



UNBC GEOGRAPHY, EARTH &  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**MEET & GREET**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH @ 5:30PM**

**UNBC LIBRARY EVENT SPACE - ROOM 5-140E**

MAIN FLOOR OF LIBRARY

- \*WDCAG 2025 CONFERENCE PLANNING
- \*MEET FACULTY & OTHER STUDENTS
- \*HEAR FROM GEES CLUB EXEC

JOIN US FOR PIZZA & CONVERSATION - EVERYONE WELCOME!

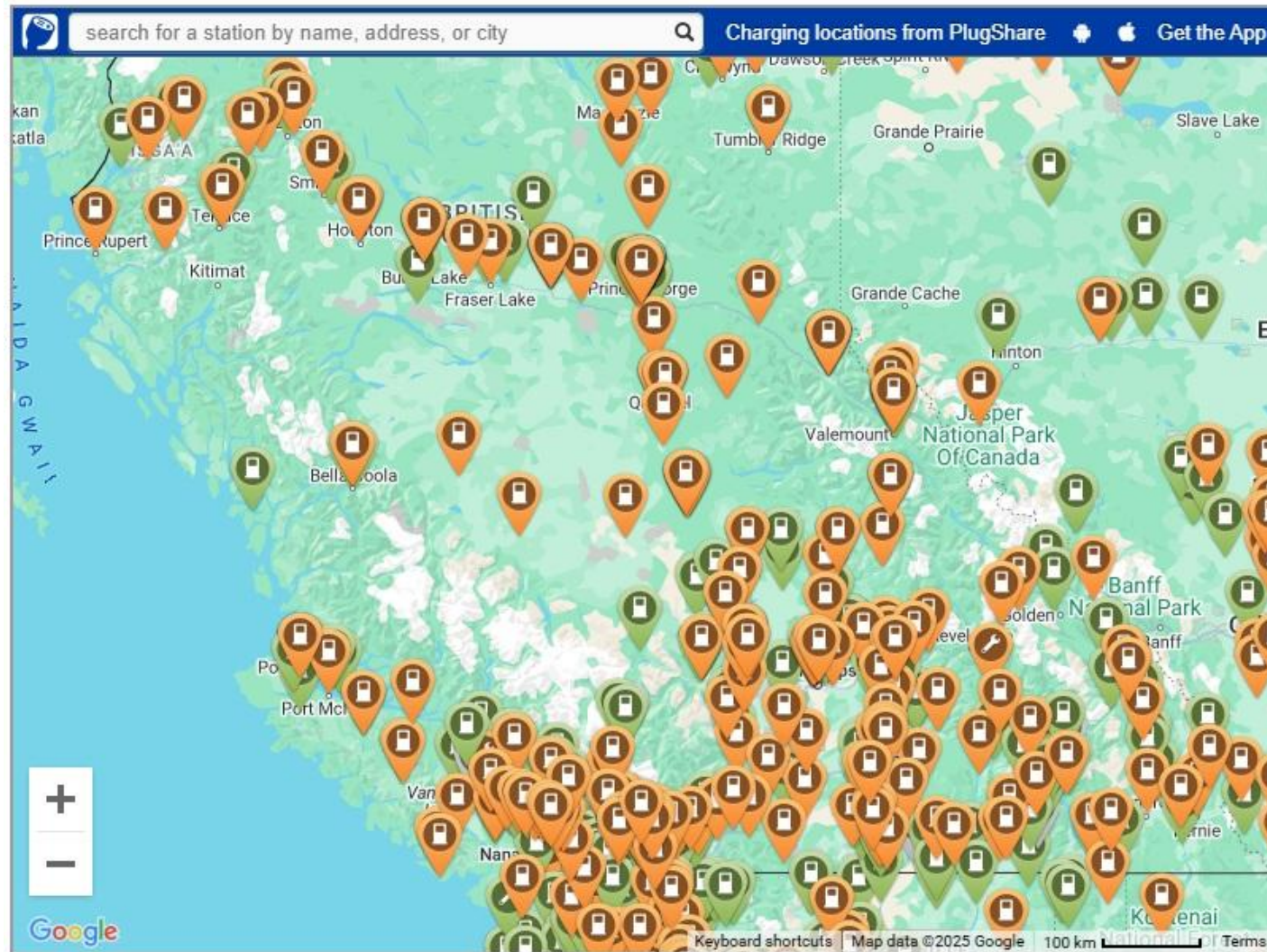
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# Thematic mapping:

## A. point symbols



<https://pluginbc.ca/charging/finding-stations>

Map viewers <http://bombsight.org>

# 1. Dot maps

Dr. John Snow used a dot map to identify the Broad Street Pump in London responsible for the spread of cholera - previously thought to be wind-borne.



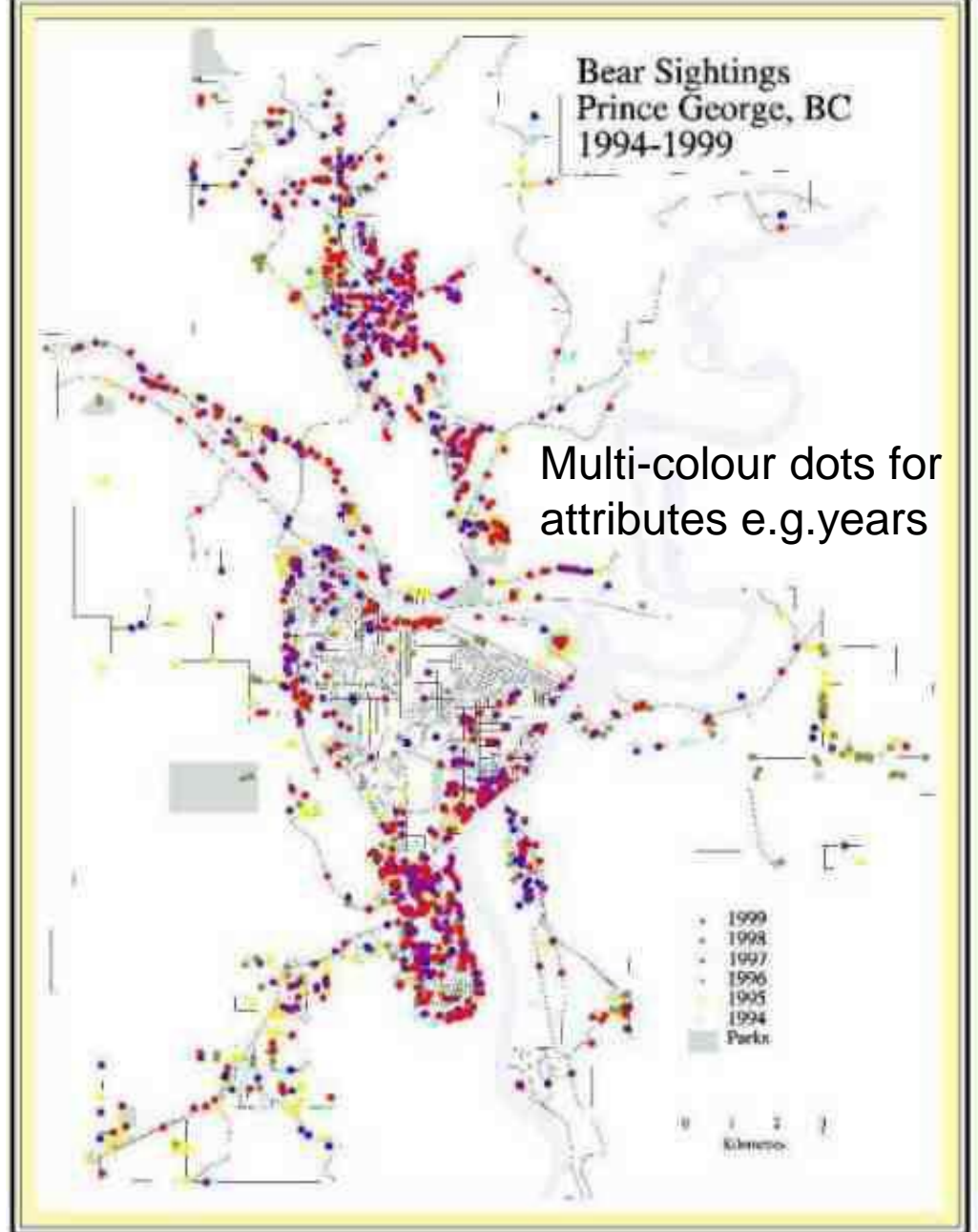
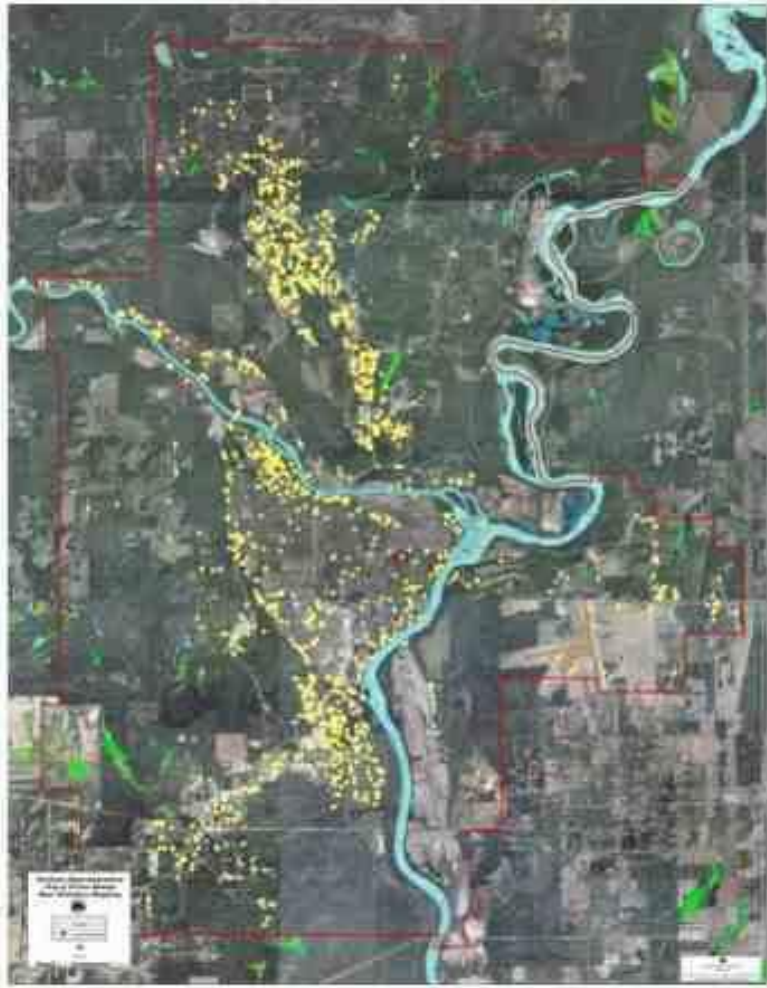
1 dot for each fatality





# Black bear sightings, 2010

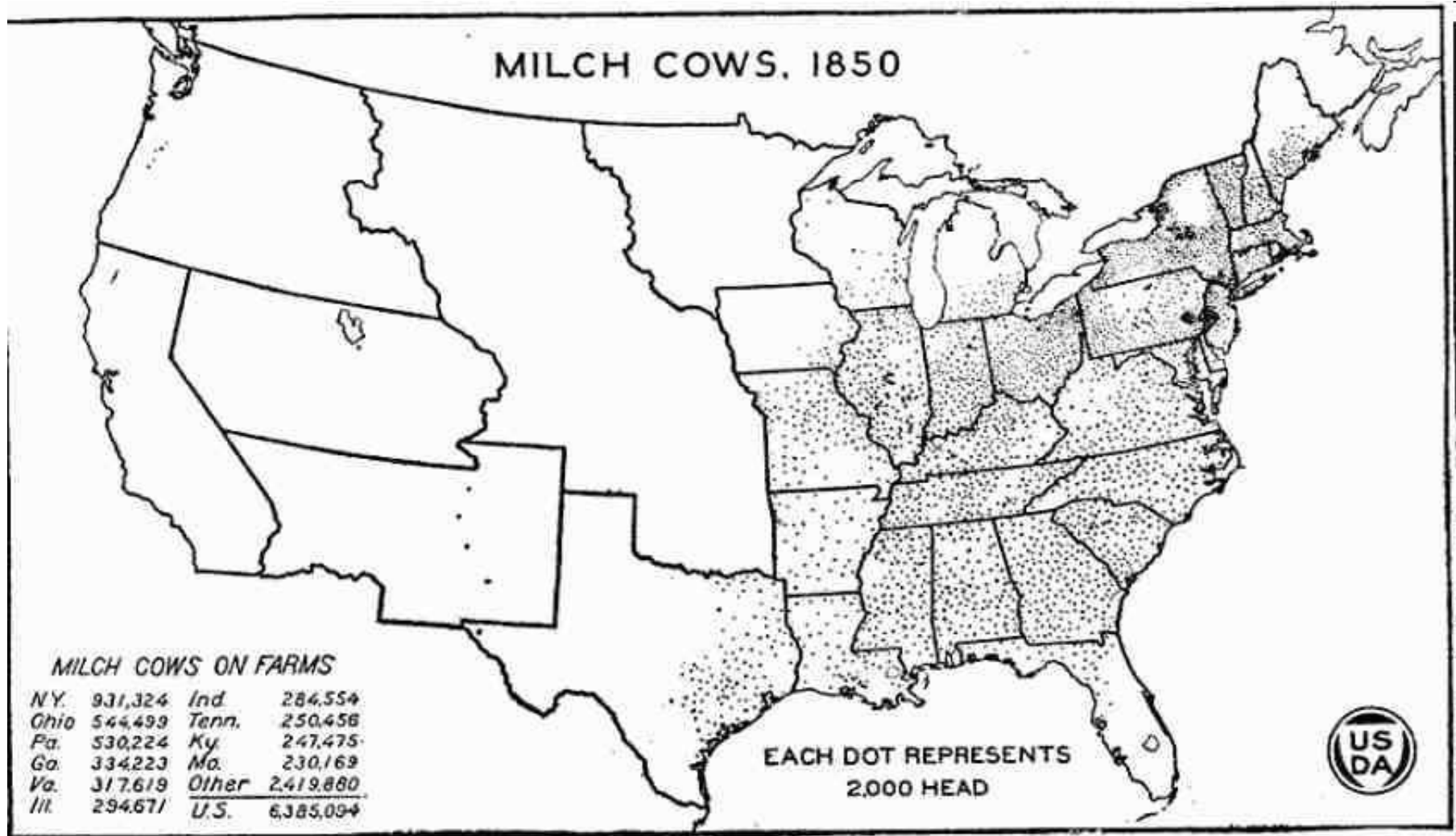
Yellow = sighting; Red = destroyed



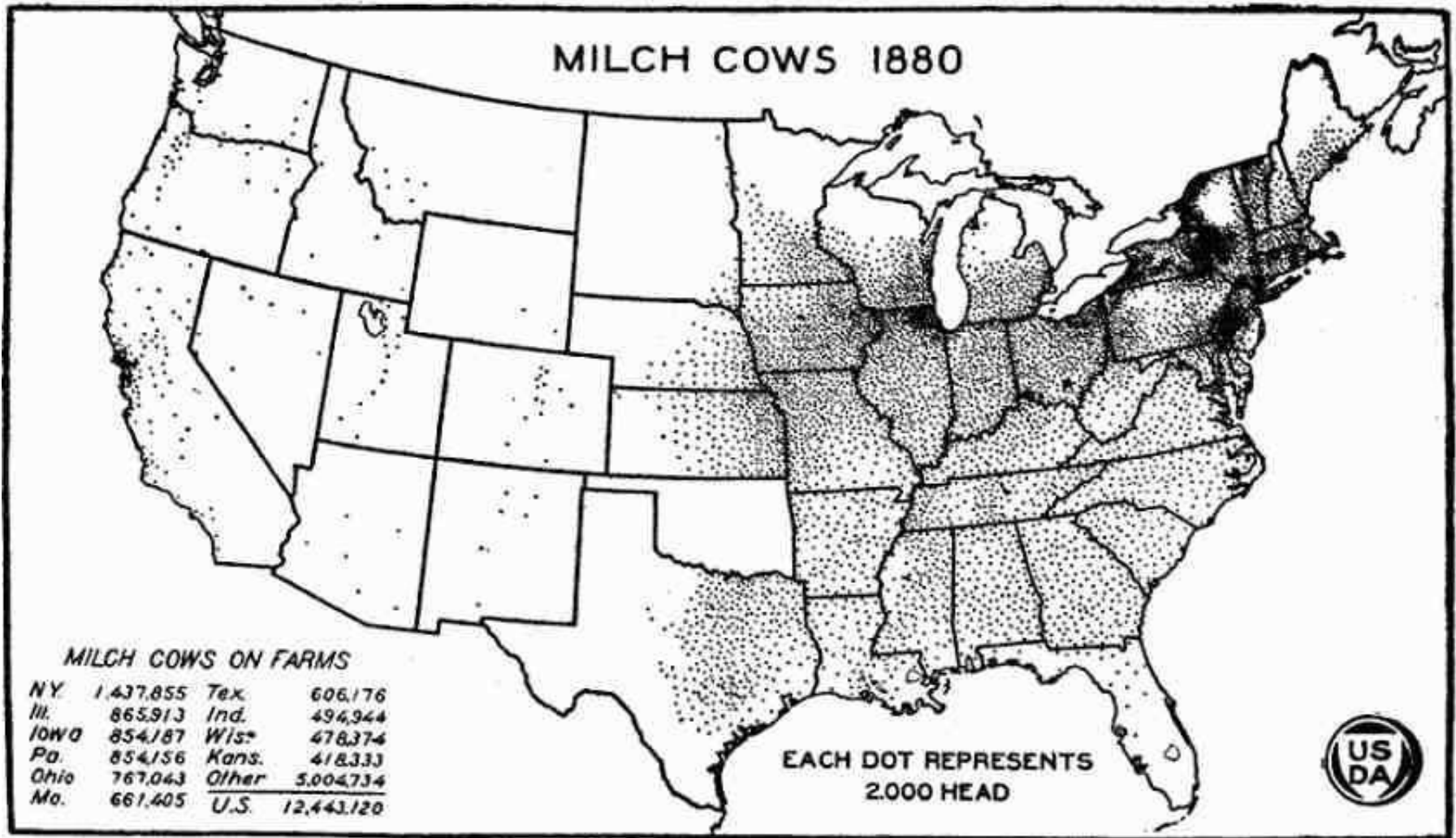
Multi-colour dots for attributes e.g. years

It breaks down when: exact locations are not feasible OR there are too many locations  
Then instead we use a variable size symbol, where size = number of occurrences

Using a 'thematic' scale (1 dot = 2000 cows)



Dot maps – easy to draw, simple to understand



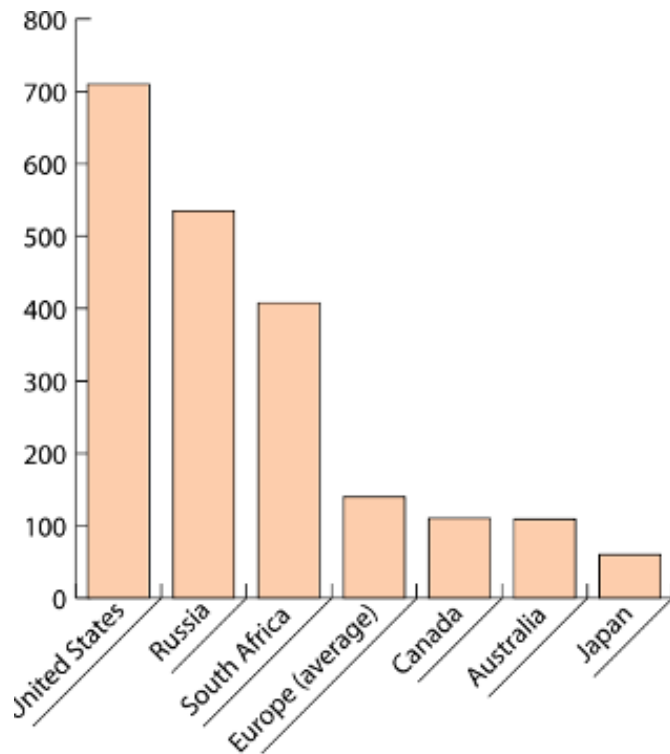
It gives a quick visual impression, but a poor estimate of actual numbers.

## 2. Proportional Symbols - bars

These indicate values at a point, or in an area. The simplest is a bar.

### Proportional bars:

The height of the bar is proportional to the value represented  
e.g. same as in a bar chart





# NHL PLAYERS BY PROVINCE

Where the Canadian-born players for the 2013-14 season hailed from, and their average number of career points. New Brunswick, it's time to get in the game.

**Brad Richards,**  
Murray Harbour, P.E.I.

Height of  
pucks =  
'Thematic  
scale'

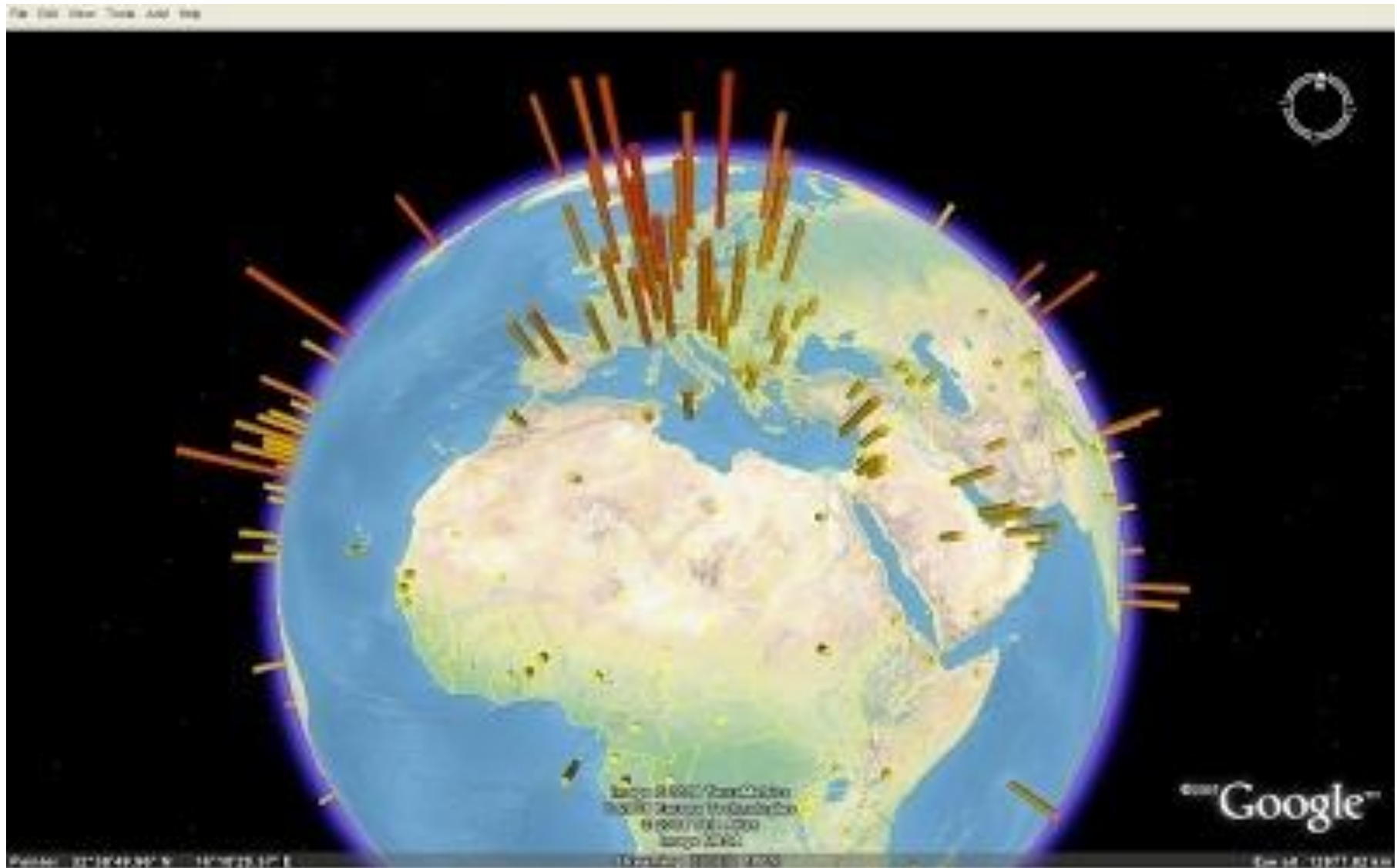


**Cody Franson,**  
Sicamous, B.C.

Source: QuantHockey.com;  
Maclean's 2014

<https://freegeographytools.com/2008/thematic-mapping-in-google-earth>

Making thematic maps with google earth « *Internet users per 100 population* »



# 3. Proportional (formerly 'Graduated') circles

.... Area of circle symbol is proportional to the value represented

## Britain comes first for Movember donations

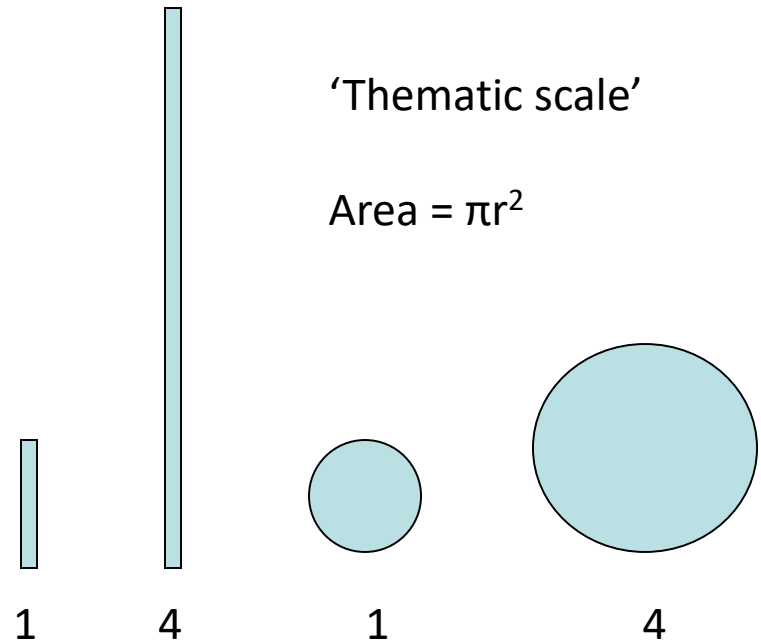
Funds raised by the Movember campaign in 2013 (in £. million)





# The advantage of circles over bars: (2D v 1D)

Value	Square root
1	1
4	2
16	4
25	5
50	7.1
100	10
400	20



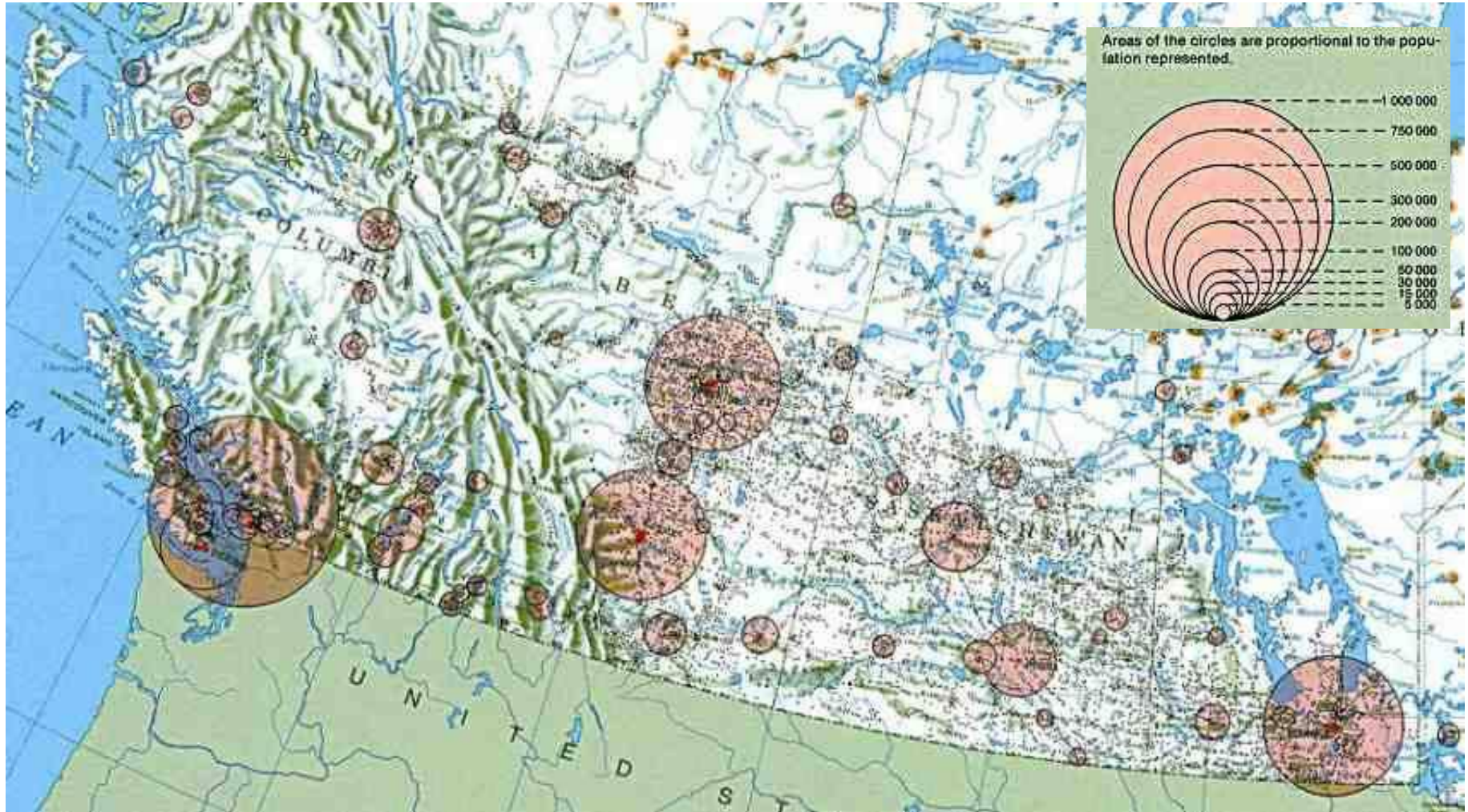
Bars are **proportional in height to the value**

Circle **areas** are proportional to the value -  
...the radius is proportional to **square root of the value**

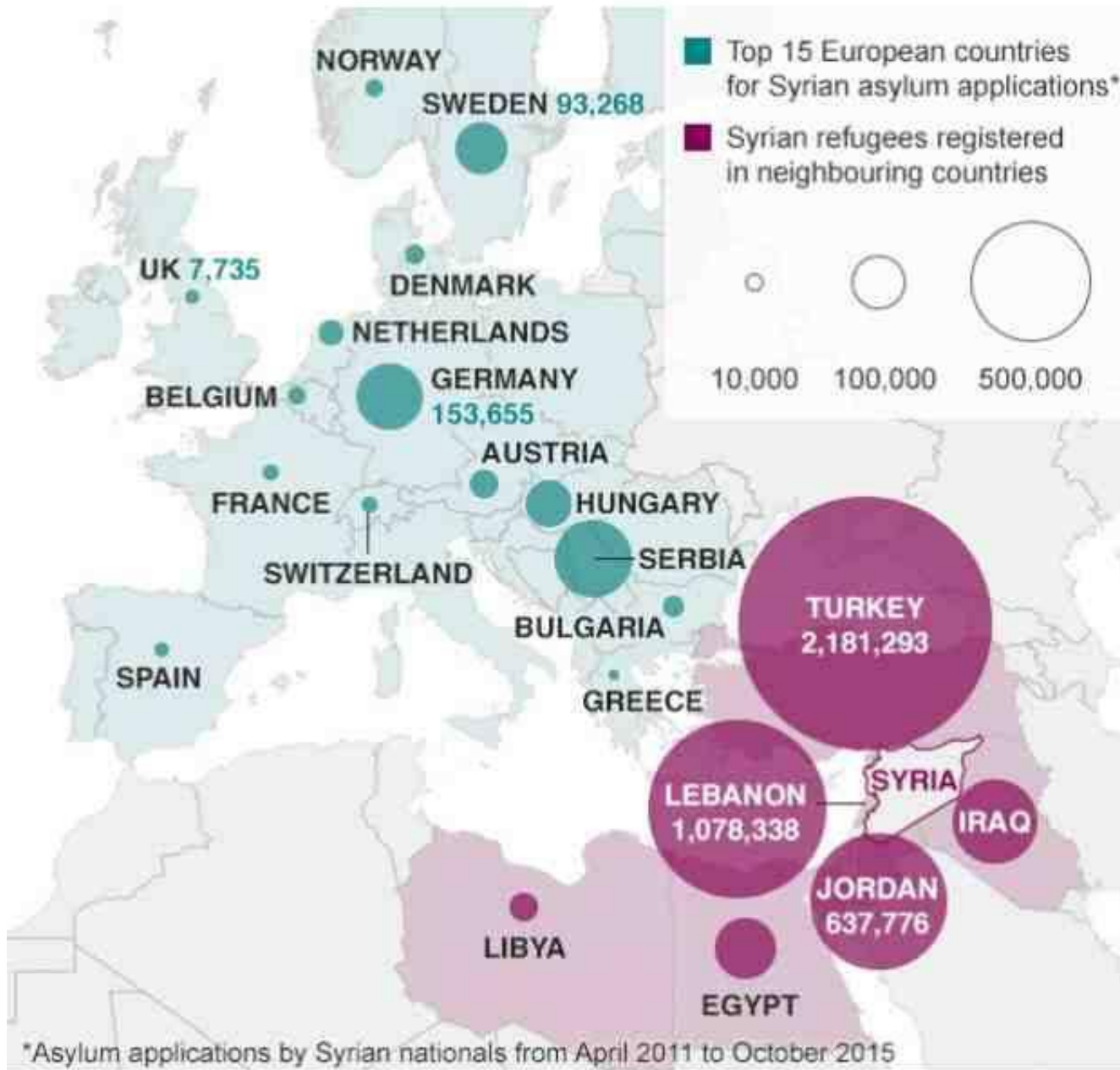
Thus it can handle greater data ranges than the bar, and has been used more than any other point symbol in thematic mapping

Legend: sample circles, nested or strung out, use round numbers

Too many sample circles!



## Syrians in neighbouring countries and Europe

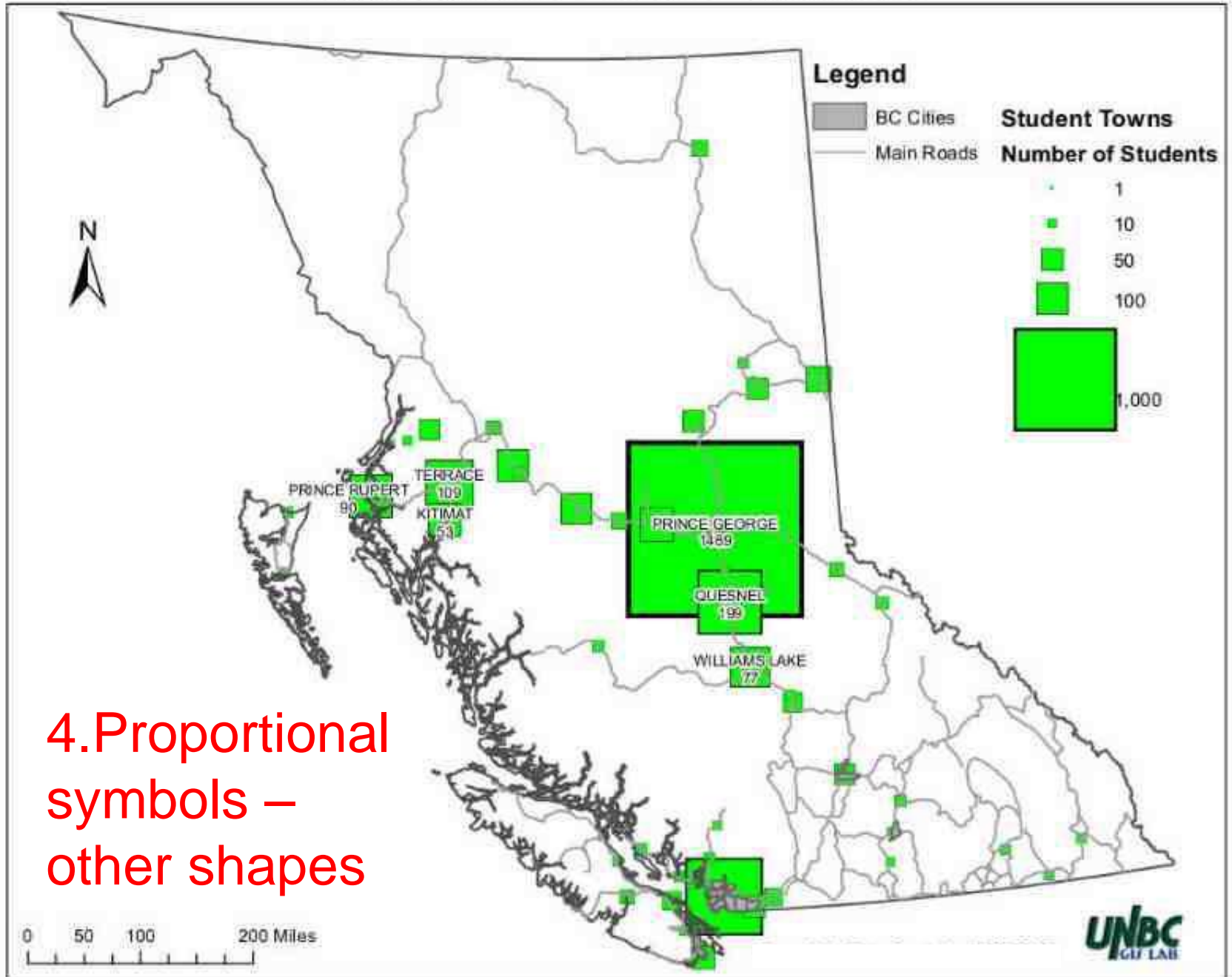


Legend

‘thematic scale’



# Distribution of UNBC Students



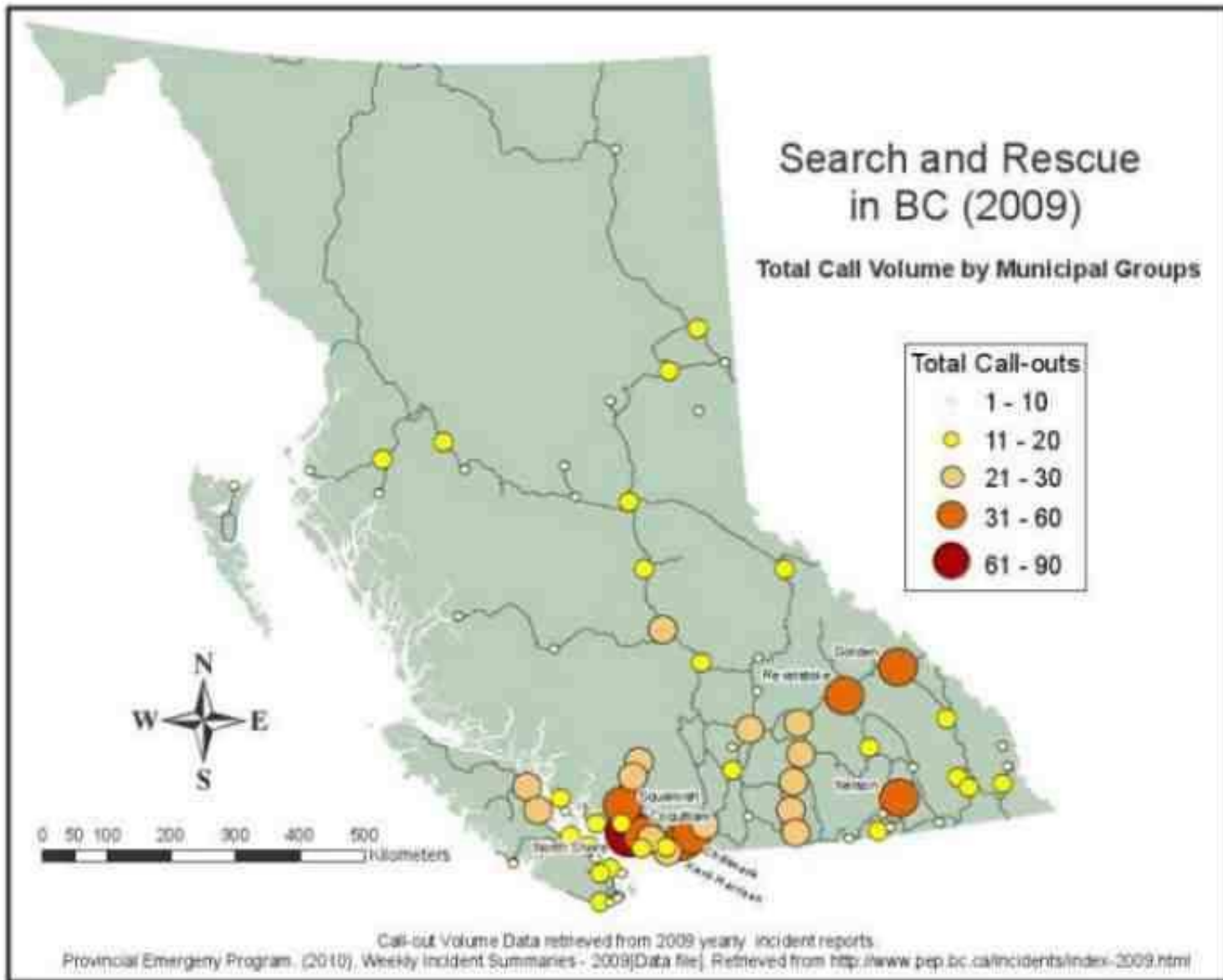
4. Proportional symbols – other shapes

# USA election results 2016 (hexagons)



○ Size/number shows electoral votes per state    ● Clinton    ● Trump    ● No projection yet

## 5. Graduated ('Range Graded') Symbols: grouped in classes

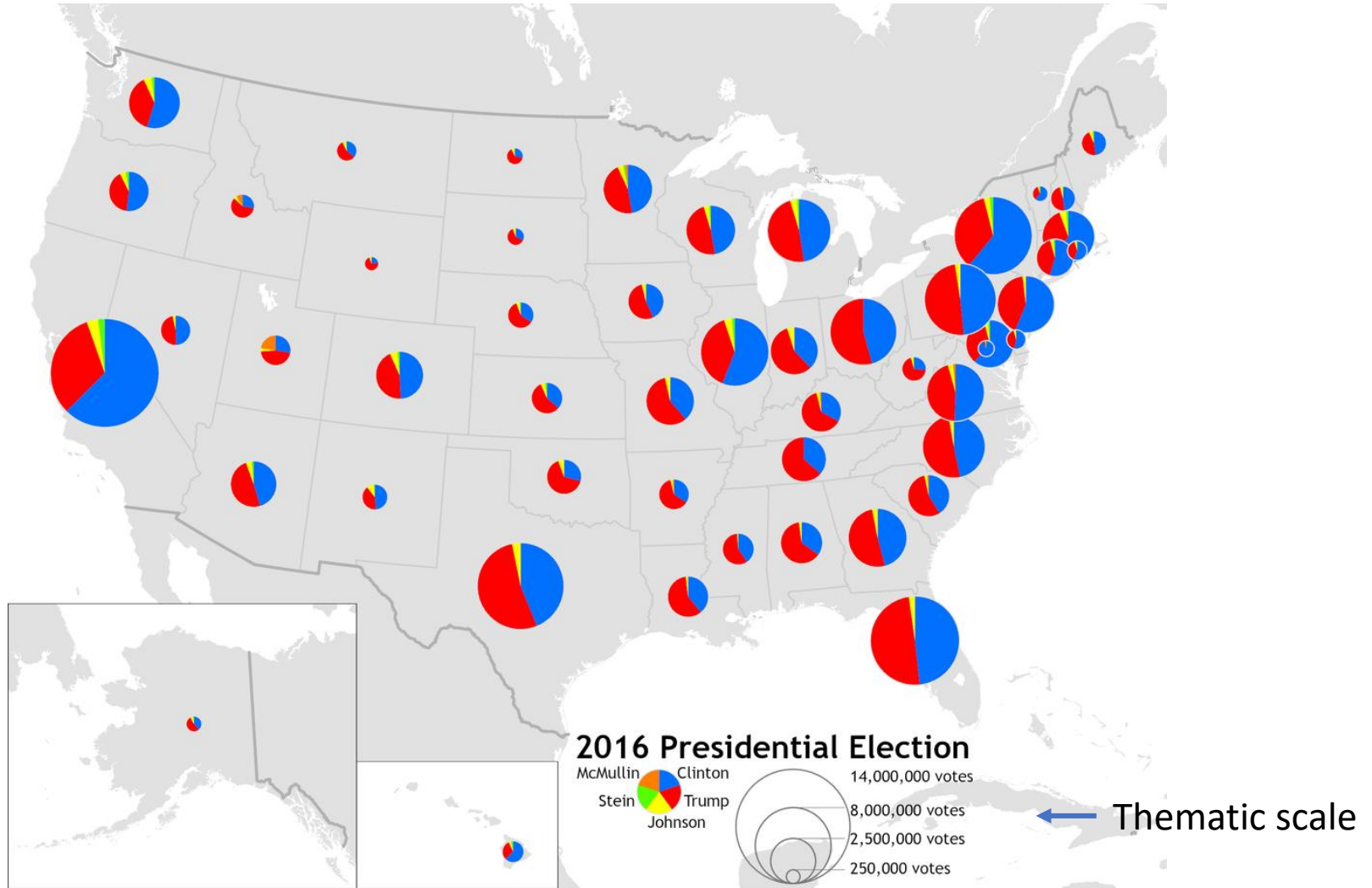


Where it is not feasible to keep all symbols individually proportional to their values, they can be grouped into classes and shown by a symbol size ~proportional to the class range central value. The design of these classes should be based on grouping similar values.



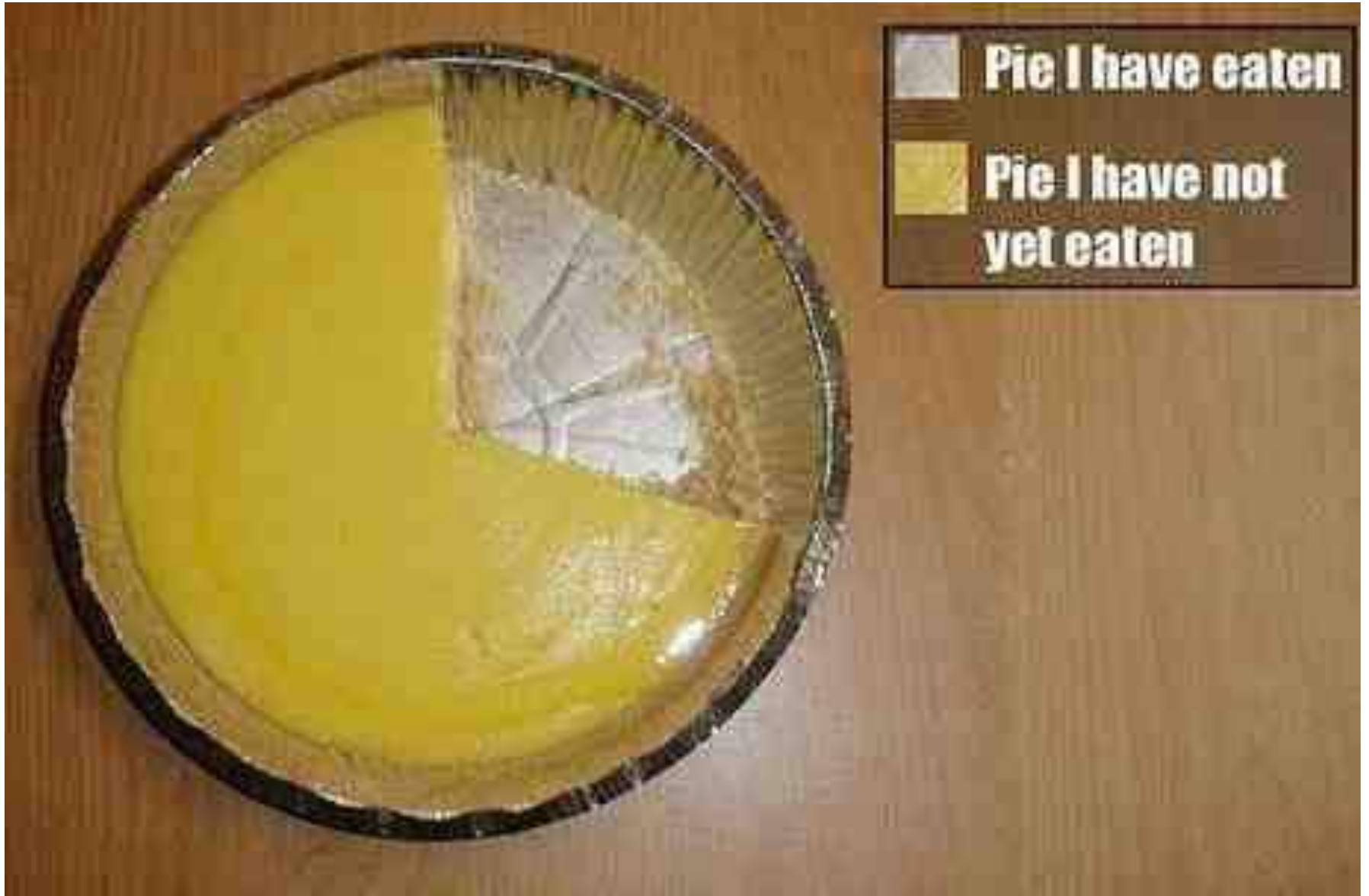
# 6. Segmented Proportional Symbols

Circles are divided into 'pie' sections, starting at the '12 o'clock' position and progressing clockwise round, always in the same sequence for the subdivisions.





# Segmented symbols / Pie chart humour



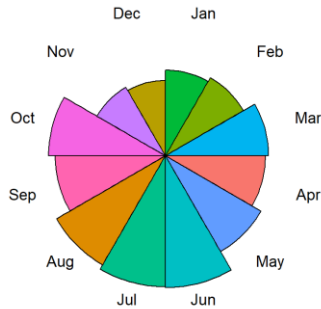


# Alternative segmented circles

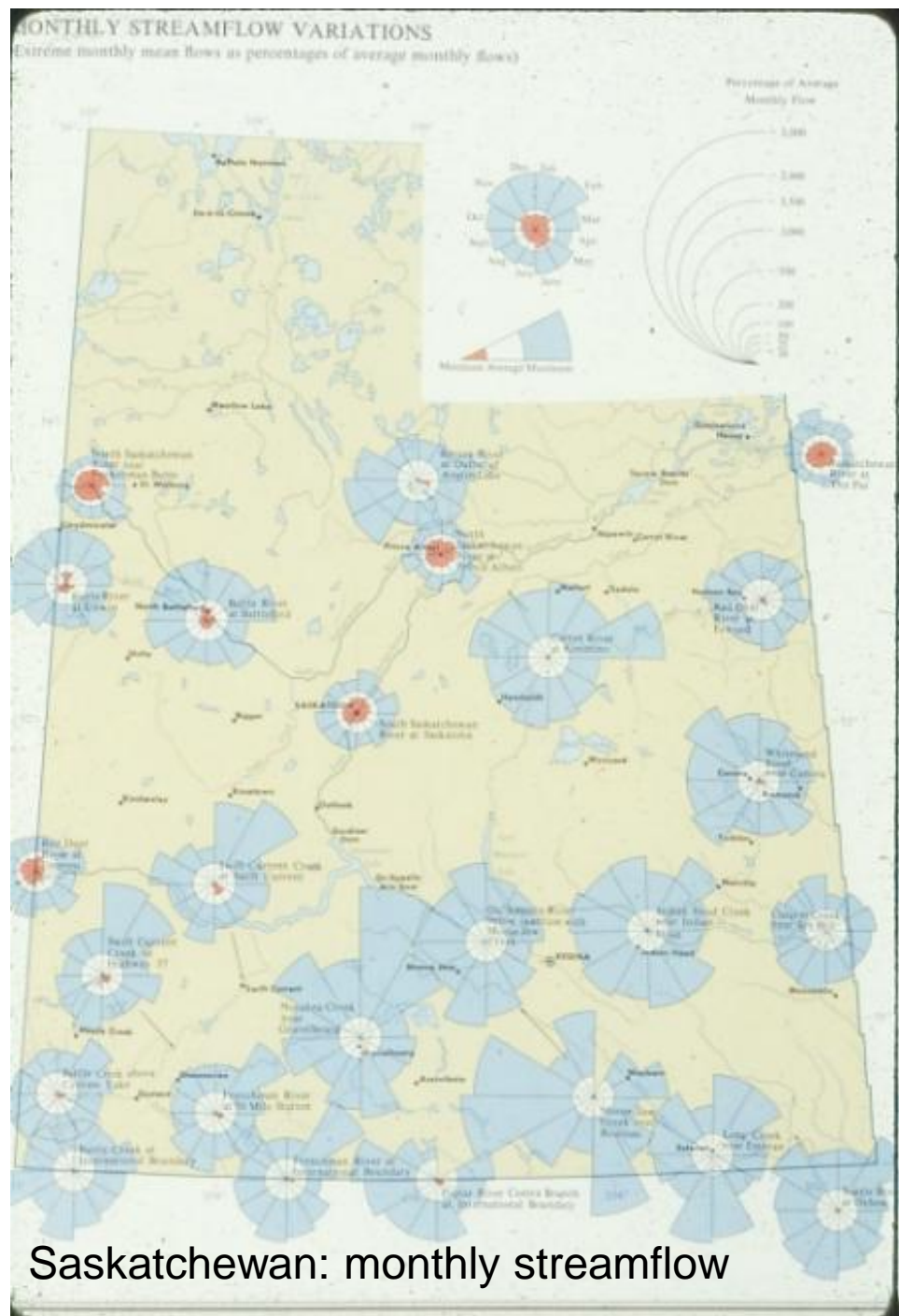
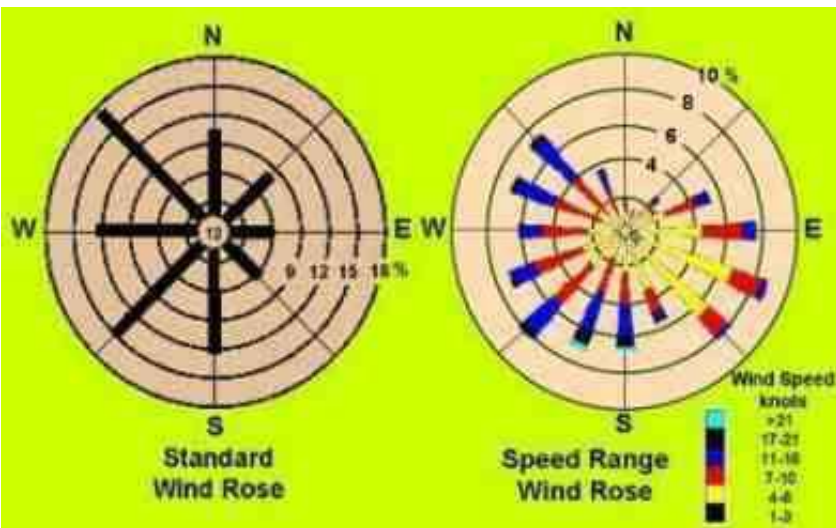
## 'polar diagrams'

'pie sections' are equal in number of degrees, but vary in radius, according to the value.

Number of FIA plot measurements in each month  
Minimum of 12,796 in Dec; maximum of 22,836 in June



This is used where it is important to directly compare the constituent values, e.g. [river flow](#) over 12 months, or wind speeds from the 8 cardinal directions (a 'wind rose').



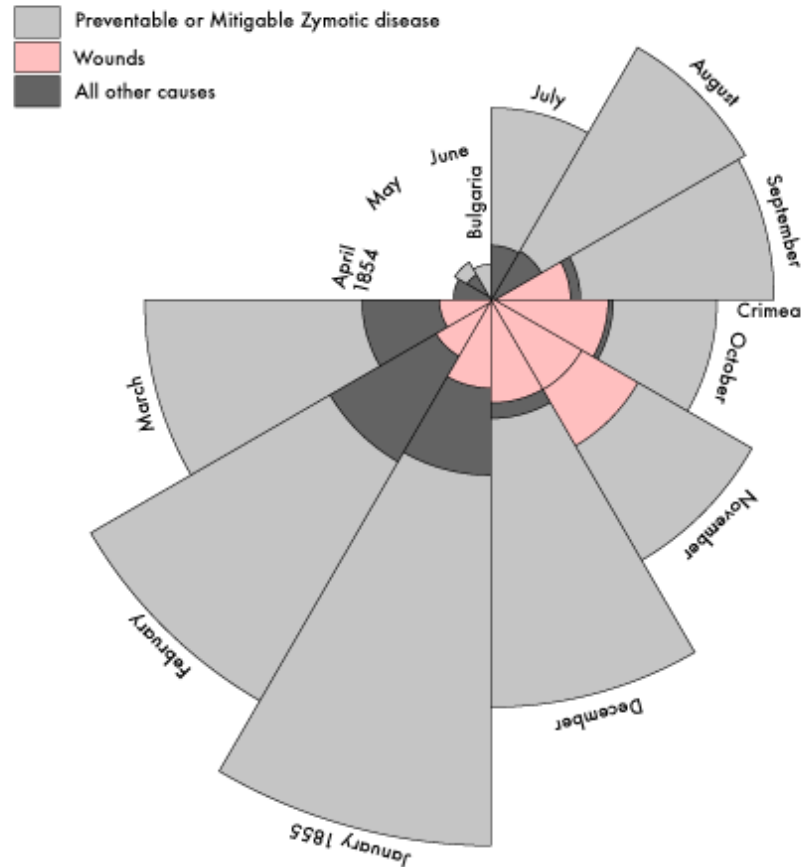
Saskatchewan: monthly streamflow

# Polar diagrams

Florence Nightingale



## Diagram of the Causes of Mortality in the Army in the East



The black line across November 1854 marks the boundary of the deaths from all other causes during that month. In October 1854, the black coincides with the red.

Florence Nightingale  
1856

# 7. Volumetric graduated symbols:

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

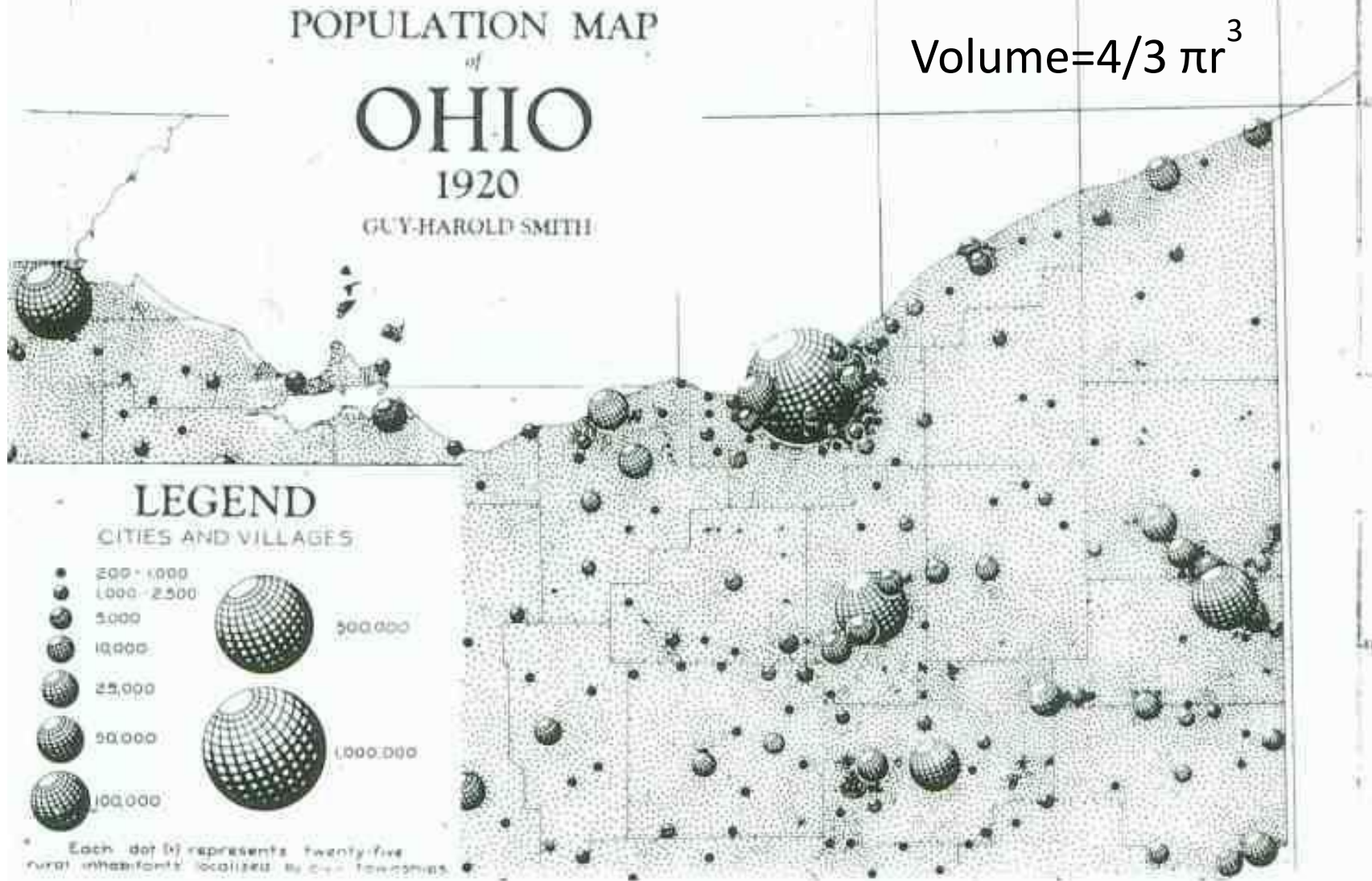


Figure 6.13 A portion of a population map of Ohio (1920) drawn by Guy-Harold Smith. Compare with Fig. 6.8. (Courtesy of the author and *The Geographical Review*, published by the American Geographical Society of New York.)

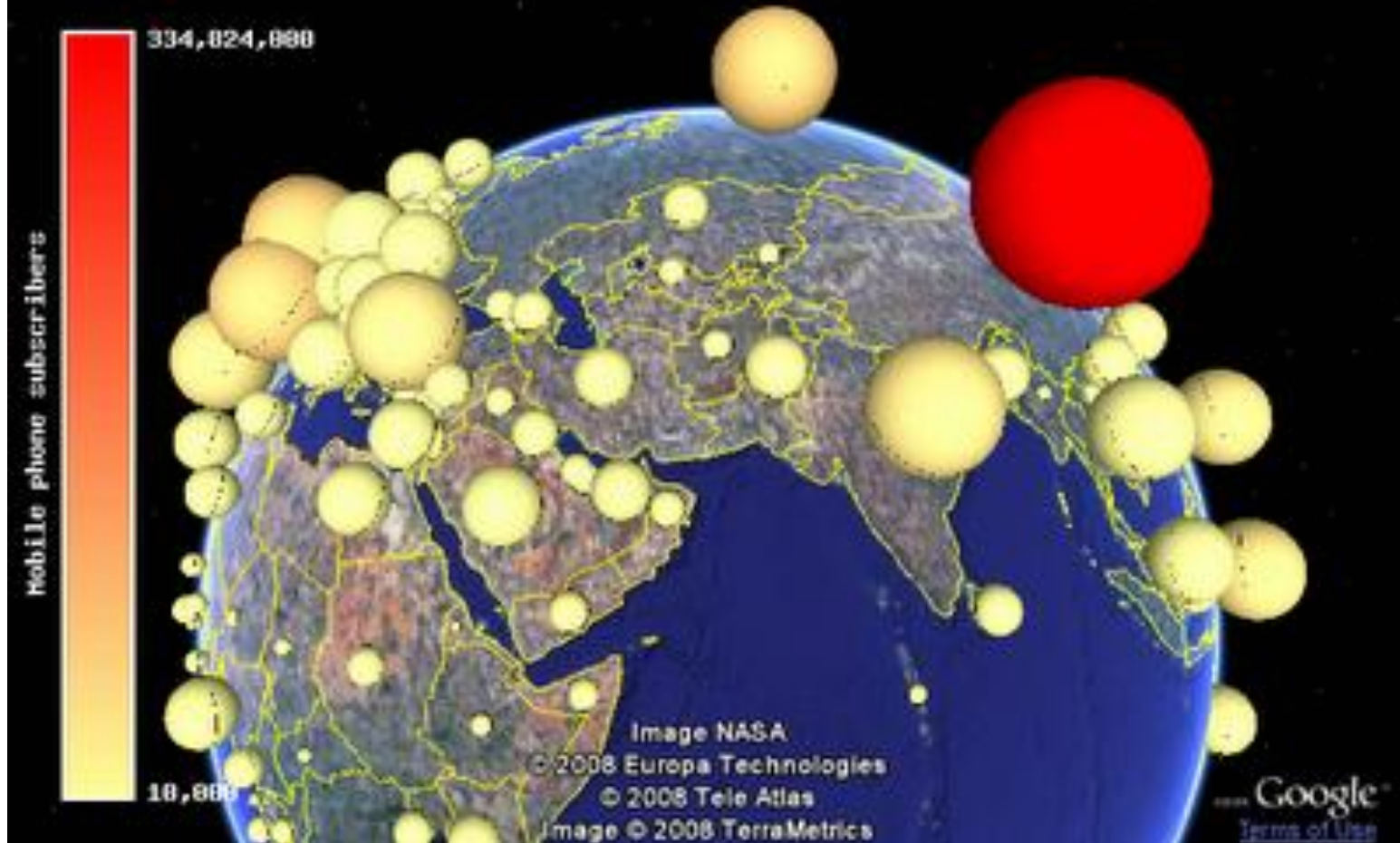


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Mobile phone subscribers

Statistics from UNdata

They are visually 3D and apply a value proportional to perceived volume.

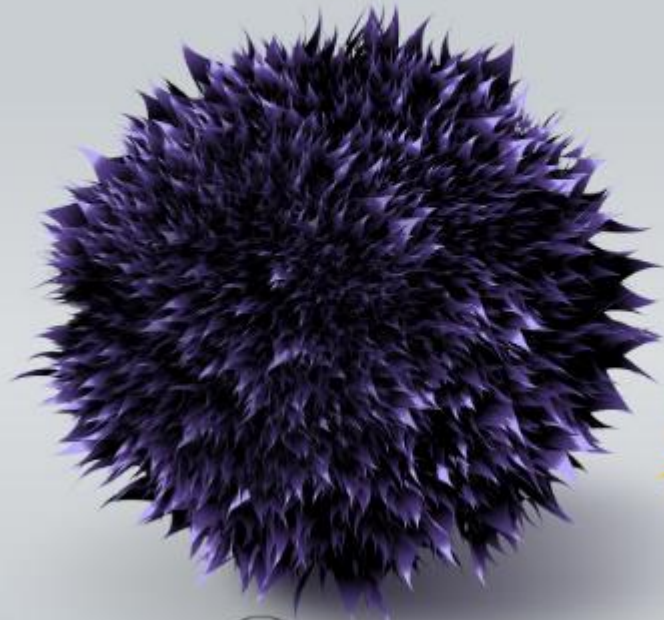


These can handle even greater data range than circles, -> a sphere radius is proportional to the cubed root of values e.g. 1:1000 becomes 1:10.

# World's deadliest pandemics

**200M**

**Black Death (Bubonic Plague)**  
1347-1351



**56M**

**Smallpox**  
1520



**40-50M**

**Spanish Flu**  
1918-1919



**30-50M**

**Plague of Justinian**  
541-542



'Thematic  
← Scale'



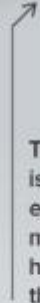
The plague originated in rats and spread to humans via infected fleas.



The outbreak wiped out 30-50% of Europe's population. It took more than 200 years for the continent's population to recover.



**Smallpox** killed an estimated 90% of Native Americans. In Europe during the 1800s, an estimated 400,000 people were being killed by smallpox annually. The first ever vaccine was created to ward off smallpox.



The death toll of this plague is still under debate as new evidence is uncovered, but many think it may have helped hasten the fall of the Roman Empire.



**25-35M**  
**HIV/AIDS**  
1981-PRESENT



**12M**  
**The Third Plague**  
1855



**5M**  
**Antonine Plague**  
165-180



**3M**  
**17th Century Great Plagues**  
1600



**2.2M\***  
**COVID-19**  
2019-9:22AM PT,  
FEB 01, 2021  
[ONGOING]



**1.1M**  
**Asian Flu**  
1957-1958



**1M**  
**Russian Flu**  
1889-1890



**1M**  
**Hong Kong Flu**  
1968-1970

**7m: 2023**



# Summary - thematic point techniques

- Dot maps (and other same-size shapes)

## Graduated symbols

Bar - linear (1D) proportional symbol

Circle - 2D proportional symbol (and other shapes)

- Graduated (Range graded) symbols - classed by size
- Segmented symbols - subdivided by subcategories

Spheres - 3D proportional (volumetric) symbol



# Line techniques: 1. Graduated line symbols:

are used to indicate movement or FLOW (line width = amount)

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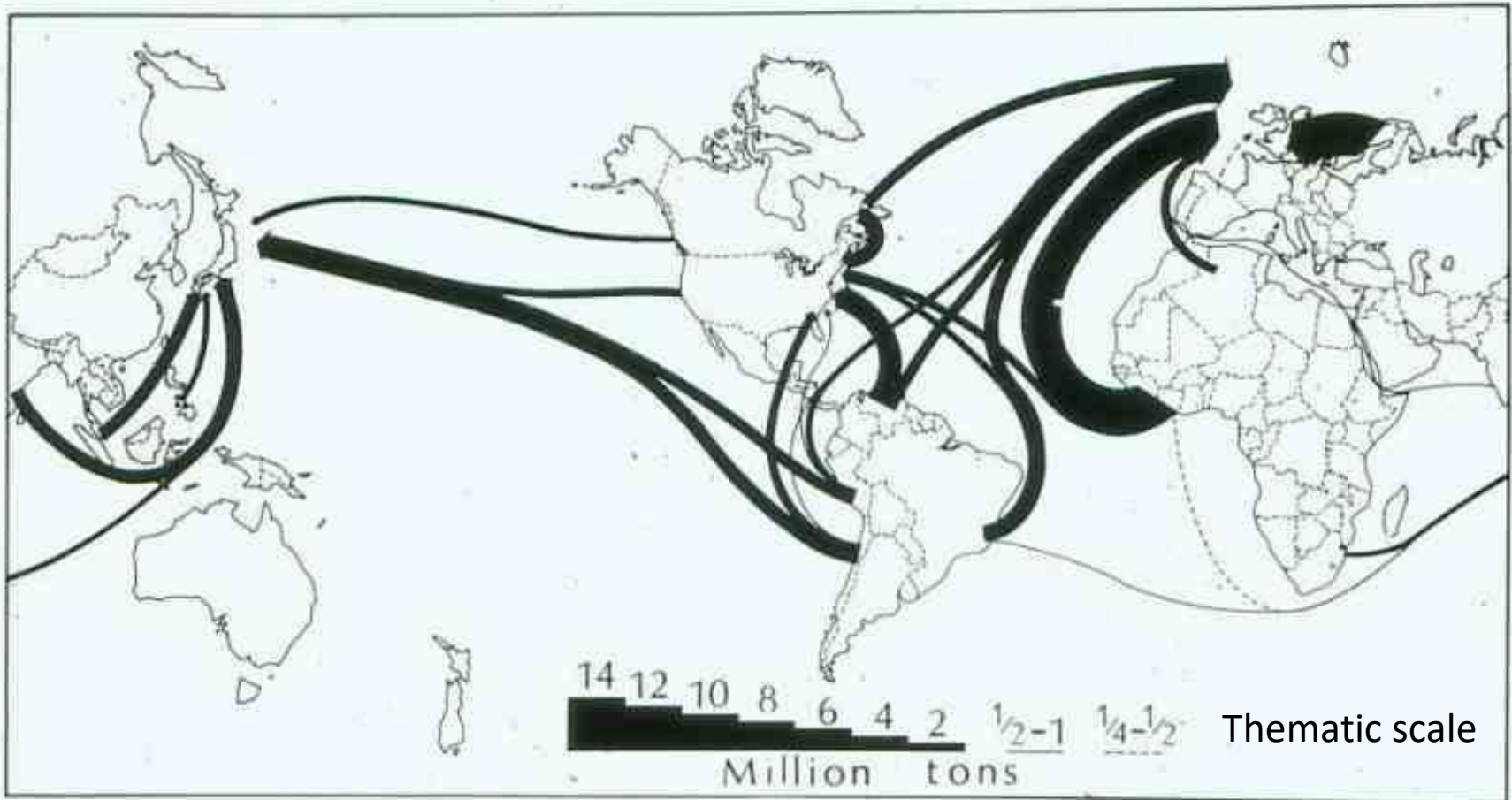
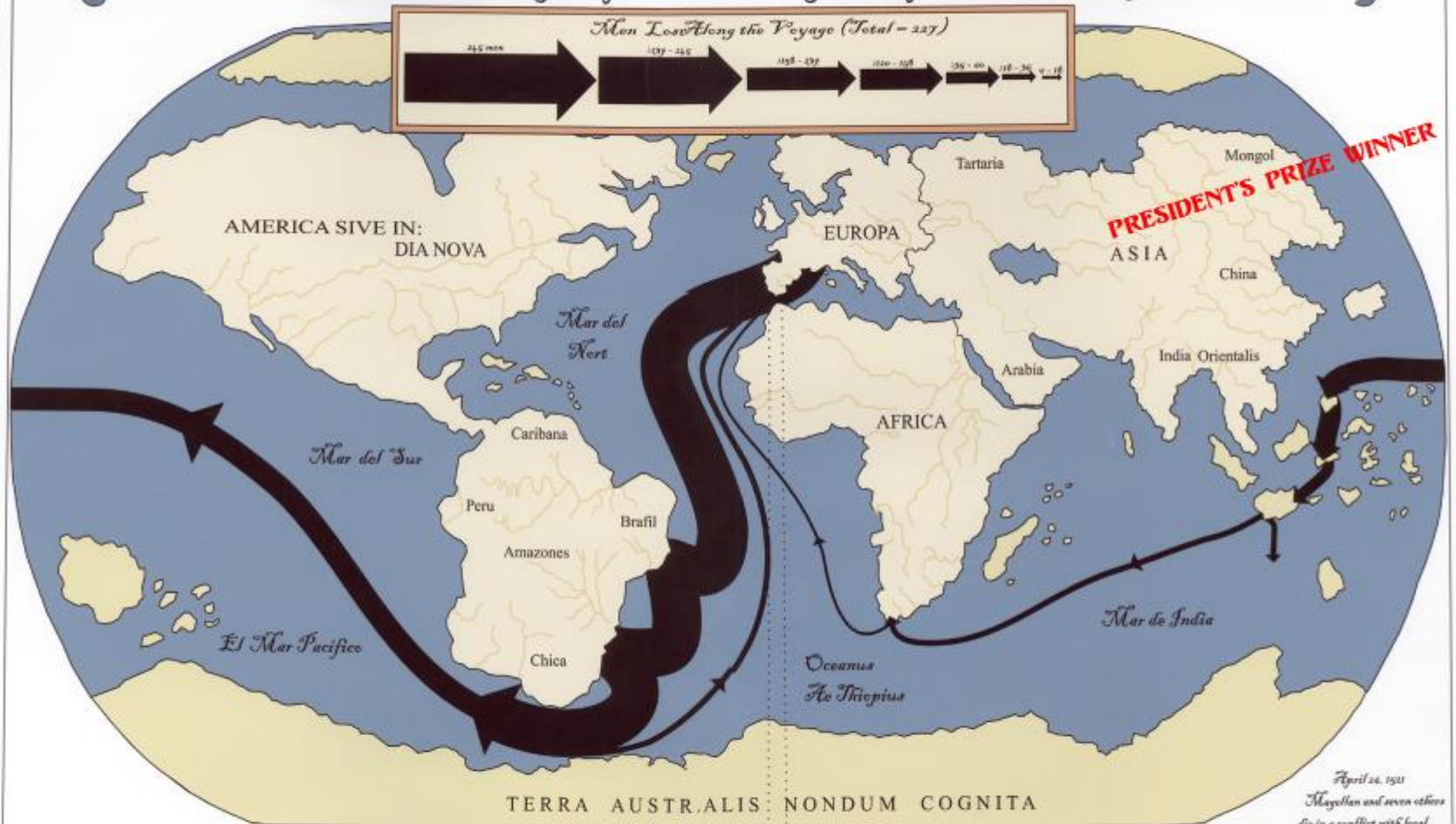


Figure 6.21 A portion of a flow-line map showing the movement of iron ore. Map by G. B. Lewis. (From G. Manners, "Transport Costs, Freight Rates, and the Changing Economic Geography of Iron Ore", *Geography*, 52 (1967), 260-279.)





# Peril at Sea: The men lost during the first circumnavigation of the world, Magellan 1519 - 1522



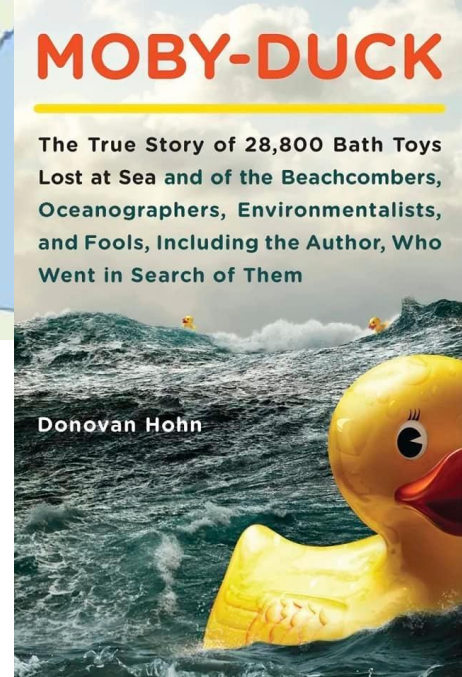
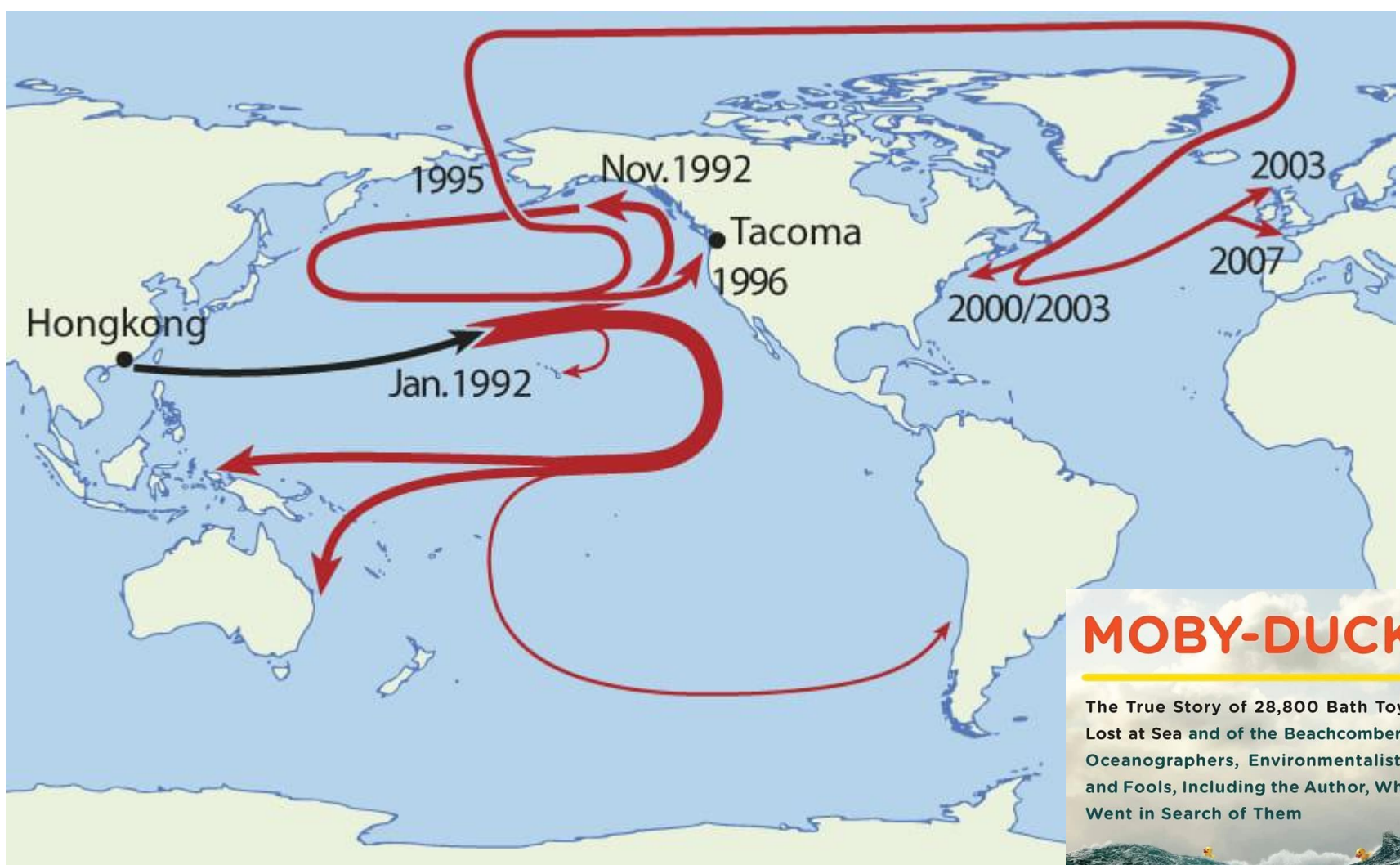
December 1520 - February 1521 20 men lost to sickness crossing the Pacific Ocean	November - December, 1520 Magellan navigates the strait	April 1, 1520 Magellan kills five men who attempted to commit mutiny	September 6, 1521 one ship returns to Seville, Spain with 18 men	November 8, 1521 remaining crew reaches the Spice Islands, one killed	April 24, 1521 Magellan and seven others die in a conflict with local natives at Mactan Island
March 17, 1521 Magellan reaches the Philippines one dies	November 20, 1520 crew of 60 desert back to Spain on one ship	Mid April, 1520 one ship destroyed one killed	September 20, 1519 Magellan and his crew of 245 men leave Seville, Spain on five ships	December 21, 1521 two remaining ships leave for Spain, one via the Atlantic, the other via the Pacific, each with 20 men One ship is captured, crew killed	May 1, 1521 27 men killed, one ship abandoned

Data Source: Beaman, (1929), *Perilous Magellan*. London: John Lane the Bodley Head Ltd.  
Map Source: Wikimedia [http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/98/1570\\_Typus\\_Orionis\\_rtr.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/98/1570_Typus_Orionis_rtr.jpg)

*Timeline of Events*

Map Created by: Alison Clark



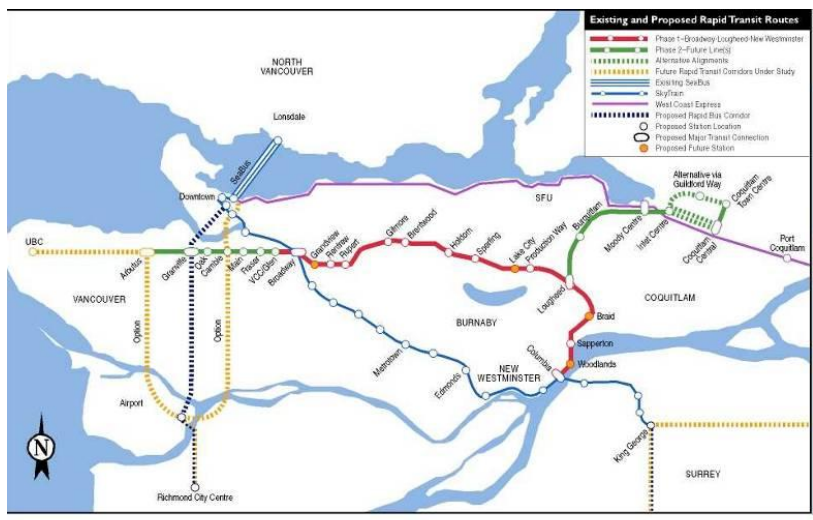


28,800 Rubber ducks were washed overboard from a container ship in the Pacific Ocean on 10 January 1992 and have subsequently been found on beaches around the world and used by oceanographers to trace ocean currents. \* No thematic scale except by inference of start line

**NB: 'take-home' moodle quiz sfter Thursday lecture - Thematic maps**

# 2. Topological Cartograms

These are based on shape (geometry) and **connectivity** e.g. route networks; distance is relatively unimportant; the classic examples are city underground and train maps,



**Greater Greater Washington**  
<http://greatergreaterwashington.org/>  
 Map by David Alpert • [alpert@ggwash.org](mailto:alpert@ggwash.org)

Site Proposed alignment and station locations subject to change





**LONDON**



**PARIS**



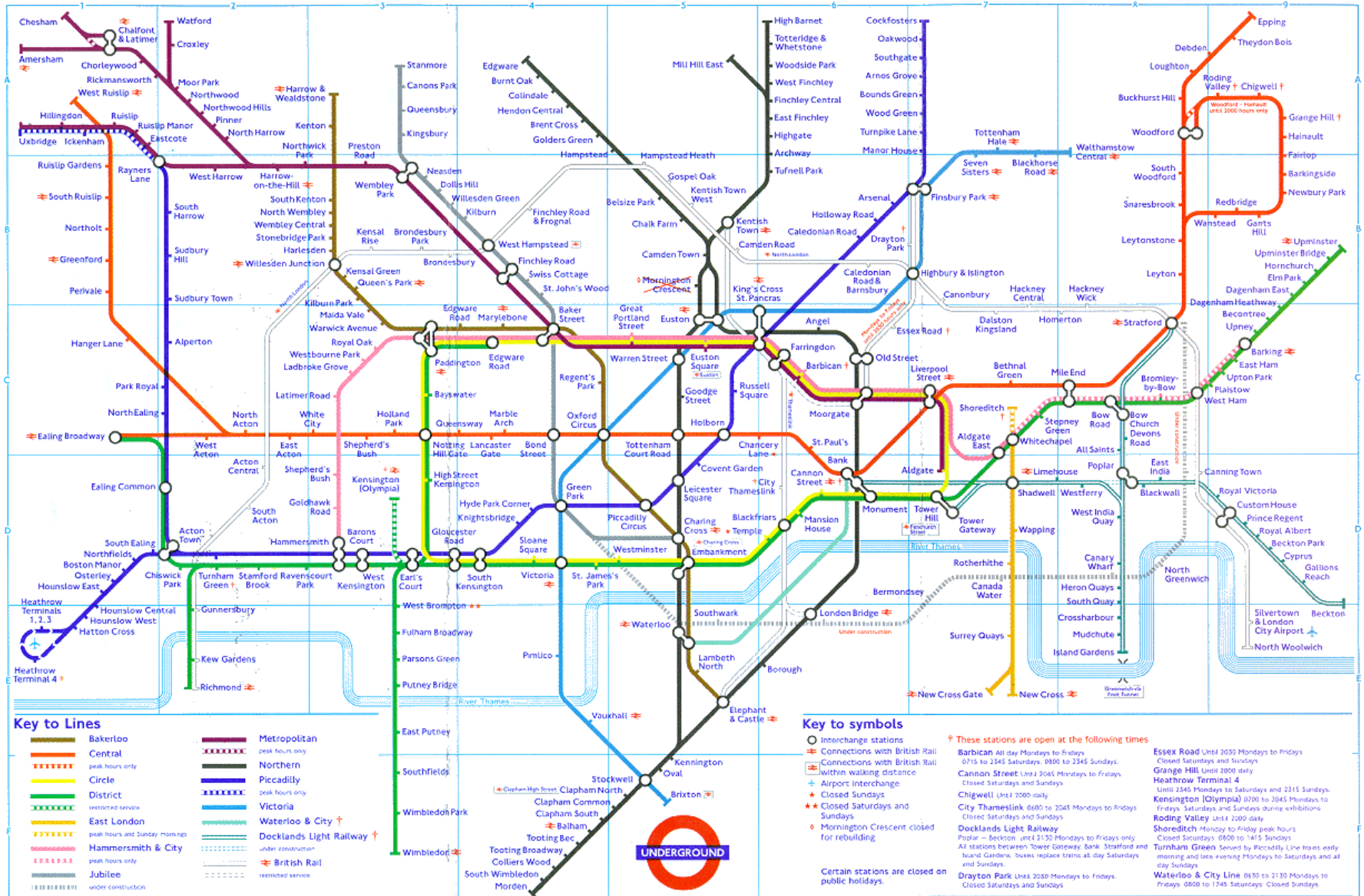
**NEW YORK**



**GLASGOW**

Being  
Scottish





**Key to Lines**

- |  |                    |  |                           |
|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
|  | Bakerloo           |  | Metropolitan              |
|  | Central            |  | Northern                  |
|  | Circle             |  | Piccadilly                |
|  | District           |  | Victoria                  |
|  | East London        |  | Waterloo & City ↑         |
|  | Hammersmith & City |  | Docklands Light Railway ↑ |
|  | Jubilee            |  | British Rail              |
|  | under construction |  | restricted service        |

**Key to symbols**

- Interchange stations
- Connections with British Rail
- Connections with British Rail (within walking distance)
- Airport interchange
- Closed Sundays
- Closed Saturdays and Sundays
- Mornington Crescent closed for rebuilding
- These stations are open at the following times
- Barbican** All day Mondays to Fridays, 0715 to 2345 Saturdays, 0900 to 2345 Sundays. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.
- Cannon Street** Line 2045 Mondays to Fridays. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.
- Chigwell** Line 2000 daily.
- City Thameslink** 0600 to 2045 Mondays to Fridays. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.
- Docklands Light Railway** Popular - Section, until 2130 Mondays to Fridays only. All stations between Tower Gateway, Bank, Stratford and Island Gardens. Buses replace trains at day Saturdays and Sundays.
- Drayton Park** Line 2020 Mondays to Fridays. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.
- Essex Road** Line 2030 Mondays to Fridays. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.
- Grange Hill** Line 2000 daily.
- Heathrow Terminal 4** Line 2345 Mondays to Saturdays and 2315 Sundays. Closed Saturdays, 0900 to 1815 Sundays.
- Kensington (Olympia)** 0200 to 2045 Mondays to Fridays. Saturdays and Sundays during exhibitions.
- Roding Valley** Line 2200 daily.
- Shoreditch** Monday to Friday peak hours. Closed Saturdays, 0900 to 1815 Sundays.
- Turnham Green** Served by Piccadilly Line trains early morning and late evening Mondays to Saturdays, and all day Sundays.
- Waterloo & City Line** 0630 to 2130 Mondays to Fridays, 0900 to 1745 Saturdays. Closed Sundays.

# Ski map prototype example:

Ken Field (Esri)

