

# Emerging Approaches for Tumor Analyses in Epidemiological Studies

## Session 12: Data Visualization

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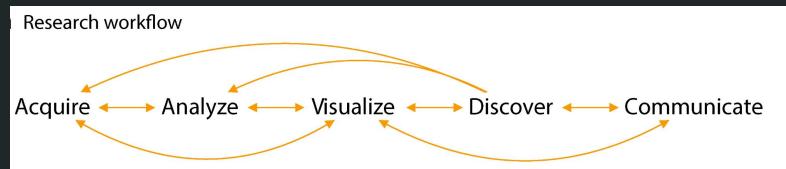
May 15, 2023

9:30 AM- 12:00 PM

# Overview

- ❑ The Importance of Data Visualization in Scientific Research
- ❑ The Basics of Data Visualization
- ❑ Common Mistakes in Data Visualization
- ❑ Understanding Cancer Genetic Data and Creating Effective Visualizations
- ❑ Tools and Databases related to Data Visualization
- ❑ Suggestions for Creating Publication-Ready Figures
- ❑ Q&A and Introduction of Practical Session

# The Importance of Data Visualization in Scientific Research



# Why do we visualize data?

**'A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words'**

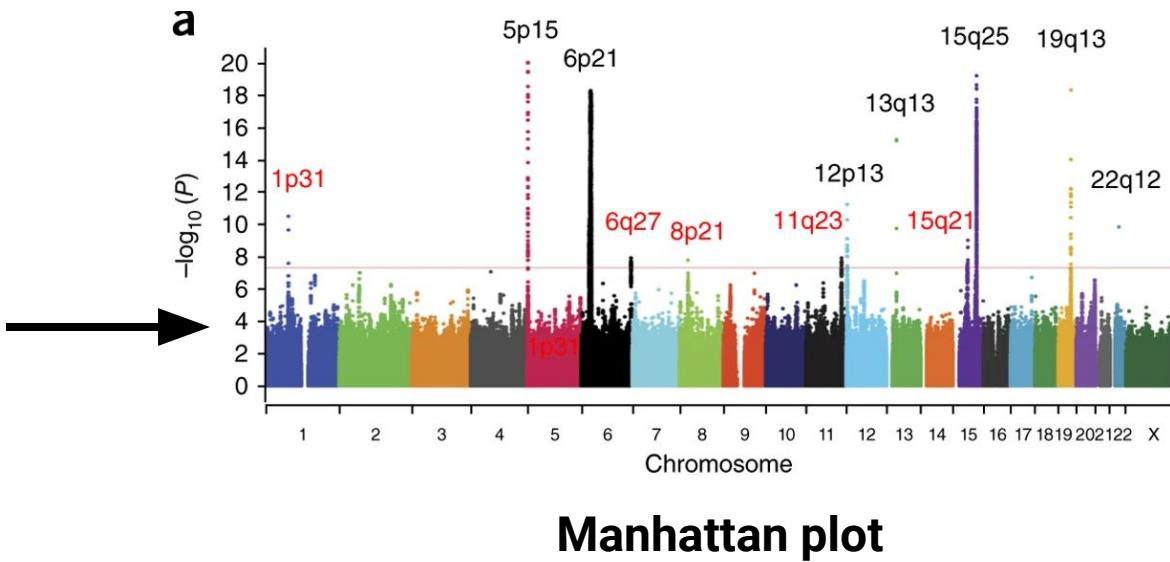
- Visualization can be helpful (or even essential) to represent analysis results, to formulate hypotheses and summarize theory, to explore your data so that you understand it better or outlier detection, and more.
- Scientific visuals can be essential for analyzing data, communicating experimental results and even for making surprising discoveries.
- Visualizations can reveal patterns, trends and connections in data that are difficult or impossible to find any other way
- Deficient data visuals can reduce the quality and impede the progress of scientific research.

**Seeing is Believing: the Power of Data Visualization**

# Seeing is Believing: the Power of Data Visualization

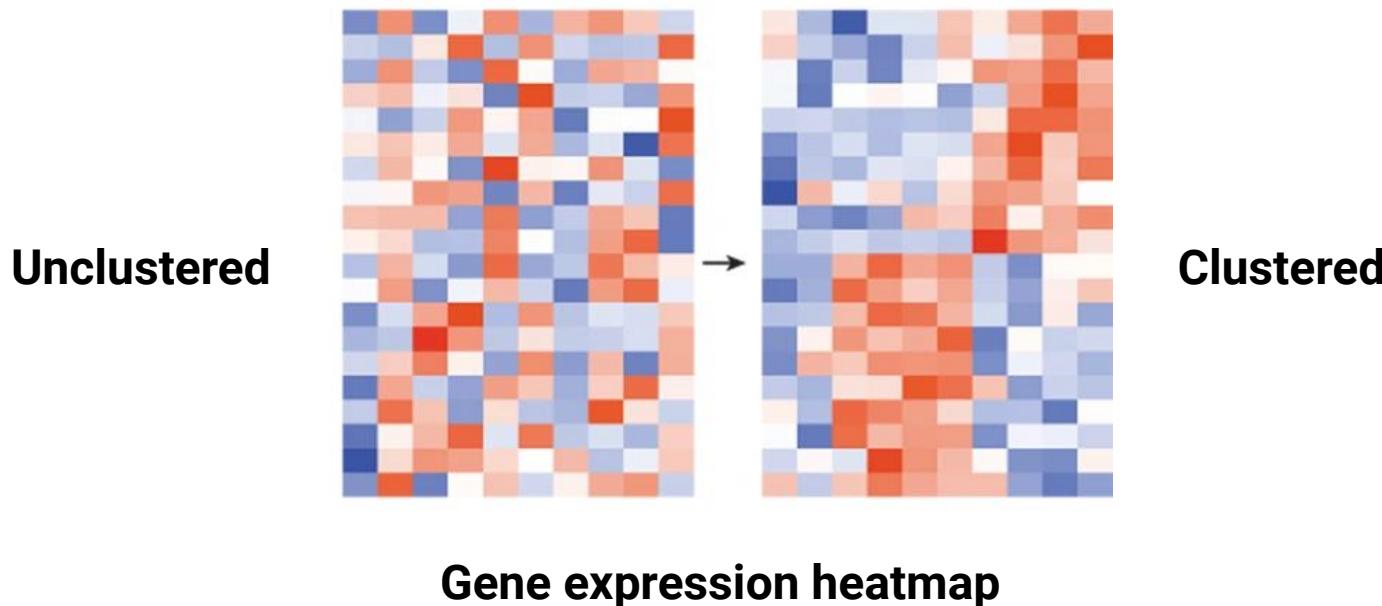
## Communicating complex data

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# Seeing is Believing: the Power of Data Visualization

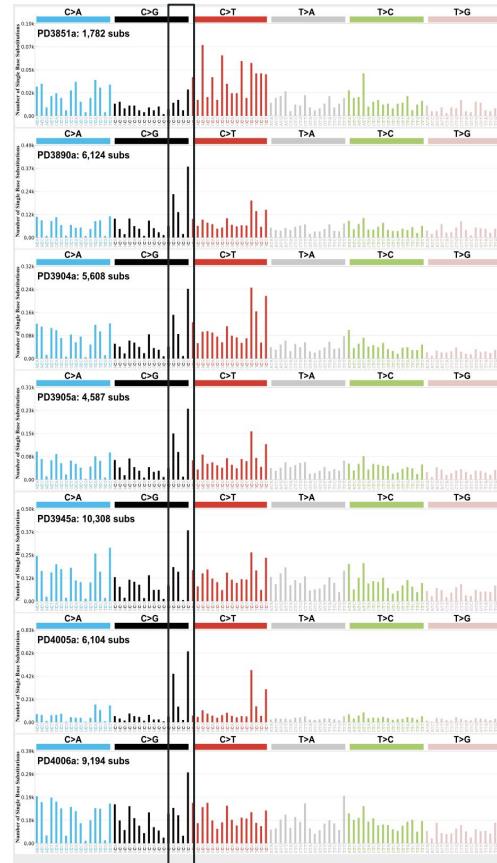
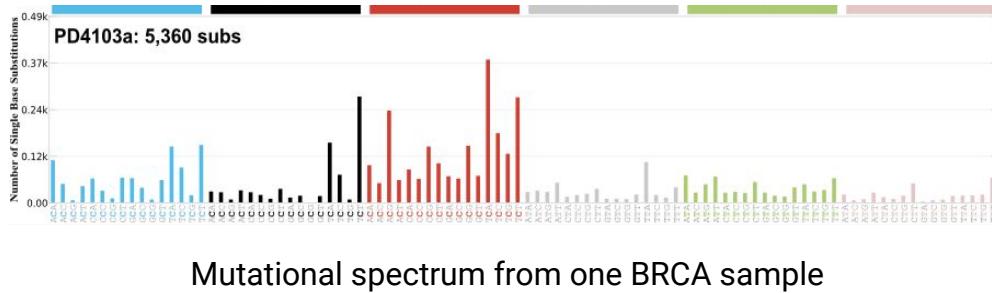
Enhancing data comprehension



# Seeing is Believing: the Power of Data Visualization

Improving replicability

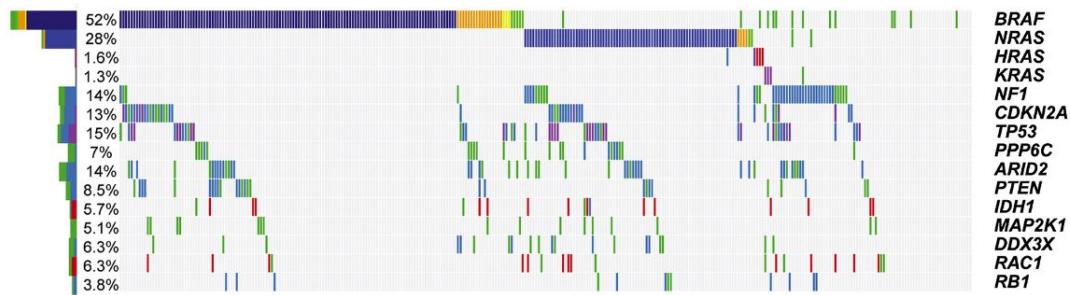
Formulating hypotheses



# Seeing is Believing: the Power of Data Visualization

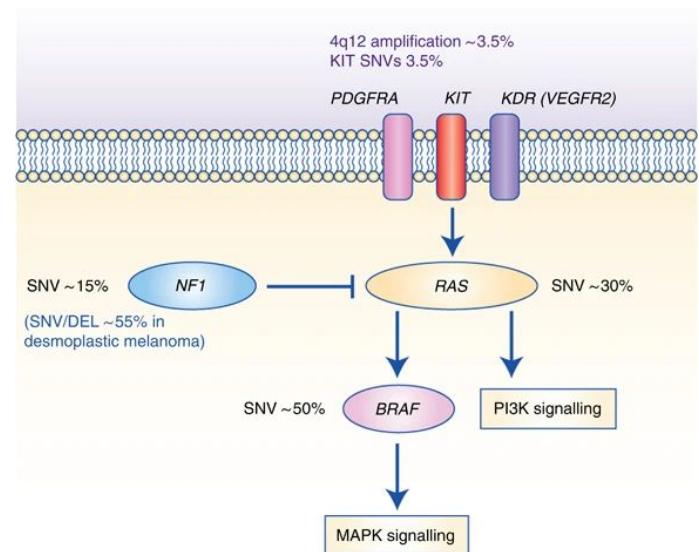
## Facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration

Mutational exclusivity analysis from bioinformatician



Landscape of driver mutations in melanoma

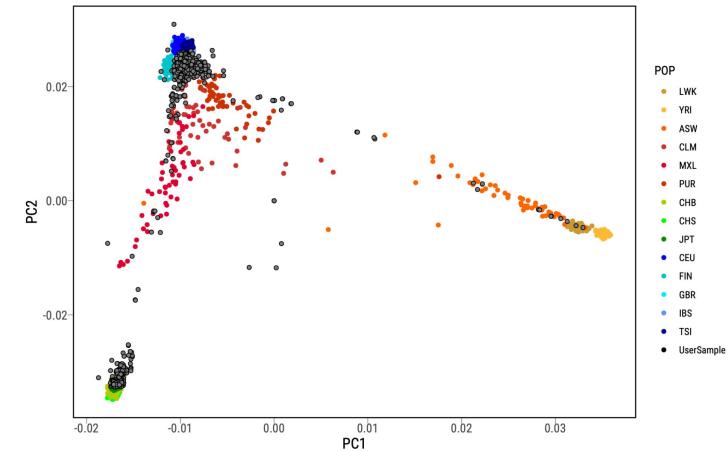
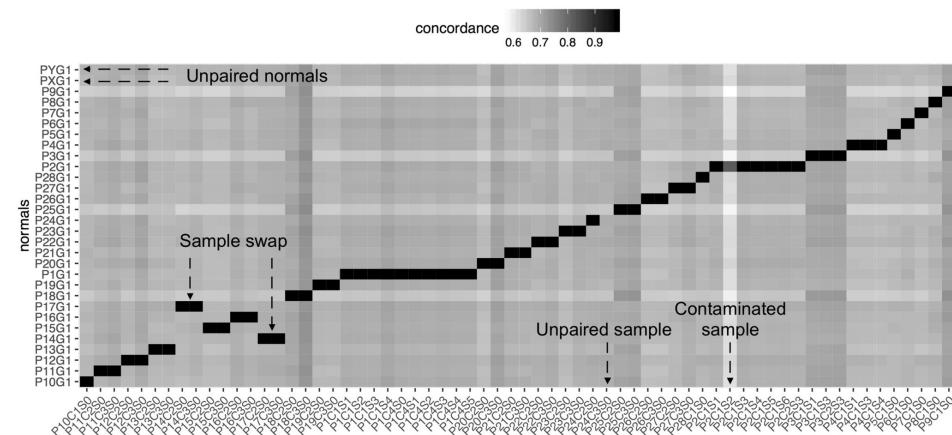
Proposed gene pathway from biologist



MAPK pathway genetic alterations in melanoma

# Seeing is Believing: the Power of Data Visualization

## Improving decision-making

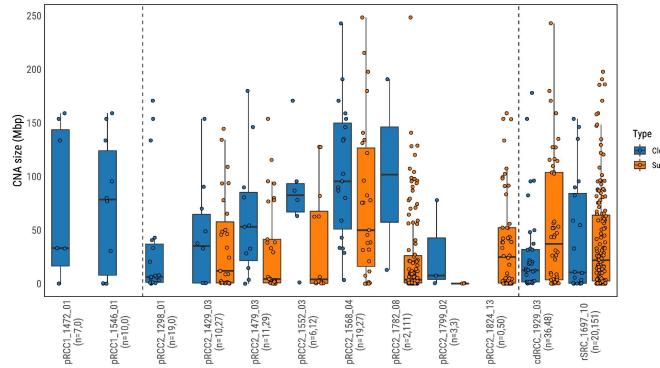
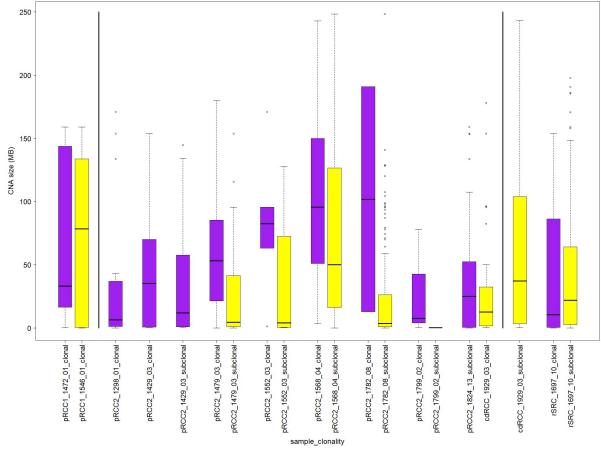


Rapid relatedness estimation for cancer and germline studies

PCA analysis between user datasets and 1000 genome datasets

# Increasing the likelihood of manuscript being accepted

A real story about a reviewer's comment related to data visualization



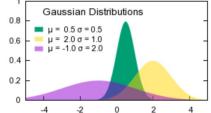
Comment from reviewer: *The figures are stylish and nice-looking overall, but I found the purple/yellow combination in Figure 3b very **brutal!***

# **Basics of Data Visualization**

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Examples based on R package ggplot2

# Platforms for Data Visualization

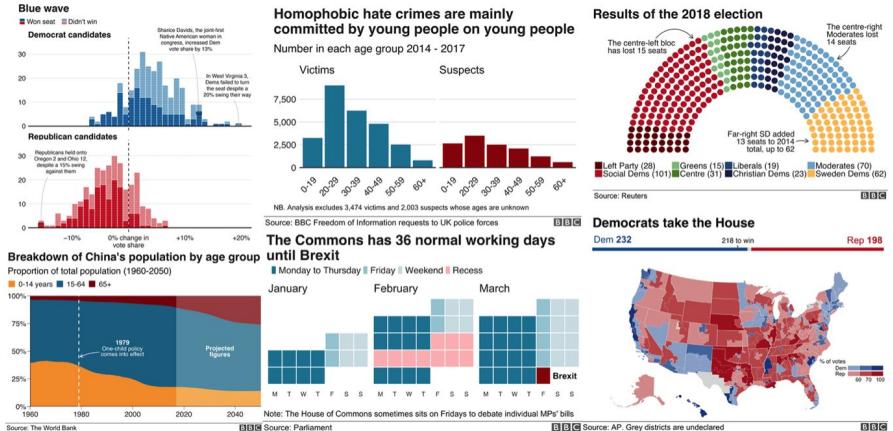
Programming-based	Web-based	Programming-based & Interactive	No programming required
         gnuplot	      	  	      

# How the BBC Visual and Data Journalism team works with graphics in R

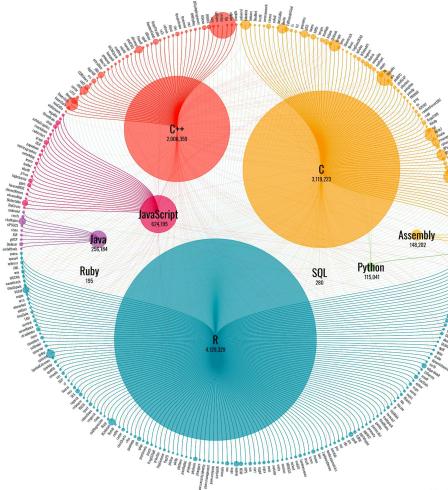


BBC Visual and Data Journalism [Follow](#)

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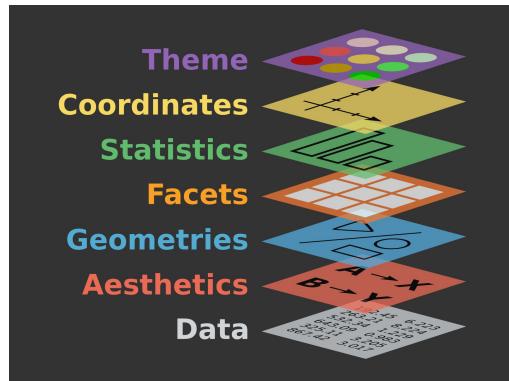
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3	rlang	105,791,469		
4	dplyr	87,043,582		
5	vctrs	73,898,616		
6	tibble	73,058,604		
7	jsonlite	71,946,431		
8	cli	70,565,355		
9	Rcpp	70,539,069		
10	pillar	68,191,151		

← Data Visualization R package:  
**ggplot2**



# What is ggplot2?

The R package **ggplot2** is based on the Grammar of Graphics (GG), which is a framework for data visualization that dissects each component of a graph into individual components, creating distinct layers. Using the GG system, we can build graphs step-by-step for flexible, customizable results.



```
ggplot(data = <DATA>) +  
  <GEO function>(mapping=aes(<mappings>),  
    stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION> ) +  
  <COORDINATE function> +  
  <SCALE function> +  
  <THEME function> +  
  <FACET function> +...
```

Required  
Not required

To make a **ggplot**, the data and mapping layers are basic **requirements**, while the other layers are for additional customization. *The layers that are “not required” are still important to think about, but you will be able to generate a basic plot without them.*

- **Data:**
  - your data, in tidy format, will provide ingredients for your plot
  - use `dplyr` techniques to prepare data for optimal plotting format
  - usually, this means you should have one row for every observation that you want to plot
- **Aesthetics (aes)**, to make data visible
  - `x, y`: variable along the x and y axis
  - `colour`: color of geoms according to data
  - `fill`: the inside color of the geom
  - `group`: what group a geom belongs to
  - `shape`: the figure used to plot a point
  - `linetype`: the type of line used (solid, dashed, etc)
  - `size`: size scaling for an extra dimension
  - `alpha`: the transparency of the geom
- **Geometric objects** (geoms - determines the type of plot)
  - `geom_point()`: scatterplot
  - `geom_line()`: lines connecting points by increasing value of x
  - `geom_path()`: lines connecting points in sequence of appearance
  - `geom_boxplot()`: box and whiskers plot for categorical variables
  - `geom_bar()`: bar charts for categorical x axis
  - `geom_histogram()`: histogram for continuous x axis
  - `geom_violin()`: distribution kernel of data dispersion
  - `geom_smooth()`: function line based on data
- **Facets**
  - `facet_wrap()` or `facet_grid()` for small multiples
- **Statistics**
  - similar to geoms, but computed
  - show means, counts, and other statistical summaries of data
- **Coordinates** - fitting data onto a page
  - `coord_cartesian` to set limits
  - `coord_polar` for circular plots
  - `coord_map` for different map projections
- **Themes**
  - overall visual defaults
  - fonts, colors, shapes, outlines

Detailed information can be found in the following website:  
<https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/index.html>

# ggplot2 theme elements

## ggplot2 theme elements reference

Set minimal as the baseline theme:  
`theme_minimal() + theme(element.element = element_type())`

Use `element_blank()` to remove an element

Axis titles, text, ticks, and lines can be specified per axis using theme inheritance by putting `.x/.y` at the end of the theme element.

`axis.line.y = element_line()`

`axis.title.y = element_text()`

`panel.grid.major = element_line()`

`panel.grid.minor = element_line()`

`axis.text = element_text()` ← modifications will be applied to all text elements

`plot.title.position = "plot"`  
`plot.caption.position = "plot"` } "plot" means that they will be aligned to the entire plot (instead of the panel)

`plot.title = element_text()`  
`plot.subtitle = element_text()`

`plot.margin = margin(25, 25, 25, 25)`

Miles per Gallon & Horsepower  
of 32 Automobiles(1973-74 models)

`legend.title = element_text()`

`legend.background = element_rect()`

`legend.text = element_text()`

`legend.position = c(.85,.85) / "none" / "left" / "right" / "bottom" / "top"`

`plot.background = element_rect()`

`plot.caption = element_text()`

`axis.text.y = element_text()`

`axis.text.x = element_text()`

`Data: 1974 Motor Trend US magazine`

`isabella-b`

Full list of elements at [ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/theme](https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/theme)

## ggplot2 Theme Elements

`theme(element_name = element_function())`

- `element_text()`
- `element_line()`
- `element_rect()`
- `element_blank()`

## Plot elements:

`plot.background`

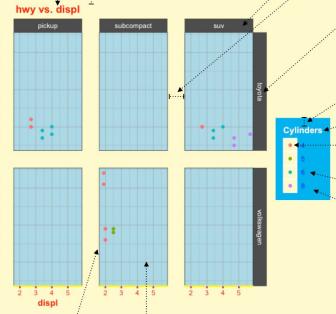
`element_rect()`

`plot.title`

`element_text()`

`plot.margin`

`margin()`



## Axis elements:

`axis.ticks`

`element_line()`

`axis.title`

`element_text()`

`axis.text`

`element_text()`

`axis.line`

`element_line()`

## Panel elements:

`panel.background`

`element_rect()`

`panel.border`

`element_rect(fill = NA)`

## Facetting elements:

`strip.background`

`element_rect()`

`panel.spacing`

`unit()`

`strip.text`

`element_text()`

## Legend elements:

`legend.margin`

`margin()`

`legend.title`

`element_text()`

`legend.key`

`element_rect()`

`legend.text`

`element_text()`

`legend.background`

`element_rect()`

[henrywang.nl](http://henrywang.nl)

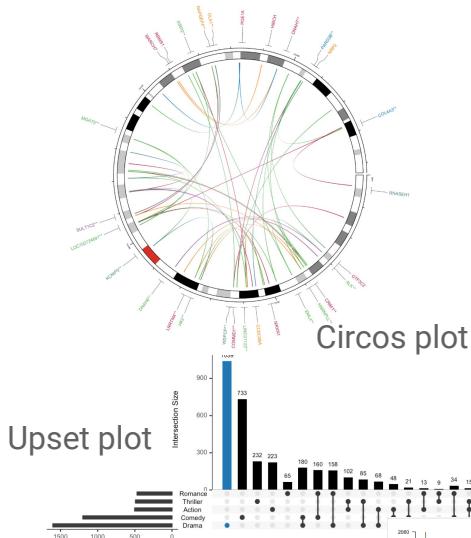
Derived from "ggplot: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis"

# Plot Type

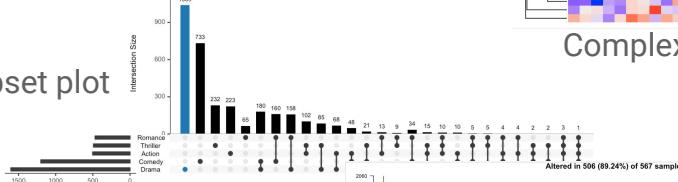
## Simple plot



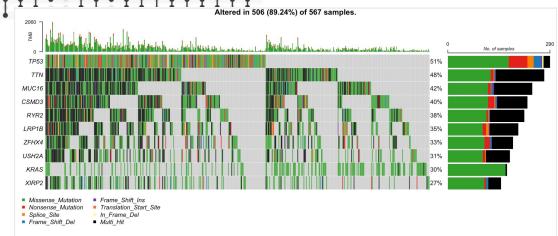
## Complex plot



## Upset plot

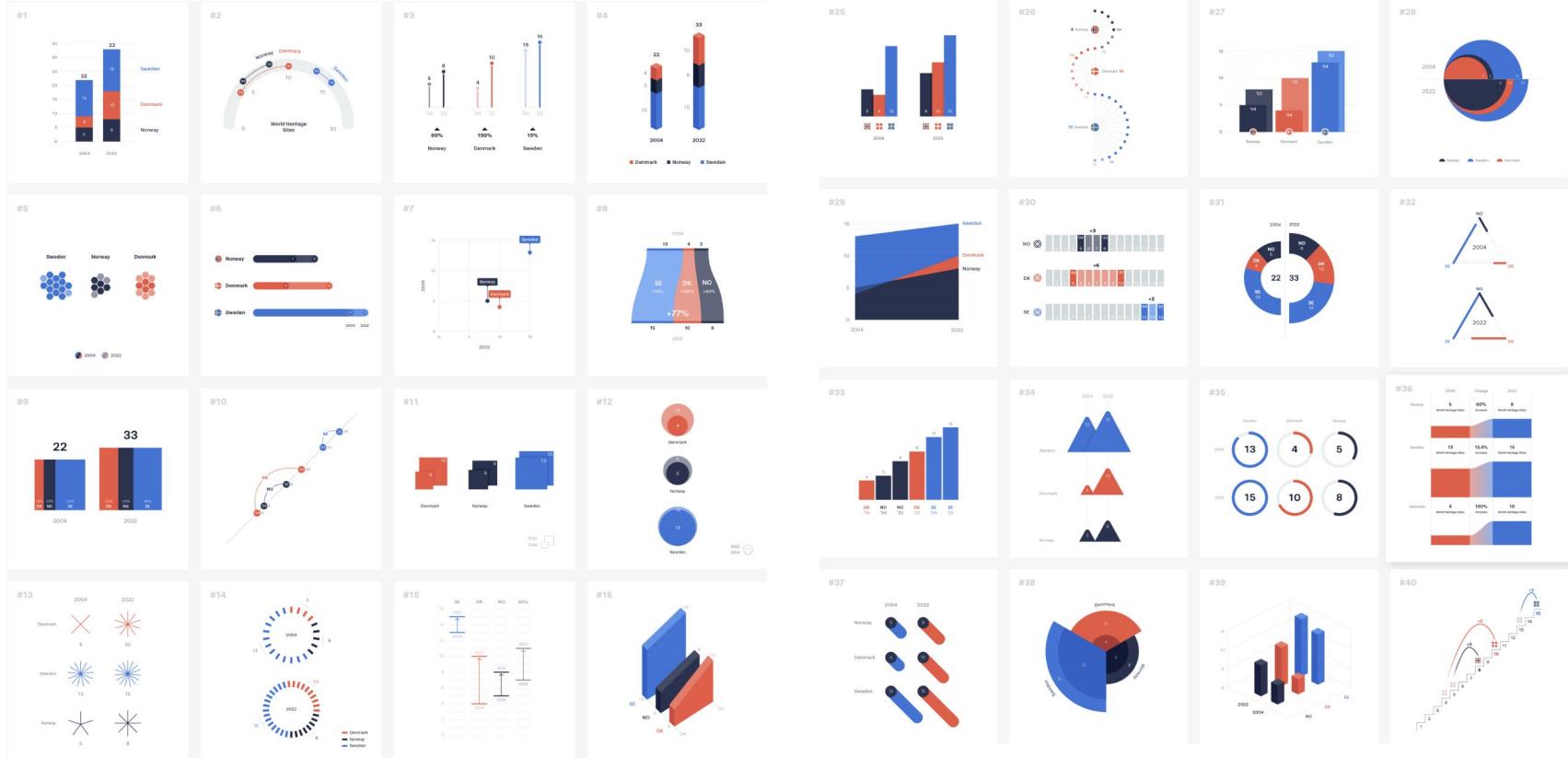


## Oncoplot



# Inspired by “1 dataset 100 visualizations”

**https://100.datavizproject.com/**



# Box plots are a more communicative way to show sample data

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## BoxPlotR: a web tool for generation of box plots

Michaela Spitzer, Jan Wildenhain, Juri Rapoport  & Mike Tyers 

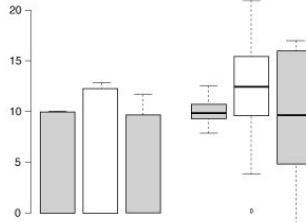
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To the Editor

In biomedical research, it is often necessary to compare multiple data sets with different distributions. The bar plot, or histogram, is typically used to compare data sets on the basis of simple statistical measures, usually the mean with s.d. or s.e.m. However, summary statistics alone may fail to convey underlying differences in the structure of the primary data (Fig. 1a), which may in turn lead to erroneous conclusions. The box plot, also known as the box-and-whisker plot, represents both the summary statistics and the distribution of the primary data. The box plot thus enables visualization of the minimum, lower quartile, median, upper quartile and maximum of any data set (Fig. 1b). The first documented description of a box plot-like graph by Spear<sup>1</sup> defined a range bar to show the median and interquartile range (IQR, or middle 50%) of a data set, with whiskers extended to minimum and maximum values. The most common implementation of the box plot, as defined by Tukey<sup>2</sup>, has a box that represents the IQR, with whiskers that extend 1.5 times the IQR from the box edges; it also allows for identification of outliers in the data set. Whiskers can also be defined to span the 95% central range of the data<sup>3</sup>. Other variations, including bean plots<sup>4</sup> and violin plots, reveal additional details of the data distribution. These latter variants are less statistically informative but allow better visualization of the data distribution, such as bimodality (Fig. 1b), that may be hidden in a standard box plot.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/nmeth.2811>



The same three samples plotted by bar chart with s.e.m. error bars (**left**) and Tukey-style box plot (**right**). The box plot more clearly represents the underlying data.

Boxplot  Other

**Plot options**

- Minimum number of data points
- Add data points
- Definition of whisker extent
- Display number of data points
- Add sample means
- Variable width boxes

Widths of boxes are proportional to square-roots of the number of observations.

Add notches

$+/-1.58 \cdot IQR/\sqrt{n}$  - gives roughly 95% confidence that two medians differ (Chambers et al., 1983)

**Colour(s):**

Colours in HEX format can be chosen on <http://colorbrewer2.org/>

Modify labels and title

Adjust plot size

Change font sizes

Orientation of box plots:

Vertical  Horizontal

**Y-axis range (eg., '0,10'):**

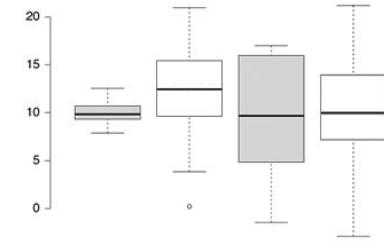
Change to log scale (only for data > 0)

Add grid:

None  X & Y  X only  Y only

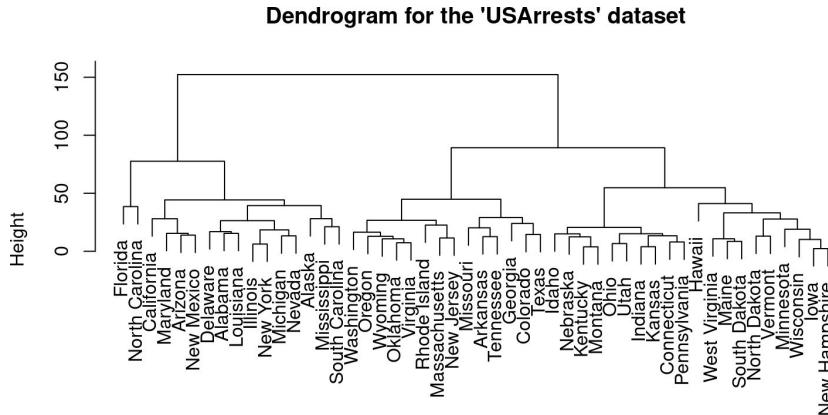
boxplotR

<http://shiny.chemgrid.org/boxplotr/>

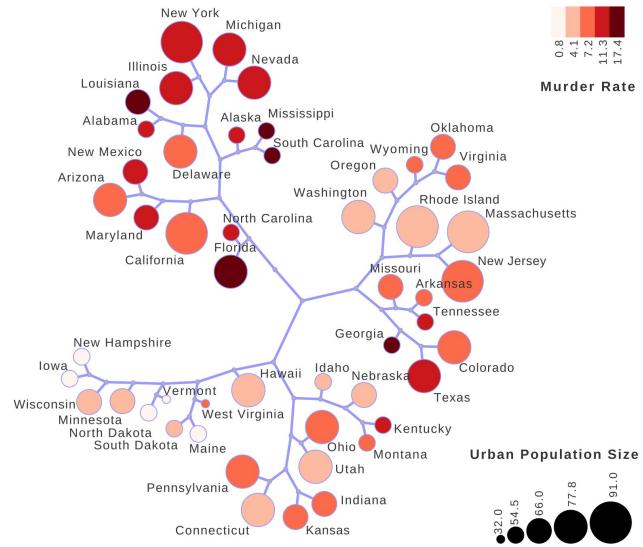


Center lines show the medians; box limits indicate the 25th and 75th percentiles as determined by R software; whiskers extend 1.5 times the interquartile range from the 25th and 75th percentiles, outliers are represented by dots. n = 100, 76, 16, 76, 41 sample points.

# Choose the best visualization for your data



Dendrogram diagram displays binary trees focused on representing hierarchical relation



# Colors

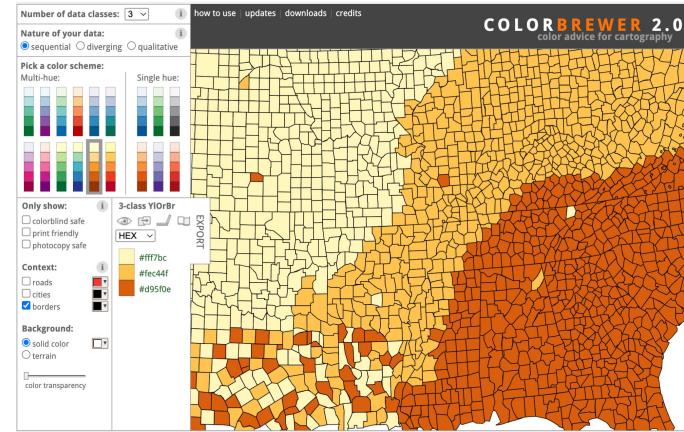
- Highlight important information
- Distinguish between data categories
- Create contrast for easier reading
- Convey emotion or mood
- Enhance aesthetic appeal
- Convey quantitative information
- **Use colors carefully to avoid confusion.**



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LocusZoom/IGV/COSMIC/GSEA

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Viridis palette  
(Colorblind-Friendly)



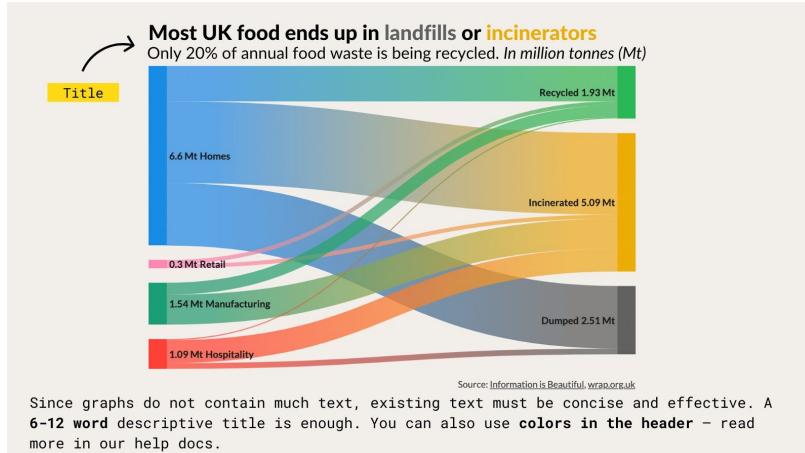
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NCI Color Palette

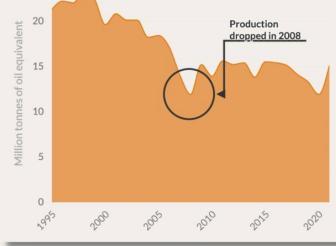
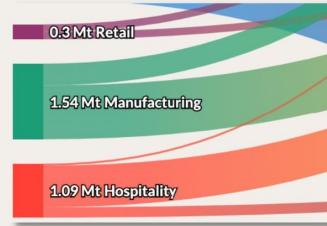
# Annotations/Text

Text is one of the most crucial elements of data visualization. Here are a few useful tips about using text in your data visualization:



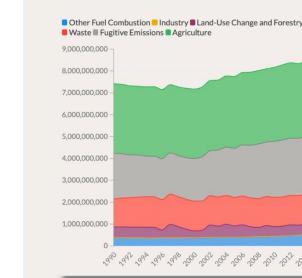
## Labels

Position labels as closely to the graph as possible, so eye movement between the legend and the data is **minimized**.



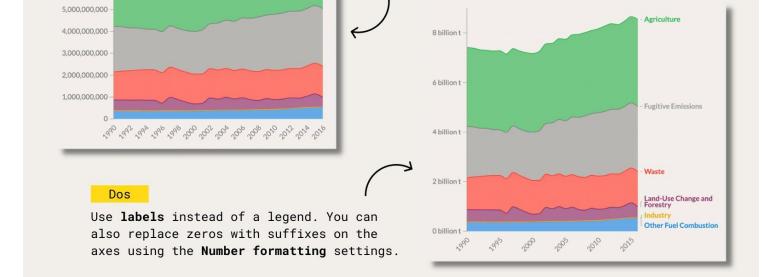
## Annotations

Add annotations to answer a viewer's questions or to **emphasize** specific data points.



## Don'ts

The separate legend makes this area chart hard to read, while the axis formatting contributes to the jammed look of the visualization.



# Fonts

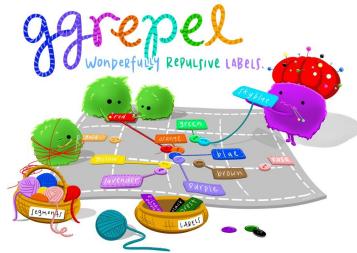
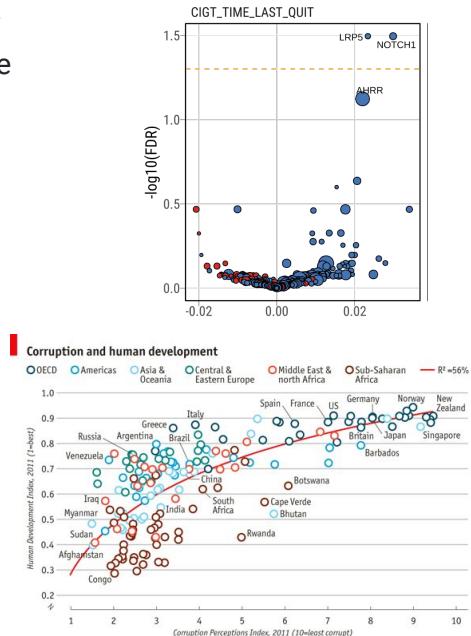
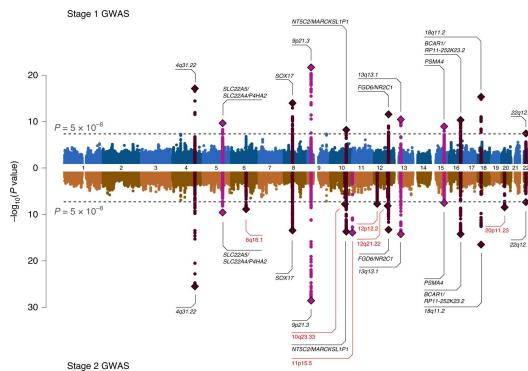
- Some fonts are very easy to read, **SOME CAN HURT TO READ**
  - What makes a good font
    - Taller letters
    - Rounded o's, p's, d's, etc.
    - Simple, un-elaborate letter shape
  - Good example fonts:
    - Roboto
    - Sans
    - Lora
    - Etc.
  - More info:
    - [Choosing Fonts for Your Data Visualization](#)
    - [Which fonts to use for your charts and tables](#)

# Labels

**ggrepel** provides geoms for ggplot2 to repel overlapping text labels:

- geom\_text\_repel()
  - geom\_label\_repel()

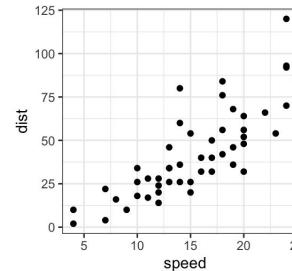
Text labels repel away from each other, away from data points, and away from edges of the plotting area.



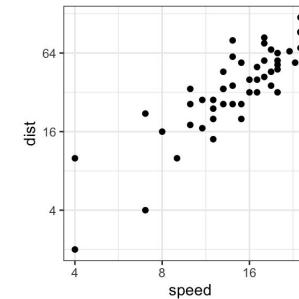
# Scales/Transformation

You can construct your own transformer using `scales::trans_new()`, but `ggplot2` understands many common transformations supplied by the `scales` package.

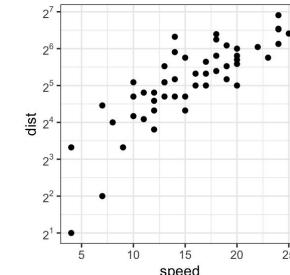
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exp	$e^x$	$\log(y)$
identity	$x$	$y$
log	$\log(x)$	$e^y$
log10	$\log_{10}(x)$	$10^y$
log2	$\log_2(x)$	$2^y$
logit	$\log\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)$	$\frac{1}{1+e(y)}$
pow10	$10^x$	$\log_{10}(y)$
probit	$\Phi(x)$	$\Phi^{-1}(y)$
reciprocal	$x^{-1}$	$y^{-1}$
reverse	$-x$	$-y$
sqrt	$x^{1/2}$	$y^2$



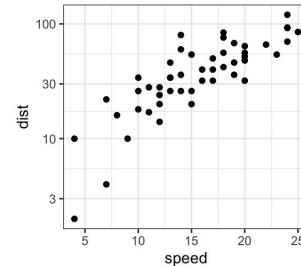
Log2 transformation of x and y axes



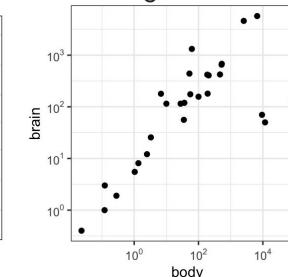
Format ticks label to show exponents



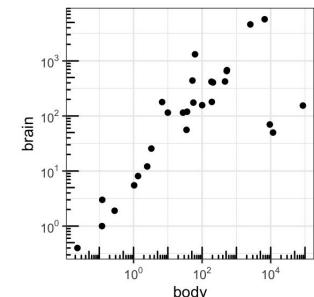
Set axis into log10 scale



Show log scale ticks



Display log scale ticks mark



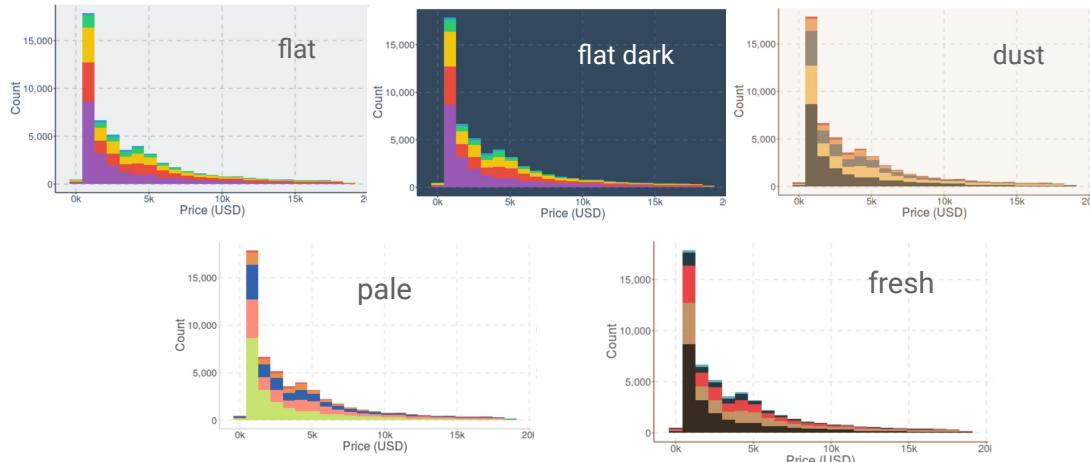
# Theme

- Enhance visual appeal
- Unify visualizations
- Reinforce message/story
- Create visual hierarchy
- **Impact overall effectiveness.**

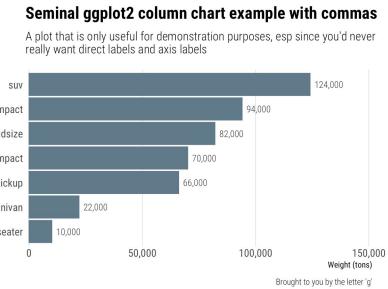
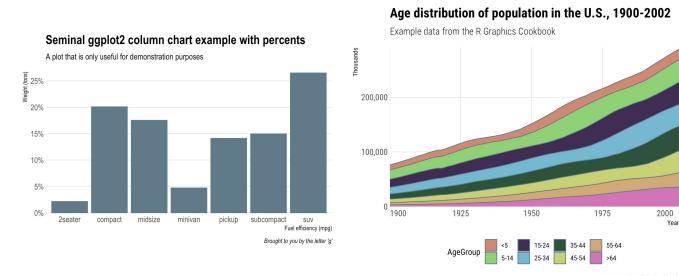
**hrbrthemes** provides typography-centric themes and theme components for ggplot2

## ggthemr

1) Colour palette; 2) Layout of axes lines and gridlines; 3) Spacing around plot and between elements

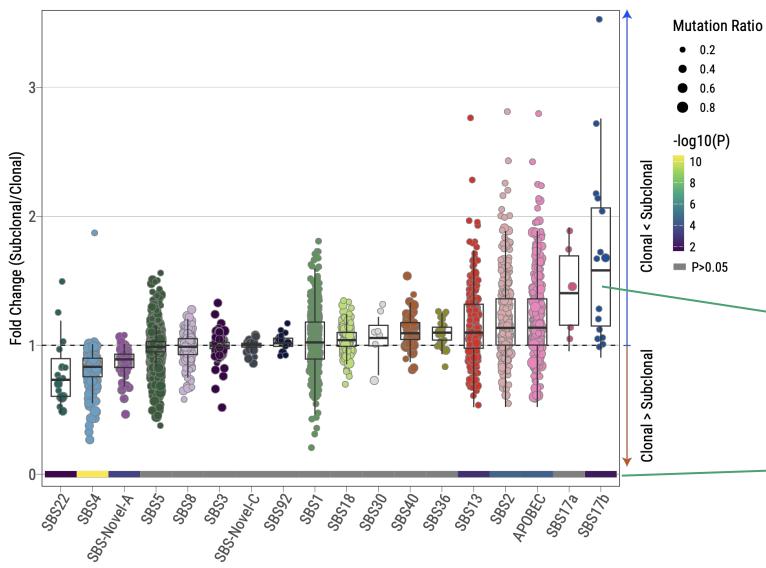


<https://github.com/Mikata-Project/ggthemr>

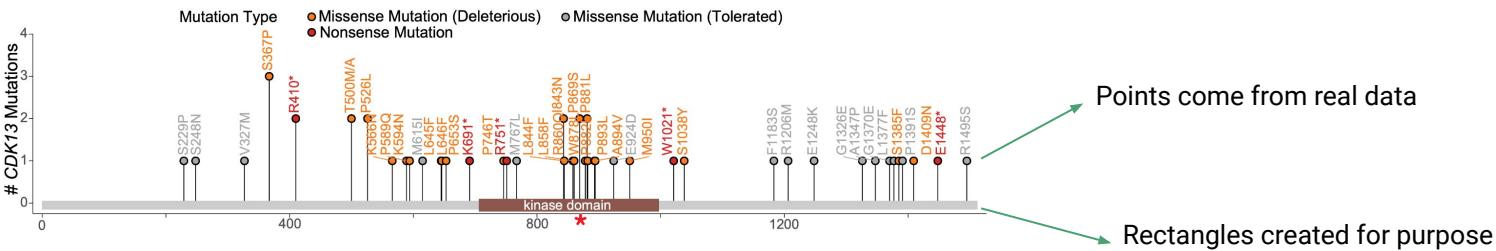


<https://github.com/hrbrmstr/hrbrthemes>

# Data => Visualization



- Multiple datasets can be visualized at the same time
- Additional information can be included as decorative 'data' in a visualization



# Additional resources

<https://ggplot2-book.org/>

<https://r-charts.com/>

<https://python-charts.com/>

<https://cedricscherer.netlify.app/2019/08/05/a-ggplot2-tutorial-for-beautiful-plotting-in-r/>

Fundamentals of data visualization- Wilke (free book):

<https://clauswilke.com/dataviz/directory-of-visualizations.html>

Data Visualization- Healy (free book): <https://socviz.co/>

R for Data Science- Wickham (free book): <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/>

# Common Mistakes in Data Visualization

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# Using the wrong type of visualization for the data

A good data visualization should be done:

- Clearly
- Precisely and accurately
- Effectively and efficiently
- excluding unnecessary elements:  
Including unnecessary or distracting elements, such as 3D effects or excessive ornamentation, can detract from the clarity of the visualization.

To ensure you are communicating effectively, here are some important questions to ask yourself when visualizing your data:

- What do you want to communicate?
- Who is your audience?
- What is the best way to visualize your message?

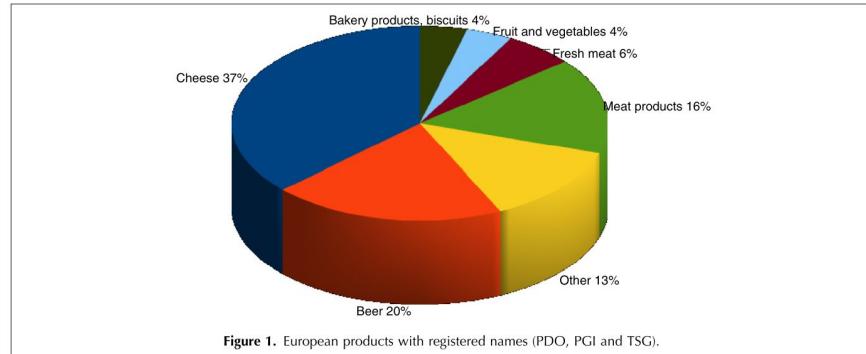


Figure 1. European products with registered names (PDO, PGI and TSG).

## An example of an ineffective visualization

What is wrong with this image? Try to answer for yourself what you think this figure is trying to communicate and whether it is successful. How could this image be improved?

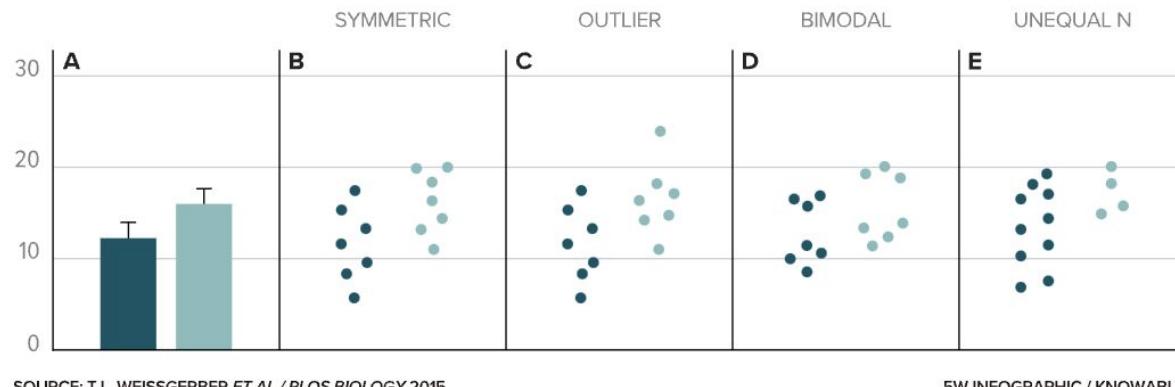
*Hints:* Why is this in 3D? Which elements do your eyes focus on first? How does a pie chart visually communicate the information?

When showing comparisons, a bar chart is generally better than a pie chart. It is easier to make out the difference in length of bars than the size of pie segments.

# Data may be hidden in barplots

## Hidden in the bars

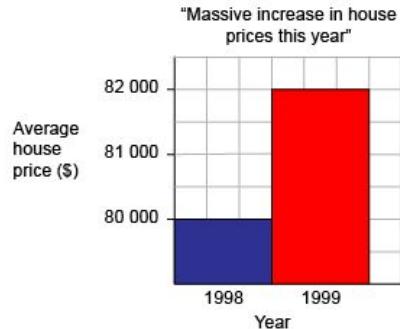
Data revealed in scatterplots may be masked within a bar chart.



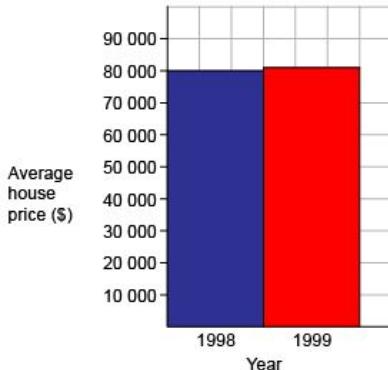
**Box plots with data points  
are a more communicative  
way to replace the bars**

Every one of the four sets of data on the right can be accurately represented by the same bar graph on the left, illustrating how bar graphs can obscure important details about the data, possibly misleading readers.

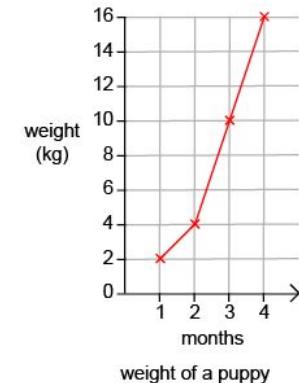
# Using misleading scales or strong background



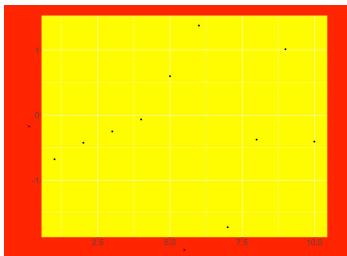
Tripled house price?



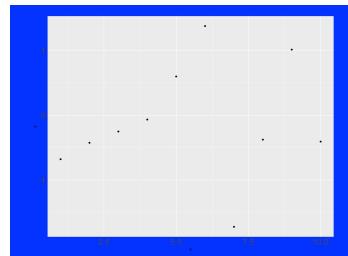
Greatest increase in weight between month 1 and 2?



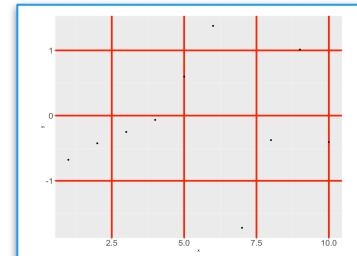
Avoid backgrounds that clash with the data



Avoid distracting backgrounds, which is hard for readers to focus on the data



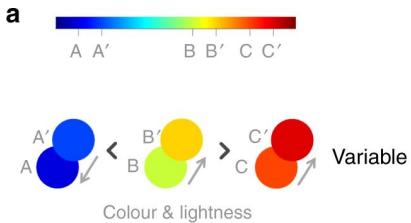
Avoid using gridlines that are too prominent



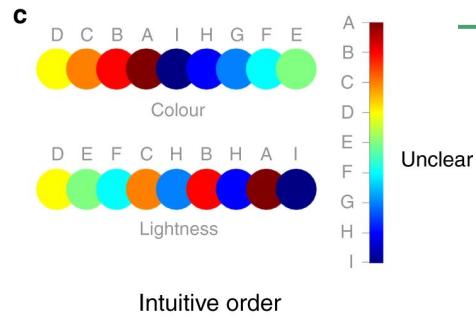
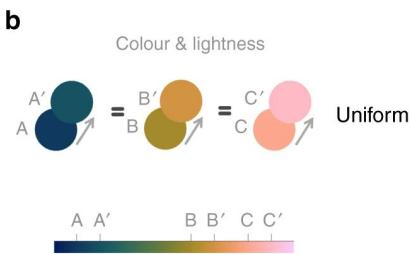
# The misuse of colour in science communication

Poorly chosen color schemes or color scales can obscure the data or create confusion

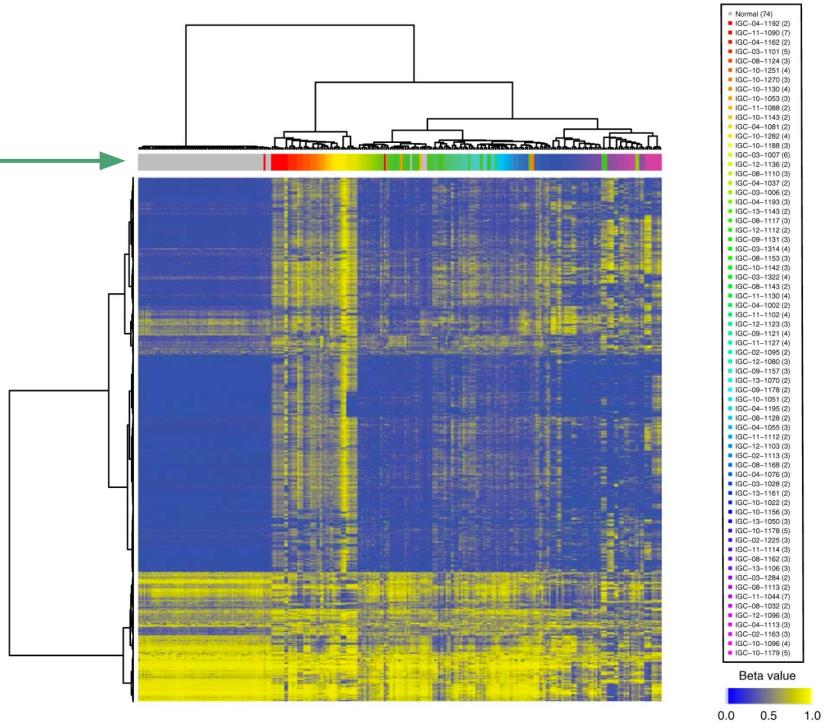
a, certain incremental data variation is either under- or strongly overrepresented with jet (a.k.a. rainbow) depending on the colour map segment



Incremental contrast



Intuitive order



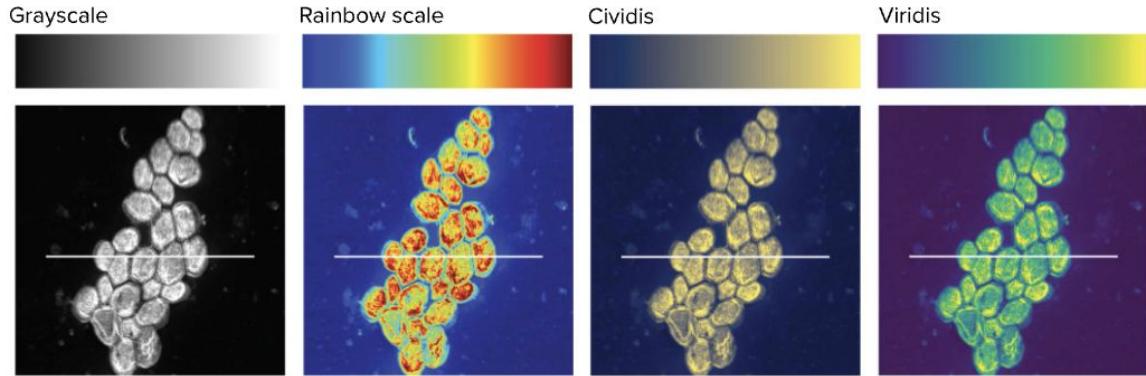
b, A constant incremental colour and lightness contrast

# Ruinous rainbows

One of the most common bad practices is using the rainbow color scale. From geology to climatology to molecular biology, researchers gravitate toward mapping their data with the help of Roy G. Biv.

But the rainbow palette has several serious drawbacks – and very little to recommend it.

## Alternative color scales



SOURCE: J.R. NUÑEZ ET AL / PLOS ONE 2018

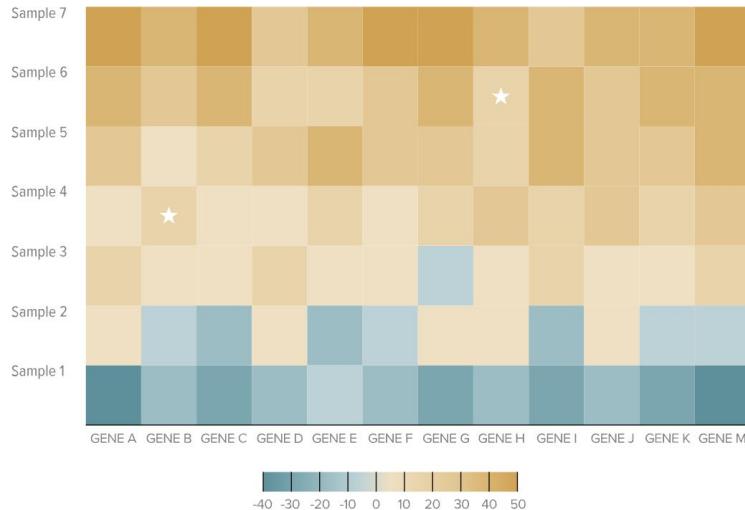
KNOWABLE MAGAZINE

A microscopic image of yeast cells rendered with different color scales highlights the counterintuitive nature of the rainbow scale. Both the viridis and cividis color scales are intended to better represent the underlying data and are easier to read. Cividis was specifically designed to be legible for color-blind people as well.

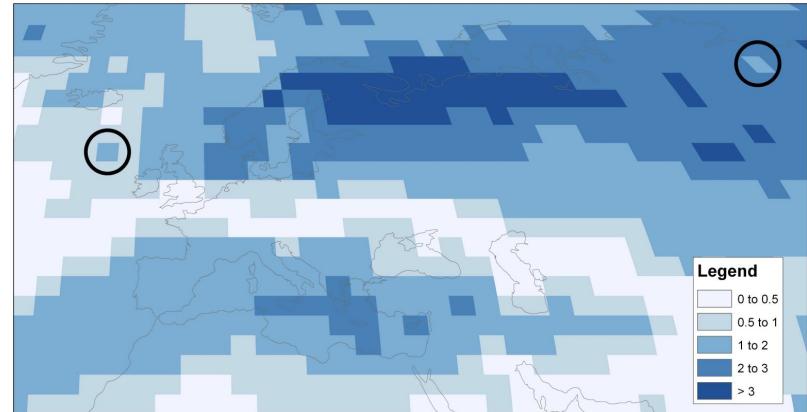
# Contrast can create illusions

## Contrast can create illusions

Starred boxes are an identical shade of orange, despite their appearance.



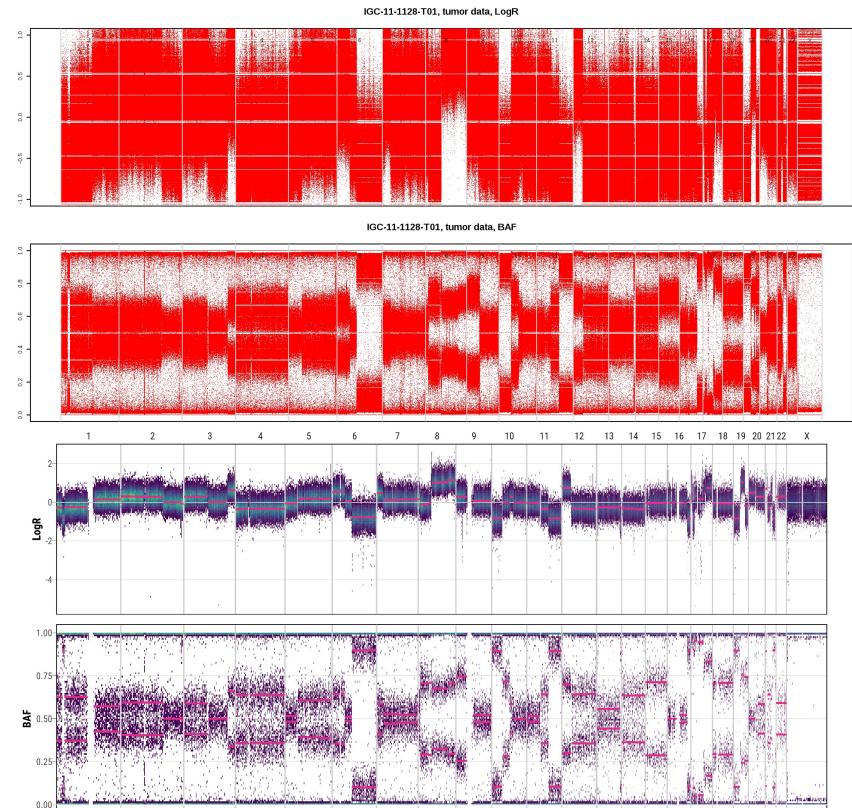
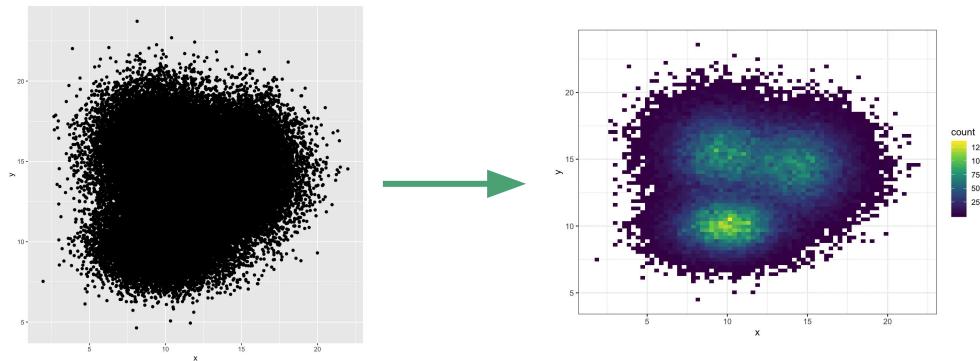
The two starred squares on this heat map are identical shades of orange, indicating identical values in terms of gene activity. But differences in the color of neighboring squares means that the starred ones don't look identical, which can be misleading.



Simultaneous contrast illusion means that the grid cell circled on the right hand side does not appear the same colour as the one on the left hand side. Also the grid cell on the right hand side does not match the legend (even though they are both in the same 1–2 category).

# Cluttering the visualization

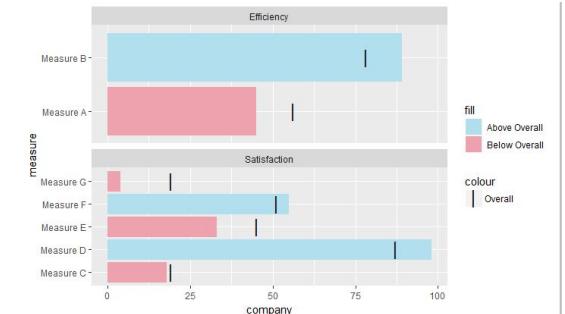
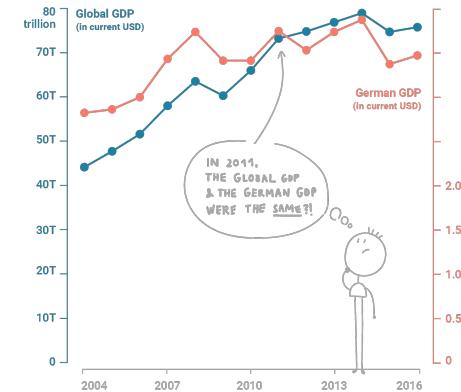
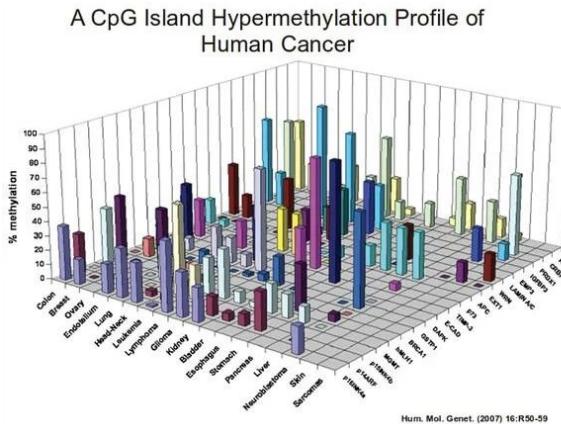
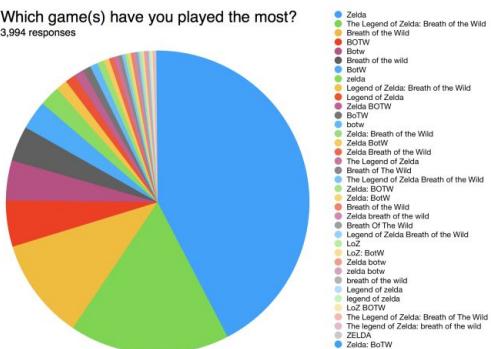
Including too much information or too many data points in a visualization can make it difficult to read and interpret.



Copy number segmentation (logR + BAF)

# Other mistakes

- Including unnecessary elements
  - Misusing the Dual-Axis
  - Not labeling axes or data points:
  - Failing to consider the audience
  - Poor color choices
  - Including too many variables
  - Different length from barplot
  - .....



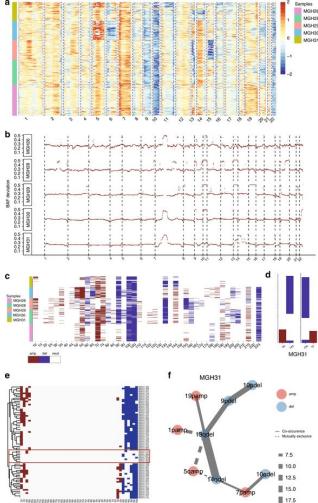
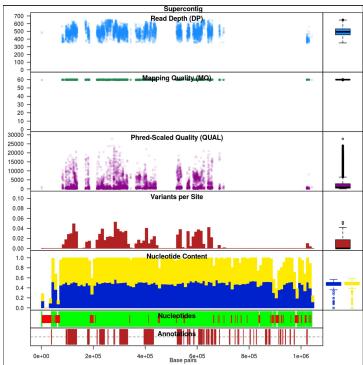
# Tools and Databases Related to Data Visualization

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# Awesome-genome-visualization

<https://cmdcolin.github.io/awesome-genome-visualization/>

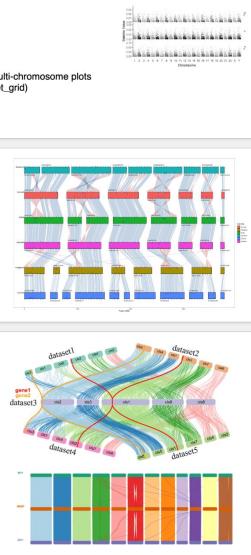
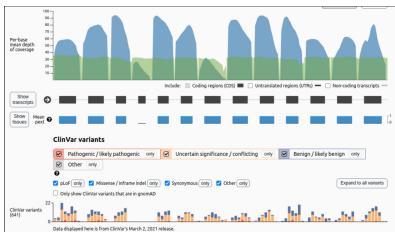
- List of interesting genome visualizers, genome browsers, or genome-browser-like implementations
- Filter for tools with different tags (ex. CNV, Cancer, Gene fusion, Heatmap), programming languages (ex. R, Python C++), and platforms (ex. Interactive, Mac, Web-based)
- Sort tools by recently added, number of citations, etc.



**pixy**  
https://pixy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/plotting.html#a-genome-wide-plot-of-summary-statistics  
Language: Python, R, ggplot2  
Tags: Population, Variation  
Note: The link in readthedocs shows a nice general purpose way to plot multi-chromosome plots in ggplot2 with facet grid. Alternative methods for multi-chromosome plots shown by the manhattan ggplot2 tutorial (<https://danielorell.com/blog/how-to-create-manhattan-plots-using-ggplot2/>) uses cumulative bp instead of facet\_grid()  
Github: <https://github.com/ksaruk/pixy/>  
Github Stargazers: 89

**chromsyn**  
Language: R  
Tags: Comparative, Synteny, Multi-way  
Github: <https://github.com/slimsuite/chromsyn>  
Github Stargazers: 9

**NGenomeSyn**  
Publication: ([doi link](#)) (2023) (# citations 0)  
Language: Perl  
Note: See also RecfCh  
Github: <https://github.com/hewm2008/NGenomeSyn>  
Github Stargazers: 80



- Display complex, multidimensional data
- Ideal for genomics and bioinformatics
- Display multiple types of data in a single plot
- Highly customizable
- Reveal patterns and relationships
- Useful for exploratory data analysis
- Communicate research findings effectively



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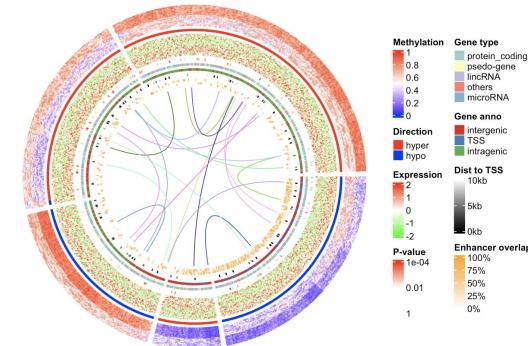
In genomics, scientific journals like [Science](#), [Nature](#), [PLOS](#), [Genome Research](#) and others have published papers that used Circos images ([Circos citations](#)).



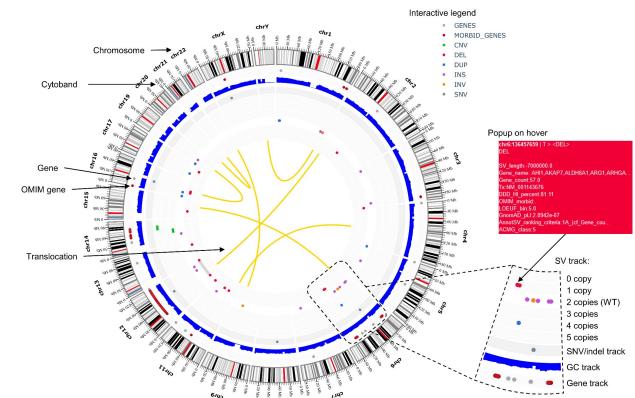
# Circos Plots

## R - Circlize

<https://github.com/jokergoo/circlize>



## Python - vcf2circos



<https://github.com/bioinfo-chru-strasbourg/vcf2circos>

## Basic plots

- 1 Dim plots
- 2 Feature plots
- 3 Nebulosa plots
- 4 Bee Swarm plots
- 5 Violin plots
- 6 Ridge plots
- 7 Dot plots
- 8 Bar plots
- 9 Box plots
- 10 Geyser plots
- 11 Alluvial plots
- 12 Sankey plots
- 13 Chord Diagram plots
- 14 Volcano plots

## Advanced plots

- 15 Group-wise DE analysis plots
- 16 Grouped GO Term analysis plots
- 17 Functional Annotation Analysis plots
- 18 Term Enrichment Plots
- 19 Expression heatmaps
- 20 Enrichment score heatmaps
- 21 Correlation matrix heatmaps
- 22 Cellular State Plots
- 23 Ligand-Receptor analysis
- 24 Copy Number Variant analysis plots
- 25 Pathway Activity inference analysis
- 26 TF Activity inference analysis
- 27 Azimuth reference mapping reports
- 28 Pseudotime analysis

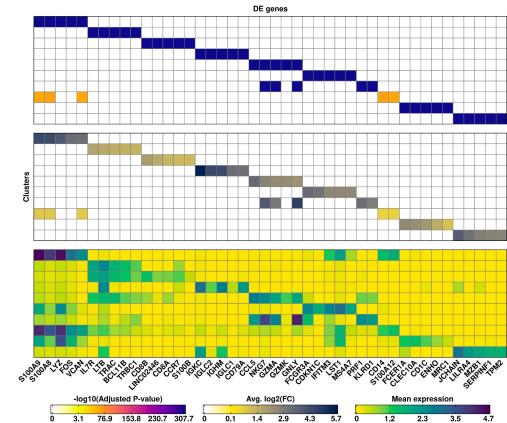
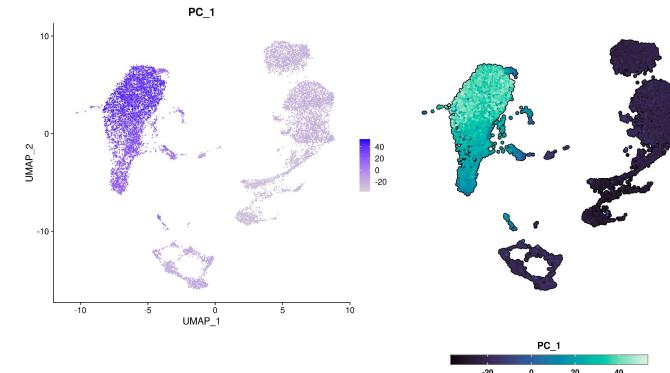
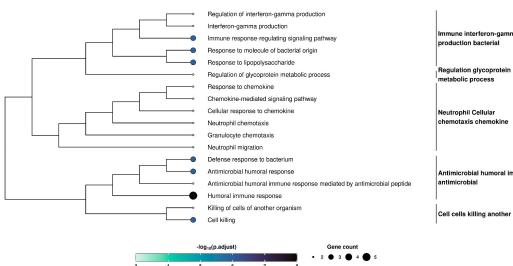
## Miscellaneous

- Color palettes
- Common features across plots
- Save the figures

# SCpubr

This package aims to provide a streamlined way of generating publication ready plots for Single-Cell transcriptomics in a “publication ready” format (SCpubr). That is, the aim is to generate plots with the highest quality possible, which can be used right away or with minimal modifications for a research article.

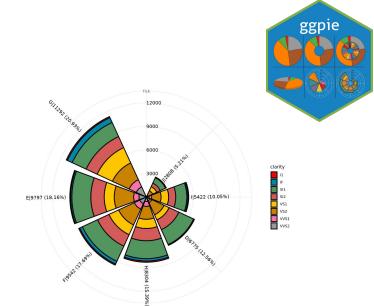
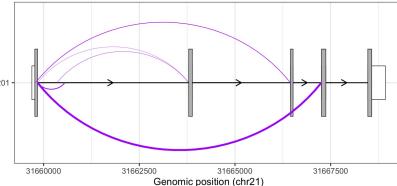
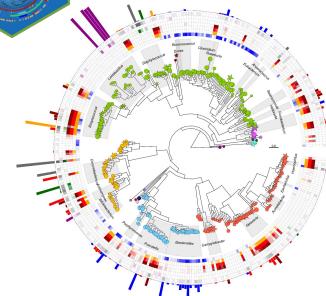
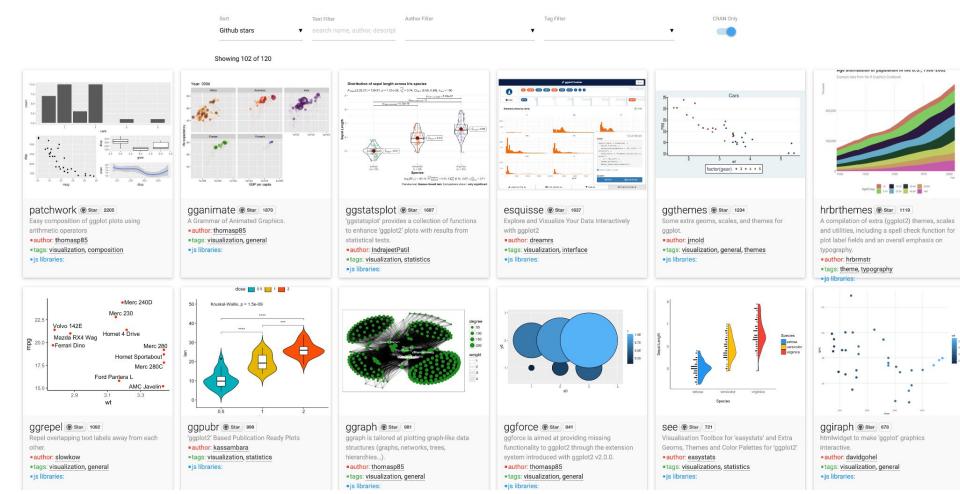
<https://github.com/enblacar/SCpubr/>



# Beyond the basics: exploring the power of ggplot2's extension packages

<https://exts.ggplot2.tidyverse.org/gallery/>

120 registered extensions available to explore



# Visualizing intersecting data by UpSet

- Use **perceptually efficient visual encodings**, i.e., make it easy to read the data accurately.
- Make it possible to not just visualize intersections, but to **visualize combinations of intersections** (e.g., all the intersections involving two particular sets).
- **Visualize attributes about the intersections.** It is not just the magnitude of an intersection that is interesting, but we also want to know whether the data associated with intersection is different or similar.

App:

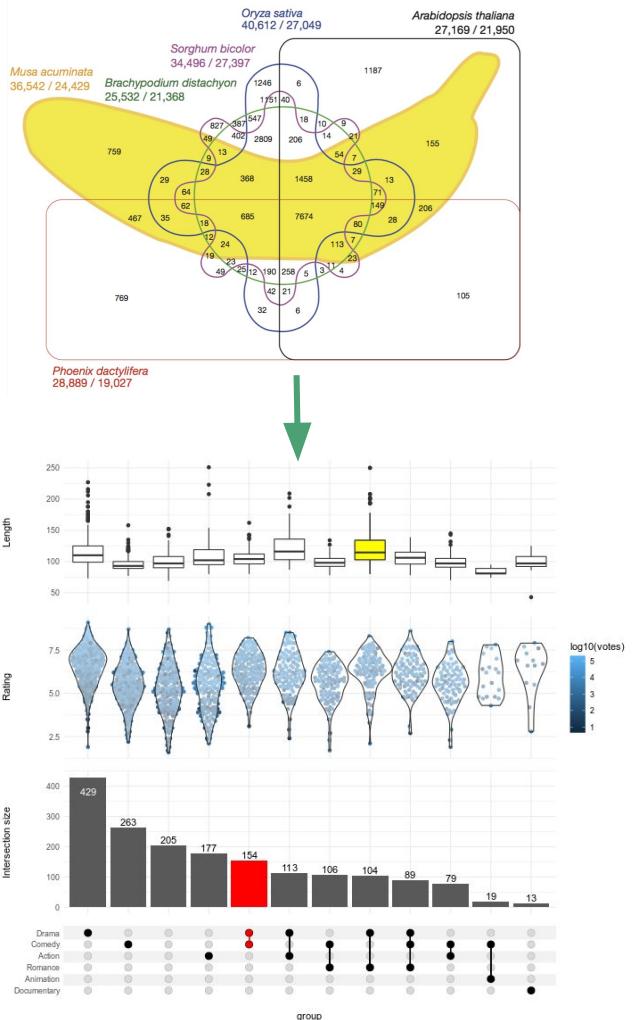
<https://upset.app/>

R package: UpSetR

<https://github.com/hms-dbmi/UpSetR>

Python Package: UpSetPlot

<https://github.com/jnothman/UpSetPlot>

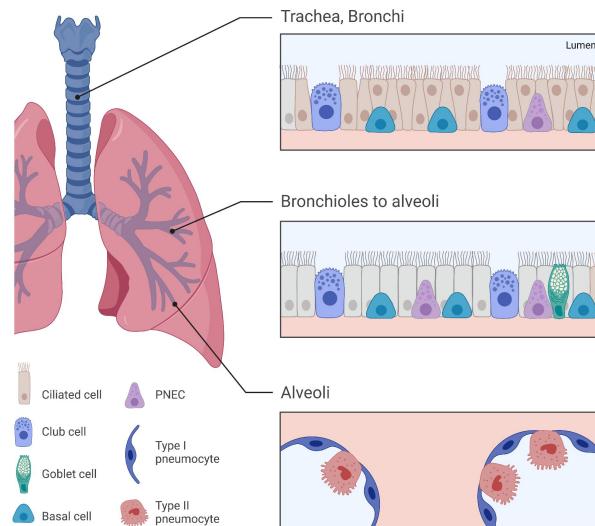


# BioRender: Scientific Image and Illustration Software

- Customize pre-made illustrations to fit user needs
- Simple drag-and-drop functionality
- Work together in real-time with team members
- Access to a library of scientific icons: Choose from 50,000+ icons and templates
- Templates for scientific posters, figures, professional-looking visuals for publication



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# Understanding Cancer Genetics Data and Creating Effective Visualizations

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# Visualizing complex data

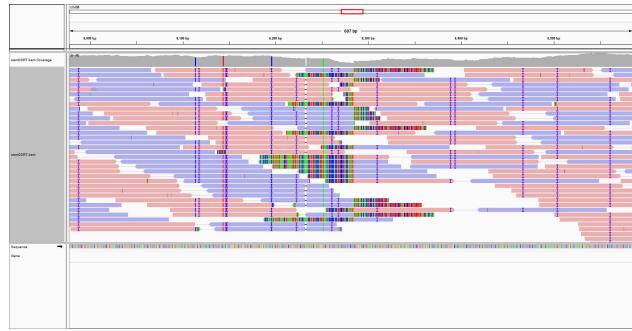
The problem has become more acute with the ever-increasing amount and complexity of scientific data. Visualization of those data – to understand as well as to share them – is more important than ever.

1. Select the appropriate visualization technique for the type of data you are working with.
2. Highlight key features using color, size, or other visual cues to make them stand out.
3. Simplify the visualization to avoid overwhelming the audience with too much detail.
4. Use interactive elements to allow the audience to explore the data in their own way.
5. Provide context by including background information and definitions to help the audience interpret the data.
6. Ensure that the visualization is accessible to the audience by using clear labels and titles that are easy to understand.

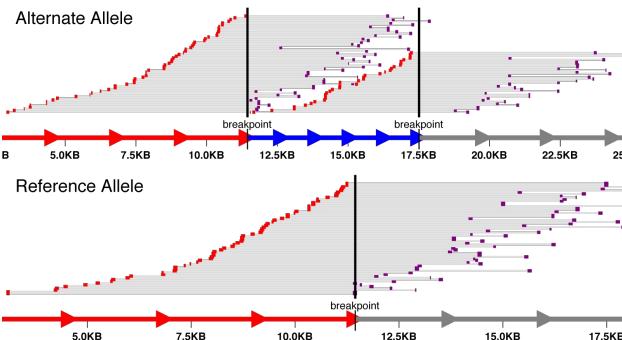
# Visualizing raw sequencing data

IGV GUI to Command Line

<https://github.com/hartleys/igvSnap>



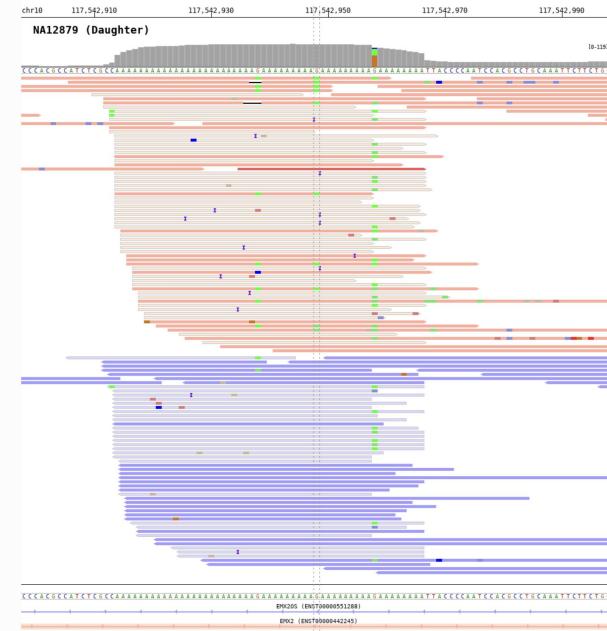
<https://github.com/svviz/svviz>



BamSnap

[pypi v0.2.19](#) [downloads 154/month](#) [docs passing](#) [docker pulls 1.6k](#)

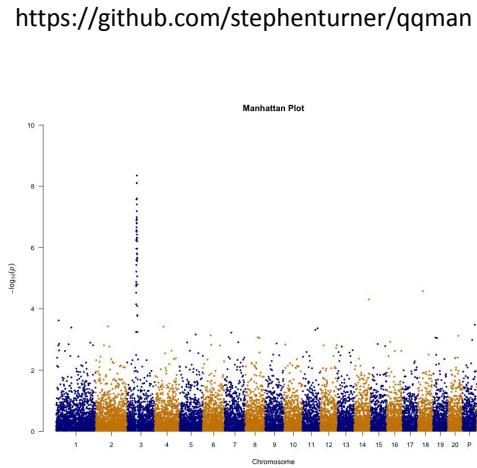
BamSnap is a visualization tool for aligned BAM files that allows to generate high-quality snapshots of read level data in high-throughput, processing up to thousands of files. BamSnap is a command-line software based on python.



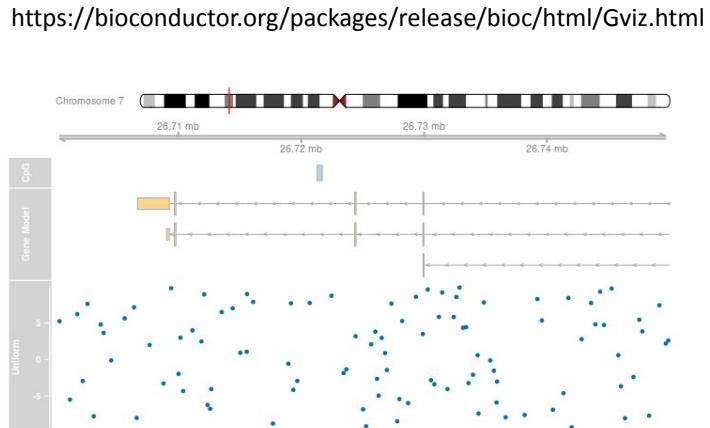
<https://github.com/parklab/bamsnap>

# Data visualization with genomic coordinates

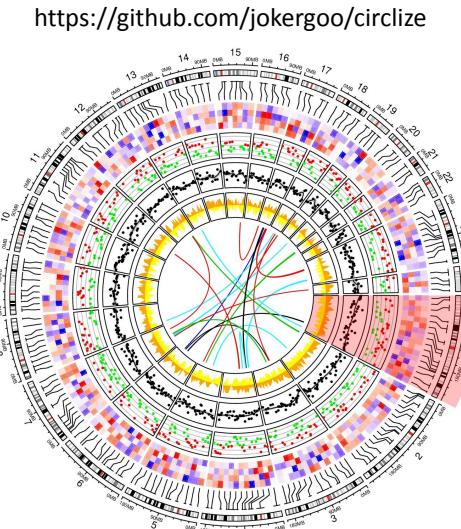
**Manhattan Plot**



**Gviz Plot**



**Circos Plot**

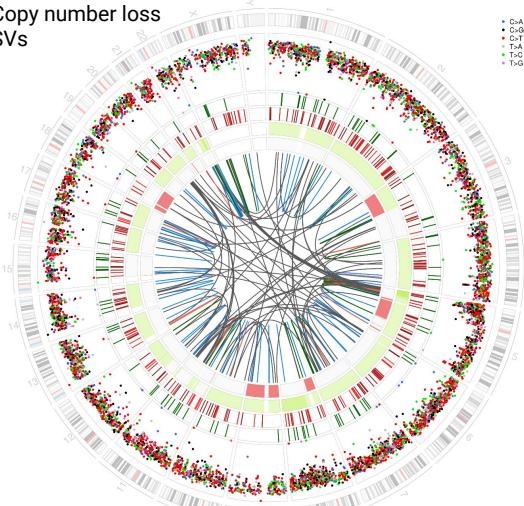


# Data visualization for cancer genomes (sample level)

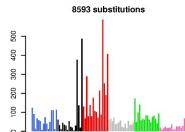
## genomePlot

Tracks (outer  $\rightarrow$  inner):

- SNVs
- insertions
- Deletions
- Copy number gain
- Copy number loss
- SVs

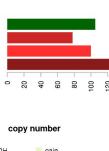


## Substitutions (SBS96)



## InDel

407 deletions and insertions



333 rearrangements

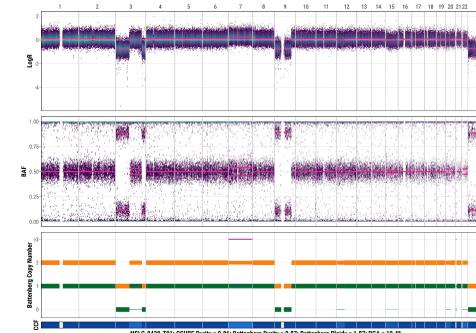


## Rearrangements

signature.tools.lib R package:

<https://github.com/Nik-Zainal-Group/signature.tools.lib>

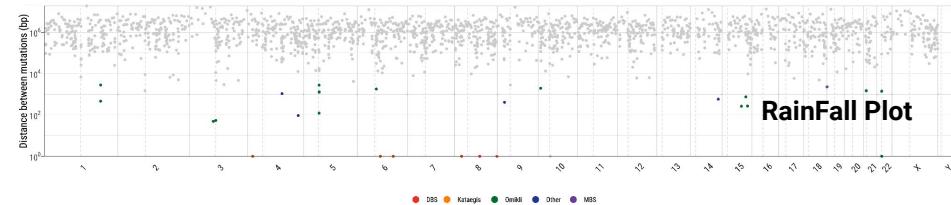
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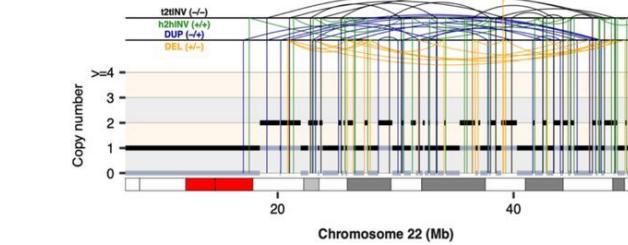
logR

BAF

Total + minor  
copy number



## ReConPlot



<https://github.com/cortes-ciriano-lab/ReConPlot>

# Data visualization for genomic features (study level)

## SCNA classification

### Genomic landscape - Oncoplot

Tumor mutational burden

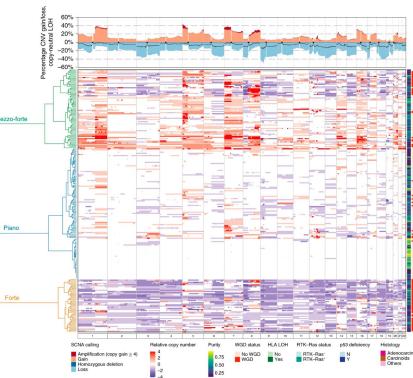
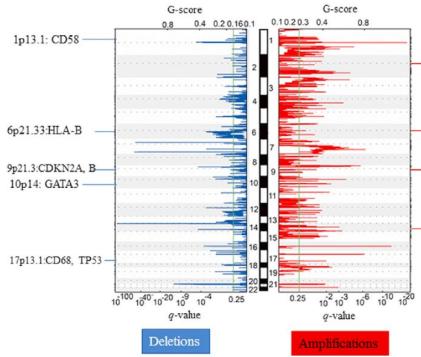
Fusions  
Driver mutations  
Germline Variants  
Tumor features

Frequency

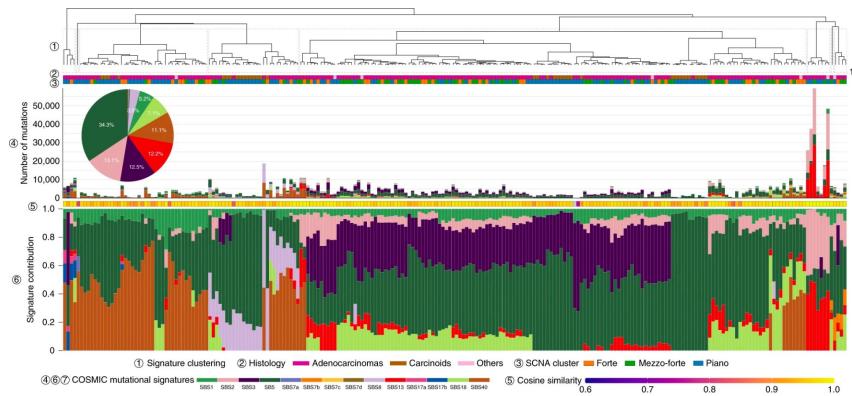
Genomic alterations Mutation drivers Patients Multiple in sufficient genes Genomic features Tumor junction Subclonal mutation ratio Number of somatic mutations per cell

- Mutation effect (color)
- Multiple mutations (size)
- Clonality (circle)
- Mutational relationship (present vs absent)

### Significant focal SCNA events



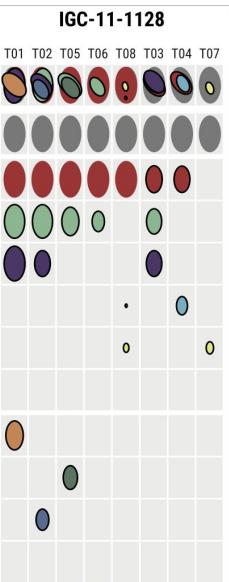
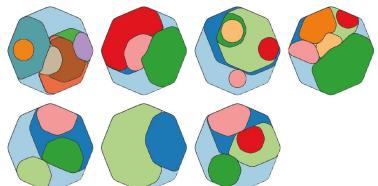
### Mutational processes landscape



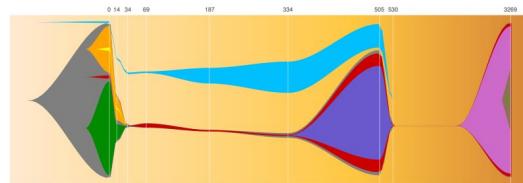
# Data visualization for tumor evolution

## Clonal architecture

<https://github.com/amf71/cloneMap>

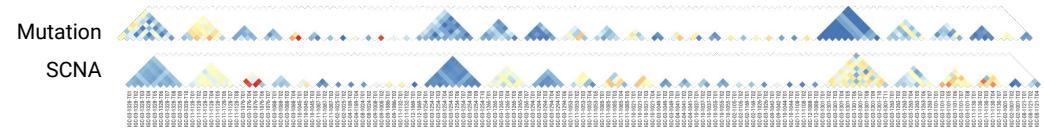
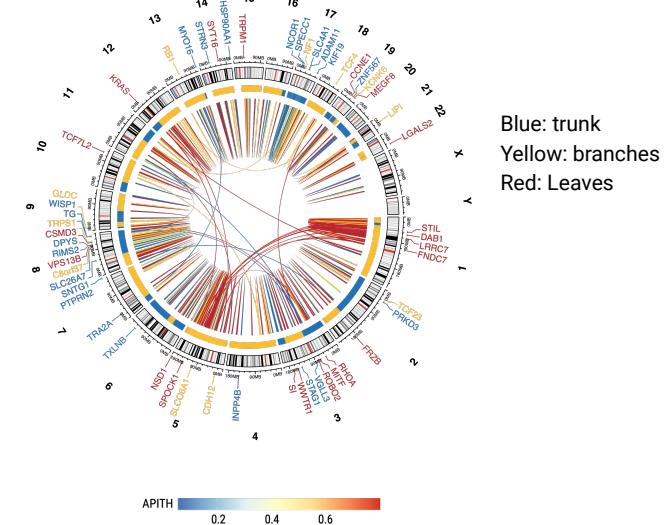


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<https://github.com/chrisamiller/fishplot>

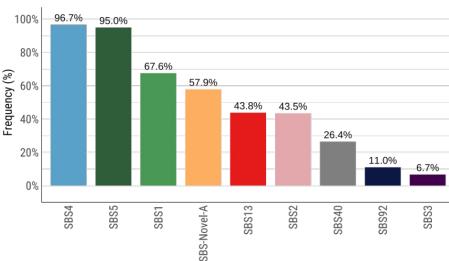
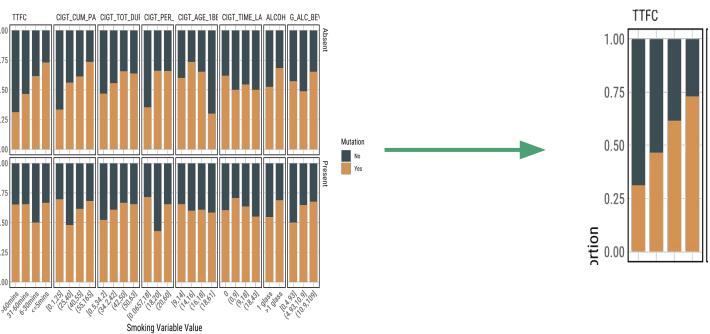
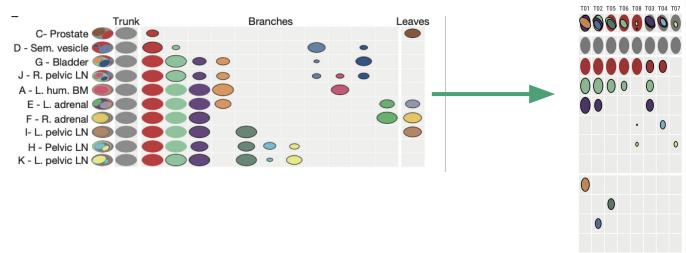
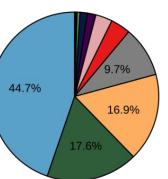
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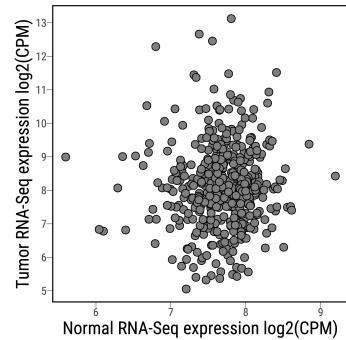
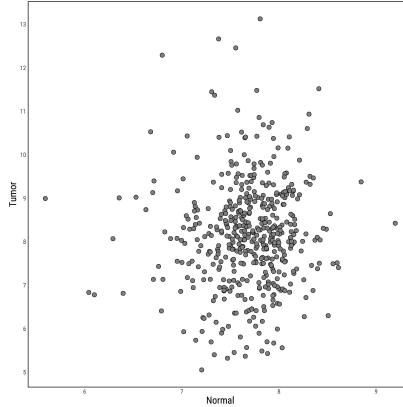
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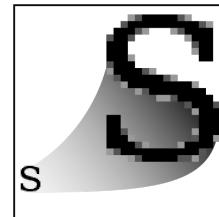
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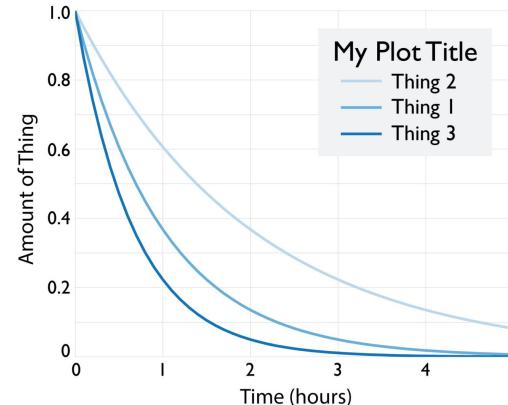
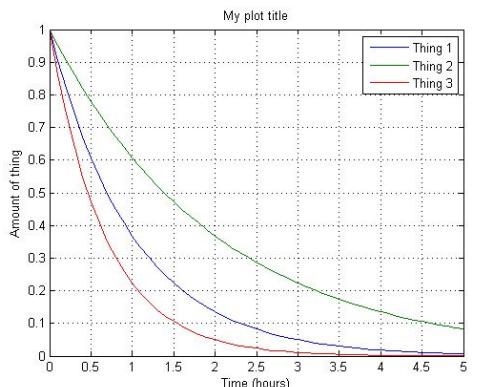


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Over figure-scripting?

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- Easily adjust aesthetics (e.g. alignment, compiling micrographs with schematics)



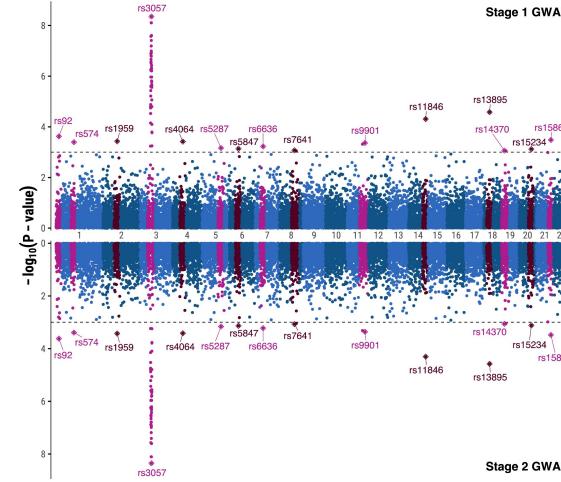
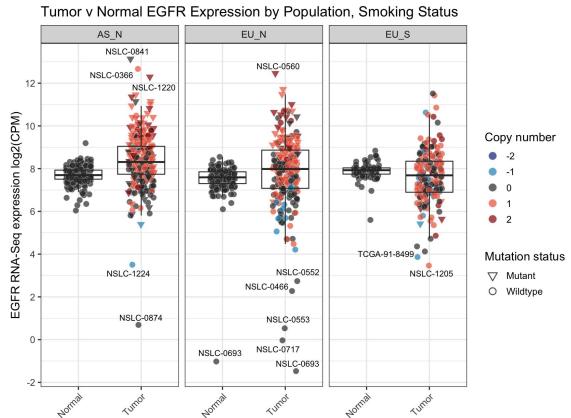
[basic Adobe Illustrator \(CC\) guide](#)

# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

## Questions?

Next: Practical session 12 (10:45 am)

- Practice data visualization using R ggplot2 package



Date: Thursday, May 25th, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Speaker: Charles Swanton,  
MBPh.D., FRCP, FMedSci,  
FAACR, FRS, Francis Crick  
Institute

Title: Mechanism of Action and  
Inflammatory Axis for Air  
Pollution Induced Non-Small  
Cell Lung Cancer



Date: Thursday, June 8th,  
2023

Time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Speaker: David Adams, Ph.D.,  
Wellcome Sanger Institute

Title: Cross-species  
oncogenomics of melanoma  
and other malignancies to  
define disease drivers



Date: Thursday, July 13th, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Speaker: Jinghui Zhang, Ph.D.,  
St. Jude Children's Research  
Hospital- Department of  
Computational Biology

Title: Therapy-Related Clonal  
Evolution in Pediatric Cancer  
Patients and Long-term  
Survivors

