

Applicability of Visual Analytics to Defence and Security Operations

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Presentation Plan

- Information Overload
- Introduction to Visual Analytics
- Key Organisations
- Advanced Visual Analytics Concepts
- Application to Defence and Security Operations
- Visual Analytics Resources

Information Overload – Scale of Things to Come

- Information (IDC, 2007):
 - In 2002, recorded media and electronic information flows generated about 22 EB (10^{18}) of information
 - In 2006, the amount of digital information created, captured, and replicated was 161 EB
 - In 2010, the amount of information added annually to the digital universe will be about 988 EB (almost 1 ZB)

IDC (2007), The Expanding Digital Universe - A Forecast of Worldwide Information Growth through 2010

Kielman, J. and Thomas, J.J. (2008), Visual Analytics: A Global Collaboration

Information Overload – Scale of Things to Come

- Drivers of digital universe:
 - 70% of the universe is being produced by individuals
 - Organizations (businesses, agencies, governments, universities) produce 30% :
 - Walmart has a database of 0.5 PB; it captures 30,000,000 transactions/day
 - The growth is uneven
 - Today the United States accounts for 41% of the Universe; by 2010, the Asia Pacific region will be growing 40% faster than any of the other regions

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Information Overload – Scale of Things to Come

- Kinds of data:
 - About 2 GB of digital information is being produced per person per year
 - 95% of the Digital Universe's information is unstructured
 - 25% of the digital information produced by 2010 will be images
 - By 2010, the number of e-mailboxes will reach 2 billion
 - The users will send 28 trillion e-mails/year, totaling about 6 EB of data

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Visual Analytics Definition

examine evidence, infer
meaning, test truth

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

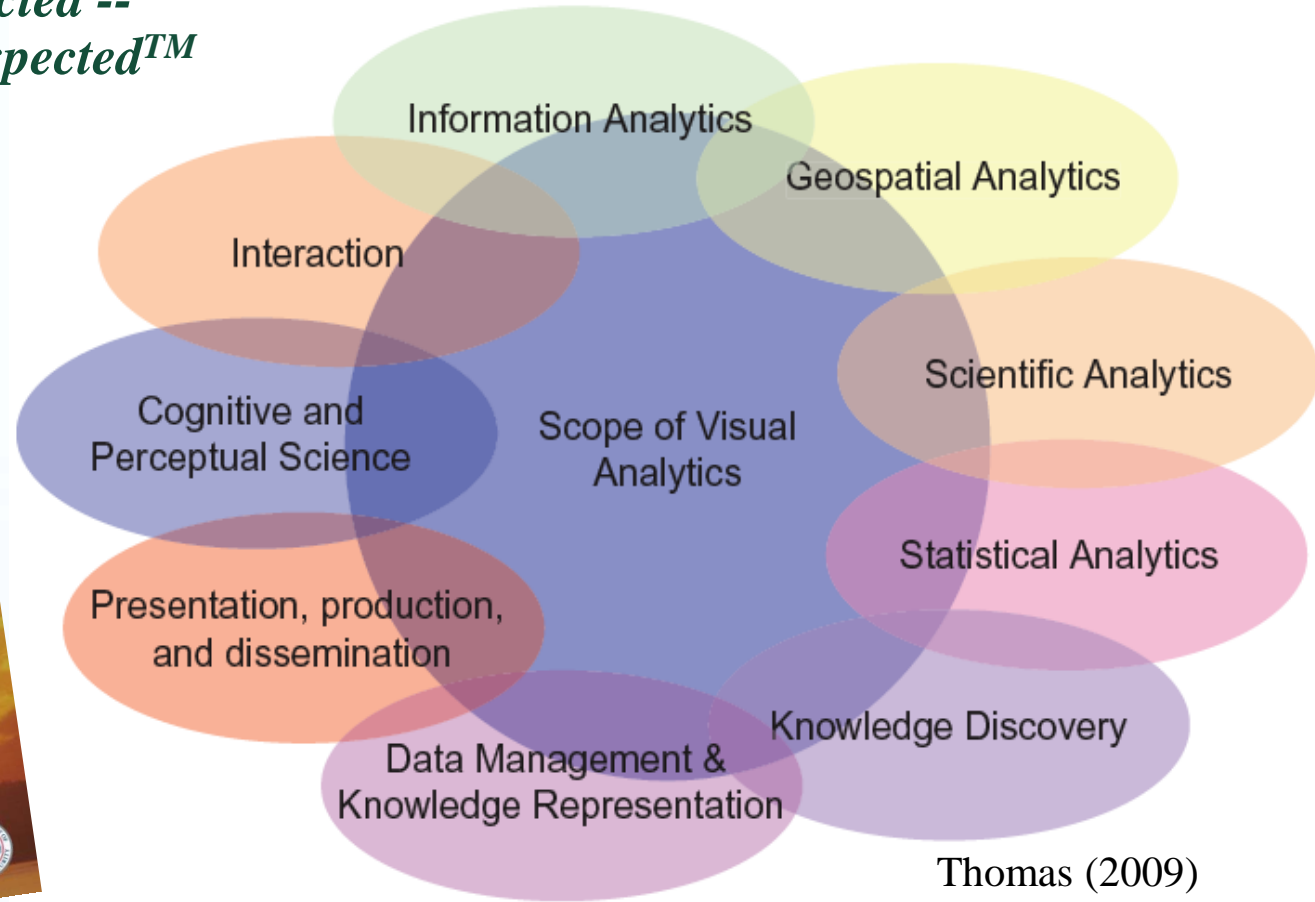
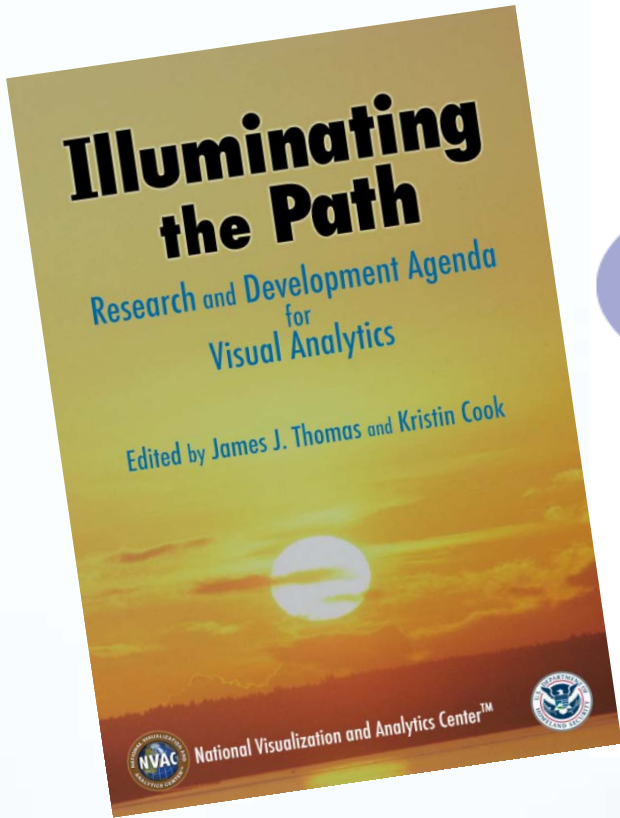
Thomas, J.J. and Cook, K.A., eds. (2005), Illuminating the Path:
The Research and Development Agenda for Visual Analytics

ask questions, test
hypothesis, filter results,
explore information,
record thinking process

take advantage of human
brain's aptitude for visual
pattern recognition

Visual Analytics R&D

*Detecting the Expected --
Discovering the Unexpected™*



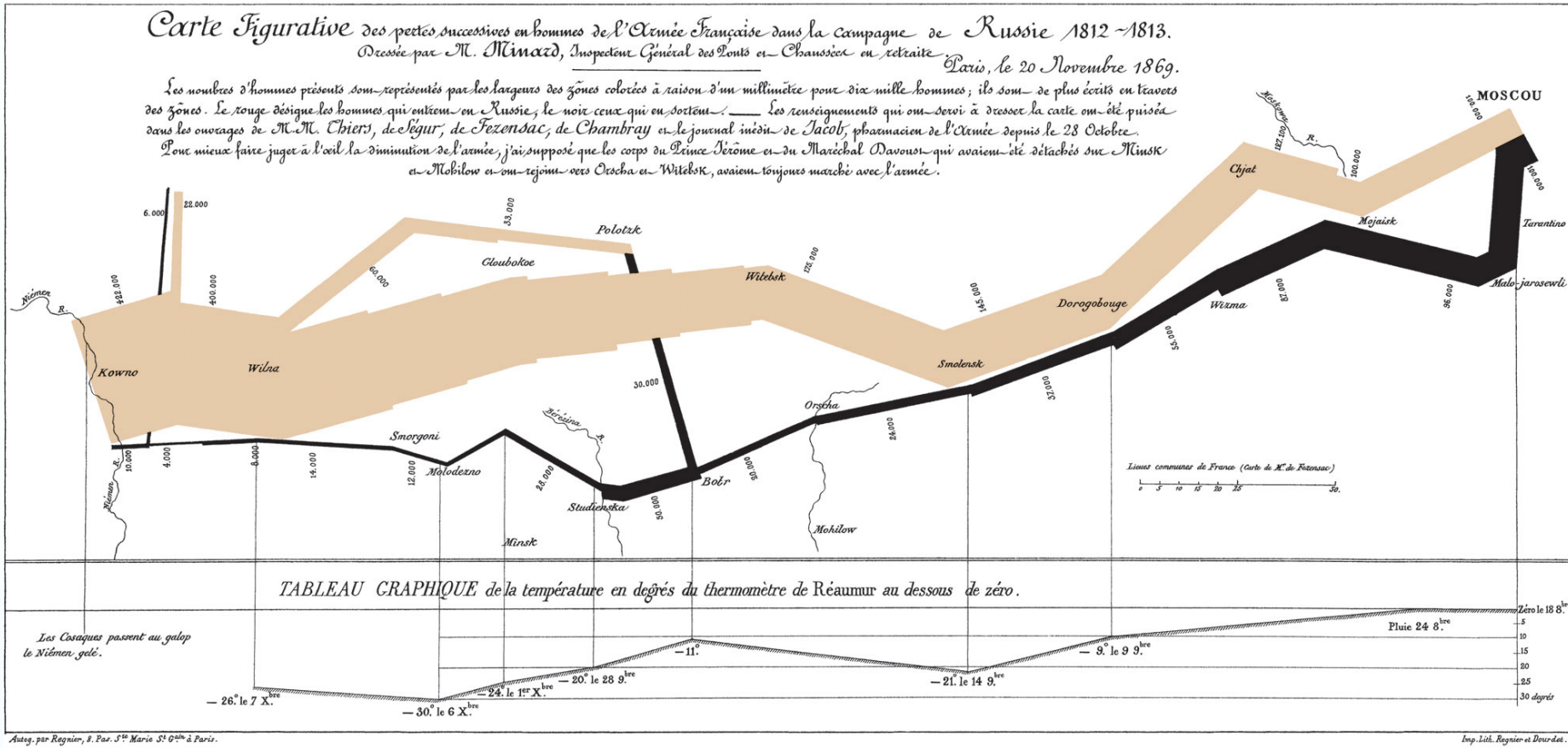
**Homeland
Security**

Key Organisations

AUSTRALIA • CANADA • GERMANY • NEW ZEALAND • UNITED KINGDOM • UNITED STATES

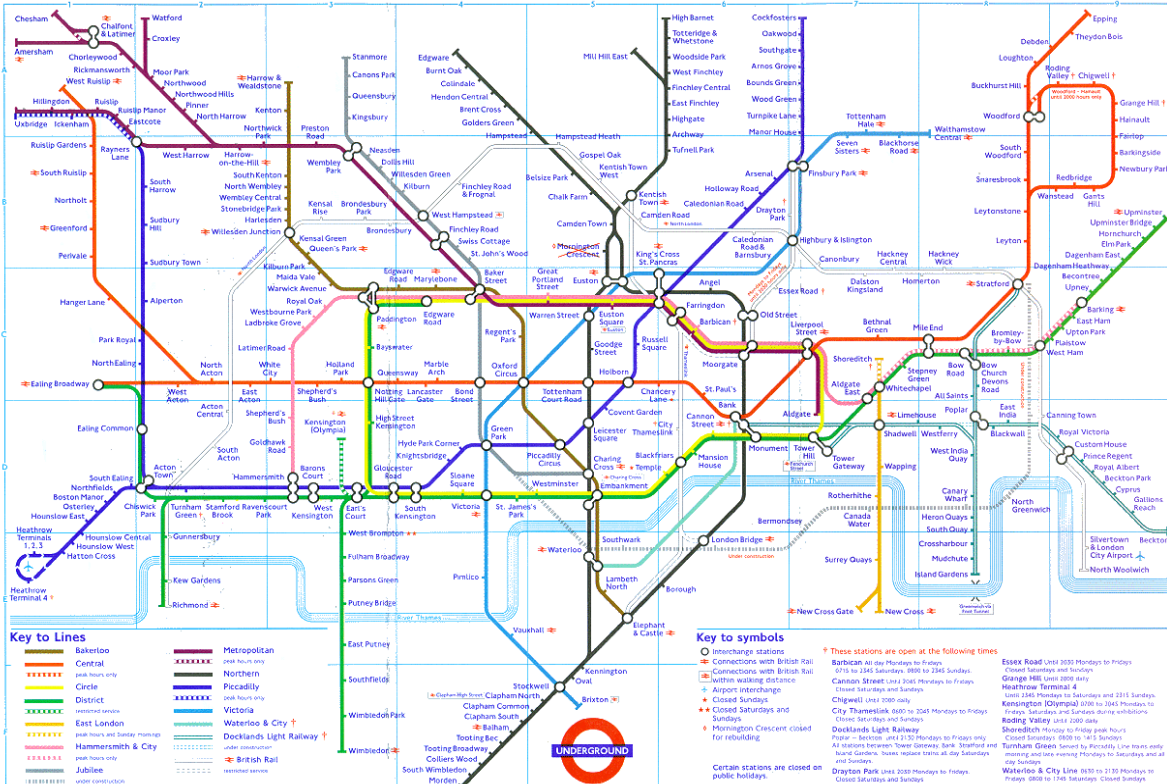


Napoleon's Invasion of Russia

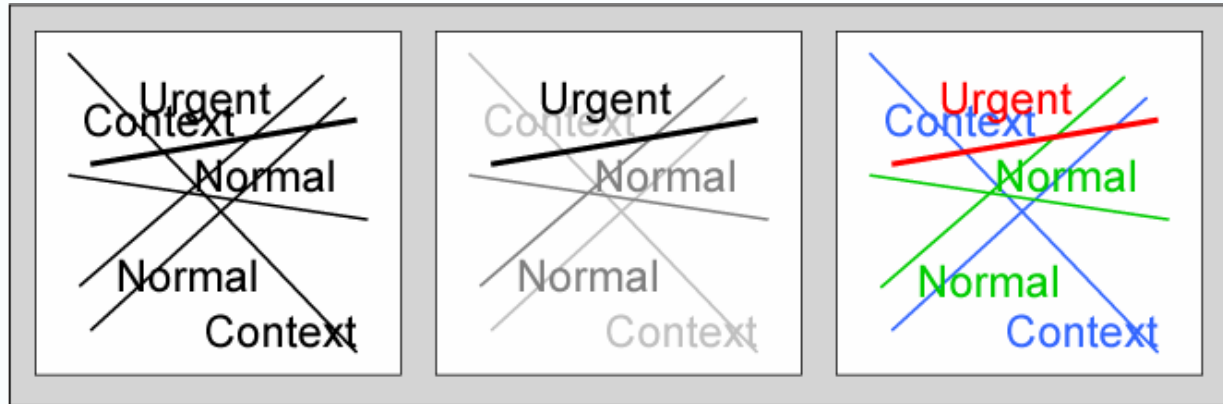


Minard (1869)

Information Visualization: London Subway Map



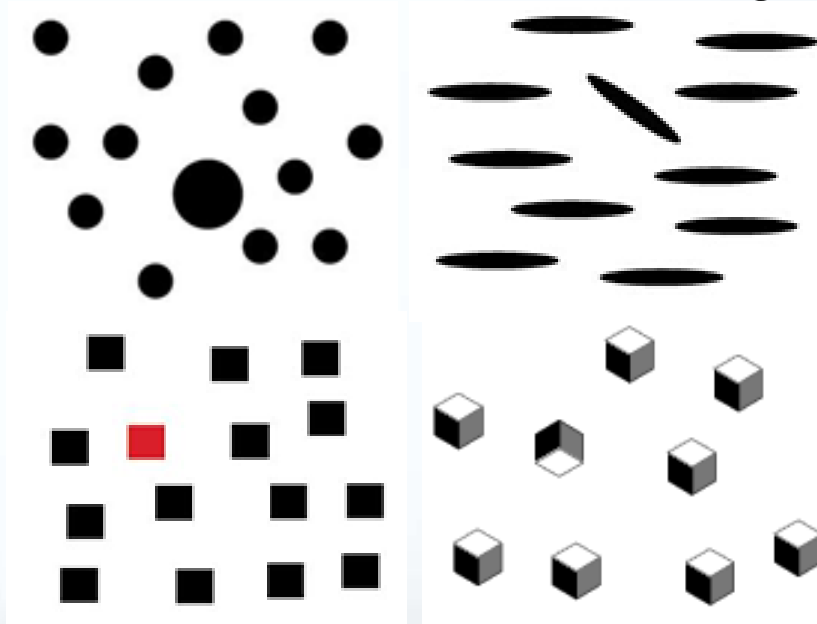
Visual Perception



Stone (2006)

Color Matters

Preattentive Processing



adapted from Healey (2009)



Kosara *et al.*, 2001

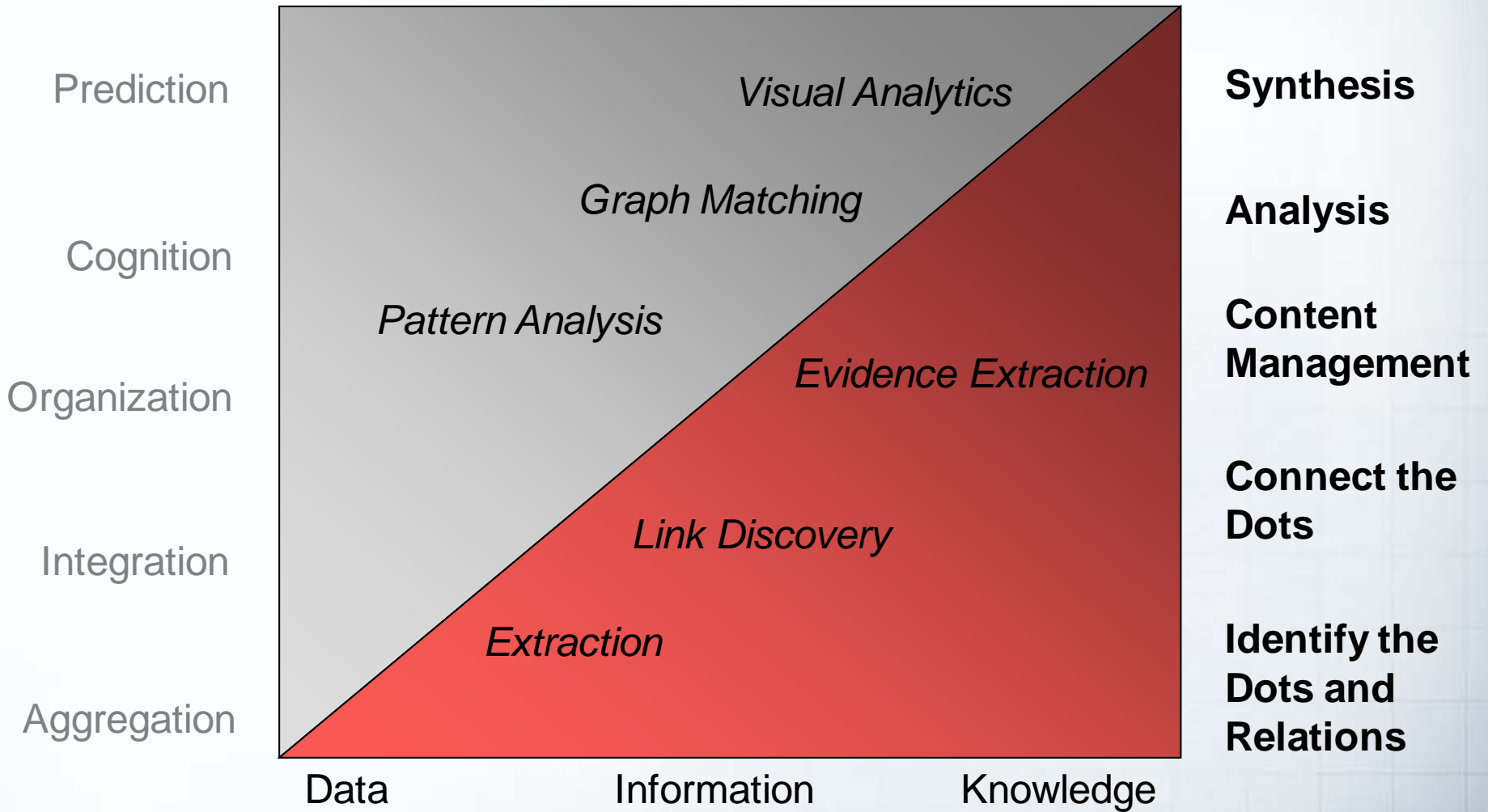
Interaction – Response Time

- Three categories of responsiveness for interactivity:

Miller (1968), Card *et al.* (1991)

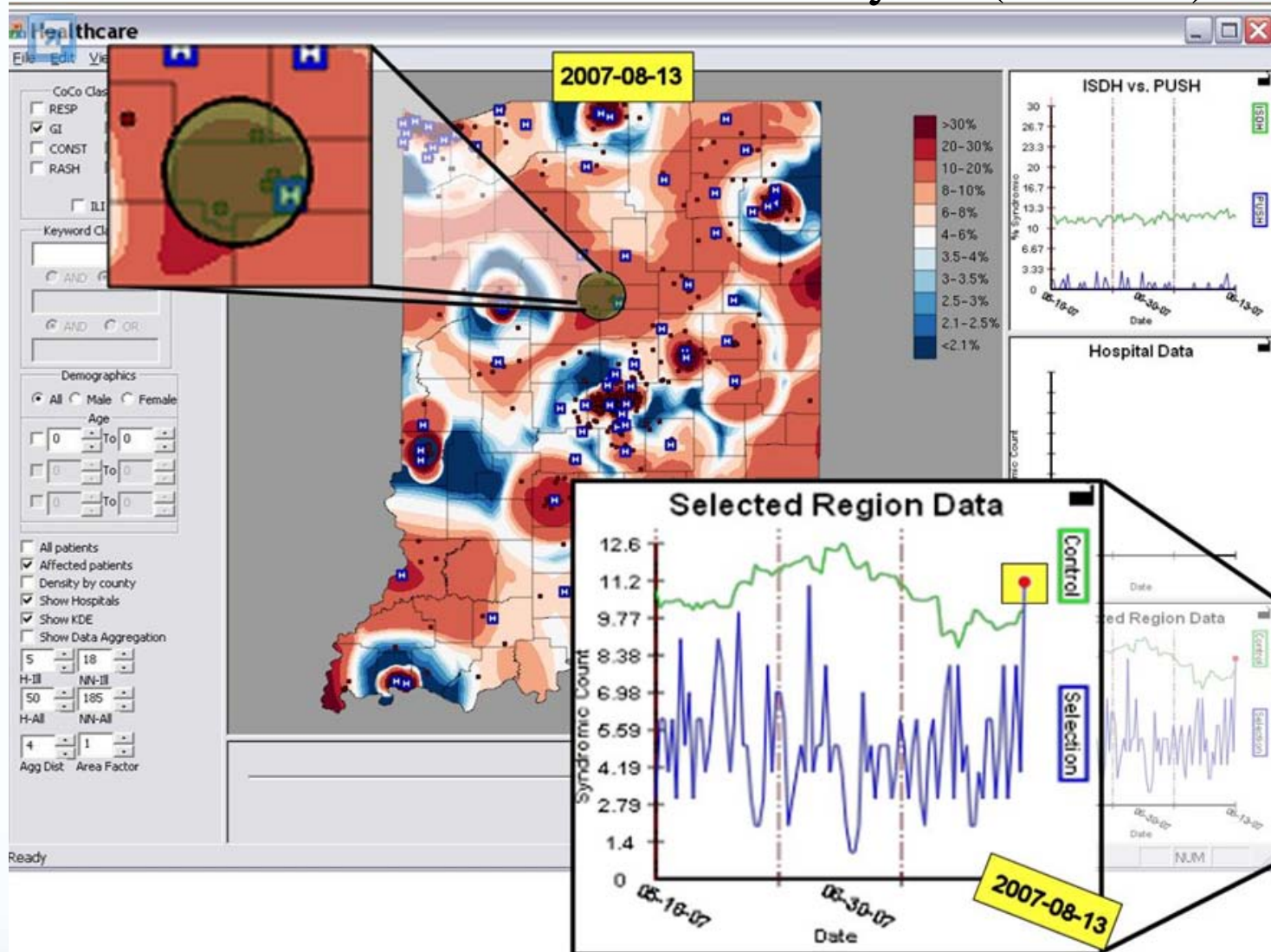
- 0.1 s : perceived as instantaneous
 - 1.0 s : uninterrupted flow of thought but perceived delays
 - 10 s : for delay longer than that, users will want to do something else while waiting for the computer

Analytics



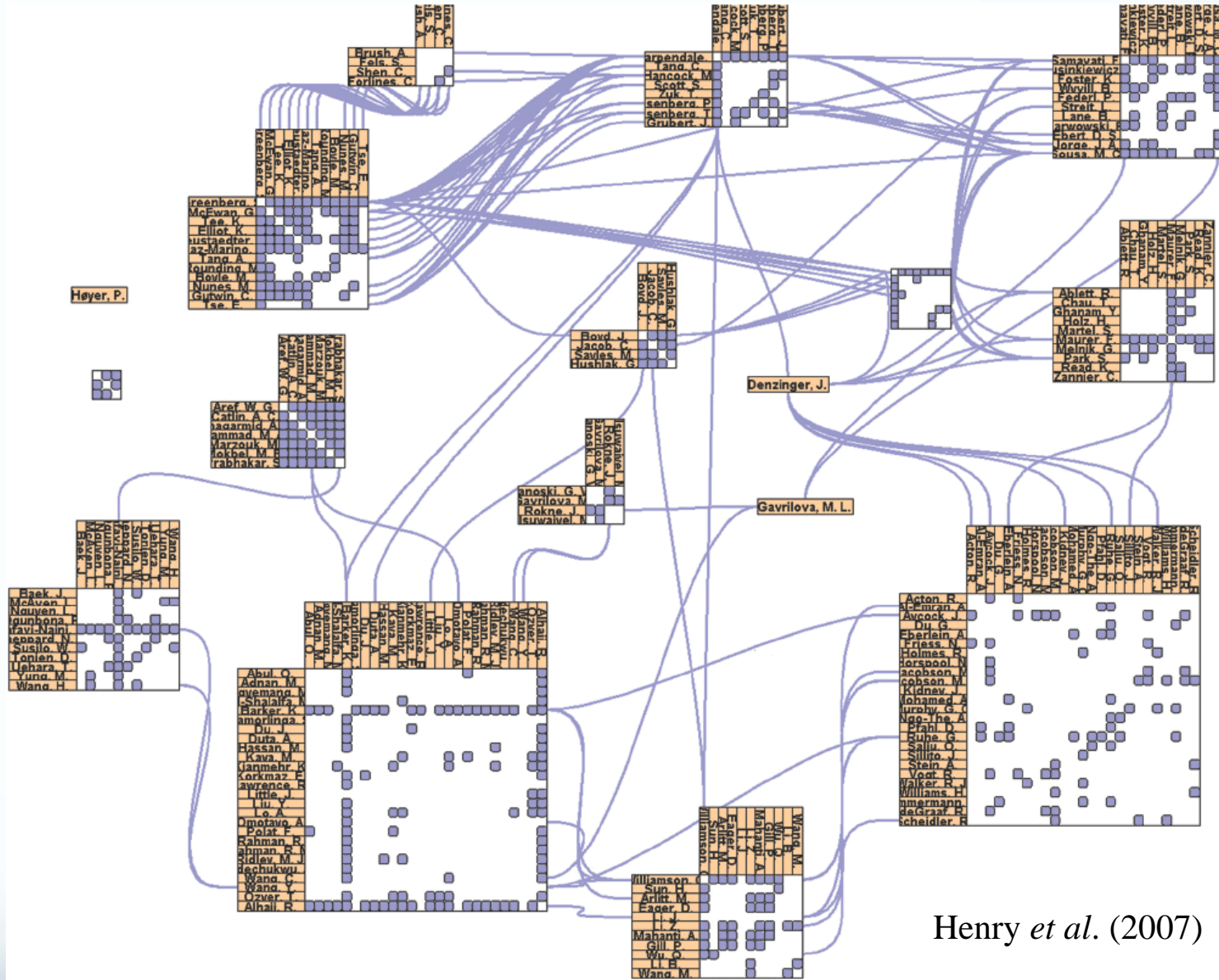
Kielman and Thomas (2008)

Linked Animal-Human Visual Analytics (LAHVA)



Network Visualization

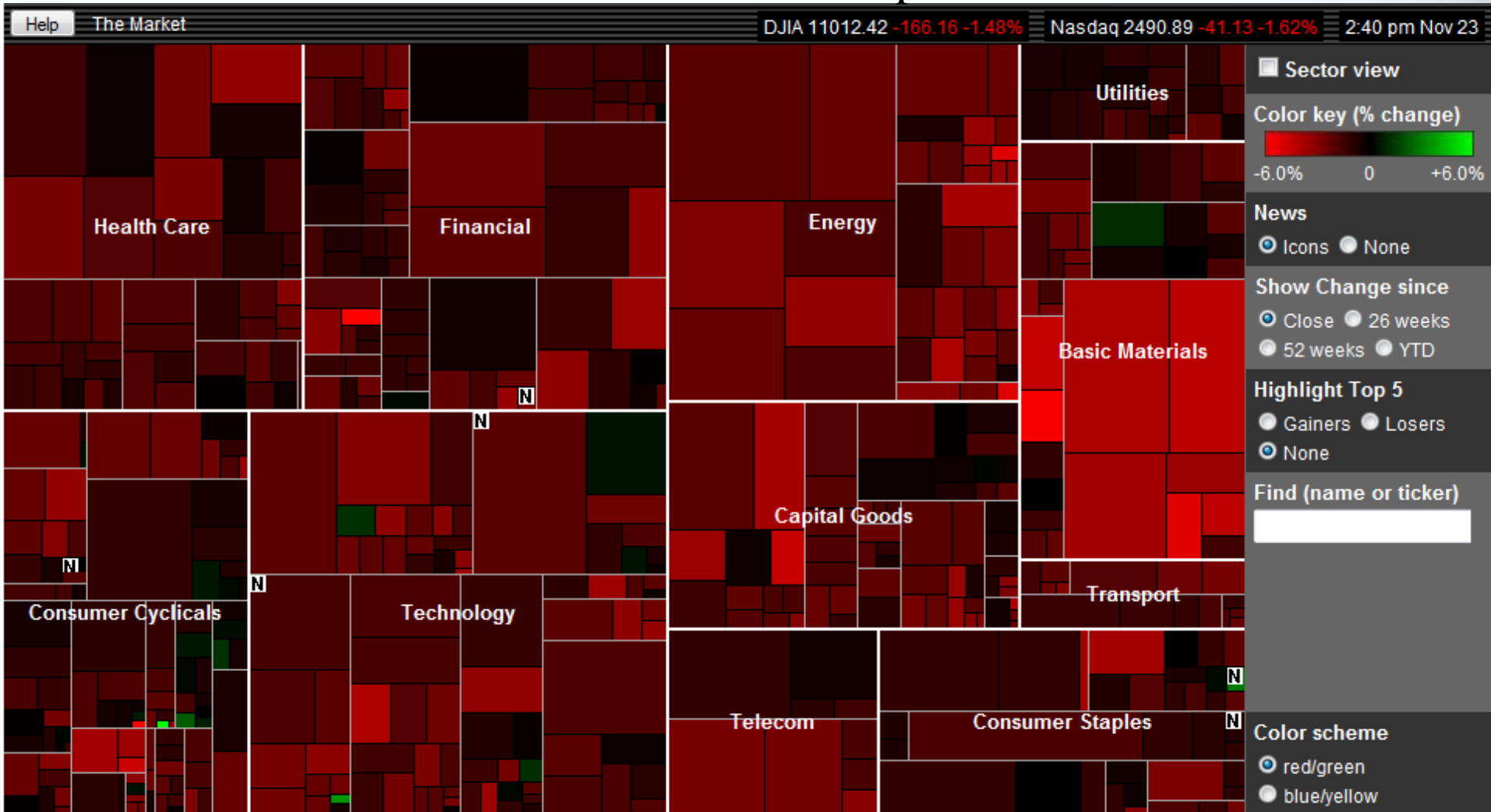
NodeTrix Social Network Visualization



Henry *et al.* (2007)

Hierarchical Display

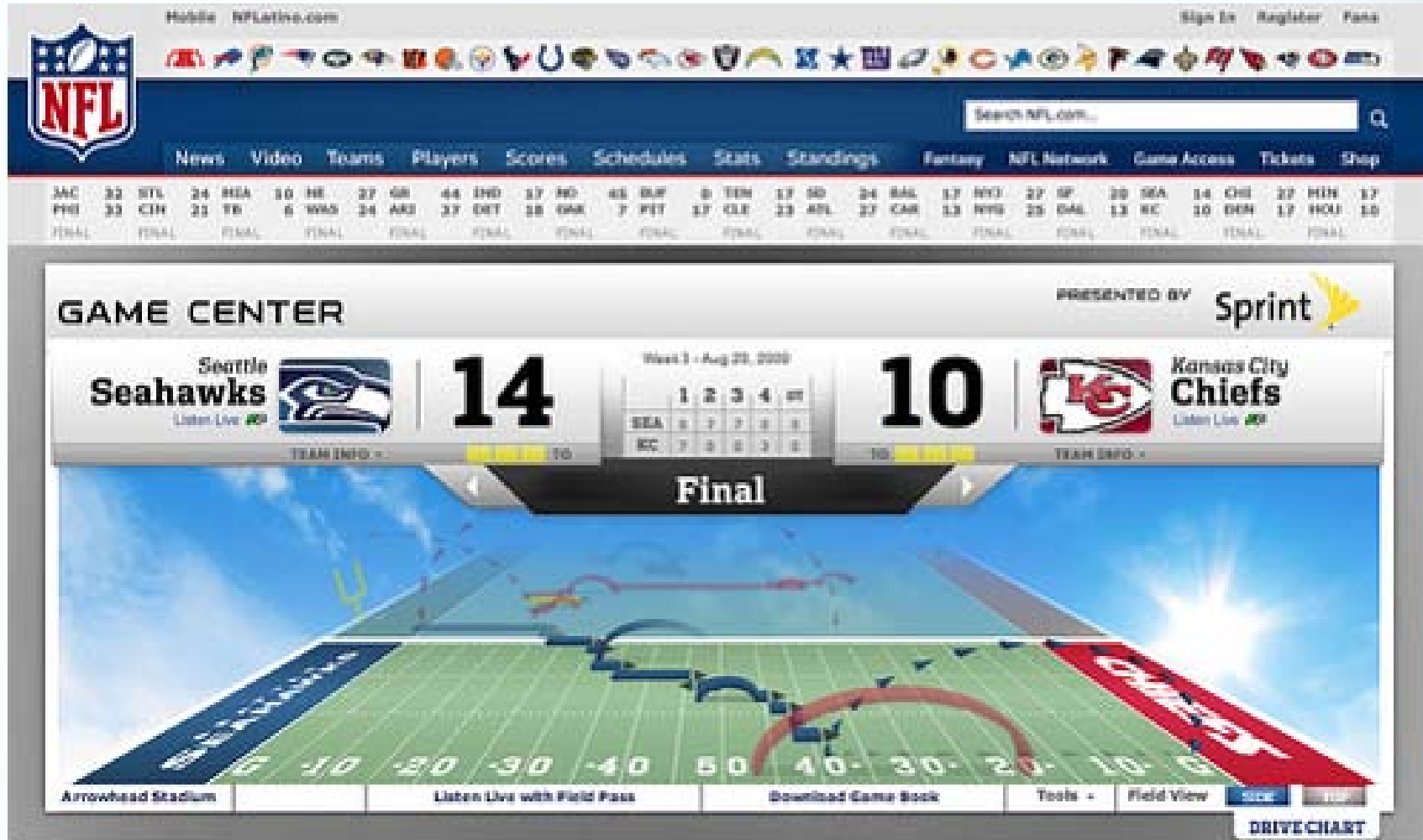
Stocks Treemap



SmartMoney (2010)

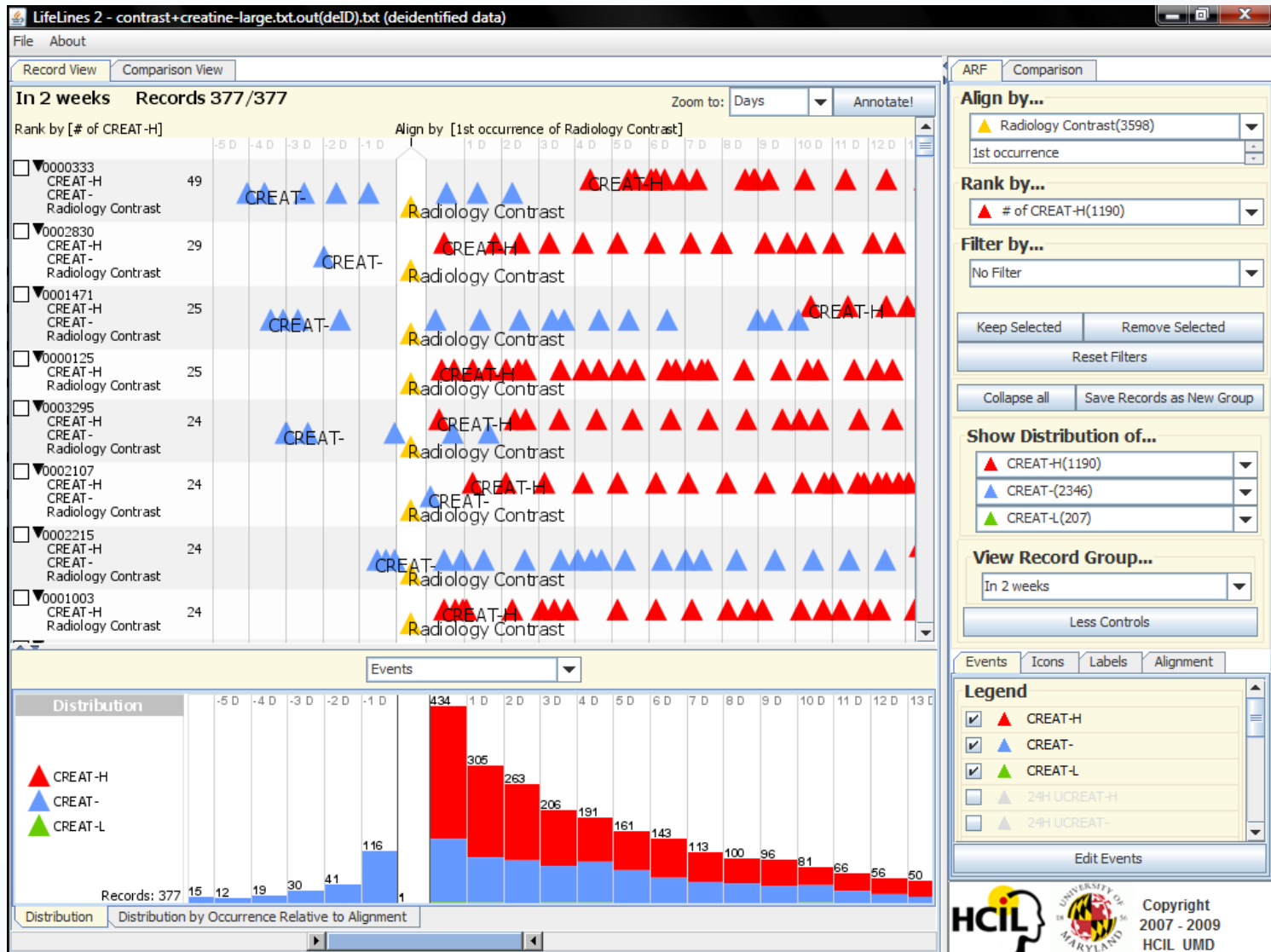
Temporal Visualization

NFL Drive Chart



Gunderson (2009)

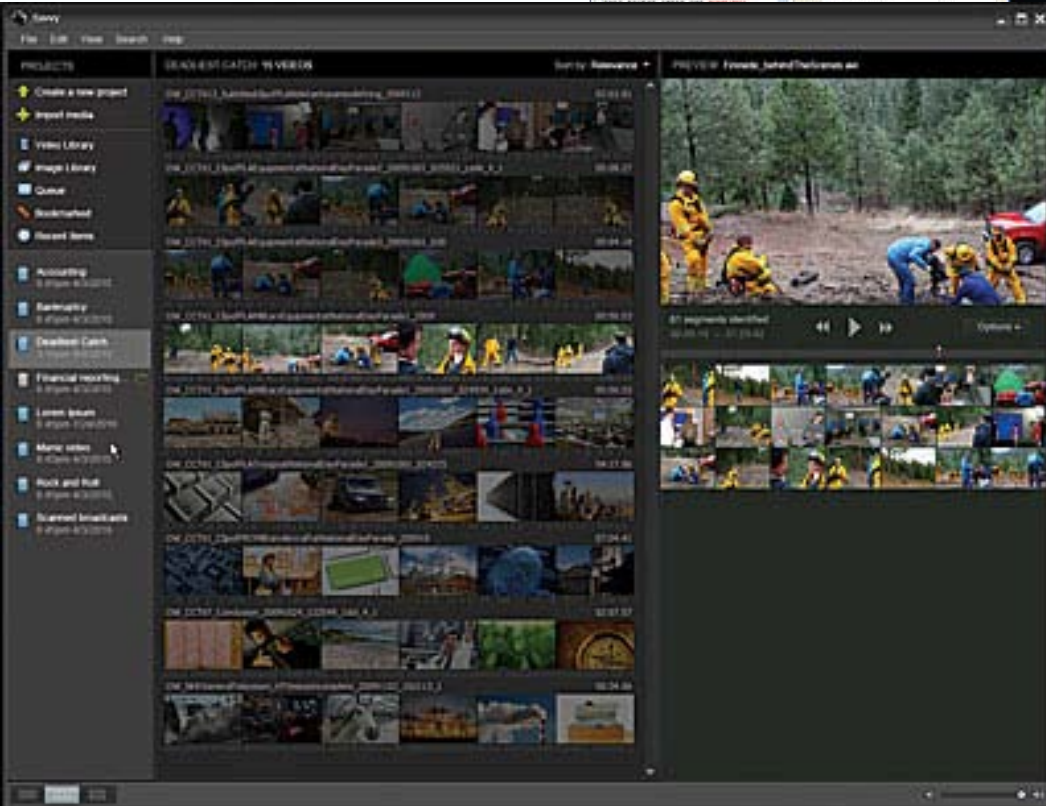
Lifelines2



Multimedia and Video Analytics

New Streams Event River

Savvy



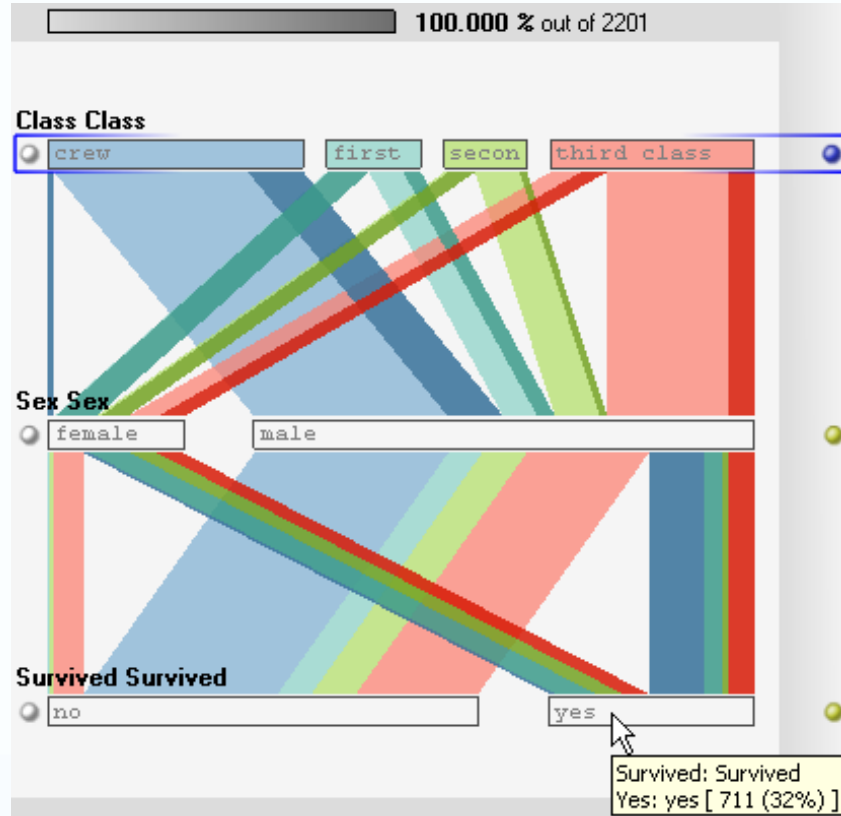
Ribarsky (2009)

Video Analytics tools are starting to emerge

Payne (2011)

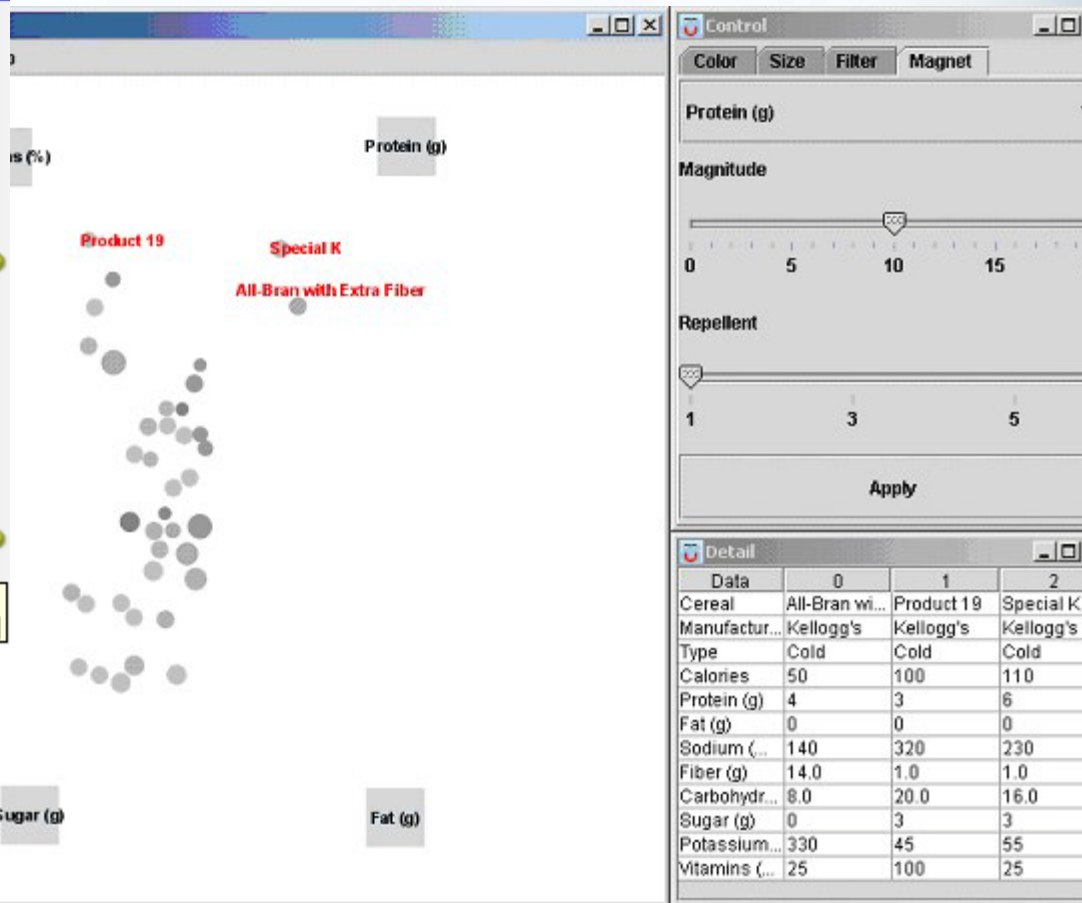
Multivariate Analysis

Parallel Sets



Bendix *et al.* (2005)

Dust & Magnets

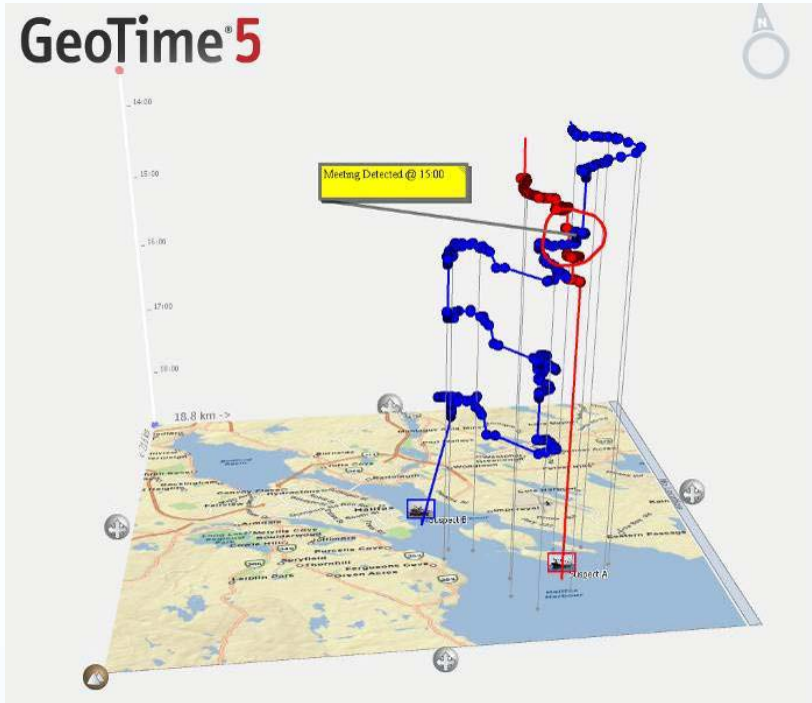


Soo Yi *et al.* (2005)

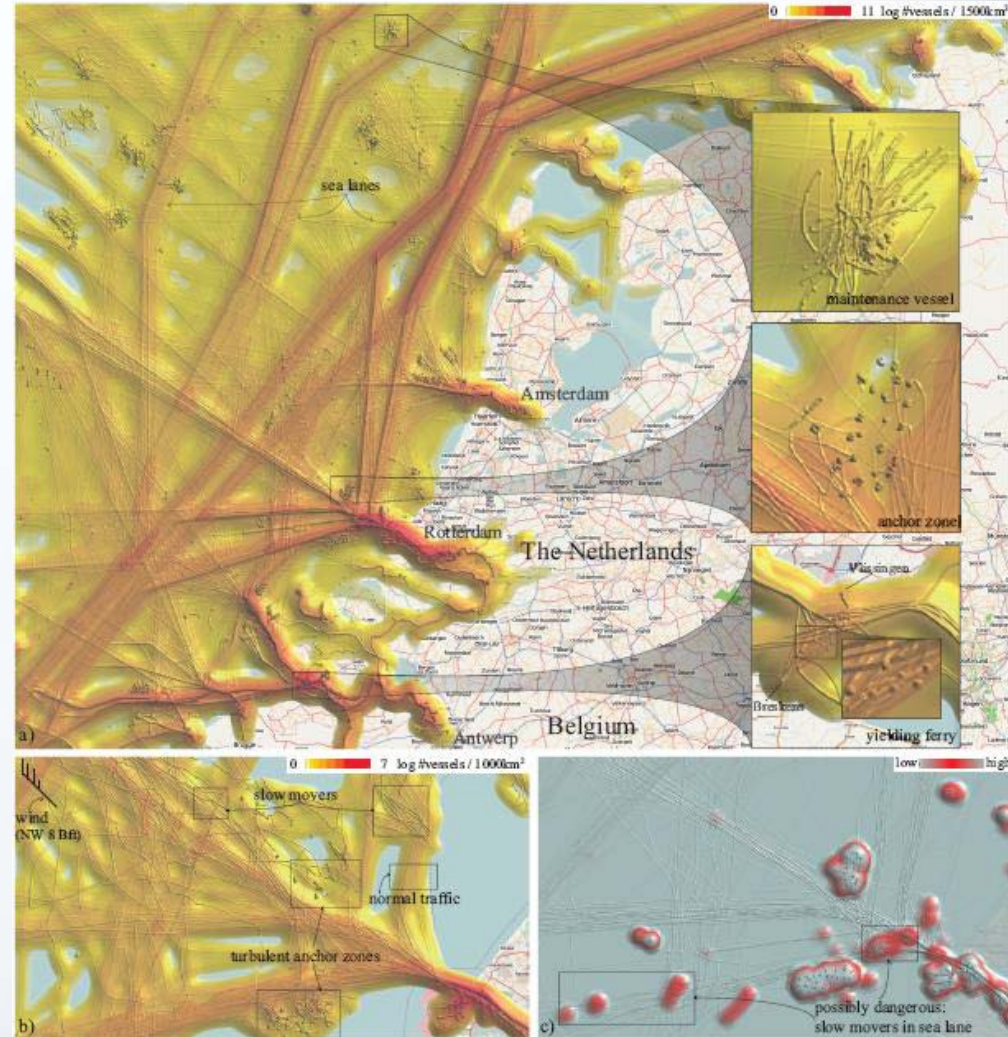
Maritime Domain Awareness

Shipping Density Landscapes

GeoTime[®]5

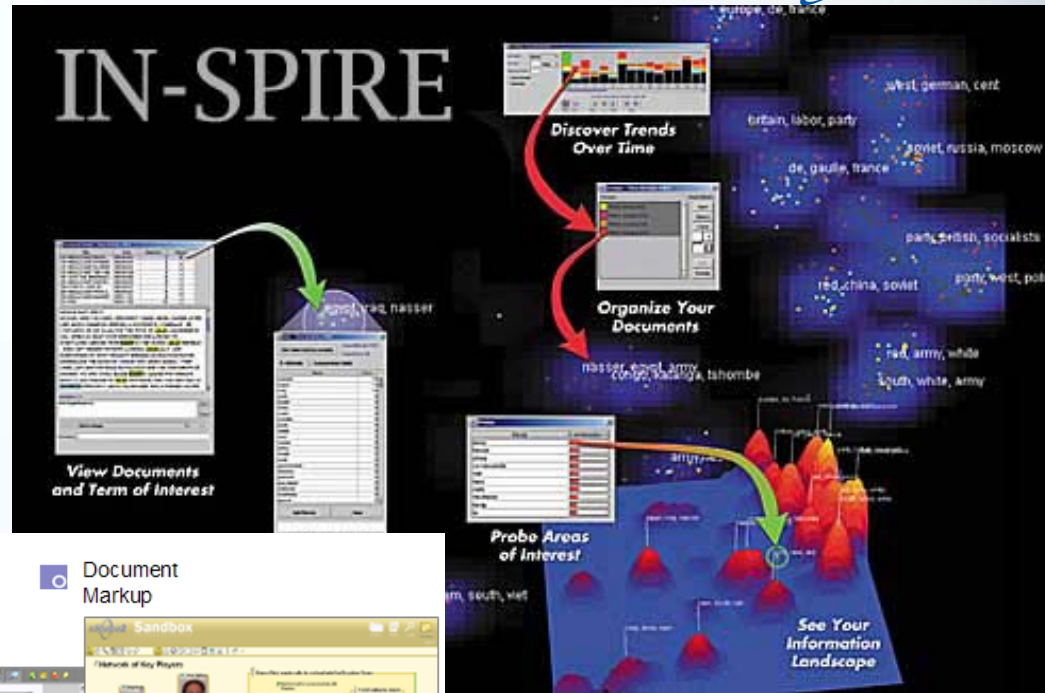


Oculus Info Inc



Willems *et al.* (2009)

Military Intelligence



IN-SPIRE

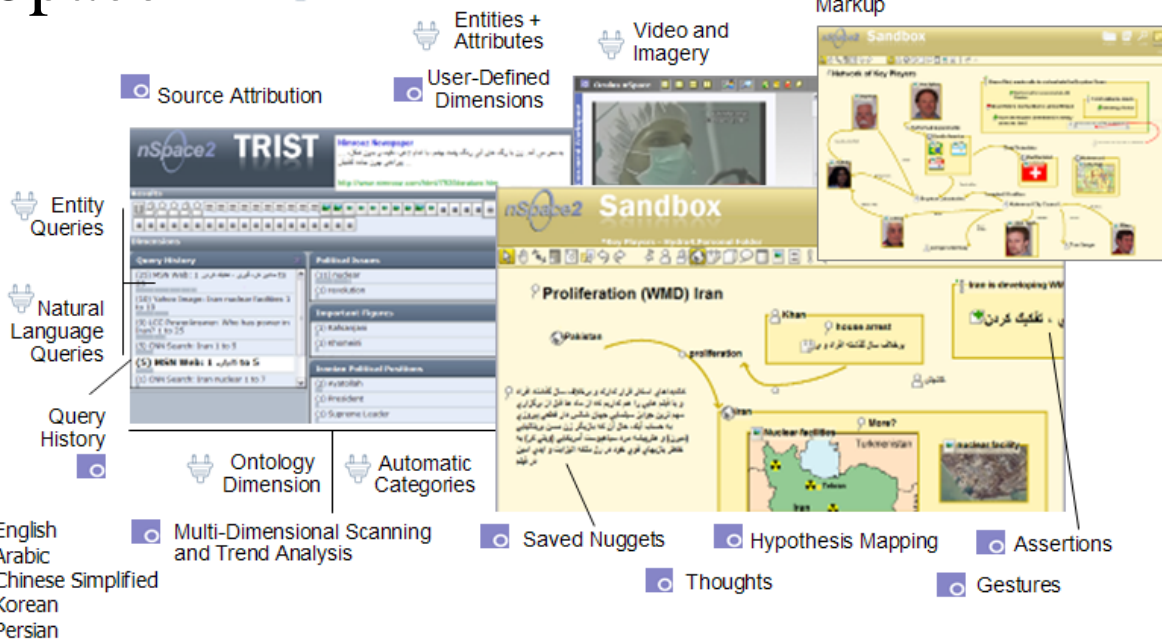
- Discover Trends Over Time
- Organize Your Documents
- View Documents and Term of Interest
- Probe Areas of Interest
- See Your Information Landscape

Visualizations include a network graph with nodes like 'nasser', 'soviet', 'army', and a 3D landscape of red peaks.

nSpace



System of Systems



nSpace2 TRIST and **nSpace2 Sandbox** components.

- Source Attribution
- Entities + Attributes
- User-Defined Dimensions
- Video and Imagery
- Document Markup
- Entity Queries
- Natural Language Queries
- Query History
- Ontology Dimension
- Automatic Categories
- Multi-Dimensional Scanning and Trend Analysis
- Saved Nuggets
- Hypothesis Mapping
- Assertions
- Thoughts
- Gestures

Language support: العربية, 简体中文, 한국어, فارسی, Persian.

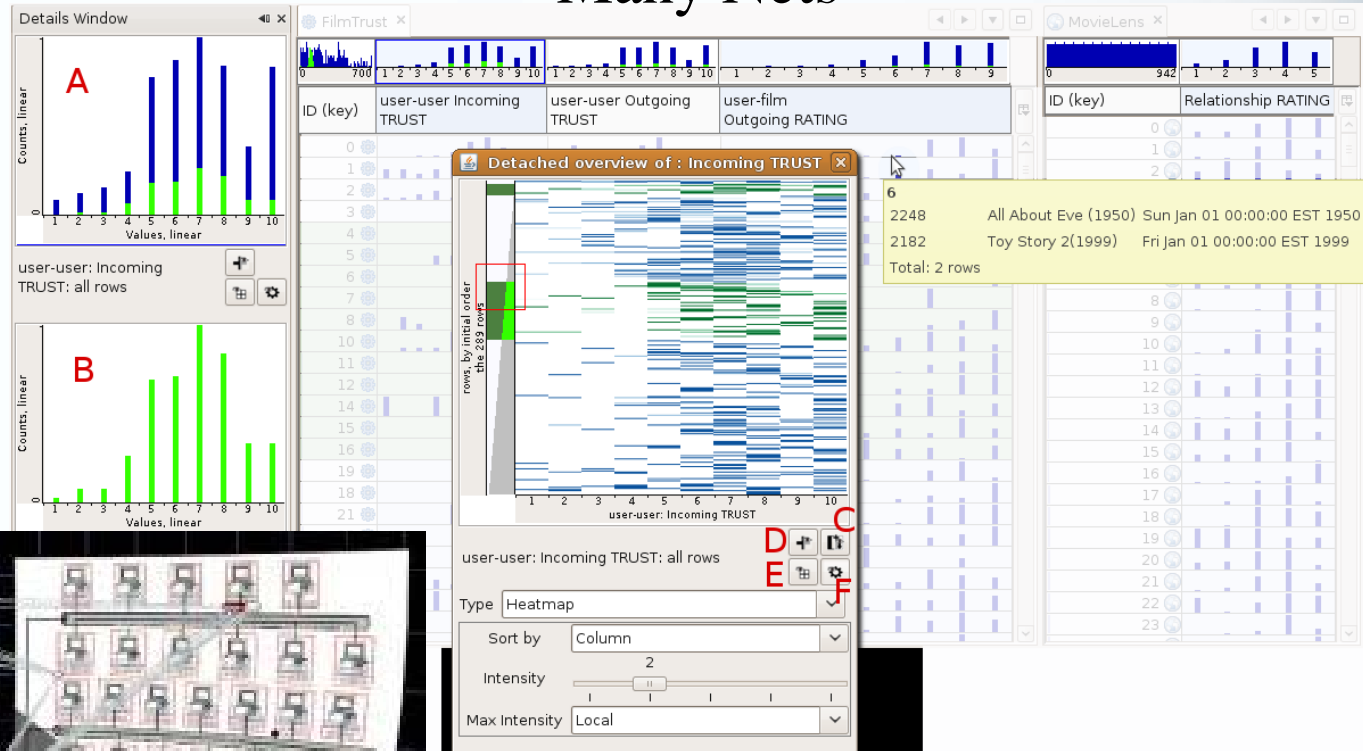
PNNL (2011)

Emergency Management

Precision Information Environments



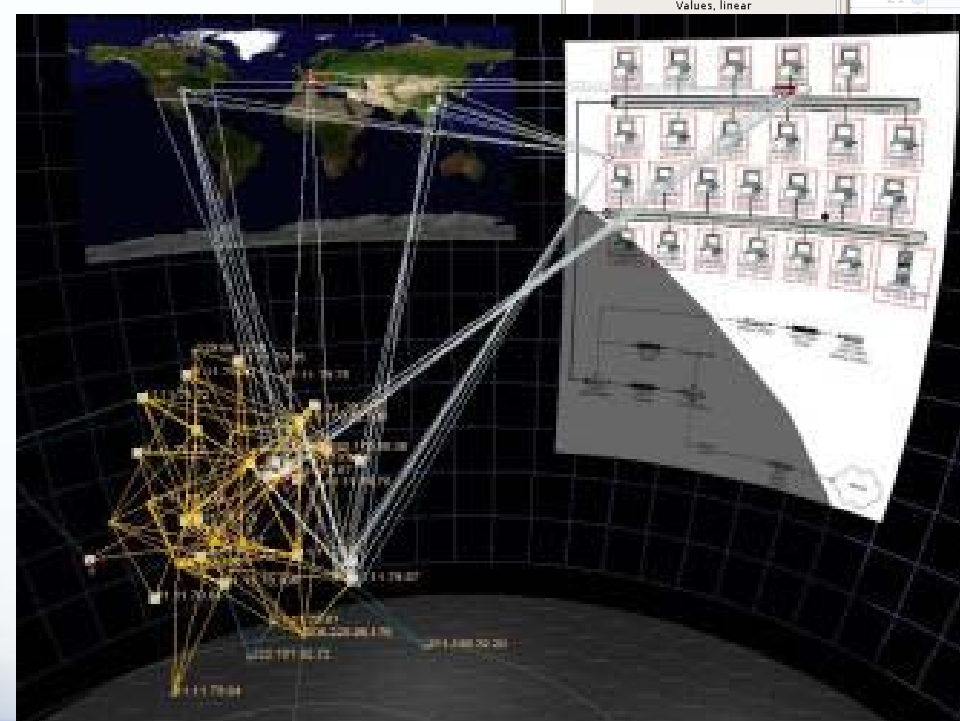
Many Nets



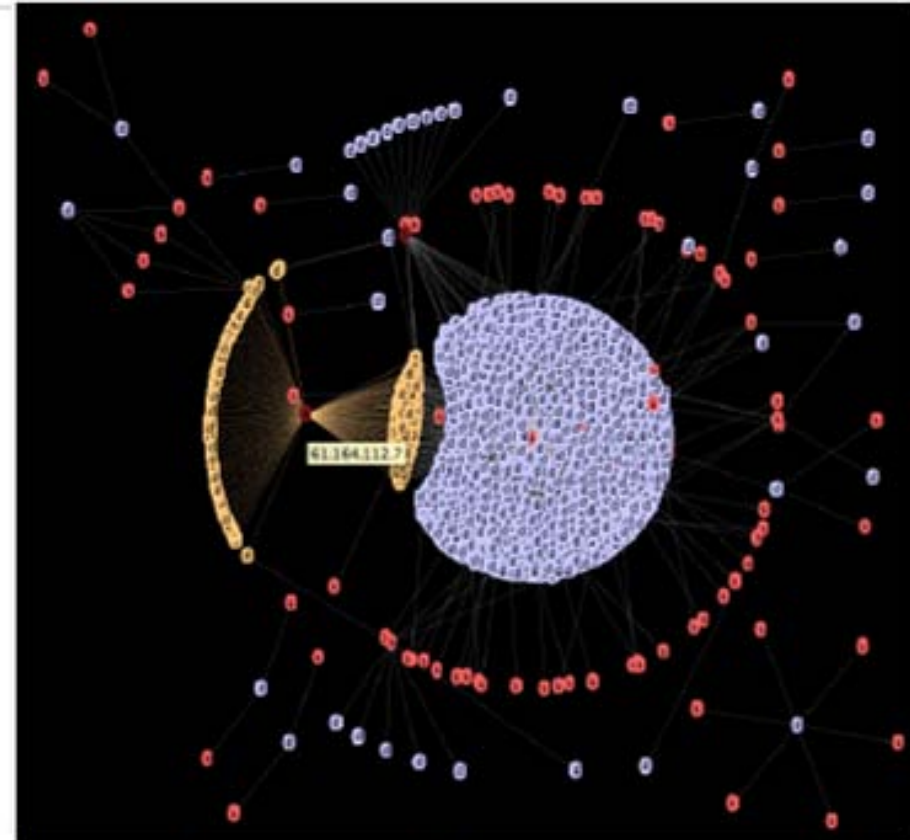
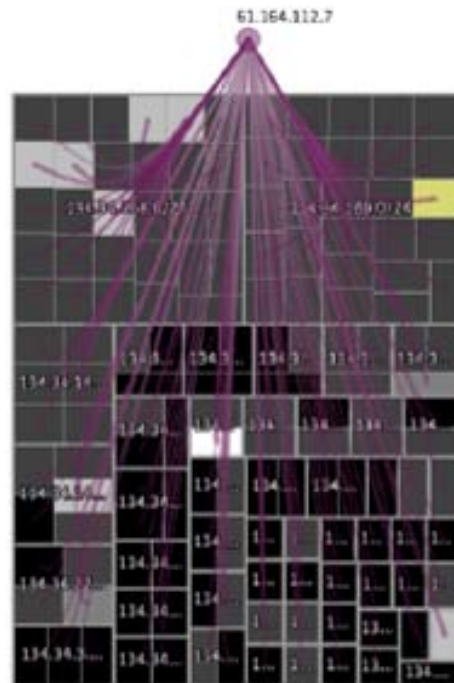
Sopan *et al.* (2010)

Starlight Visual Information System

Future Point Systems (2011)



NFlowVis



(a) Identification of compromised hosts using threshold adjustment (red).

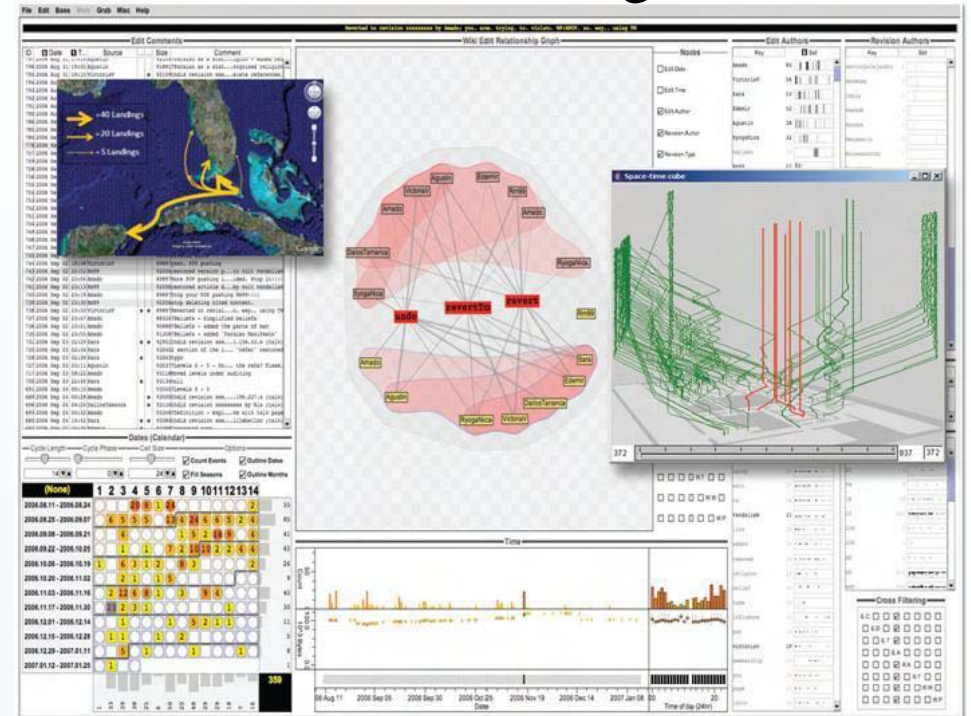
(b) Graph visualization showing communication flows between source (red) and destination hosts (blue).

Mansmann *et al.* (2009)

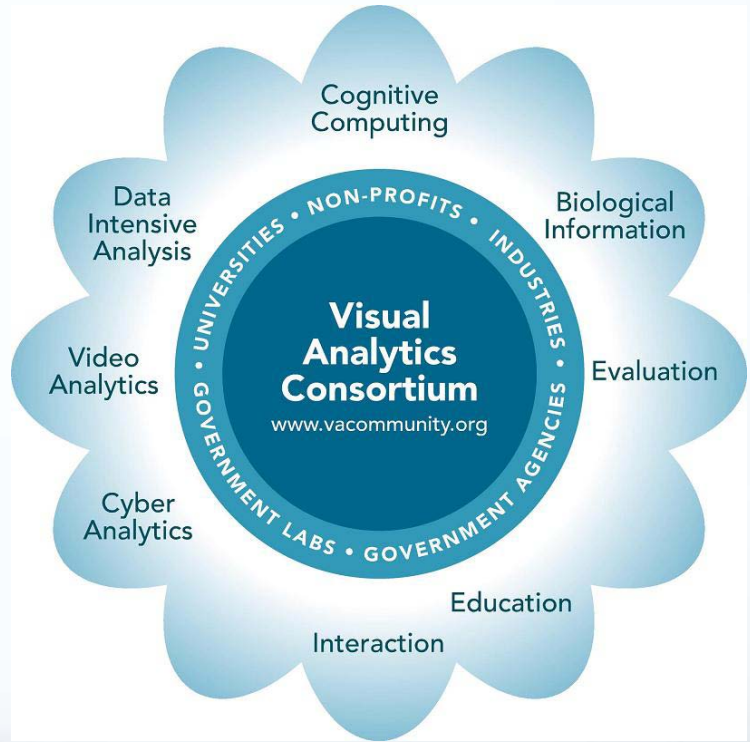
Resources

- VADL
- InfoVis:Wiki
- VAC Views
- ivac.org

VAST Challenges



VAST(2008)



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