Interactive and Dynamic Statistical Graphics - An Overview

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Places Data

- "Places" data set:
  - 329 cities in the U.S.
  - 9 measures of livability (early 1980's):

    Climate & Terrain, Housing Cost, Health Care & Environment, Crime, Transportation, Education, The Arts, Recreation, and Economics.
  - Published in Places Rated Almanac (Boyer and Savageau, 1981), copyrighted by Rand McNally
  - Latitude and longitude added by Paul Tukey

Terms

- Interactive & Dynamic Statistical Graphics (DSG)
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis (ESDA)
- Visual Data Mining (VDM)
- Visual Analysis/Visual Analytics (VA)
- Data Mining (DM)

Citations

- John W. Tukey (1977):

  EDA *"is detective work - numerical detective work - or counting detective work - or graphical detective work."*

- Edward J. Wegman (2000):

  "Data Mining is exploratory data analysis with little or no human interaction using computationally feasible techniques, i.e., the attempt to find interesting structure unknown a priori."

DSG/VDM (1)

- Working Definition for DSG/VDM:
  - Find structure (cluster, unusual observations) in large and not necessarily homogeneous data sets based on human perception using graphical methods and user interaction
  - Goal or expected outcome of exploration usually unknown in advance

DSG/VDM (2)

- First uses of the term VDM:
  - Cox, Eick, Wills, Brachman (1997): Visual Data Mining: Recognizing Telephone Calling Fraud, *Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery*, 1:225-231.
  - Inselberg (1998): Visual Data Mining with Parallel Coordinates, *Computational Statistics*, 13(1):47-63.

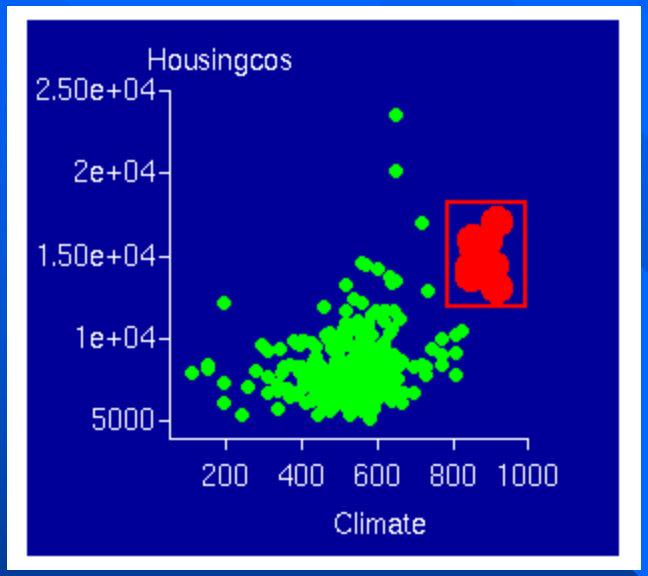
DSG Concepts (1)

- Scatterplots and Scatterplot Matrices
- Brushing and Linked Brushing/Linked Views
- Focusing, Zooming, Panning, Slicing, Rescaling, and Reformatting
- Rotations and Projections
- Grand Tour
- Parallel Coordinate Plots

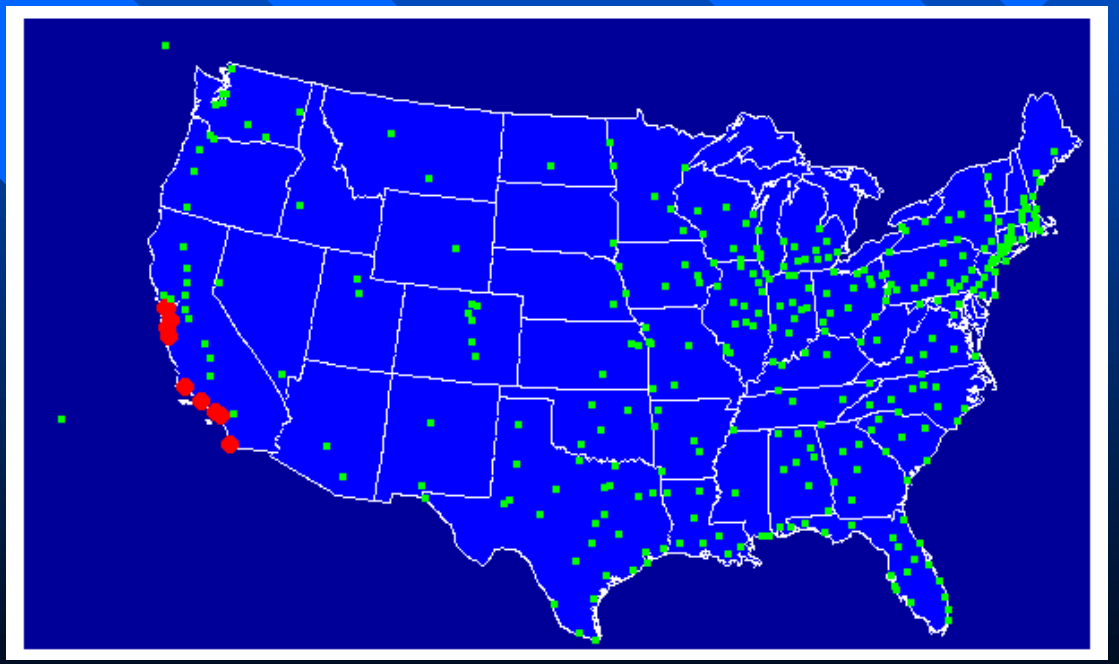
DSG Concepts (2)

- Projection Pursuit and Projection Pursuit Guided Tours
- Pixel or Image Grand Tours
- Andrews Plots
- Density Plots, Binning, and Brushing with Hue and Saturation
- Special DSG techniques for Categorical Data

Scatterplots and Linked Brushing

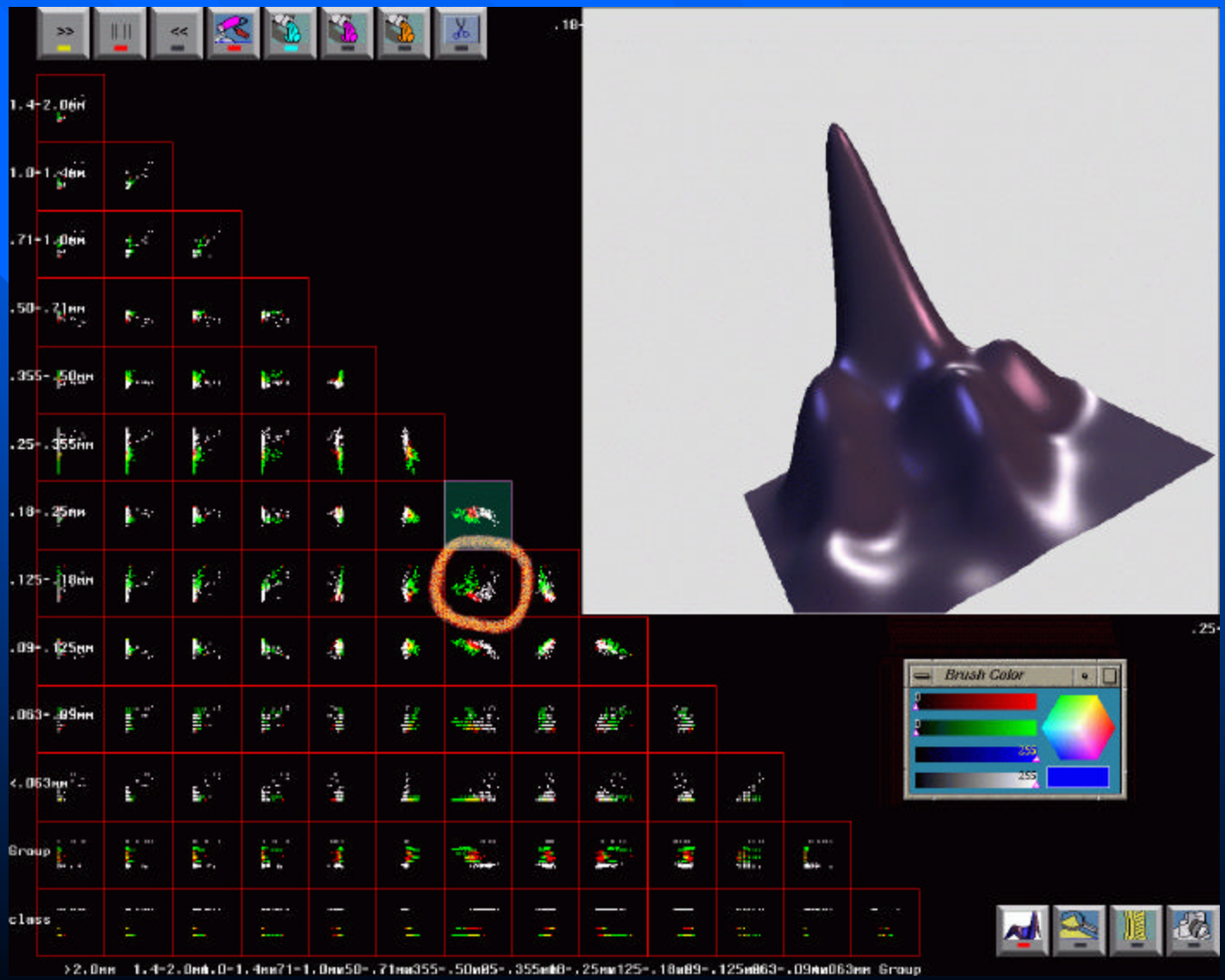


XGobi



Scatterplot Matrix and Density Plot

ExplorN



Parallel Coordinate Plots

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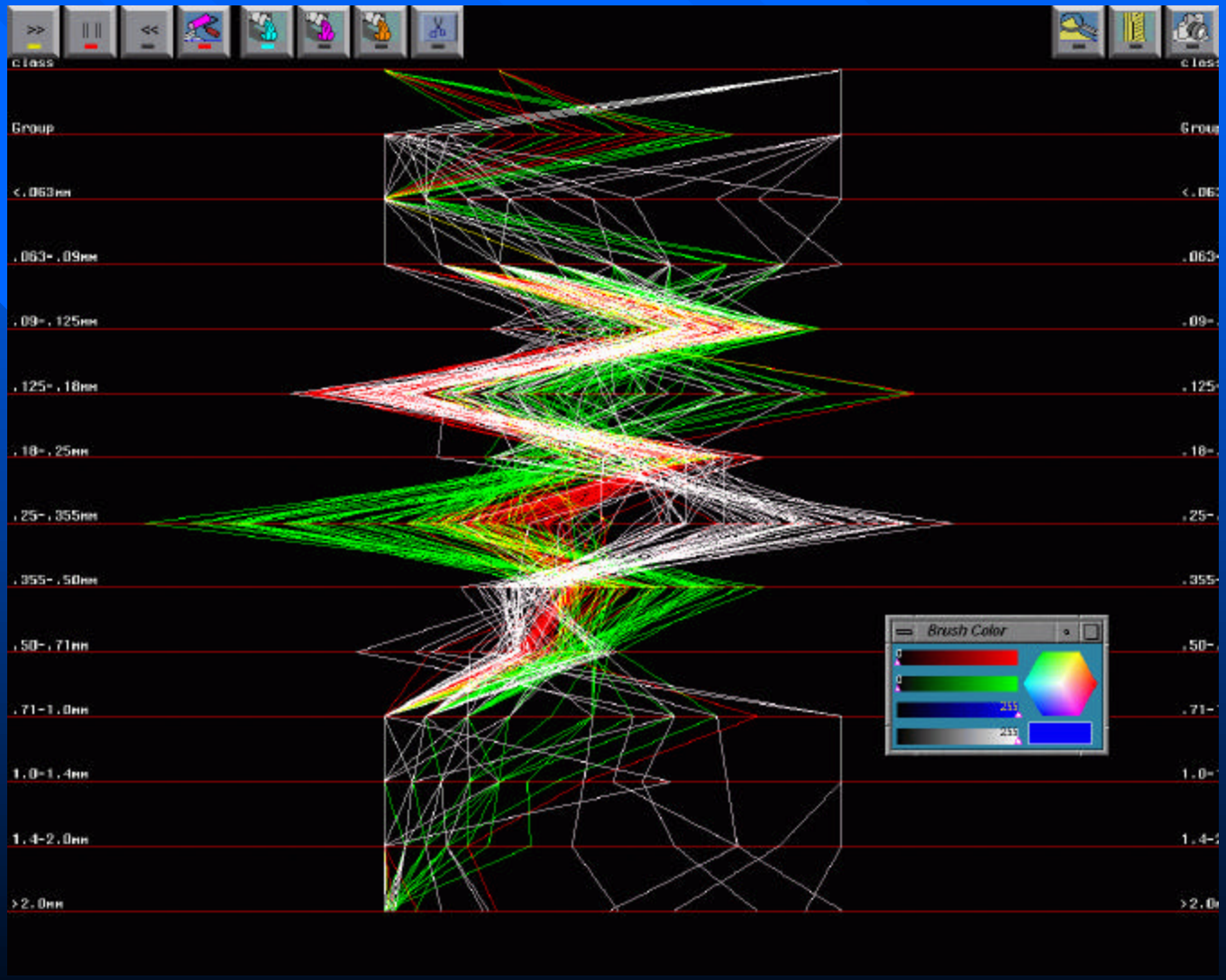


Grand Tour

- Continuous random sequence of projections from n dimensions into 2 (or more) dimensions.

Graphical Software

- Origin: PRIM-9
- REGARD, MANET, and Mondrian Family
- EXPLOR4, HyperVision, ExplorN, and CrystalVision Family
- DataViewer, XGobi, and GGobi Family

Origin of DSG Software: PRIM-9

- "Picturing, Rotation, Isolation and Masking in up to 9 Dimensions"
- Initiated in the early 1970's by M. A. Fisherkeller, J. H. Friedman, and J. W. Tukey
- Main features:
  - Projections
  - Isolations and Masking

DSG Software: REGARD, MANET, and Mondrian

- Initiated in the late 1980's by John Haslett and Antony Unwin at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- Continued by Antony Unwin and collaborators at University of Augsburg, Germany
- Other main collaborators: Heike Hofmann, Martin Theus, Adalbert Wilhelm, and Graham Wills

REGARD

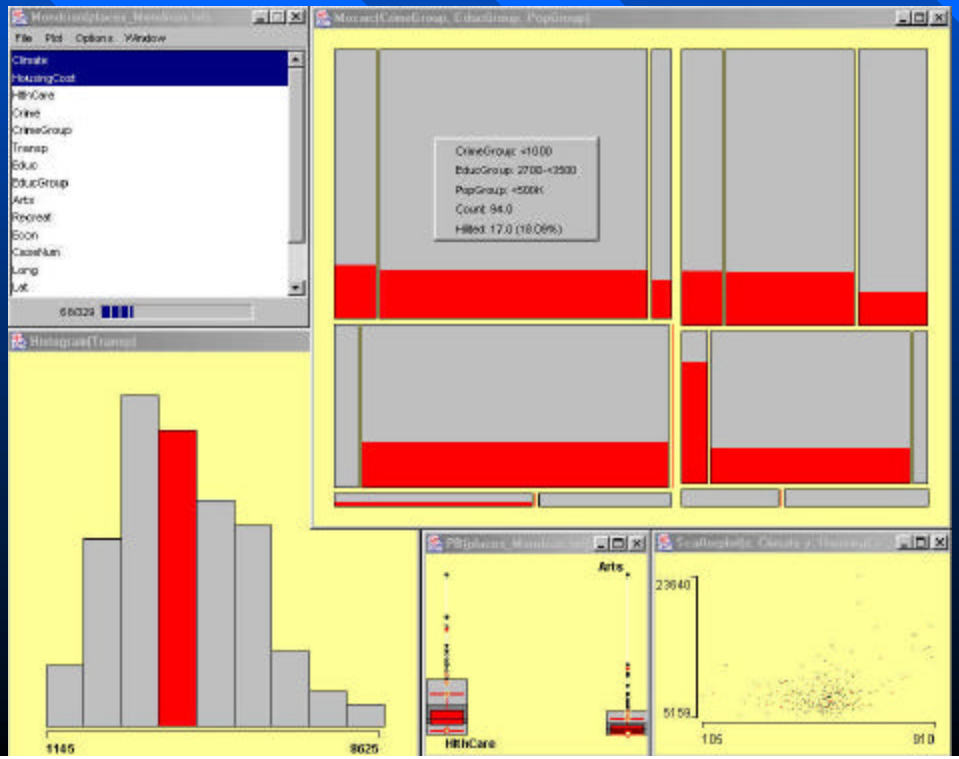
- "Radical Effective Graphical Analysis of Regional Data"
- Early 1990's, Macintosh
- High interaction graphics tools for spatial data
- Map window that is linked to statistical displays

MANET

- "Missings Are Now Equally Treated"
- Mid/Late 1990's, Macintosh
- *http://www1.math.uni-augsburg.de/Manet*
- Graphics for continuous and discrete data
- Keeps track of missing values in graphics

Mondrian

- Early 2000's, JAVA
- *http://www.rosuda.org/Mondrian/*
- Visualization of categorical and geographic data



DSG Software: EXPLOR4, HyperVision, ExplorN, and CrystalVision

- Initiated in the late 1980's by Dan Carr and Ed Wegman at George Mason University
- Other main collaborators: Qiang Luo and Wesley L. Nicholson

EXPLOR4

- Late 1980's, VAX 11/780, Fortran
- Main features:
  - Rotations
  - Scatterplots & Scatterplot Matrix
  - Stereoscopic Views

HyperVision

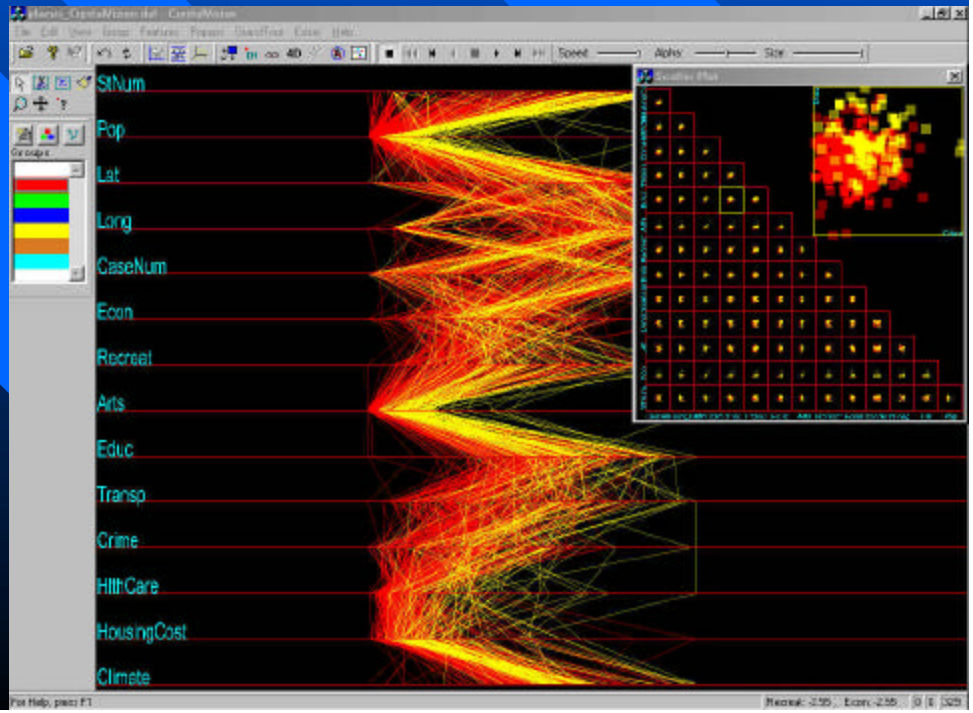
- Late 1980's, IBM RT & MS-DOS, Pascal
- Main features:
  - Real Time Rotations
  - 2D & 3D Scatterplots & Scatterplot Matrix
  - Parallel Coordinate Plots
  - Color Histograms

ExplorN

- Mid 1990's, SGI
- *ftp://www.galaxy.gmu.edu/pub/software/*
- Interactive environment for exploring multivariate data:
  - Advanced Parallel Coordinates Displays
  - 3D Surfaces
  - Stereoscopic Displays

CrystalVision

- Early 2000's, PCs
- *ftp://www.galaxy.gmu.edu/pub/software/*
- Main features:
  - Parallel coordinate plots
  - Scatterplots
  - Grand tour animations



DSG Software: DataViewer, XGobi, and GGobi

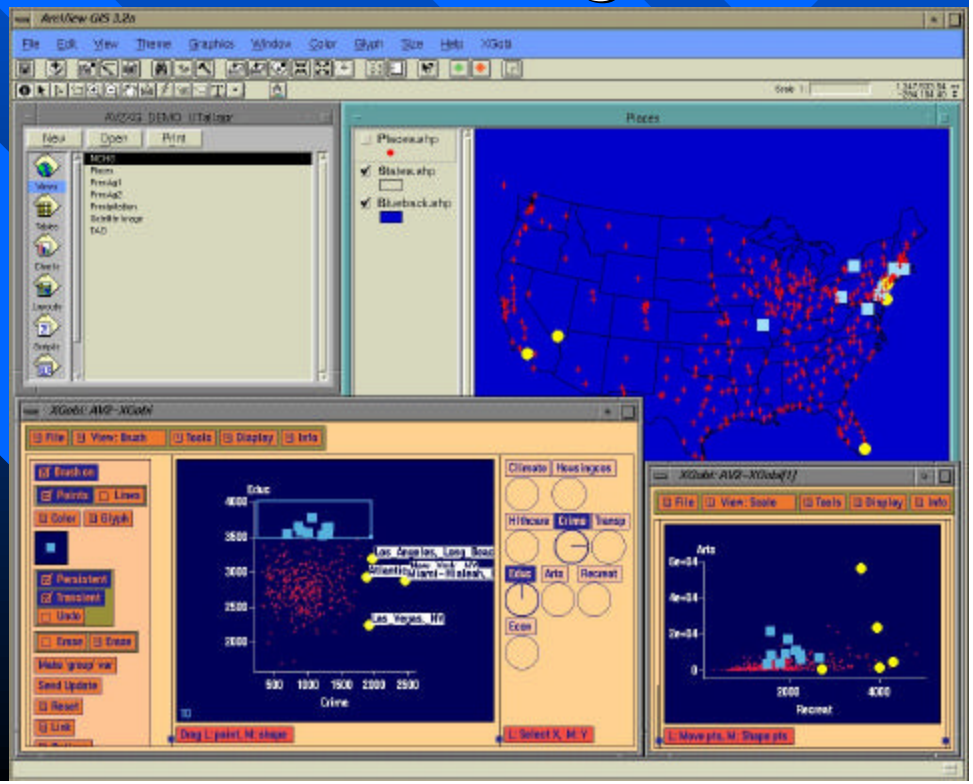
- Initiated in the mid 1980's by Andreas Buja, Deborah F. Swayne, and Dianne Cook at the University of Washington, Bellcore, AT&T Bell Labs, and Iowa State University
- Other main collaborators: Catherine Hurley, John A. McDonald, and Duncan Temple Lang

DataViewer

- Mid 1980's, Symbolics Lisp Machine
- Main features:
  - Linked windows
  - Focusing
  - Projections such as 3D rotations and grand tour

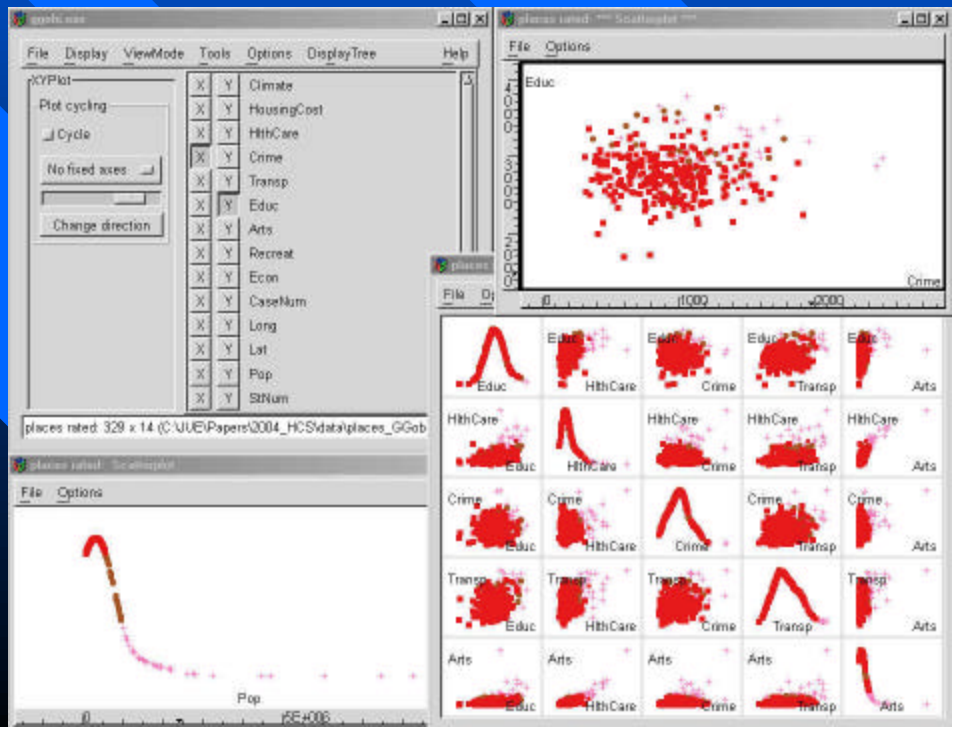
XGobi

- Early 1990's through early 2000's
- UNIX and Linux platforms
- *http://www.research.att.com/areas/stat/xgobi/*
- Main features:
  - Linked views
  - Linked brushing
  - Univariate, bivariate, and multivariate views
  - Grand tour
  - Links to other software



GGobi

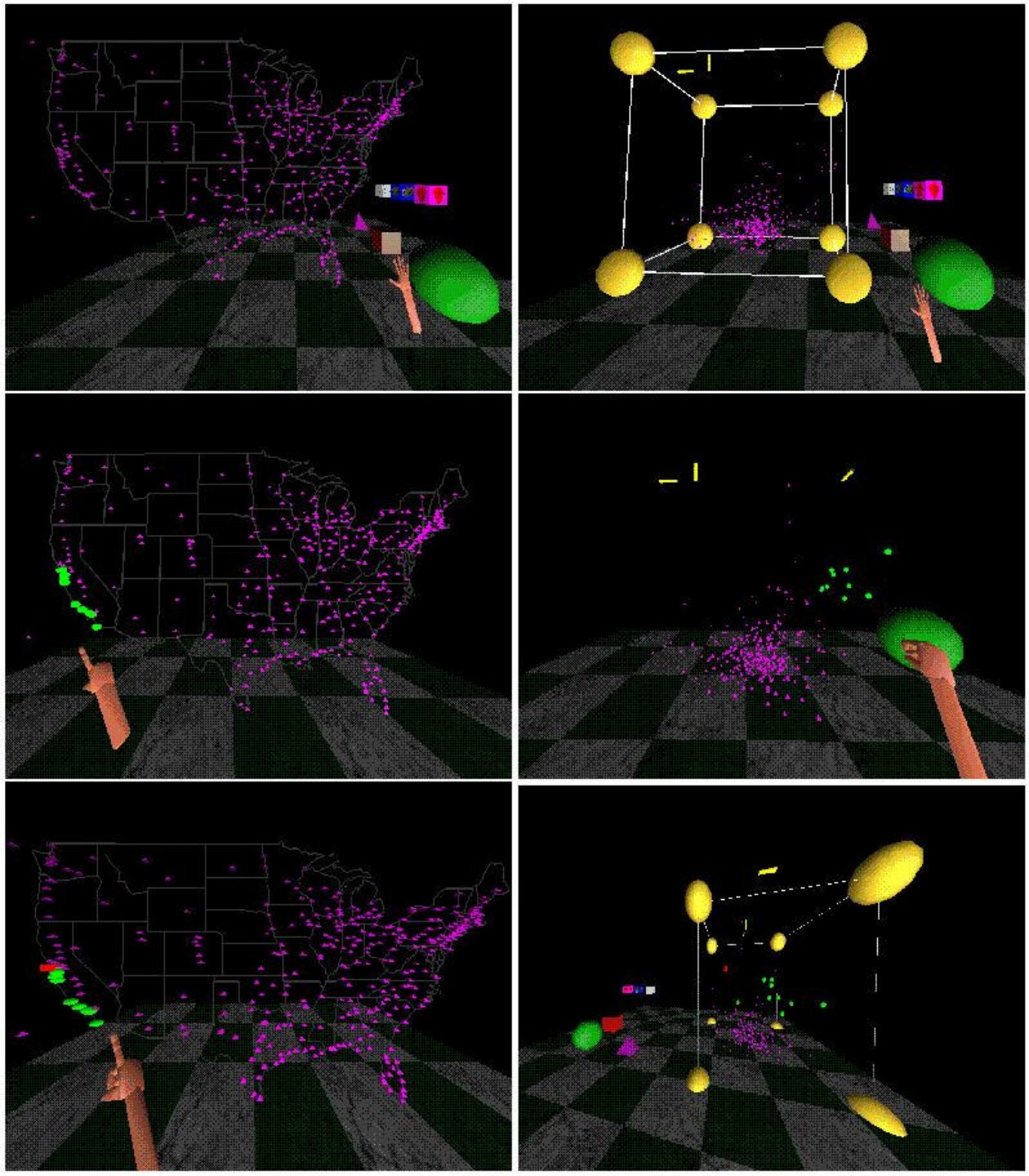
- Early 2000's
- PCs, UNIX and Linux platforms
- *http://www.ggobi.org/*
- Main features:
  - Very similar to XGobi
  - Multiple plot windows
  - Uses GTK+ graphical toolkit



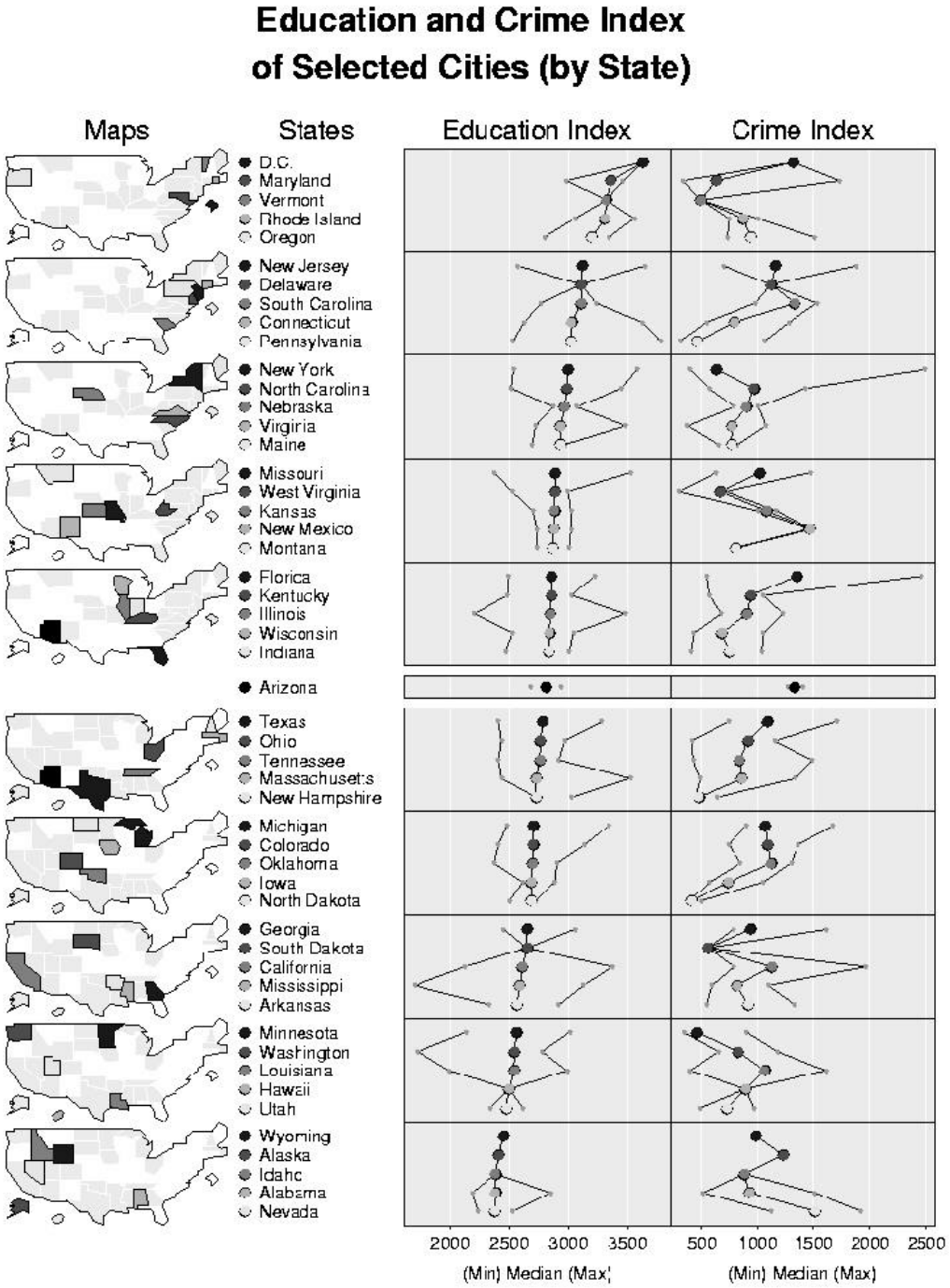
Live Demo

-  GGobi
-  CrystalVision
-  Mondrian

Places Data in VRGobi



Places Data as Micromaps



Conclusions

- Visual approach effective to see unexpected structure in data
- Combination of different techniques most effective
- Can be used for almost all types of data

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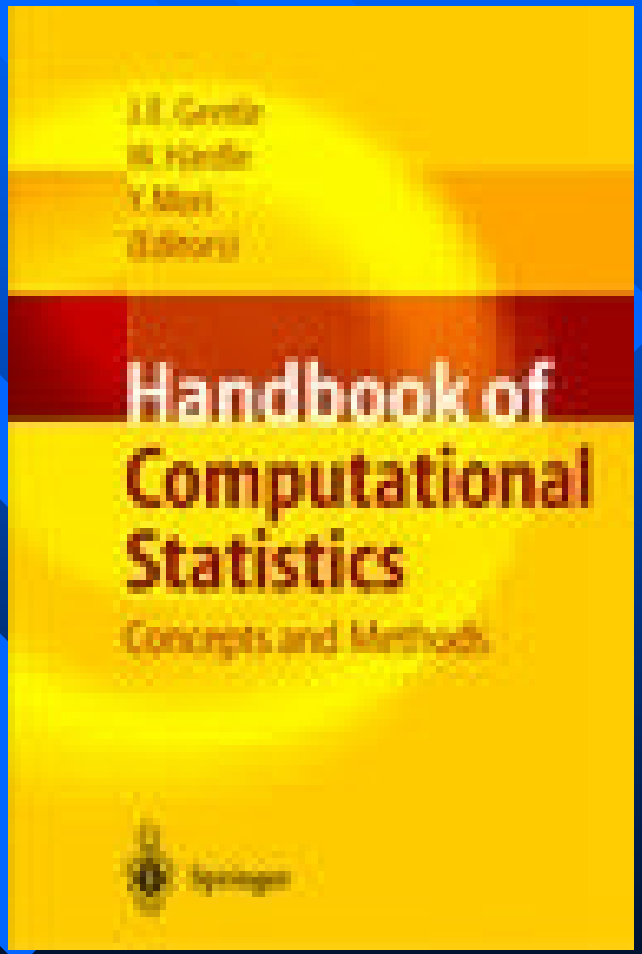

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