



Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science

# Mapping and Analysis for Spatial Social Science

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# Outline

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- Introduction
- Geovisualization
- Statistical Maps
- Map Smoothing
- Linking and Brushing
- Visualizing Spatial Autocorrelation
- Space-Time Correlation

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# Introduction

# Spatial Models

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- Growing Interest in Space, Spatiality and Spatial Interaction among Theoretical Social Sciences
- Overarching Concepts
  - social interaction
  - context, neighborhood effects
  - interacting agents, strategic interaction
  - spatial externalities, agglomeration
  - geography as a proxy

# Spatial Data

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- Growing Interest in the use of Spatial Data in Empirical Social Science
  - georeferenced data
    - addresses, lat-lon (GPS survey)
  - distance and accessibility measures
    - access to infrastructure, spatial mismatch
- Role of GIS
  - affordable and transparent spatial data manipulation

# Geographic Information Systems

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## ➤ GIS as a Set of Tools

- **Burrough**: "set of tools for collecting, storing, retrieving at will, transforming and displaying spatial data from the real world for a particular set of purposes"
- a GIS, GISes (= systems)

## ➤ GIS as Science (the "new" geography)

- **Goodchild**: Geographic Information Science
  - generic scientific questions pertaining to geographic data
  - central role of **spatial analysis**
- **GIScience**

# What is Spatial Analysis

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- From Data to Information
  - beyond mapping: **added value**
  - transformations, manipulations and application of **analytical methods** to spatial (geographic) data
- Lack of Locational Invariance
  - analyses where the outcome changes when the **location** of the objects under study changes
    - median center, clusters, spatial autocorrelation



spatial analysis avant la lettre Dr. Snow's  
 map of cholera deaths in London



# Components of Spatial Analysis

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- Visualization
  - Showing interesting patterns
- Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis
  - Finding interesting patterns
- Spatial Modeling, Regression
  - Explaining interesting patterns

# Implementation of Spatial Analysis

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## ➤ Beyond GIS

- Analytical functionality not part of typical commercial GIS
  - Analytical **extensions**, DynESDA2
- Exploration requires **interactive** approach
- Spatial modeling requires specialized statistical methods
  - Explicit treatment of **spatial autocorrelation**
  - **Space-time is not space + time**

## ➤ Methods of Geovisualization, ESDA and Spatial Regression Analysis

# (Limited) Illustration of Techniques

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- Geovisualization
  - specialized maps
- ESDA
  - dynamically linked windows
- Spatial Correlation Analysis
  - global and local spatial autocorrelation
  - space-time correlation

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# Geovisualization

# Beyond Mapping

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## ➤ Map

- “a collection of spatially defined objects”  
(Monmonier)

## ➤ Geovisualization

- combination of map and scientific visualization methods (computer science)
- exploit human's **pattern recognition** abilities

## ➤ How to lie with maps

- many design issues
- human perception can be tricked

# Choropleth Maps

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- Map Counterpart of Histogram
  - values/attributes for discrete spatial units
  - choro from choros (colors) **NOT chloro**
- Practical Issues
  - choice of intervals
    - equal interval, equal share (quantiles), standard deviational, ...
  - choice of colors
    - important for perception of patterns
  - misleading role of area
    - larger areas “seem” more important

# Color Brewer [www.colorbrewer.org](http://www.colorbrewer.org)

The screenshot displays the Color Brewer website interface. On the left, there are three steps: Step 1 (number of classes set to 5), Step 2 (legend type set to diverging), and Step 3 (mini legends). The main area shows a map of the United States with a 5-class diverging RYB color palette. The map is titled "5-class diverging RYB" and includes a link to "learn more about the map pattern". The map shows major cities like Lincoln, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Nashville, Charlotte, Dallas, Memphis, Atlanta, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Mobile. Major highways like I-70, I-44, I-36, I-55, I-20, I-81, I-95, and I-10 are also visible. The bottom of the interface has controls for map zoom, map borders, city symbols, road network, background color, border color, and road network color. There is also an "export" button and a link to "learn more".

number of classes **5** Step1  
[learn more](#)

**Step2** legend type  
sequential **diverging**  
qualitative [learn more](#)

**Step3** mini legends  
[learn more](#)

cmyk rgb hex Lab AV3

map zoom **+** **off** map borders **on** **off** city symbols **on** **off** road network **on**  
background color border color white black road network color  
[learn more](#)

ArcView 3.x **export**

# Cartograms

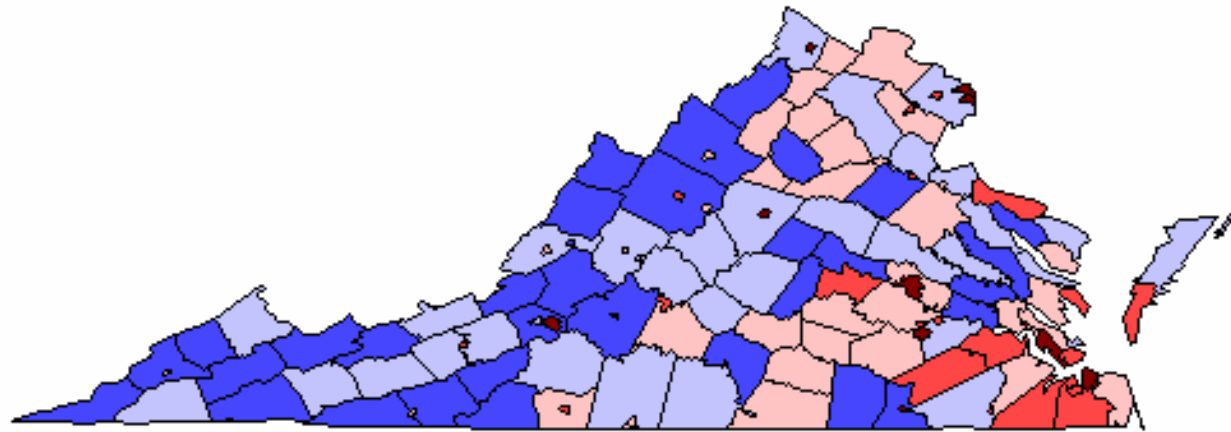
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- Misleading Effect of Area
  - large areal units draw attention
- Symbol Maps
  - symbols (bars, circles) superimposed on actual areas
- Cartogram
  - change the layout to reflect size other than area
    - population size, variable magnitude
  - respect topology (spatial arrangement)



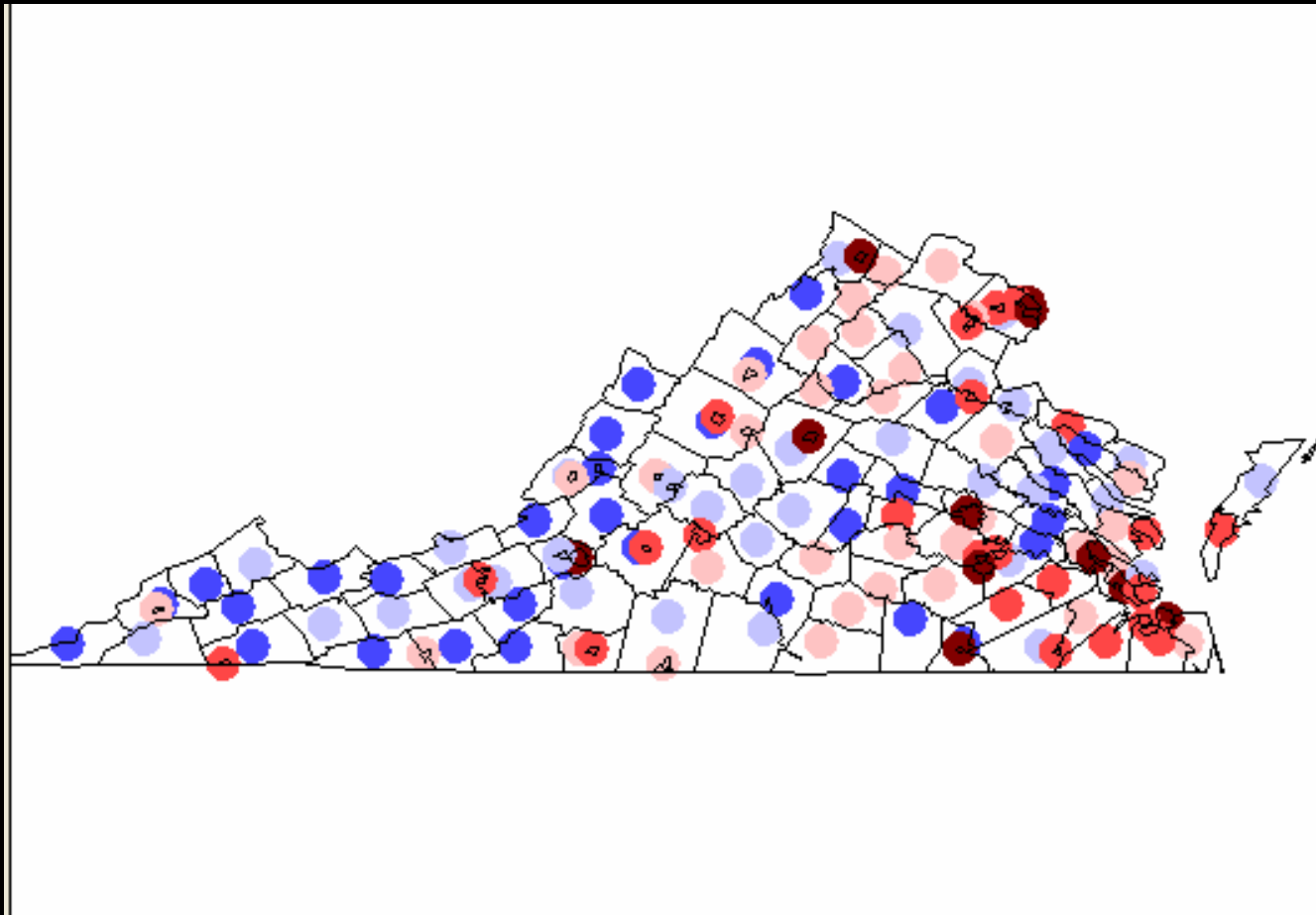
# Choropleth Map (Juvenile Crime VA)

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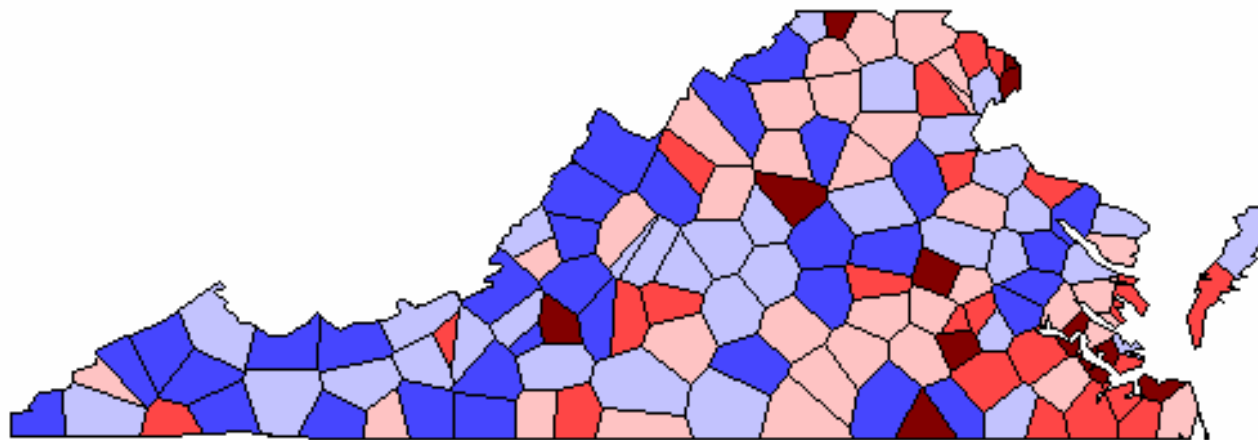
# Point Map

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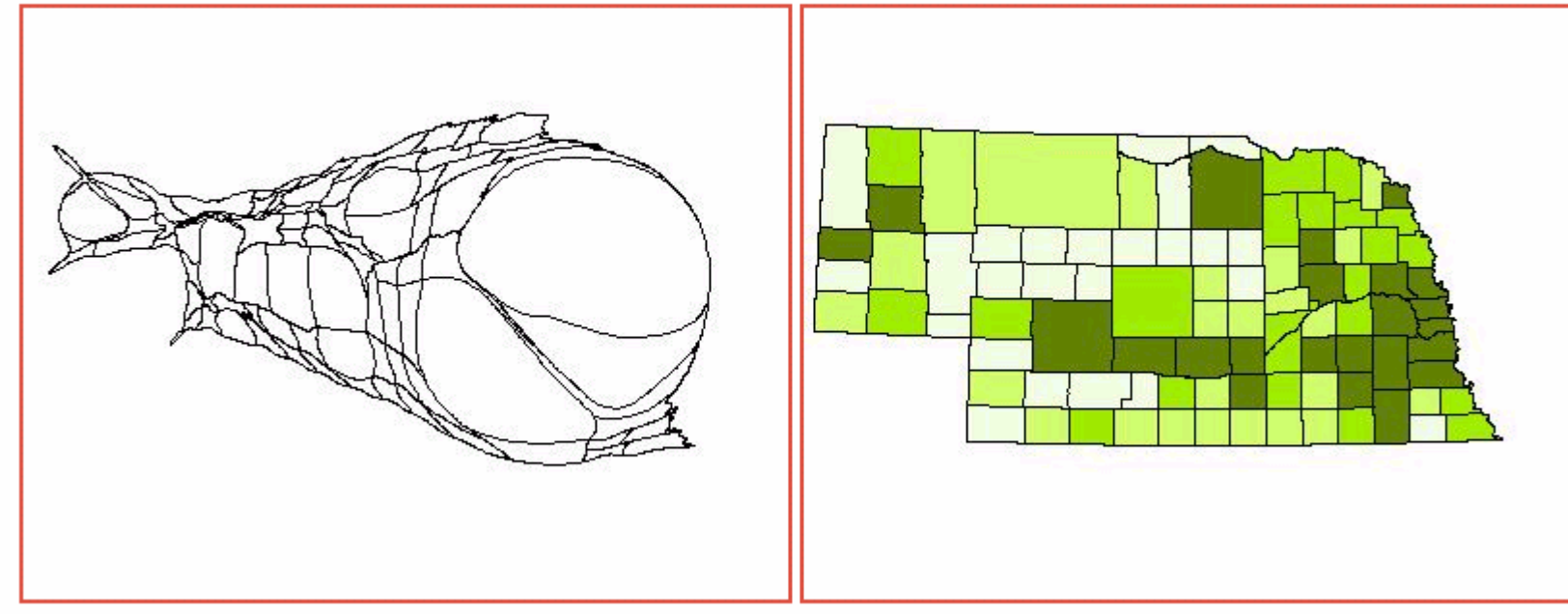
# Thiessen Polygons

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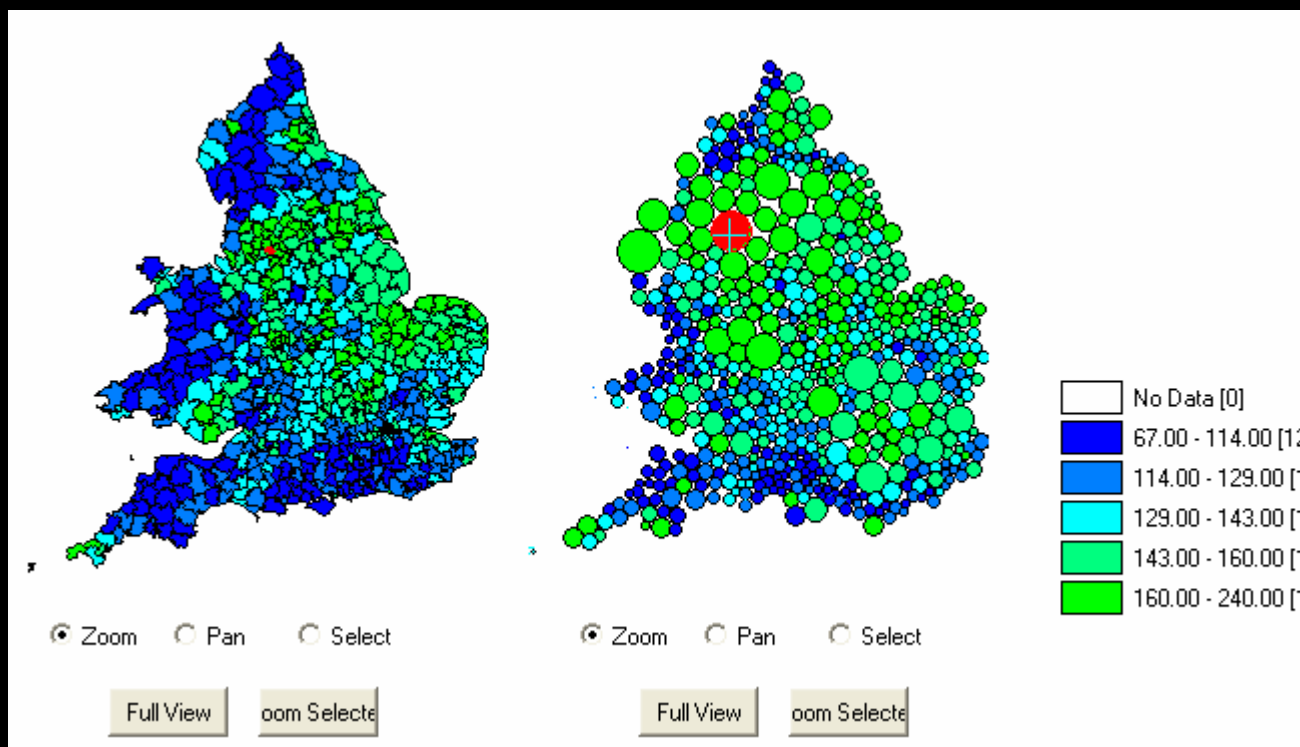
# Contiguous Cartogram

1999



Nebraska county population - <http://www.bbr.unl.edu/cartograms/pop.html>

# Cartogram (GeoTools)

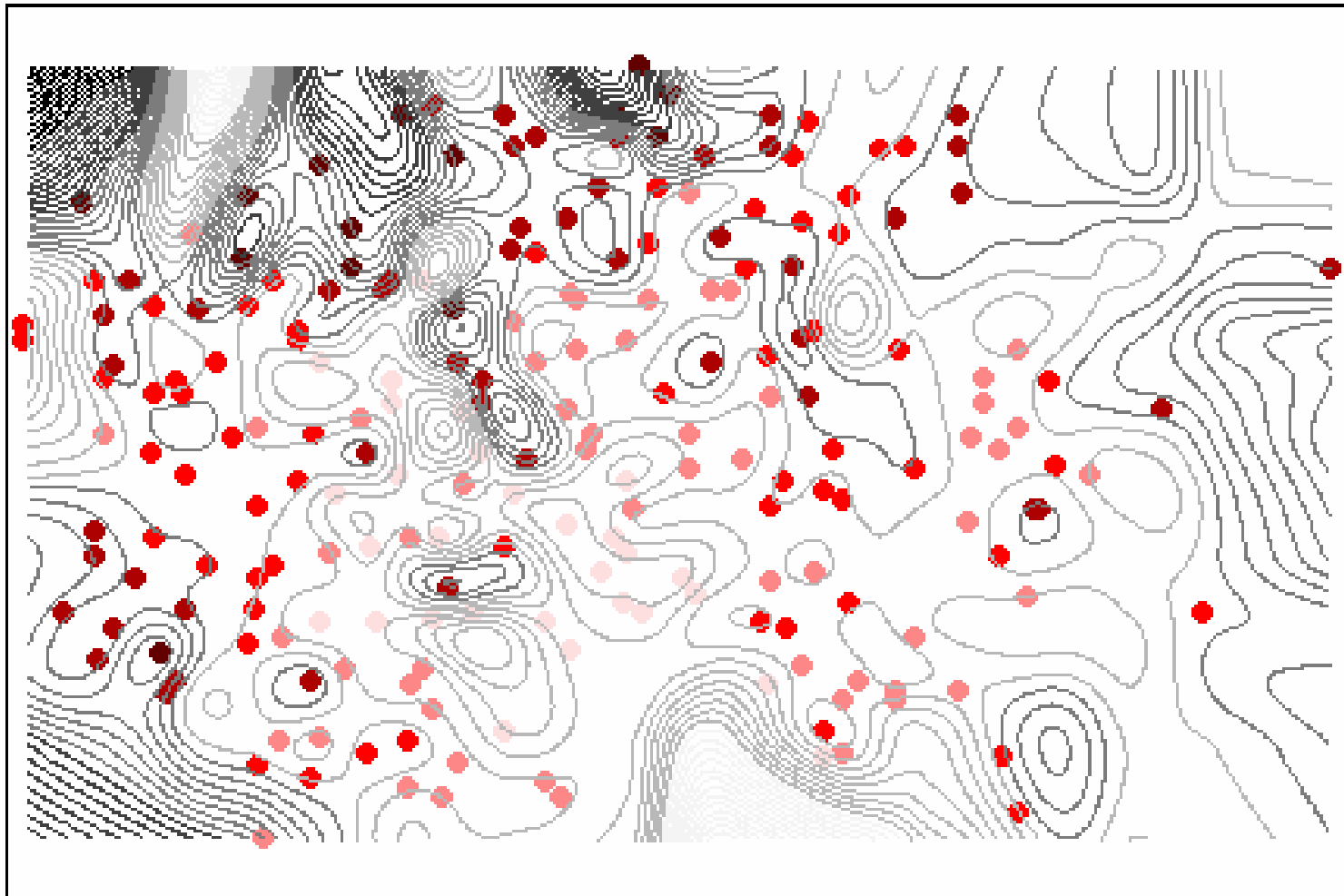


Infant Mortality England and Wales, 1851

# Isopleth Maps

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- Map Counterpart of Density Plot
  - values/attributes for continuous fields
  - lines of equal value, contour lines
  - 3-d surface plots
- Practical Issues
  - choice of intervals
  - spatial interpolation
    - construct “observations” for locations that are not observed
    - statistical problem = spatial prediction



Residential Sales Price, Baltimore MD (1980)  
sample points (darker is higher) and contours

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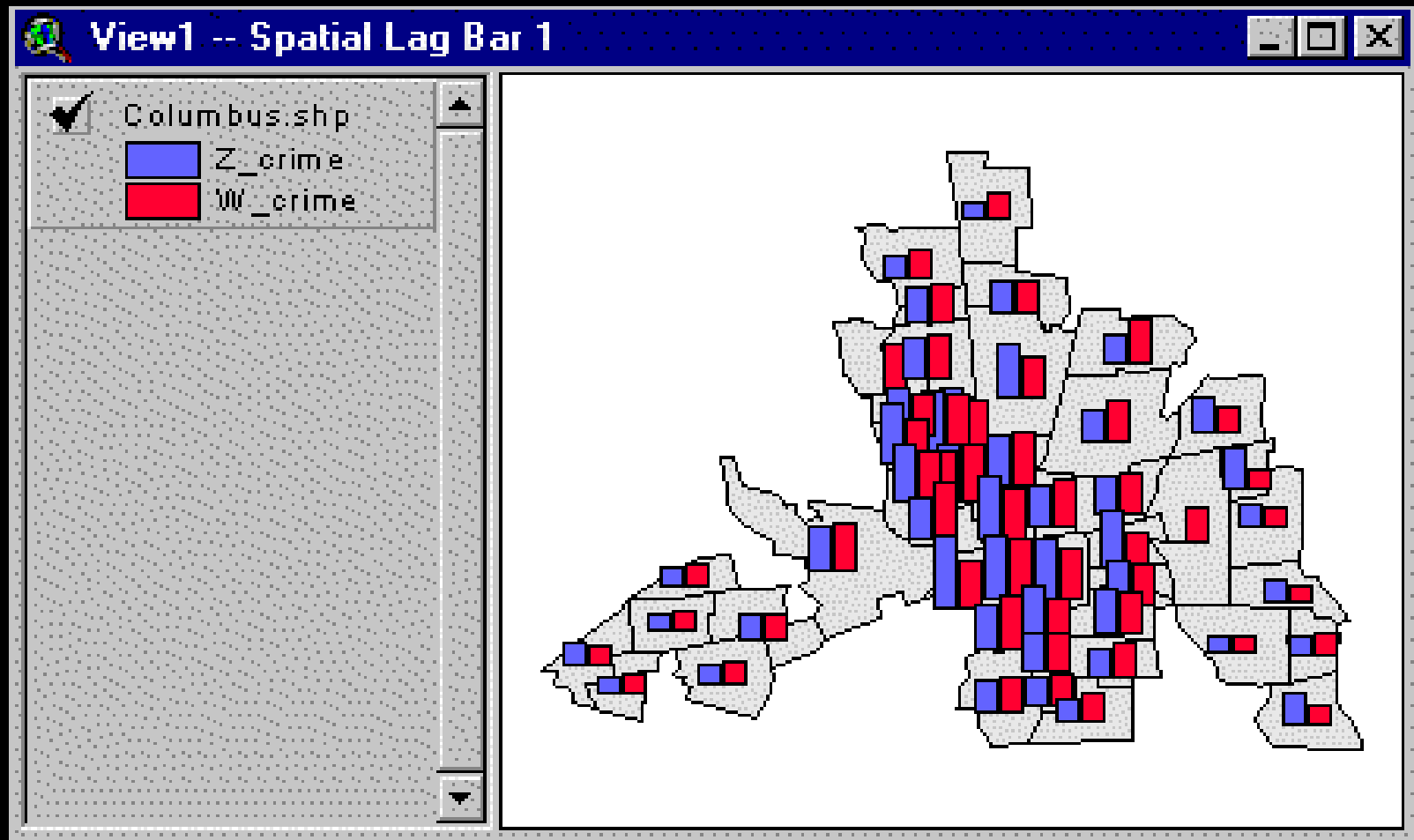
# Statistical Maps



# Visualizing Spatial Distributions

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- Spatialized EDA
  - icons and glyphs matching locations
  - special case of symbol maps
- Box Map
  - outlier map
  - visual popout, both magnitude and location
- Regional Box Plots
  - spatial heterogeneity
  - different distributions in spatial subsets



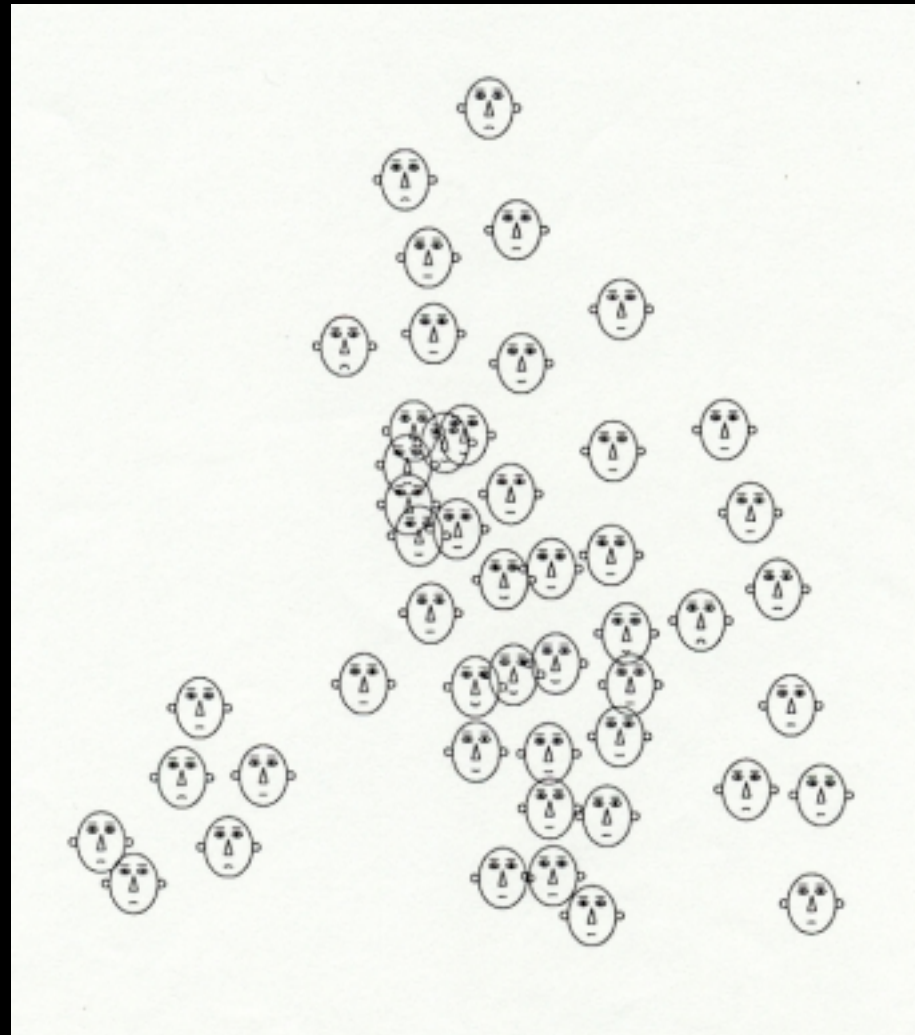
spatial lag bar chart

blue = crime at  $i$ , red = spatial lag, average crime for neighbors

# Spatialized EDA

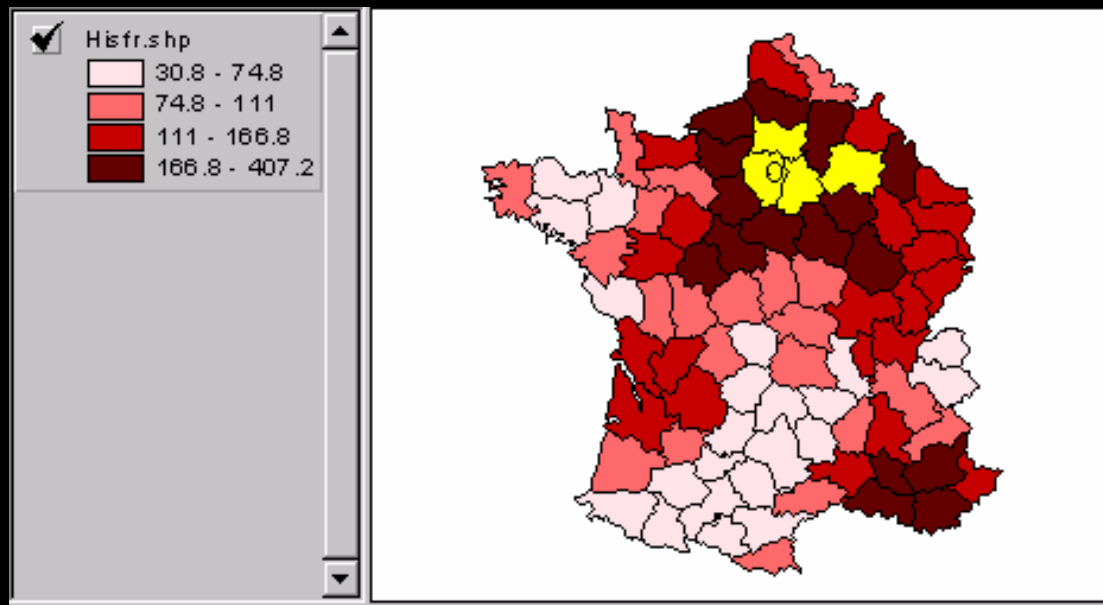
## Spatial Chernoff Faces

the burglar's view  
of crime clusters in  
Columbus

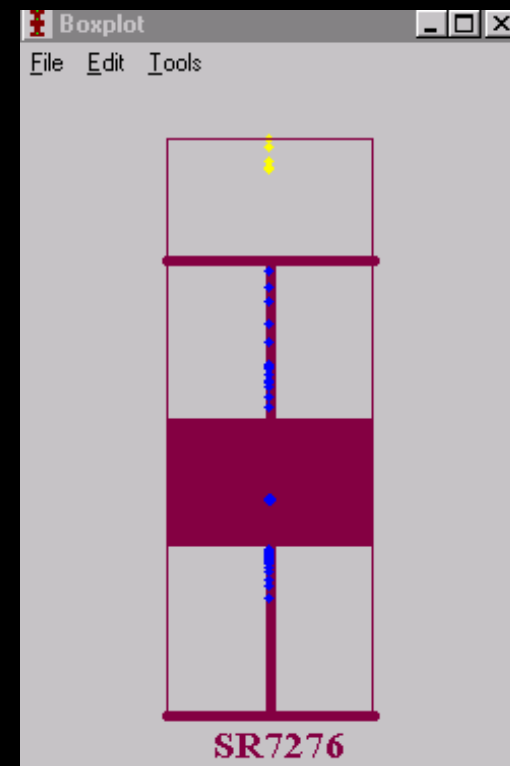


# Box Map

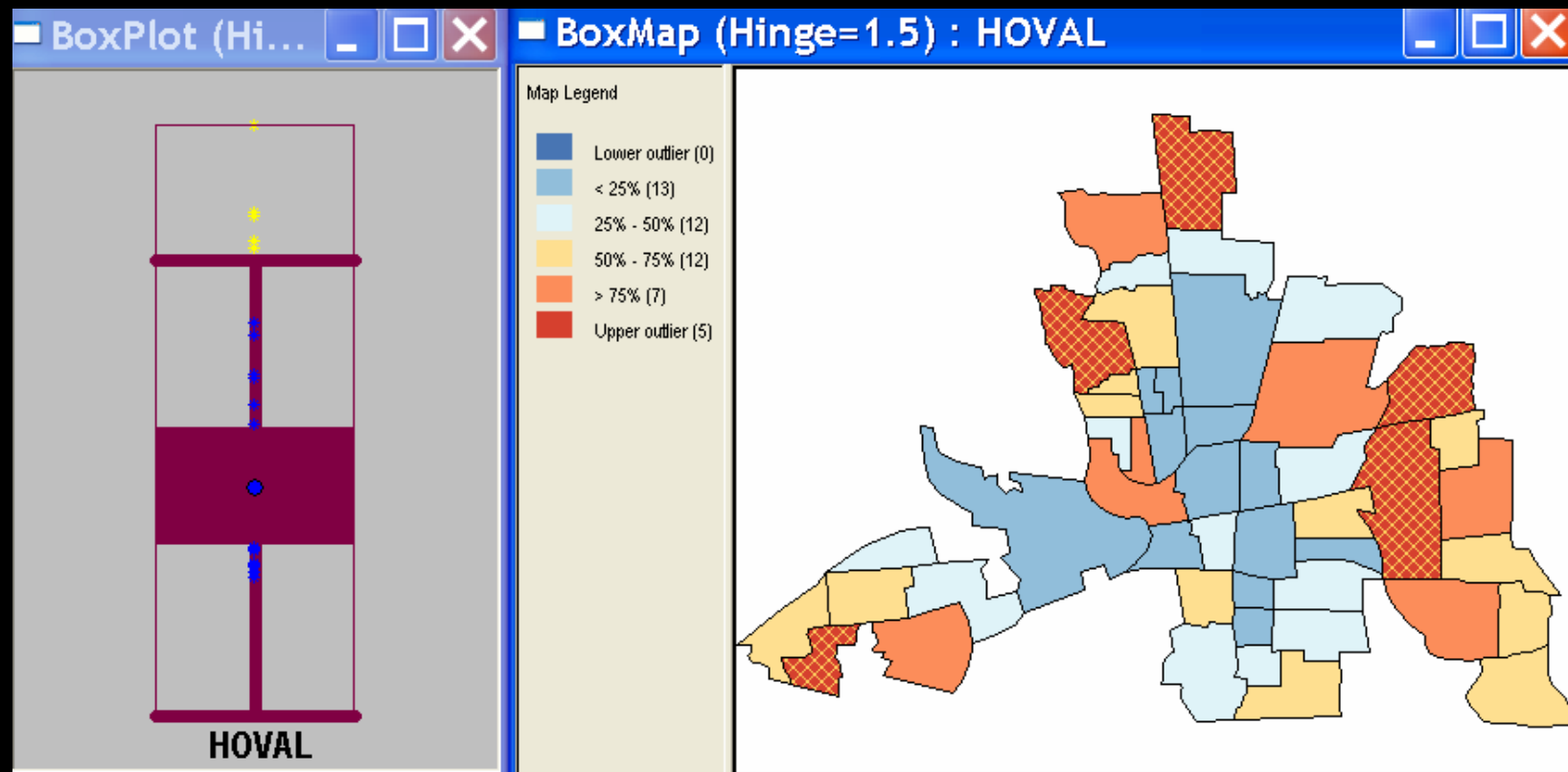
- quartile map with outliers highlighted



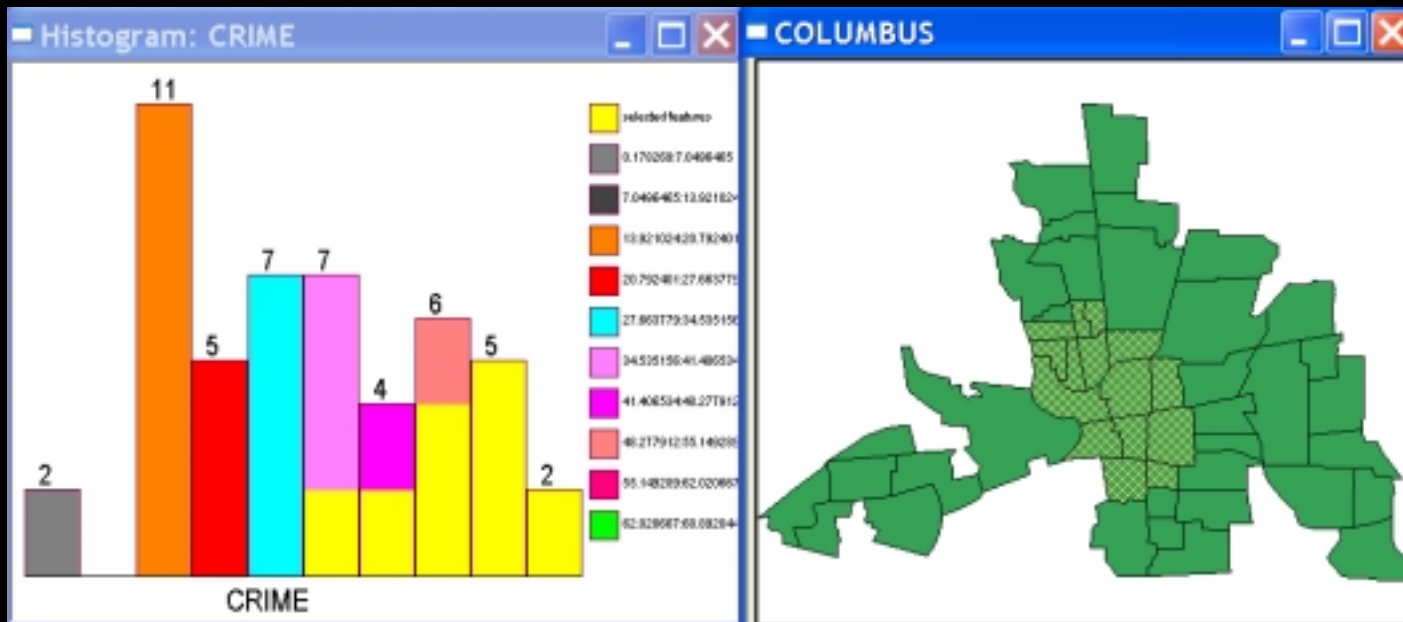
suicide rates in France (Durkheim 1897)



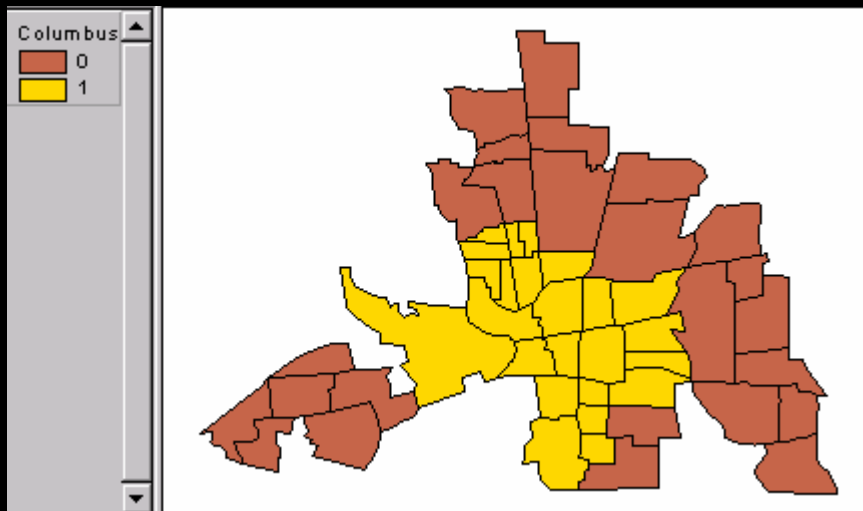
# Linked Box Map in DynESDA2



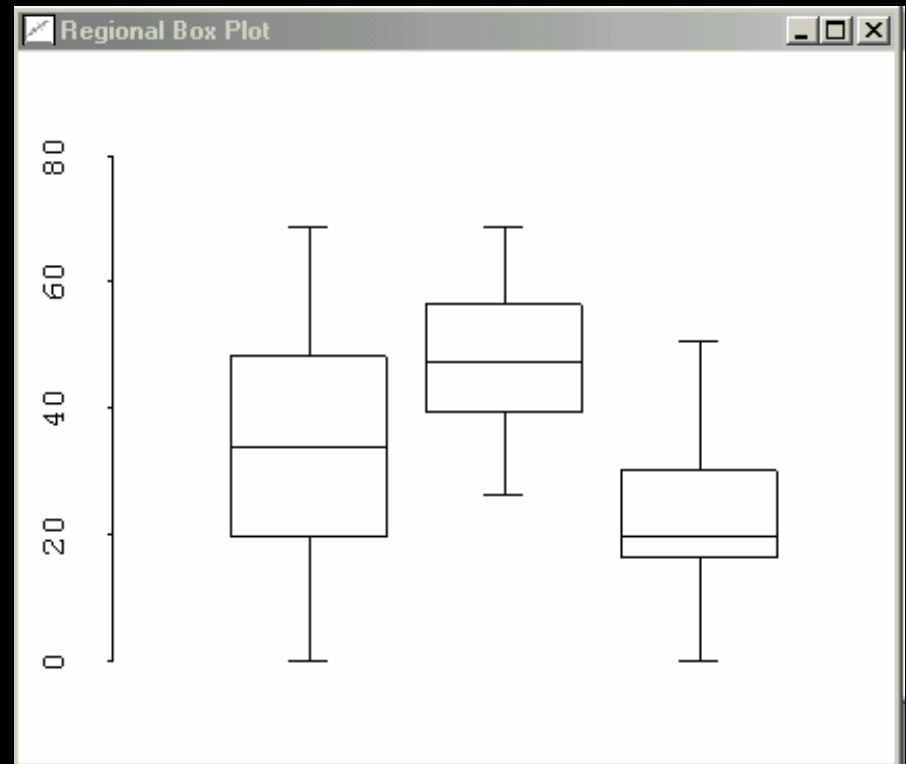
# Regional Histogram



# Regional Box Plot



Columbus crime: core vs periphery



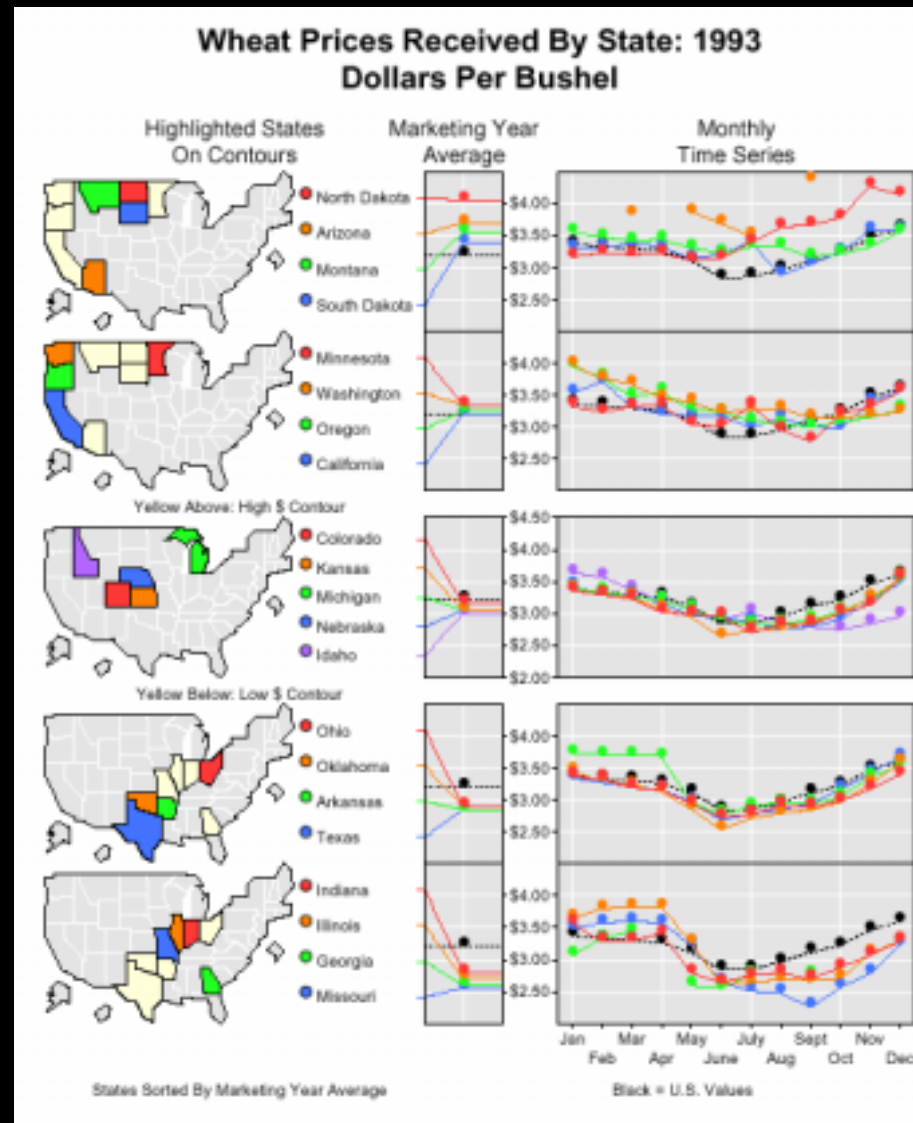
# Map Plots and Plot Maps

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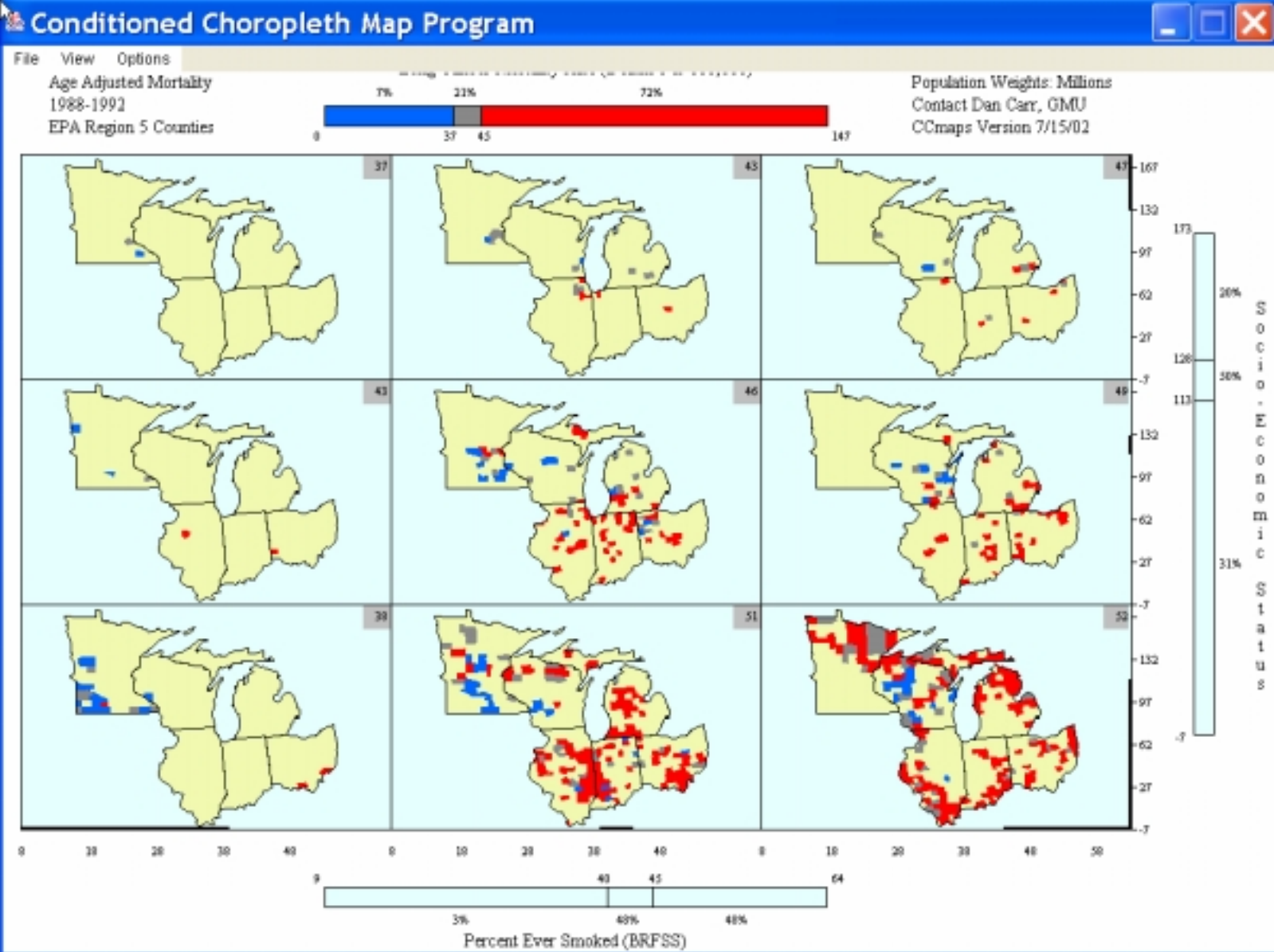
- Linked Micromap Plots - LM plots
  - a micromap for each quantile
  - micromaps linked to other statistical graphs
- Conditioned Choropleth Maps - cc maps
  - choropleth maps on dependent variable
  - micromap matrix
  - conditioning along two dimensions



# Linked Micromap Plots (Carr)



# Conditioned Choropleth Map (Carr)



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# Map Smoothing

# Mapping Events

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## ➤ Events as Locations

- individual points
  - point pattern analysis

## ➤ Events as Rates

- areal aggregates
  - counts of events
  - $\text{rate} = \# \text{ events} / \# \text{ population at risk}$
  - raw rate is ML estimate of "risk"

# Problems with Rate Maps

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- Intrinsic Heterogeneity
  - variance depends on mean
  - variance depends on base
- Variance Instability
  - spurious outliers
- Excess Risk is Non-Spatial
  - does not account for spatial autocorrelation

# Map Smoothing

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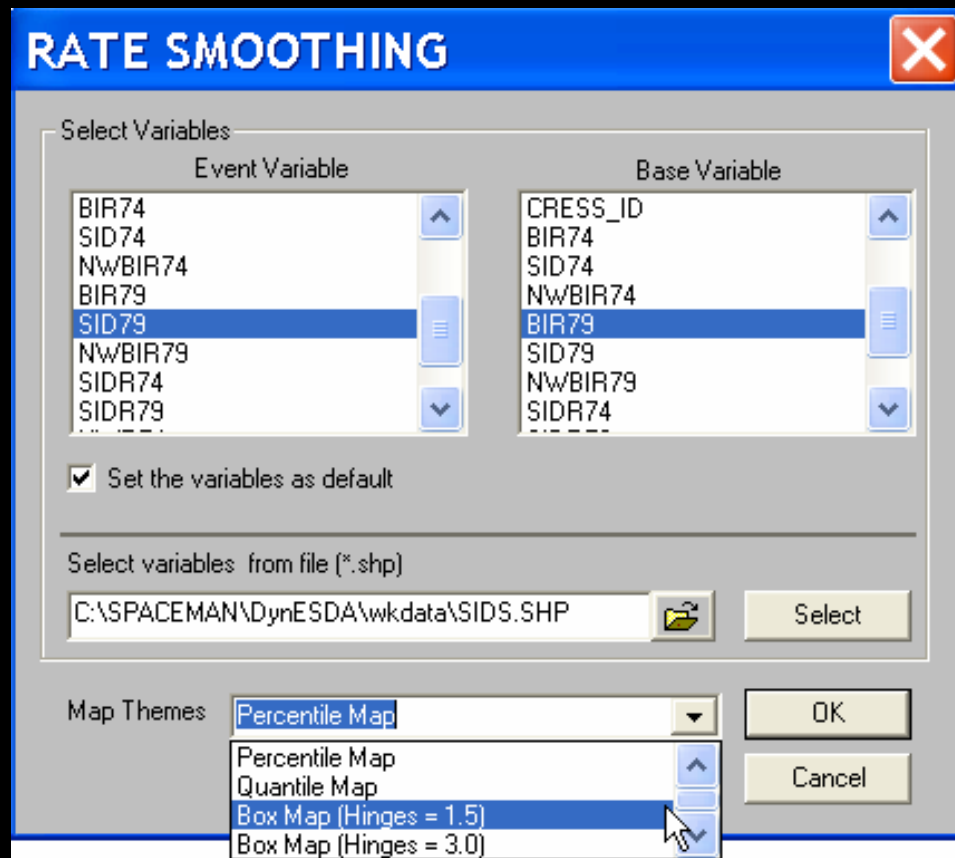
## ➤ Empirical Bayes

- **shrink** rates to reference
- national average
- regional average = subset average

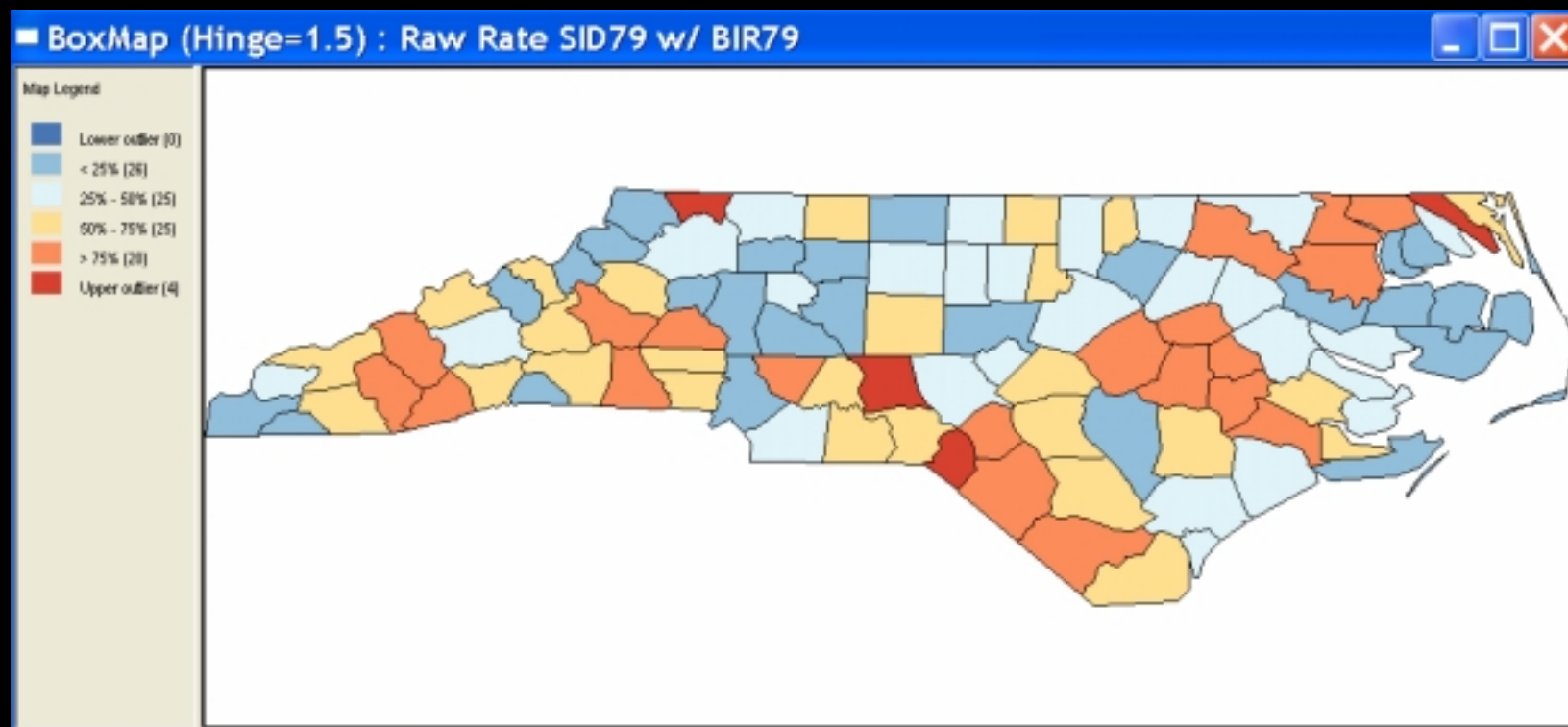
## ➤ Spatial Rate Smoother

- spatial **moving average**
- spatial range defined by **spatial weights**

# Event and Base

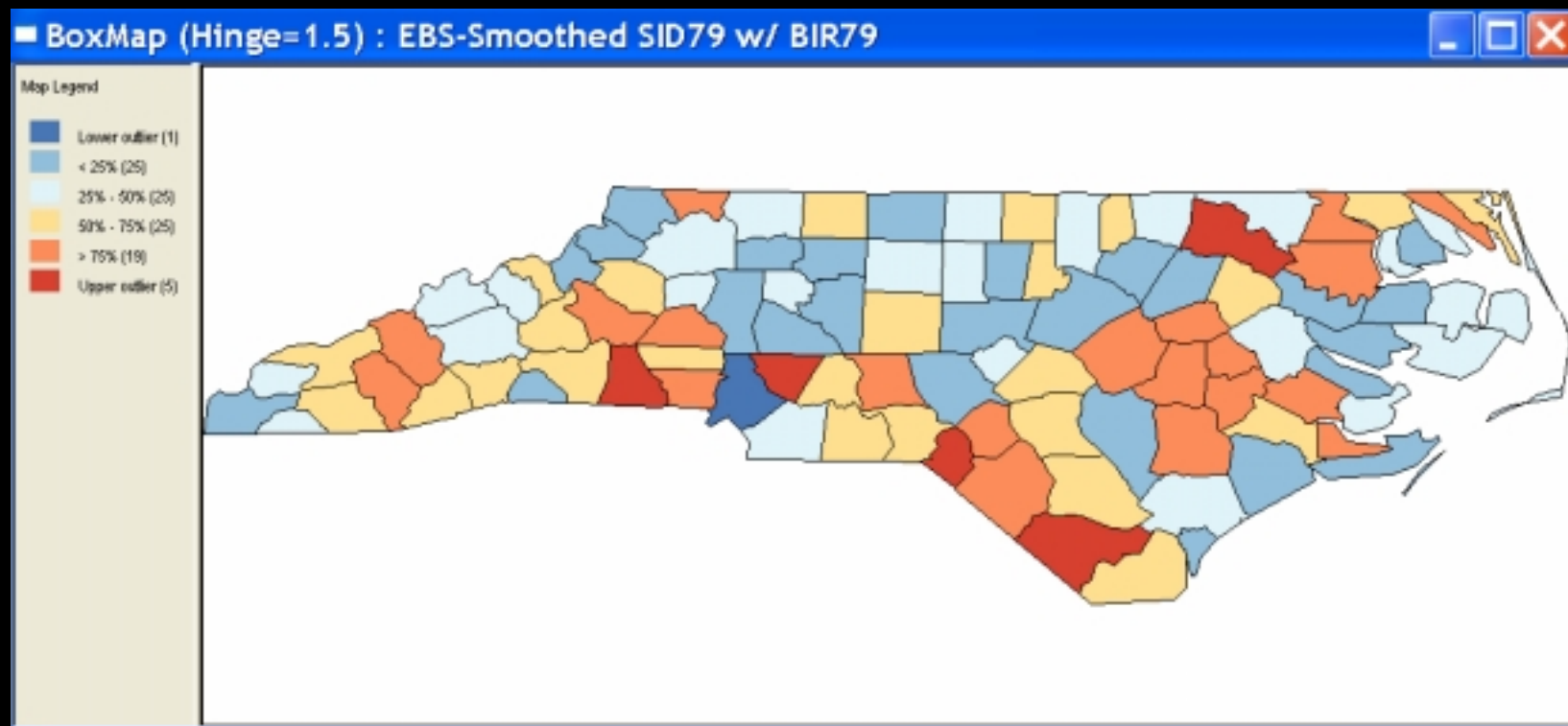


# Raw Rate Map

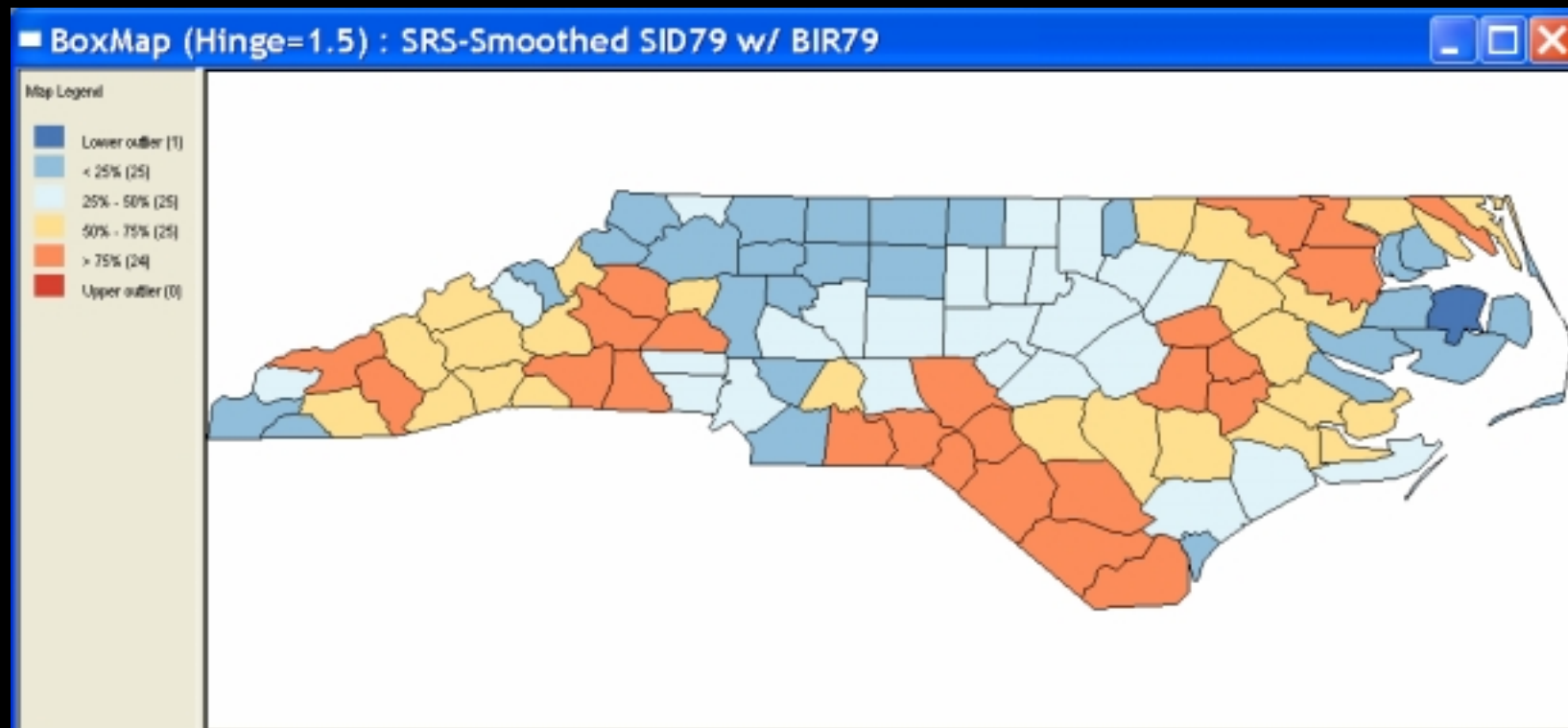




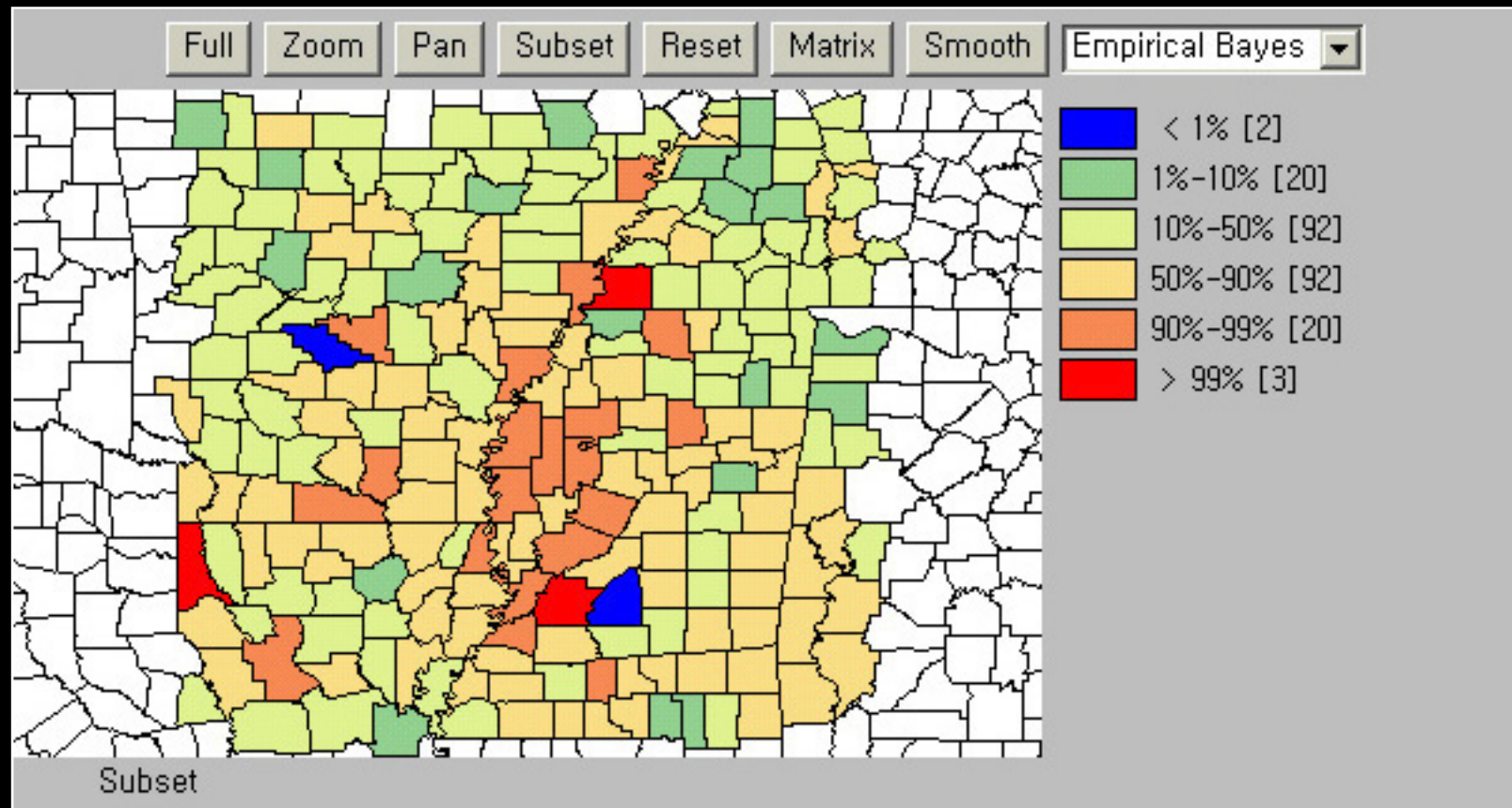
# EB Smoothed Map



# Spatial Rate Smoother



# Regional EB Smoothing



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# Linking and Brushing

# Linking

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## ➤ Views

- different “views” of data

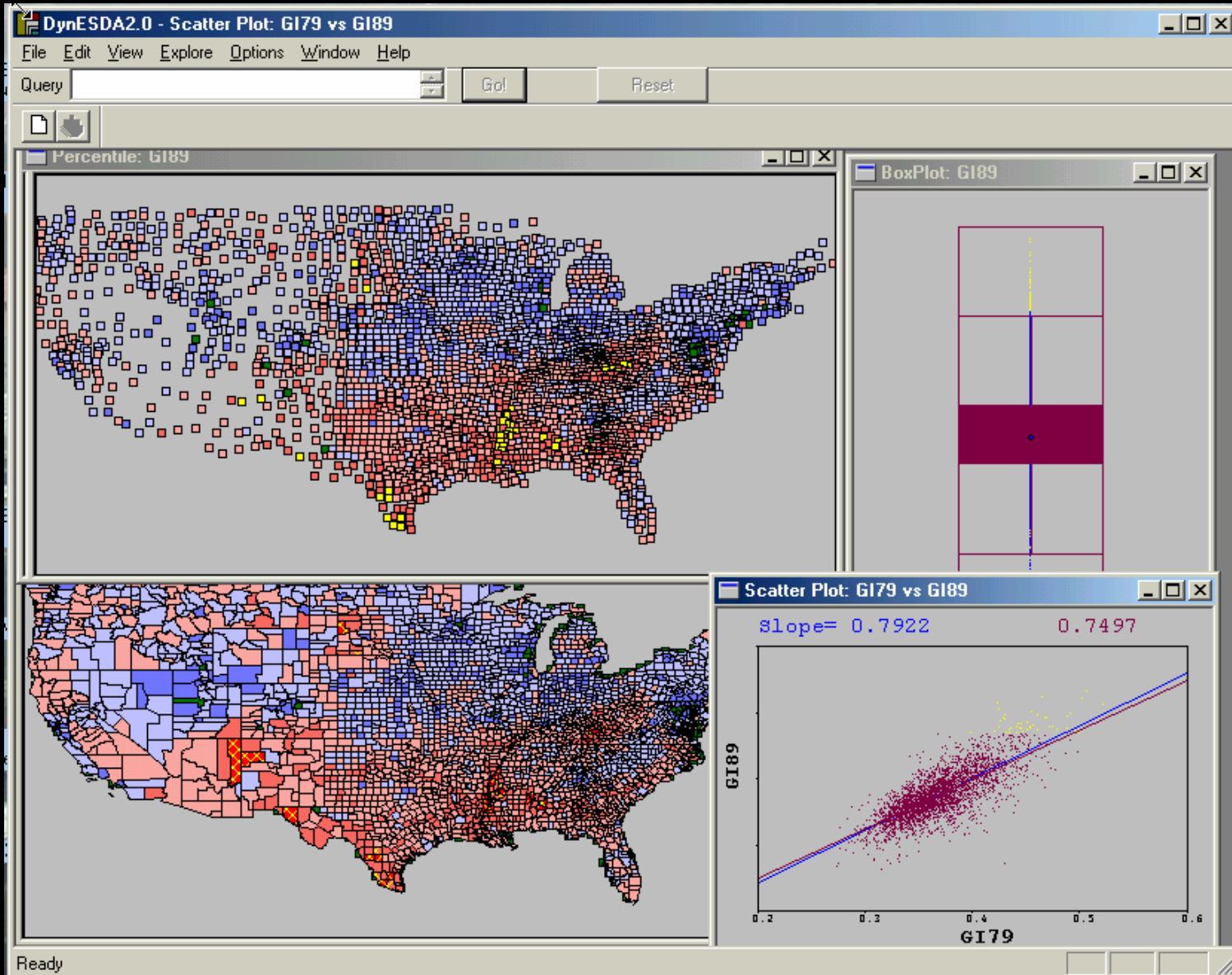
- statistical graphs: histogram, box plot, scatterplot
- map
- Table (list)

## ➤ Dynamic Linking

- views dynamically linked

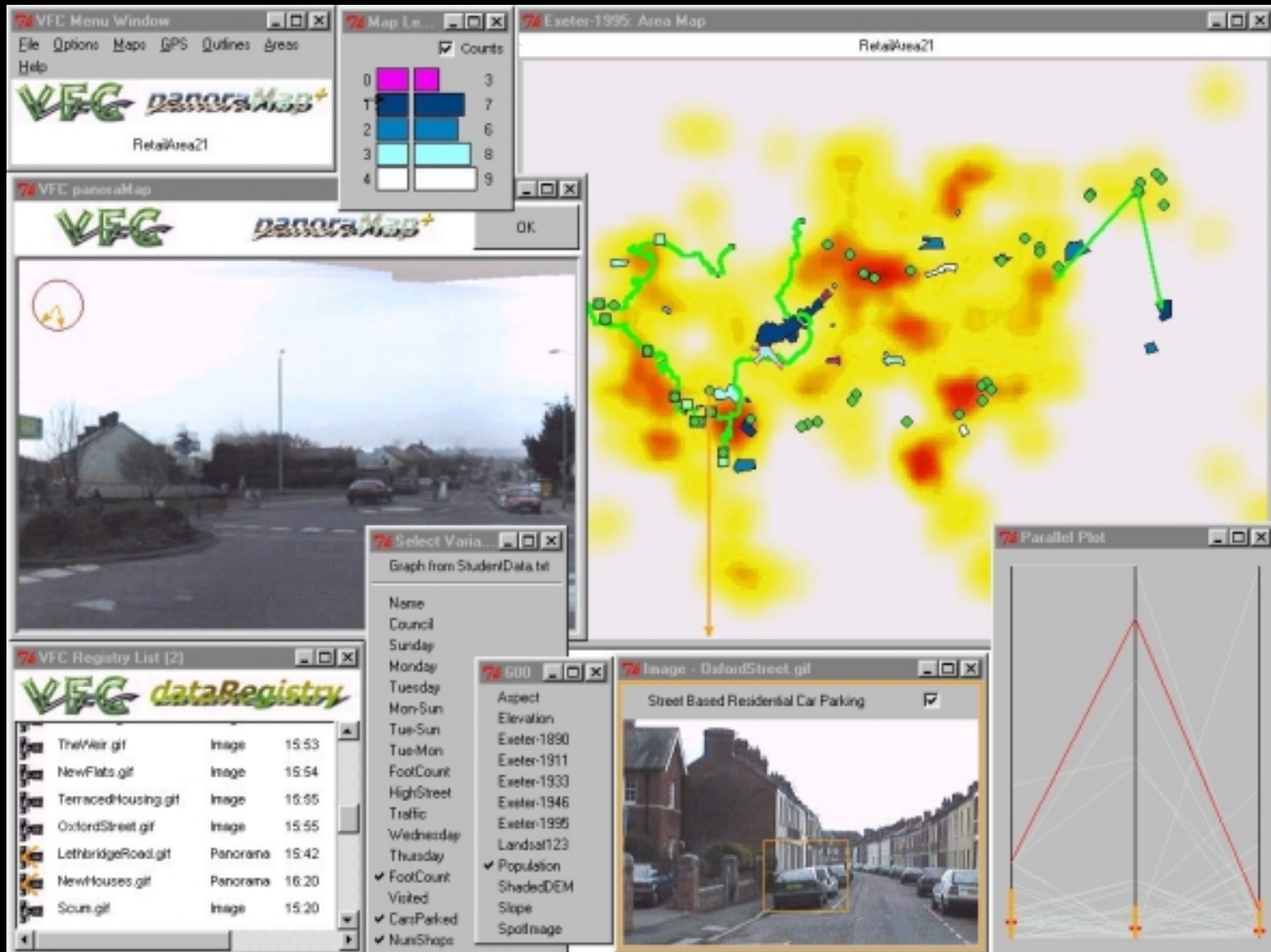
- click on one view and corresponding observations (points, areas) on other views are highlighted

# Linking Point and Polygon Maps





# Dynamic Linking and Multimedia - panoraMap



# Brushing

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## ➤ Brushing

- moving “brush” over map or graph highlights matching observations in other statistical graphs and vice versa

## ➤ Brushing Scatterplots

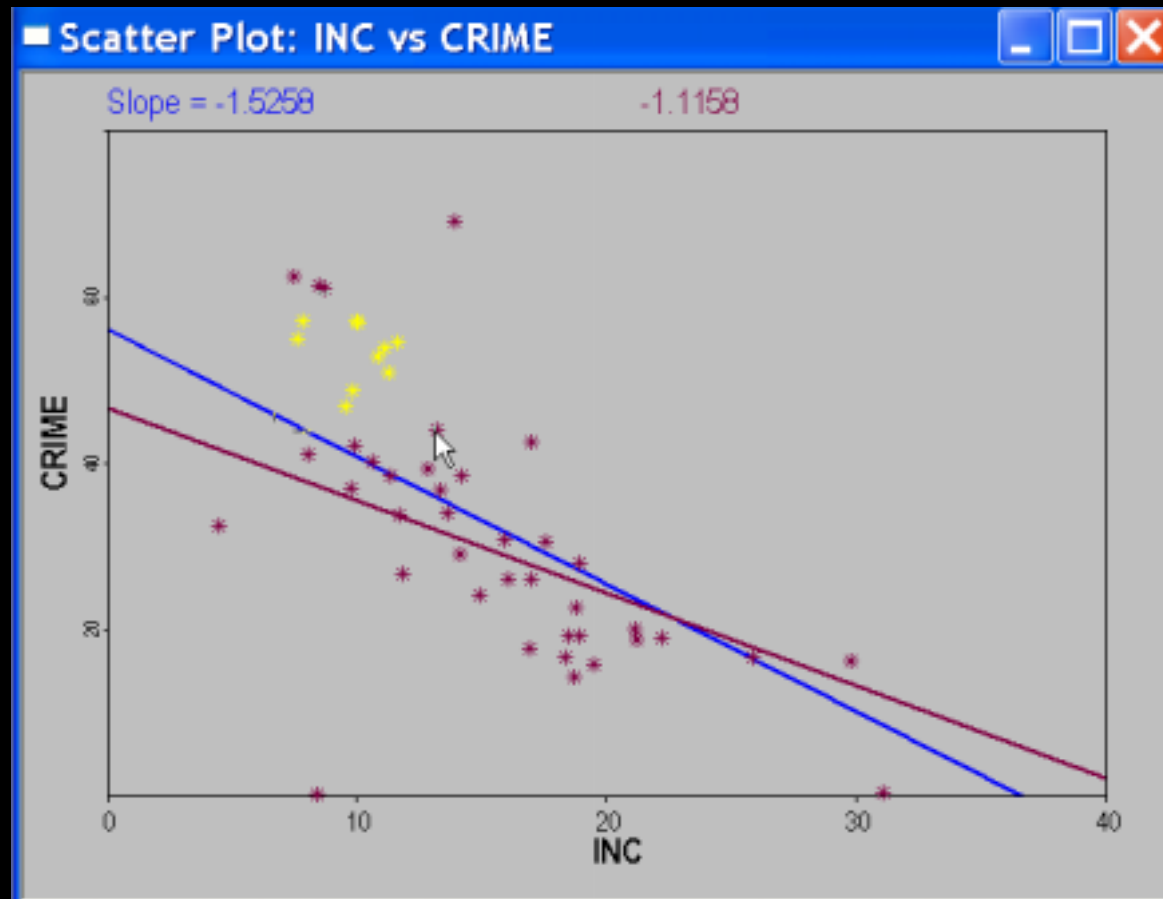
- recalculates slope of regression line

## ➤ Geographic Brushing

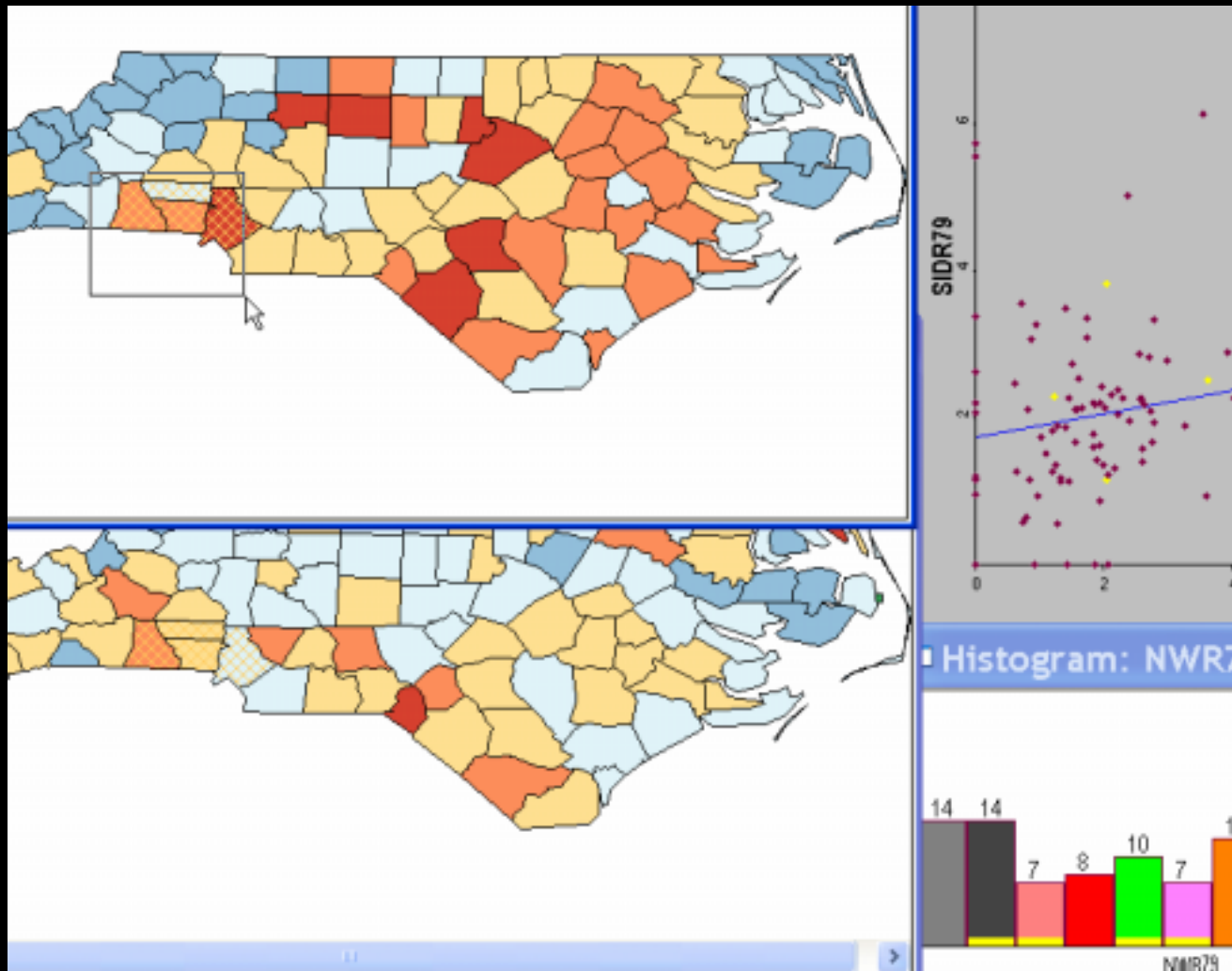
- simultaneous selecting on multiple maps



# Selection in Scatterplot



# Map Brushing in DynESDA2

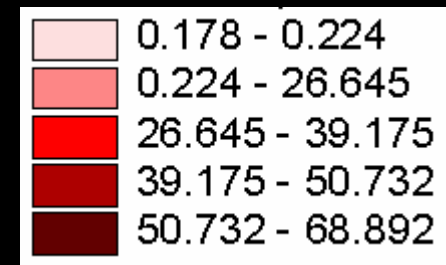
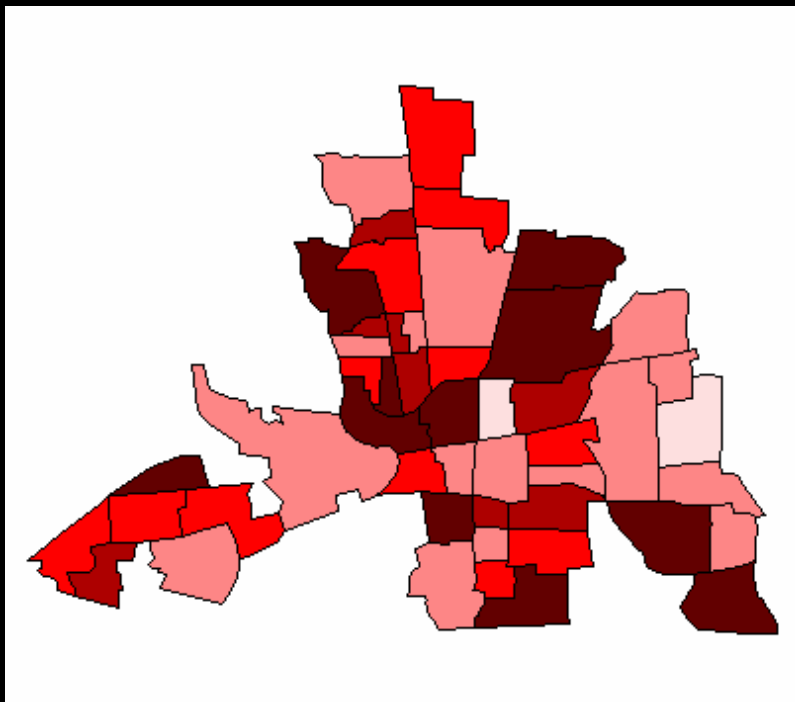


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# Visualizing Spatial Autocorrelation

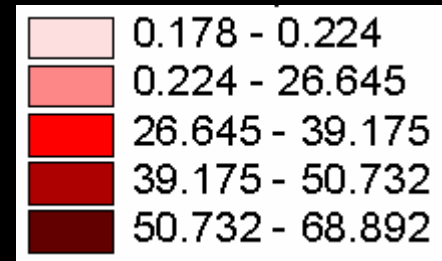
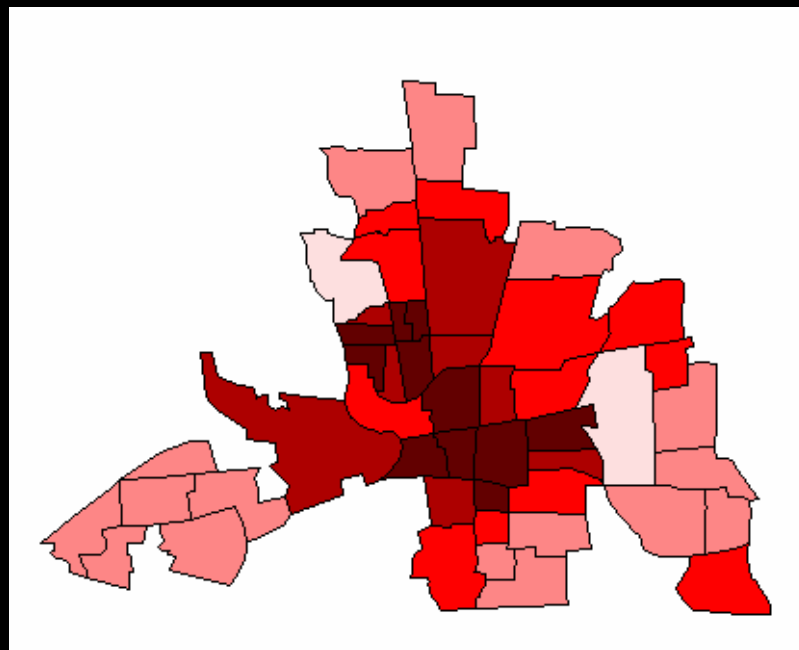
# Random or Clustered?

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# Moran's I

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## ➤ Moran's I / Spatial Autocorrelation Statistic

- cross-product statistic

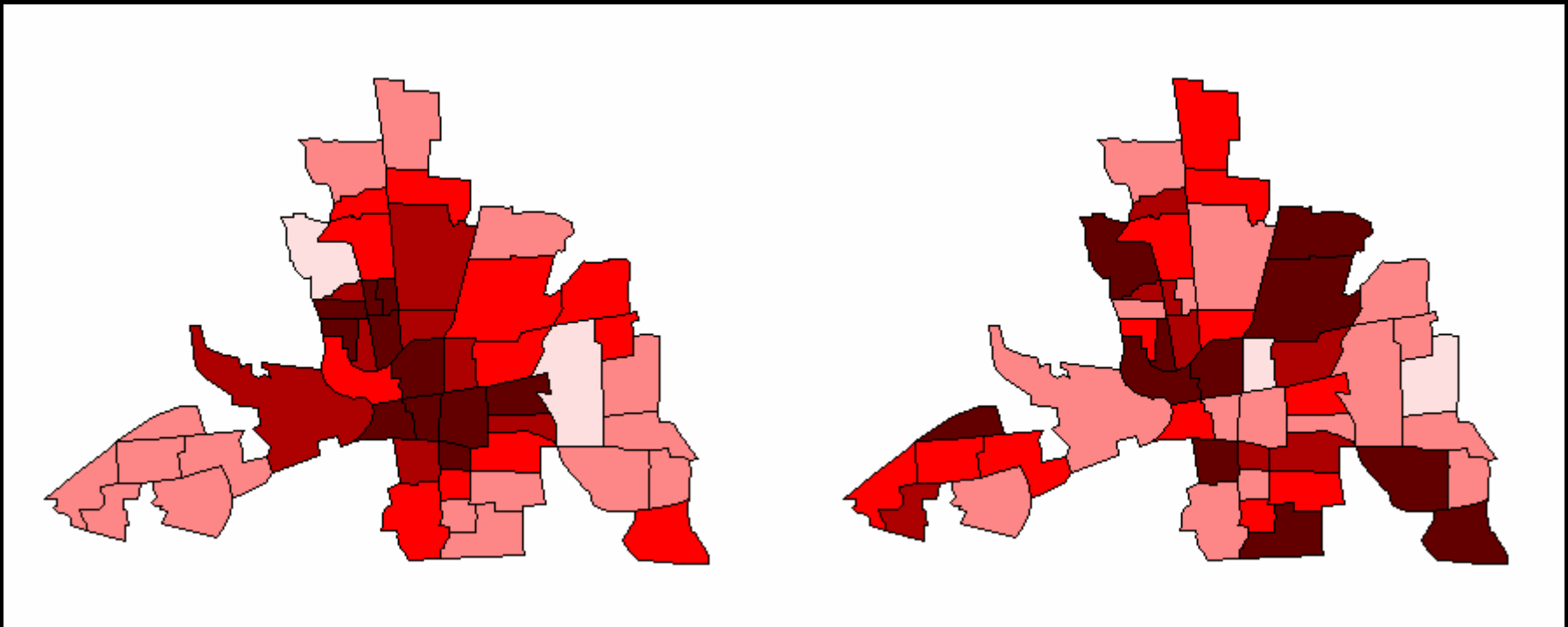
$$I = (N/S_0) \sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} \cdot z_i \cdot z_j / \sum_i z_i^2$$

with  $z_i = x_i - \mu$  and  $S_0 = \sum_i \sum_j w_{ij}$

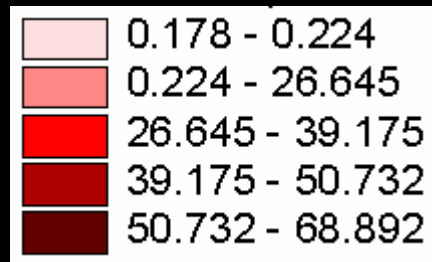
## ➤ Inference

- normal distribution
- randomization
- permutation

## Observed (left) and randomized (right) distribution for Columbus Crime



Moran's  $I = 0.486$



Moran's  $I = -0.003$

# Moran Scatterplot

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## ➤ Linear Spatial Autocorrelation

- linear association between value at  $i$  and weighted average of neighbors:

$$\sum_j w_{ij} y_j \text{ vs. } y_i, \text{ or } Wy \text{ vs } y$$

- four quadrants

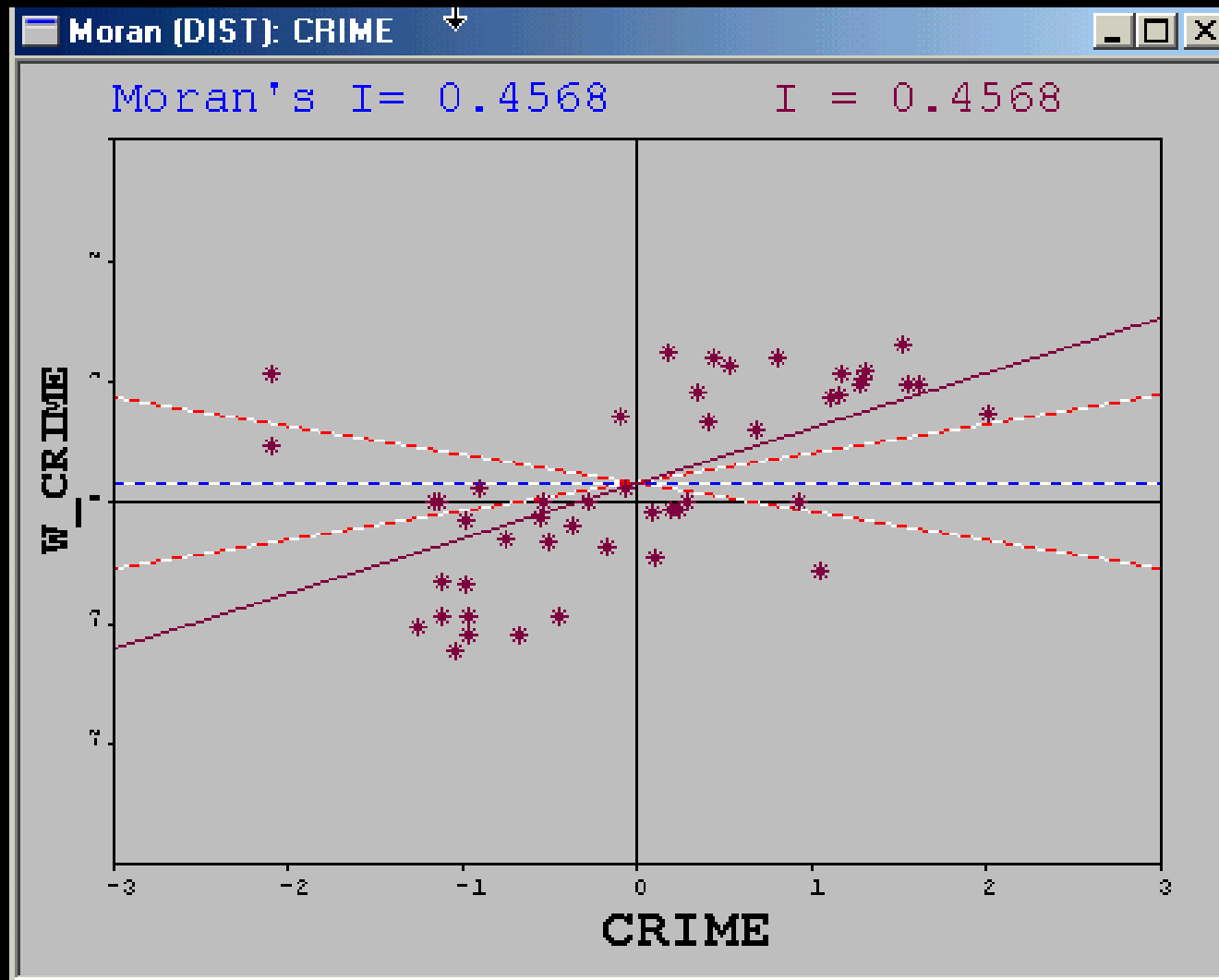
- high-high, low-low = spatial clusters
- high-low, low-high = spatial outliers

## ➤ Moran's $I$

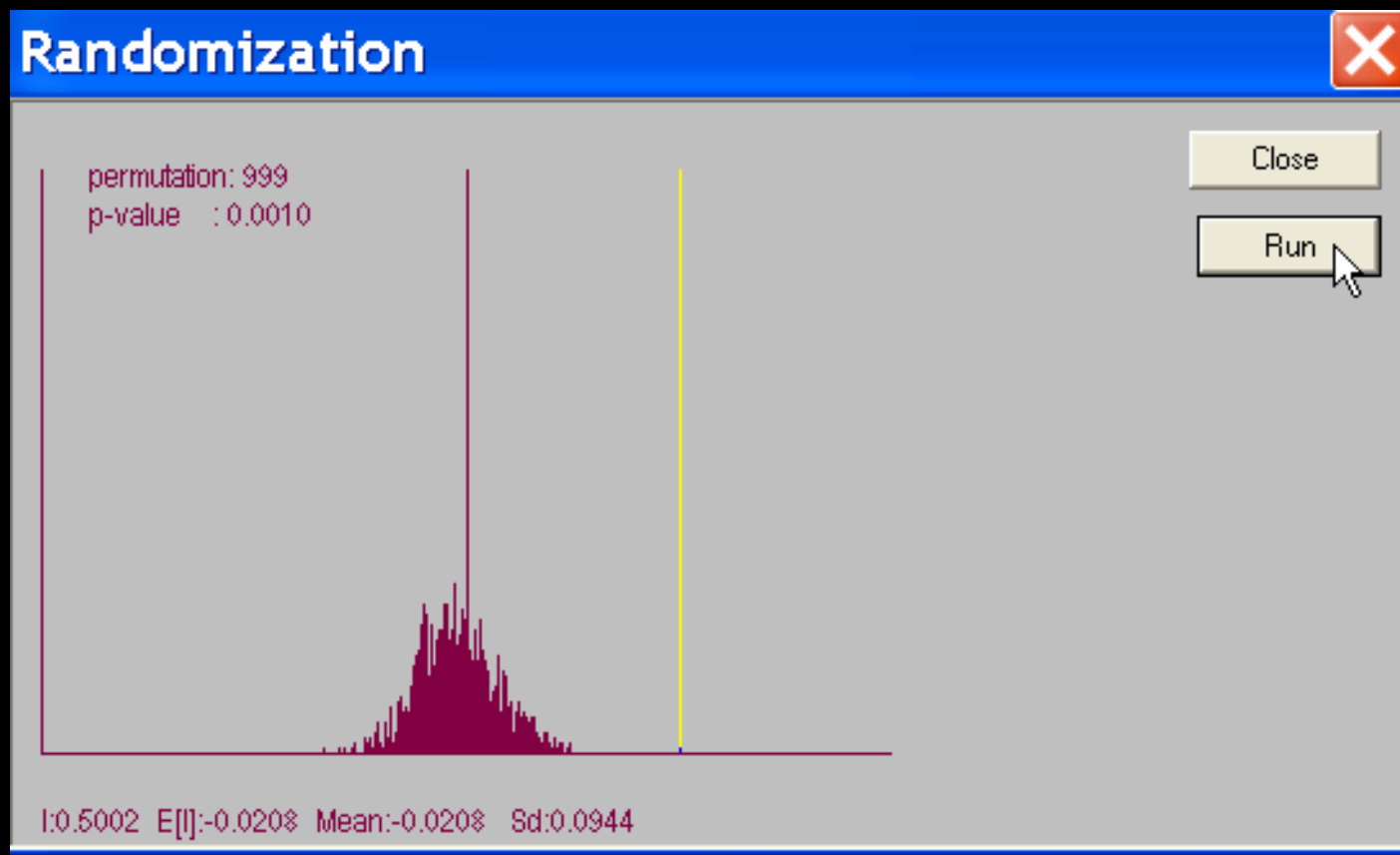
- slope of linear scatterplot smoother
- $I = z'Wz / z'z$



# Significance Envelope



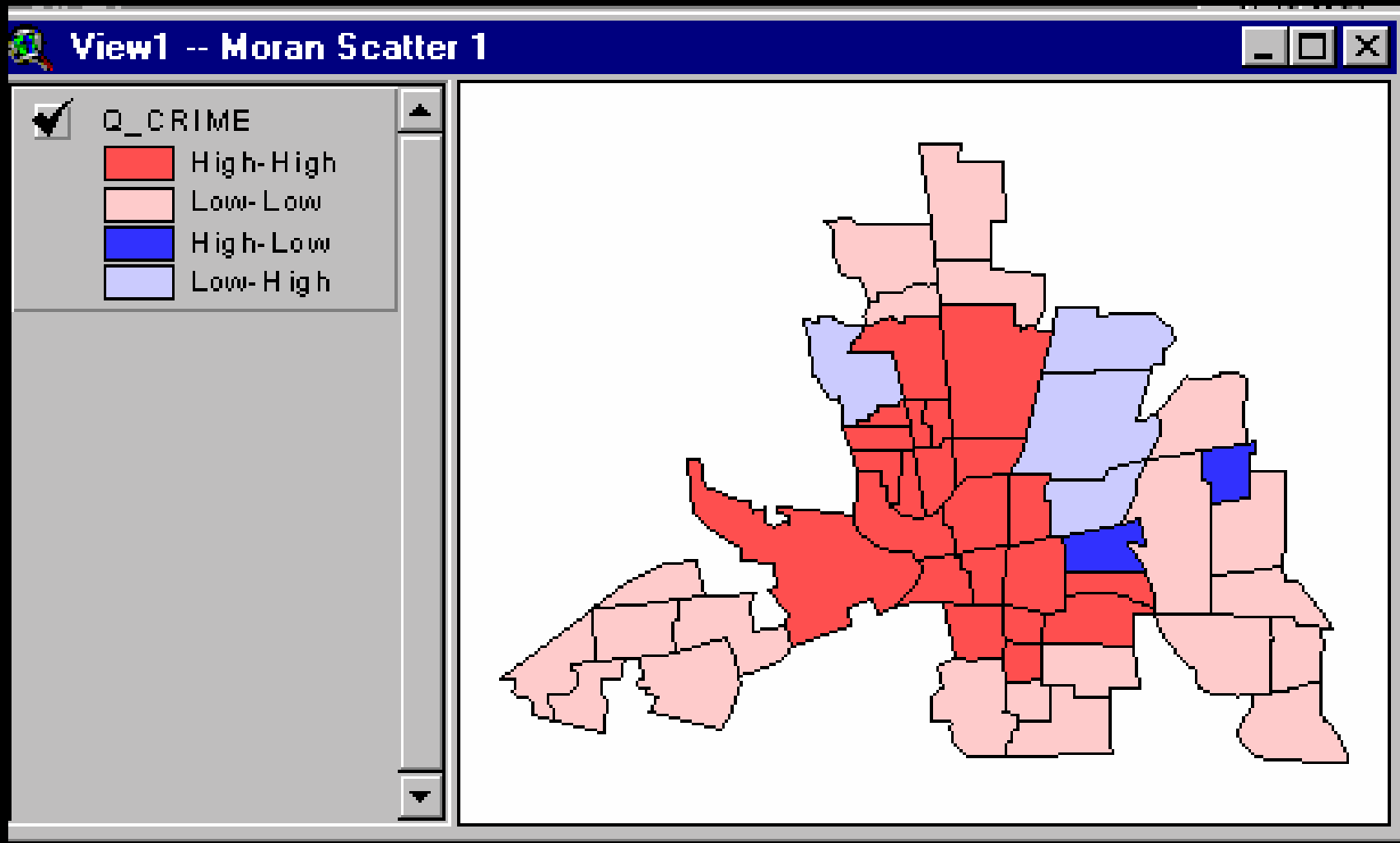
# Reference Distribution (CRIME)



# Use of Moran Scatterplot

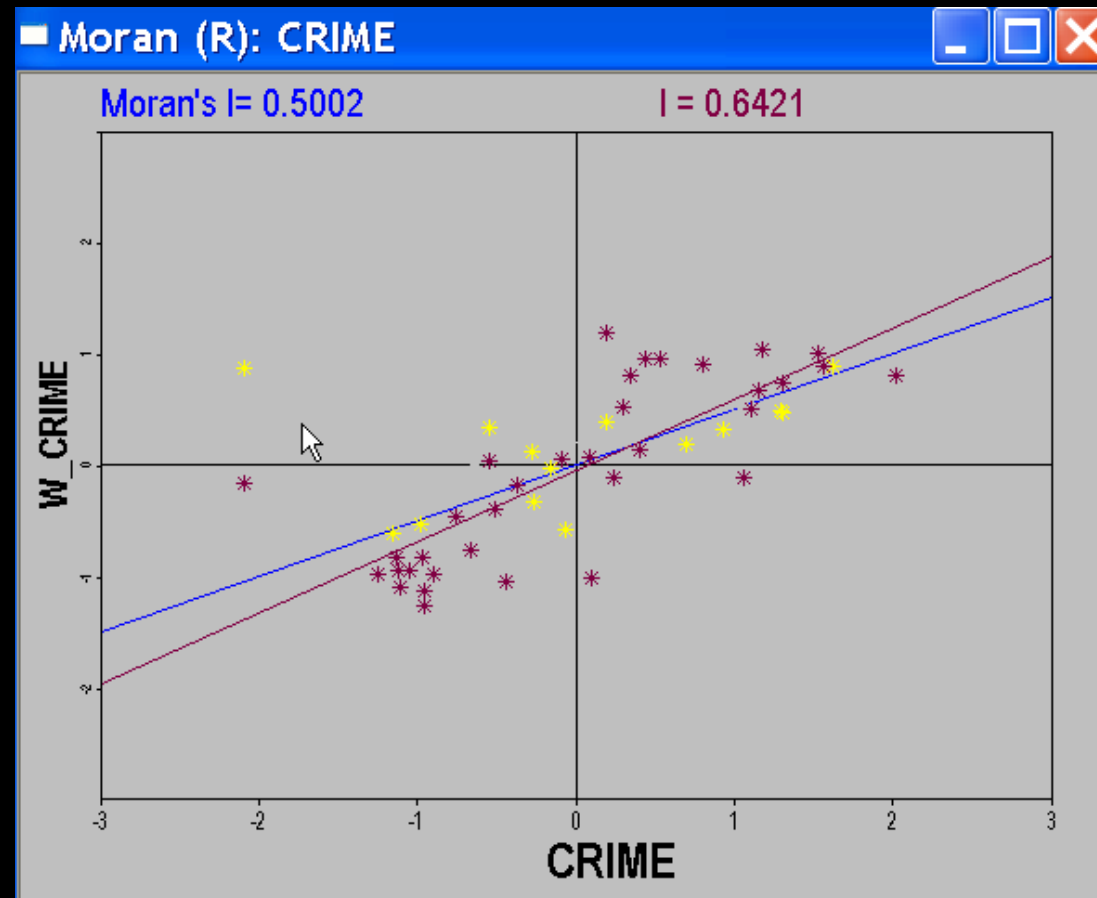
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- Classification of Spatial Autocorrelation
- Local Nonstationarity
  - outliers
  - high leverage points
  - sensitivity to boundary values
- Regimes
  - different slopes in subsets of the data



Moran Scatterplot Map for Columbus crime  
four quadrants of the scatterplot (not "significant")

# Moran Scatterplot - Regimes



# Local Moran

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## ➤ Local Moran Statistic

- $I_i = (z_i / m_2) \sum_j w_{ij} \cdot z_j$
- $\sum_i I_i = N \cdot \bar{z}$

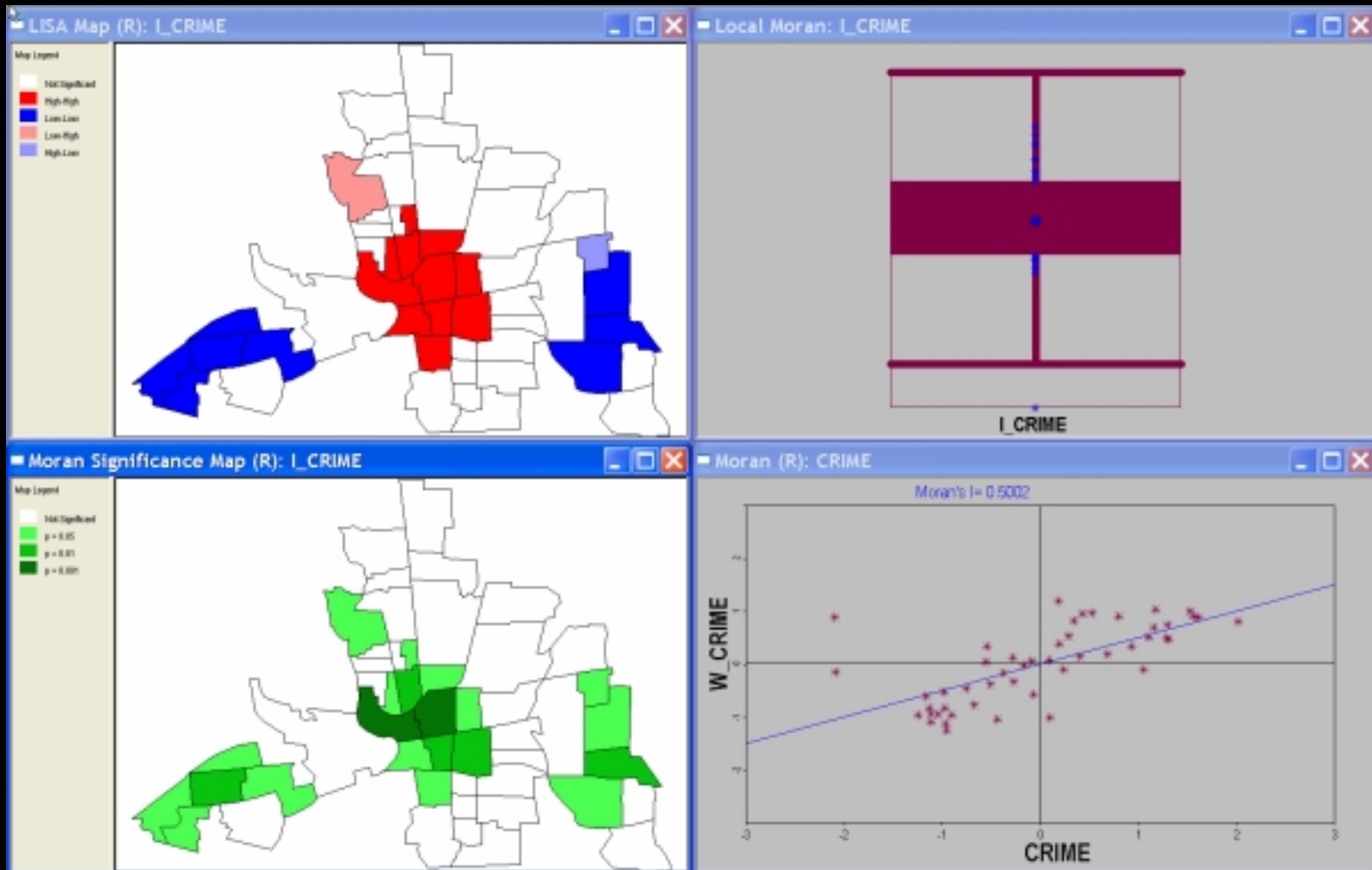
## ➤ Inference

- randomization assumption
- conditional permutation
- local dependence or heterogeneity?

## ➤ Visualization

- LISA map and Moran Significance Map

# LISA MAPS



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# Space-Time Correlation

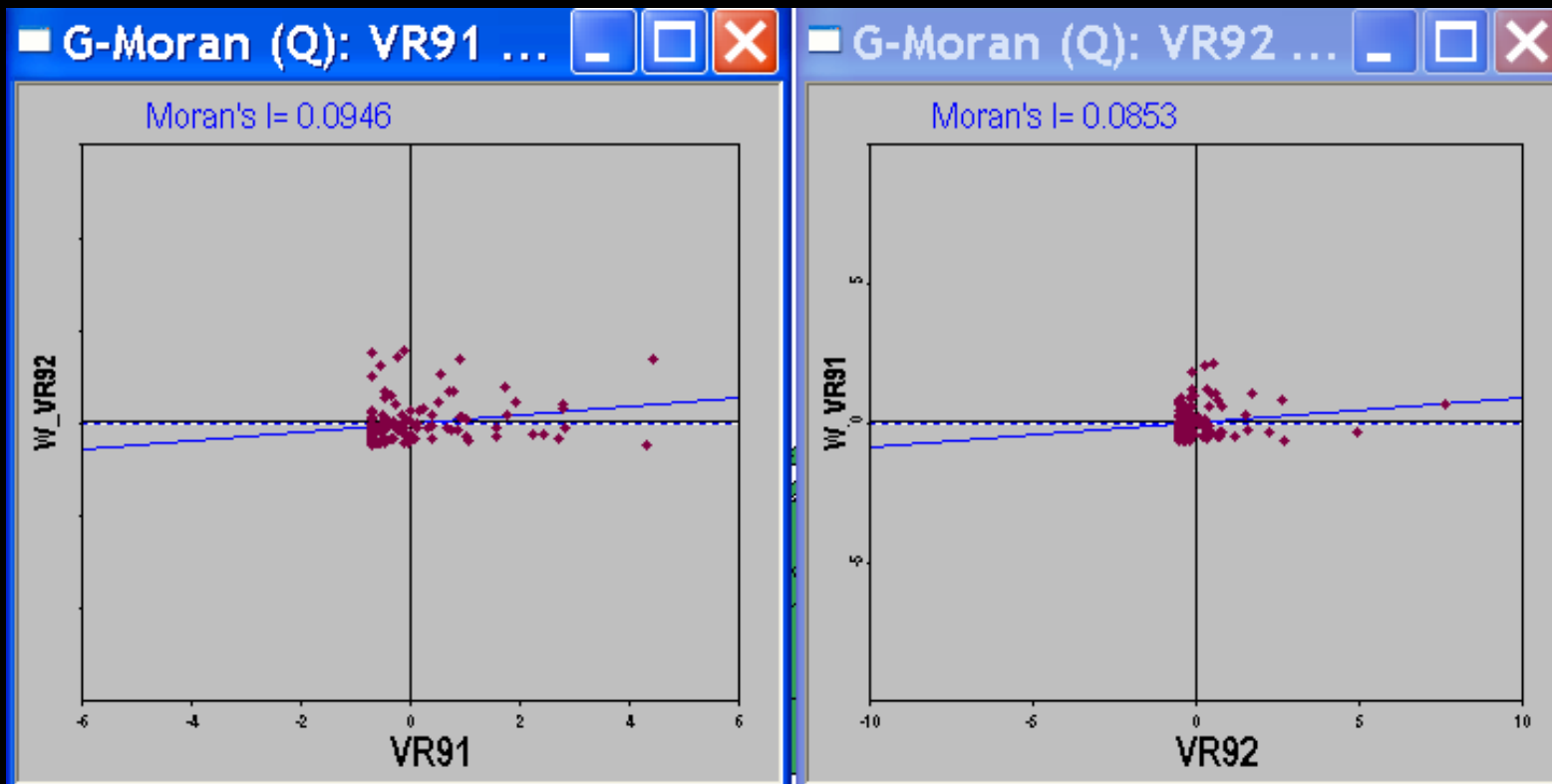


# Space-Time Moran Scatterplot

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- Generalized Moran Scatterplot
  - Regression slope of  $Wz_t$  on  $z_{t-1}$ 
    - both variables standardized
    - = visualization of Wartenberg **multivariate Moran statistic**
  - Significance testing
    - permutation
    - **permutation envelope** (2.5% and 97.5% from permutation reference distribution)
- Four Types of Association
  - **High-high, Low-low; High-low, Low-high**

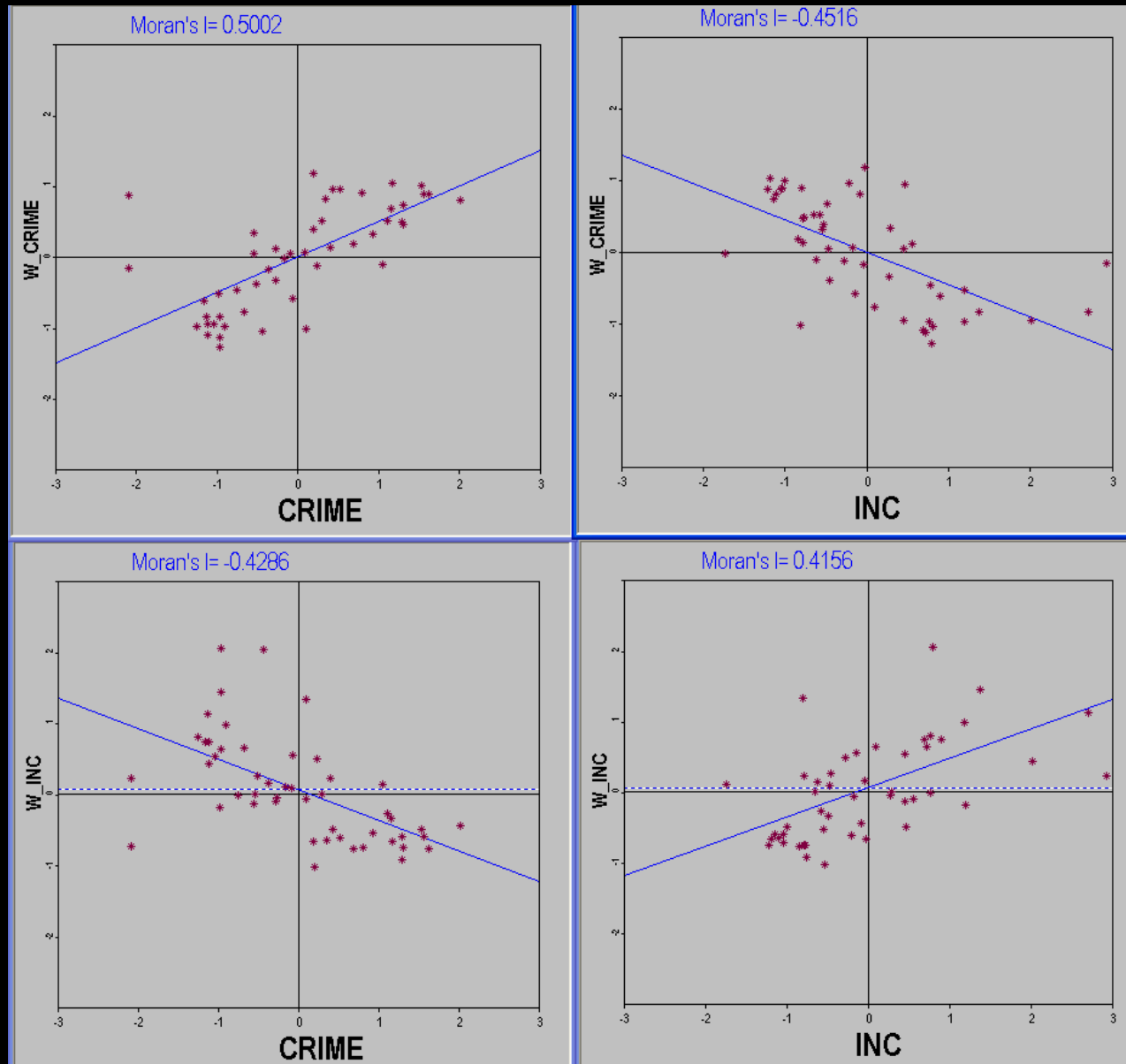
# Space-Time Moran Scatterplot



$p = 0.001$

$p = 0.002$

# Moran Scatterplot Matrix



# Generalized LISA

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## ➤ Generalization of Local Moran

- $z_{1i} \times \sum_j w_{ij} z_{2j}$ 
  - $z_1$  and  $z_2$  different variables
  - same variable at different times

## ➤ Inference

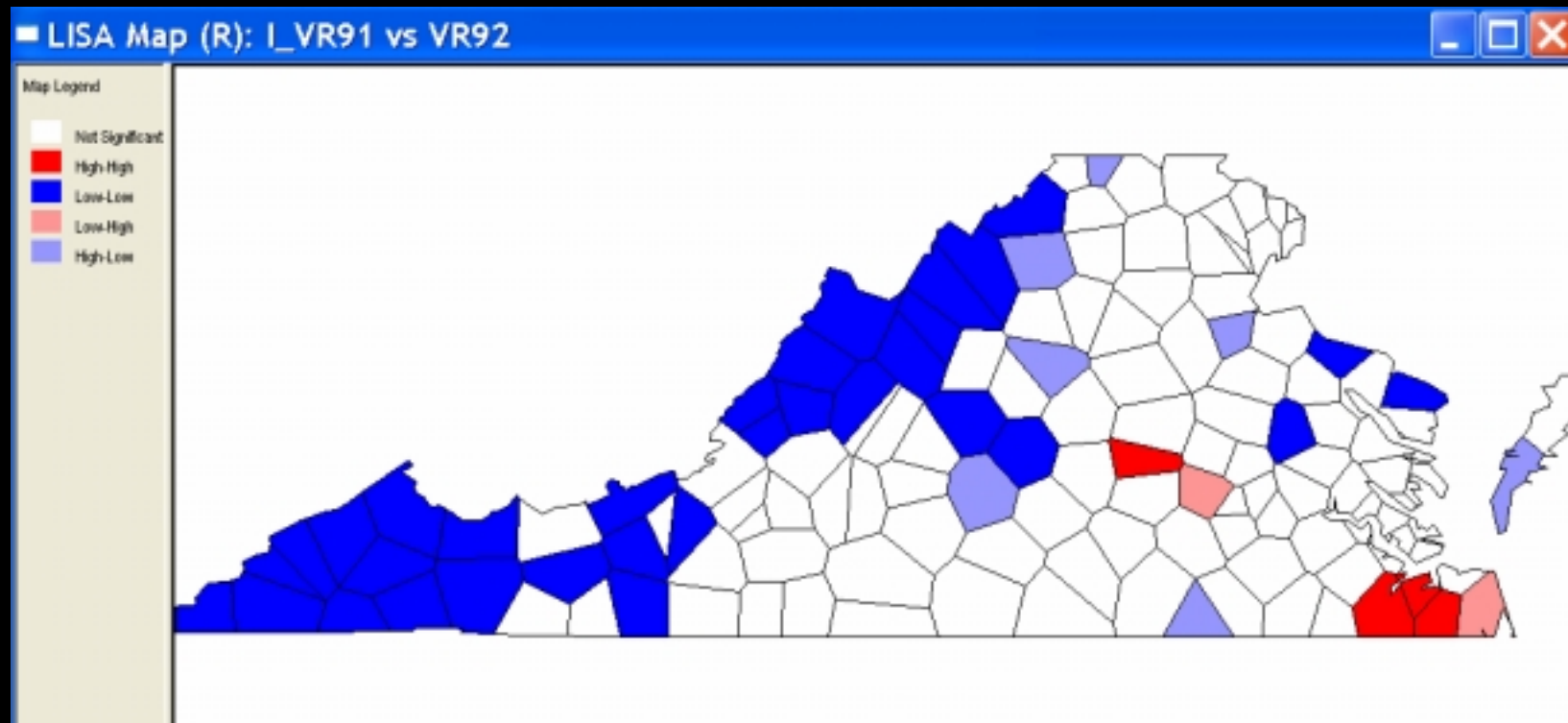
- Null hypothesis
  - random assignment between value of  $z_1$  at  $i$ ,  $t$  and “neighboring” values of  $z_2$

# Space-Time Patterns

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- Space-Time Cluster = Contagion
  - High (above avg) values at a location surrounded by High values at different time
    - compare to high-high same time
  - Similar for Low-Low
- Space-Time Outlier = Change
  - High (above avg) surrounded by Low (below avg) at different time
  - Similar for Low-High
- Significance based on permutation

# Space-Time LISA Maps



# Interpretation and Limitations

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- Most Important
  - assessing lack of spatial randomness
  - suggests “significant” spatial structure
- Multivariate Association
  - univariate spatial autocorrelation may result from
    - multivariate association
    - scale mismatch
  - need to control for other variables = spatial regression
- LISA Clusters and Hot Spots
  - suggest interesting locations
  - do not explain

