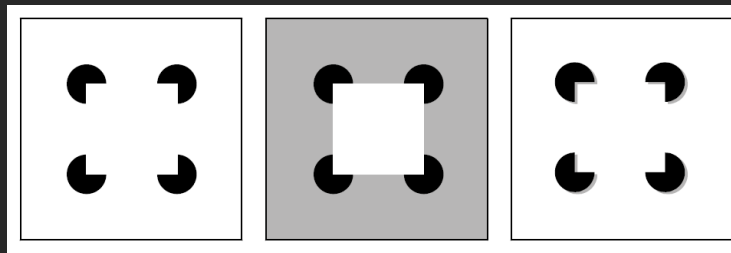


Prefer field that shows smooth continuous contours [from Ware 04]

# Closure

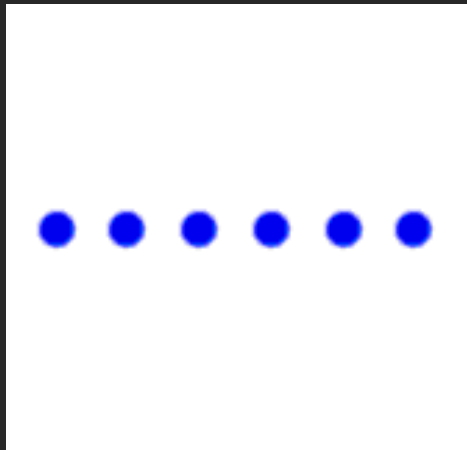


We see a circle behind a rectangle, not a broken circle [from Ware 04]



Illusory contours [from Durand 02]

# Common fate



Dots moving together are grouped

<http://coe.sdsu.edu/eet/articles/visualperc1/start.htm>

# Transparency

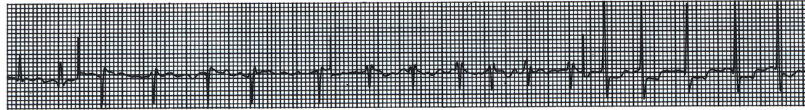
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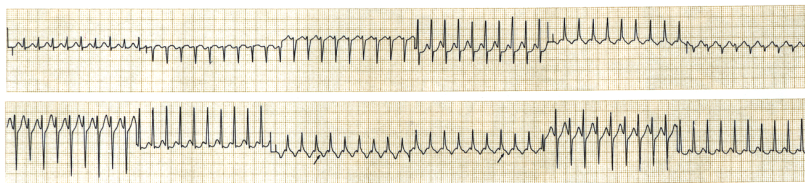
Requires continuity and proper color correspondence [from Ware 04]

## Layering and Small Multiples

## Layering: Gridlines

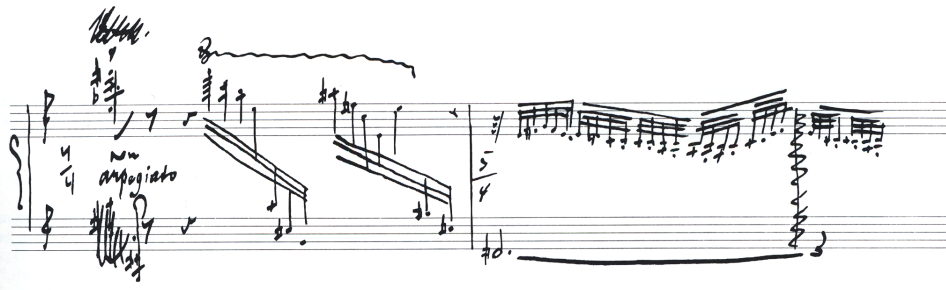
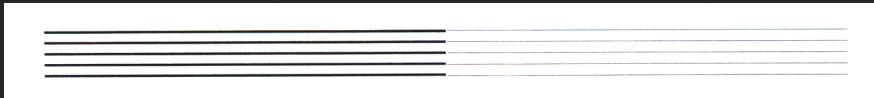


Signal and background compete above, as an electrocardiogram trace-line becomes caught up in a thick grid. Below, the screened-down grid stays behind traces from each of 12 monitoring leads:<sup>4</sup>



Electrocardiogram tracelines [from Tufte 90]

## Layering: Gridlines

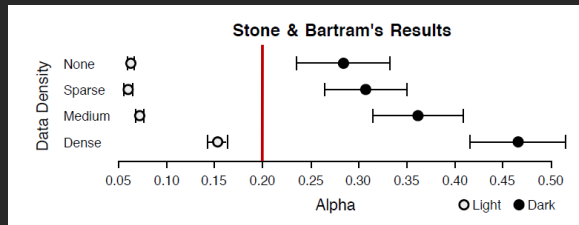


Stravinsky score [from Tufte 90]



# Setting Gridline Contrast

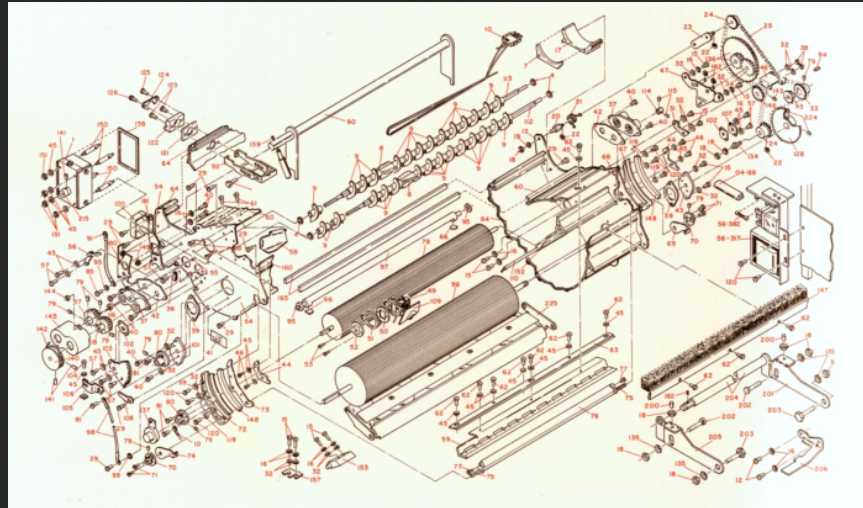
How light can gridlines be and remain visible?  
How dark can gridlines be and not distract?



Safe setting:  
**20% Alpha**

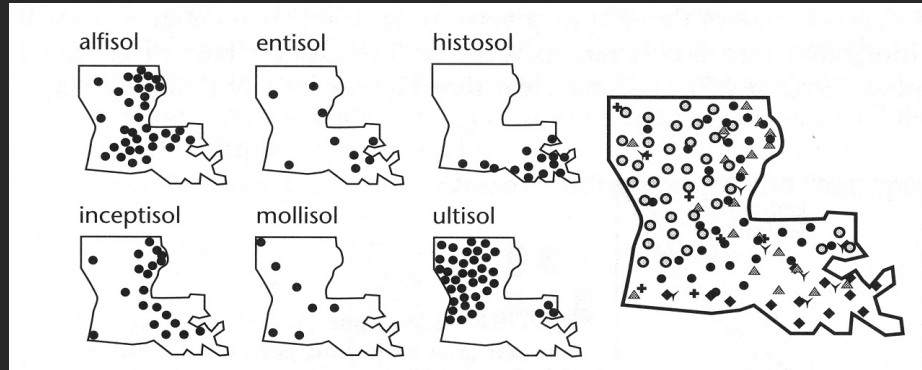
[Stone & Bartram 2009]

# Layering: Color and line width



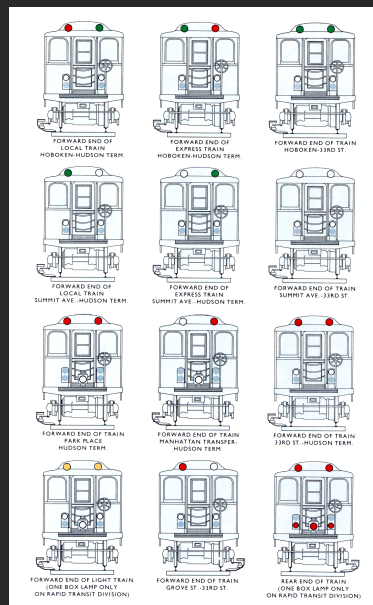
IBM Series III Copier [from Tufte 90]

# Small multiples



[Figure 2.11, p. 38, MacEachren 95]

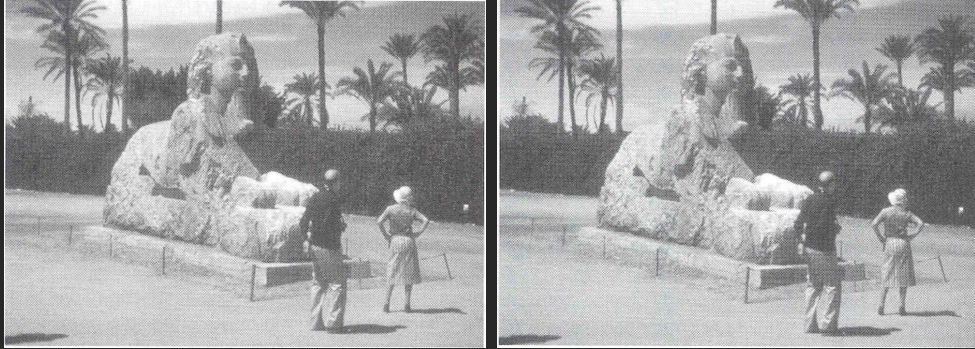
# Small multiples



Operating trains. Redrawn by Tufte to emphasize colored lights. [from Tufte 90]

## Change blindness

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[Example from Palmer 99, originally due to Rock]

## Change detection

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# Change detection

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# Rensink's demonstration

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<http://www.csc.ncsu.edu/faculty/healey/PP/index.html>

## **Summary**

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**Choosing effective visual encodings requires knowledge of visual perception**

### **Visual features/attributes**

- Individual attributes often preattentive
- Multiple attributes may be separable, often integral

**Gestalt principles provide higher level design guidelines**

**We don't always see everything that is there**

**Announcements**

# A2: Exploratory Data Analysis

Use **Tableau** to formulate & answer questions

## First steps

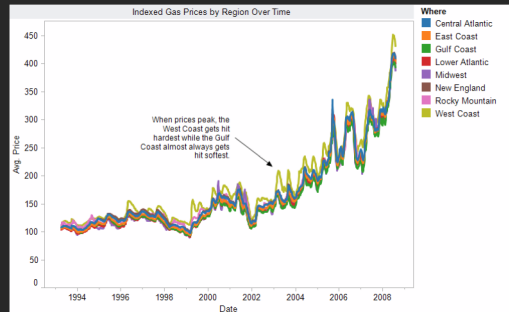
- Step 1: Pick a domain
- Step 2: Pose questions
- Step 3: Find data
- Iterate

## Create visualizations

- Interact with data
- Question will evolve
- Tableau

## Make wiki notebook

- Keep record of all steps you took to answer the questions

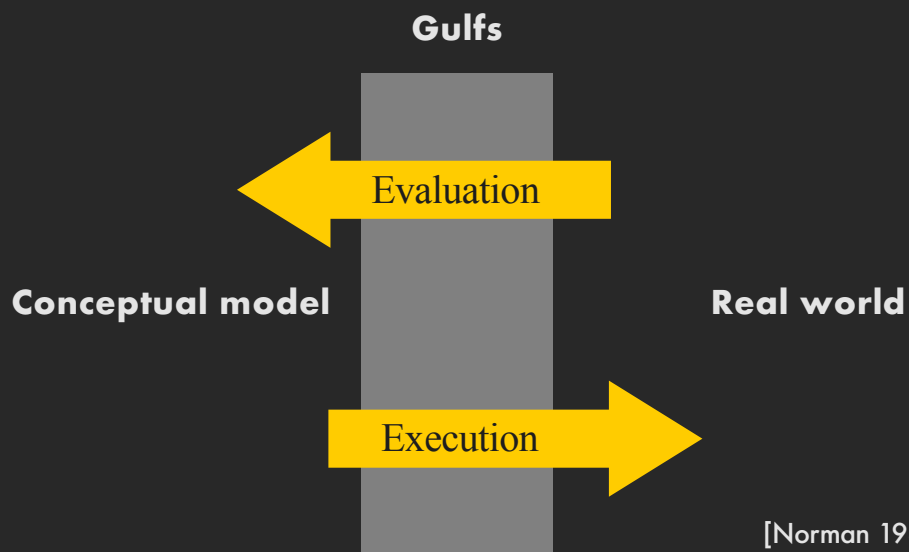


Due before class on Oct 15, 2018

# Interaction



# 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.

[Norman 1986]

# Gulf of evaluation

Gulf

Evaluation

Conceptual model:  
x,y correlated?

Real world:

X	Y
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

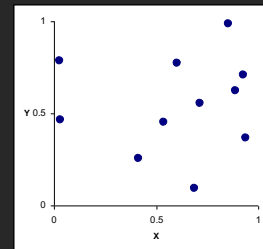
# Gulf of evaluation

Gulf

Evaluation

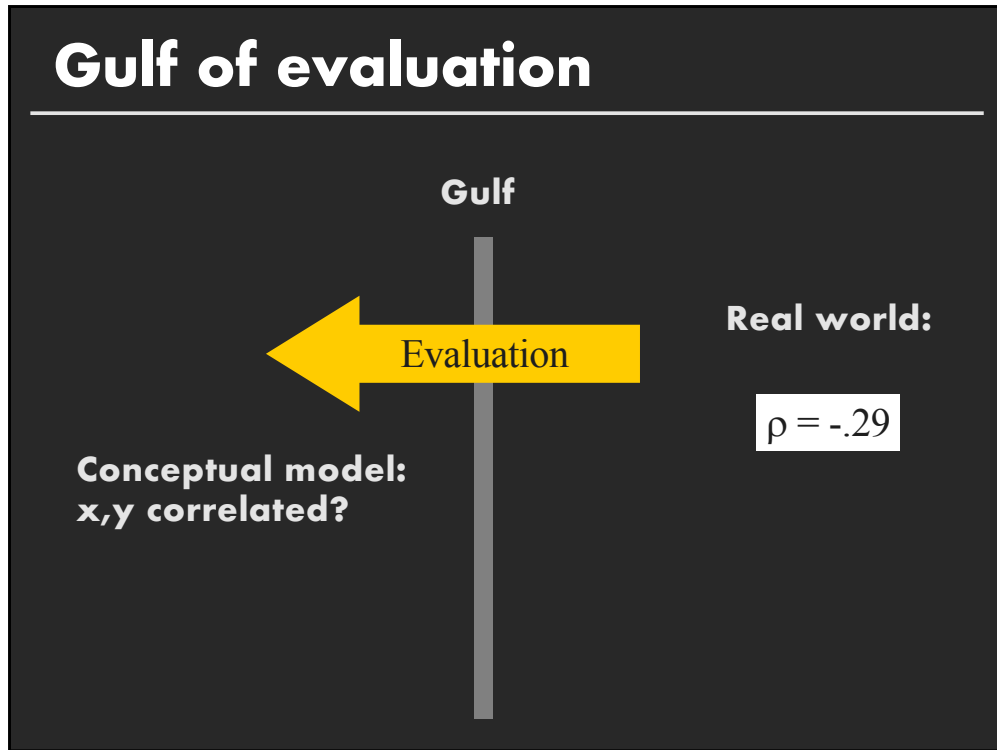
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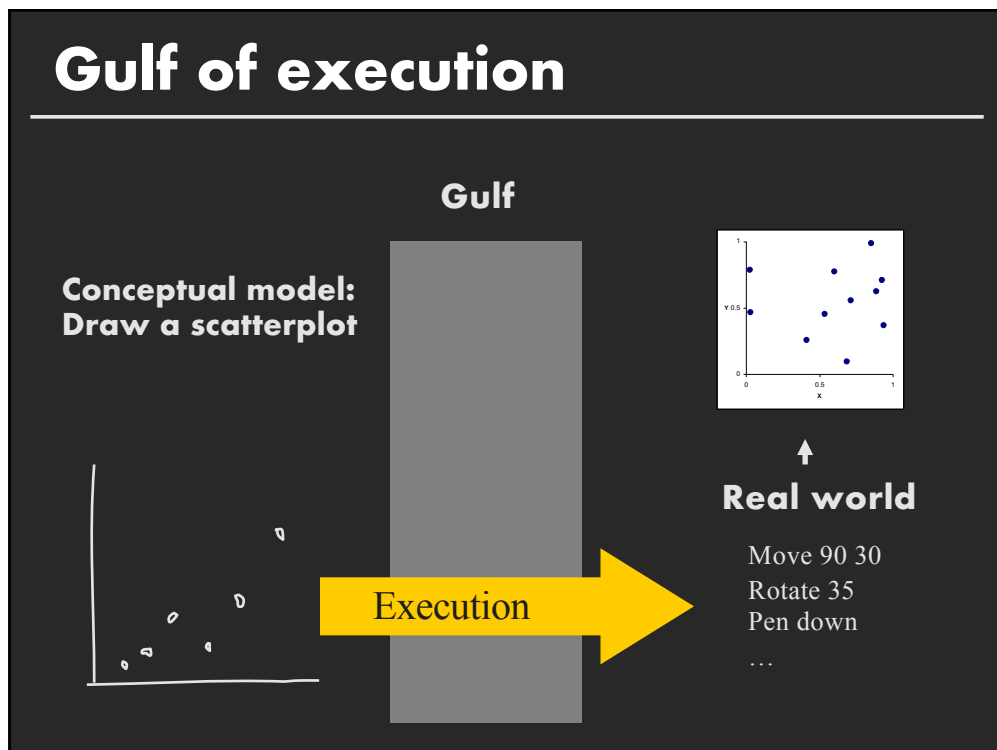




# Gulf of evaluation

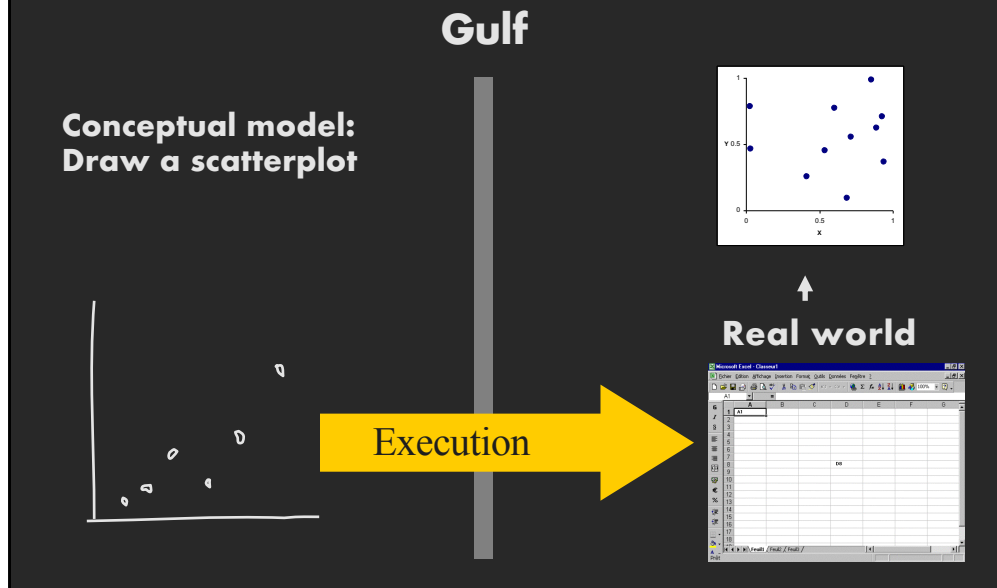


# Gulf of execution



# Gulf of execution

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# Topics

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- Early interactive systems**
- Brushing and linking**
- Dynamic queries**
- Generalized selections**

# Early Systems

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26	21	26	28	20	20	20	20	20	40	15	40	1 % CLIENTELE FEMALE
69	70	77	71	37	36	39	39	55	60	68	72	2 % —" — LOCAL
7	6	3	6	23	14	19	14	9	6	8	8	3 % —" — U.S.A.
0	0	0	0	8	6	6	4	2	12	0	0	4 % —" — SOUTH AMERICA
20	15	14	15	23	27	22	30	27	19	17	17	5 % —" — EUROPE
1	0	0	8	6	4	6	4	2	1	0	1	6 % —" — M.EAST, AFRICA
3	10	6	0	3	13	8	9	5	2	5	2	7 % —" — ASIA
78	80	85	86	85	87	70	76	87	85	87	80	8 % BUSINESSMEN
22	20	15	14	15	13	30	24	13	15	13	20	9 % TOURISTS
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
2	2	4	2	2	1	1	2	2	4	2	5	13 % CLIENTS UNDER 20 YEARS
25	27	37	35	25	25	27	28	24	30	24	30	14 % —" — 20-35 —" —
48	49	42	48	54	55	53	57	55	46	55	43	15 % —" — 35-55 —" —
25	22	17	15	19	19	19	19	19	20	19	22	16 % —" — MORE THAN 55 —" —
163	167	166	174	152	155	145	170	157	174	165	156	17 PRICE OF ROOMS
1.65	1.71	1.65	1.91	1.90	2.	1.54	1.60	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	X			X	X	X	X	20 CONVENTIONS

[Graphics and Graphic Information Processing, Bertin 81]

# Bertin Matrices

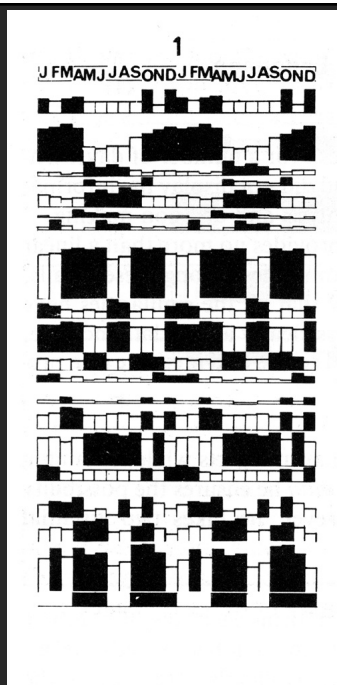
Research question



Table



1. Encode table cells visually
2. Group similar rows and columns to reveal patterns



[Graphics and Graphic Information Processing, Bertin 81]

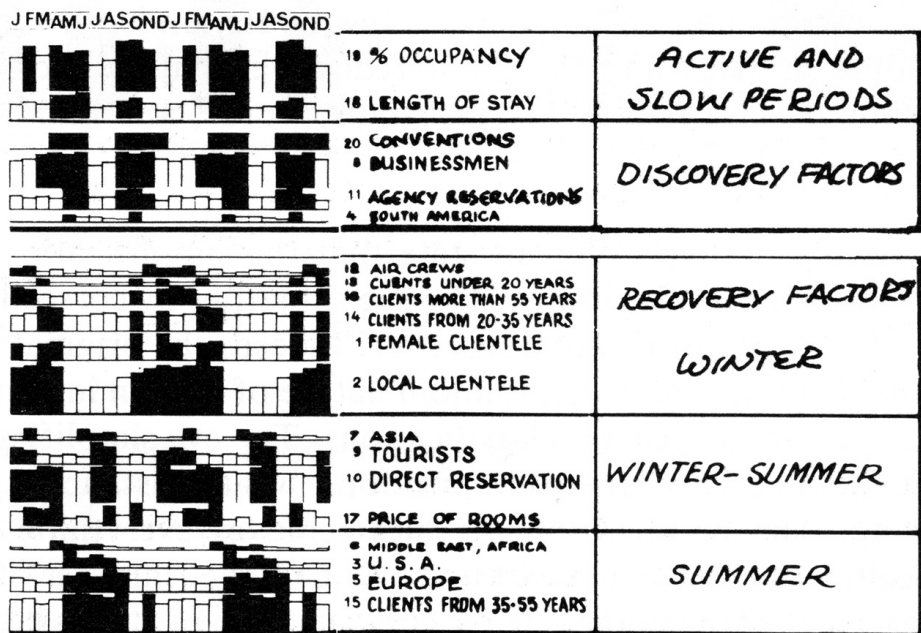
## Group similar rows and columns

Choose a row with a particular visual aspect. Move to extremity of matrix

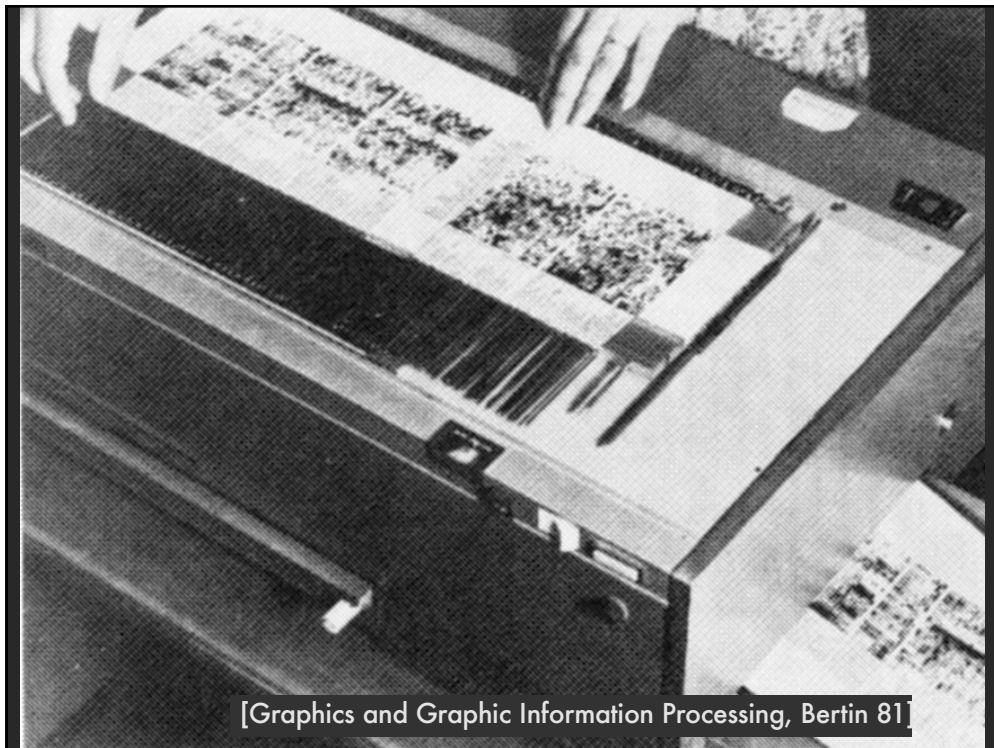
Move similar rows close, opposite rows to bottom. (Creates two opposing groups and a middle group)

Repeat for columns (??)

Iterate



[Graphics and Graphic Information Processing, Bertin 81]

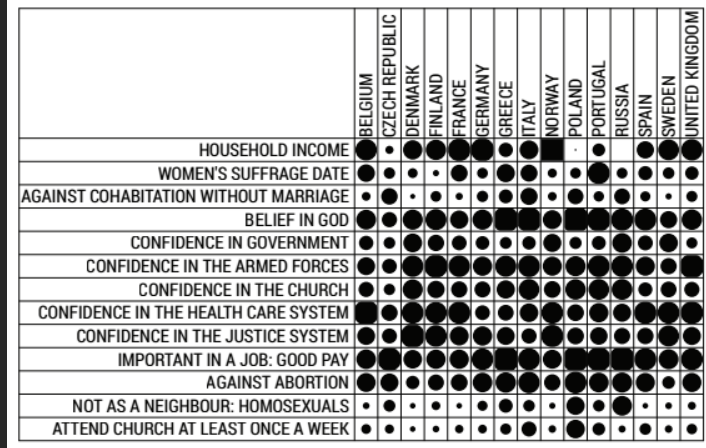




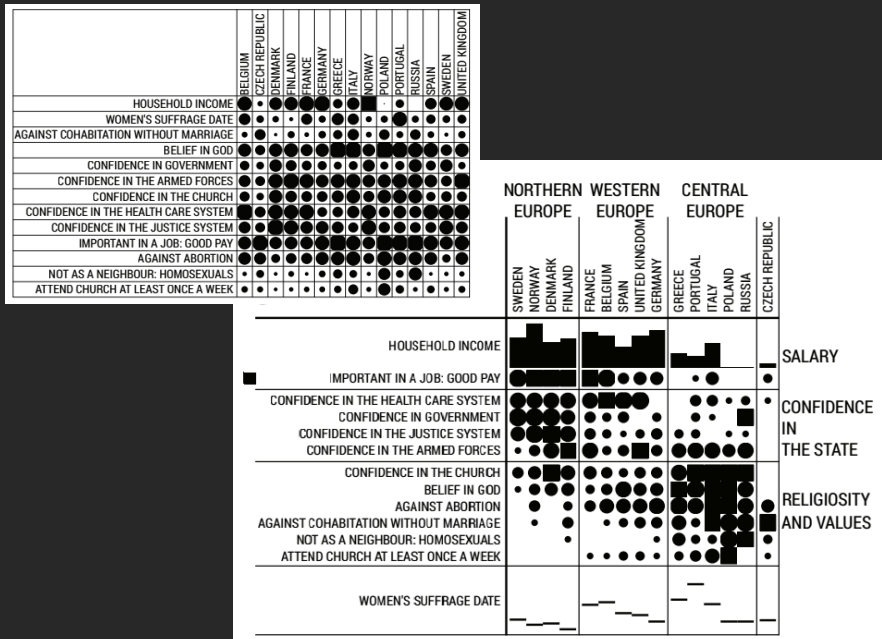
[Graphics and Graphic Information Processing, Bertin 81]

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Women's suf	194	192	191	190	94	191	195	194	191	191	197	191	193	192	192
Against coha	12	42	4	18	8	20	30	46	12	39	17	39	16	6	19
Belief in God	61	36	63	69	52	63	93	91	56	96	86	77	76	46	65
Confidence	32	21	55	42	34	29	22	28	51	23	30	60	35	54	19
Confidence	50	34	72	83	73	58	70	75	57	63	75	73	57	41	89
Confidence	36	20	63	47	41	40	52	67	44	65	67	67	31	39	36
Confidence	91	42	75	73	78	34	39	54	74	44	58	51	79	75	80
Confidence	50	35	87	73	56	58	50	36	78	44	48	41	42	69	51
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Bertifier [Perin 2014]



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# Pointing

## Basic Pointing Methods

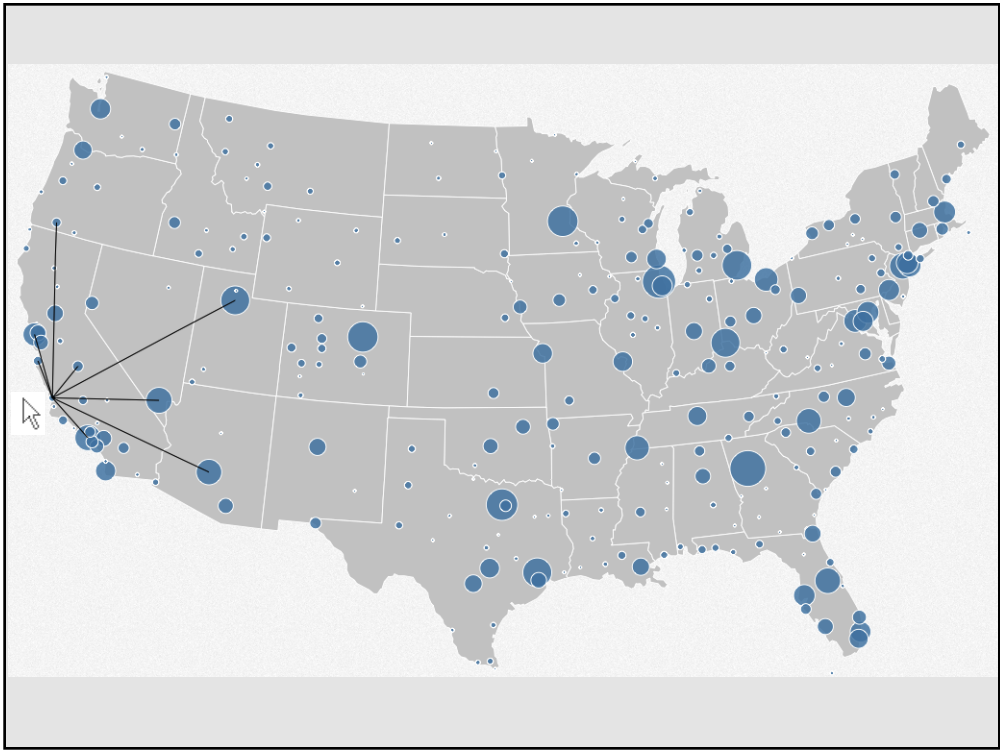
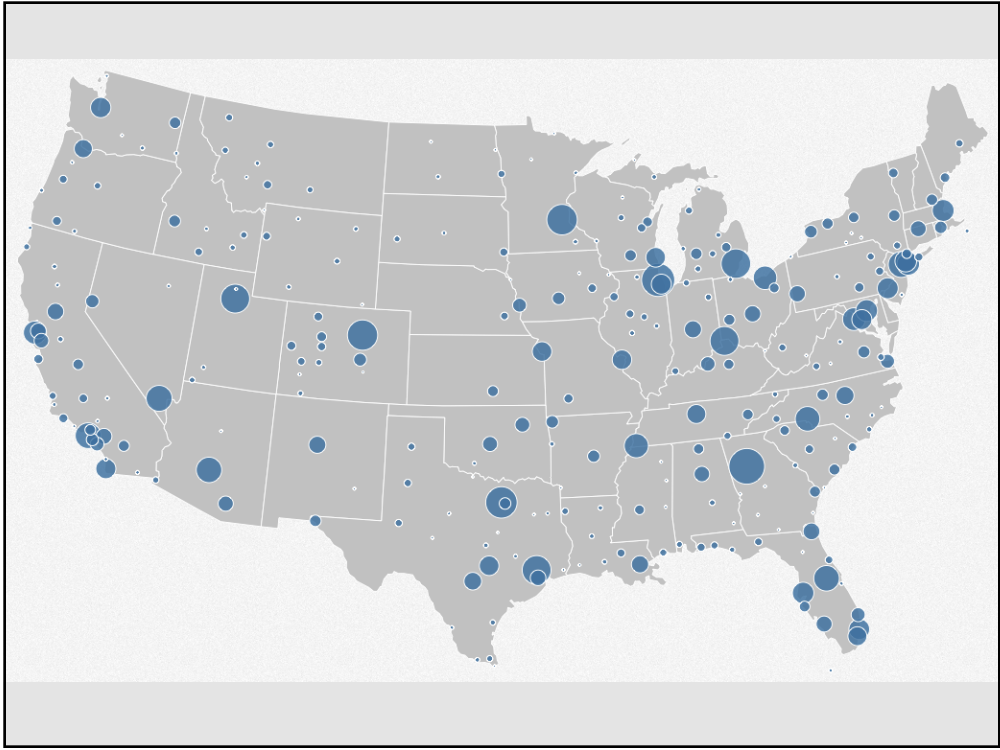
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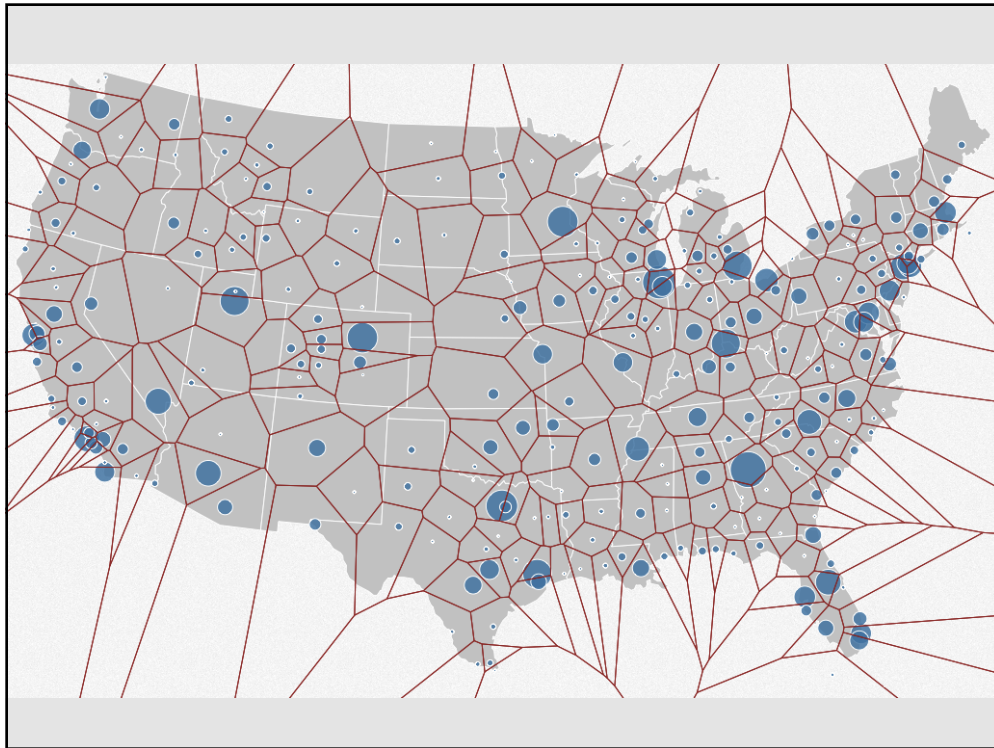
**Point Selection**

**Mouse Hover / Click**

**Touch / Tap**

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





## **Basic Pointing Methods**

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**Point Selection**

**Mouse Hover / Click**

**Touch / Tap**

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

**Region Selection**

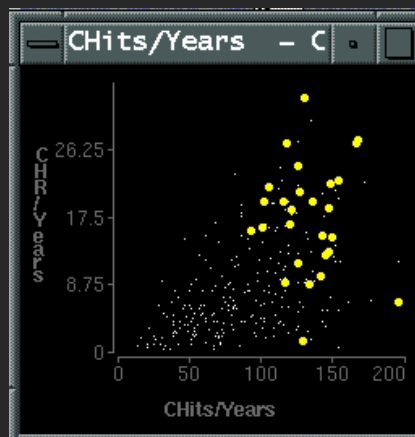
**Rubber-band or Lasso**

**Area Cursors ("Brushes")**

# Brushing and Linking

## Highlighting

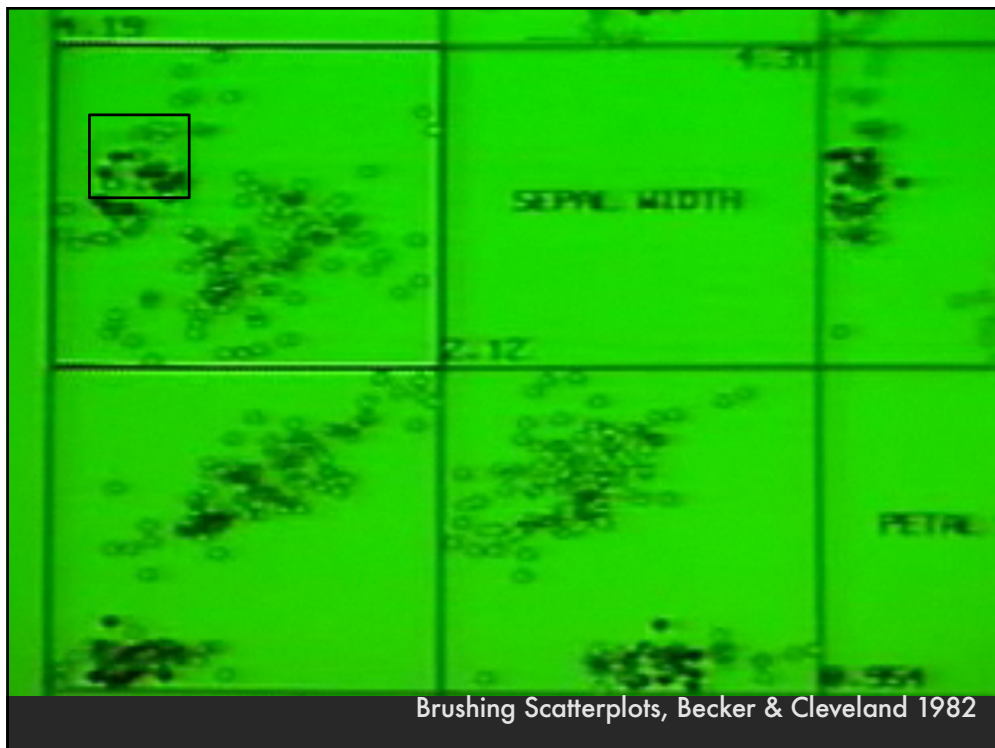
Focus user attention on a subset of the data within one graph [from Wills 95]



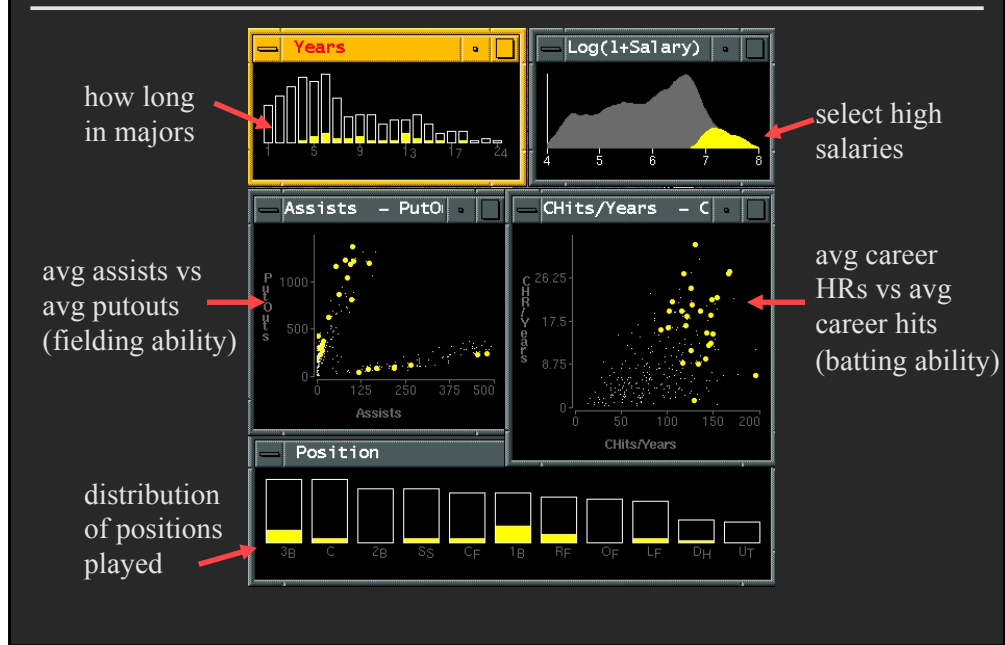
# Brushing

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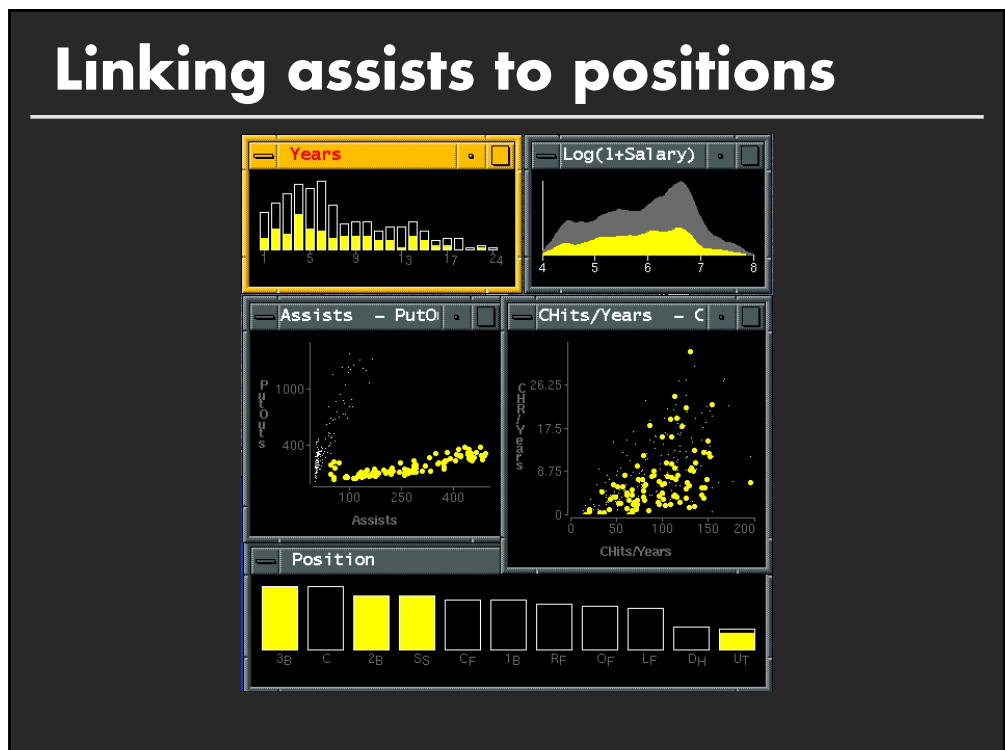
- Interactively select subset of data
- See selected data in other views
- Two things (normally views) must be *linked* to allow for brushing



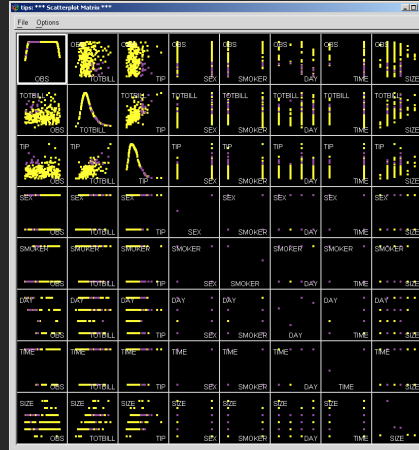
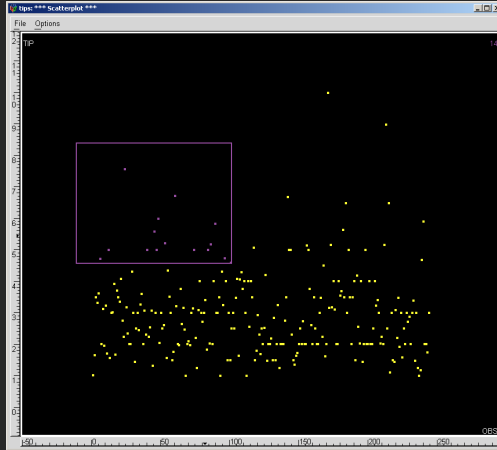
# Baseball statistics [from Wills 95]



# Linking assists to positions



# GGobi: Brushing

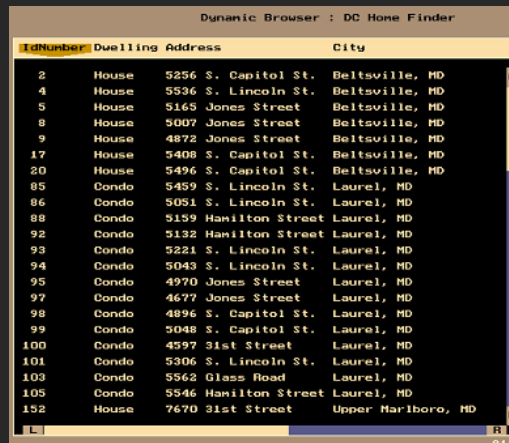


<http://www.ggobi.org/>

# Dynamic Queries

# Query and results

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SELECT house
FROM east bay
WHERE price < 1,000,000 AND bedrooms > 2
ORDER BY price
```



Dynanic Browser : DC Home Finder

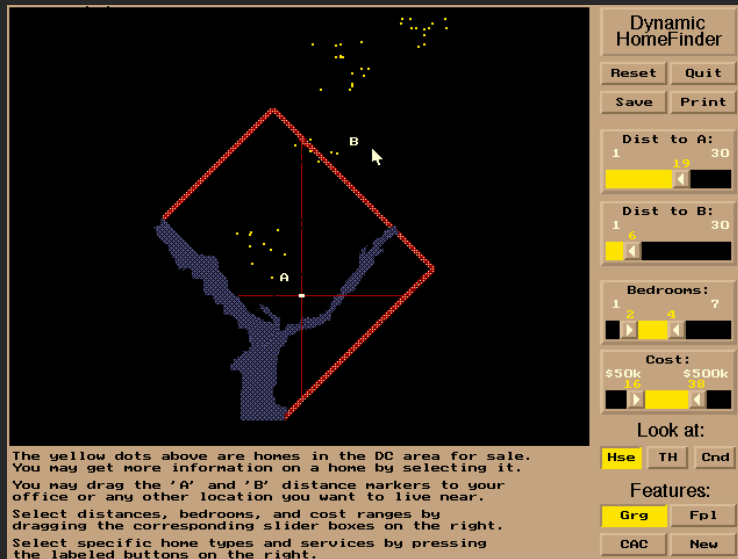
IdNumber	Dwelling	Address	City
2	House	5256 S. Capitol St.	Beltsville, MD
4	House	5536 S. Lincoln St.	Beltsville, MD
5	House	5165 Jones Street	Beltsville, MD
8	House	5007 Jones Street	Beltsville, MD
9	House	4872 Jones Street	Beltsville, MD
17	House	5408 S. Capitol St.	Beltsville, MD
20	House	5496 S. Capitol St.	Beltsville, MD
85	Condo	5459 S. Lincoln St.	Laurel, MD
86	Condo	5051 S. Lincoln St.	Laurel, MD
88	Condo	5159 Hamilton Street	Laurel, MD
92	Condo	5132 Hamilton Street	Laurel, MD
93	Condo	5221 S. Lincoln St.	Laurel, MD
94	Condo	5043 S. Lincoln St.	Laurel, MD
95	Condo	4970 Jones Street	Laurel, MD
97	Condo	4677 Jones Street	Laurel, MD
98	Condo	4896 S. Capitol St.	Laurel, MD
99	Condo	5048 S. Capitol St.	Laurel, MD
100	Condo	4597 31st Street	Laurel, MD
101	Condo	5306 S. Lincoln St.	Laurel, MD
103	Condo	5562 Glass Road	Laurel, MD
105	Condo	5546 Hamilton Street	Laurel, MD
152	House	7670 31st Street	Upper Marlboro, MD

## Issues

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



[Ahlberg and Schneiderman 92]

## 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