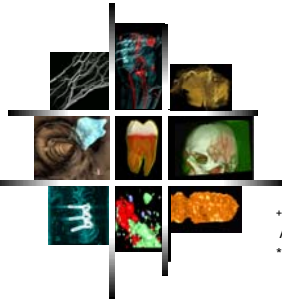


Visualisierung



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Organizational Details



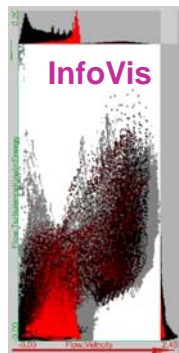
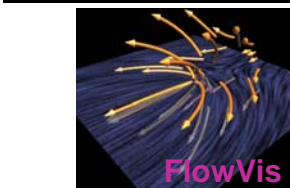
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Visualization Examples




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Visualization – Definition 


The purpose of computing is **insight**, not numbers
[R. Hamming, 1962]




■ Visualization:


- ◆ Tool to enable a **User** insight into **Data**
- ◆ to form a **mental vision, image, or picture** of (something not visible or present to the sight, or of an abstraction); to make **visible to the mind or imagination** [Oxford Engl. Dict., 1989]
- ◆ Computer Graphics, but not photorealistic rendering


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Visualization – Background 


■ Background:

- ◆ Visualization = rather old 
- ◆ Often an intuitive step: graphical illustration
- ◆ Data in ever increasing sizes ⇒ graphical approach necessary
- ◆ Simple approaches known from business graphics (Excel, etc.)
- ◆ Visualization = own scientific discipline since 20 years
- ◆ First dedicated conferences: 1990




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Travelling Routes of Yu the Great 



China, 1137

- Geographical Map using cartesian coordinates
- Grid with longitudinal and latitudinal lines

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Cartography



Isolines to visualize compass deviations



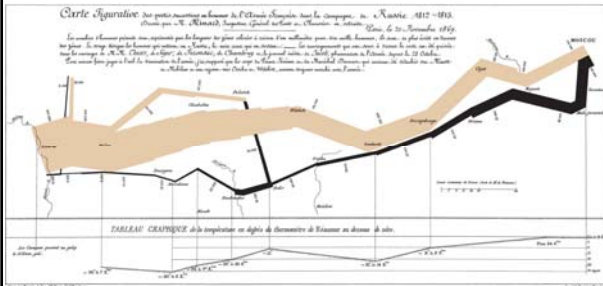
Wind flow visualization

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Military Campaign of Napoleon



■ Line thickness encodes troop strength

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Cholera Epidemic in London




- Cartographic visualization
- Correlation between water supply and disease incidents detected

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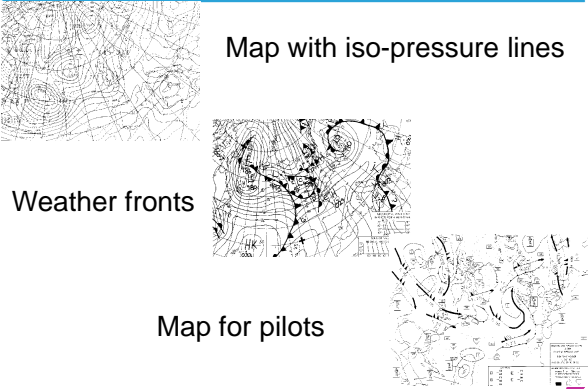



Weather Maps in Meteorology 


Map with iso-pressure lines

Weather fronts

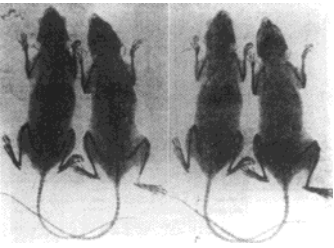
Map for pilots




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Visualization in Medicine 

- X-rays (Wilhelm Röntgen, 1895)
- Stereo X-ray images (1896)

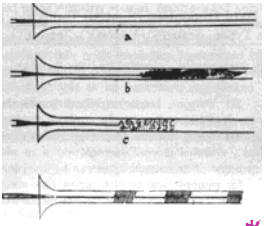



- X-ray tomography

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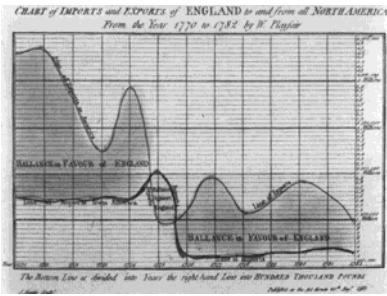
Experimental Flow Investigation 

- Fixation of tufts, ribbons on
 - ◆ Aircraft in wind tunnels
 - ◆ Ship hull in fluid tanks
- Introduction of smoke particles (in wind tunnel)
- Introduction of dye (in fluids)



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Business Graphics



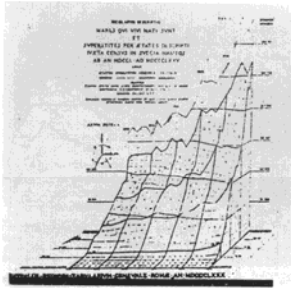
- W. Playfair, engl. econometrist, 1785
- Imports/Exports USA-England 1770-1782

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Population Development



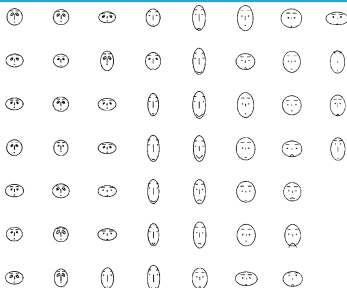
- Population size Schweden 1750-1785
- Population as function of year and age group

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Icons



- H. Chernoff, 1973, 2D scatterplot
- Data characteristics encoded in geometric face features

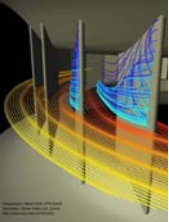
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Visualization – Sub Topics TU
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- Visualization of ...
 - ◆ Medical data ⇒ VolVis!
 - ◆ Flow data ⇒ FlowVis!
 - ◆ Abstract data ⇒ InfoVis!
 - ◆ GIS data
 - ◆ Historical data (archeologist)
 - ◆ Microscopic data (molecular physics),
Macroscopic data (astronomy)
 - ◆ Extrem large data sets
 - etc. ...



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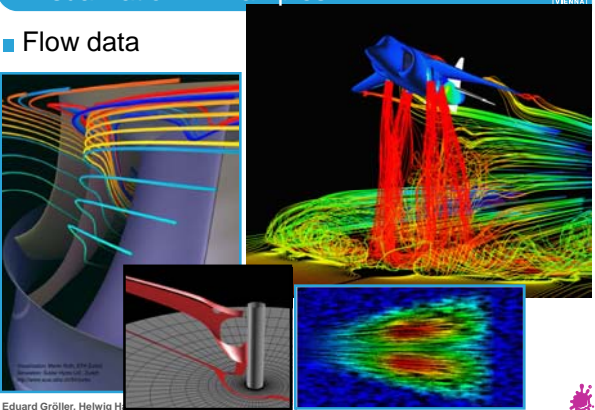
■ Medical data



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■ Flow data



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■ Abstract data

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Visualization – Three Types of Goals TU
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■ Visualization, ...

- ◆ ... to **explore**
 - Nothing is known,
Vis. used for **data exploration**
- ◆ ... to **analyze**
 - There are hypotheses, ?! ←
Vis. used for **Verification or Falsification**
- ◆ ... to **present**
 - “everything” known about the data, ?! ←
Vis. used for **Communication of Results**

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Visualization – Three Major Areas TU
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■ Three major areas

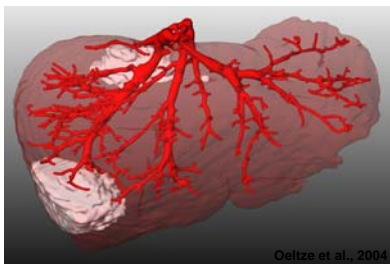
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Volume Visualization ◆ Flow Visualization 	}	<p style="color: magenta;">Inherent spatial reference</p> <p>Scientific Visualization</p>	3D
			nD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Information Visualization 		Usually no spatial reference	

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VolVis - Example TU
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■ Medical Visualization in **Surgery Planning**

■ Image:
Liver
(blood vessels, tumors)

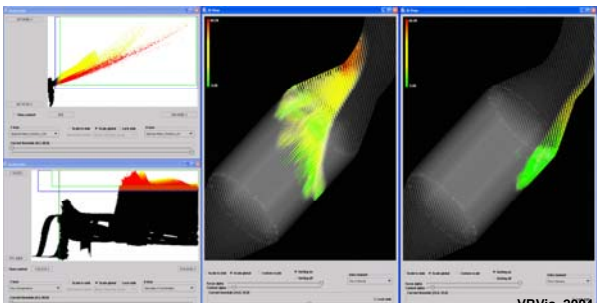


Oeltze et al., 2004

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FlowVis - Example TU
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■ For **DPF-Analysis**
(DPF: Diesel Particle Filter)

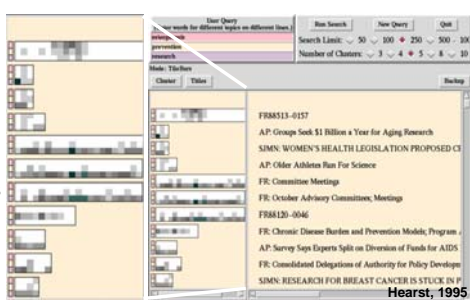


VRVis, 2004

InfoVis - Example TU
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■ Visualization of **Search-Results**

■ Image:
document lengths
frequencies
etc.



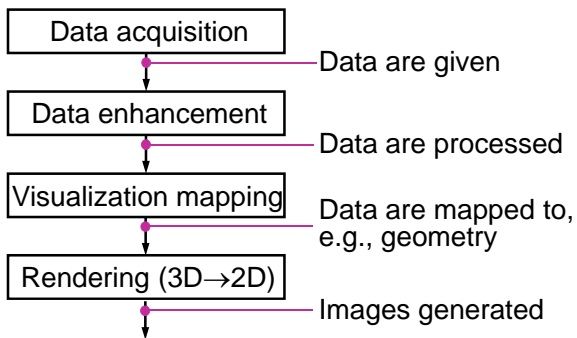
Hearst, 1995

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Visualization Pipeline

Typical steps in the visualization process

Visualization-Pipeline – Overview

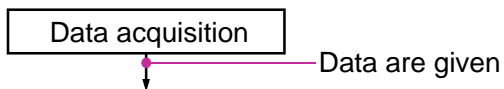


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Visualization-Pipeline – 1. Step



■ Data acquisition

- ◆ Measurements, e.g., CT/MRI
- ◆ Simulation, e.g., flow simulation
- ◆ Modelling, e.g., game theory

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Visualization-Pipeline – 2. Step TU
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Data are given

Data are processed

■ Data enhancement

- ◆ Filtering, e.g, smoothing (noise suppression)
- ◆ Resampling, e.g., on a different-resolution grid
- ◆ Data Derivation, e.g., gradients, curvature
- ◆ Data interpolation, e.g., linear, cubic, ...

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Visualization-Pipeline – 3. Step TU
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Data are processed

Data are mapped to, e.g., geometry

■ Visualization mapping = data is renderable

- ◆ Iso-surface calculation
- ◆ Glyphs, Icons determination
- ◆ Graph-Layout calculation
- ◆ Voxel attributes: color, transparency, ...

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Visualization-Pipeline – 4. Step TU
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Data are mapped to, e.g., geometry

Images generated

■ Rendering = image generation with Computer Graphics

- ◆ Visibility calculation
- ◆ Illumination
- ◆ Compositing (combine transparent objects, ...)
- ◆ Animation

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SIMULATION DATA

Geometry: Surface Splines
 Sampling Points:
 X, Y, Z
 Temperature
 Pressure
 (irregular in space, time)

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DERIVED DATA

Geometry: Polygonal Patches
 (Vertices at X, Y, Z)
 Data at Vertices:
 Temperature, Pressure
 (Regular in Time)

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3D → 2D projection

Abstract Visualization Object

Pressure
 0

Temperature

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