

DATA ANALYSIS AT SCALE

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CHALLENGES

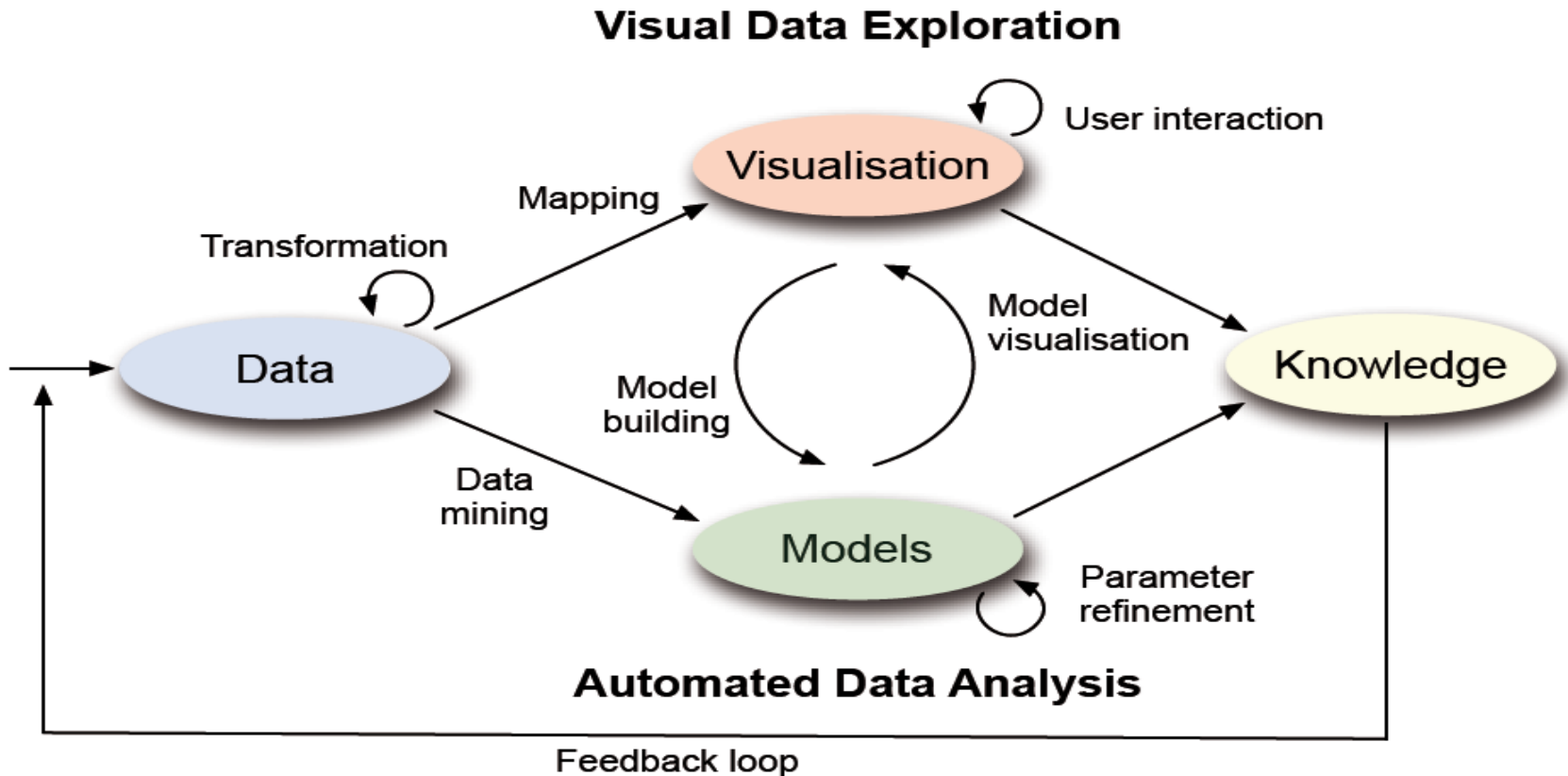
ANALYSIS AND CLUSTER COMPUTING

INTERACTING WITH BIG DATA

PARALLELIZING HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

THE VISUAL ANALYTICS PROCESS

•D. A. Keim, J. Kohlhammer, G. Ellis and F. Mansmann. Mastering The Information Age - Solving Problems with Visual Analytics. Eurographics, 2010.



CHALLENGES FOR ANALYZING LARGE DATA SETS

SIZE

LATENCY

ATTENTION

SIZE

KILOBYTES OF DATA

MEGABYTES OF DATA

GIGABYTES OF DATA

TERABYTES OF DATA

PETABYTES OF DATA

...

SIZE

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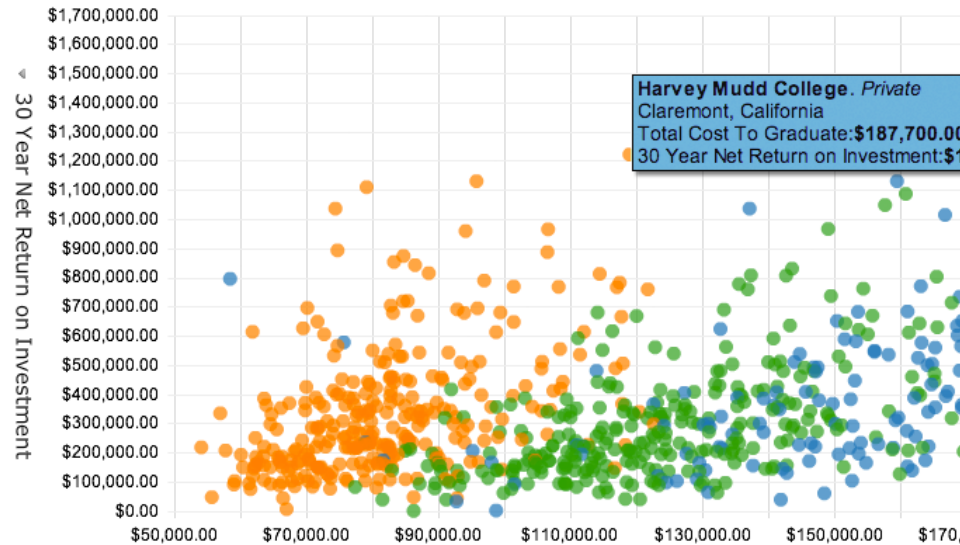
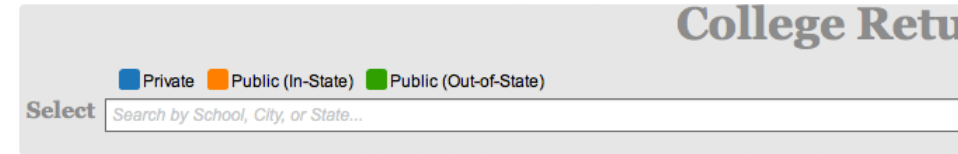
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	Total Cost To Graduate
29	188200
30	179500
31	222600
32	79140
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34	187500
35	182600
36	195800
37	157600

SIZE

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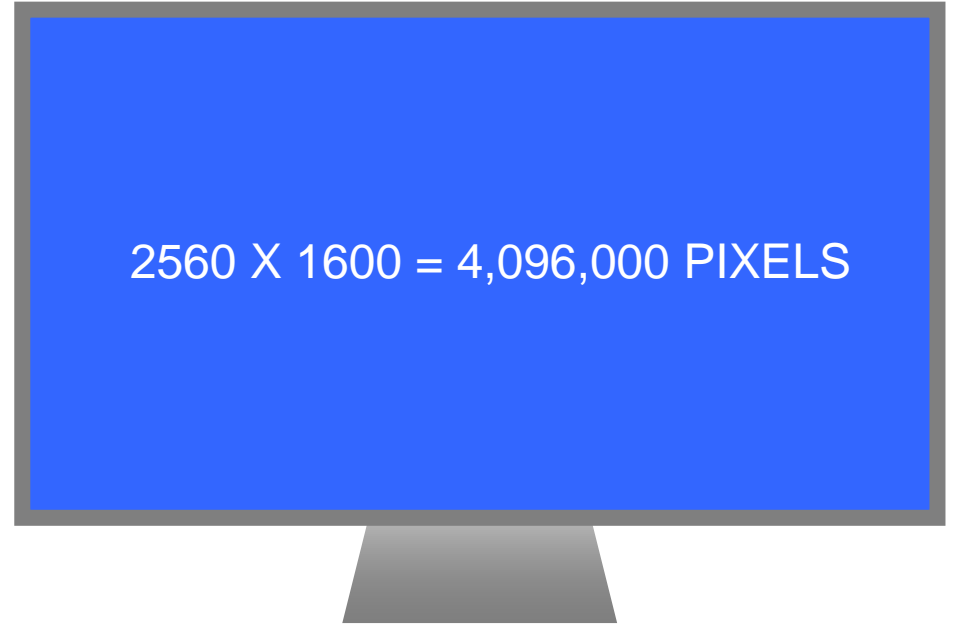
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EVEN A MEGABYTE IS MORE BITS OF DATA
THAN THERE ARE PIXELS ON A SCREEN!

SIZE

KILOBYTES OF DATA

MEGABYTES OF DATA

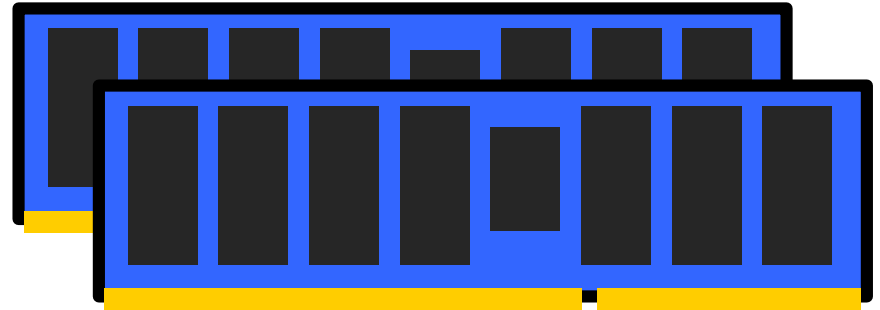
GIGABYTES OF DATA

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PETABYTES OF DATA

...

MORE DATA THAN CAN FIT IN MEMORY



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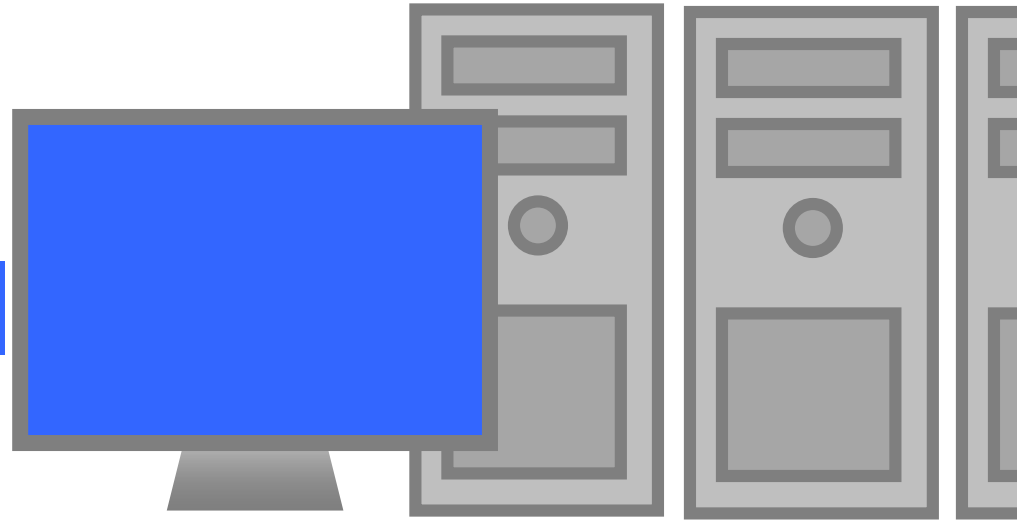
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MORE DATA THAN CAN FIT ON ONE MACHINE!

SIZE

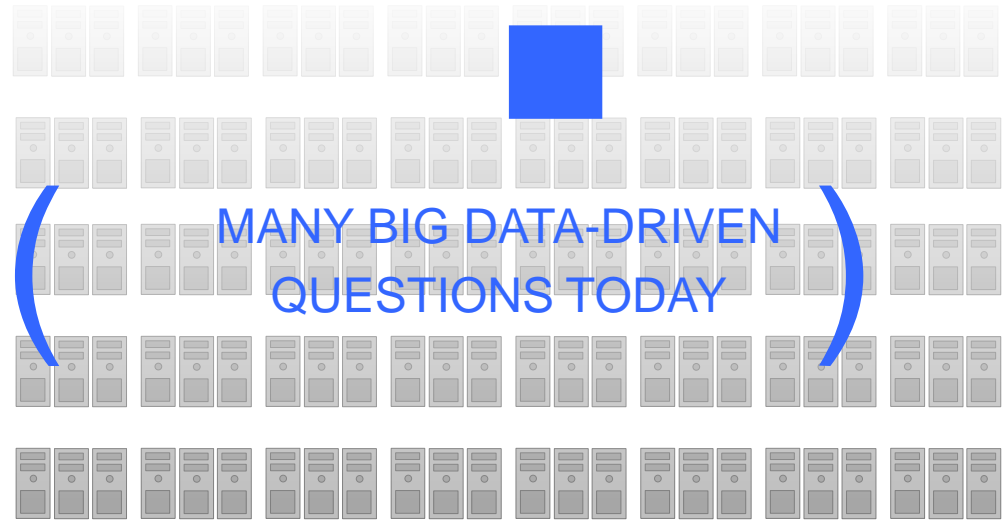
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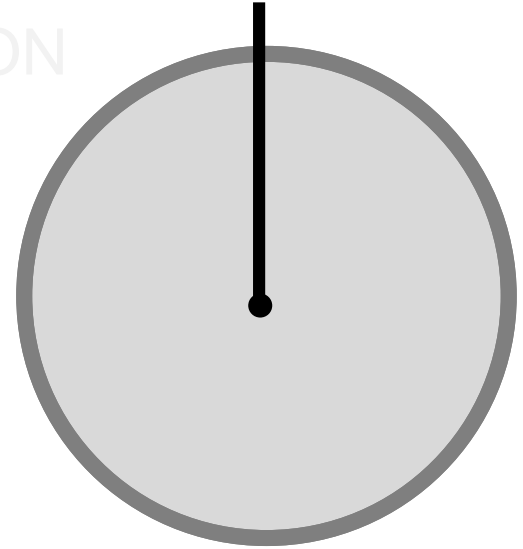
PETABYTES OF DATA



MANY BIG DATA-DRIVEN
QUESTIONS TODAY

LATENCY

~0.1 SECOND	DIRECT MANIPULATION
~1 SECOND	INTERACTIVE
~10 SECONDS	QUERY / RESPONSE
MINUTES	...
HOURS	BATCH PROCESSING (VERY SLOW)



EXPLORATION AND LATENCY

3 types of latency to consider for HCI:

1. *Continuity Preserving Latency*: ~0.1s user feel that the system is reacting instantaneously
 2. *Flow Preserving Latency*: ~1s user's flow of thought to stay uninterrupted
 3. *Attention Preserving Latency*: ~10s keeping the user's attention focused on the dialogue
- R. B. Miller. Response time in man-computer conversational transactions. In Proceedings of the December 9-11, 1968, Fall Joint Computer Conference, Part I, AFIPS '68 (Fall, part I), pages 267–277, New York, NY, USA, 1968. ACM.
 - J. Nielsen. Response times: The 3 important limits, <https://www.nngroup.com/articles/response-times-3-important-limits/>
 - B. Shneiderman. Response time and display rate in human performance with computers. ACM Comput. Surv., 16(3):265–285, Sept. 1984.

LATENCY

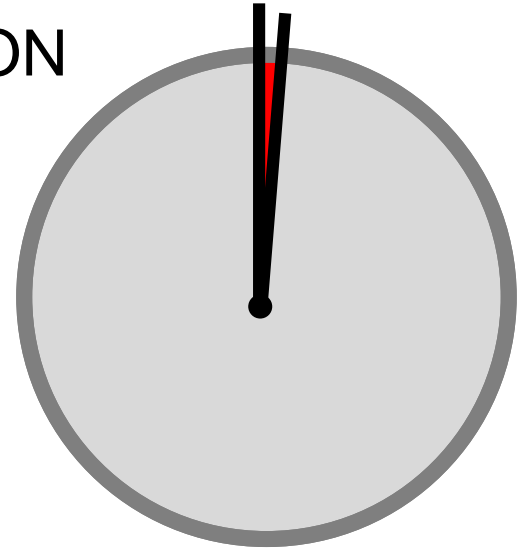
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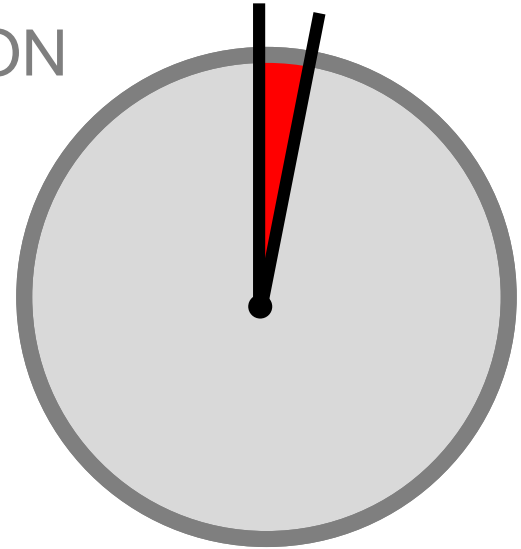
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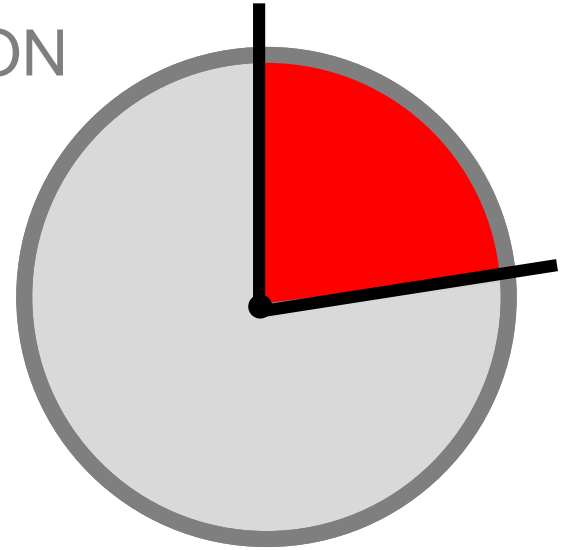
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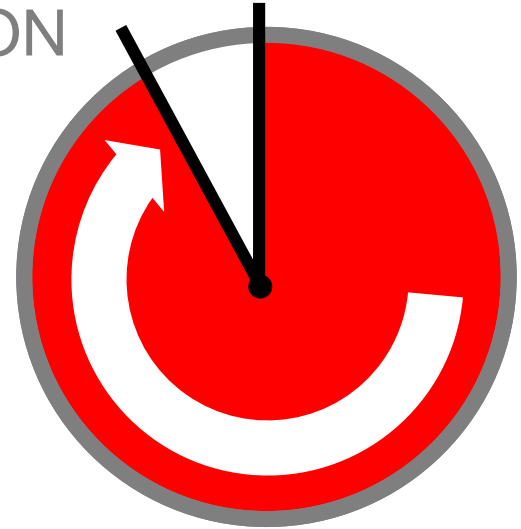
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ATTENTION

EVERY PERSON ONLY HAS A FINITE
NUMBER OF WORKING HOURS

5-8 PERSON-HOURS PER DAY

1,489 PERSON-HOURS PER YEAR

(FRANCE)

(**1,388** GERMANY **2,163** IN S. KOREA **1,788** IN USA) [\[OECD STATS\]](#)

HOW LONG CAN YOU AFFORD TO SPEND FINDING EXAMPLES,
PROCESSING A DATASET, OR ANSWERING A QUESTION?

ATTENTION

AN INDIVIDUAL ANALYST IS UNLIKELY
TO BE ABLE TO SEE DATA FROM
MANY PERSPECTIVES

“MANY EYES FIND MORE BUGS”

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ANALYSIS AND BIG DATA COMPUTING

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING
CLUSTERS

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING (HPC)

CPU/CORES

GPU sometimes

MEMORY

DISKS

HIGH-SPEED CONNECTIONS

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING



HPC PROGRAMMING

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
    #pragma omp parallel
    printf("Hello, world.\n");
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc -fopenmp hello.c -o hello
```

Hello, world.

Hello, world.

or

Hello, wHello, woorld.
rld.

HPC PROGRAMMING

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
    int a[100000];  
    #pragma omp parallel for  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100000; i++) {  
        a[i] = 2 * i;  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

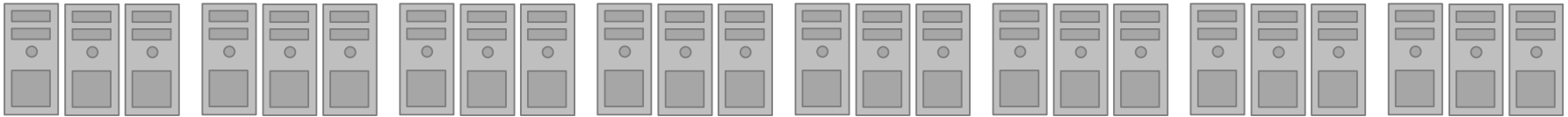
If the HCP has 1000 cores, the loop is 1000 times faster.

For real programs, not always easy to achieve a high speedup

Very expensive machines!

ANALYSIS & CLUSTER COMPUTING

BIG DATASETS ARE LIKELY TO BE
SPREAD OUT ACROSS A **CLUSTER** (OR
CLUSTERS)



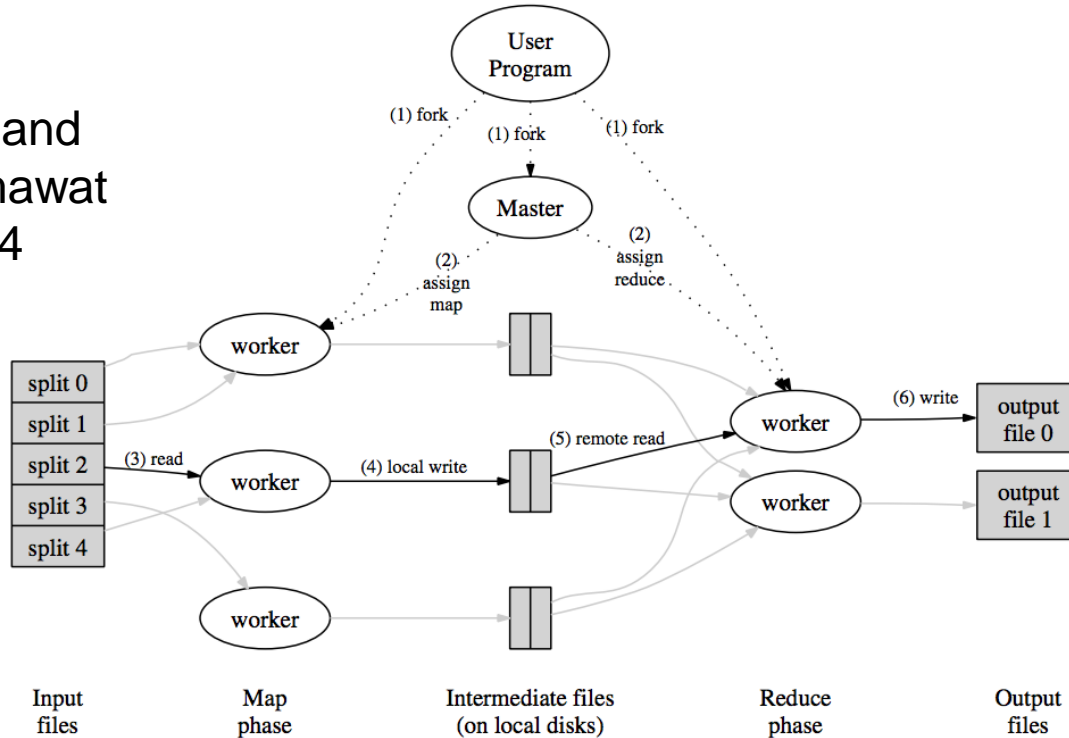
ANALYSIS REQUIRES
DISTRIBUTED DATA PROCESSING

HOW CAN WE PERFORM ANALYSIS ACROSS A CLUSTER?

How can we split work across machines?

MAP-REDUCE

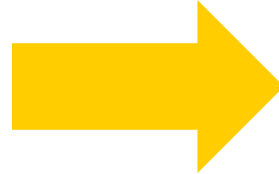
Jeffrey Dean and
Sanjay Ghemawat
(Google) 2004



A SIMPLE EXAMPLE

HOW TO COUNT NUMBER OF TIMES WORDS OCCUR IN A DOCUMENT?
(IF THAT DOCUMENT IS SPREAD ACROSS MANY MACHINES)

“I am Sam
I am Sam
Sam I am
Do you like
Green eggs and ham?”



I: 3
am: 3
Sam: 3
do: 1
you: 1
like: 1
...

JUST A HASH TABLE

“I am Sam
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JUST A HASH TABLE

“I am Sam
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{I:1}

JUST A HASH TABLE

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{I:1,
am:1}

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{I:1,
am:1,
Sam:1}

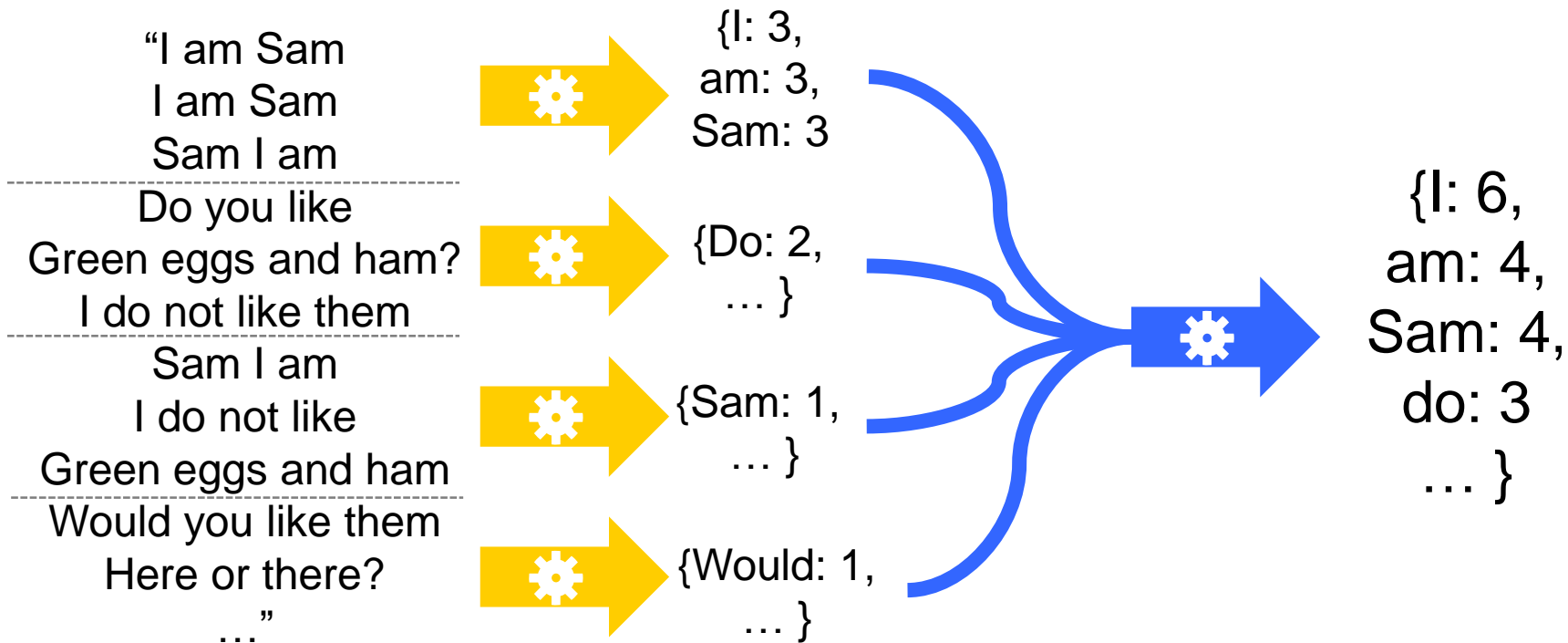
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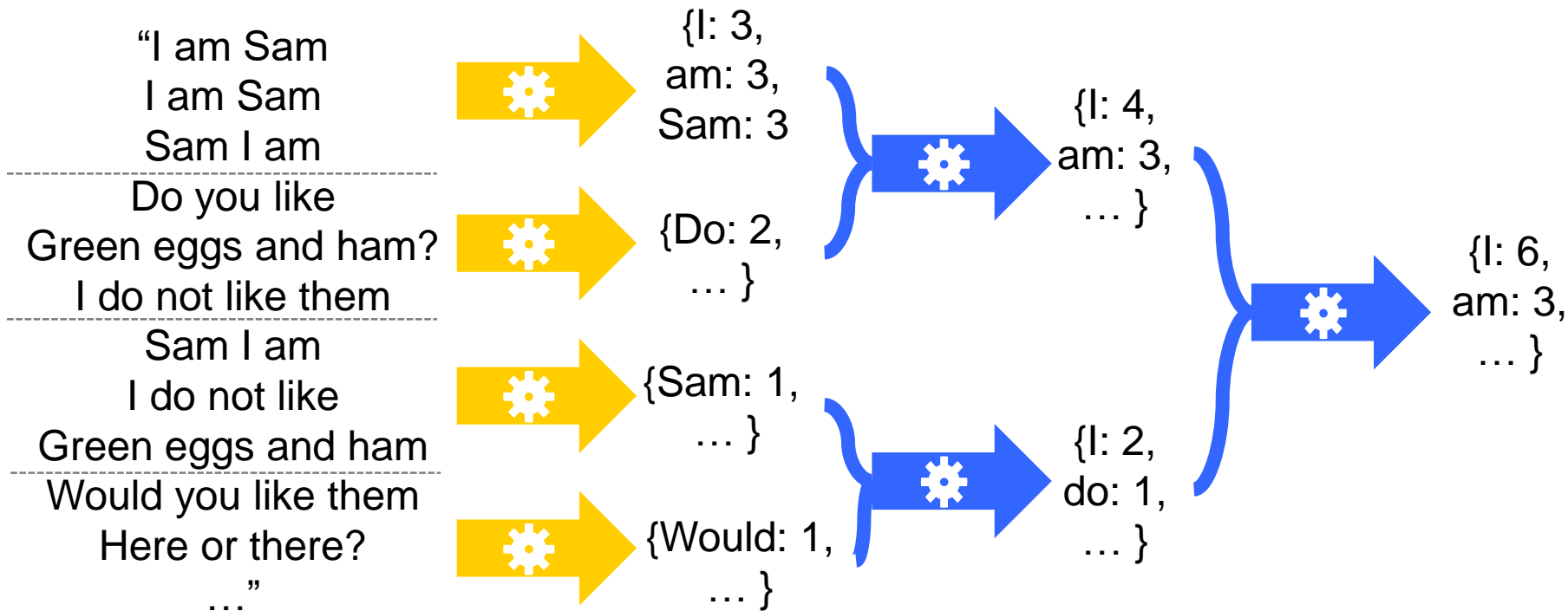
{I:2,
am:1,
Sam:1}

**BUT YOU SAID THE
DOCUMENT IS REALLY BIG?**

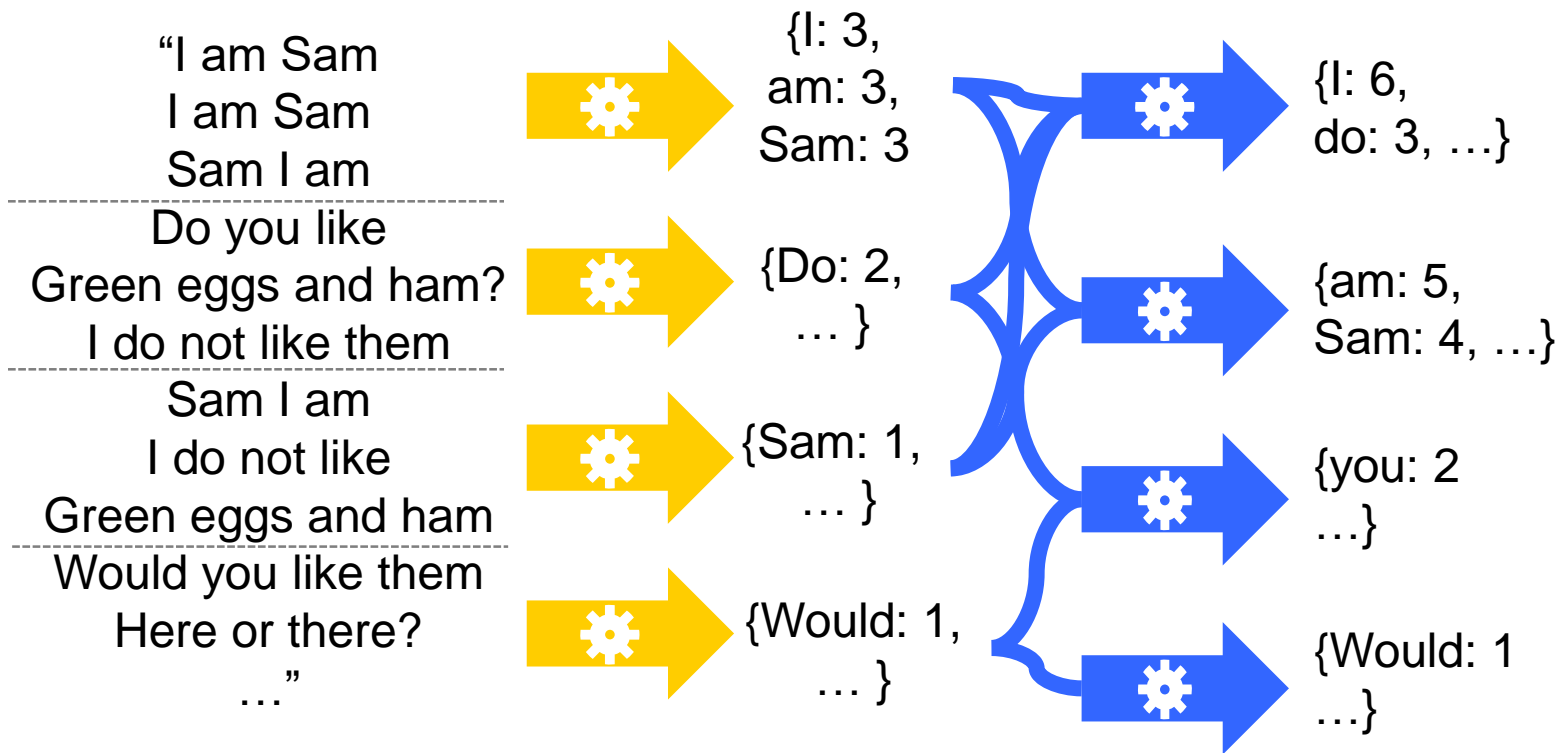
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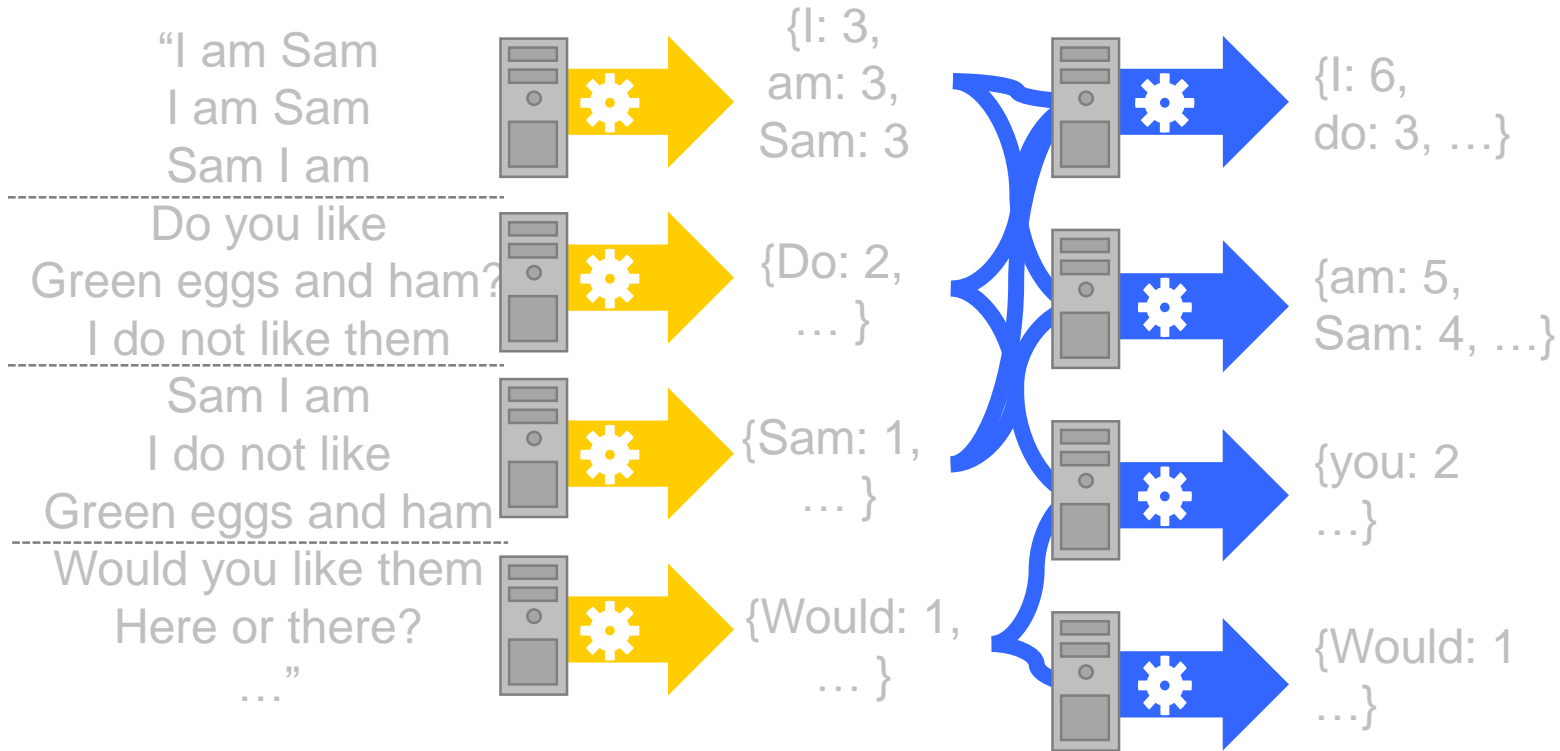


COMPUTE IN PARALLEL



MAP

REDUCE



MAP-REDUCE

SPLIT DATA & SEND TO MULTIPLE
MACHINES (IF NOT ALREADY THERE)

MAP

FILTER, SORT, AND
PROCESS DATA LOCALLY

REDUCE

CONSOLIDATE AND
SUMMARIZE

MAP-REDUCE

CAN BE SHORT, SELF-CONTAINED FUNCTIONS

(HERE AS PYTHON-ESQUE PSEUDO CODE)



MAP

```
function Map(Document document):  
    for each Word w in document:  
        EmitIntermediate(w, 1)
```



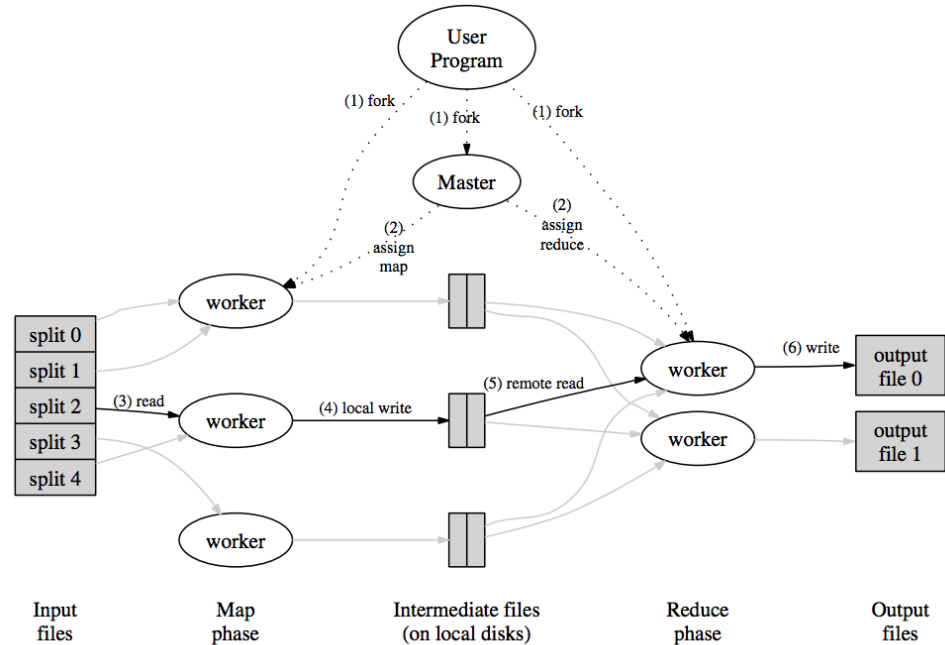
REDUCE

```
function Reduce(Word w, Iterator intermediates):  
    int count= 0  
    for each int value in intermediates:  
        count += value  
    Emit(w, count)
```

MAP-REDUCE

BIG INSIGHT ISN'T
MAP / REDUCE METHODS,
BUT THEIR **SIMPLICITY**
AND THE **ARCHITECTURE**
AROUND THEM

PROVIDES **SCALABILITY**
AND **FAULT-TOLERANCE**
FOR BIG DATA
PROCESSING JOBS



DEALING WITH ERRORS

A large server room with many server racks under bright lights. The racks are arranged in long aisles, and the ceiling has a grid of lights. The room is clean and organized.

SERVER FAILURE

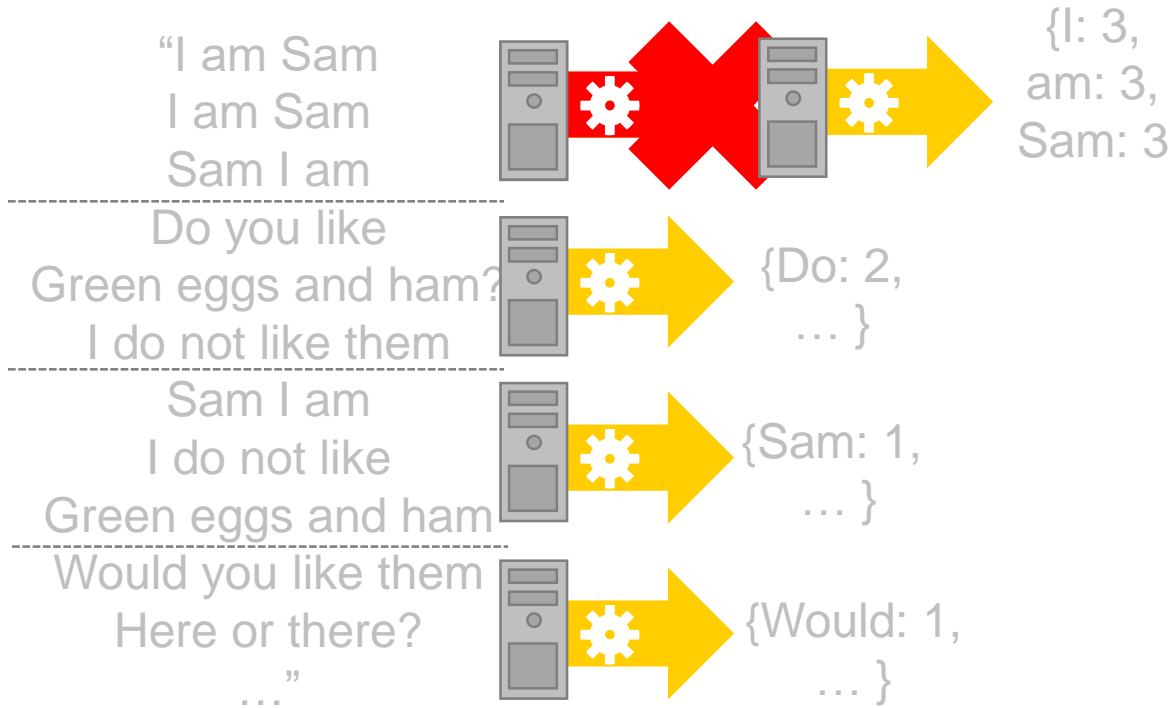
1 server fails every 3 years

→ 10K nodes see 10 faults/day

STRAGGLERS

Nodes are slow or unresponsive

JUST LAUNCH A REPLACEMENT

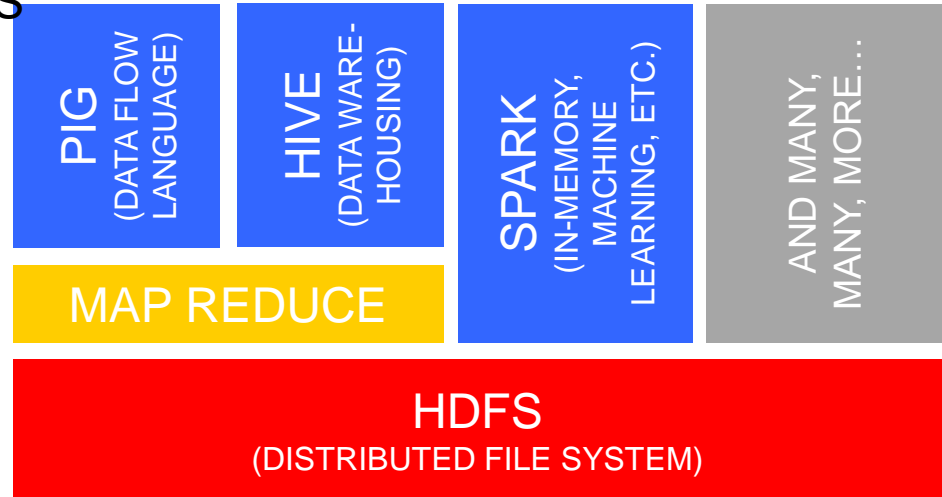


APACHE HADOOP

**OPEN-SOURCE DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM
+ MAP REDUCE AND MORE**

INSPIRED BY GOOGLE'S SYSTEMS

**MANY DATA PROCESSING
PIPELINES NOW BUILT
ON HADOOP INFRASTRUCTURE**



SOME OPTIONS FOR SPECIFYING BIG DATA PROCESSING OPERATIONS

WRITE YOUR OWN MAP-REDUCE METHODS

USE A QUERY LANGUAGE LIKE **APACHE PIG**
THAT CAN COMPILE DOWN TO MAP REDUCE-
STYLE DISTRIBUTED COMPUTATIONS

```
a = load '/documents';  
b = foreach a generate flatten(TOKENIZE((chararray)$0)) as word;  
c = group b by word;  
d = foreach c generate COUNT(b), group;  
store d into '/pig_wordcount';
```


BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES

Data manipulation on clusters
is now a **big business**.

There is a **huge library of tools** for querying
and processing distributed data.

BUT...

Most of these tools are **not**
real-time or interactive. High latency!

**WHAT IF YOU NEED TO INTERACTIVELY
EXAMINE OR VISUALIZE A BIG DATASET?**

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STRATEGIES FOR PROVIDING INTERACTIVITY WITH BIG DATA

1. INTERACTIVITY VIA PRECOMPUTATION

(AGGREGATE AND THEN INTERACT)

2. VISUALIZATION AS QUERY SPECIFICATION

(LEAVE BIG DATA ON THE SERVERS)

3. SAMPLE INTERACTIVELY

(APPROXIMATE FIRST THEN REFINE)

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PARALLELIZE

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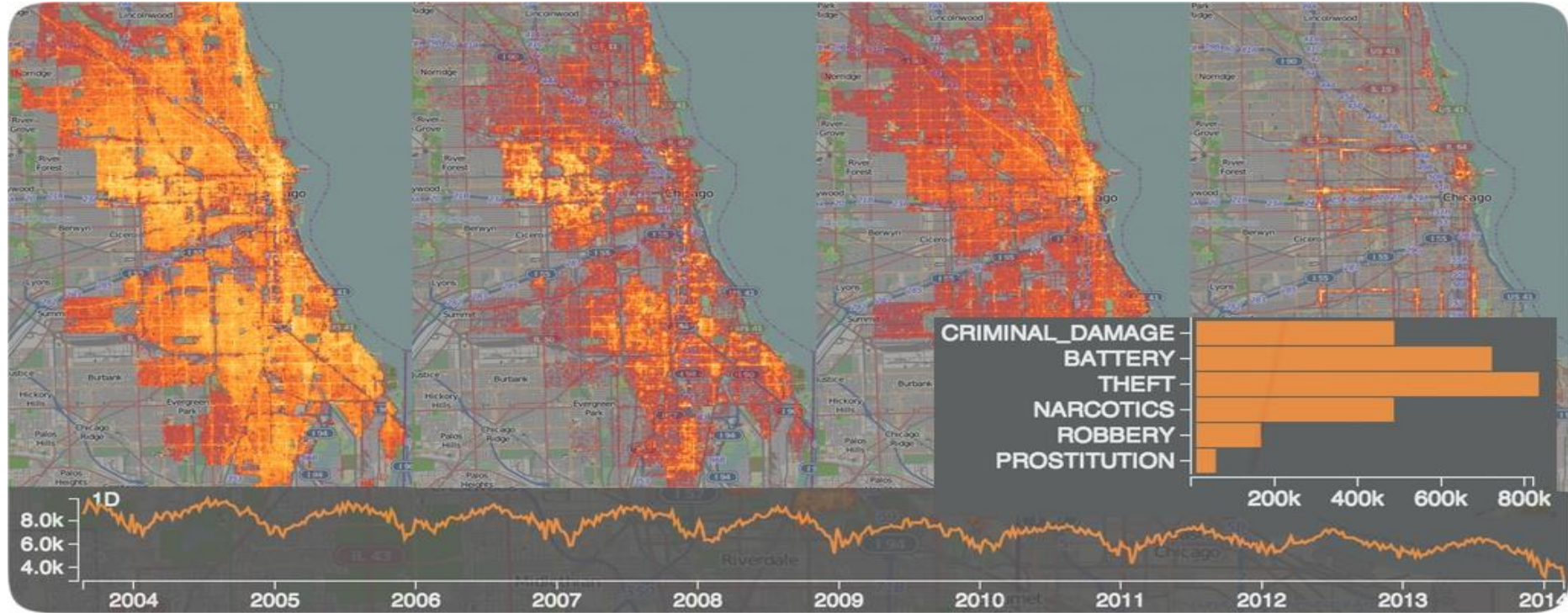
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INTERACTIVITY VIA PRECOMPUTATION

- AGGREGATE AND THEN INTERACT
- PRECOMPUTATION CAN BE LONG
- NOT EVERYTHING CAN BE PRECOMPUTED
- POSSIBLE ASYMETRY BETWEEN THE PRECOMPUTATION PLATFORM AND THE INTERACTION PLATFORM

Nanocubes (Lins et al. 2013)

<http://nanocubes.net/>



Lauro Lins, James T. Klosowski, and Carlos Scheidegger. Nanocubes for Real-Time Exploration of Spatiotemporal Datasets. Visualization and Computer Graphics, IEEE Transactions on 19, no. 12 (2013): 2456-2465.

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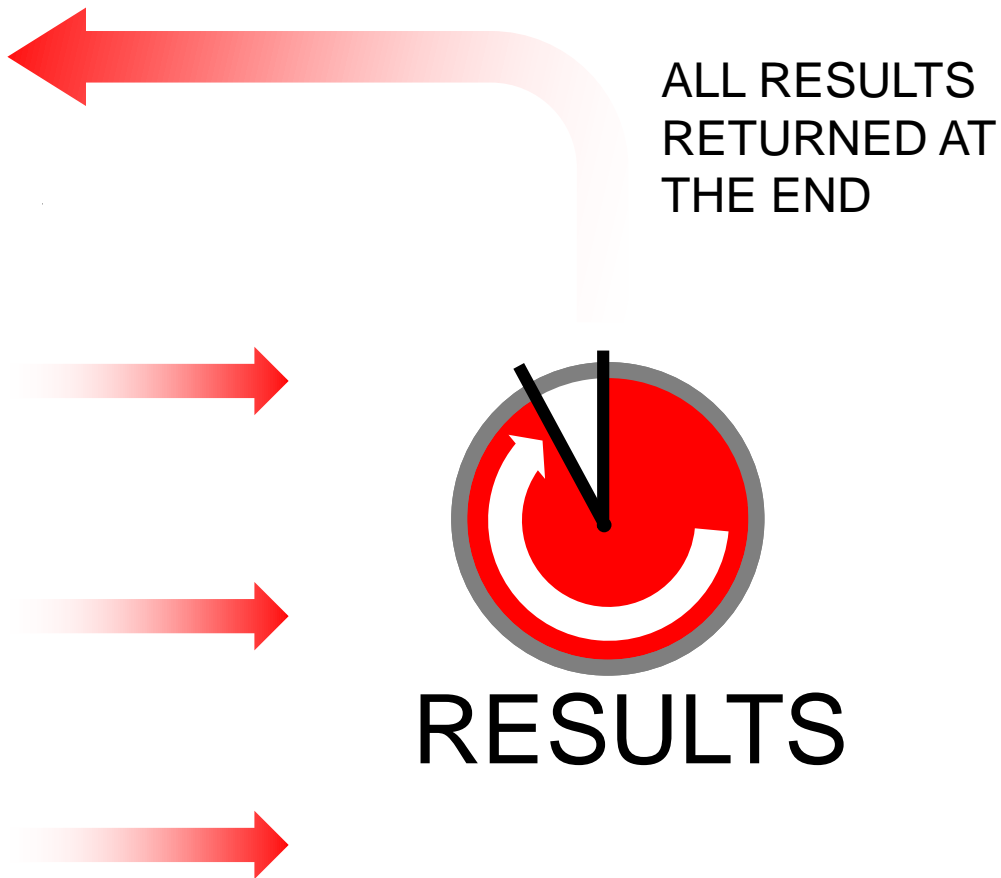
- Create a spatio-temporal index
- Quickly retrieve distributions from range-queries
 - Over time
 - Over space
 - Over values
- Index creation can take hours

INTERACTIVITY VIA PRECOMPUTATION

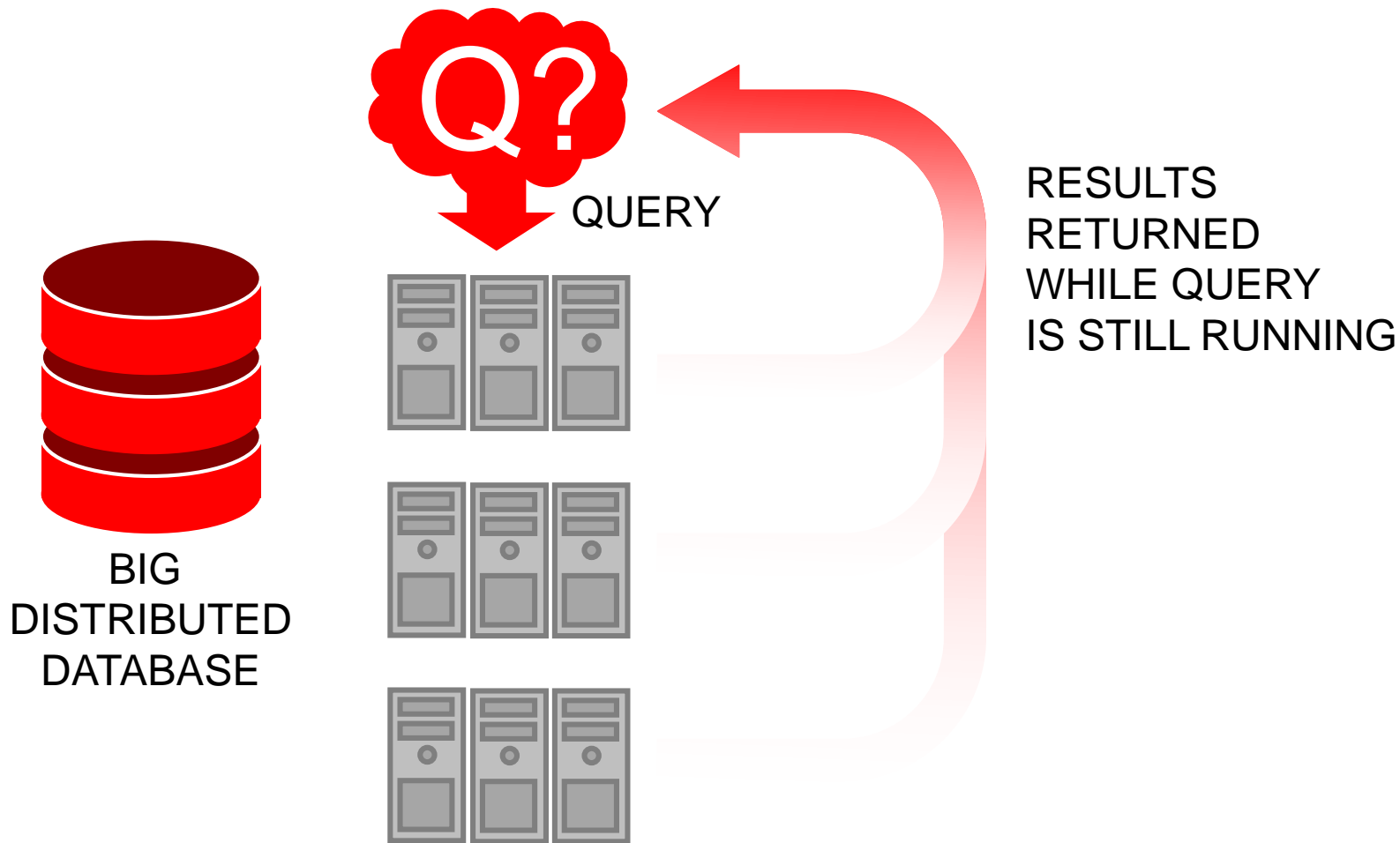
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- Zhicheng Liu, Biye Jiang, Jeffrey Heer, imMens: Real-time Visual Querying of Big Data, *Computer Graphics Forum (Proc. EuroVis)*, 32(3), 2013
- A. Perrot, R. Bourqui , N. Hanusse, F. Lalanne and D. Auber, Large interactive visualization of density functions on big data infrastructure, *Large Data Analysis and Visualization (LDAV), 2015 IEEE 5th Symposium on. IEEE. 2015, p. 99–106.*

INTERACTION

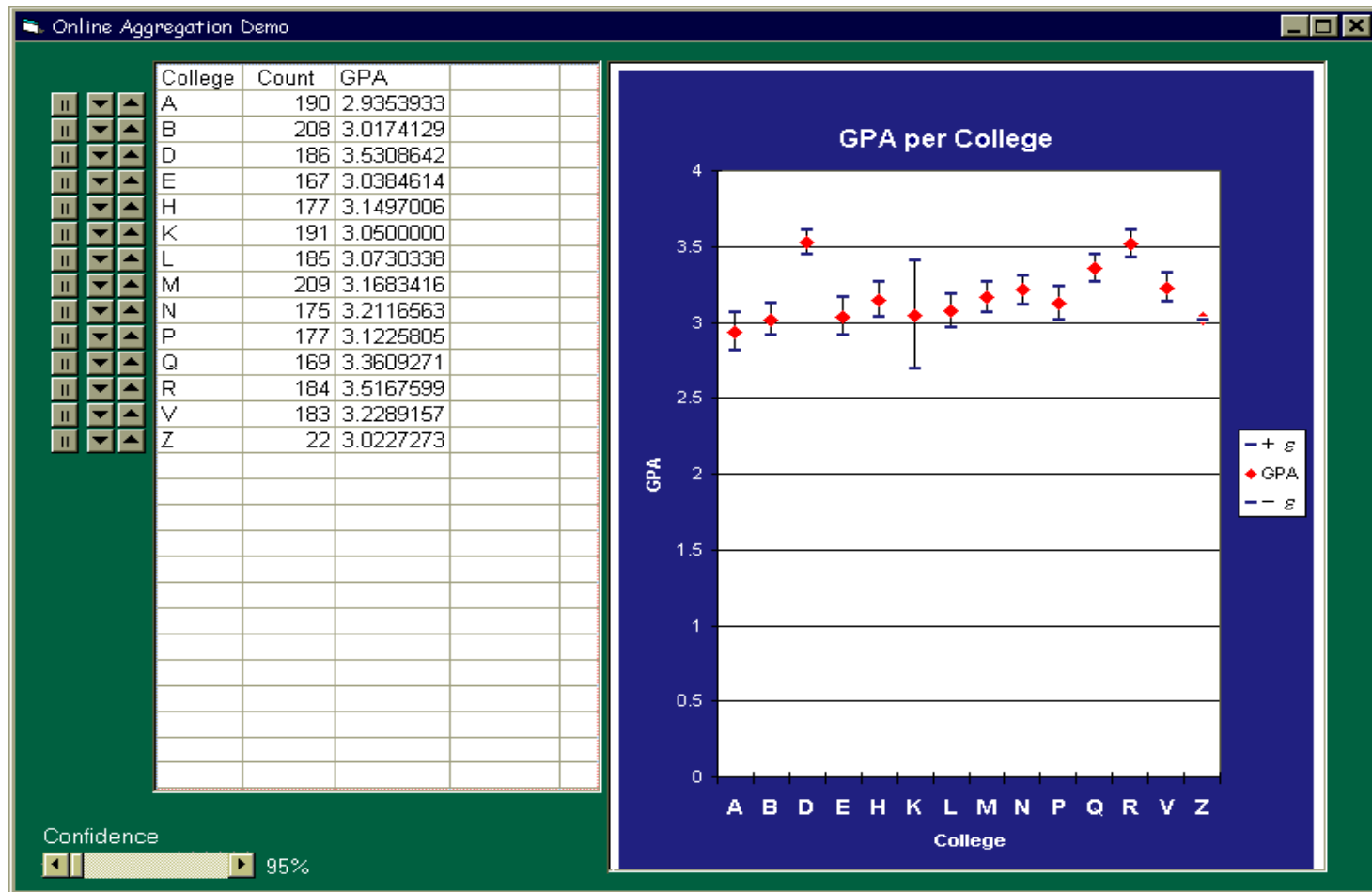
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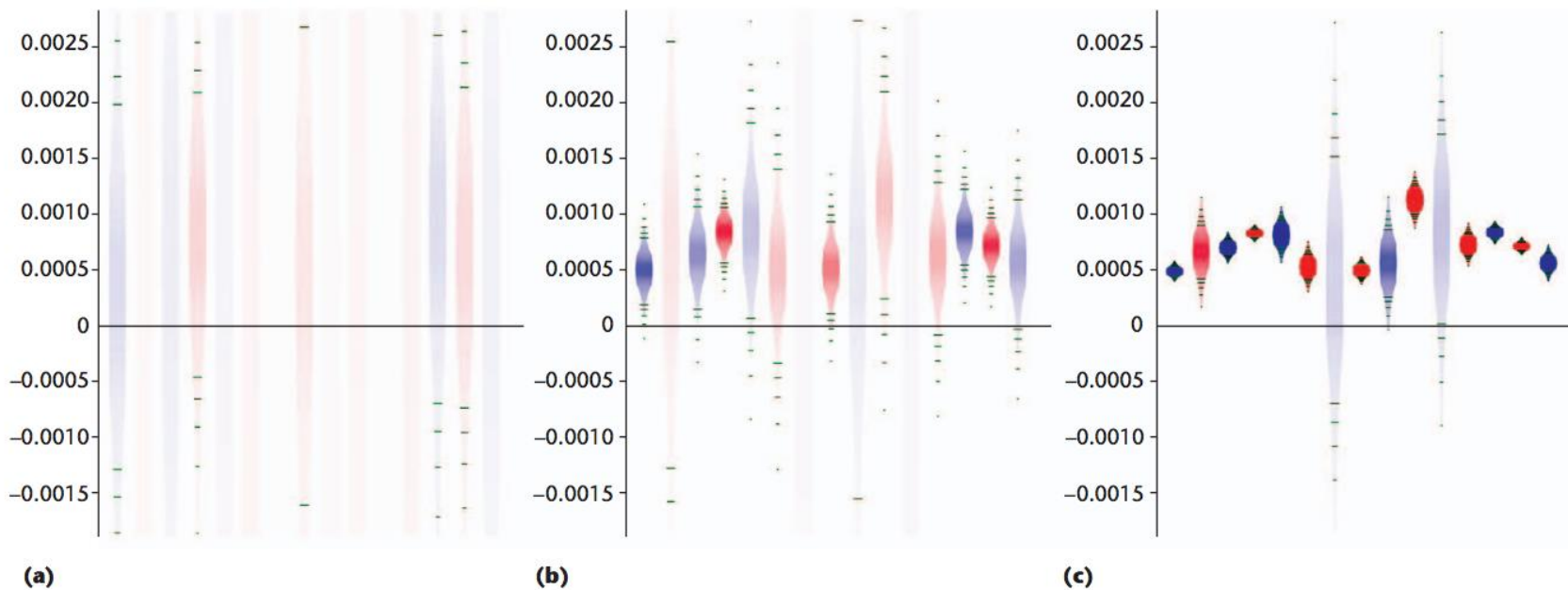
INTERACTIVE SAMPLING



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BUT...

**MOST BACKENDS AREN'T DESIGNED TO
RETURN PROGRESSIVE RESULTS**

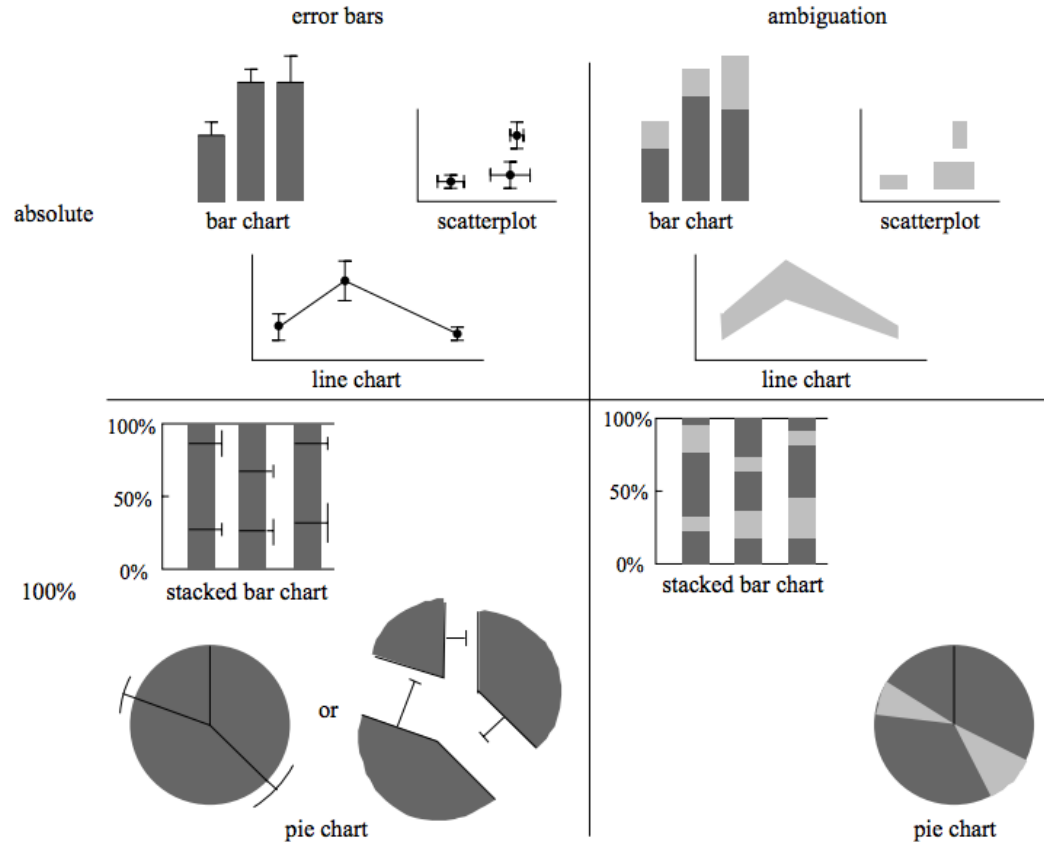
**WE NEED GOOD SAMPLING DISTRIBUTIONS FOR EACH FIELD
TO PRODUCE MEANINGFUL INTERMEDIATE RESULTS**

HOW BEST TO VISUALIZE UNCERTAINTY?

HOW WELL CAN PEOPLE INTERPRET PARTIAL RESULTS?

THIS IS STILL A VERY OPEN RESEARCH AREA!

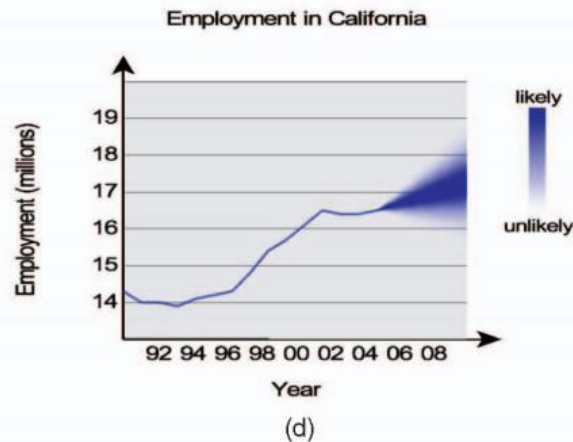
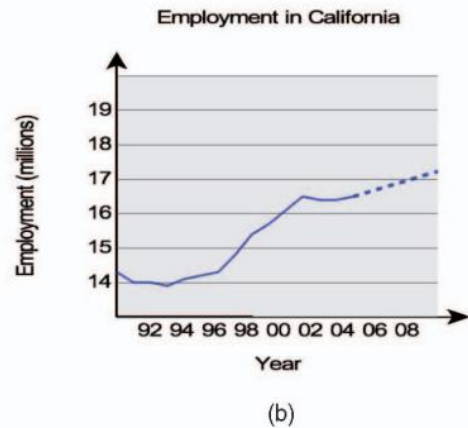
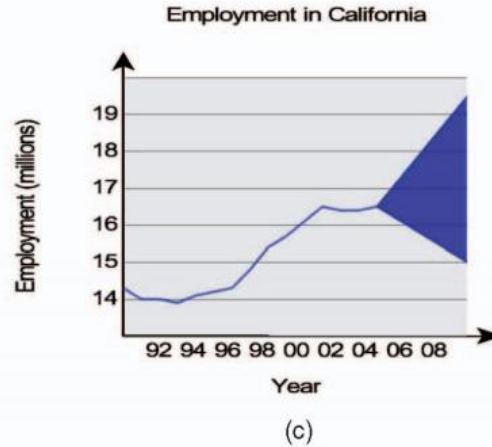
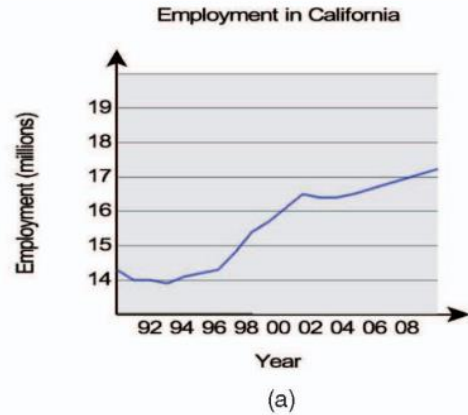
HOW TO SHOW UNCERTAINTY?



[Olston & Mackinlay, 2002]

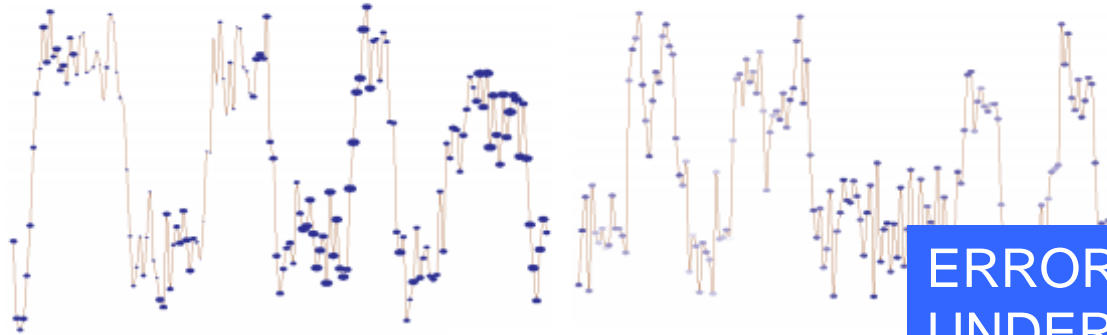
Figure 1: Error bars and ambiguity applied to some common chart types.

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[Streit, Pham, & Brown 2008]

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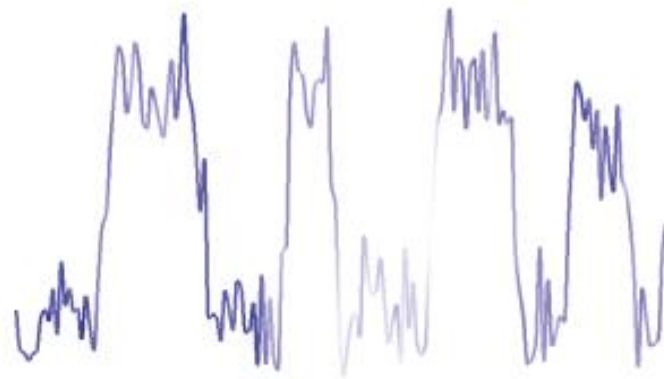


- High uncertainty
- Low uncertainty

a.

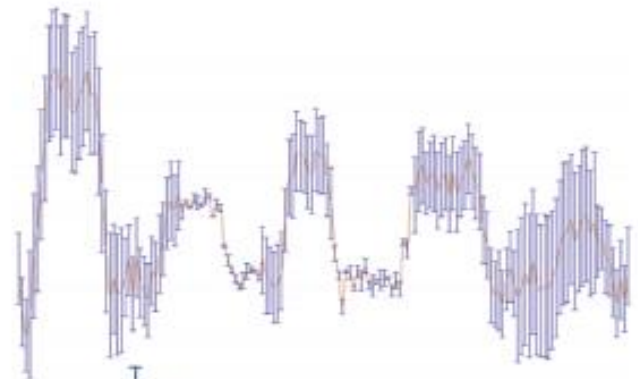
ERROR BARS CONSISTENTLY UNDERPERFORMED

[Sanyal, et al. 2009]



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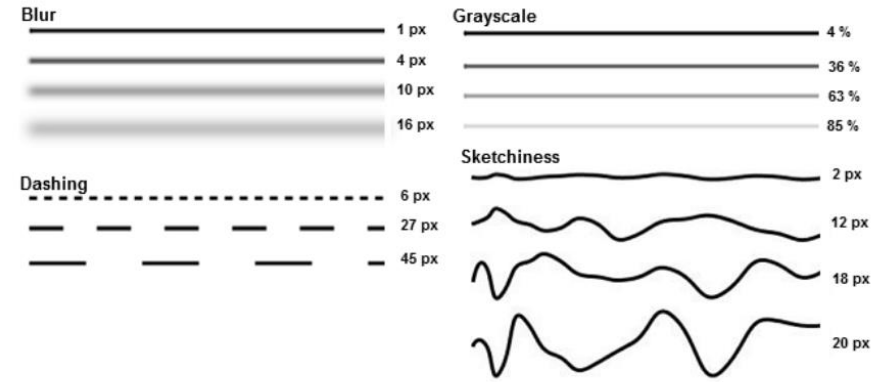
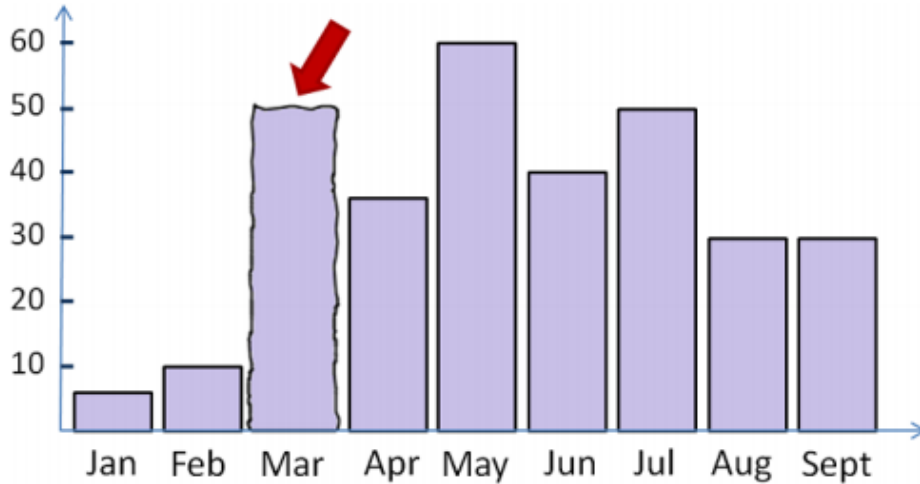
c.



- High uncertainty
- Low uncertainty

d.

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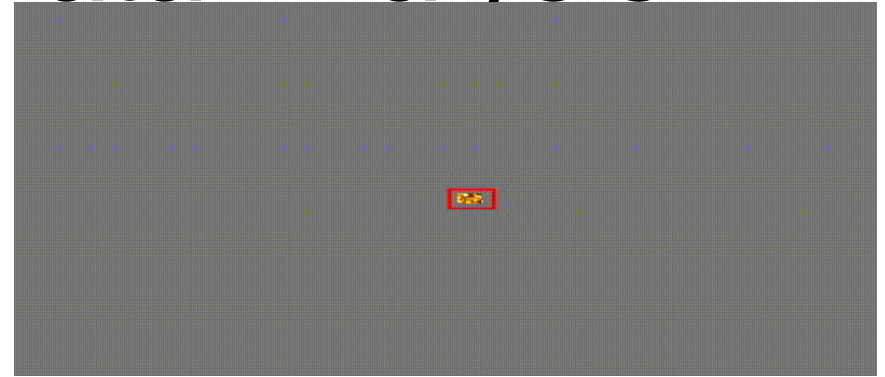
[Boukhelifa, et al. 2012]

PEOPLE DON'T ALWAYS
INTERPRET THESE AS SHOWING
UNCERTAINTY

A FEW INTERESTING RESEARCH PROTOTYPES

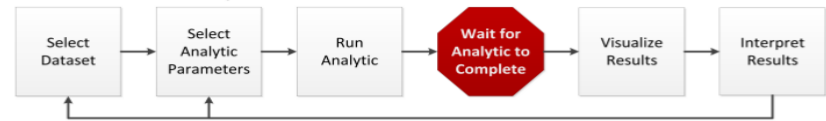
Progressive Data Analysis

- Allow Exploratory tools to work while the computation is being done
- Many articles mention it
- Some systems implement it in ad-hoc ways
- No realistic model to implement it in general

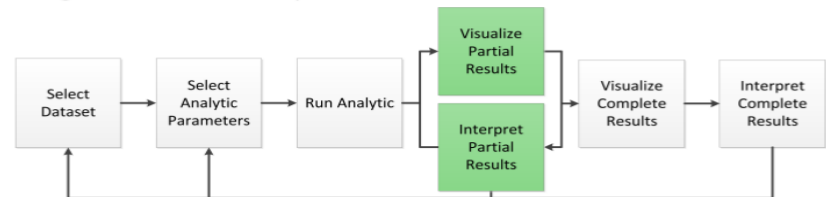


Williams, M.; Munzner, T., "Steerable, Progressive Multidimensional Scaling," in *INFOVIS 2004*.

Batch Visual Analytics Workflow



Progressive Visual Analytics Workflow



TEMPE [Microsoft Research 2014]

Tempe

Add data Annotate Restart Configure Stop Delete

Rob DeLine

Datasets

- Hamster
- Homes
- NASDAQ
- Whifull

Hello

- hello
- White House visitors
- test
- new page
- stock market
- play
- homes
- stock analysis
- New page

New notebook

```
var stock = NASDAQ.Where(s=>s.Stock_price_open<100);
```

Stock_price_open	Stock_price_close	Date	Stock_symbol	Exchange	Stock_price_high	Stock_price_low	Stock_volume	Stock_price_adj	div
2.55	2.67	12/9/2009 12:00:00 AM	ABXA	NASDAQ	2.77	2.5	100000	2.67	
2.71	2.88	12/8/2009 12:00:00 AM	ABXA	NASDAQ	2.74	2.52	191700	2.55	
2.65	2.71	12/7/2009 12:00:00 AM	ABXA	NASDAQ	2.76	2.65	174000	2.75	
2.60	2.65	12/6/2009 12:00:00 AM	ABXA	NASDAQ	2.66	2.58	200000	2.65	
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2.35	2.35	11/27/2009 12:00:00 AM	ABXA	NASDAQ	2.42	2.5	121200	2.35	
2.48	2.45	11/25/2009 12:00:00 AM	ABXA	NASDAQ	2.49	2.4	77500	2.45	

Items 1-10 of 6,436,366 results in 1.5 sec

```
var opening = stock.Viz().Histogram(s=>s.Stock_price_open);
```

4578,137 results so far in 2.7 sec

STILL USING SIMPLE VISUALS

NO UNCERTAINTY INFO

NOTE: ANALYSIS NOTEBOOKS AND

Progressive tSNE (Pezzoti et al. 2016)

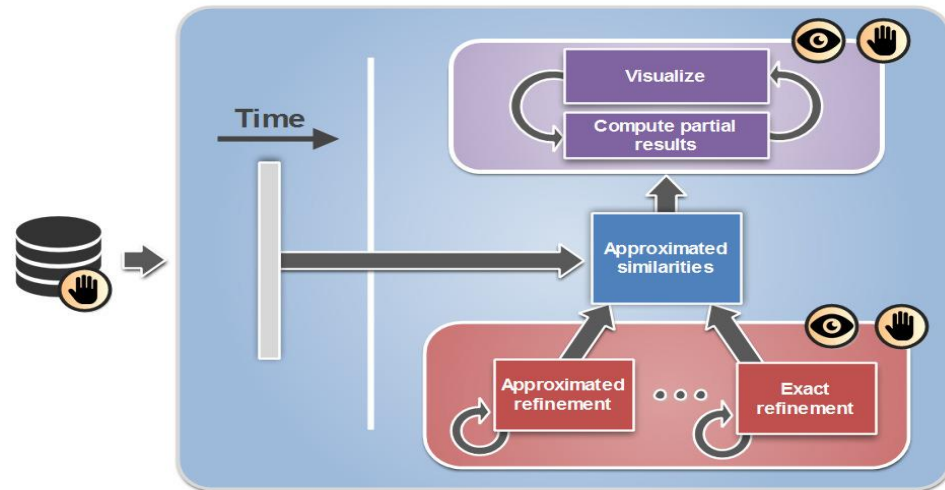
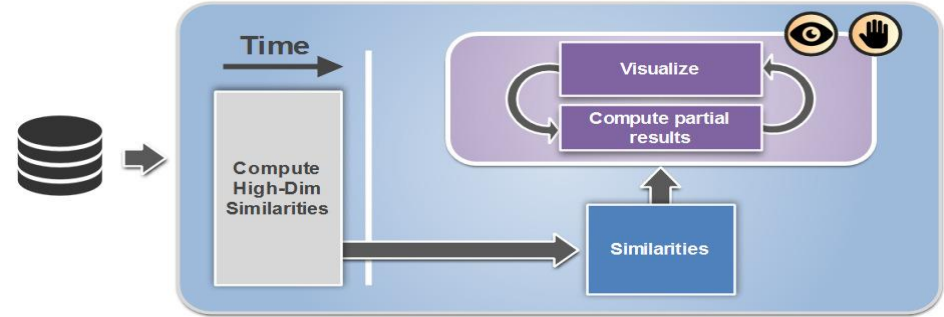
- Multidimensional projection method
- Input: points in nD
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<https://lvdmaaten.github.io/tsne/>

Progressive tSNE

- Compute distances
- Iterate to converge

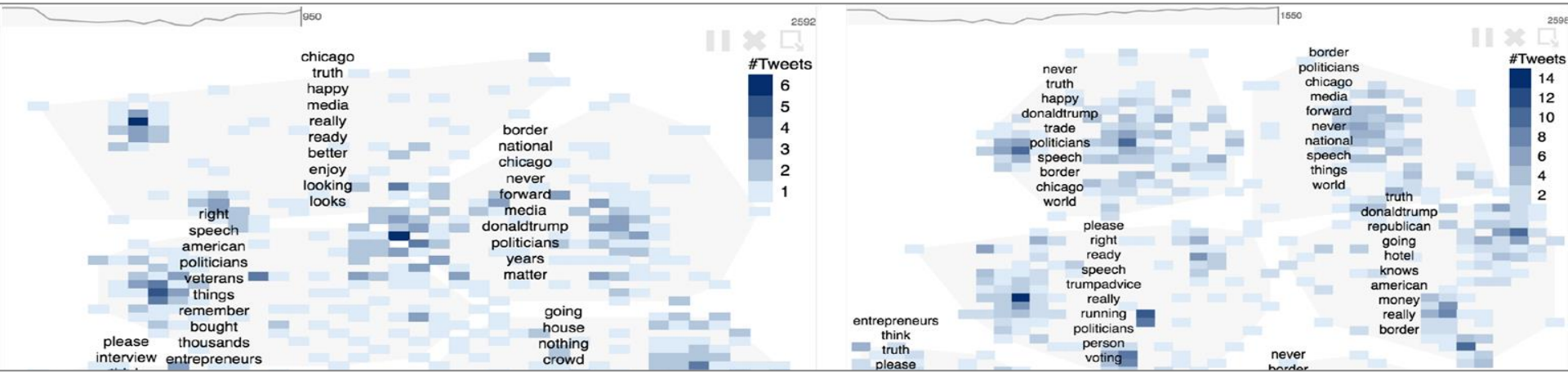


Latency and Exploratory Analysis

- E. Zraggen, A. Galakatos, A. Crotty, JD Fekete, T. Kraska, How Progressive Visualizations Affect Exploratory Analysis, TVCG 2017
- Experiment with 4 conditions:
 - Instantaneous, Progressive, Latency of 6s and 12s
- Measure # of insights generated by analysts
- Measure coverage explored
- Instantaneous and progressive generate more insights ($p < 0.005$) and more coverage
- Participants liked the progressive condition and disliked the blocking conditions.

Steering the Craft

UI Elements and Visualizations for Supporting Progressive Visual Analytics [Badam et al. 2017]



Sriram Karthik Badam,
Niklas Elmqvist, Jean-Daniel Fekete

UI Elements and Visualizations for Progressive Visual Analytics

- S. K. Badam, N. Elmquist, JD Fekete, UI Elements and Visualizations for Supporting Progressive Visual Analytics, Computer Graphics Forum, Volume 36, Issue 3 June 2017 , ages 491–502
- What information should we provide to analysts to benefit from PVA?
 - Early decision
 - Time remaining to complete
 - Is it converging / useful?
 - Monitor mode vs. exploration mode
 - Consistency!

Interface: InsightsFeed for Twitter Data

Tweet Analytics (1521 records)

1520 29

HillaryClinton: RT @HillaryforIA: **Things** you can find at the store: stickers. **Things** you cant: succulents.

HillaryClinton: "If you think you shouldn't have to choose between taking care of your family and getting a paycheck, you **might** be **playing** the #gendercard."

HillaryClinton: We need to make sure theres accountability on **Wall Street** so there can be **prosperity** on **Main Street**.

HillaryClinton: RT @MickyWhiteNV: .@HillaryClinton dropped by the @Culinary226 **protest** to lend her support for work in families! This **moment** was

HillaryClinton: Hillary has **always** stood with **Planned Parenthood** and **always** will. #StandWithPP #solidarity

HillaryClinton: RT @sarah_guggs: Me when I found out @HillaryClinton is going to be on @colbertlateshow

HillaryClinton: RT @HillaryforIA: @katyperry's taken the stage! Watch live:

HillaryClinton: RT @lorellapraeli: Feliz cumple a **la Reyna de la salsa!** Gracias #CeliaCruz for showing us that **la vida es un carnaval!**

HillaryClinton: "RT @TheBriefing2016: "Clinton Cash" doesn't hold up. Watch Brian Fallon debunk the books conspiracy theories:

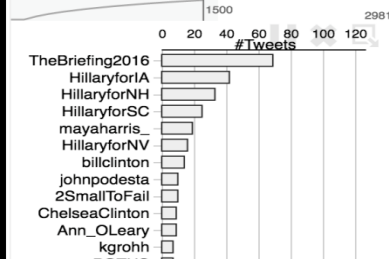
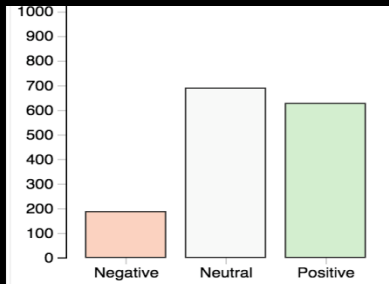
HillaryClinton: Wishing all Korean **Americans** and their **families** a safe and happy Chuseok!

HillaryClinton: *On the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, **read #MyFirstVote** stories from **Americans** across the country:

HillaryClinton: ""I **will offer plans** to rein in excessive risk on **Wall Street** and ensure that stock **markets** work for everyday investors.""

HillaryClinton: **Midnight** deadline! This **mom** could call a **mom** you **lovebut** you have to sign up now to enter:

Sentiment Visualization



UI Elements for Feedback and Control



List of Tweets with Keyword Highlighting

Popularity of Users

Tweet Map created by tSNE Projection

DATA ANALYSIS AT SCALE

CHALLENGES

ANALYSIS AND CLUSTER COMPUTING

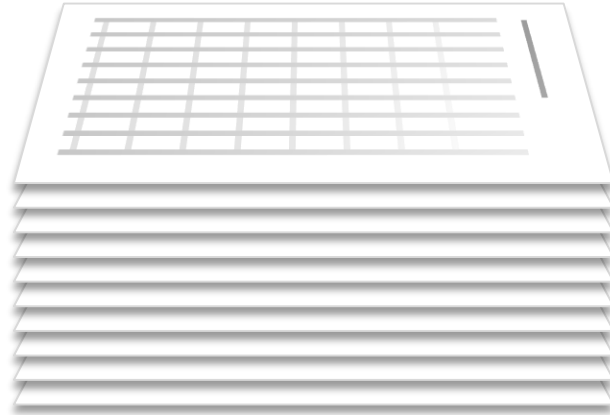
INTERACTING WITH BIG DATA

PARALLELIZING HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

**HOW CAN WE LEVERAGE MULTIPLE
PEOPLE TO EXPEDITE ANALYSIS?**



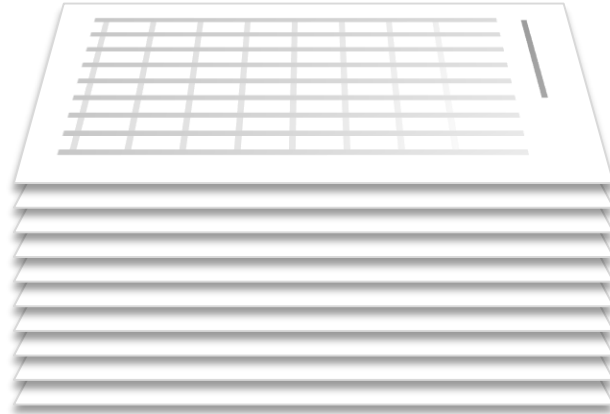
Analyst



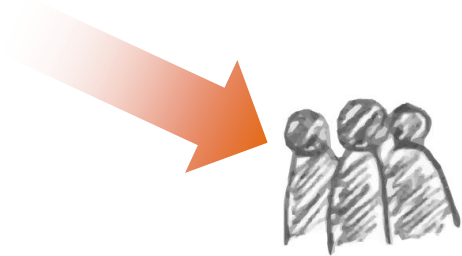
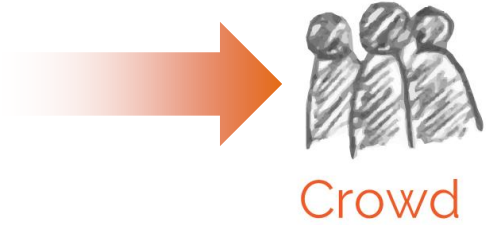
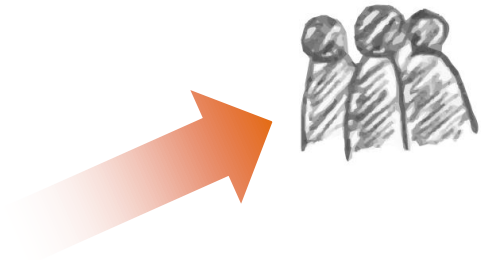
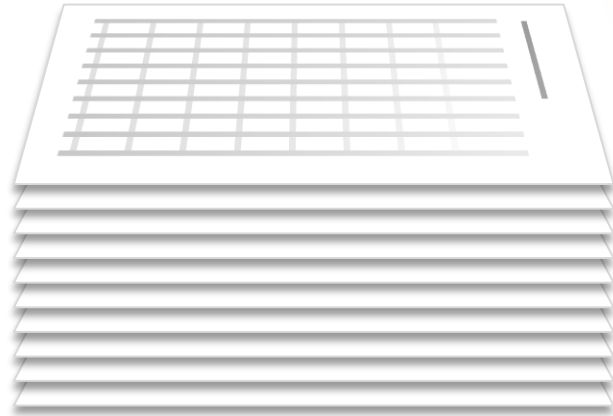
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Analyst



“Can I enlist others to help make sense of my data?”

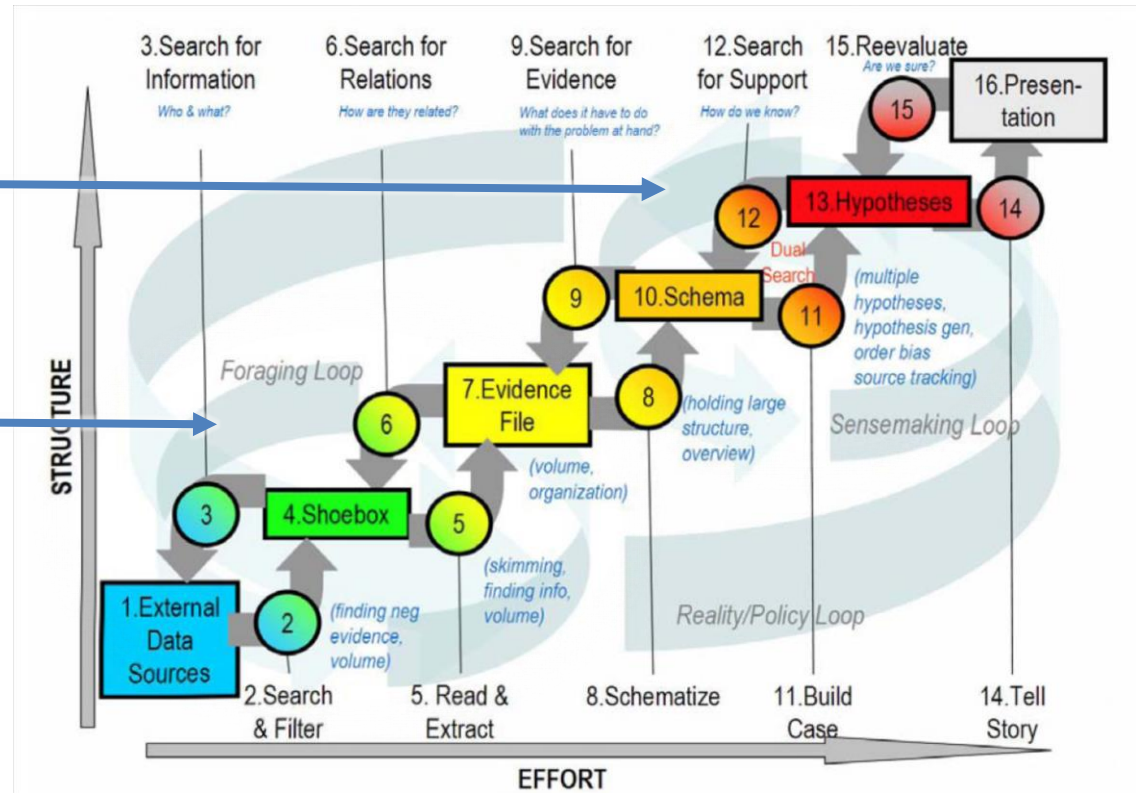


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HUMAN INTELLIGENCE BUT LEND
THEMSELVES WELL TO **PARALLELIZATION**

MANY IMPORTANT ANALYSIS TASKS REQUIRE HUMAN INTELLIGENCE BUT LEND THEMSELVES WELL TO PARALLELIZATION

Sensemaking Loop

Foraging Loop



[Pirulli & Card 2005]

MANY EYES

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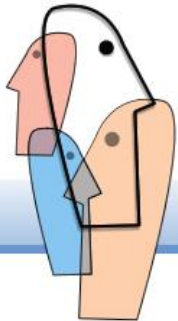
- Visualizations
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- Comments
- Topic centers

Participate

- Create a visualization
- Upload a data set
- Create a topic center
- Register

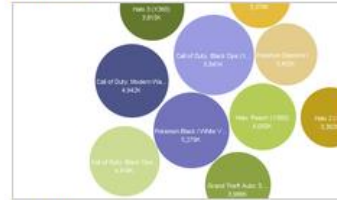
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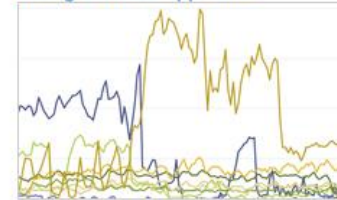
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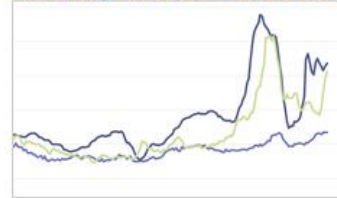
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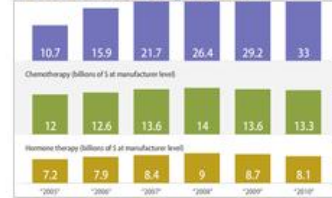
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Meat, Dairy and Cereal Price Indices



1990-2010
by Anonymous

World Cancer Drug Market



By Product Type, 2005-2015
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Steve Jobs Stanford Commencement Address



Selection from his address.
by nrcamp

An experiment brought to you by IBM Research and the IBM Cognos software group

[Viégas, et al. 2007, 2008]

GOOGLE BOOKS N-GRAMS

The image shows two overlapping browser windows. The background window is Google Ngram Viewer, displaying a line graph of n-gram frequencies from 1900 to 2000. The foreground window is a Twitter search for '#ngrams', showing real-time tweets and trending topics.

Google Ngram Viewer

Graph these case-sensitive comma-separated phrases between 1900 and 2000 from the corpus of books

Search lots of books

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1900 1910 1920 1930

Twitter Search

ngrams

Team Lidstrom Patrick Sharp Julie Bowen CAVIM Jenna Fischer Jennifer Lawrence TRENDING TOPICS

Top Trending Topics

- #sagawards
- #questionsdontlike
- #thingsweallhate
- Colcci
- Team Lidstrom
- Patrick Sharp
- Julie Bowen
- CAVIM
- Jenna Fischer
- Jennifer Lawrence

Search tip

Use **source:** immediately before a particular Twitter source (like a desktop or mobile app) to find tweets posted via that client. Example: `weather source:tweetie` will find tweets containing "weather" and entered via Tweetie.

Realtime results for ngrams

- sfoxx** RT @westcenter: @sfoxx Try Google Ngrams: geologie in French books: <http://bit.ly/fu7p1s> geology in English books: <http://bit.ly/fHyjll> 43 minutes ago via TweetDeck
- sfoxx** @westcenter Ngrams is partly where this started, and when someone wondered whether Hutton would have thought of himself as a "geologist." 43 minutes ago via web
- westcenter** @sfoxx Try Google Ngrams: geologie in French books: <http://bit.ly/fu7p1s> geology in English books: <http://bit.ly/fHyjll> about 1 hour ago via TweetDeck
- I_am_Citizen** Ngrams: #selfishness versus #altruism <http://tinyurl.com/689s3bf> #goodnews? about 1 hour ago via web
- I_am_Citizen** RT @LondonEvolution: Ngrams: group selection vs. kin selection. <http://bit.ly/ewaAY3> about 1 hour ago via bitly
- gonzo_pz** Hottest name: http://ngrams.googlelabs.com/graph?content=Gonzalo%2C+Felipe%2C+Ignacio&year_start=1800&year_end=2000&smoothing=3 about 2 hours ago via web

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CROWDSOURCING DATA ANALYSIS

DATA COLLECTION & CITIZEN SCIENCE

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“MICROWORK” AND TASK MARKETS

COLLABORATION TOOLS FOR
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DATA COLLECTION

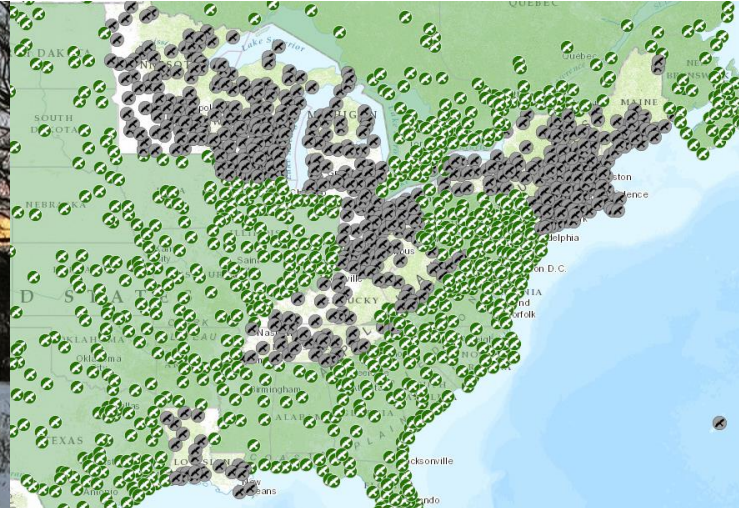


CREEK WATCH

[IBM]



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT



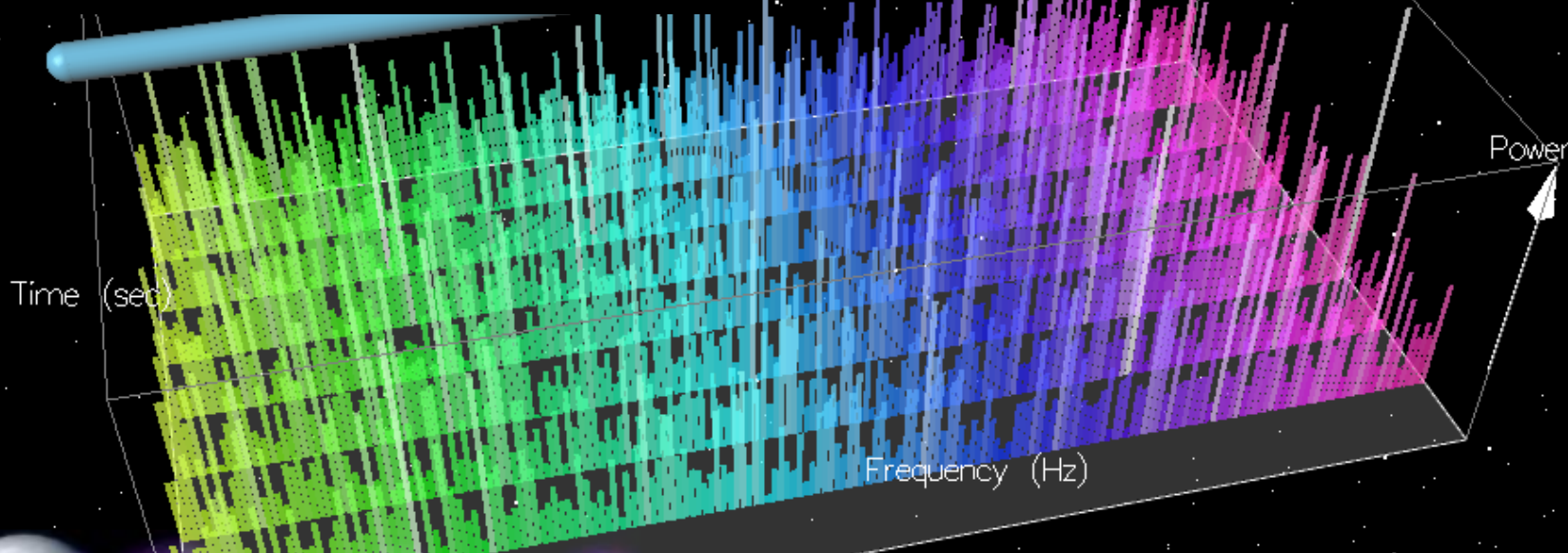
4,000
Creek Watch
users

in over
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countries



CITIZEN SCIENCE

DATA PROCESSING



SETI@home
The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence

SETI@Home

CITIZEN SCIENCE

HUMAN VISION & PROBLEM

SOLVING

CLASSIFY

STORY

SCIENCE

GALAXY ZOO

DISCUSS

PROFILE

LANGUAGE



ZOONIVERSE



Classify



Examples

Restart

SHAPE

Is the galaxy simply smooth and rounded, with no sign of a disk?



Smooth



Features or disk

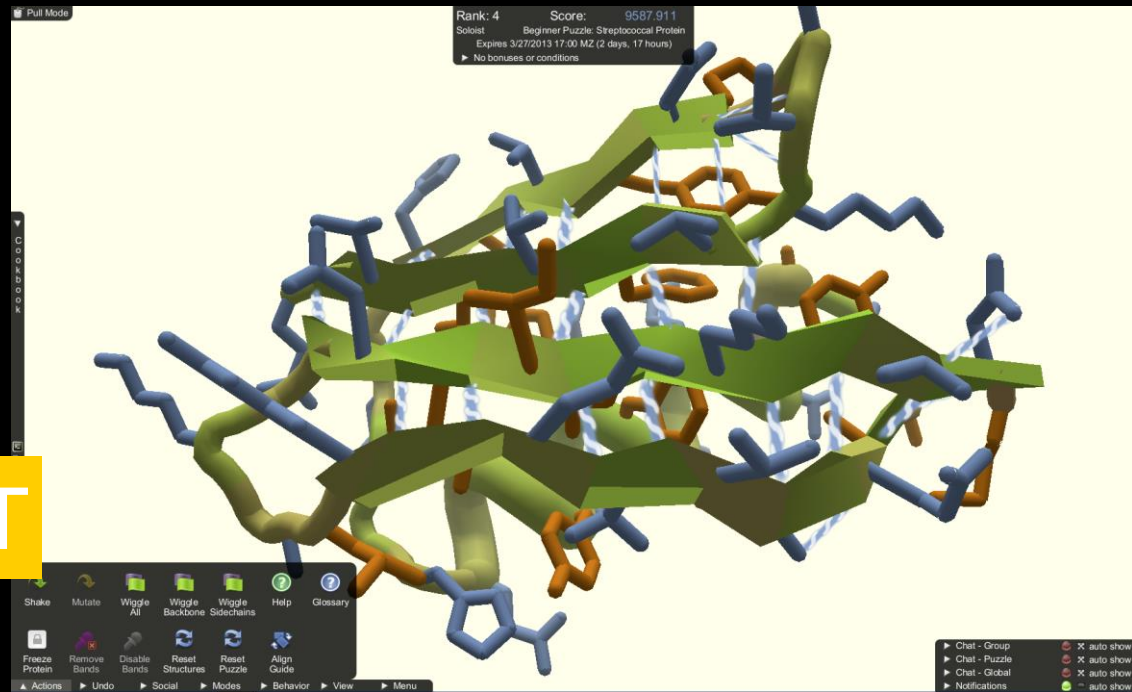


Star or artifact

CITIZEN SCIENCE

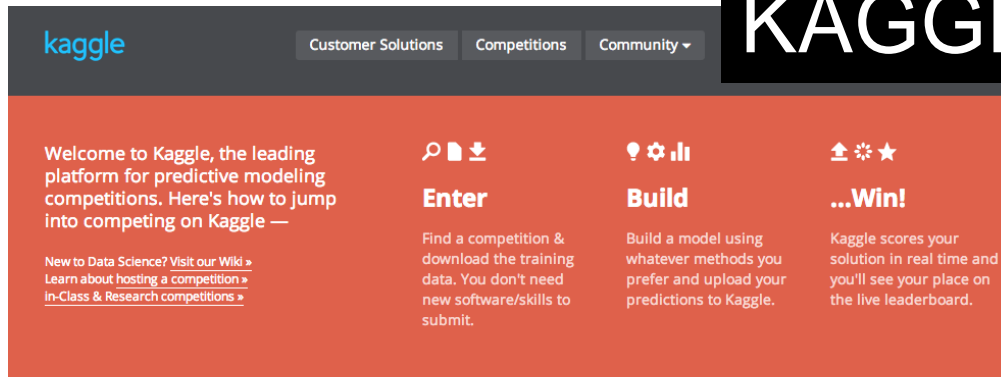
HUMAN VISION & PROBLEM SOLVING

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ANALYSIS COMPETITIONS









KAGGLE



The screenshot shows the Kaggle homepage with a dark navigation bar containing 'kaggle', 'Customer Solutions', 'Competitions', and 'Community'. The main content area has a red background and features a welcome message, three main action buttons: 'Enter' (Find a competition & download the training data), 'Build' (Build a model using whatever methods you prefer), and '...Win!' (Kaggle scores your solution in real time). There are also icons for search, upload, and settings.



NETFLIX PRIZE

Active Competitions		Active Competitions	
All Competitions		 Tradeshift Text Classification Classify text blocks in documents	27 days 144 teams \$5,000
		 American Epilepsy Society Seizure Prediction ... Predict seizures in intracranial EEG recordings	34 days 279 teams \$25,000
	 AfSIS	Africa Soil Property Prediction Challenge Predict physical and chemical properties of soil using spectral measurements	7.4 days 1219 teams \$8,000
		 CIFAR-10 - Object Recognition in Images Identify the subject of 60,000 labeled images	4.4 days 224 teams Knowledge
		 Learning Social Circles in Networks Model friend memberships to multiple circles	14 days 167 teams Knowledge

MICROWORK PLATFORMS

SITES WHERE WORKERS PERFORM SMALL PIECES OF WORK (“TASKS”) - USUALLY IN EXCHANGE FOR SMALL FINANCIAL REWARDS.

amazon **mechanicalturk**[™]
Artificial Artificial Intelligence

 **CrowdFlower** *mobileworks*

MICROWORK

USING **APIS** – DEVELOPERS CAN WRITE PROGRAMS THAT INCORPORATE HUMAN JUDGEMENT

“HUMAN COMPUTATION”

APPLYING MICROWORK TO DATA ANALYSIS

CROWDSOURCING LOW-LEVEL ANALYSIS

DATA COLLECTION AND DATA ENTRY

LABELING

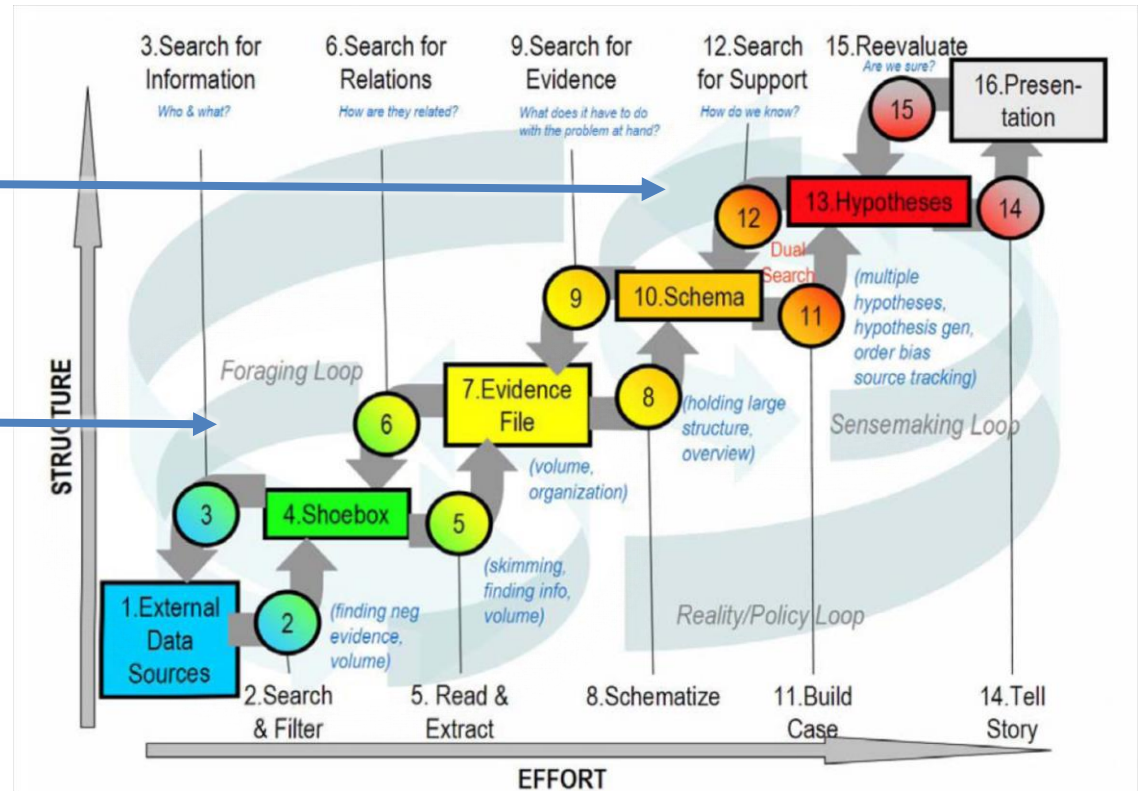
DATA CLEANING

SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

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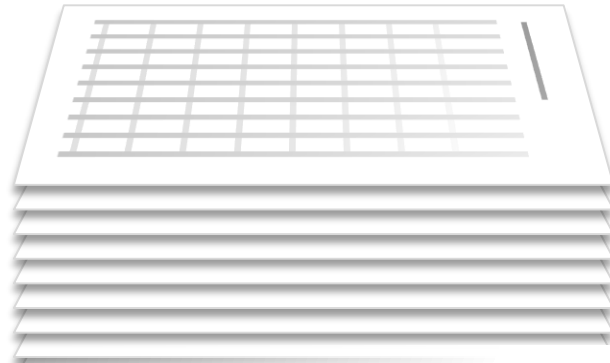


[Pirulli & Card 2005]

CROWDSOURCING HIGHER-LEVEL ANALYSIS TASKS



Analyst



“Can I screen this dataset to **quickly**
find the **most interesting** parts?”

A WORKFLOW FOR CROWDSOURCING DATA ANALYSIS



Data



Analyst



Crowd

A WORKFLOW FOR CROWDSOURCING DATA ANALYSIS



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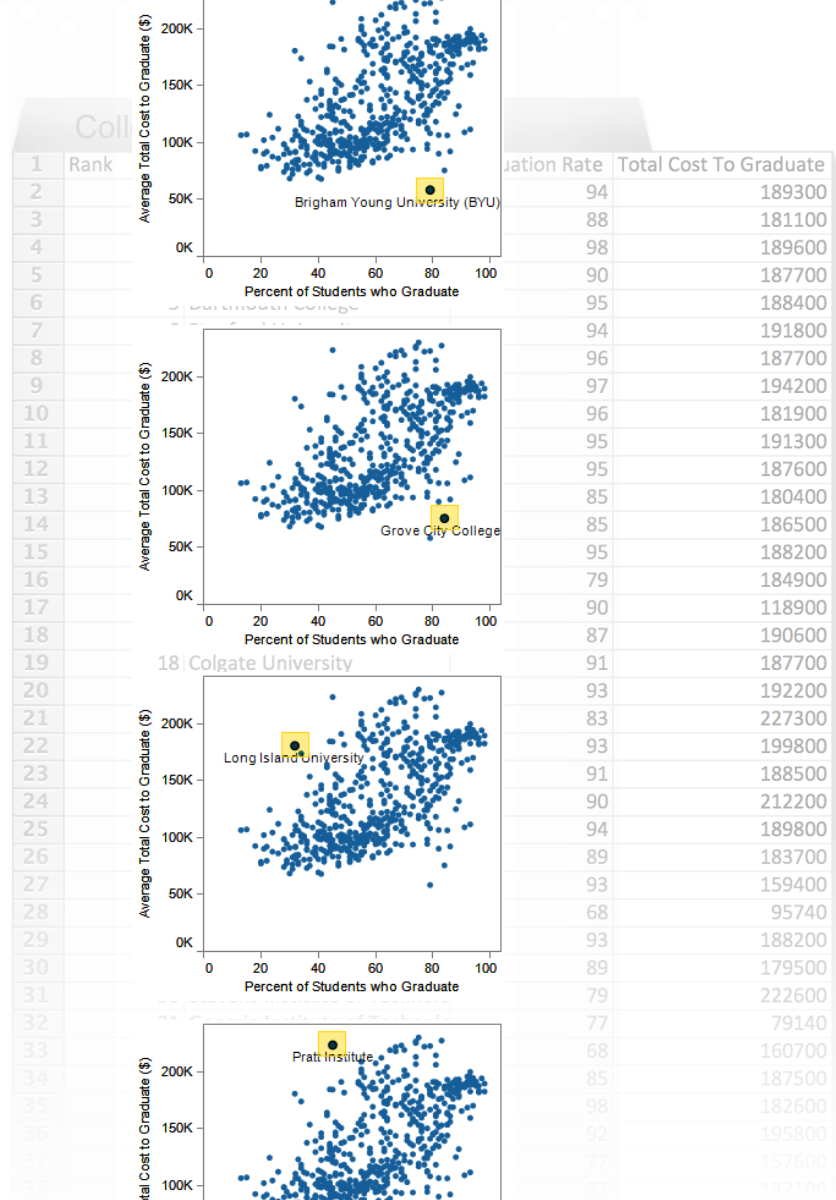


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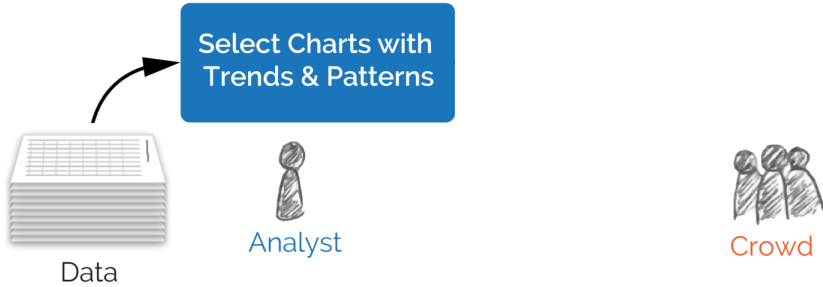


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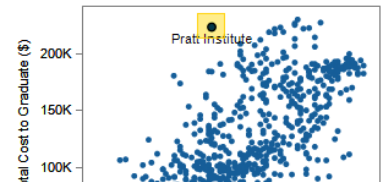
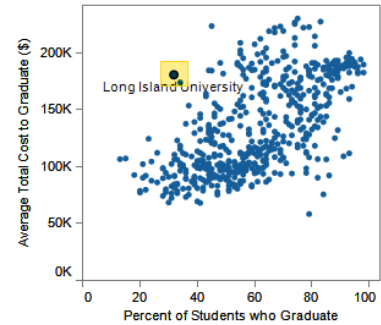
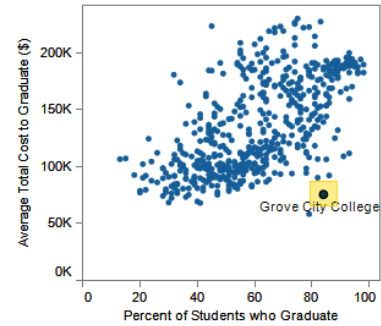
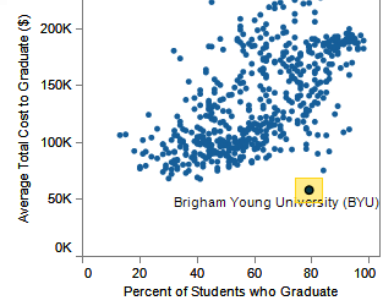
[Willett et al. CHI 2012, VAST 2013]



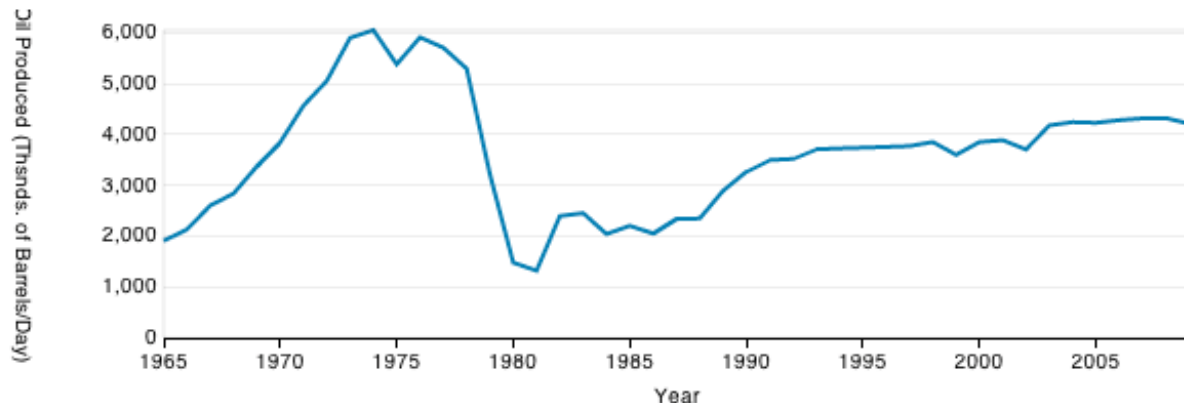
A WORKFLOW FOR CROWDSOURCING DATA ANALYSIS



[Willett et al. CHI 2012, VAST 2013]



Each of the charts in this HIT shows the **average amount of oil produced per day** by one or more countries over the past 50 years

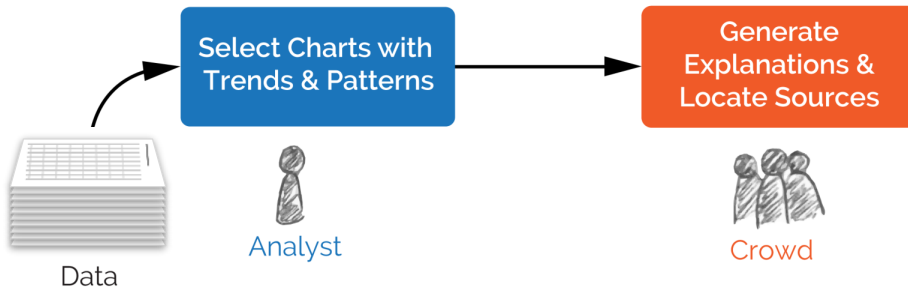


This chart shows **Oil Produced (Thsnds. of Barrels/Day)** by **Year**. The view is filtered by **Country** to show only **"Iran"**.

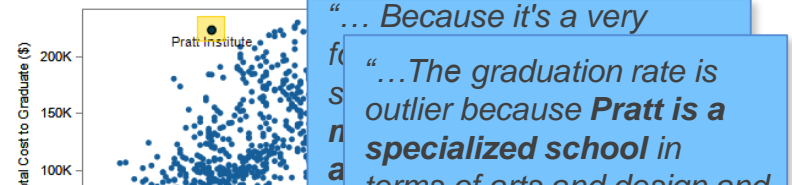
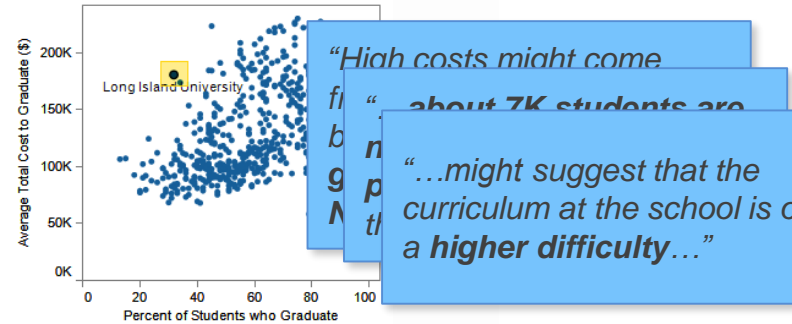
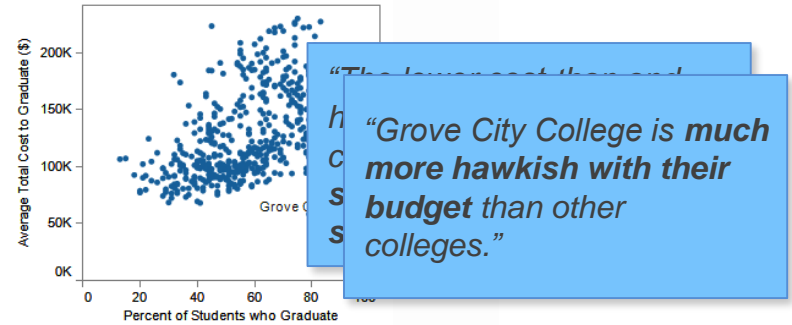
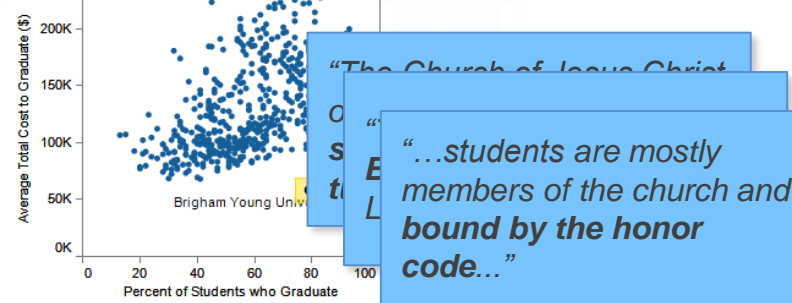
1. Explain **why** the strong **peak or valley** highlighted in the chart might have occurred.

Submit Task

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[Willett et al. CHI 2012, VAST 2013]



**“COULD THIS CREATE
MORE WORK FOR THE
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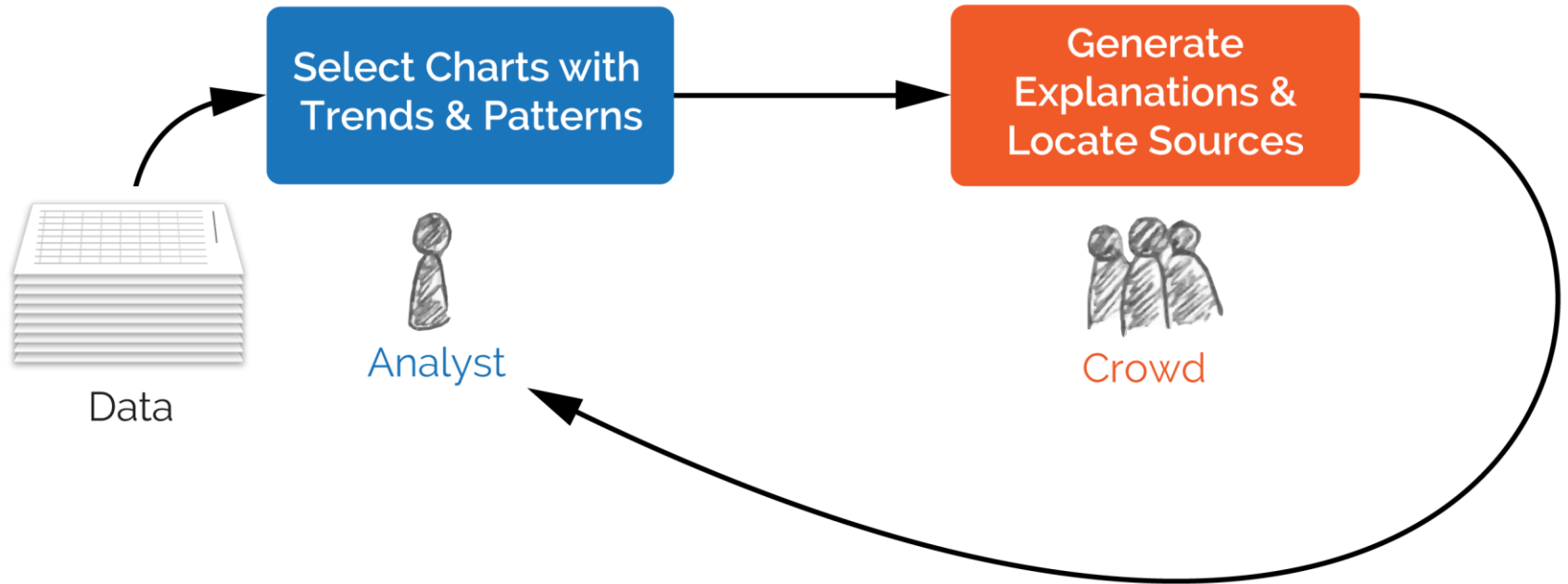
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“...might suggest that the
curriculum at the school is of
a **higher difficulty...**”

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more hawkish with their
budget** than other
colleges.”

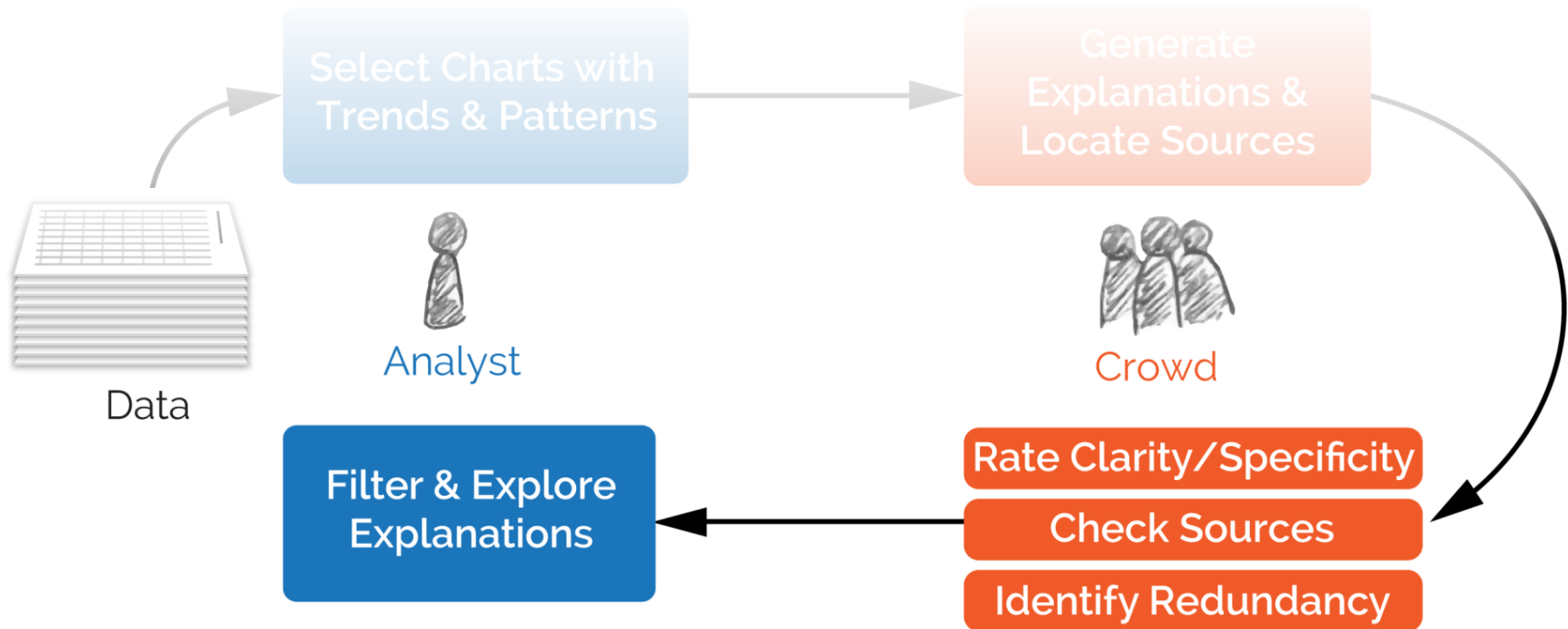
“The Church of Jesus Christ
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t
“...students are mostly
members of the church and
**bound by the honor
code...**”

“... Because it's a very
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a
t
“...The graduation rate is
outlier because **Pratt is a
specialized school** in
terms of arts and design and
students...”

A WORKFLOW FOR CROWDSOURCING DATA ANALYSIS



CROWD-ENABLED EXTENSIONS FOR PROCESSING AND MANAGING RESULTS



THREE CRITERIA FOR PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

CLARITY AND SPECIFICITY

PROVENANCE

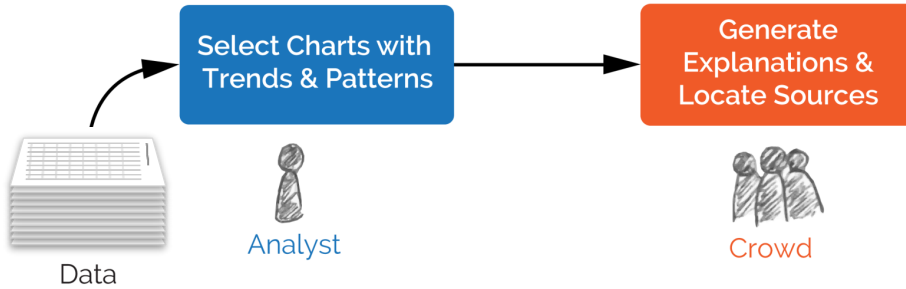
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**+ AN INTERFACE FOR MANAGING
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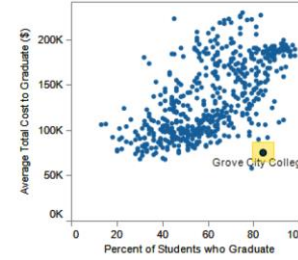
CLARITY AND SPECIFICITY

Rating Task



Show Instructions

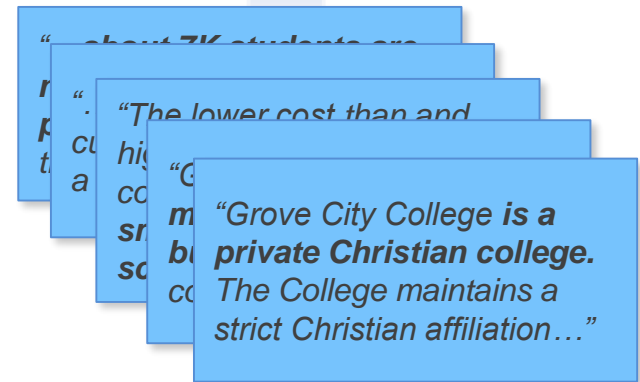
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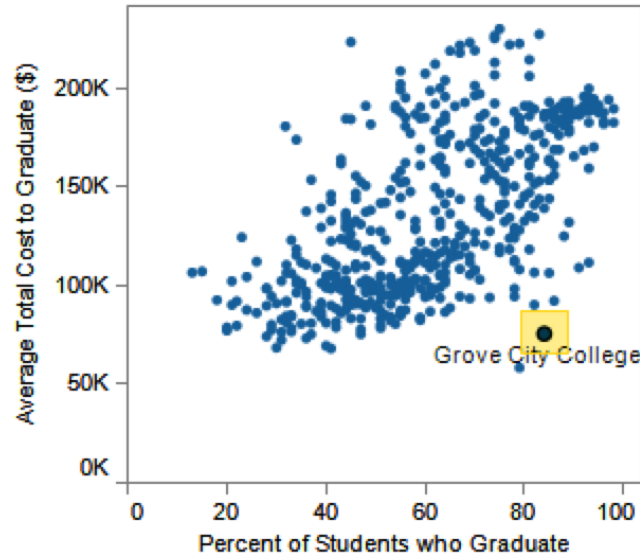
Prompt: Explain **why** the **outlier** highlighted in the chart might be different from the other items. (Give **one** specific, well-justified answer.)

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- Does this response provide an explanation for **why** the highlighted outlier in the chart might have occurred?
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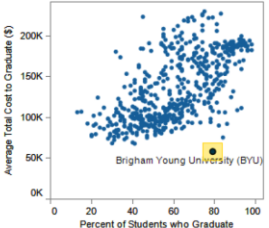
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PROVENANCE

Explanation Task

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Brigham Young University (BYU)

Show Instructions

- Demographic information (Asked on first HIT only).**
 - What is your nationality?
 - What level of schooling have you completed?
 - What is your native language?
 - How comfortable are you with reading charts and graphs?
 - Are you familiar with college rankings?
- What college or university is highlighted in this chart?
- Explain **why** the **outlier** highlighted in the chart might be different from the other items. (Give **one** specific, well-justified answer.)
- Provide the **url of a specific web page** (not just a site) that supports your explanation.

Submit Task

Explanation Task

What are our

workers doing?

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Explanation Task

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Average Total Cost to Graduate (\$)

Percent of Students who Graduate

Brigham Young University (BYU)

Show Instructions

- Demographic information (Asked on first HIT only).**
 - What is your nationality?
 - What level of schooling have you completed?
 - What is your native language?
 - How comfortable are you with reading charts and graphs?
 - Are you familiar with college rankings?
- What college or university is highlighted in this chart?
- Explain **why** the **outlier** highlighted in the chart might be different from the other items. (Give **one** specific, well-justified answer.)
- Provide the **url of a specific web page** (not just a site) that supports your explanation.

Submit Task

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brigham young university

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Environ 15 600 000 résultats (0,30 secondes)

Université Brigham Young

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Mois international de la contribution francophone 2013

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Brigham Young University Admissions

How Much Does it Cost? Counting the cost of BYU

2013-2014 Total Undergraduate Charges

Category	Charge
Public In-State	\$9,447
Public Out-of-State	\$13,971
Private	\$43,214
BYU (USD)	\$1,000

Students at BYU enjoy affordable prices that allow them access to a high quality education at a great price. In 2013, *US News & World Report* ranked BYU in the top 20 for "Great Schools, Great Prices."

Tuition

As BYU's sponsor, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints subsidizes tuition prices with its members' tithing funds. In principle, each student attending BYU is on scholarship.

INSTRUMENTING EXPLANATION TASKS

Examine a line chart showing employment change in a US city and briefly explain it.

Requester: visualizationlab.ucb

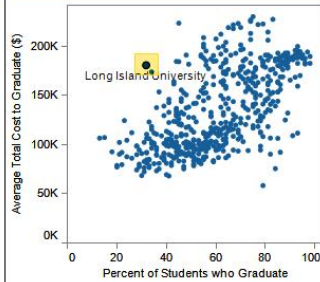
Reward: \$0.40 per HIT

HITs Available: 10

Duration: 30 minutes

Qualifications Required: Location is US

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Explanation 1

Source:

+ Add Another Explanation -

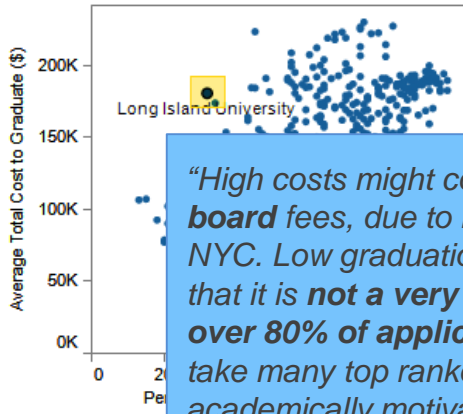
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Paragraph-level citations



*“High costs might come from its **high room and board** fees, due to its geographic location near NYC. Low graduation rates come from the fact that it is **not a very selective school, taking in over 80% of applicants**, which doesn't allow it take many top ranked students who are more academically motivated.”*



#123 Regional Universities (North)

Summary

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2014 Quick Stats

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[\[map\]](#)
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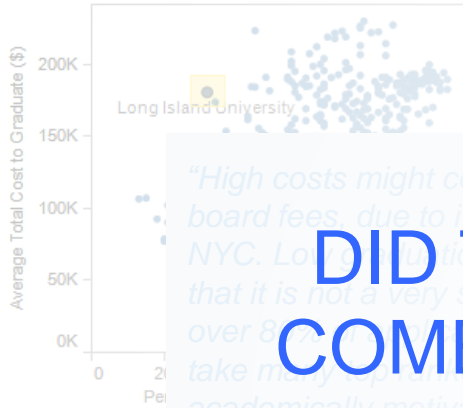
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"High costs might come from it's high room and board fees, due to its geographic location near NYC. Long Island University is a private school that it is not a very selective school, taking in over 8,000 students. Many students are academically motivated."

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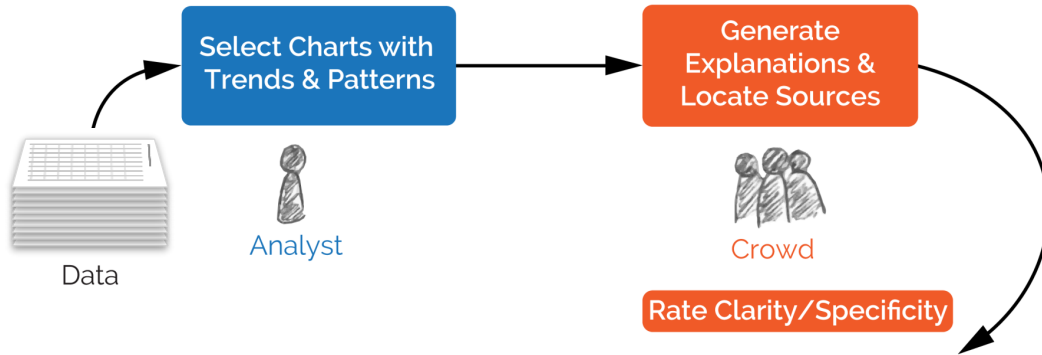
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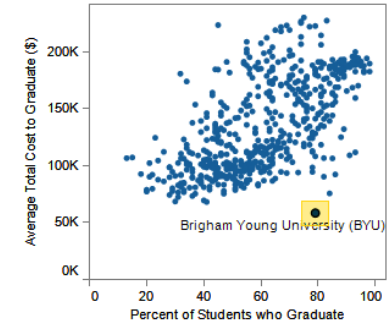


A second group of workers **verifies links** and attributes explanations to the **source** or the **worker**. (75% accurate in our preliminary tests)

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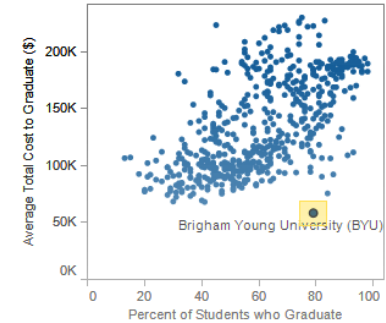
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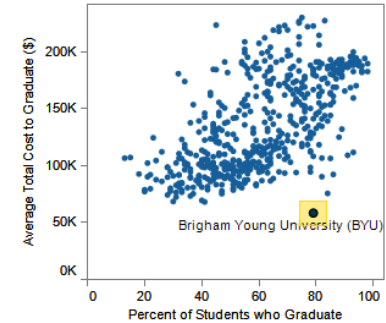
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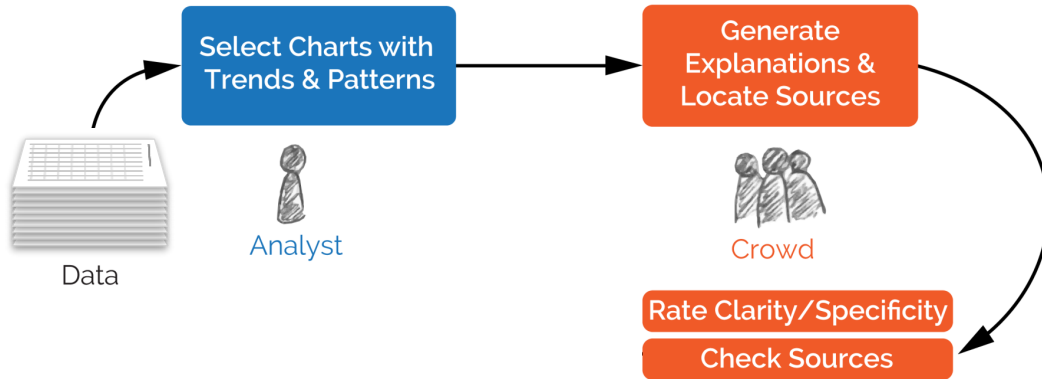


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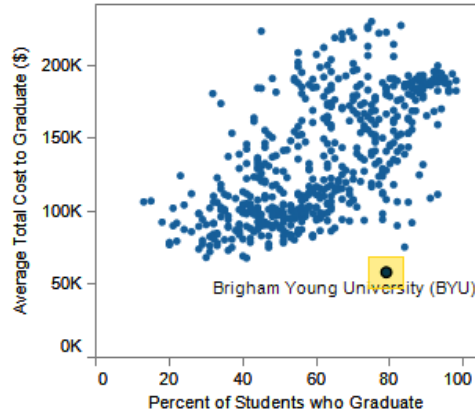
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Can we crowdsource redundancy detection?

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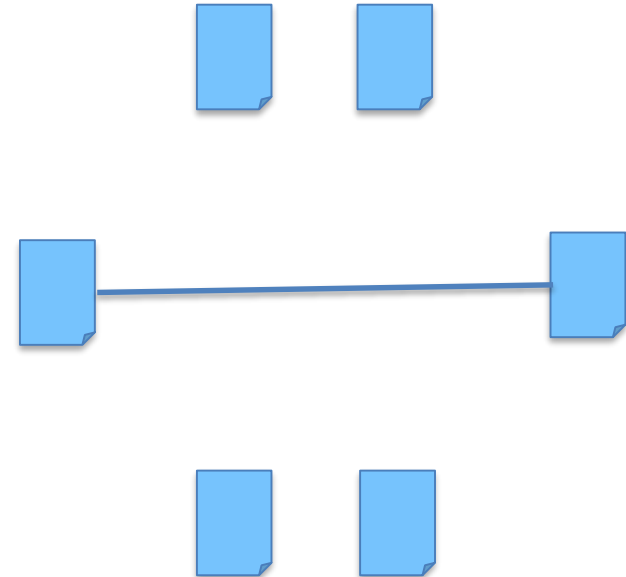


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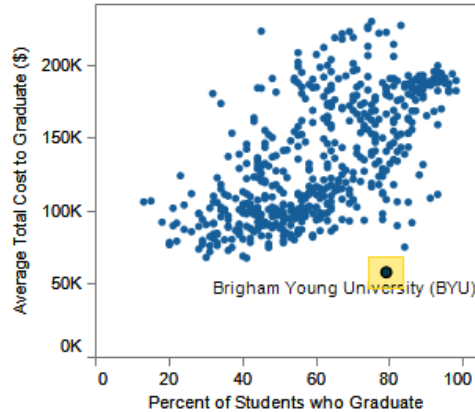
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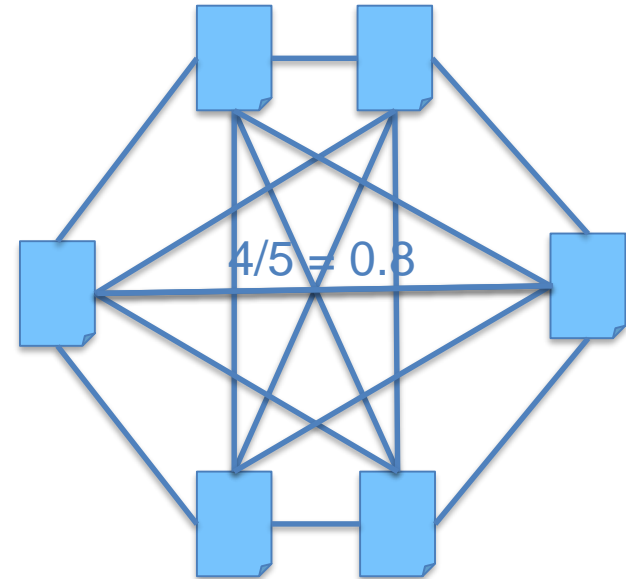


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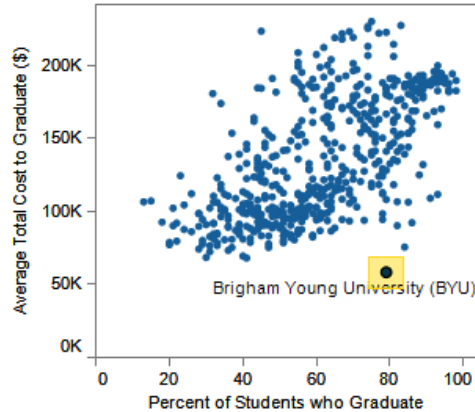
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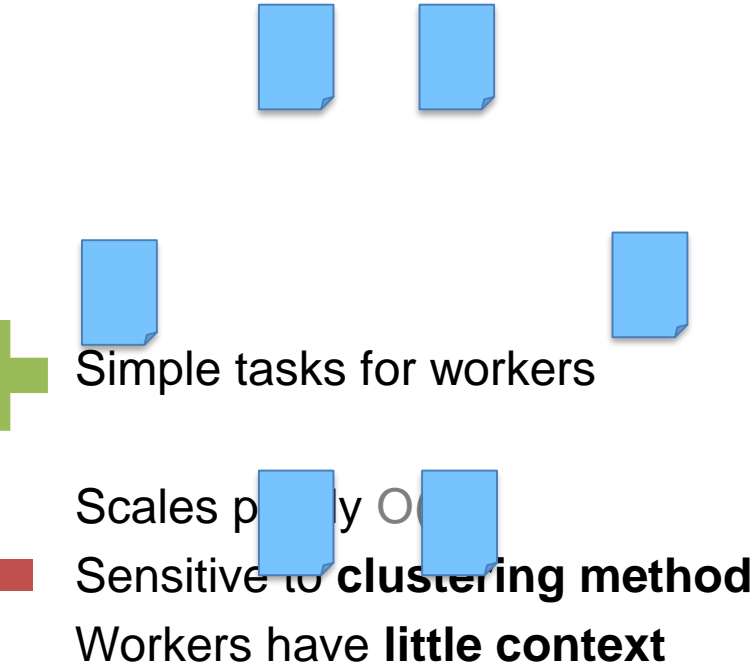


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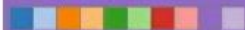
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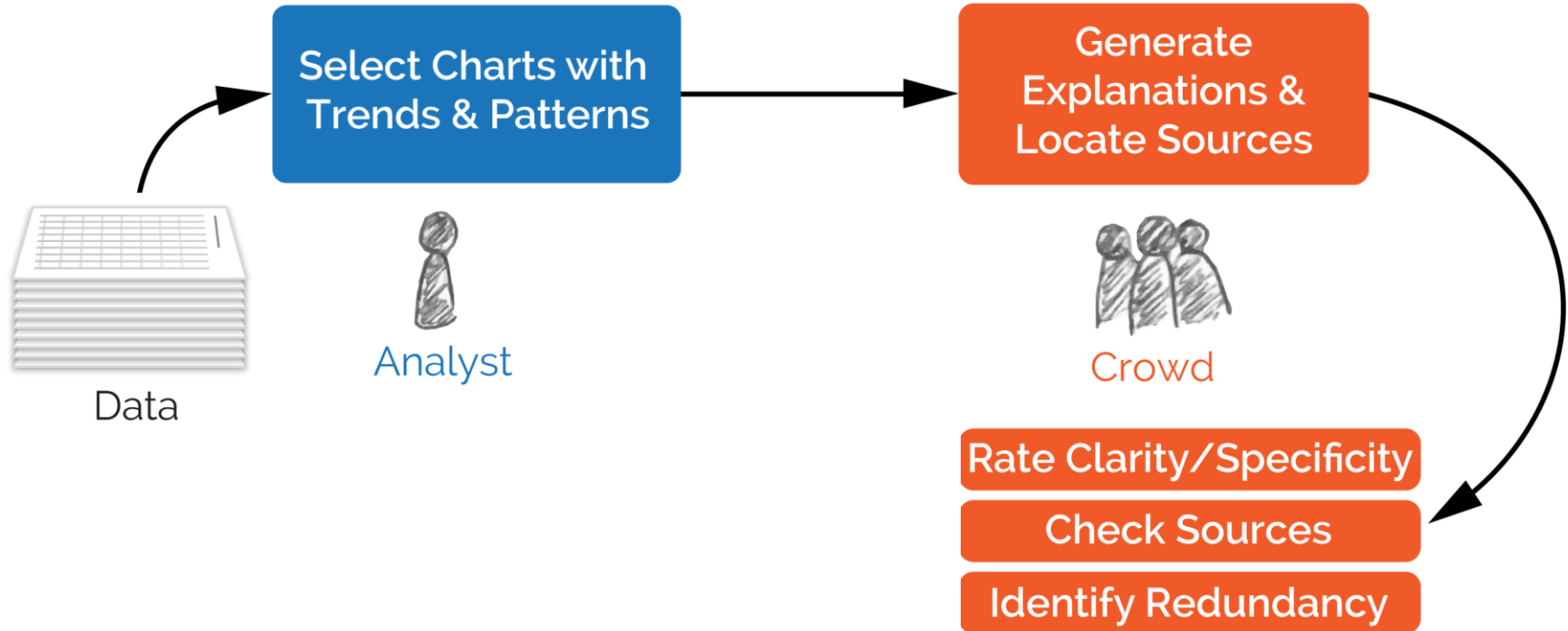
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EXPLANATION MANAGEMENT INTERFACE

The screenshot displays the Analyst UI interface within a browser window. The browser address bar shows the URL: `proxy.commentspace.net/media/html/AnalystUITest/?clusters=data/All-Split-Clusters(Shiry).tab.txt`. The interface includes a control bar with a quality slider set to (2.5-5), a 'Group by' dropdown set to 'Chart > Cluster', and a 'Sort by' dropdown set to 'Quality'. On the left, a scatter plot titled '3/6' shows 'Average Total Cost to Graduate (\$)' on the y-axis (0 to 200K) and 'Percent of Students who Graduate' on the x-axis (0 to 100). A point for 'Brigham Young University (BYU)' is highlighted. The main content area lists several articles with quality scores:

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CROWDSOURCING HIGH-LEVEL ANALYSIS

**HUMAN COMPUTATION CAN BE A USEFUL
COMPLEMENT TO AUTOMATED PROCESSING**

EVEN MORE INTERESTING WITH EXPERTISE



cheap low-skill crowds

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UNDERSTANDING HOW TO PARALLELIZE
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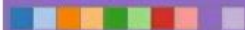
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Individual workers cluster the whole set.



Workers have complete context

Individual workers can cluster badly



Hard to integrate clusterings from multiple workers

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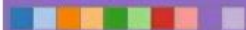
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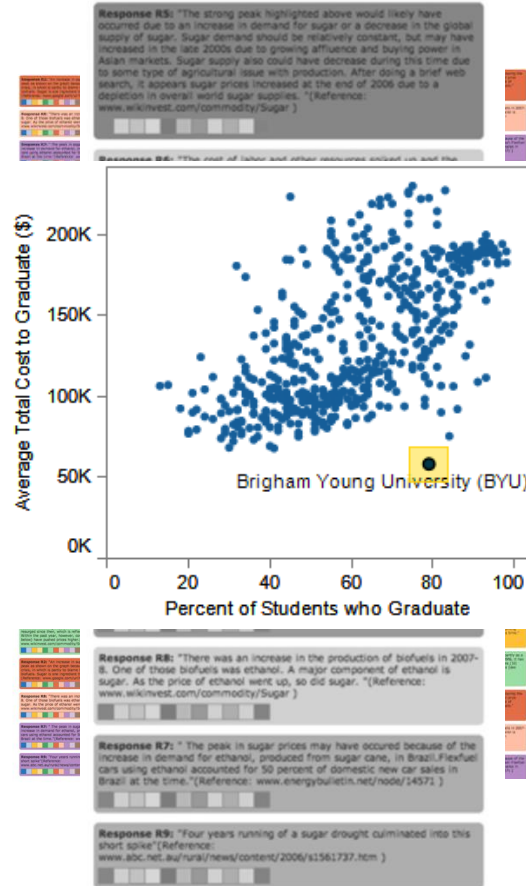


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- A **single worker's clustering** is preferable to a combination of multiple clusterings.
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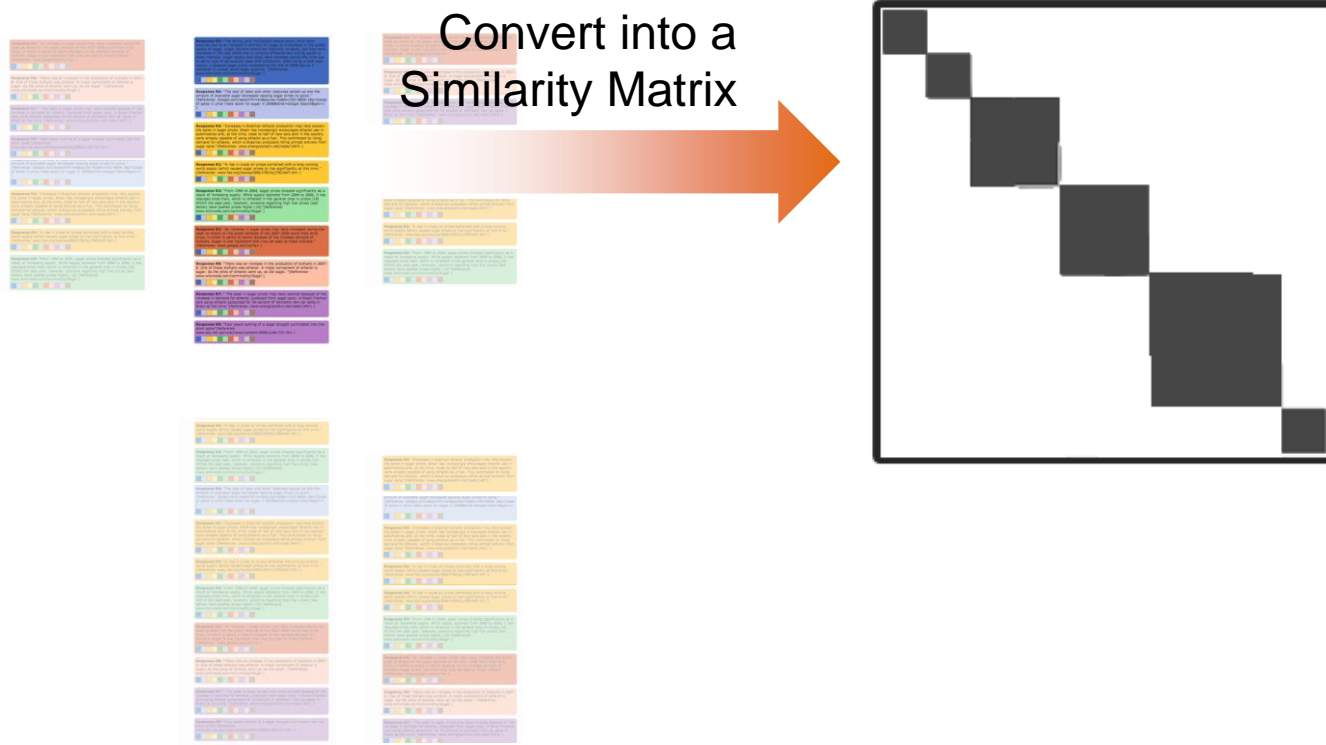


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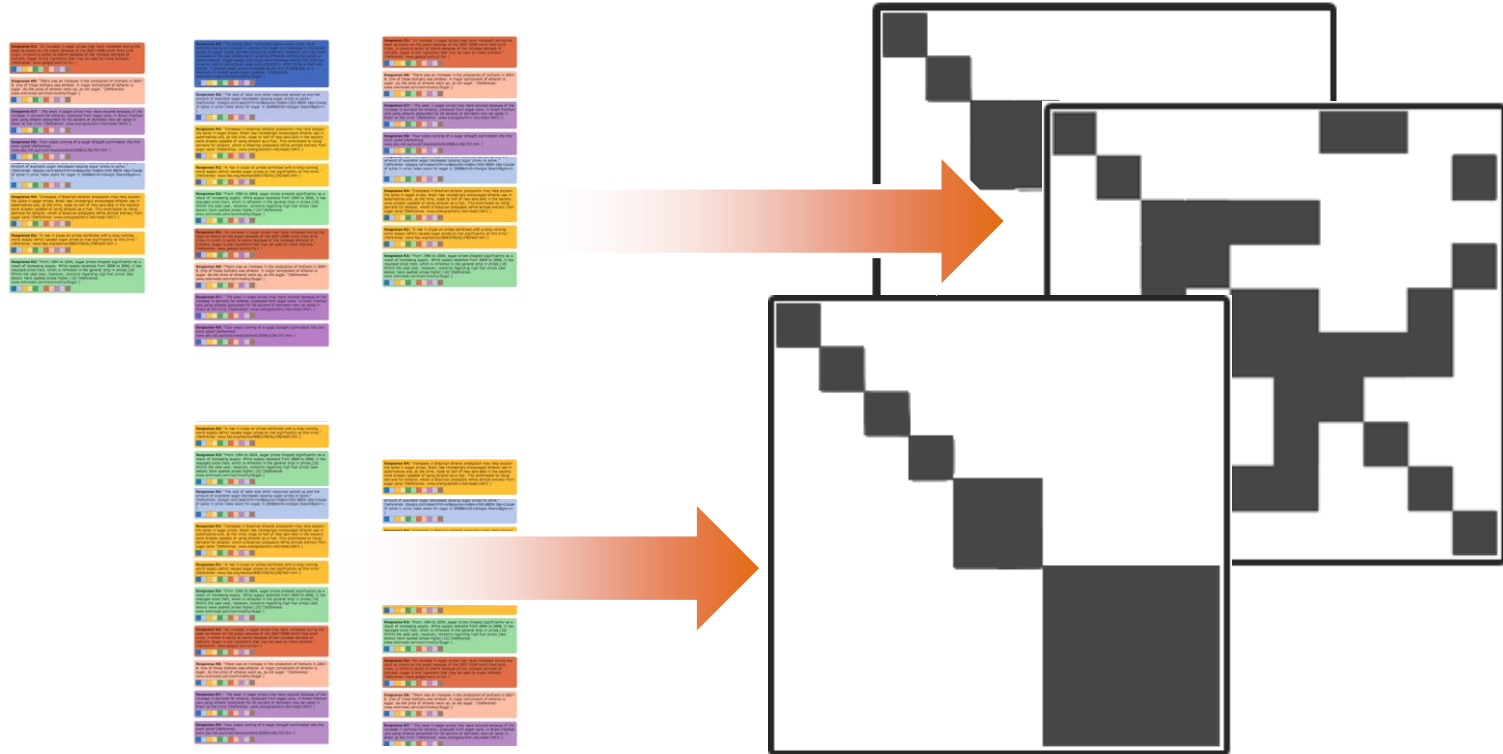
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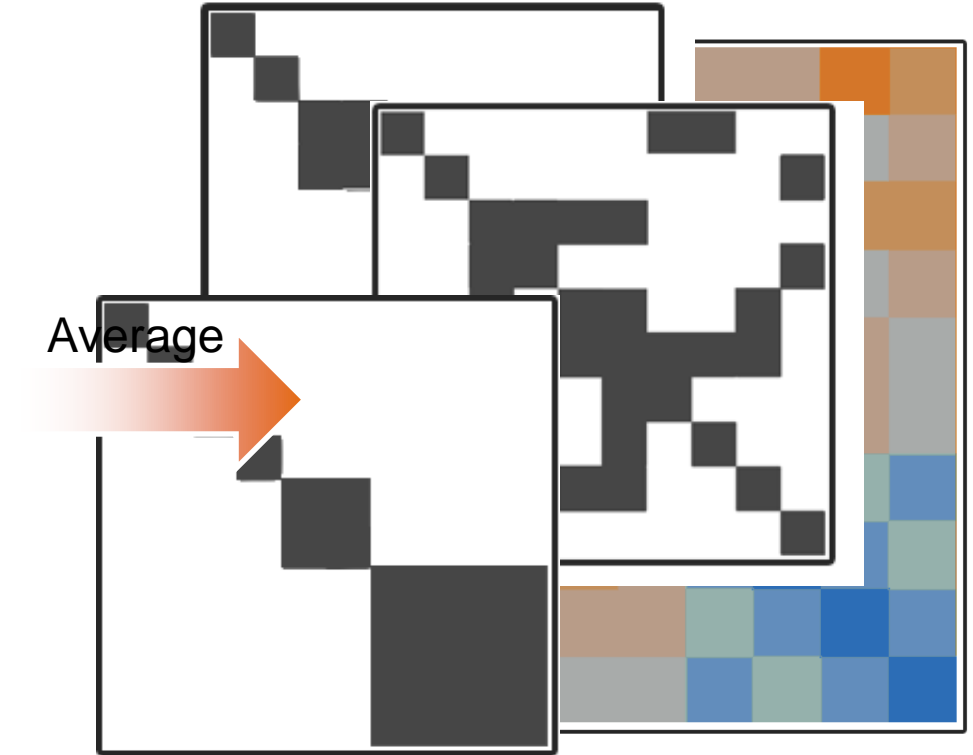
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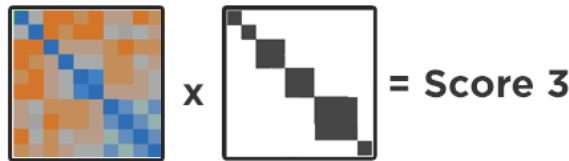
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Select Highest Scoring



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- Response R1:** "The cost of labor and other resources spiked up and the amount of available sugar decreased causing sugar prices to spike." [Reference: google.com/search?hl=en&location=us&lr=&oeq=100-889-1&en=cause+of+sugar+in+price+index+score+for+sugar+in+2008&oeq=100-889-1&oeq=100-889-1]
- Response R2:** "Increases in Brazilian ethanol production may help explain the spike in sugar prices. Brazil has increasingly encouraged ethanol use in automobiles and, at the time, close to half of new cars sold in the country were already capable of using ethanol as a fuel. This contributed to rising demand for ethanol, which is Brazilian producers refine almost entirely from sugar cane." [Reference: www.energysolutions.net/node/14371]
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- Response R5:** "An increase in sugar prices may have increased during the spike in prices on the grain business of the 2000-2008 world food price crisis, in which is partly to blame because of the increase demand of biofuels. Sugar is most important fuel may be used to make biofuels." [Reference: www.google.com/url?u=]
- Response R6:** "There was an increase in the production of biofuels in 2007-8. One of those biofuels was ethanol. A major component of ethanol is sugar. As the price of ethanol went up, so did sugar." [Reference: www.winepress.com/commodity/Sugar/]
- Response R7:** "The peak in sugar prices may have occurred because of the increase in demand for ethanol, produced from sugar cane, in Brazil. Ethanol cars using ethanol accounted for 50 percent of domestic new car sales in Brazil at the time." [Reference: www.energysolutions.net/node/14371]
- Response R8:** "Four years running of a sugar drought culminated into this price spike! [Reference: www.doc.net.au/news/news/stories/2006/11/361737.htm]

EVALUATING REDUNDANCY-DETECTION

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Our Explanation Dataset

12 charts (4 each from 3 different data sets)

10 workers explained each chart

➔ 93 Workers produced 156 explanations (Avg=13 per chart)

EVALUATING REDUNDANCY-DETECTION

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10 Workers used **color clustering** to group the explanations for each chart. (120 total clusterings)

We used **most-representative selection** to pick the best clustering for each chart. (12 clusterings)

EVALUATING REDUNDANCY-DETECTION

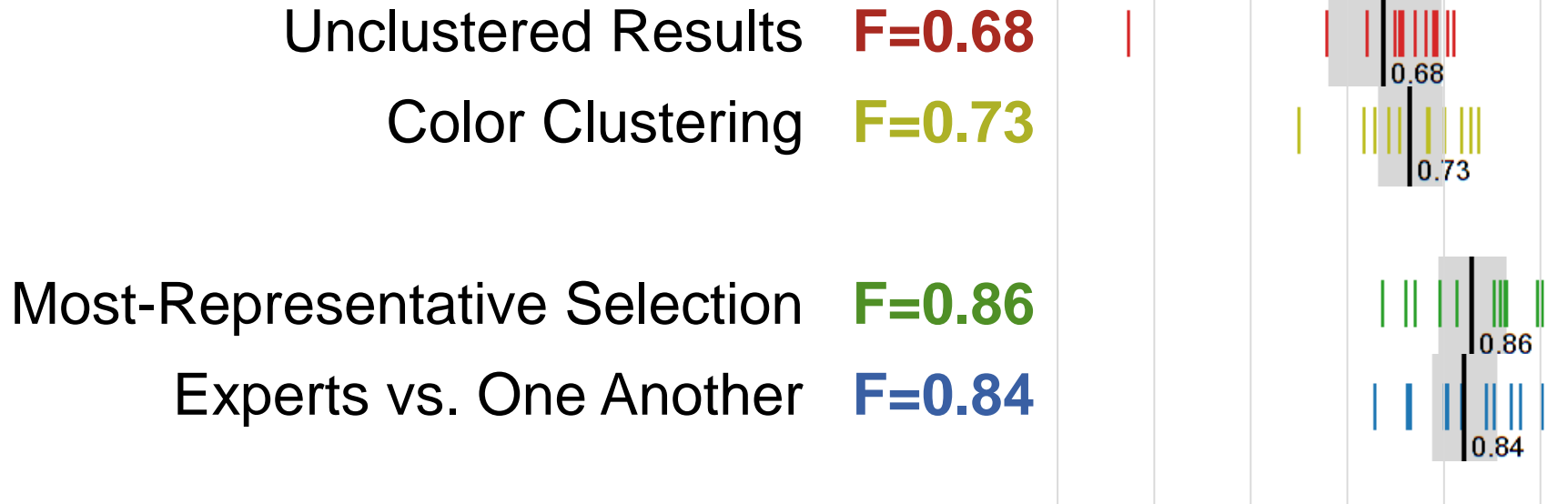
Baseline - Expert clustering (x 3)

To score a clustering, we use the **F-measure** to compute similarity to each expert, then average.

(completely dissimilar) $[0 \longleftrightarrow 1]$ (identical)

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Average F-measure Score (vs. Experts)



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T-tests showed our **most-representative** results were significantly closer to experts than **color clustering** or **unclustered** were. (both $p < 0.01$)