
Subject: Re: Publication-quality plots

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 16:01:00 GMT

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Paul Van Delst writes:

> Maybe it's my level of crotchety-ness increasing with age, but if it takes longer than 5
> minutes for me to just *look* at my data, I'm not interested. What with everything else
> going on in the world nowadays, the last thing I need is yet another thing to raise the
> blood pressure. :o)

Maybe you should give tennis a try. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. I had an epiphany last week after nearly walking off the court in the middle of a match I was playing poorly in: I am *not* my tennis game! Since then I've played (nearly every night in an on-going tournament) with an interested, but detached, attention. I just pay attention to the ball. If it goes in, great. If it goes out, great. Two nights ago in the middle of a match I was losing (to a young kid, of course) I suddenly realized that for the first time in about five years I was actually *enjoying* myself in a tournament match. But not only that, I was so relaxed I was hitting shots I used to hit 20 years ago. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks!?

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