



Visualization, analytics and spatial decision support in the Geosciences Network (GEON)

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There were three academics on a train...

• A Geographer, a Geologist and a Mathematician...



Cyberinfrastructure (CI)

"Like the physical infrastructure of roads, bridges, power grids, telephone lines, and water systems that support modern society, "**cyberinfrastructure**" refers to the distributed computer, information and communication technologies combined with the personnel and integrating components that provide a long-term platform to empower the modern scientific research endeavor."

"National Science Foundation Releases New Report from Blue-Ribbon Advisory Panel on Cyberinfrastructure,"

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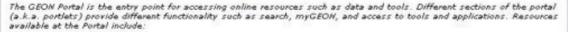
Synthetic Seismogram Computational Tool Now Available

One of GEON tools, SYNSEIS (Synthetic Seismogram Computation Tool), is now available for research and educational studies. The tool is used within the GEON network environment and enables users to simulate regional seismic records in 2D or 3D environments. SYNSEIS is built as a service oriented system and it accesses IRIS DMC to obtain observed



waveforms, model builders to construct 2D/3D models, and national supercomputer centers for computations.

About the GEON Portal : Resources for Geoscientists





Data Data can be shared, published, and integrated with other data at the Portal

Tools Tools can be registered, accessed, and downloaded for use Web Services Web services can be registered and invoked using a standard authentication system

Knowledge Representation

Controlled vocabularies, hierarchies, and more complex relationships (a.k.a. ontologies) among scientific terms can be registered and accessed



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News

GEON's Outreach Extends to Fall AGU Meeting Several GEON PIs and graduate

several GEON PIS and graduate students presented their project-related work at the 2006 Fall AGU Meeting, held in San Francisco Dec 11-15th.

GEON Node to be Deployed by Chesapeake Bay Environmental Observatory Network (CBEO)

A team of environmental researchers, hydrologists and computer scientists from several universities across the country recently received a 3-year NSF award.

GEON Co-PI re-elected to IEEE-Computer Society Board of Governors

Ann Q. Gates (Co-PI, UTEP) vas re-elected for a second term.



New to the GEON Portal? click here!

Recent events: CSIG 2005 Geoinformatics 2005 Beijing CI Workshop

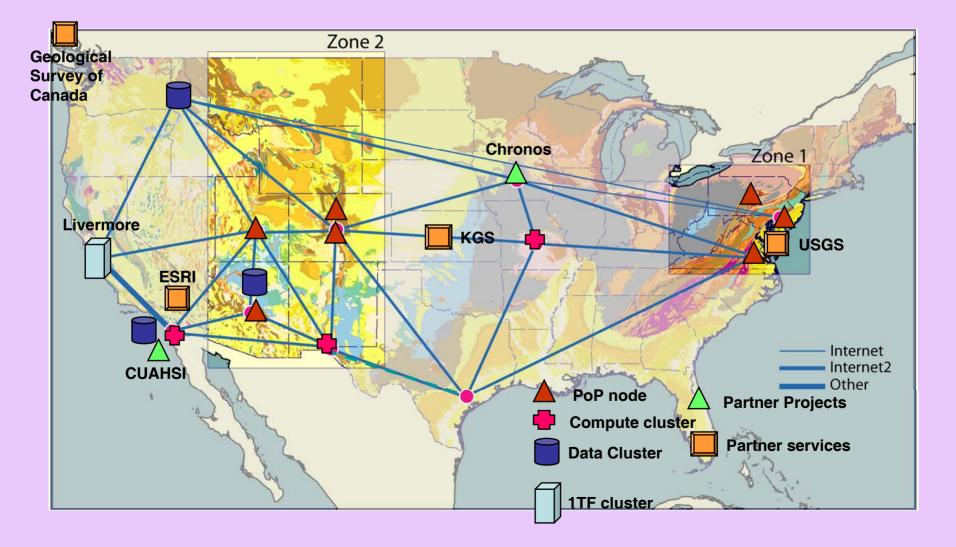


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Cyberinfrastructure: The GEON Network



Higher-Order CI Services

1. Data Integration

- Defining "views" across multiple sources
 - Multiple database schemas, e.g. in GEON PAST (Paleogeography and AMOCO database), Chronos (Paleostrat, Neptune, Paleobiology), Geochemisry (Navdat, PetDB, ...) Multiple maps and map layers

2. Visualization

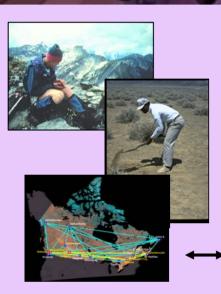
- Simulation of earthquake dynamics
- Visualizing knowledge structures and visual search for useful resources
- 3. Analysis and Workflows
 - Iconic representation of databases and tools
 - Ability to link together tools and data to specify computations

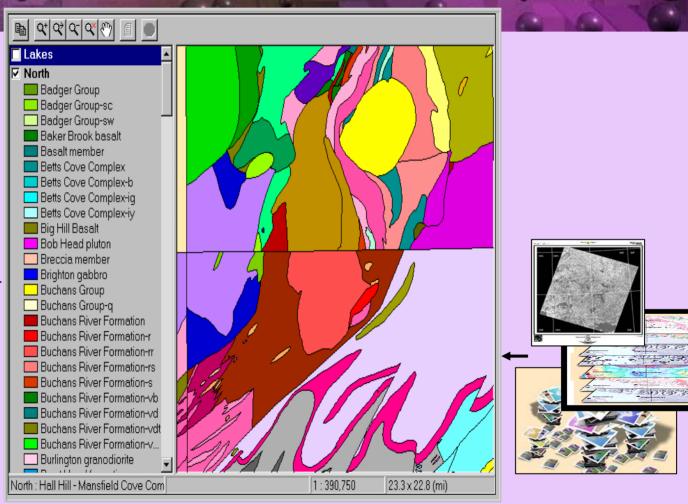


1. Data Integration

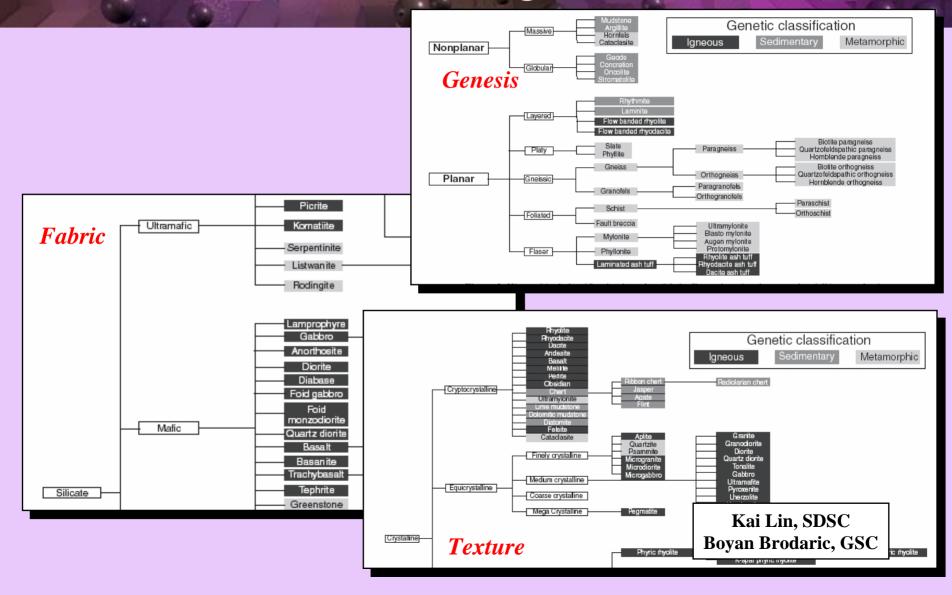
Automated schema integration using ontologies...

ONE MOTIVATING EXAMPLE: Map construction and semantic conflict



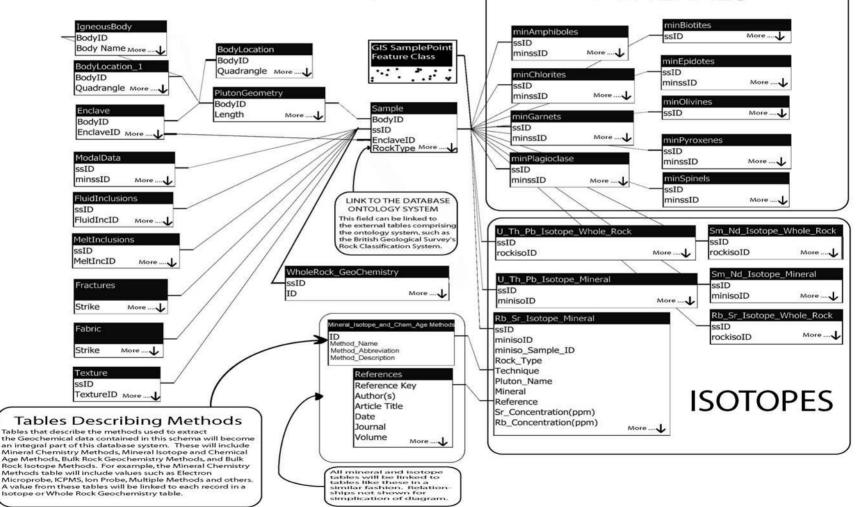


GEON: Multiple, different geological ontologies



Integration via shared schema

IGNEOUS ROCK DATABASE SCHEMA - Simplified



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AKS1 We have constructed a pluton schema that is strongly field based. Many of the databases within this schema are searchable. It is important to emphasize that multiple schemas (as long as attributes are clearly organized) can be integrated through GEON. A. K. Sinha, 10/24/2003

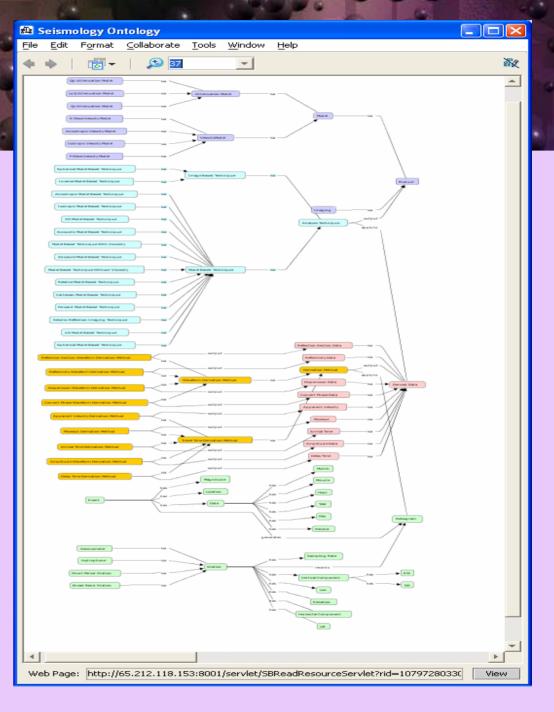
Rock Taxonomy

Geological taxonomy converted to an ontology

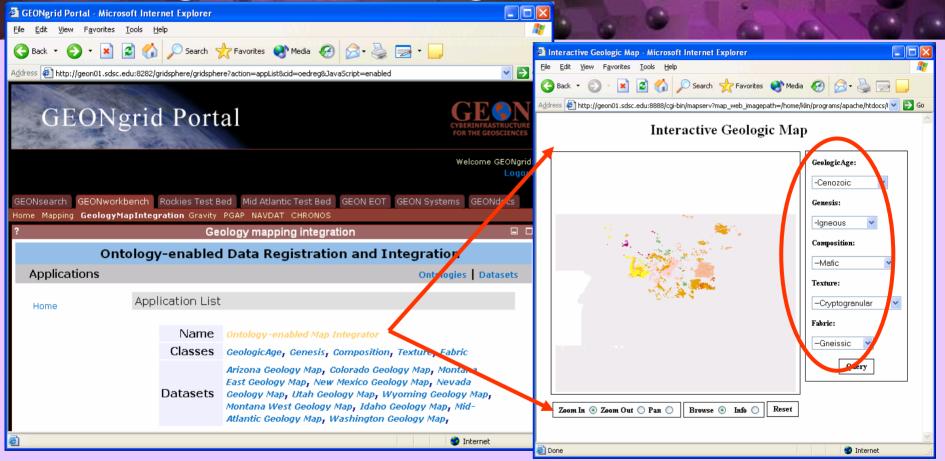
Gathered from experts during a specially convened workshop

Formalizes relationships between concepts

Randy Keller (UTEP), Bertram Ludaescher, Kai Lin, Dogan Seber (SDSC), et al



Geologic Map Integration in the Portal



 After registering datasets, and their ontologies, mappings can be constructed between the datasets via the ontologies—semantic mediation

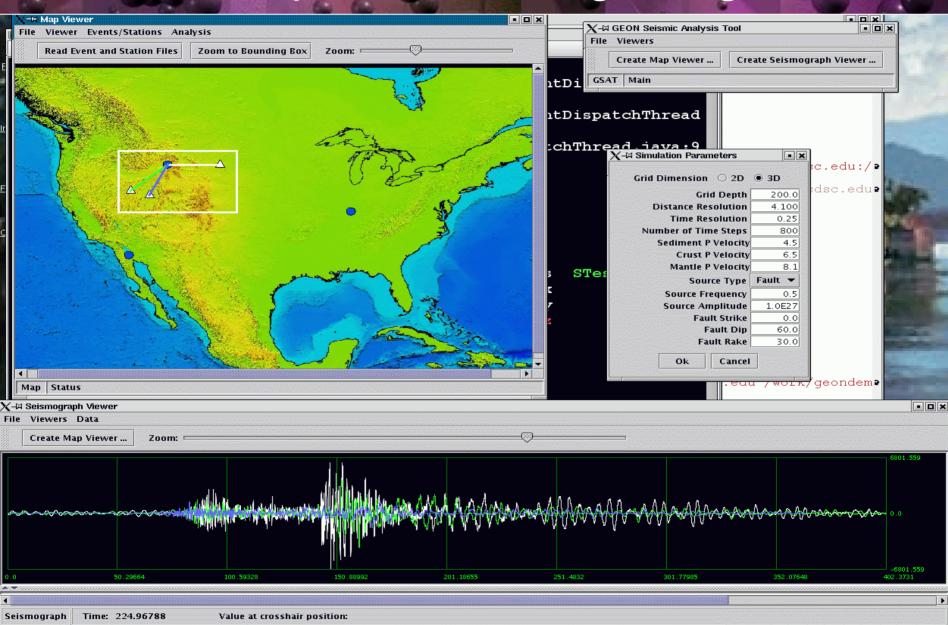
Kai Lin, SDSC



2. Visualization

Visualizing simulations, data, knowledge...

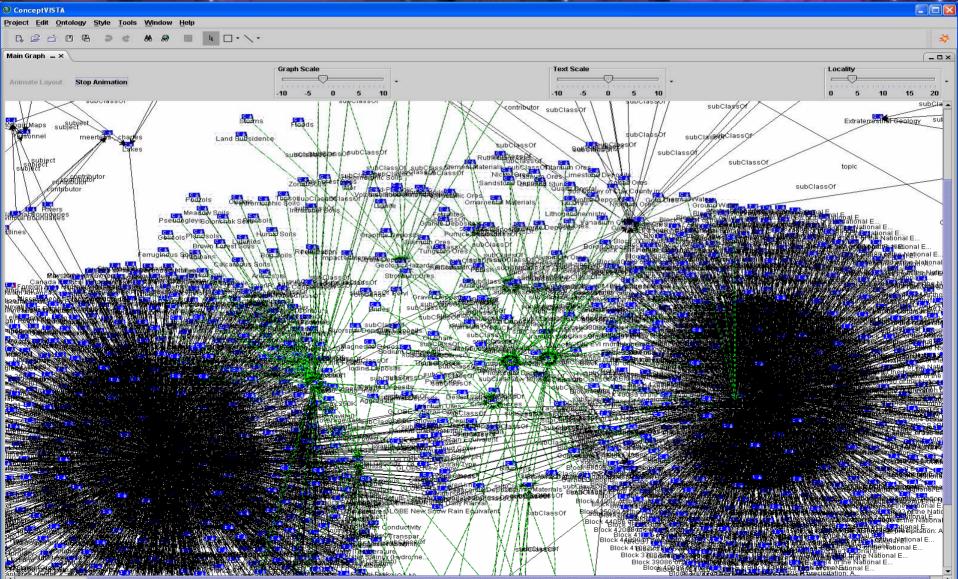
3D Earthquake Modeling using HPC



Earthquake scenarios



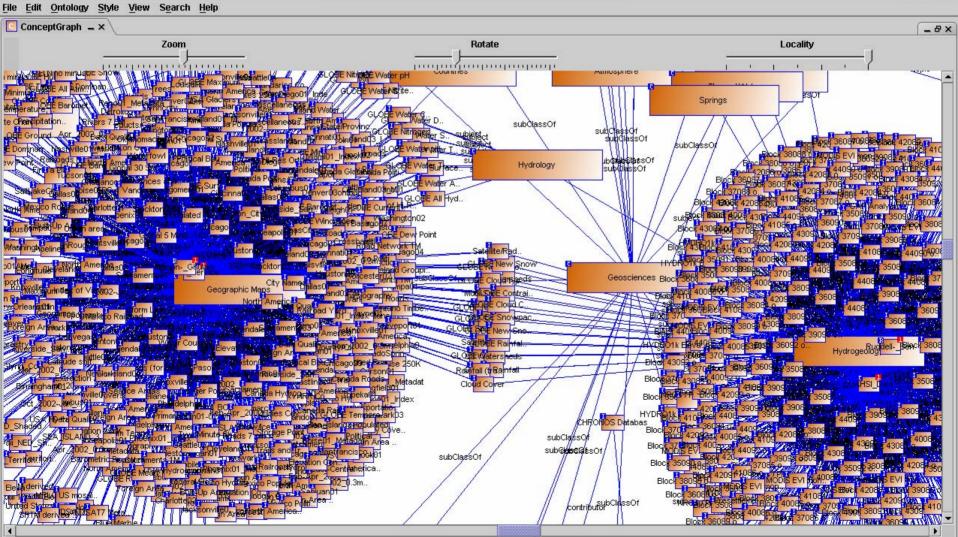
Finding what you need: Searching the GEON Resource Catalog



GEON: Thematic Areas (AGI topic map)

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Ontologies by themselves are not enough

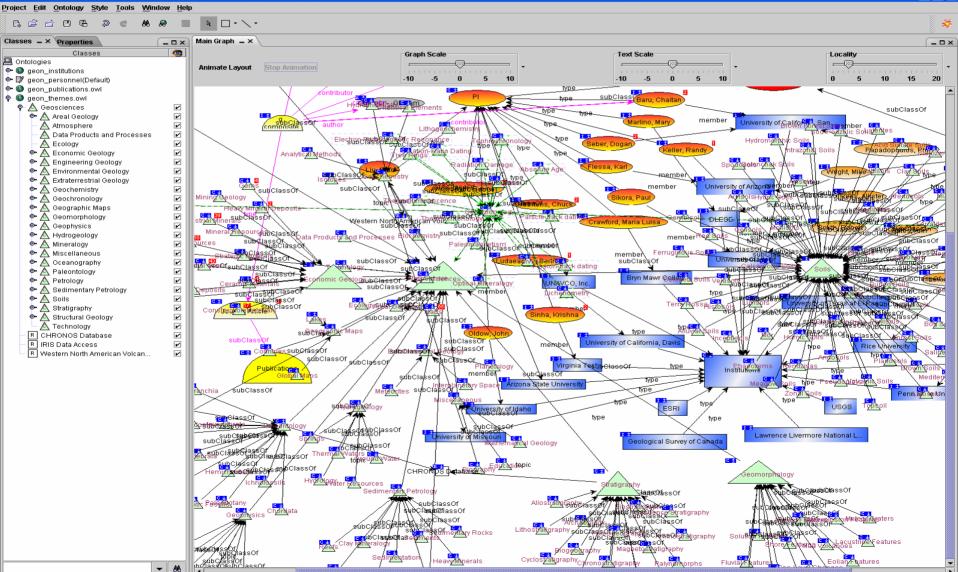
- Top down knowledge (ontology) only gets you so far...
 - Experiences, use-cases (situations surrounding the use of resources), Social networks, etc. <u>also carry meaning</u>
- Current ontologies are static resources...
 - Our understanding is dynamic & continually evolving...
- What happens to all the millions of geographical resources that predate ontologies?

- The cost of retro-fitting ontologies is prohibitive.

- We DO NOT all understand the world in the same way
 - We do not share the same ontologies

Adding in people, places, publications, organizations,

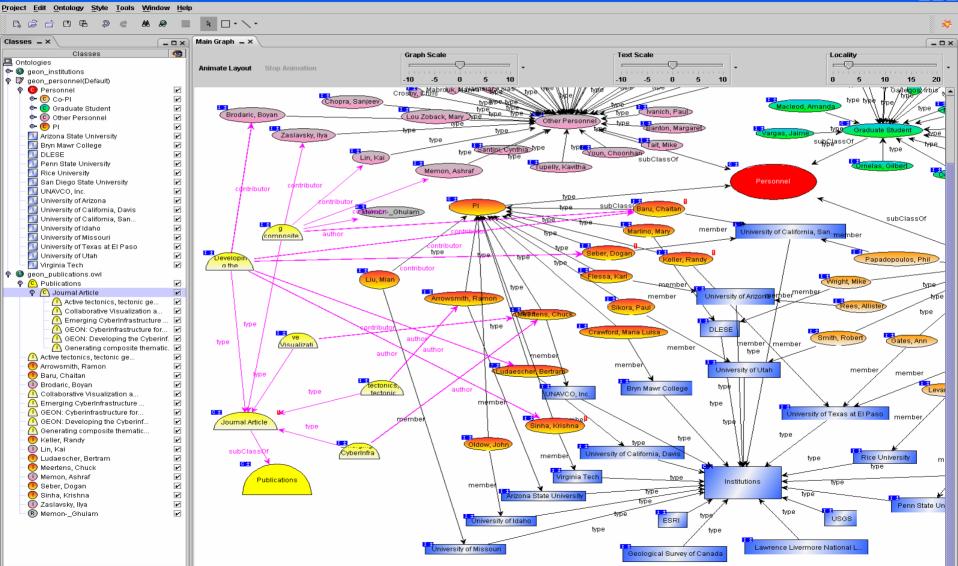
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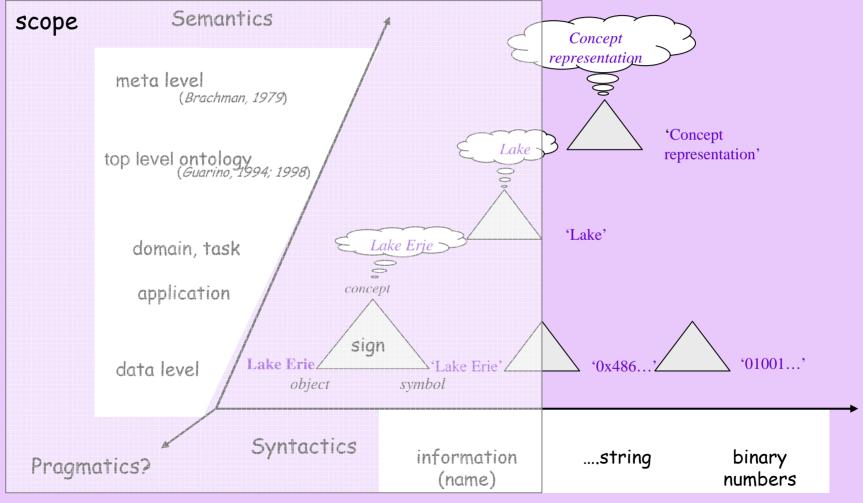
...and tools for navigation

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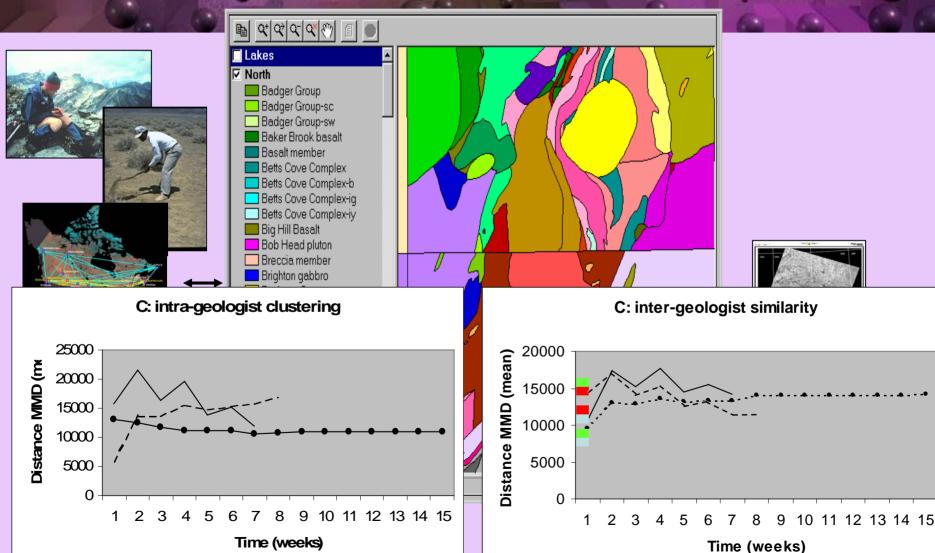


Meaning is carried in formal descriptions (semantics) but also in how things are used and made (pragmatics)

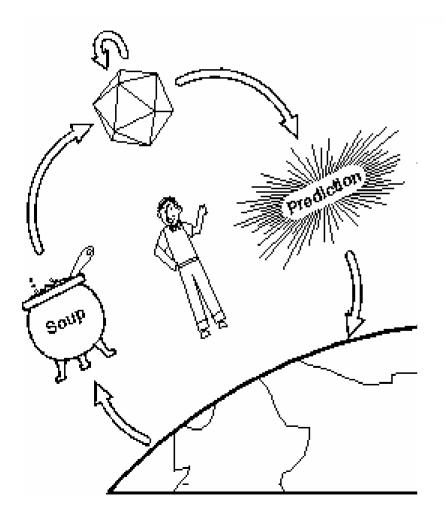


Brodaric and Gahegan. 2005

Looking Deeper: Map construction and semantic conflict

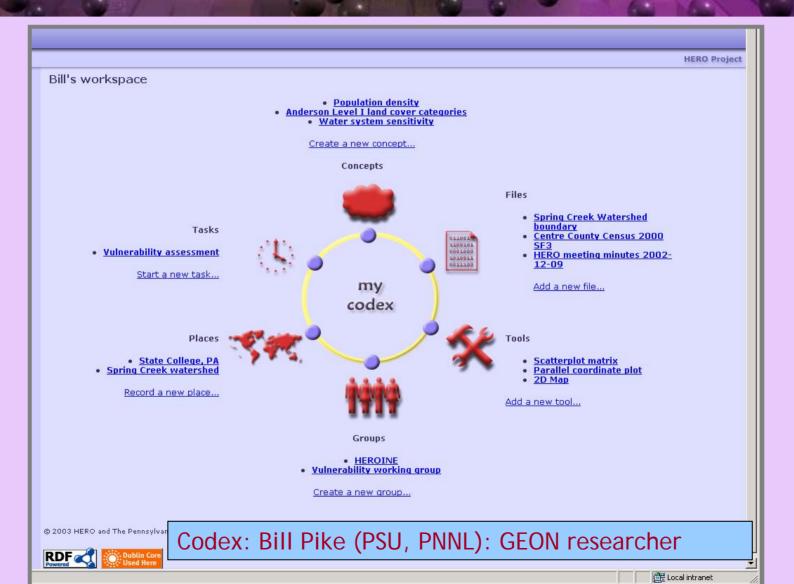


"Knowledge soup" – Sowa, 2002

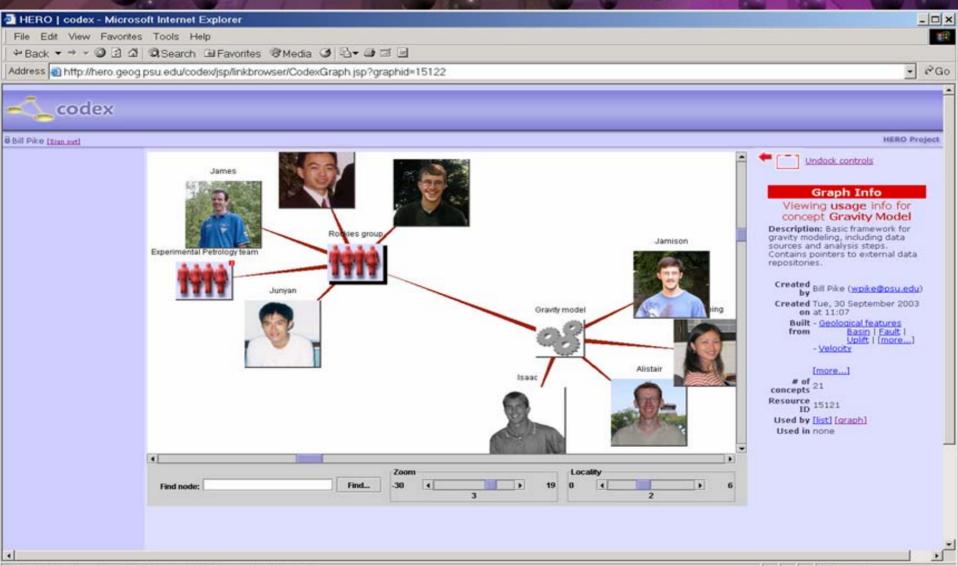


A knowledge portal

(Nexus of knowledge structures: Whitehead, 1923)

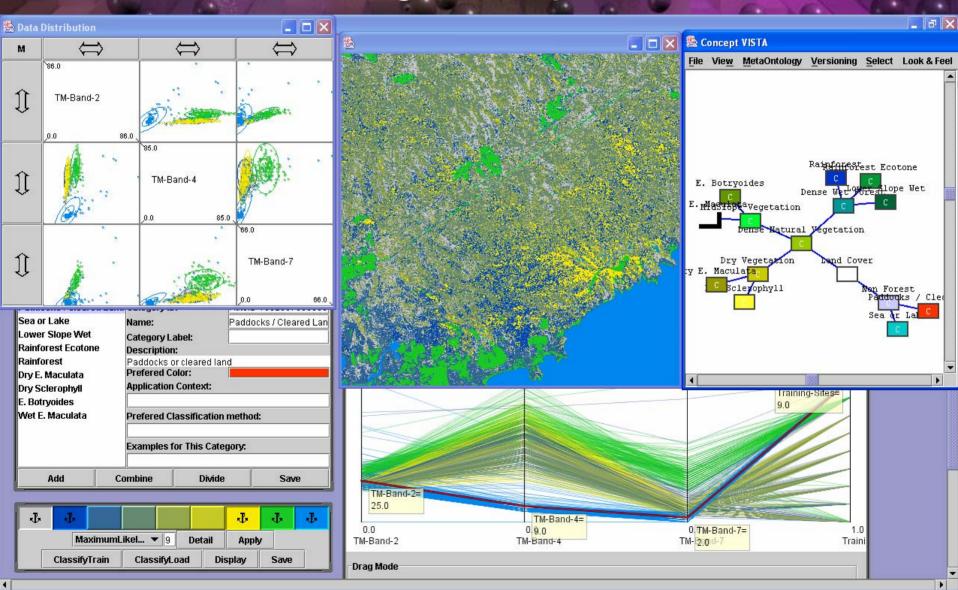


GEON: Randy Keller)

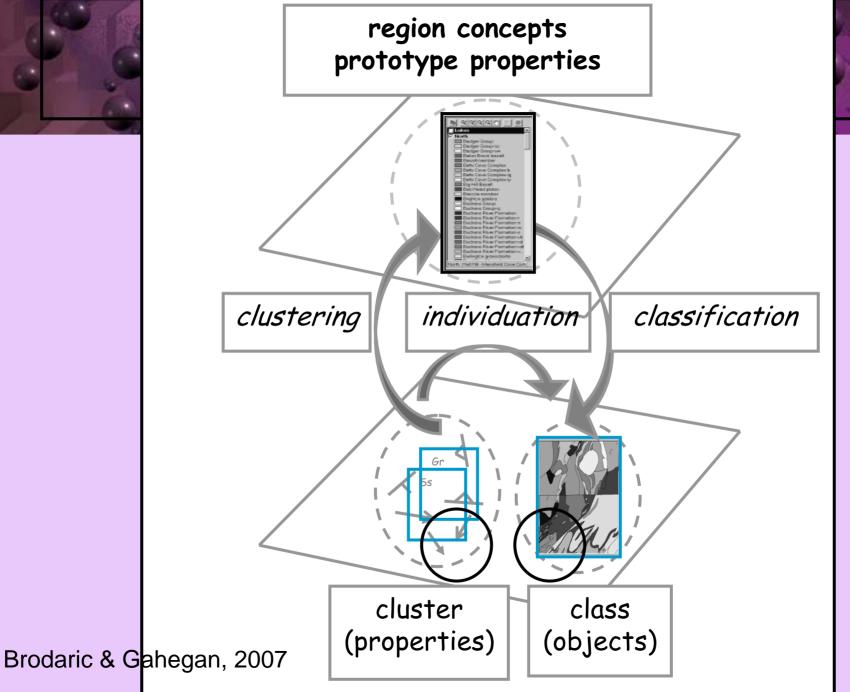


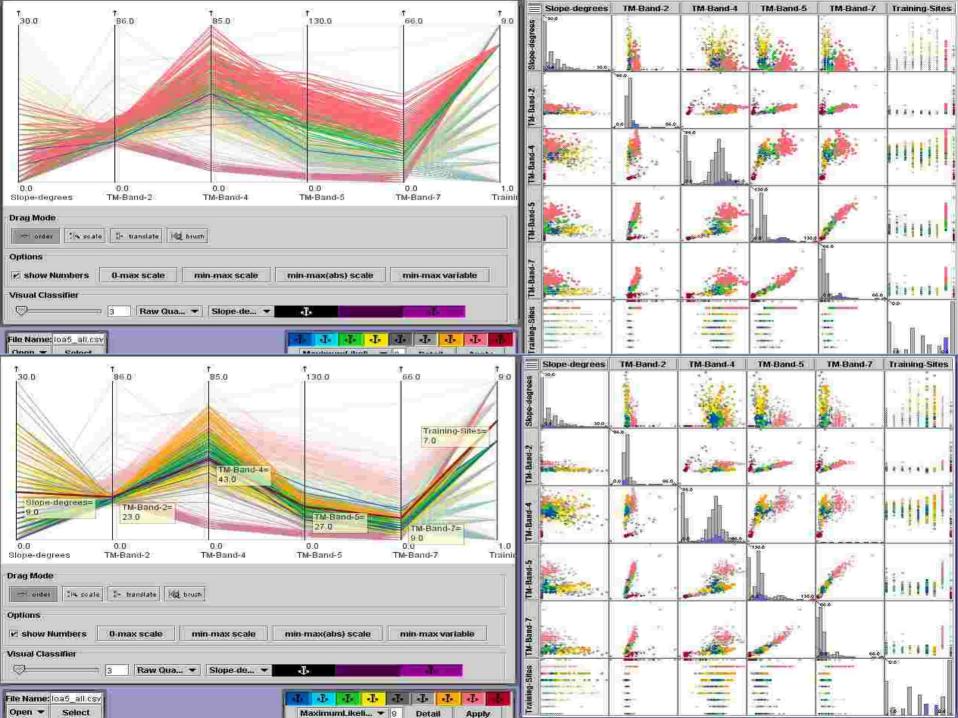
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Knowledge does not exist in isolation: Connecting Concepts to Data







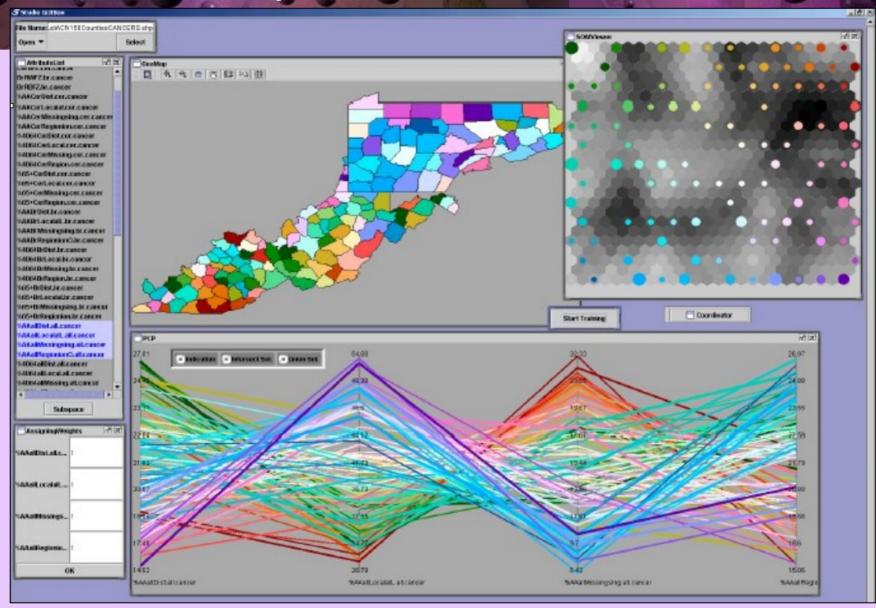




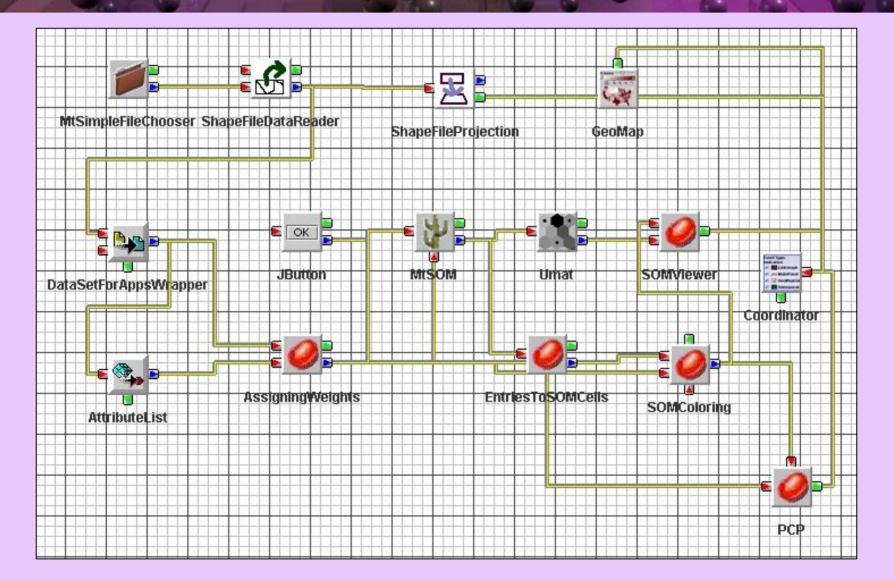
3. Analysis and Workflows

Creating, sharing and preserving experiments in GeoVISTA Studio...

Example: GeoVISTA Studio



Heterogeneous components wired together in the *Studio* Design Box

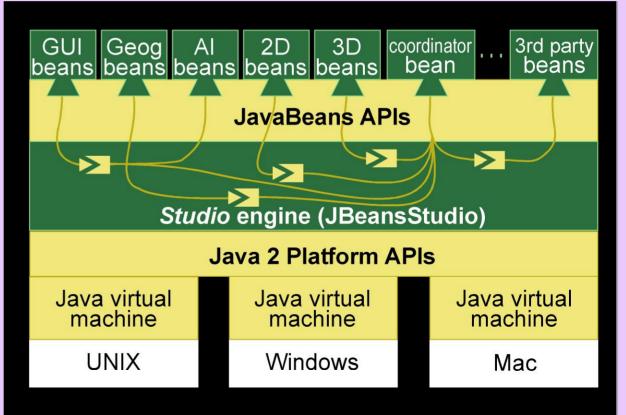


Identify Relevant Resources

Categories	Domains of Origin	Sample JavaBeans Components
Swing	Basic GUI components from the javax.swing package.	OK 🗹 — 💌 label 📰 🔤 text
GeoViz	General components for geographical visualization.	
Java3D	3D visualization components based on Java3D technology.	<u>k@</u> @@@2 _
SOM	Pattern clustering and classification tools based on self-organization map.	
SpatialDM	Specialized data analysis and information visualization tools tailored for spatial data mining.	
GeoTools	Geospatial data handling tools based on OpenGIS standards and the GeoTools API.	

How does Studio work?

- Studio employs JavaBean technology to construct tools. The JavaBean specification defines a set of standardized Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for the Java platform.
- From this, the builder automatically constructs a syntactic description of the functionalities and i/o methods of any bean.
- Will run on any platform with JVM / JBean API

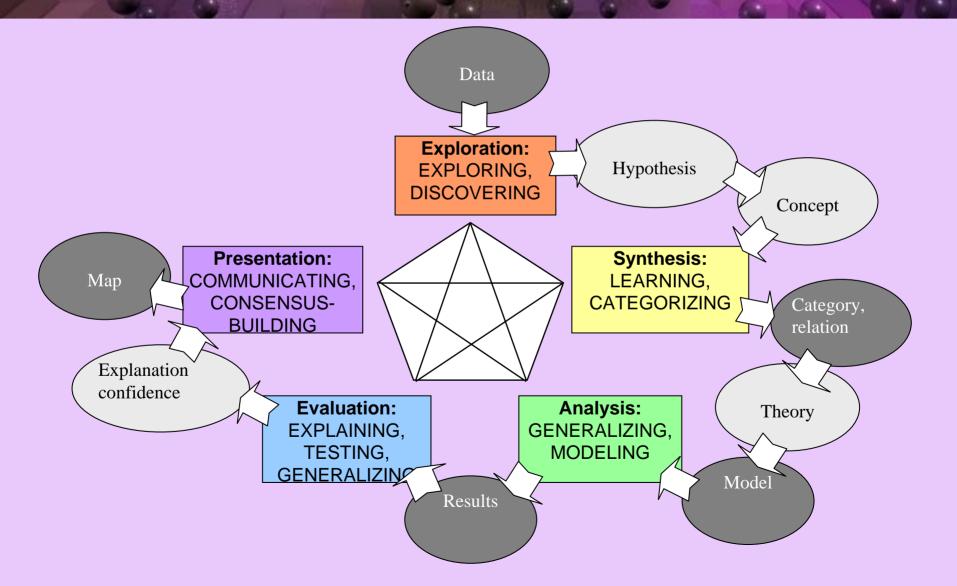


Architecture: application builder

WHICH TOOLS GO WHERE? Methods according to the roles they play

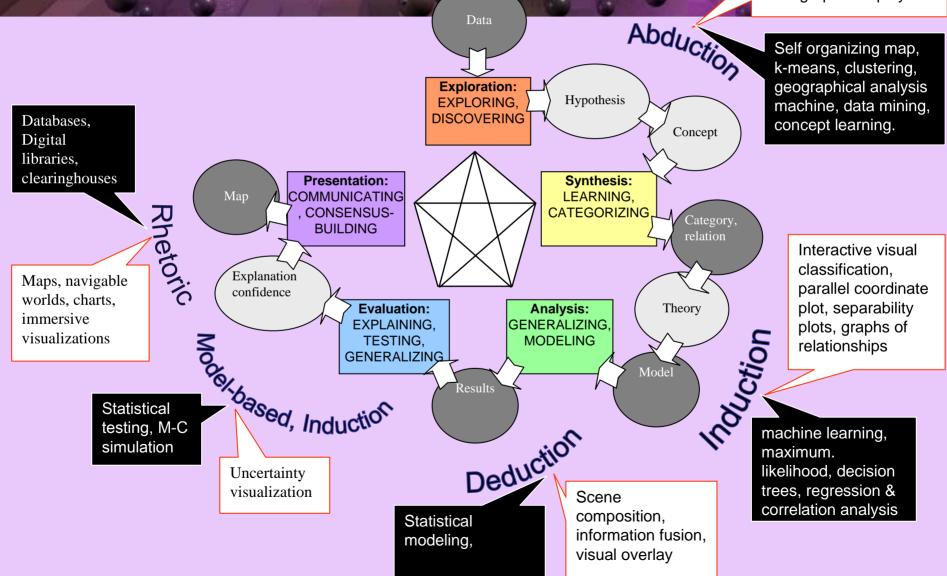
	Databases	Statistics	A. I.	Visualization
Finding	Association	Local pattern	Neural	Exploratory
	rules	analysis and	networks,	visualization
		global	decision trees	Visual data
		inferential tests		mining
Reporting	Rule lists	Significance	Likelihood	A stimulus within
		and power	estimation,	the visual domain
			information	
			gain	
Representing	Schema	Fitted	Conceptual	Shared between
	update,	statistical	graphs, meta	the scene and the
	metadata	models, local	models	observer
		or global		
Validating	Weak	Significance	Learning	Human subjects
	significance	tests	followed by	testing.
	testing		verification	
Optimizing	Reducing	Data reduction	Stochastic	Hierarchical and
	computational	and stratified	search, gradient	adaptive methods,
	complexity	sampling	ascent methods	grand tours
		strategies		

Moving between activities: a 'discovery' path



Activities, tools and inference

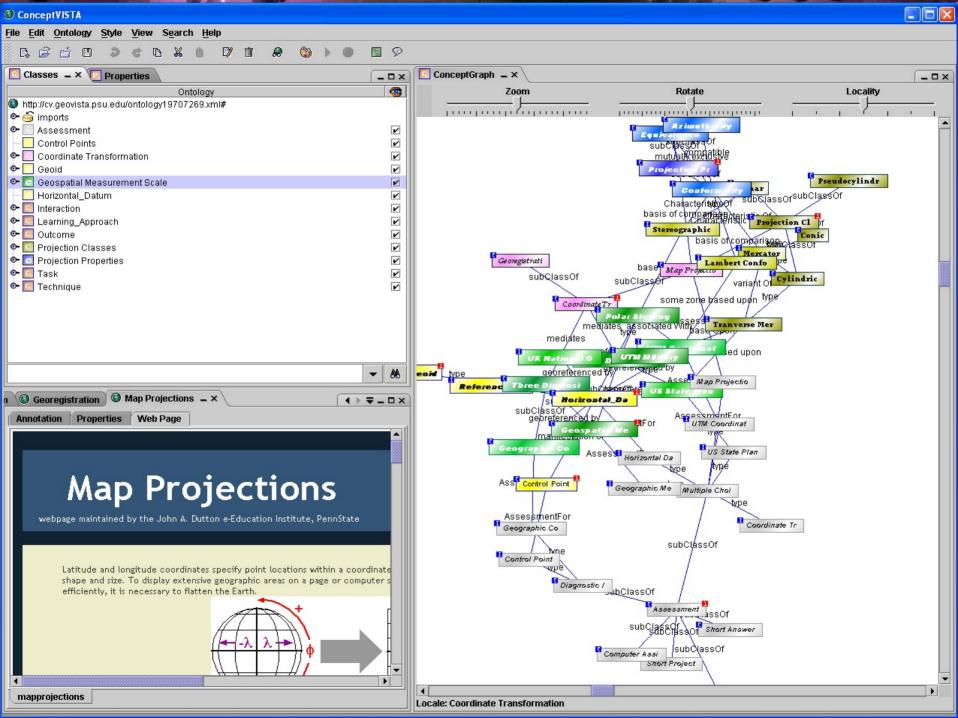
Scatterplot, grand tour, projection pursuit, parallel coordinate plot, iconographic displays



Discovery: Activities, Tools, Representation forms and Reasoning

Activity	Visualization	Computation	Representation		Reasoning
			Object	Collection	
Exploration	PCP, Scatterplot, iconographic displays	SOM, k-means, clustering methods, GAM	Attribute	Description	Abductive
			Description	Dataset	
Synthesis	Interactive visual classification, PCP	machine learning, max. likelihood, decision tree	Concept	Taxonomy	Inductive
Analysis	Scene composition, visual overlay	Statistical analysis	Rule	Theory	Deductive
			Occurrence	Model	
Explanation	Uncertainty visualization	Statistical testing, M-C simulation	Inference	Explanation	Model-based
Presentation	Maps, charts, reports, etc.	Web mapping, digital libraries, collaboratories	Narrative	Story	Rhetorical
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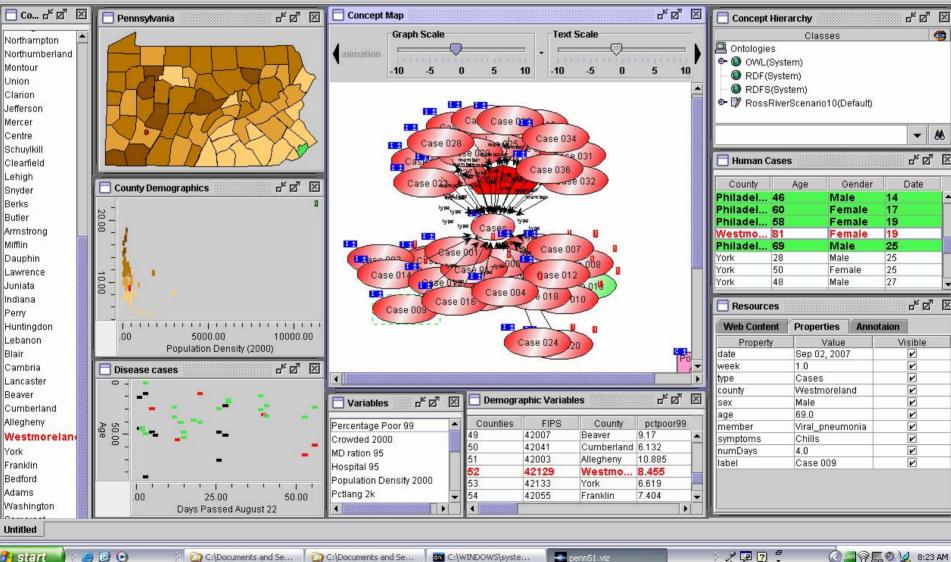
(Gahegan & Brodaric, 2002)



Example: An emergent disease, possibly vector-borne

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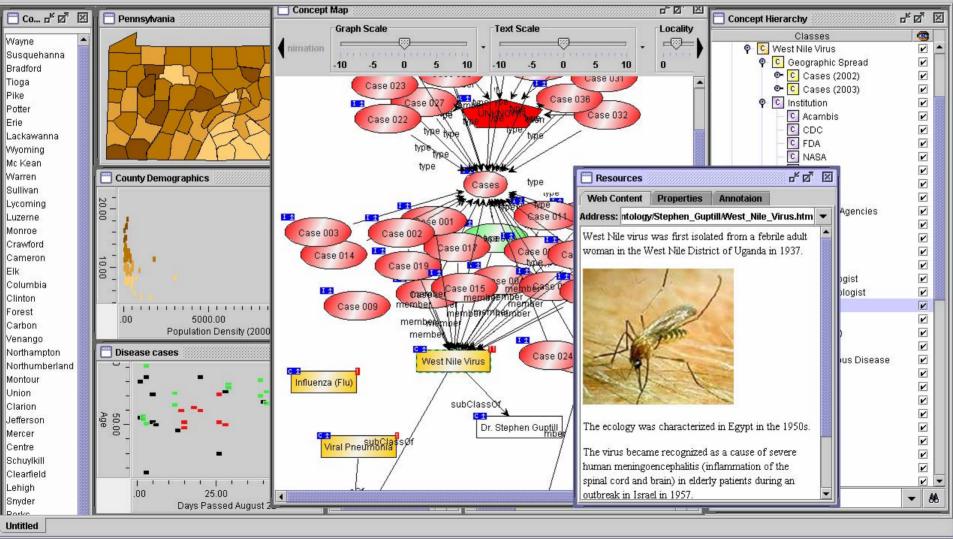
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Is it West Nile Virus?

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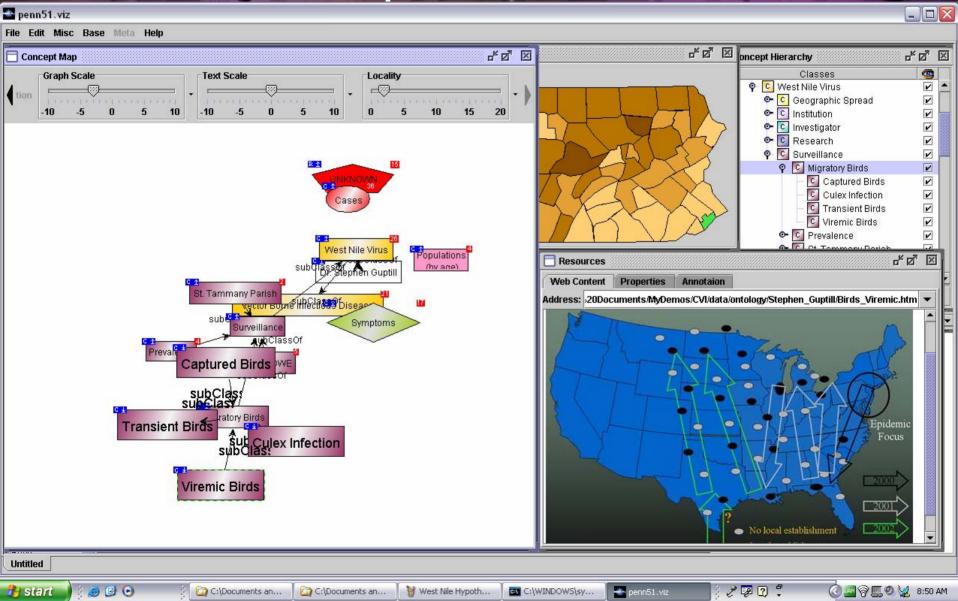
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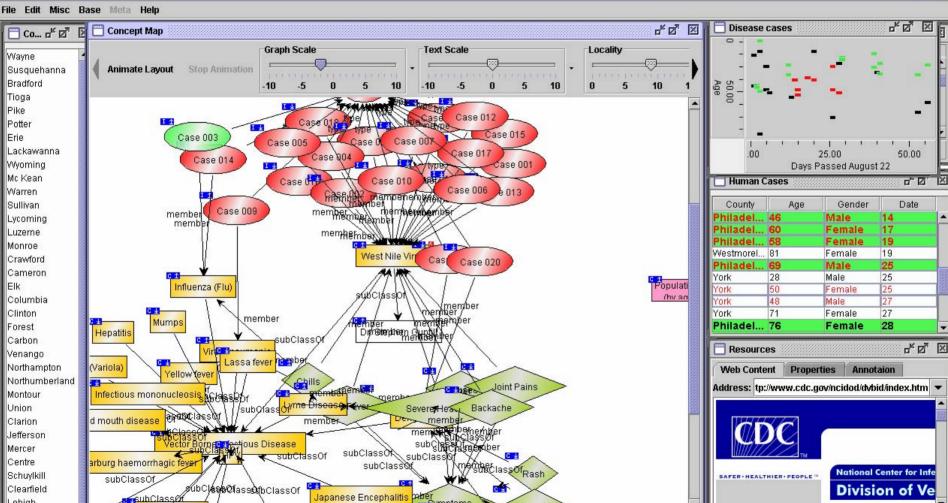
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Exploring anticipated infection patterns



Matching symptoms against CDC documents

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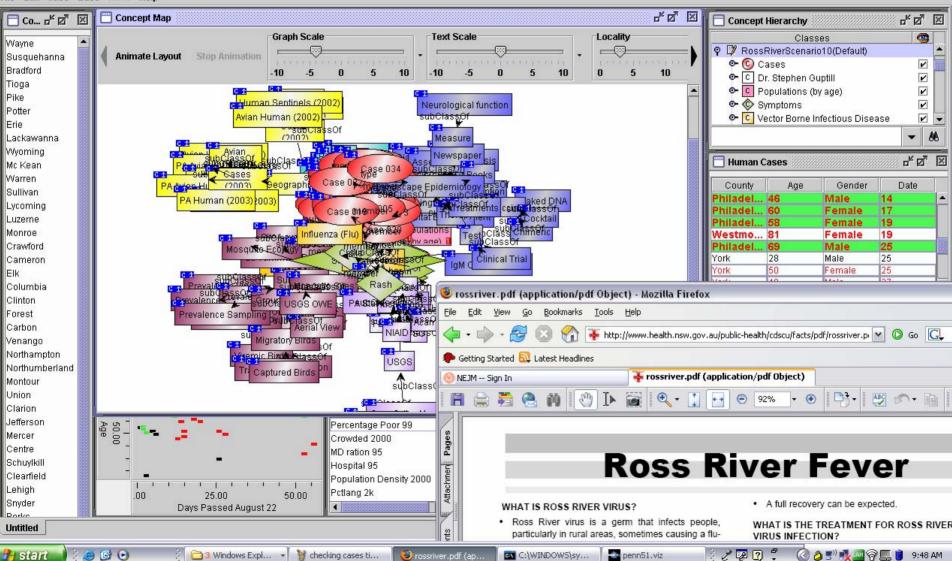
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Searching for alternative explanations

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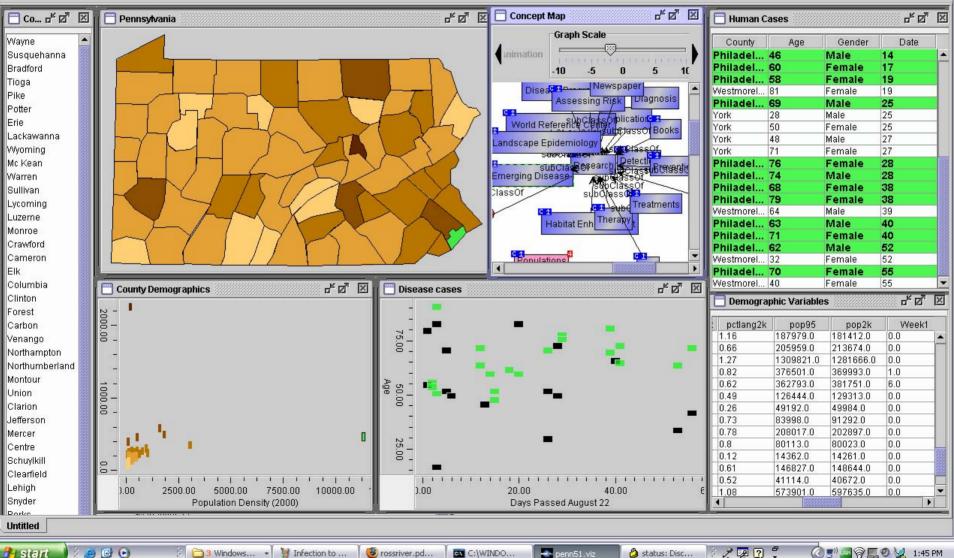
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Analyzing likely impacts

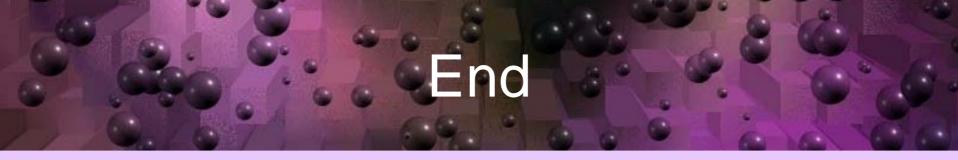
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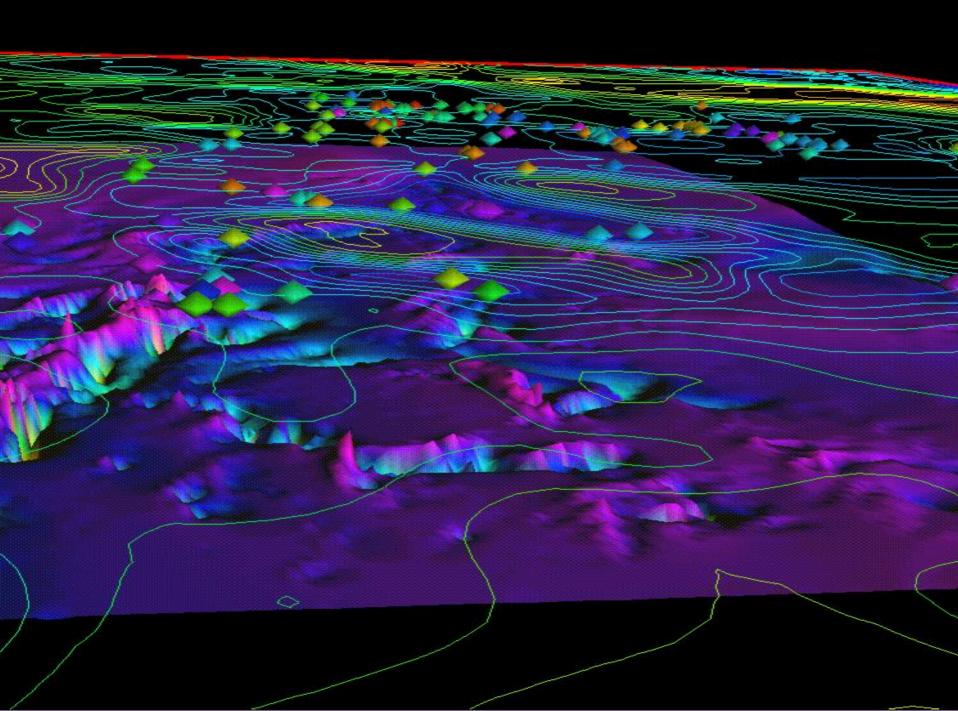
Summary: Many CI challenges

- Technical...
- Conceptual...
- Sociological...What needs to change?
 - Self-sustaining cyberinfrastructure?
 - Participation and adoption by science communities (opportunities, risk, resistance)?
 - Recognition of different forms of science contribution...



Questions? Suggestions?





Inspiration

- "Knowledge keeps no better than fish"
 - -- Alfred North Whitehead
- "You cannot put your foot in the same stream twice"

-- Heraclitus

 "You can know the name of a bird in all the languages of the world, but when you're finished, you'll know absolutely nothing whatever about the bird... So let's look at the bird and see what it's doing -- that's what counts."

-- Richard Feynman