

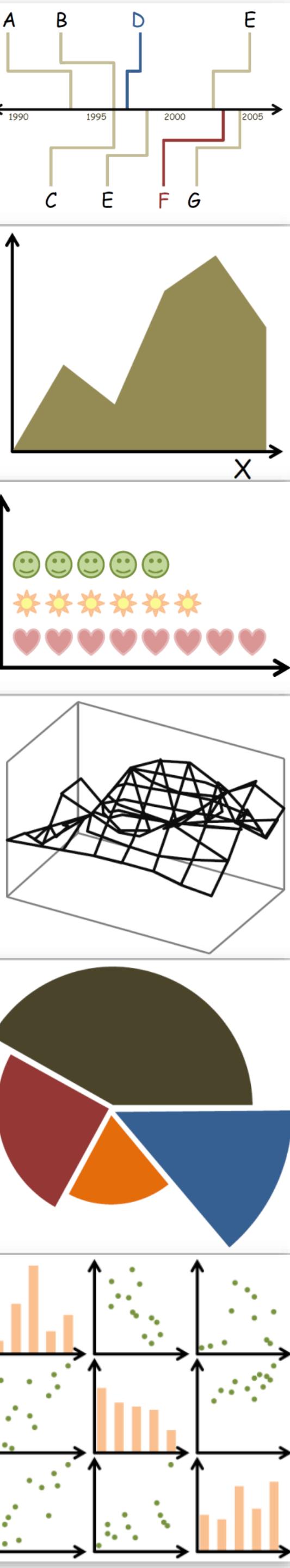
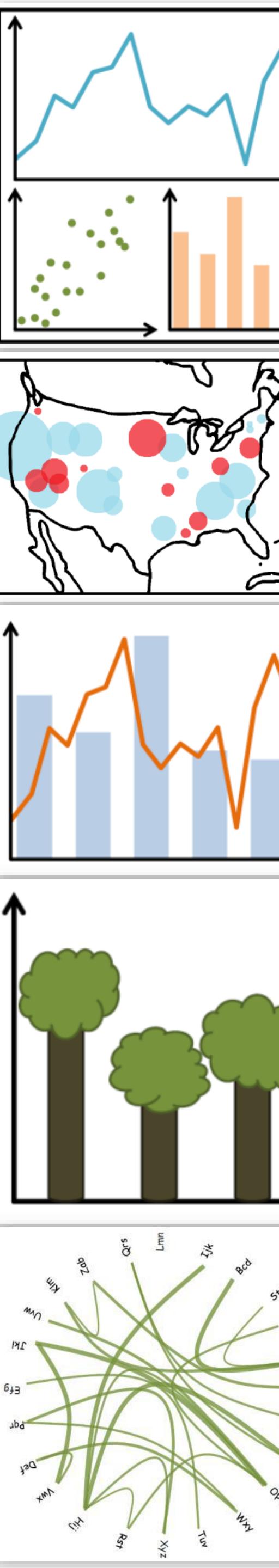
# Visual Encodings (Continued), Color

CS 7250

SPRING 2020

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*Slides and inspiration from Michelle Borkin, Krzysztof Gajos, Hanspeter Pfister,  
Miriah Meyer, Jonathan Schwabish, and David Sprague*



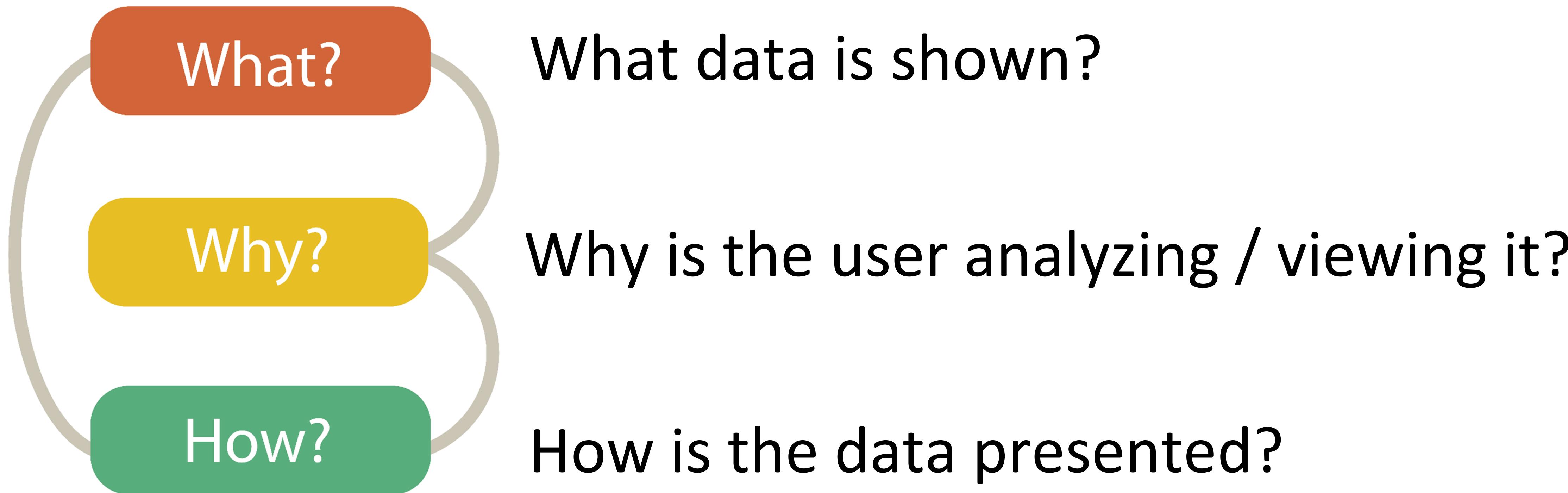
# READING QUIZ

*5 min*

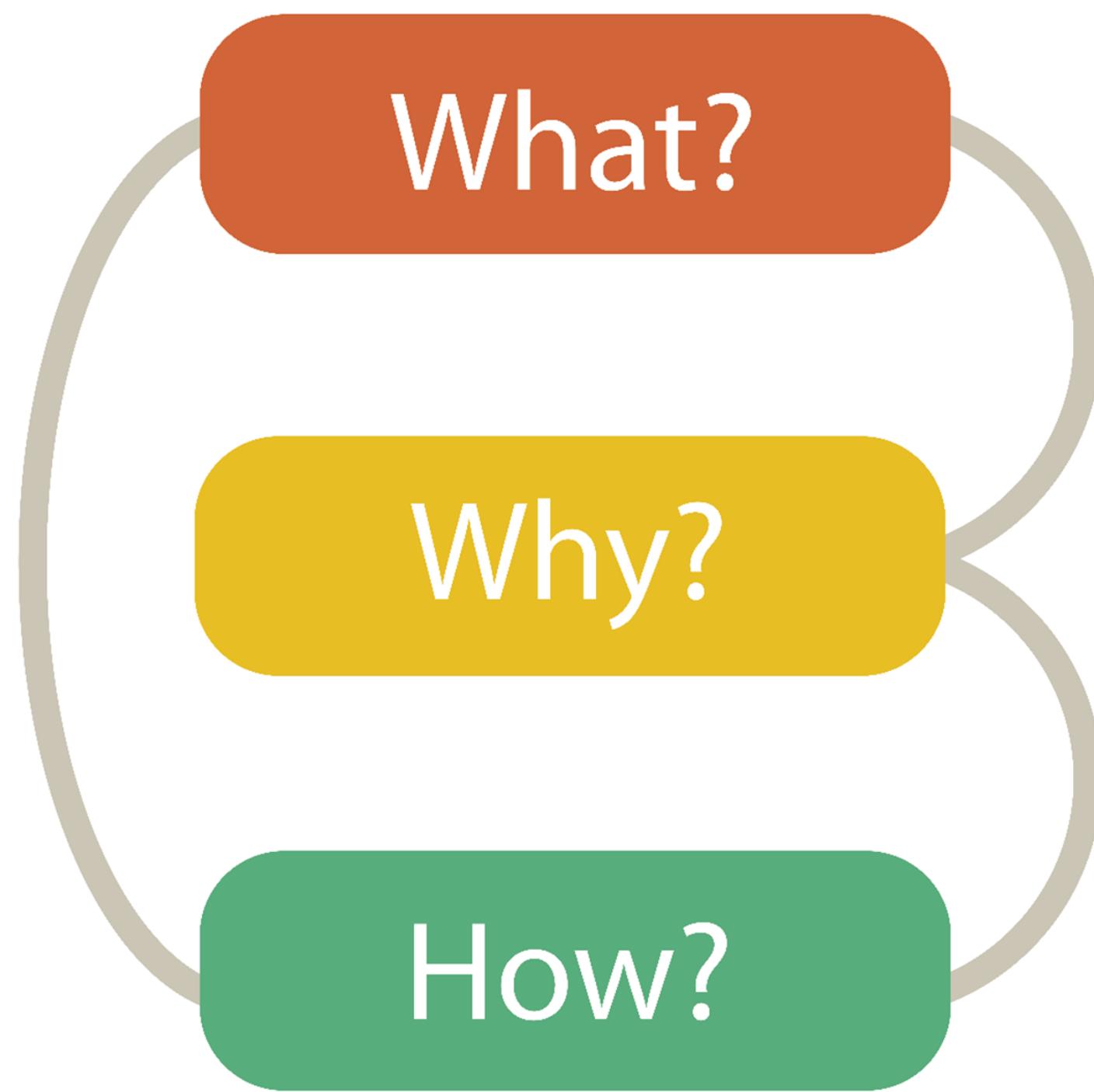
# BURNING QUESTIONS?

**PREVIOUSLY, ON CS 7250...**

# Analysis



# Analysis

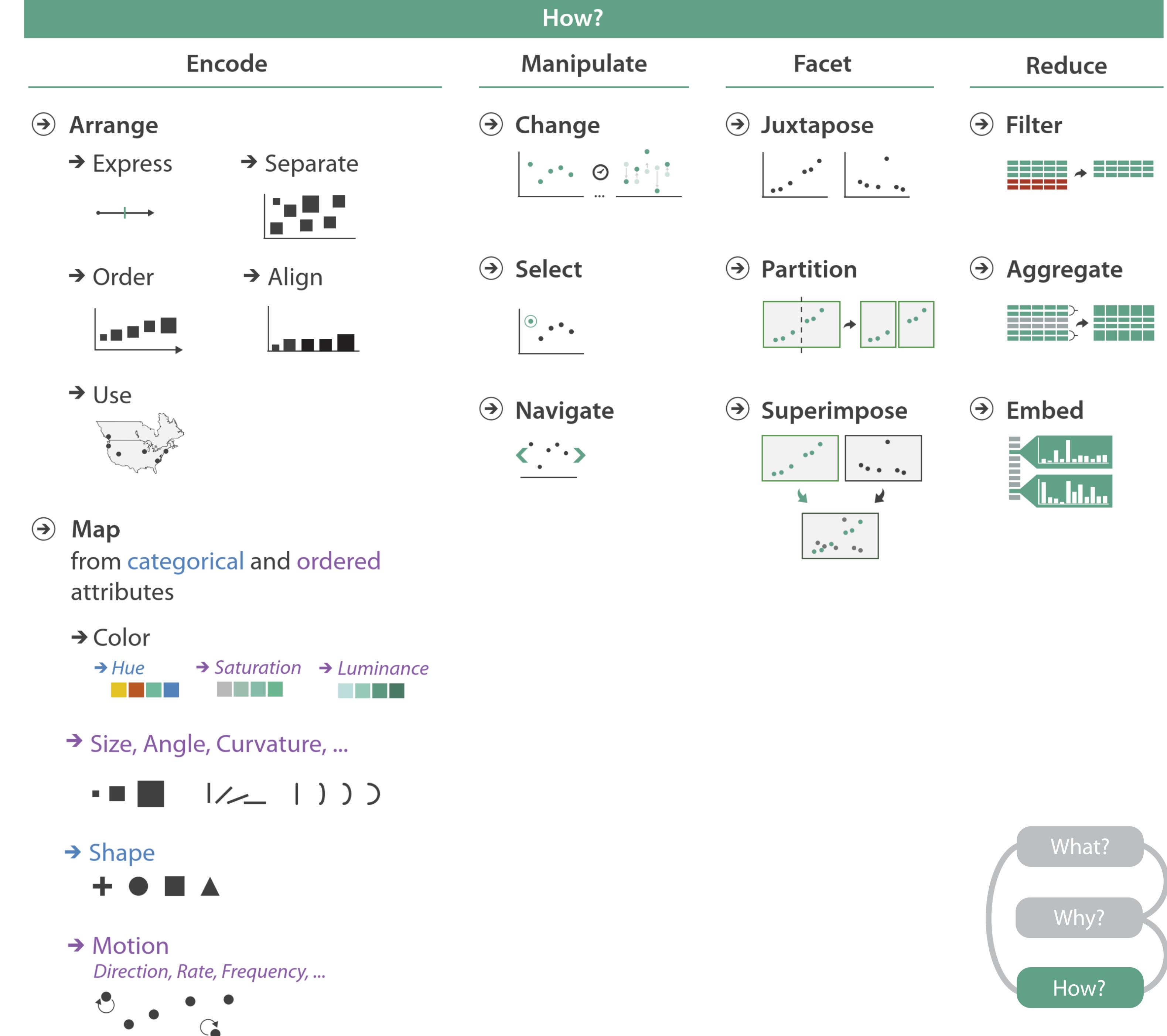


DATA ABSTRACTION

TASK ABSTRACTION

VISUAL ENCODING

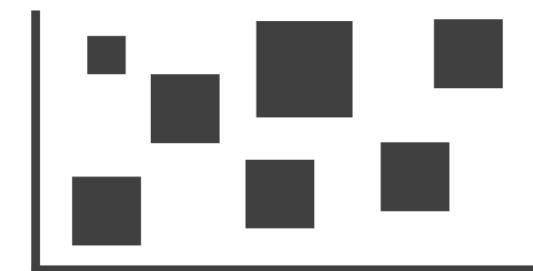
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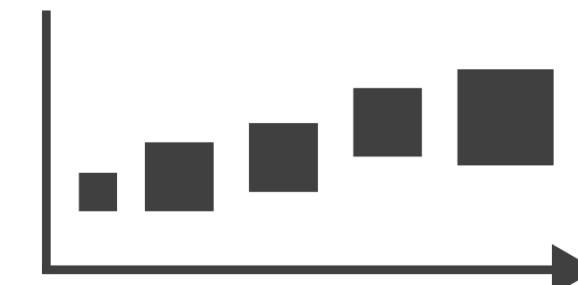
# Arrange Tables

## → Separate, Order, Align Regions

→ Separate



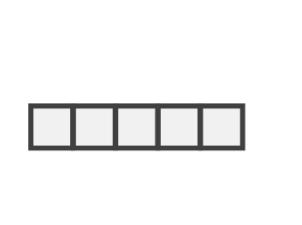
→ Order



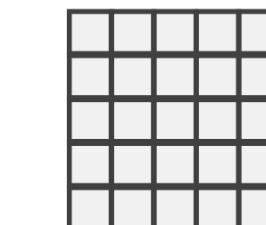
→ Align



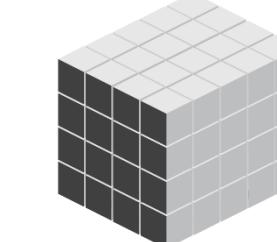
→ 1 Key  
*List*



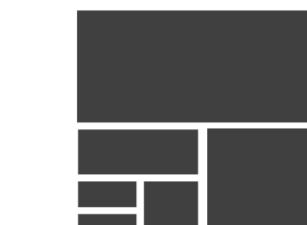
→ 2 Keys  
*Matrix*



→ 3 Keys  
*Volume*



→ Many Keys  
*Recursive Subdivision*



Key: an independent attribute that can be used as a unique index (Tableau Dimension)

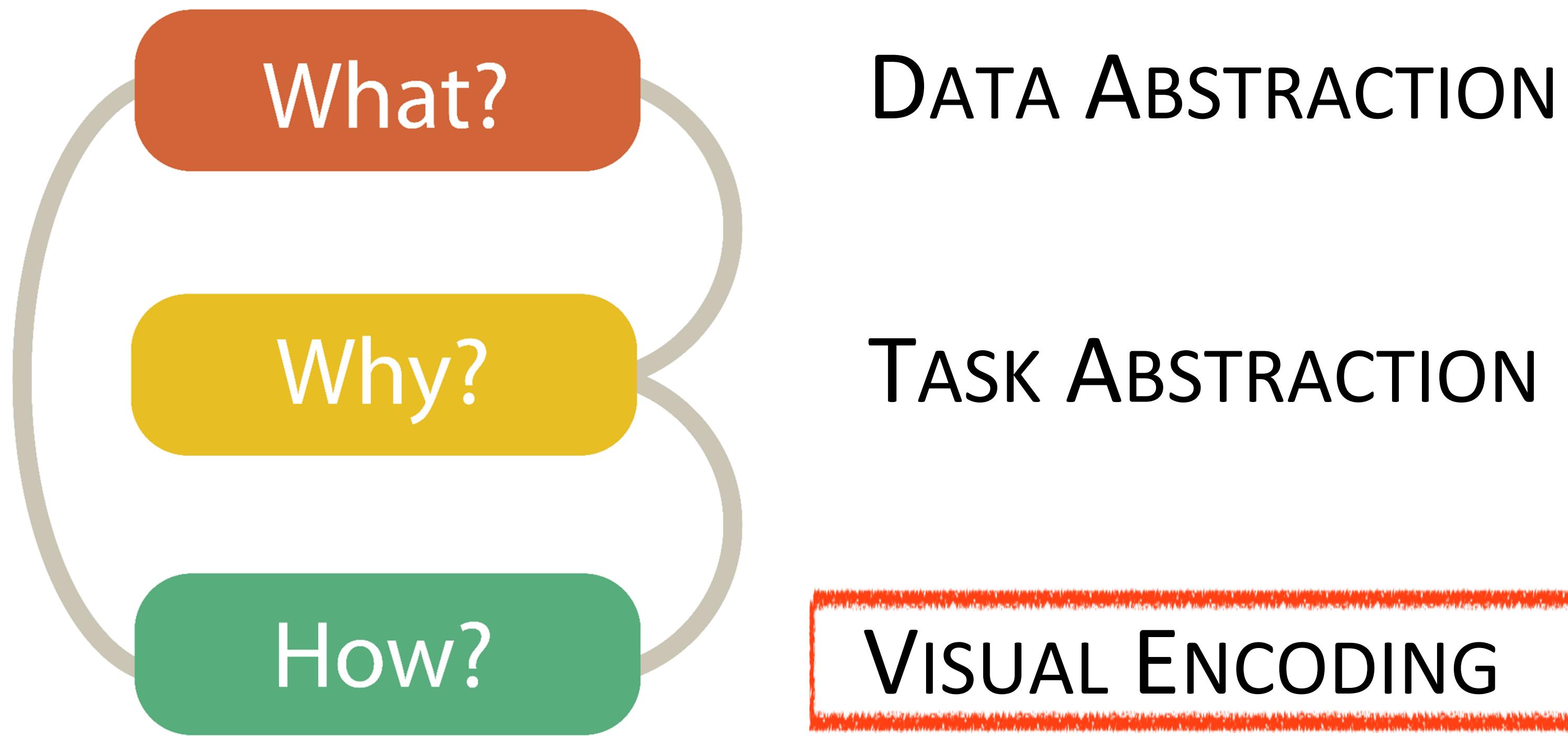
*Categorical or Ordinal*

Value: a dependent attribute (i.e., cell in a table) (Tableau Measures)

*Categorical Ordinal, or Quantitative*

**Now, ON CS 7250...**

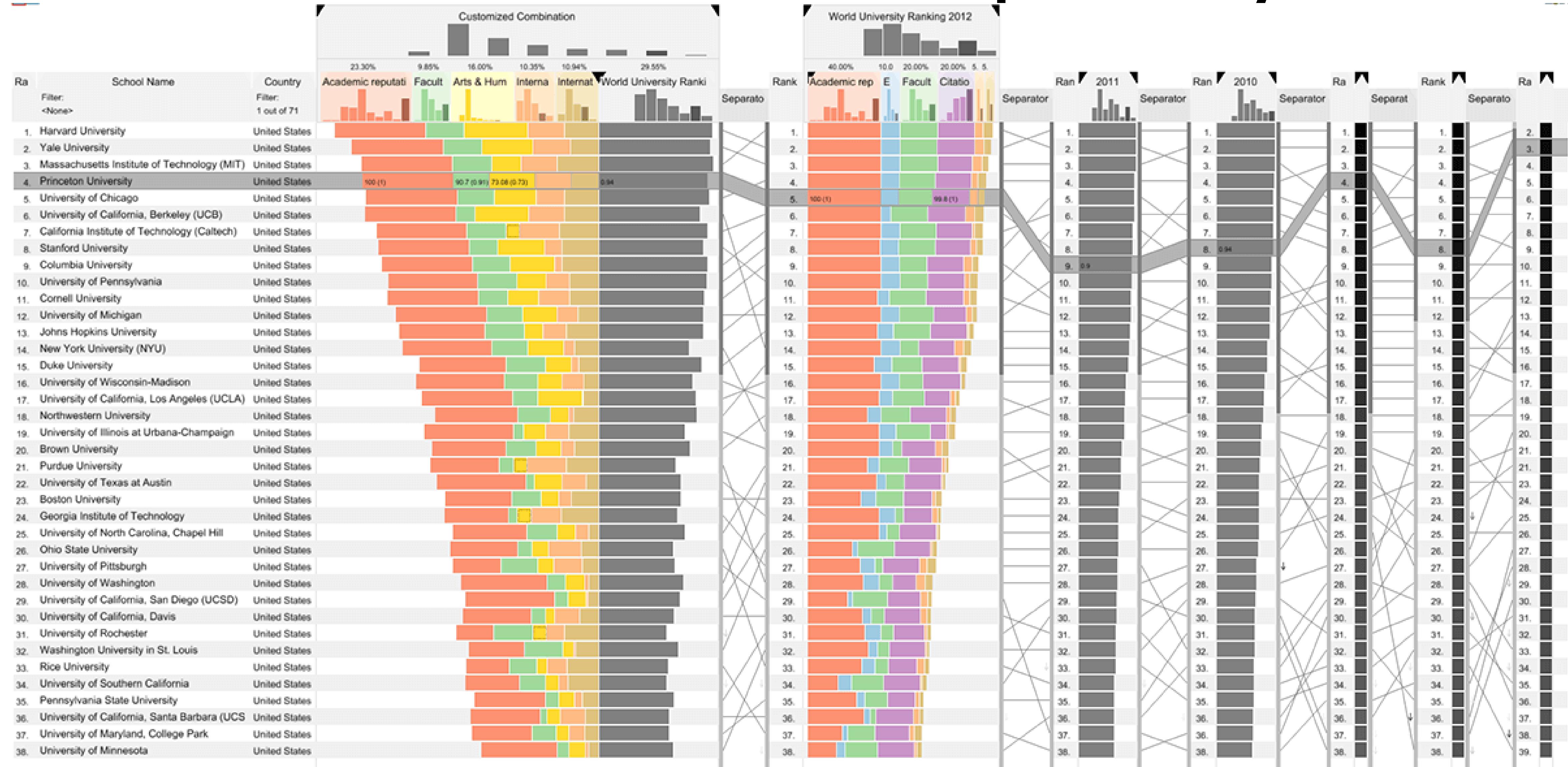
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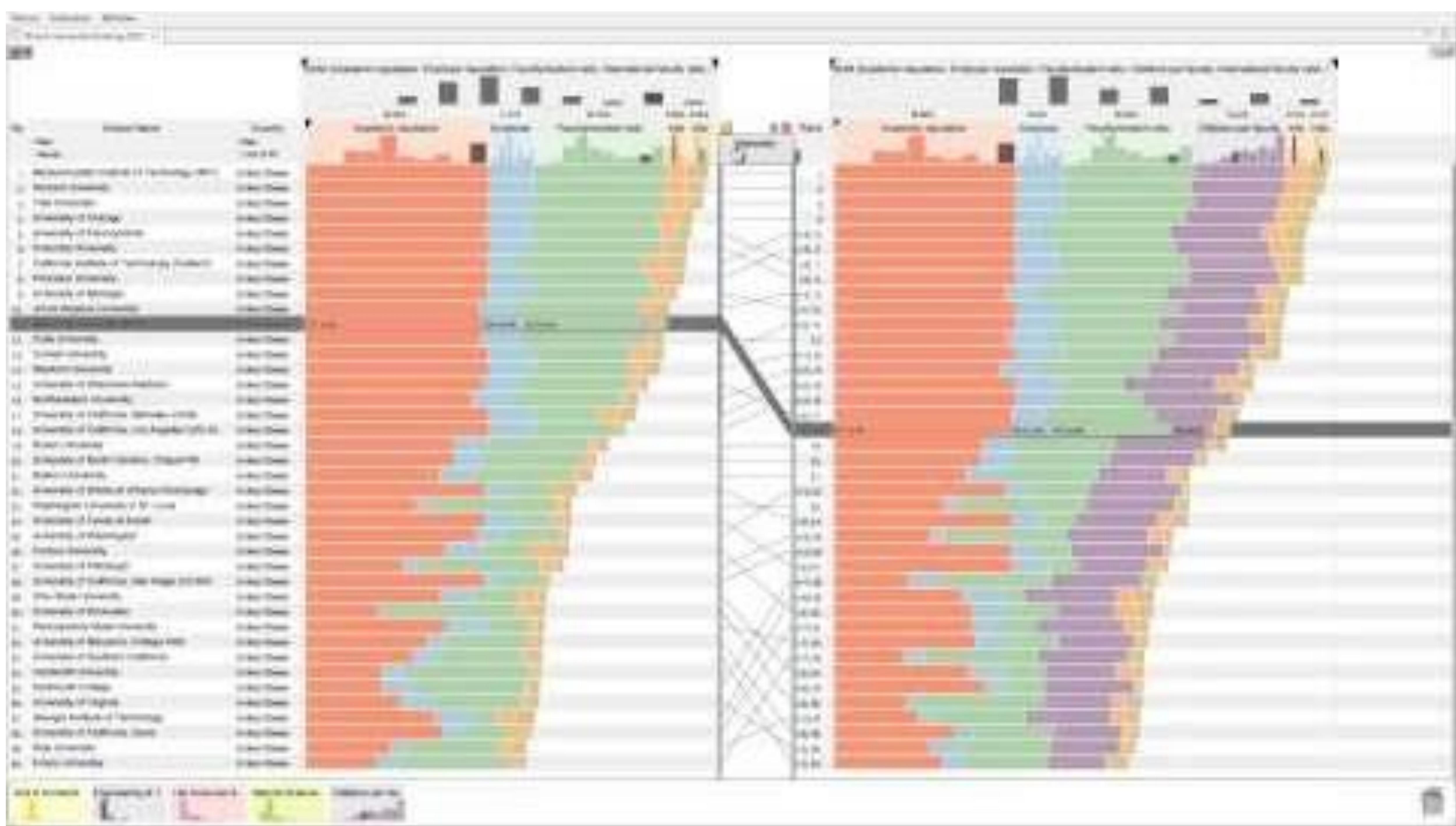
# GOALS FOR TODAY

- Learn (still more) about visual encodings, esp. arranging tables
- Learn how to pick appropriate visual representations based on attribute type and perceptual properties

# How to handle multiple keys...?



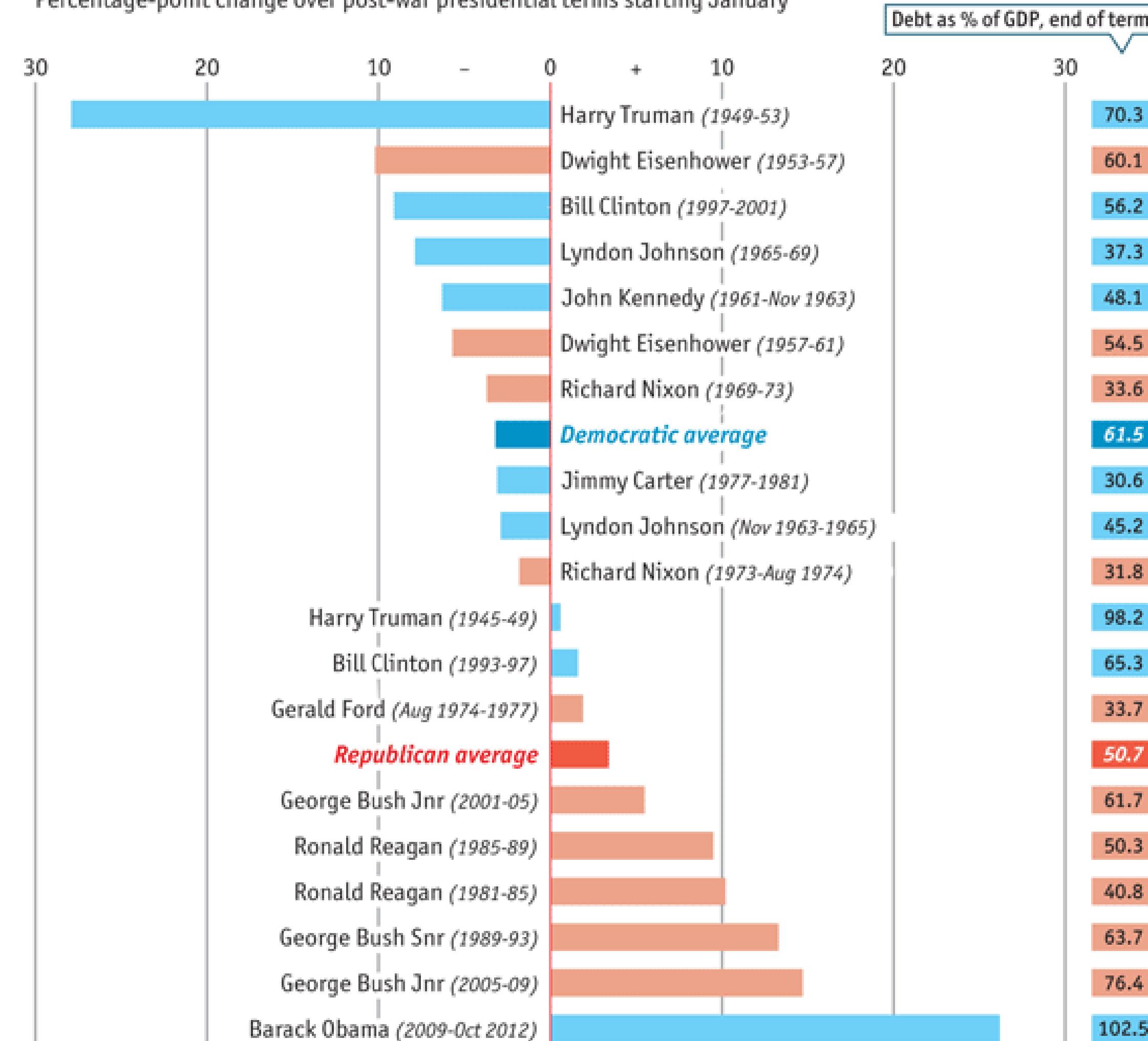
[Gratzel et al., 2013](#)



# Divergent

## US gross public debt as % of GDP

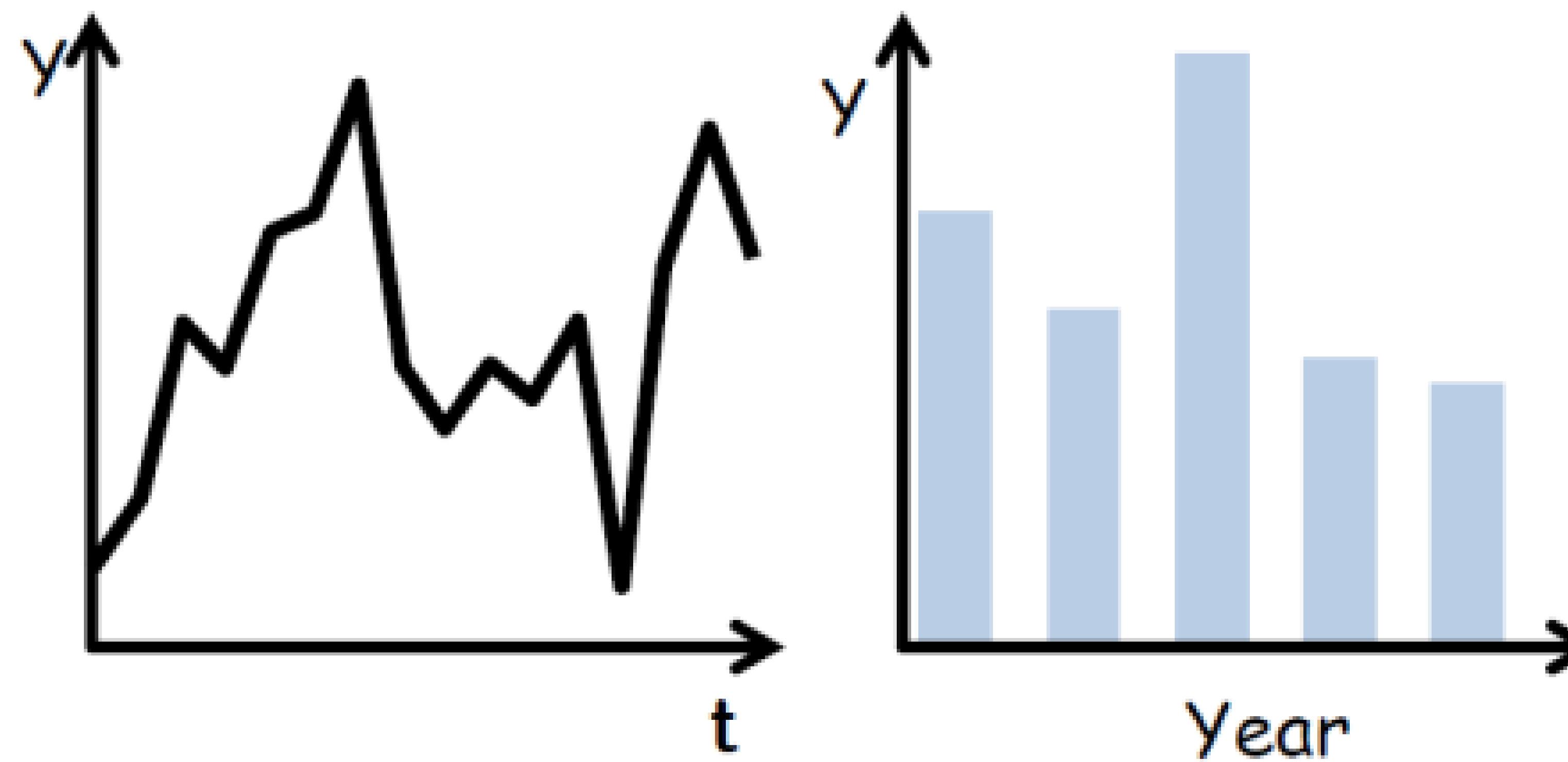
Percentage-point change over post-war presidential terms starting January\*



Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis; Thomson Reuters; White House; *The Economist*

\*Unless otherwise stated

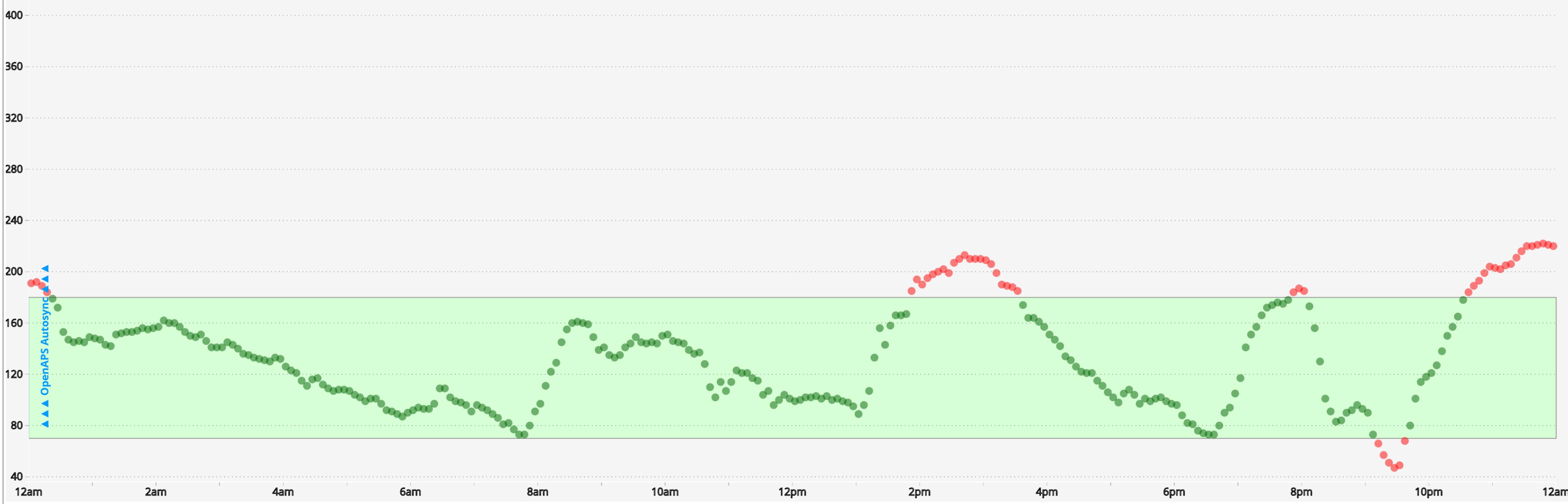
# Time Series



(Quantitative data over time)

# Time Series

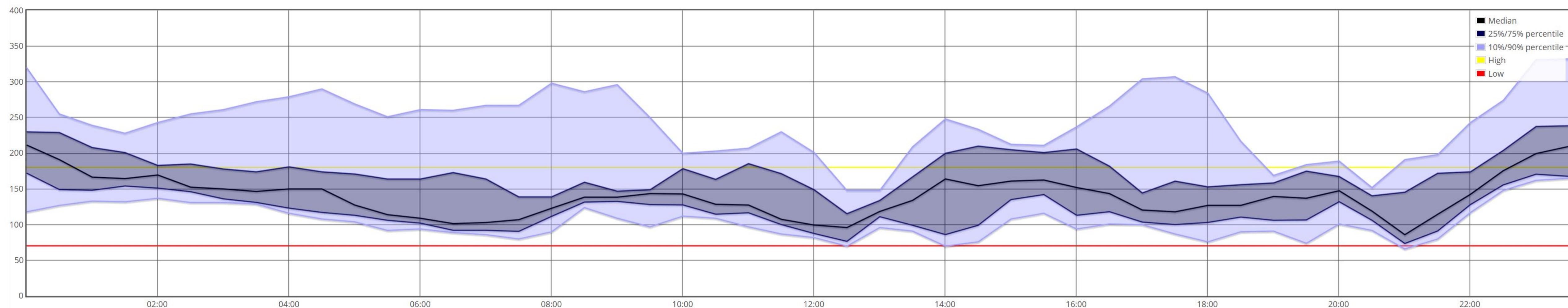
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(Quantitative data over time)

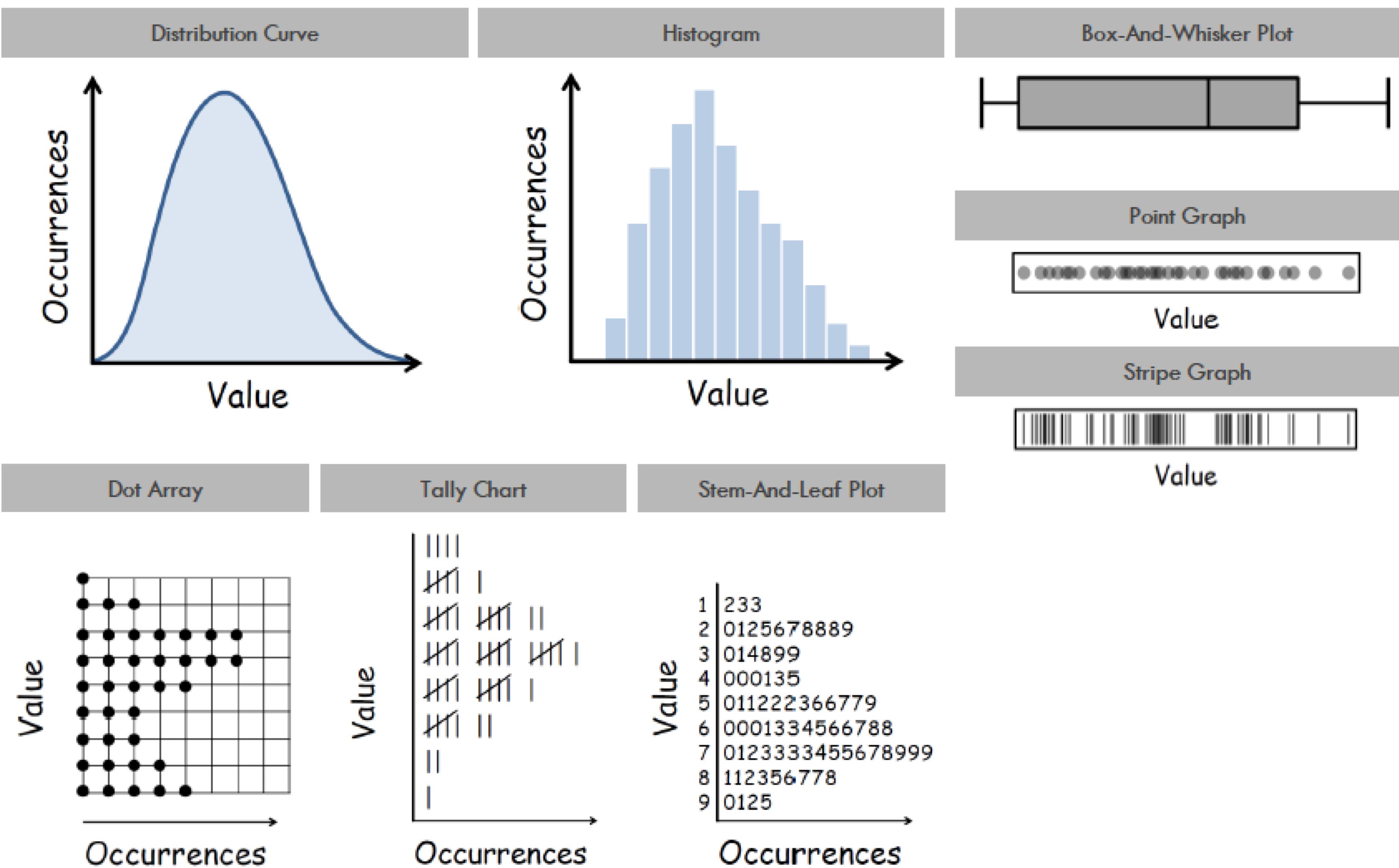
# Time Series Distributions

Glucose Percentile report

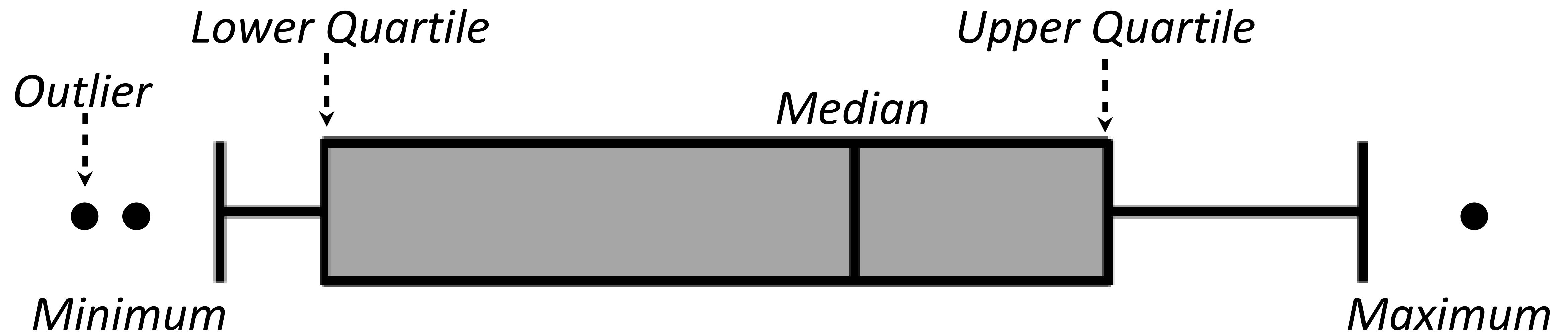


(Quantitative data over time)

# Distributions & Correlations

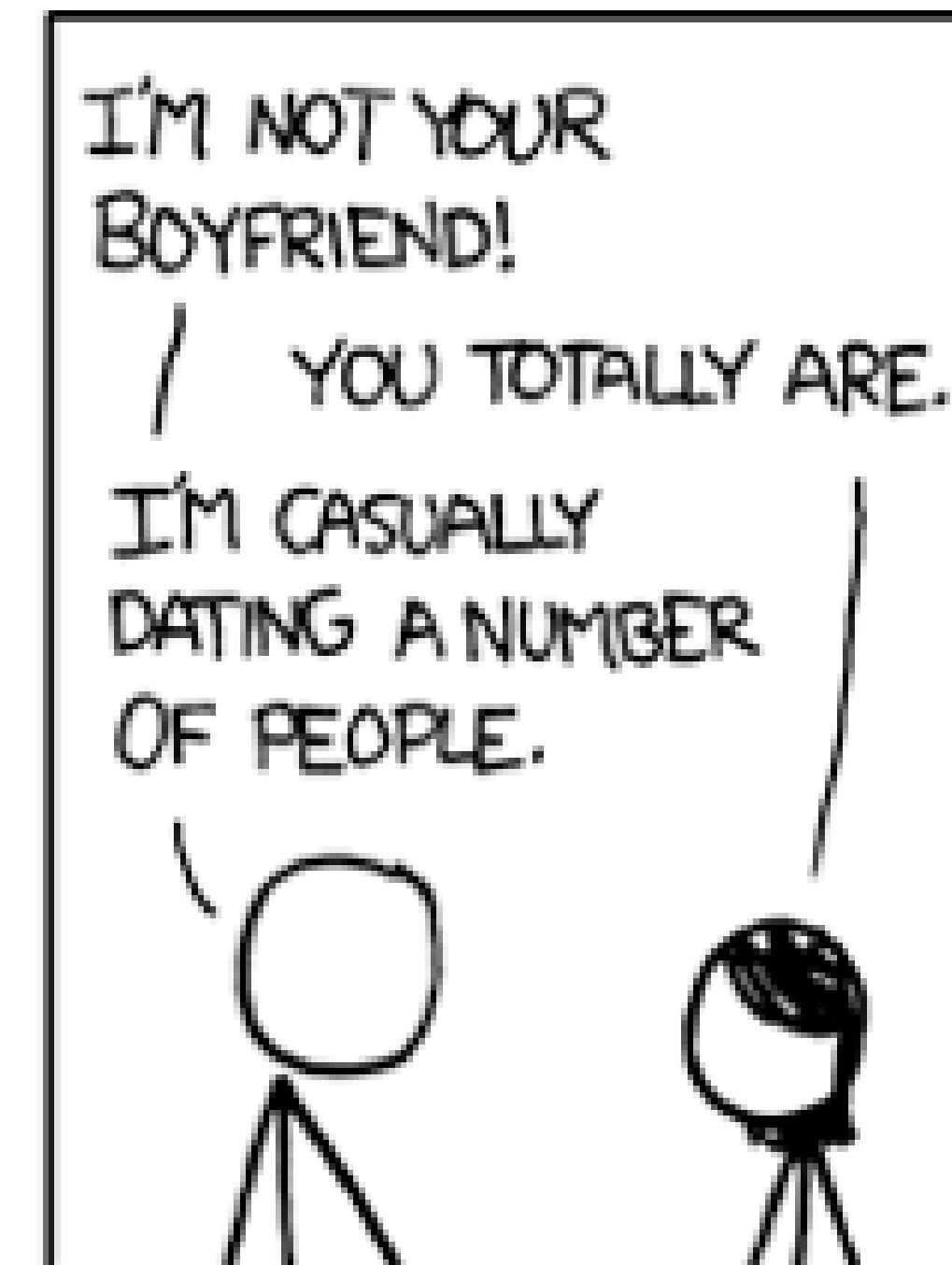


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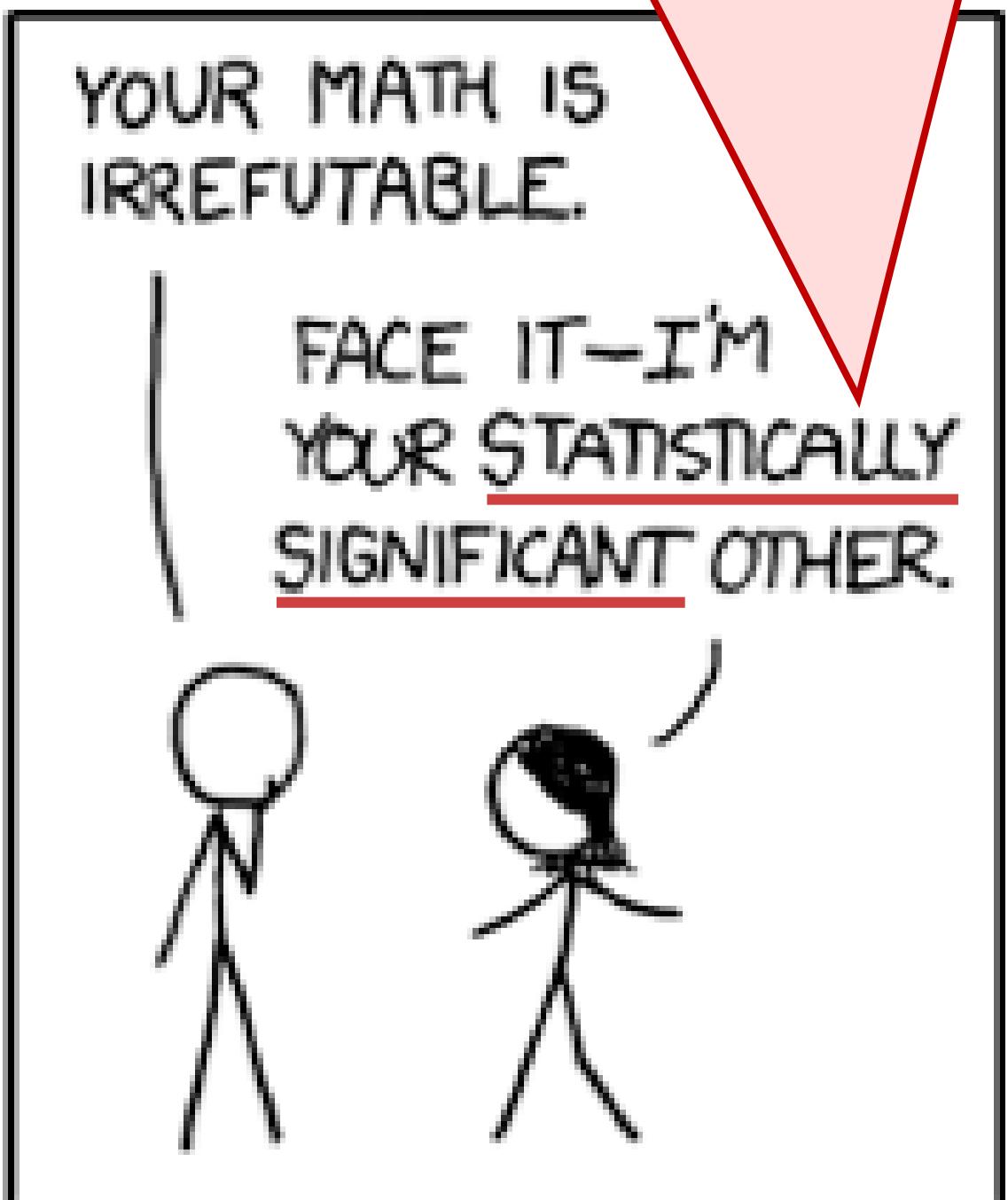
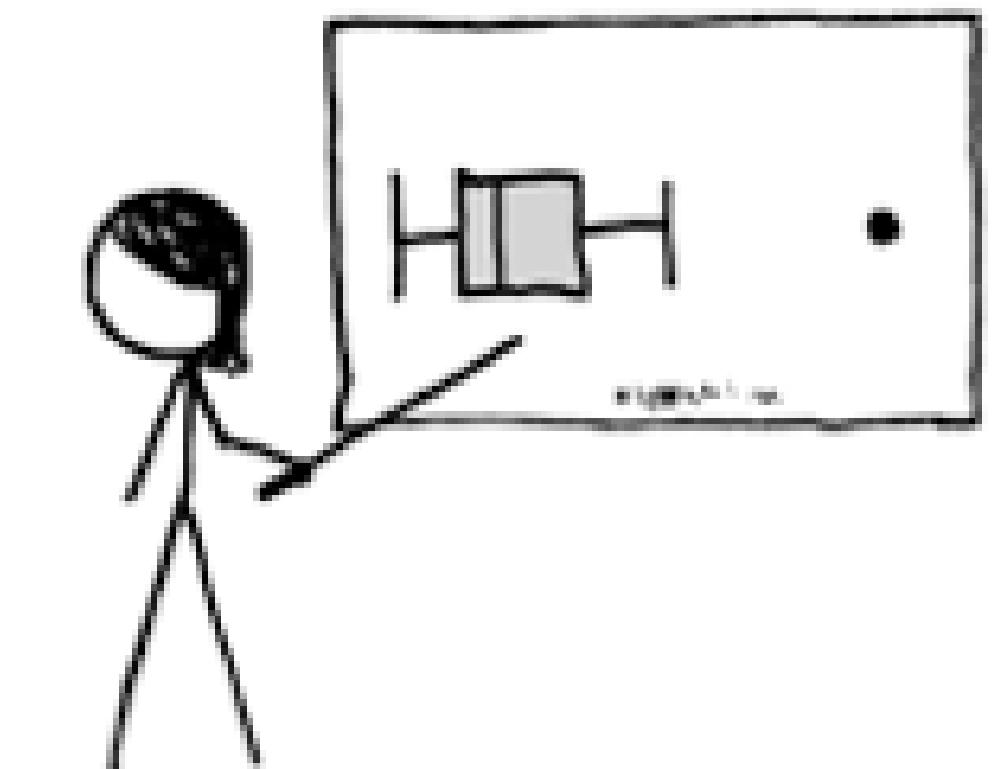


BOX AND WHISKER PLOT

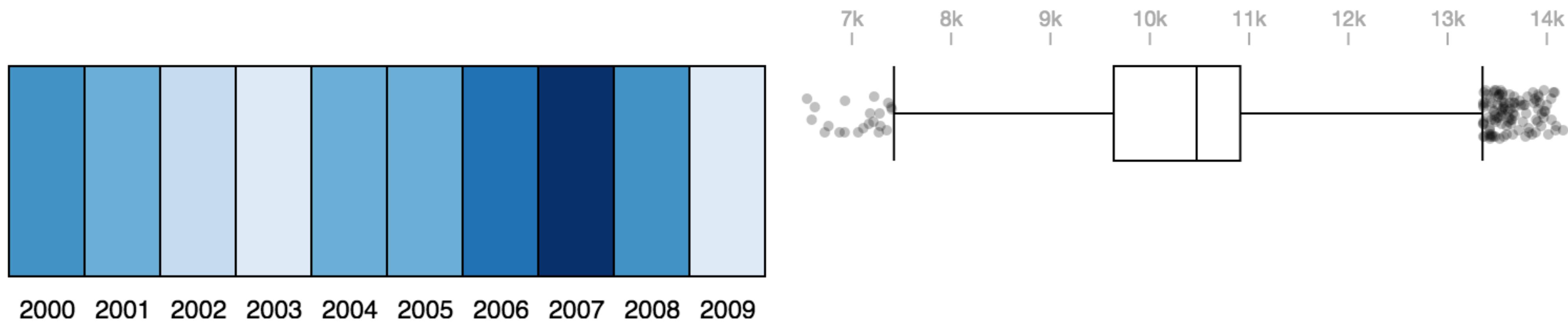
Dichotomous statistical thinking is problematic (e.g.,  $p < .05$  = significant)... and this means nothing w/o context about the tests used!!!



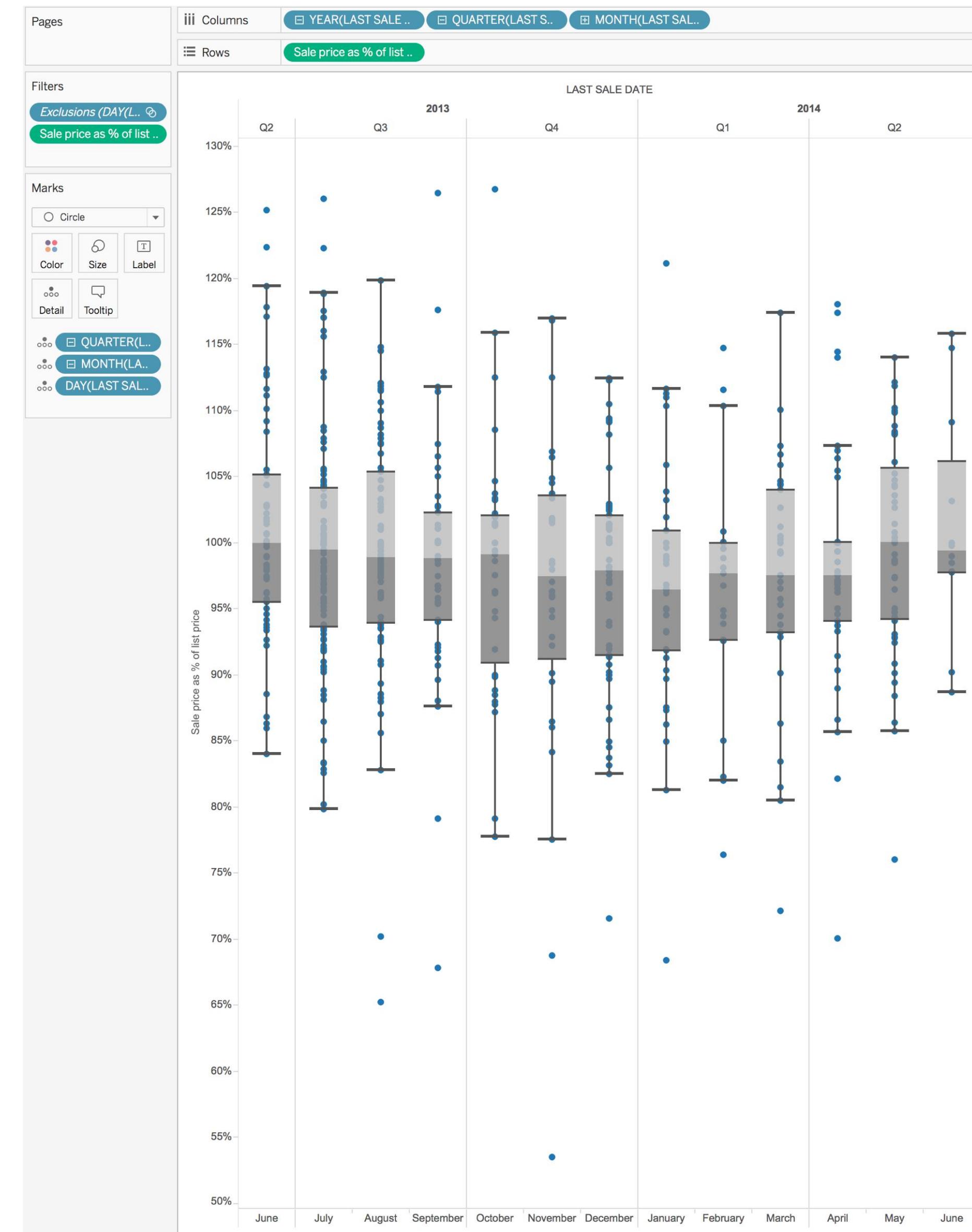
BUT YOU SPEND TWICE AS MUCH  
TIME WITH ME AS WITH ANYONE  
ELSE. I'M A CLEAR OUTIER.



# Distributions & Correlations

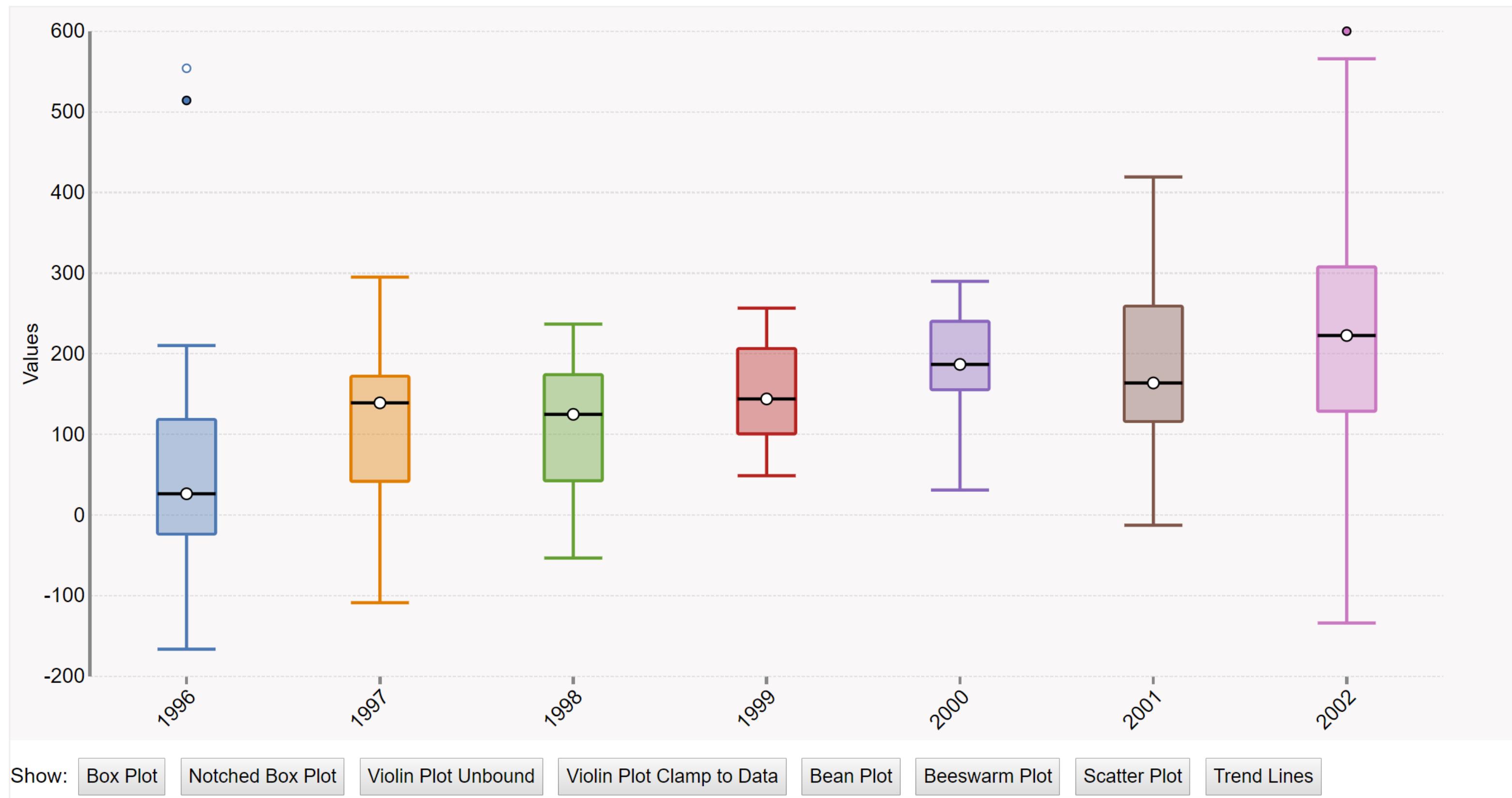


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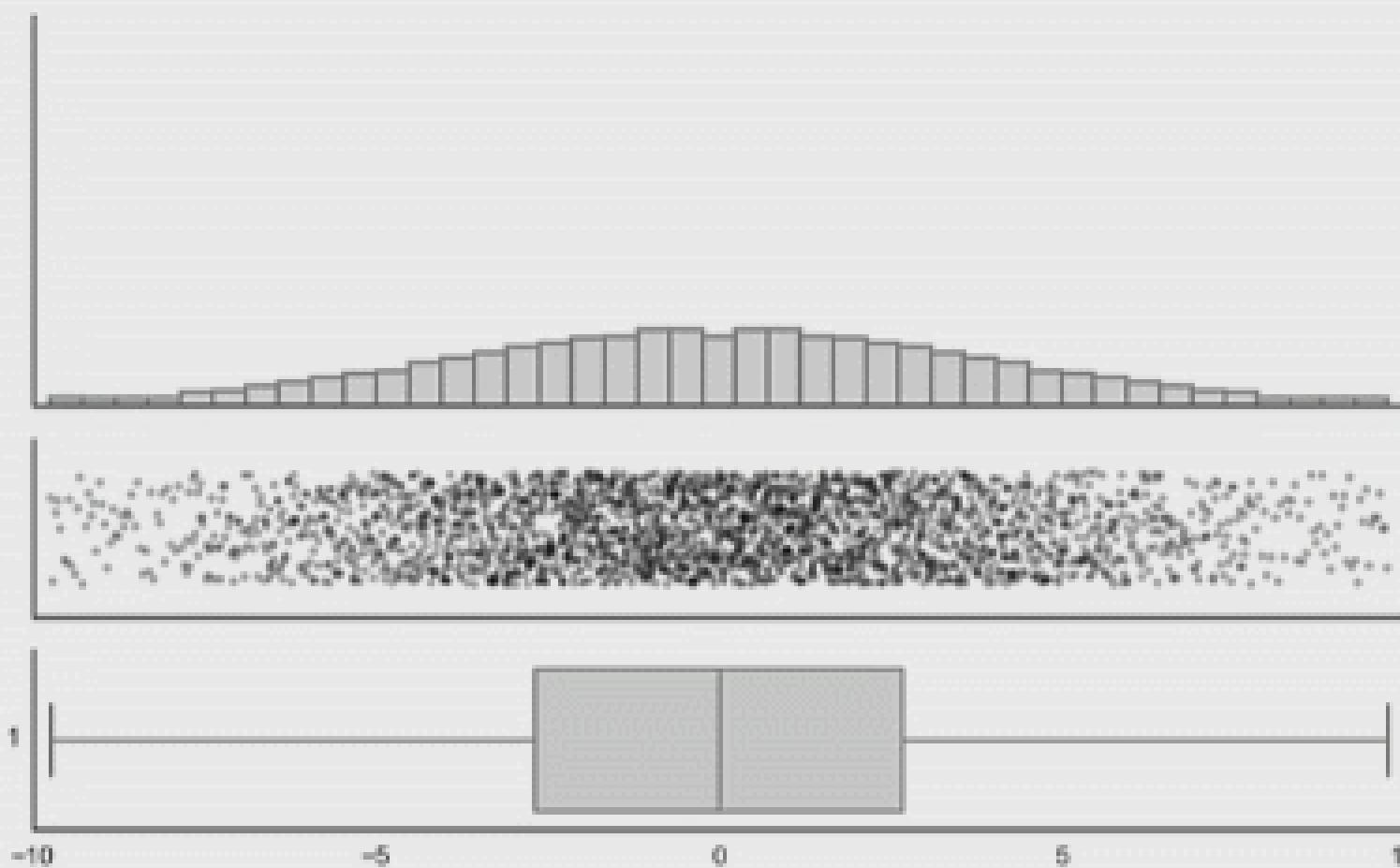


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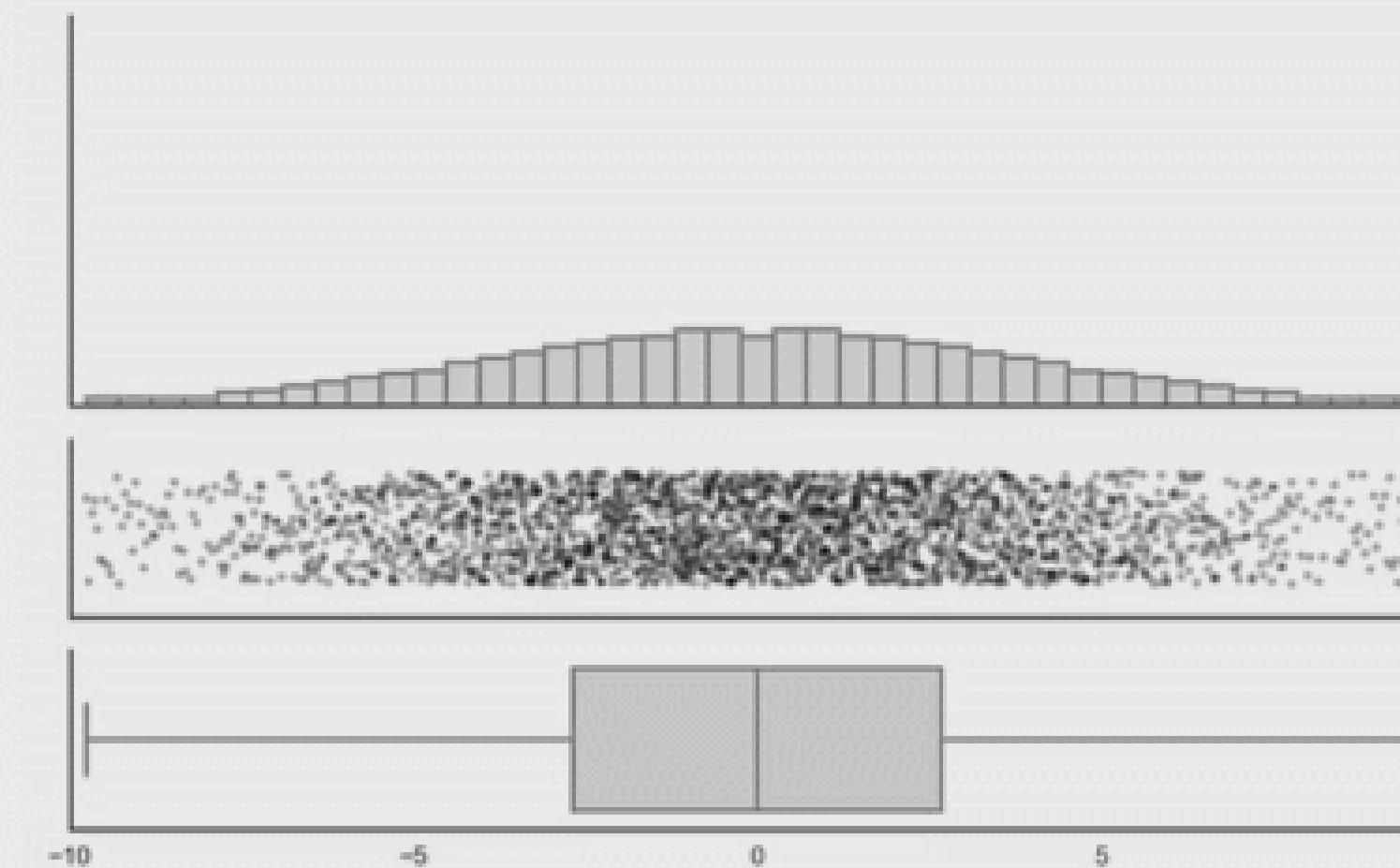
## Violin Plot + Box Plot v3



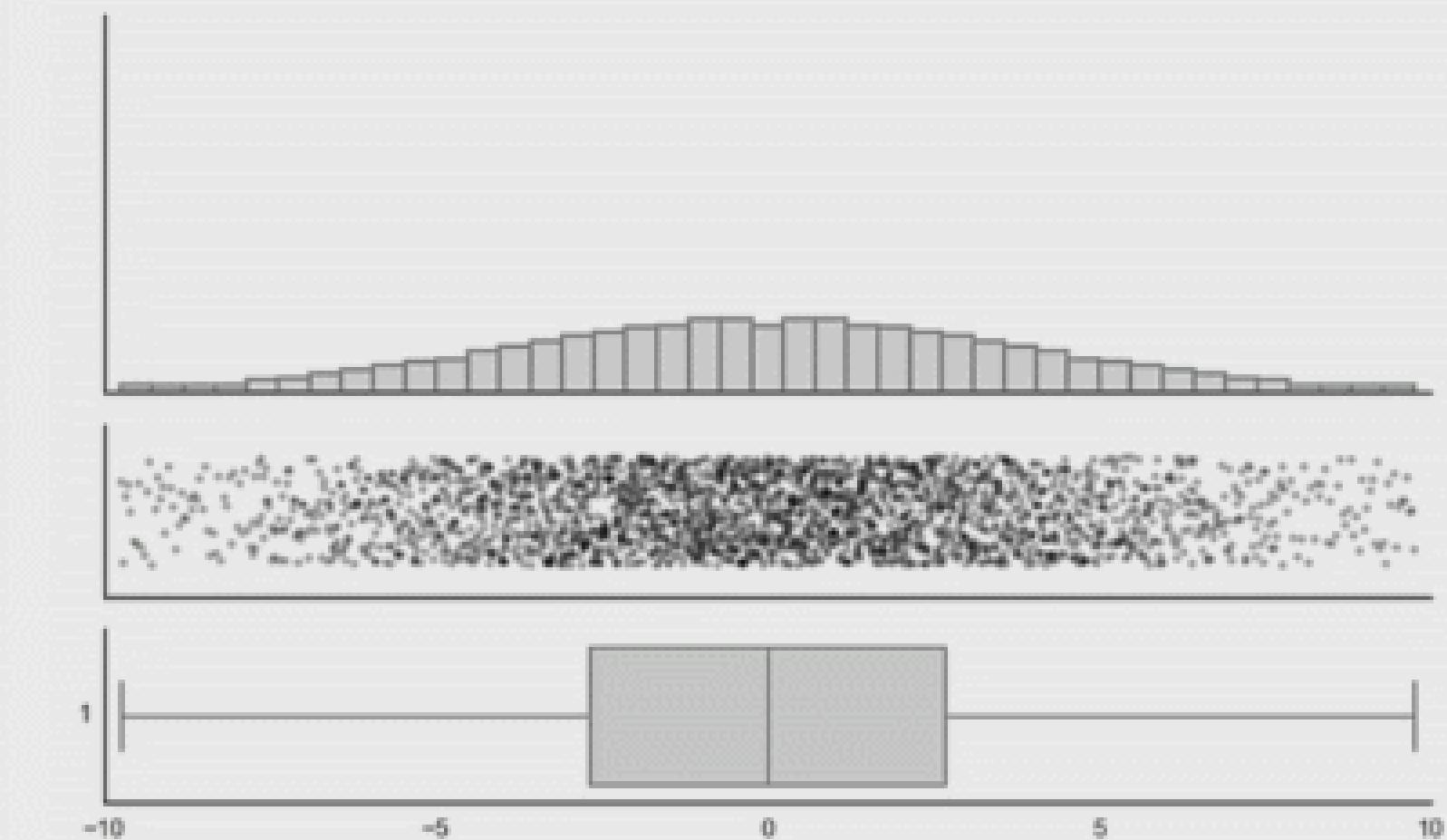
[Interactive online: Sielen, 2018](#)



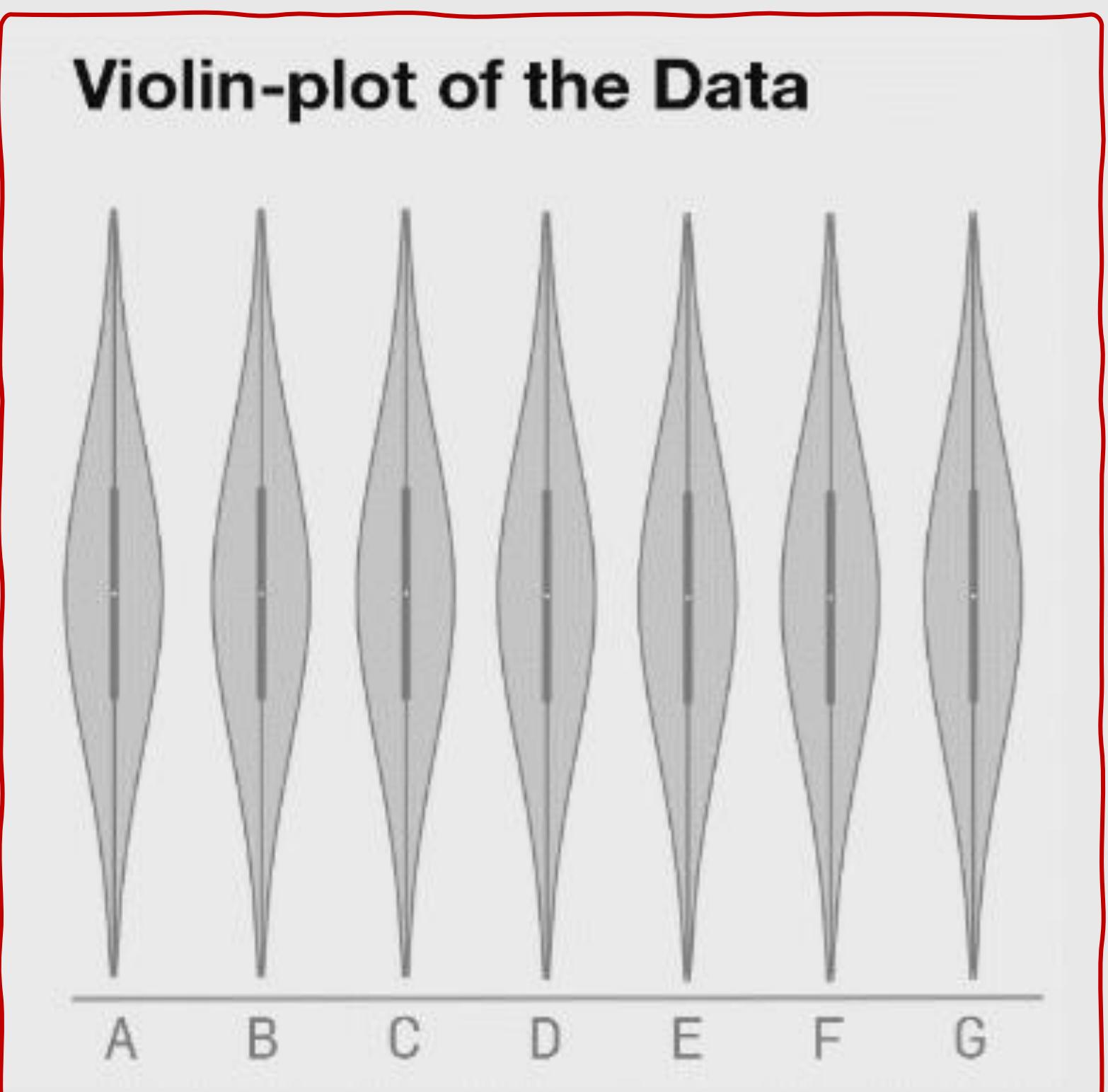
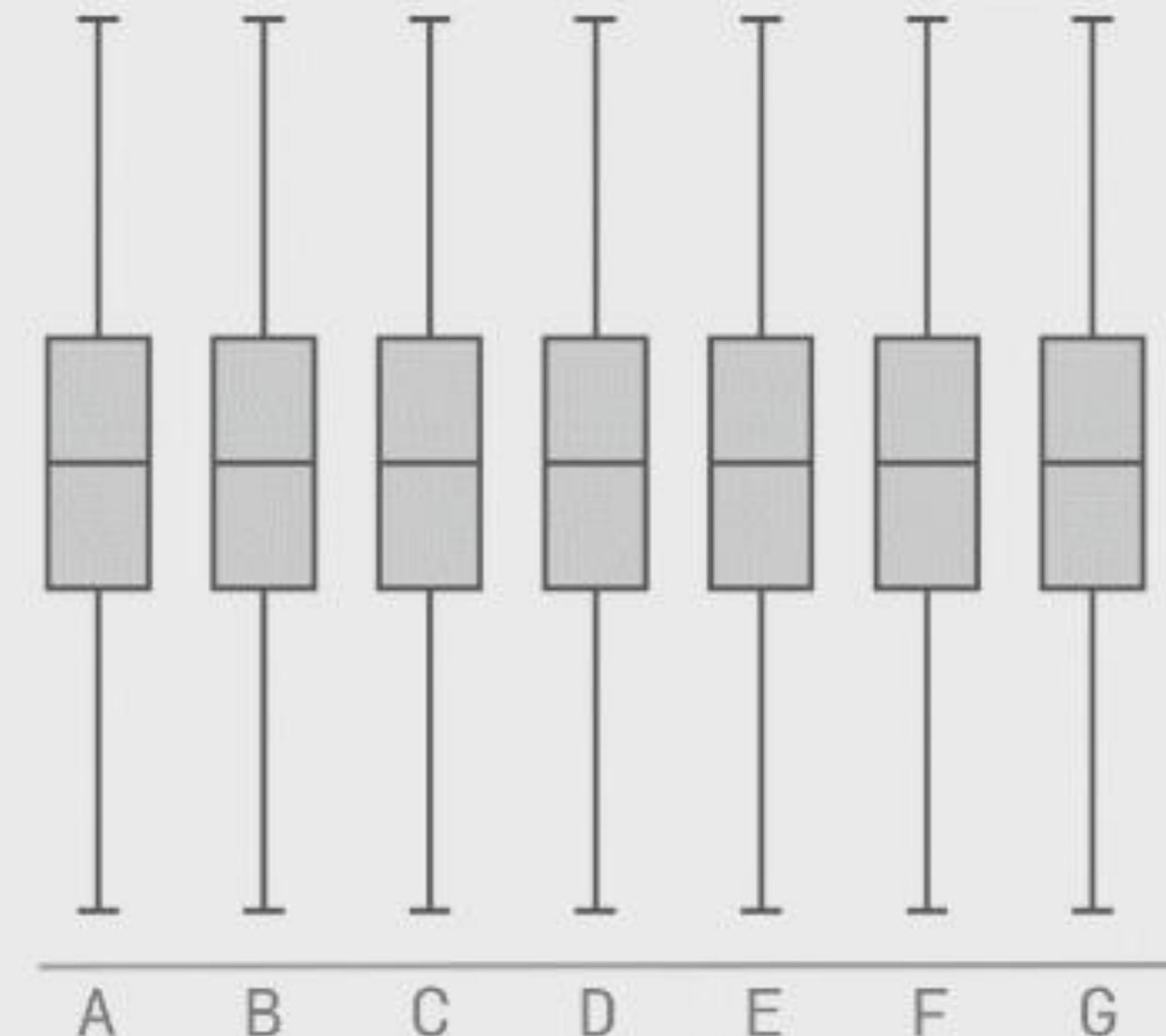
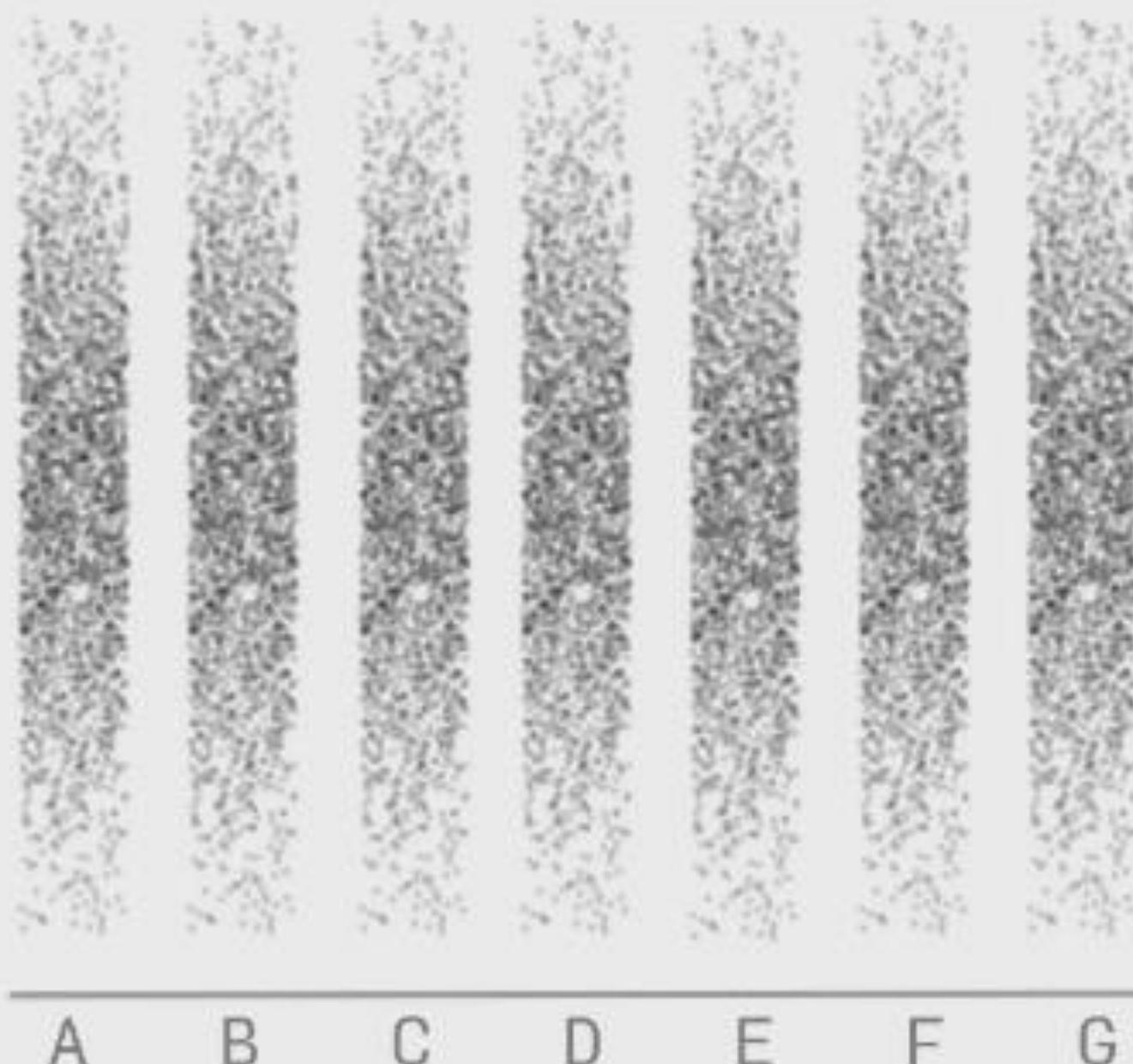
**Raw Data**



**Box-plot of the Data**

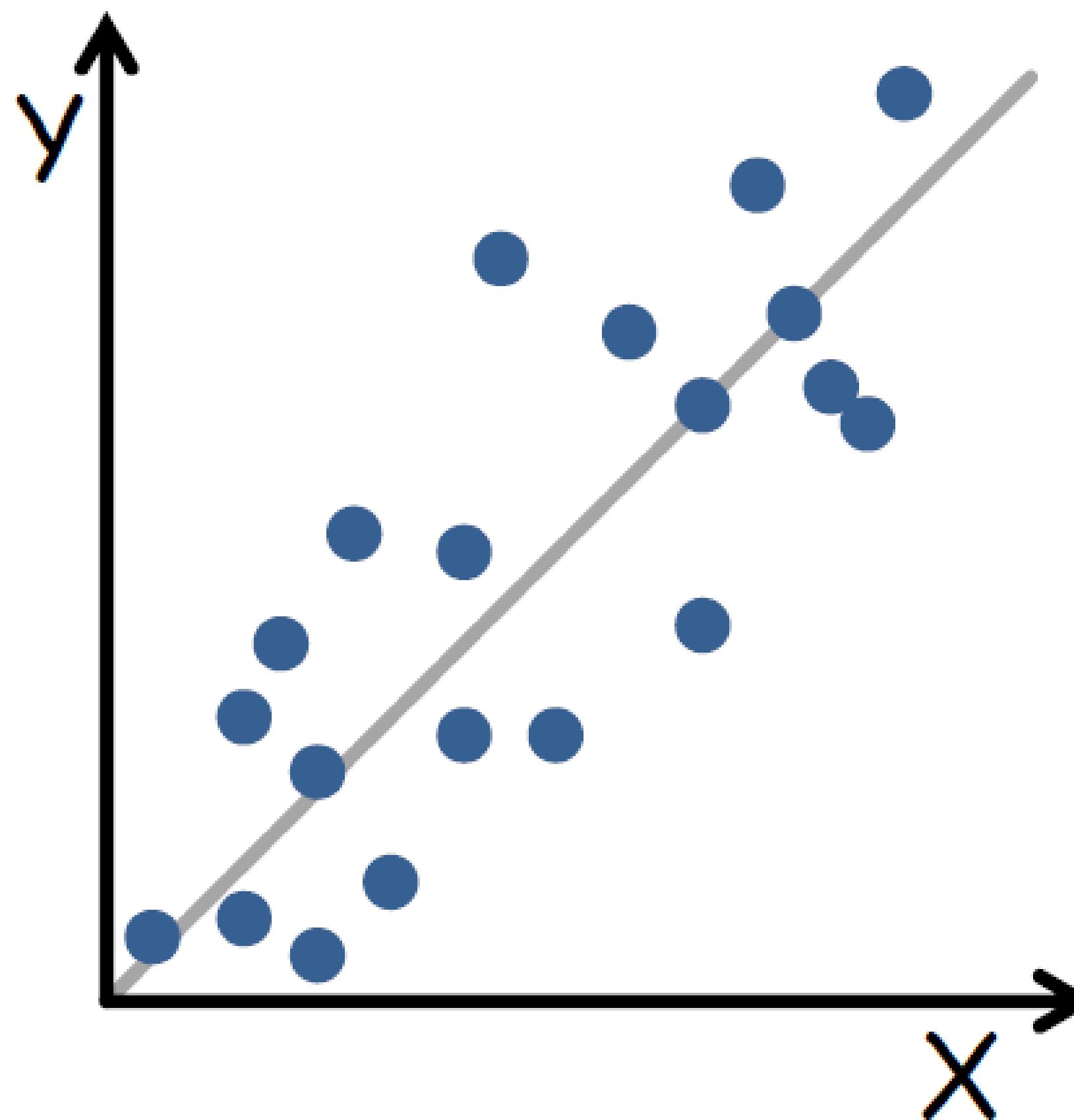


**Violin-plot of the Data**



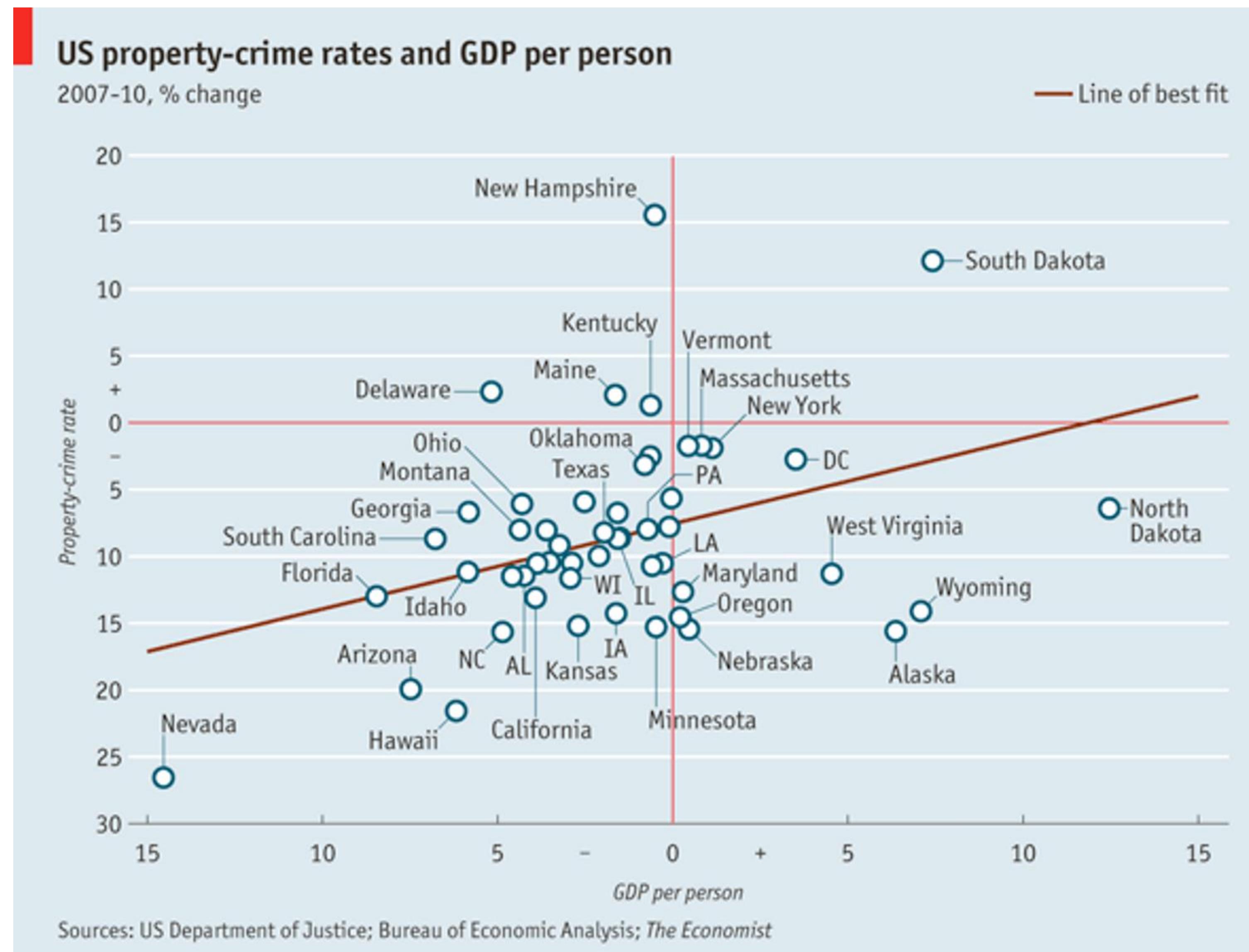
**Matejka & Fitzmaurice, 2017**

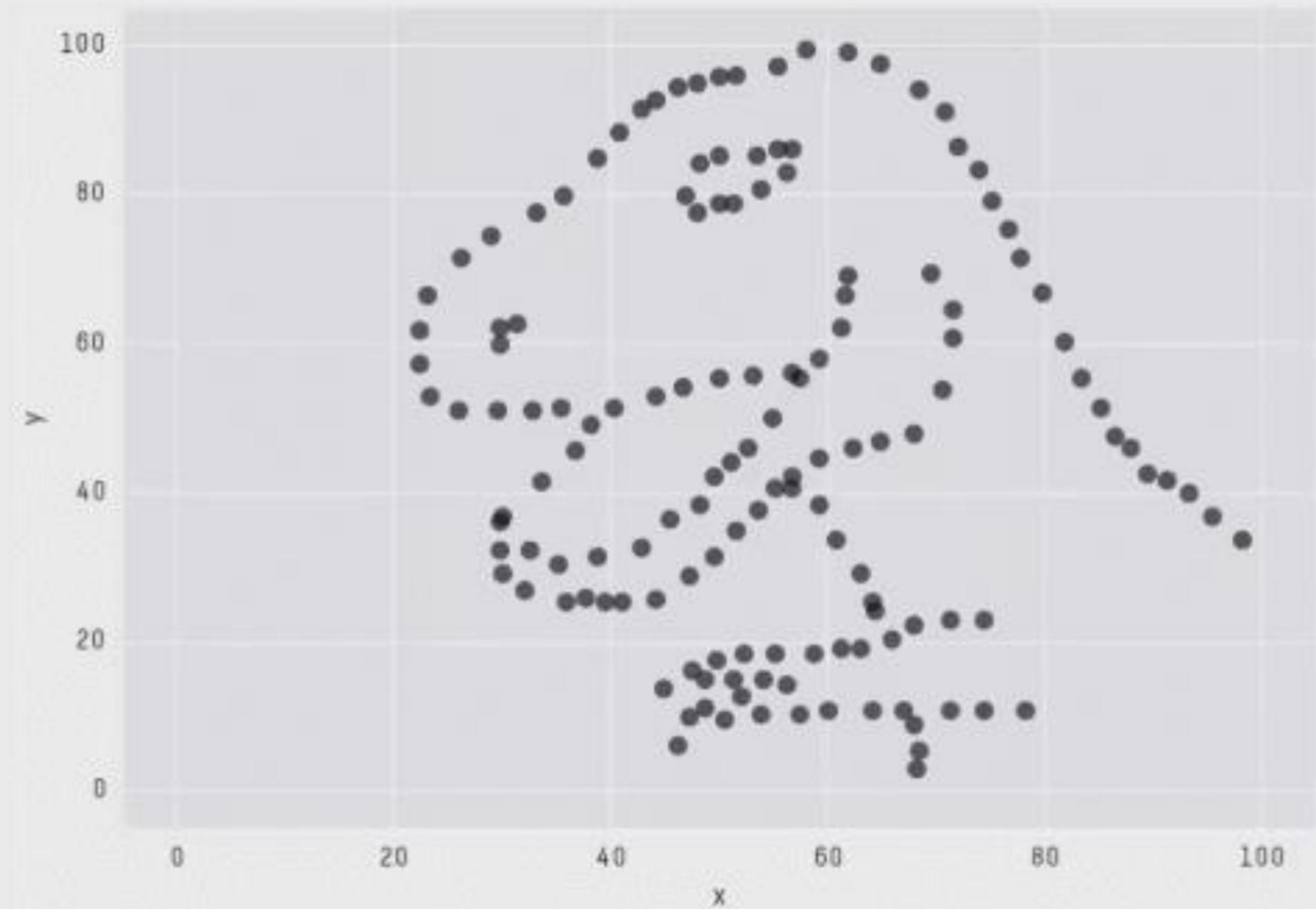
# Distributions & Correlations



TREND/CORRELATION LINE

# Distributions & Correlations





X Mean: 54.2659224  
Y Mean: 47.8313999  
X SD : 16.7649829  
Y SD : 26.9342120  
Corr. : -0.0642526

What?

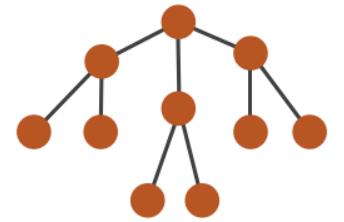
Why?

How?

What?

Why?

→ Tree



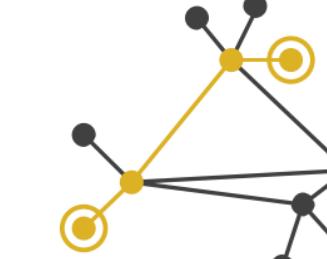
→ Actions

→ Present → Locate → Identify



→ Targets

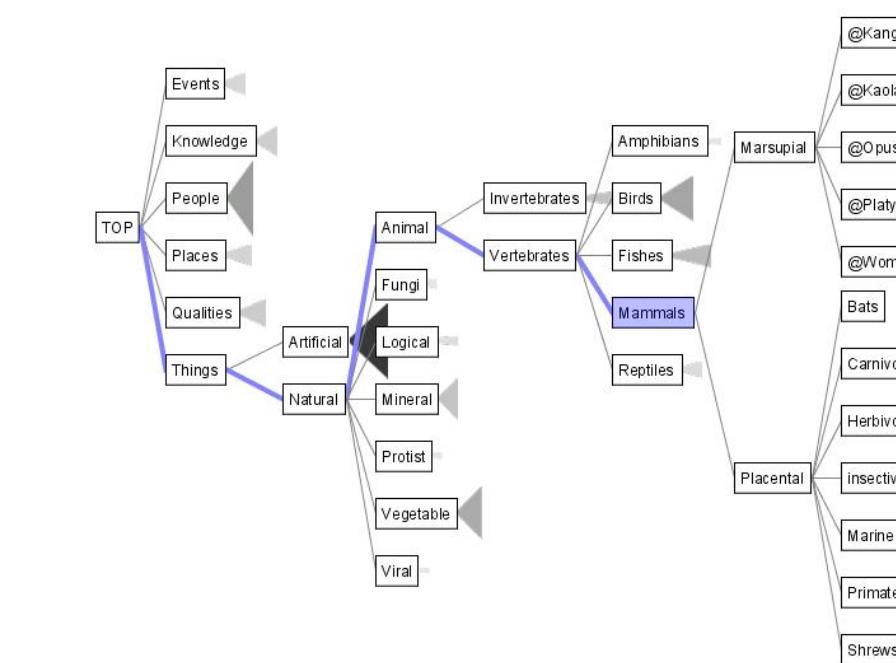
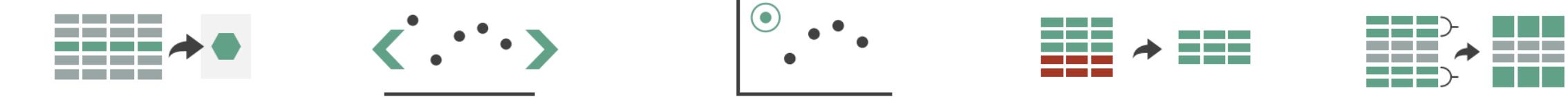
→ Path between two nodes



How?

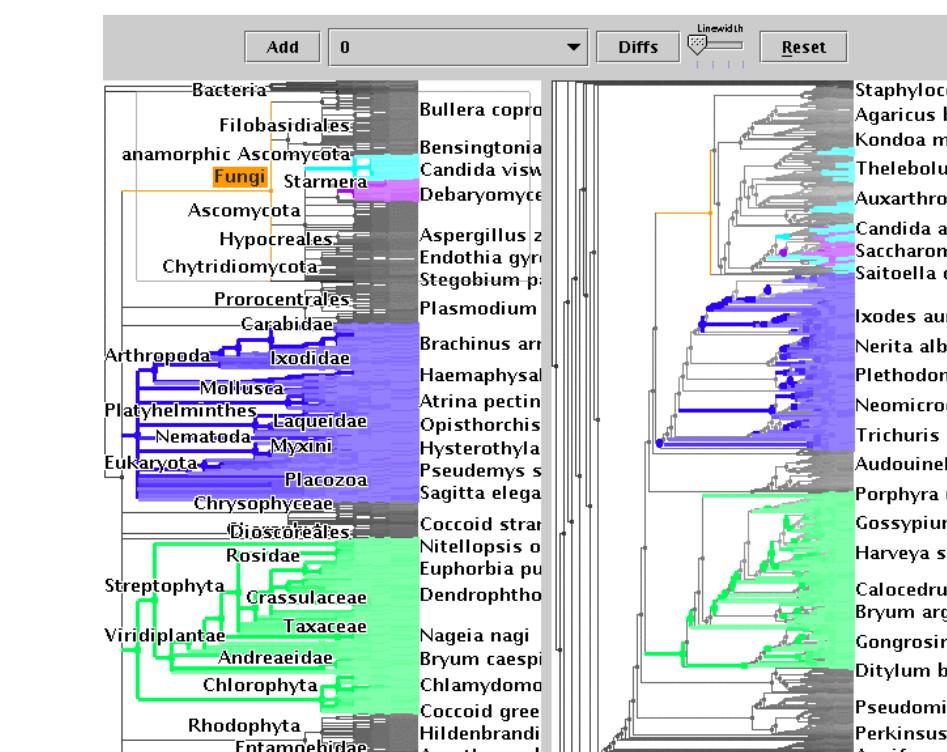
→ SpaceTree [SpaceTree \(Plaisant et al., 2002\) YouTube](#)

→ Encode → Navigate → Select → Filter → Aggregate



→ TreeJuxtaposer [TreeJuxtaposer \(Munzner et al., 2003\) YouTube](#)

→ Encode → Navigate → Select → Arrange



## Visualization Taxonomy

In order to address the variety of visualization types in the MassVis database, we created a taxonomy for static (i.e., non-interactive) visualizations. The taxonomy classifies static visualizations according to the underlying data structures, the visual encoding of the data, and the perceptual tasks enabled by these encodings. It contains twelve visualization categories and several popular subtypes for each category. In addition, we supply a set of properties that aid in the characterization of the visualizations. This taxonomy was created originally to classify the 2k dataset, and we continue to use this terminology in our papers. For more information about the taxonomy, please read this document: [taxonomy details](#)

If you use this taxonomy, please cite this paper: [BibTex](#)

<http://massvis.mit.edu/>

Borkin, M., Vo, A., Bylinskii, Z., Isola, P., Sunkavalli, S., Oliva, A., & Pfister, H., 2013, "[What Makes a Visualization Memorable?](#)", IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proceedings of InfoVis 2013), 19, 12, 2306-2315.

Great resource for categorizing visualizations, and brainstorming!

# More visualization “catalogs”

DataVizProject

<http://datavizproject.com/>



The Data Visualization Catalogue

<http://www.datavizcatalogue.com/>



# More visualization ideas

<https://matplotlib.org/gallery.html>

<https://github.com/d3/d3/wiki/Gallery>

<https://plot.ly/python/>

Plotly Python Open Source Graphing Library

Search

Search Plotly's Python Docs

Plotly Fundamentals

- Dash - Interactive Python Apps
- Static Image Export
- Updating Plotly Graphs
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Basic Charts

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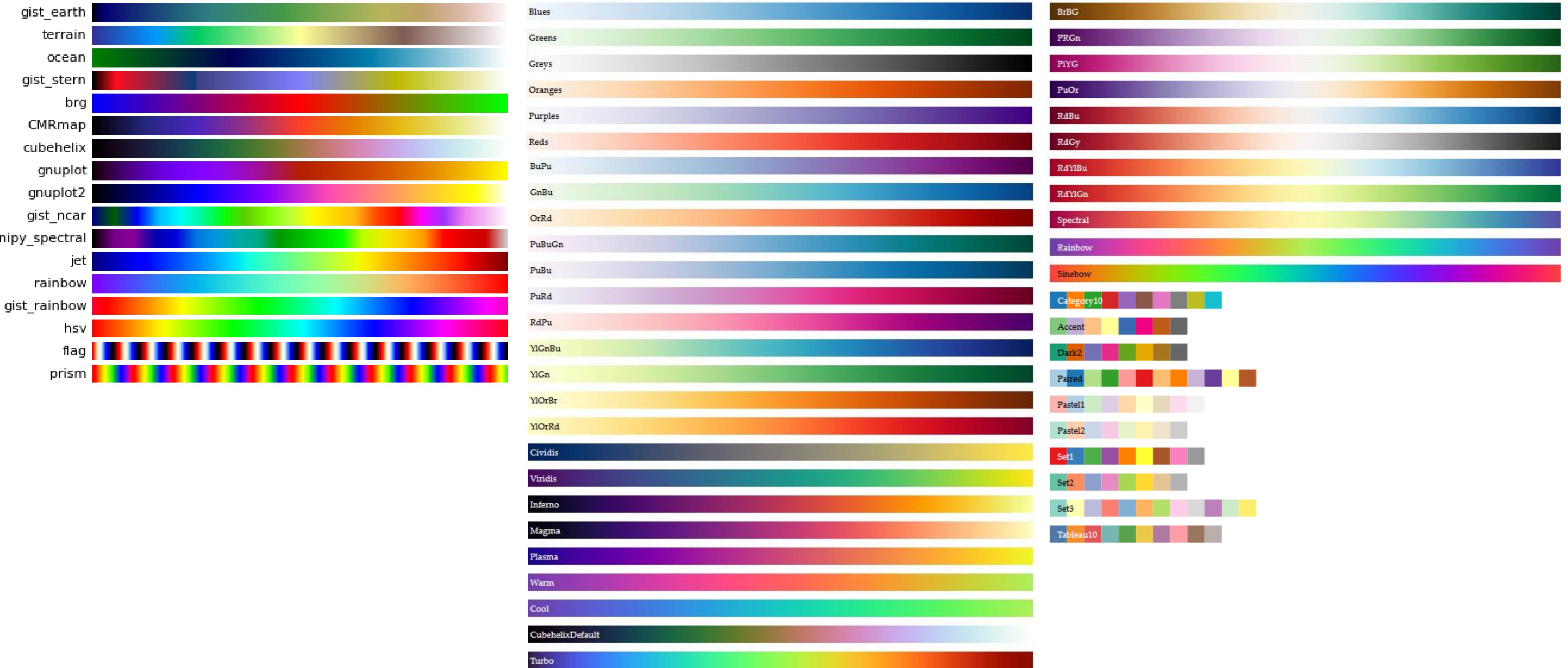
# COLOR

# GOALS FOR TODAY: LEARN How...

- ...to effectively use color as a channel for visual encodings including different colormap types.
- ...we process color in the visual system.
- ...individual color differences (i.e., colorblindness) should be accommodated in visualizations.
- ...interactions can occur between colors and with lighting.
- ...illusions and tricks can affect perception.

# Color Maps

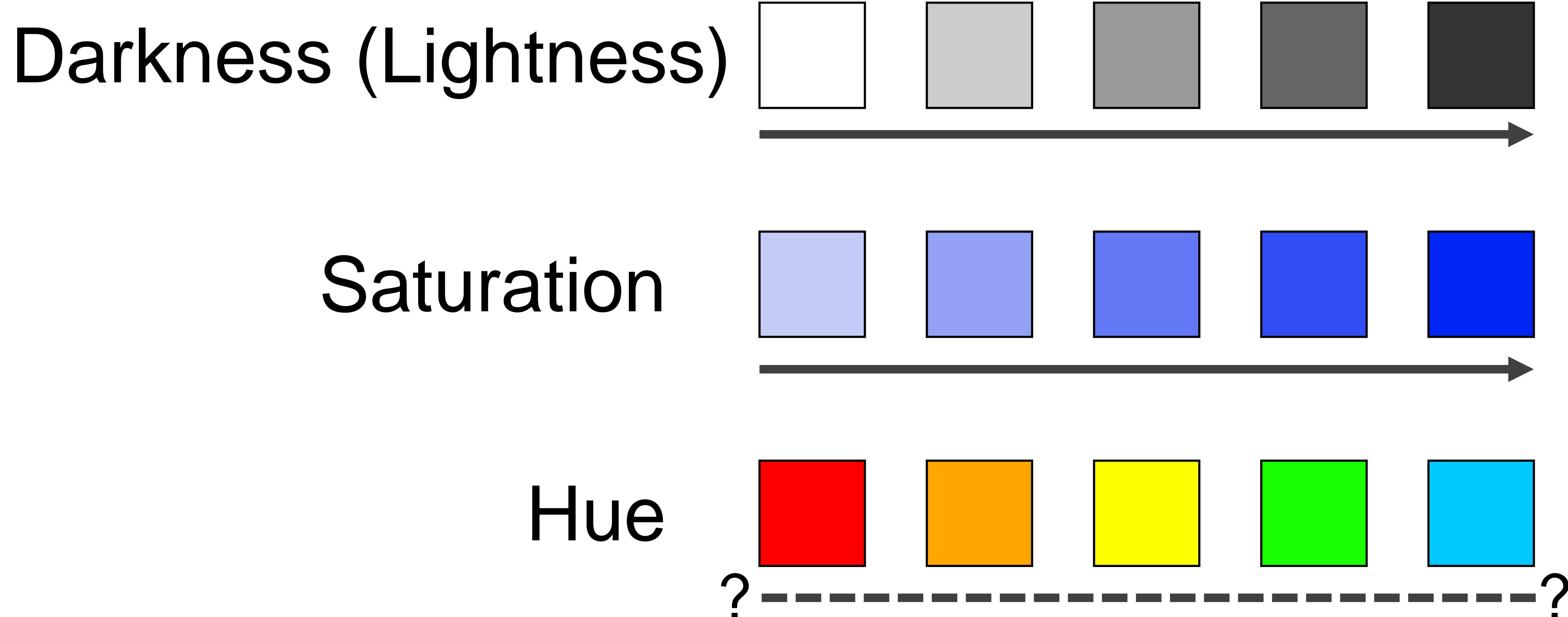
Color Map = map between value (domain) and color (range)



“...avoiding catastrophe becomes  
the first principle in bringing color  
to information: above all, do no harm.”

-Edward Tufte

# Color Vocabulary and Perceptual Ordering



## Encode > Map

### → Color

→ Color Encoding

→ Hue



→ Saturation



→ Luminance



≈Darkness  
(Lightness)

→ Color Map

→ Categorical



→ Ordered

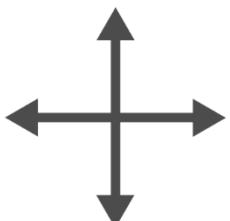
→ Sequential



→ Diverging



→ Bivariate

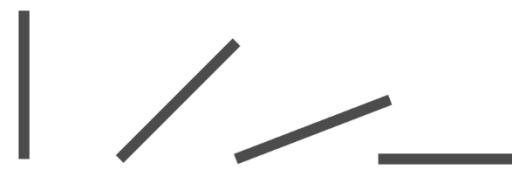


### → Size, Angle, Curvature, ...

→ Length



→ Angle



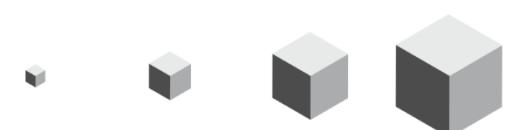
→ Area



→ Curvature



→ Volume

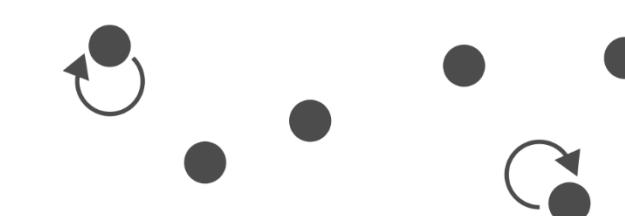


### → Shape



### → Motion

→ Motion  
Direction, Rate,  
Frequency, ...



# Color Maps

## THREE MAIN TYPES:

### Categorical

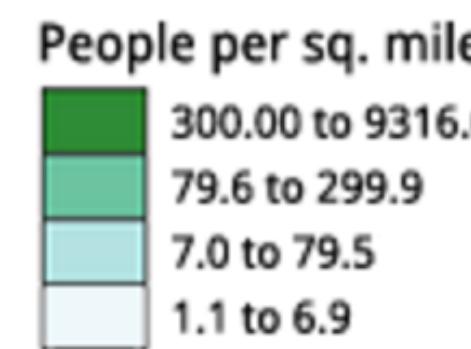


Does not imply magnitude differences  
(categorical/nominal data)

Distinct hues with similar emphasis

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### Sequential

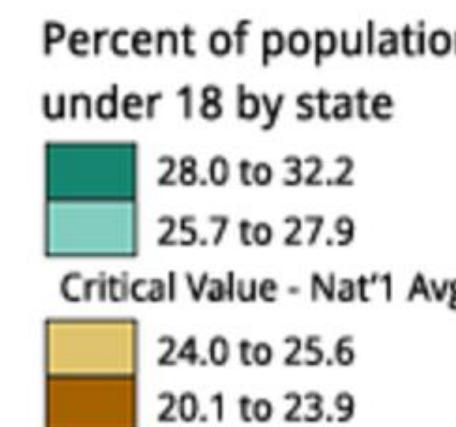


Best for ordered data that progresses from low to high (ordinal, quantitative data)

Darkness (lightness) channel effectively employed

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### Diverging



For data with a “diverging” (mid) point (quantitative data)

Equal emphasis on mid-range critical values and extremes at both ends of the data range

# Color Maps

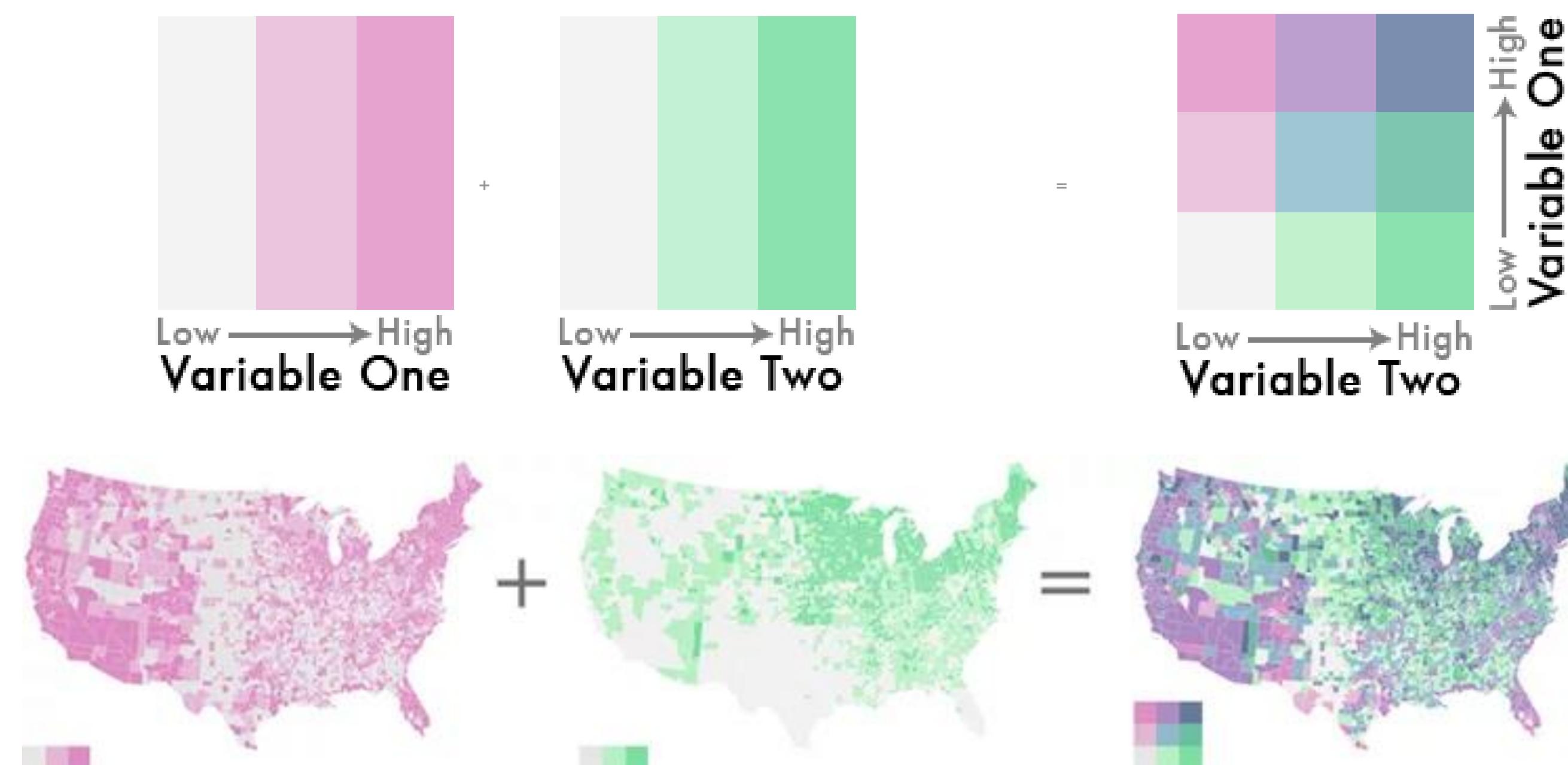
ALSO...

Bivariate

Displays two variables

Combination of two sequential color schemes

*These are very difficult to design effectively, make intelligible, and be color blind friendly.*



## Sequential (single hue)



# Types of Color Maps

## Diverging



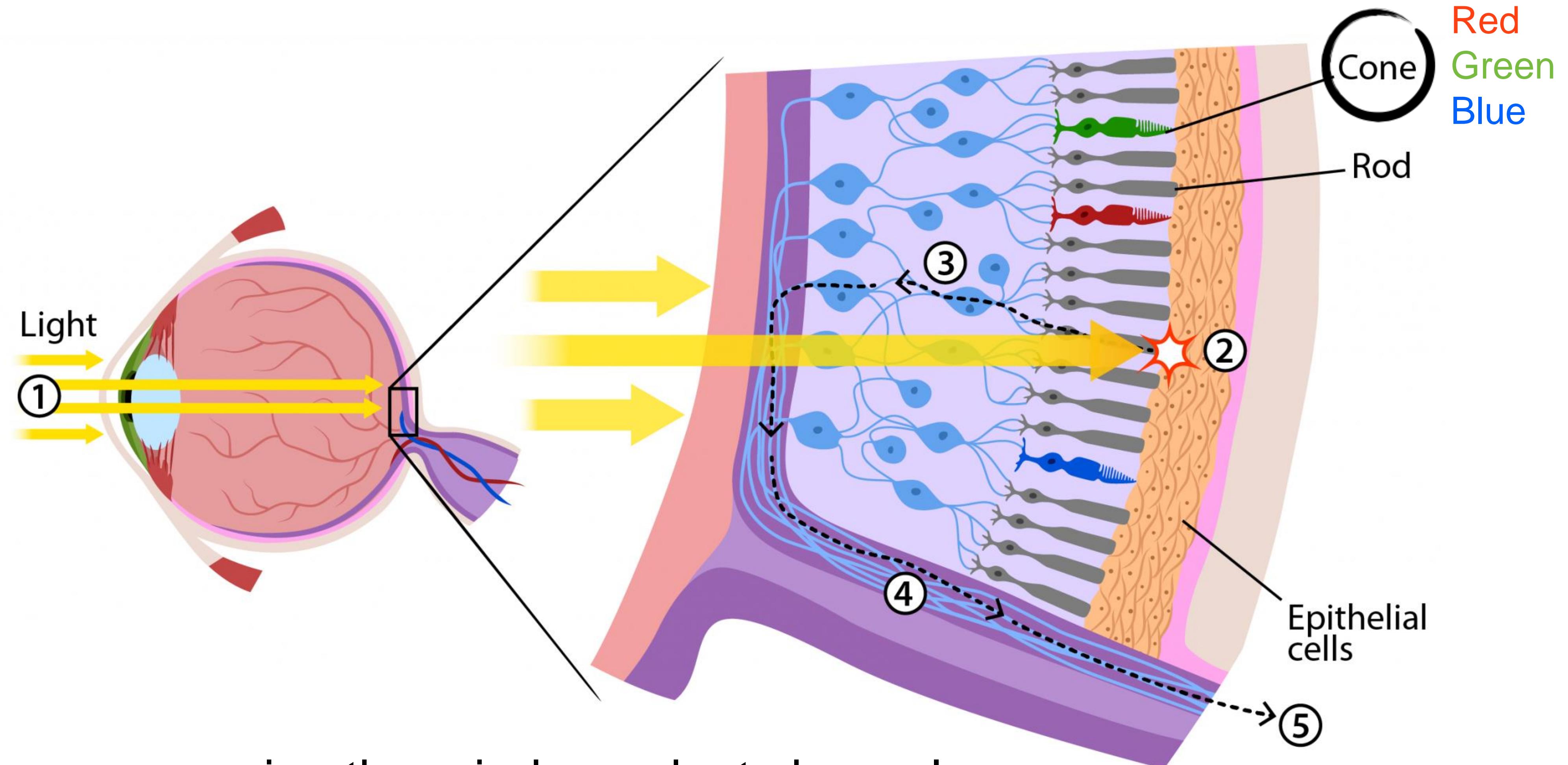
## Categorical



## Cyclical

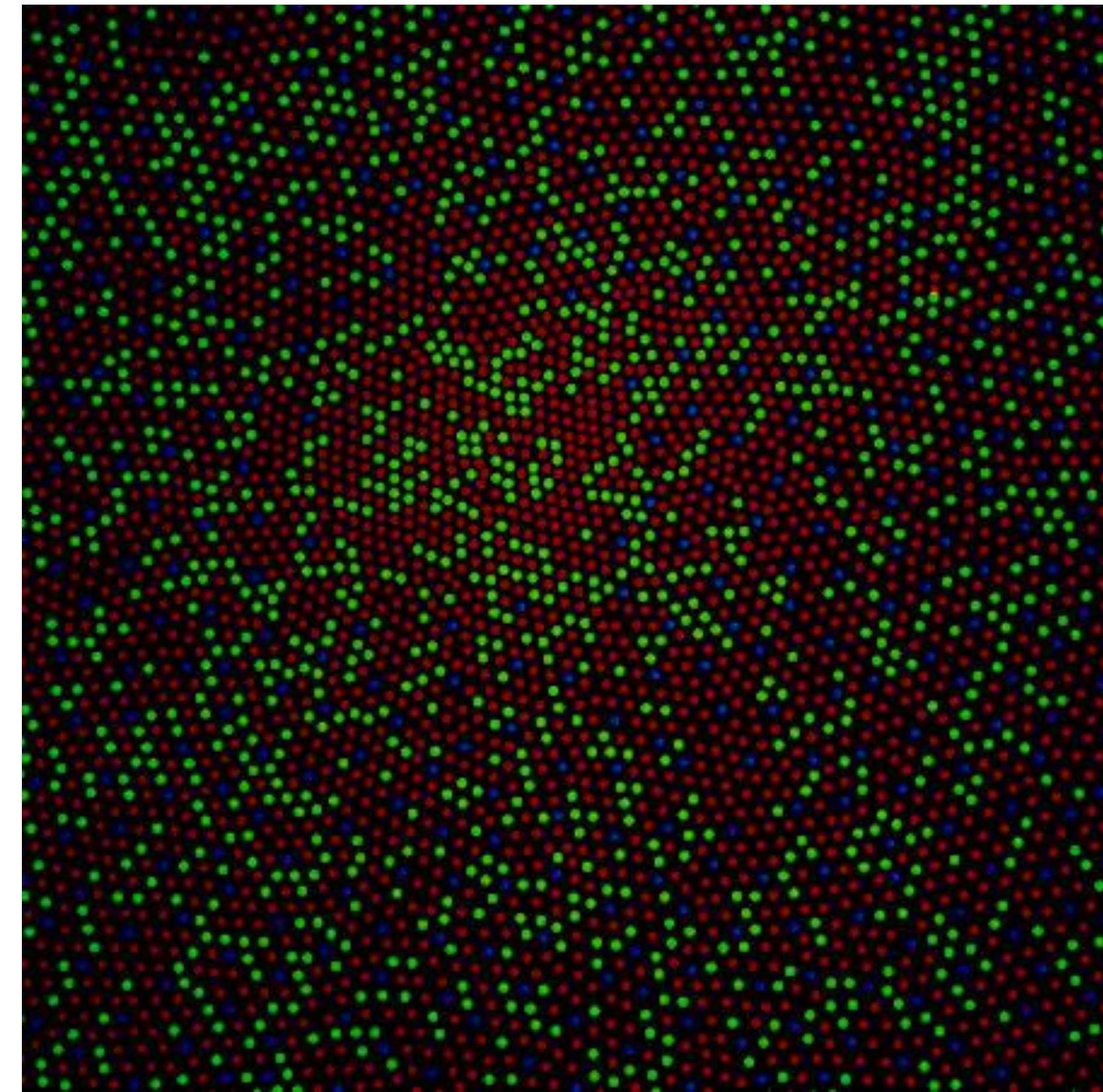
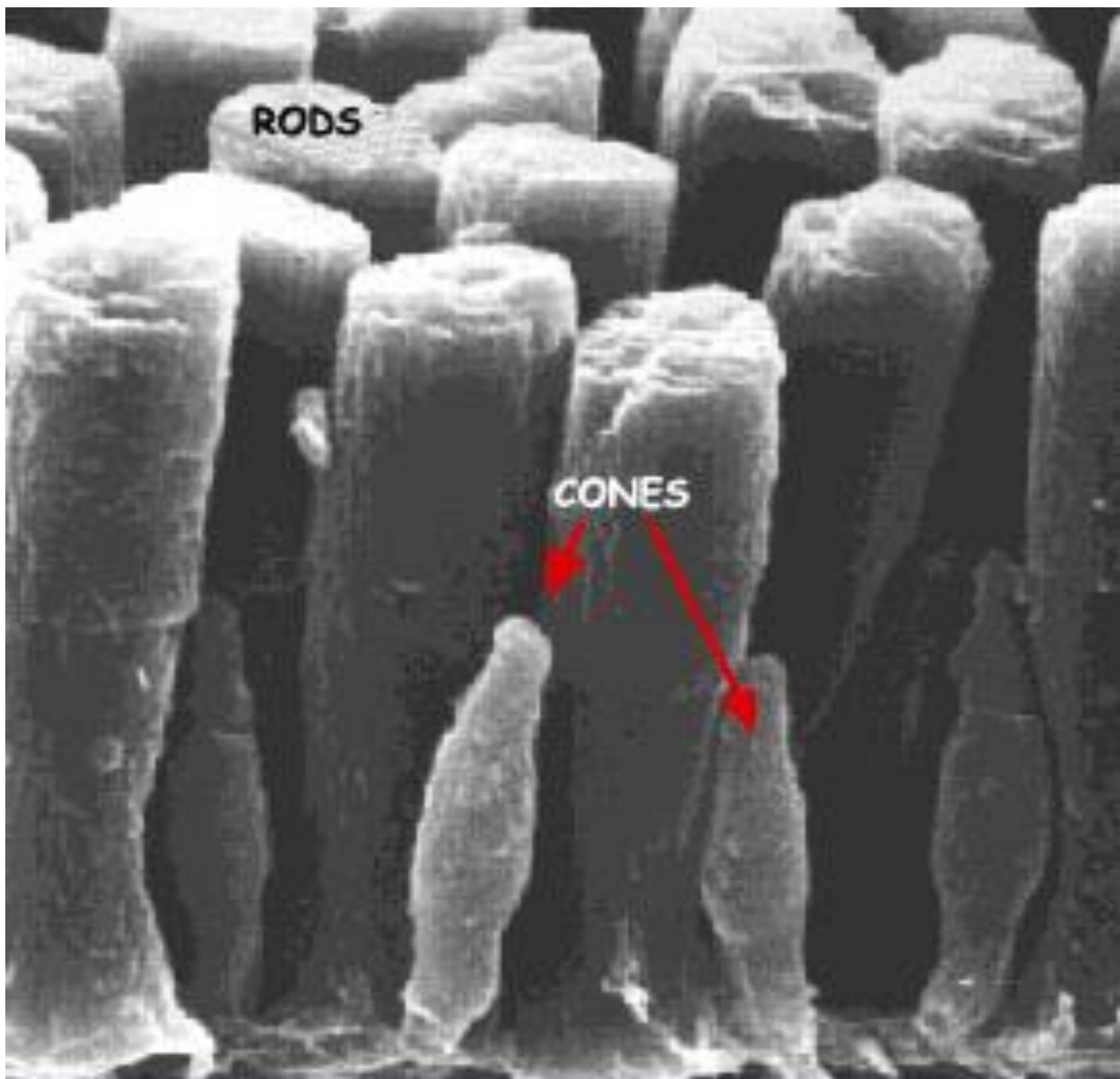


# RODS & CONES



trichromacy = possessing three independent channels for conveying color information

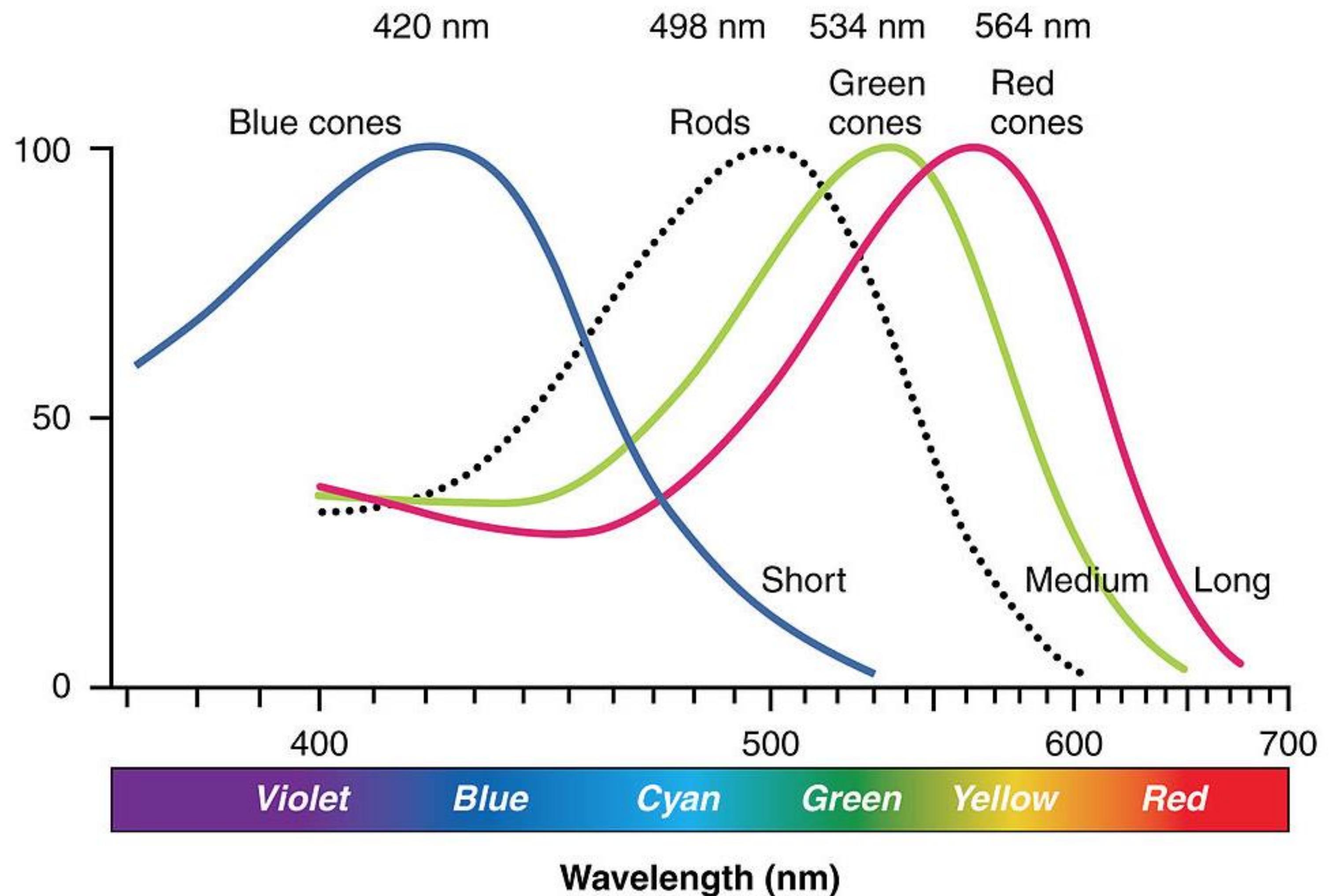
# RODS & CONES



<http://i.stack.imgur.com/wIbcE.jpg>

Dubuc, 2002

# CONES & RODS



This is why darkness (lightness) is an effective encoding channel!

Rods: 120 million

Cones: 5-6 million

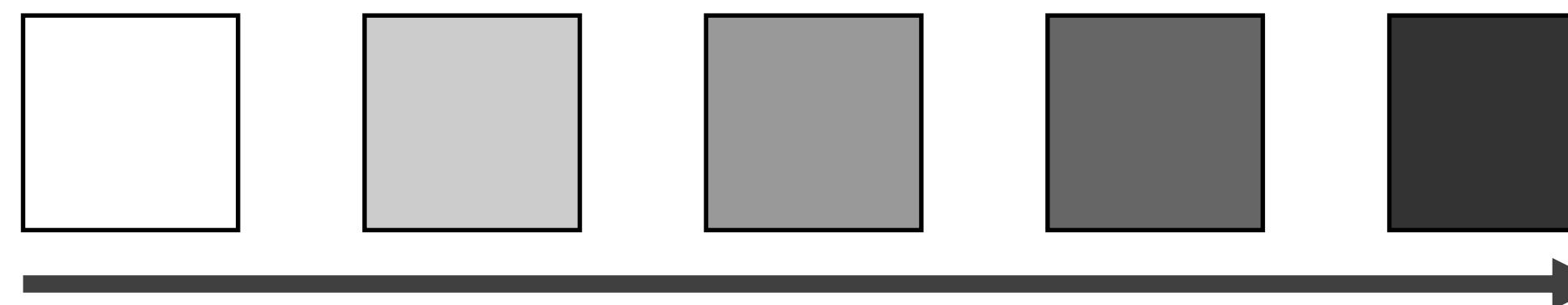
Cones:  
This is why we are so sensitive to red!

64% red-sensitive

32% green-sensitive

2% blue-sensitive.

# Darkness (Lightness) Channel



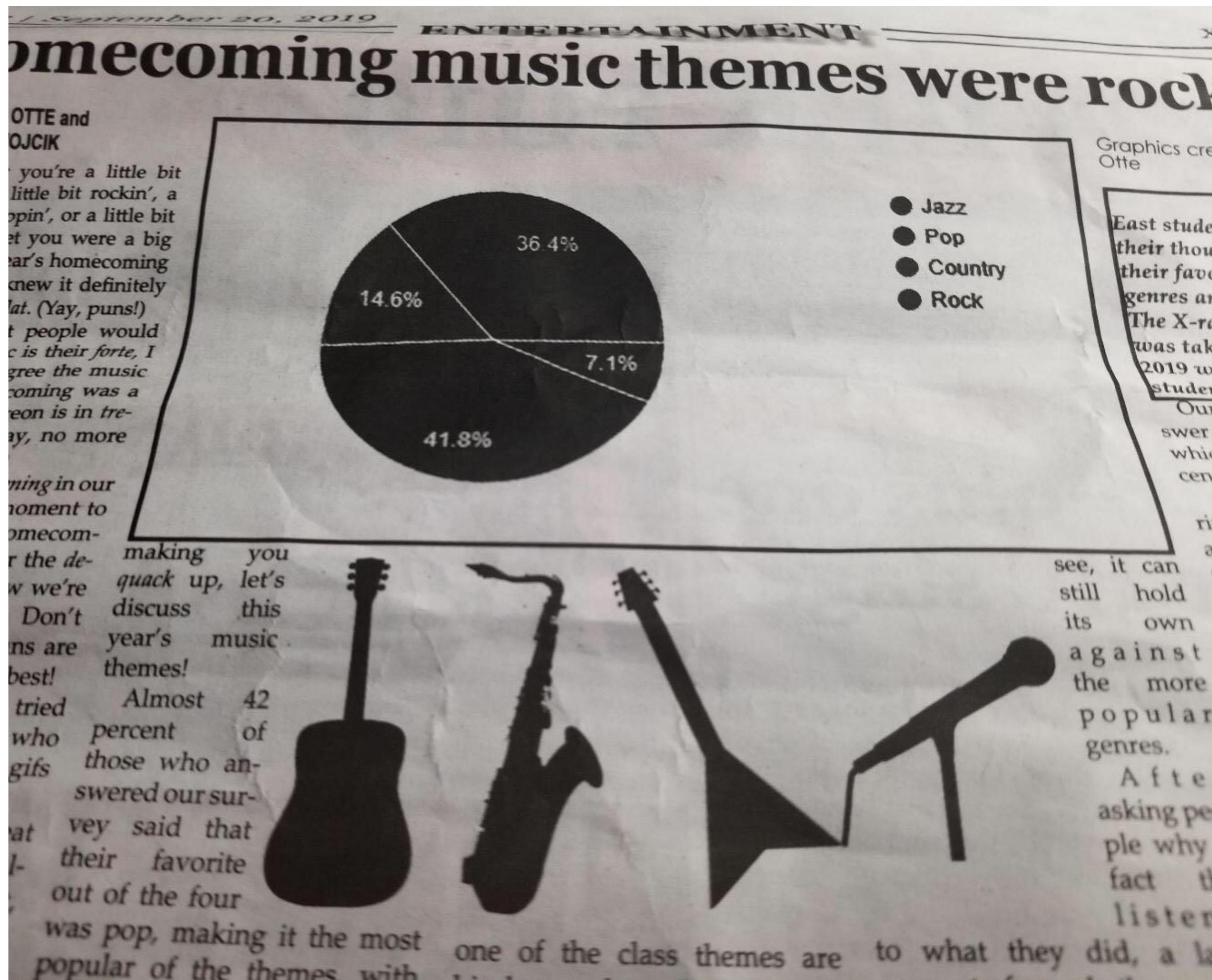
- No edges without darkness difference
- No shading without darkness variation
- Has higher spatial sensitivity than color channels
- Contrast defines legibility, attention, layering
- Controlling darkness is primary rule of design

“Get it right in black and white.”

-Maureen Stone



# Understanding your medium matters



# FatFonts

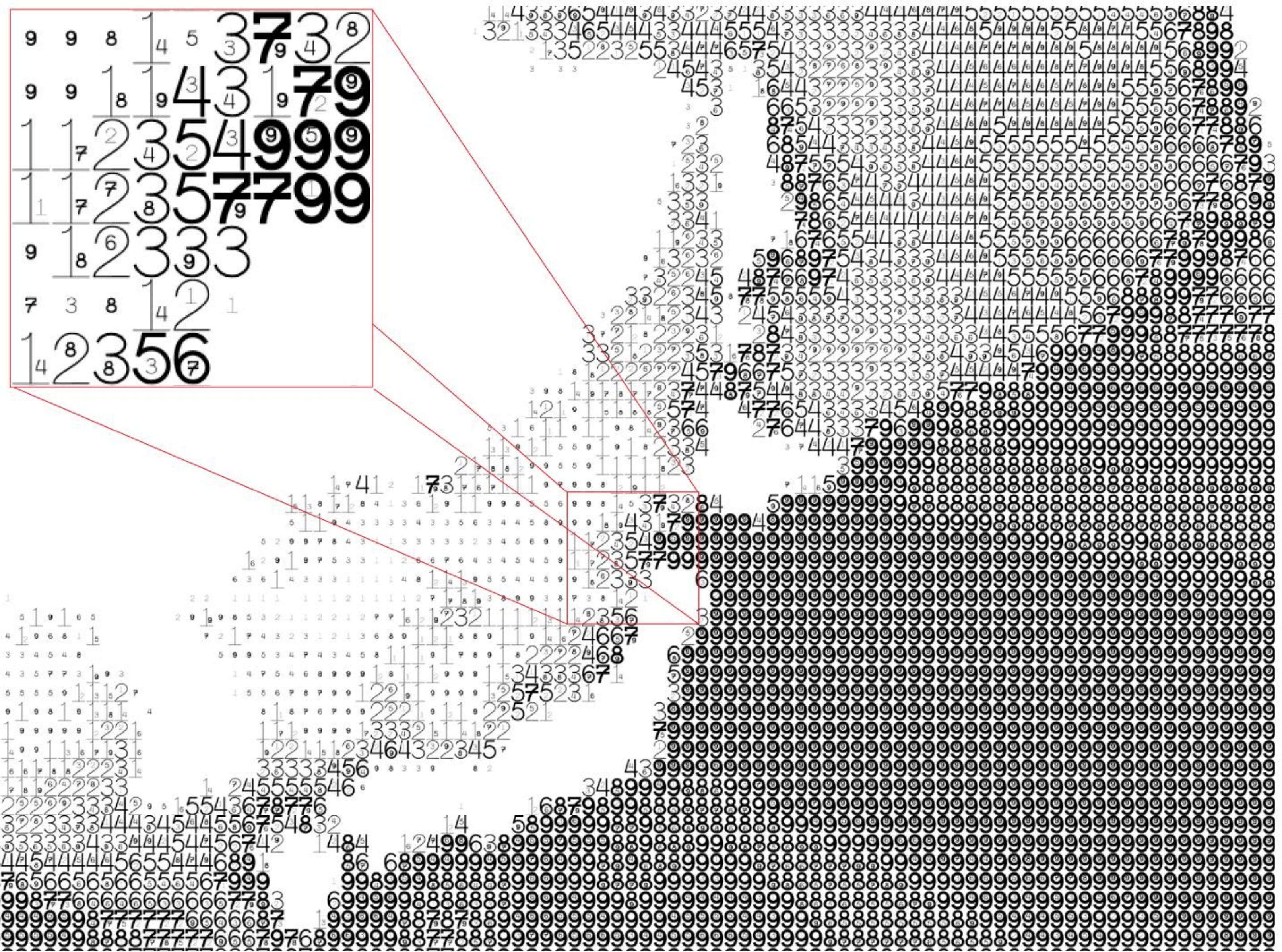
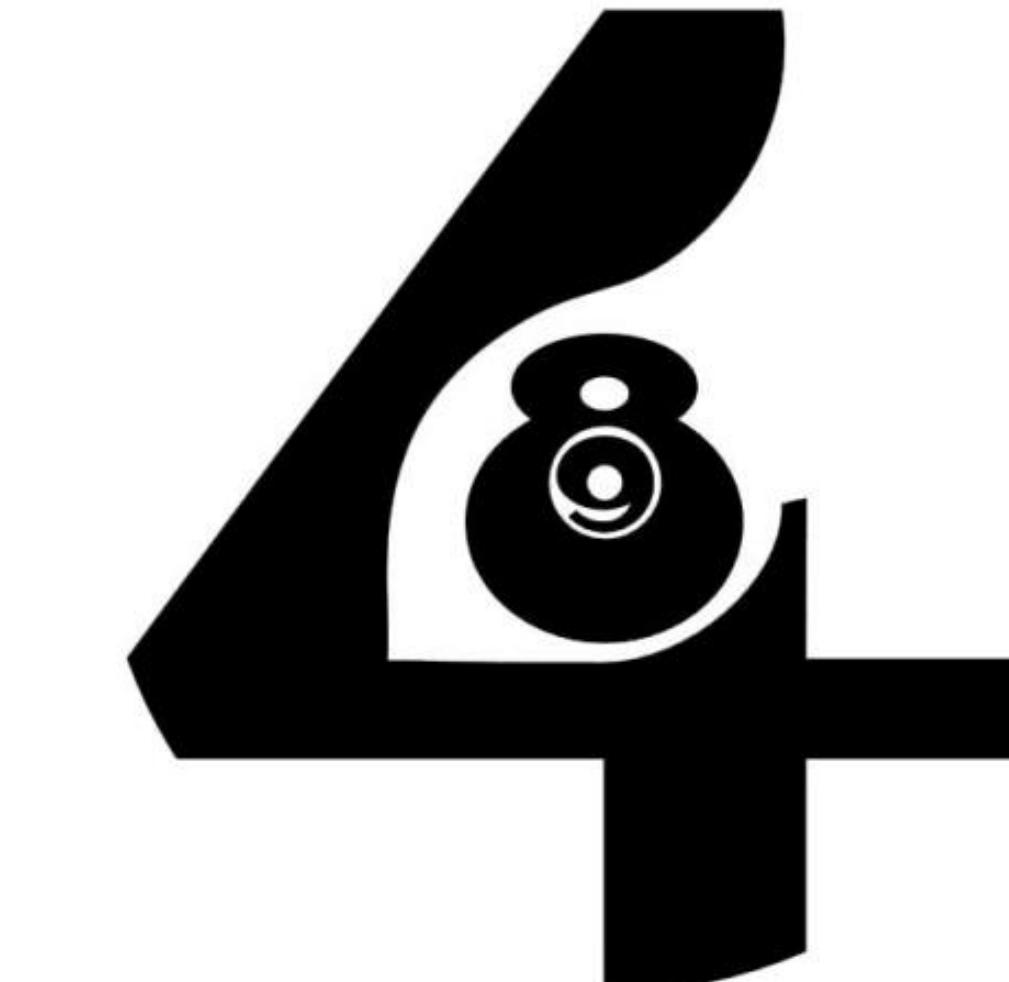


Figure 8: Maximum wave amplitudes for the Japan 2011 tsunami. Amplitudes were clipped at 99cm. Data adapted from NOAA; <http://www.noaa.gov/>.