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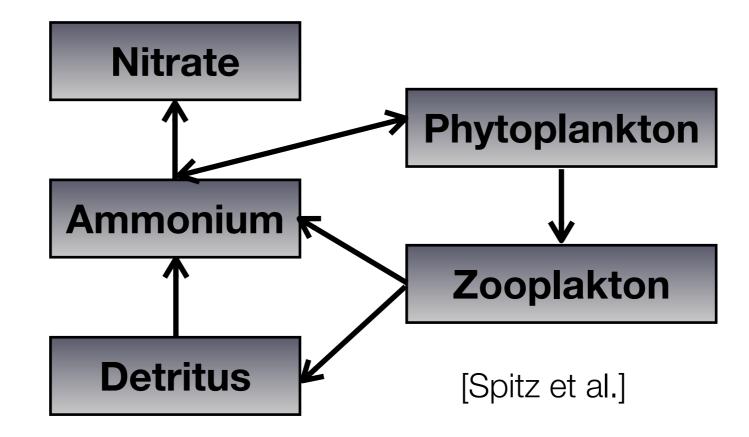
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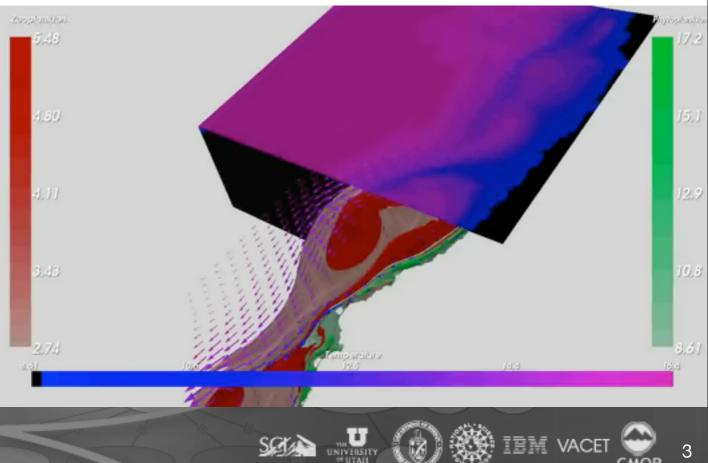


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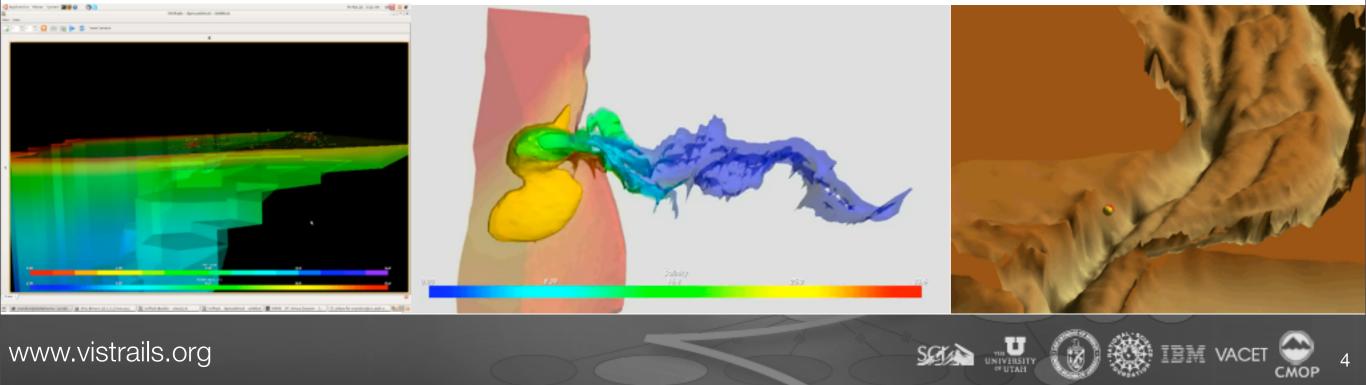
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- Observation and modeling of multiple systemsat multiple scales
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- Very large number of data products, sensor measurements, and results from numerical models
- Cover more than 10 years of experiments: occupy over 30 TB of storage

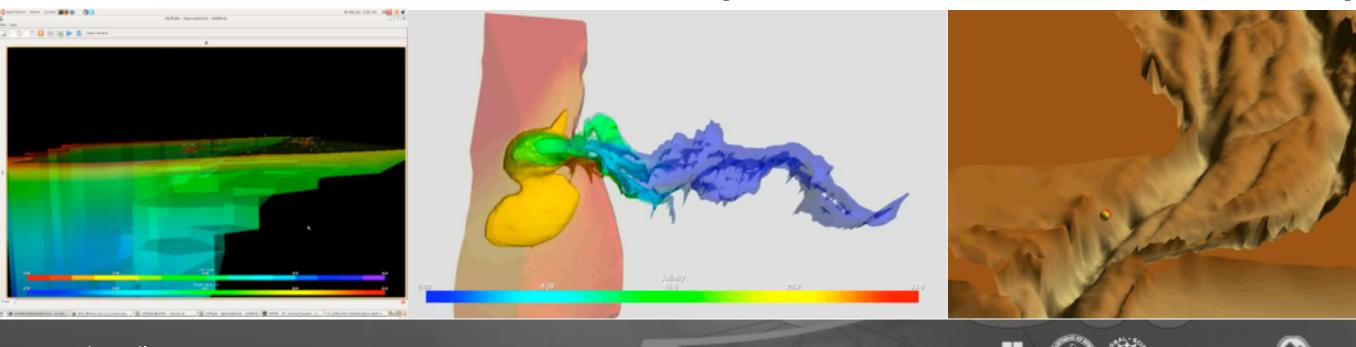


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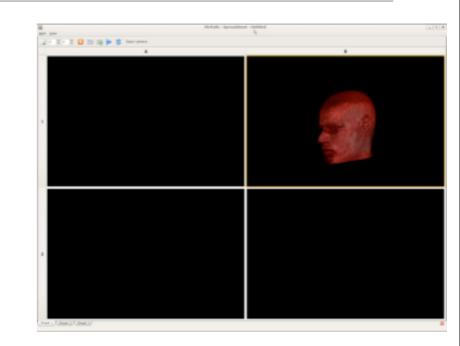
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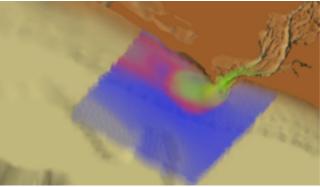


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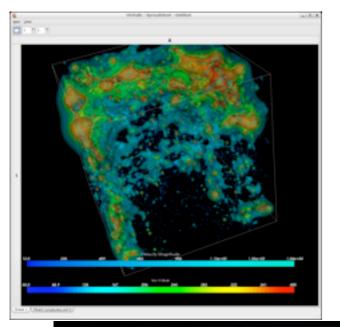
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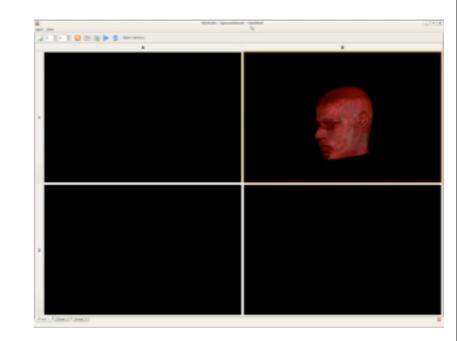


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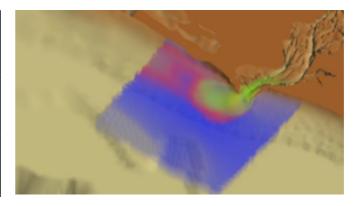
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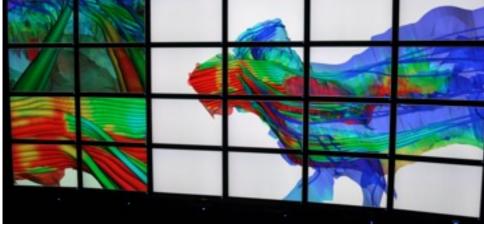
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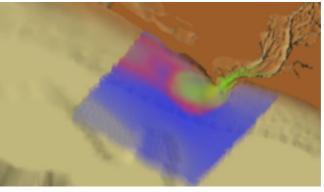
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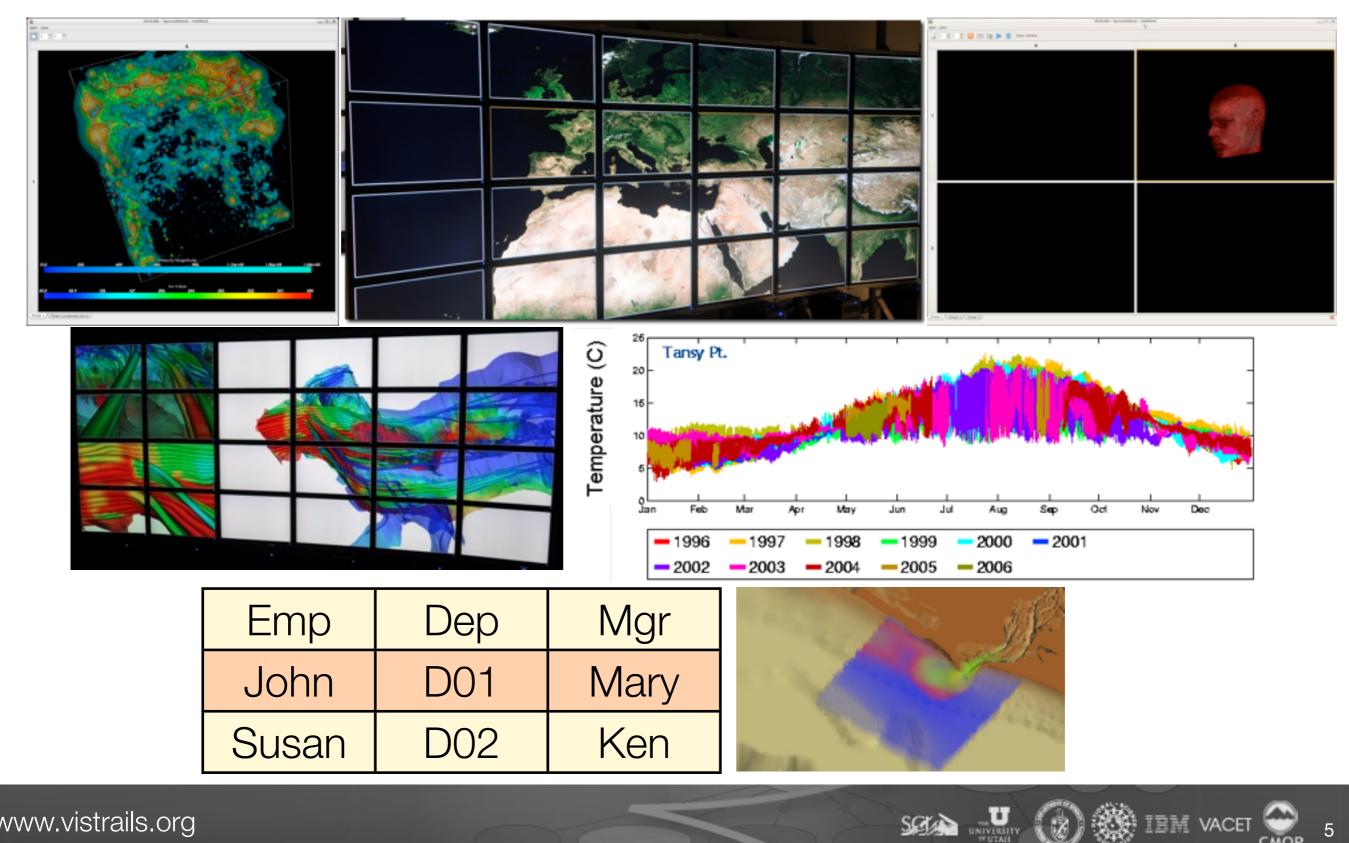
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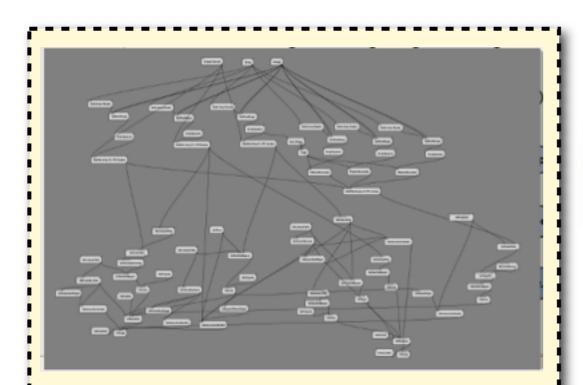
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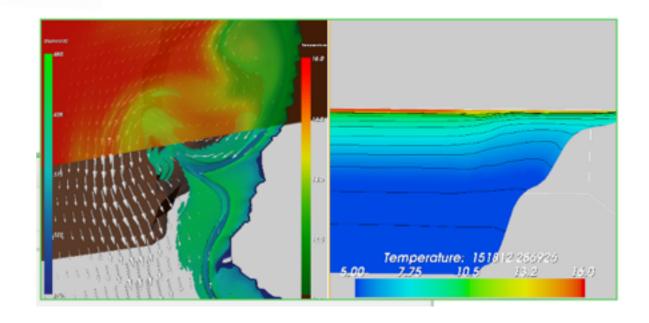
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Provenance of Digital Data



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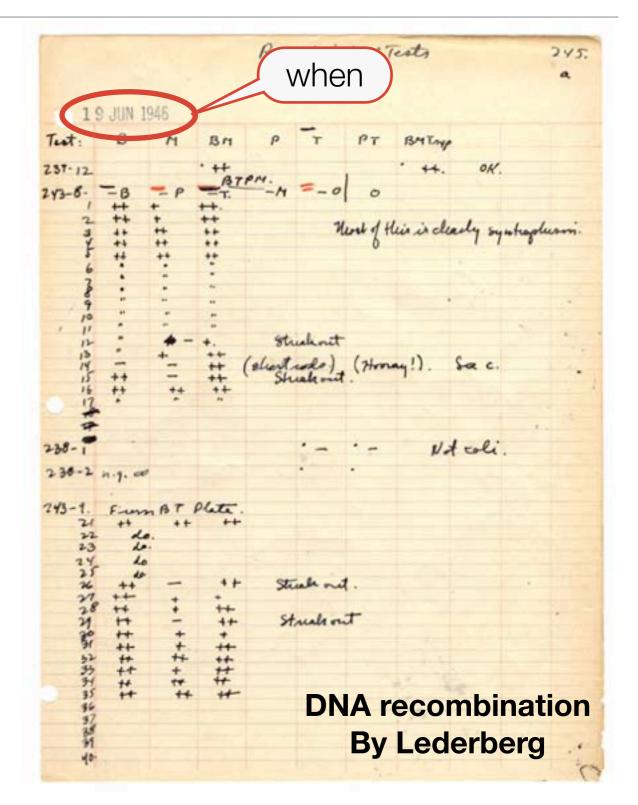
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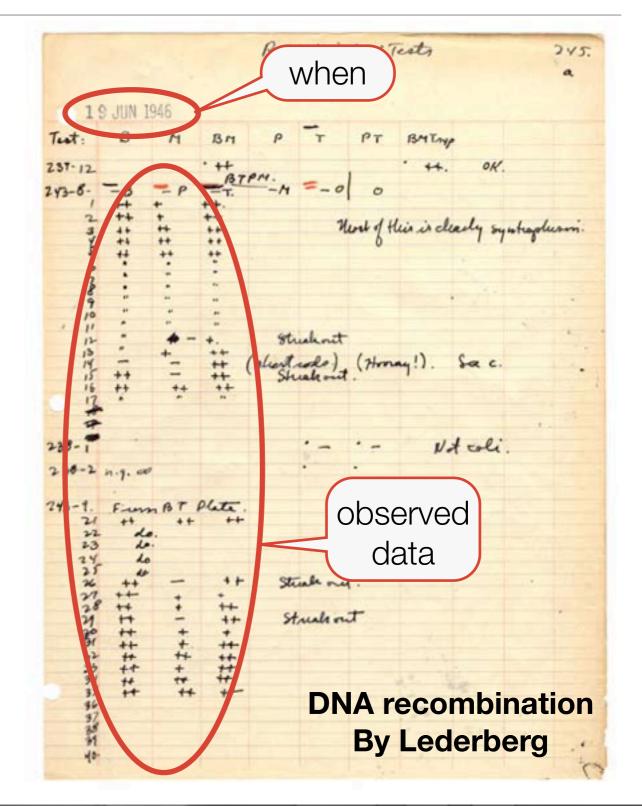
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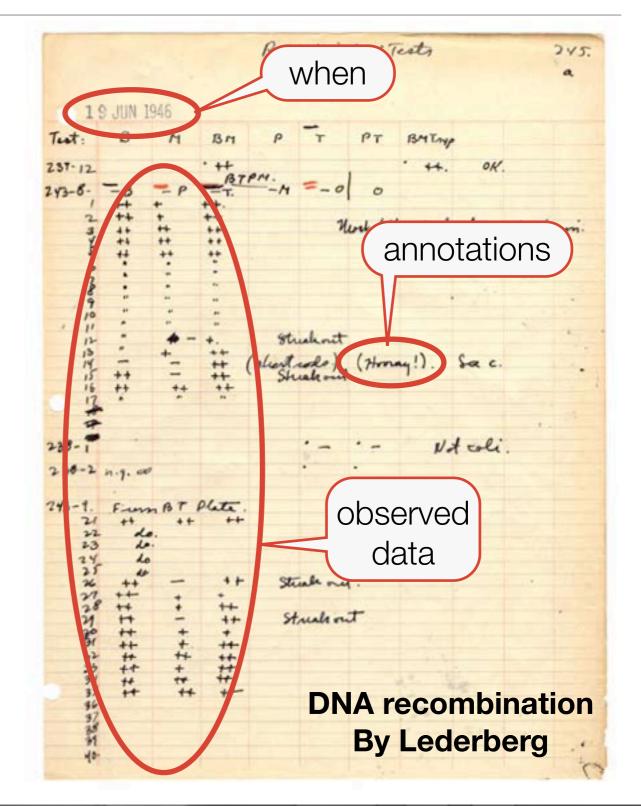
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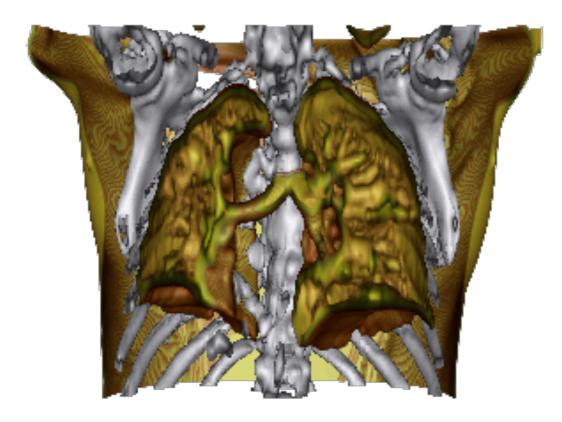


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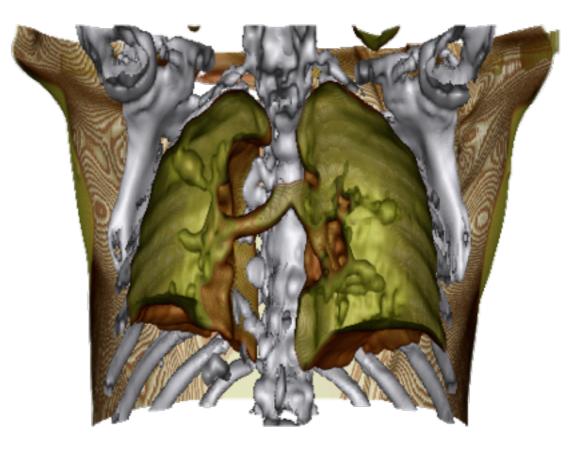


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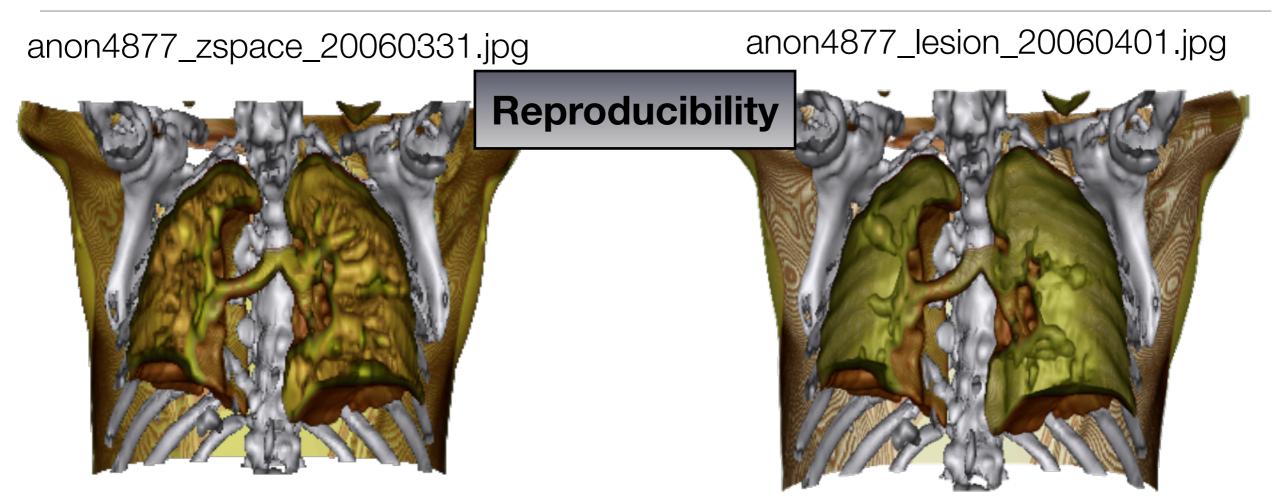


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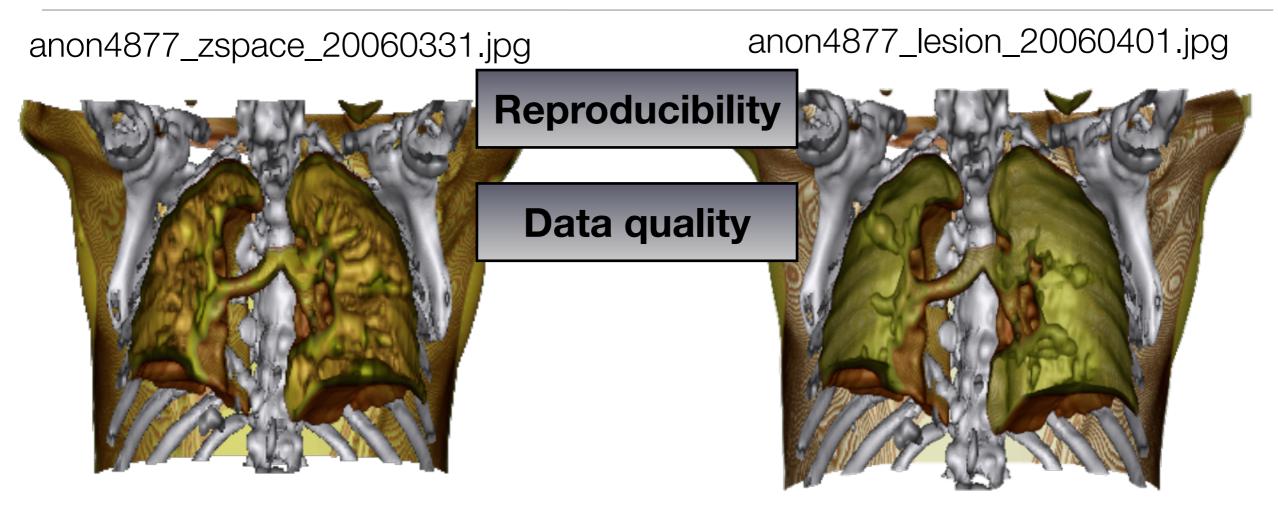
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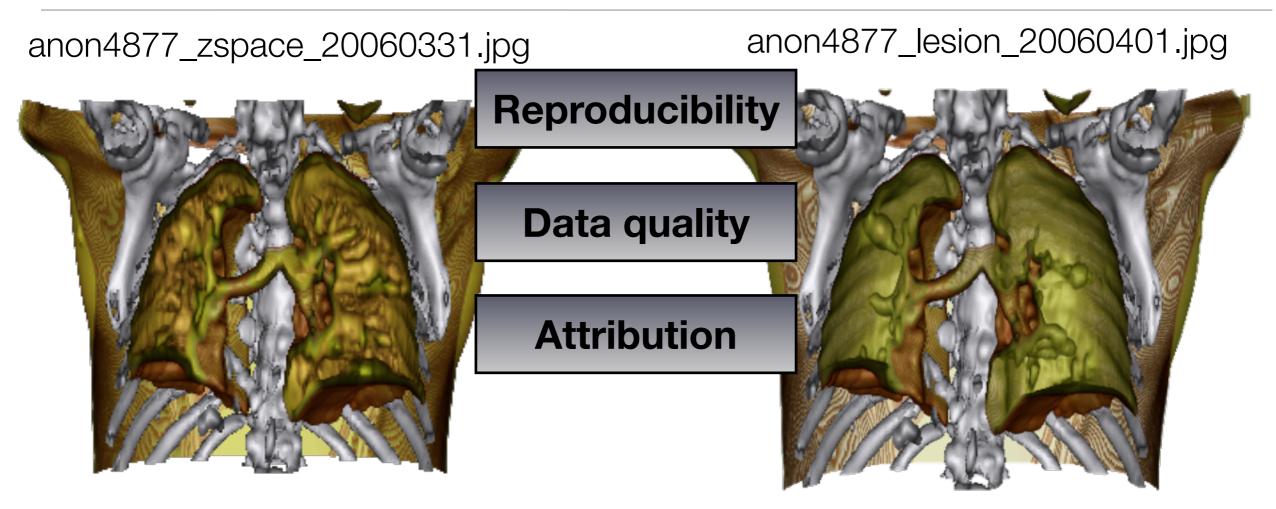
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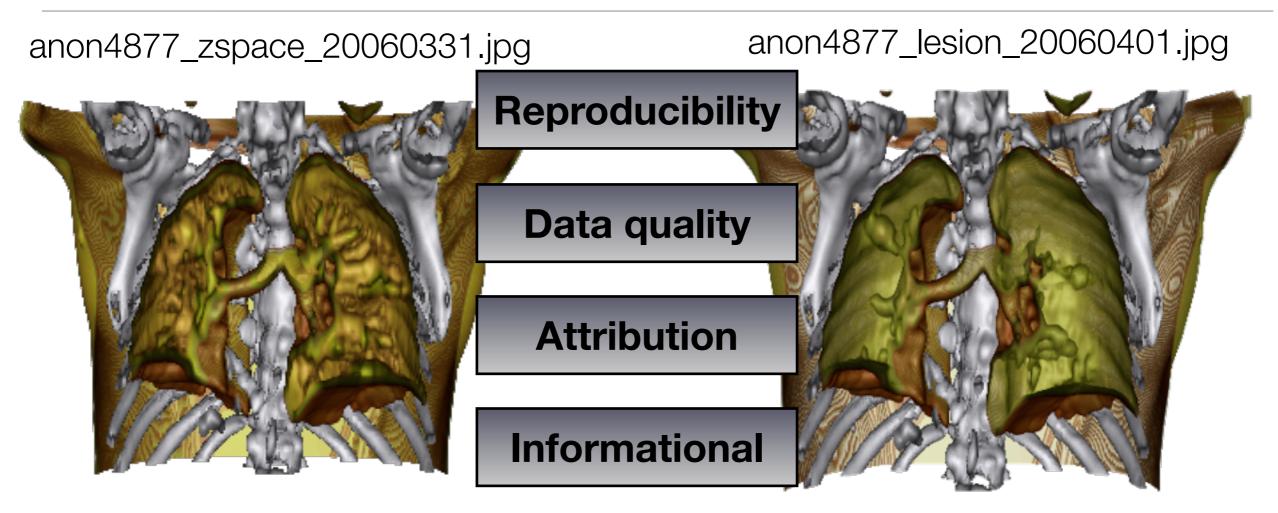
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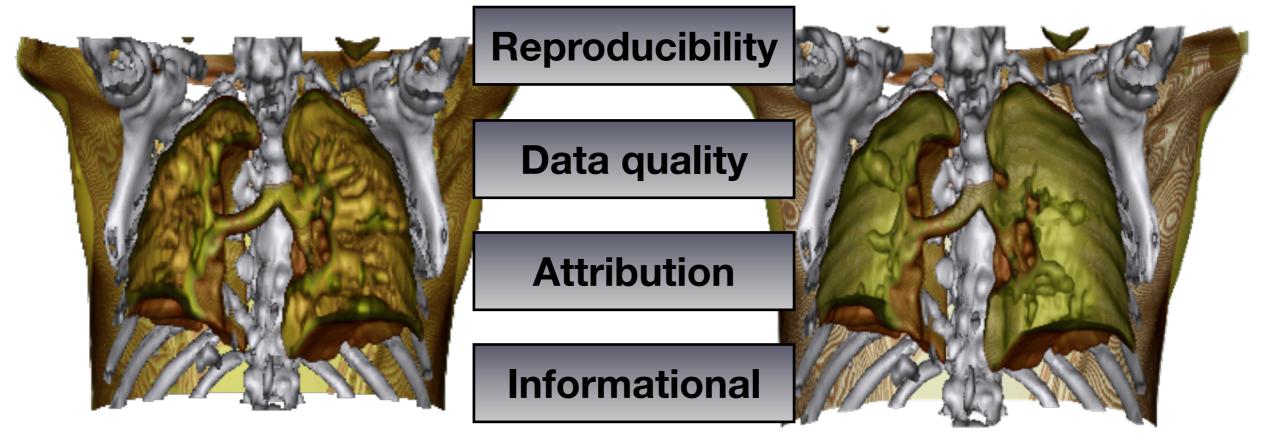
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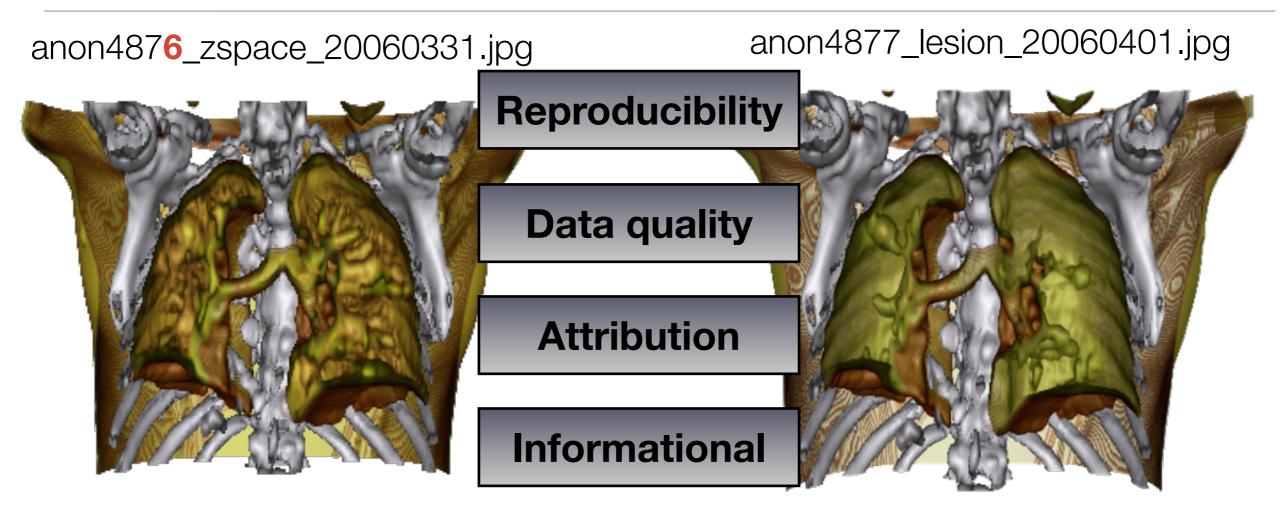
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Tutorial Goals

- Using the VisTrails environment, show how scientific workflows and provenance can be used to support data analysis and visualization
- Discuss emerging applications that are enabled by provenance
- VisTrails tutorial: Cover concrete examples on how to use VisTrails for data exploration
 - Plugin creation
 - Running VisTrails as a server
 - Executing parameter exploration in VisTrails using the command line

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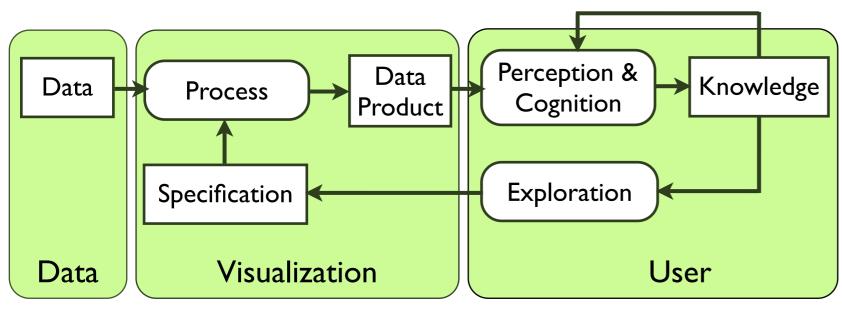


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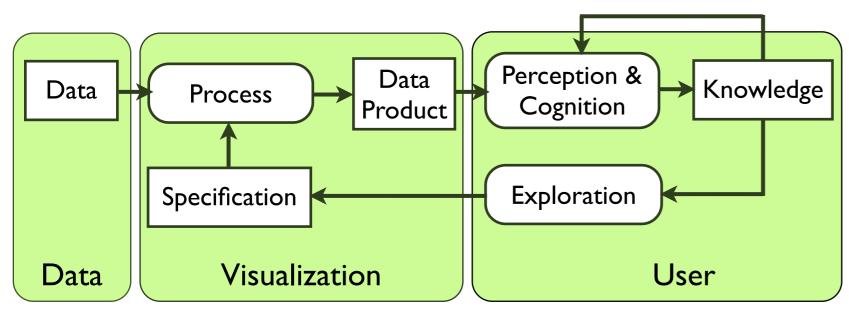


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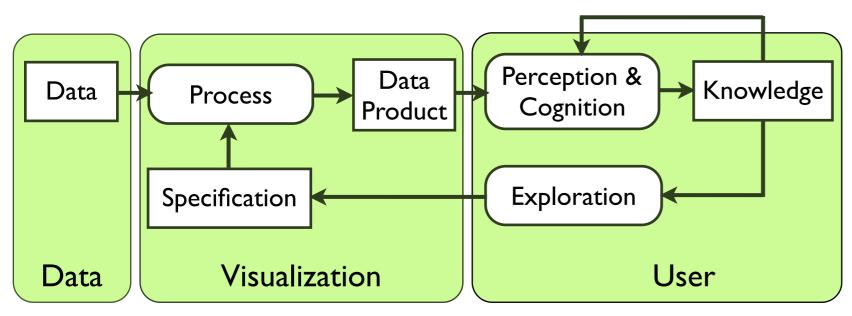
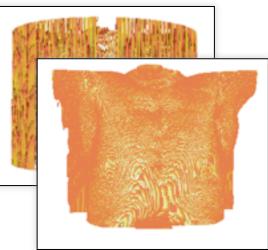
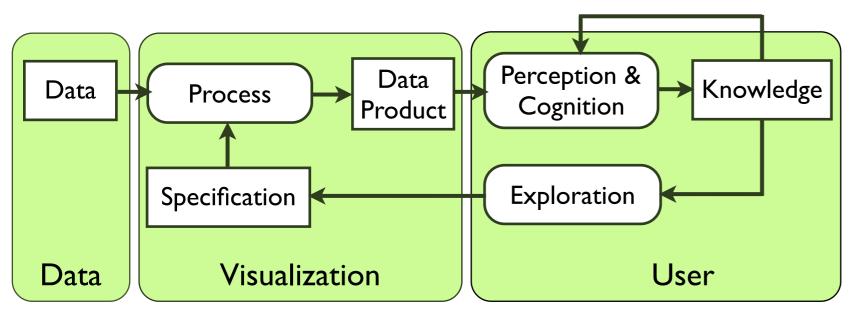


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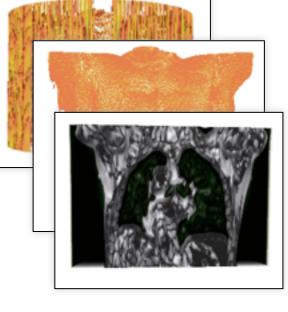


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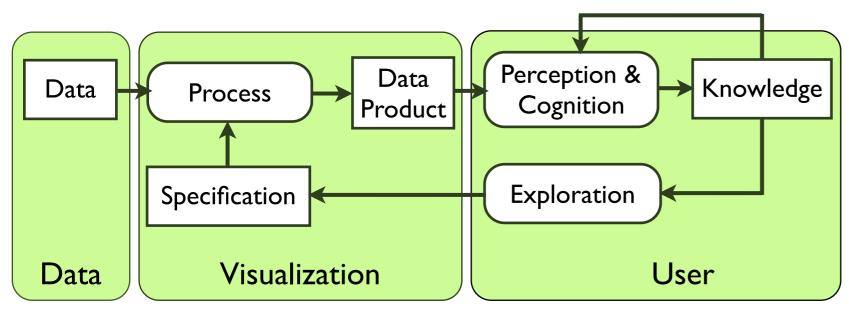
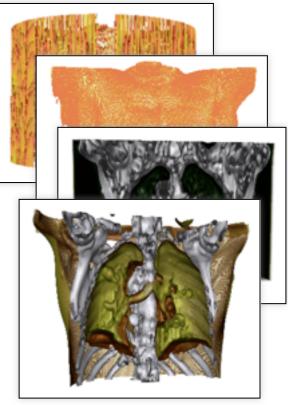


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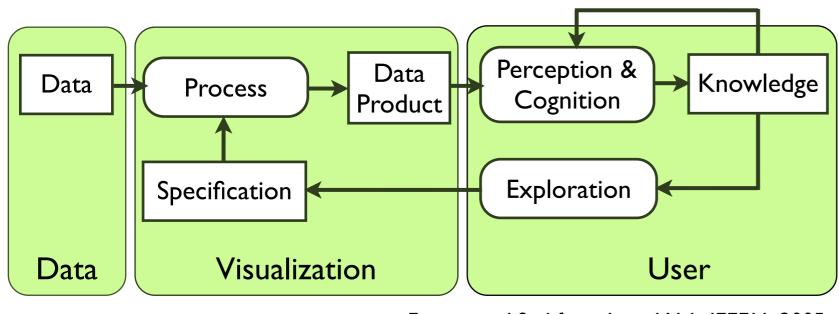
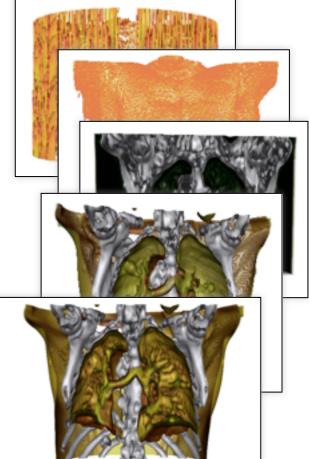
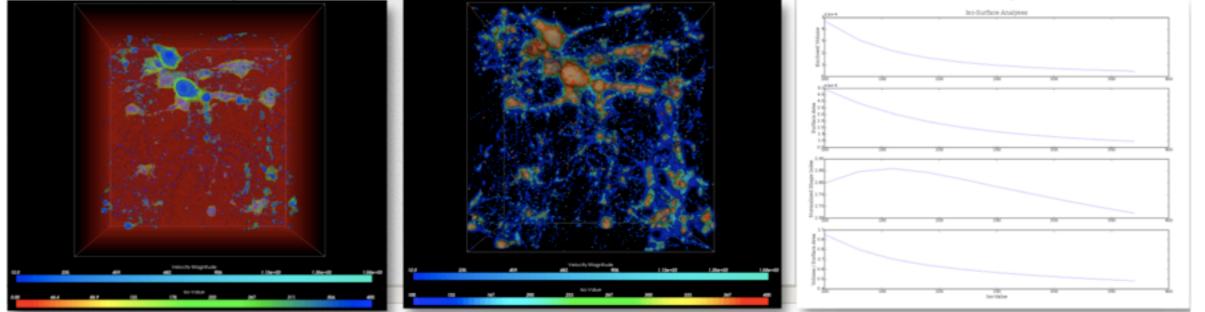


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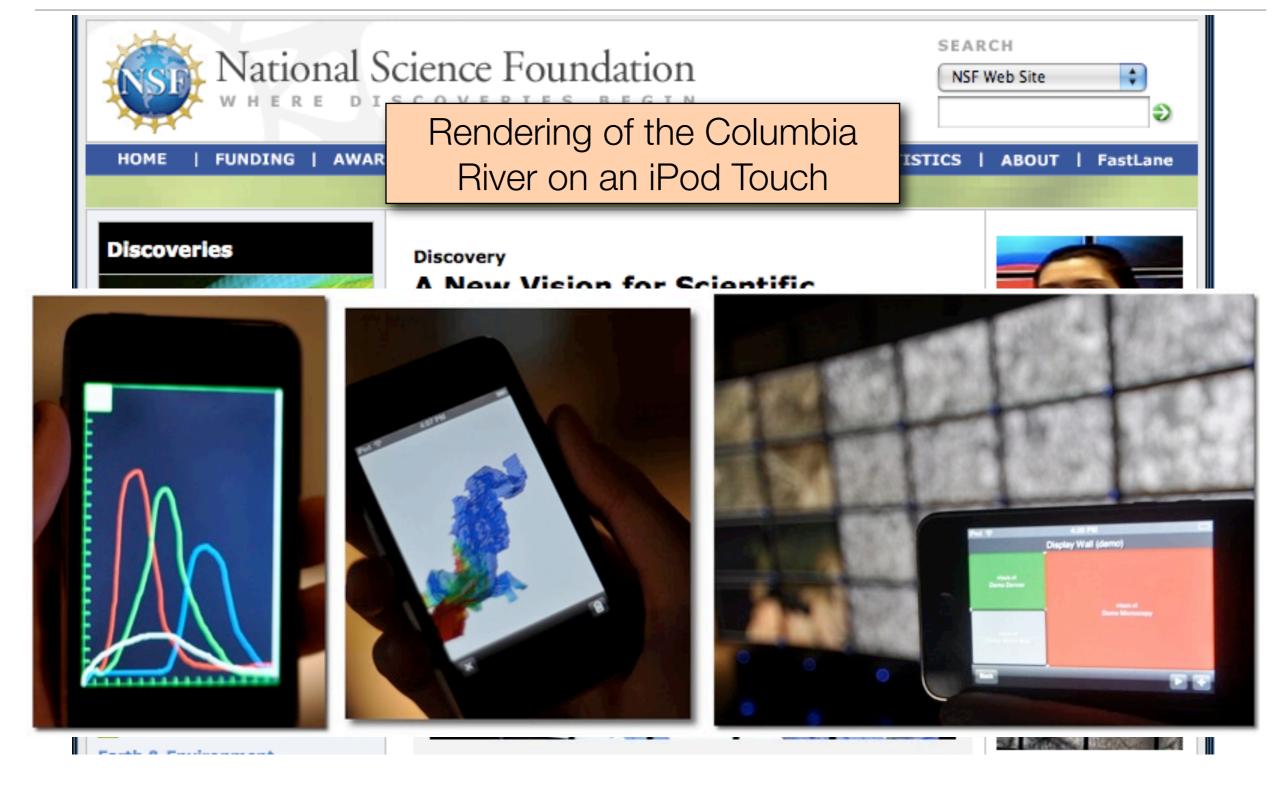


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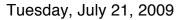
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- Python + Qt = multi-platform
 - Linux, Mac, Windows
- VisTrails is open source: <u>http://www.vistrails.org</u>

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VisTrails: Managing Provenance

- Transparently tracks provenance of the discovery process
 - The trail followed as users generate and test hypotheses
- Use provenance to streamline exploration
- Focus on usability—build tools for scientists
 - VisTrails manages the data, metadata and the exploration process, scientists can focus on science!
- Infrastructure can be combined with and enhance scientific workflow and visualization systems

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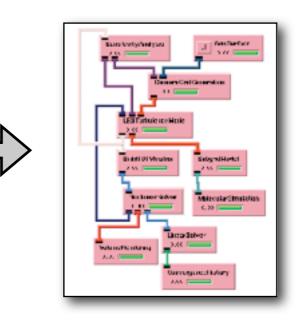
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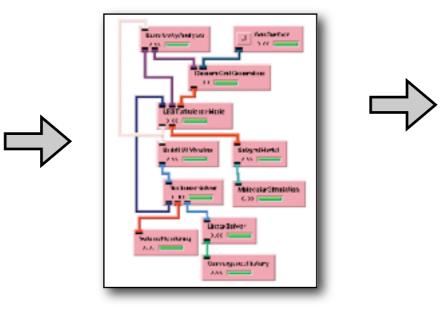
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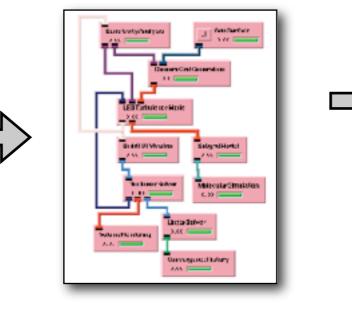
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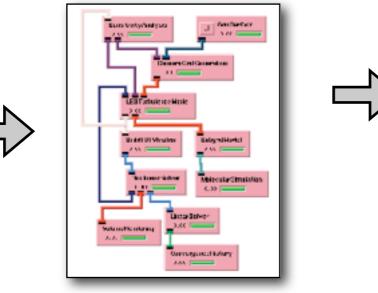
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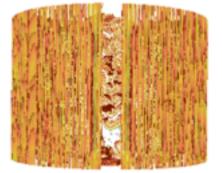






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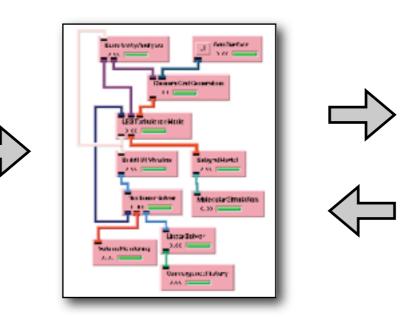
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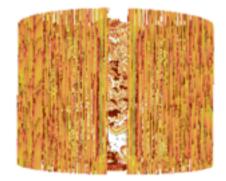
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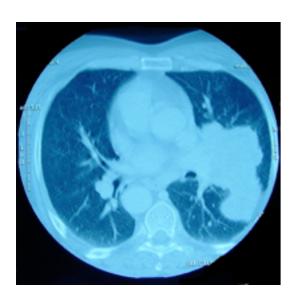
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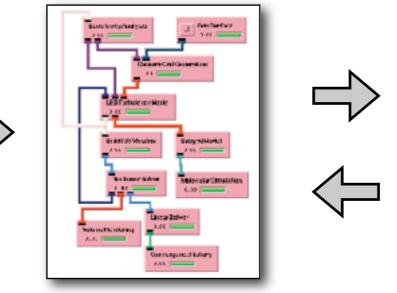
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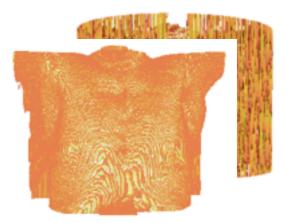
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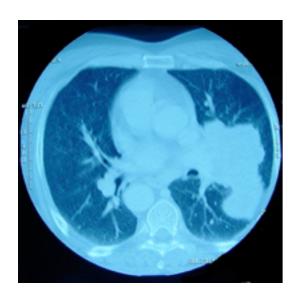
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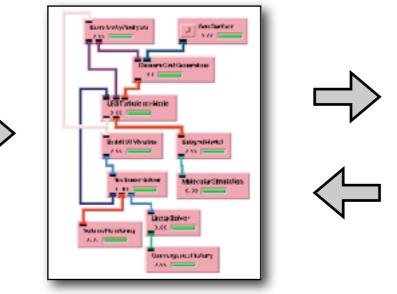
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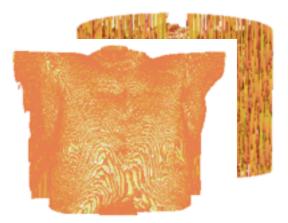
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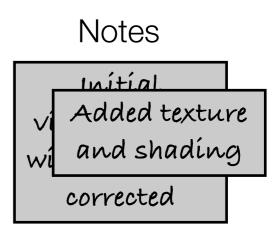




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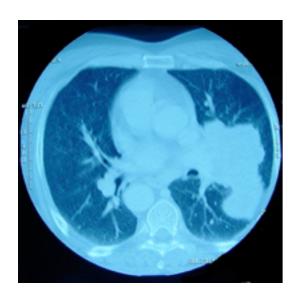
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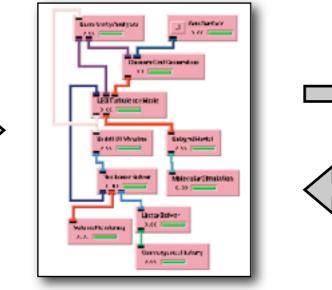
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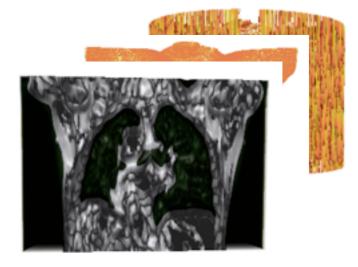
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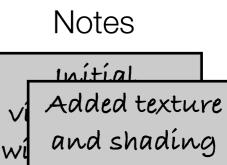




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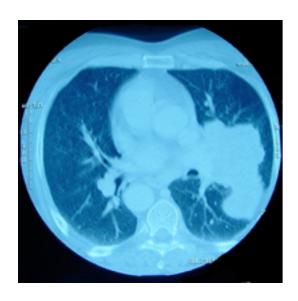
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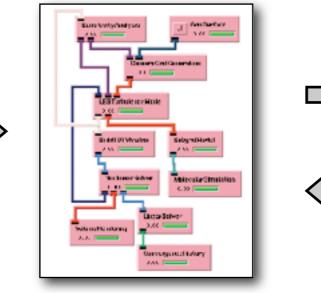
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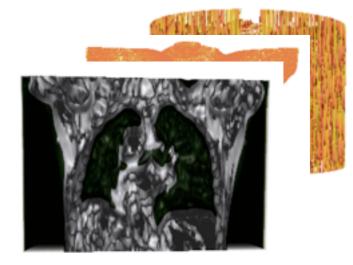
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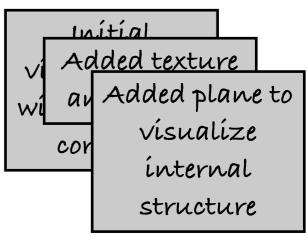
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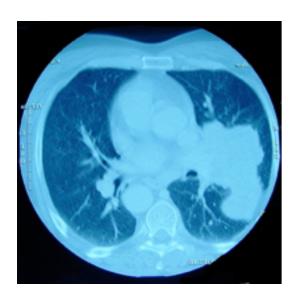




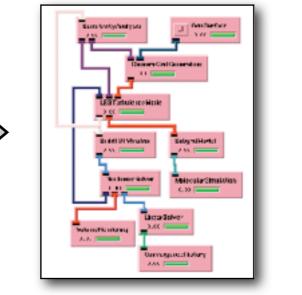
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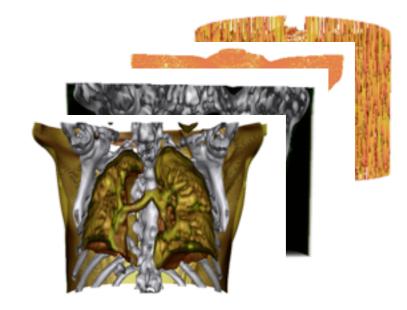


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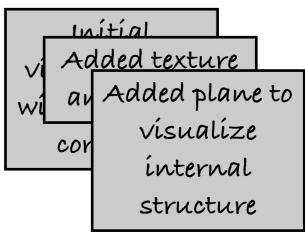
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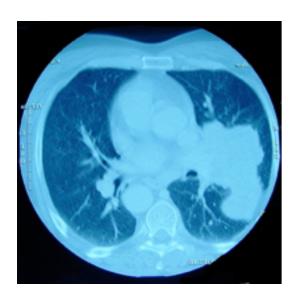




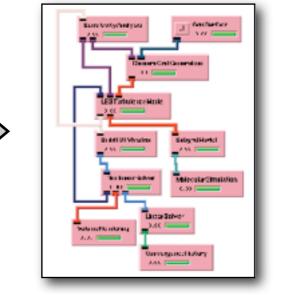
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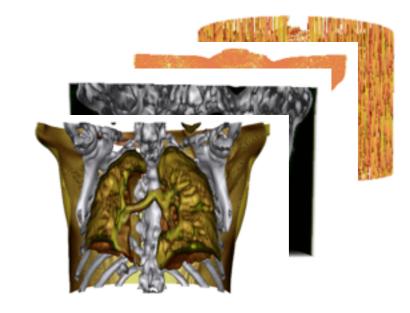
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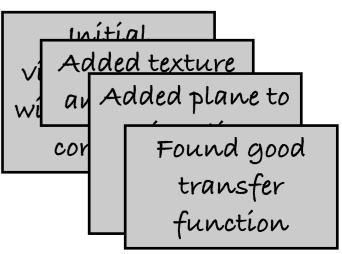
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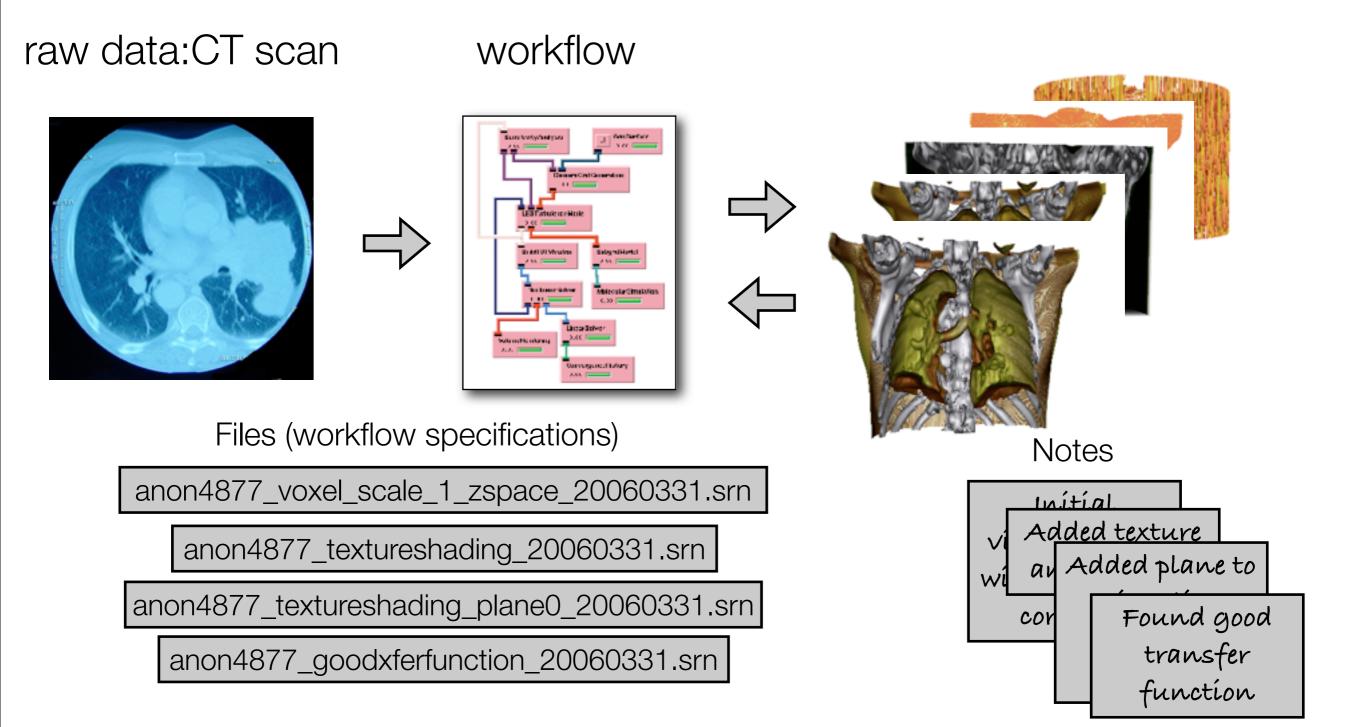






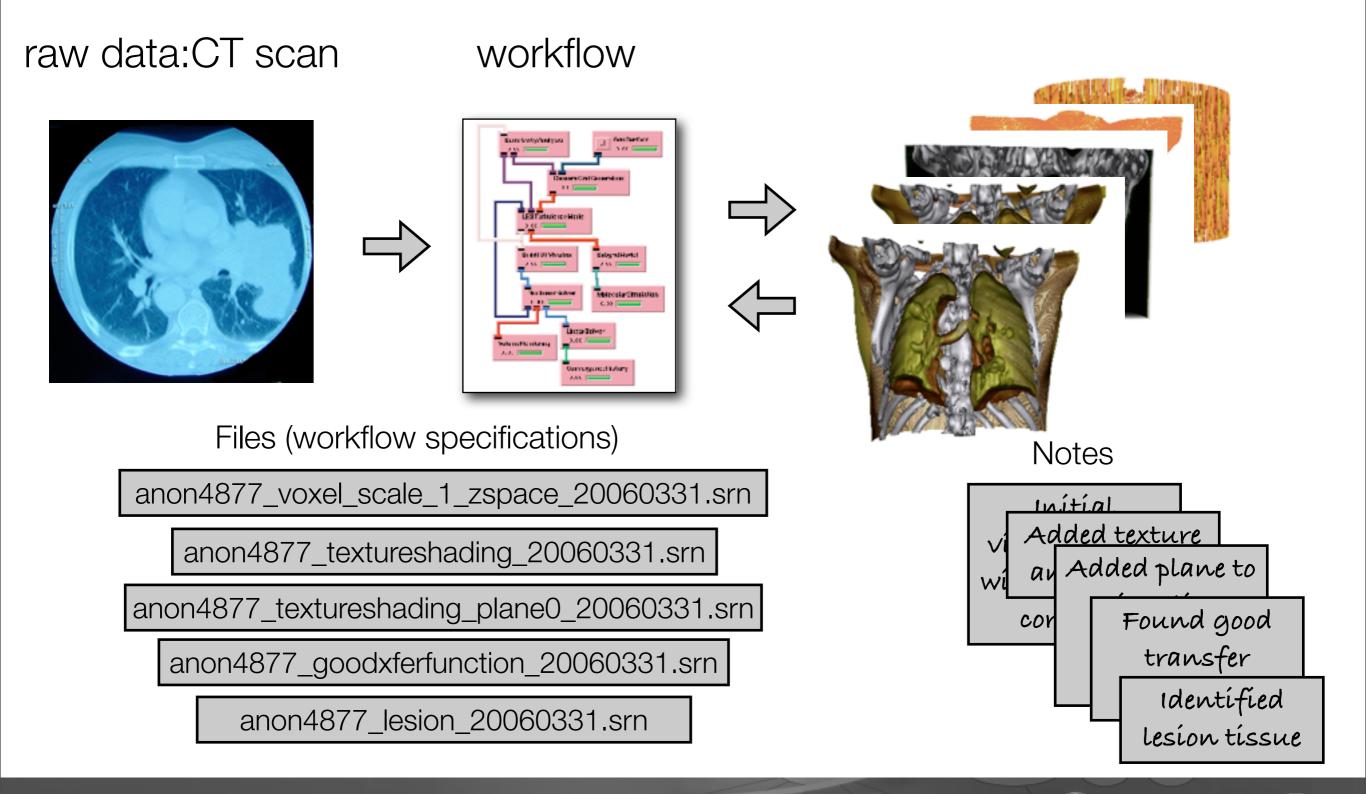
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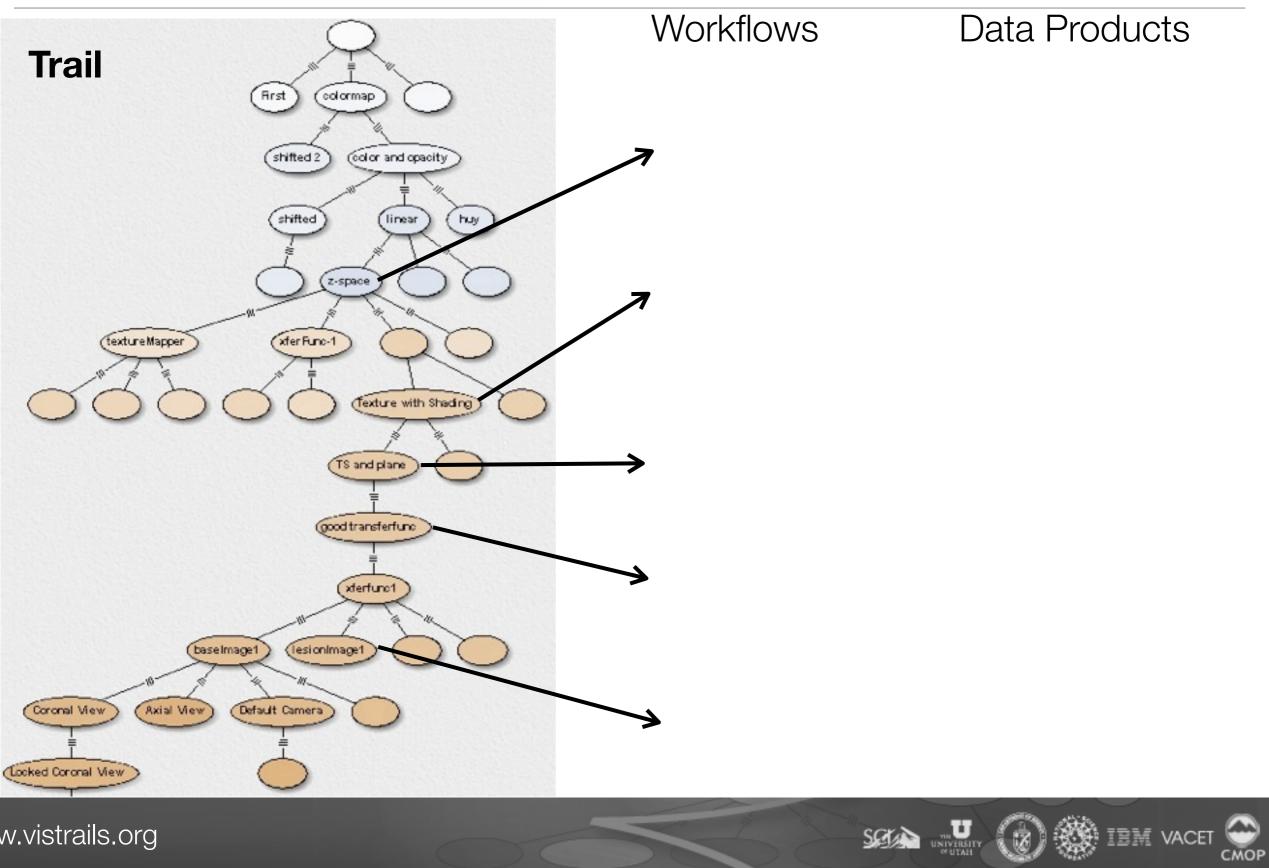


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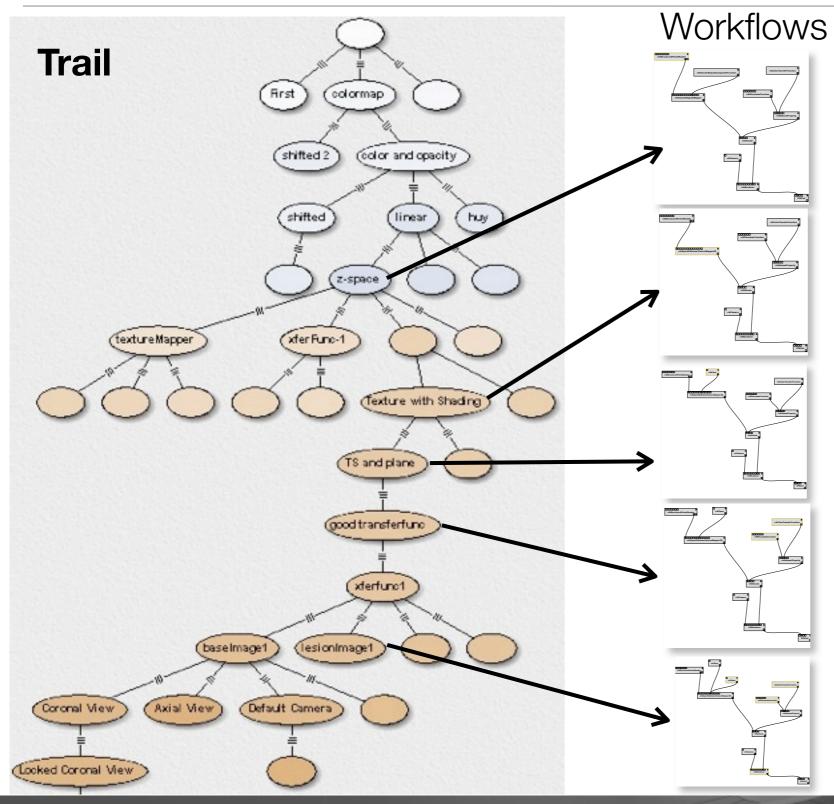


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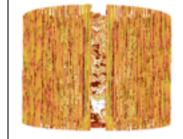
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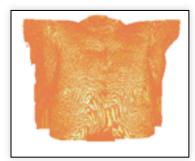
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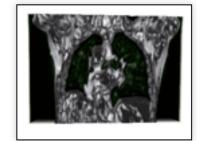
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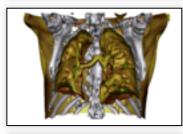


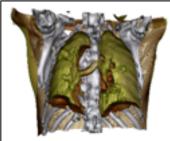
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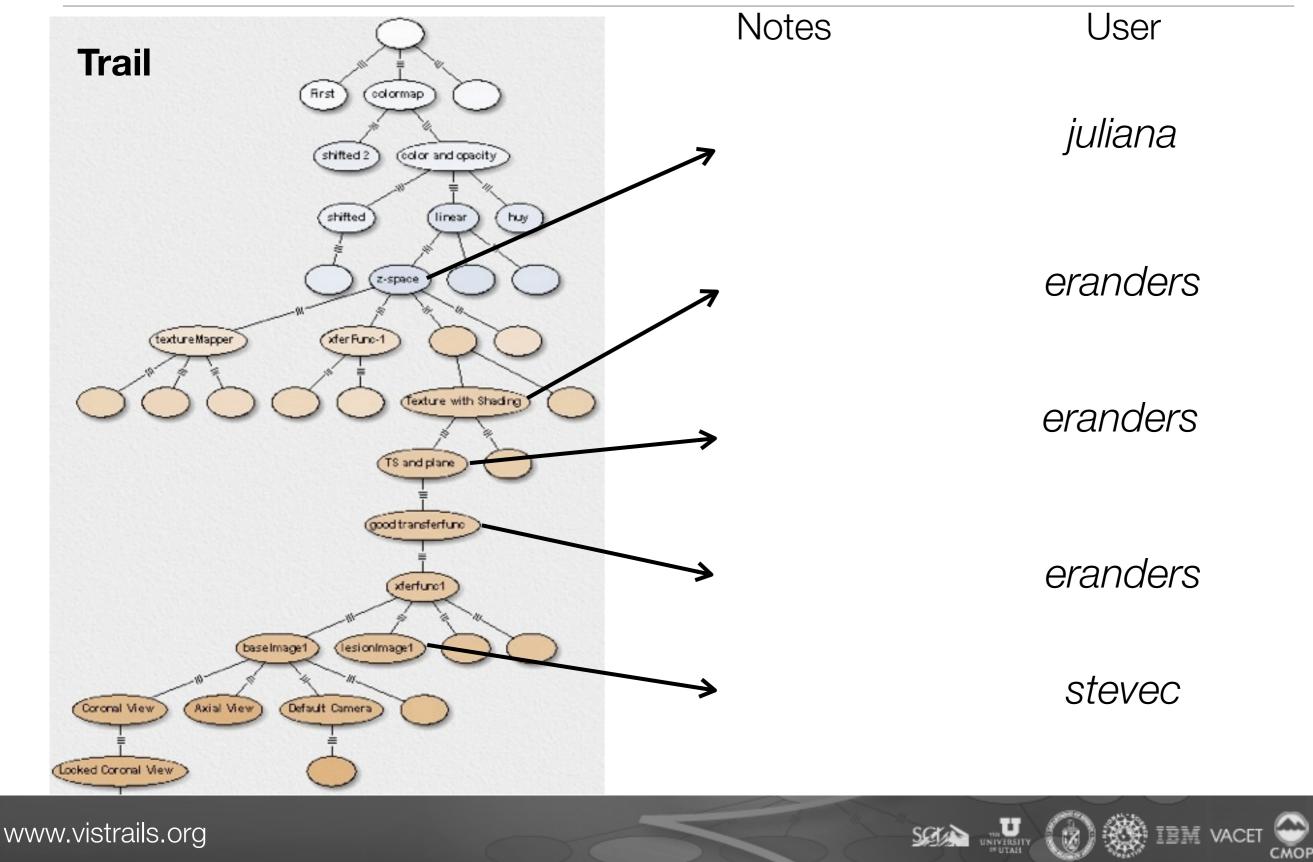
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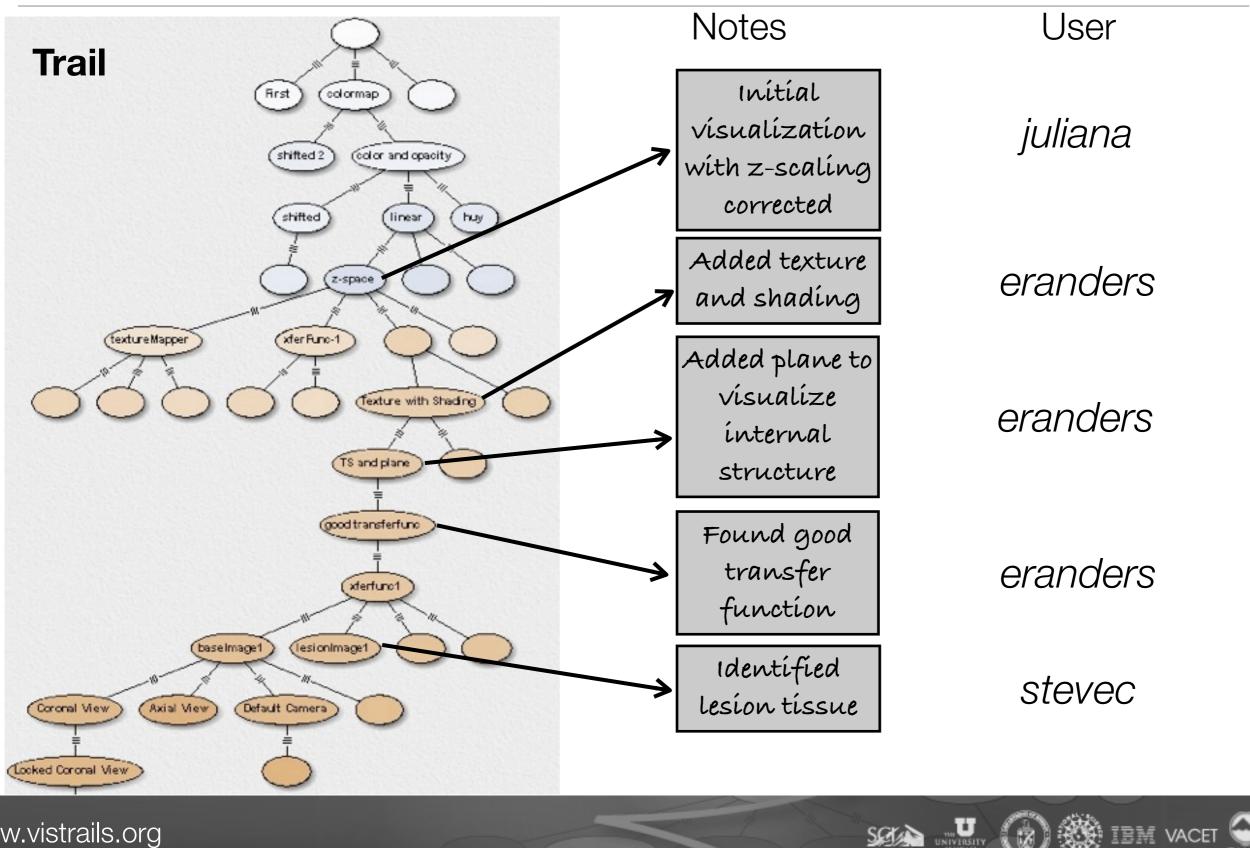
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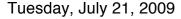
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Demo 1

- Change-based provenance model
- Scalable generation of data products
- Understanding exploratory process: visual workflow difference

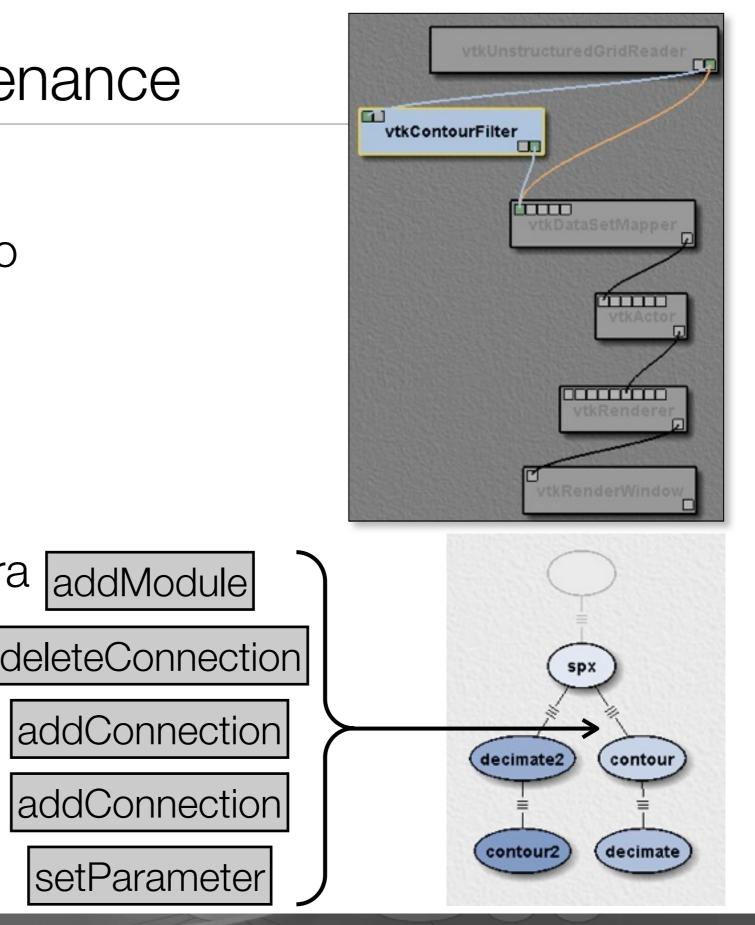
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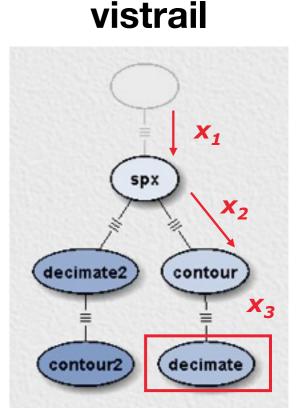
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- A vistrail node vt corresponds to the workflow that is constructed by the sequence of actions from the root to vt

 $V_t = X_n \circ X_{n-1} \circ \ldots \circ X_1 \circ \emptyset$

Concise representation---no need to save all versions!



VisTrails Provenance

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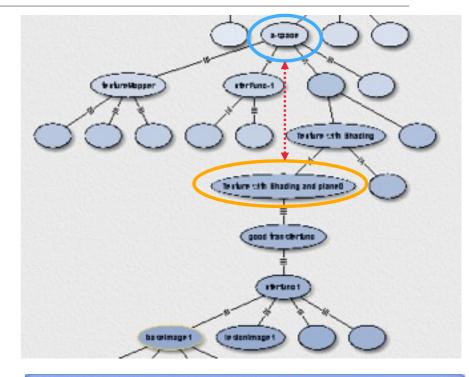
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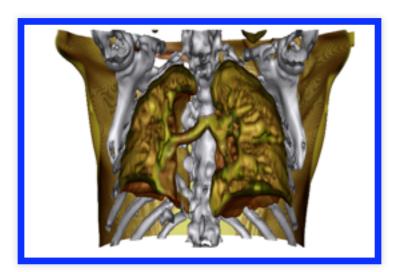
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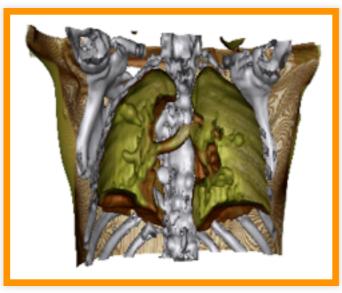
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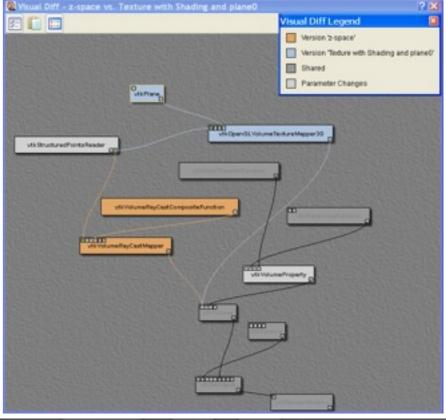
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- Support for reflective reasoning
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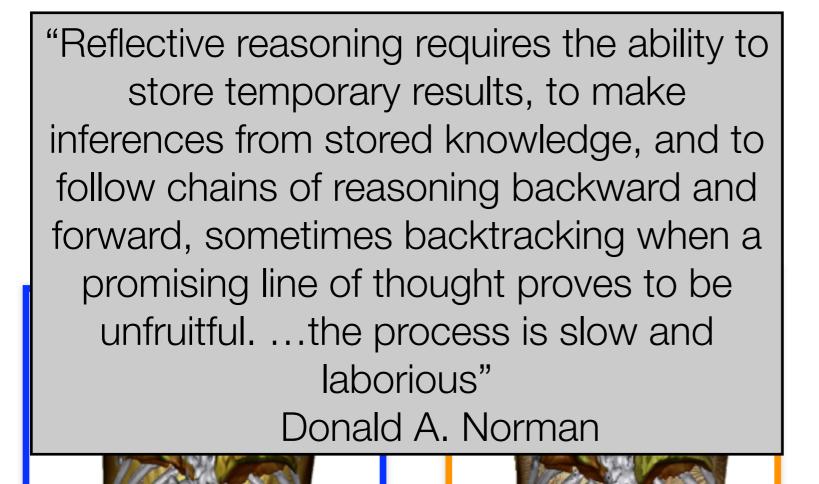


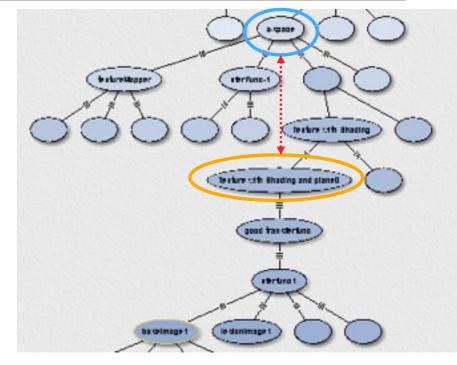
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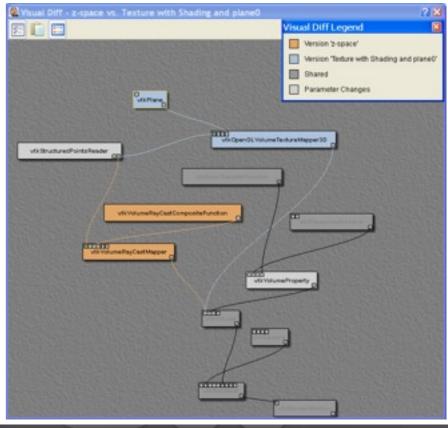
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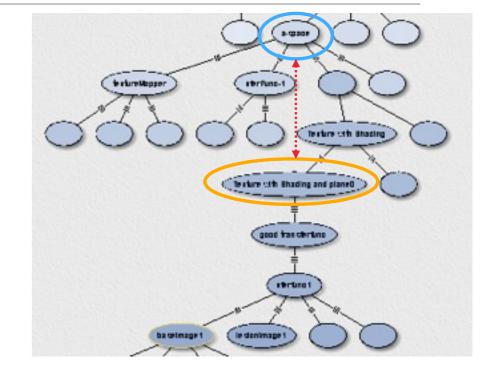
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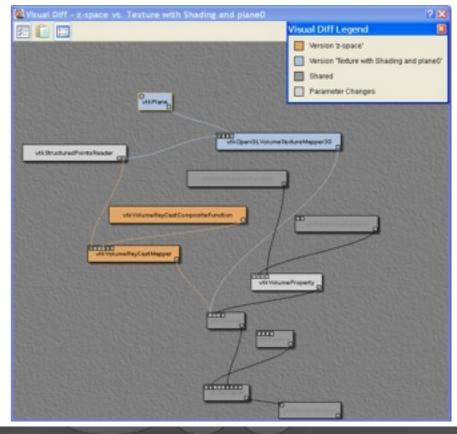
Computing workflow Differences

- No need to compute subgraph isomorphism!
- A vistrail is a rooted tree: all nodes have a common ancestor — diffs are well-defined and simple to compute

$$\begin{array}{l} vt_1 = x_i \circ x_{i-1} \circ \ldots \circ x_1 \circ \varnothing \\ vt_2 = x_j \circ x_{j-1} \circ \ldots \circ x_1 \circ \varnothing \\ vt_1 - vt_2 = \{x_i, x_{i-1}, \ldots, x_1, \varnothing\} - \\ \{x_j, x_{j-1}, \ldots, x_1, \varnothing\} \end{array}$$

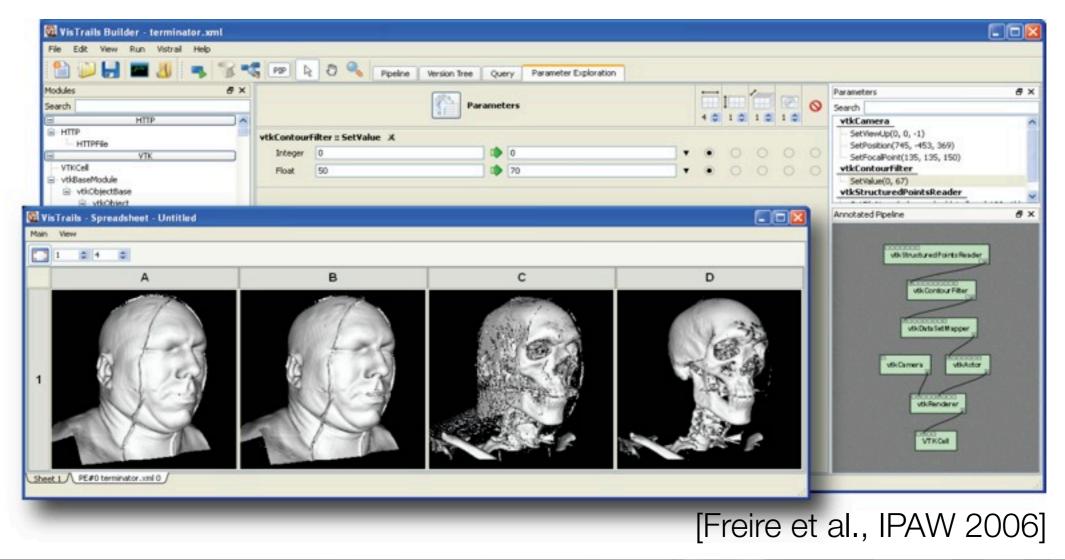
- Different semantics:
 - Exact, based on ids
 - Approximate, based on module signatures





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Exploring the Change Space

- Scripting workflows: Parameter explorations are simple to specify and apply
- \bullet Exploration of parameter space for a workflow $\boldsymbol{v_t}$
- (setParameter(id_n,value_n) $\circ \dots \circ$ (setParameter(id_1,value_1) $\circ \mathbf{v_t}$)
- Exploration of multiple workflow specifications (addModule(id_i,...) \circ (deleteModule(id_i) \circ **v**₁)

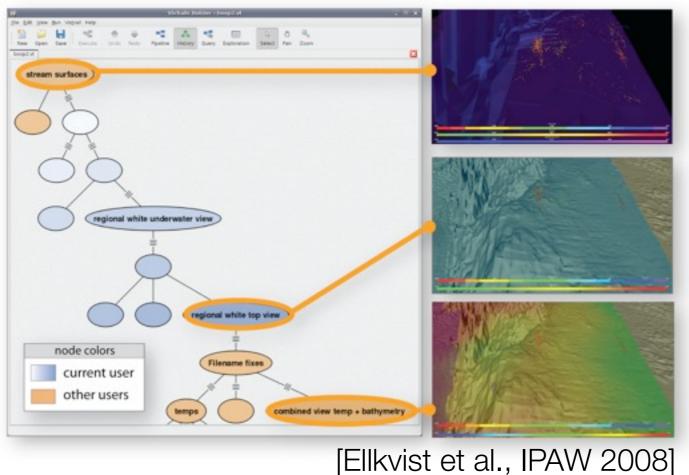
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- Results can be conveniently compared in the VisTrails spreadsheet
- Can create animations too!
- Caching to avoid redundant computations [Bavoil et al., IEEE Vis 2005]

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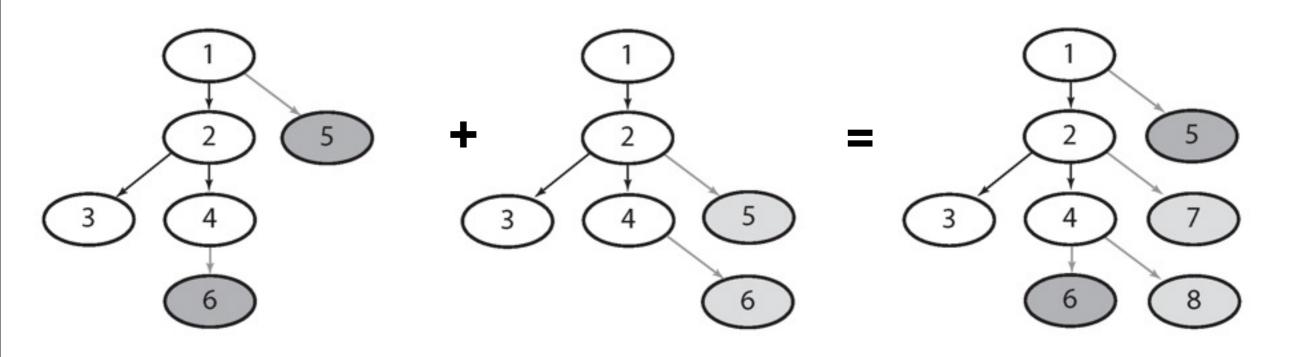
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Collaborative Exploration

- Collaboration is key to data exploration
 - Translational, integrative approaches to science
- Store provenance information in a database
- Synchronize concurrent updates through locking
 - Real-time collaboration [Ellkvist et al., IPAW 2008]
- Asynchronous access: similar to version control systems
 - Check out, work offline, synchronize
 - Users exchange patches
- Synchronization is simple-provenance is monotonic
- No need for a central repository—support for distributed collaboration
 - For details see Callahan et al, SCI Institute Technical Report, No. UUSCI-2006-016 2006

VisTrails Synchronization

- Version tree is monotonic
 - Actions are always added, never deleted
- Merging two vistrails is simple



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Change-Based Provenance: Summary

- General: Works with any system that has undo/redo!
- Concise representation
- Uniformly captures data and workflow provenance
 - Data provenance: where does a specific data product come from?
 - Workflow evolution: how has workflow structure changed over time?
- Results can be reproduced
- Detailed information about the exploration process
- Provenance beyond reproducibility:
 - Scientists can return to any point in the exploration space
 - Scalable exploration of the parameter space—results can be compared side-by-side in the spreadsheet
 - Support for collaboration
 - Understand problem-solving strategies—knowledge re-use



Exploring and Re-Using Provenance

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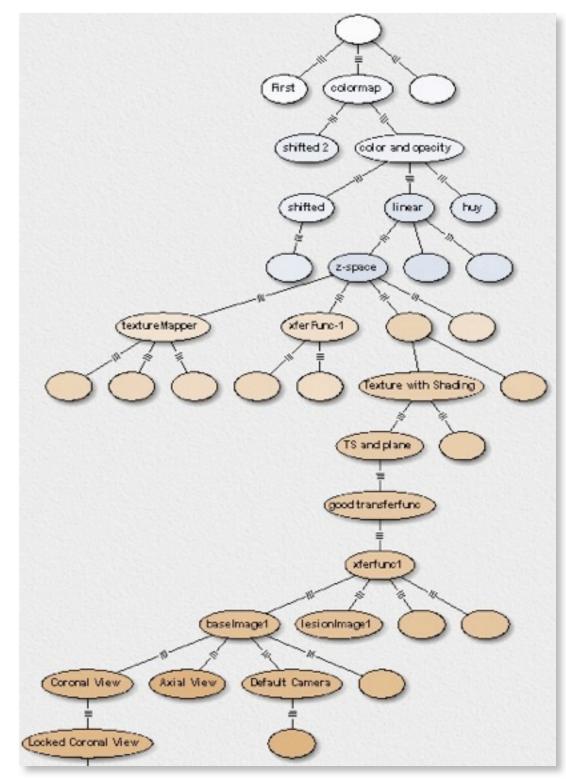
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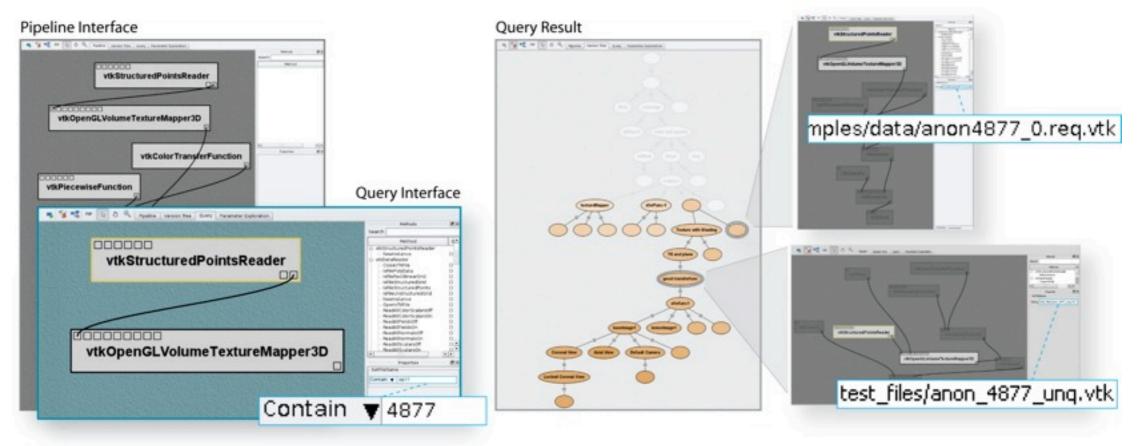
Interacting with Workflow Evolution Provenance

- Storing detailed information is important
- Need appropriate user interface to
 - leverage information, and
 - deal with the information overload
- Understanding the history
 - Different colors for different users
 - Node age represented by saturation level
- Create views over the version tree



Querying Workflows and Provenance

- Workflow and provenance are graphs: hard to specify queries using text!
- Querying workflows by example [Scheidegger et al., TVCG 2007]
- WYSIWYQ -- What You See Is What You Query
- Interface to create workflow is same as to query



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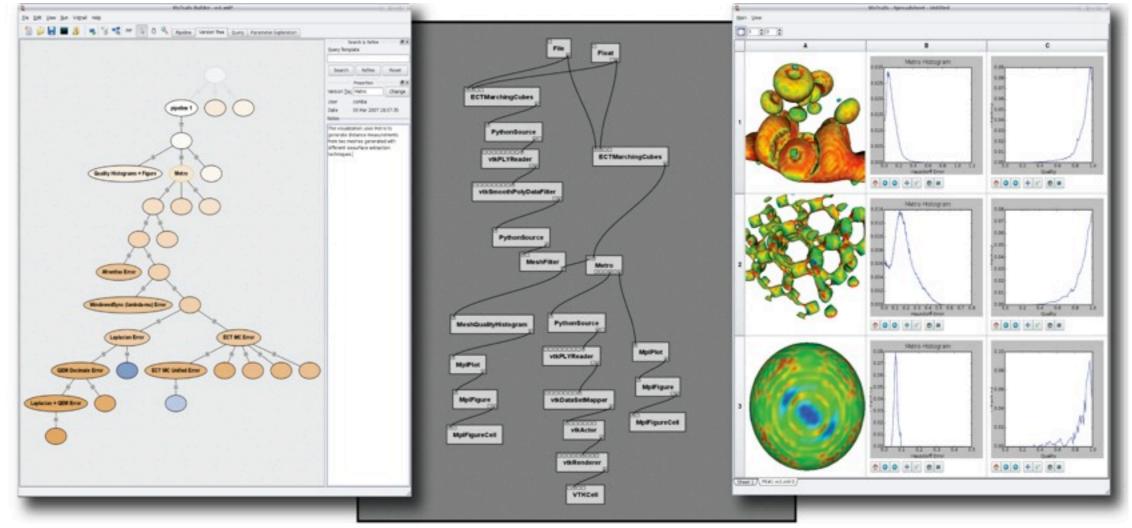
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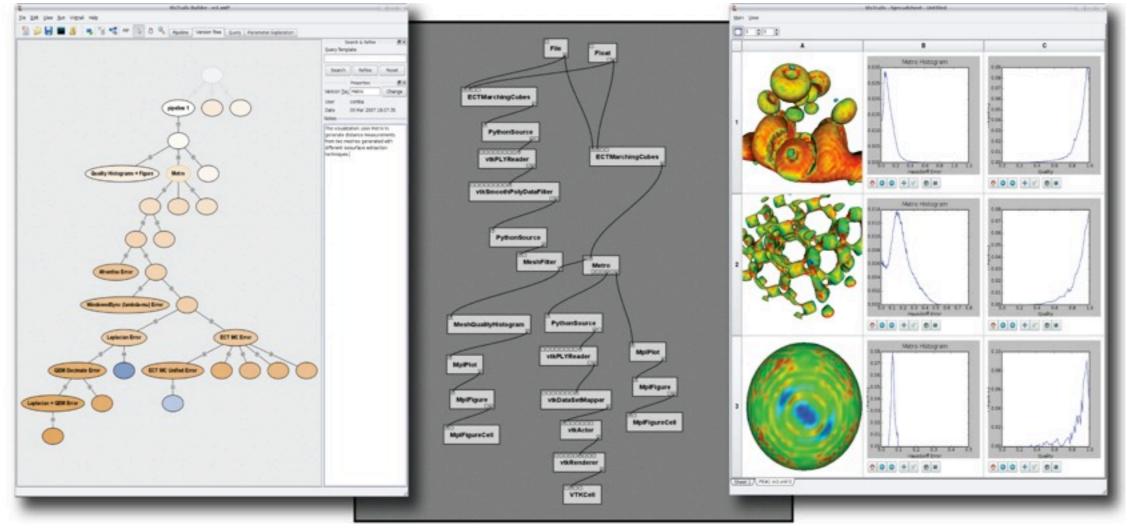
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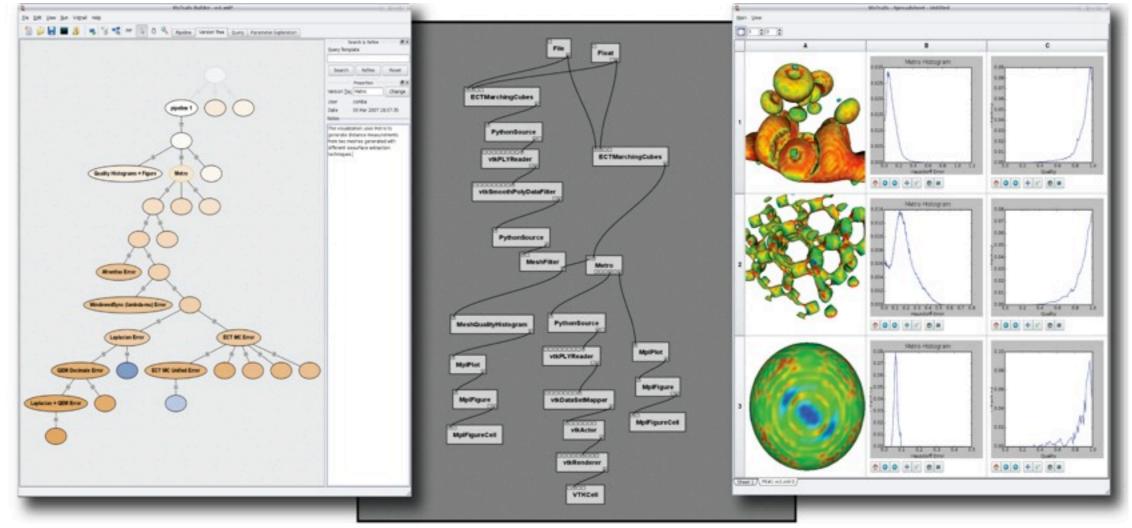
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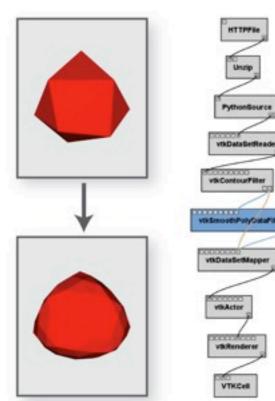
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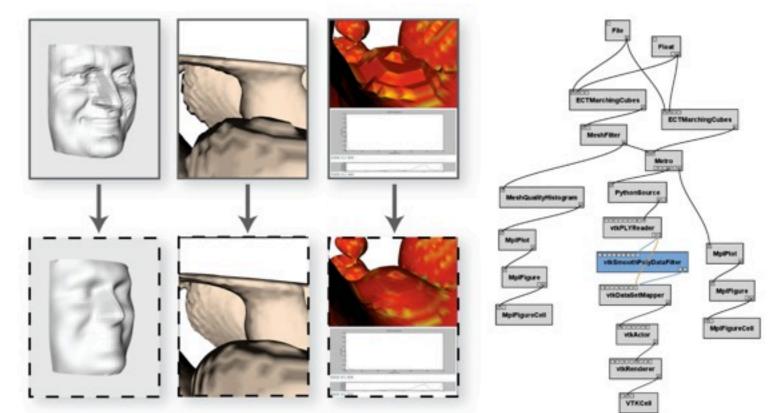
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Refining Analyses by Analogy

- Leverage the wisdom of the crowds in shared provenance
- Some refinements are common, e.g., change the rendering technique, publish image on the Web
- Apply refinements by analogy, automatically [Scheidegger et al, IEEE TVCG 2007]



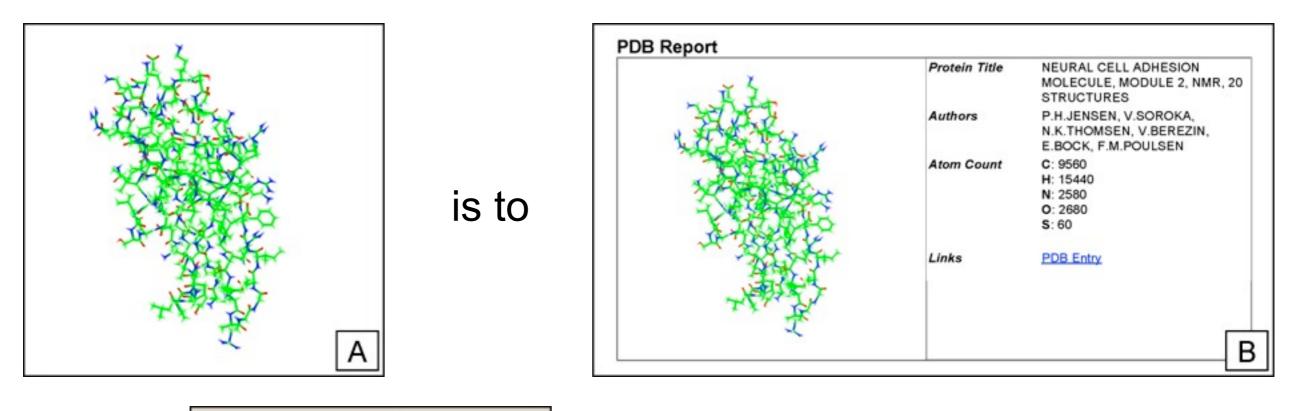
Analogy Template



Automatically constructed visualizations

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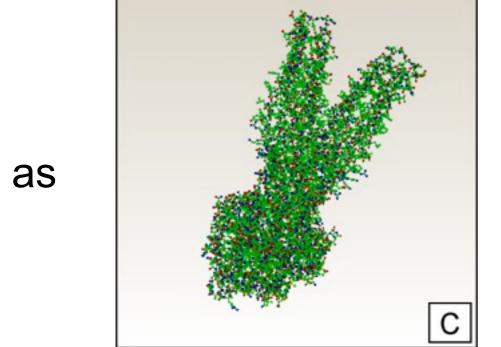


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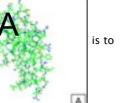
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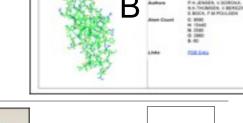
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Eigenvalue decompositions Compute mapped difference

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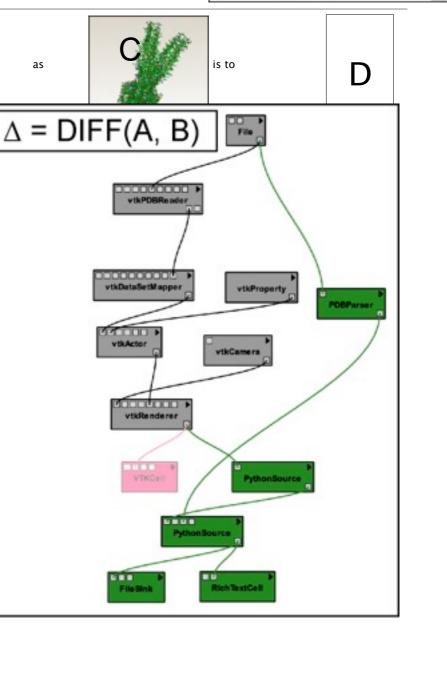
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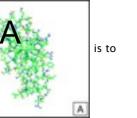
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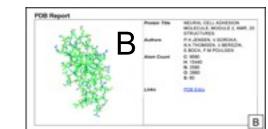
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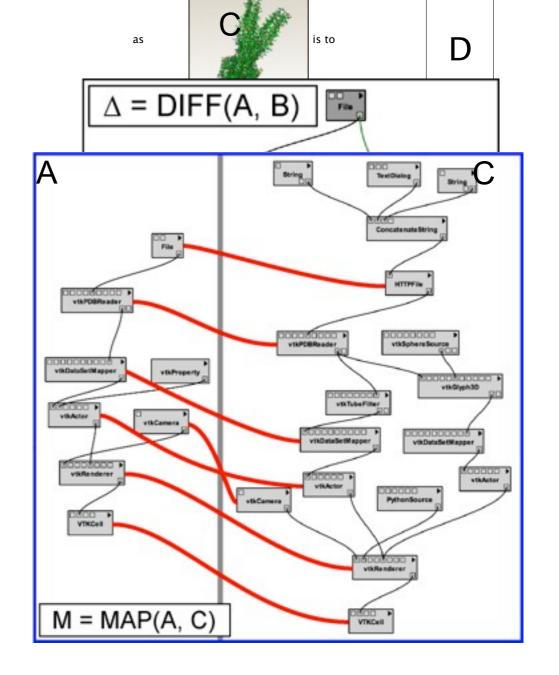




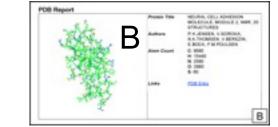
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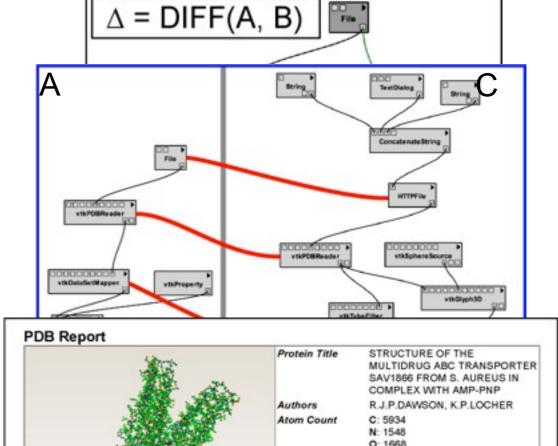
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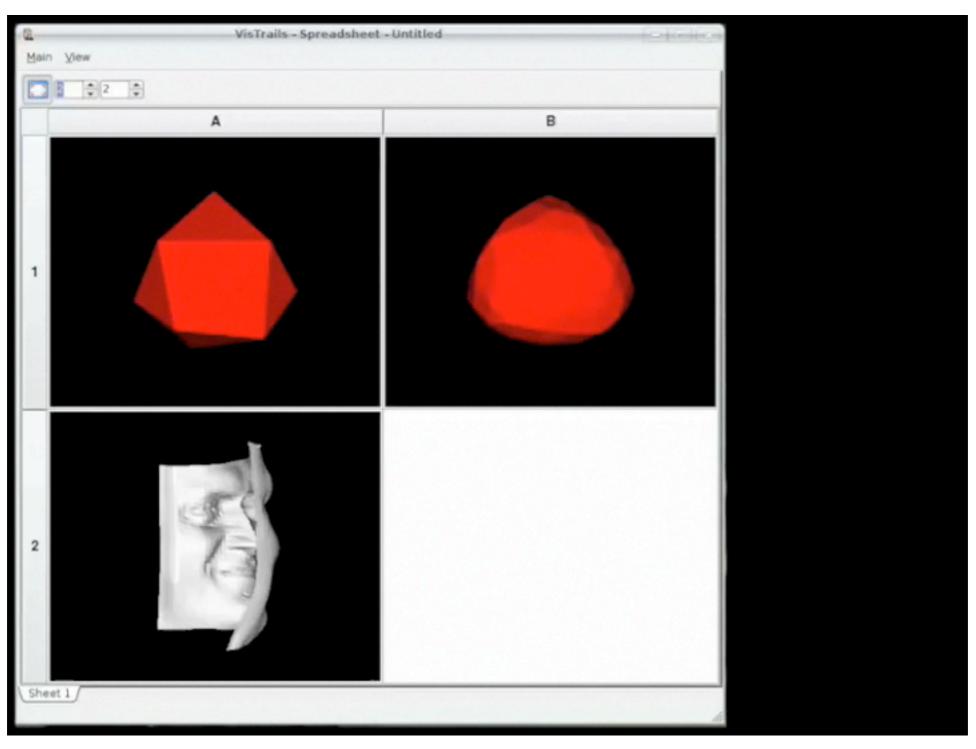
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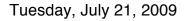
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Querying and Searching Workflow refinement by analogy

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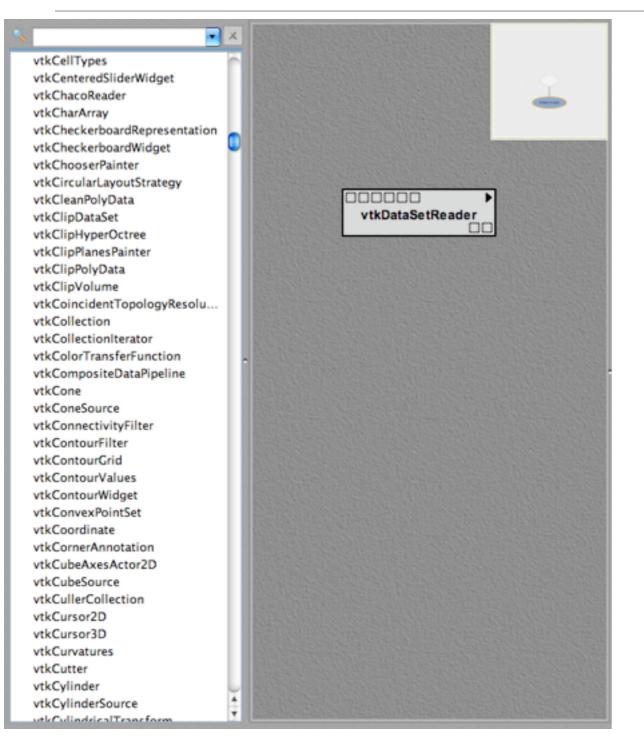
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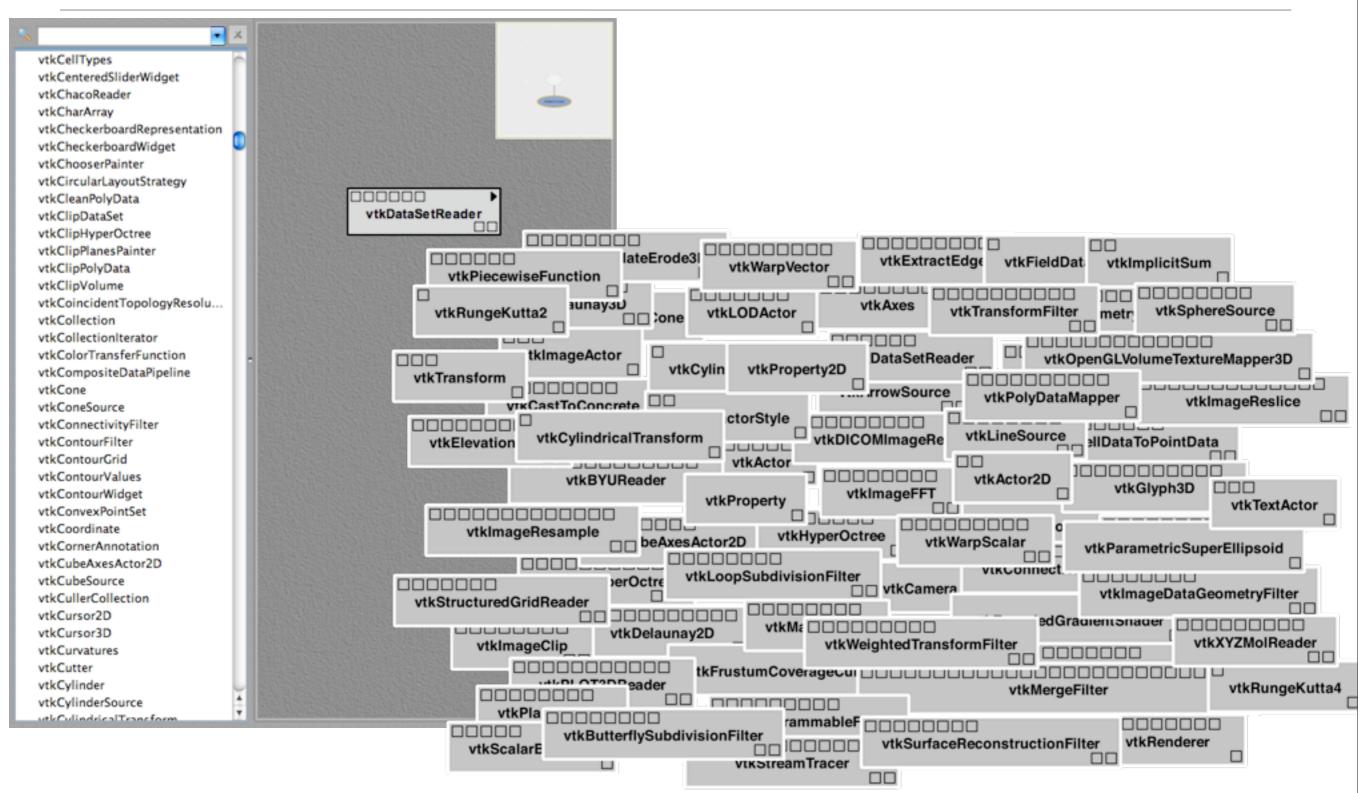
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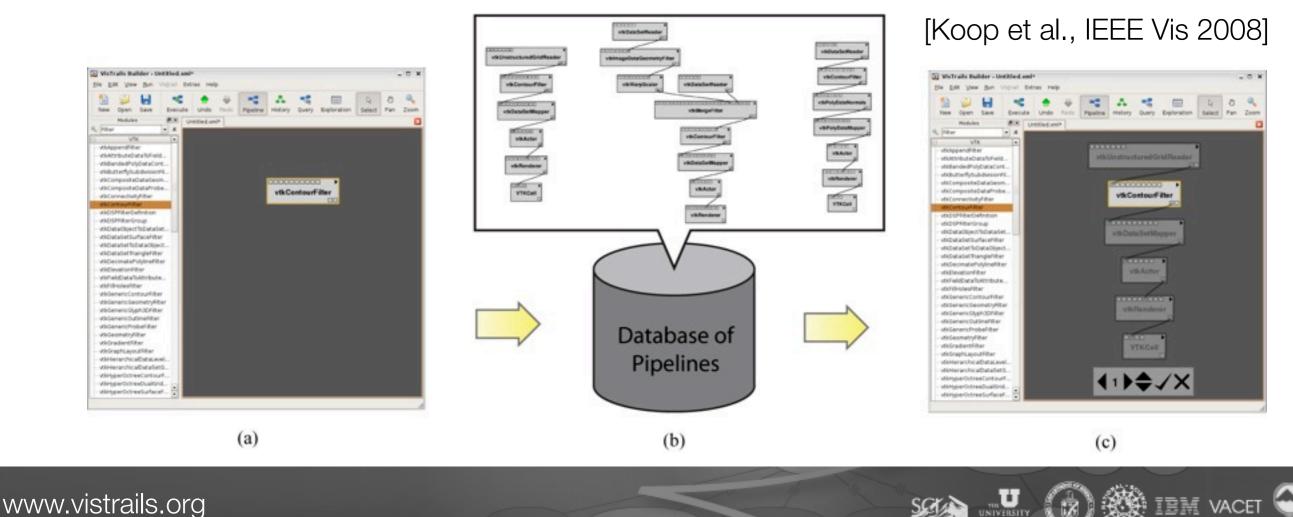
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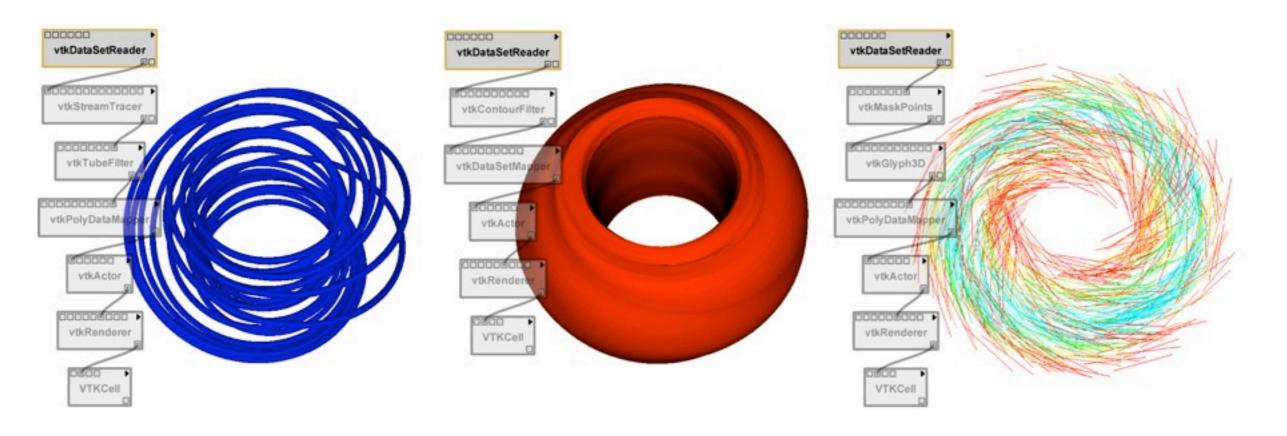
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VisComplete: Video

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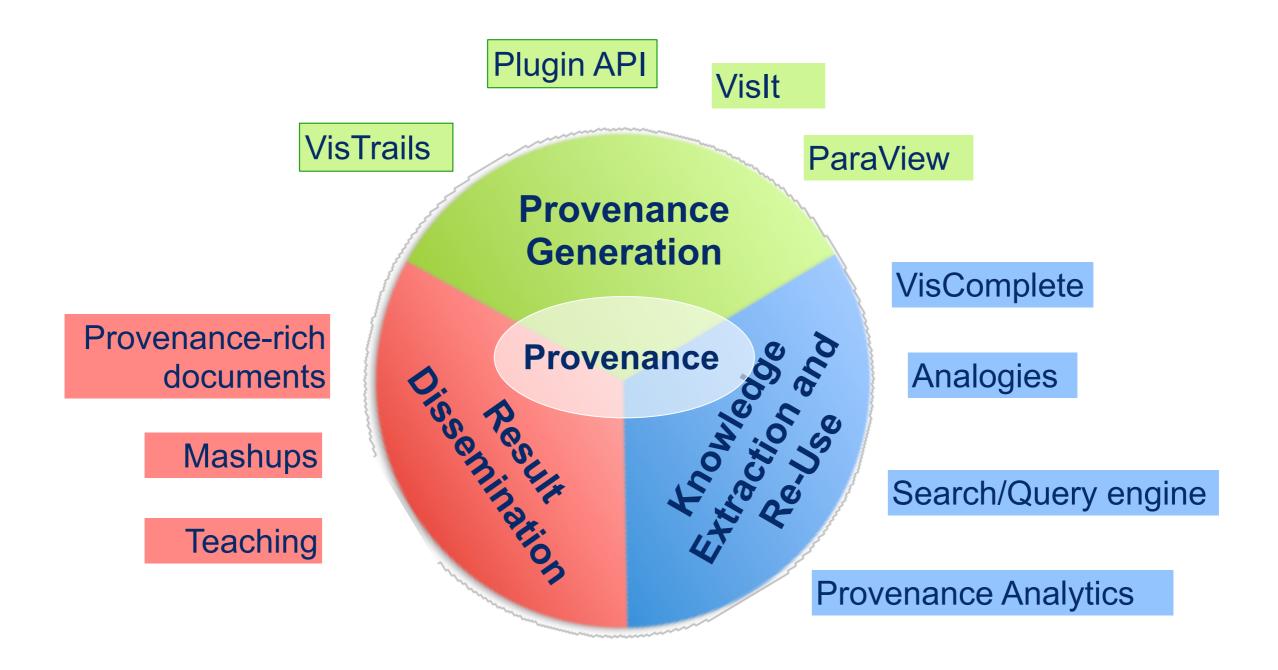
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Emerging Applications





Provenance Infrastructure



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Scientific Publications and Provenance

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Improved muscular efficiency displayed as Tour de France champion matures

Edward F. Coyle

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Coyle, Edward F. Improved muscalar efficiency displayed as Tour de Pance champion matures. J Appl Physiol 98: 2191-2196, 2005. First published March 17, 2005;doi:10.1152/japplphysiol.00216.2005.---This case describes the physiological maturation from ages 21 to 28 yr of the bicyclist who has now become the six-time consecutive Grand Champion of the Tour de France, at ages 27-32 yr. Maximal oxygen uptake (Vo2 man) in the trained state remained at ~6 l/min, lean body weight remained at ~70 kg, and maximal heart rate declined from 207 to 200 beats/min. Blood lactate threshold was typical of competitive cyclists in that it occurred at 76-85% $Vo_{2,max}$ yet maximal blood lactate concentration was remarkably low in the trained state. It appears that an 8% improvement in muscular efficiency and thus power production when cycling at a given oxygen uptake (Vo2) is the characteristic that improved most as this athlete matured from ages 21 to 28 yr. It is noteworthy that at age 25 yr, this champion developed advanced cancer, requiring surgeries and chemotherapy. During the months leading up to each of his Tour de France victories, he reduced body weight and body fat by 4-7 kg (i.e., ~7%). Therefore, over the 7-yr period, an improvement in muscular efficiency and reduced body fat contributed equally to a remarkable 18% improvement in his steady-state power per kilogram body weight when cycling at a given Vo2 (e.g., 5 l/min). It is hypothesized that the improved muscular efficiency probably reflects changes in muscle myosin type stimulated from years of training intensely for 3-6 h on most days.

maximum oxygen uptake; blood lactate concentration

MUCH HAS BEEN LEARNED about the physiological factors that contribute to endurance performance ability by simply describing the characteristics of elite endurance athletes in sports such as distance running, bicycle racing, and cross-country skiing. The numerous physiological determinants of endurance have been organized into a model that integrates such factors as maximal oxygen uptake (Vo2 max), the blood lactate threshold, and muscular efficiency, as these have been found to be the most important variables (7, 8, 15, 21). A common approach has been to measure these physiological factors in a given athlete at one point in time during their competitive career and to compare this individual's profile with that of a population of peers (4, 6, 15, 16, 21). Although this approach describes the variations that exist within a population, it does not provide information about the extent to which a given athlete can improve their specific physiological determinants of endurance with years of continued training as the athlete matures and reaches his/her physiological potential. There are remarkably few longitudinal reports documenting the changes in physiological factors that accompany years of continued endurance training at the level performed by elite endurance athletes.

This case study reports the physiological changes that occur in an individual bicycle racer during a 7-yr period spanning

ages 21 to 28 y. Description of this person is noteworthy for two reasons. First, he rose to become a six-time and present Grand Champion of the Tour de France, and thus adaptations relevant to this feat were identified. Remarkably, he accomplished this after developing and receiving treatment for advanced cancer. Therefore, this report is also important because it provides insight, although limited, regarding the recovery of "performance physiology" after successful treatment for advanced cancer. The approach of this study will be to report results from standardized laboratory testing on this individual at five time points corresponding to ages 21.1, 21.5, 22.0, 25.9, and 28.2 yr.

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Blood LT. The subject pedaled the Manark ergometer (model 819) continuously for 25 min at work rates eliciting -50, 60, 70, 80, and 90% $\dot{V}_{02,max}$ for each successive 5-min stage. The calibrated ergometer was set in the constant power mode, and the subject maintained a pedaling cadence of 85 rpm. Blood samples were obtained either from

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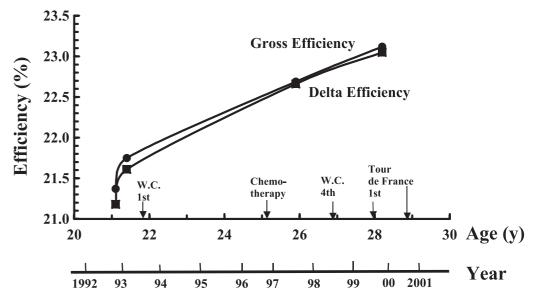


Fig. 1. Mechanical efficiency when bicycling expressed as "gross efficiency" and "delta efficiency" over the 7-yr period in this individual. WC, World Bicycle Road Racing Championships, 1st and 4th place, respectively. Tour de France 1st, Grand Champion of the Tour de France in 1999–2004.

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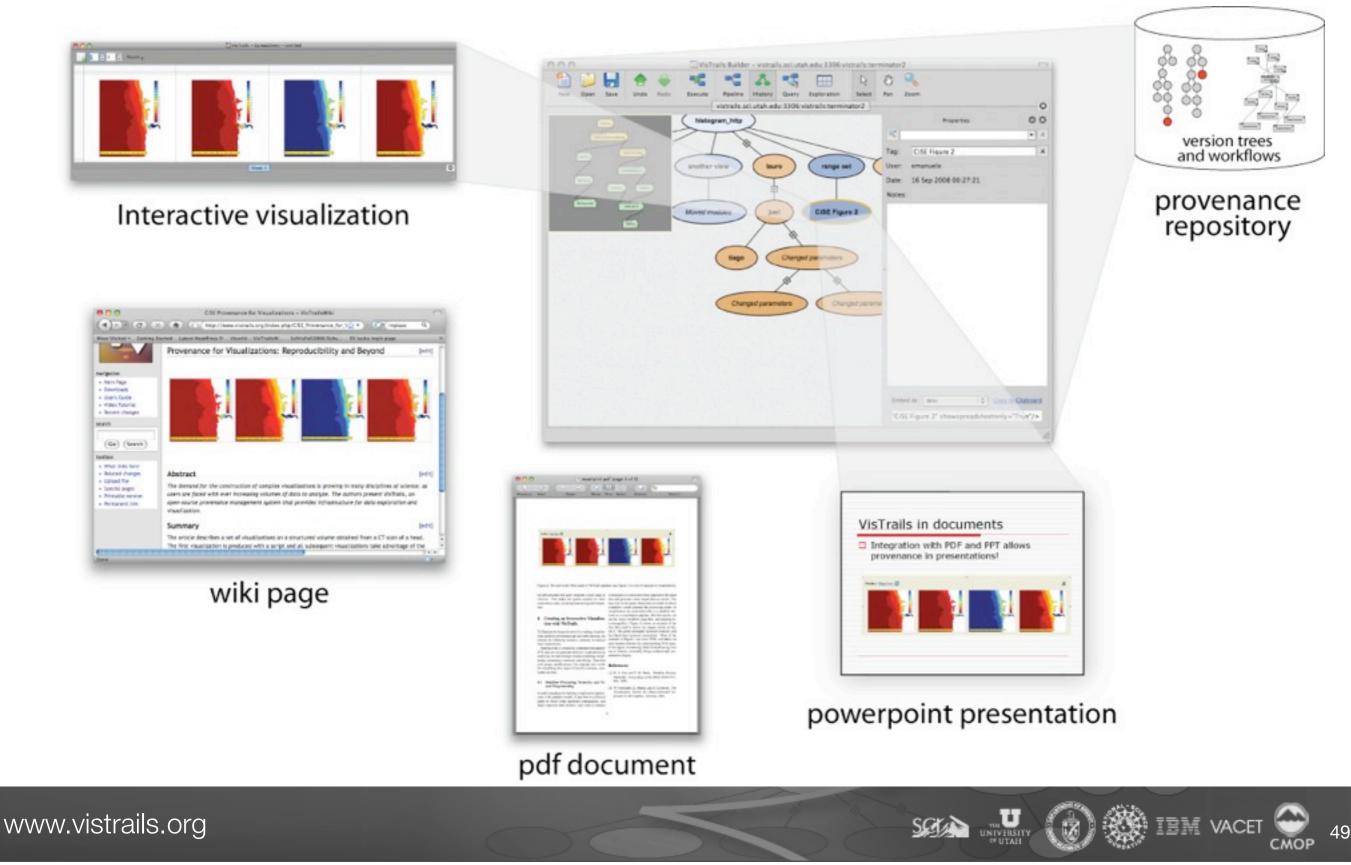
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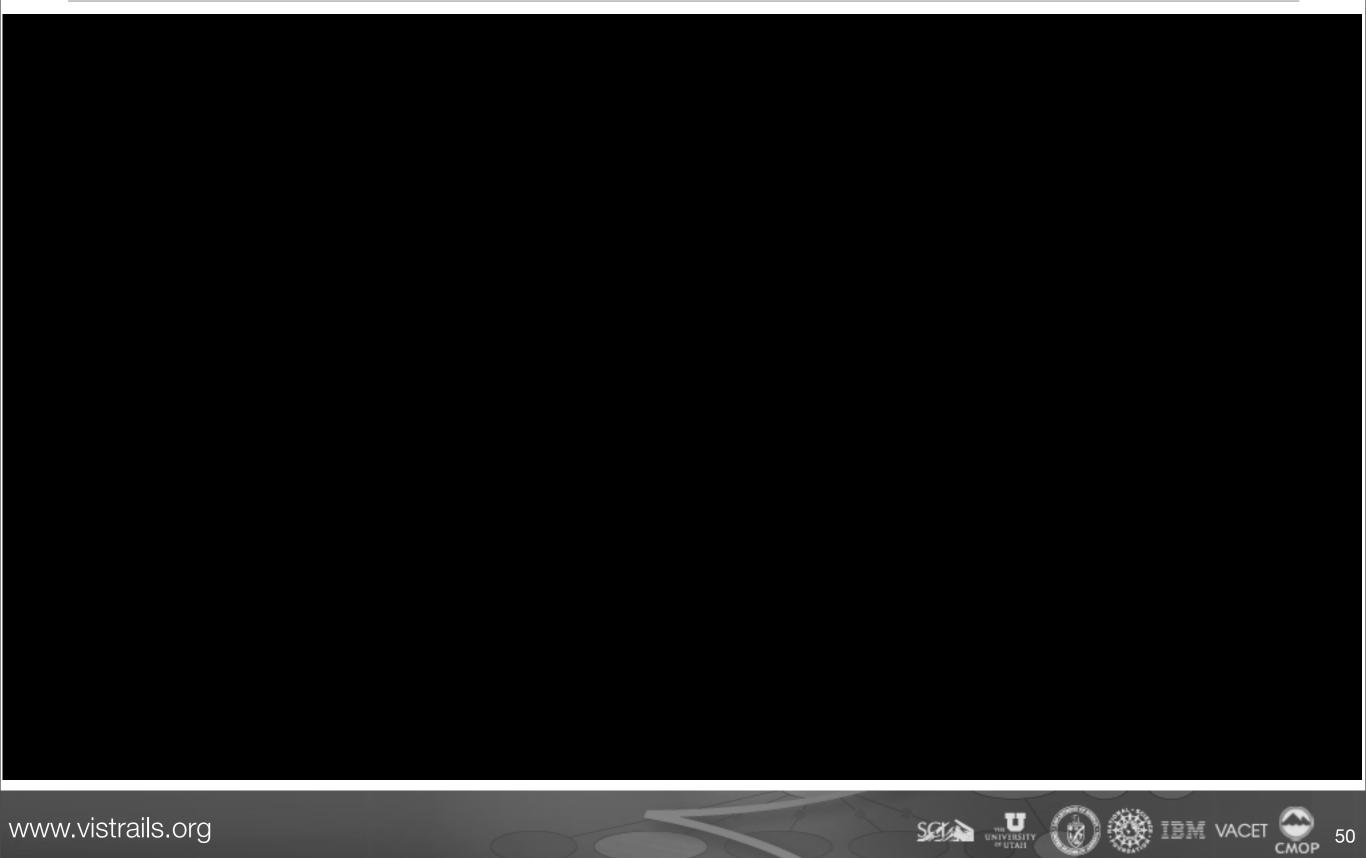
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- Bridge the gap between the scientific process and publications
- Results that can be reproduced and validated
 - Papers with deep captions
 - Encouraged by ACM SIGMOD and a number of journals
- Describe more of the discovery process: people only describe successes, can we learn from mistakes?
- Dynamic (interactive) publications
 - Evolve over time
 - Blog/wiki like=> Science 2.0
- Need tools to support this!

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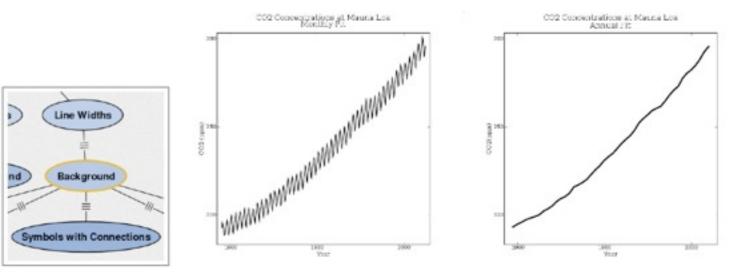


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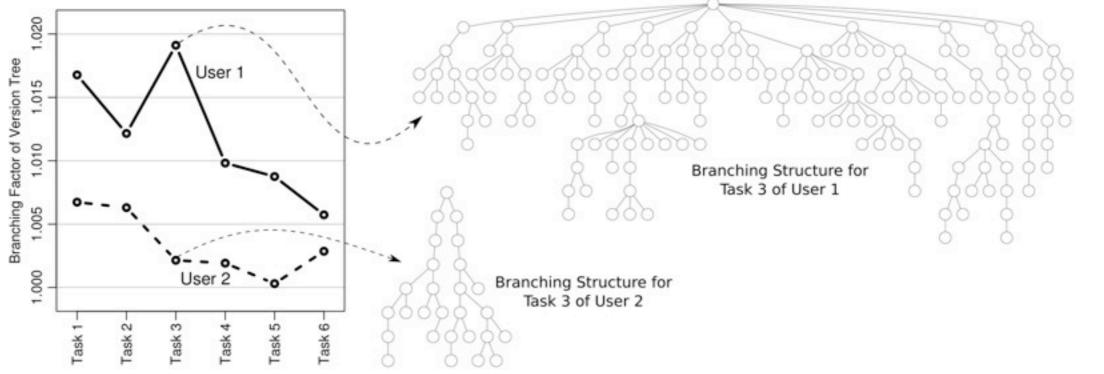
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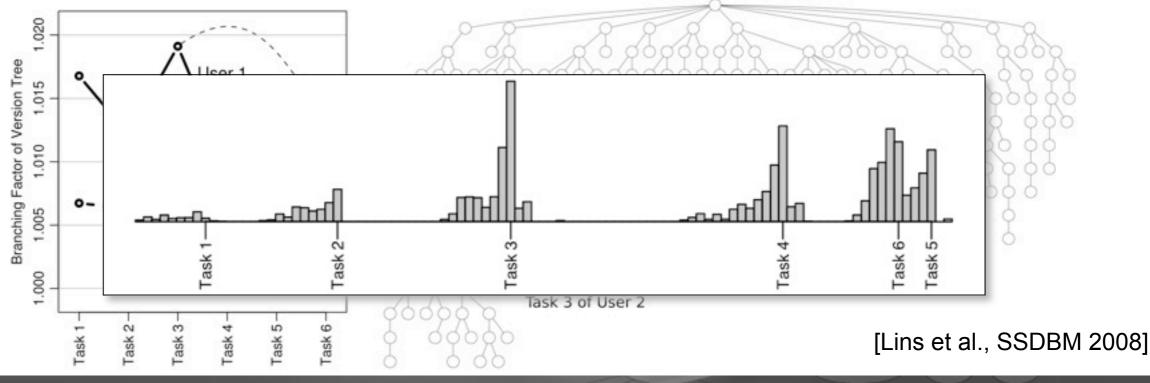
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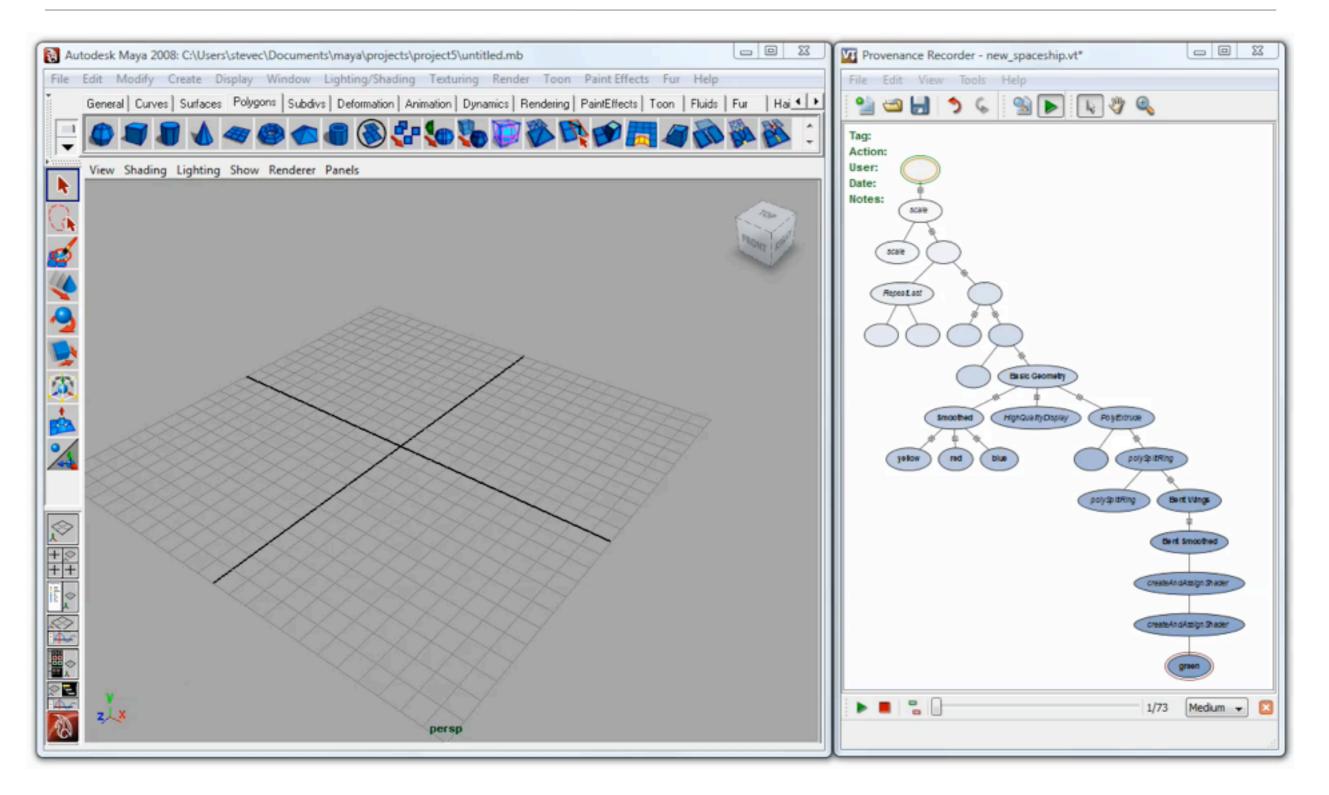


Provenance and Teaching (3)

- Homework provenance helps students and instructors to collaborate
- Student is stuck, sends his provenance
- Instructor understands student's problem, provides hints--student can see what instructor did!
- They can also collaborate in real time [Ellkvist et al., IPAW 2008]



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"[...] students used [a vistrail instead of a reference model] 62% of the time"

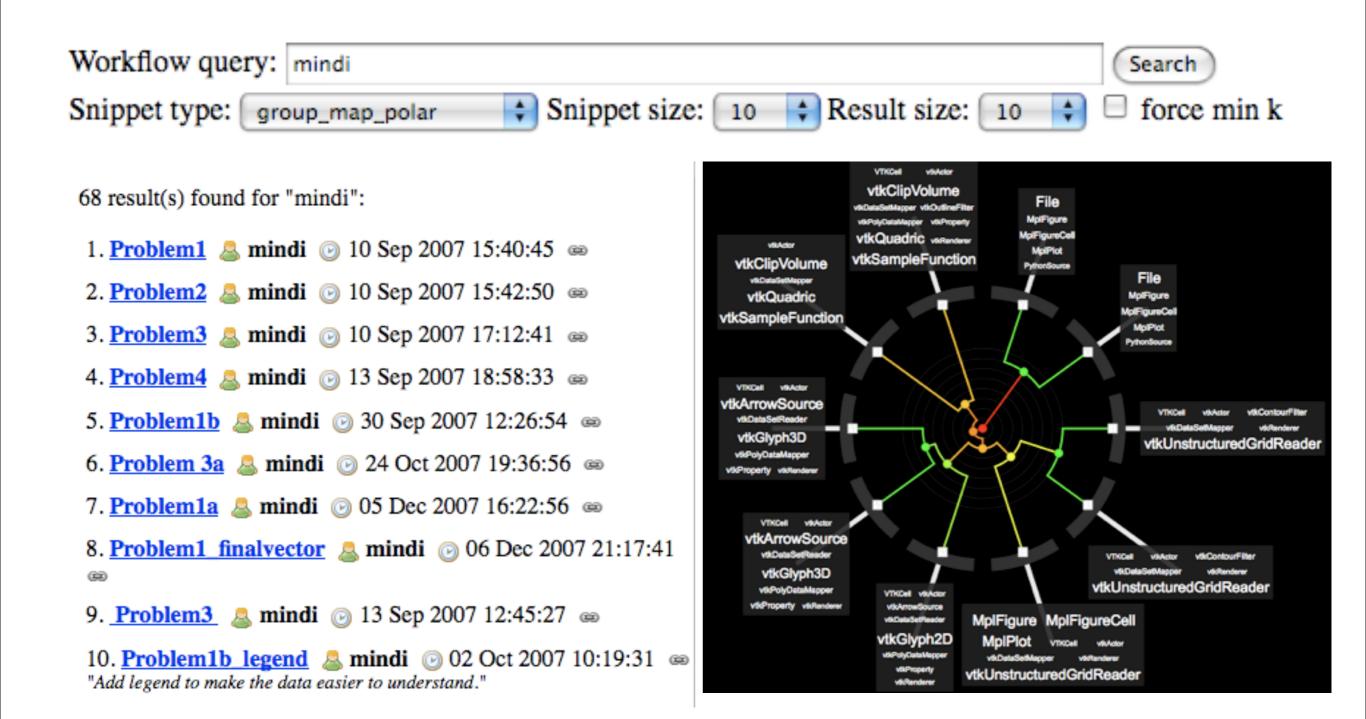
"Students who used provenance produced higher-quality models"

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Provenance Analytics: Opportunities

- Volume of collected provenance is growing
- Workflow and provenance repositories
 - myExperiments (EU), Provenance Repository (Indiana), ManyEyes (IBM), Yahoo! Pipes
- Opportunity for knowledge discovery, sharing and re-use
 - Discover workflow patterns -> a recommendation system that suggests alternatives to users as they construct a workflow
 - Discover workflow refinement patterns -> automatically extract analogies from shared repositories
 - Cluster (organize) workflow collections -> simplify query and search over repositories
 - Infer workflow specification from execution log [Aalst et al., TKDE 2004]

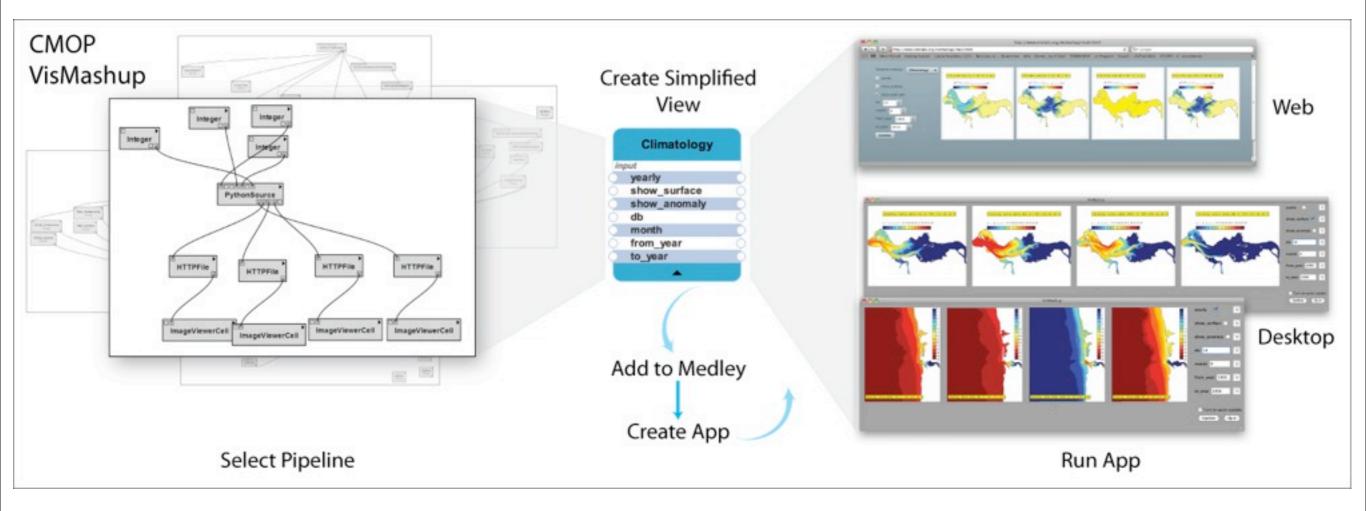
Search Engine: Clustering Workflows



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Building Customized Applications with VisMashup

- Portals increasingly using workflows in the backend,
- but with canned, one-of-a-kind interfaces--very little flexibility
- Use workflows to build mashups and customized applications



[Santos et al., IEEE Vis 2009 (to appear)]

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Conclusions and Future Work

- Provenance management is essential for computational science
- Leveraging provenance, VisTrails
 - Supports reflective reasoning
 - Provides intuitive interfaces for simplifying the construction and refinement of workflows
- Sharing provenance creates new opportunities [Freire and Silva, CHI SDA, 2008]
 - Workflow/provenance repositories; provenance-enabled publications
 - Expose users to different techniques and tools
 - Users can learn by example; expedite their training; and potentially reduce their time to insight
- Provenance + Workflows + Sharing have the potential to revolutionize science!

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