### **Time Series Overview**



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## A Time Taxonomy



- Continuous
  - Non-periodic
  - Periodic
- Discrete
  - Non-periodic (non-recurring)
  - Periodic

More on next pages......

### Continuous Time Data



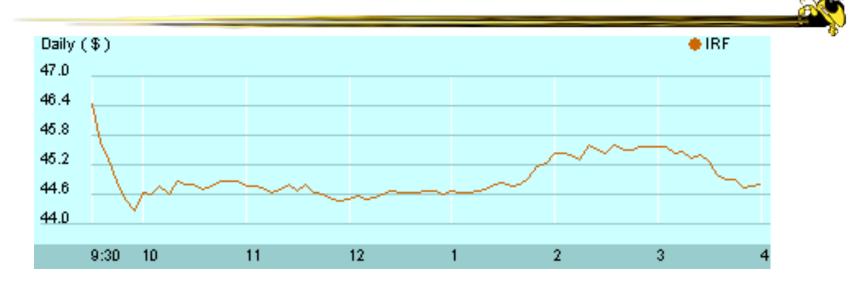
- Examples
  - Stock market prices
  - My heart rate
  - Daily temperature in Atlanta
  - Height of ocean
- Periodic repetitive
  - Temperature in Atlanta is perioidic Daily highs and lows, seasonal highs and lows
  - Other examples?
- Non-periodic examples?

### Discrete Time Data

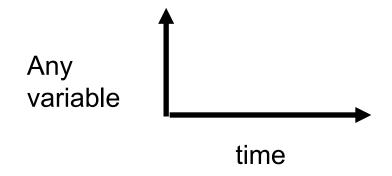


- Birth/marriage/death
- Historical events
- Train leaves at 8:05 am
- Some discrete events have duration
  - Meeting or appointment
  - Hospital stay
  - Project phase
- Some discrete events are periodic
  - Presidential elections every four years
  - Our class meetings (but not forever ©)
- Recall that time data can be in multivariate, tree, network data organization

### **Continuous Time**



Two variables – price, time of day



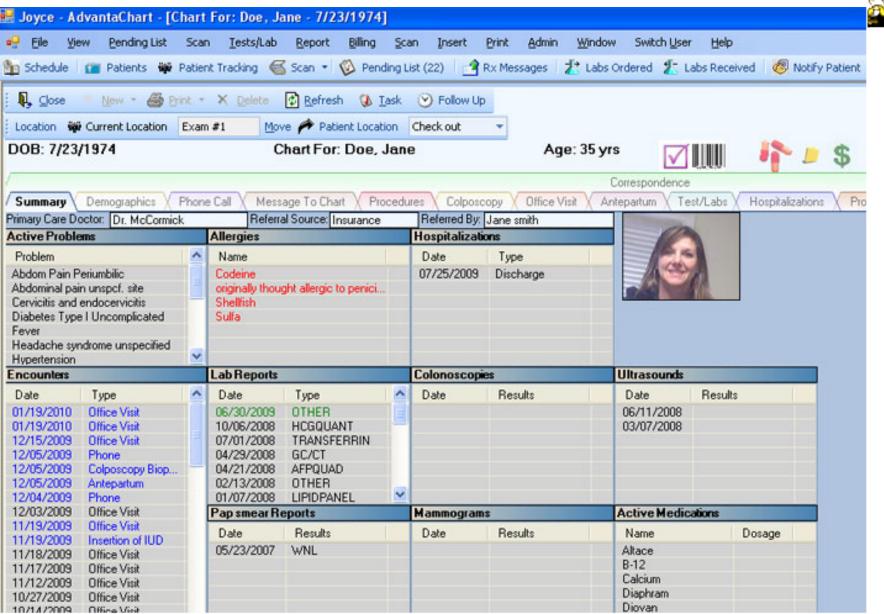
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## Example

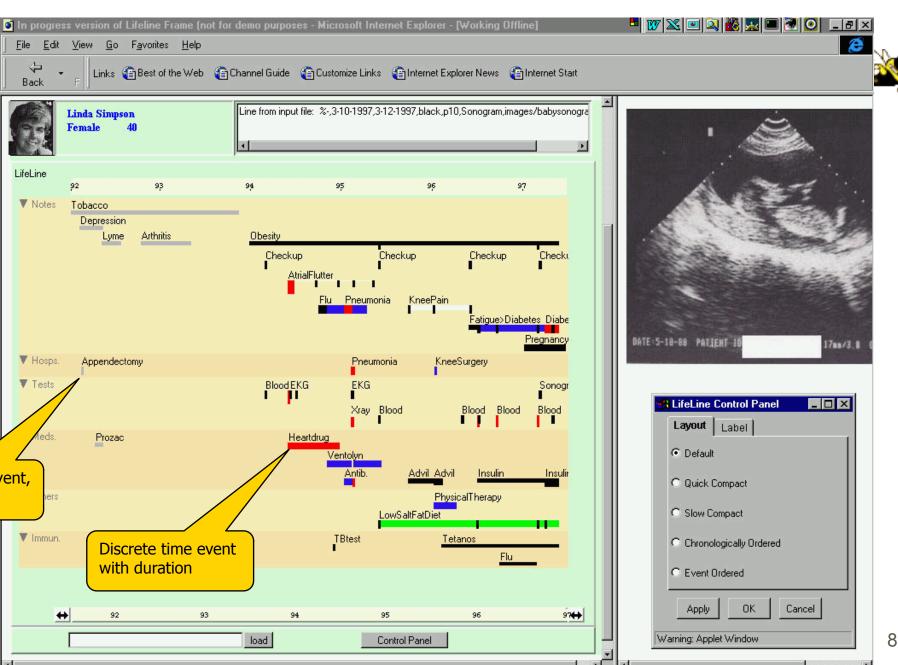


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- How many variables; what are they, what are data types?

### Electronic Medical Records (EMR) – no Vis



### EMR with Vis- Lifelines



#### How Characterize Facebook Timeline?



- http://www.facebook.com/jim.foley.9083
- What InfoViz interaction methods are used?
- How is time depicted?

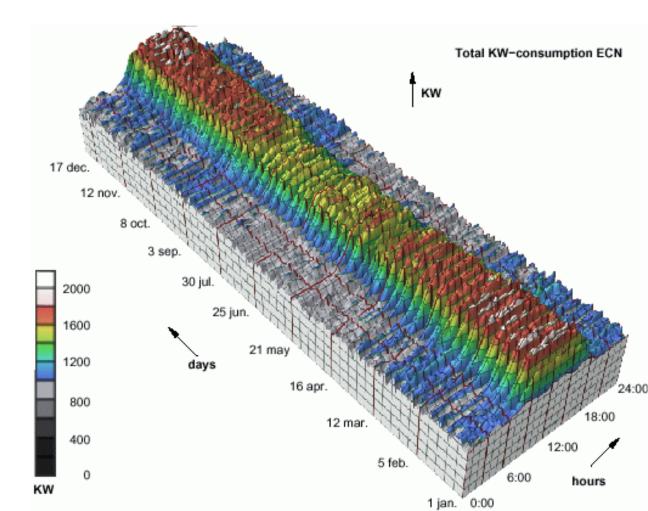
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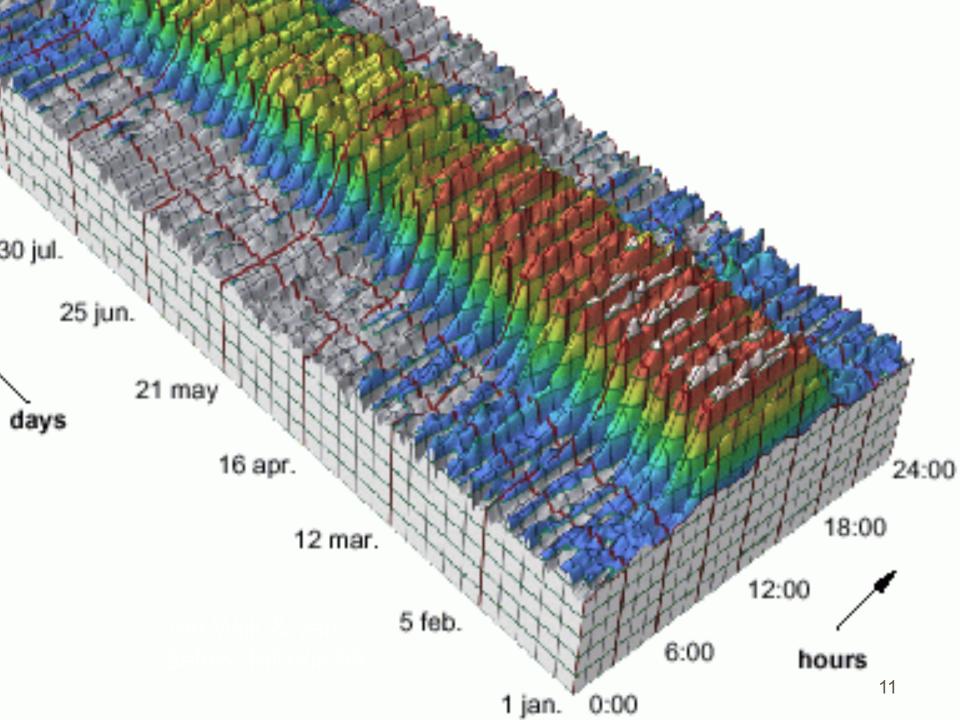
### Periodic Continuous Time Data



Hourly energy consumption for full year

See larger view of data on next slide





### Periodic Continuous Time Data



- 12 months (spokes)
- Value (consumption) coded by size
- Dots scaled so as not to overlap
- Extra spiral on outside provides some closure

All spiral display figures from Konstan and Carlis, *Interactive Visualization of Serial Periodic Data*, UIST '98; data set is chimpanzee food consumption.

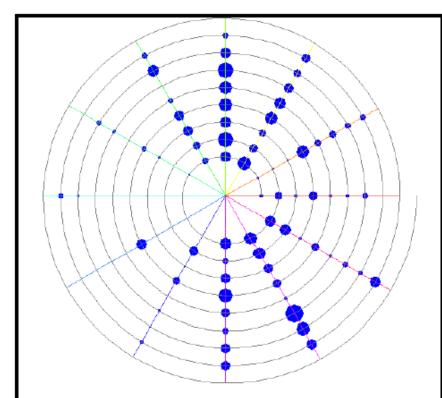


Figure 2. An indented spiral, with spokes, showing monthly consumption percentages for Baphia Capparidifolia during the period 1980 – 1988.

## Example: Variations over Time



- The ThemeRiver motif can be used to depict many different variations over time.
- Example:
  - Movie popularity NYT interactive graphic

http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2008/02/23/movies/20080223 REVENUE GRAPHIC.html

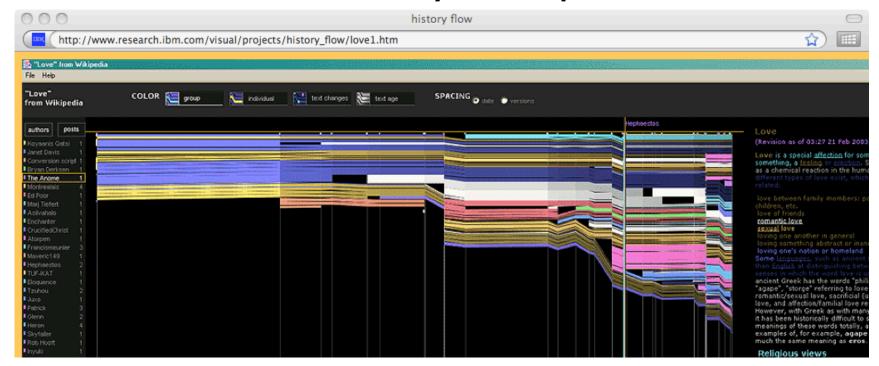
- The baby name web site
  - Is stacked time chart

http://www.babynamewizard.com/voyager

 For each example - # vars, # cases, scalability with variables and cases?

## Example: History of Text Revisions

 IBM's 'history flow' shows changes to documents edited by multiple authors



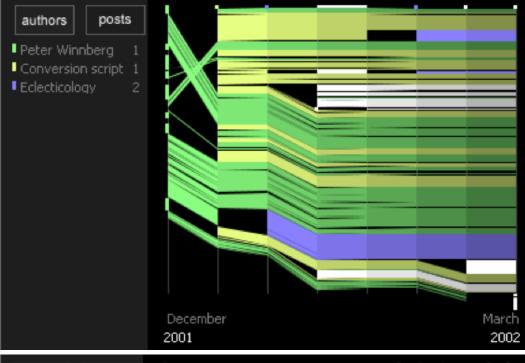
Brightness indicates text age

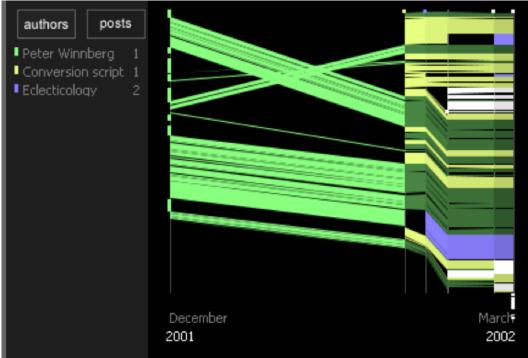
Registered authors color-coded

Anonymous authors in white

Spacing by revision #

Spacing by time



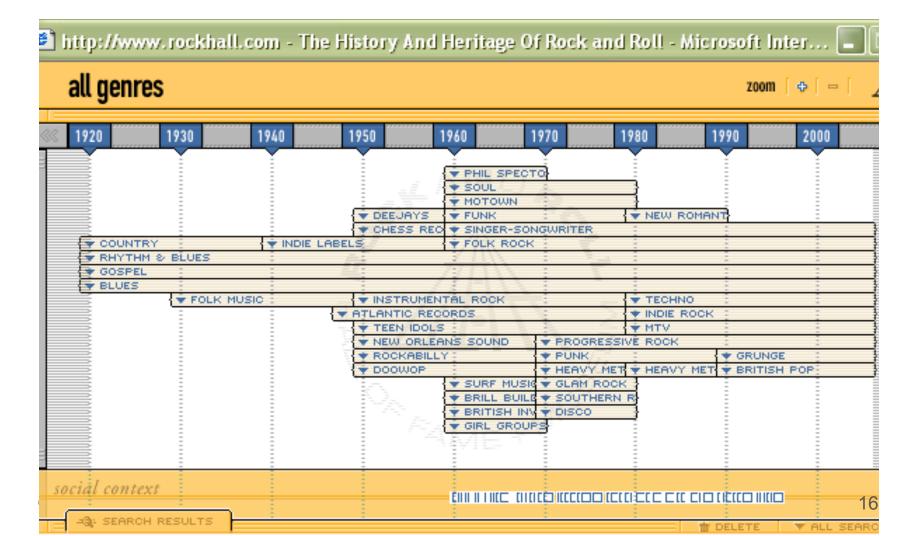


## Example: Music Over Time



History of Genres

http://rockhall.com/timeline/ (dead link)



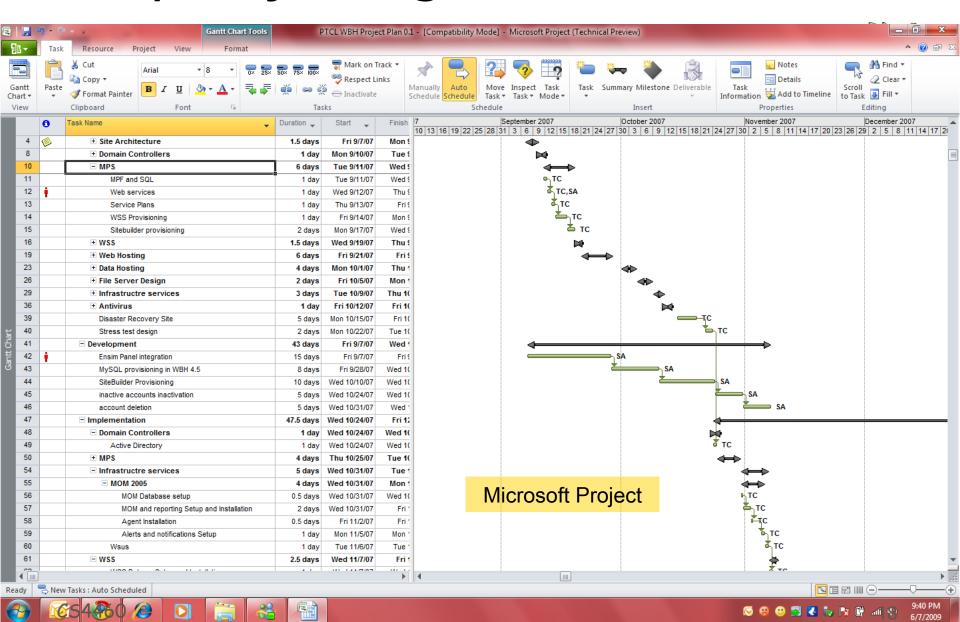
## Example: Project Management



- Project (write software, design/build plane, hire new person) involves
  - Multiple steps
  - Spread over *time*
  - Some steps depend on other steps
- How can we plan/manage project?

With PERT/Gnatt/CPM charts, of course ©

# Many Project Mg't Products!



## Example: Time + Geography



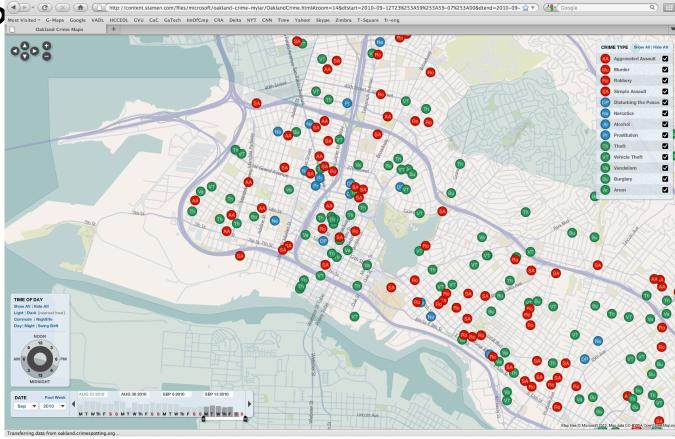
- Typically superimpose temporal events on a map
  - Intelligence analysis
  - Literary plot analysis
  - Military planning
  - Maybe in future plan plots for interactive games
- Following figures from GeoTime, a product of Oculus www.oculusinfo.com/

## Interactions in Space and Time



#### Interaction methods?

# variables?
Data types?



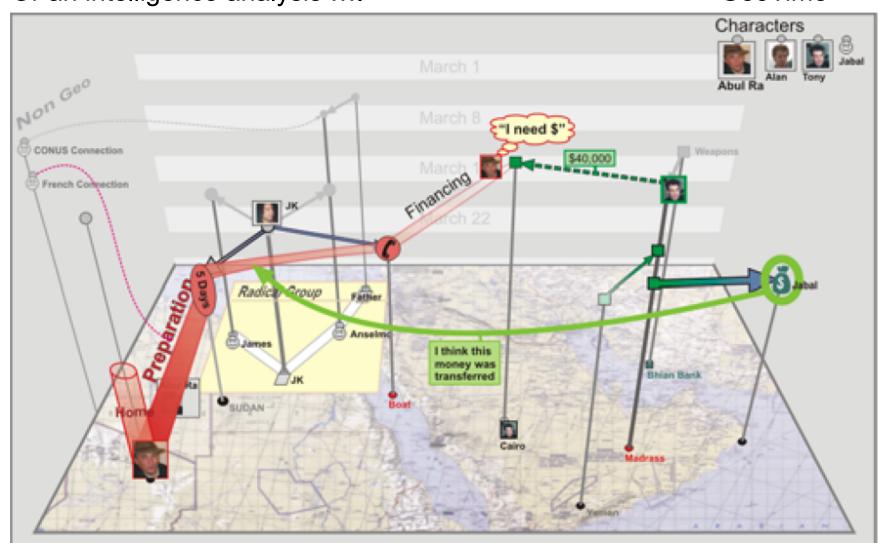
http://sanfrancisco.crimespotting.org/

## Time and Geography Story

) - - Time -

Or an intelligence analysis ....

GeoTime



## Wrapping up Time



• What are your take-aways?

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# **Takeaways**



- How decide what type of Infovis to use with what type of temporal data?
  - Temporal data types remember continuous, discrete, periodic; with or without duration
  - Which of the examples work with which types?
- Scalability

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