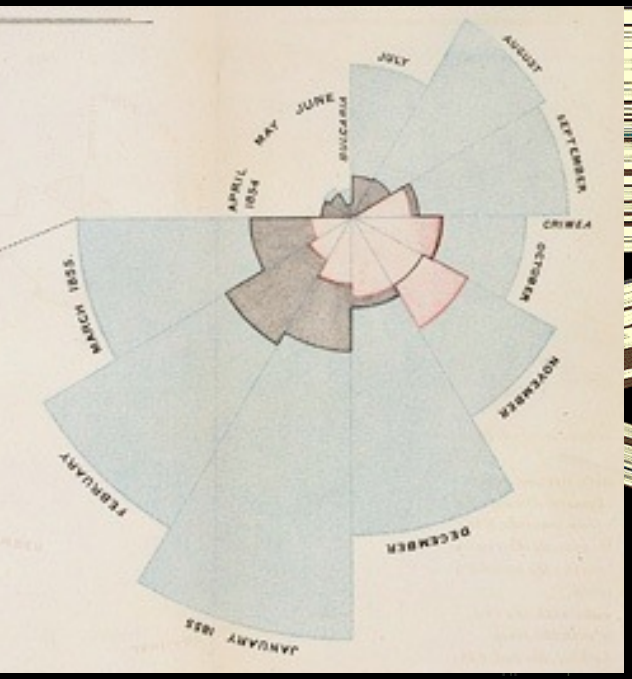
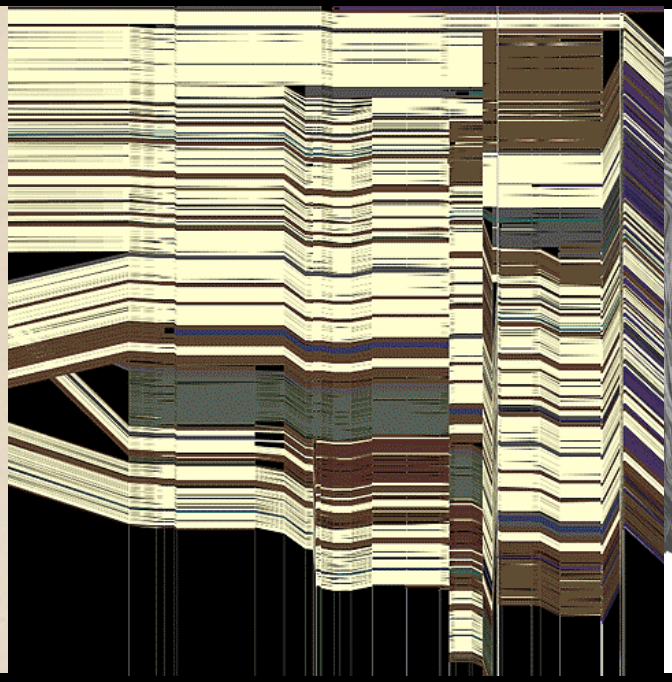
CSE 412 - Intro to Data Visualization

Visualization Tools





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How do people create visualizations?

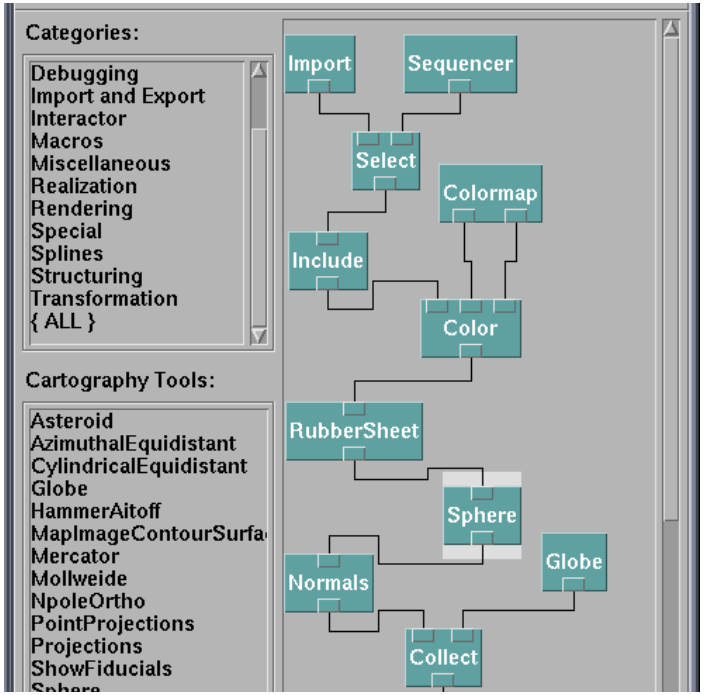

Chart Typology

Pick from a stock of templates

Easy-to-use but limited expressiveness

Prohibits novel designs, new data types

Component Architecture

Permits more combinatorial possibilities

Novel views require new operators, which requires software engineering

Graphics APIs

Processing, OpenGL, Java2D

Processing - 0123 Beta

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    ey = y;
    size = s;
  }

  void update(int mx, int my) {
    angle = atan2(my-ey, mx-ex);
  }

  void display() {
    pushMatrix();
    translate(ex, ey);
    fill(255);
    ellipse(0, 0, size, size);
    rotate(angle);
    fill(153);
    ellipse(size/4, 0, size/2, size/2);
    popMatrix();
  }
}
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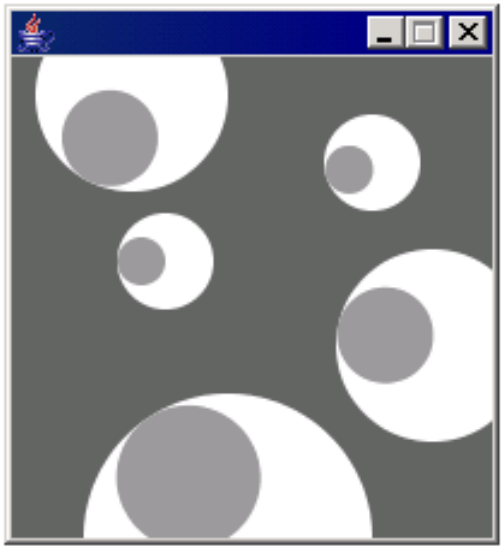

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http://processing.org


US Air Traffic, Aaron Koblin

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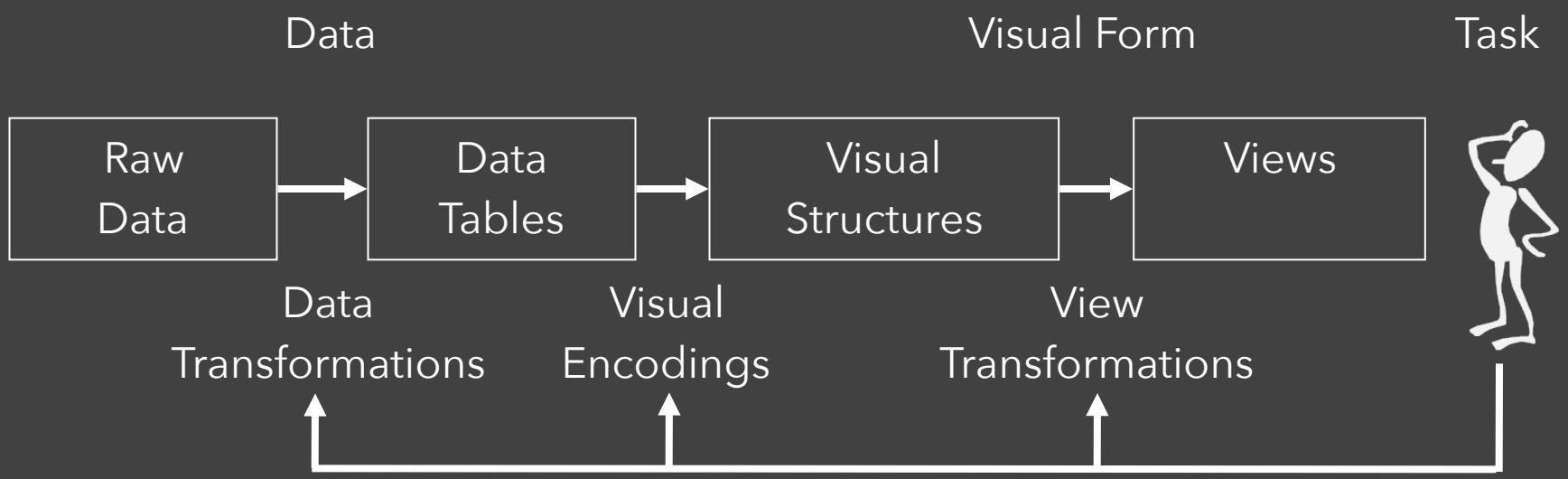
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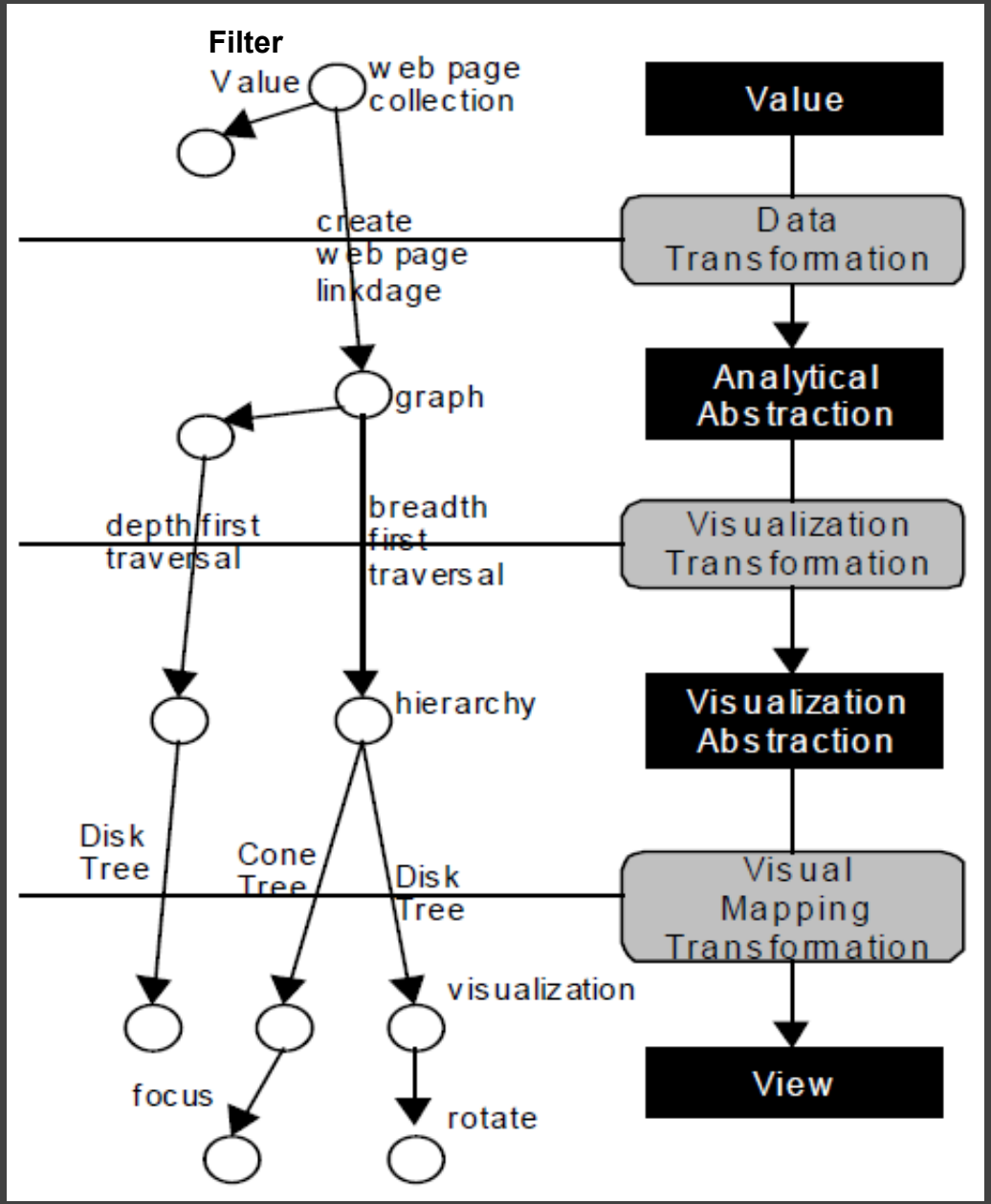

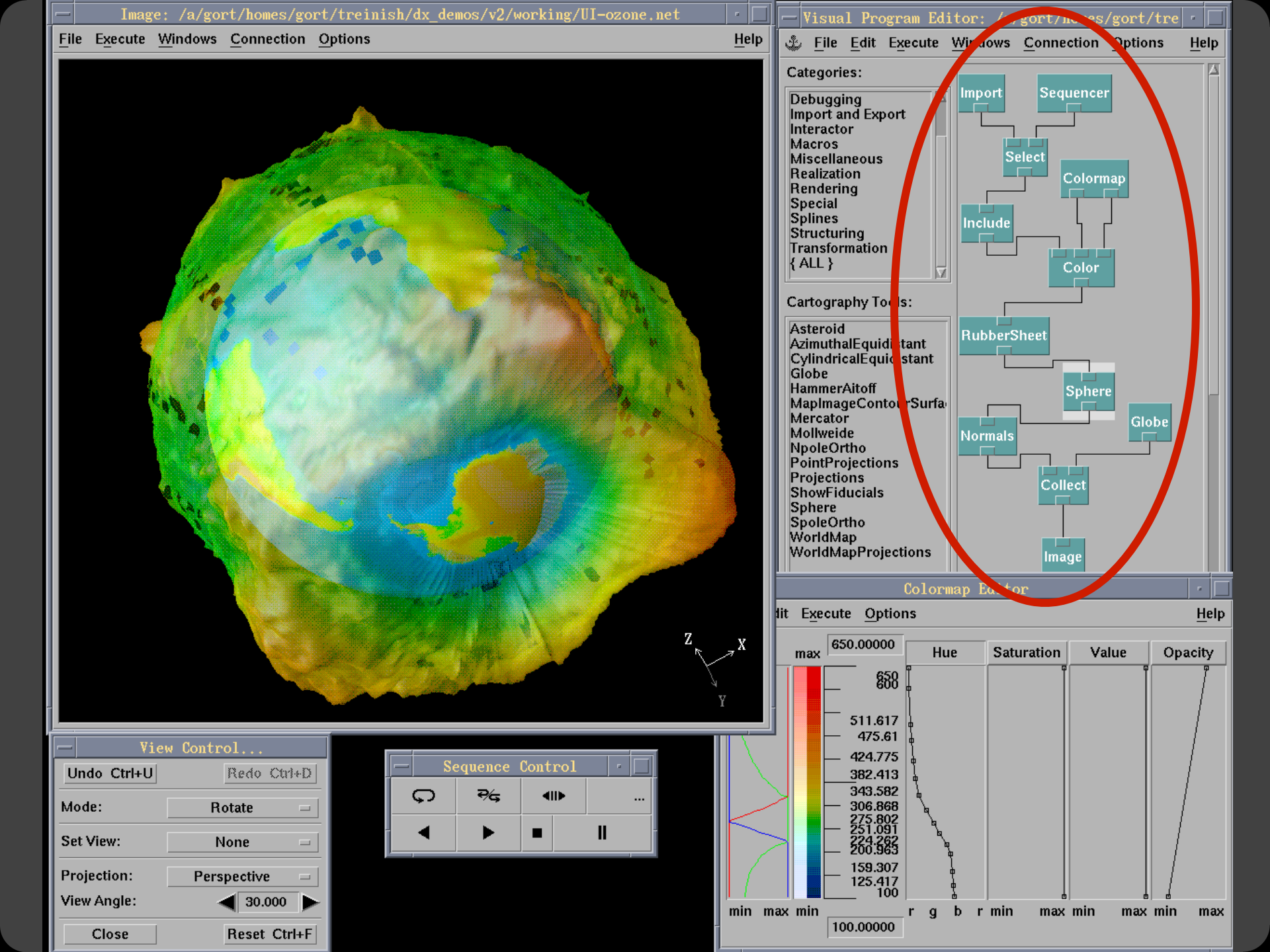
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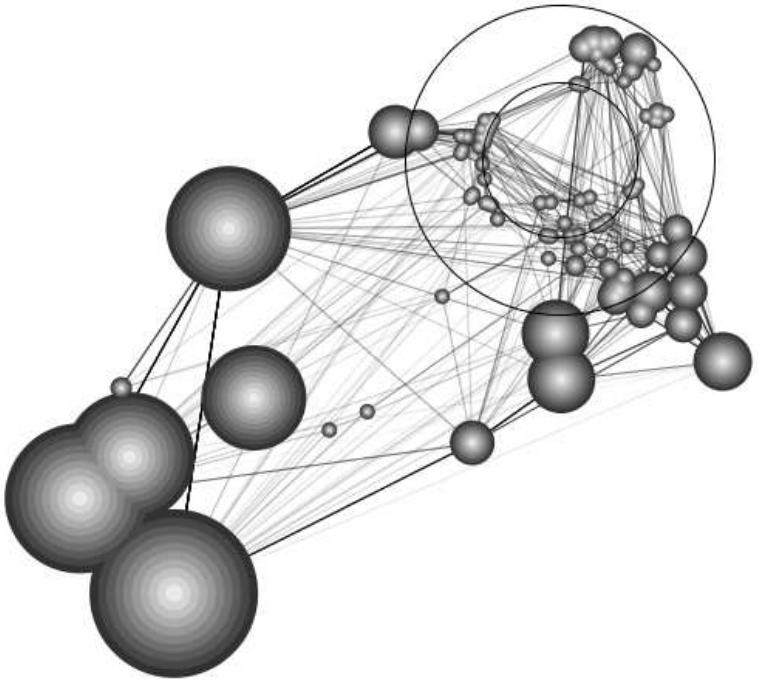
Prefuse & Flare

Operator-based toolkits for visualization design

Vis = (Input Data -> Visual Objects) + Operators



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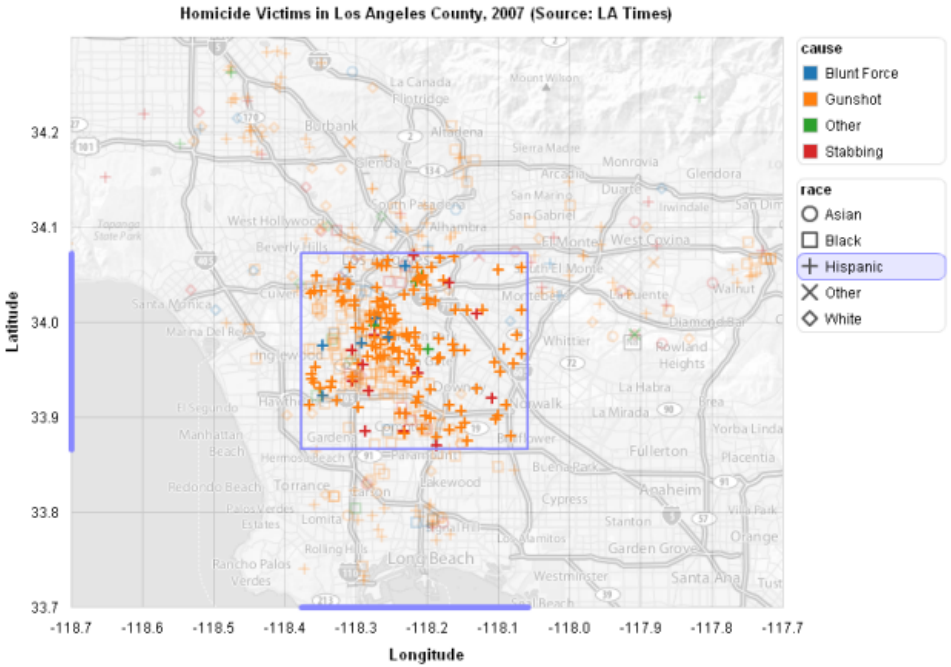

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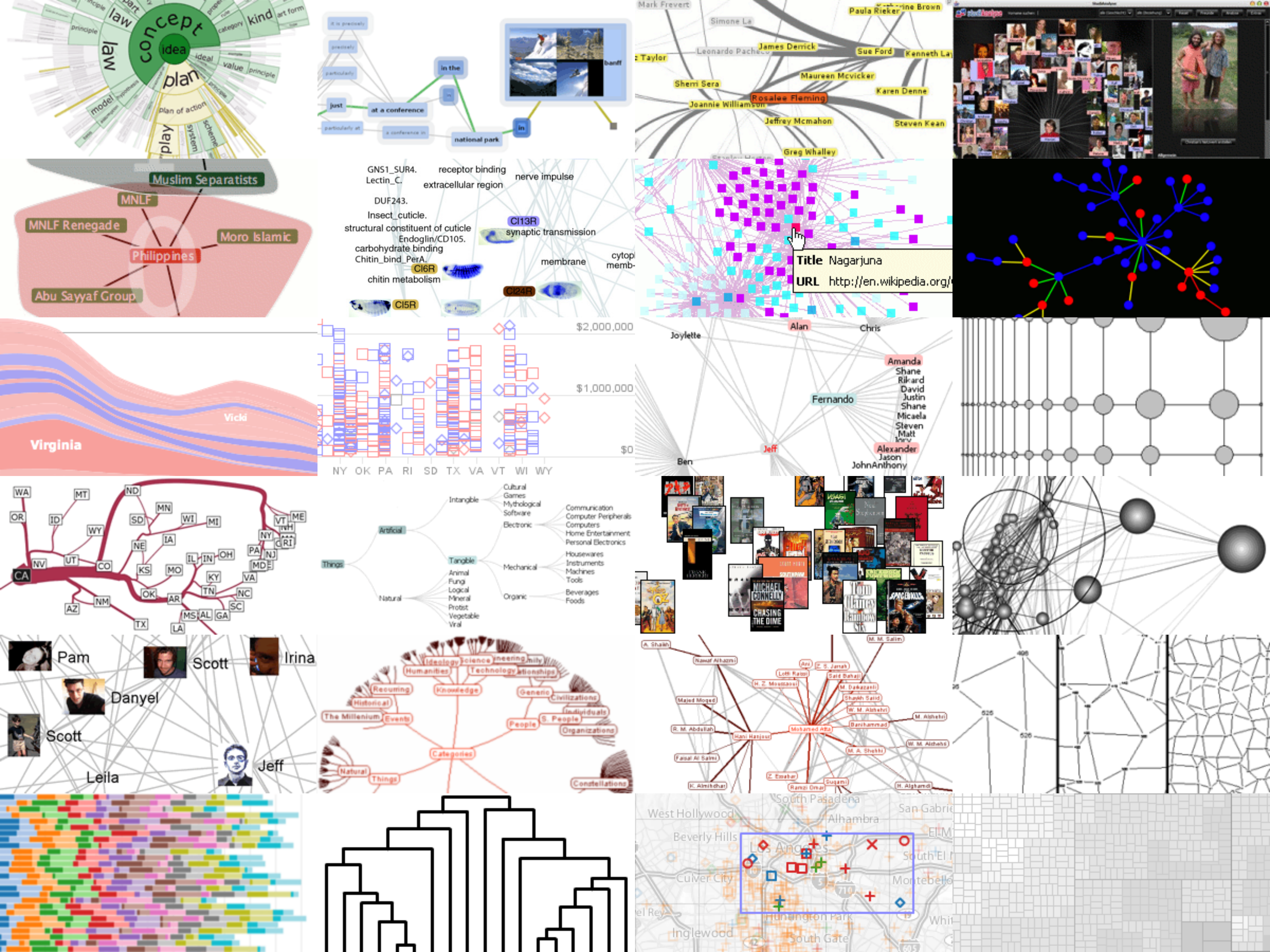

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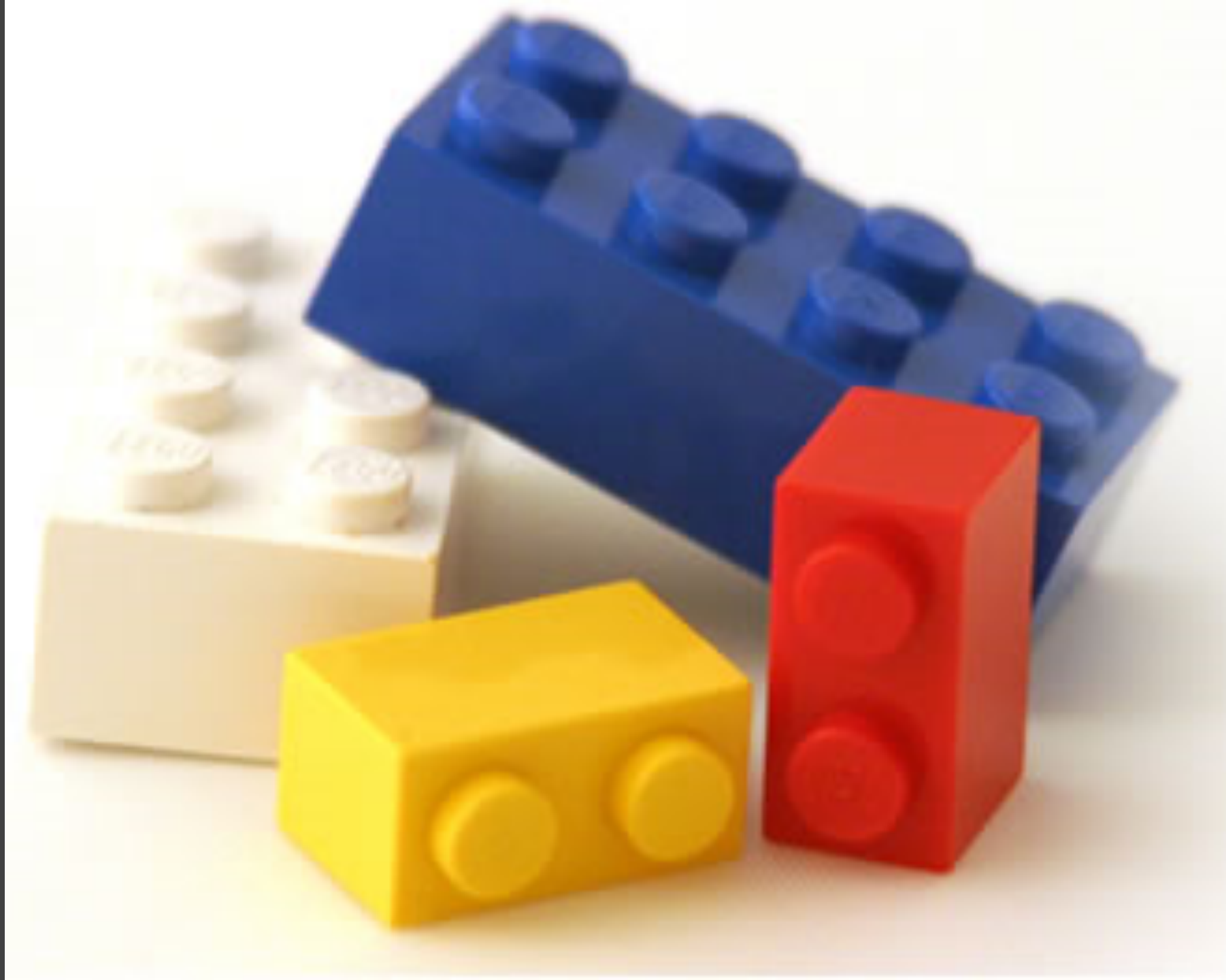

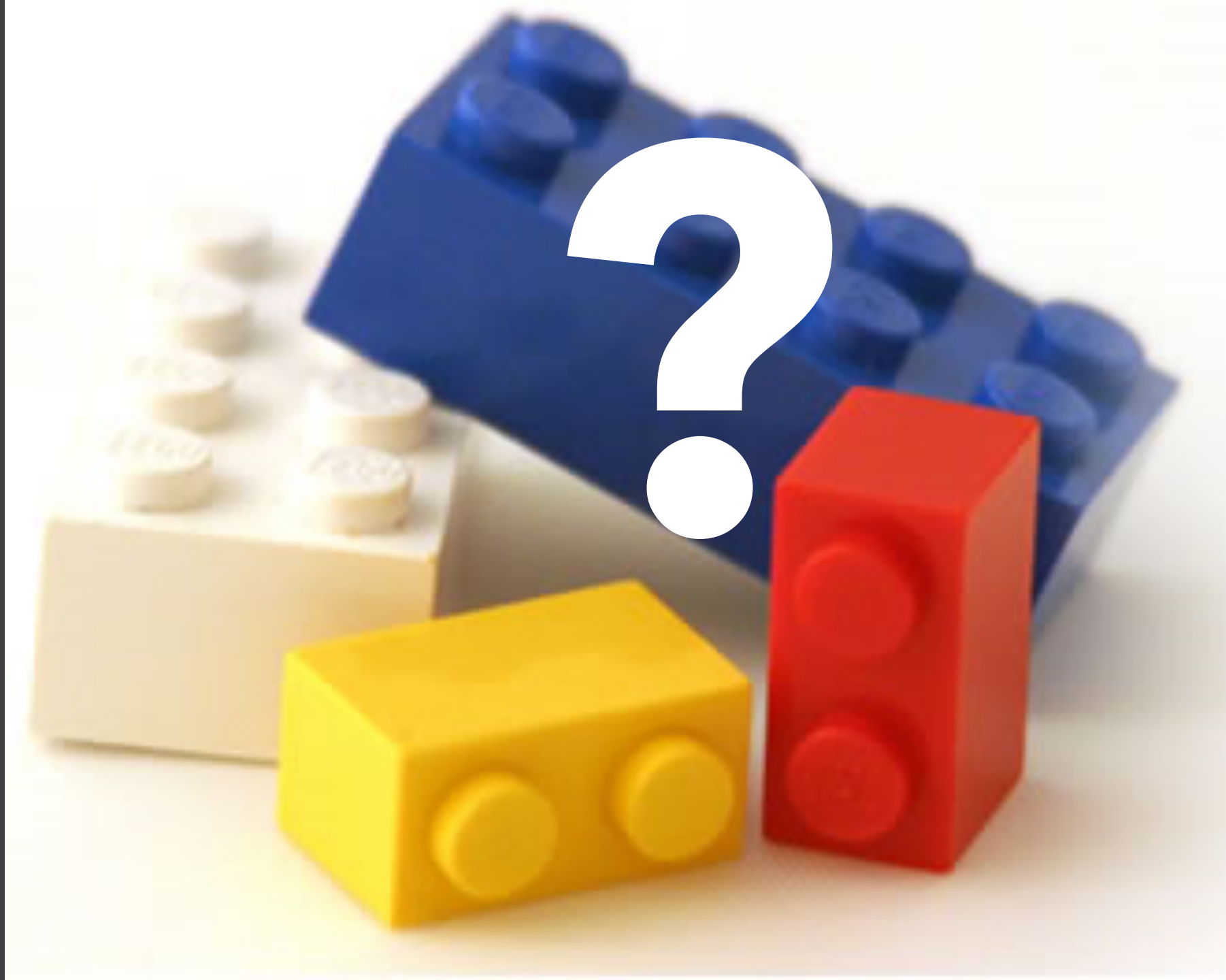

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Data Sets : State Quick Facts

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1	Alabama	4557808	0.03	4447100	0.1	0.07	0.24	0.13
2	Alaska	663661	0.06	626932	0.14	0.08	0.29	0.06
3	Arizona	5939292	0.16	5130632	0.4	0.08	0.27	0.13
4	Arkansas	2779154	0.04	2673400	0.14	0.07	0.25	0.14
5	California	36132147	0.07	33871648	0.14	0.07	0.27	0.11
6	Colorado	4665177	0.08	4301261	0.31	0.07	0.26	0.1
7	Connecticut	3510297	0.03	3405565	0.04	0.06	0.24	0.14
8	Delaware	843524	0.08	783600	0.18	0.07	0.23	0.13
9	Florida	17789864	0.11	15982378	0.24	0.06	0.23	0.17
10	Georgia	9072576	0.11	8186453	0.26	0.08	0.26	0.1
11	Hawaii	1275194	0.05	1211537	0.09	0.07	0.24	0.14
12	Idaho	1429096	0.1	1293953	0.29	0.07	0.27	0.11
13	Illinois	12763371	0.03	12419293	0.09	0.07	0.26	0.12

Choosing a visualization type for State Quick Facts

Analyze a text

Tag Cloud

How are you using your words? This enhanced tag cloud will show you the words popularity in the given set of text.

Learn more

Wordle

Wordle is a toy for generating "word clouds" from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text.

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Word Tree

See a branching view of how a word or phrase is used in a text. Navigate the text by zooming and clicking.

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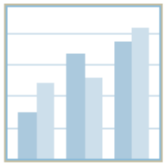
Compare a set of values



Bar Chart

How do the items in your data set stack up? A bar chart is a simple and recognizable way to compare values. You can display several sets of bars for multivariate comparisons.

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Block Histogram

This versatile chart lets you get a quick sense of how a single set of data is distributed. Each item in the data is an individually identifiable block.

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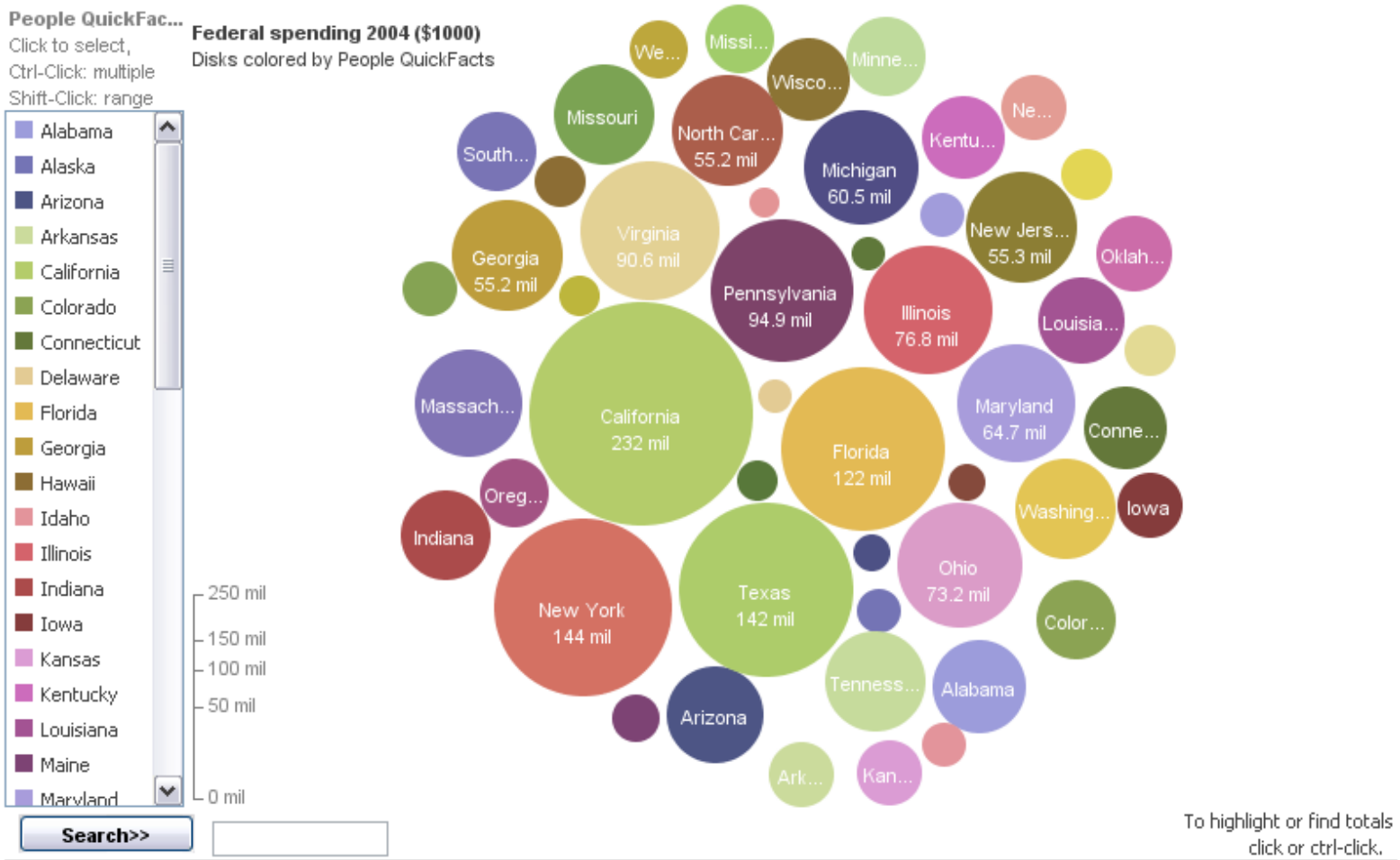
Visualizations : Federal Spending by State, 2004

Creator: Anonymous
Tags: census people



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To highlight or find totals click or ctrl-click.

Bubble Size: Federal spending 2004 ($1000) | Label: People QuickFacts | Color: People QuickFacts

- Retail sales per capita 2002
- Minority-owned firms percent of total 1997
- Women-owned firms percent of total 1997
- Housing units authorized by building permits 2004
- Federal spending 2004 ($1000)
- Land area 2000 (square miles)
- Persons per square mile 2000
- FIPS Code

Data file ... Census Bureau

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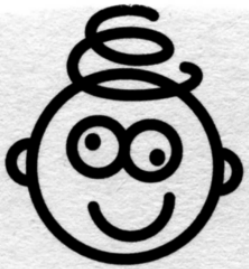

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MY MUSIC LESSON

Every Wednesday, when I get home from school, I have a piano lesson. My teacher is a very strict house (NOUN). Her name is Hillary Clinton (CELEBRITY (FEMALE)). Our piano is a Steinway Concert tree (NOUN) and it has 88 cups (PLURAL NOUN). It also has a soft pedal and a/an smily (ADJECTIVE) pedal. When I have a lesson, I sit down on the piano AIBERTO (NOUN) and play for 16 Minuts (PERIOD OF TIME). I do scales to exercise my cats (PLURAL NOUN), and then I usually play a minuet by Johann Sebastian Washington (CELEBRITY (LAST NAME)). Teacher says I am a natural Haunted House (NOUN) and have a good musical leg (PART OF THE BODY). Perhaps when I get better I will become a concert vet (PROFESSION) and give a recital at Carnegie hospital (TYPE OF BUILDING).

[M]ost charting packages channel user requests into a **rigid array of chart types**. To atone for this lack of flexibility, they offer a kit of post-creation editing tools to return the image to what the user originally envisioned. **They give the user an impression of having explored data rather than the experience**.

Leland Wilkinson
The Grammar of Graphics, 1999

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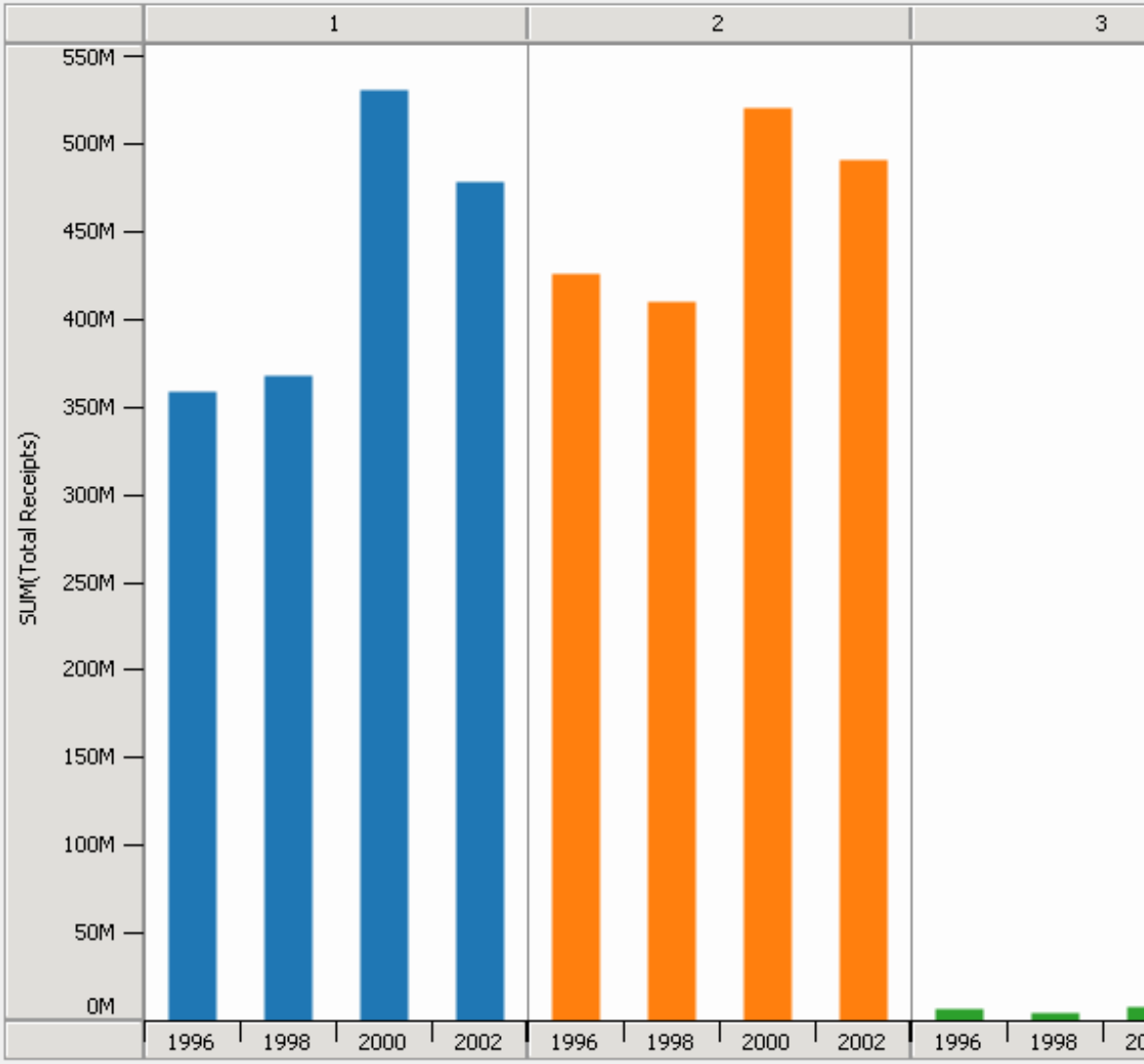

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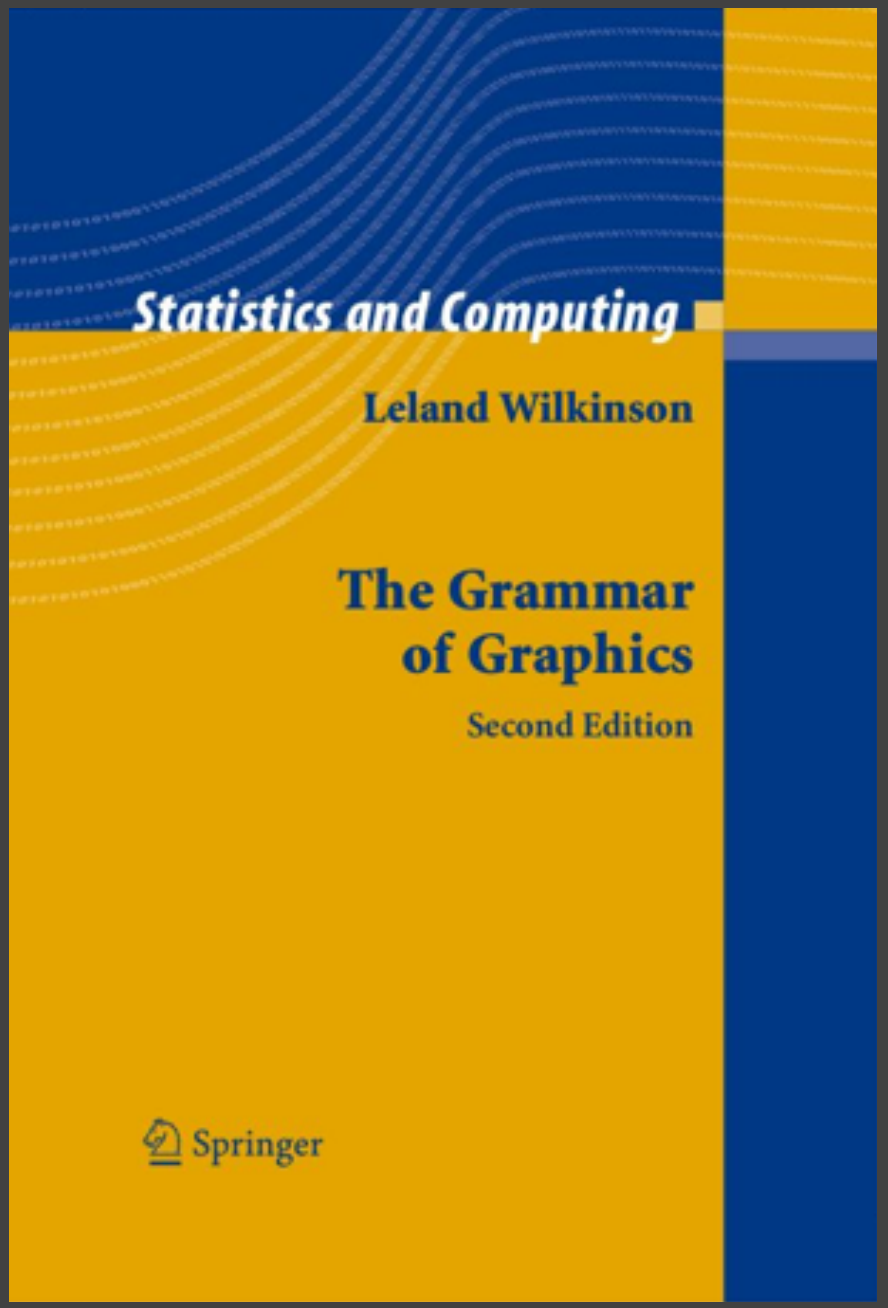
Statistics and Computing
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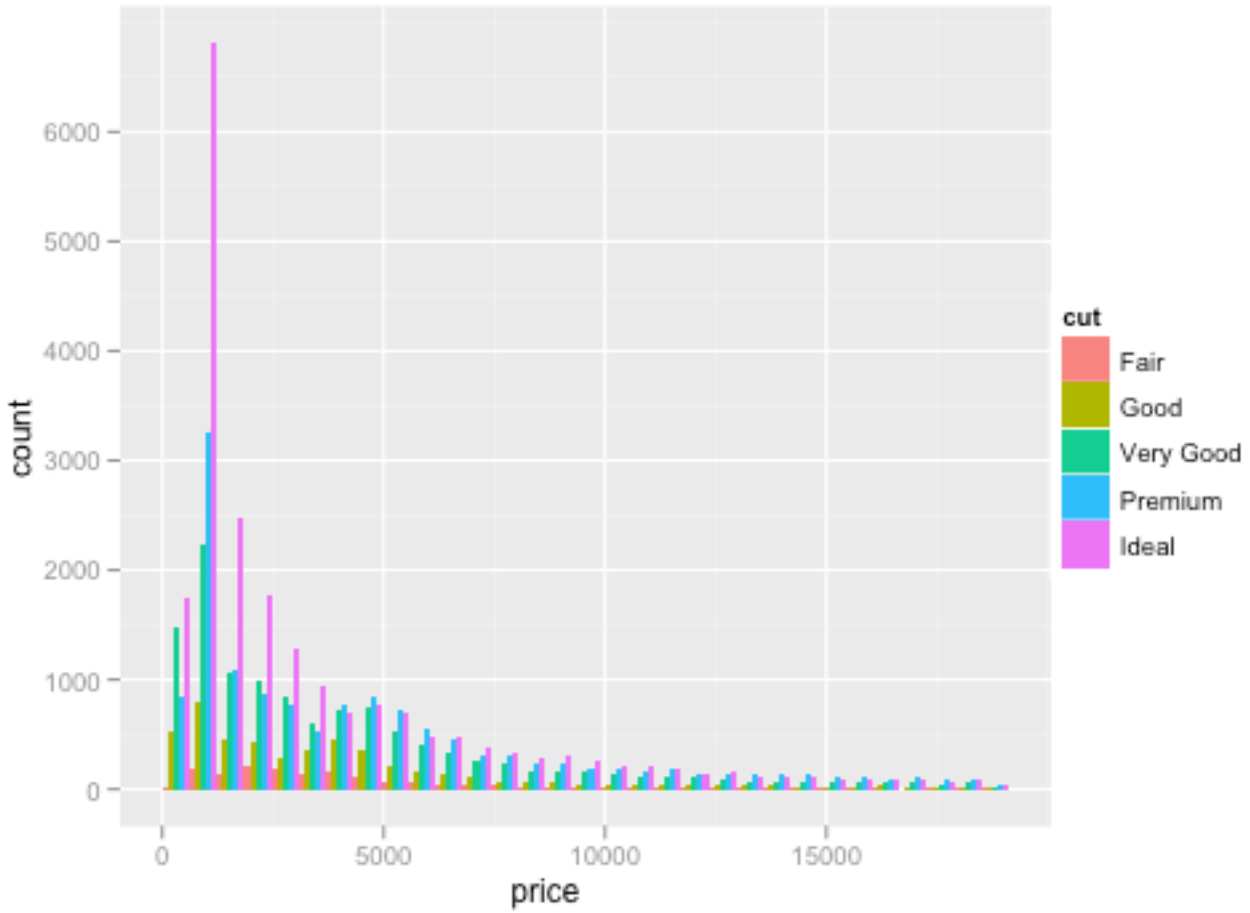


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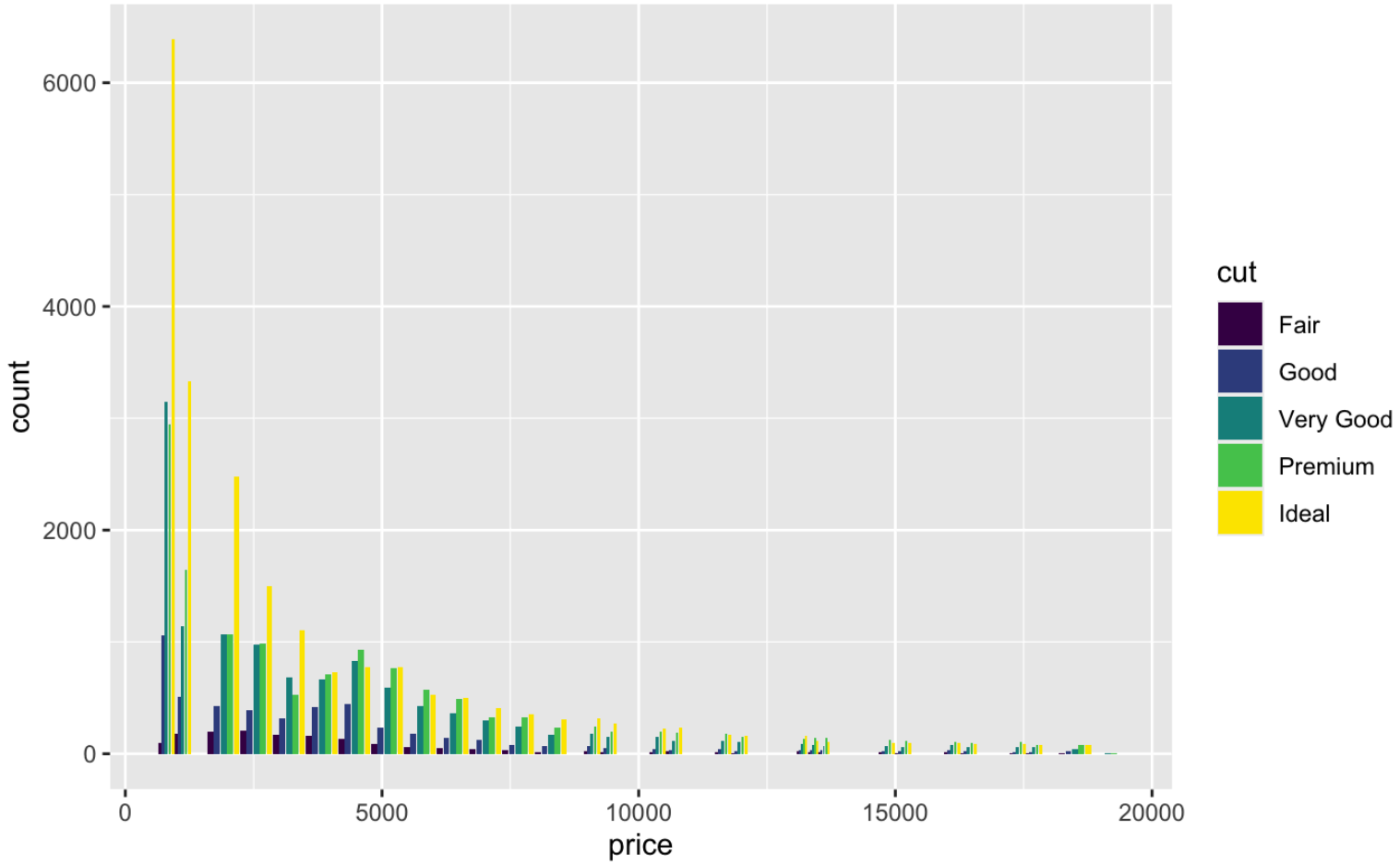


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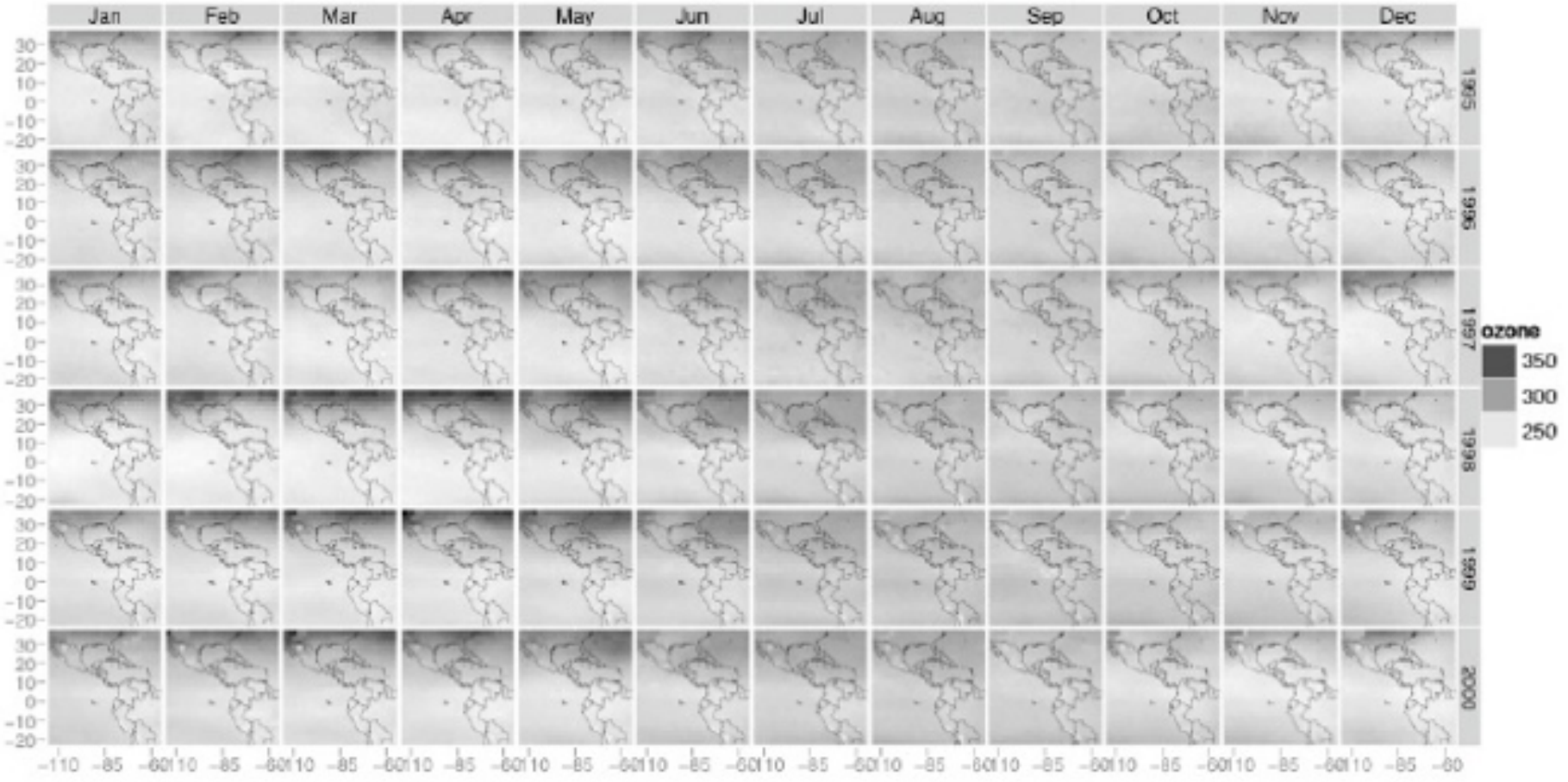


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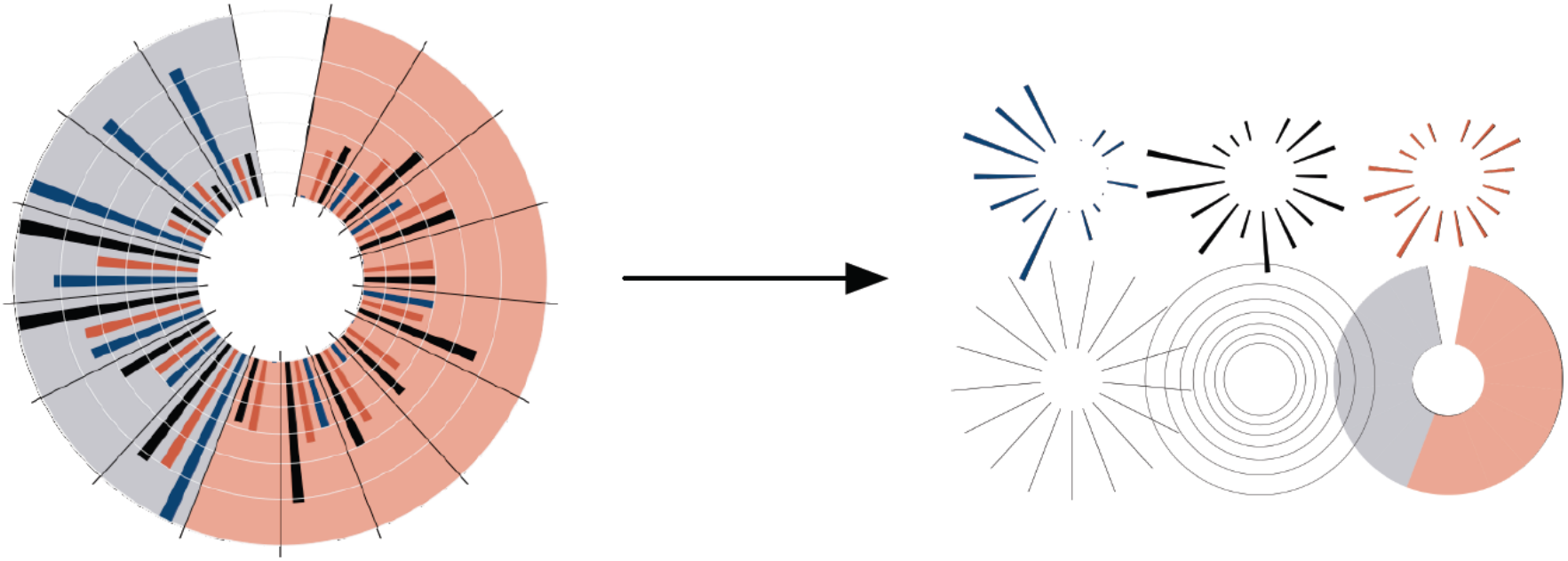
Protovis & D3

Today's first task is not to invent wholly new [*graphical*] techniques, though these are needed. Rather we need most vitally to recognize and reorganize the **essential of old techniques**, to **make easy their assembly in new ways**, and to **modify their external appearances to fit the new opportunities**.

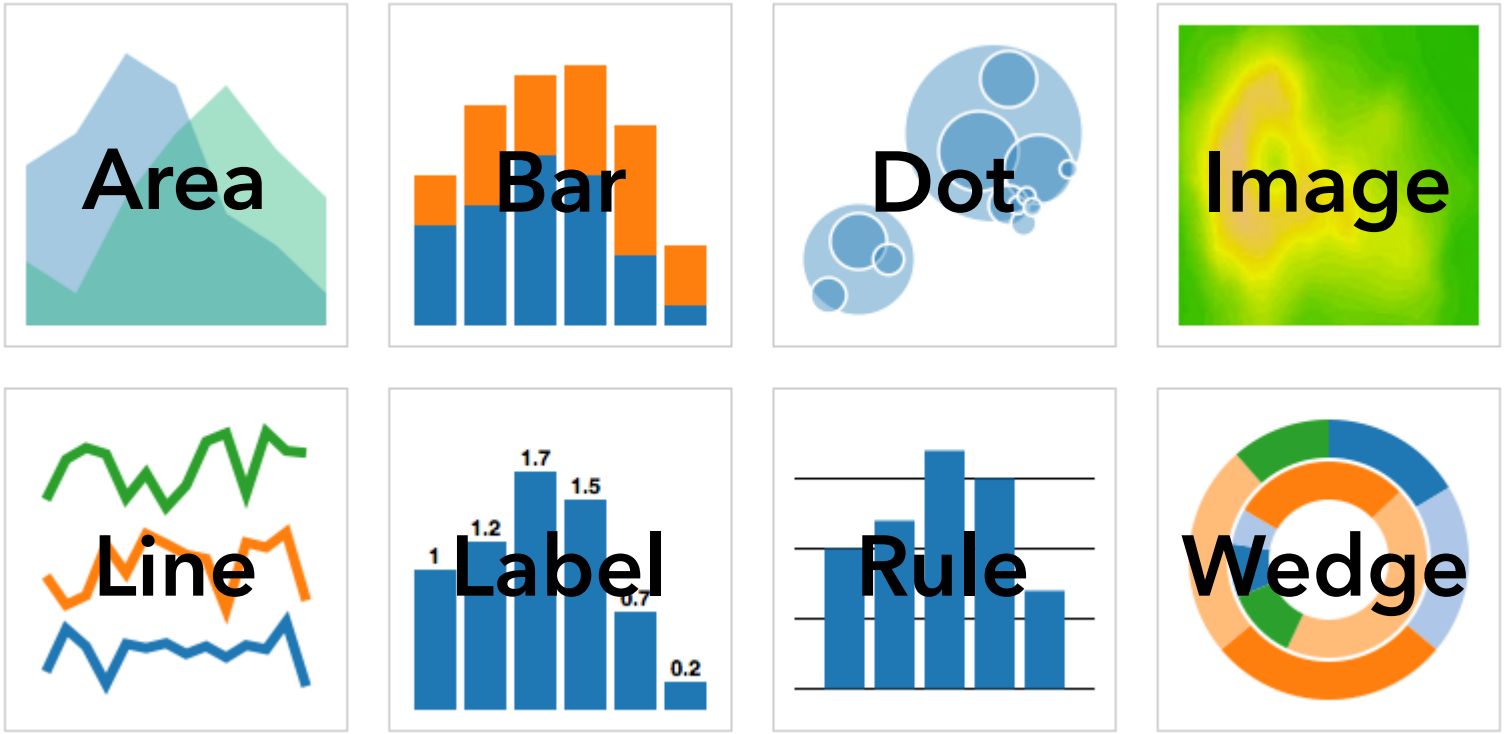
J. W. Tukey, M. B. Wilk
Data Analysis & Statistics, 1965

Protovis: A Grammar for Visualization



A graphic is a composition of data-representative marks.

with **Mike Bostock** & **Vadim Ogievetsky**



MARKS: Protovis graphical primitives

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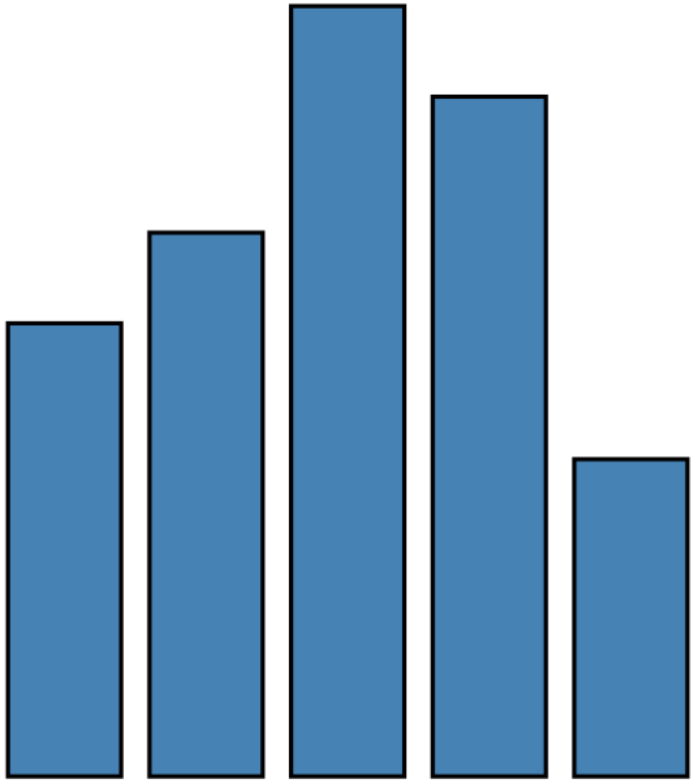

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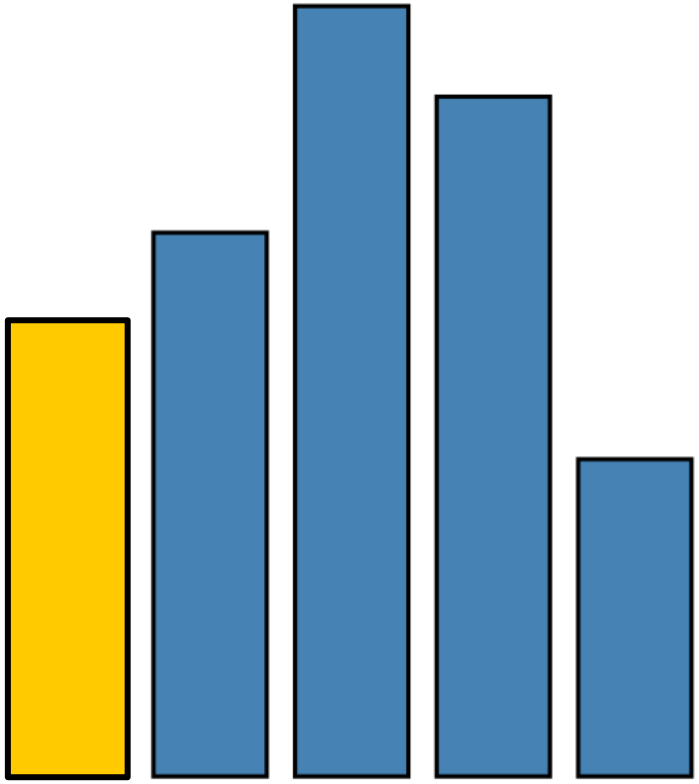

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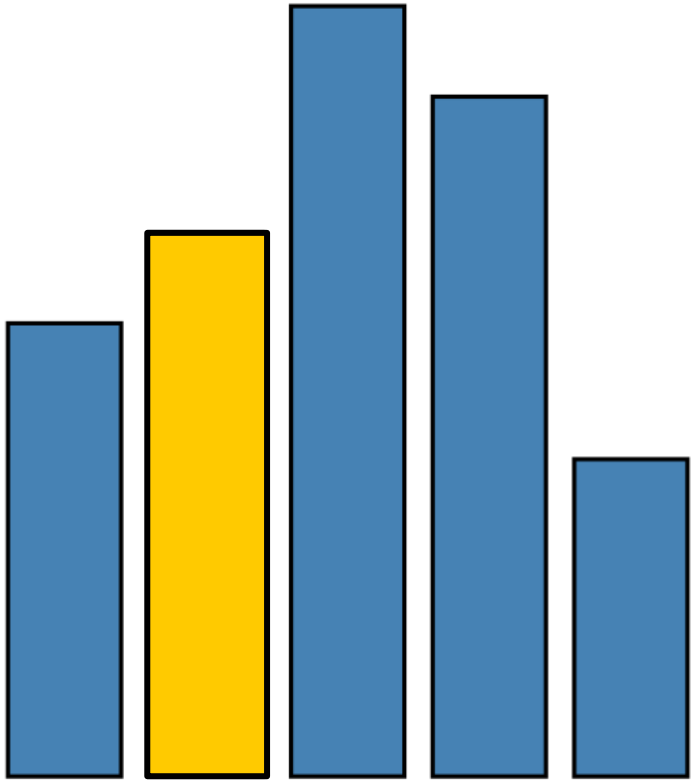

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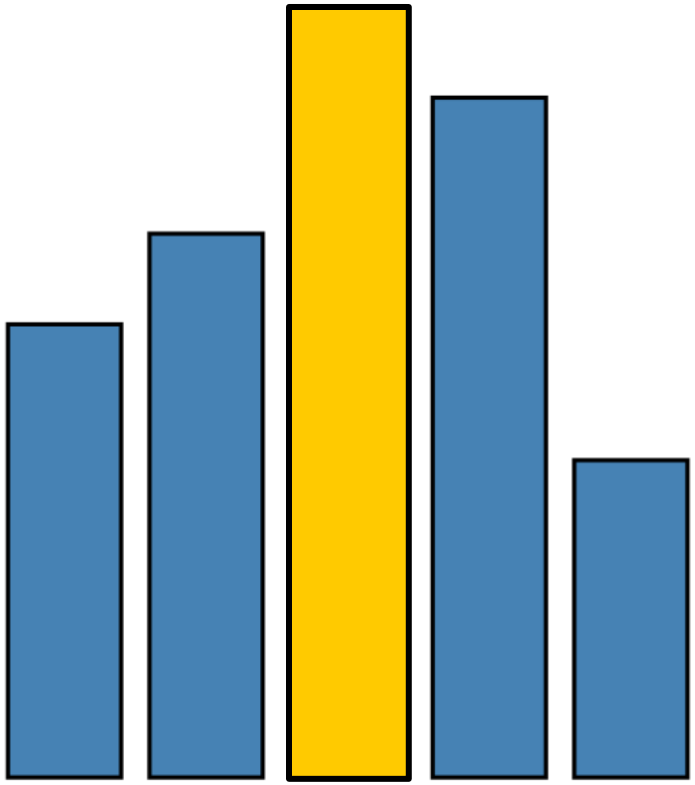

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lineWidth	1.5				
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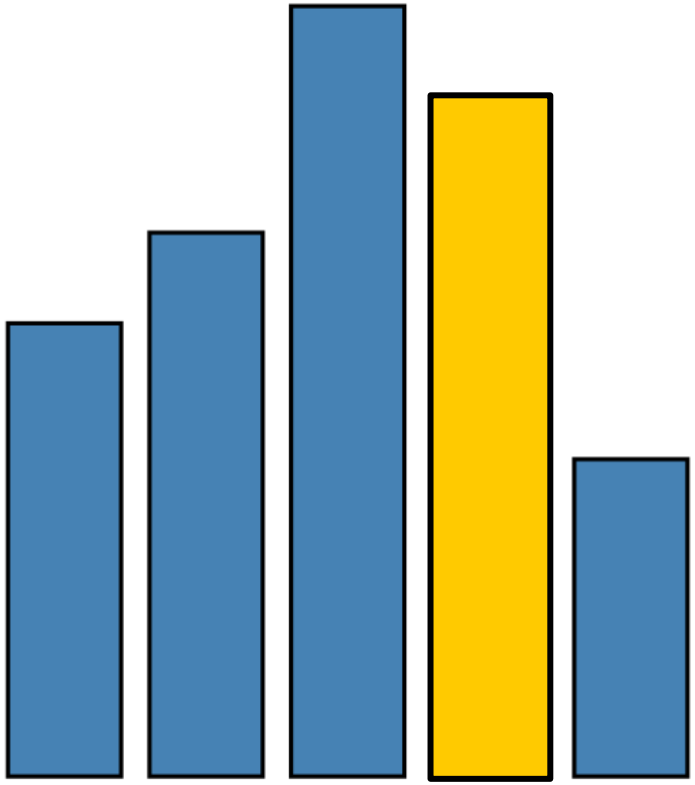
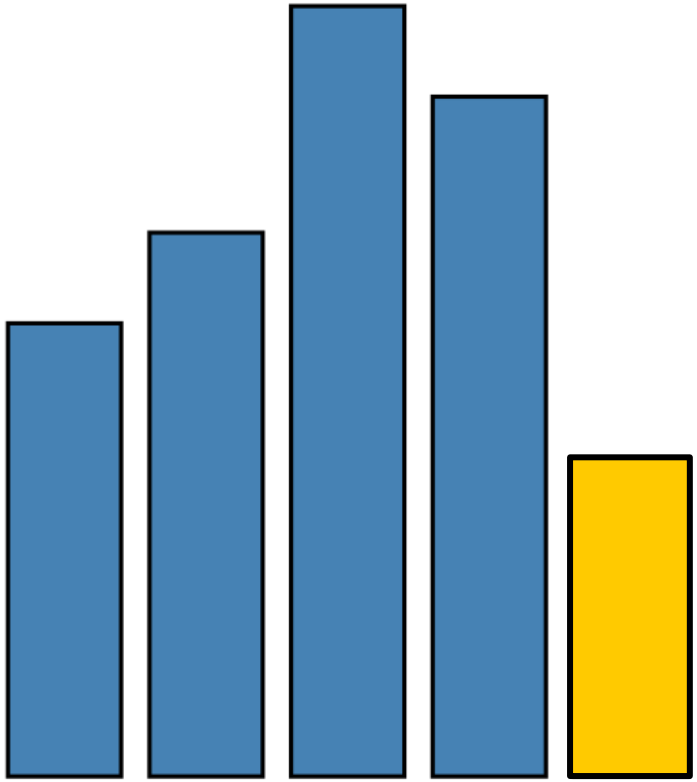


RECT $\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

data	1	1.2	1.7	1.5	0.7
visible	true				
left	4 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	0.7 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



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data	1	1.2	1.7	1.5	0.7
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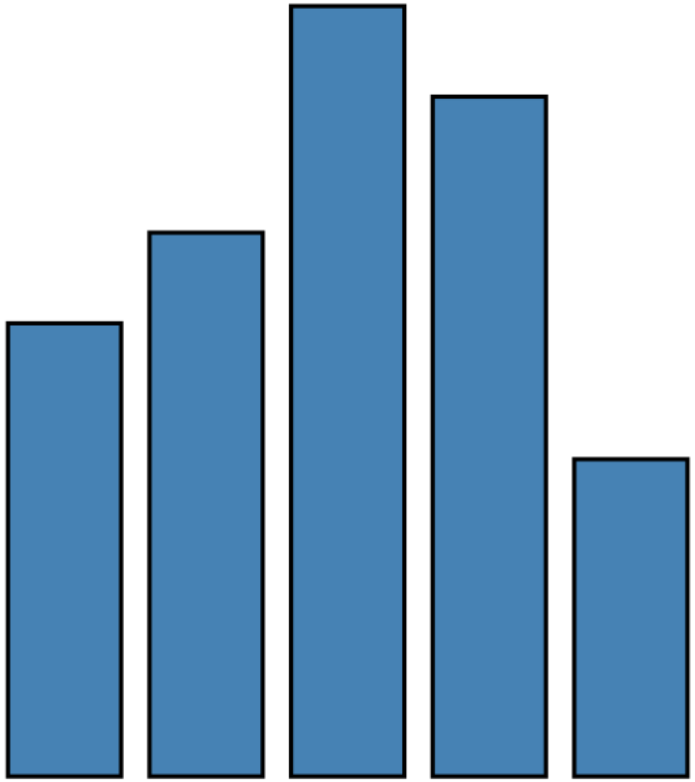

```
var vis = new pv.Panel();
vis.add(pv.Bar)
  .data([1, 1.2, 1.7, 1.5, 0.7])
  .visible(true)
  .left((d) => this.index * 25);
  .bottom(0)
  .width(20)
  .height((d) => d * 80)
  .fillStyle("blue")
  .strokeStyle("black")
  .lineWidth(1.5);
vis.render();
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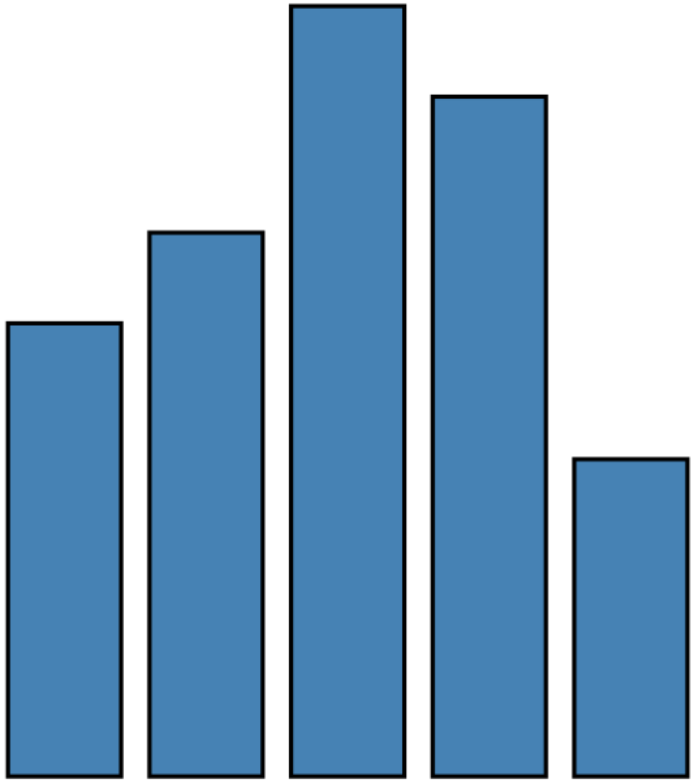

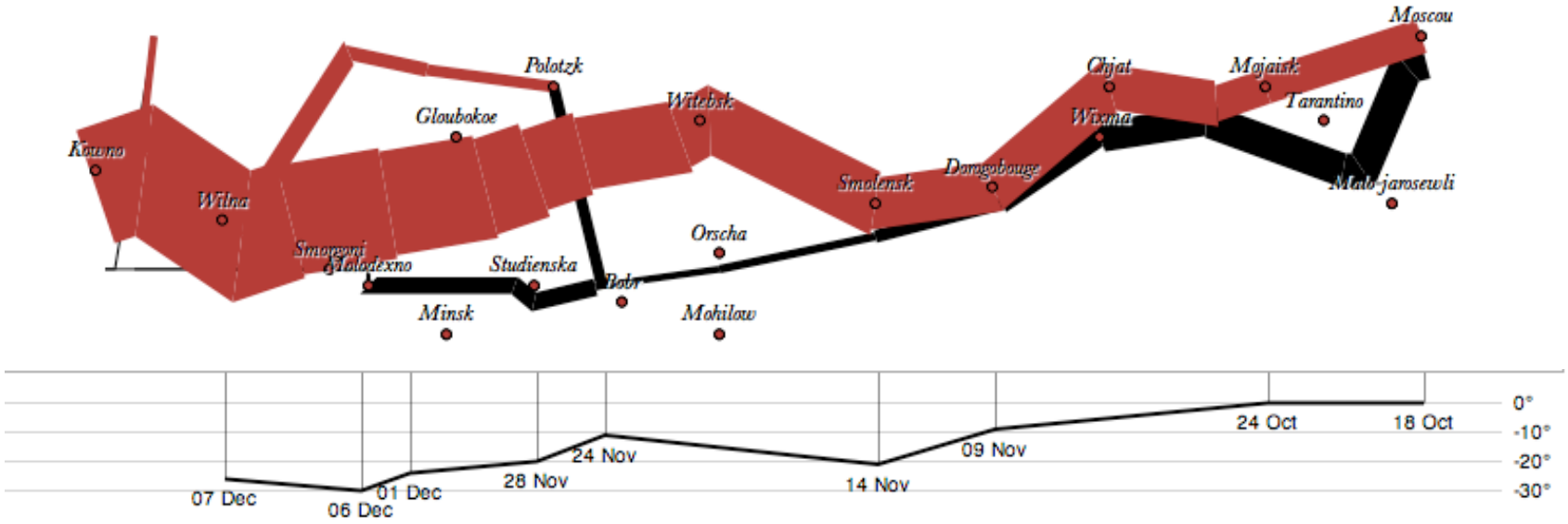


```
var army = pv.nest(napoleon.army, "dir", "group");
var vis = new pv.Panel();

var lines = vis.add(pv.Panel).data(army);
lines.add(pv.Line)
  .data(() => army[this.idx])
  .left(lon).top(lat).size((d) => d.size/8000)
  .strokeStyle(() => color[army[paneIndex][0].dir]);

vis.add(pv.Label).data(napoleon.cities)
  .left(lon).top(lat)
  .text((d) => d.city).font("italic 10px Georgia")
  .textAlign("center").textBaseline("middle");
```

```
vis.add(pv.Rule).data([0,-10,-20,-30])
  .top((d) => 300 - 2*d - 0.5).left(200).right(150)
  .lineWidth(1).strokeStyle("#ccc")
  .anchor("right").add(pv.Label)
    .font("italic 10px Georgia")
    .text((d) => d+"°").textBaseline("center");

vis.add(pv.Line).data(napoleon.temp)
  .left(lon).top(tmp) .strokeStyle("#0")
  .add(pv.Label)
    .top((d) => 5 + tmp(d))
    .text((d) => d.temp+"° "+d.date.substr(0,6))
    .textBaseline("top").font("italic 10px Georgia");
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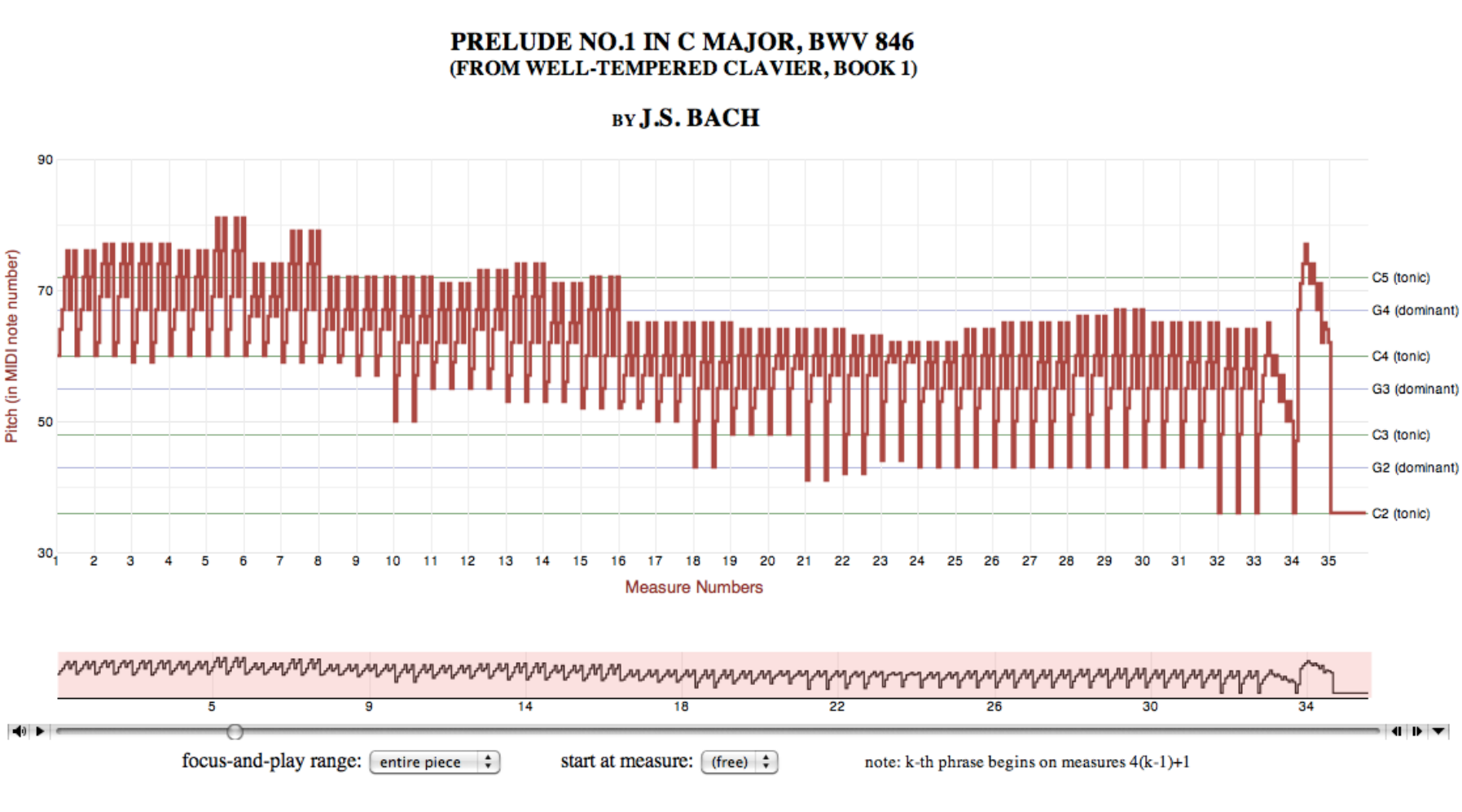
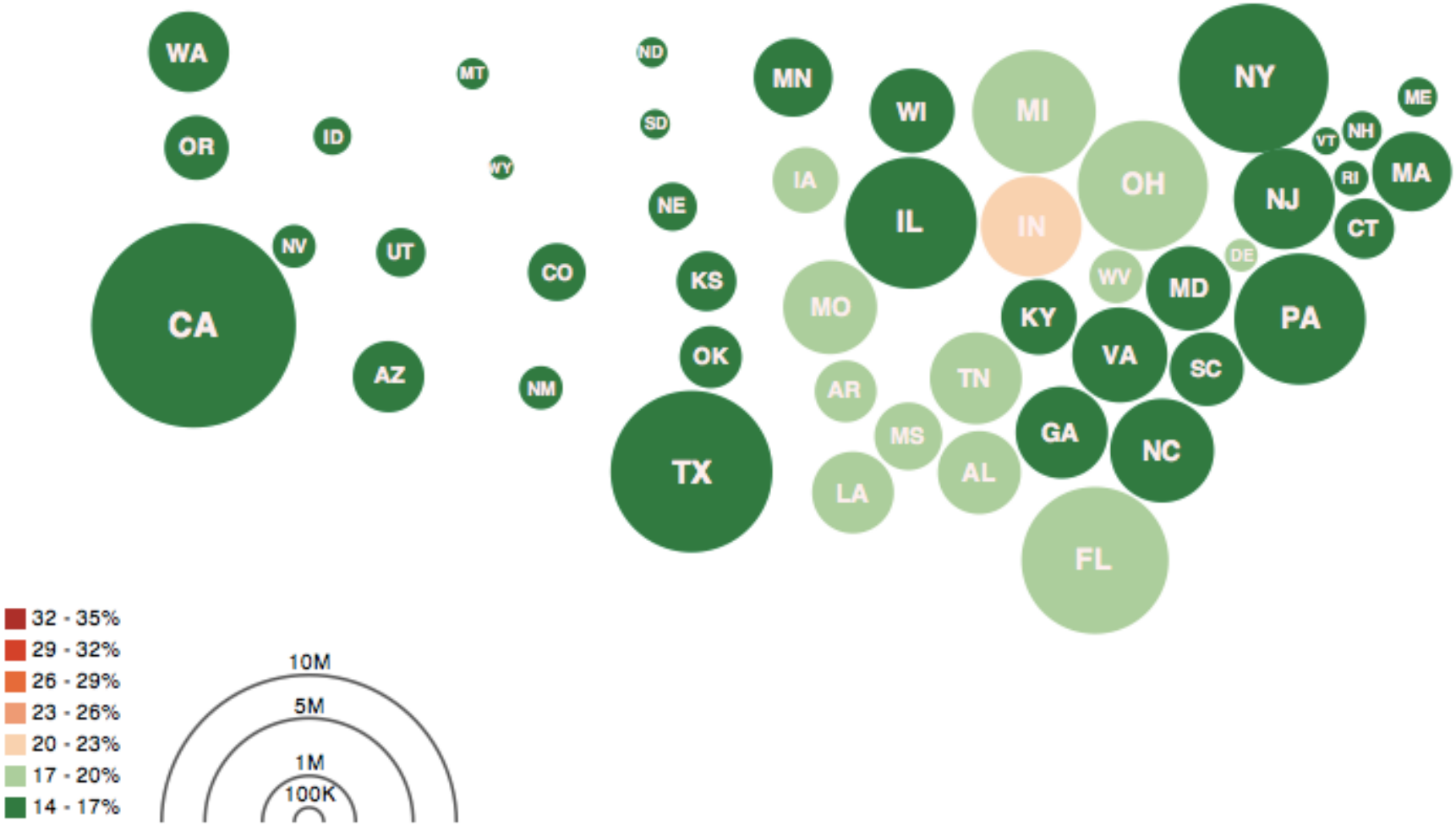


Bach's Prelude #1 in C Major | Jieun Oh



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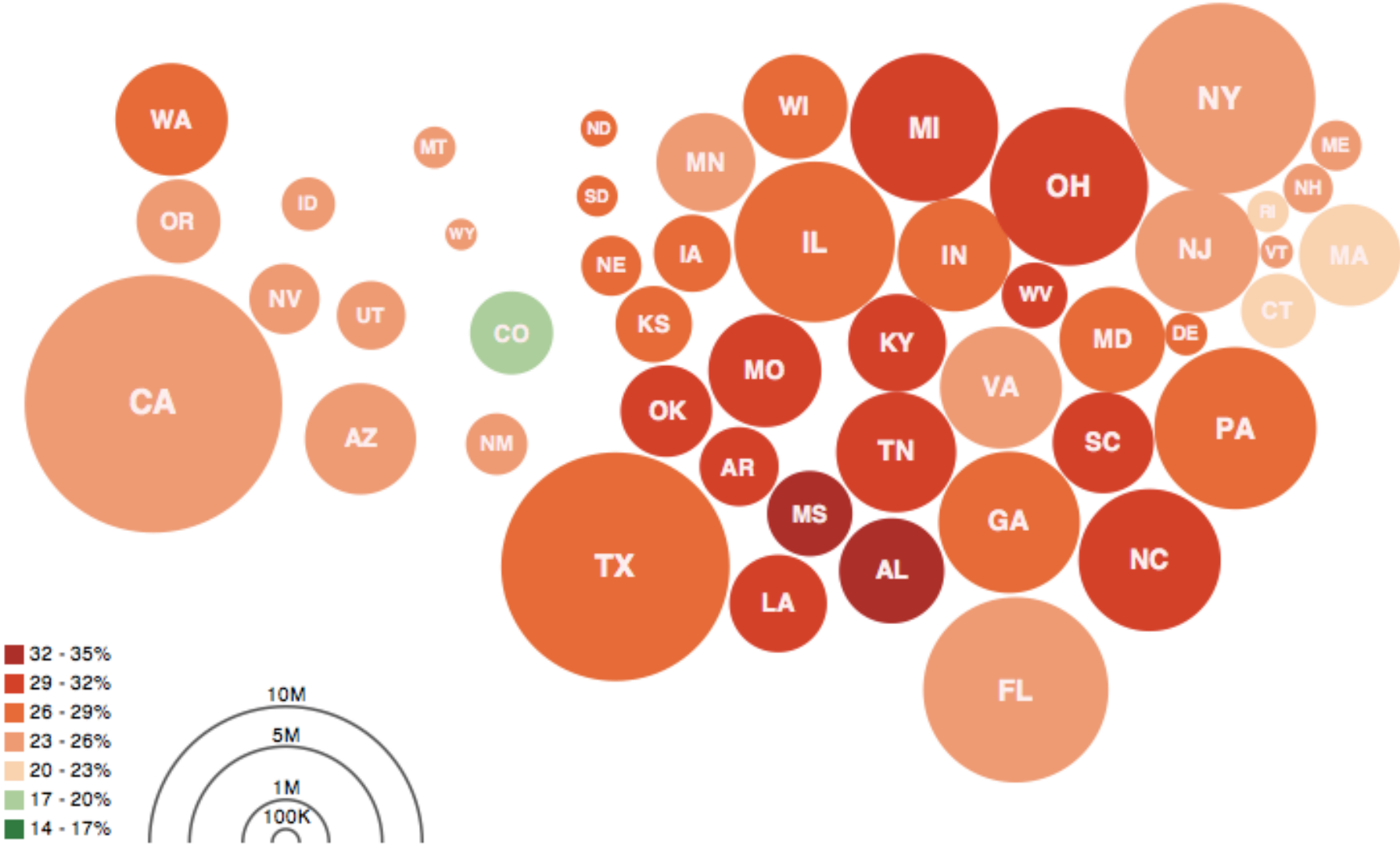

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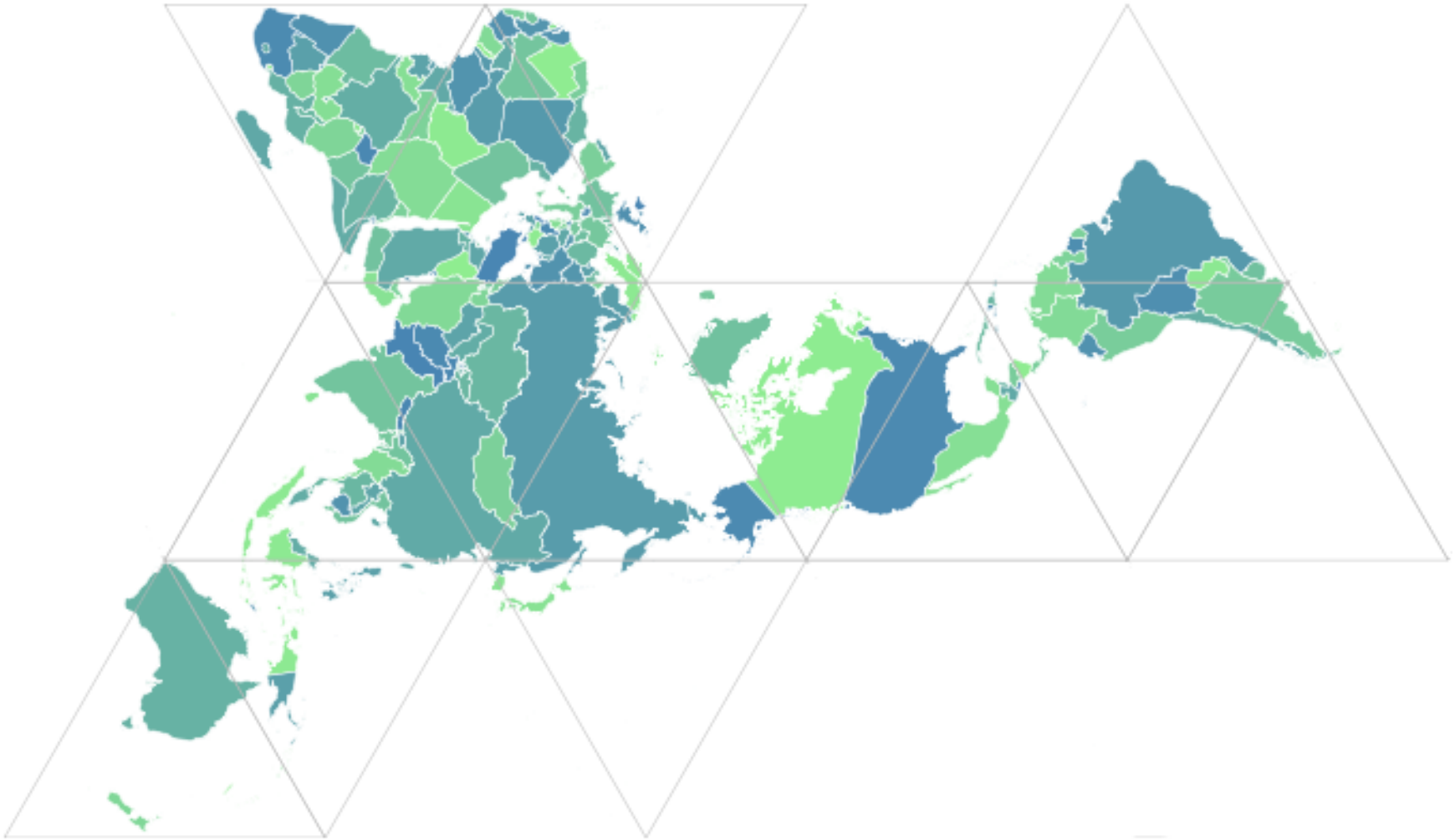
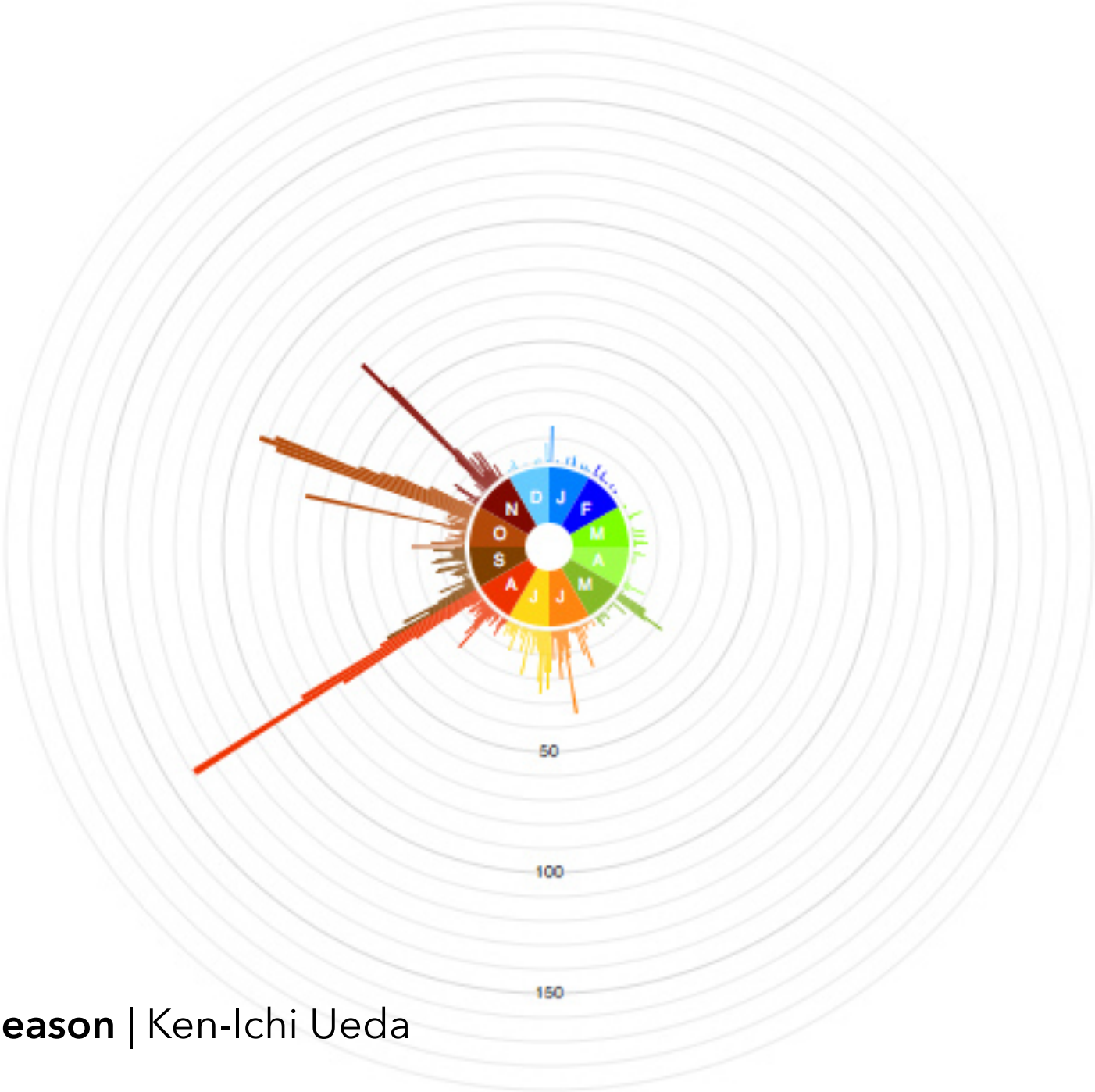
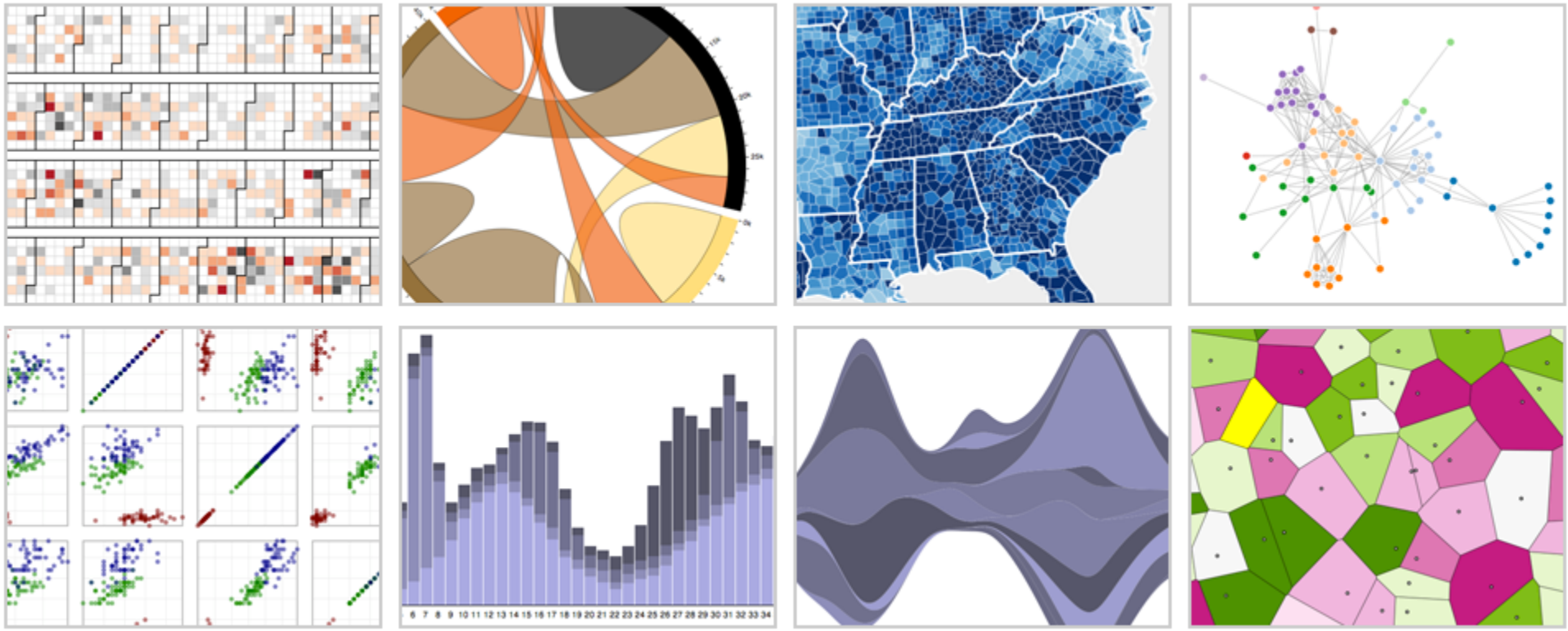


Dymaxion Maps | Vadim Ogievetsky



FlickrSeason | Ken-Ichi Ueda

d3.js Data-Driven Documents



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D3

Bind data to DOM

- Exposes SVG/CSS/…
+ Exposes SVG/CSS/…
+ Less overhead (faster)
+ Debug in browser
+ Use with other tools

Transform a scene (verbs)

- More complex model
+ Immediate evaluation
+ Dynamic data, anim, and interaction natural

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Reminders!

Assignment 3 Due **tonight, Mon 5/3, 11:59pm PT**

https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse412/21sp/a3.html

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Four Peer Evaluations Due **Mon 5/10, 11:59pm PT**

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Final Project Teams

Work in groups of 3-5 people

Post your project ideas and interests on Ed,
or respond to classmates about their projects

Mark thread as resolved when you are no longer looking for additional members

https://edstem.org/us/courses/4910/discussion/354324

Final Project Proposal

Form: https://forms.gle/D3WpCvdQkMa3kt6z6

Project Name - short name for GitHub
e.g., food-deserts or solar-panel-manufacturing

Abstract - describing goals and motivation

Team members - UW email, GitHub username

Due by **11:59 pm PT, next Friday May 7th**

A3 Assignment Peer Critiques

Review **four** A3 submissions (assigned on Canvas)

Submit **four** critique forms by **Mon 5/10, 11:59pm**

Assignments will be posted **tomorrow afternoon** after the A3 deadline (announced on Ed).

Please submit A3 on time! Assignments submitted late will not receive any peer evaluations. Image filenames must be exactly **"ethical"** and **"deceptive"**

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Follow **I like / I wish / What if?** format for critiques
Be positive! Be constructive! Share crazy ideas!

Results discussed in class on Fri 5/14

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Critique Questions

What is the purpose of the visualization?
Does it serve its purpose well?
Does it convey the data honestly?
Does it show the appropriate level of detail?
Are expressive & effective visual encodings used?
Is the design well-organized? Is it innovative?
What would you like to change or refine?
How might things be done differently?

I Like… / I Wish… / What If?

I LIKE…

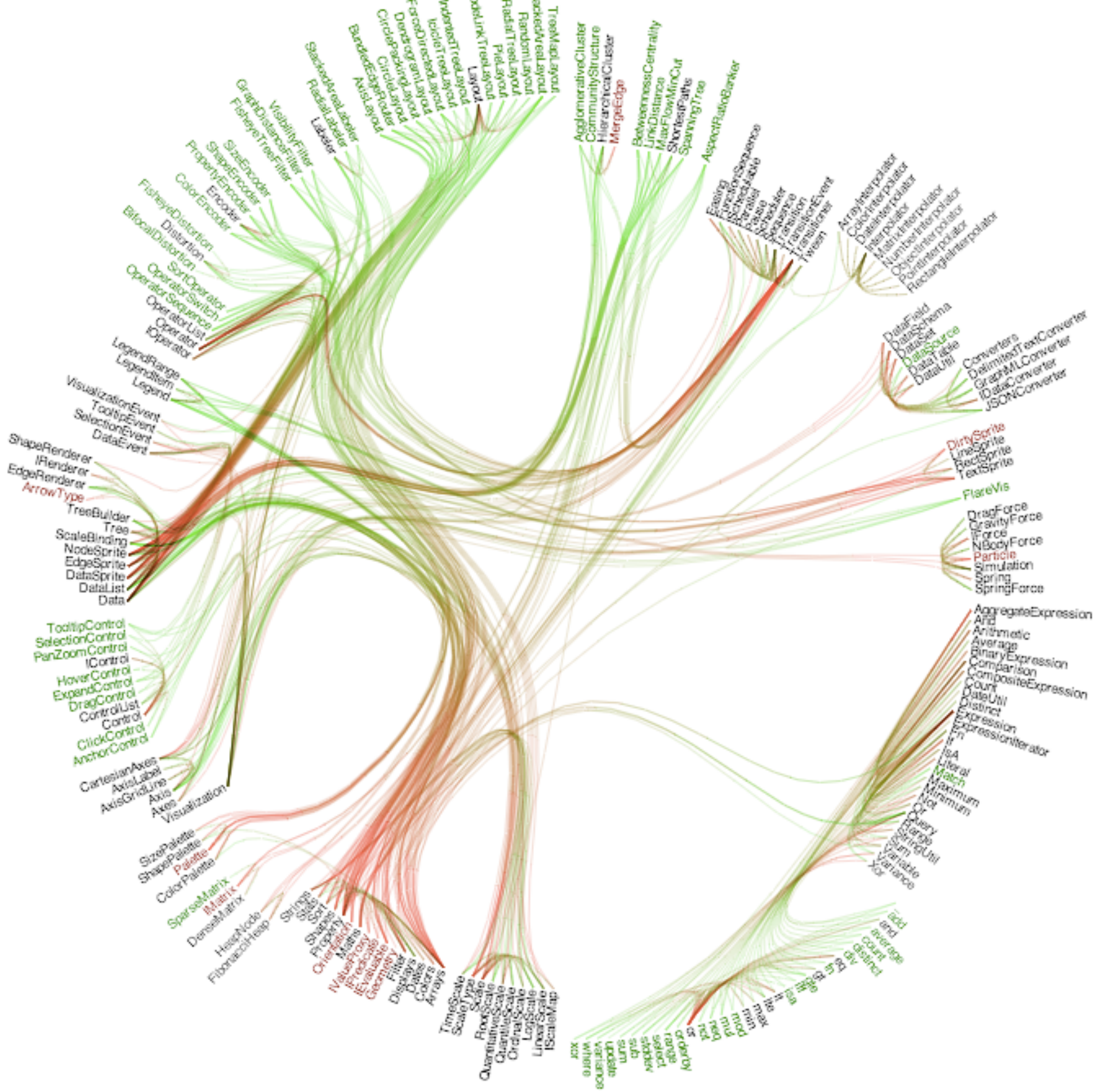
Praise for design ideas and/or well-executed implementation details. *Example: "I like the navigation through time via the slider; the patterns observed as one moves forward are compelling!"*

I WISH…

Constructive statements on how the design might be improved or further refined. *Example: "I wish moving the slider caused the visualization to update immediately, rather than the current lag."*

WHAT IF?

Suggest alternative design directions, or even wacky half-baked ideas. *Example: "What if we got rid of the slider and enabled direct manipulation navigation by dragging data points directly?"*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DirtySprite
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ShortestPaths
SpanningTree
AgglomerativeCluster
CommunityStructure
HierarchicalCluster
MergeEdge

I Like… / I Wish… / What If?

I LIKE…

The goal of supporting developers to improve decoupling.
The “cut-line” interaction to isolate links of interest.
The use of gradients to show edge directionality.

I WISH…

I could author multiple cut-lines for compound queries.
More details on demand were shown upon mouse-hover.

WHAT IF?

You could incorporate information from applications that use this code? How often are different modules used?

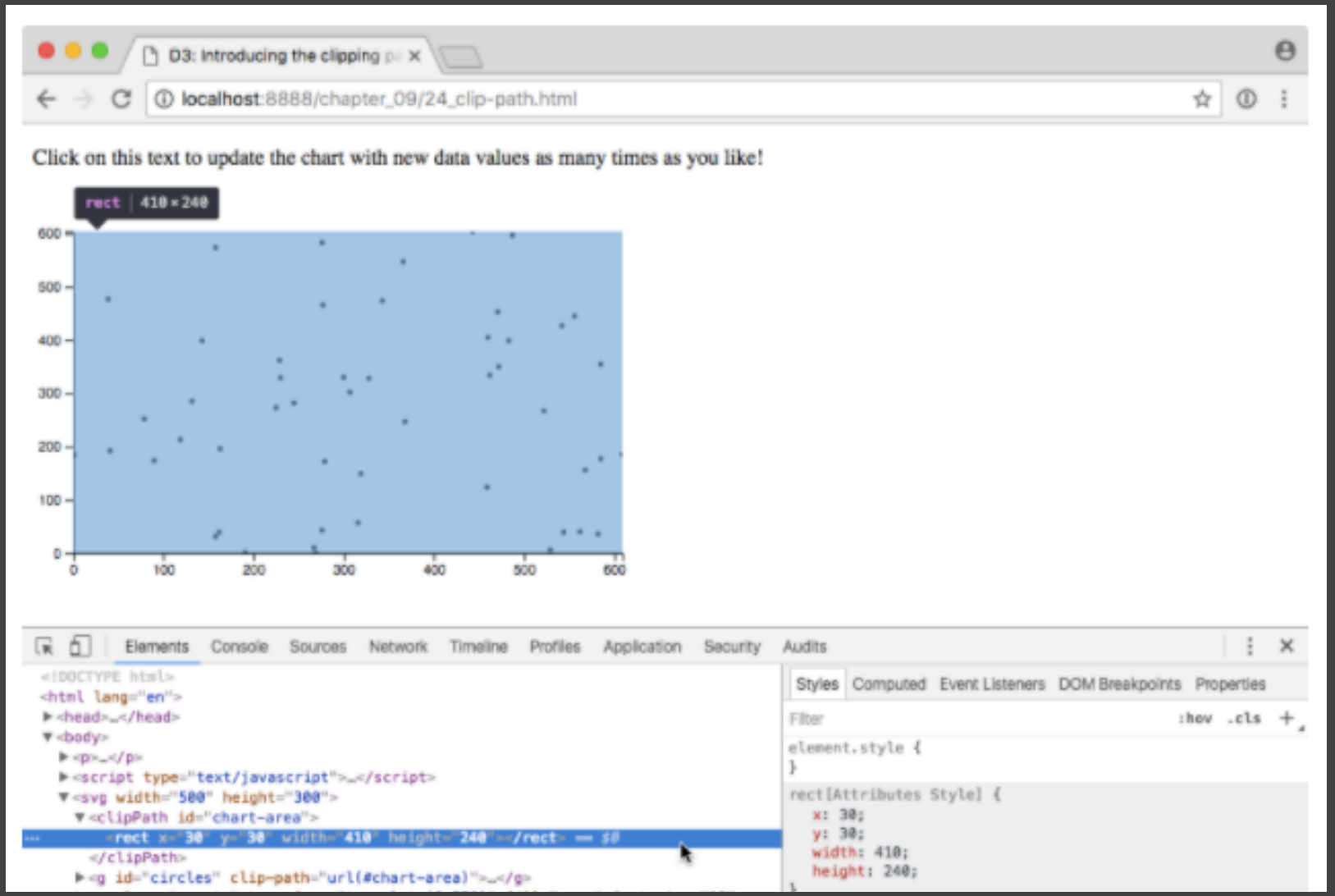
Critique Categories

Visualization Design (Visual Encodings)
Choice of visual encodings (expressive, effective?)
Is the appropriate information visible by default?

Overall Design Quality
Organization, legibility, fitness for chosen goals

Task Effectiveness
Is the viewer readily able to answer the question?
Is the *ethical* design clear and transparent?
Is the *deceptive* design subtly misleading?

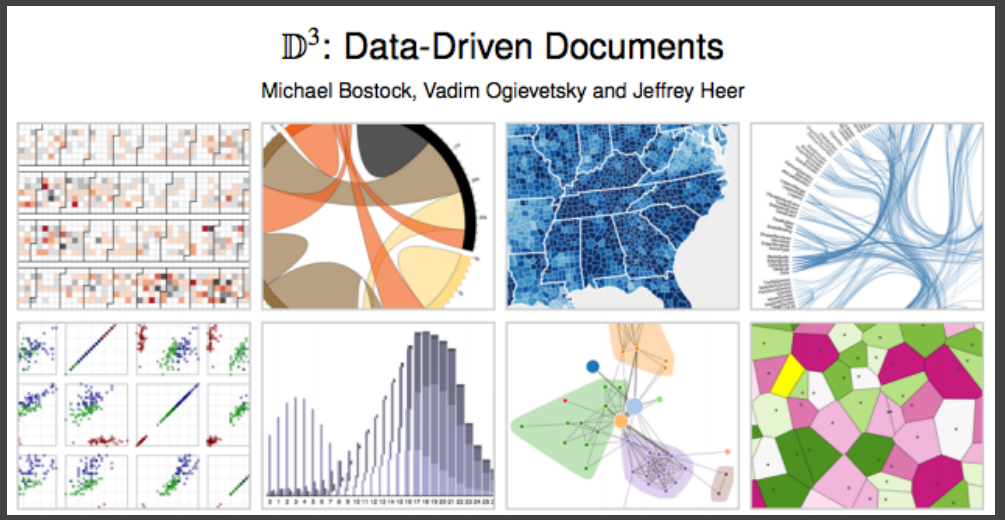
Required Reading for Wed 5/5



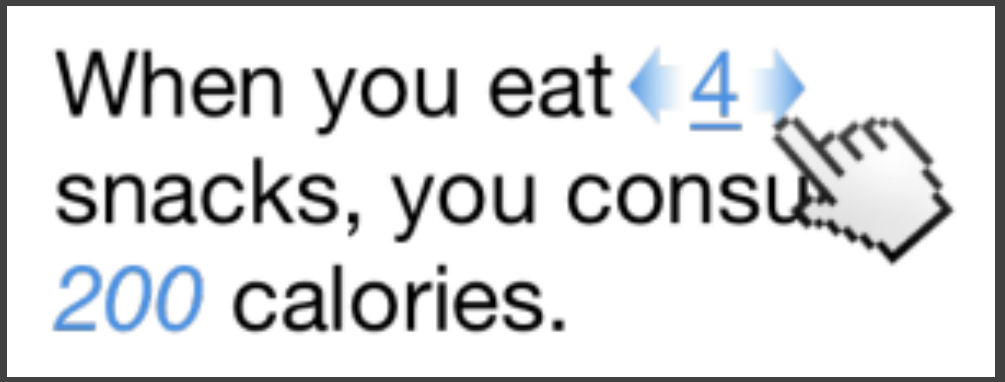
Chapters 9, 10 in Interactive Data Visualization for the Web, 2nd Edition. Scott Murray.

Optional Readings for Week 6

MON Critical Reflections on Visualization Authoring Systems.



WED D3: Data-Driven Documents. IEEE InfoVis. 2011.



MON Idyll: A Markup Language for Authoring and Publishing Interactive Articles on the Web. UIST. 2018.

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```
d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(my_data)
 .join("rect")
  .attr("x", d => xscale(d.foo))
  .attr("y", d => yscale(d.bar))
```


```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"
 "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
<!--[if IE]><![endif]-->
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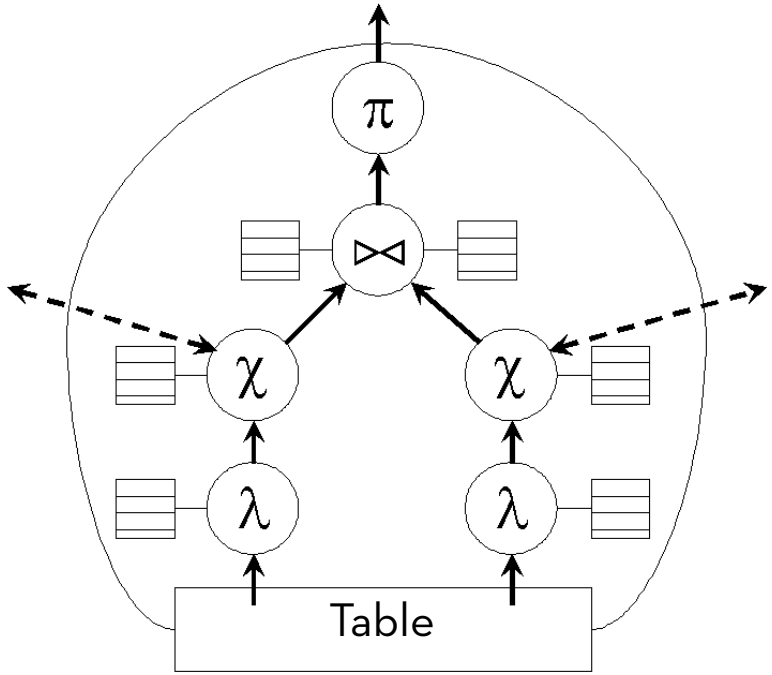


```
SELECT customer_id, customer_name,
    COUNT(order_id) as total
FROM customers
INNER JOIN orders ON
    customers.customer_id
    = orders.customer_id
GROUP BY customer_id, customer_nam
HAVING COUNT(order_id) > 5
ORDER BY COUNT(order_id) DESC
```

SQL

Why Declarative Languages?

Faster iteration. Less code. Larger user base.

Better visualization. *Smart defaults.*

Reuse. *Write-once, then re-apply.*

Performance. *Optimization, scalability.*

Portability. *Multiple devices, renderers, inputs.*

Programmatic generation.
Write programs which output visualizations.
Automated search & recommendation.

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Tableau, ***Lyra, Polestar, Voyager***

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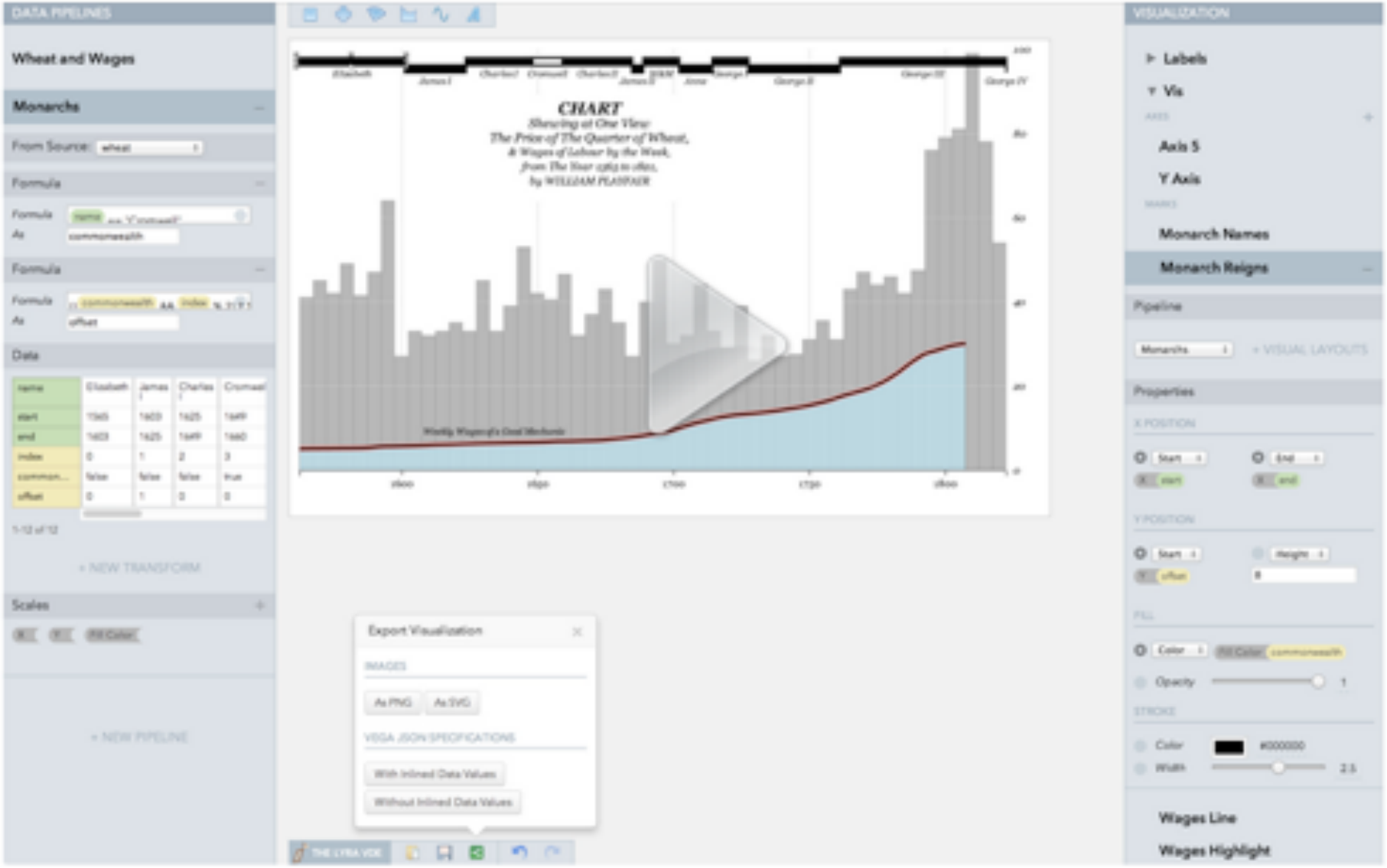

Lyra: An Interactive Visualization Design Environment

Satyanarayan et al. *EuroVis'14, OpenVis '14*

Link to Demo!

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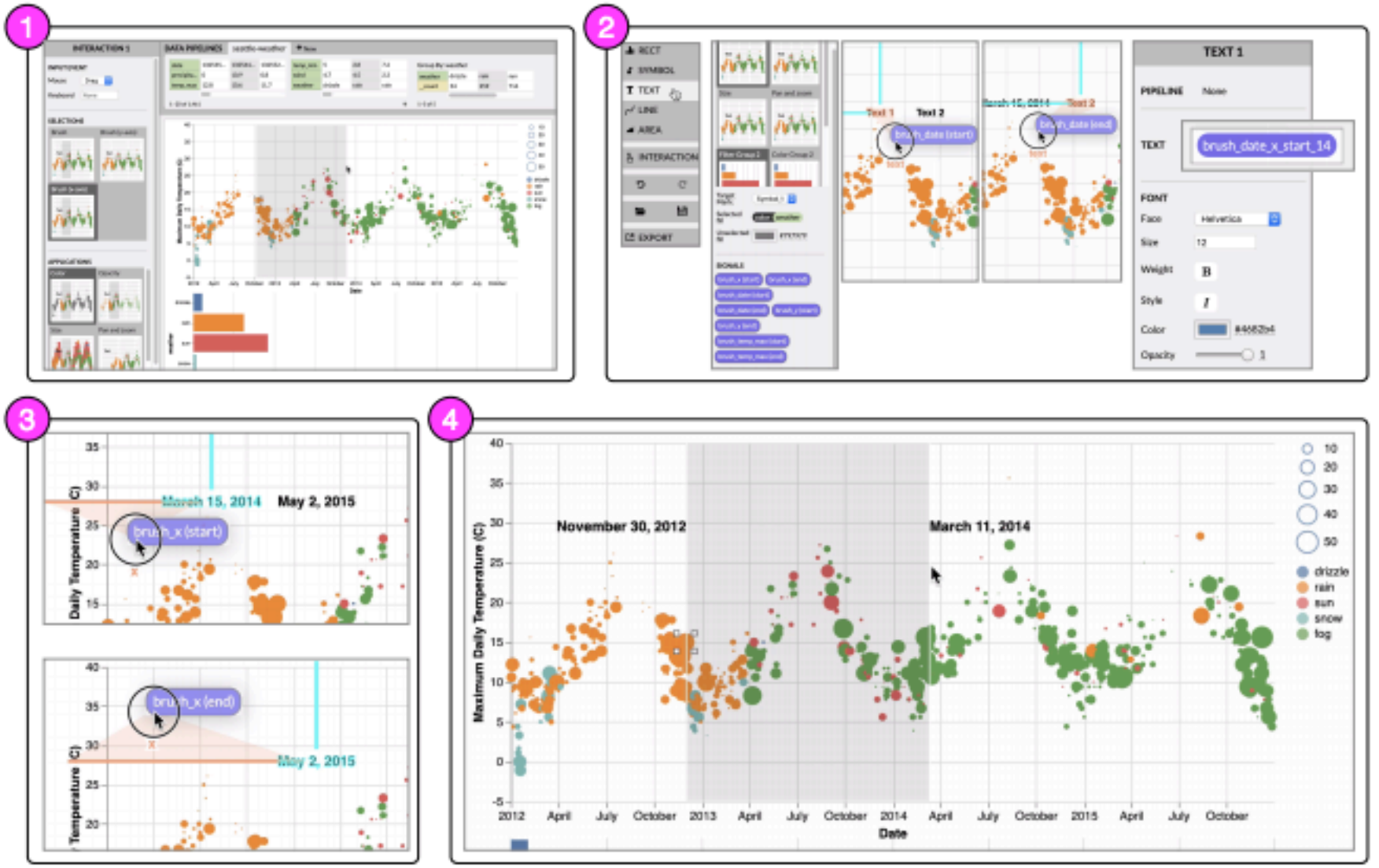

Lyra 2: Designing Interactive Visualizations by Demonstration Zong et al. *InfoVis'21*

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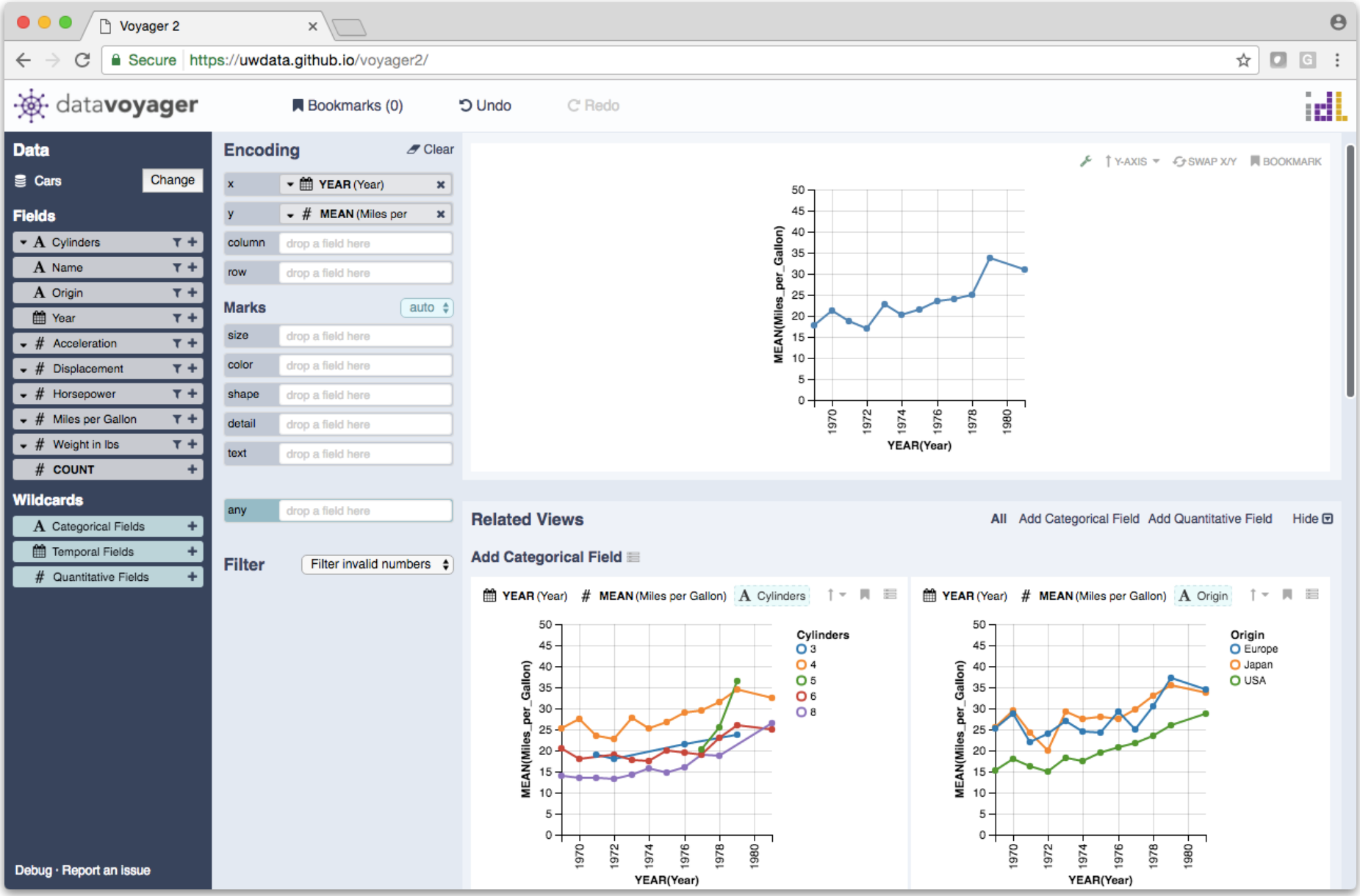

Voyager. Wongsuphasawat et al. *InfoVis'15, CHI'17*

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