

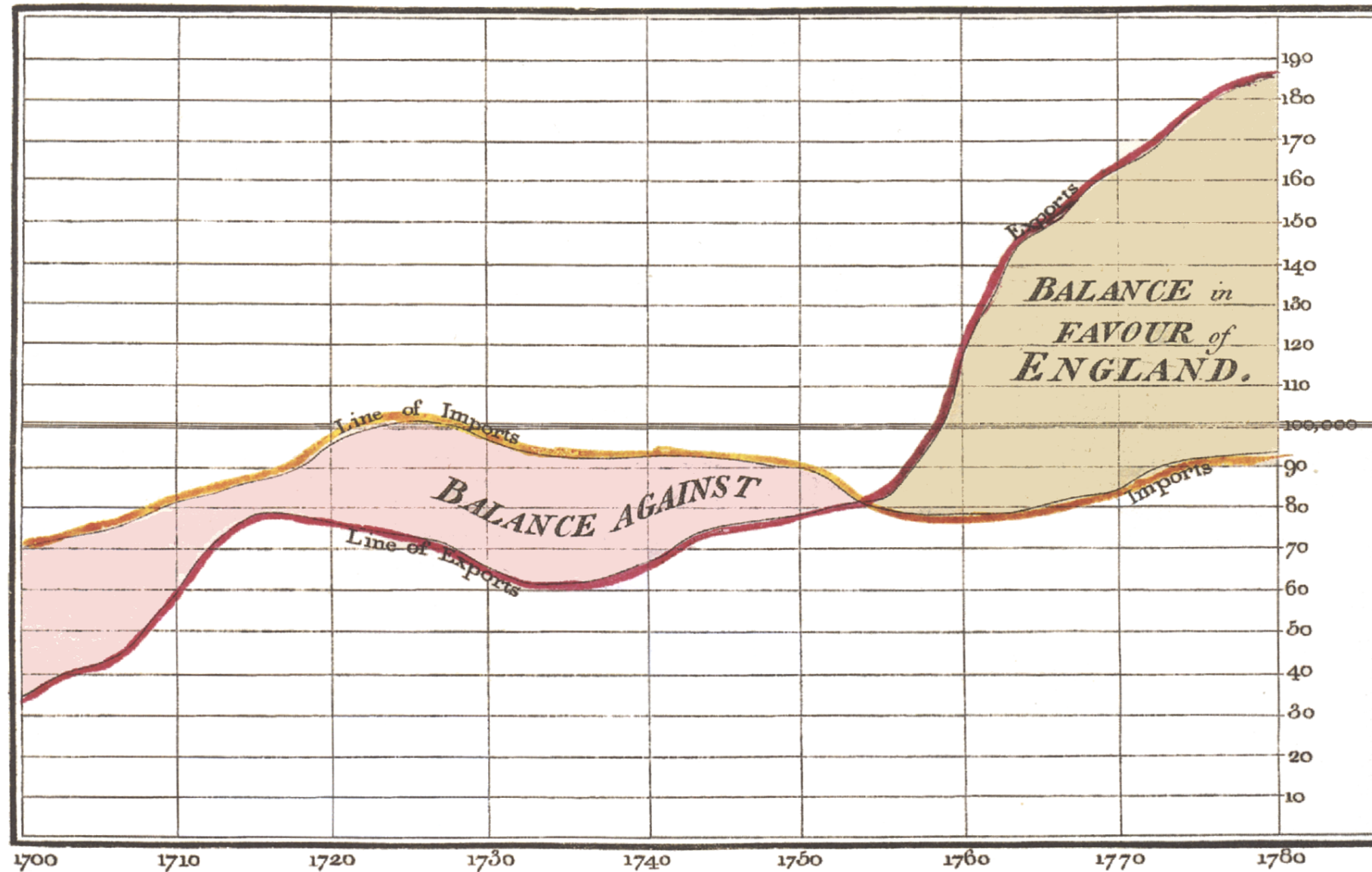


# VISUALISATION

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Exports and Imports to and from DENMARK & NORWAY from 1700 to 1780.



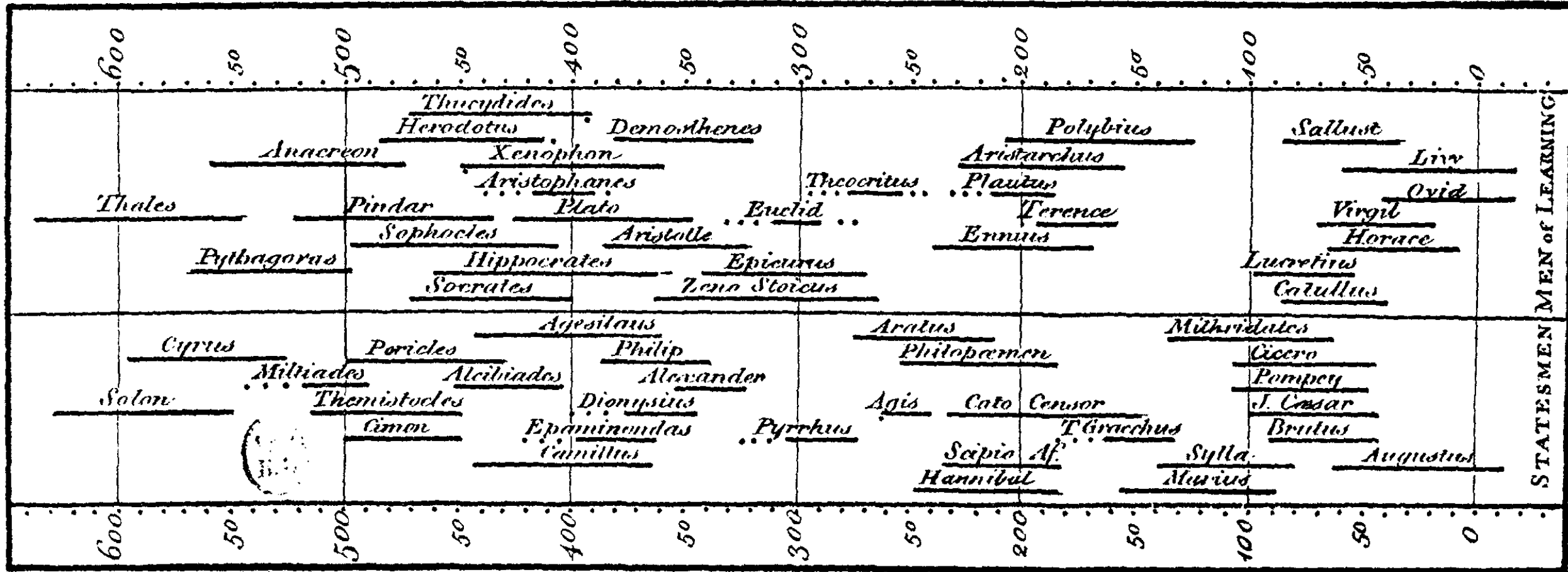
*The Bottom line is divided into Years, the Right hand line into £10,000 each.*

*Published as the Act directs, 14<sup>th</sup> May 1786, by W<sup>m</sup>. Playfair*

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Time Series area chart  
William Playfair, c1786

# A Specimen of a Chart of Biography.

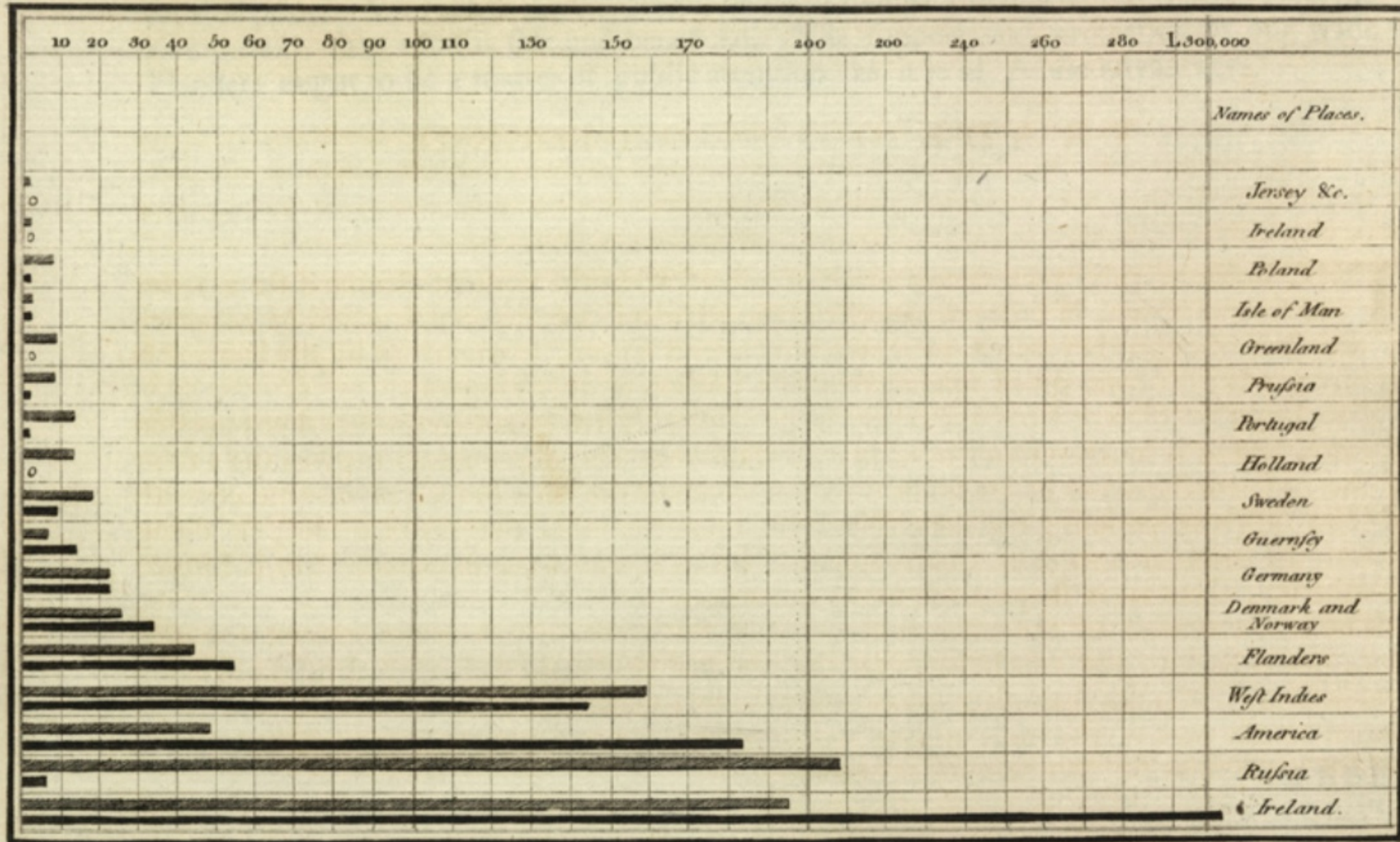


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Lifespan chart  
Joseph Priestly, c1765



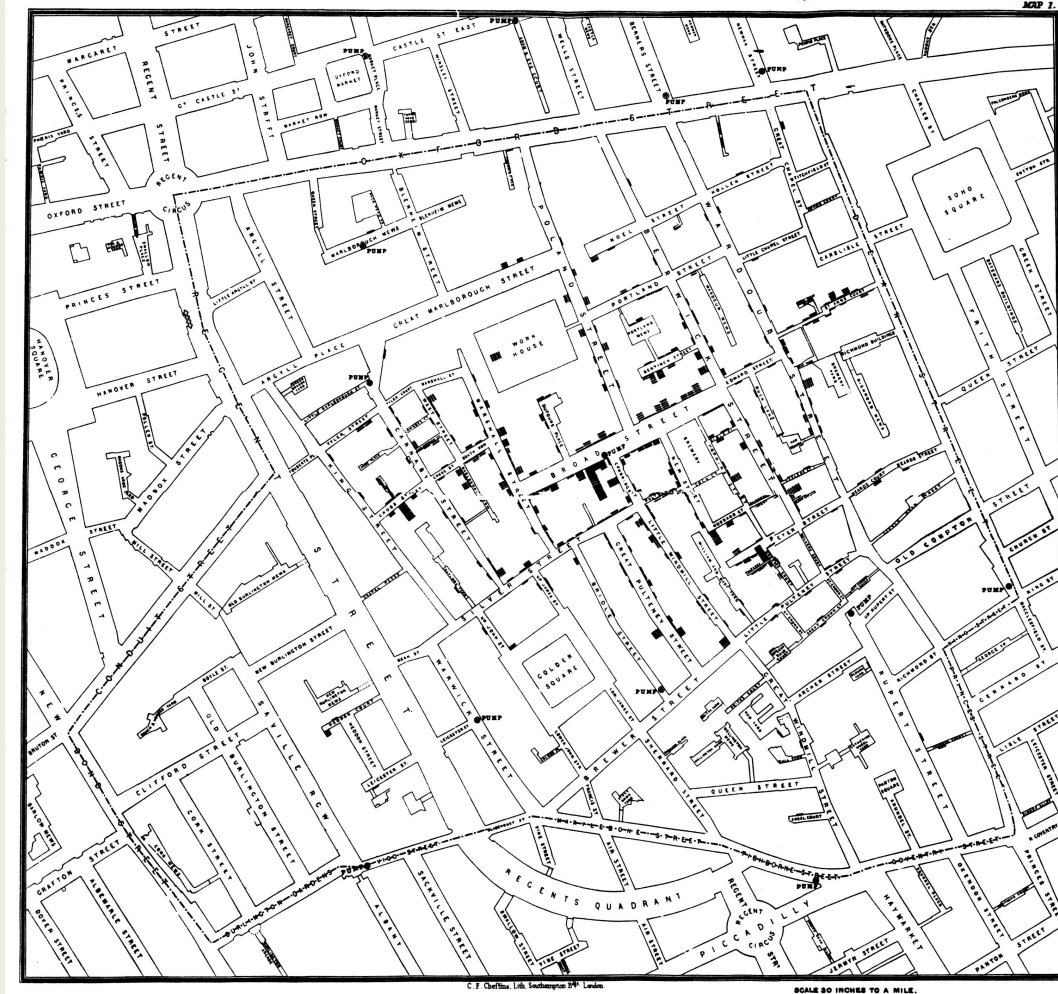
Exports and Imports of SCOTLAND to and from different parts for one Year from Christmas 1780 to Christmas 1781.



The Upright divisions are Ten Thousand Pounds each. The Black Lines are Exports the Ribbed lines Imports.

Bar chart  
William Playfair, c1786



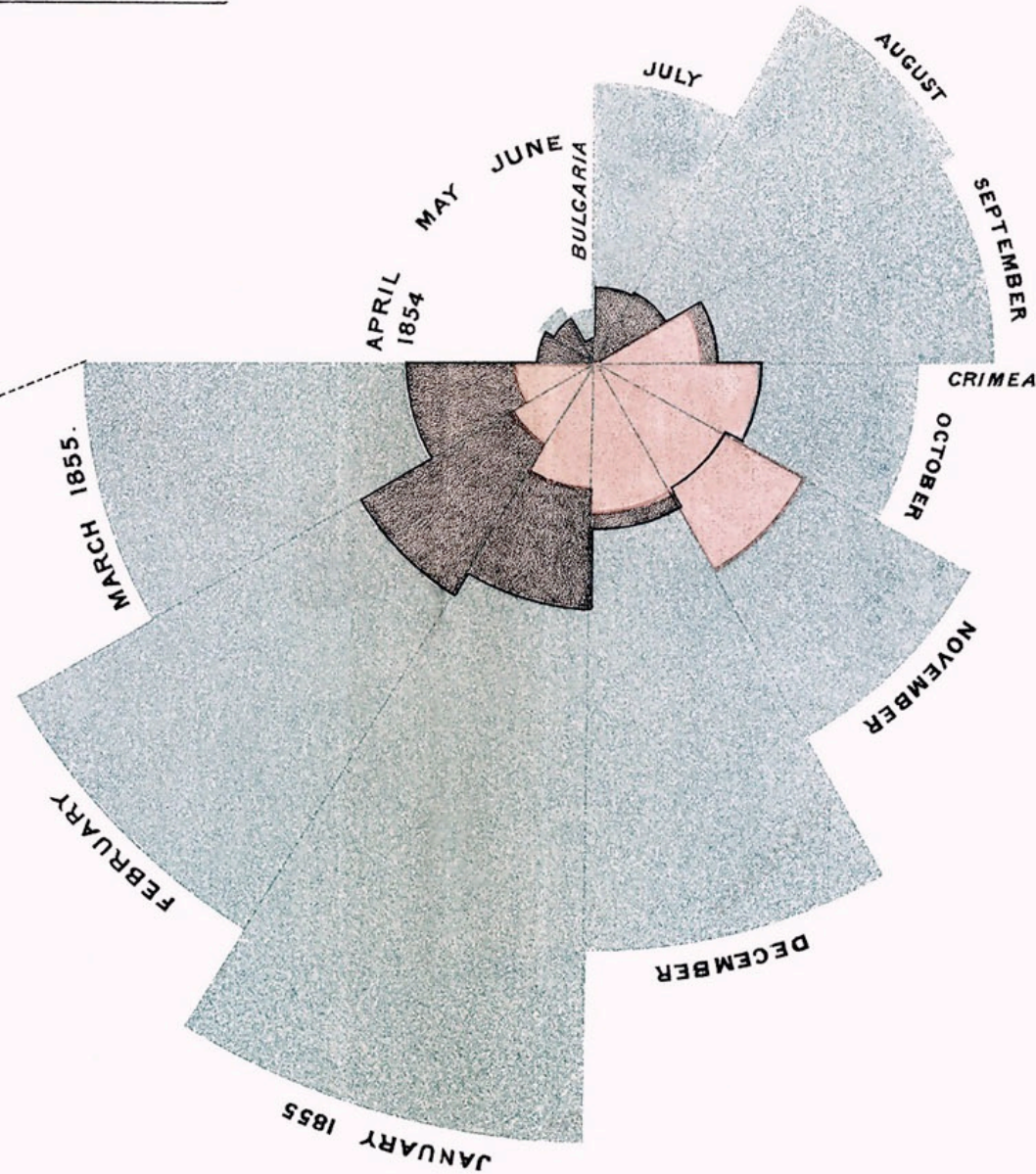


Cholera map  
John Snow, 1854

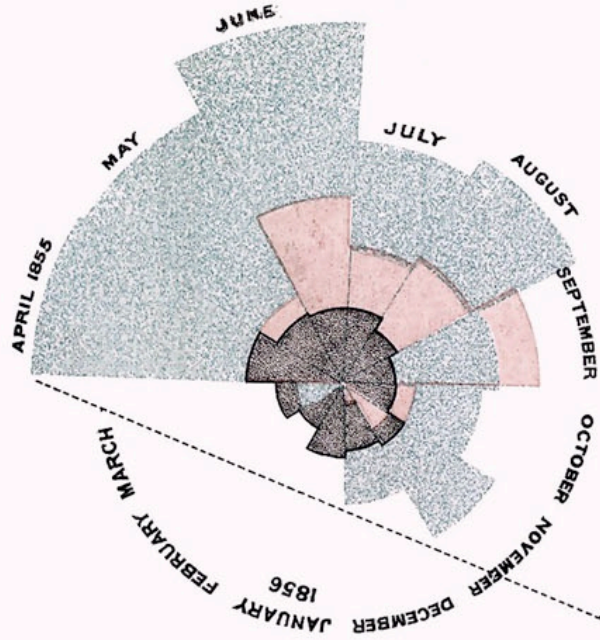


# DIAGRAM OF THE CAUSES OF MORTALITY IN THE ARMY IN THE EAST.

1.  
APRIL 1854 TO MARCH 1855.



2.  
APRIL 1855 TO MARCH 1856.



The Areas of the blue, red, & black wedges are each measured from the centre as the common vertex.  
The blue wedges measured from the centre of the circle represent area for area the deaths from Preventable or Mitigable Zymotic diseases; the red wedges measured from the centre the deaths from wounds; & the black wedges measured from the centre the deaths from all other causes.  
The black line across the red triangle in Nov. 1854 marks the boundary of the deaths from all other causes during the month.  
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The entire areas may be compared by following the blue, the red & the black lines enclosing them.

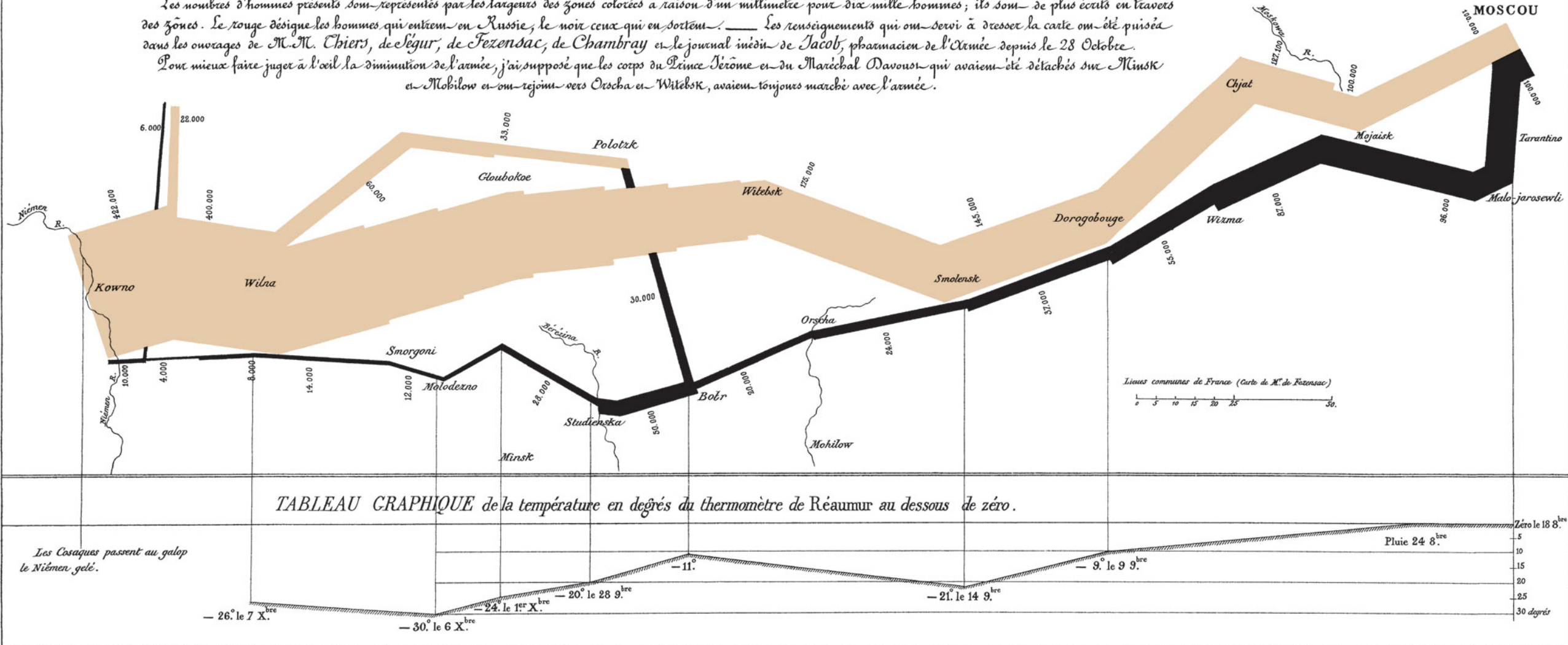


# Carte Figurative des pertes successives en hommes de l'Armée Française dans la campagne de Russie 1812-1813.

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 Ségur, 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.



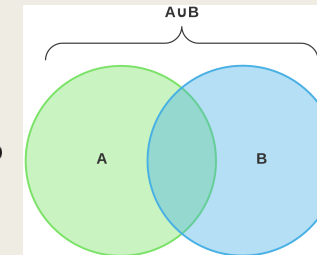
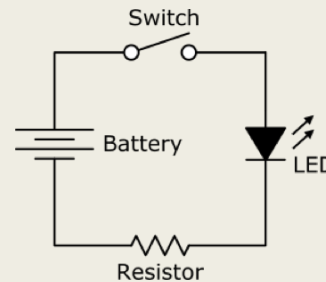
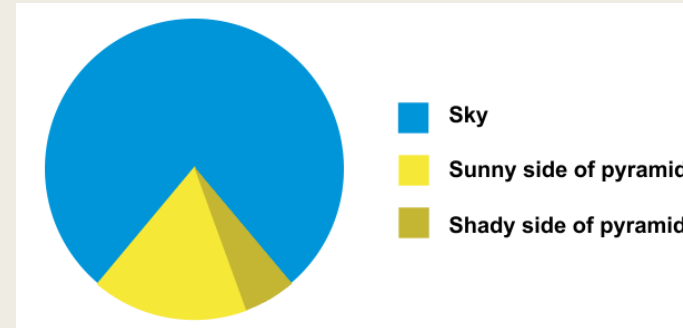
Figurative Map of the successive losses in men of the French Army in the Russian campaign 1812-1813.

Drawn by Charles Minard, Inspector General of Bridges and Roads (retired). Paris, November 20, 1869.



# What is visualisation?

- Charts & statistical visualisations
- Typography & typesetting
- Diagrams
- Illustrations and drawings
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- Symbols
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## DESIGNING English

Graphics on the Medieval Page



A drawing of a duck, possibly a mallard, facing left. The text 'on leopona pucer' is written across the duck's body in a medieval script. The duck has a brown head and neck, a yellow beak, and a brown body with some darker spots. The text is written in a dark ink, and the background is a light, aged parchment.





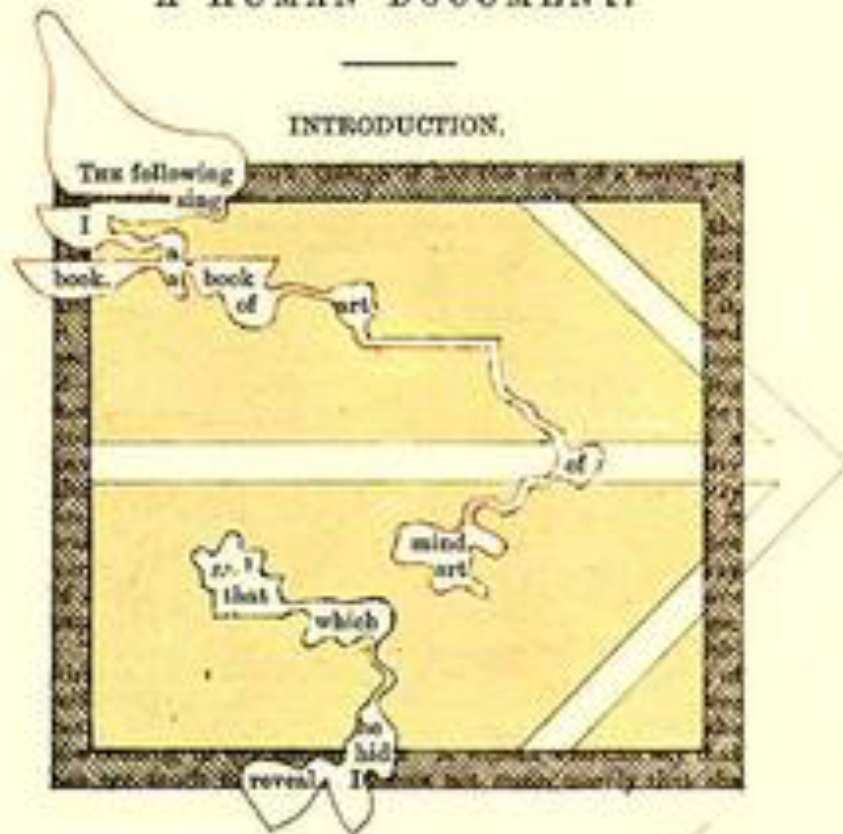
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volume And  
side I shall lie,  
bones my bones

## A HUMUMENT.

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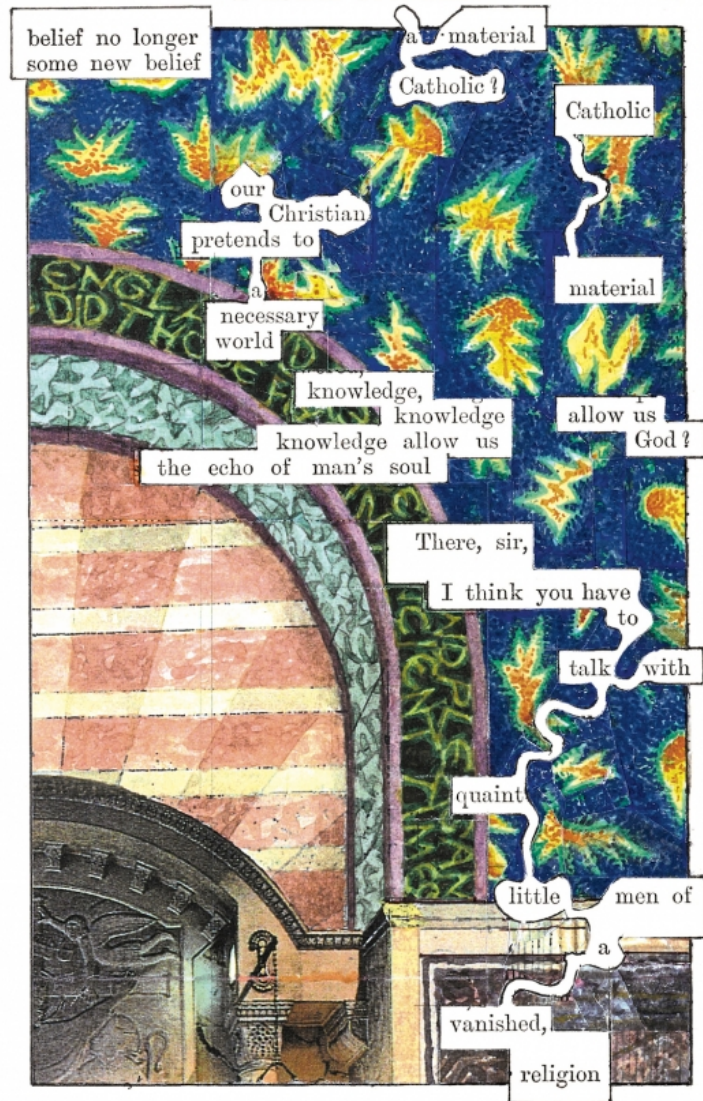
### INTRODUCTION.



A Humument  
Tom Phillips, 1960s

“It is a forgotten Victorian novel found by chance ... plundered, mined, and undermined its text to make it yield the ghosts of other possible stories, scenes, poems and replaced the text [he'd] stripped away with visual images of all kinds.”





Greenfield looked at her with the air of a man who honestly hates being the hero of his own conversation, but Lady Ashford was so much an actress, and so convincing that she had some extracted from her, that she asked her.

"Well," she said, "if he had married, and so it all came to this. The way when first he and she were charmed by two necromancers, love and religion who coloured it with colours, and filled it with objects of ambition."

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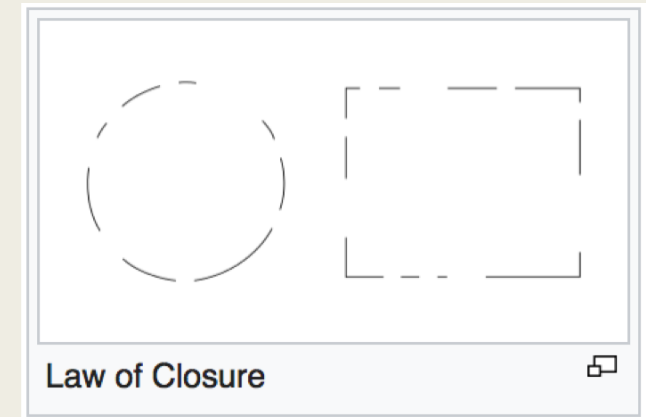
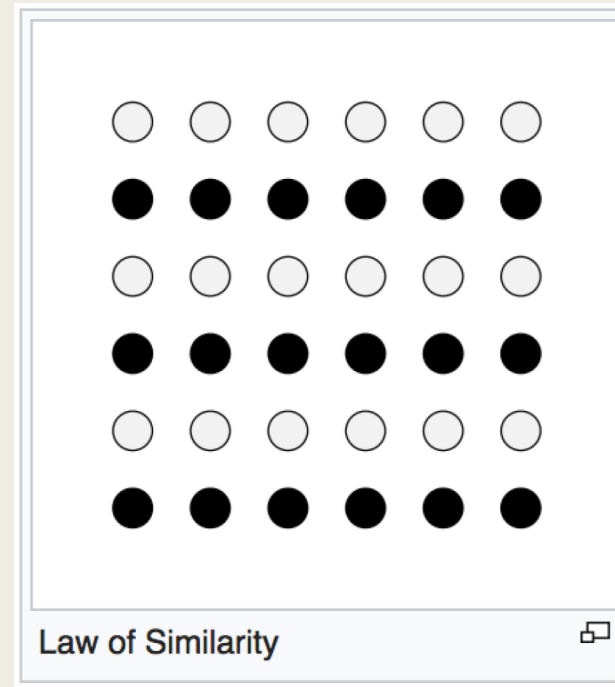
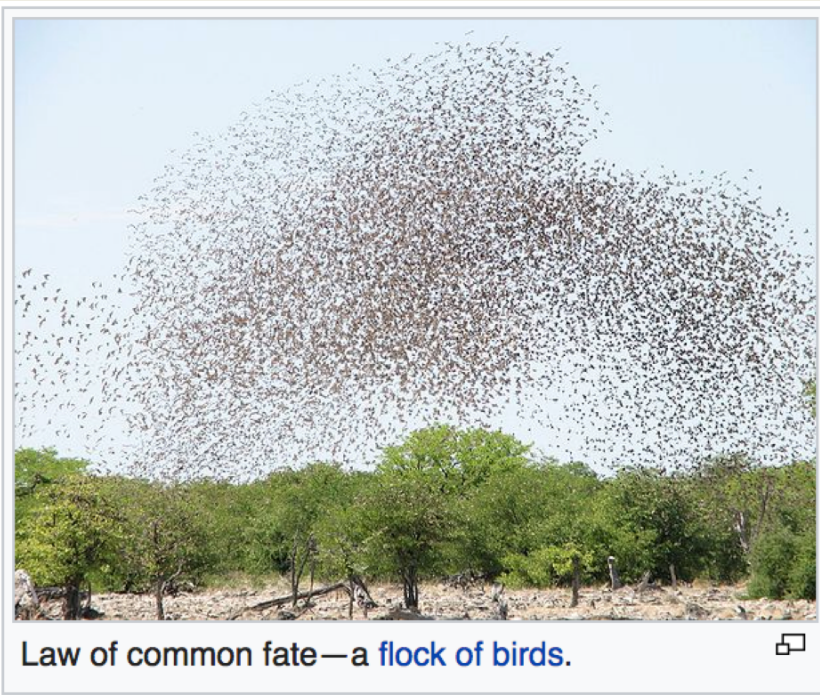
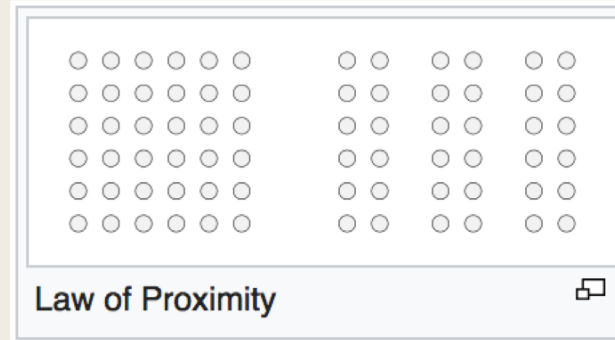
Lady Ashford looked at him softly. "All right, Greenville," she answered, "do you know what I mean about that? Still! You have the opportunity of doing it, and other people know you have. You are anxious to be a statesman, though you have not yet satisfied them, and there is nothing in your position, as success in its most flattering sense, as I heard our host saying, as he went in to dinner in front of me, that he never had known so rapid a rise as yours. There are always a figure of some interest in society, and of course you are beginning to make a stir in it. I had realized this to-night before you entered the drawing-room. You cannot pretend you were unconscious of the same thing yourself. Well," she said, sighing, "listen to this. I was told long ago by somebody who ought to have known, how nothing is so sweet to a man





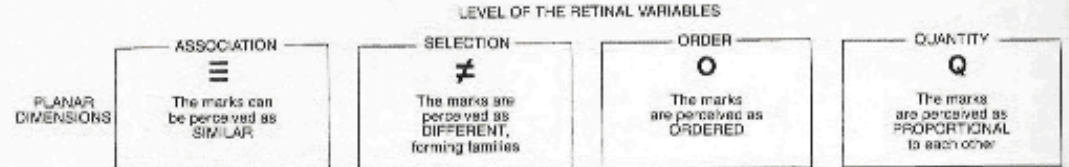


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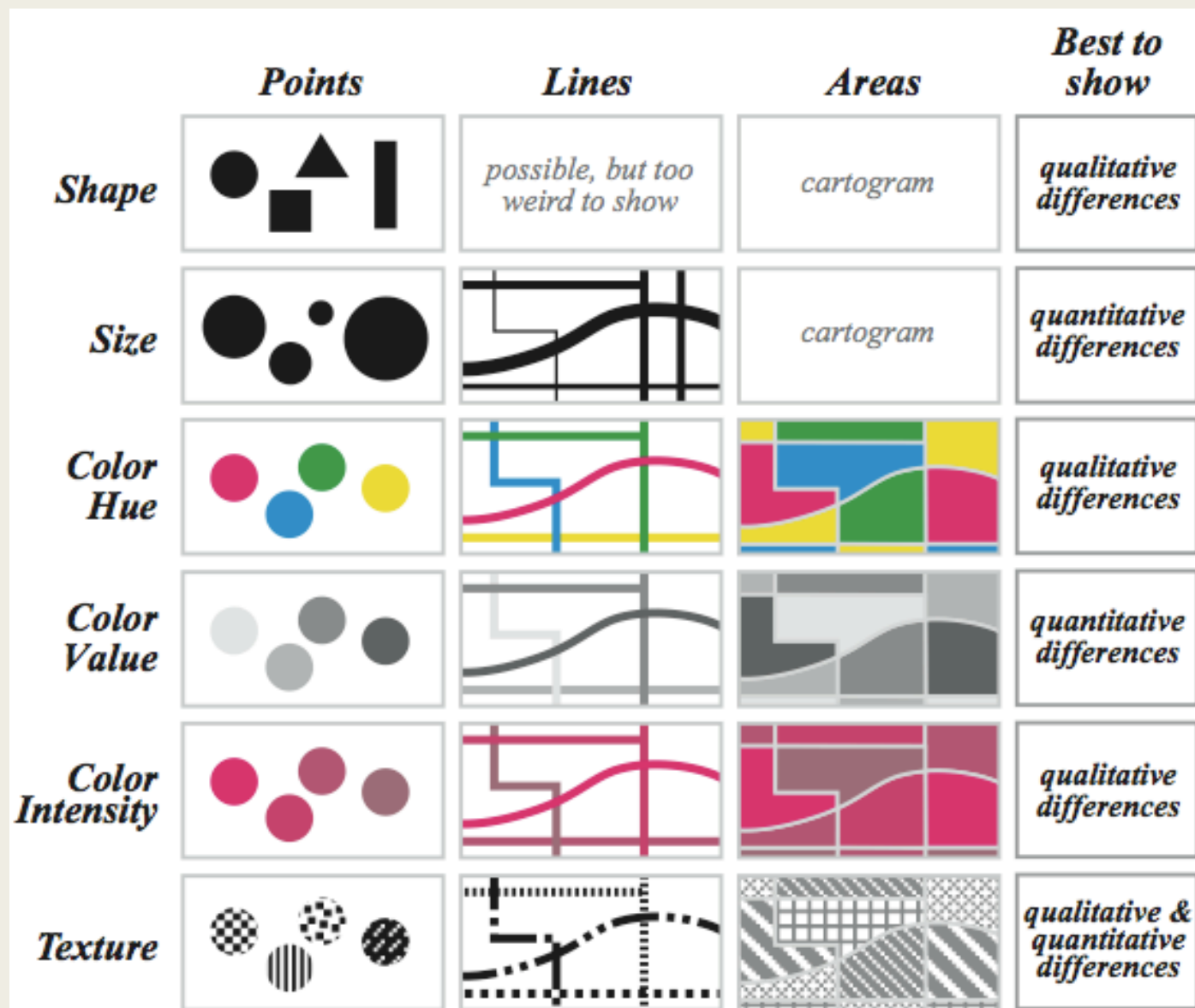
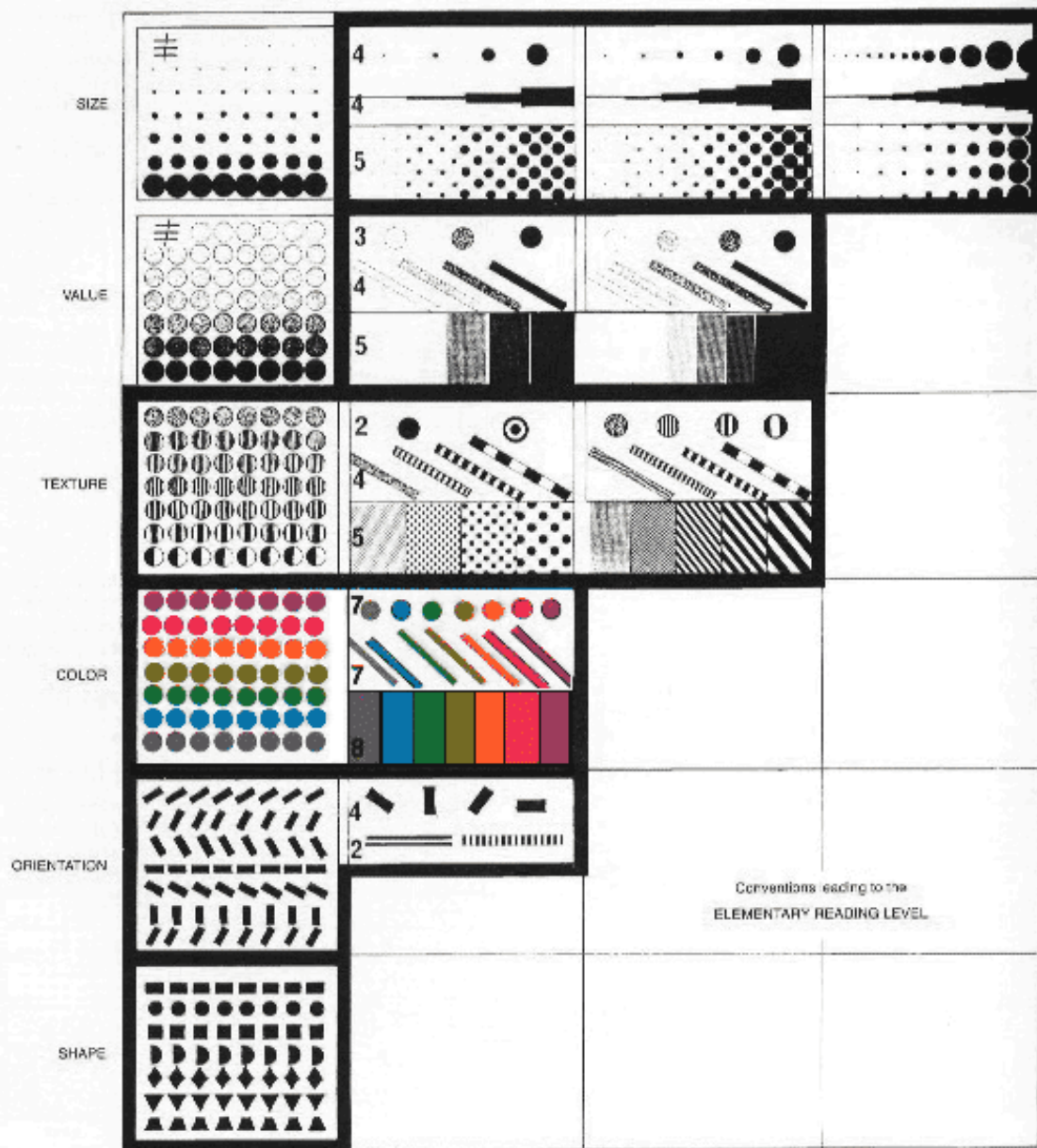


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Marks	Shape Orientation Size Texture Saturation Colour Line	Literal (visual imitation of physical features) Mapping (quantity, relative scale) Conventional (arbitrary)	Mark position, identify category (shape, texture colour) Indicate direction (orientation, line) Express magnitude (saturation, size, length) Simple symbols and colour codes	
Symbols	Geometric elements Letter forms Logos and icons Picture elements Connective elements	Topological (linking) Depictive (pictorial conventions) Figurative (metonym, visual puns) Connotative (professional and cultural association) Acquired (specialist literacies)	Texts and symbolic calculi Diagram elements Branding Visual rhetoric Definition of regions	
Regions	Alignment grids Borders and frames Area fills White space Gestalt integration	Containment Separation Framing (composition, photography) Layering	Identifying shared membership Segregating or nesting multiple surface conventions in panels Accommodating labels, captions or legends	
Surfaces	The plane Material object on which marks are imposed (paper, stone) Mounting, orientation and display context Display medium	Literal (map) Euclidean (scale and angle) Metrical (quantitative axes) Juxtaposed or ordered (regions, catalogues) Image-schematic Embodied/situated	Typographic layouts Graphs and charts Relational diagrams Visual interfaces Secondary notations Signs and displays	





Jacques Bertin, Semiology of Graphics, 1967



Cleveland, W. S., & McGill, R. (1984). Graphical Perception: Theory, Experimentation, and Application to the Development of Graphical Methods. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 79(387), 531–554. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2288400>

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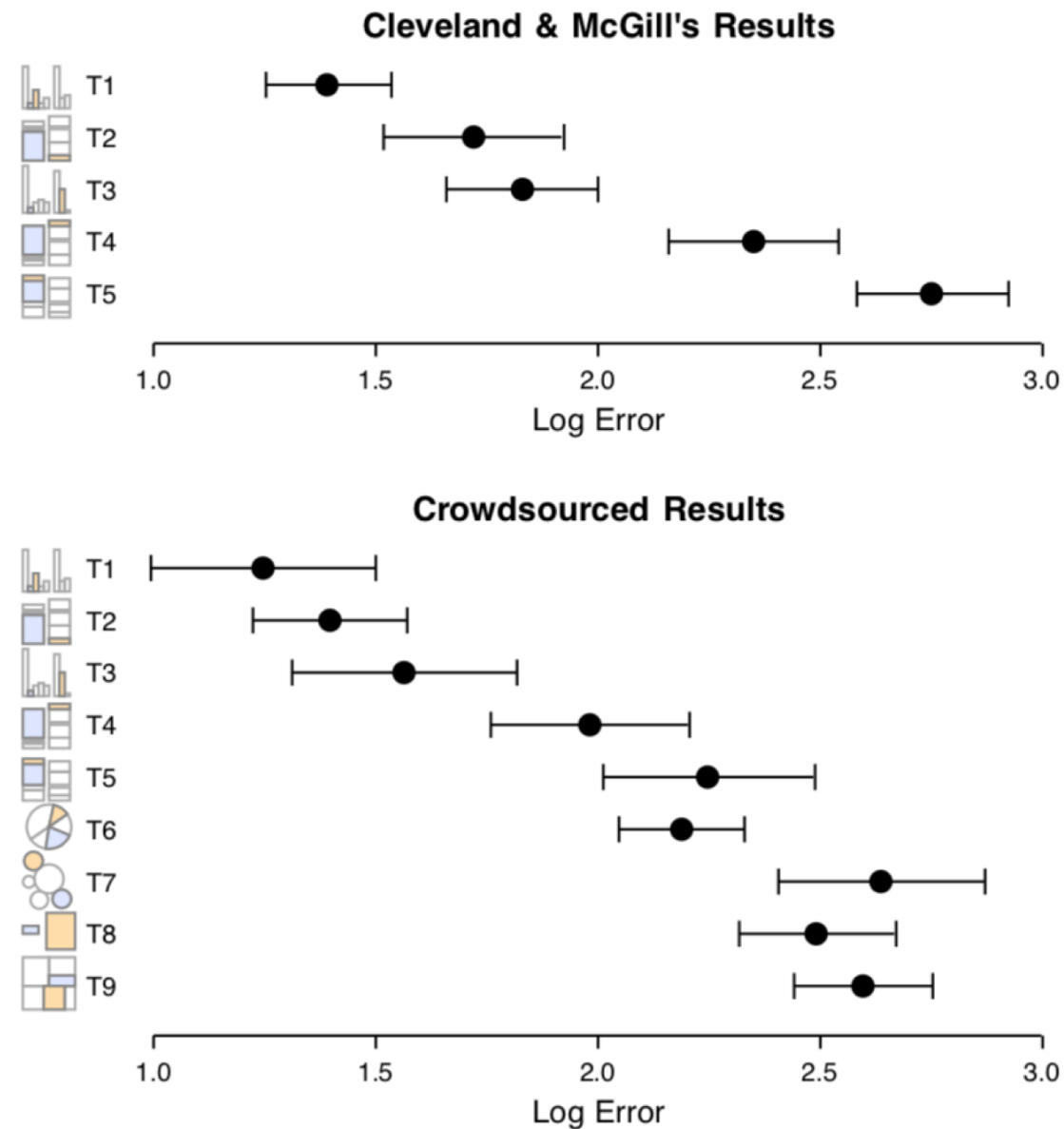
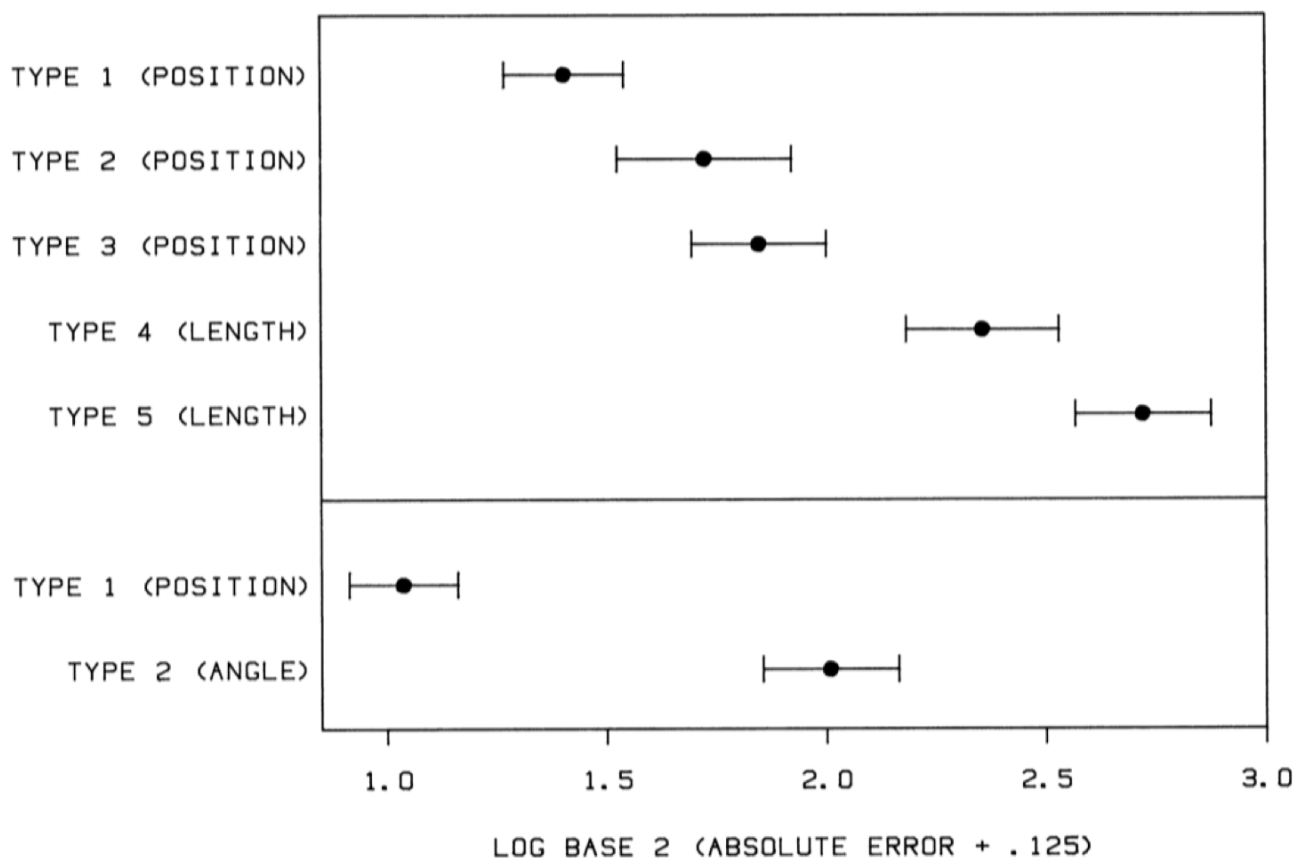
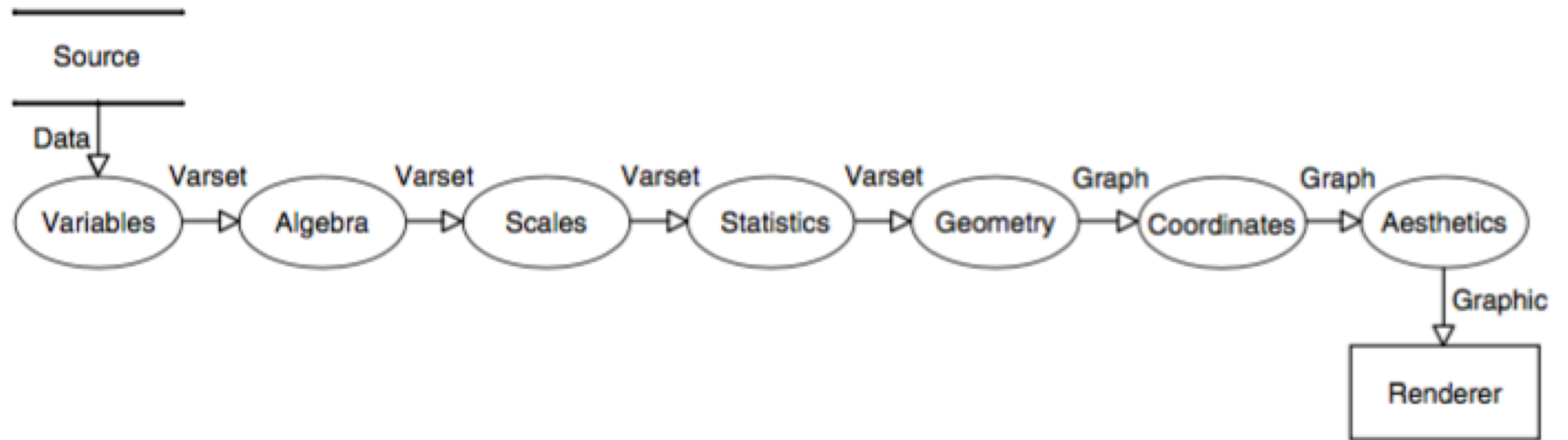


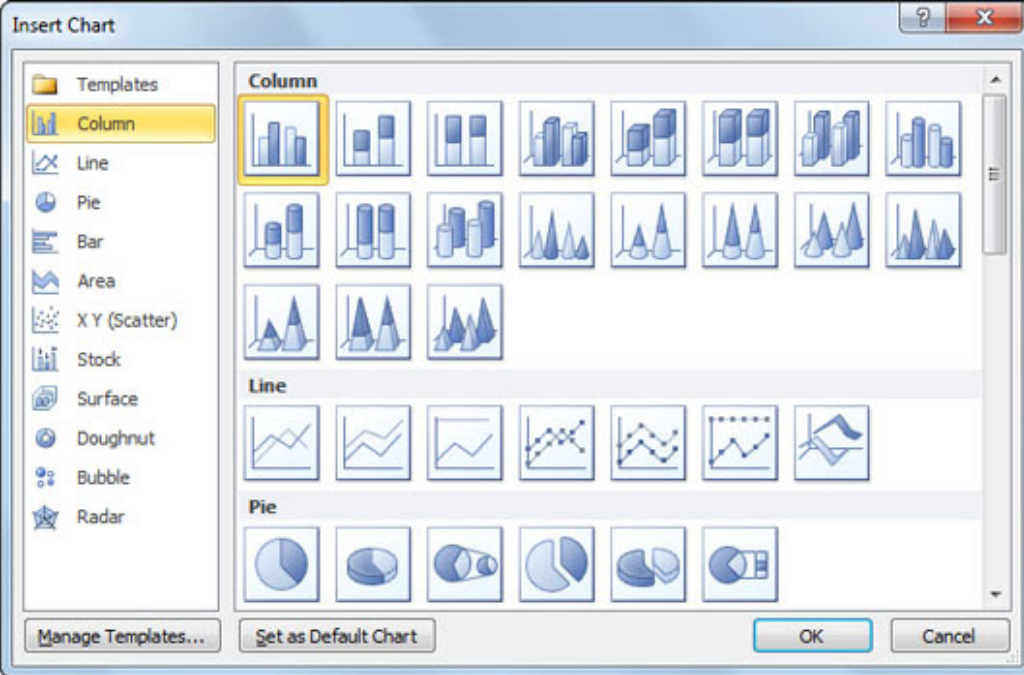
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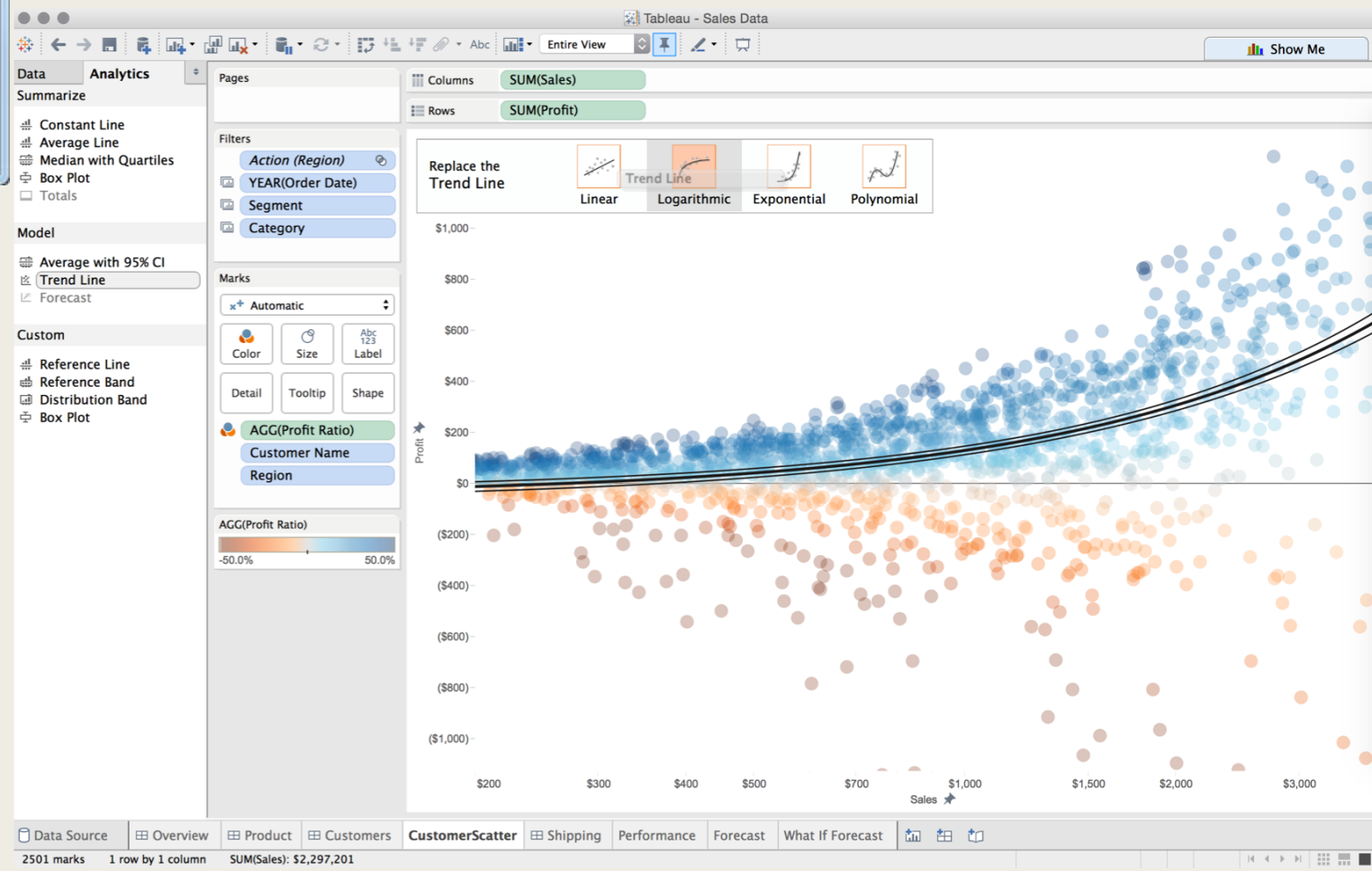
**FIGURE 1** | The grammar of graphics data flow.

Leland Wilkinson, The Grammar of Graphics, 1999  
Later extended by Hadley Wickham

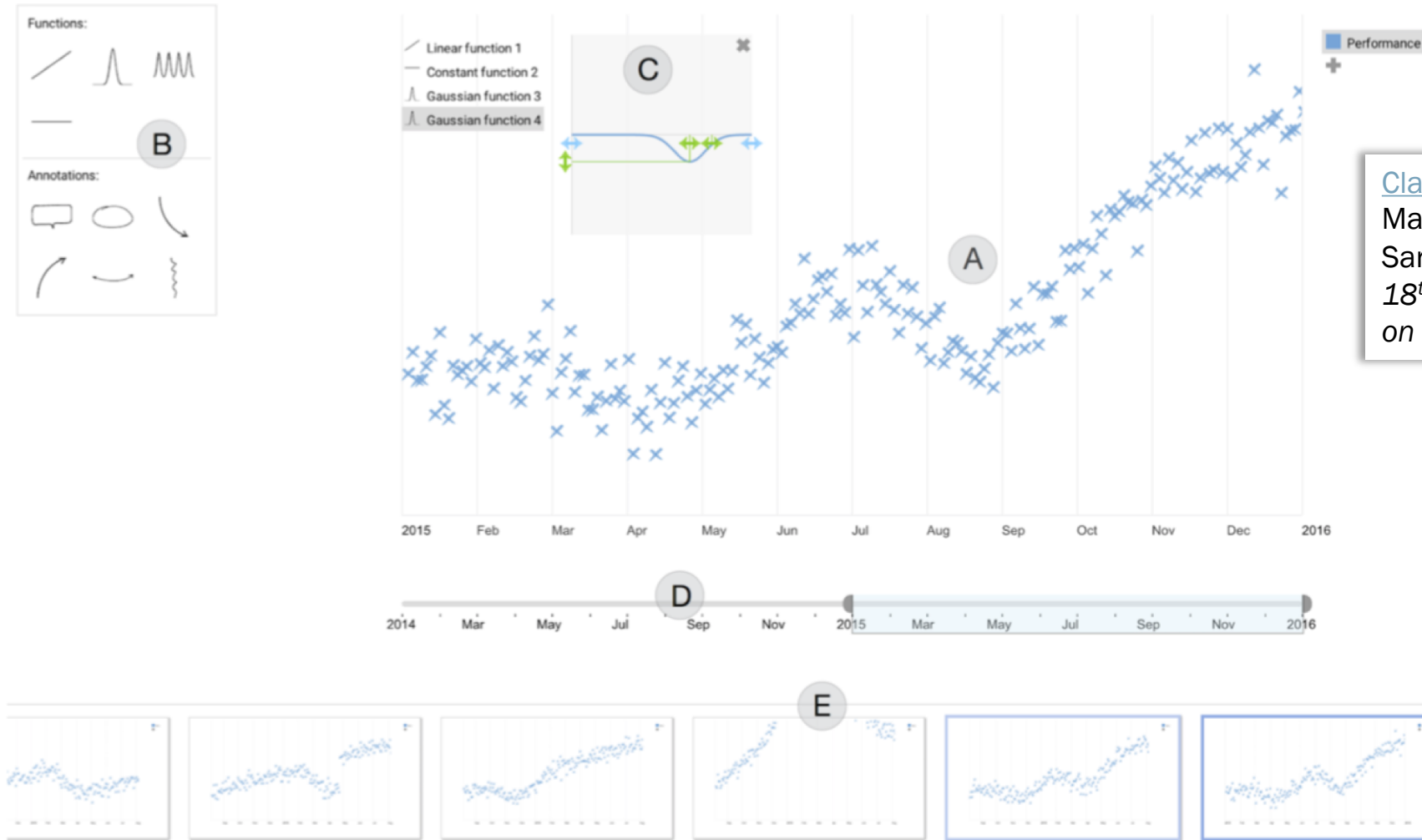


Excel chart picker

Tableau chart designer







[Clarifying hypotheses by sketching data](#)  
Mariana Măărășoiu, Alan F. Blackwell, Advait Sarkar, Martin Spott  
18<sup>th</sup> Eurographics/IEEE VGTC Conference on Visualization, 2016 (EuroVis 2016)

Figure 1: The SelfRaisingData prototype with the main components highlighted. (A) The time series chart with the fictional data points generated around the shape described through function composition, as presented in Section 4.1. (B) The tool panel containing functions and annotations (Section 4.2). (C) The function editor allows interactive modification of the mathematical parameters of the function and the time range for which it applies, as discussed in Section 4.3. (D) The time axis range selector (see Section 4.4). (E) Graphical history using a comic strip metaphor allows branching and visualising previous states (see Section 4.5).

# Principles of visualisation

- Structural: e.g., Bertin, Wilkinson/Wickham
- Perceptual/cognitive: e.g., Bertin, Cleveland & McGill
- Aesthetic/designerly: e.g., Tufte



# Interaction and visualisation

- Shneiderman's mantra: Overview, zoom, filter, detail-on-demand
- Yi et al (2007)

# LATENT SEMANTIC ANALYSIS





**A**

$$M \begin{pmatrix} D_1 & D_2 & D_3 & D_4 & D_5 & D_6 & \dots & D_n \\ T_1 & 0.00060 & 0.00012 & 0.00003 & 0.00003 & 0.00333 & 0.00048 & \dots & a_{1n} \\ T_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{2n} \\ T_3 & 0 & 2.98862 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.49431 & \dots & a_{3n} \\ T_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 13.32555 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{4n} \\ T_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{5n} \\ T_6 & 1.03442 & 1.03442 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3.10326 & \dots & a_{6n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ T_m & a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & a_{m4} & a_{m5} & a_{m6} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

**B**

$$U = U_k \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & C_2 & C_3 & \dots & C_m \\ T_1 & a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ T_2 & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2m} \\ T_3 & a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3m} \\ T_4 & a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & \dots & a_{4m} \\ T_5 & a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & \dots & a_{5m} \\ T_6 & a_{61} & a_{62} & a_{63} & \dots & a_{6m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ T_m & a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mm} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \sum_k \begin{pmatrix} D_1 & D_2 & D_3 & \dots & D_n \\ T_1 & a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ T_2 & 0 & a_{22} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ T_3 & 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \dots & 0 \\ T_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ T_m & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{mm} \end{pmatrix}$$

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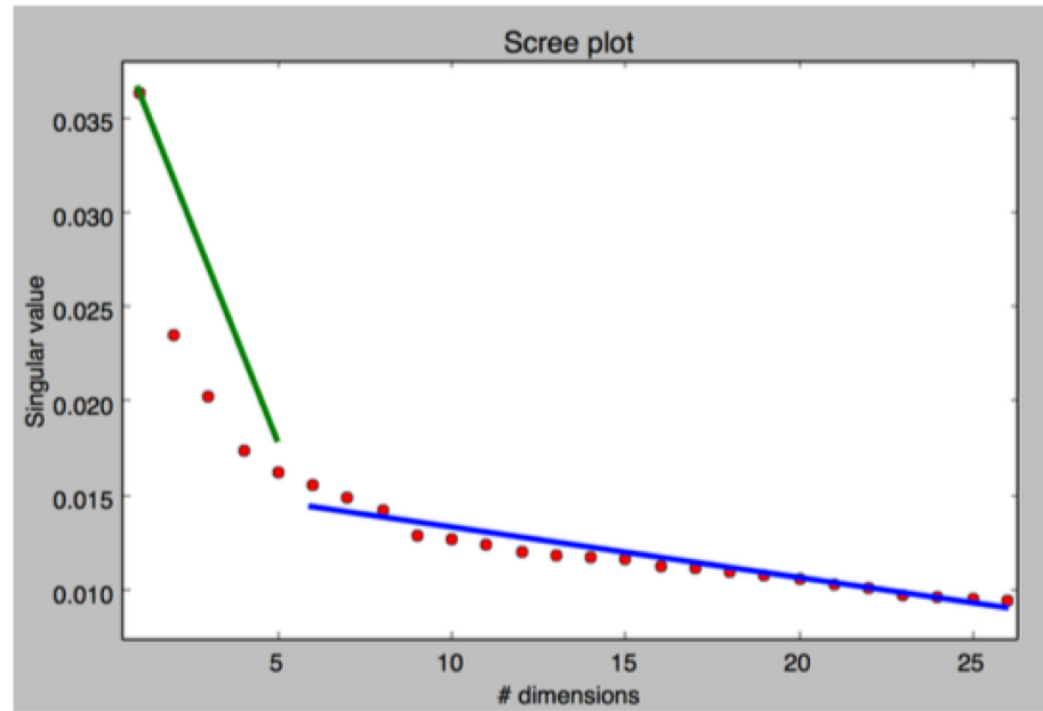
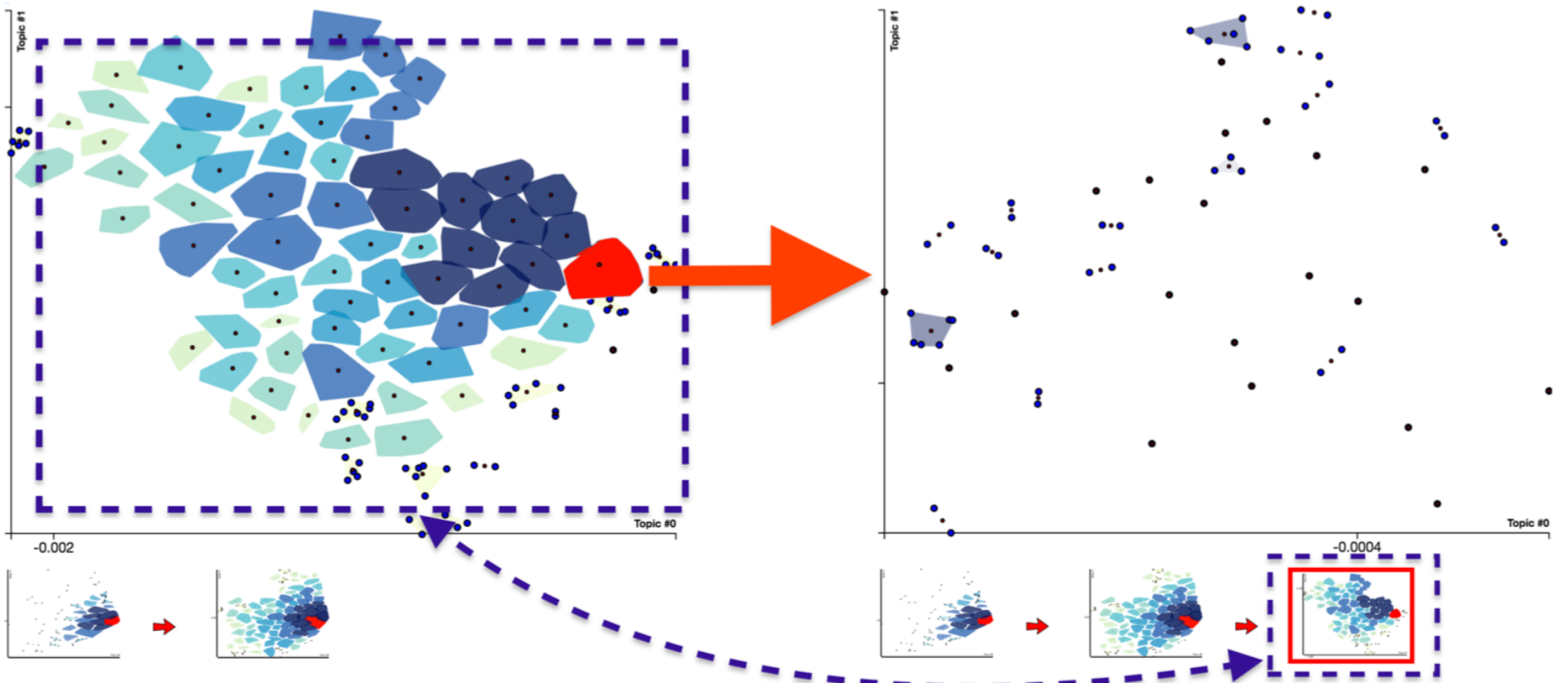


Figure 3.1: Singular value scree plot with a knee found by L-method at the 5<sup>th</sup> singular value





Overview + detail, Semantic zooming, Graphical interaction histories

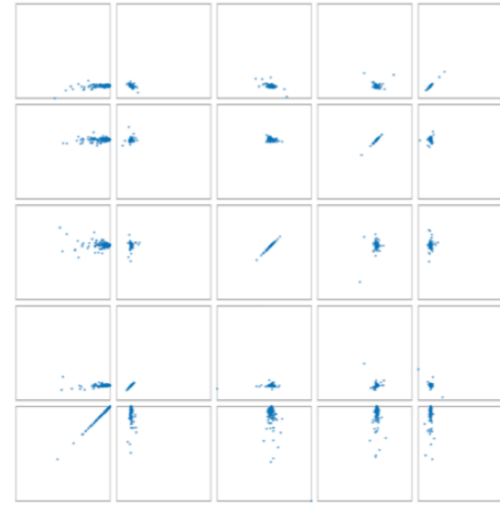
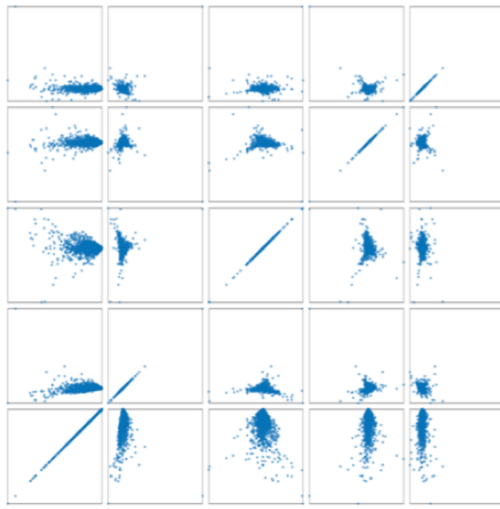


Figure 3.9: Random sampling performed in each scatter plot to capture very dense areas and a number of potentially interesting shapes. The shape is distorted. Sampling more values in these areas improves performance.

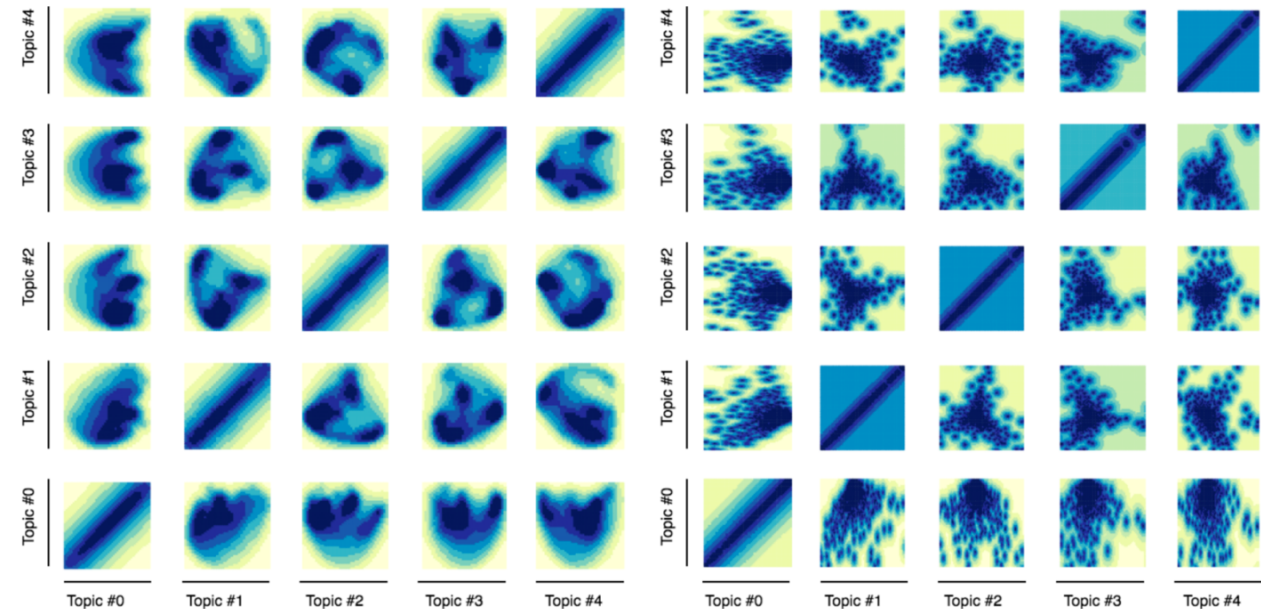


Figure 3.10: Two examples of heat map matrices. The colour scale ranging from light yellow to dark blue indicates the estimated probability density of the data distribution. Blue areas indicate higher probabilities of data points at that position.



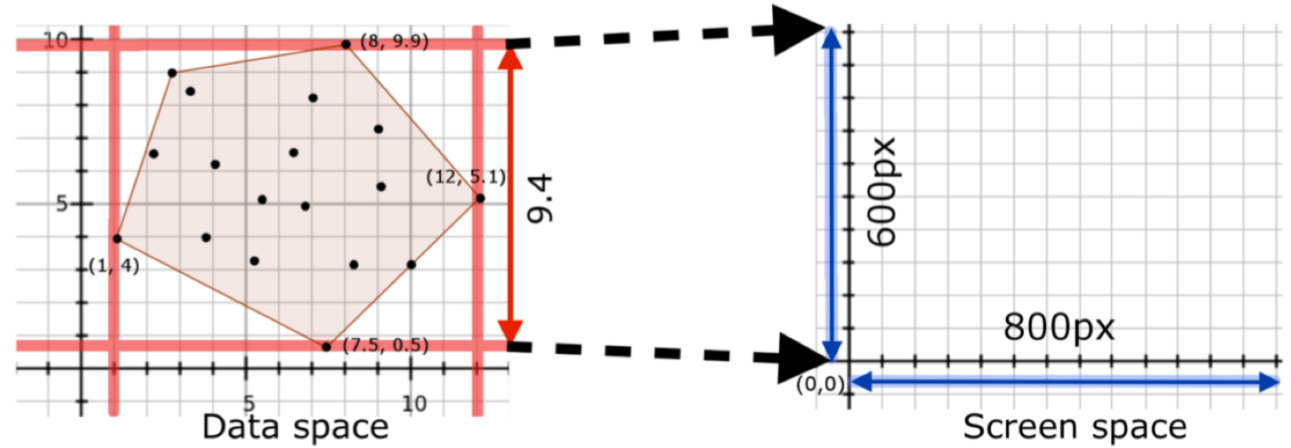
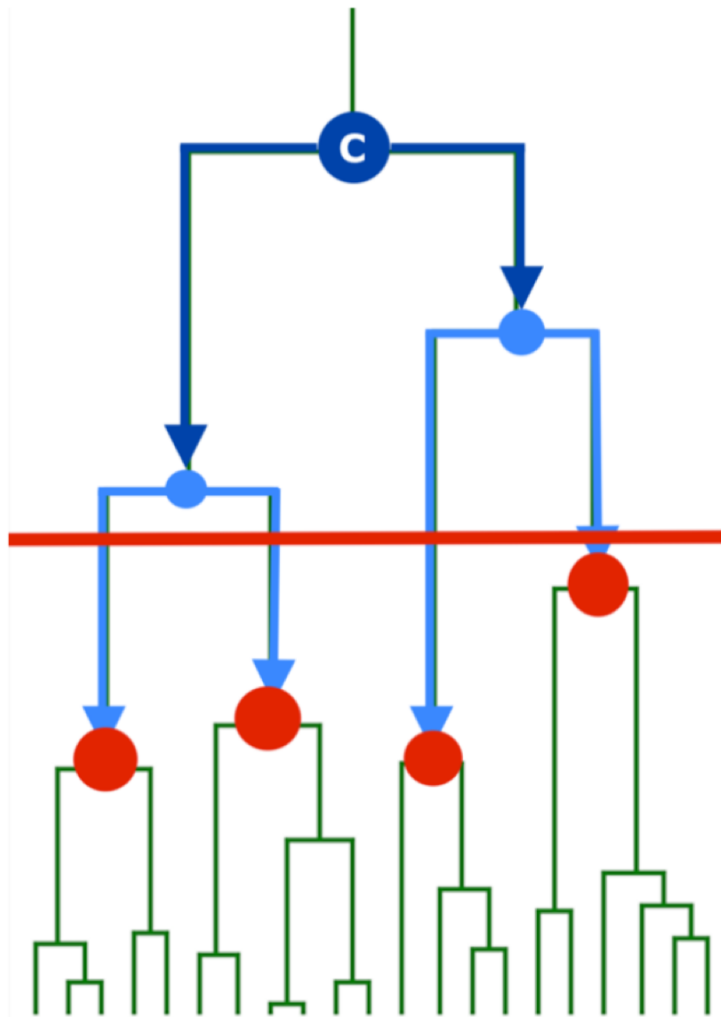
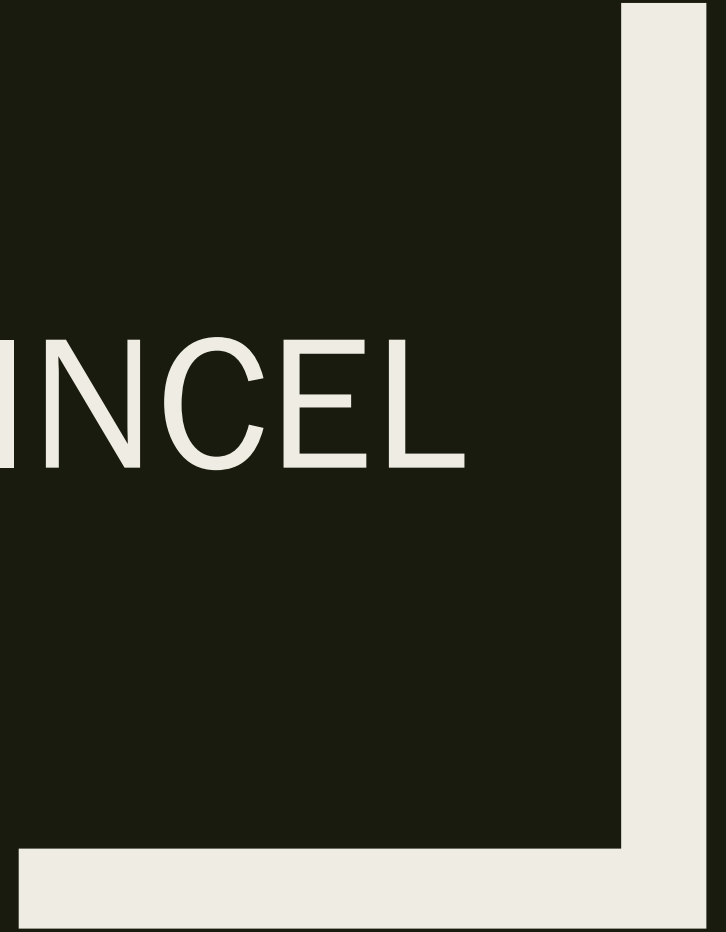


Figure 3.16: Mapping from data to screen space. The cluster shown is a cluster we want to expand and will be fragmented into its descendant clusters. By knowing the extent on one dimension in data space and the size of the y-axis in screen space, we can obtain a linear mapping between the two spaces. We can do the same for the other data dimension and x-axis.

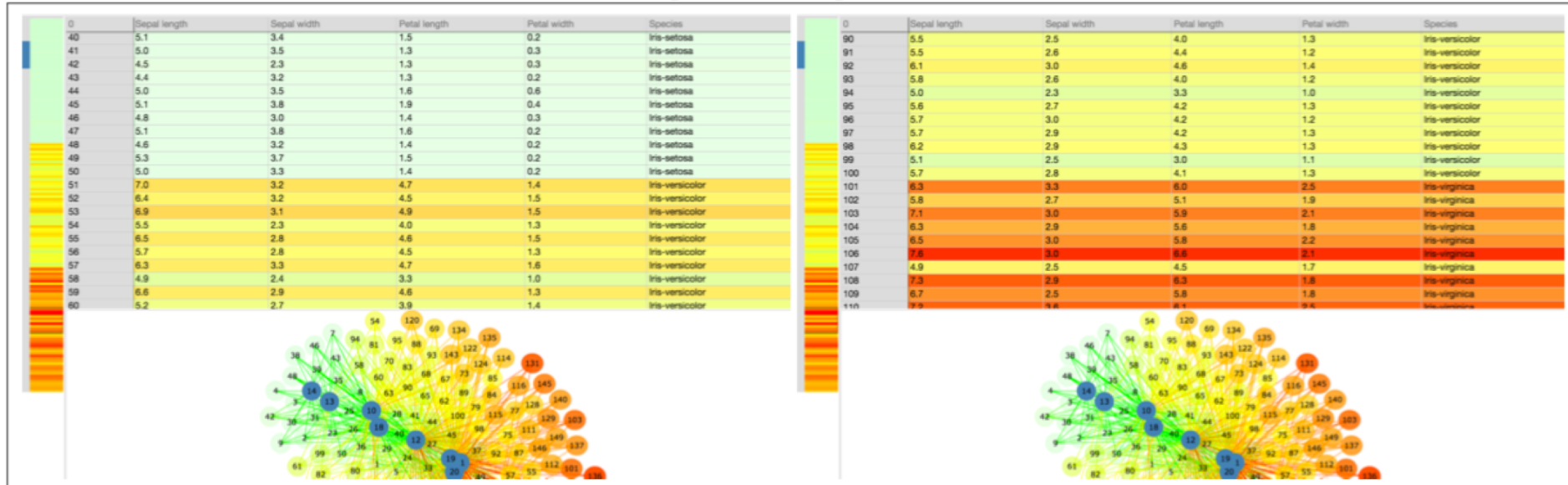
Figure 3.15: Obtaining the expansion of a cluster. To determine which clusters would become  $C$ 's children in the expansion tree, a cut (in red) is made at the height corresponding to the minimum displayable distance between clusters.  $C$ 's children are then expanded until the clusters immediately below the cut are reached; these are then chosen as  $C$ 's expansion.

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*Lightness scaling enabled*



*Lightness scaling disabled*



**Figure 5.5:** The effect of lightness scaling. Without lightness scaling, high-confidence (green) rows command disproportionately greater visual attention (the effect is most apparent onscreen).

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Overview

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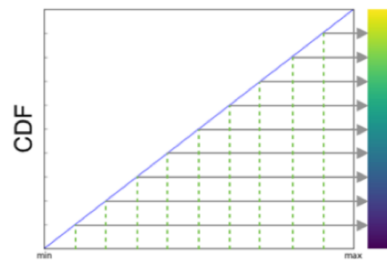
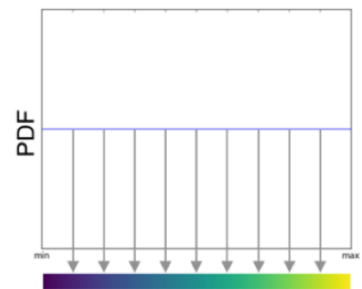
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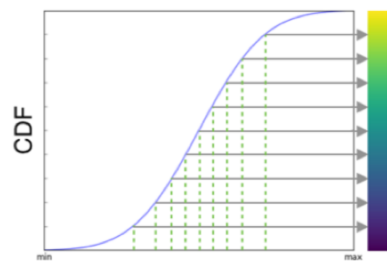
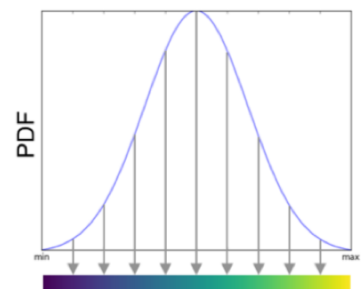
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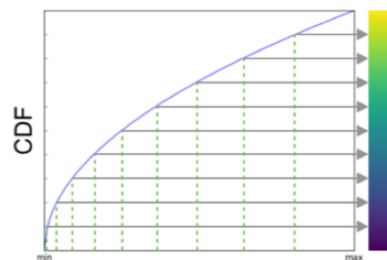
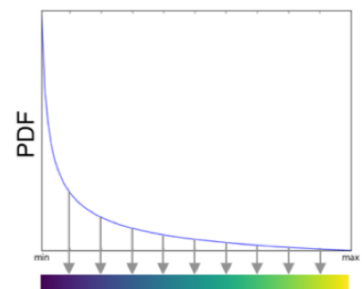
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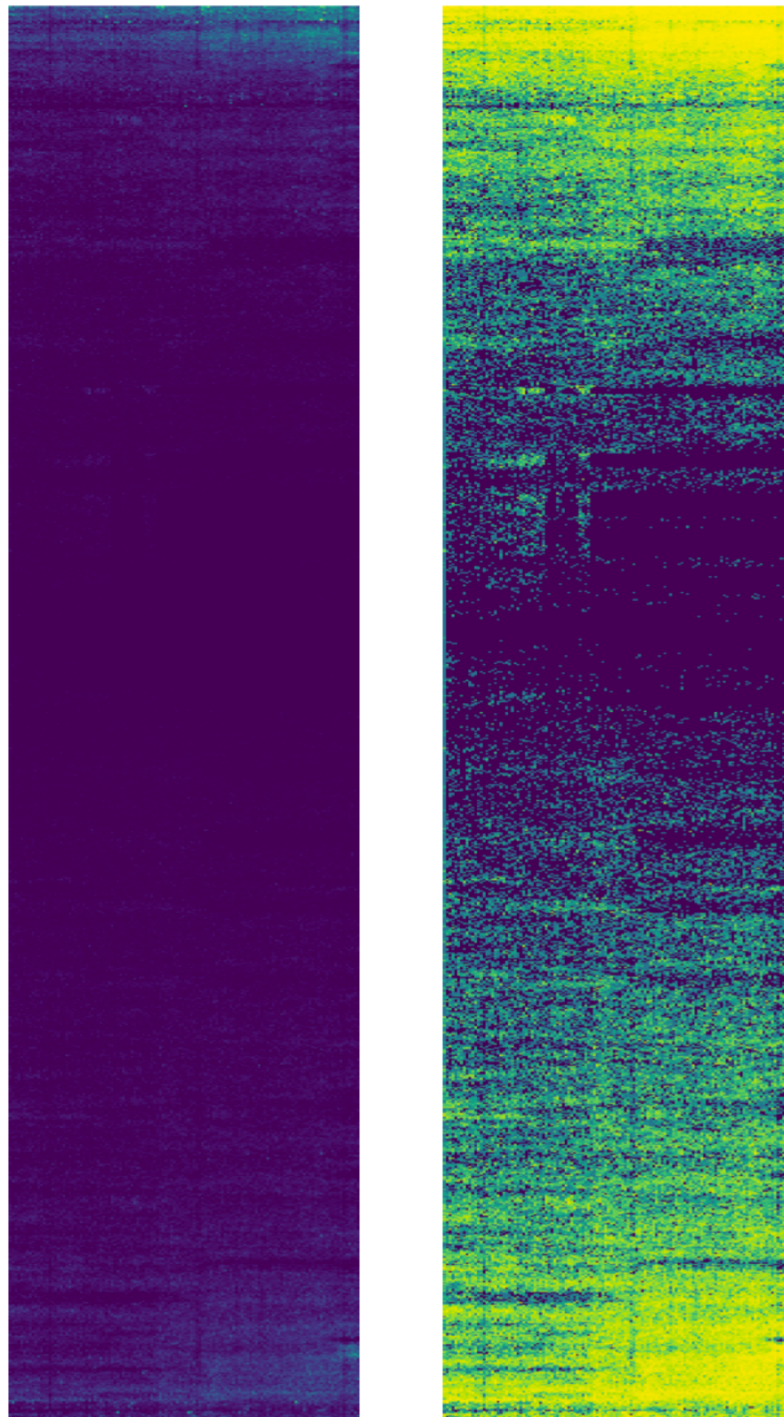
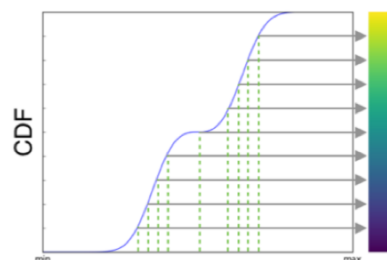
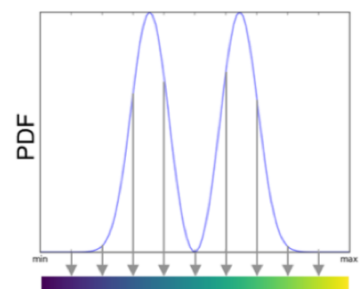
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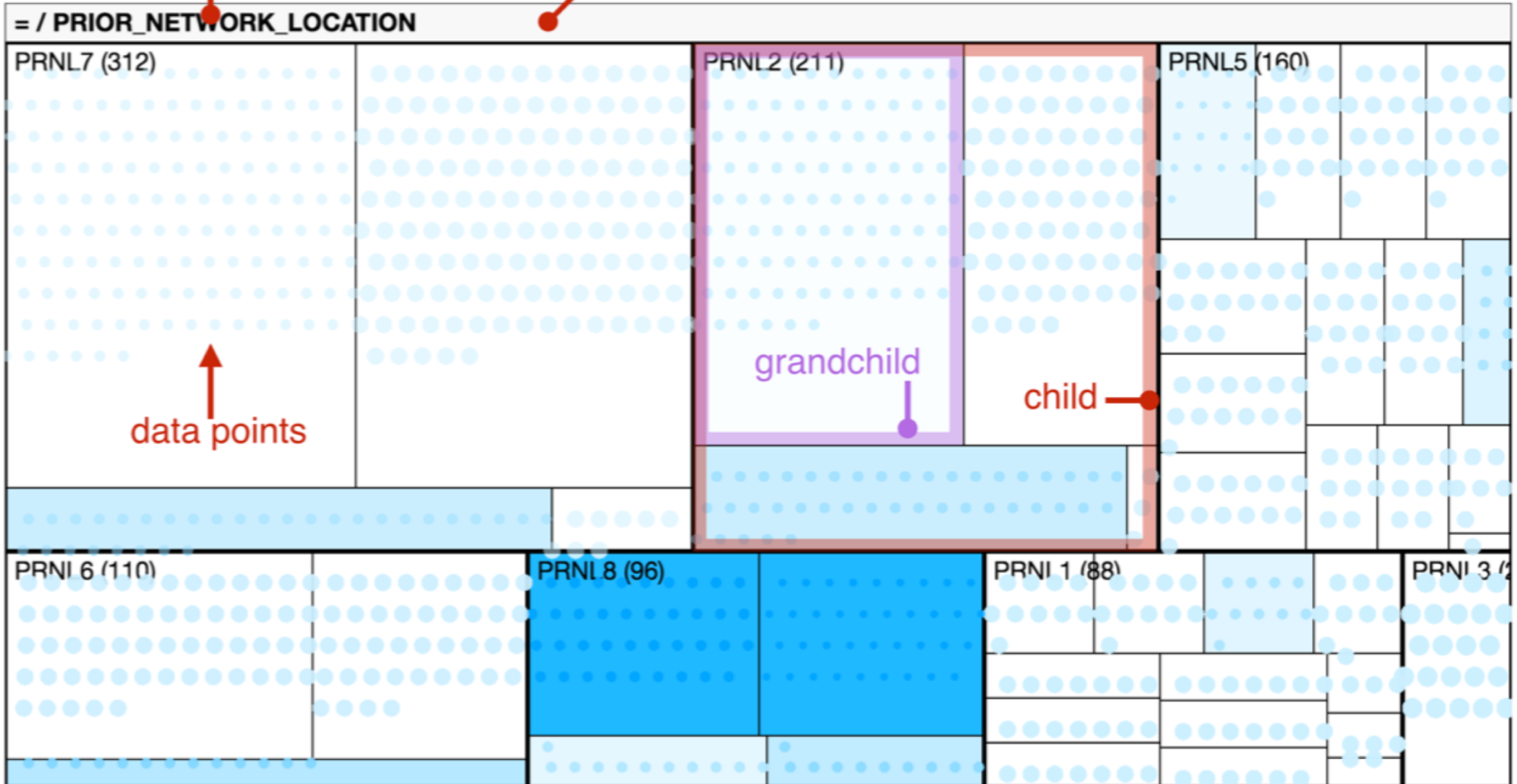
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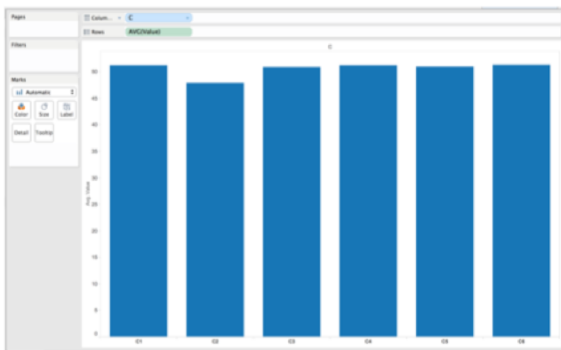




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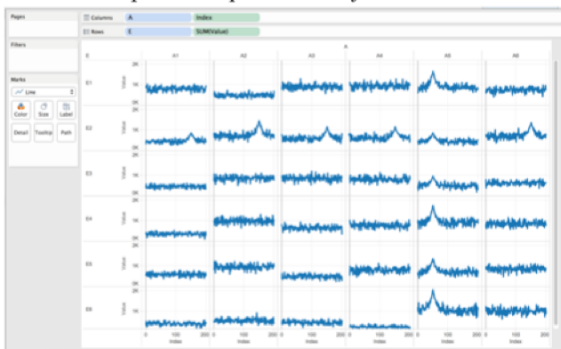




(a) This strategy involved comparing bar charts of each attribute-value pairing, aggregated over the entire span of time. Since the interesting features in our time series consisted of unusual spikes/troughs, this usually reflected in a higher/lower overall sum or average for those series – easily spotted in an unusually tall or short bar.



(b) This strategy involved comparing aggregate line charts of each attribute-value pairing. Here, any attribute-value that caused spikes or dips was clearly reflected.

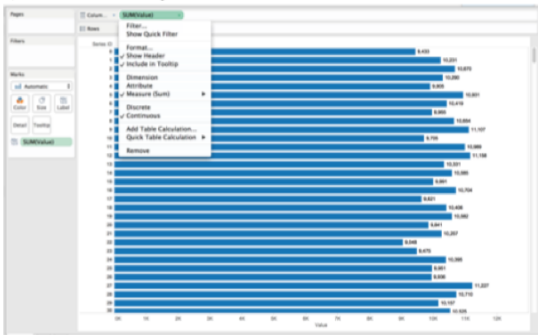


(c) This interesting strategy also compared aggregate line charts of each attribute-value pairing. Here, by creating a 2D matrix of small multiples, the analyst was able to investigate the interaction of any two attributes.

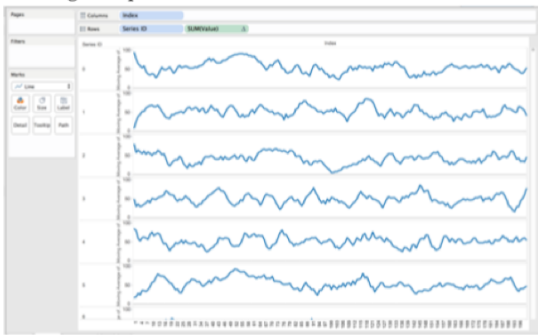
**Figure 4.15:** Three successful strategies in Tableau.



(a) This strategy involved inspecting a completely aggregated line graph. In this dataset, we prepared a number of time series that had spikes at about 1/3 and 2/3 the duration of the series, which are clearly visible in the aggregate chart. However, there are also a number of series which have an upward spike in the halfway mark, and an equal number which have an equal and opposite downward spike at the same position. The two cancel each other out and become invisible in the aggregate line graph, and so the analyst never discovers them.



(b) This strategy, similar to the first successful strategy, uses summary bar graphs to represent the time series. However, since the series are completely disaggregated (one bar is generated per series), it is impossible to seek out global patterns.



(c) This strategy involved scanning through the entire list of time series, represented as line graphs, and manually noting down the attributes of any which appeared interesting. Needless to say, this is extremely ineffective and led to several false correlations being “discovered”.

**Figure 4.16:** Three unsuccessful strategies using Tableau.