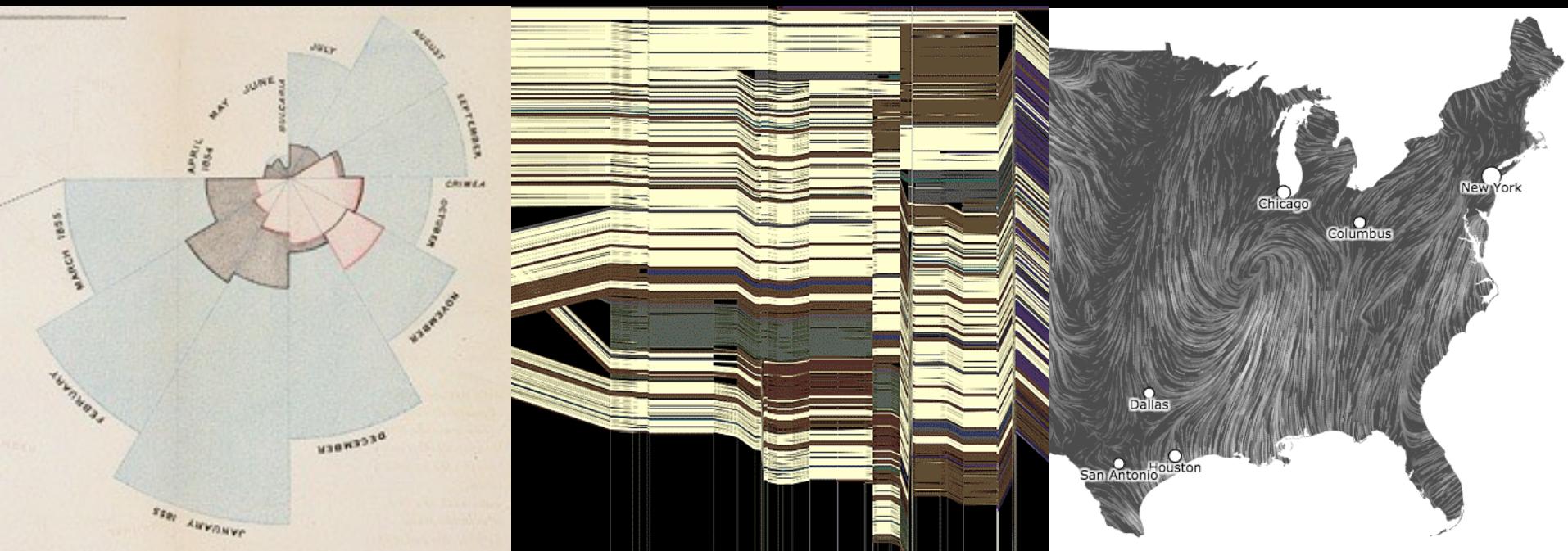


CSE 442 - Data Visualization

Visualization Tools



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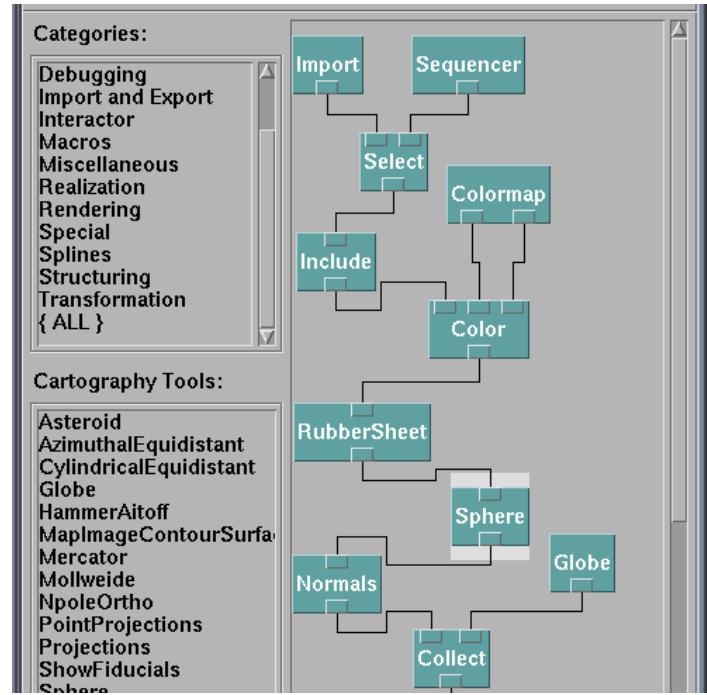
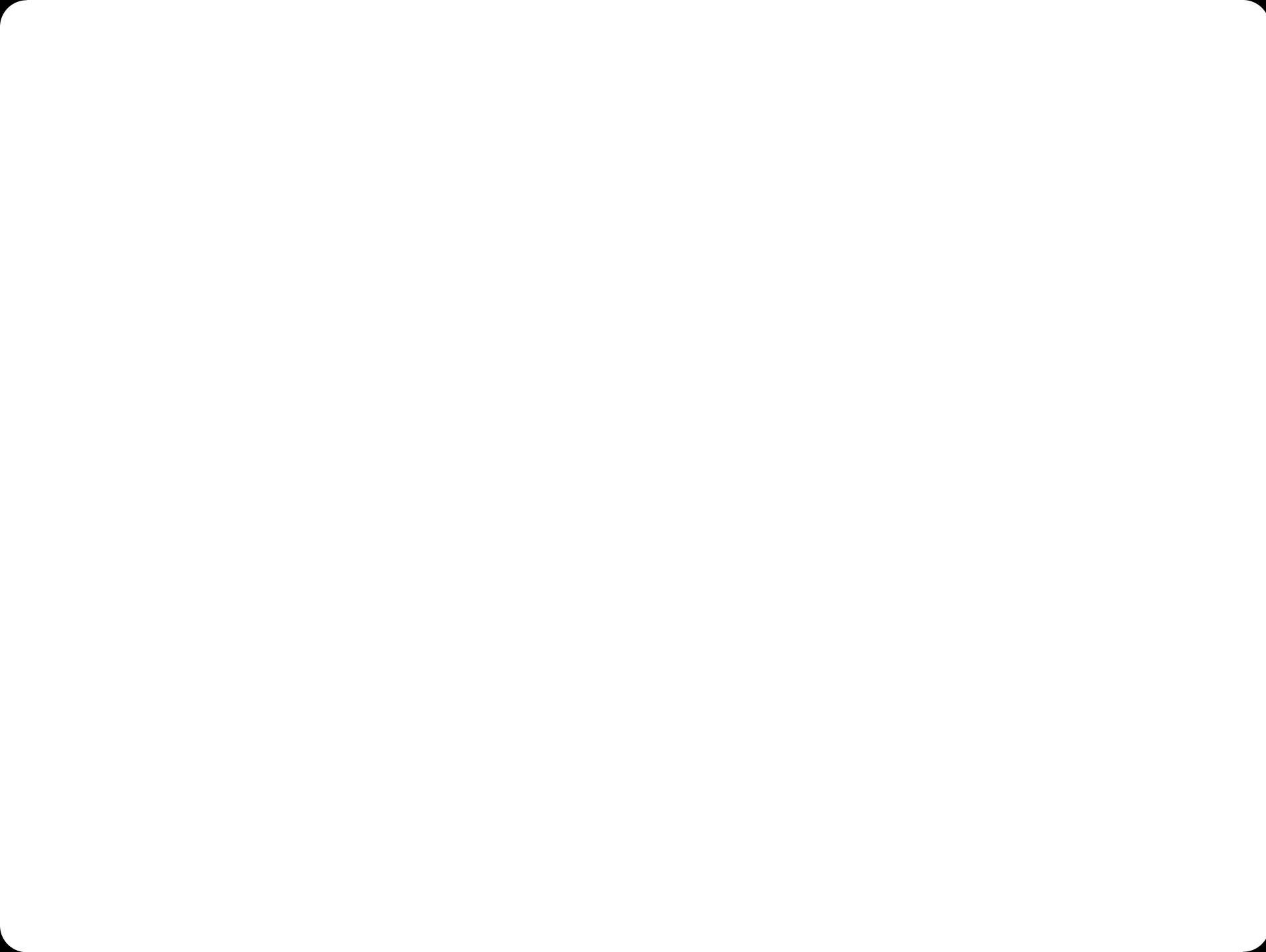


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Permits more combinatorial possibilities
Novel views require new operators,
which requires software engineering



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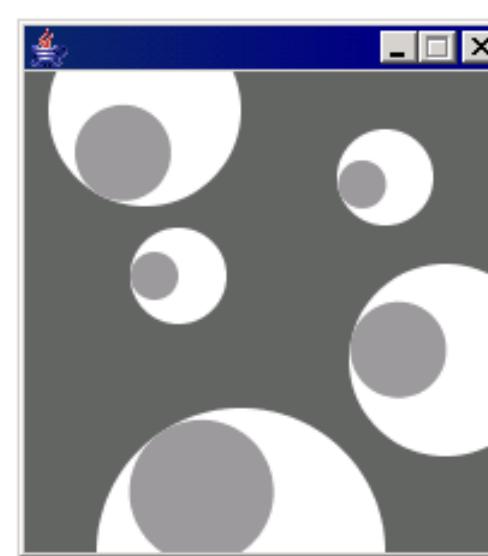


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```
ey = y;
size = s;
}

void update(int mx, int my) {
    angle = atan2(my-ey, mx-ex);
}

void display() {
    pushMatrix();
    translate(ex, ey);
    fill(255);
    ellipse(0, 0, size, size);
    rotate(angle);
    fill(153);
    ellipse(size/4, 0, size/2, size/2);
    popMatrix();
}
}
```





US Air Traffic, Aaron Koblin

Graphics APIs

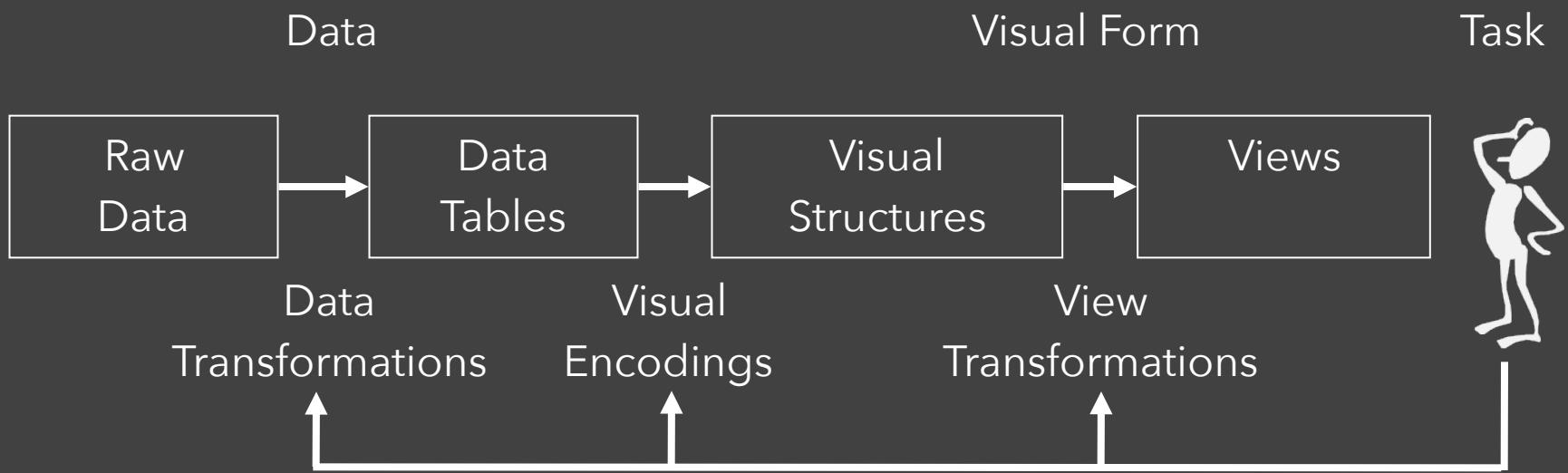
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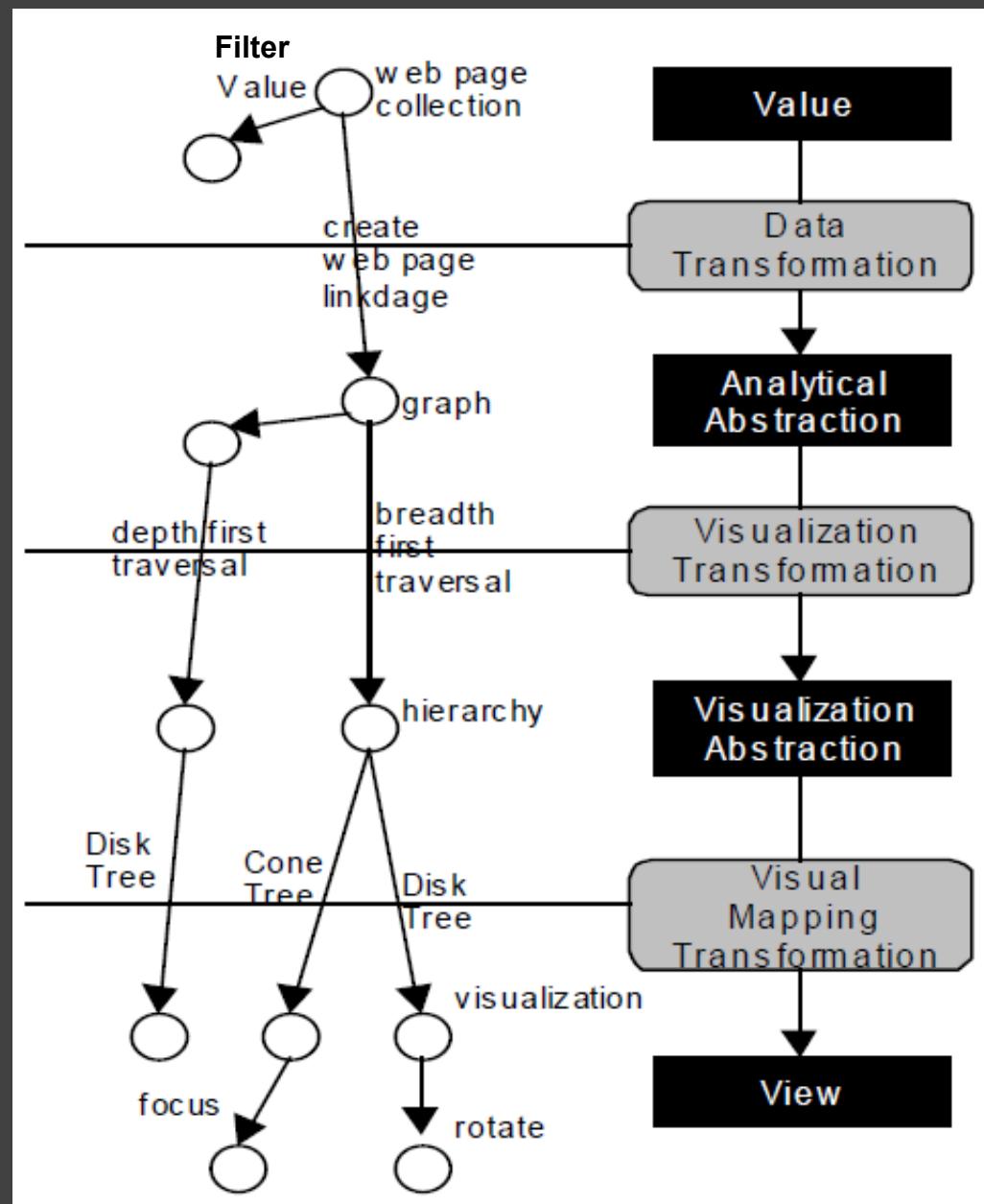
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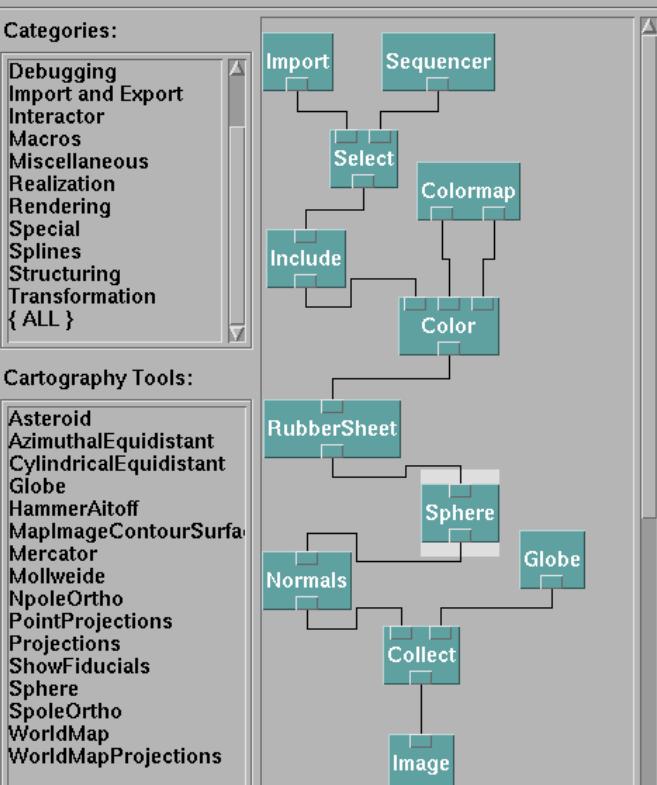
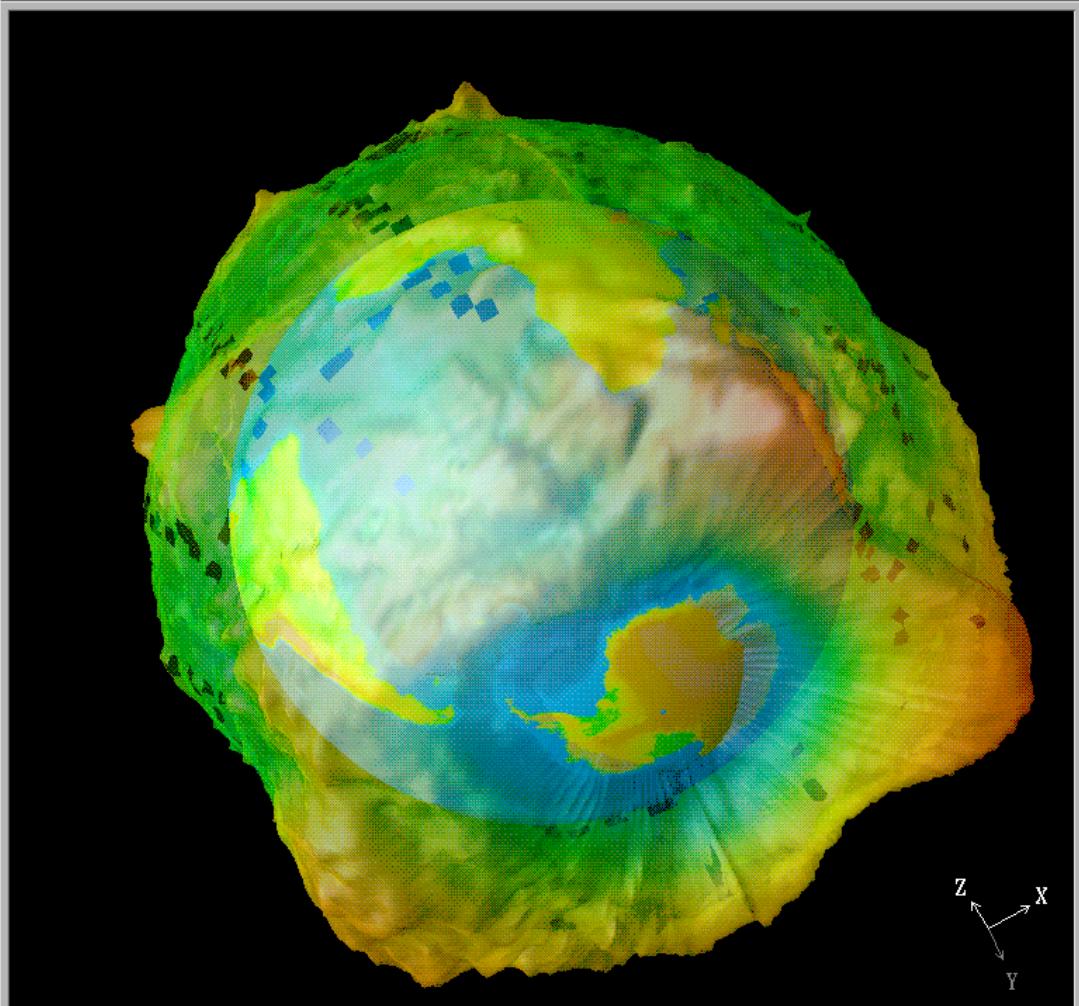
Data State Model

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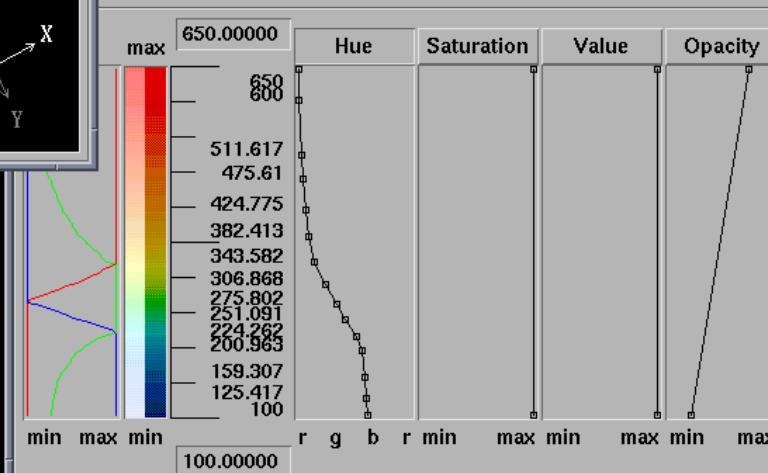
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Colormap Editor

File Execute Options Help



View Control...

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Projection: Perspective

View Angle: 30.000

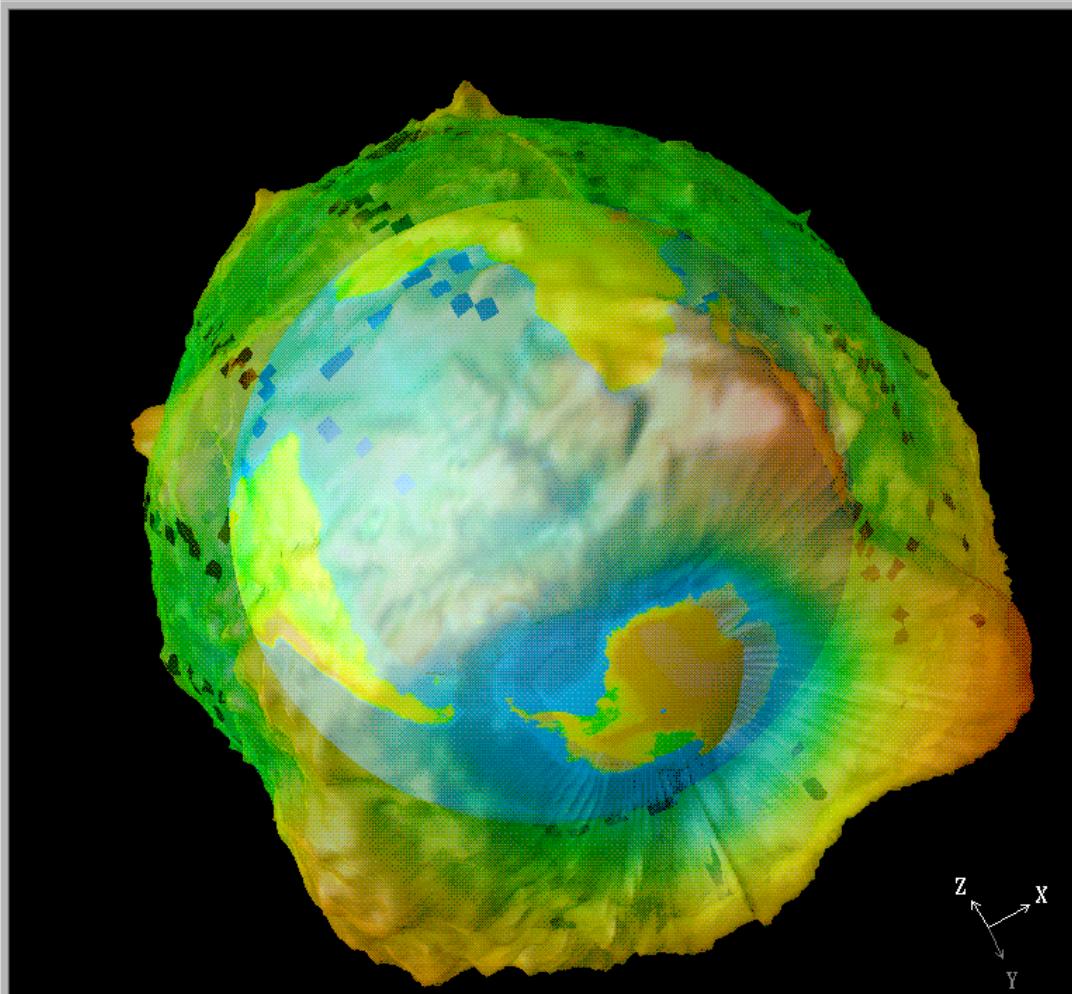
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Sequence Control

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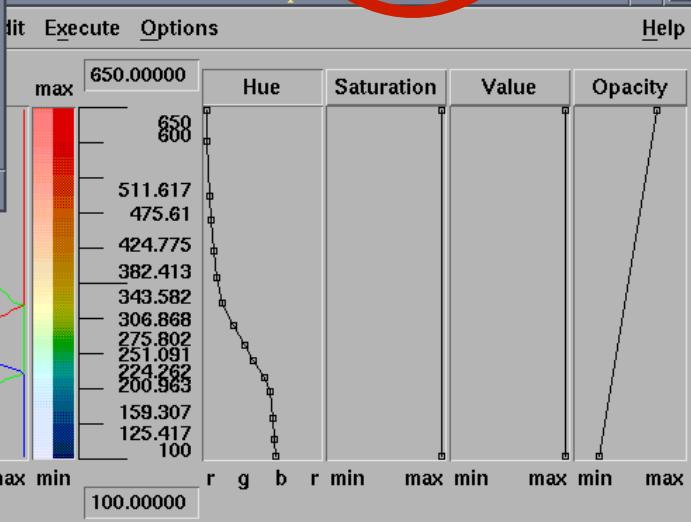
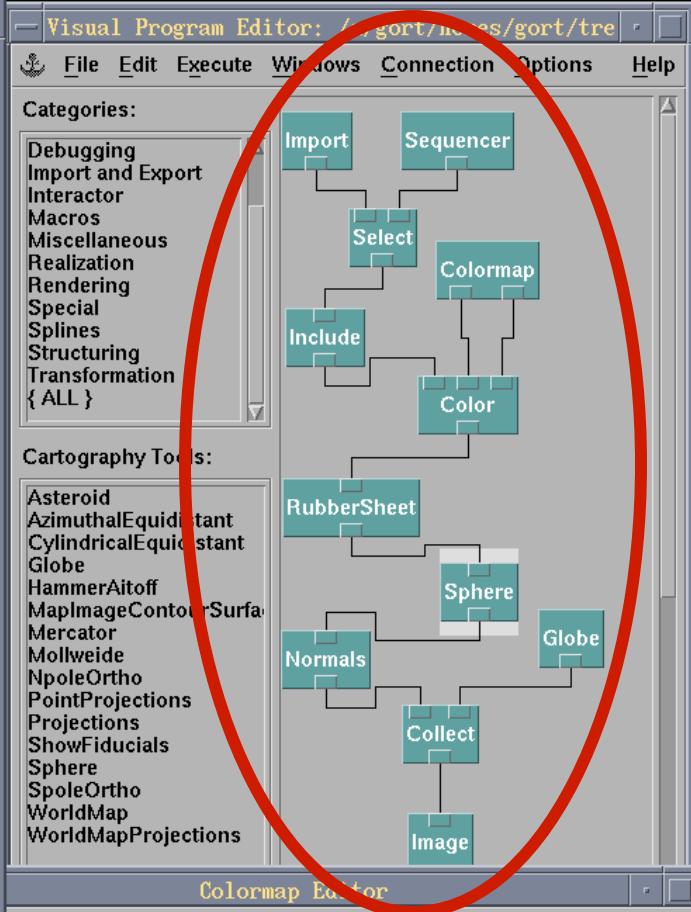
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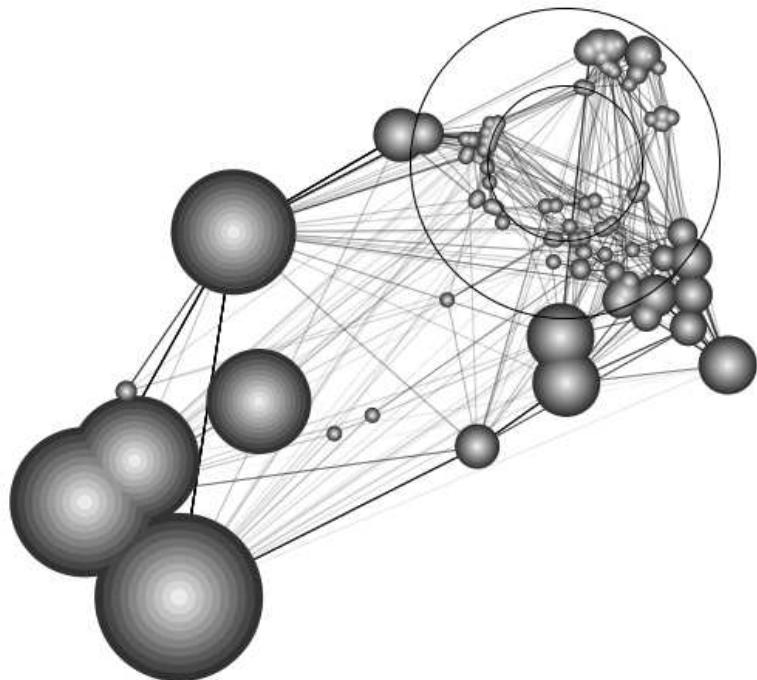
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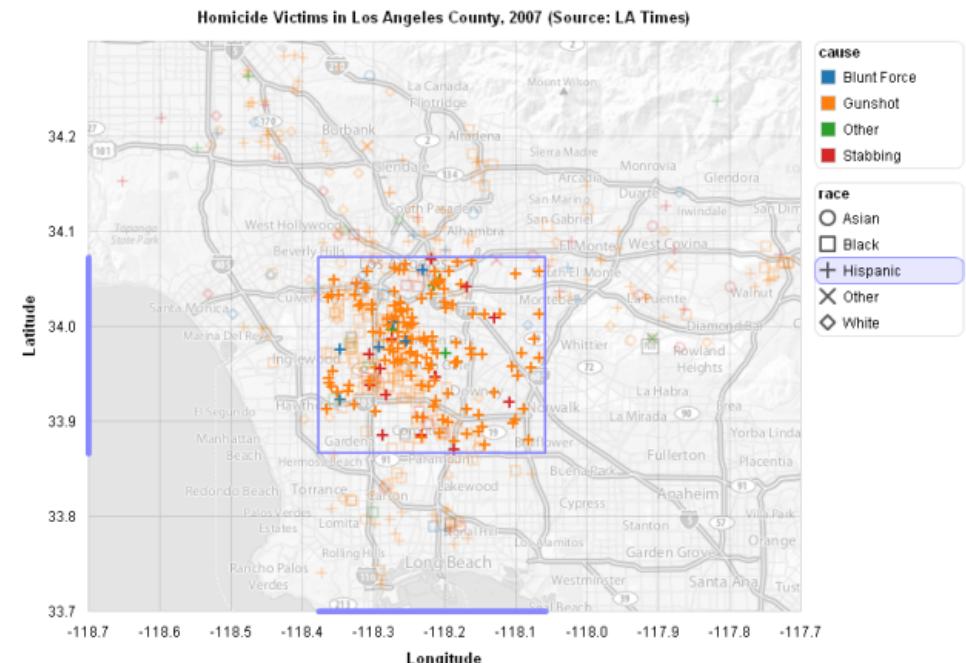


Prefuse & Flare

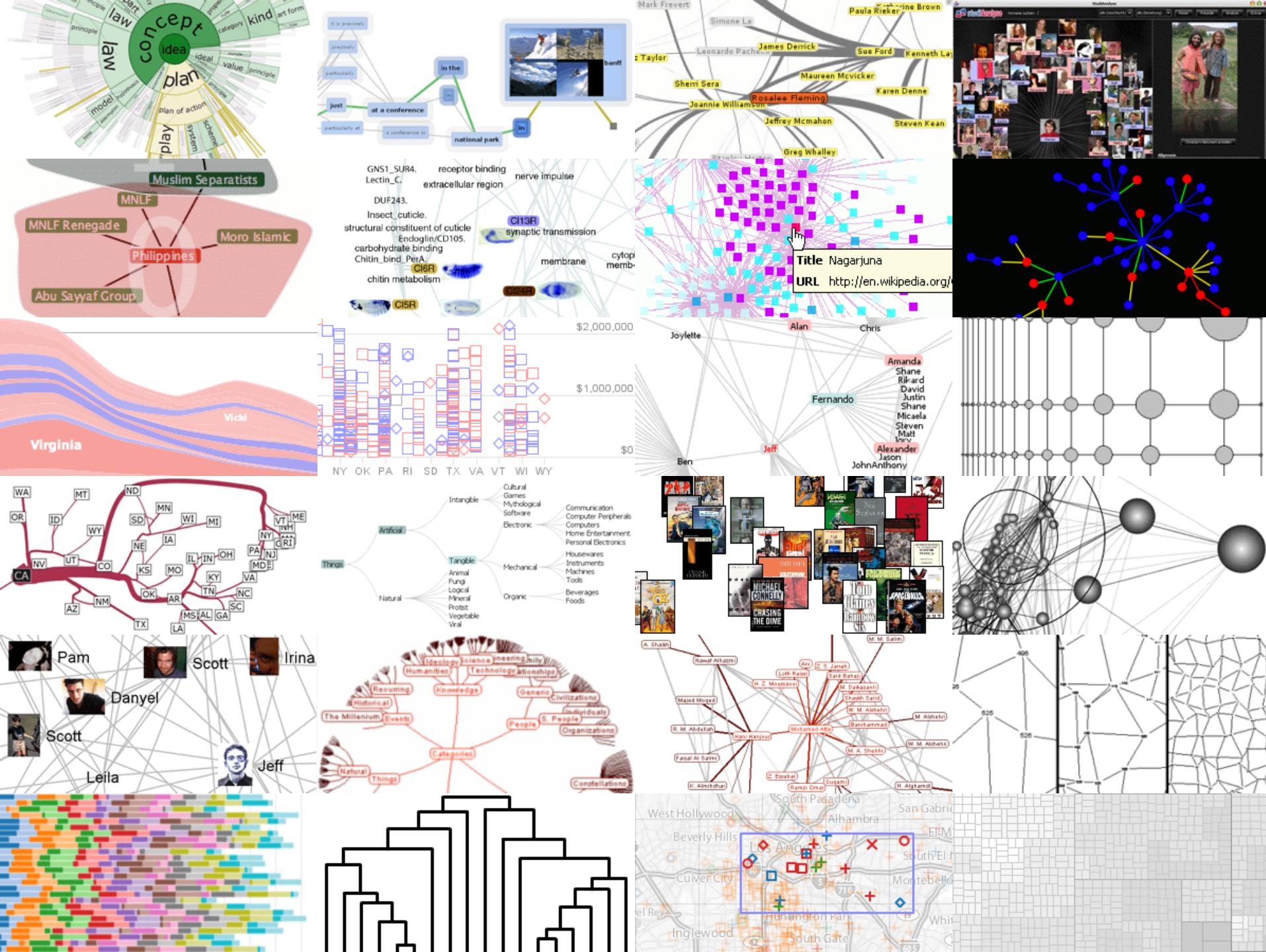
Operator-based toolkits for visualization design
Vis = (Input Data -> Visual Objects) + Operators

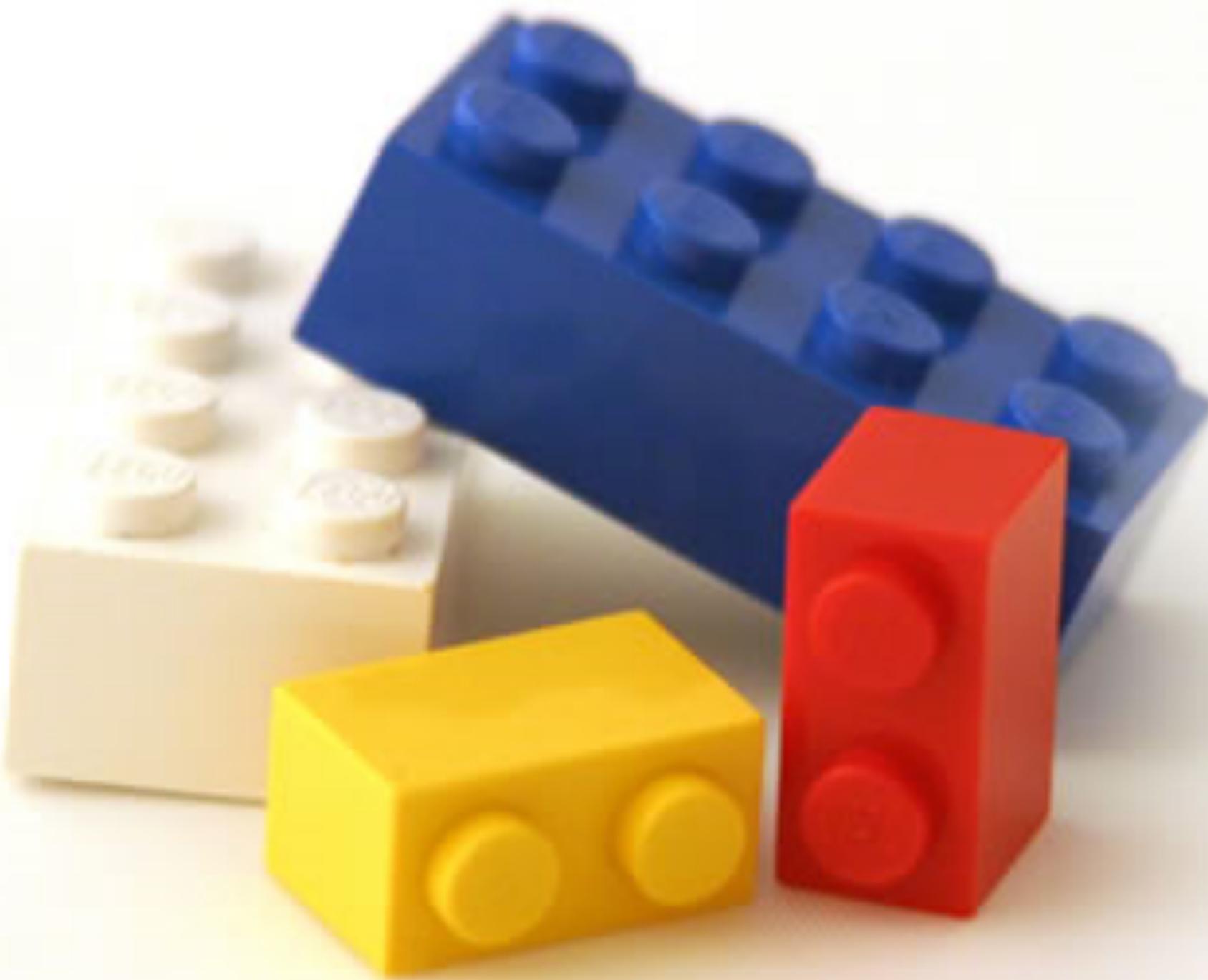


Prefuse (<http://prefuse.org>)



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







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Chart Typologies

Data Sets : State Quick Facts

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	People QuickFacts	Population 2005 estimate	Population percent change April 1 2000 to July 1 2005	Population 2000	Population percent change 1990 to 2000	Persons under 5 years old percent 2004	Persons under 18 years old percent 2004	Persons 65 years old and over percent 2004
1	Alabama	4557808	0.03	4447100	0.1	0.07	0.24	0.13
2	Alaska	663661	0.06	626932	0.14	0.08	0.29	0.06
3	Arizona	5939292	0.16	5130632	0.4	0.08	0.27	0.13
4	Arkansas	2779154	0.04	2673400	0.14	0.07	0.25	0.14
5	California	36132147	0.07	33871648	0.14	0.07	0.27	0.11
6	Colorado	4665177	0.08	4301261	0.31	0.07	0.26	0.1
7	Connecticut	3510297	0.03	3405565	0.04	0.06	0.24	0.14
8	Delaware	843524	0.08	783600	0.18	0.07	0.23	0.13
9	Florida	17789864	0.11	15982378	0.24	0.06	0.23	0.17
10	Georgia	9072576	0.11	8186453	0.26	0.08	0.26	0.1
11	Hawaii	1275194	0.05	1211537	0.09	0.07	0.24	0.14
12	Idaho	1429096	0.1	1293953	0.29	0.07	0.27	0.11
13	Illinois	12763371	0.03	12419293	0.09	0.07	0.26	0.12



Choosing a visualization type for State Quick Facts

Analyze a text



Tag Cloud

How are you using your words? This enhanced tag cloud will show you the words popularity in the given set of text.

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Wordle

Wordle is a toy for generating "word clouds" from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text.

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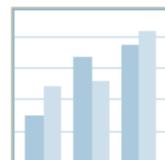


Word Tree

See a branching view of how a word or phrase is used in a text. Navigate the text by zooming and clicking.

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Compare a set of values



Bar Chart

How do the items in your data set stack up? A bar chart is a simple and recognizable way to compare values. You can display several sets of bars for multivariate comparisons.

[Learn more](#)



Block Histogram

This versatile chart lets you get a quick sense of how a single set of data is distributed. Each item in the data is an individually identifiable block.

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Visualizations : Federal Spending by State, 2004

Creator: Anonymous

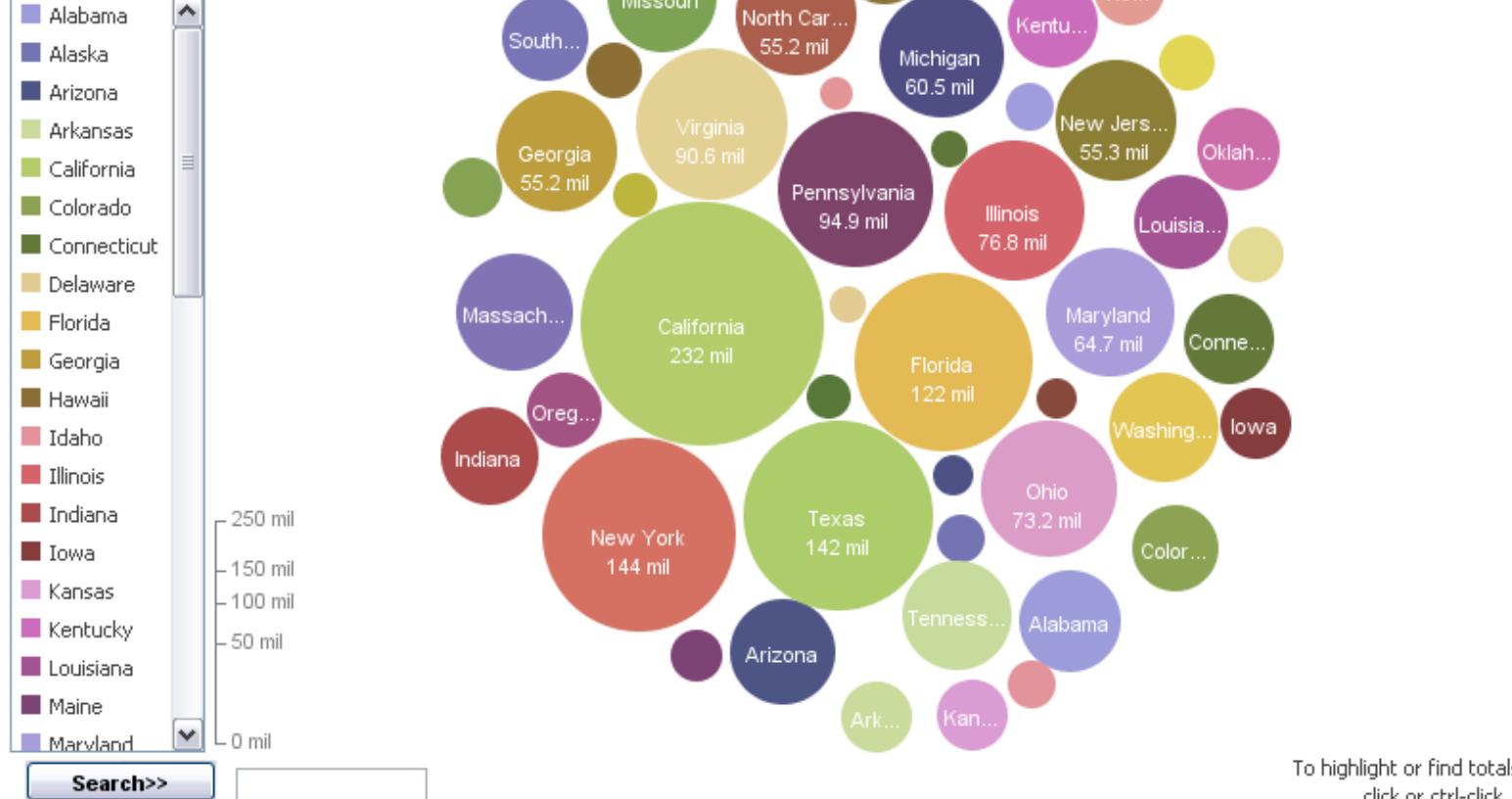
Tags: **census people**

People QuickFac...

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

Ctrl-Click: Multiple

Shift-Click: range



To highlight or find totals
click or ctrl-click.

Bubble Size

Federal spending 2004 (\$1000)

Label

People QuickFacts

Color

People QuickFacts

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Retail sales per capita 2002

Minority-owned firms percent of total 1997

Women-owned firms percent of total 1997

Housing units authorized by building permit

Federal spending 2004 (\$1000)

Land area 2000 (square miles)

Persons per square mile 2000

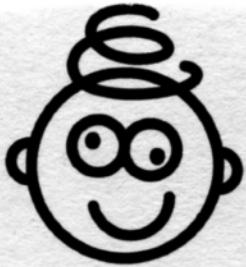
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Census Bureau

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MY MUSIC LESSON

Every Wednesday, when I get home from school, I have a piano lesson. My teacher is a very strict house. Her name is

Hillary Clinton
CELEBRITY (FEMALE)

Our piano is a Steinway Concert tree
NOUN
and it has 88 cups. It also has a soft pedal and a/an

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

Alberto and play for 16 minutes. I do scales to

NOUN PERIOD OF TIME
exercise my cats, and then I usually play a minuet by

Johann Sebastian Washington. Teacher says I am a natural

Haunted House and have a good musical leg. Perhaps

NOUN PART OF THE BODY
when I get better I will become a concert Vet and give

PROFESSION
a recital at Carnegie hospital.

TYPE OF BUILDING

[M]ost charting packages channel user requests into a **rigid array of chart types**. To atone for this lack of flexibility, they offer a kit of post-creation editing tools to return the image to what the user originally envisioned. **They give the user an impression of having explored data rather than the experience.**

Leland Wilkinson

The Grammar of Graphics, 1999

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Schema

congress.csv Connection

Find:

Dimensions

- # Candidate
- # Candidate ID
- # General Elec Status
- # Incumbent/Challenger/Open-Seal
- # Party
- # Party Desig
- # Primary Elec Status
- # Runoff Elec Status
- # Spec Elec Status
- # State Code
- # Year
- # Measure Names

Measures

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

Groups

Columns: Party ▾ Year ▾

Filters:

Rows: SUM(Total..) ▾

Level of Detail:

Mark: Automatic ▾

Text:

Color: Party ▾

Size:

Legend:

- 1 (Blue)
- 2 (Orange)
- 3 (Green)

Size:

Sum(Total Receipts)

Year	Group 1 (Party)	Group 2 (Party)
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1998	~370M	~410M
2000	~530M	~520M
2002	~480M	~490M

Sheet 1 /

Statistics and Computing

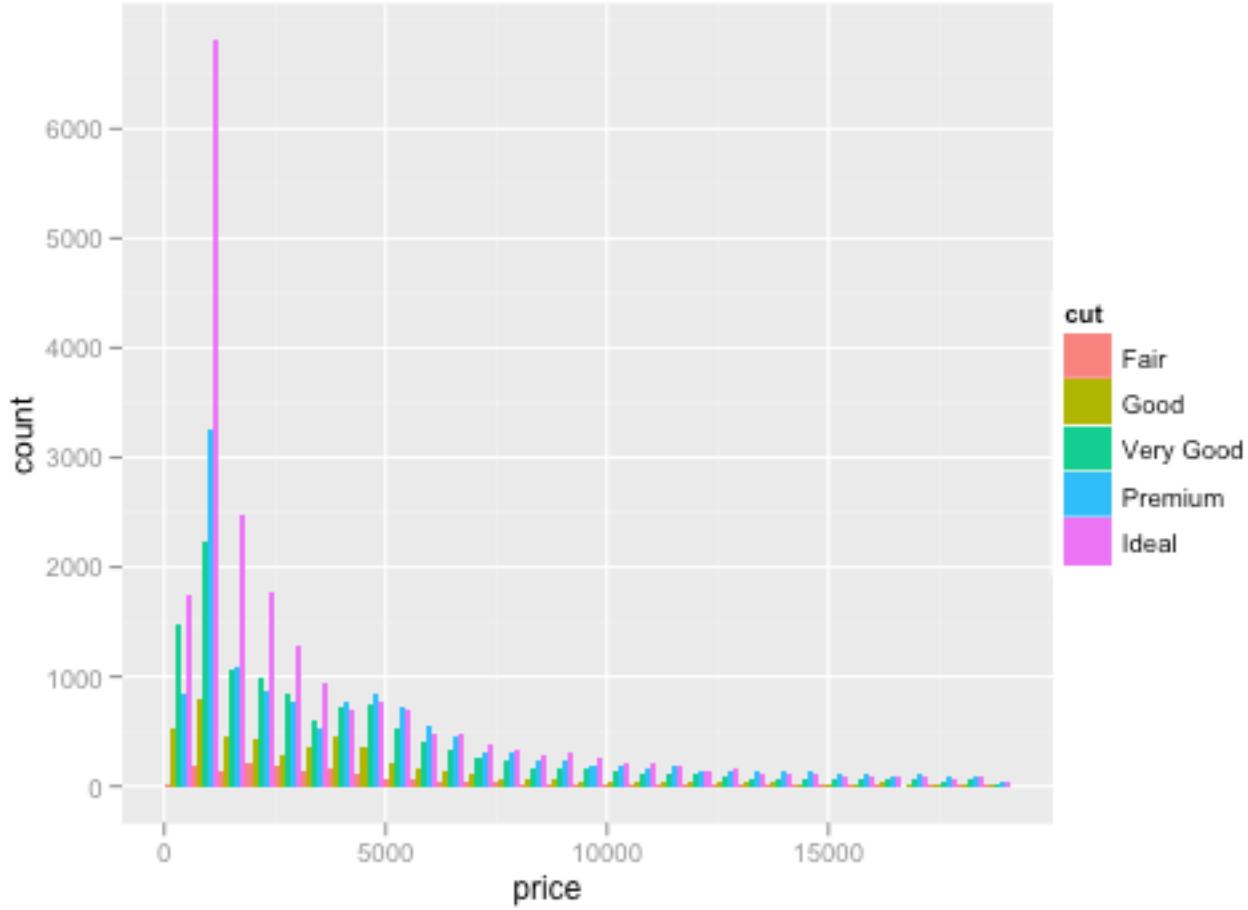
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**The Grammar
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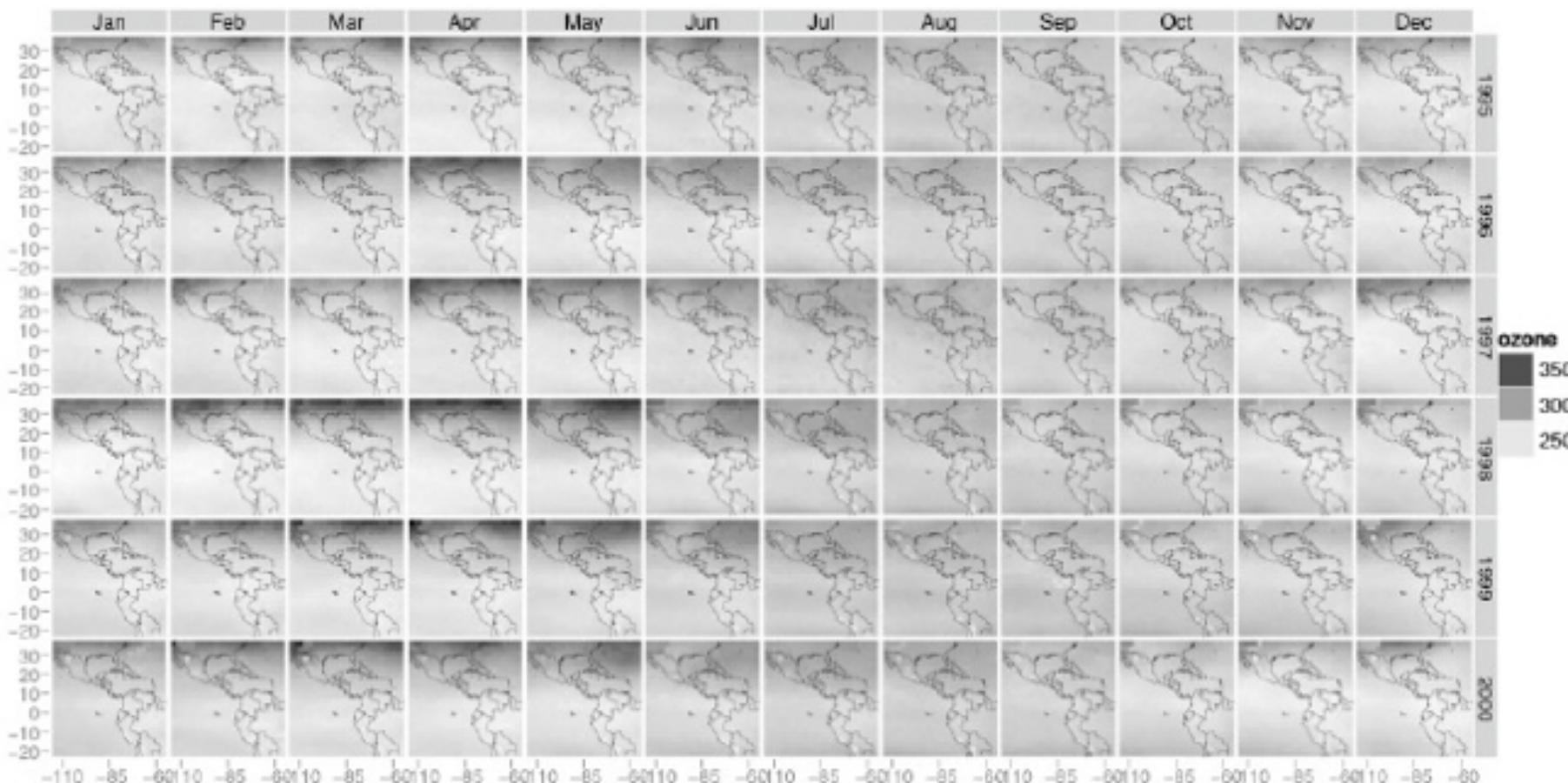
Second Edition

 Springer

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



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



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

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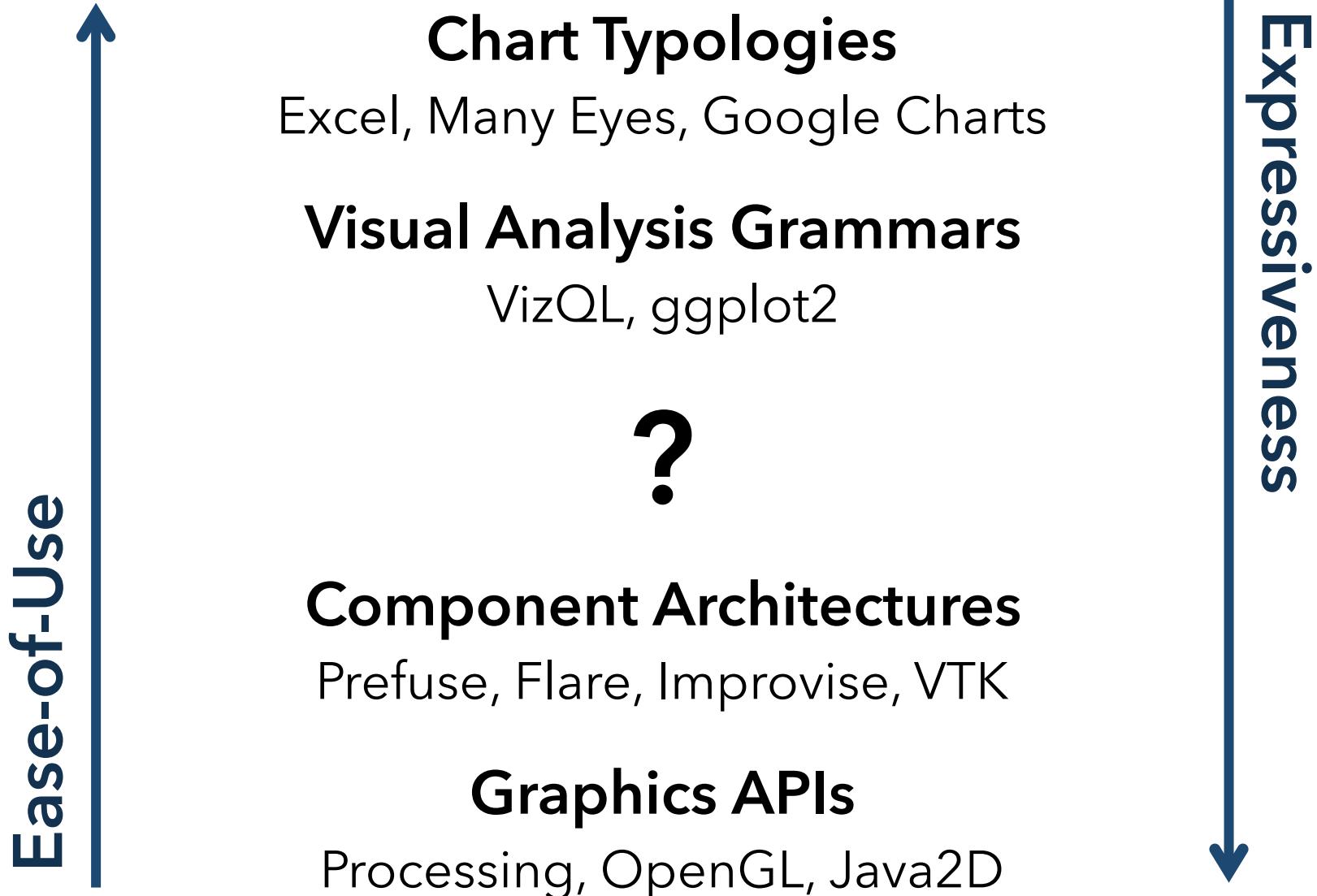
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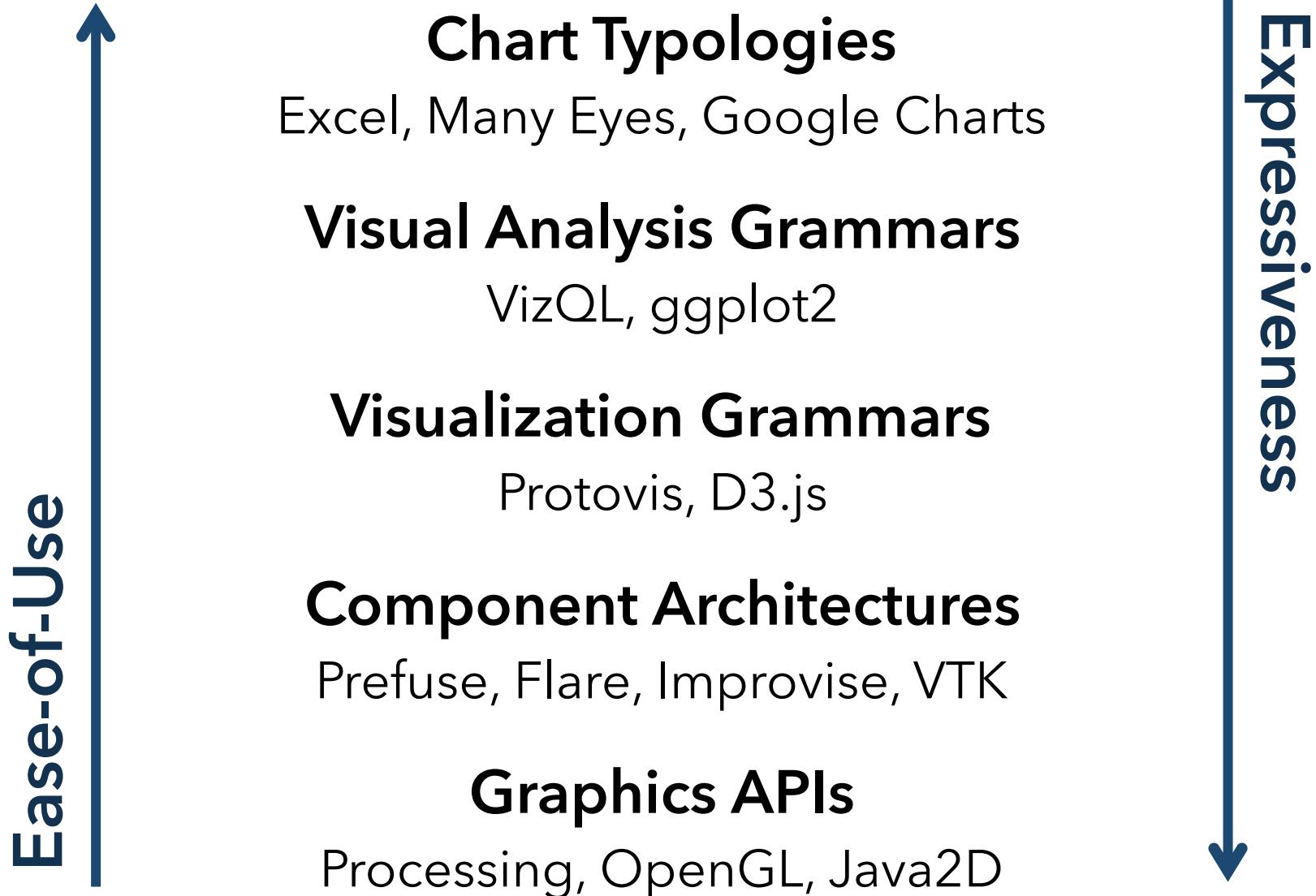
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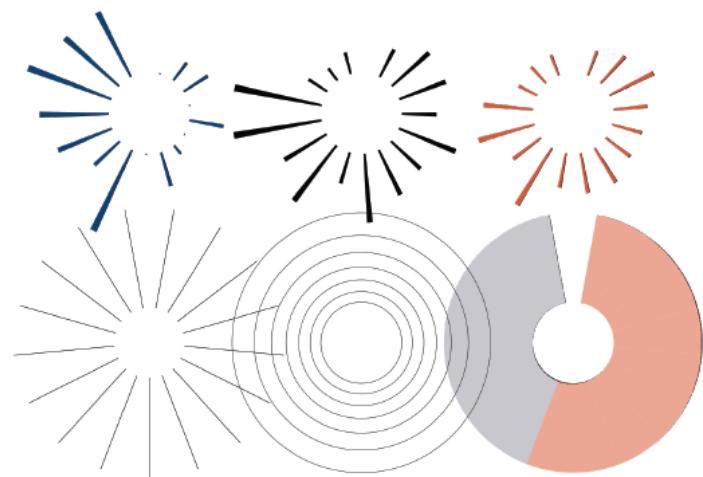
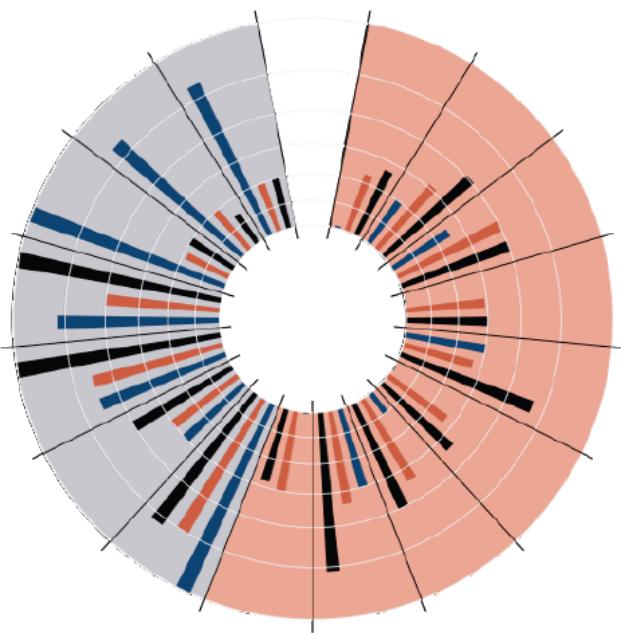




Protopis & D3

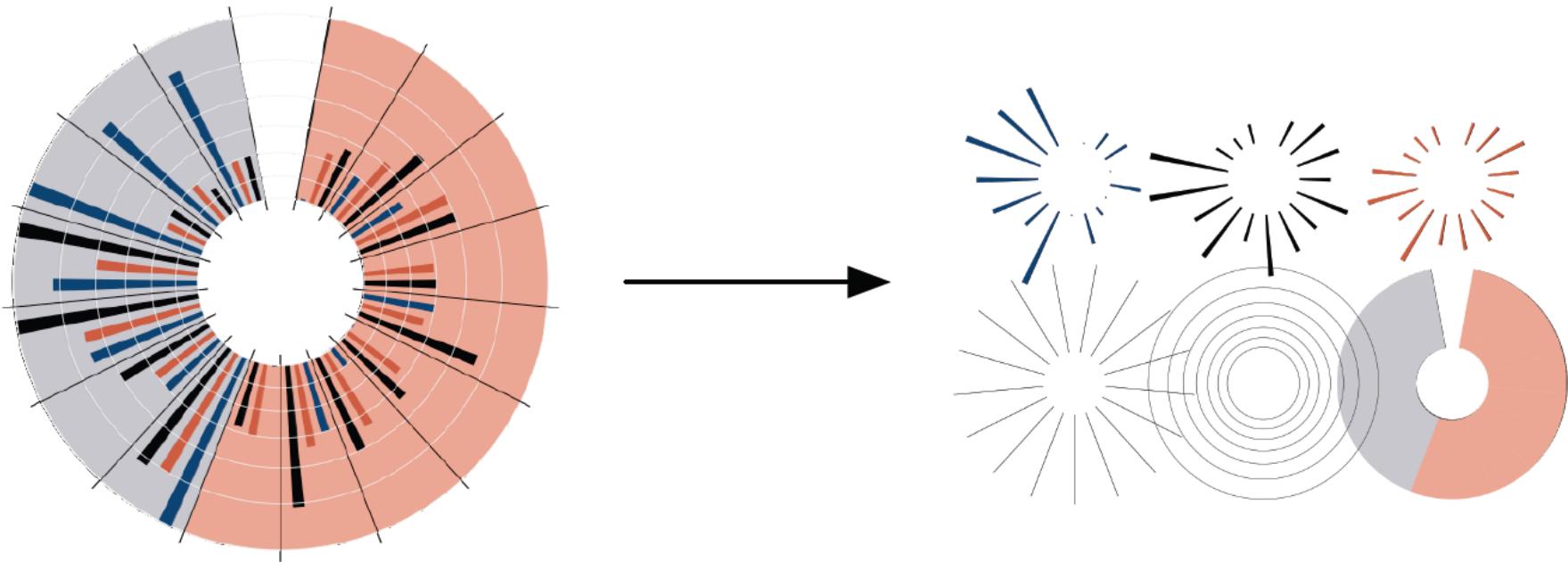
Today's first task is not to invent wholly new [graphical] techniques, though these are needed. Rather we need most vitally to recognize and reorganize the **essential of old techniques**, to **make easy their assembly in new ways**, and to **modify their external appearances to fit the new opportunities**.

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



A graphic is a composition of data-representative marks.

Protopis: A Grammar for Visualization



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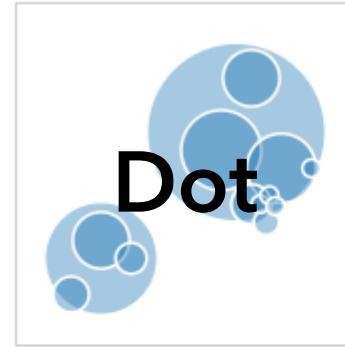
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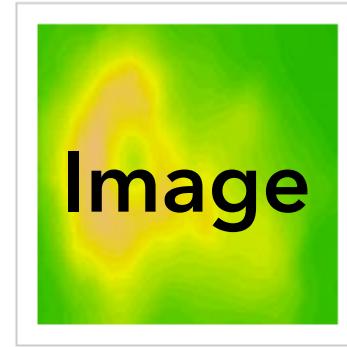
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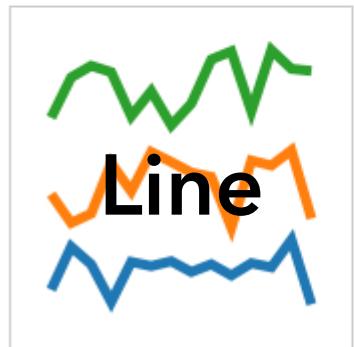
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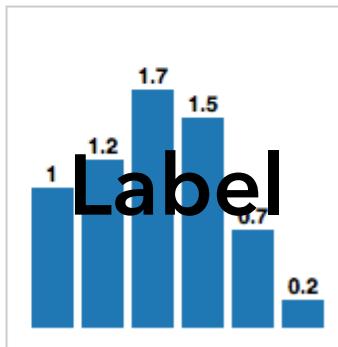
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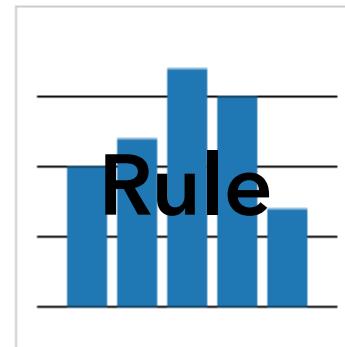
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Line



Label



Rule



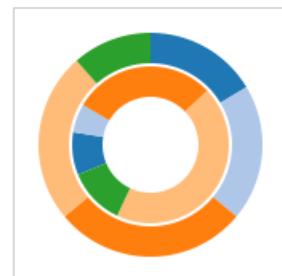
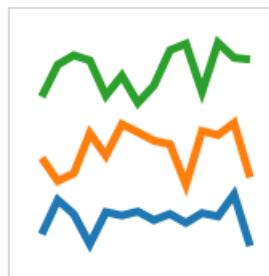
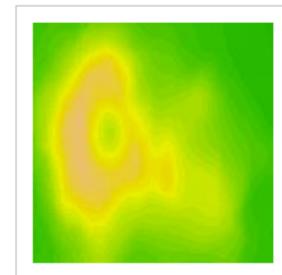
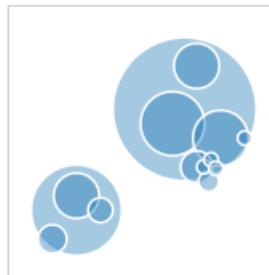
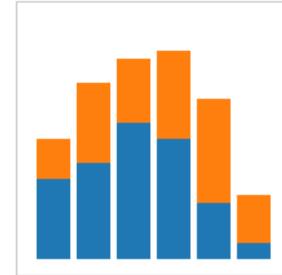
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MARKS: Protovis graphical primitives

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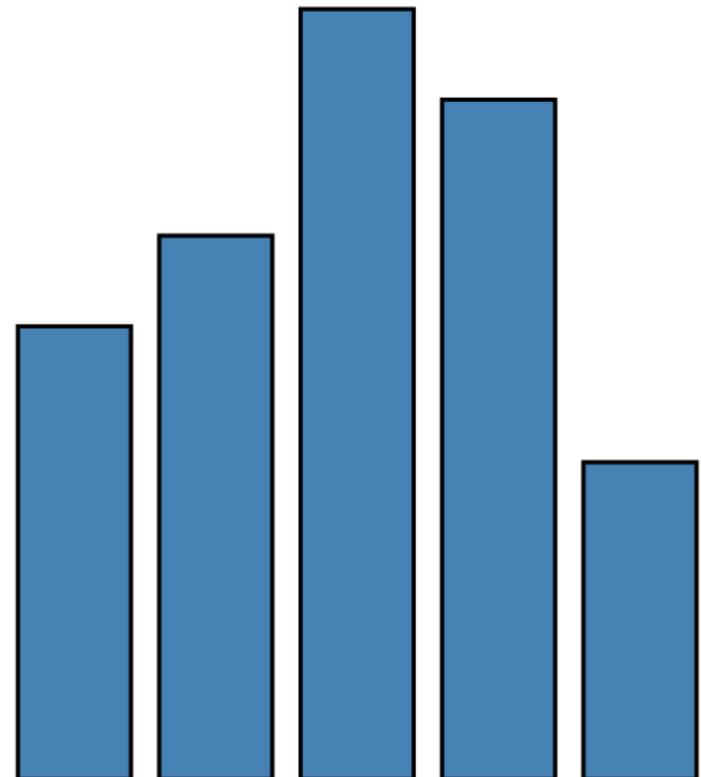
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...	λ



RECT $\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

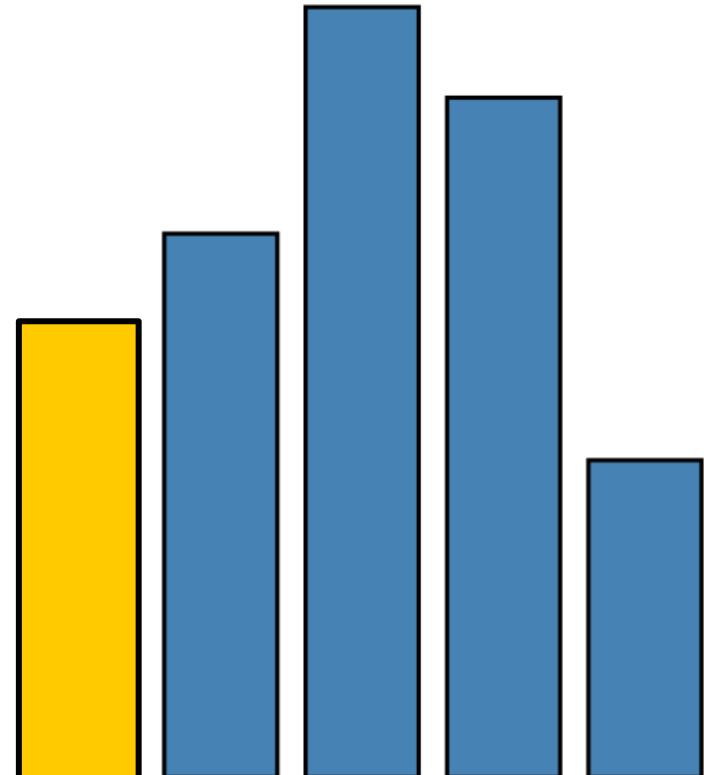
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...	...



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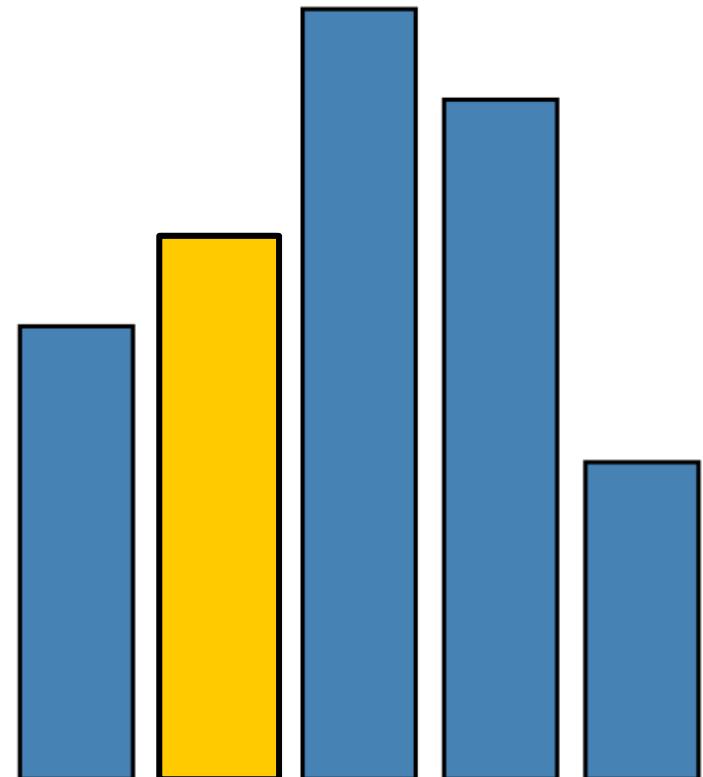
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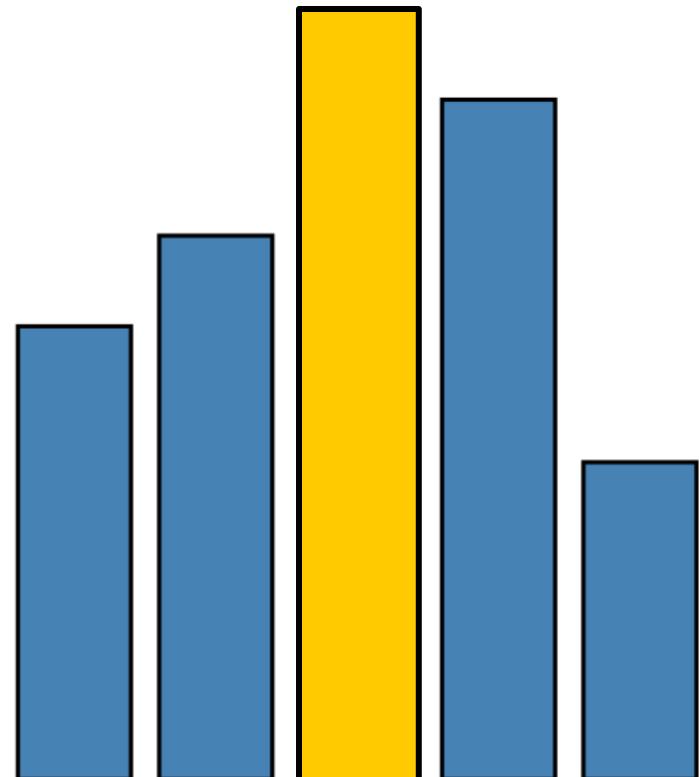
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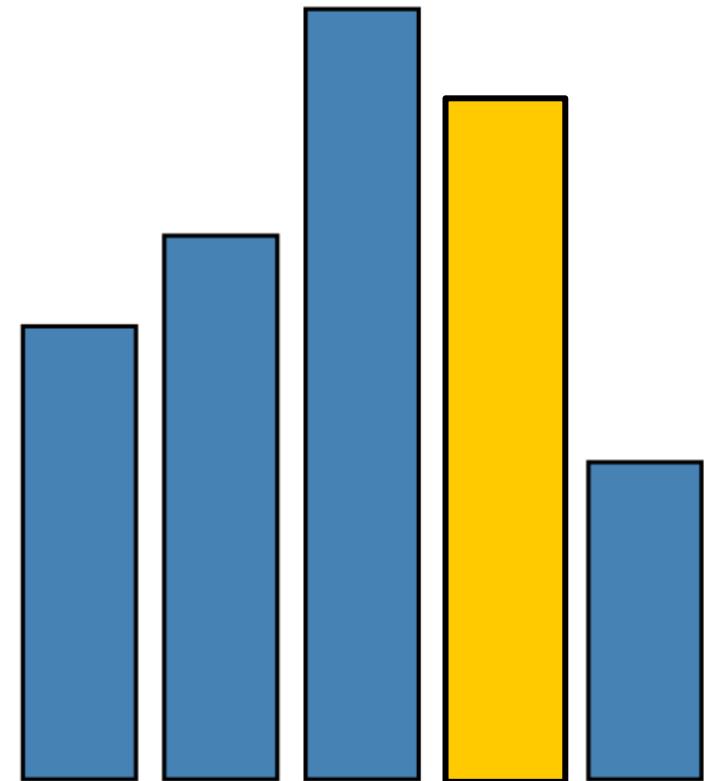
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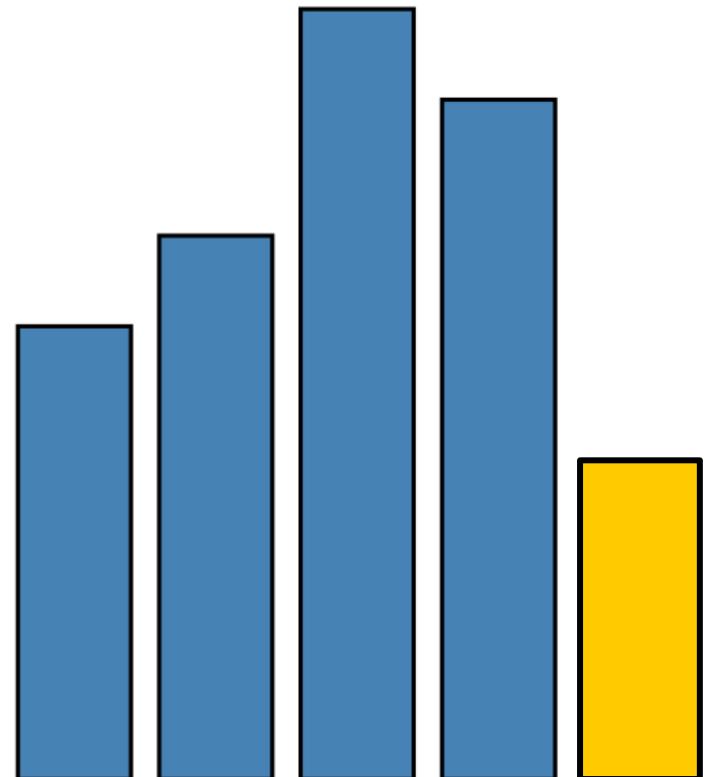
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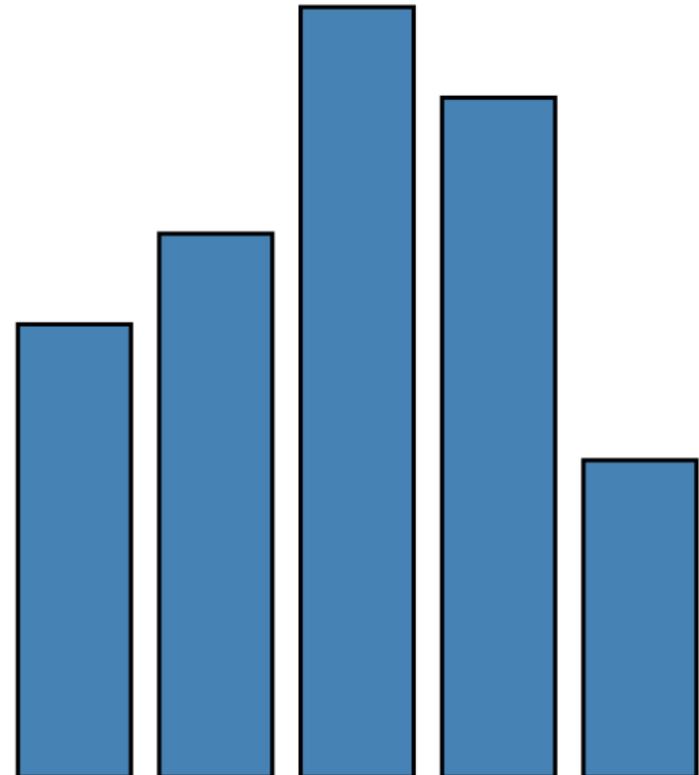
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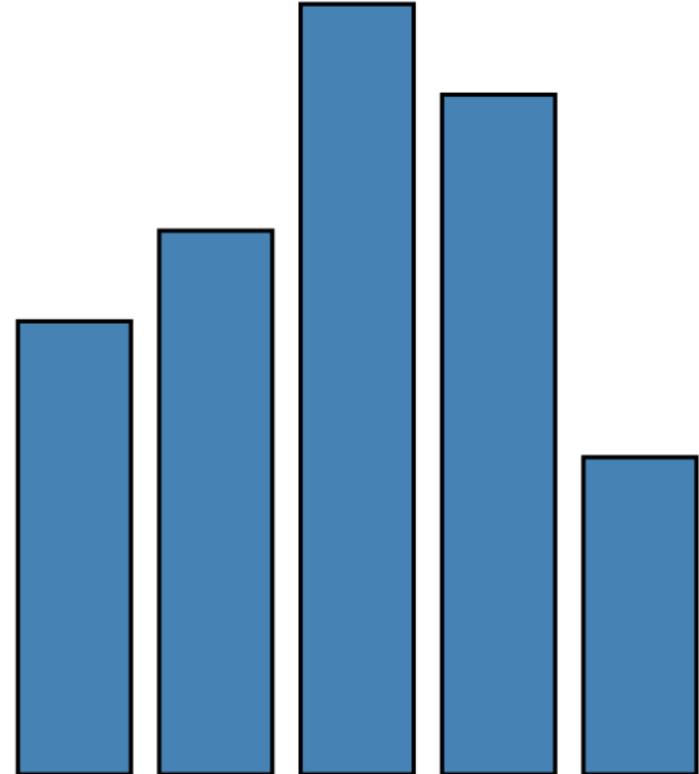


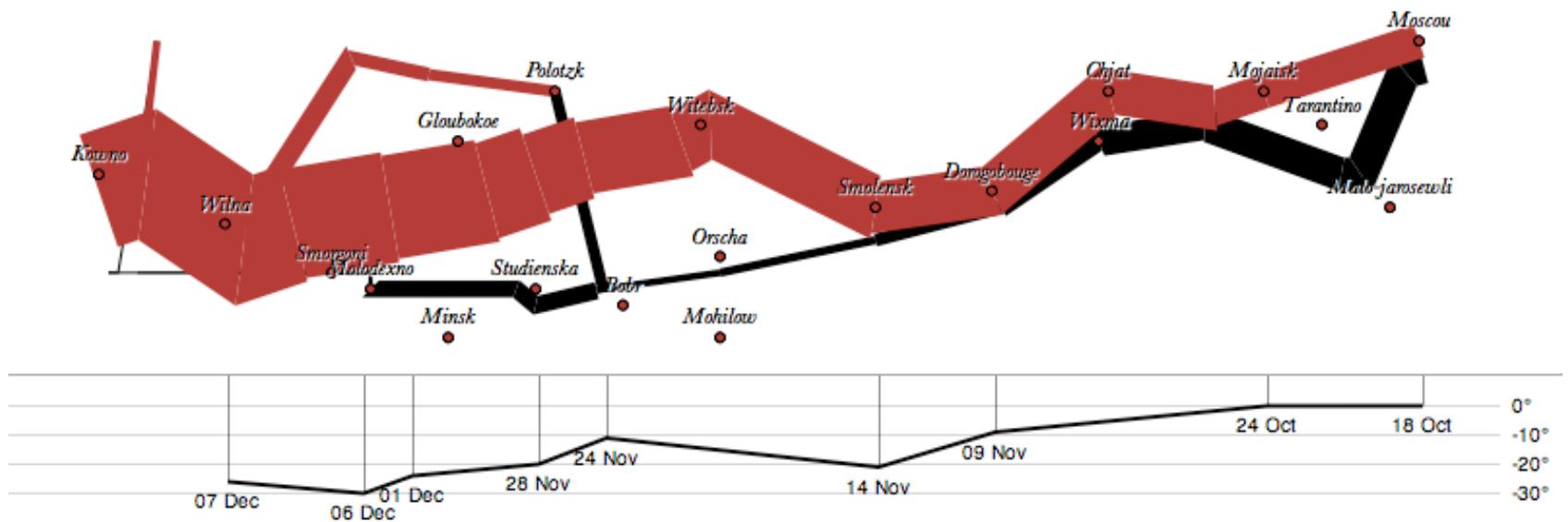
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```
var vis = new pv.Panel();
vis.add(pv.Bar)
  .data([1, 1.2, 1.7, 1.5, 0.7])
  .visible(true)
  .left((d) => this.index * 25)
  .bottom(0)
  .width(20)
  .height((d) => d * 80)
  .fillStyle("blue")
  .strokeStyle("black")
  .lineWidth(1.5);
vis.render();
```





```

var army = pv.nest(napoleon.army, "dir", "group");
var vis = new pv.Panel();

var lines = vis.add(pv.Panel).data(army);
lines.add(pv.Line)
  .data(() => army[this.idx])
  .left(lon).top(lat).size((d) => d.size/8000)
  .strokeStyle(() => color[army[panelIndex][0].dir]);

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

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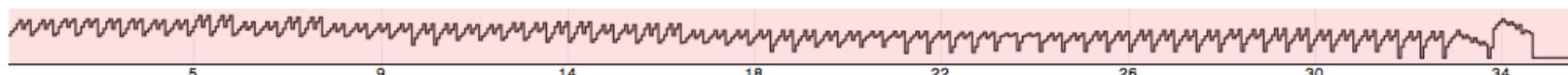
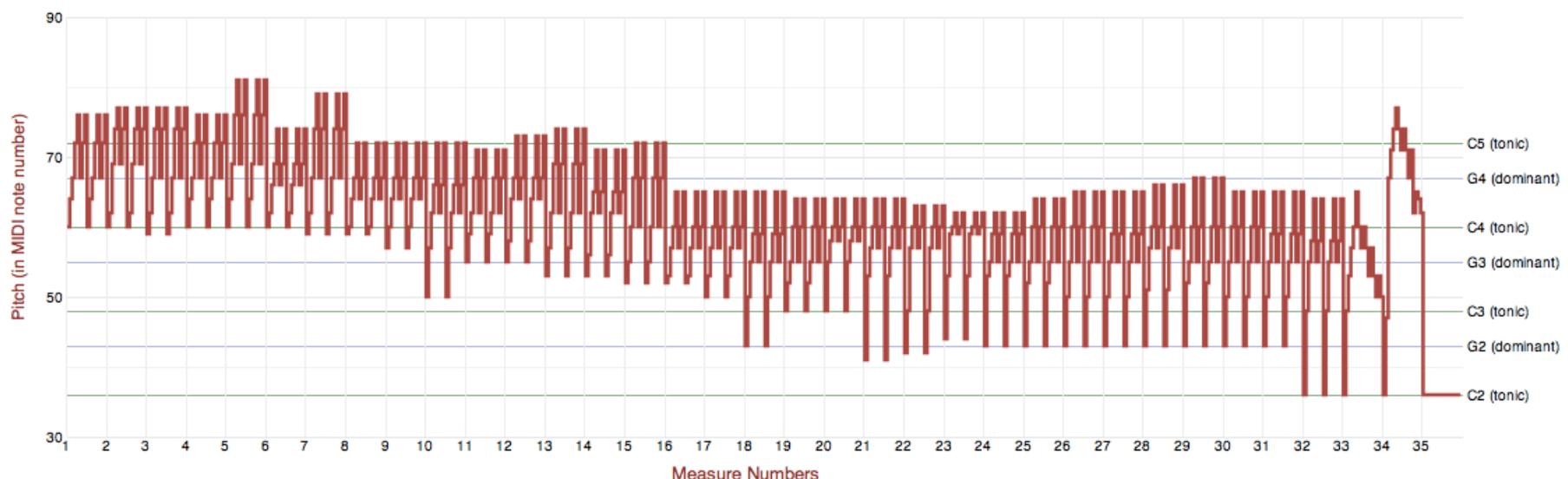
vis.add(pv.Rule).data([0,-10,-20,-30])
  .top((d) => 300 - 2*d - 0.5).left(200).right(150)
  .lineWidth(1).strokeStyle("#ccc")
  .anchor("right").add(pv.Label)
  .font("italic 10px Georgia")
  .text((d) => d+"°").textBaseline("center");

vis.add(pv.Line).data(napoleon.temp)
  .left(lon).top(tmp).strokeStyle("#0")
  .add(pv.Label)
  .top((d) => 5 + tmp(d))
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(FROM WELL-TEMPERED CLAVIER, BOOK 1)

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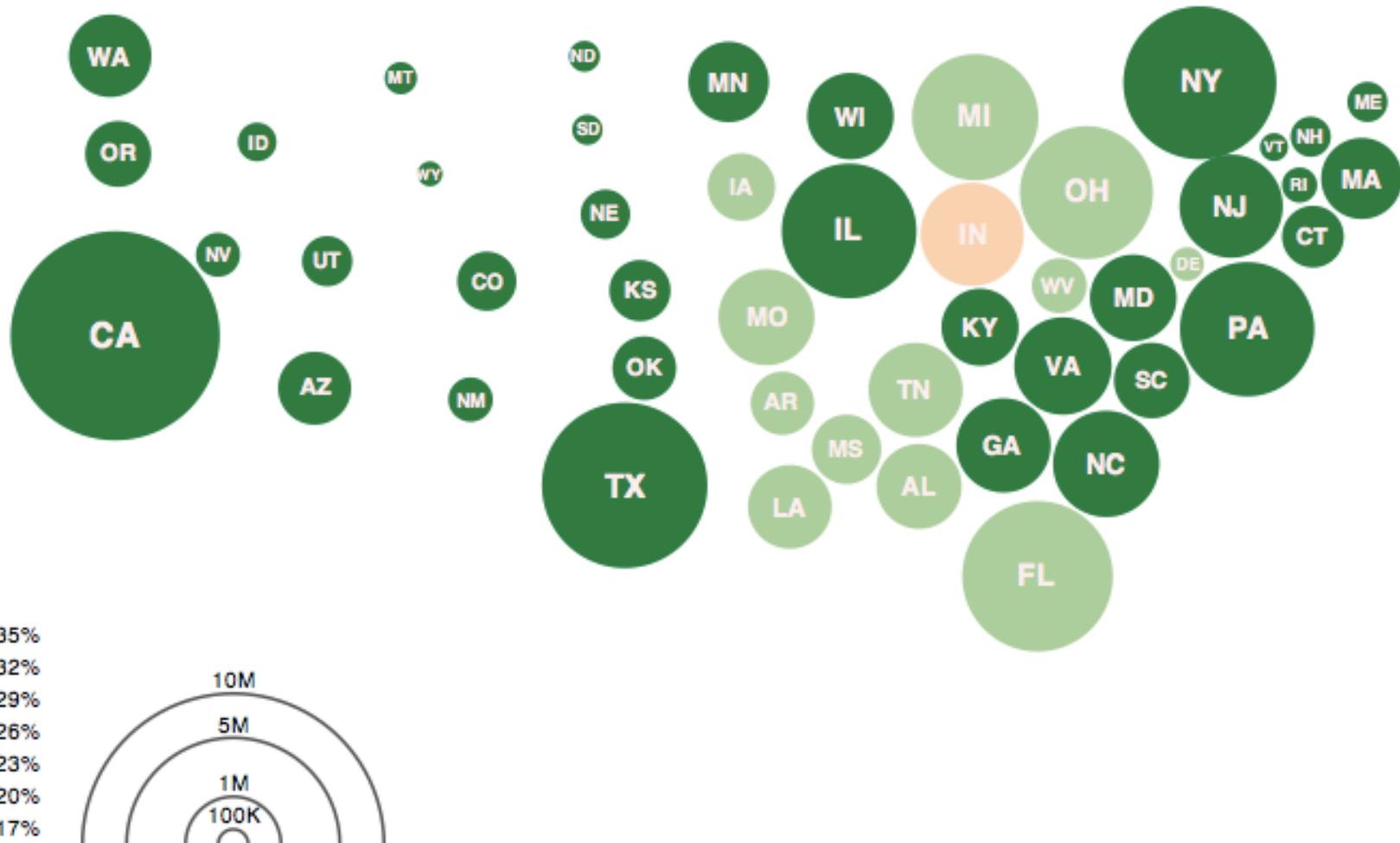
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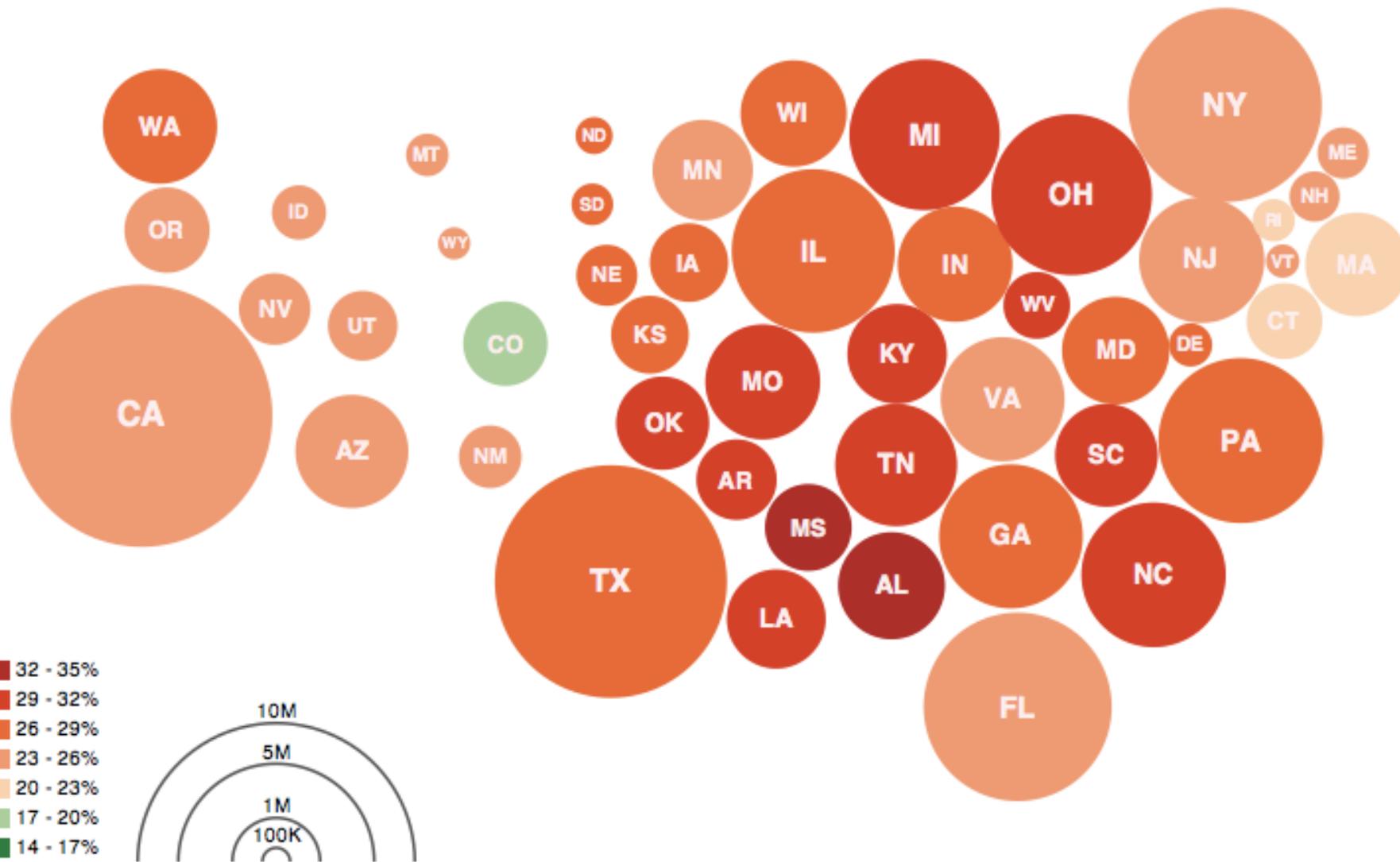
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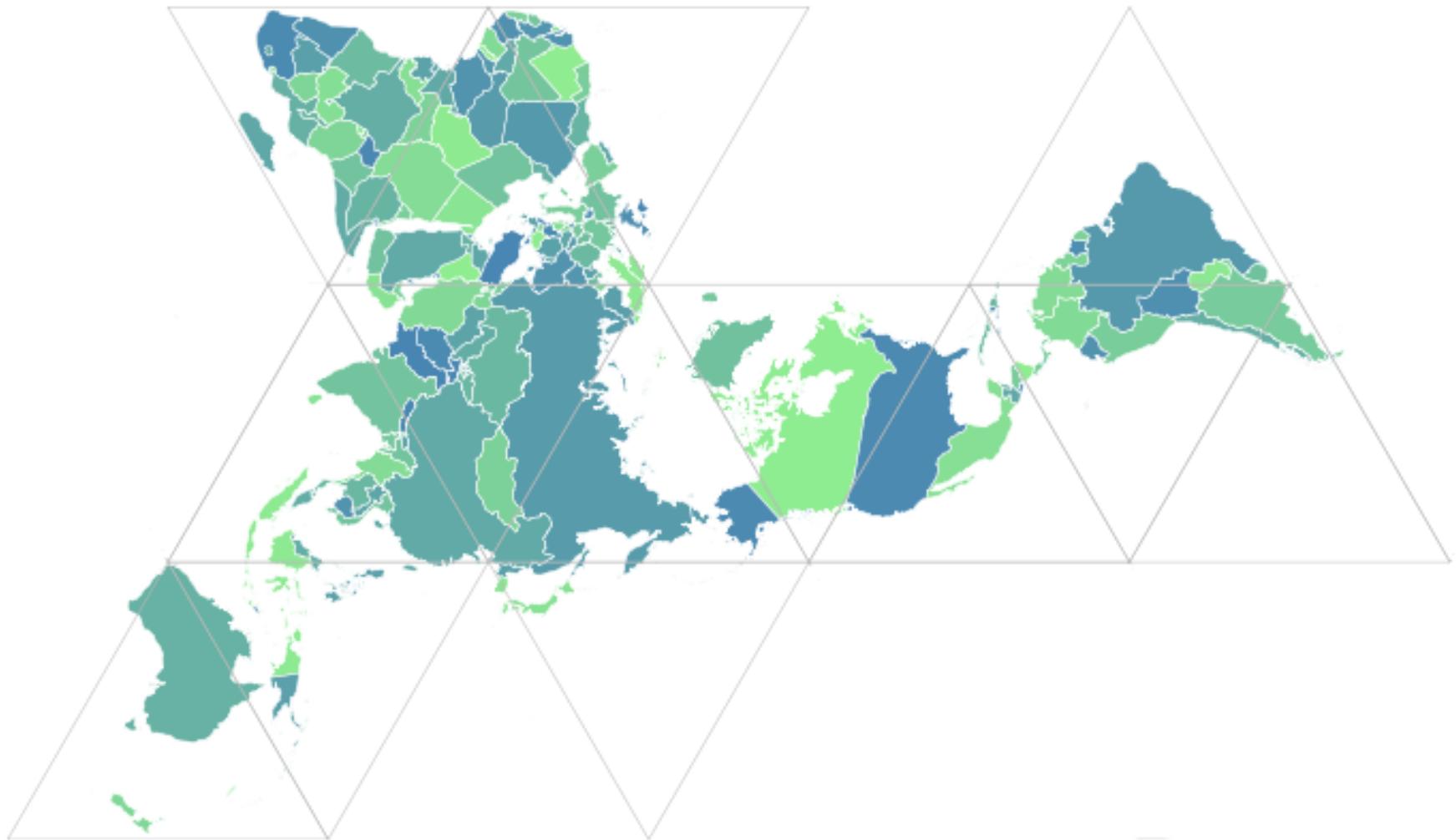
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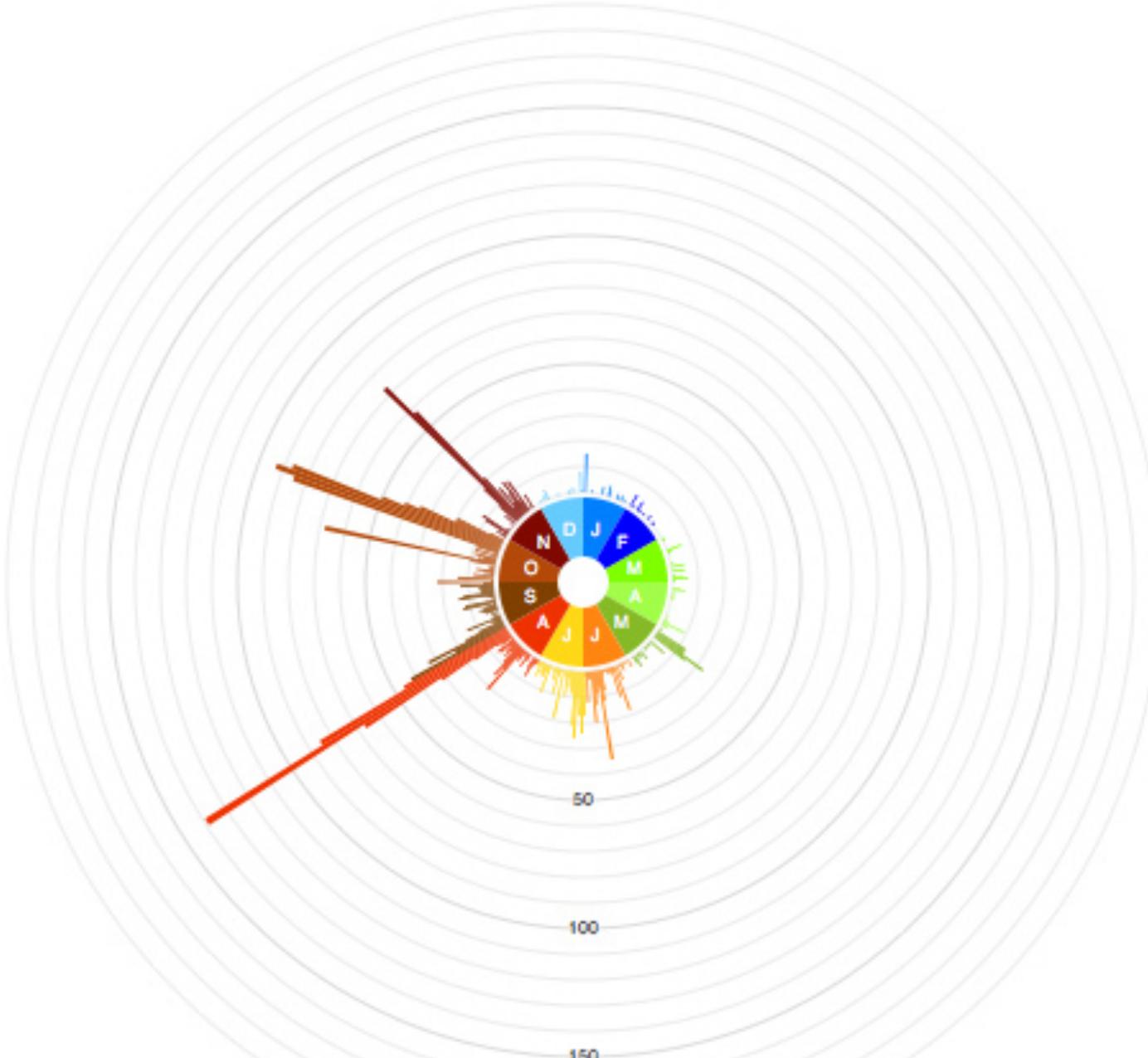
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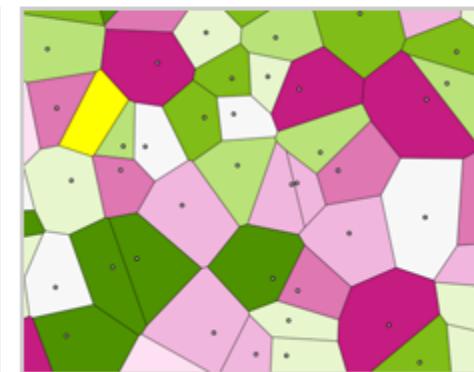
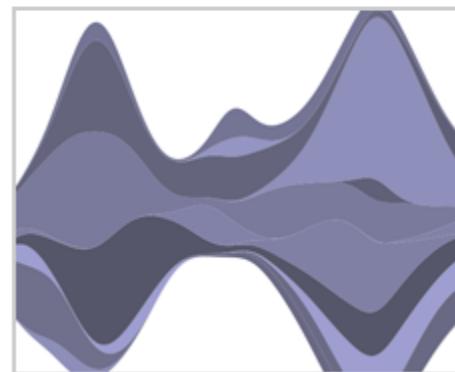
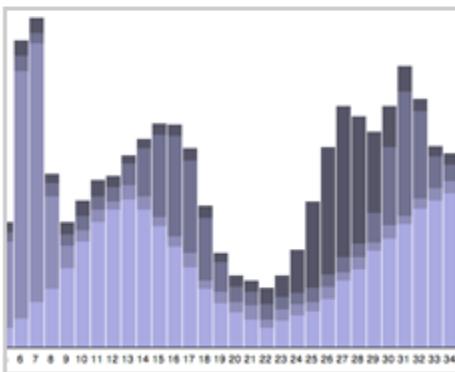
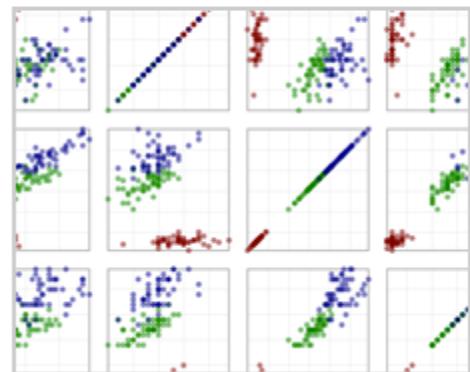
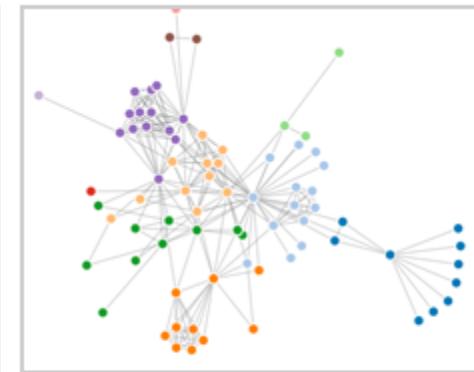
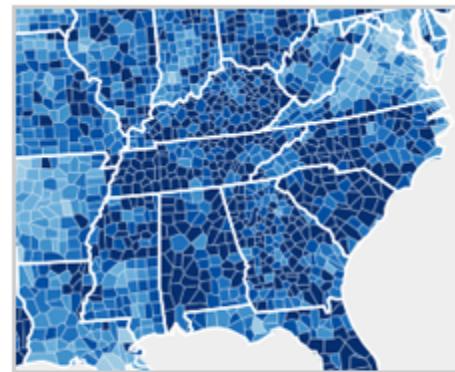
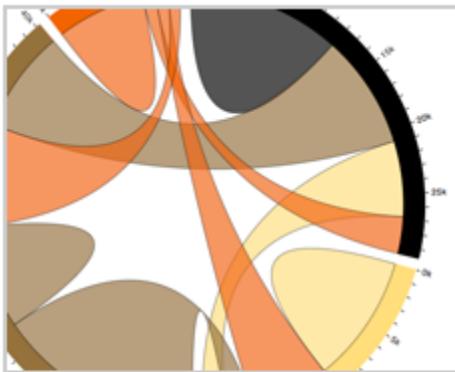
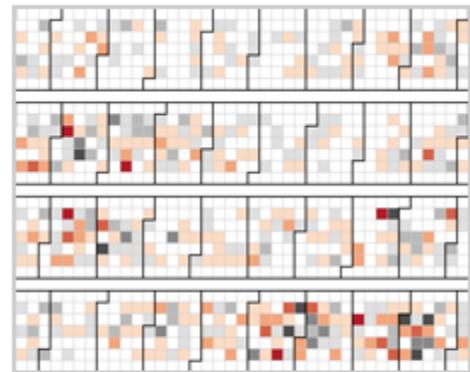
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d3.js Data-Driven Documents



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    .attr("width", 100)            // set rect widths to 100px
    .style("fill", "steelblue");   // set rect fill colors
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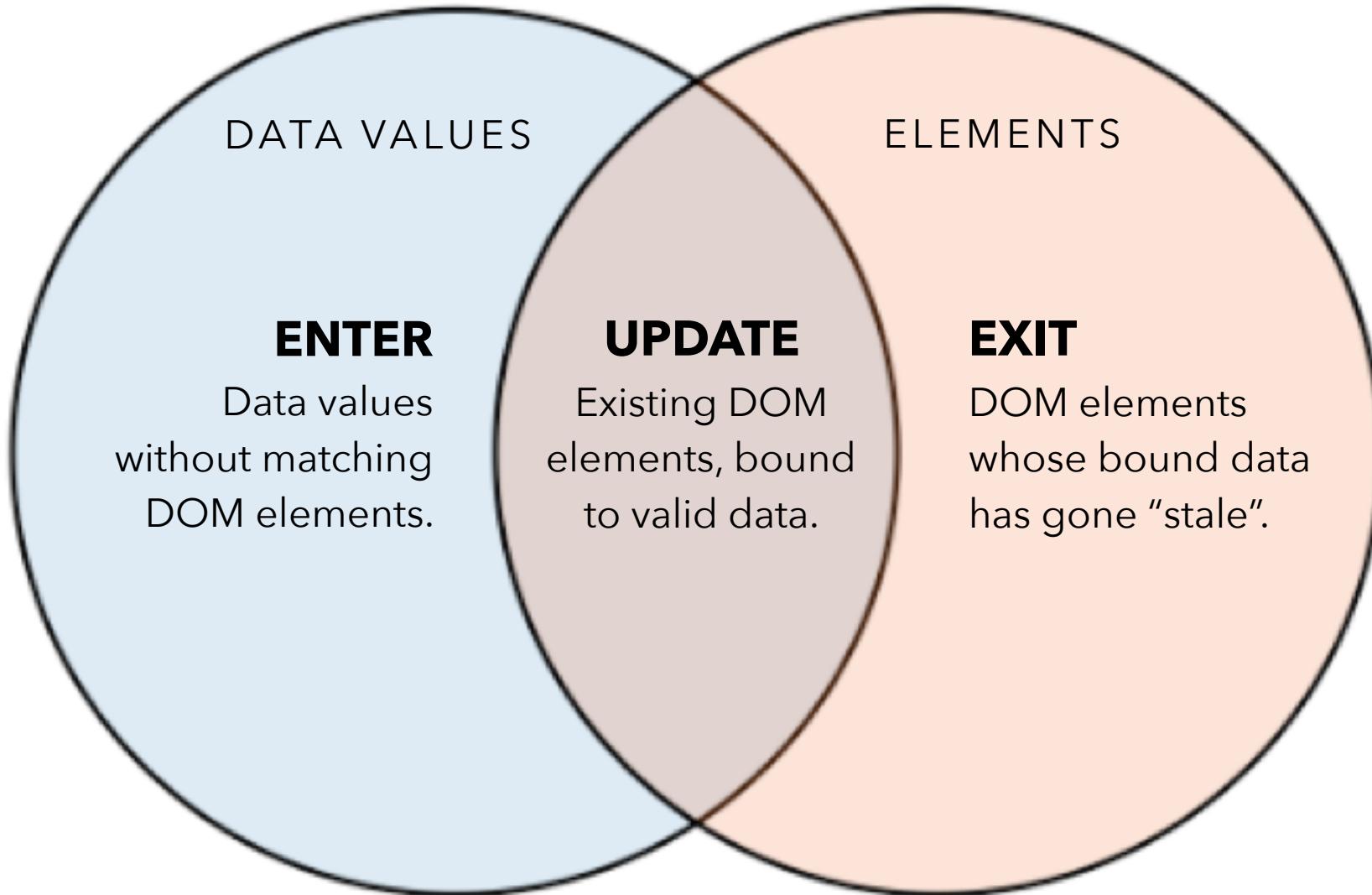
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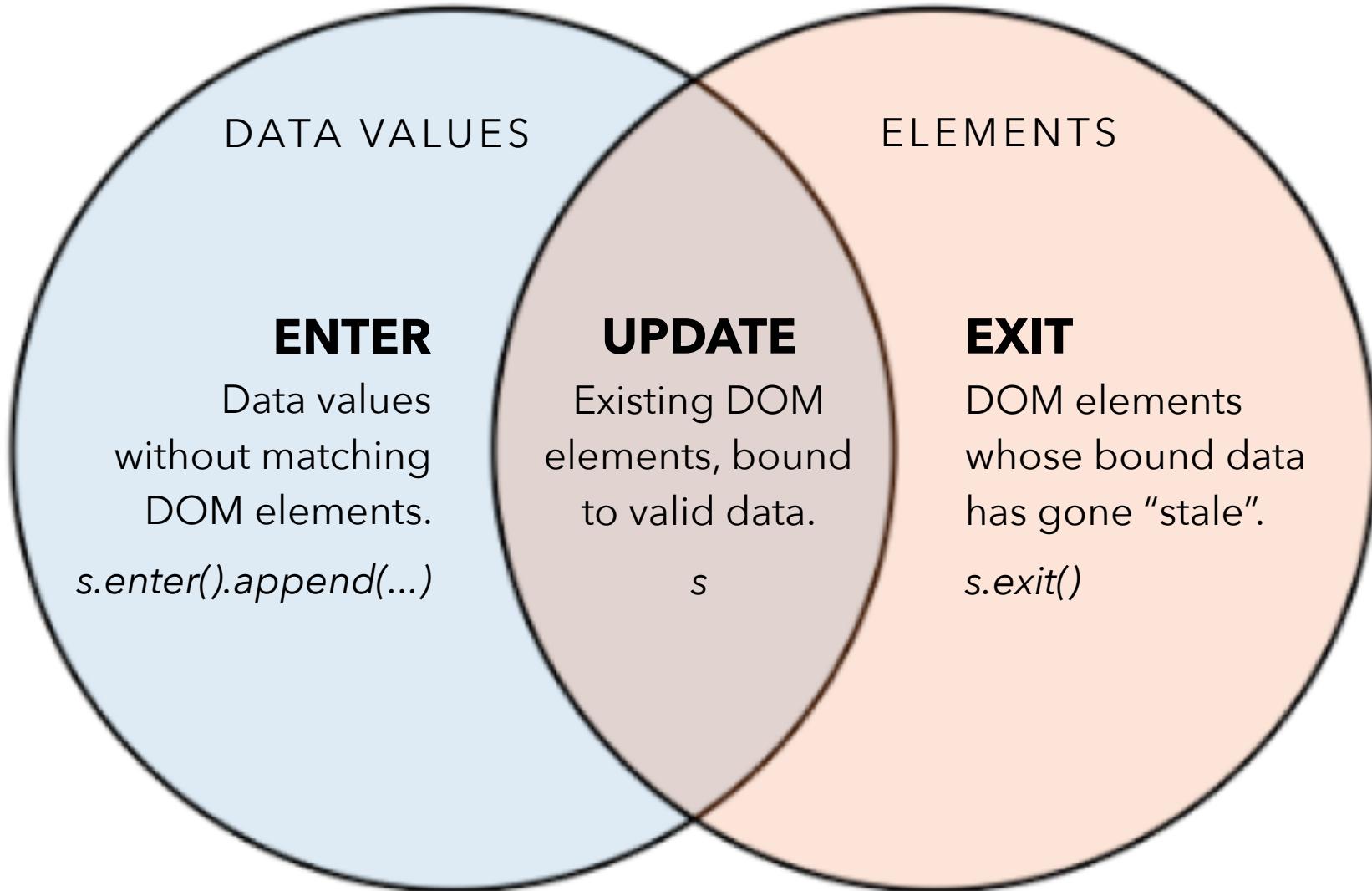
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var s = d3.selectAll(...).data(...)
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D3 Modules

Data Parsing / Formatting (JSON, CSV, ...)

Shape Helpers (arcs, curves, areas, symbols, ...)

Scale Transforms (linear, log, ordinal, ...)

Color Spaces (RGB, HSL, LAB, ...)

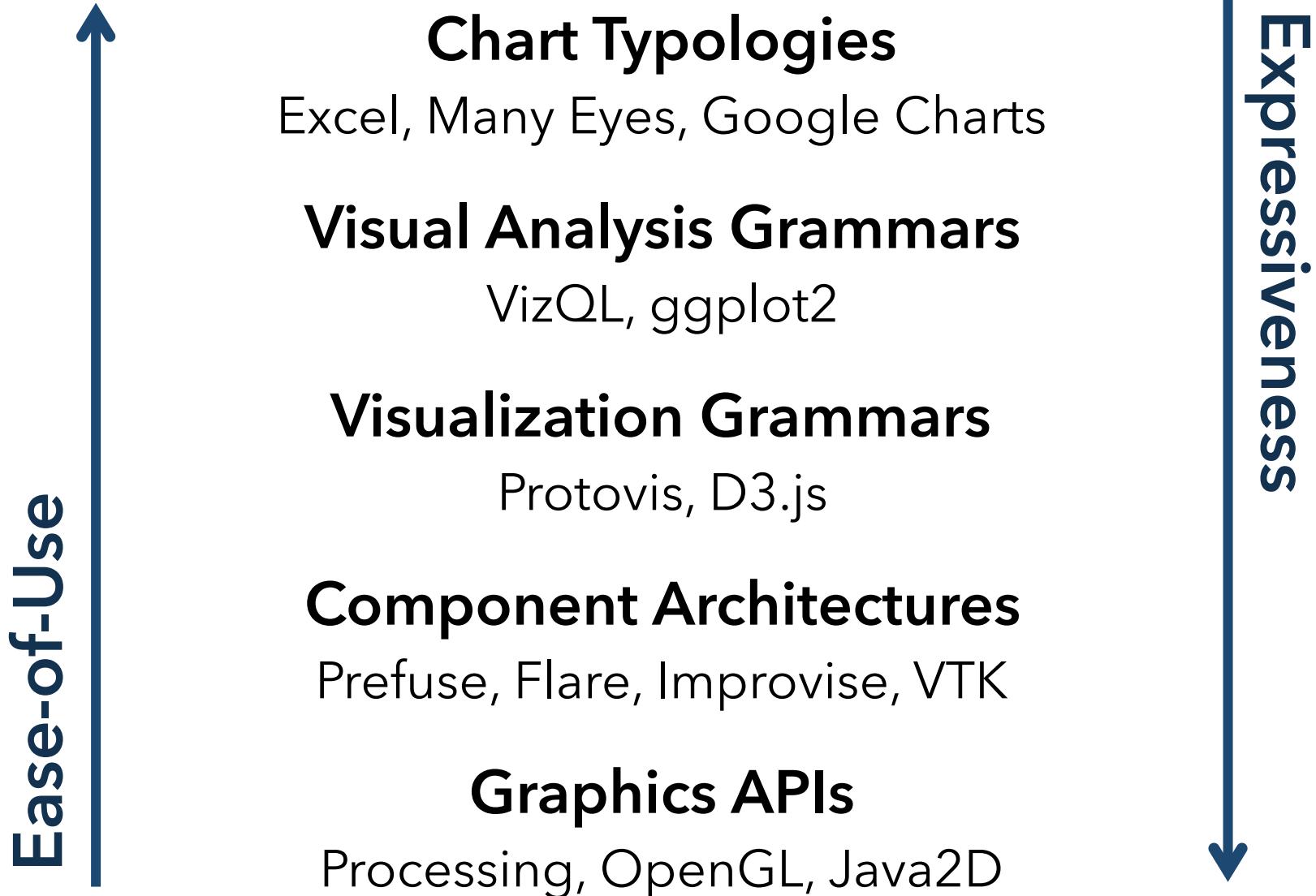
Animated Transitions (tweening, easing, ...)

Geographic Mapping (projections, clipping, ...)

Layout Algorithms (stack, pie, force, trees, ...)

Interactive Behaviors (brush, zoom, drag, ...)

Many of these correspond to future lecture topics!



Administrivia

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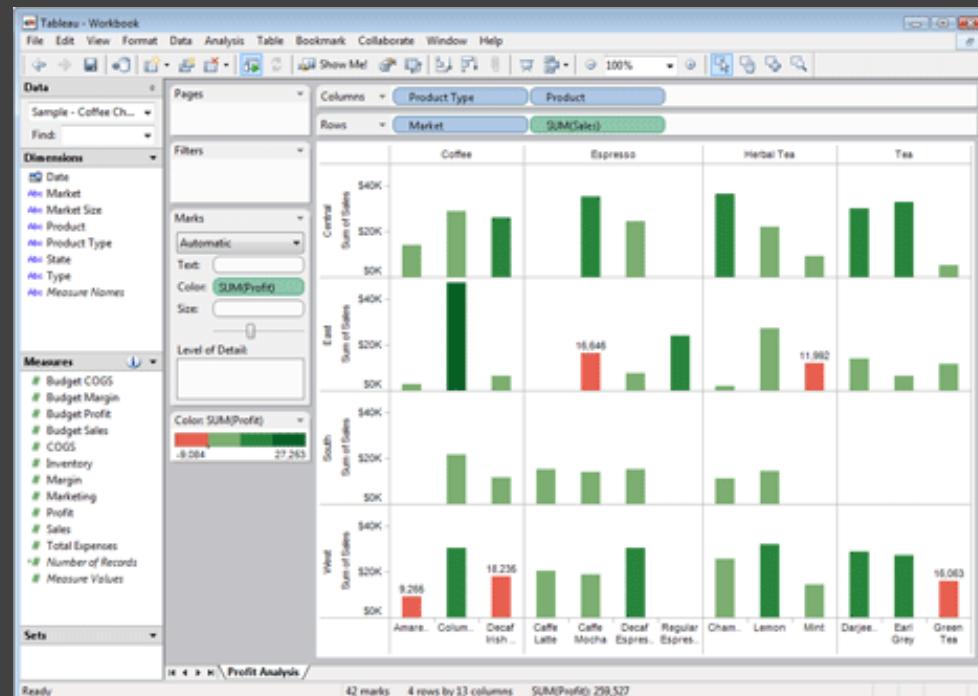
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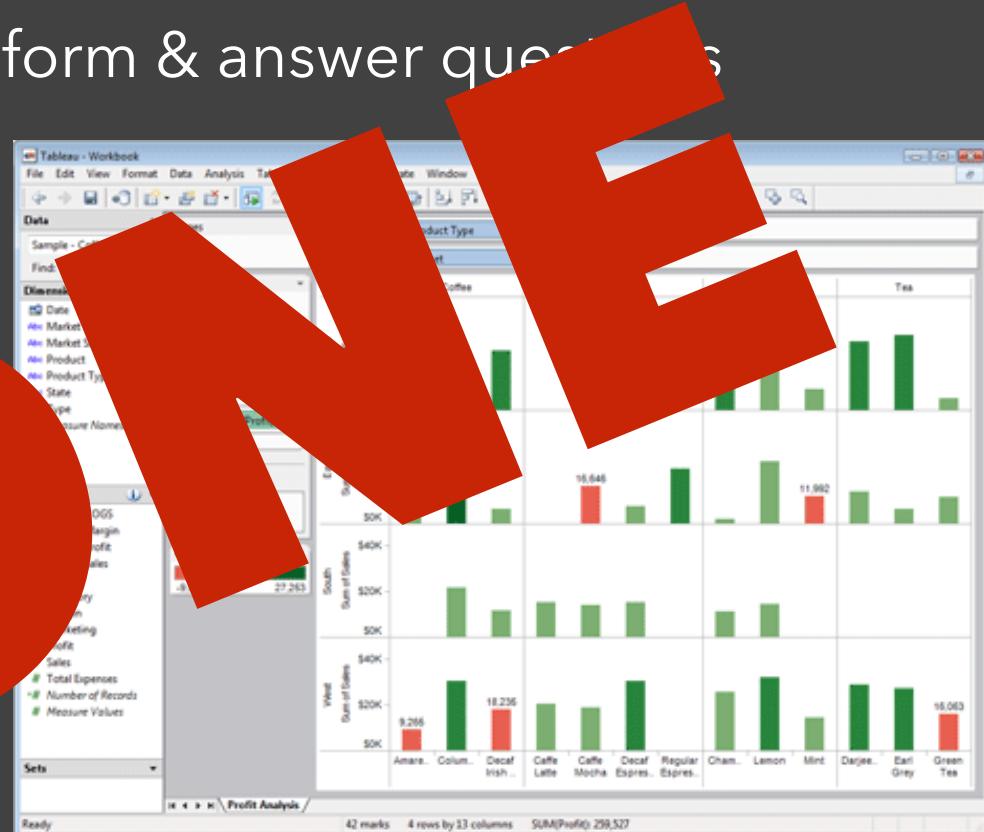
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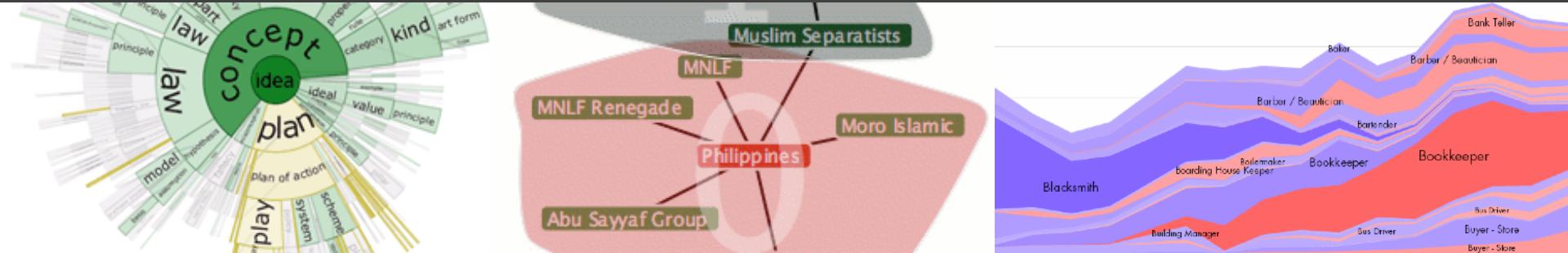
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A3: Interactive Prototype

Create an interactive visualization. Choose a driving question for a dataset and develop an appropriate visualization + interaction techniques, then deploy your visualization on the web.

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Work in project teams of 3-4 people.

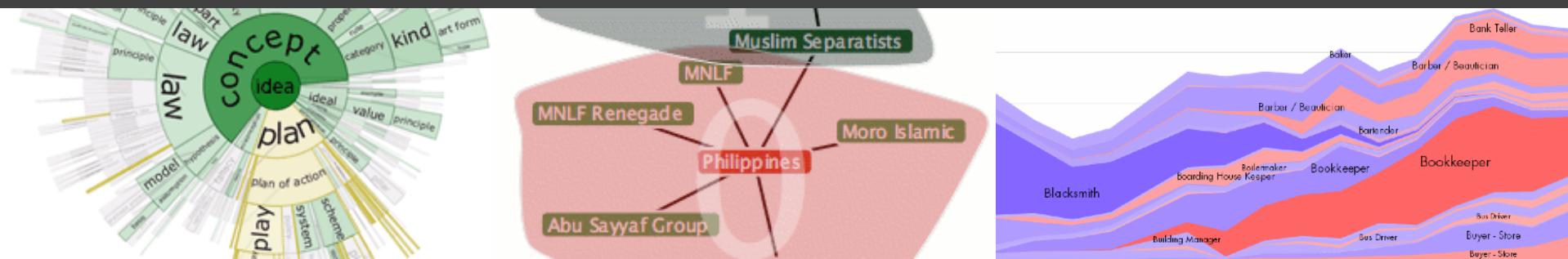


Requirements

Interactive. You must implement interaction methods! However, this is not only selection / filtering / tooltips. Also consider annotations or other narrative features to draw attention and provide additional context

Web-based. D3 is encouraged, but not required. Deploy your visualization using GitHub pages.

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



A3 & Final Project Team

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

Start thinking about your Final Project, too!

A3 is open-ended, but you can use it to start exploring your FP topic if you like.

Submit signup form by **Friday 10/20, 11:59pm**.

If you do not have team mates, you should:

- Use the facilities on Canvas
- Stay after class/tutorial to meet potential partners

Team Member Roles

We encourage you to structure team responsibilities!

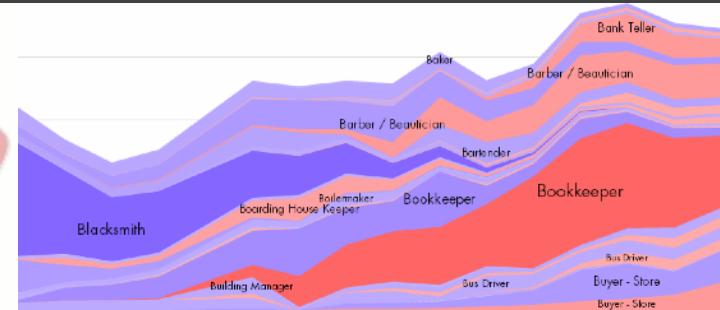
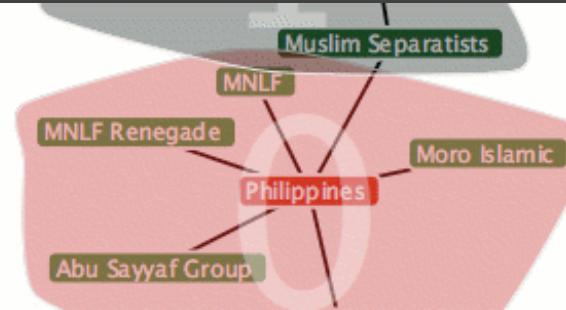
Coordinator: Organize meetings, track deadlines, etc.

Data Lead: Data wrangling, management, distillation

Tech Lead: Manage code integration, GitHub repo

UX Lead: Visualization/interaction design & evaluation

One may have multiple roles, share work across roles...

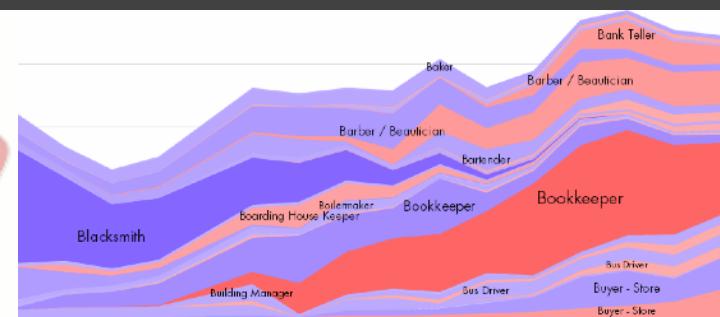
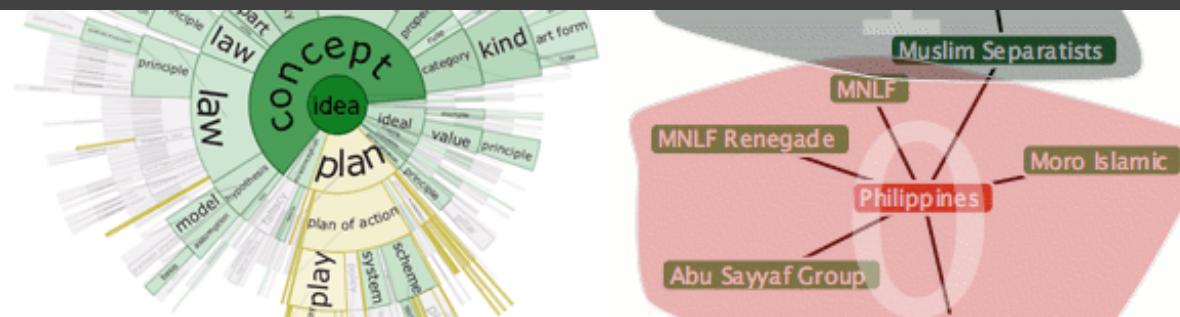


Interactive Prototype Tips

Start now. It will take longer than you think.

Keep it simple. Choose a *minimal* set of interactions that enables users to explore and generate interesting insights. Do not feel obligated to convey *everything* about the data: focus on a compelling subset.

Promote engagement. How do your chosen interactions reveal interesting observations?



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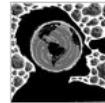
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Painting at 99, With No Compromises

By ROBIN FINN

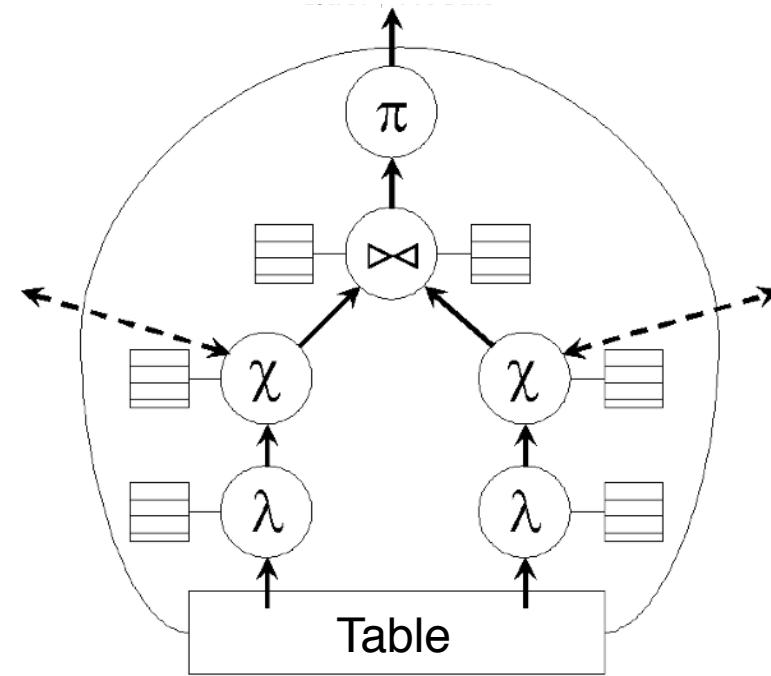
An exhibition celebrating Will Barnet's centennial year traces his evolution as a modern American artist.

By GARDNER HARRIS and DUFF

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"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
<!--[if IE]><![endif]-->
<html>
  <head>...</head>
  <body id="home" style="visibility: visible; ">
    <script src="http://connect.facebook.net/en_US/all.js"></script>
    <div id="fb-root"></div>
    <a name="top"></a>
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```

HTML/CSS



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

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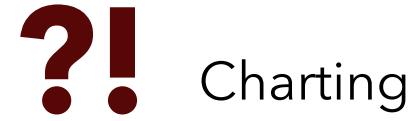
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