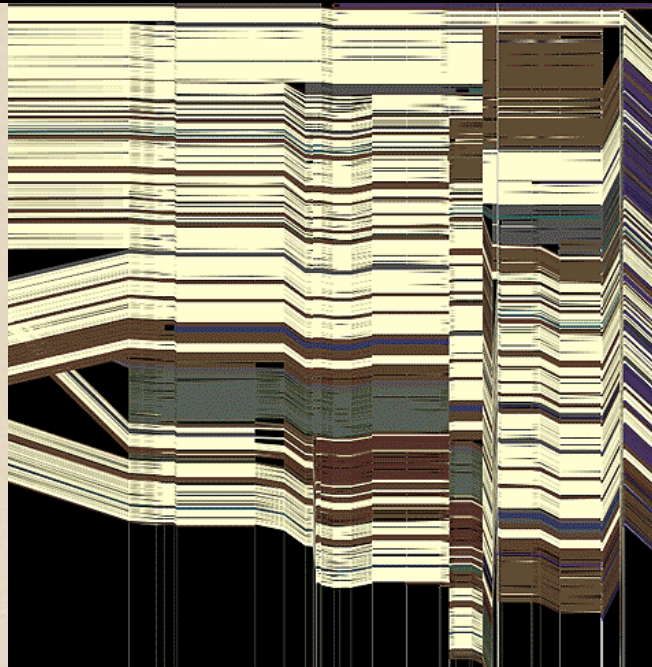
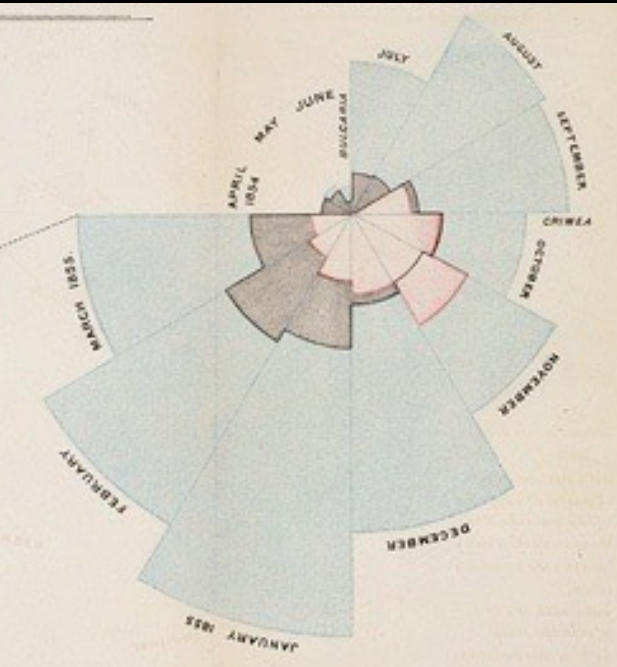


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Visualization Tools



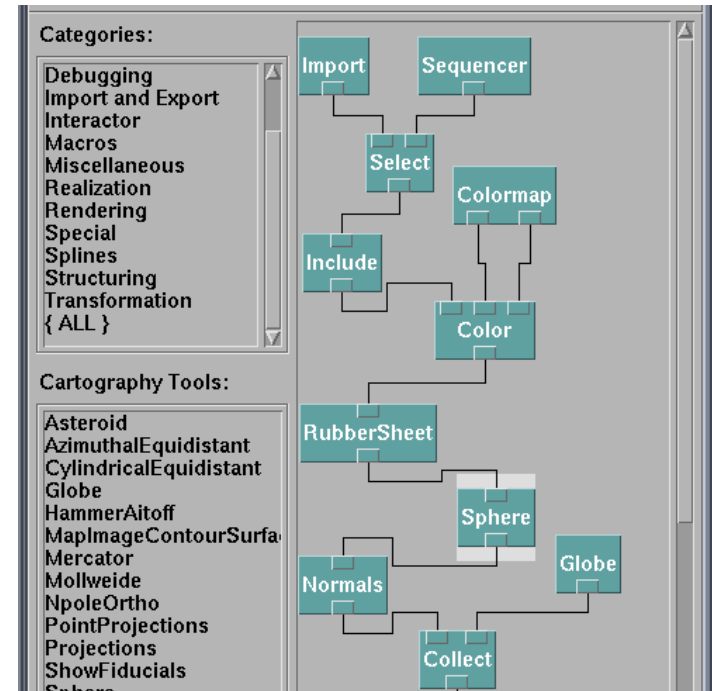
Jeffrey Heer University of Washington

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

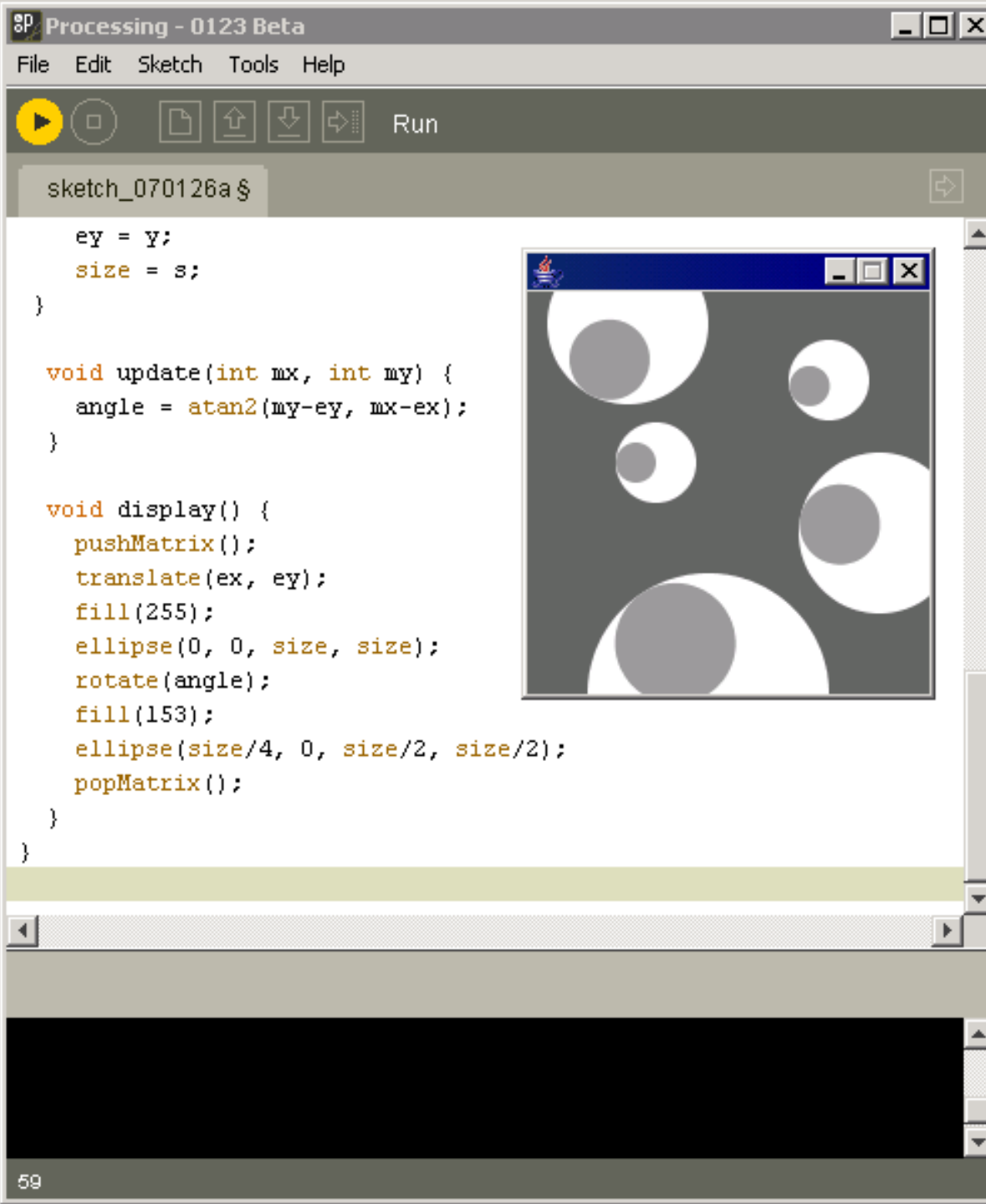


Component Architecture

Permits more combinatorial possibilities
Novel views require new operators,
which requires software engineering

Graphics APIs

Canvas, OpenGL, Processing



<http://processing.org>



US Air Traffic, Aaron Koblin

Graphics APIs

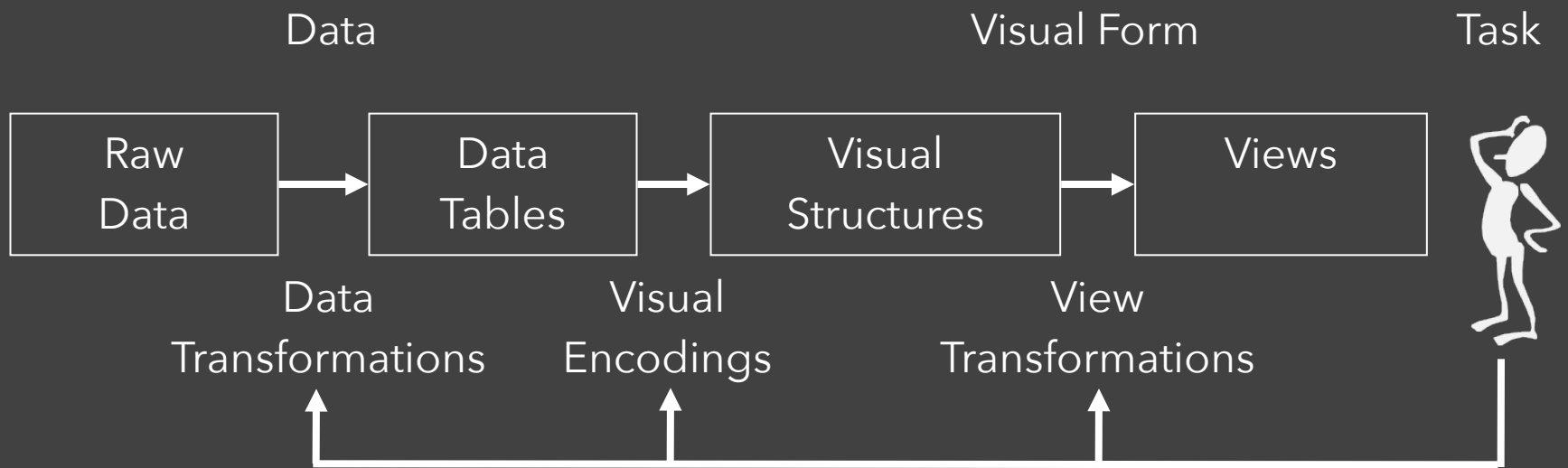
Canvas, OpenGL, Processing

Component Architectures

Prefuse, Flare, Improvise, VTK

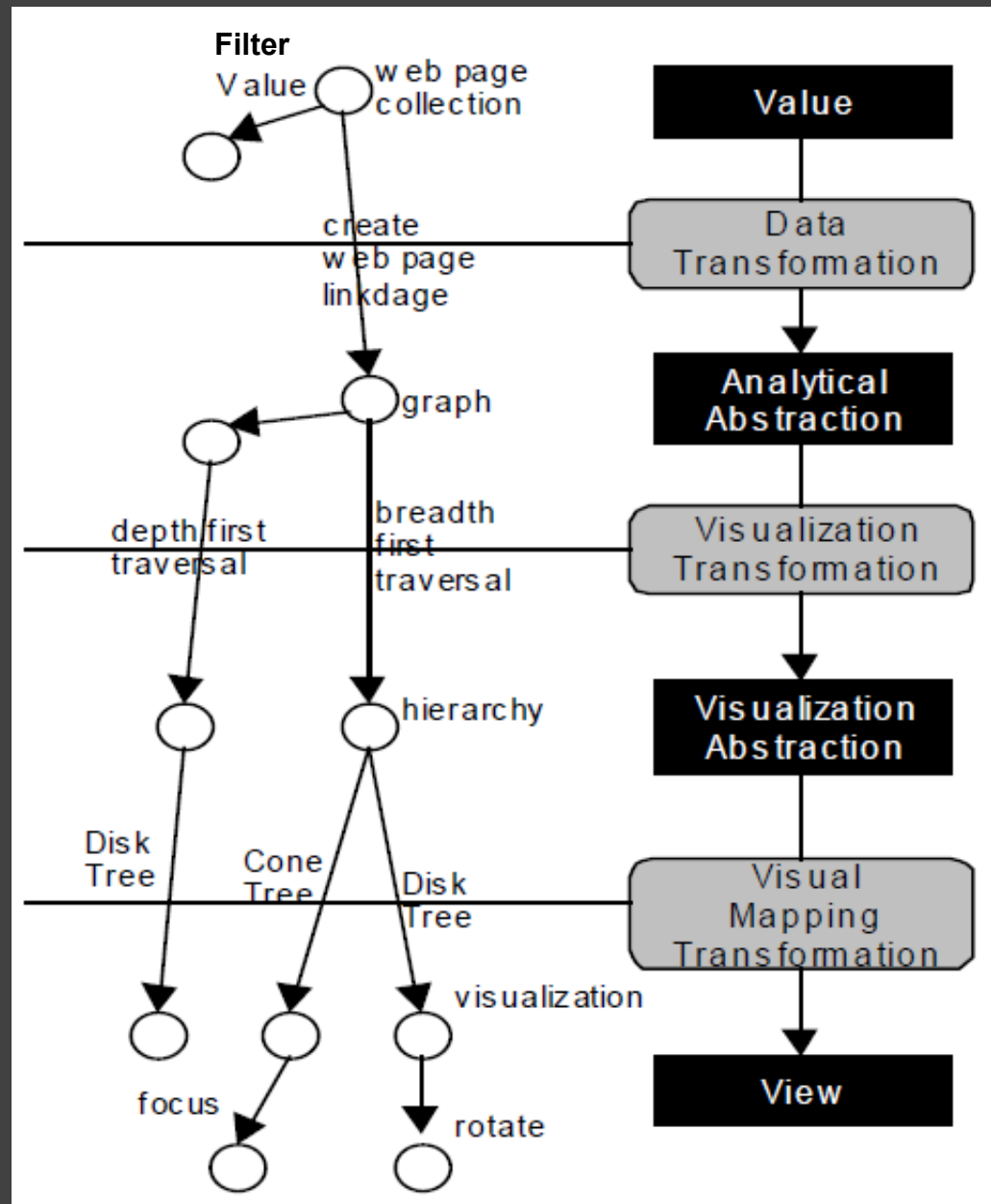
Graphics APIs

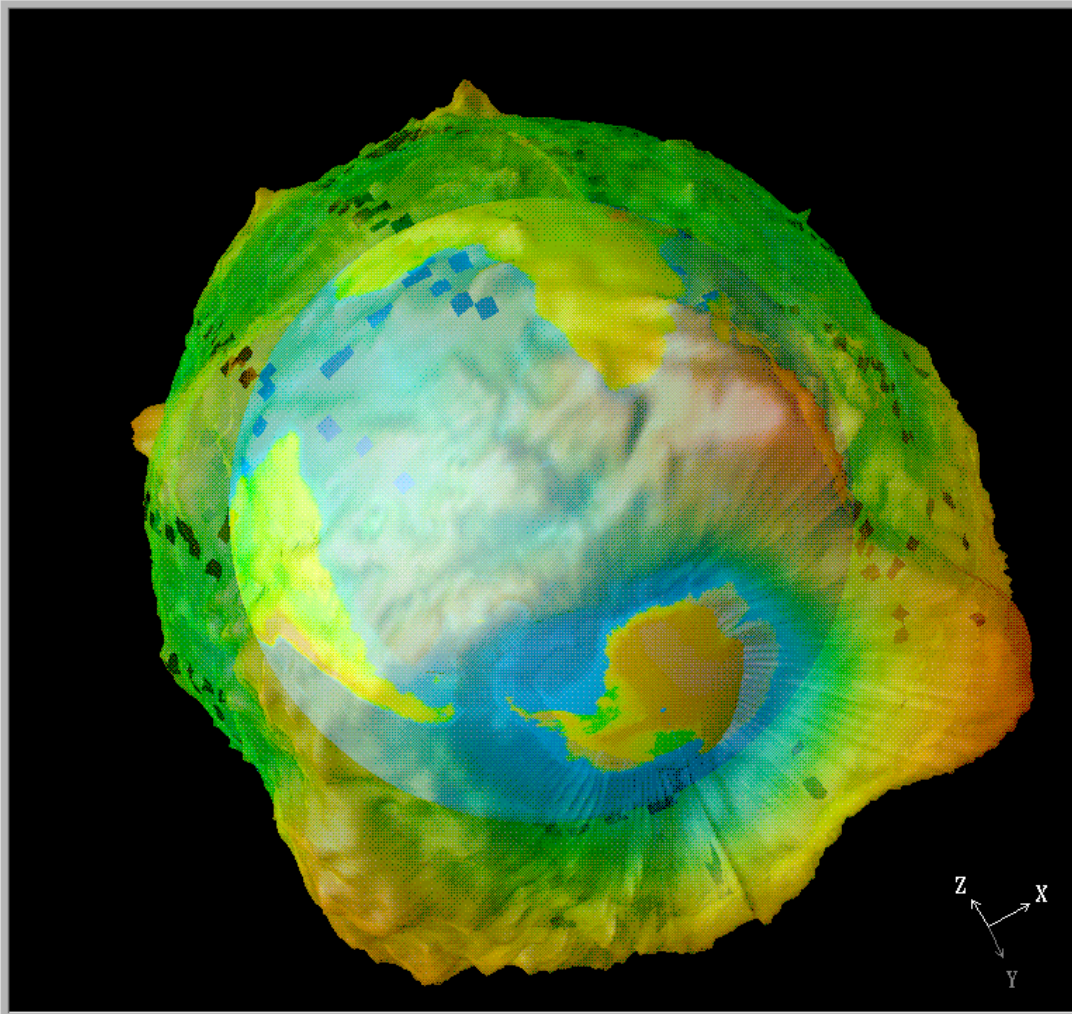
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Data State Model

[Chi 98]





View Control...

Undo Ctrl+U

Redo Ctrl+D

Mode: Rotate

Set View: None

Projection: Perspective

View Angle: 30.000

Close

Reset Ctrl+F

Sequence Control

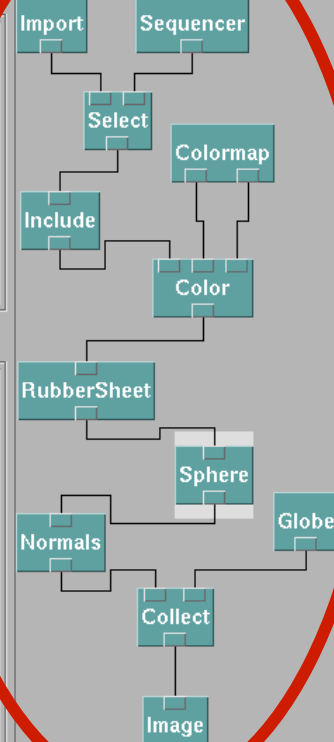


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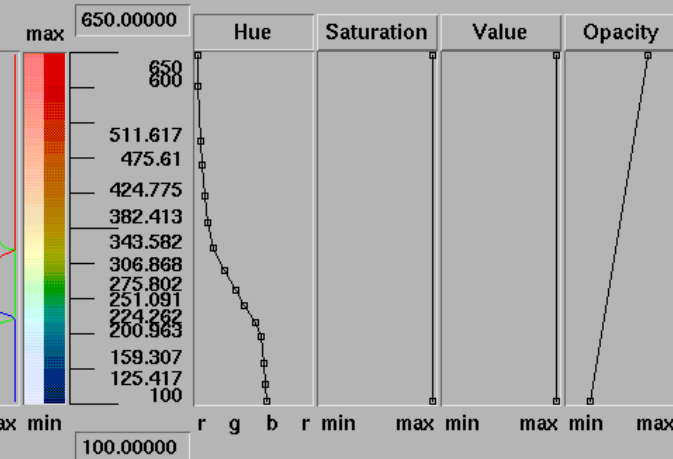
Debugging
Import and Export
Interactor
Macros
Miscellaneous
Realization
Rendering
Special
Splines
Structuring
Transformation
{ ALL }

Cartography Tools:

Asteroid
AzimuthalEquidistant
CylindricalEquidistant
Globe
HammerAitoff
MapImageContourSurfa
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PointProjections
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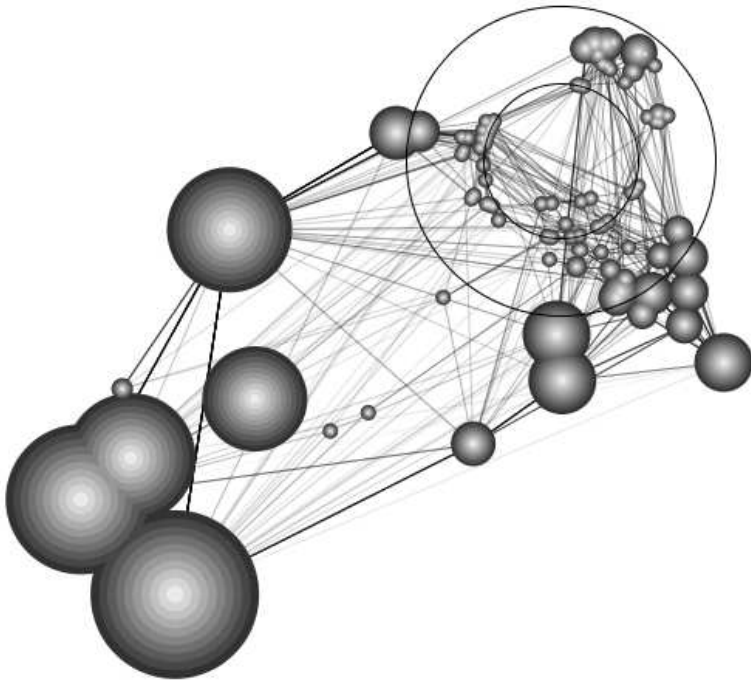
Colormap Editor



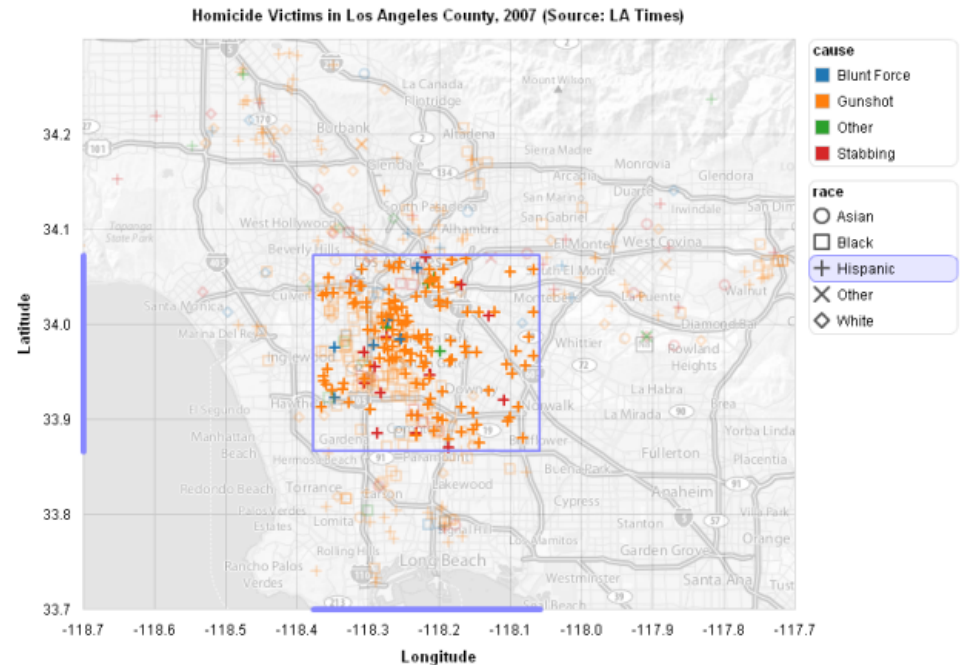
Prefuse & Flare

Operator-based toolkits for visualization design

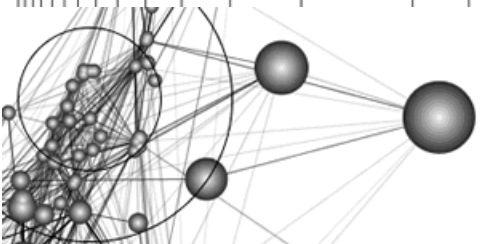
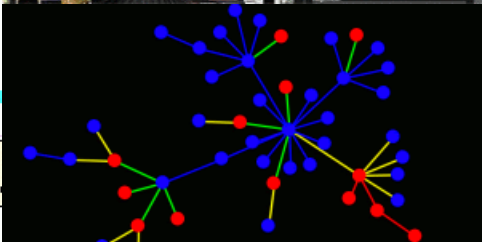
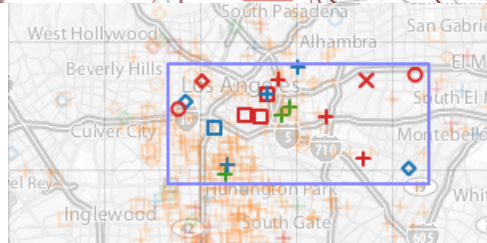
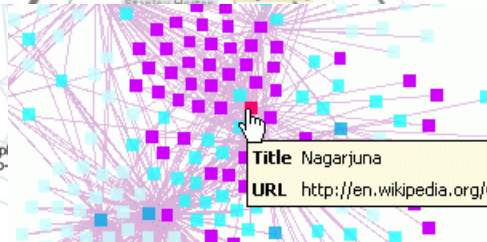
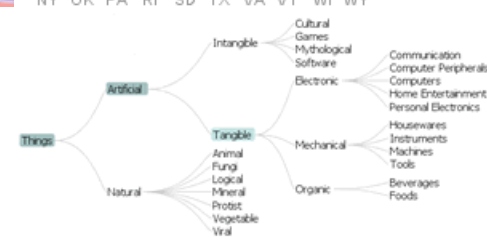
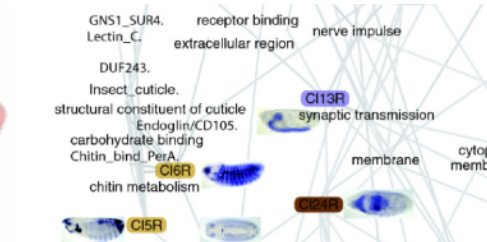
Vis = (Input Data -> Visual Objects) + Operators

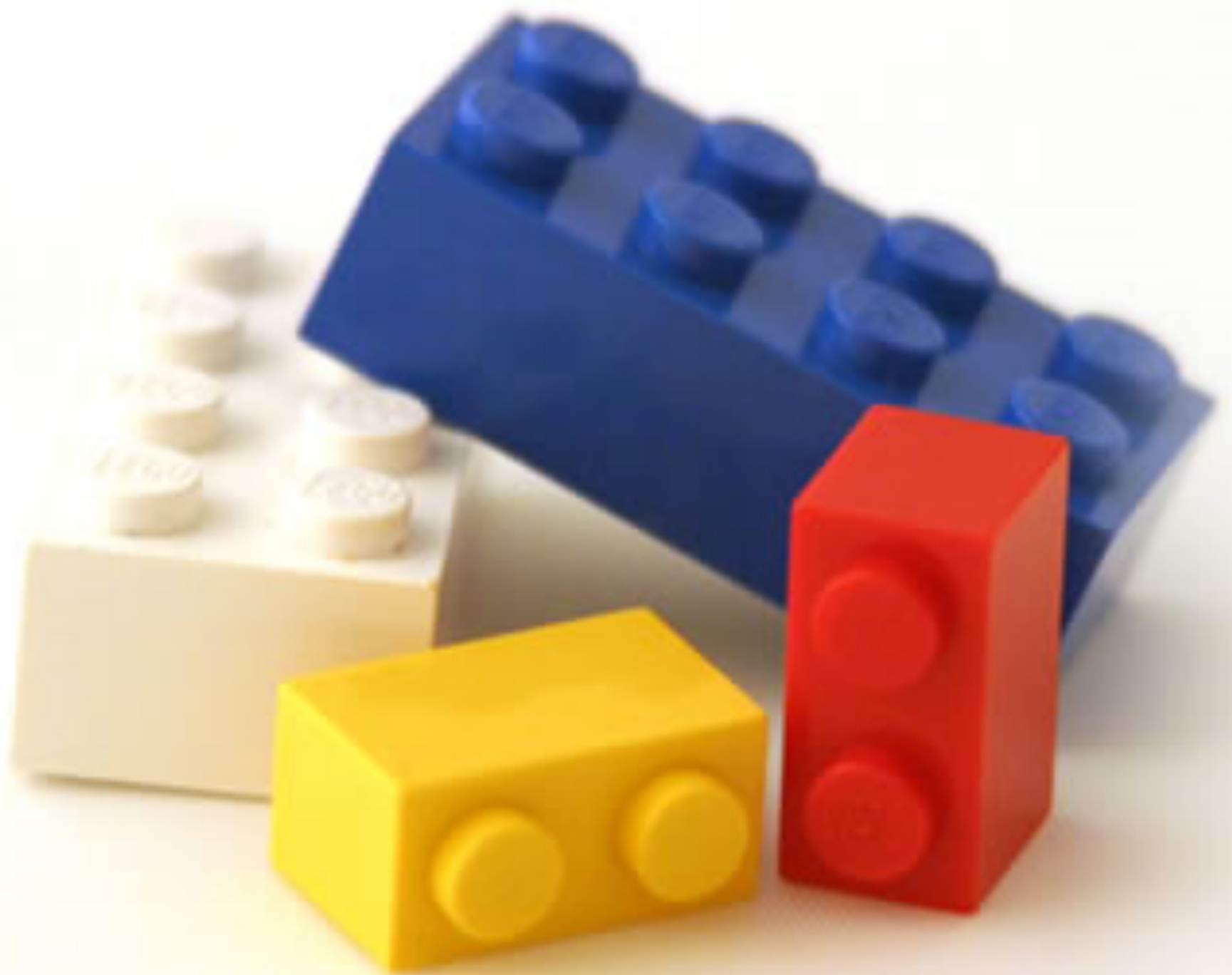


Prefuse (<http://prefuse.org>)

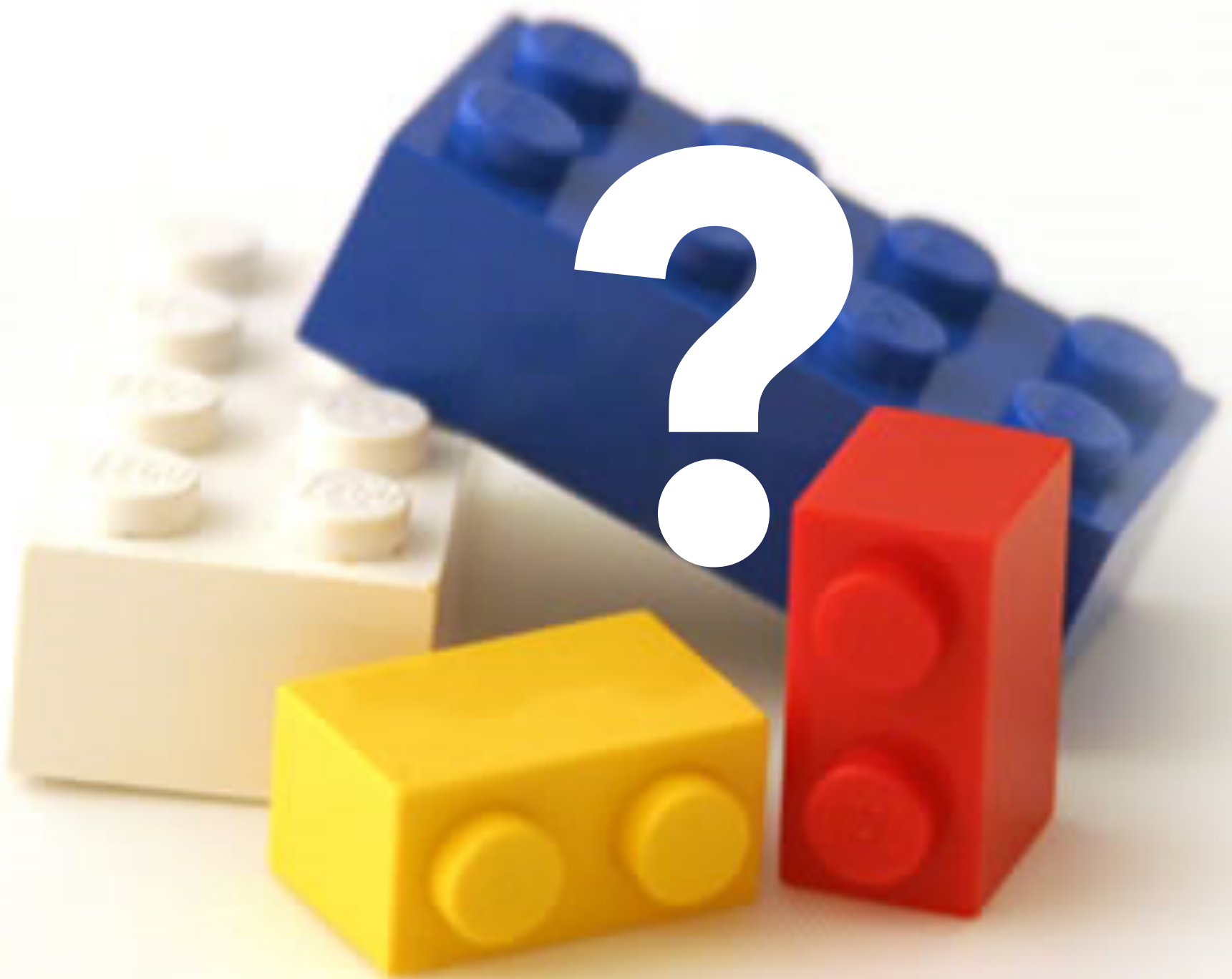


Flare (<http://flare.prefuse.org>)





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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.

[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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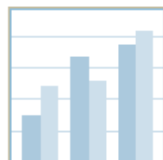


Word Tree

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...

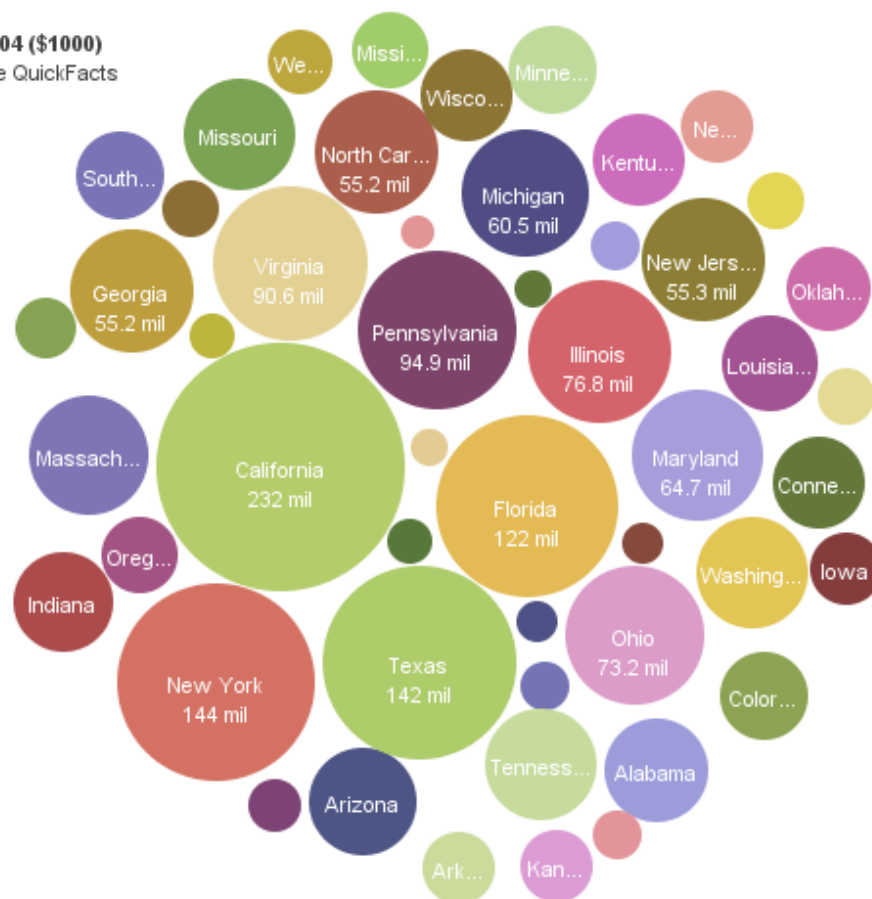
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Federal spending 2004 (\$1000)
Disks colored by People QuickFacts

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

250 mil
150 mil
100 mil
50 mil
0 mil

Search>>



To highlight or find totals
click or ctrl-click.

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. Her name is

NOUN

Hillary Clinton

CELEBRITY (FEMALE)

Our piano is a Steinway Concert tree

NOUN

and it has 88 ~~keys~~ cups. It also has a soft pedal and a/an

PLURAL NOUN

Smily

ADJECTIVE

pedal. When I have a lesson, I sit down on the piano

AIBERTO

NOUN

and play for 16 minutes. I do scales to

PERIOD OF TIME

exercise my cats, and then I usually play a minuet by

PLURAL NOUN

Johann Sebastian washington. Teacher says I am a natural

CELEBRITY (LAST NAME)

Haunted House and have a good musical leg. Perhaps

NOUN

PART OF THE BODY

when I get better I will become a concert vet and give

PROFESSION

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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File Edit View Format Data Analysis Table Bookmark Window Help



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

Measures

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

Groups

Columns: Party Year

Rows: SUM(Total..)

Filters:

Level of Detail:

Mark:

Automatic

Text:

Color: Party

Size:

Legend:

- 1
- 2
- 3

Size:



Sheet 1 /

Statistics and Computing

Leland Wilkinson

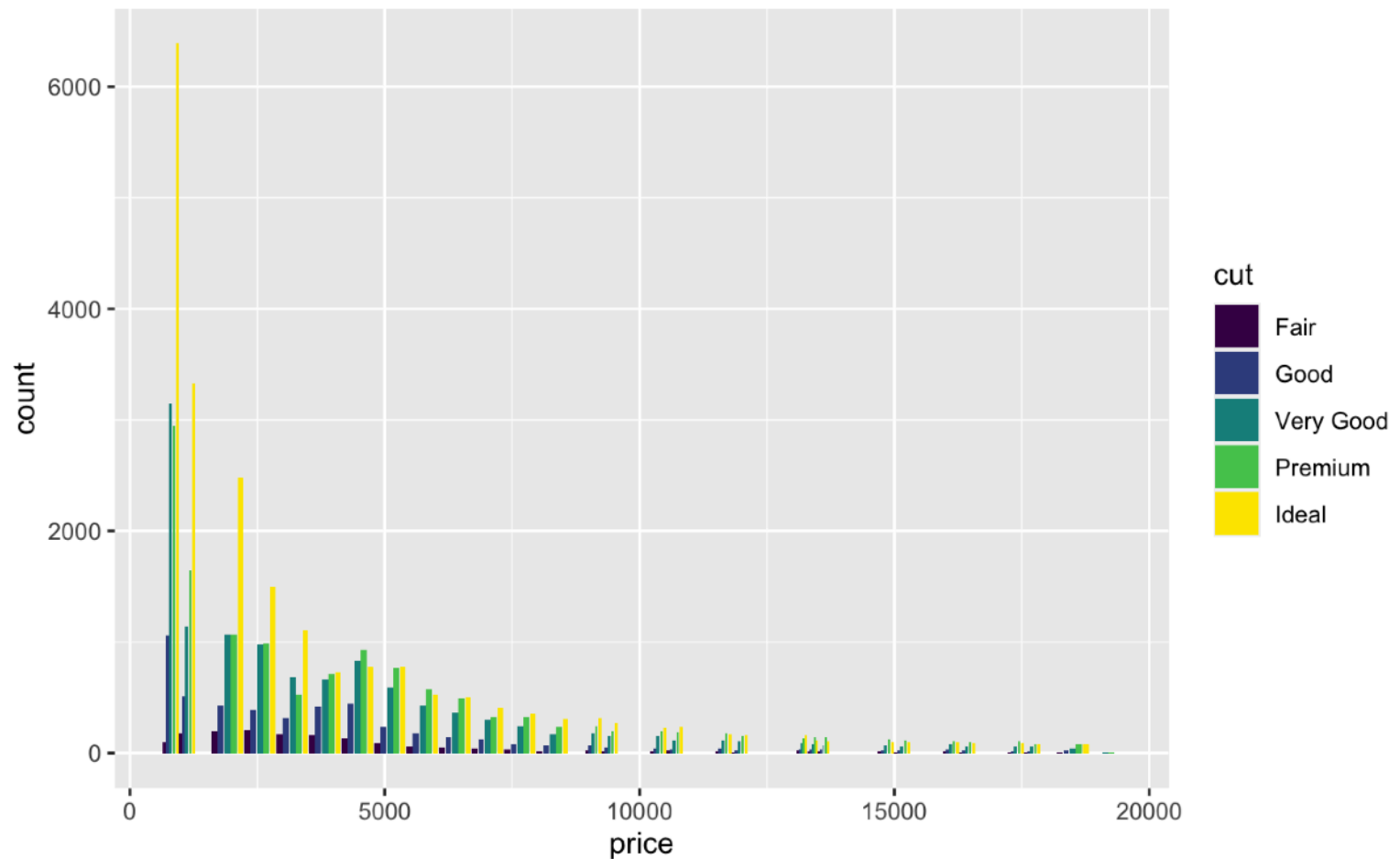
**The Grammar
of Graphics**

Second Edition

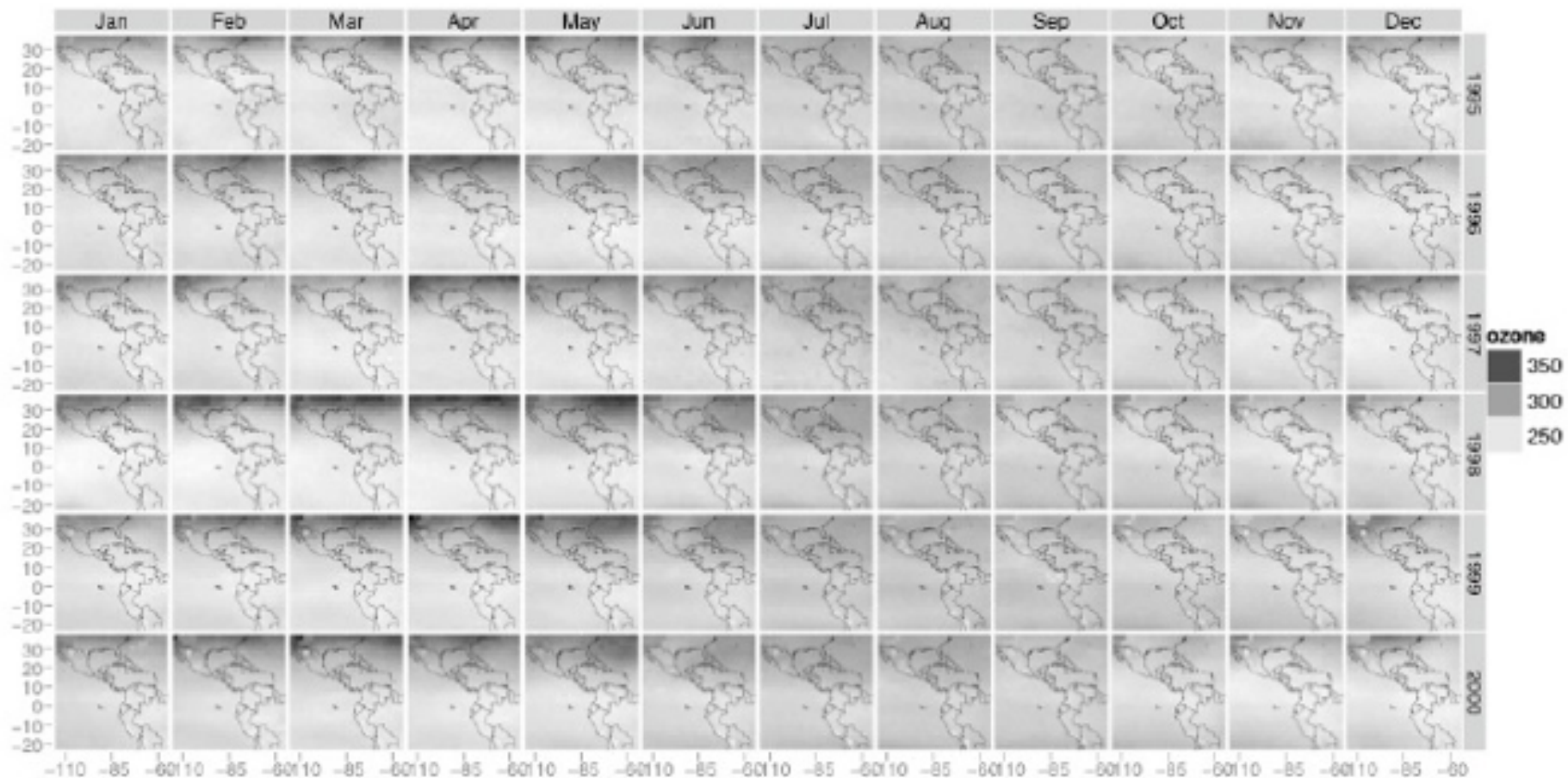
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+ geom_bar(position="dodge")
```

ggplot2

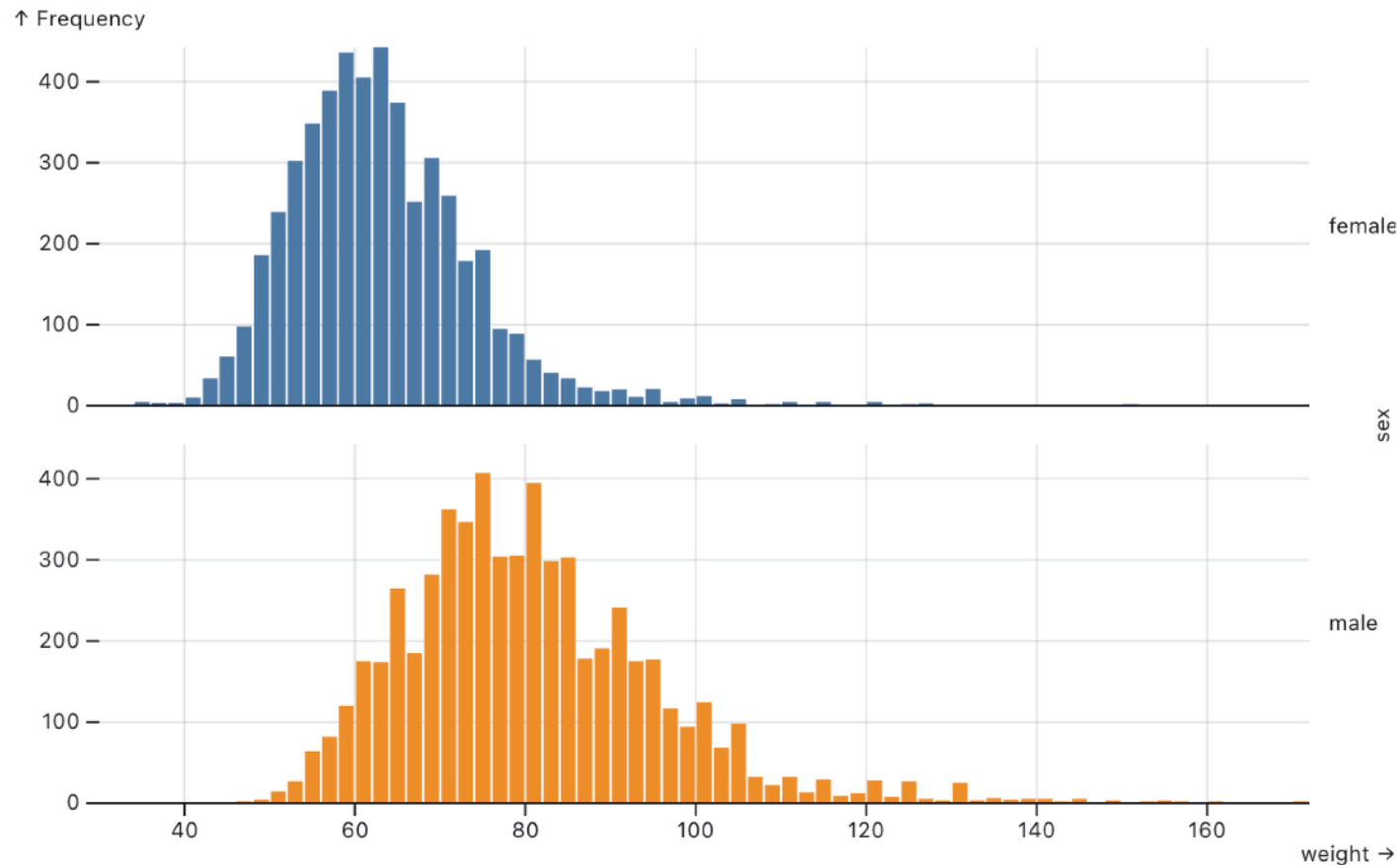


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ggplot(diamonds, aes(x=price, fill=cut))  
+ geom_bar(position="dodge")
```



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

ggplot2



```
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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A blue arrow pointing upwards, indicating increasing ease-of-use from bottom to top.

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Visualization Grammars

Protovis, D3.js

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Protopis & 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

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Data

Input data to visualize

Visualization Grammar

Data Input data to visualize

Transforms Group, aggregate, stats, layout

Visualization Grammar

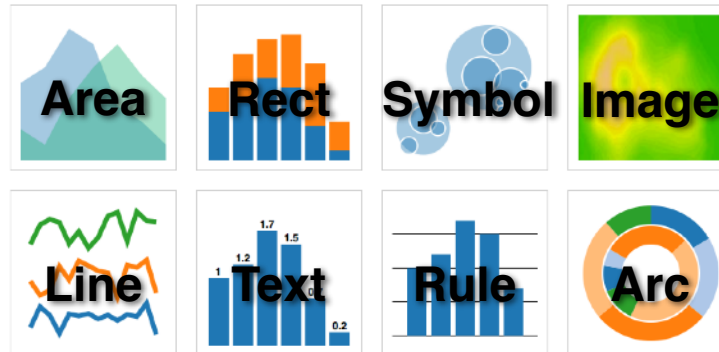
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Transforms	Group, aggregate, stats, layout
Scales	Map data values to visual values

Visualization Grammar

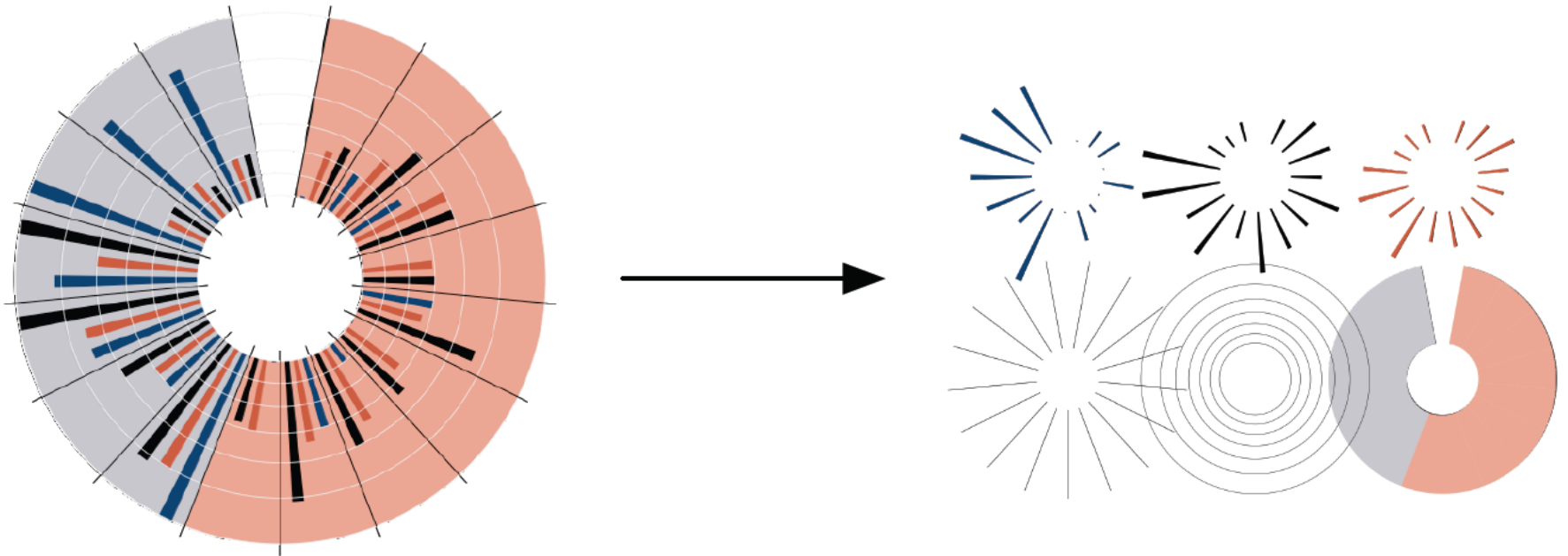
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Marks	Data-representative graphics

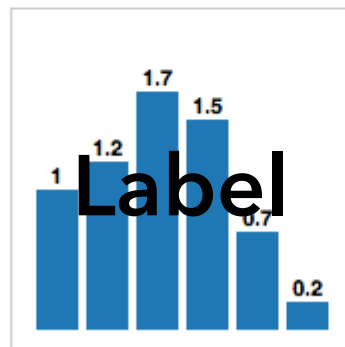
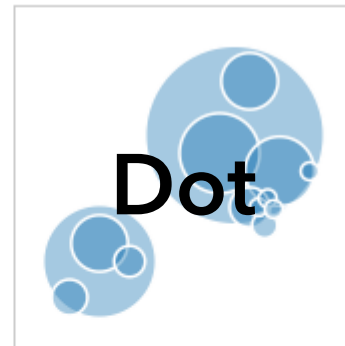
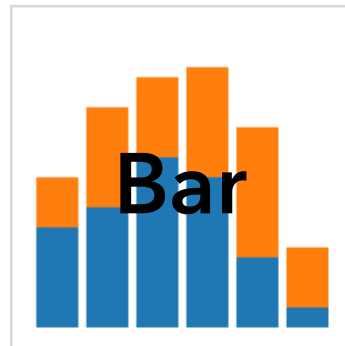


Protopis: A Grammar for Visualization



A graphic is a composition of data-representative marks.

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

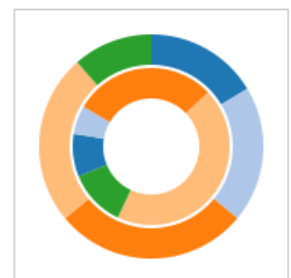
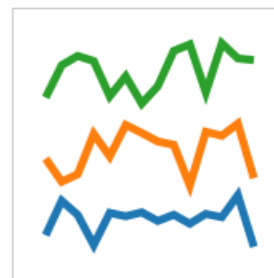
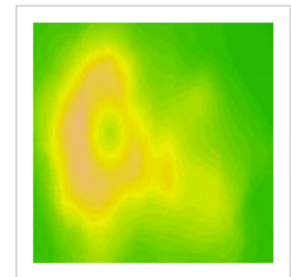
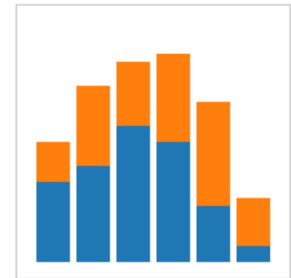


MARKS: Protovis graphical primitives

MARK

$$\lambda : D \rightarrow R$$

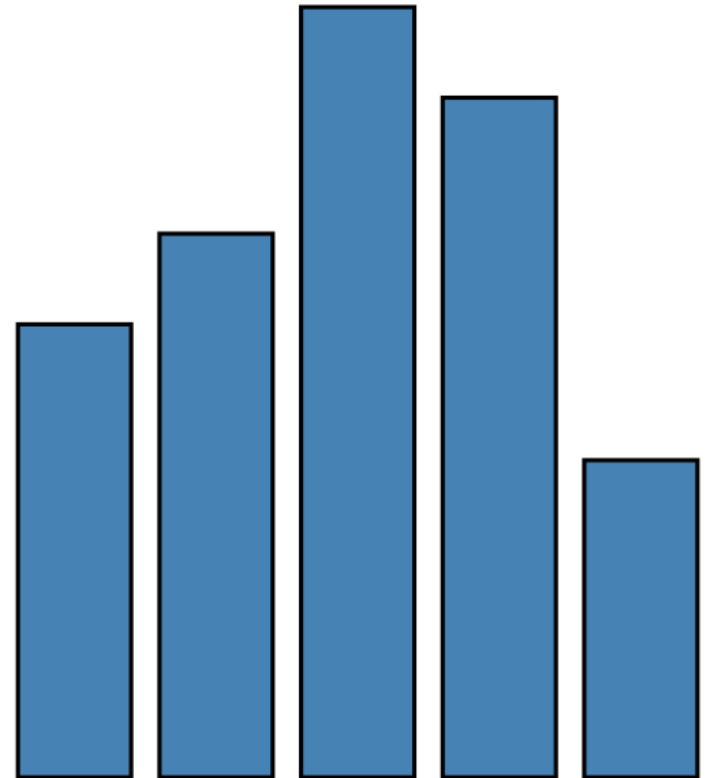
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width	λ
height	λ
fillStyle	λ
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lineWidth	λ
...	λ



RECT

$\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

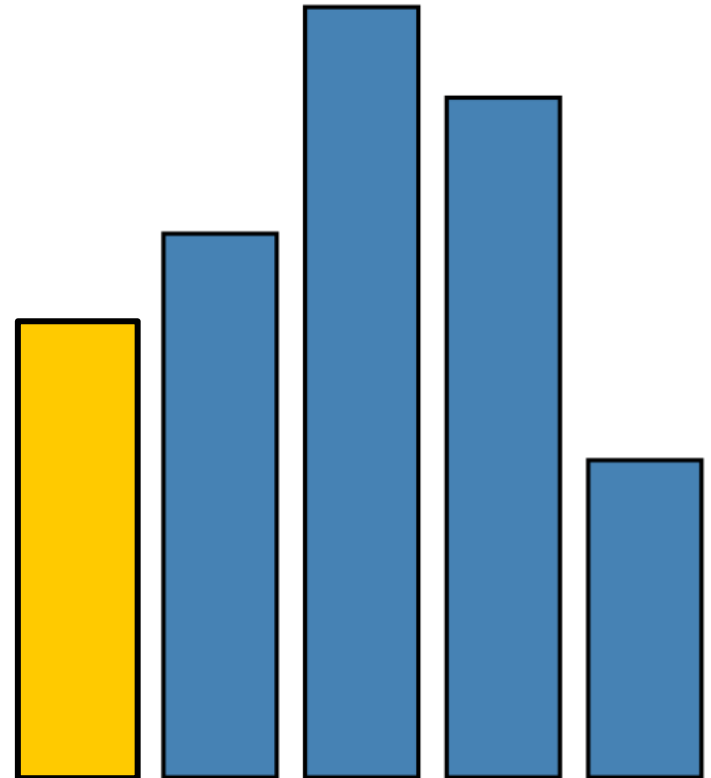
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visible	true				
left	$\lambda: \text{index} * 25$				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	$\lambda: \text{datum} * 80$				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



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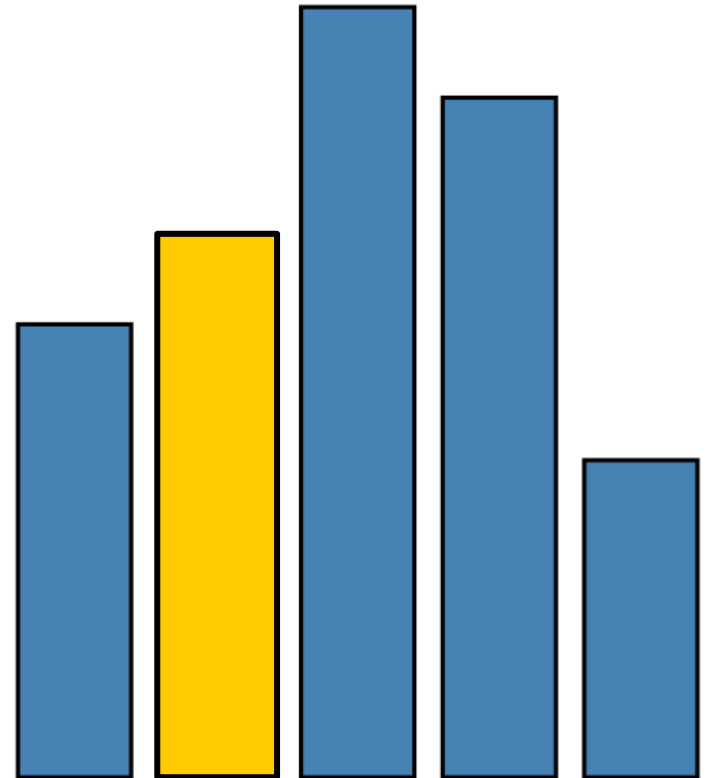
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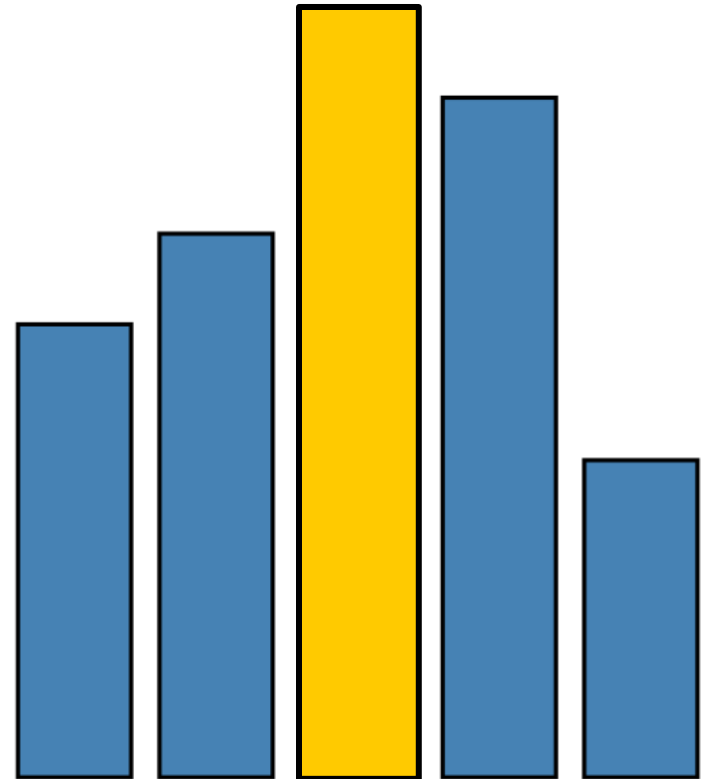
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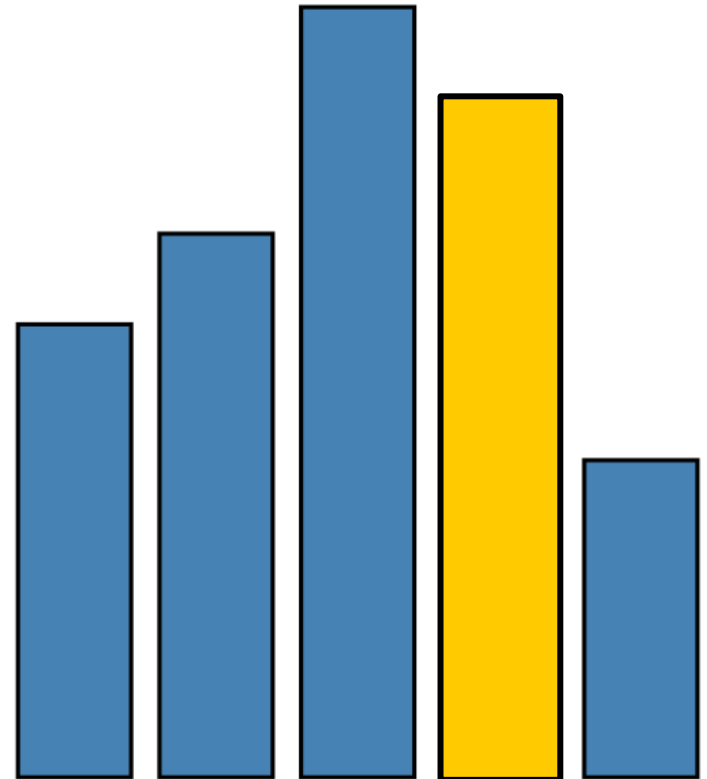
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left	2 * 25				
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...	...				



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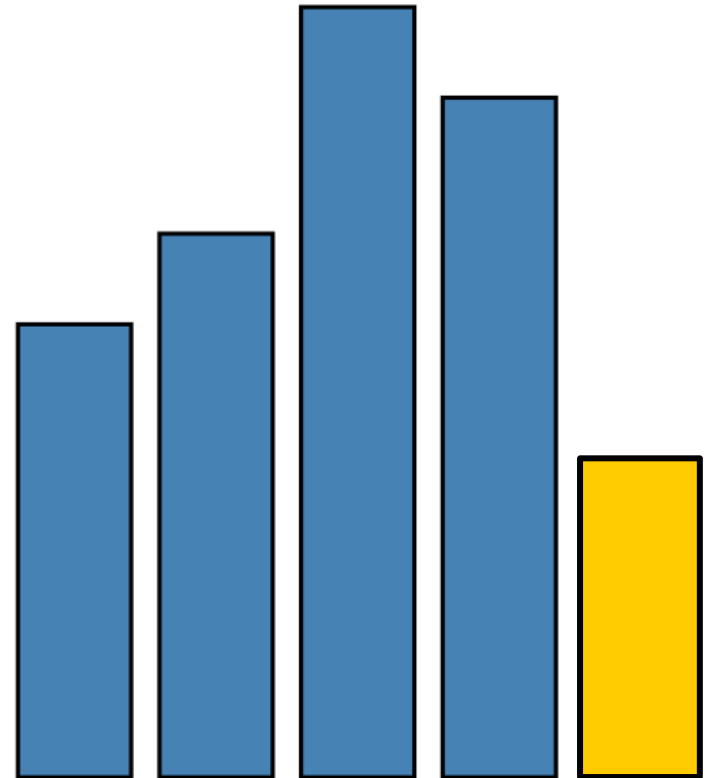
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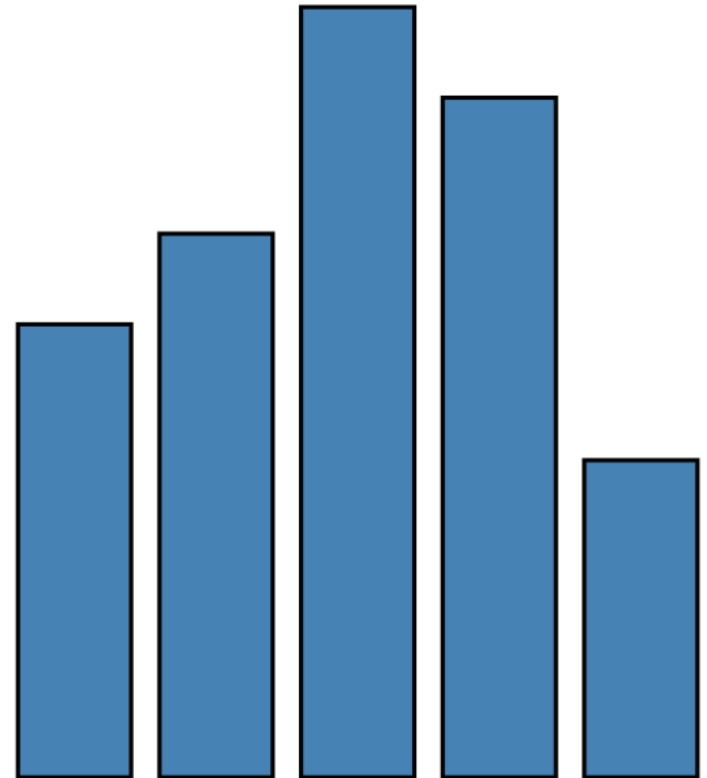
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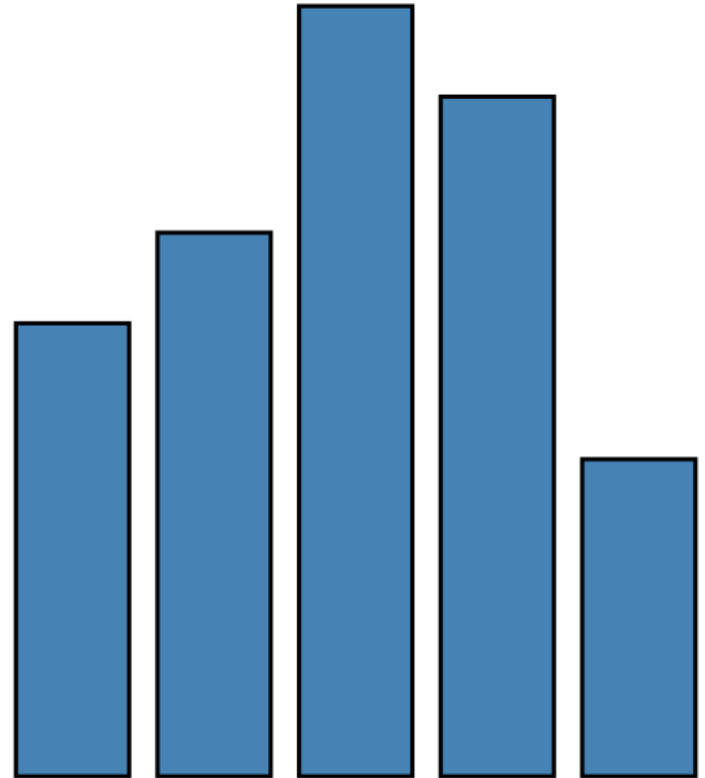
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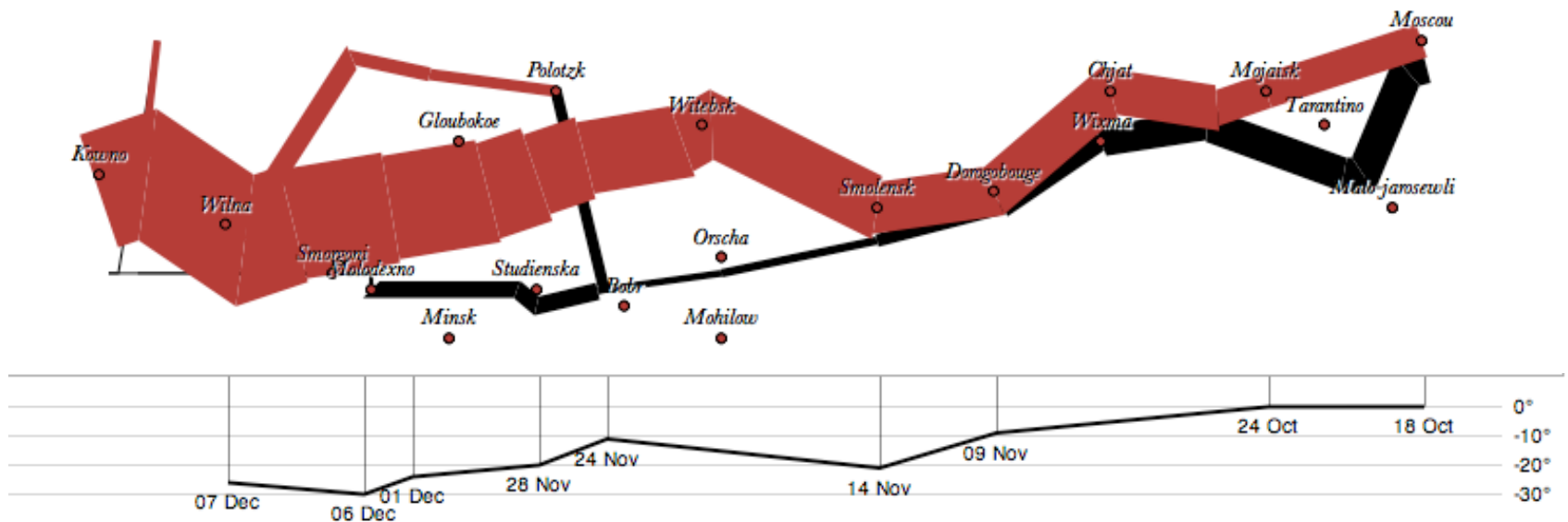
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visible	true				
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bottom	0				
width	20				
height	λ : datum * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



```
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]);
```

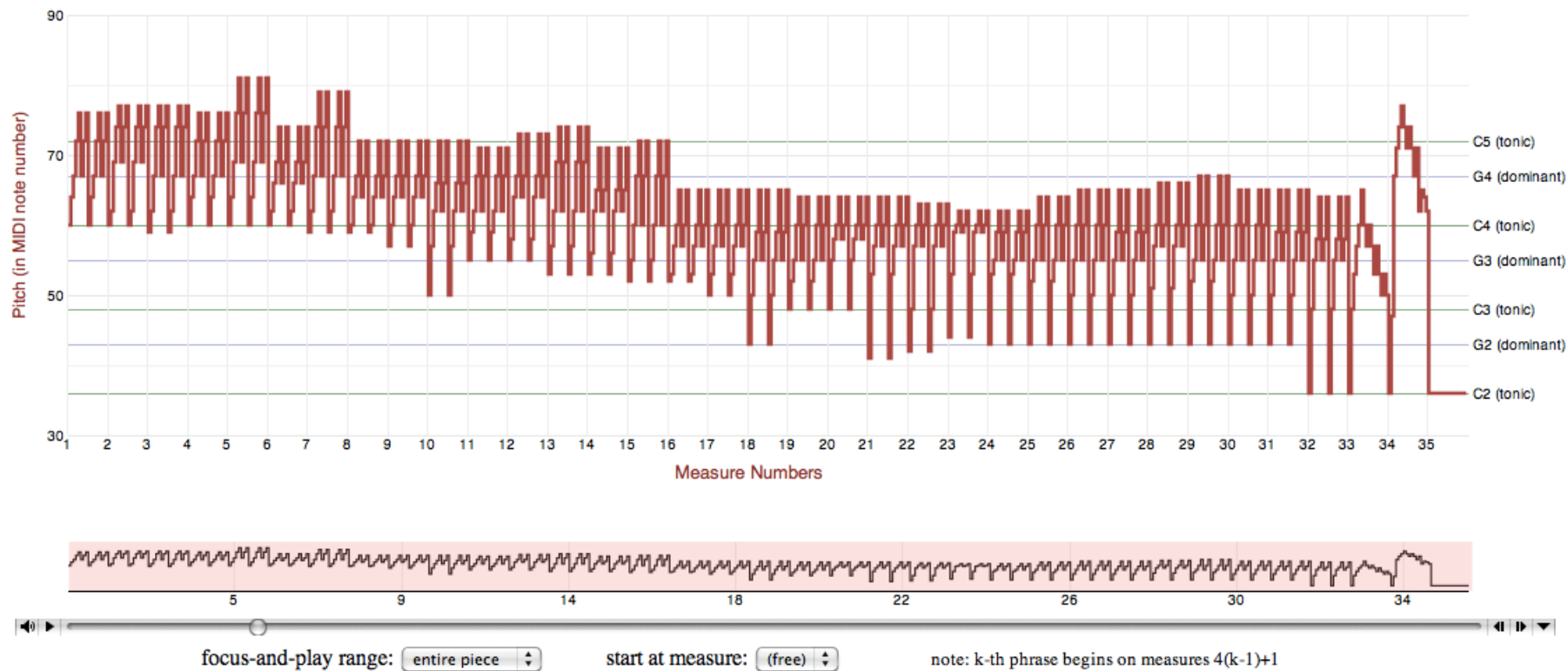
```
vis.add(pv.Label).data(napoleon.cities)
  .left(lon).top(lat)
  .text((d) => d.city).font("italic 10px Georgia")
  .textAlign("center").textBaseline("middle");
```

```
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)
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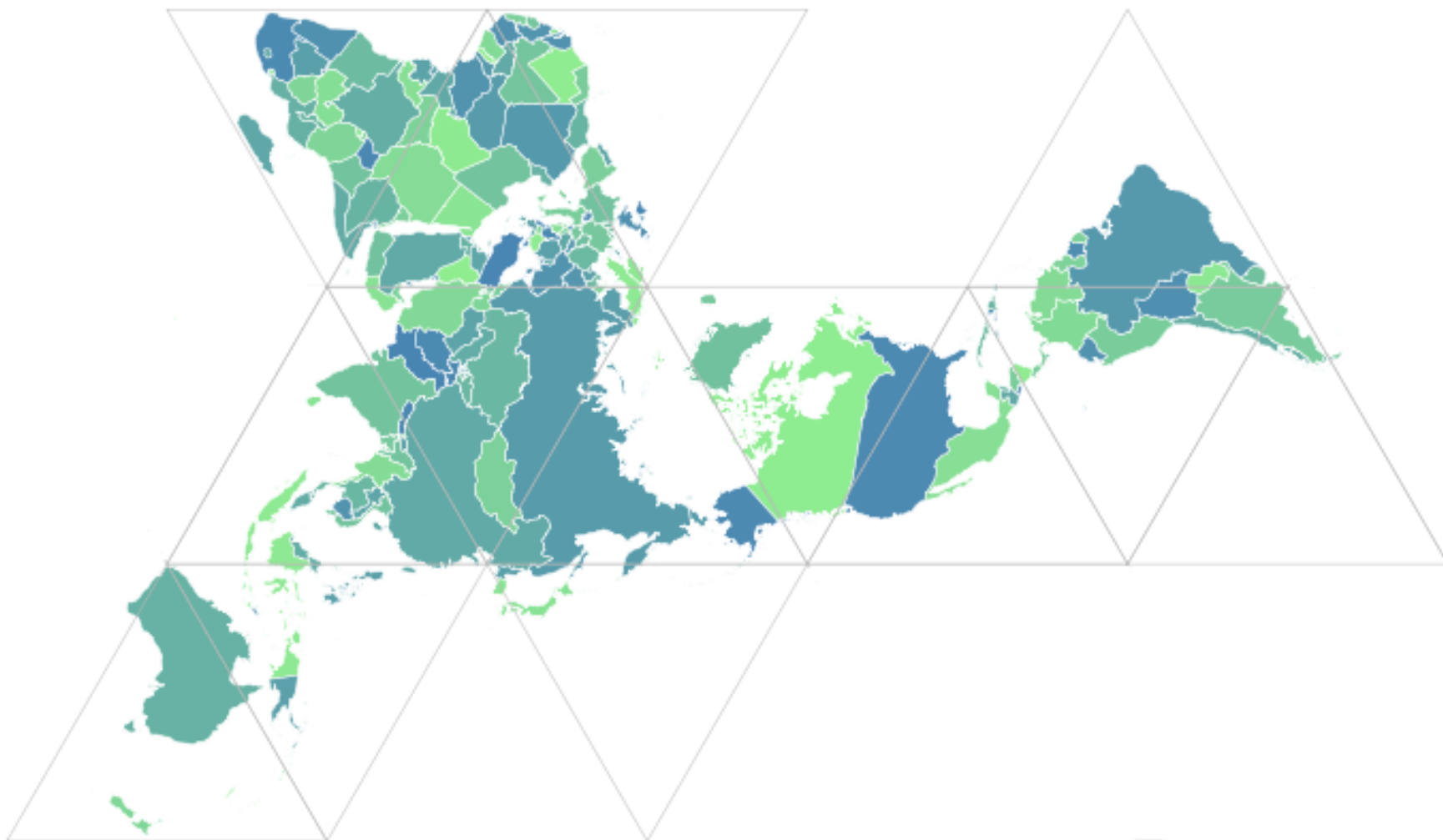
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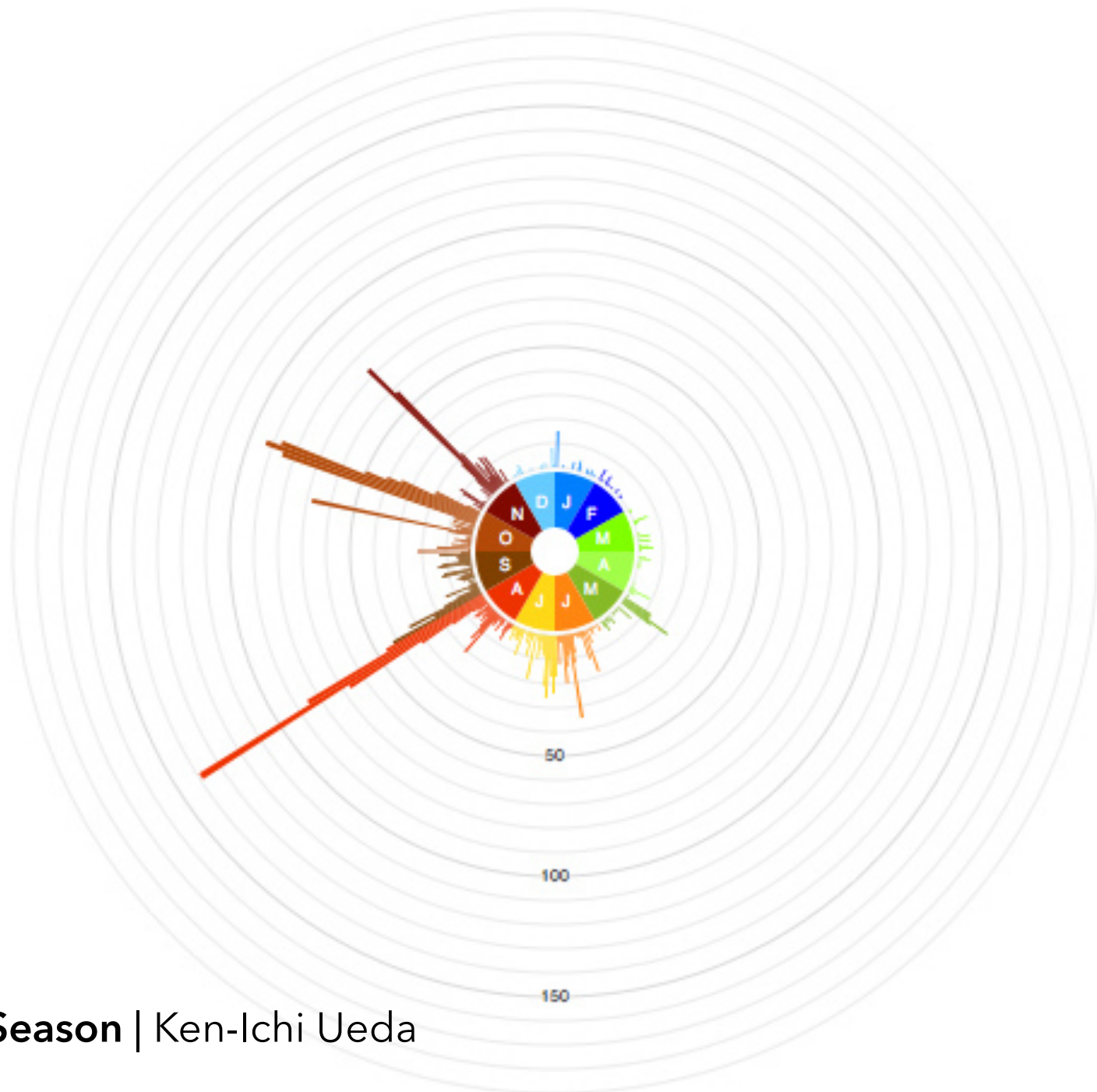
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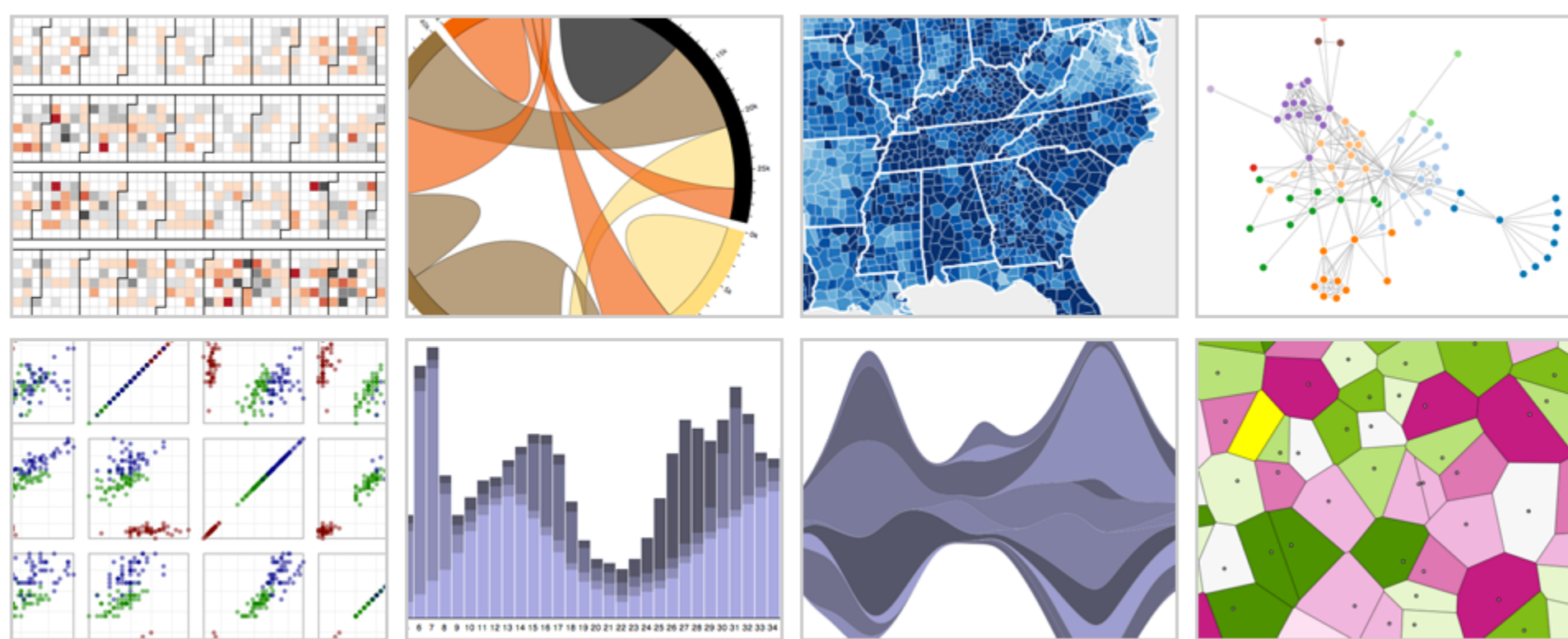


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d3.js Data-Driven Documents



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

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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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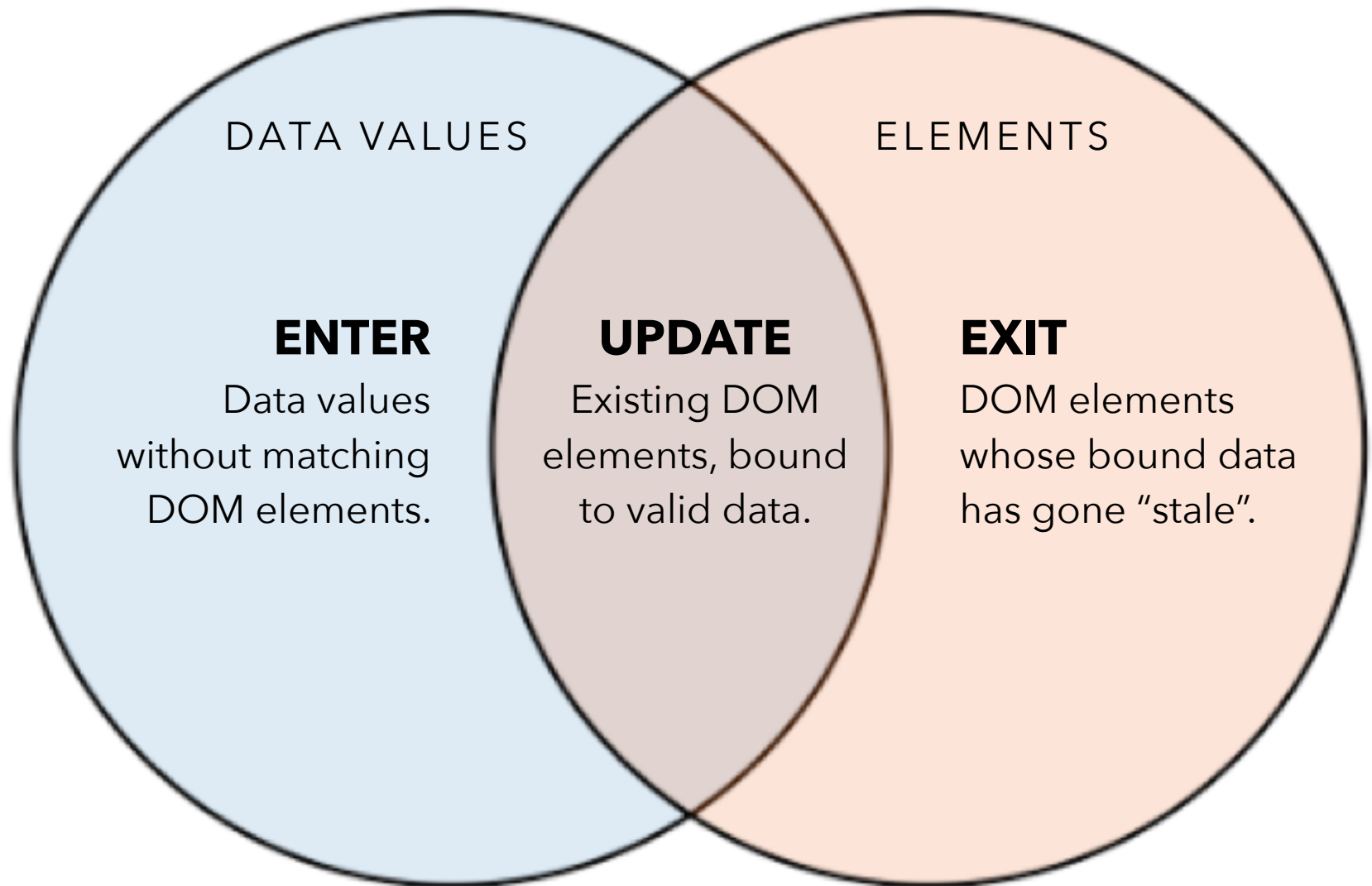
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```

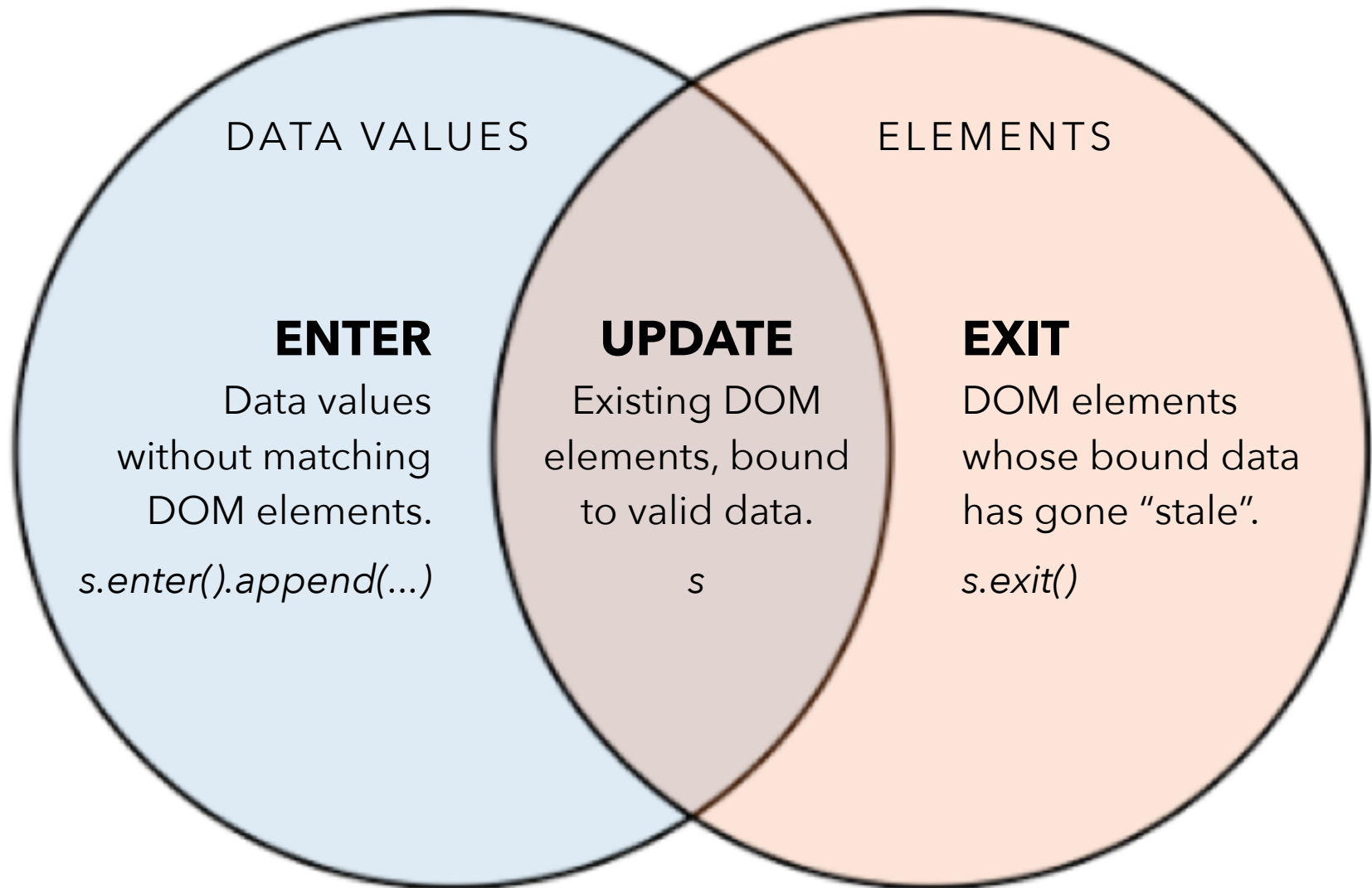
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    .join(
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        update => update,               // update current
        exit => exit.remove()           // remove outdated
    )
```

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 lead viewers

Your two visualizations should address the following questions:

Try to design a deceptive visualization that appears to be earnest. *Can you fool 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 Gradescope.

Due by **Wed 4/18 11:59pm**.

A2 Peer Reviews

You have been assigned two peer A2 submissions to review. For each:

- Try to determine which is earnest and which is deceptive
- Share a rationale for how you made this determination
- Share feedback using the “I Like / I Wish / What If” rubric

Assigned reviews will be posted on the A2 Peer Review page on Canvas, along with a link to a Google Form. You should submit two forms: one for each A2 peer review.

Due by **Wed 4/26 11:59pm.**

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?

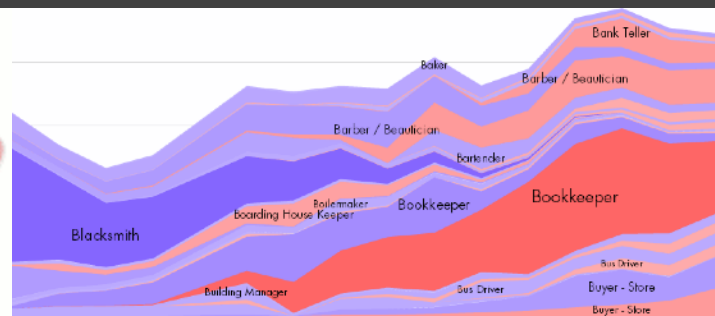
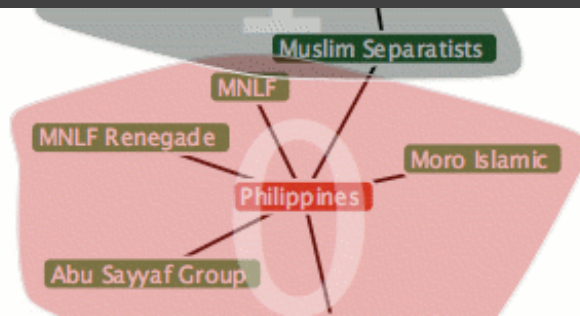
Suggest alternative design directions, or even wacky half-baked ideas. *Example: "What if we got rid of the slider and enabled direct manipulation navigation by dragging data points directly?"*

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 8.**

Work in project teams of 3-4 people.



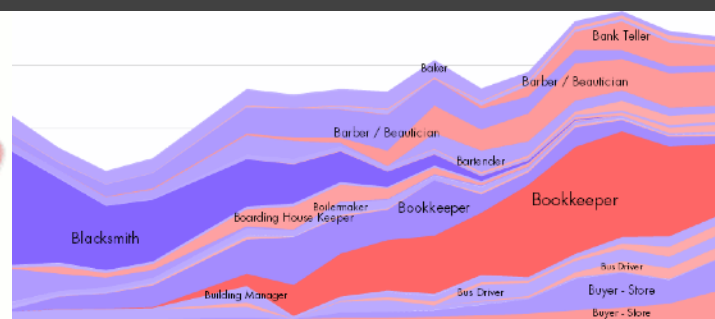
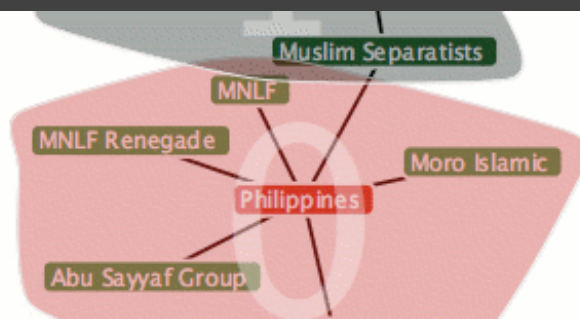
Form A3 + Final Project Team

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

Submit signup form by **Thur 4/27, 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.

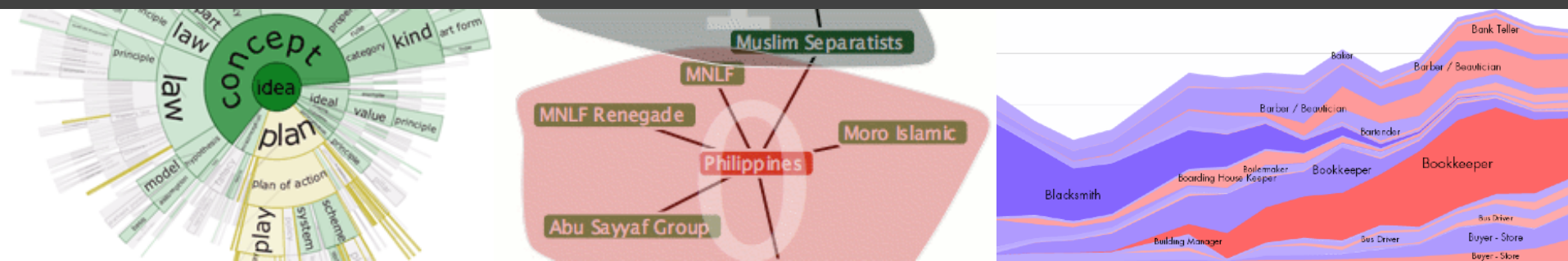


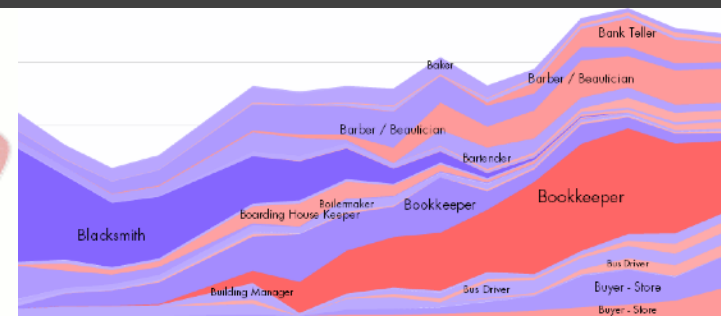
Requirements

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.





D3 Tutorial - In Class Thu Apr 27

D3.js Deep Dive led by Luke and Sebastin

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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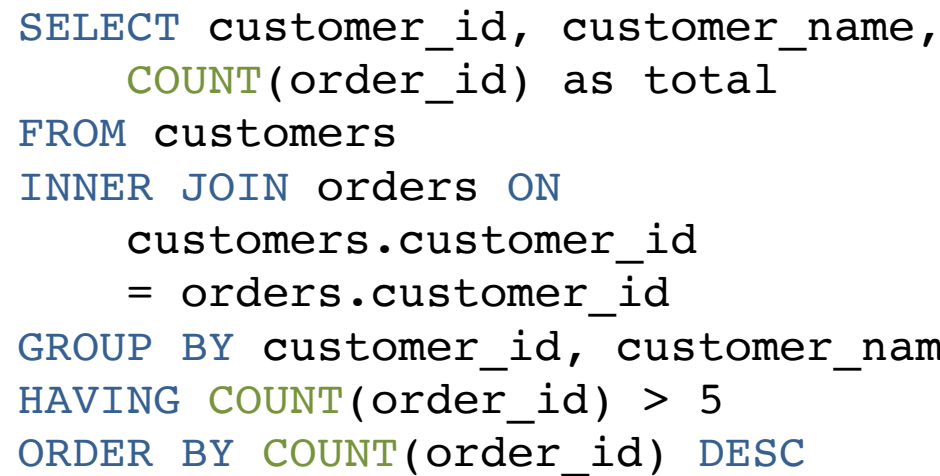
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  .join("rect")  
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  .attr("y", d => yscale(d.bar))
```



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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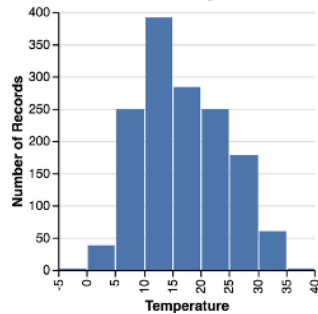
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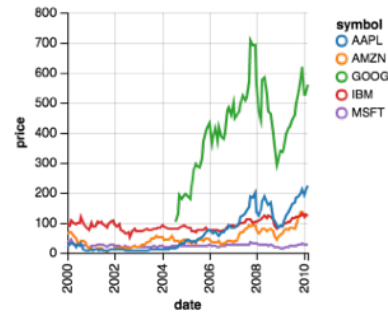
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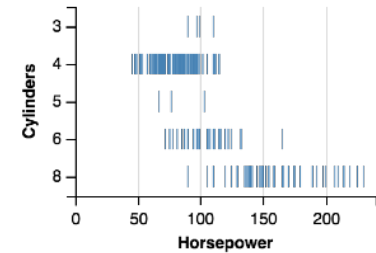
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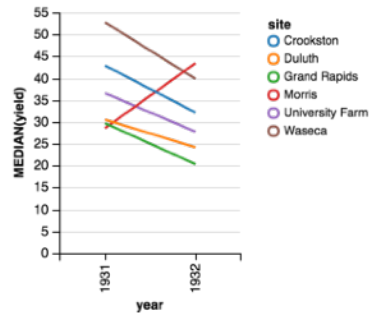
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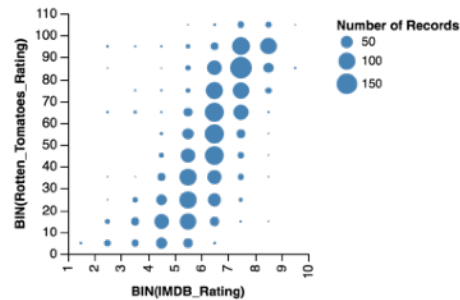
Strip Plot



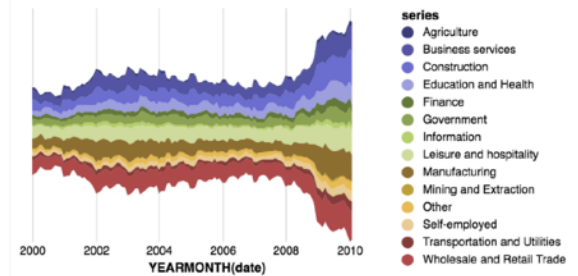
Slope Graph



Binned Scatter Plot

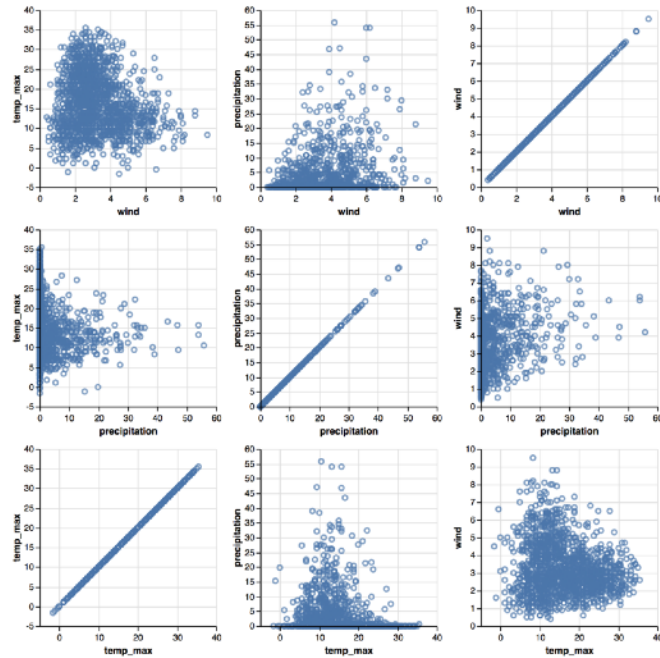


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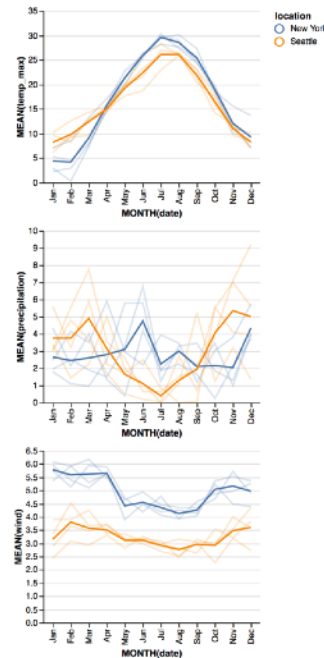


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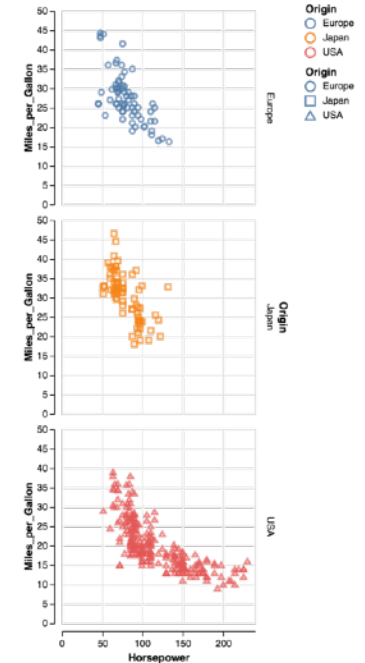
Scatter Plot Matrix



Concat & Layered Views

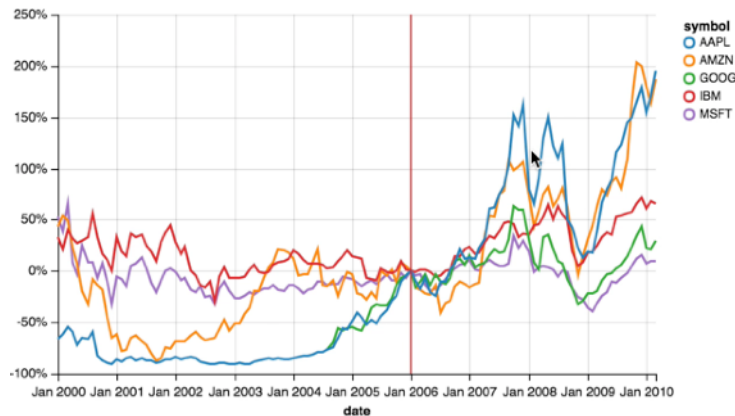


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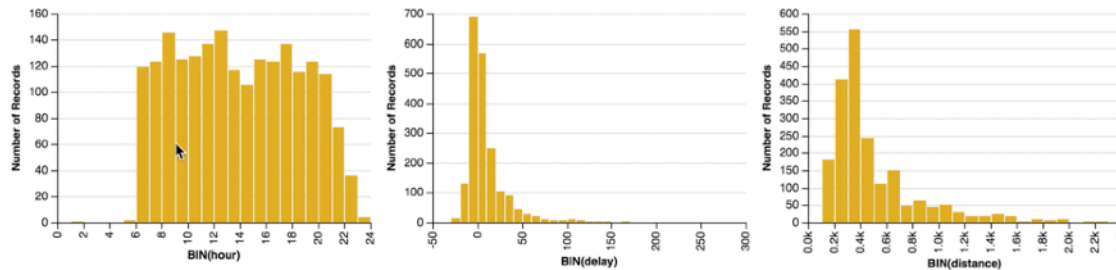
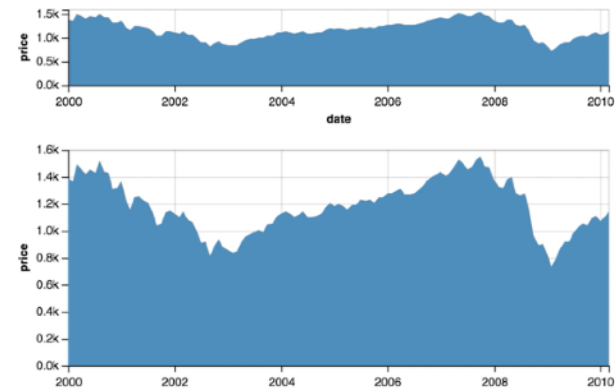


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Indexed Chart



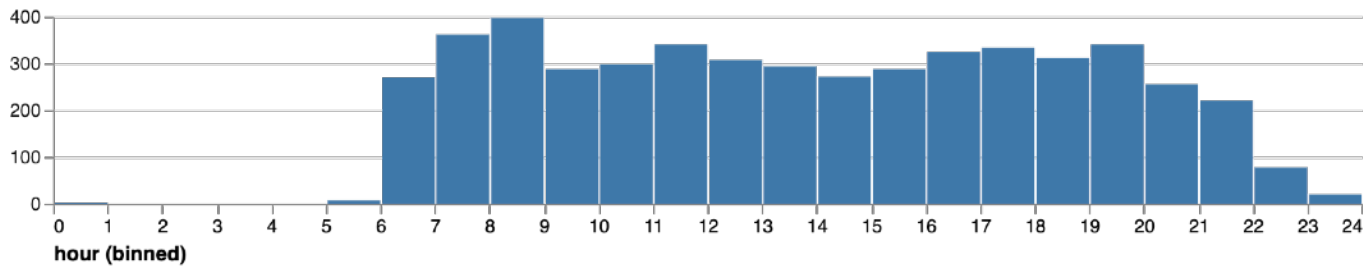
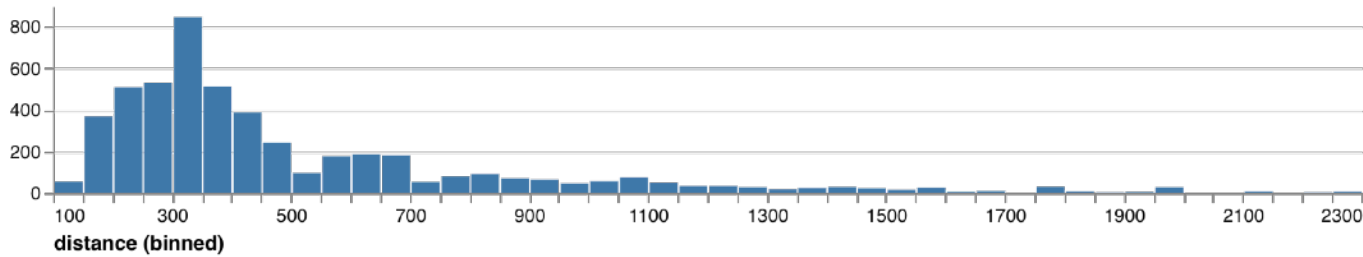
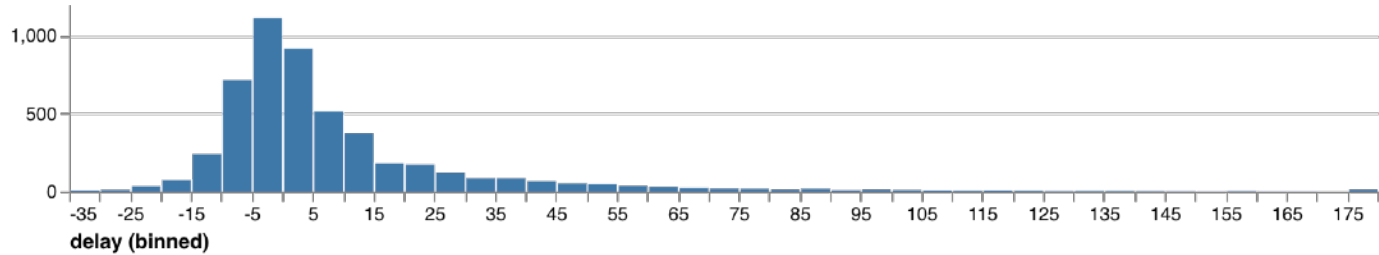
Focus + Context



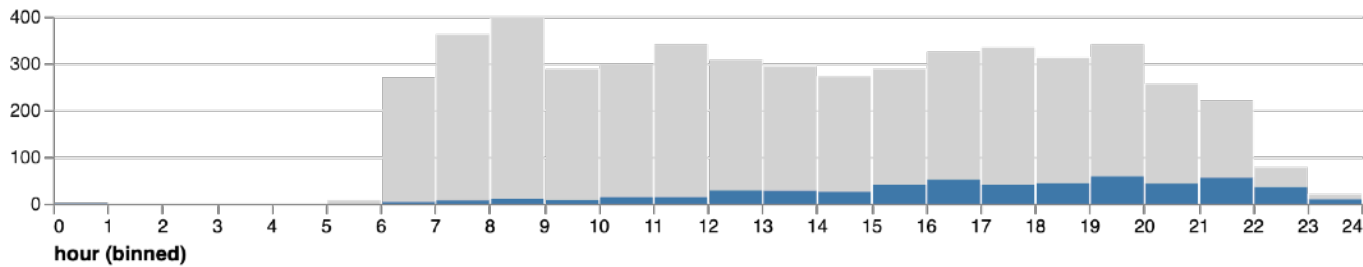
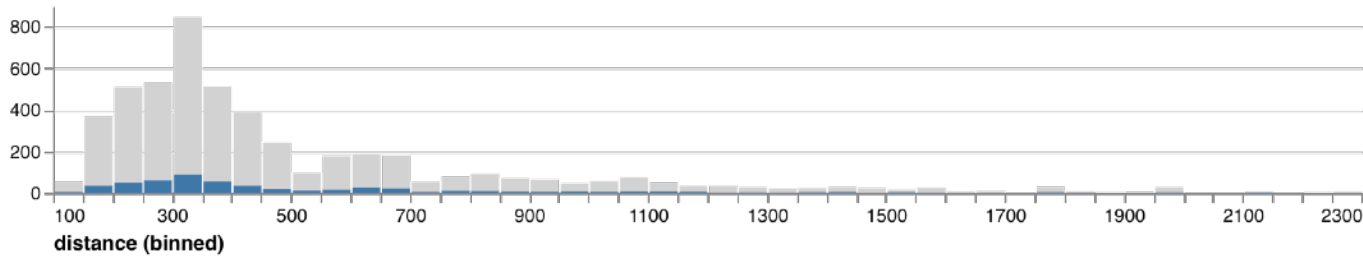
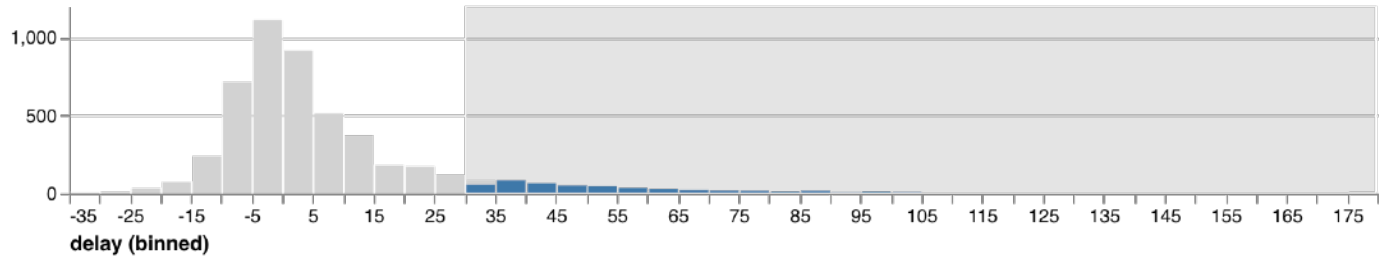
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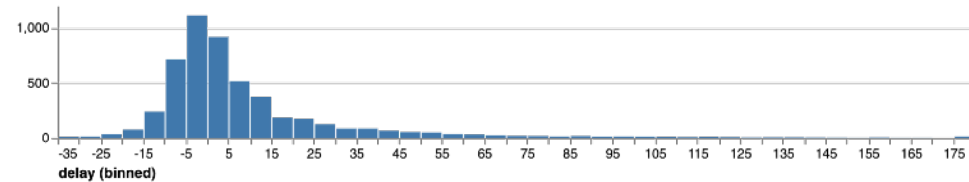


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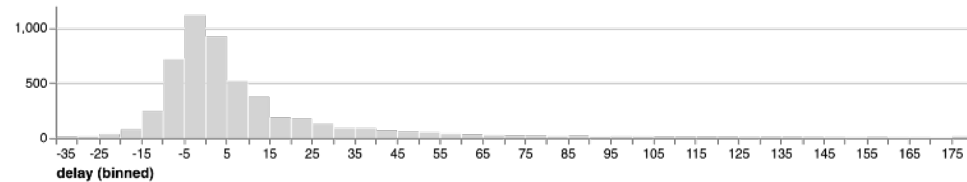
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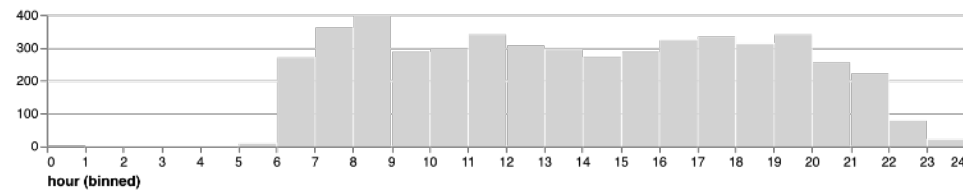
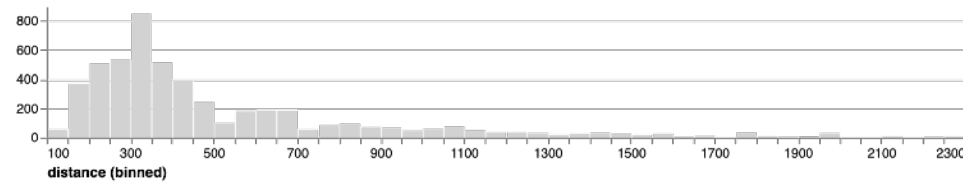
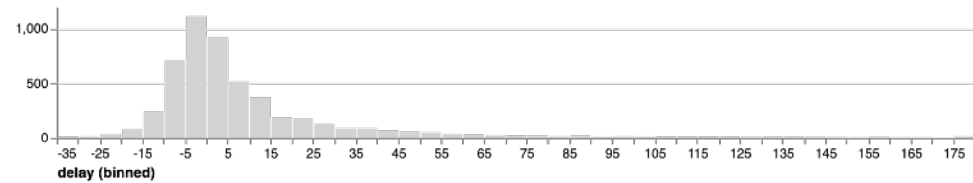
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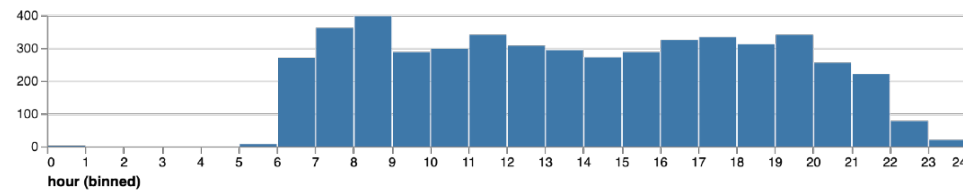
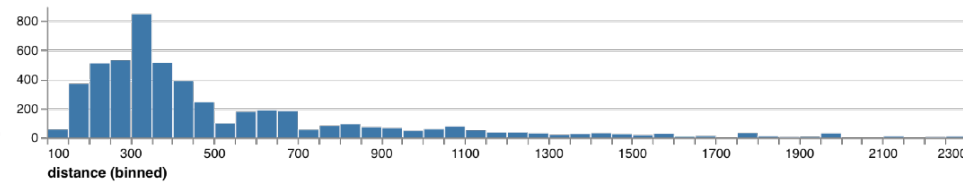
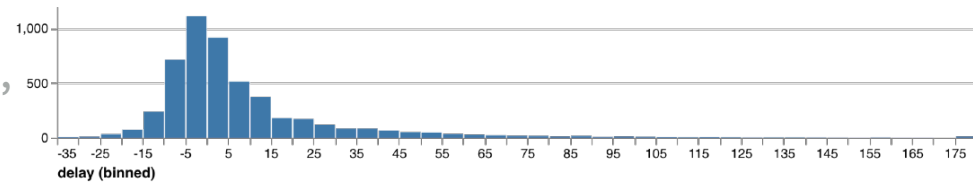
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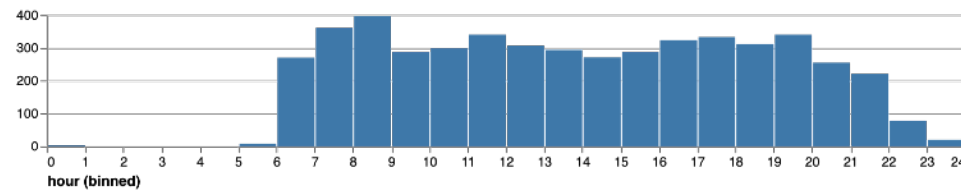
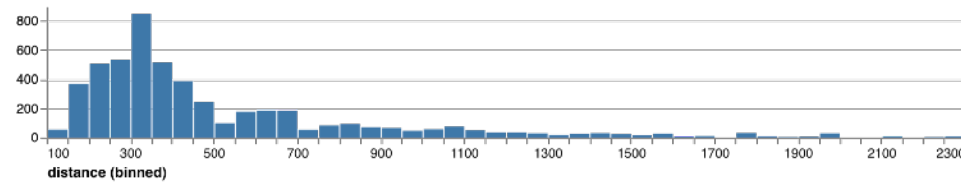
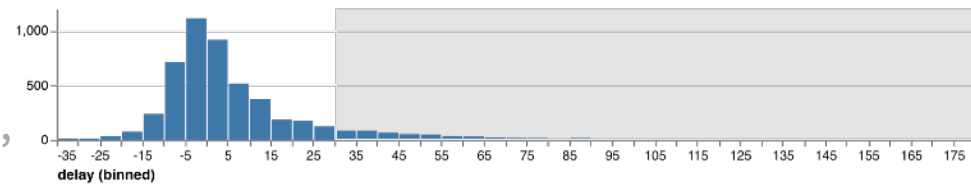
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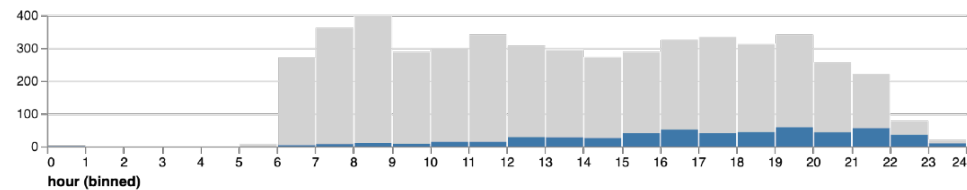
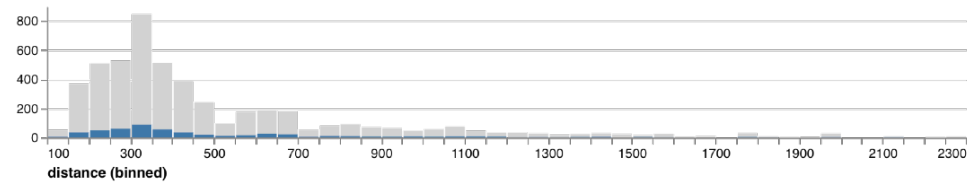
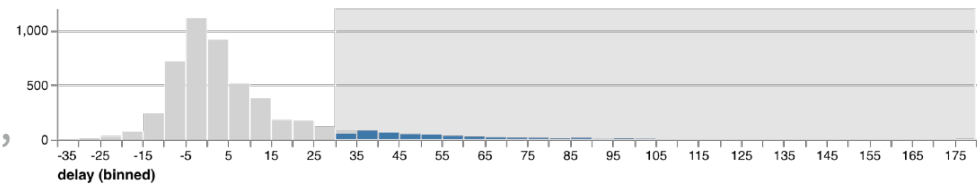
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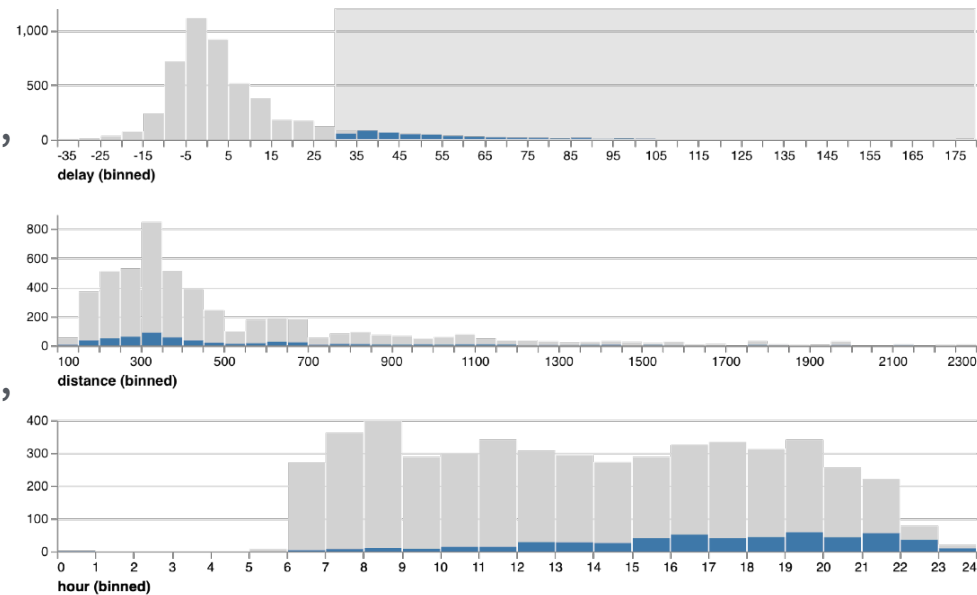
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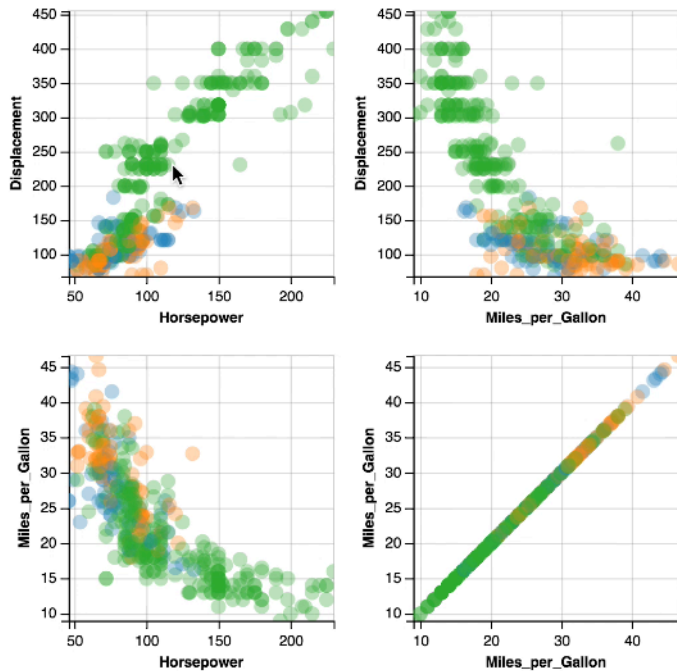
```
layer(  
  markBar().encode(  
    x().fieldQ(repeat('row')).bin(true),  
    y().count(),  
    color().value('lightgrey')  
  ).params(brush),  
  markBar().encode(  
    x().fieldQ(repeat('row')).bin(true),  
    y().count()  
  ).transform(filter(brush))  
)  
.repeat({  
  row: ['delay', 'distance', 'hour']  
})  
.data('data/flights.json')
```



Multi-view interactive graphics in ~10 lines of code

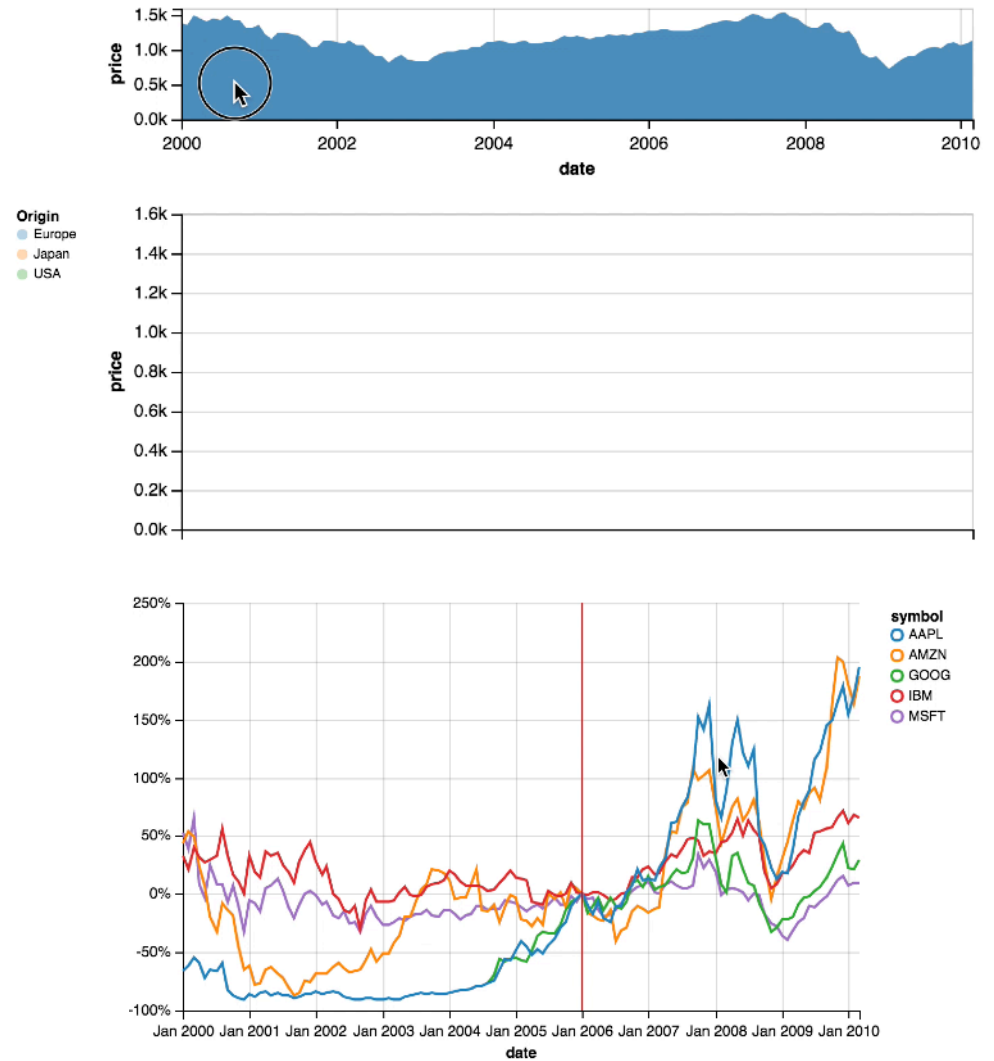
Selections

Selections *invert* scales and
parameterize graphics



Bind selection to scale domains:
Synchronized Pan & Zoom!

Overview + Detail



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The Lyra Visualization Design Environment (VDE) ^{alpha}

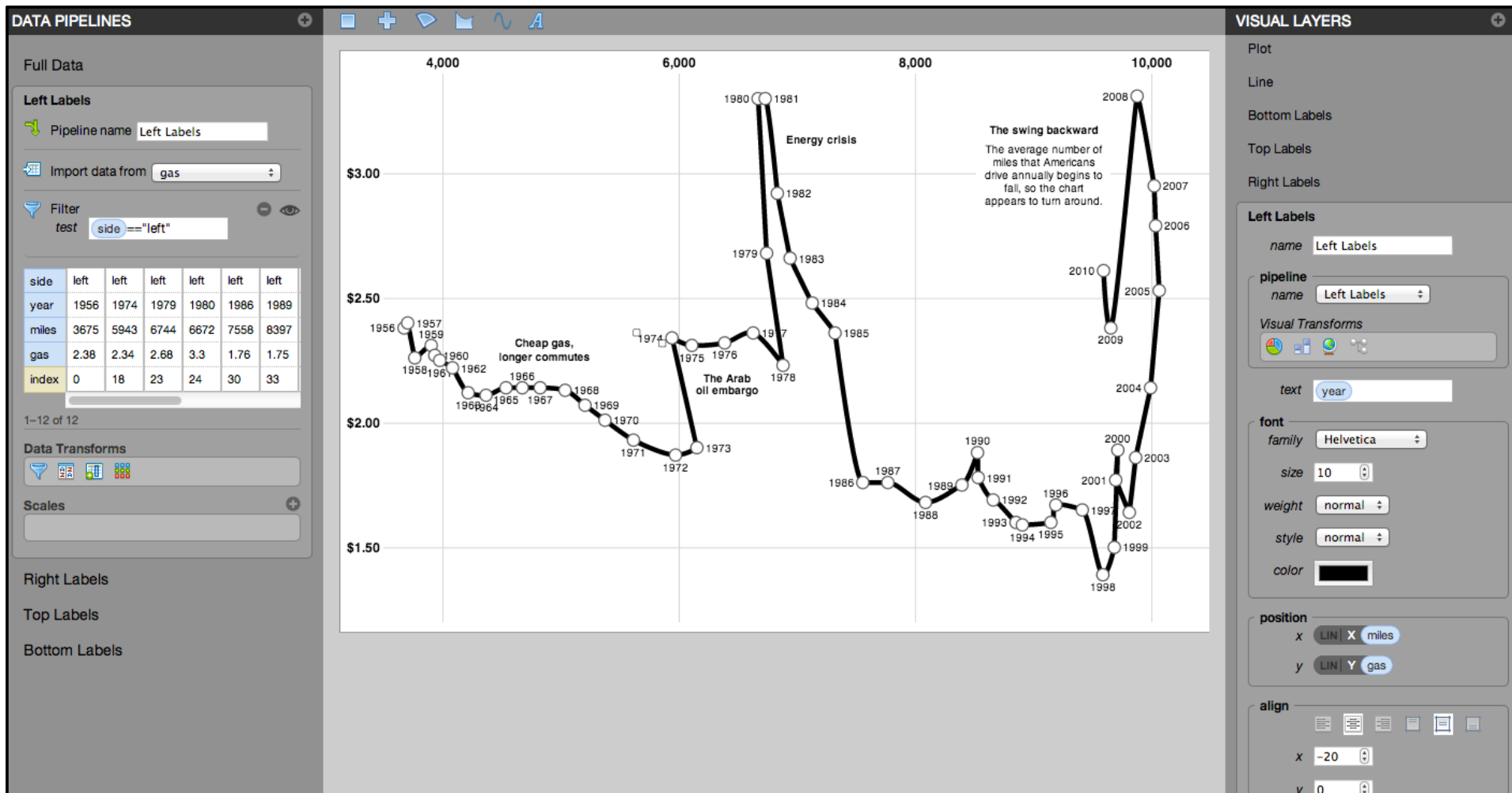
Arvind Satyanarayan, Kanit "Ham" Wongsuphasawat, Jeffrey Heer



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

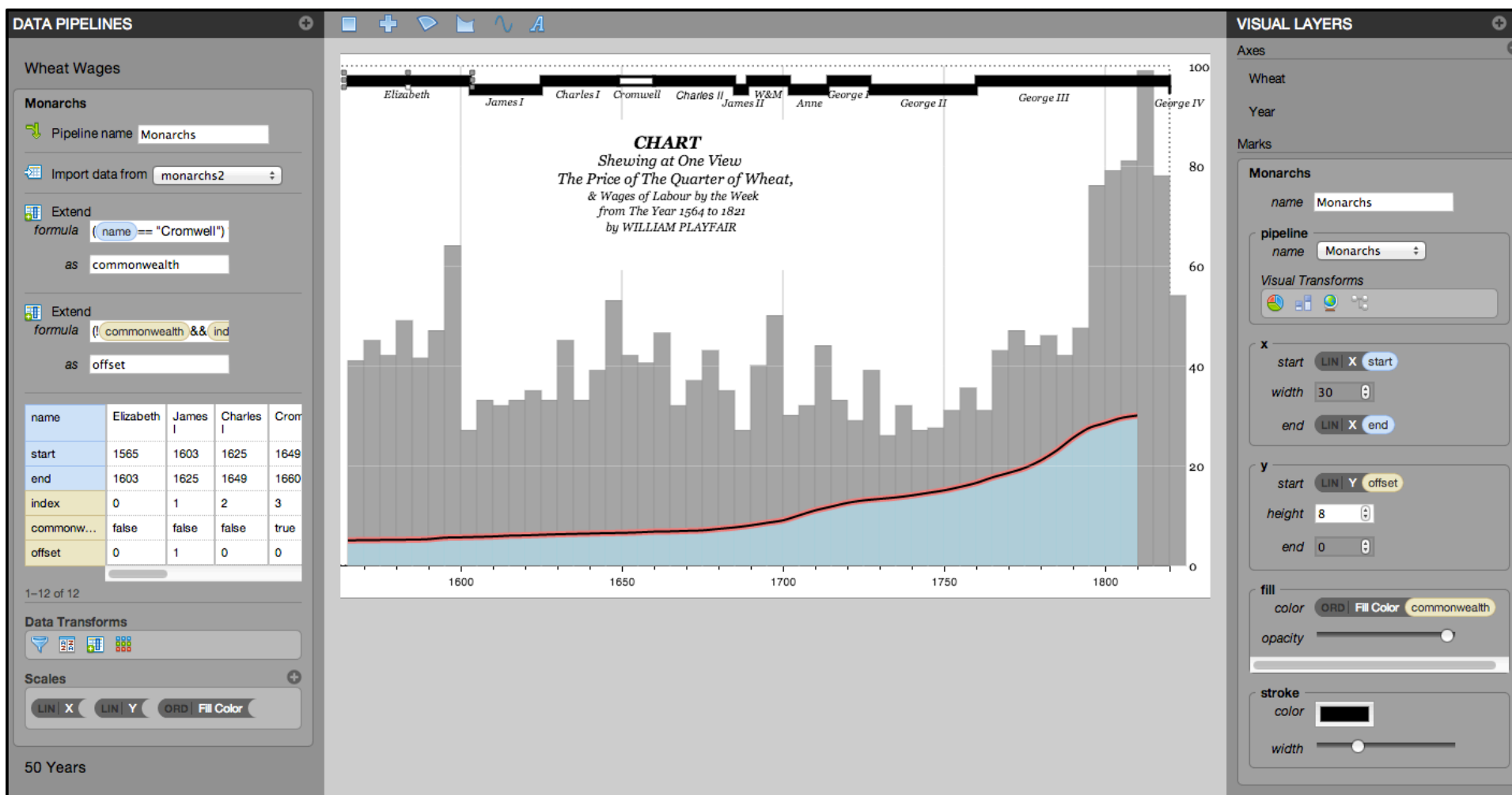
See also: Charticulator, Data Illustrator

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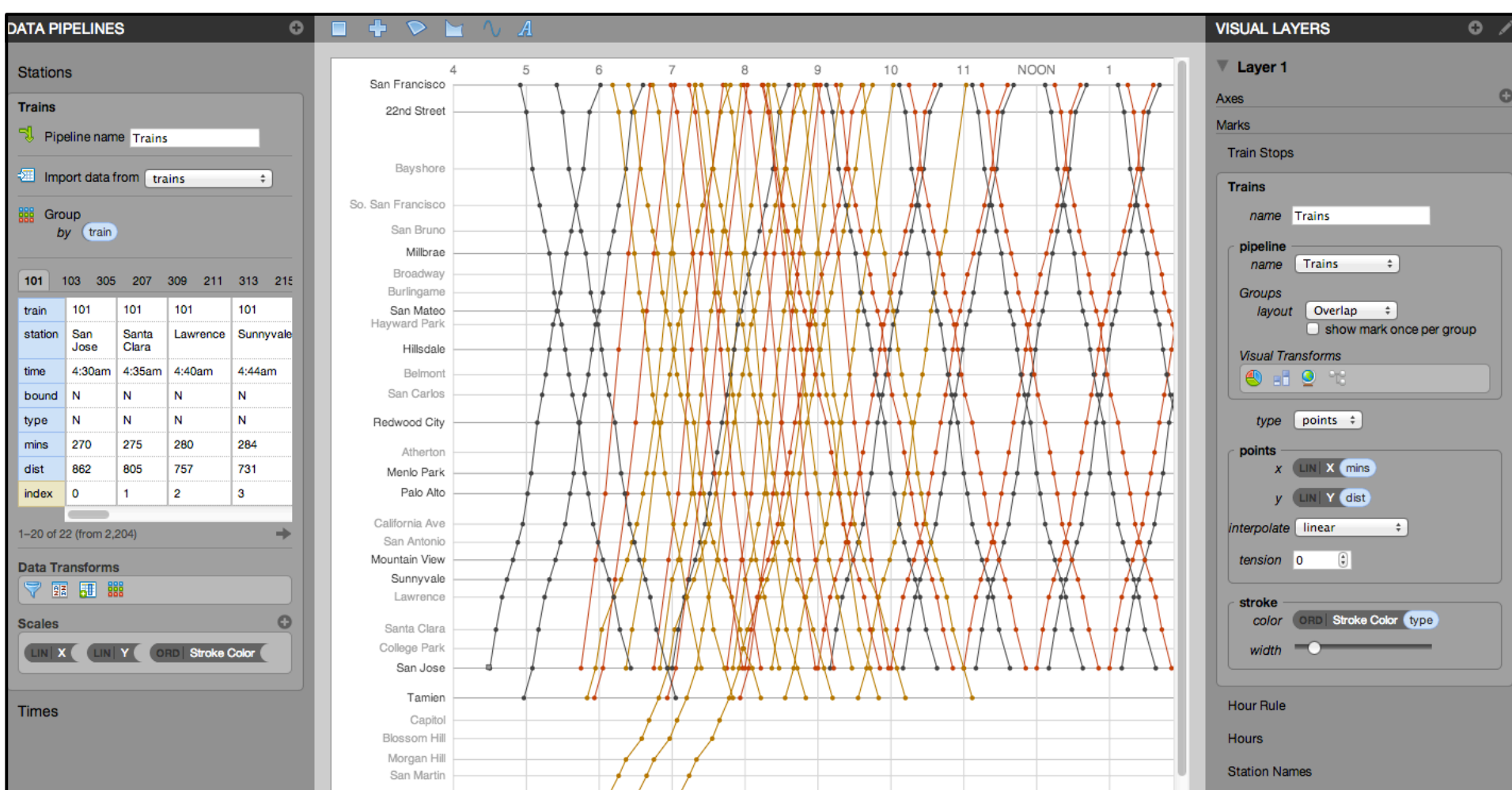
Driving Shifts into Reverse by Hannah Fairfield, NYTimes

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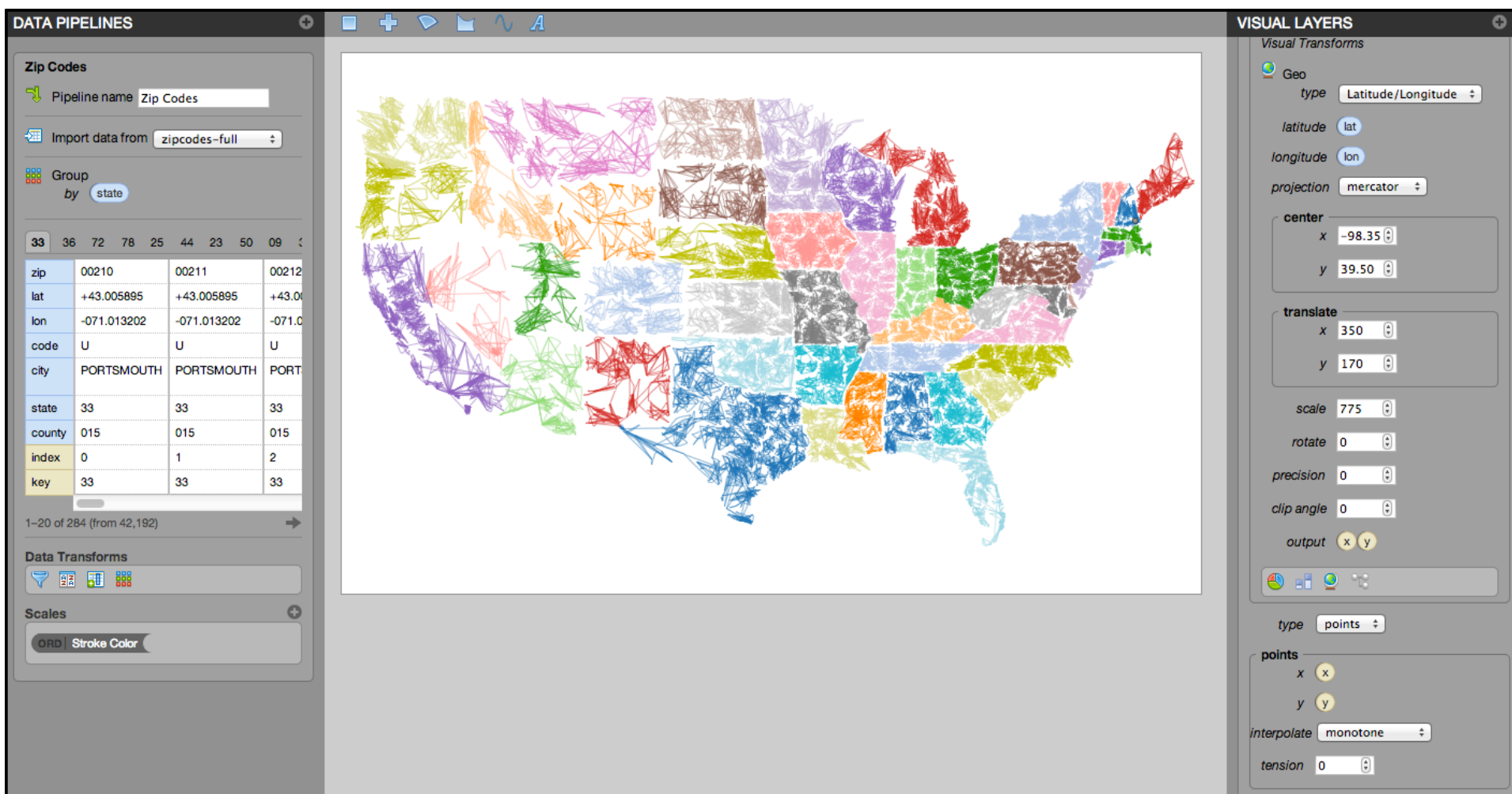
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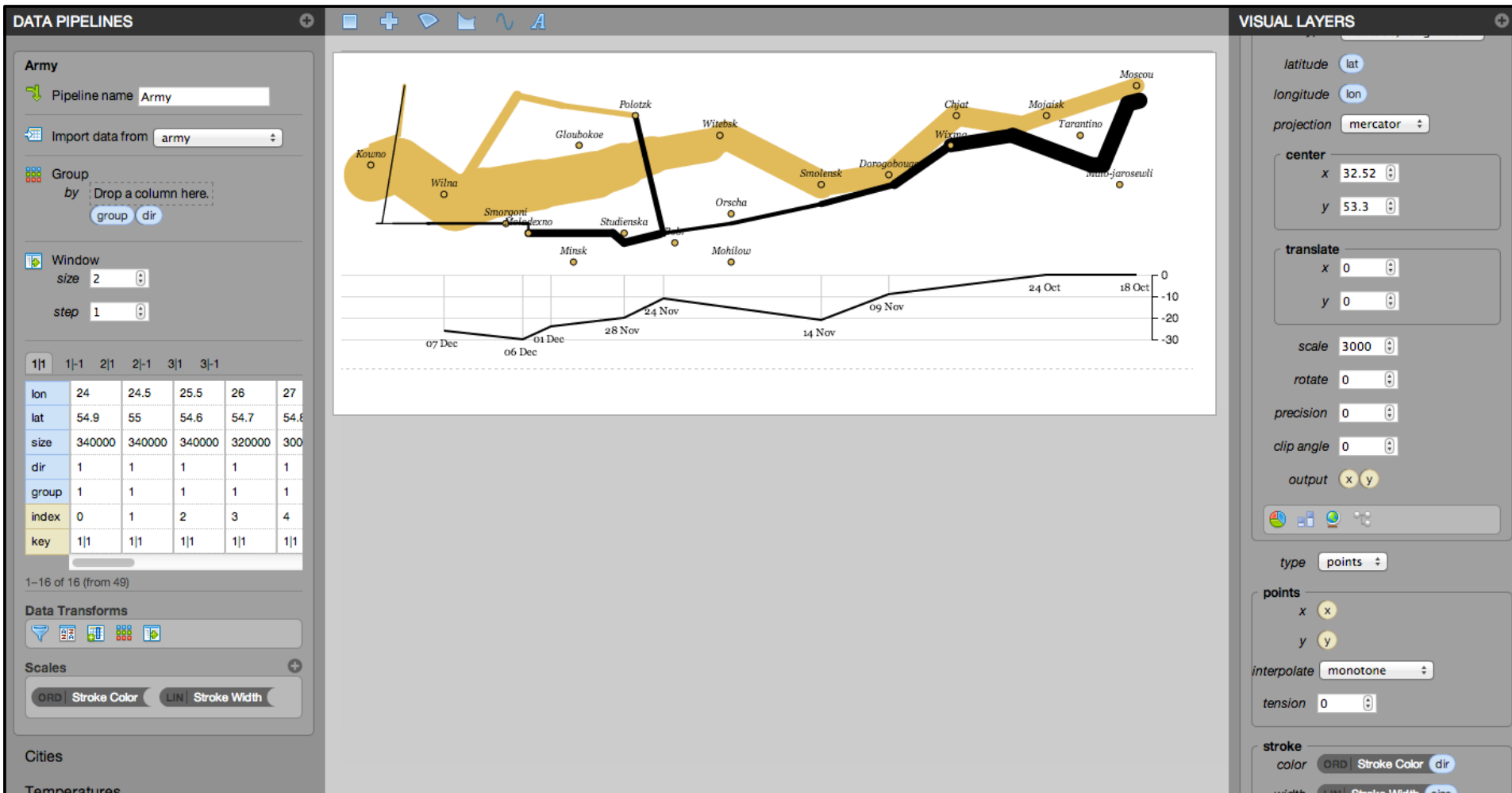


based on the **Railway Timetable** by E. J. Marey

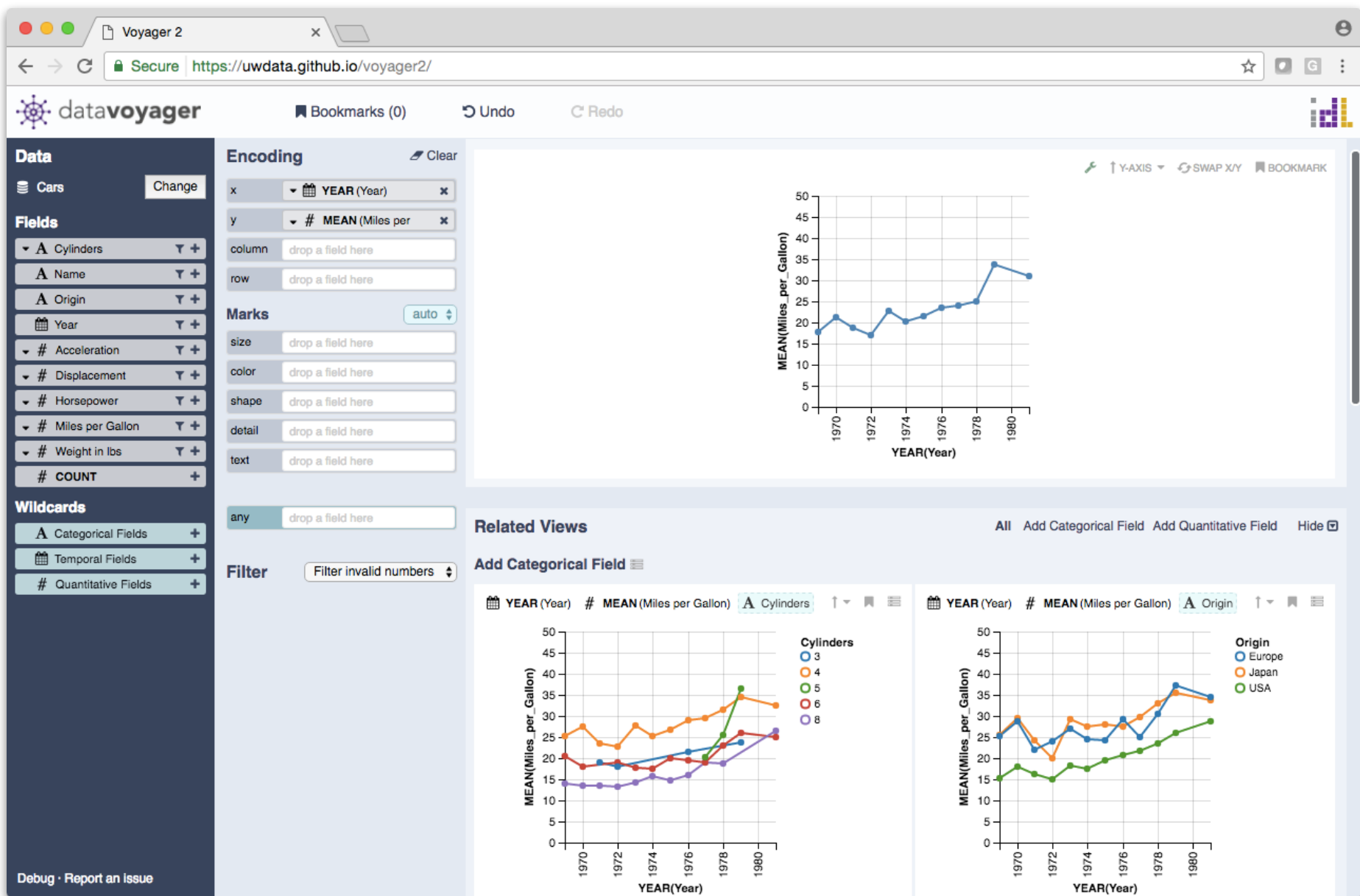
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Napoleon's March by Charles Minard



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.

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