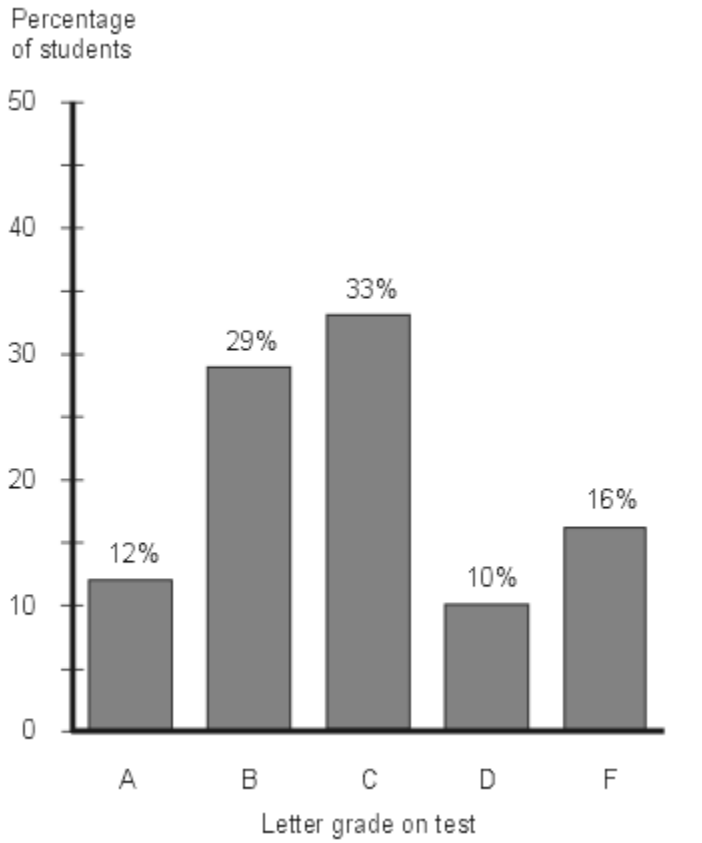
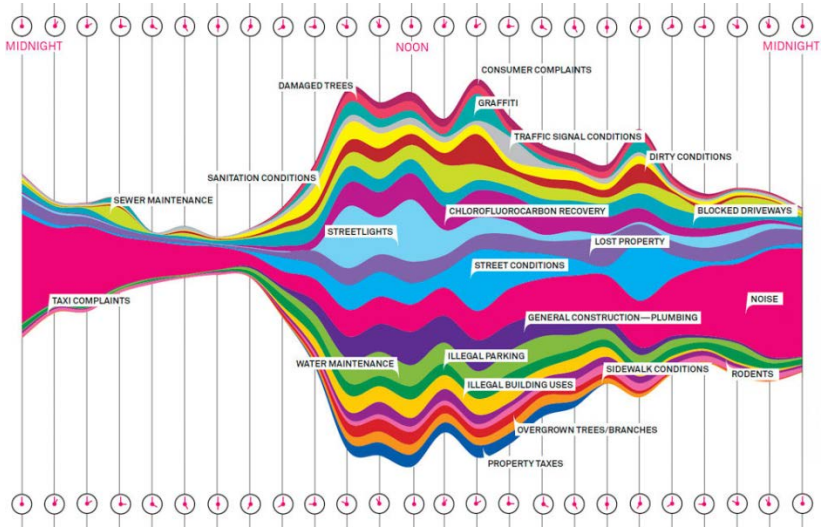
Geog 126: Maps in Science and Society

The History of Quantitative Graphics to 1850

How old are graphs and charts?



The Birth of Quantitative Graphics



- Tied to the emergence of statistical thinking and data collection
- Tied to media
  - Printers, paper, computer screens etc.
- This lecture source mostly from:
- http://www.math.yorku.ca/SCS/Gallery/milestone/

Precise Scientific Observation

- Data graphics are bound to data collection
- Census in Egypt 3340 BC and in 3050 BC
  - Well-developed and precise data collection techniques: Late 1500's

Visual Thinking C13th on

- Diagrams began to accompany mathematical proofs
- Various graphic forms were invented to help communicate numerical / statistical findings e.g. color coding

Manuscript written in 1269 for the Order of Cistercians.

1350: Proto-bar graph

- Nicole Oresme
  - Bishop of Lisieux (1323-1382)
  - French
  - Proposed the use of a graph for plotting a variable magnitude whose value depends on another
  - Implies a coordinate system!
- Before Descartes

De latitudinibus — Nicholai horen

¶ Incipit pernutilis tractatus de latitudinibus formarum fm̃ reverendi doctoris magistri Nicholai Horen.

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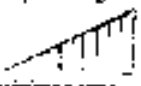

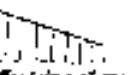

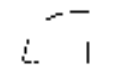

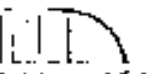

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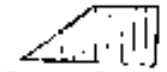

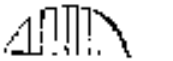

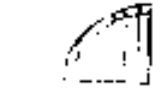

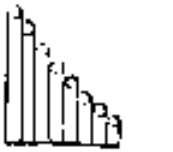

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¶ Postquam autem

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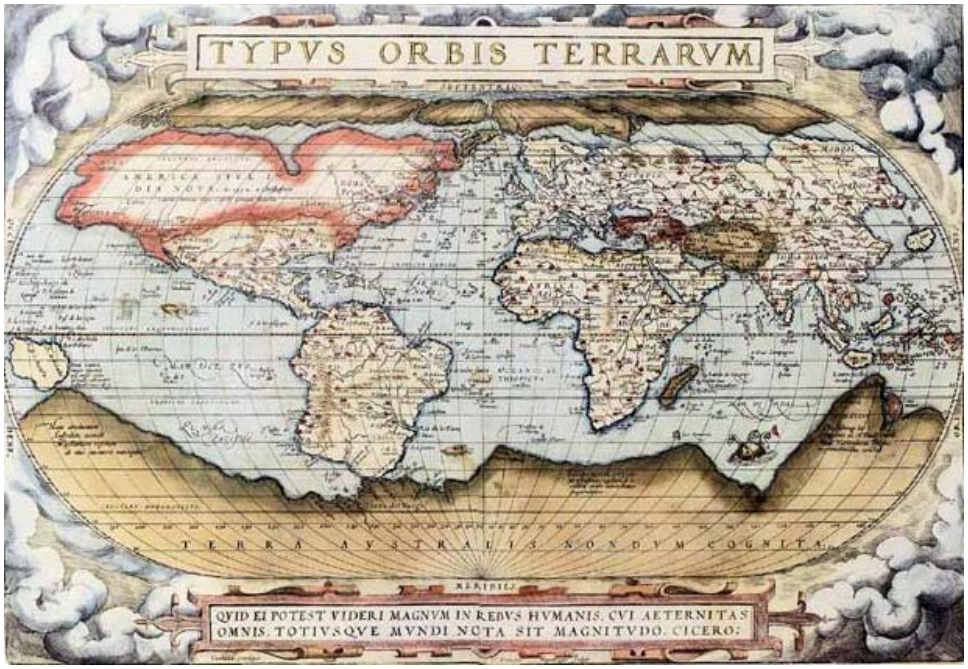
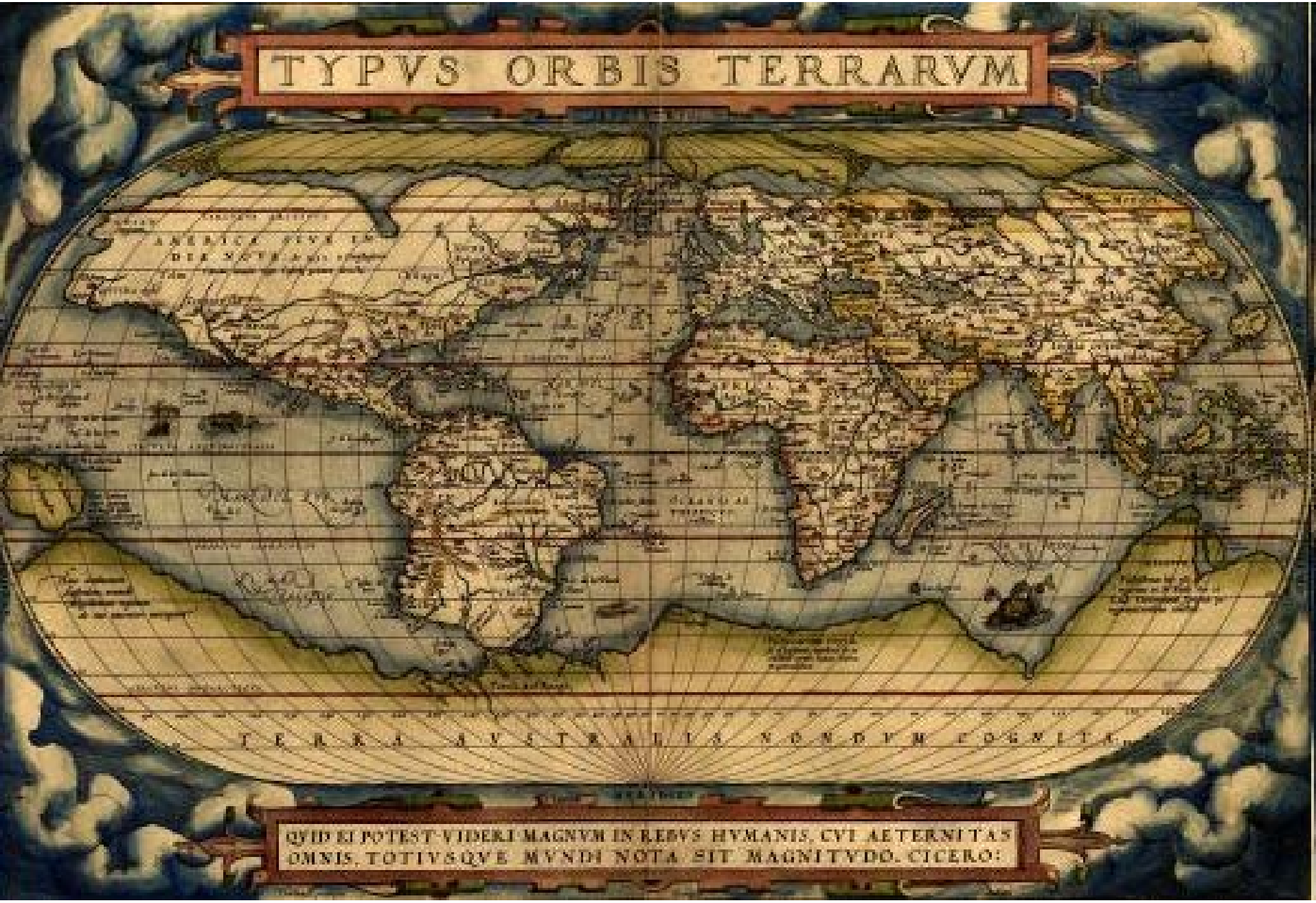
1570: First Modern Atlas

- Theatrum Orbis Terrarum: Text, few data
- Abraham Ortelius, 1527-1598
- Belgian
- Gave credit to cartographers

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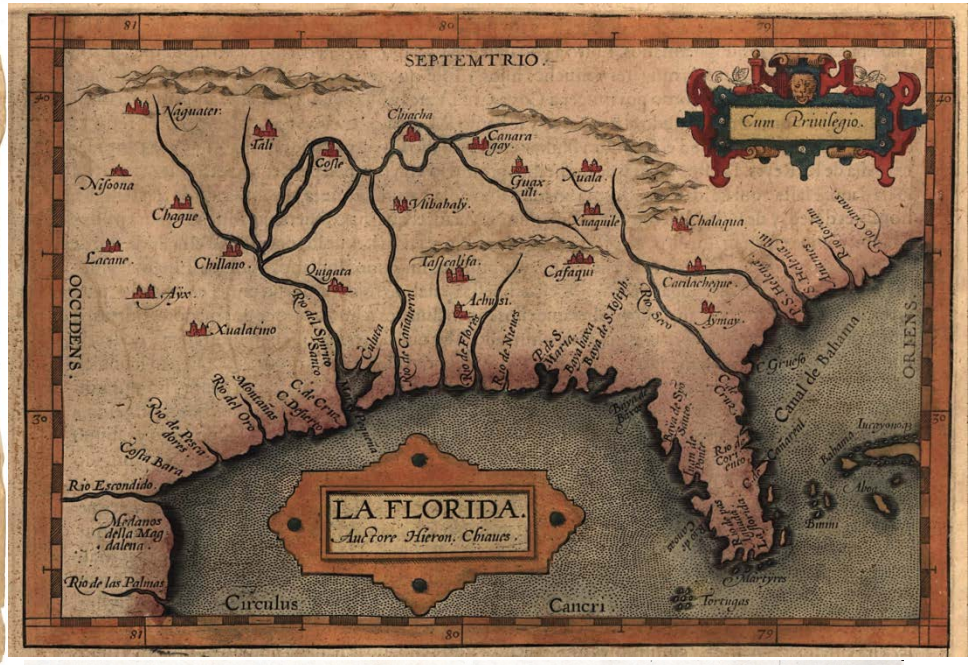
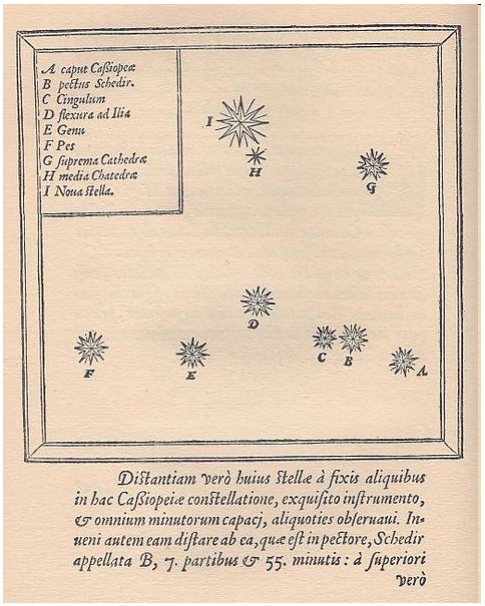


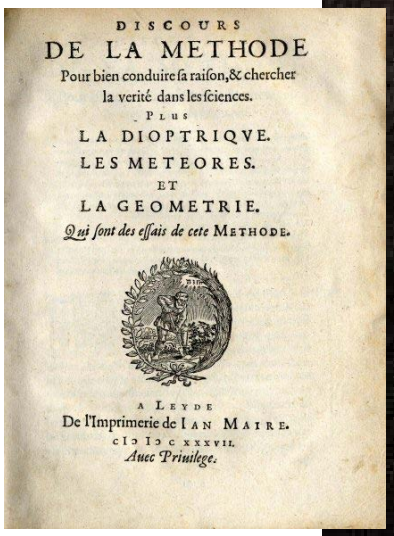
1572: Instruments for astronomy

- Tycho Brahe 1546-1601, Danish
- Improved instruments for accurate measurement of stars and planets
- Kept own records and supported observational record keeping



1637: Coordinates reintroduced

- Cartesian Coordinates
- Relationship established between graphed lines and equations
- Rene Descartes 1596-1650
  - French
  - “La Gèomètrie” 1637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DE LA METHODE
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PLUS
LA DIOPTRIQVE.
LES METEORES.
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LA GEOMETRIE.
Qui sont des essais de cette METHODE.

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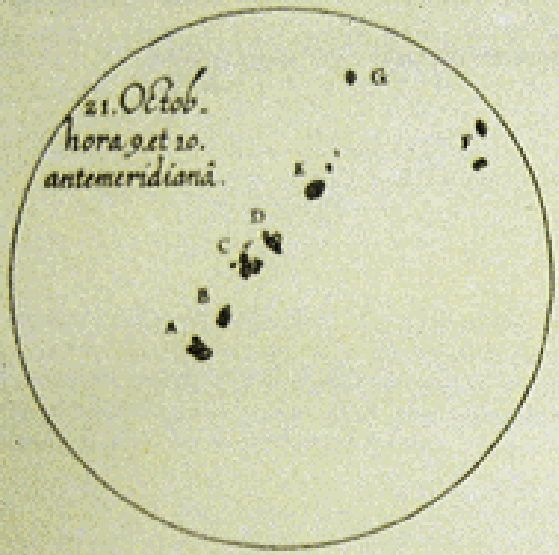
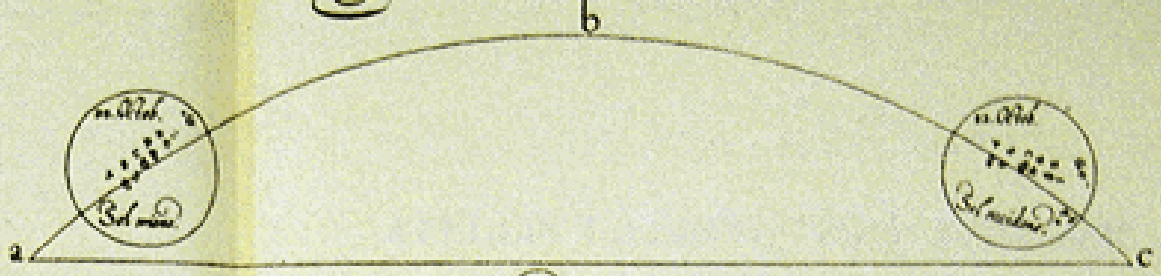
1626: First “Small Multiples”

- Shows a series of images
  - Arranged in a logical sequence
  - Depicts changes over time graphically
- Christopher Scheiner (1575-1650)
  - Italian
  - Changes in sunspots over time
  - Same idea used by Galileo in 1610

MACVLAE IN SOLE APPARENTES, OBSERVATAE anno 1611. ad latitudinem grad. 48. min. 40.





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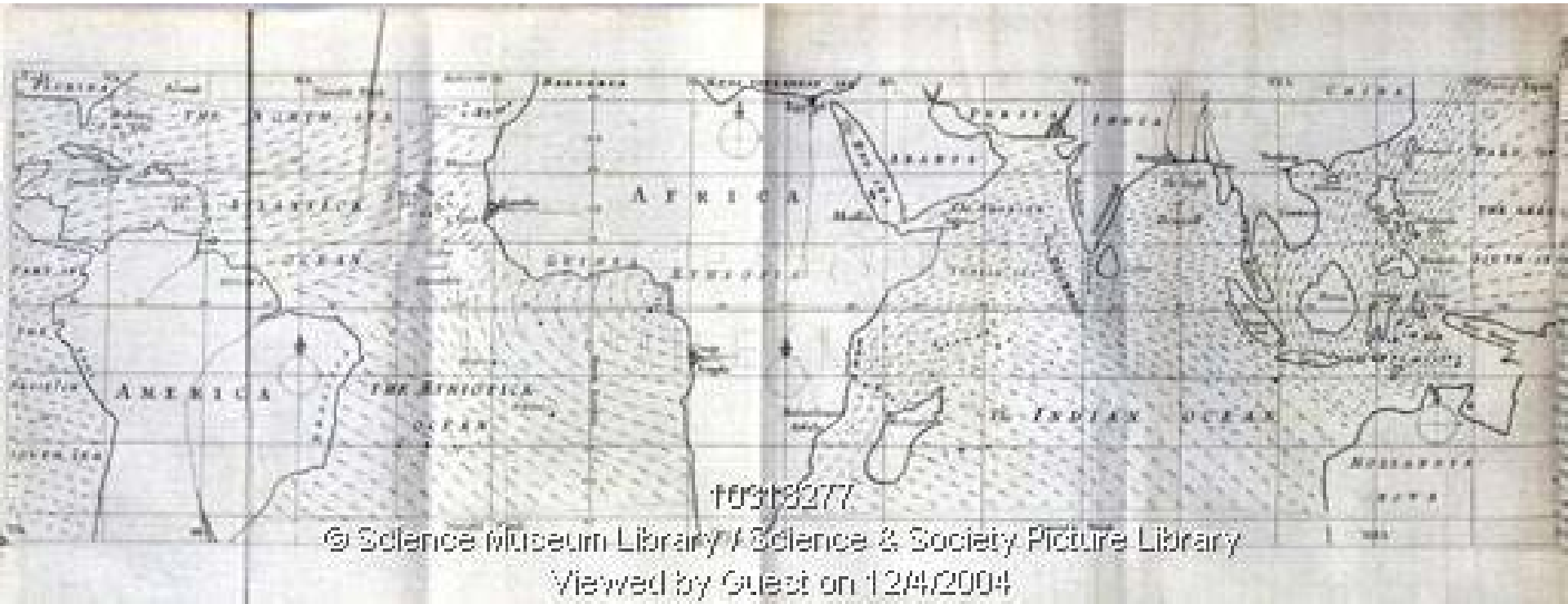
Macula I fuit valde conspicua, propter notabilem pre reliquis magnitudinem.

Figura quae habet annexum signum X, et O littera.

Macula M, est hactenus visarum maxima, nulliq; prima magnitudinis sideri fixo cedit.

1686: First Weather Map

- Edmond Halley, 1656-1742
  - English
- Prevailing winds atop a geographic map



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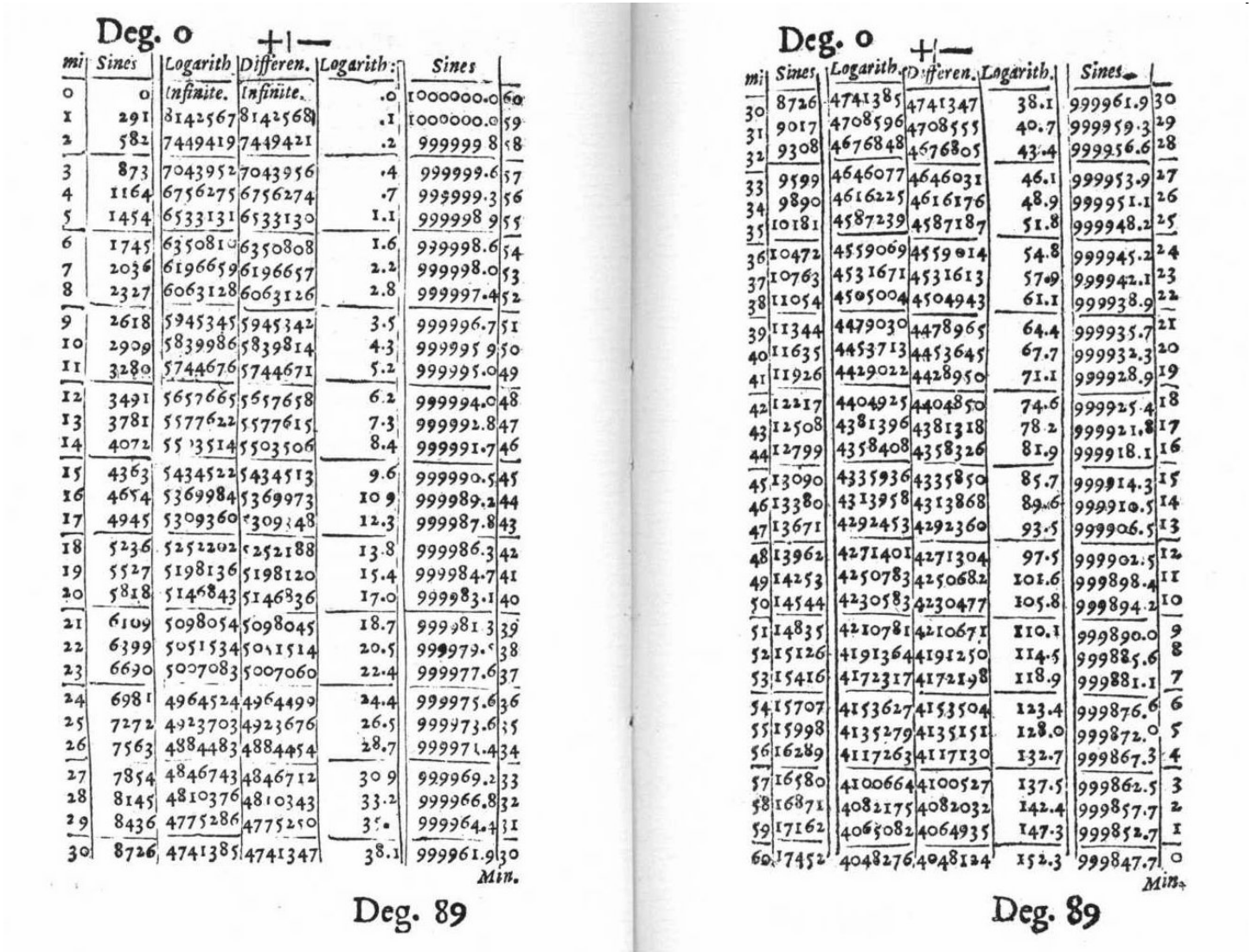
18th and 19th centuries: Statistical Thinking

- Numbers, calculations and tables **John Napier** (1550 -1617)
- Leonhard Euler connects to the exponential function in the 18th century.
- Data collection surges
  - People/social stats
  - Medical stats
  - Economic stats
- Need for reporting/summarizing

Napier's Tables



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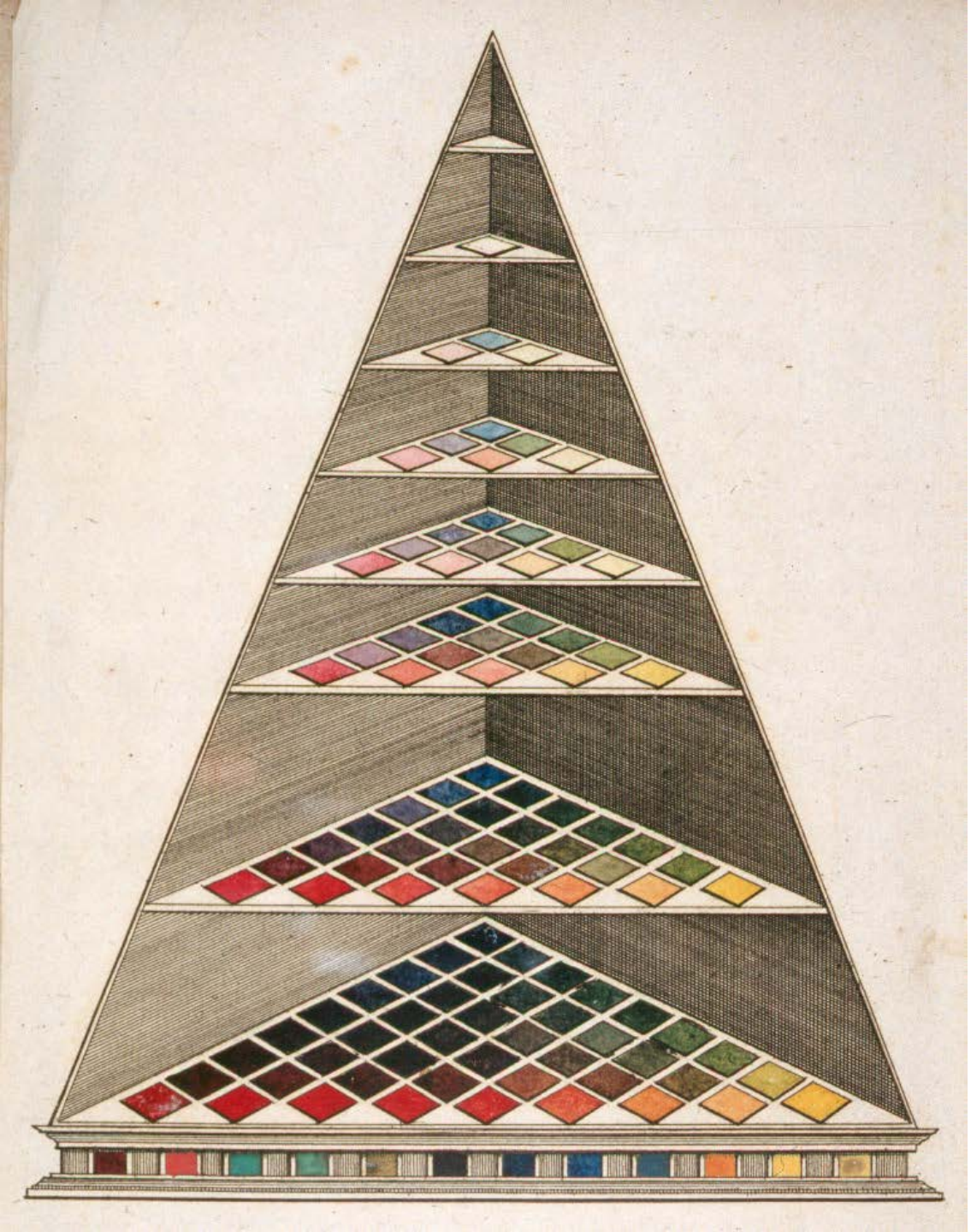
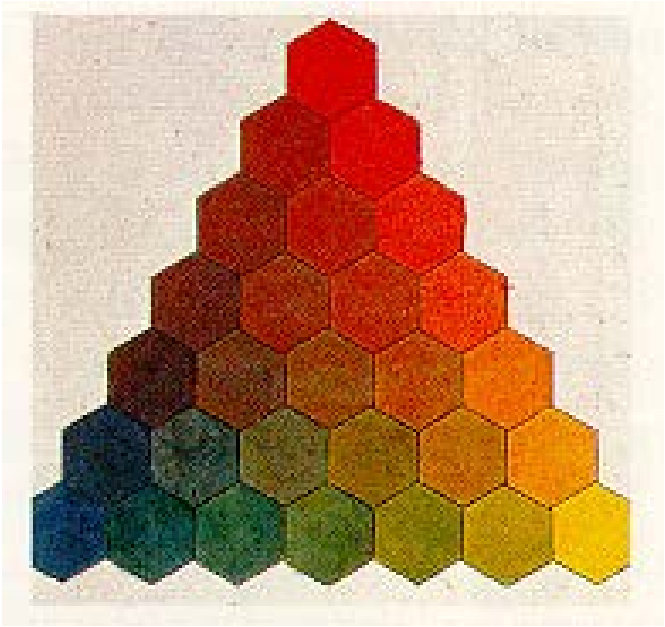
1700’s

- 1710: Three-color printing invented
- 1748: First use of the word “statistik”
- 1752: Three-dimensional coordinates (*x*,*y*,*z*)

1758-1772: Color Diagrams

- Diagrams to represent color spaces
- 3D pyramid
- Johann Heinrich Lambert
  - German
- Tobias Mayer
  - German

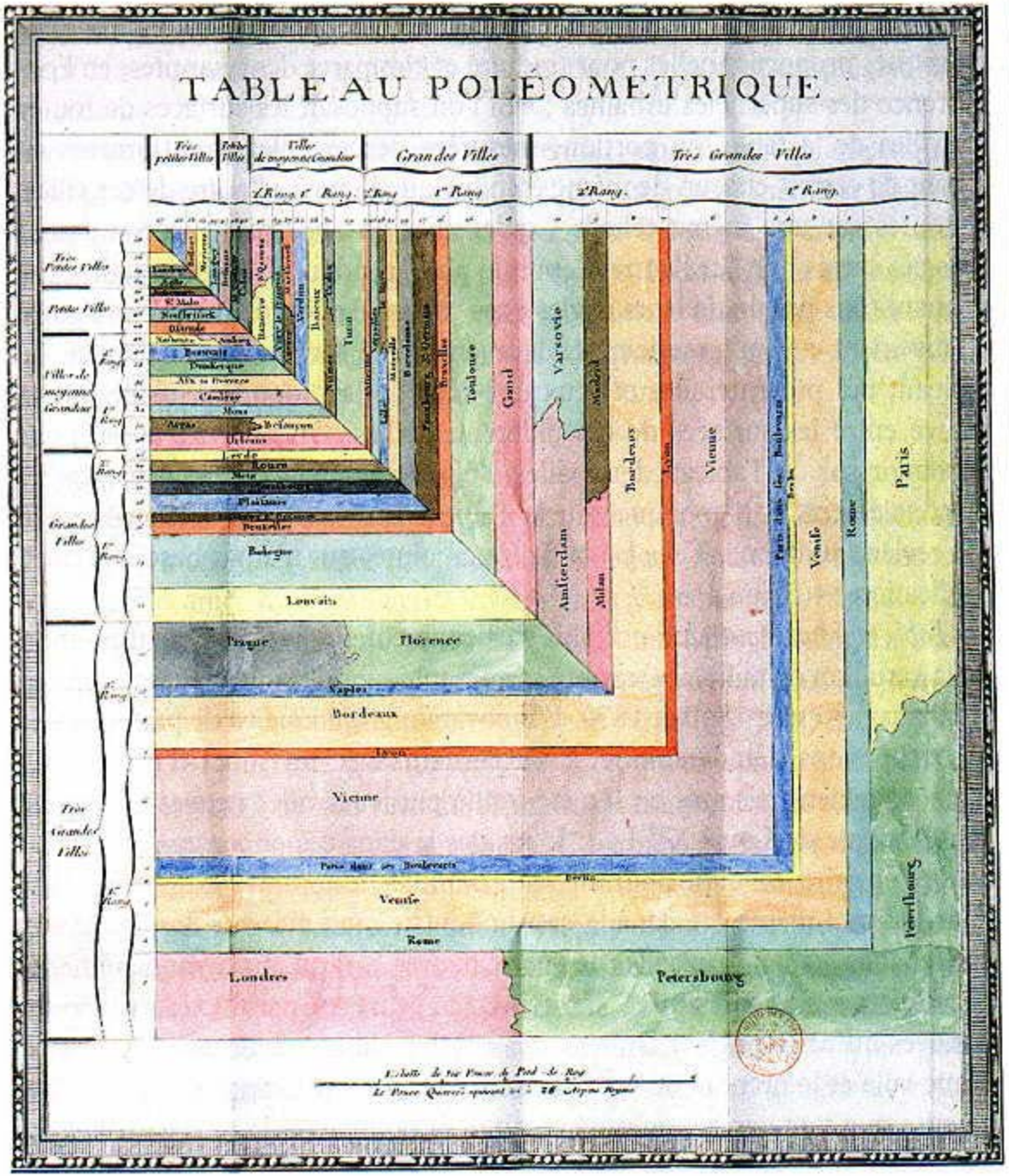




1782: Proportional Symbols

- First use of geometric figures to compare attributes
- Charles de Fourcroy
  - French
  - Tableau Poléometrique 1782
- Used area of squares to depict urban statistics

TABLEAU POLÉOMÉTRIQUE



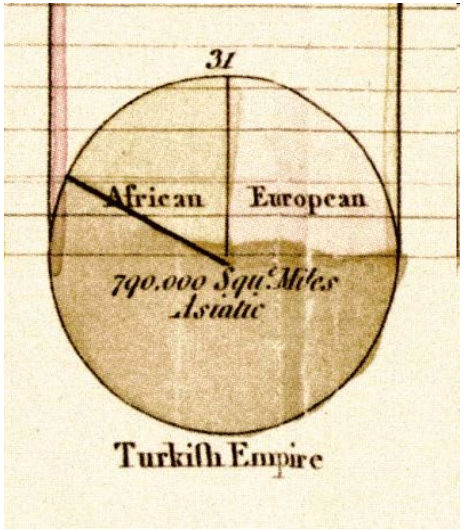
1782

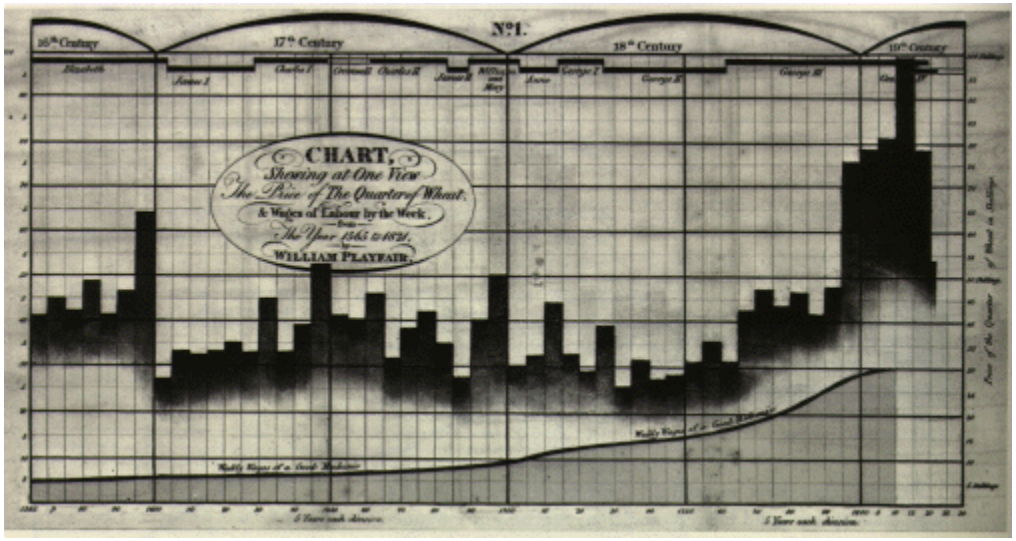
- First topographical map
- Marcellin du Carla-Boniface
  - France

Expression des nivellements; ou,
Méthode nouvelle pour marquer sur les cartes terrestres et marines les hauteurs et les configurations du terrain.

1786: Bar Charts, Line Graphs

- William Playfair (1759 –1823)
  - Huge figure in the world of figures
- First bar charts, line graphs, pie charts (1801)
- Trends in economic data

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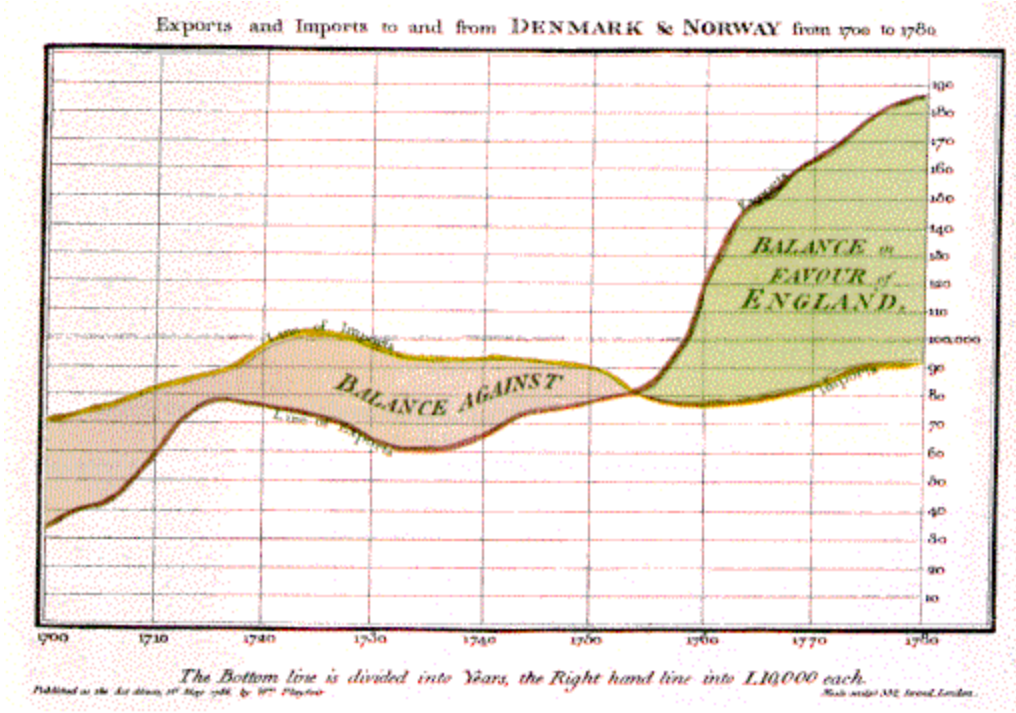
The Year 1565 to 1821.
WILLIAM PLAYFAIR.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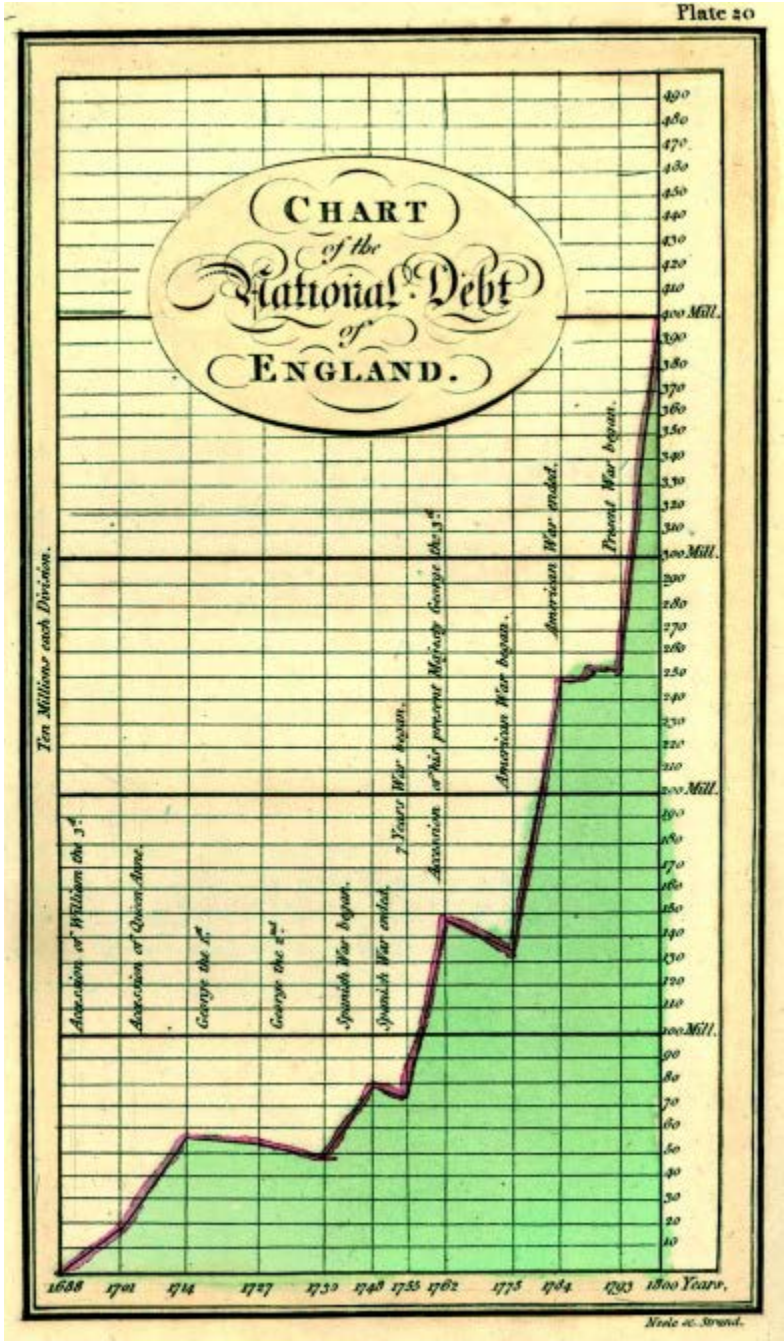
Plate 20
CHART
of the
National Debt
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ENGLAND.
Ten Millions each Division.
Accession of William the 3d.
Accession of Queen Anne.
George the 1st.
George the 2nd.
Spanish War began.
Spanish War ended.
7 Years War began.
Accession of his present Majesty George the 3d.
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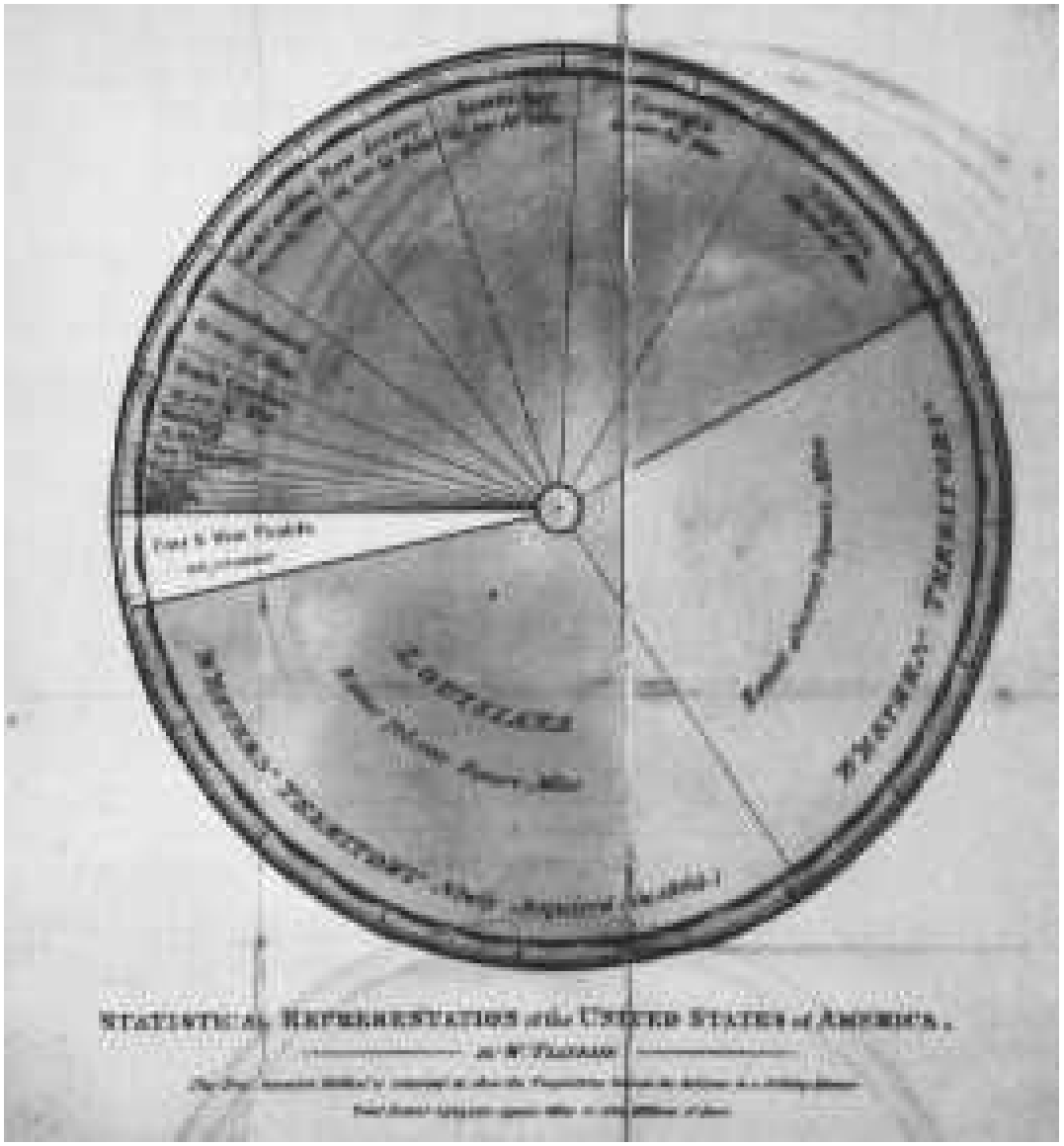
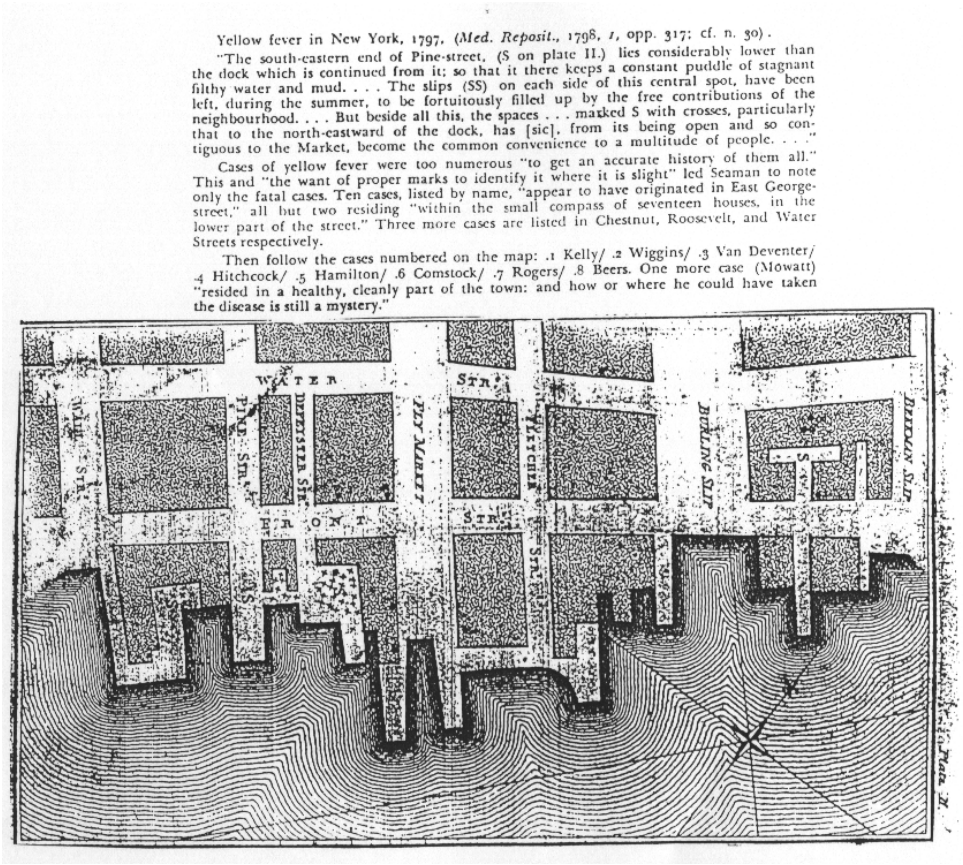


STATISTICAL REPRESENTATION of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

1798 First maps of the incidence of disease (yellow fever)



Yellow fever in New York, 1797. (*Med. Reposit.*, 1798, *1*, opp. 317; cf. n. 30).

"The south-eastern end of Pine-street, (S on plate II.) lies considerably lower than the dock which is continued from it; so that it there keeps a constant puddle of stagnant filthy water and mud. . . . The slips (SS) on each side of this central spot, have been left, during the summer, to be fortuitously filled up by the free contributions of the neighbourhood. . . . But beside all this, the spaces . . . marked S with crosses, particularly that to the north-eastward of the dock, has [sic], from its being open and so contiguous to the Market, become the common convenience to a multitude of people. . . ."

Cases of yellow fever were too numerous "to get an accurate history of them all." This and "the want of proper marks to identify it where it is slight" led Seaman to note only the fatal cases. Ten cases, listed by name, "appear to have originated in East George-street," all but two residing "within the small compass of seventeen houses, in the lower part of the street." Three more cases are listed in Chestnut, Roosevelt, and Water Streets respectively.

Then follow the cases numbered on the map: .1 Kelly/ .2 Wiggins/ .3 Van Deventer/ .4 Hitchcock/ .5 Hamilton/ .6 Comstock/ .7 Rogers/ .8 Beers. One more case (Mowatt) "resided in a healthy, cleanly part of the town: and how or where he could have taken the disease is still a mystery."

Using dots and circles to show individual occurrences in waterfront areas of New York

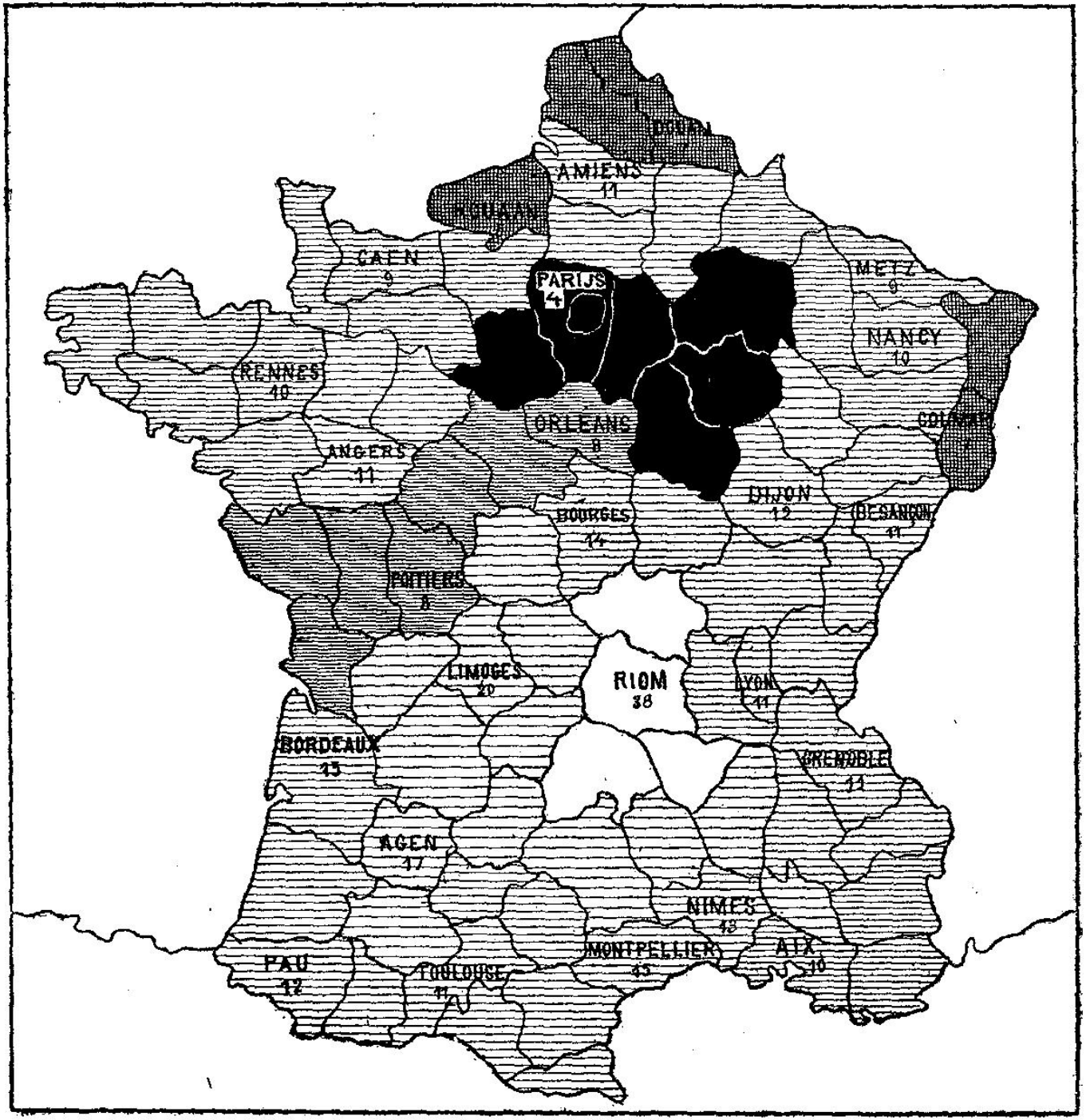
Valentine Seaman (1770-1817), USA

1827: First Successful Photograph

- 8-hour exposure
- Joseph Nicephore Niepce
  - French
  - Point de vue du Gras

1819: First Choropleth Map

- Baron Pierre Charles Dupin 1784-1873
  - French
- Unclassed choropleth map of illiteracy
- First “modern statistical map”
- Social movement of “moral statistics”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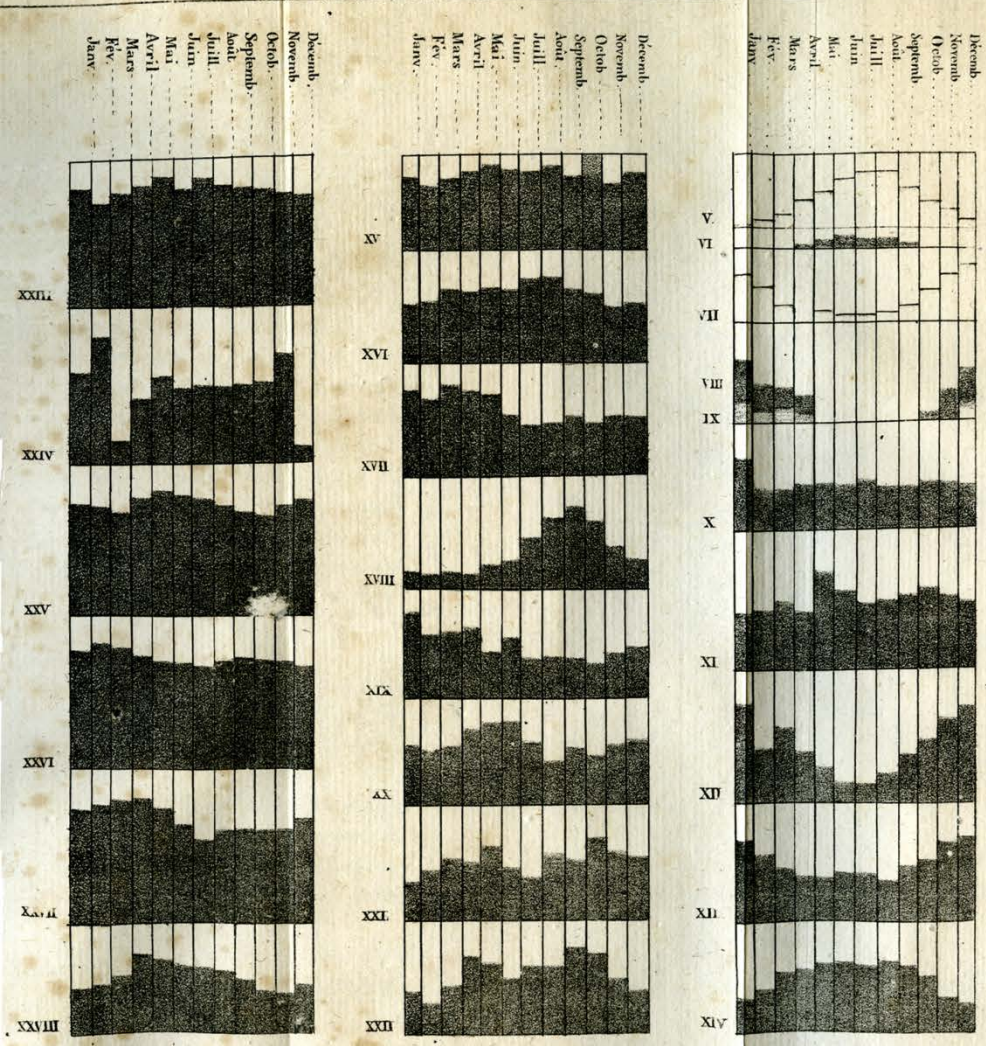
1829: Polar-(Radar) charts

- Show frequency of cyclic phenomena
- Andre Michel Guerry 1802-1866
  - French
  - Lawyer and amateur statistician.
  - Together with Adolphe Quetelet founded moral statistics
  - Led to criminology, sociology and ultimately, modern social science.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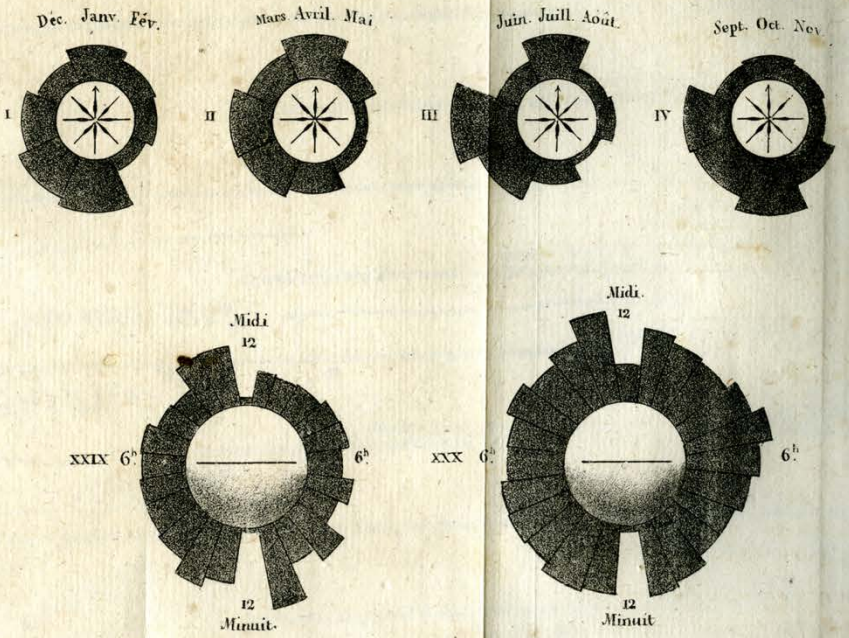
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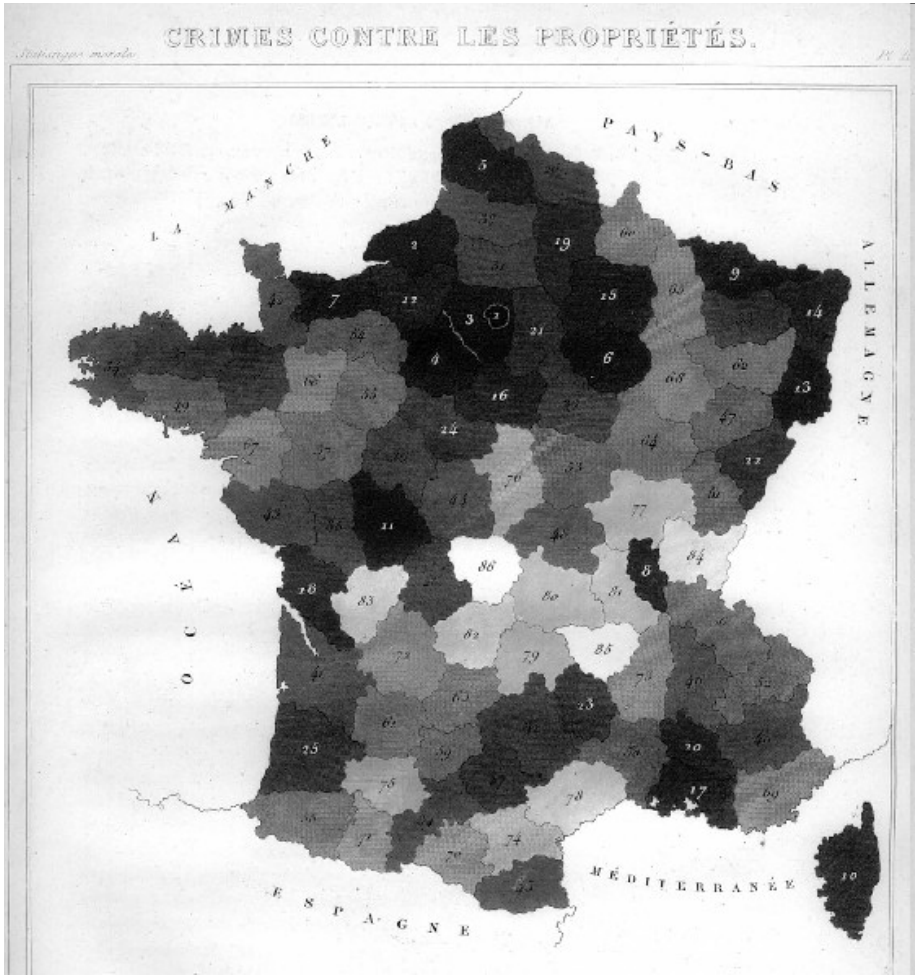
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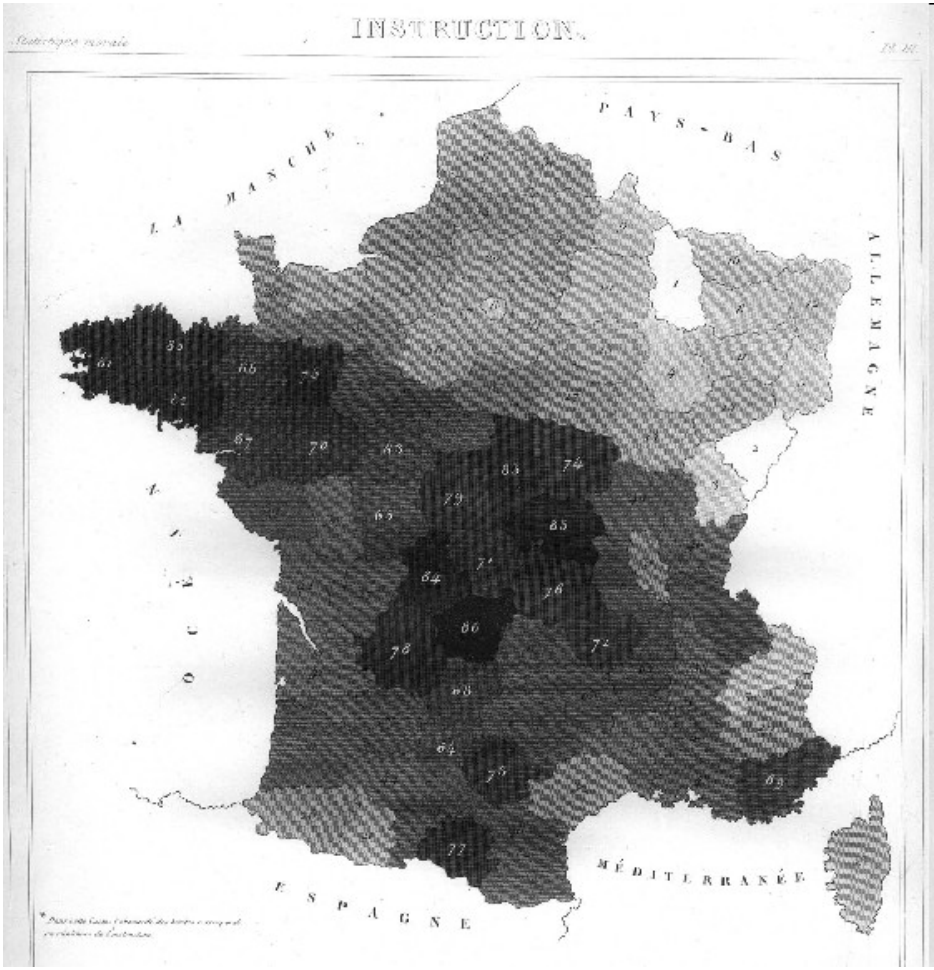
INSTRUCTION.
Statistique morale
PL. II.
LA MANCHE
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1829: First Cartographic Small Multiples

- Andre Michel Guerry
- Crimes against persons compared to poverty
- Balbi, Adriano, and André-Michel Guerry. 1829. *Statistique comparée de l'état de l'instruction et du nombre des crimes dans les divers arrondissements des Académies et des Cours Royales de France.* Paris
- Also studied suicide, analyzed text reports

STATISTIQUE COMPARÉE

DE L'ÉTAT DE L'INSTRUCTION ET DU NOMBRE DES CRIMES

dans les divers Arrondissemens des Académies et des Cours R.es de France

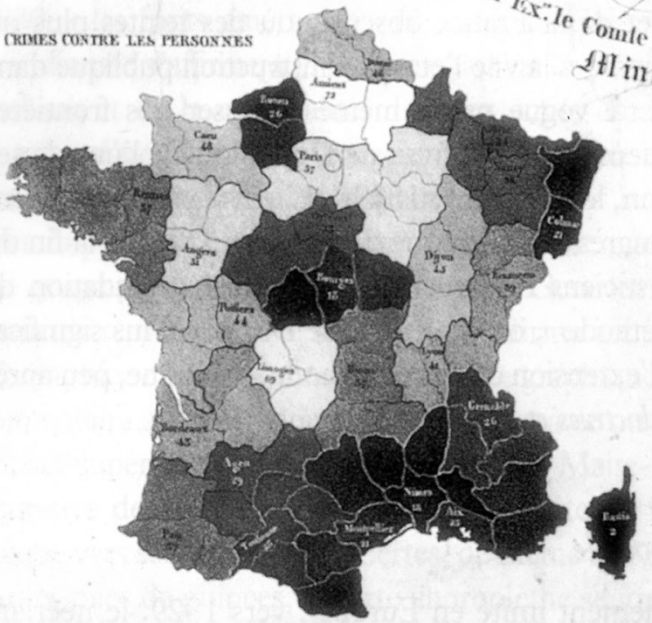
PAR A. BALBI & A.M. GUERRY, Avocat.

Dédié

A Son Ex.ce le Comte DE PORTALIS, Pair de France,

Ministre de la Justice

CRIMES CONTRE LES PERSONNES



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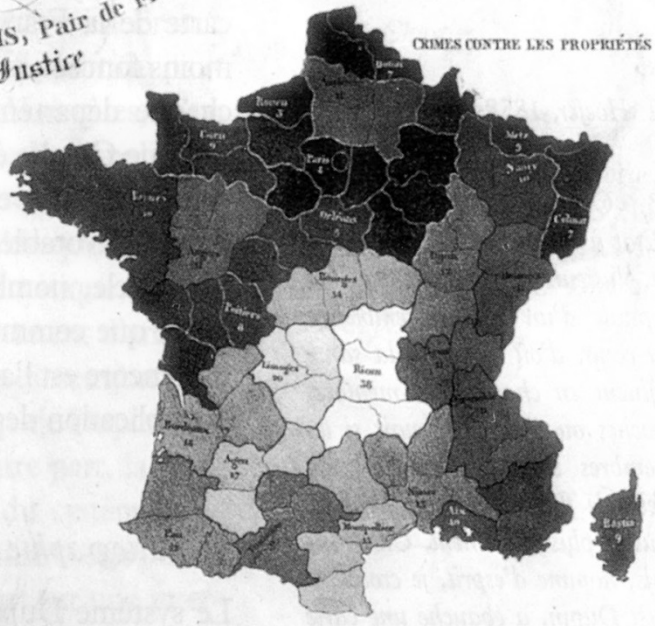


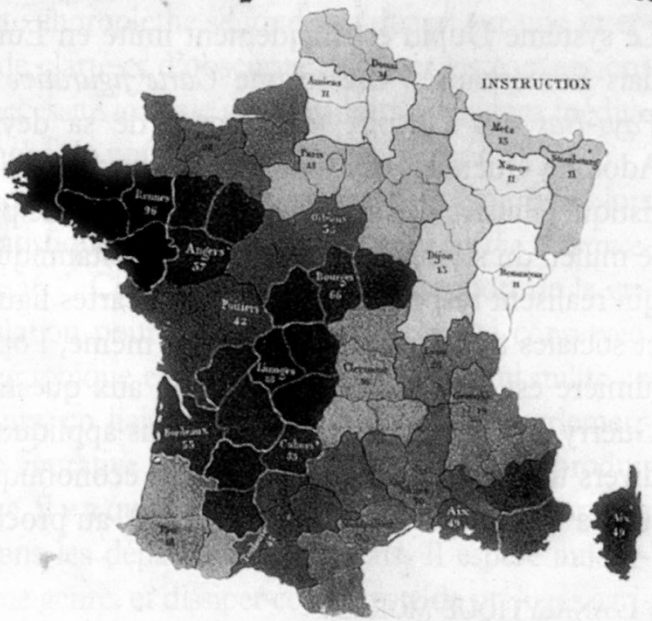
CRIMES

Contre les personnes.		Contre les propriétés.		Contre les personnes et les propriétés.	
Cours Royales	Condamnés sur 100 habitans	Cours Royales	Condamnés sur 100 habitans	Cours Royales	Condamnés sur 100 habitans
Bastia 2 948		Paris 4 476		Bastia 3 357	
Nismes 18 947		Rennes 3 268		Paris 3 183	
Douai 19 288		Douai 3 396		Riom 4 332	
Colmar 21 408		Colmar 3 818		Colmar 4 616	
Montpellier 21 565		Orléans 3 884		Douai 4 796	
Aix 23 704		Poitiers 4 968		Orléans 5 115	
Toulouse 28 182		Metz 5 196		Metz 7 168	
Riom 28 616		Bastia 5 196			
Grenoble 28 670					
Agen 29 829					
Moyenne du Royaume 34 401		Moyenne du Royaume 5 795		Moyenne du Royaume 7 185	
Orléans 43 000		Caen 5 676		Aix 7 383	
Metz 34 452		Nancy 10 404		Poitiers 7 401	
Nancy 36 306		Aix 10 737		Nismes 7 481	
Paris 37 000		Riom 10 906		Grenoble 7 574	
Riom 37 300		Amiens 11 062		Toulouse 8 070	
Rennes 37 486		Besançon 11 068		Caen 8 443	
Besançon 37 500		Grenoble 11 144		Nancy 8 694	
Lyon 41 589		Lyon 11 267		Rennes 8 457	
Bordeaux 42 577		Angers 11 294		Besançon 8 663	
Poitiers 44 950		Toulouse 11 443		Lyon 8 941	
Dijon 47 759		Pau 12 526		Montpellier 9 088	
Douai 51 127		Dijon 12 767		Pau 9 167	
Caen 52 888		Nismes 13 941		Angers 9 258	
Angers 57 740		Bourges 14 188		Amiens 9 396	
Paris 57 057		Bordeaux 14 644		Dijon 9 988	
Limoges 69 771		Montpellier 21 864		Agen 10 881	
Amiens 71 466		Agen 17 180		Bordeaux 10 916	
		Limoges 20 183		Bourges 11 147	
		Riom 28 304		Riom 11 344	
				Limoges 11 614	

INSTRUCTION

Académies	L'Italie sur 1 habitant
Besançon 10,6	
Amiens 11,8	
Nancy 11,9	
Dijon 12,1	
Metz 12,1	
Colmar (Haut-Rhin) 13,1	
Douai 13,7	
Paris 13,8	
Riom (Puy-de-Dôme) 14,4	
Pau 13,4	
Grenoble 14,1	
Rennes 17,1	
Moyenne du Royaume 15	
Lyon 18,3	
Caen 18,4	
Nismes 24,1	
Montpellier 25,1	
Orléans 25,1	
Poitiers 25,1	
Toulouse 25,1	
Aix et Corse 29,1	
Bordeaux 32,6	
Agen (Lot-et-Garonne) 38,1	
Angers 37,1	
Bourges 46,1	
Limoges 48,7	
Nancy 56,1	

INSTRUCTION



Les deux premières cartes paraissent d'après le Compte général de l'Administration de la Justice criminelle pour les années 1825, 1826 et 1827, et d'après le dernier recensement, le rapport moyen du nombre des condamnés à la population dans les départemens qui forment l'arrondissement de chaque Cour Royale. Les diverses dégradations des teintes correspondent au nombre des crimes, mais on observera qu'elles ne sont comparables que dans la même carte. Les chiffres indiquent sur combien de mille habitans se rencontre un condamné. Ainsi, pour les crimes contre les personnes, l'arrondissement de la Cour royale de Bastia en compte 1 sur 2,000, celui de la Cour royale d'Amiens 1 sur 72,000.

La troisième carte, dressée par académies dont les arrondissemens sont les mêmes que ceux des Cours royales, (à l'exception de la Corse qui ressort de l'académie d'Aix,) offre d'après les derniers états officiels dressés au Ministère de l'Instruction publique et qui remontent à 1828, le rapport du nombre des étudians inscrits à la population du royaume à cette époque. Ici l'obscurité des teintes correspond à l'ignorance, les chiffres indiquant sur quel nombre d'habitans il y a un écolier. On voit que, dans l'arrondissement de l'académie de Rennes, il s'en trouve 1 sur 96, et 1 sur 11 dans les académies de Besançon d'Amiens et de Nancy.

Prix 5 francs.

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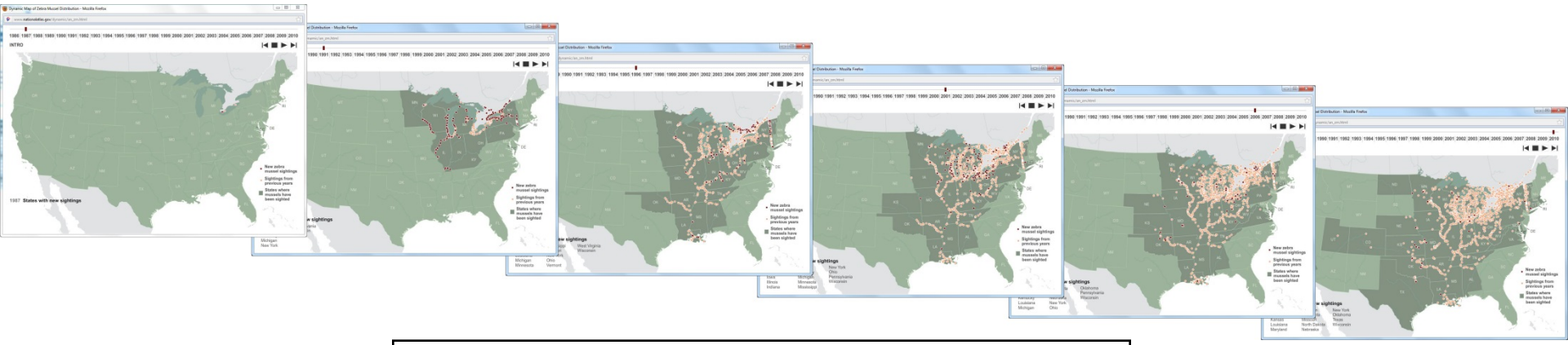
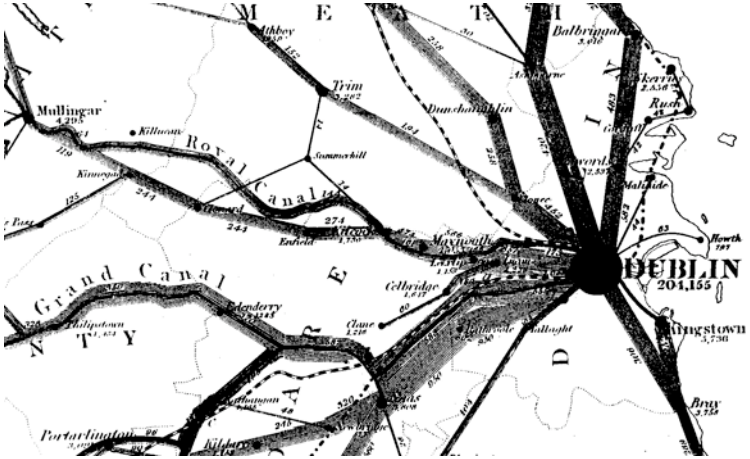
Small multiples-> animation



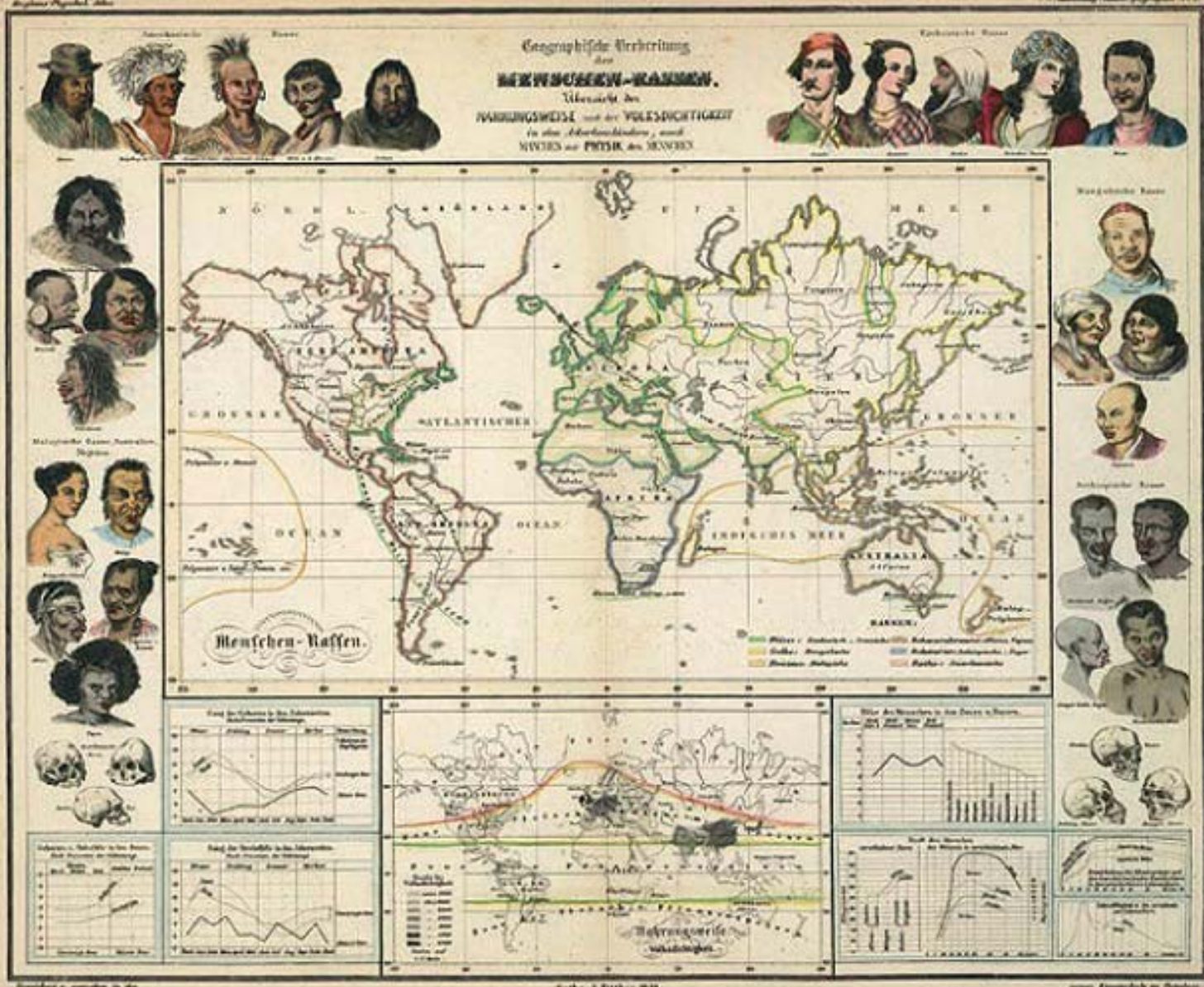
1837: First Flow Map

- Henry Drury Harness 1804-1883
  - Irish
  - Commander Royal Engineers at the siege and capture of Lucknow during the Indian Mutiny



Thematic Atlas

- Heinrich Berghaus (1797-1884), Germany
- Worked on Prussian trigonometrical survey in 1816, pioneer at Potsdam
- Physical atlas of the distribution of plants, animals, climate, etc.
- Contained tables, graphs, pictorial profiles of distributions over altitude
- Cultural and human themes
- *Physikalischer Atlas* (Gotha, 1838–1848)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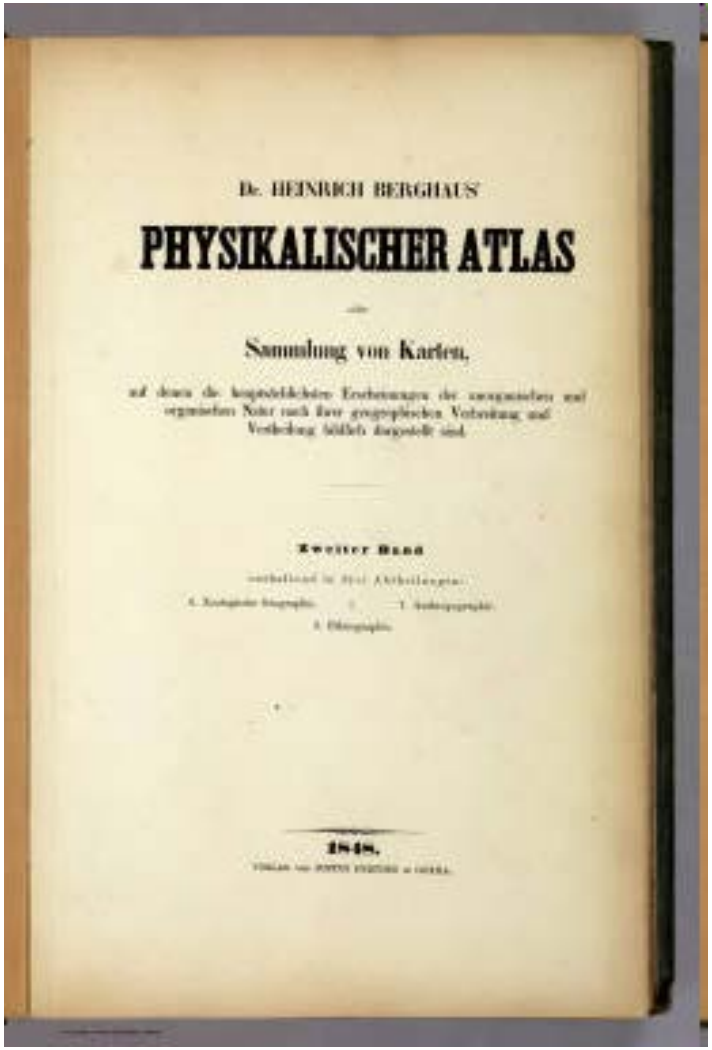
Berghaus' Physikalischer Atlas (1837-1848)
Die Isothermkurven der nördlichen Halbkugel (1838)
Isotherms of the northern hemisphere

Physikalischer Atlas



Dr. HEINRICH BERGHAUS'

PHYSIKALISCHER ATLAS

oder

Sammlung von Karten,

auf denen die hauptsächlichsten Erscheinungen der unorganischen und organischen Natur nach ihrer geographischen Verbreitung und Vertheilung übersichtlich dargestellt sind.

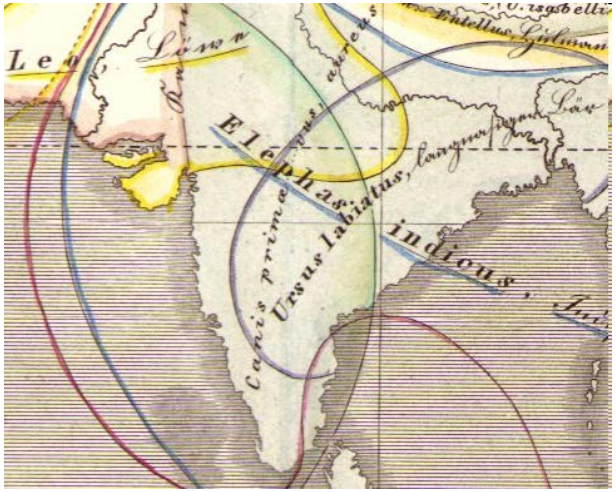
Zweiter Band

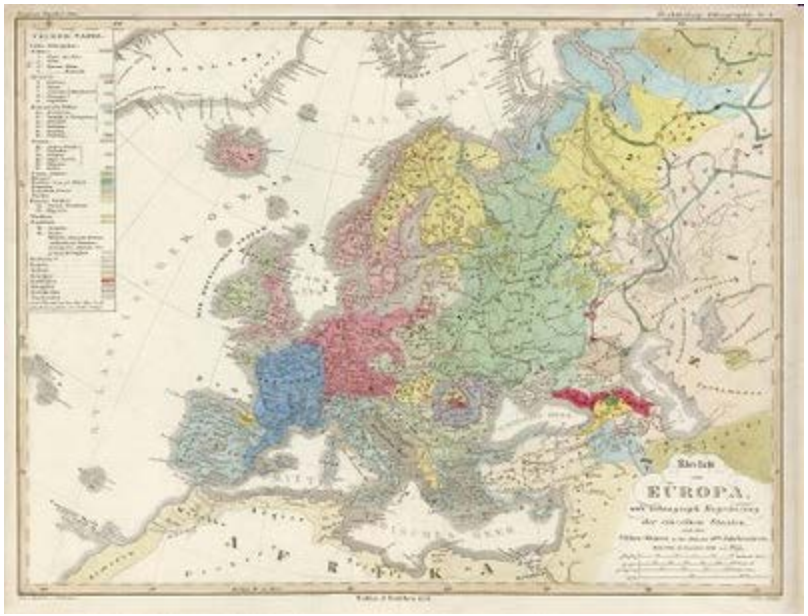
enthaltend in drei Abtheilungen:

1. Zoologische Geographie. 2. 3. Anthropographie.

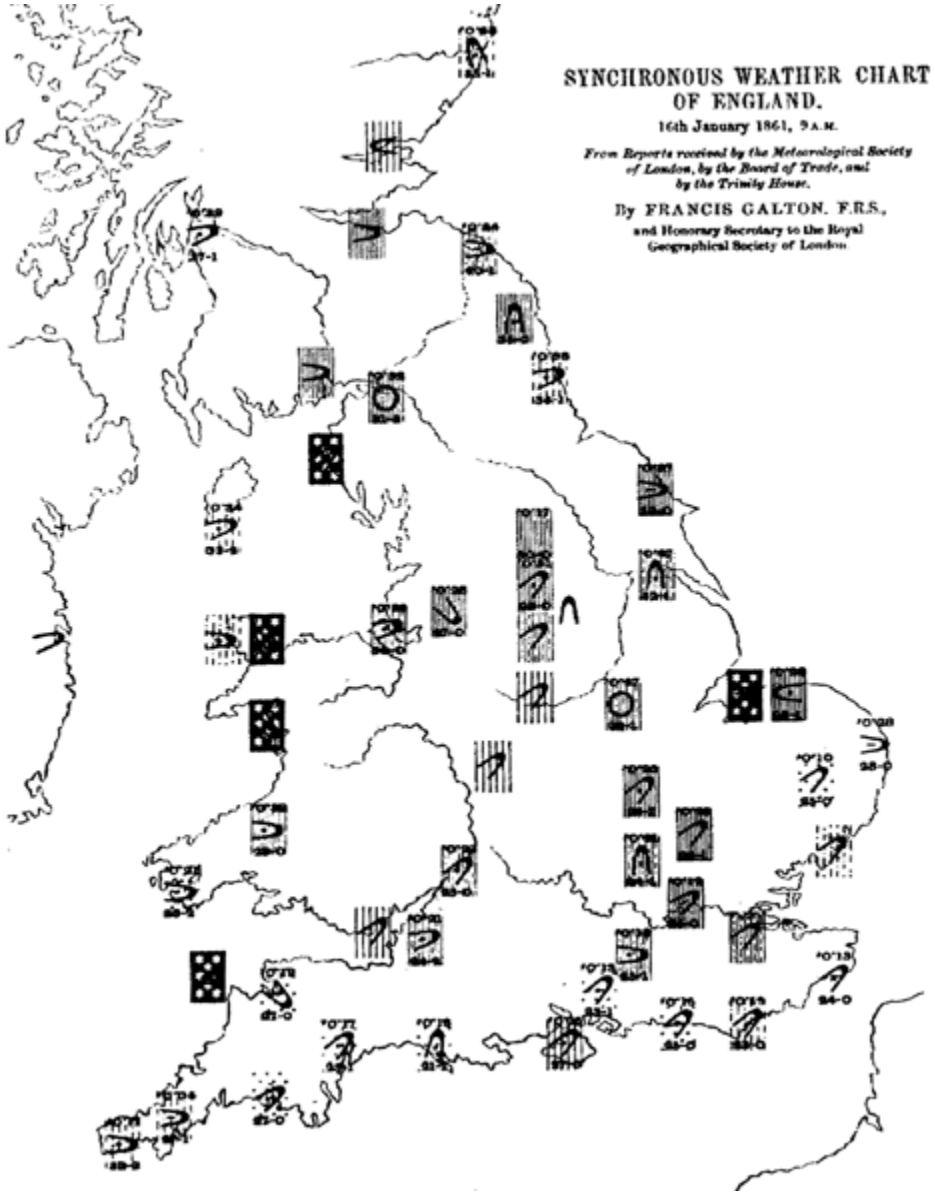
4. Ethnographie.

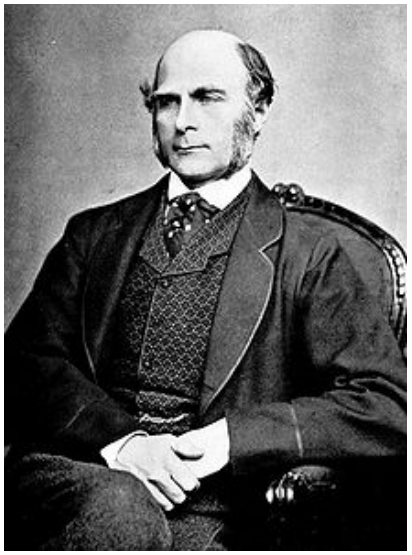
1848.





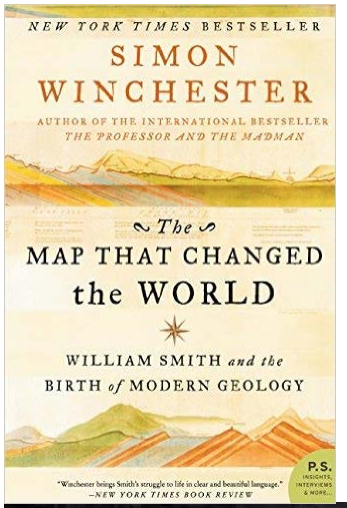
Francis Galton (1822-1911)





- **1861**The modern weather map, a chart showing area of similar air pressure and barometric changes by means of glyphs displayed on a map
- Created idea of correlation and regression
- Pioneered social surveys and study of human differences

William Smith (1769–1839), England
Drawn 1801, published 1815



Booth's Atlas of London 1898-99

See: http://phone.booth.lse.ac.uk/

BLACK: Lowest class. Vicious, semi-criminal.

DARK BLUE: Very poor, casual. Chronic want.

LIGHT BLUE: Poor. 18s. to 21s. a week for a moderate family

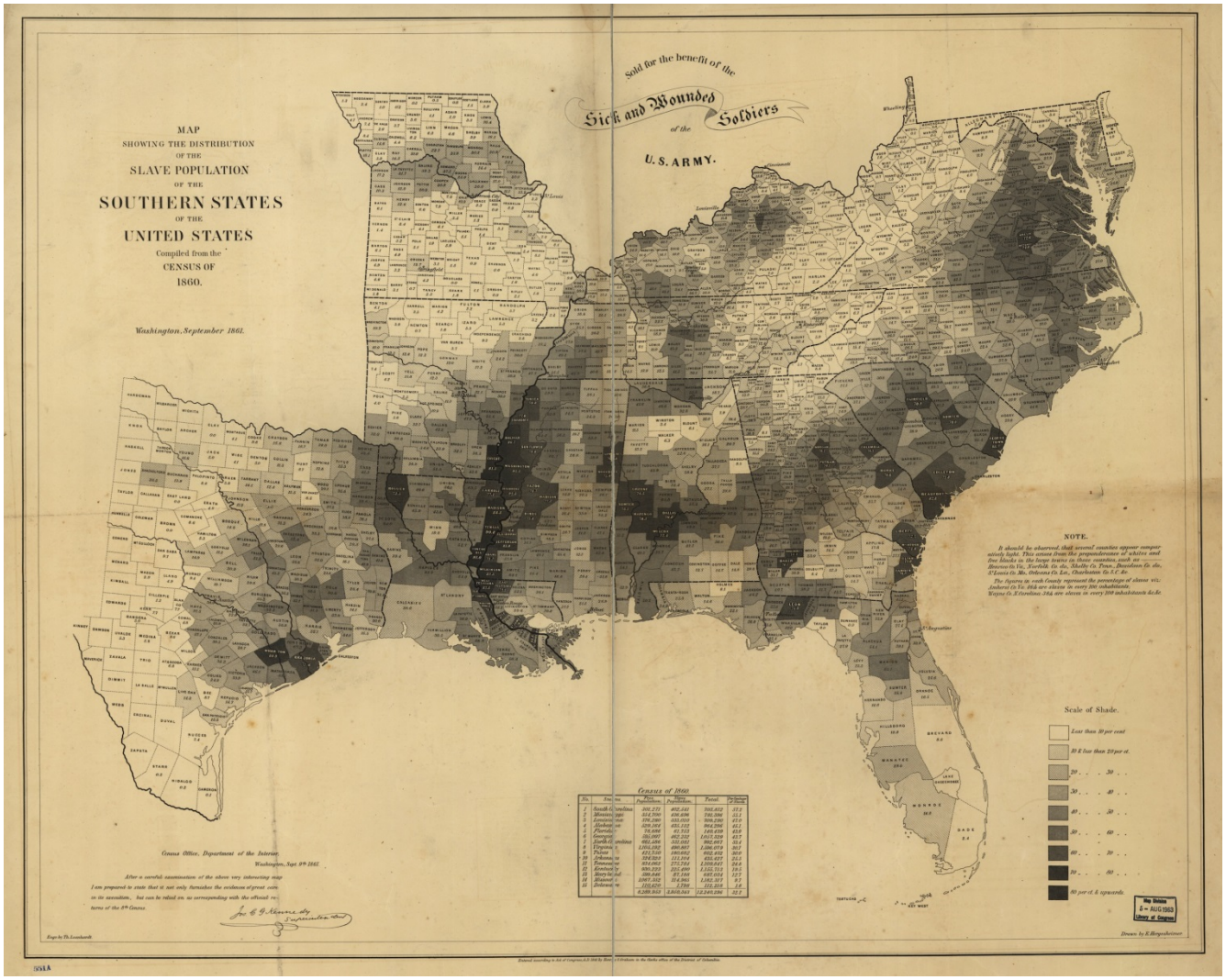
PURPLE: Mixed. Some comfortable others poor

PINK: Fairly comfortable. Good ordinary earnings.

RED: Middle class. Well-to-do.

YELLOW: Upper-middle and Upper classes. Wealthy.

1860 Census Slavery Map



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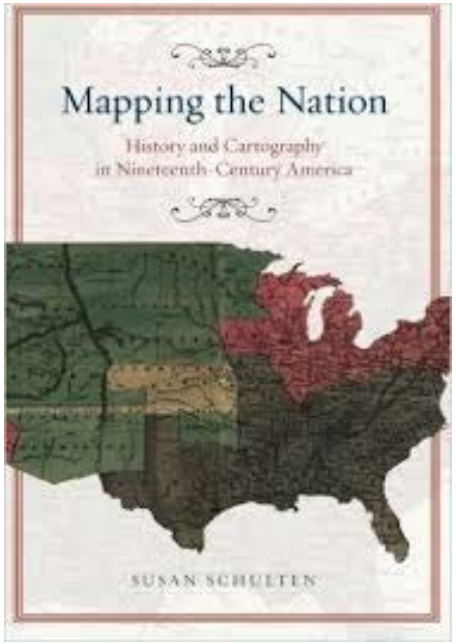


Francis Bicknell Carpenter (1864)
“First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln”

Fig. 1.

STATISTIQUE COMPARÉE Comparative Statistics

du nombre des crimes dans les divers arrondissements

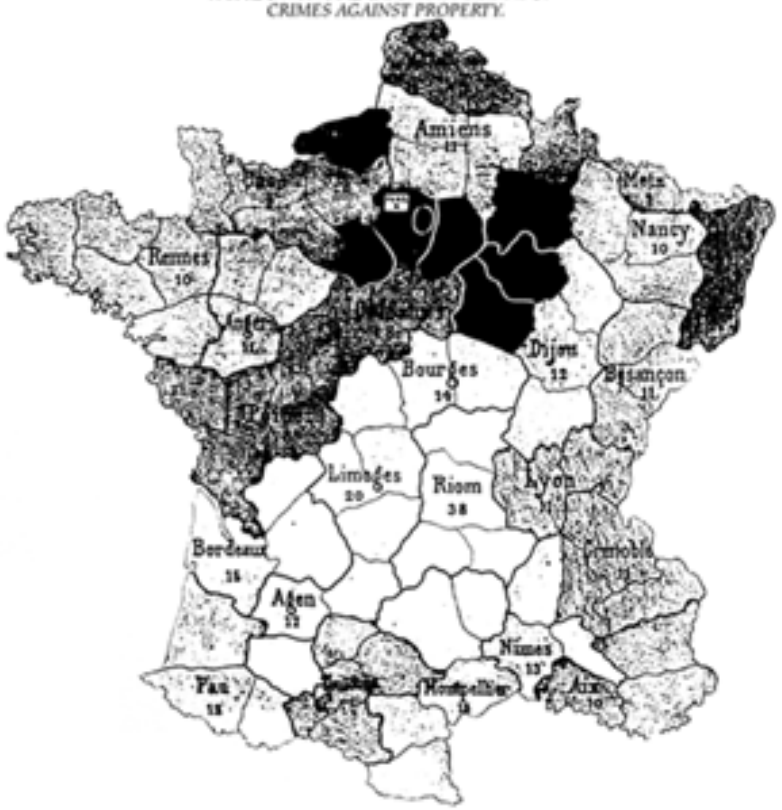
des Cours Royales de France

en 1825, 1826 et 1827 (Extrait de la Carte)

par A. Balby et A. M. Guerry Avocat.

for the number of crimes in the different arrondissements of the Royal Courts of France in 1825, 1826 and 1827. (Extract from the Map) by A. Balby and A.M. Guerry Lawyer.

CRIMES CONTRE LES PROPRIÉTÉS.
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.



Les chiffres indiquent sur combien de mille habitants se rencontre un condamné.
The figures indicate in how many thousand inhabitant is found a condemned person.

Fig. 2 Extract from the Tables of linear Arithmetic by William Playfair._Edition of Barrois, Paris, 1787 Pl. IV

Extrait des Tableaux d'Arithmétique linéaire de William Playfair._Edition de Barrois-Paris 1787.

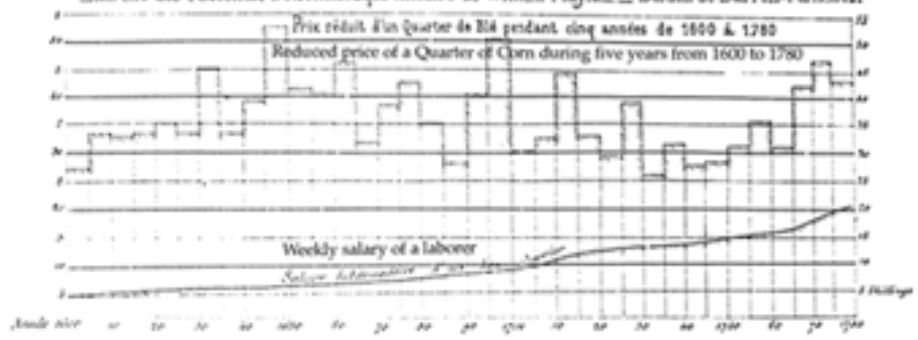
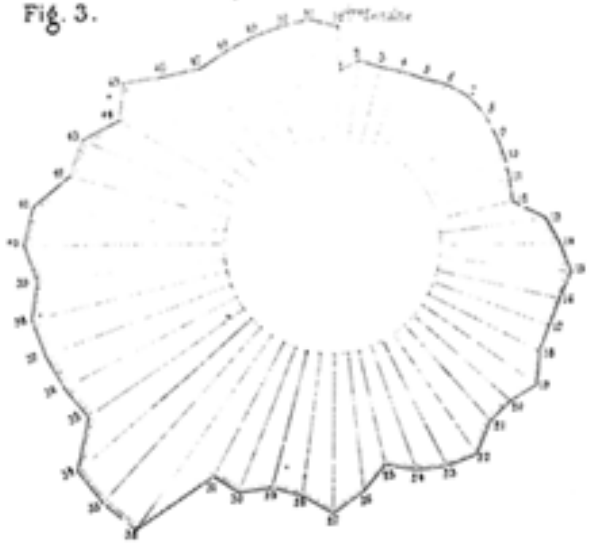


Table of the weekly Revenues of the Railways of the West in 1858.

Tableau des Recettes hebdomadaires des Chemins de fer de l'Ouest en 1858.

par Mr Massicart. by Mr. Massicart.

Fig. 3.



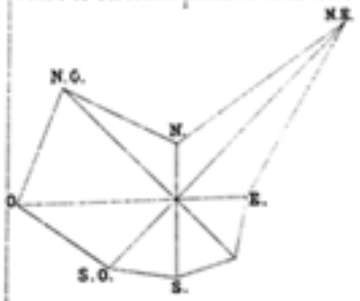
La longueur du prolongement des rayons indique la recette de chaque Semaine à raison d'un millimètre pour 14,000 Francs.

The length of the extension of the rays indicates the revenue from each Week at the rate of one millimeter for 14,000 Francs.

Fig. 4.

Principal Winds which prevailed in Phare de Cordouan during the year 1842.

Principaux Vents qui ont régné au Phare de Cordouan pendant l'année 1842.



Les longueurs des lignes à partir du Centre de la Rose de Vents ci-dessus sont proportionnelles aux nombres de jours pendant lesquels les Vents ont soufflé.

The lengths of the lines from the Center of the Compass above are proportional to the numbers of days during which the Winds blew.

Infographic Émile Levasseur (1828-1911), France

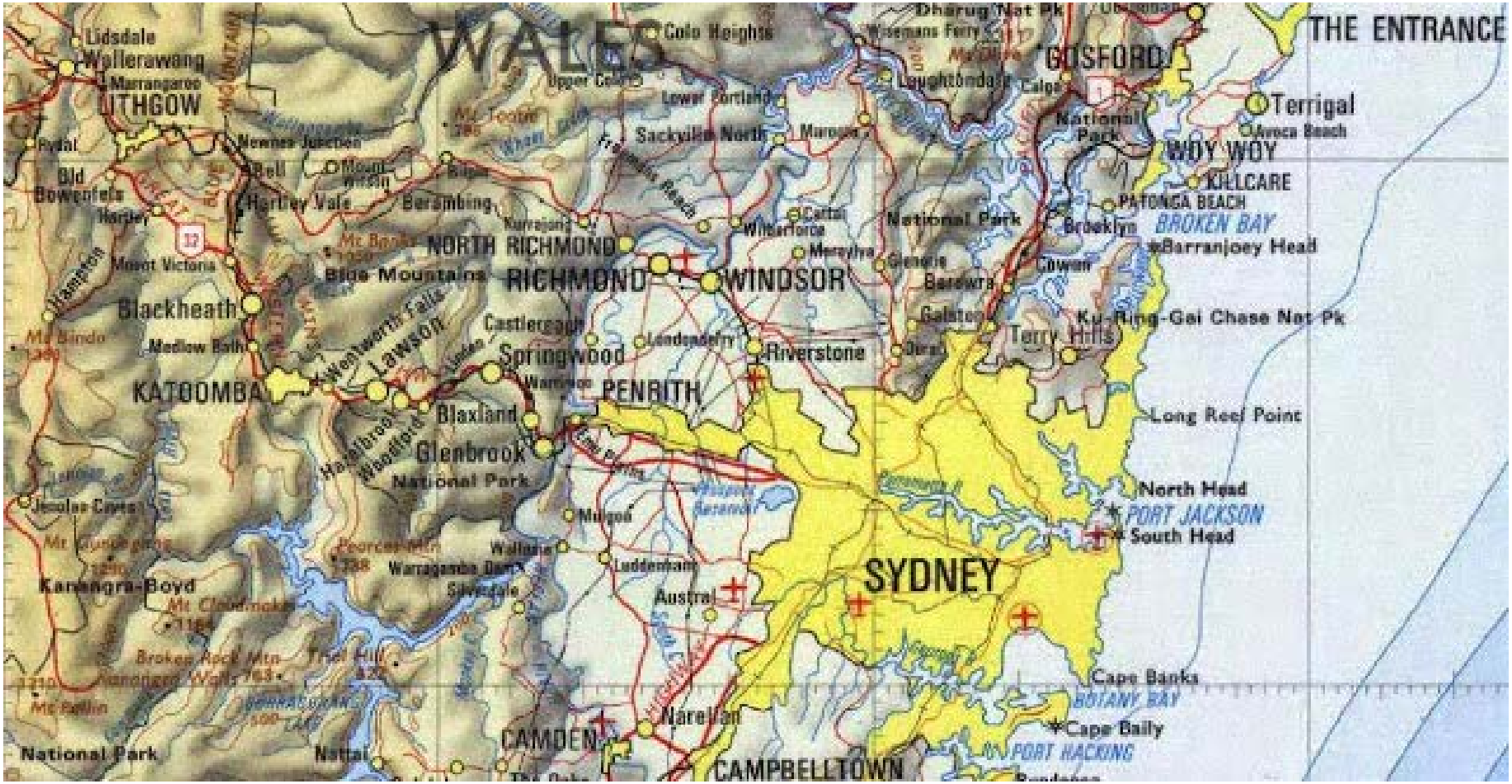
Since the mid-19th Century

- Rise of professional societies
- Attempts at symbol standardization
- Widespread use in science
- Increased use in government, especially for social issues e.g. public health
- Origins of computing in Hollerith cards
- Ideas appear in textbooks, comparisons made

International Map of the World Millionth map

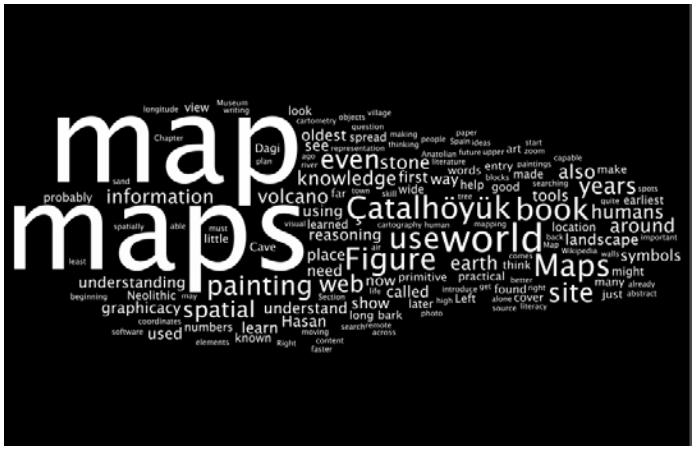
- Idea suggested by German Geographer Albrecht Penck (1858-1945) at the Fifth International Geographical Conference in 1891.
- Project begun in 1913 to create a complete map of the world according to internationally agreed standards
- Interrupted by WW1
- Central Bureau of the Map of the World established at the Ordnance Survey in London
- Archives partly destroyed by WWII German bombing
- After the Second World War, the United Nations took over the project, but interest waned
- Only 800 to 1,000 of 2,500 planned maps were completed.
- Officially abandoned in the early 1980s

Australia: Maps coded using grid



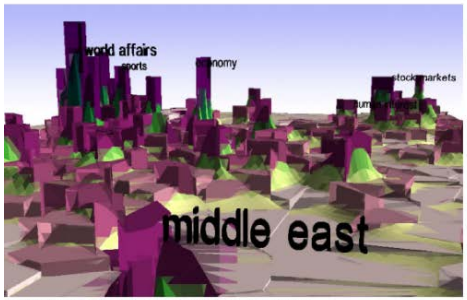
Rediscovery in cartography

- Scientific visualization
- GeoViz
- InfoViz
- Spatialization
- Data mining
- Network theory

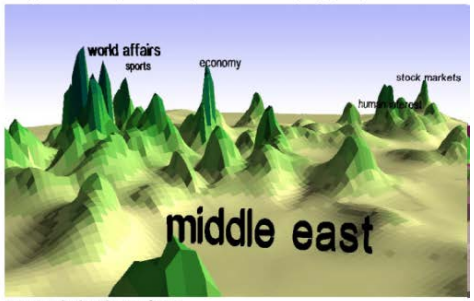


continuous density surface (from points)

stepped density surface (from voronoi polygons)

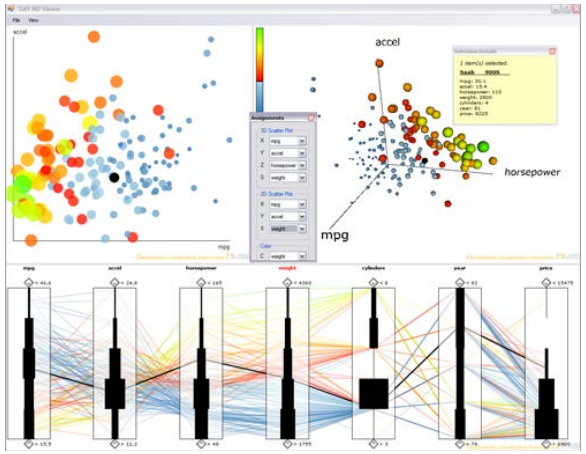


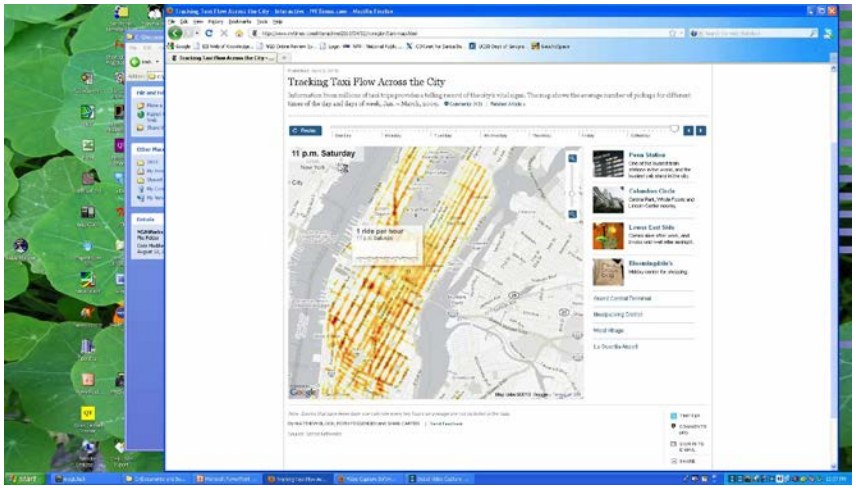
pycnophylactic reallocation (Tobler, 1979)

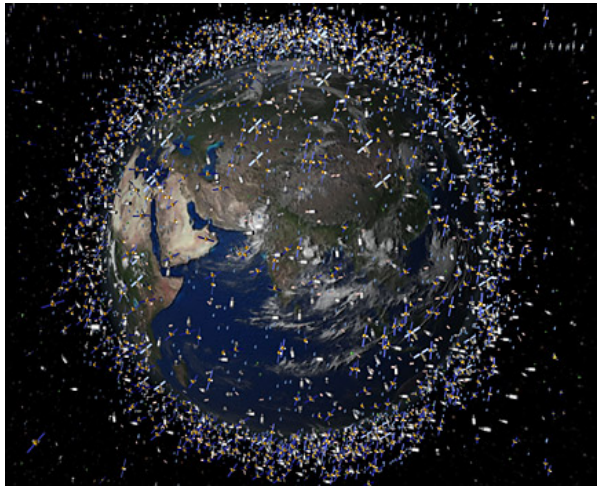


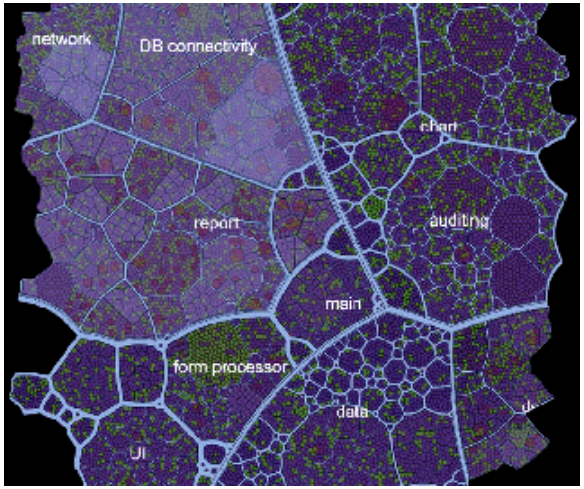
pycnophylactic surface

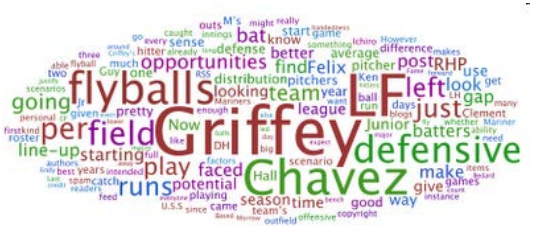
Visual analytics:
the science of analytic reasoning, facilitated by interactive visual interfaces.

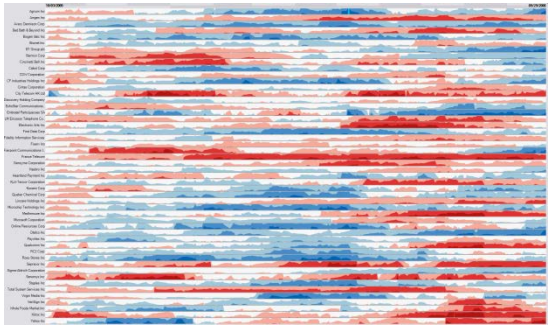












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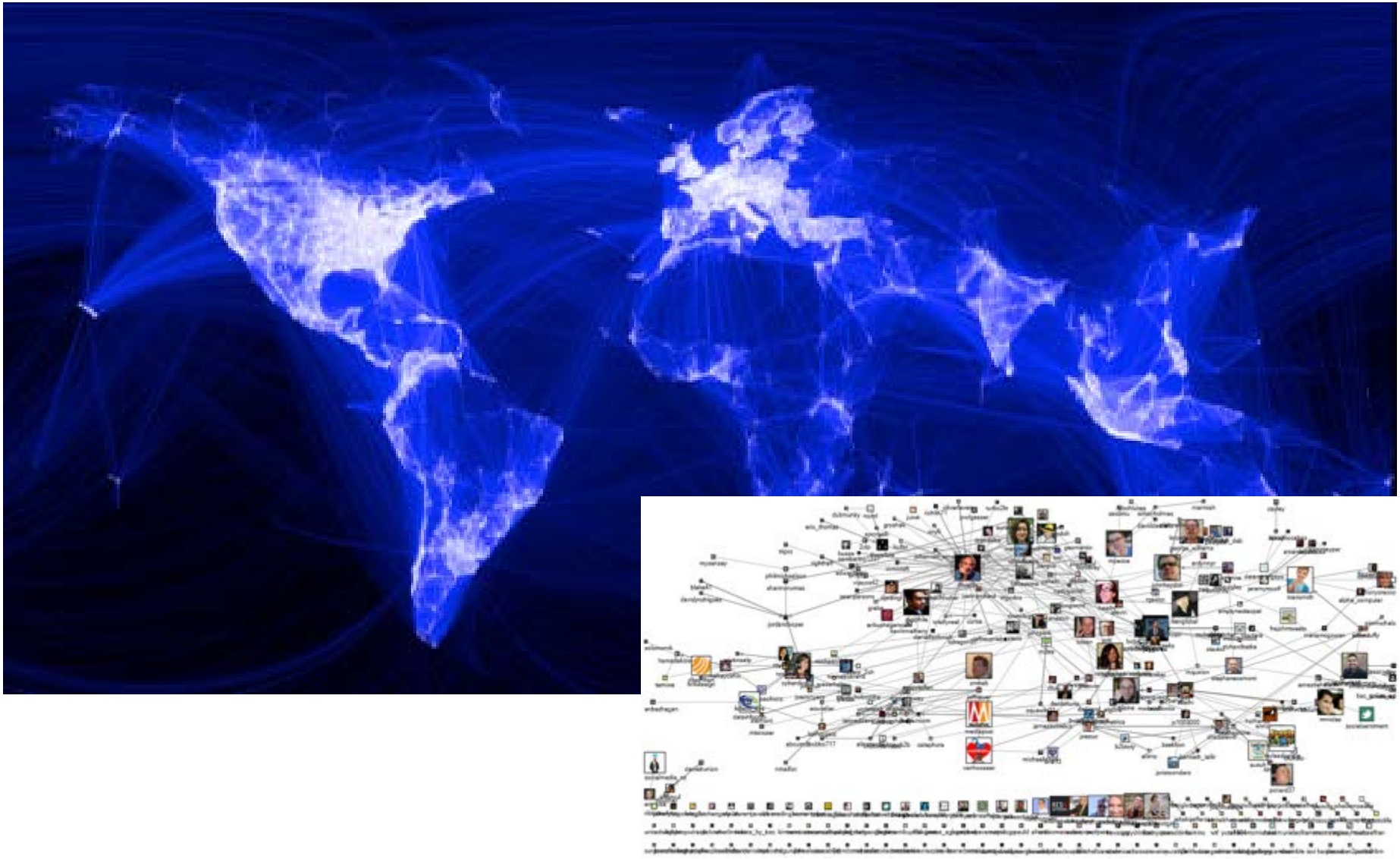
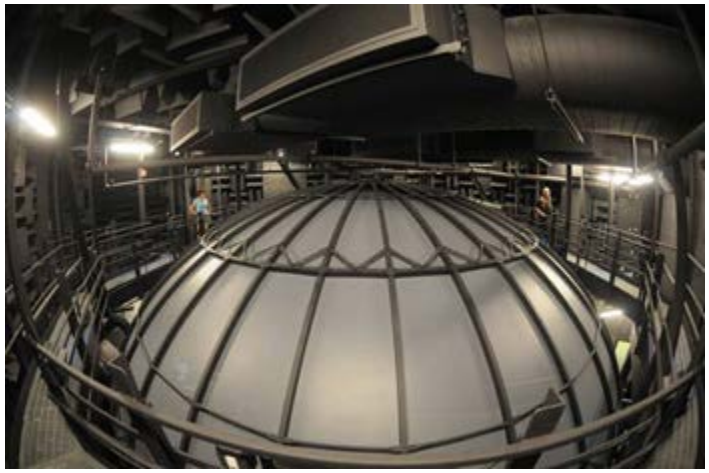
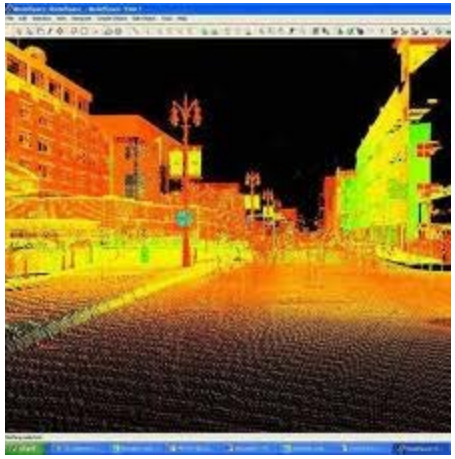


The Allosphere



3D Printing/Laser scanning



Summary

- Medieval origins of simple statistical graphics
- Close link to astronomy
- More rediscovery, e.g. Descartes
- Most modern methods have origins from 17th-19th century
- Playfair an important pioneer
- Berghaus pioneered rise of thematic Atlas
- Rediscovery as visual analytics/geovisualization, but far better tools!