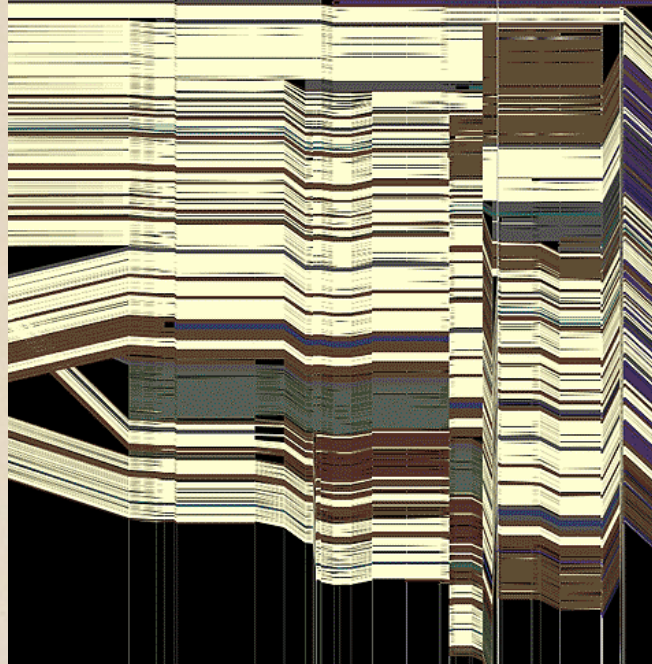
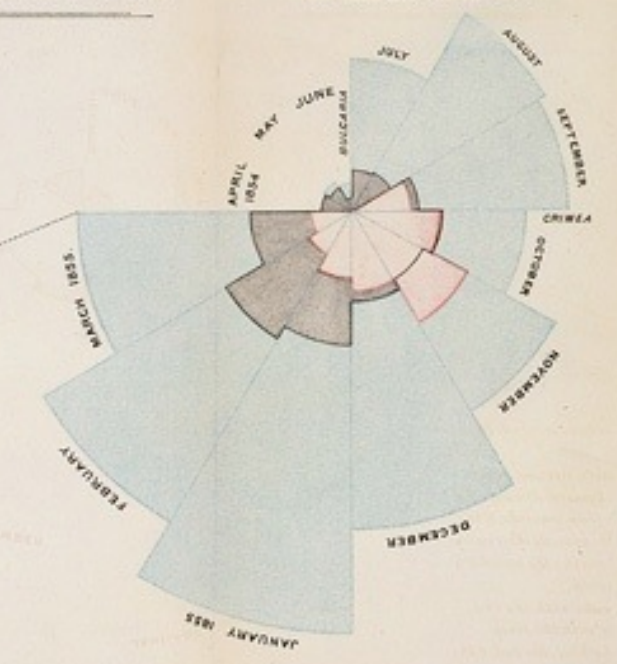


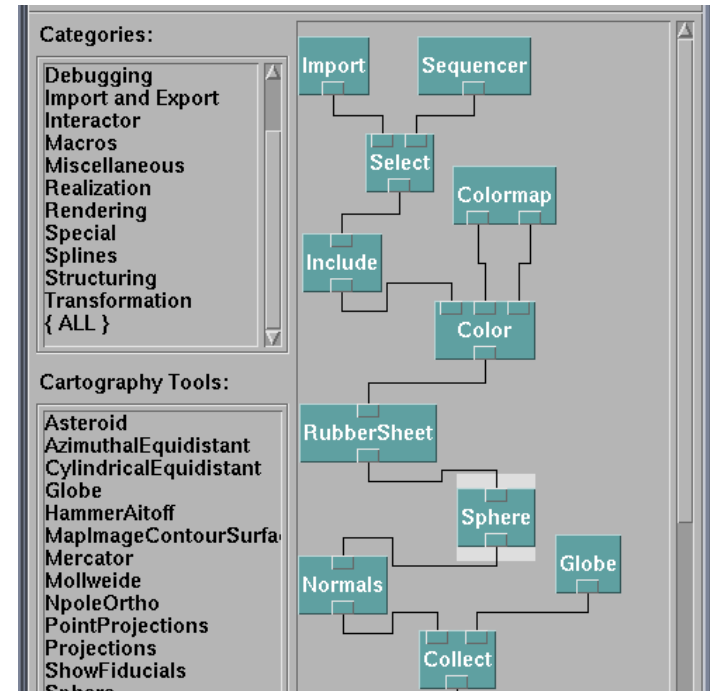
CSE 442 - Data Visualization

# Visualization Tools



Jeffrey Heer University of Washington

# 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

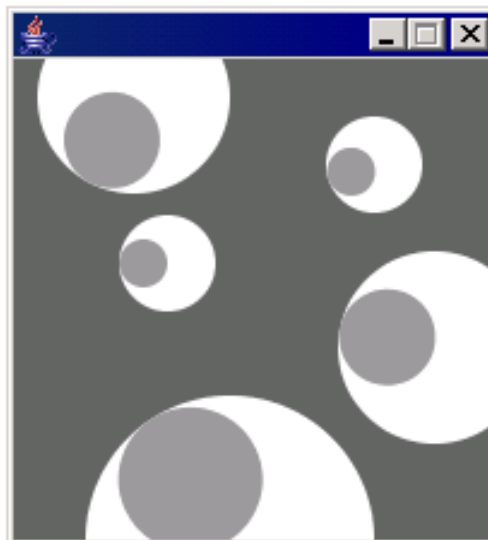
# **Graphics APIs**

Canvas, OpenGL, Processing



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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();  
}  
}
```





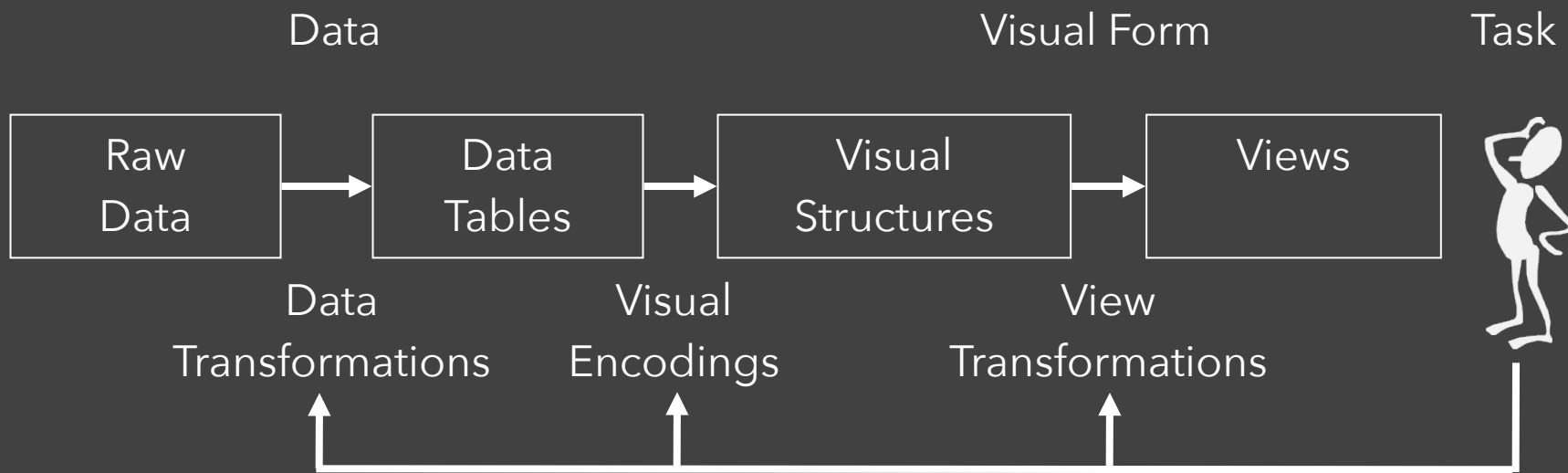
US Air Traffic, Aaron Koblin

## **Component Architectures**

Prefuse, Flare, Improvise, VTK

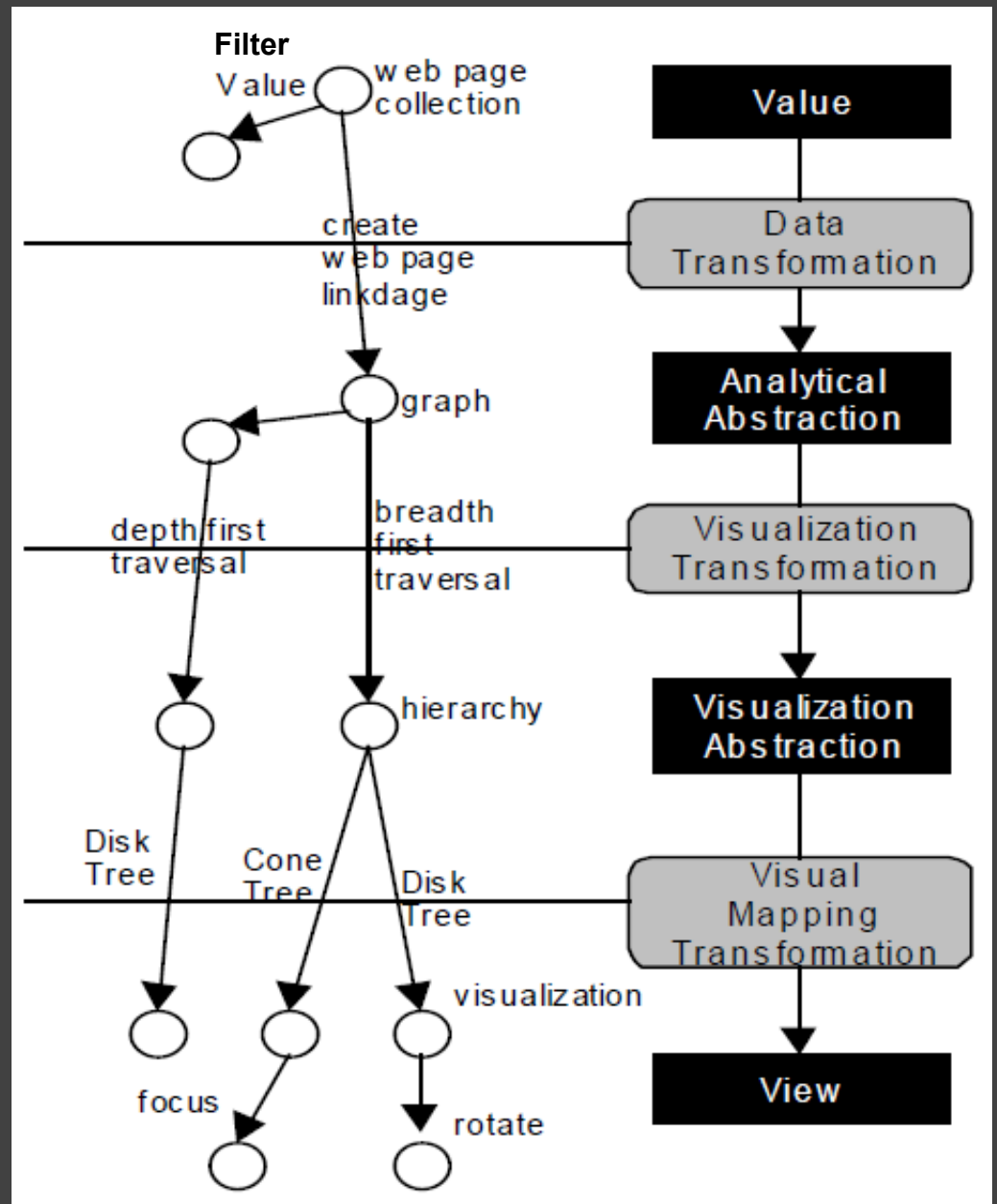
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# Data State Model

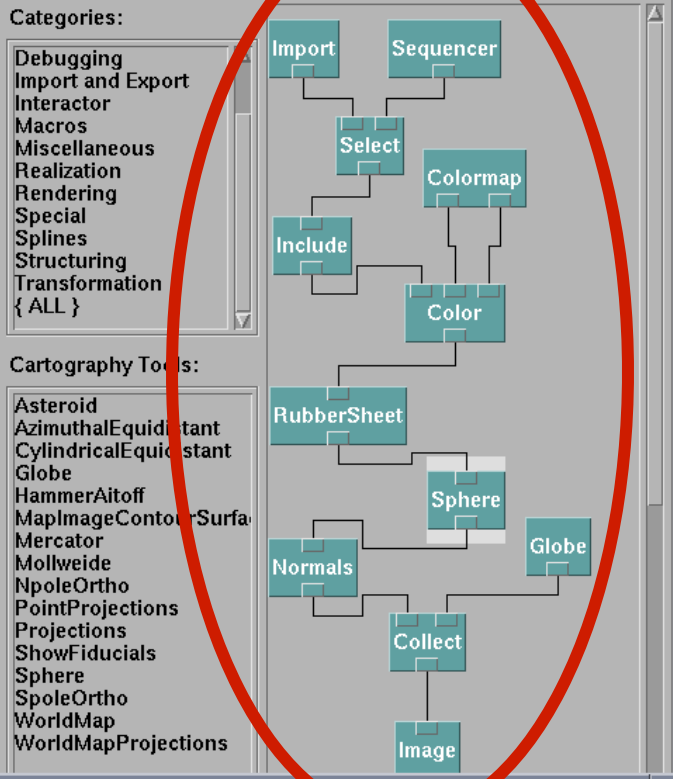
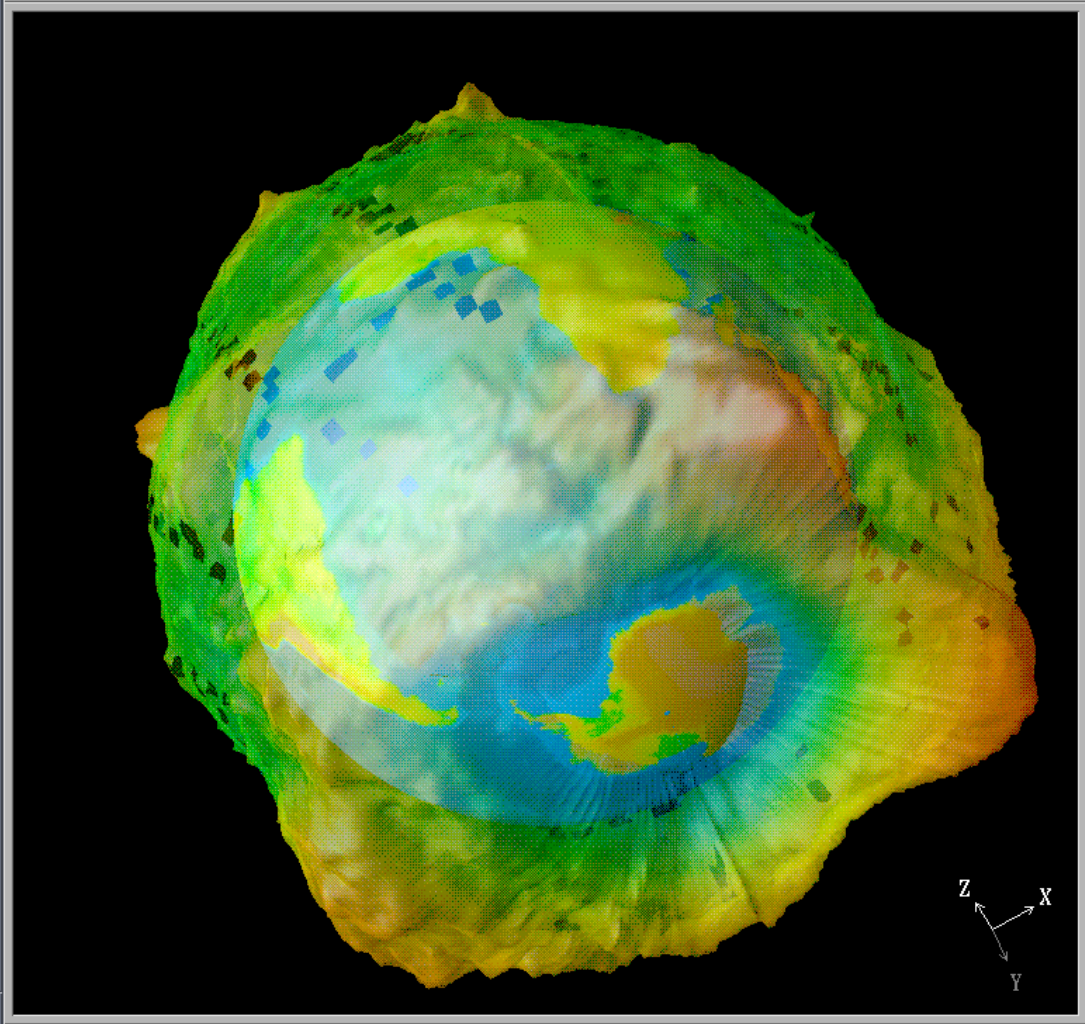
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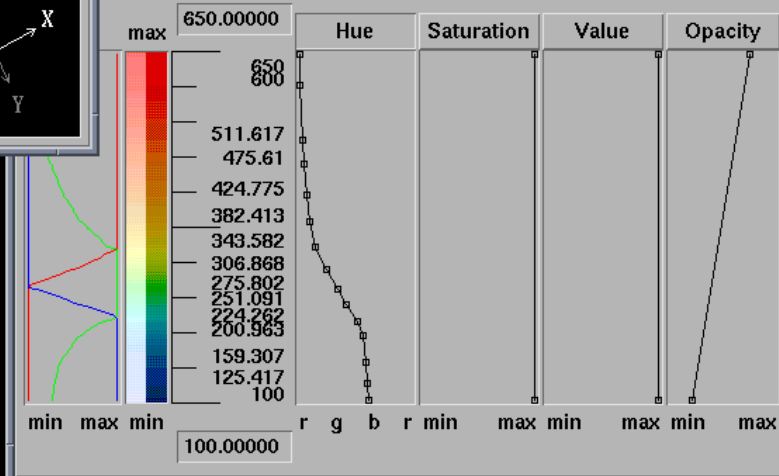
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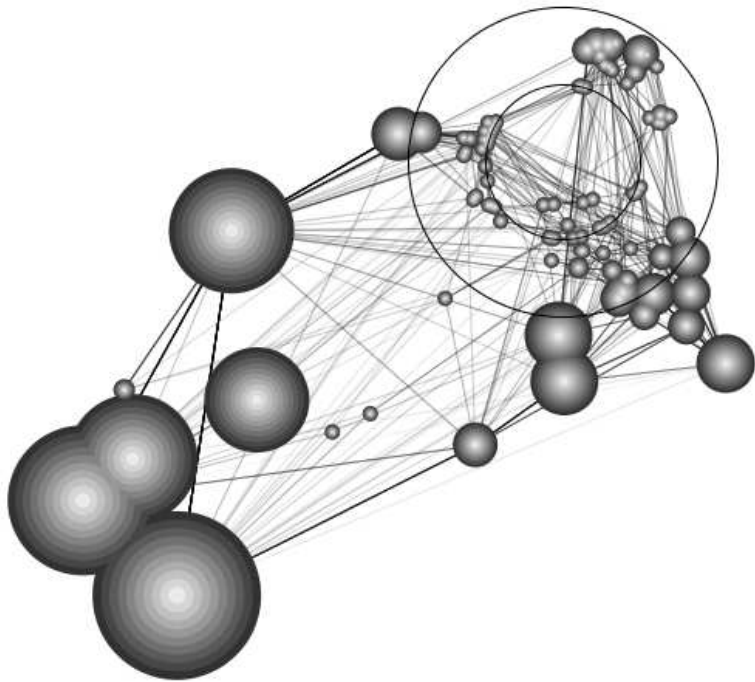
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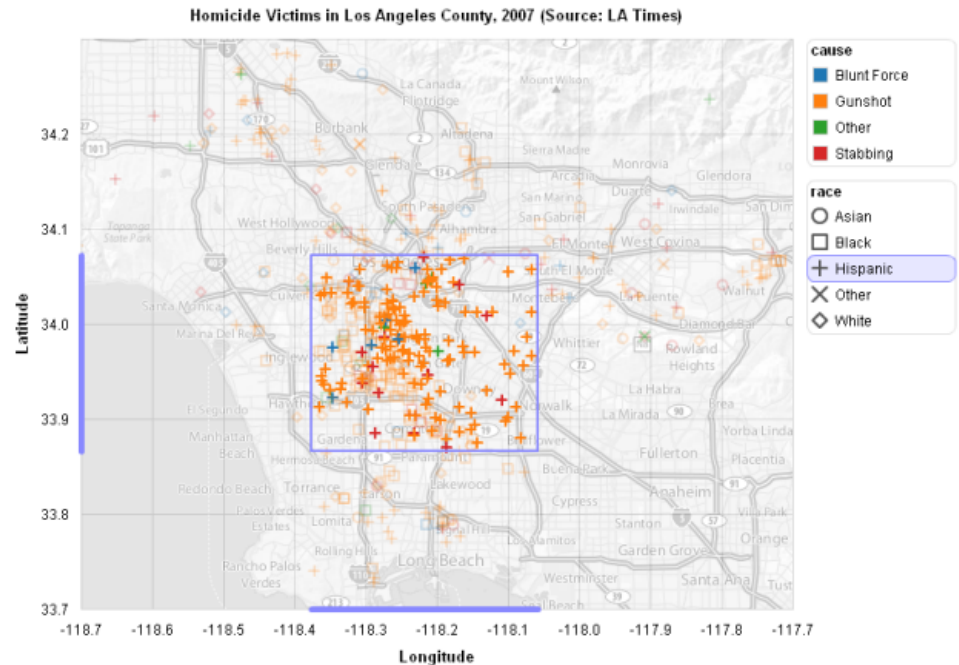
# Prefuse & Flare

Operator-based toolkits for visualization design

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

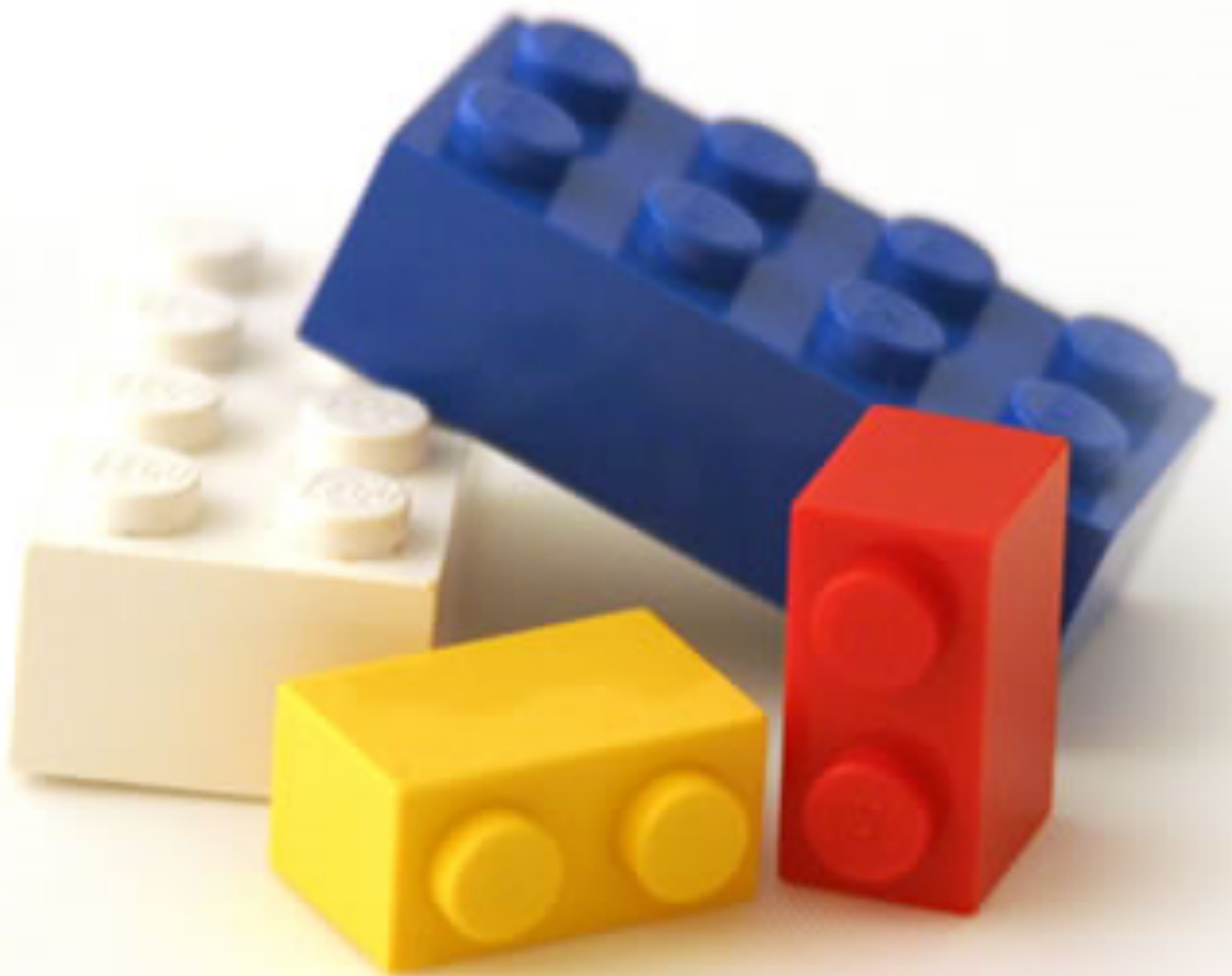


Prefuse (<http://prefuse.org>)



Flare (<http://flare.prefuse.org>)







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# Chart Typologies

## Data Sets : State Quick Facts

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	People QuickFacts	Population 2005 estimate	Population percent change April 1 2000 to July 1 2005	Population 2000	Population percent change 1990 to 2000	Persons under 5 years old percent 2004	Persons under 18 years old percent 2004	Persons 65 years old and over percent 2004
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.

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#### 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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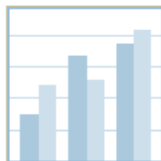


#### Word Tree

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

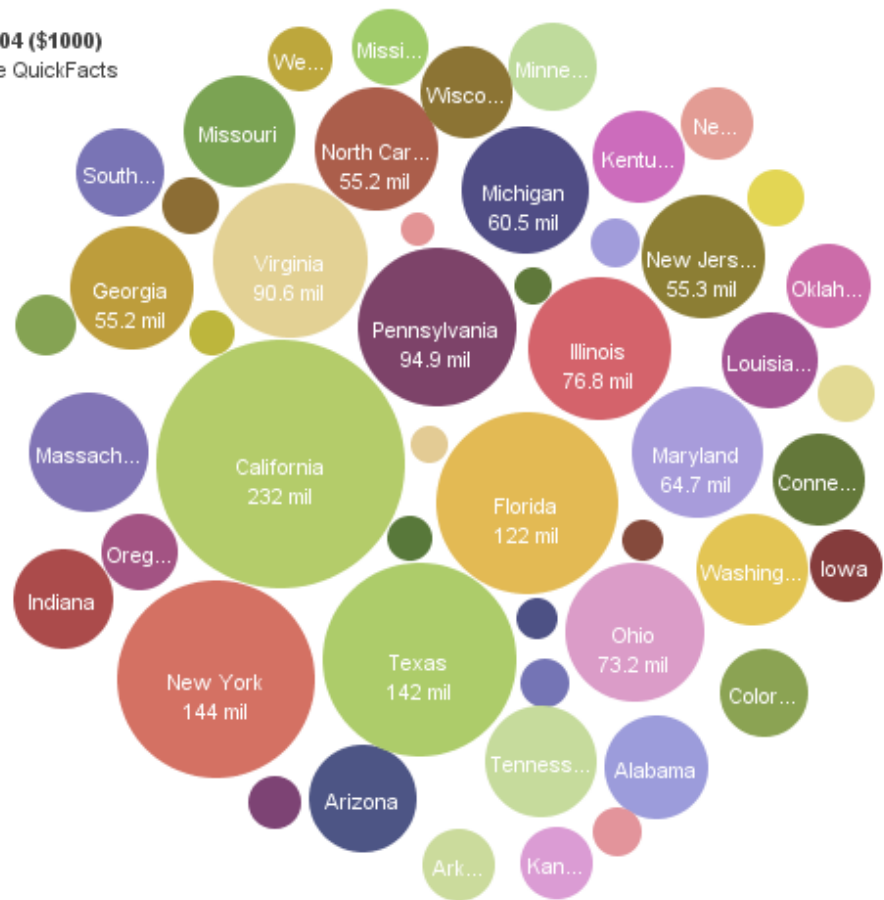
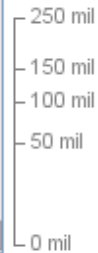
Tags: census people

People QuickFac...

Click to select,  
Ctrl-Click: multiple  
Shift-Click: range

**Federal spending 2004 (\$1000)**  
Disks colored by People QuickFacts

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland



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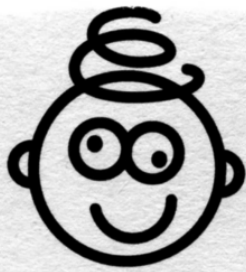
Bubble Size: Federal spending 2004 (\$1000) | Label: People QuickFacts | Color: People QuickFacts

- Data file
- full image
- 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

Census Bureau  This data set has not yet been rated

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# MAD LIBS®

## 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 ~~keys~~ 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 minutes  
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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**Schema** ×

congress.csv Connection

Find:

**Dimensions** ▾

- Abc Candidate
- Abc Candidate ID
- Abc General Elec Status
- Abc Incumbent/Challenger/Open-Seal
- # Party
- Abc Party Desig
- Abc Primary Elec Status
- Abc Runoff Elec Status
- Abc Spec Elec Status
- Abc State Code
- # Year
- Abc *Measure Names*

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**Measures** ▾

- # District
- # General Elec Pct
- # Total Receipts
- # *Measure Values*

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**Groups** ▾

Columns: Party Year

Rows: SUM(Total Receipts)

Filters:

Level of Detail:

Mark: Automatic

Text:

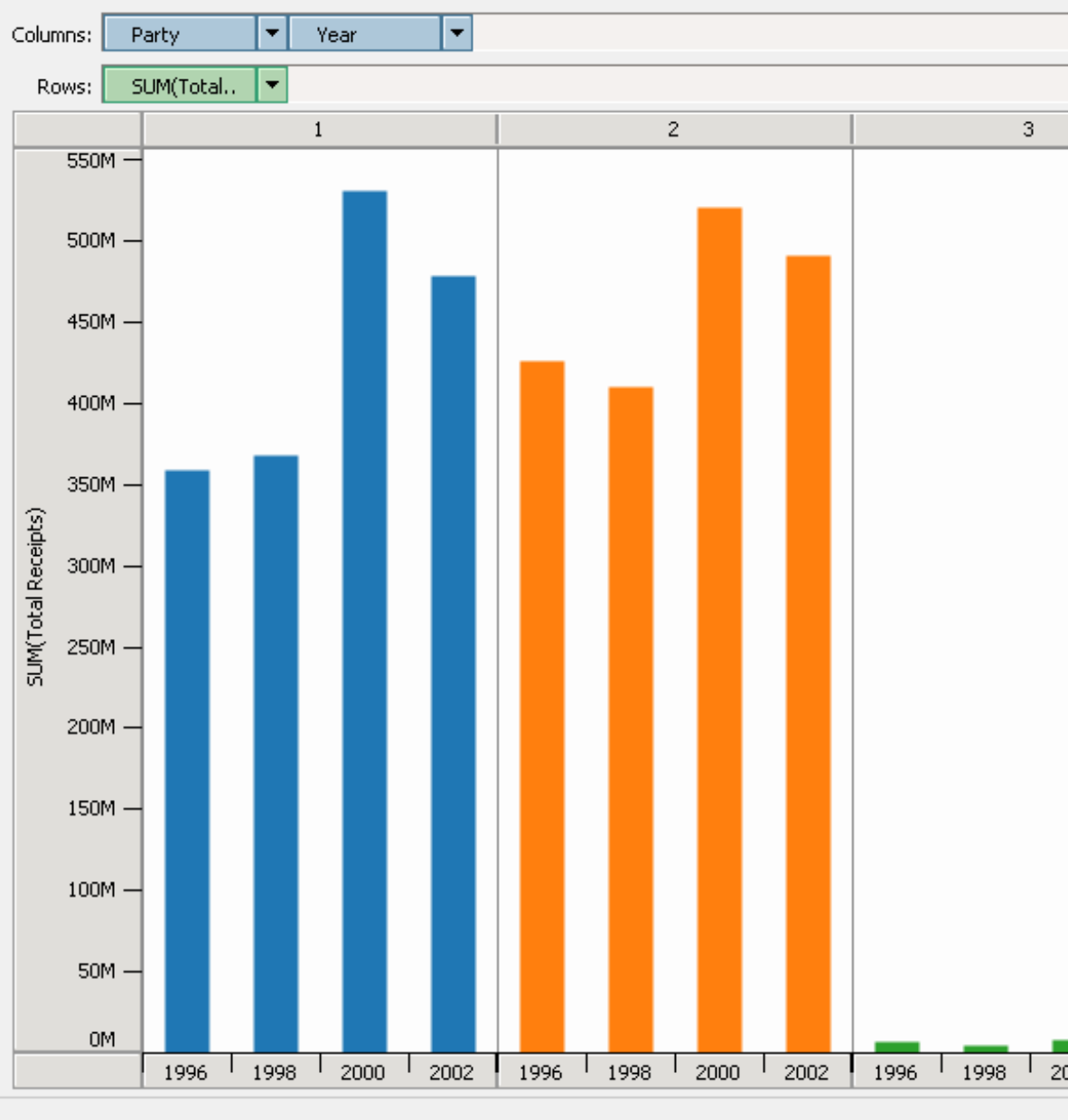
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*Statistics and Computing*

Leland Wilkinson

**The Grammar  
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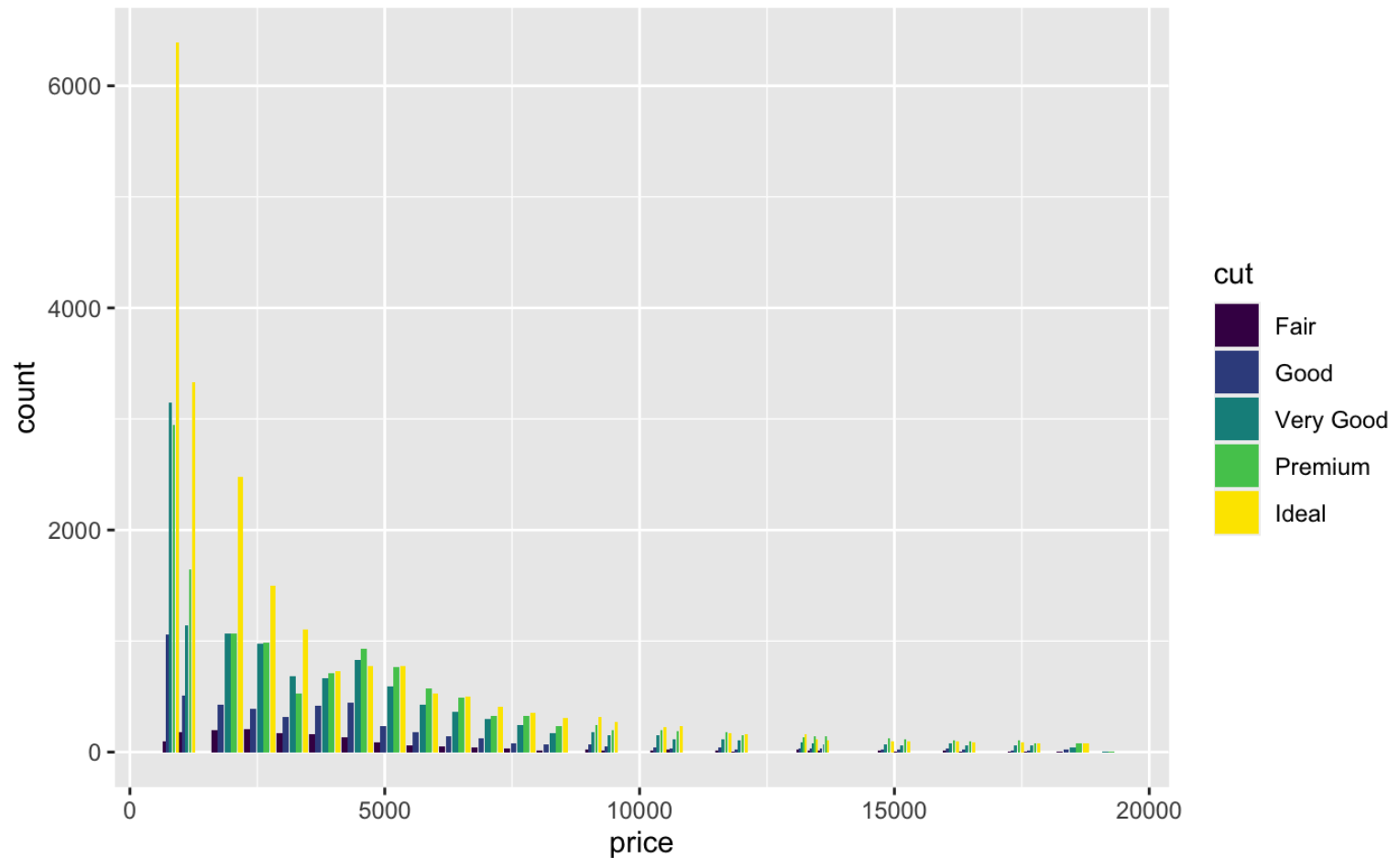
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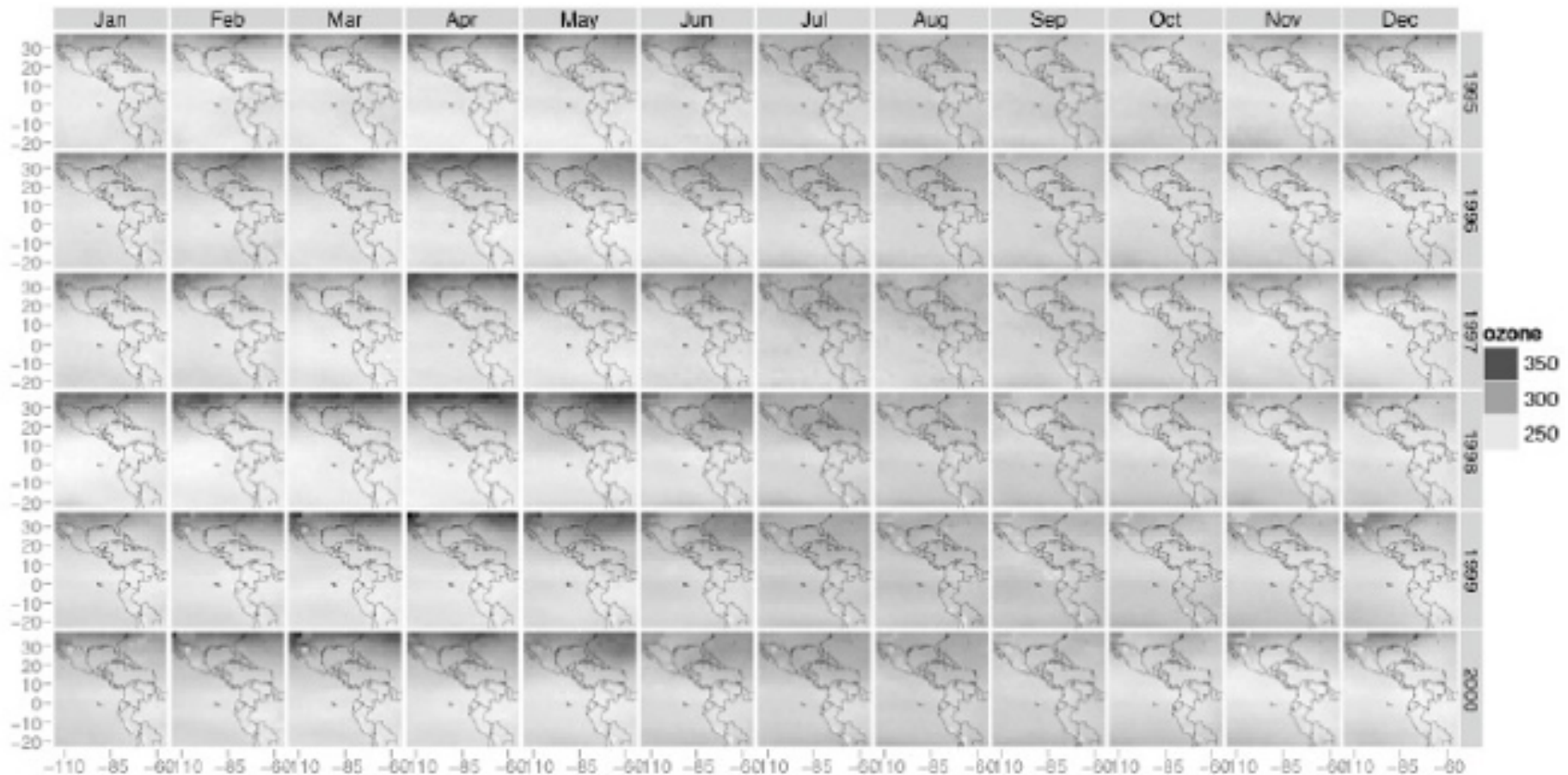
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+ geom_bar(position="dodge")
```

**ggplot2**





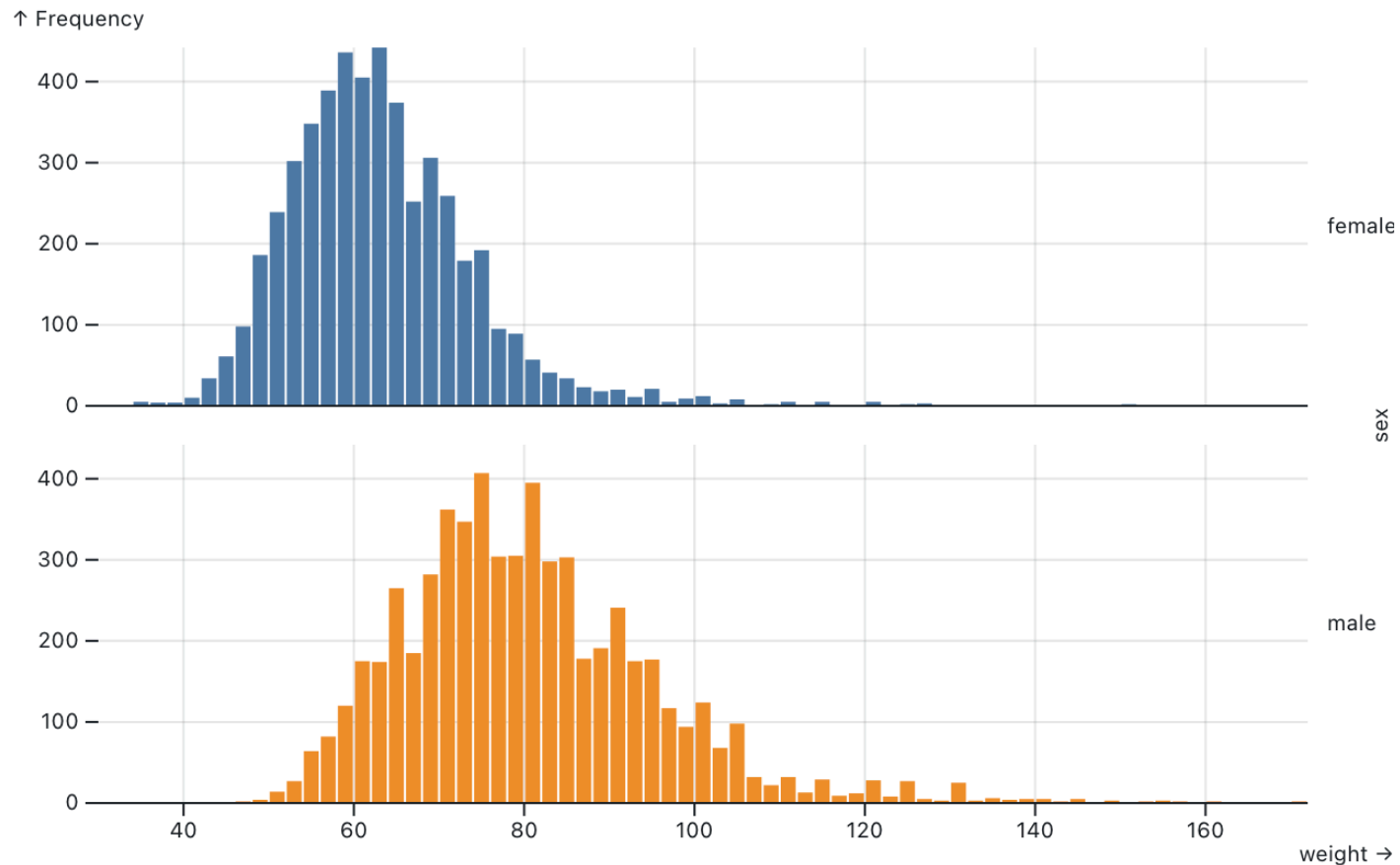
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+ geom_bar(position="dodge")
```



```

qplot(long, lat, data = expo, geom = "tile", fill = ozone,
  facets = year ~ month) +
scale_fill_gradient(low = "white", high = "black") + map

```



```
Plot.plot({
  grid: true,
  facet: {
    data: athletes,
    y: "sex"
  },
  marks: [
    Plot.rectY(athletes, Plot.binX({y: "count"}, {x: "weight", fill: "sex"})),
    Plot.ruleY([0])
  ]
})
```

# Observable Plot

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Protovis, D3.js

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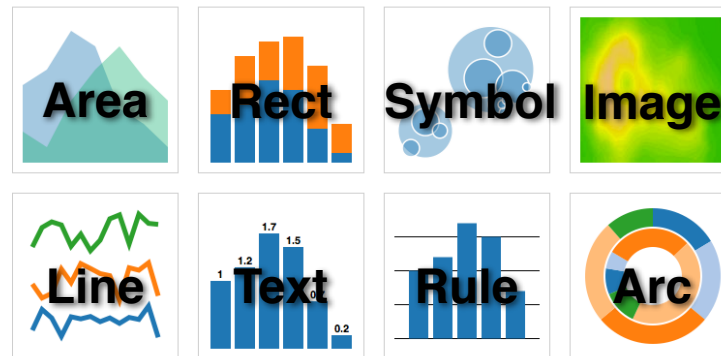
# Protovis & D3

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**.

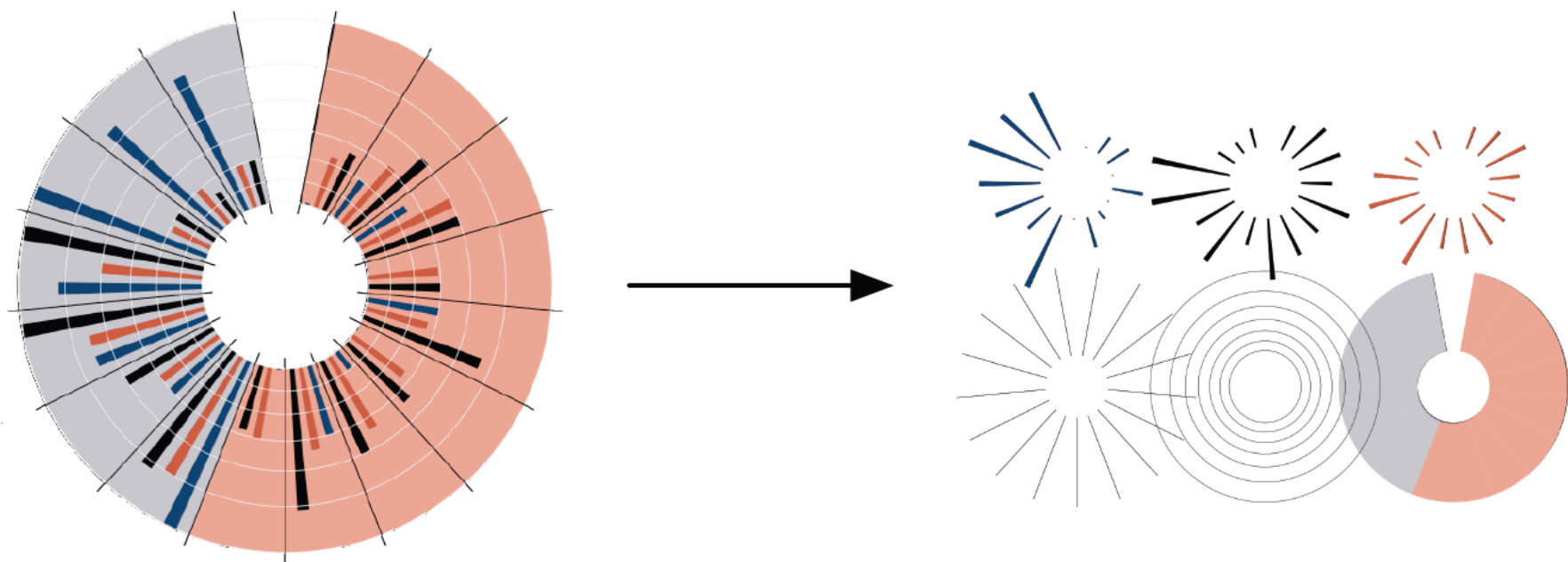
J. W. Tukey, M. B. Wilk  
*Data Analysis & Statistics*, 1965

# Visualization Grammar

<b>Data</b>	Input data to visualize
<b>Transforms</b>	Group, aggregate, stats, layout
<b>Scales</b>	Map data values to visual values
<b>Guides</b>	Axes & legends visualize scales
<b>Marks</b>	Data-representative graphics

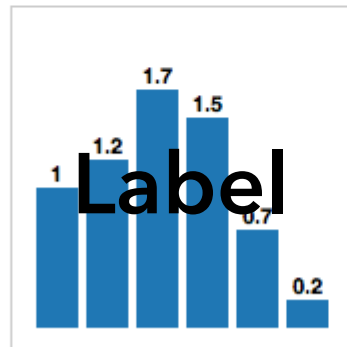
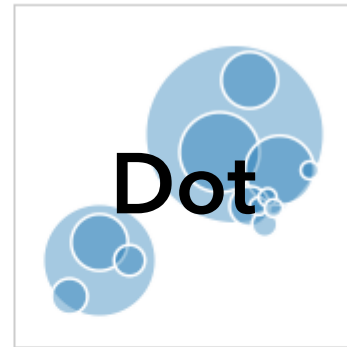
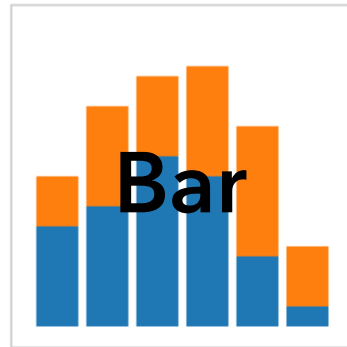


# Protovis: A Grammar for Visualization



A graphic is a composition of data-representative marks.

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

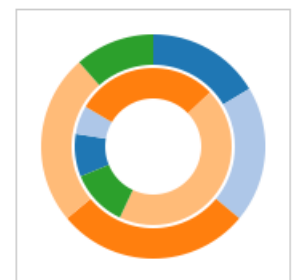
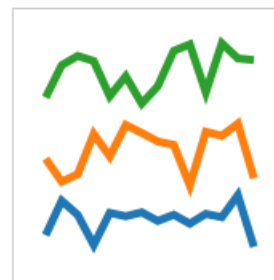
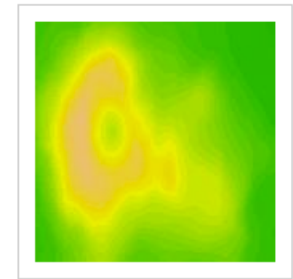
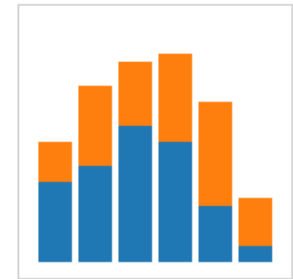


**MARKS:** Protovis graphical primitives

# MARK

$$\lambda : D \rightarrow R$$

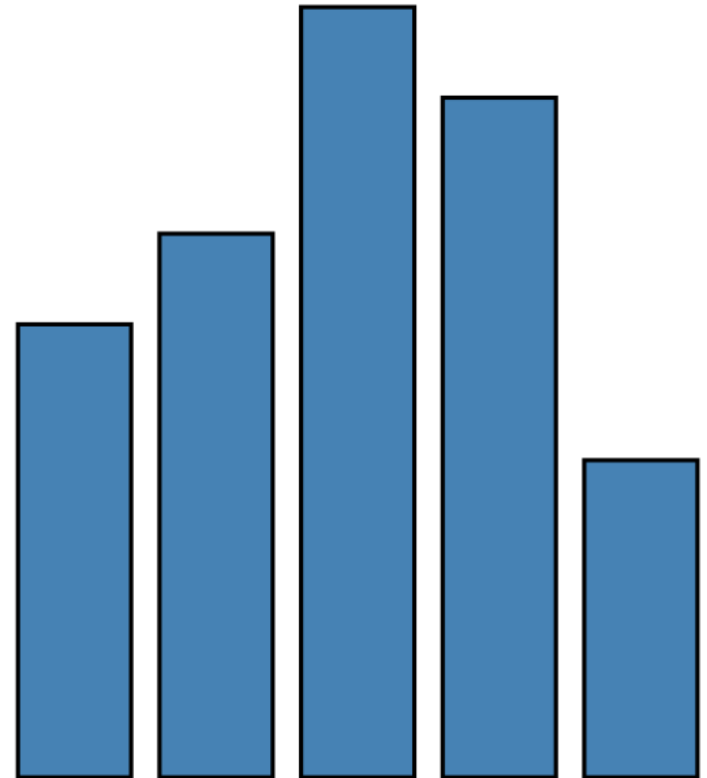
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visible	$\lambda$
left	$\lambda$
bottom	$\lambda$
width	$\lambda$
height	$\lambda$
fillStyle	$\lambda$
strokeStyle	$\lambda$
lineWidth	$\lambda$
...	$\lambda$



**RECT**

$\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

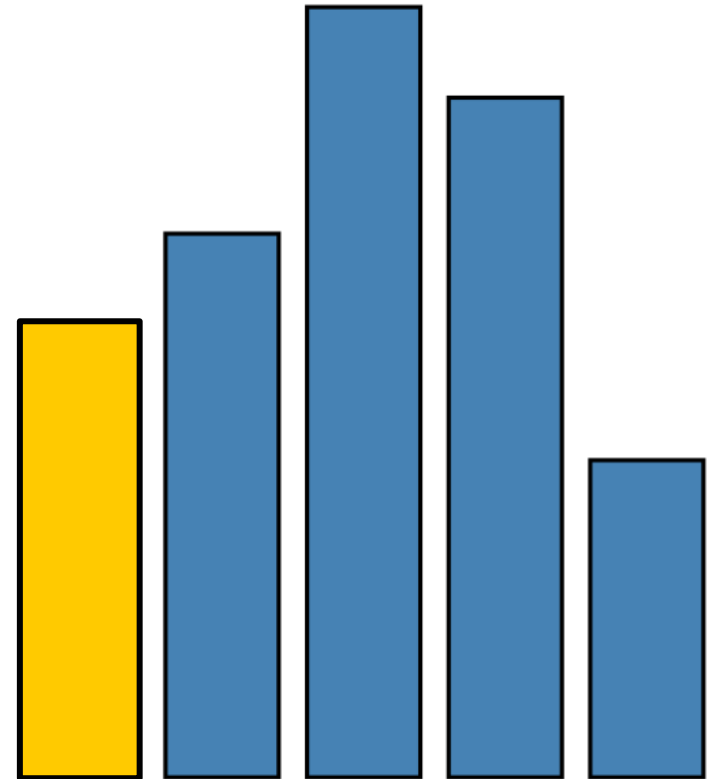
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visible	true				
left	$\lambda: \text{index} * 25$				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	$\lambda: \text{datum} * 80$				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



**RECT**

$\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

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

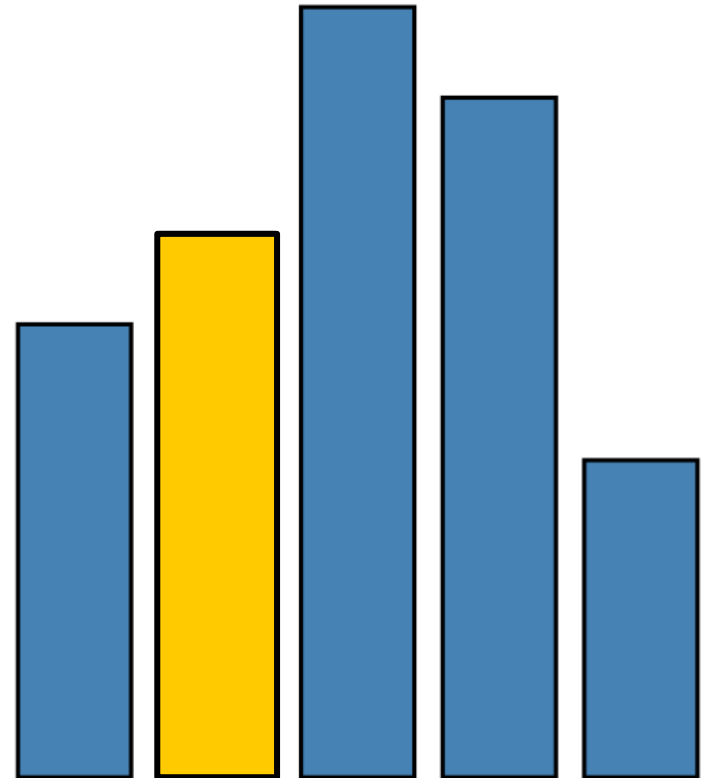




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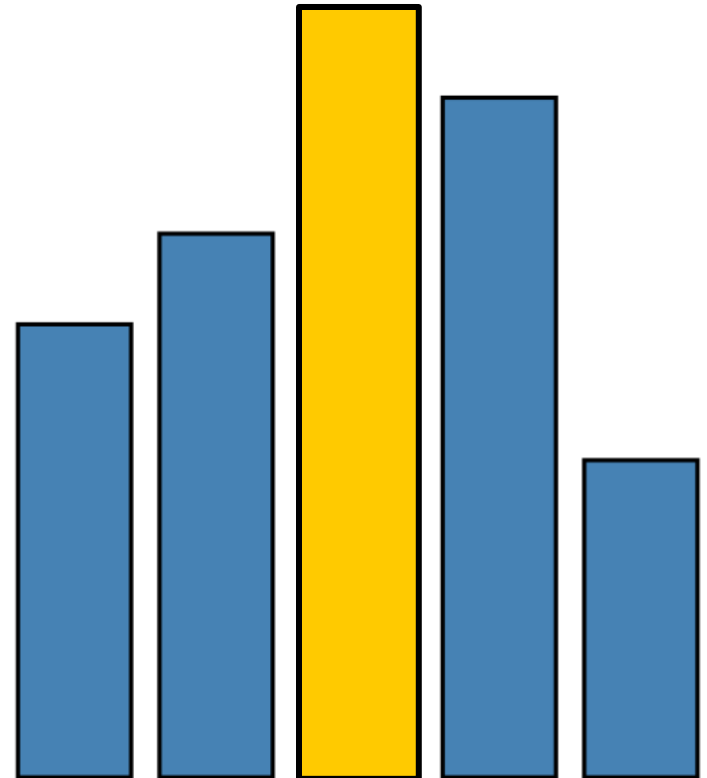
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visible	true				
left	1 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	1.2 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
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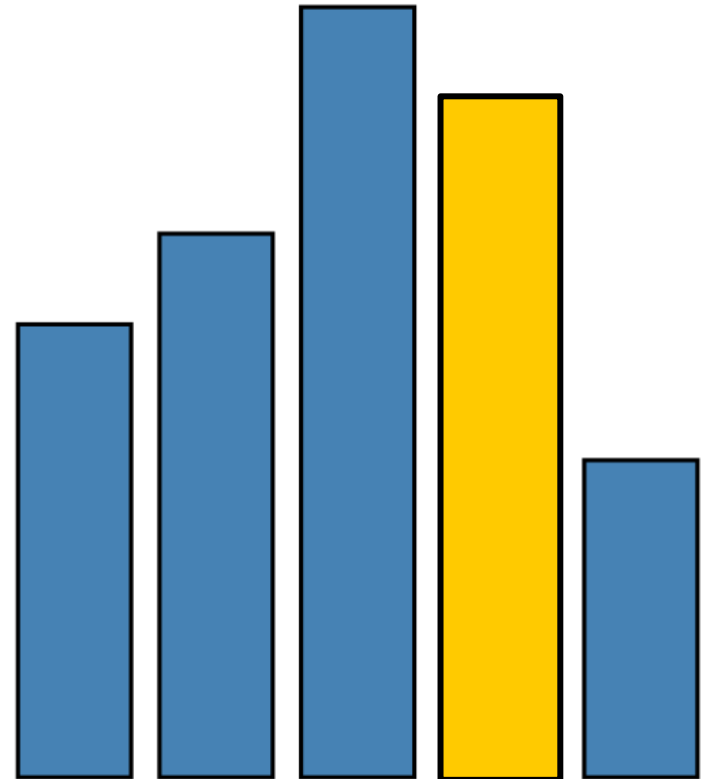
data	1	1.2	1.7	1.5	0.7
visible	true				
left	2 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	1.7 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



**RECT**

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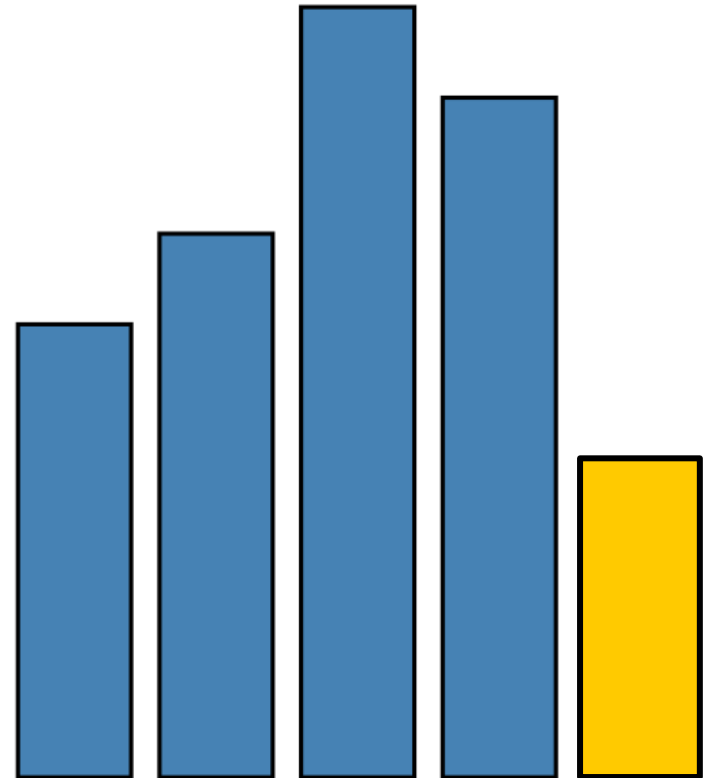
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visible	true				
left	3 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	1.5 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
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...	...				



**RECT**

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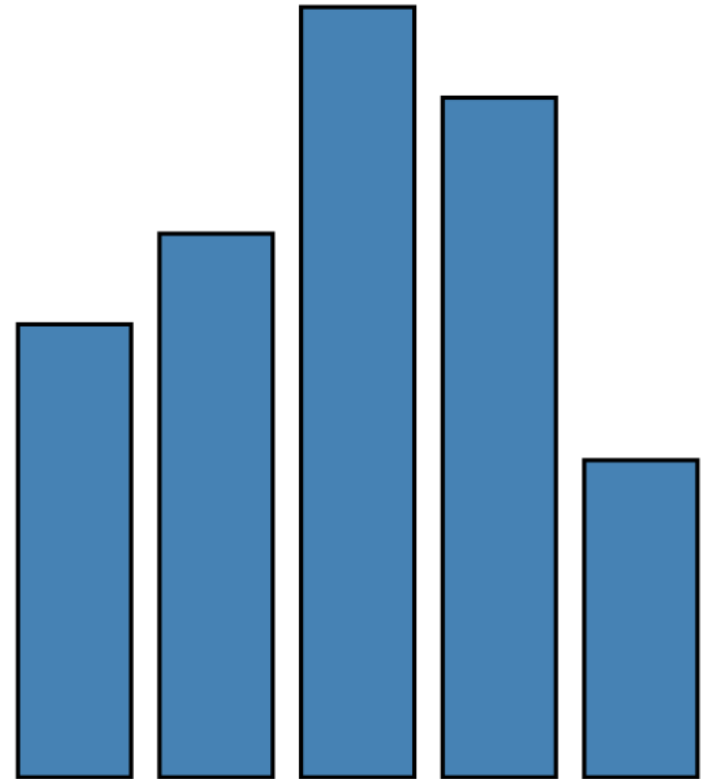
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visible	true				
left	4 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	0.7 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



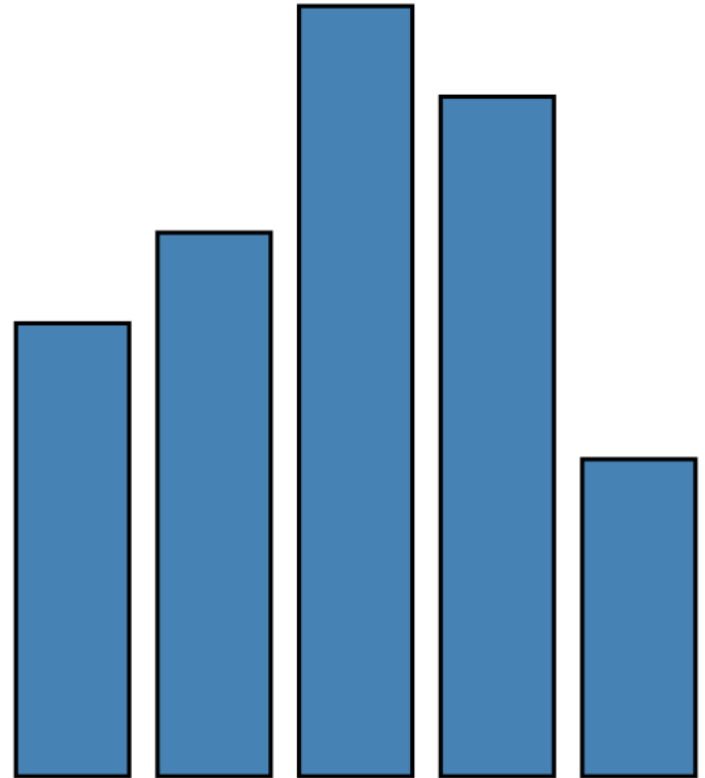
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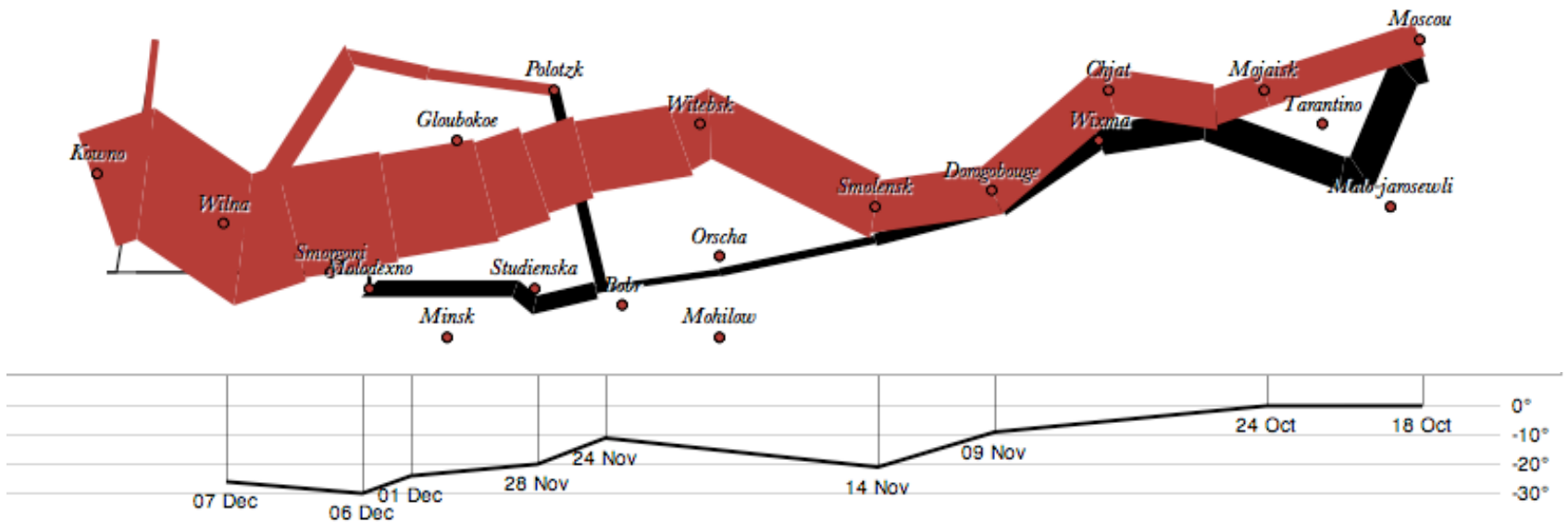
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```
var vis = new pv.Panel();  
vis.add(pv.Bar)  
  .data([1, 1.2, 1.7, 1.5, 0.7])  
  .visible(true)  
  .left((d) => this.index * 25);  
  .bottom(0)  
  .width(20)  
  .height((d) => d * 80)  
  .fillStyle("blue")  
  .strokeStyle("black")  
  .lineWidth(1.5);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





```
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[panelIndex][0].dir]);
```

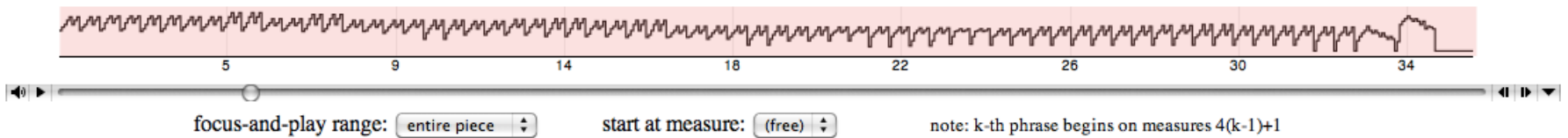
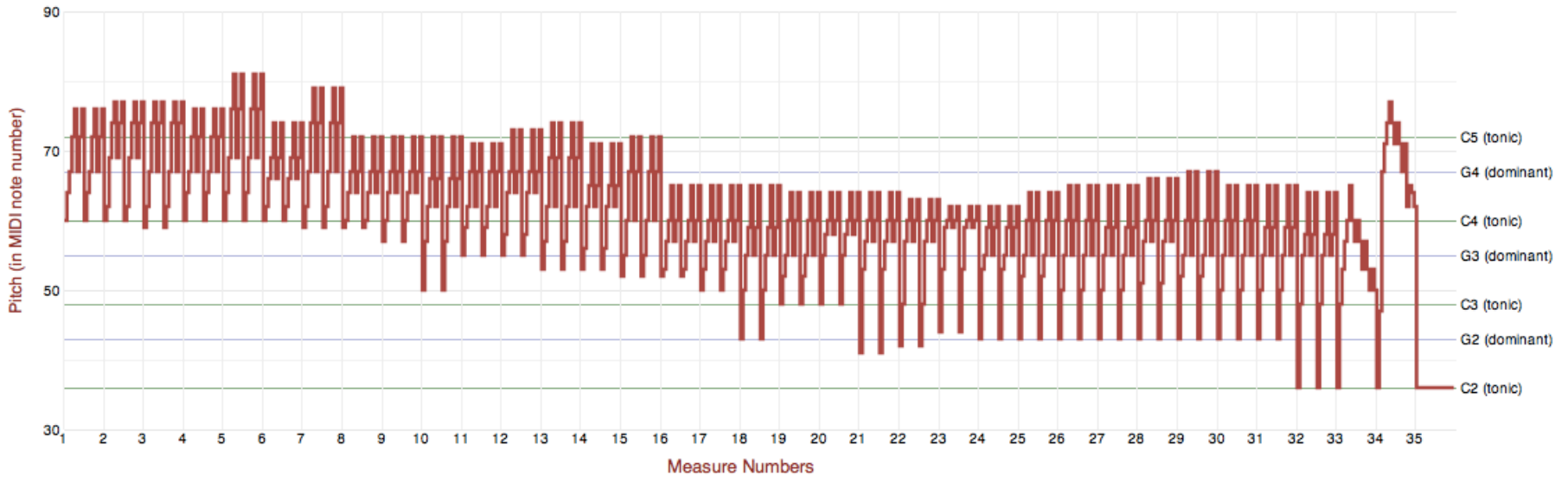
```
vis.add(pv.Label).data(napoleon.cities)
  .left(lon).top(lat)
  .text((d) => d.city).font("italic 10px Georgia")
  .textAlign("center").textBaseline("middle");
```

```
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");
```

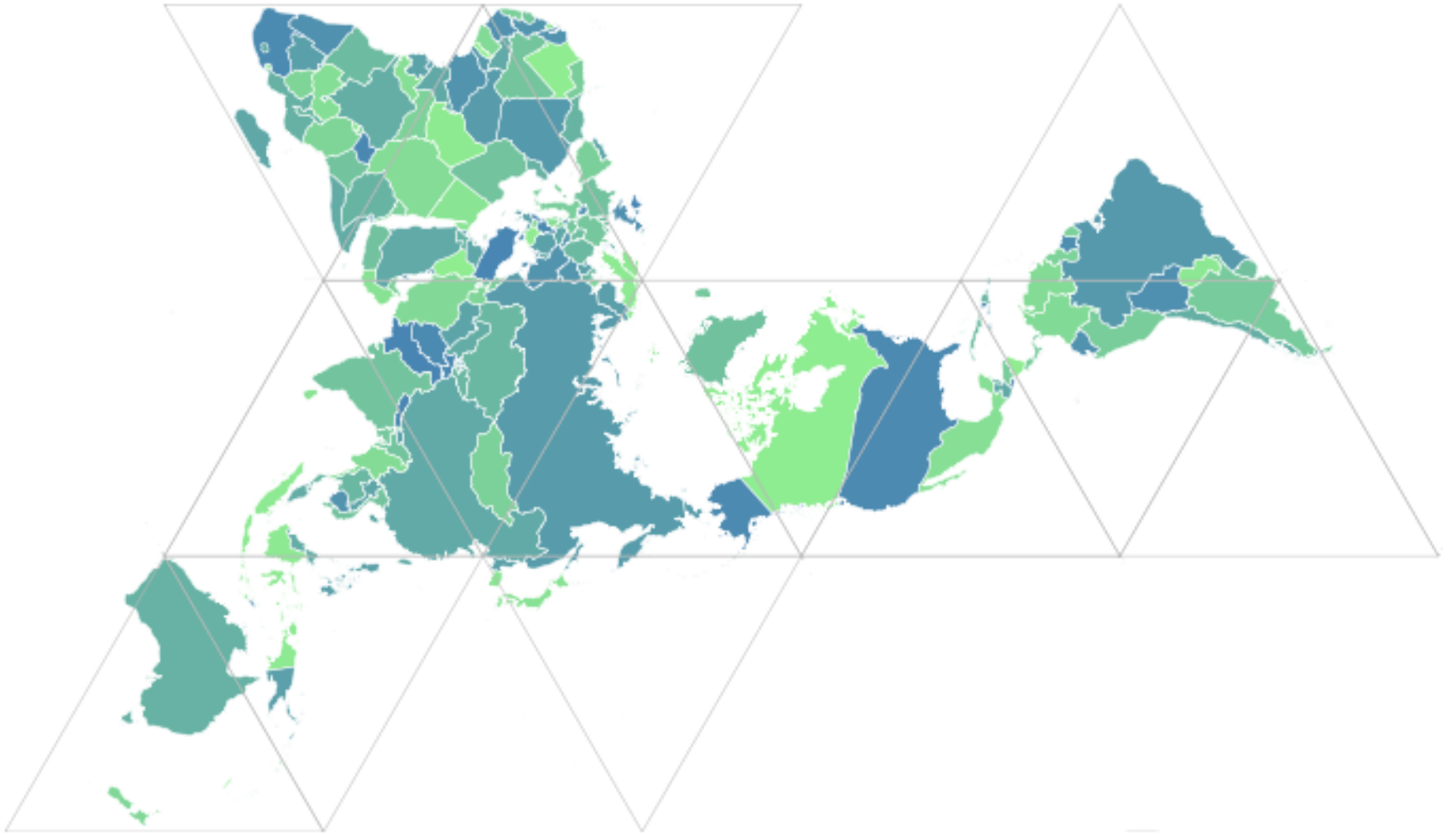
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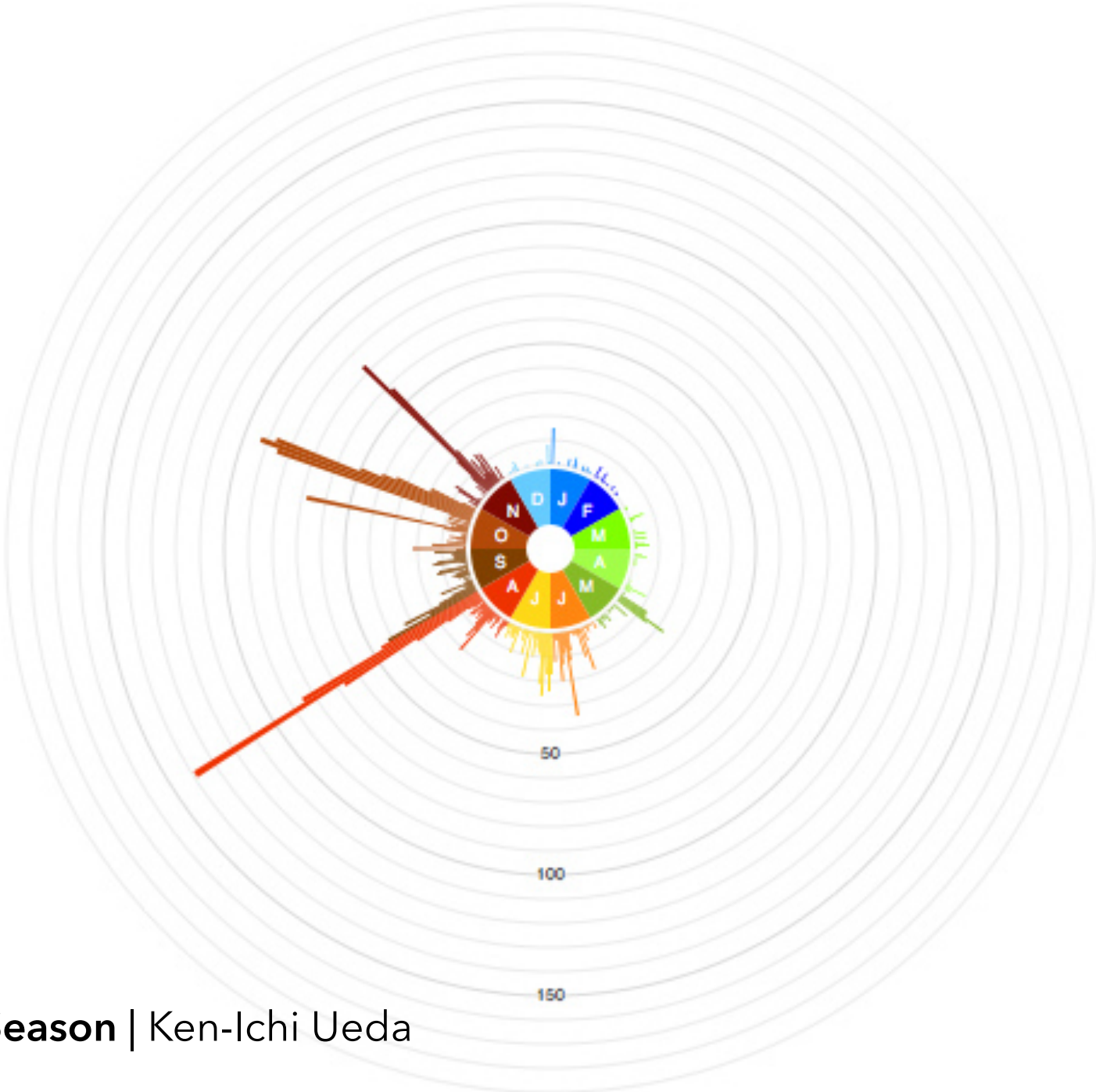
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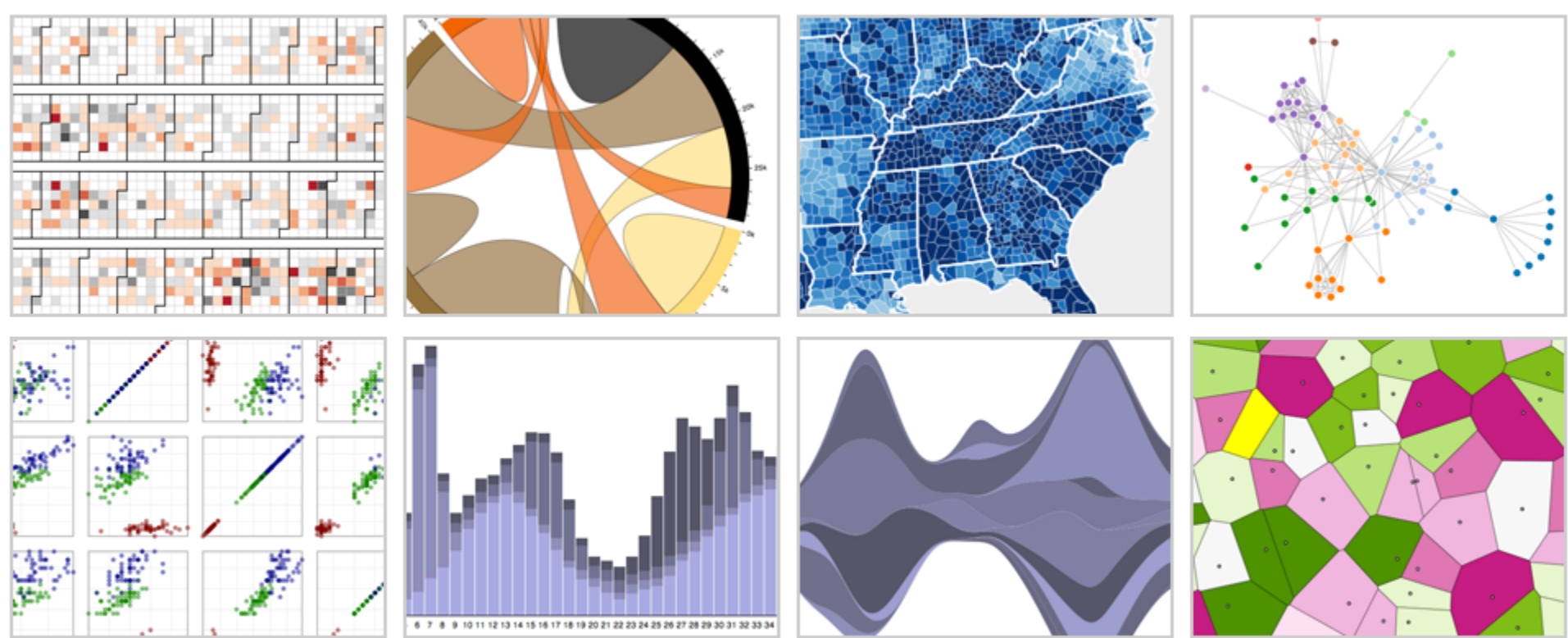
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# d3.js Data-Driven Documents



with **Mike Bostock**, Jason Davies & Vadim Ogievetsky

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- + Use with other tools

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svg.selectAll("rect") // select all SVG rectangles
    .attr("width", 100) // set rect widths to 100px
    .style("fill", "steelblue"); // set rect fill colors
```



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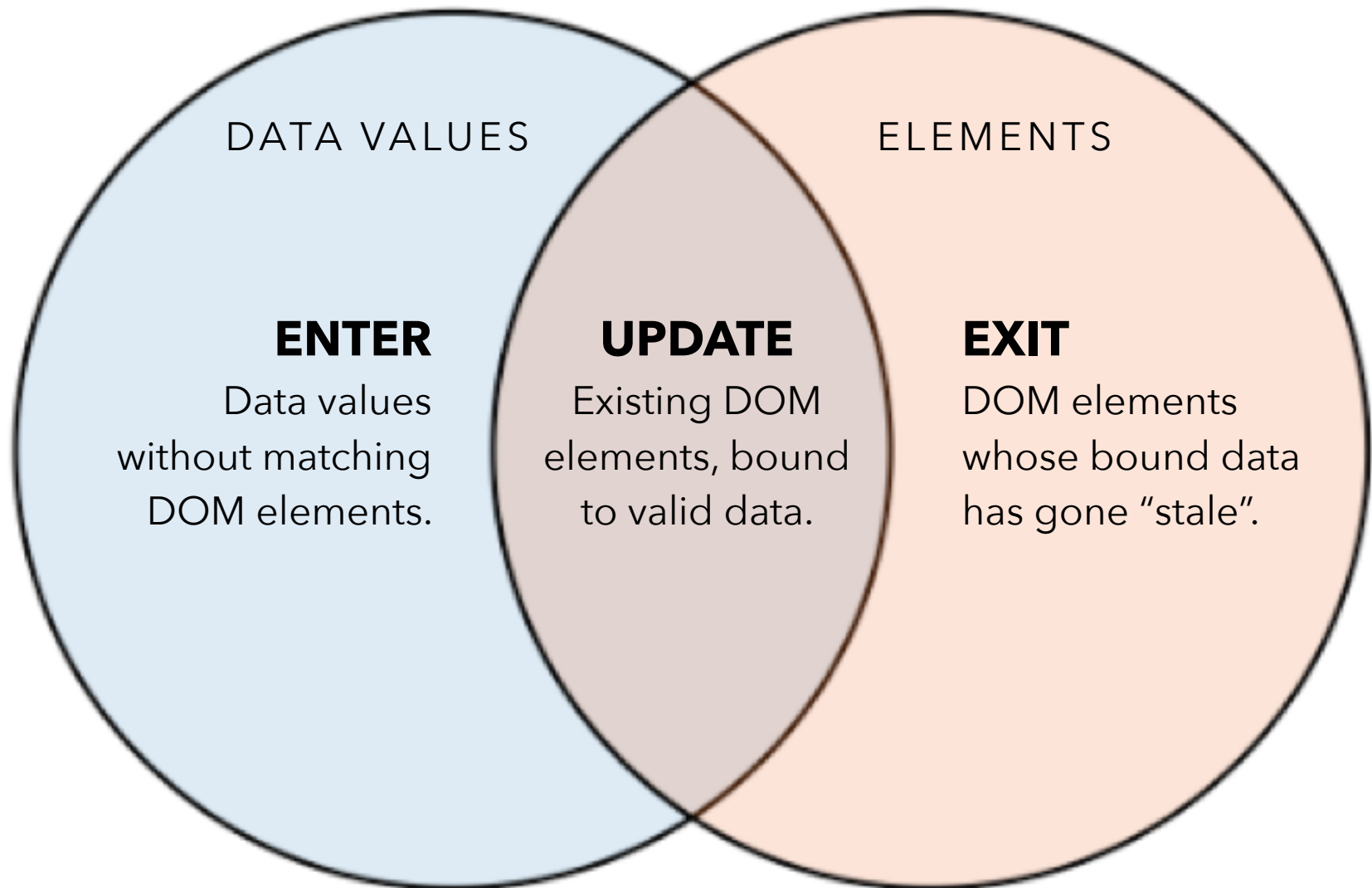
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// What if data values are removed? The exit set is a selection of existing  
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```

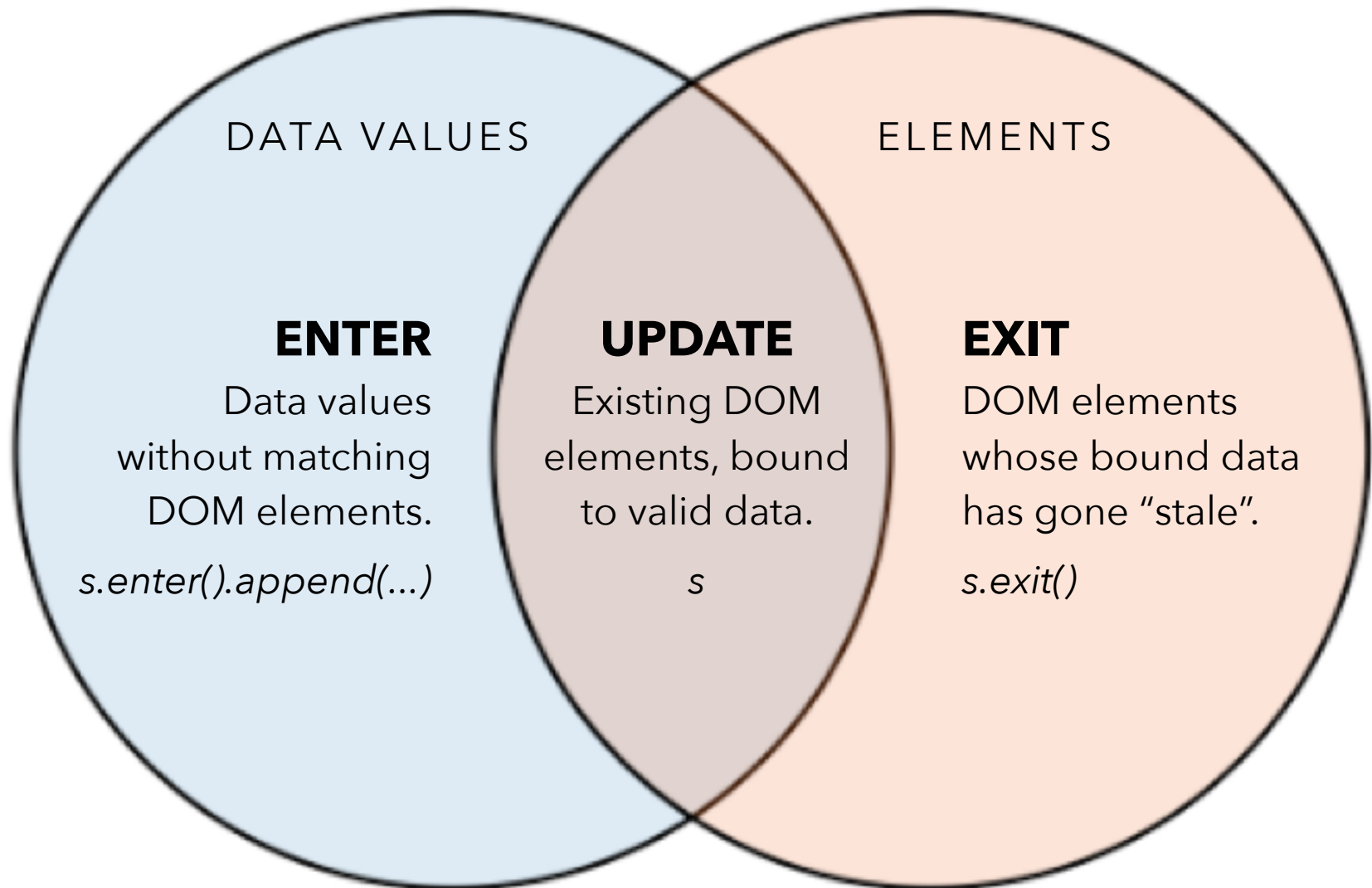
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  .join(
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    update => update, // update current
    exit => exit.remove() // remove outdated
  )
```

# D3 Modules

**Data Parsing / Formatting** (JSON, CSV, ...)

**Shape Helpers** (arcs, curves, areas, symbols, ...)

**Scale Transforms** (linear, log, ordinal, ...)

**Color Spaces** (RGB, HSL, LAB, ...)

**Animated Transitions** (tweening, easing, ...)

**Geographic Mapping** (projections, clipping, ...)

**Layout Algorithms** (stack, pie, force, trees, ...)

**Interactive Behaviors** (brush, zoom, drag, ...)

*Many of these correspond to future lecture topics!*



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# Administrivia

# A2: Deceptive Visualization

Design **two** static visualizations for a dataset:

1. An *earnest* visualization that faithfully conveys the data
2. A *deceptive* visualization that tries to mislead viewers

Your two visualizations should address the following questions:

Try to design a deceptive visualization that appears to be earnest. *Why do you think your classmates and course staff?*

You are free to choose your own dataset, but we have also provided some preselected datasets for you.

Submit two images and a brief write-up on Canvas.

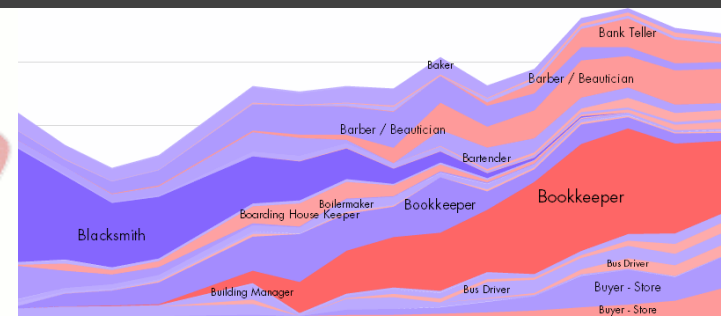
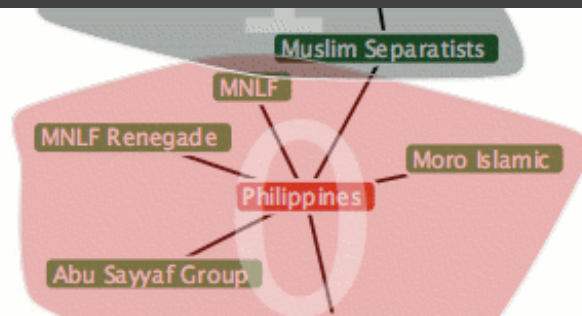
Due by **Wed 10/20 11:59pm.**

# A3: Interactive Prototype

Create an interactive visualization. Choose a driving question for a dataset and develop an appropriate visualization + interaction techniques, then deploy your visualization on the web.

Due by *11:59pm* on **Monday, November 8.**

Work in project teams of 3-4 people.

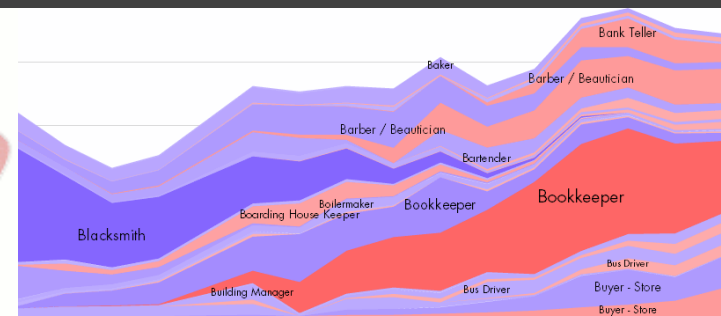
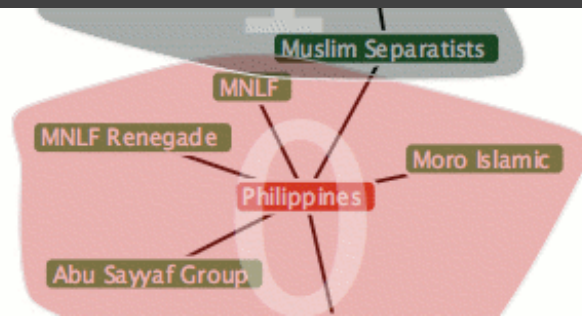


# Form A3 + Final Project Team

Form a **team of 3-4** for A3 and the Final Project.  
Submit signup form by **Friday 10/29, 11:59pm.**

**If you do not have team mates**, post on Ed about your interests/skills/project ideas!

We will send out a reminder early next week.

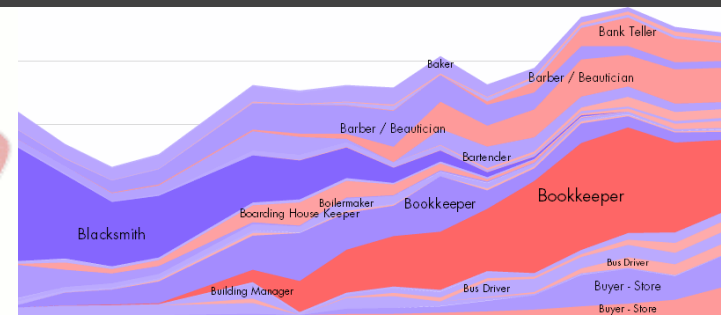
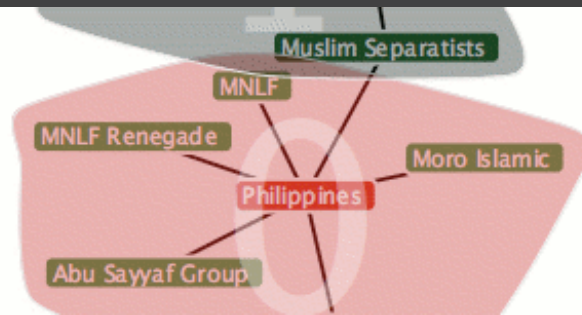


# Requirements

**Interactive.** You must implement interaction methods! However, this is not only selection / filtering / tooltips. Also consider annotations or other narrative features to draw attention and provide additional context

**Web-based.** D3/Vega-Lite are encouraged, but not required. Deploy to web using GitHub pages.

**Write-up.** Provide design rationale.

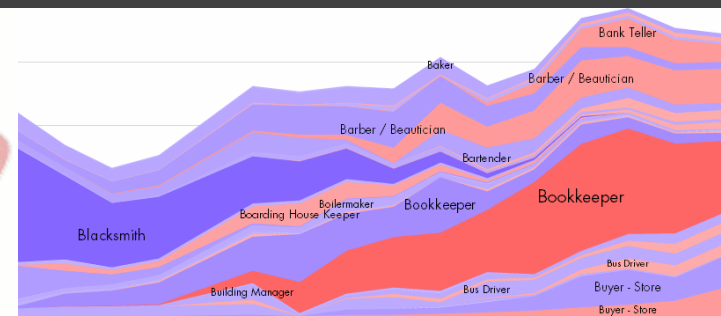
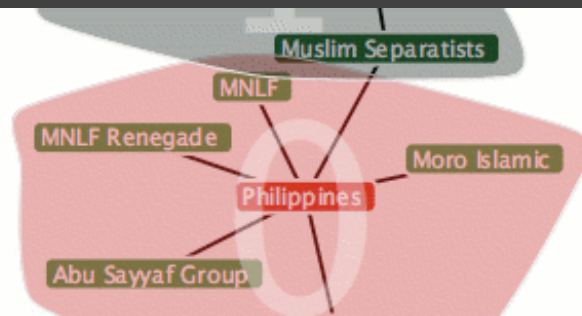


# Interactive Prototype Tips

**Start now.** It will take longer than you think.

**Keep it simple.** Choose a *minimal* set of interactions that enables users to explore and generate interesting insights. Do not feel obligated to convey *everything* about the data: focus on a compelling subset.

**Promote engagement.** How do your chosen interactions reveal interesting observations?



# D3 Tutorial - In Class Thu Oct 28

## **D3.js Deep Dive led by Abhishek and Vishal**

Be sure to read the D3, Part 1 notebook ahead of time. We'll work through Part 2 in class. Also read the JS/Observable primer if you're new to this!



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

# The New York Times

Tuesday, October 26, 2010 Last Update: 3:50 PM ET

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## Tea Party Vow to Deter Voter Fraud Is Called Scare Tactic

By IAN URBINA 2:19 PM ET  
Voting rights group say that Tea Party members' plan to question voters' eligibility at the polls is intended to suppress minority and poor voters.

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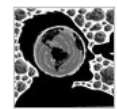


Joshua Kristal for The New York Times

## Painting at 99, With No Compromises

By ROBIN FINN  
An exhibition celebrating Will Barnet's centennial year traces his evolution as a modern American artist.

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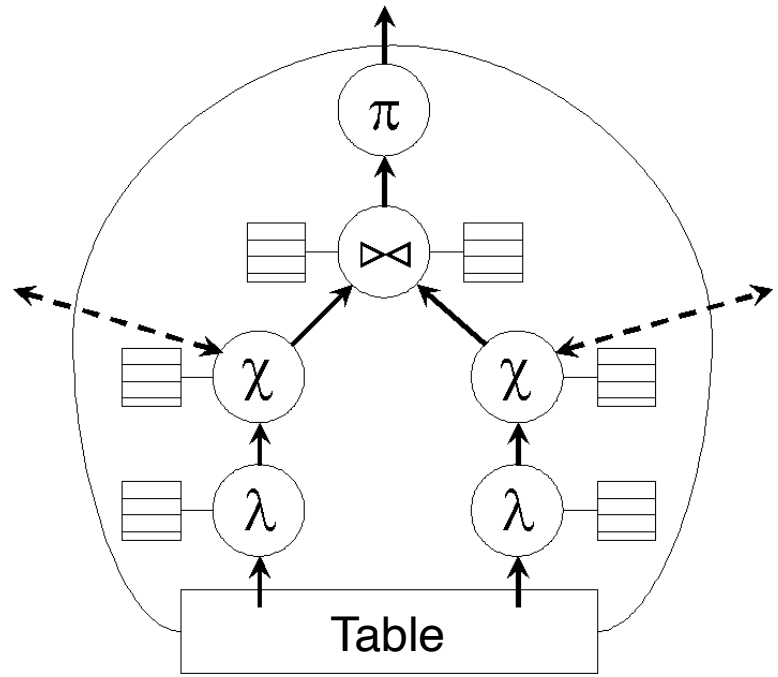


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- Herbert: The Corrosion of America
- Cohen: Turkey Steps Out
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```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
<!--[if IE]><![endif]-->
<html>
  <head>...</head>
  <body id="home" style="visibility: visible; ">
    <script src="http://connect.facebook.net/en_US/all.js"></script>
    <div id="fb-root"></div>
    <a name="top"></a>
    <div id="shell">
      <ul id="memberTools">...</ul>
      <!-- ADXINFO classification="text_ad" campaign="nyt2010-circ-... -->
      <div class="tabsContainer">...</div>
      <!-- close .tabsContainer -->
      <div id="page" class="tabContent active">...</div>
      <!--close page -->
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# HTML / CSS



```
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_name
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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The Lyra Visualization Design Environment (VDE) <sup>alpha</sup>

Arvind Satyanarayan, Kanit "Ham" Wongsuphasawat, Jeffrey Heer

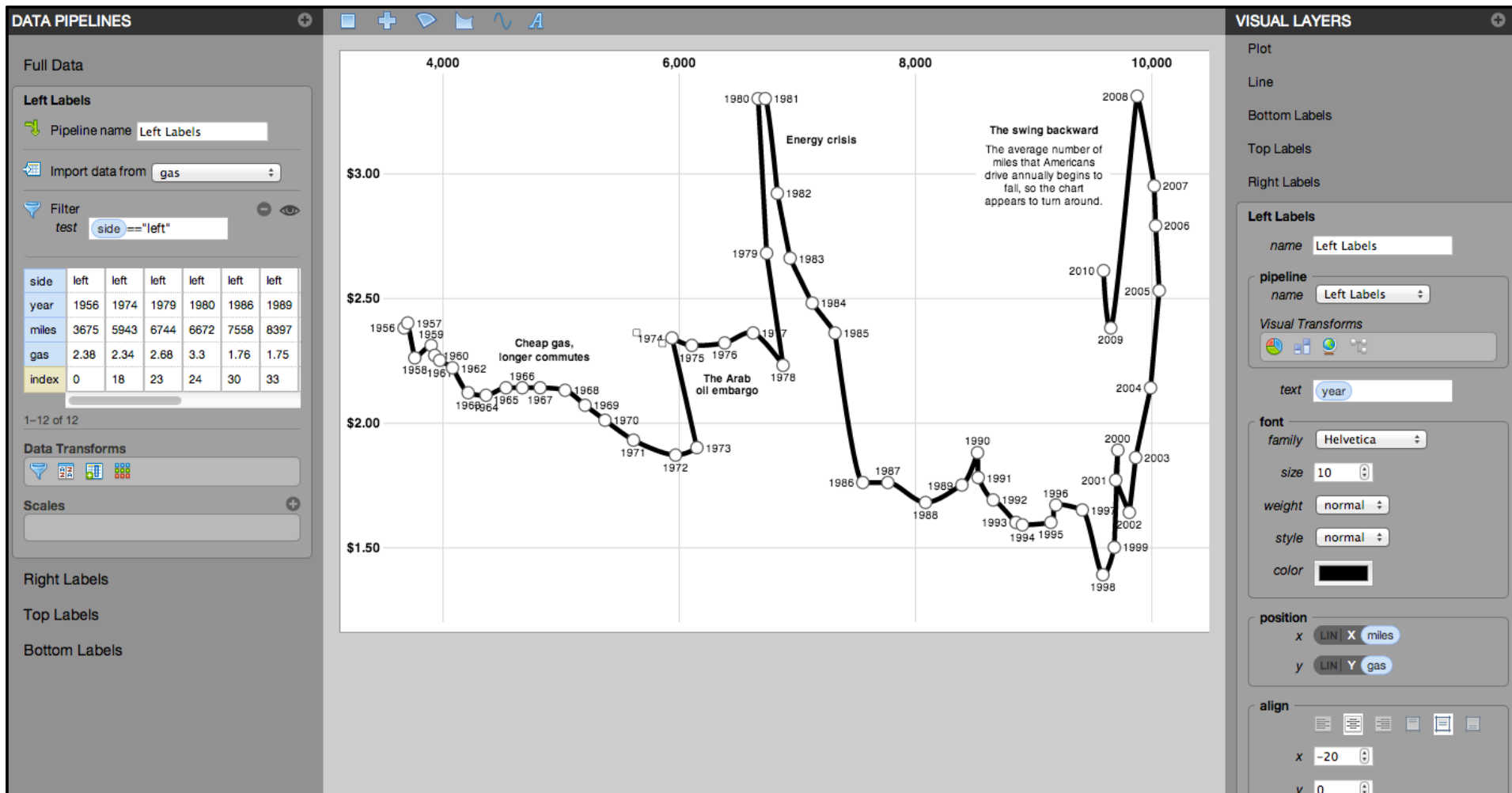


[idl.cs.washington.edu/projects/lyra](http://idl.cs.washington.edu/projects/lyra)

William Playfair's classic chart comparing the price of wheat and wages in England recreated in the Lyra VDE.

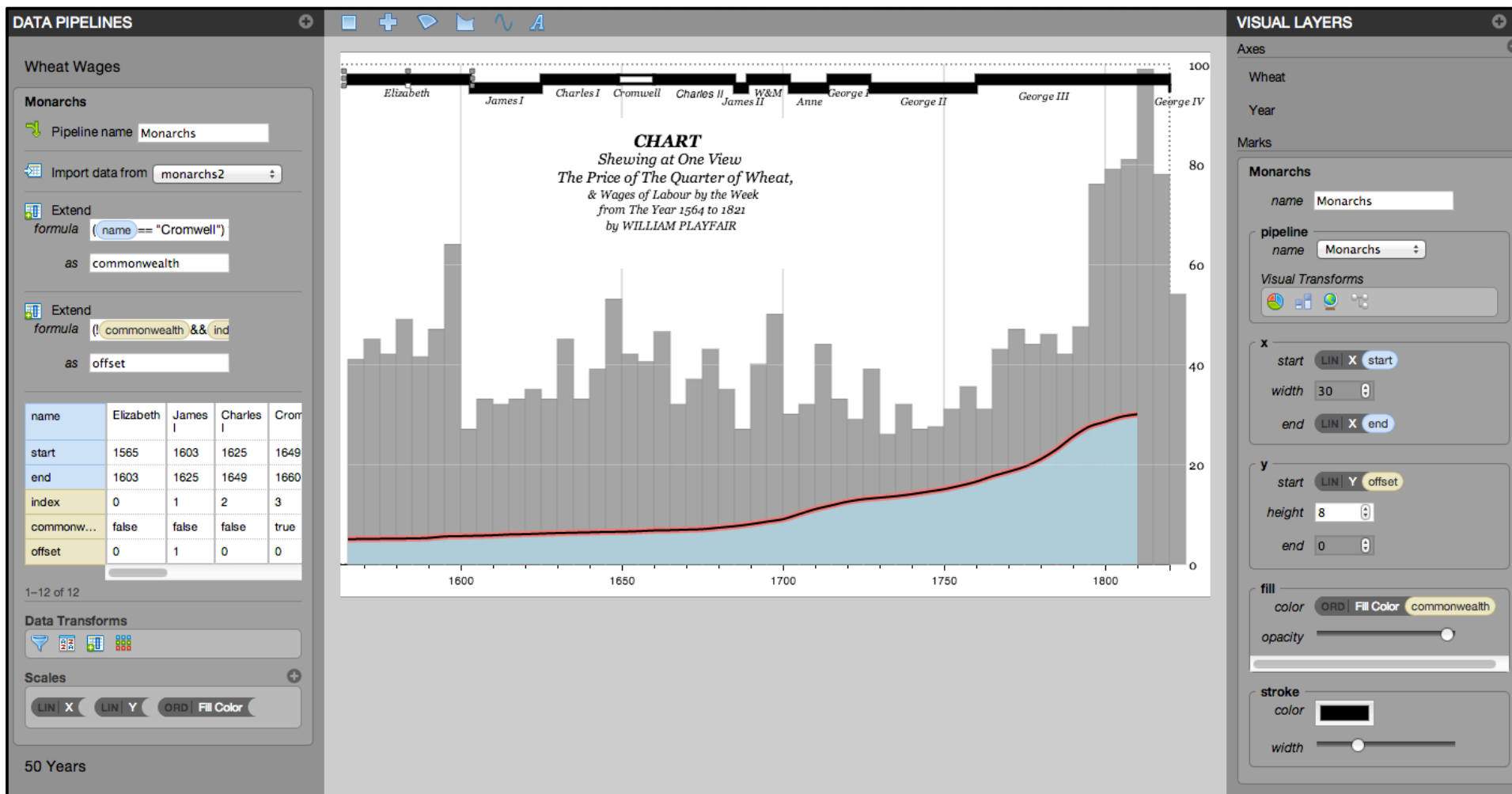
See also: Charticulator, Data Illustrator

# Lyra A Visualization Design Environment



**Driving Shifts into Reverse** by Hannah Fairfield, NYTimes

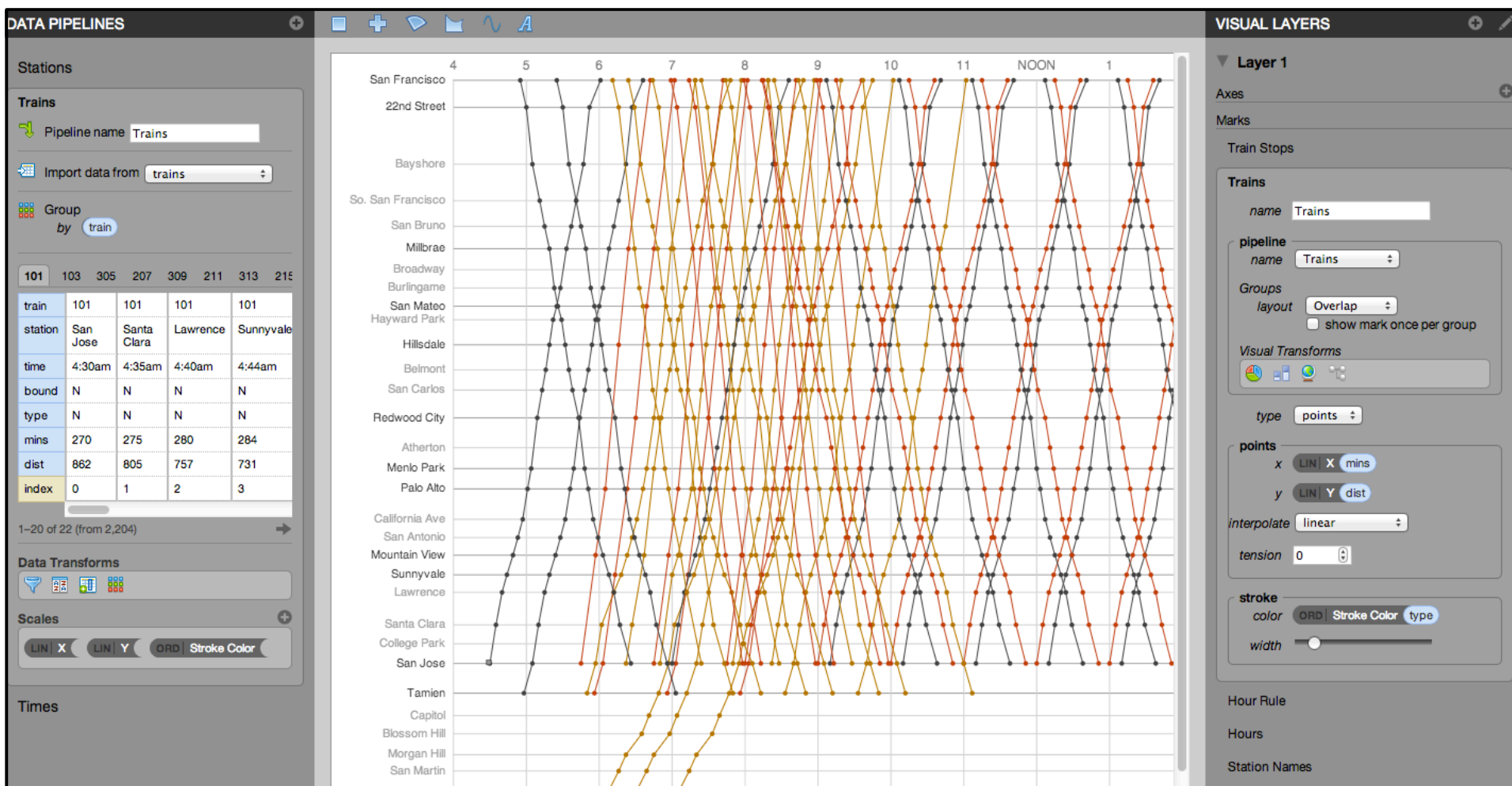
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by William Playfair



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based on the **Railway Timetable** by E. J. Marey

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**DATA PIPELINES**

Zip Codes

Pipeline name: Zip Codes

Import data from: zipcodes-full

Group by: state

zip	00210	00211	00212
lat	+43.005895	+43.005895	+43.005895
lon	-071.013202	-071.013202	-071.013202
code	U	U	U
city	PORTSMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH
state	33	33	33
county	015	015	015
index	0	1	2
key	33	33	33

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**Data Transforms**

**Scales**

ORD Stroke Color

**VISUAL LAYERS**

Visual Transforms

Geo

type: Latitude/Longitude

latitude: lat

longitude: lon

projection: mercator

center

x: -98.35

y: 39.50

translate

x: 350

y: 170

scale: 775

rotate: 0

precision: 0

clip angle: 0

output: x y

type: points

points

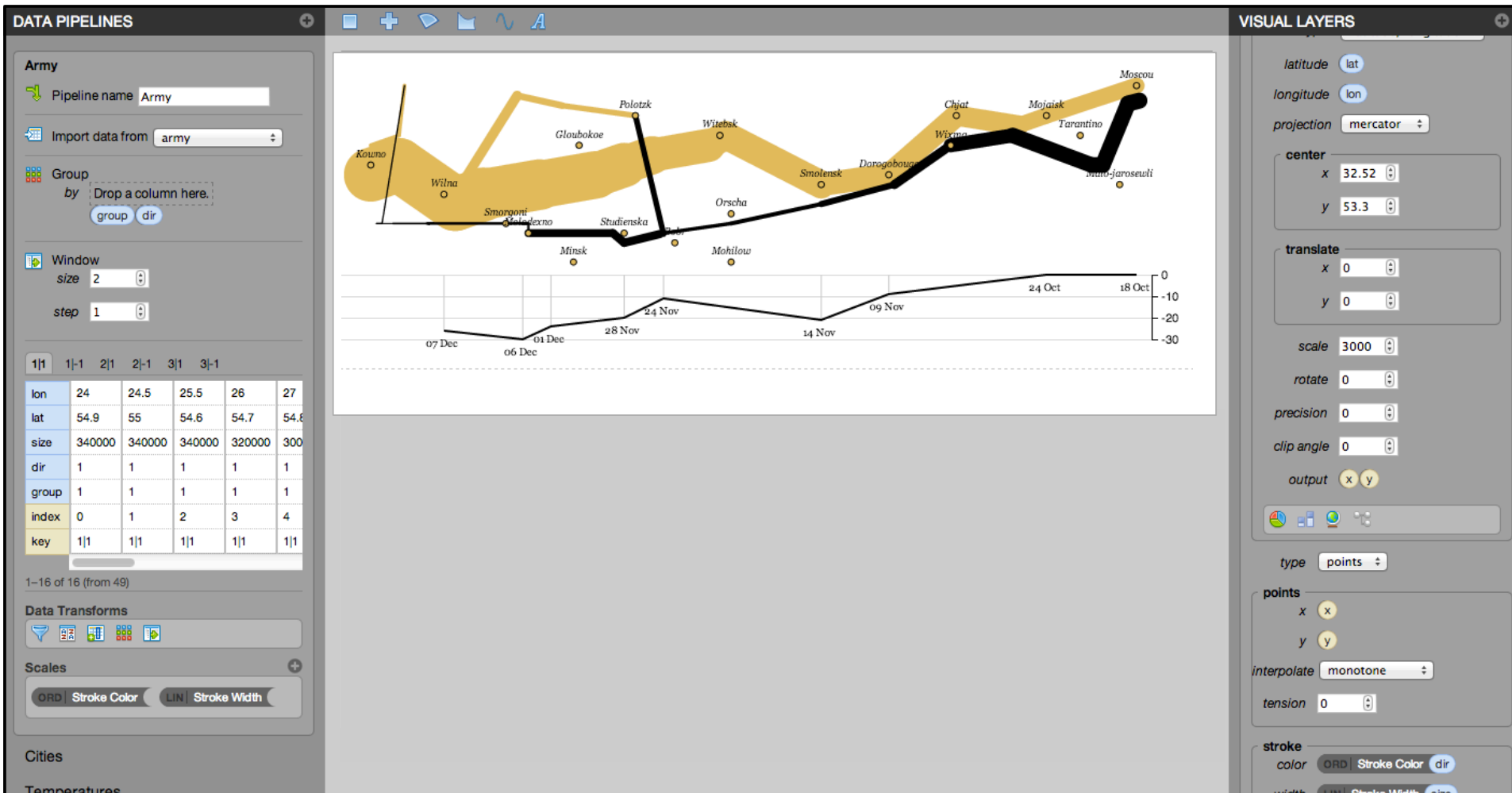
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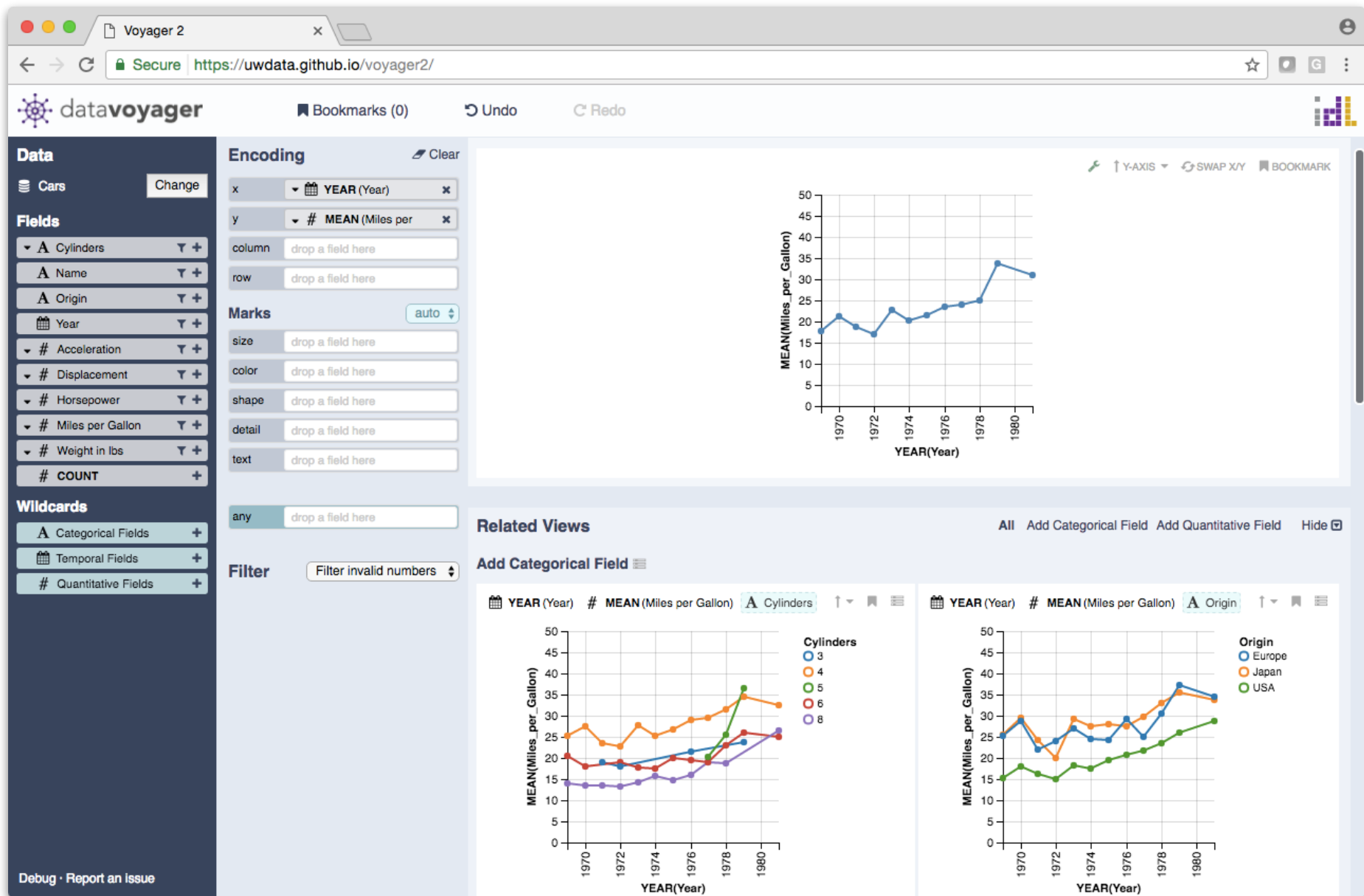
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**Napoleon's March** by Charles Minard



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

**Key Idea:** Augment manual exploration with visualization recommendations sensitive to the user's current focus.

The goal is to support *systematic consideration* of the data, without exacerbating *false discovery*.

To model a user's search frontier, we *enumerate related Vega-Lite specifications*, seeded by the user's current focus.

Candidate charts are pruned and ranked using models of estimated *perceptual effectiveness*.

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