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Flow Visualization in Real and Time Spaces

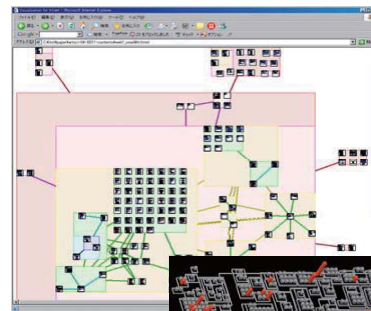
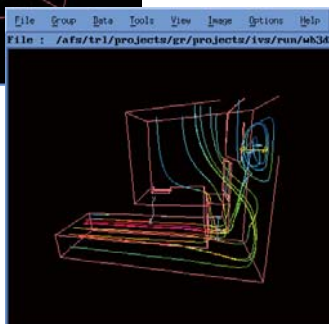
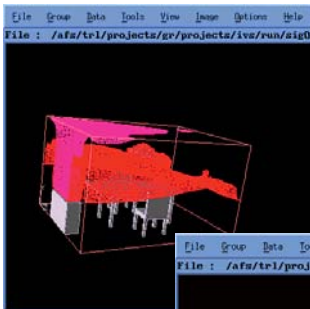
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Various visualization

- Scientific Visualization
 - Mainly scientific data
 - Mainly physical spaces
- Information Visualization
 - Various data
 - Mainly non-physical spaces



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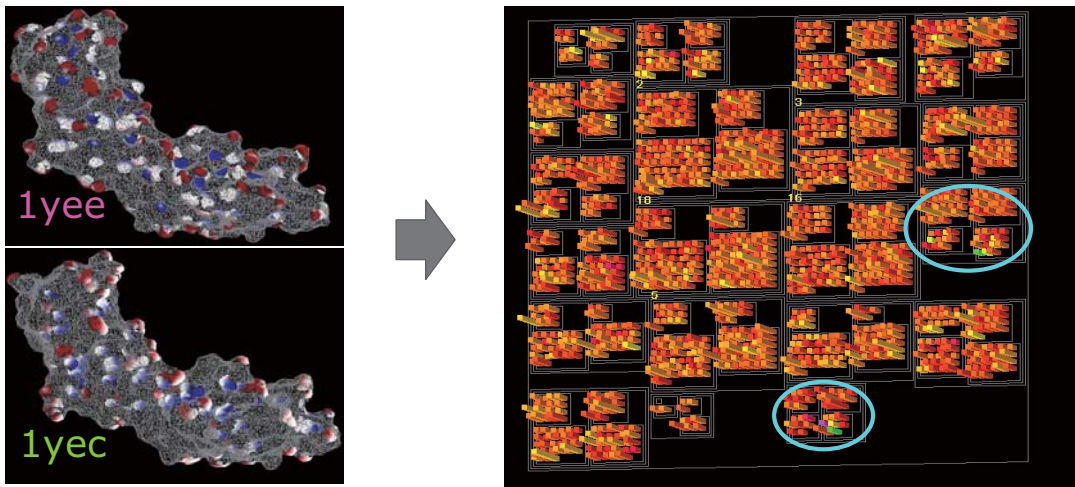
Typical topic in Itoh lab.

(1) Protein surface analysis

- Retrieval and comparison of similarly shaped protein surfaces

Very similar, but partially different proteins

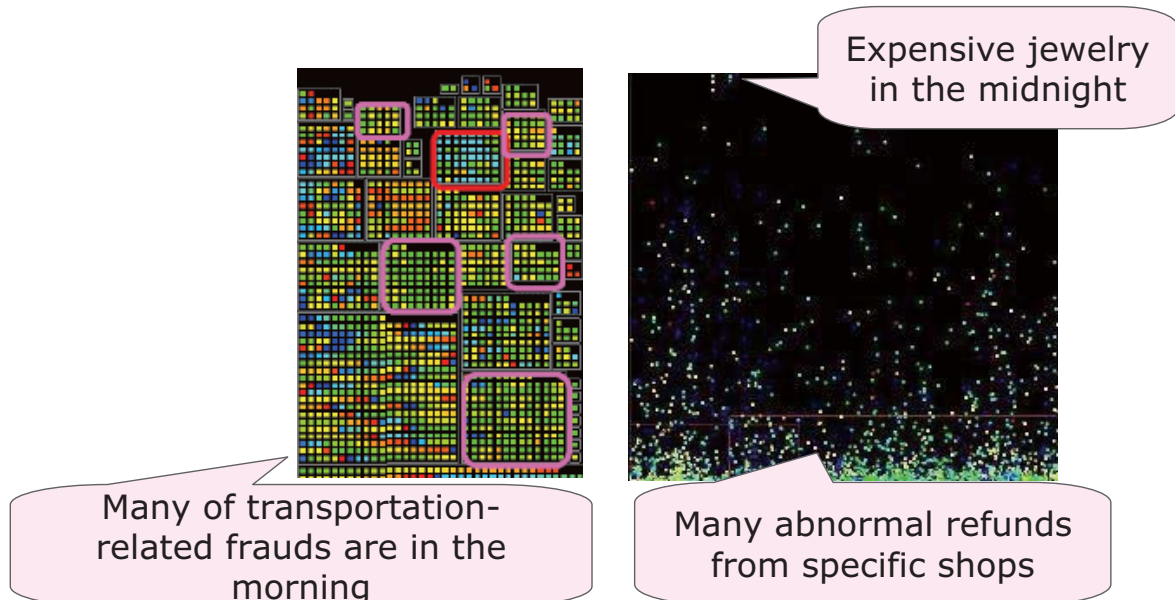
Chemical properties are also partially different



Typical topic in Itoh lab.

(2) Credit card fraud analysis

- Discovery of trend and correlation among attributes of malicious transactions



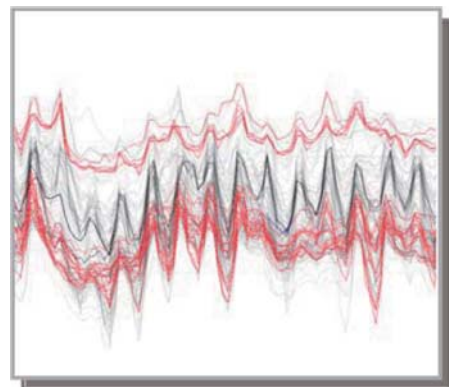
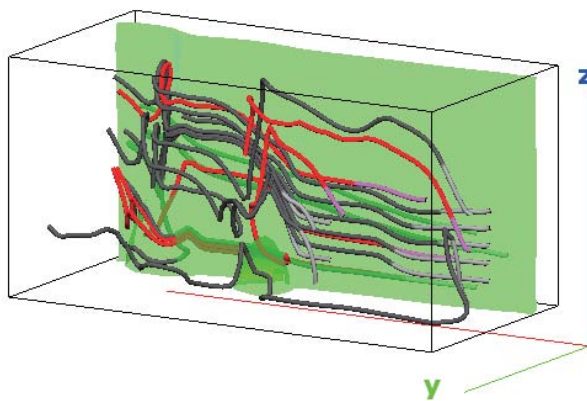
Typical topic in Itoh lab. (3) Browser for many images

- Zooming user interface for clusters of images



Today's topic

- Real space visualization
 - Integrated scalar & vector visualization
- Time space visualization
 - Level-of-detail control for polyline charts



- Towards integrated EFD/CFD visualization

Let me go to other charts ...



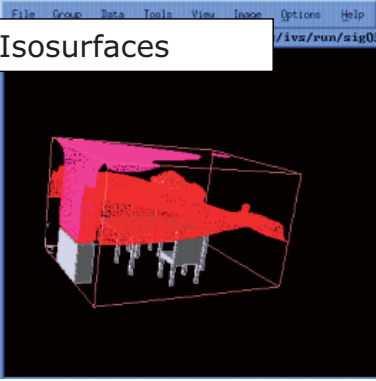
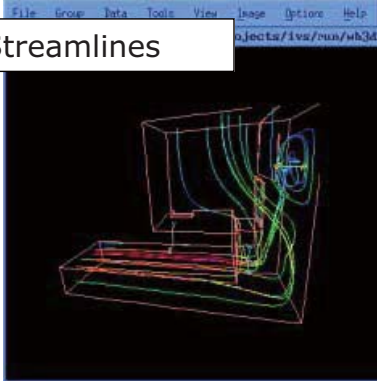
A Streamline Selection Technique for Integrated Scalar & Vector Visualization

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Background

... Scalar and vector visualization

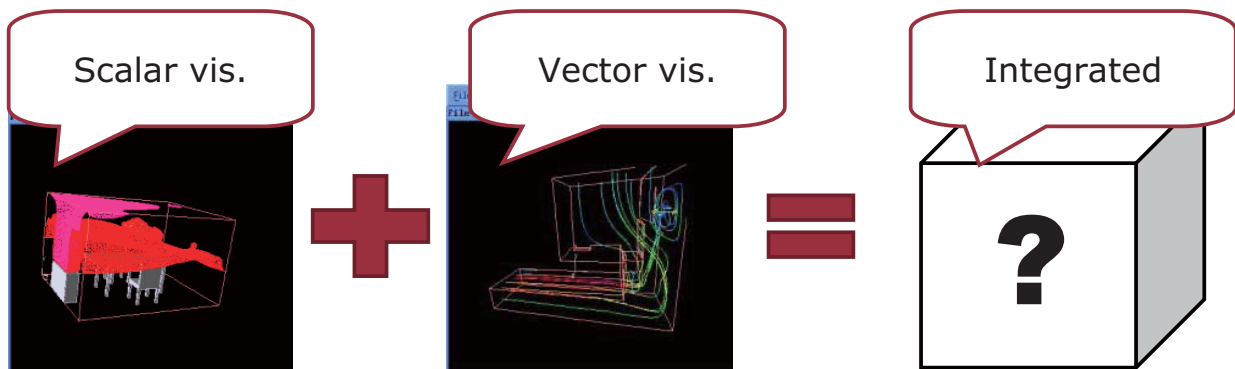
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 2D <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contour lines □ 3D <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Isosurface ■ Volume rendering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 2D <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Arrow plots □ 3D <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Streamline ■ Line integral convolution |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Isosurfaces</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Streamlines</p>  |

Background

Integrated scalar & vector data

Ex. Weather simulation data

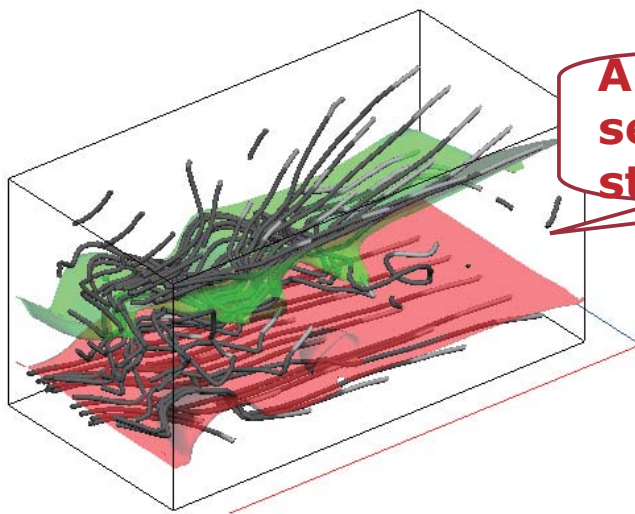
- Pressure, temperature, air flow...etc
- Needs of integrated visualization to understand relationships between scalar and vector fields



Target of this study:

Integrated 3D scalar & vector visualization

- Isosurfaces for scalar
- Streamlines for vector



Automated optimal selection of streamlines

Processing flow

STEP1: Generate many streamlines temporarily, and calculate their information entropy

STEP2: Check if they go through critical points

STEP3: Check if they are occluded by isosurfaces

Select the good streamlines according to the 3-step evaluation

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STEP1: Information entropy

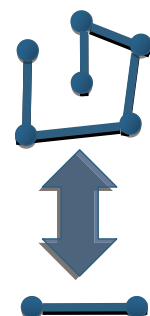
$$E = -\frac{1}{\log_2(m+1)} \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{D_j}{L} \log_2 \frac{D_j}{L}$$

L : Length of a streamline in 3D space

D_j : Length of j-th segment in 2D display space

m : Number of segments of the streamline

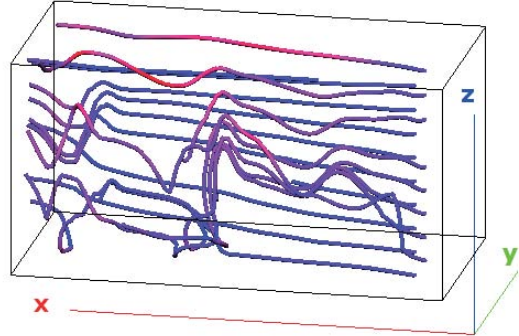
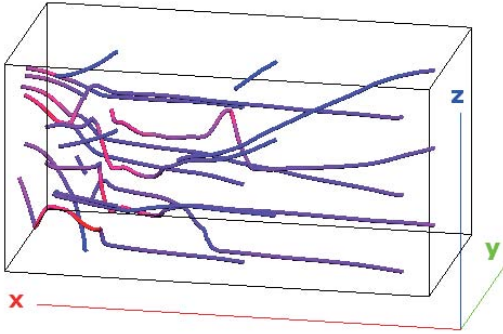
- Calculation for each streamline
- **Higher information entropy**
= Uniformly long segments in 2D display space
- **To select "informative" streamlines**



STEP1: Information Entropy

Streamlines just uniformly generated

Streamline selected by information entropy



- Too short, less informative

- Globally visualized by informative streamlines

Air flow by a weather simulation

STEP1: Information Entropy

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Vortex is often important and interesting

Straight streamlines have higher information entropy

Streamlines around vortex may have lower information entropy

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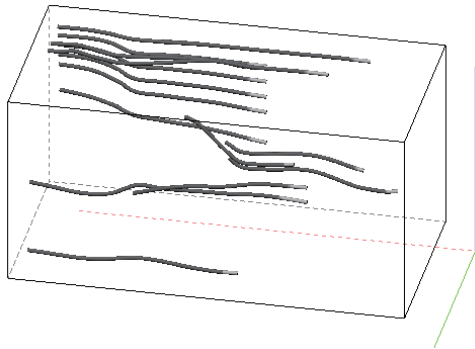
STEP2: Critical points

- Where is a critical point?
 - Vector: velocity is zero
 - Scalar: local minimum/maximum, saddle

- The technique divides streamlines
 - Going around critical points
 - Others

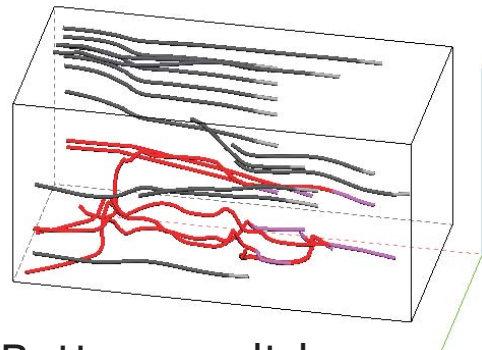
STEP2: Critical points

WITHOUT STEP2



- Local interesting features around critical points are missing

WITH STEP2



- Better result by aggressively selecting streamlines around critical points

Red: around critical points

Black: others

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STEP3: Occlusion by isosurfaces

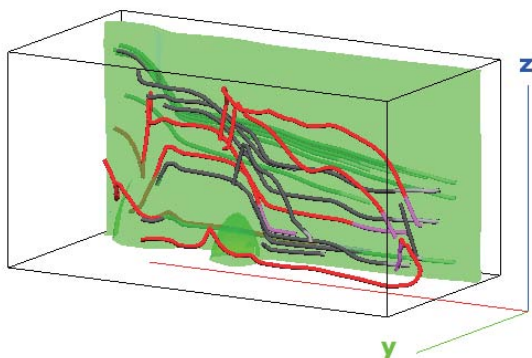
- Visually unnatural if many streamlines “behind” isosurfaces are selected
- Aggressively select “near” streamlines
 - By assigning penalties to occluded streamlines

$$E' = \left(1 - \frac{m}{M}\right)E + \left(\frac{m}{M}\right)(1 - \alpha)E$$

New entropy: E'
 Original entropy : E
 Num. of segments : M
 Num. of occluded segments: m
 Opacity of isosurface: α

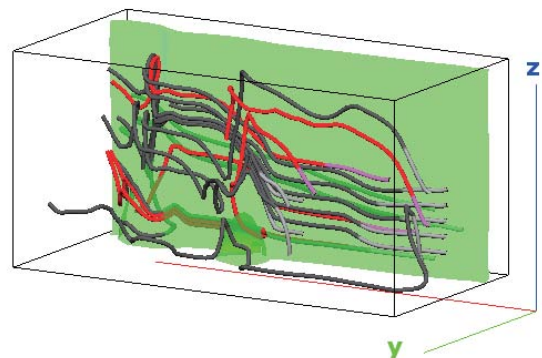
STEP3: Occlusion by isosurfaces

WITHOUT STEP3



- Many invisible streamlines behind the isosurface

WITH STEP3



- More number of visible streamlines are selected

Conclusion & Future works

□ Conclusion

- Automated streamline selection for integrated scalar and vector visualization
 - Higher information entropy
 - Around critical points
 - Less occlusion by isosurfaces

□ Future works

- Selection of important critical points
- Seamless visualization of time-varying data

**FRUITS TIME: AN INTERACTIVE VISUALIZATION TECHNIQUE
FOR TIME-VARYING DATA**

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TARGET: LARGE TIME-VARYING DATA



- Various data in our daily life
 - Stock prices, Weather measurements, Simulation results, etc.

Difficult to read large time-varying data,
if it is simply drawn as polylines in a single chart space

Level-of-detail (LOD) control and interactive query
for polyline-based large time-varying data visualization

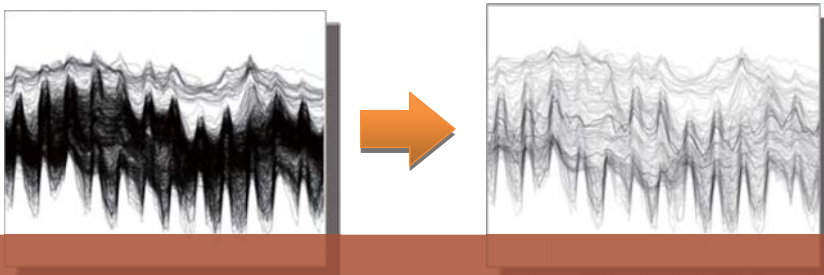
- Easily discover features from large data
- Interactively extract interesting part of the data

OVERVIEW OF "FRUITS TIME"



□ Level-of-Detail Control of Polylines

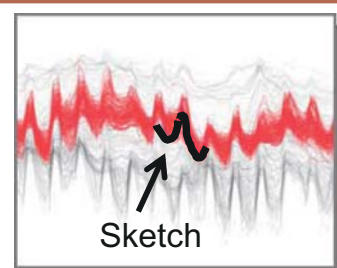
- Cluster similarly-shaped polylines, and remain representative polylines



- Overview while finding local interesting features
- Interactive resetting of level-of-detail control

□ Sketch-based query of polylines

- Highlight representative polylines
- Highlight non-representative polylines



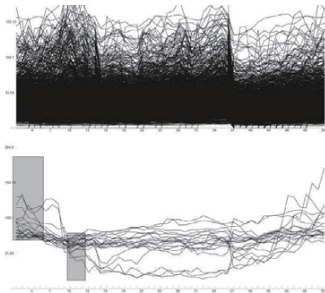
RELATED WORKS



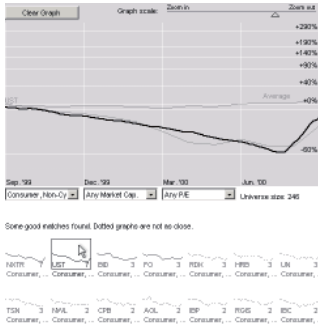
Problems for visualizing large amount of time-varying data

- ❑ Cluttering among polylines
- ❑ Missing interesting features

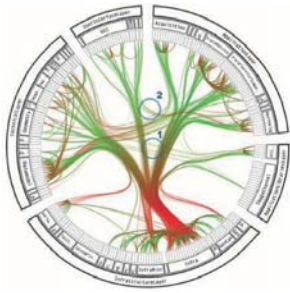
Improved techniques for polyline-based visualization



Range-based query of time-varying data
[H. Hochheiser 2004]

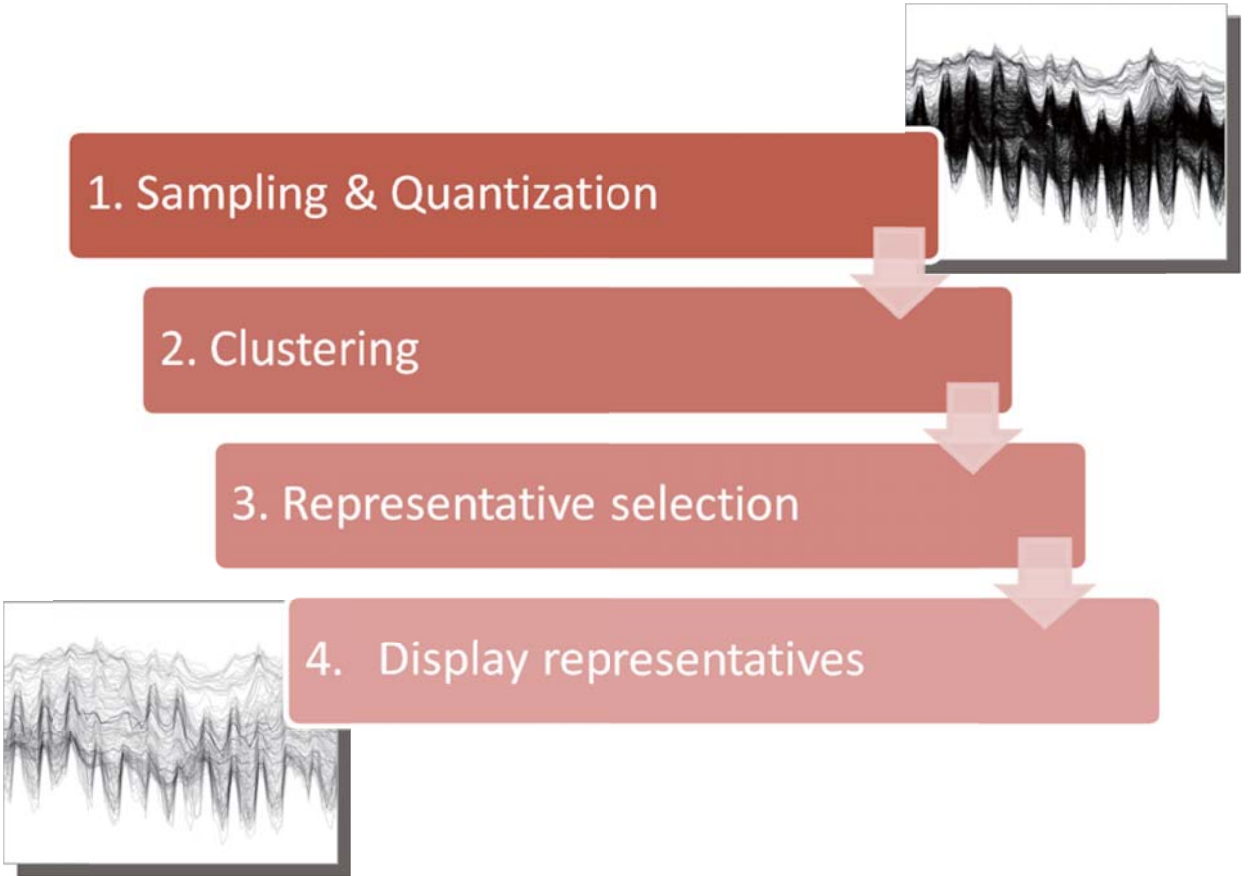


Sketch-based query of time-varying data
[M. Wattenberg 2001]

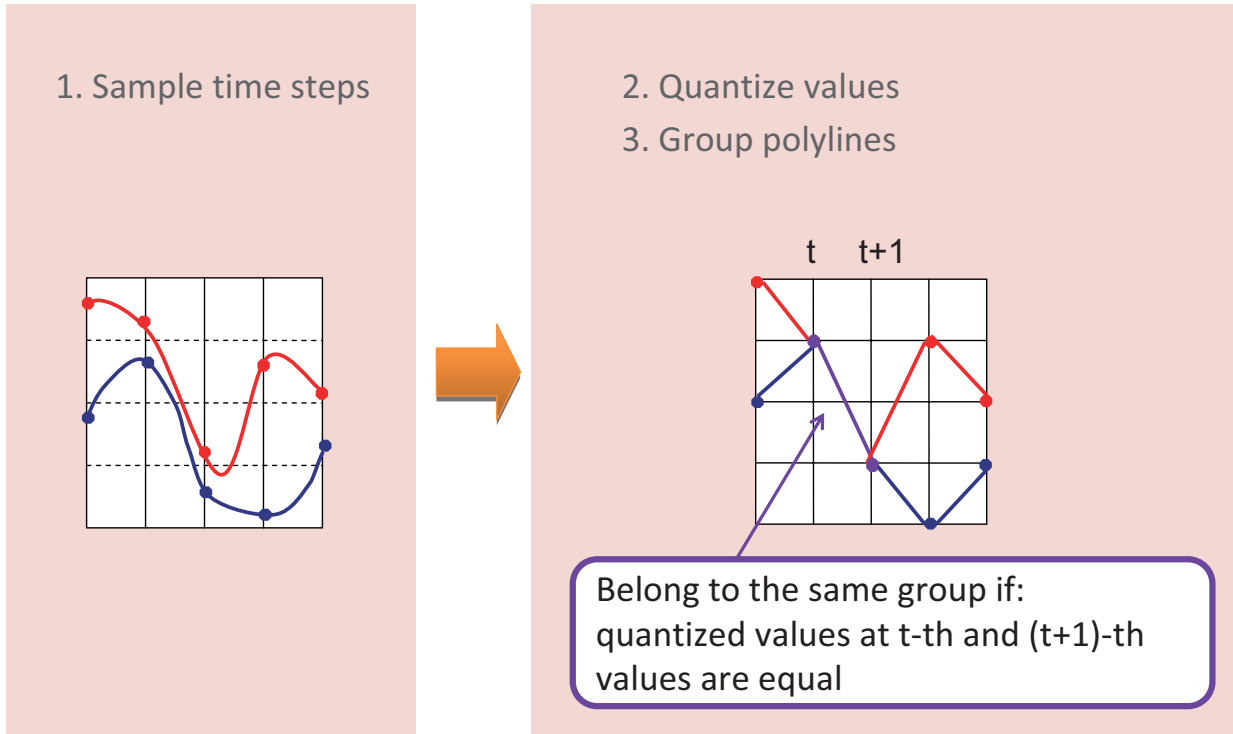


Hierarchical edge bundling
[D. Holten 2006]

FEATURE 1: LEVEL-OF-DETAIL CONTROL



SAMPLING, QUANTIZATION, AND GROUPING



CLUSTERING AND REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION

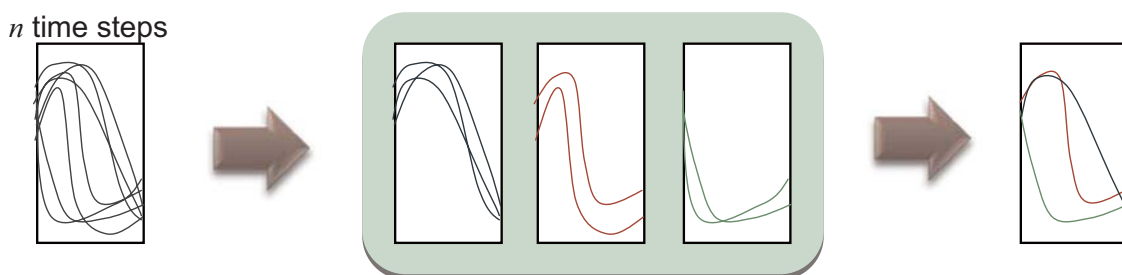


Clustering of polylines in the groups based on original shapes

- n time steps in a grid subspace
- n -dimensional vector from the y-coordinate values
- Clustering of the n -dimensional vectors

Representative selection for each cluster

- Select the polyline that is closest to the center of a cluster
- Level-of-detail control by displaying only representative polylines
 - Adjust the opacity of the polylines based on numbers of polylines in the clusters

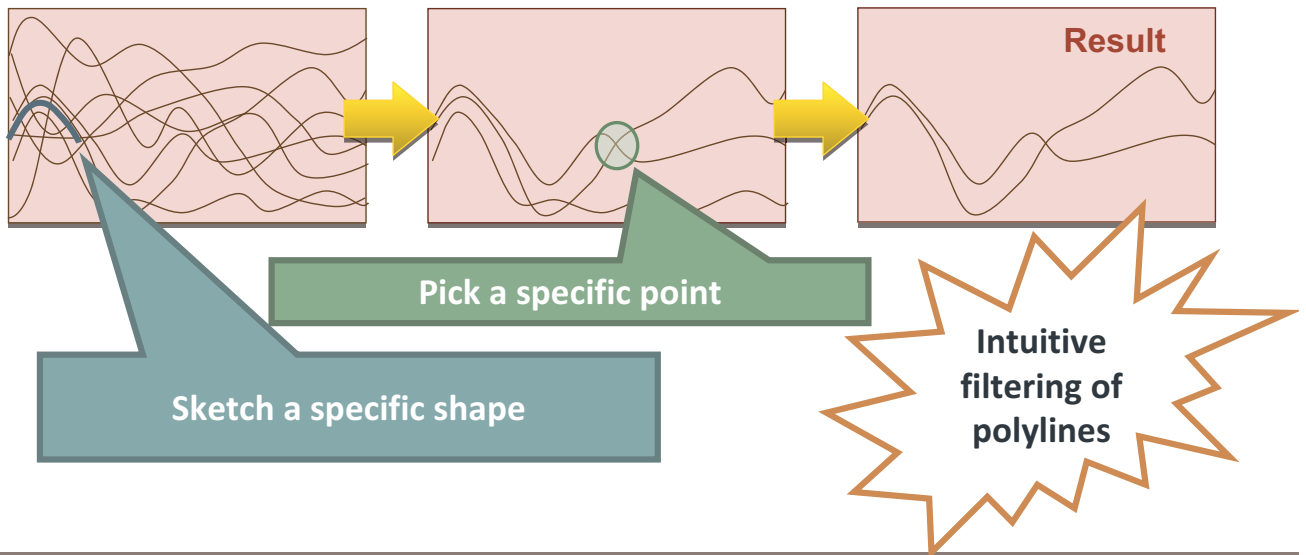


FEATURE 2: SKETCH-BASED QUERY INTERFACE

Extract specific polylines which drastically change at specific time

➔ **Shape-based query system is required**

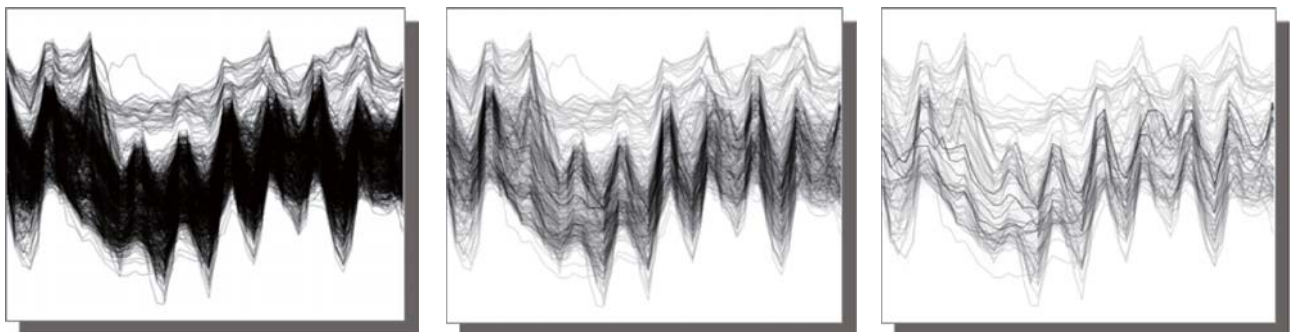
Interactive query & filtering of polylines by:
- Sketching specific shapes
- Picking specific points



RESULT 1: LEVEL-OF-DETAIL CONTROL

Interactive control of resolution of sampling/quantization with GUI

Ex: Temperature measurement at various places in Japan



More (916) ← Number of polylines → Few (273)

Flexible control of level-of-detail

RESULT 2: SKETCH INTERFACE (MOVIE)



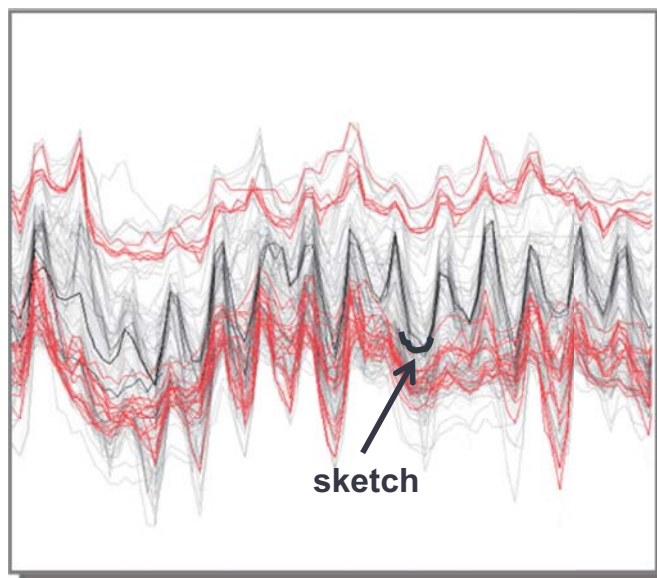
- Filtering by multiple query
- Simultaneous display of multiple query results
- User-specified coloring of the query results



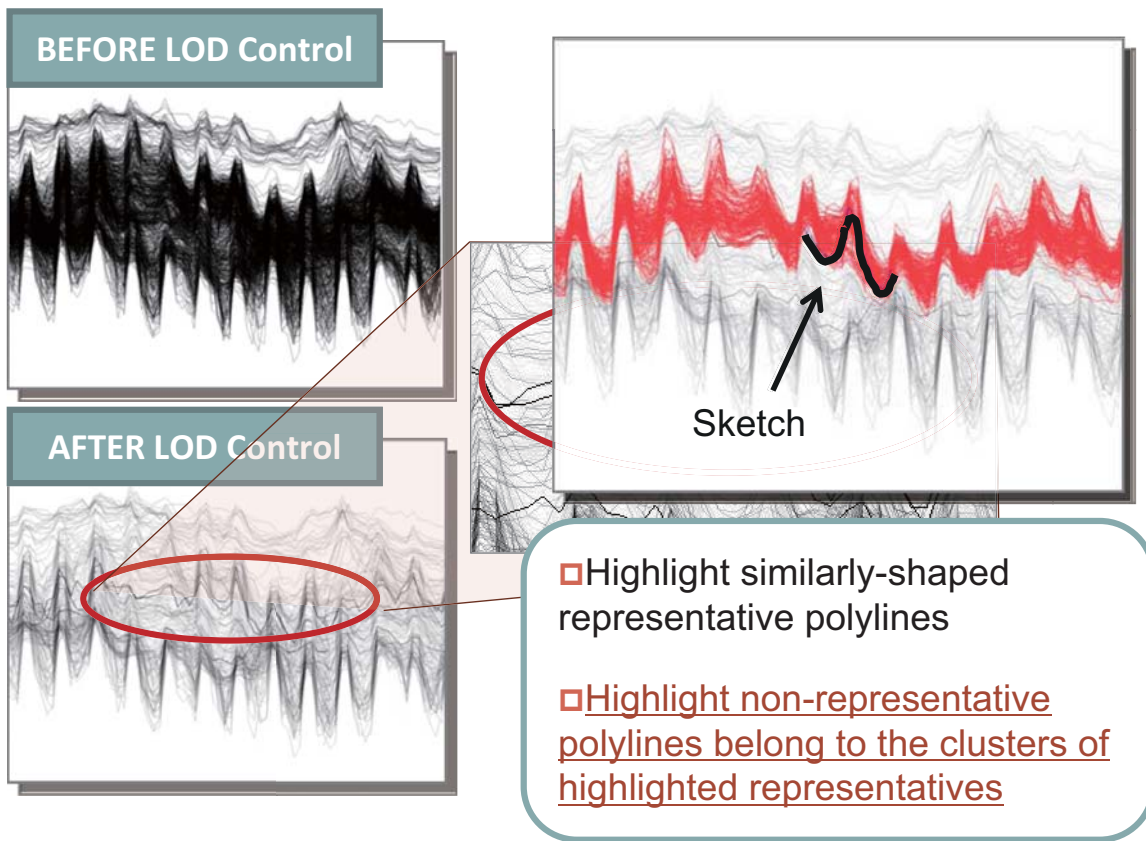
RESULT 3: POSITION-IGNORANT QUERY



- Highlight polylines which
"similarly-shaped, but away from sketched position"



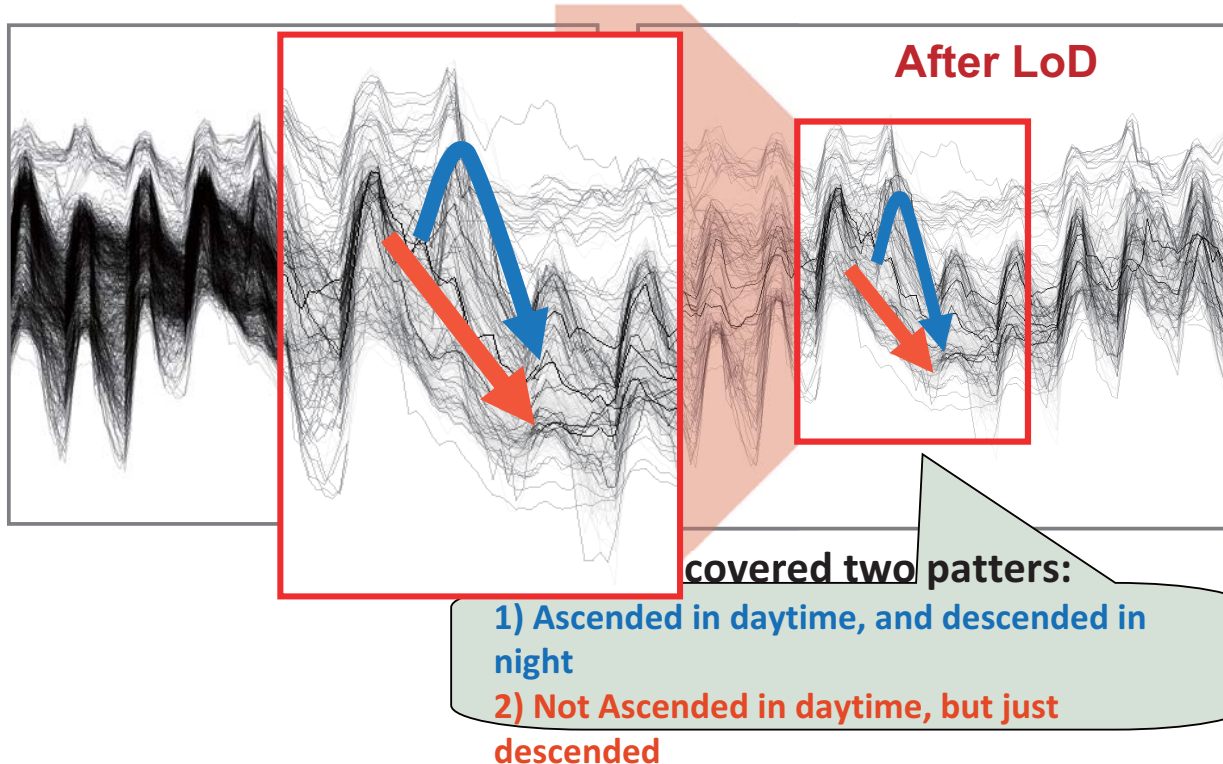
RESULT 4: RESETTING LOD OF HIGHLIGHTING POLYLINES



APPLICATION TO WEATHER DATA



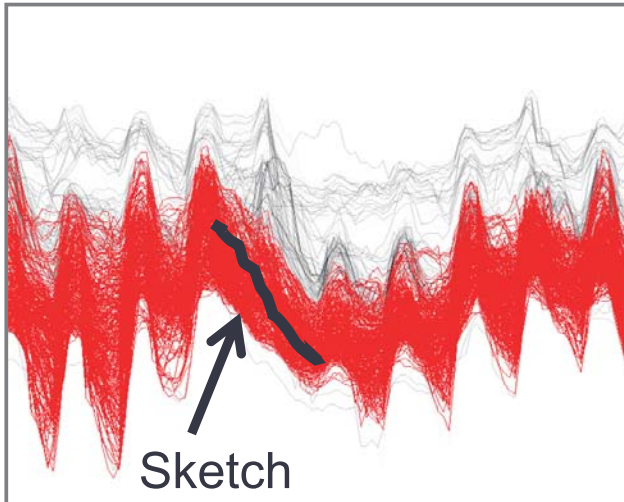
Temperature measured at 913 points by AMeDAS



APPLICATION TO WEATHER DATA



- Sketched polylines simply descended
- Highlighted corresponding points on the Japan map



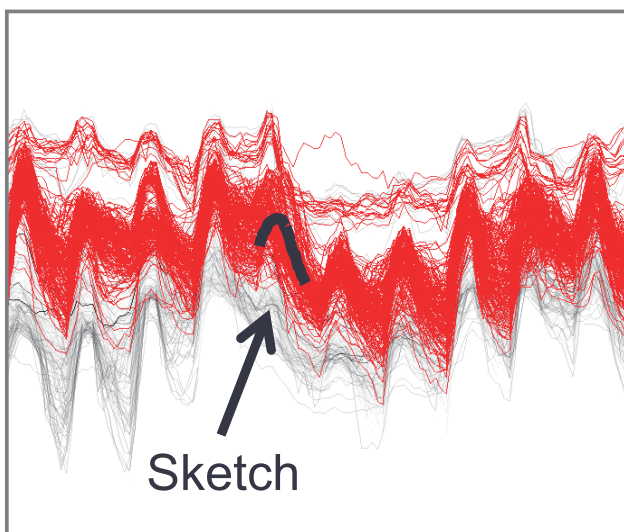
Weather did not ascend
in daytime

Bad weather
along Japan Sea

APPLICATION TO WEATHER DATA



- Sketched polylines ascended in daytime
- Highlighted corresponding points on the Japan map



Temperature ascended
in daytime

Fine weather
along Pacific Ocean

SUMMARY & FUTURE WORKS



□ Summary: FRUITS Time

- A polyline-based time-varying data visualization
- [Feature 1] LOD Control of polylines
- [Feature 2] Sketch-based query & partial resetting of LOD

□ Future works

- More case study with real data
- User evaluation
- Coordinate view with other visualization techniques
 - Volume visualization? Multi-dimensional visualization?
- Improvement of clustering process
- 3D techniques
- Scalability test

Towards integrated EFD/CFD visualization

- Real space
 - Integrated **EFD-scalar and CFD-vector** visualization
 - Integrated **EFD-vector and CFD-scalar** visualization
 - **Difference-based** visualization between EFD/CFD
- Time space
 - **Similarity/Difference-based** visualization mixing EFD and CFD
 - Sketch interface **from EFD to CFD**
 - Sketch interface **from CFD to EFD**

Conclusion

- Introduction of Itoh lab.
- Topic 1 (Real space):
Integrated scalar & vector visualization
- Topic 2 (Time space):
LoD-control for polyline charts
- Towards integrated EFD/CFD visualization

Future works

- Train successors!!
 - Both works are done by graduating M2 students
- More test cases
- More experiments with EFD
- Scalable algorithm development
 - Our test data is very small
- “Really” integrated system development
 - Real, time, and other visualization techniques
 - EFD, CFD, and other data sources

Thanks you, and any questions?

