Designing Transparent Overlays

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The problem

PROBLEM

APPROACH

QUESTIONS

- Visualizations for high-performance buildings
  - Operations
  - Management and planning
- Energy use
- Building occupancy patterns
- Weather
- Cost
- …..
- TIME

- Exploring use of overlays to compare intervals (data layers)

The problem specifics

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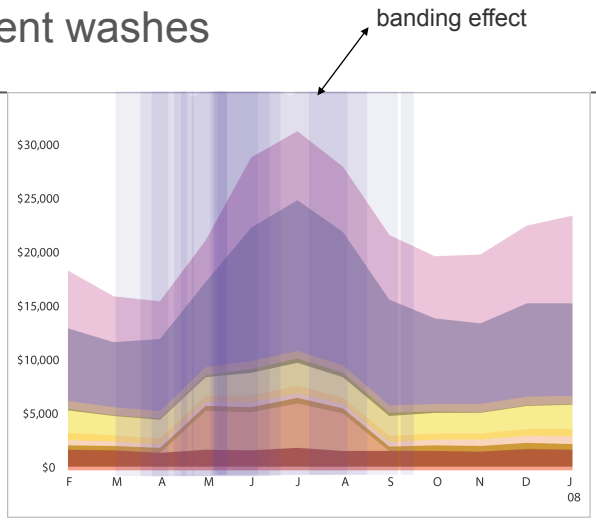
- a way to visualize events/periods to be overlaid on top of another (area) plot
- need to be scalable, can communicate multiple overlapping events
- components:
  - start and end markers
  - Period
- scalablility and canvas size requirement, not obstructive to underlying data
- assumption: use interaction like mouse over to help select/highlight

Transparent washes



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Transparent washes (2)

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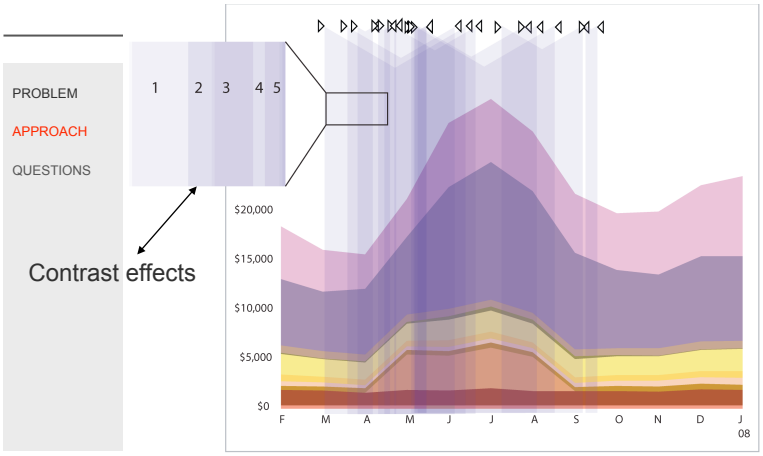

Spatial and contrast manipulations

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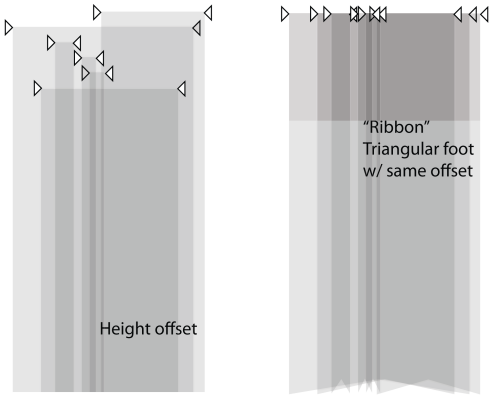

We clearly have more work to do

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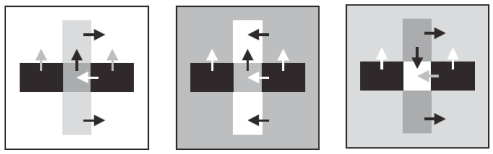
- We don't understand all visual cues
- X-junctions are critical

(a) (b) (c)



- Can we discern layers and transparency without edges?