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# Human Cognition and Next Generation Computing

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# Charles Babbage (1791- 1871)

## The Father of Computing



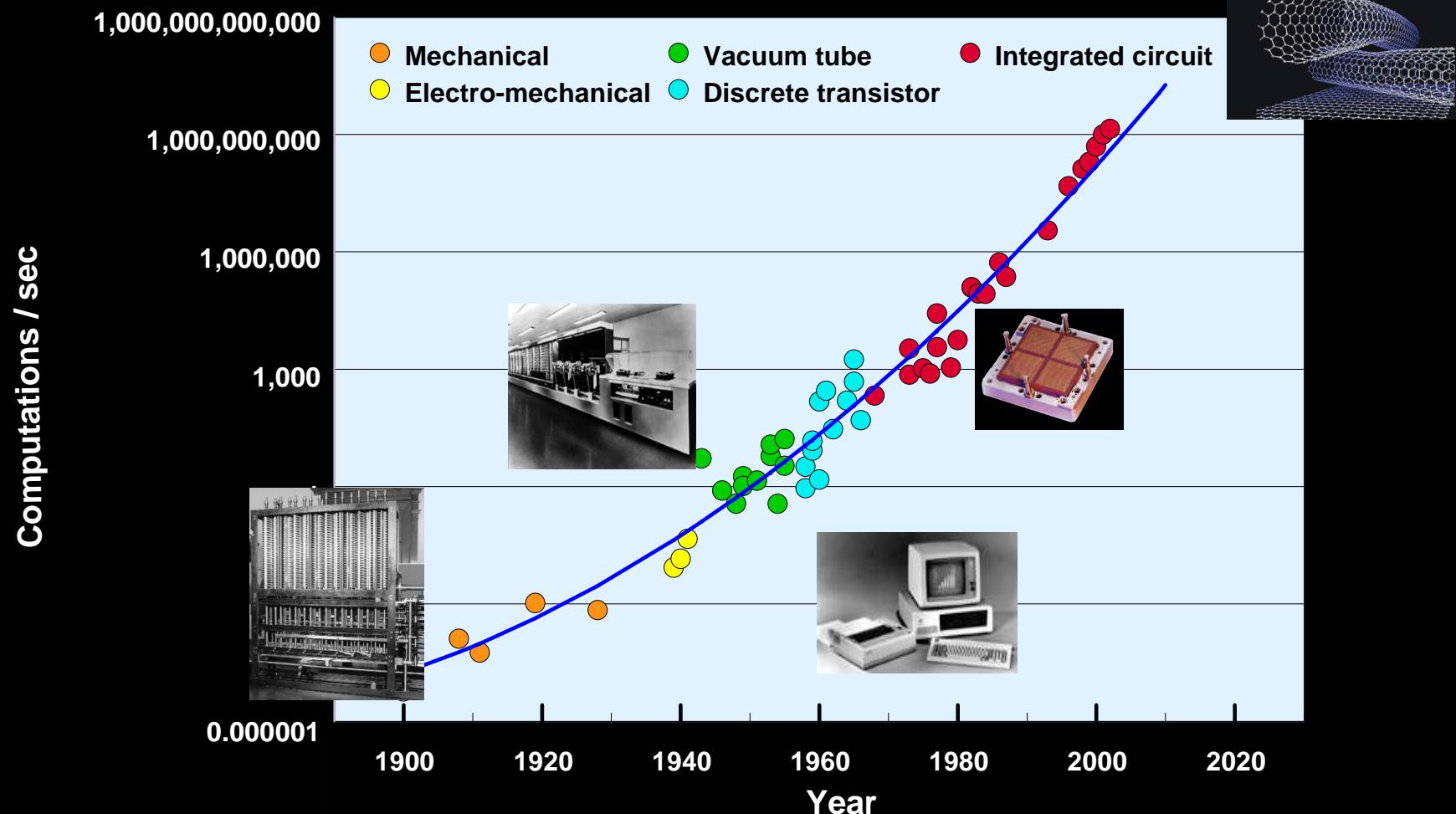
“Computers” were people hired to perform complex calculations

Babbage’s machines were conceived as tools to aid human computers



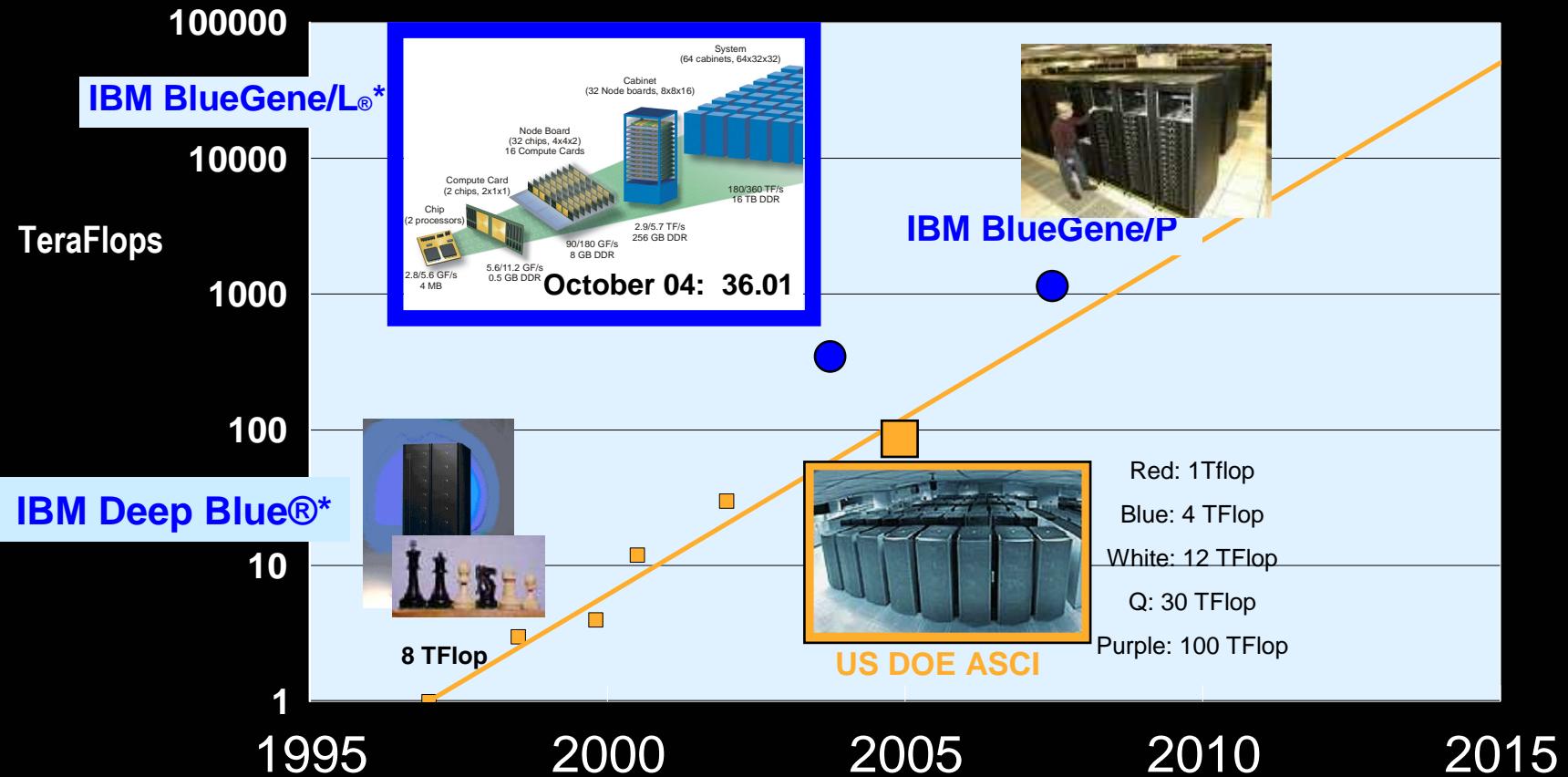
The Analytical Engine

# \$1000 Buys



after Kurzweil, 1999 &amp; Moravec, 1998

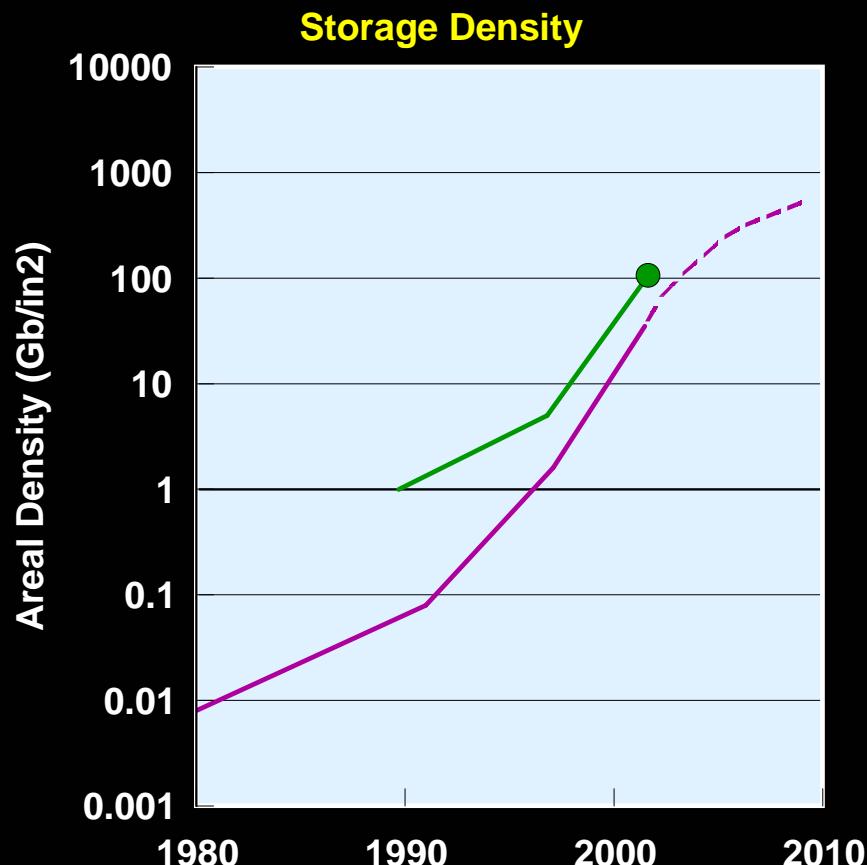
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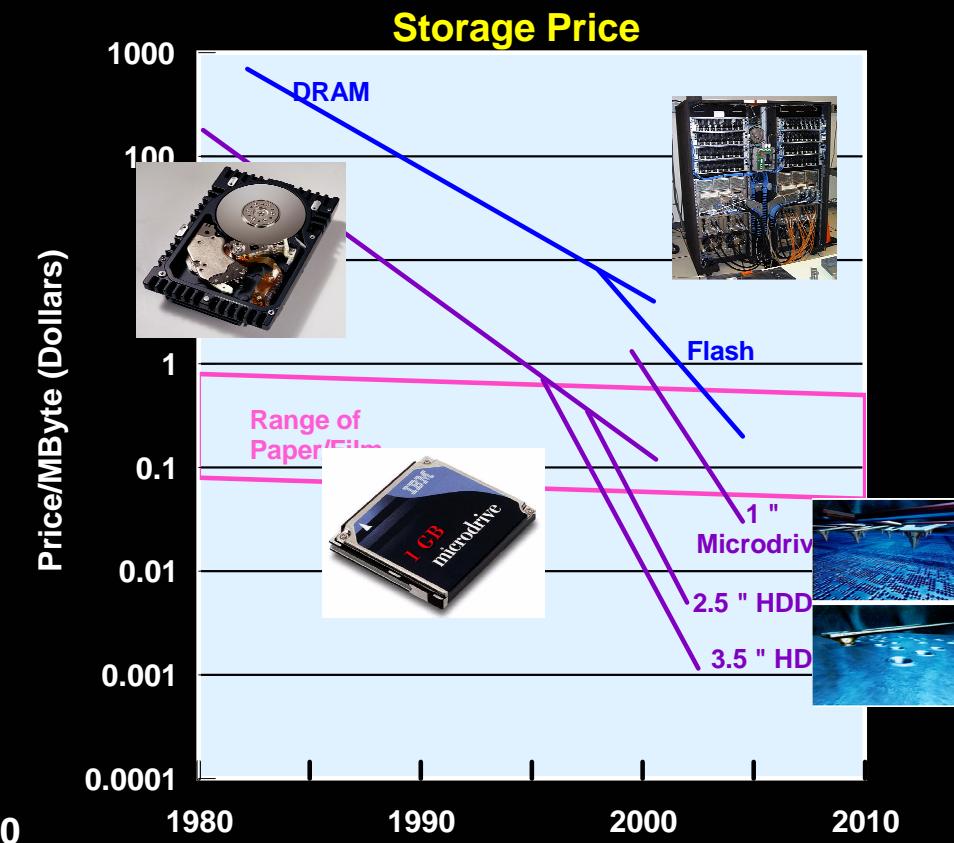
Source: ASCI Roadmap [www.llnl.gov/asci](http://www.llnl.gov/asci), IBM

Brain ops/sec: Kurzweil 1999, *The Age of Spiritual Machines*  
 Moravec 1998, [www.transhumanist.com/volume1/moravec.htm](http://www.transhumanist.com/volume1/moravec.htm)

# Storage Trends

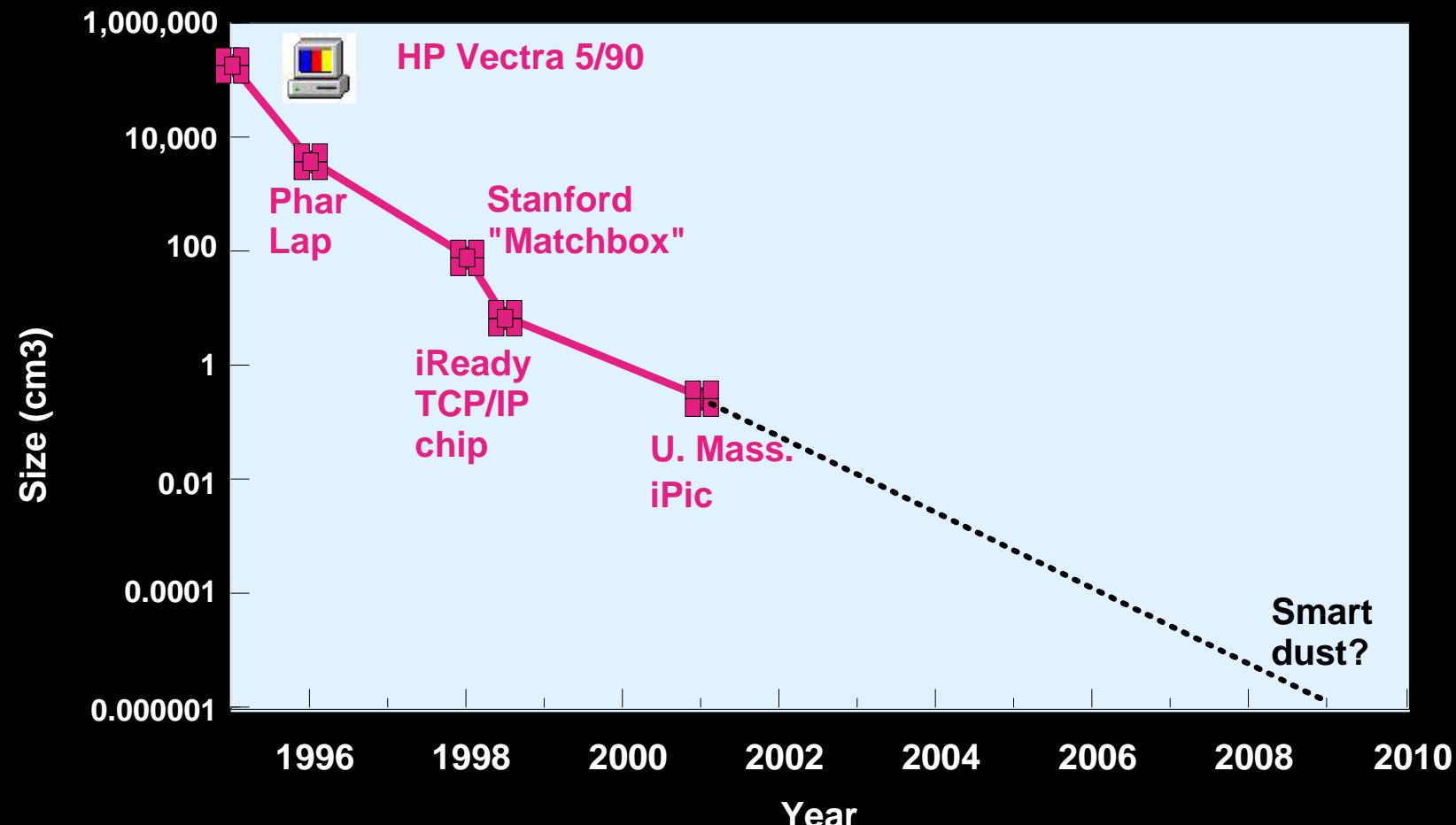


Rent Blockbuster™  
Not a video... the entire store



Store all customer data  
Transactions, letters, phone calls  
over the span of a lifetime

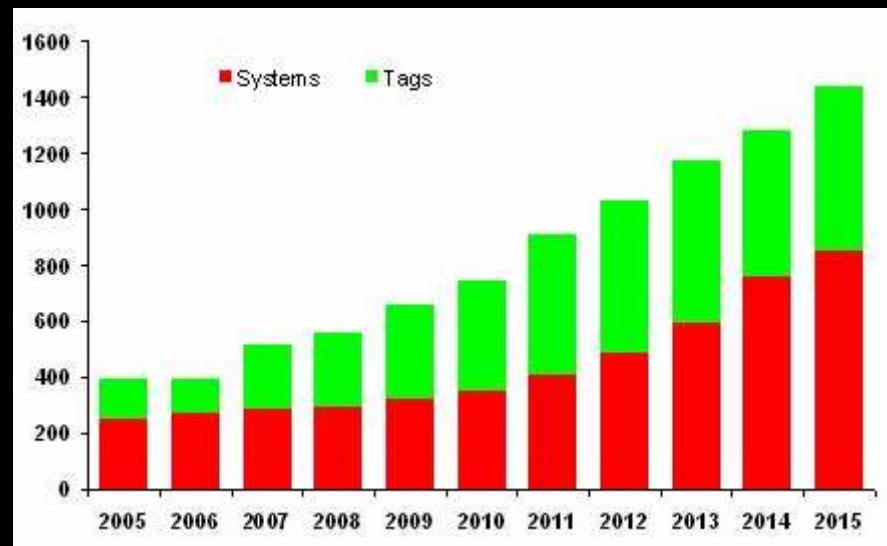
## Miniaturization: e.g., the physical Size of a Web Server



Web servers with demonstrations on the internet

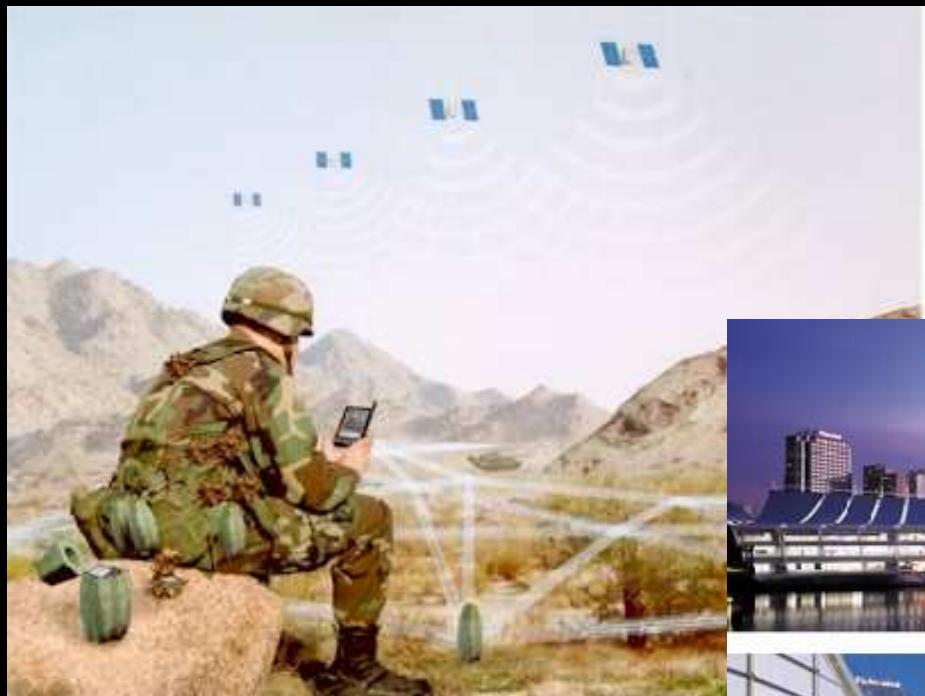
# Wireless Sensors and RFID Tags

**Wireless sensors and RFIDs growing rapidly, fueled by industry initiatives and government mandates**



Source: *RFID from Venture Development Corp, Wireless sensor data from Frost & Sullivan*

# Pervasive infrastructures are evolving to sense, and communicate, and construct



**Military**

- Visual sensors
- Audio
- Chemical
- Biological
- Etc.



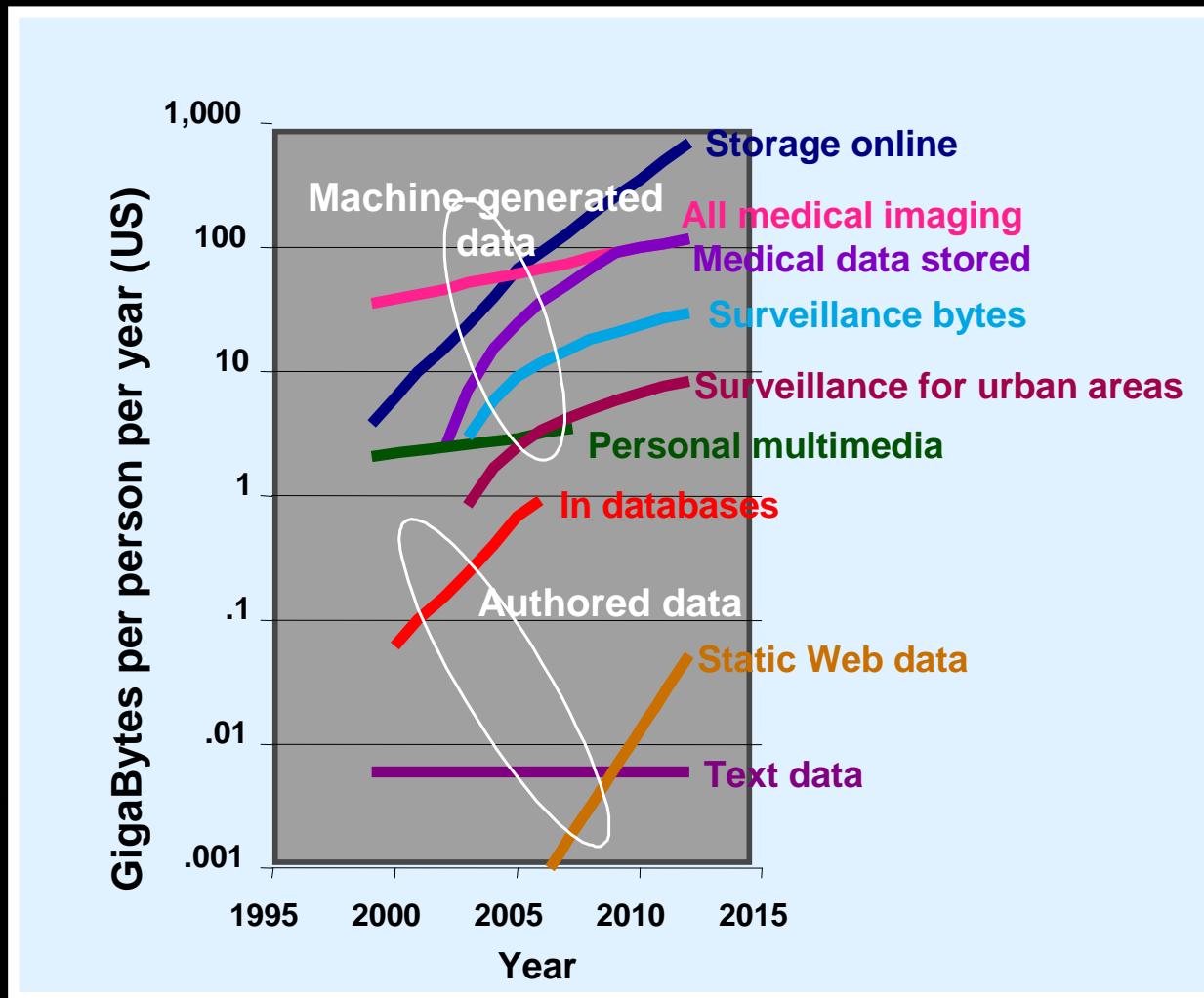
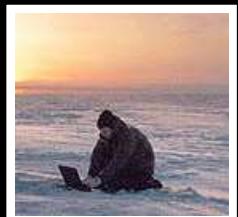
**Green**

# Explosion of Multi-Type Data

Machine generated, time-based data are increasing exponentially



Authored Data



# Many different types of data....

## time series

## numerical

## categorical

## field

# image

## sequence

# 3-D geometry

text

GIS

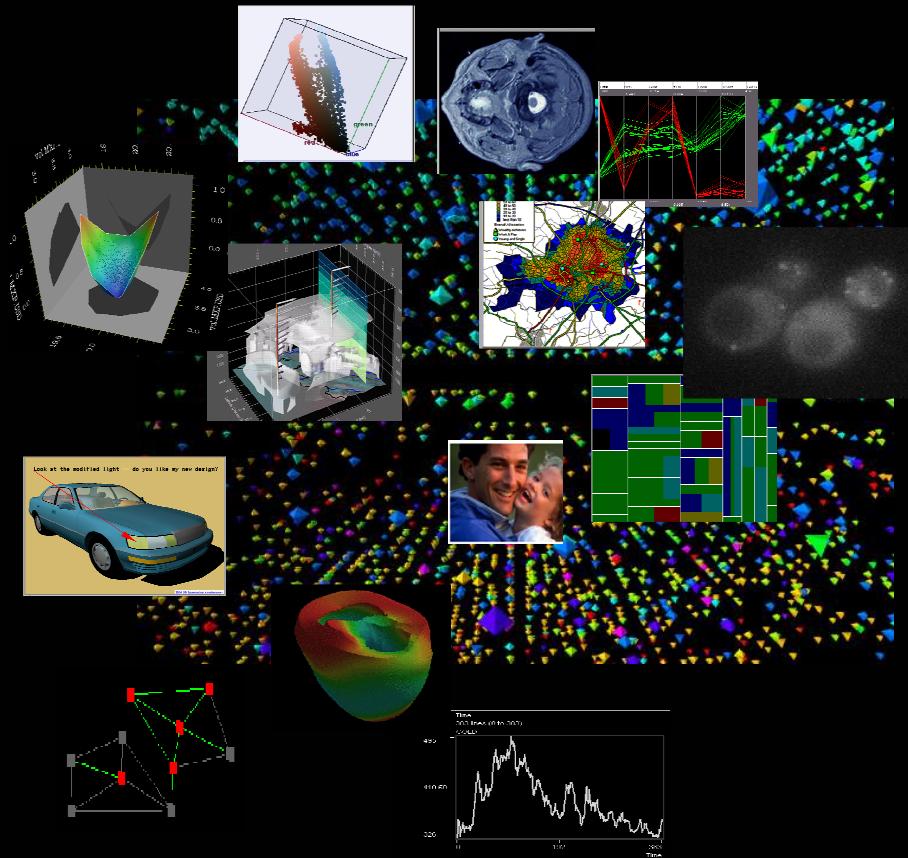
## graph

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## The New Challenge

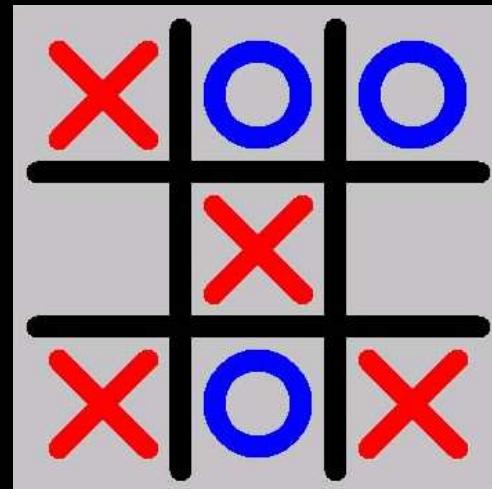
**A sea of data drives increased demand for more intuitive tools for searching, retrieving, synthesizing, and understanding data**

- For most applications, the key challenge is no longer the bandwidth, storage or processing speed
- The next challenge is in helping people gain insight from the information contained in these data



# Matching the Representation to Human Capabilities

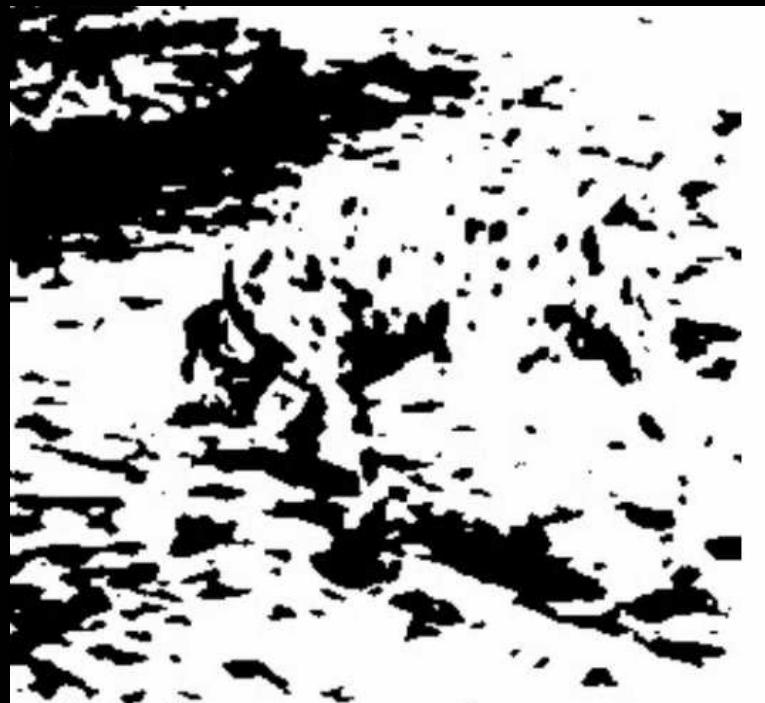
- Humans are not good at computation



For example, most people cannot complete a game of tic-tac-toe in their heads

# Human Capabilities

- Humans are excellent, however, at
  - Problem solving
  - Decision-making under uncertainty, interactively
  - Developing hypotheses
  - Seeing patterns
  - Synthesizing information
- Data need to be presented to the user in a way that serves and supports these abilities



# Key technologies for finding patterns, relationships, and meaning in data

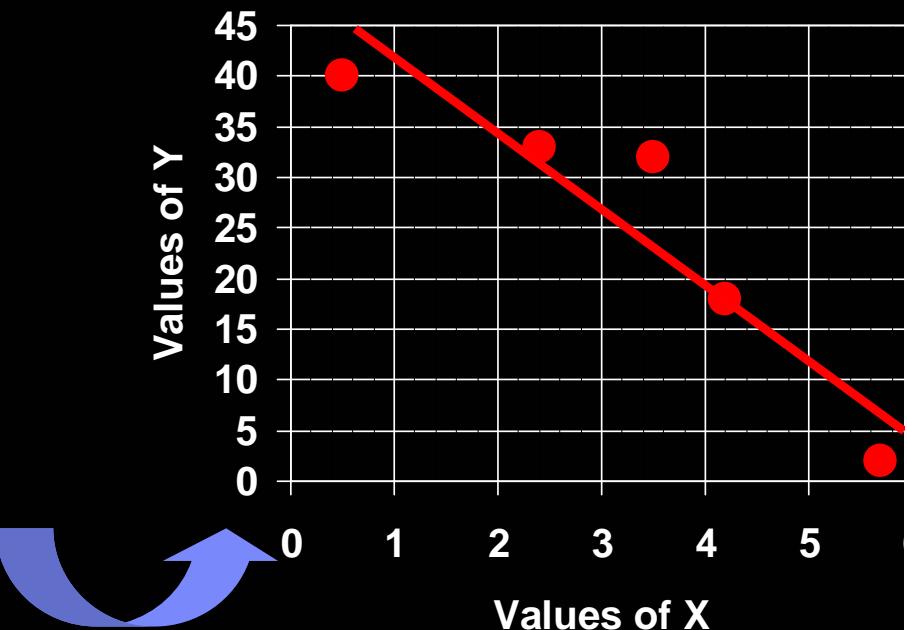
- Visualization
- Interactive analysis
- Semantics

# The Problem of Finding Meaning in Data is not New Rene Descartes (1596 – 1650)



Values of X	Values of Y
0.5	40
2.4	33
5.7	2
4.2	18
3.4	32

**Insight:**  
Represent  
Magnitude as  
a Distance



# Visualization: Mapping Data onto Visual Dimensions



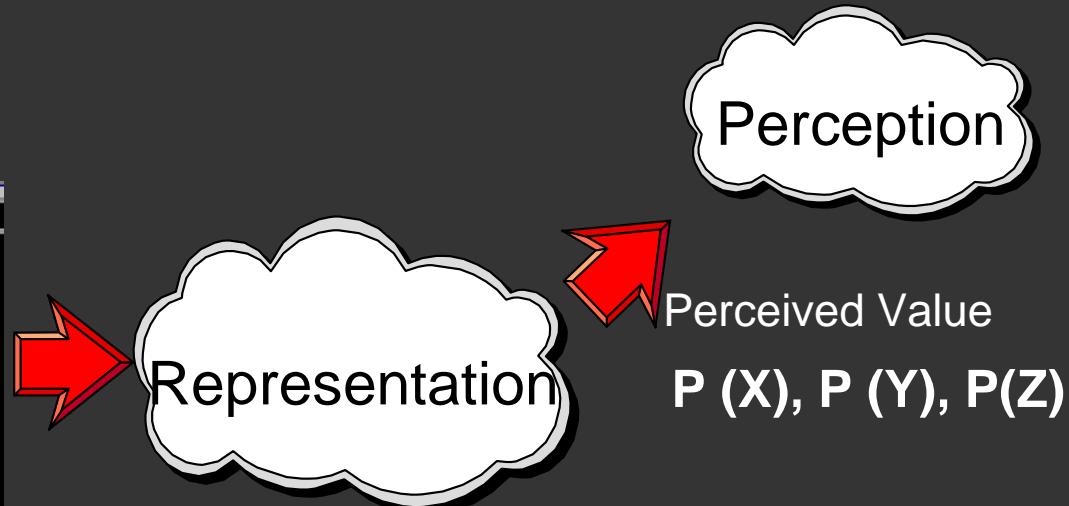
X

Y

Z

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Monte Carlo Risk Analysis Data



- Many visual dimensions
  - Lines, glyphs,
  - Color, grayscale
  - Depth, texture
  - Motion, 3D

# Four Visualizations of the Same Data

X      Y      Z

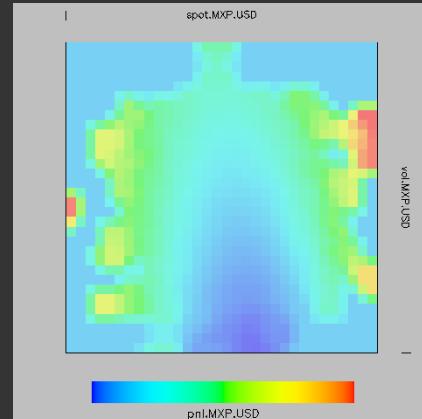
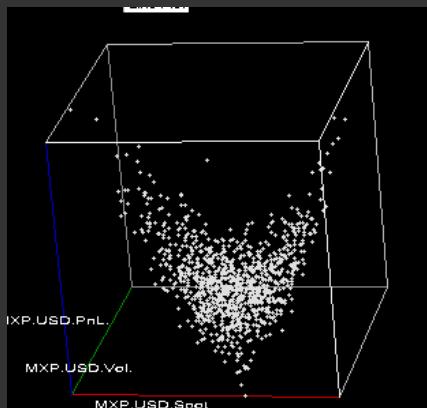
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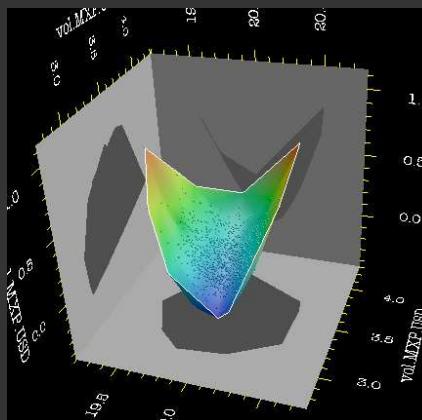
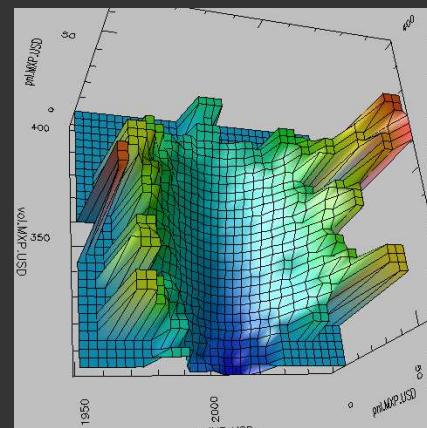


X -> x  
Y-> y  
Z -> Z

X -> x  
Y-> y  
interpolated  
Z -> hue  
and height



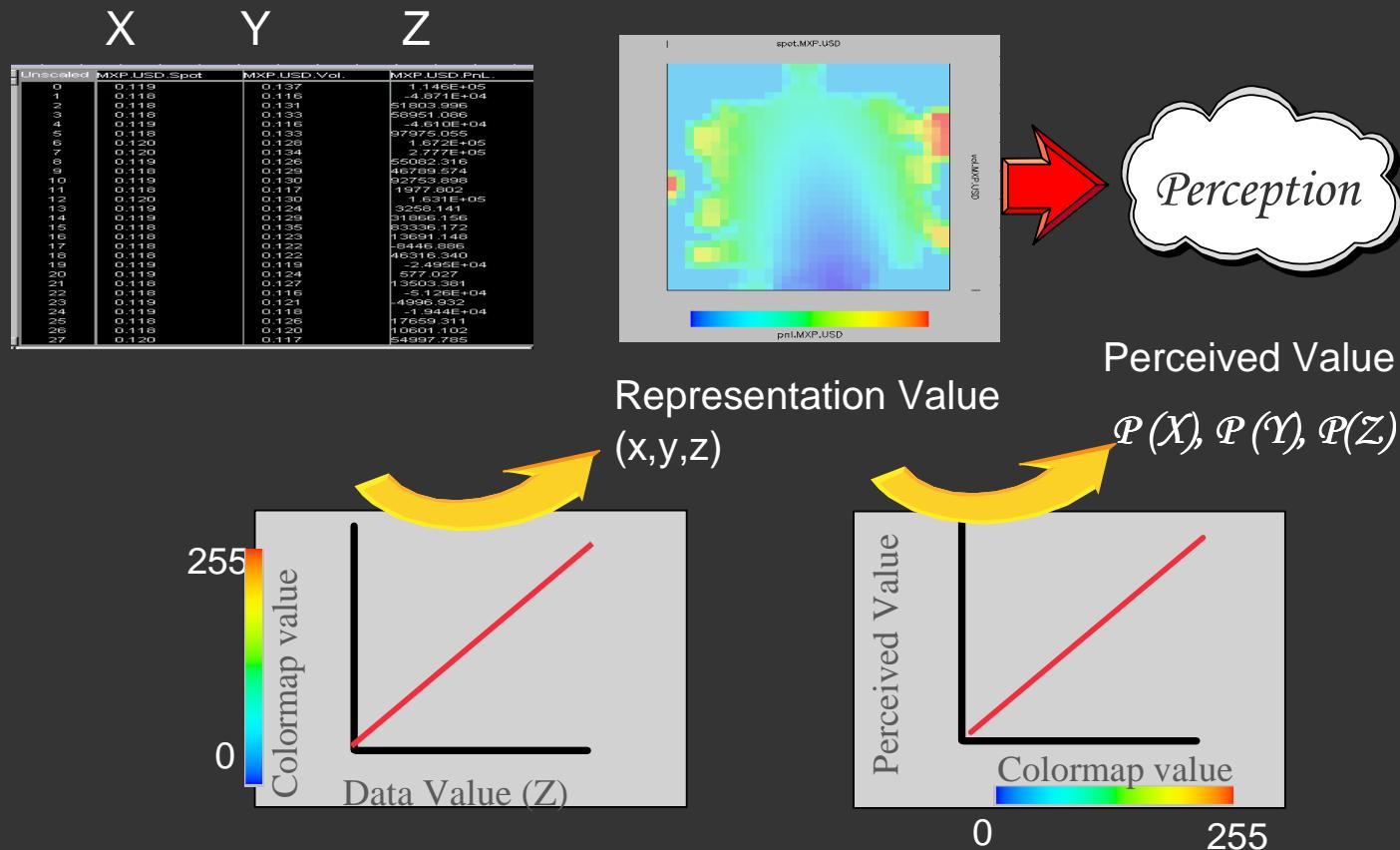
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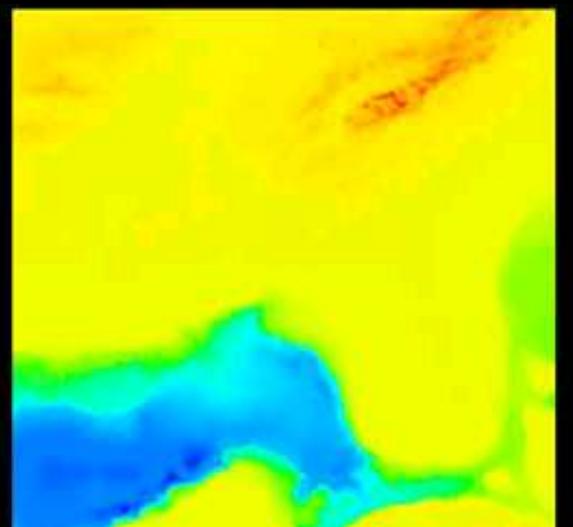
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The “right” representation depends on the data, the task and the domain.

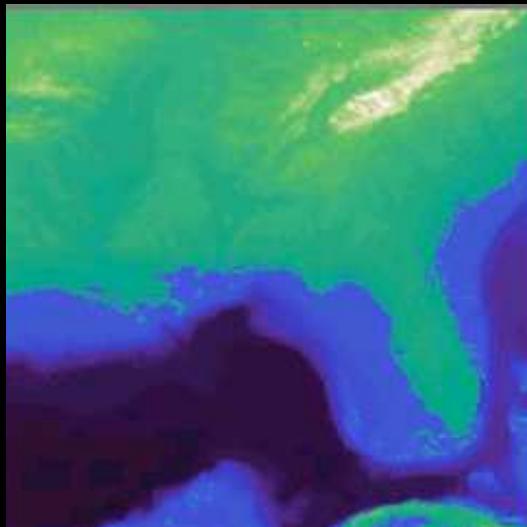
# The Representation Problem- faithfully representing the patterns and relationships in the data



# Example



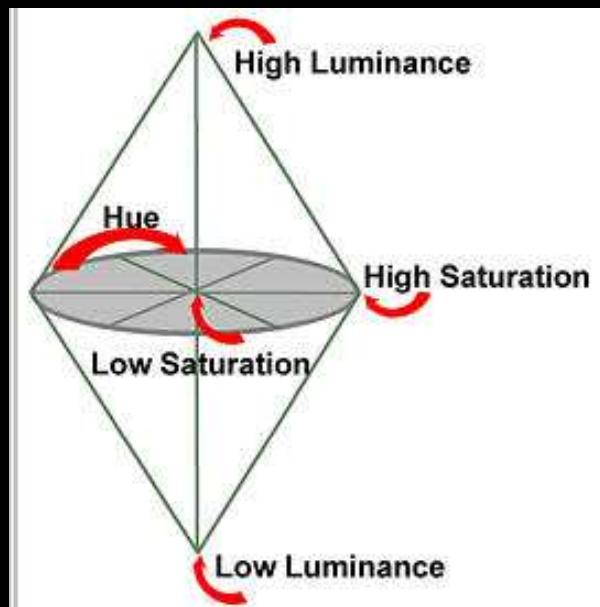
Rainbow Colormap



"Perceptual" Colormap

In the standard “Rainbow” color map, equal steps in the magnitude of the data do not look equal in the representation.

# Color Perception Experiments test the degree to which different trajectories in 3-D color space convey magnitude information



HLS "Doublecone" colorspace

Hue trajectory



Luminance trajectory



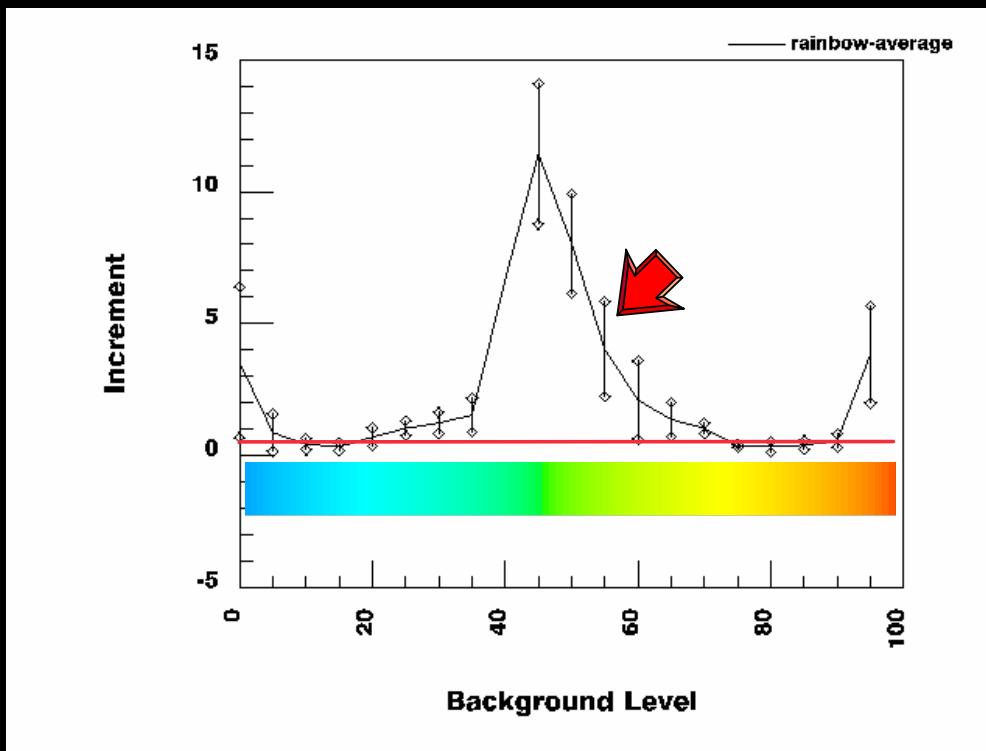
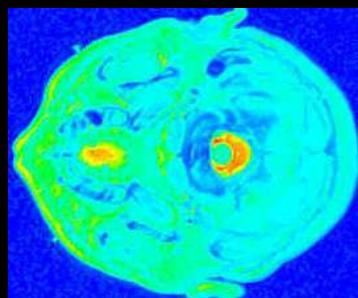
Saturation trajectory



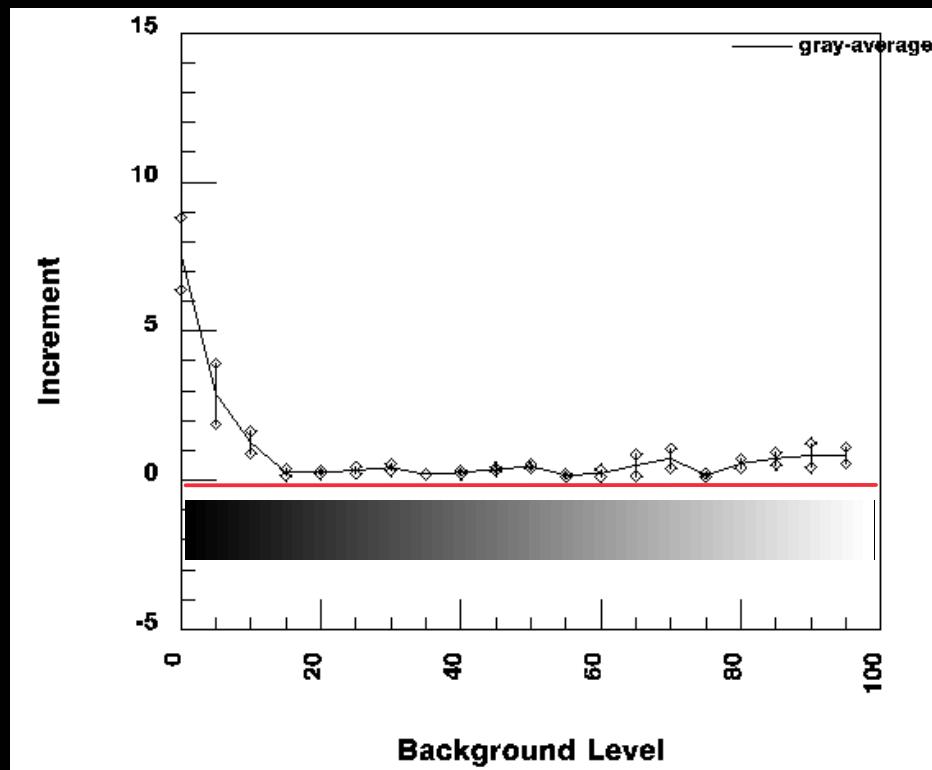
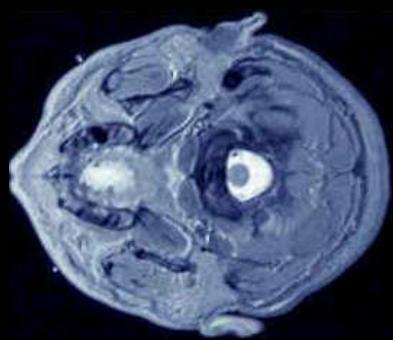
# Rainbow Color Map Result

Hue-based colormaps did not provide good magnitude scales

Over most of the range,  
equal steps in data  
value did not  
produce  
equal steps in  
perceived  
magnitude



# Recommendation: Monotonic Luminance Component for Representing Magnitude



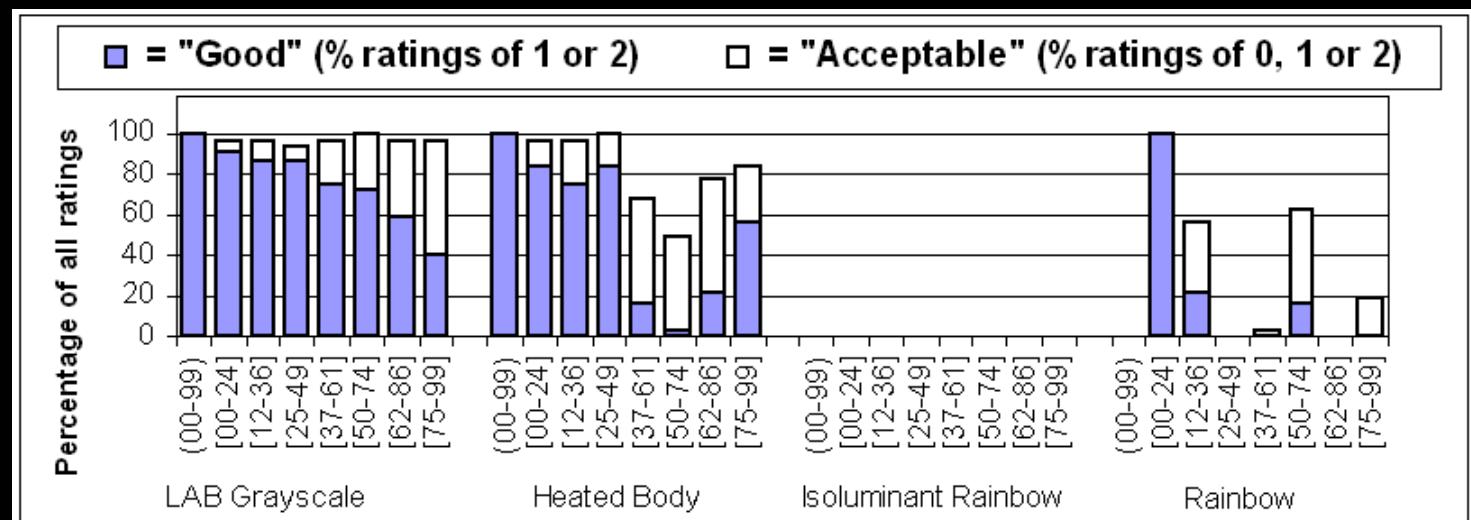
# The Which Blair Project: a calibration-free method for identifying colormaps with a monotonic luminance component

Map color maps onto a photographic image of a human face.



Rogowitz and Kalvin, IEEE Visualization, 2001

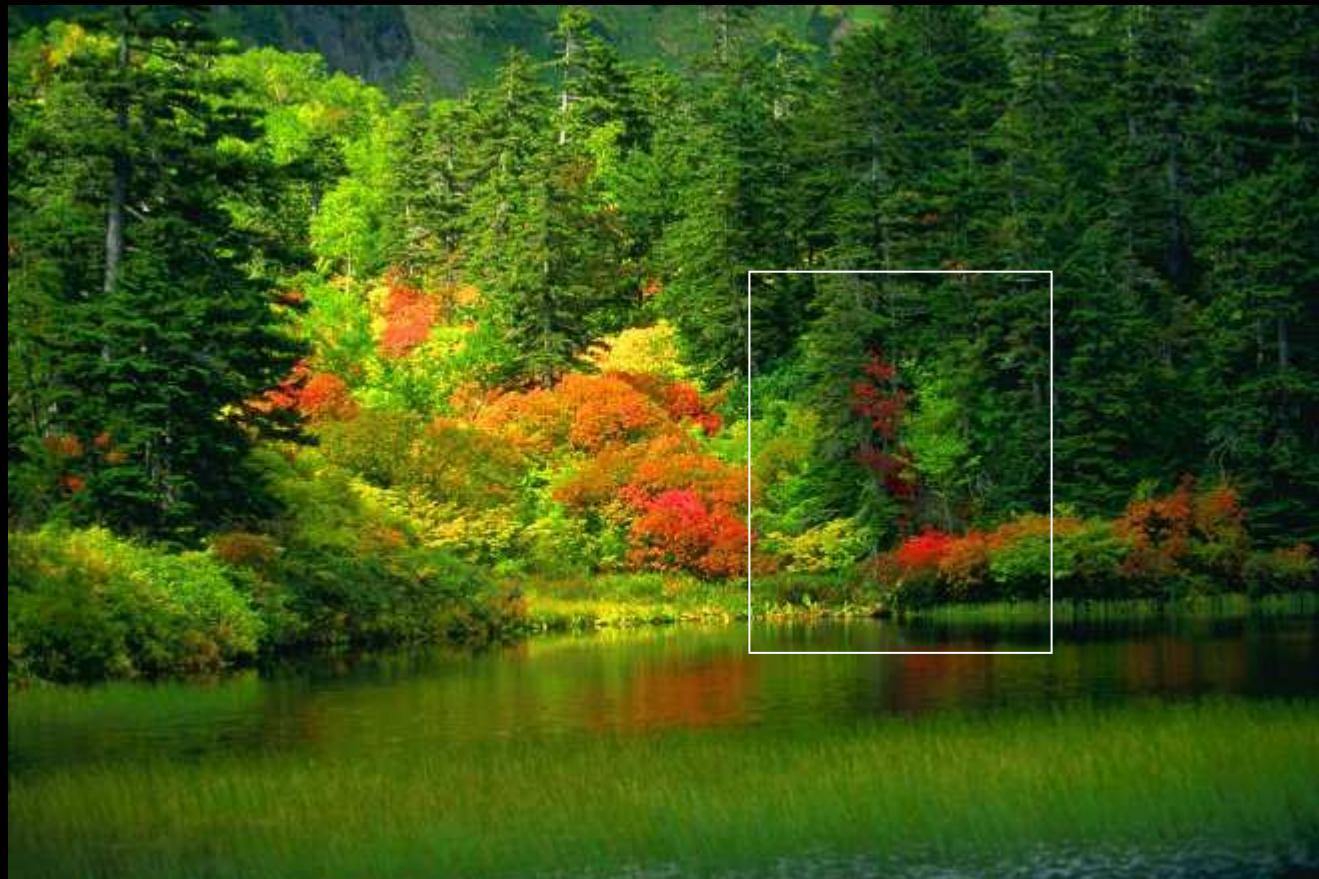
# Perceptual Data



# Using Color to draw attention and mark semantic regions



# Using Color to highlight semantics

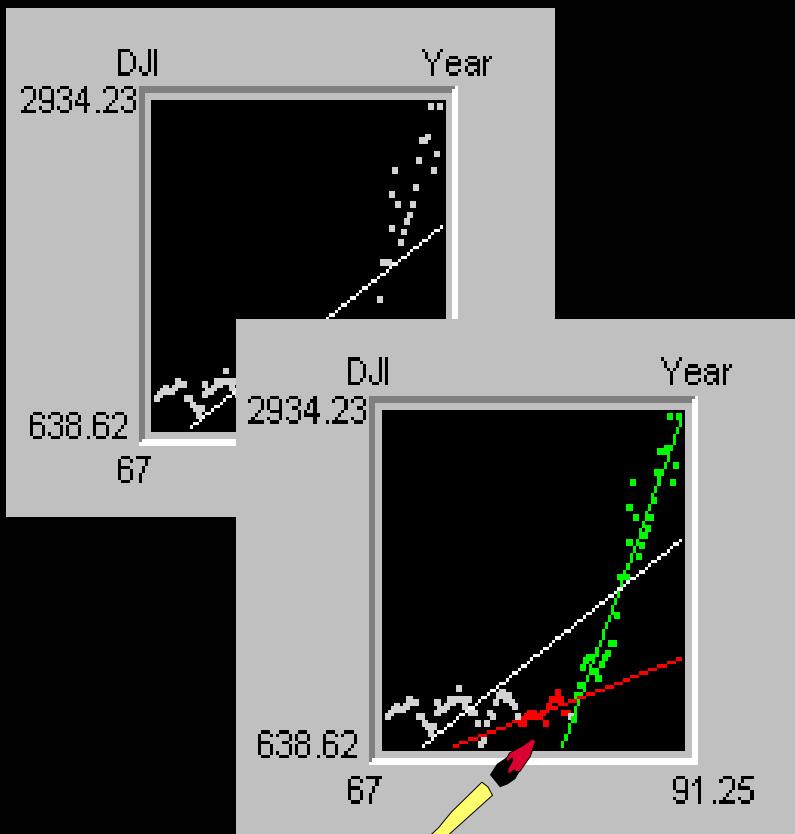


... a closer look



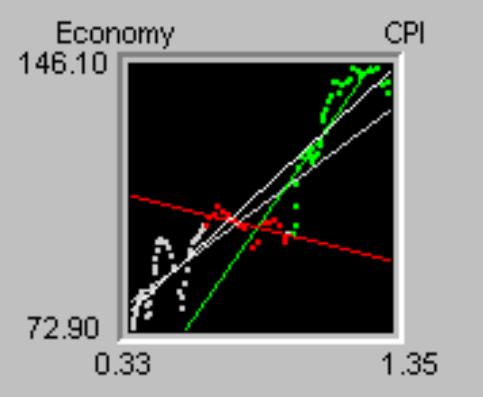
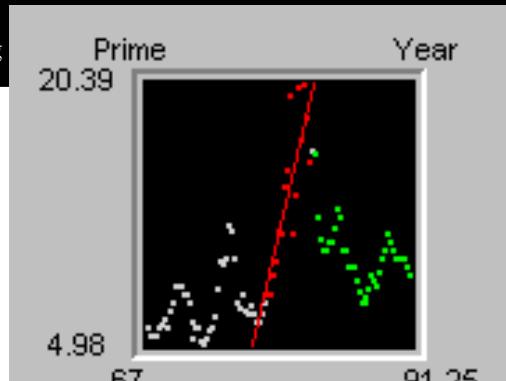
# Interactive Visual Exploration

## Using Color “Brushing” to help reveal linkages



helps users explore features in  
high-dimensional data

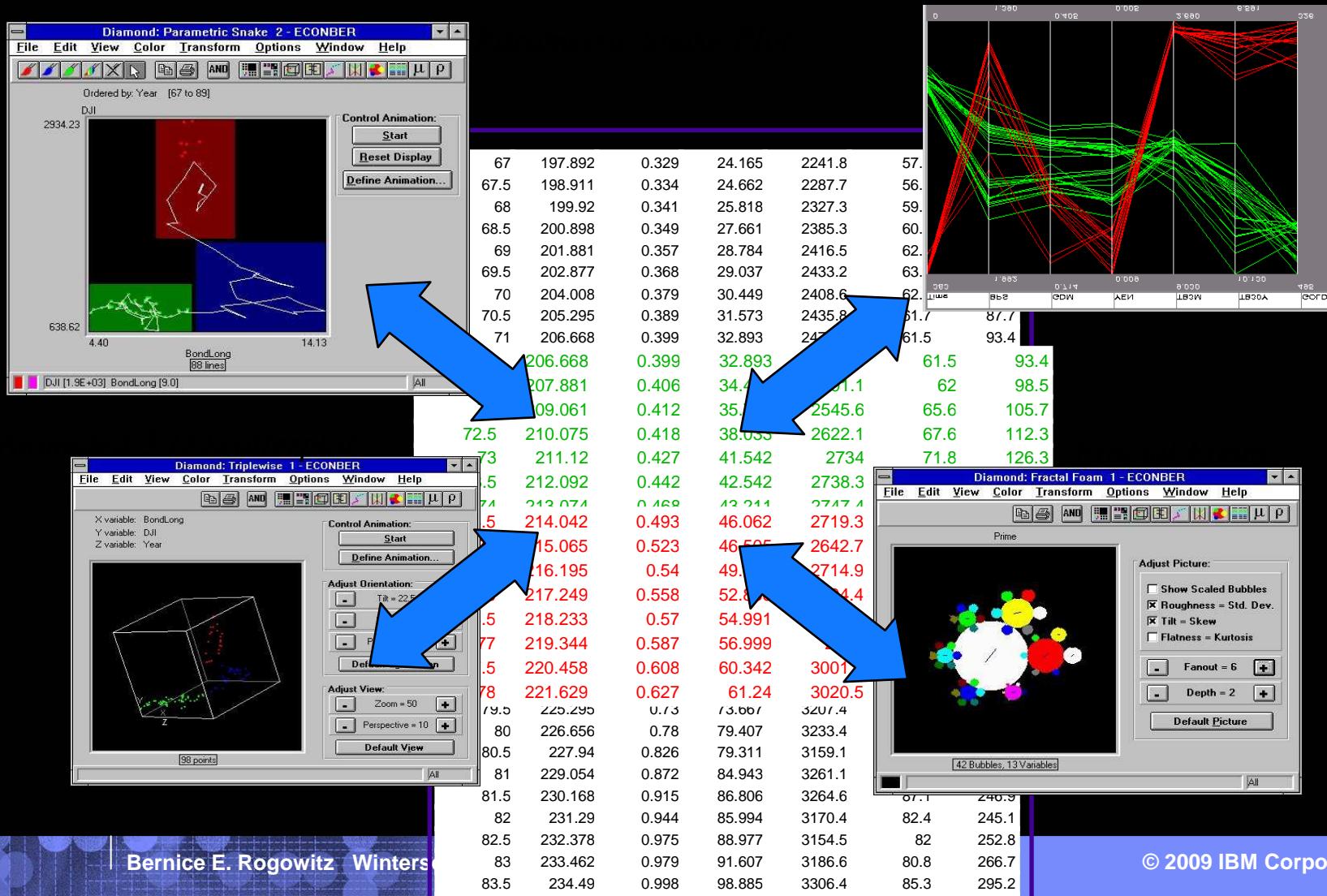
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75.5	216.195	0.54	49.618	2714.9
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77	219.344	0.587	56.999	2822.0
77.5	220.458	0.608	60.342	300.0
78	221.629	0.627	61.24	302.0
78.5	222.805	0.655	67.136	314
79	224.053	0.685	71.174	318
79.5	225.295	0.73	73.667	320
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84.5	236.548	1.041	106.781	352
85	237.608	1.057	110.393	357
85.5	238.68	1.077	114.419	363.0
86	239.794	1.099	118.477	3721.1
86.5	240.862	1.095	119.593	3712.4
87	241.943	1.115	119.247	3781.2
87.5	243.03	1.139	129.921	3858.9
			100.8	441.3



Diamond

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# Dynamic linking (“brushing” between different data representations)



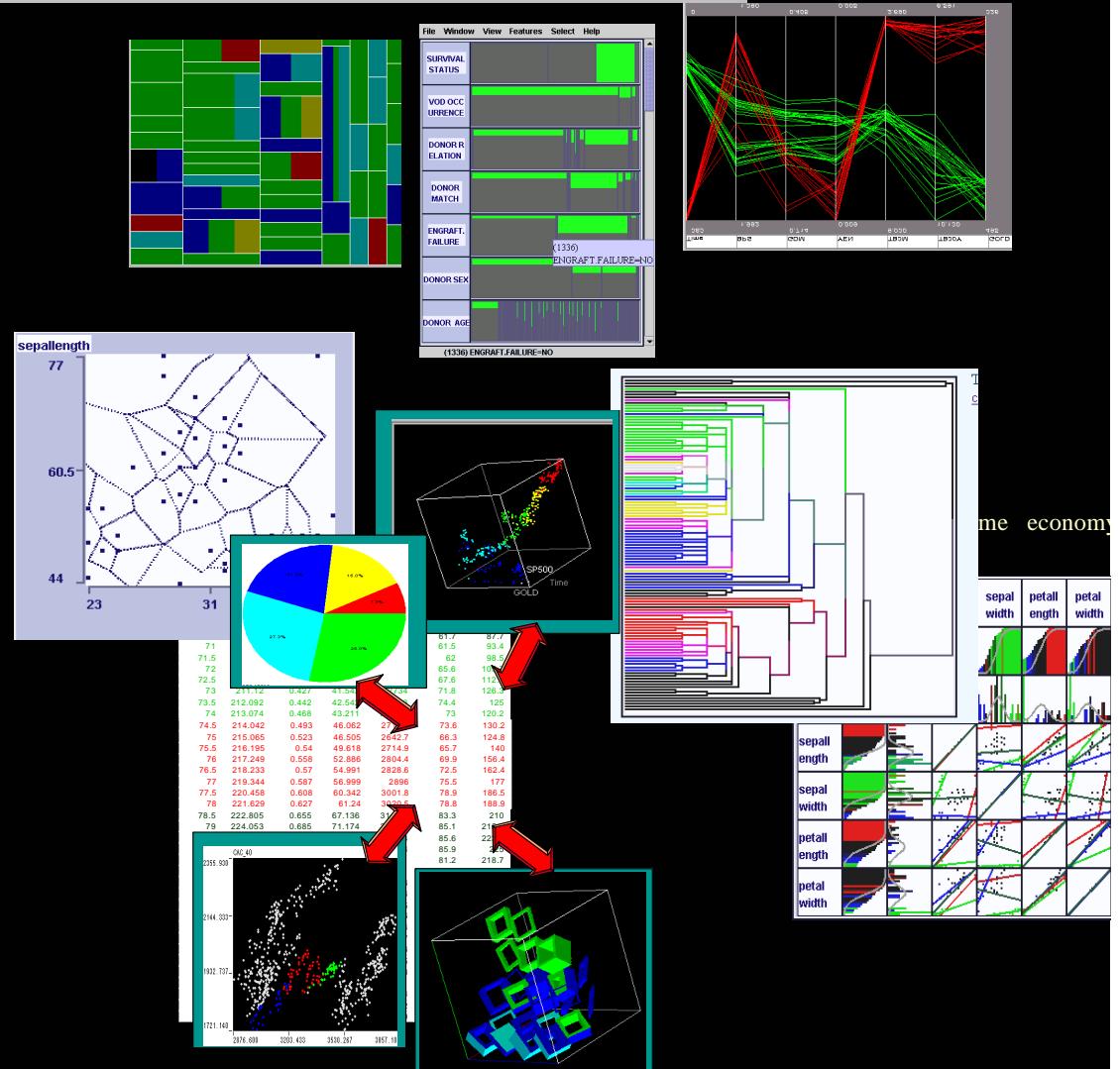
# ViVA (Visualization and Visual Analysis) Workbench)

<http://www.alphaworks.ibm.com/tech/viva>

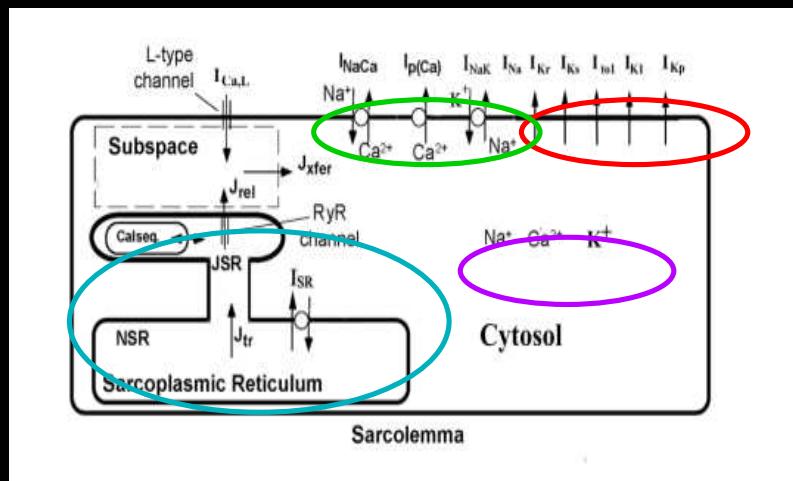
- JAVA/ Client server visualization and analysis engine and analysts' workbench

- Interactive analysis supports over a million rows of data

- 20 interactive visualizations
- Over 250 math functions and data handling operations



# Model of a Single Heart Cell



## Model Parameters:

- voltage-gated membrane currents
- voltage and/or concentration dependent membrane transporters
- mechanisms for sequestration and release of calcium within the cell
- time-varying intracellular concentrations of sodium, calcium, and potassium.

## Heartbeat 101:

1. Calcium stimulates muscle contraction
2. Potassium currents restore the membrane potential to its resting value

# Example: Finite Element Heart Excitation Model

- 3D computational model for investigating heart disease.
- 150,000 nodes.
- Multiple simulation parameters at each node, 60 time steps.

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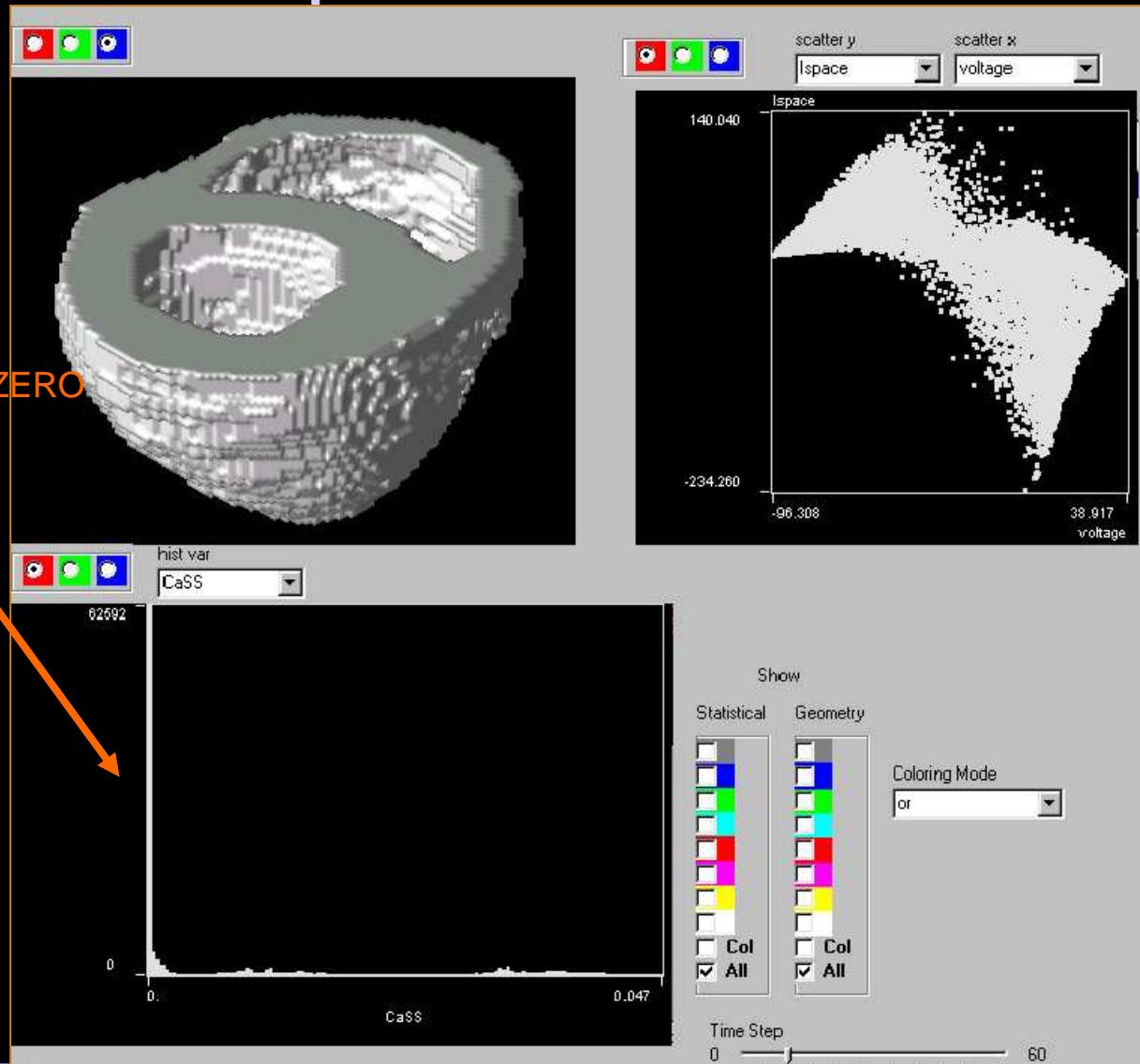
Gresh, Rogowitz, Winslow, et al, 2000

Winslow, et al, 2000

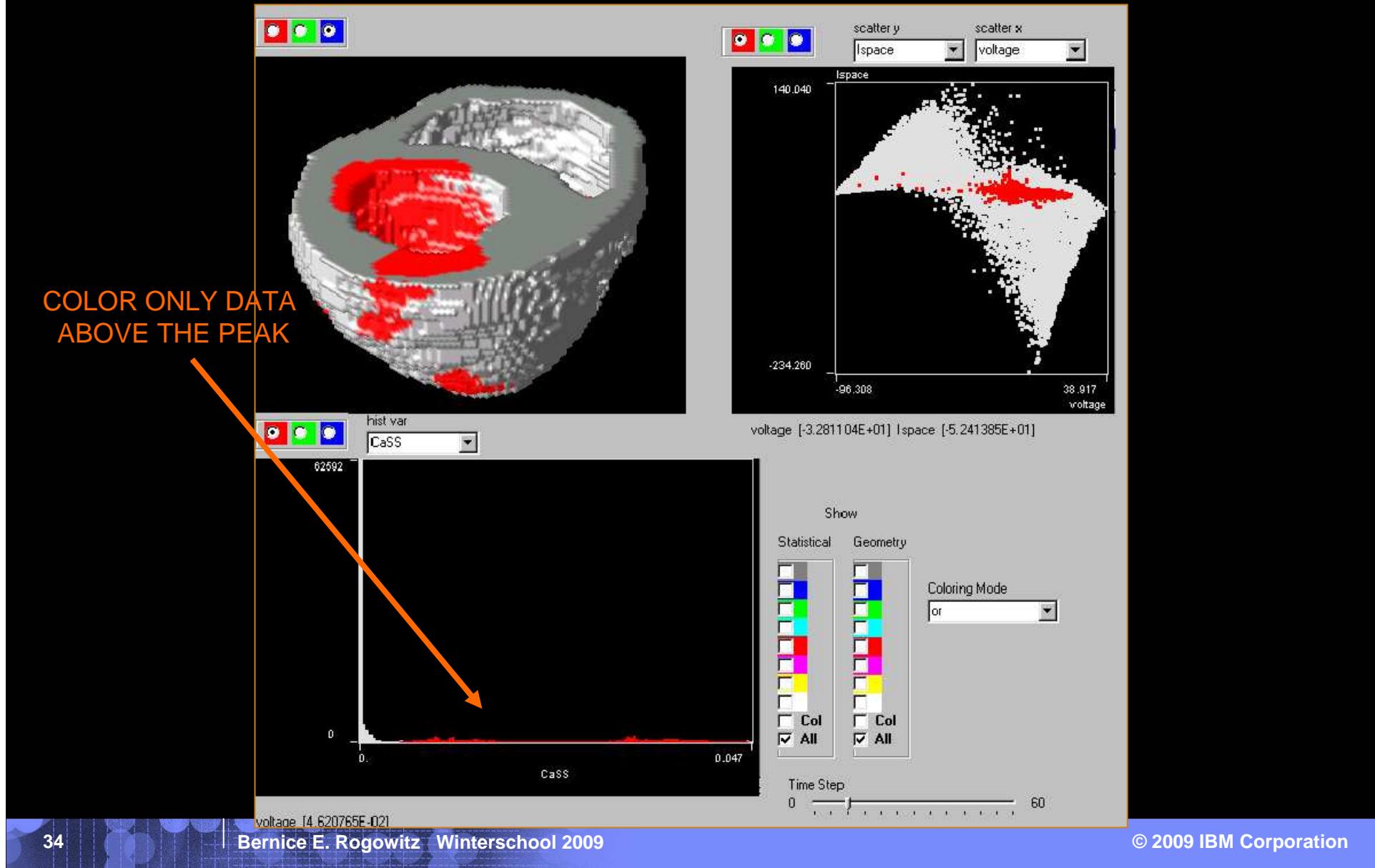
Collaboration with Johns Hopkins University

# Interactive Data Exploration, linking numerical parameters and 3-D geometric representation

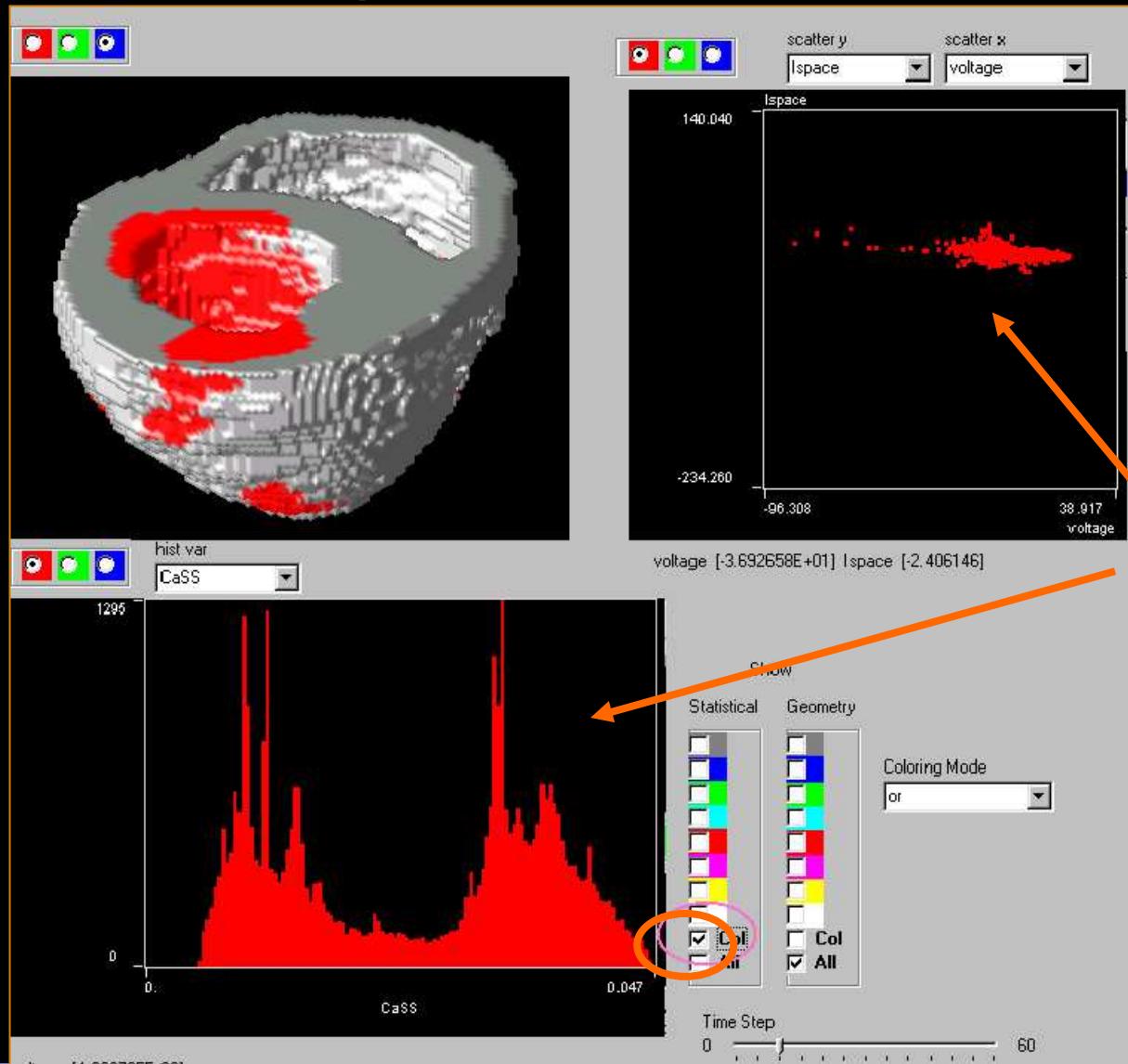
LARGE PEAK AT ZERO



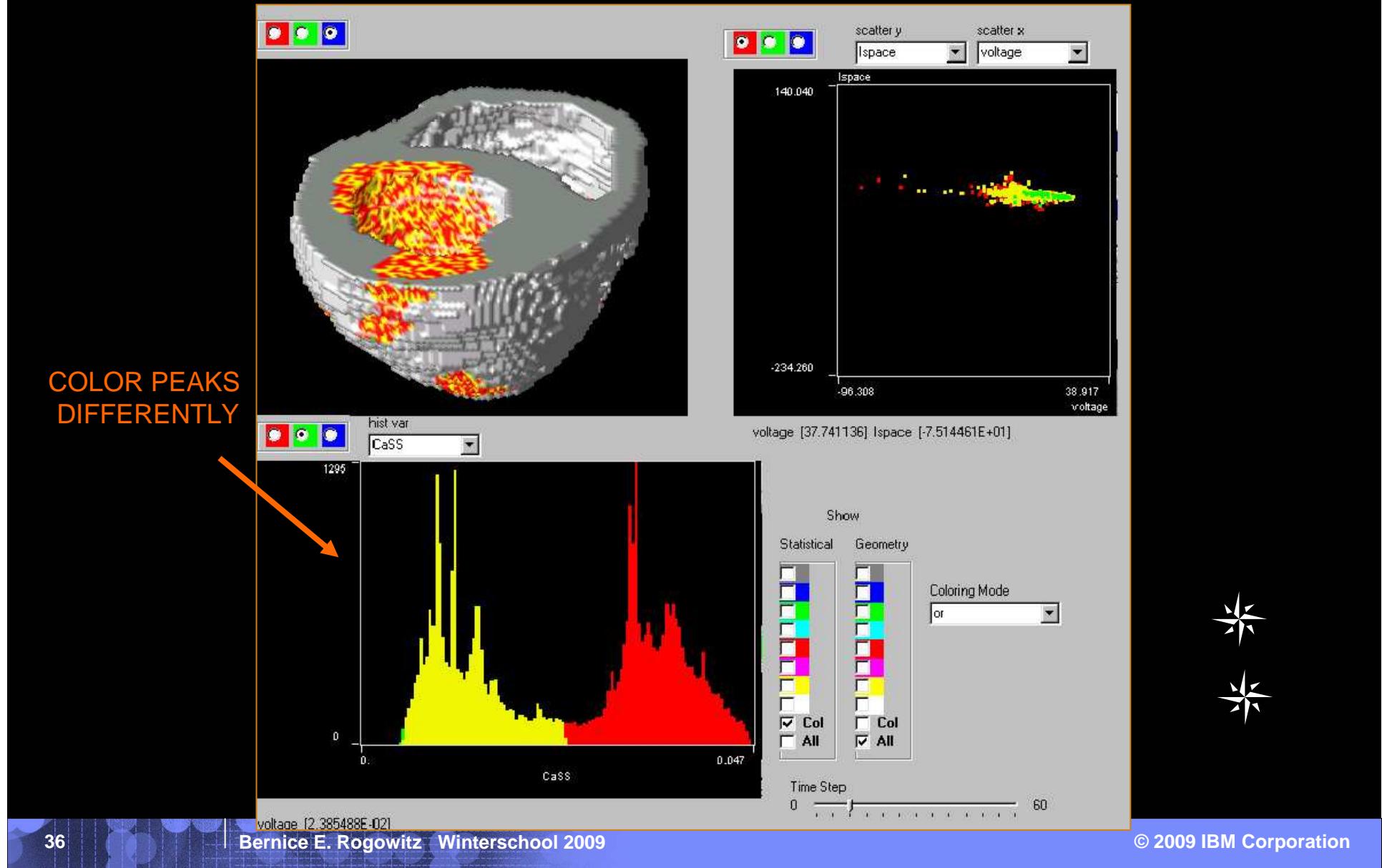
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# Image Semantics

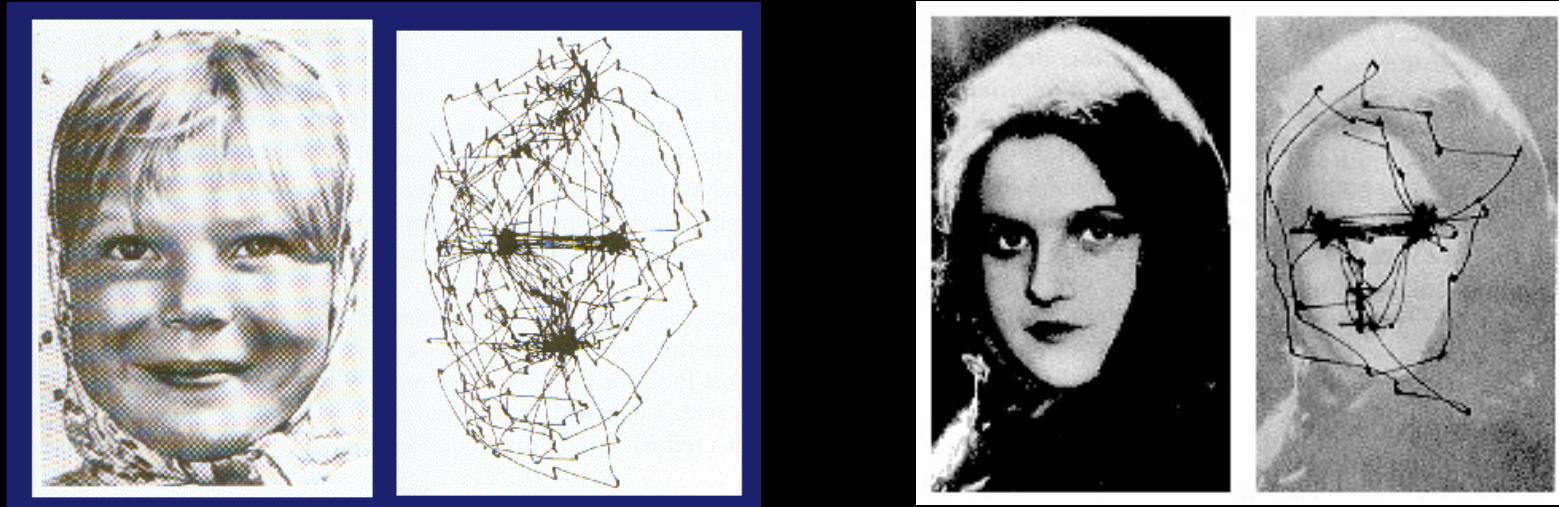
How do we capture the semantic meaning of an image?



- **Standard method**
  - Extract large numbers of measurable features
  - Create a vector of features for each image
  - Use learning methods to identify those features that correlate with a semantic meaning (e.g., restaurant; grandma playing piano)
- **Perceptual method**
  - First, identify how humans judge images
  - Use human judgments to define the salient features
  - Perceptually-relevant metadata

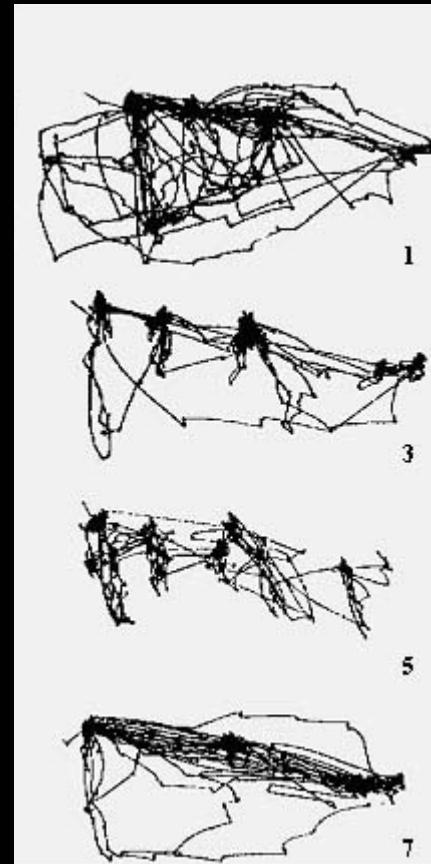
# Yarbus

**Eye-movements reveal what we look at; what we pay attention to...**



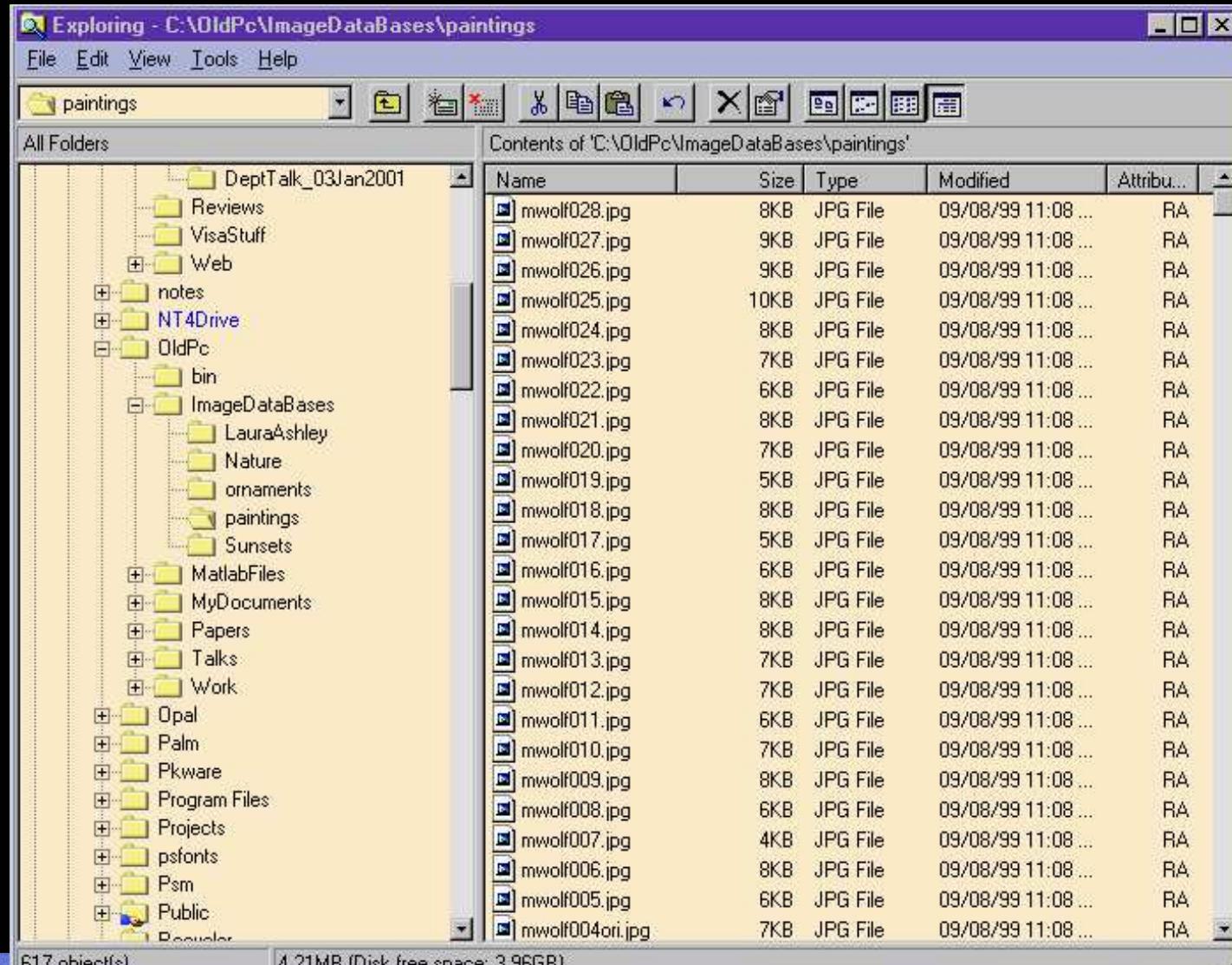
Perception is not based on a complete description of reality. We sample the information we need.

# Eye-movements depend on the task

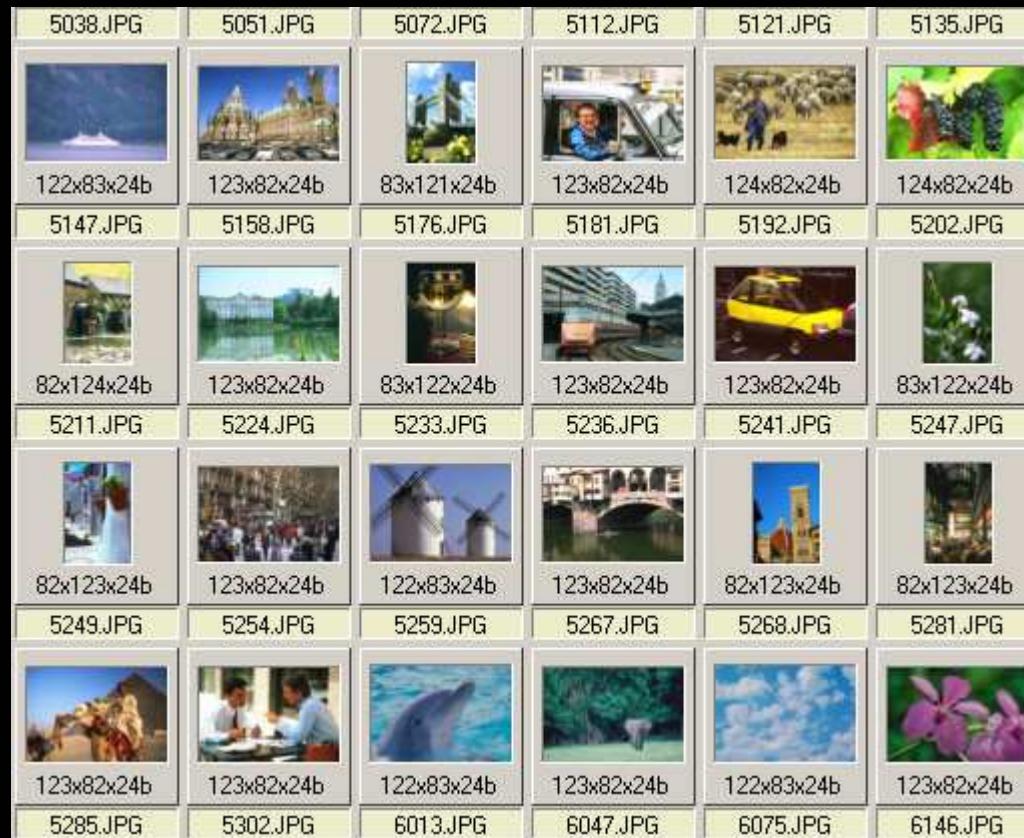


... there is no universal  
set of metadata

# Image Navigation... this is my image directory



# Standard Image Viewer



**Goal: to categorize images semantically**

# Image Retrieval

## Query



Typical features include:

- color,
- texture features,
- shape descriptors,
- edge distribution and
- their combinations.



# Our Approach

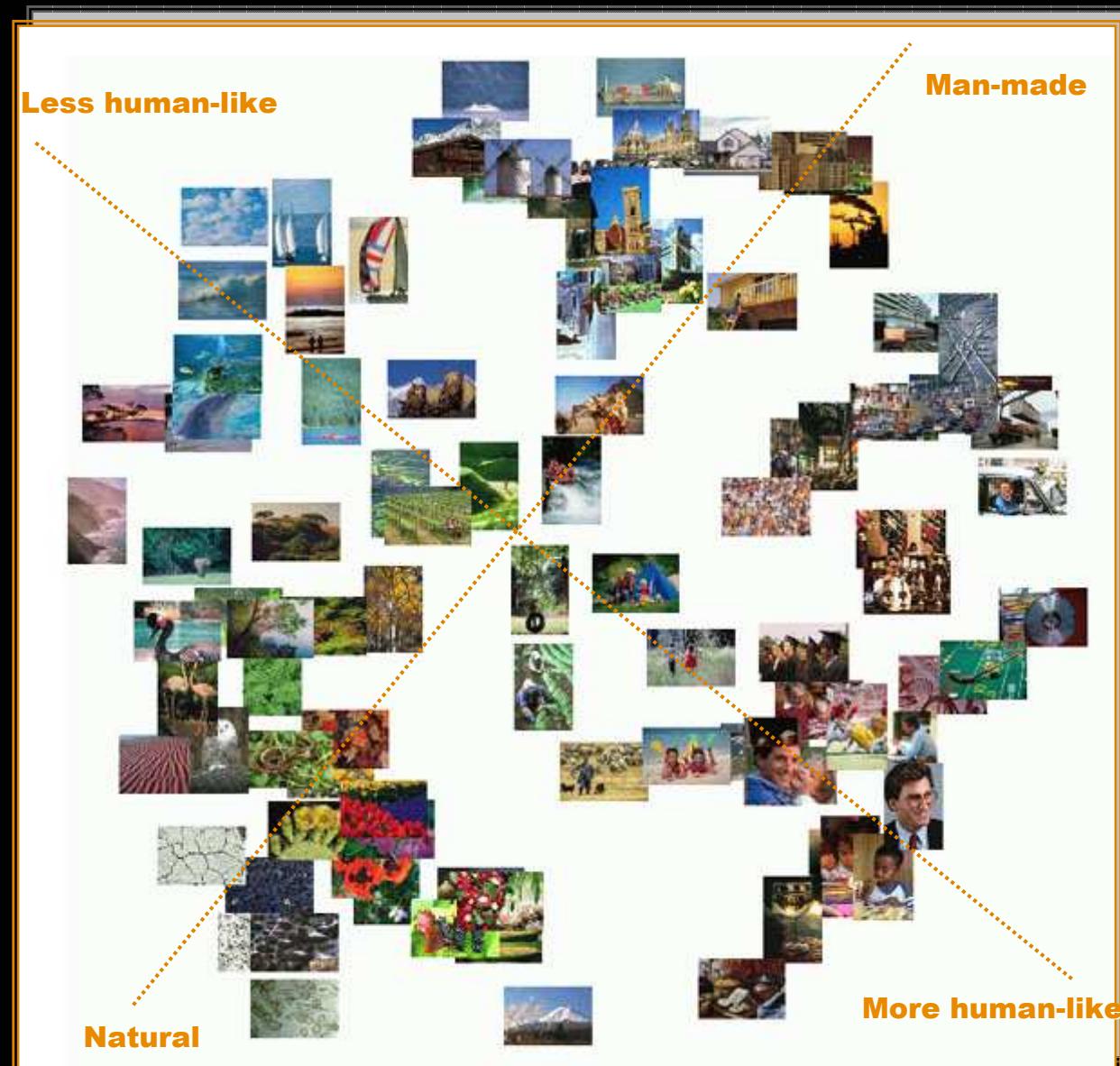
- **Conduct Perceptual Experiments to understand how human observers perceive images**
- **Use perceptual dimensions to construct a library of perceptual features (metadata)**
- **Develop algorithms that use these PERCEPTUAL features for image search, retrieval, and navigation**
- **Build a search tool**



# Step 1: image similarity experiments

Each image compared with all other images to create a  
100 x 100 similarity matrix



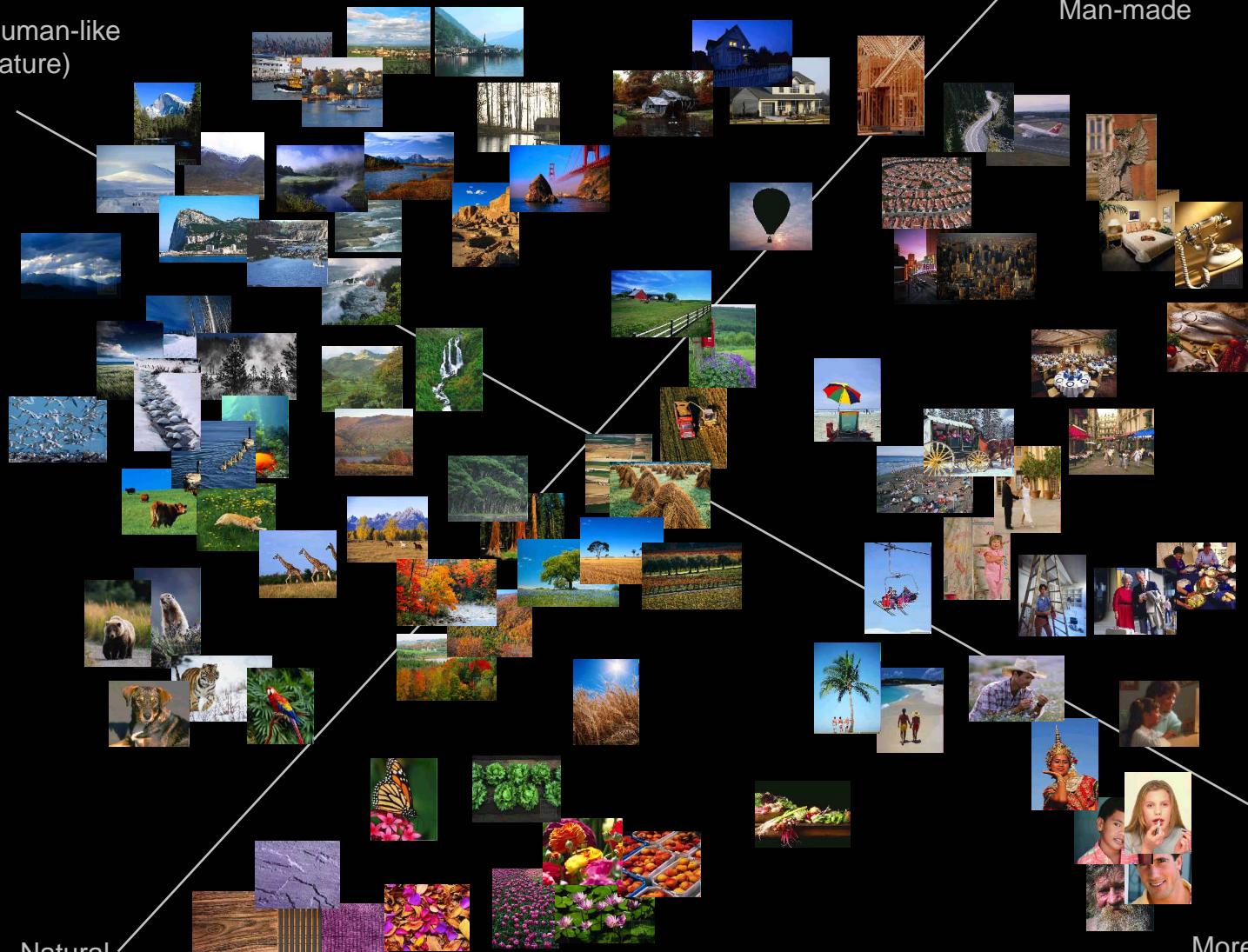


Rogowitz and Frese, 2000

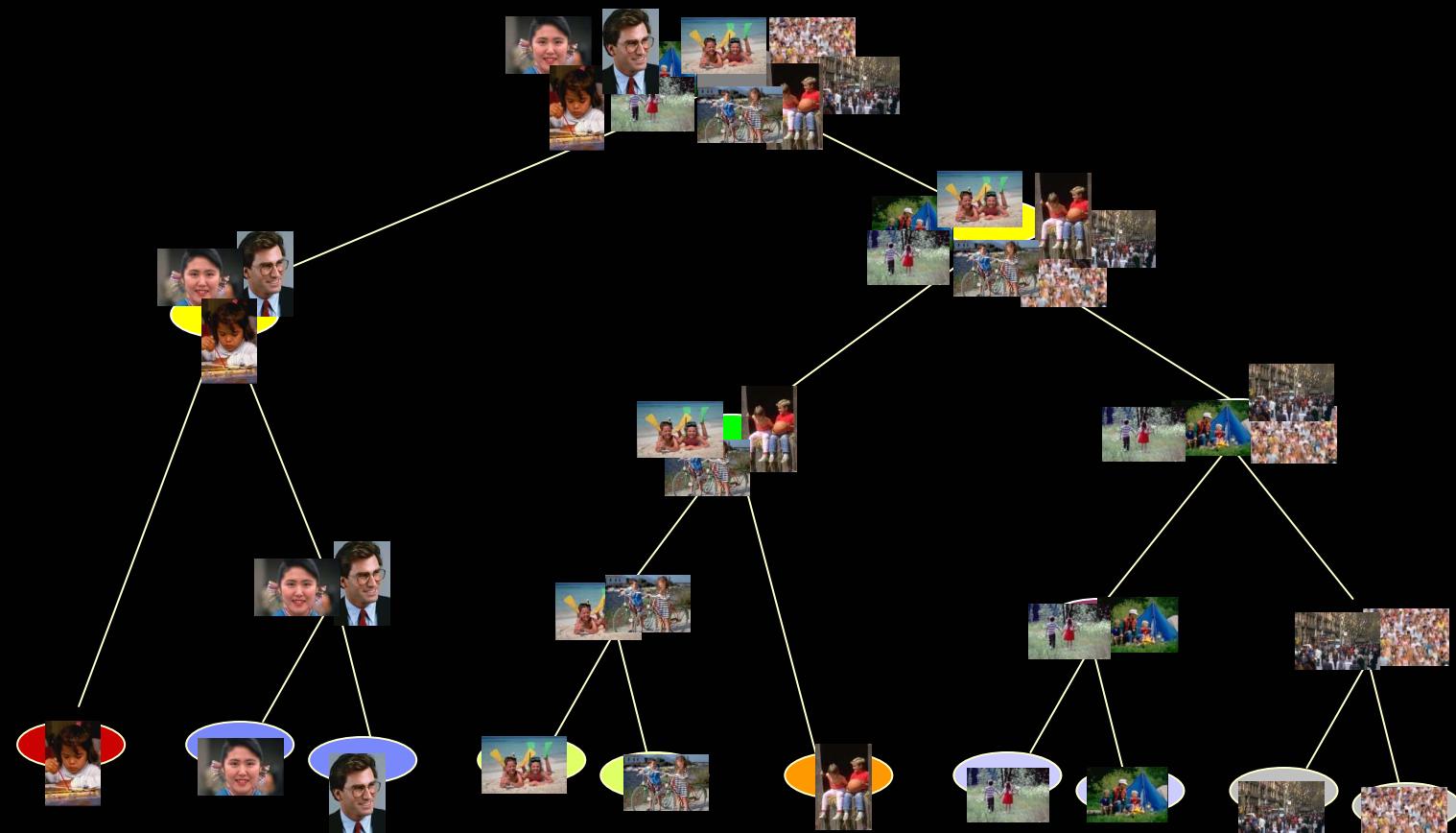
## Repeated the MDS with new method and new images

Less human-like  
(Nature)

Man-made



# Hierarchical Cluster Analysis to Identify Perceptual Clusters



Mojsilovic and Rogowitz, 2001



20 categories

# Experiment to Reveal Category Semantics

C18



Category name:

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Description and main characteristics of the category:

# Resulting Category Names

## PORTRAITS



## PEOPLE – “INDOORS”



## PEOPLE – “OUTDOORS”

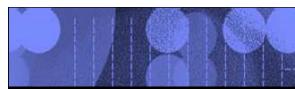


## CROWDED SCENES WITH PEOPLE



## OUTDOOR SCENES WITH PEOPLE





### OUTDOOR ARCHITECTURE



### OBJECTS - INDOORS



### TECHNOSCENES



### INDOOR SCENES WITH OBJECTS



### CITYSCAPES



### OBJECTS - OUTDOORS





### WATERSCAPES WITH HUMAN INFLUENCE



### LANDSCAPES WITH HUMAN INFLUENCE



### WATERSCAPES



### LANDSCAPES WITH MOUNTAINS



### WINTER/SNOW



### GREEN LANDSCAPES

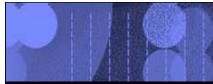


### LANDSCAPES WITH FIELDS AND FOLIAGE



### SKY/CLOUDS





## PLANTS, FRUITS & VEGETABLES



## TEXTURES, PATTERNS AND CLOSE-UPS



## ANIMALS

# Semantics and Pictorial Features

- We used the written descriptions gathered to generate a list of verbal descriptors for each category
- We have then translated these features into calculable image-processing descriptors.

C18

Category name: Objects outdoors

Description and main characteristics of the category:

central objects  
strong colors  
bright images  
regular shapes  
sky

*“image consisting primarily of a human face, with little or no background scene”*



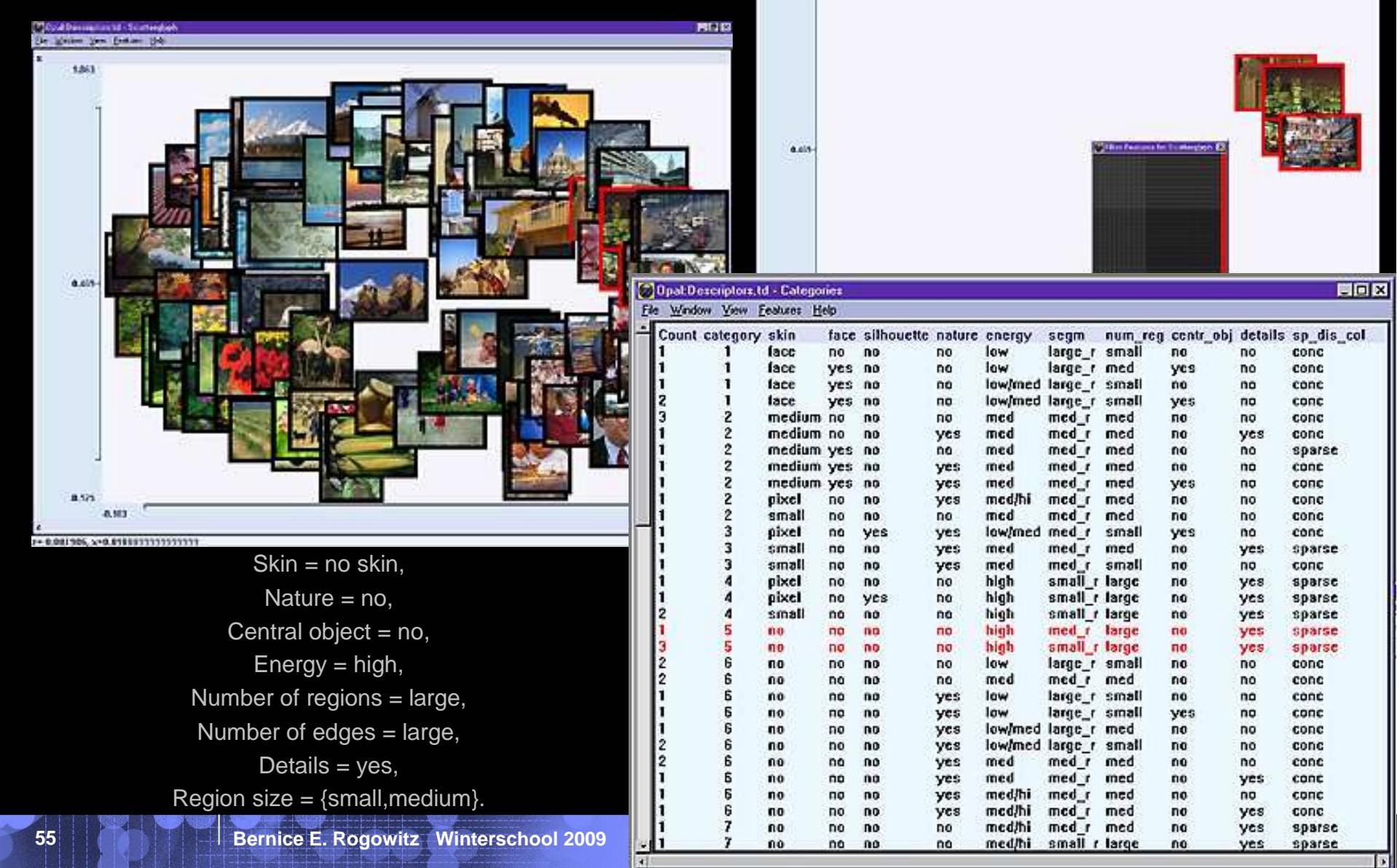
*“dominant, large skin colored region “*

*“busy scene”*

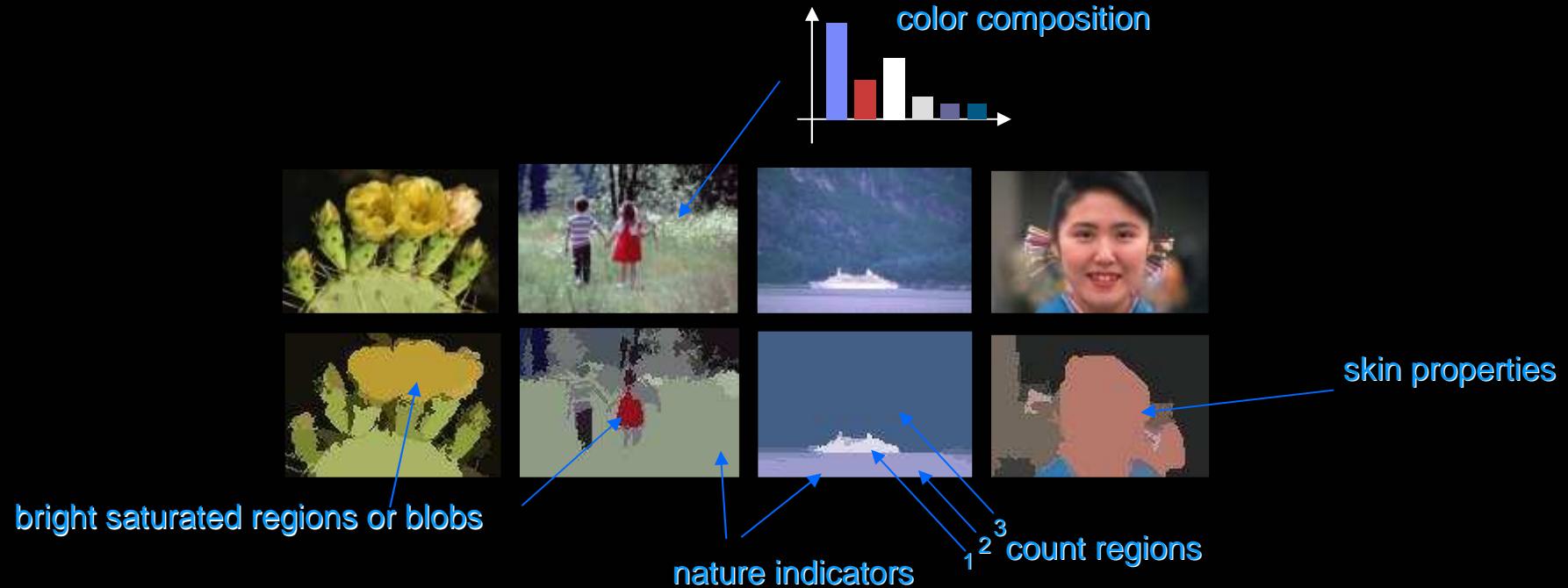


*“high spatial frequencies, large number of small regions”*

## VIVA Visualization.. Identifying a combination of features that define a category



# Next Step: Implement the Features



- Testing the model on the new images
- “Stretching” the model

# Perceptual Similarity Metric



**FEATURE VECTOR FOR CATEGORY  $C_i$**

$$f(c_i) = [R_{c_i1}, K, R_{c_iN_i}, F_{c_i1}, K, F_{c_iM_i}]$$

$N_i$  REQUIRED FEATURES       $M_i$  FREQUENTLY OCCURRING FEATURES  
 $R_{1,K}, R_{N_i}$                    $F_{1,K}, F_{M_i}$

**FEATURE VECTOR FOR IMAGE  $x$  WHEN COMPARED TO CATEGORY  $C_i$**

$$f(x) = [R_{x1}, K, R_{xN_i}, F_{x1i}, K, F_{xM_i}]$$

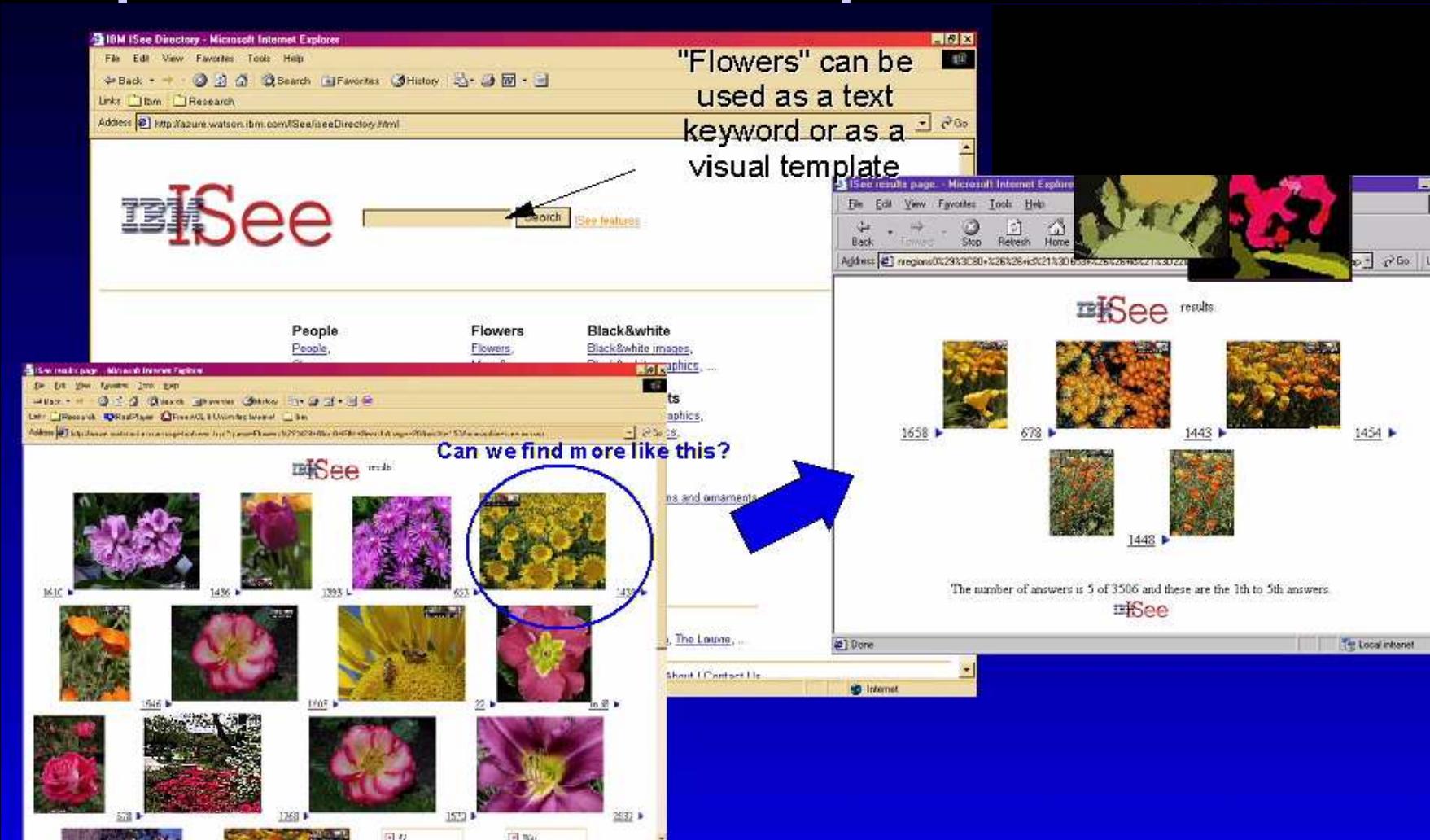
**SIMILARITY BETWEEN  $x$  AND  $C_i$  IS MEASURED AS:**

$$sim(x, c_i) = \prod_{j=1}^{N_i} \tau(R_{xj}, R_{c_{ij}}) \cdot \frac{1}{M_i} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} \tau(F_{xj}, F_{c_{ij}})$$

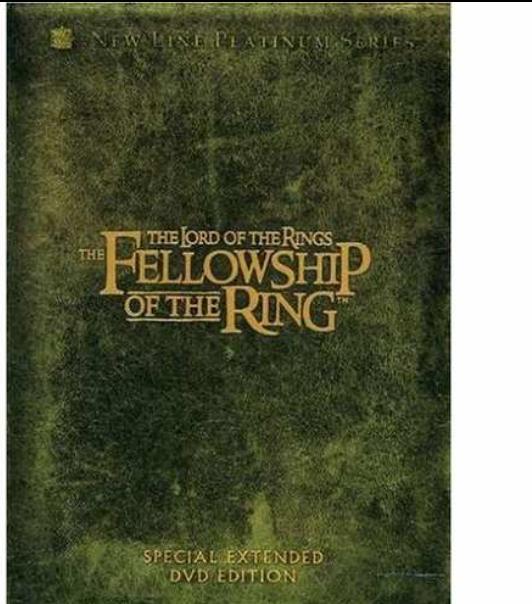
$$\tau(a, B) = \begin{cases} 0, & (\forall i) a \neq b_i, \quad B = \{b_i\} \\ 1, & (\exists i) a = b_i \end{cases}$$



# Implementation: ISee Perceptual Browser



# Another approach to Semantics: Using the Community of users to find information hidden deep in media



## Tags Customers Associate with This Product (What's this?)

Click on a tag to find related items, discussions, and people.

Check the boxes next to the tags you consider relevant or enter your own tags in the field below.

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">fantasy</a> (46)           | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">adventure</a> (17)     | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">box set</a> (4)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">lord of the rings</a> (42) | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">dvd</a> (15)           | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">peter jackson</a> (3)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">tolkien</a> (30)           | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">orlando bloom</a> (13) | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">viggo mortensen</a> (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">fantasy movies</a> (24)    | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">movie</a> (10)         | <a href="#">See all 60 tags...</a>                           |

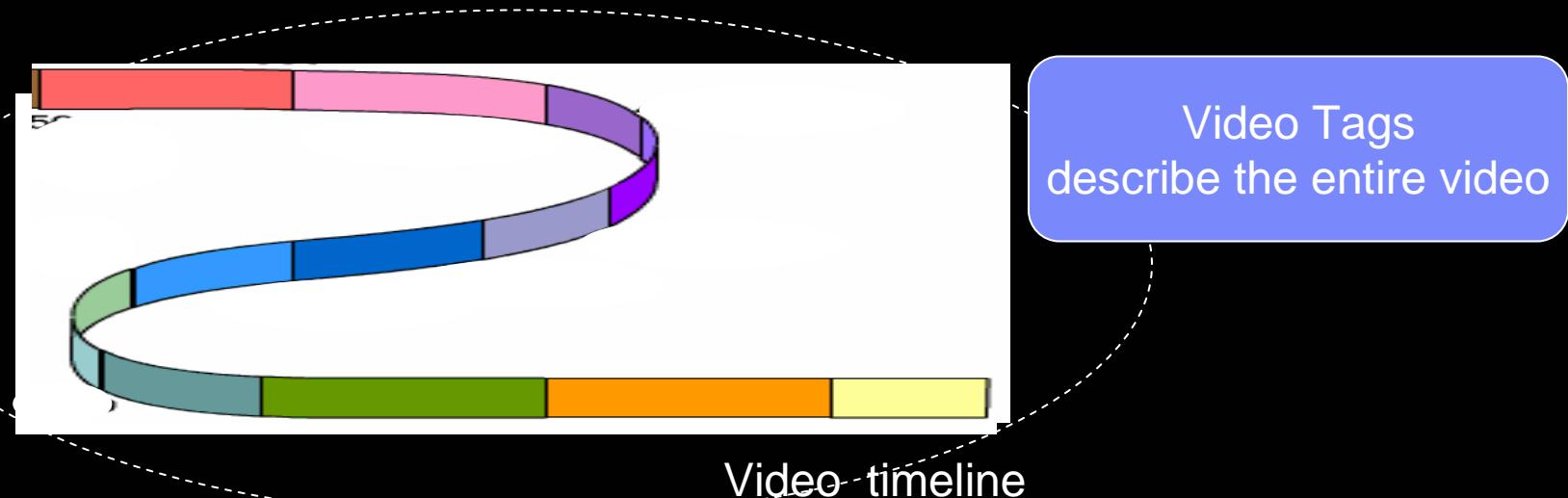
Your tags:  [Add](#)

(Press the 'T' key twice to quickly access the "[Tag this product](#)" window.)

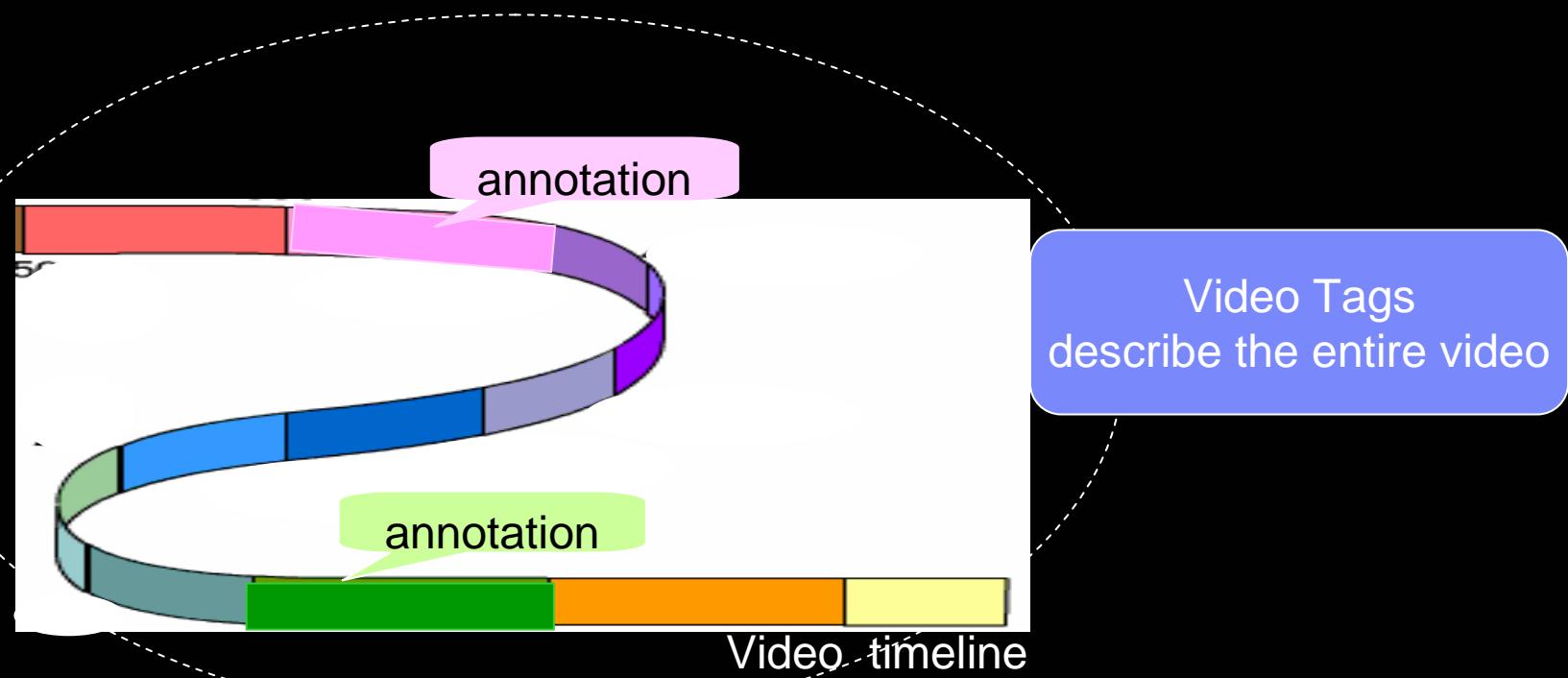
You can tell from the tags that Orlando Bloom is in this video, but you don't know where...

## A Limitation of Social Tagging

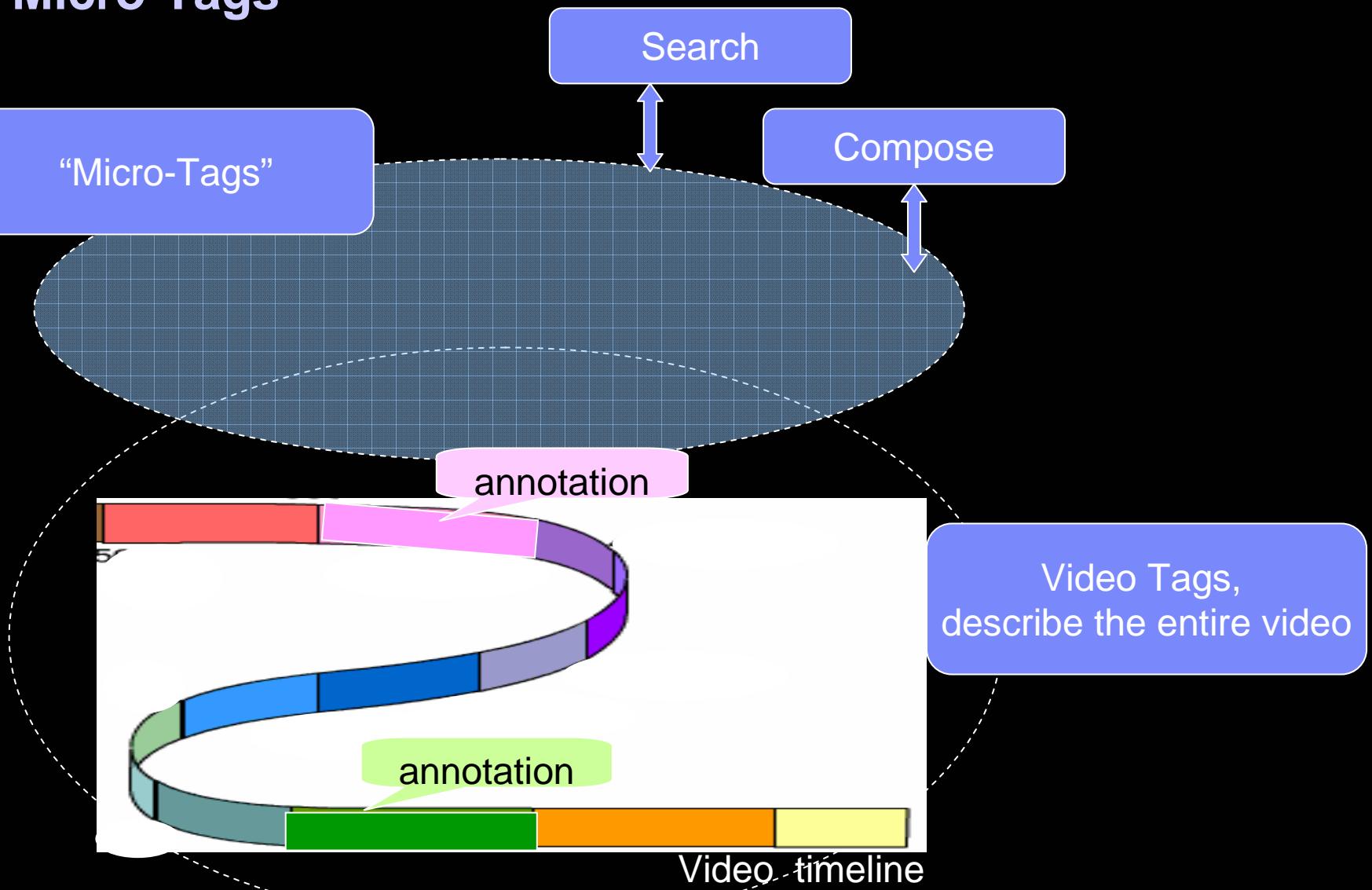
- Since tags are associated with the entire entity (e.g., video, web page, document), finding specific information within that content can be a difficult, time-intensive process.
  - This is especially true for content such as video, where the information sought may be a small segment within a very long presentation (e.g., your child getting his diploma in a 3-hour graduation ceremony)



# Micro-Tags



# Micro-Tags



## InSight: Users Generate Micro-tags on the video timeline (could be complemented with computer-generated annotations)



Each microtag has a

- Temporal interval
- Spatial location
- A Textual Tag

- The segment is played *in situ*, within the context of the video
- Micro-tags are easily searched, since each microtag is referenced by a URL

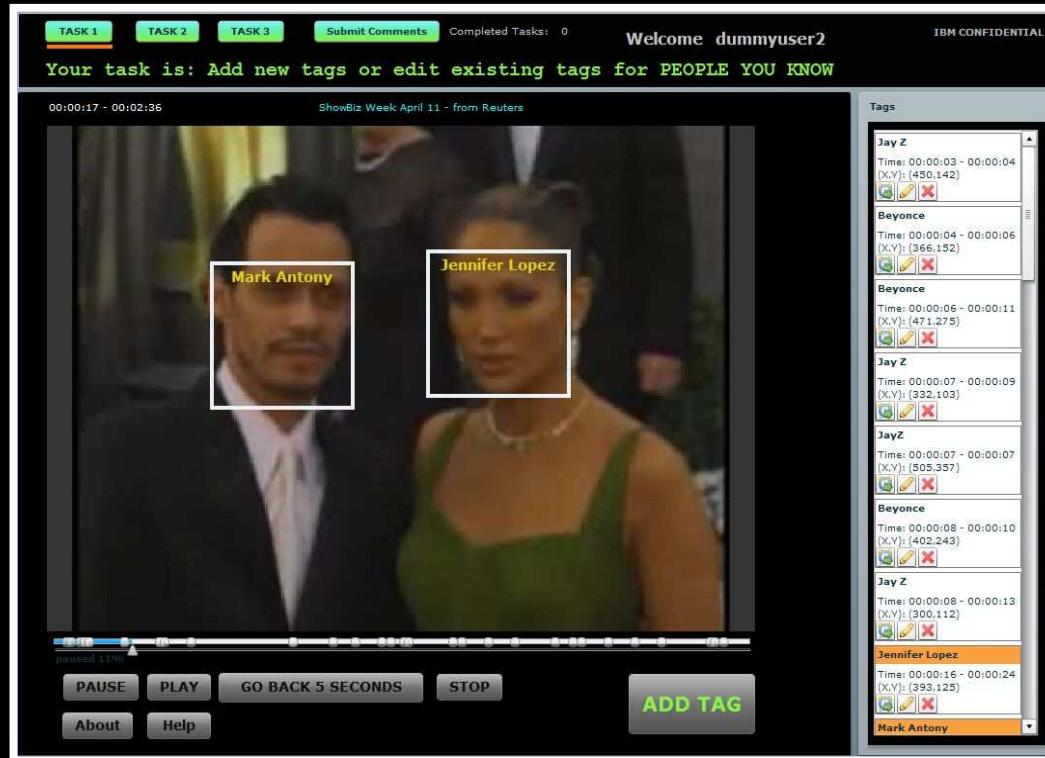
# Tags for Search: the Result of a Query Across a set of Videos

Search: “sea”

Title	Added	Tags
Bronx Zoo	Dec 22nd 2008	 Seal 18:46.19 (7.71s)
New York City	Dec 22nd 2008	 Seaport cruises 8.05 (27.46s)  seagull 7:55.68 (6.76s)
IBM Corporate Service Corps - Dec 22nd 2008 Tanzania	Dec 22nd 2008	 seaside 10:23.99 (45.24s)
A State of Movement and Creativity	Dec 22nd 2008	 Seaplane 3:42.79 (12.47s)

**But, what if the tags are incorrect ?**

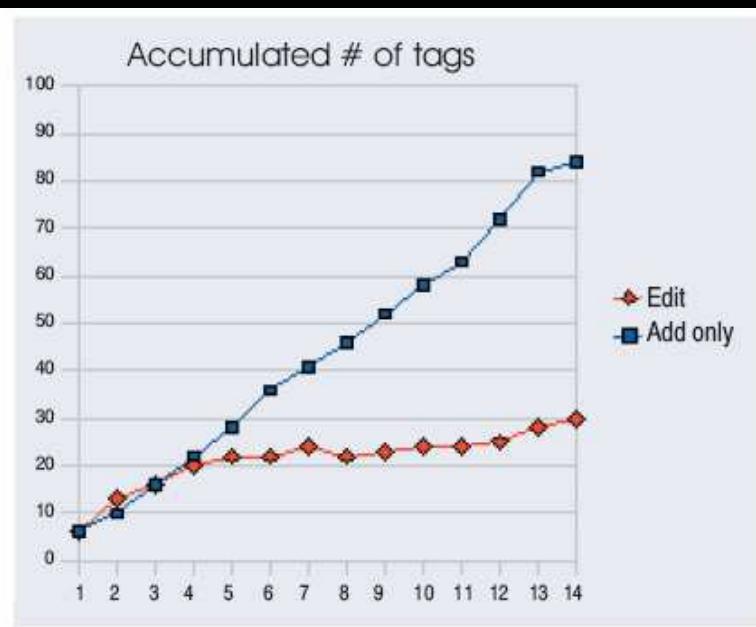
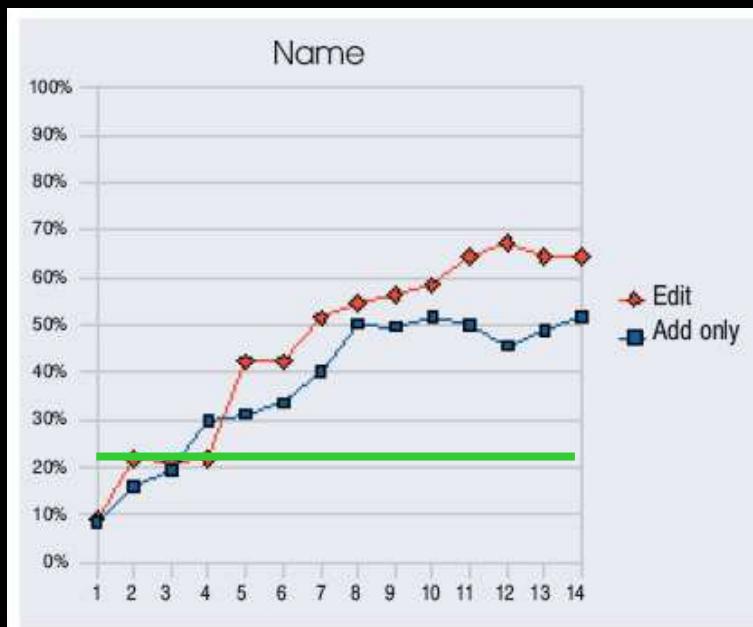
# Tag Editing Experiment



- Three Reuters ShowBiz videos, ~3min each
  - Tasks:
    - Identify Celebrities by name
    - Mark spatial region where they appear
    - Mark temporal interval
- Measuring value of the community
  - 3 conditions where tags are added
    - Individual performance (ADD)
    - See others' tags (ADD-SEE)
    - Edit or delete others' tags (ADD-EDIT)
  - N=42 in counterbalanced groups

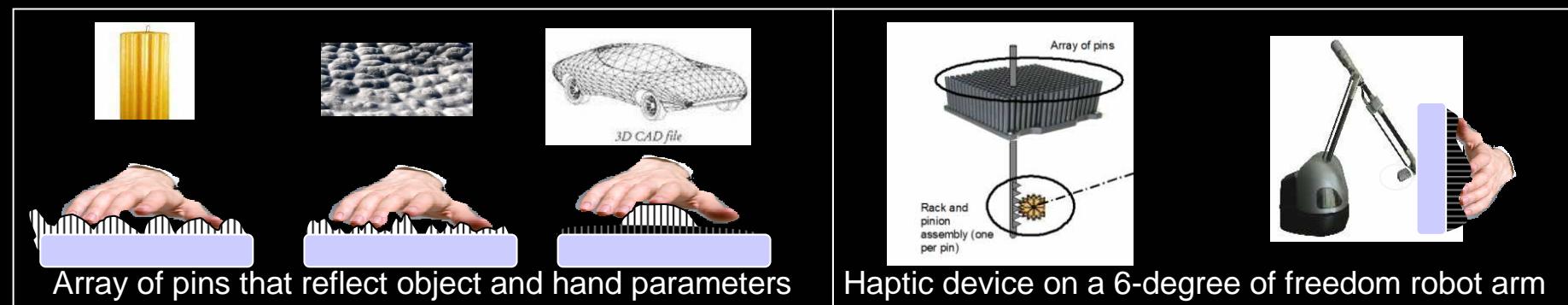
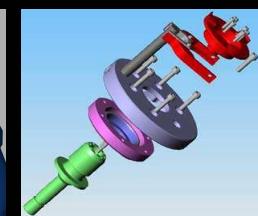
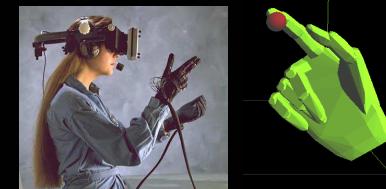
# Tag Editing Improves Tag Quality and Efficiency–

- When the community edits tags
  - Cumulative tag quality improves faster and provides higher asymptotic performance
  - The number of tags decreases
- Community editing improves the semantic value of the tags, making them better search terms



# Haptics – Feeling and Shaping Virtual Environments

- 50 Million years of evolution have given us superior visually-guided fine motor control ...but our computer Systems have lagged behind, especially for the blind.
- Opportunity areas: Remote training, Virtual shopping, CAD/CAM, on-line games, 3-D internet, visual accessibility, collaboration
- GOAL: Provide computer-generated system that allows users **to feel** and **edit** objects, surfaces and textures in computer environments
- 3-D Virtual Hand- a touch-enabled virtual device



# Today we discussed

- **Visual data representation**
  - Using perceptual principles to guide the design of color maps
  - The representation depends on the cognitive task
- **Visual data analysis**
  - Using color to mark semantic regions
- **Image libraries**
  - Using human judgments of similarity to drive definition of image semantics
- **Social tagging**
  - Using human judgments to semantically mark regions of interest in a large corpus
- **Haptic interfaces**
  - Giving humans the ability to sense and express through touch

# Closing Remarks

- **Greater speed, bandwidth, and storage are driving a quantum leap in computational power – bigger models, more data, faster interactivity**
- **These will enabling new business processes and applications (e.g., bioinformatics, “green” technologies)**
- **Some key Research opportunities**
  - **Finding meaning in large, complex, multi-type data**
  - **Semantic search**
  - **Integration of human and machine intelligence (using computer algorithms and the community to provide “scaffolding”)**
  - **Deploying compute-intensive interfaces (e.g., graphics, Virtual Reality, materials rendering, haptics)**

# Closing Remarks

- Greater speed, bandwidth and storage are driving a quantum leap in computation power, bigger models, more data, faster interaction.
- These will be your training in human perception and cognition (and linguistics, economics, design, etc)
- Some key areas:
  - Human-computer interfaces (e.g., touch, speech, gaze, gesture, brain)

**prepare YOU to lead  
the next generation of  
advanced  
technologies**

# hartelijk dank !

