

Chronicles of Artist Exhibitions:

Exploring Temporal Patterns in Artists' Co-Exhibition Activity Using Visual Analytics

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Digital Art History

Highly inter- & trans-disciplinary field

Lots of data, databases

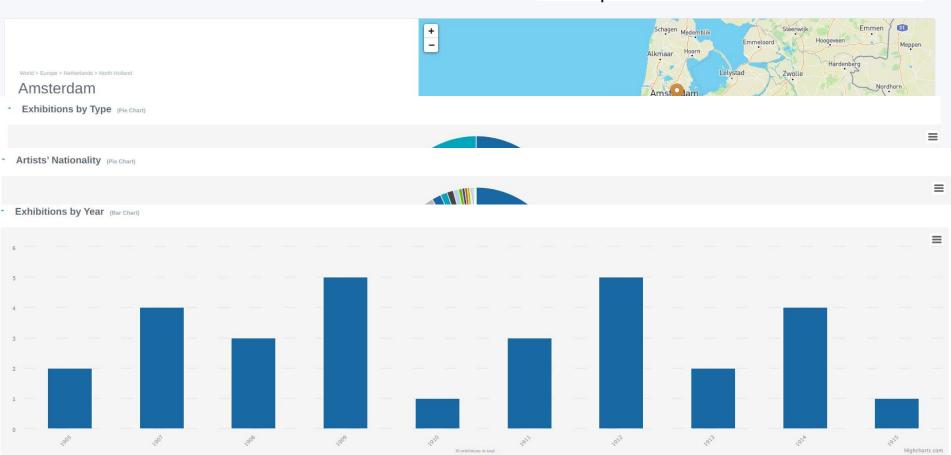
Data is intricate and multifaceted

Increasingly using visualization tools:

Maps, timelines, bar/pie charts

Sometimes networks

Phttp://exhibitions.univie.ac.at/



ArtVis

Transdisciplinary project in collaboration with CReALab @ Uni Wien

https://www.cvast.tuwien.ac.at/projects/artvis

Analyze complex relationships between:

People (artists, critics, collectors);

Objects (artworks, techniques, forms);

Places (galleries, auction houses, cities/countries);

Institutions (academies, museums, artist associations)

Their development and change over time is important







ArtVis - Data

PDatabase of Modern Exhibitions (DoME) http://exhibitions.univie.ac.at/

Relational database (1905-1915):

Exhibitions ~ 1.4k

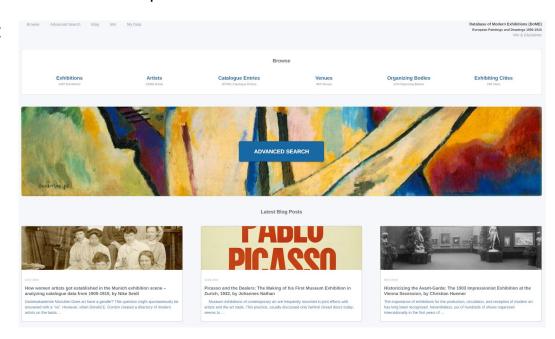
Artists ~ 14k

Catalogue Entries ~ 208k

Venues ~300

Organizing Bodies ~200

Exhibiting Cities ~ 100



Research Question

"How can VA support art historians in gaining insights about artists' co-exhibition behavior and comparing activity patterns between them?"

Design Study

Sedlmair et al.

Design Study Methodology: Reflections from the Trenches and the Stacks

"[...] analyze a specific real-world problem faced by domain experts, design a visualization system that supports solving this problem, validate the design, and reflect about lessons POSSIBLE **ENOUGH DATA** CLARITY learned [...]" **DESIGN STUDY** page 2 METHODOLOGY SUITABLE ArtVis positioned "roughly" here computer head INFORMATION LOCATION

Contributions

[C1]: Problem characterization and task abstraction

From domain to VA - task/data decomposition and abstraction

[C2]: Proposed visualization design is well justified

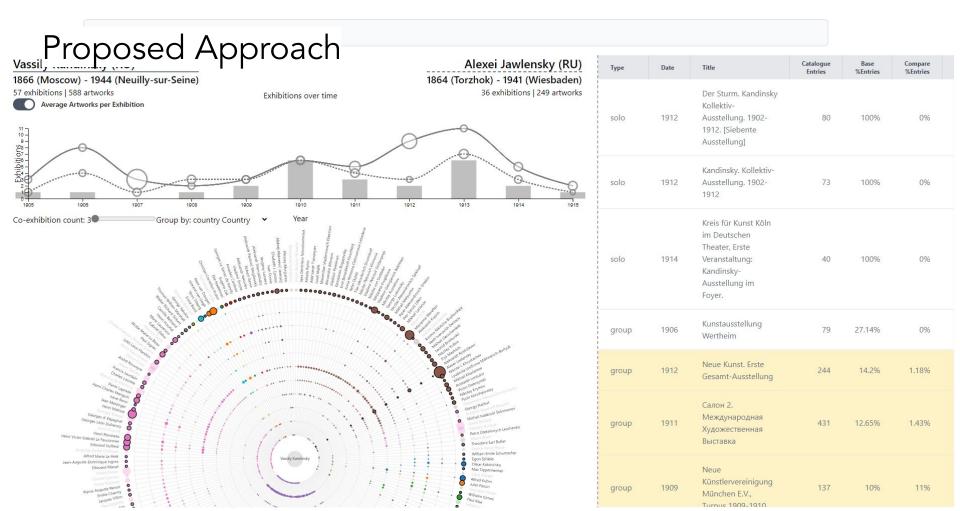
Combination of established and proven techniques extended to support domain

[C3]: Validated visualization design

Evidence - an effective solution for the domain and is useful for experts

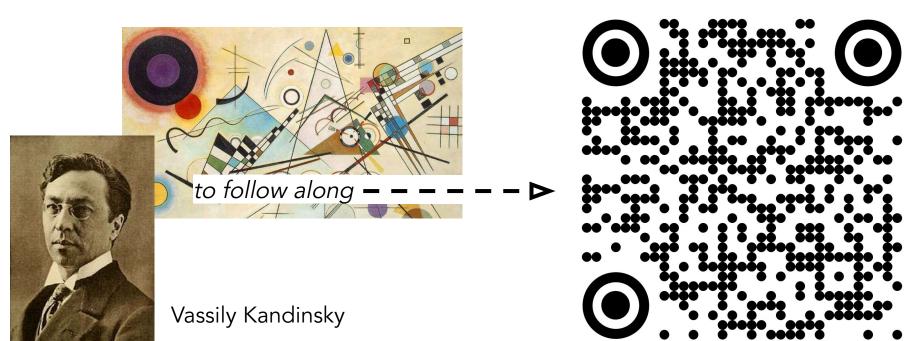
[C4]: Reflection

Lessons learned, reflection, proposed guidelines





https://artvis.cvast.tuwien.ac.at/artists/5



Evaluation Methodology

ICE-T Wall et al.

PA Heuristic Approach to Value-Driven Evaluation of Visualizations

Determine the 'value' of a visualization along 4 components:

Insight: The ability to spur and discover insights and/or insightful questions about the data

<u>C</u>onfidence: - The ability to generate confidence, knowledge, and trust about the data, its domain and context

Essence: The ability to convey an overall essence or takeaway sense of the data

 $\underline{\mathbf{T}}$ ime: The ability to minimize the total time needed to answer a wide variety of questions about the data

Evaluation Plan

ICE-T Wall et al.

A Heuristic Approach to Value-Driven Evaluation of Visualizations

Exploratory / Confirmatory analysis scenario ~ 1 hour

Filling out questionnaire

5 Domain Experts (Art History)

5 Visualization Experts

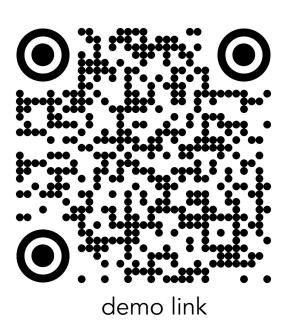
Compare and discuss results

Thank you!

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Suggestions? (shorter title maybe 😅)

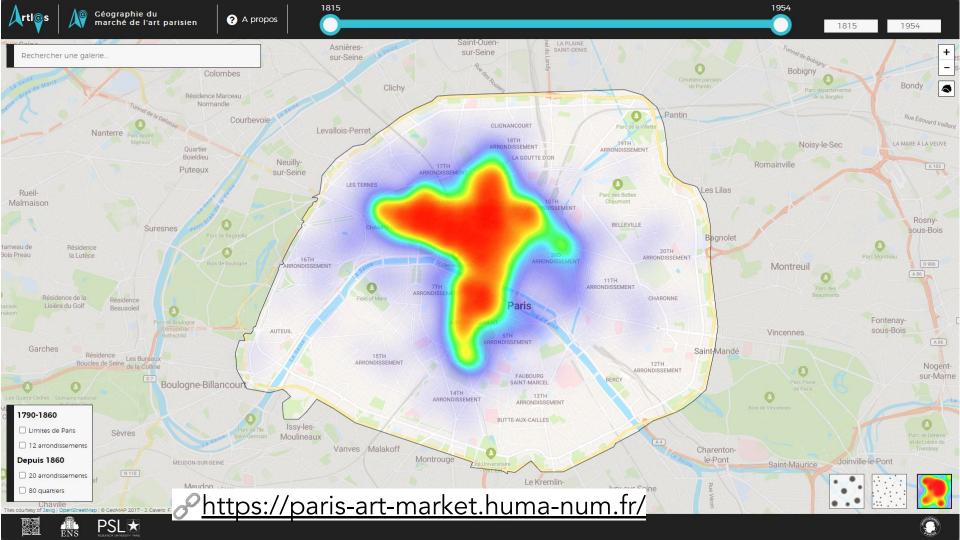
Feedback?



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ArtVis - Data

Relational → Graph database

Why?

It's a network with highly connected data

Impact on data retrieval times

Continuous need to update structure

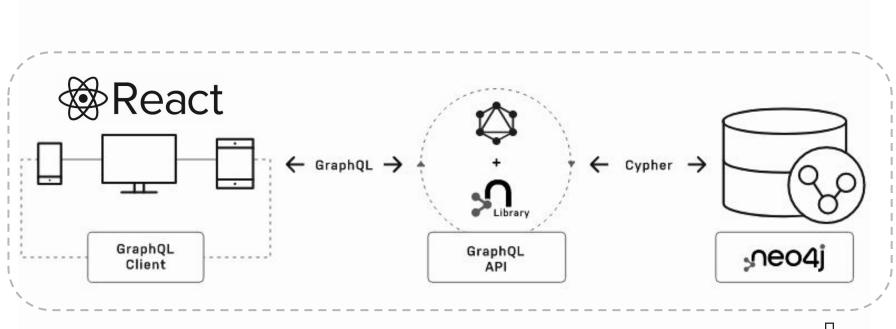
Exploring and visualizing complex data sets

Intuitive graph query languages



Public GraphQL API

ArtVis - Setup





Proposed Approach

Alexei Jawlensky (RU) 1864 (Torzhok) - 1941 (Wiesbaden)

36 exhibitions | 249 artworks

1866 (Moscow) - 1944 (Neuilly-sur-Seine)

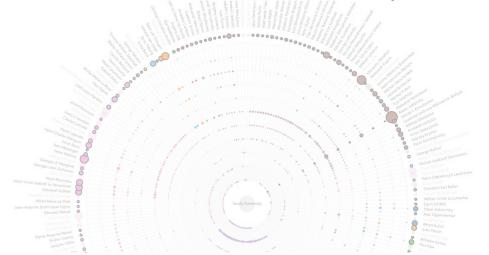
Average Artworks per Exhibition

57 exhibitions | 588 artworks

Exhibitions over time

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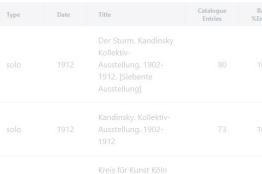
Timeline of artist(s) exhibition activity

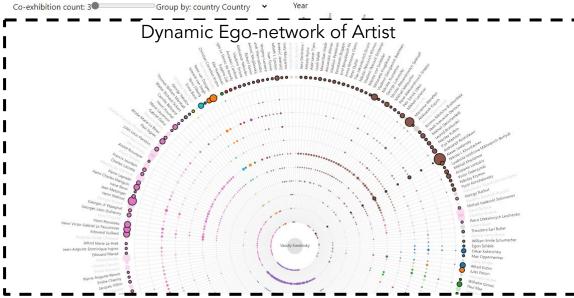


Туре	Date	Title	Catalogue Entries	Base %Entries	Compare %Entries	
	1912	Der Sturm. Kandinsky Kollektiv- Ausstellung. 1902- 1912. [Siebente Ausstellung]		100%		
	1912	Kandinsky. Kollektiv- Ausstellung. 1902- 1912	73	100%		
	1914	Kreis für Kunst Köln im Deutschen Theater, Erste Veranstaltung: Kandinsky- Ausstellung im Foyer.	40	100%		
	1906	Kunstausstellung Wertheim	79	27.14%		
		Neue Kunst. Erste Gesamt-Ausstellung	244	14.2%	1.18%	
	1911	Салон 2. Международная Художественная Выставка	431	12.65%	1.43%	
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