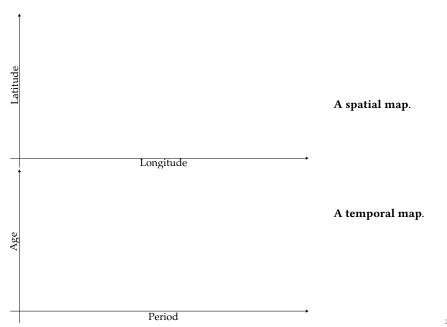
# Visualizing composite data on the Lexis surface

What share of a population features attribute *i* at period *t* and age *x*?

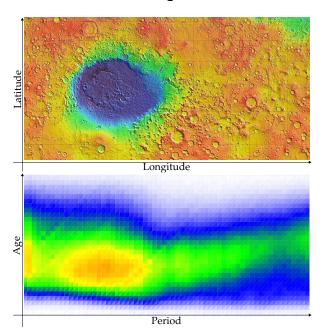
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## **Predefined Visual Spaces**



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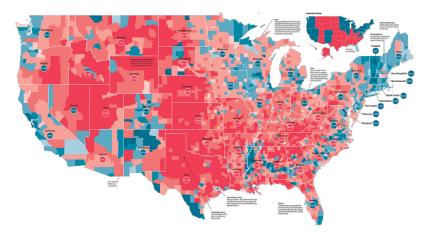
A spatial map The surface of Mars with elevation encoded by colour. NASA 2000

A temporal map Fertility rates in Scotland since 1945 with rate encoded by colour. *Modified from Riffe 2011*.

### Plotting data: Magnitudes vs. Compositions

Easy		Hard
187 Deaths 10 000 Persons	←	93 Neoplasm 40 Cardiovascular 23 Respiratory 12 Accident 19 Other
Single value	composed of	n-dimensional vector
		↓ expressed as
		(0.50 Neoplasm 0.21 Cardiovascular 0.12 Respiratory 0.06 Accident 0.11 Other n-dimensional simplex

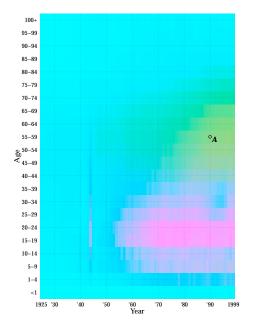
### Binary compositions on a surface



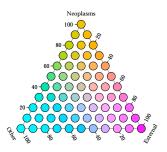
#### Divergent colour scale

US presidential election 2012. Proportion of people voting for Democrats vs. Republicans. \*Guardian Graphics 2012.\*

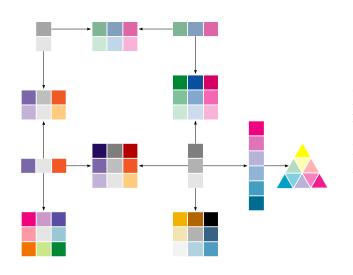
#### Ternary compositions on a surface



**Ternary-balance-scheme** Proportion of people dying from a given cause by time and age. *France, total population.* 

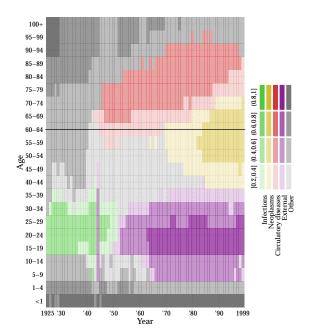


#### **Brewers Typology of Colour schemes**



Colour scheme typology Basic colour schemes and combinations of them. Redrawn from Brewer (1994).

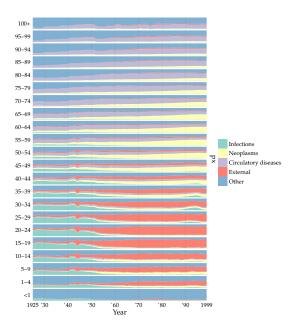
#### N-dimensional compositions on a surface



# Qualitative sequential scheme

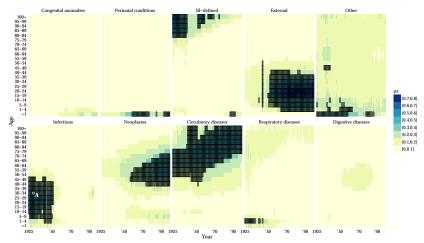
Proportion of people dying from the most prominent cause in a given time and age. France, total population.

#### N-dimensional compositions on a surface



**Age-wise-area-chart** Proportion of people dying from a given cause by time and age. *France, total population.* 

#### N-dimensional compositions on a surface



**Small-multiples** 

Proportion of people dying from a given cause by time and age. France, total population.

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