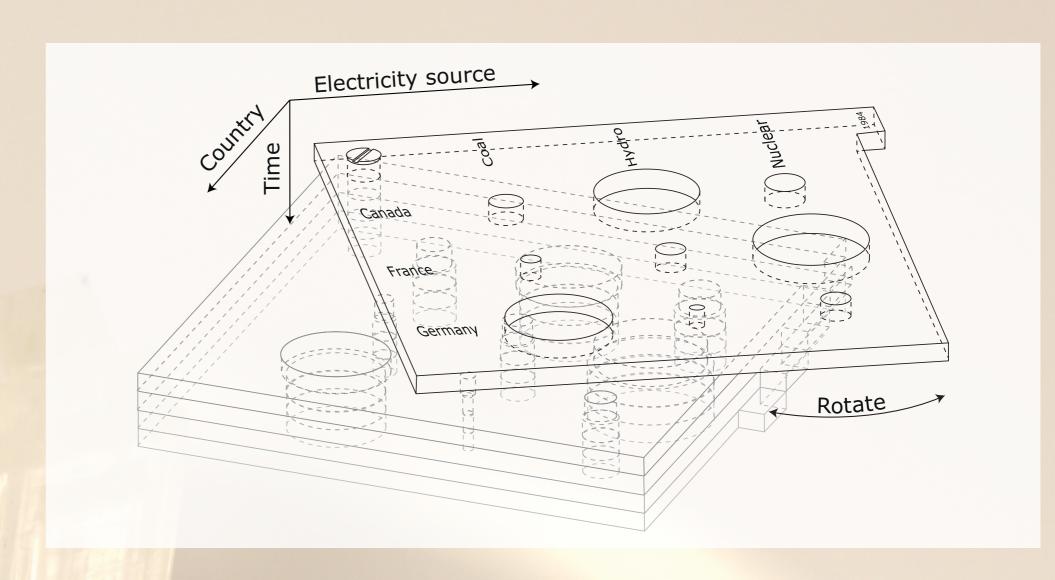
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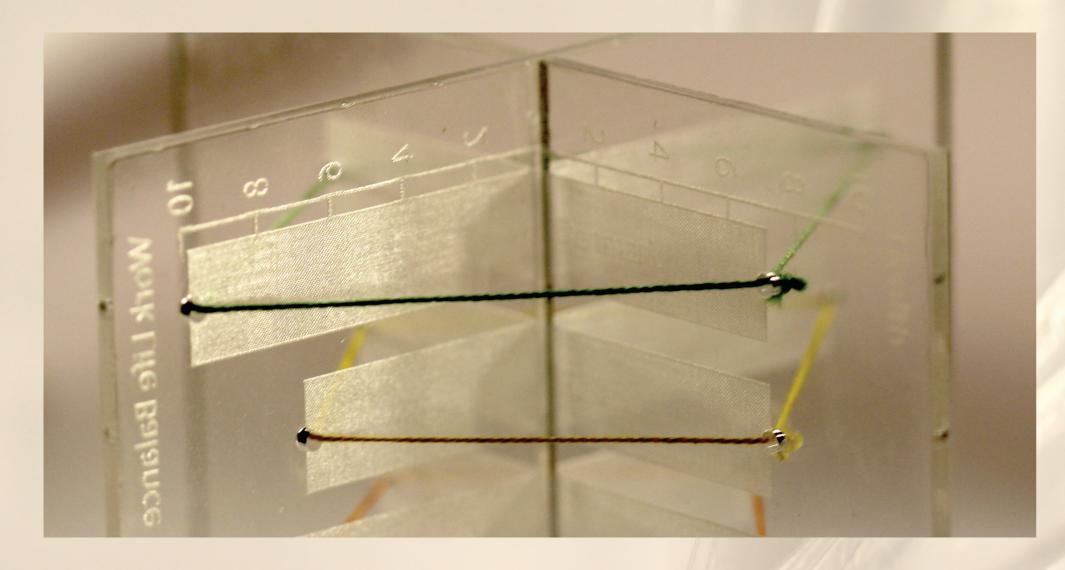
We present our early experiments in designing physical visualizations for supporting data analysis.

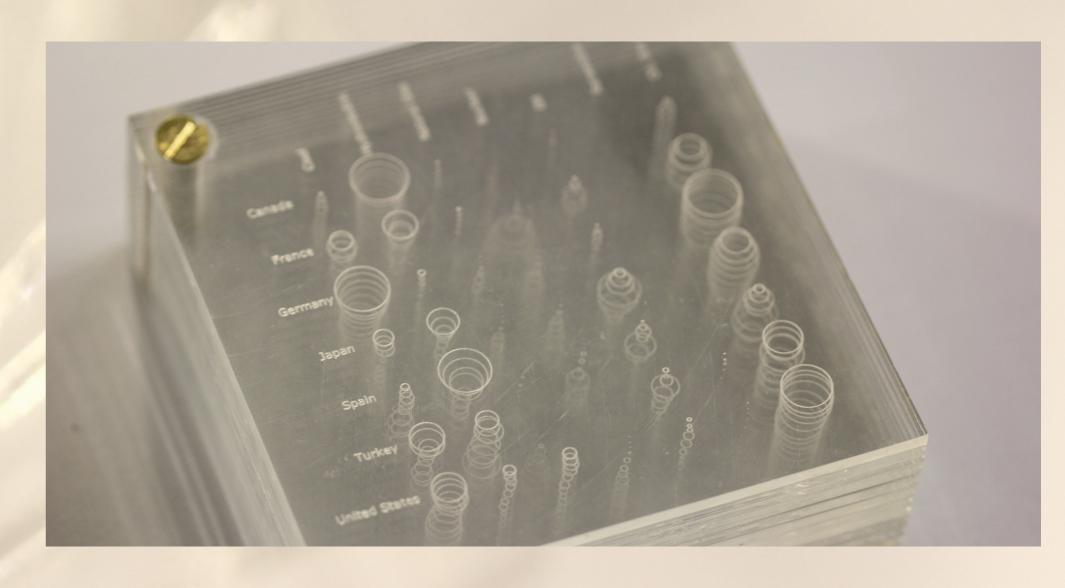
Based on Amar's taxonomy of analytical tasks we show that physical visualizations can support a number of analytical activities but that further research is needed to support all activities.











Support of analytical tasks by four physical visualizations:

	Retrieve Value	Filter	Compute Derived Value	Find Extremum	Sort	Determine Range	Characterize Distribution	Find Anomalies	Cluster	Correlate
Layered 2D Plot	+	+	-	++	+	+	++	+++	+	++
Layered Star Plot	++	+	-	+++	+	++	++	+++	+	++
Thread Star Plot	+++	++	-	+++	++	++	++	+++	+	++
Bertin's Matrices	+++	+++	-	+++	++	+++	+	+++	+++	++



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