

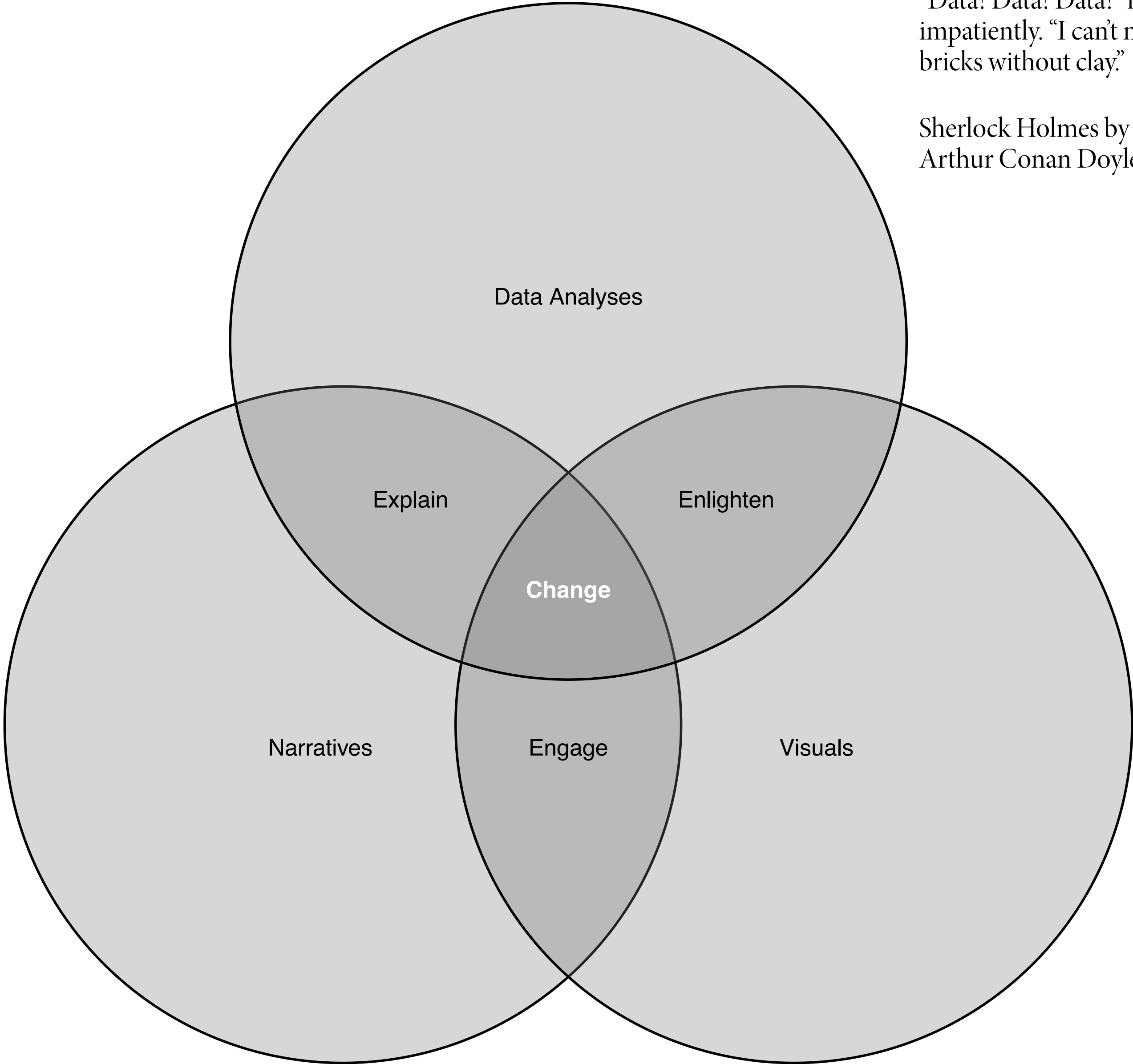
Storytelling with data

09 | Foundations of interactive data-driven, visual design

course overview, learn to drive change using data visuals and narrative

“Data! Data! Data!” he cried impatiently. “I can’t make bricks without clay.”

Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *author*



No one ever made a decision because of a number. They need a story.

Daniel Kahneman, *psychologist, behavioral economist, and author*

The greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see.

John W Tukey, *mathematician*

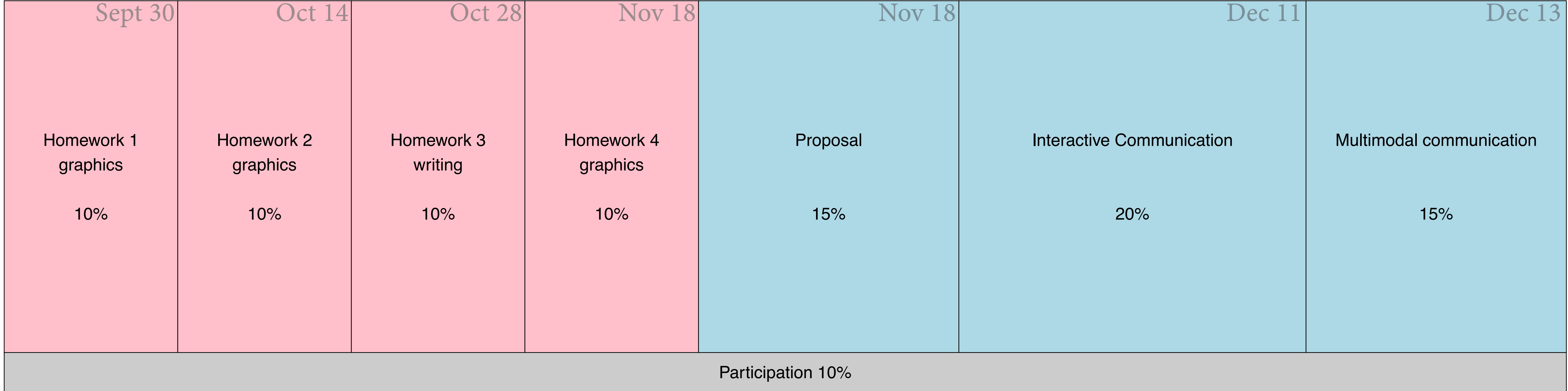
general course deliverable timeline

Individual Work

For learning data visualization and written narrative techniques

Group work

For building graphics and narrative into interactive communications



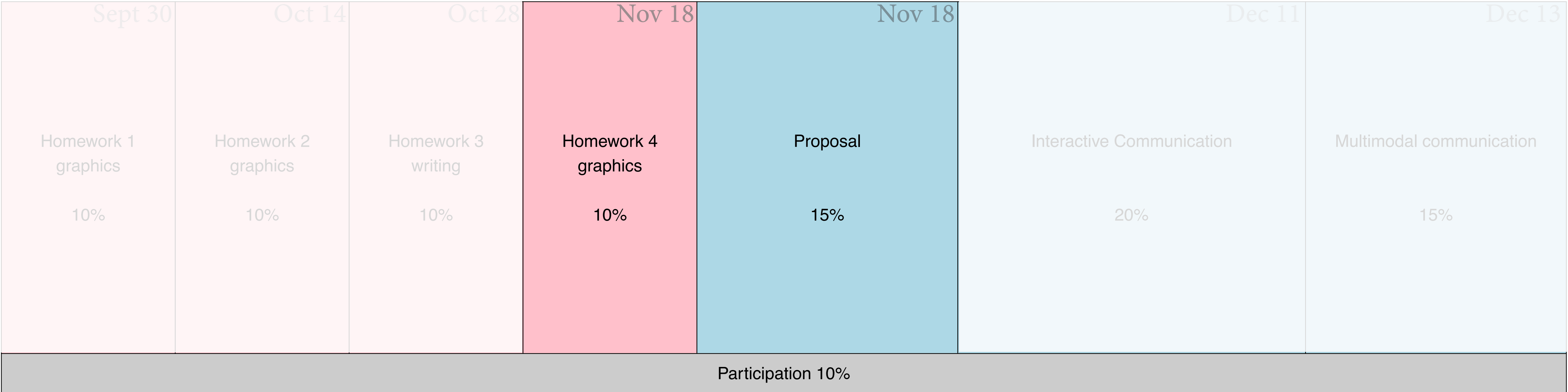
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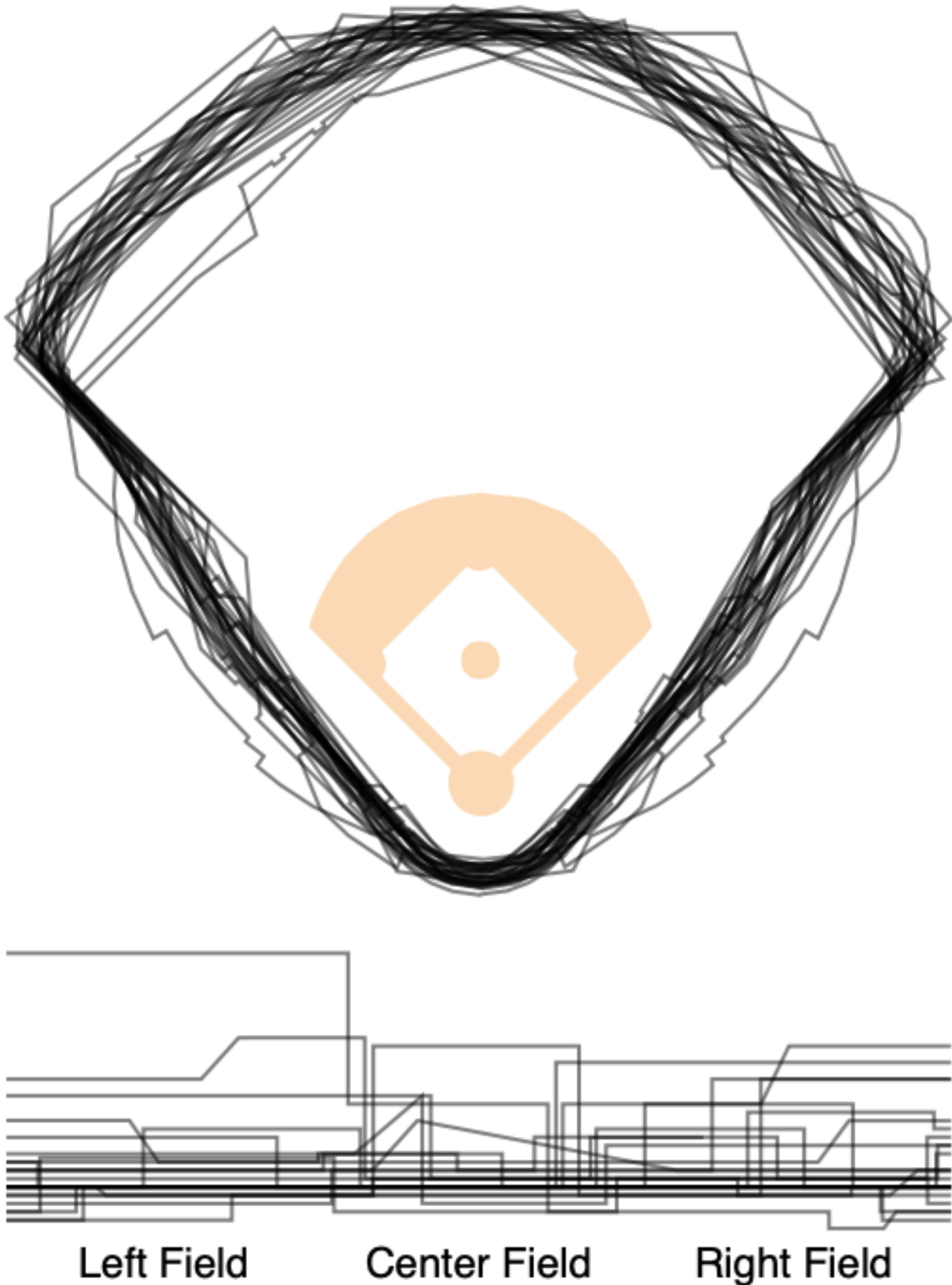
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note! — all design concepts for static *data-driven*,
visual narratives apply to interactive *communications*

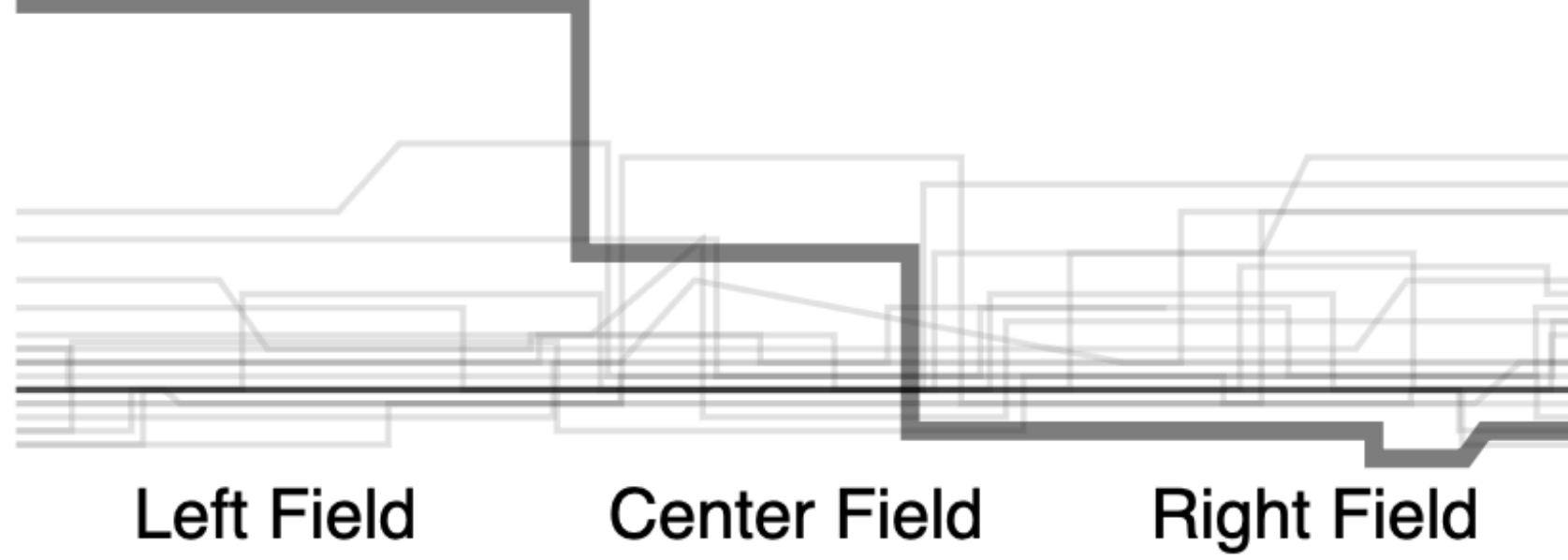
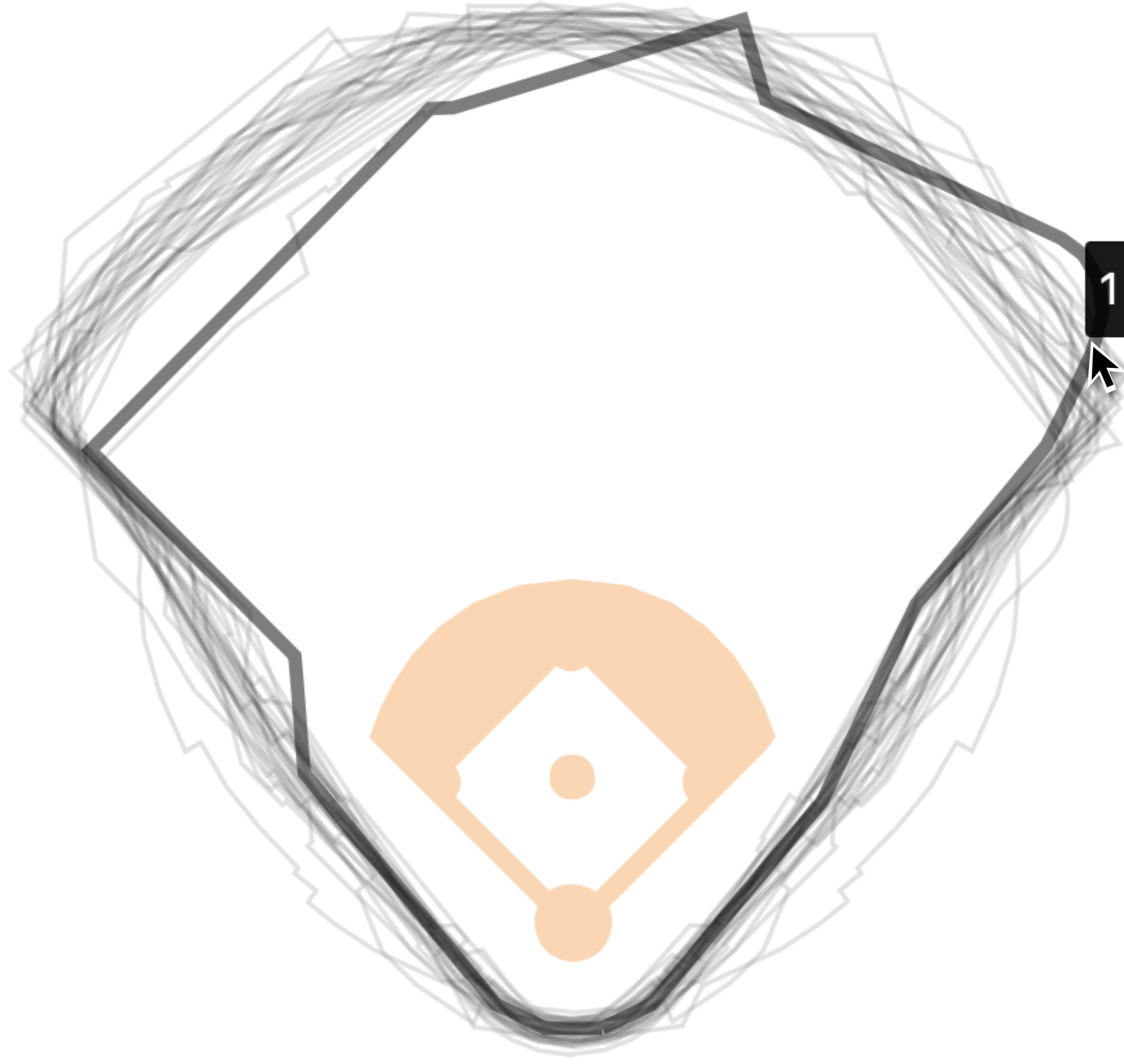
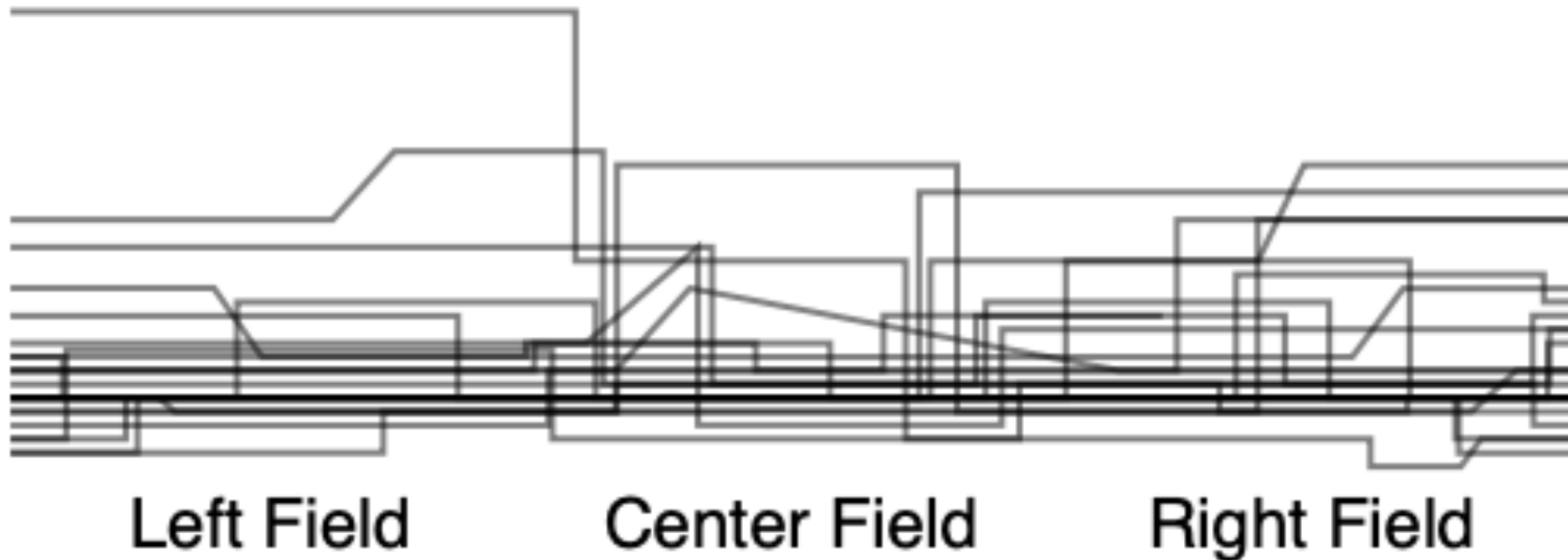
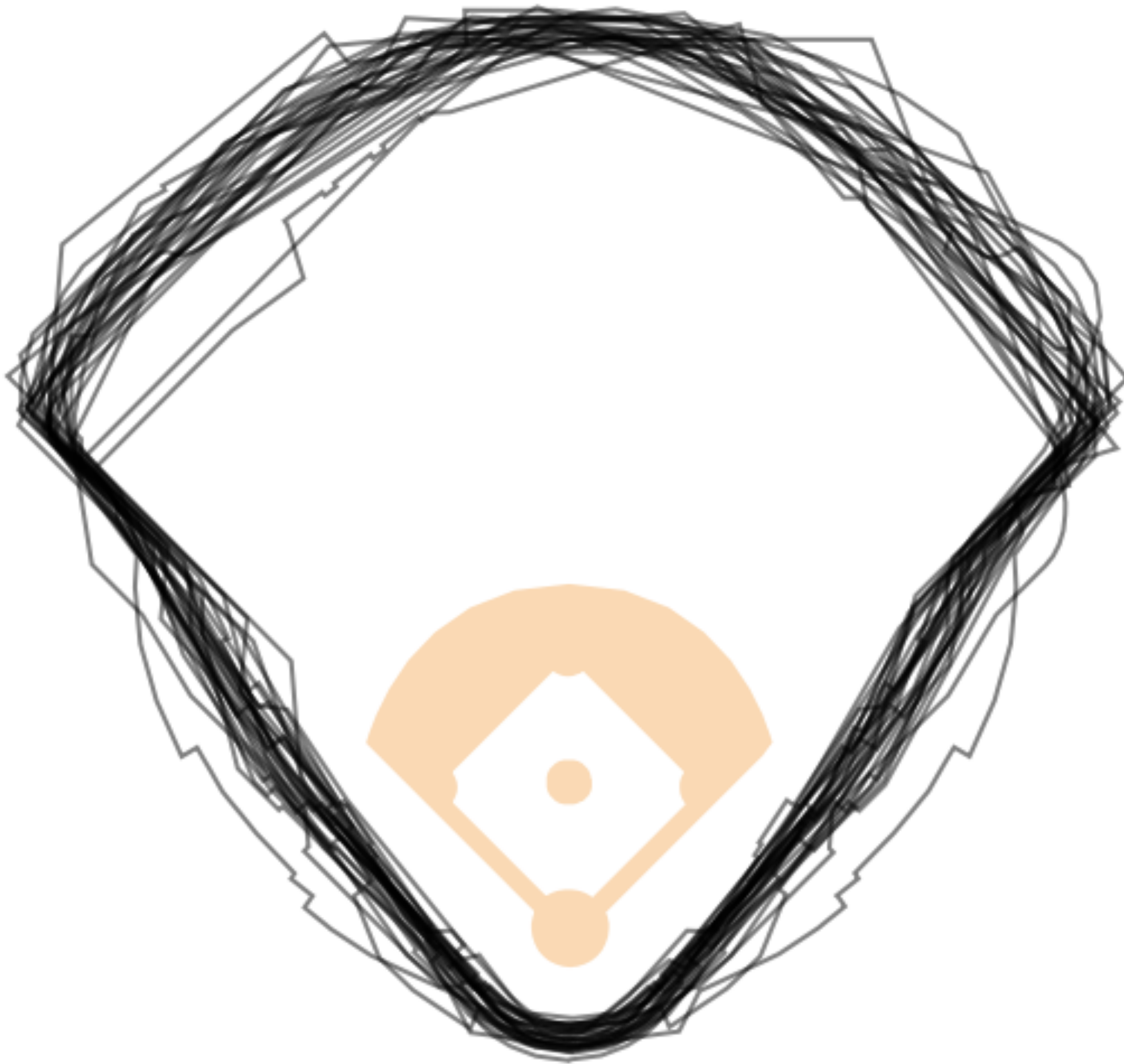
examples of interaction with data-driven, visuals

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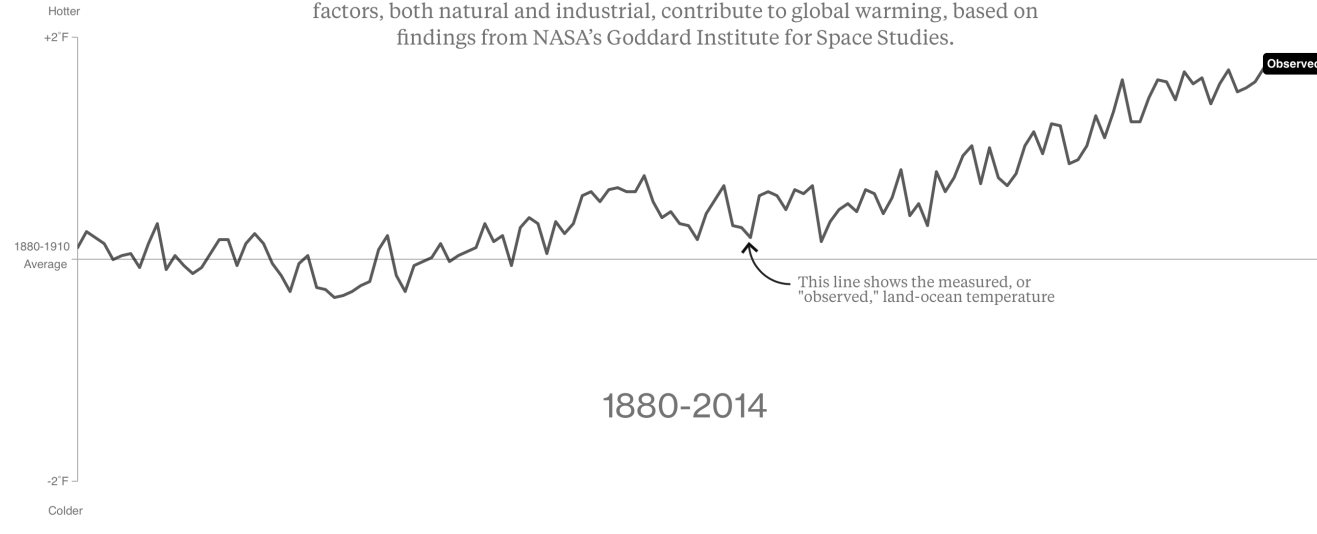


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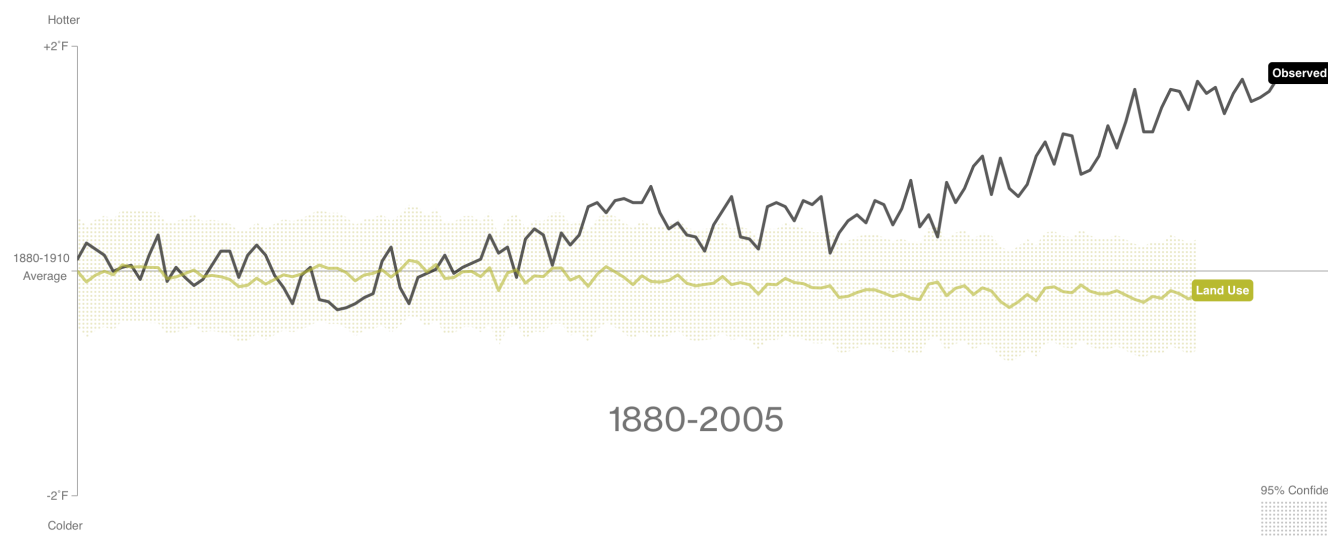
What's Really Warming the World?

By Eric Roston and Blacki Migliozi | June 24, 2015
 Skeptics of manmade climate change offer various natural causes to explain why the Earth has warmed 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit since 1880. But can these account for the planet's rising temperature? Scroll down to see how much different factors, both natural and industrial, contribute to global warming, based on findings from NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies.



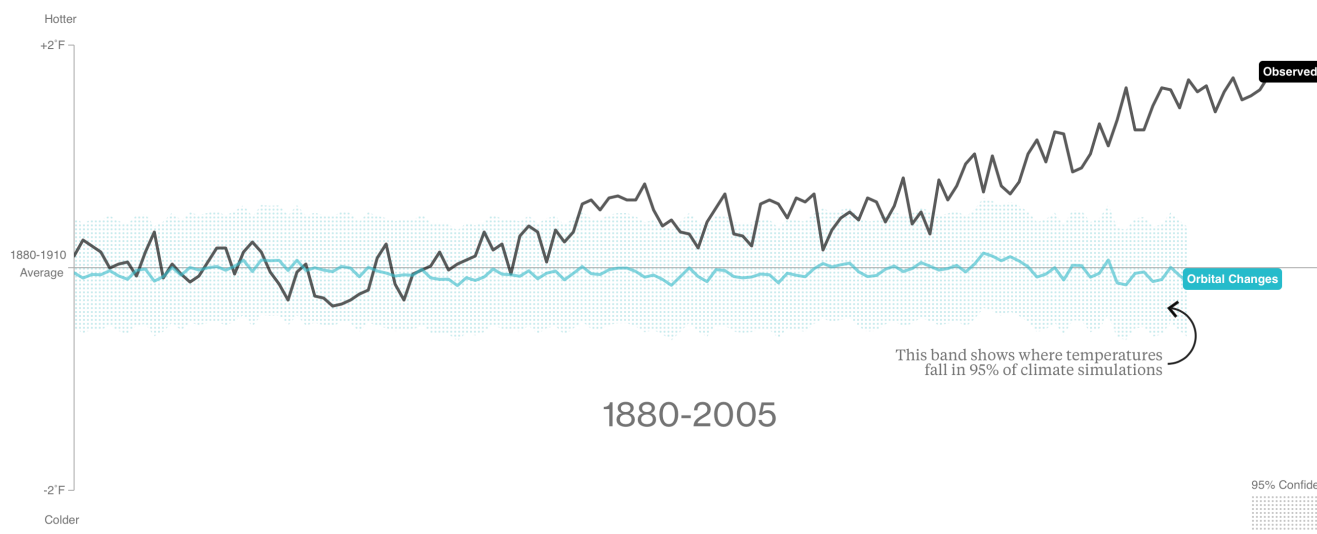
So If It's Not Nature, Is It Deforestation?

Humans have cut, plowed, and paved more than half the Earth's land surface. Dark forests are yielding to lighter patches, which reflect more sunlight—and have a slight cooling effect.



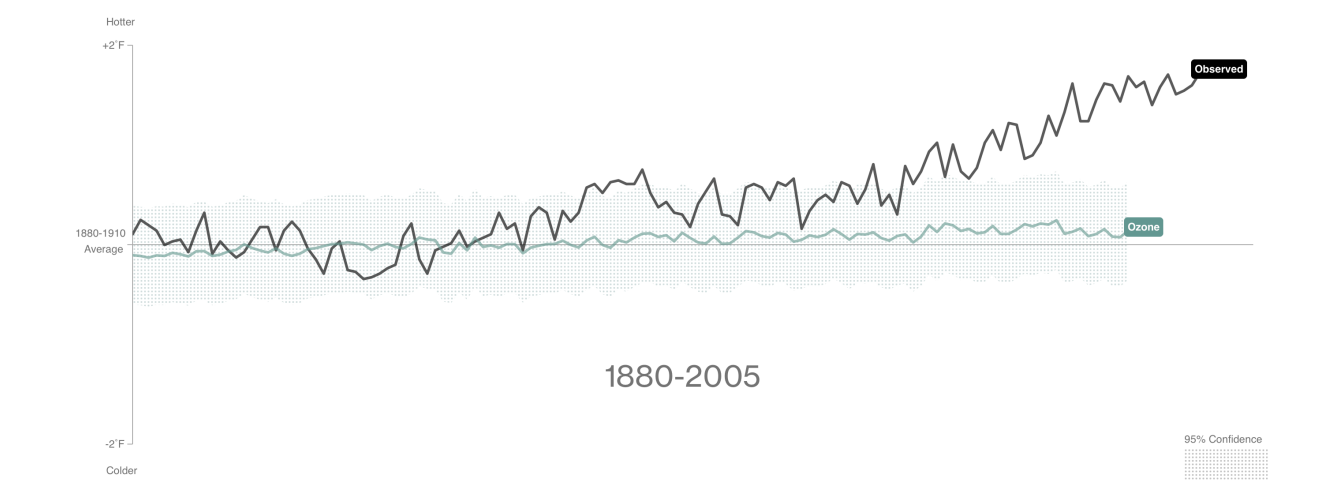
Is It the Earth's Orbit?

The Earth wobbles on its axis, and its tilt and orbit change over many thousands of years, pushing the climate into and out of ice ages. Yet the influence of orbital changes on the planet's temperature over 125 years has been negligible.



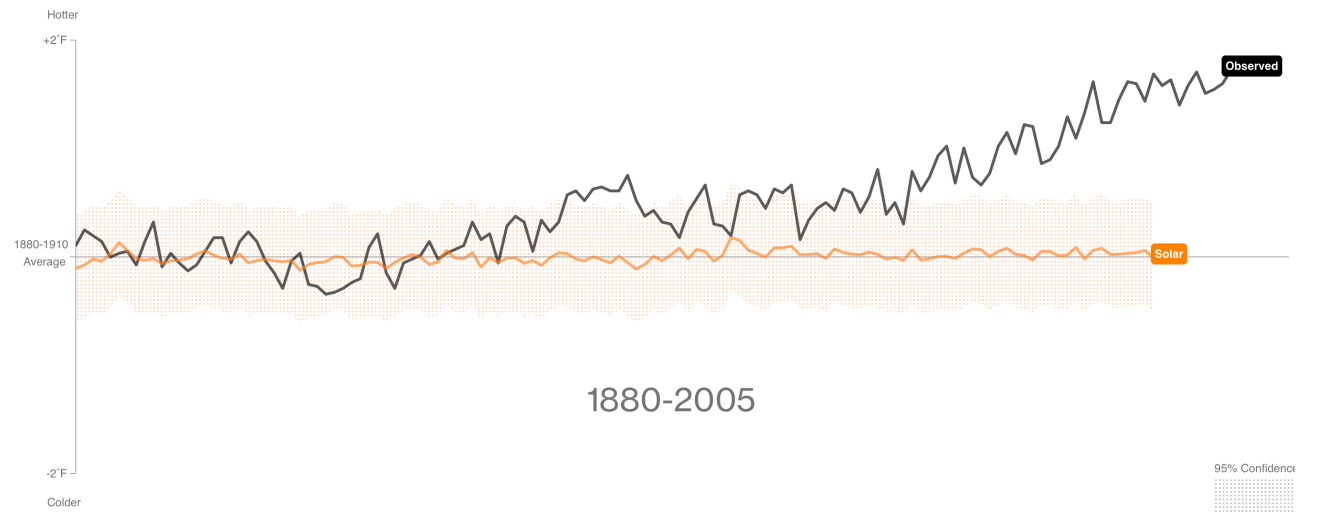
Or Ozone Pollution?

Natural ozone high in the atmosphere blocks harmful sunlight and cools things slightly. Closer to Earth, ozone is created by pollution and traps heat, making the climate a little bit hotter. What's the overall effect? Not much.



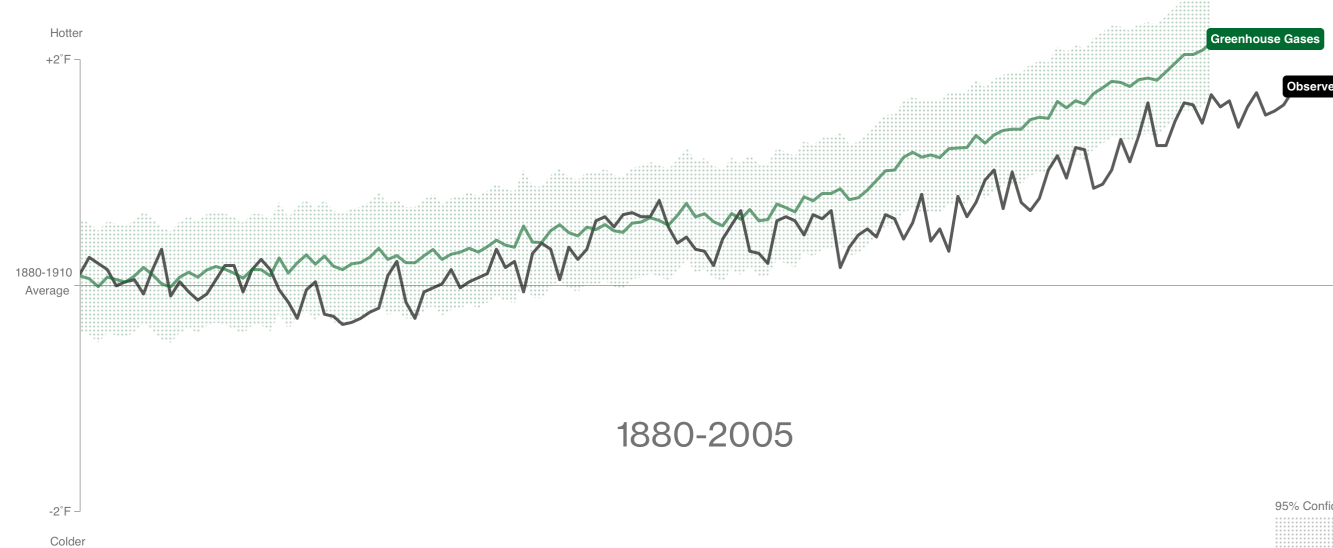
Is It the Sun?

The sun's temperature varies over decades and centuries. These changes have had little effect on the Earth's overall climate.



No, It Really Is Greenhouse Gases.

Atmospheric CO₂ levels are 40 percent higher than they were in 1750. The green line shows the influence of greenhouse gas emissions. It's no contest.

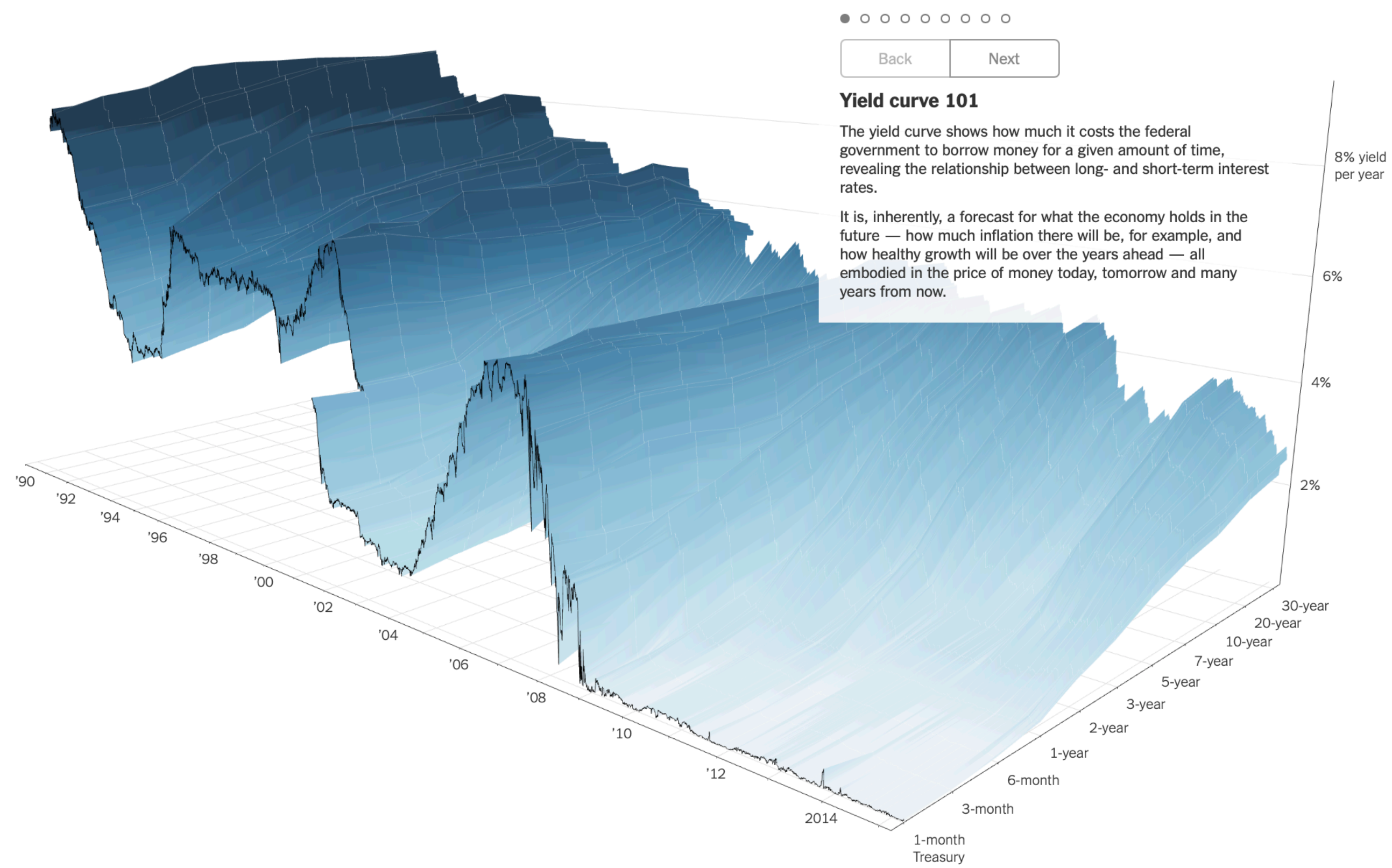


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A 3-D View of a Chart That Predicts The Economic Future: The Yield Curve

By GREGOR AISCH and AMANDA COX MARCH 18, 2015



Sources: Treasury Department; Bundesbank; Thomson Reuters

Aisch, Gregor, and Amanda Cox. "A 3-D View of a Chart That Predicts The Economic Future: The Yield Curve." *The New York Times*. March 18, 2015, Online edition, sec. The Upshot. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/03/19/upshot/3d-yield-curve-economic-growth.html>.

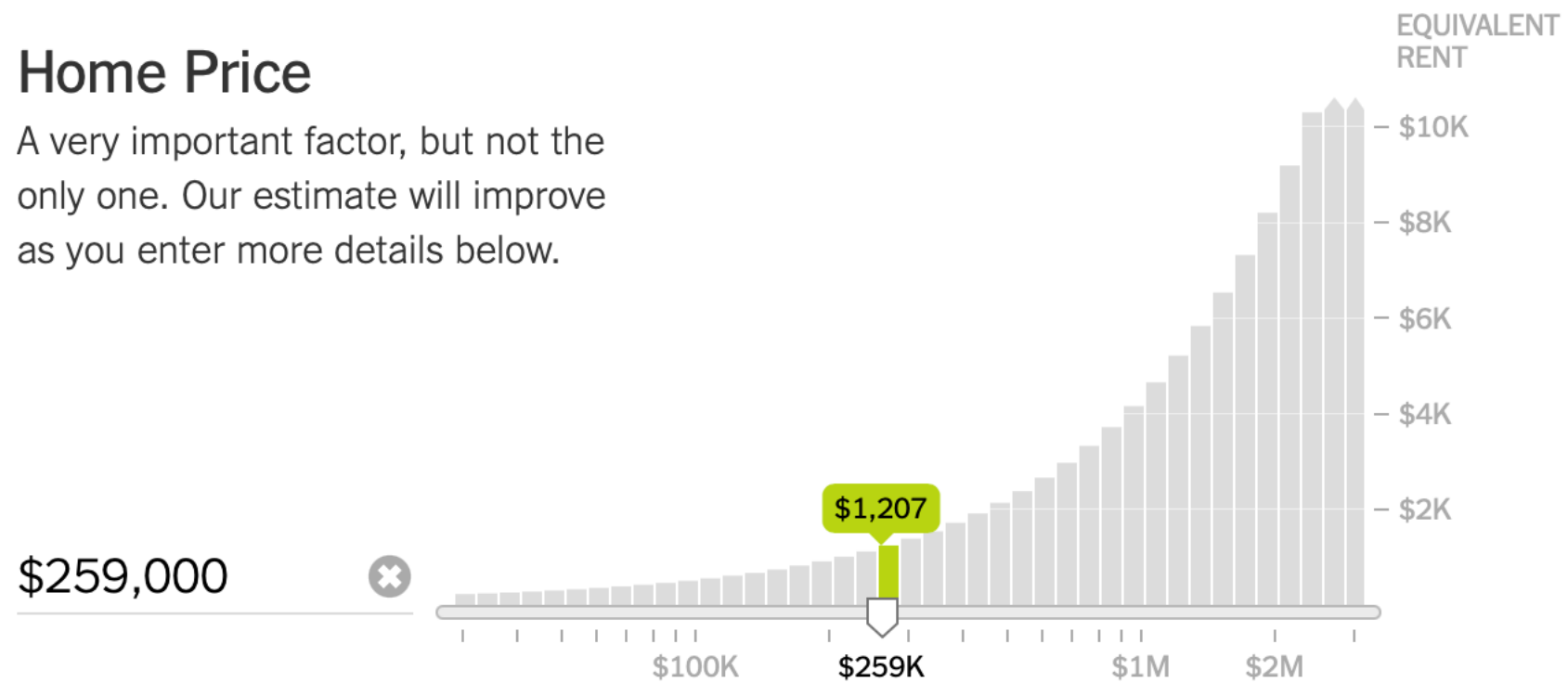
Is It Better to Rent or Buy?

By MIKE BOSTOCK, SHAN CARTER and ARCHIE TSE

The choice between buying a home and renting one is among the biggest financial decisions that many adults make. But the costs of buying are more varied and complicated than for renting, making it hard to tell which is a better deal. To help you answer this question, our calculator takes the most important costs associated with buying a house and computes the equivalent monthly rent. [RELATED ARTICLE](#)

Home Price

A very important factor, but not the only one. Our estimate will improve as you enter more details below.



If you can rent a similar home for less than ...

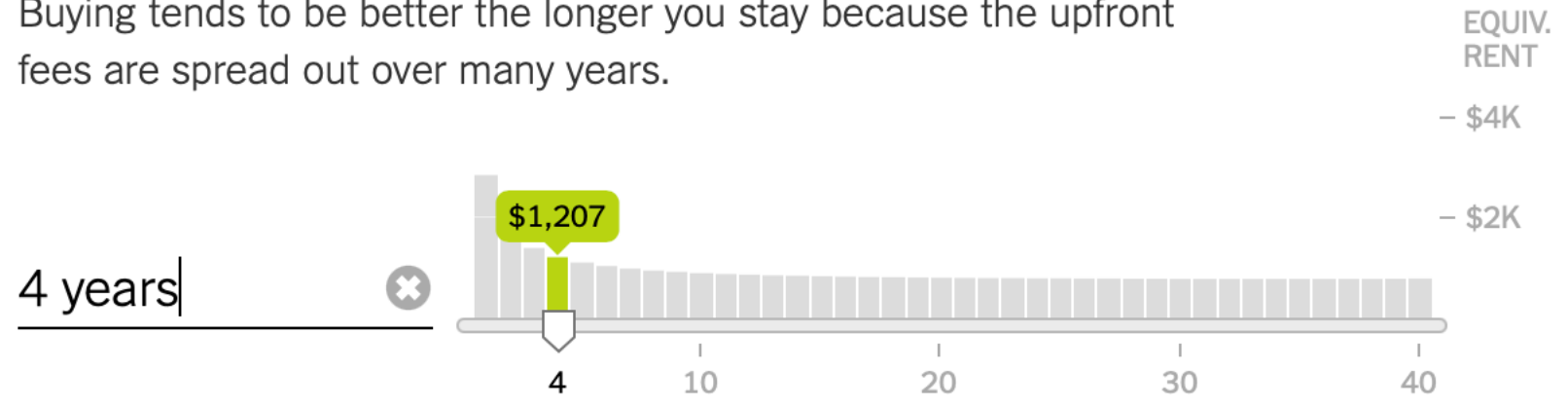
\$1,207 PER MONTH

... then renting is better.

Costs after 4 years	Rent	Buy
Initial costs	\$1,207	\$62,160
Recurring costs	\$60,919	\$72,559
Opportunity costs	\$3,284	\$12,639
Net proceeds	-\$1,207	-\$83,154
Total	\$64,204	\$64,204

How Long Do You Plan to Stay?

Buying tends to be better the longer you stay because the upfront fees are spread out over many years.



How to Read the Charts Charts that are relatively flat indicate factors that are not particularly important to the outcome. Conversely, the factors that have steep slopes have a large impact.

Bostock, Mike, Shan Carter, and Archie Tse. "Is It Better to Rent or Buy?" *The New York Times*. May 21, 2014, Online edition, sec. The Upshot. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/upshot/buy-rent-calculator.html>.

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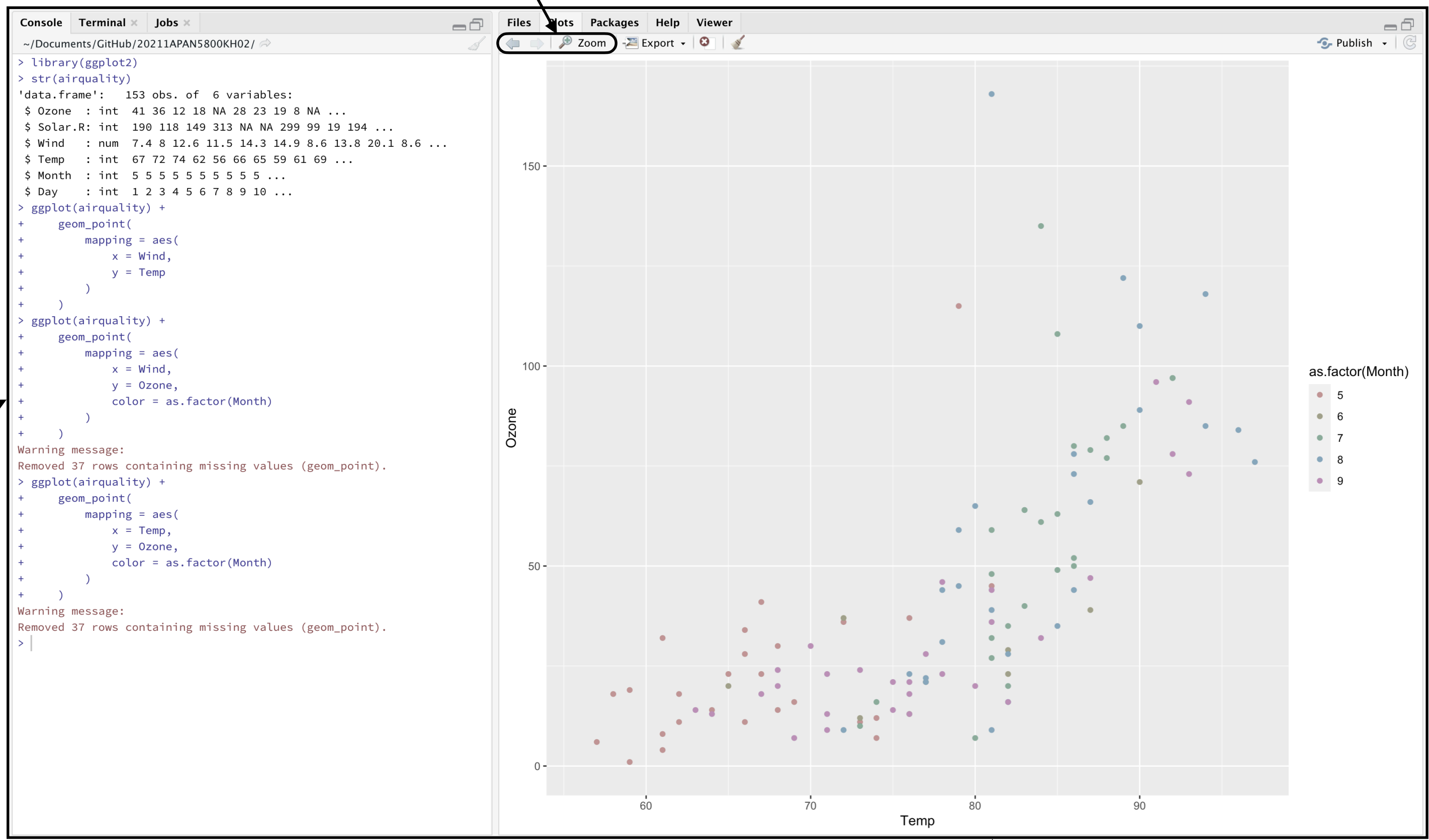
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back, next, zoom

text entry

responsive graphics



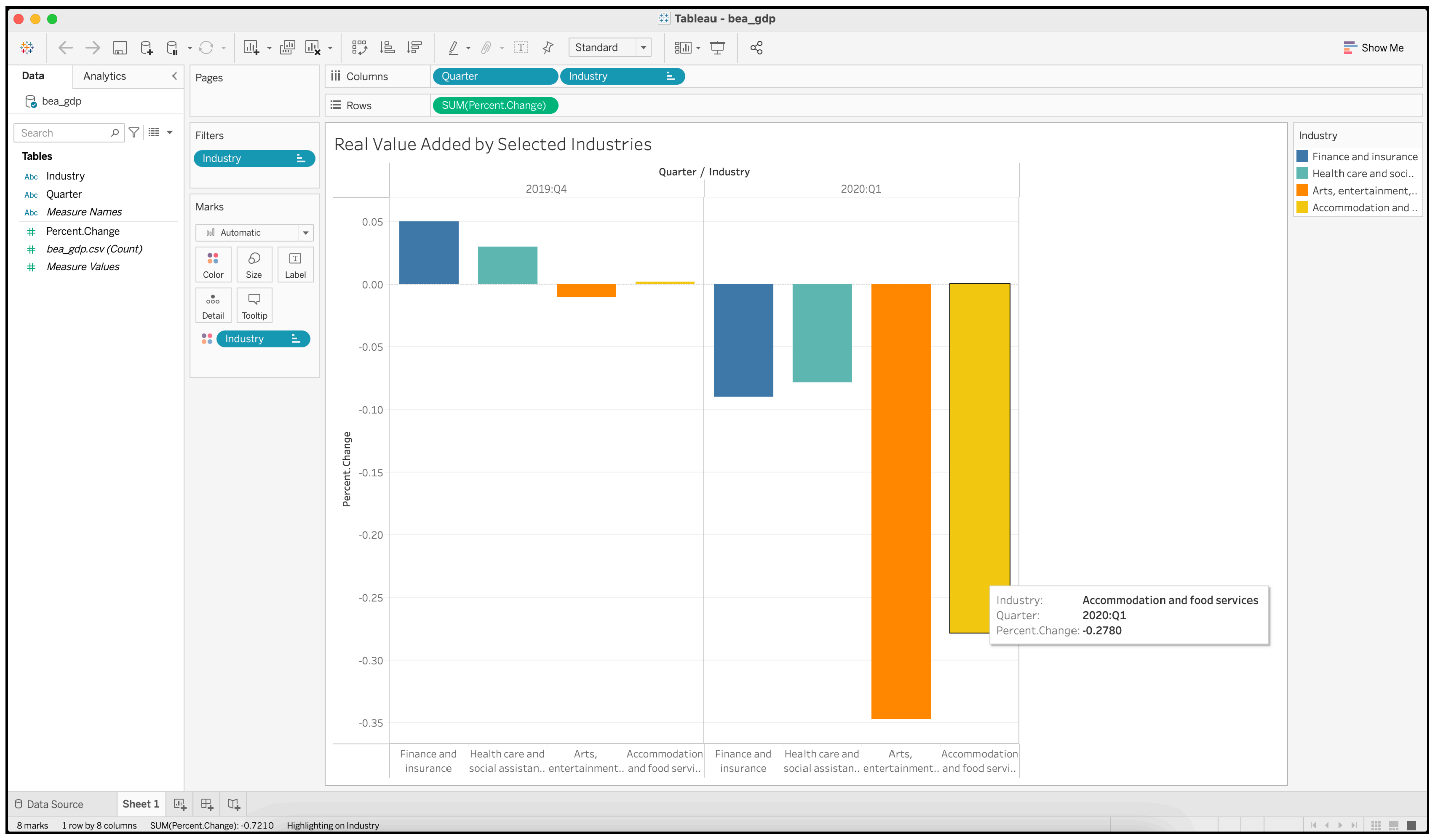
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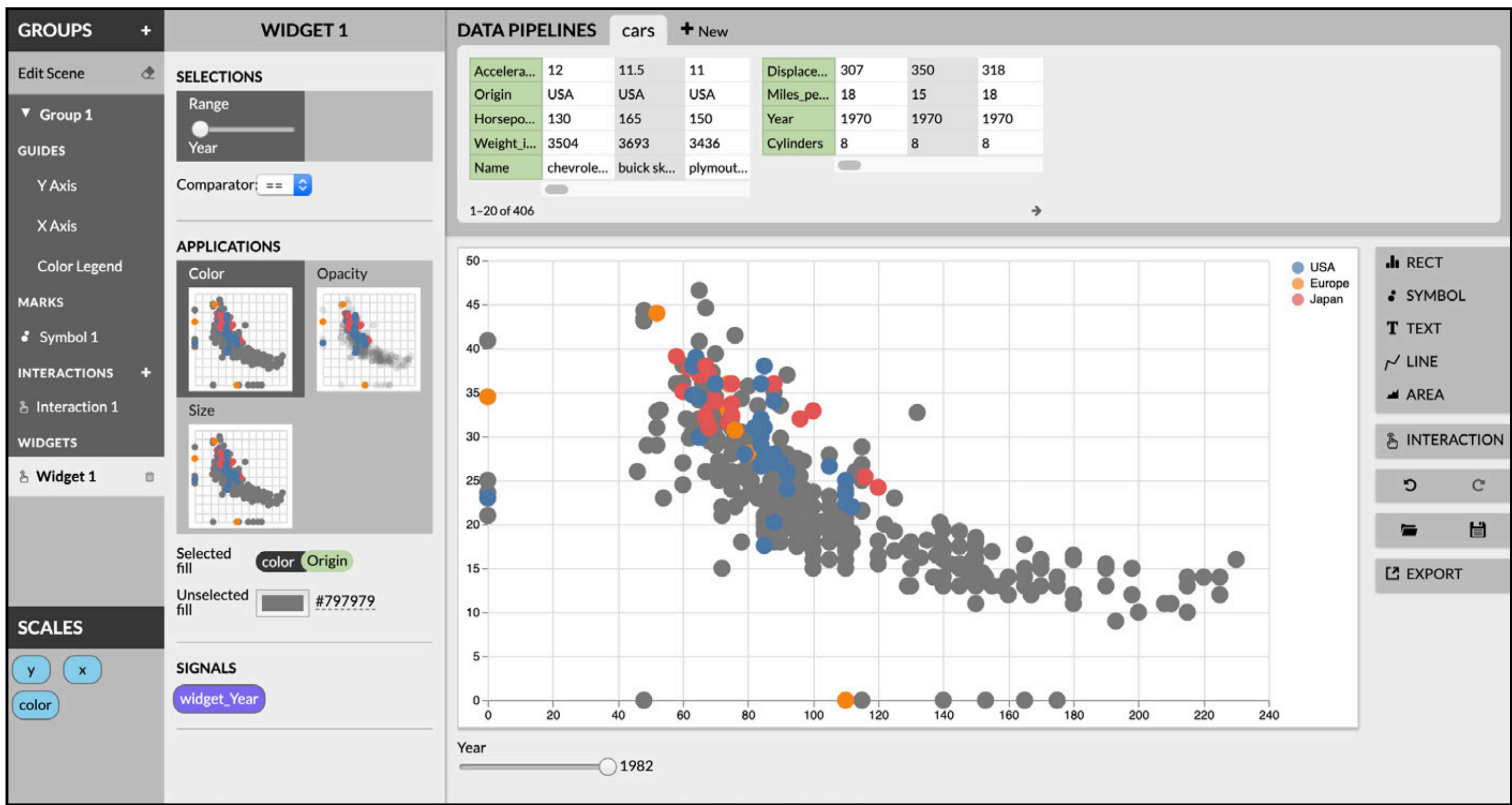


examples of interaction, we can make interactive graphics in Lyra2; but is Lyra2 some kind of interactive graphic?

Lyra2 is a *web browser application with a graphical user interface*. We can “*interact*” with it by *dragging* and *dropping*, *clicking* buttons, similar to Tableau but free, open-source, and based on the powerful *Vega / D3 javascript* languages. In *response*, Lyra2 *changes the view of the data graphic* we see. Is this an interactive graphic?

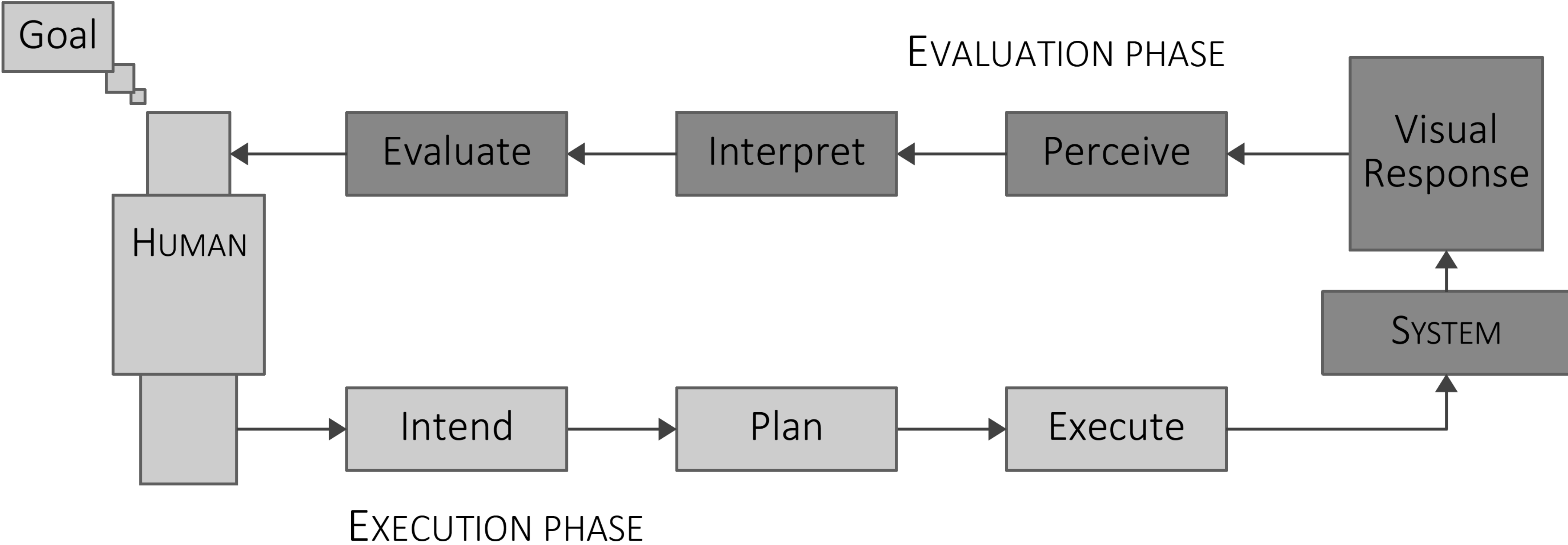


<http://vega.github.io/lyra/>



Zong, Jonathan, Dhiraj Barnwal, Rupayan Neogy, and Arvind Satyanarayan. "Lyra 2: Designing Interactive Visualizations by Demonstration." *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics* 27, no. 2 (February 2021): 304–14. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2020.3030367>.

how we interact, what's interactivity? — “human in the loop” of executing and evaluating

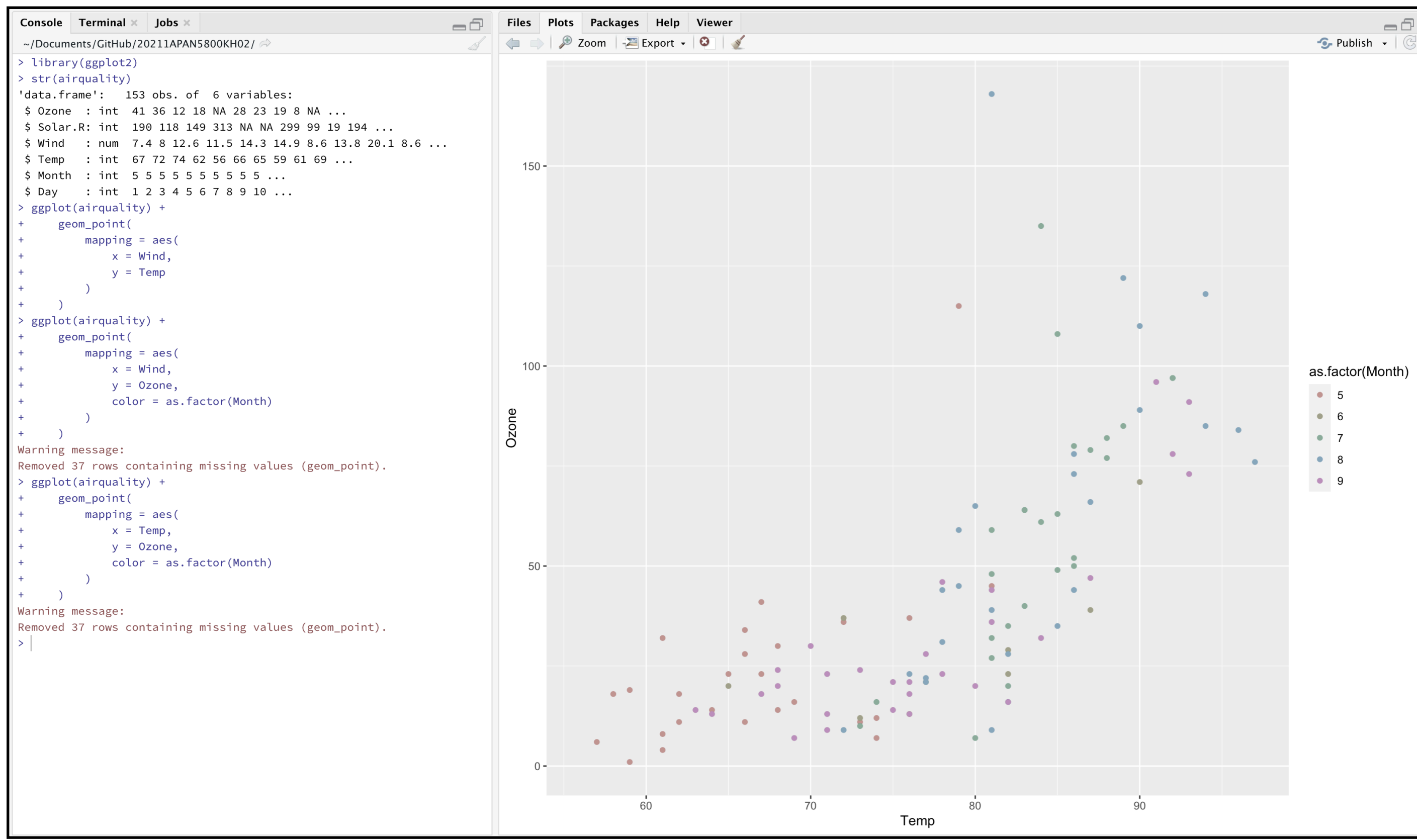


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directness	interaction	example
-	source code editing	c++ / graphics.h
↕	scripting commands	r / rstudio / ggplot2
↕	graphical interface	buttons, sliders, text boxes
↕	direct manipulation	graphical element touched by pointer directed with mouse or trackpad
+	direct touch	graphical element touched by finger on screen



***why* we interact with data-driven visuals**

why we interact, reveal all the relationships

“A graphic is not ‘drawn’ once and for all; it is ‘constructed’ and reconstructed until it **reveals all the relationships** constituted by the interplay of the data. The best graphic operations are those carried out by the decision-maker himself.”

— Jaques Bertin, *Semiology of Graphics*

why we interact, typical goals in interaction with data visuals

Mark something as **interesting**

Show me **something else**

Show me a **different arrangement**

Show me a **different representation**

Show me more or less **detail**

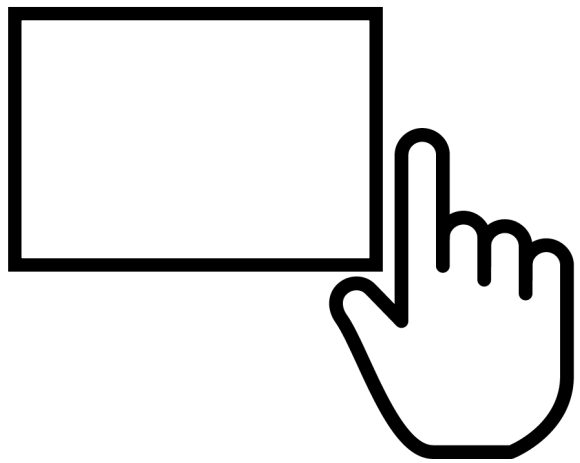
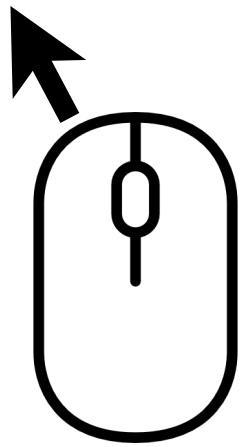
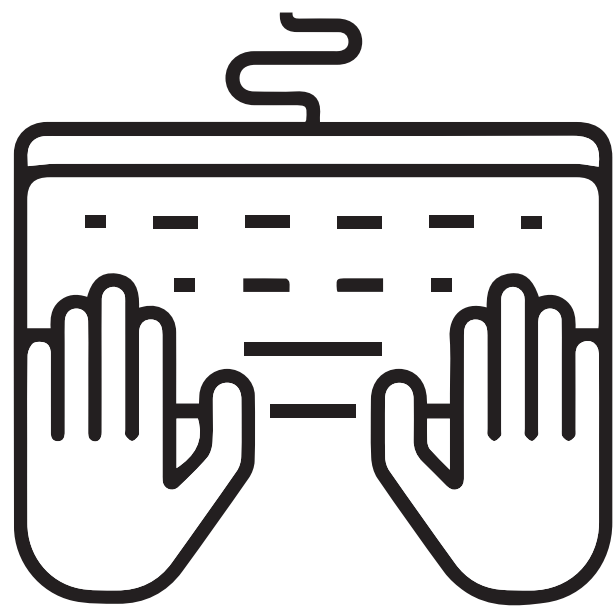
Show me something **conditionally**

Show me **related** things

Let me go back to **where I've been**

how we interact with data-driven visuals

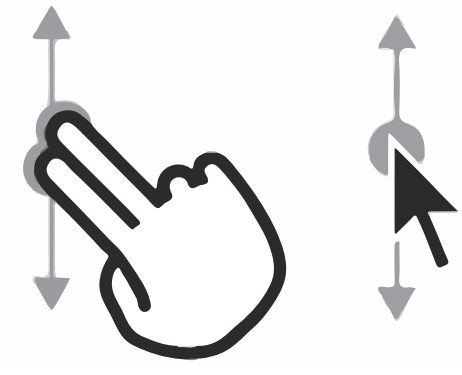
how we interact, common *interfaces* and *actions*



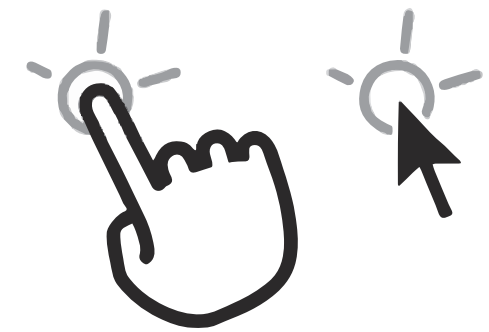
POINTING, HOVERING



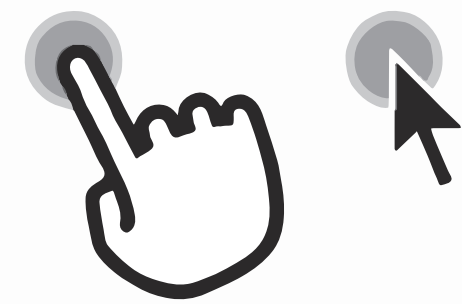
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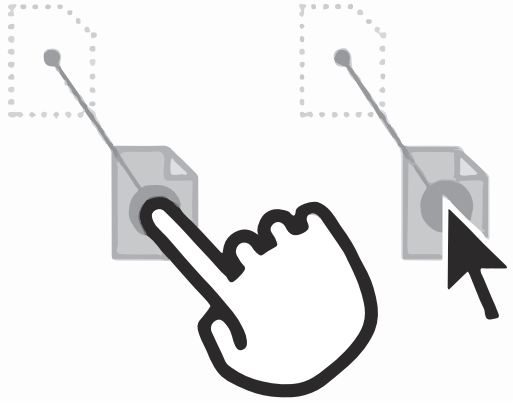
CLICKING



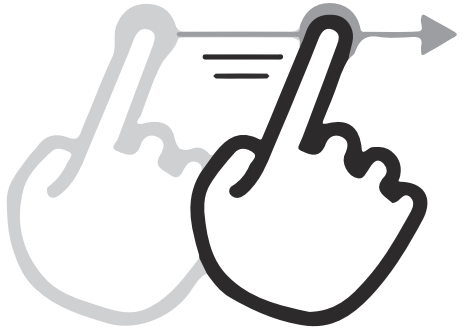
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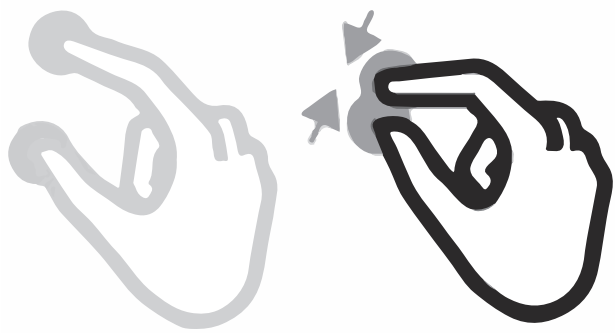
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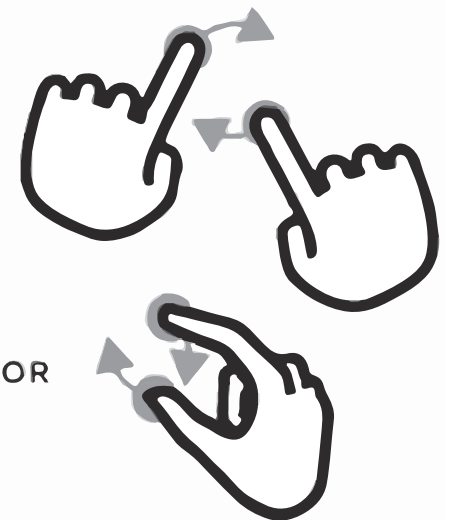
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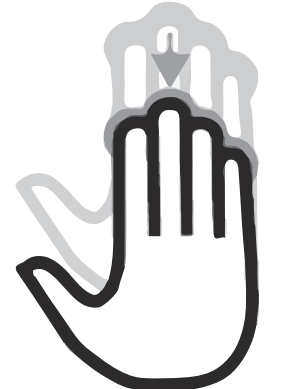
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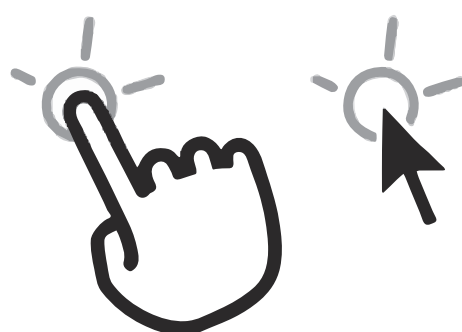


GESTURES WITH MULTIPLE FINGERS

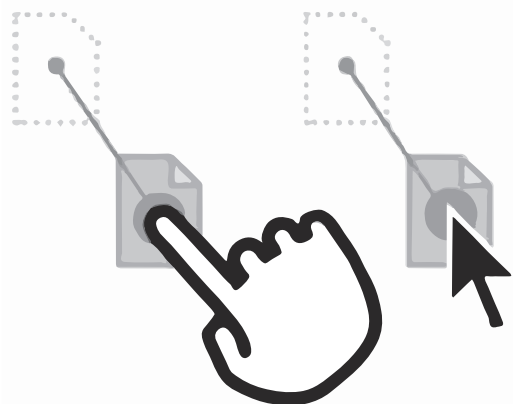


how we interact, our *actions* can trigger events on elements like *widgets* or *directly on data encodings*

CLICKING



DRAGGING



text entry

button

radio-button group

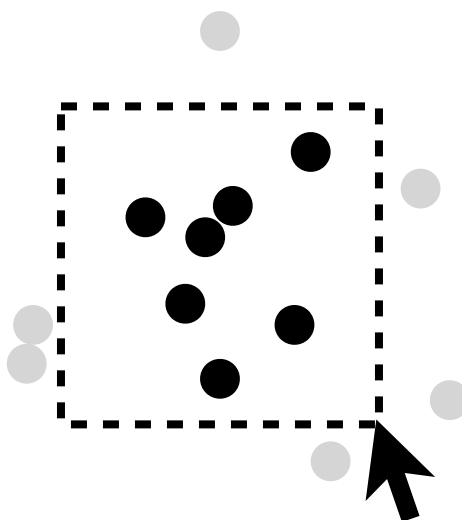
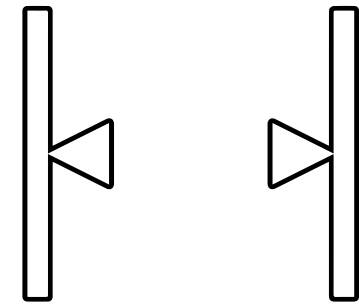
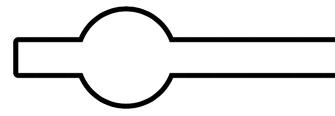
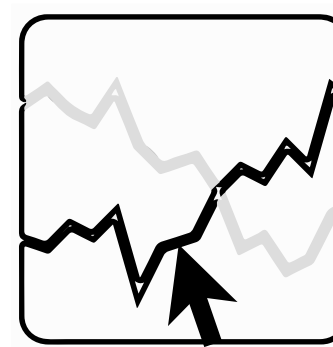
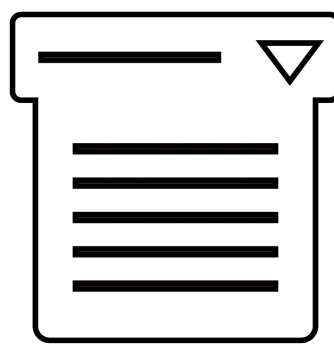
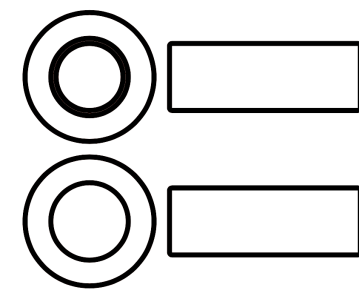
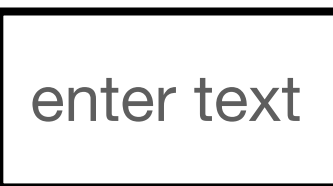
drop-down list

direct selection of data encodings

slider

range bars

selecting group of encodings



... where the elements *listen* to events and *react* by changing data or attributes to responsive visual encodings.

how we interact, common visualization and manipulation *tasks*

Data and view specification

- **Visualize** data by choosing visual encodings
- **Filter** out data to focus on relevant items
- **Sort** items to expose patterns
- **Derive** values of models from source data

View manipulation

- **Select** items to highlight, filter, or manipulate
- **Navigate** to examine high-level patterns and low-level detail
- **Coordinate** views for linked exploration
- **Organize** multiple windows and workspaces

Process and provenance

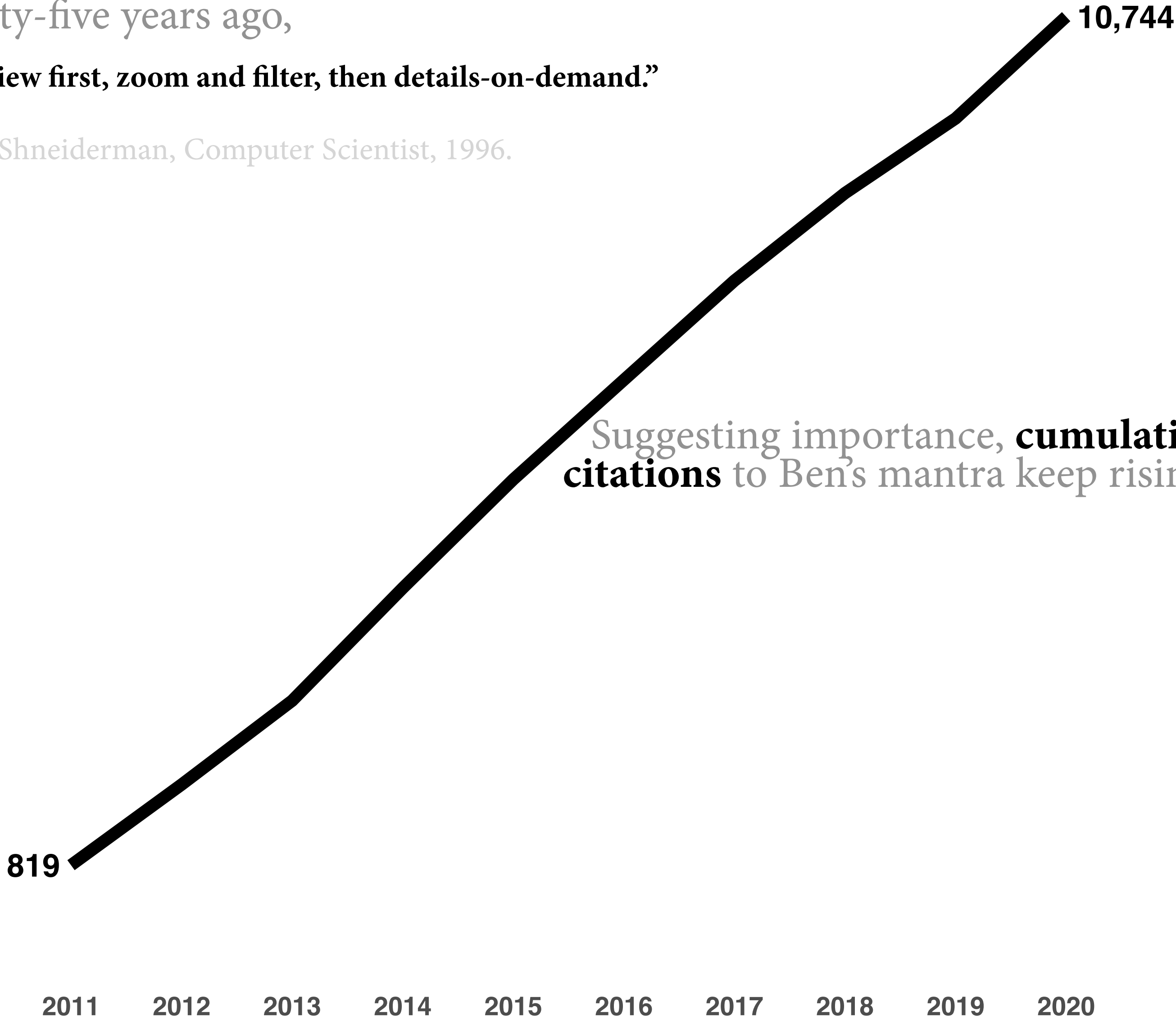
- **Record** analysis histories for revisitation, review, and sharing
- **Annotate** patterns to document findings
- **Share** views and annotations to enable collaboration
- **Guide** users through analysis tasks or stories

how we interact, ordering interactions, one approach — *overview* first, *zoom* and *filter*, then *details-on-demand*

Twenty-five years ago,

“Overview first, zoom and filter, then details-on-demand.”

— Ben Shneiderman, Computer Scientist, 1996.



“Gain an *overview* of the entire collection.”

“*Zoom* in on items of interest. *Filter* out uninteresting items”

“Select an item or group and get *details* when needed.”

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overview first, what's an overview?

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†1. Inspection; overseeing, supervision. *Obsolete.*

1598 W. SHAKESPEARE *Love's Labour's Lost* iv. iii. 173 Too bitter is thy iest. Are we betrayed thus to thy ouer-view? 

1644 W. LAUD *Wks.* (1854) IV. 242 The business of leaving the care of these books and the overview of them to my chaplains.

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2. Originally *U.S.* A general survey; a comprehensive review of facts or ideas; a concise statement or outline of a subject. Also: a broad or overall view of a subject.

1916 *Jrnl. Philos., Psychol. & Sci. Methods* 13 471 An overview of the field of behavior under the following heads.

1934 *Jrnl. Philos. Sci.* 1 474 Having thus given, in organismic terms, a brief over-view of the nature and content of thought, we may now consider for a moment its logical aspect.

1944 *Mind* 53 276 According to the jacket..the purpose of this book is to present 'an overview of present-day philosophical trends'.

1969 M. CRICHTON *Andromeda Strain* v. 44 A scientist with a conscience, an overview, an appreciation of the significance of events.

1975 A. S. MISKIMIN *Renaissance Chaucer* viii. 230 In an overview such as this, many questions will be begged.

1993 A. TOFFLER & H. TOFFLER *War & Anti-war* xvi. 141 In a preliminary overview of what they call 'cyberwar', they touch on broad strategic questions.

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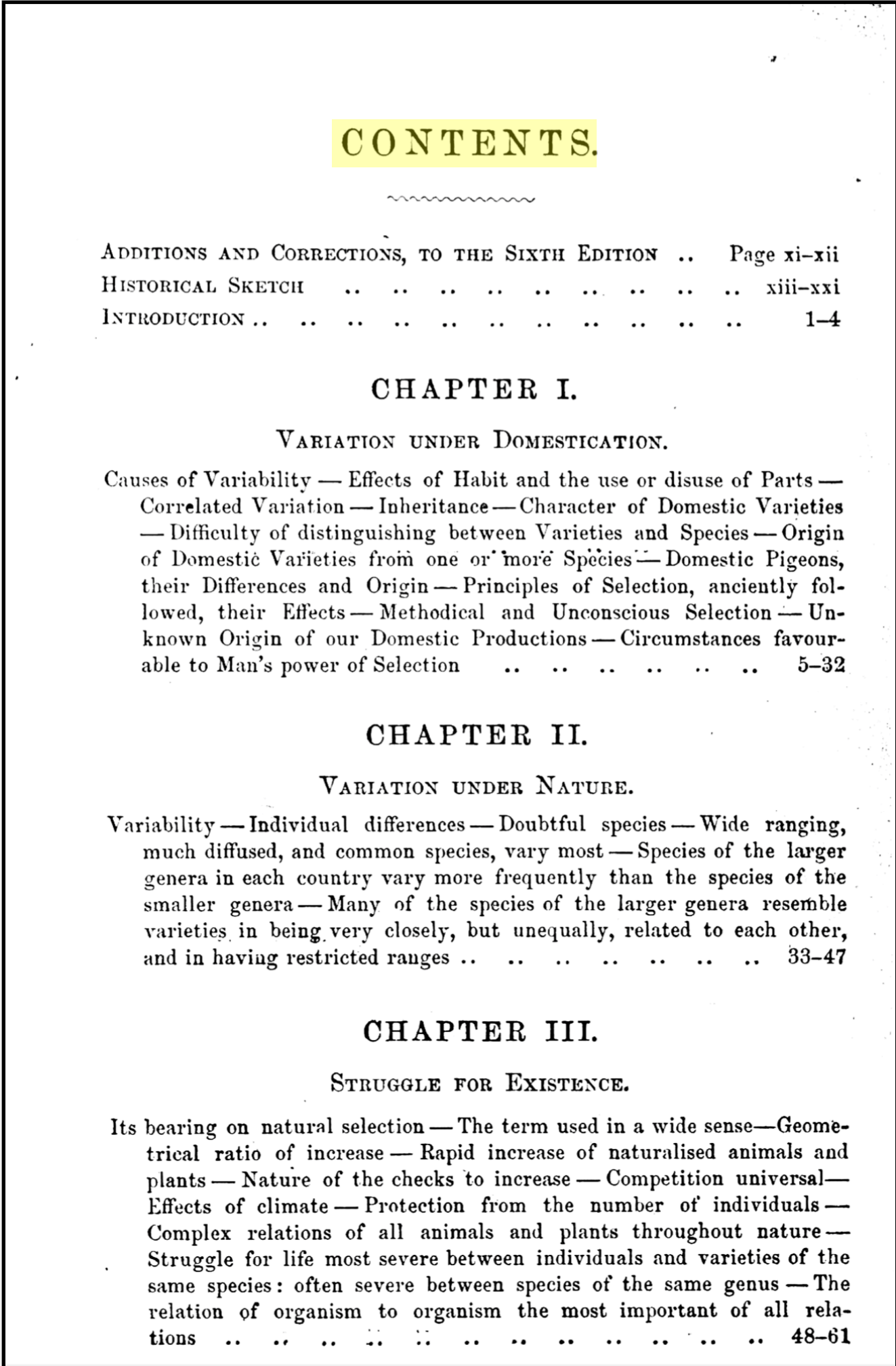
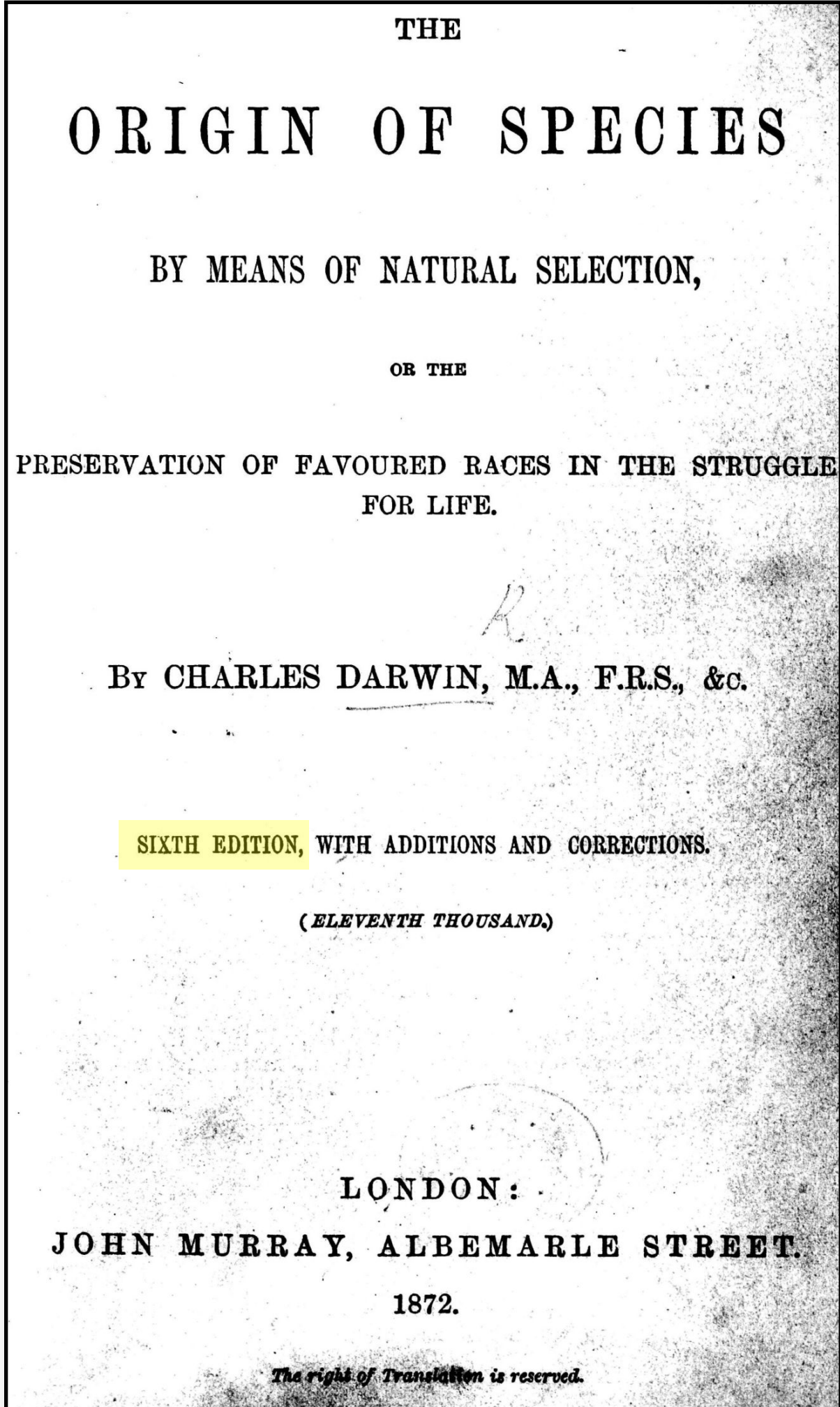
3. A view from above. Cf. OVERVIEW *v.* 2.

1980 *Hunting Ann.* 1981 29/3 We didn't have a tree stand so I picked a little grassy knoll that allowed me a fairly good overview of the riverbottom.

1992 *Zoo Life* Winter 103/1 New African Panorama brings you face to face with giraffes and an exciting overview of the 13-acre African plains.

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overview first, can a book's *table of contents* be an overview?



— Darwin, Charles. *The Origin of Species By Means of Natural Selection*. 6th Edition. London: John Murray, Albemarle Street, 1872.

overview first, can a book's *introduction* be an overview?

ORIGIN OF SPECIES.

INTRODUCTION.

WHEN on board H.M.S. 'Beagle,' as naturalist, I was much struck with certain facts in the distribution of the organic beings inhabiting South America, and in the geological relations of the present to the past inhabitants of that continent. These facts, as will be seen in the latter chapters of this volume, seemed to throw some light on the origin of species—that mystery of mysteries, as it has been called by one of our greatest philosophers. On my return home, it occurred to me, in 1837, that something might perhaps be made out on this question by patiently accumulating and reflecting on all sorts of facts which could possibly have any bearing on it. After five years' work I allowed myself to speculate on the subject, and drew up some short notes; these I enlarged in 1844 into a sketch of the conclusions, which then seemed to me probable: from that period to the present day I have steadily pursued the same object. I hope that I may be excused for entering on these personal details, as I give them to show that I have not been hasty in coming to a decision.

My work is now (1859) nearly finished; but as it will take me many more years to complete it, and as my health is far from strong, I have been urged to publish this Abstract. I have more especially been induced to do this, as Mr. Wallace, who is now studying the natural history of the Malay archipelago, has arrived at almost exactly the same general conclusions that I have on the origin of species. In 1858 he sent me a memoir on this subject, with a request that I would forward it to Sir Charles Lyell, who sent it to the Linnean Society, and it is published in the third volume of the Journal of that Society. Sir C. Lyell and Dr. Hooker, who both knew of my work—the latter having read my sketch of 1844—honoured me by thinking it advisable to publish, with Mr. Wallace's excellent memoir, some brief extracts from my manuscripts.

This Abstract, which I now publish, must necessarily be imperfect. I cannot here give references and authorities for my

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of external conditions, or of habit, or of the volition of the plant itself.

It is, therefore, of the highest importance to gain a clear insight into the means of modification and coadaptation. At the commencement of my observations it seemed to me probable that a careful study of domesticated animals and of cultivated plants would offer the best chance of making out this obscure problem. Nor have I been disappointed; in this and in all other perplexing cases I have invariably found that our knowledge, imperfect though it be, of variation under domestication, afforded the best and safest clue. I may venture to express my conviction of the high value of such studies, although they have been very commonly neglected by naturalists.

From these considerations, I shall devote the first chapter of this Abstract to Variation under Domestication. We shall thus see that a large amount of hereditary modification is at least possible; and, what is equally or more important, we shall see how great is the power of man in accumulating by his Selection successive slight variations. I will then pass on to the variability of species in a state of nature; but I shall, unfortunately, be compelled to treat this subject far too briefly, as it can be treated properly only by giving long catalogues of facts. We shall, however, be enabled to discuss what circumstances are most favourable to variation. In the next chapter the Struggle for Existence amongst all organic beings throughout the world, which inevitably follows from the high geometrical ratio of their increase, will be considered. This is the doctrine of Malthus, applied to the whole animal and vegetable kingdoms. As many more individuals of each species are born than can possibly survive; and as, consequently, there is a frequently recurring struggle for existence, it follows that any being, if it vary however slightly in any manner profitable to itself, under the complex and sometimes varying conditions of life, will have a better chance of surviving, and thus be naturally selected. From the strong principle of inheritance, any selected variety will tend to propagate its new and modified form.

This fundamental subject of Natural Selection will be treated at some length in the fourth chapter; and we shall then see how Natural Selection almost inevitably causes much Extinction of the less improved forms of life, and leads to what I have called Divergence of Character. In the next chapter I shall discuss the complex and little known laws of variation. In the five succeeding chapters, the most apparent and gravest difficulties in accepting the theory will be given: namely, first, the difficulties of transitions, or how a

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simple being or a simple organ can be changed and perfected into a highly developed being or into an elaborately constructed organ; secondly, the subject of Instinct, or the mental powers of animals; thirdly, Hybridism, or the infertility of species and the fertility of varieties when intercrossed; and fourthly, the imperfection of the Geological Record. In the next chapter I shall consider the geological succession of organic beings throughout time; in the twelfth and thirteenth, their geographical distribution throughout space; in the fourteenth, their classification or mutual affinities, both when mature and in an embryonic condition. In the last chapter I shall give a brief recapitulation of the whole work, and a few concluding remarks.

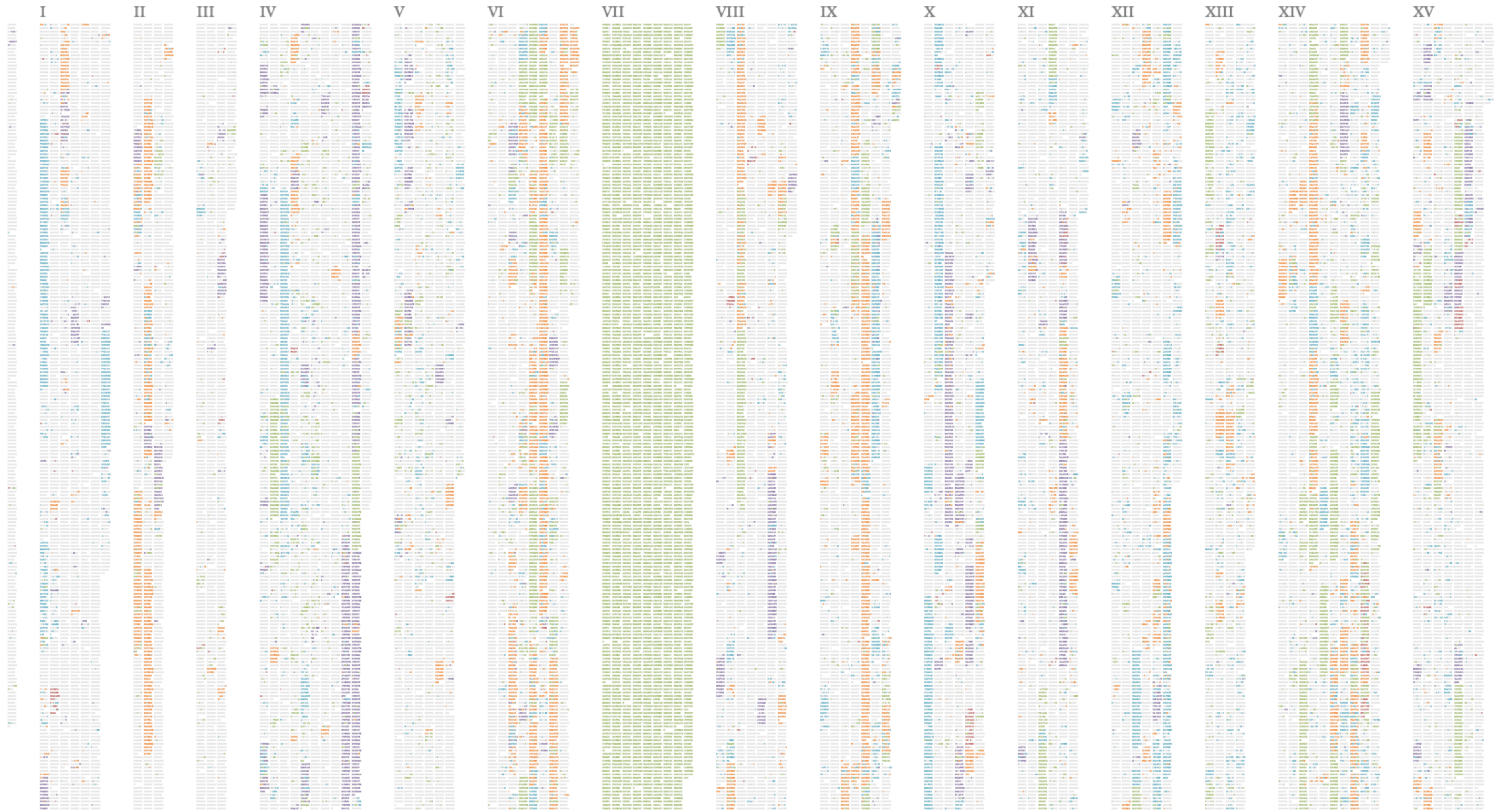
No one ought to feel surprise at much remaining as yet unexplained in regard to the origin of species and varieties, if he make due allowance for our profound ignorance in regard to the mutual relations of the many beings which live around us. Who can explain why one species ranges widely and is very numerous, and why another allied species has a narrow range and is rare? Yet these relations are of the highest importance, for they determine the present welfare, and, as I believe, the future success and modification of every inhabitant of this world. Still less do we know of the mutual relations of the innumerable inhabitants of the world during the many past geological epochs in its history. Although much remains obscure, and will long remain obscure, I can entertain no doubt, after the most deliberate study and dispassionate judgment of which I am capable, that the view which most naturalists until recently entertained, and which I formerly entertained—namely, that each species has been independently created—is erroneous. I am fully convinced that species are not immutable; but those belonging to what are called the same genera are *kindred* descendants of some other and generally extinct species, in the same manner as the acknowledged varieties of any one species are the descendants of that species. Furthermore, I am convinced that Natural Selection has been the most important, but not the exclusive, means of modification.

— Darwin, Charles. *The Origin of Species By Means of Natural Selection*. 6th Edition. London: John Murray, Albemarle Street, 1872.

overview first, can a single view of every word in a book, color-coded by date added to edition, be an *overview*?

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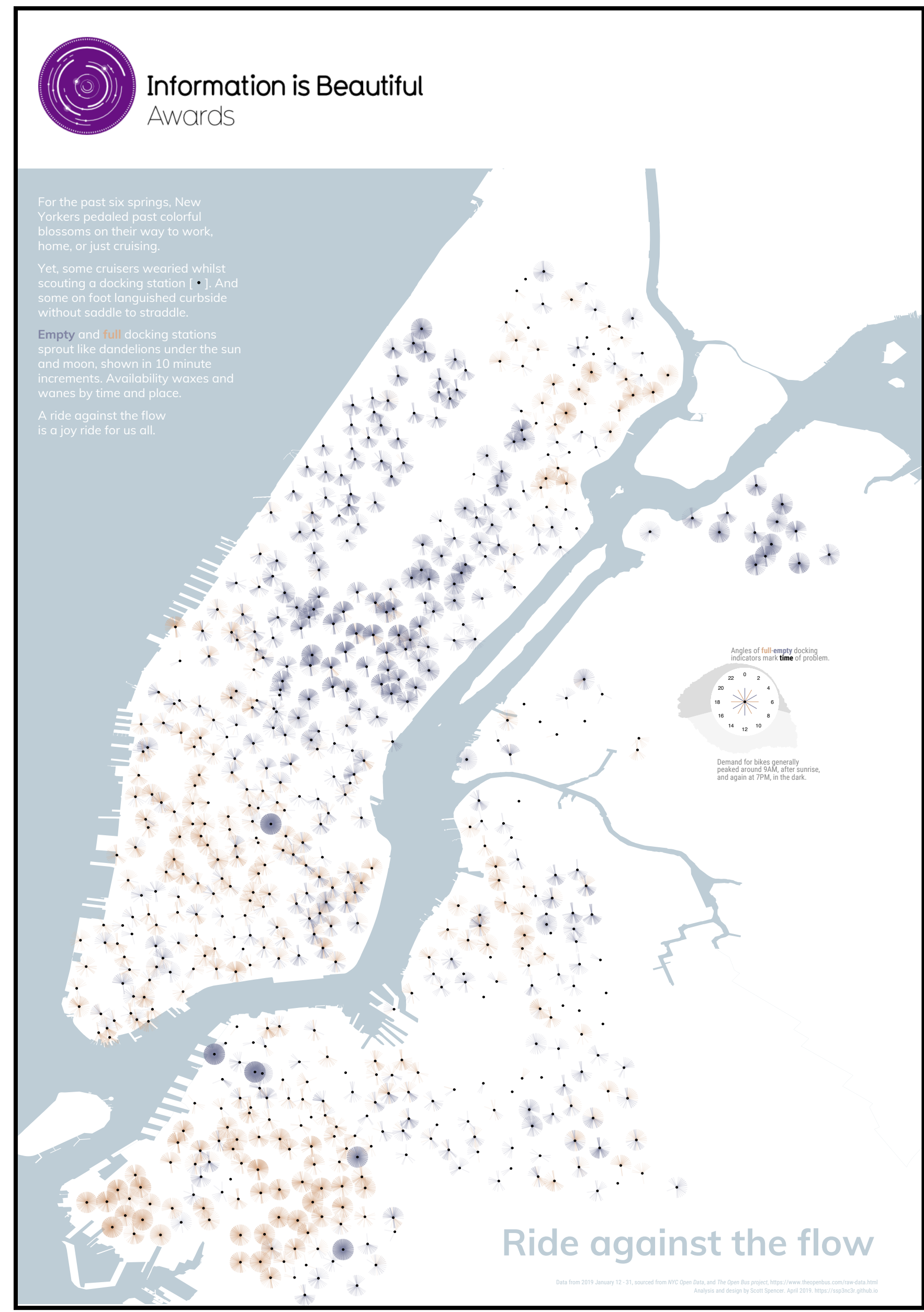
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available, not shown

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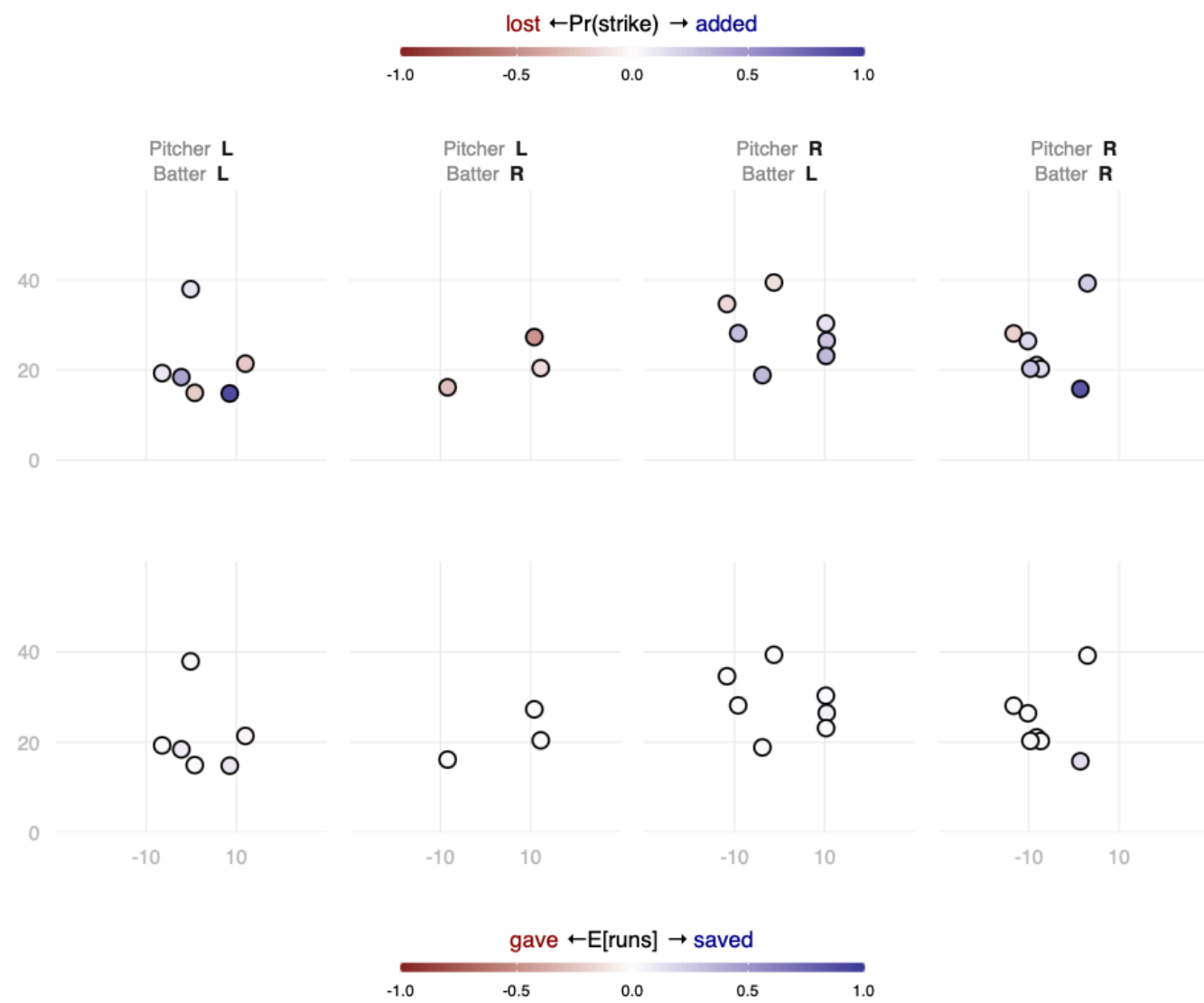
Explorable differences between umpire calls and modeled probabilities of strikes

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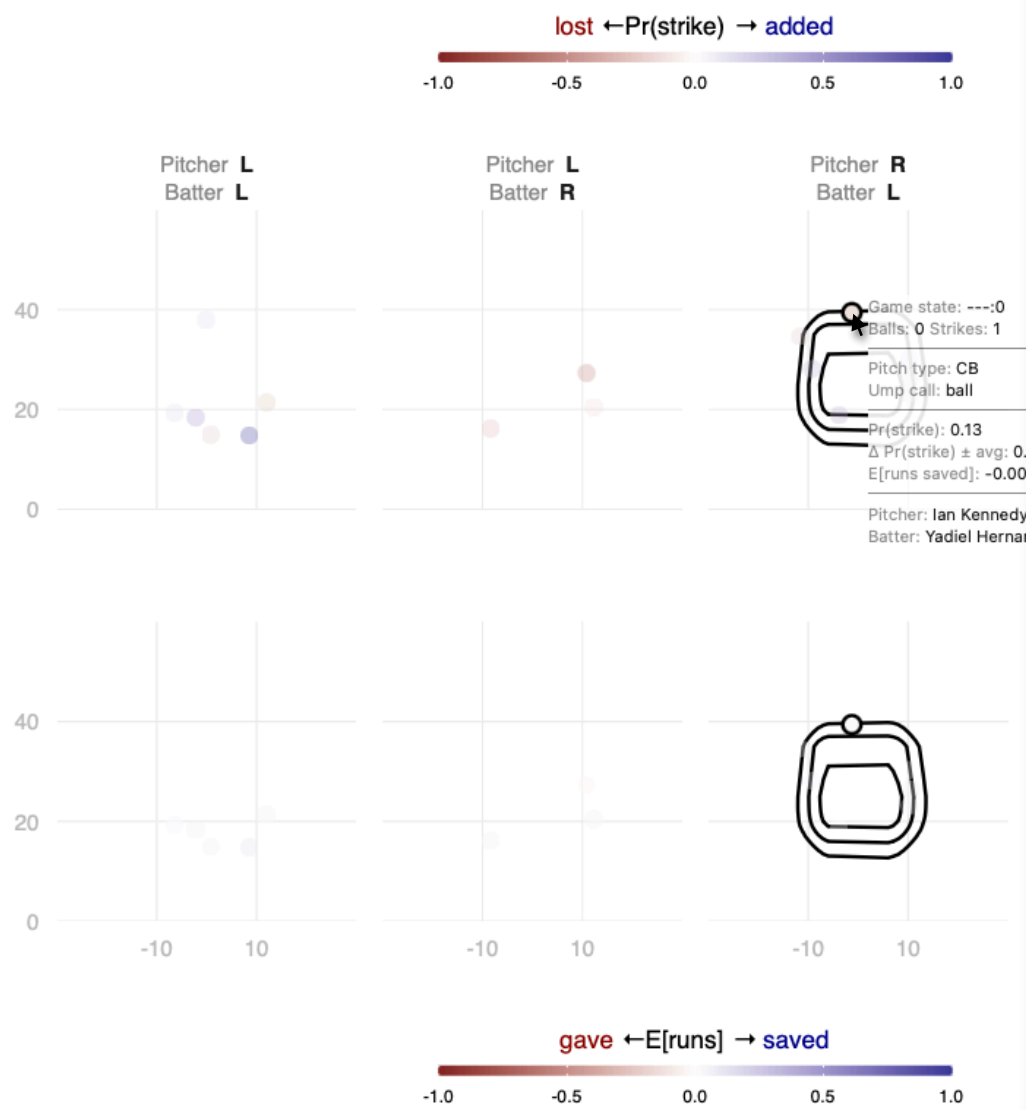
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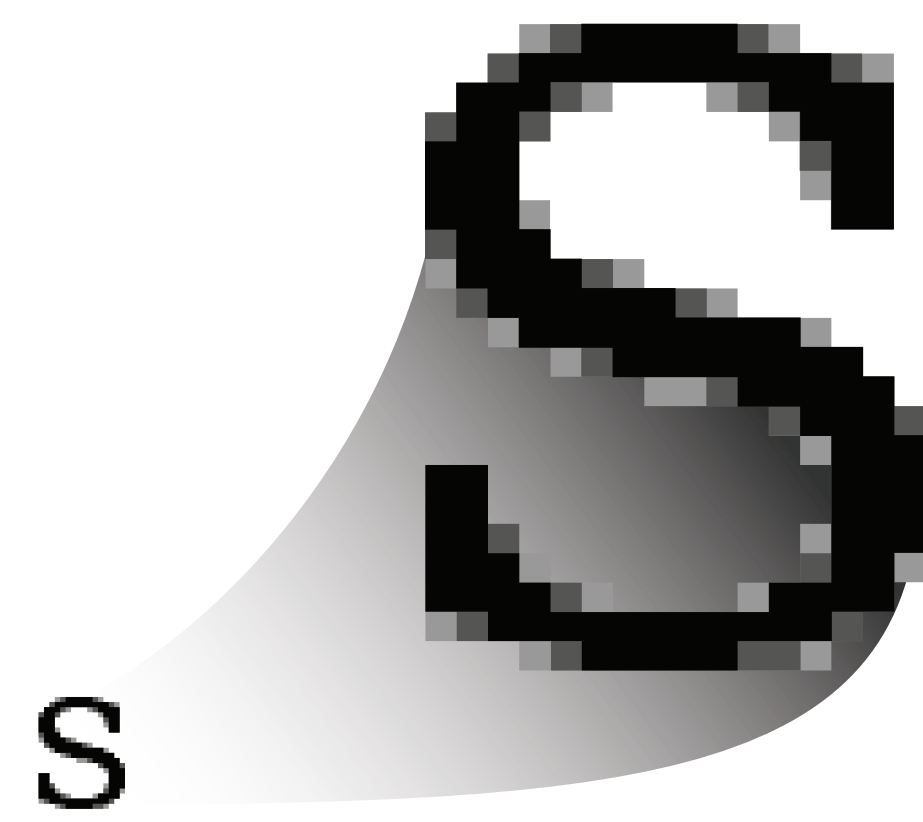
Game state: ---:0
Balls: 0 Strikes: 1

Pitch type: CB
Ump call: ball

Pr(strike): 0.13
 Δ Pr(strike) \pm avg: 0.01
E[runs saved]: -0.006

Pitcher: Ian Kennedy
Batter: Yadiel Hernandez

how we interact, on zooming (e.g. ) — *raster* and *vector* graphics



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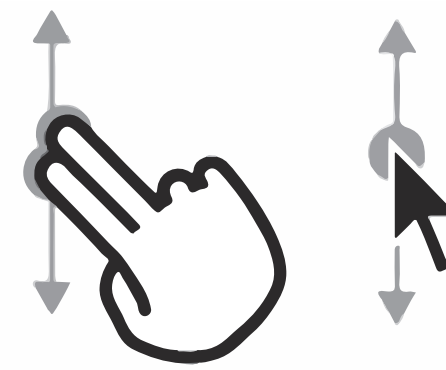
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how we interact, “scrollytelling” — an abstract example based on scrolling



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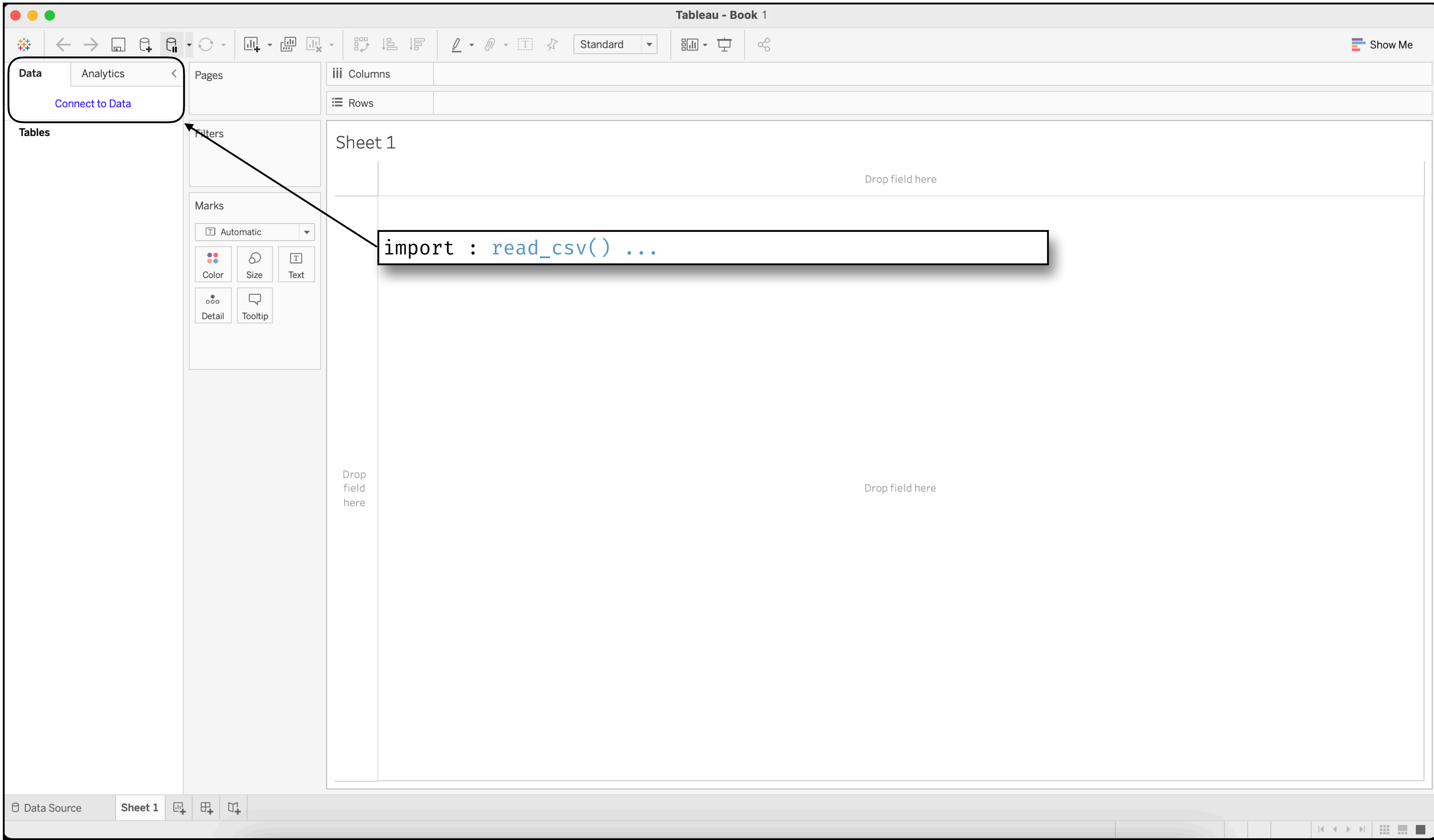
Interactivity lets readers dig deeper, explore more views of data, and re-build trust through transparency.

“Knowing that the majority of readers doesn’t click buttons does not mean you shouldn’t use any buttons. Knowing that many many people will ignore your tooltips doesn’t mean you shouldn’t use any tooltips. All it means is that **you should not hide important content behind interactions**” like “mak[ing] the user click or hover to see it.”

— Gregor Aisch. CIO, Datawrapper, 2017.

**(limited) grammar of graphics functions
mapped to Tableau — introduction & use case**

basics of Tableau, Tableau mapped to **grammar of graphics** functions (ggplot2 + tidyverse)



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The image shows the Tableau interface with the following components:

- Data Pane (Left):** Lists data sources and fields. The 'Orders' table is expanded, showing fields like Customer Name, Location, Order Date, Order ID, Product, Profit (bin), Segment, Ship Date, Ship Mode, Top Customers by Profit, Discount, Profit, Quantity, Sales, and Orders (Count).
- Columns and Rows Shelves (Top):** Empty shelves for placing fields.
- Marks Card (Middle-Left):** Set to 'Automatic'. Includes options for Color, Size, Text, Detail, and Tooltip.
- Visualization Area (Right):** A large empty space with 'Drop field here' prompts.

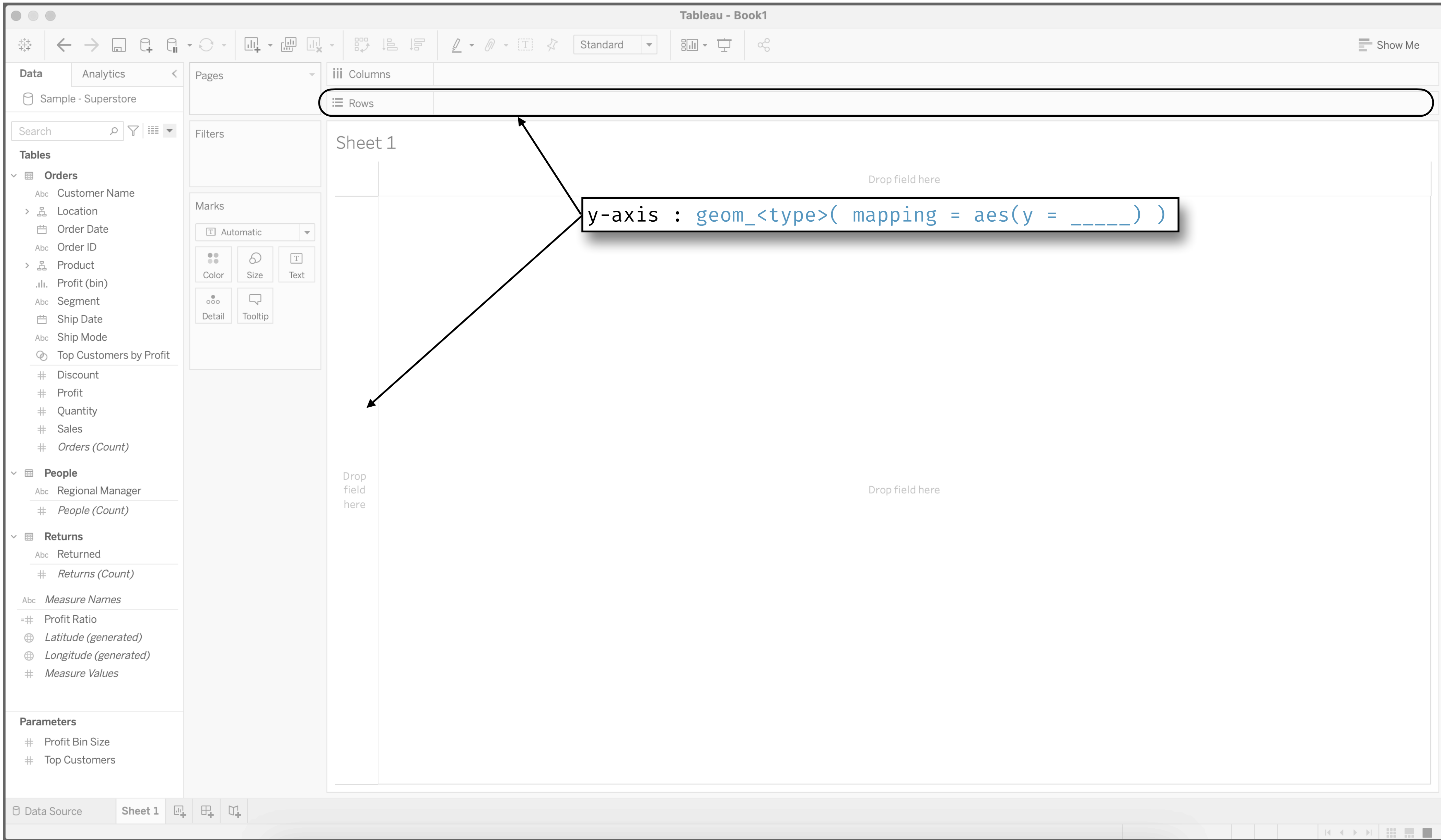
A callout box with a black border and white background points to the 'Orders' table in the Data pane. It contains the text: `data : ggplot(data = _____) or geom_<type>(data = _____)`.

basics of Tableau, Tableau mapped to **grammar of graphics** functions (ggplot2 + tidyverse)

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- Columns Shelf:** A box highlights the text: `x-axis : geom_<type>(mapping = aes(x = _____))`. An arrow points from this box to the Columns shelf.
- Main Visualization Area:** An arrow points from the same box to the main visualization area, which contains the text "Drop field here".
- Left Panel:** Contains "Data", "Analytics", "Pages", "Columns", and "Rows" tabs. Below these are "Filters" and "Marks" sections. The "Marks" section includes "Automatic", "Color", "Size", "Text", "Detail", and "Tooltip" options.
- Table List:** A list of tables is shown, including "Orders", "People", and "Returns".
- Bottom Panel:** Shows "Data Source" and "Sheet 1" tabs.

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The screenshot shows the Tableau interface with a context menu open for the field SUM(Quantity). The menu options include Filter..., Show Filter, Format..., Show Header, Include in Tooltip, Dimension Attribute, Measure (Sum), Discrete, Continuous, Edit in Shelf, Add Table Calculation..., Quick Table Calculation, and Remove. The Measure (Sum) option is selected, and a sub-menu is open showing aggregation functions: Sum, Average, Median, Count, Count (Distinct), Minimum, Maximum, Percentile, Std.Dev, Std.Dev (Pop.), Variance, and Variance (Pop.).

The text box on the right contains the following R code and mapping:

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summarise : geom_<type>( data = ____ )

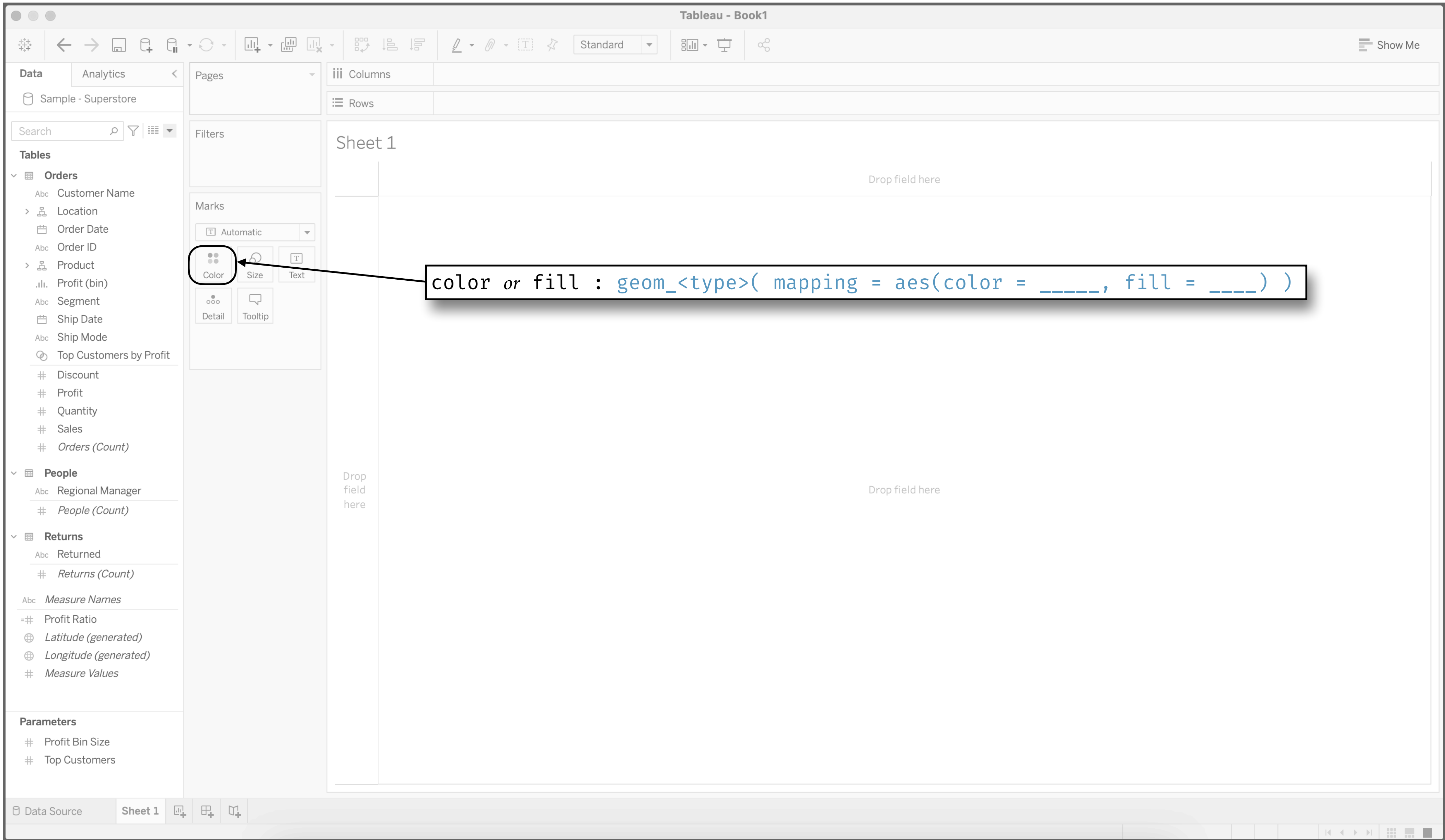
                                where

Dimension                        (identity / raw data)

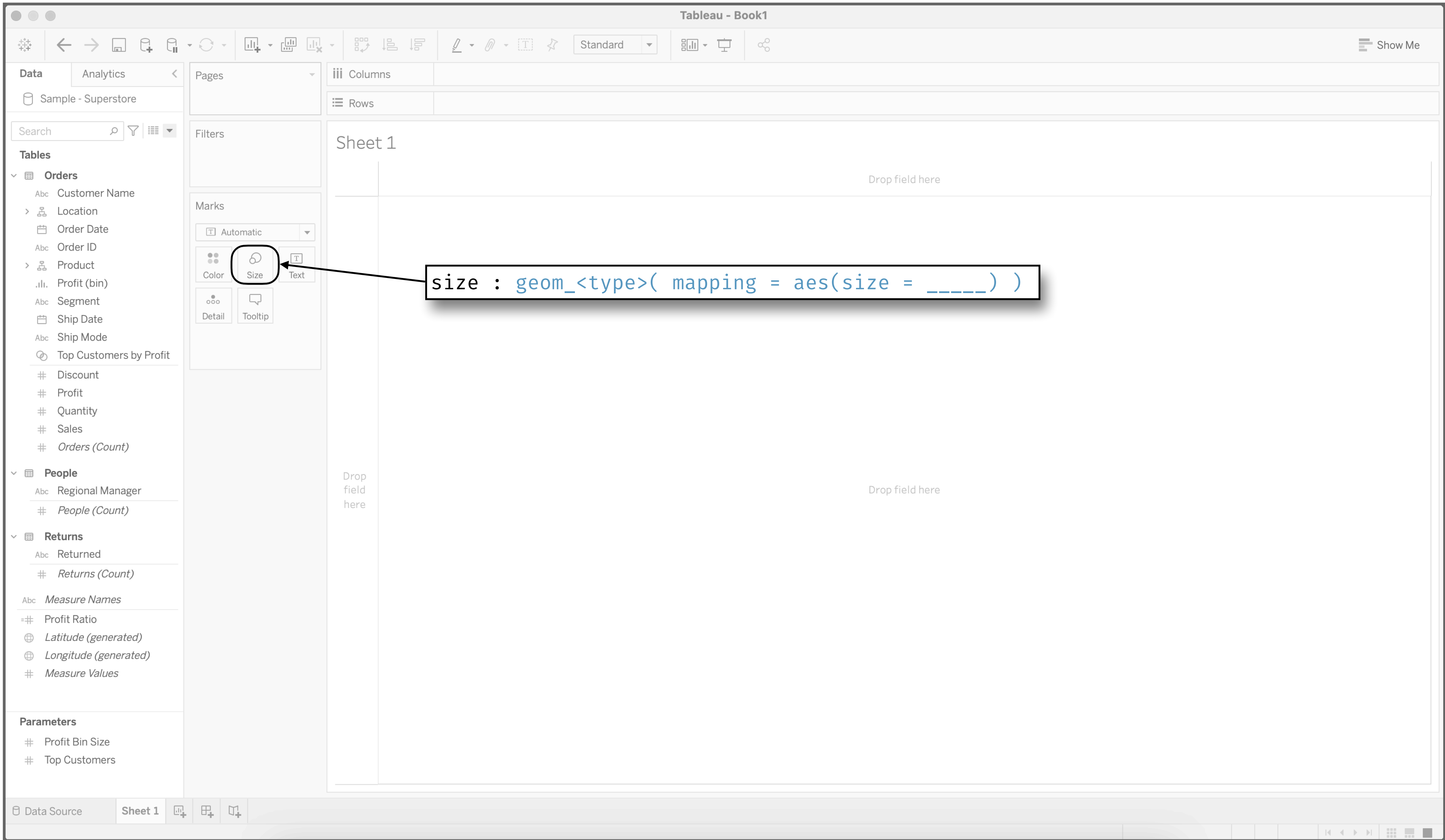
Measure                          data = summarise( <see below> )

Sum                               sum()
Average                           mean()
Median                             median()
Count                               n()
Count (Distinct)                   n_distinct()
Minimum                             min()
Maximum                             max()
Percentile                          quantile(prob = ___)
Std Dev                             sd()
Std Dev (Pop)                       sd() * sqrt( ( n() - 1 ) / n() )
Variance                             var()
Variance (Pop)                       var(y) * ( n() - 1 ) / n()
    
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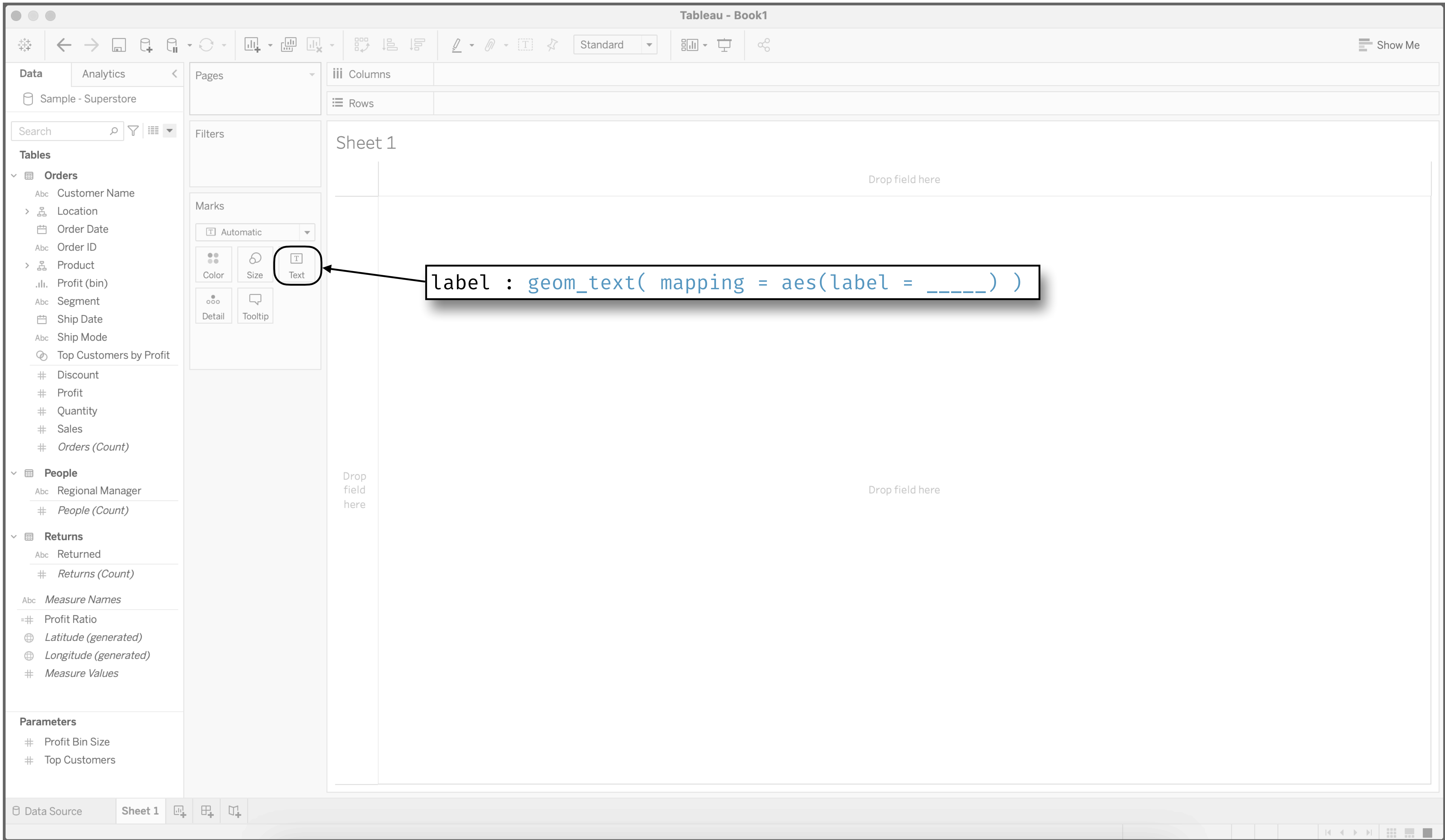
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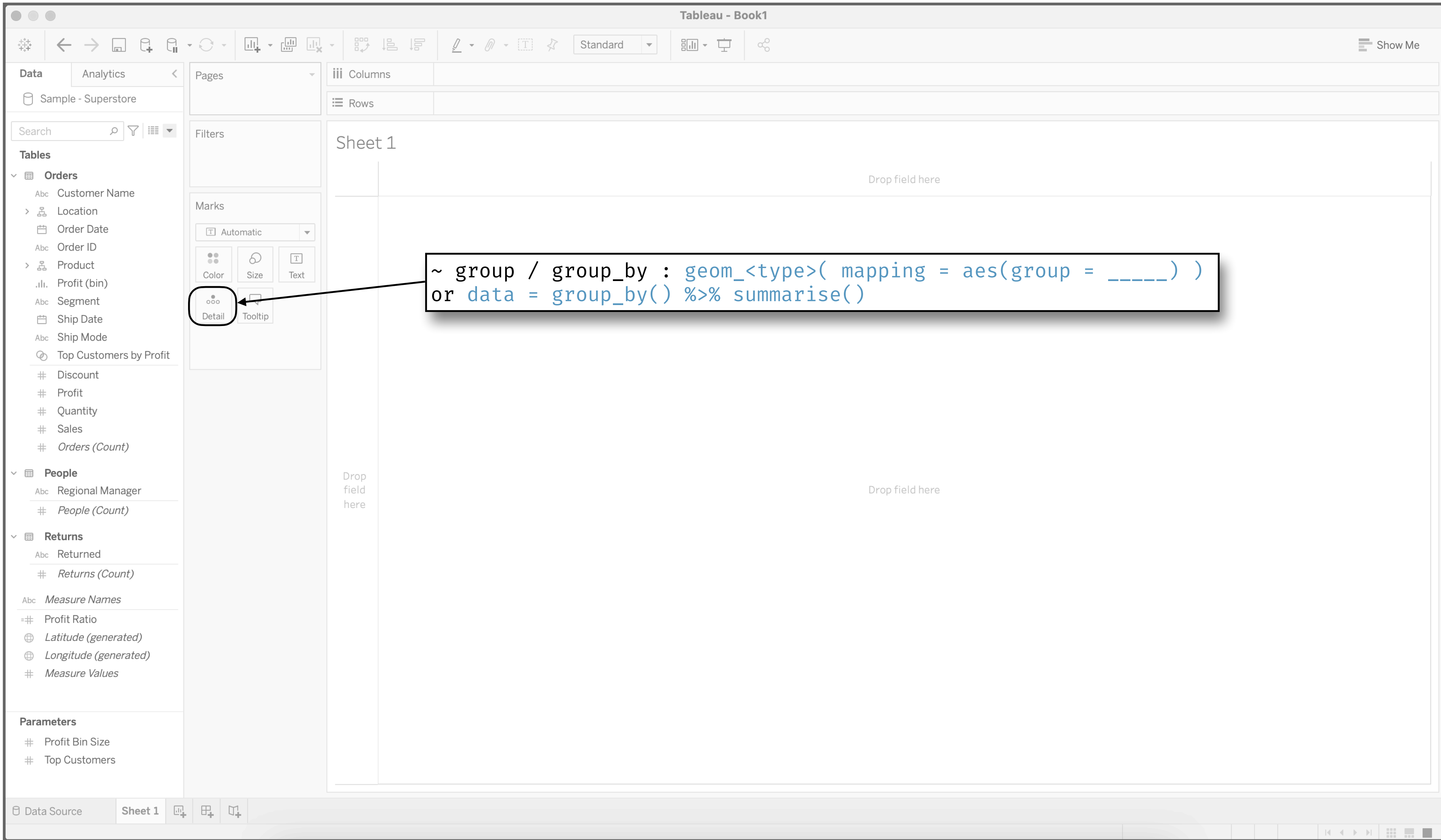
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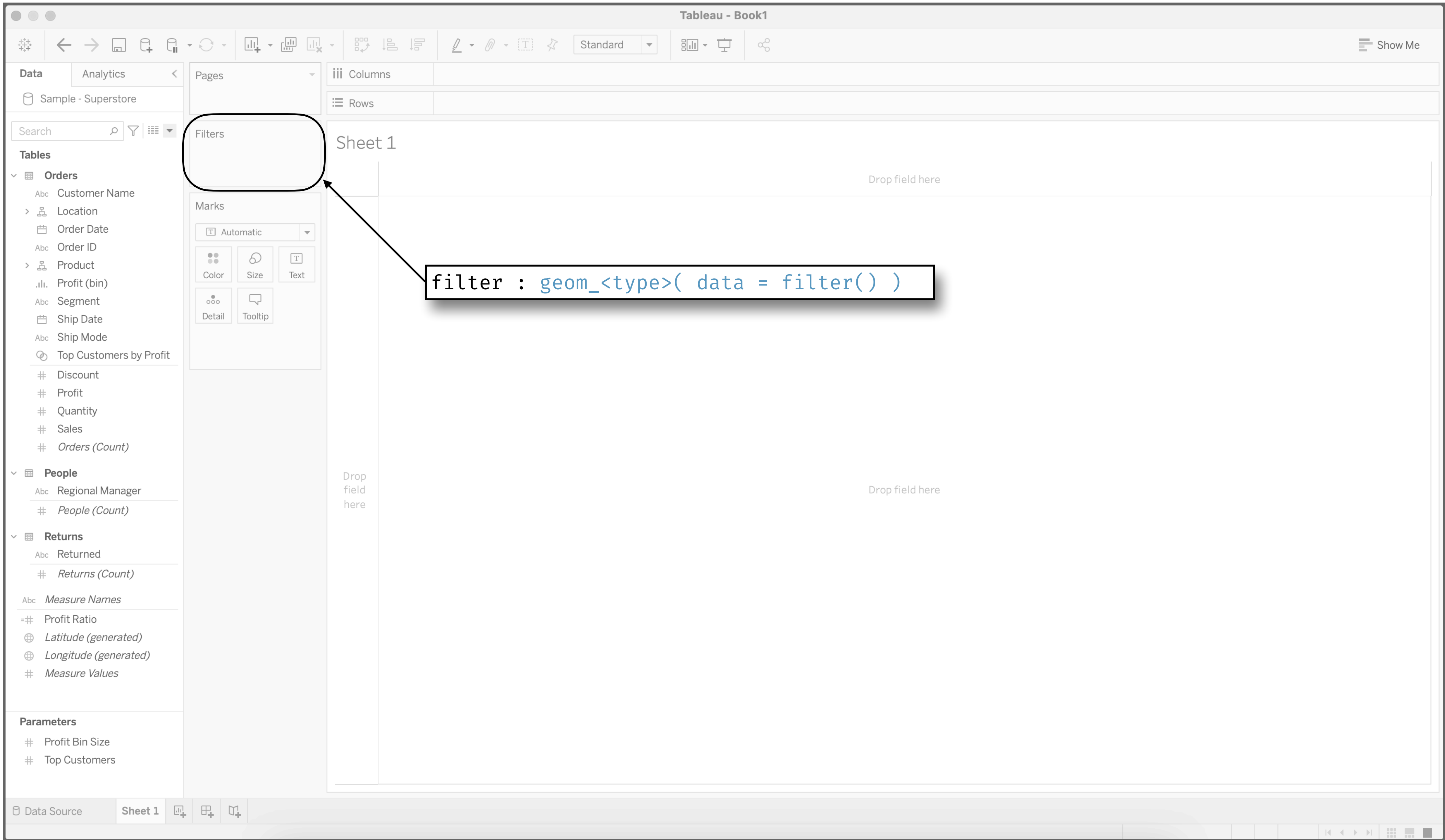
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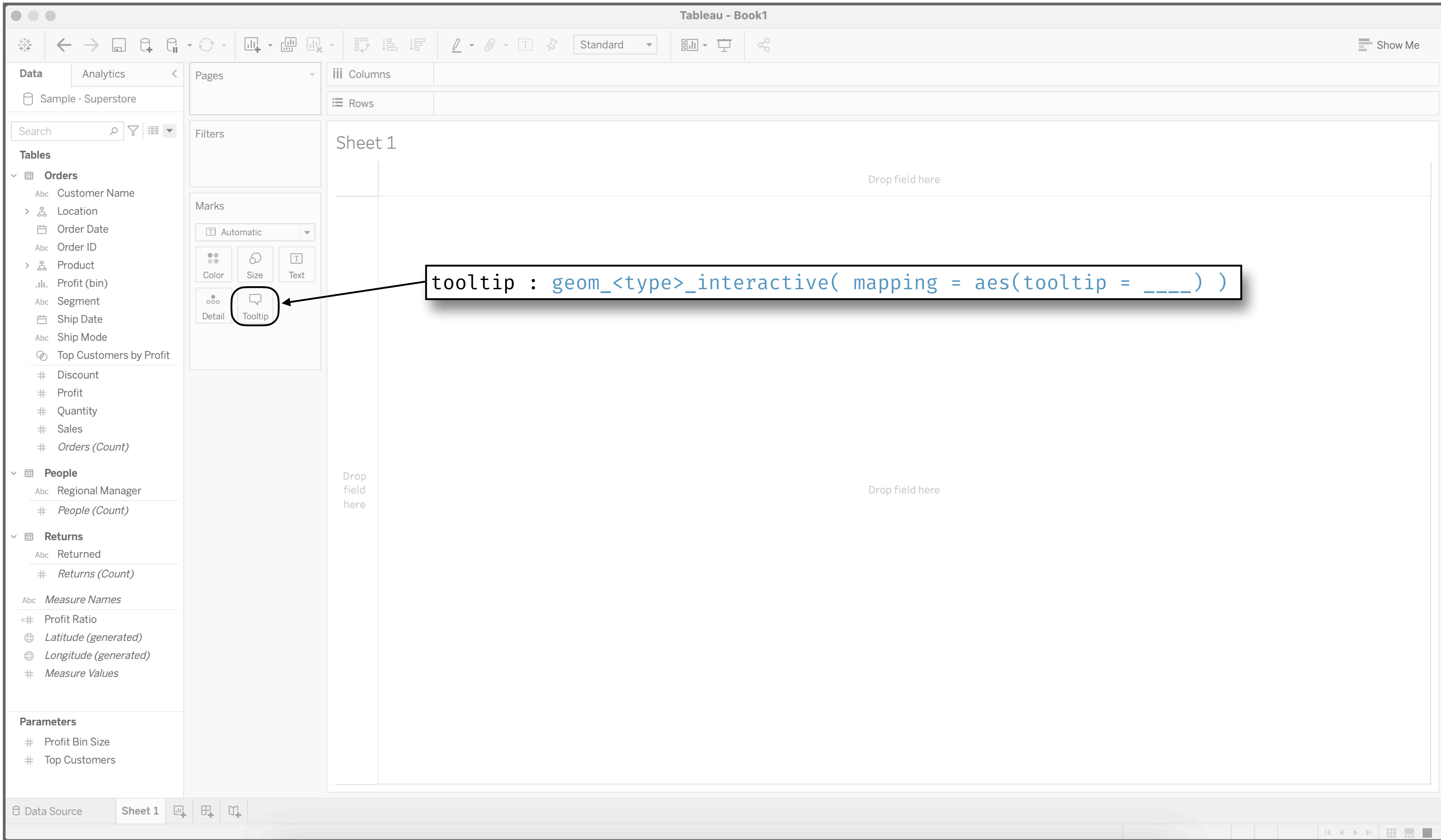
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basics of Tableau, Tableau mapped to **grammar of interactive graphics** functions (ggplot2 + tidyverse + ggiraph)



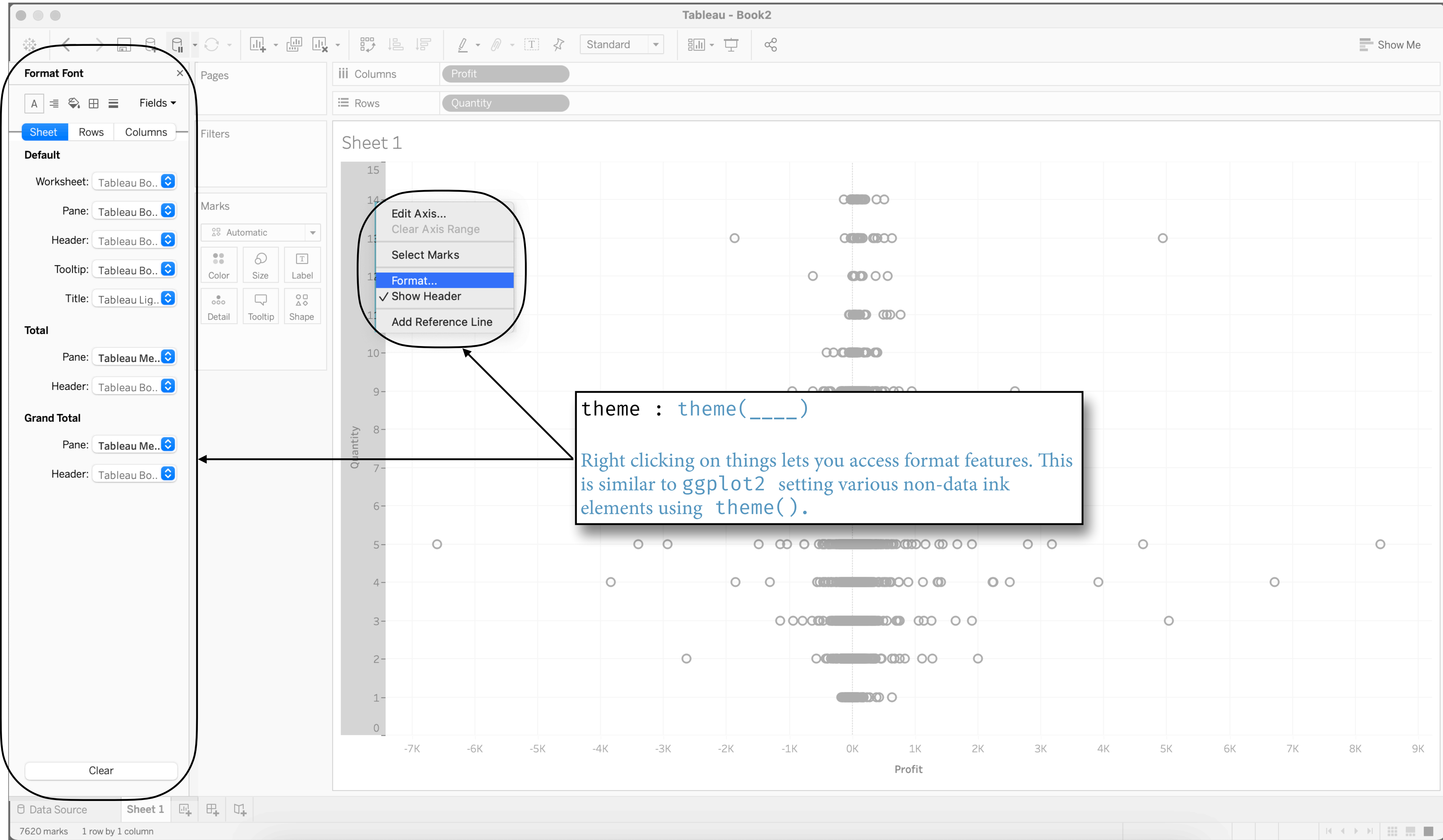
basics of Tableau, beyond basic aggregations, transformations are generally impractical in Tableau (use R, Python, SQL, ...)

The screenshot shows the Tableau interface with the 'Data' pane on the left. A menu is open over the 'Data' pane, with 'Create Calculated Field...' highlighted. A dialog box titled 'Calculation1' is open, showing a search for 'ABS' and its definition: 'Returns the absolute value of the given number. Example: ABS(-7) = 7'. The dialog has 'Apply' and 'OK' buttons.

If data reshaping is required for you to work with a dataset in Tableau, you can *reshape it prior to connecting*—which is my personal preference . . .

— Sleeper, Ryan. *Practical Tableau & Innovative Tableau*

basics of Tableau, Tableau mapped to **grammar of graphics** functions (ggplot2 + tidyverse)



basics of Tableau, organizing multiple graphics, Tableau dashboards mapped to R functions (e.g., ggplot2 + patchwork)

The image shows a screenshot of the Tableau software interface. On the left side, the 'Dashboard' and 'Layout' tabs are visible. The 'Dashboard' tab is selected and contains options for 'Default', 'Phone', and 'Device Preview'. Below this, the 'Size' section shows 'Desktop Browser (1000 x 8...'. The 'Sheets' section shows 'Sheet 1'. The 'Objects' section includes icons for 'Horizontal', 'Vertical', 'Text', 'Image', 'Web Page', 'Blank', 'Navigation', 'Download', 'Extension', and 'Ask Data'. At the bottom of the 'Dashboard' tab, there are buttons for 'Tiled' and 'Floating', and a checkbox for 'Show dashboard title'. The main workspace area is empty and contains the text 'Drop sheets here'. A text box with a black border is overlaid on the workspace, containing the text: 'layouts : libraries patchwork and / or flexdashboard' and 'e.g., (p1 | p2 | p3) / p4'. Arrows point from the text box to the 'Dashboard' tab and the 'Tiled' button. The bottom of the interface shows a tab labeled 'Dashboard 1' and a 'Data Source' tab.

individual homework four check-in | graphics
practice with Citi Bike rebalancing study

individual homework four check-in, questions?

The screenshot shows an RStudio window with the following content:

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10 google_analytics: UA-123500360-1
11 ---
12
13 ```{r setup, include=FALSE}
14 knitr::opts_chunk$set(
15   eval = TRUE,
16   echo = TRUE,
17   error = FALSE,
18   message = FALSE,
19   warning = FALSE
20 )
21 ```
22
23 In our previous class demonstrations and homeworks, we practiced exploring CitiBike
24 ride data to gain insights into the bike share's rebalancing efforts. In the
25 process, we gained experience transforming data and mapping data to visual
26 encodings.
27
28 First, as a class we practiced using a workflow with CitiBike data to create a new
29 variable, an indicator whether bikes may have been rebalanced. Next, in homework
30 two, we practiced mapping CitiBike ride data onto the three attributes of color:
31 hue, saturation, and luminance. In the process we were able to explore how useage,
32 rebalancing efforts, or both may have changed between 2013 and 2019, and again
33 before and after the pandemic began. This exploration also helped us consider some
34 of the limitations of the particular visualization: it did not consider the effects
35 of rebalancing or bike and docking station availability.
36
37 In this assignment, we will try to account for those and other limitations in the
38 visualizations, and in the process gain practice with new data graphics and
39 *explaining* our insights to others.
40
41 |
42 # Preliminary setup
43
44
45 Load libraries to access functions we'll use in this analysis. Of note, if you have
46 not installed these packages, do so outside of this `rmd` file.
47
48 ```{r}
49 library(tidyverse) # the usual
50 library(geojsonio) # for map data
51 library(broom) # for map data
52 library(patchwork) # for organizing multiple graphs
53 library(ggthemes) # collection of graph themes
54 theme_set(theme_tufte(base_family = 'sans'))
55 ```
56
57 We'll use the same dataset as in our previous homework. Let's load our data and
58 rename variables (as before),
59
```

Right-hand pane content:

- Preliminary setup
- Question 1 --- measuring CitiBike interventions (data transformations)
- Question 2 --- visualizing time between rides (visually encoding data)
- Question 3 --- critical thinking
- Question 4 --- critical thinking
- Question 5 --- visualize location of interventions (visually encoding data)
- Question 6 --- combine ride data with CitiBike interventions (data transformation)
- Question 7 --- estimating number of bikes at stations (data transformation)
- Question 8 --- critical thinking
- Submission --- reproducibility

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