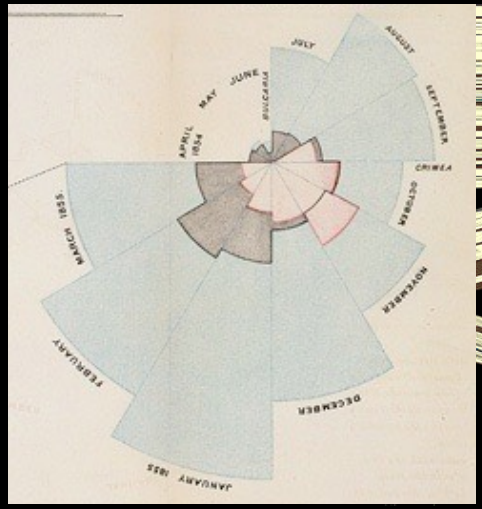
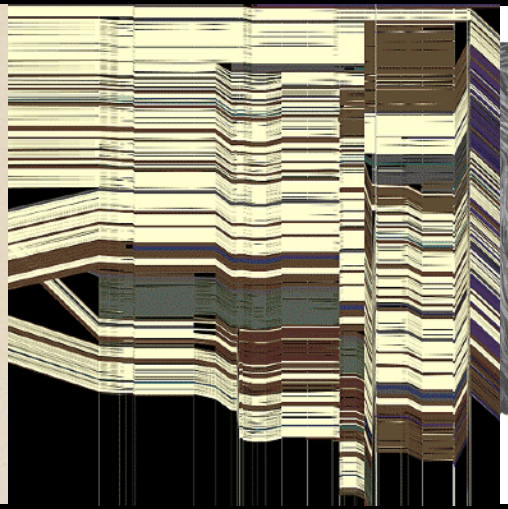
CSE 442 - Data Visualization

Introduction





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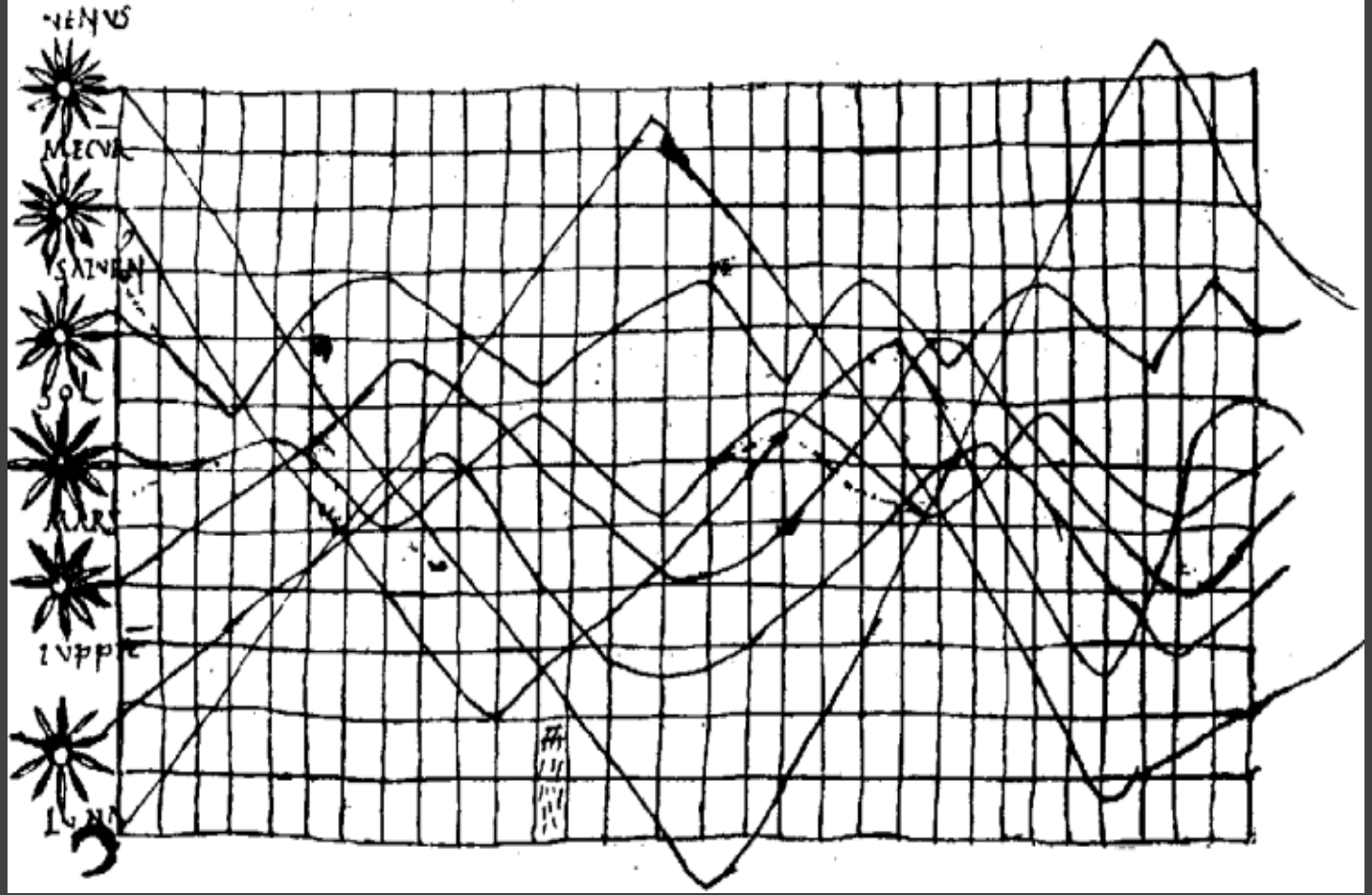
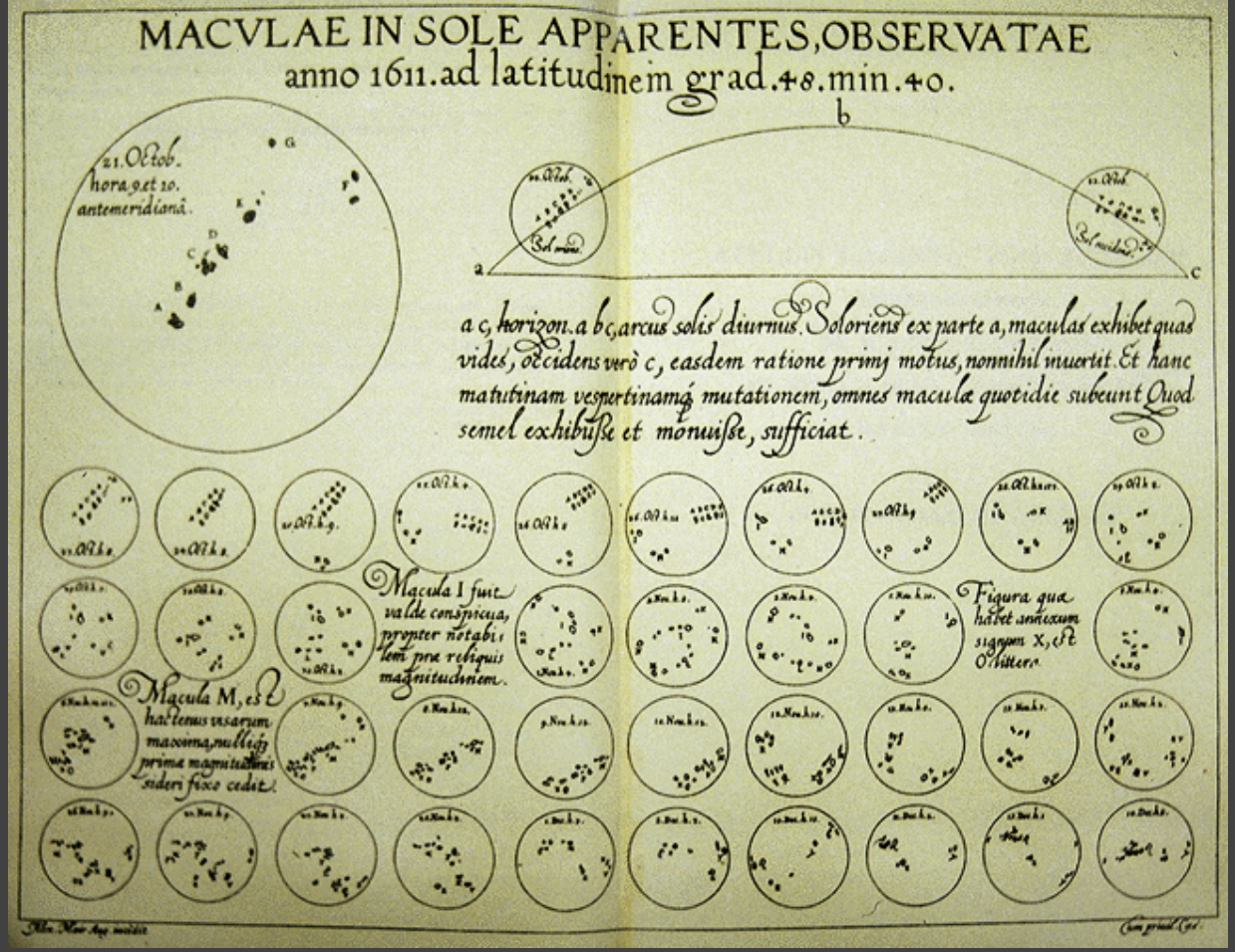
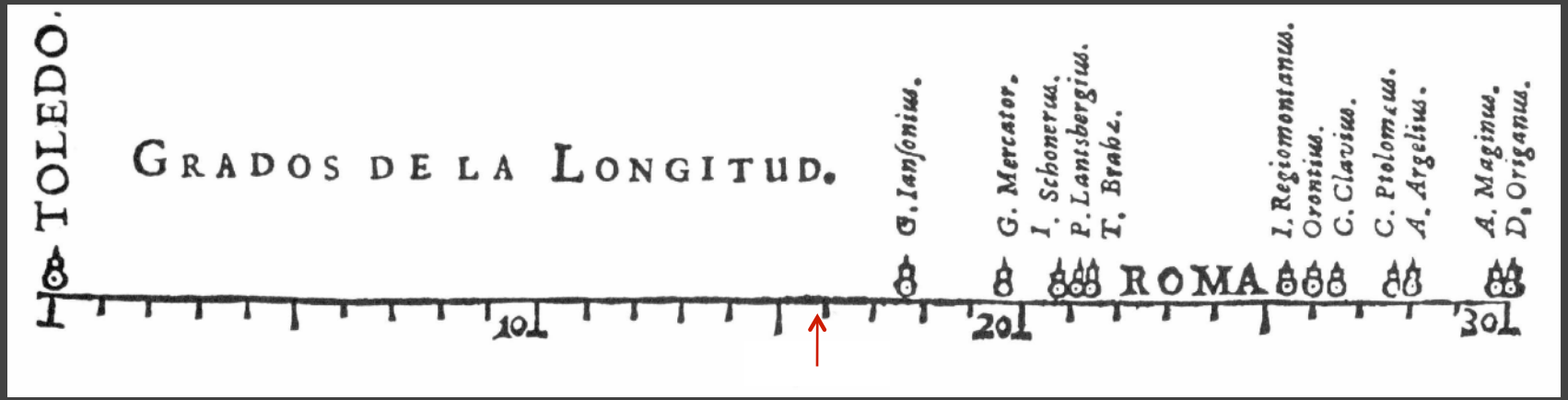


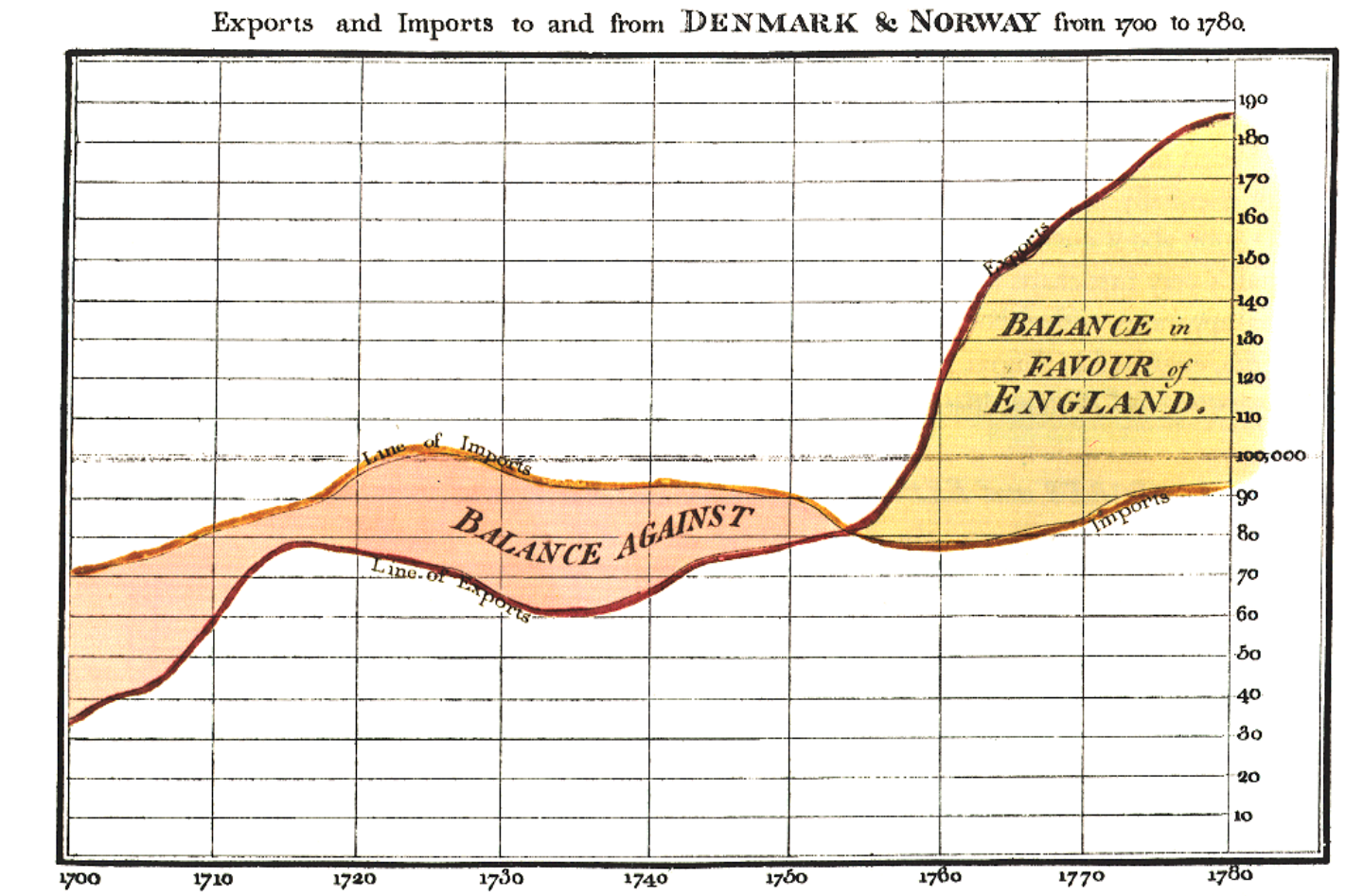
~950 AD Position of Sun, Moon and Planets



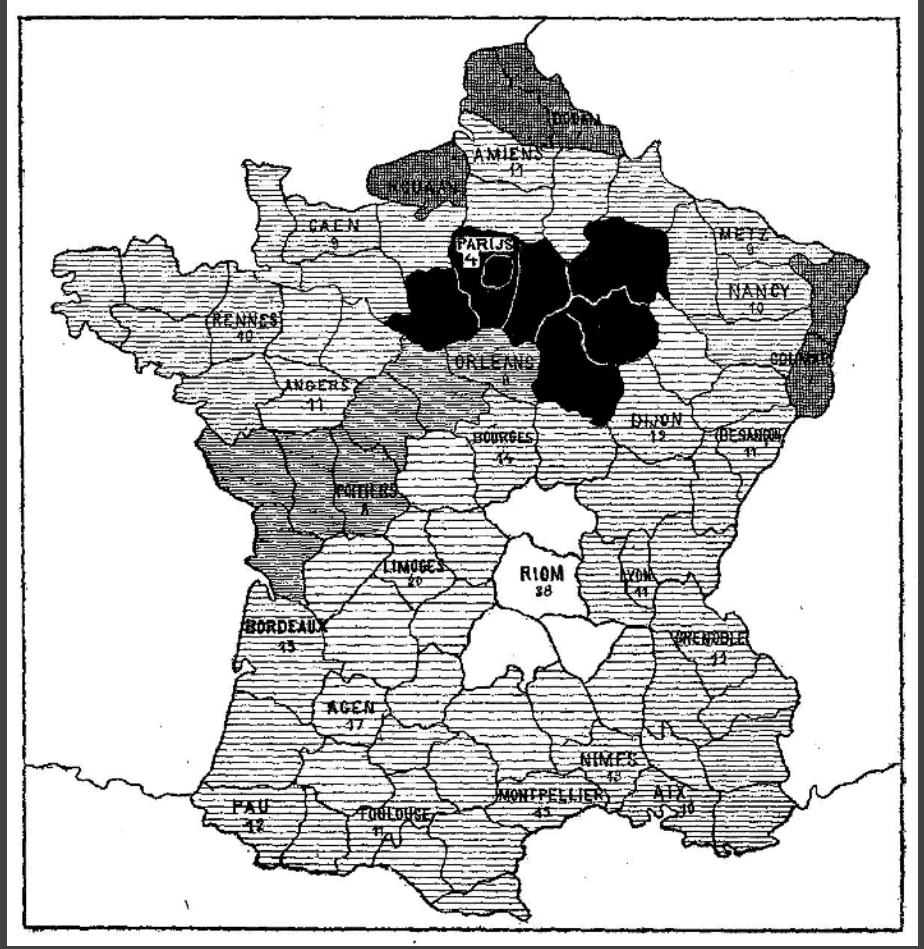
Sunspots over time, Scheiner 1626



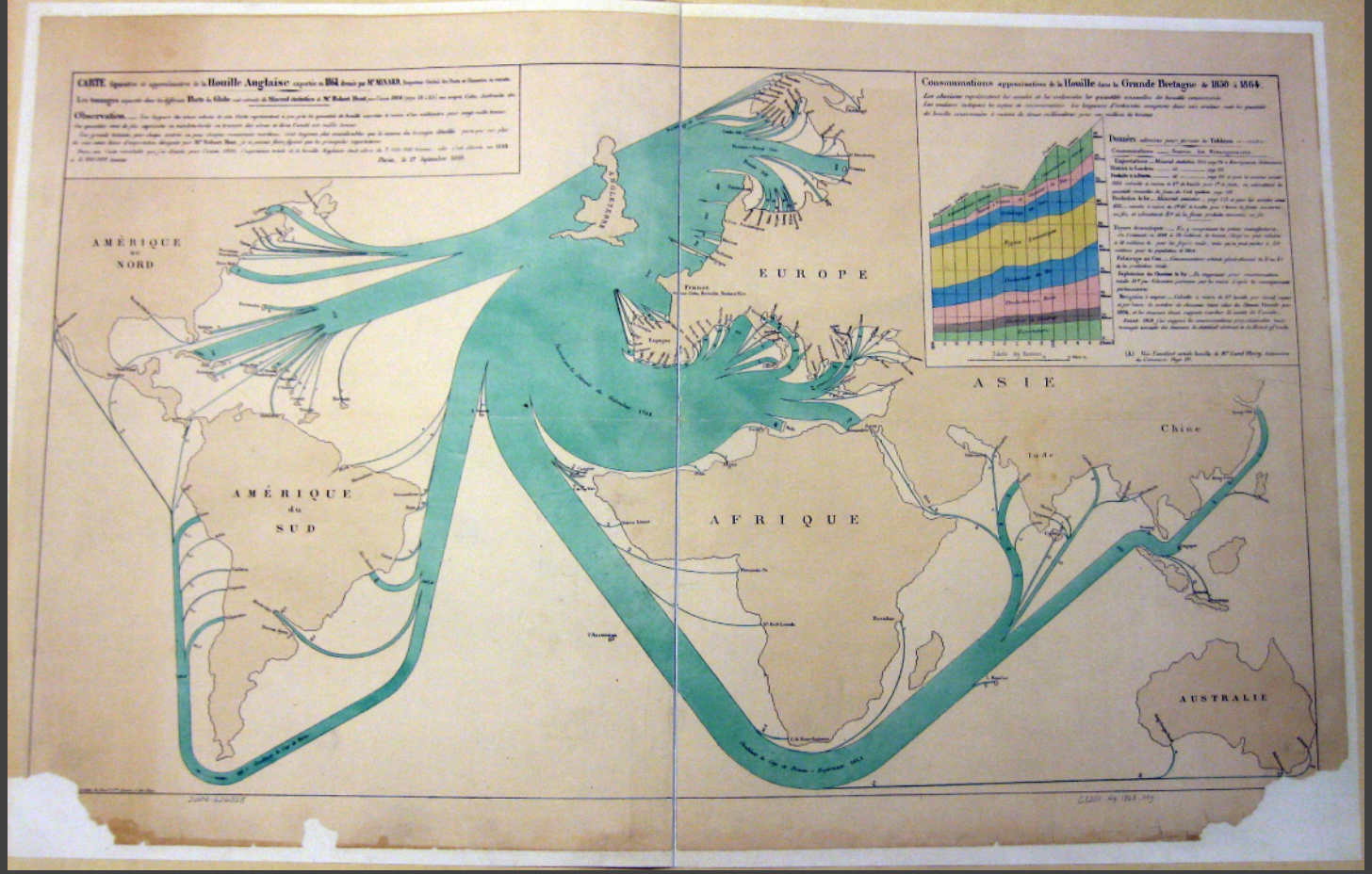
Longitudinal distance between Toledo and Rome, van Langren 1644



The Commercial and Political Atlas, William Playfair 1786



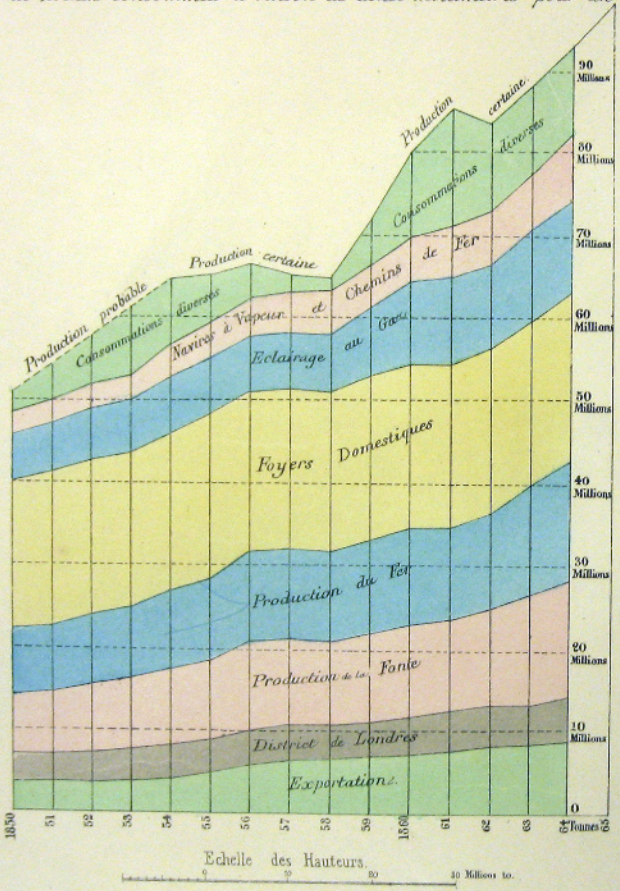
1826(?) Illiteracy in France, Pierre Charles Dupin



1864 British Coal Exports, Charles Minard

Consommations approximatives de la Houille dans la Grande Bretagne de 1850 à 1864.

Les abscisses représentent les années et les ordonnées les quantités annuelles de houille consommée.
Les couleurs indiquent les espèces de consommations. Les longueurs d'ordonnées comprises dans une couleur sont les quantités de houille consommées à raison de deux millimètres pour un million de tonnes.



Données admises pour former le Tableau ci-contre.

Consommations. —— Sources des Renseignements.

Exportations. — *Mineral statistics 1865 page 214 et Renseignements Parlementaires.*

District de Londres. —— *id.* —— *page 213*

Produits de la Fonte. —— *id* —— *page 215 et pour les années avant 1855 calculée à raison de 3 to de houille pour 1 to de fonte, en admettant les quantités annuelles de fonte du* Coal question *page 192.*

Production du fer — *Mineral statistics* — *page 215 et pour les années avant 1855* — *calculée à raison de 3 to 35 de houille pour 1 tonne de fonte convertie en fer; et admettant $\frac{9}{10}$ de la fonte produite convertis en fer.*

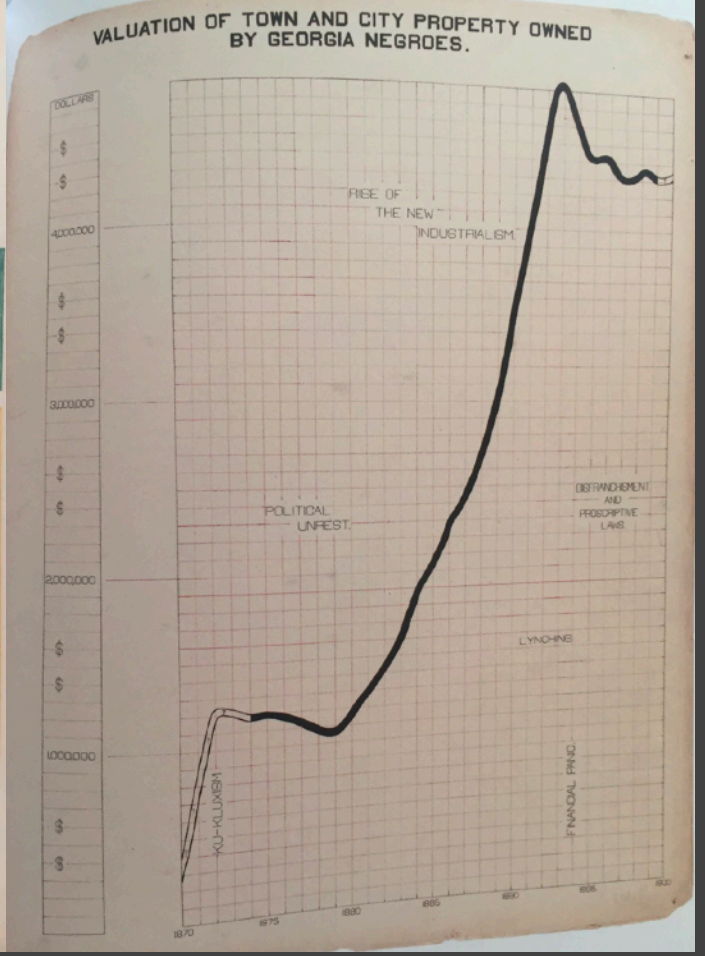
Foyers domestiques. — *En y comprenant les petites manufactures. On l'estimait en 1848 à 19 millions de tonnes, (A) qu'on peut réduire à 18 millions to. pour les foyers seuls, mais qu'on peut porter à 20 millions pour la population de 1864.*

Eclairage au Gaz. — *Consommation estimée généralement du $\frac{1}{9}$e au $\frac{1}{8}$e de la production totale.*

Exploitation des Chemins de Fer. — *En supposant pour consommation totale 10 k par Kilomètre parcouru par les trains d'après les renseignements parlementaires.*

Navigation à vapeur. — *Calculée à raison de 5 k houille par cheval vapeur et par heure, le nombre de chevaux étant celui du Steam Vessels pour 1864, et les steamers étant supposés marcher la moitié de l'année; Avant 1864 j'ai supposé les consommations proportionnelles aux tonnages annuels des steamers du statistical abstract et du Board of trade.*

(A) *Voir l'excellent article houille de M. Lamé Fleury, Dictionnaire du Commerce Page 111.*



1900 Visualizing Black America , W. E. B. DuBois et al.

Entering the 1900s…

Rise of **formal statistical methods** in the physical and social sciences

Little innovation in graphical methods

A period of **application and popularization**

Graphical methods enter textbooks, curricula, and **mainstream use**

Four major influences act on data analysis today:

1. The formal theories of statistics.
2. Accelerating developments in computers and display devices.
3. The challenge, in many fields, of more and larger bodies of data.
4. The emphasis on quantification in a wider variety of disciplines.

Data Analysis & Statistics, Tukey & Wilk 1966

While some of the influences of statistical theory on data analysis have been helpful, others have not.

Data Analysis & Statistics, Tukey & Wilk 1966

Exposure, the effective laying open of the data to **display the unanticipated**, is to us a major portion of data analysis…

It is not clear how the **informality** and **flexibility** appropriate to the **exploratory character** of exposure can be fitted into any of the structures of formal statistics so far proposed.

Data Analysis & Statistics, Tukey & Wilk 1966

Accordingly, both approaches and techniques need to be structured so as to **facilitate human involvement and intervention**.

Some implications for effective analysis are: (1) it is essential to have convenience of **interaction of people and intermediate results** and (2) at all stages of data analysis, the outputs need to be **matched to the capabilities of the people who use it and want it.**

Data Analysis & Statistics, Tukey & Wilk 1966

Set A		Set B		Set C		Set D	
X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
10	8.04	10	9.14	10	7.46	8	6.58
8	6.95	8	8.14	8	6.77	8	5.76
13	7.58	13	8.74	13	12.74	8	7.71
9	8.81	9	8.77	9	7.11	8	8.84
11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47
14	9.96	14	8.1	14	8.84	8	7.04
6	7.24	6	6.13	6	6.08	8	5.25
4	4.26	4	3.1	4	5.39	19	12.5
12	10.84	12	9.11	12	8.15	8	5.56
7	4.82	7	7.26	7	6.42	8	7.91
5	5.68	5	4.74	5	5.73	8	6.89

Summary Statistics

$u_X = 9.0$ $\sigma_X = 3.317$

$u_Y = 7.5$ $\sigma_Y = 2.03$

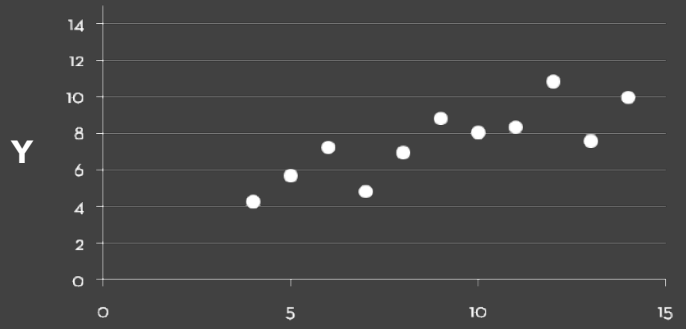
Linear Regression

$Y = 3 + 0.5\ X$

$R^2 = 0.67$

[Anscombe 1973]

Set A



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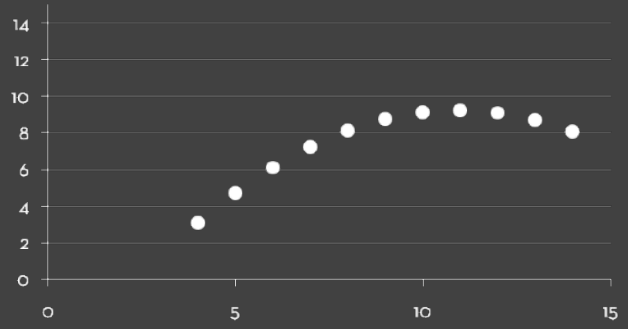

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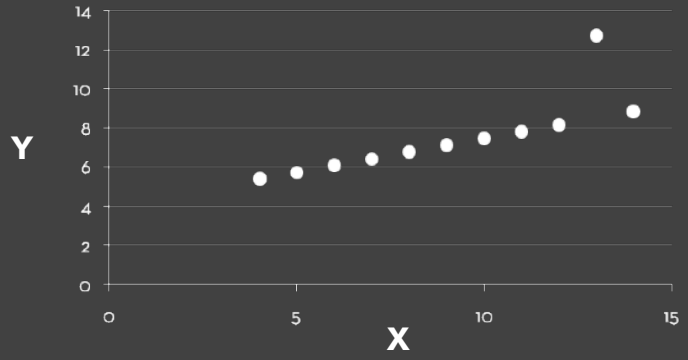

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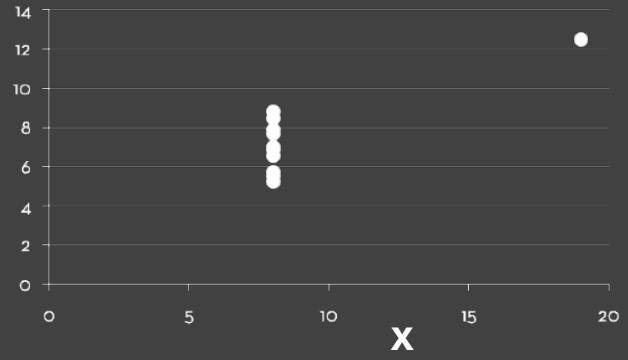
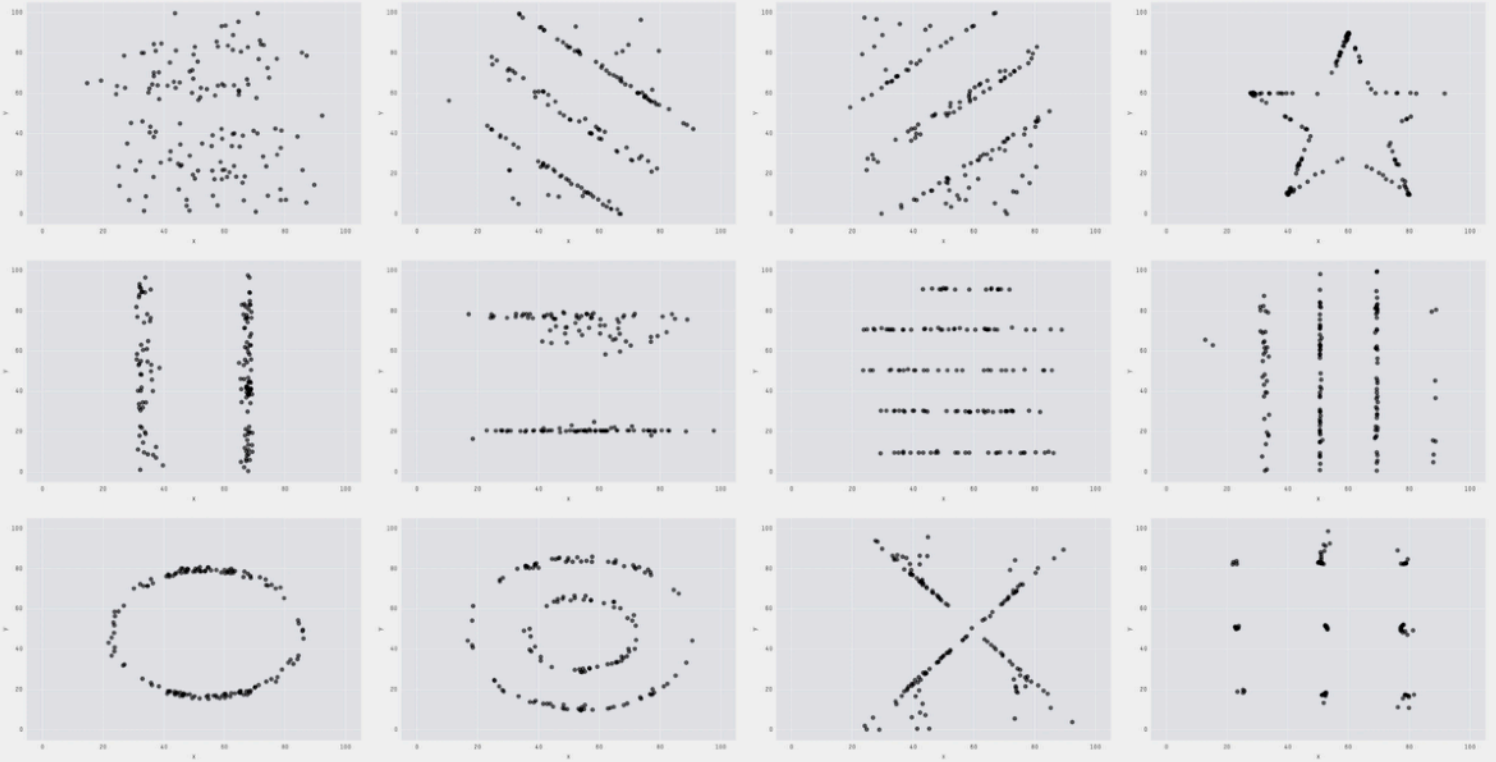


[Anscombe 1973]

X Mean: 54.26
Y Mean: 47.83
X SD : 16.76
Y SD : 26.93
Corr. : -0.06

[Matejka 2017]



What is Visualization?

"Transformation of the symbolic into the geometric"
[McCormick et al. 1987]

"... finding the artificial memory that best supports our natural means of perception." [Bertin 1967]

"The use of computer-generated, interactive, visual representations of data to amplify cognition."
[Card, Mackinlay, & Shneiderman 1999]

Goals of Visualization Research

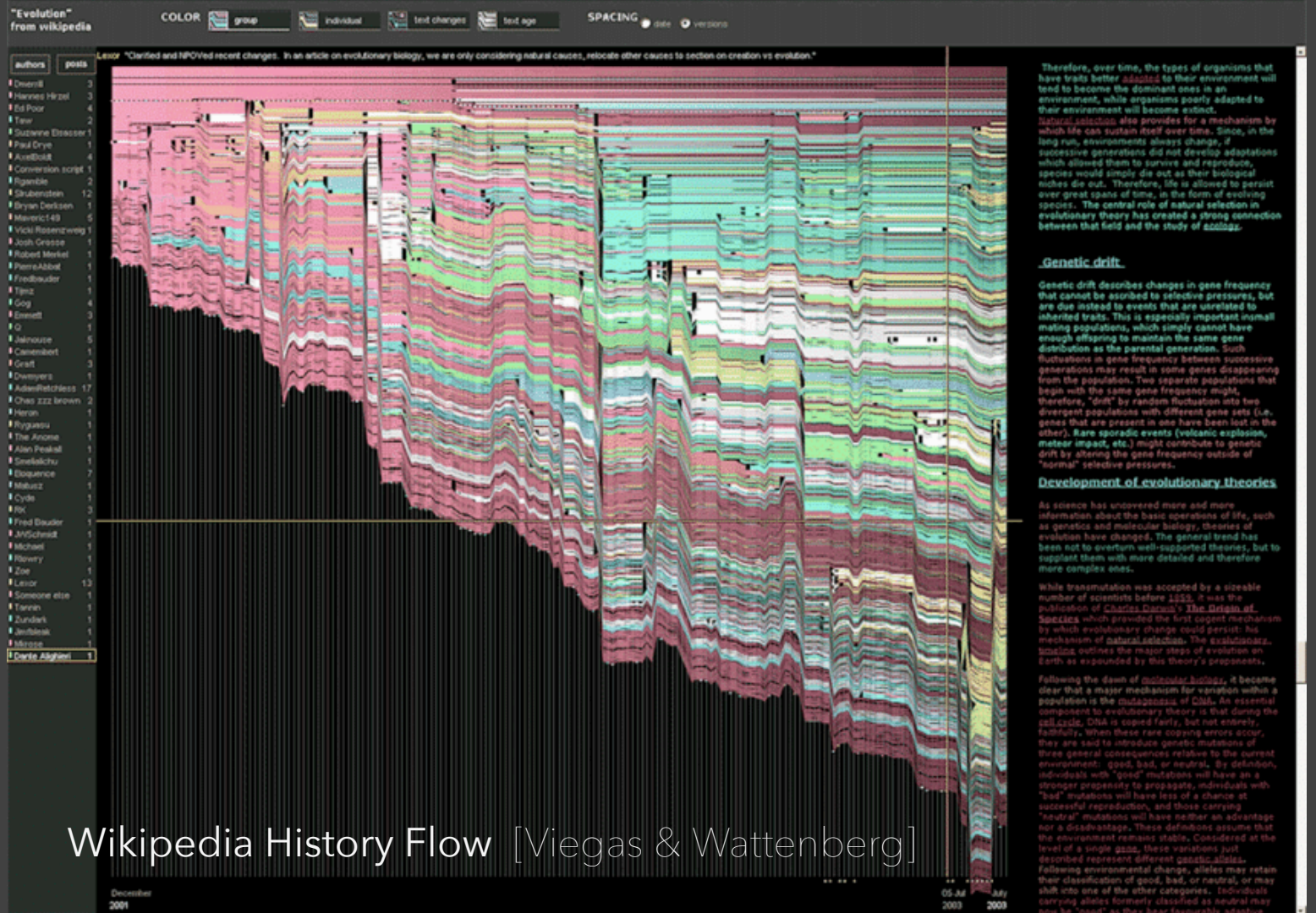
1 **Understand** how visualizations convey information

What do people perceive / comprehend?
How do visualizations inform mental models?

2 **Develop principles and techniques** for creating effective visualizations and supporting analysis

Leverage perception & augment cognition
Improve ties between visualization & mental model

Example:
Wikipedia Edits



Wikipedia History Flow [Viegas & Wattenberg]

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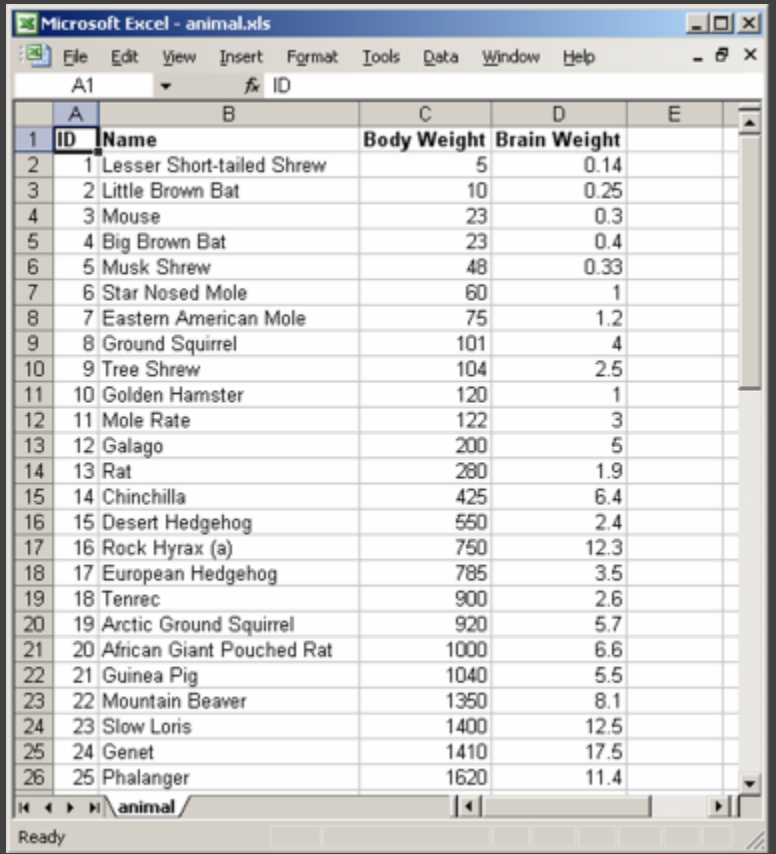
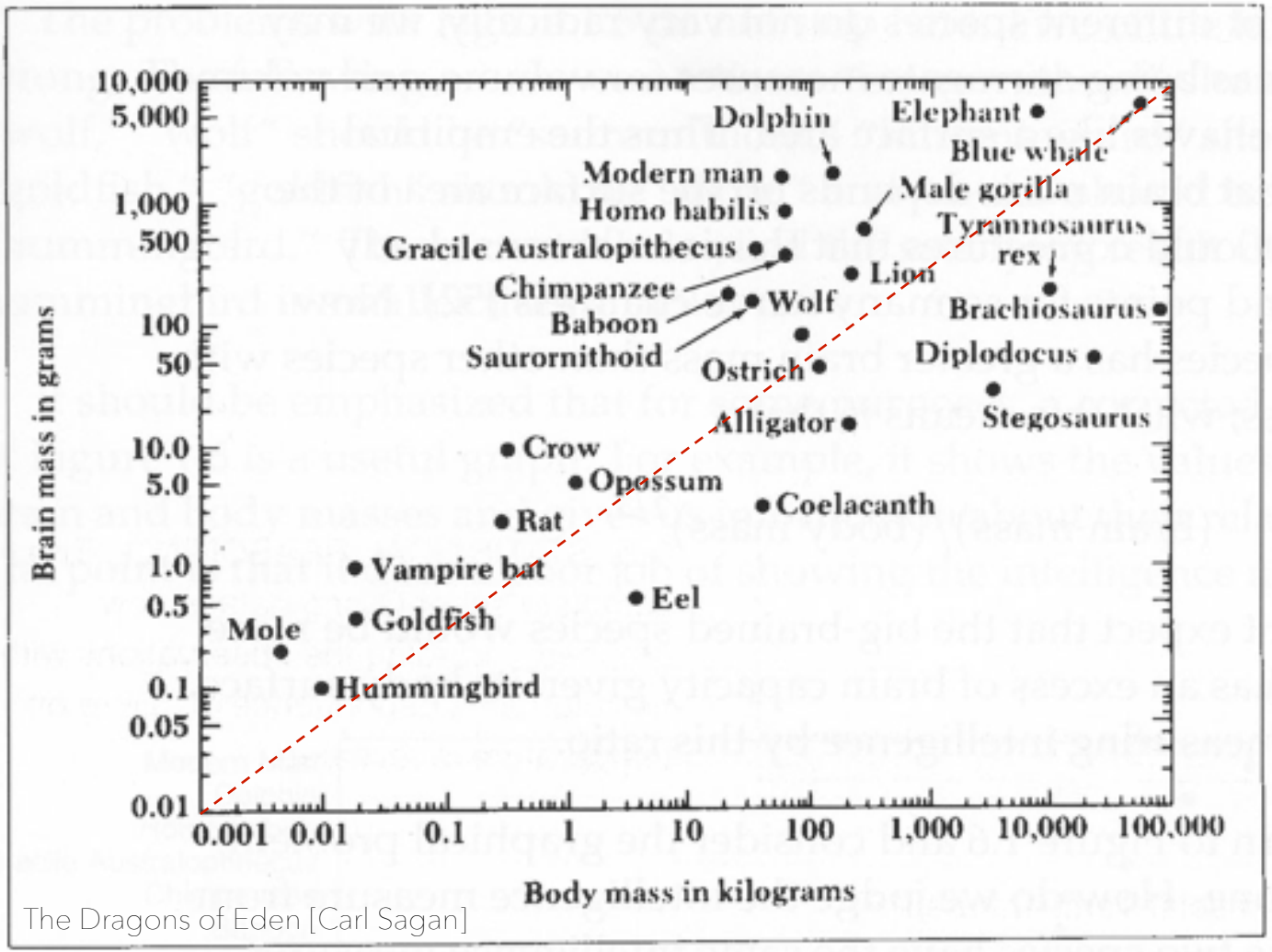
Example:
Animal Brains

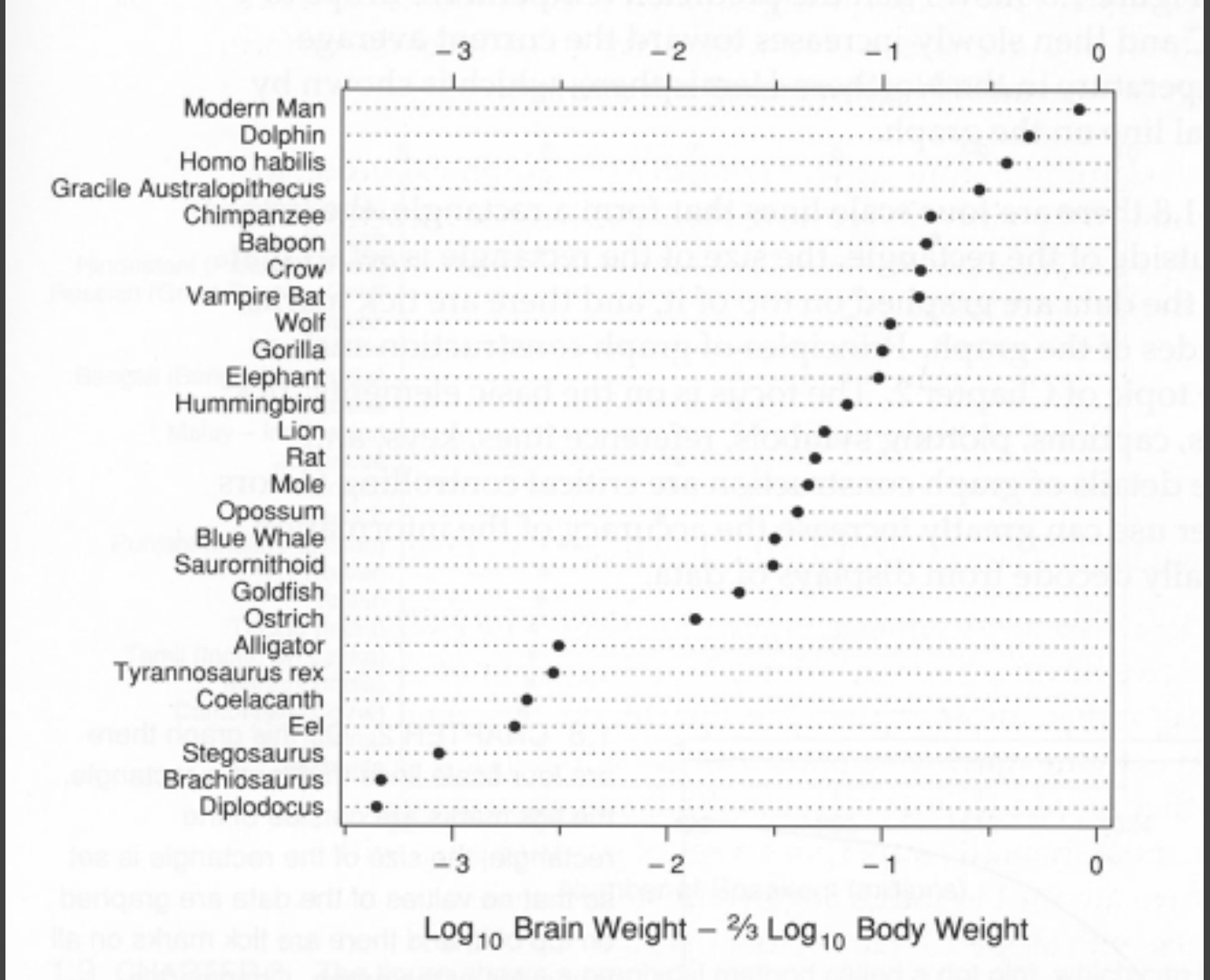
Which animals are the “smartest”?



ID	Name	Body Weight	Brain Weight
1	Lesser Short-tailed Shrew	5	0.14
2	Little Brown Bat	10	0.25
3	Mouse	23	0.3
4	Big Brown Bat	23	0.4
5	Musk Shrew	48	0.33
6	Star Nosed Mole	60	1
7	Eastern American Mole	75	1.2
8	Ground Squirrel	101	4
9	Tree Shrew	104	2.5
10	Golden Hamster	120	1
11	Mole Rate	122	3
12	Galago	200	5
13	Rat	280	1.9
14	Chinchilla	425	6.4
15	Desert Hedgehog	550	2.4
16	Rock Hyrax (a)	750	12.3
17	European Hedgehog	785	3.5
18	Tenrec	900	2.6
19	Arctic Ground Squirrel	920	5.7
20	African Giant Pouched Rat	1000	6.6
21	Guinea Pig	1040	5.5
22	Mountain Beaver	1350	8.1
23	Slow Loris	1400	12.5
24	Genet	1410	17.5
25	Phalanger	1620	11.4

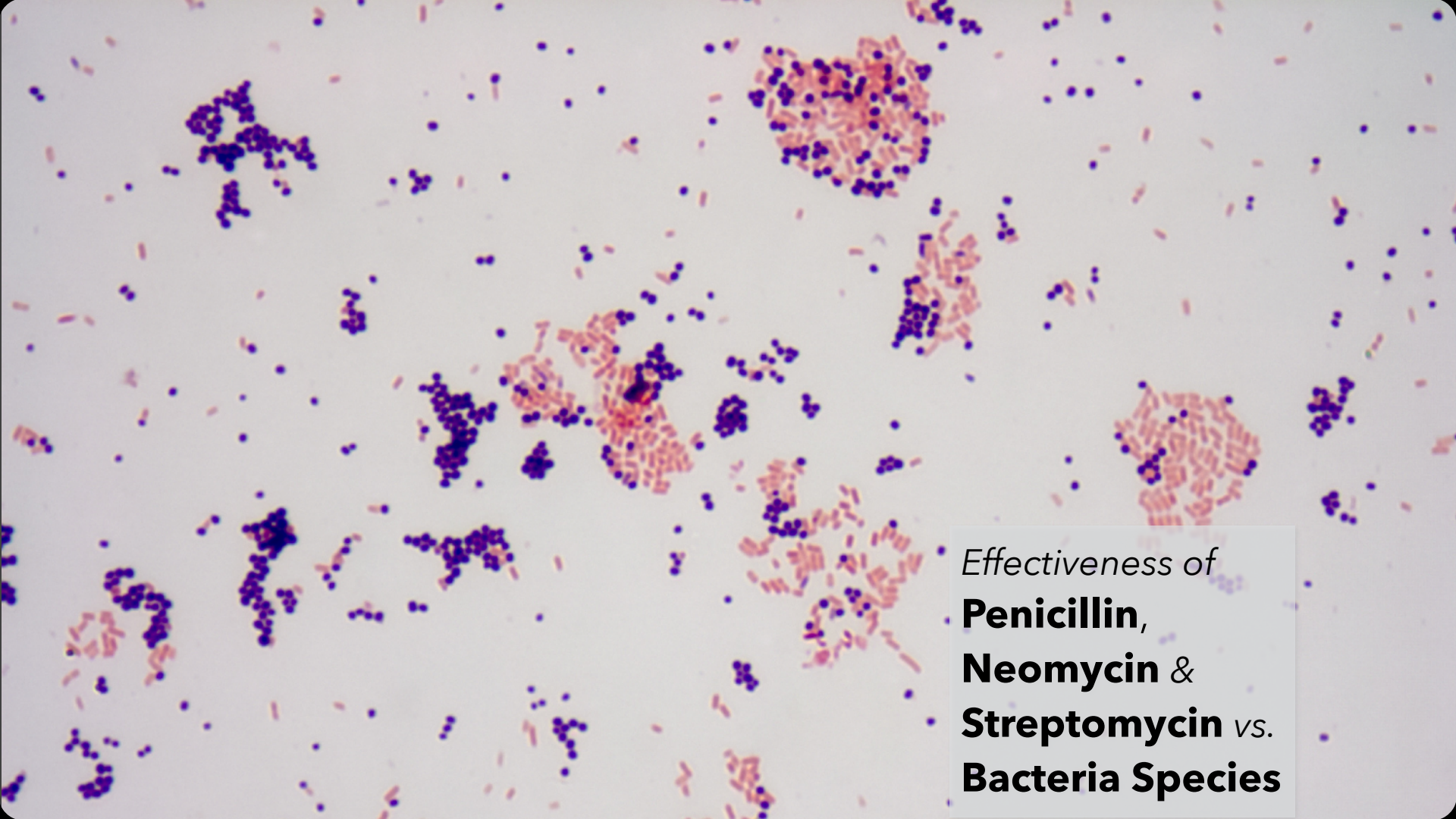


The Dragons of Eden [Carl Sagan]



The Elements of Graphing Data [Cleveland]

Example:
Antibiotic Effectiveness

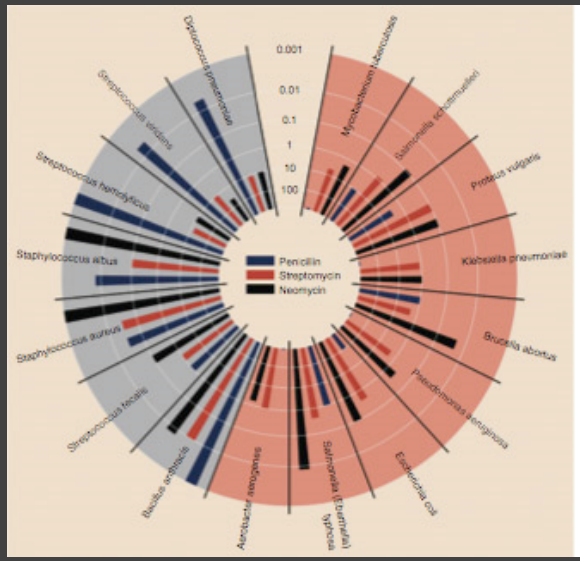

Effectiveness of
Penicillin,
Neomycin *&*
Streptomycin *vs.*
Bacteria Species

What questions might we ask?

Table 1: Burtin's data.

Bacteria	Antibiotic			Gram Staining
	Penicillin	Streptomycin	Neomycin	
Aerobacter *aerogenes*	870	1	1.6	negative
Brucella *abortus*	1	2	0.02	negative
Brucella *anthracis*	0.001	0.01	0.007	positive
Diplococcus *pneumoniae*	0.005	11	10	positive
Escherichia *coli*	100	0.4	0.1	negative
Klebsiella *pneumoniae*	850	1.2	1	negative
Mycobacterium *tuberculosis*	800	5	2	negative
Proteus *vulgaris*	3	0.1	0.1	negative
Pseudomonas *aeruginosa*	850	2	0.4	negative
Salmonella (Eberthella) *typhosa*	1	0.4	0.008	negative
Salmonella *schottmuelleri*	10	0.8	0.09	negative
Staphylococcus *albus*	0.007	0.1	0.001	positive
Staphylococcus *aureus*	0.03	0.03	0.001	positive
Streptococcus *fecalis*	1	1	0.1	positive
Streptococcus *hemolyticus*	0.001	14	10	positive
Streptococcus *viridans*	0.005	10	40	positive

Which antibiotic is most effective?



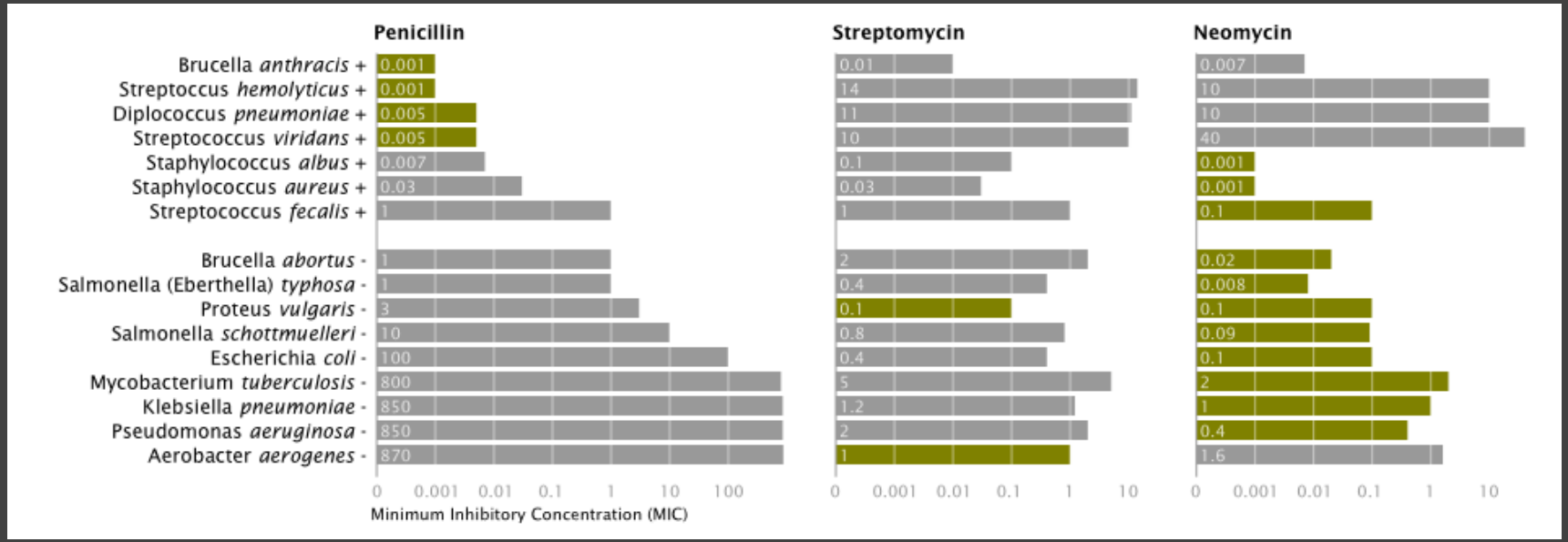
Bacteria	Penicillin	Antibiotic Streptomycin	Neomycin	Gram stain
Aerobacter aerogenes	870	1	1.6	–
Brucella abortus	1	2	0.02	–
Bacillus anthracis	0.001	0.01	0.007	+
Diplococcus pneumoniae	0.005	11	10	+
Escherichia coli	100	0.4	0.1	–
Klebsiella pneumoniae	850	1.2	1	–
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	800	5	2	–
Proteus vulgaris	3	0.1	0.1	–
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	850	2	0.4	–
Salmonella (Eberthella) typhosa	1	0.4	0.008	–
Salmonella schottmuelleri	10	0.8	0.09	–
Staphylococcus albus	0.007	0.1	0.001	+
Staphylococcus aureus	0.03	0.03	0.001	+
Streptococcus fecalis	1	1	0.1	+
Streptococcus hemolyticus	0.001	14	10	+
Streptococcus viridans	0.005	10	40	+

Radius: 1 / log(MIC)

Bar Color: Antibiotic

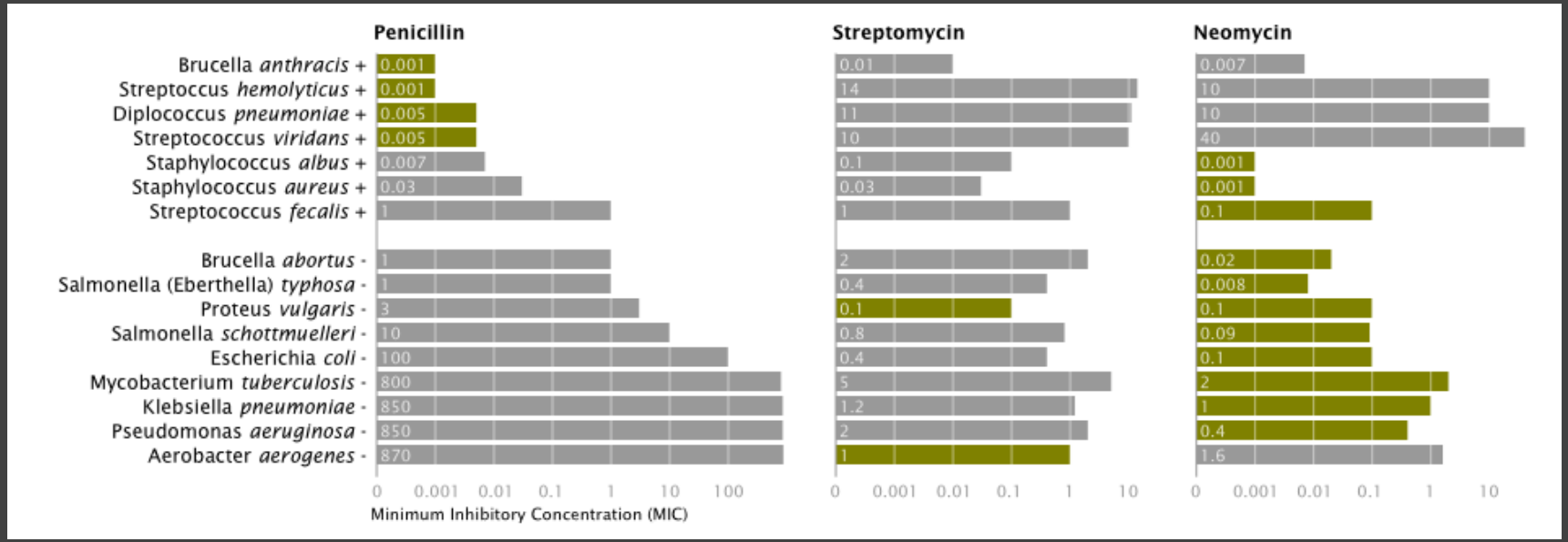
Background Color: Gram Staining

Which antibiotic is most effective?



Mike Bostock

Which antibiotic is most effective?



X-axis: Antibiotic | log(MIC)

Y-axis: Gram-Staining | Species

Color: Most-Effective?

penicillin
streptomycin
neomycin
E. aerogenes
B. abortus
E. coli
K. pneumoniae
M. tuberculosis
P. vulgaris
P. aeruginosa
S. typhi
S. schottmuelleri
B. anthracis
S. pneumoniae
S. albus
S. aureus
E. faecalis
S. pyogenes
S. viridans
Gram positive
Gram negative
0.1 (µg/ml)
1
10
100
500
minimum inhibitory concentration of antibiotics
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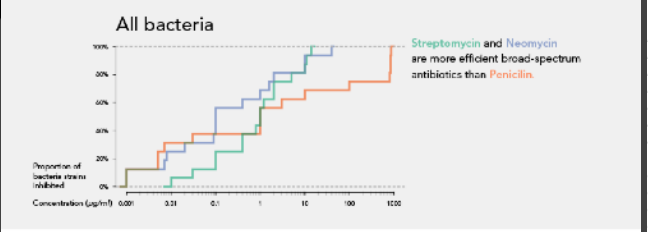
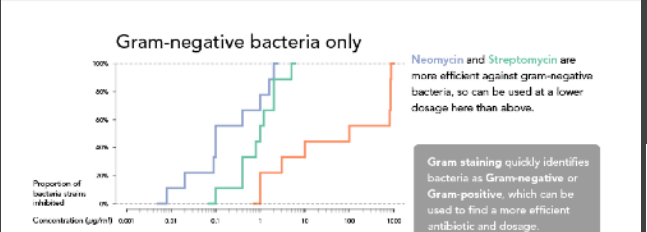
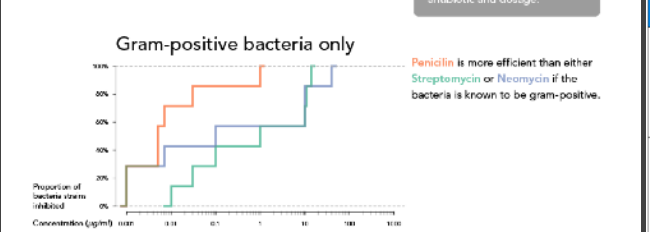
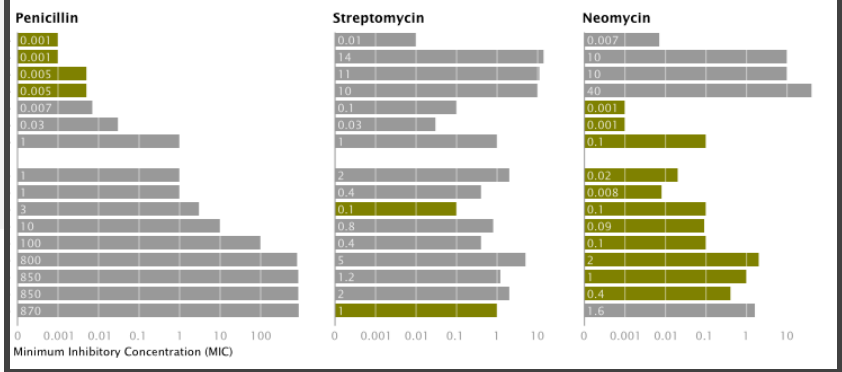
cs448b

Bowen Li

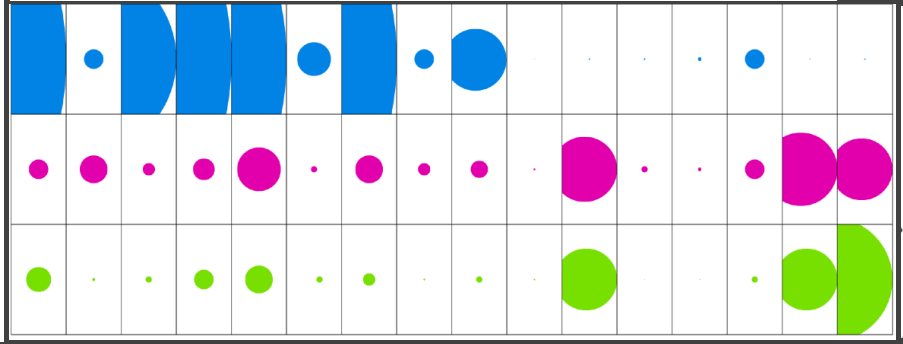

All bacteria
Streptomycin and Neomycin are more efficient broad-spectrum antibiotics than Penicillin.
Proportion of bacteria strains inhibited
Concentration (μg/ml)

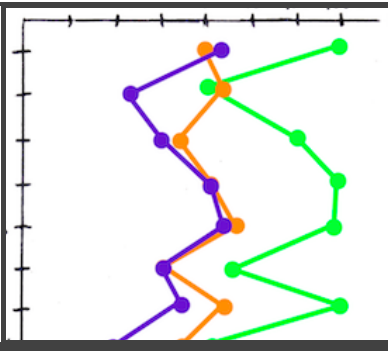

Gram-negative bacteria only
Neomycin and Streptomycin are more efficient against gram-negative bacteria, so can be used at a lower dosage here than above.
Gram staining quickly identifies bacteria as Gram-negative or Gram-positive, which can be used to find a more efficient antibiotic and dosage.
Proportion of bacteria strains inhibited
Concentration (μg/ml)

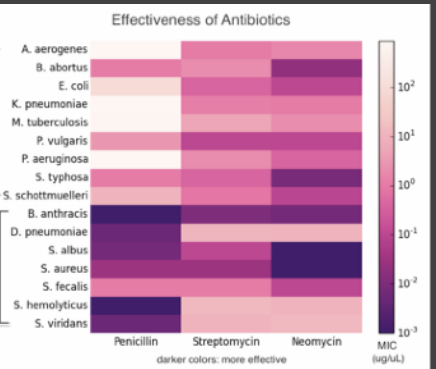

Gram-positive bacteria only
Penicillin is more efficient than either Streptomycin or Neomycin if the bacteria is known to be gram-positive.
Proportion of bacteria strains inhibited
Concentration (μg/ml)

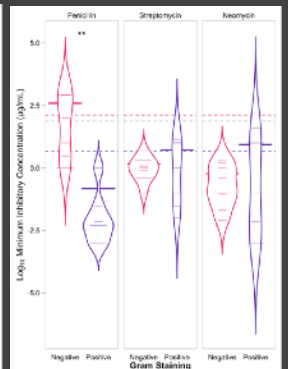

Penicillin
Streptomycin
Neomycin
Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC)

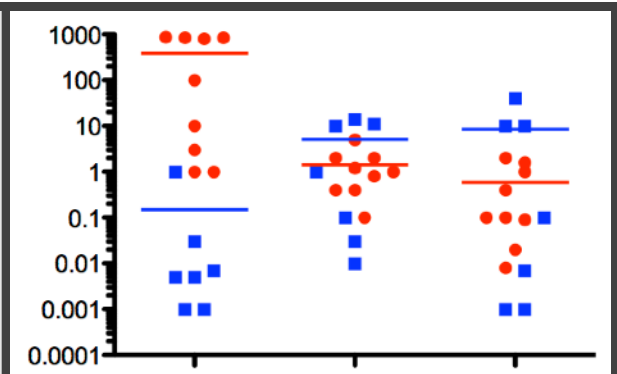

Gram-Positive
Diplococcus pneumoniae
Streptococcus viridans
Staphylococcus albus
Staphylococcus hemolyticus
Staphylococcus aureus
Streptococcus fecalis






Effectiveness of Antibiotics
A. aerogenes
B. abortus
E. coli
K. pneumoniae
M. tuberculosis
P. vulgaris
P. aeruginosa
S. typhosa
S. schottmuelleri
B. anthracis
D. pneumoniae
S. albus
S. aureus
S. fecalis
S. hemolyticus
S. viridans
Penicillin
Streptomycin
Neomycin
MIC (ug/uL)
darker colors: more effective


Penicillin
Streptomycin
Neomycin
Log10 Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (ug/mL)
Negative
Positive
Gram Staining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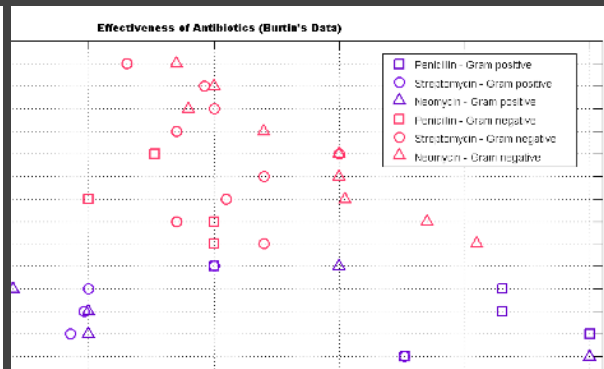
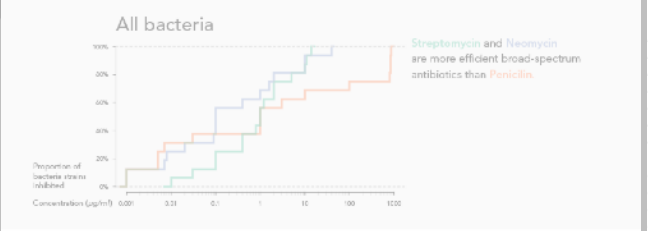
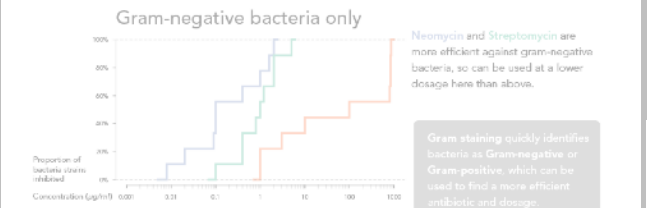
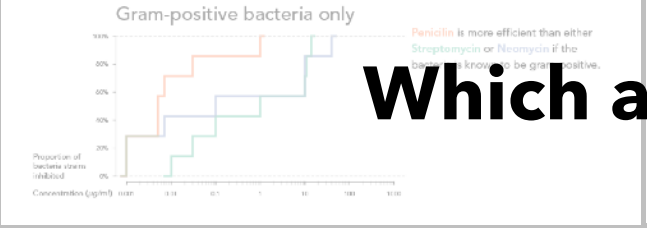
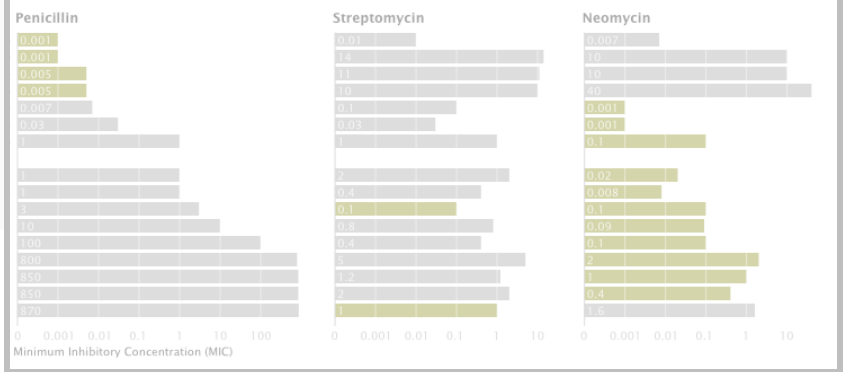
0.1
0.01
0.001
0.0001

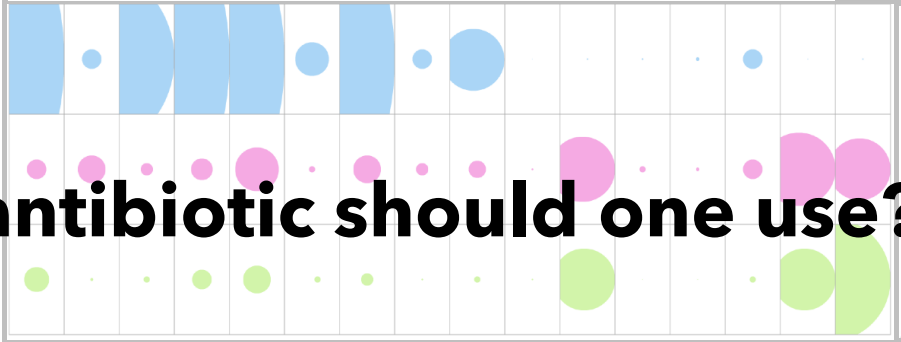

Effectiveness of Antibiotics (Burtis's Data)
Penicillin - Gram positive
Streptomycin - Gram positive
Neomycin - Gram positive
Penicillin - Gram negative
Streptomycin - Gram negative
Neomycin - Gram negative

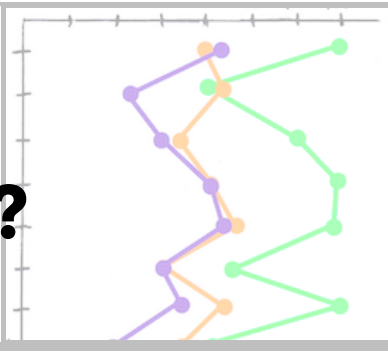












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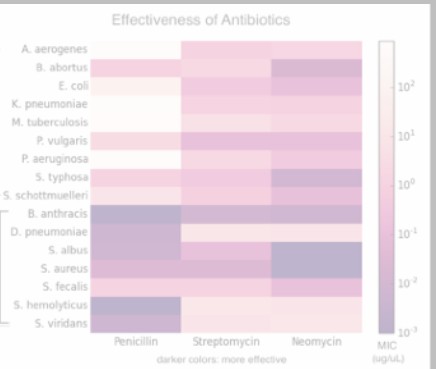

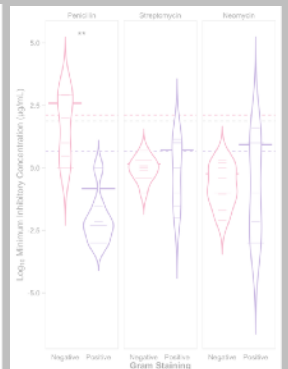

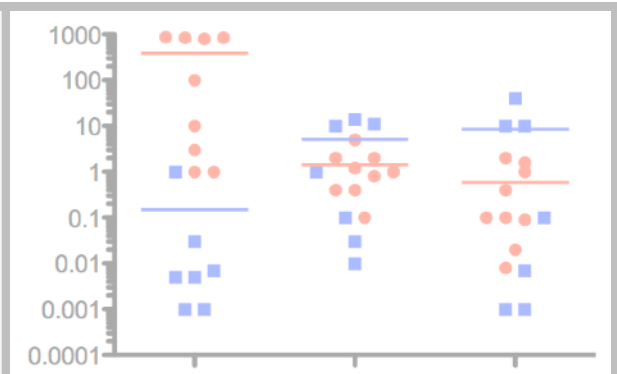

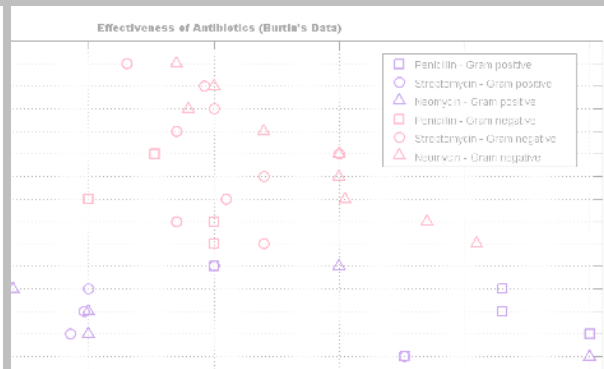

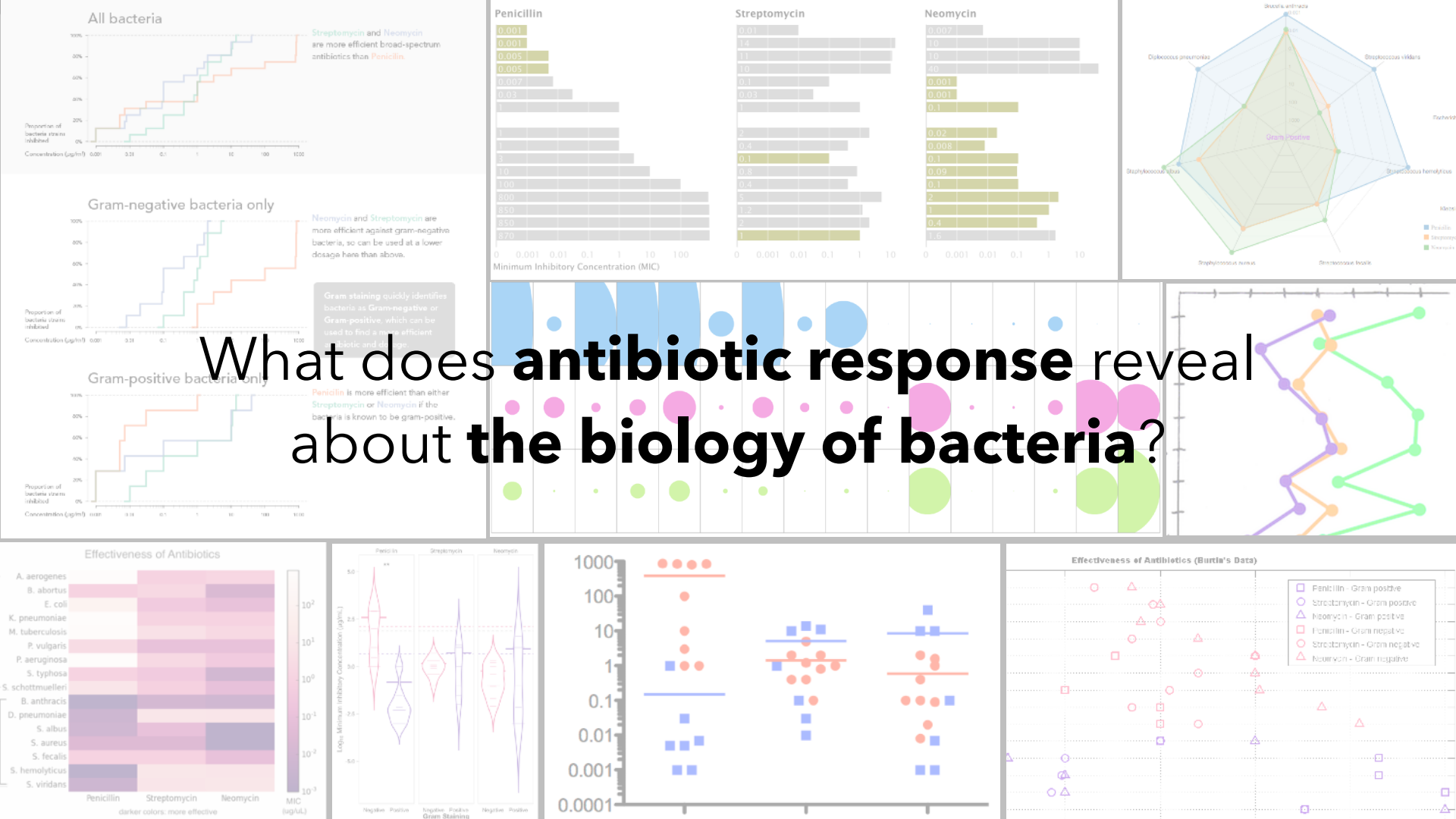

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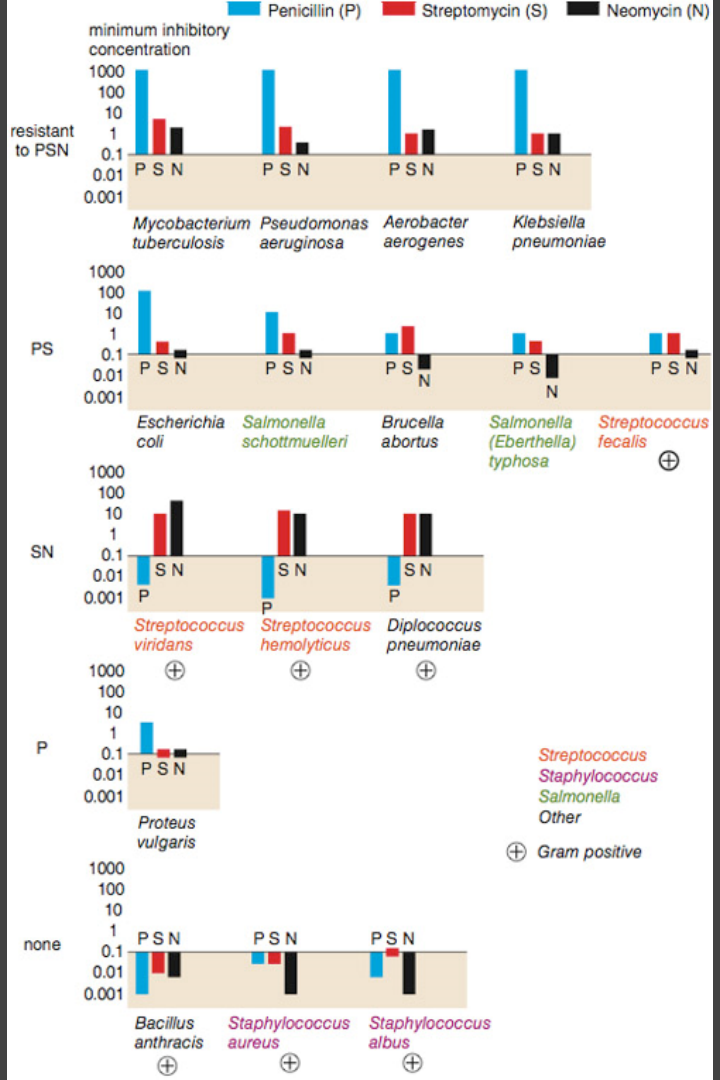

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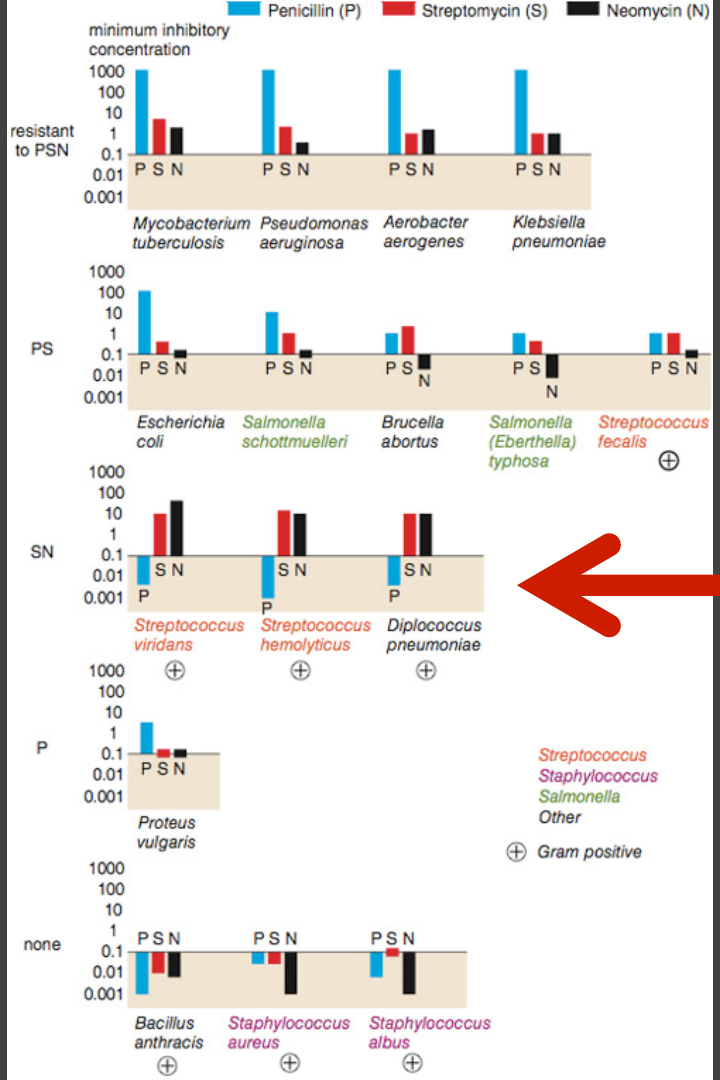

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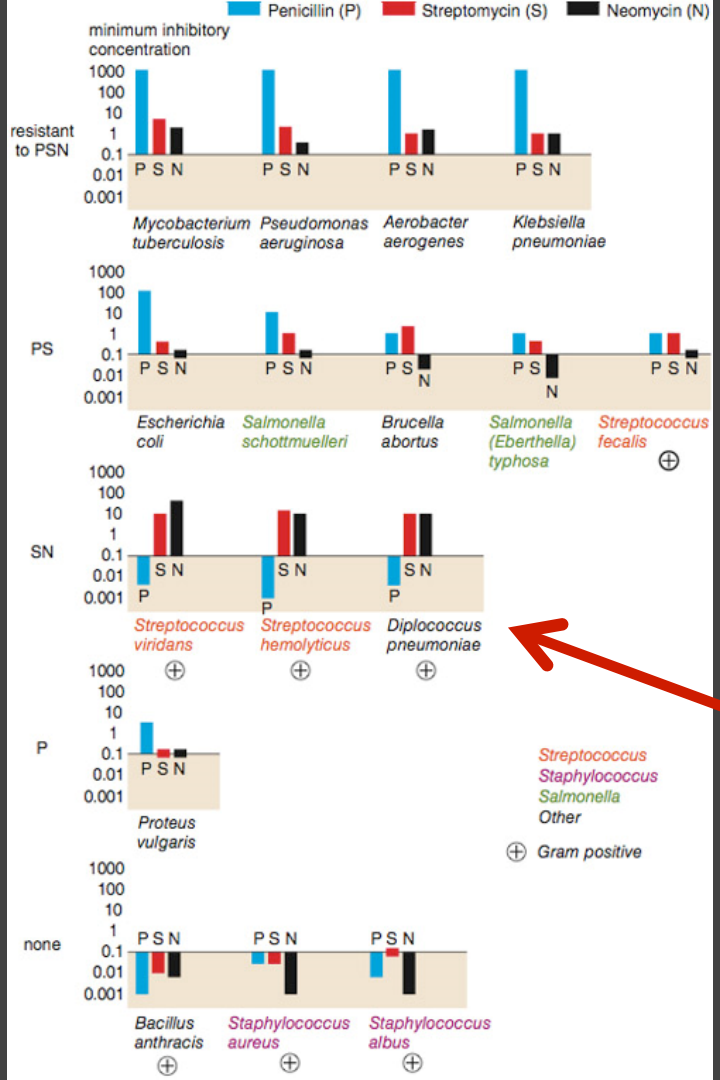

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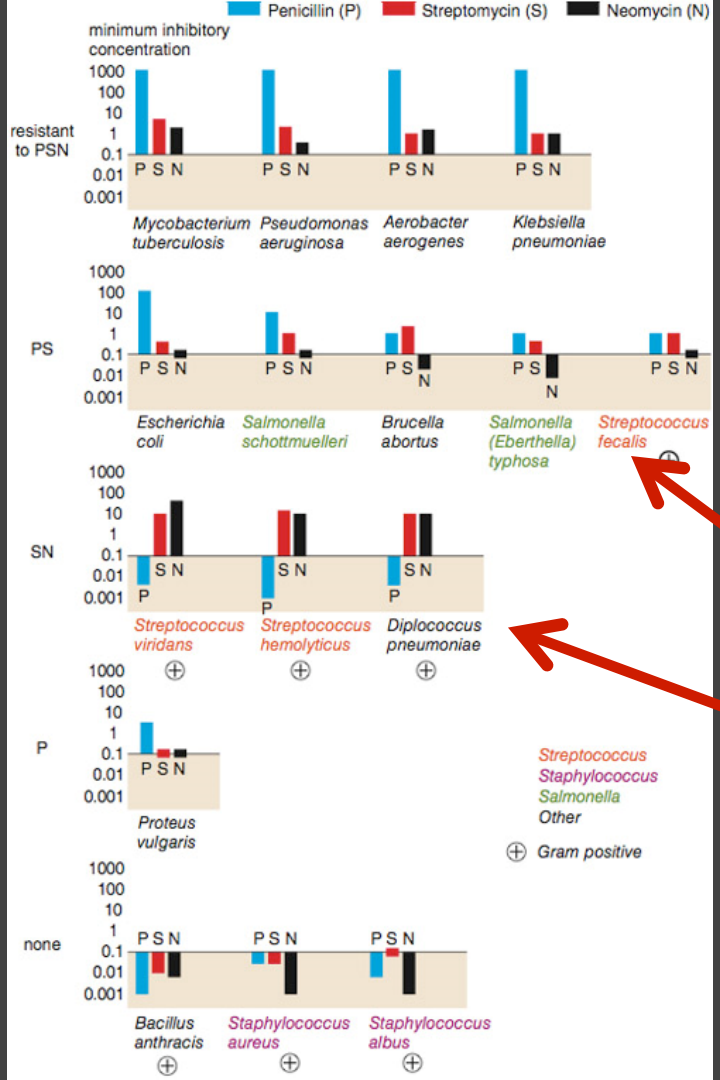

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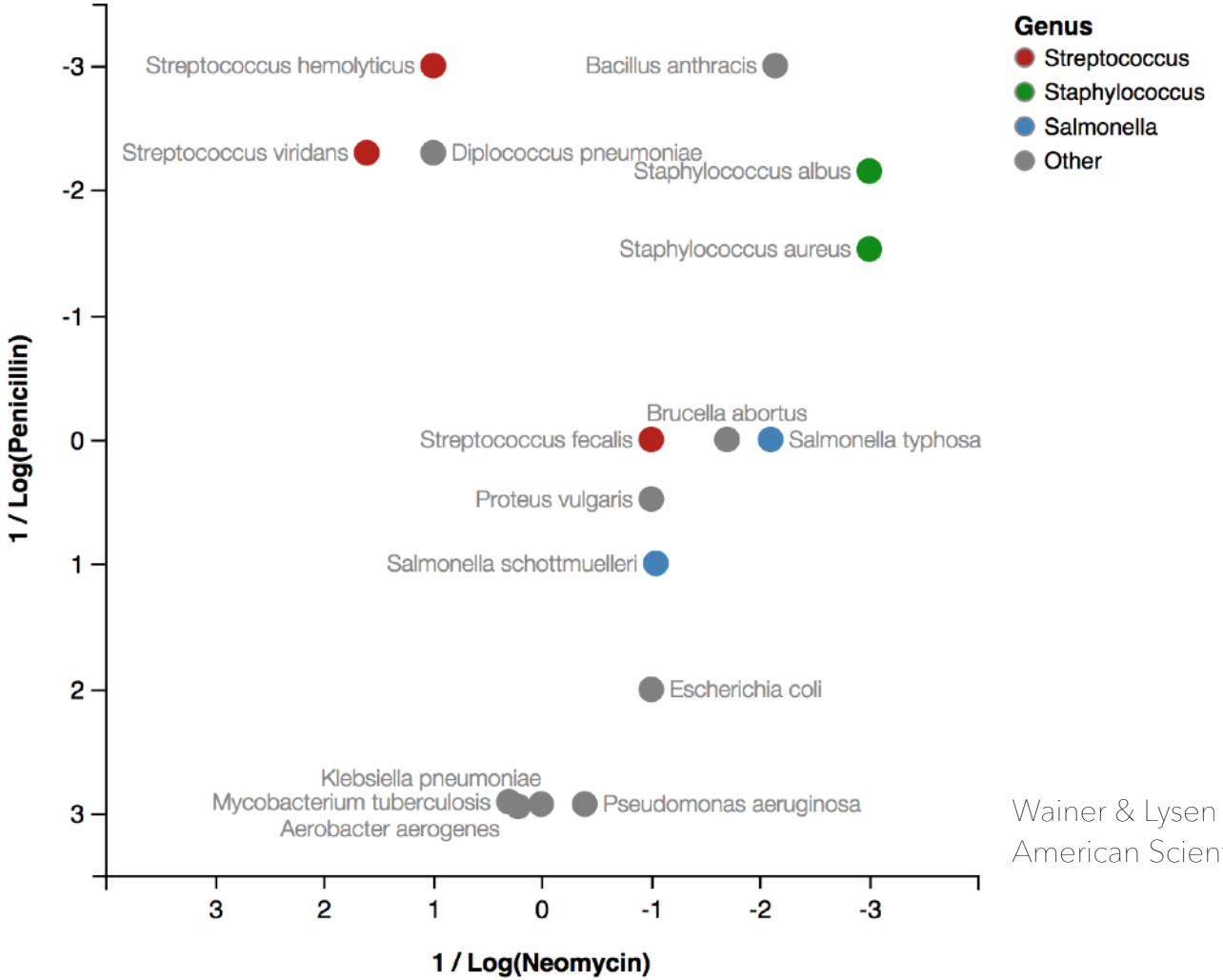

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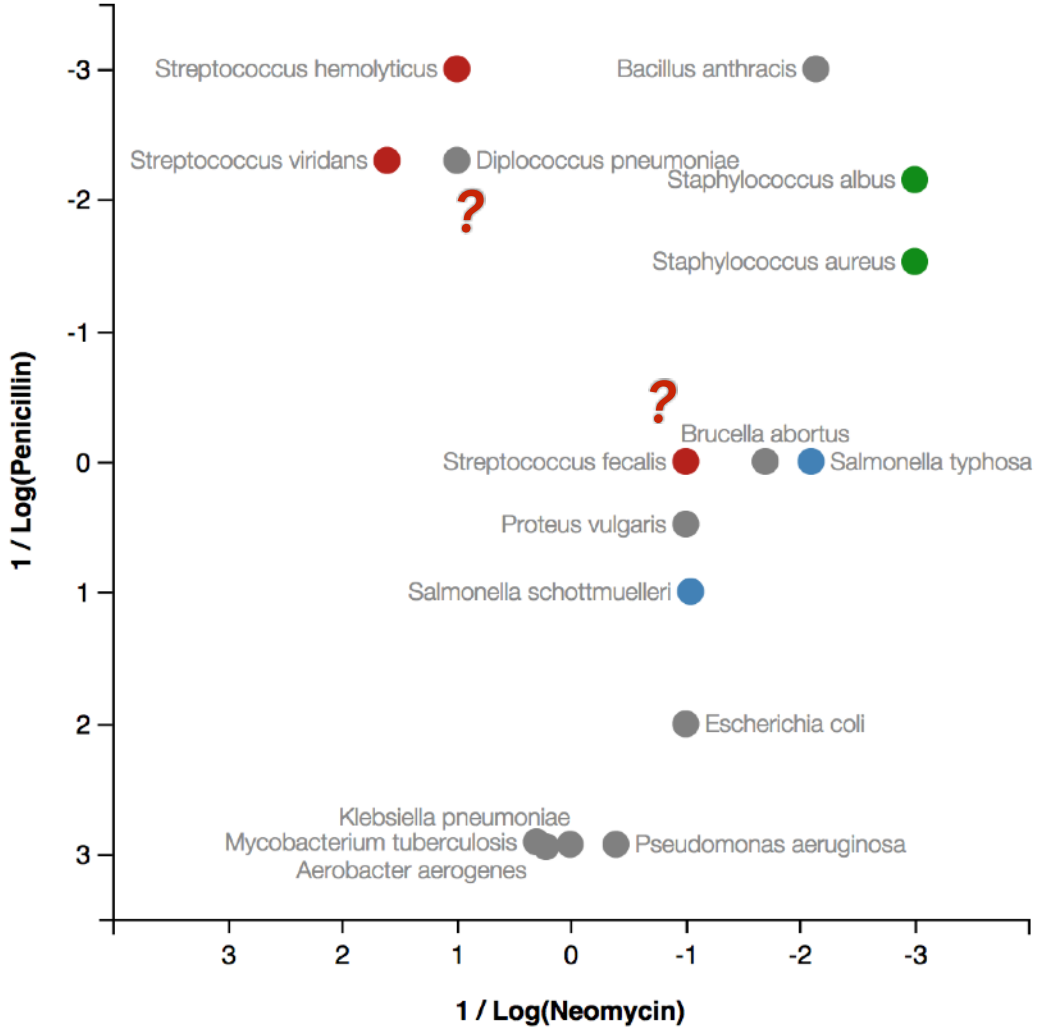

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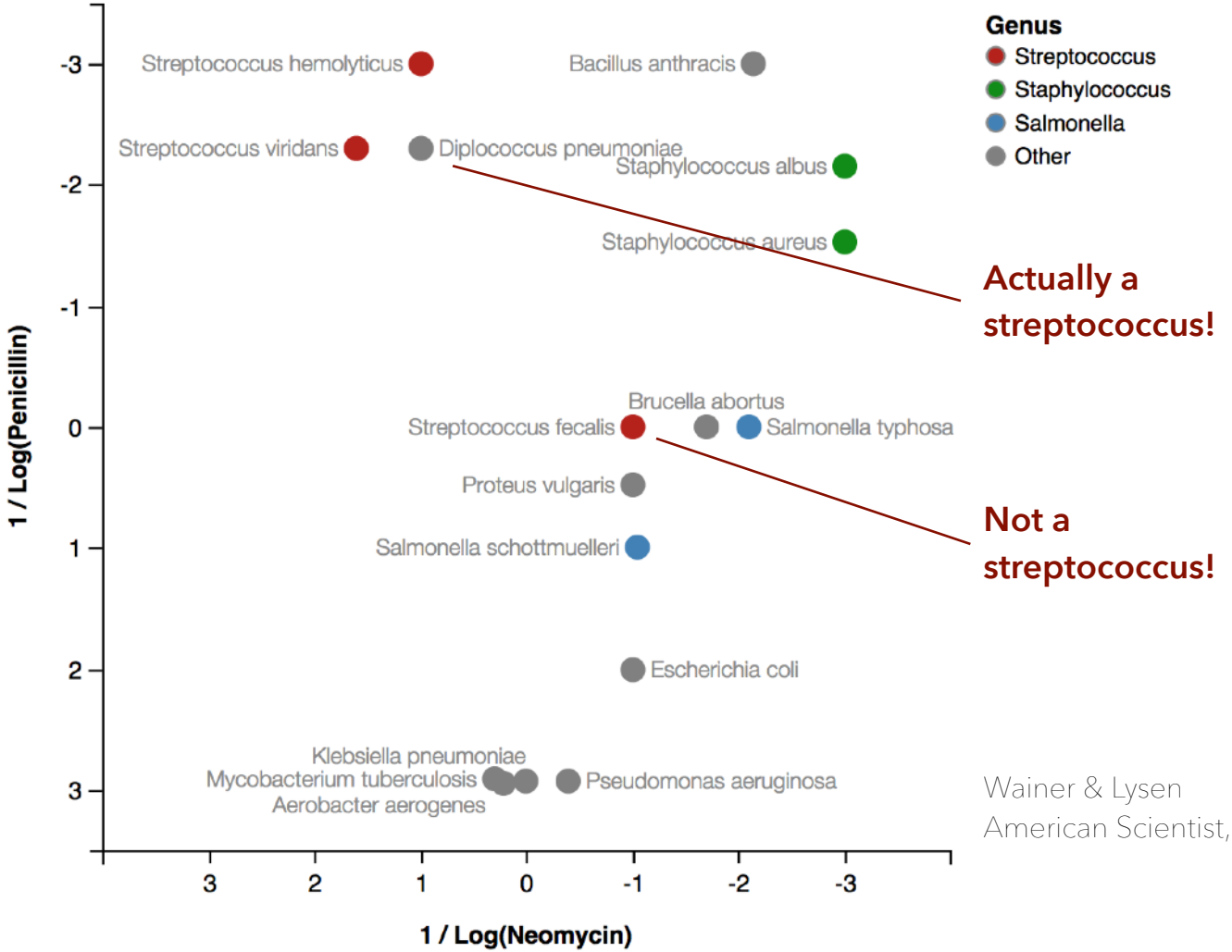

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Lesson: Iterative Exploration

Exploratory Process

1 Construct graphics to address questions
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3 Repeat…

Transform data appropriately (e.g., invert, log)

Formulate clear analysis questions & goals

Don’t trust your data!

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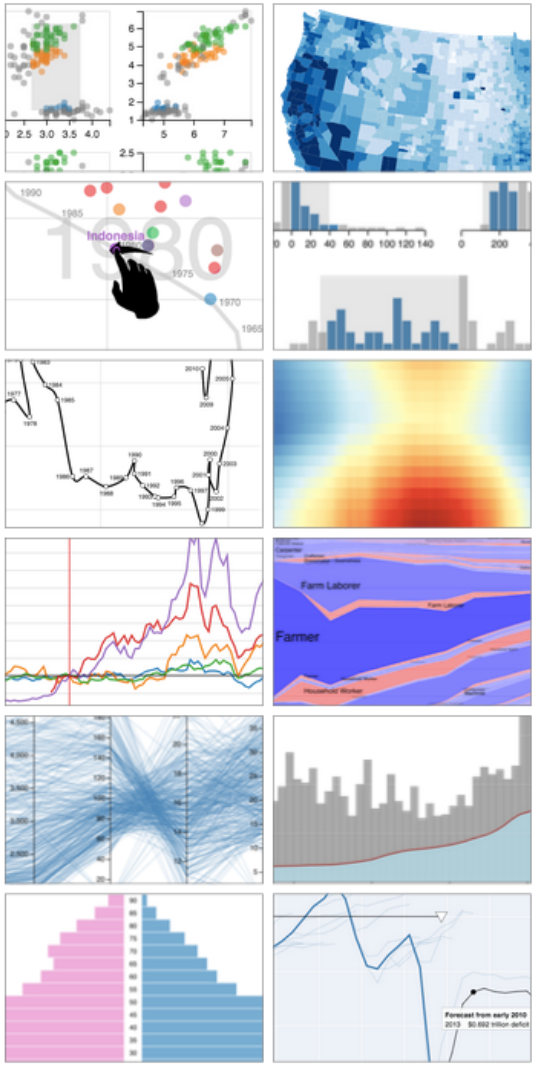

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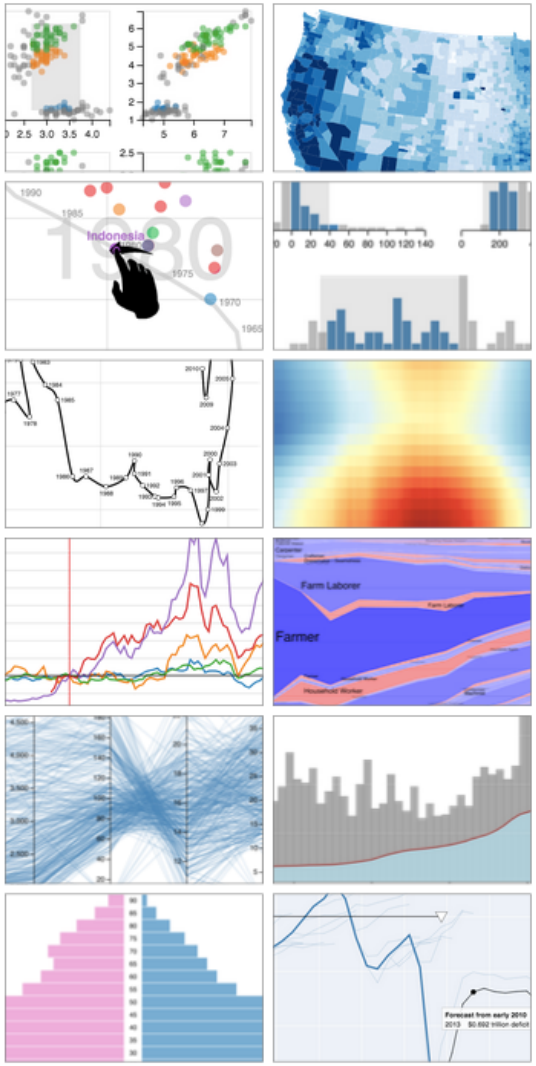

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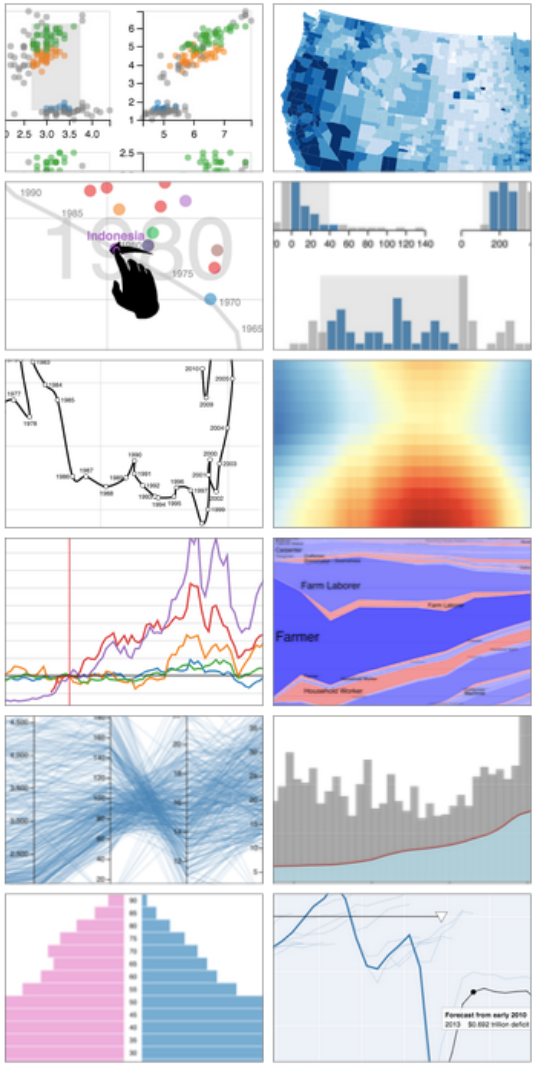
Infer: generalize from observed patterns, ascribe observations to specific factors or causes
GOAL: Inform modeling and decision making



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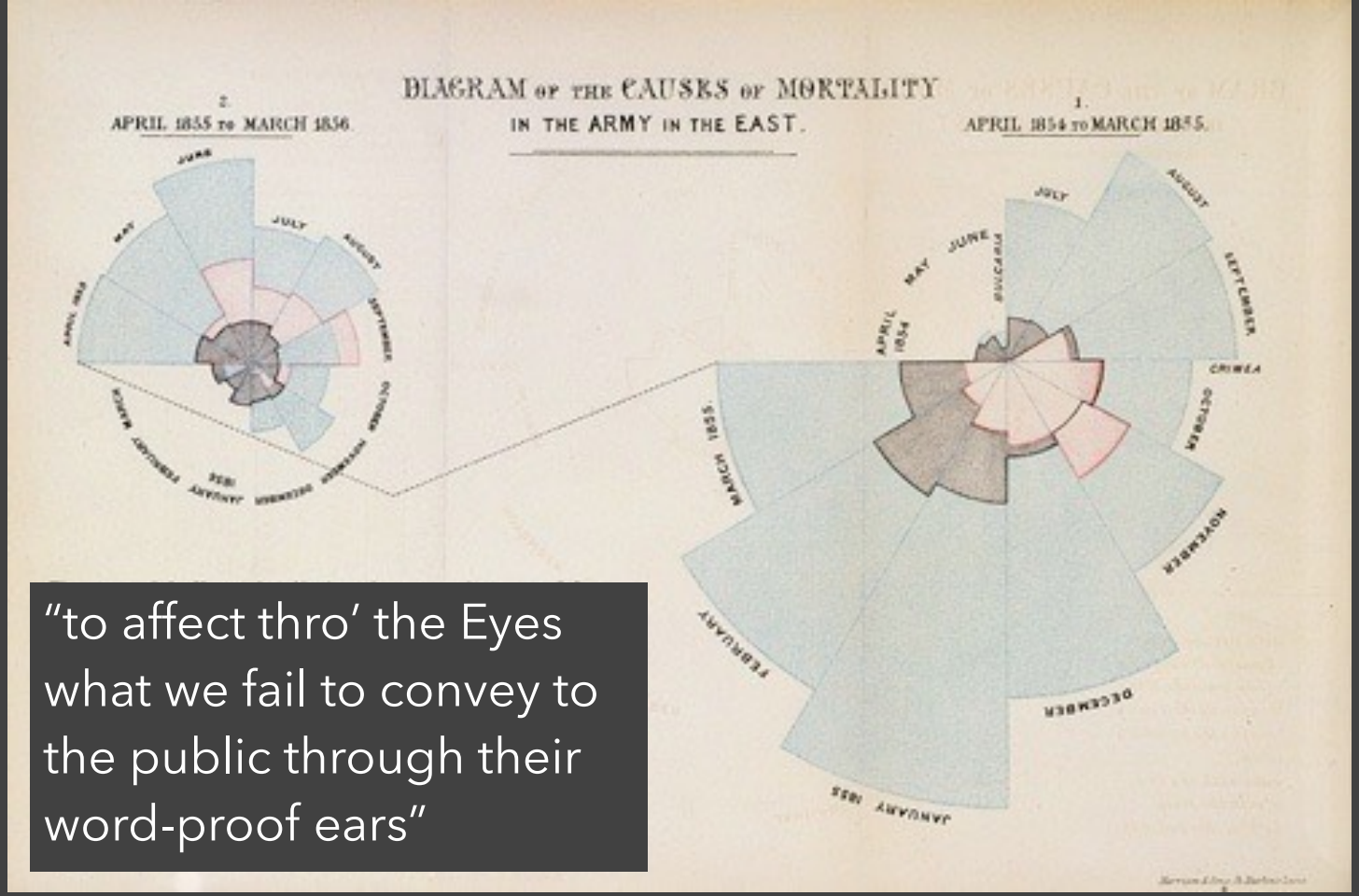
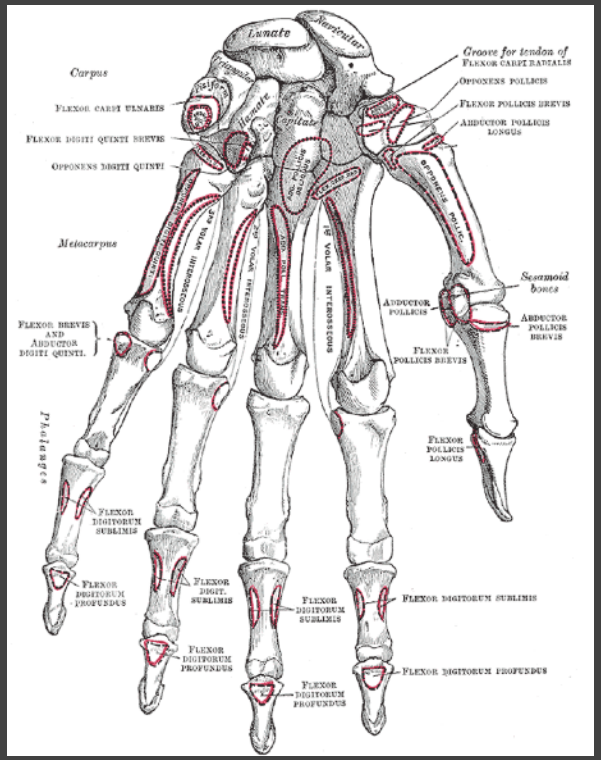


"to affect thro' the Eyes what we fail to convey to the public through their word-proof ears"

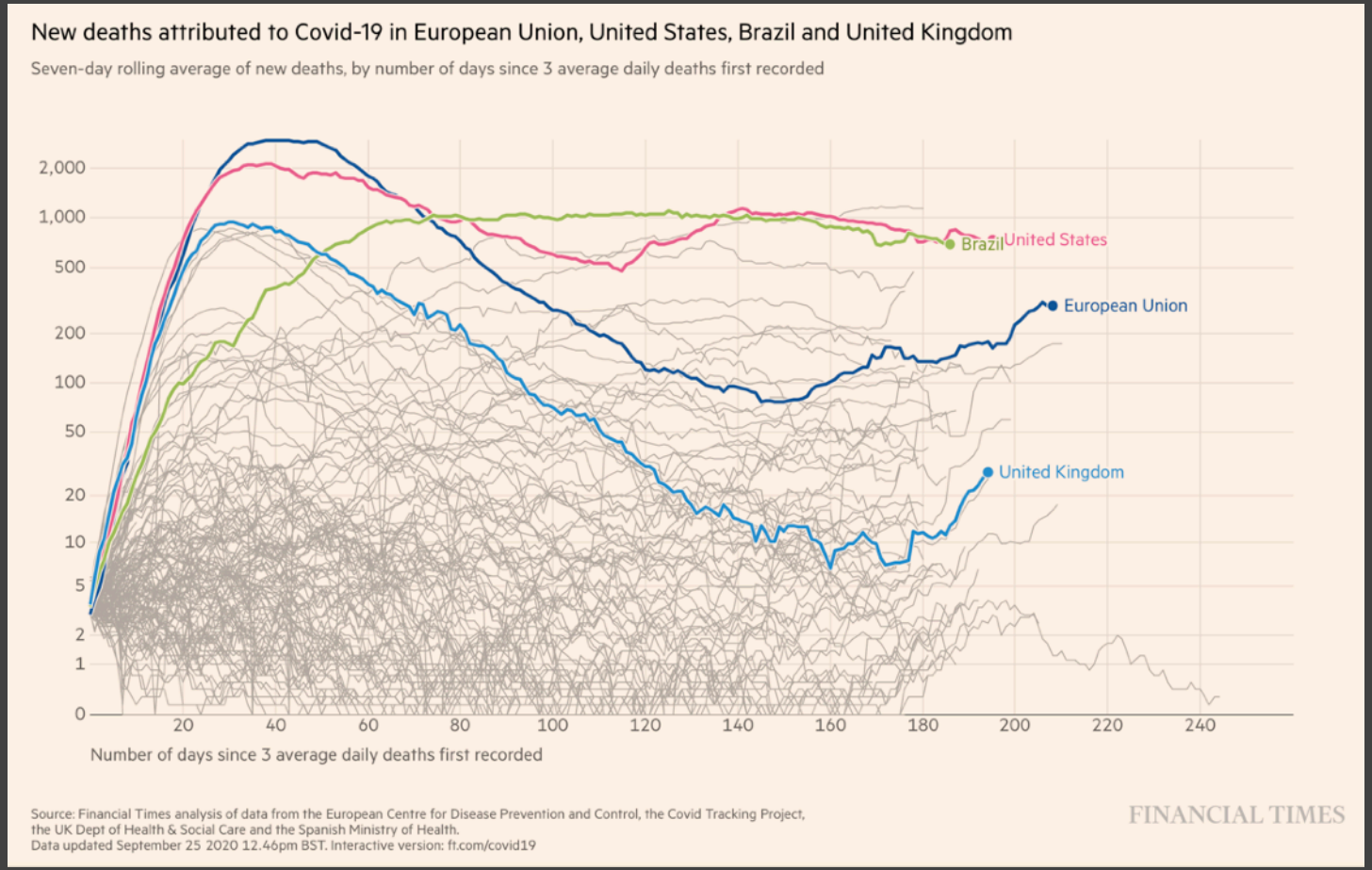
1856 "Coxcomb" of Crimean War Deaths, Florence Nightingale

Communicate, Inform, Inspire

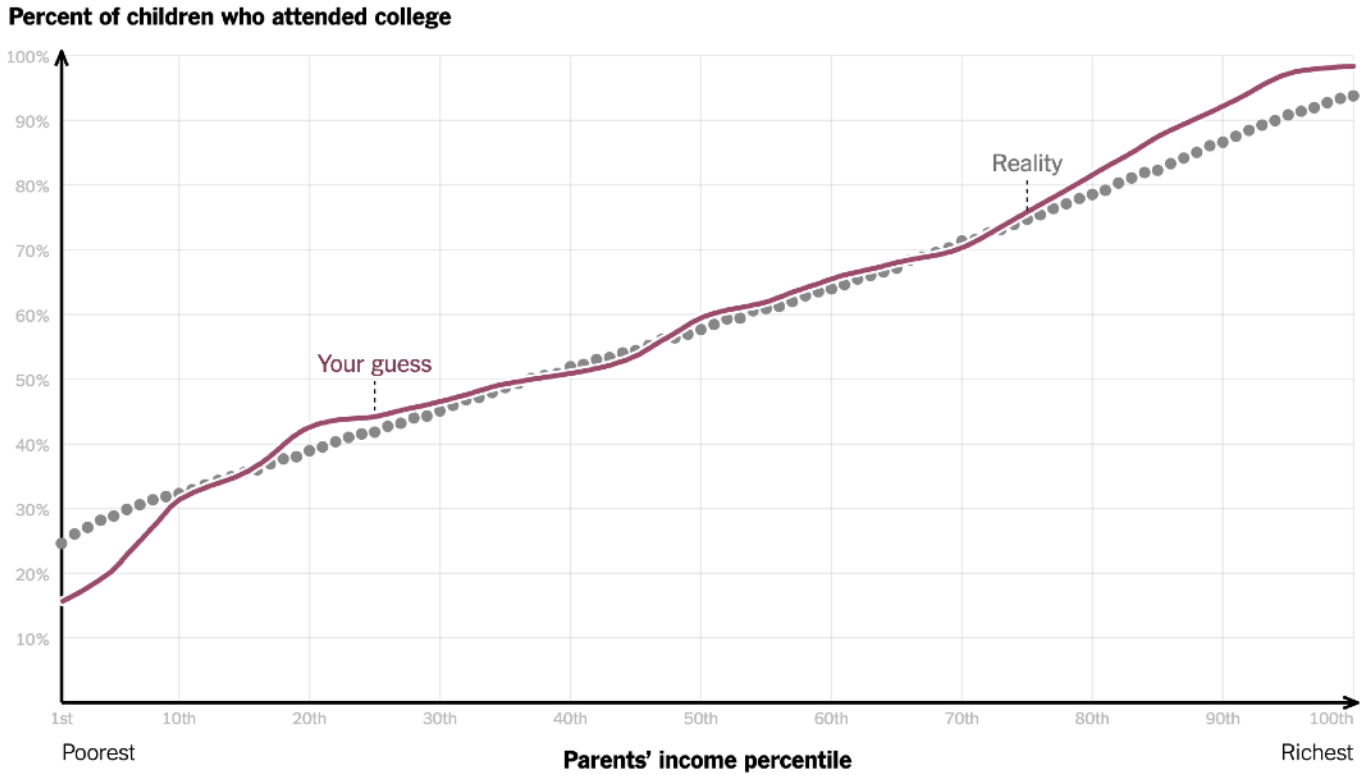
Visualizing Black America, Du Bois et al. 1900



Bones in hand, Gray's Anatomy 1918 ed.



Coronavirus Tracked John Burn-Murdoch & Financial Times



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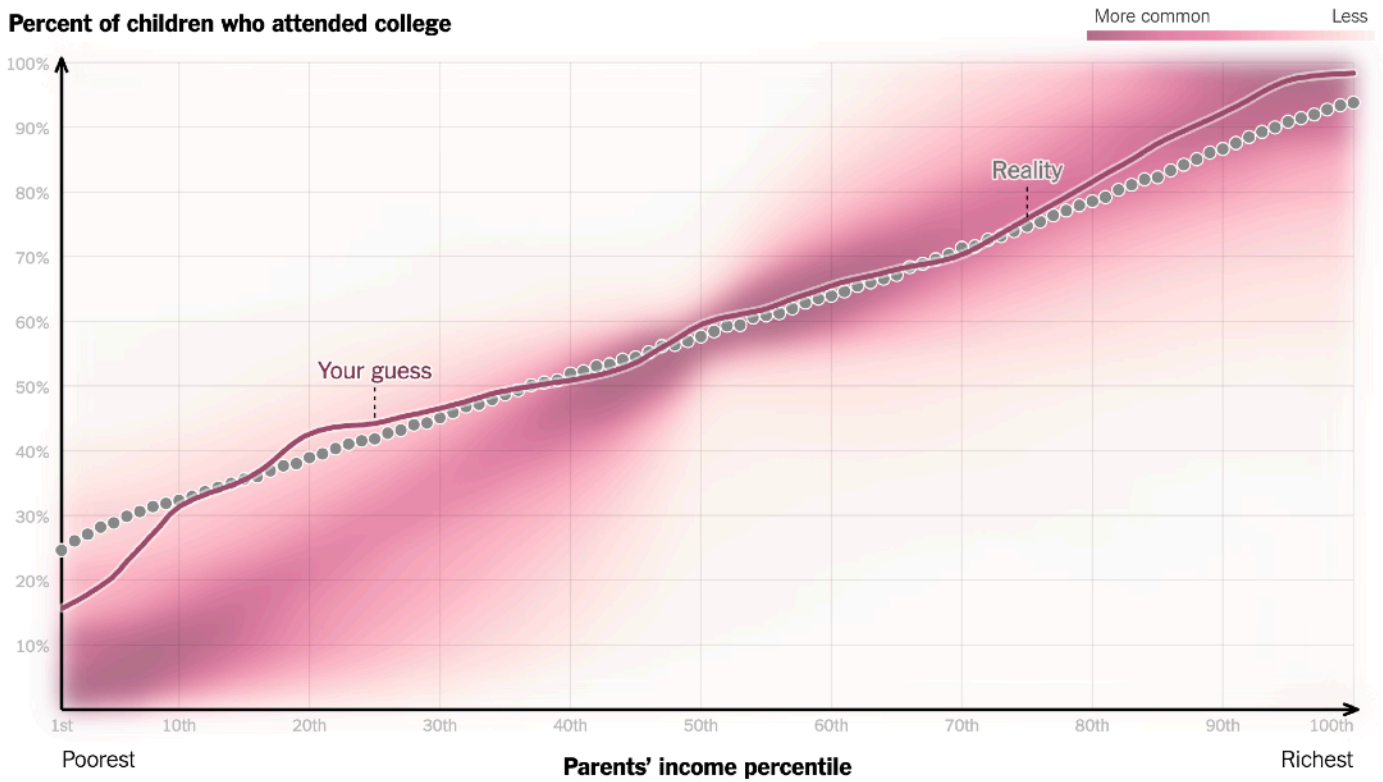
[New York Times, May 28, 2015]



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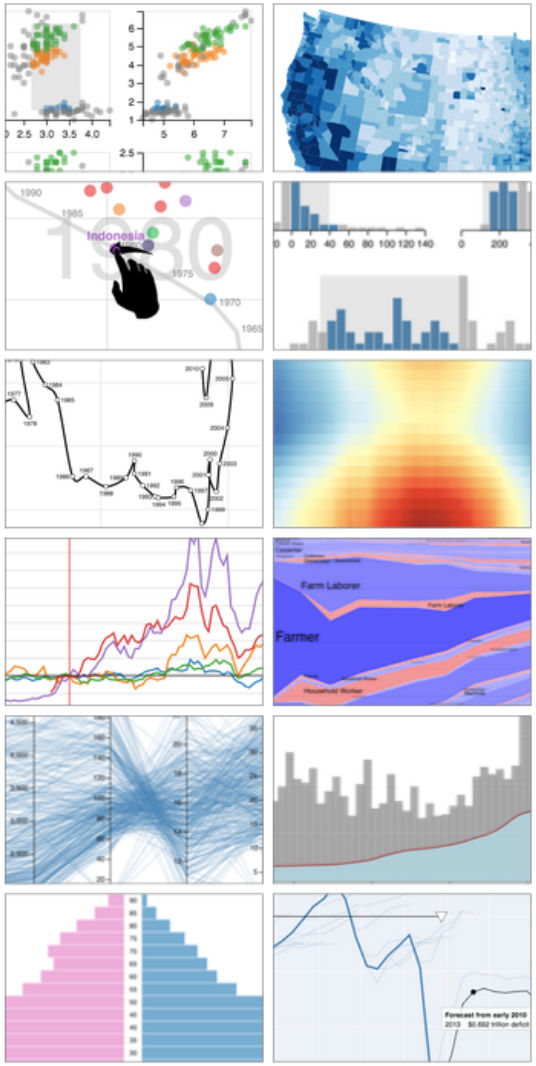

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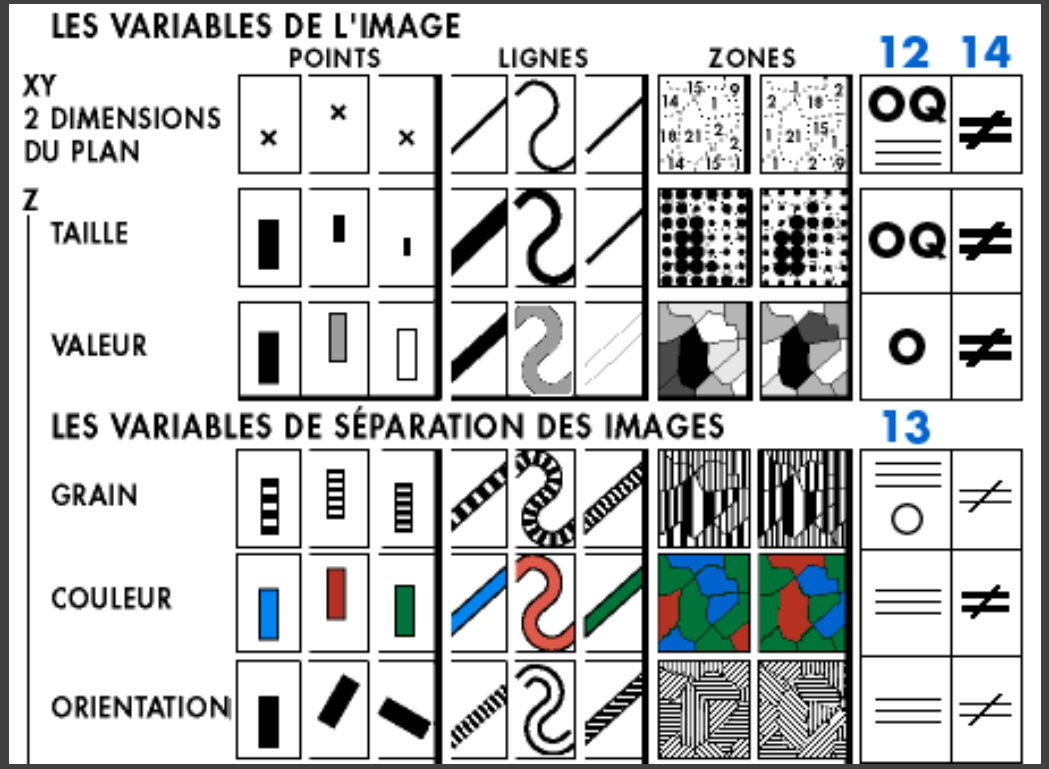

Sémiologie Graphique [Bertin 67]

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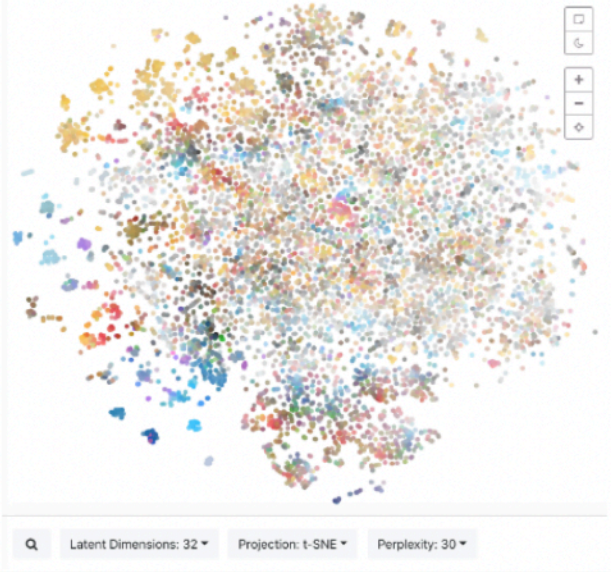

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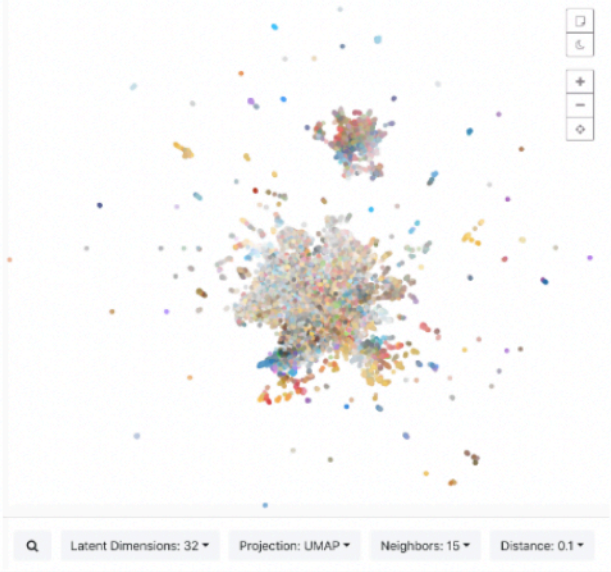

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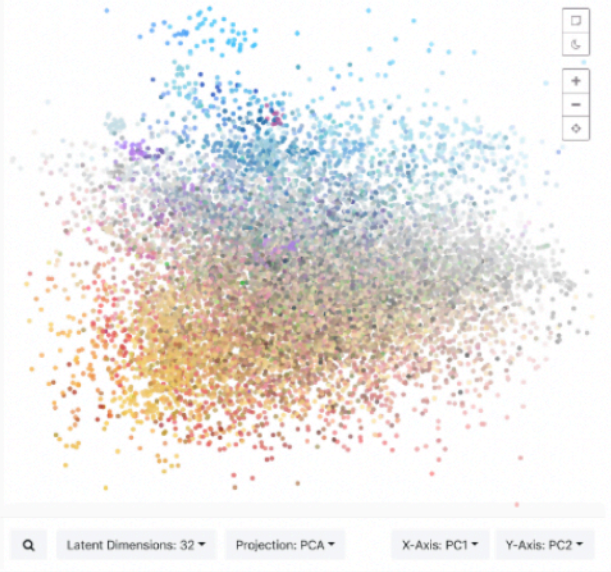

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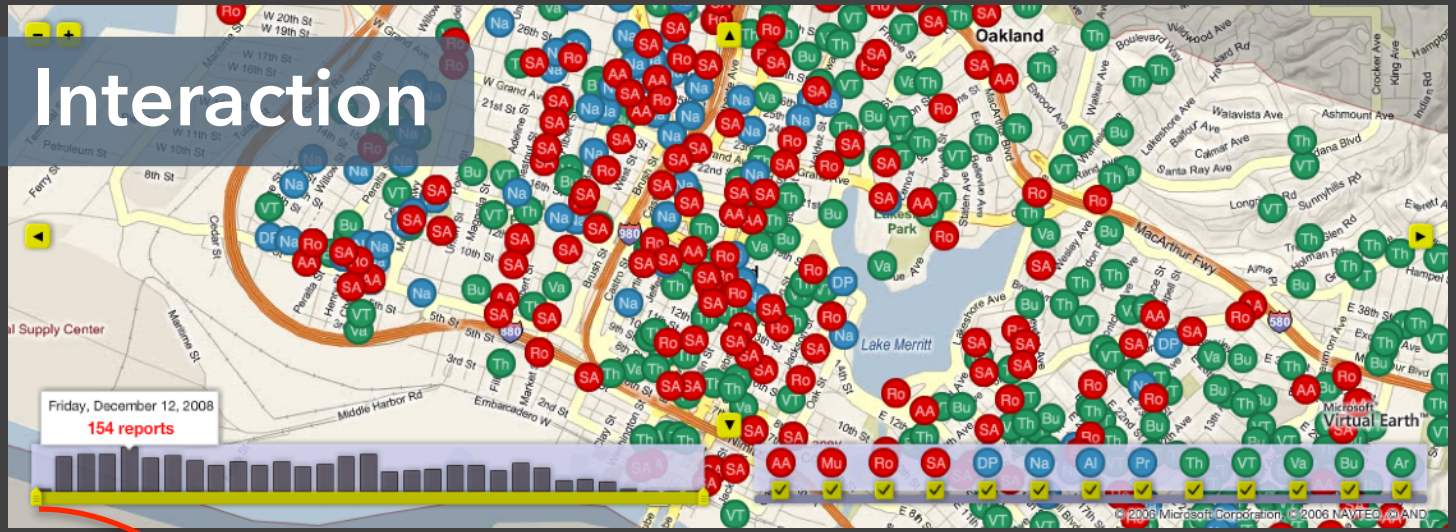

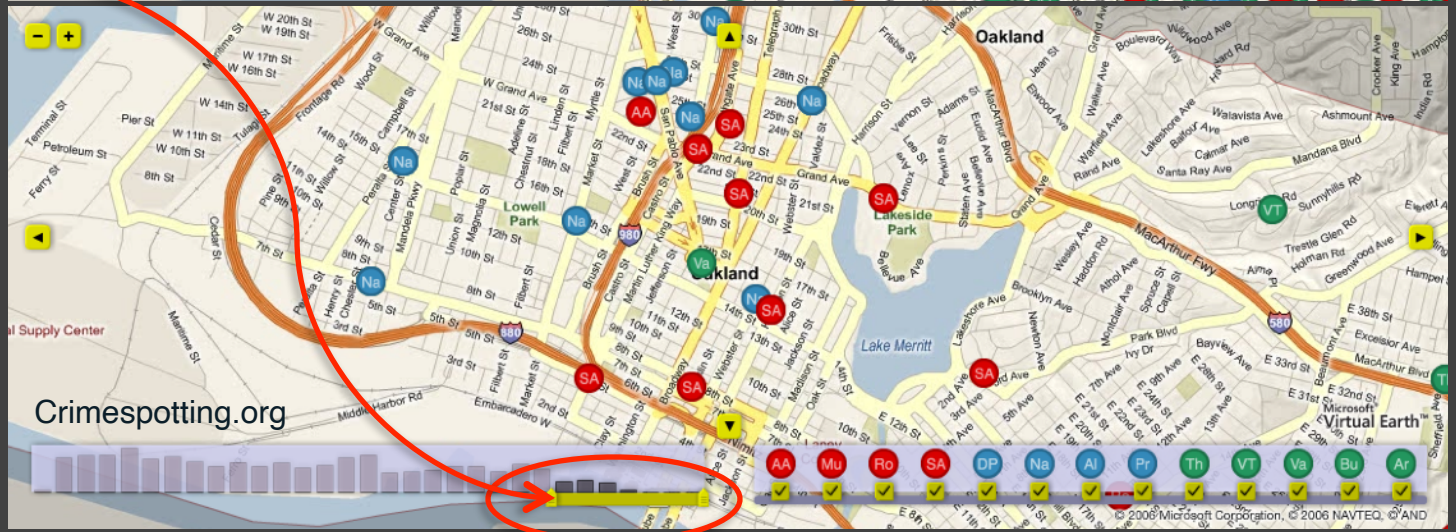

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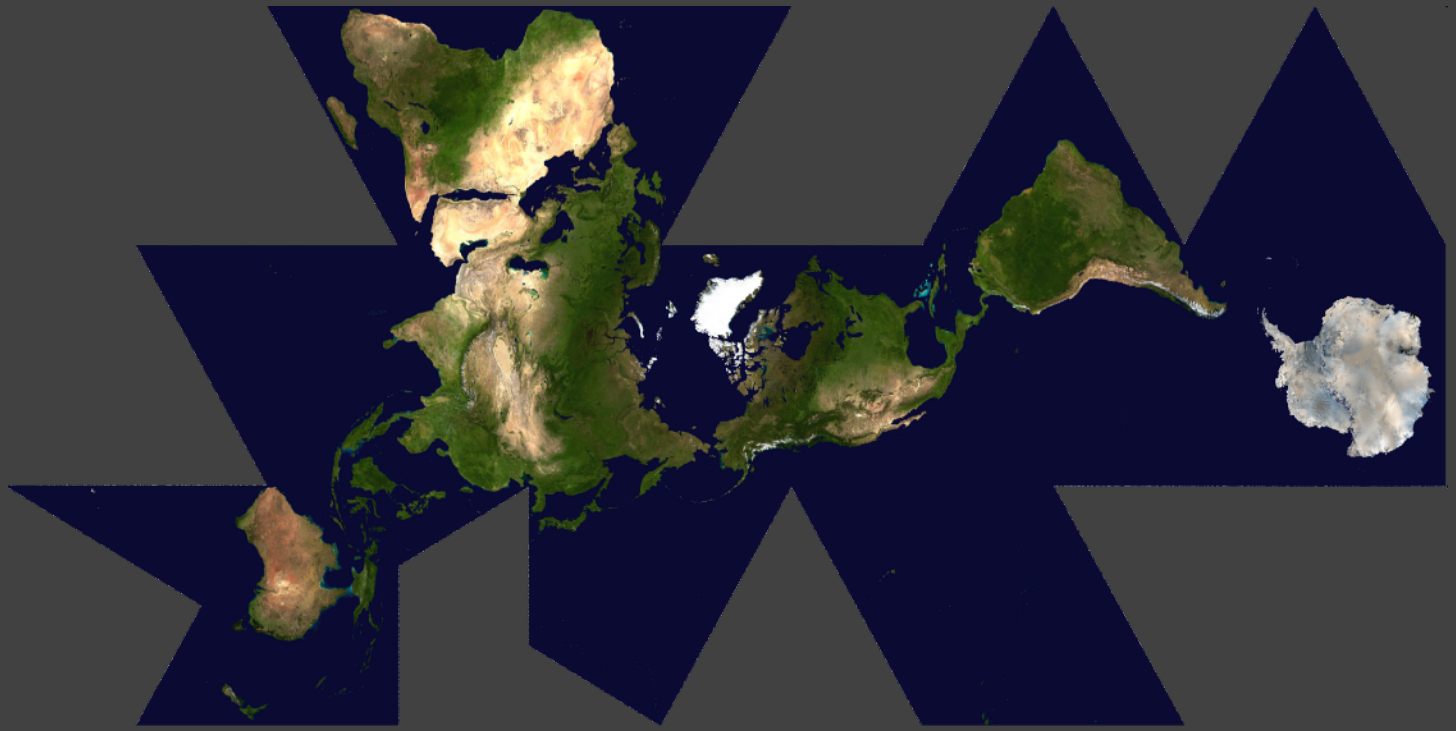

Dymaxion Maps [Fuller 46]

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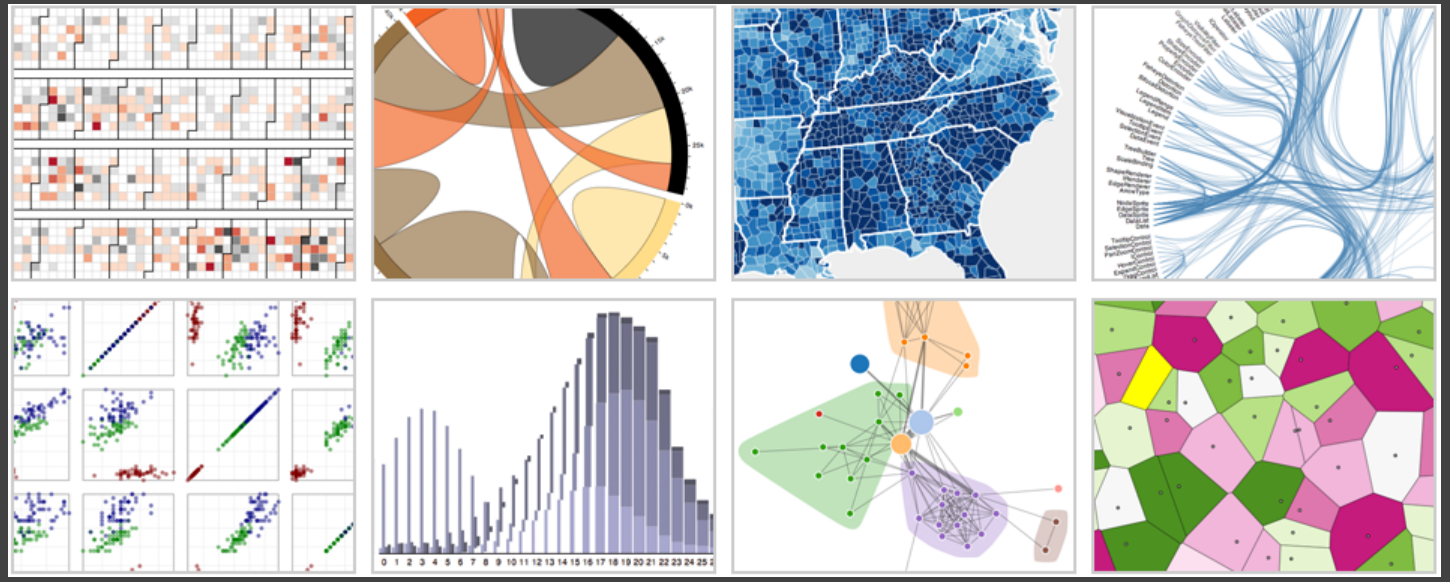
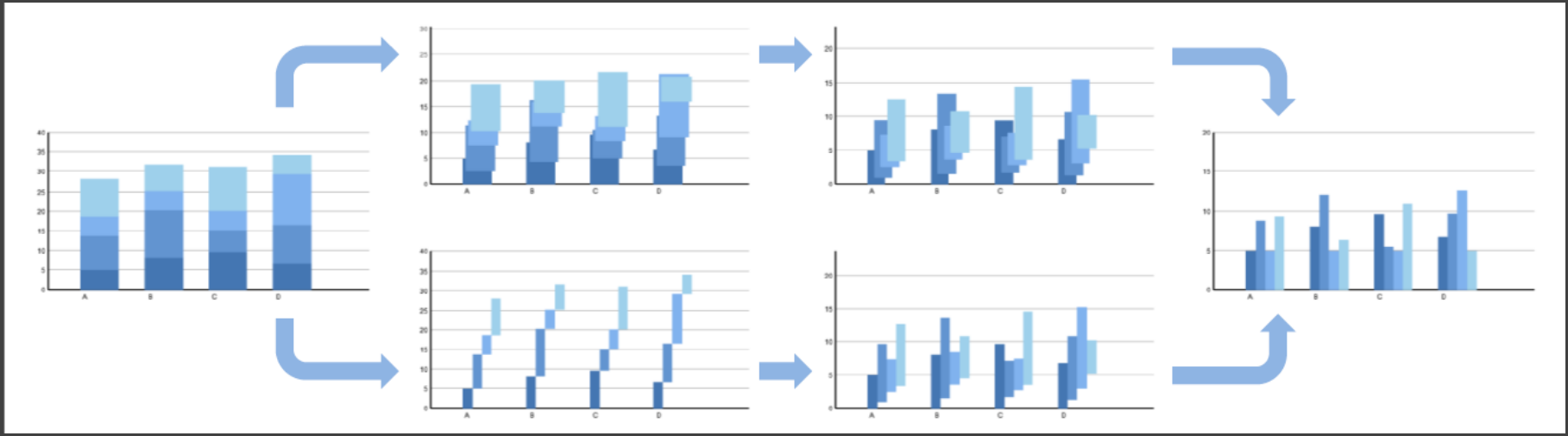


D3: Data-Driven Documents

Animation



Animated transitions in statistical data graphics [Heer & Robertson 07]

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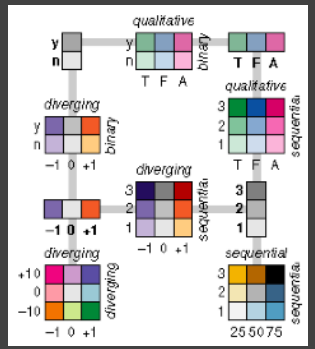

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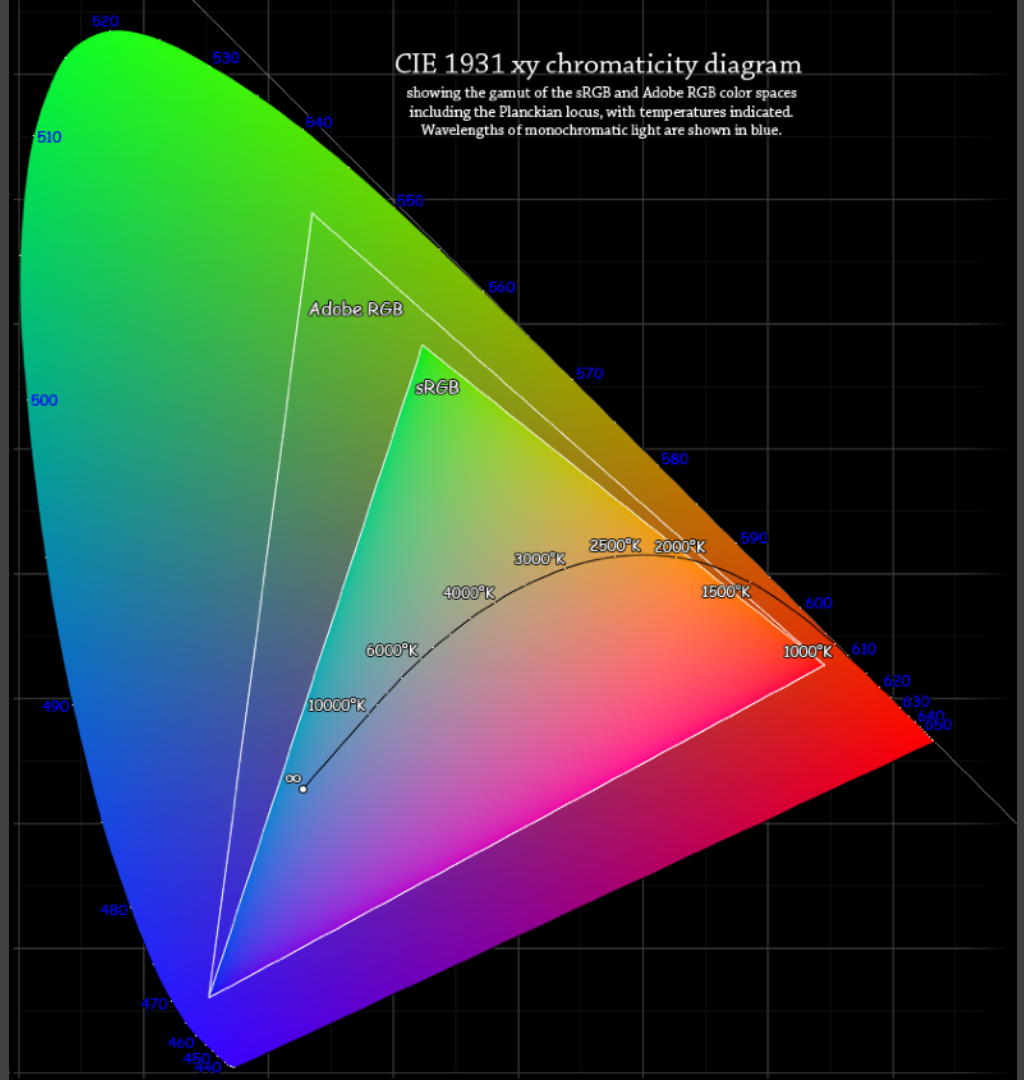

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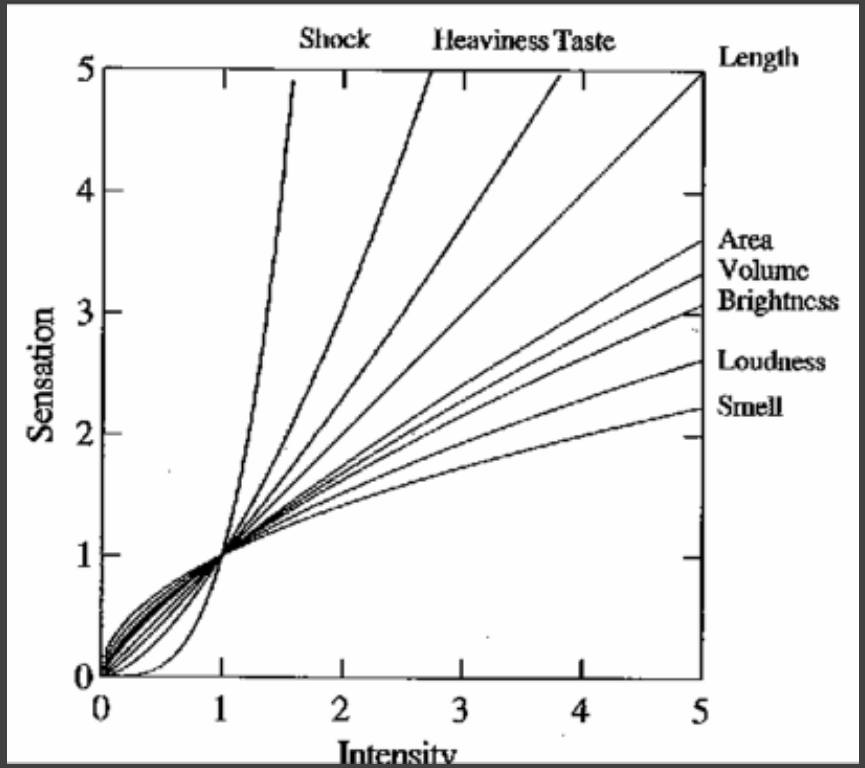
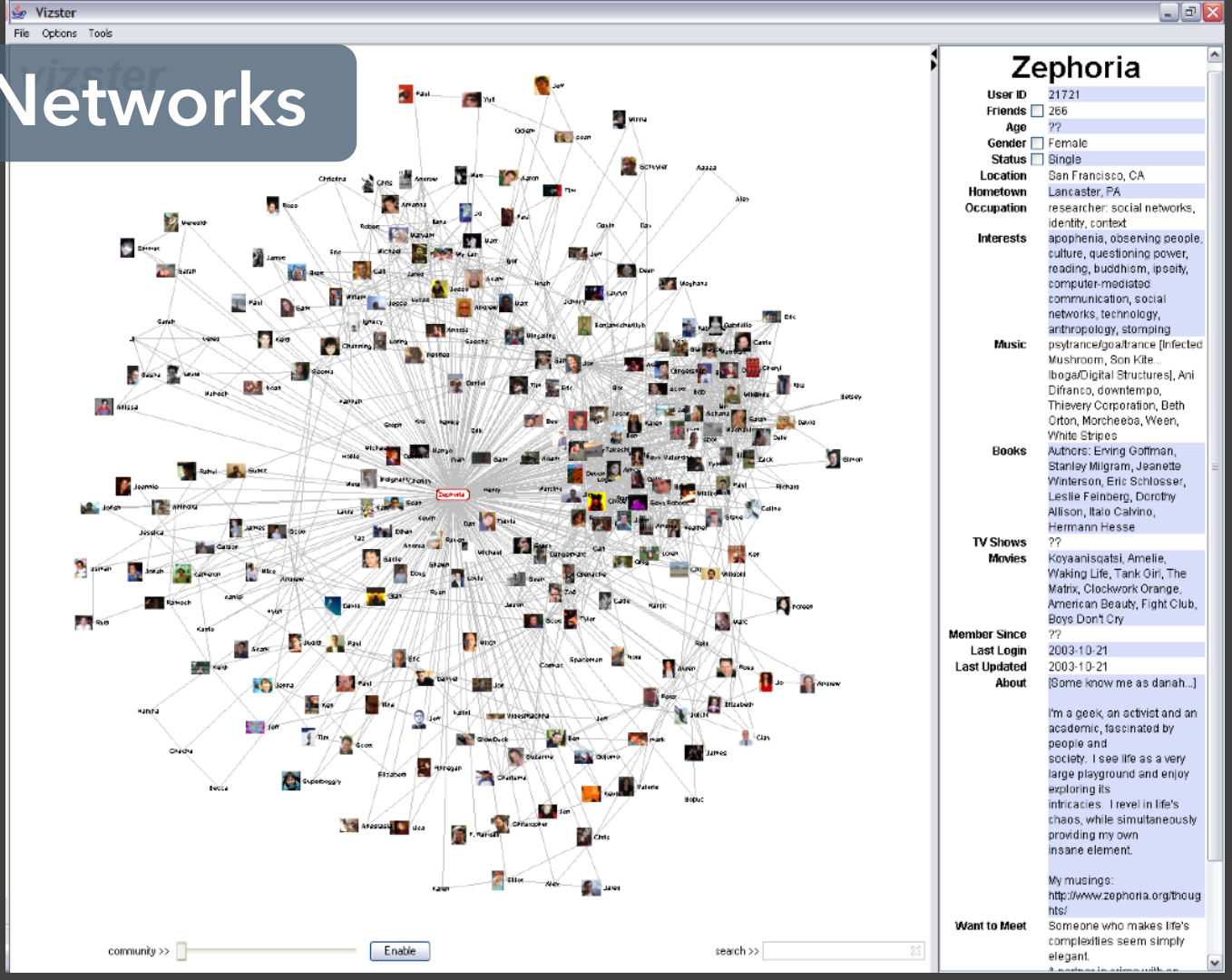


The psychophysics of sensory function [Stevens 61]

Networks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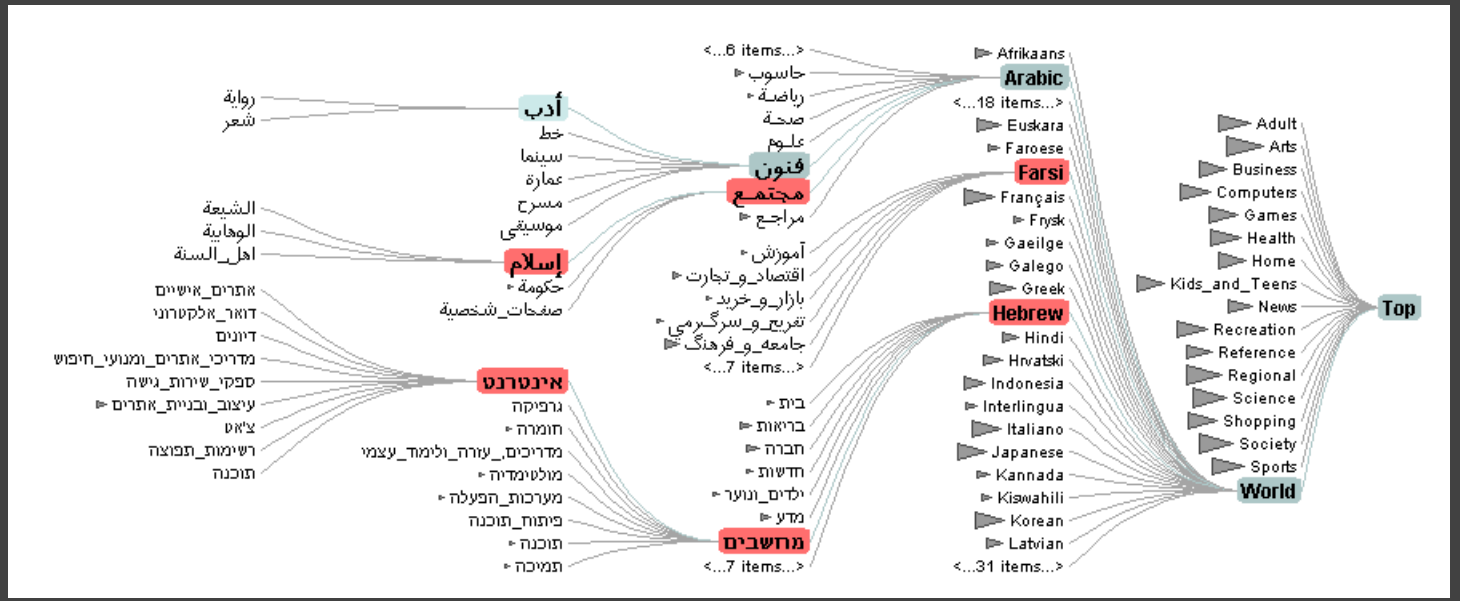
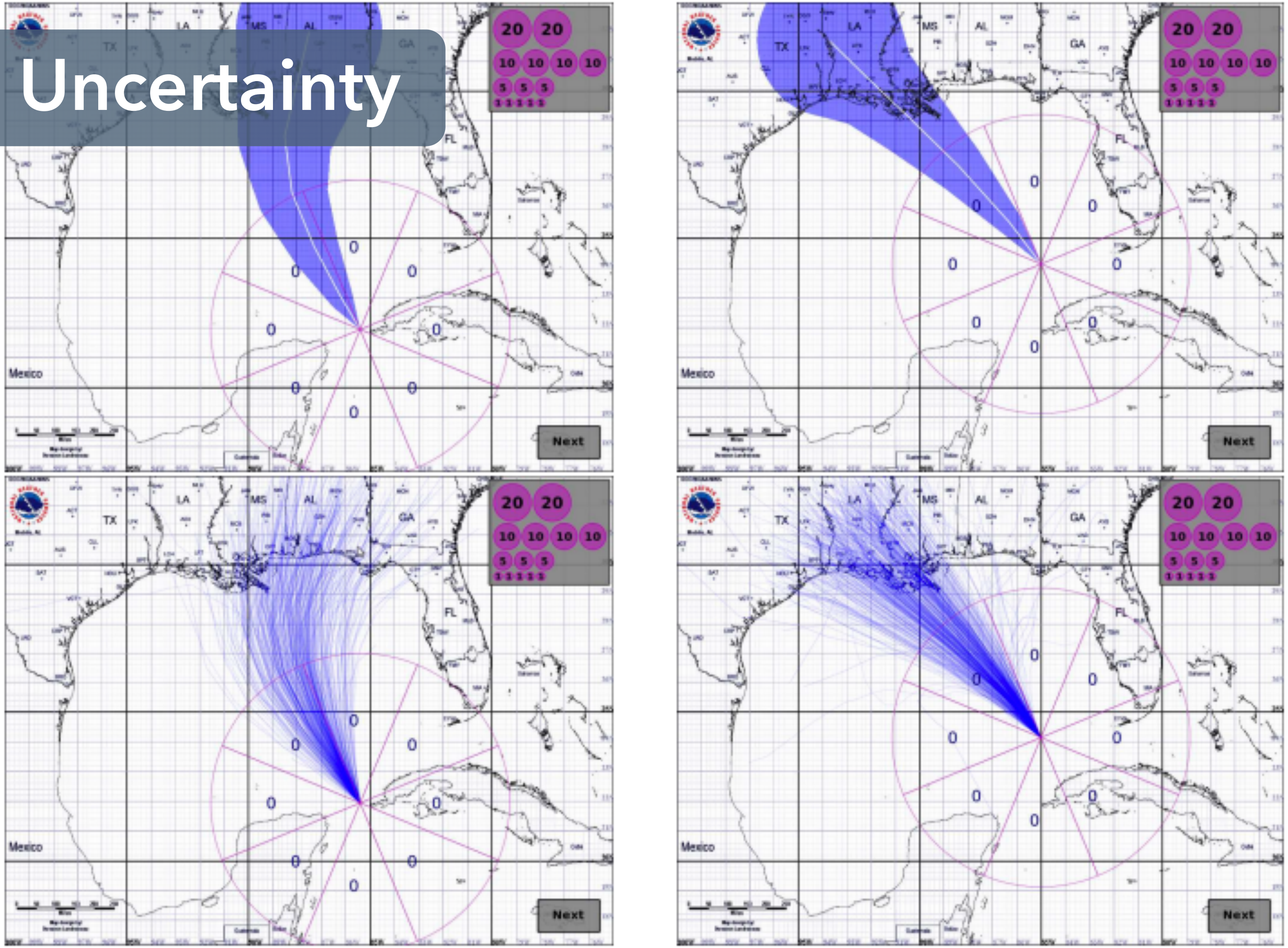


Degree-Of-Interest Trees [Heer & Card 04]

Uncertainty



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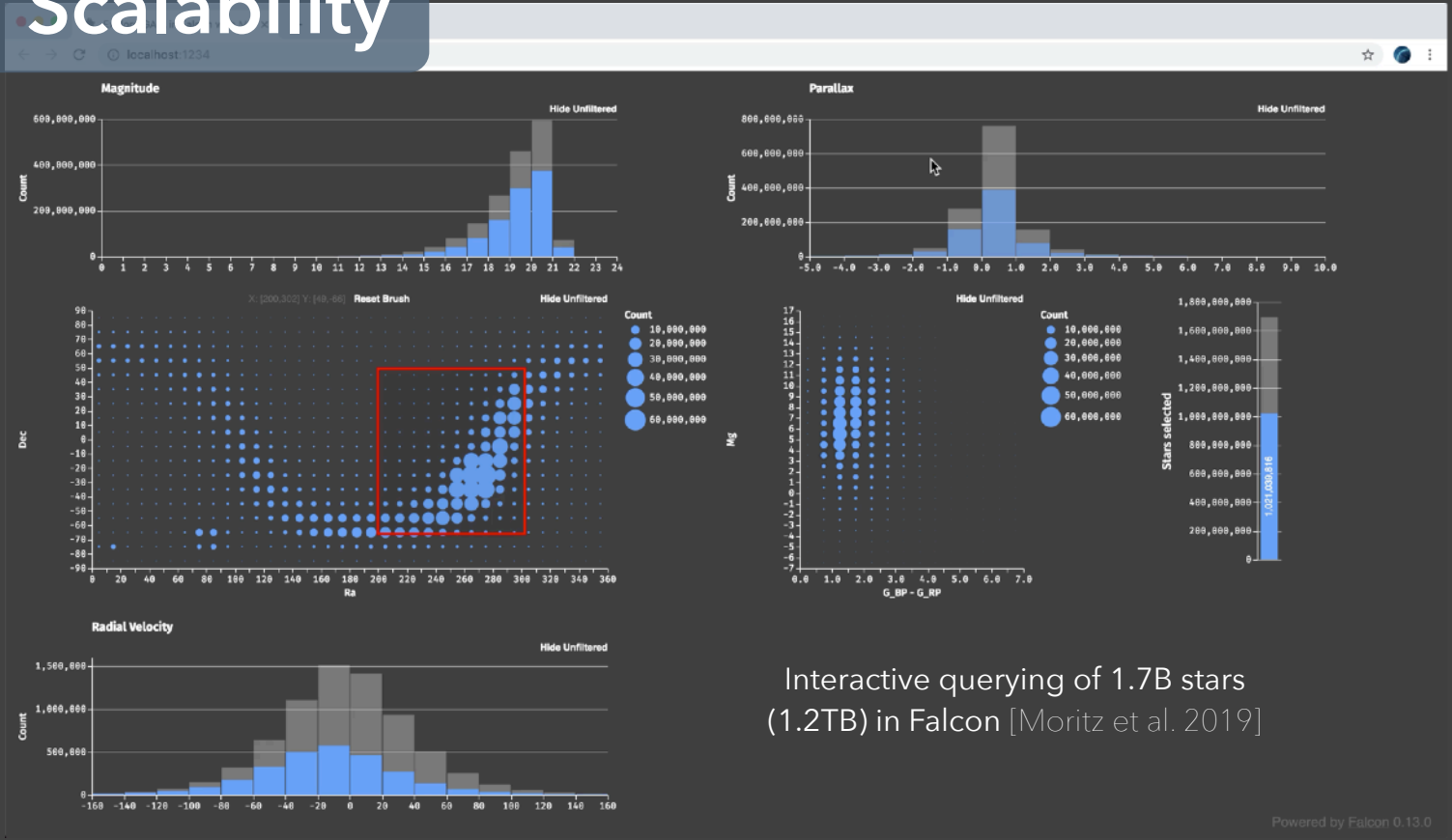

Interactive querying of 1.7B stars (1.2TB) in Falcon [Moritz et al. 2019]

You should expect to:

1. *Evaluate and critique* visualization designs
2. *Learn* visualization techniques & theory
3. *Implement* interactive data visualizations
4. *Develop* a substantial visualization project

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Soham Bhosale

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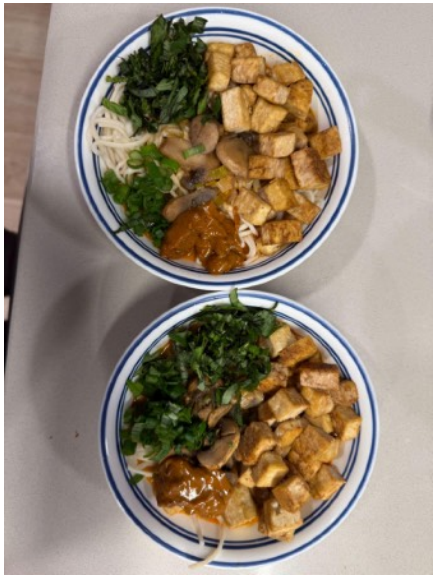

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- Participatory & Inclusive Design of Health Technologies
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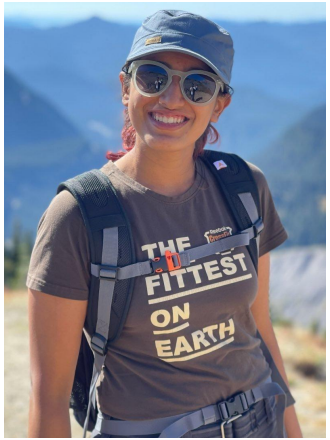

Personal Interests / Hobbies:

- Outdoor / sports: rowing, hiking, biking, basketball, discus throw, swimming…
- Creative: painting, live sketching, crocheting
- Food-related: drinking mochas, baking & eating desserts

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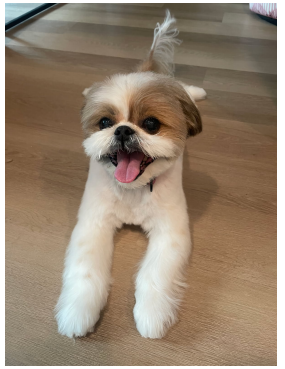

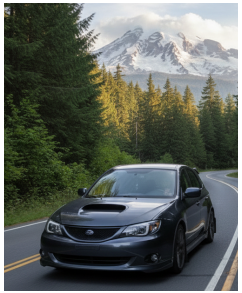

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Human and Machine

Luke Snyder

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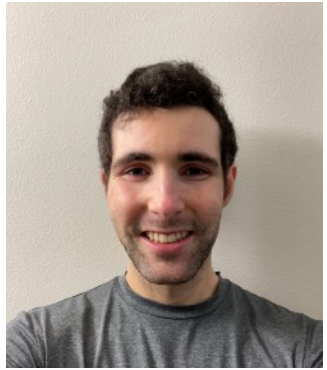

Research
- Data visualization & HCI
- Tools for interactive visualization
- Human-AI workflows for scholarly synthesis

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About Me

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Hobbies: martial arts, piano, watercolour painting

Research Interests

My broad interest lies in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), with a focus on augmenting human cognition.

E.g. foster diverse information consumption by facilitating the discovery and sensemaking of cross-lingual information

Lectures, Activities & Office Hours

Course sessions will alternate among lecture and in-class exercises (often Thursdays).

All lectures will be in-person and recorded.

Please attend in-person but **NOT** if you feel ill.

Office hours are a mix of in-person and Zoom.

Links for virtual office hours are on Canvas.

Use Ed to post questions and seek help!

Readings

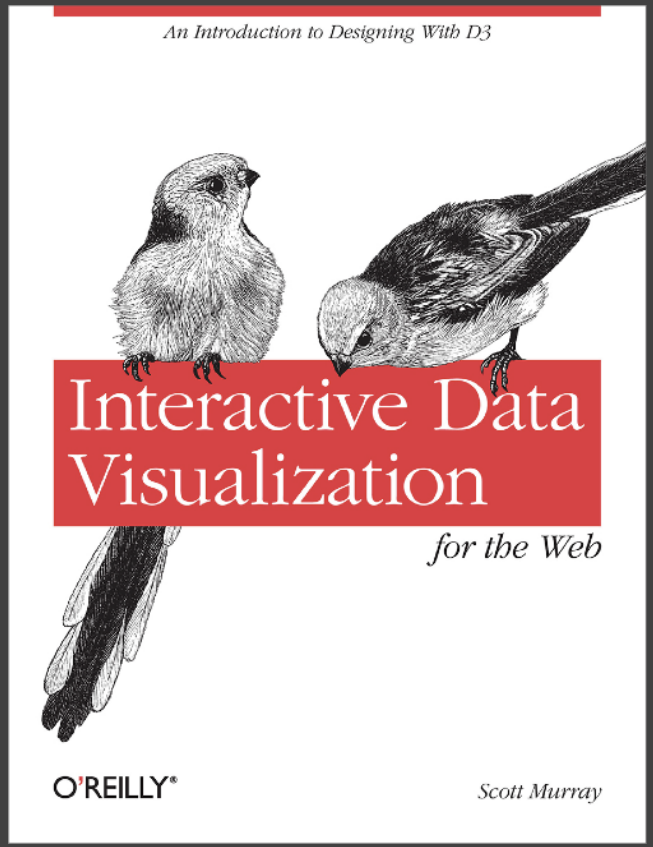
There is no one universal textbook on visualization!

We draw on books, notebooks, and linked articles…

Material in class will loosely follow readings.

Readings should be read by start of class.

Textbook

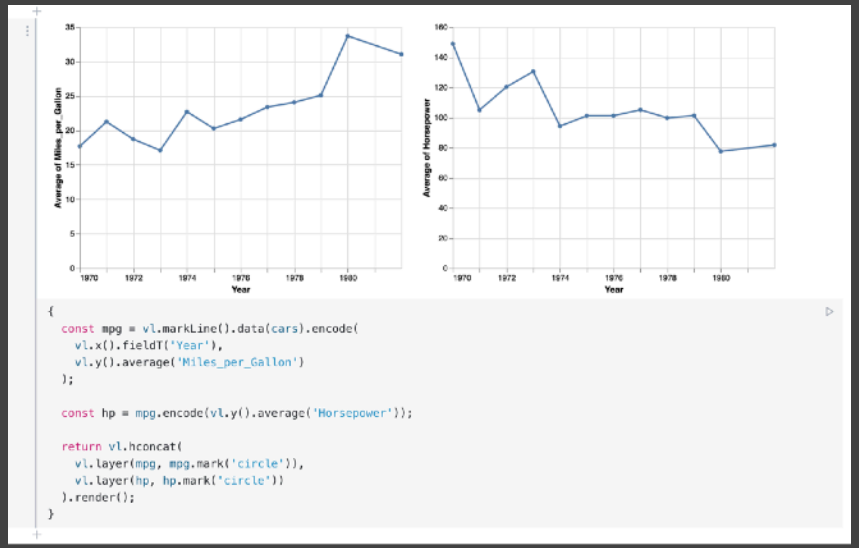


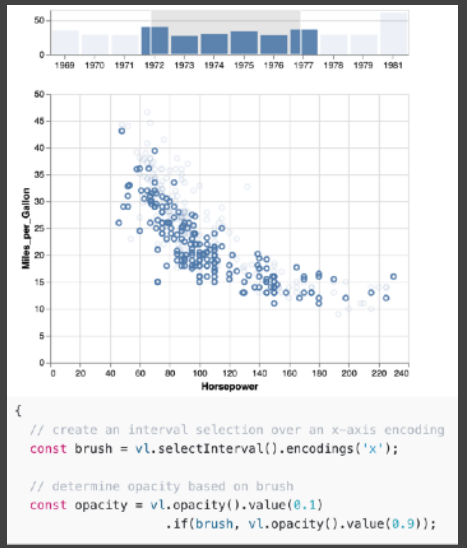
Interactive Data Visualization for the Web, 2nd Edition

For learning D3!
Book available online.
Code / examples on GitHub.

We will be using D3 v7.
https://d3js.org

Interactive Notebooks





Hands-on engagement with course concepts and tools using Observable (JavaScript) notebooks.

Assignments

CP Class Participation (10%)

A1 Expository Visualization (10%)

A2 Deceptive Visualization (15%)

Peer Review (5%)

A3 Interactive Prototype (20%)

Peer Review (5%)

FP Final Project (35%)

Proposal

Demonstration Video

Final Prototype

Grading Philosophy

A *great* submission gets a *great grade* (A- to A, 3.6 – 3.8), but an *exceptional* grade (A+, 3.9 – 4.0) requires *exceptional* effort.

Example: Typical A1 grades (out of 10 points).

Everyone starts with a high score (9/10).

We then *deduct* points for errors and also *add* points for going above and beyond the assignment requirements.

The median score for A1 is typically 8.5 out of 10, which maps to an A-.

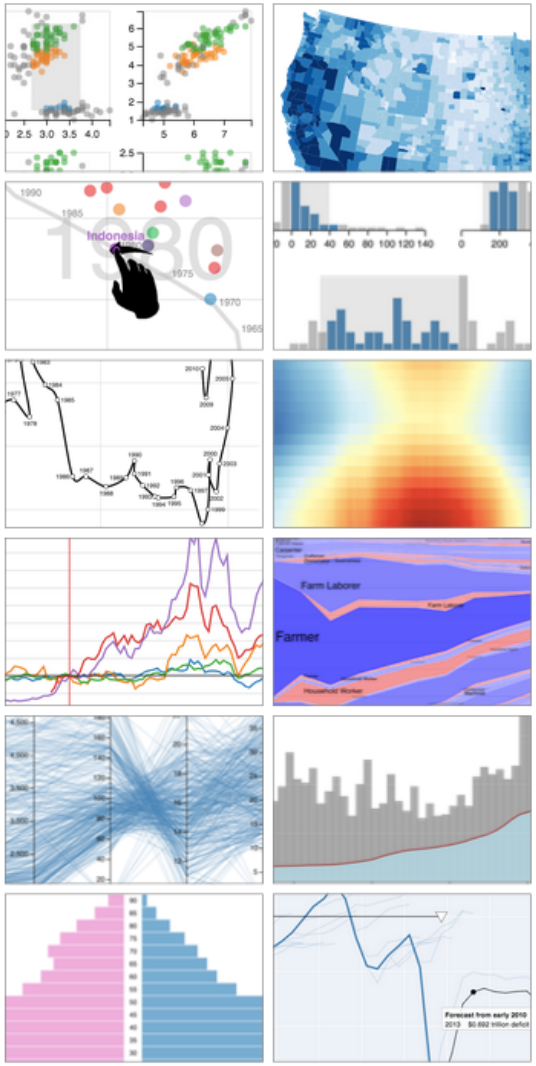
Course Participation

Lecture Attendance

Please attend lectures in person! That said, we know that illness, travel, etc. can prevent attendance. If you can't attend class, please review the recordings online.

Weekly Exercises

We have in-class exercises each week. Complete them even if you can't attend in person. We use "best-effort" grading, so it's OK if you don't complete everything during class time. Focus on assignments, not exercises, between sessions. You also get one exercise "pass".



Warm-Up Design Activity

Visual Encoding Exercise

5 17

How many visualizations can you think of for conveying these two numbers? Feel free to invent tasks or contexts. **Sketch as many as you can!**

Don’t stress over quality, go for quantity.

Time: ~5 minutes

Visual Encoding Exercise

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Take a photo or screenshot of your visualizations, and post it to the shared thread on Ed.

Visual Encoding Exercise

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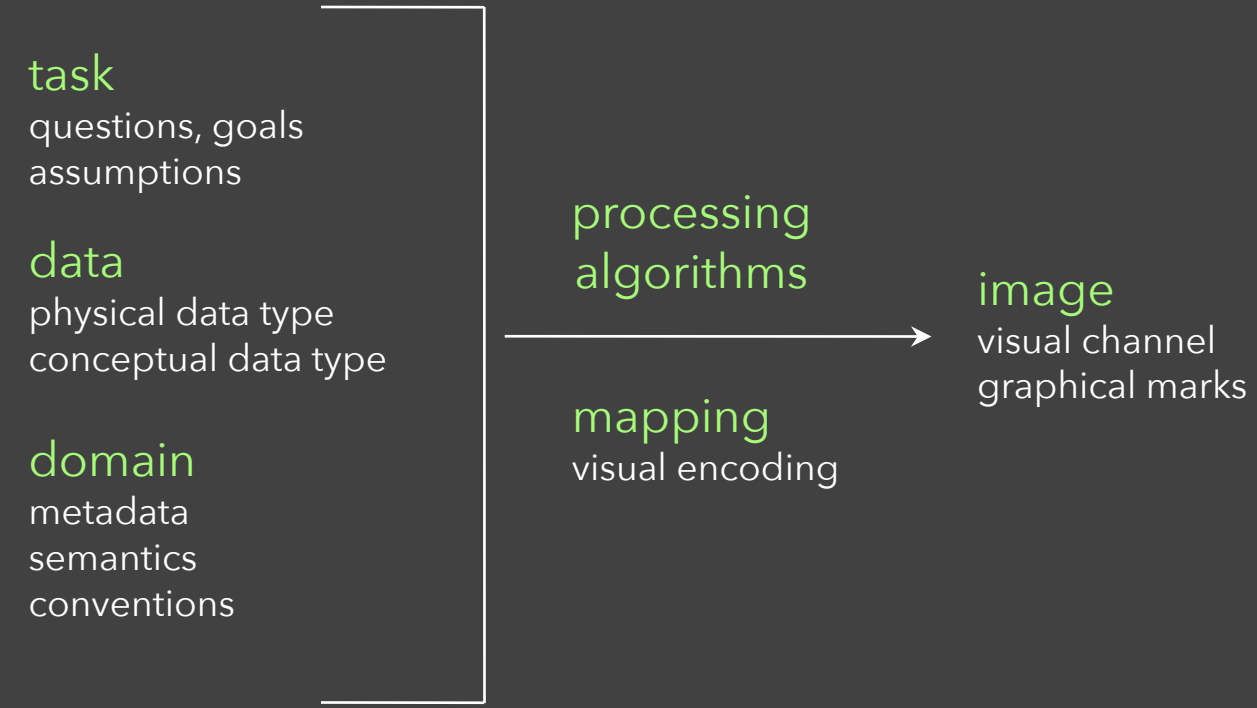
Share your designs with students near you. Introduce yourselves! Then compare your designs. How many ideas are the same? How many are different?

What do you find highly effective? Highly creative?

Visual Encoding Design

The Big Picture



Data Models

Represent data as a *table* (relation)

Each *row* (tuple) represents a record

Each *column* (field) represents a typed variable

Physical Type: integer, float, date, boolean, string…

Conceptual Type: temperatures, dollars, products…

For visualization it is helpful to classify fields according to the type of comparisons we wish to make:

Nominal (N), *Ordinal* (O), and *Quantitative* (Q) types

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- Physical measurement: Length, Mass, Time duration, …
- Counts and amounts

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- Operations: =, ≠

O - Ordered

- Operations: =, ≠, <, >

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- Operations: =, ≠, <, >, -
- Can measure distances or spans

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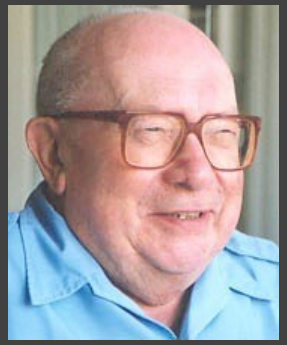
- Operations: =, ≠, <, >, -, %
- Can measure ratios or proportions

Visual Language is a Sign System



Jacques Bertin

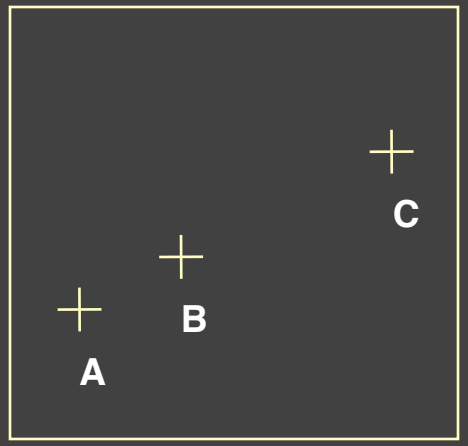
Images perceived as a set of signs

Sender encodes information in signs

Receiver decodes information from signs

Sémiologie Graphique, 1967

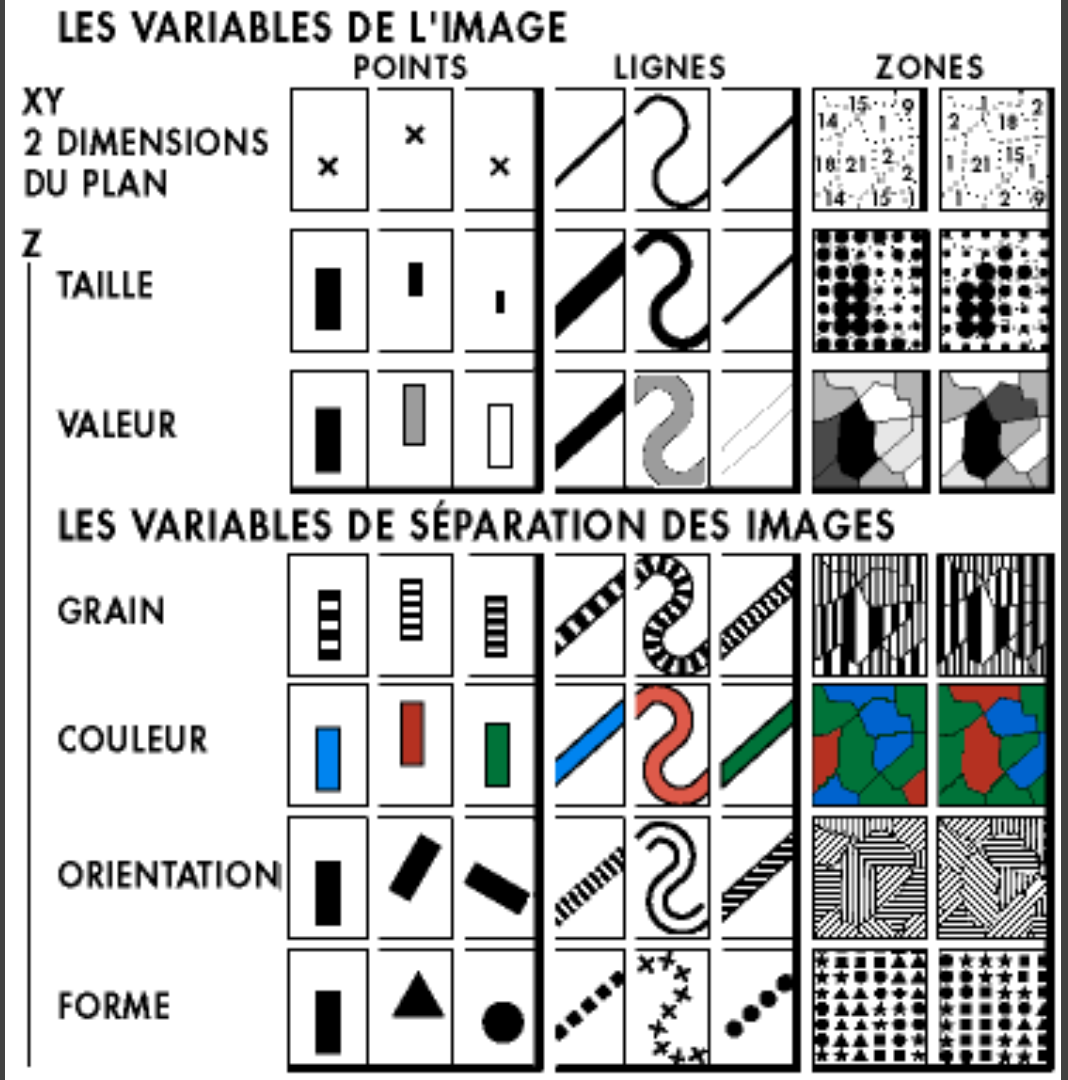
Bertin's Semiology of Graphics



1. A, B, C are distinguishable
2. B is between A and C.
3. BC is twice as long as AB.

∴ Encode quantitative variables

"Resemblance, order and proportional are the three signfields in graphics." - Bertin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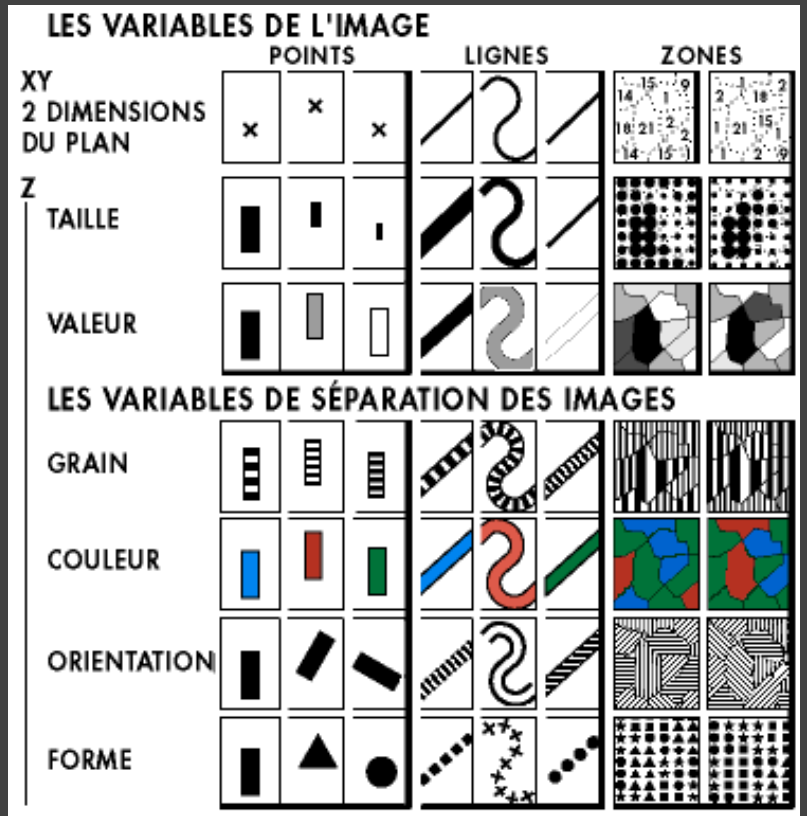
FORME

Visual Encoding Channels

Position (x 2)
Size
Value
Texture
Color
Orientation
Shape



Visual Encoding Channels

Position
Length
Area
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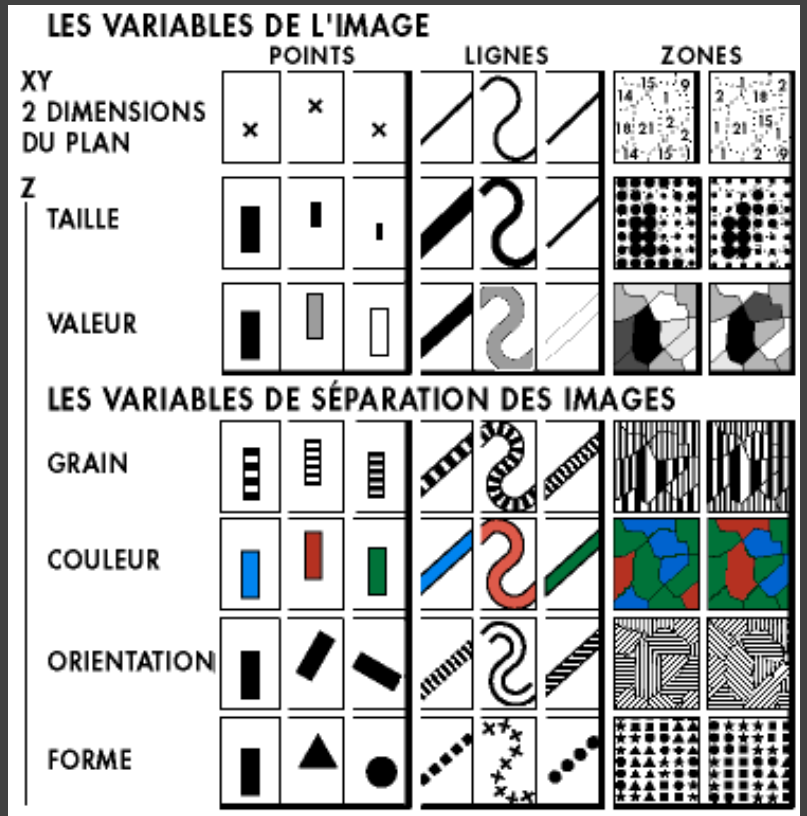
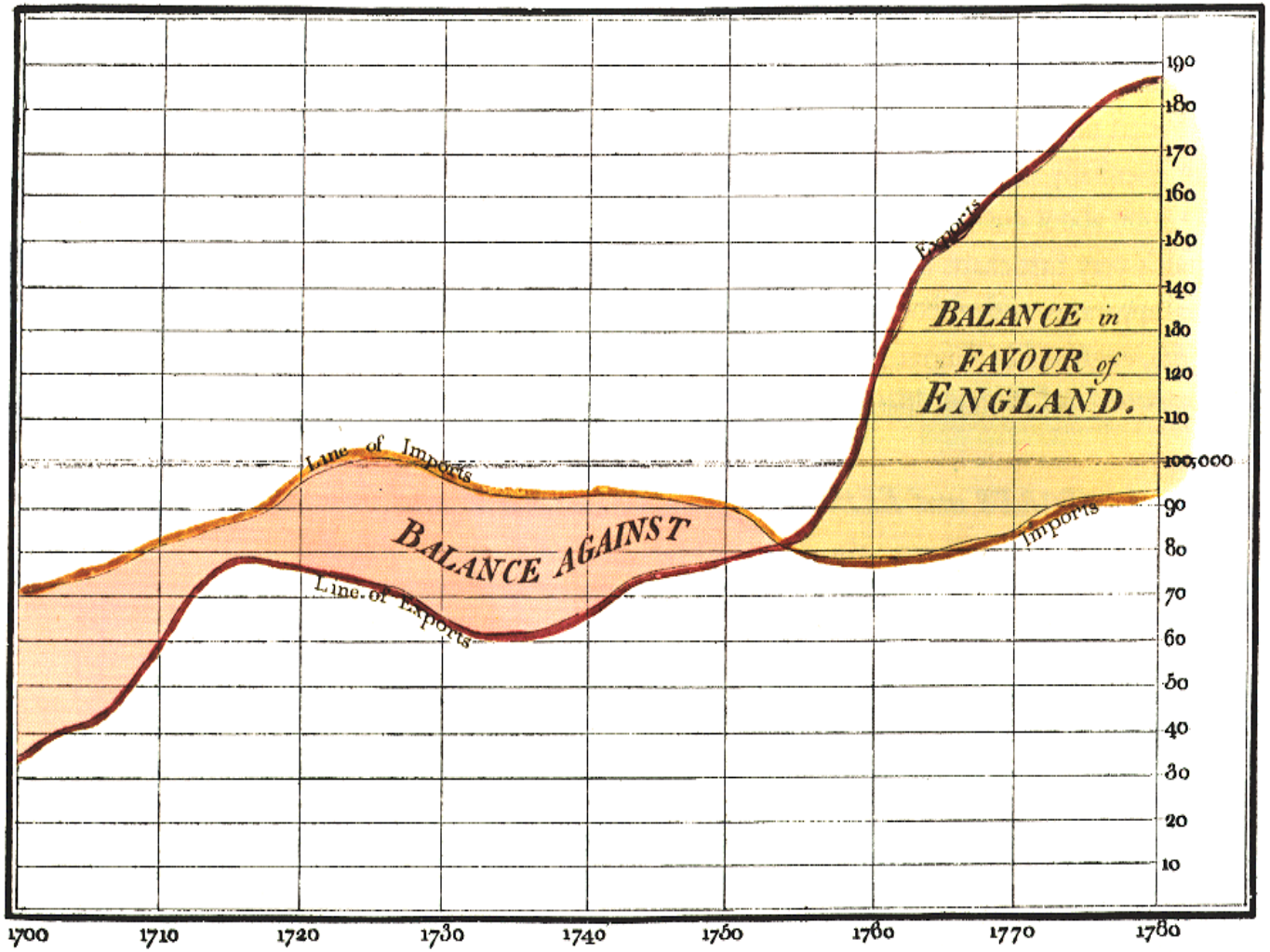
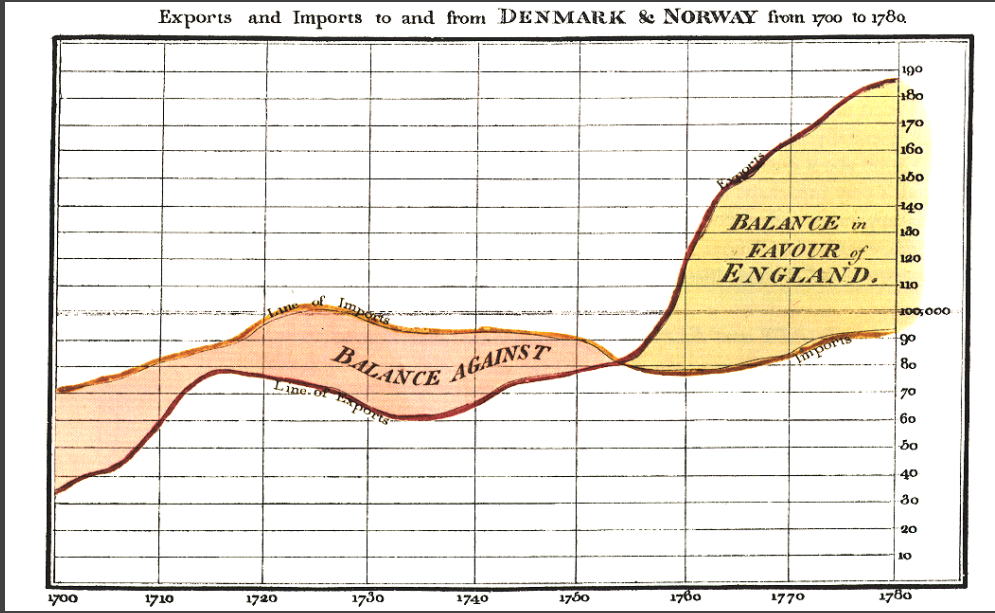
Shape
Transparency
Blur / Focus ...



Exports and Imports to and from DENMARK & NORWAY from 1700 to 1780.



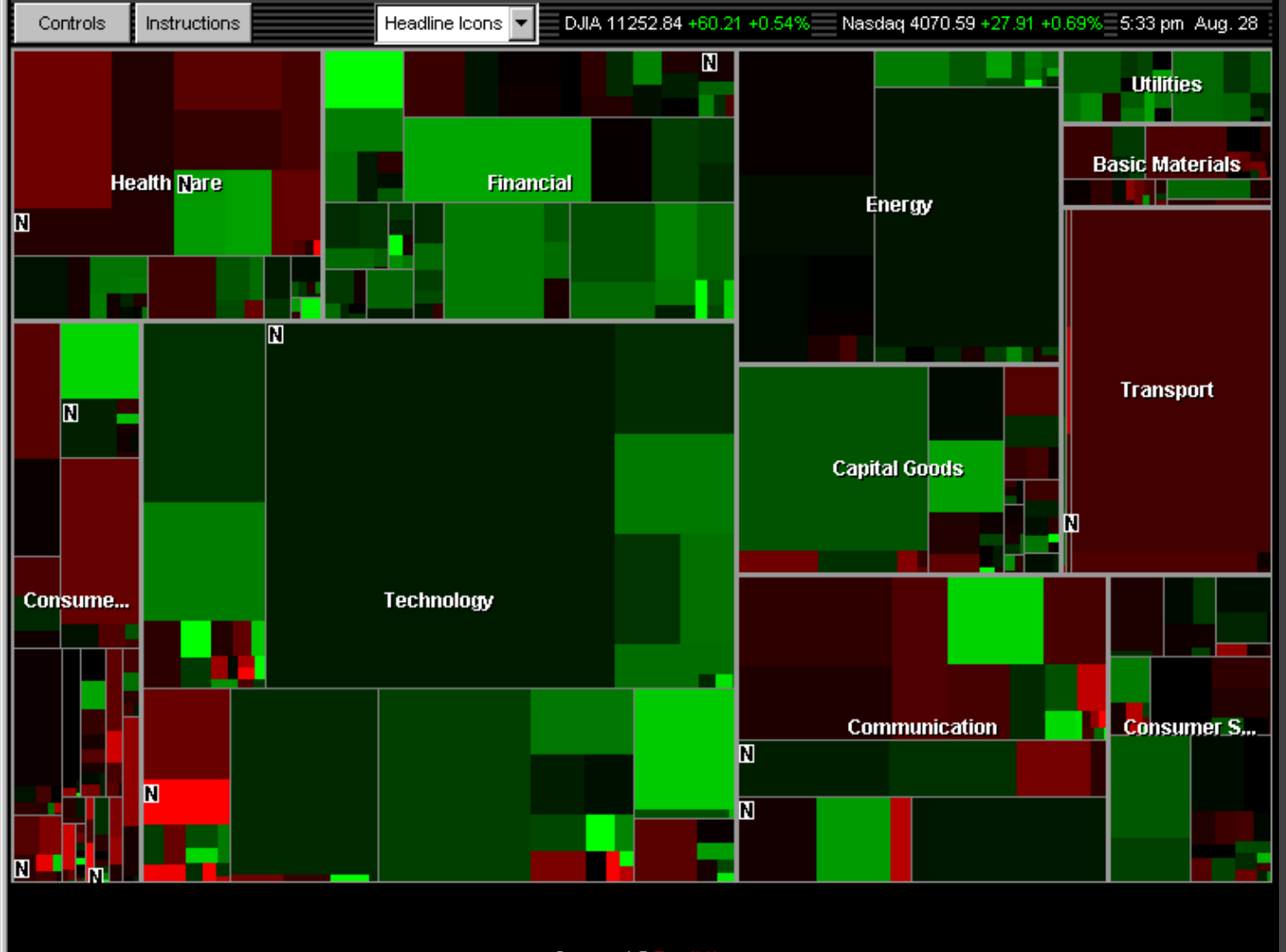
William Playfair, 1786



X-axis: year (Q)

Y-axis: currency (Q)

Color: imports/exports (N, O)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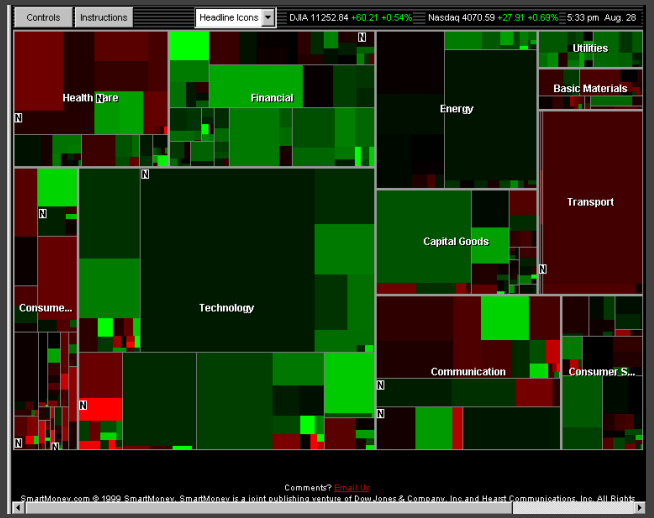
Wattenberg's Map of the Market



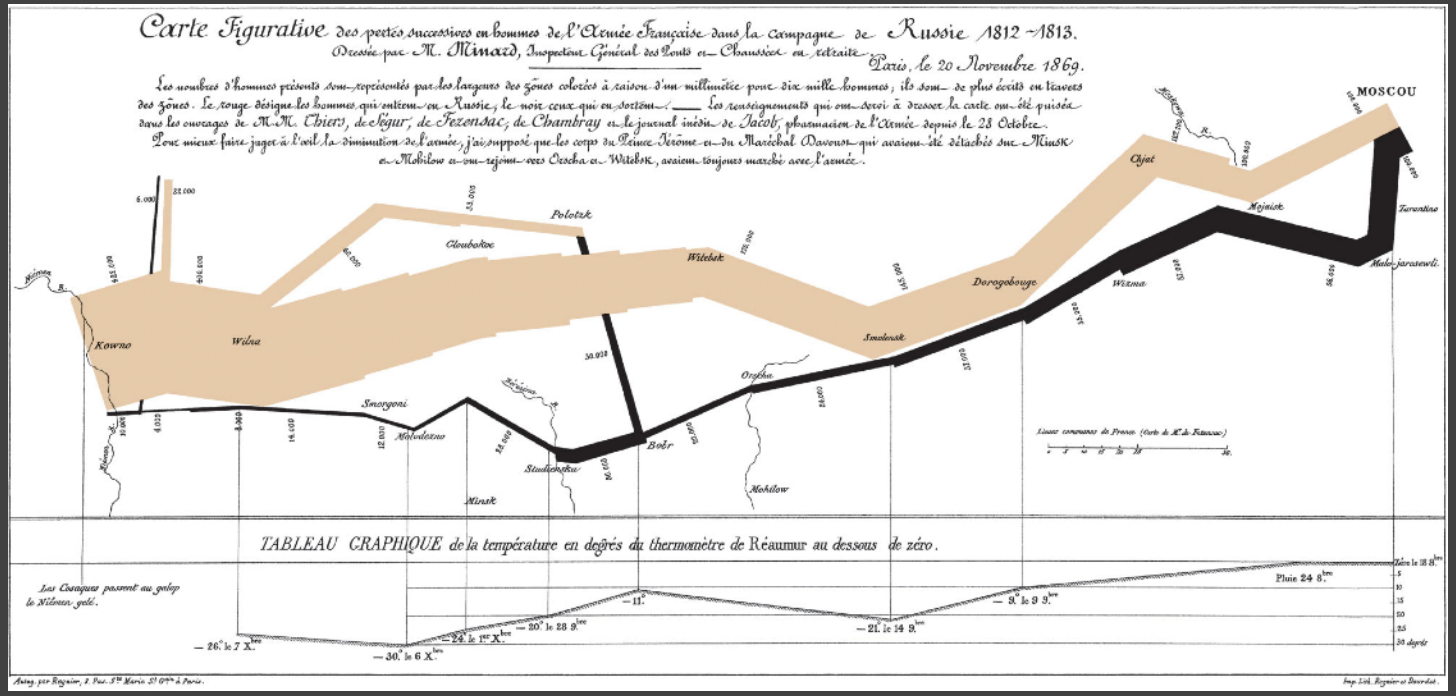
Rectangle Area: market cap (Q)

Rectangle Position: market sector (N), market cap (Q)

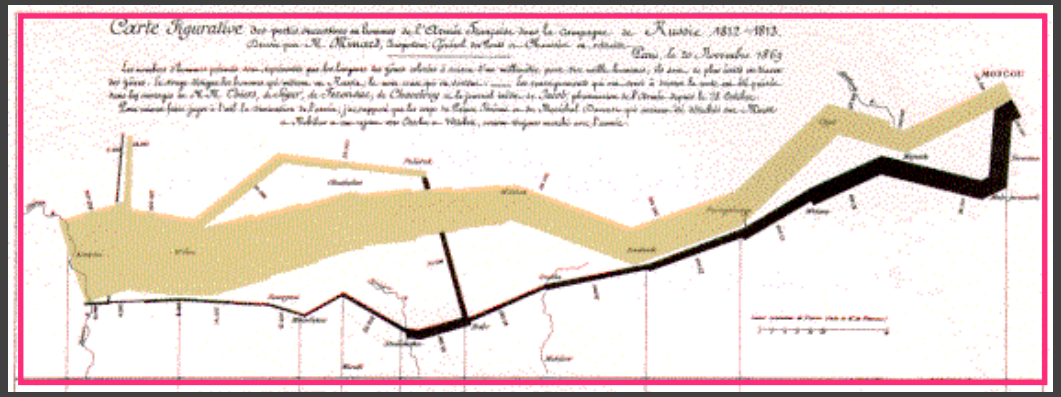
Color Hue: loss vs. gain (N, O)

Color Value: magnitude of loss or gain (Q)

Minard 1869: Napoleon's March



Single-Axis Composition



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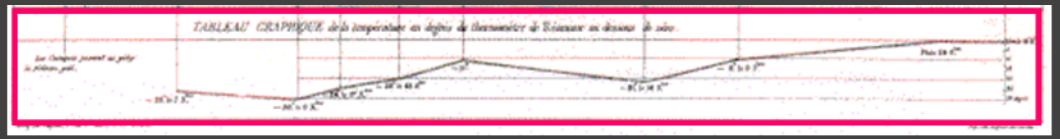

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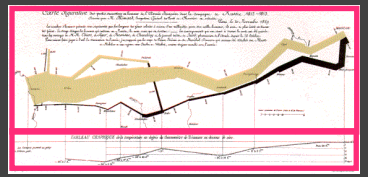

Mark Composition

Y-axis: temperature (Q)

\+ **X-axis**: longitude (Q) / time (O)

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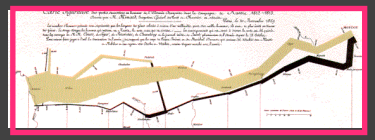
Temp over space/time (Q x Q)

Mark Composition

Y-axis: latitude (Q)

\+ **X-axis**: longitude (Q)

\+ **Width**: army size (Q)

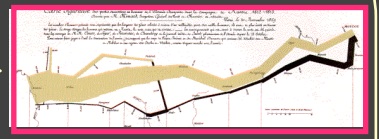


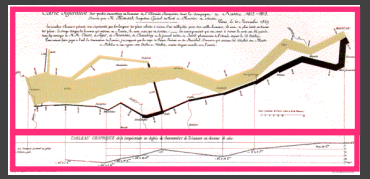
= Army position (Q x Q) and army size (Q)

latitude (Q)

longitude (Q)

army size (Q)





temperature (Q)

longitude (Q) / time (O)

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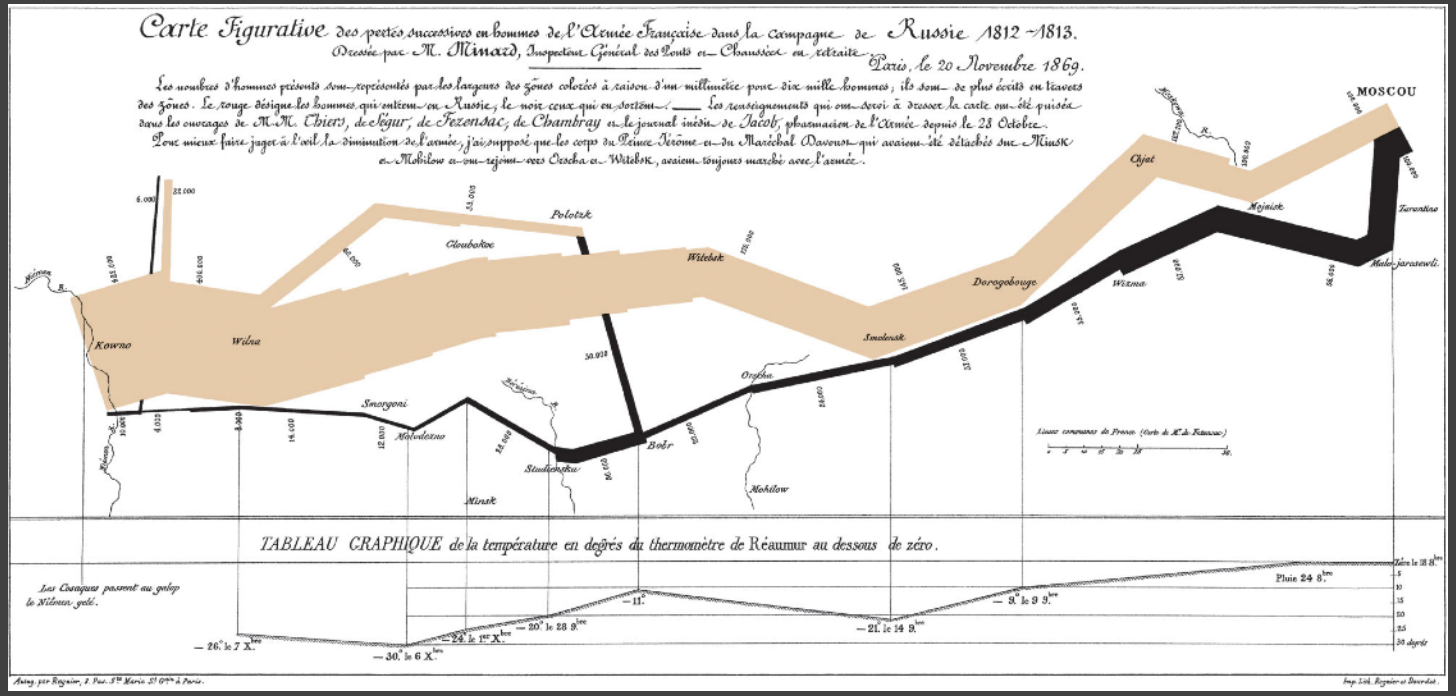

Depicts at least 5 quantitative variables. Any others?

Assignment 1

Hours of Sunshine

The climate of a place can have a tremendous impact on people's lived experience. You will examine average monthly climate measurements for six major U.S. cities, roughly covering the edges of the continental United States.

Our in-class ***exercise*** is to get hands-on experience creating and publishing visualizations. You will create and revise a line chart of average monthly sunshine hours for six U.S. cities.

The ***assignment*** is to then design your own graphic.

A1: Expository Visualization

Using the given climate data set…
Pick a **guiding question**, use it to title your vis.
Design a **static visualization** for that question.
You are free to **use any visualization tool**.
This builds on our next in-class exercise, be sure to read the exercise before diving in!!

Deliverables via Gradescope
Image of your visualization (PNG or JPG format)
Short description + design rationale (≤ 4 paragraphs)

Due by **EOD, Tue January 13**.