

Designing DataVis: A visual tool for engineers

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The project

The process



The project

What we did



The project Client and context





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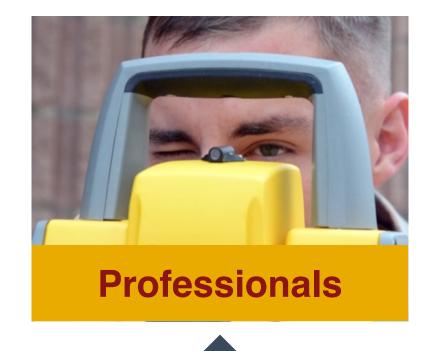
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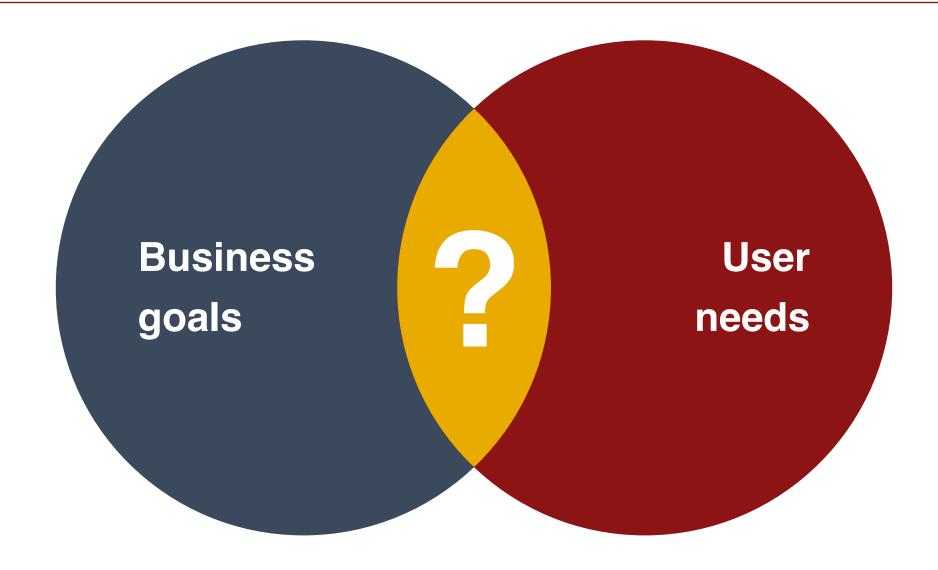


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The project Goals and needs



The project Initial insight

Librarians:

We want a material properties data search.

The project Further insight

Librarians:

We want a material properties data search.

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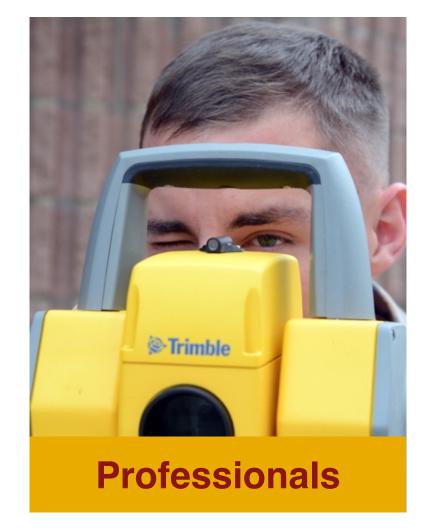
We don't need a data search

most material properties data is freely available online.





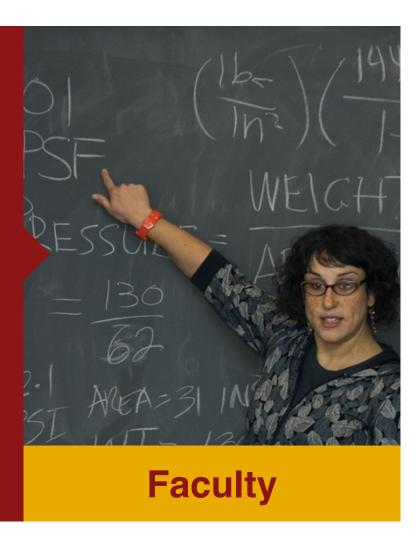






I need to explore materials and their properties so I can understand the meaning of material property data in context of engineering design.

I need to help students understand concepts and relationships so they can become successful professionals.





I need to find appropriate materials for my intended application. **Trimble Professionals**

Designing an aeroplane

An example of using DataVis



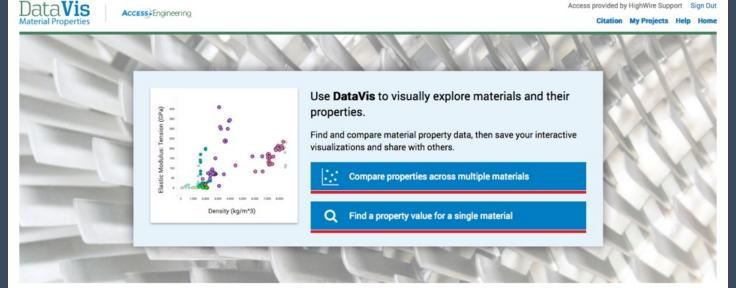
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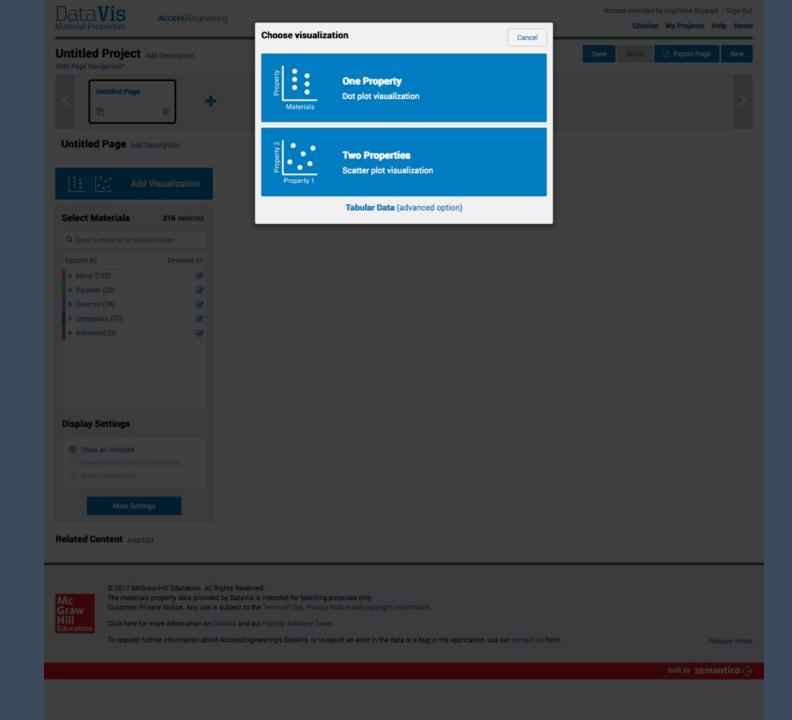
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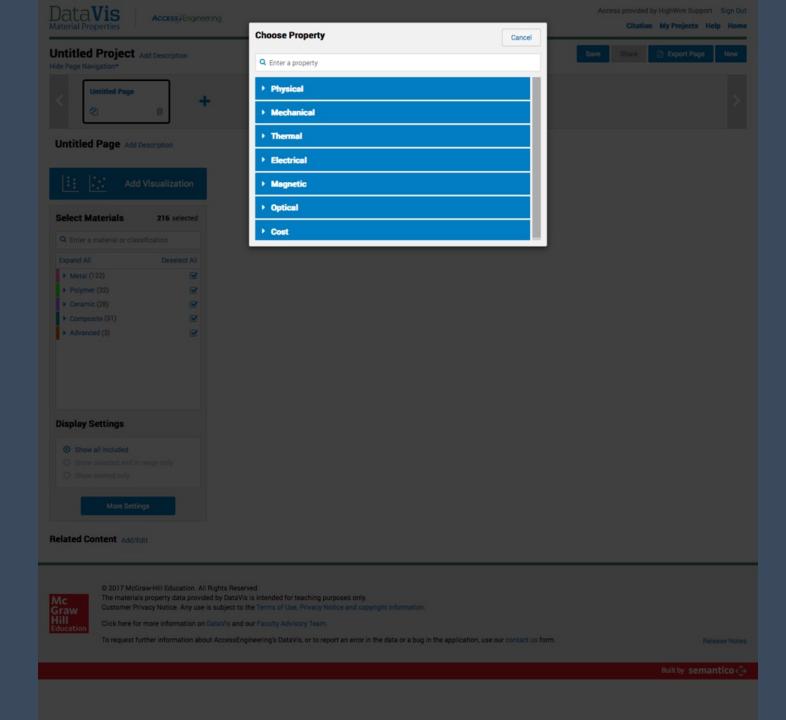


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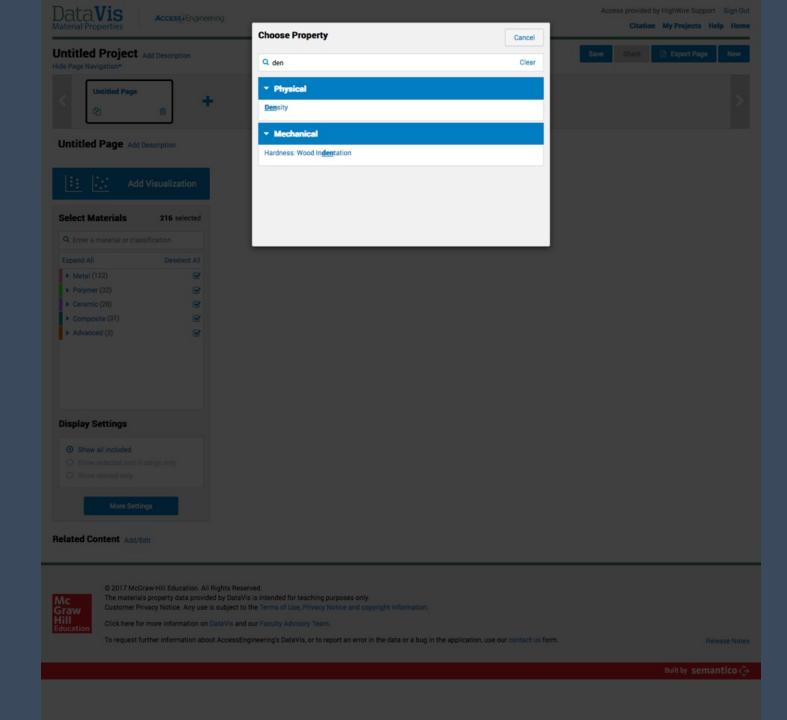


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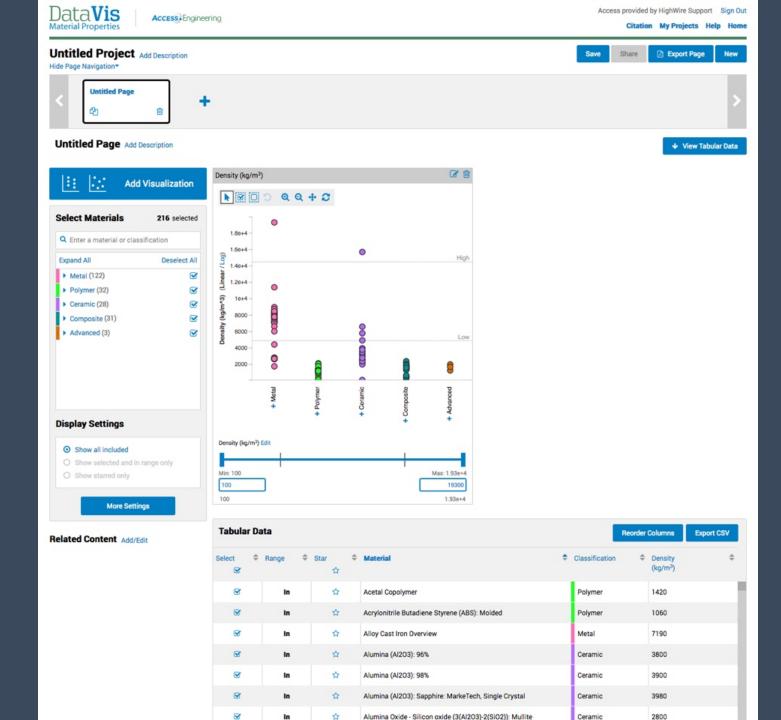


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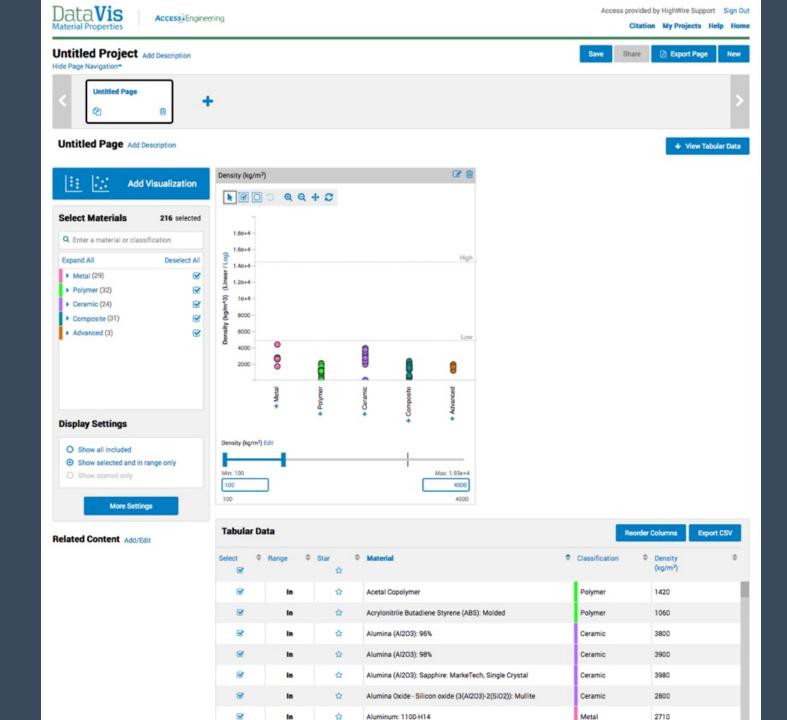


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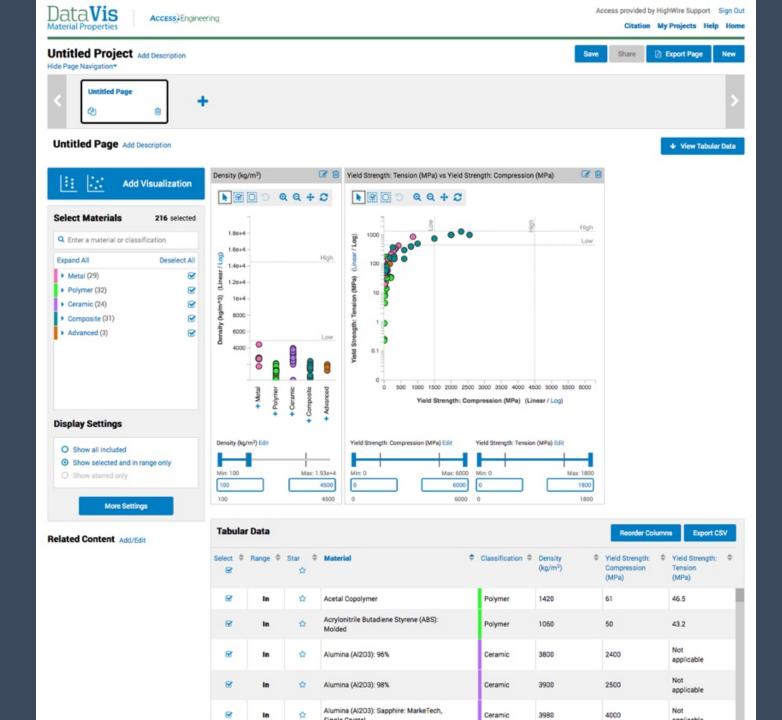


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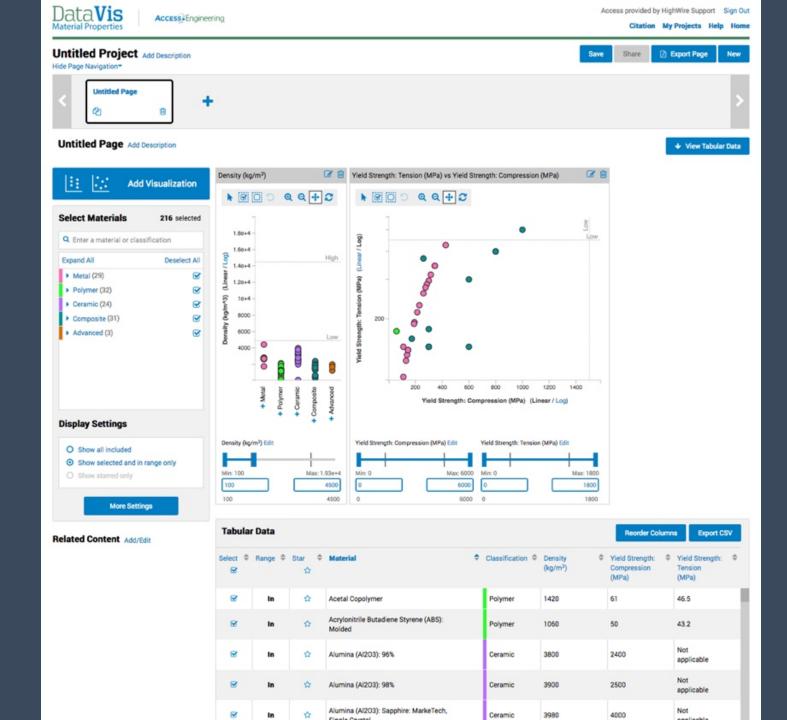


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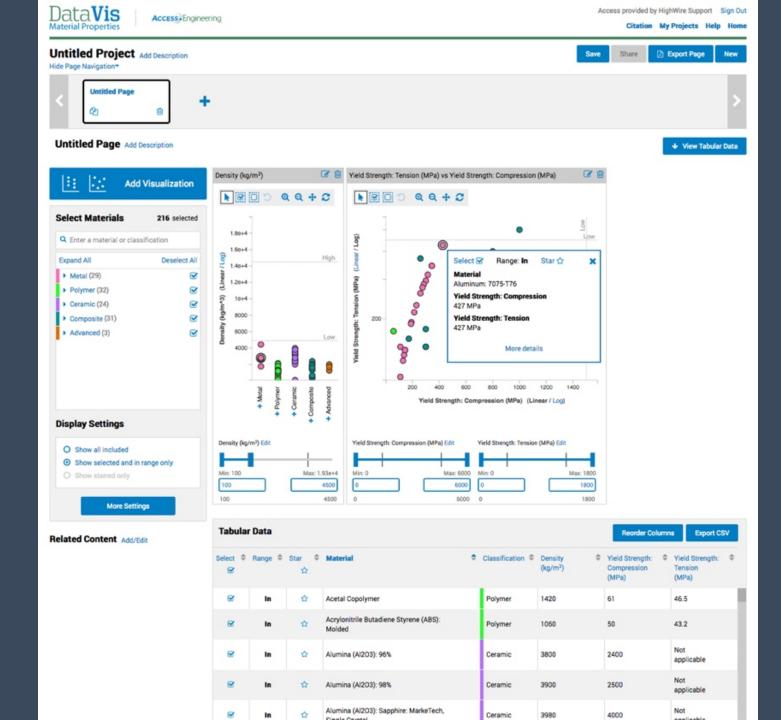


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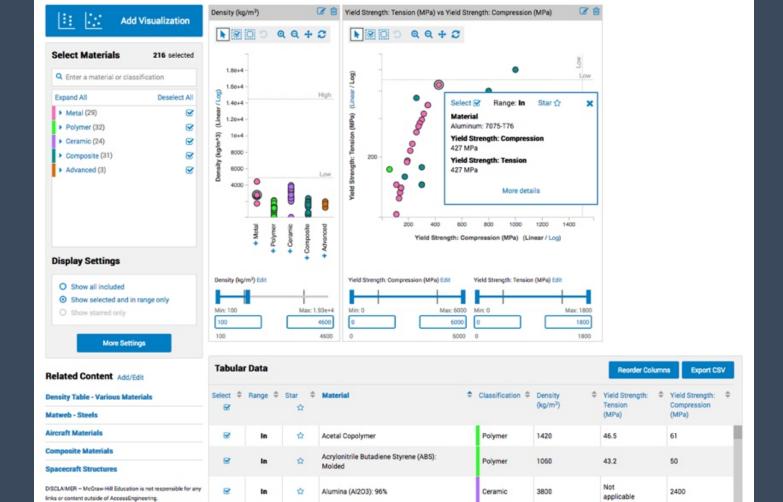
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Density ◆ View Tabular Data

The overall weight of any aerospace structure (airplanes, drones, satellites) determines how efficiently it will operate over its lifetime. The weight of its structure determines how much weight can be transported and for how long or far (distance). So thinking about weight brings us to thinking about density, although they are not the same. The weight of a part is a function of engineering design considerations and involves many more considerations than just Show More >





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How we did it



The process What we planned

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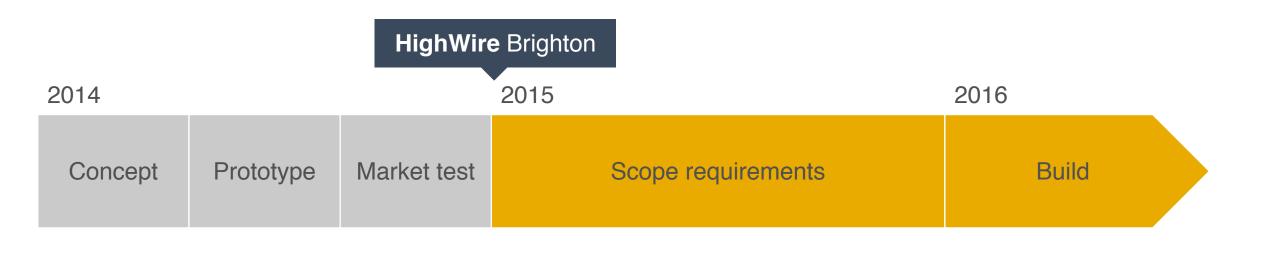
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Development & delivery



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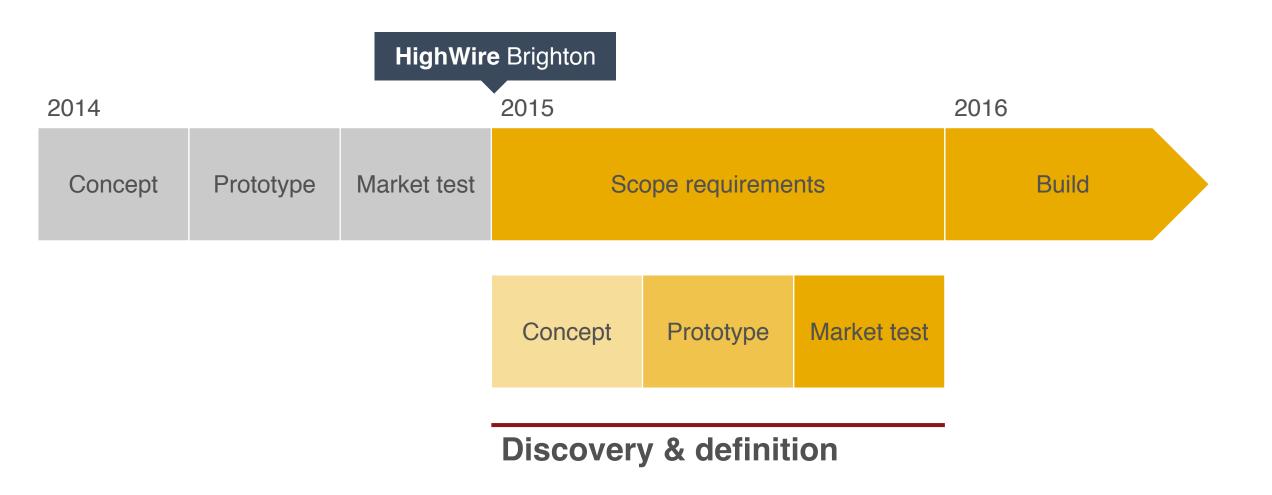


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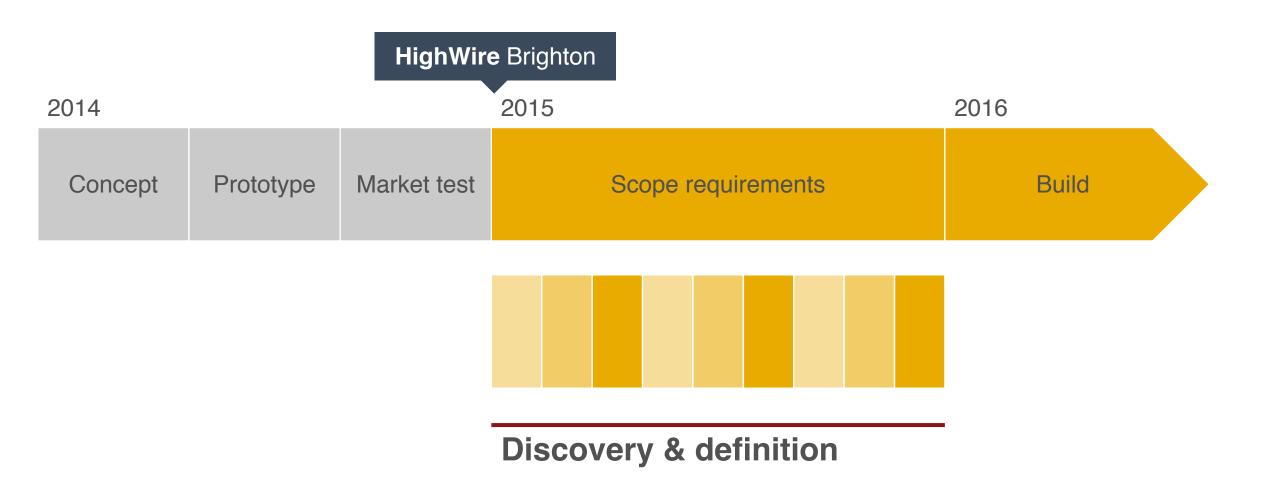


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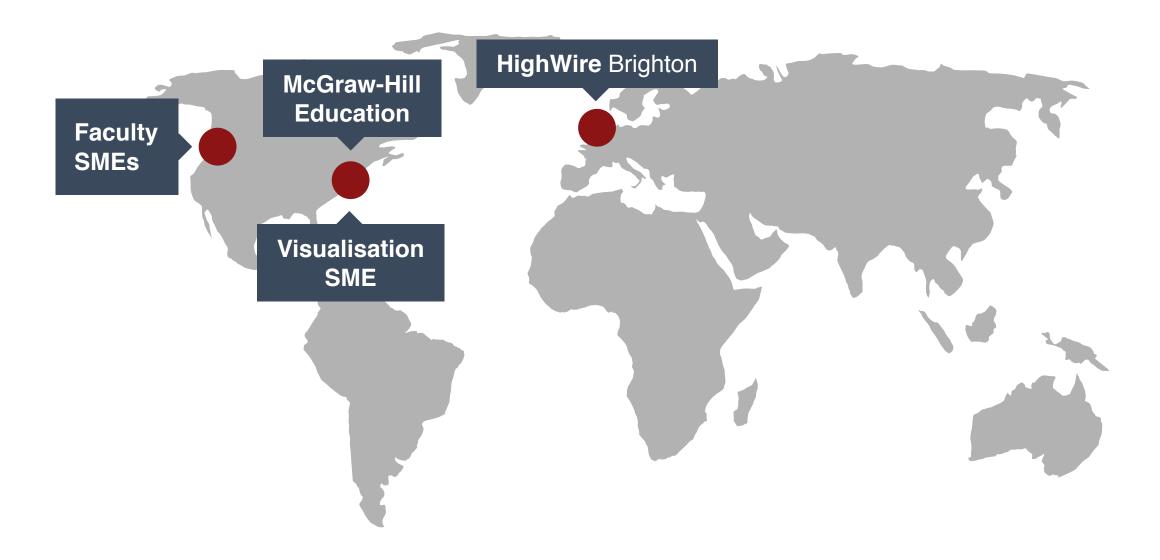


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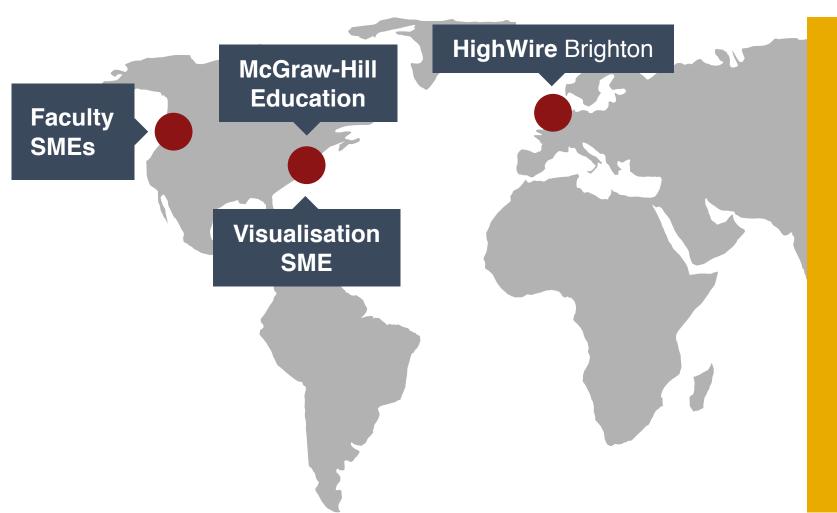




The process Who was involved



The process How we worked



Fostering collaboration across continents

- Real-time conversations
- Frequent demonstrations
- Agile methodology with quick cadence

The process Design challenges

Make complex features easy to use

- Support a range of subject matter expertise
- Support first-time, occasional and power users

Integrate DataVis into AccessEngineering

- Allow seamless access
- Maintain platform performance
- Develop distinct yet integrated brand / identity



Data-centric to user-centric

Landing page evolution



Iteration 0

Landing page not defined



Iteration 1

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Iteration 2

Context-dependent MPVT user interface elements

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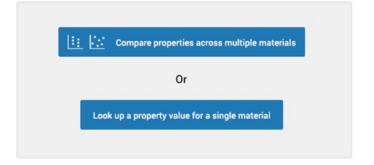
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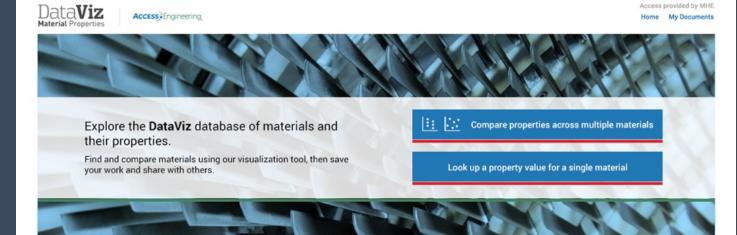


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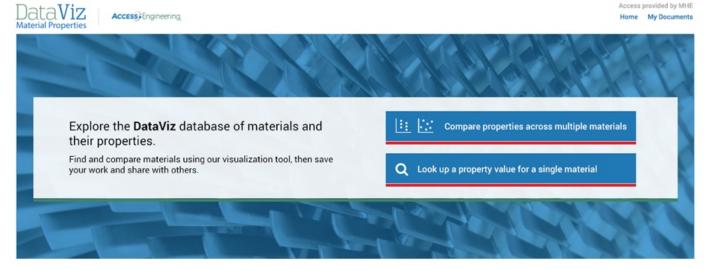


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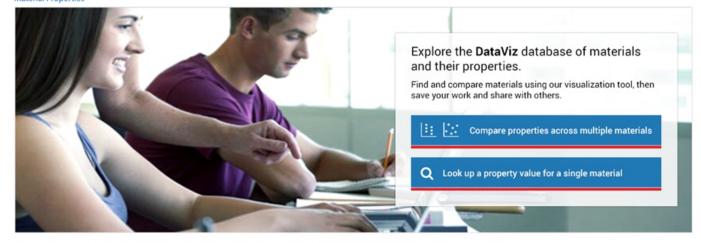
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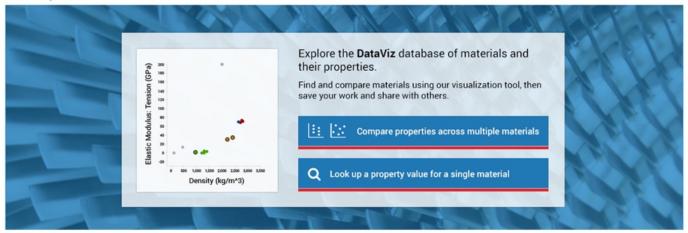
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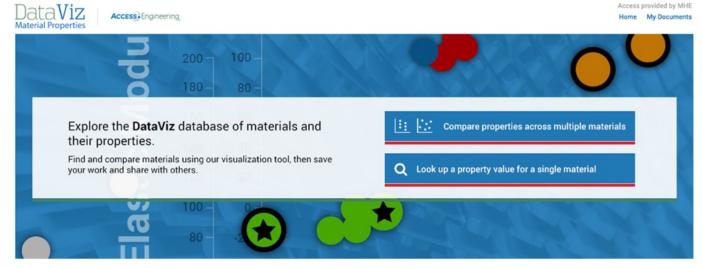


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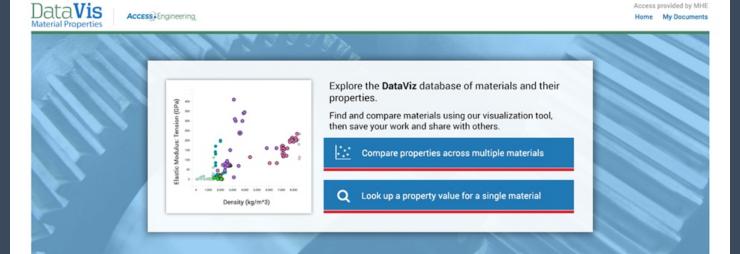
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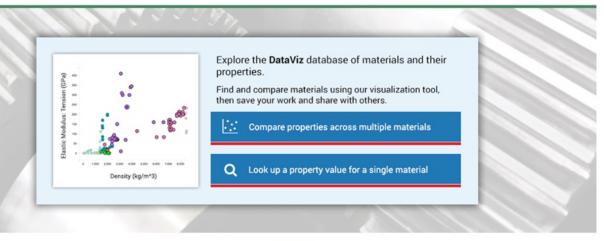
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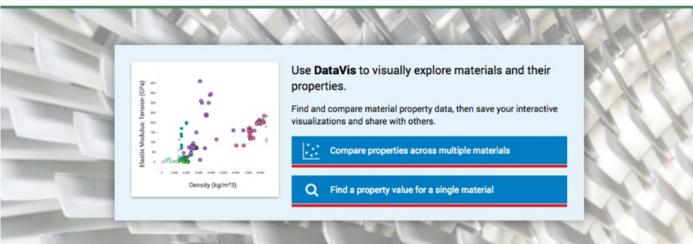


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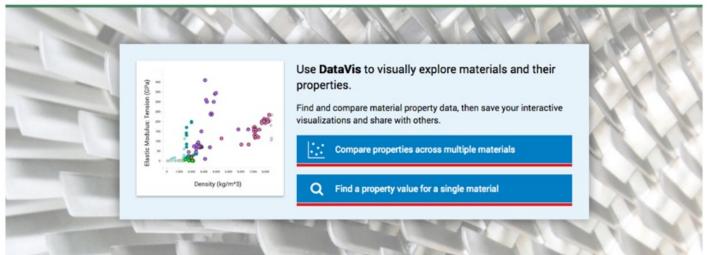


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Example applications



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"[DataVis] helped me better understand the differences in the materials"



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