

# Scientific Figure Design

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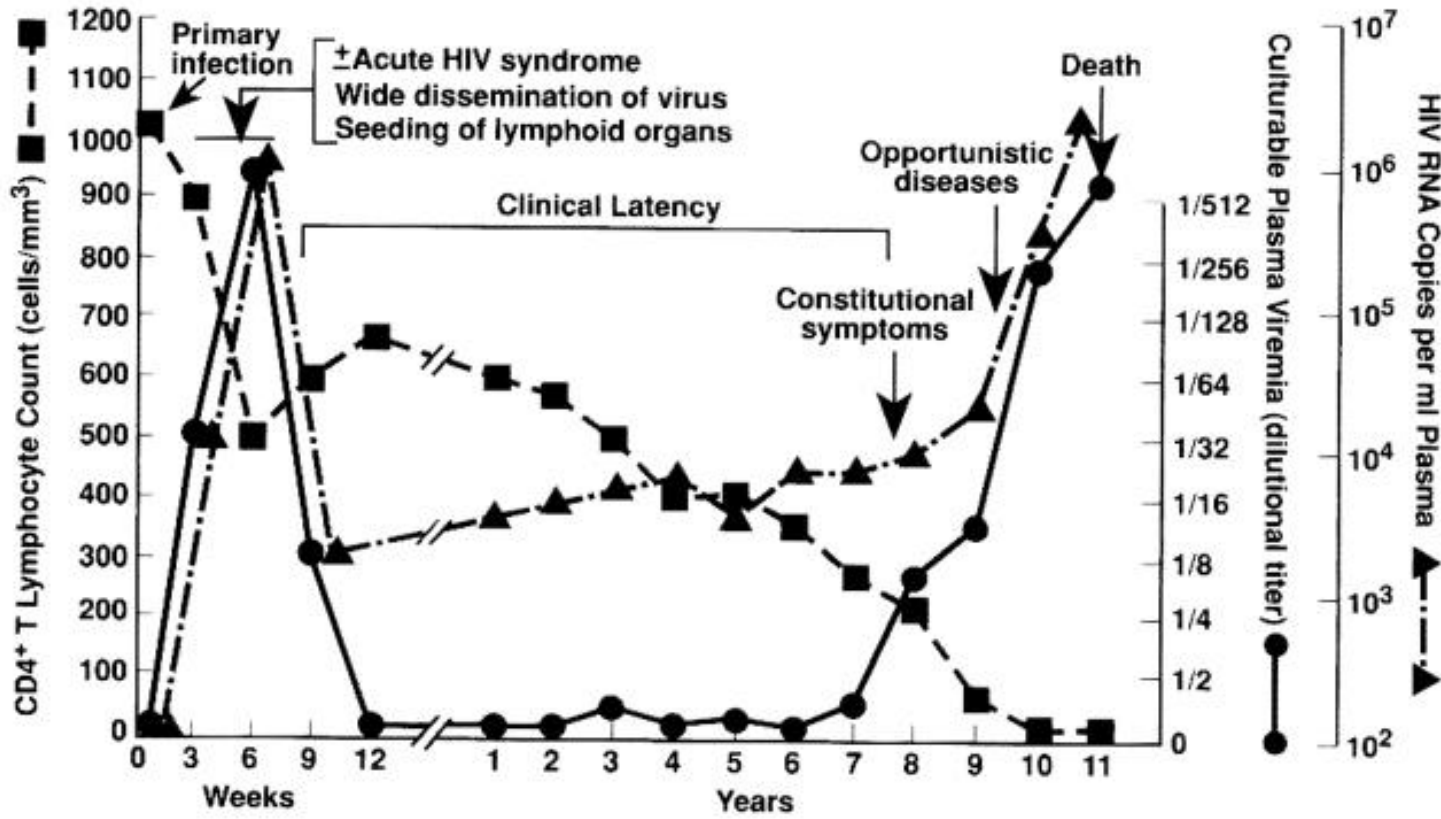
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# Figures are the way your science is presented to an audience



# What this course covers...

- Theory of data visualisation
  - Why do some figures work better than others?
- Ethics of data representation
- Elements of graphic design
- Editing bitmap images in GIMP
- Vector editing and compositing in Inkscape
- Journal submissions

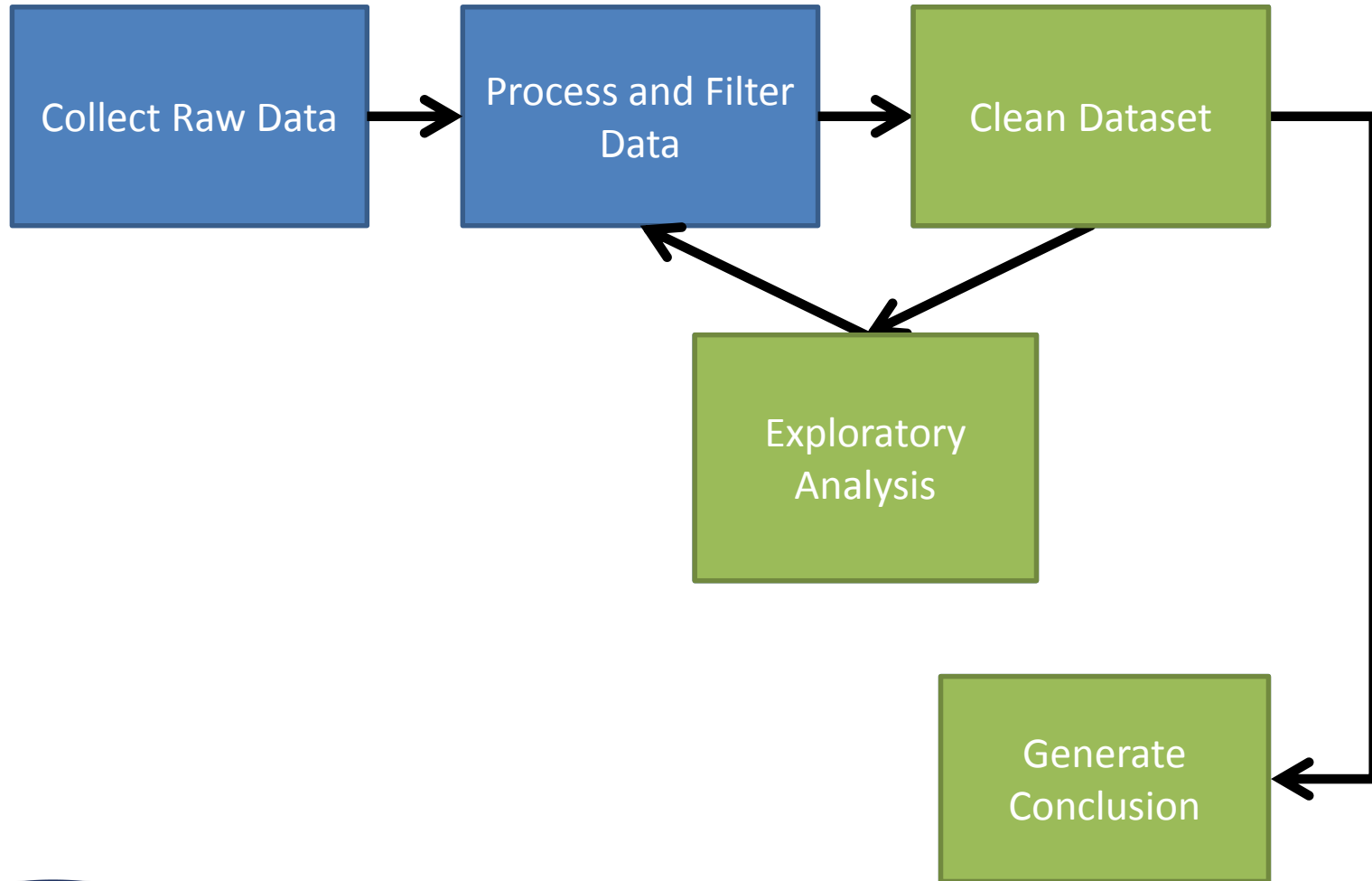
# What this course doesn't cover...

- How to draw graphs in specific programs
  - R Introduction
  - Statistics with R
  - Statistics with GraphPad
  - Plotting with R/ggplot
- Network representations
- Spatial data representations

# Timetable

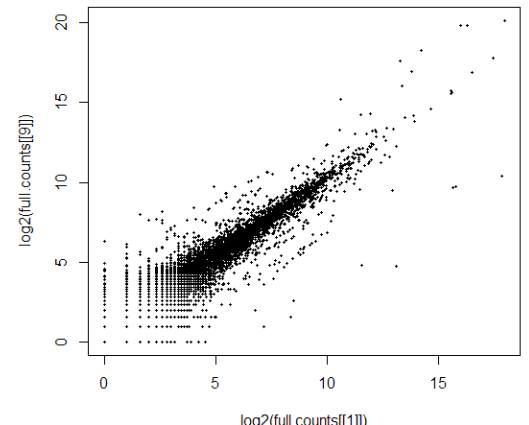
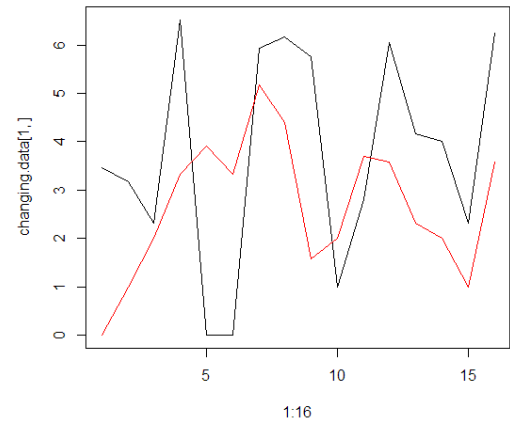
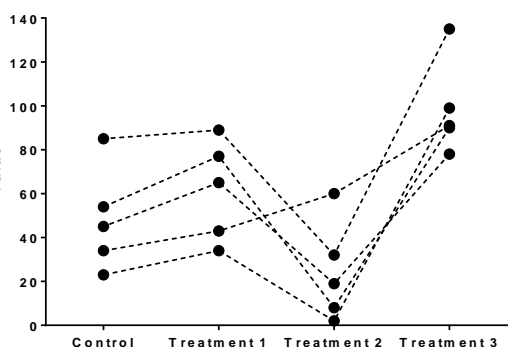
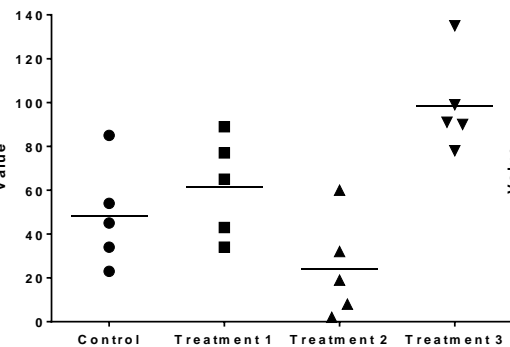
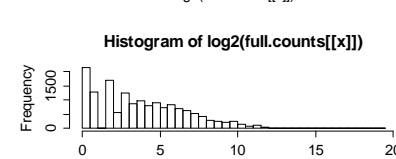
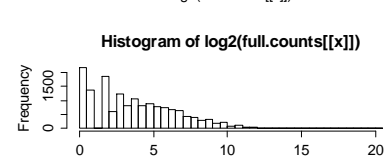
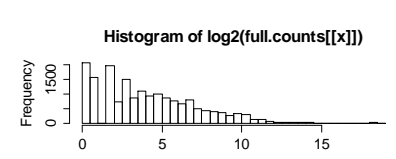
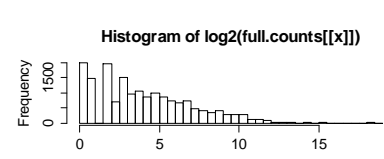
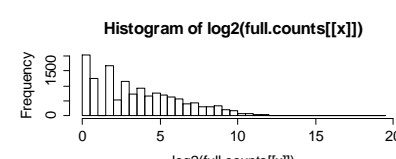
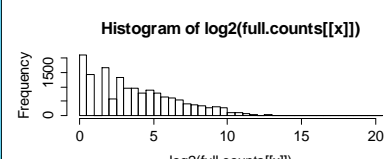
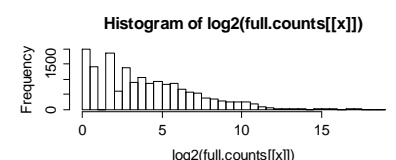
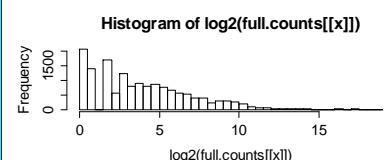
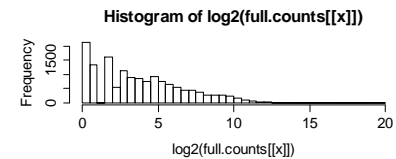
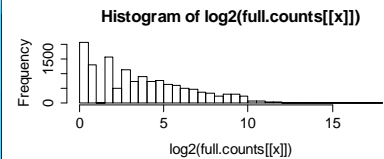
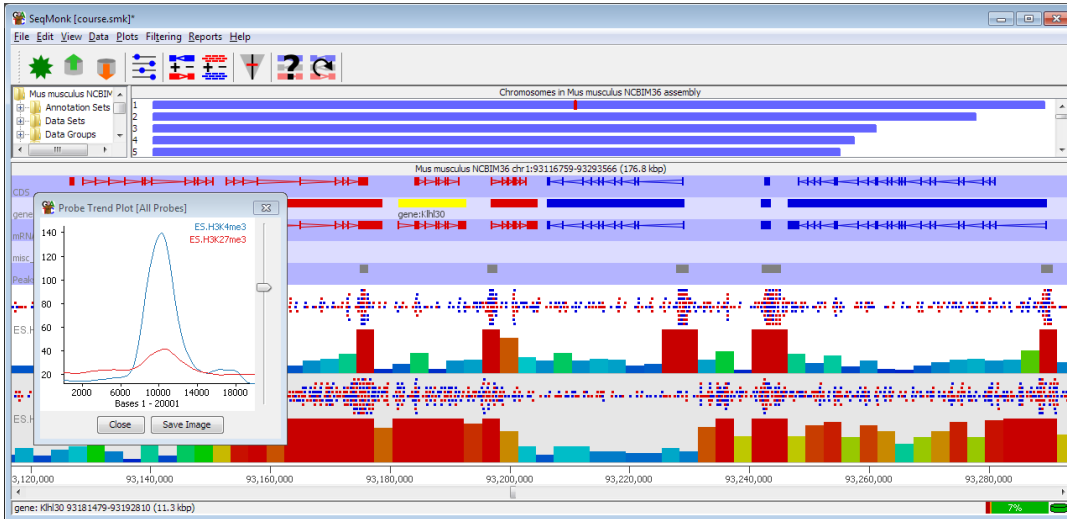
- Morning
  - Introduction
  - Data Visualisation Theory
- Coffee
  - Data Representation Practical
  - Ethics and plots talk
  - Design theory talk
- Afternoon
  - GIMP Tutorial
  - GIMP Practical
- Coffee
  - Inkscape Tutorial
  - Inkscape Practical
  - Final practical

# Data Visualisation Process



# Exploratory visualisation

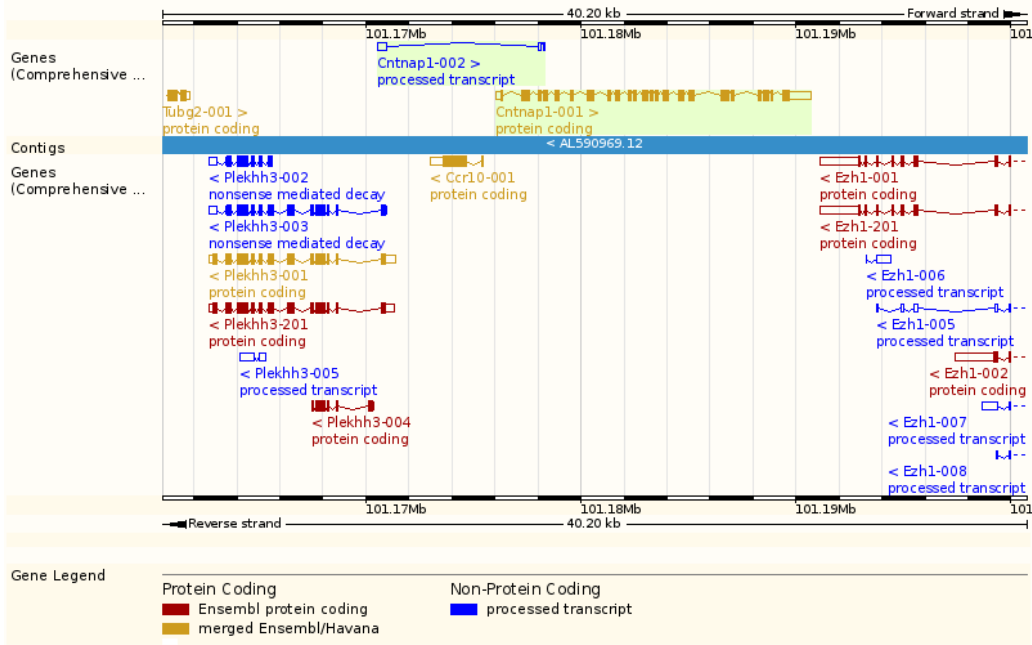
- Understand your data
- Multiple ways to present and summarise
- Crude representations
- Interactive
- Not intended for final publication
  - Can be adapted for publication





# Reference visualisation

- Using your data as a resource
- Allows users to look up data of interest
- Tabular / Configurable
- Interactive



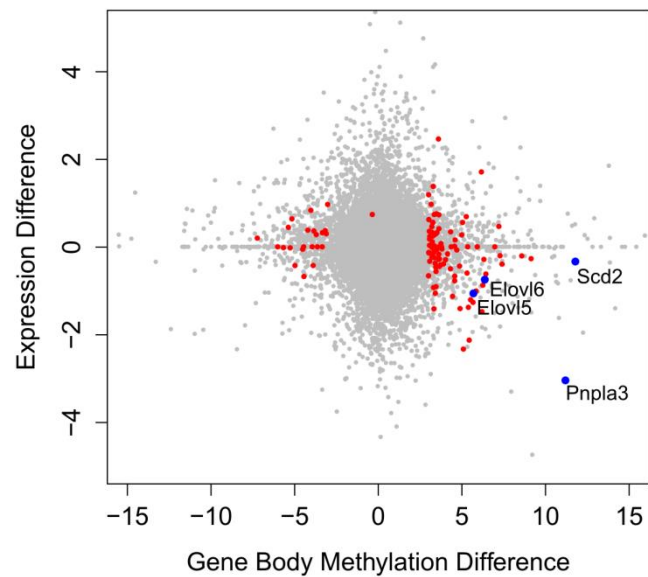
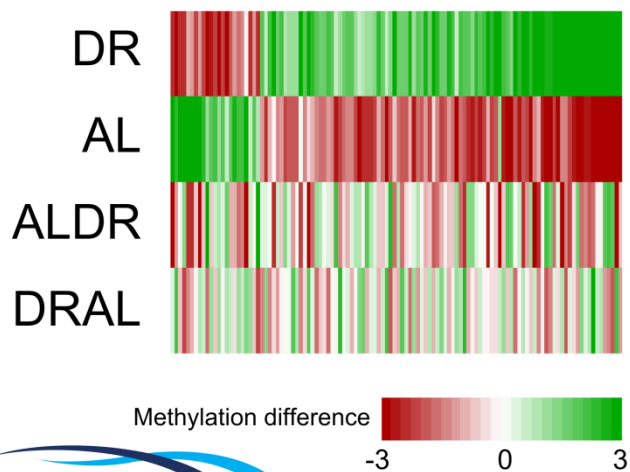
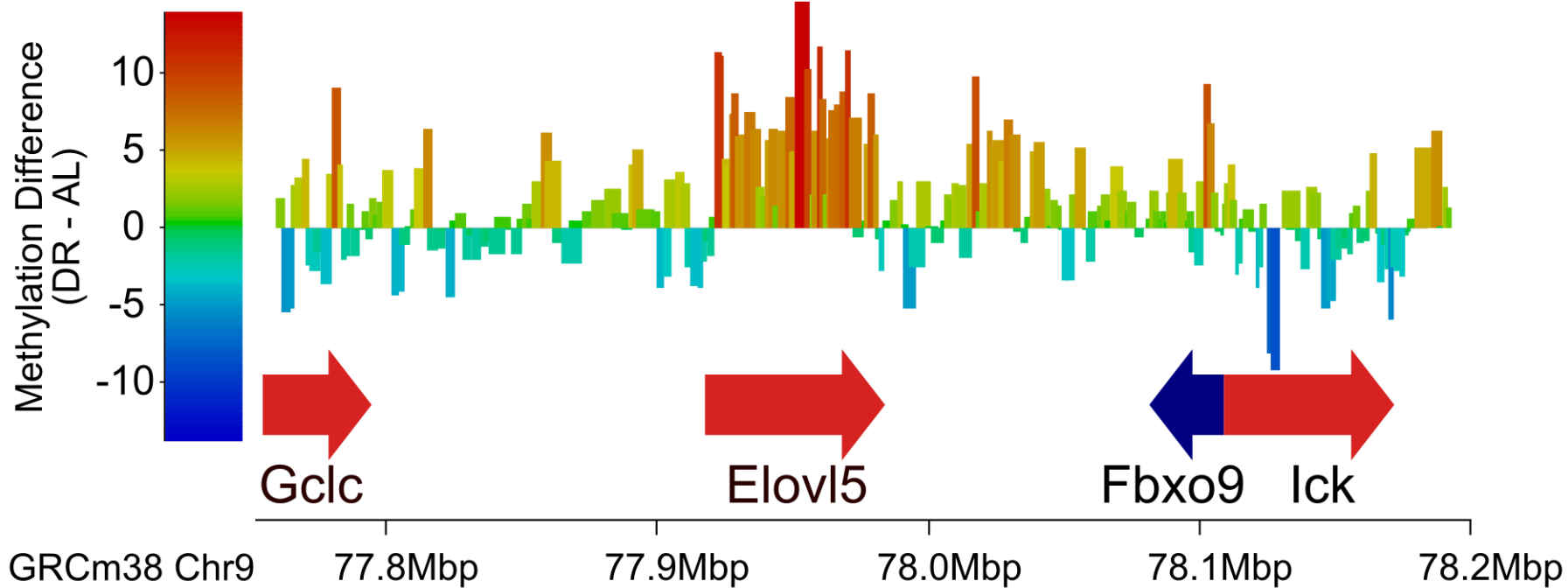
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# Illustrative visualisation

- Intended to convey a specific point
  - Carefully chosen subset of data
  - Optimised presentation
  - Good design
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- Used for figures in papers



# What makes a good figure?

- Has a clear message
  - Helps to tell a story
  - Adds to the text, and links to it
- Is focused
  - Don't confuse one message with another
- Is easy to interpret correctly
  - Good data visualisation
  - Good design
- Is an honest and true reflection of the data