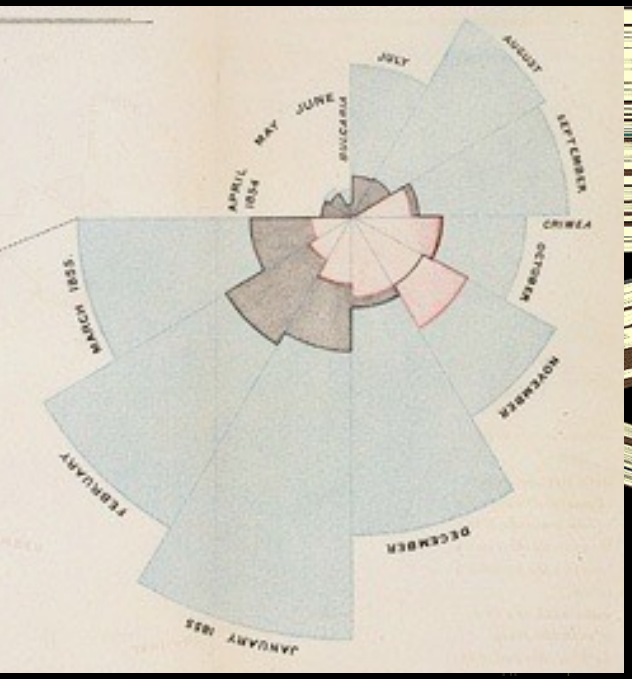
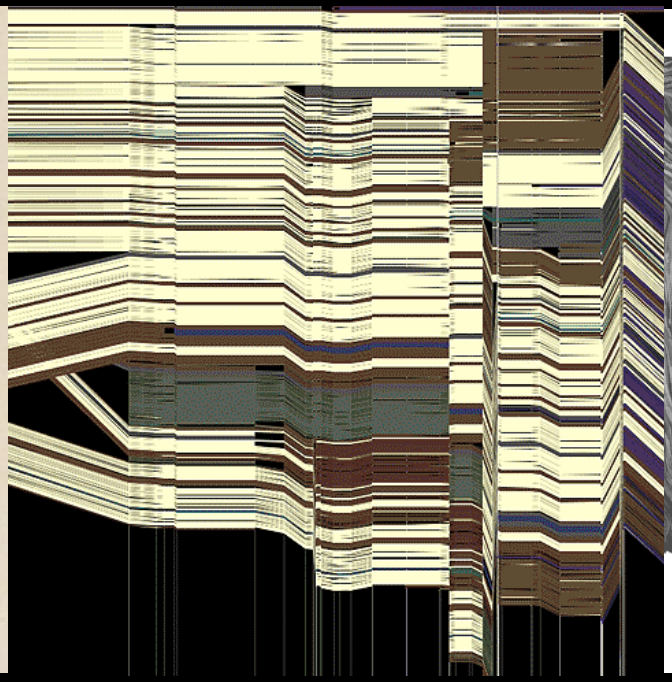
CSE 512 - Data Visualization

Visualization Tools





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How do people create visualizations?

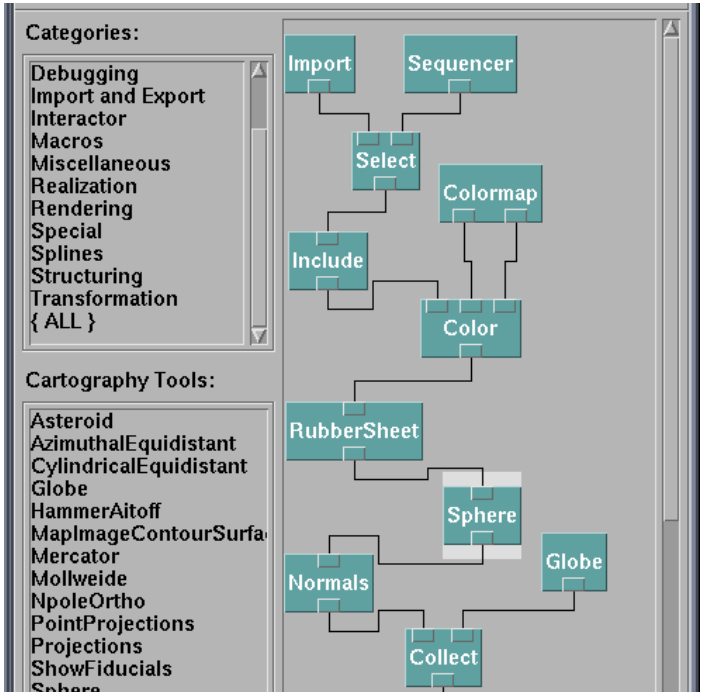

Chart Typology

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

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);
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    popMatrix();
  }
}
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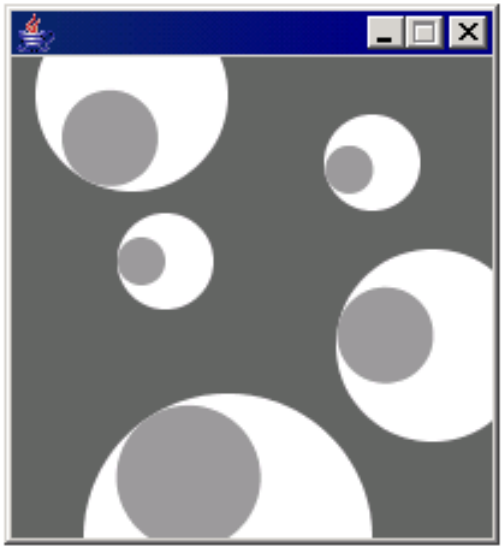

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US Air Traffic, Aaron Koblin

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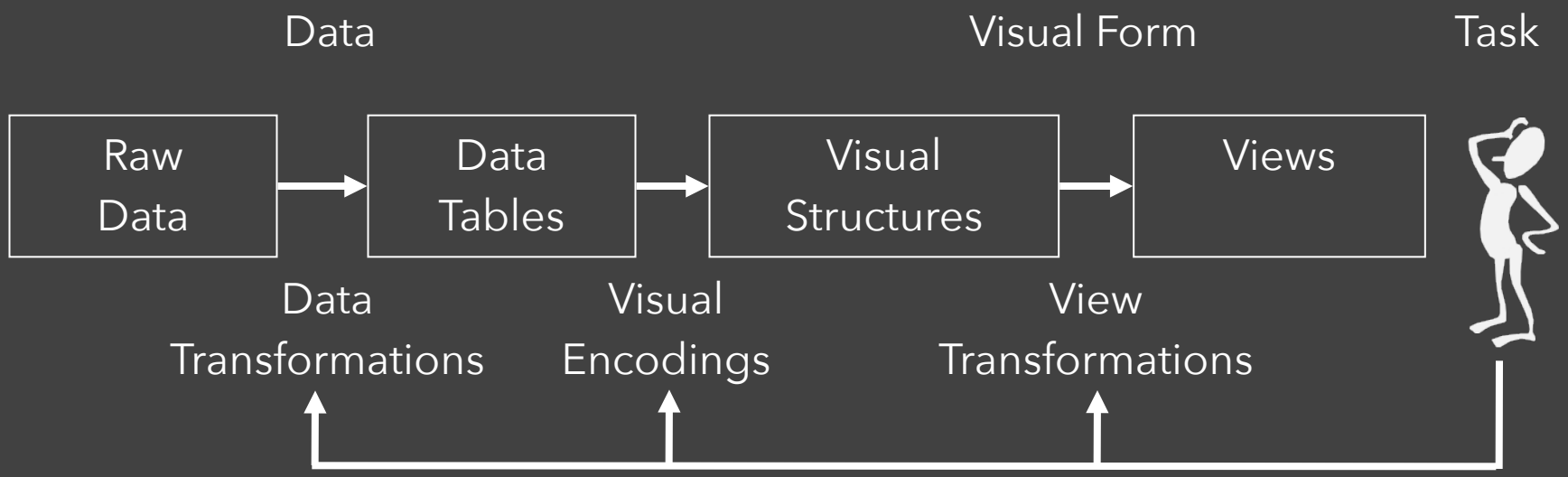
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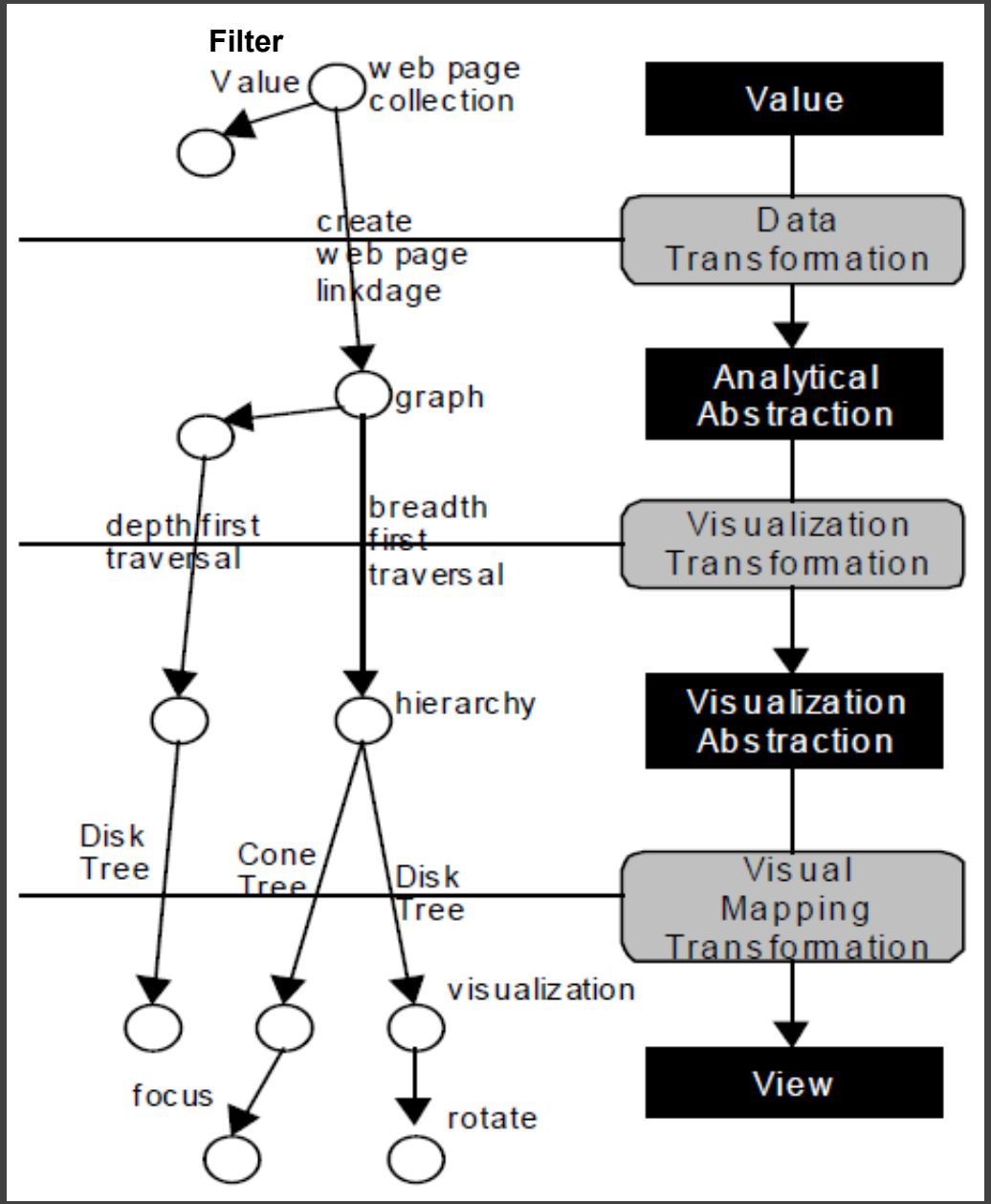

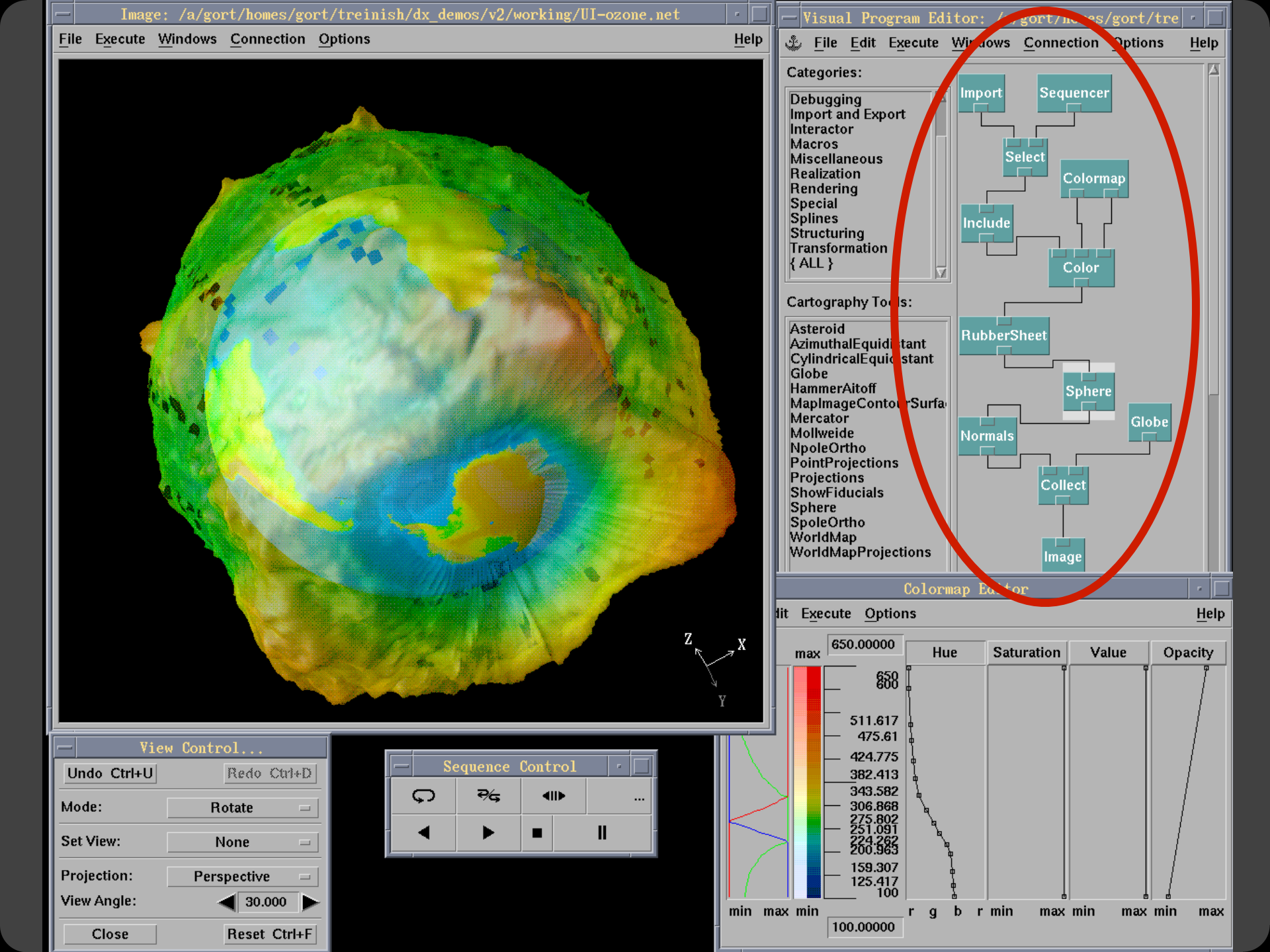
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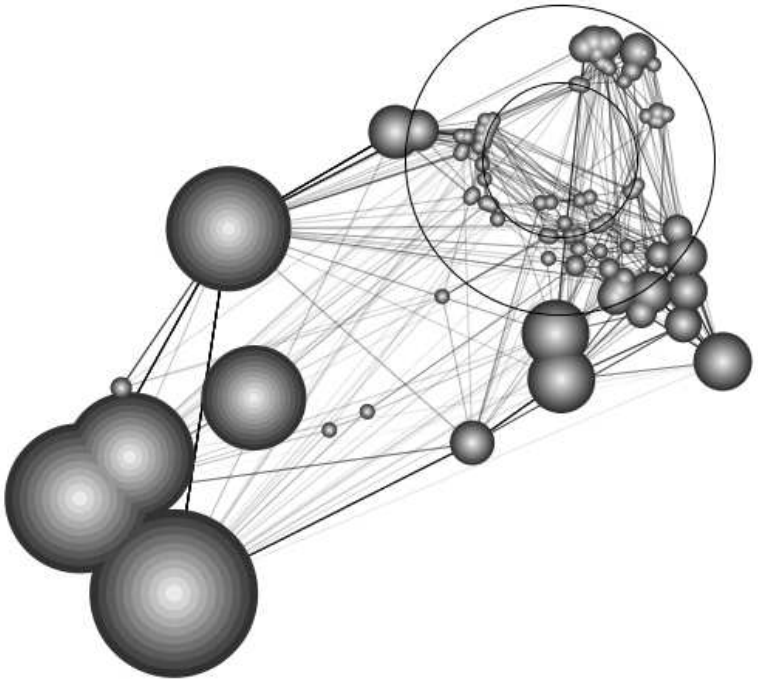
Prefuse & Flare

Operator-based toolkits for visualization design

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



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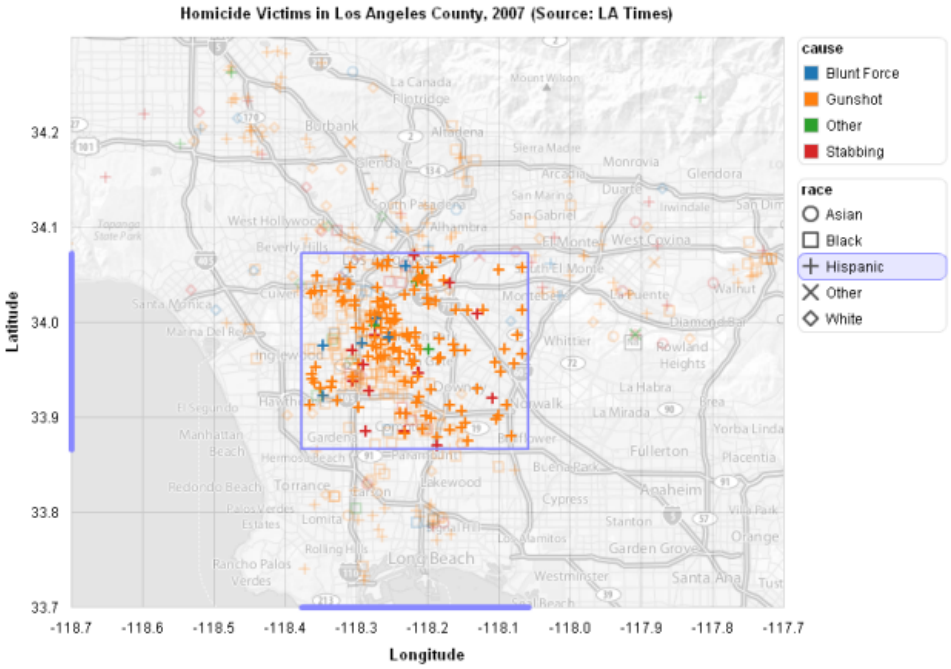

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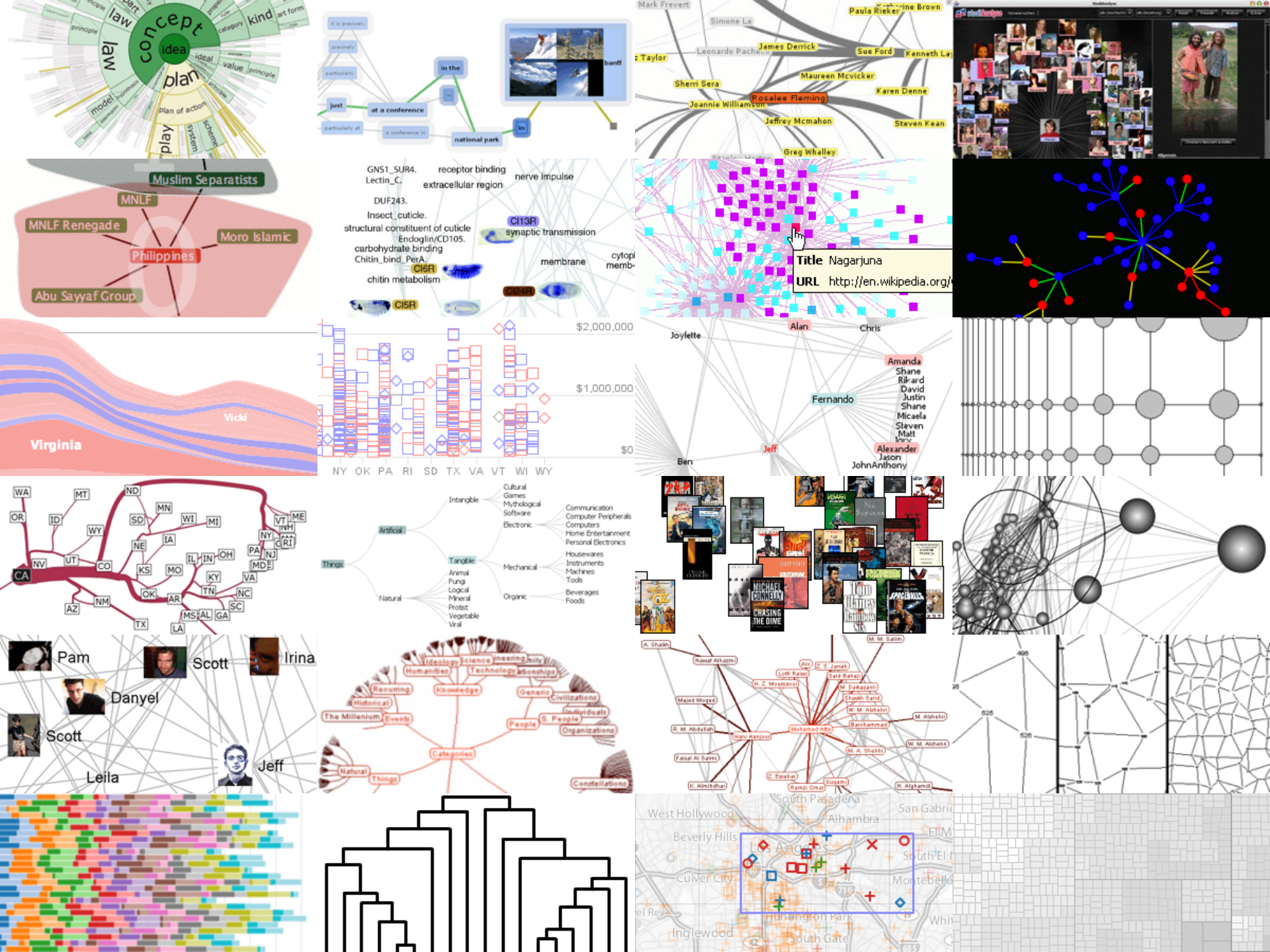
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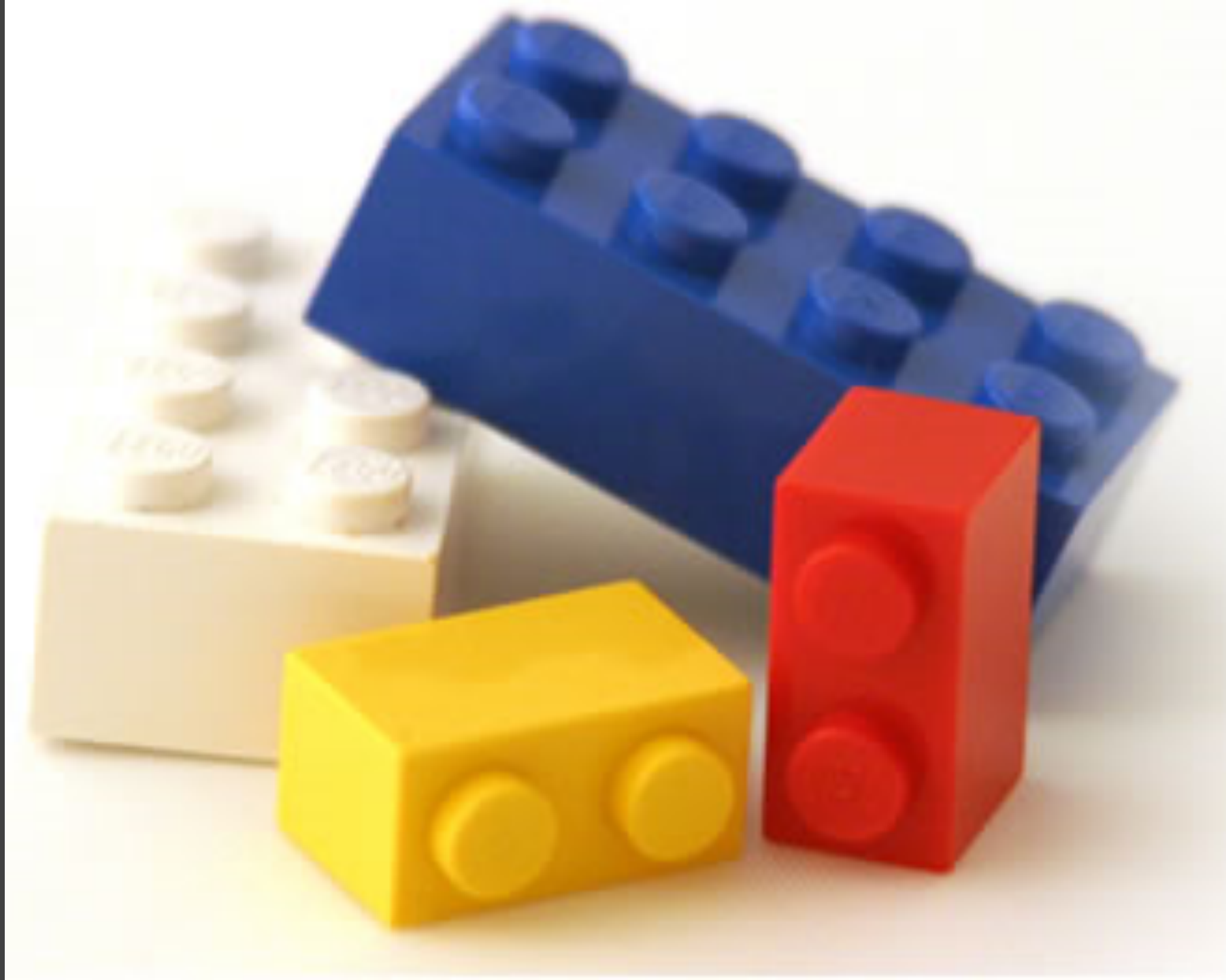

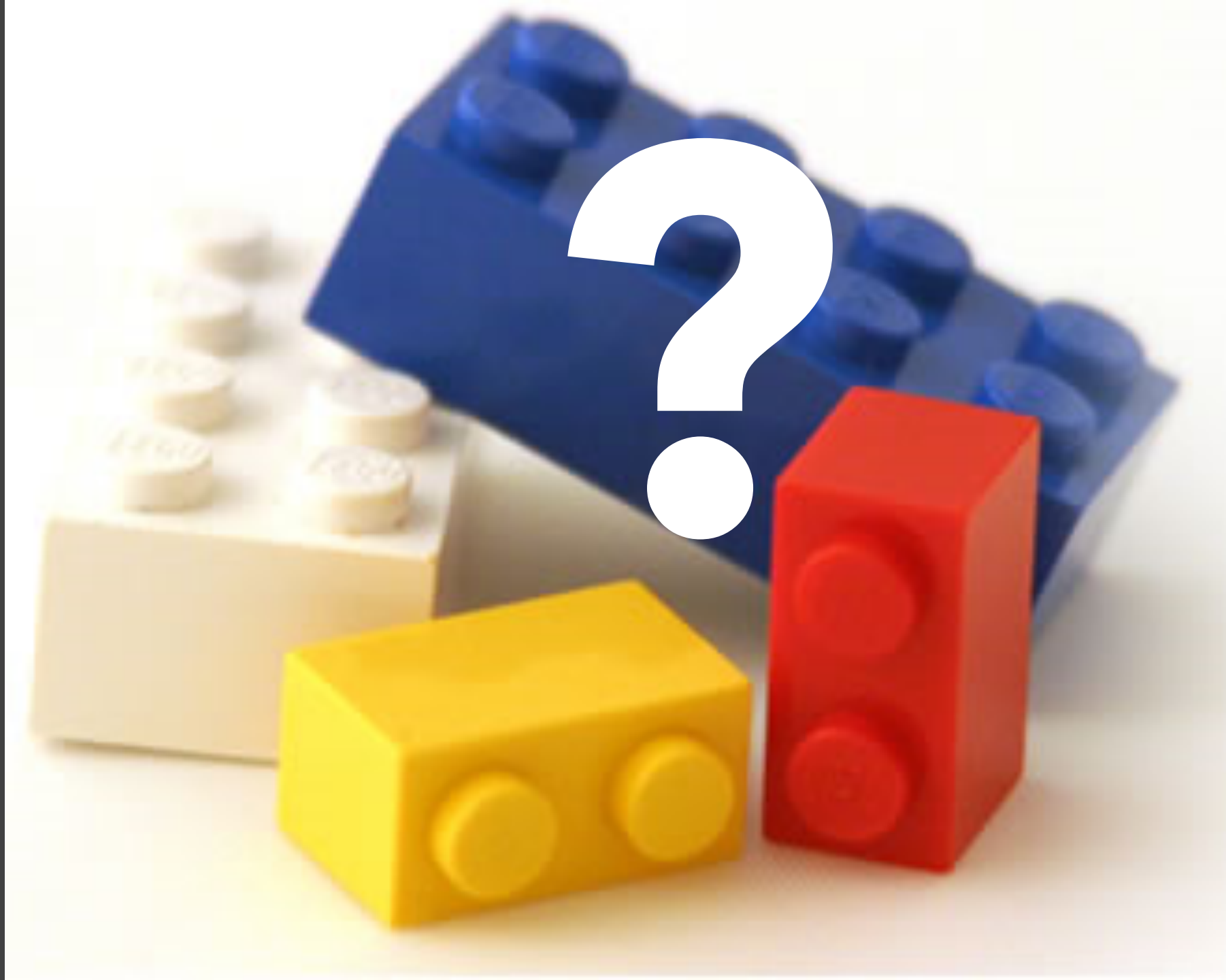

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Data Sets : State Quick Facts

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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
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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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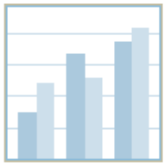
Compare a set of values



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

People QuickFac...
Click to select,
Ctrl-Click: multiple
Shift-Click: range

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
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- Colorado
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- Delaware
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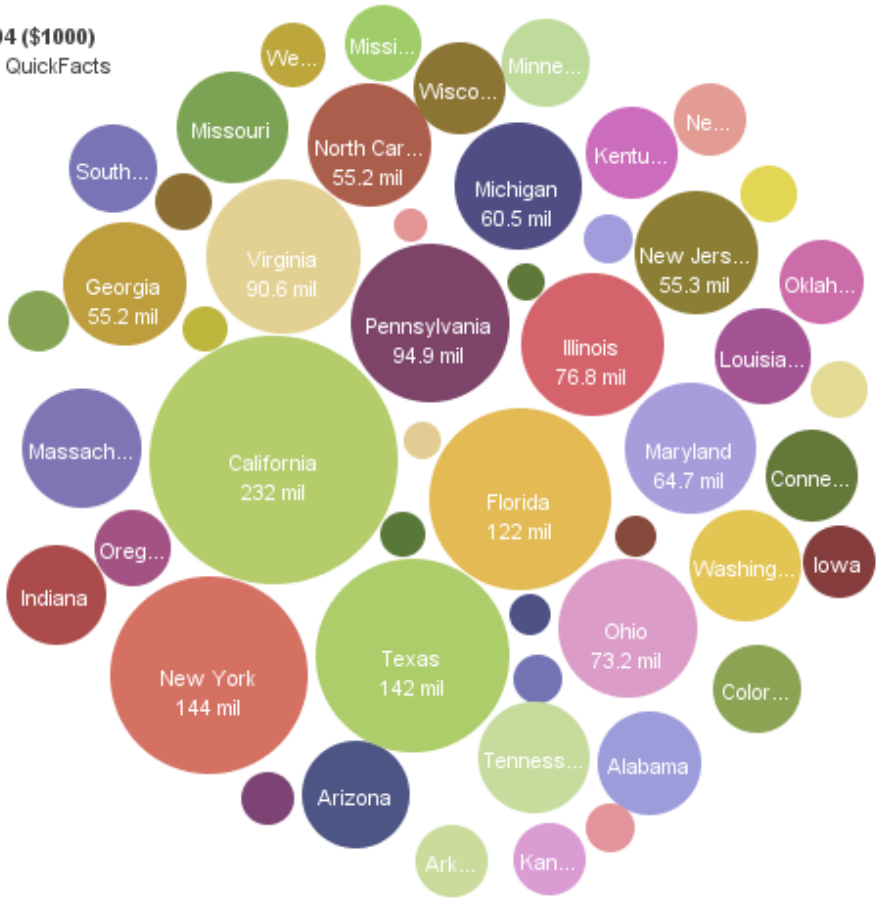
Federal spending 2004 ($1000)
Disks colored by People QuickFacts



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To highlight or find totals
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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

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Census Bureau

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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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- Abc Spec Elec Status
- Abc State Code
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- Abc *Measure Names*

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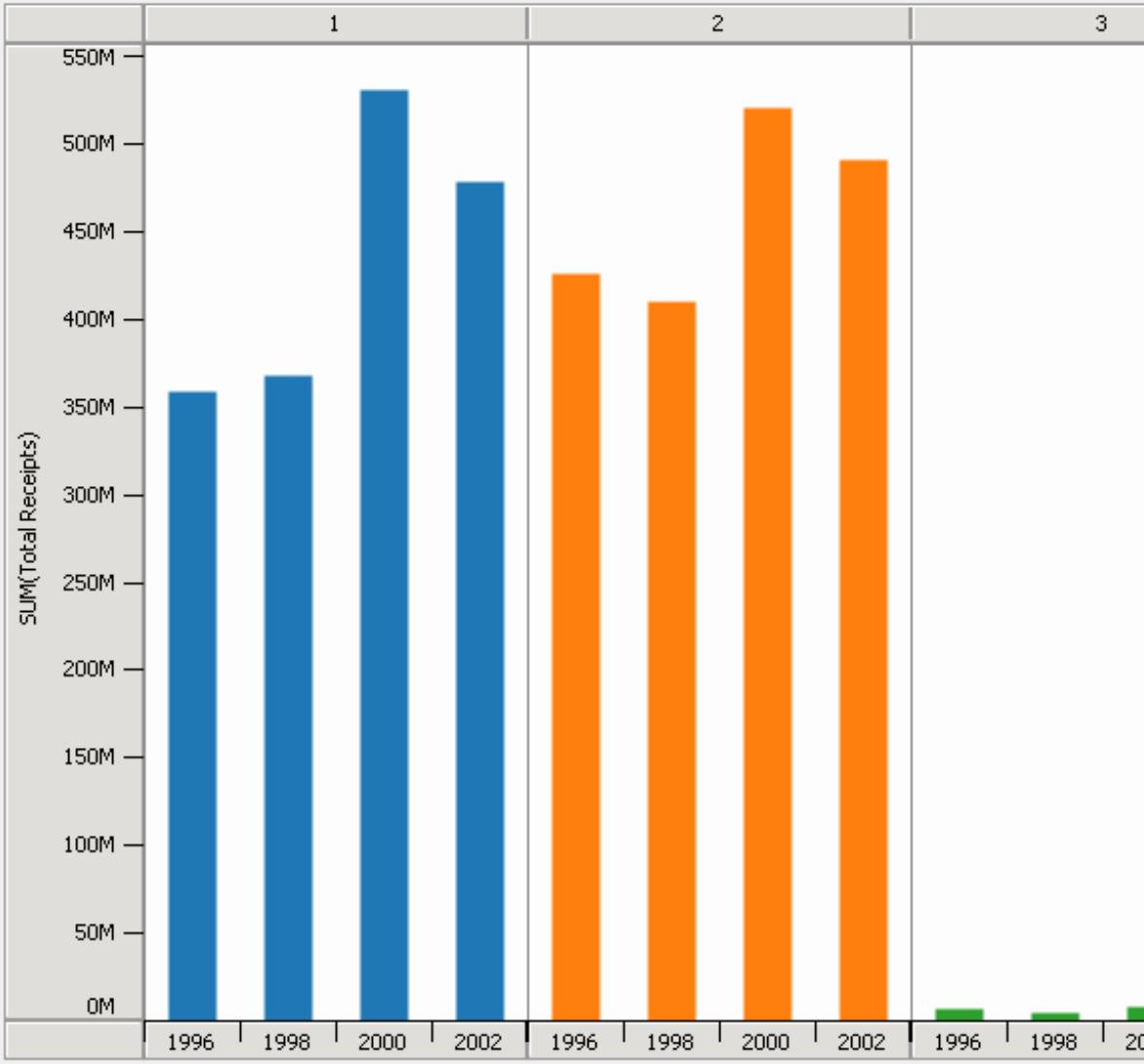

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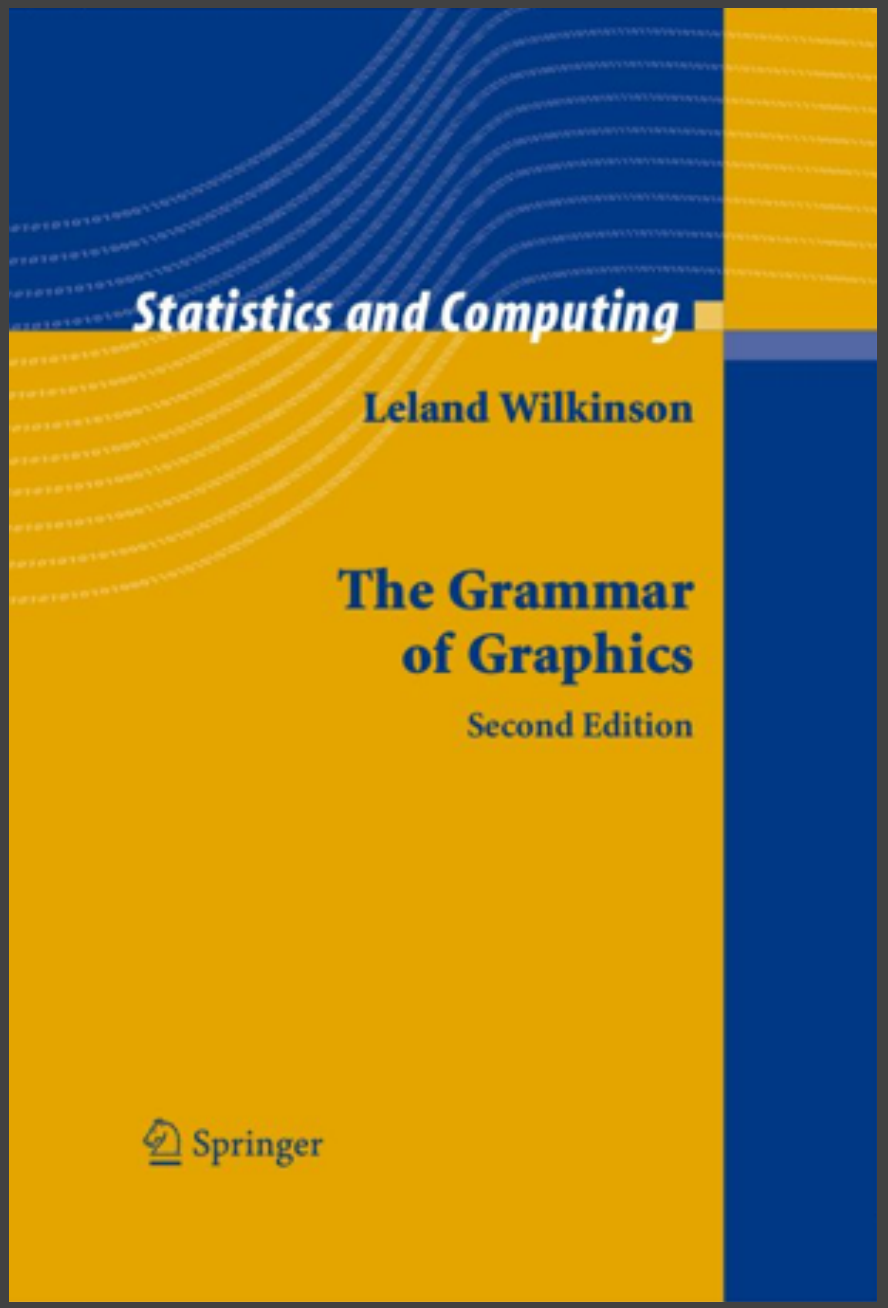
Statistics and Computing
Leland Wilkinson
The Grammar of Graphics
Second Edition
Springer

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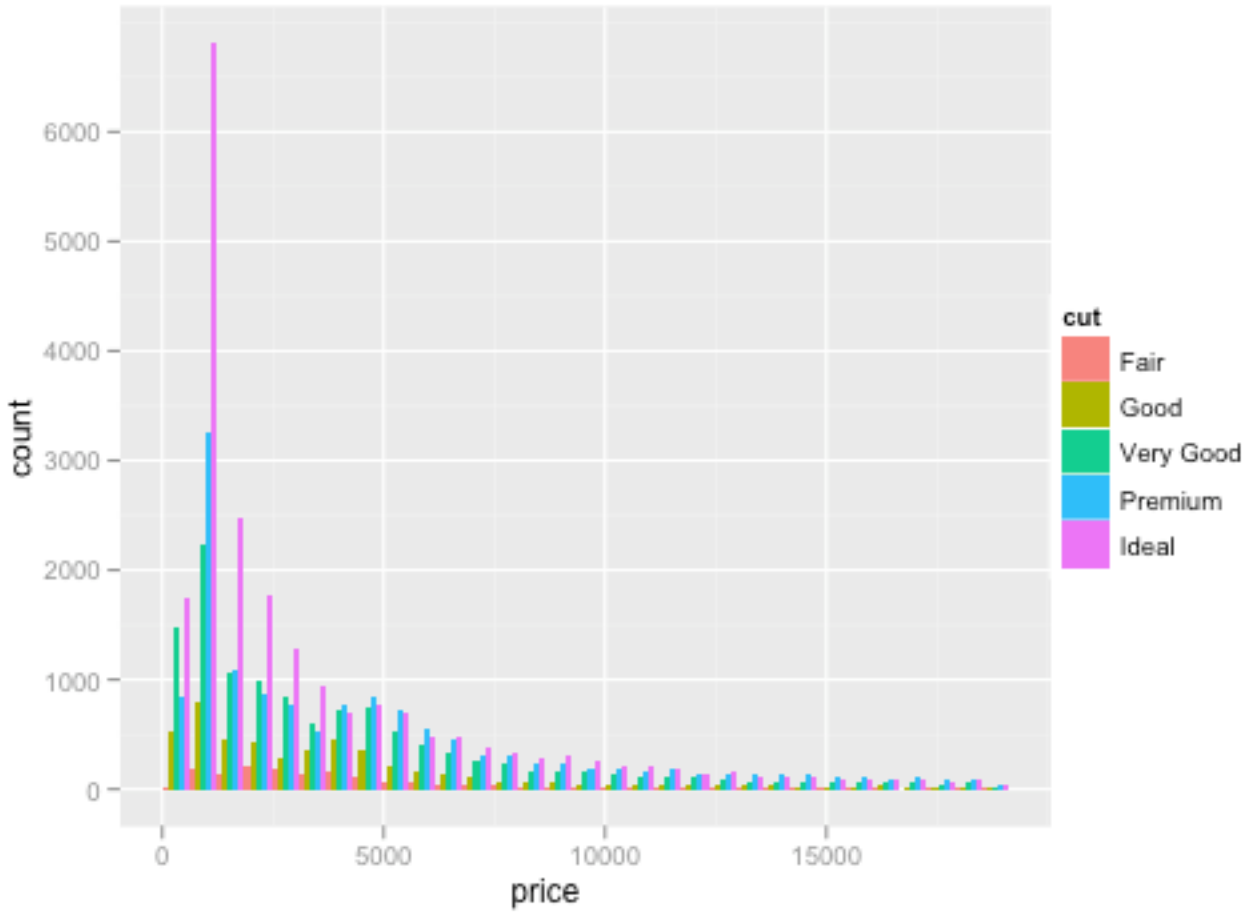


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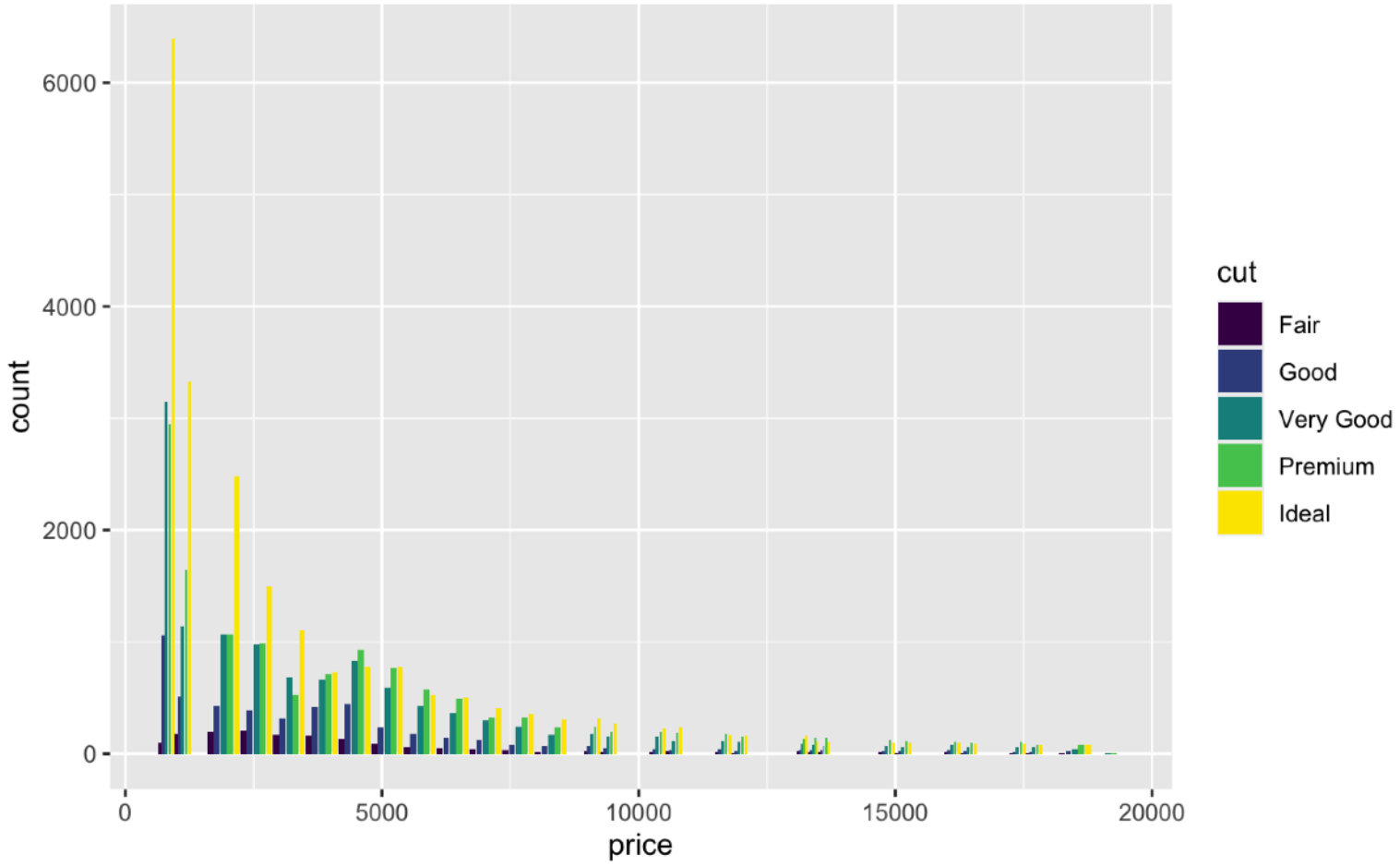


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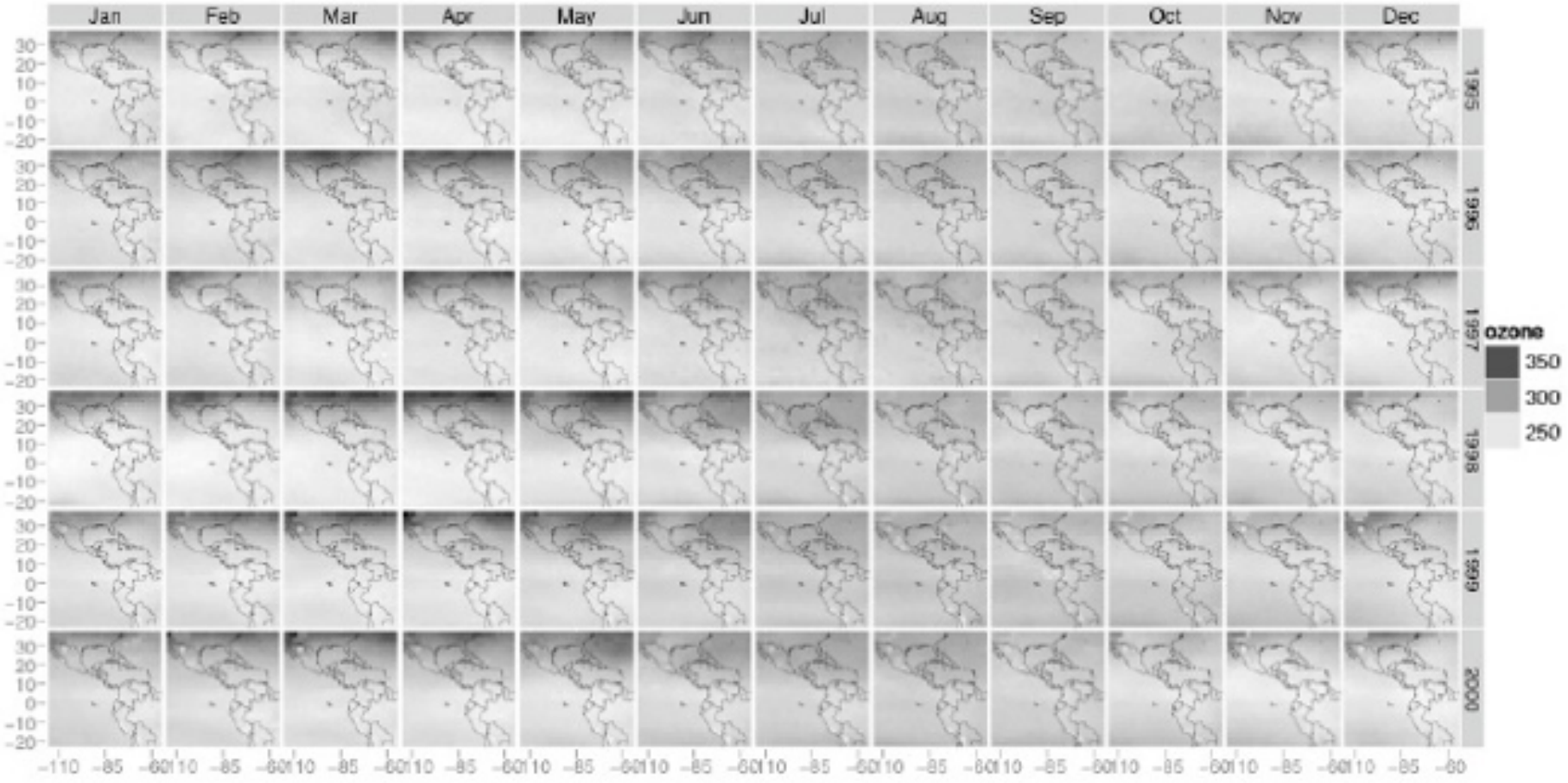


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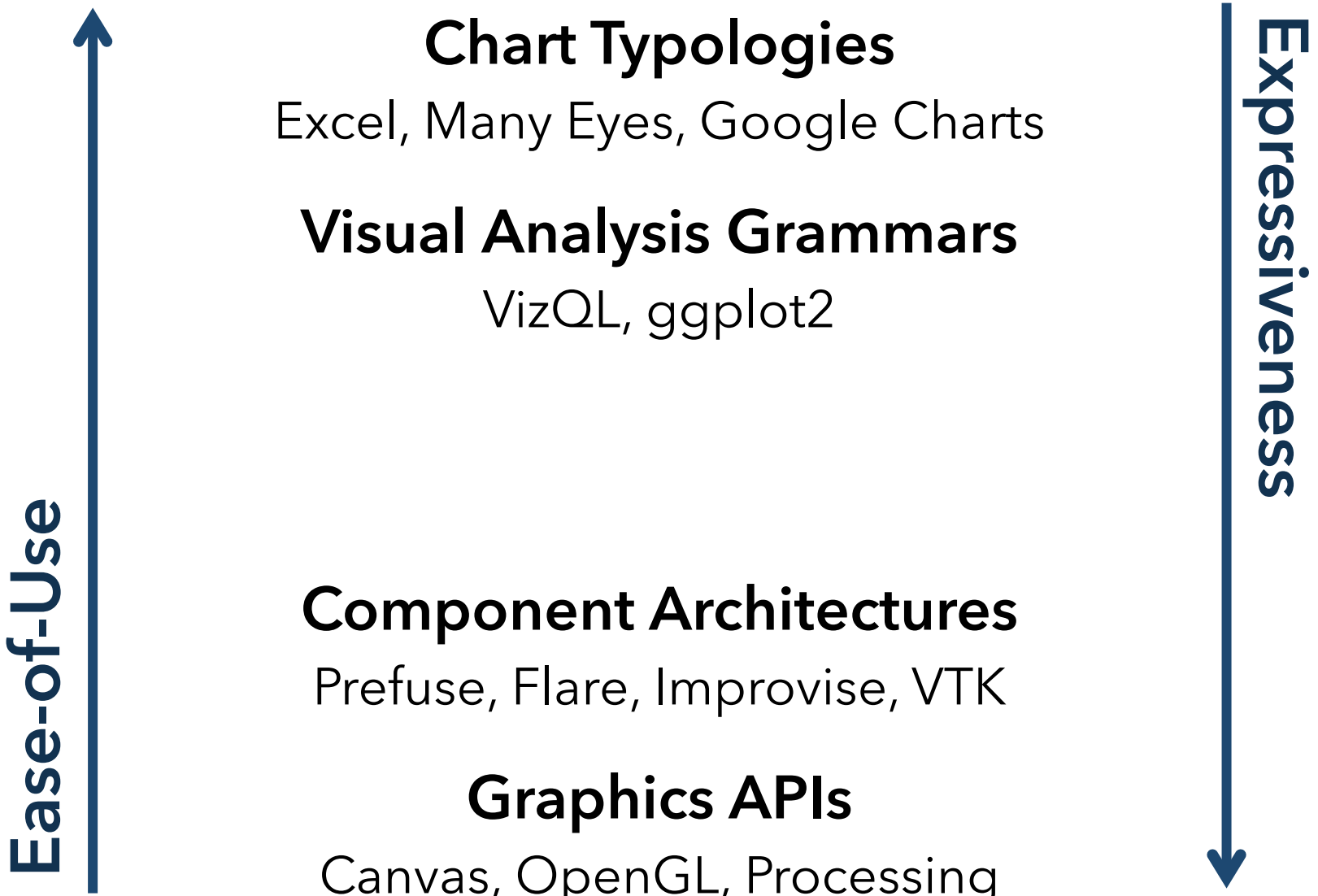
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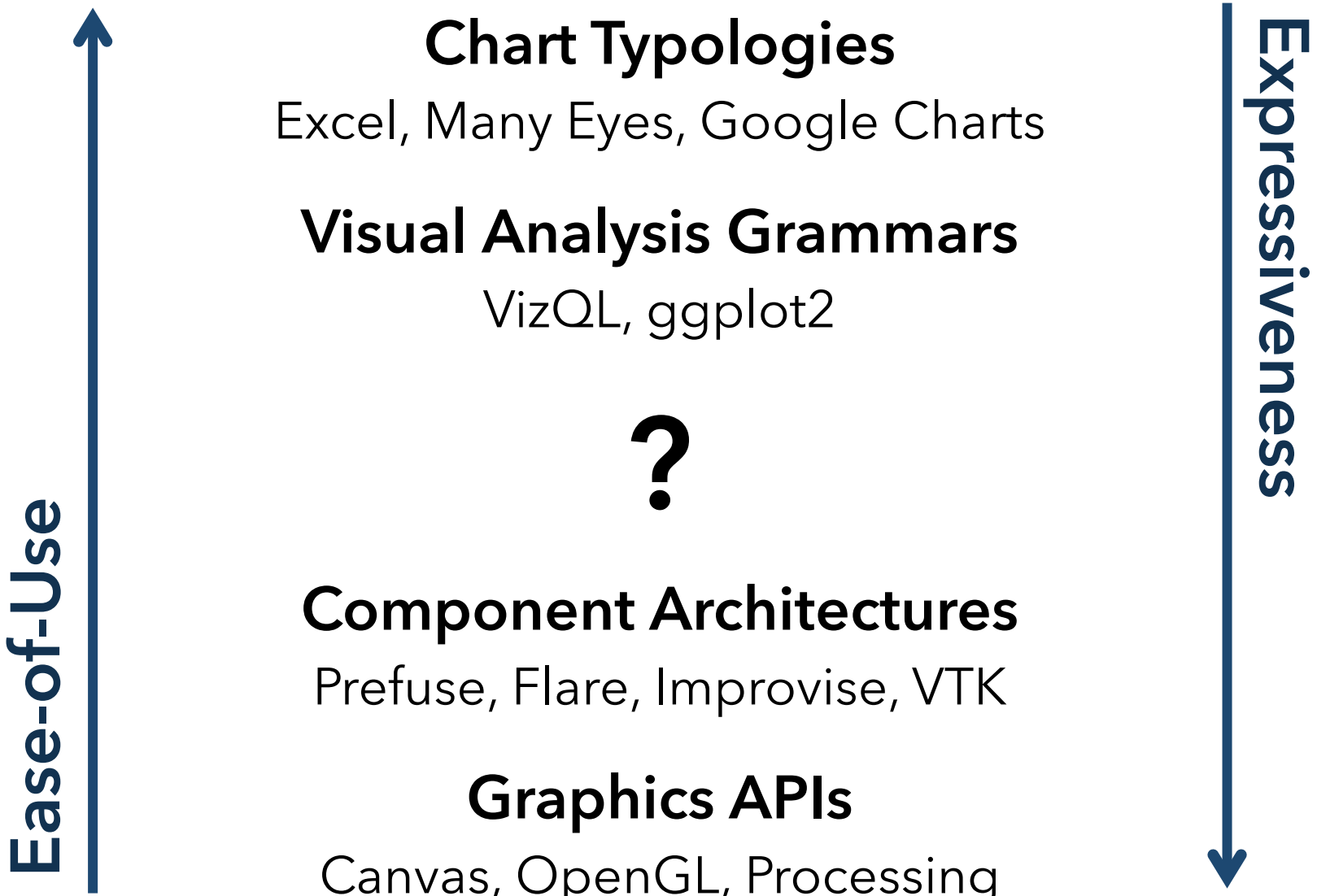
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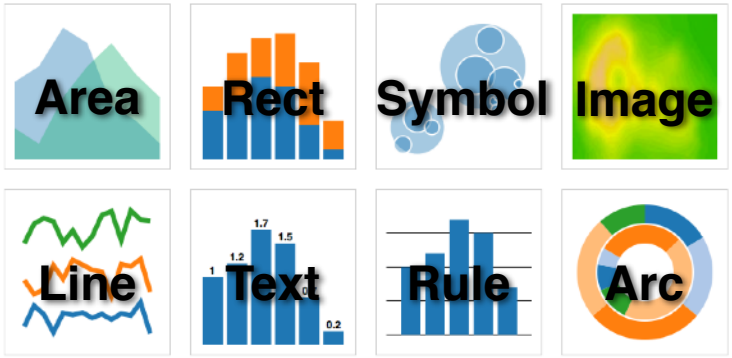
Protovis & D3

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**.

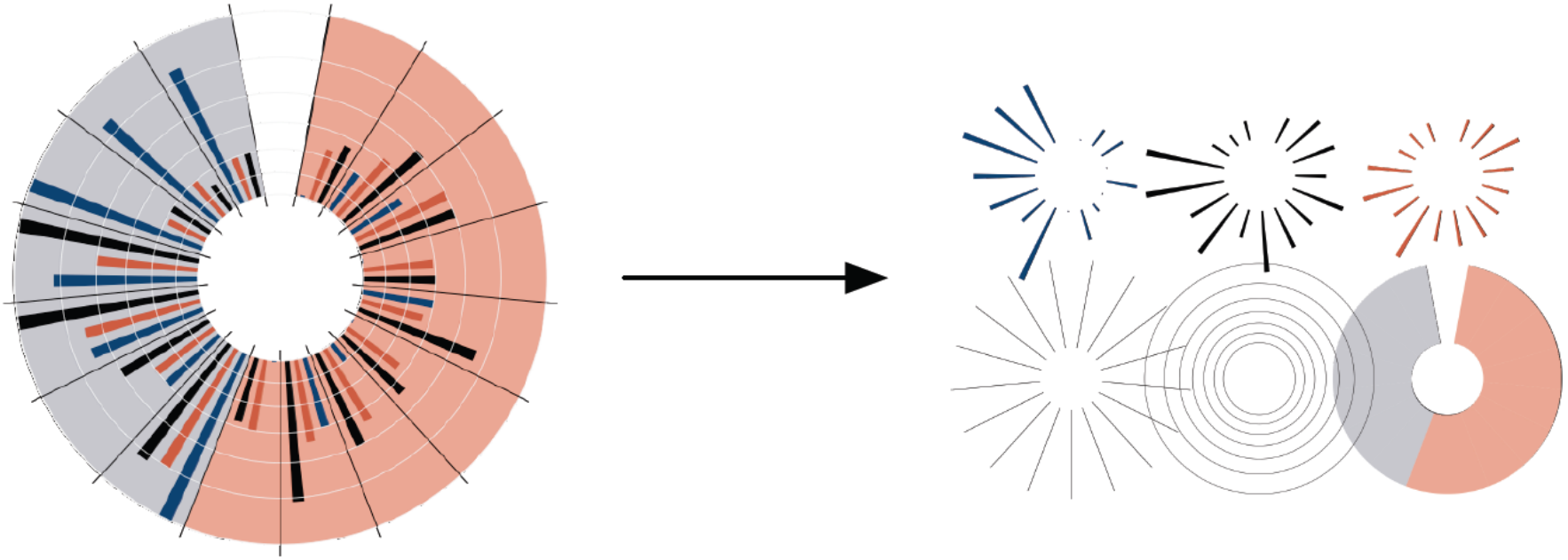
J. W. Tukey, M. B. Wilk
Data Analysis & Statistics, 1965

Visualization Grammar

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

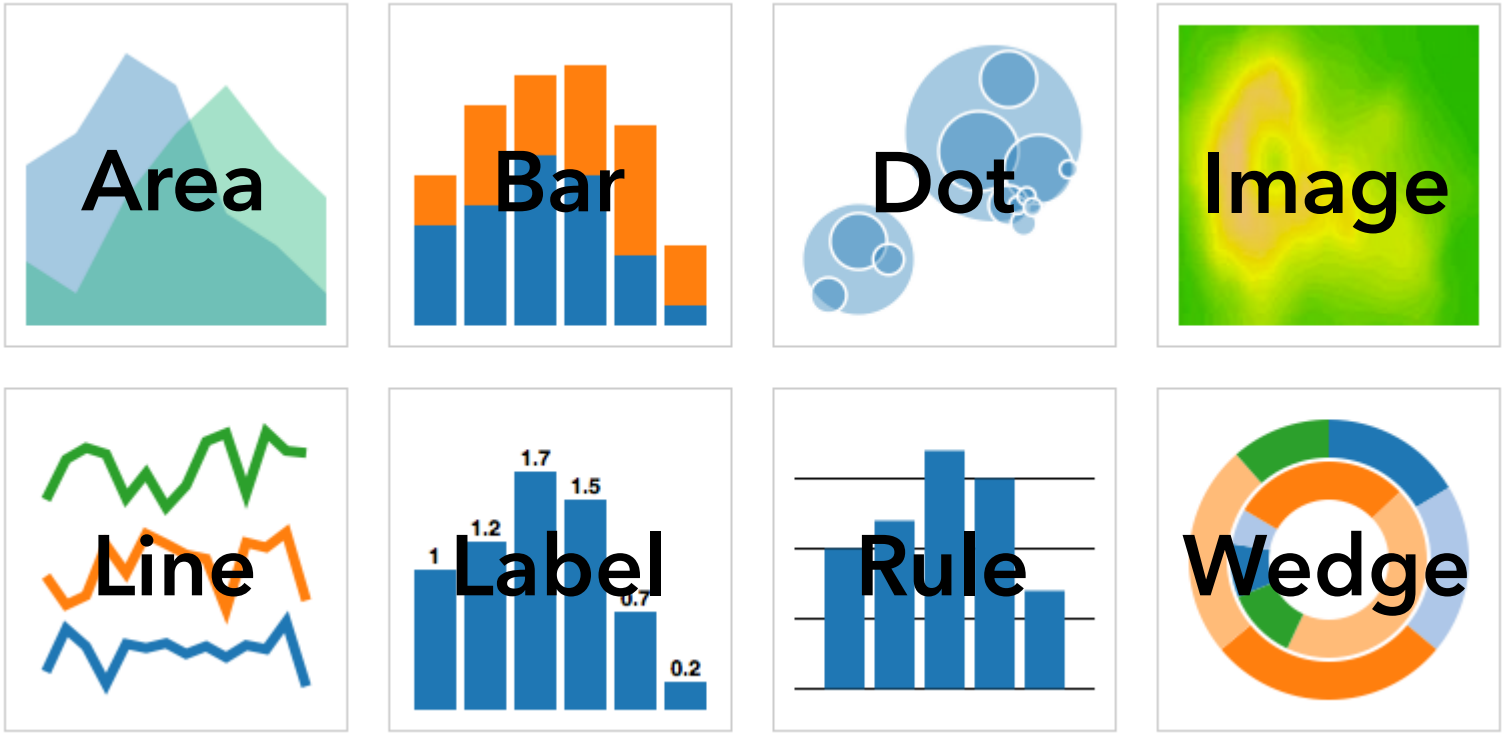


Protovis: A Grammar for Visualization



A graphic is a composition of data-representative marks.

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



MARKS: Protovis graphical primitives

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width	λ
height	λ
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strokeStyle	λ
lineWidth	λ
...	λ

RECT $\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

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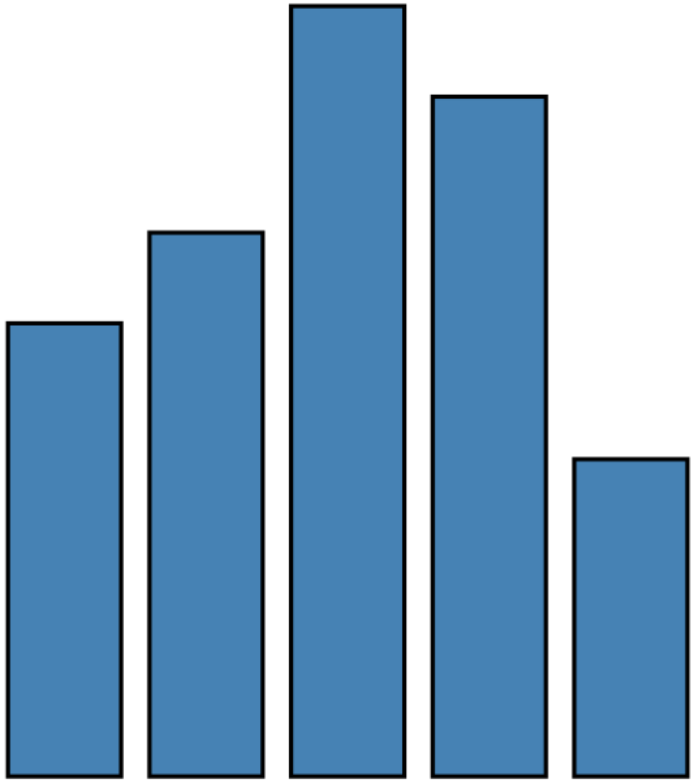

RECT $\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

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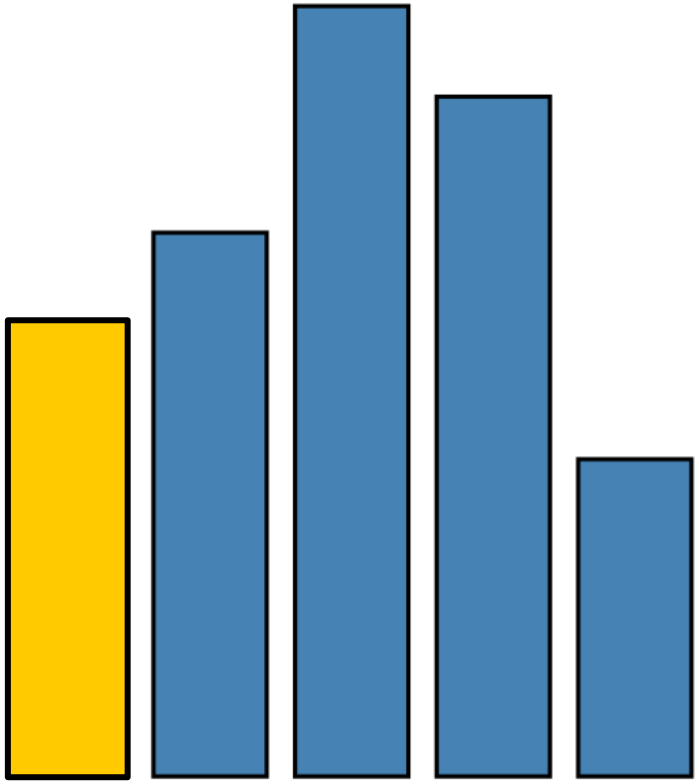
left	0 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	1 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



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visible	true				
left	1 * 25				
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width	20				
height	1.2 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
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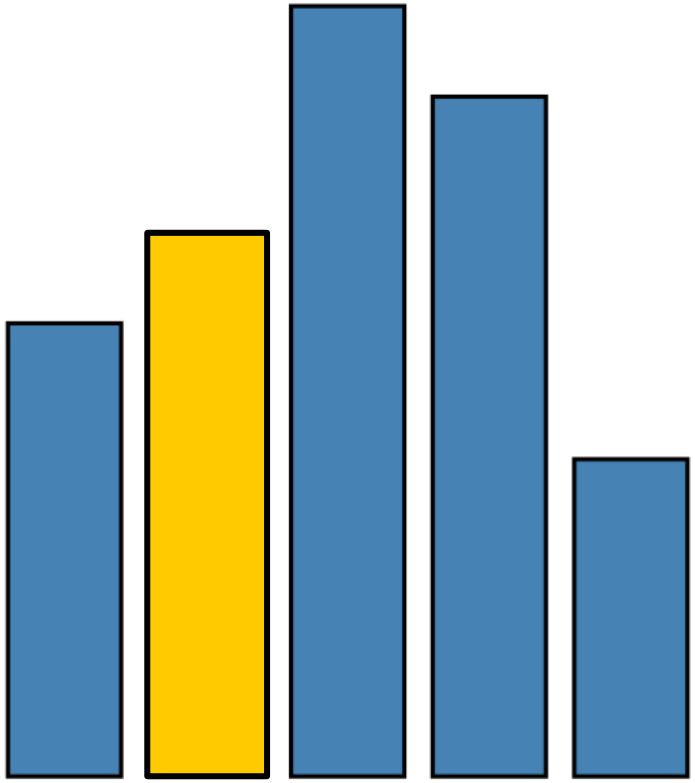
...	...				



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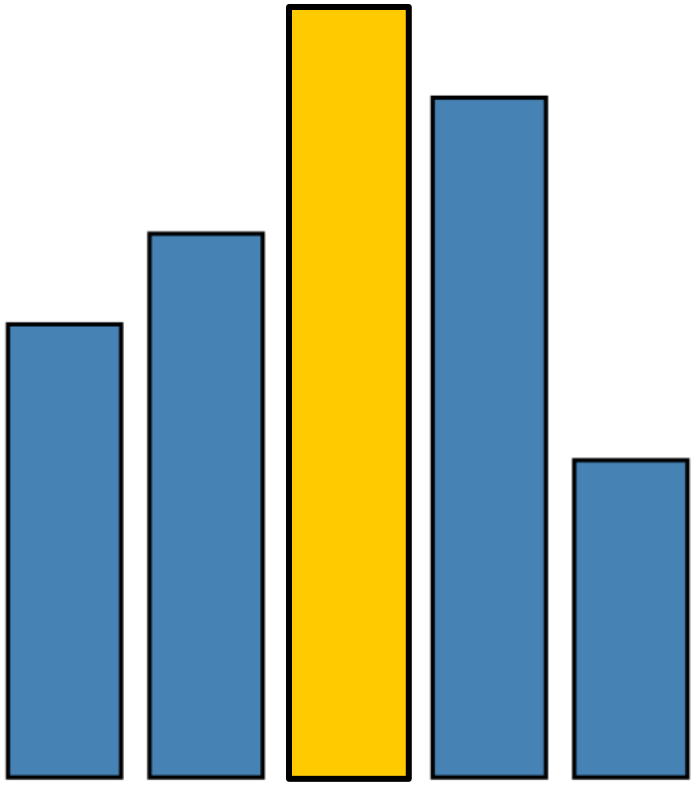
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



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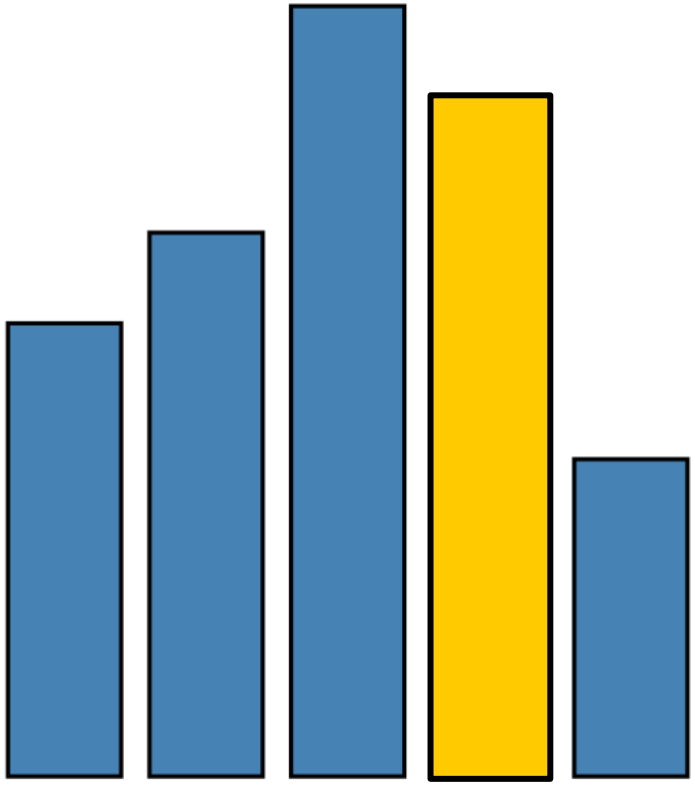
...	...				



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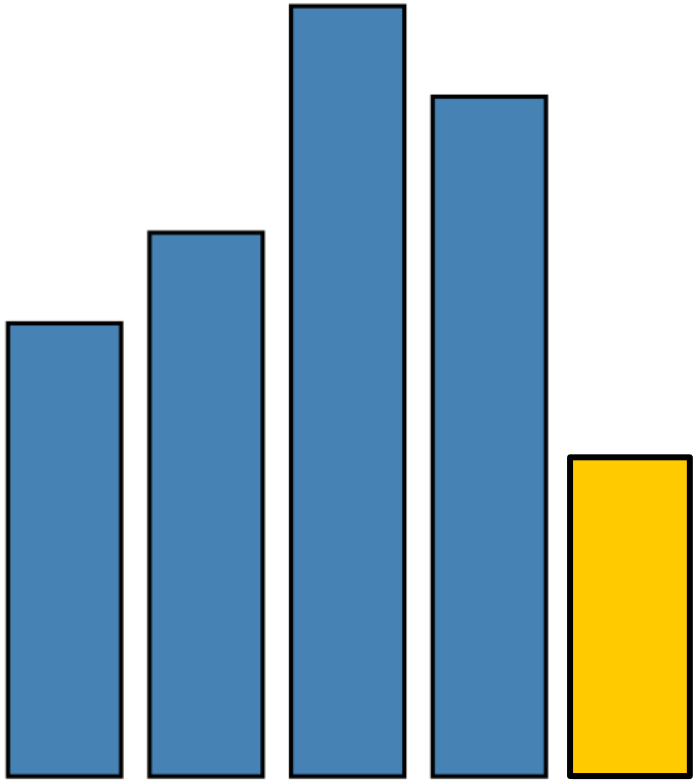
...	...				



RECT $\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

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visible	true				
left	λ: index * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
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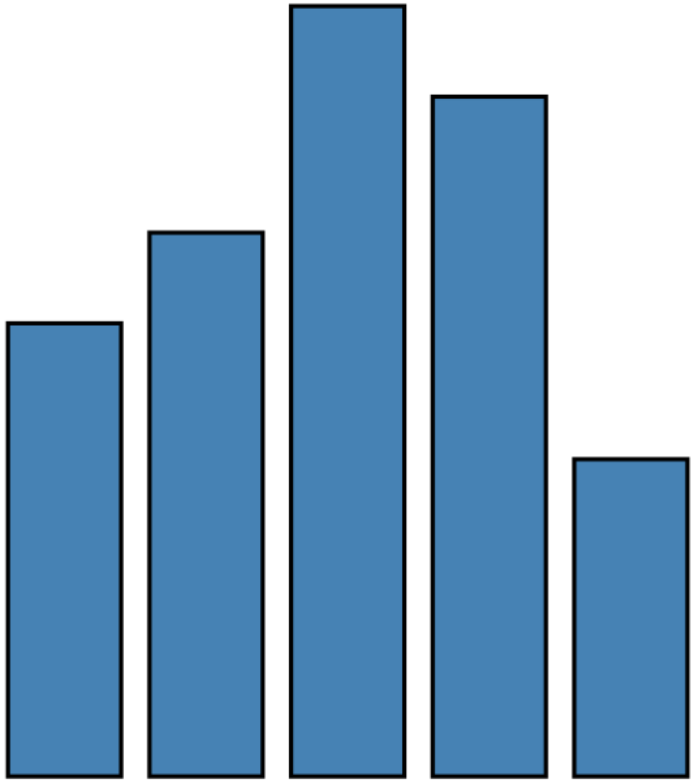
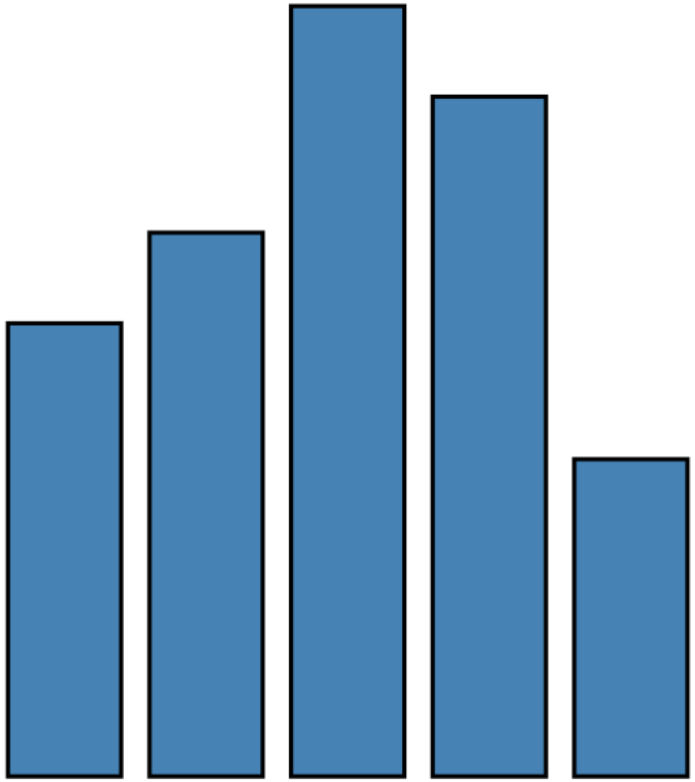
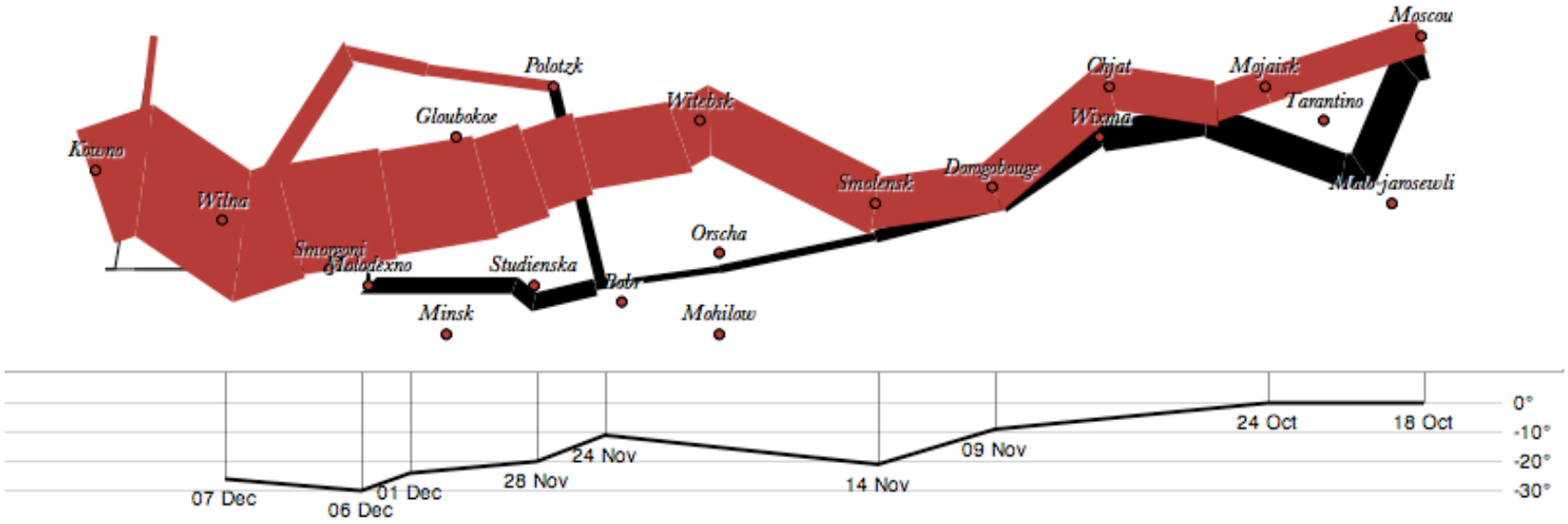
...	...				



```
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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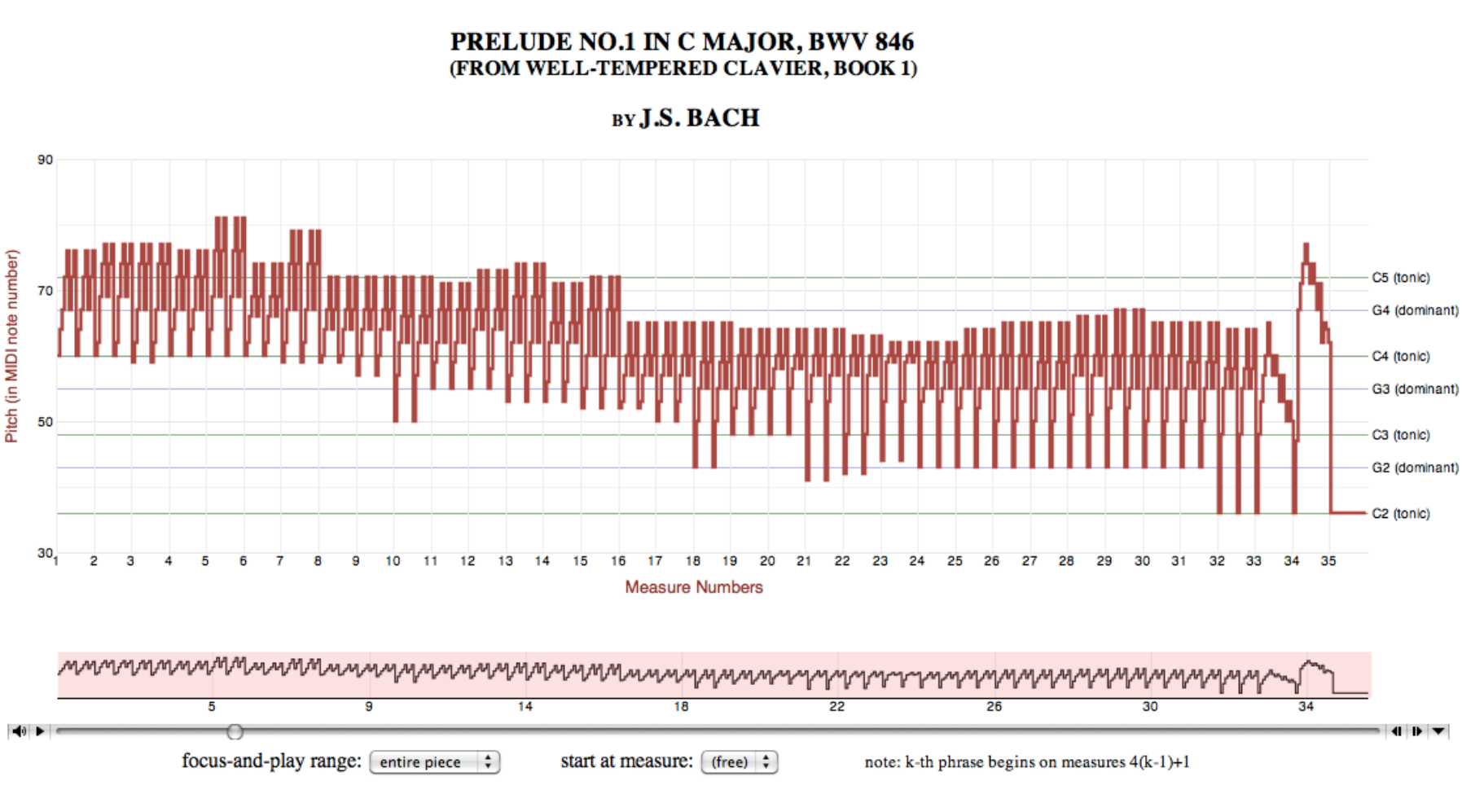
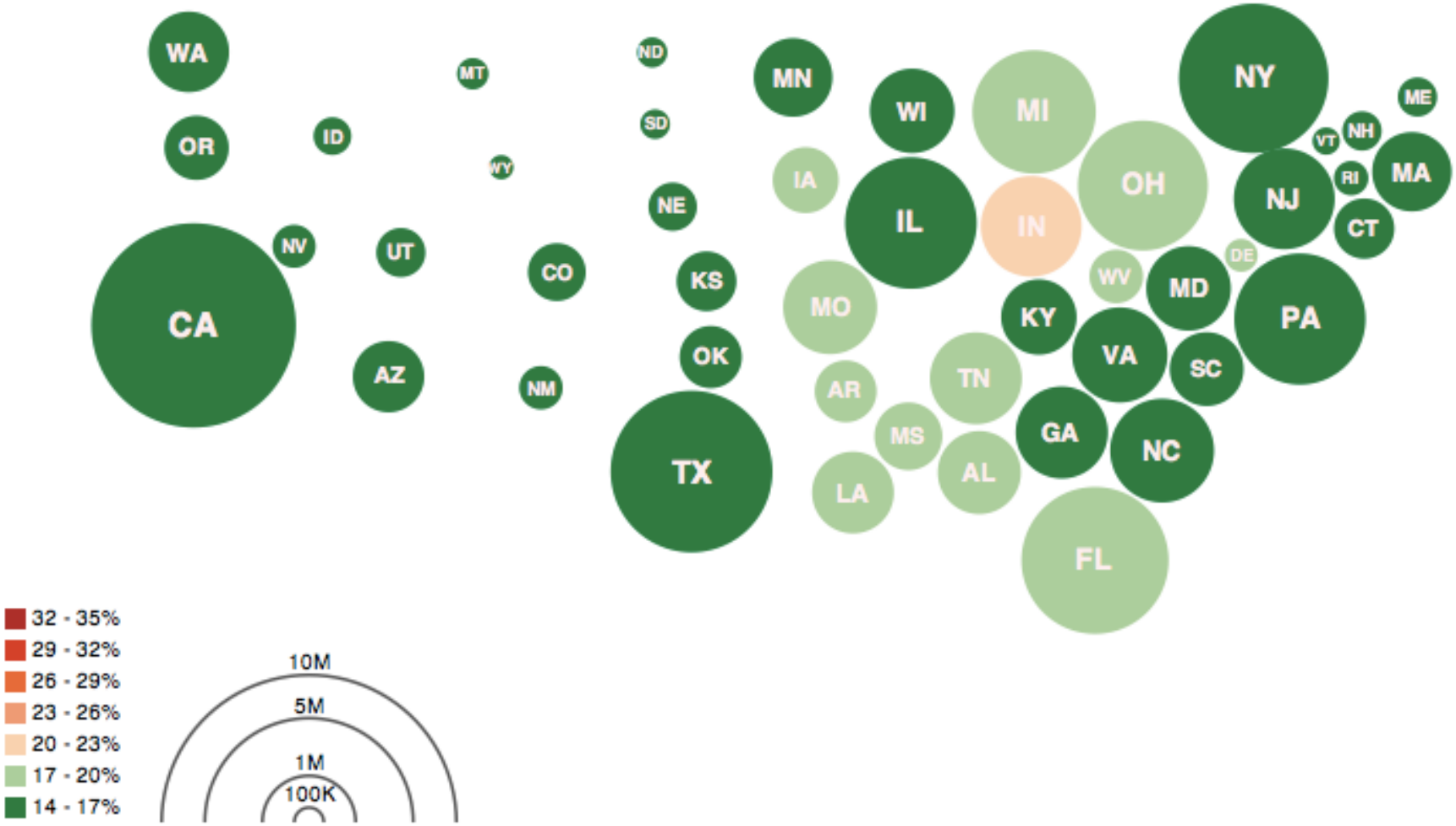


Bach's Prelude #1 in C Major | Jieun Oh



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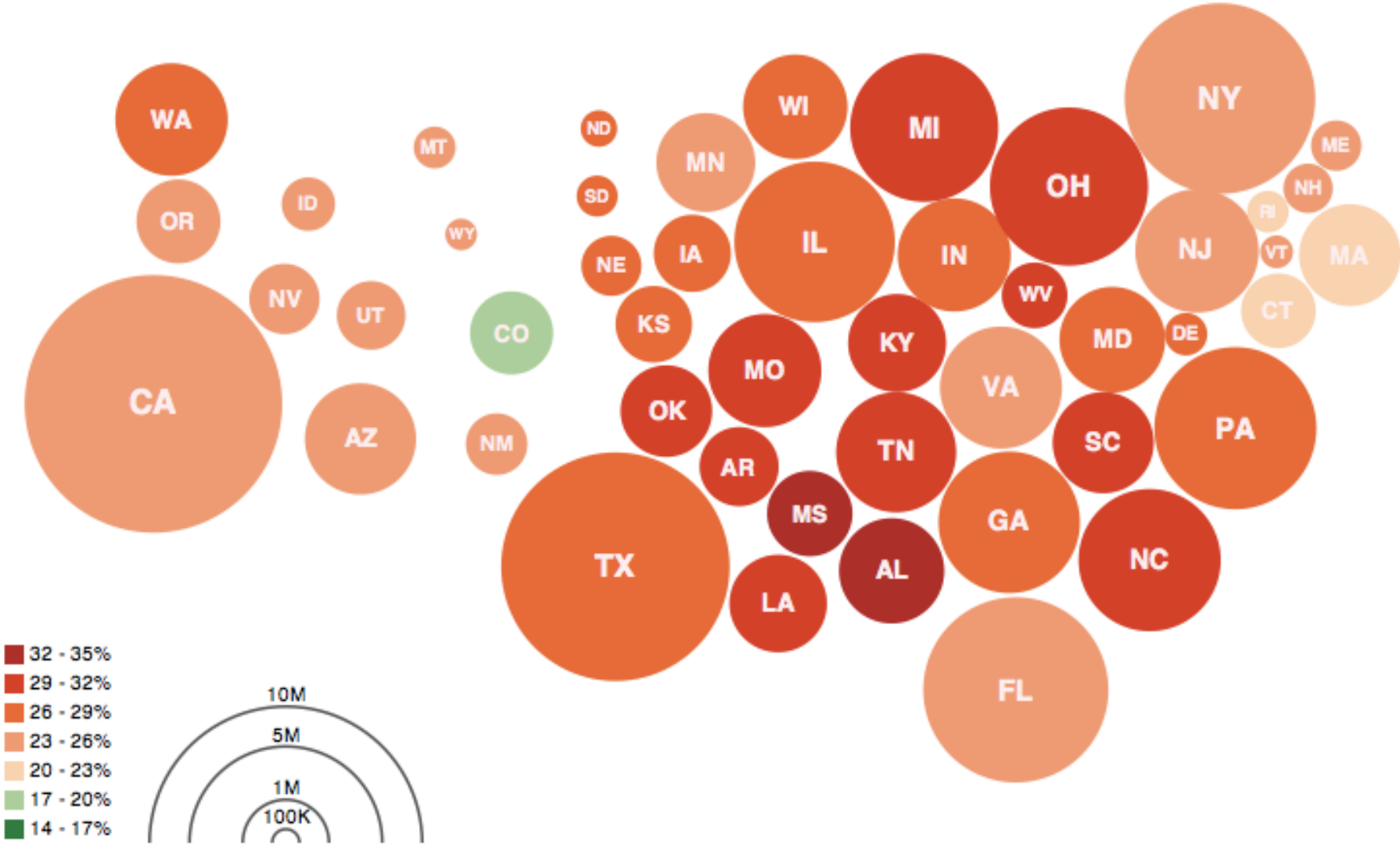

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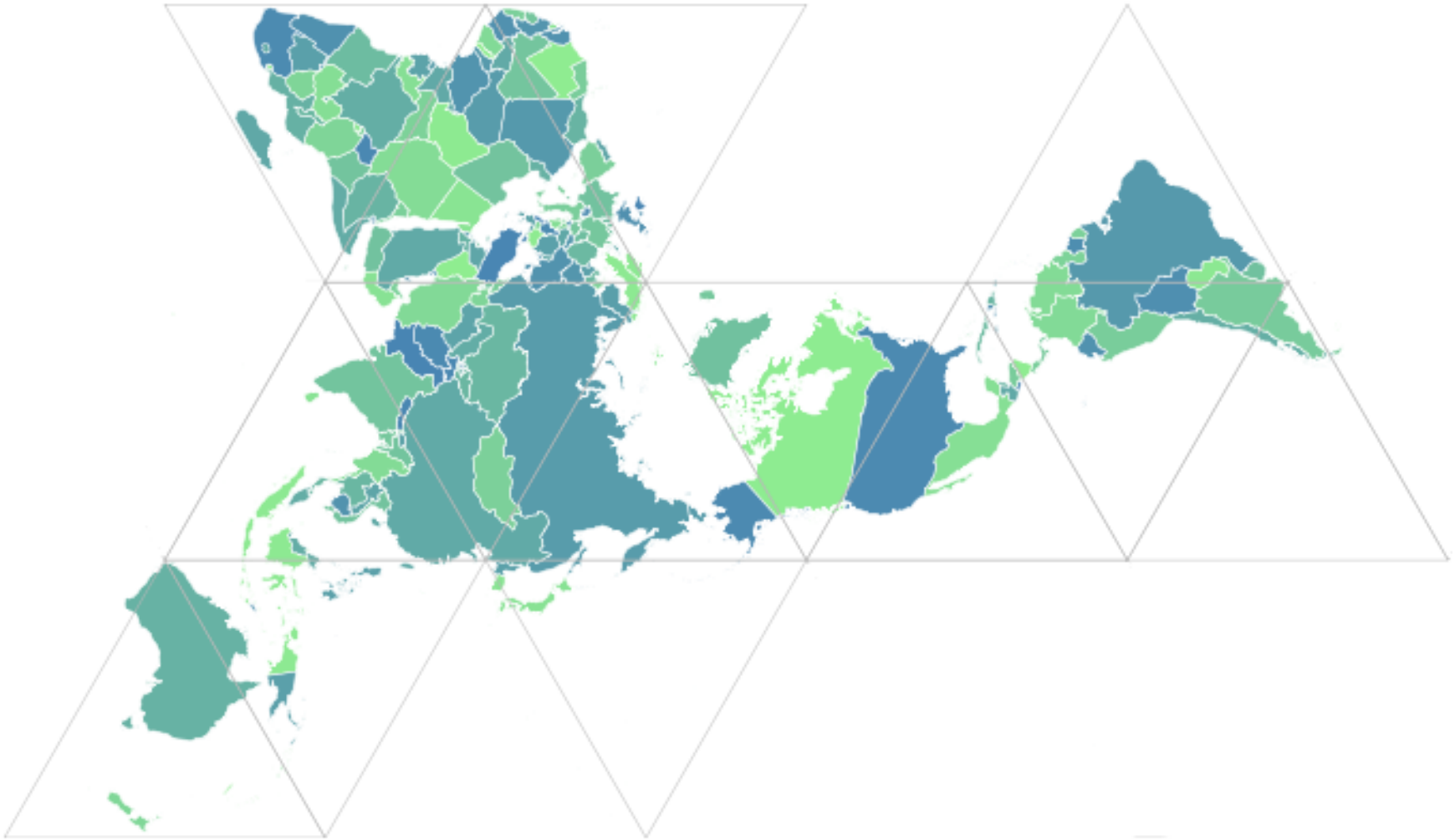
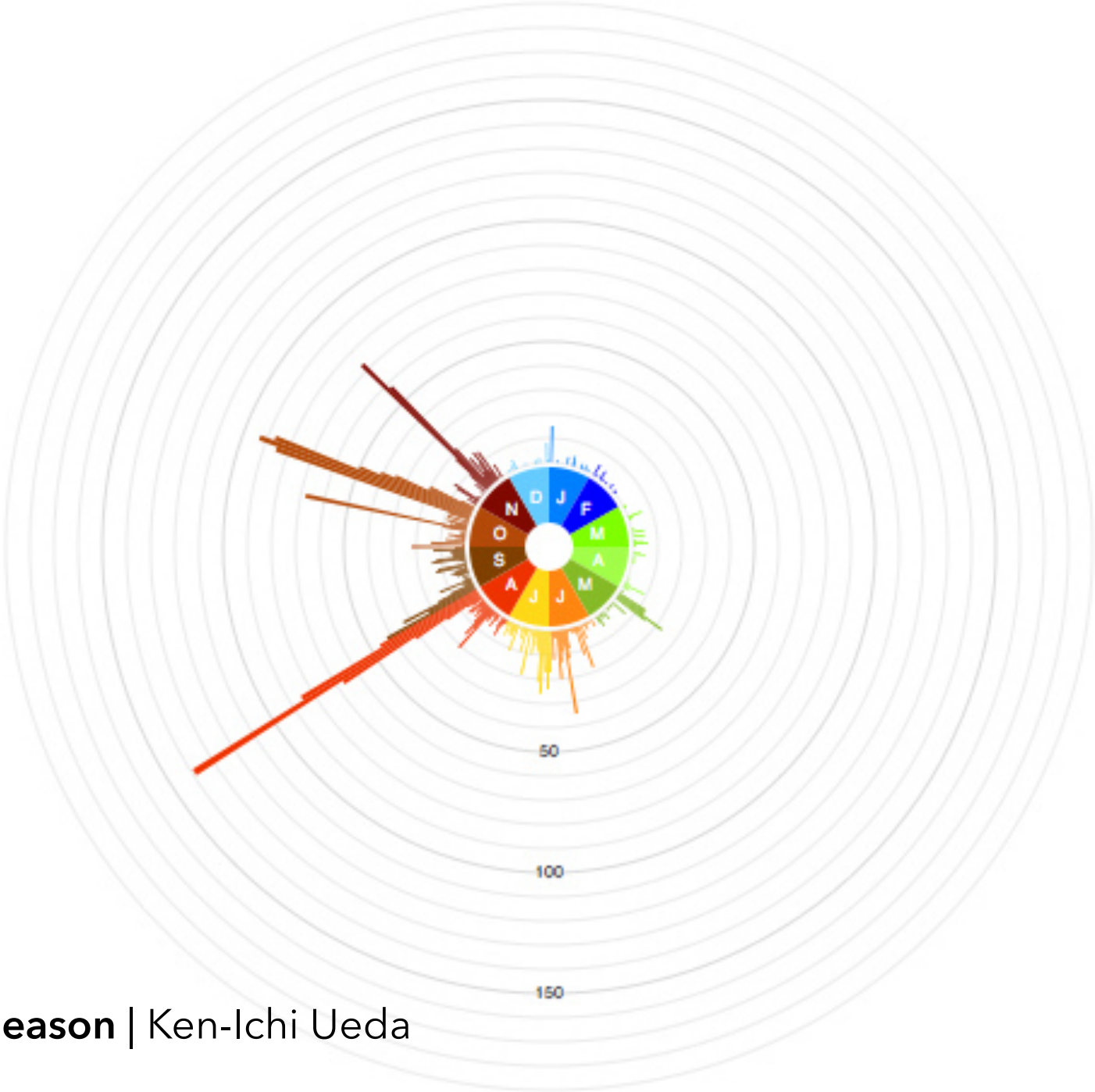


Dymaxion Maps | Vadim Ogievetsky



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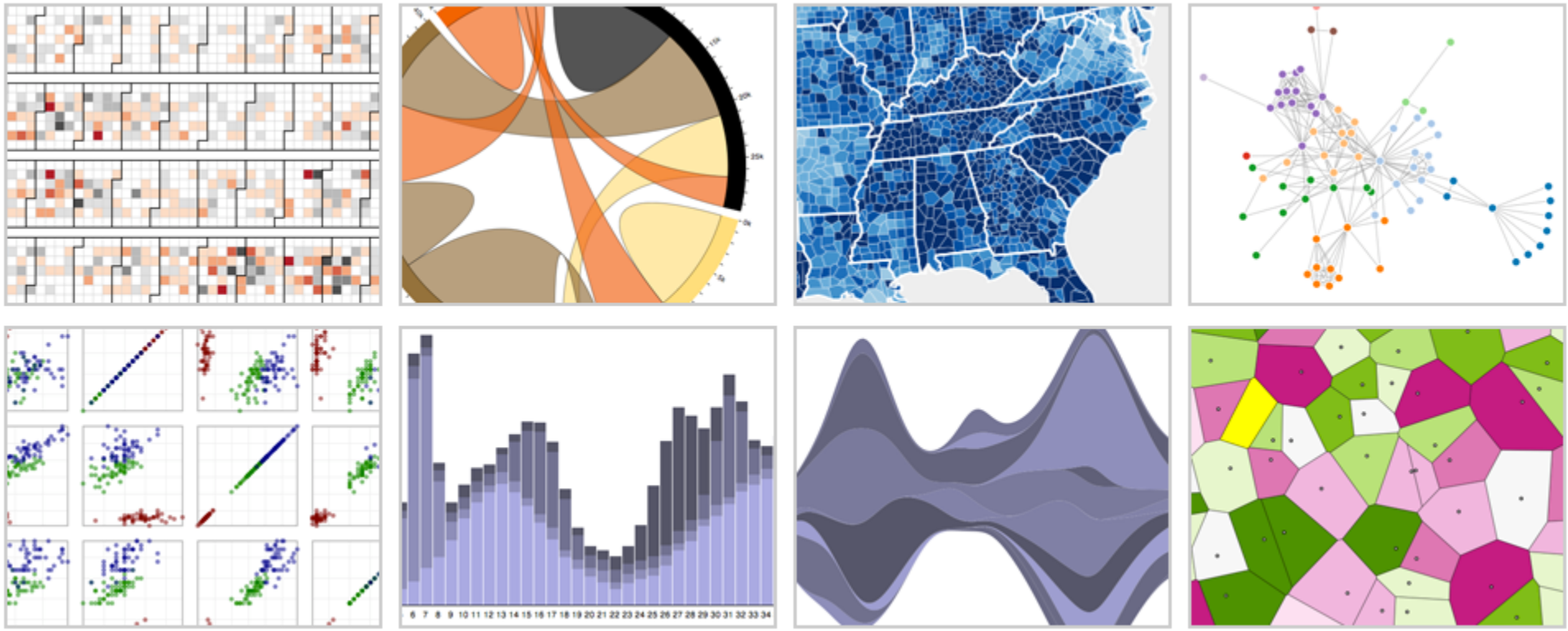
d3.js Data-Driven Documents



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

Protovis

Specialized mark types

+ Streamlined design
- Limits expressiveness
- More overhead (slower)
- Harder to debug
- Self-contained model

Specify a scene (nouns)

+ Quick for static vis
- Delayed evaluation
- Animation, interaction are more cumbersome

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

D3 Selections

The core abstraction in D3 is a ***selection***.

```
// Add and configure an SVG element (<svg width="500" height="300">)
var svg = d3.append("svg")      // add new SVG to page body
    .attr("width", 500)         // set SVG width to 500px
    .attr("height", 300);       // set SVG height to 300px

// Select & update existing rectangles contained in the SVG element
svg.selectAll("rect")           // select all SVG rectangles
    .attr("width", 100)         // set rect widths to 100px
    .style("fill", "steelblue"); // set rect fill colors
```

Data Binding

Selections can ***bind*** **data and DOM elements**.

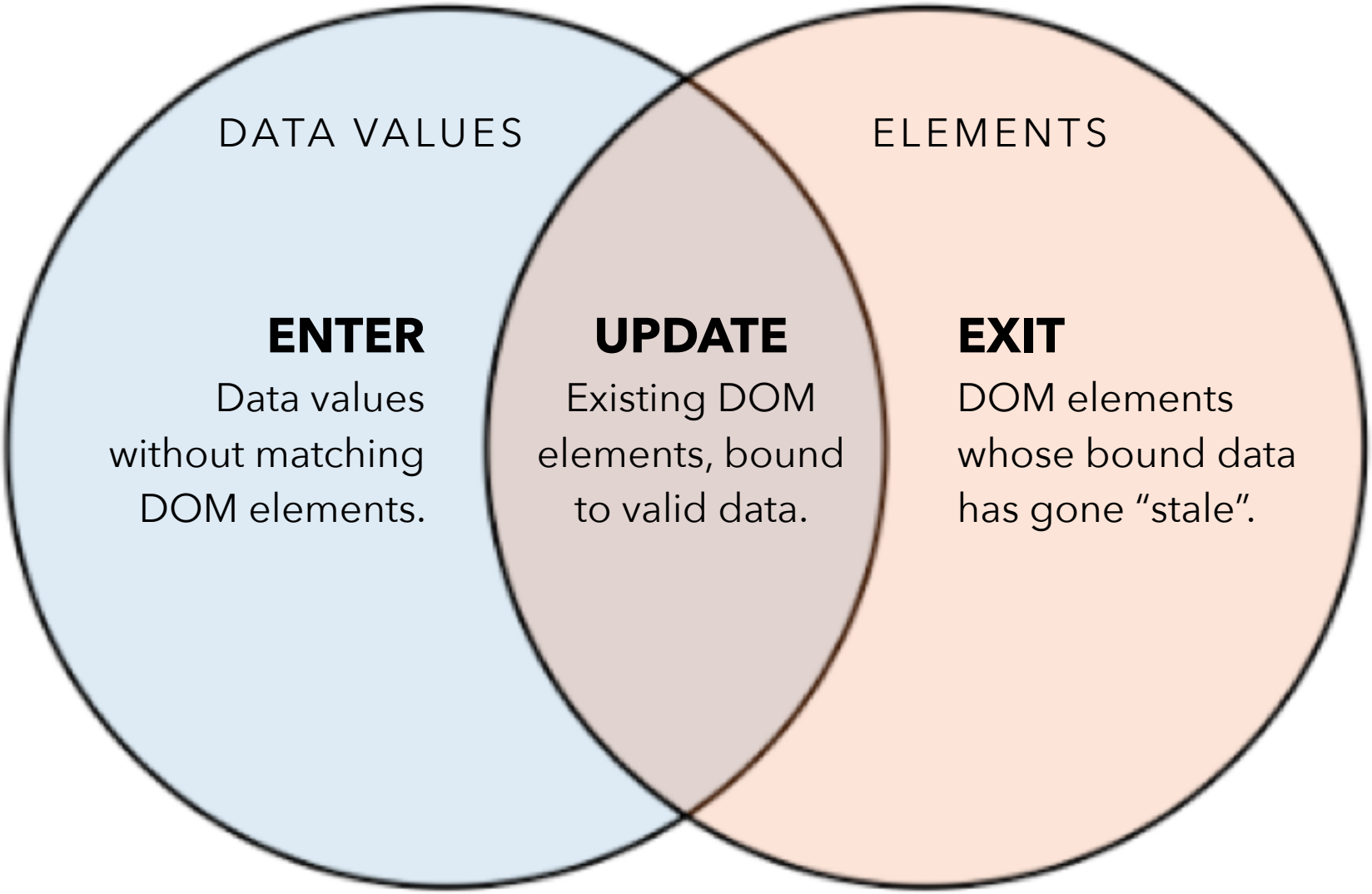
```
var values = [ {…}, {…}, {…}, … ]; // input data as JS objects

// Select SVG rectangles and bind them to data values.
var bars = svg.selectAll(“rect.bars”).data(values);

// What if the DOM elements don’t exist yet? The enter set represents data
// values that do not yet have matching DOM elements.
bars.enter().append(“rect”).attr(“class”, “bars”);

// What if data values are removed? The exit set is a selection of existing
// DOM elements who no longer have matching data values.
bars.exit().remove();
```

The Data Join



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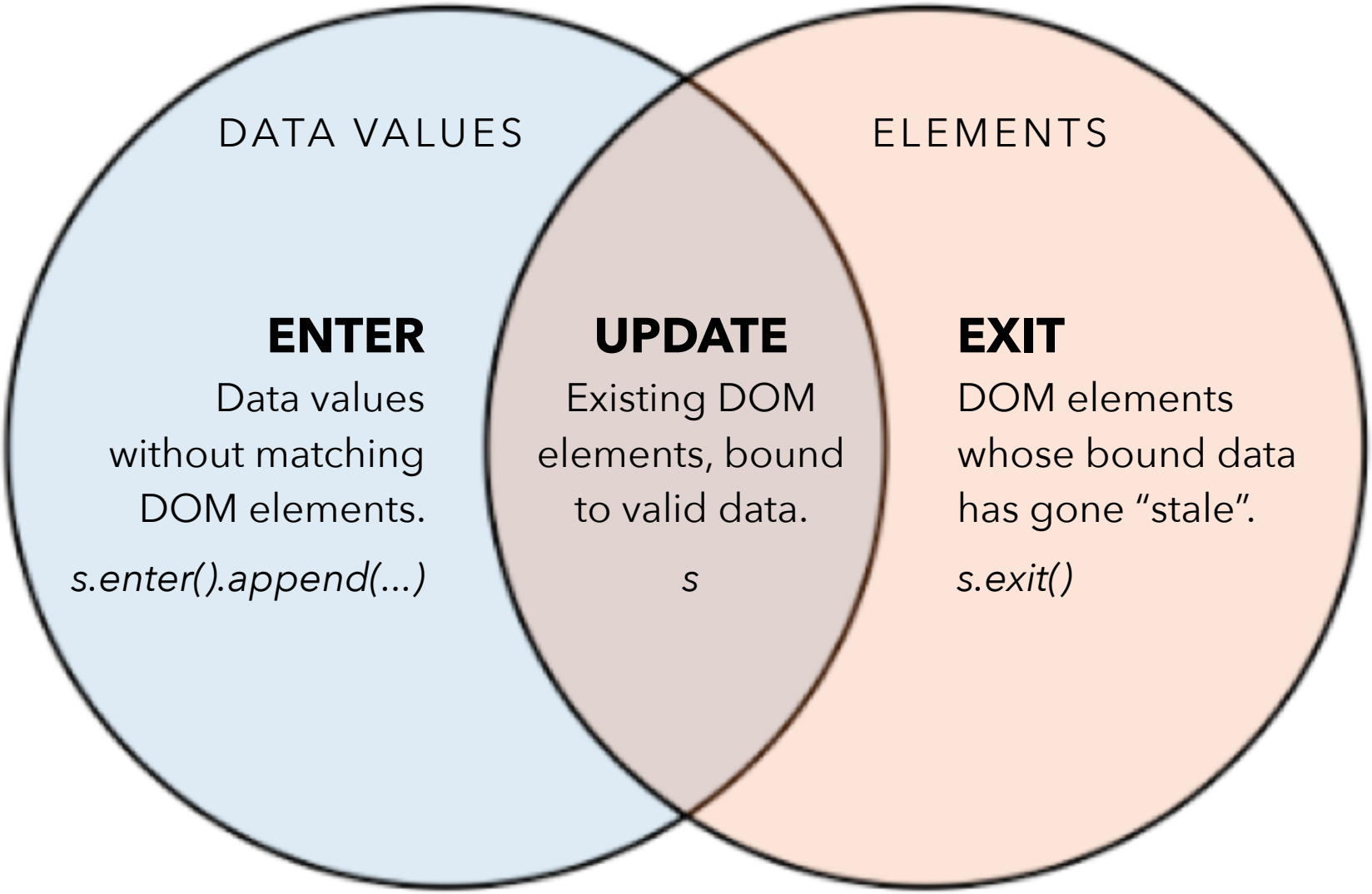
var s = d3.selectAll(...).data(...)



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var bars = svg.selectAll(“rect.bars”).data(values)
    .join(
        enter => enter.append("rect"), // create new
        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: Exploratory Data Analysis

Use visualization software to form & answer que s

First steps:

Step 1: Pick domain & data

Step 2: Pose questions

Step 3: Profile the da

Iterate as needed

Cre at

Inte with d

Refin r q ons

Autho rt

Screens ots of most insightful views *(8+)*

Include titles and captions for each view

DONE

Due by 11:59pm

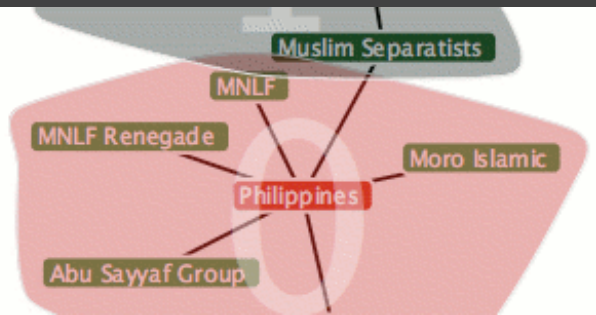
Friday, Apr 23

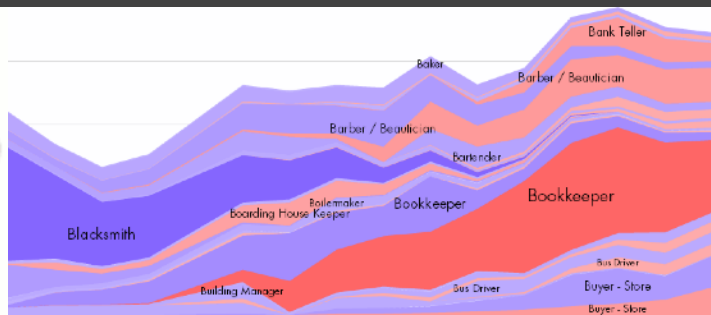
A3: Interactive Prototype

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, May 10**.

We encourage you to form teams of 3-4 people.



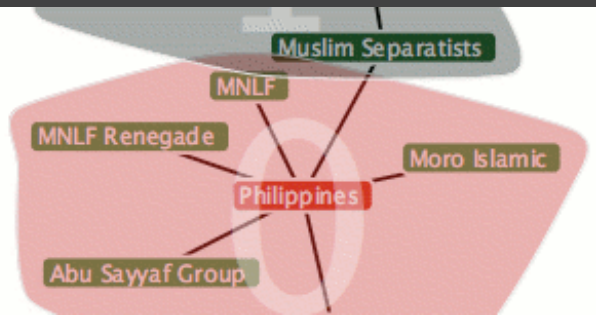


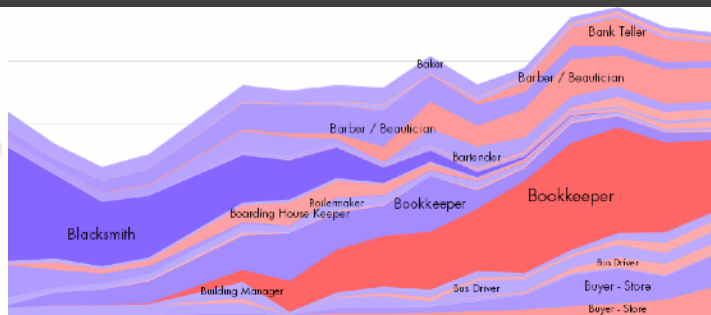
Requirements

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 is encouraged, but not required. Deploy visualization with GitHub pages or Observable.

Write-up. Provide design rationale on your web page.





A3 & Final Project Team

Form a **team of 3-4** for A3 and the Final Project.

(Start thinking about your Final Project, too!)

A3 is open-ended. You can use it to start exploring your FP topic if you like, or expand on A2.

Submit signup form by **Thurs 4/29, 11:59pm**.

If you do not have team mates, you should:
- Post on Ed about your interests/project ideas

Team Member Roles

We encourage you to structure team responsibilities!

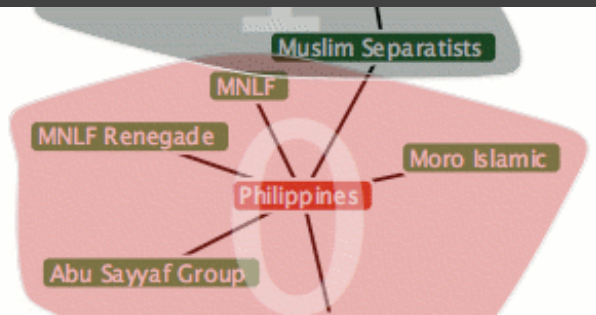
Coordinator: Organize meetings, track deadlines, *etc.*

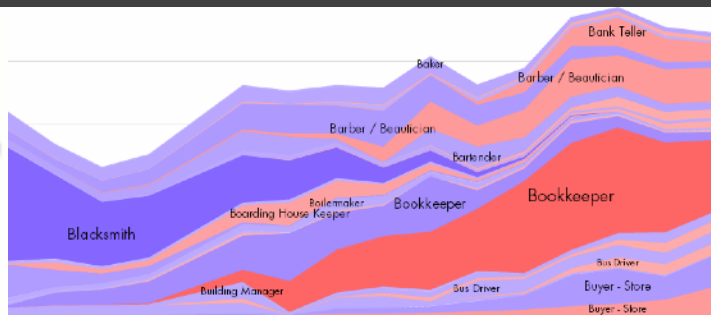
Data Lead: Data wrangling, management, distillation

Tech Lead: Manage code integration, GitHub repo

UX Lead: Visualization/interaction design & evaluation

One may have multiple roles, share work across roles…



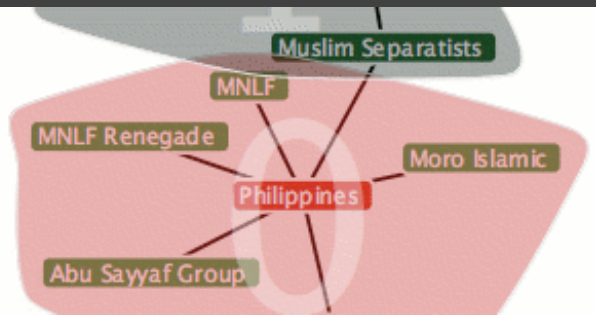


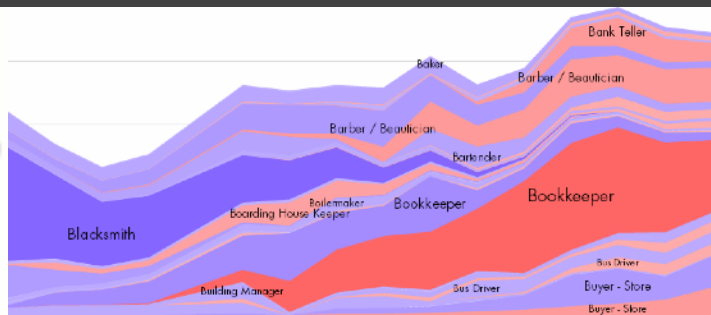
Interactive Prototype Tips

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 Thur Apr 29

D3.js Deep Dive led by Mick and Lisa

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!

Note: The schedule on Canvas seems to be missing this lecture due to a bug. The lecture is still listed under the "Zoom" tab, at the same URL as always!

Break Time!

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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]-->
▼<html>
  ▶<head>…</head>
  ▼<body id="home" style="visibility: visible; ">
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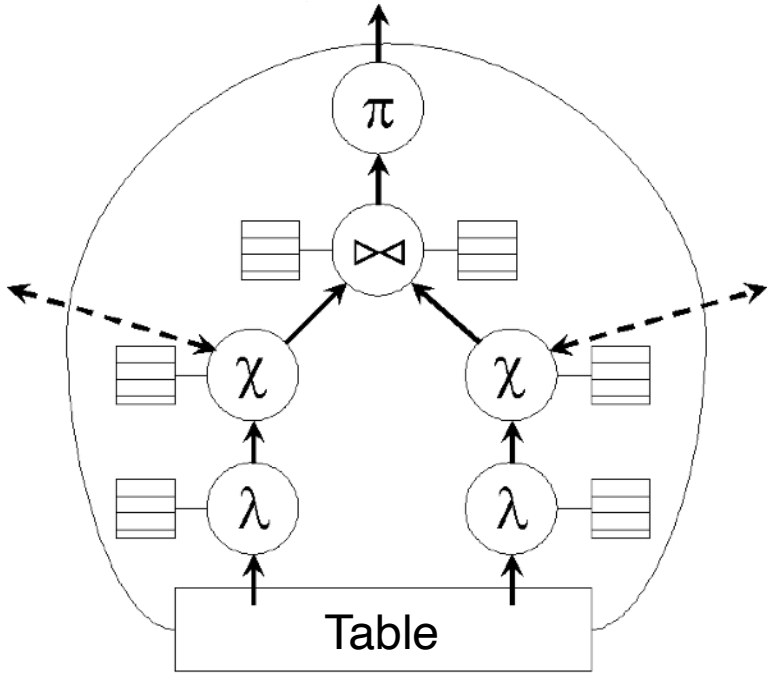


```
SELECT customer_id, customer_name,
    COUNT(order_id) as total
FROM customers
INNER JOIN orders ON
    customers.customer_id
    = orders.customer_id
GROUP BY customer_id, customer_nam
HAVING COUNT(order_id) > 5
ORDER BY COUNT(order_id) DESC
```

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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UW Interactive Data Lab PROJECTS

The Lyra Visualization Design Environment (VDE) alpha

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

See also: Charticulator, Data Illustrator

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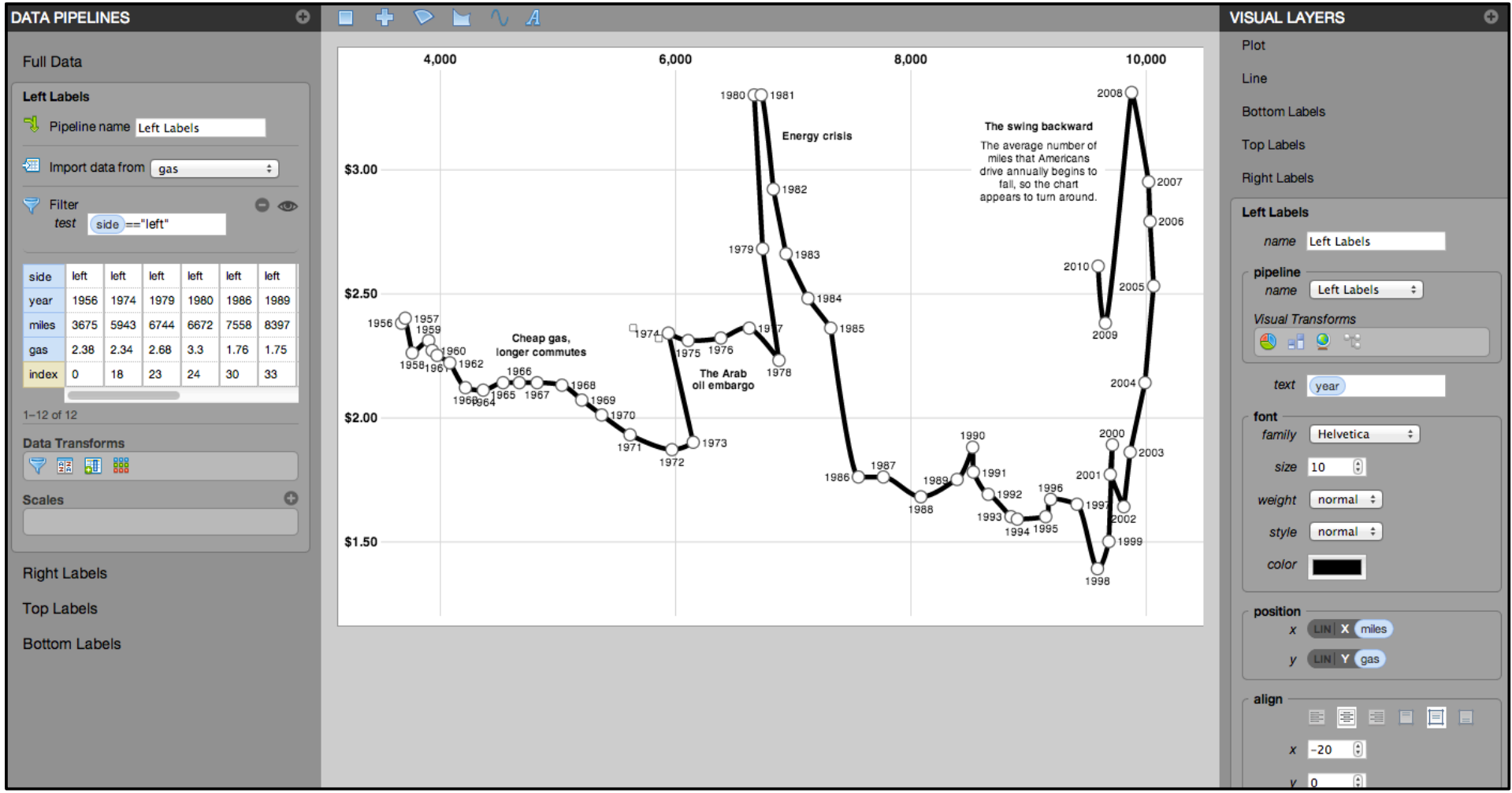

Driving Shifts into Reverse by Hannah Fairfield, NYTimes

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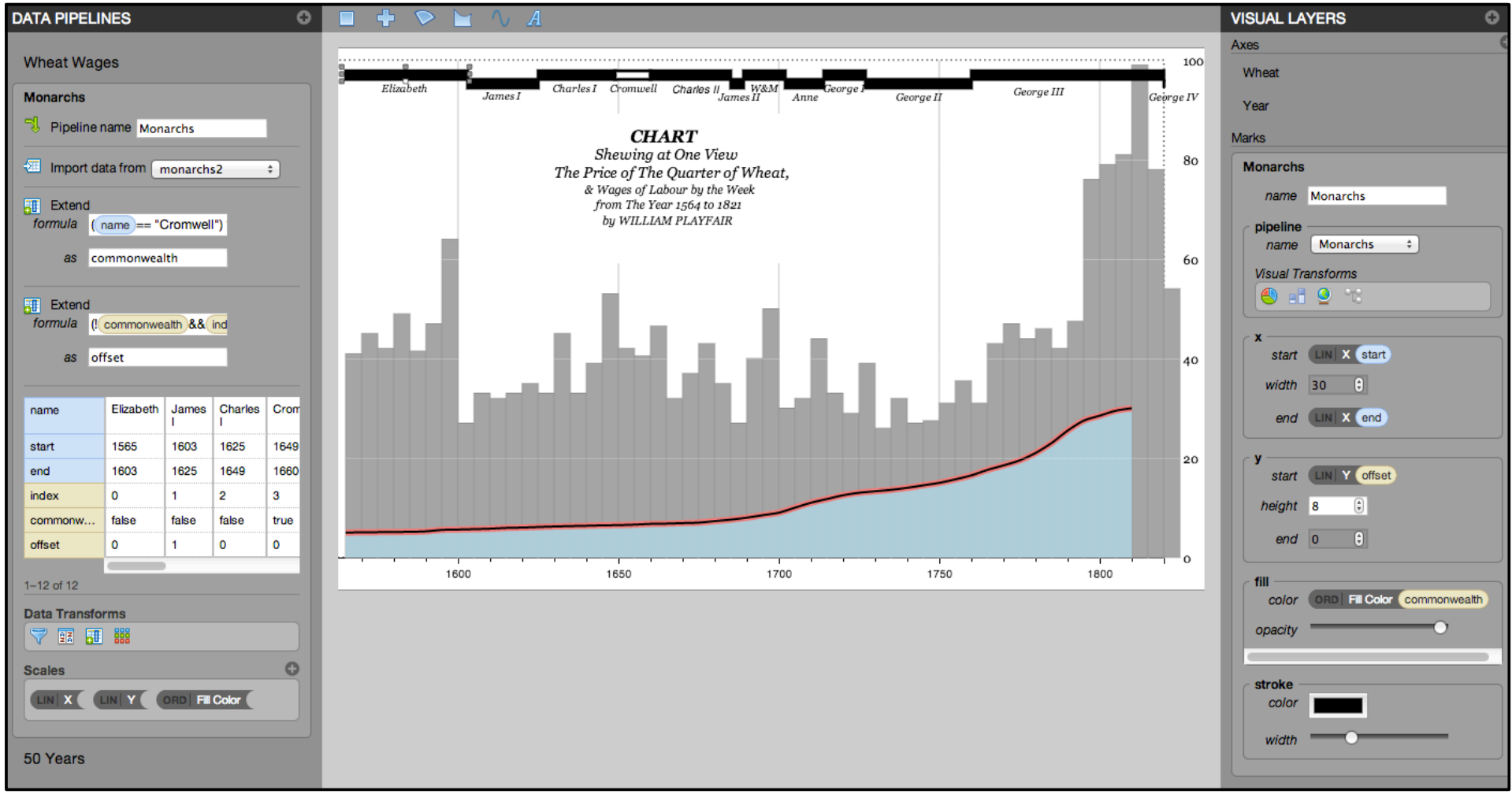

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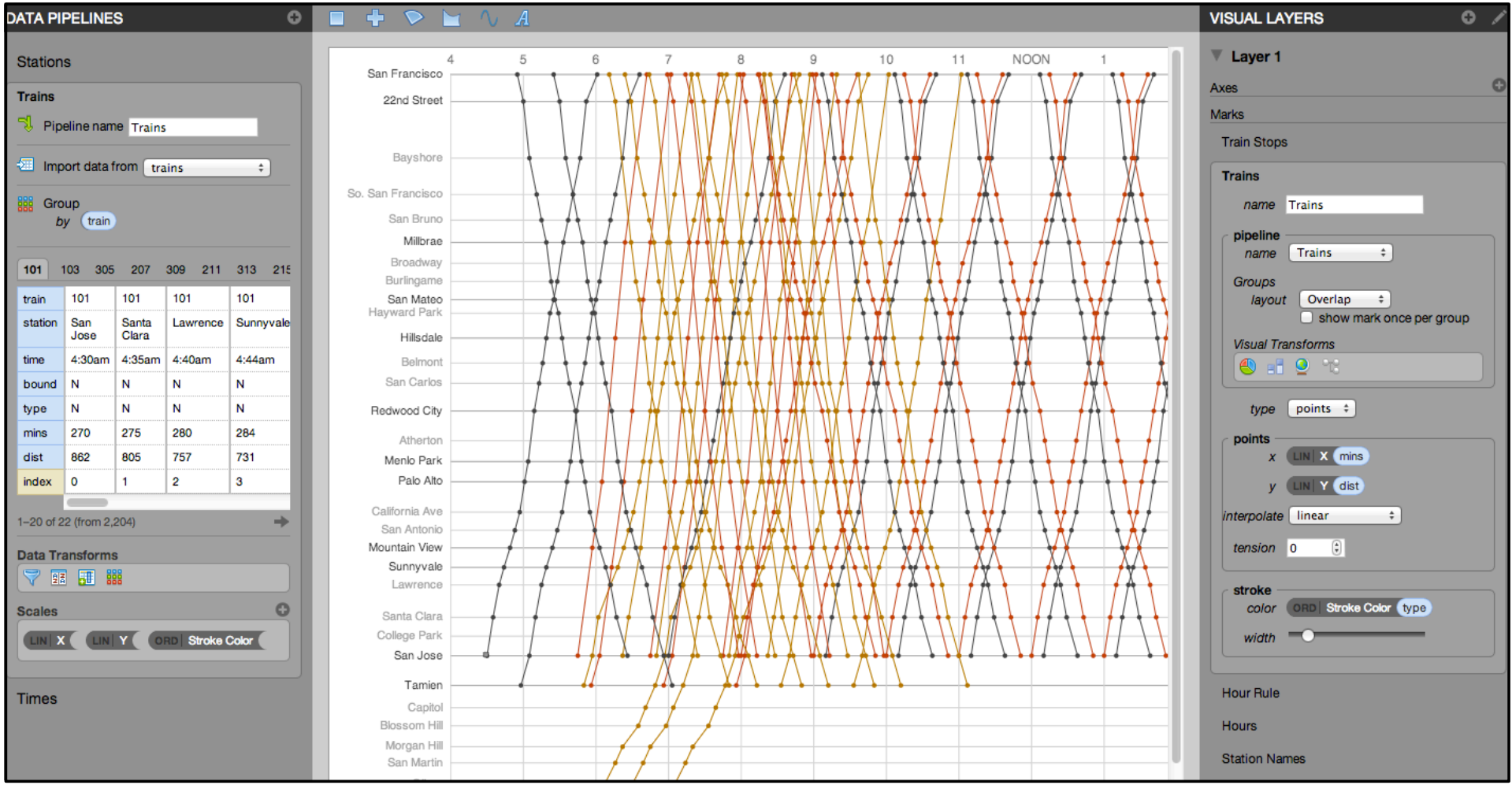

based on the **Railway Timetable** by E. J. Marey

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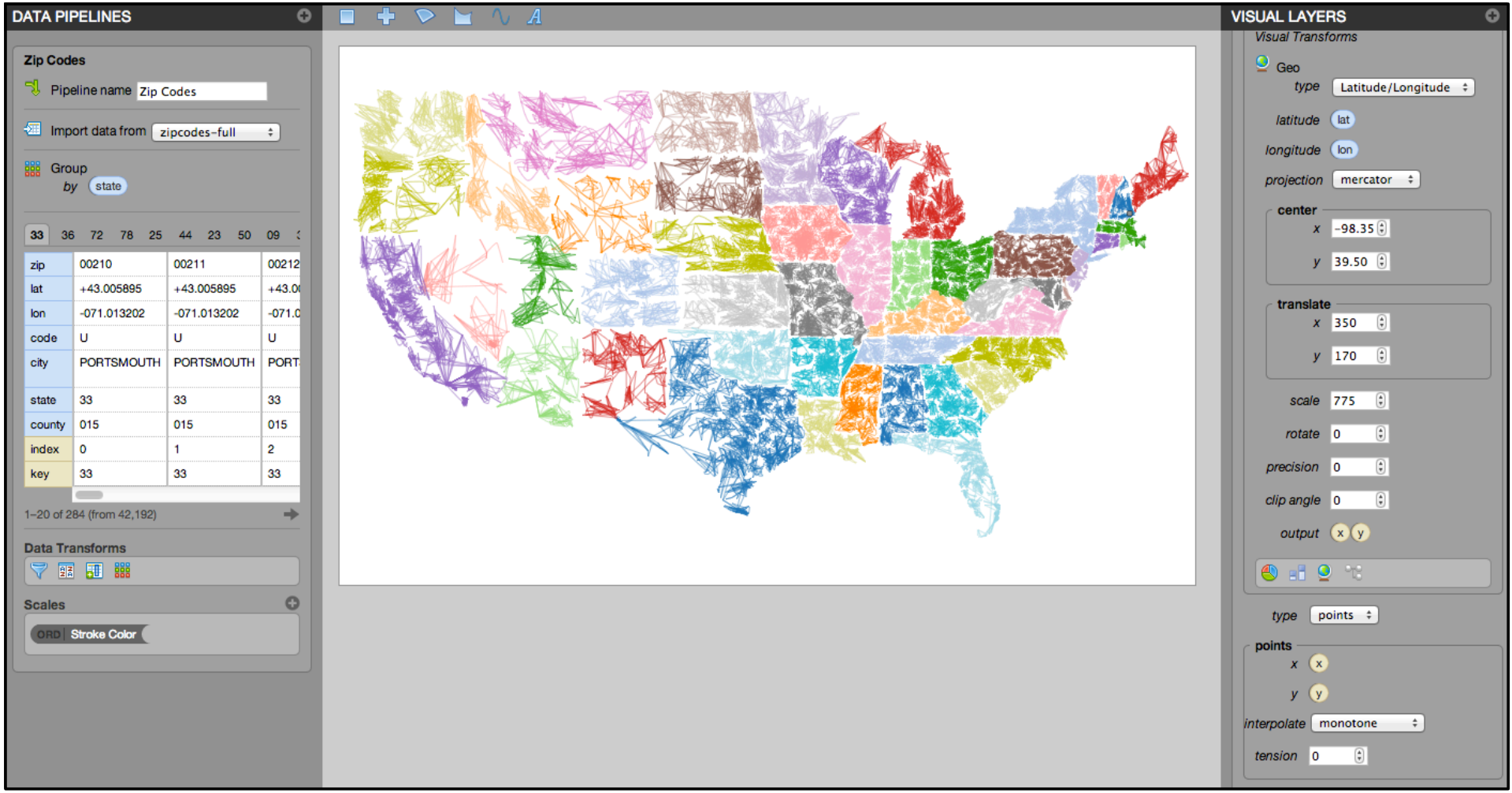

ZipScribble by Robert Kosara

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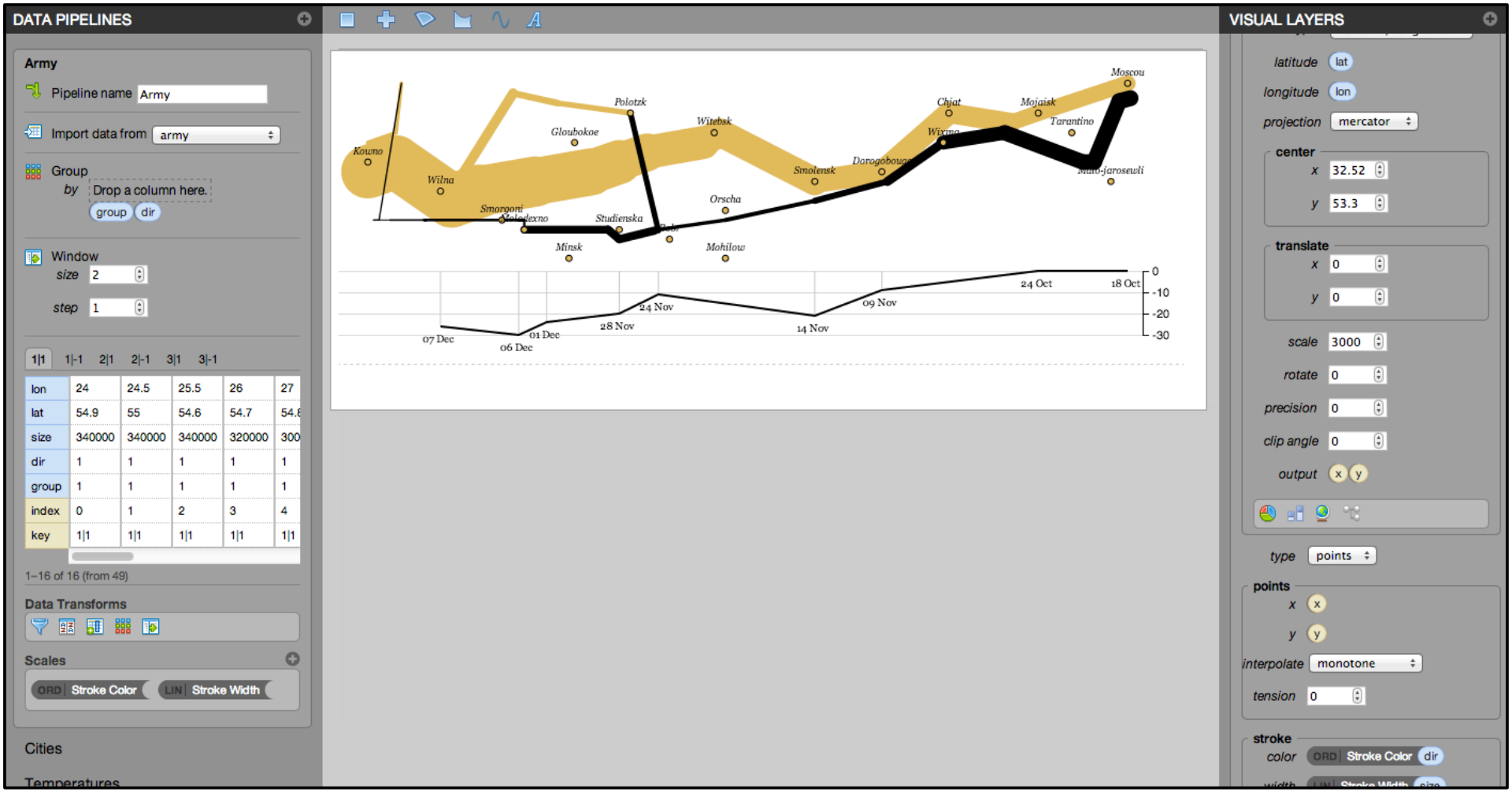
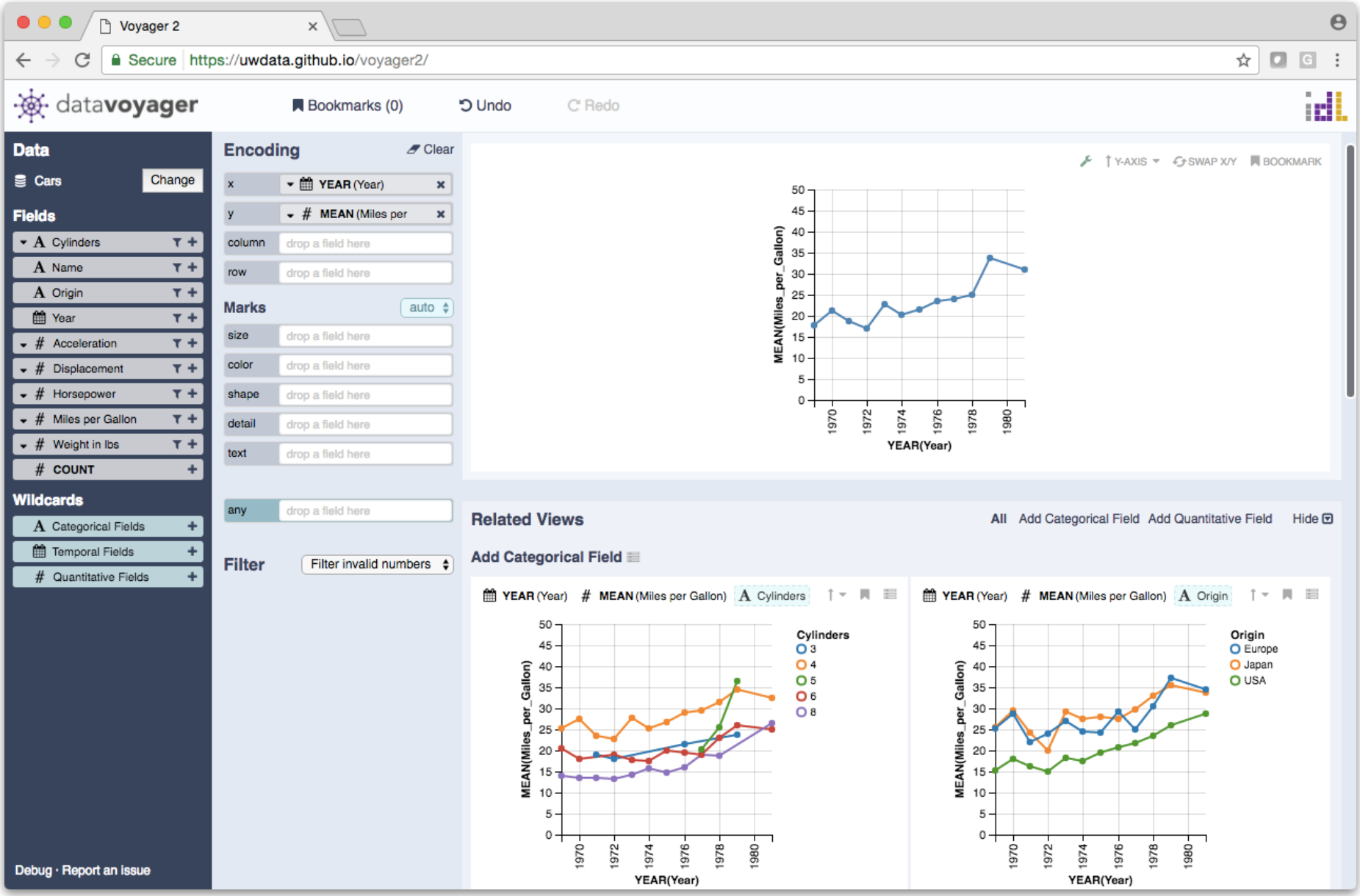


Napoleon's March by Charles Minard



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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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Interactive Data Exploration

Tableau, ***Lyra, Voyager***

Graphical Interfaces

Visual Analysis Grammars

VizQL, ggplot2, ***Vega-Lite***

Visualization Grammars

Protovis, D3.js, ***Vega***

Declarative Languages

Component Architectures

Prefuse, Flare, Improvise, VTK

Graphics APIs

Processing, OpenGL, Java2D

Programming Toolkits