Augmenting MATLAB with Semantic Objects for an Interactive Visual Environment

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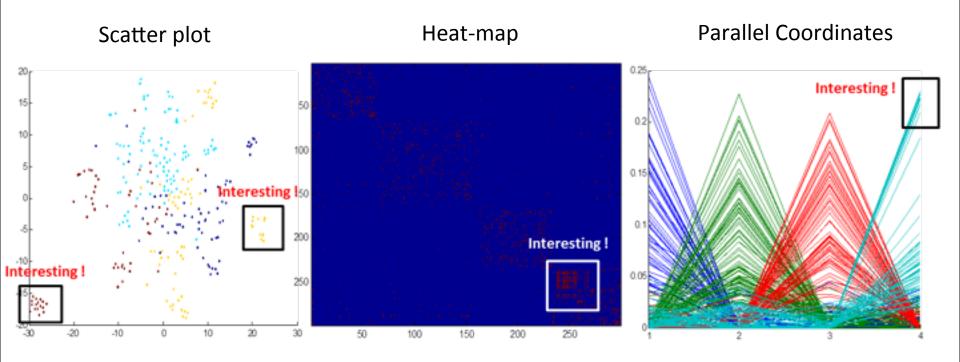
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Why add "semantics" to Matlab?

- Typical generic data analysis tools provide
 - Powerful computation
 - Visualization
- Weaknesses
 - Ignore any semantic meanings
 - Just numerical vectors or matrices

Analyzing a movie dataset

What Matlab can do today

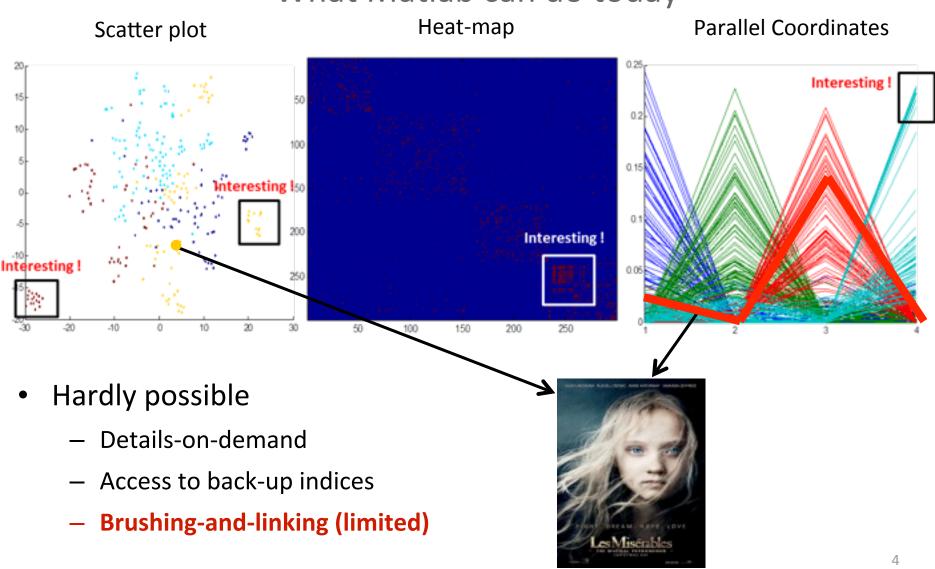


Hardly possible

- Details-on-demand
- Access back to the sub-matrix
- Brushing-and-linking

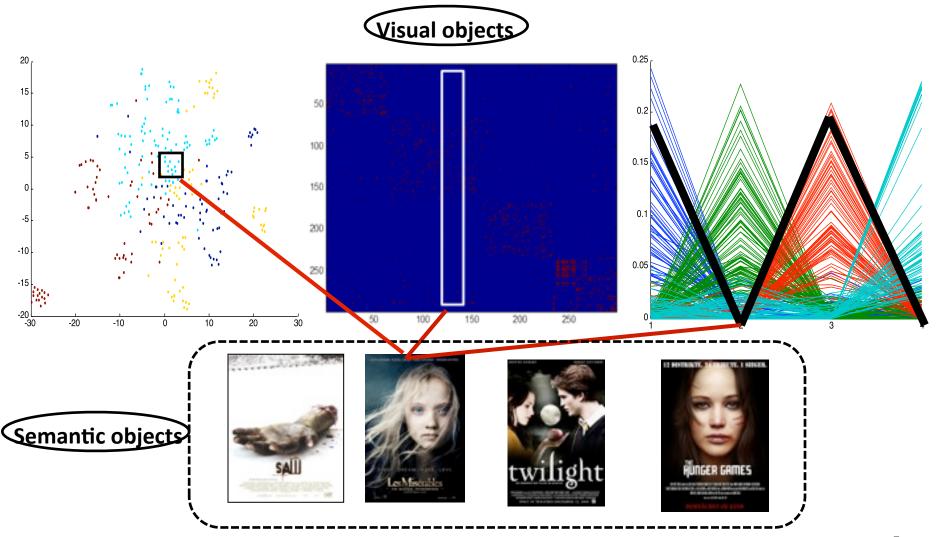
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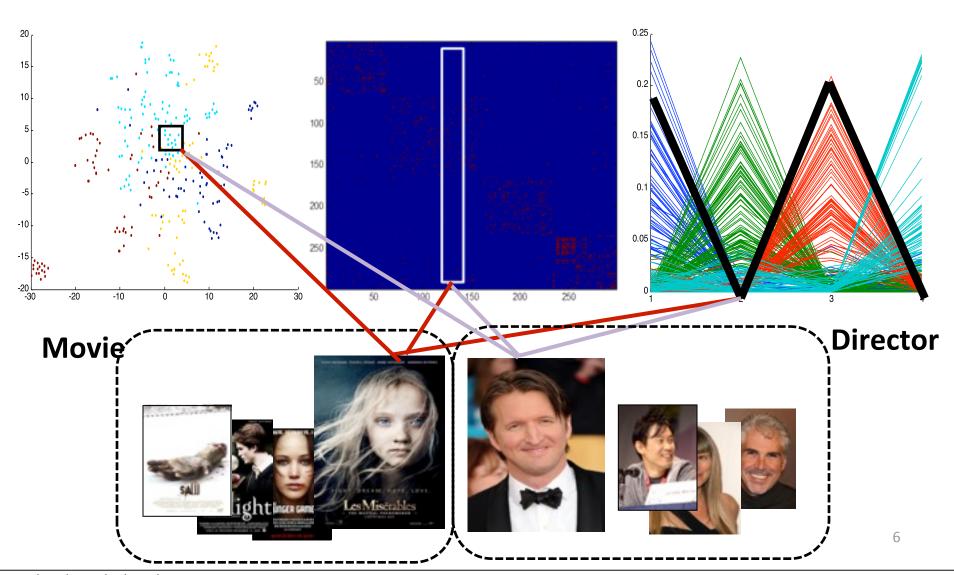
Our proposed system

adding semantics to visualization



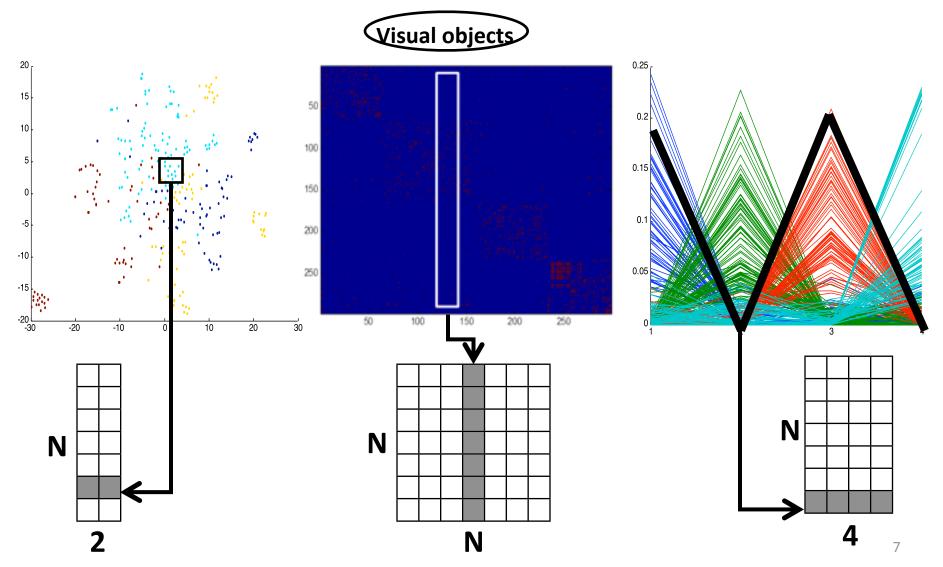
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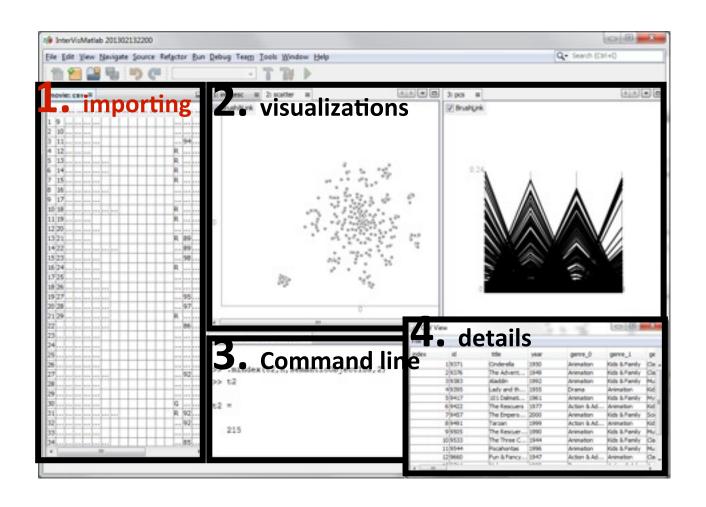
We support multiple linkage

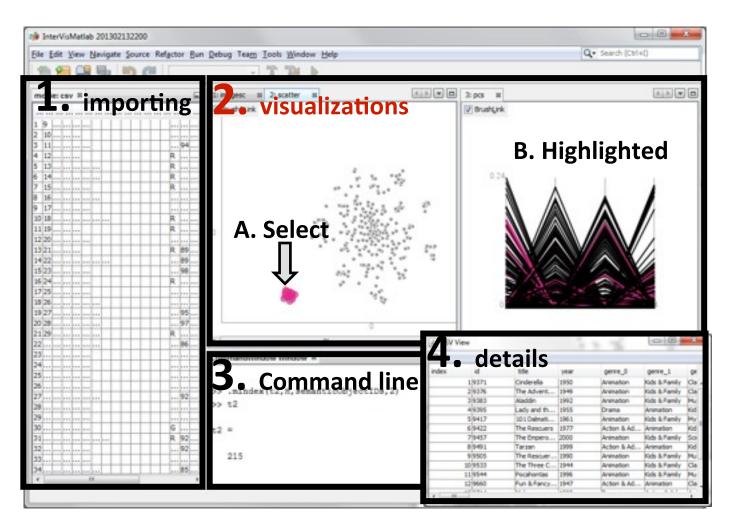


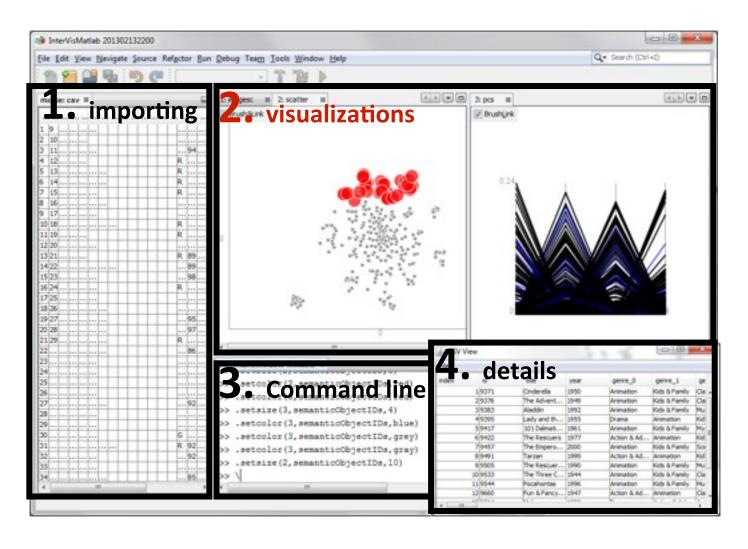
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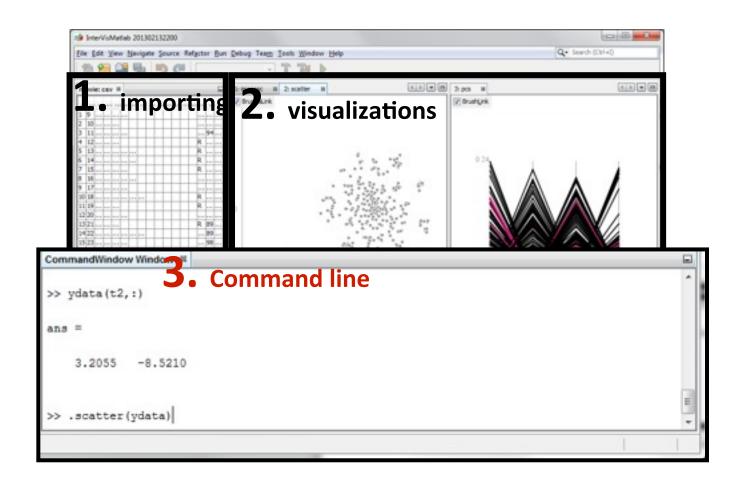
Easily go from visualization back to matrices/vectors

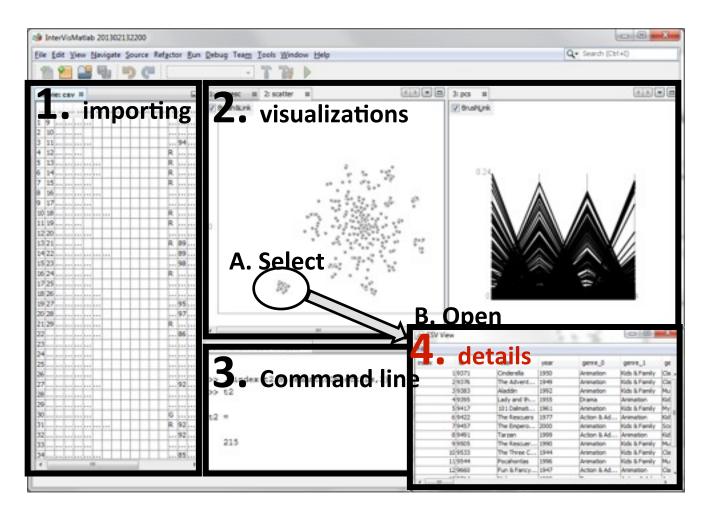












Implementation

- Written in Java 1.6, Matlab 7.13
- Java Matlab Interface (JMI)
 - Communication with Matlab process
 - https://code.google.com/p/matlabcontrol/wiki/JMI
- Beanshell library
 - Dynamic execution of the command-line interface
 - http://www.beanshell.org
- JFreeChart
 - A line chart
 - http://www.jfree.org/jfreechart

Two Example Usage Scenarios

1. Document data set

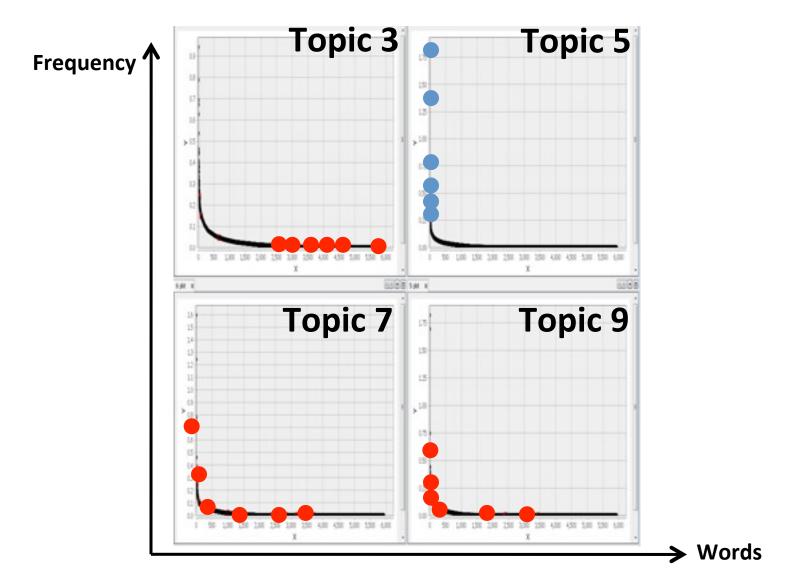
- InfoVis and VAST papers from 2001 to 2012.
- Total number of documents is 515
- Total number of words is 5,935

2. Graph data set - RottenTomatoes



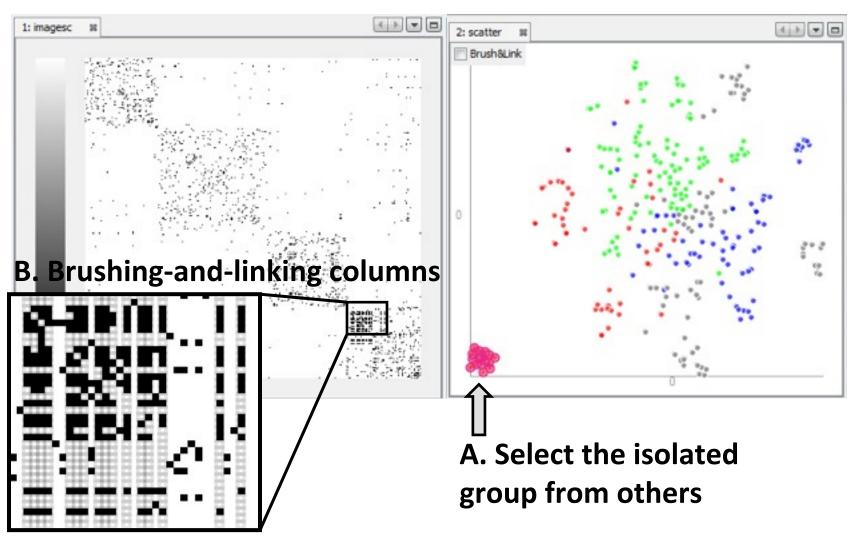
- Pairwise similarity scores from movie rating
- Among 200,000 movies we randomly choose 300 movies

First Scenario with Document Data





Second Scenario: Movie Graph



Conclusions

- Matlab has Powerful computation, but little interactivity
 - Difficult to interpret real-world data sets.
- Adding semantic objects to Matlab
 - Matlab's advantages
 - Enhancing visual interactivity
- Connections with Matrix
 - Allows users to go from visualization to the input

Thank you!