

The Finnish Graduate School in Astronomy and Space Physics Summer School 2007:

Time Series Analysis

Part I. Motivation

Graphical display of time dependent
phenomena

From where to start?



- Time
- Phase
- Movement
- Frequency

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{1}{\text{Period}}$$

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Antikythera



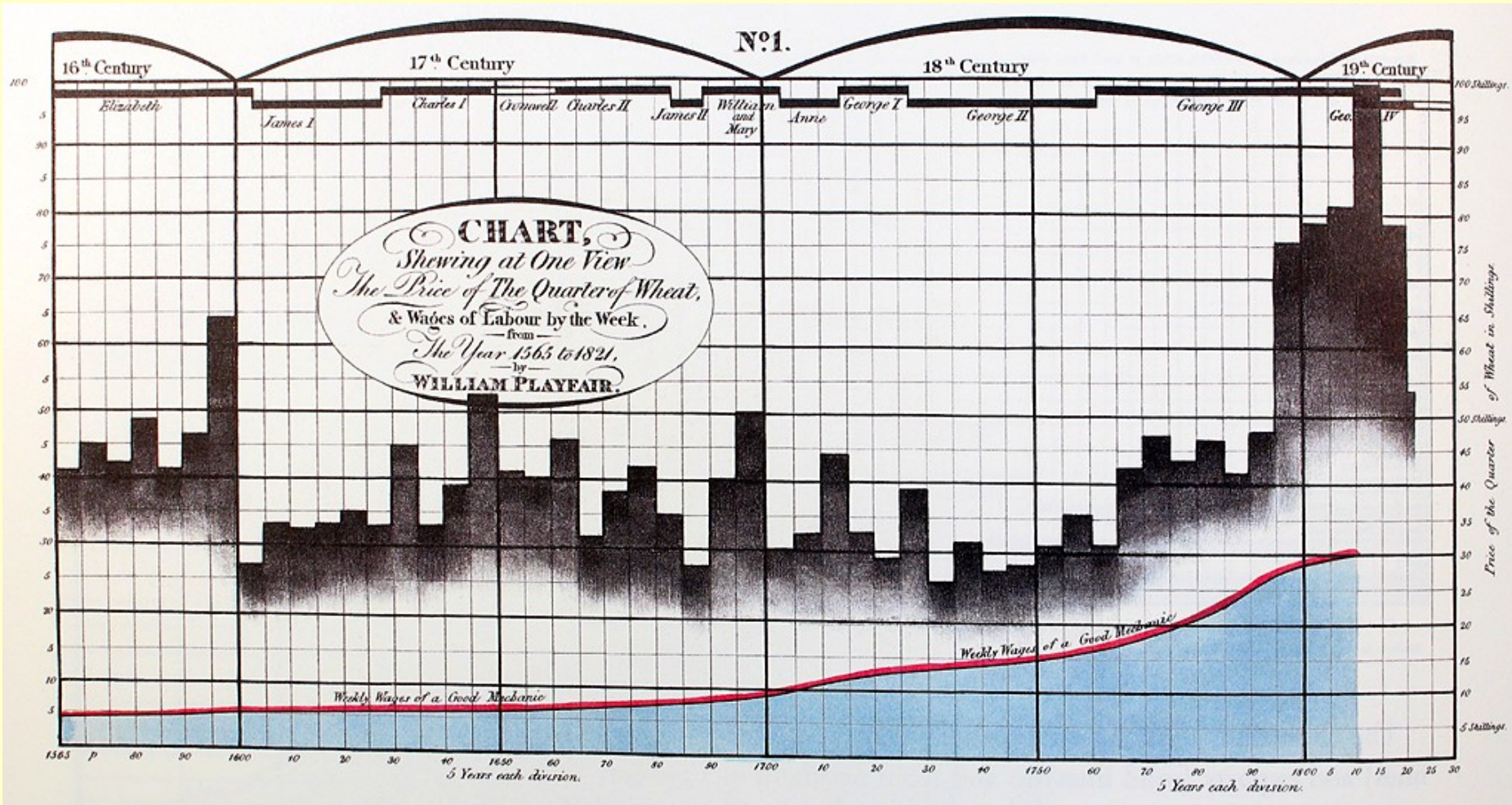
Fourier transforms? Not yet.



$$F(\nu) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-2\pi i \nu t} dt$$
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William Playfair

(September 22, 1759 - February 11, 1823)



More Playfair

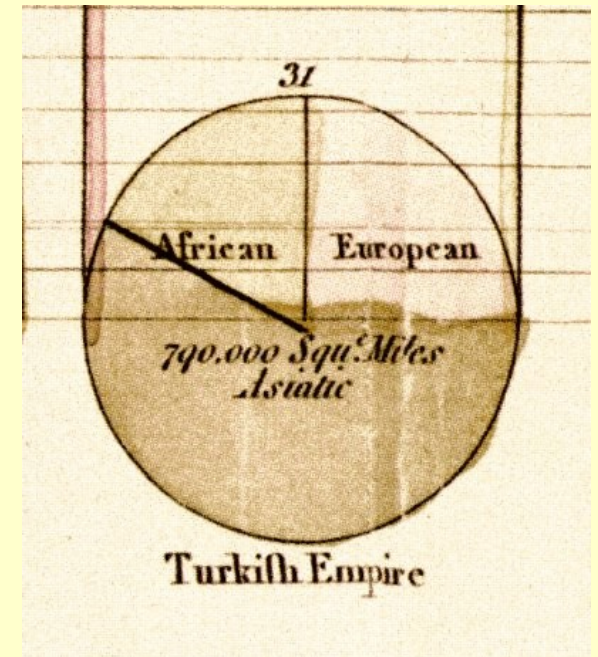
Exports and Imports to and from DENMARK & NORWAY from 1700 to 1780



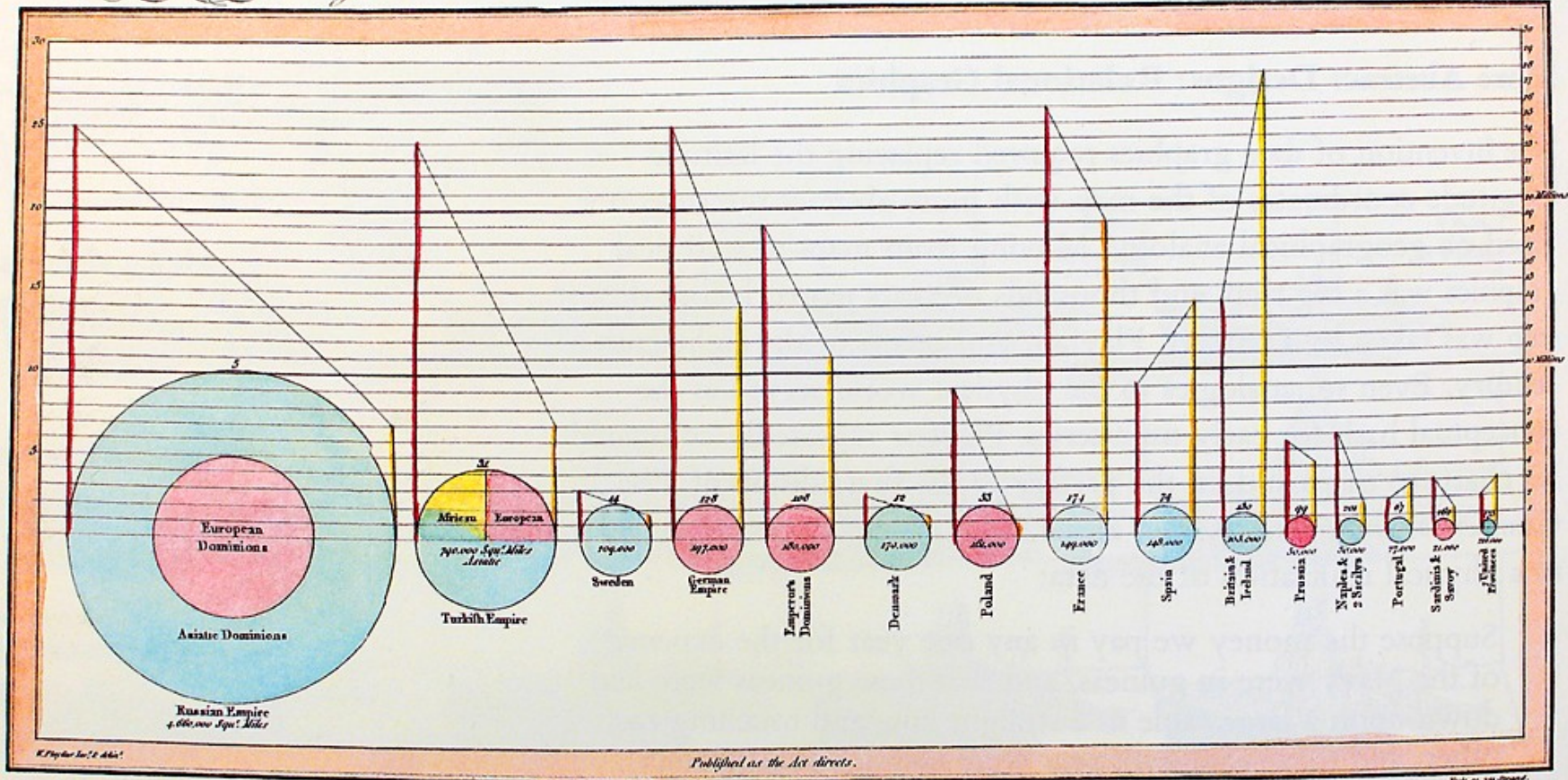
The Bottom line is divided into Years, the Right hand line into 100,000 each.

Published as the Art Union, 17 May 1826, by W. Playfair.

Bank street, 102, Street, London.



Statistical Chart, showing the Extent the Population & Revenues of the PRINCIPAL NATIONS of EUROPE, in the order of their Situation. Plate 1st



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Side of the Chart.

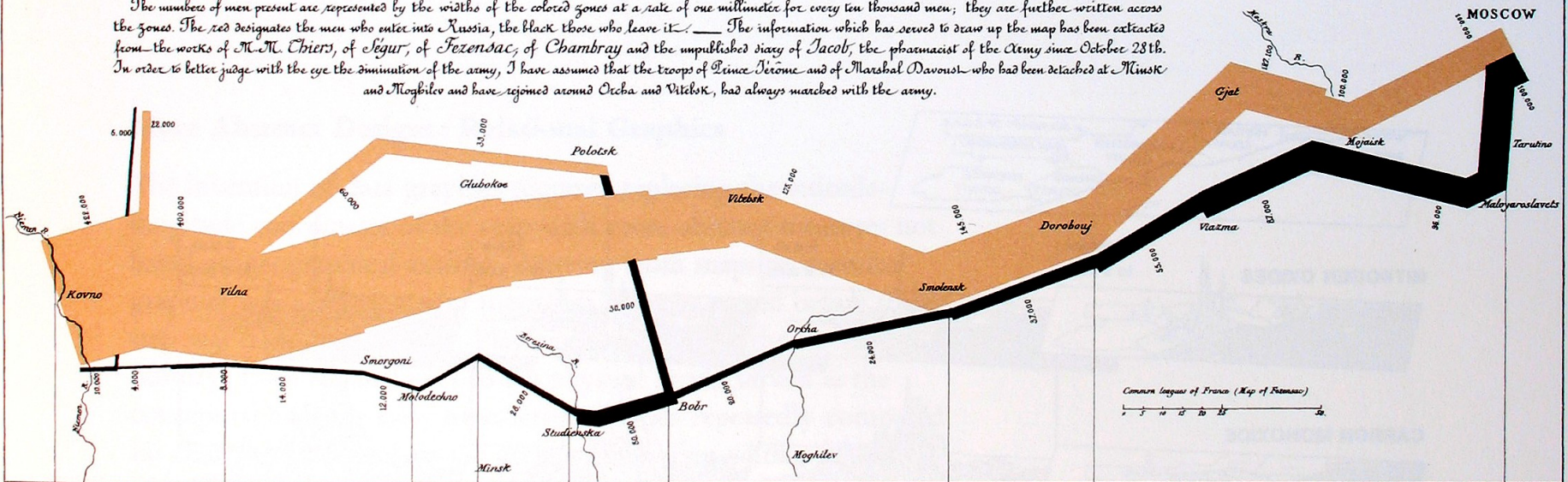
Charles Joseph Minard

March 27, 1781 in Dijon – October 24, 1870 in Bordeaux

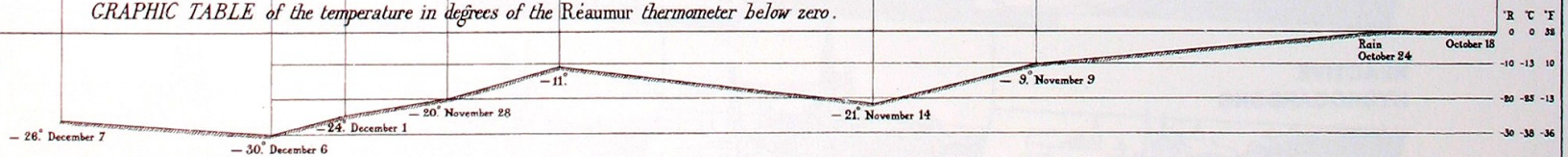
Figurative Map of the successive losses in men of the French Army in the Russian campaign 1812-1813.

Drawn up by M. Minard, Inspector General of Bridges and Roads in retirement. Paris, November 20, 1869.

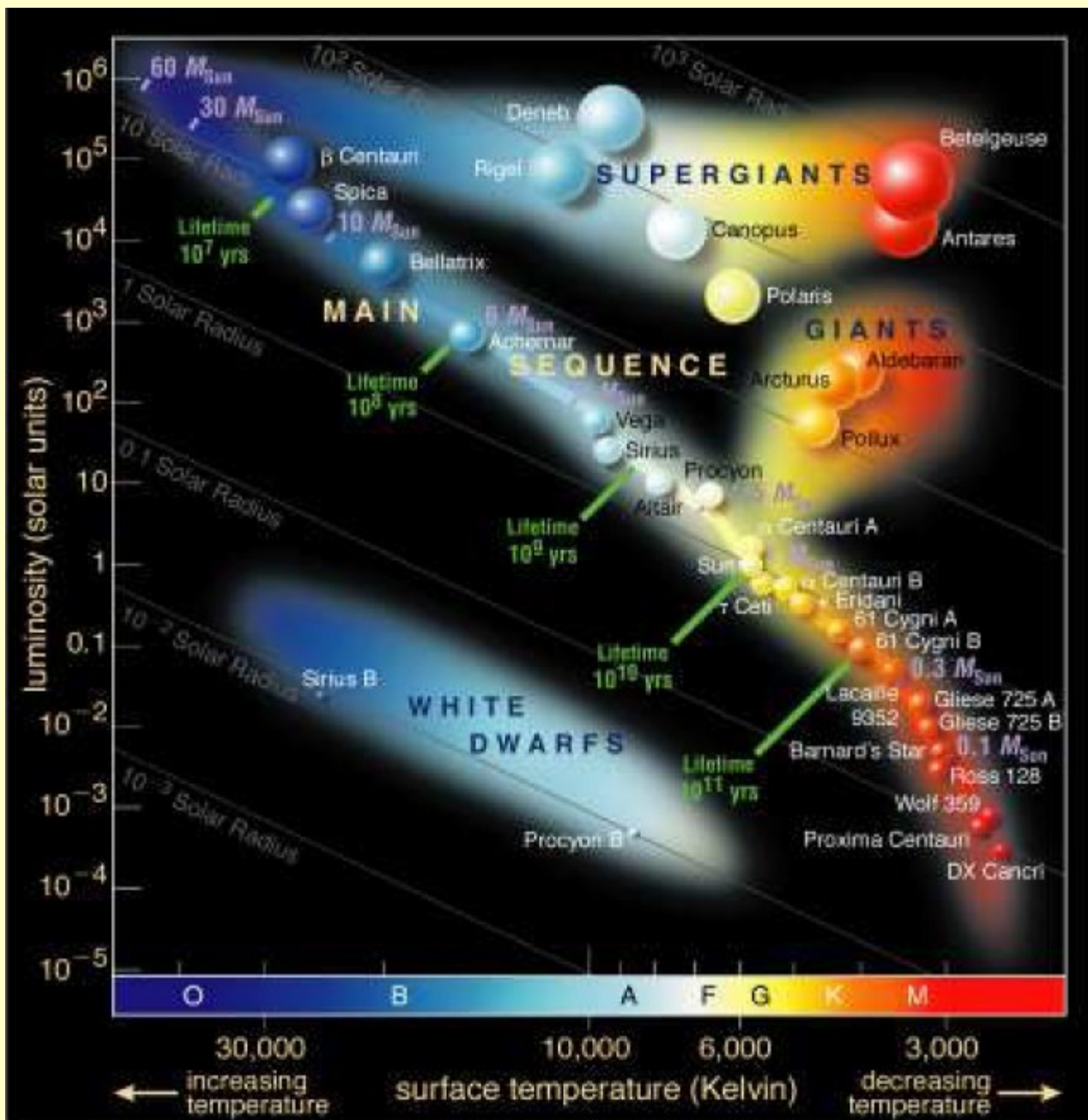
The numbers of men present are represented by the widths of the colored zones at a rate of one millimeter for every ten thousand men; they are further written across the zones. The red designates the men who enter into Russia, the black those who leave it. — The information which has served to draw up the map has been extracted from the works of M. M. Chiers, of Cégur, of Fezensac, of Chambray and the unpublished diary of Jacob, the pharmacist of the Army since October 23th. In order to better judge with the eye the diminution of the army, I have assumed that the troops of Prince Jérôme and of Marshal Davoust who had been detached at Minsk and Moghilev and have rejoined around Orcha and Vitelsk, had always marched with the army.

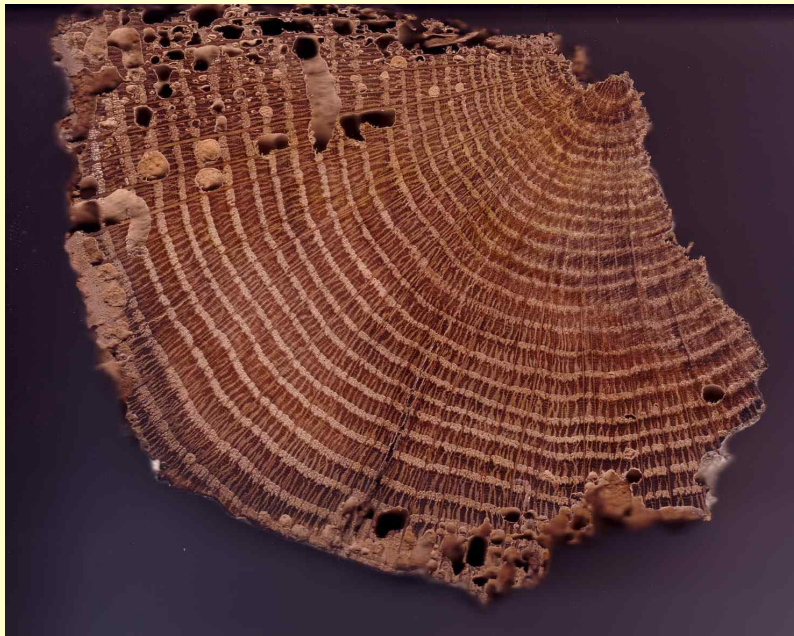


GRAPHIC TABLE of the temperature in degrees of the Réaumur thermometer below zero.

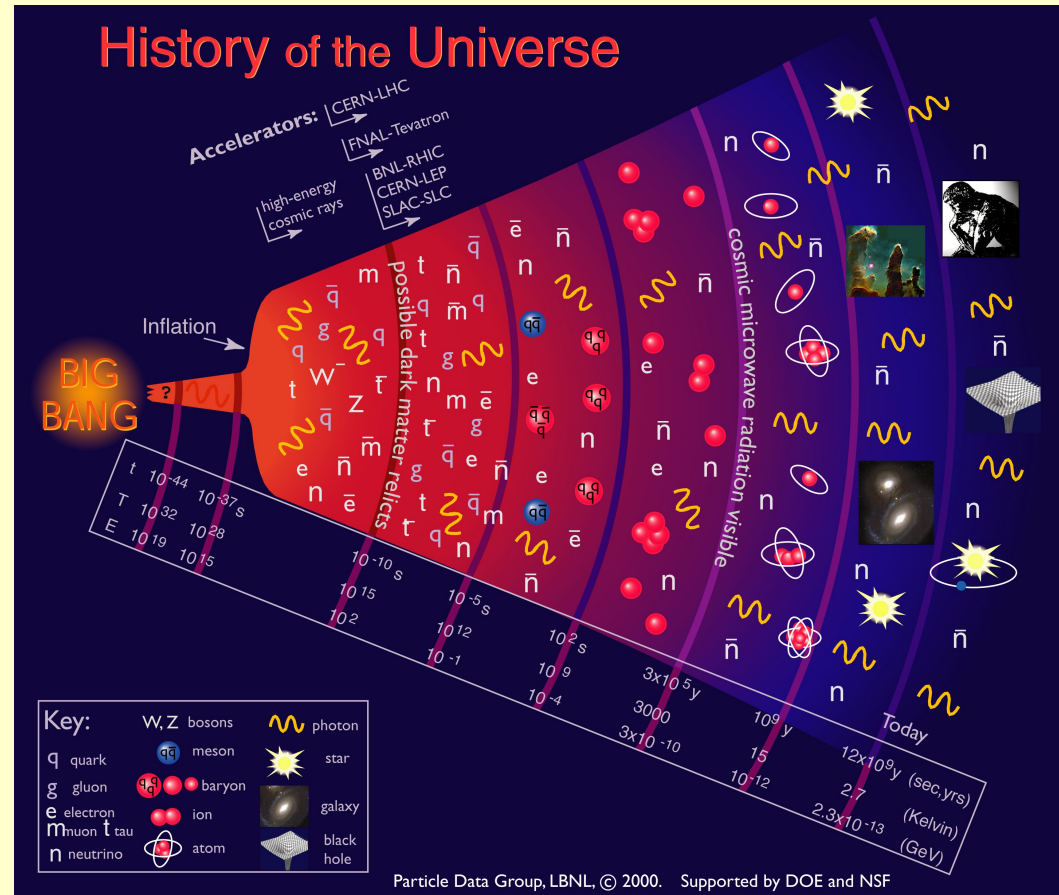


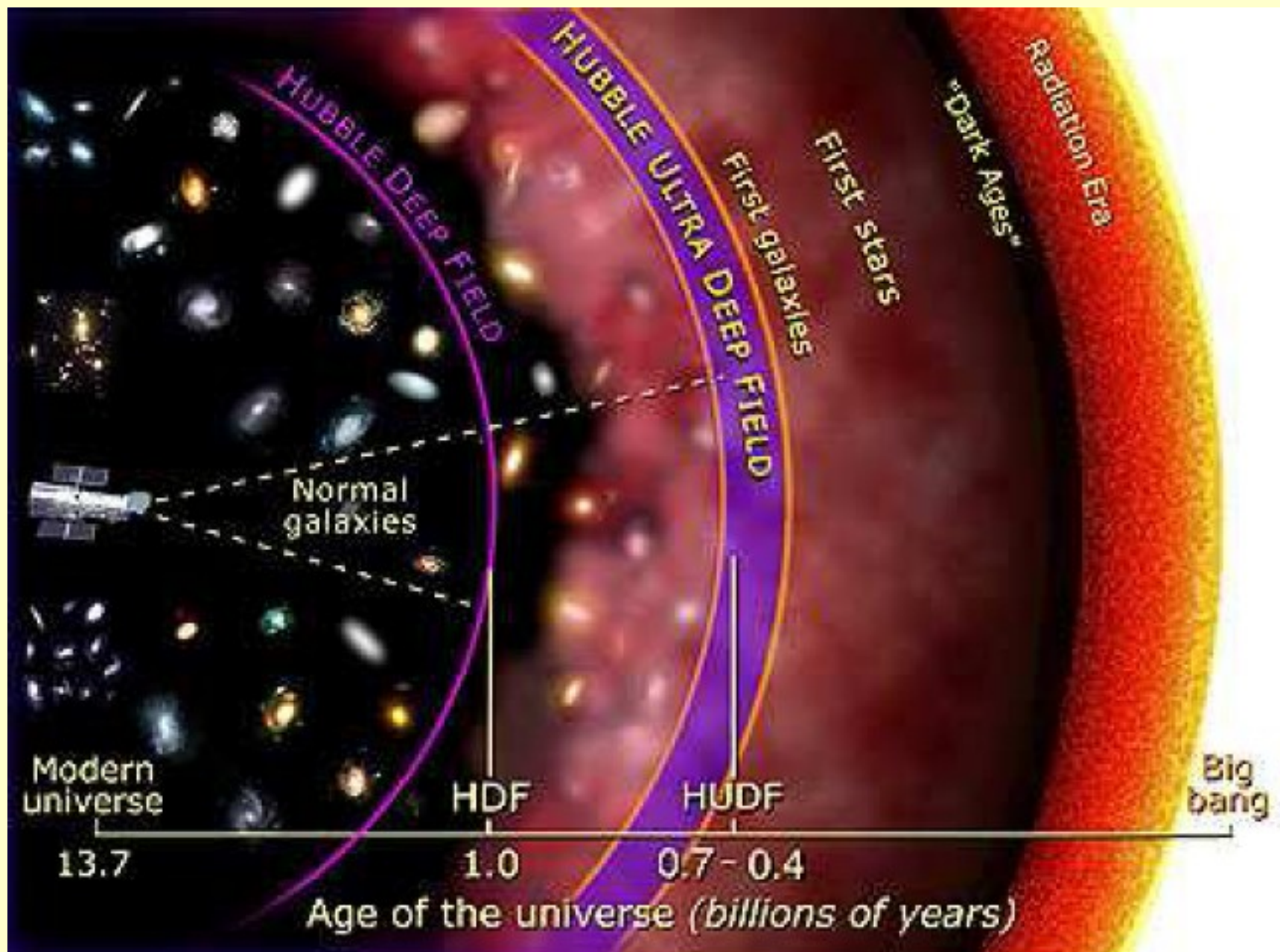
The Cossacks pass the frozen Niémen at a gallop.





Classical motifs

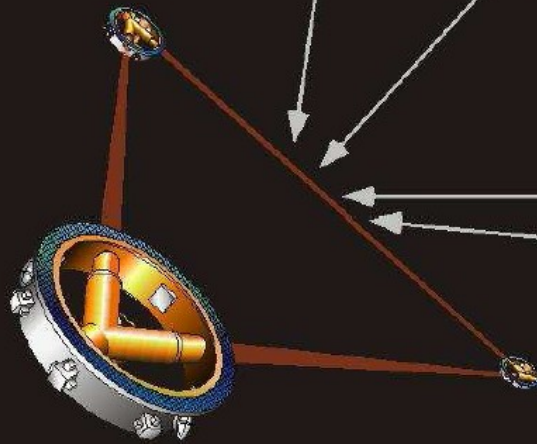
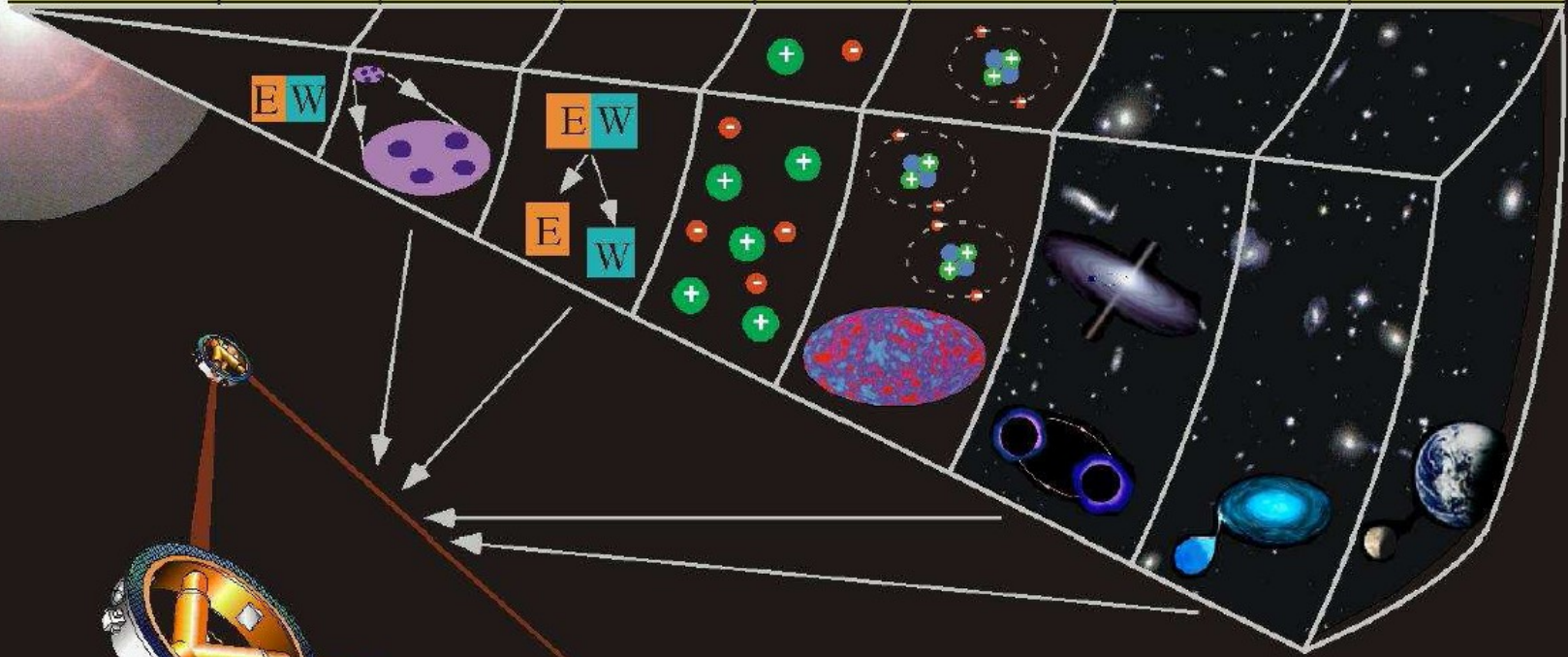




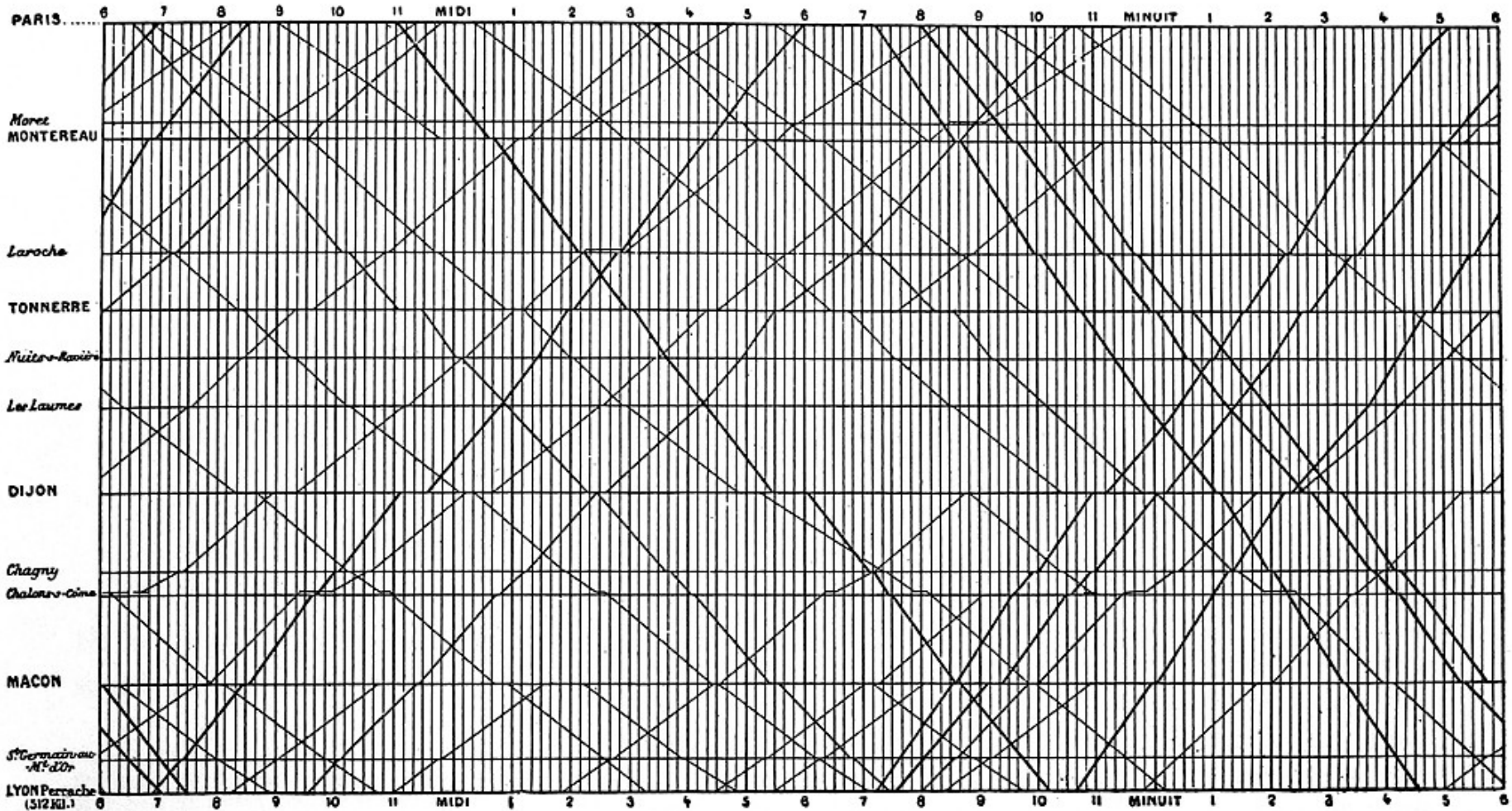
Big Bang

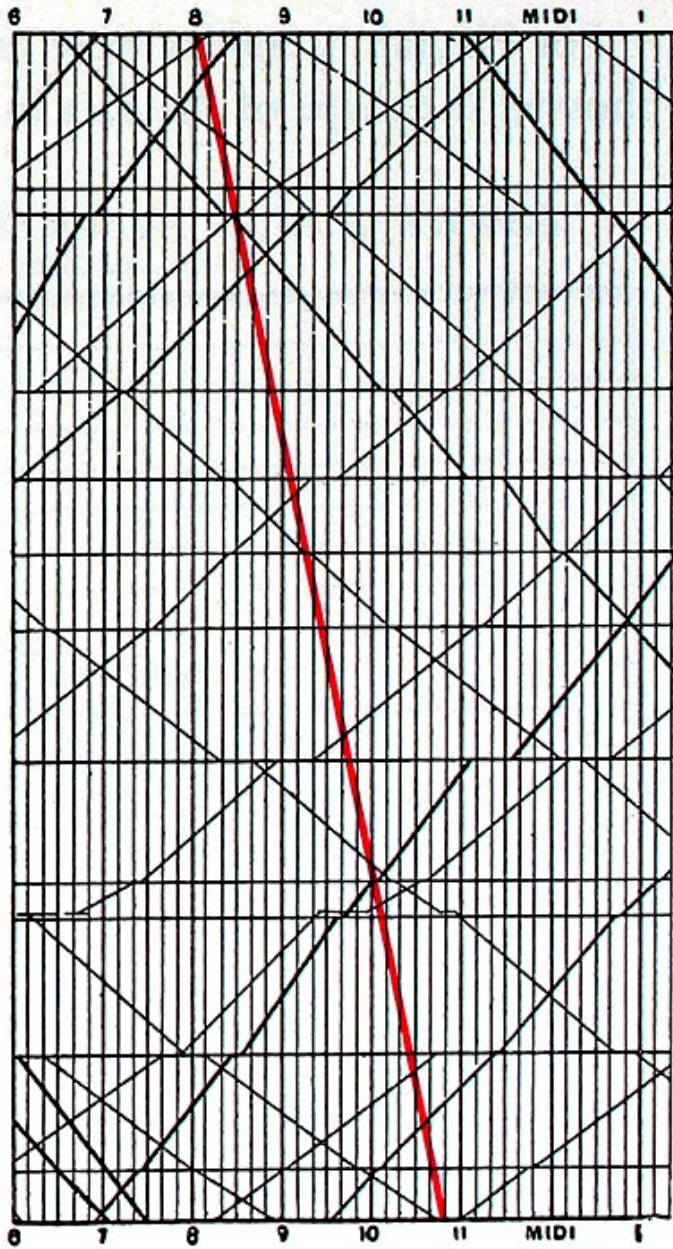
Time \longrightarrow

10^{-44} s	10^{-35} s	10^{-32} s	10^{-10} s	300 s	3×10^5 yr	1×10^9 yr	15×10^9 yr
Superstring (?) Era	GUT Era	Inflation Era	Electro-weak Era	Particle Era	Recombination Era	Galaxy and Star Formation	Present Era



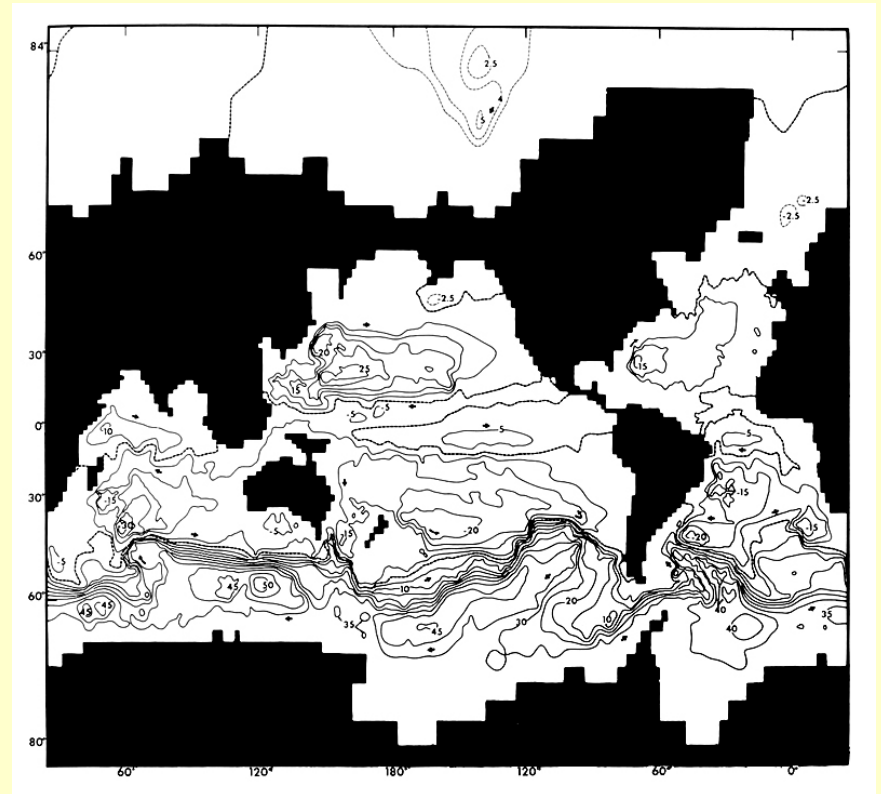
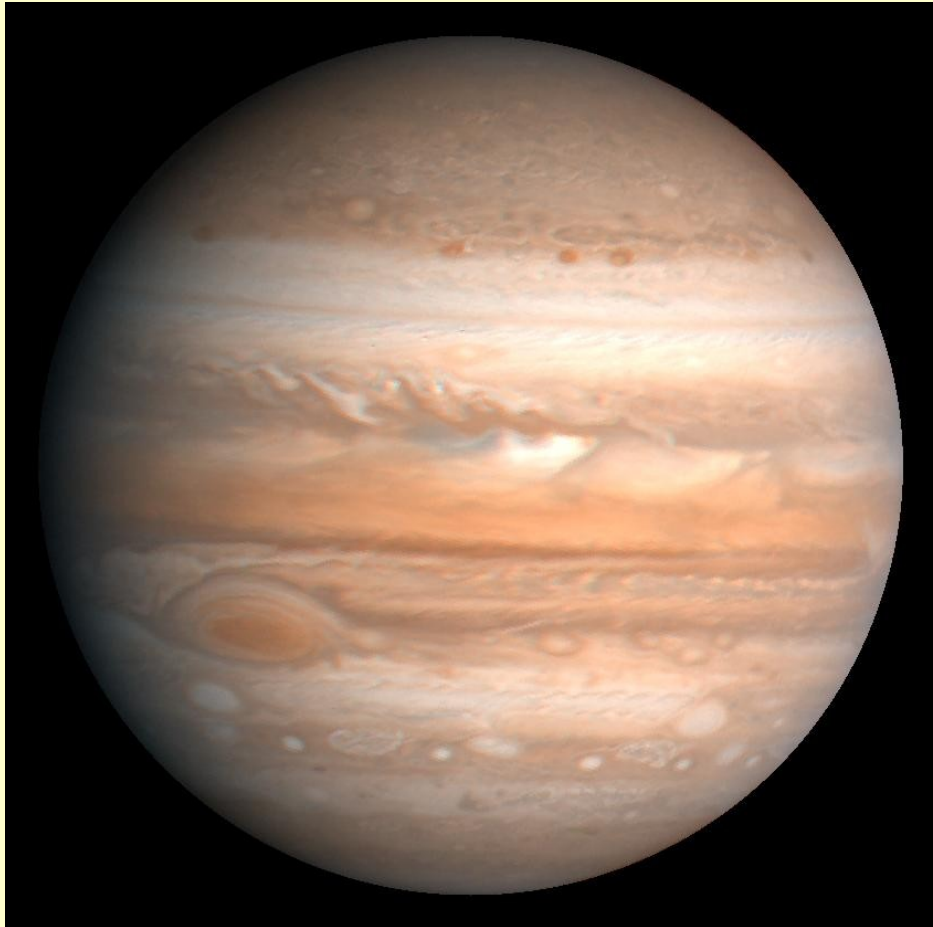
From Paris to Lyon



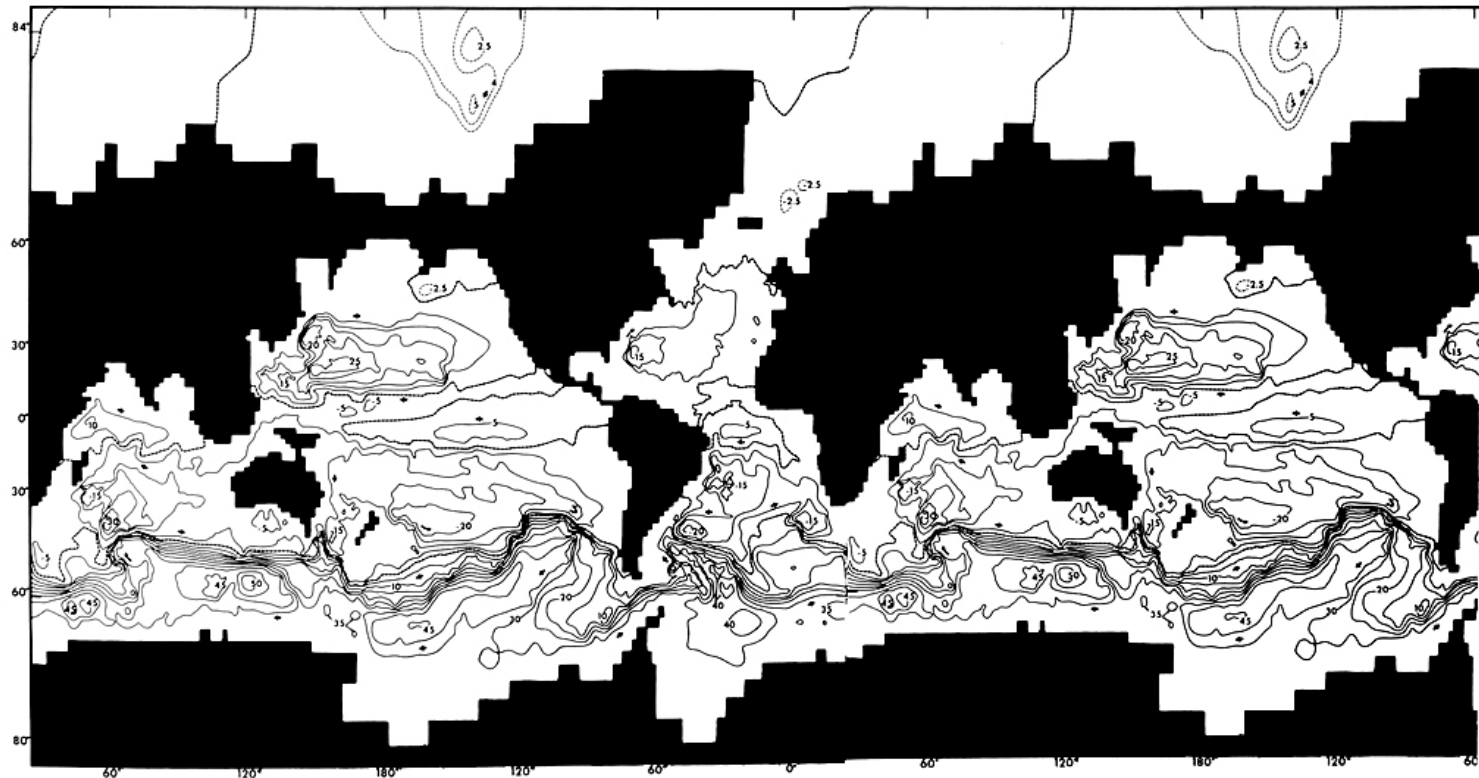
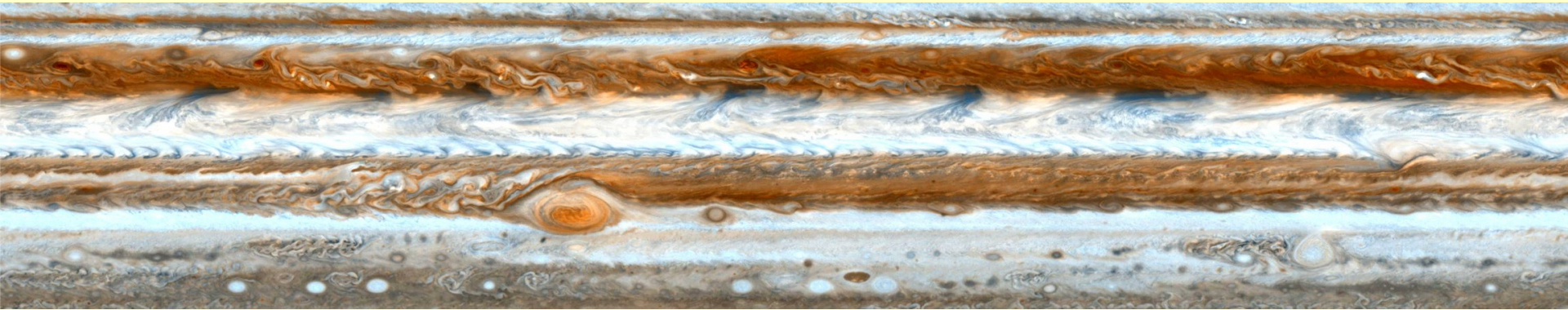


Now they are faster

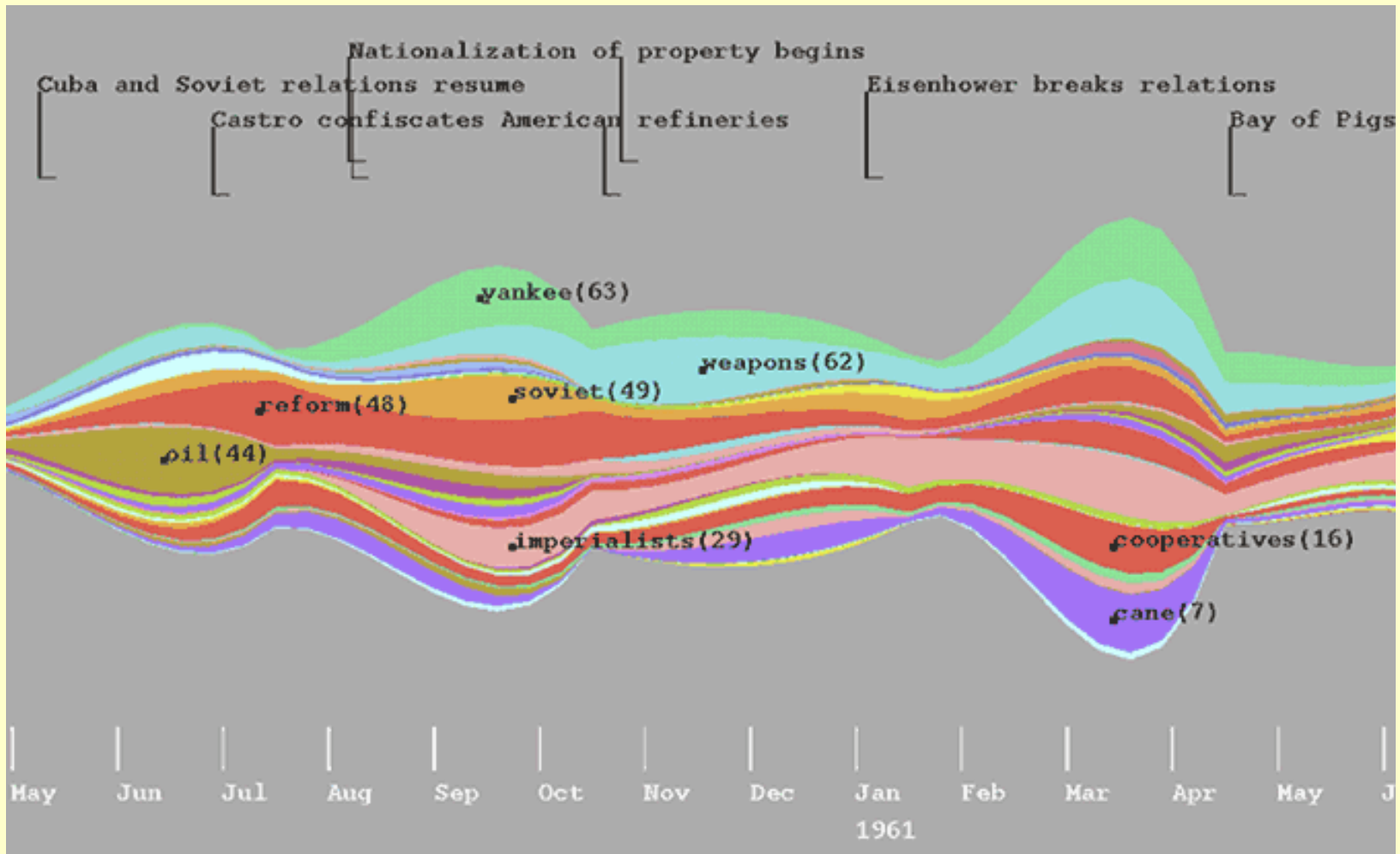
Two planets



Two planets again



The river flows from left to right through time
 Colored currents flowing with the river narrow or widen to depict the strength of individual topics



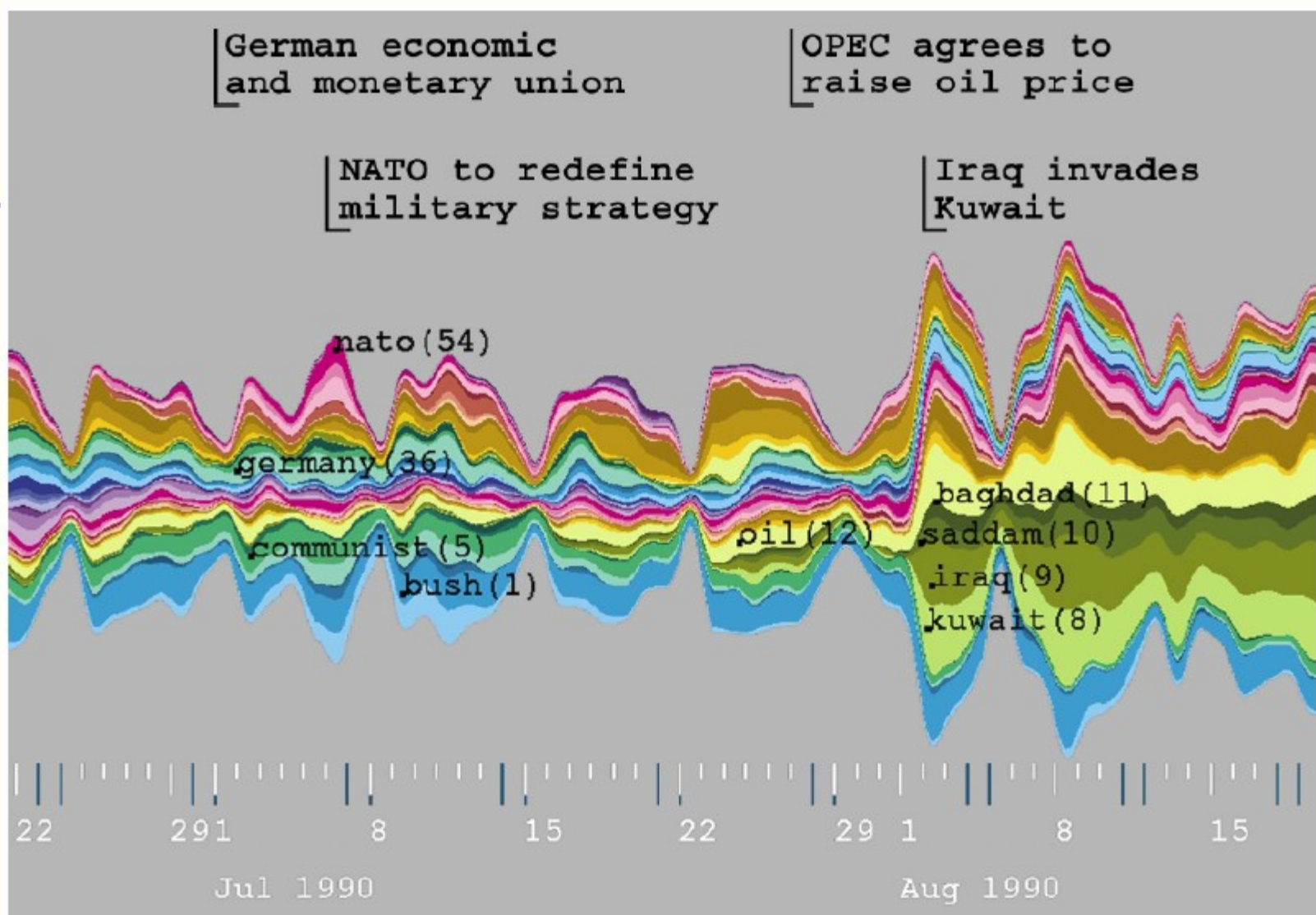
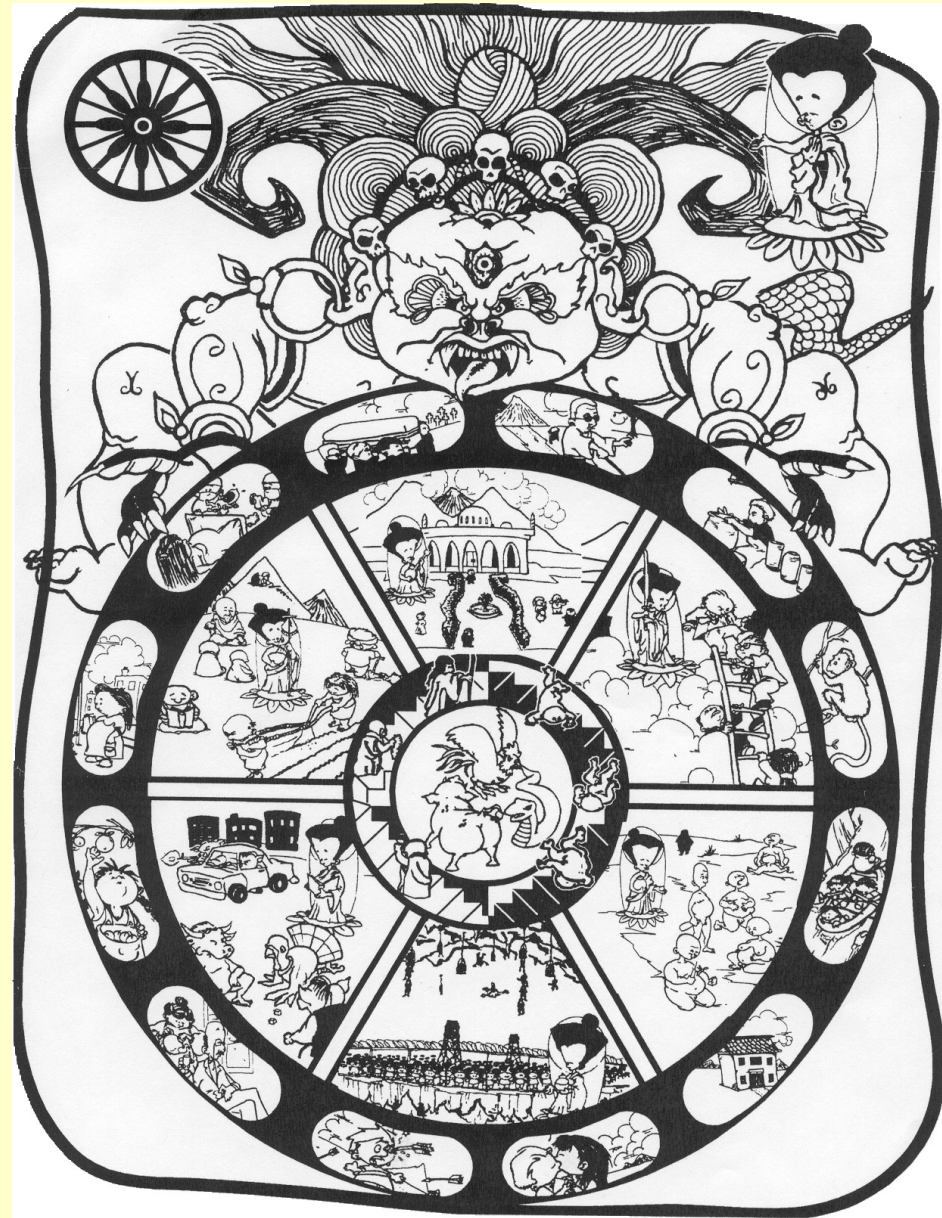
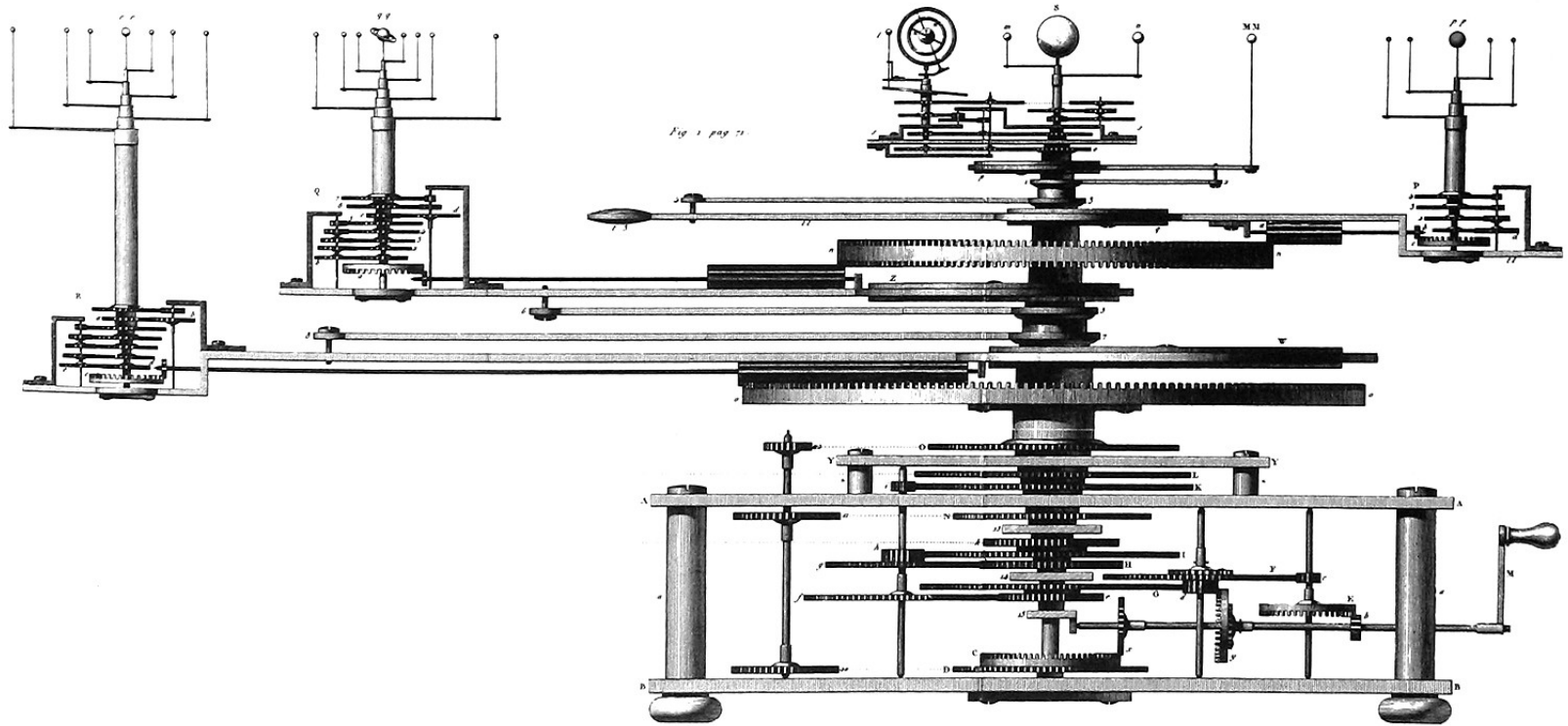


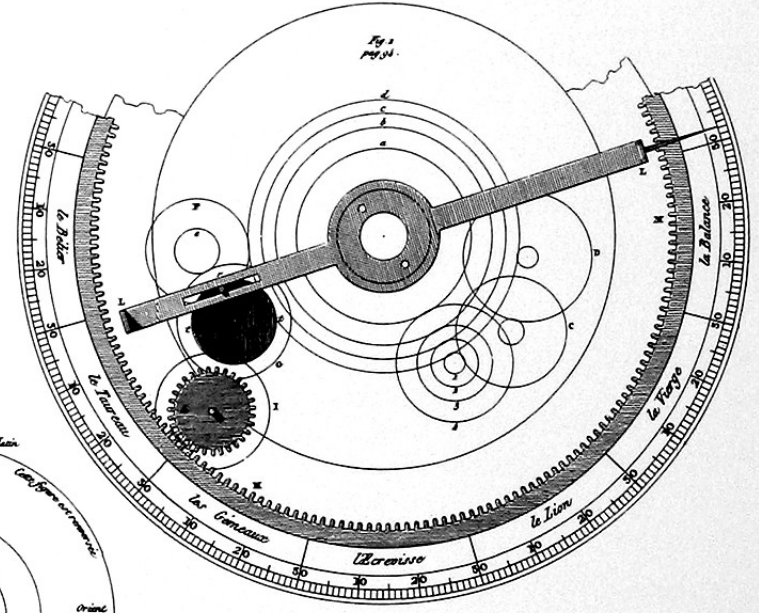
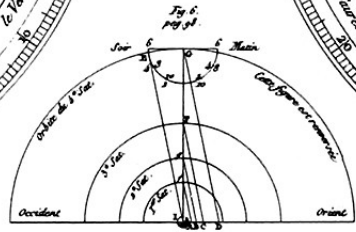
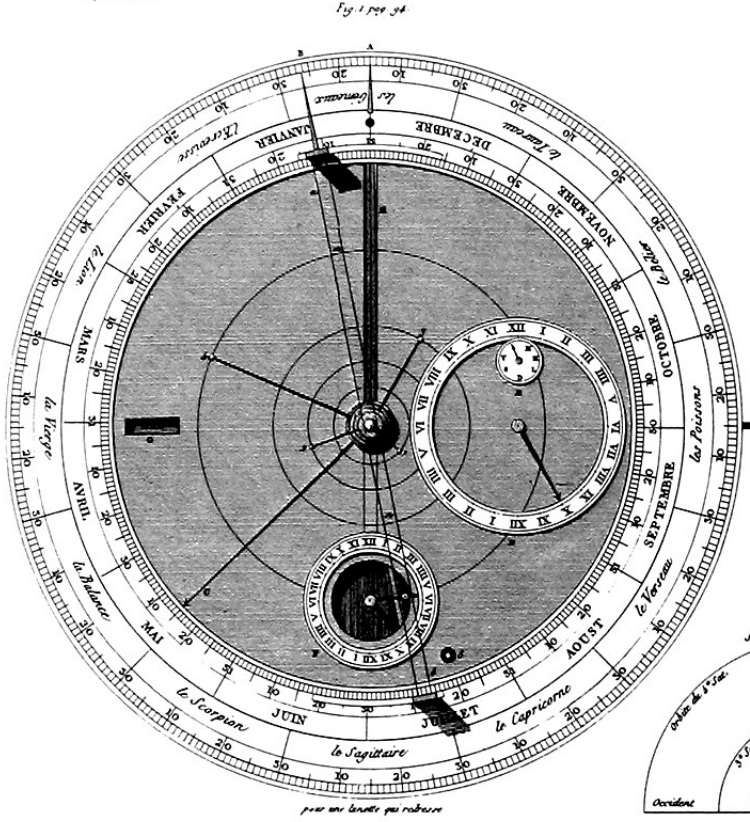
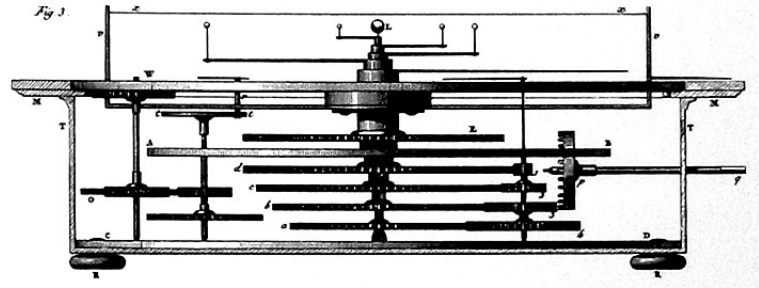
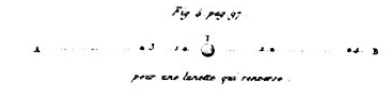
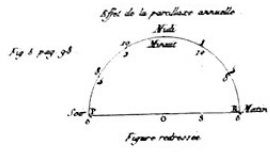
Figure 3: AP data from July - August 1990. A wide current in the river indicates heavy use of a topic, while changes in color distribution correlate to changes in themes.

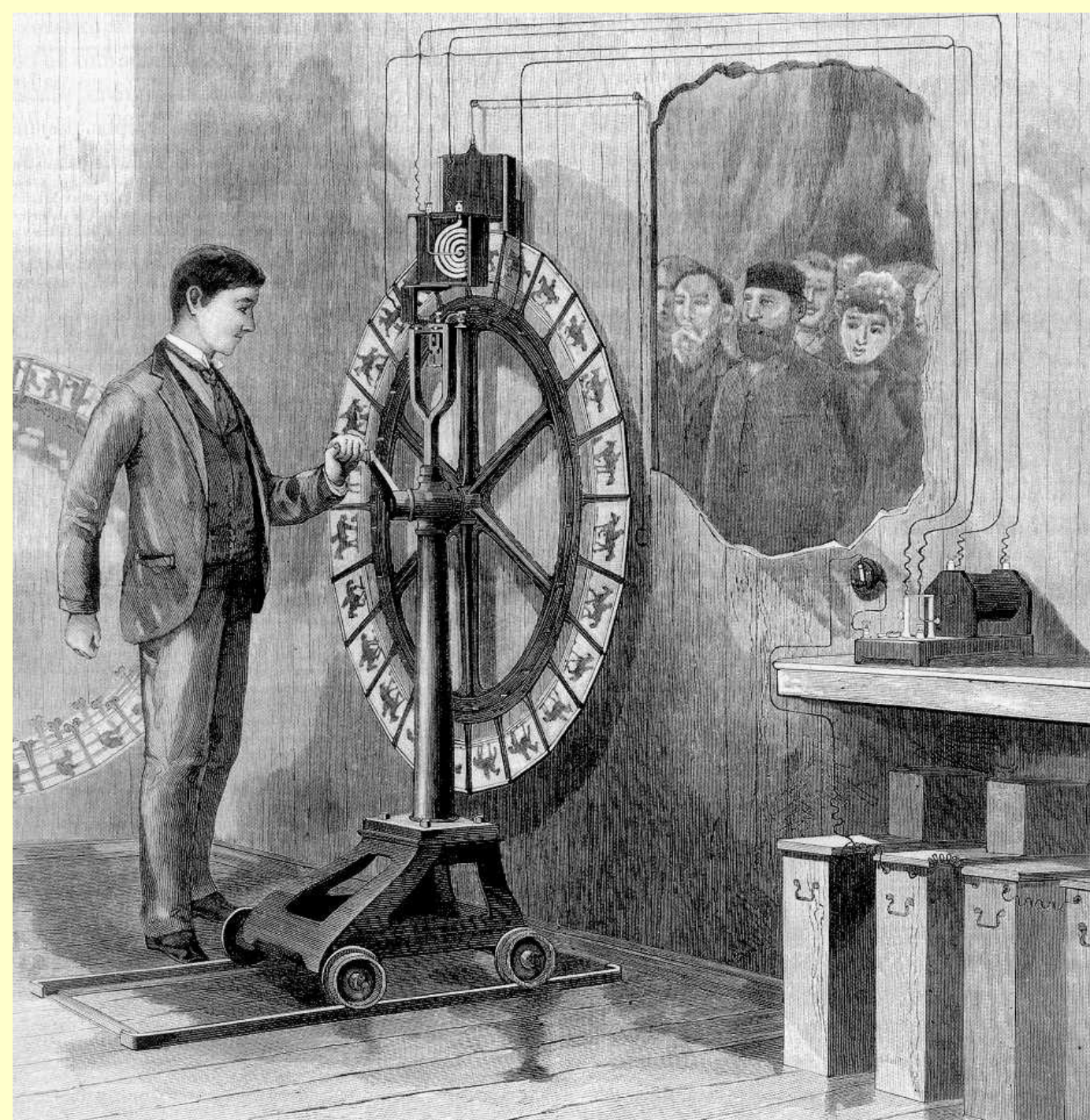
Phases





Analog computing of phases





Tachyscope

+

Phase
computing

=

Peltoscope

Spiral Graphs



History of Italian post office

A. Gabaglio, 1888

Spirals
(not galaxies)

Old idea, new data

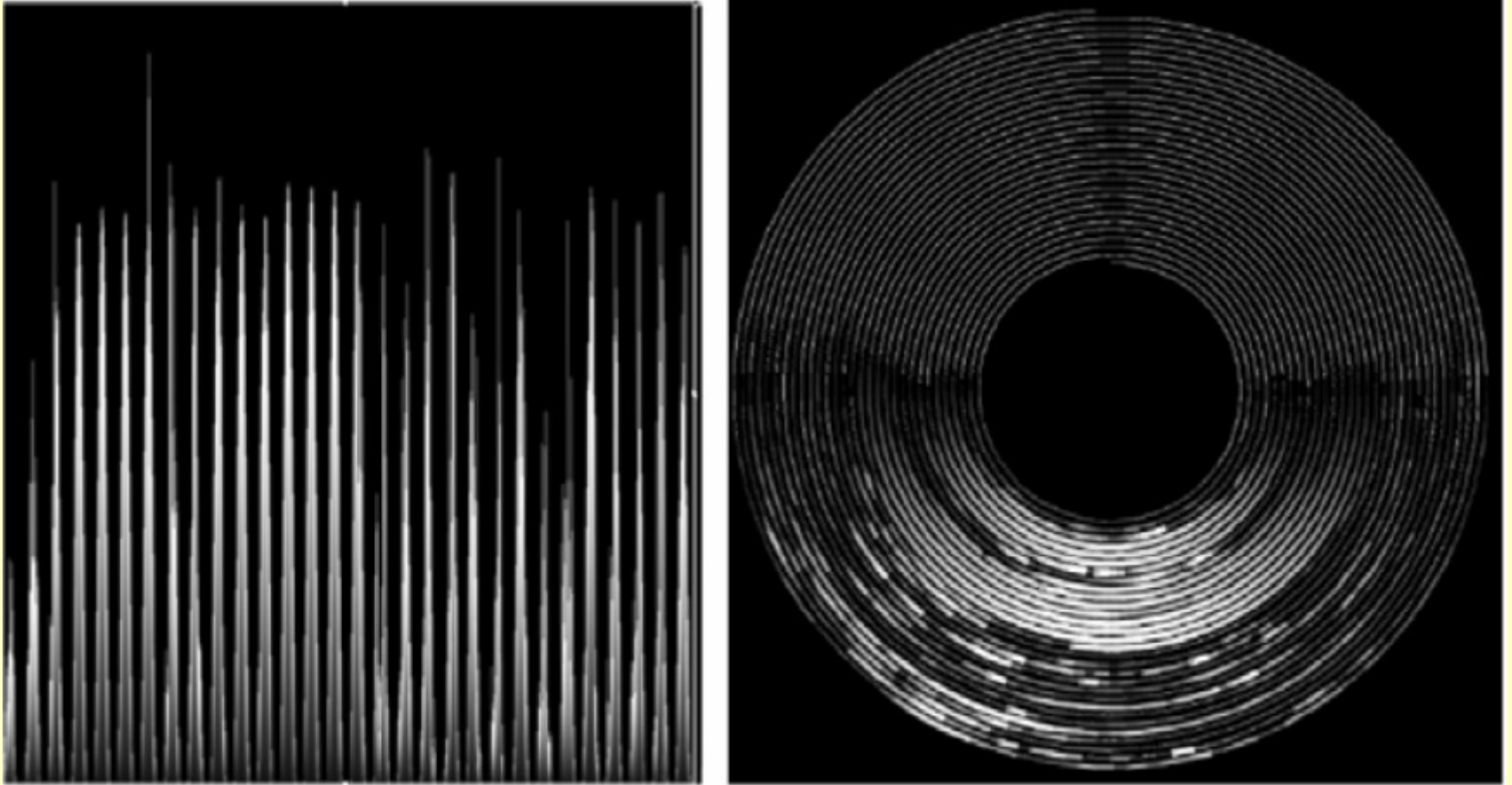


Figure 1: Two visualizations of sunshine intensity using about the same screen real estate and the same color coding scheme. In the spiral visualization it is much easier to compare days, to spot cloudy time periods, or to see events like sunrise and sunset.

Phase

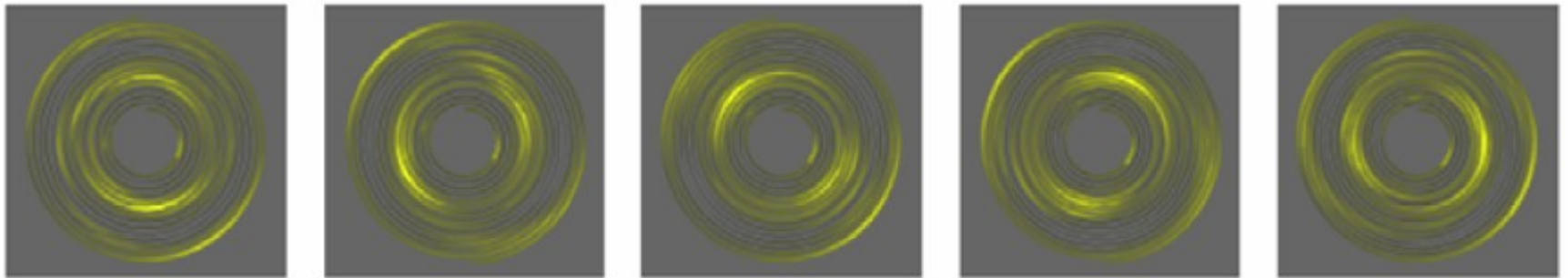


Figure 3: Visualizations of the same data with continuously changing cycle length. The period in the data can be found visually, i.e. the visual system is used to detect periodic patterns in the data exploiting the spatial layout on the spiral. In this example, the visual system detects a significant structure in the middle image, which unveils the corresponding periodicity in the data.

$$\varphi_P(t) = tP^{-1} - \text{Int}(tP^{-1}) = \text{Frac}(tP^{-1})$$

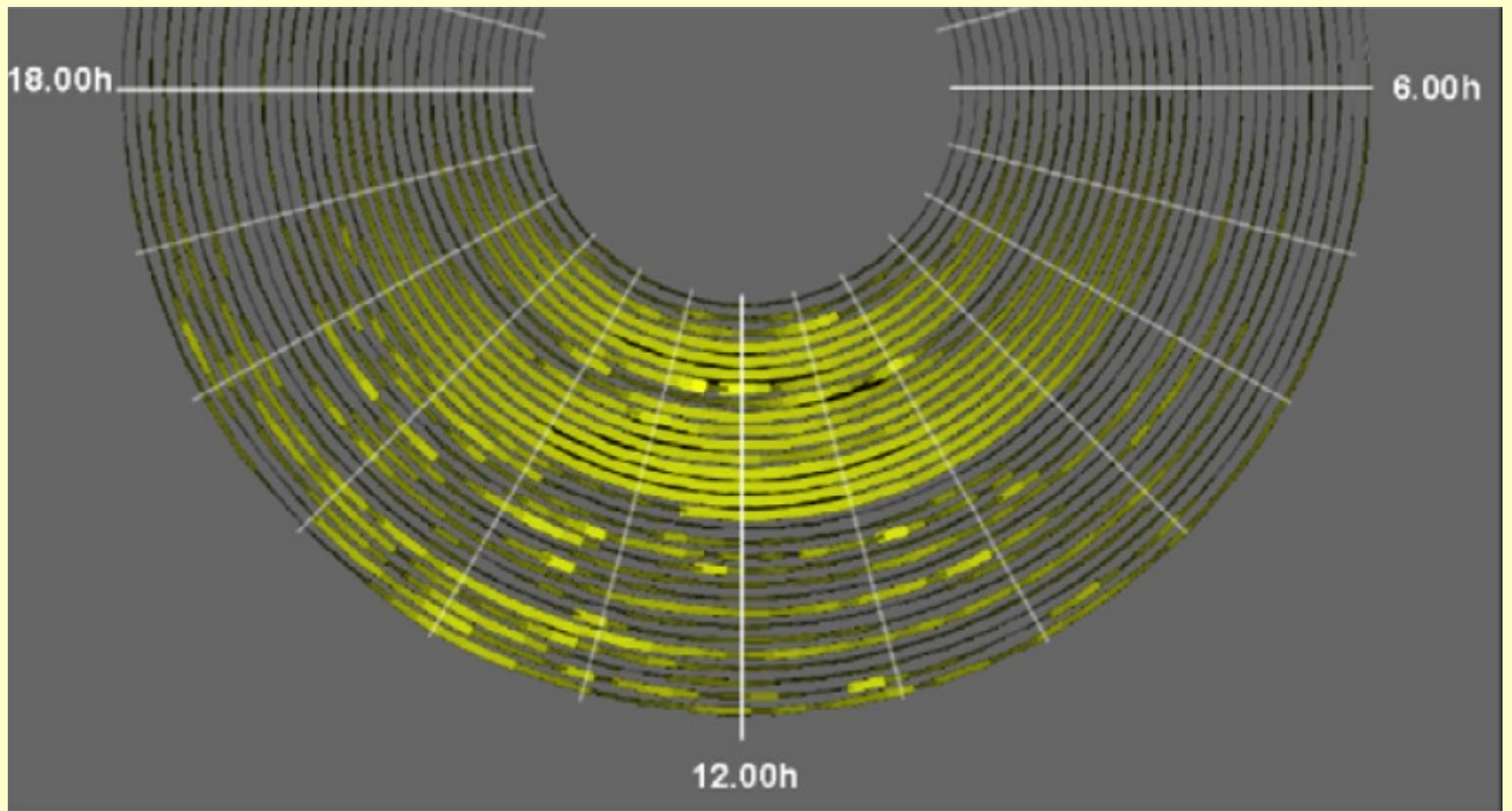


Figure 5:A possible way to add informative scales to the parametric dimensions of a spiral.

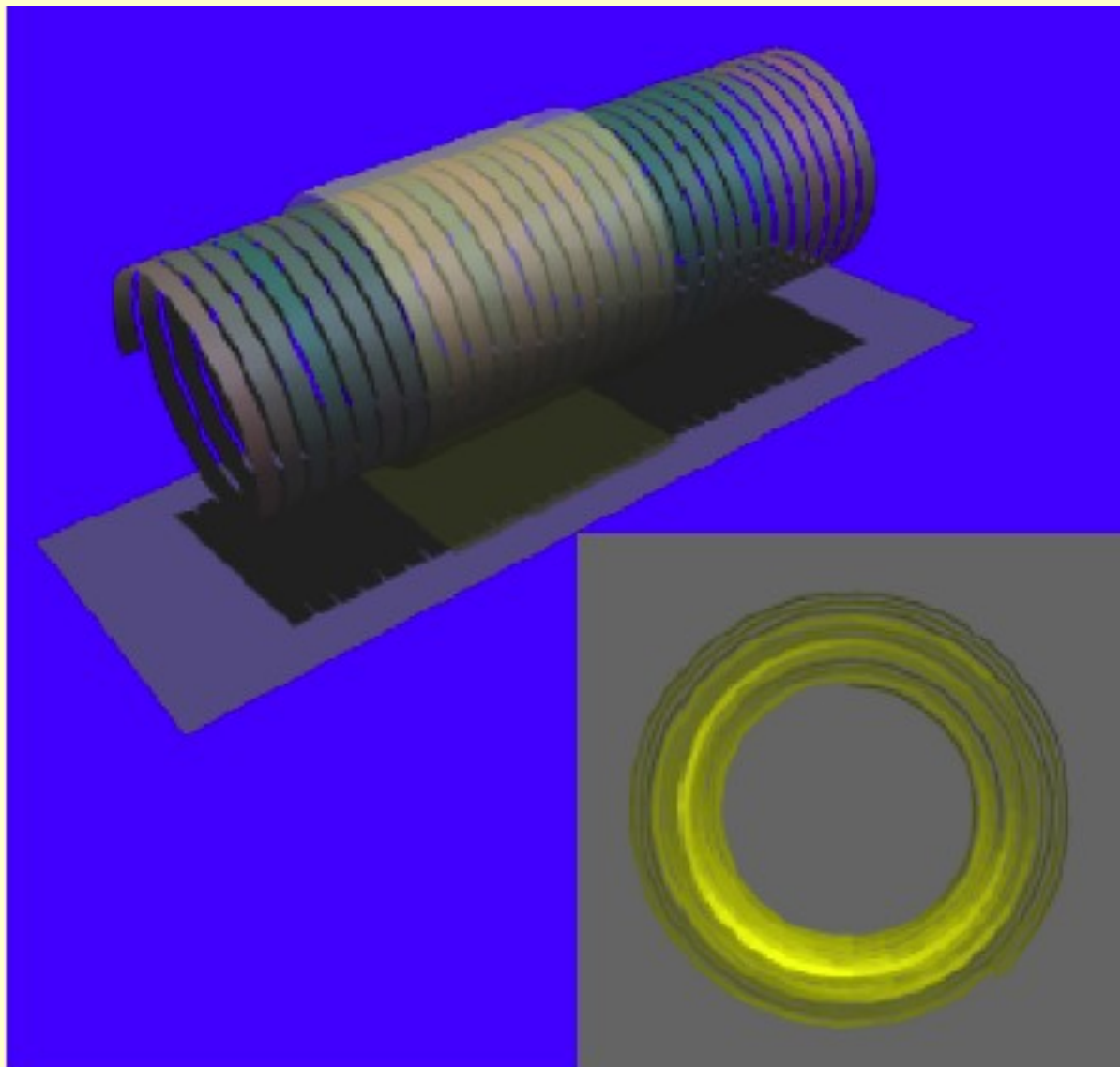
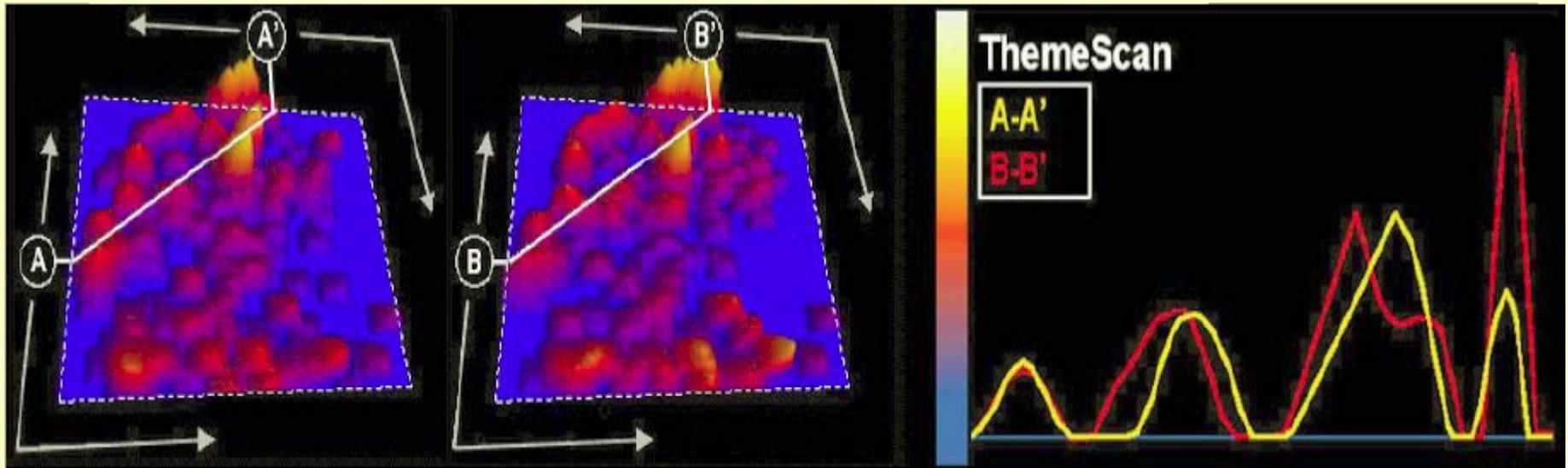
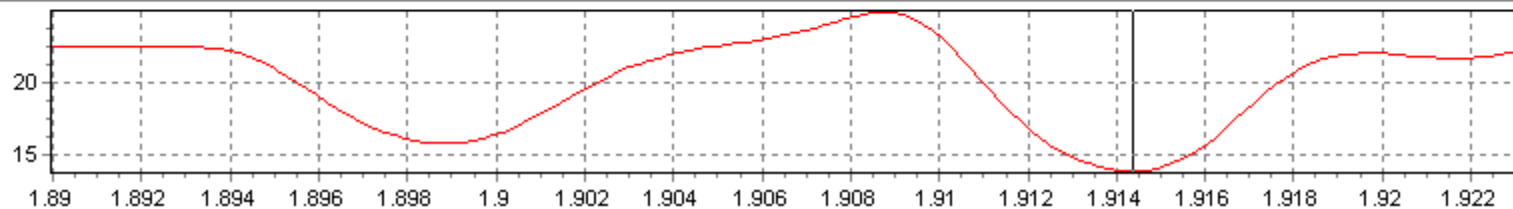
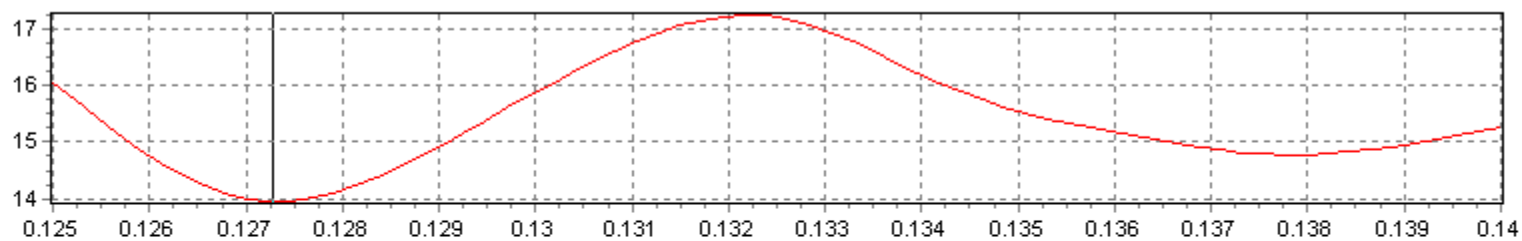
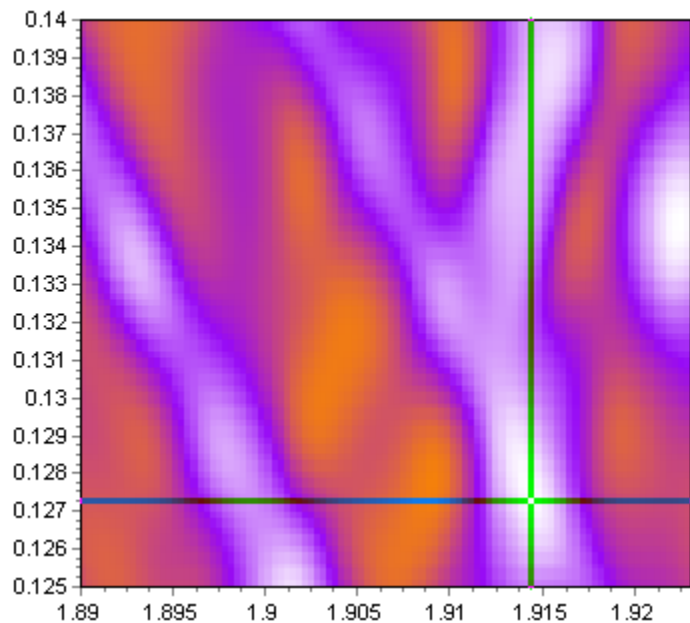


Figure 6:Using a helix in 3D to support intuitive browsing through a large data set.

Scanning

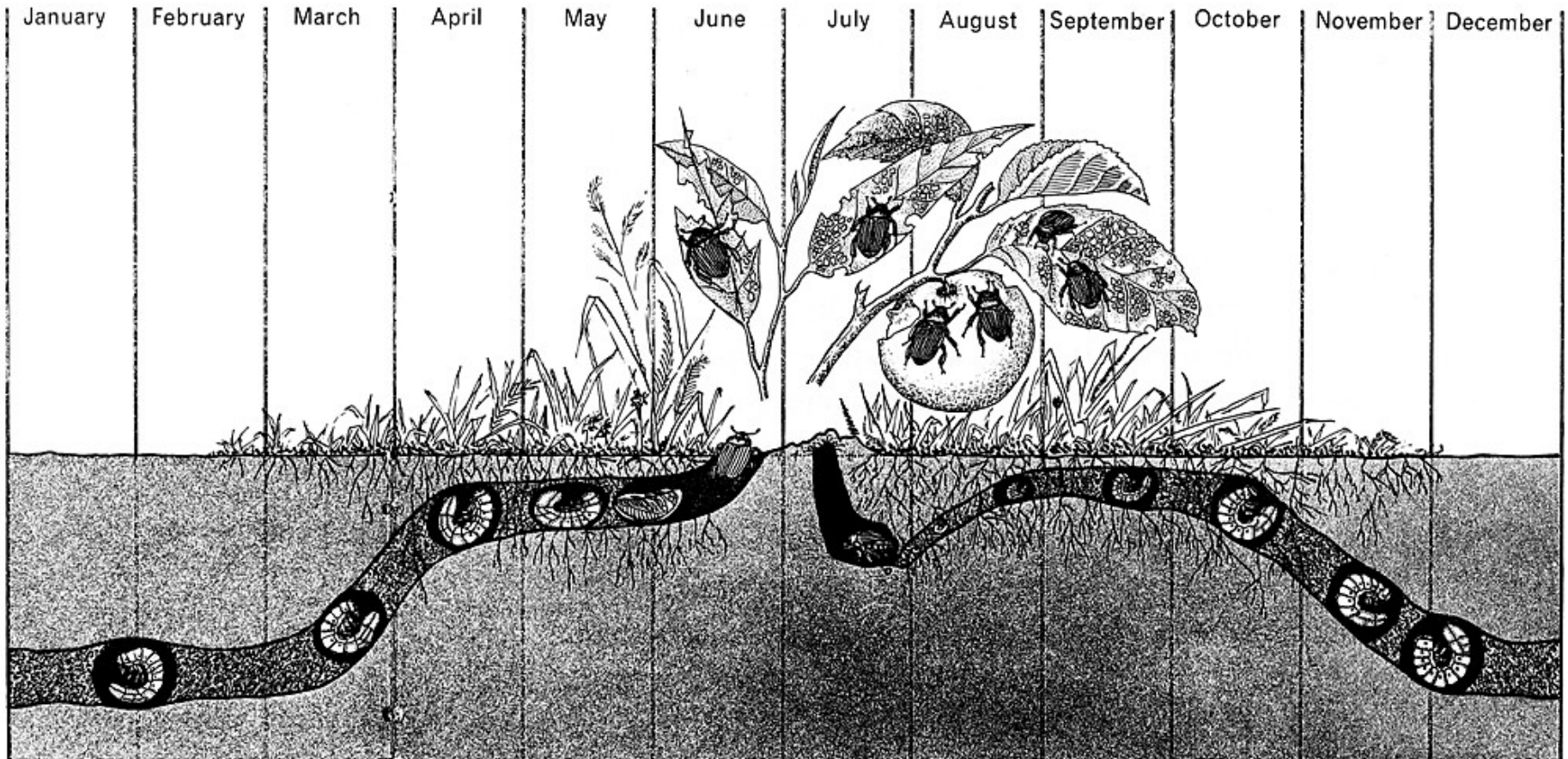


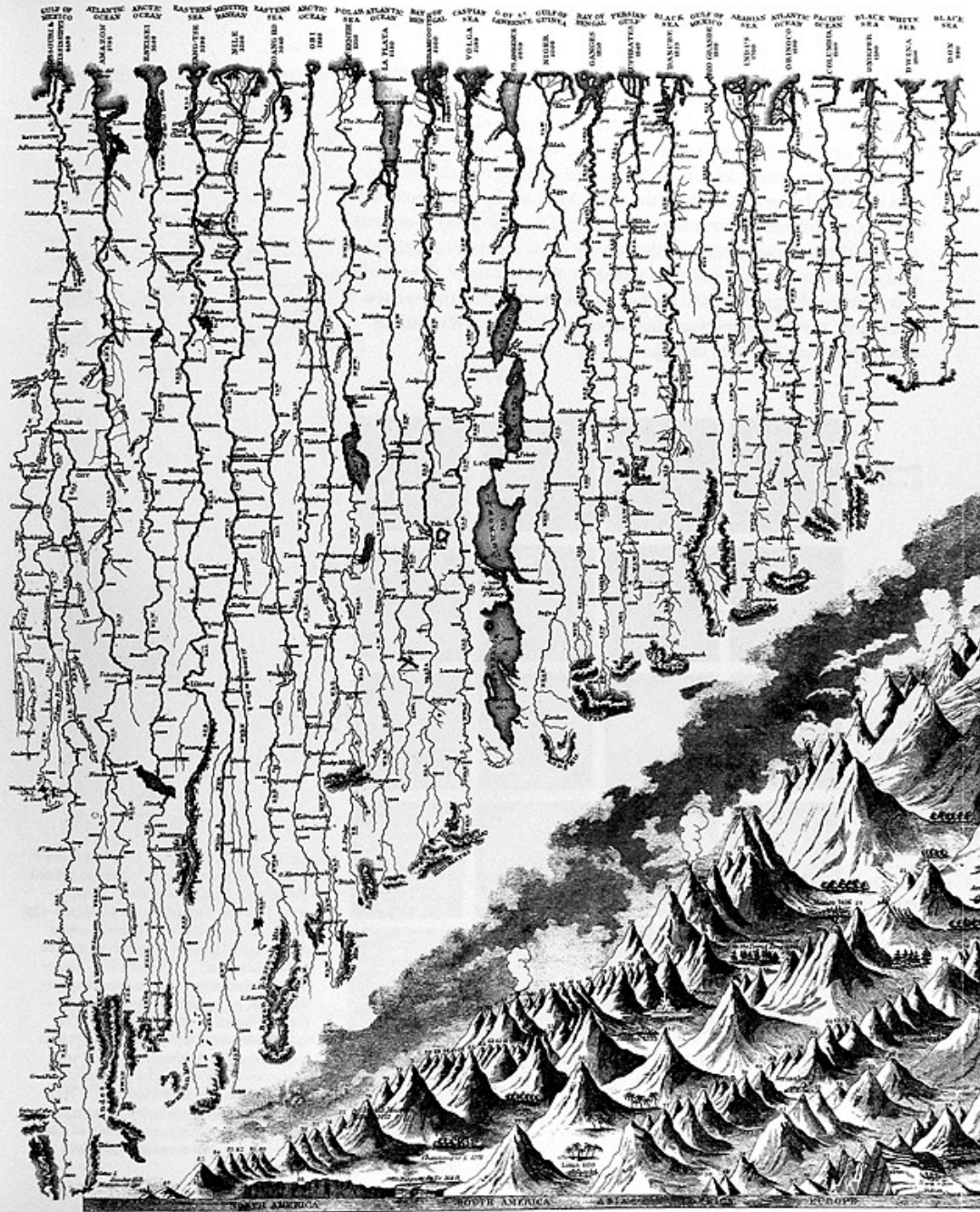
ThemeScan visualization of changes between time slices



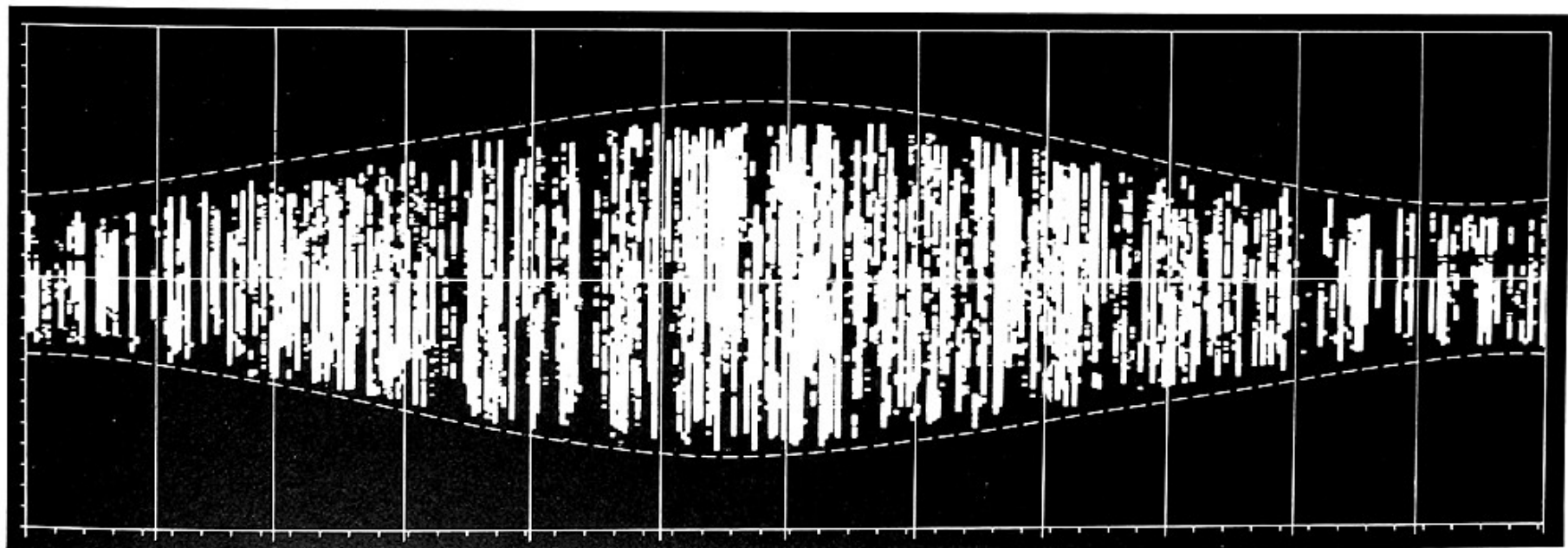
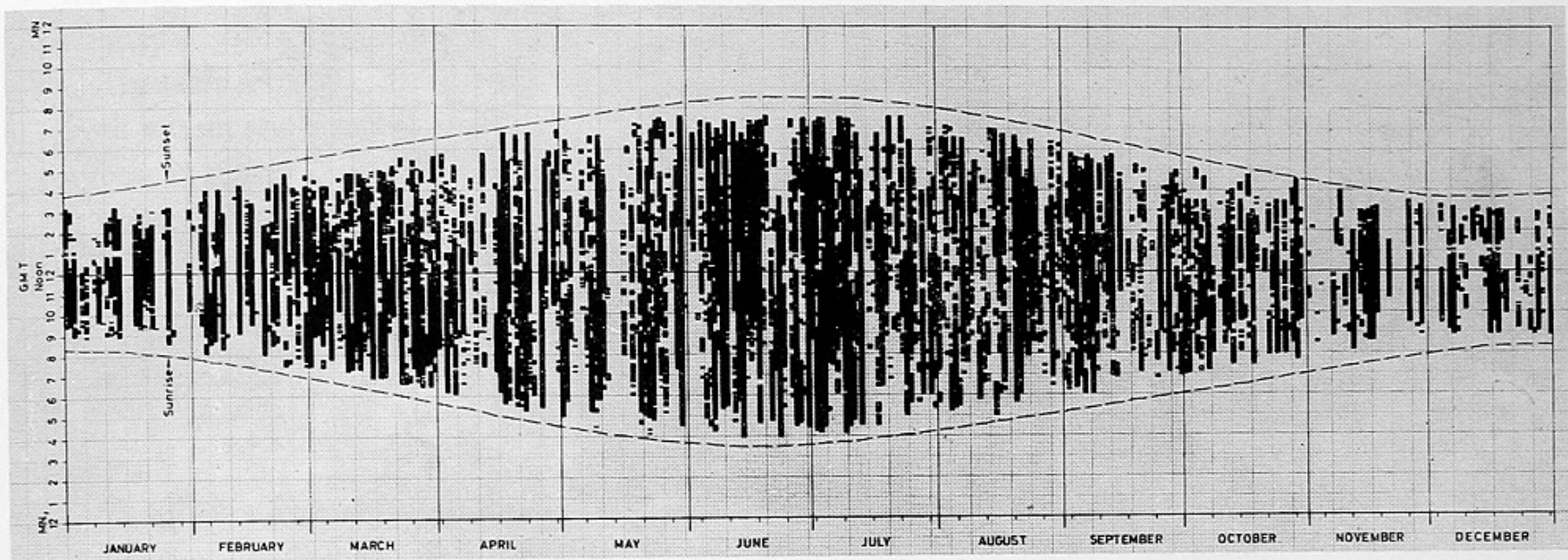
Space and time

Life circle of Japanese Beetles L. Newman, Man and Insects, 1965

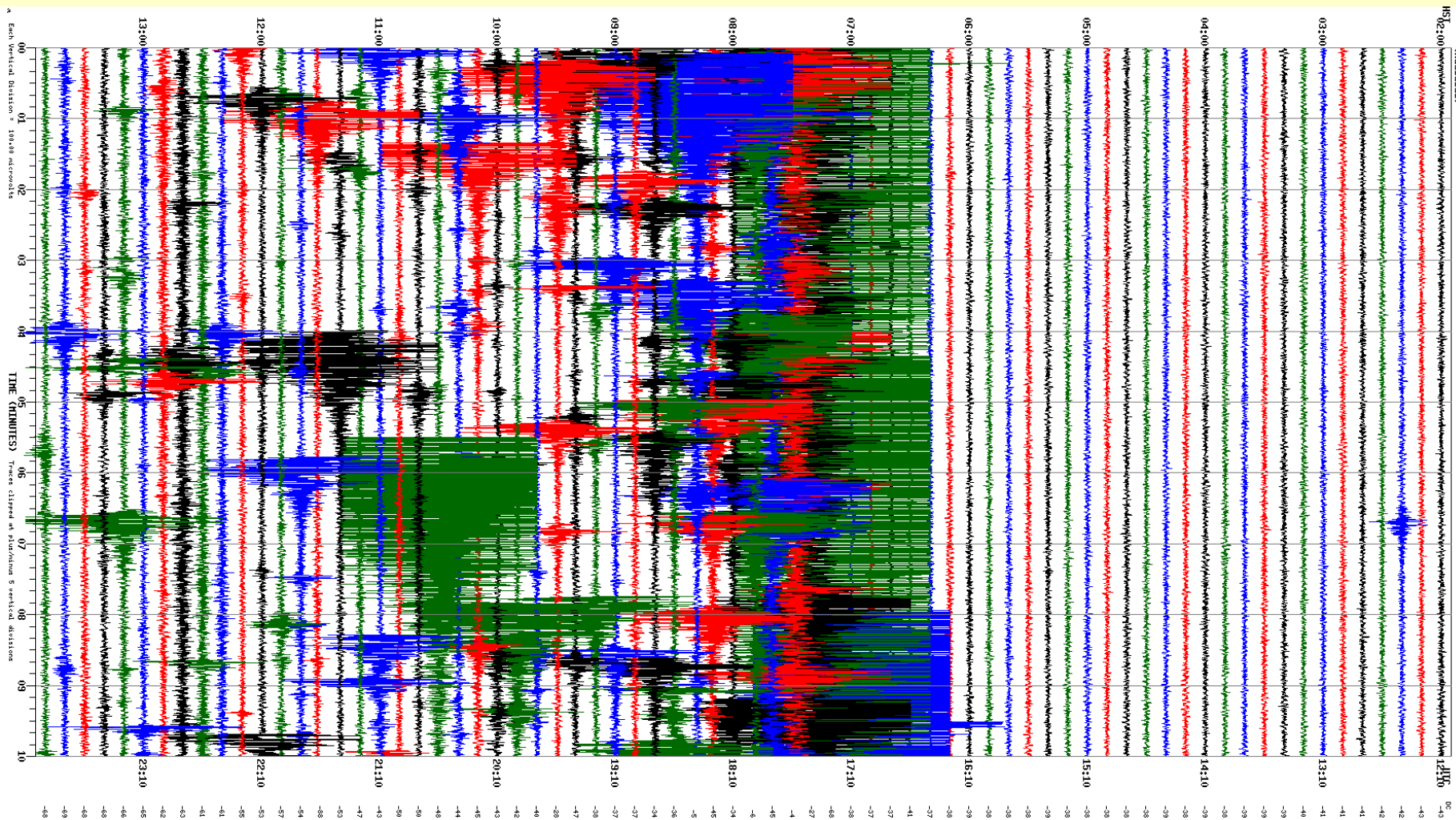




Longest rivers

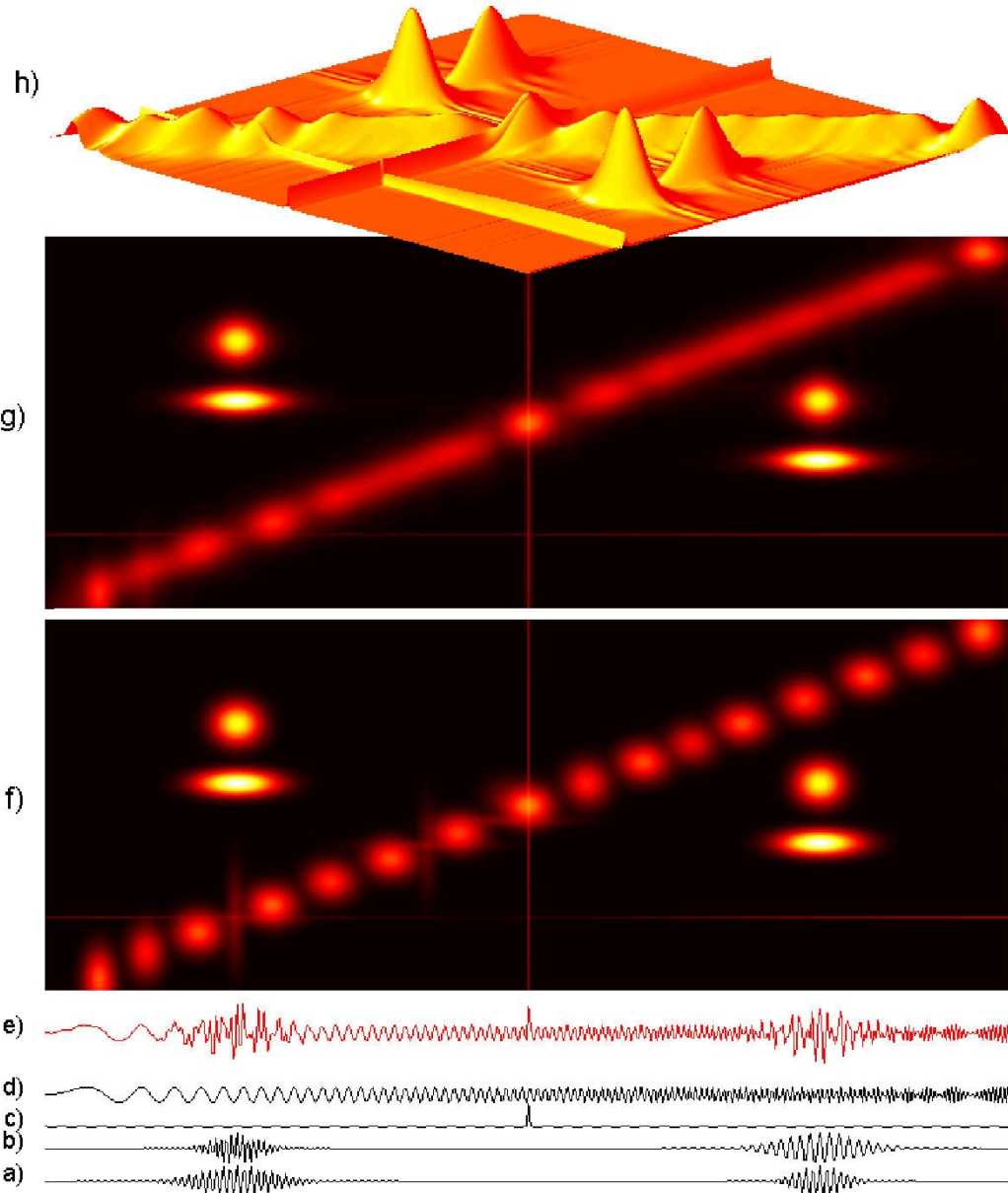


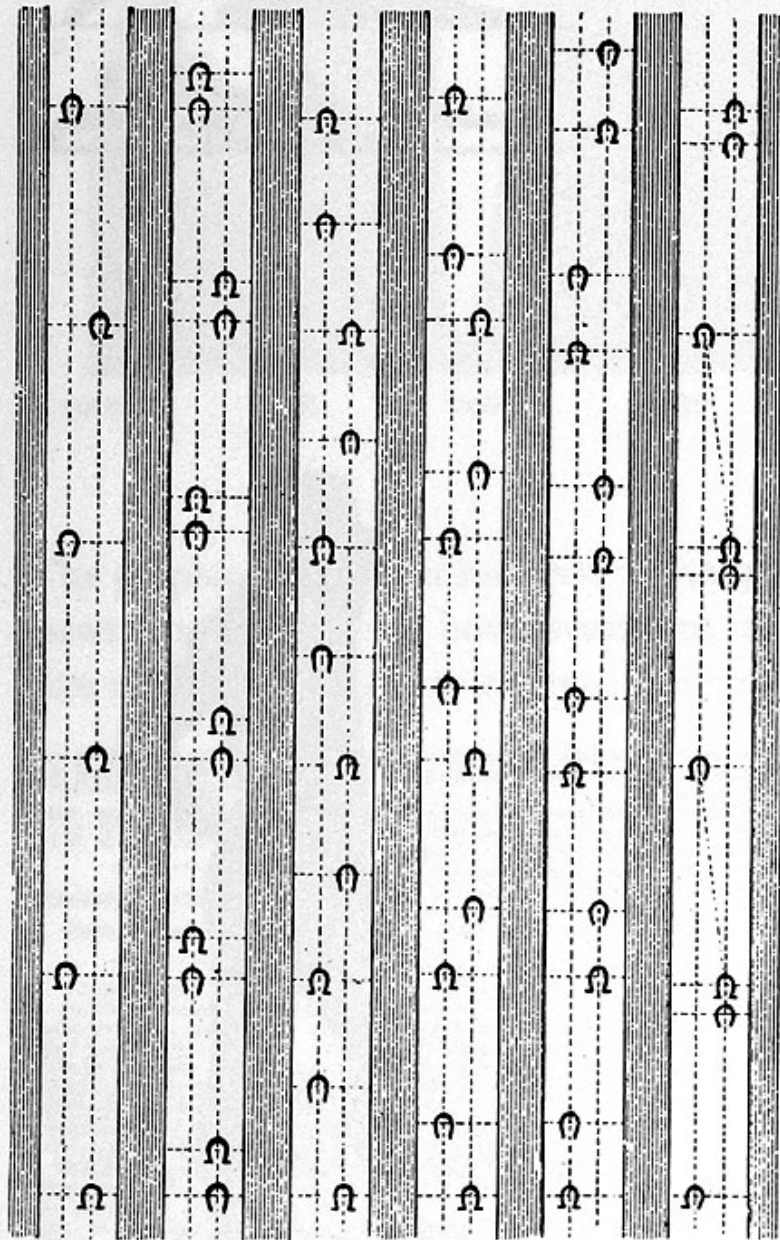
Color coding



Each Vertical Station = 10000 ascents

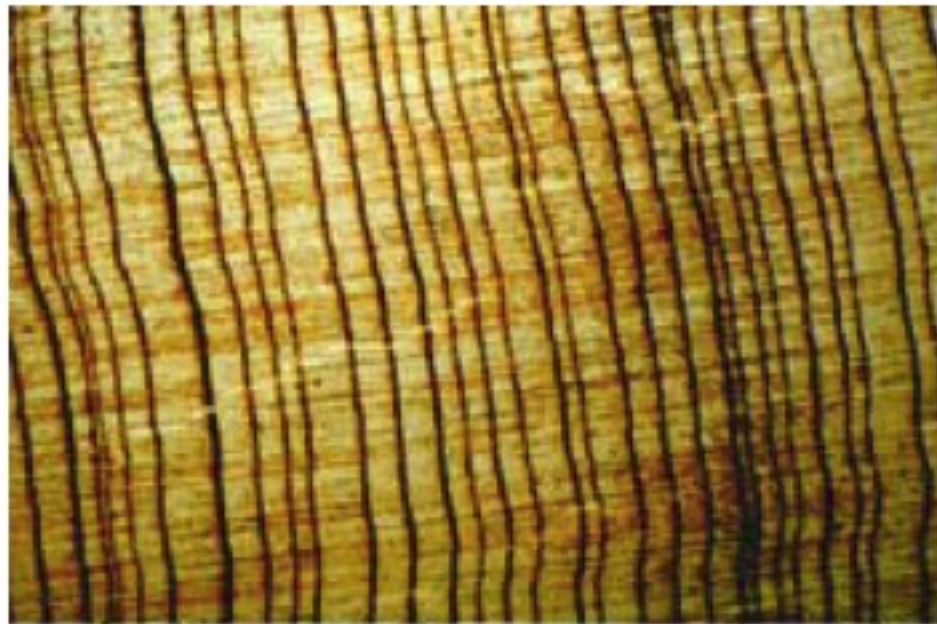
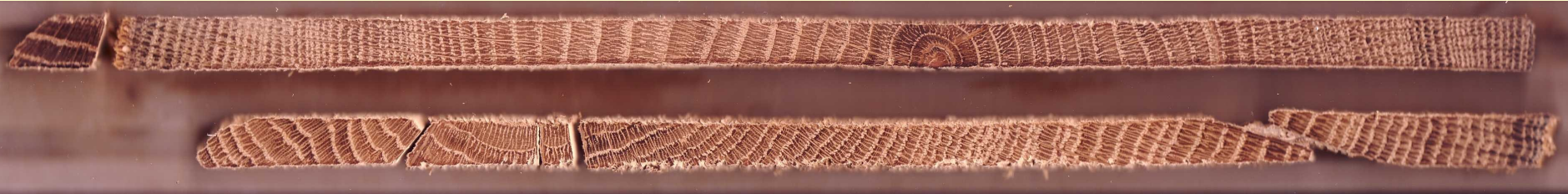
Time and frequency





Ordinary walk. *Walk (long stride).* *Quick walk.* *Amble.* *Jog-trot.* *Gallop.*

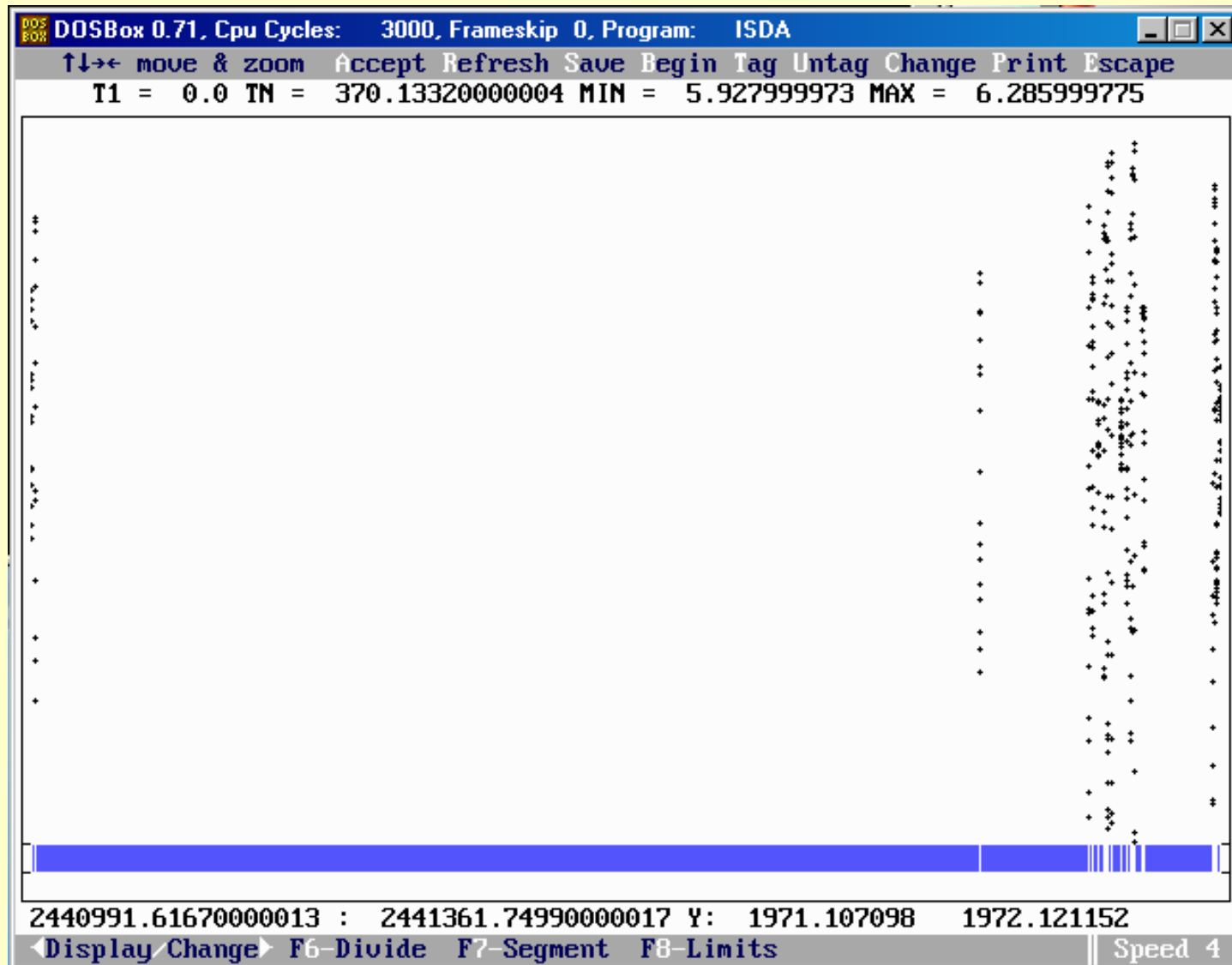
Natural time series



Lost Colony
Drought:
1587-1589

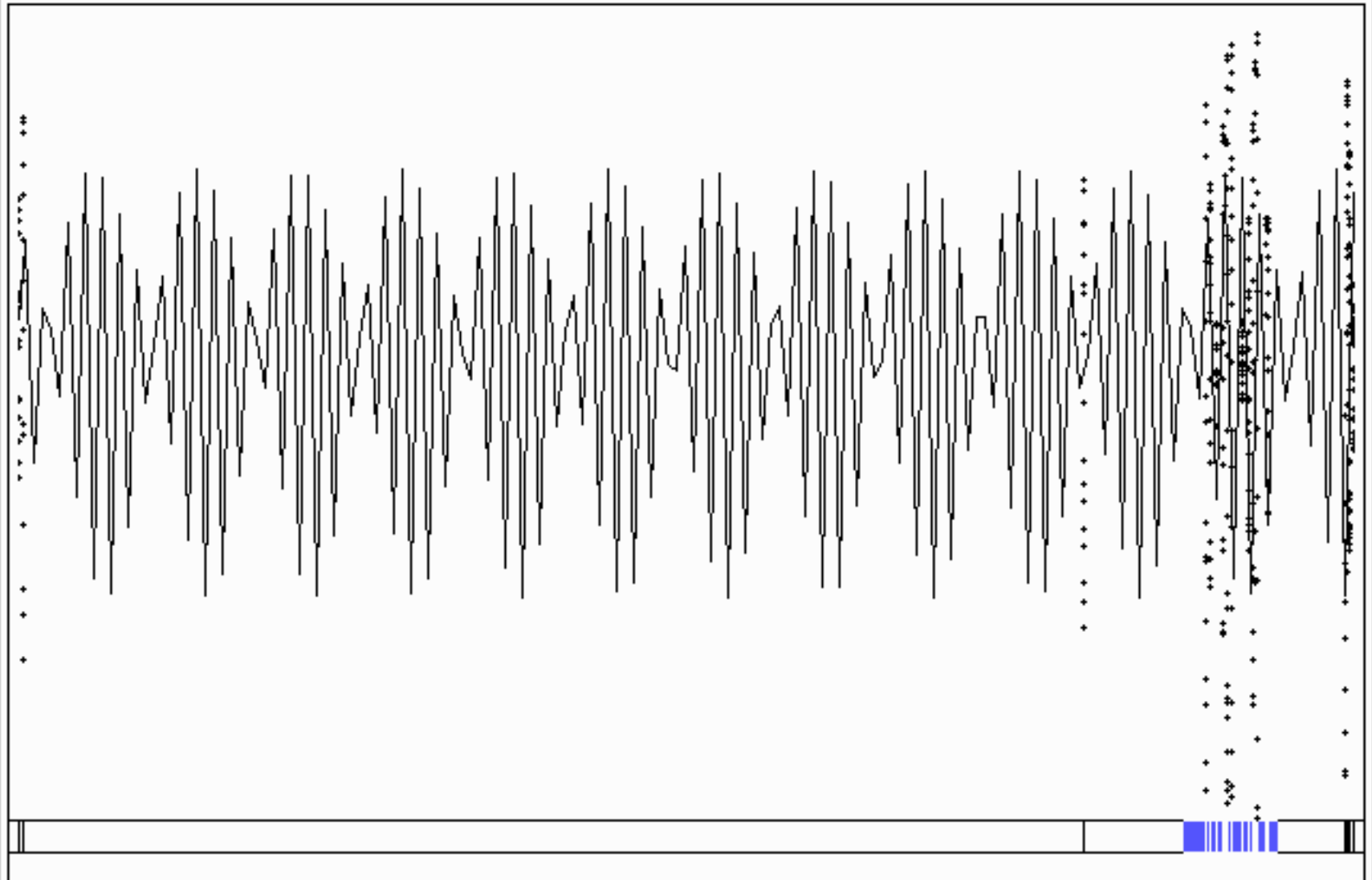
Jamestown
Drought:
1606-1612

Undersampling



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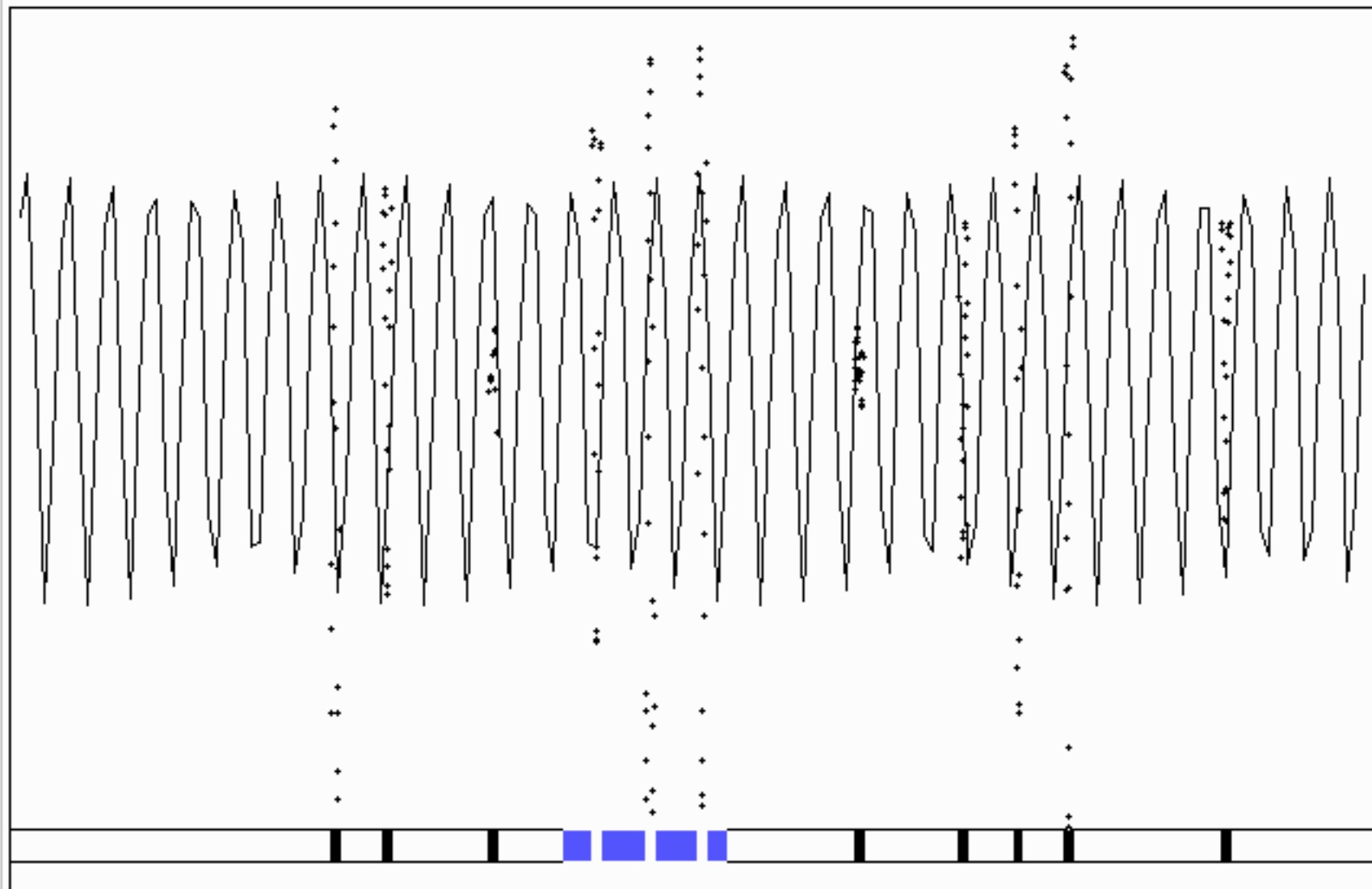
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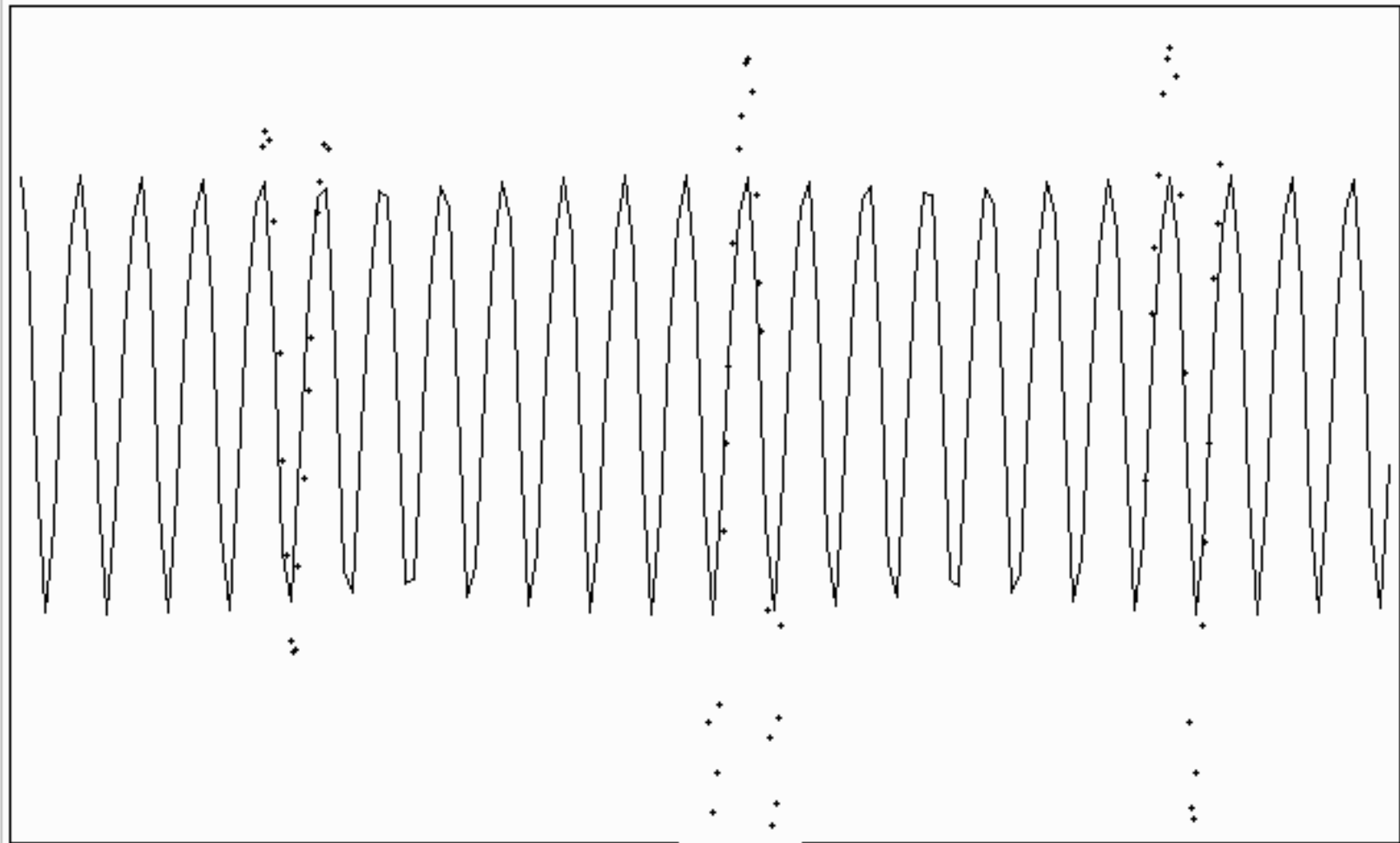
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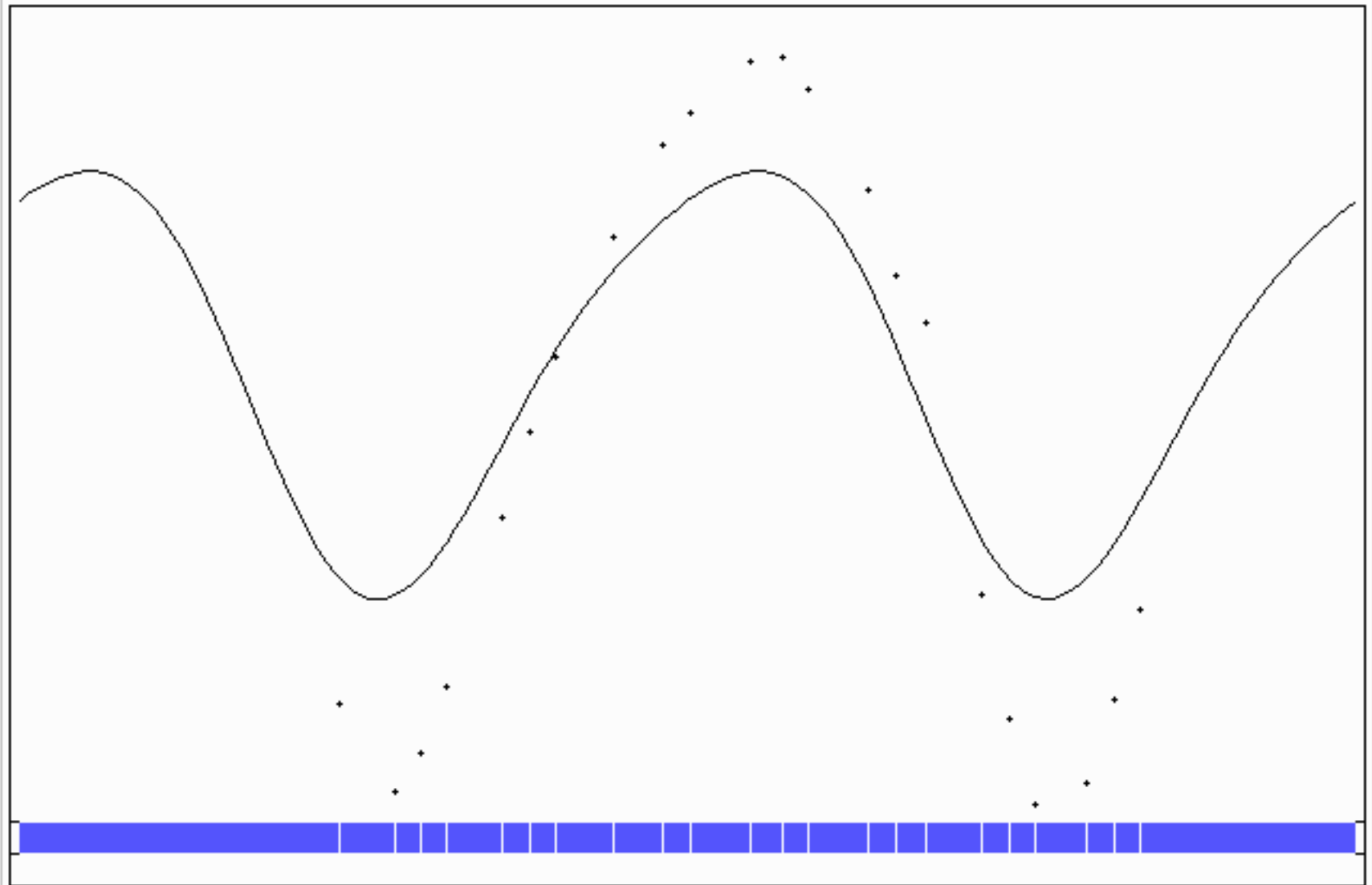
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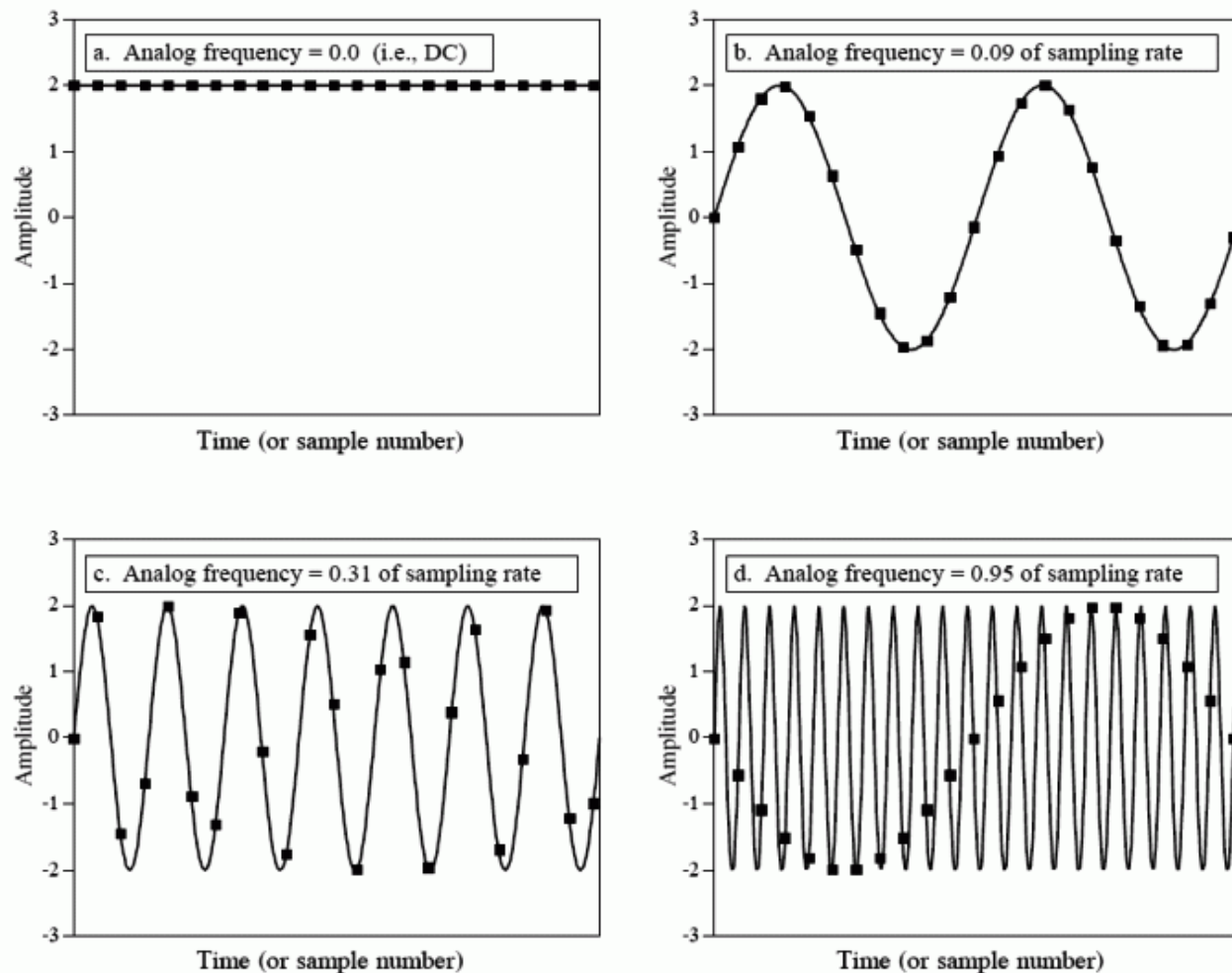
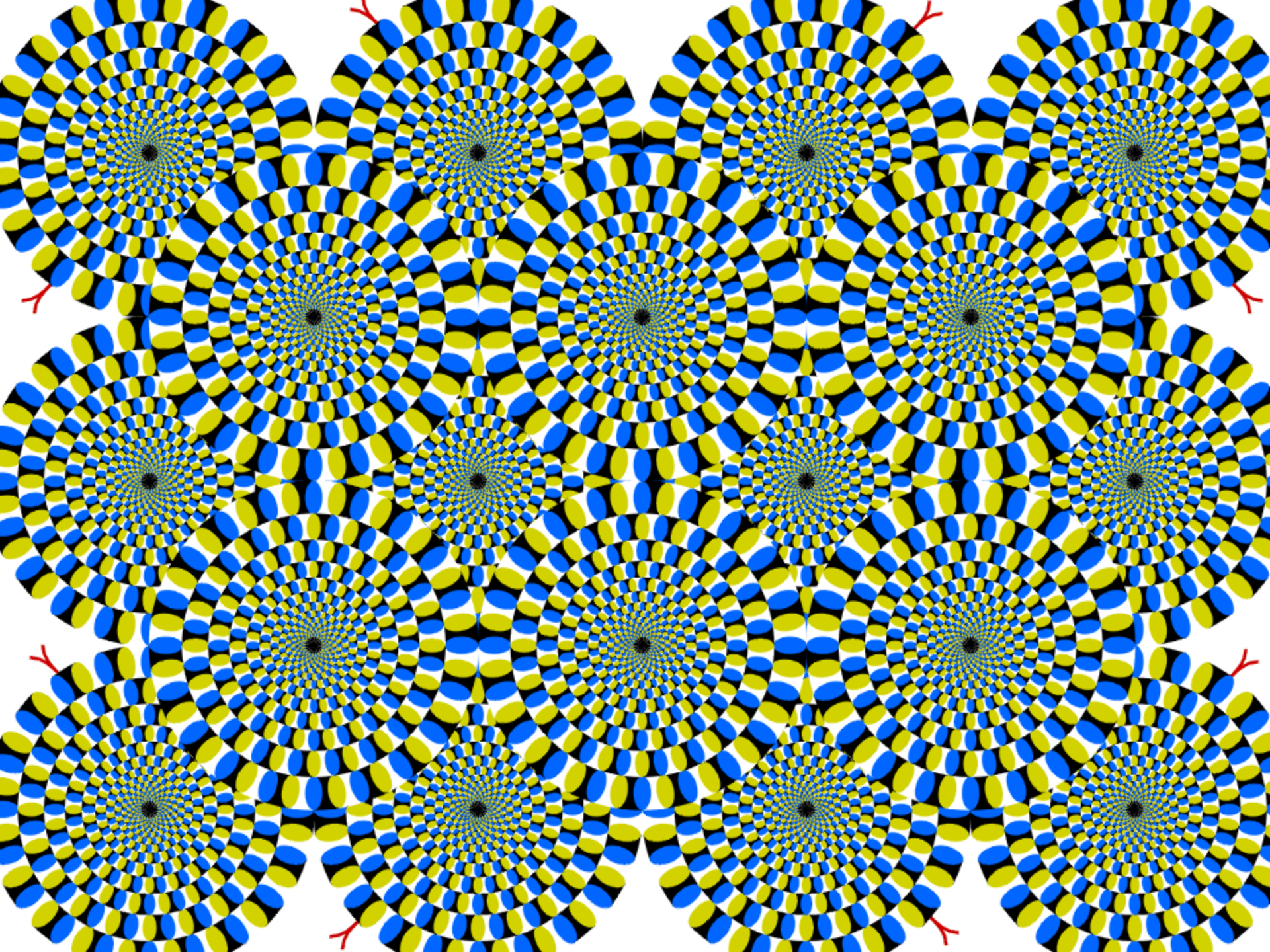


FIGURE 3-3

Illustration of proper and improper sampling. A continuous signal is sampled *properly* if the samples contain all the information needed to recreate the original waveform. Figures (a), (b), and (c) illustrate *proper sampling* of three sinusoidal waves. This is certainly not obvious, since the samples in (c) do not even appear to capture the shape of the waveform. Nevertheless, each of these continuous signals forms a unique one-to-one pair with its pattern of samples. This guarantees that reconstruction can take place. In (d), the frequency of the analog sine wave is greater than the Nyquist frequency (one-half of the sampling rate). This results in *aliasing*, where the frequency of the sampled data is different from the frequency of the continuous signal. Since aliasing has corrupted the information, the original signal cannot be reconstructed from the samples.



Data transformations

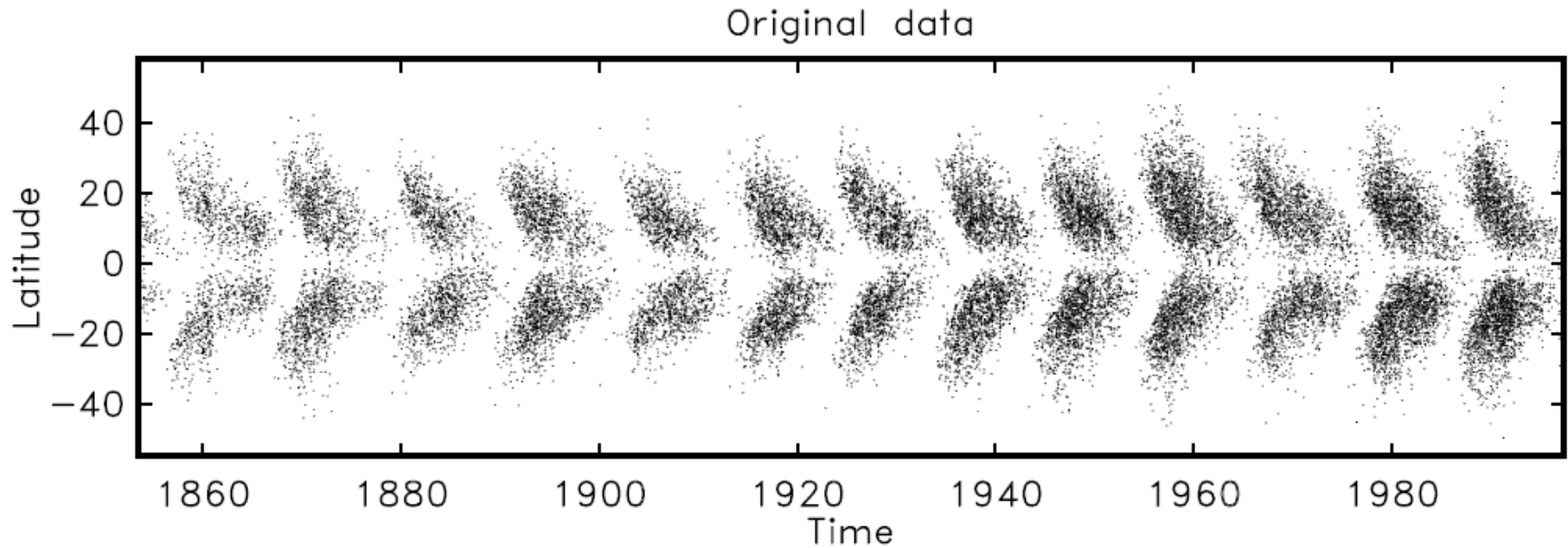
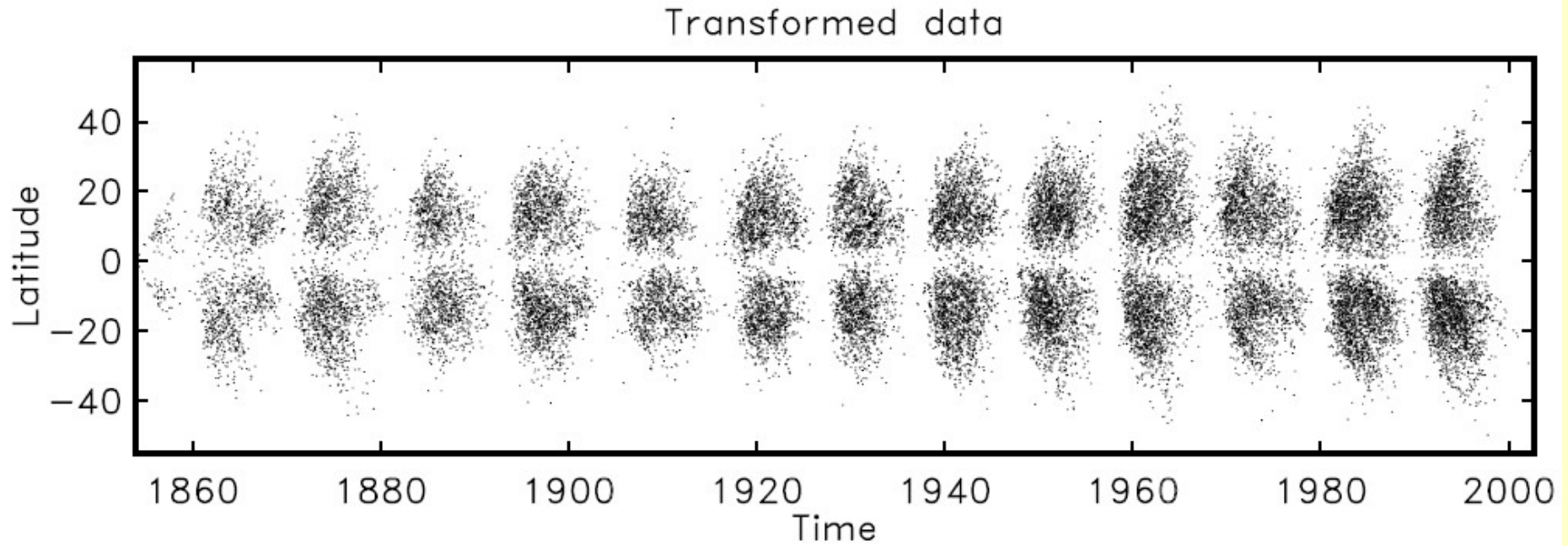
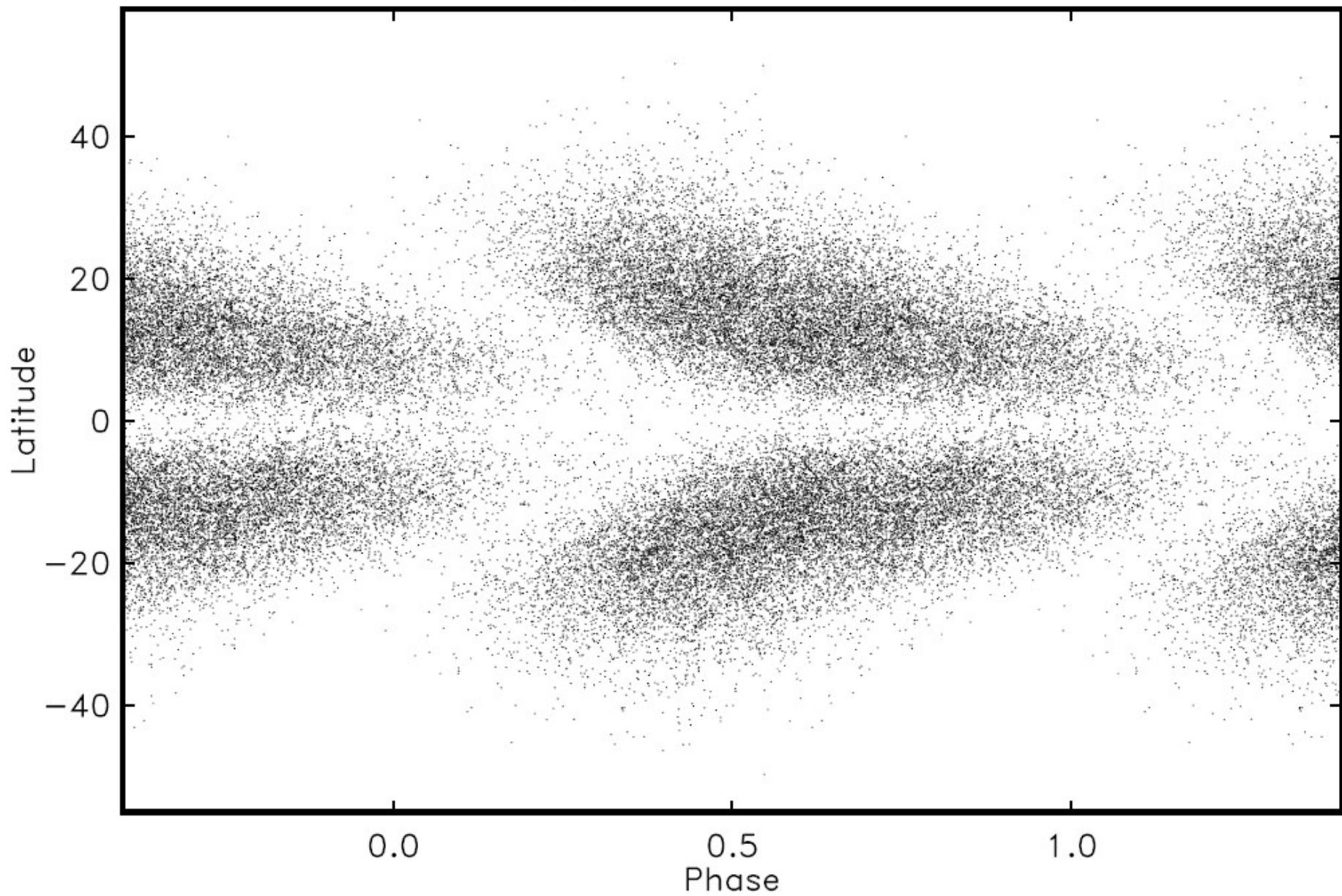


Fig. 2. A butterfly diagram showing latitude θ vs time (1853–1996). The cycles are separated by clearly defined gaps.

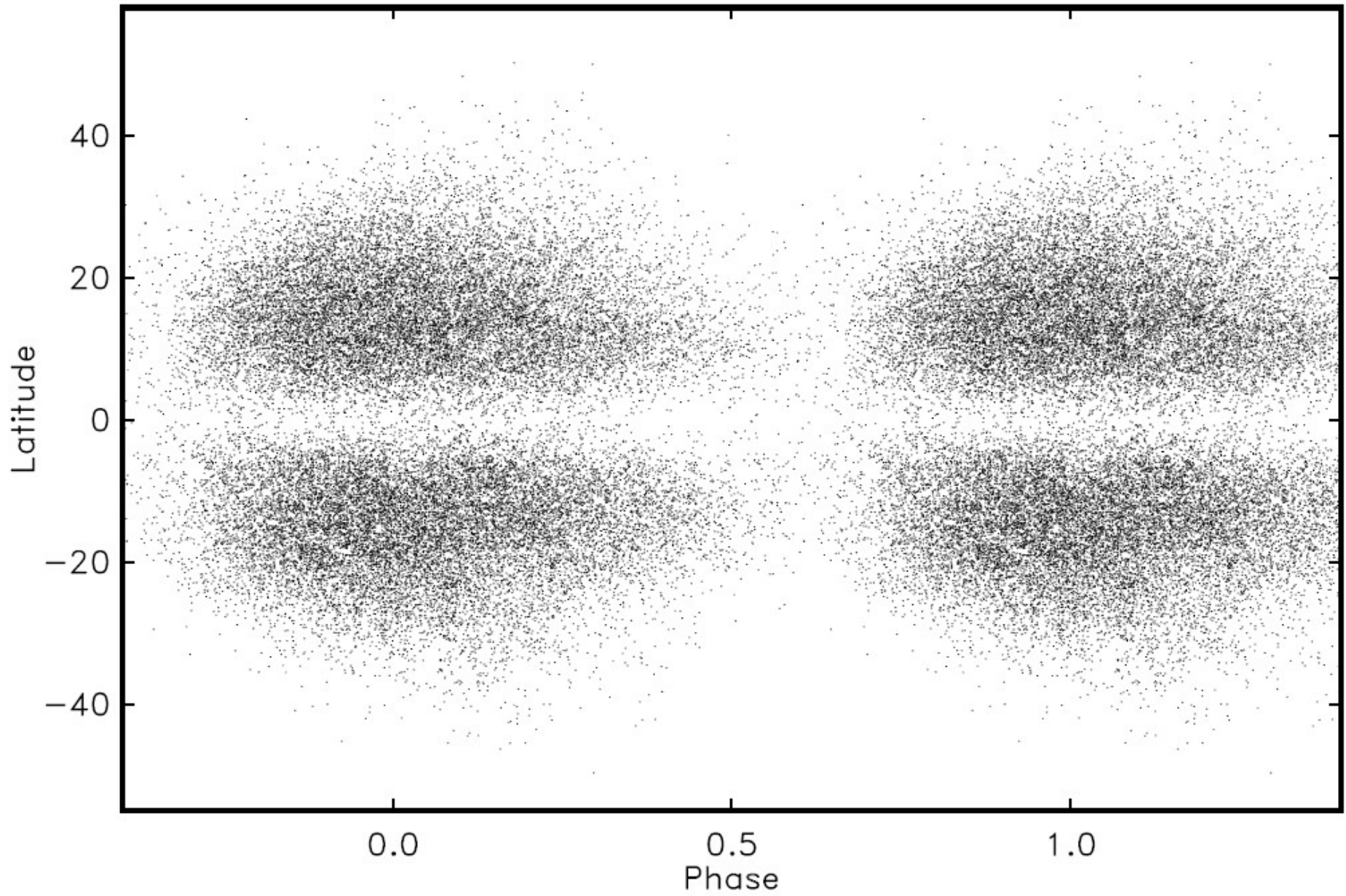
Transformed data



Original data $P = 10.79$



Transformed data $P = 10.84$



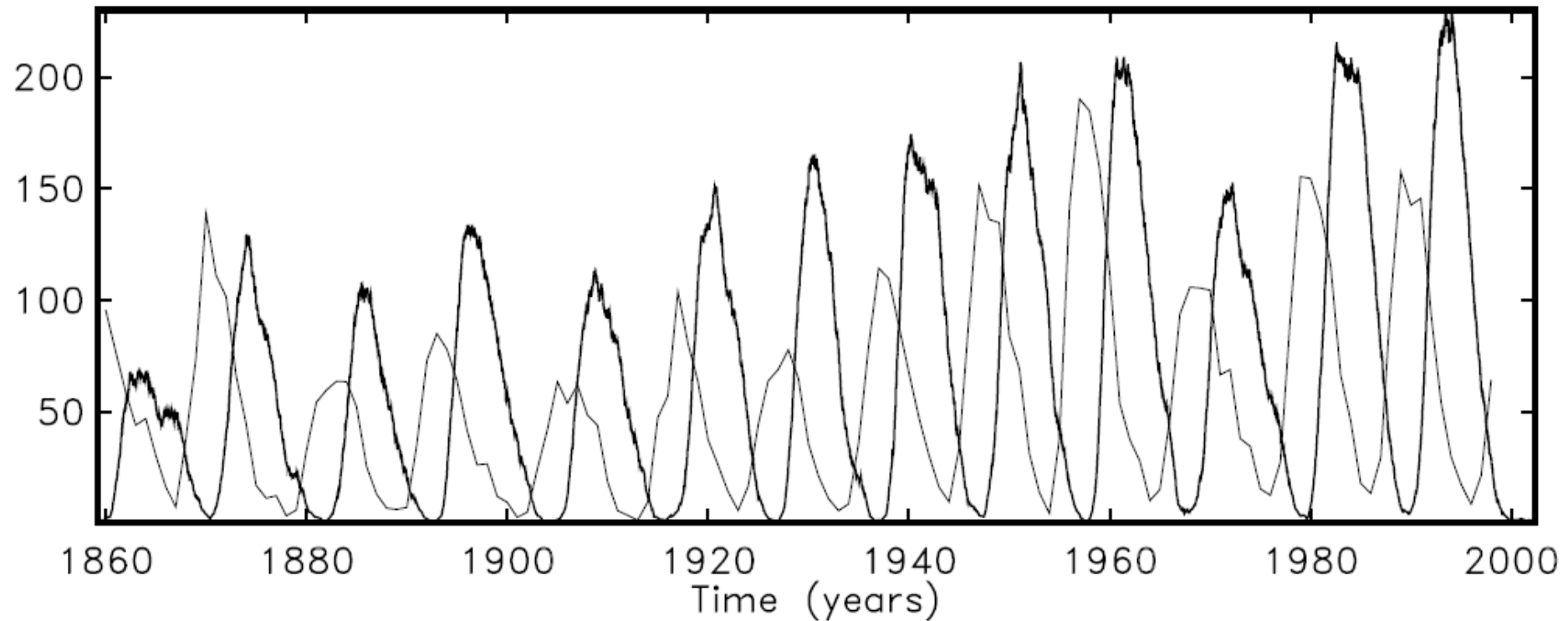
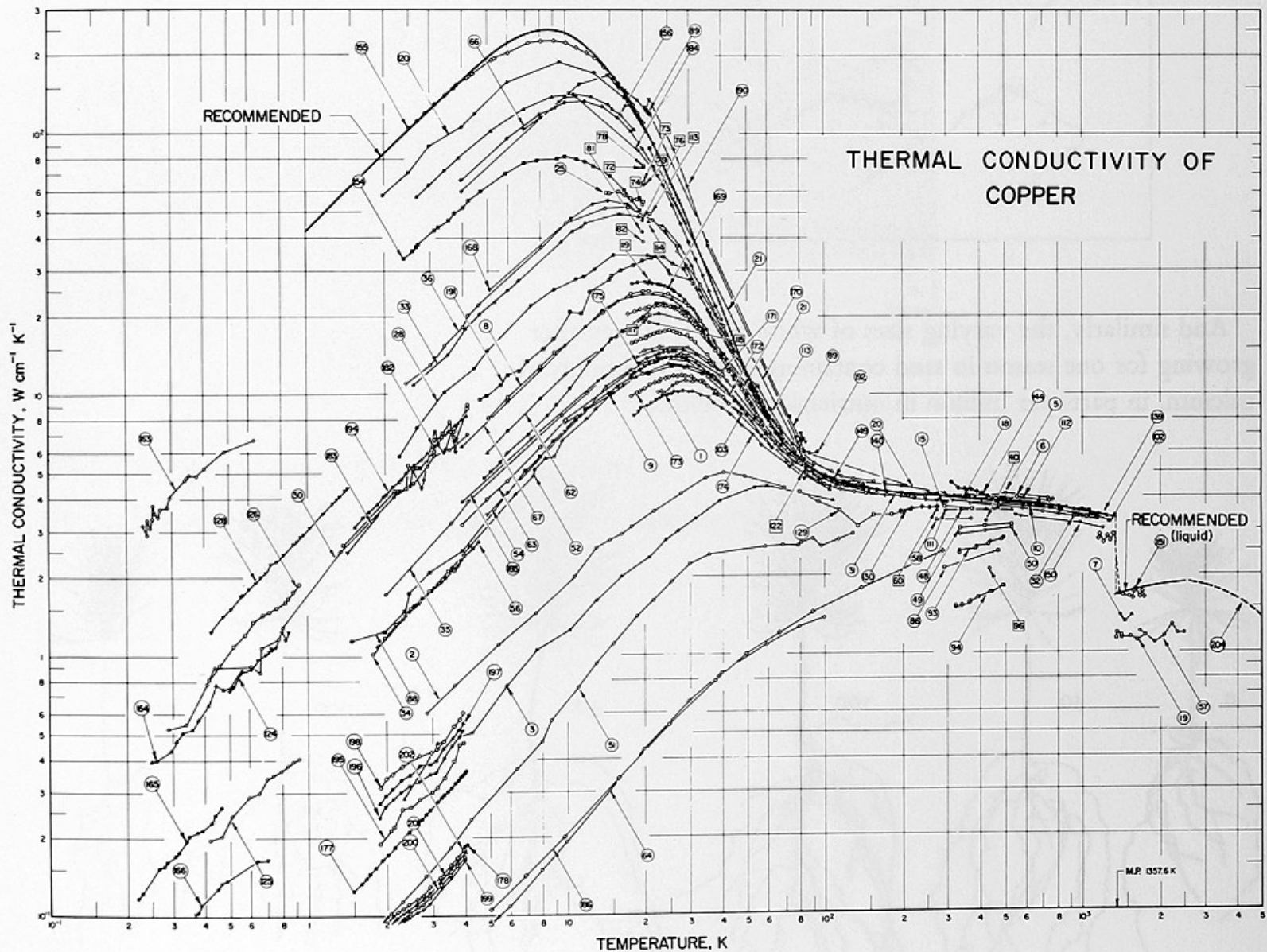
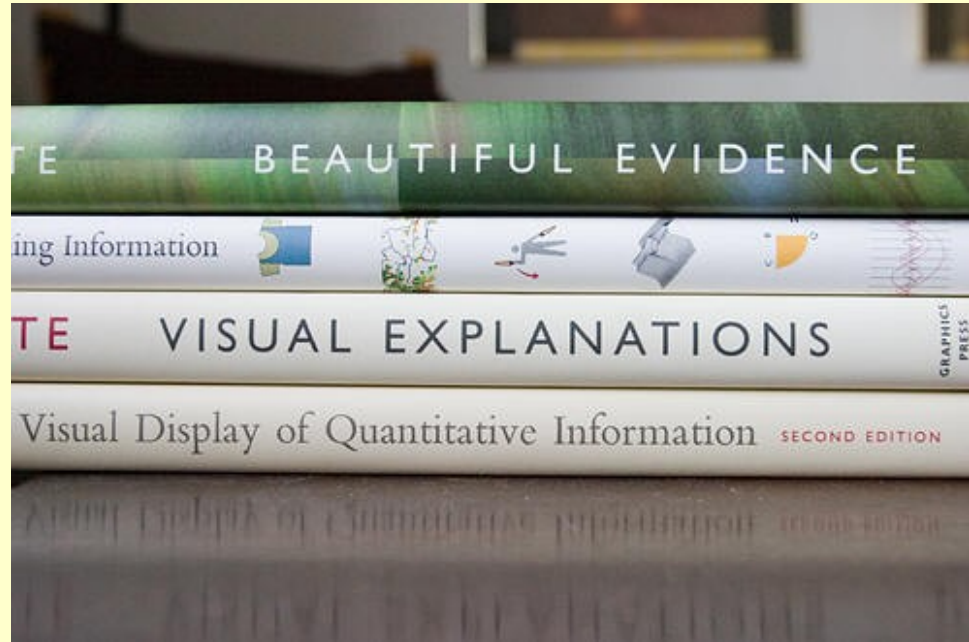
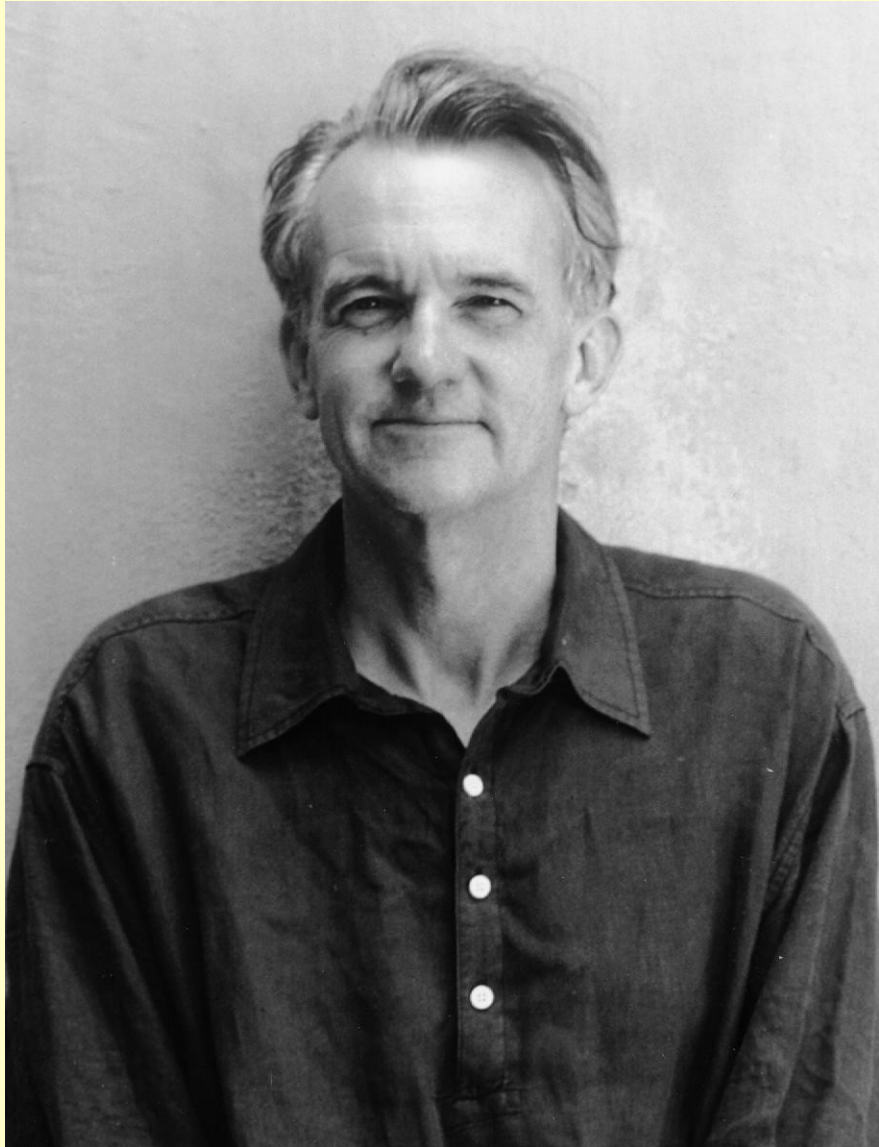


Fig. 7. Yearly mean Wolf numbers compared to the yearly running counts curve for the transformed data. Wolf numbers are depicted with thin line, scaled by 0.3 running counts are depicted by thick line. It can be clearly seen that the minima of the transformed data are much more clearly distinguished and that the cycles show more regular modulation.

Scatter



Sources



Edward Tufte

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