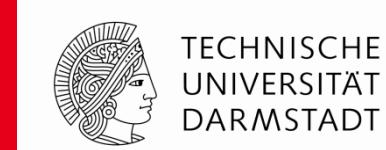


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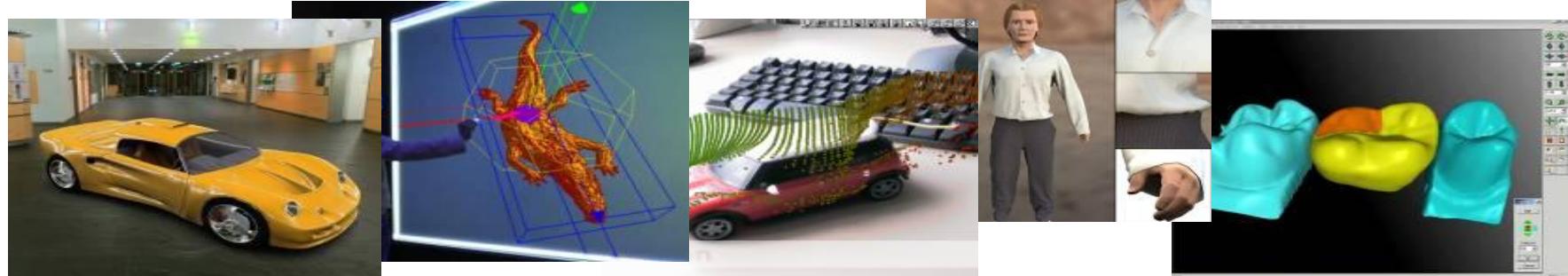
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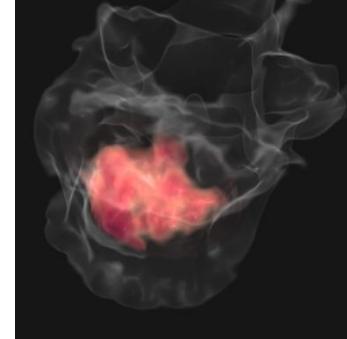
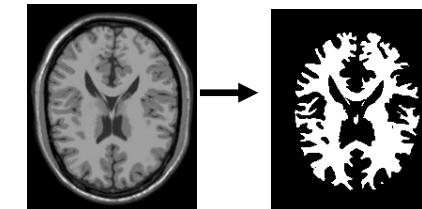
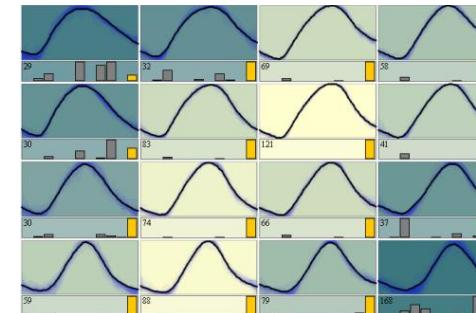
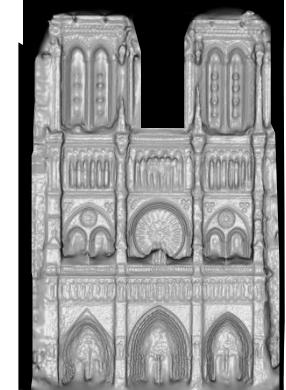
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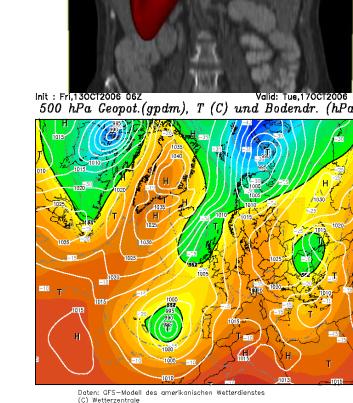
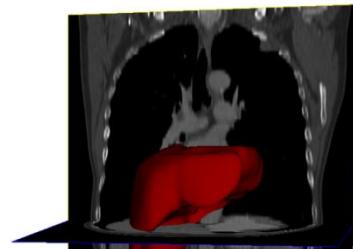
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# 1. Scientific Data

- Massive amounts data arise in research projects
  - Climate Research, Earth Observation, Nuclear and High Energy Physics, etc.
  - Biomedical research
  - ...
- Various types of data
  - Spatial and abstract data
  - Time series, multivariate data, spatial data, graphs,....
  - Multimedia data
  - Pictures, videos, 3D models,....

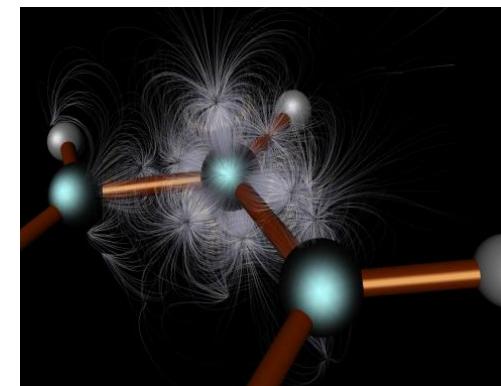
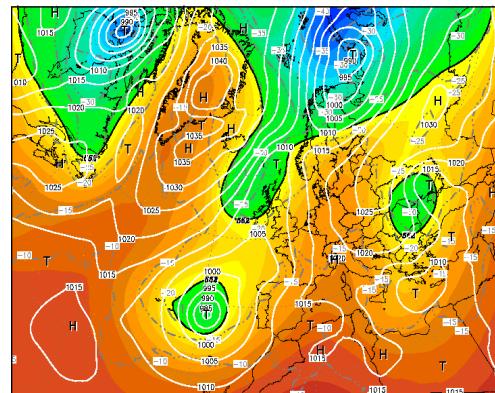
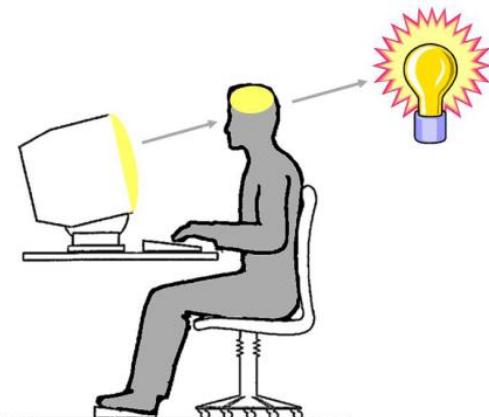
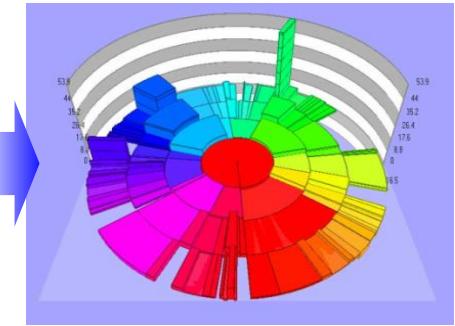


# 1. Introduction to Data Visualization

## ■ Visualization role

- “A picture is worth a thousand words”
  - makes it possible to absorb large amounts of data quickly
- “Using vision to think”
  - Natural human sense to identify complex / new patterns

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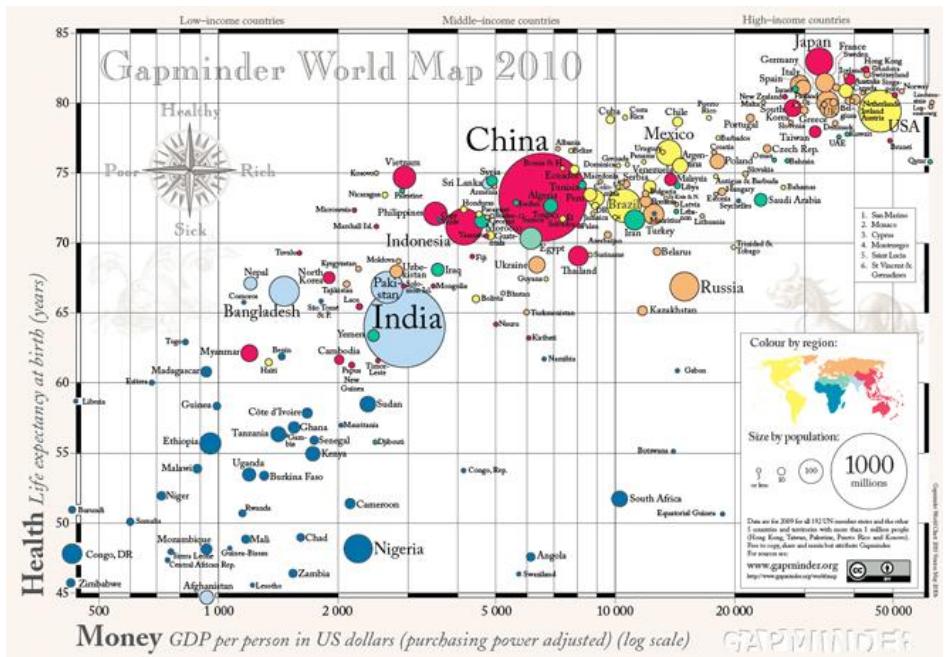
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## ▪ Interaction

- Exploration of the data from various sides
- Focus on interesting parts

→ Human-driven data understanding

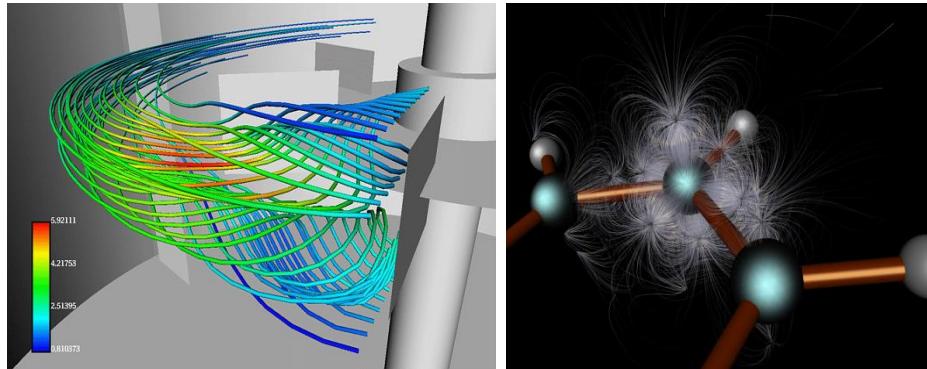


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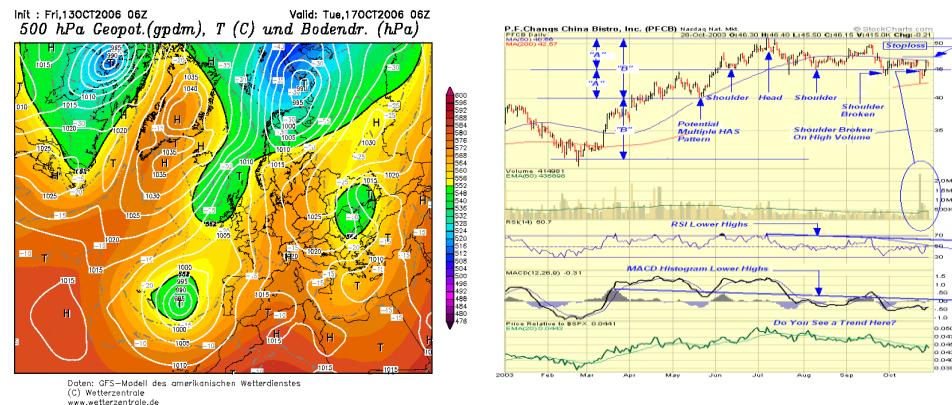
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## ▪ Visualization

- “Nice pictures” of the available data
- Present scientific results
- Understand scientific results



Can visual computing  
do more?



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## 2. Visual Support for Scientific Data Workflow

- Visualization as an integral part of scientific data workflows



Acquire      Curate      Analyze      Publish

- Visual support for **all stages** of scientific data workflow
- Visualization as a **key way** of producing, examining and accessing scientific data
- Scientific data includes “**visual documents**”  
→ visual computing methods

## 2. Visual Support for Scientific Data Workflow

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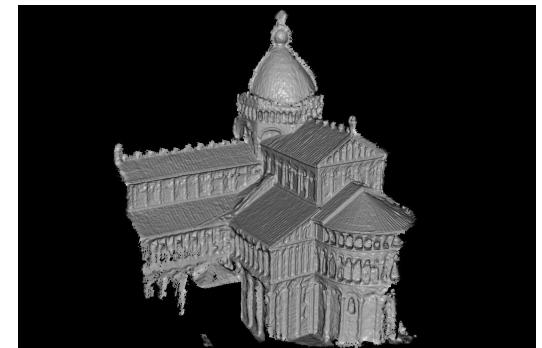
Analyze

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- Automatic data capturing  
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  - data processing to gain more information

→ Manual data collection/creation

- Individual
- Community-based



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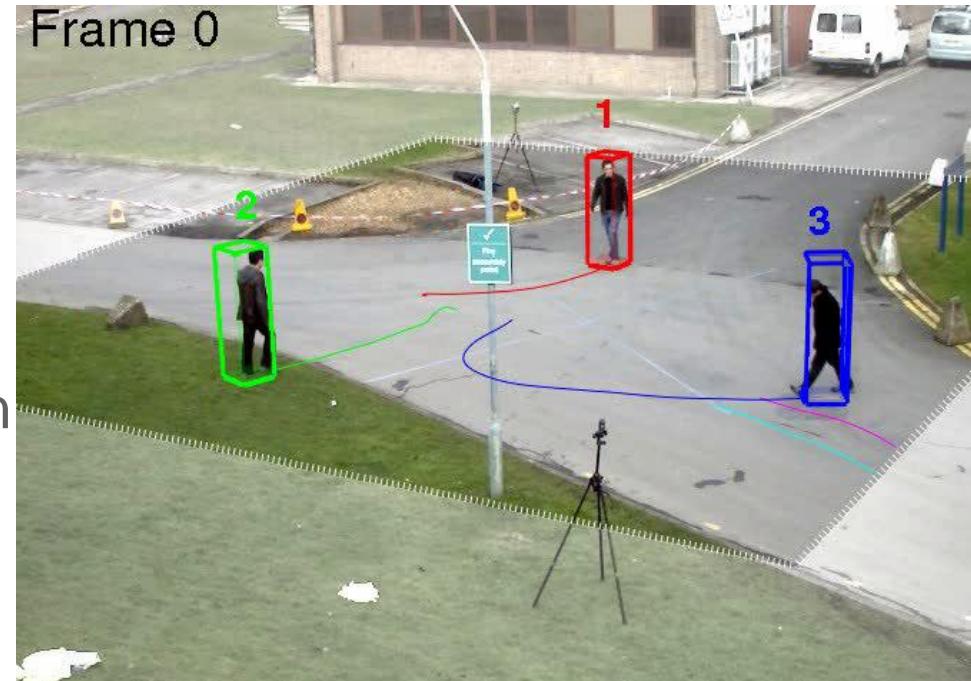
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Human tracking in complex environments  
[Andriyenko et al. 2011 ]

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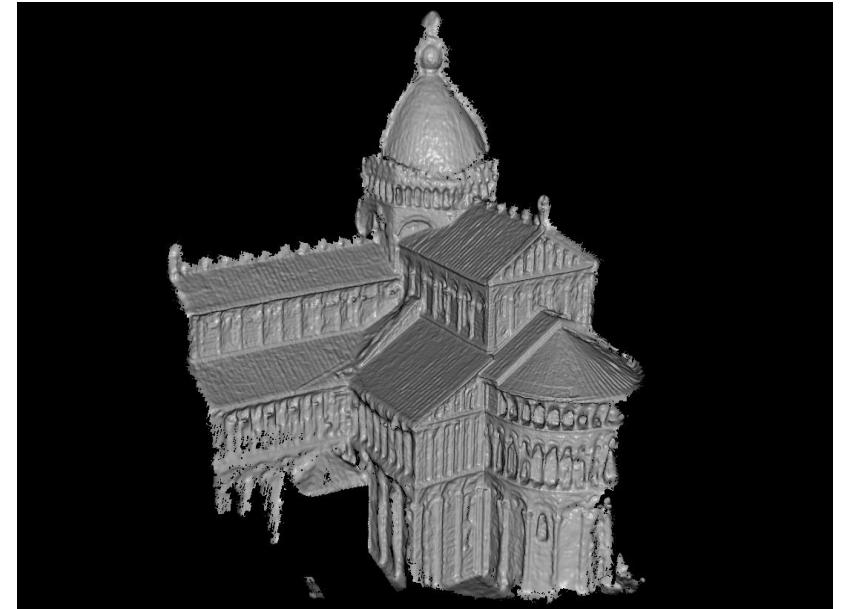
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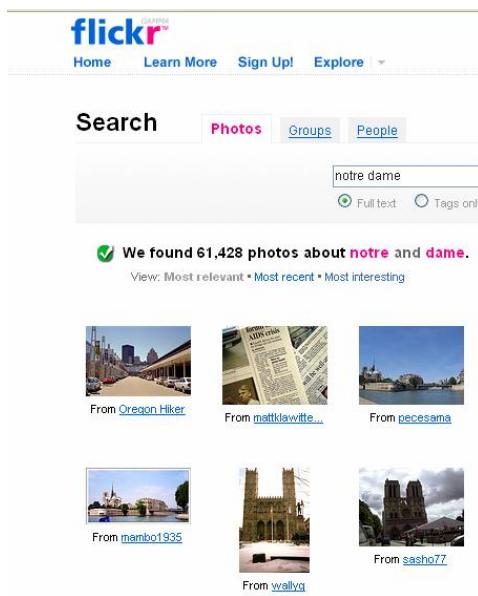
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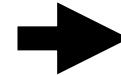
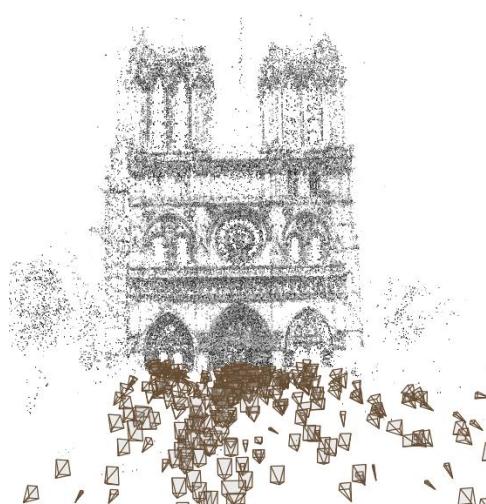
  
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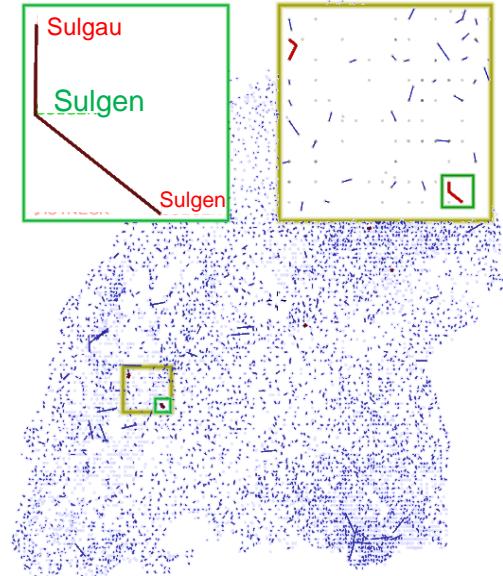
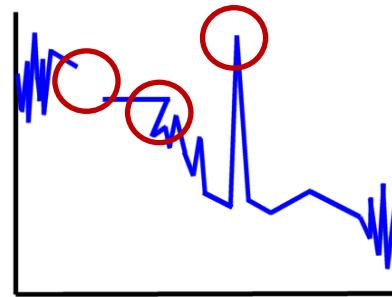
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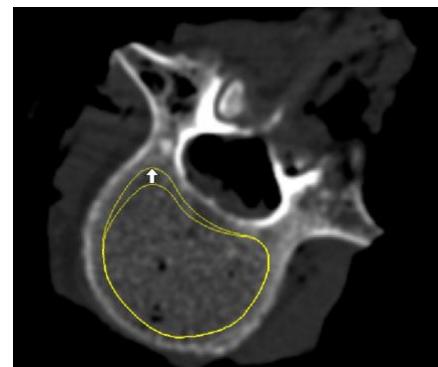
Publish

- Show acquired data
  - Data quality information
  - Decision on further processing



[Sanftmann et al. 2009]

- Visual data curation
  - Visual data editing



[Wesarg et al. 2010]

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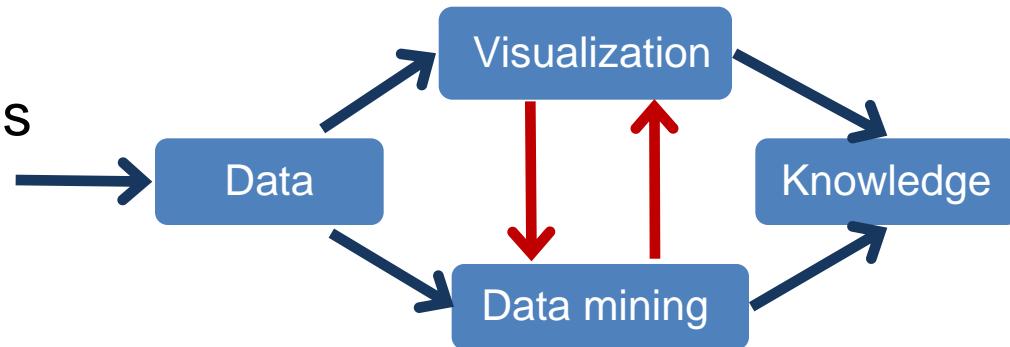
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Publish

- Visual support for data analysis

- Visual data mining
  - Visual feedback



- Visual support for collaborative data analysis



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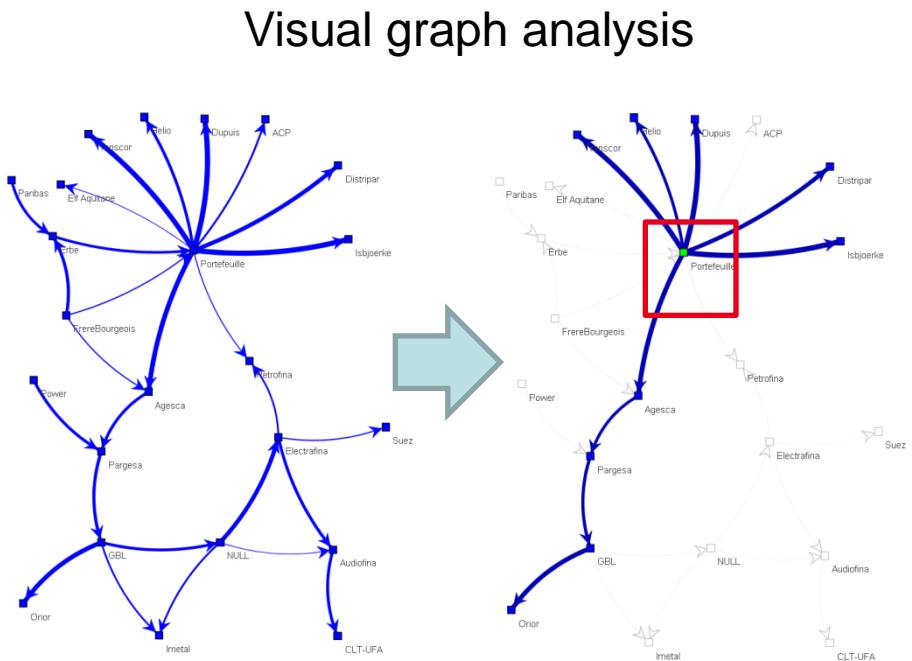
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[von Landesberger et al. 2008]

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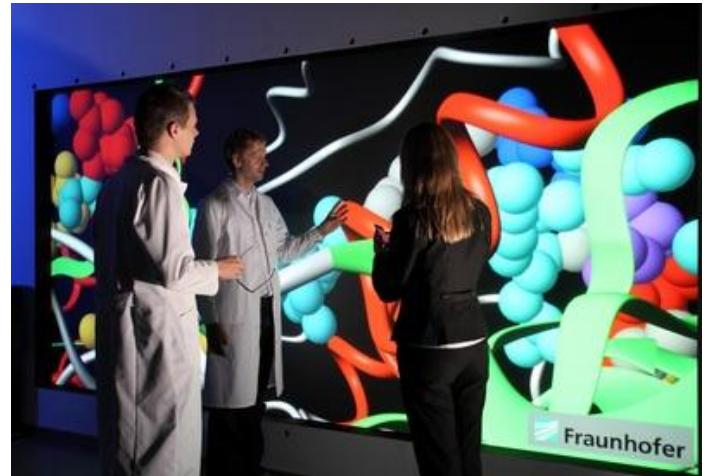
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- Visual support for data analysis

- Visual data mining
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- Visual support for collaborative data analysis

- New output devices



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- Provide interactive visual interfaces for
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Available scientific data

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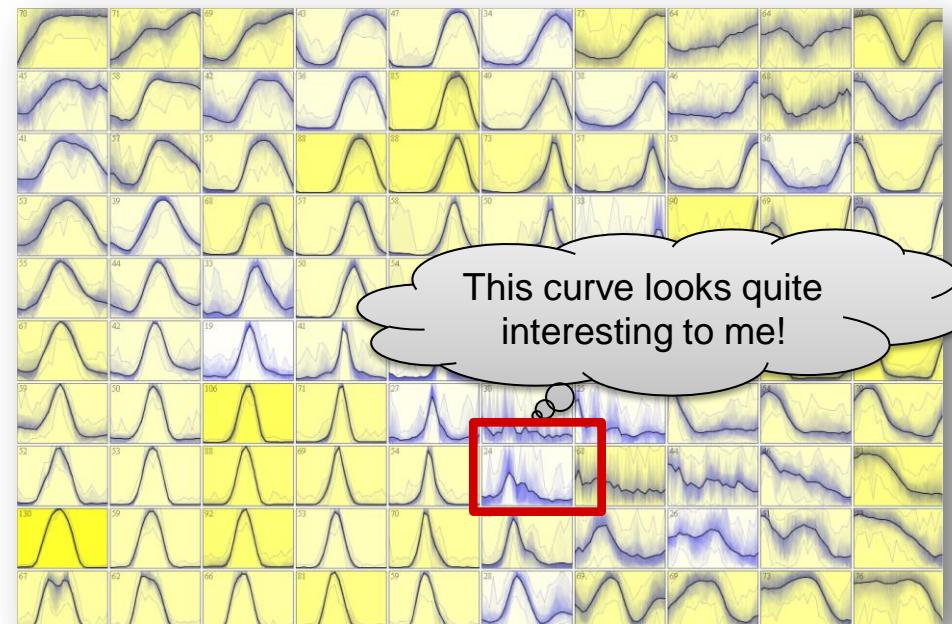
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Visual data catalogue provides overview of available scientific data



[Bernard et al. 2010]

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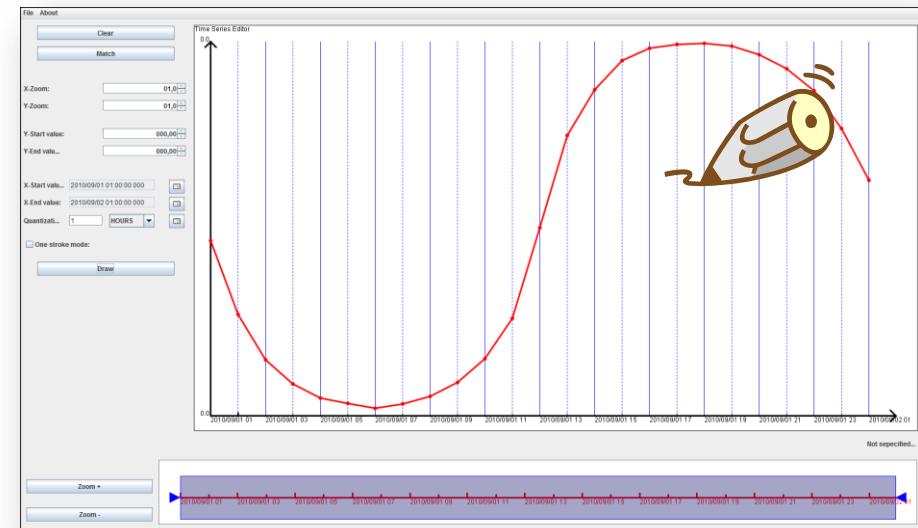
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Content-based search  
 - visual interactive query definition



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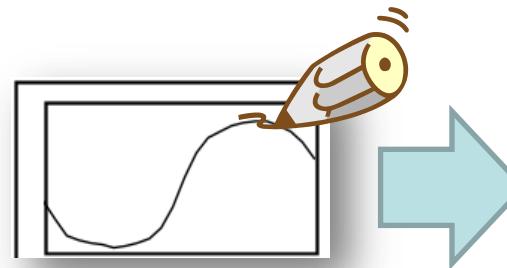
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Content-based search result visualization



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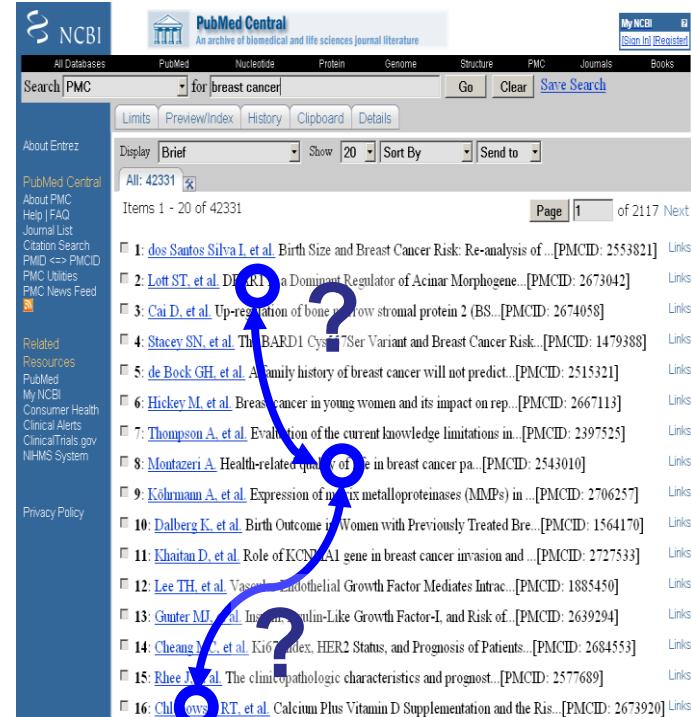
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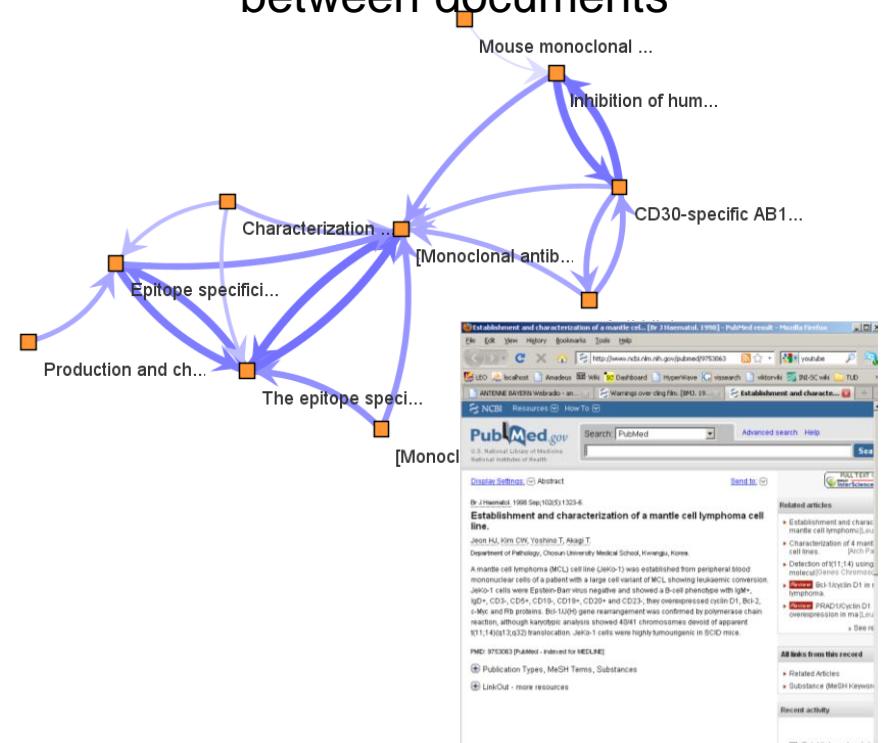
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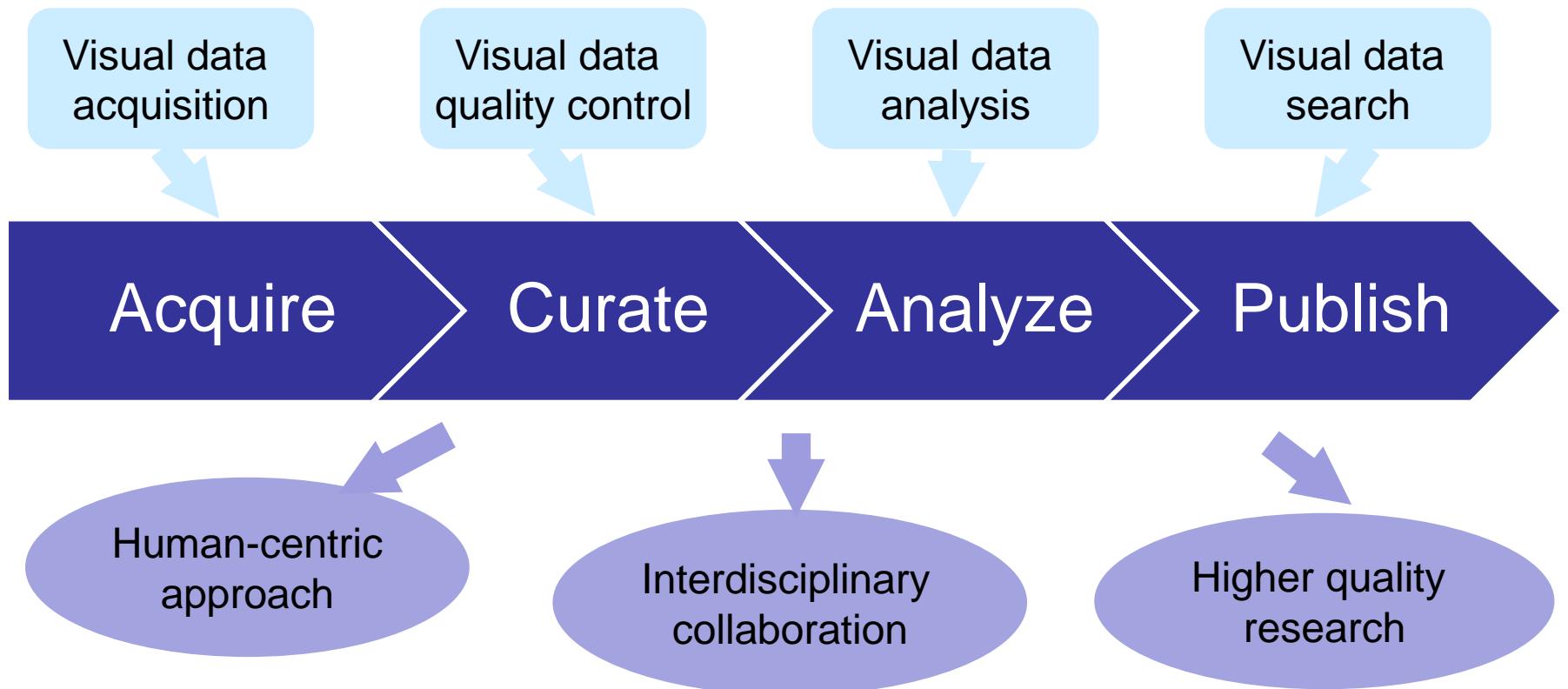


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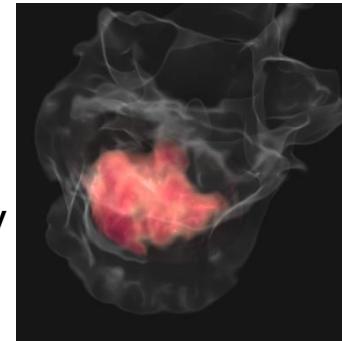
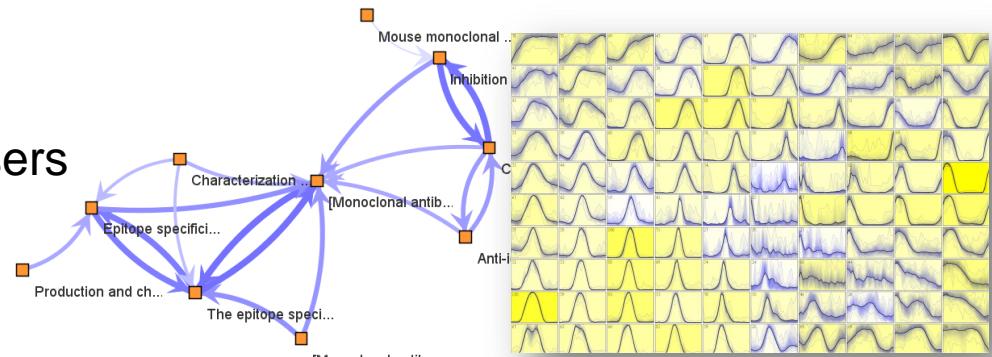
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### 3. Challenges

Acquire > Curate > Analyze > Publish

- Visual solutions
  - Close cooperation with data users and data providers
- Input data
  - Common data standards
  - Common data semantics
- System interoperability
- Visualization scalability and interactivity



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