

CSE 442 - Data Visualization

Visualization Tools



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How do people create visualizations?

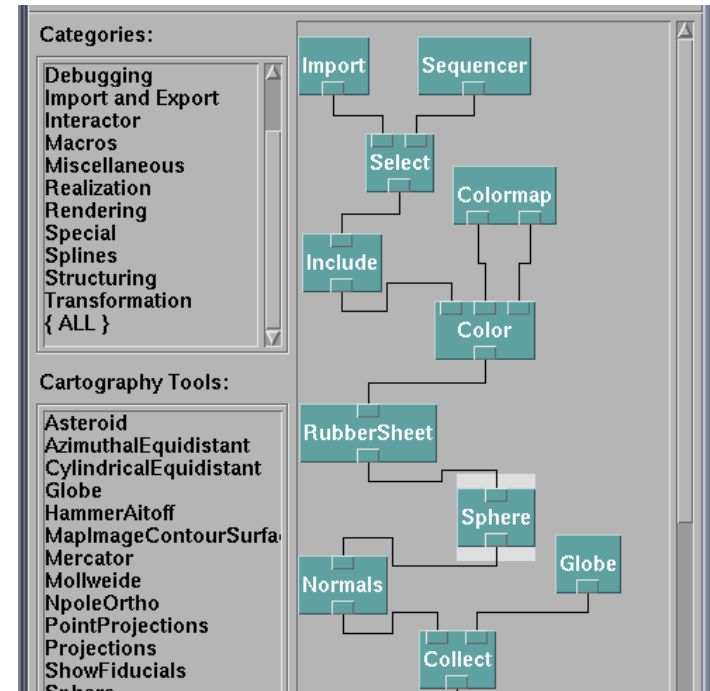


Chart Typology

Pick from a stock of templates
Easy-to-use but limited expressiveness
Prohibits novel designs, new data types

Component Architecture

Permits more combinatorial possibilities
Novel views require new operators,
which requires software engineering

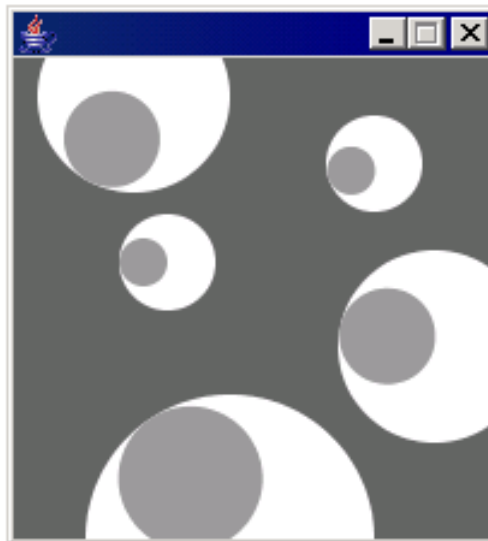
Graphics APIs

Processing, OpenGL, Java2D



sketch_070126a \$

```
    ey = y;  
    size = s;  
  }  
  
  void update(int mx, int my) {  
    angle = atan2(my-ey, mx-ex);  
  }  
  
  void display() {  
    pushMatrix();  
    translate(ex, ey);  
    fill(255);  
    ellipse(0, 0, size, size);  
    rotate(angle);  
    fill(153);  
    ellipse(size/4, 0, size/2, size/2);  
    popMatrix();  
  }  
}
```





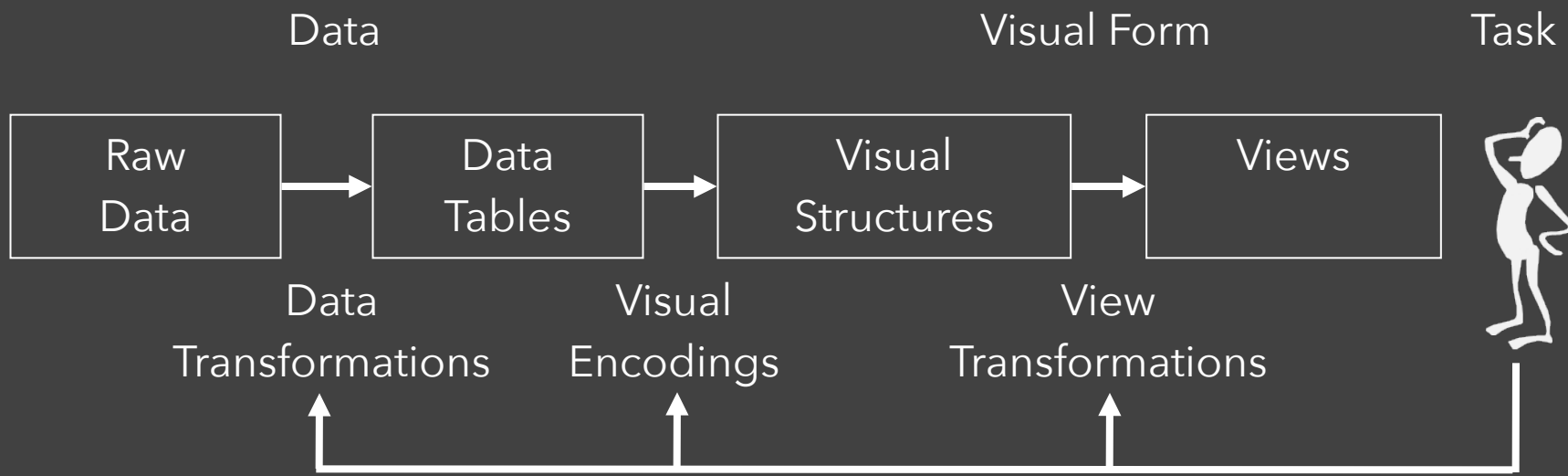
US Air Traffic, Aaron Koblin

Component Architectures

Prefuse, Flare, Improvise, VTK

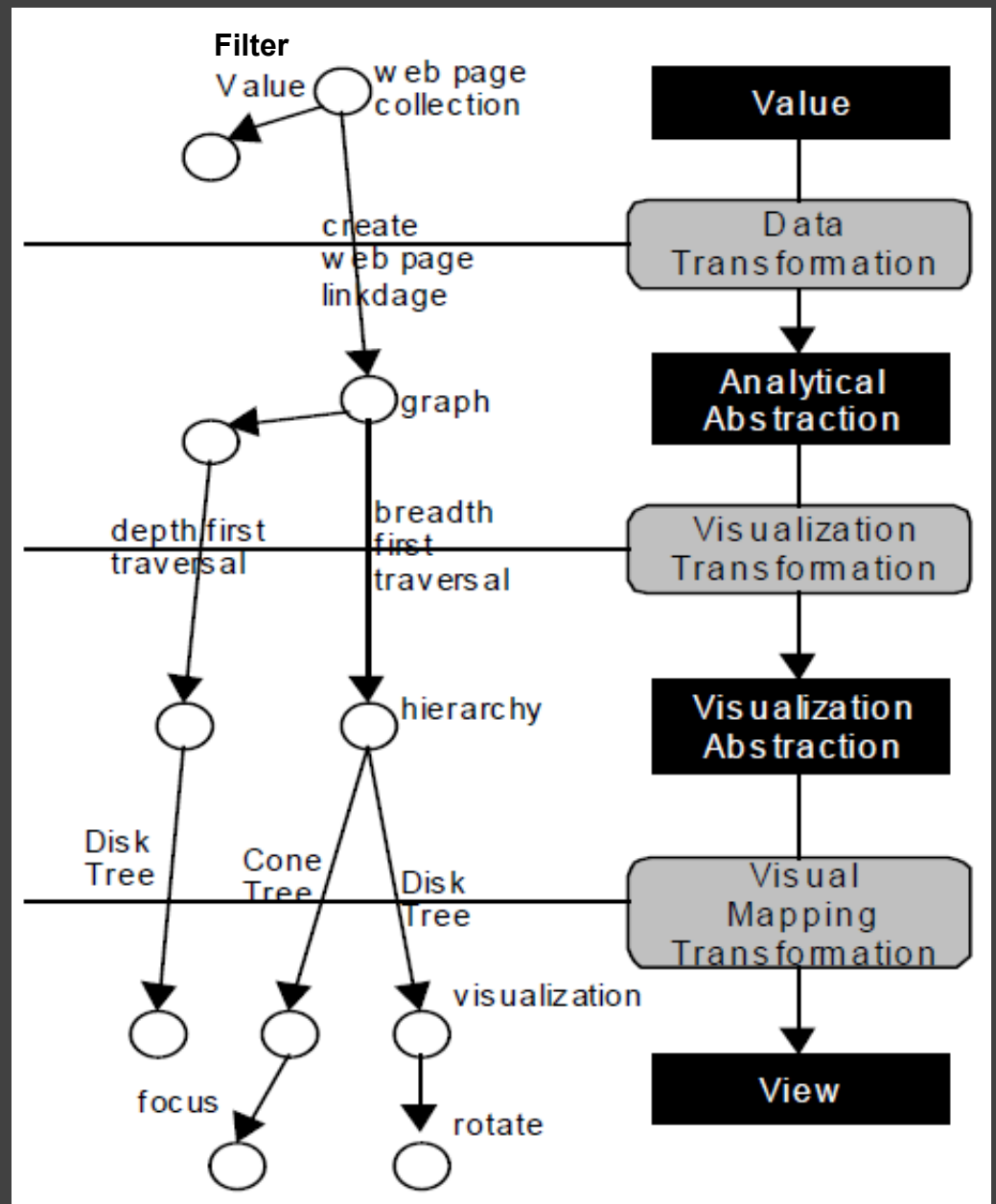
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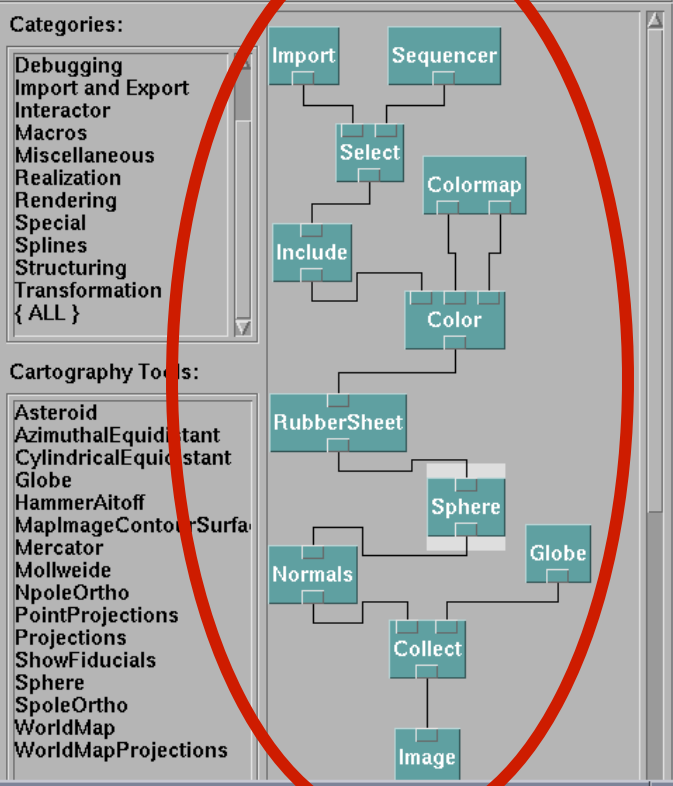
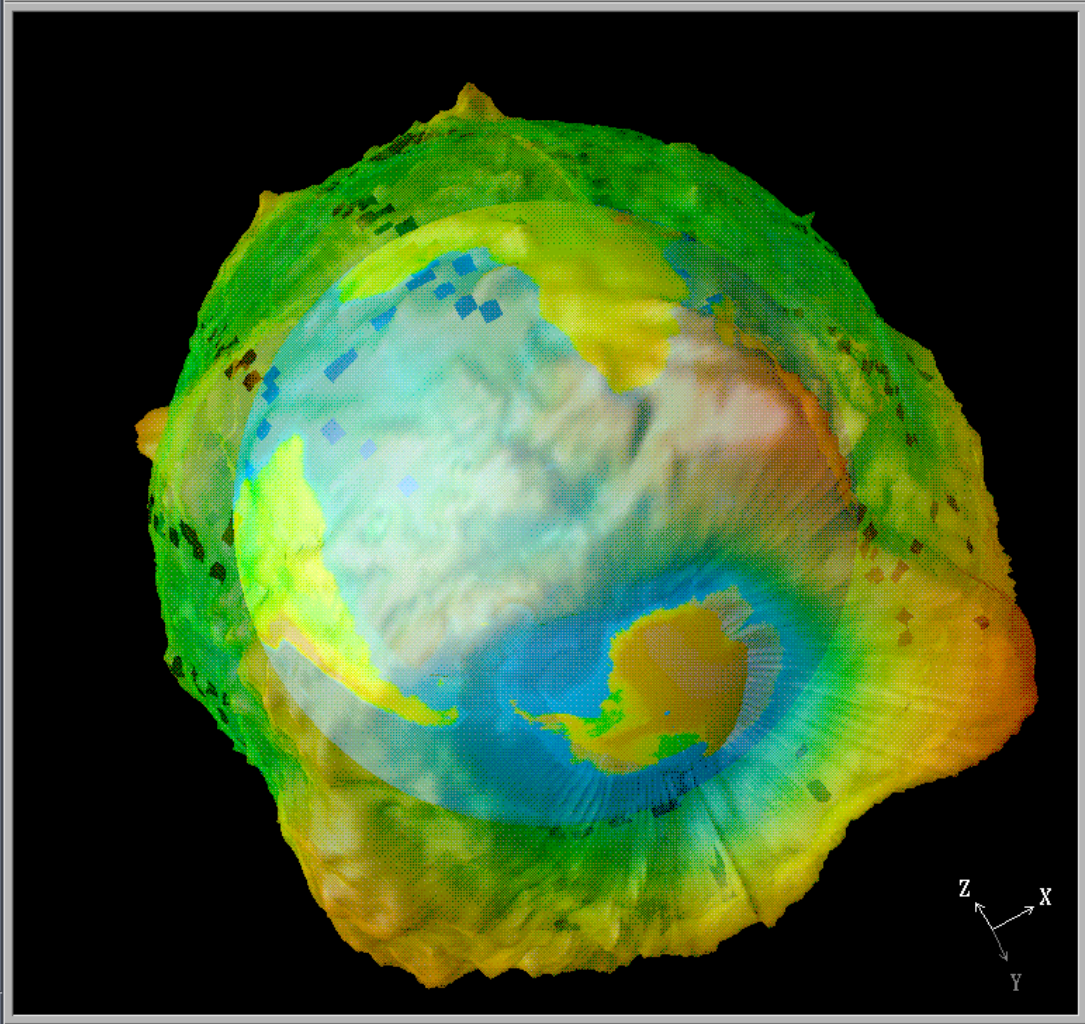
Data State Model

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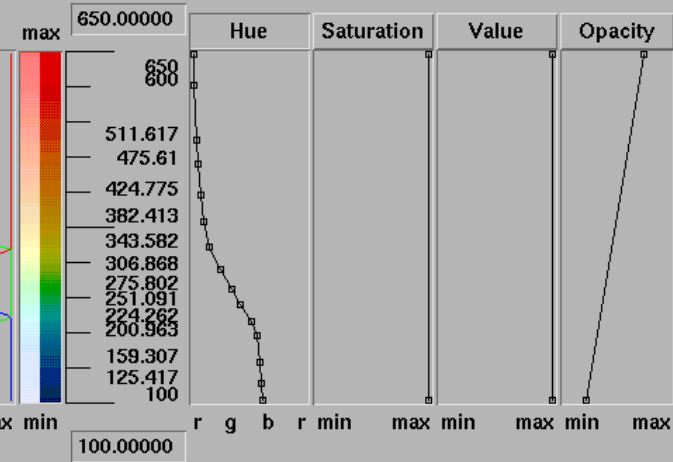
File Execute Windows Connection Options Help

File Edit Execute Windows Connection Options Help



Colormap Editor

File Execute Options Help



View Control...

Undo Ctrl+U Redo Ctrl+D

Mode: Rotate

Set View: None

Projection: Perspective

View Angle: 30.000

Close Reset Ctrl+F

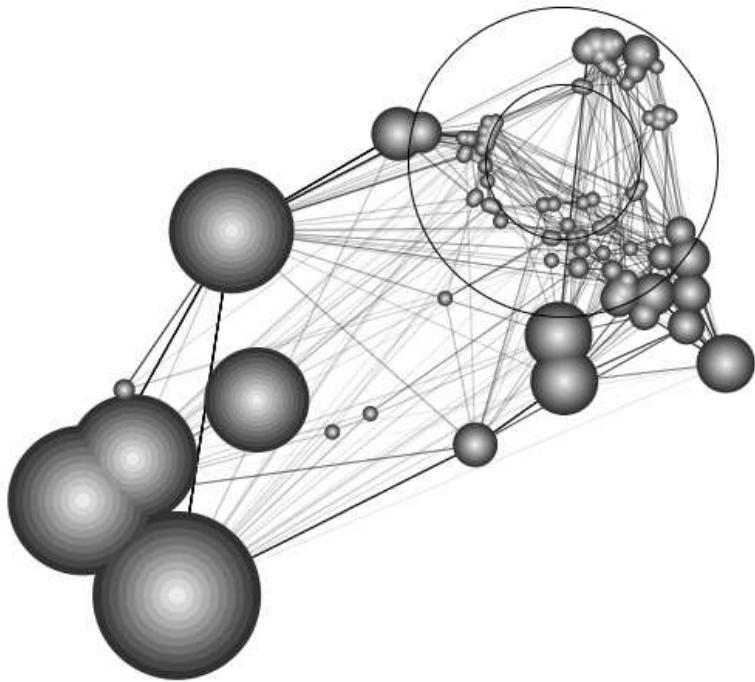
Sequence Control

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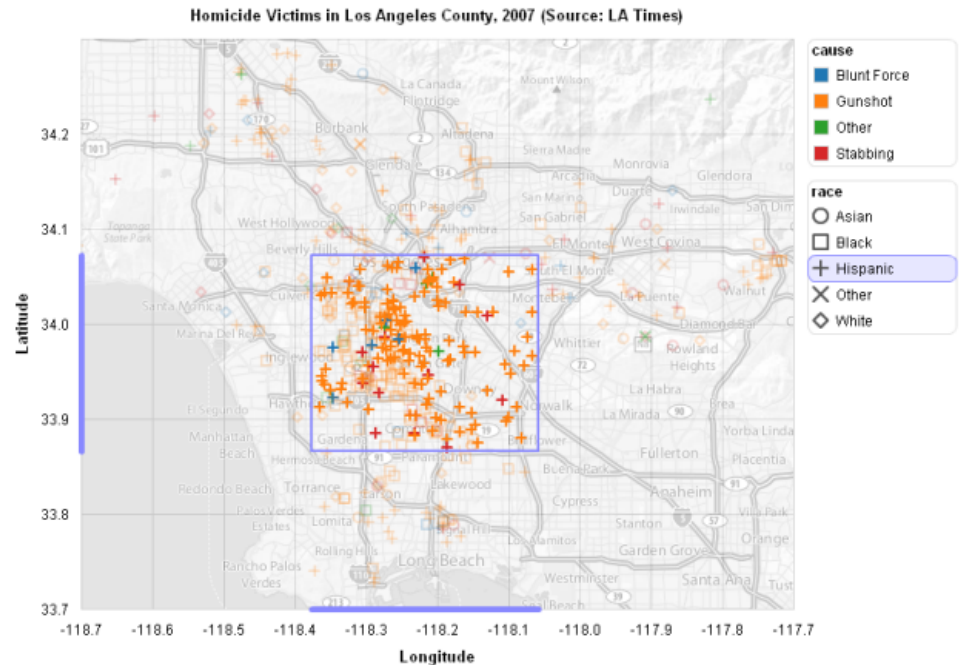
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Prefuse & Flare

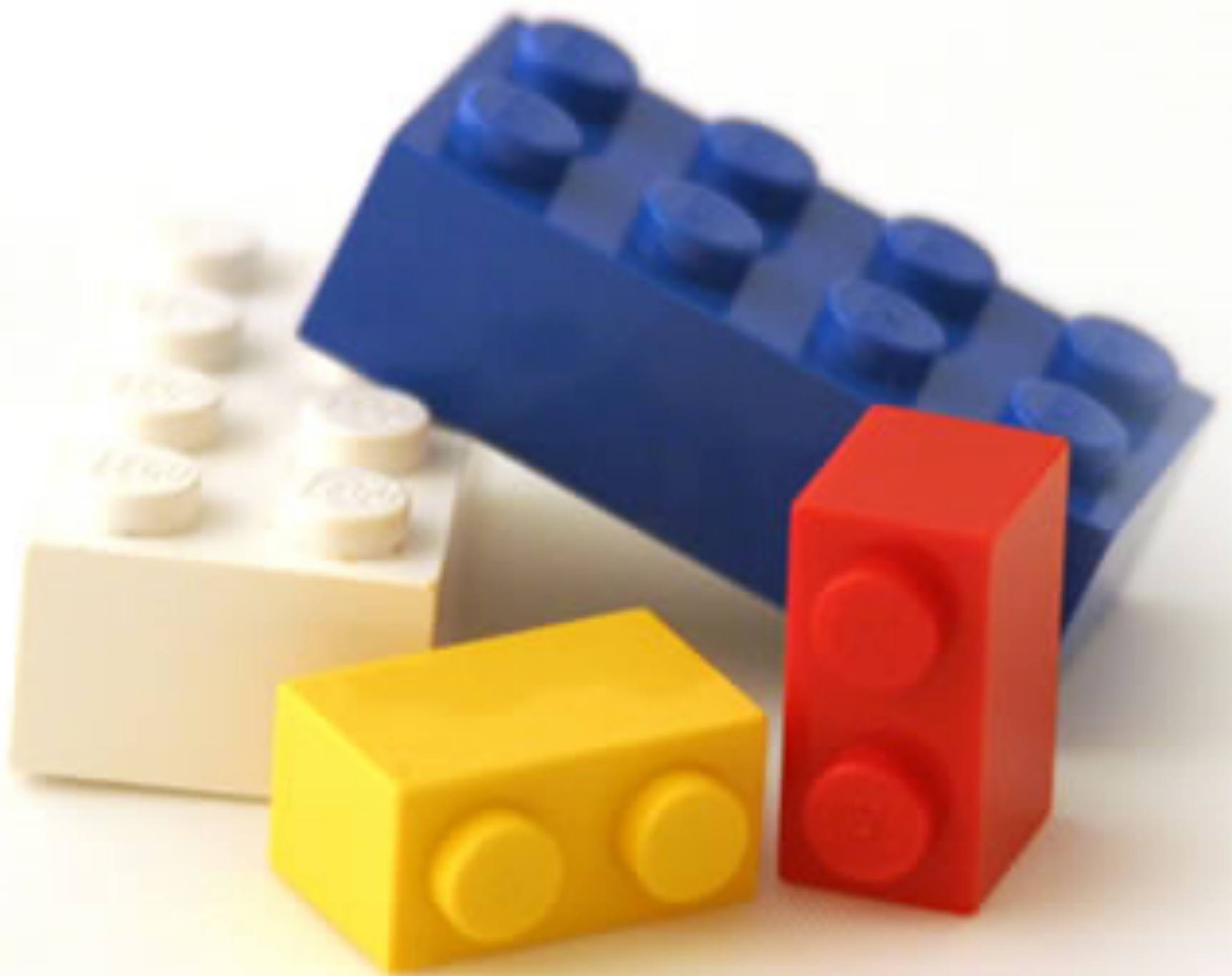
Operator-based toolkits for visualization design
Vis = (Input Data -> Visual Objects) + Operators



Prefuse (<http://prefuse.org>)



Flare (<http://flare.prefuse.org>)





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Chart Typologies

Data Sets : State Quick Facts

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	People QuickFacts	Population 2005 estimate	Population percent change April 1 2000 to July 1 2005	Population 2000	Population percent change 1990 to 2000	Persons under 5 years old percent 2004	Persons under 18 years old percent 2004	Persons 65 years old and over percent 2004
1	Alabama	4557808	0.03	4447100	0.1	0.07	0.24	0.13
2	Alaska	663661	0.06	626932	0.14	0.08	0.29	0.06
3	Arizona	5939292	0.16	5130632	0.4	0.08	0.27	0.13
4	Arkansas	2779154	0.04	2673400	0.14	0.07	0.25	0.14
5	California	36132147	0.07	33871648	0.14	0.07	0.27	0.11
6	Colorado	4665177	0.08	4301261	0.31	0.07	0.26	0.1
7	Connecticut	3510297	0.03	3405665	0.04	0.06	0.24	0.14
8	Delaware	843524	0.08	783600	0.18	0.07	0.23	0.13
9	Florida	17789864	0.11	15982378	0.24	0.06	0.23	0.17
10	Georgia	9072576	0.11	8186453	0.26	0.08	0.26	0.1
11	Hawaii	1275194	0.05	1211537	0.09	0.07	0.24	0.14
12	Idaho	1429096	0.1	1293953	0.29	0.07	0.27	0.11
13	Illinois	12763371	0.03	12419293	0.09	0.07	0.26	0.12



Choosing a visualization type for **State Quick Facts**

Analyze a text



Tag Cloud

How are you using your words? This enhanced tag cloud will show you the words popularity in the given set of text.

[Learn more](#)



Wordle

Wordle is a toy for generating "word clouds" from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text.

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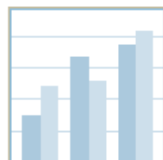


Word Tree

See a branching view of how a word or phrase is used in a text. Navigate the text by zooming and clicking.

[Learn more](#)

Compare a set of values



Bar Chart

How do the items in your data set stack up? A bar chart is a simple and recognizable way to compare values. You can display several sets of bars for multivariate comparisons.

[Learn more](#)



Block Histogram

This versatile chart lets you get a quick sense of how a single set of data is distributed. Each item in the data is an individually identifiable block.

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Visualizations : Federal Spending by State, 2004

Creator: Anonymous

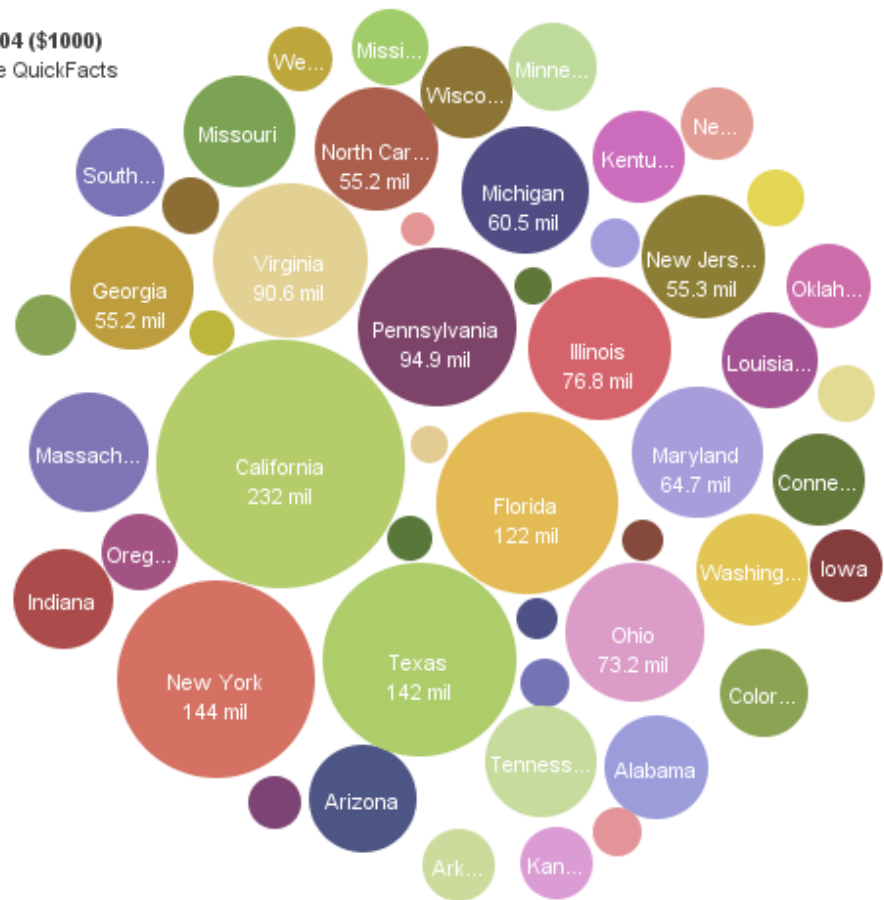
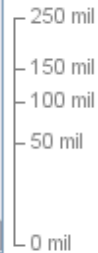
Tags: census people

People QuickFac...

Click to select,
Ctrl-Click: multiple
Shift-Click: range

Federal spending 2004 (\$1000)
Disks colored by People QuickFacts

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland



Search>>

To highlight or find totals
click or ctrl-click.

Bubble Size: Federal spending 2004 (\$1000) Label: People QuickFacts Color: People QuickFacts

- Data file
- full image
- Retail sales per capita 2002
- Minority-owned firms percent of total 1997
- Women-owned firms percent of total 1997
- Housing units authorized by building permits 2004
- Federal spending 2004 (\$1000)**
- Land area 2000 (square miles)
- Persons per square mile 2000
- FIPS Code

Census Bureau

Comments (1)



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MY MUSIC LESSON

Every Wednesday, when I get home from school, I have a piano

lesson. My teacher is a very strict house. Her name is

Hillary Clinton. Our piano is a Steinway Concert tree

and it has 88 ~~keys~~ cups. It also has a soft pedal and a/an

Smily pedal. When I have a lesson, I sit down on the piano

AIBERTO and play for 16 minutes. I do scales to

exercise my cats, and then I usually play a minuet by

Johann Sebastian washington. Teacher says I am a natural

Haunted House and have a good musical leg. Perhaps

when I get better I will become a concert vet and give

a recital at Carnegie hospital.

[M]ost charting packages channel user requests into a **rigid array of chart types**. To atone for this lack of flexibility, they offer a kit of post-creation editing tools to return the image to what the user originally envisioned. **They give the user an impression of having explored data rather than the experience.**

Leland Wilkinson
The Grammar of Graphics, 1999

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File Edit View Format Data Analysis Table Bookmark Window Help



Schema

congress.csv Connection

Find:

Dimensions

- Abc Candidate
- Abc Candidate ID
- Abc General Elec Status
- Abc Incumbent/Challenger/Open-Seal
- # Party
- Abc Party Desig
- Abc Primary Elec Status
- Abc Runoff Elec Status
- Abc Spec Elec Status
- Abc State Code
- # Year
- Abc Measure Names

Measures

- # District
- # General Elec Pct
- # Total Receipts
- # Measure Values

Groups

Columns: Party Year

Rows: SUM(Total..)

Filters:

Level of Detail:

Mark:

Automatic

Text:

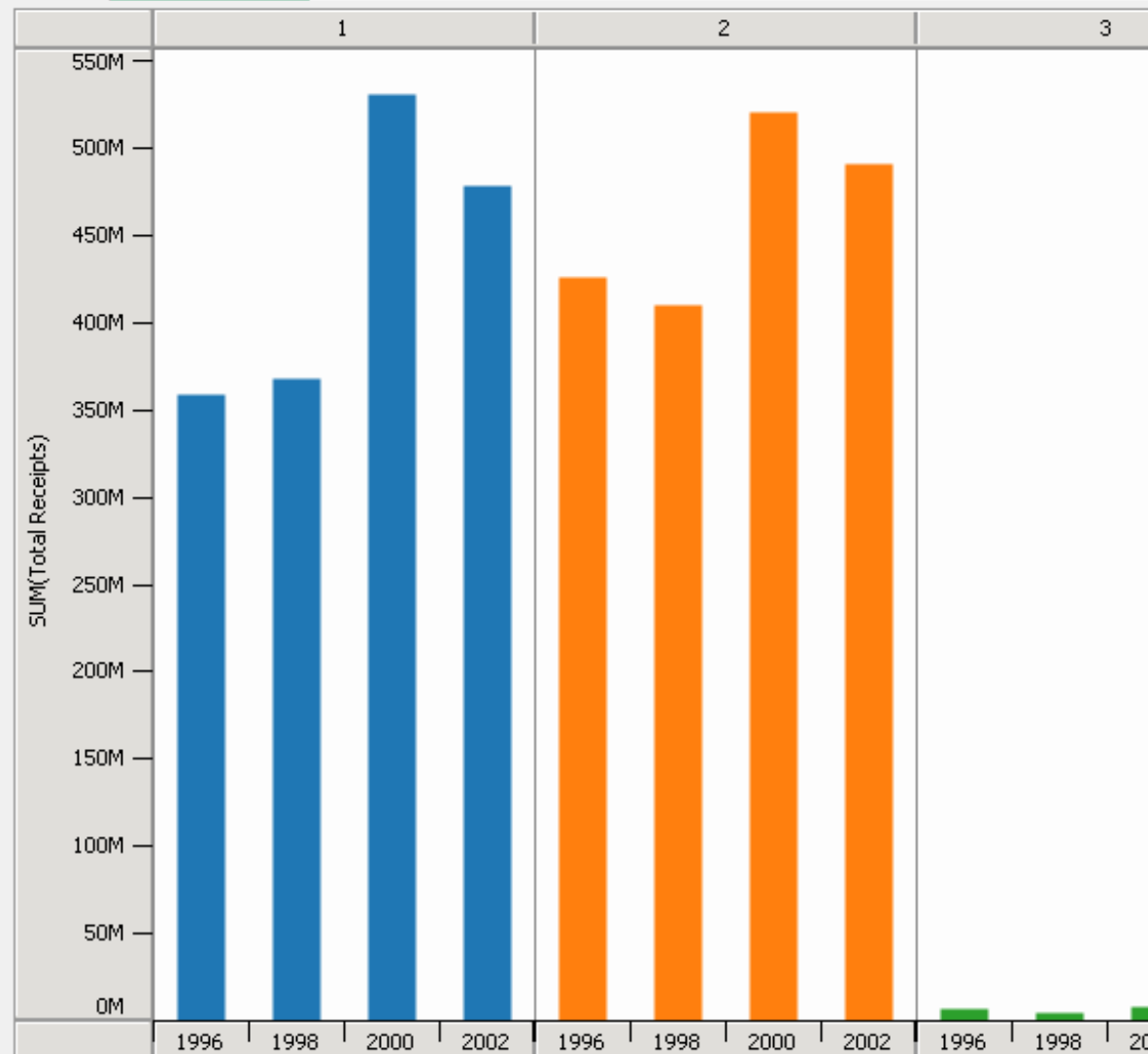
Color: Party

Size:

Legend:

- 1
- 2
- 3

Size:



Sheet 1 /

Statistics and Computing

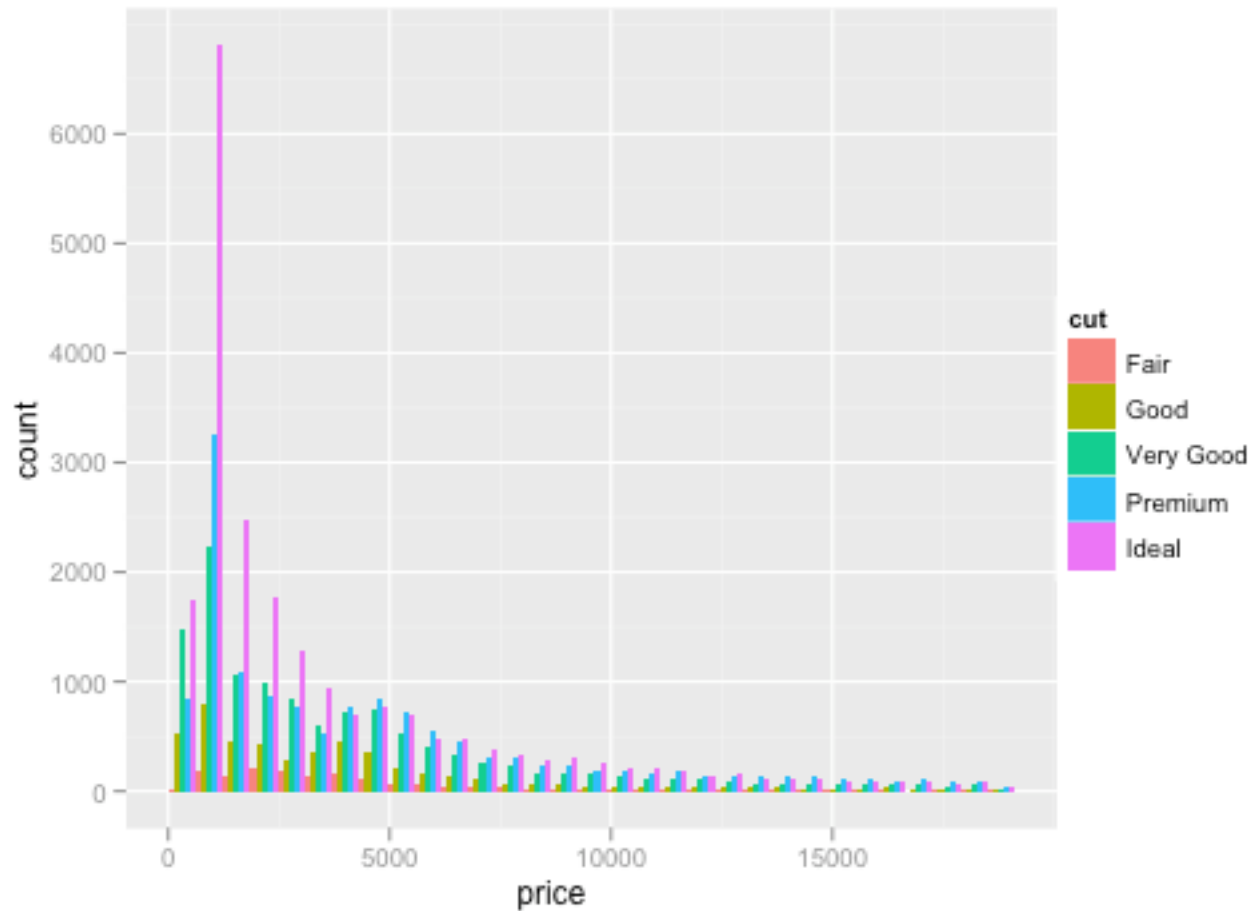
Leland Wilkinson

**The Grammar
of Graphics**

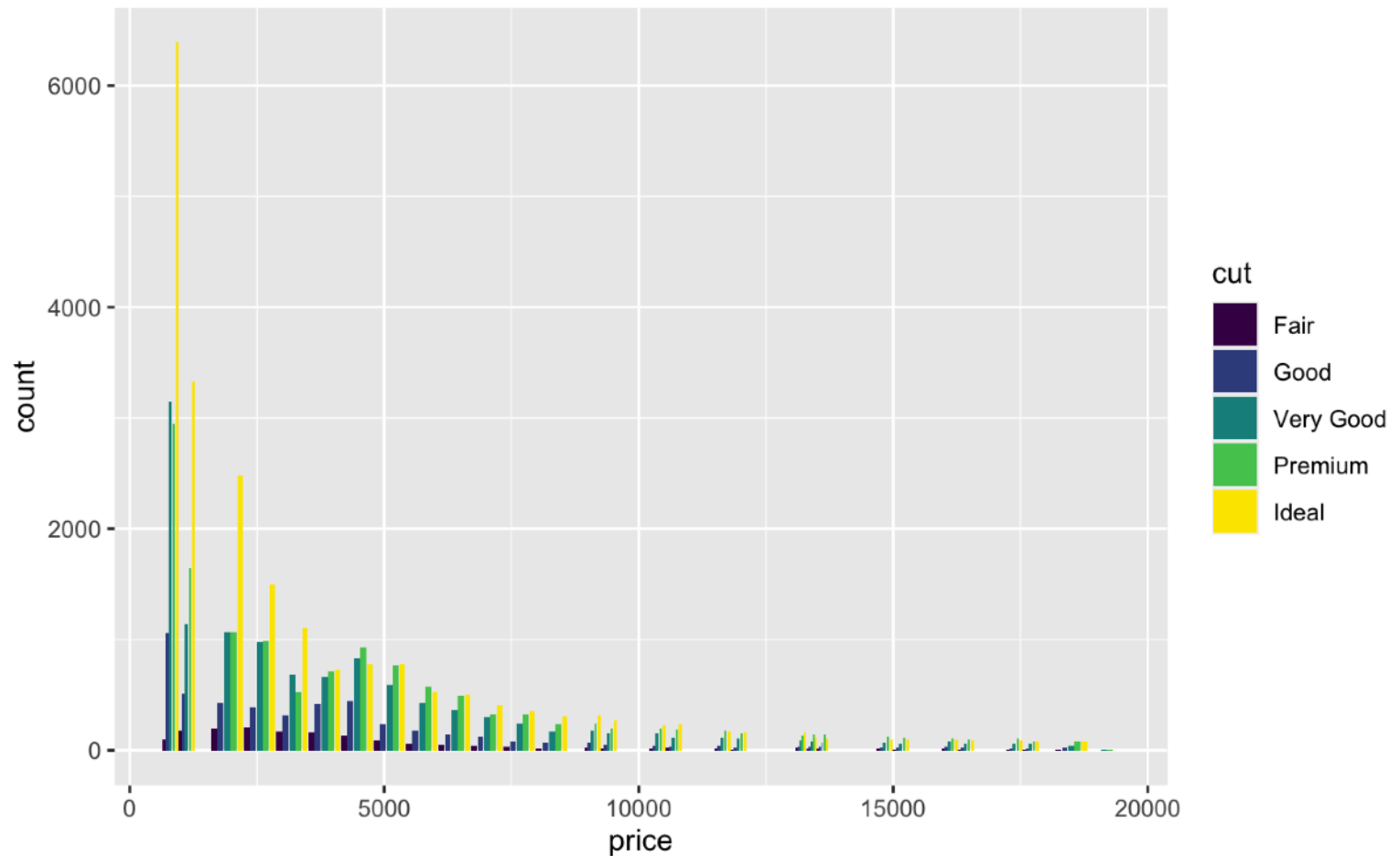
Second Edition

 Springer

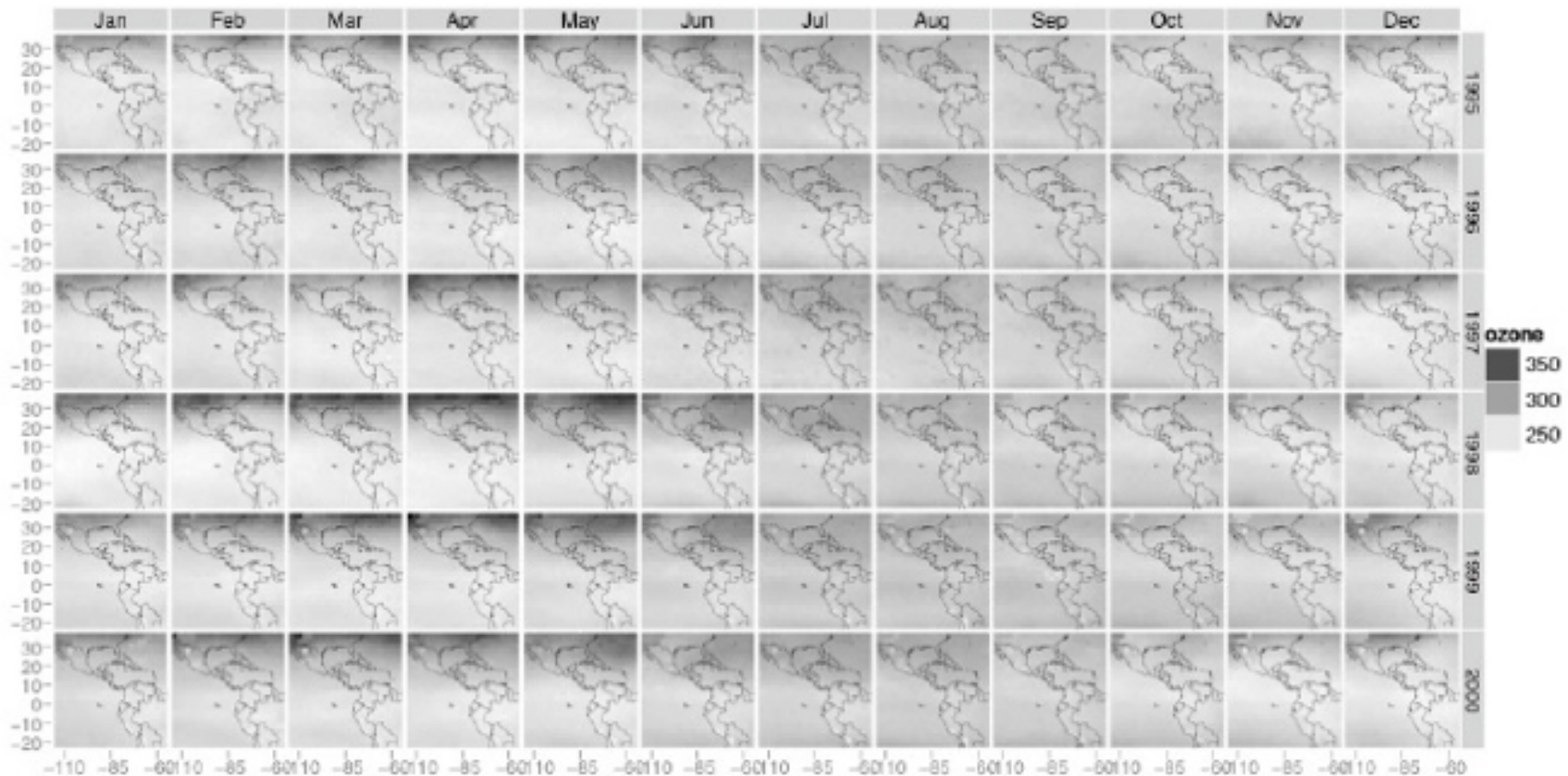
```
ggplot(diamonds, aes(x=price, fill=cut))  
+ geom_bar(position="dodge")
```



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```

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```



```

qplot(long, lat, data = expo, geom = "tile", fill = ozone,
      facets = year ~ month) +
scale_fill_gradient(low = "white", high = "black") + map

```

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Protovis, D3.js

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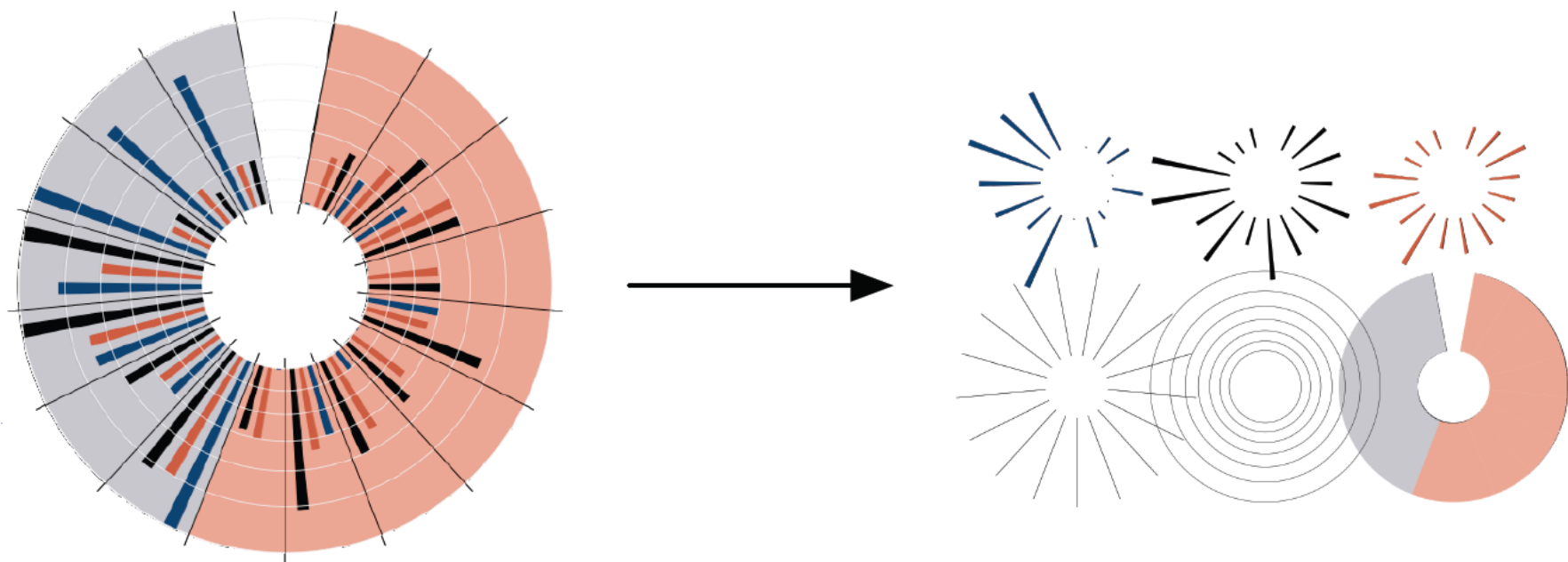


Protovis & D3

Today's first task is not to invent wholly new [graphical] techniques, though these are needed. Rather we need most vitally to recognize and reorganize the **essential of old techniques**, to **make easy their assembly in new ways**, and to **modify their external appearances to fit the new opportunities**.

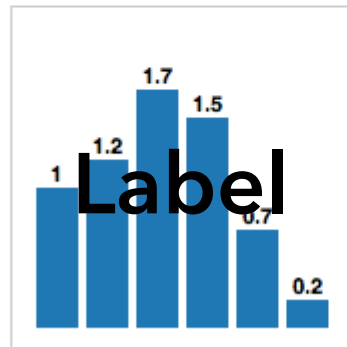
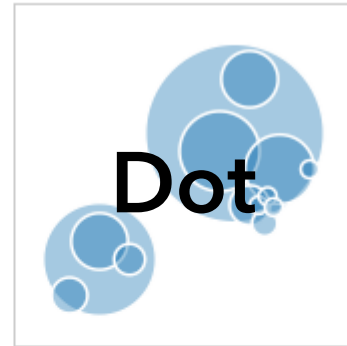
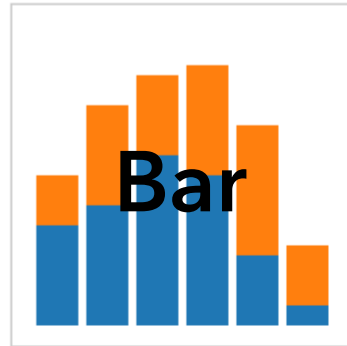
J. W. Tukey, M. B. Wilk
Data Analysis & Statistics, 1965

Protovis: A Grammar for Visualization



A graphic is a composition of data-representative marks.

with **Mike Bostock** & **Vadim Ogievetsky**

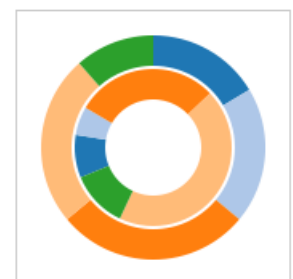
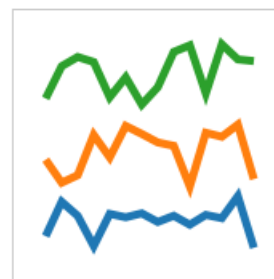
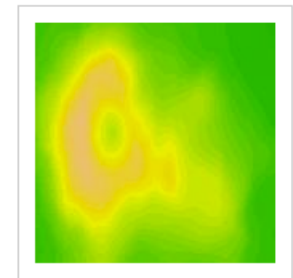
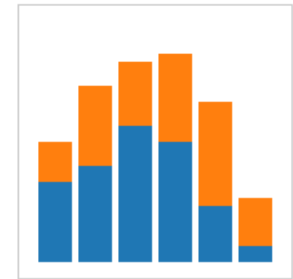


MARKS: Protovis graphical primitives

MARK

$$\lambda : D \rightarrow R$$

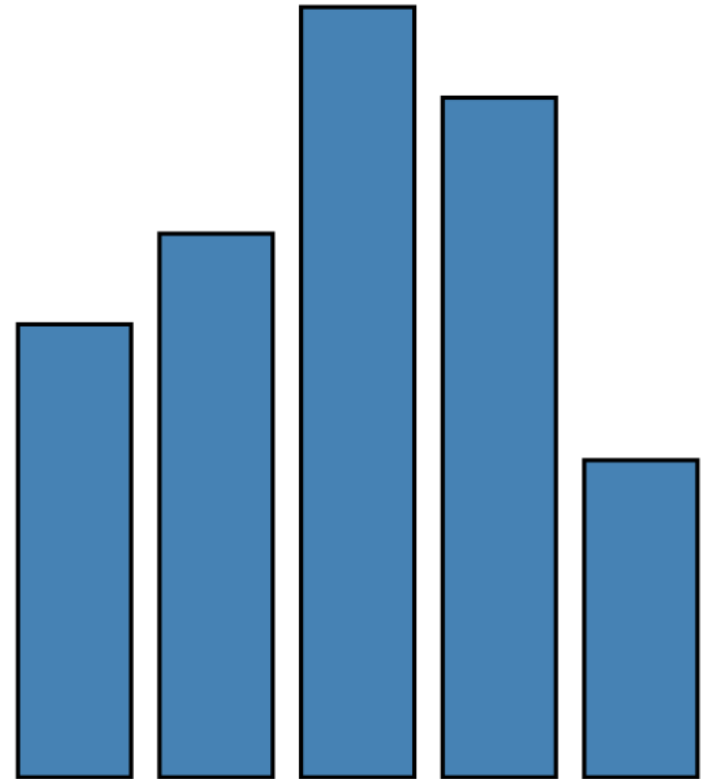
data	λ
visible	λ
left	λ
bottom	λ
width	λ
height	λ
fillStyle	λ
strokeStyle	λ
lineWidth	λ
...	λ



RECT

$\lambda : D \rightarrow R$

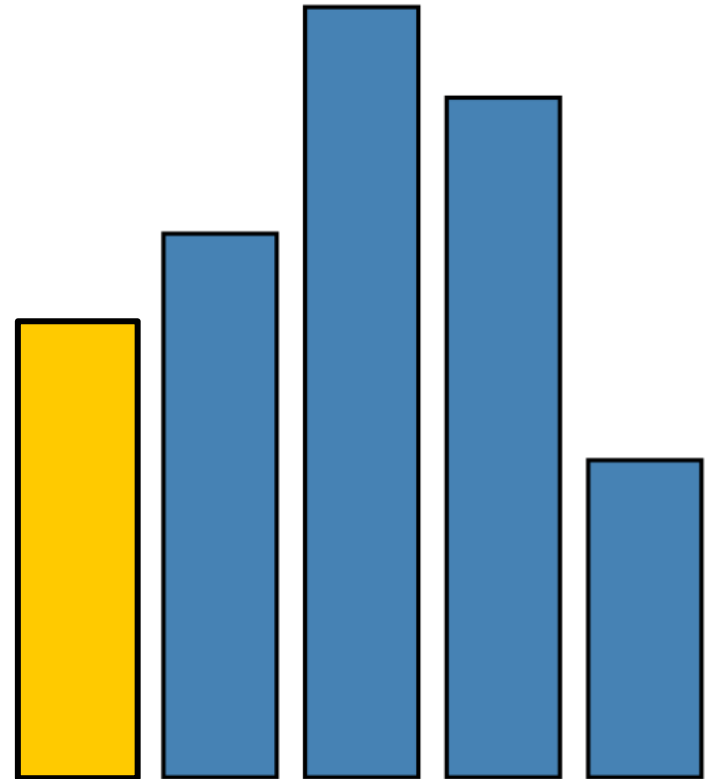
data	1	1.2	1.7	1.5	0.7
visible	true				
left	$\lambda: \text{index} * 25$				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	$\lambda: \text{datum} * 80$				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



RECT

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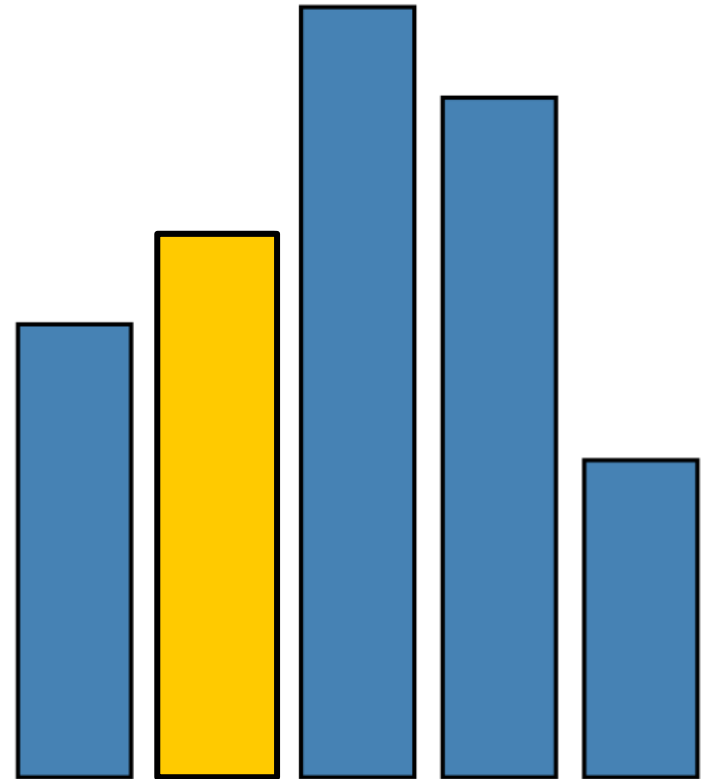
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visible	true				
left	0 * 25				
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width	20				
height	1 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



RECT

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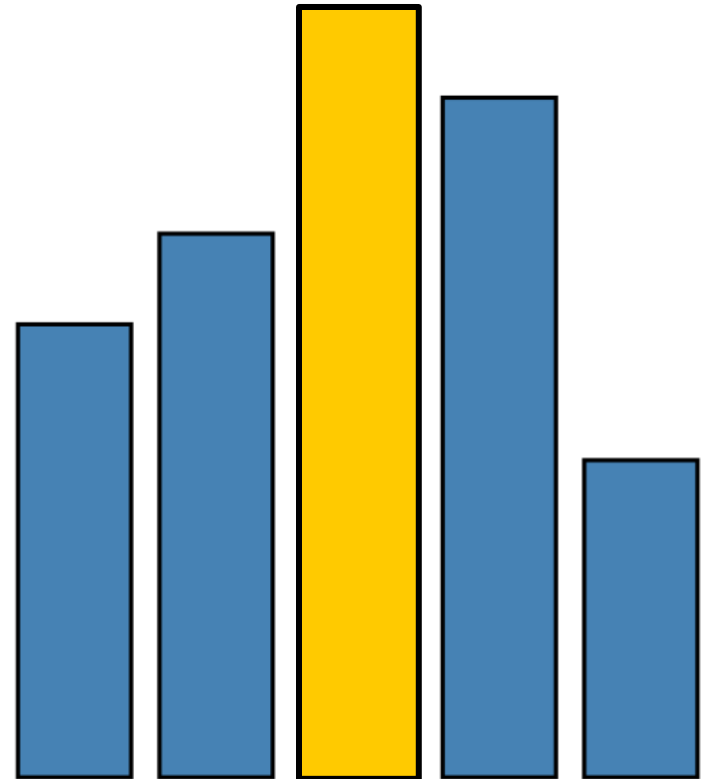
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visible	true				
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bottom	0				
width	20				
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fillStyle	blue				
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lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



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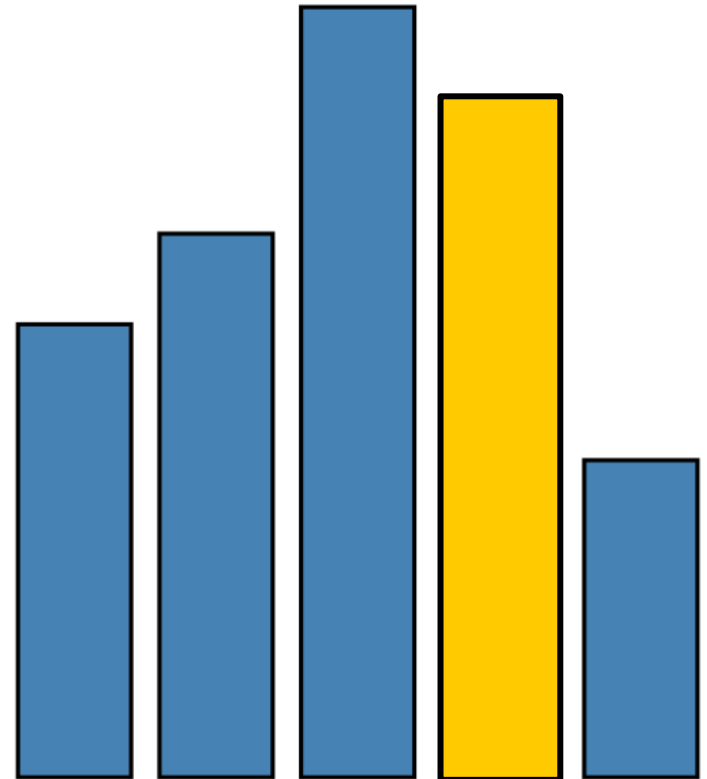
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left	2 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	1.7 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



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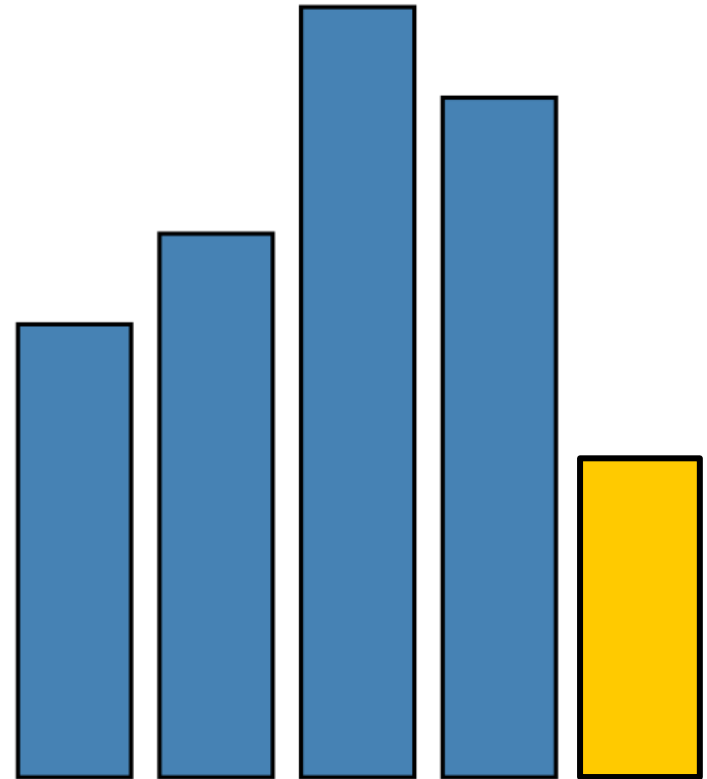
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visible	true				
left	3 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	1.5 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



RECT

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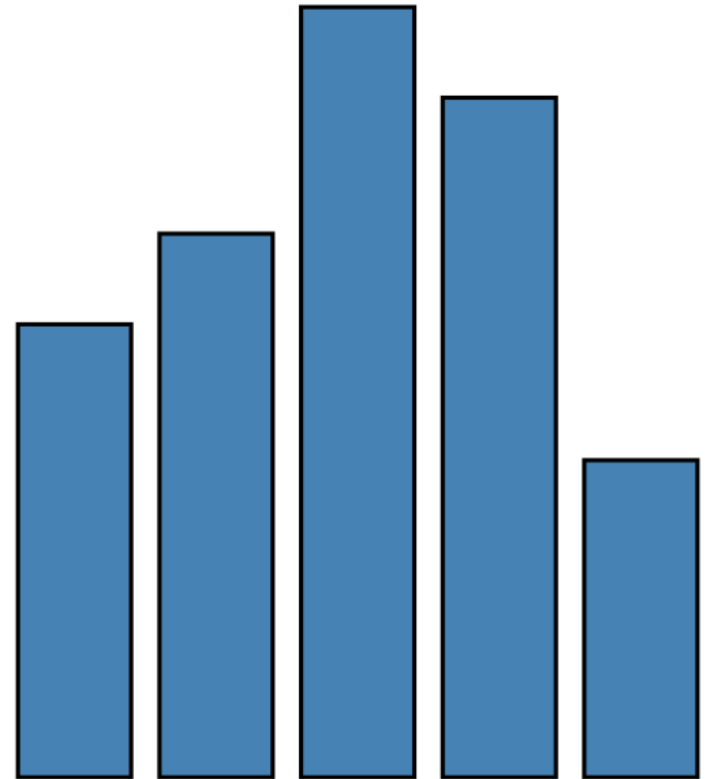
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visible	true				
left	4 * 25				
bottom	0				
width	20				
height	0.7 * 80				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



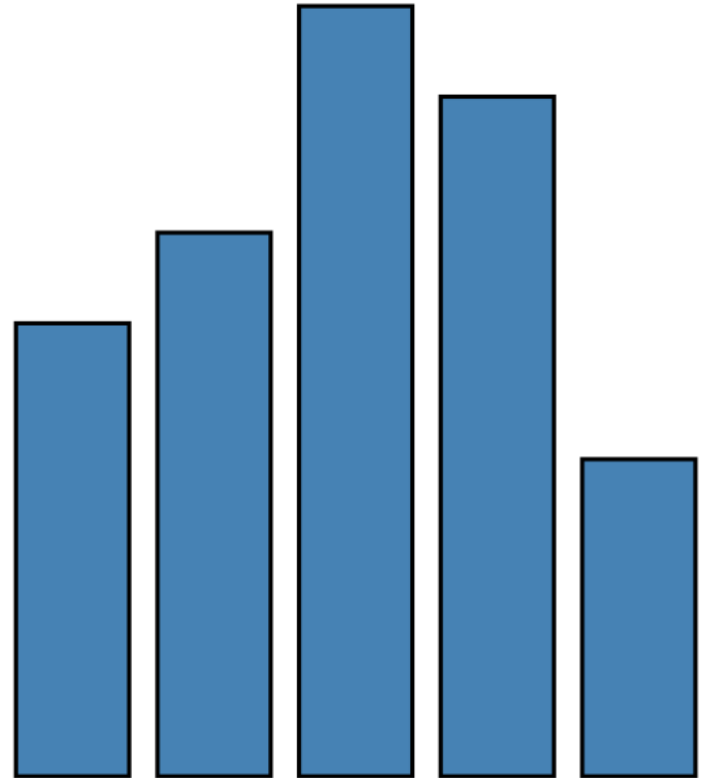
RECT

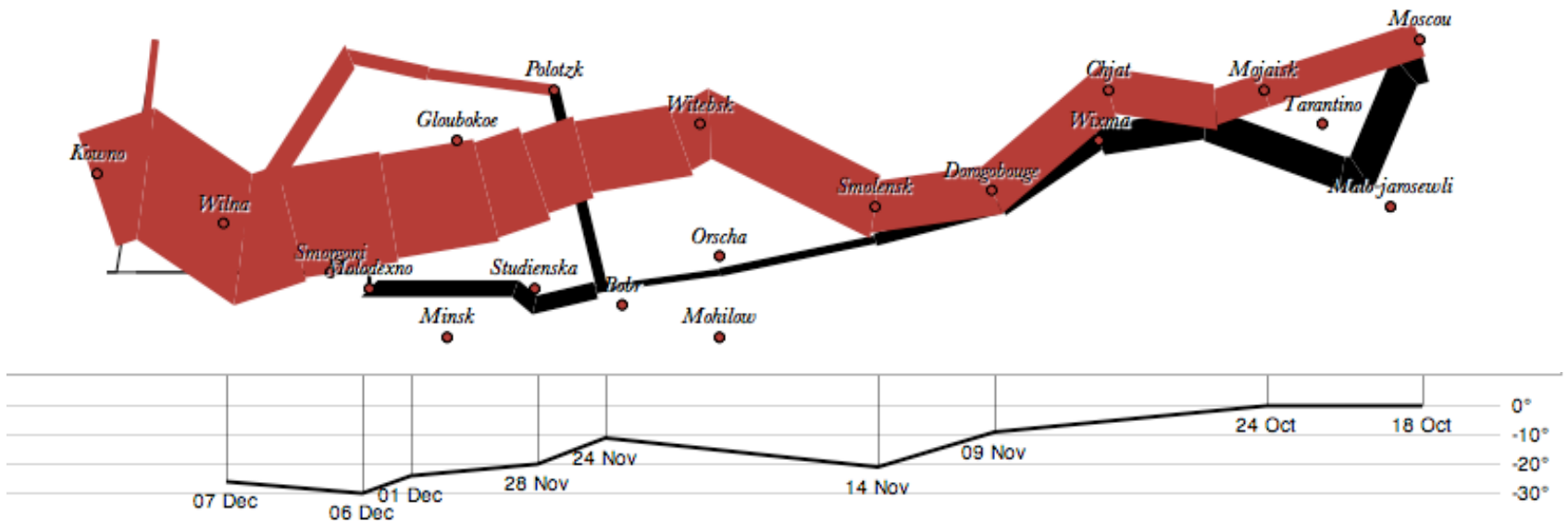
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bottom	0				
width	20				
height	$\lambda: \text{datum} * 80$				
fillStyle	blue				
strokeStyle	black				
lineWidth	1.5				
...	...				



```
var vis = new pv.Panel();  
vis.add(pv.Bar)  
  .data([1, 1.2, 1.7, 1.5, 0.7])  
  .visible(true)  
  .left((d) => this.index * 25);  
  .bottom(0)  
  .width(20)  
  .height((d) => d * 80)  
  .fillStyle("blue")  
  .strokeStyle("black")  
  .lineWidth(1.5);  
vis.render();
```





```
var army = pv.nest(napoleon.army, "dir", "group");
var vis = new pv.Panel();
```

```
var lines = vis.add(pv.Panel).data(army);
lines.add(pv.Line)
  .data(() => army[this.idx])
  .left(lon).top(lat).size((d) => d.size/8000)
  .strokeStyle(() => color[army[panelIndex][0].dir]);
```

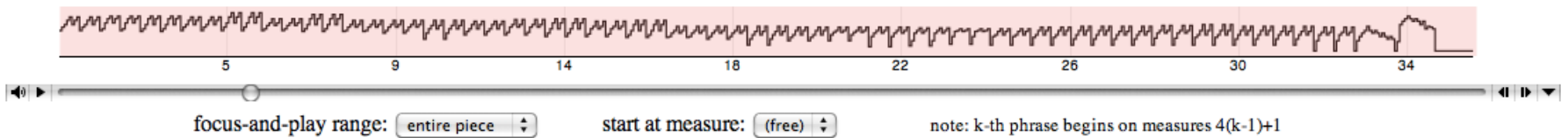
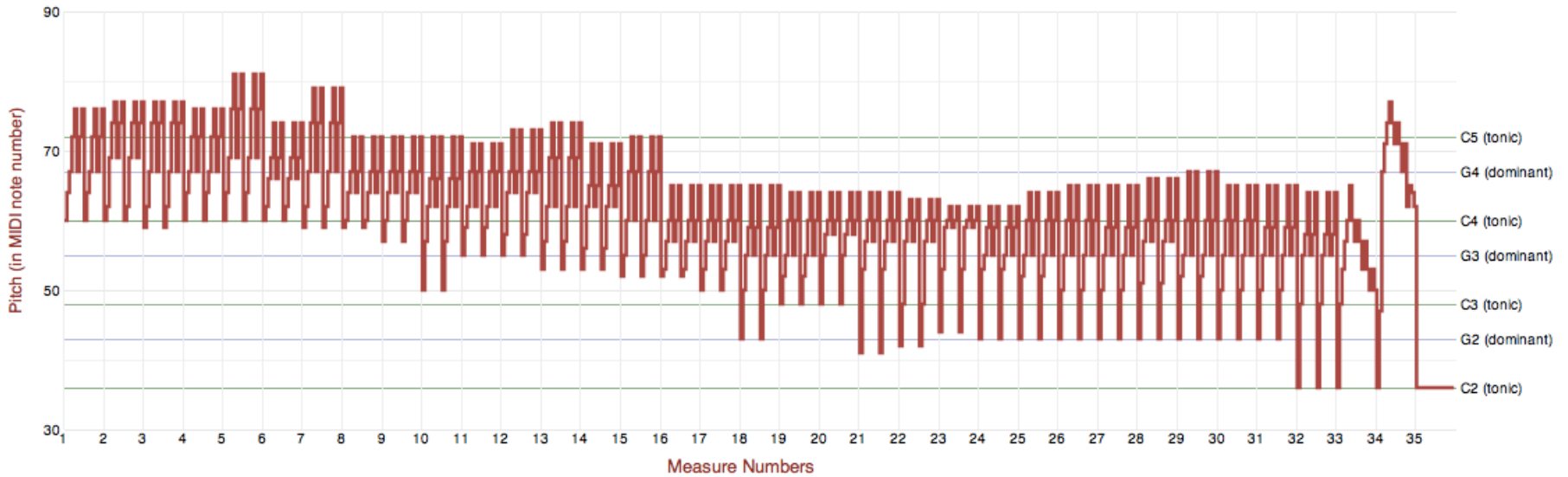
```
vis.add(pv.Label).data(napoleon.cities)
  .left(lon).top(lat)
  .text((d) => d.city).font("italic 10px Georgia")
  .textAlign("center").textBaseline("middle");
```

```
vis.add(pv.Rule).data([0,-10,-20,-30])
  .top((d) => 300 - 2*d - 0.5).left(200).right(150)
  .lineWidth(1).strokeStyle("#ccc")
  .anchor("right").add(pv.Label)
  .font("italic 10px Georgia")
  .text((d) => d+"°").textBaseline("center");

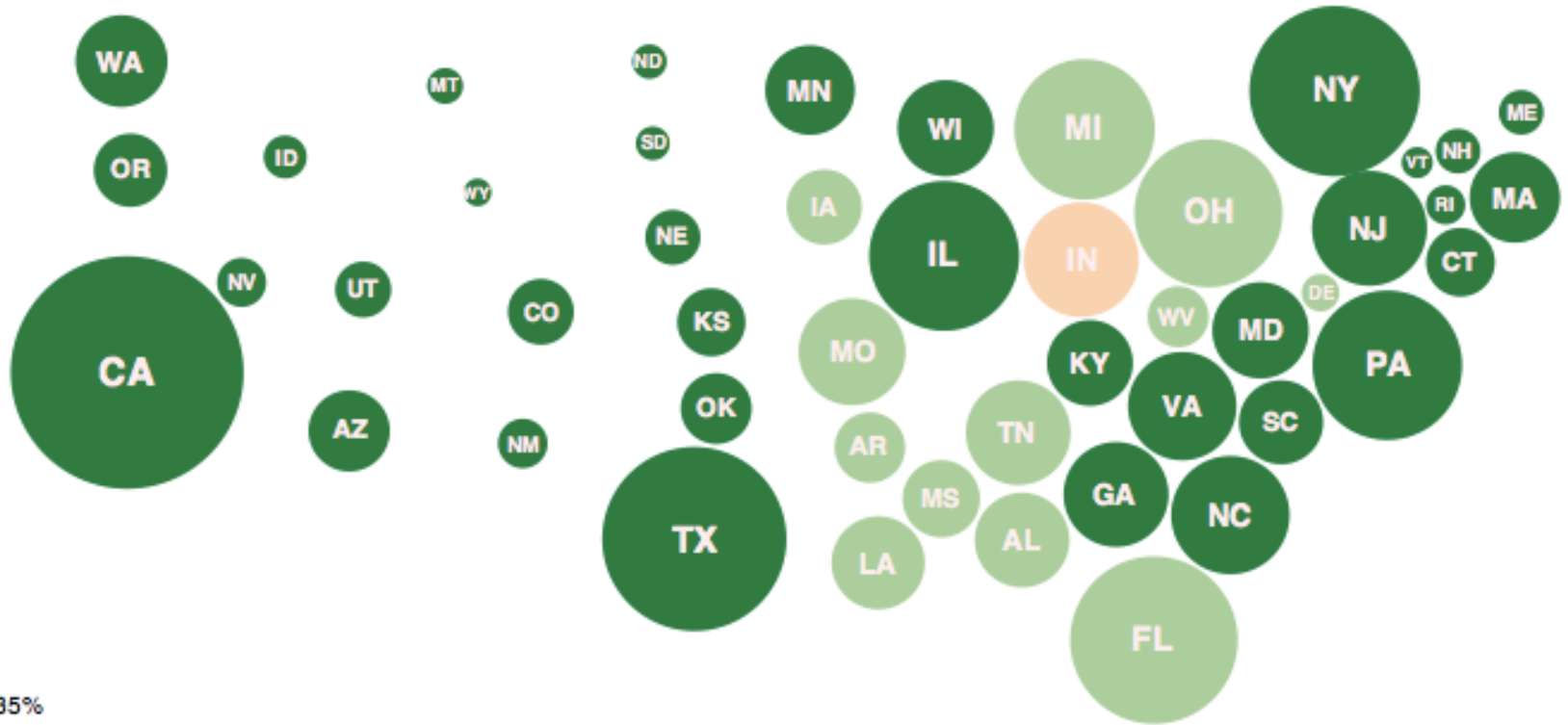
vis.add(pv.Line).data(napoleon.temp)
  .left(lon).top(tmp) .strokeStyle("#0")
  .add(pv.Label)
  .top((d) => 5 + tmp(d))
  .text((d) => d.temp+"° "+d.date.substr(0,6))
  .textBaseline("top").font("italic 10px Georgia");
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**PRELUDE NO.1 IN C MAJOR, BWV 846
(FROM WELL-TEMPERED CLAVIER, BOOK 1)**

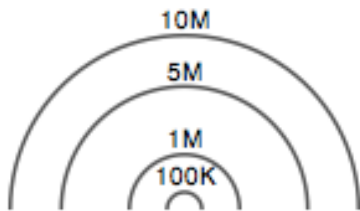
BY J.S. BACH

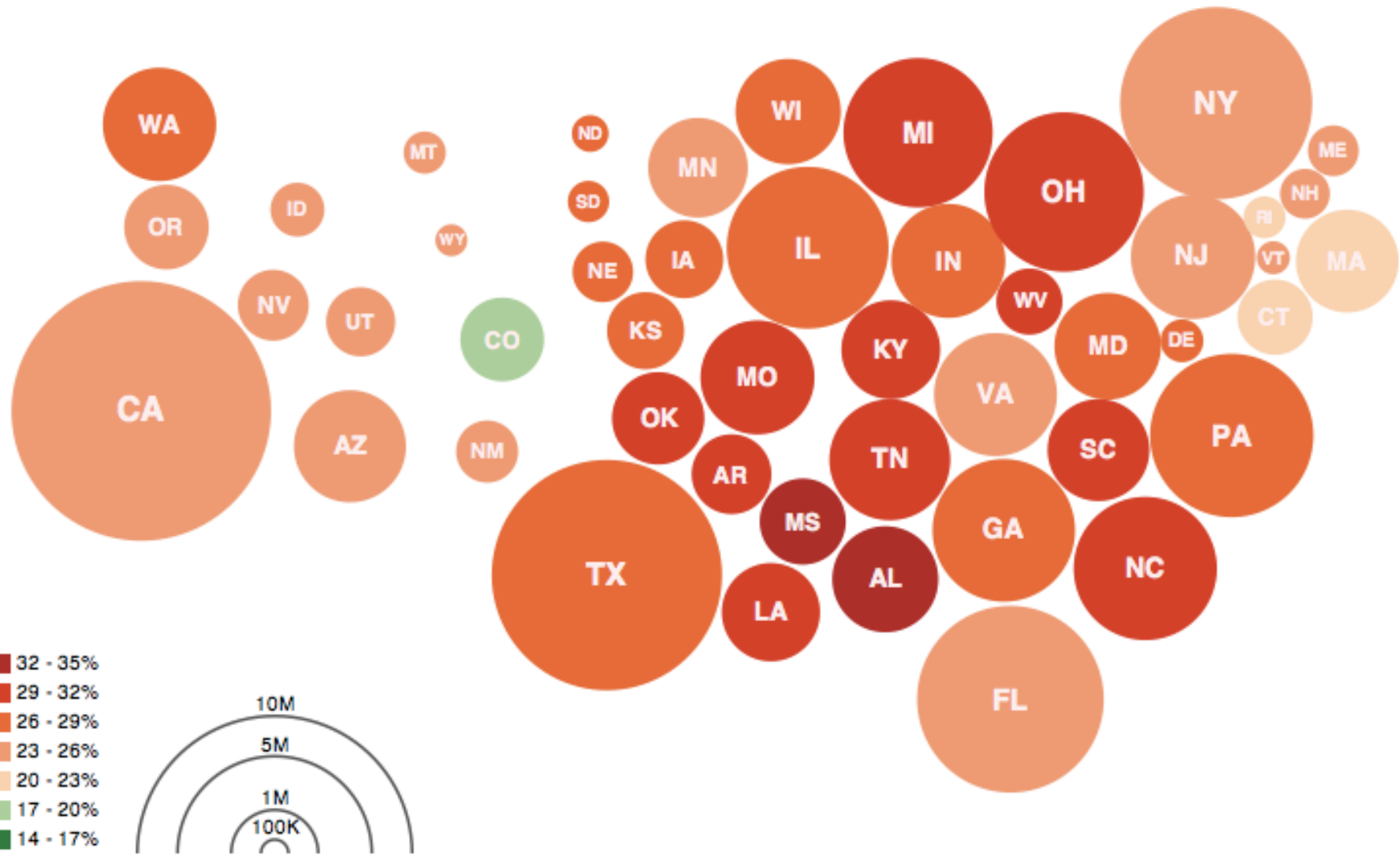


Bach's Prelude #1 in C Major | Jieun Oh

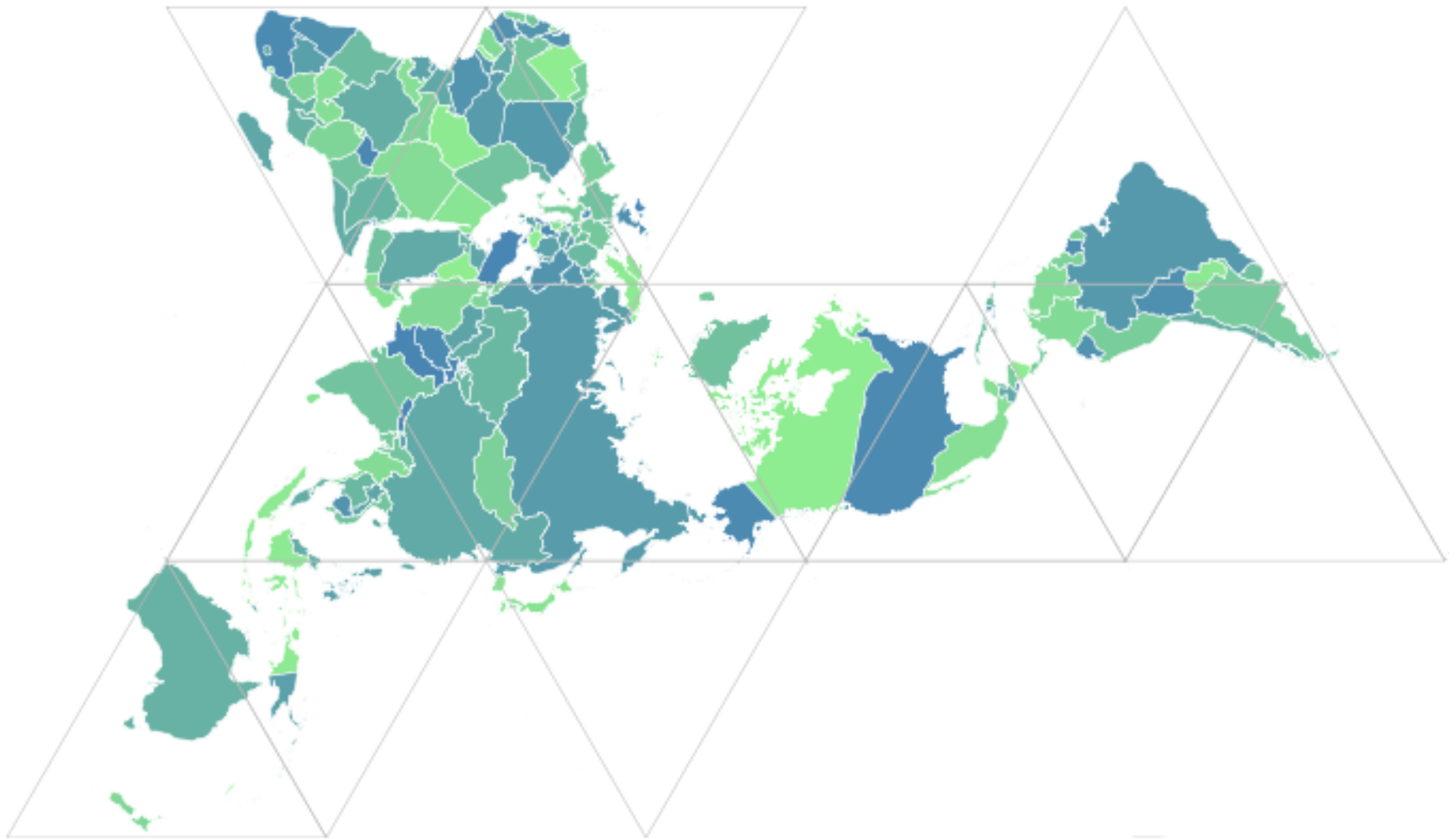


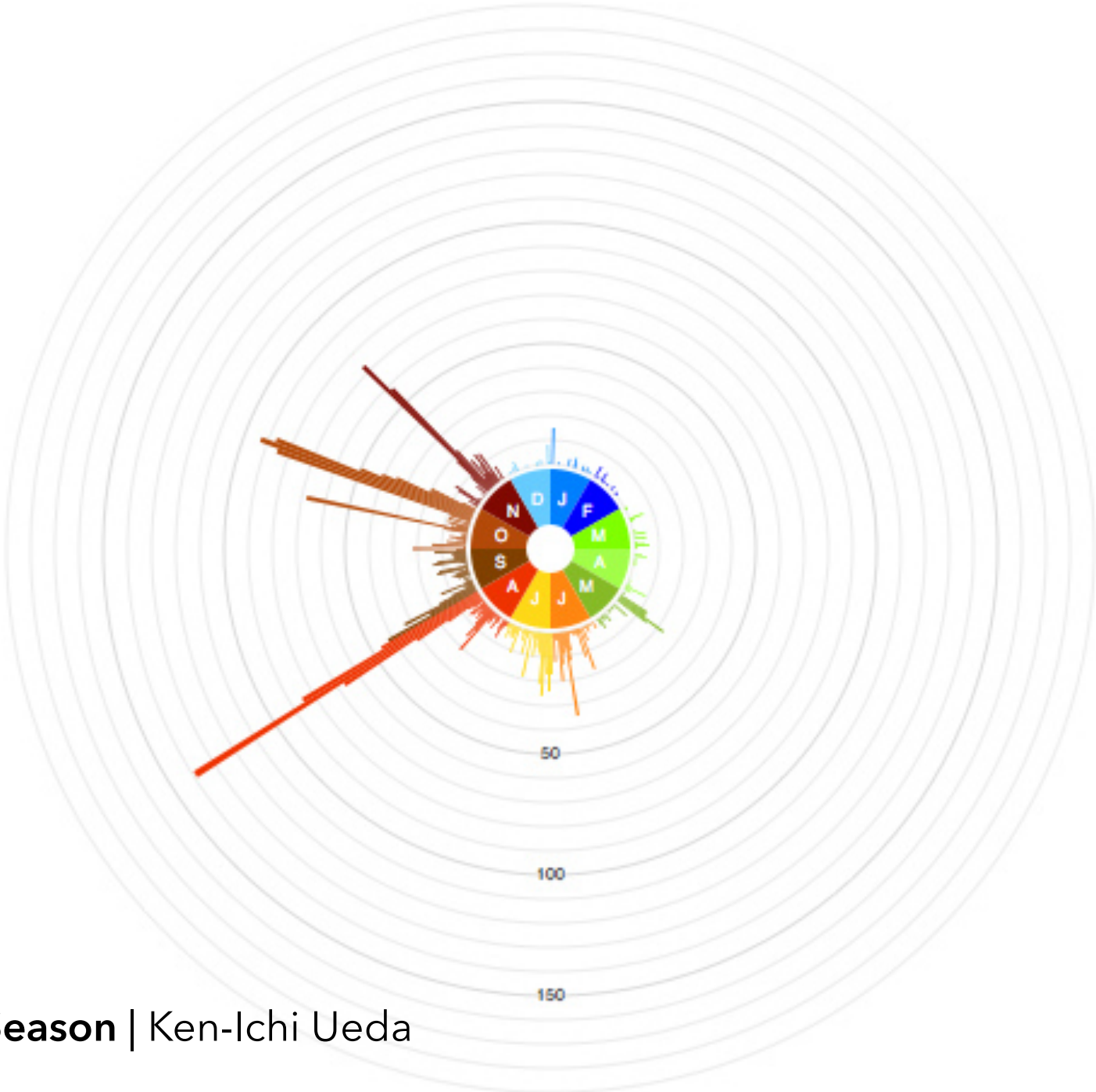
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- 26 - 29%
- 23 - 26%
- 20 - 23%
- 17 - 20%
- 14 - 17%



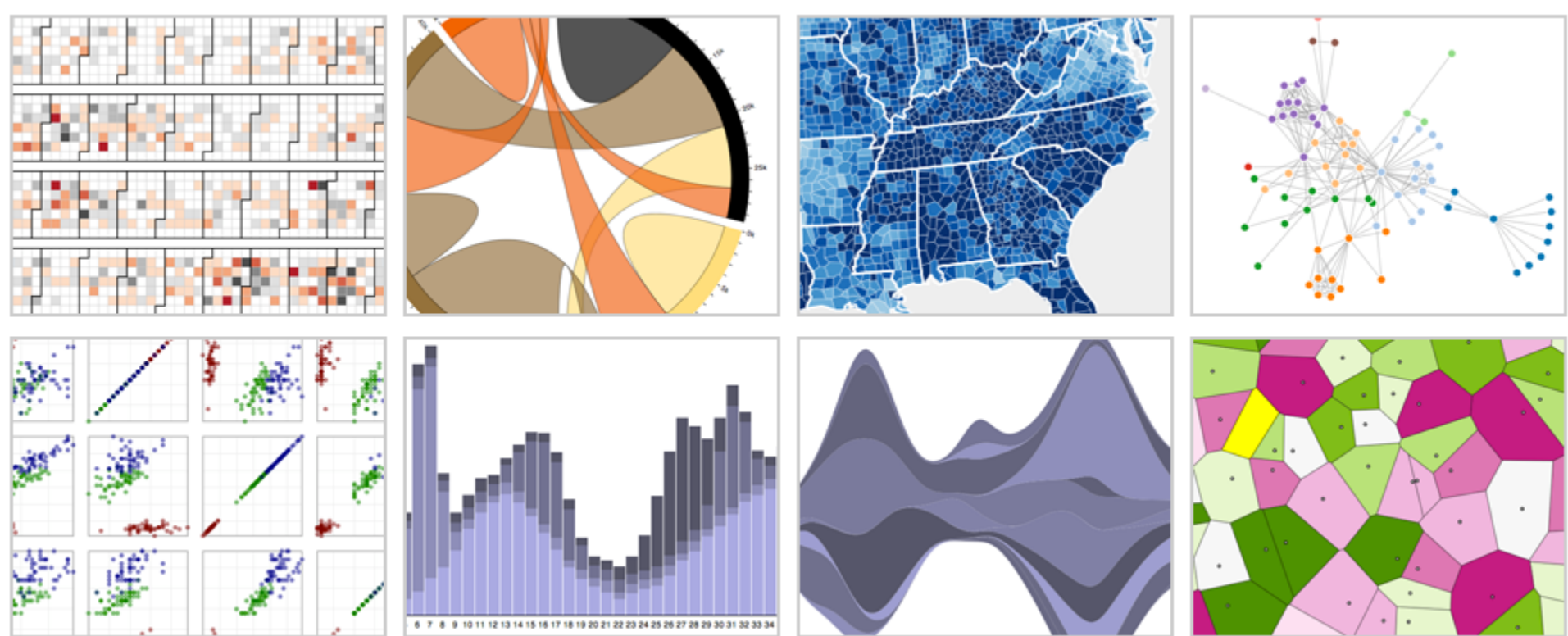


Obesity Map | Vadim Ogievetsky





d3.js Data-Driven Documents



with **Mike Bostock**, Jason Davies & Vadim Ogievetsky

Protovis

Specialized mark types

- + Streamlined design
- Limits expressiveness
- More overhead (slower)
- Harder to debug
- Self-contained model

Specify a scene (nouns)

- + Quick for static vis
- Delayed evaluation
- Animation, interaction
are more cumbersome

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- Harder to debug
- Self-contained model

Specify a scene (nouns)

- + Quick for static vis
- Delayed evaluation
- Animation, interaction
are more cumbersome

D3

Bind data to DOM

- Exposes SVG/CSS/...
- + Exposes SVG/CSS/...
- + Less overhead (faster)
- + Debug in browser
- + Use with other tools

Transform a scene (verbs)

- More complex model
- + Immediate evaluation
- + Dynamic data, anim,
and interaction natural

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// Select & update existing rectangles contained in the SVG element
svg.selectAll("rect") // select all SVG rectangles
    .attr("width", 100) // set rect widths to 100px
    .style("fill", "steelblue"); // set rect fill colors
```

Data Binding

Selections can *bind* data and **DOM** elements.

```
var values = [ {...}, {...}, {...}, ... ]; // input data as JS objects
```

Data Binding

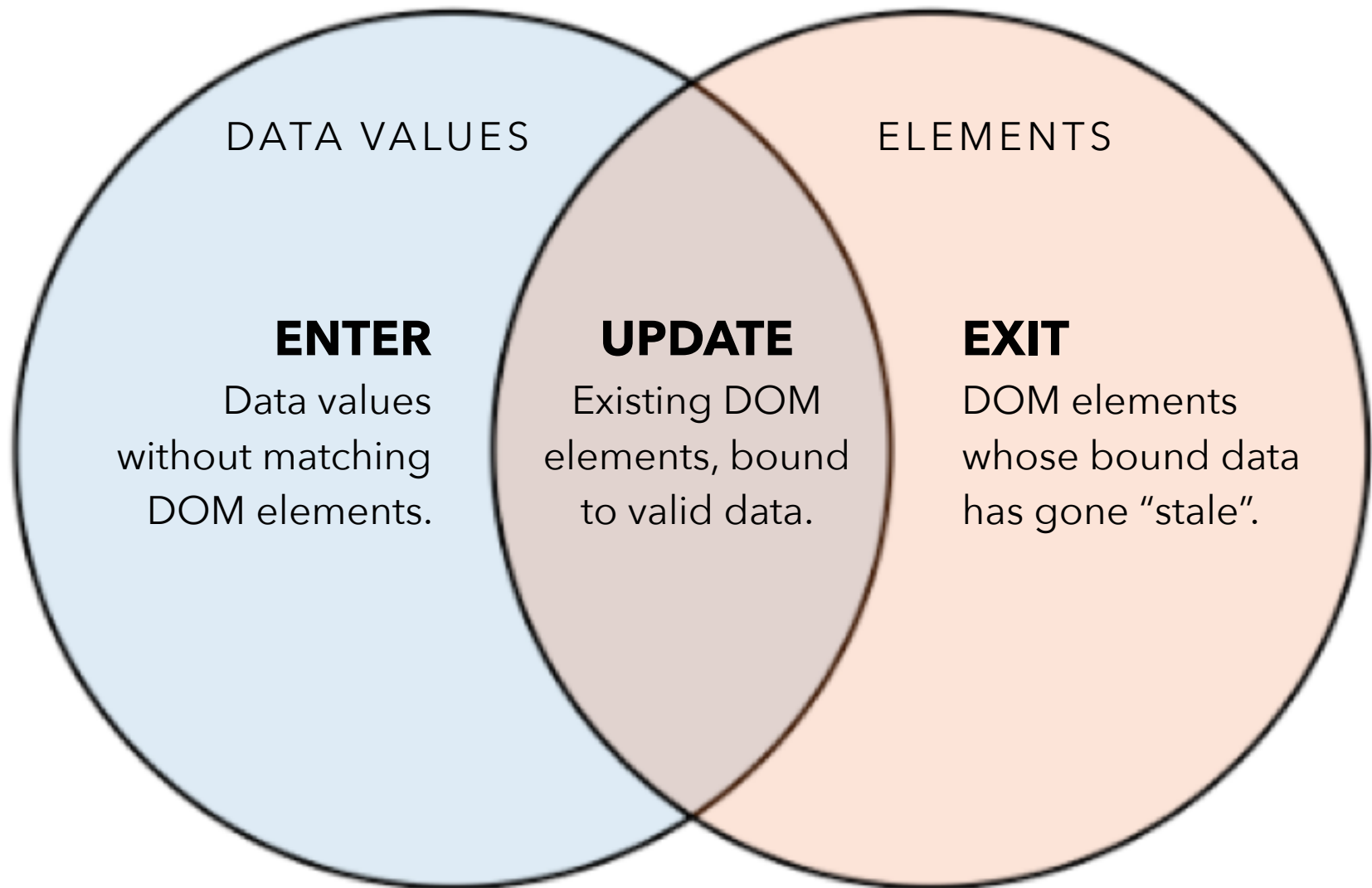
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```

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The Data Join



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var bars = svg.selectAll("rect.bars").data(values)
  .join(
    enter => enter.append("rect"), // create new
    update => update, // update current
    exit => exit.remove() // remove outdated
  )
```

D3 Modules

Data Parsing / Formatting (JSON, CSV, ...)

Shape Helpers (arcs, curves, areas, symbols, ...)

Scale Transforms (linear, log, ordinal, ...)

Color Spaces (RGB, HSL, LAB, ...)

Animated Transitions (tweening, easing, ...)

Geographic Mapping (projections, clipping, ...)

Layout Algorithms (stack, pie, force, trees, ...)

Interactive Behaviors (brush, zoom, drag, ...)

Many of these correspond to future lecture topics!

Ease-of-Use



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Expressiveness



Administrivia

A2: Exploratory Data Analysis

Use visualization software to form & answer questions

First steps:

Step 1: Pick domain & data

Step 2: Pose questions

Step 3: Profile the data

Iterate as needed

Create Data

Interact with data

Refine your questions

Author Report

Screenshots of most insightful views (8+)

Include titles and captions for each view



Due by 11:59pm

Monday, Oct 26

Tutorials

D3.js Deep Dive

In Class - Thursday, Oct. 29

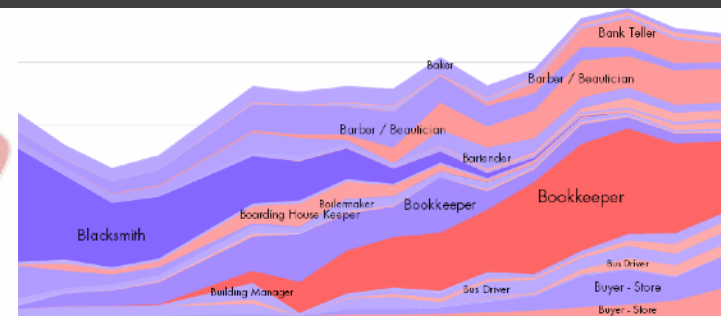
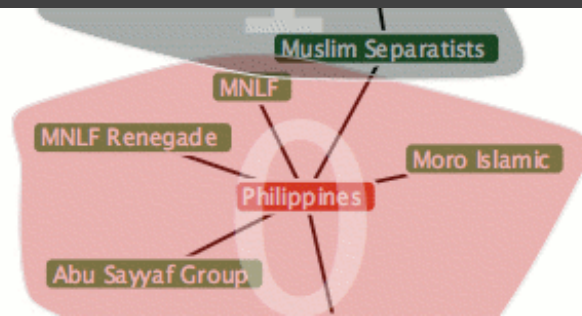
Led by Mick and Naveena

A3: Interactive Prototype

Create an interactive visualization. Choose a driving question for a dataset and develop an appropriate visualization + interaction techniques, then deploy your visualization on the web.

Due by *11:59pm* on **Monday, November 9.**

Work in project teams of 3-5 people.

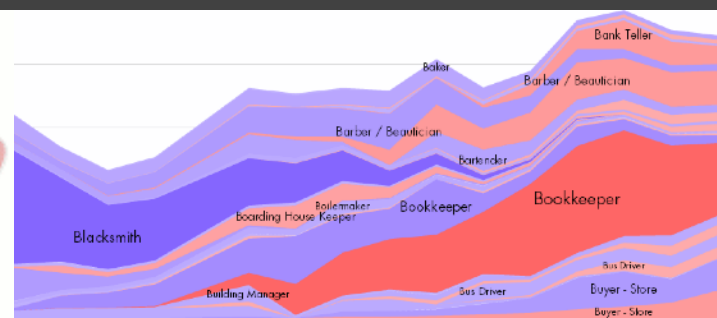
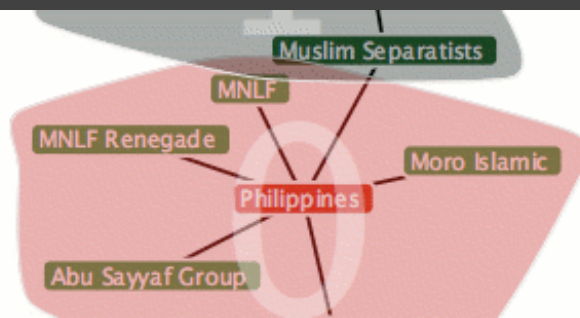


Requirements

Interactive. You must implement interaction methods! However, this is not only selection / filtering / tooltips. Also consider annotations or other narrative features to draw attention and provide additional context

Web-based. D3 is encouraged, but not required. Deploy visualization with GitHub pages or Observable.

Write-up. Provide design rationale on your web page.



A3 & Final Project Team

Form a **team of 3-5** for A3 and the Final Project.

Start thinking about your Final Project, too!

A3 is open-ended, but you can use it to start exploring your FP topic if you like.

Submit signup form by **Friday 10/30, 11:59pm.**

If you do not have team mates, you should:

- Post on Ed about your interests/project ideas

Team Member Roles

We encourage you to structure team responsibilities!

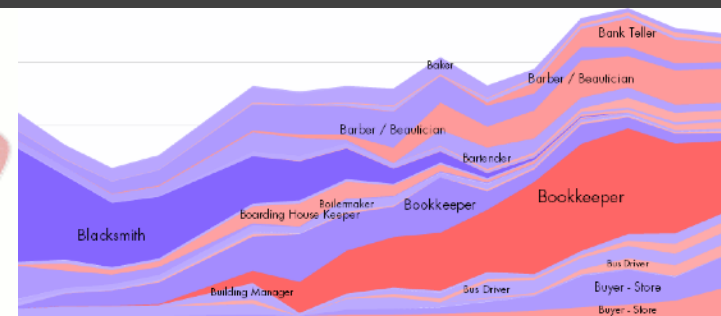
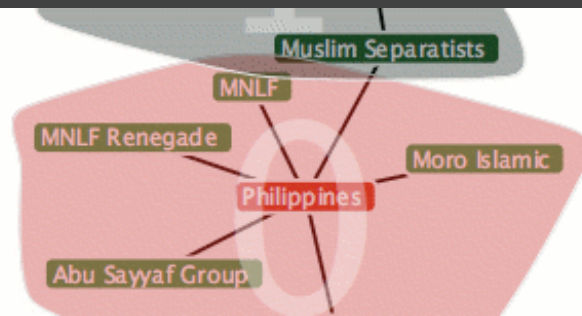
Coordinator: Organize meetings, track deadlines, etc.

Data Lead: Data wrangling, management, distillation

Tech Lead: Manage code integration, GitHub repo

UX Lead: Visualization/interaction design & evaluation

One may have multiple roles, share work across roles...

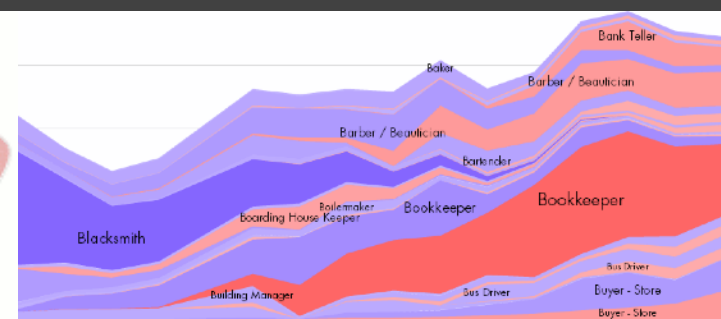
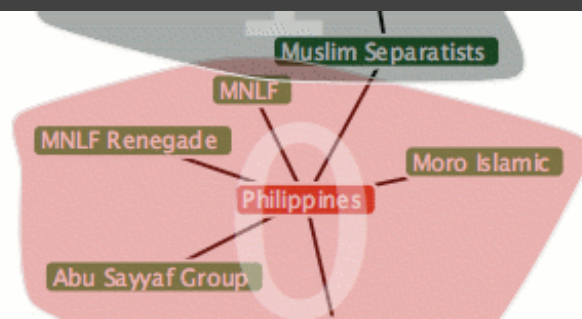


Interactive Prototype Tips

Start now. It will take longer than you think.

Keep it simple. Choose a *minimal* set of interactions that enables users to explore and generate interesting insights. Do not feel obligated to convey *everything* about the data: focus on a compelling subset.

Promote engagement. How do your chosen interactions reveal interesting observations?



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What is a Declarative Language?

Programming by describing *what*, not *how*

Separate **specification** (*what you want*) from **execution** (*how it should be computed*)

In contrast to **imperative programming**, where you must give explicit steps.

```
d3.selectAll("rect")  
  .data(my_data)  
  .join("rect")  
  .attr("x", d => xscale(d.foo))  
  .attr("y", d => yscale(d.bar))
```

The New York Times

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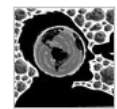


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Painting at 99, With No Compromises

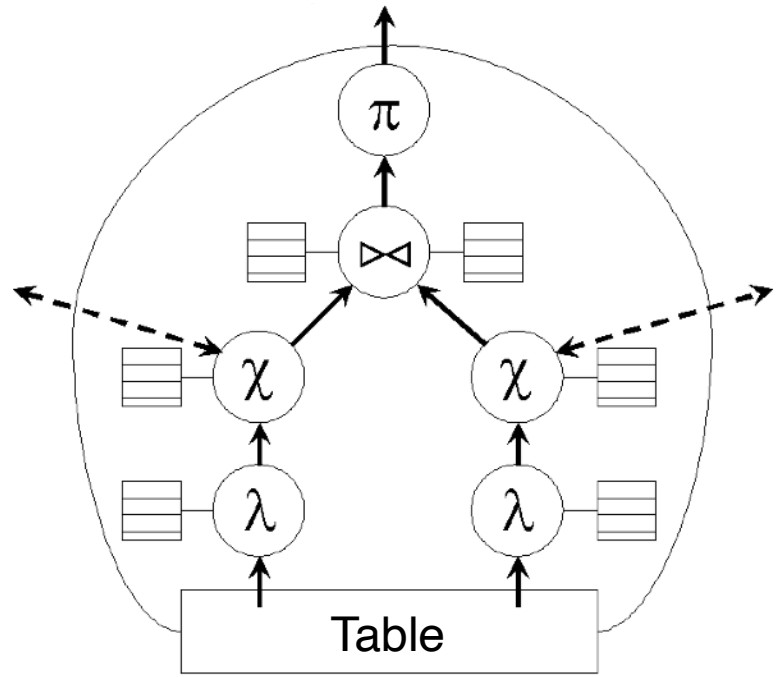
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<!--[if IE]><![endif]-->
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  <body id="home" style="visibility: visible;">
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    <a name="top"></a>
    <div id="shell">
      <ul id="memberTools">...</ul>
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      <!-- close .tabsContainer -->
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```

HTML / CSS

```

SELECT customer_id, customer_name,
COUNT(order_id) as total
FROM customers
INNER JOIN orders ON
customers.customer_id
= orders.customer_id
GROUP BY customer_id, customer_name
HAVING COUNT(order_id) > 5
ORDER BY COUNT(order_id) DESC
  
```

SQL

Why Declarative Languages?

Faster iteration, less code, larger user base?

Better visualization. *Smart defaults.*

Reuse. *Write-once, then re-apply.*

Performance. *Optimization, scalability.*

Portability. *Multiple devices, renderers, inputs.*

Programmatic generation.

Write programs which output visualizations.

Automated search & recommendation.

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Leland Wilkinson

**The Grammar
of Graphics**

Second Edition

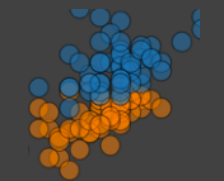
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Some Grammar of Graphics “Building Blocks”

Data Input data source to visualize.



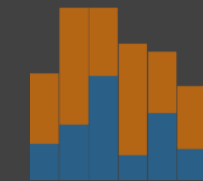
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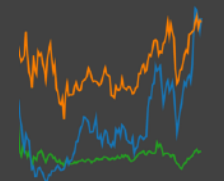
Point/Symbol

Transform Filter, aggregation, binning, etc.

Mark Data-representative graphics.



Bar

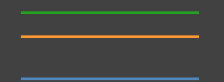


Line

Encoding Mapping between data and mark properties.

Abc

Text



Rule

Scale Functions that map data values to visual values.

Guides Axes & legends that visualize scales.

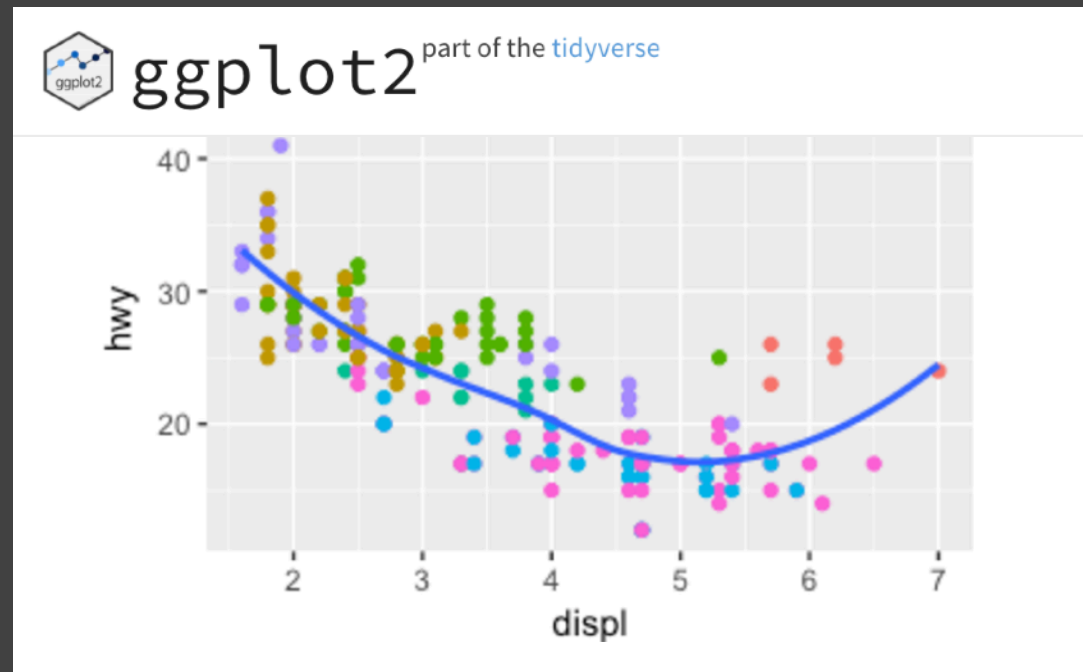


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Rect

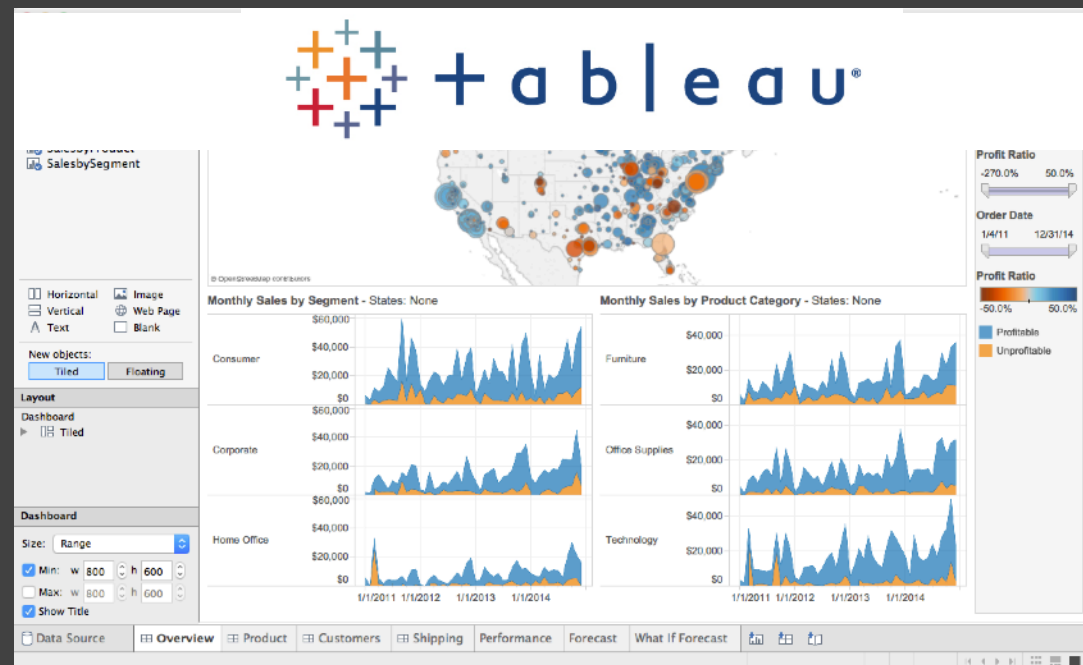
Tools Influenced by the Grammar of Graphics



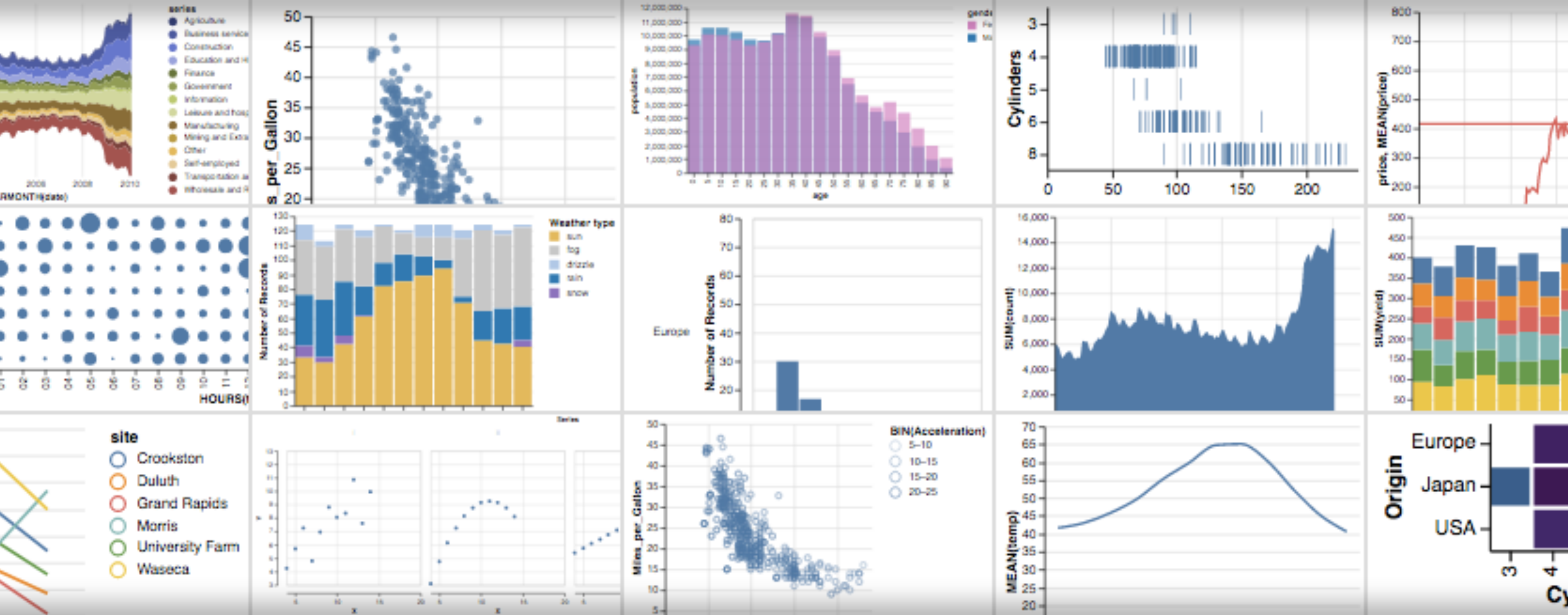
Facilitate **rapid exploration** with **concise** specifications by omitting low-level details.

Infer **sensible defaults** and allow customization by overriding defaults.

But **limited** support for *interaction*.



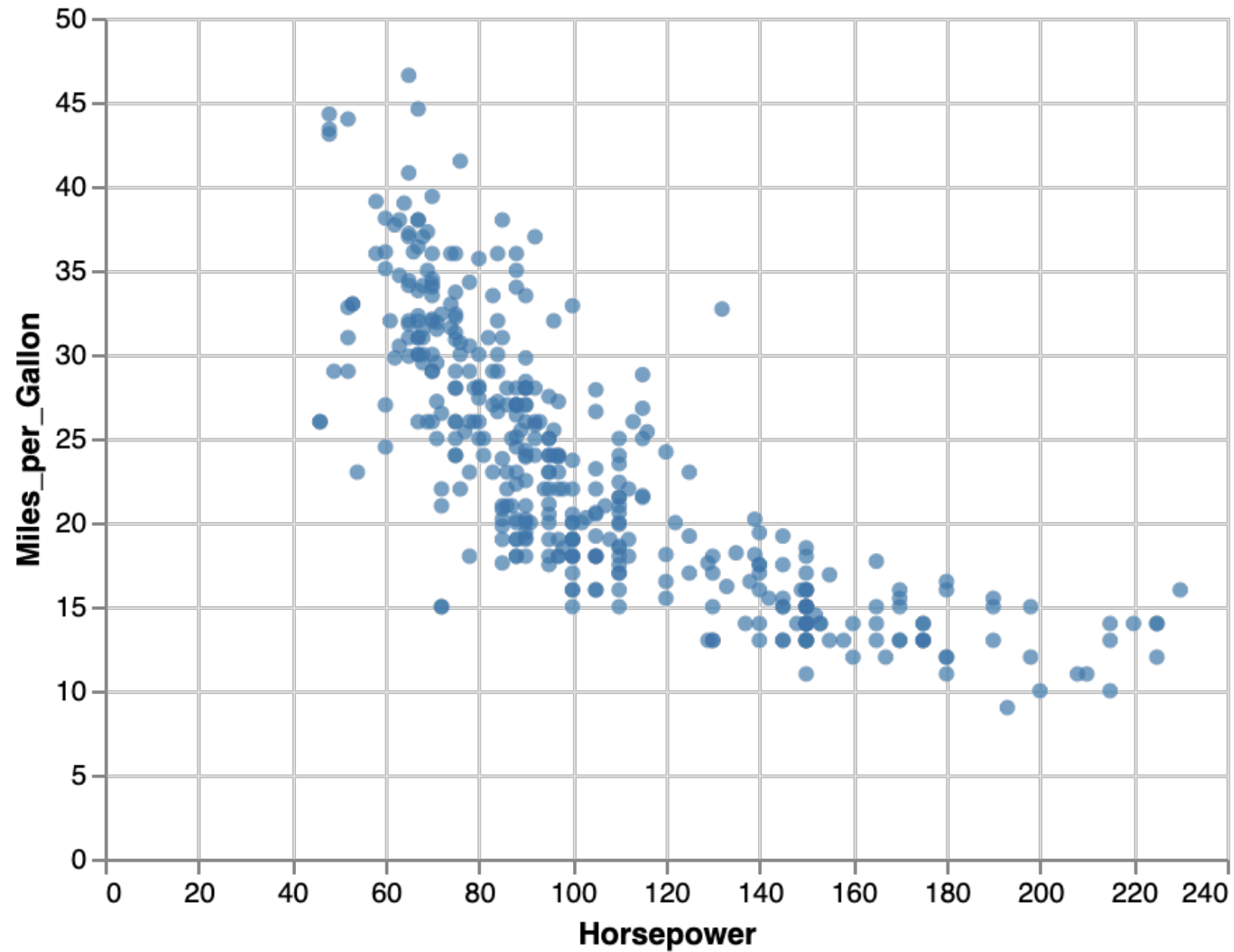
How might we author
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Vega-Lite: A Grammar of Interactive Graphics

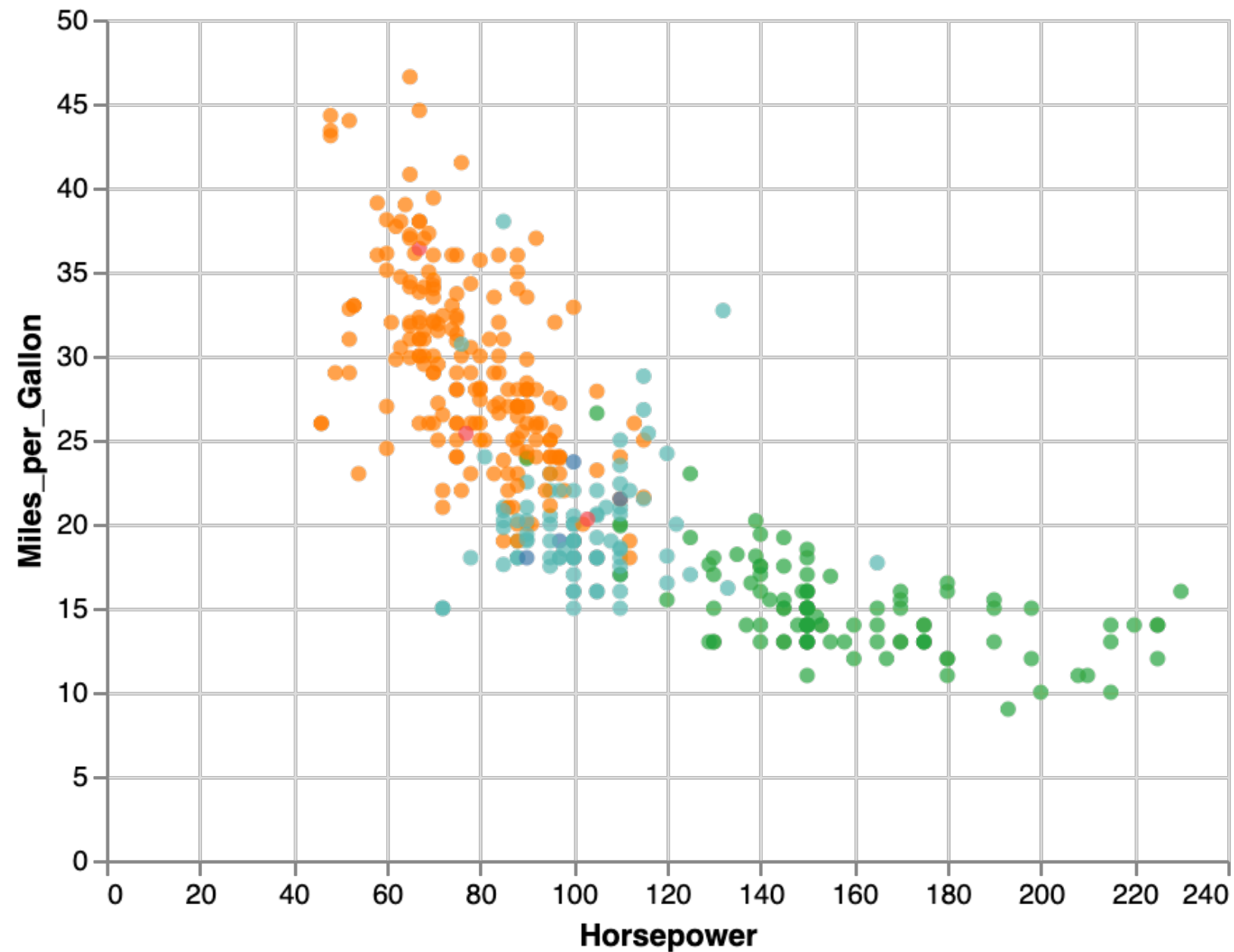
A. Satyanarayan, D. Moritz, K. Wongsuphasawat & J. Heer. *TVCG 2017*

Vega-Lite: Scatter Plot



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  )
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Vega-Lite: Scatter Plot



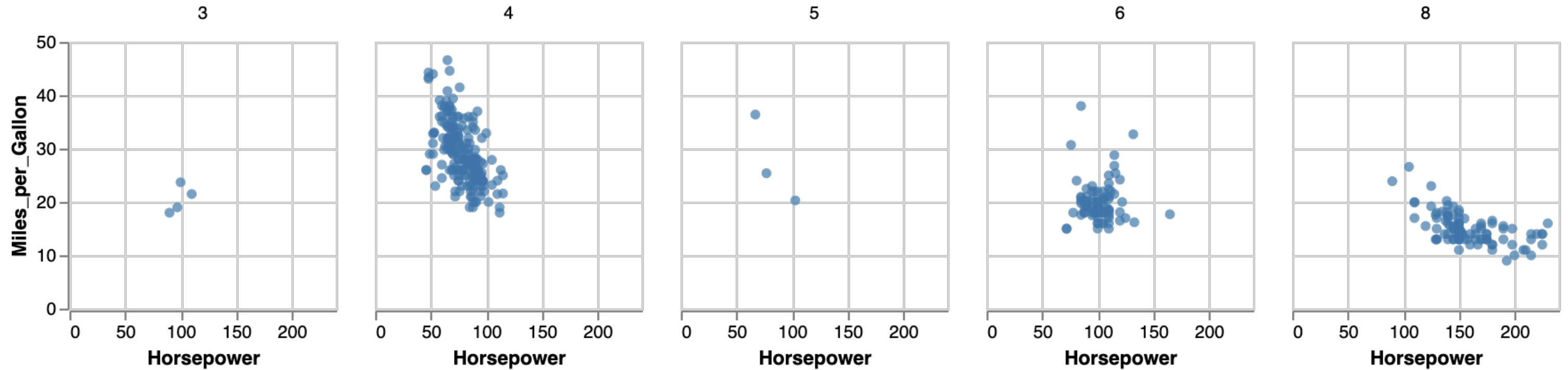
Cylinders



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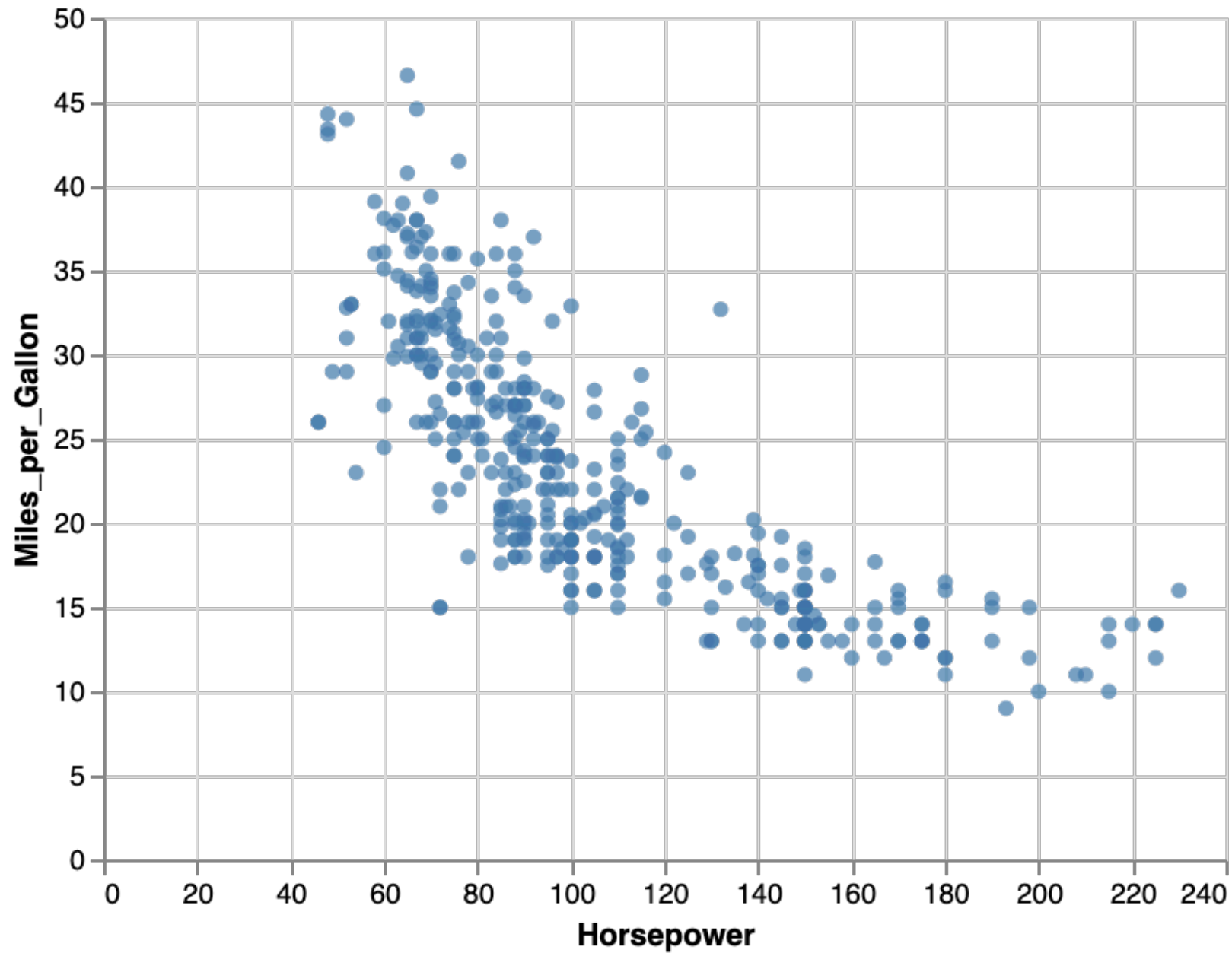
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Cylinders



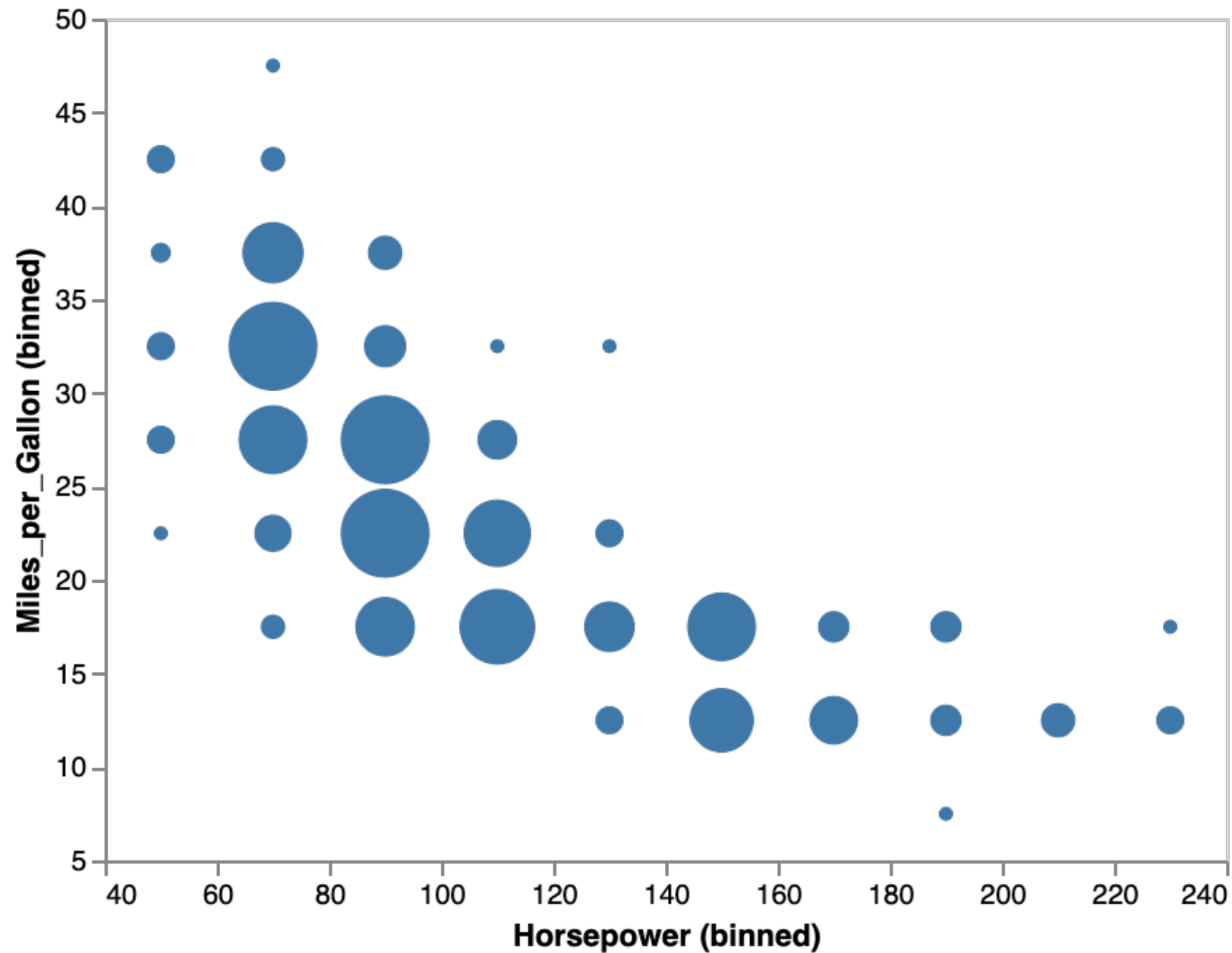
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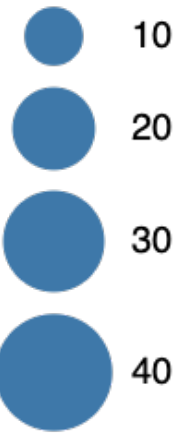


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Vega-Lite: 2D Density

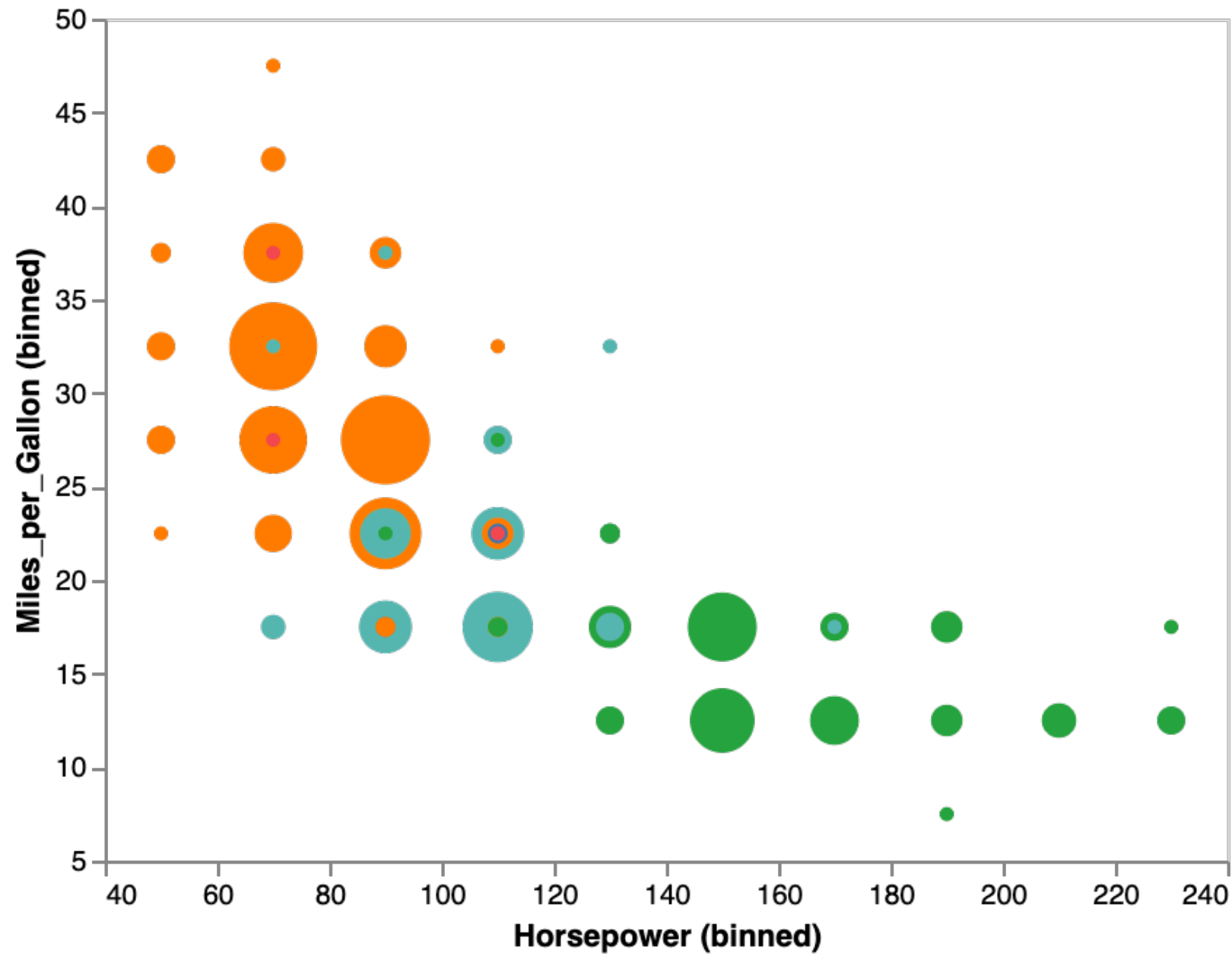


Count of Records



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  .encode(  
    x().fieldQ('Horsepower').bin(true),  
    y().fieldQ('Miles_per_Gallon').bin(true),  
    size().count()  
  )
```

Vega-Lite: 2D Density (Colored)



Cylinders

- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 8

Count of Records

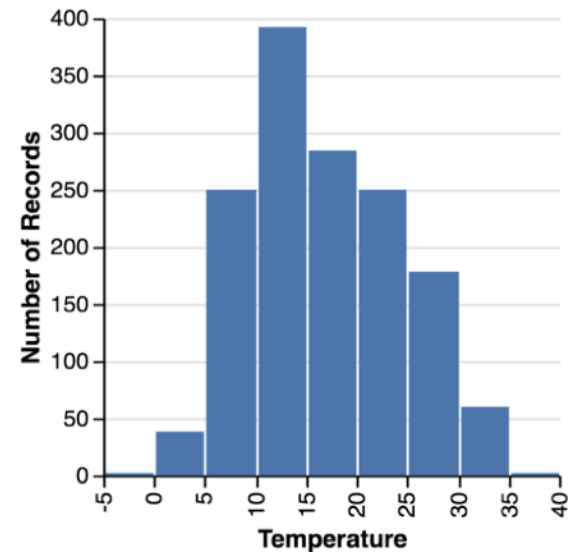
- 10
- 20
- 30
- 40

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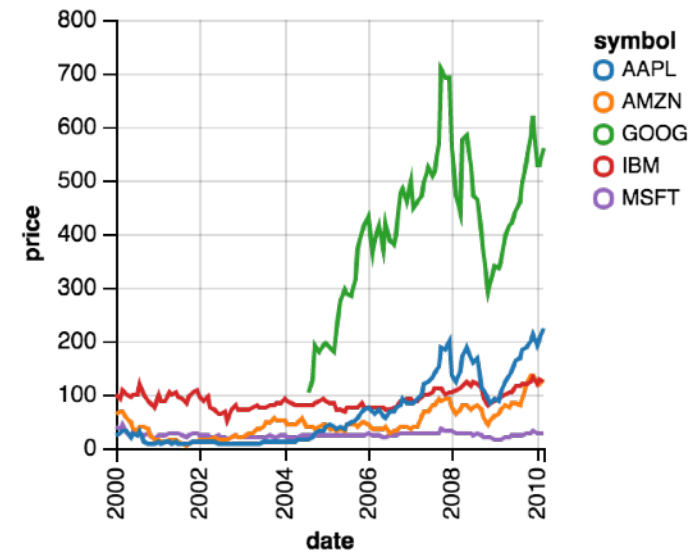
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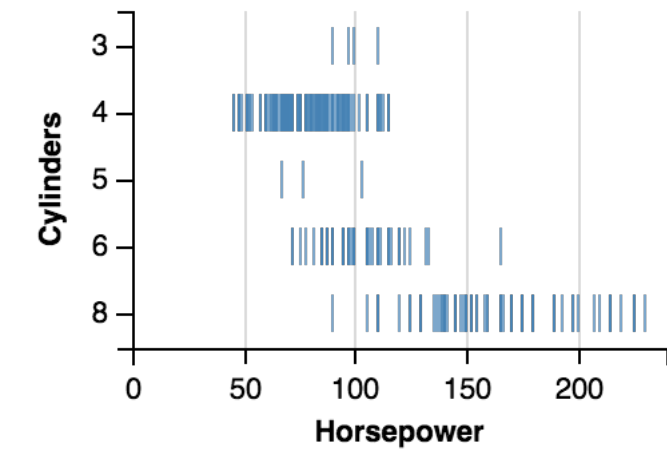
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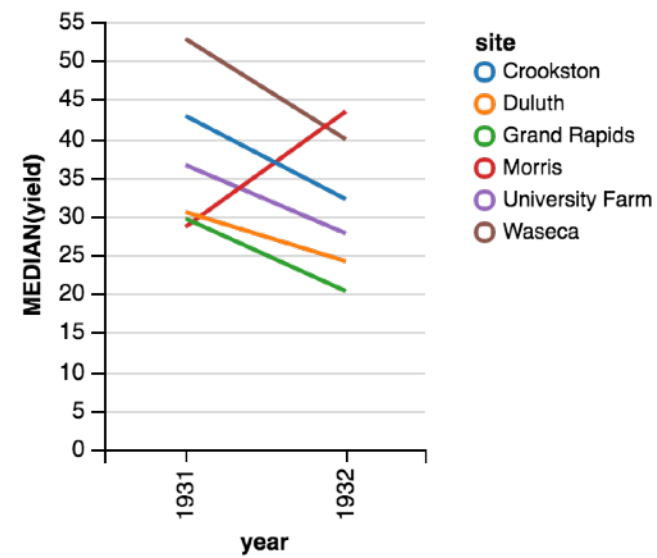
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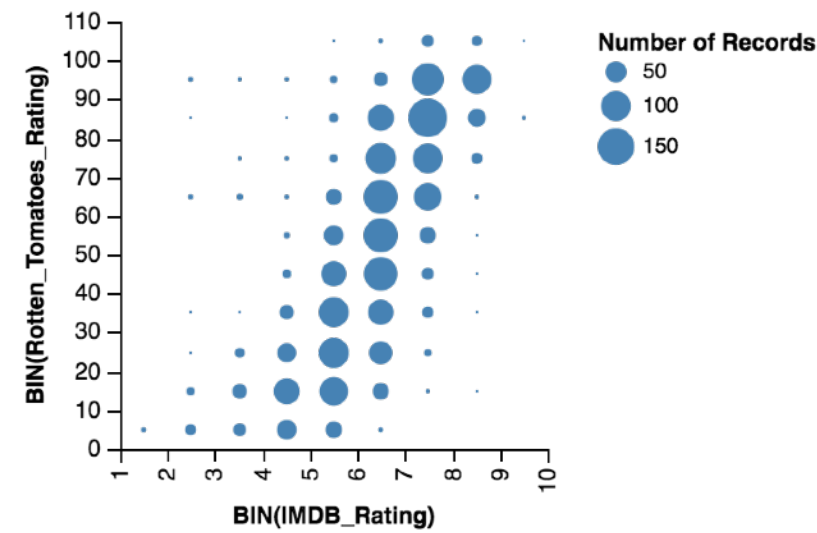
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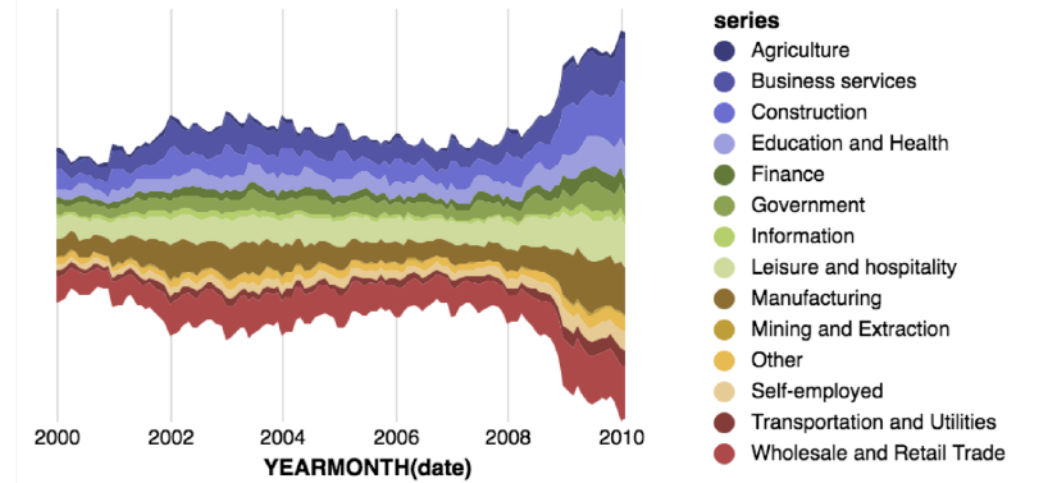
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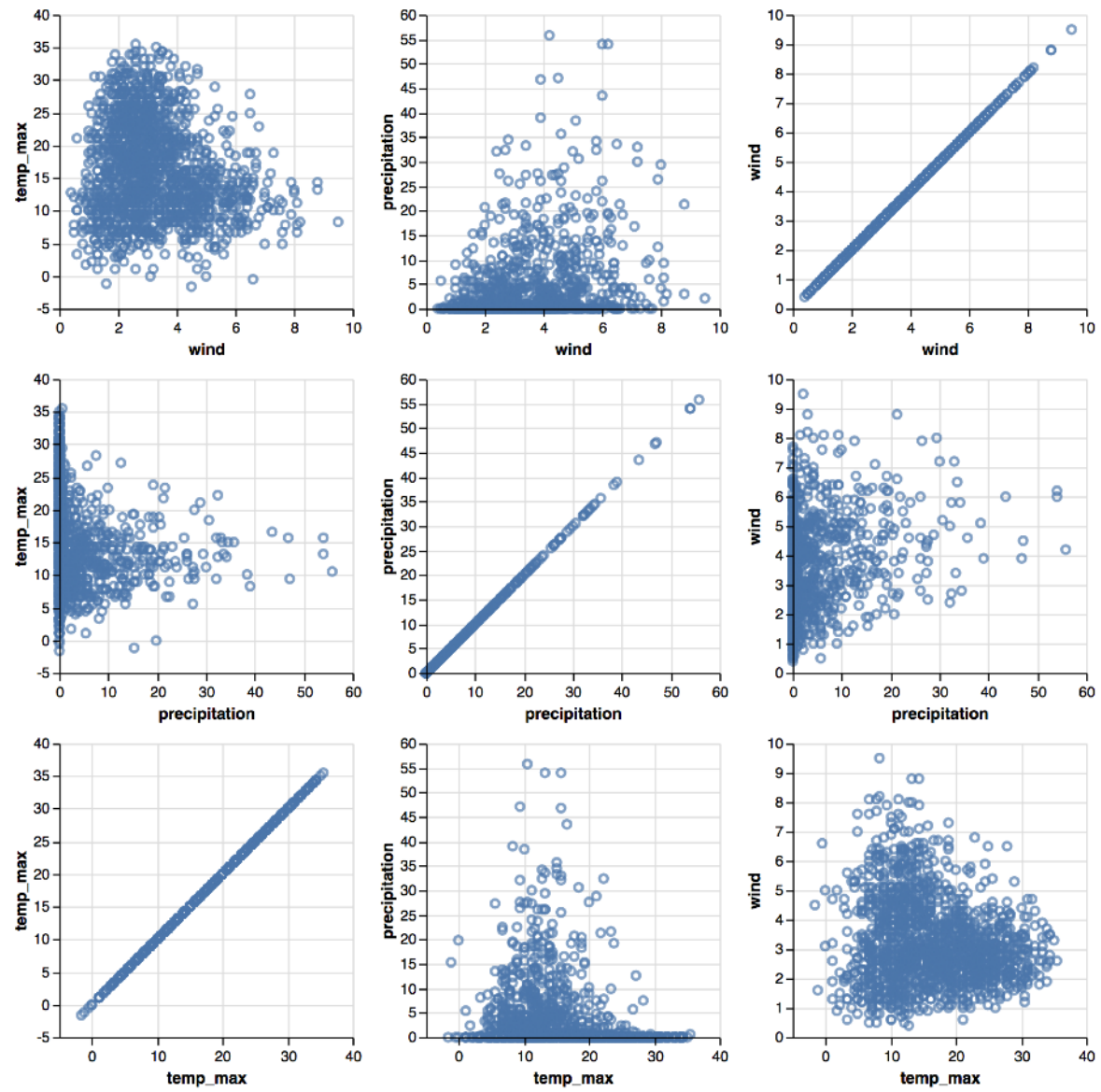


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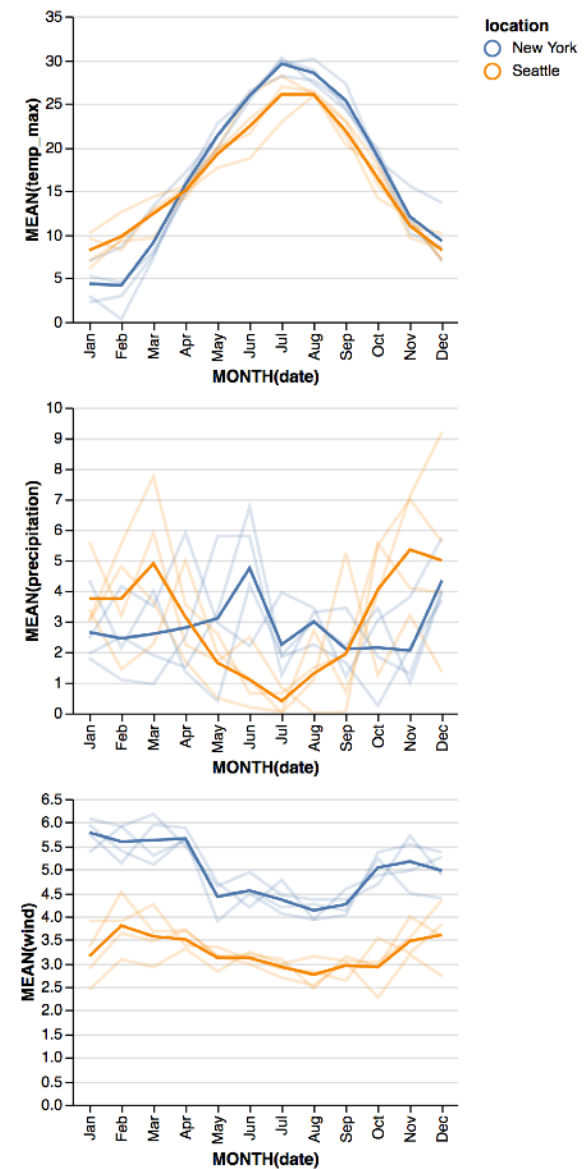


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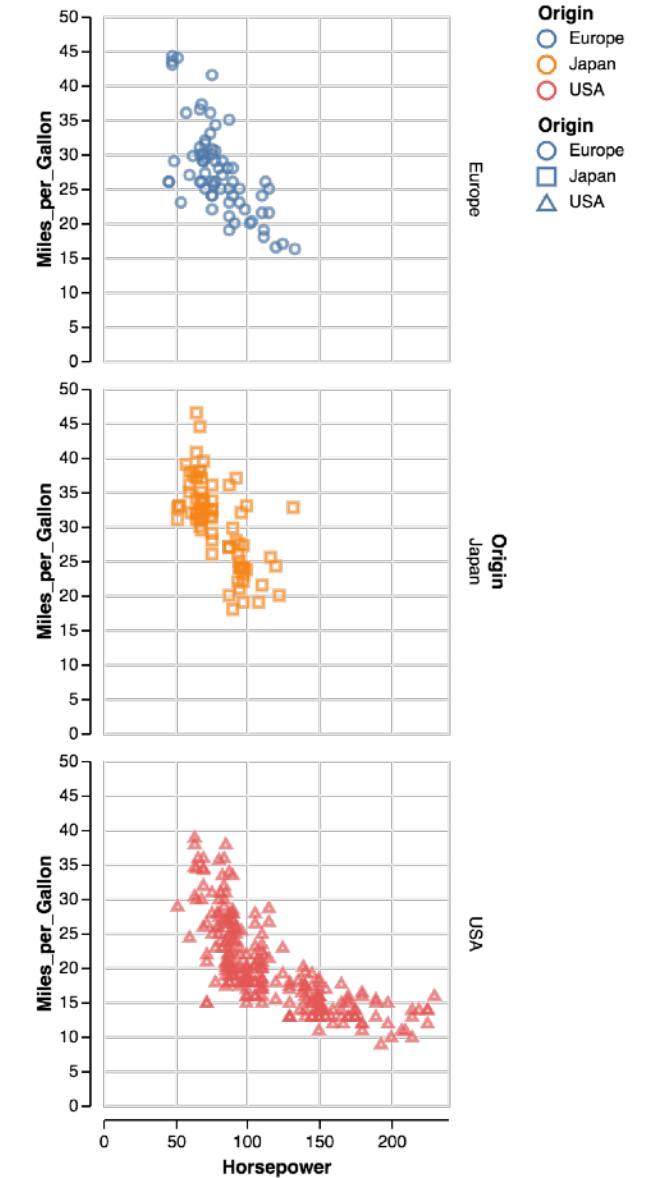
Scatter Plot Matrix



Concatenated & Layered View

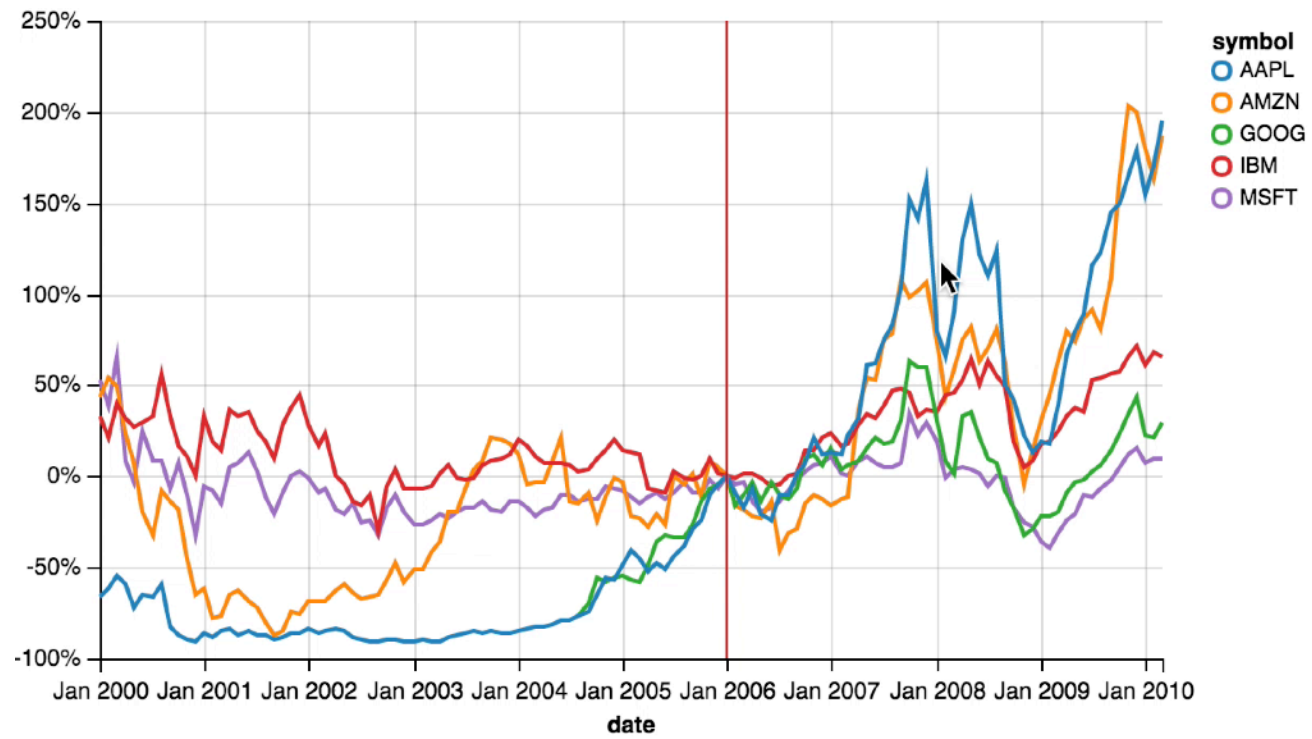


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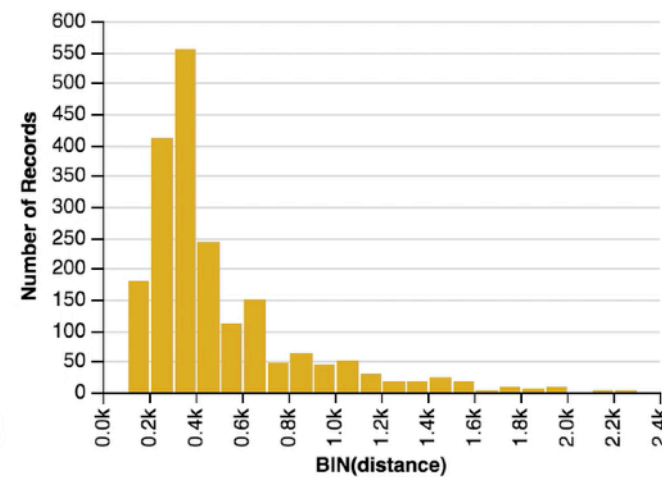
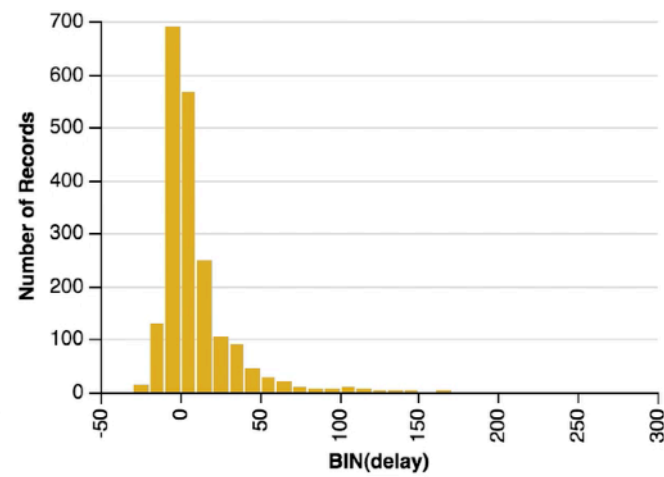
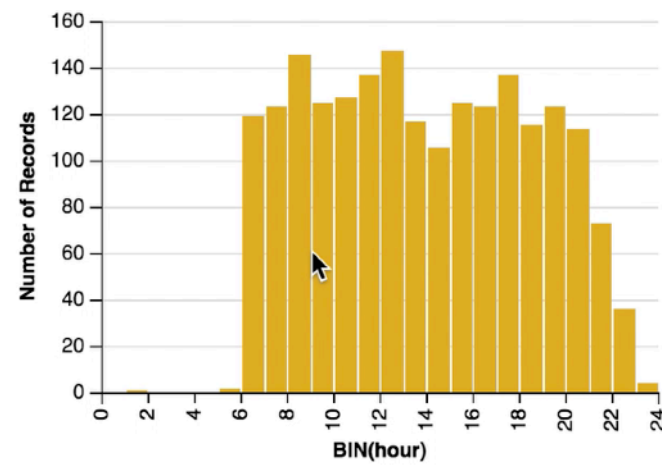
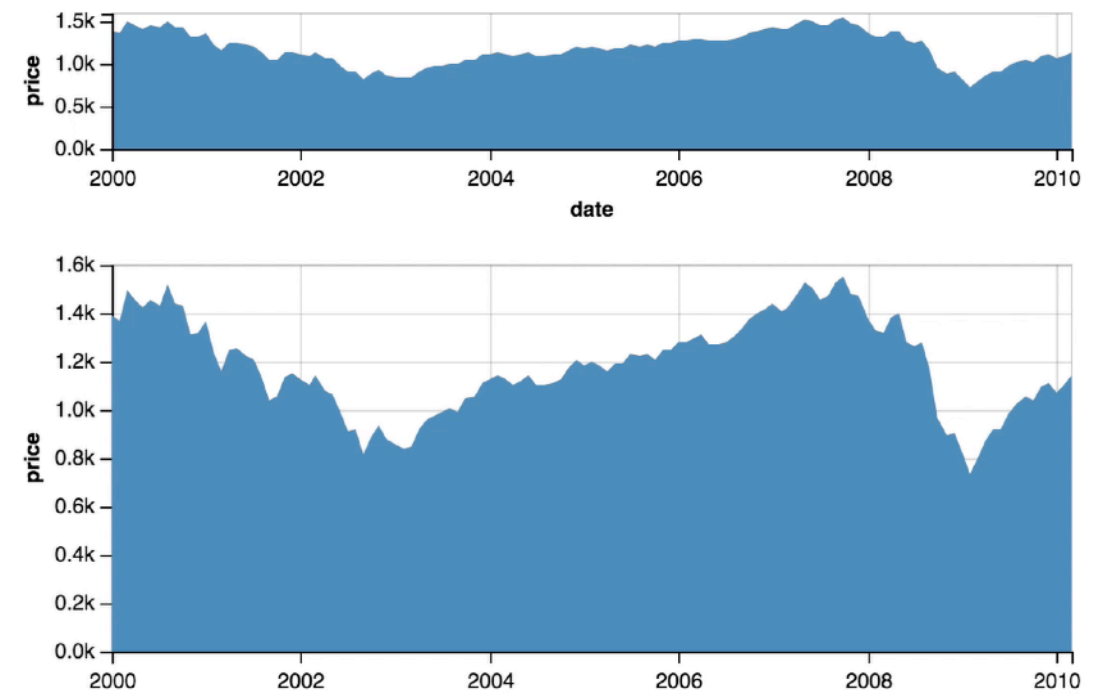


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Indexed Chart



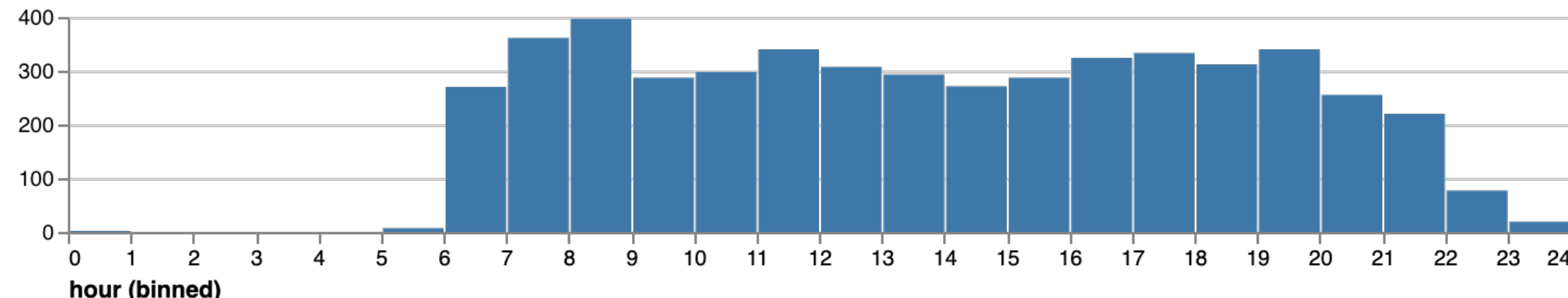
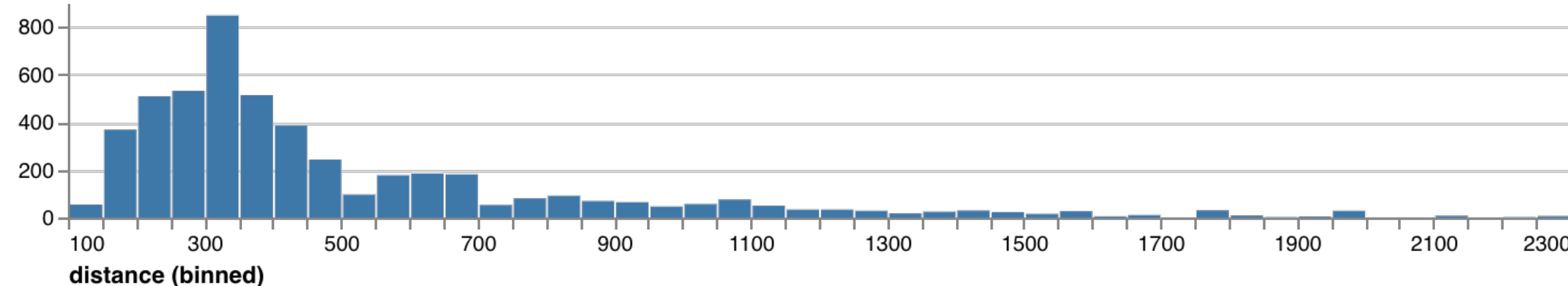
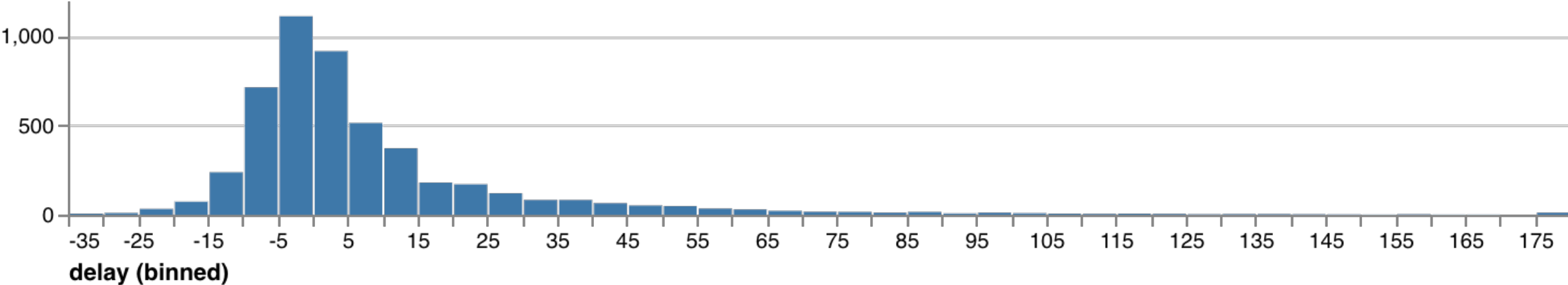
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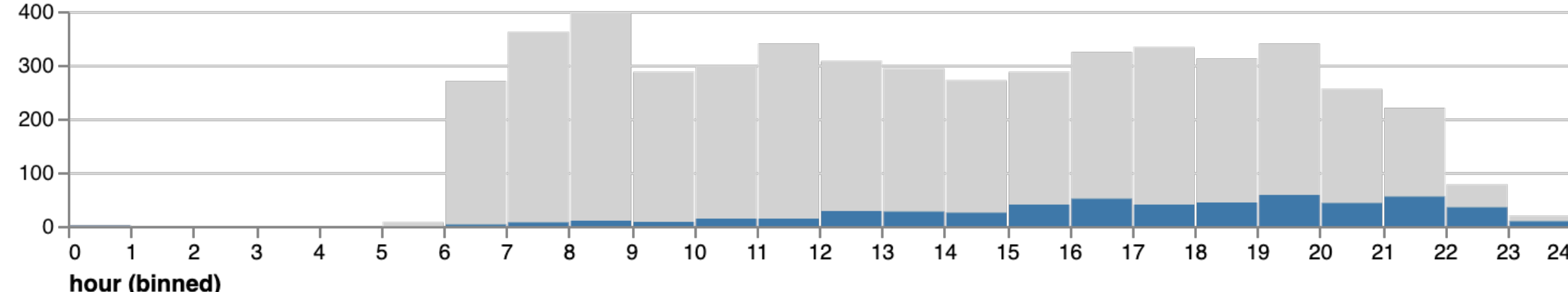
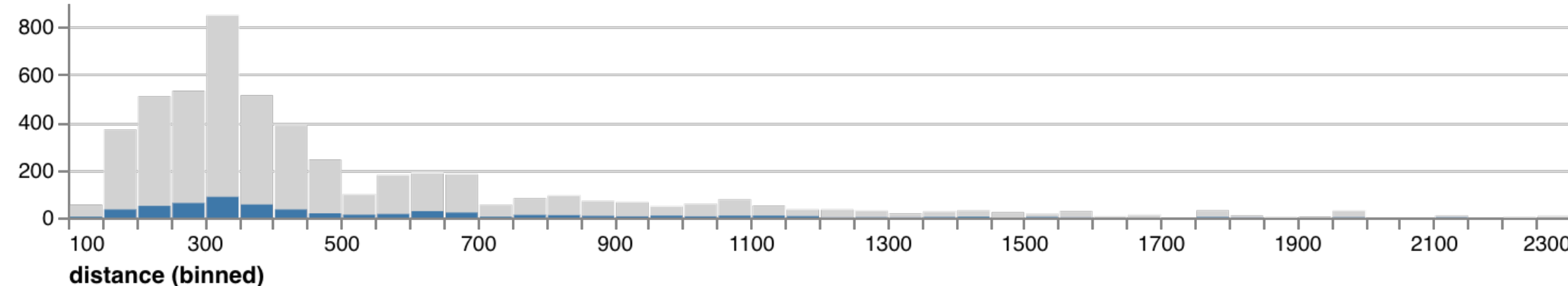
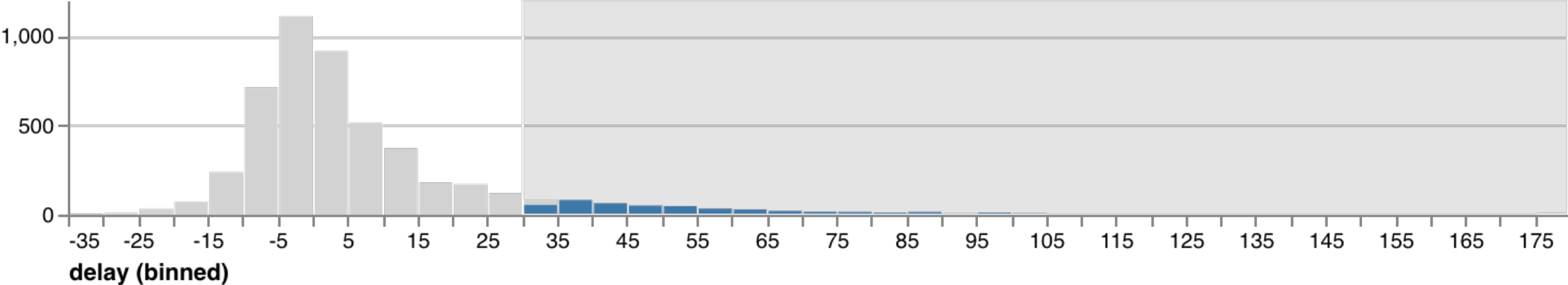
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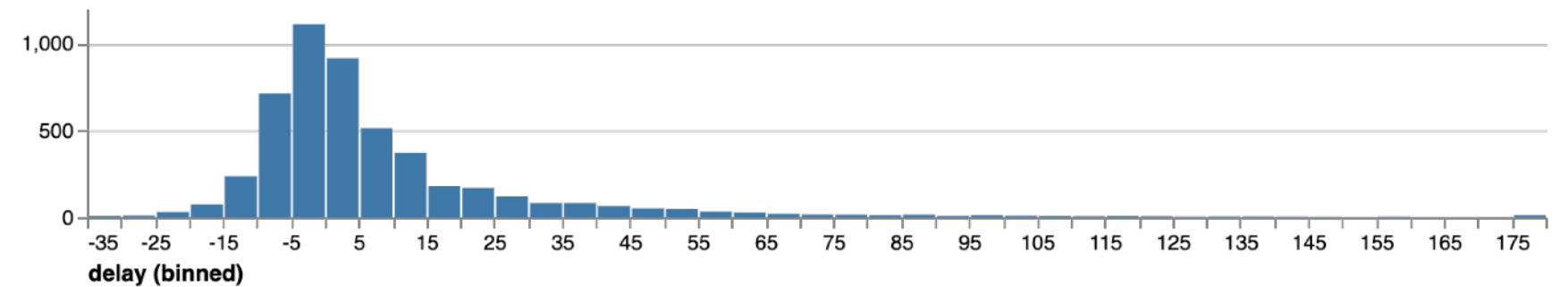


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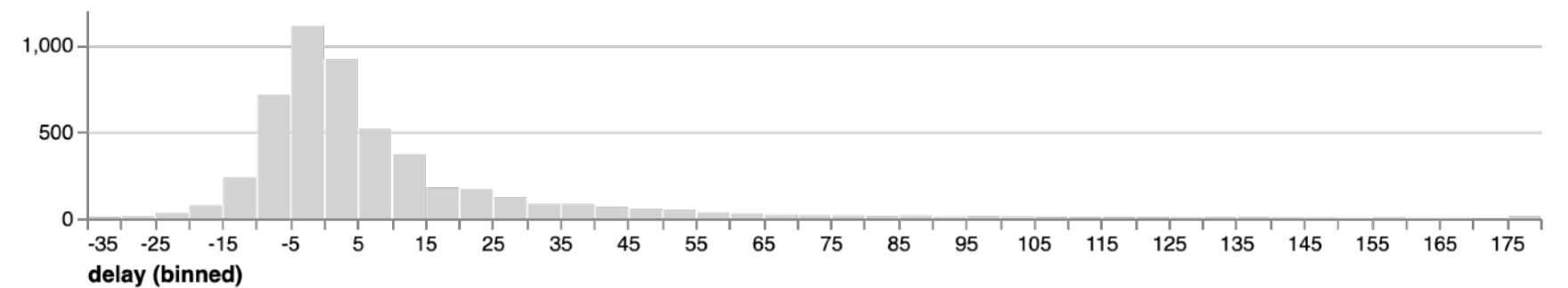
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  y().count()  
)  
.data('data/flights.json')
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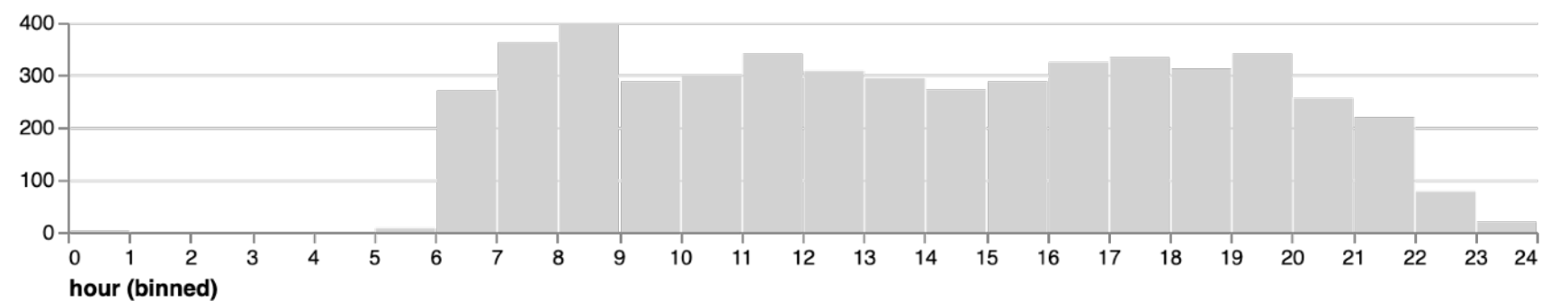
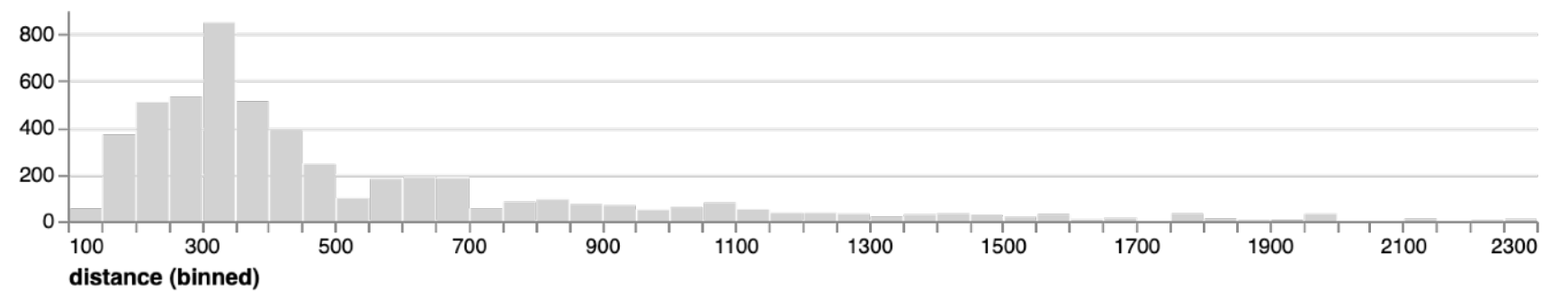
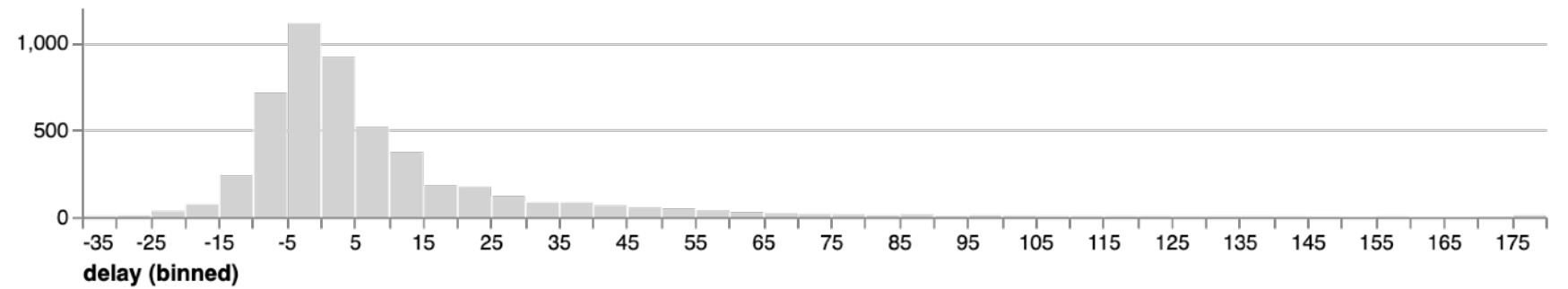
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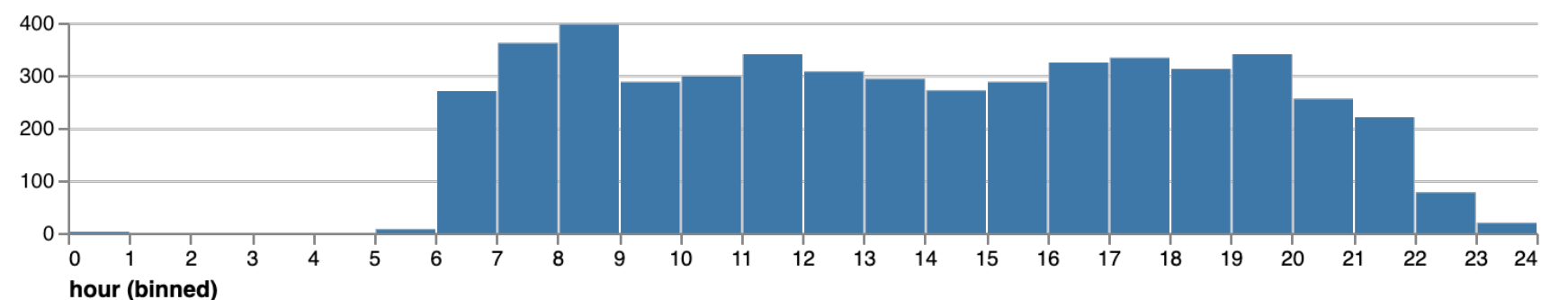
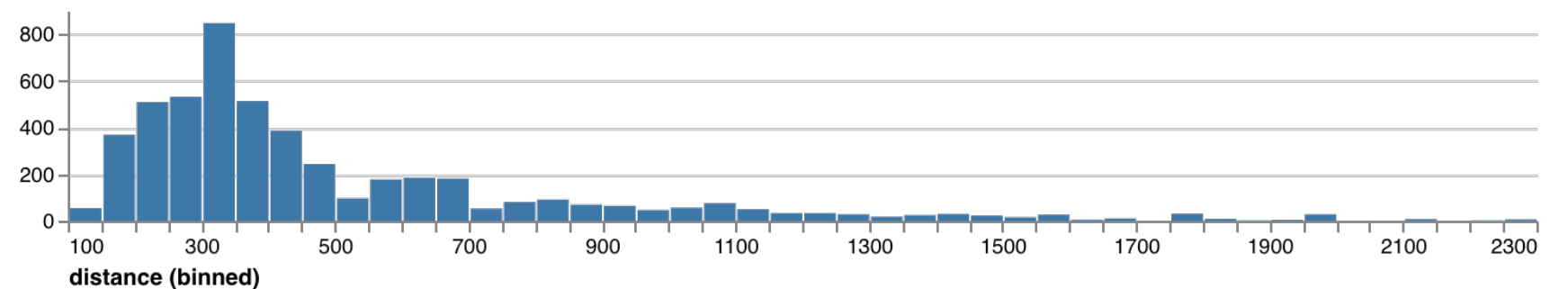
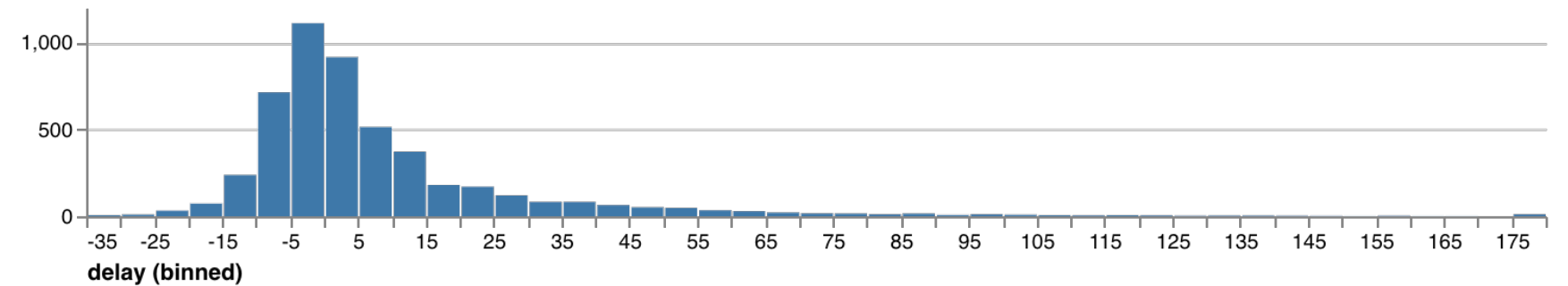
Cross-Filtering in Vega-Lite

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markBar().encode(  
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)  
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.data('data/flights.json')
```



Cross-Filtering in Vega-Lite

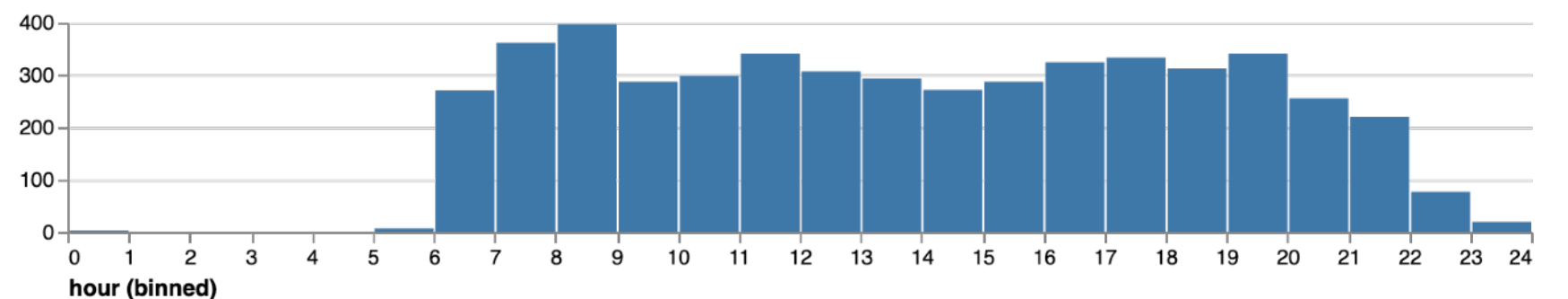
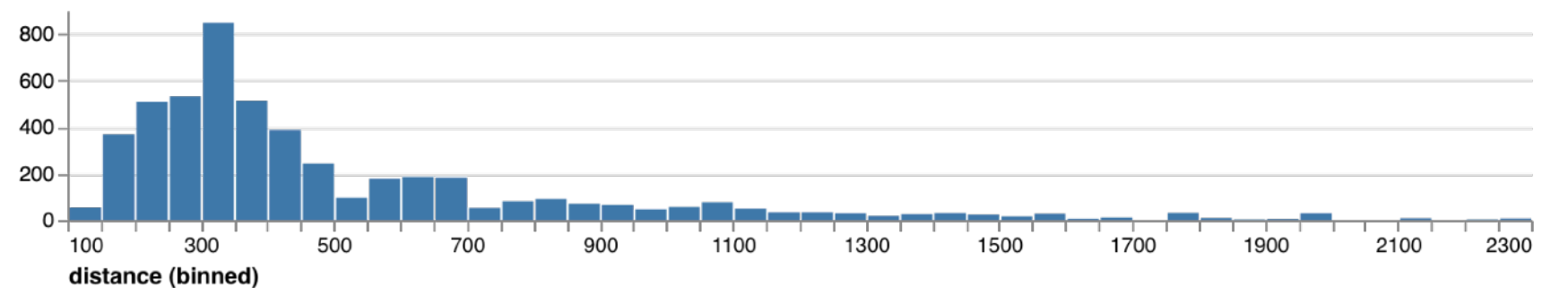
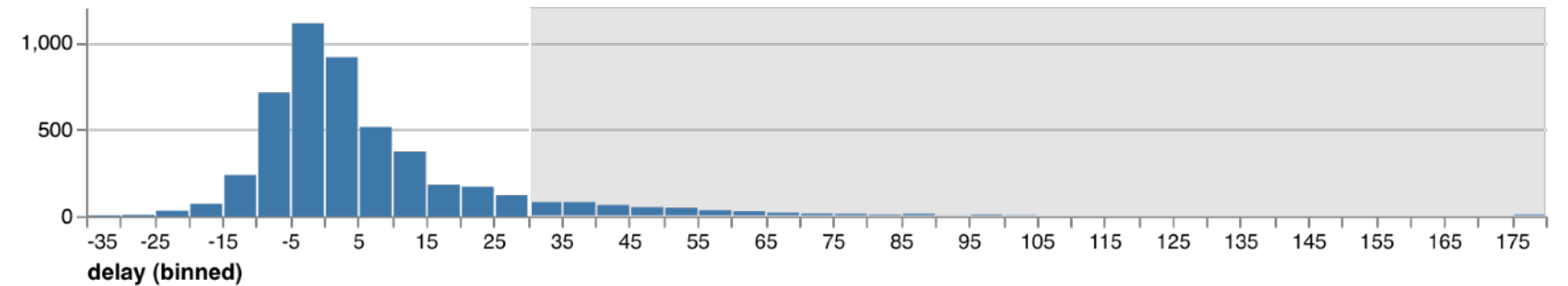
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  markBar().encode(  
    x().fieldQ(repeat('row')).bin(true),  
    y().count(),  
    color.value('lightgrey')  
  ),  
  markBar().encode(  
    x().fieldQ(repeat('row')).bin(true),  
    y().count()  
  )  
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Cross-Filtering in Vega-Lite

```
brush = selectInterval().encodings('x')

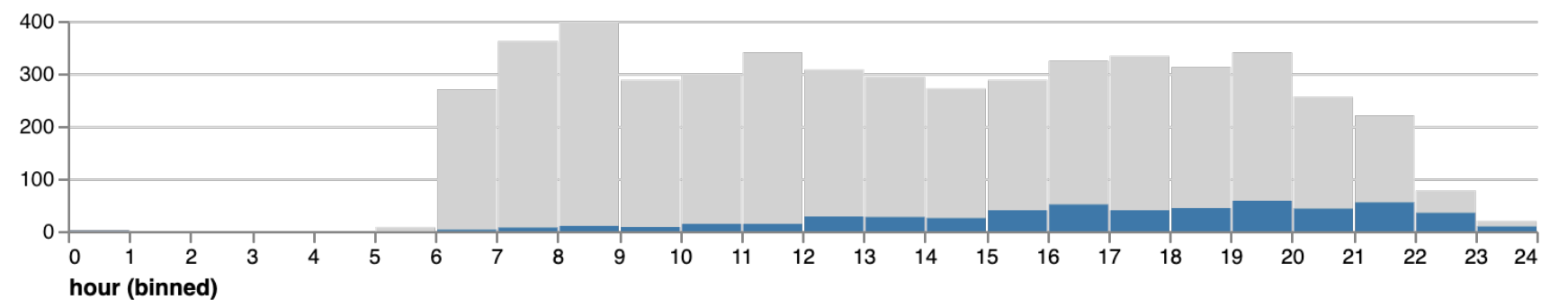
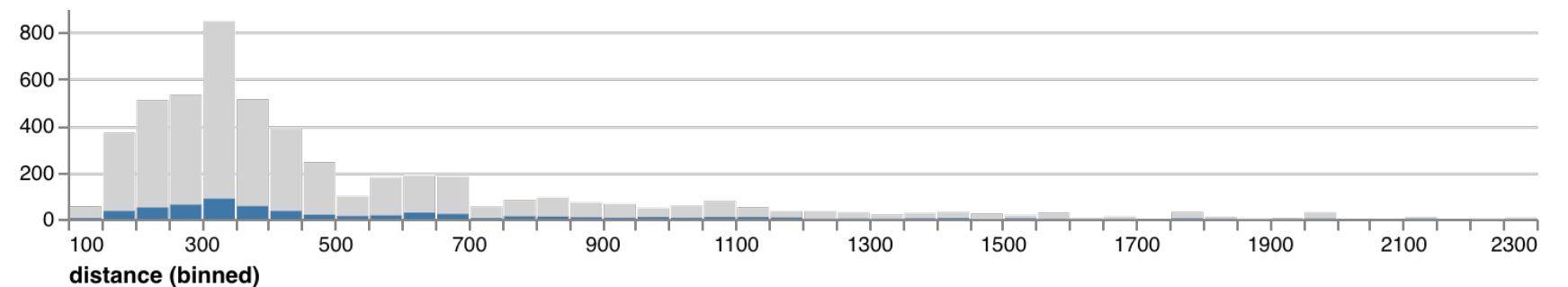
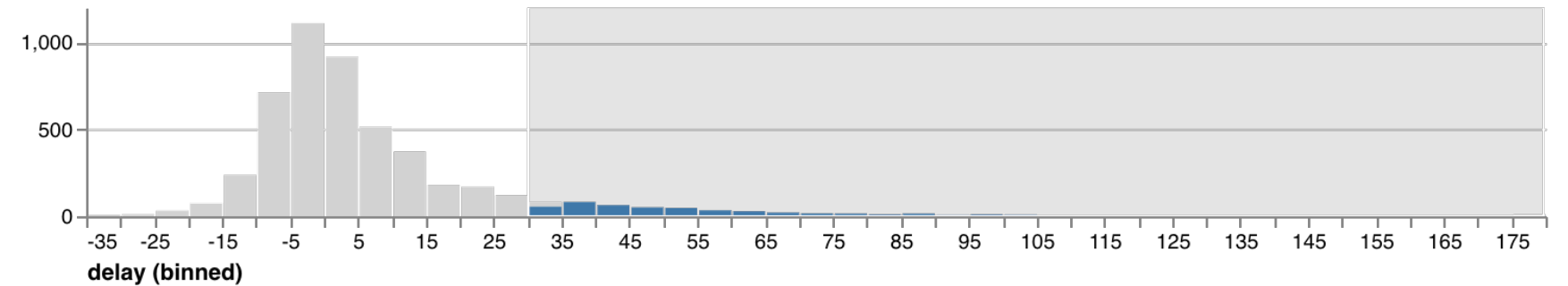
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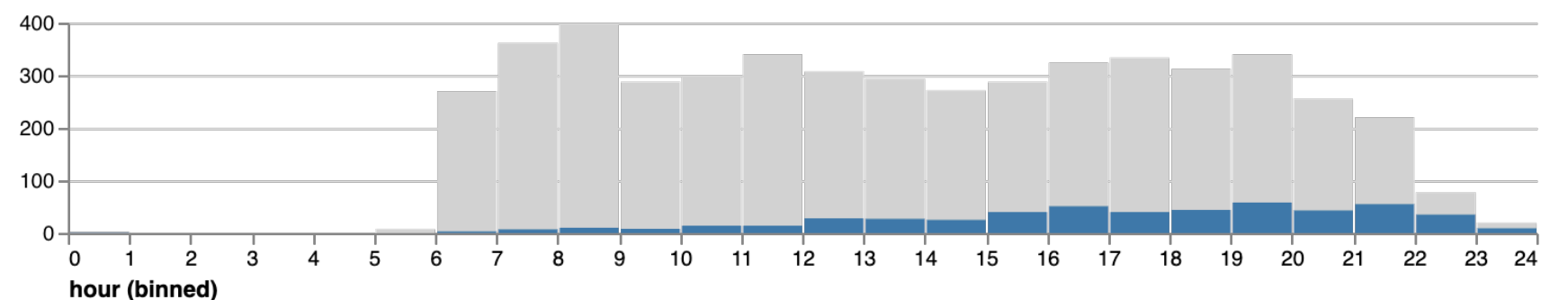
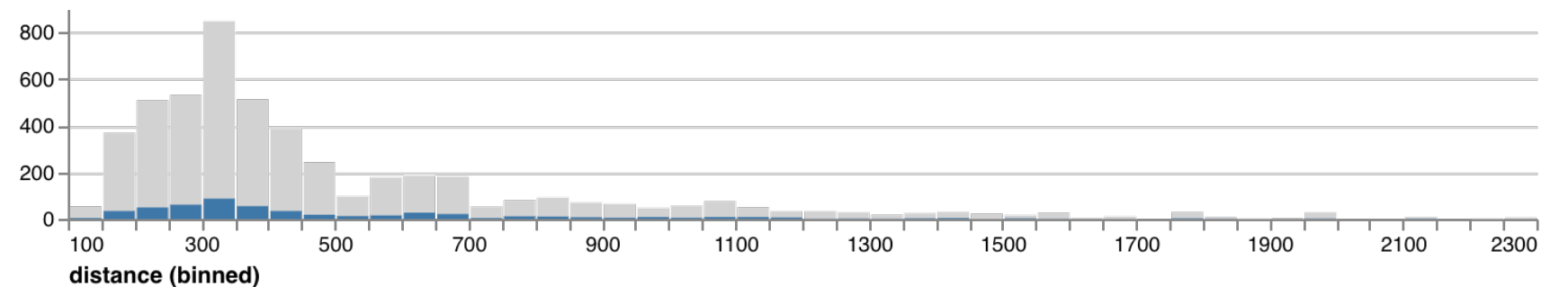
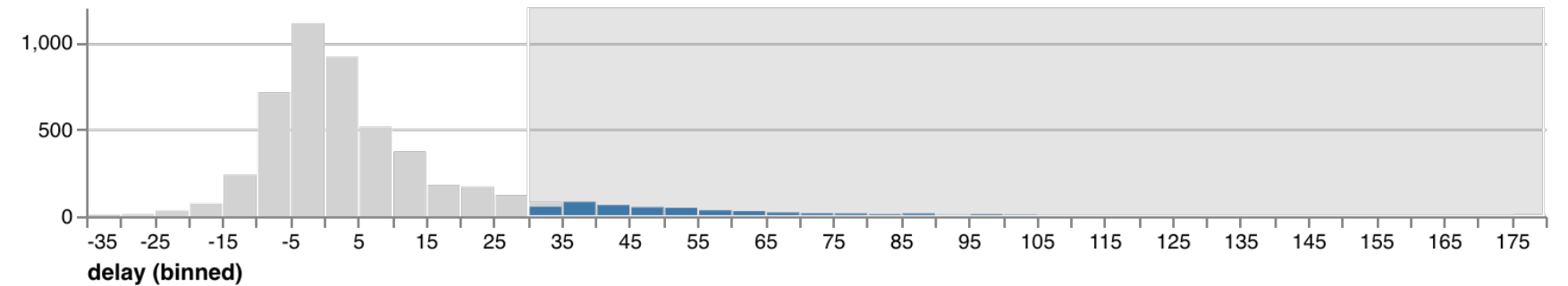
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    y().count(),
    color().value('lightgrey')
  ).select(brush),
  markBar().encode(
    x().fieldQ(repeat('row')).bin(true),
    y().count()
  ).transform(filter(brush))
)
.repeat({row: ['delay', 'distance', 'hour']})
.data('data/flights.json')
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Cross-Filtering in Vega-Lite

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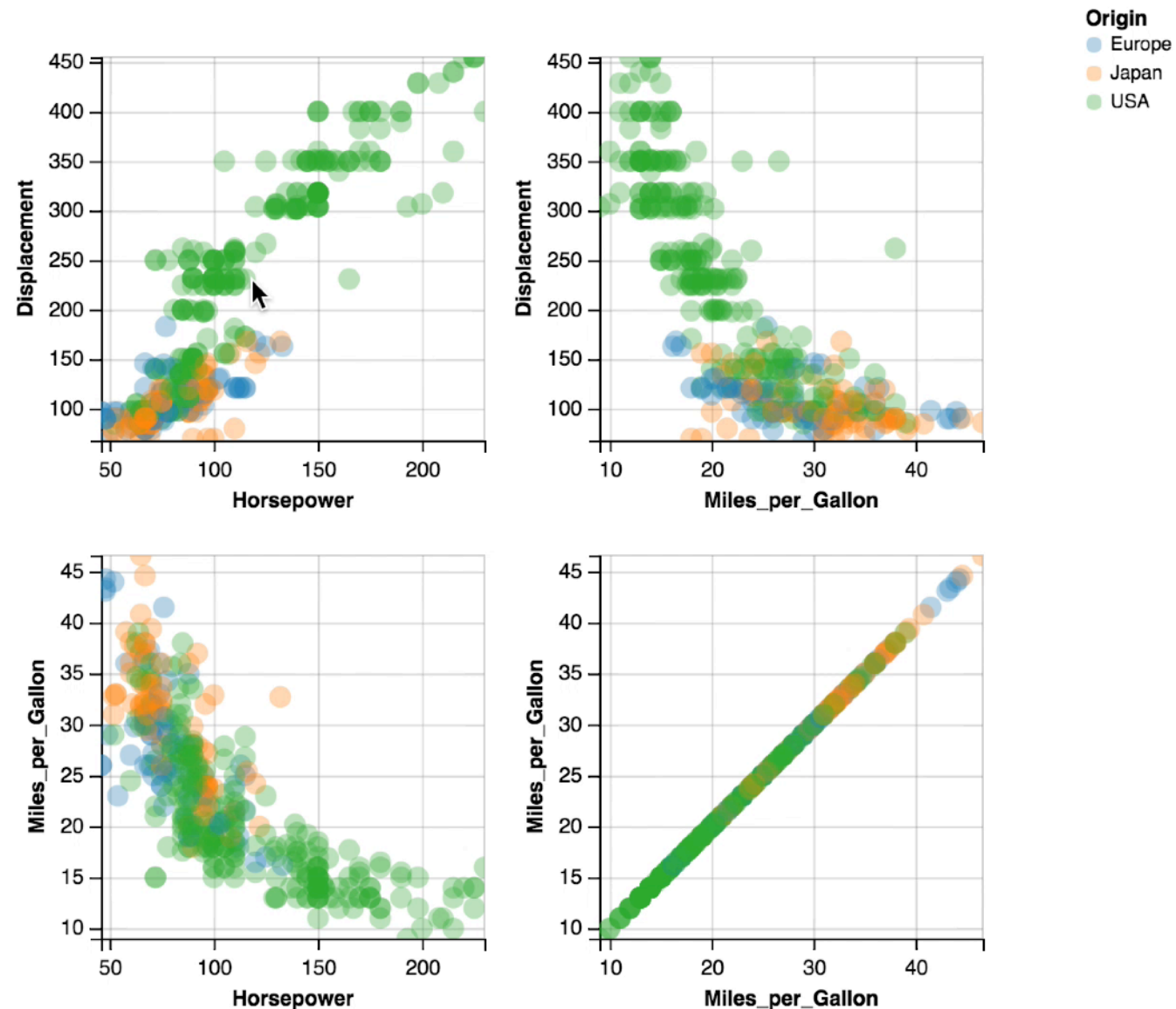
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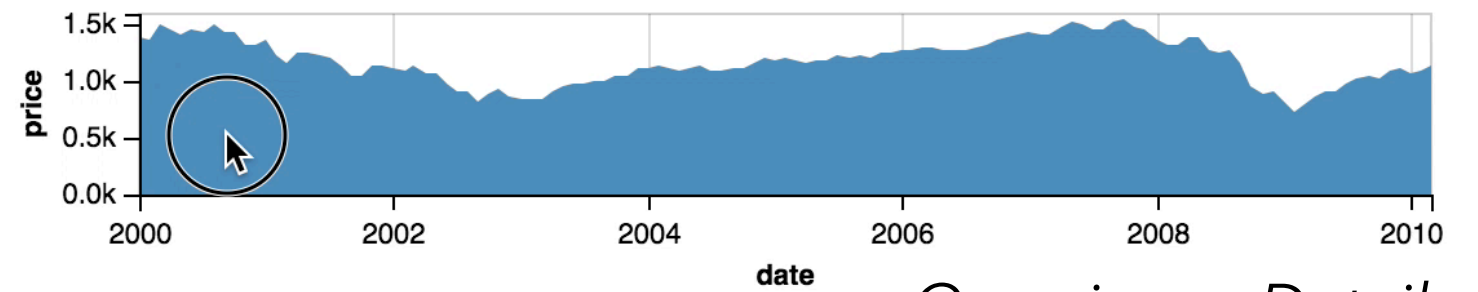
Multi-view interactive graphics in ~10 lines of code!

Interactive Selections

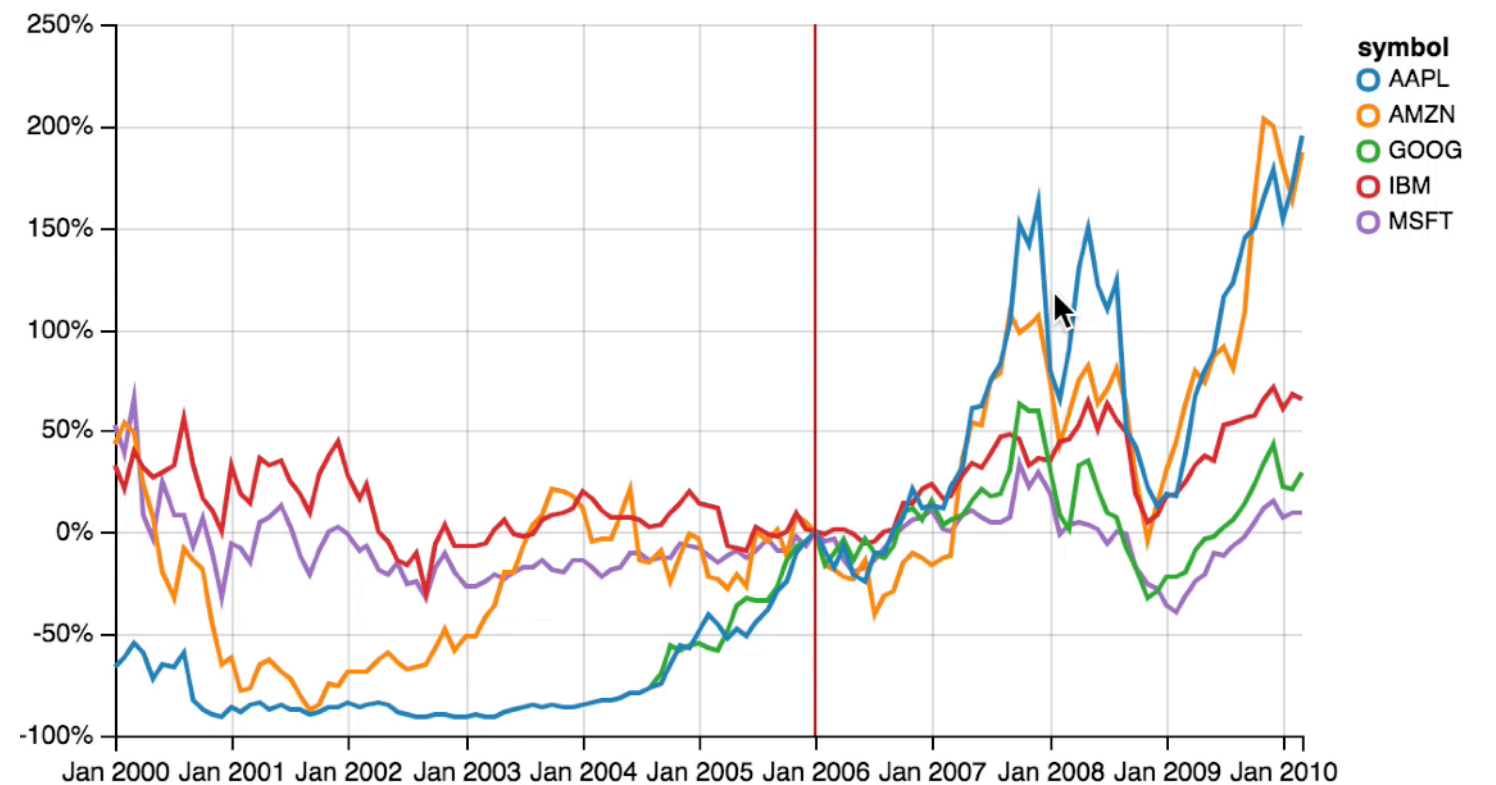
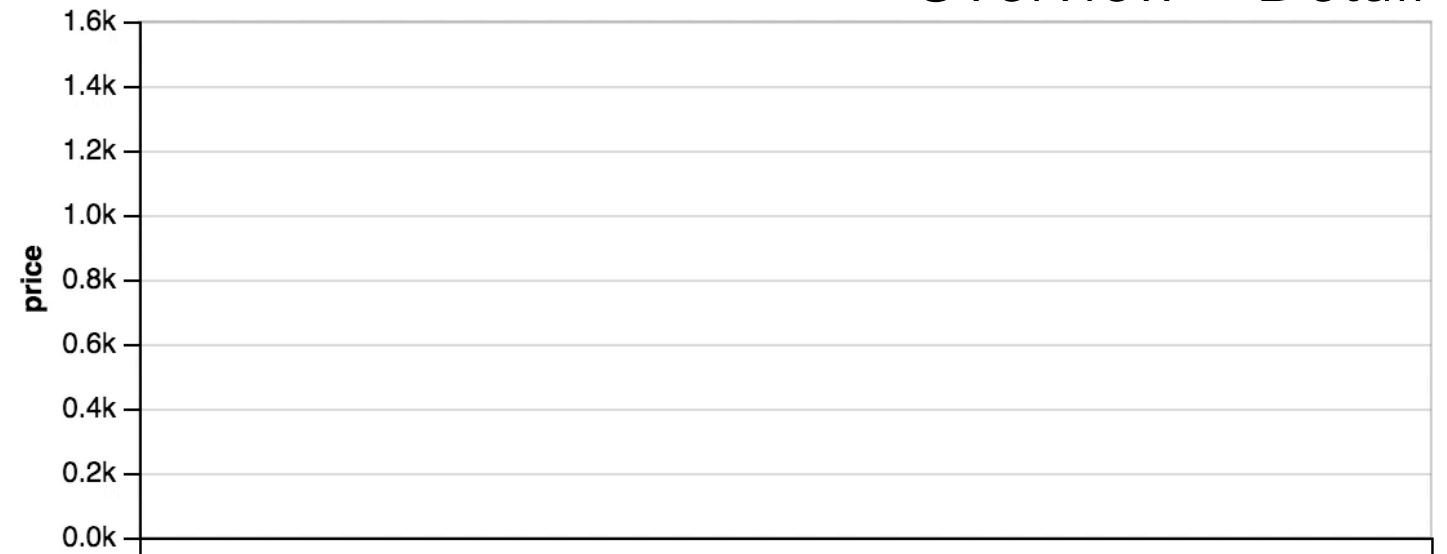
Selections *invert* scales and *parameterize* graphics



Bind selection to scale domains:
Synchronized Pan & Zoom!



Overview + Detail



Parameterized Transformations



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Altair: Declarative Visualization in Python



Altair is a declarative statistical visualization library for Python, based on [Vega](#) and [Vega-Lite](#), and the source is available on [GitHub](#).

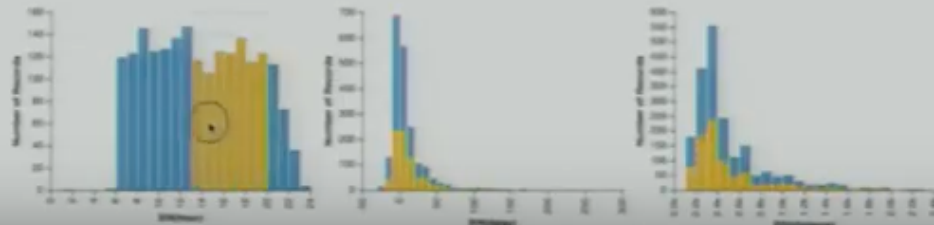
Altair: Vega-Lite in Python

Led by Jake VanderPlas & Brian Granger



Vega-Lite Layered Cross Filtering

```
{
  repeat: (column: ["hour", "delay", "distance"]),
  spec: {
    layer: [
      {
        selection: {
          region: {type: "interval", encodings: ["x"]}
        }
      },
      {
        transform: [{"filter": {selection: "region"}}]
      }
    ]
  }
}
```



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To Learn More...

Vega-Lite: A Grammar of Interactive Graphics, *OpenVis Conf 2017*

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Altair Example

```
In [1]: from altair import datasets, Chart
data = datasets.load_dataset('cars')
Chart(data).mark_circle().encode(
  x='Horsepower',
  y='Miles_per_Gallon',
  color='Origin',
)
```



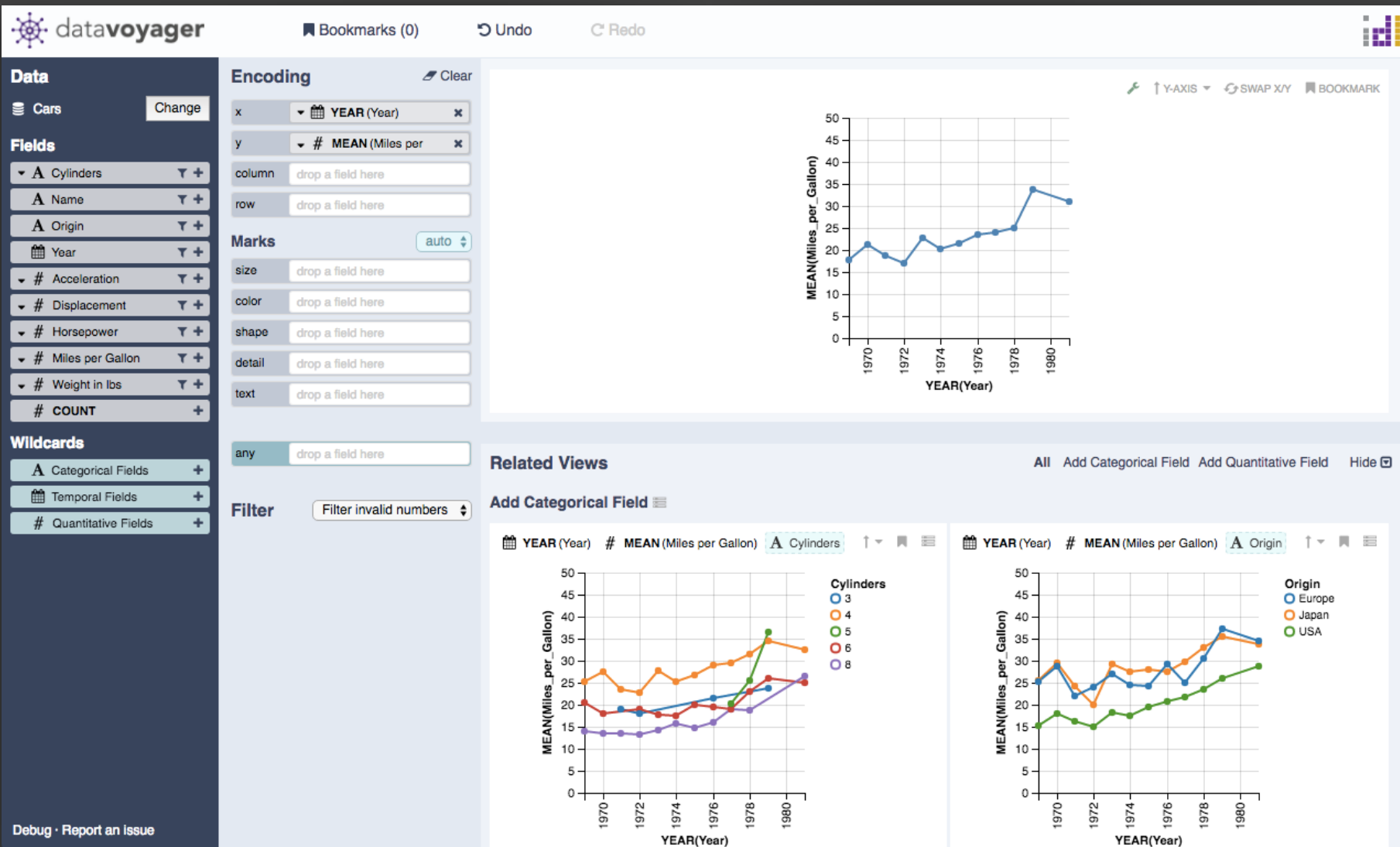
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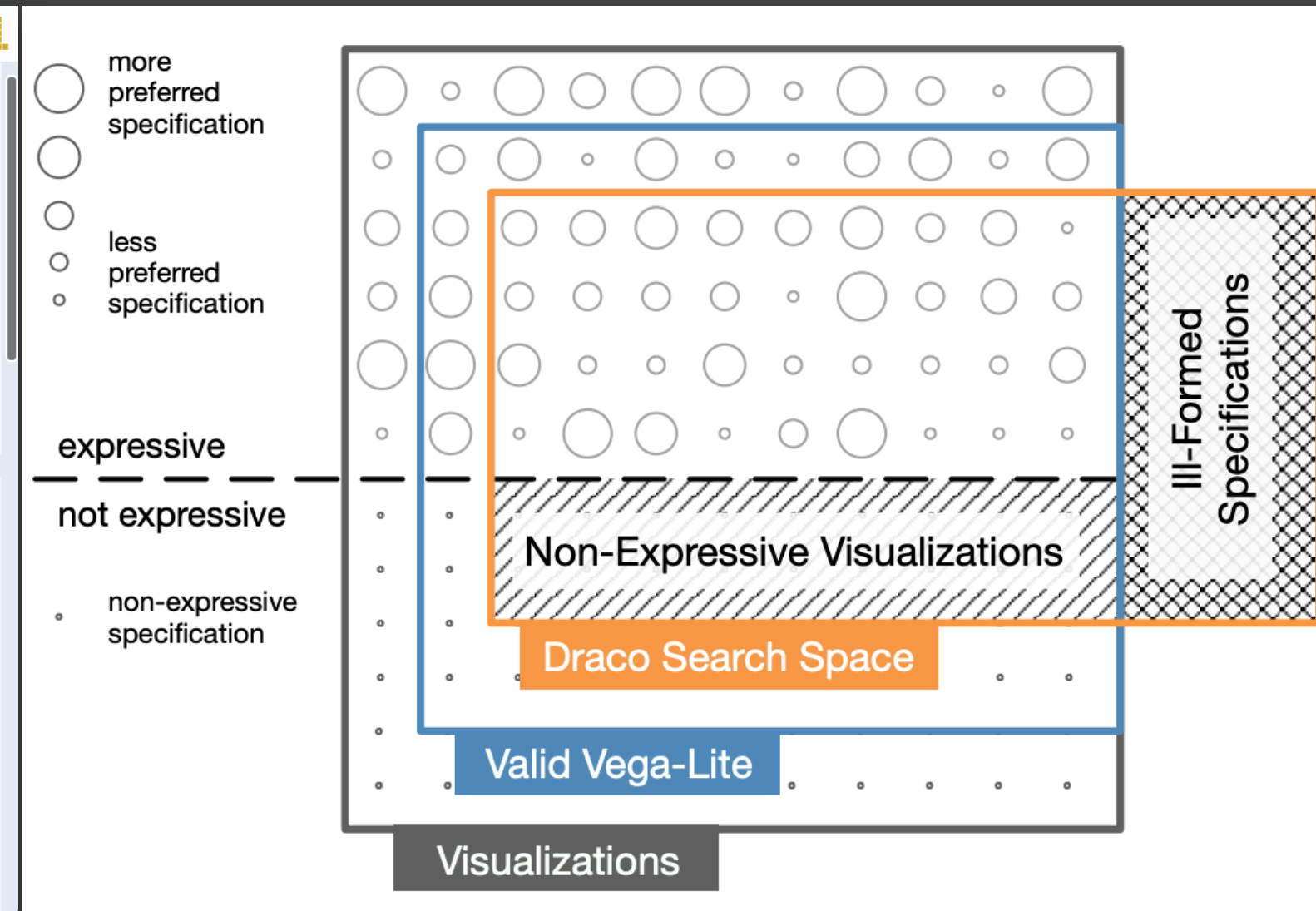
Altair: Declarative Visualization for Python, *PyData SF 2016*

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How might we support more
effective data exploration?



Voyager, Wongsuphasawat et al.



Draco, Moritz et al.

Enabling Computational Search & Design

The Grammar of Graphics as a formal model for automated reasoning over the space of visualization designs.

Common analysis pitfalls:

Overlook data quality issues

Fixate on specific relationships

Plus many other cognitive biases

[Heuer 1999, Kahneman 2011, ...]

Voyager 2

Secure | <https://uwdata.github.io/voyager2/>

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Data

Cars Change

Fields

- A Cylinders
- A Name
- A Origin
- Year
- # Acceleration
- # Displacement
- # Horsepower
- # Miles per Gallon
- # Weight in lbs
- # COUNT

Wildcards

- A Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- # Quantitative Fields

Encoding Clear

x YEAR (Year)

y # MEAN (Miles per

column drop a field here

row drop a field here

Marks auto

size drop a field here

color drop a field here

shape drop a field here

detail drop a field here

text drop a field here

any drop a field here

Filter Filter invalid numbers

Related Views All Add Categorical Field Add Quantitative Field Hide

Add Categorical Field

YEAR (Year) # MEAN (Miles per Gallon) A Cylinders

MEAN(Miles_per_Gallon)

YEAR(Year)

Cylinders

- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 8

YEAR (Year) # MEAN (Miles per Gallon) A Origin

MEAN(Miles_per_Gallon)

YEAR(Year)

Origin

- Europe
- Japan
- USA

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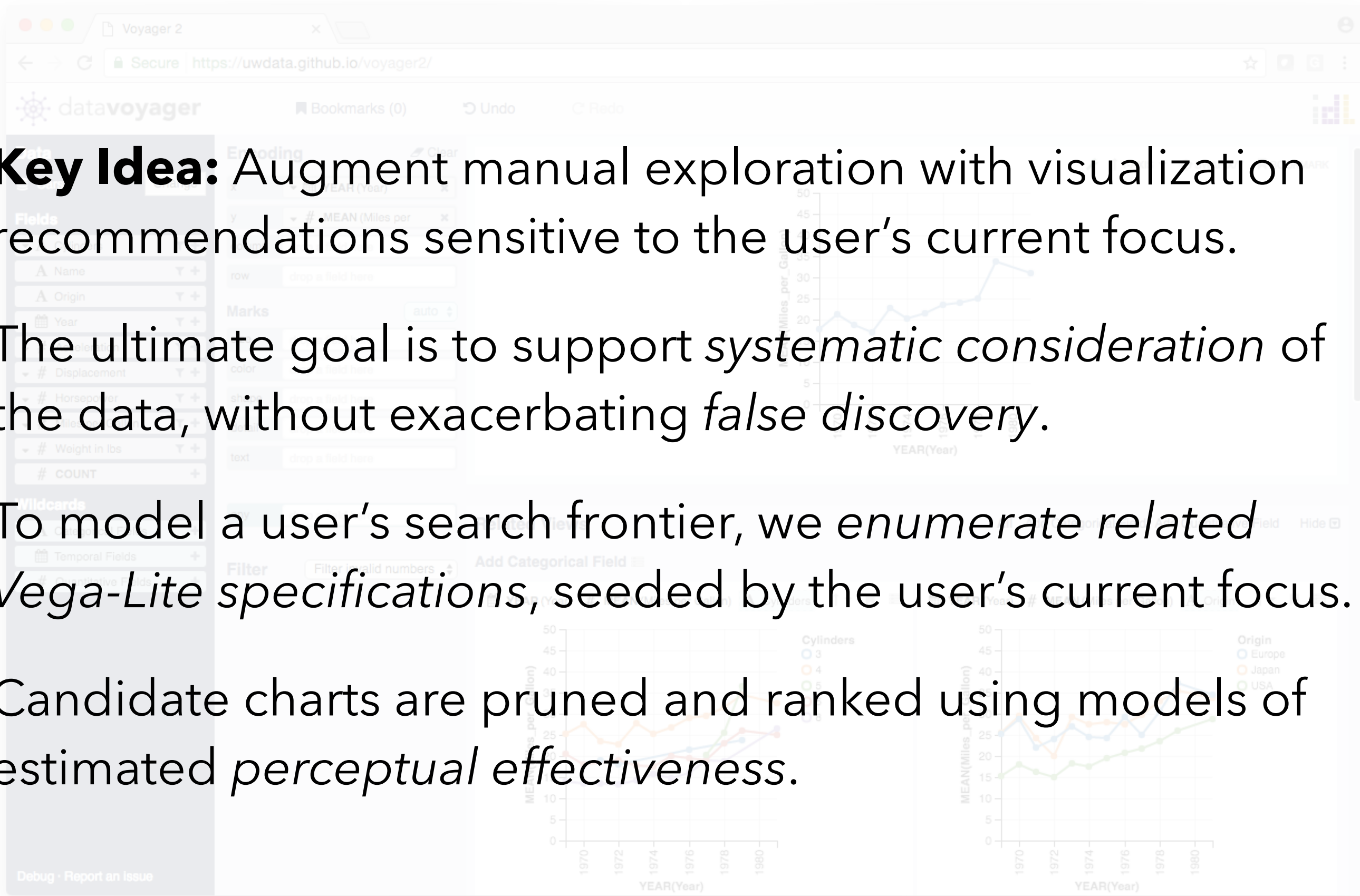
Voyager: Combine Manual Specification with Visualization Recommenders

Key Idea: Augment manual exploration with visualization recommendations sensitive to the user's current focus.

The ultimate goal is to support *systematic consideration* of the data, without exacerbating *false discovery*.

To model a user's search frontier, we *enumerate related Vega-Lite specifications*, seeded by the user's current focus.

Candidate charts are pruned and ranked using models of estimated *perceptual effectiveness*.



Compared to existing tools, leads to **over 4x more variable sets seen**, and **over 2x more variable sets interacted with**.

"The related view suggestion accelerates exploration a lot."

"I like that it shows me what fields to include in order to see a specific graph. Otherwise, I have to do a lot of trial and error and can't express what I wanted to see."

"These related views are so good but it's also spoiling that I start thinking less. I'm not sure if that's really a good thing."