

# Visual Storytelling Example: The Improving Environment

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***Global warming, runaway greenhouse effect, rising sea levels, retreating glaciers.*** We've all heard these terms. The problem is real; the planet is warming due to an overabundance of greenhouse gases. But is it inevitable? Dire news like this might make us think it is.

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After all, have we, as a society, ever been able to collectively improve the environment?

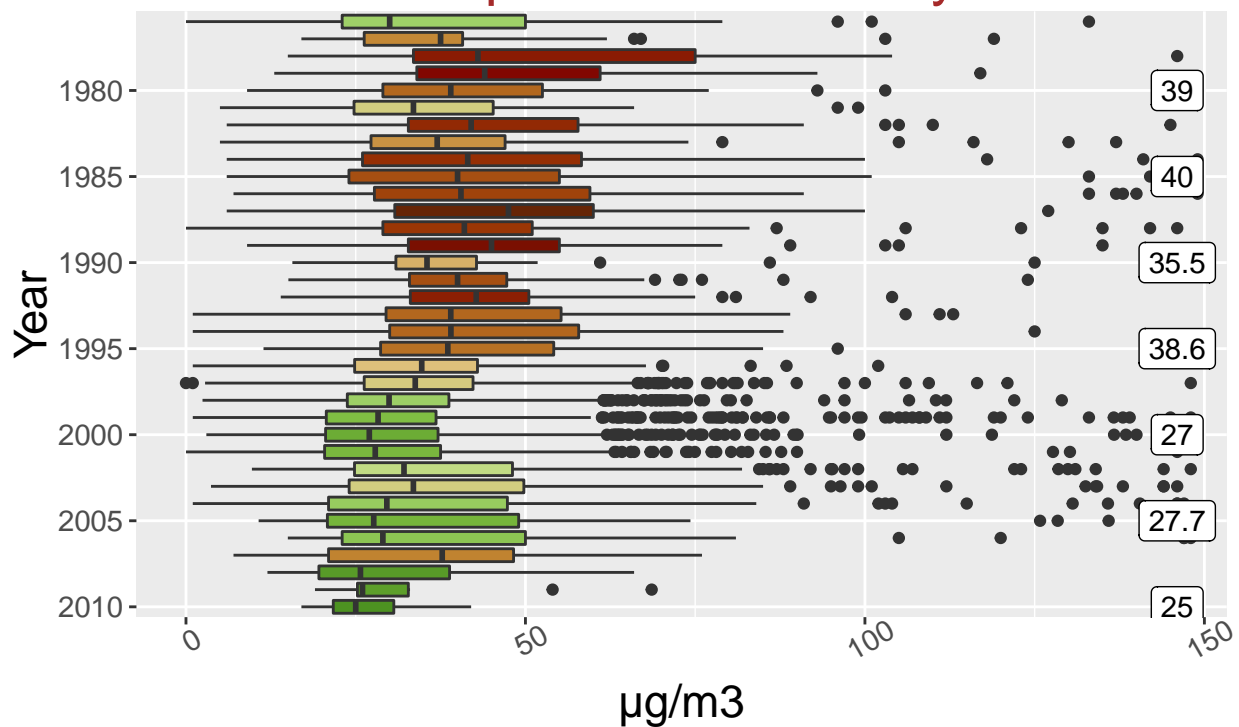
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Headlines may make us think that we have not. But we have made, and are continuing to make, significant environmental improvements on many fronts. Here we will focus upon the unsung improvements in both measuring and reducing toxins in the environment.

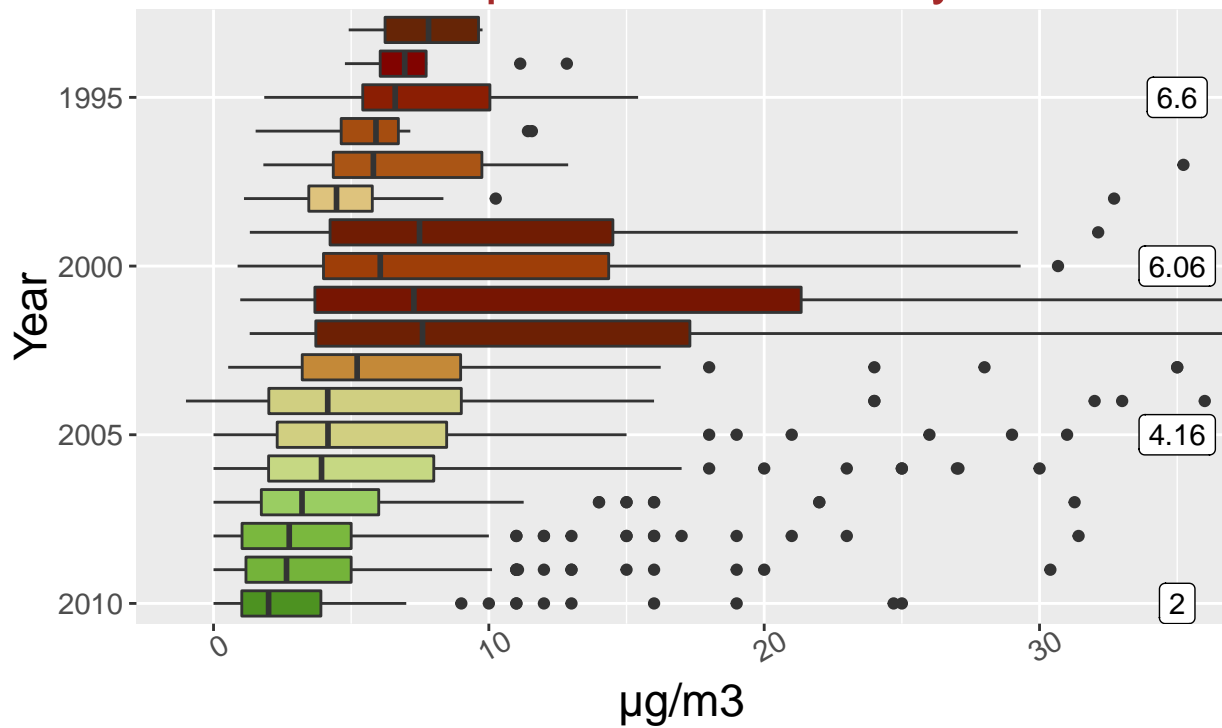
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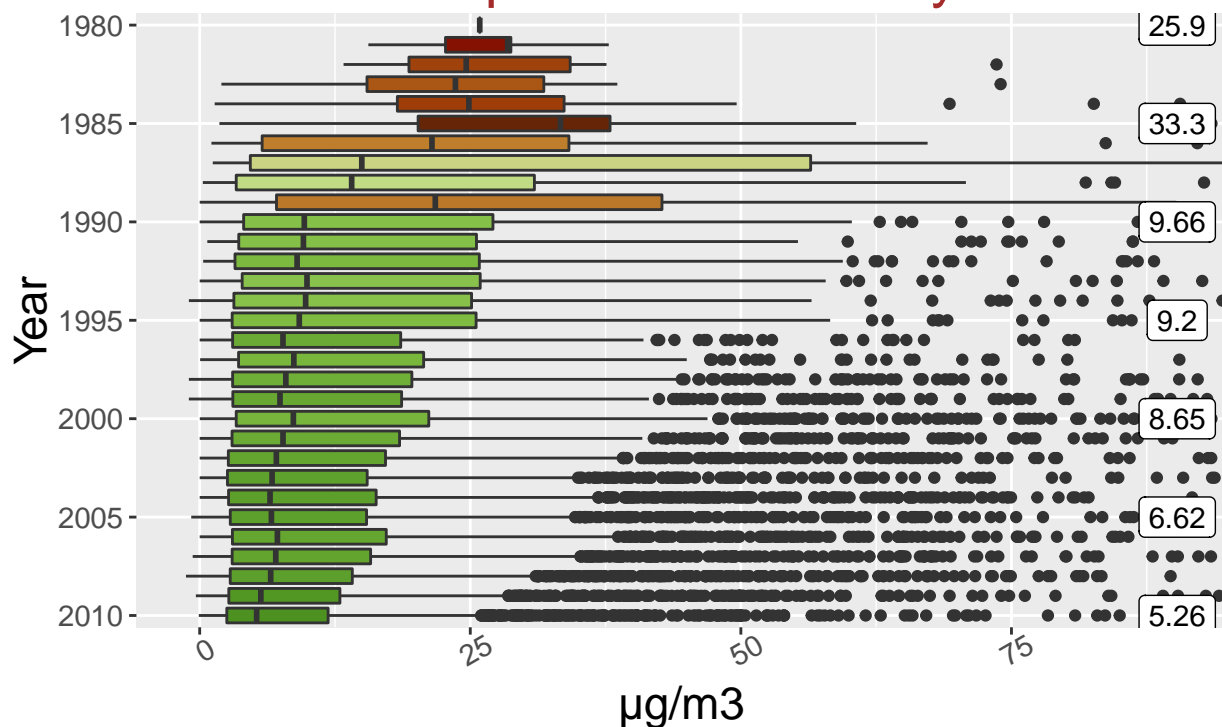
## Total suspended particulates (aerosol), 50 percentile in 1 day



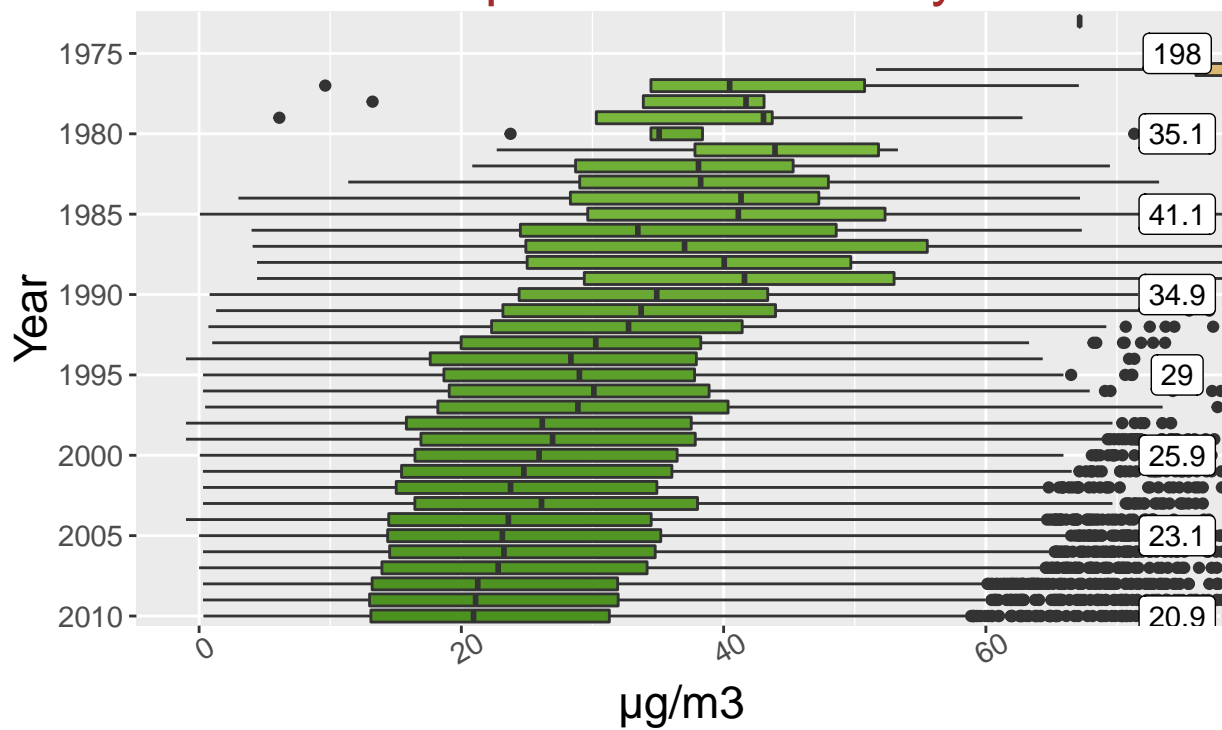
## Toluene (air), 50 percentile in 1 day



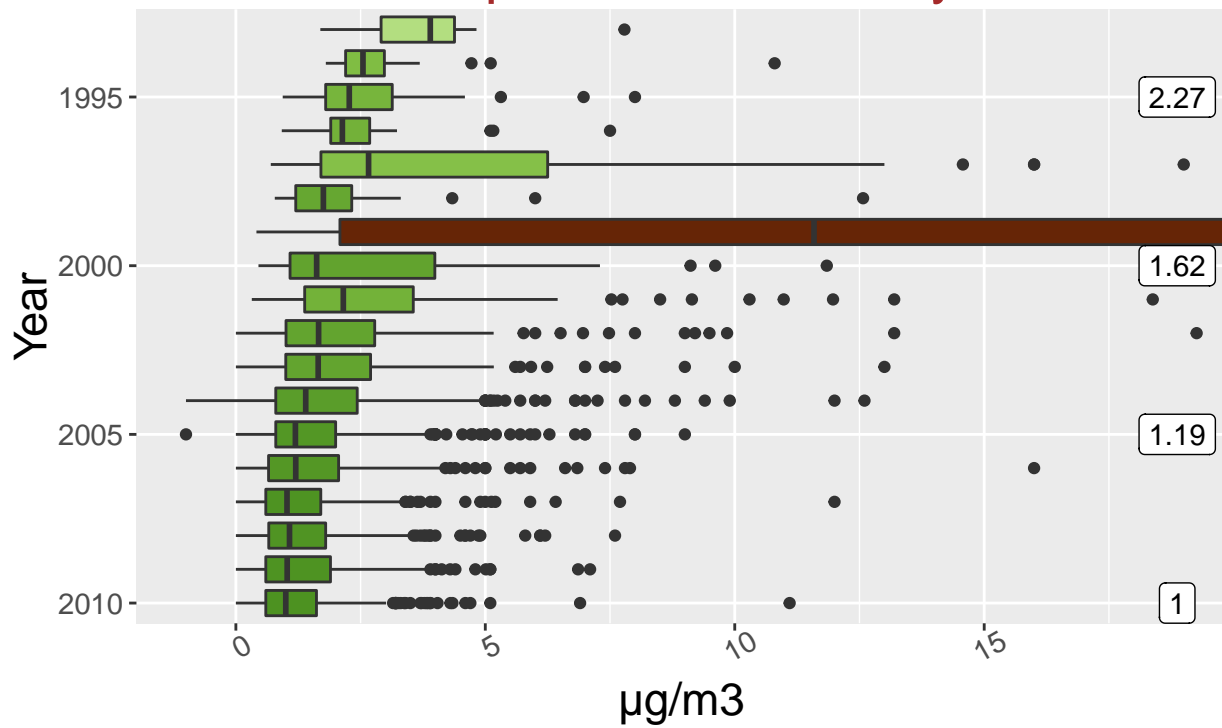
## Nitrogen monoxide (air), 50 percentile in 1 day



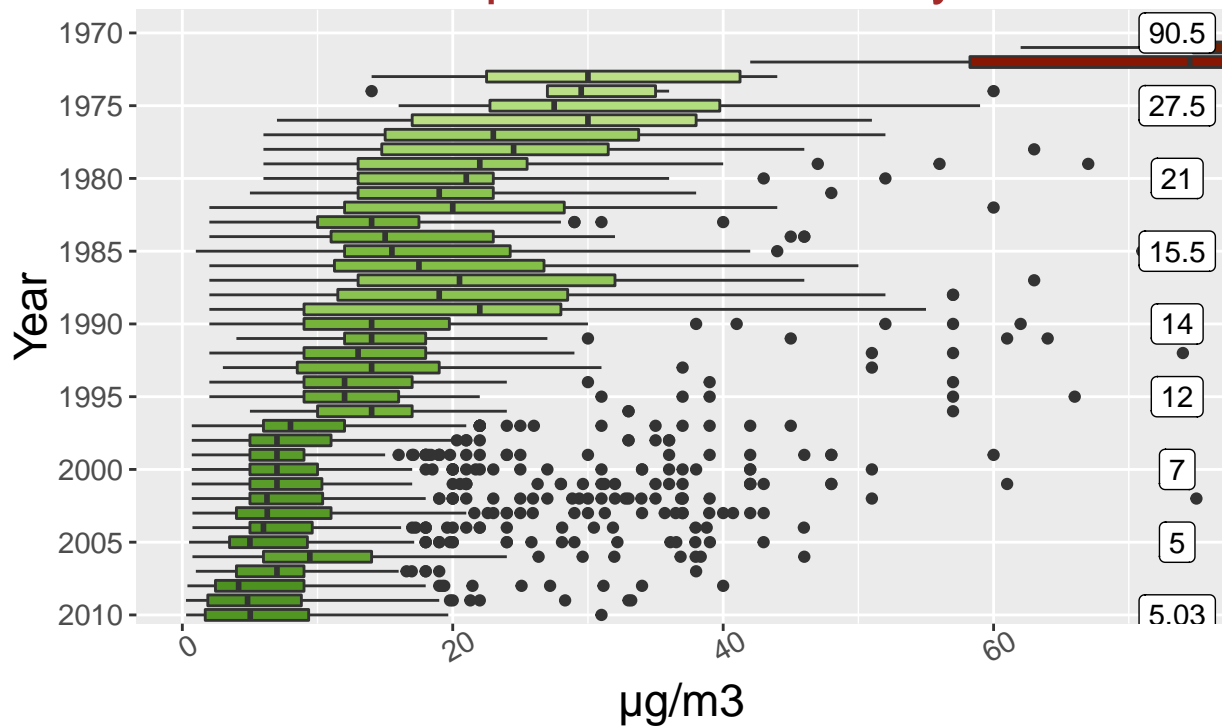
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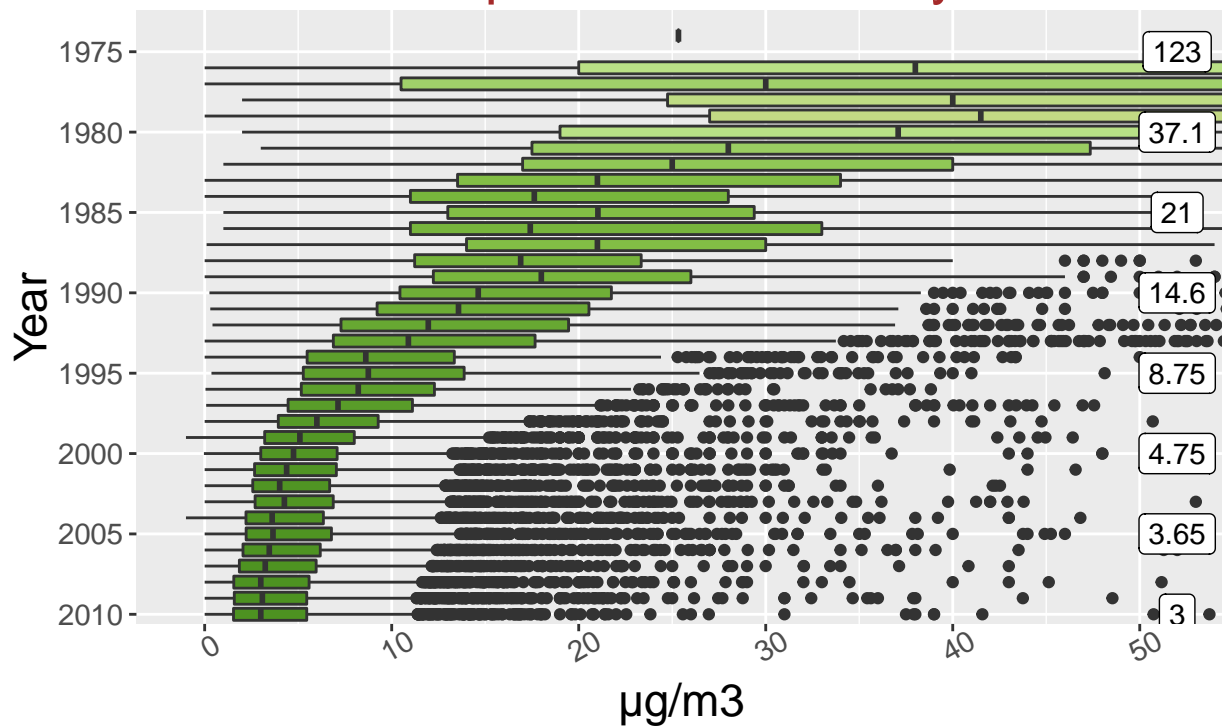
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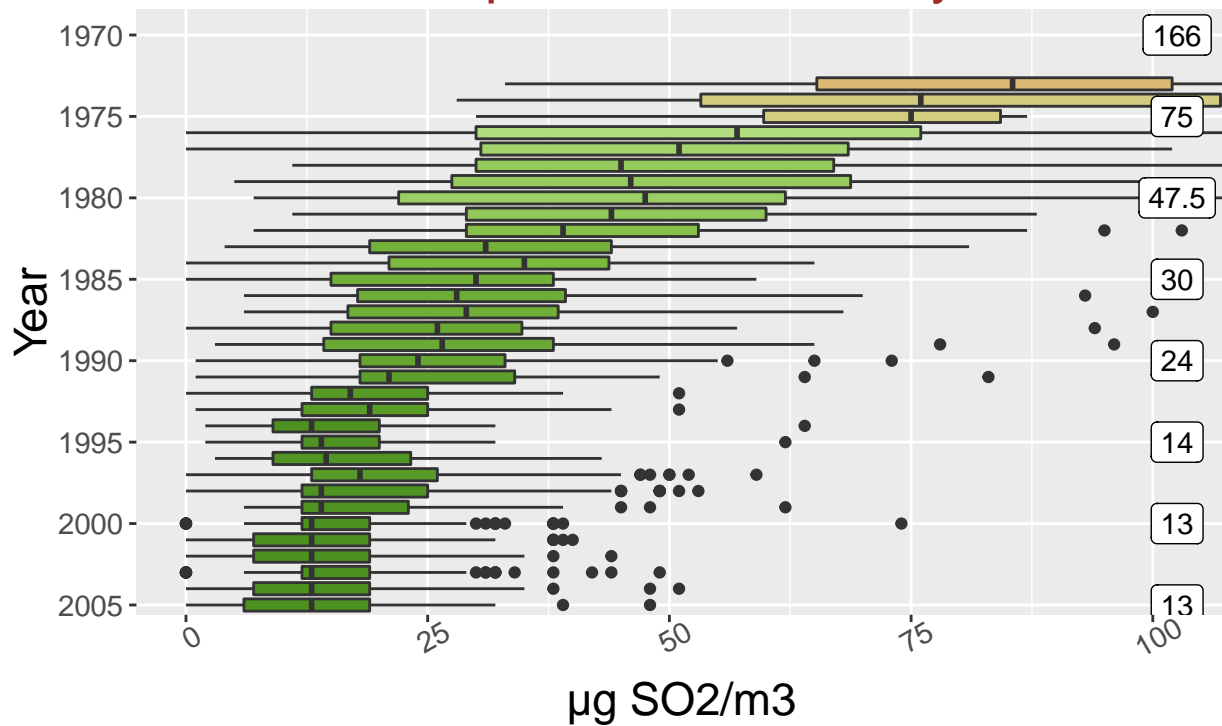
## Black smoke (air), 50 percentile in 1 day



## Sulphur dioxide (air), 50 percentile in 1 day



## Strong acidity (air), 50 percentile in 1 day



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