

Information
Visualization

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Human Computer Interaction

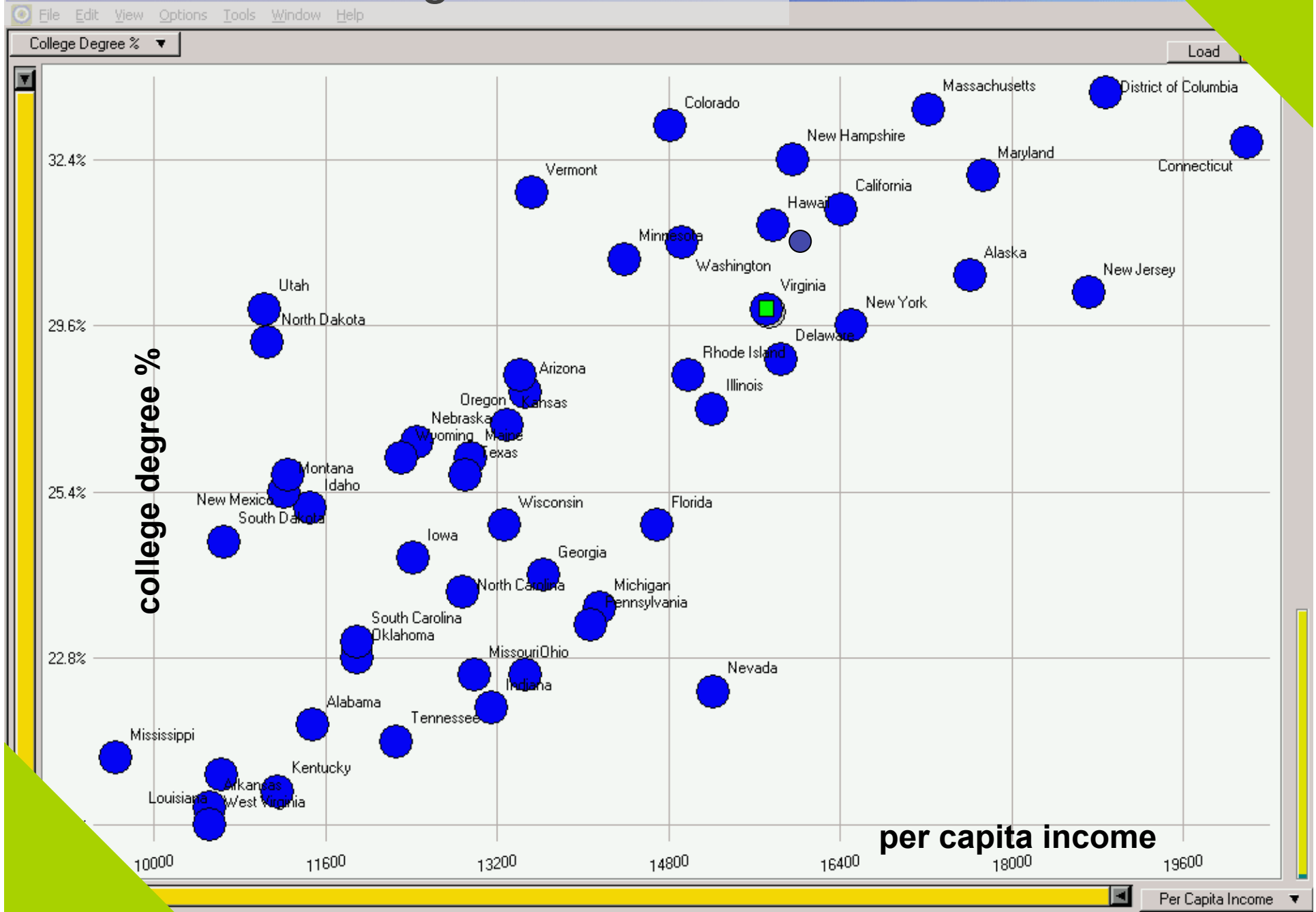
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which state has highest income?

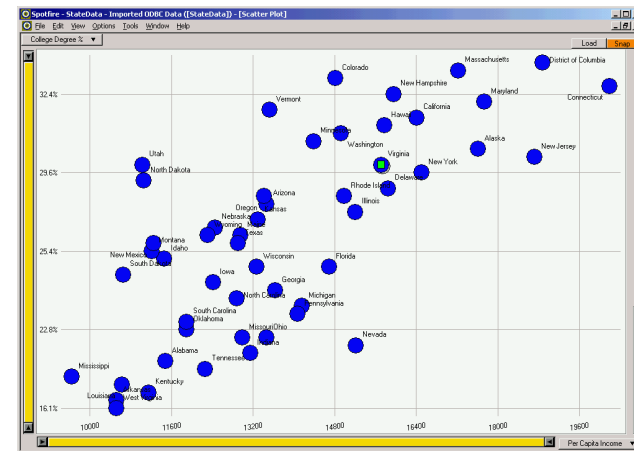
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Indiana	20.9%	13149	Oregon	27.5%	13418
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Kansas	26.5%	13380	Rhode Island	27.5%	14981
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hides data
hampers knowledge
nothing learned
no insight



reveals data
reveals knowledge that is
not necessarily “stored”
in the data
insight!

representation matters



Western world

Long life in small family

Third world

Short life in large family

So this is what I could display
here. I put fertility rate here:
number of children per woman:



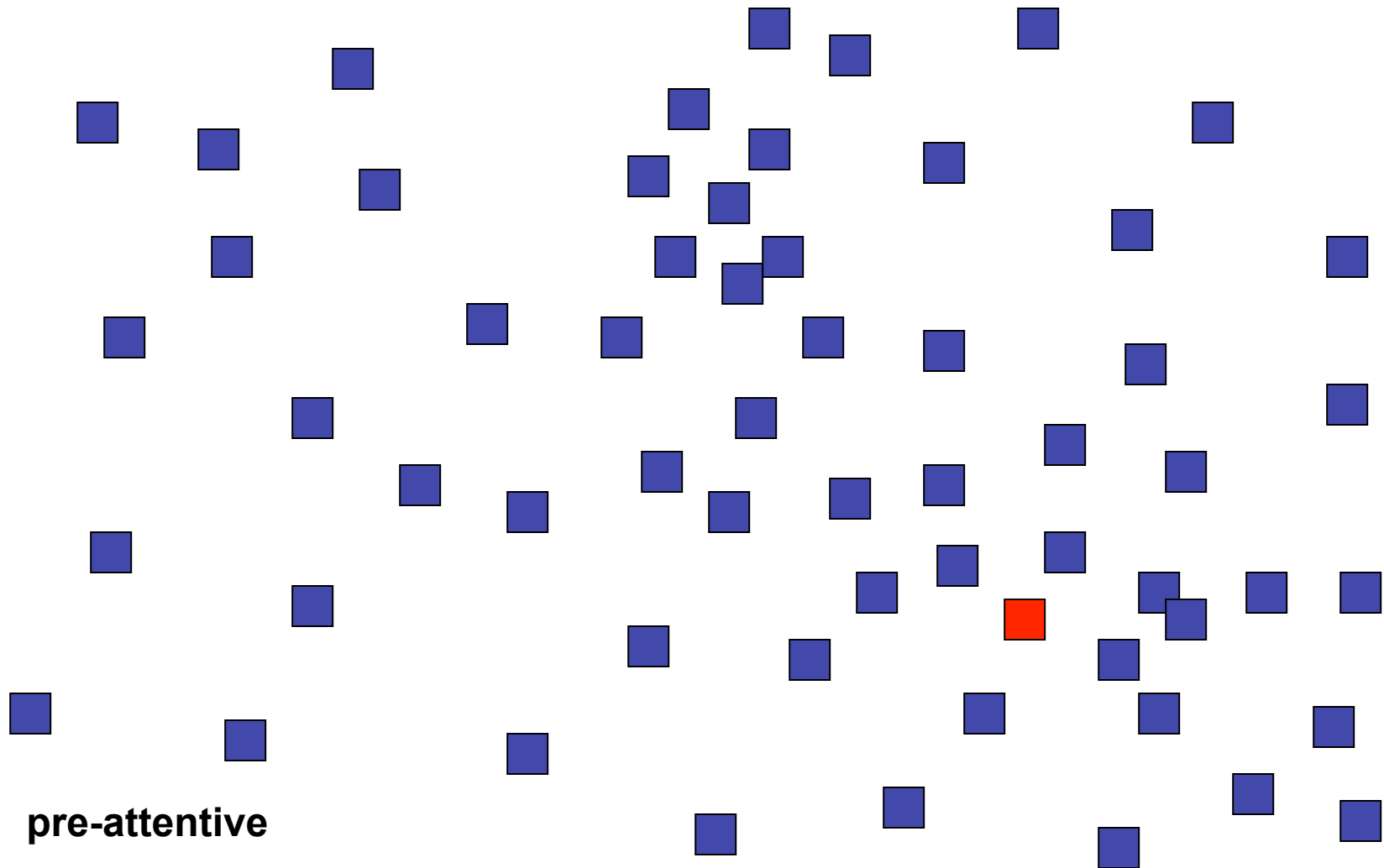
visualization::

the purpose of visualization is to convey information to people through graphical means

**visual
perception**

find the red square:

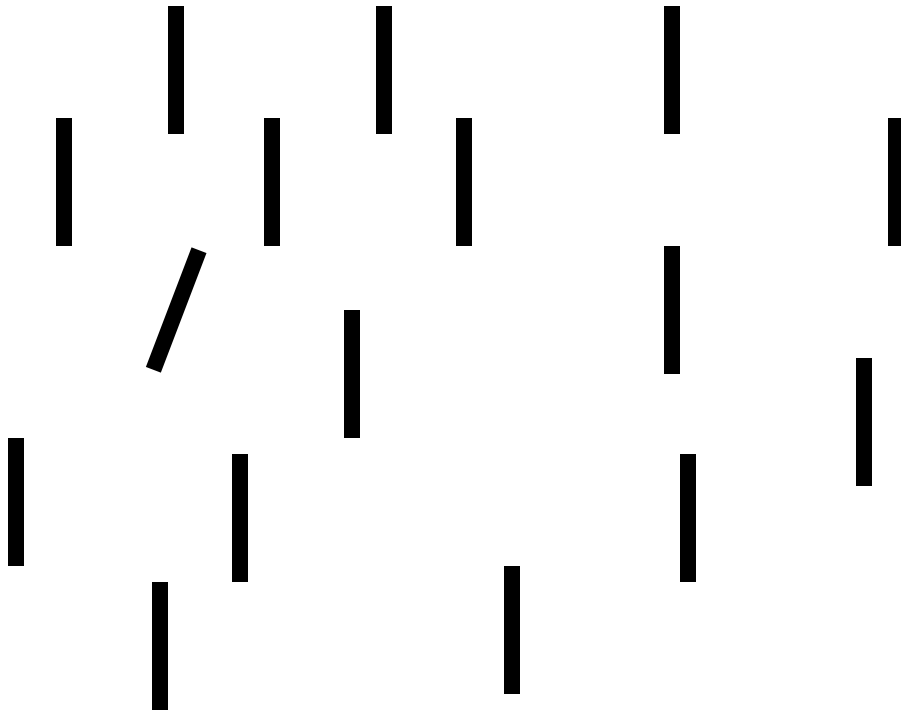
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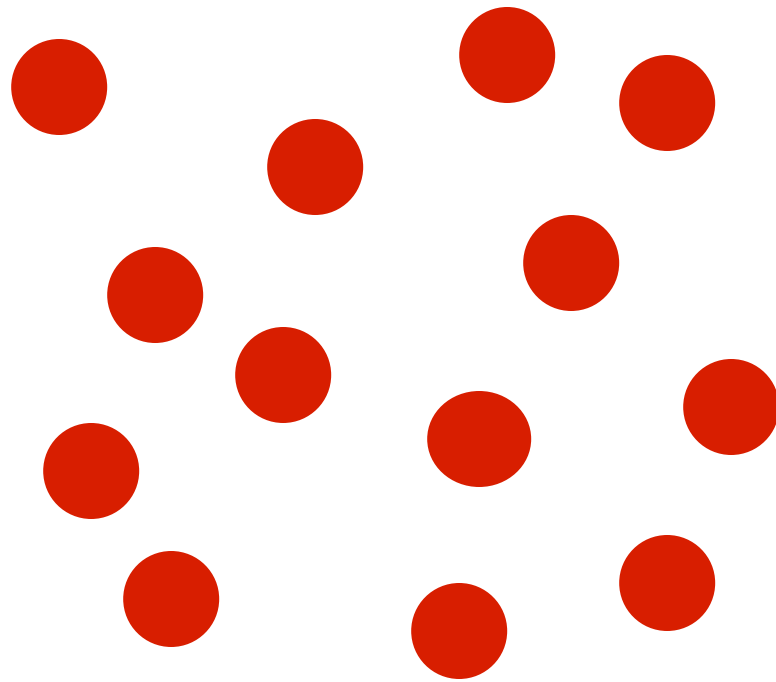
pre-attentive

**find different
orientation**

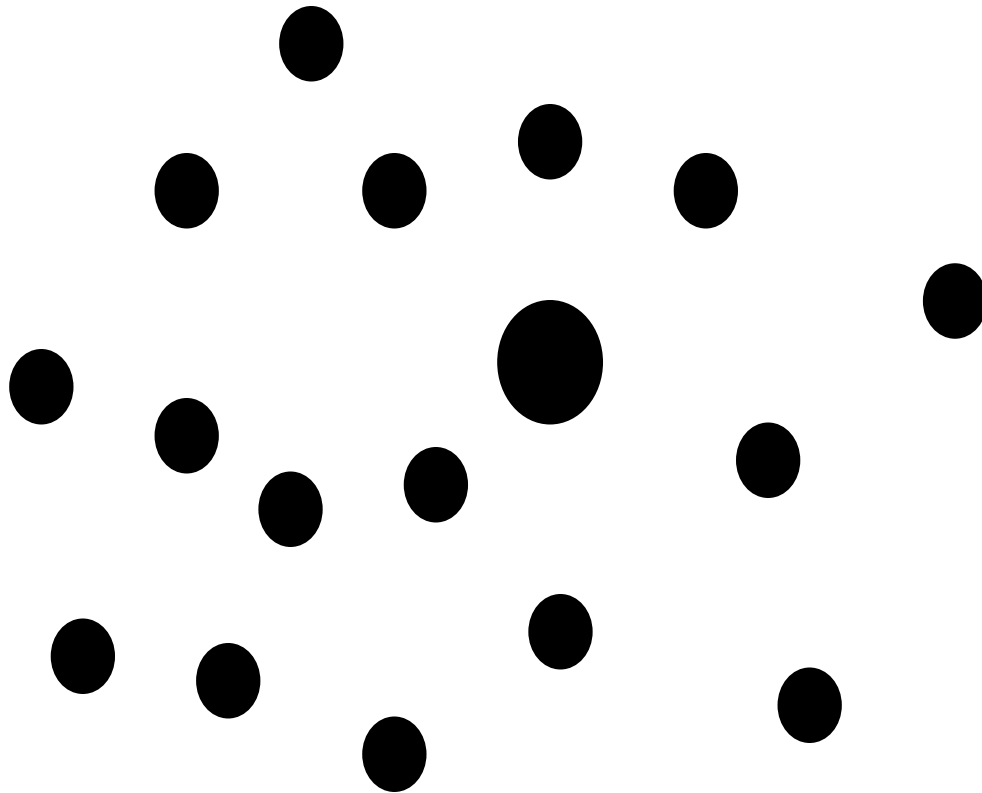
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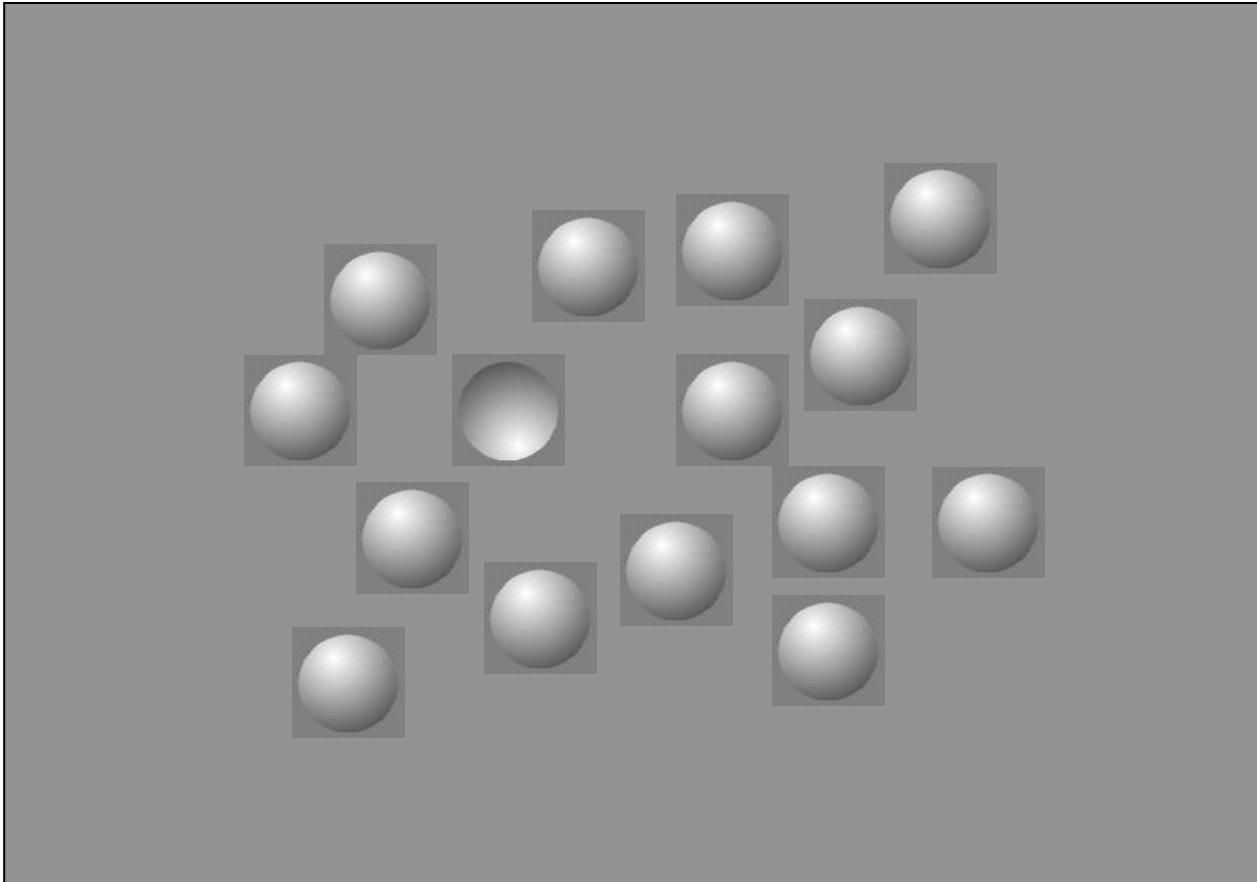
motion



size



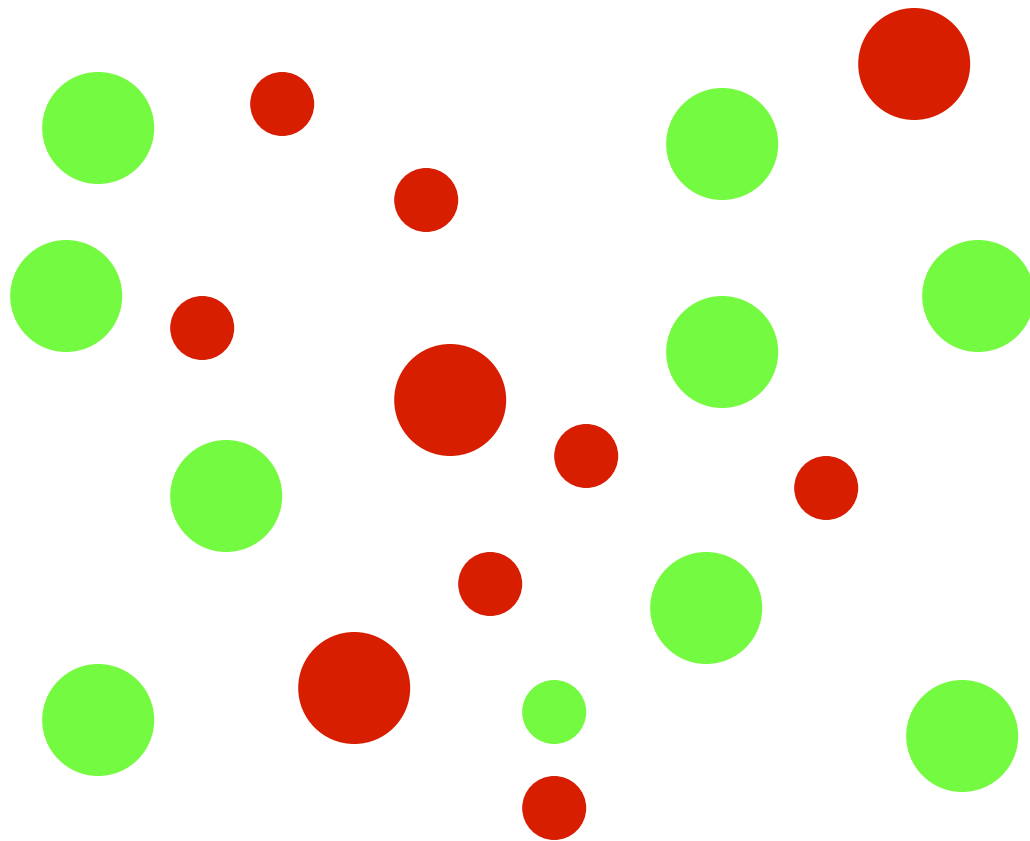
lighting



**conjunction does
not pop-out**

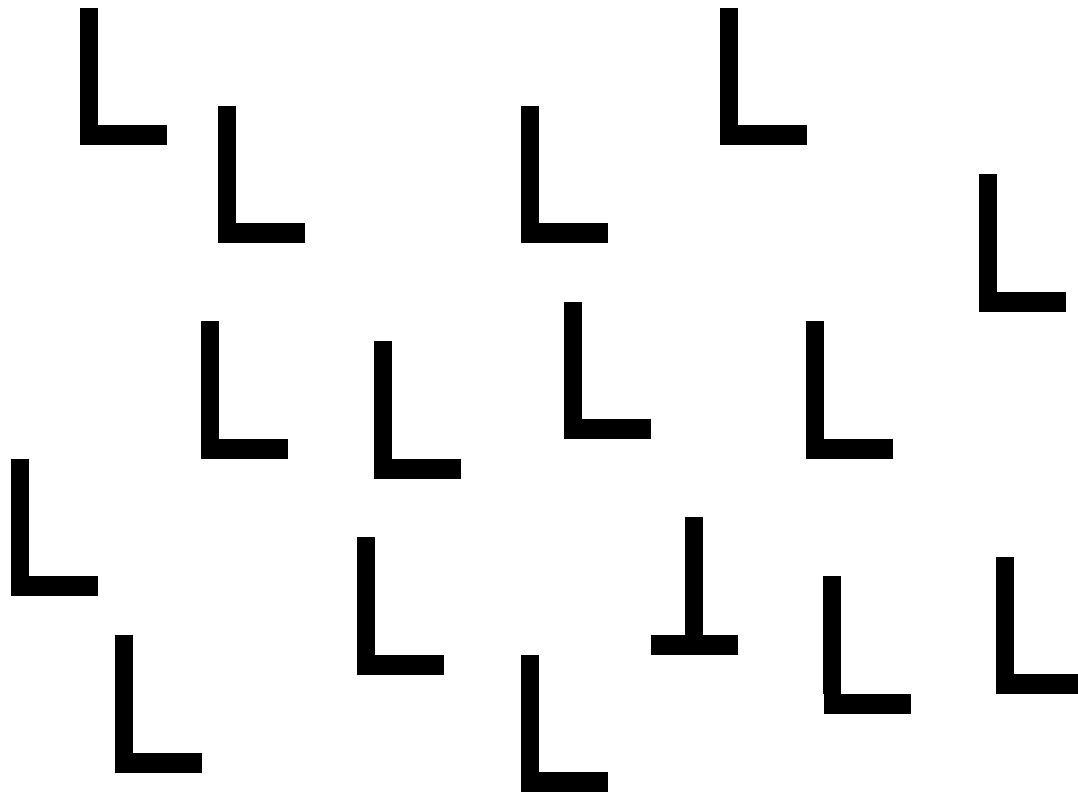
where is the small green circle?

conjunction does not pop-out



where is the small green circle?

compound features do not pop-out



where is the inverted T?

human vision

highest bandwidth sense

fast, parallel

pattern recognition

pre-attentive

extends memory and cognitive capacity

(Multiplication test)

people think visually

brain = 8 lbs, vision = 3 lbs

Impressive. Let's use it!

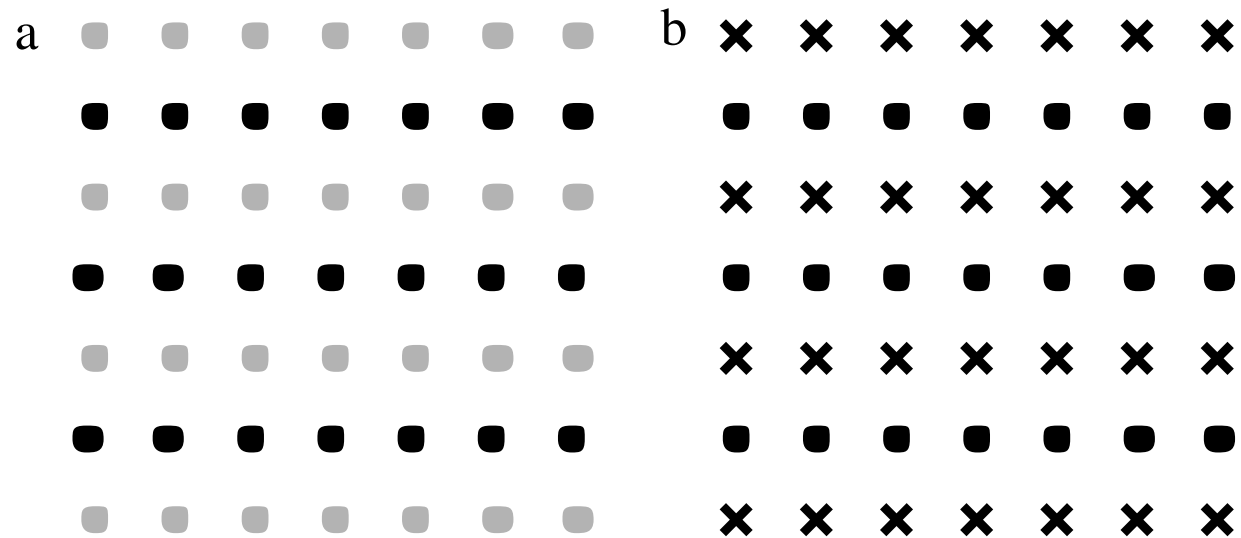
gestalt laws::

Gestalt is a psychology term which means "unified whole". It refers to theories of **visual perception** developed by psychologists in the 1920s. Describe how people tend to organize visual elements into **groups** or *unified wholes* when certain principles are applied. These principles are:

[Max Westheimer, Kurt Koffka, and Wolfgang Kohler (1912)]

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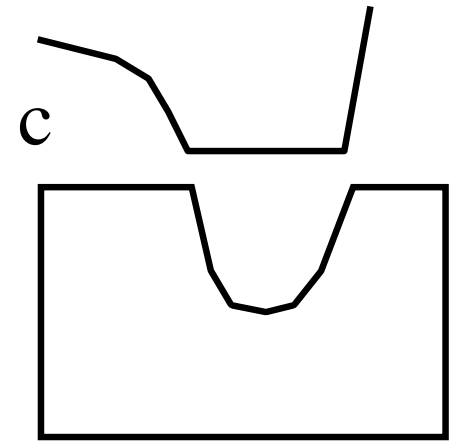
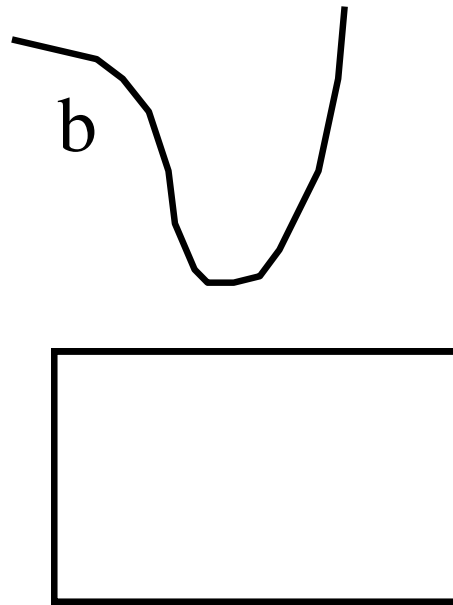
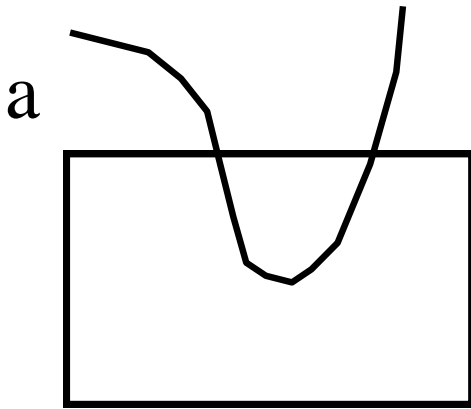
continuity

occurs when the eye is compelled to move through one object and continue to another object.



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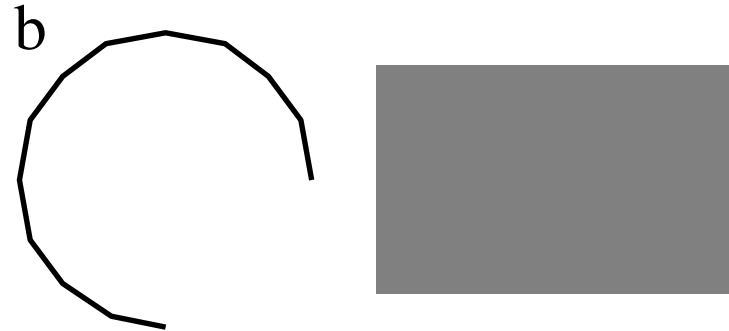
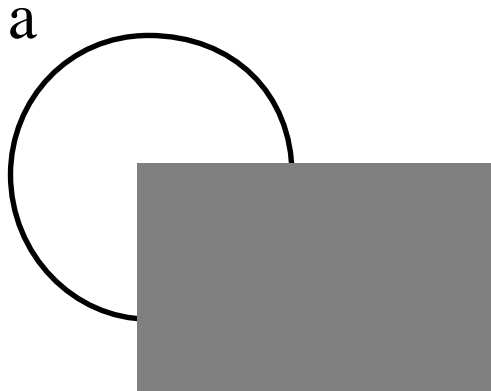
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proximity

elements placed close together tend to be perceived as a group.

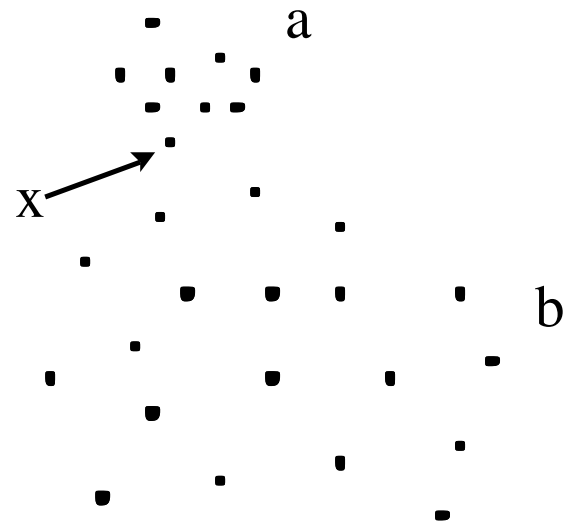
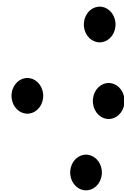
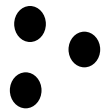


figure and ground

the eye differentiates an object from its surrounding area. a form, silhouette, or shape is naturally perceived as figure (object), while the surrounding area is perceived as ground (background).

figure and ground

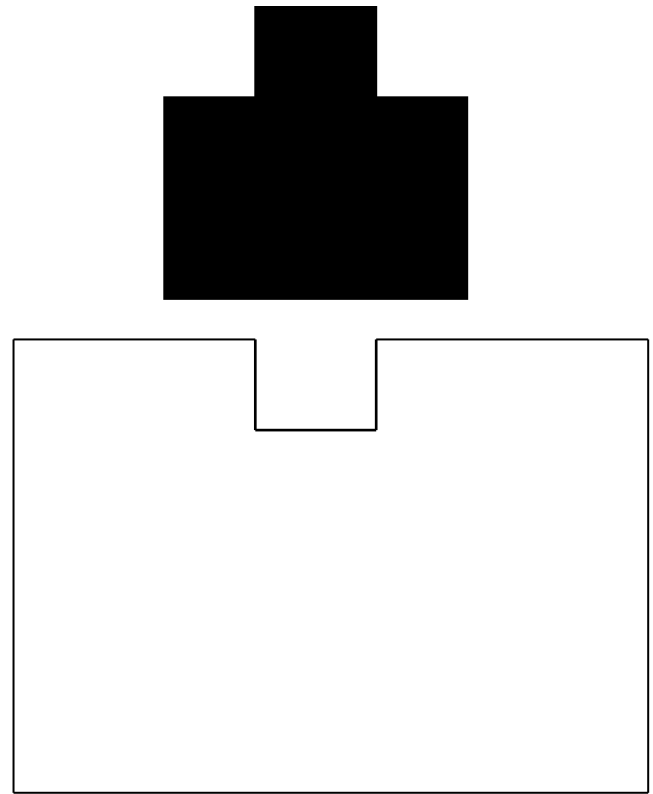
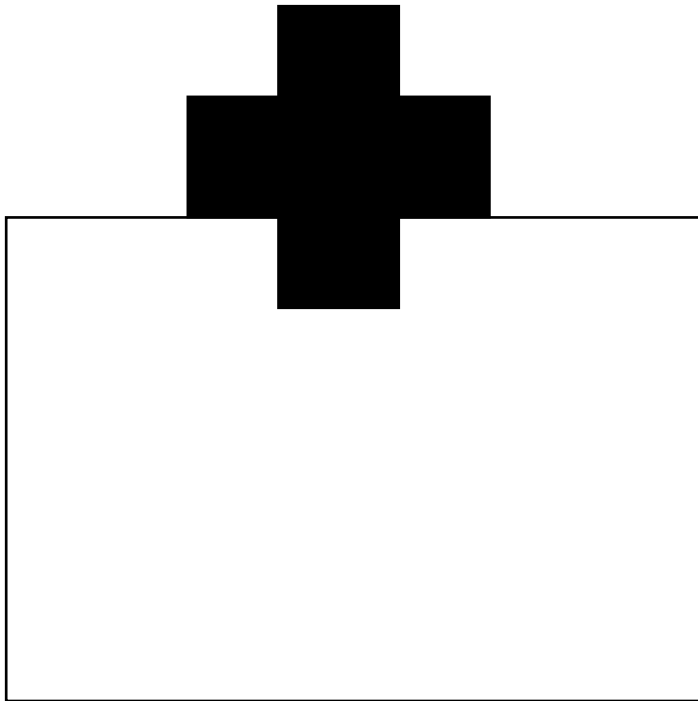


figure and ground



symmetry

the mind perceives objects as being symmetrical and forming around a center point



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ok now how do we use these to represent data?

**encoding
data**

data types

27
4.1 102 3.14
-0.1 16

← arguably the
most common

numerical data



categorical data

← things without
order

Monday
Wednesday
Tuesday Thursday

ordinal data

← things that are
naturally ordered

visual properties



NUMERICAL

Position
Length
Angle
Slope
Area
Volume
Density
Color Saturation
Color Hue

ORDINAL

Position
Density
Color Saturation
Color Hue
Texture
Connection
Containment
Length
Angle

CATEGORICAL

Position
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Color Saturation
Shape
Length

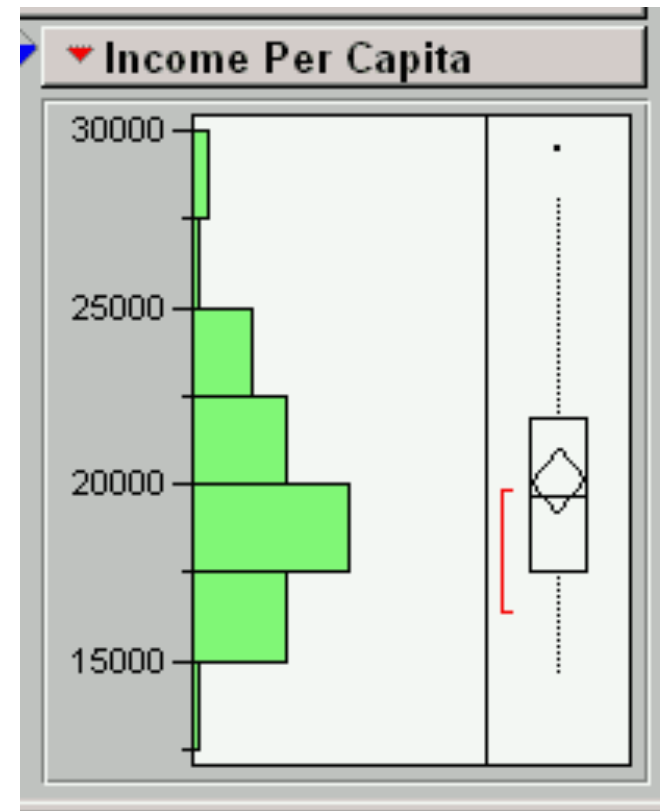
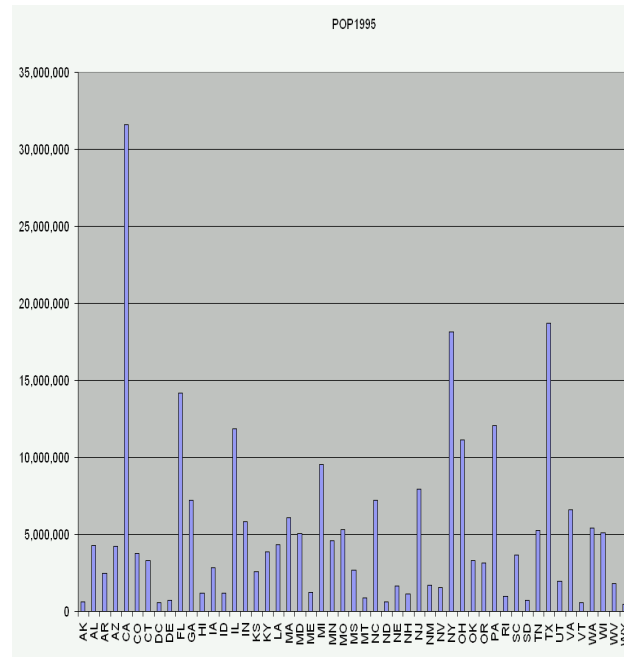
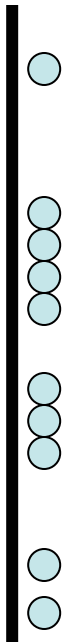
Dot plot

Bar chart (item vs. attribute)

Tukey box plot

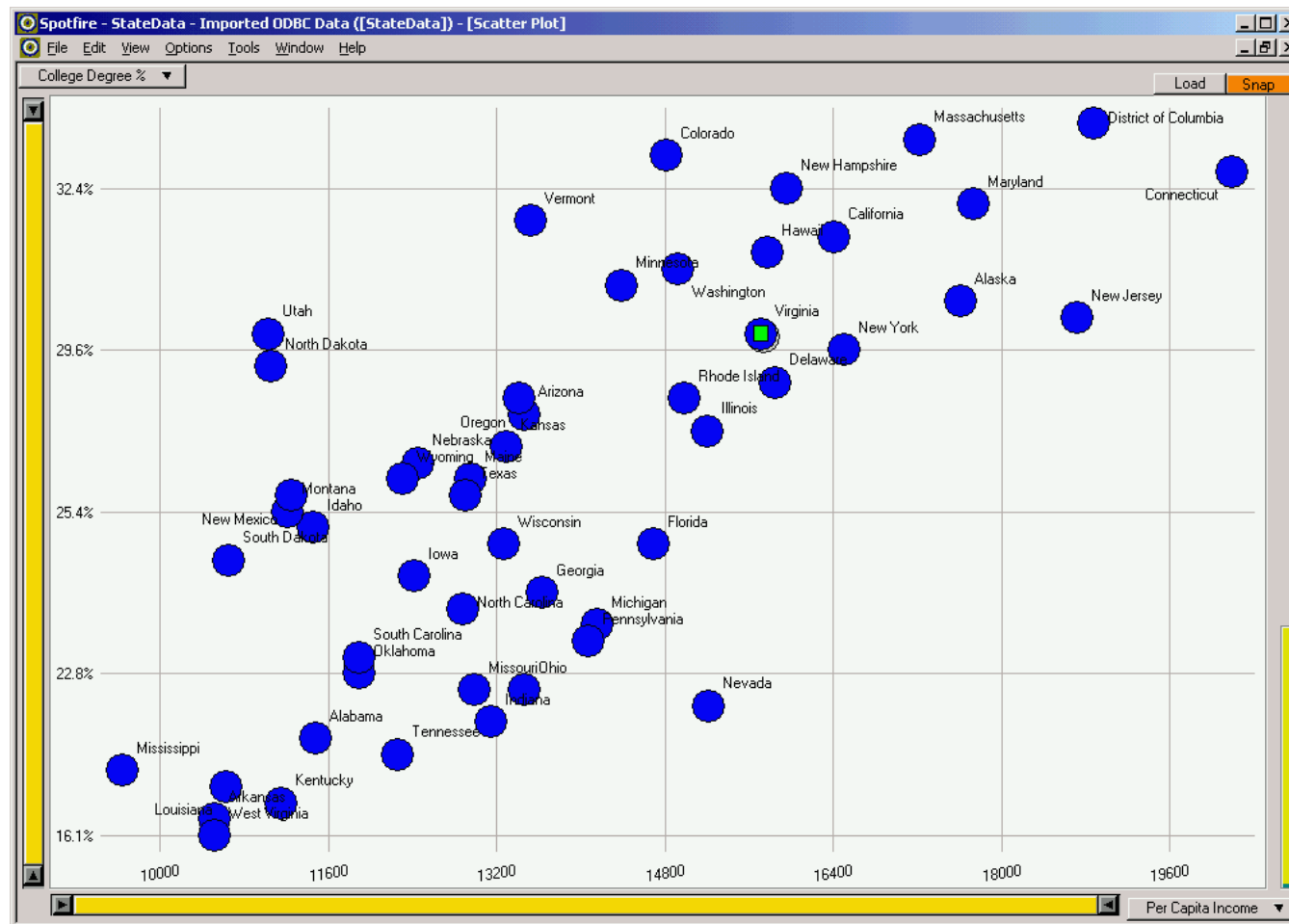
Histogram

1D



scatterplot

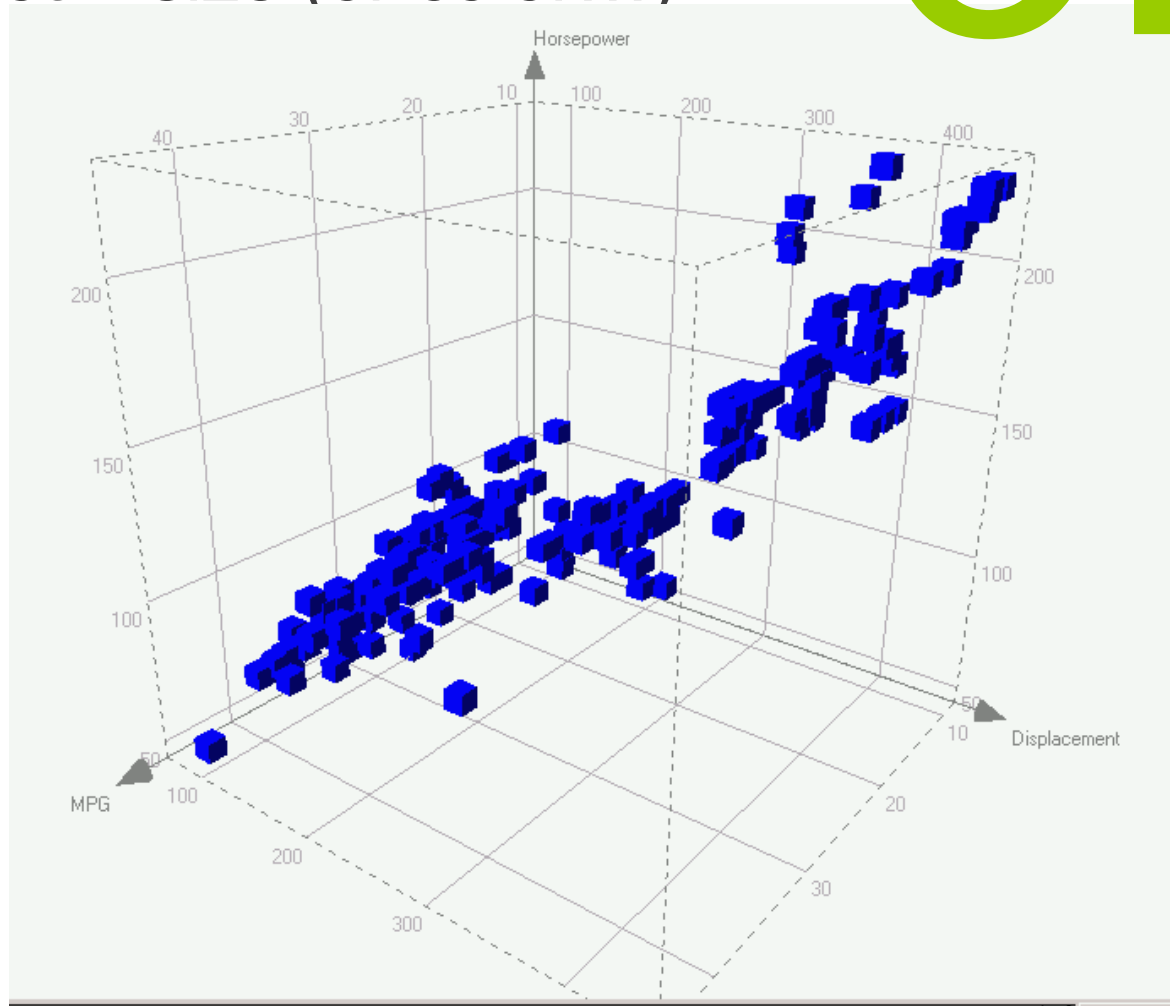
2D



trivariate

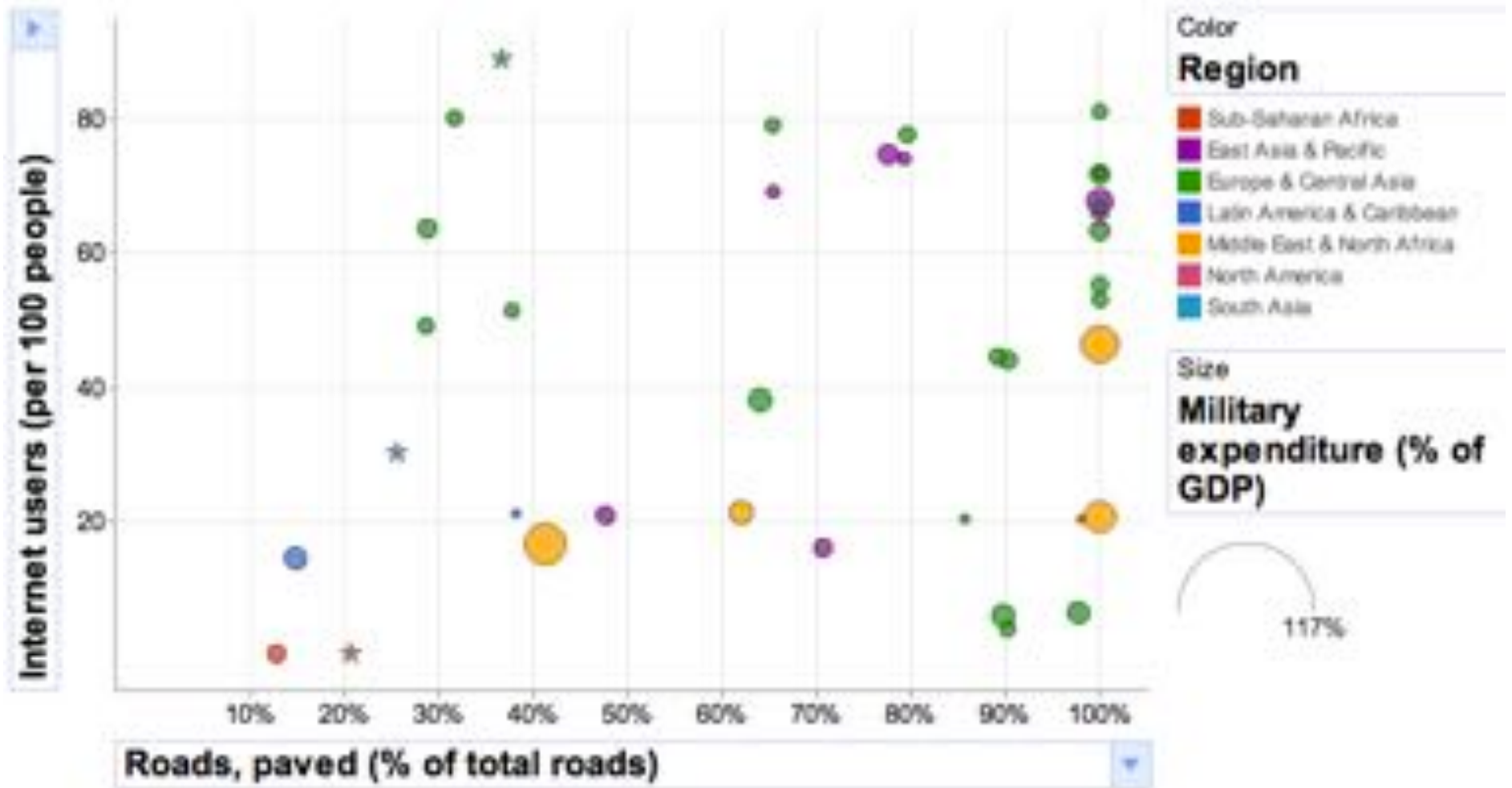
- 3D scatterplot, spin plot
- 2D plot + size (or color...)

3D



multi-D scatterplot

nD



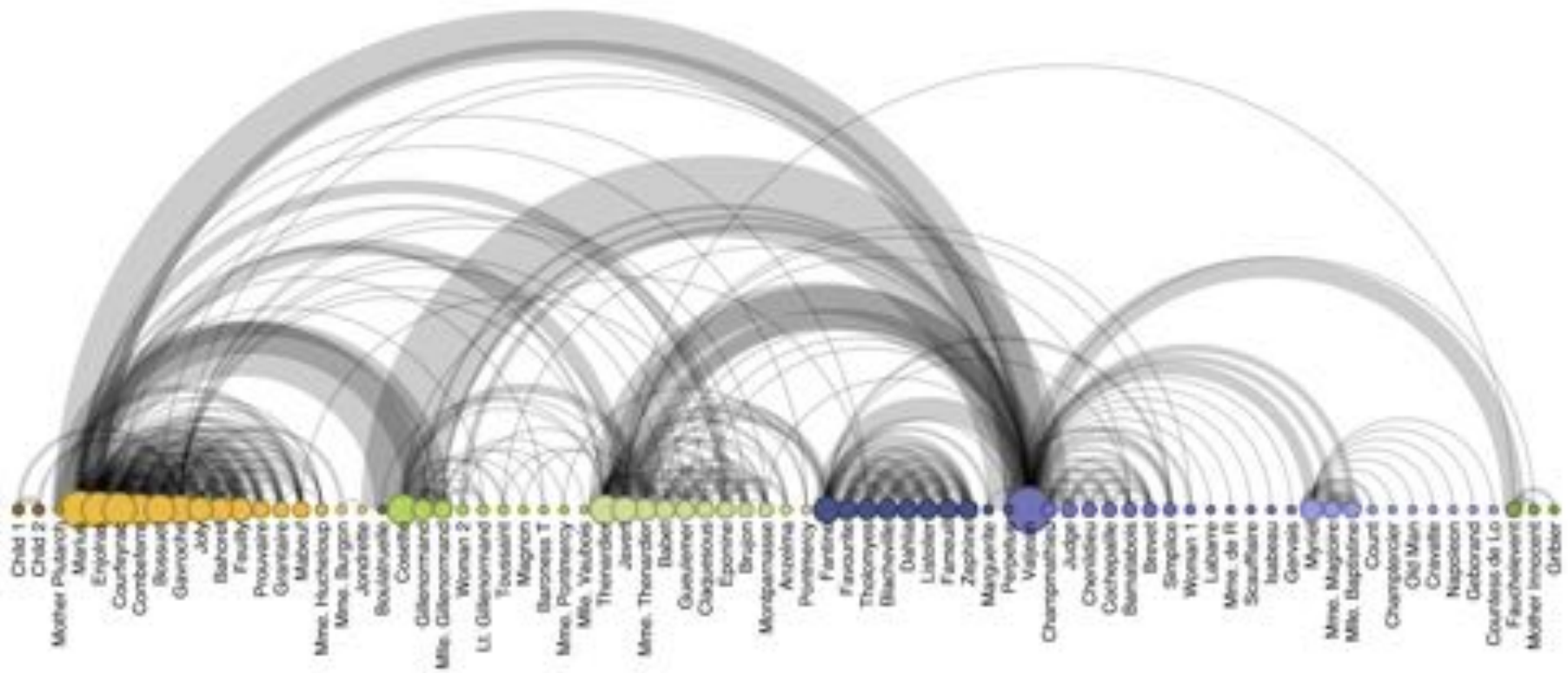
a few examples

cartogram

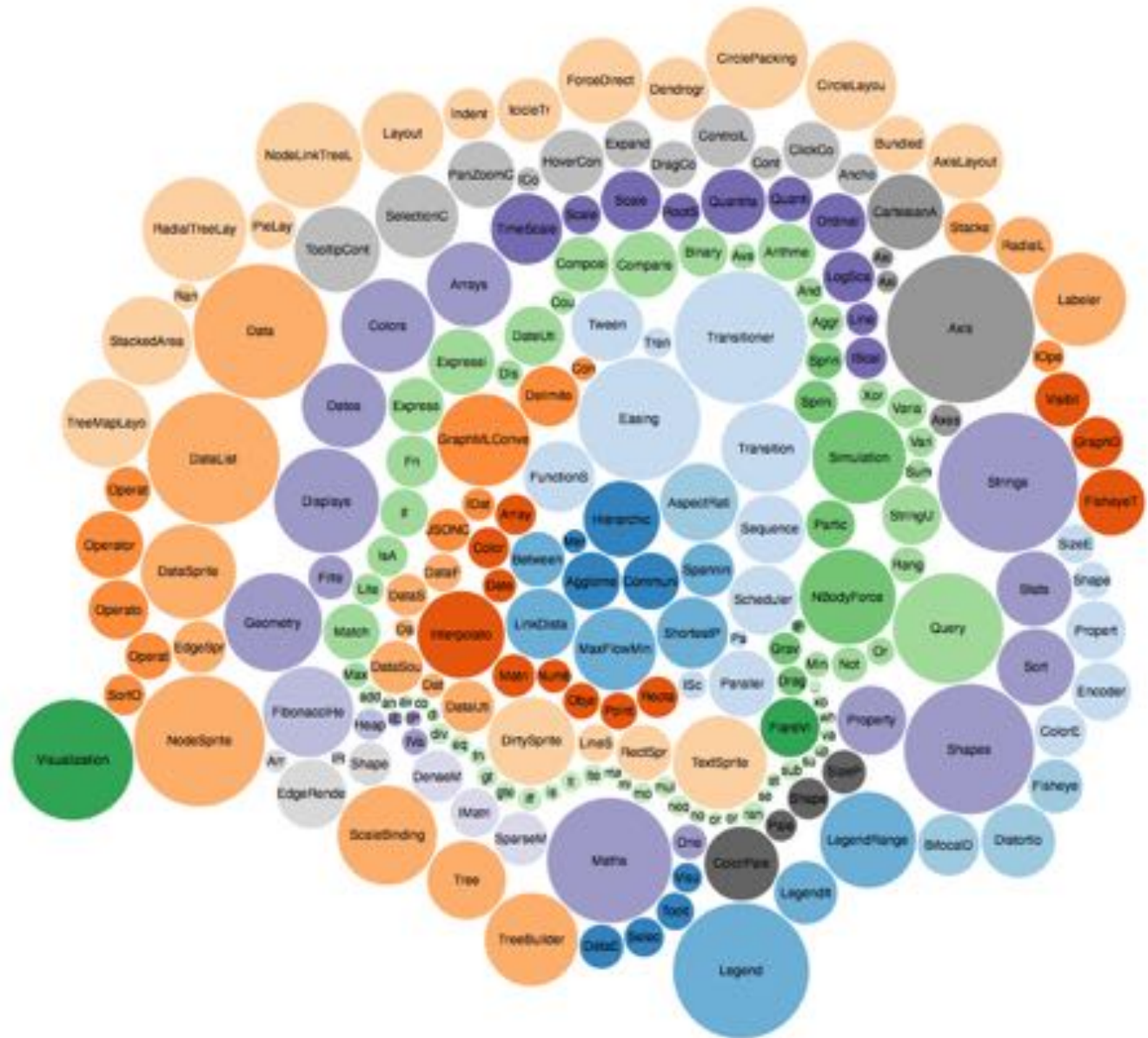


CO2 emission

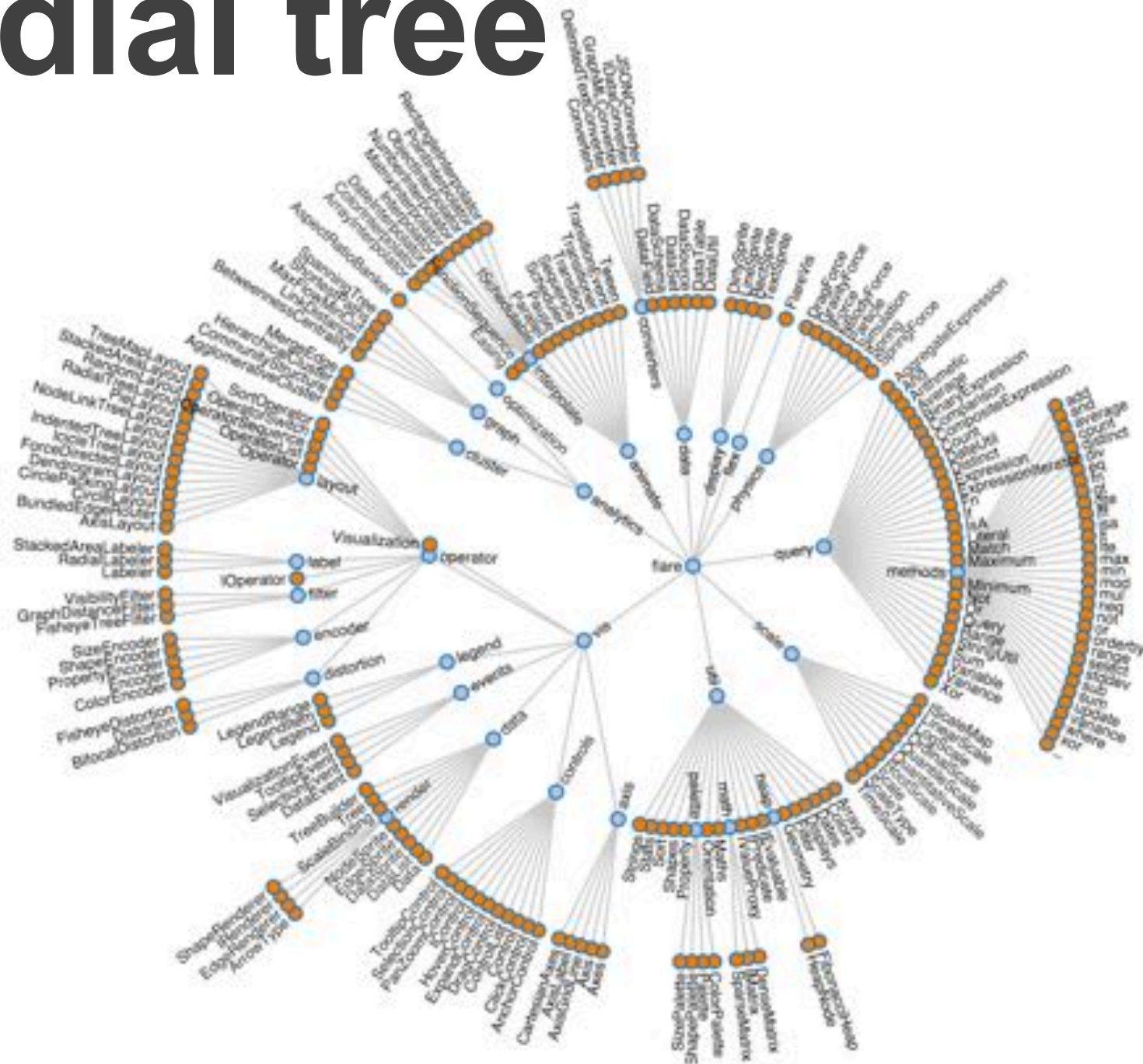
arc diagram



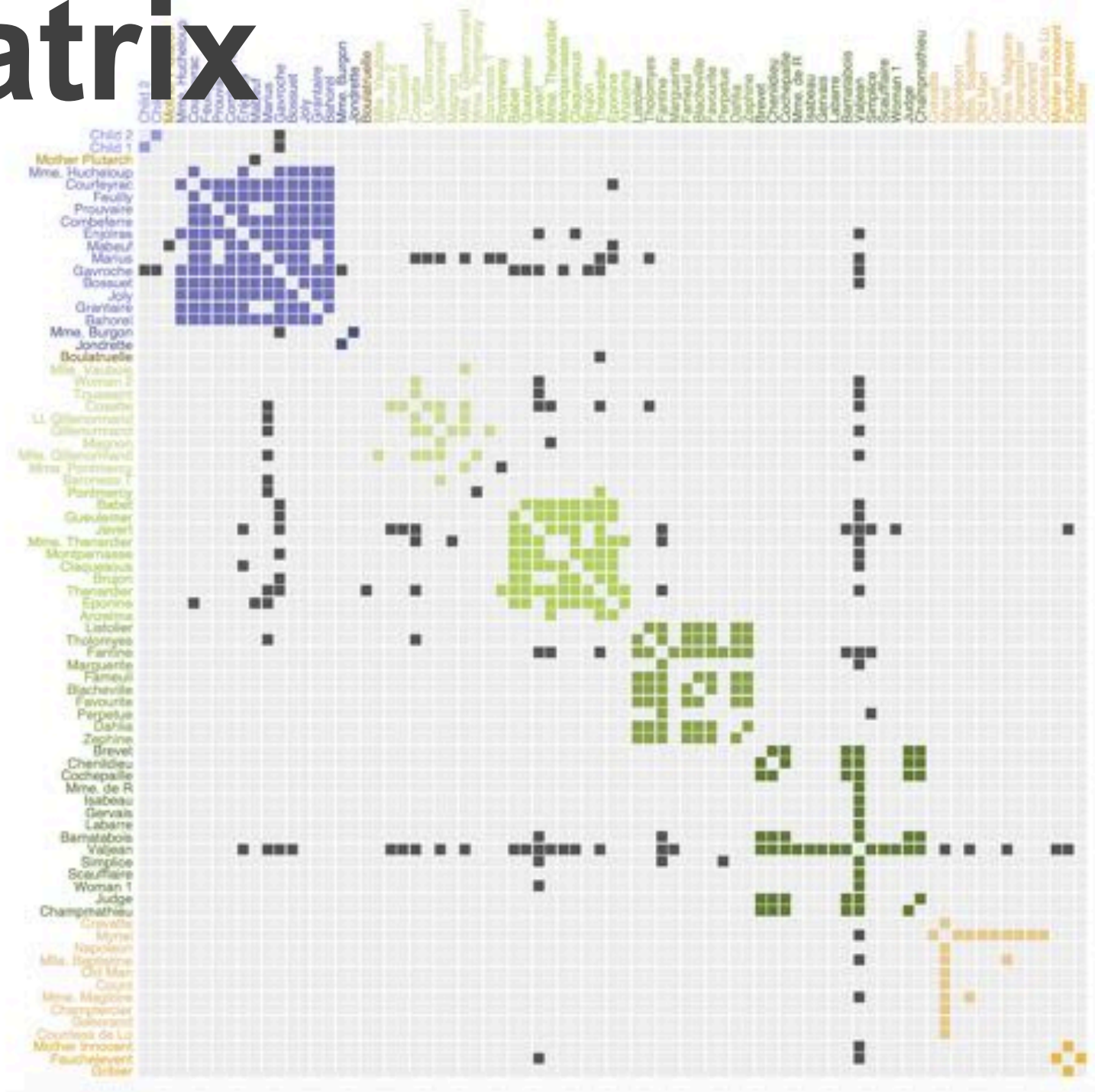
bubble cloud



radial tree



matrix



treemap

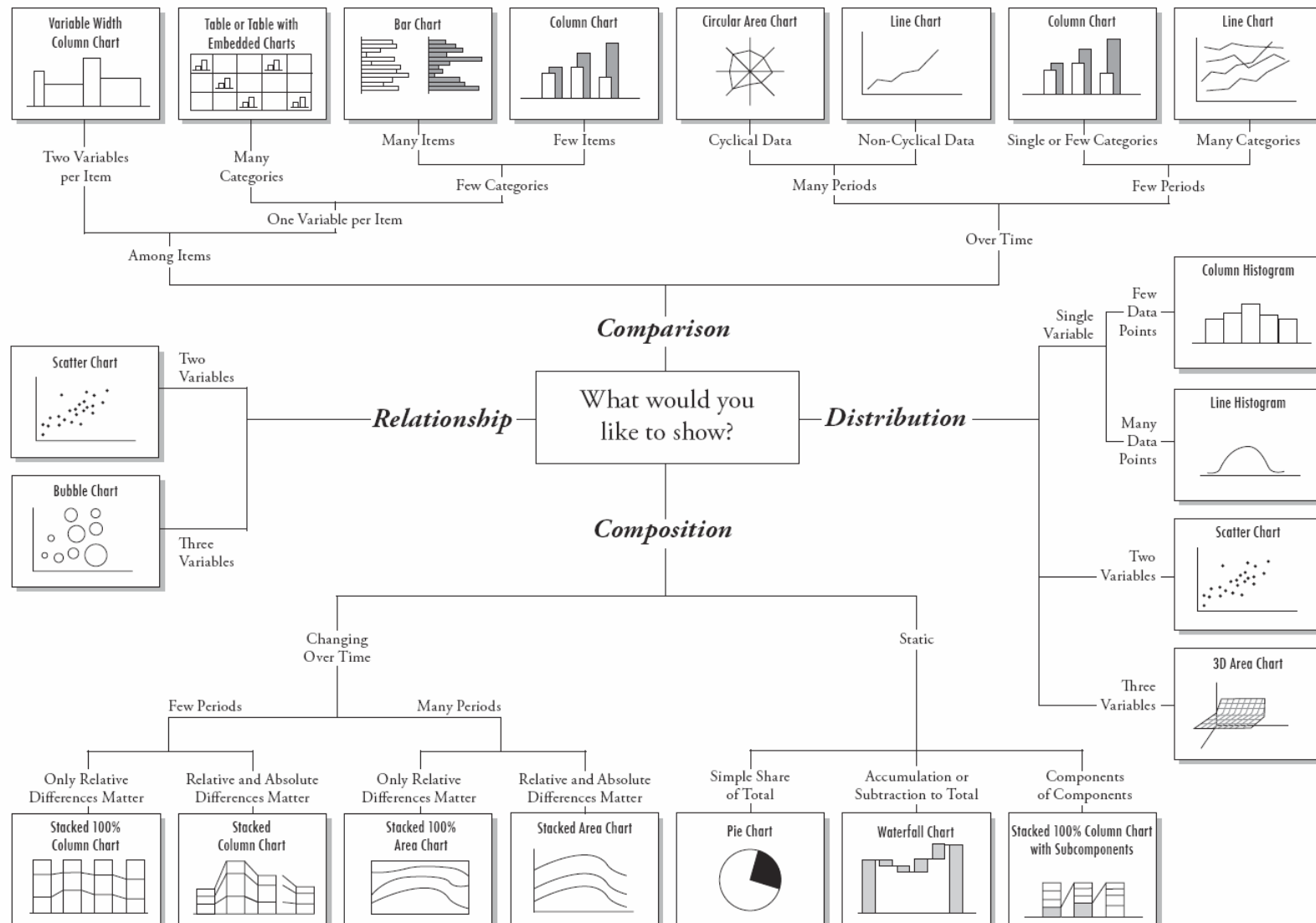


what about interaction?



a good interface = “Overview, zoom & filter,
details on demand” (ben shneiderman)

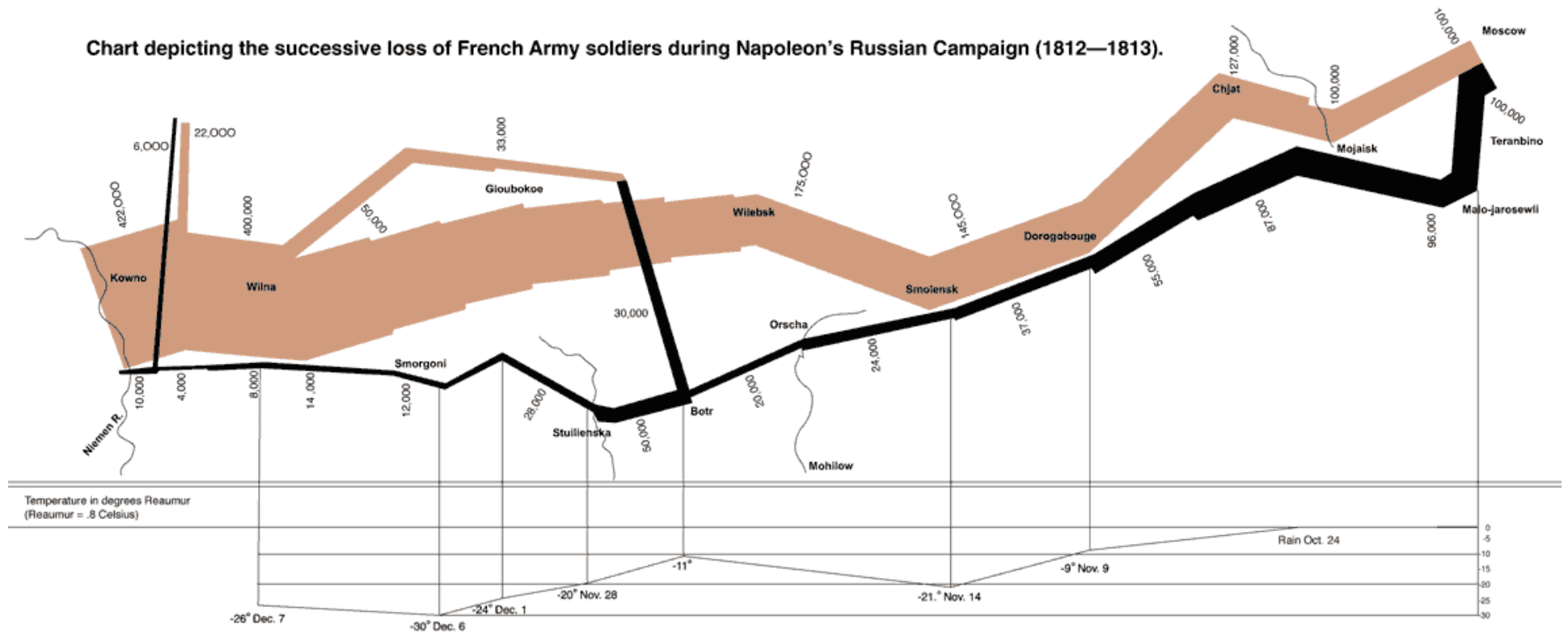
why visualization?



many data = many representation to **convey meanings**

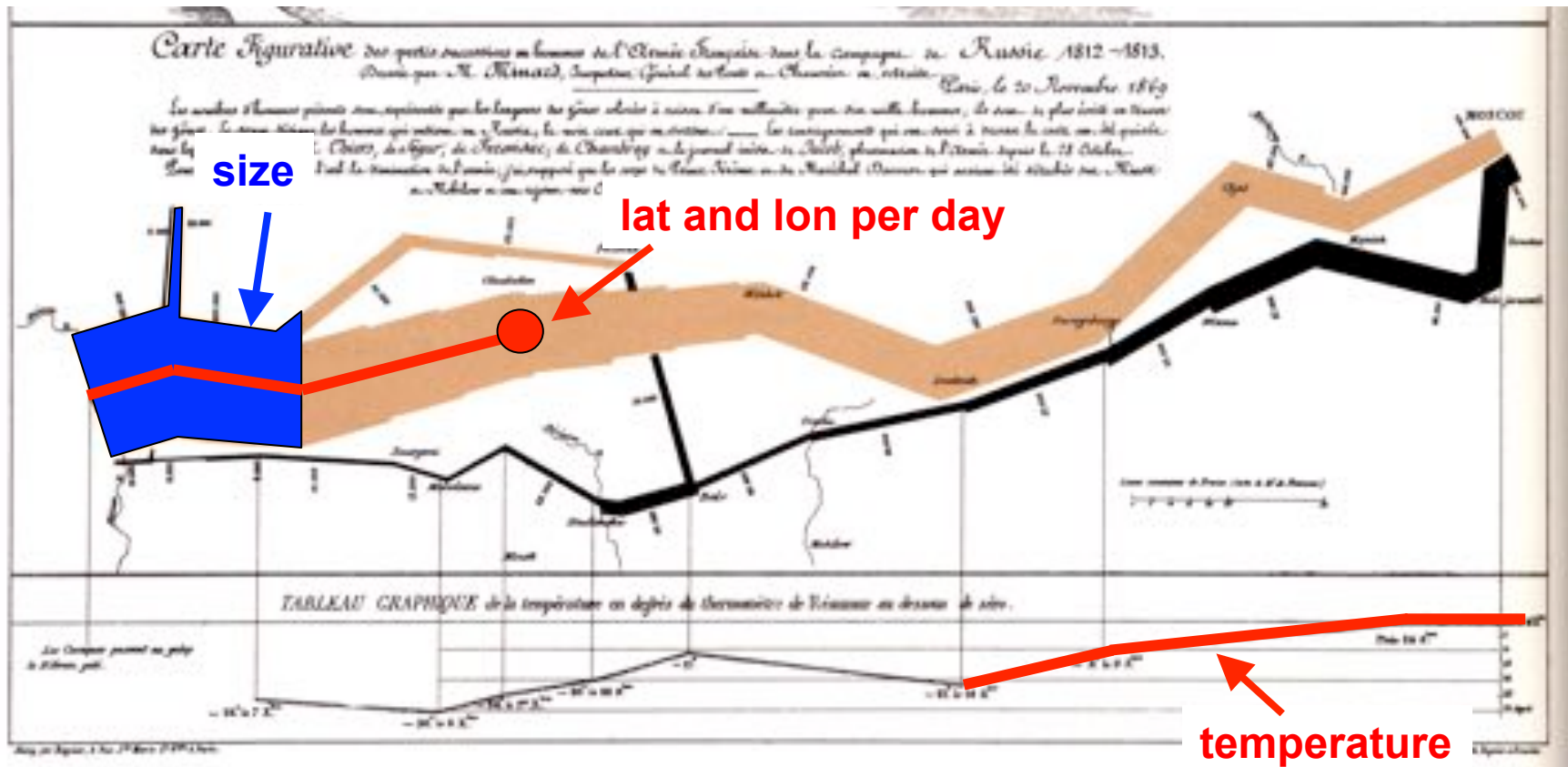
[Andrew Abela]

history: static graphics



[Minard, 1869]

- six variables are plotted
in this two dimensional graphic!



some consider that this graphic is the best ever!

snow's cholera map

Dr. John Snow's use of graphical tool to locate source of cholera outbreak (Soho, 1845)

● cholera victim

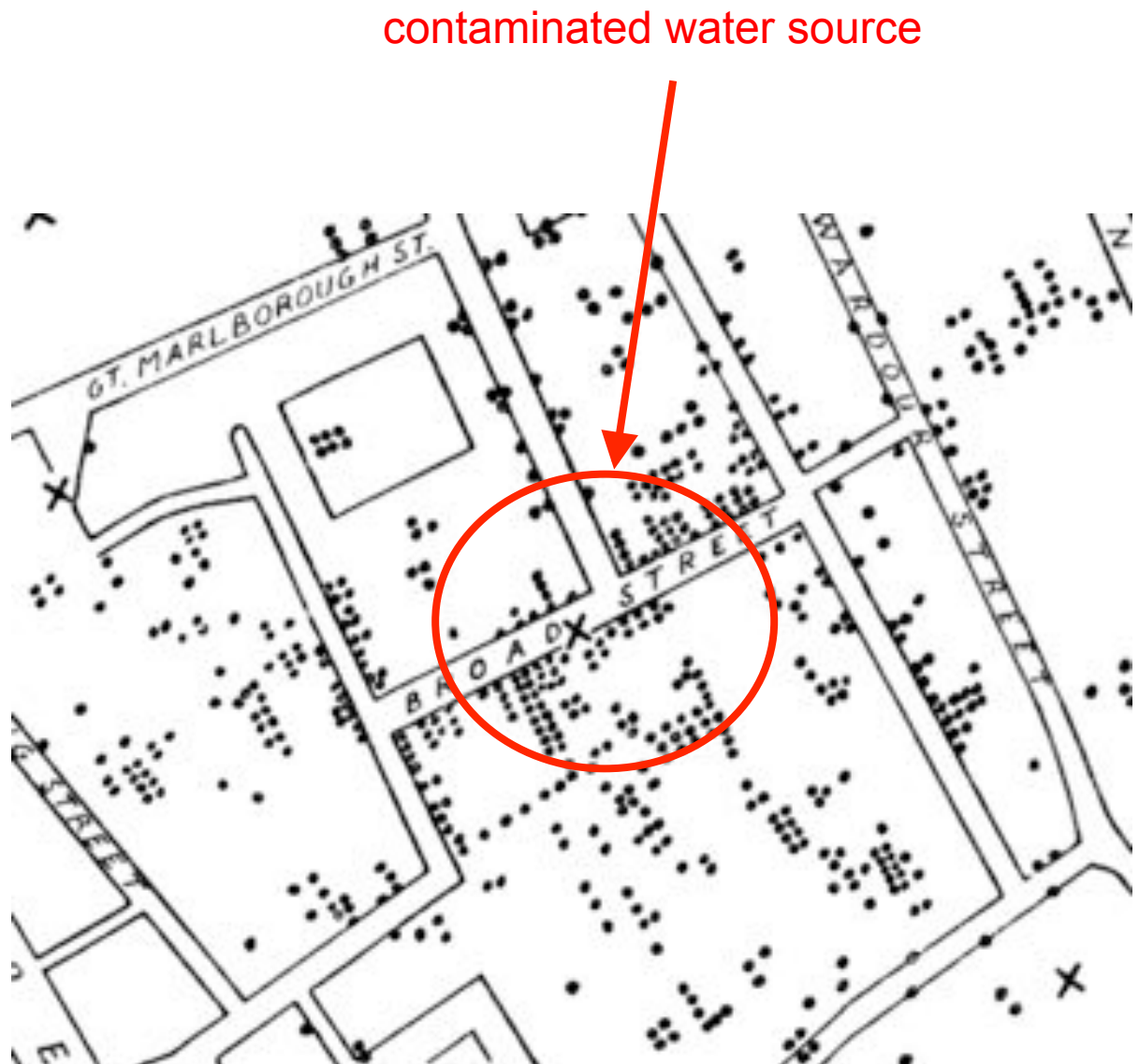
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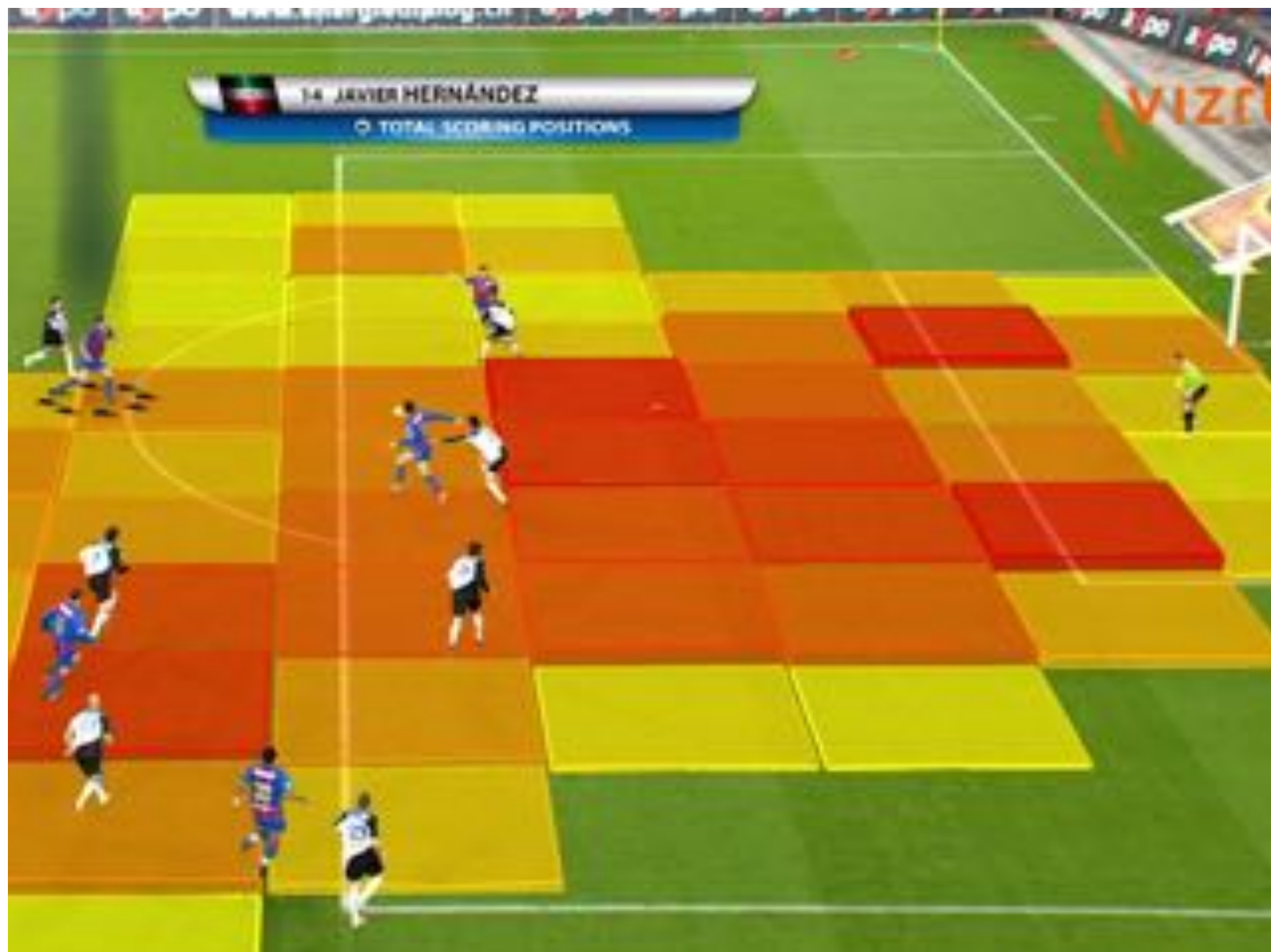
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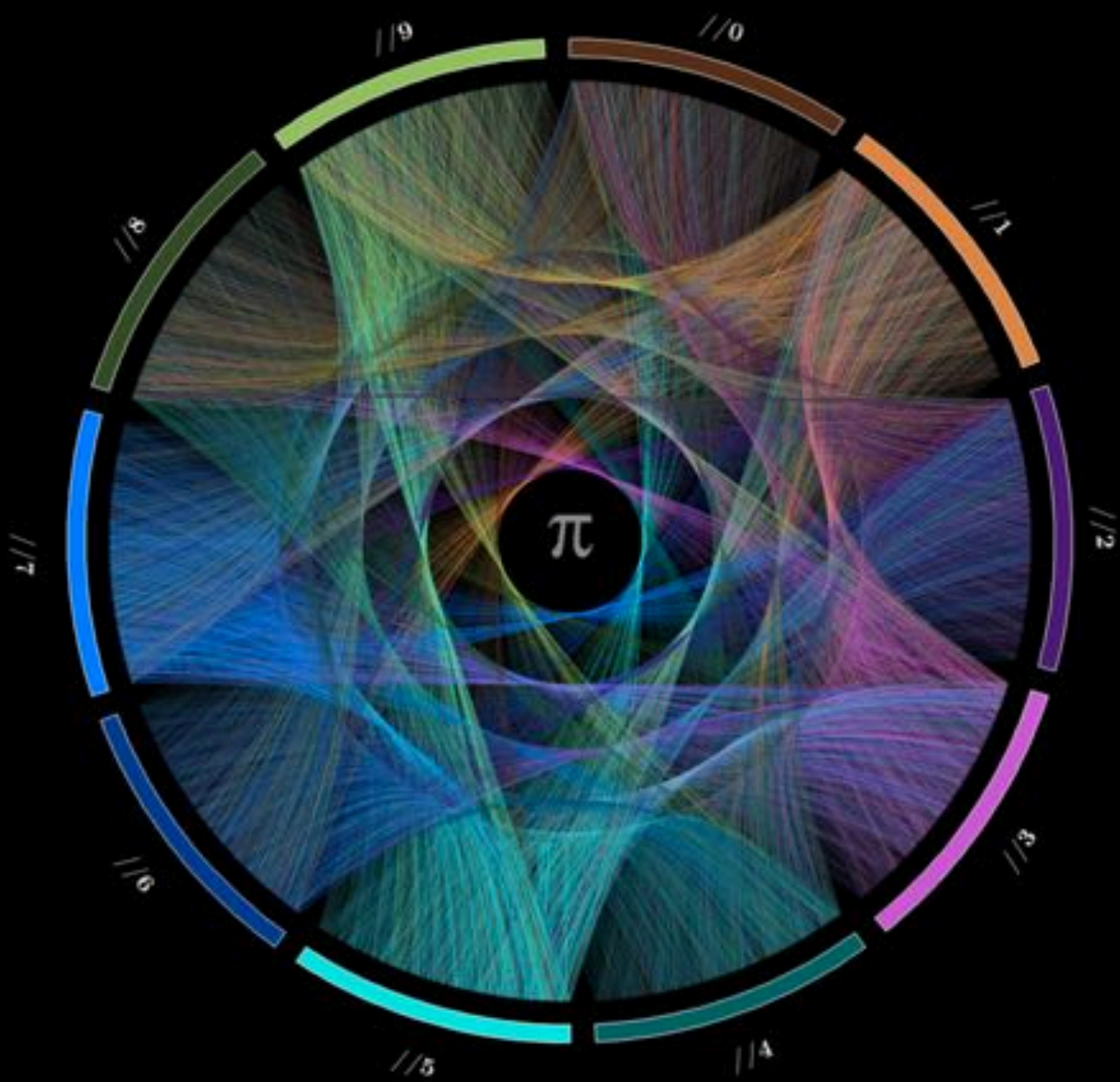


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heatmap



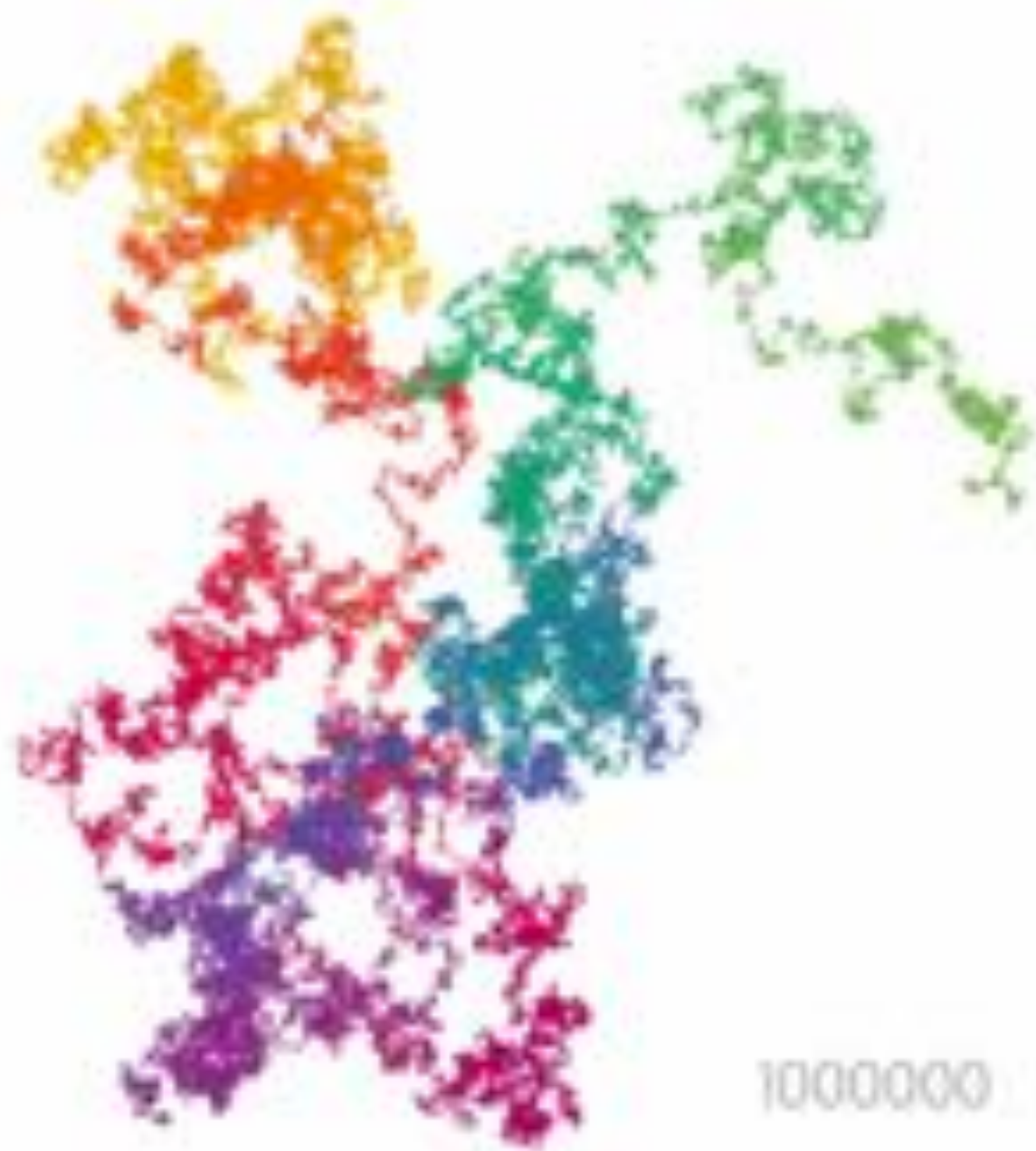




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coming through AT&T's data and revealing itself.

Aaron kobling

2007-08-13



and then we can bring it into three-dimensional life.

Deb Roy

we have **a lot** of data

“90% of all the data in the world has been generated over the last two years

In 2000, 75% of all information was in analog format

In 2007, 94% of our global technological memory consisted of digital bits and bytes

[Hilbert 2011]



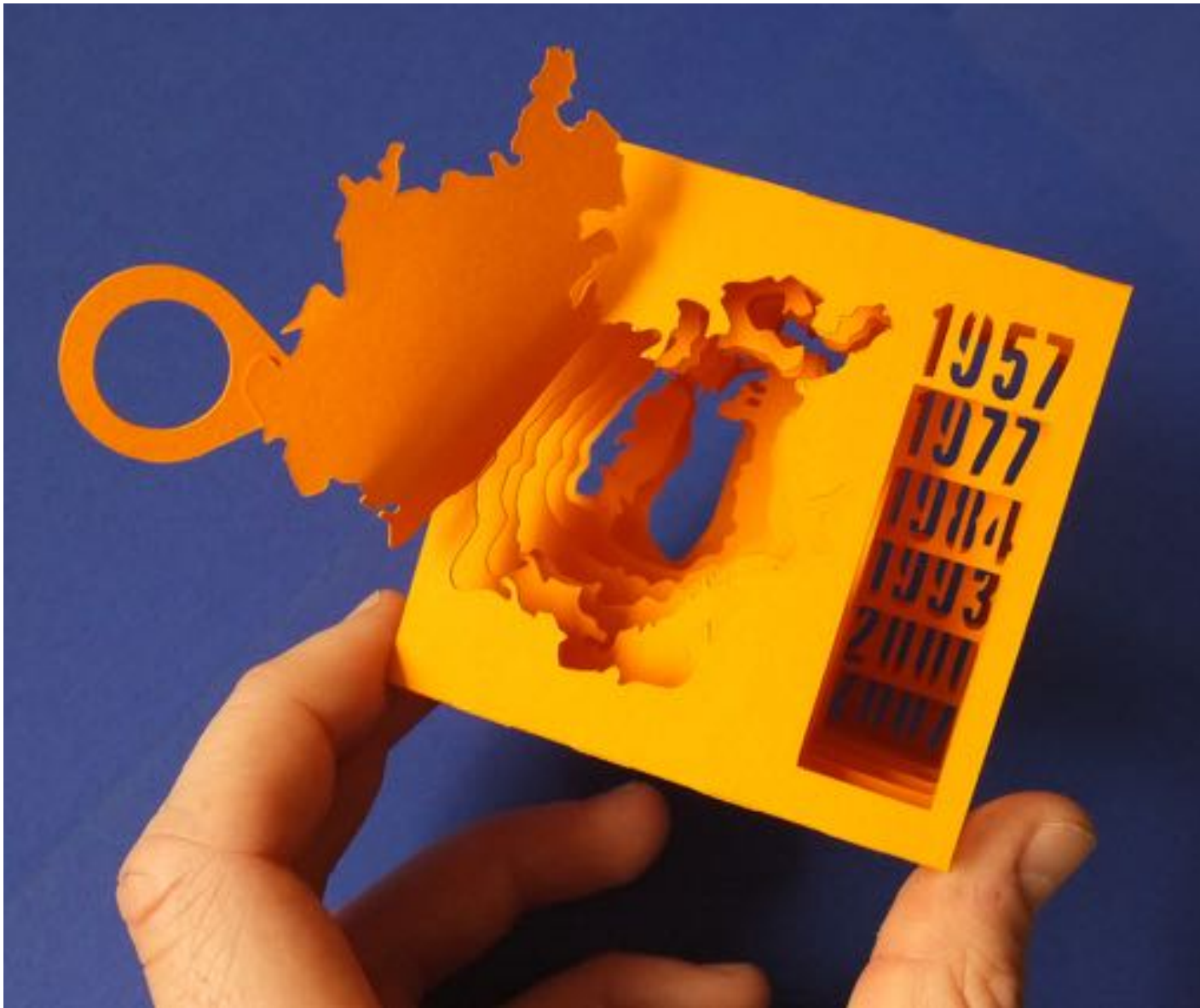
physical visualization the future?

[<http://dataphys.org/list/>]



poppies at the Tower of London

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3D Paper Model of Shrinking Aral Sea

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