

VISUAL ANALYTICS INTRODUCTION

LECTURE 1

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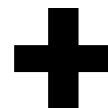
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YOU!

QUICK INTROS

Any particular interests?



YOU!

http://bit.ly/vaclass_survey

Special Report | Data, data everywhere

Information has gone from scarce to superabundant. That brings huge new benefits, says Kenneth Cukier (interviewed here)—but also big headaches

JUST A FEW YEARS AGO

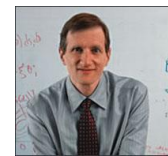
- YouTube users upload 300 hours of new video every minute of the day <http://expandedramblings.com/index.php/youtube-statistics/>
- Facebook has currently on average 1.04 billion active users daily <http://newsroom.fb.com/company-info/>
- the Library of Congress adds 12,000 items to their collection every day <http://www.loc.gov/about/fascinating-facts/>

WHAT IS USEFUL?

data \neq useful information

→ analysis is needed

ANALYSIS IS NOT SIMPLE



Gary King, Harvard

research project: predict U.S. unemployment rate

method: Twitter & social media analysis

→ sentiment analysis by word count

unemployment
jobs
classifieds



Look for counts of those words & correlate to monthly unemployment rate

ANALYSIS IS NOT SIMPLE



spike in people looking for jobs?

lots of people going to get laid off?

HUMAN-IN-THE LOOP

- it is sometimes dangerous to rely on purely automated analyses
- human judgment and intervention often needed
 - for: background information, flexible analysis (unintended directions), creativity
 - because: data can be incomplete, inconsistent, or deceptive

COURSE OBJECTIVES

learn about data, its properties, and its problems

practical data analysis



LOTS OF ANALYSIS PRACTICE WITH REAL DATA

DATA ANALYSIS HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE

1935: "The Design of Experiments"

R.A. Fisher



1939: "Quality Control"

W.E. Demming

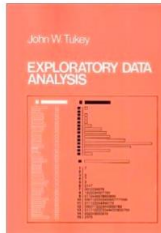


1958: "A Business Intelligence System"



Peter Luhn

1977: "Exploratory Data Analysis"



1989: "Business Intelligence"

Howard
Dresner



1997: "Machine Learning"

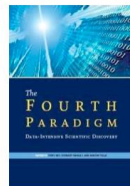


2010: "The Data Deluge"

1996: Google



2007: "The Fourth Paradigm"



2009: "The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data"



Abridged Version of Jeff Hammerbacher's timeline for Berkeley CS 194, 2012

WHAT'S DIFFERENT NOW?

More (accessible) data

Better tools!

More opportunities

“CRITICAL THINKING WITH DATA”

(And building competency actually doing data analysis.)

COURSE INFO

Part 1: Basic VA

September / October

Part 2: More advanced VA

November / December

Project

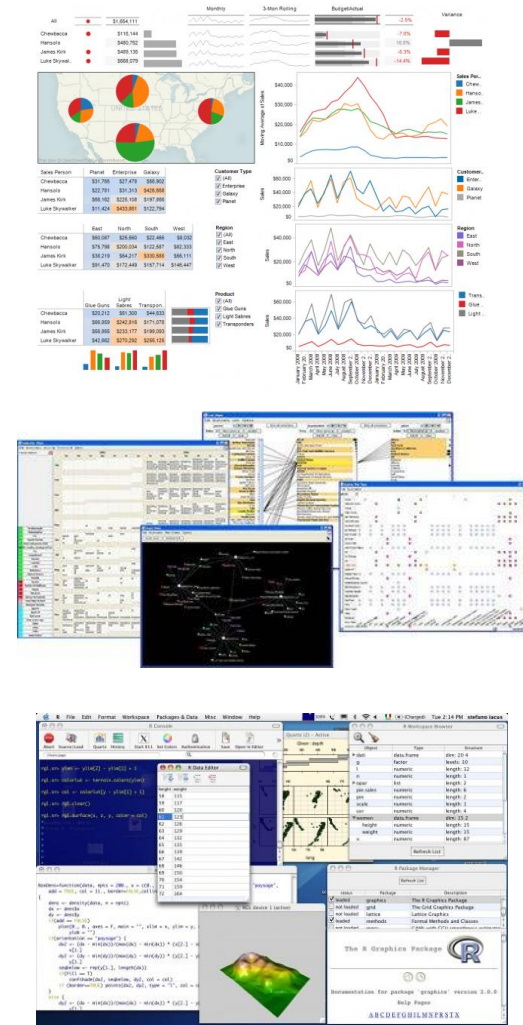
Class website:

MS Teams – everyone should have gotten an invite

TUTORIALS

You will learn about:

- Data scraping
- Data cleaning
- Simple statistical analysis with R
- Making reports
- how to design visuals to answer questions about data



GRADING SCHEME

- Assignments: 50% (BDMA) or 100% (DS)
 - check the website for due dates of assignments and how to submit them
- Project: 50% (presentation + report) (BDMA)

READINGS

mostly for additional interest

will announce readings on a per-lecture basis

ELECTRONICS POLICY

Laptops and devices okay
(in fact you'll need them)
...but use them for work!

BEHAVIOR & SOCIETY

Students are Better Off without a Laptop in the Classroom

What do you think they'll actually use it for?

By Cindi May on July 11, 2017



Credit: Getty Images

As recent high school graduates prepare for their migration to college in the fall, one item is sure to top most students' shopping wish lists: a laptop computer. Laptops are ubiquitous on university campuses, and are viewed by most students as absolute must-have items, right alongside laundry detergent, towels, and coffee pots.

Without question, personal laptops can enhance the college experience by facilitating engagement with online course material, providing access to sources for research, maximizing internship searches, and even improving communication with friends and parents. Many students also opt to bring their laptops to class so that they can take notes, view online lecture slides, and search the web for course-related material. This practice, it



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The Ethical Minefields of Technology



Astronomers Are Finally Mapping the "Dark Side" of the Milky Way

QUESTIONS

WHAT IS VISUAL ANALYTICS

And where does it come from?

WHAT IS DATA ANALYSIS?

traditionally: data analysis = statistics

data analysis now covers a range of activities & skills

- defining your problem
- disassembling problems and data into analyzable pieces
- evaluate the data & draw conclusions
- make or recommend a decision

data analysis

=

careful thinking about evidence (data)

VISUAL ANALYTICS

Visual analytics combines **automated analysis** techniques with **interactive visualizations** for an effective understanding, reasoning and decision making on the basis of **very large and complex data sets** [5].

CONFIRM VS. EXPLORE

confirmatory analysis

- start with a hypothesis about the data
- confirm that it is true

focus of fully automated analysis methods

exploratory analysis

- likely no a-priori information about the data
- not sure about patterns and information present
- explore to create hypotheses & confirm later

focus of visual analytics

SCOPE

visual analytics = an iterative process that involves

- information gathering
- data preprocessing
- knowledge representation
- interaction
- decision making

EXAMPLES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9PvskathGI>

EXAMPLES

VAST PAPER

CloudDet: Interactive Visual Analysis of Anomalous Performances in Cloud Computing SystemsD

Ke Xu, Yun Wang, Leni Yang, Yifang Wang, Bo Qiao, Si Qin, Yong Xu, Haidong Zhang, Huamin Qu

EXAMPLES

VAST PAPER

FairVis: Visual Analytics for Discovering Intersectional Bias in Machine Learning

Àngel Alexander Cabrera, Will Epperson, Fred Hohman, Minsuk Kahng,
Jamie Morgenstern, Duen Horng Chau

EXAMPLES

SHORT PAPER

GalStamps: Analyzing Real and Simulated Galaxy Observations

Nina McCurdy, Miriah Meyer



20-25 October 2019
Vancouver, Canada

ieevis.org

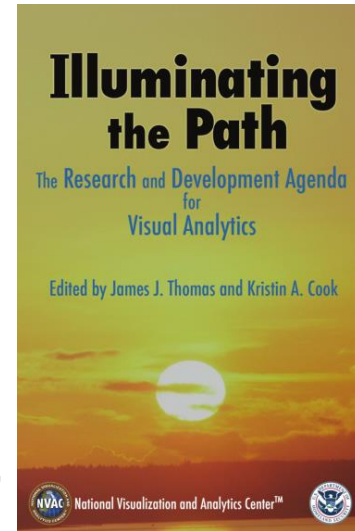
REQUIREMENTS

development & understanding of

- data transformations & analysis algorithms
- analytical reasoning techniques
- visual representations and interactions
- techniques for production, presentation, and dissemination

HISTORY

- outgrowth of the Scientific & Information Visualization community
- started with US National Visualization and Analytics Center (NVAC) at PNNL in 2004
- developed the first research and development agenda “Illuminating the Path”
- sponsored initially by DHS (US Department of Homeland Security)



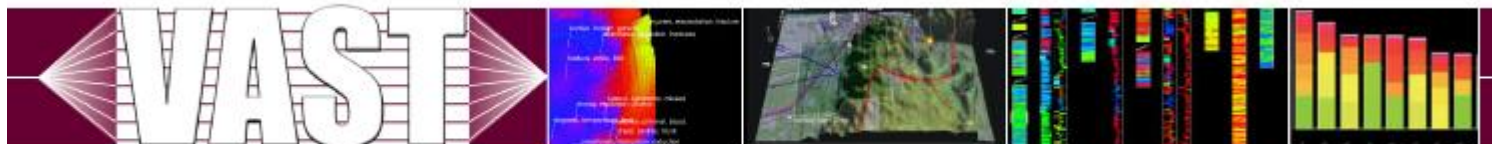
ORIGINAL GOALS

- analyzing terrorist threats
- safeguarding borders and ports
- preparing for and responding to emergencies

→ now only part of the larger research goals

HISTORY

- VAST symposium & conference
 - visual analytics, science, and technology
- part of the IEEE Visualization conference
- started Visual Analytics as its own research area in 2006



HISTORY

- 2008 EU funds VisMaster, a Coordination Action to join European academic and industrial R&D
- in Europe initial focus not on “homeland” security, rather broad applicability
 - physics, astronomy, climate monitoring, weather, etc.

FUTURE

The Sexiest Job of the 21st Century: Data Analyst

Chris Morris, Special to CNBC.com
Wednesday, 5 Jun 2013 | 1:00 PM ET



Photo: Biddiboo | Getty Images

In tech jobs market, data analysis is tops

Jon Swartz, USA TODAY 10:20 a.m. EDT October 5, 2012

Second of five reports this week on the job outlook in key industries.



(Photo: Elaine Thompson, AP)

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CONNECT TWEET LINKEDIN COMMENT EMAIL MORE

SAN FRANCISCO -- Like a coveted free agent in sports, Kelly Halfin had a multitude of choices when she decided to take a job in tech in the U.S.

The Belgian had five American companies lined up, eager to sign her on to lead their data analysis

VISUALIZATION

Why focus on visual representation?

EXAMPLE

I		II		III		IV	
x	y	x	y	x	y	x	y
10.0	8.04	10.0	9.14	10.0	7.46	8.0	6.58
8.0	6.95	8.0	8.14	8.0	6.77	8.0	5.76
13.0	7.58	13.0	8.74	13.0	12.74	8.0	7.71
9.0	8.81	9.0	8.77	9.0	7.11	8.0	8.84
11.0	8.33	11.0	9.26	11.0	7.81	8.0	8.47
14.0	9.96	14.0	8.10	14.0	8.84	8.0	7.04
6.0	7.24	6.0	6.13	6.0	6.08	8.0	5.25
4.0	4.26	4.0	3.10	4.0	5.39	19.0	12.50
12.0	10.84	12.0	9.13	12.0	8.15	8.0	5.56
7.0	4.82	7.0	7.26	7.0	6.42	8.0	7.91
5.0	5.68	5.0	4.74	5.0	5.73	8.0	6.89

Raw Data from Anscombe's Quartet

[Source: Anscombe's quartet, Wikipedia]

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

For all four columns, the statistics are identical

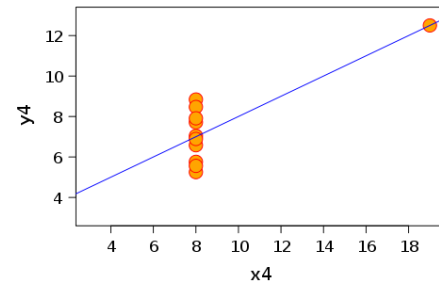
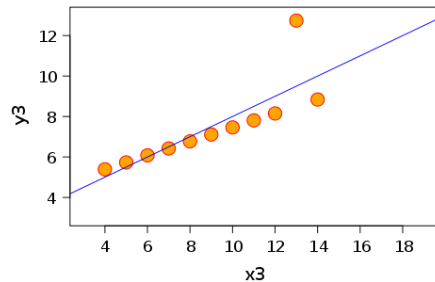
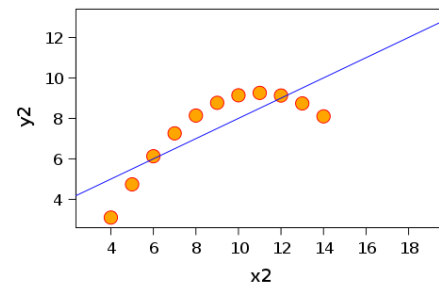
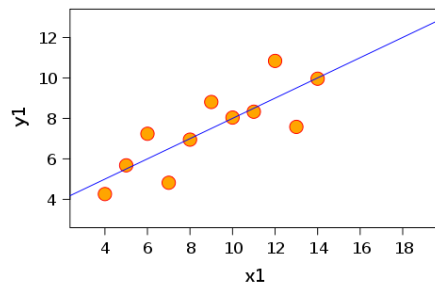
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Mean of x	9.0
Variance of x	11.0
Mean of y	7.5
Variance of y	4.12
Correlation between x and y	0.816
Linear regression line	$y = 3 + 0.5x$

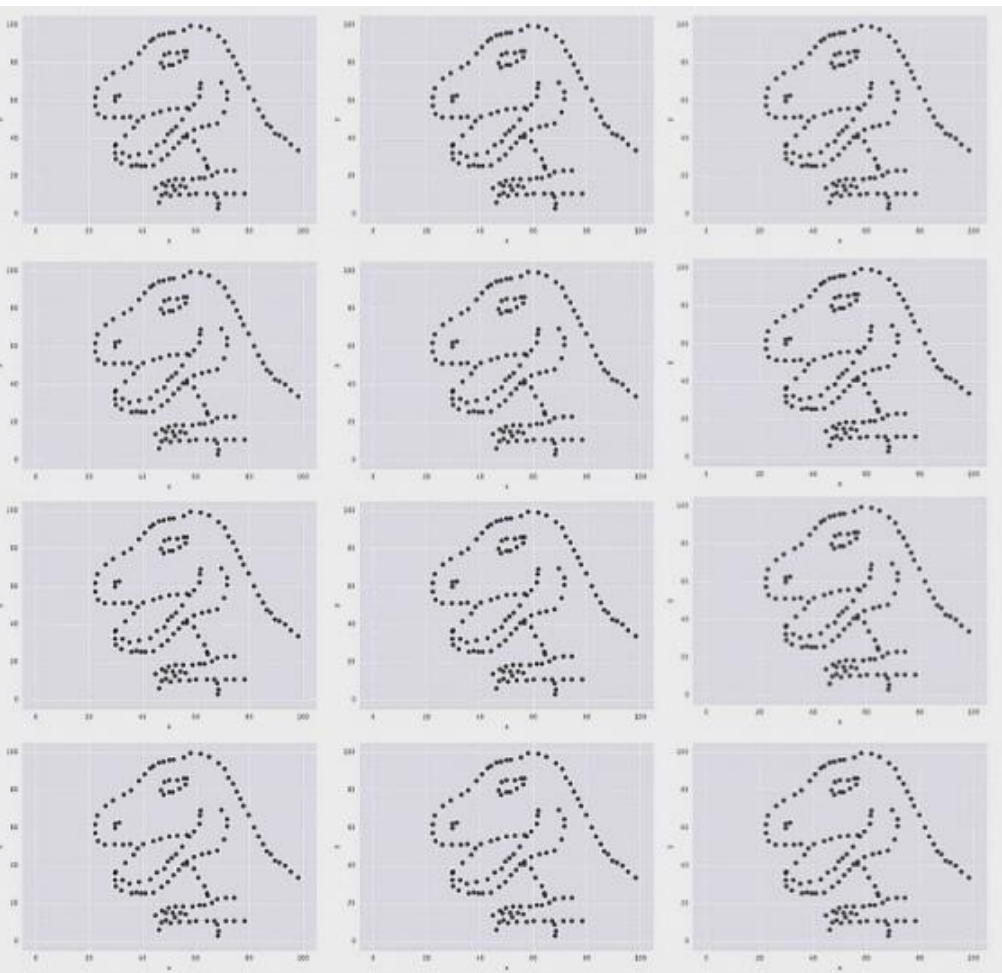
VISUAL REPRESENTATION

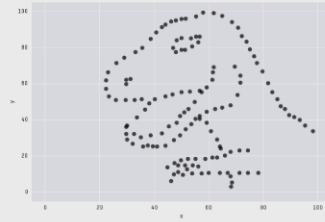
reveals a different story

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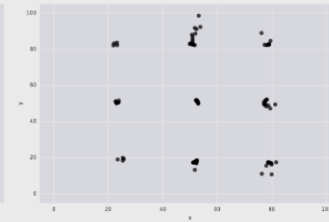
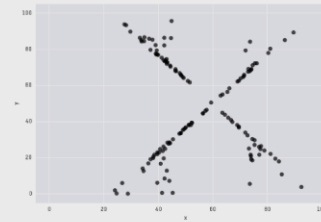
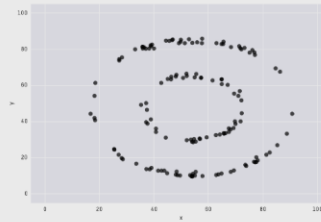
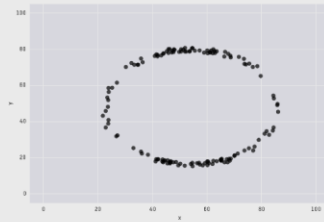
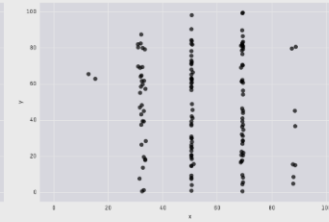
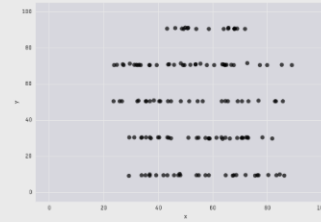
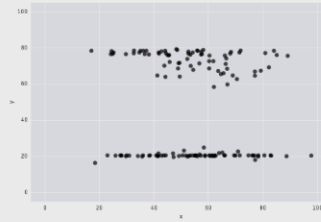
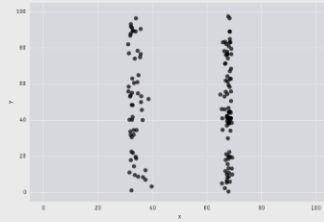
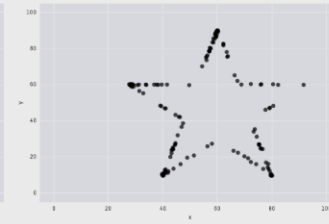
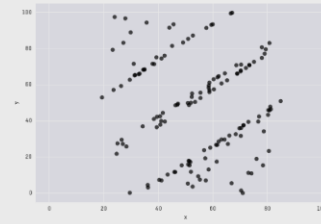
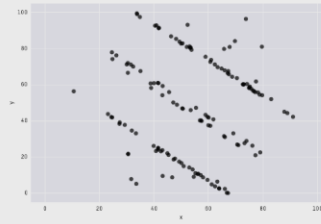
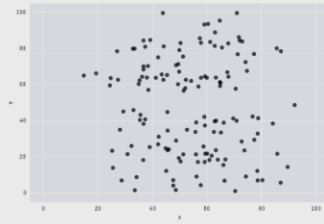


[Source: Anscombe's quartet, Wikipedia]



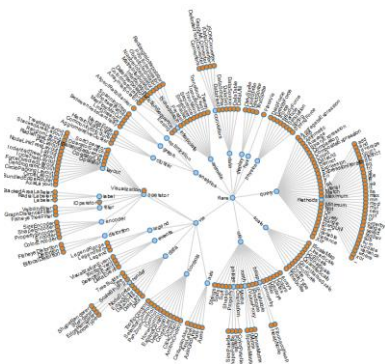


X Mean: 54.26
 Y Mean: 47.83
 X SD : 16.76
 Y SD : 26.93
 Corr. : -0.06



VISUALS ARE POWERFUL

- Vision is our most dominant sense
- We are very good at recognizing visual patterns
- We need to see and understand in order to explain, reason, and make decisions

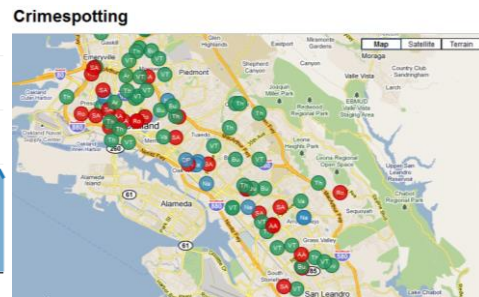


graphs / hierarchies

common examples:



charts



maps

FUNCTIONS OF VISUALIZATIONS

- Recording information
 - Tables, blueprints, satellite images
- Processing information
 - needs feedback and interaction
- Presenting information
 - share, collaborate, revise
 - for oneself, for one's peers and to teach
- Seeing the unseen

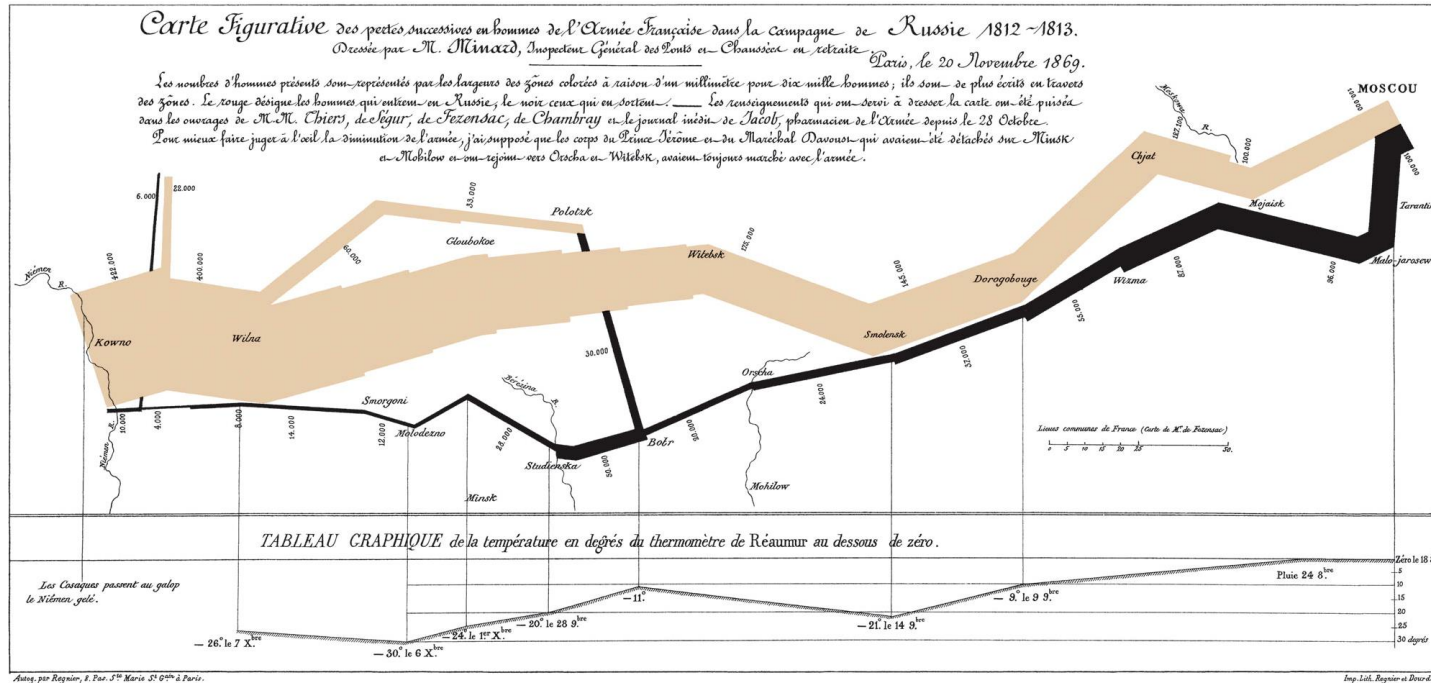
HISTORICAL EXAMPLES

Visualization of data has been practiced for hundreds of years...

NAPOLEON'S MARCH ON MOSCOW

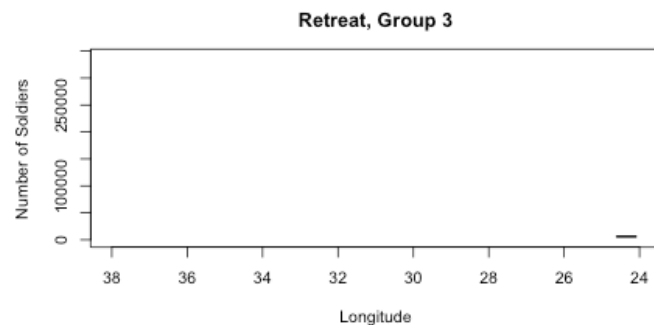
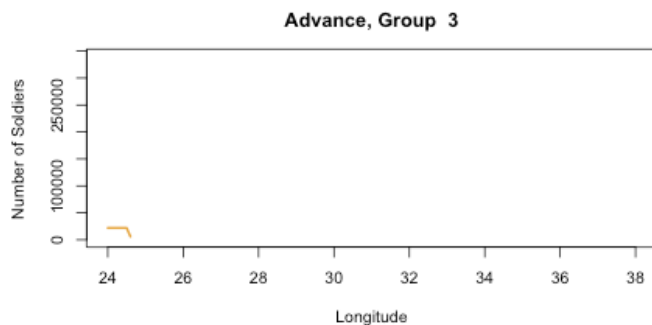
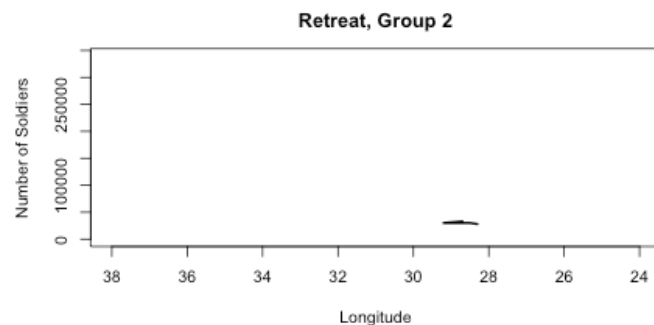
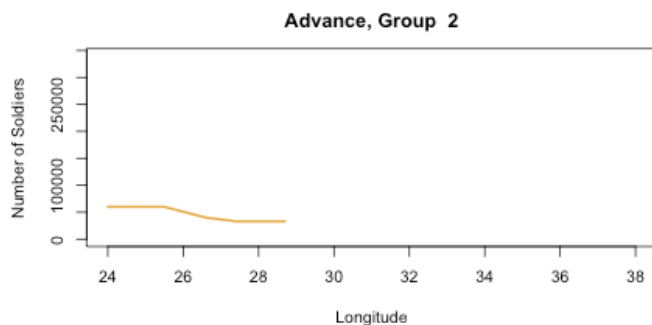
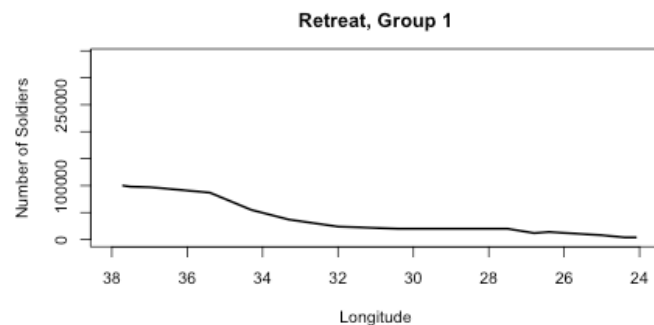
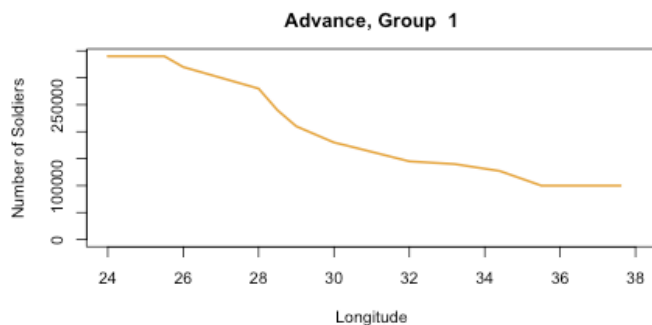
Named the best statistical graphic ever drawn (by Edward Tufte)

- Includes: spatial layout linked with stats on: army size, temperature, time
- Tells a story in one overview

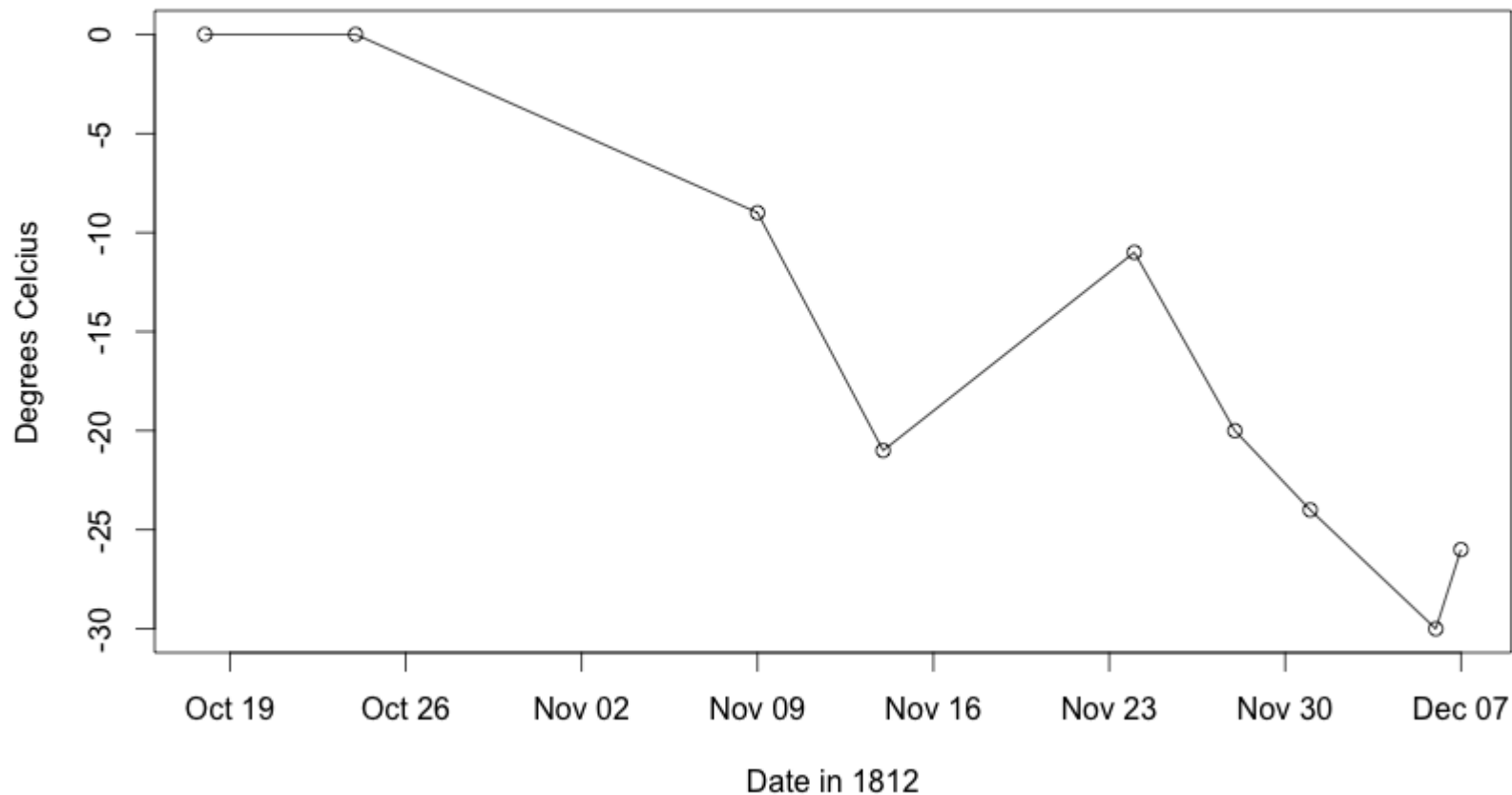


Charles Minard, 1869

More info: The Visual Display of Quantitative Information (Tufte)



Temperature During The Retreat





Carte Figurative des pertes successives en hommes de l'Armée Française dans la campagne de Russie 1812-1813.

Dressée par M. MINARD, Inspecteur Général des Ponts et Chaussées en retraite. Paris, le 20 Novembre 1869.

Les nombres d'hommes présents sont représentés par les largeurs des zones colorées à raison d'un millimètre pour dix mille hommes; ils sont de plus écrits en travers des zones. Le rouge désigne les hommes qui entrent en Russie, le noir ceux qui en sortent. Les renseignements qui ont servi à dresser la carte ont été puisés dans les ouvrages de M. M. Chiers, de Legur, de Fezensac, de Chambray et le journal inédit de Jacob, pharmacien de l'Armée depuis le 28 Octobre.

Pour mieux faire juger à l'œil la diminution de l'armée, j'ai supposé que les corps du Prince Jérôme et du Maréchal Davout qui avaient été détachés sur Minsk et Mohilow et ont rejoint vers Orscha et Witebsk, avaient toujours marché avec l'armée.

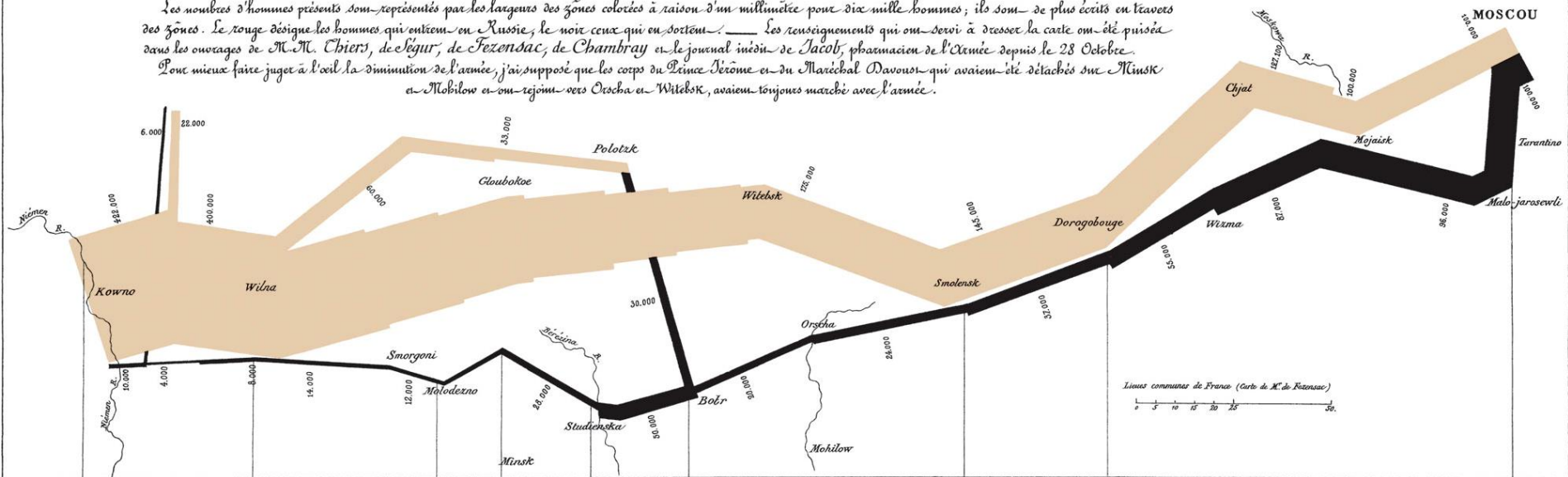
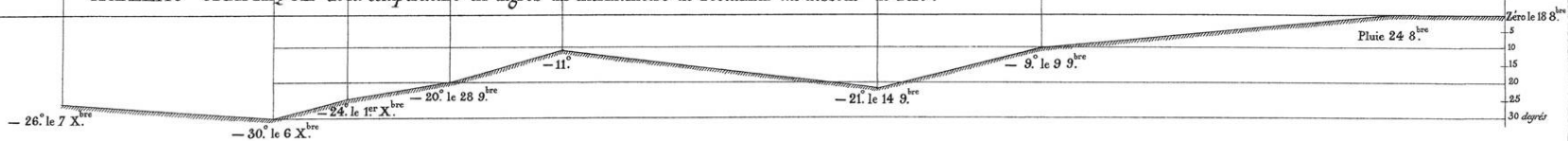
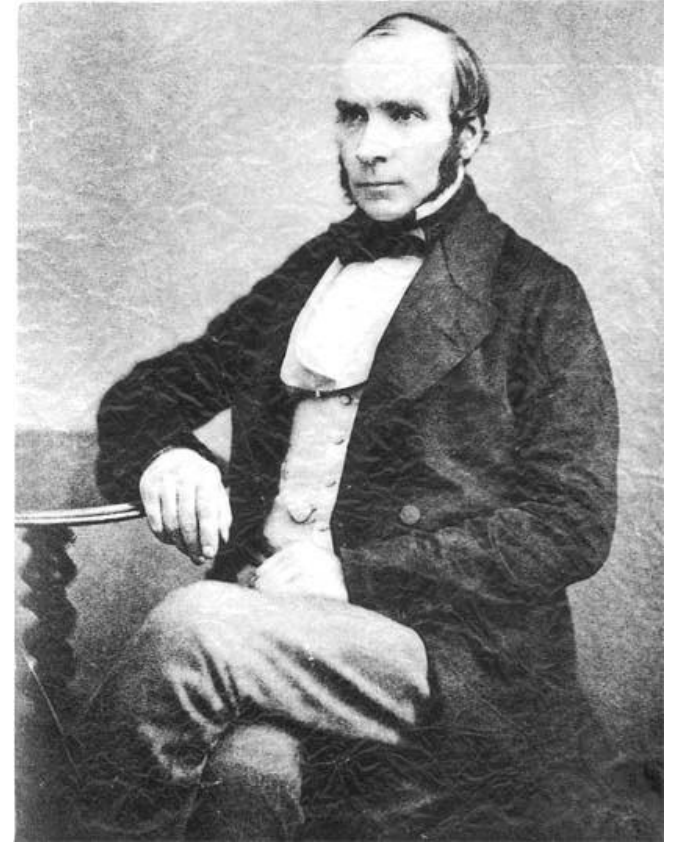


TABLEAU GRAPHIQUE de la température en degrés du thermomètre de Réaumur au dessous de zéro.



THE BROADWAY STREET PUMP

- In 1854 cholera broke out in London
 - 127 people near Broad Street died within 3 days
 - 616 people died within 30 days
- “Miasma in the atmosphere”
- Dr. John Snow was the first to link contaminated water to the outbreak of cholera
- How did he do it?
 - he talked to local residents
 - identified a water pump as a likely source
 - used maps to illustrate his theory
 - convinced authorities to disable the pump







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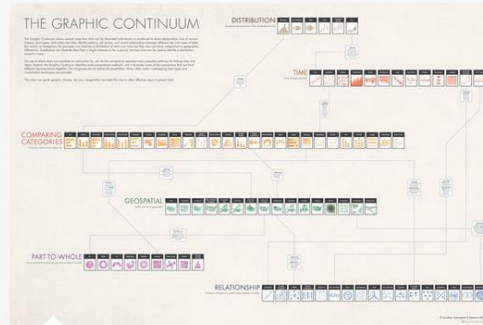
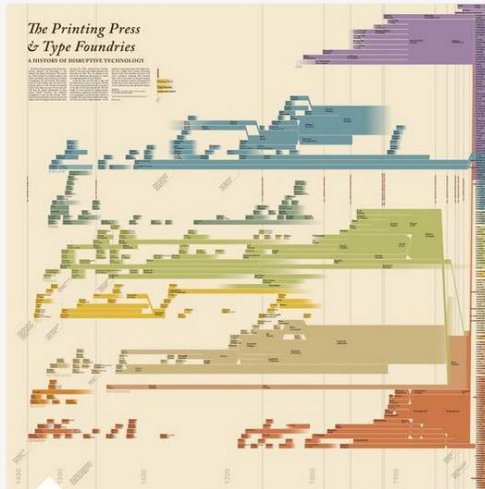
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The Graphic Continuum

The Graphic Continuum is our view of the many different types of visualizations available to us when we encode and present data. We've plotted nearly 90 different graphics across five main...

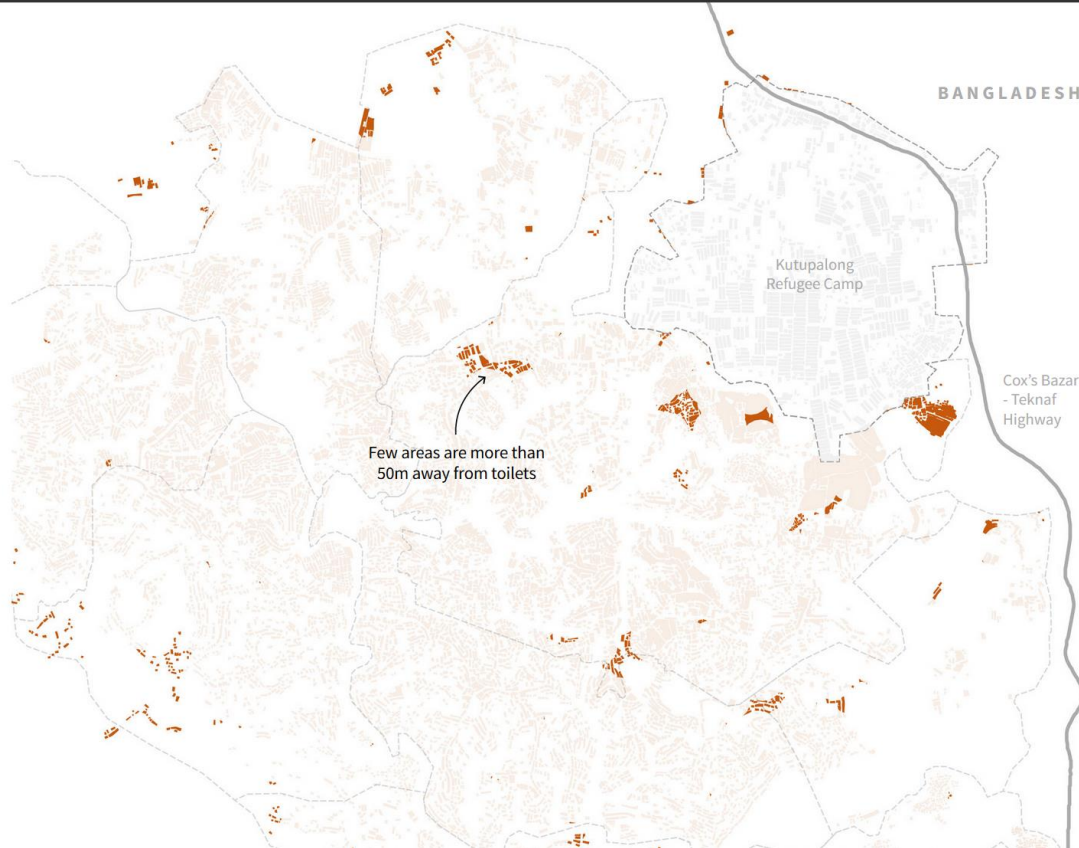


Project Ukko - Seasonal Wind Predictions for the Energy Sector

Weather forecasts predict future wind conditions only in the range of weeks. Climate predictions look at big changes over years and decades. However, for energy traders, wind farm managers and...

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REUTERS GRAPHICS



Too far from a latrine

Refugee households should be within 50 metres of a latrine. "Close enough to encourage their use but far enough to prevent problems with smells and pests," the UNHCR guideline says. This map shows refugee shelters that are too far from a latrine.

Award 2018



The Winners of the World Data Visualization Prize

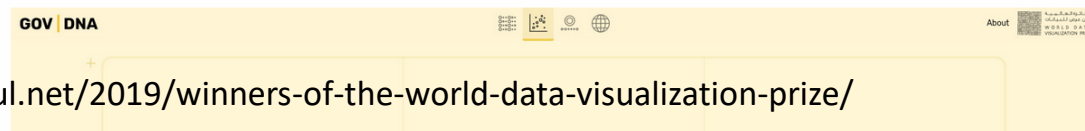
The results are in. After combing through hundreds of impressive, insightful and creative entries, we've decided on the winners of the World Data Visualization Prize 2019.

Conducted in partnership with the World Government Summit, the prize focuses on how governments are improving citizens' lives. We asked entrants to use the power of data-visualization to illuminate data on the innovations and decisions – seen and unseen – that drive progress.

Scroll through the interactive, static and hand-drawn “napkin” category winners to see who took the grand prize of \$25,000.

Interactive

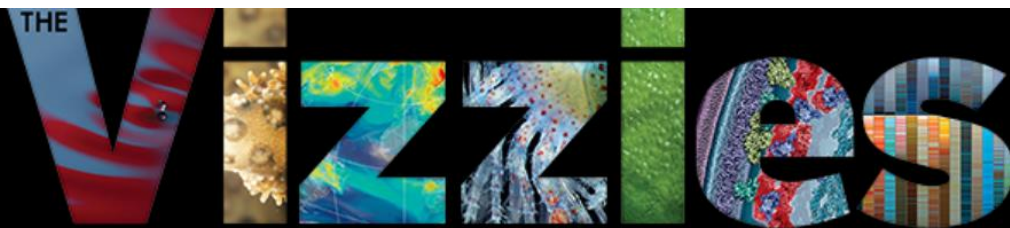
Winner – \$6,000



<https://informationisbeautiful.net/2019/winners-of-the-world-data-visualization-prize/>



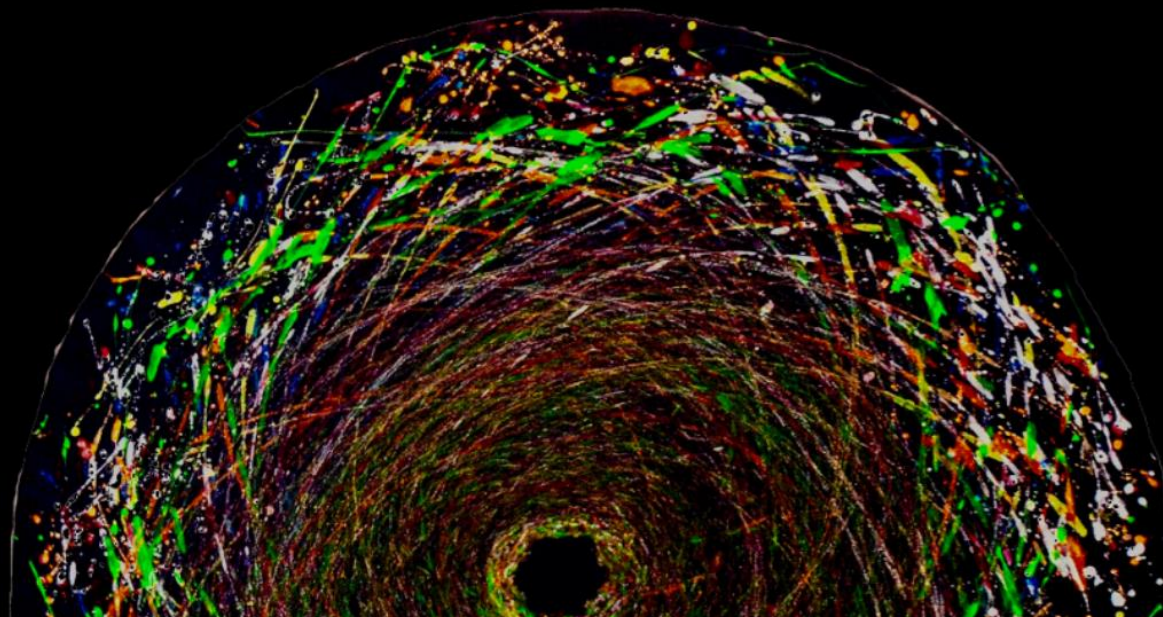
< RANKING >



VISUALIZATION CHALLENGE

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RESOURCES

- Visualization conferences
 - ieevis.org -- attend for free this year !
- Blogs
 - <http://eagereyes.org/>
 - <http://flowingdata.com/>
 - <http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/>
 - <https://www.visualisingdata.com/blog/>
 - <https://pudding.cool/>
 - <https://junkcharts.typepad.com/>
- Books
 - Textbooks
 - Readings in Information Visualization: Using Vision to Think (a bit old now but good intro)
 - Information Visualization (Robert Spence – a light intro, I recommend as a start)
 - Information Visualization Perception for Design (Colin Ware, focused on perception and cognition)
 - Interactive Data Visualization: Foundations, Techniques, and Applications (Ward et al.)
 - Visualization Analysis and Design (Tamara Munzner, most recent book)
 - Examples
 - Beautiful Data (McCandless)
 - Now You See it (Few)
 - Tufte Books: Visual Display of Quantitative Information (and others)
 - ... (many more, ask me for details)

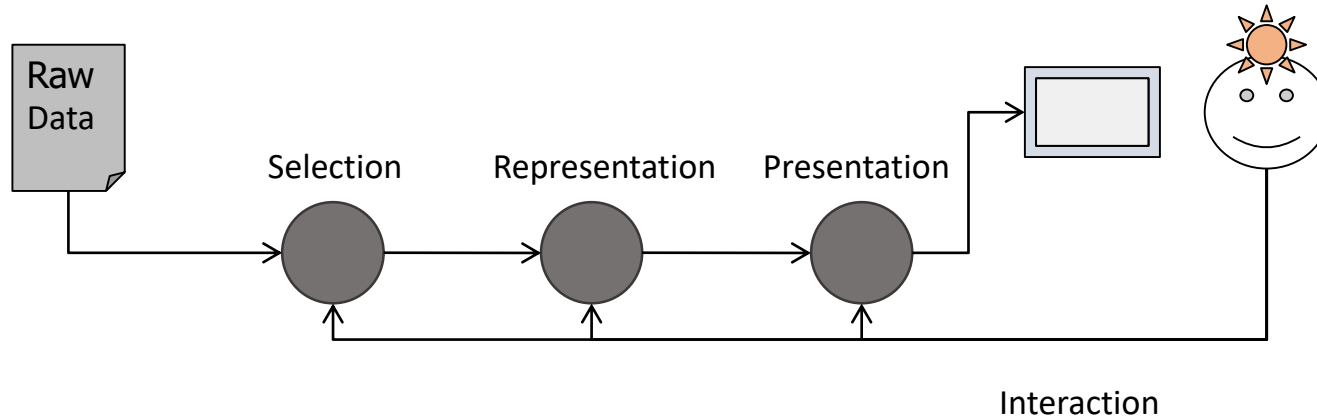
It is difficult to create

VISUALIZATIONS

Good



HOW DO WE ARRIVE AT A VISUALIZATION?



The Visualization Pipeline

PITFALLS

- Selecting the wrong data
- Selecting the wrong data structure
- Filtering out important data
- Failed understanding of the types of things that need to be shown
- Choosing the wrong representation
- Choosing the wrong presentation format
- Inappropriate interactions provided to explore the data

RECAP

- So far you
 - learned what visualization is
 - learned about the advantages of visualization
 - saw a number of examples (historical and new)
- Next
 - you will get to know your data
 - you will learn about the basic components of visualization

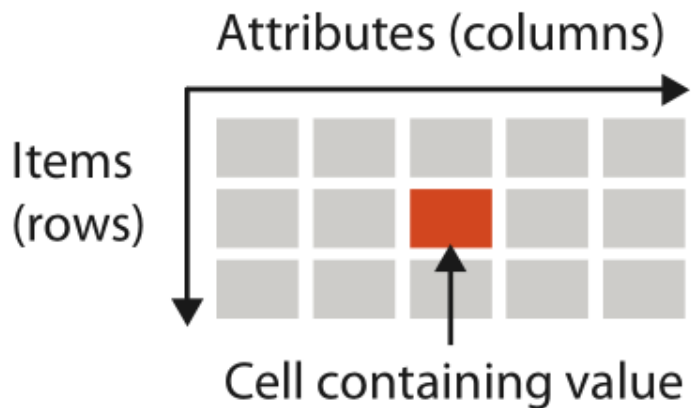
DATA

- Data is the foundation of any visualization
- The visualization designer needs to understand
 - the data properties
 - know what meta-data is available
 - know what people want from the data

DATA SET TYPES

(some of them, more later & even more in the cited literature)

TABLES

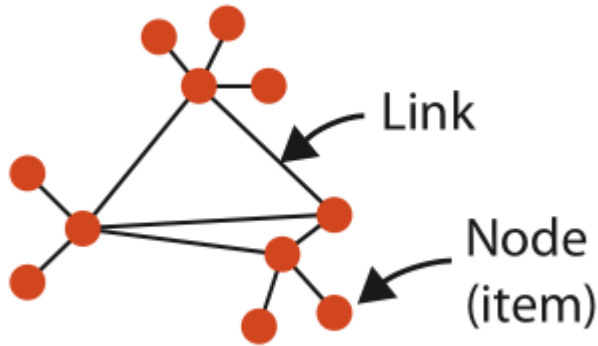


Example:

Items: drinks

Attributes: color, calories, name, ...

NETWORKS



Example:

Item = nodes: people

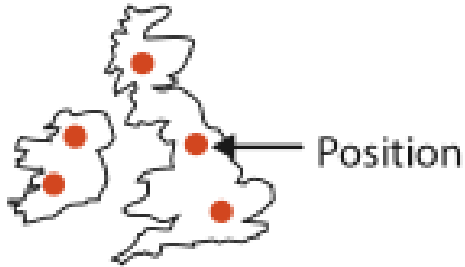
Item = links: co-authorship

Node attributes: name, experience, ...

Link attributes: #of papers

GEOMETRY (SPATIAL)

Specifies information about the shape of items with explicit spatial position

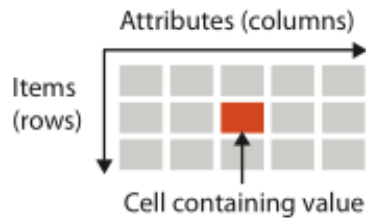


Item = countries

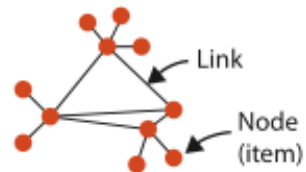
Positions = location on the planet

➔ Dataset Types

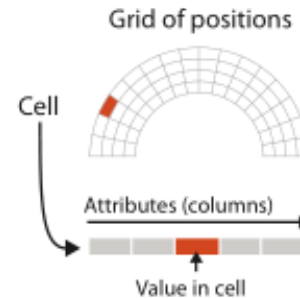
➔ Tables



➔ Networks



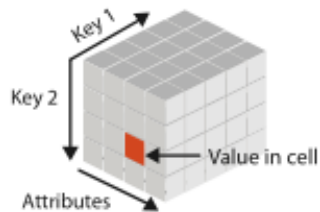
➔ Fields (Continuous)



➔ Geometry (Spatial)



➔ Multidimensional Table



➔ Trees



Figure 2.4. The detailed structure of the four basic dataset types.

ATTRIBUTE TYPES

- Nominal (sometimes called categorical)

- Fruits: apples, oranges
- Can be compared $=$, \neq



- Ordered

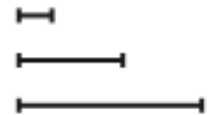
- Ordinal

- T-shirt sizes: S, M, L, XL
- Can be compared & ordered, but not measured: $=$, \neq , $<$, $>$



- Quantitative

- Counts and amounts, 5kg / 10kg
- you can do $=$, \neq , $<$, $>$, $-$, $+$, \times , \div



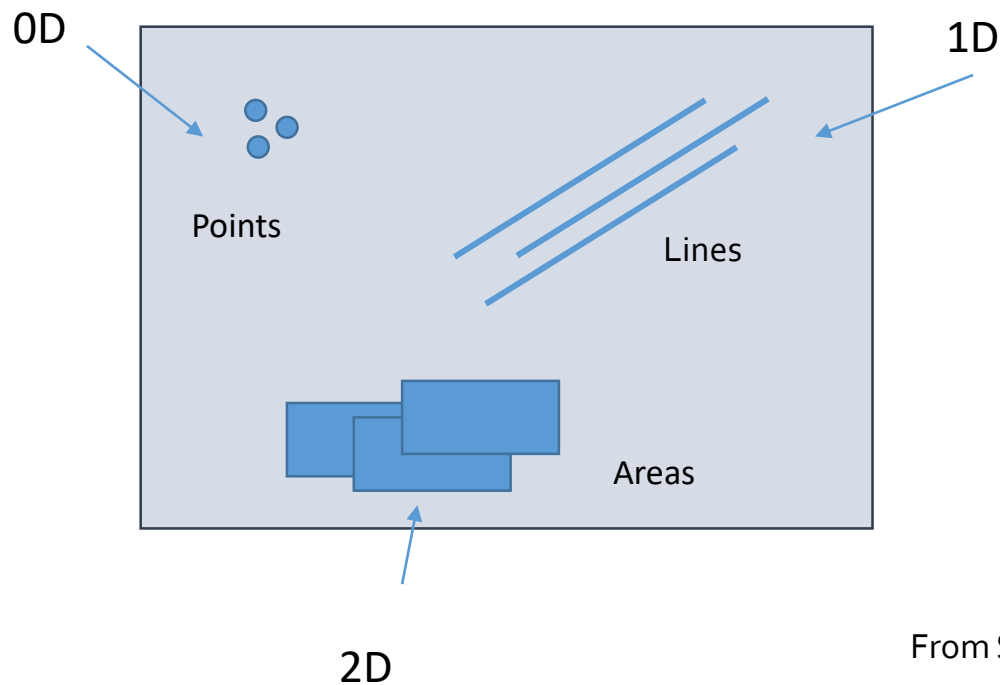
WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Nominal, ordinal, and quantitative data are best expressed in different ways visually
- Data types often have inherent tasks
 - geometry (understand spatial relationships)
 - trees (understand parent-child relationships)
 - ...
- But:
 - any data type (1D, 2D,...) can be expressed in a multitude of ways!

VISUALIZATION BUILDING BLOCKS

MARKS

Basic geometric element data depict items or links

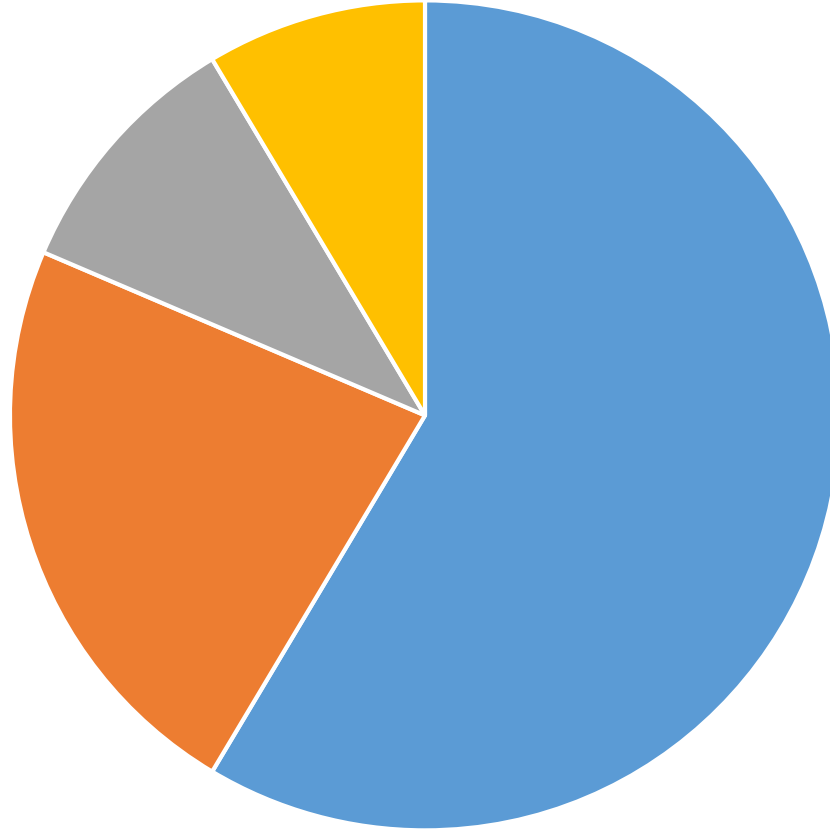


From Semiology of Graphics (Bertin)

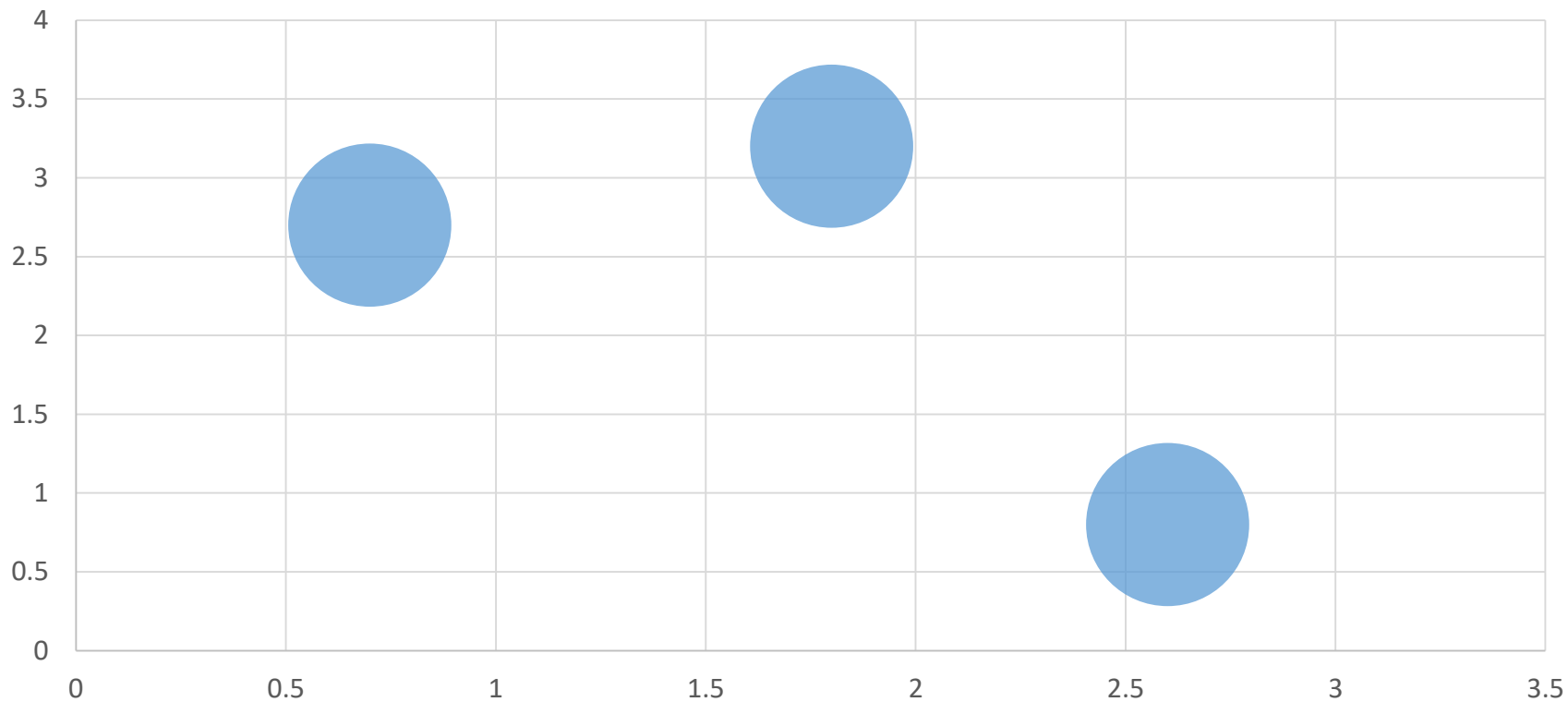
which marks do you see?



which marks do you see?



which marks do you see?



VISUAL CHANNELS

Also often called visual variables

➞ Position

➞ Horizontal



➞ Vertical



➞ Both



➞ Color



➞ Shape



➞ Tilt / angle



➞ Size

➞ Length



➞ Area



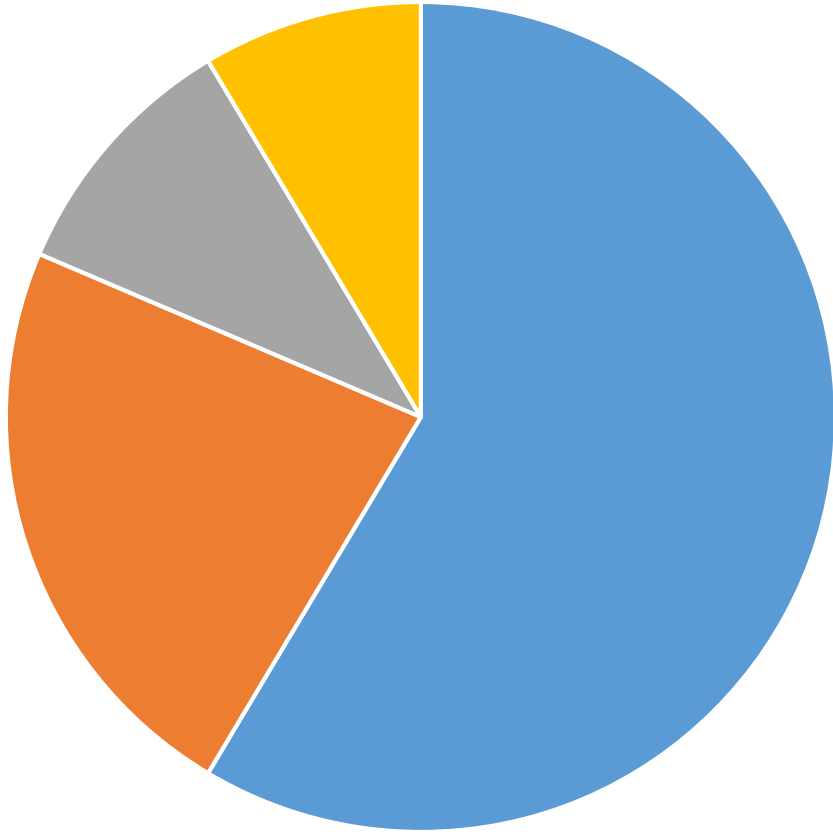
➞ Volume



Modify marks
independent of the
dimensionality of the
mark

These are just some of them

which visual channels encode data?



→ Position

→ Horizontal



→ Vertical



→ Both



→ Color



→ Shape



→ Tilt / angle

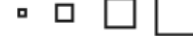


→ Size

→ Length



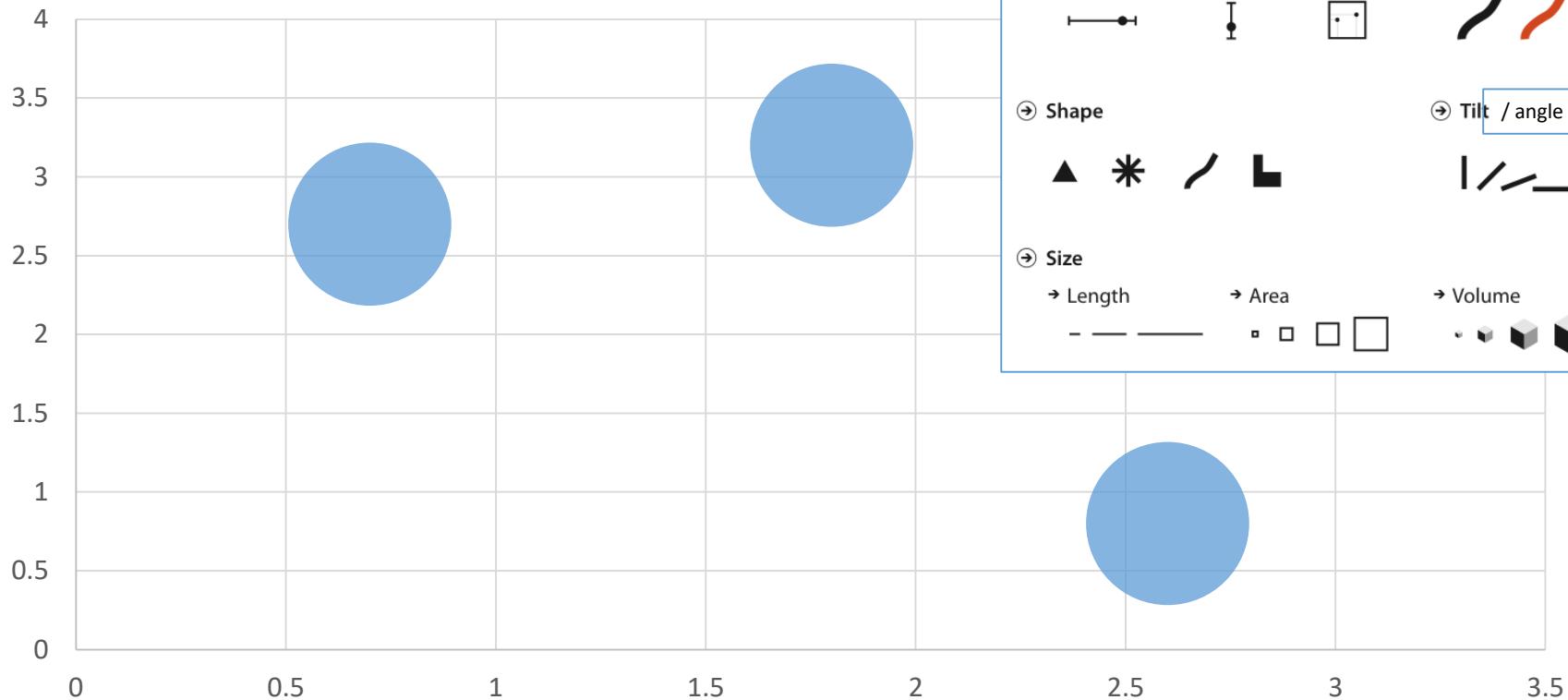
→ Area



→ Volume



which visual channels encode data?



ADDITIONAL CHANNELS

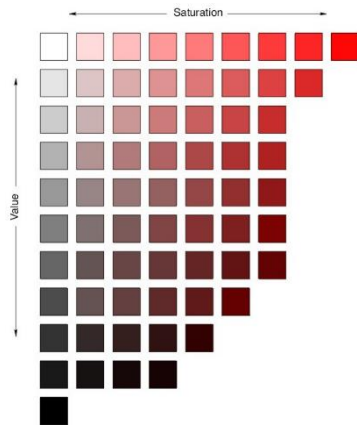
- motion

- direction, acceleration, speed, frequency, onset, 'personality'



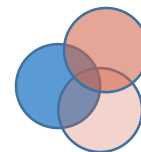
- saturation

- colour as Bertin uses largely refers to hue, saturation != value



ADDITIONAL CHANNELS

- flicker
 - frequency, rhythm, appearance
- depth? 'quasi' 3D
 - depth, occlusion, aerial perspective, binocular disparity
- Illumination
- transparency



HOW TO CHOOSE CHANNELS?

EXPRESSIVENESS

show **all but only** the attribute information
(nothing more, nothing less)

Example:

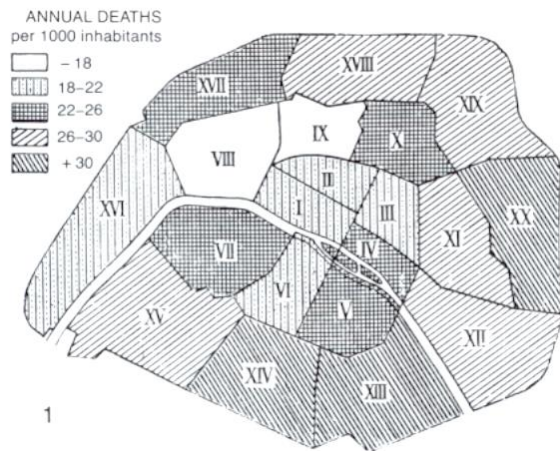
*an ordered attribute needs to look ordered,
an unordered attribute should not*



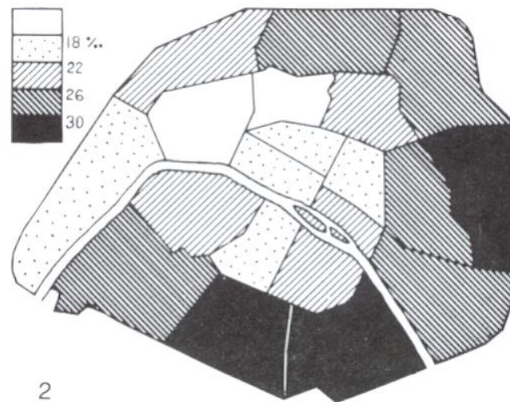
This mismatch is a common beginner's mistake

EXPRESSIVENESS

luminance is ordered, cannot be reordered



Values not ordered correctly according to scale
Information has to be read point by point

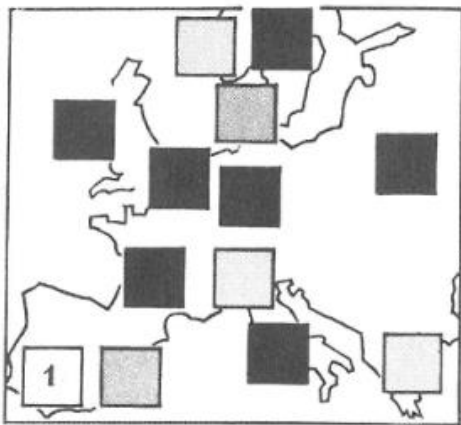


Values ordered correctly
Image much more useful

annual deaths per 1000 inhabitants, Paris

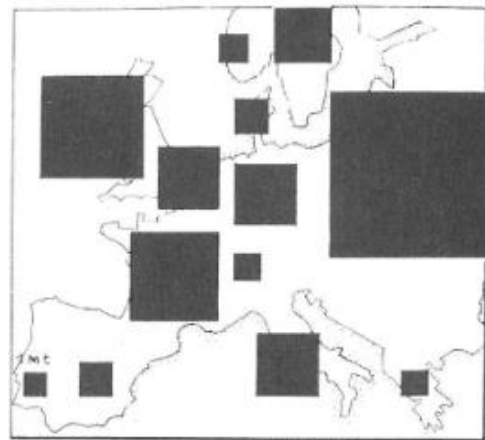
EXPRESSIVENESS

luminance is not quantitative



if Portugal is 1, what is France?

you need a legend!



if Portugal is 1, what is France?

still hard, but doable

HOW TO CHOOSE CHANNELS?

EFFECTIVENESS

the importance of the attribute matches the
salience of the channel

(the most important attributes should be encoded with the most effective channels)

EFFECTIVENESS

Accuracy: How accurately values can be estimated.

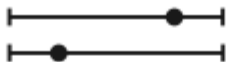
Discriminability: How many different values can be perceived.

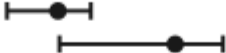
Separability: How much interaction there is with multiple encodings.

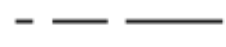
Popout: How easy it is to spot some values from the rest.

Grouping: How good a channel is in conveying groups.

➔ **Magnitude Channels: Ordered Attributes**

Position on common scale 

Position on unaligned scale 

Length (1D size) 

Tilt/angle 

Area (2D size) 

Depth (3D position) 

Color luminance 

Color saturation 

Curvature 

Volume (3D size) 

Most

Effectiveness

Least

➔ **Identity Channels: Categorical Attributes**

Spatial region 

Color hue 

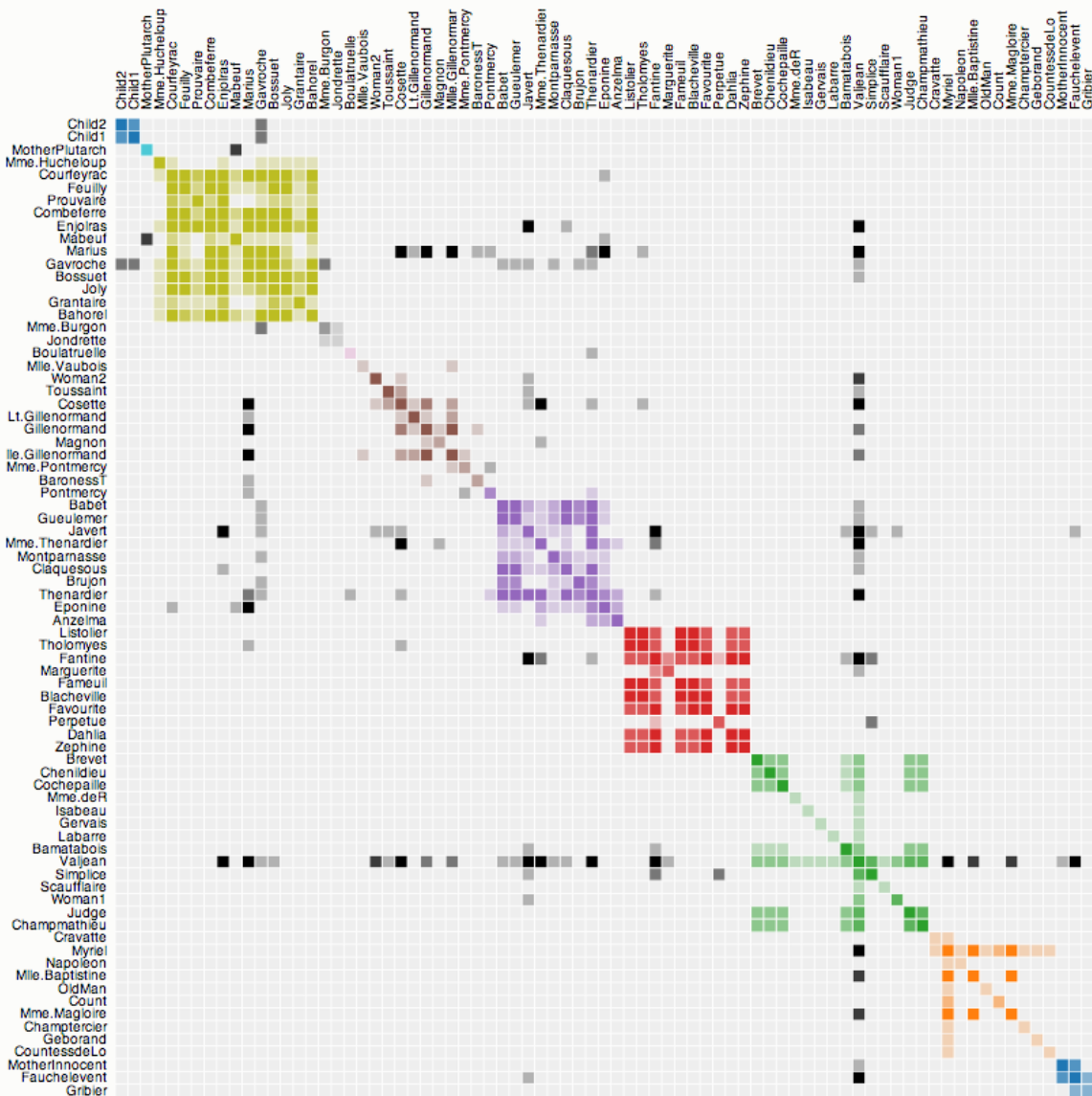
Motion 

Shape 

We will look at effectiveness a lot more throughout the lectures

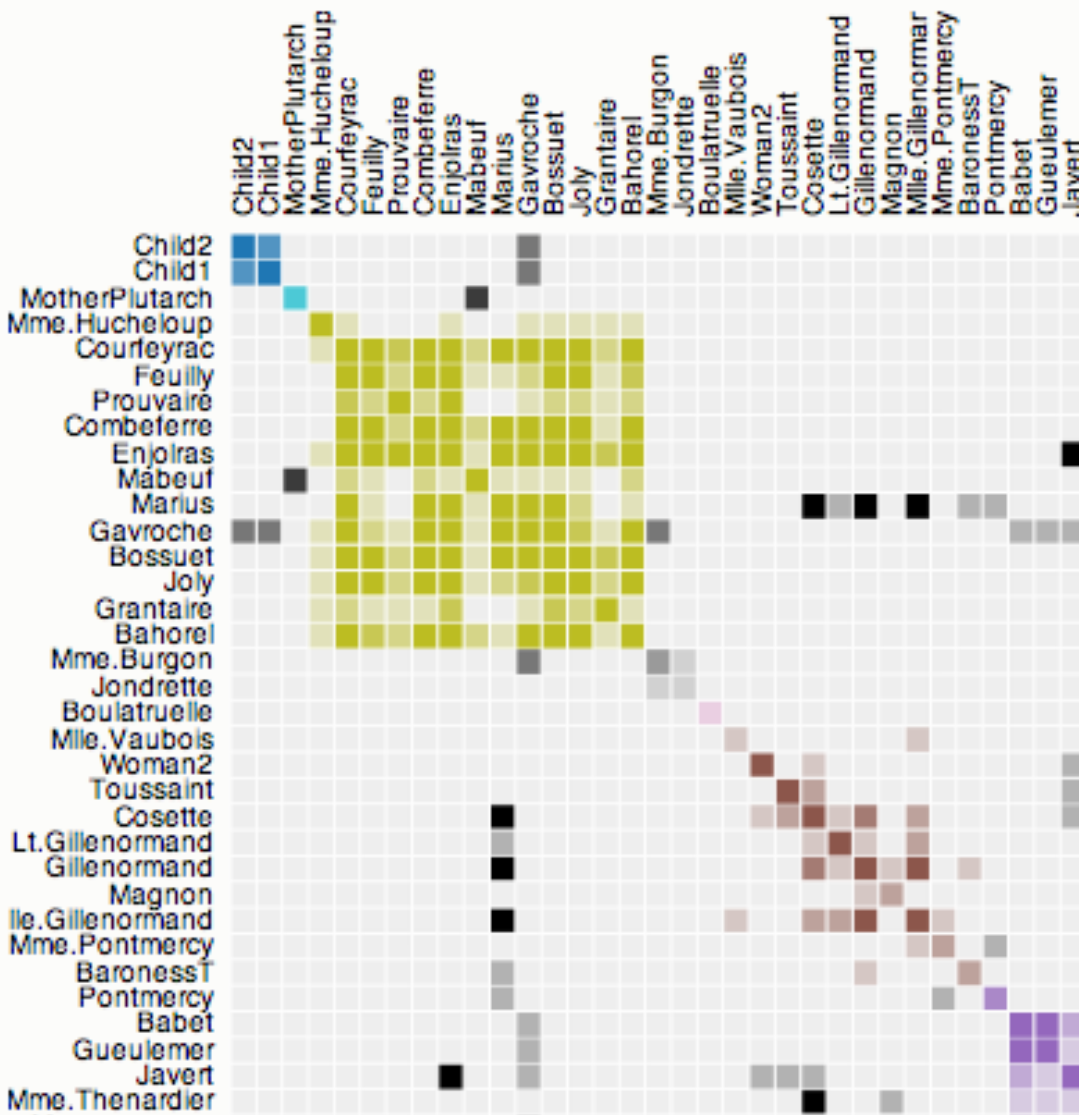
ASSIGNMENT 1

Training



Characters Co-occurrence in Les Misérables

source: <http://bost.ocks.org/mike/miserables/>

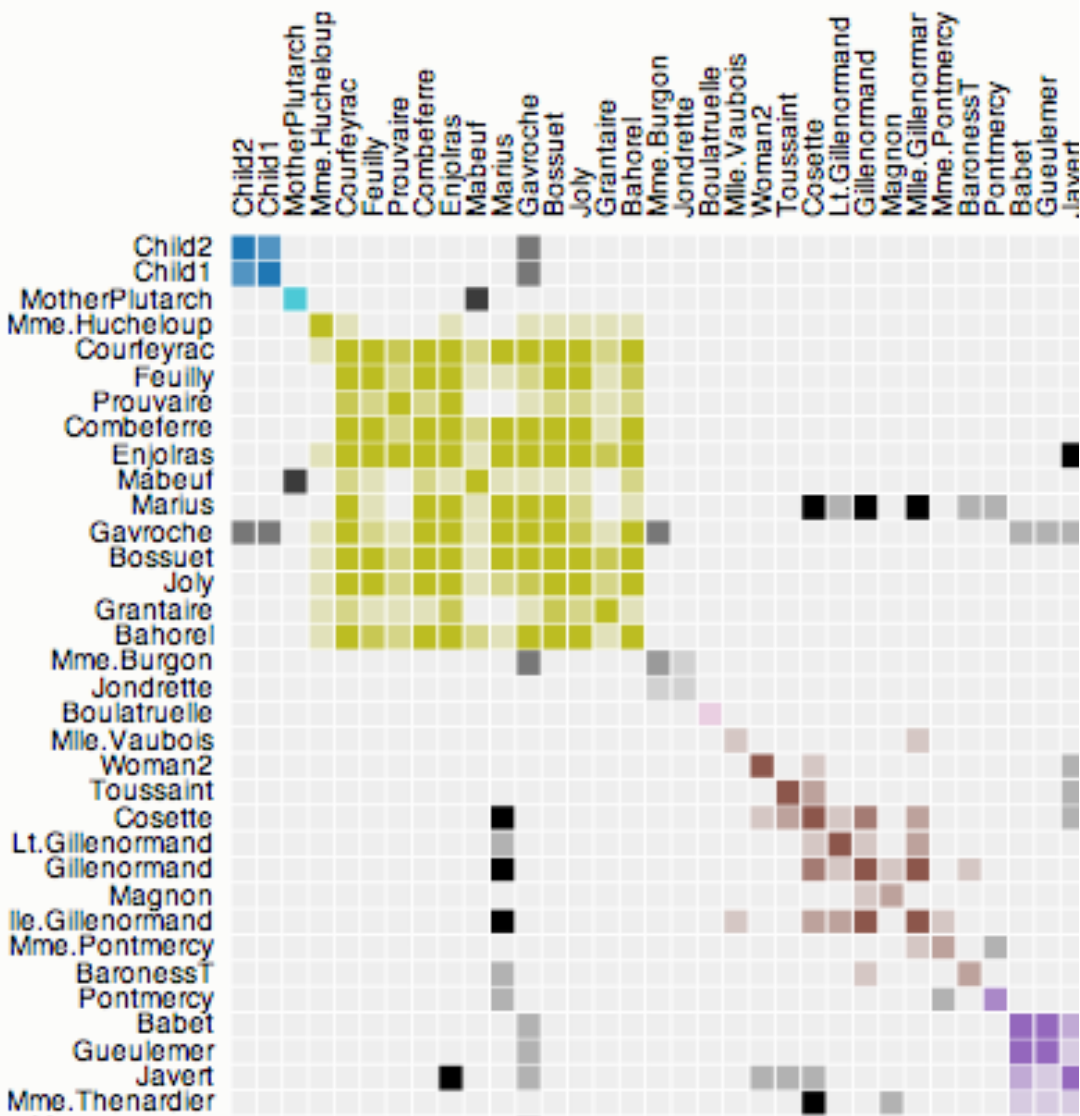


Data Items

Visual Marks

Attributes

Channels



Data Items: Co-occurrences

Visual Marks: Point

Attributes: Name 1, Name 2, Cluster, Frequency

Channels:

Position x, Position y: Names

Color hue: cluster

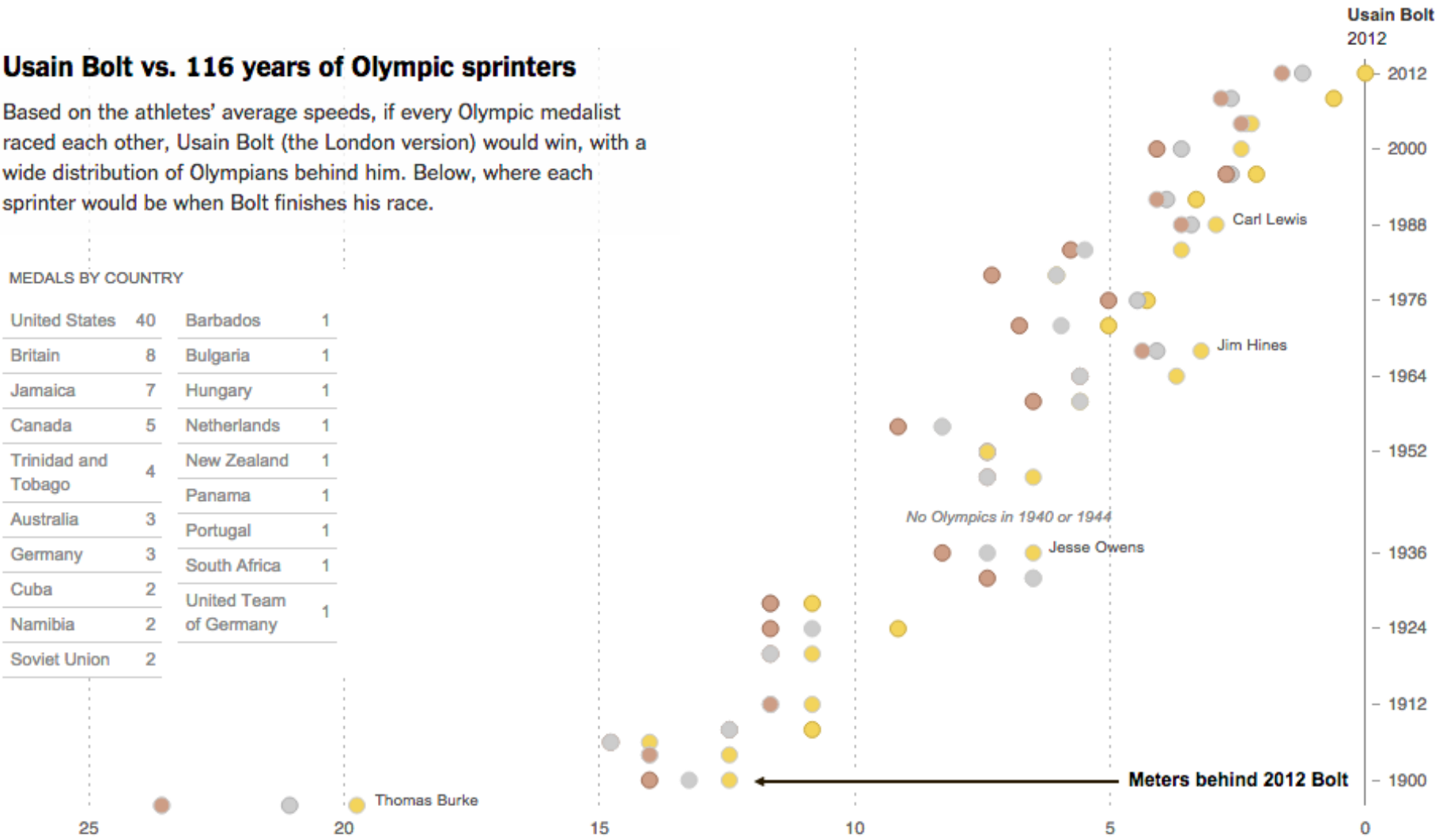
Color saturation: frequency

Usain Bolt vs. 116 years of Olympic sprinters

Based on the athletes' average speeds, if every Olympic medalist raced each other, Usain Bolt (the London version) would win, with a wide distribution of Olympians behind him. Below, where each sprinter would be when Bolt finishes his race.

MEDALS BY COUNTRY

United States	40	Barbados	1
Britain	8	Bulgaria	1
Jamaica	7	Hungary	1
Canada	5	Netherlands	1
Trinidad and Tobago	4	New Zealand	1
Australia	3	Panama	1
Germany	3	Portugal	1
Cuba	2	South Africa	1
Namibia	2	United Team of Germany	1
Soviet Union	2		



SUMMARY

- Now you know the main building blocks are **marks**
- Marks are modified by **visual channels**
- Visual channels have **specific characteristics**
- These characteristics influence how the data will be perceived

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