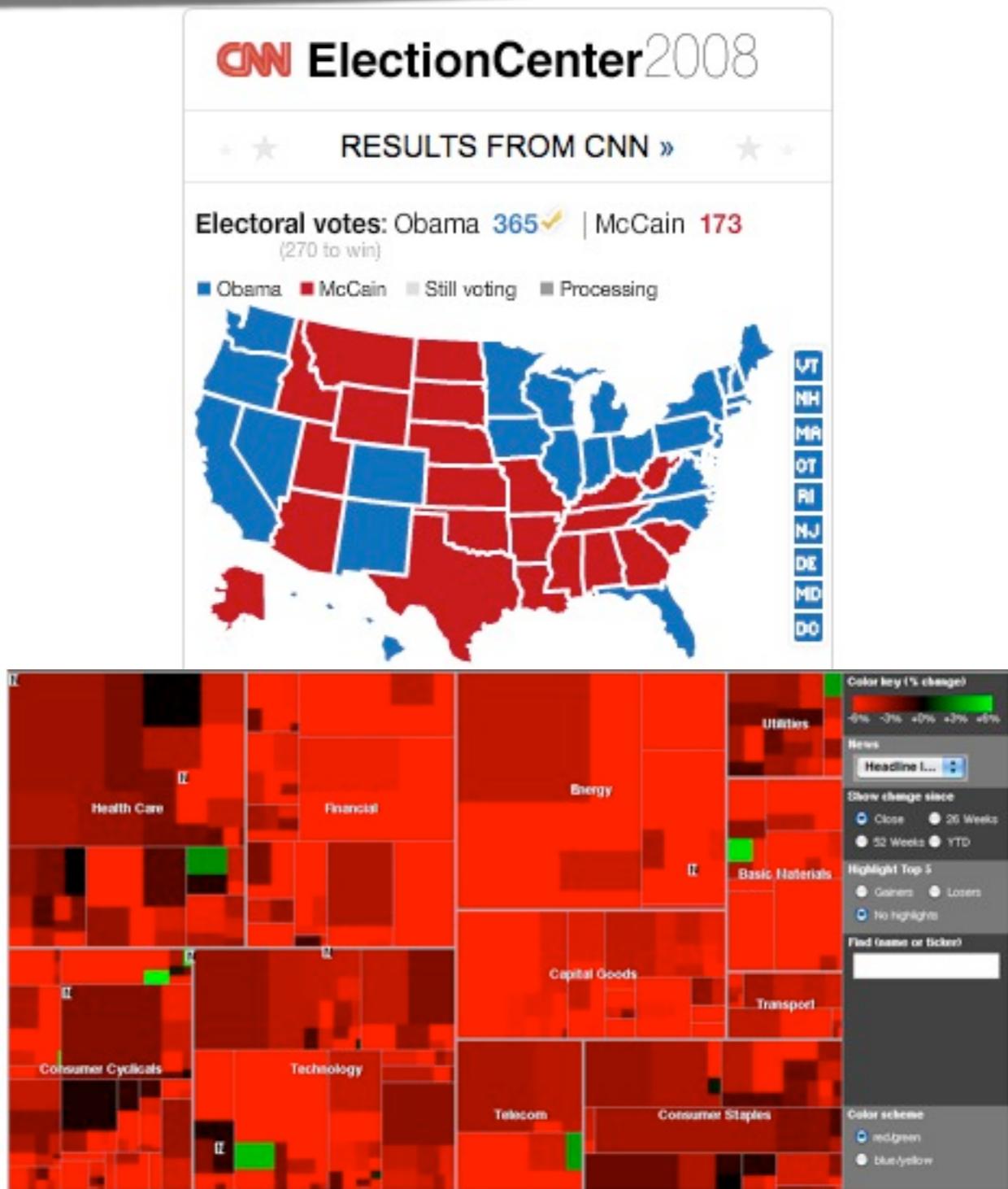


CS 171:Visualization

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To convey information through visual representations



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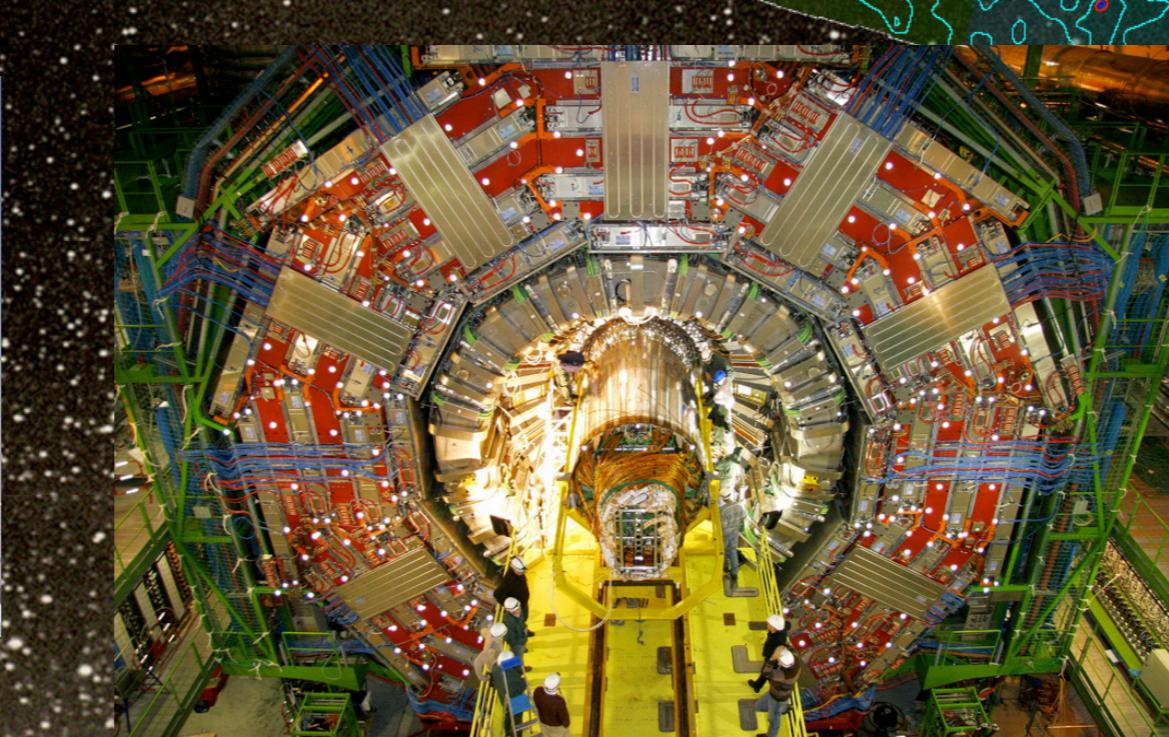
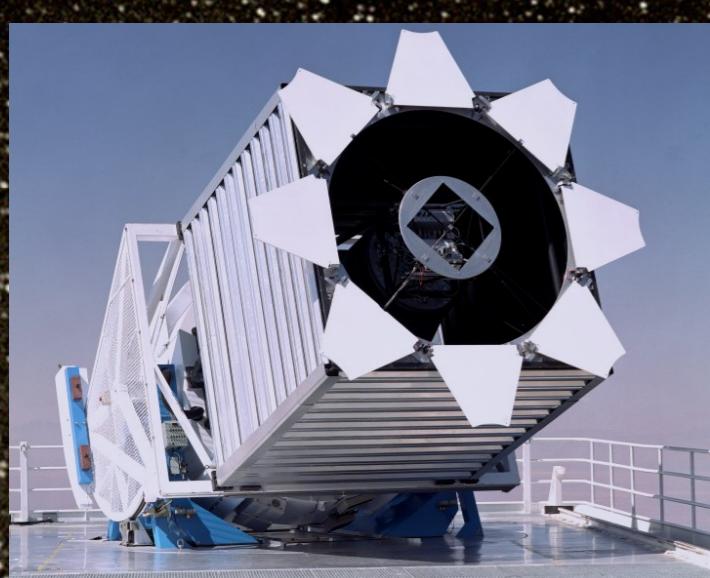
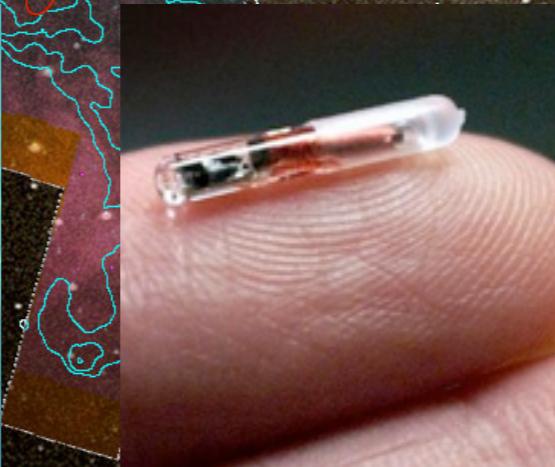
Information Explosion

The collage illustrates the "Information Explosion" through several web-based interfaces:

- Google Reader (1000+)**: Shows a feed of news items from various sources, including "Data Mining: Text Mining, Visualization and Social Media" and "Calvin and Hobbes (Unofficial)".
- Wikipedia**: Displays the main page with sections for English, Deutsch, Polski, Nederlands, and Português, along with a large globe icon.
- Digg**: A social news website showing stories like "Barack Obama wins South Carolina Democratic primary" and "Driver Who Killed Teen Sues for Damaged Vehicle".
- The New York Times**: Headlines include "Obama Wins South Carolina Primary" and "Clinton and Edwards in Tight Race for Second".
- Twitter**: A search interface for the microblogging platform, showing results for "italia - Deutsch - English - Español - Français - Italiano - Nederlands - 日本語 - Norsk (bokmål)".
- Google**: A search results page for "Asturianu - Azerbaijani - آذربایجان دیلی / ????? - ????????????????????? - Bosanski - بوسنی - نارس - Galego - 한글어 - ????? - Hrvatski - Ido - Bahasa Indonesia - Íslenska - עברית - Ba".

The Industrial Revolution of Data

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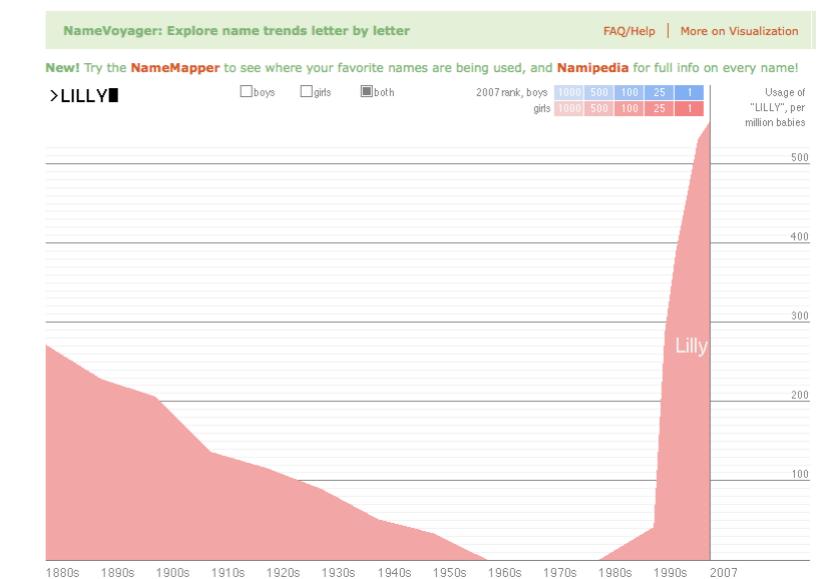
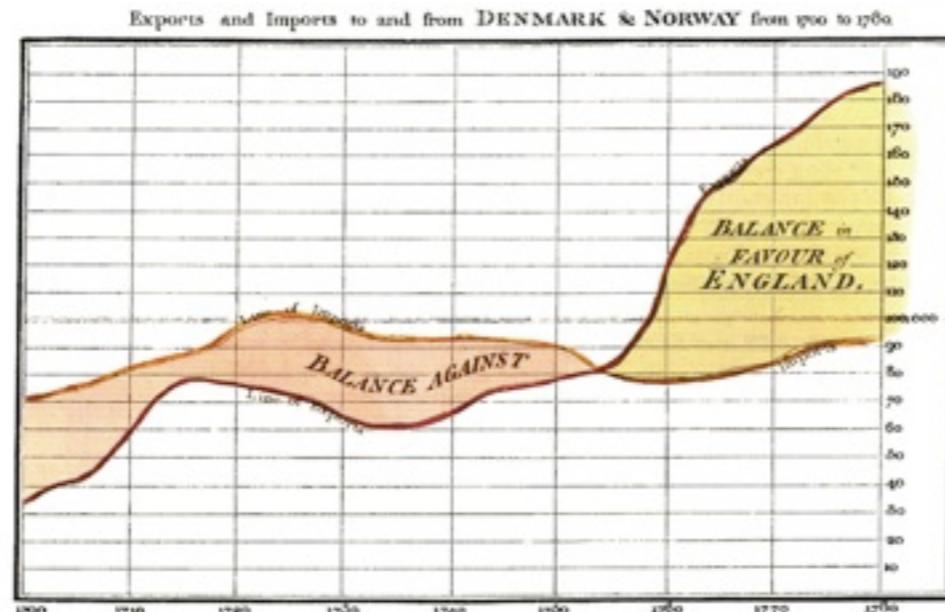
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“It is things that make us smart.”

Donald Norman



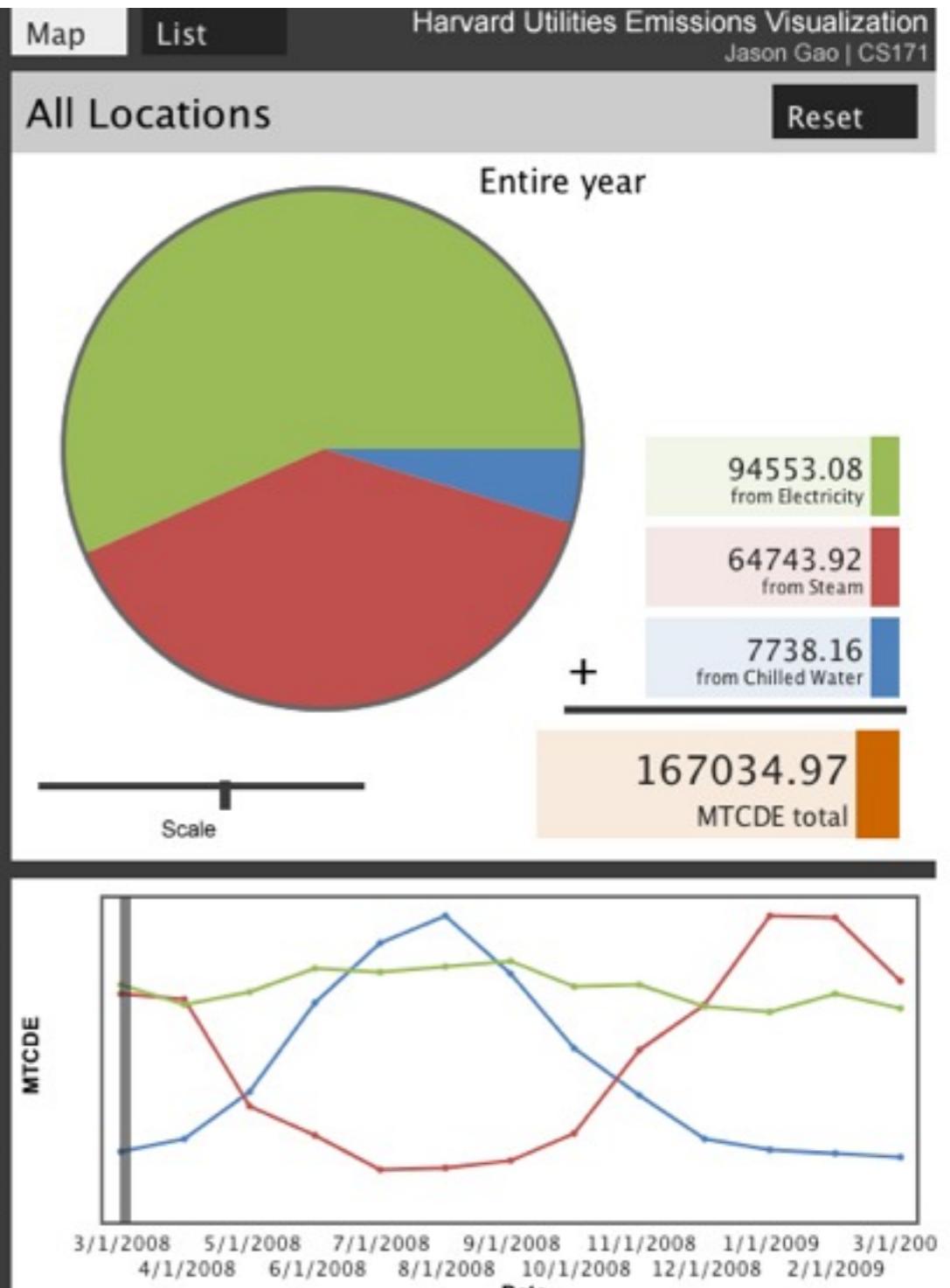
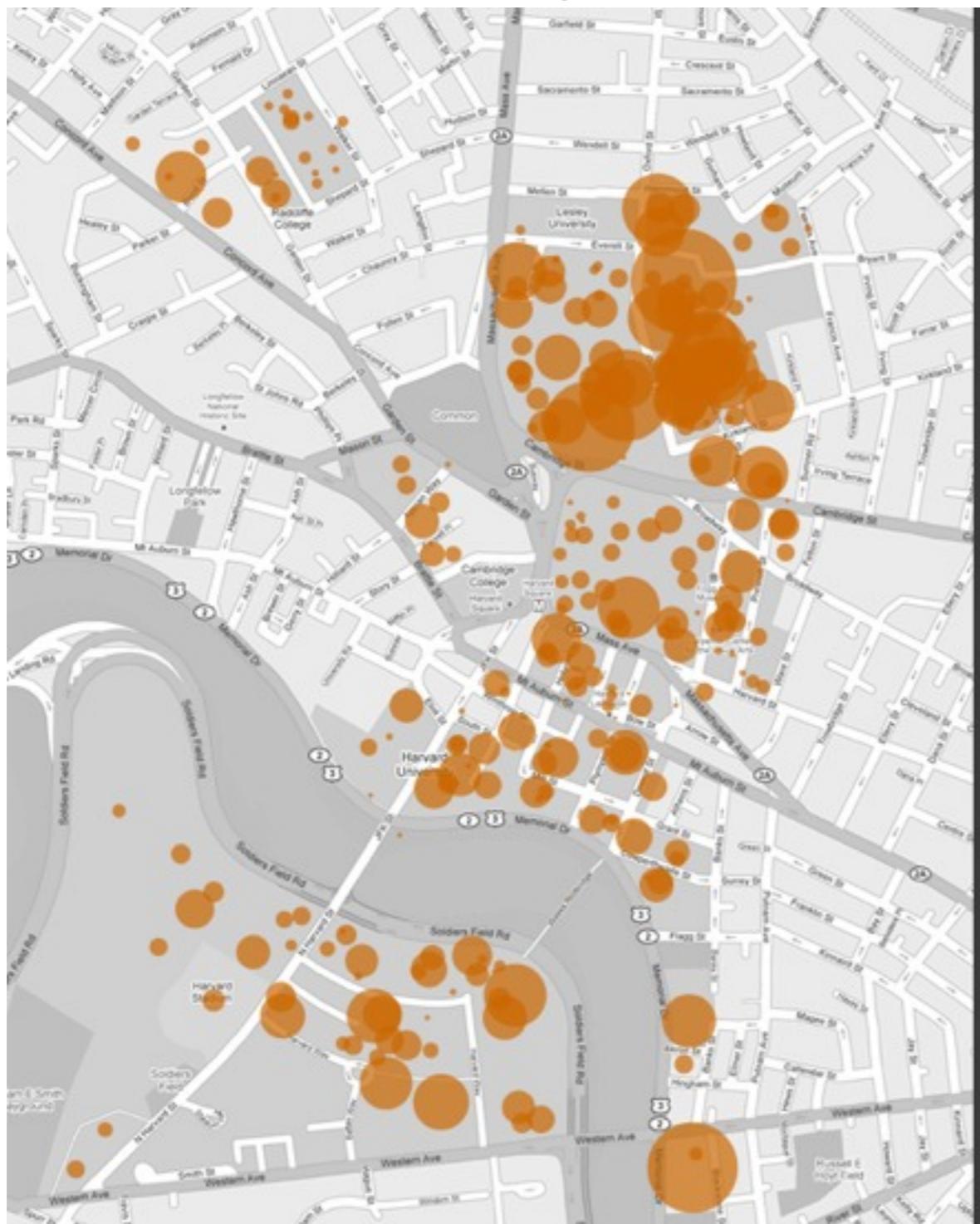
Visualization

- Helps us think
- Reduces load on working memory
- Offloads cognition
- Uses the power of human perception

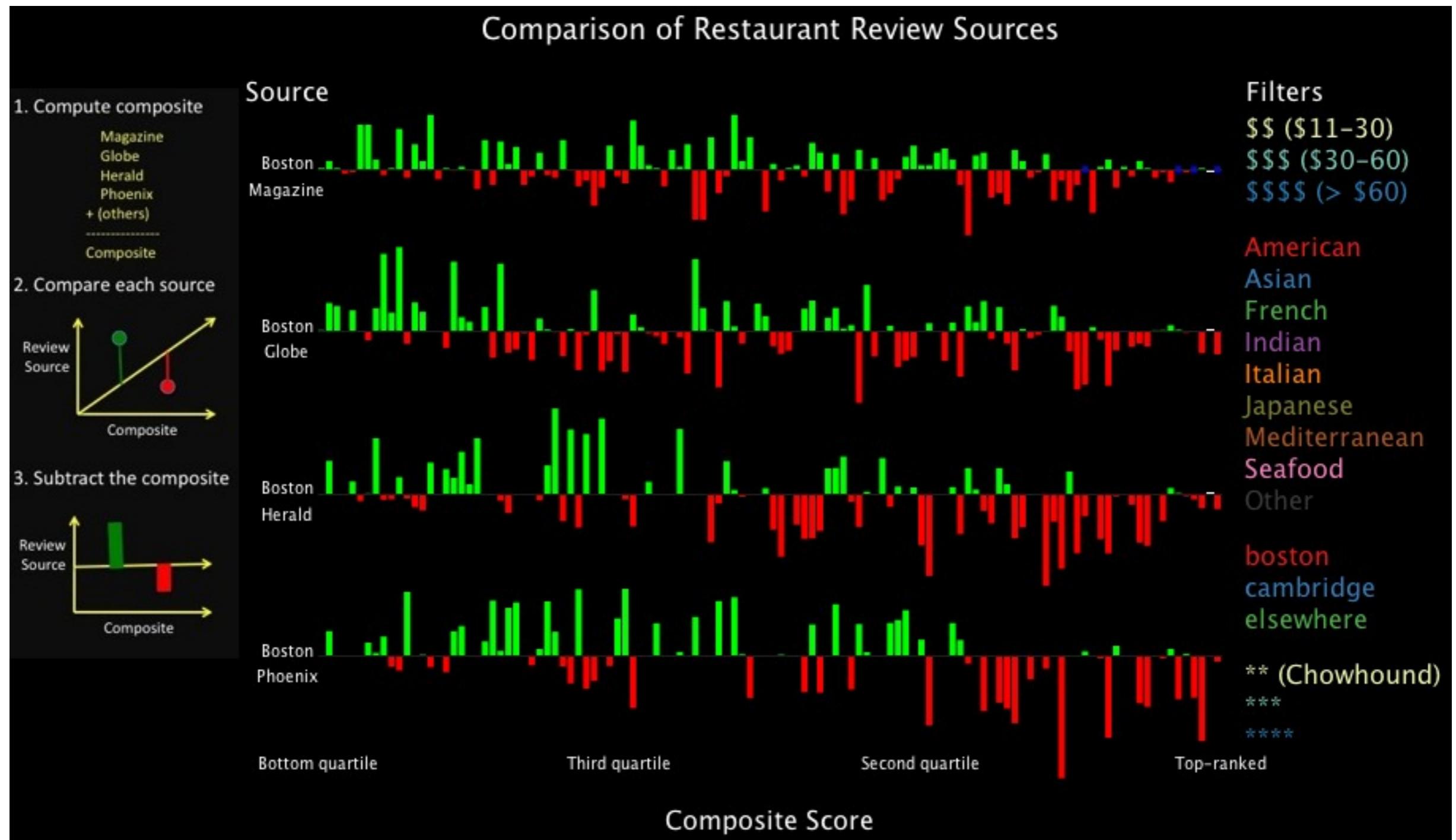
CS 171 Goals

- Principles of effective visualizations
- Gathering data (Python)
- Implementing interactive visualizations
(Processing)
- Programming homework and a final project

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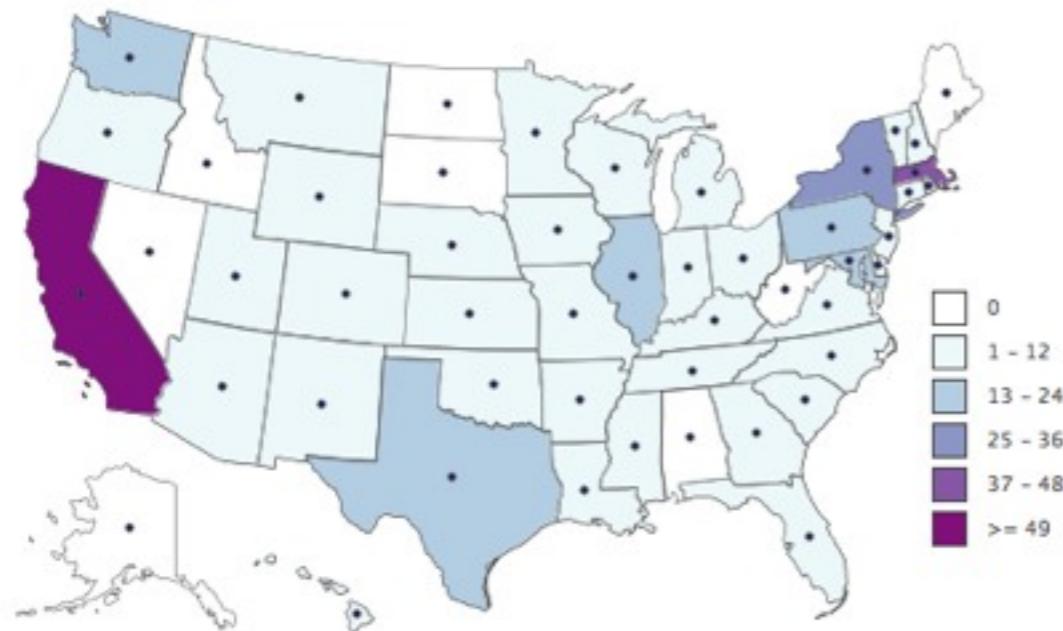
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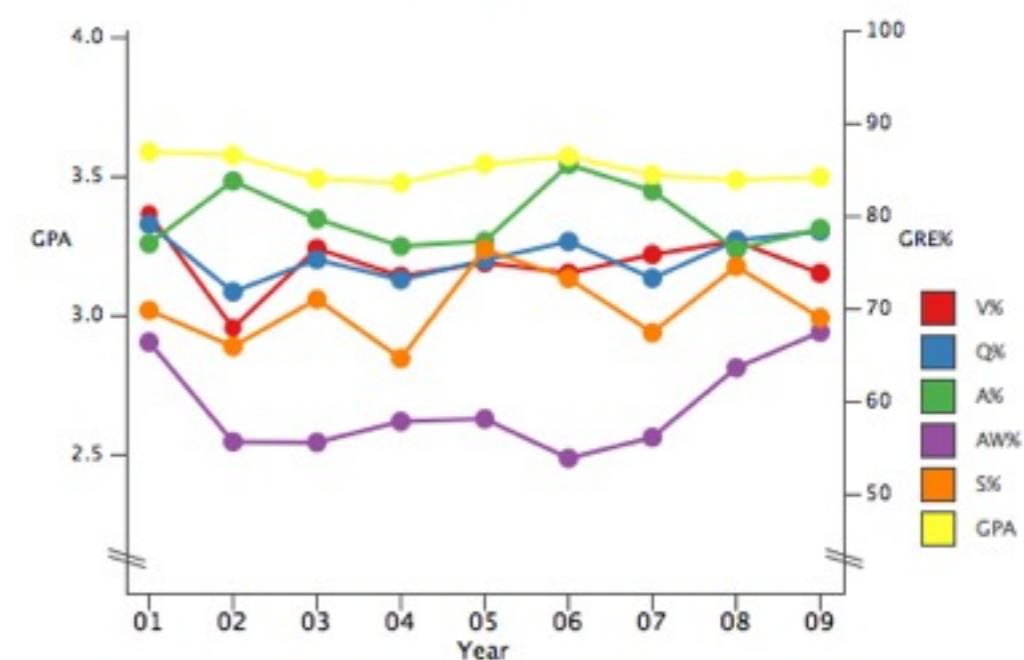
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Trends in Graduate Admissions

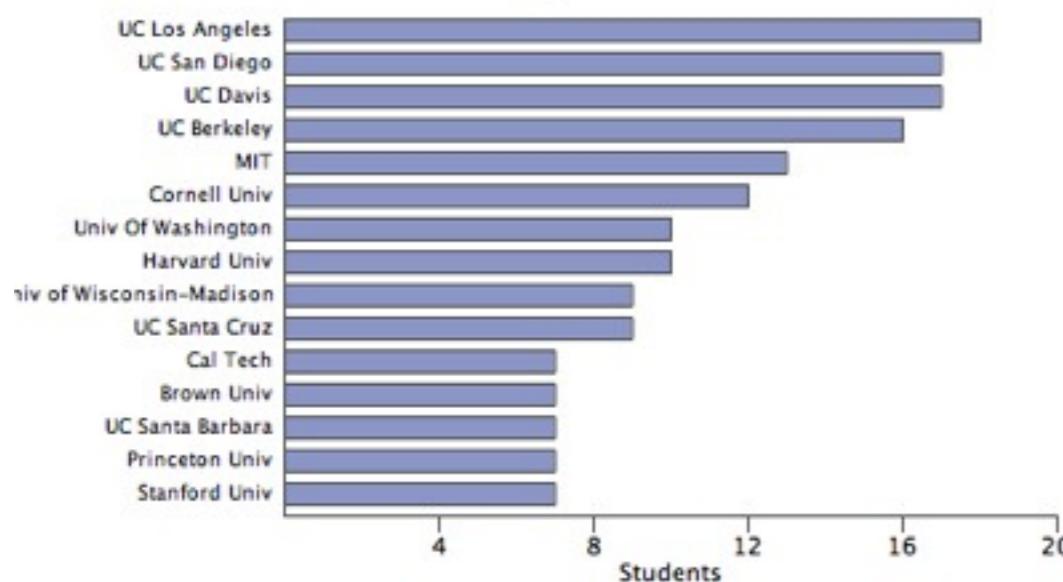
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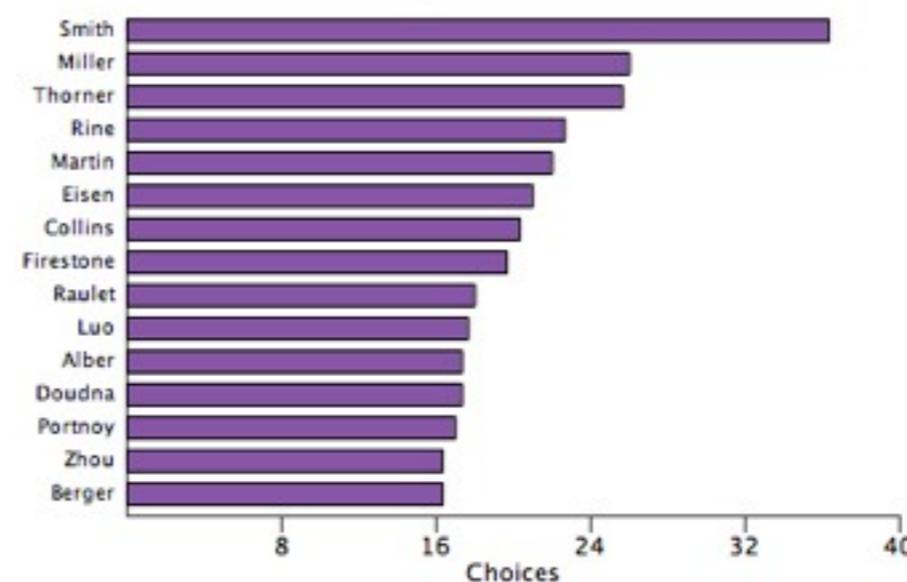
GPA and GRE Score Averages



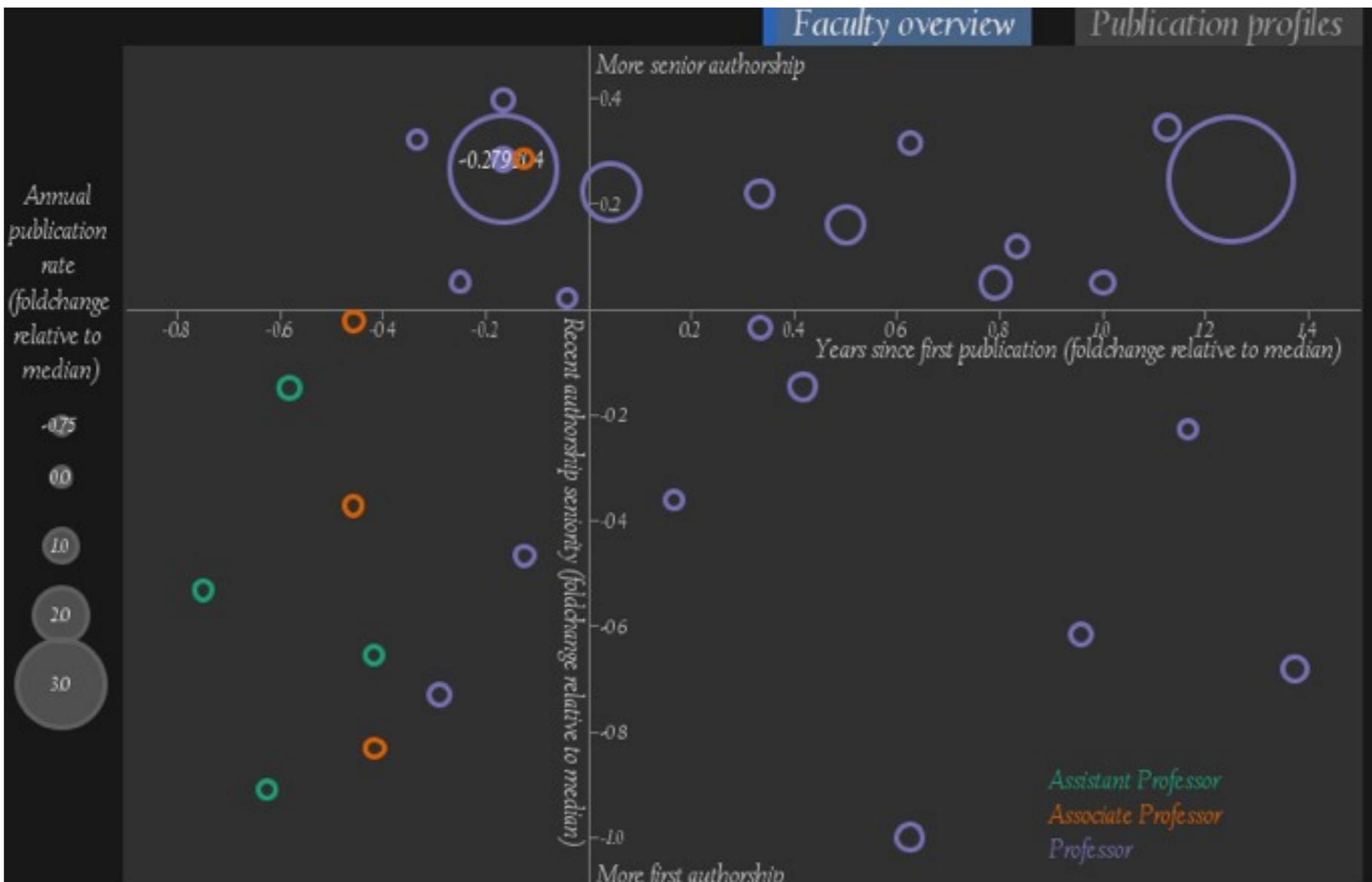
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