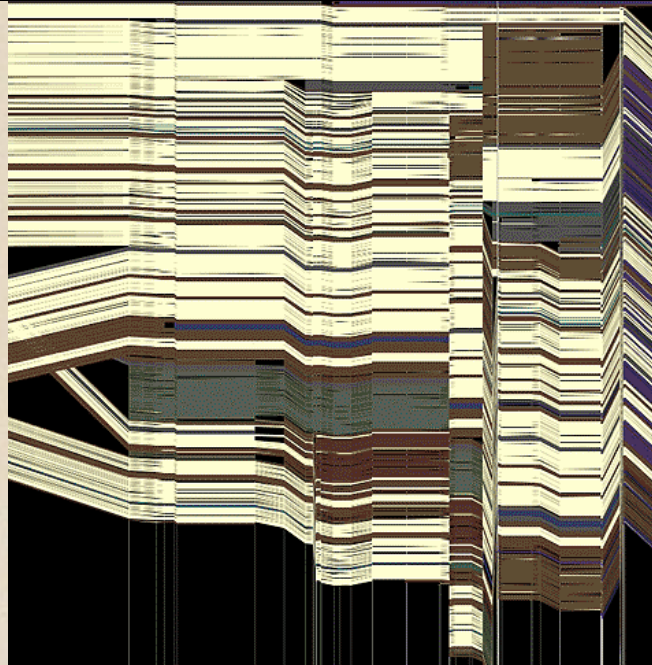
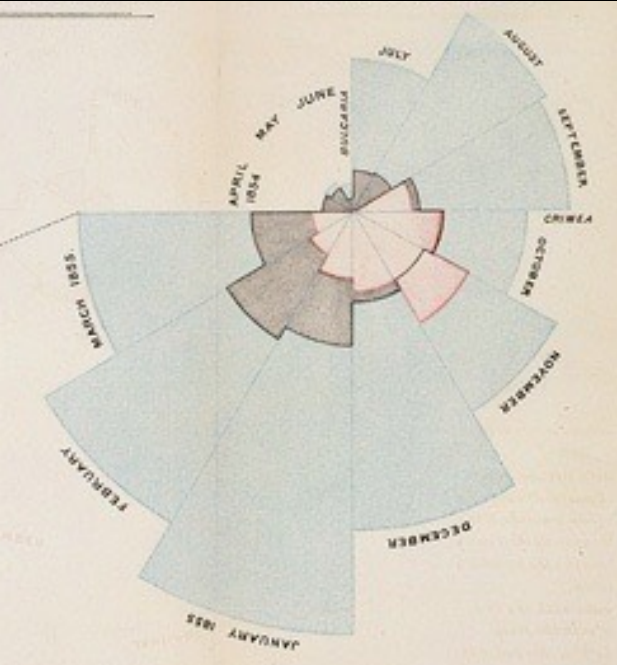


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Visualization Tools



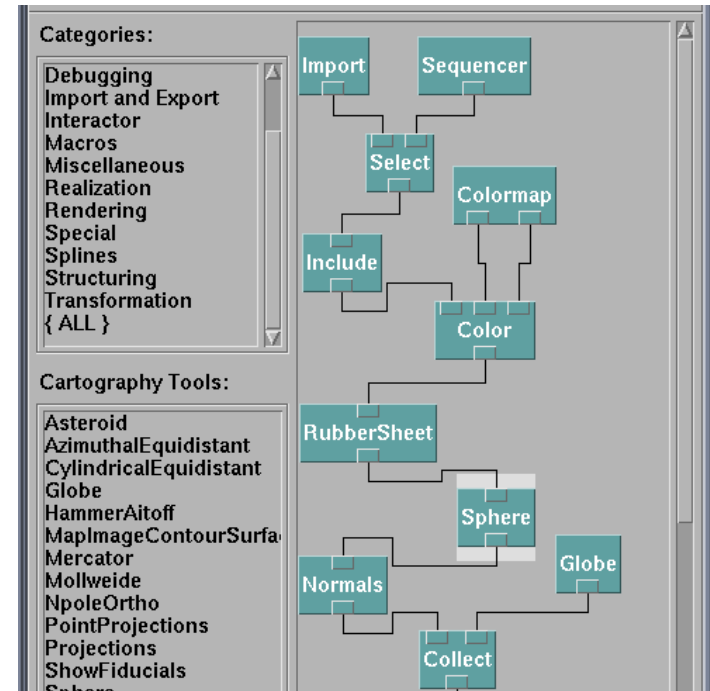
Jeffrey Heer University of Washington

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



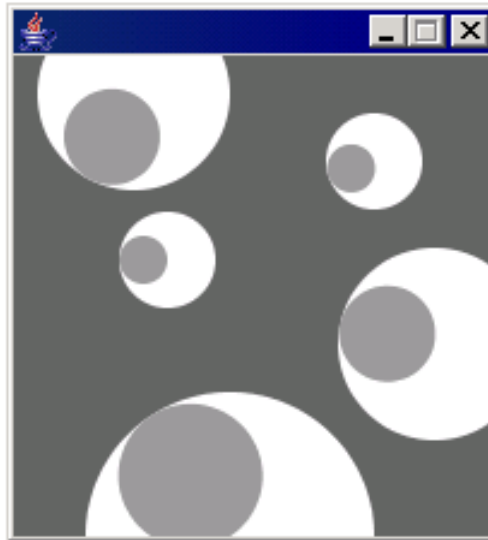
Graphics APIs

Processing, OpenGL, Java2D



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```
    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);  
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    popMatrix();  
  }  
}
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US Air Traffic, Aaron Koblin

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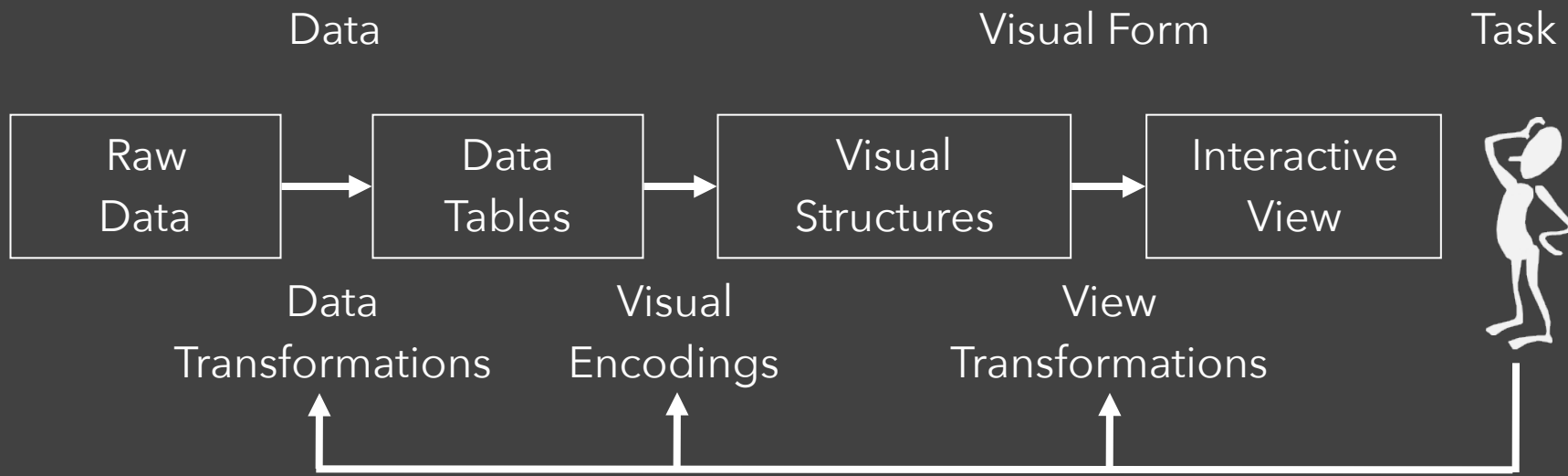
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Prefuse, Flare, Improvise, VTK

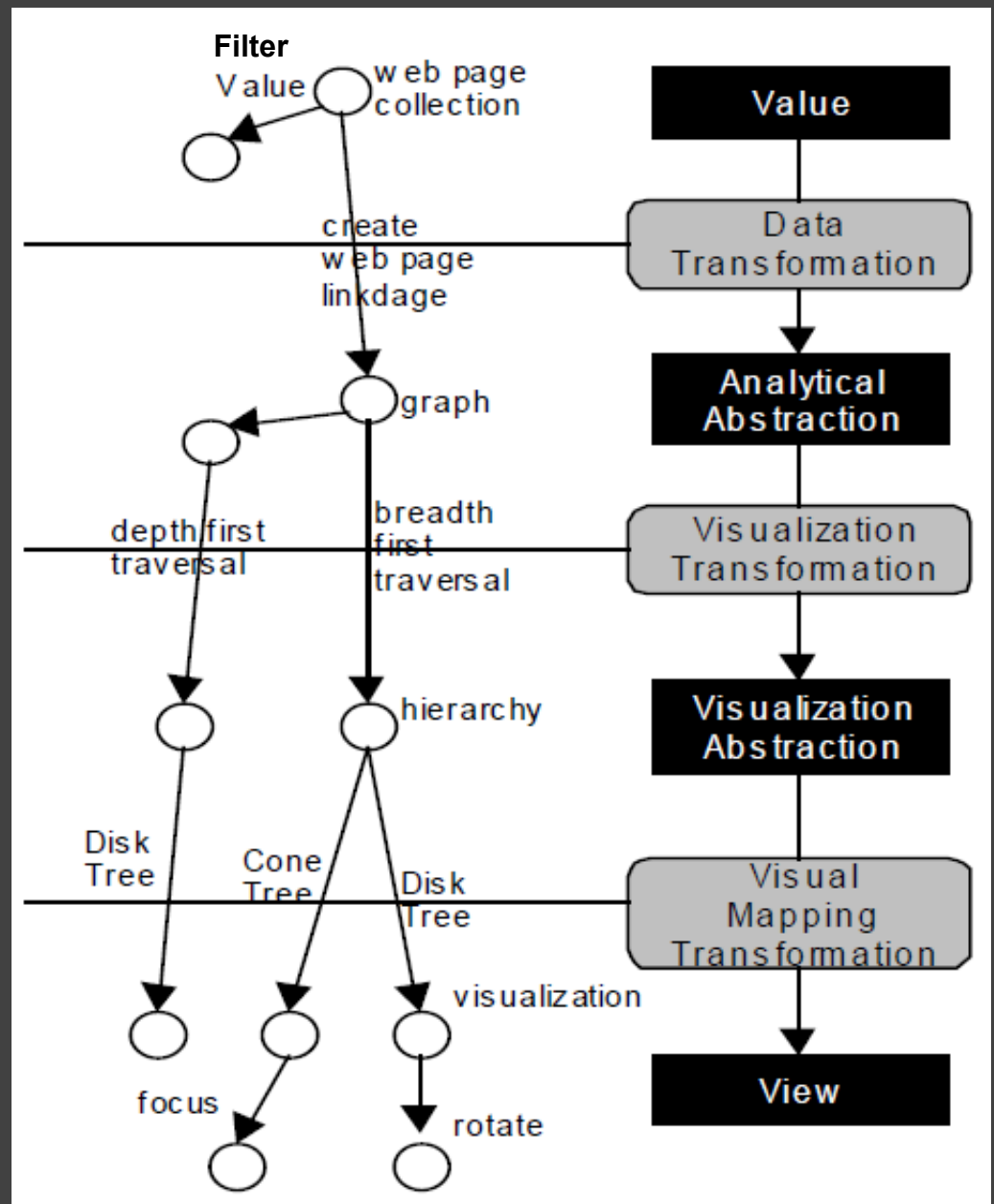
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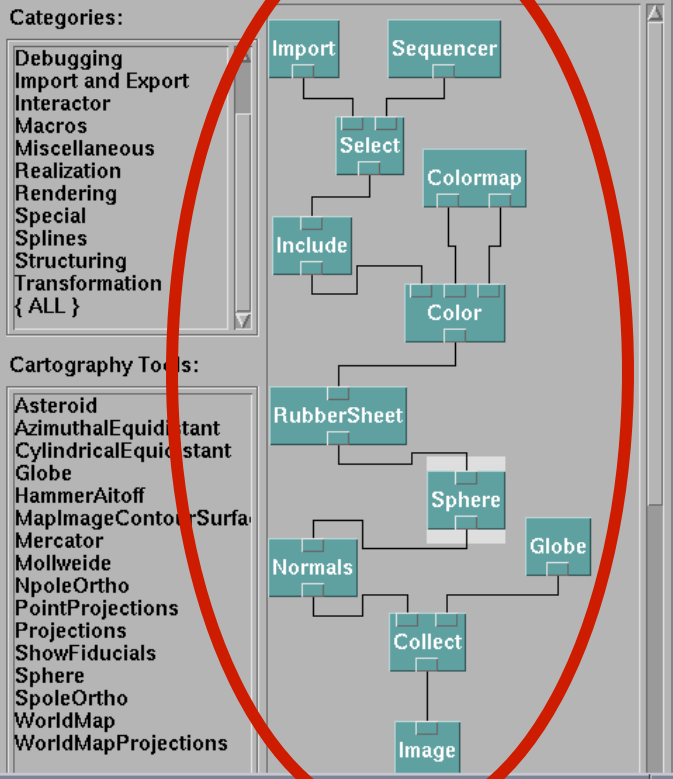
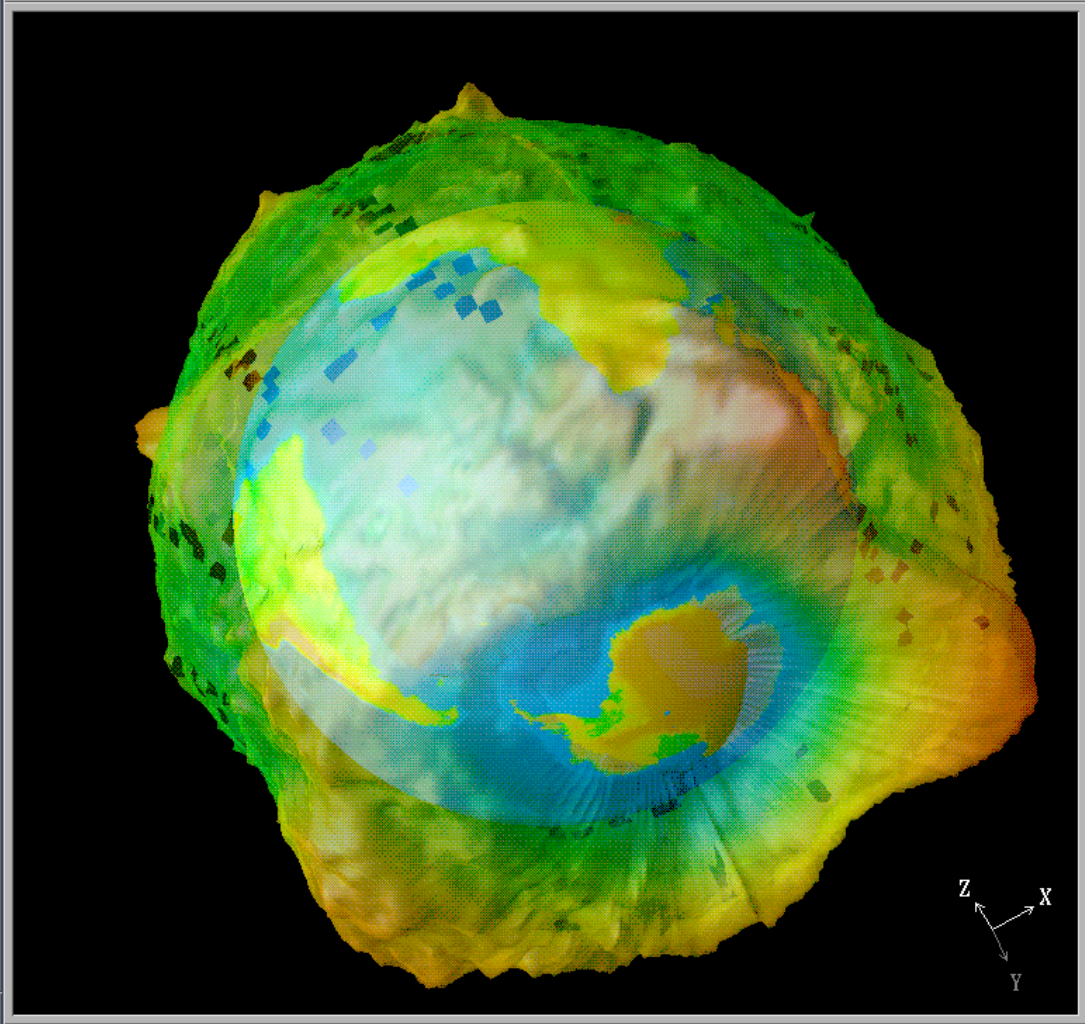
Data State Model

[Chi 98]



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Colormap Editor

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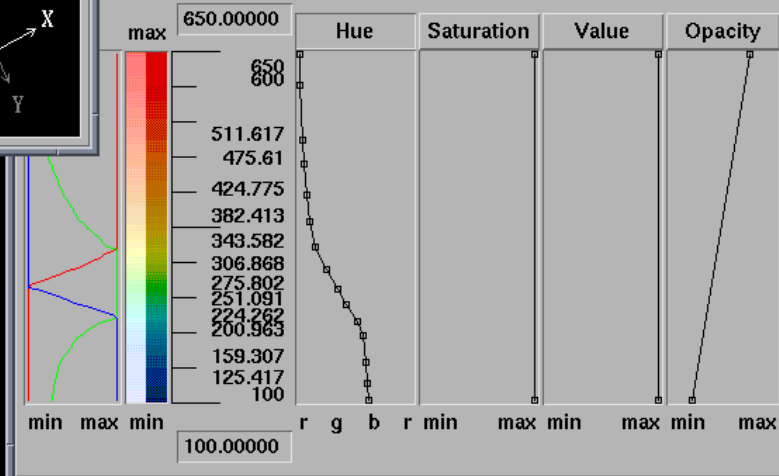
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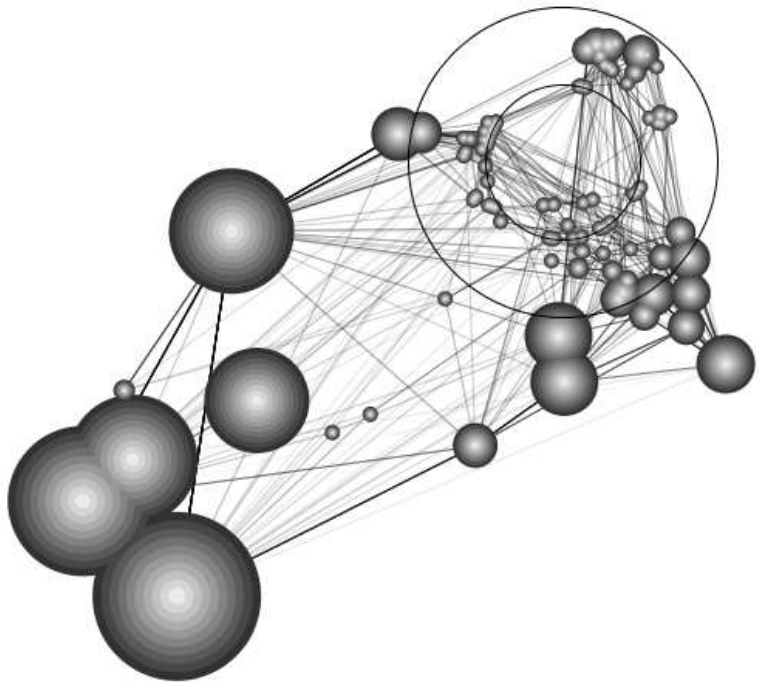
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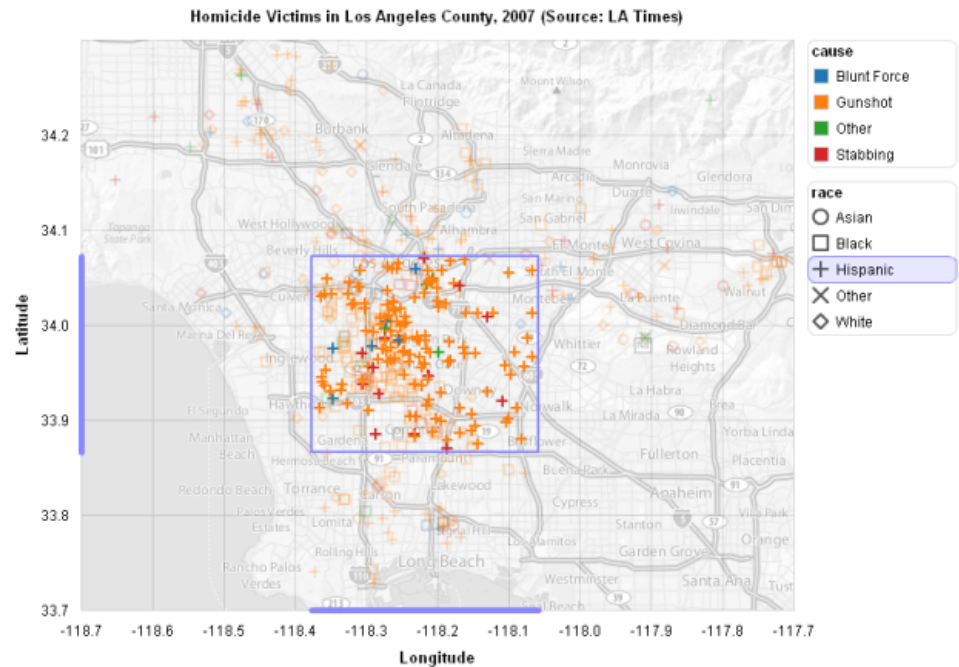
Prefuse & Flare

Operator-based toolkits for visualization design

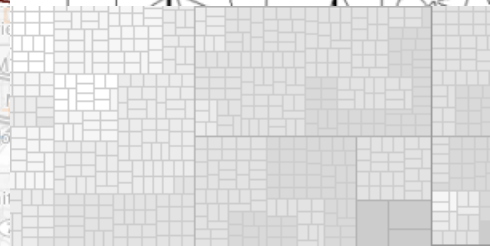
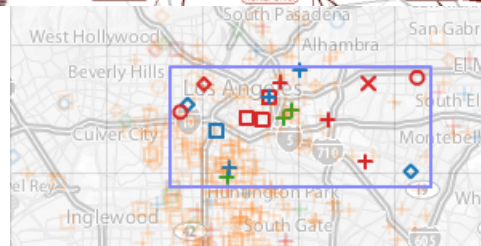
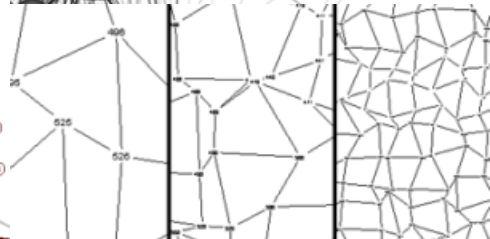
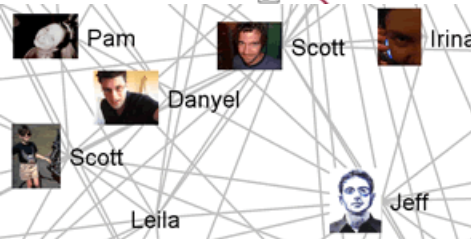
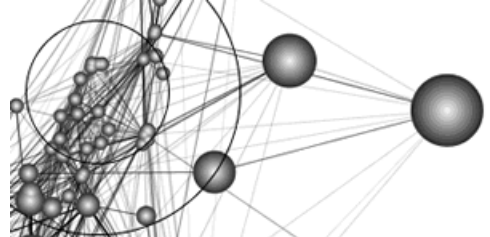
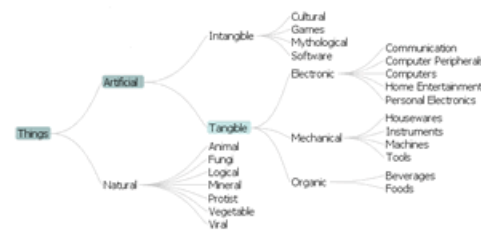
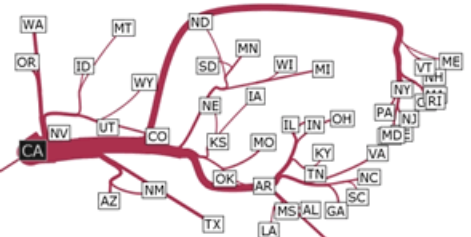
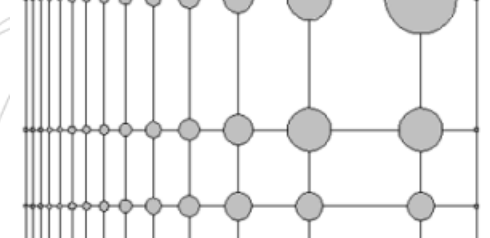
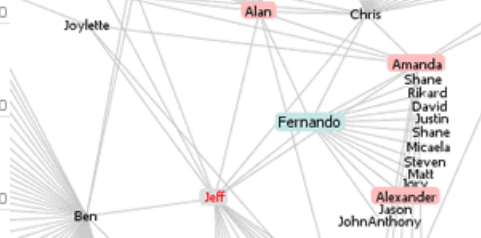
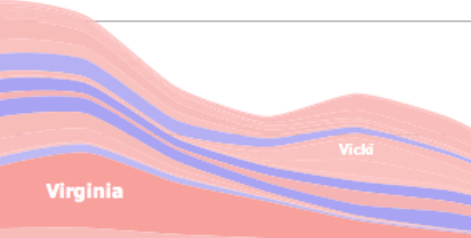
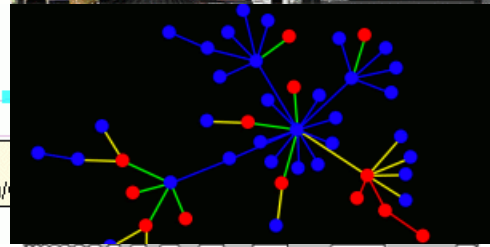
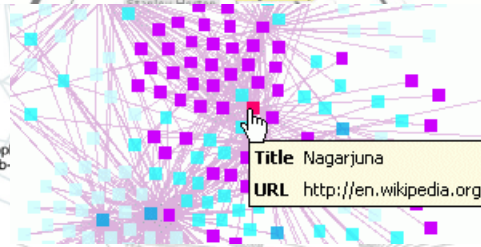
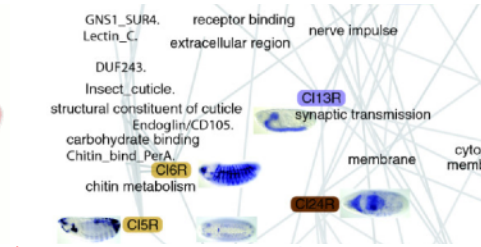
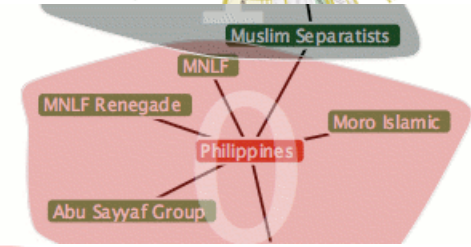
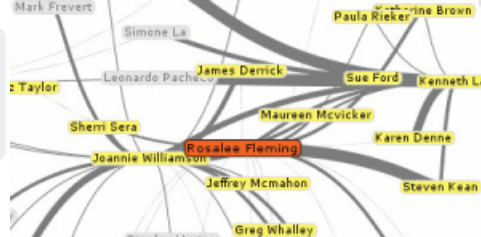
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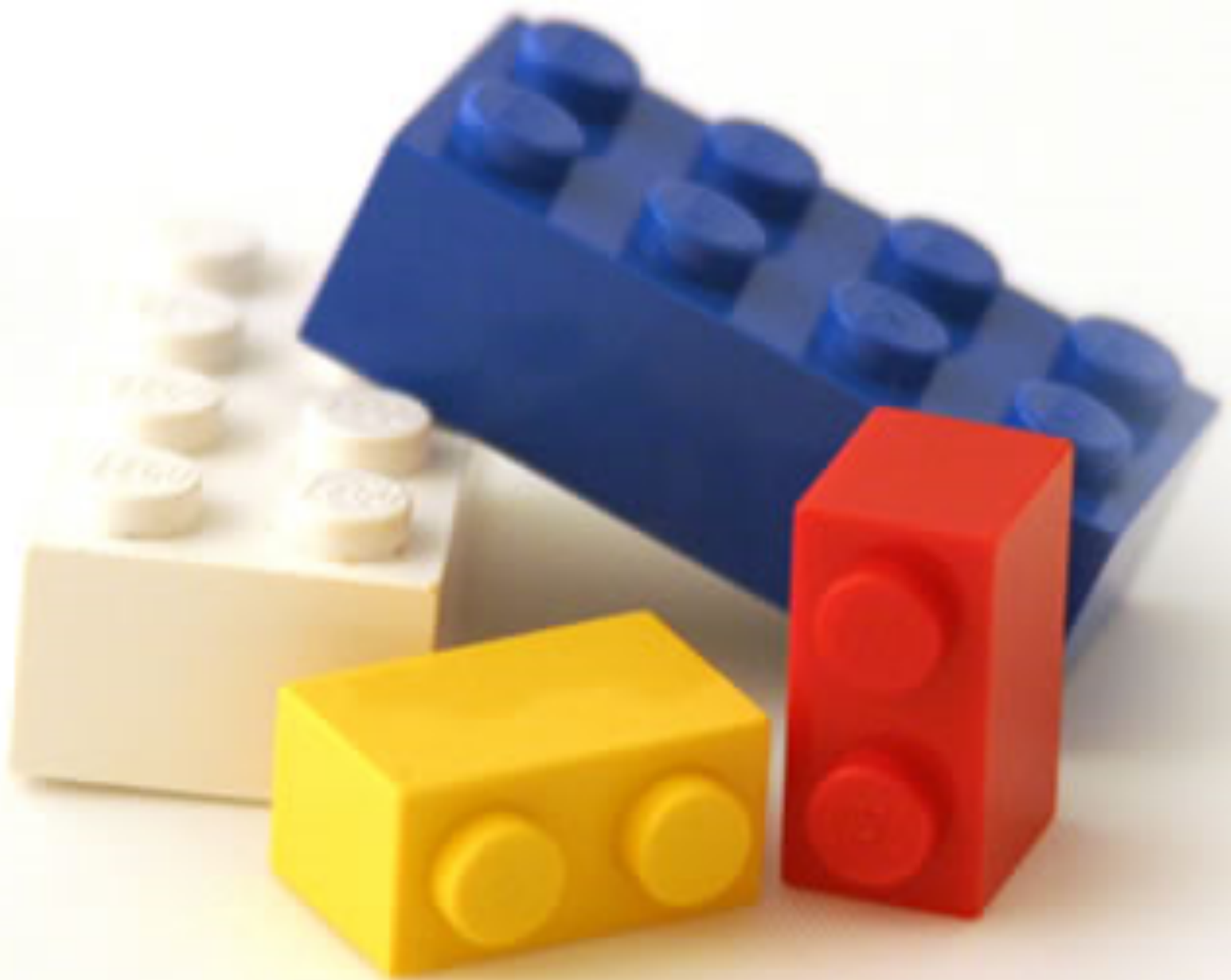


Prefuse (<http://prefuse.org>)



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







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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 |
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| 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 | 3405565 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.24 | 0.14 |
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| 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.

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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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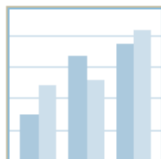


Word Tree

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

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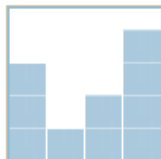
Compare a set of values



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.

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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

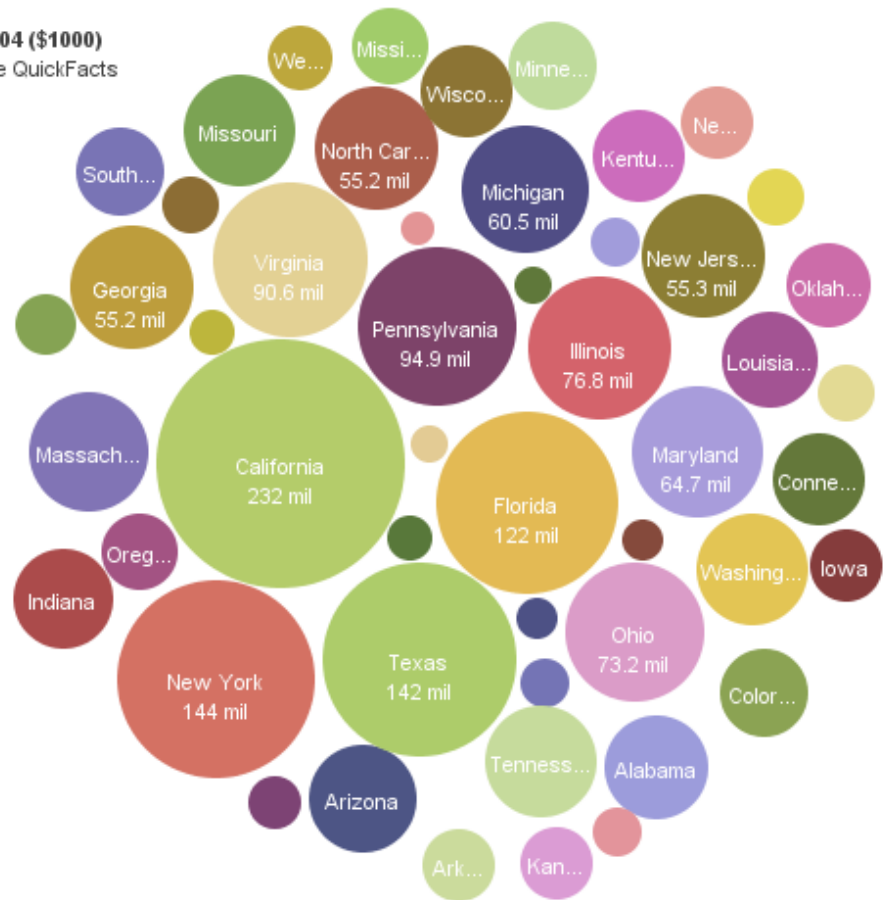
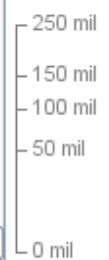
Tags: census people

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

- 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 This data set has not yet been rated



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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:

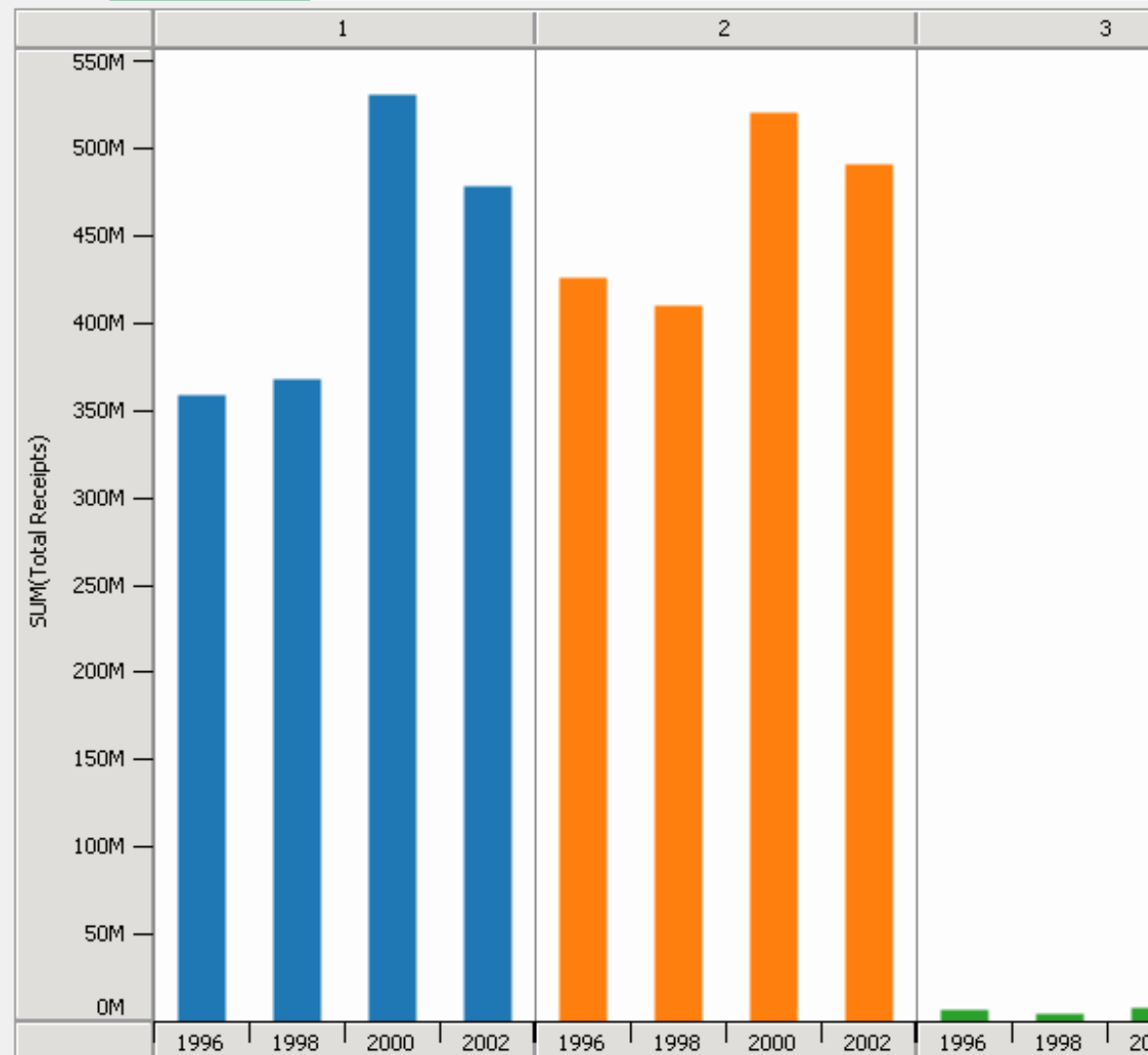
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Sheet 1

Statistics and Computing

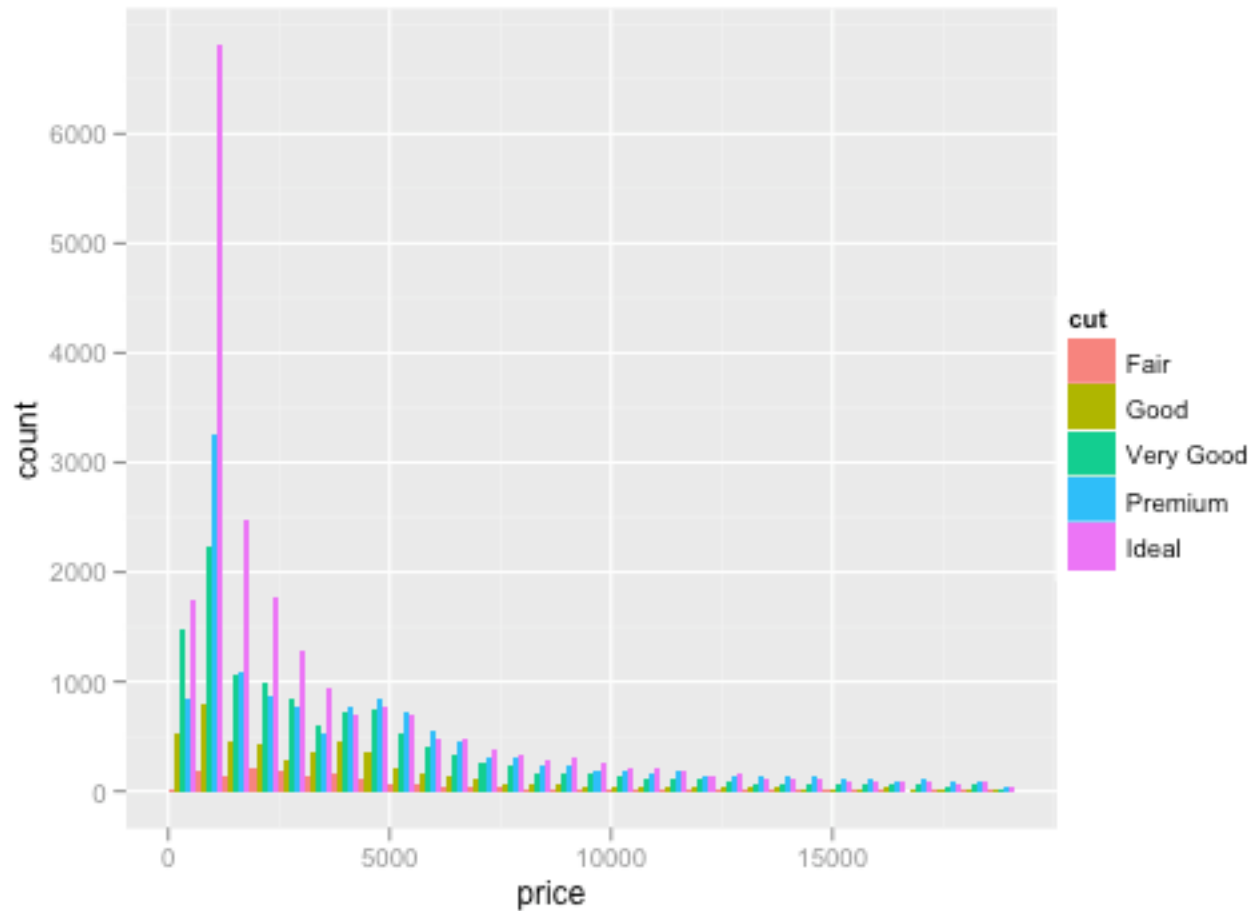
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**The Grammar
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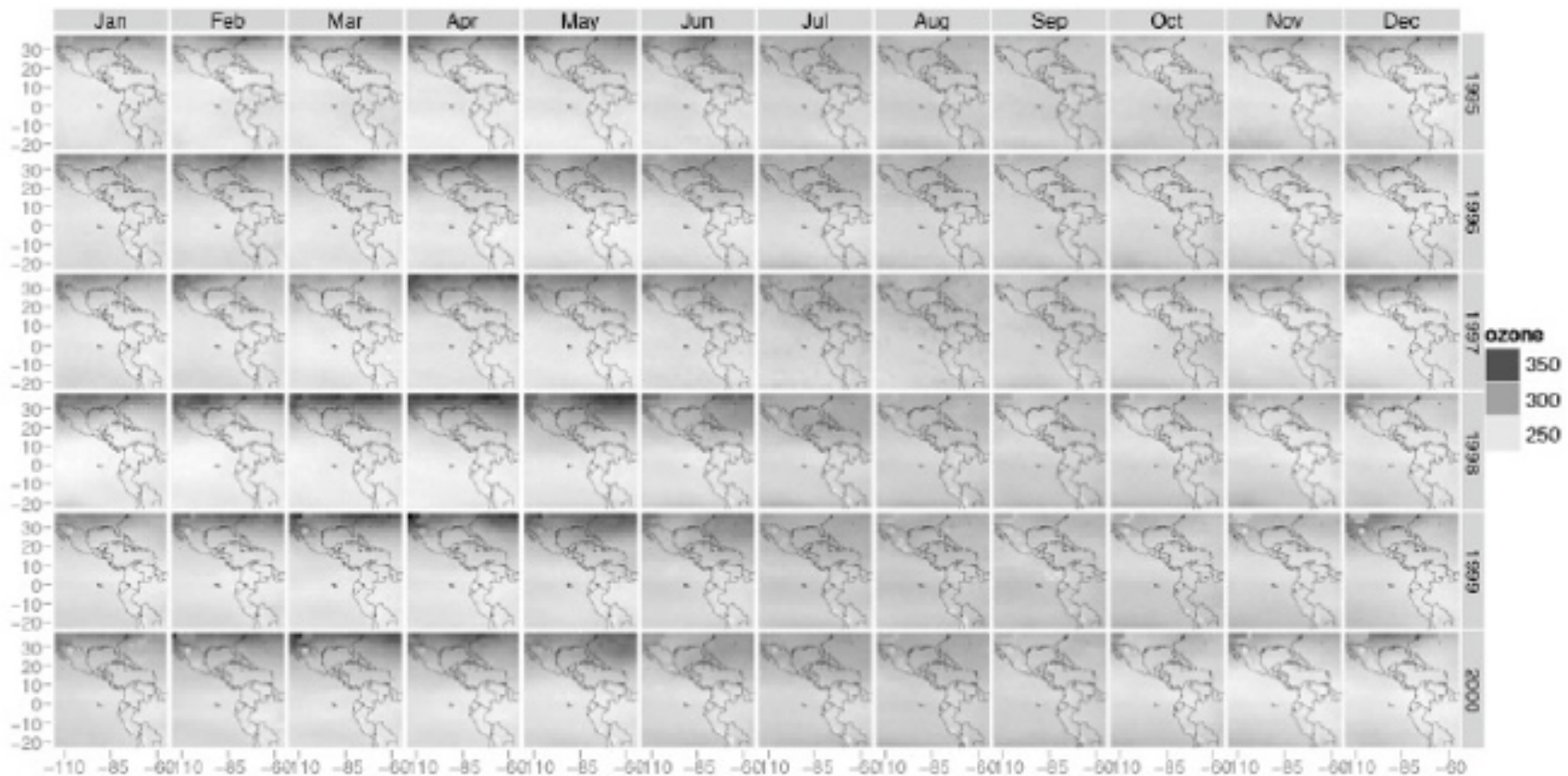
Second Edition

 Springer

```
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+ geom_bar(position="dodge")
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+ geom_bar(position="dodge")
```



```

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

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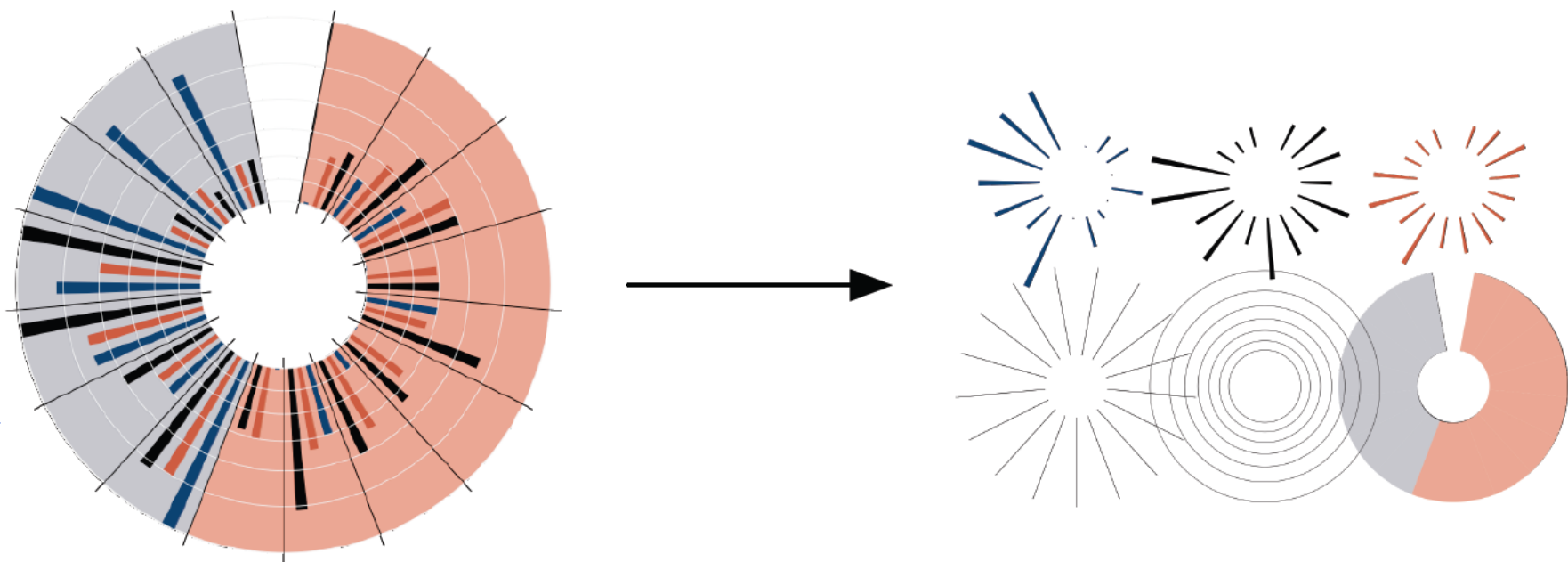


Protovis & D3

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**

Visualization Grammar

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Data

Input data to visualize

Visualization Grammar

Data Input data to visualize

Transforms Grouping, stats, projection, layout

Visualization Grammar

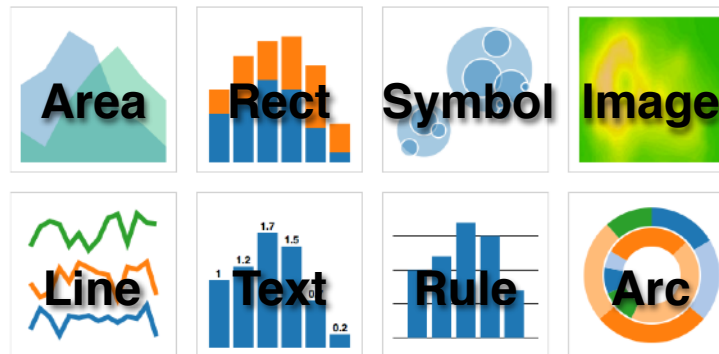
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| Data | Input data to visualize |
| Transforms | Grouping, stats, projection, layout |
| Scales | Map data values to visual values |

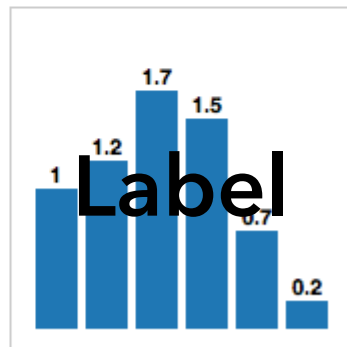
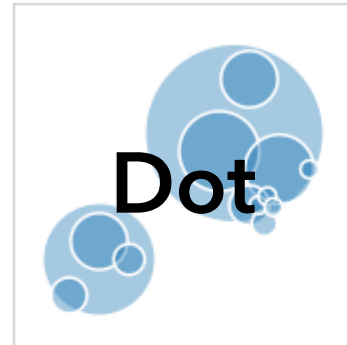
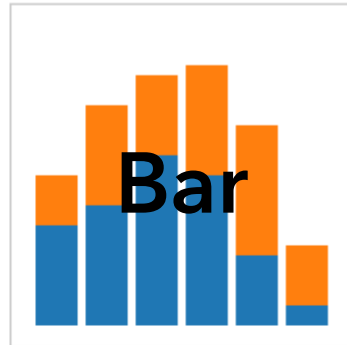
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| Marks | Data-representative graphics |



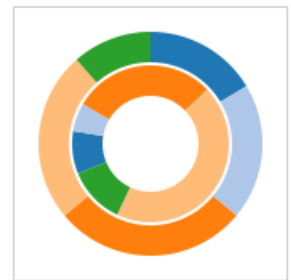
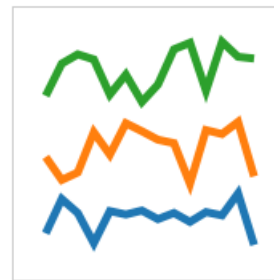
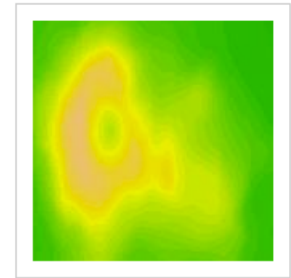
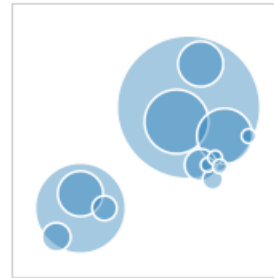
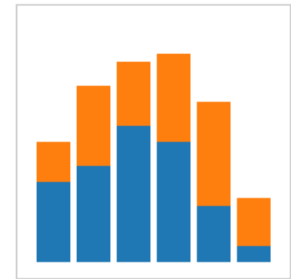


MARKS: Protovis graphical primitives

MARK

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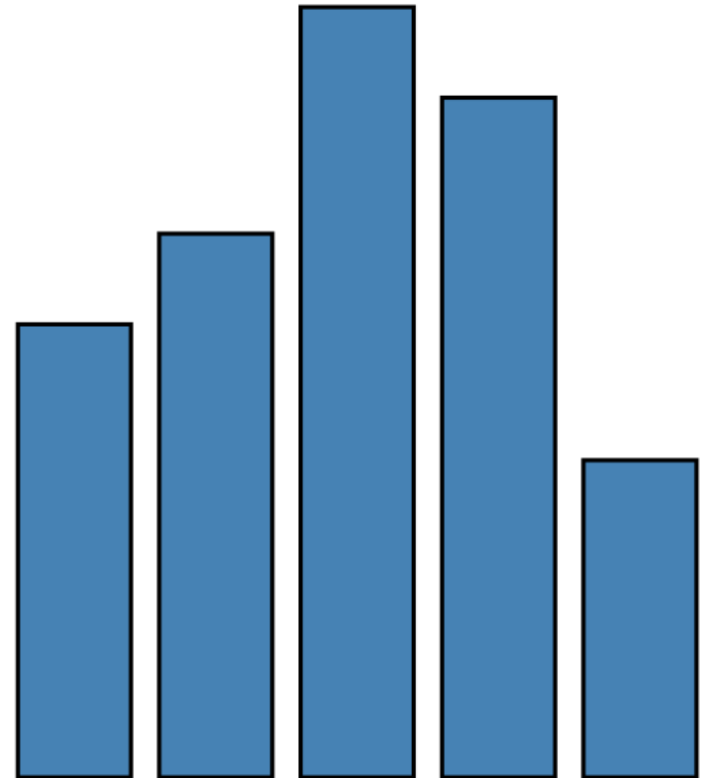
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| ... | λ |



RECT

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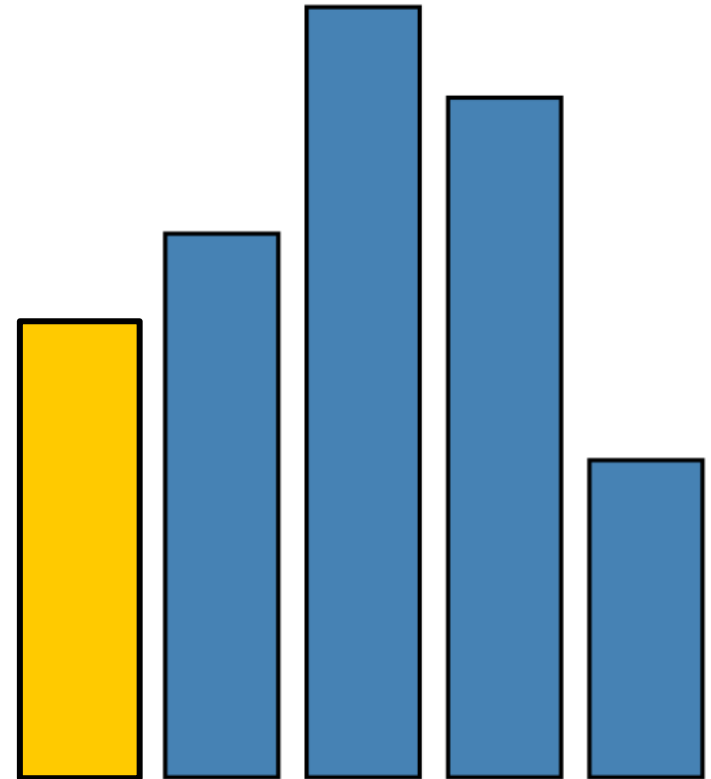
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| visible | true | | | | |
| left | $\lambda: \text{index} * 25$ | | | | |
| bottom | 0 | | | | |
| width | 20 | | | | |
| height | $\lambda: \text{datum} * 80$ | | | | |
| fillStyle | blue | | | | |
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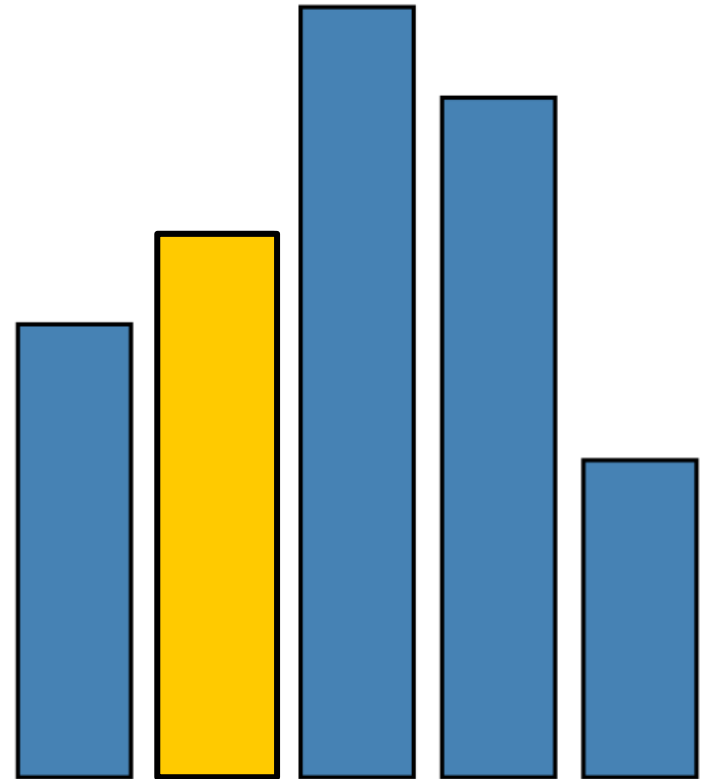
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| bottom | 0 | | | | |
| width | 20 | | | | |
| height | 1 * 80 | | | | |
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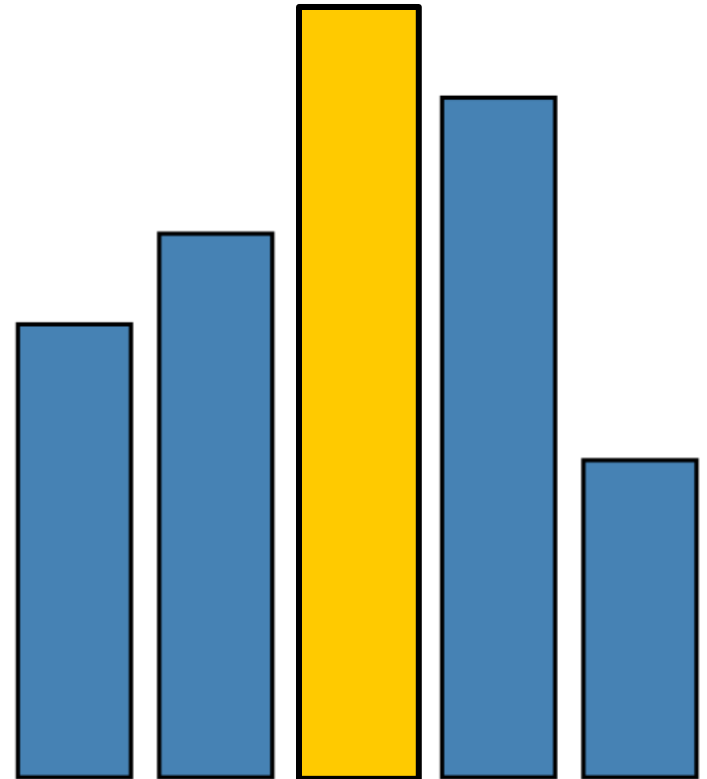
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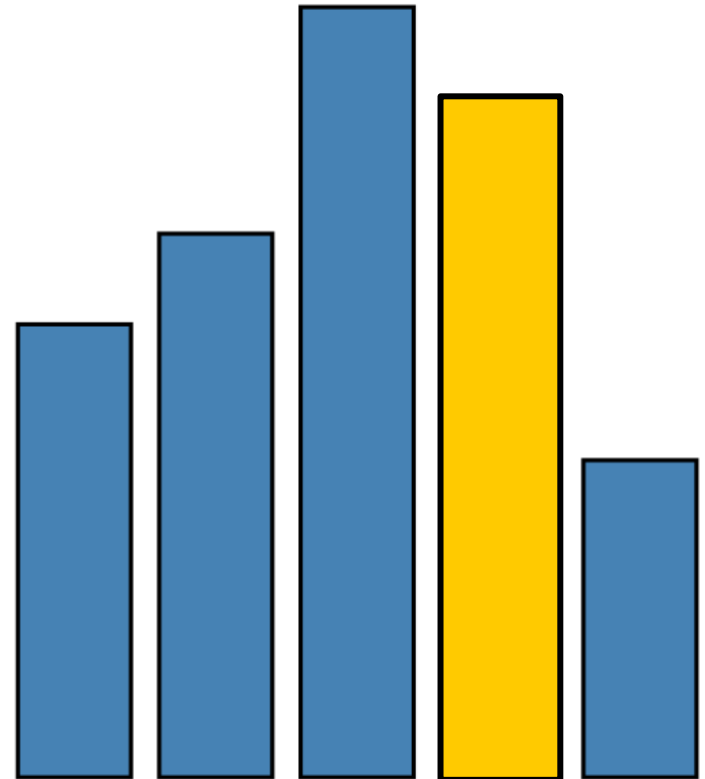
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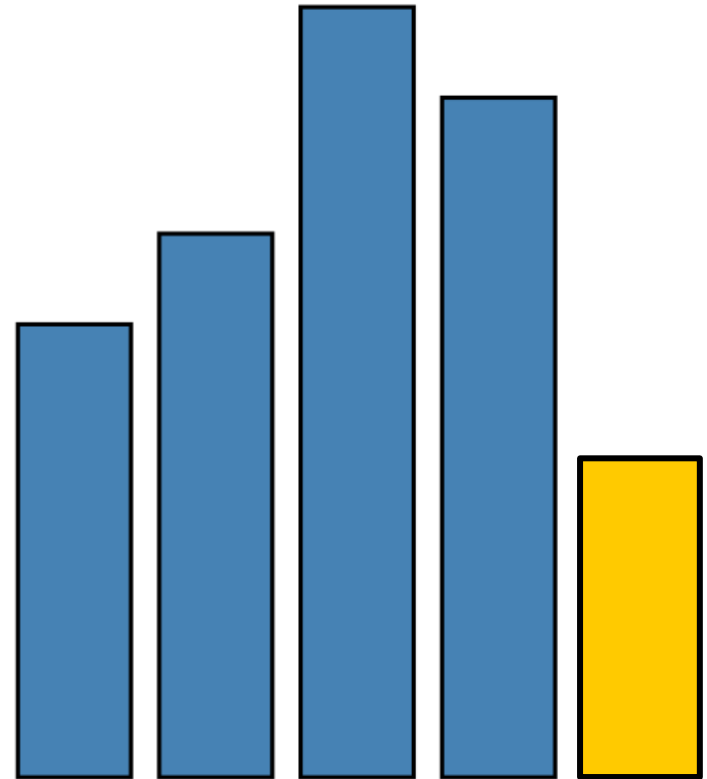
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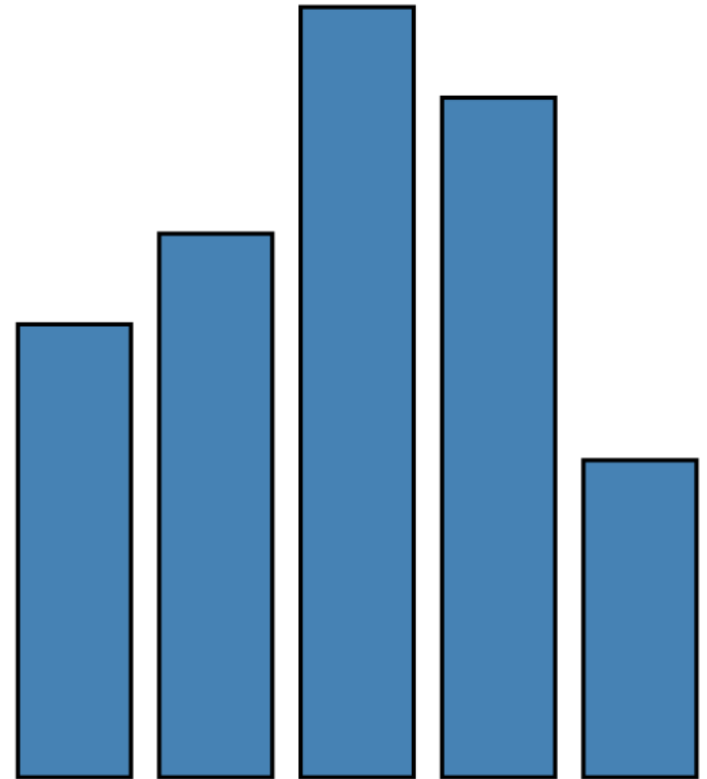
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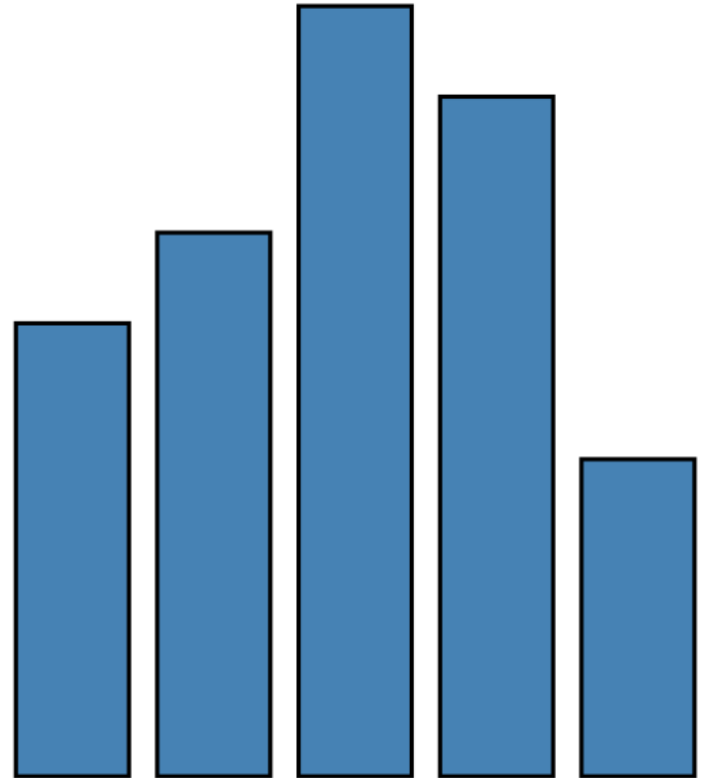
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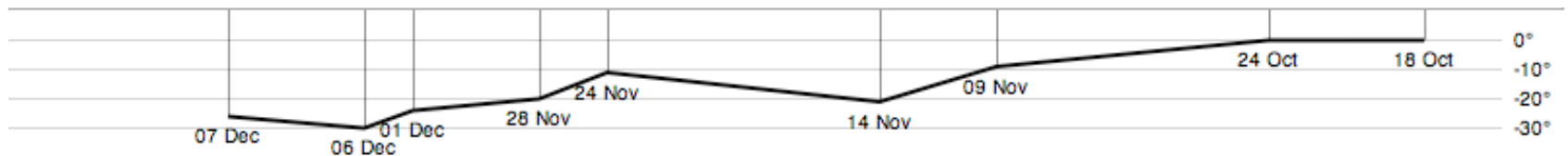
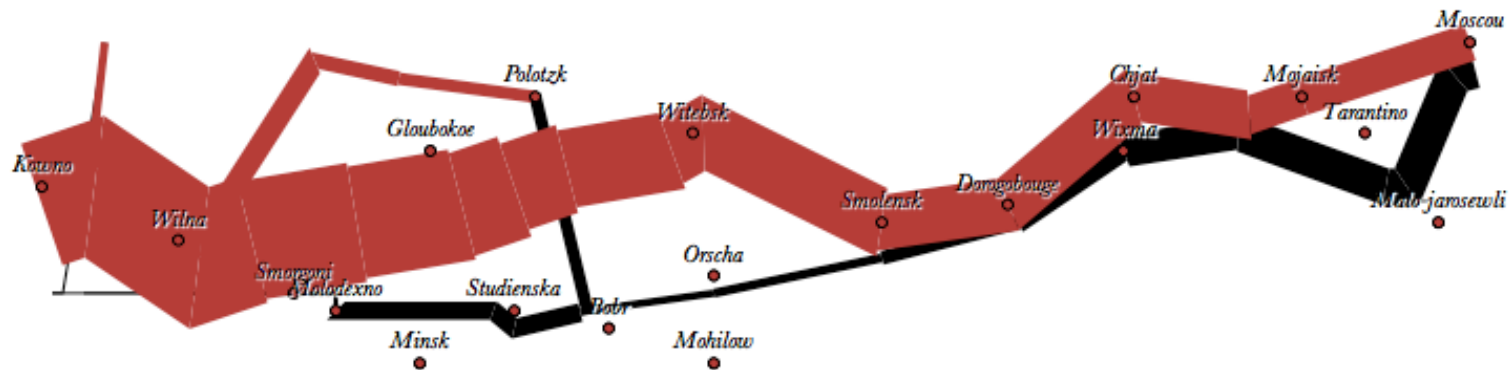
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var vis = new pv.Panel();  
vis.add(pv.Bar)  
  .data([1, 1.2, 1.7, 1.5, 0.7])  
  .visible(true)  
  .left((d) => this.index * 25);  
  .bottom(0)  
  .width(20)  
  .height((d) => d * 80)  
  .fillStyle("blue")  
  .strokeStyle("black")  
  .lineWidth(1.5);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

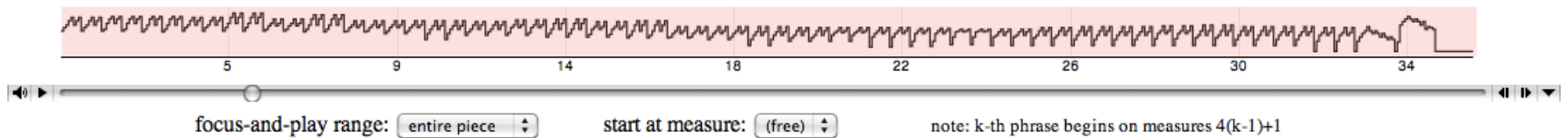
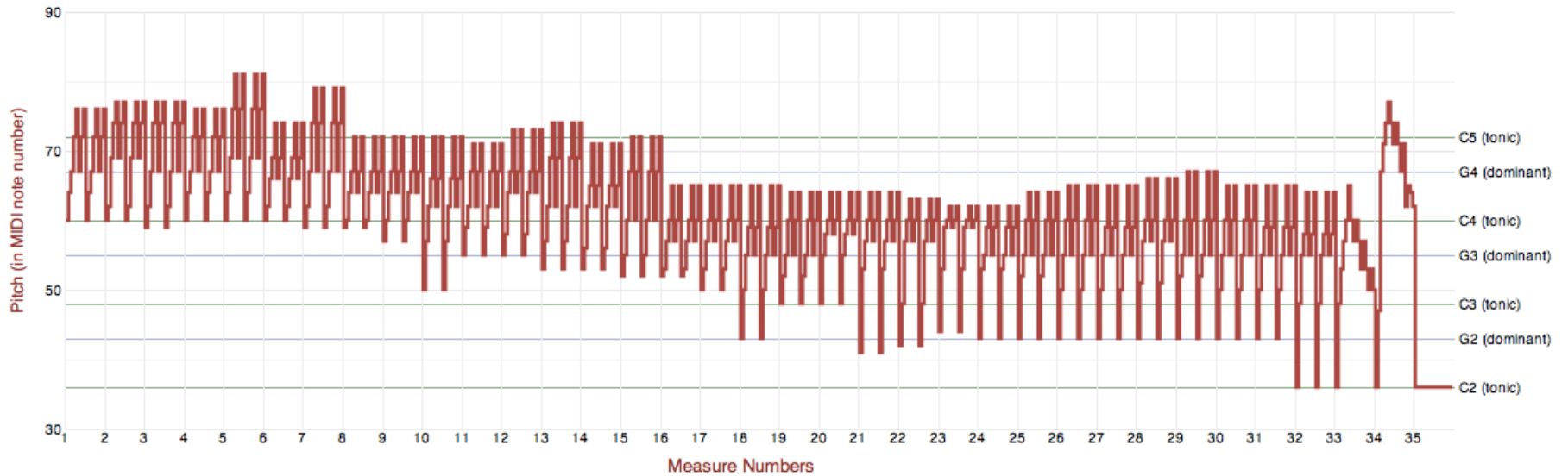
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vis.add(pv.Label).data(napoleon.cities)
  .left(lon).top(lat)
  .text((d) => d.city).font("italic 10px Georgia")
  .textAlign("center").textBaseline("middle");
```

```
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");

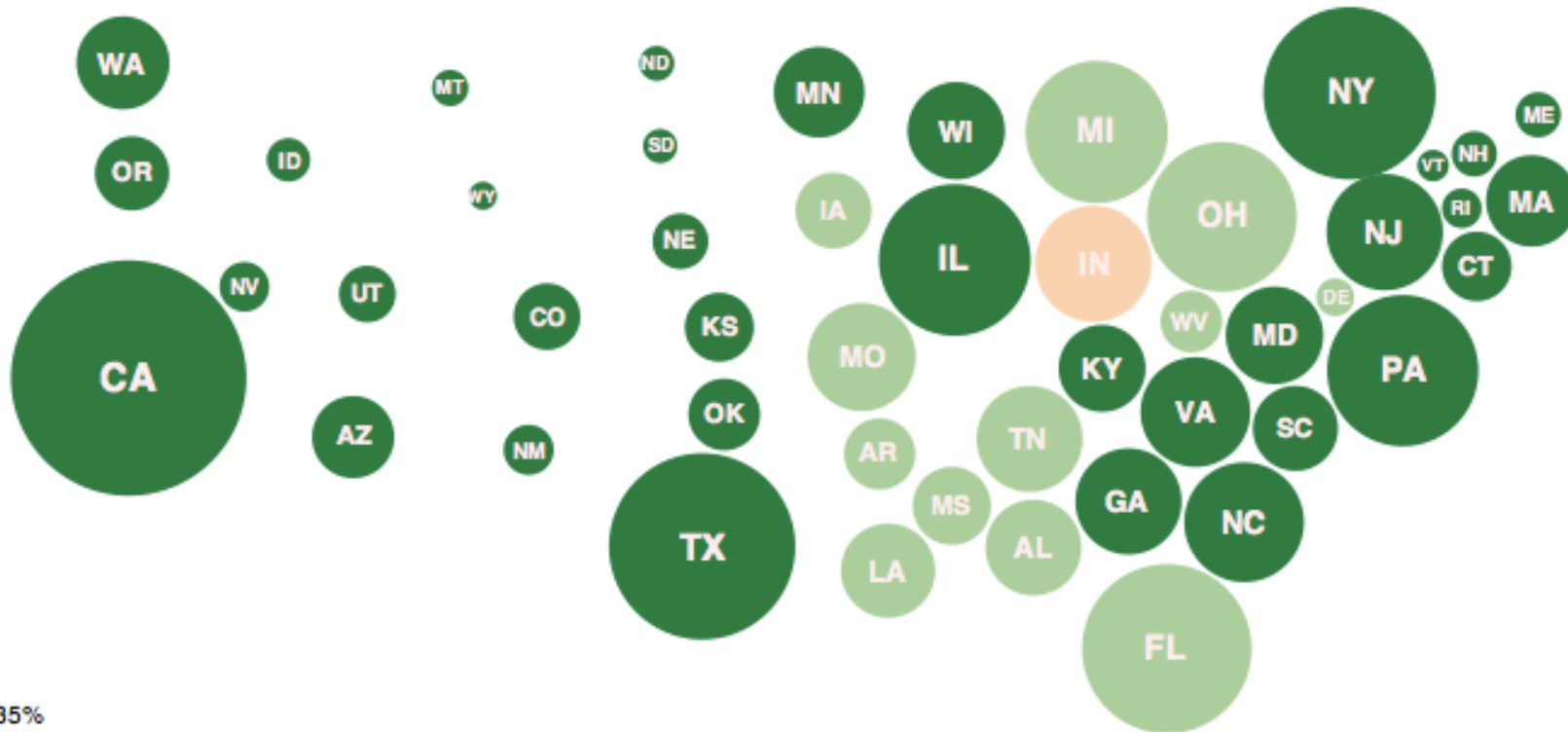
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  .left(lon).top(tmp) .strokeStyle("#0")
  .add(pv.Label)
  .top((d) => 5 + tmp(d))
  .text((d) => d.temp+"° "+d.date.substr(0,6))
  .textBaseline("top").font("italic 10px Georgia");
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(FROM WELL-TEMPERED CLAVIER, BOOK 1)**

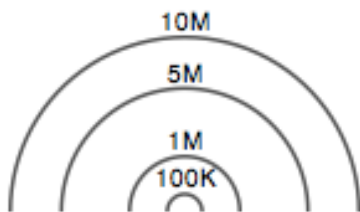
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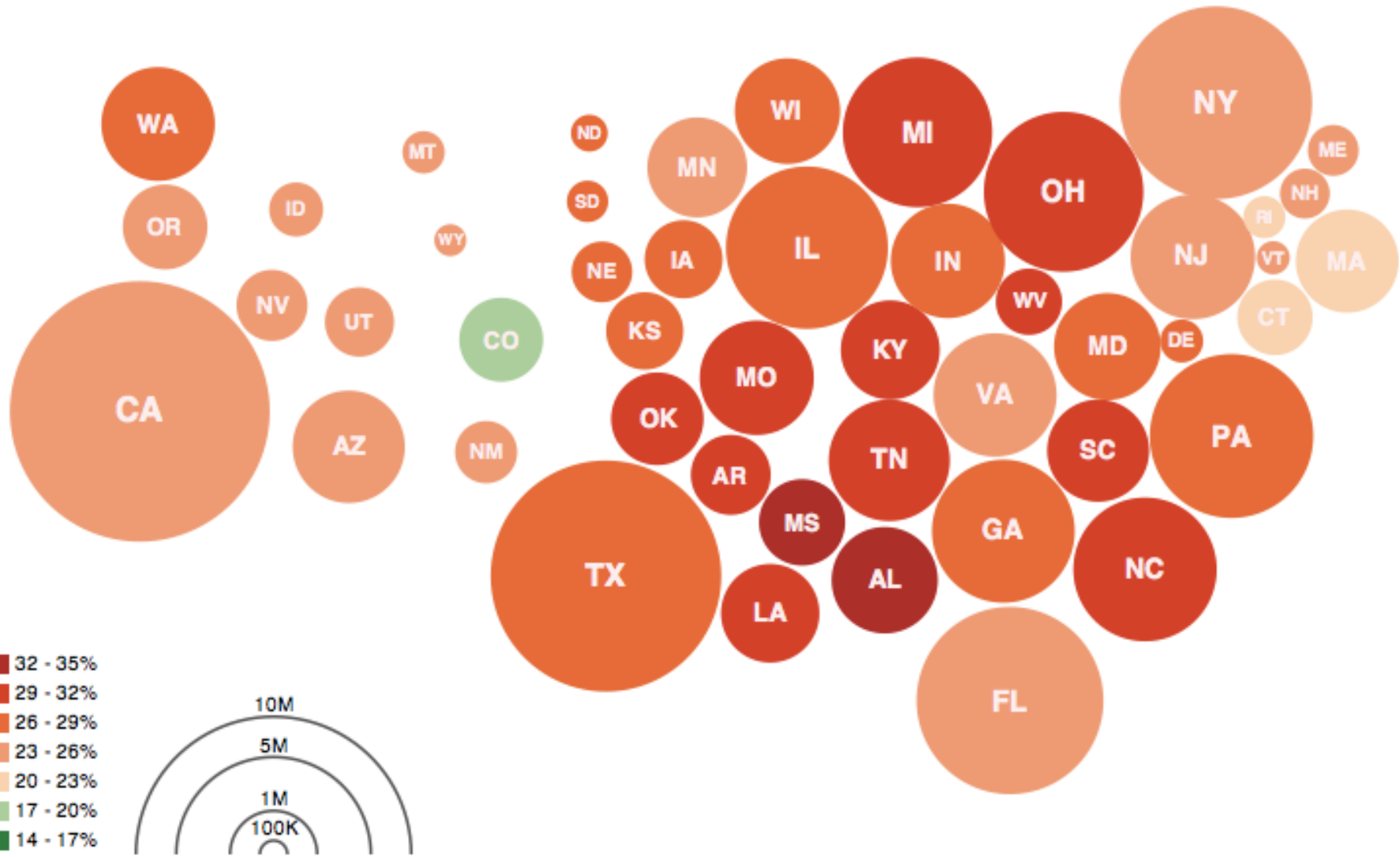


Bach's Prelude #1 in C Major | Jieun Oh

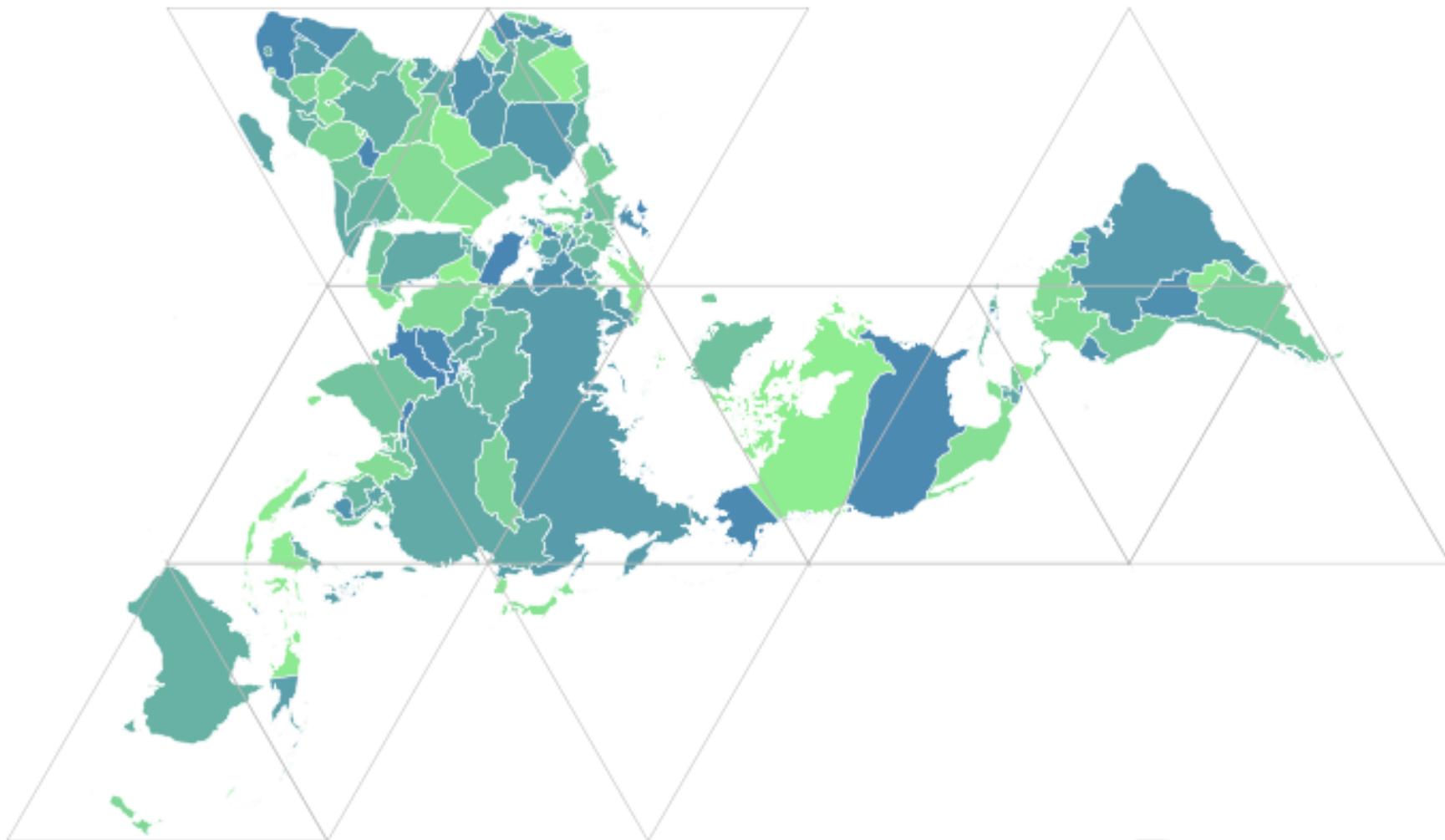


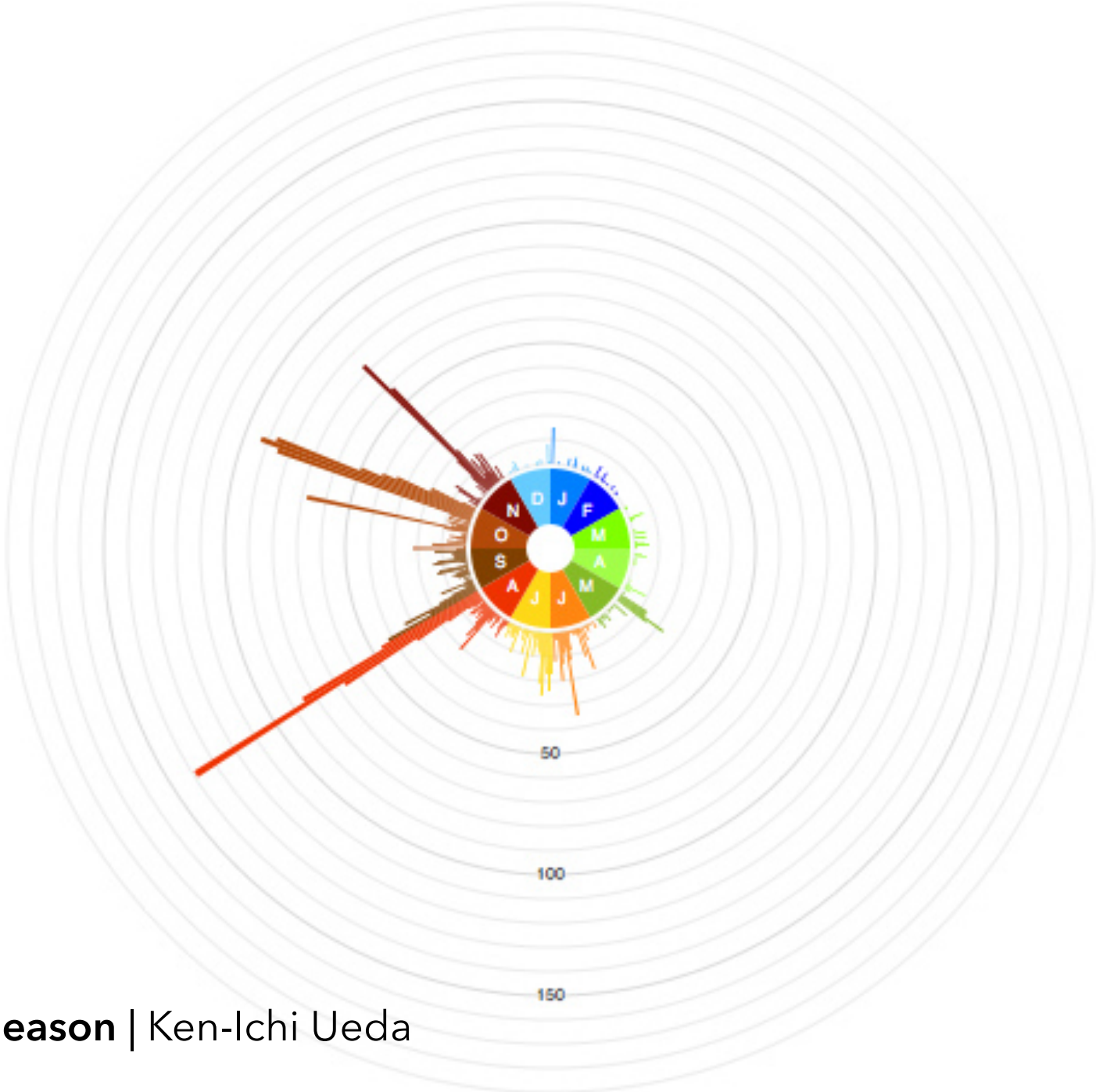
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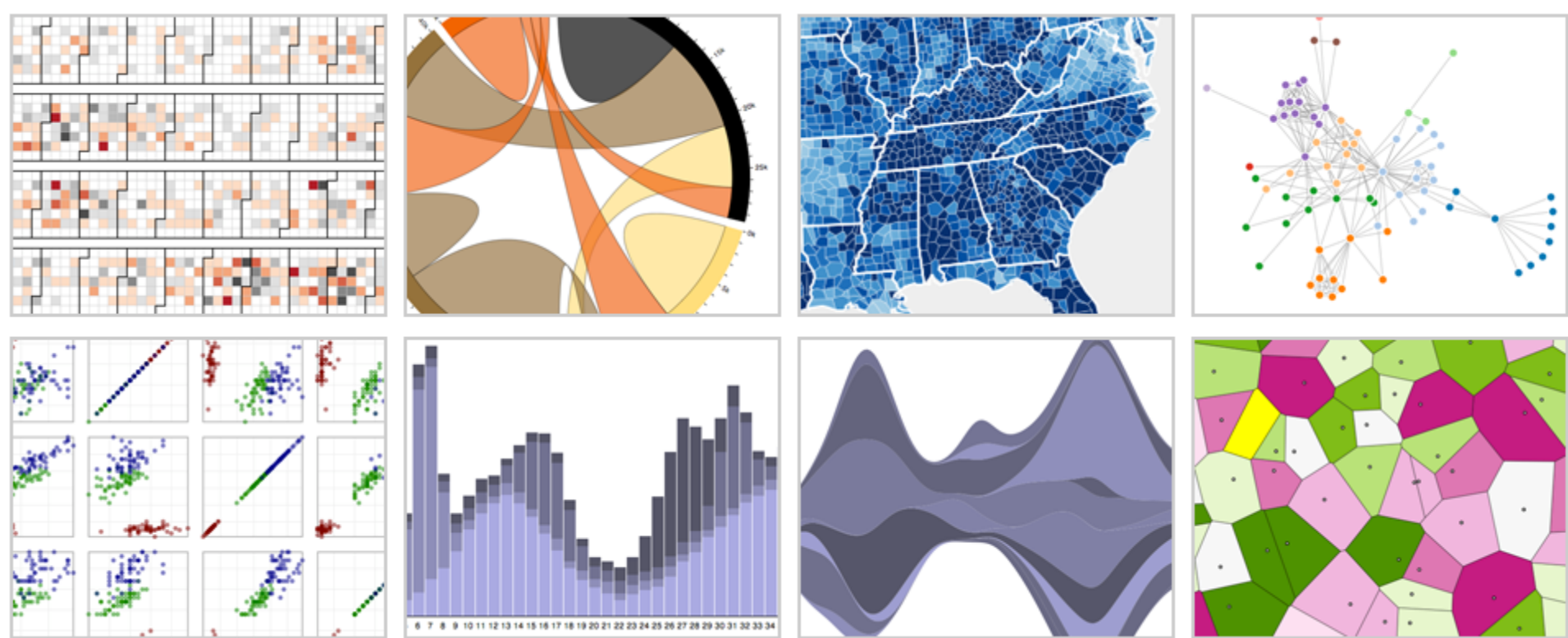


Obesity Map | Vadim Ogievetsky





d3.js Data-Driven Documents



with **Mike Bostock** & Vadim Ogievetsky

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D3

Bind data to DOM

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- + Use with other tools

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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
```

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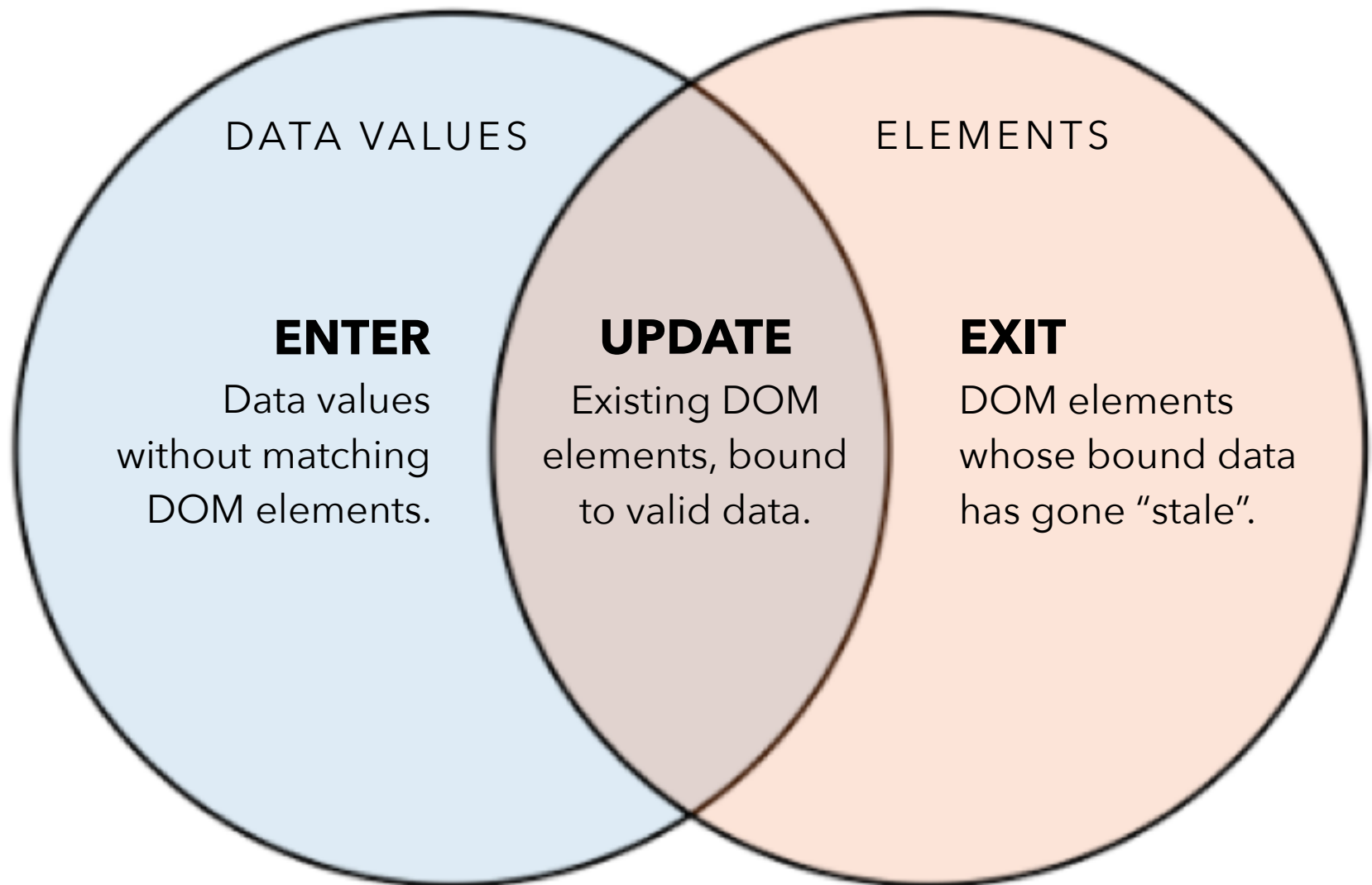
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// What if data values are removed? The exit set is a selection of existing  
// DOM elements who no longer have matching data values.
```

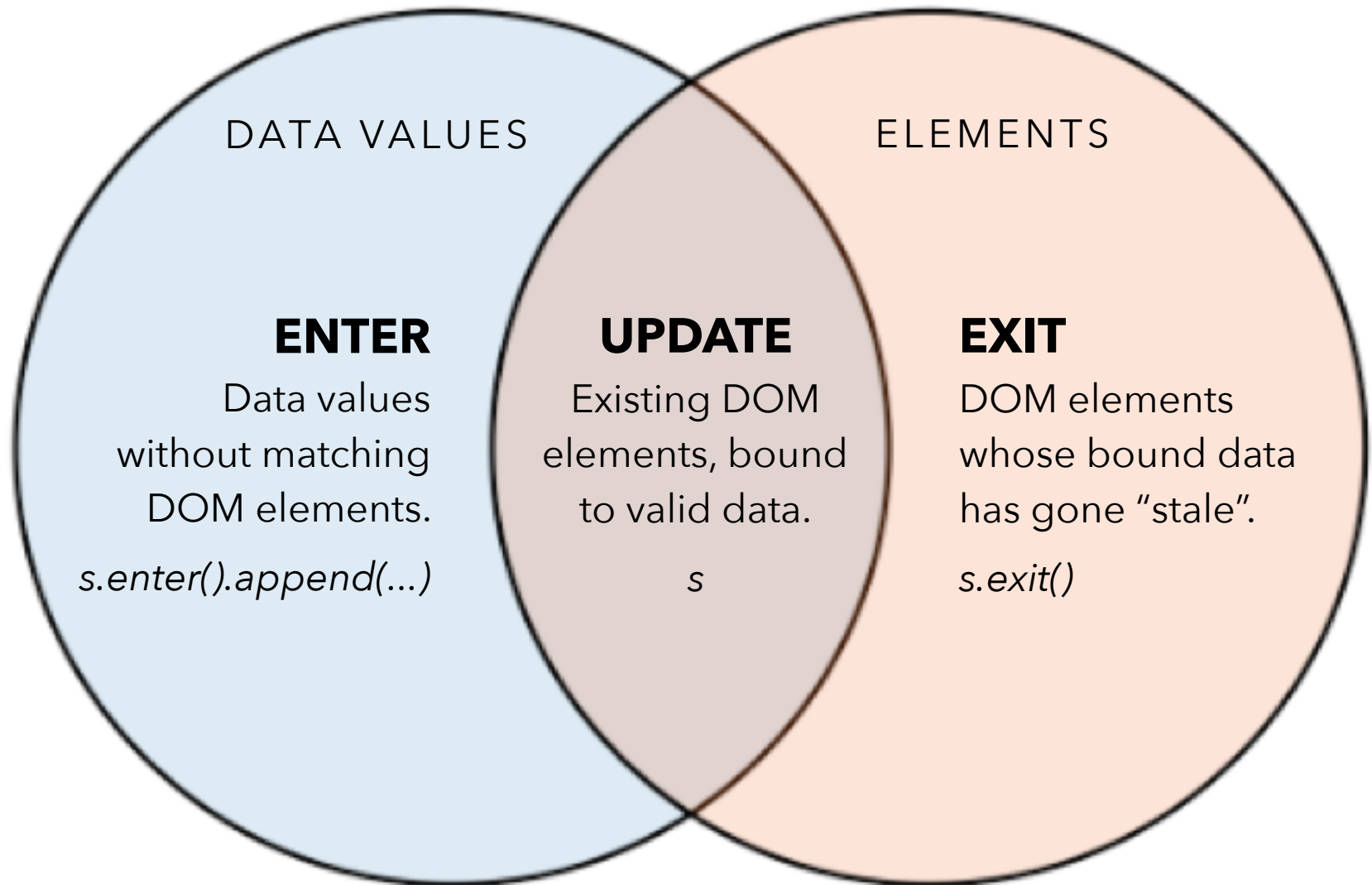
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bars.exit().remove();
```

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```
var s = d3.selectAll(...).data(...)
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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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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 a dashboard

Interact with data

Refine your questions

Author a report

Screenshots of most insightful views (10+)

Include titles and captions for each view



Due by 11:59pm

Friday, Apr 13

D3.js Tutorial

Date: **Thursday, April 19**

Time: **4:30pm to 6:30pm**

Location: **Sieg 134**

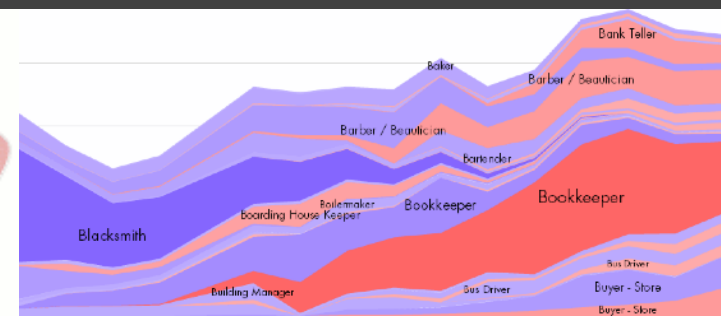
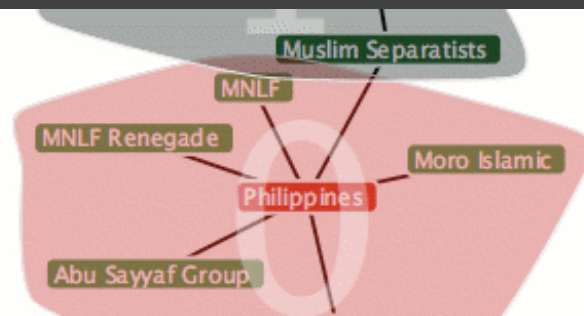
D3.js is a popular JavaScript visualization library, valuable for A3 and your Final Project...

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, April 30.**

Work in project teams of 3-4 people.

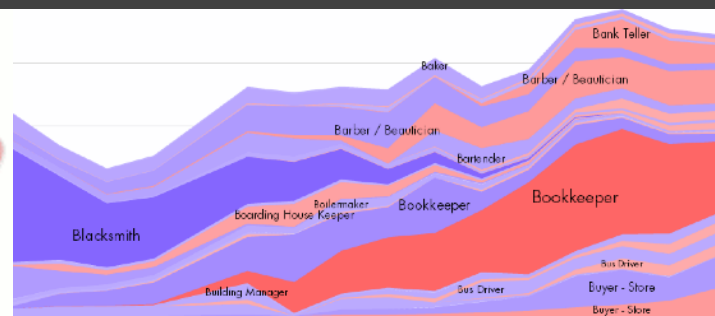
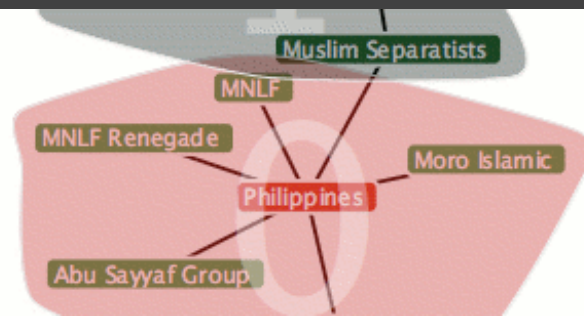


Requirements

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 your visualization using GitHub pages.

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



A3 Project Team

Form a **team of 3-4** for A3 *ASAP*.

(Start thinking about your Final Project, too!)

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

Submit signup form by **Friday 4/20, 11:59pm**.

If you do not have team mates, you should:

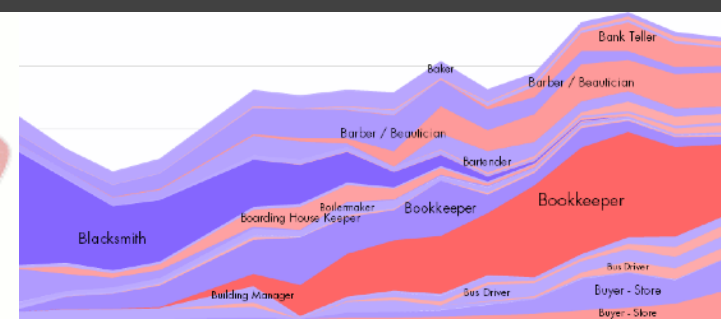
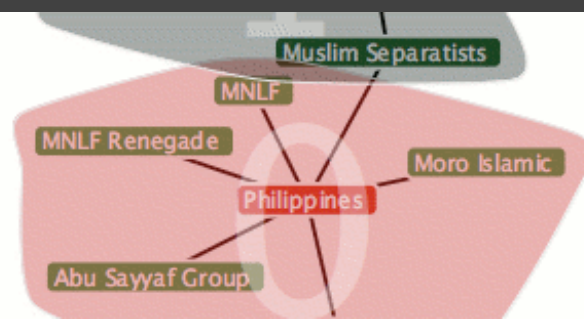
- Use the facilities on Canvas
- Stay after class/tutorial to meet potential partners

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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d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(my_data)
  .enter().append("rect")
  .attr("x", function(d) { return xscale(d.foo); })
  .attr("y", function(d) { return yscale(d.bar); })
```

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Tea Party Vow to Deter Voter Fraud Is Called Scare Tactic
 By IAN URBINA 2:19 PM ET
 Voting rights group say that Tea Party members' plan to question voters' eligibility at the polls is intended to suppress minority and poor voters.



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 By ROBIN FINN
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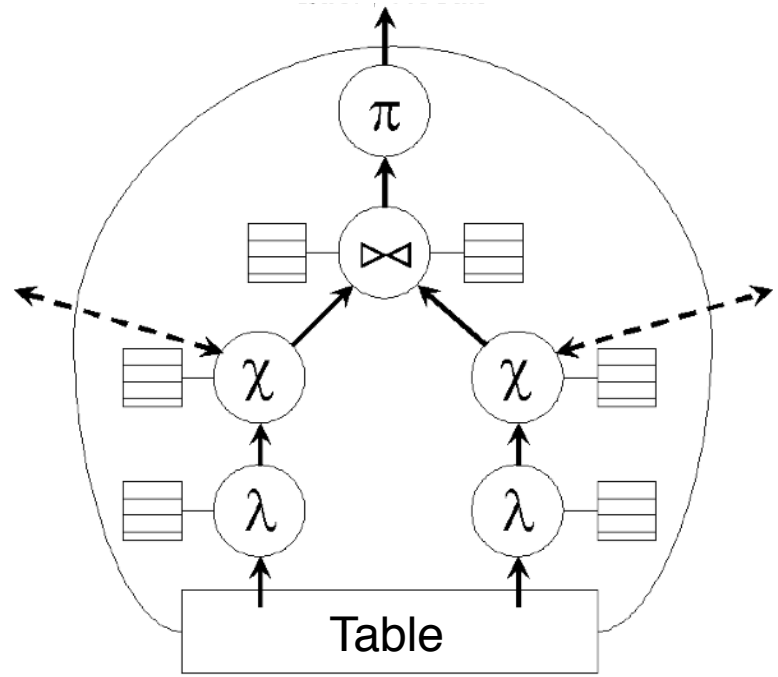
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<!--[if IE]><![endif]-->
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HTML / CSS



```

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?

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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VEGA-LITE

A Grammar of Interactive Graphics

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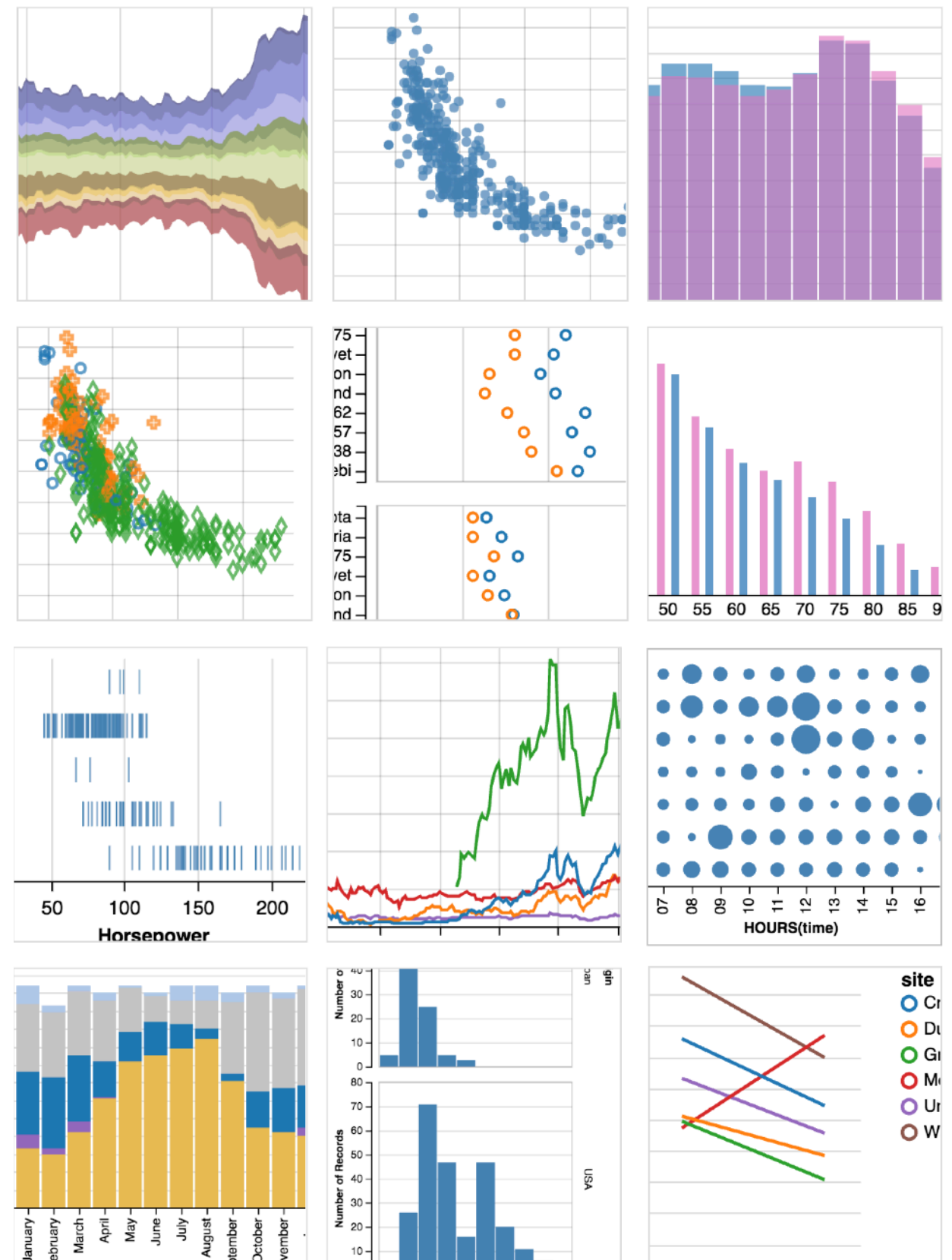
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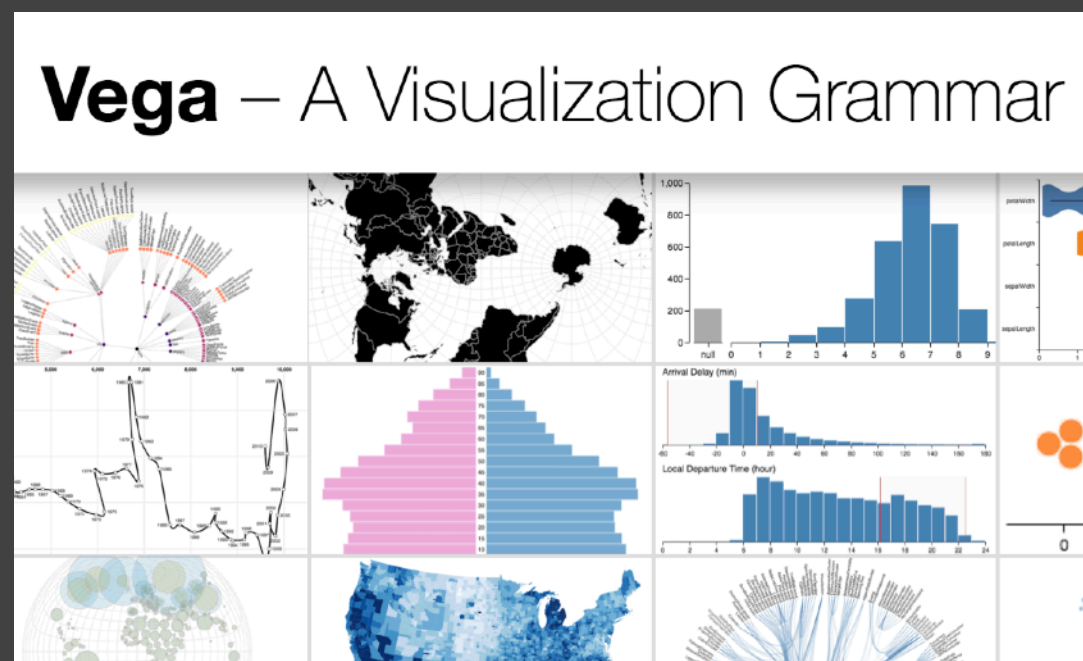
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 Data-Driven Documents

Grammar of Graphics *for Customized Designs*

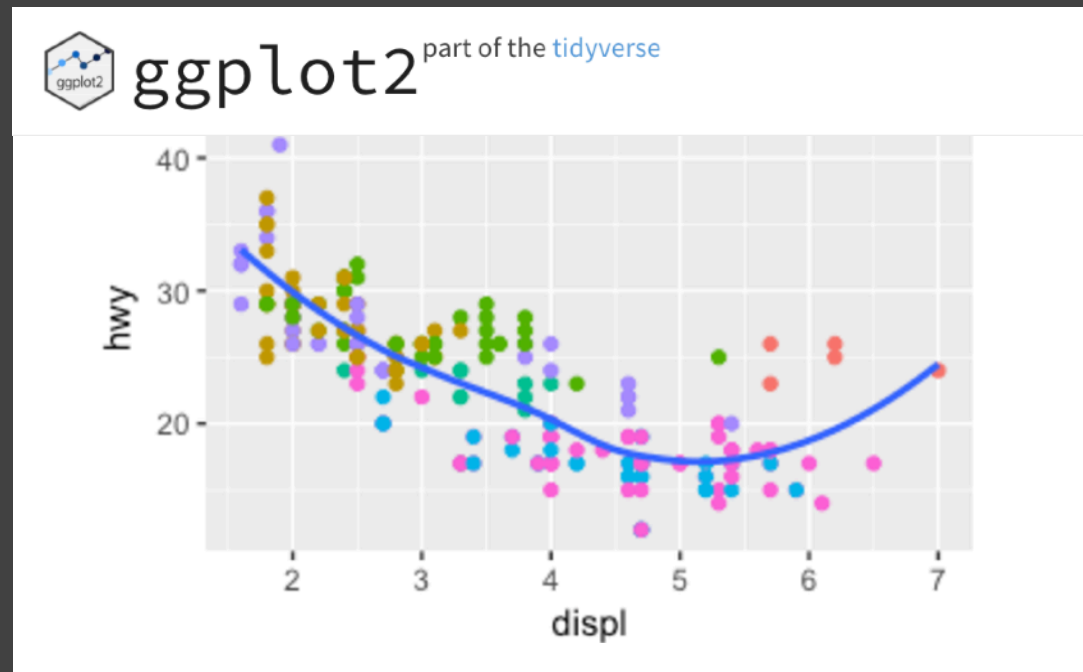


Offer **fine-grained control** for composing interactive graphics.



But require **verbose** specifications and technical expertise.

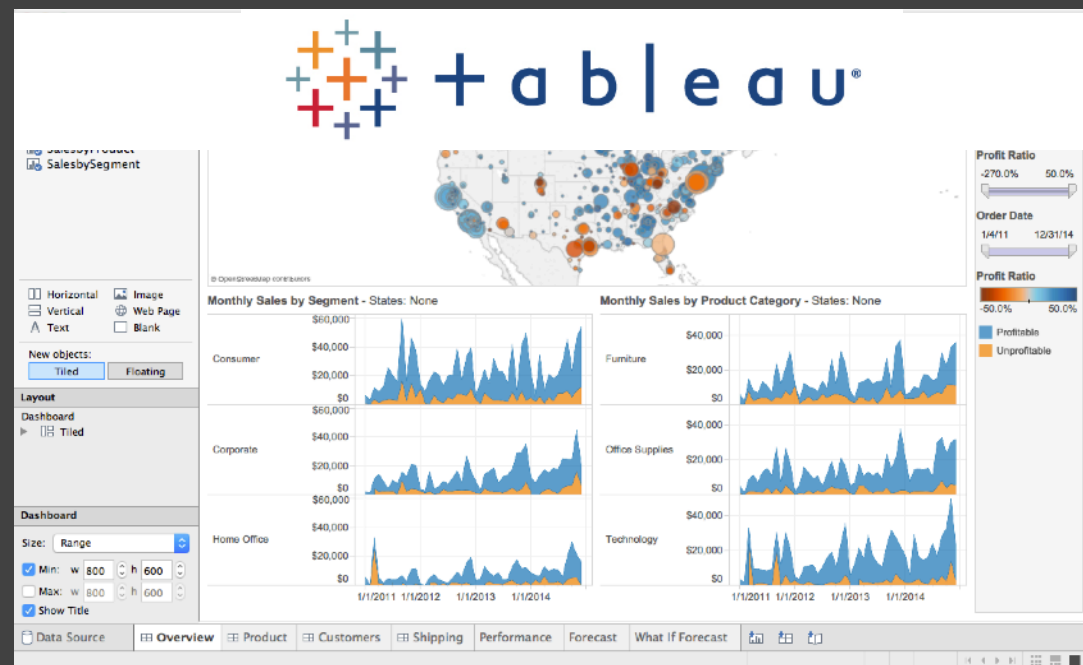
Grammar of Graphics *for Exploration*



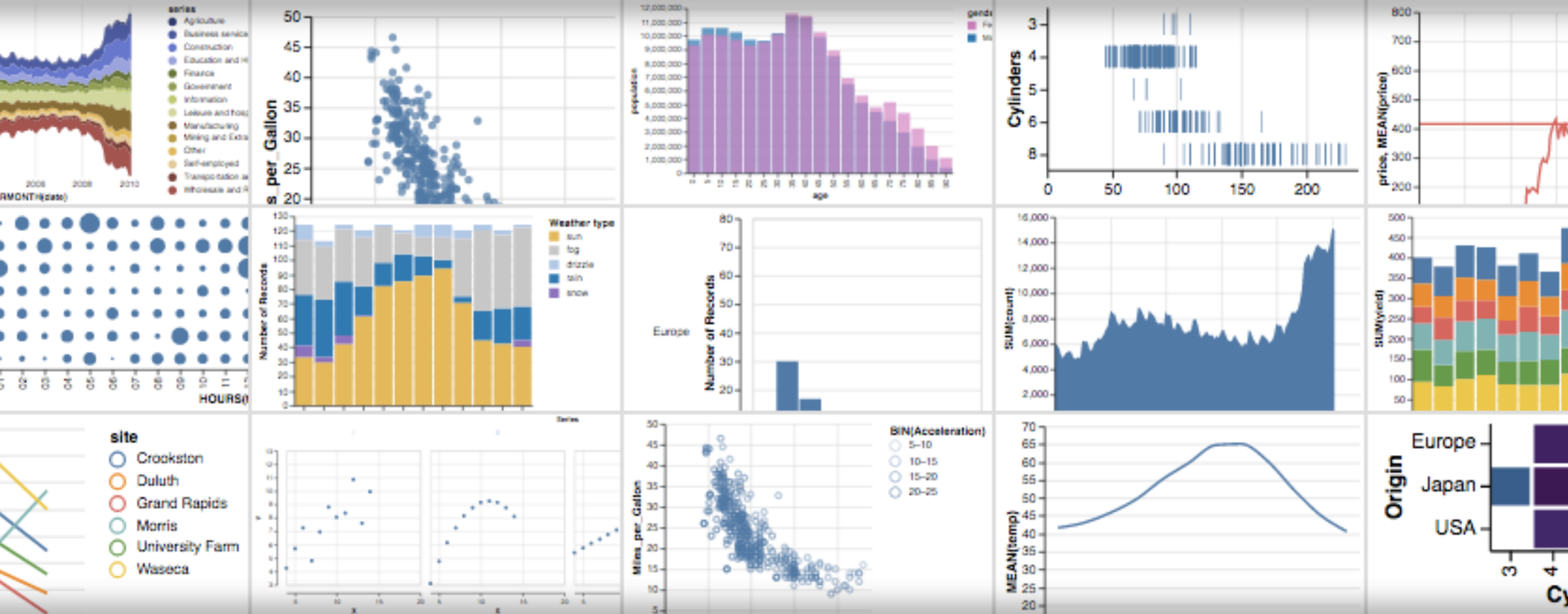
Facilitate **rapid exploration** with **concise** specifications by omitting low-level details.

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

But **limited** support for **interactions**.



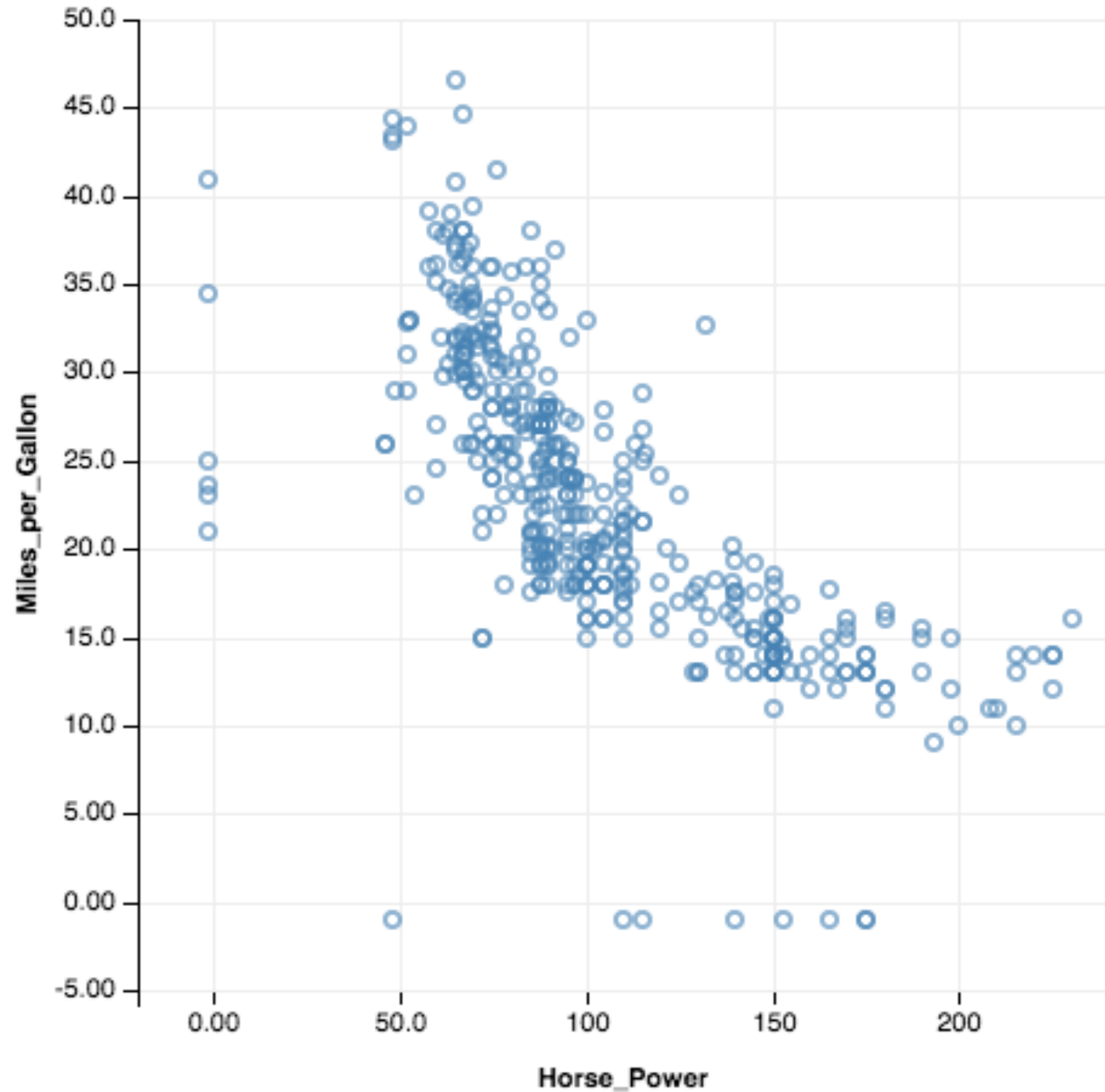
How might we author
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Vega-Lite: A Grammar of Interactive Graphics

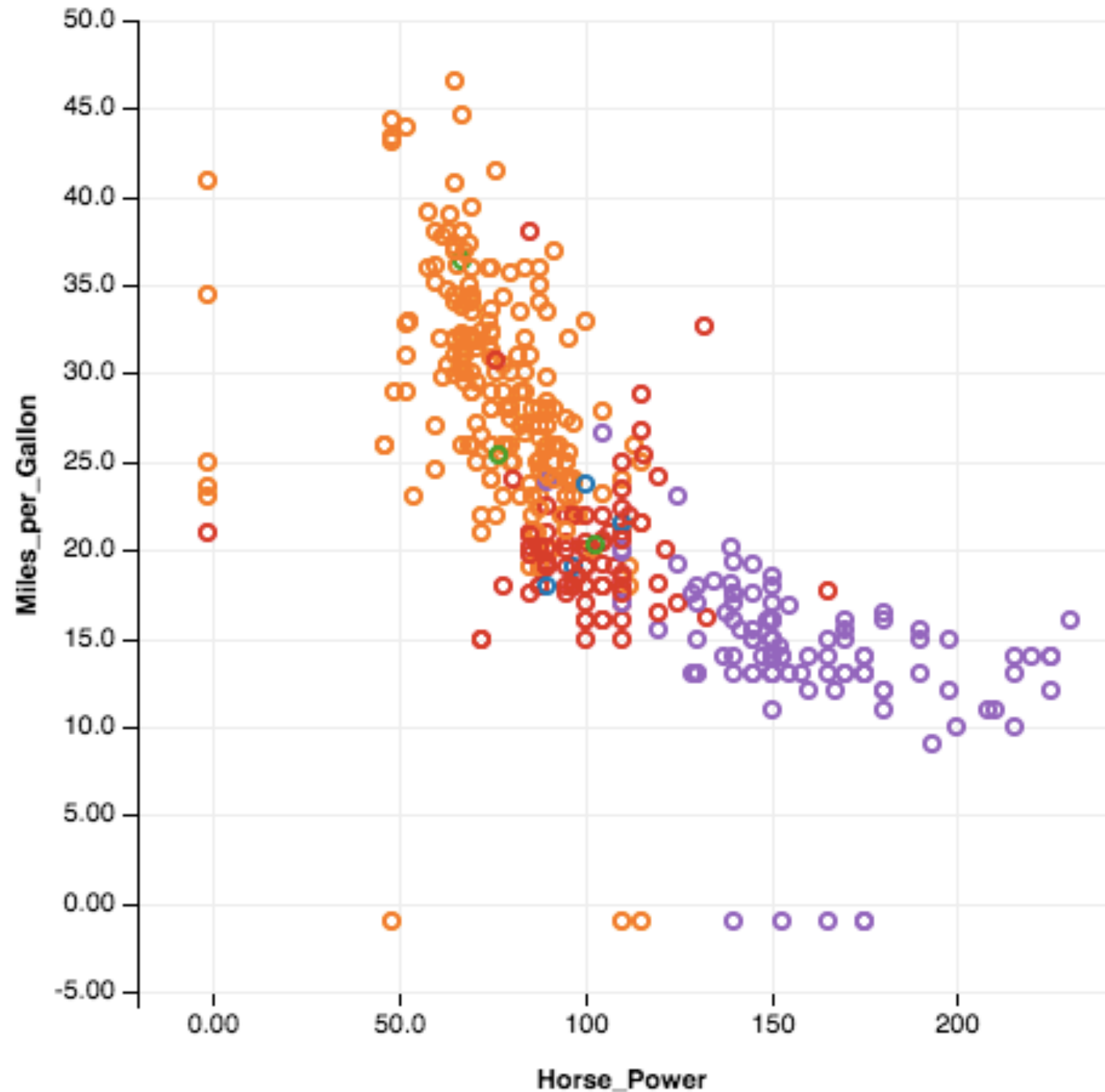
A. Satyanarayan, D. Moritz, K. Wongsuphasawat & J. Heer. *TVCG 2017*

Vega-Lite: Scatter Plot

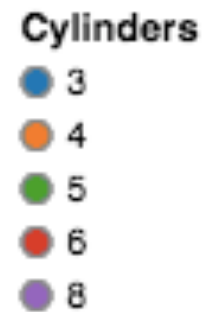


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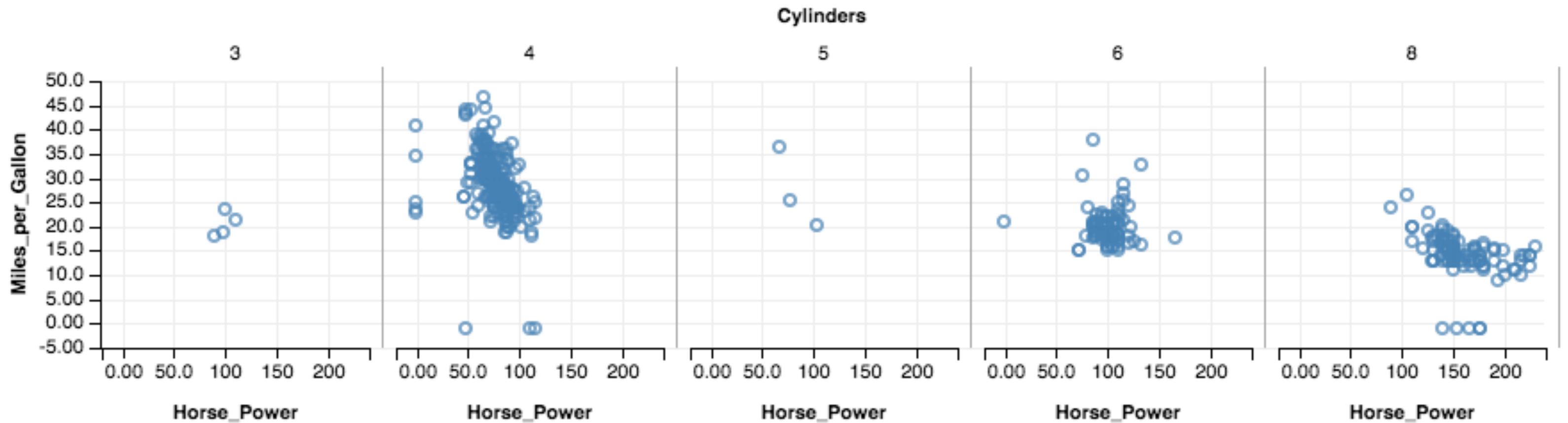

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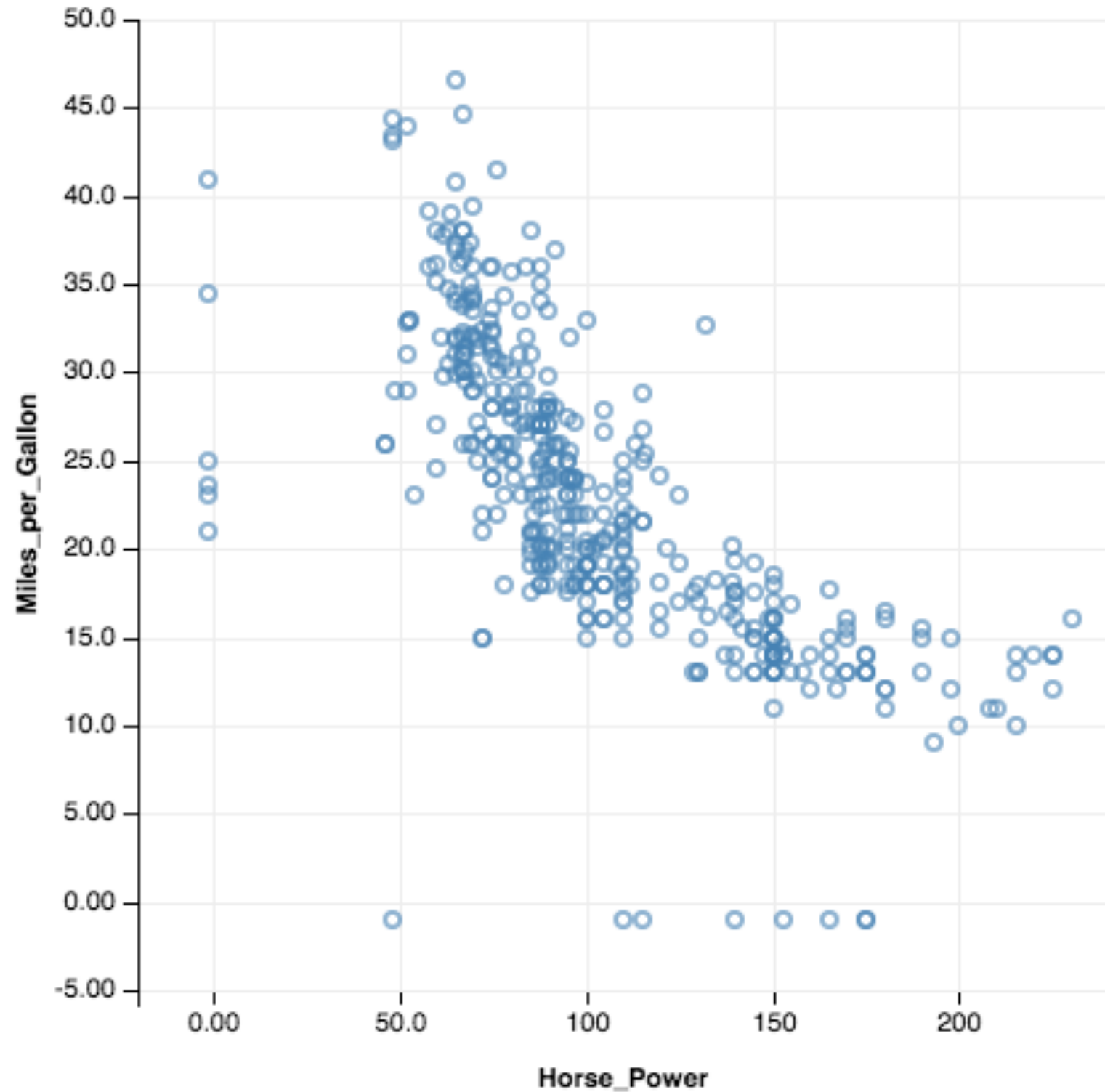


Vega-Lite: Trellis Plot



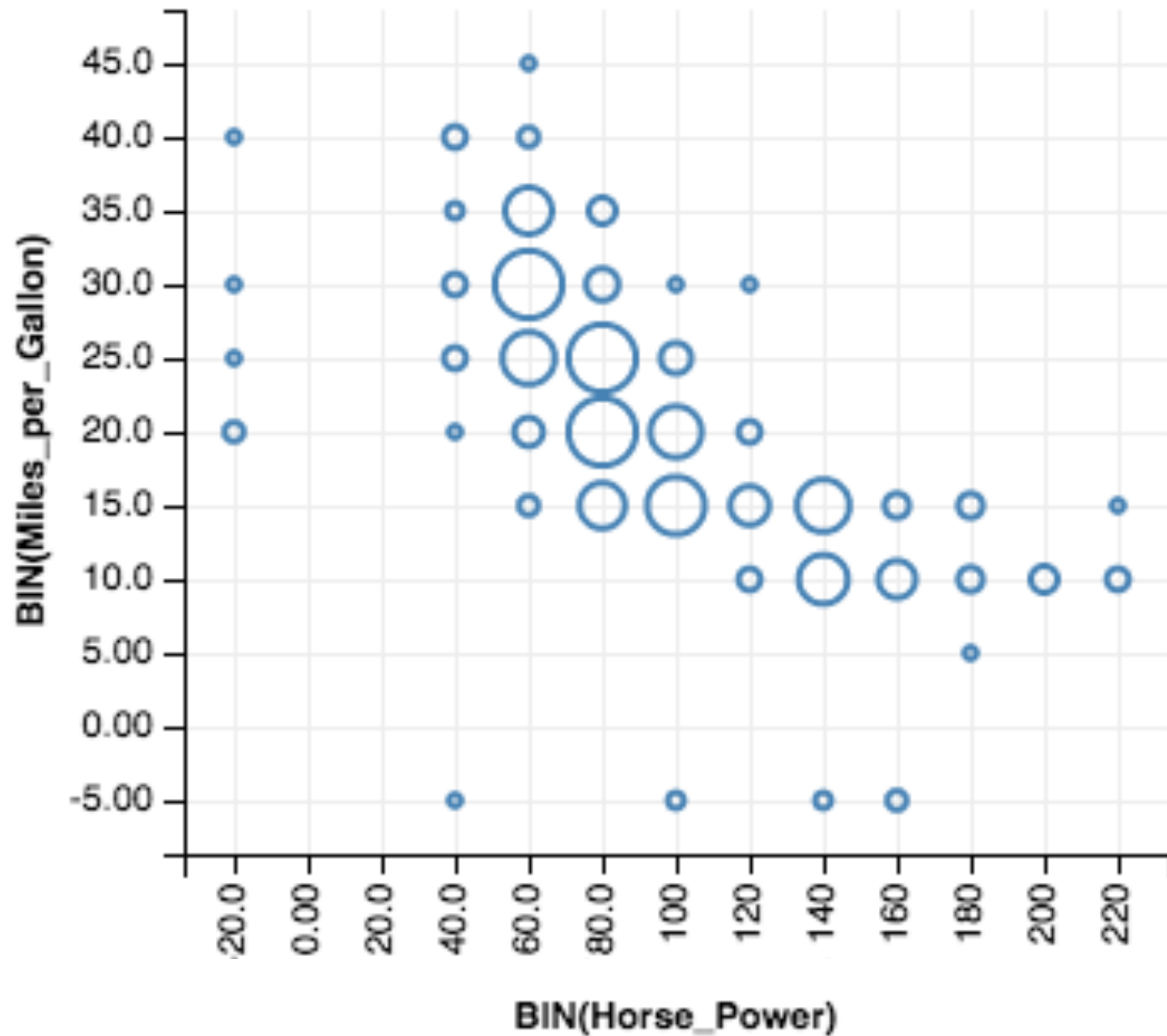
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```

Vega-Lite: Scatter Plot



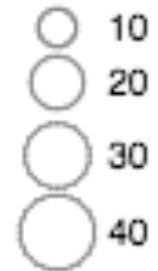
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}
```

Vega-Lite: 2D Histogram



```
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```

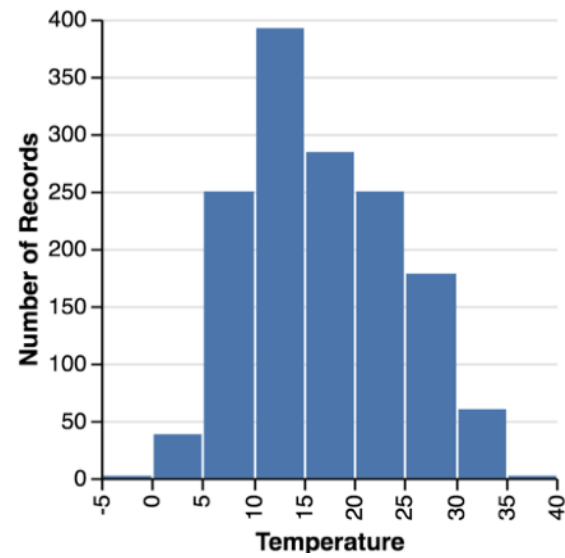
Number of Records



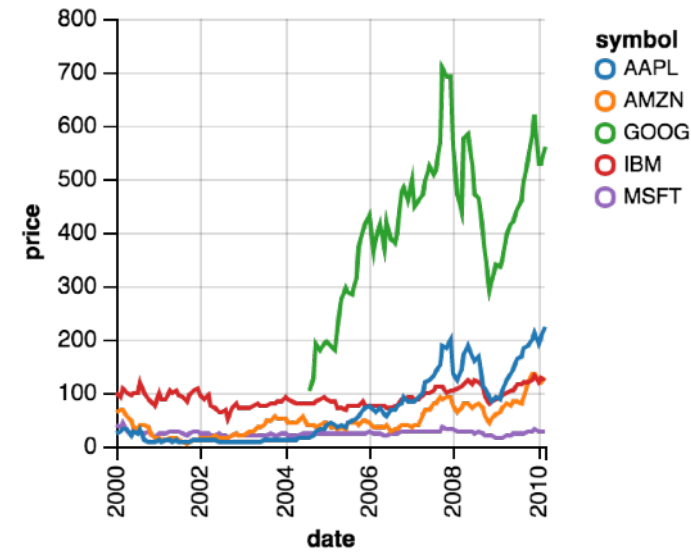
RESEARCH GOAL:

Extend grammars of statistical graphics to enable **multi-view composition** and **interaction**.

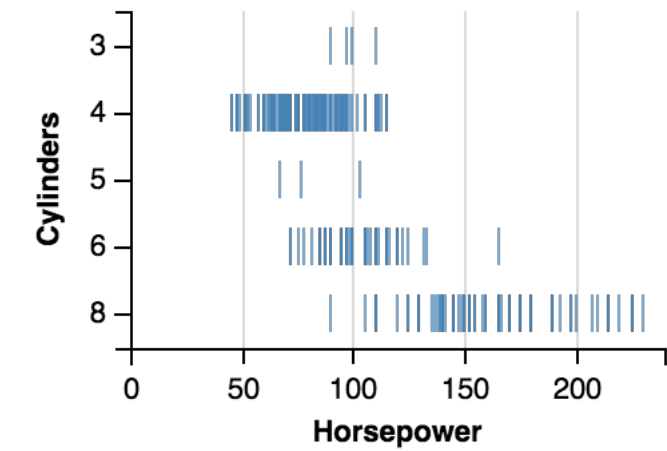
Histogram



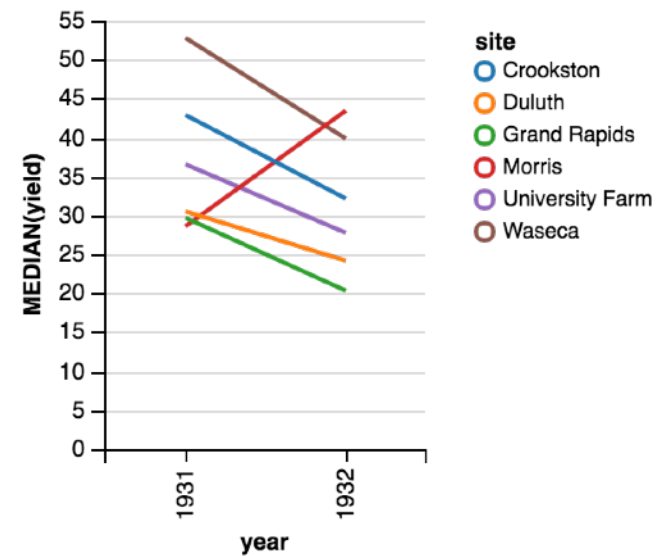
Line Chart



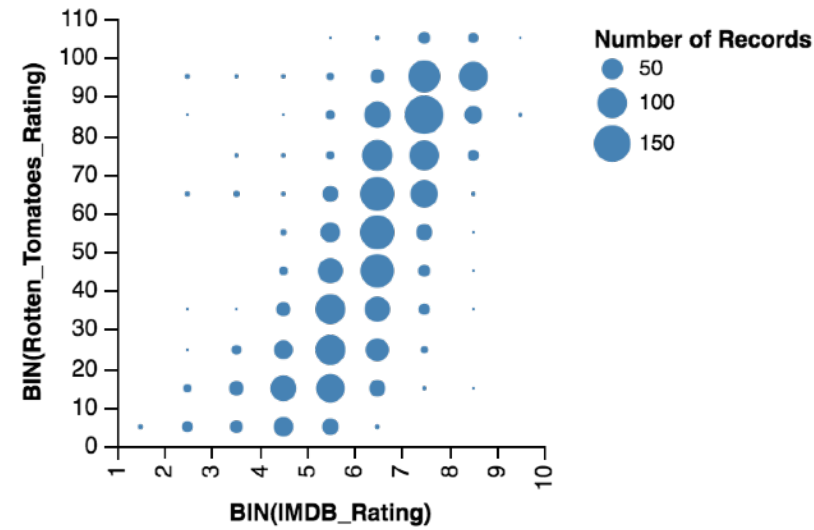
Strip Plot



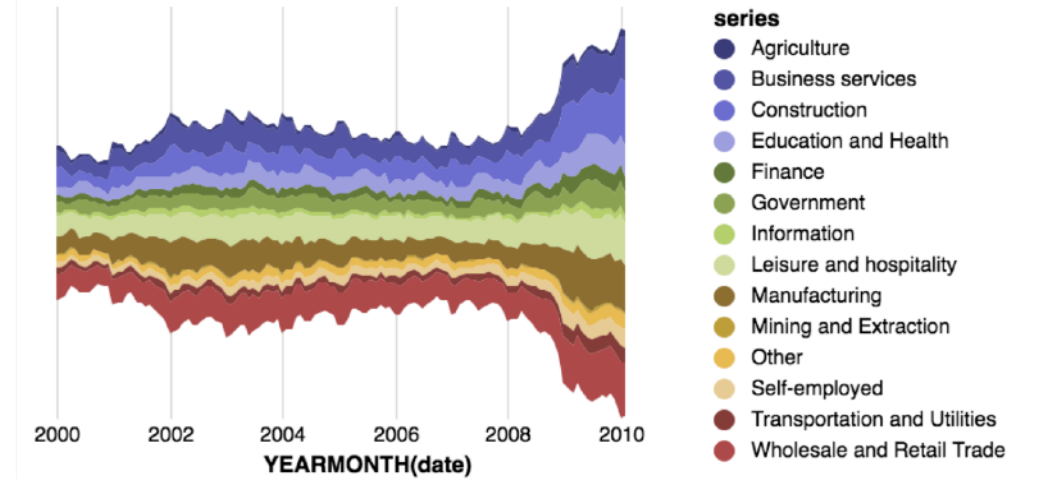
Slope Graph



Binned Scatter Plot

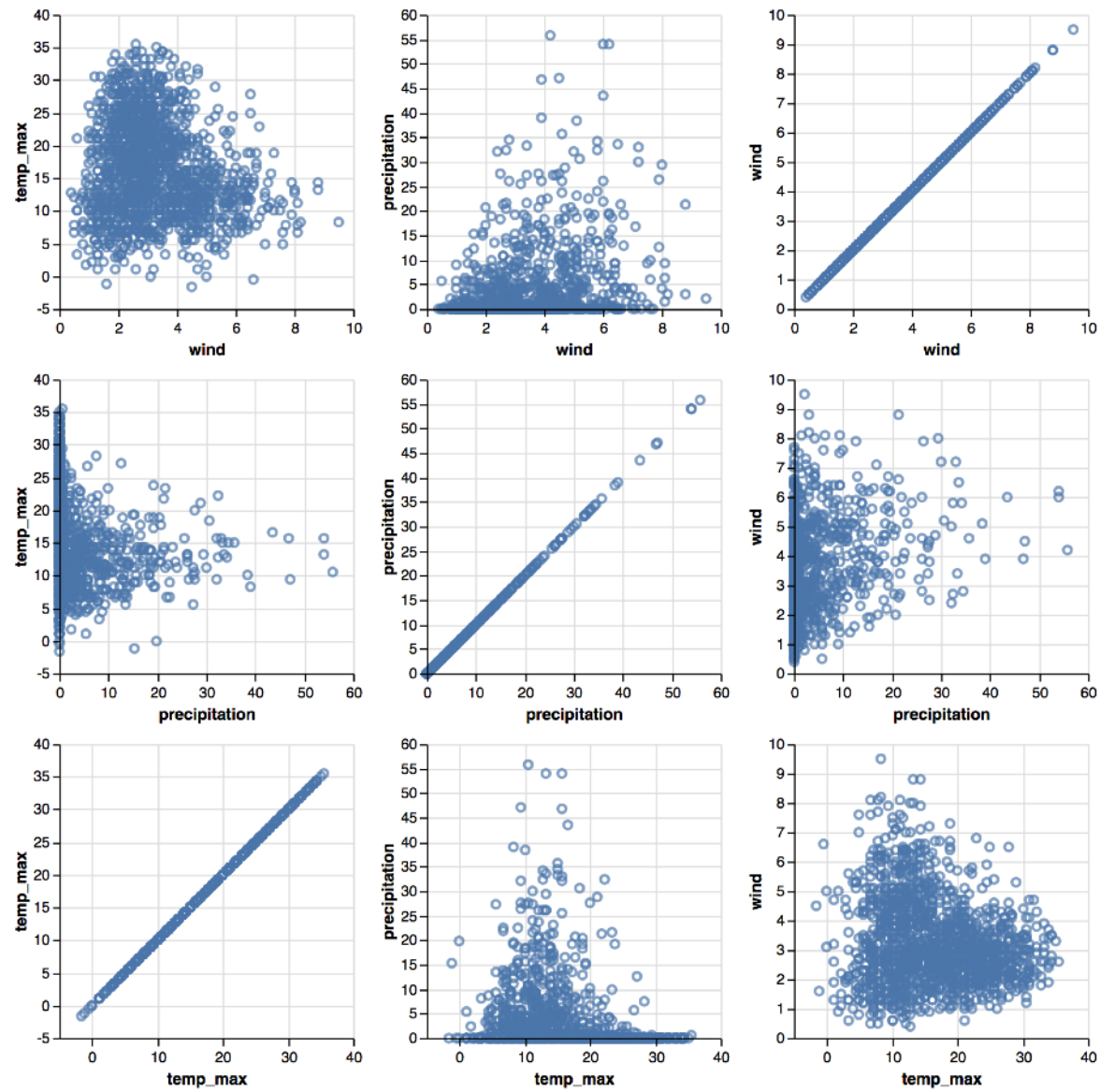


Area Chart

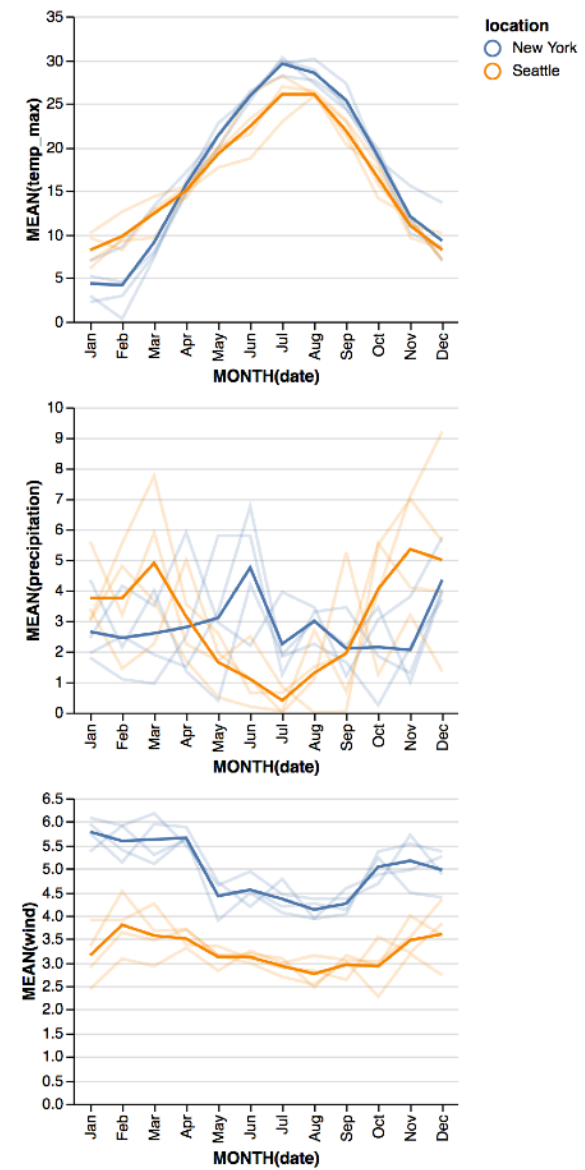


Vega-Lite: A Grammar of Graphics

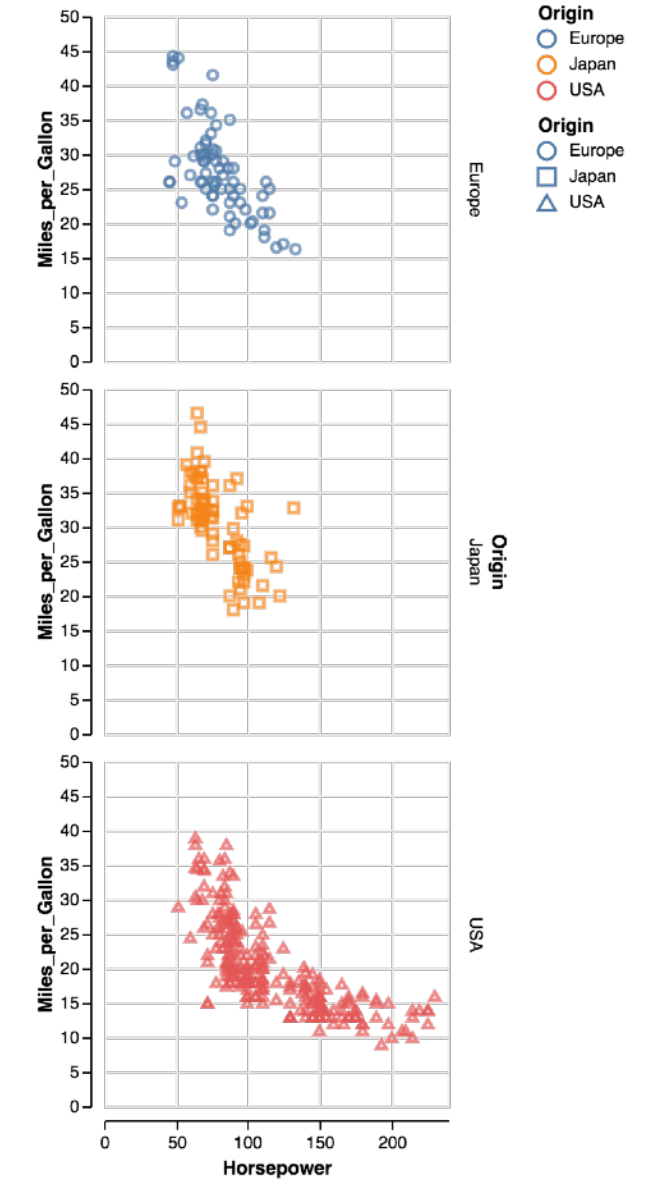
Scatter Plot Matrix



Concatenated & Layered View

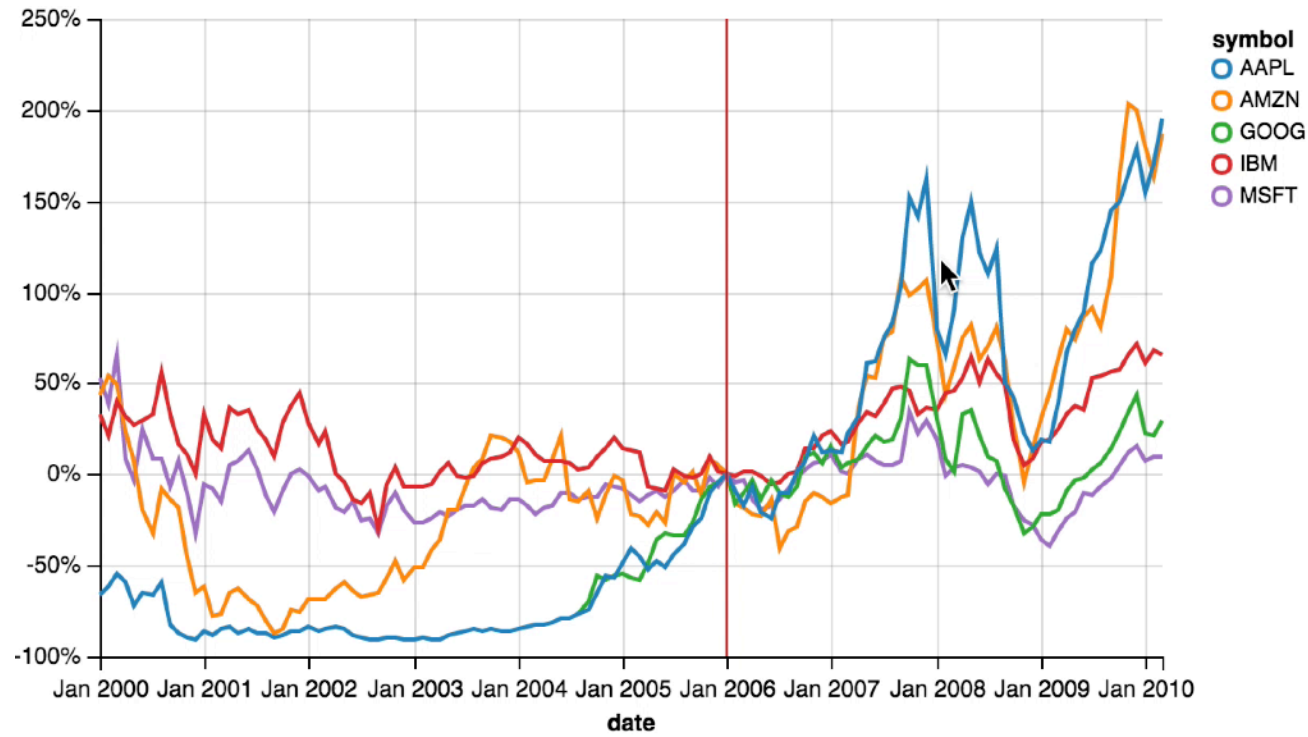


Faceted View

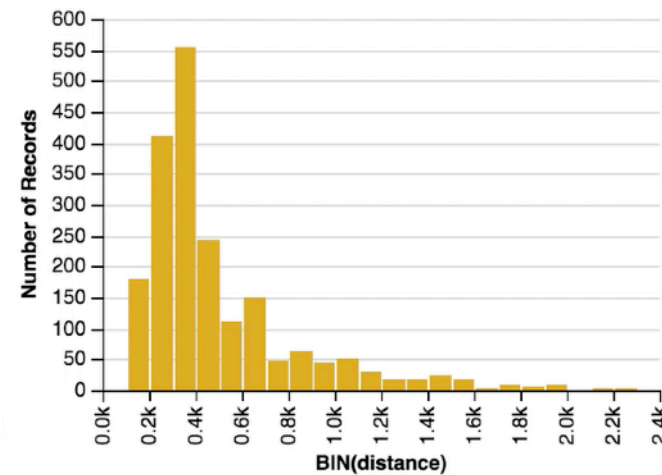
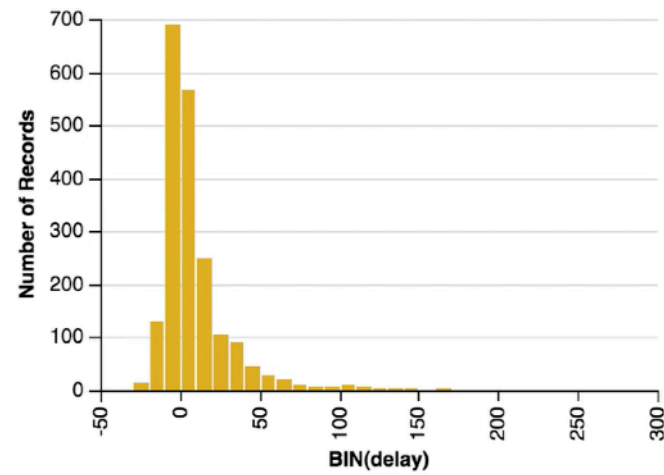
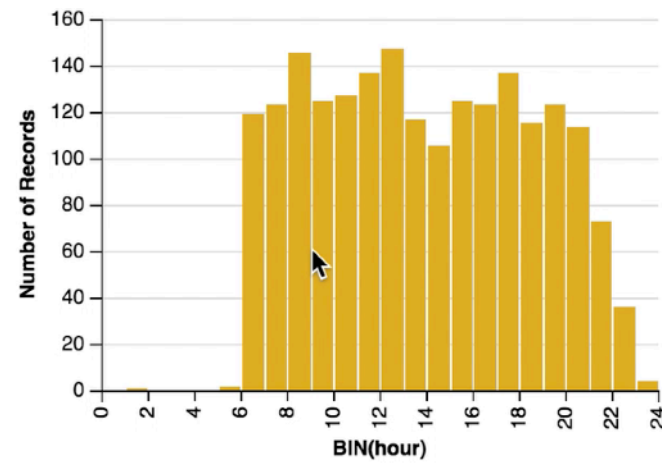
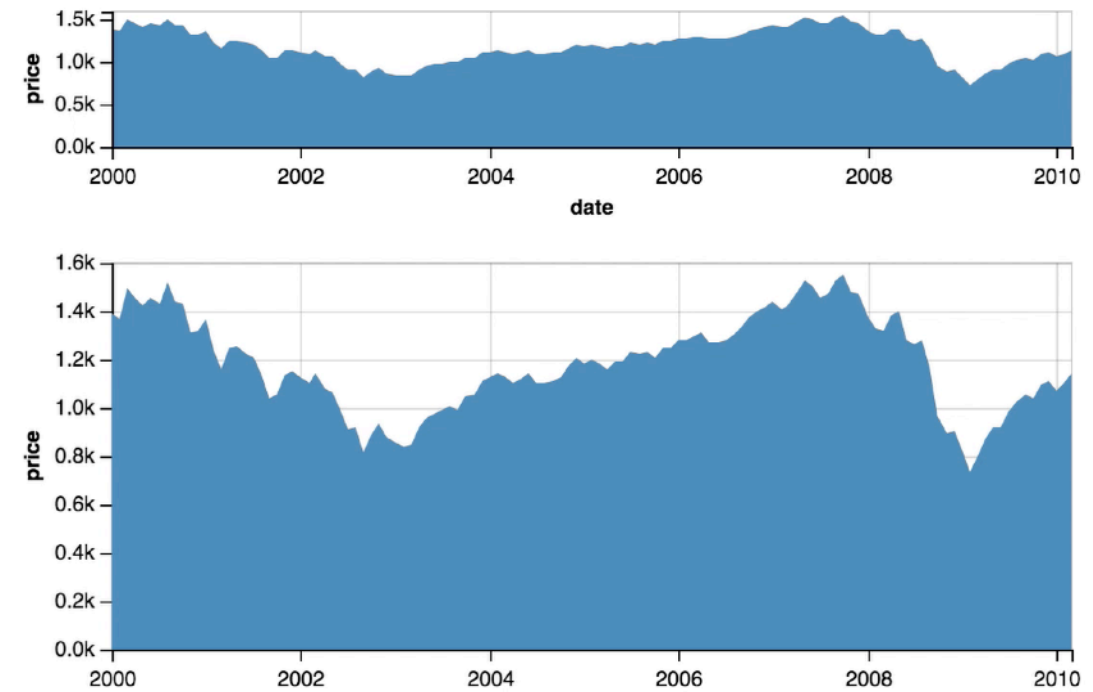


Vega-Lite: A Grammar of **Multi-View** Graphics

Indexed Chart

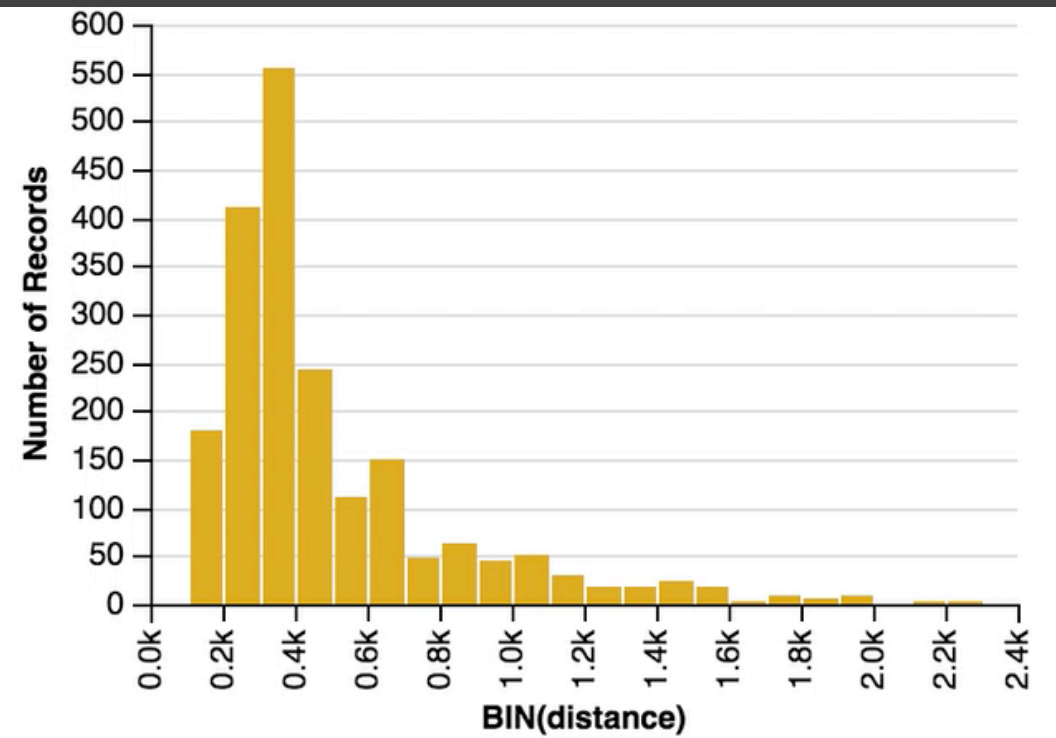
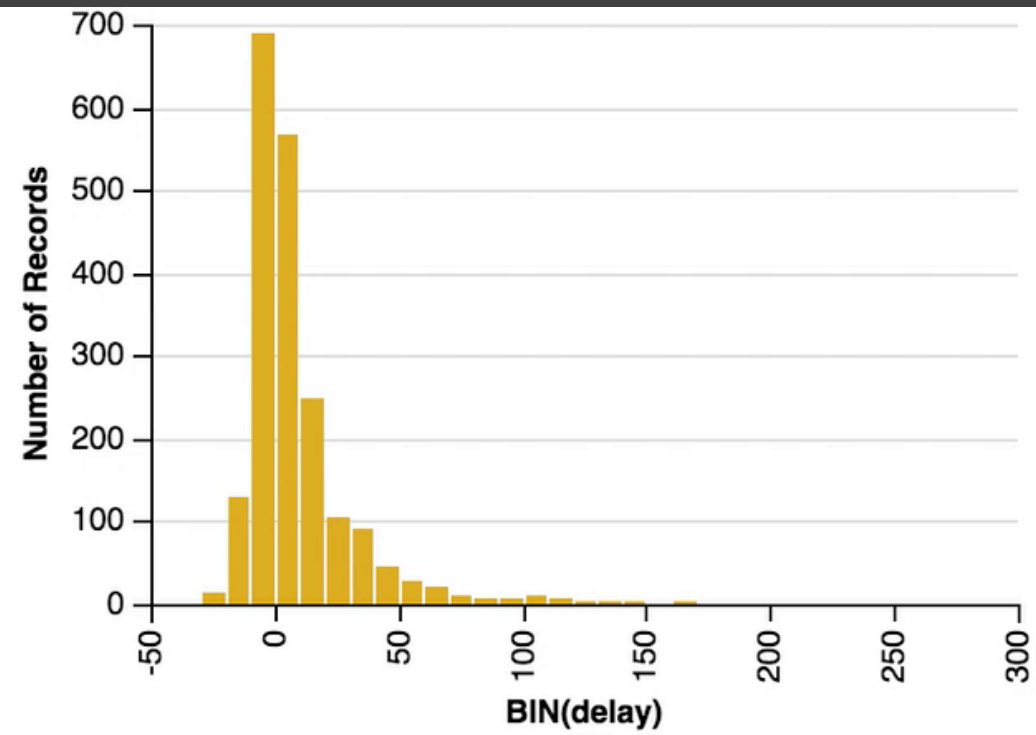
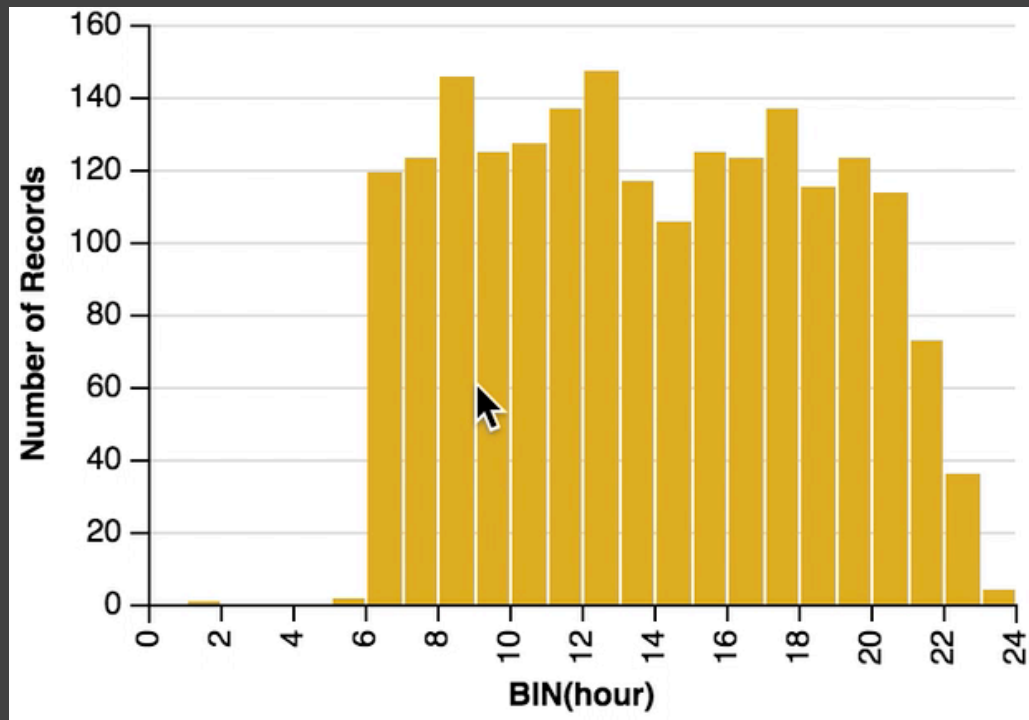


Focus + Context

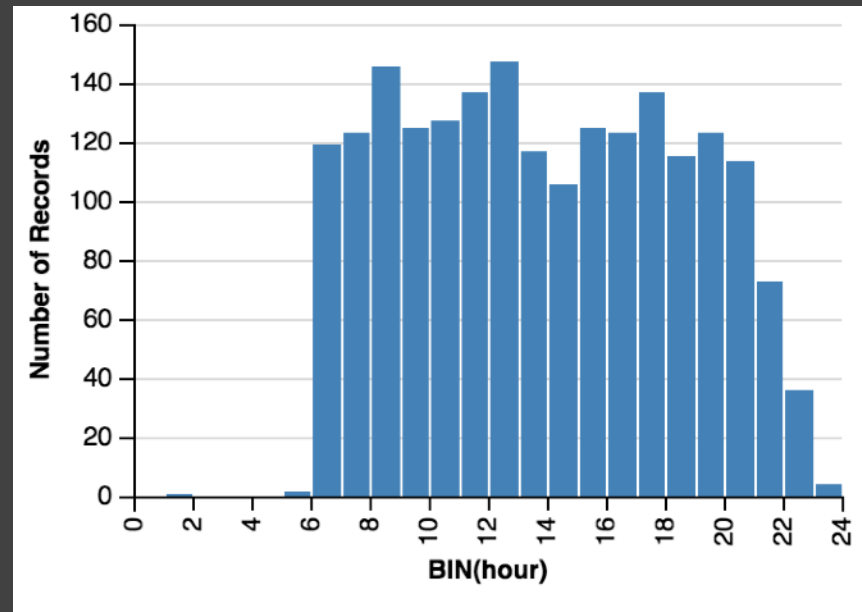


Cross-Filtering

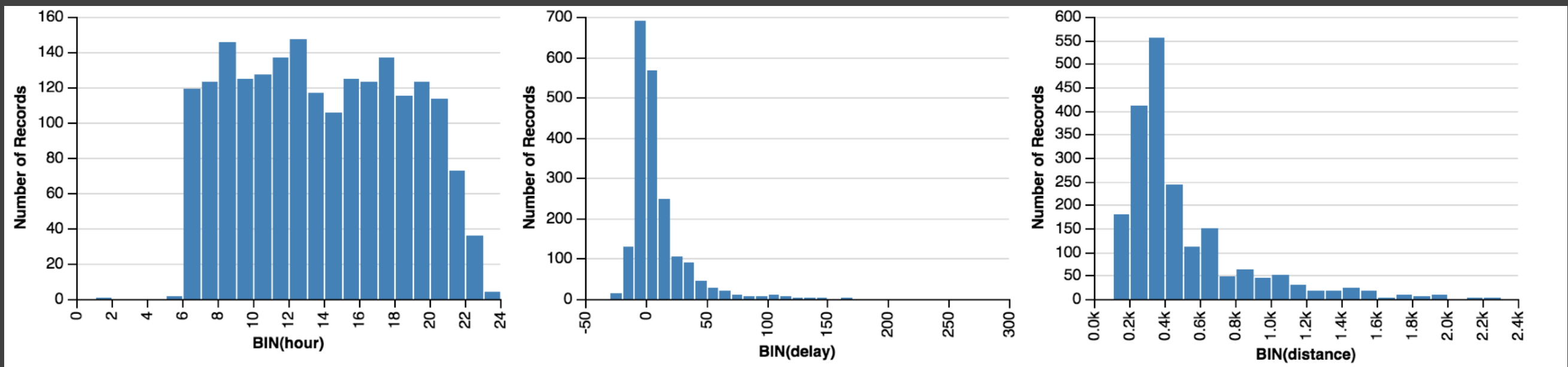
Vega-Lite: A Grammar of **Interactive** Multi-View Graphics



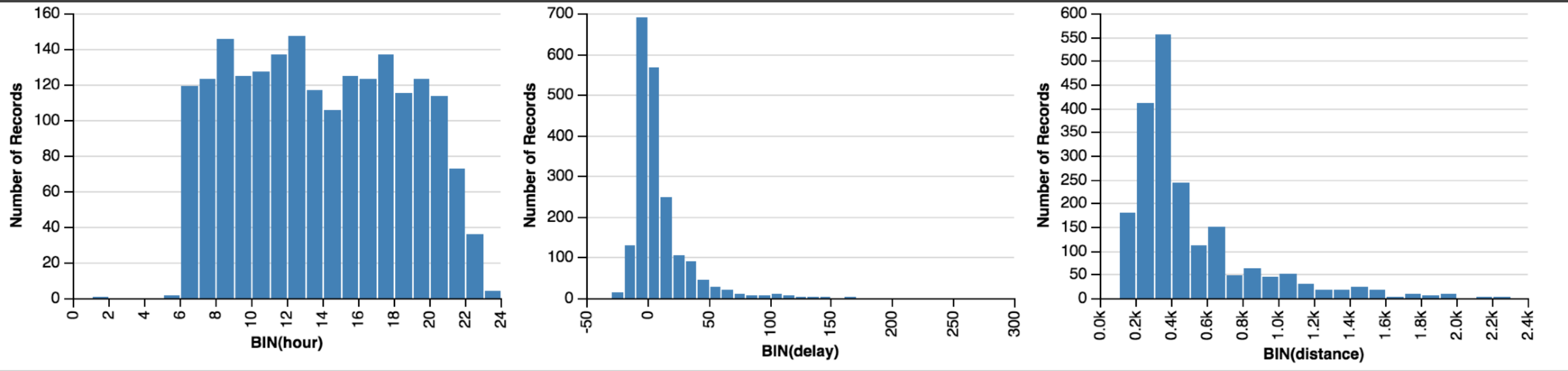
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}
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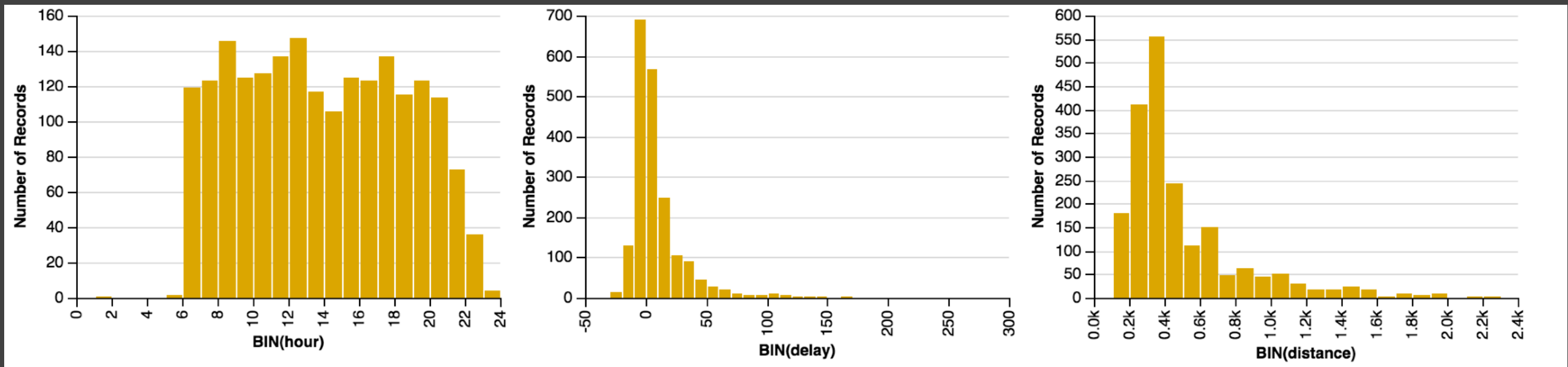
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}
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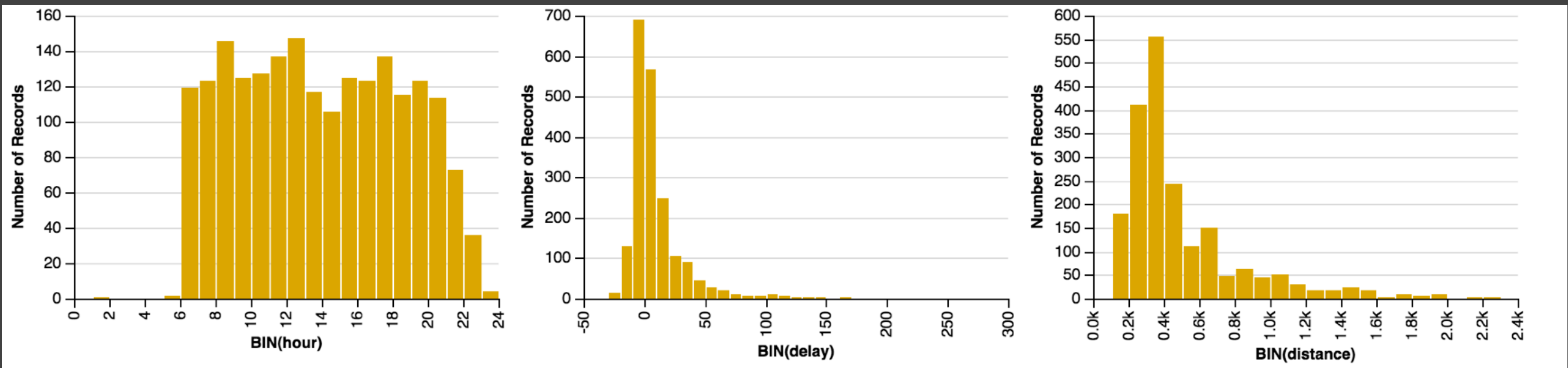
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}
```



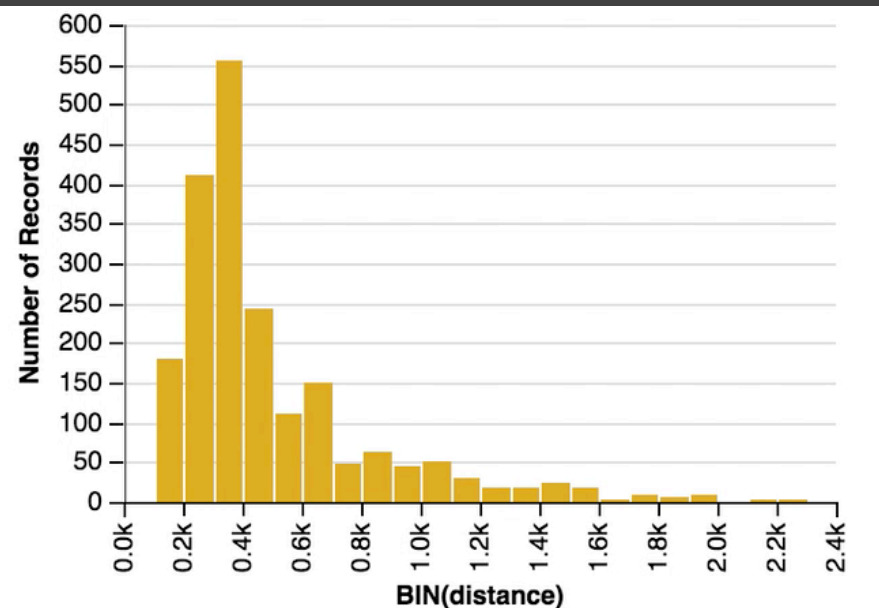
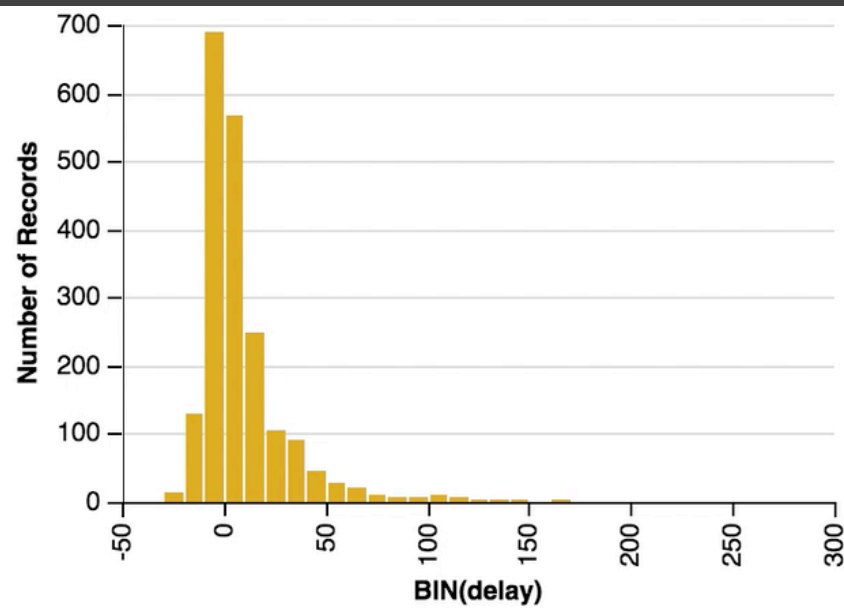
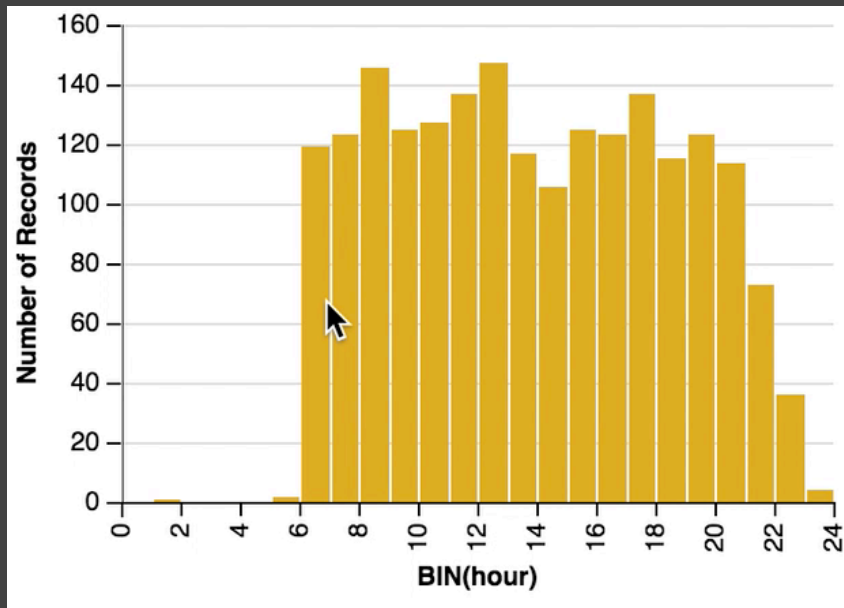
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  ]
}
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```
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}
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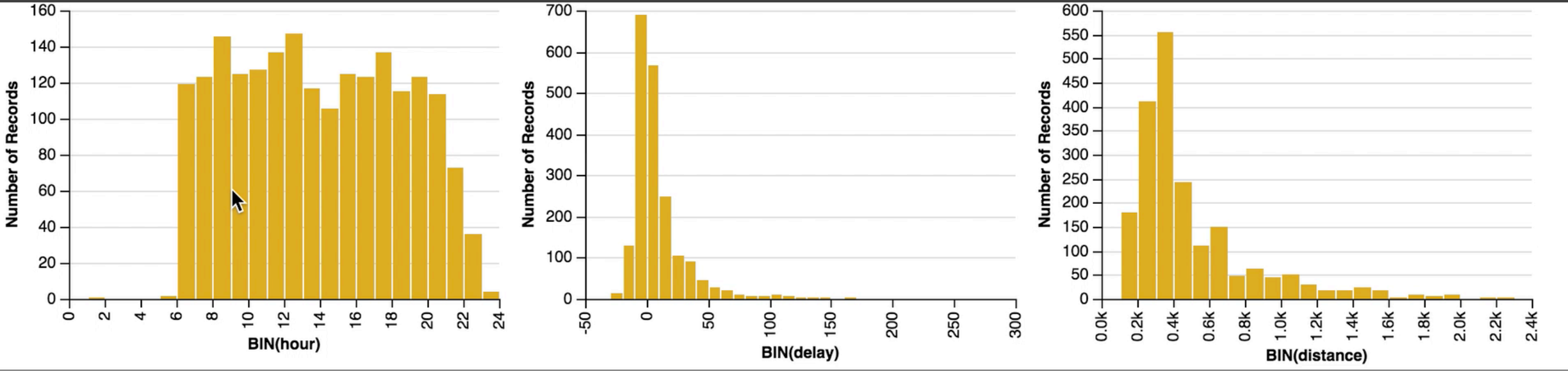


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}
```

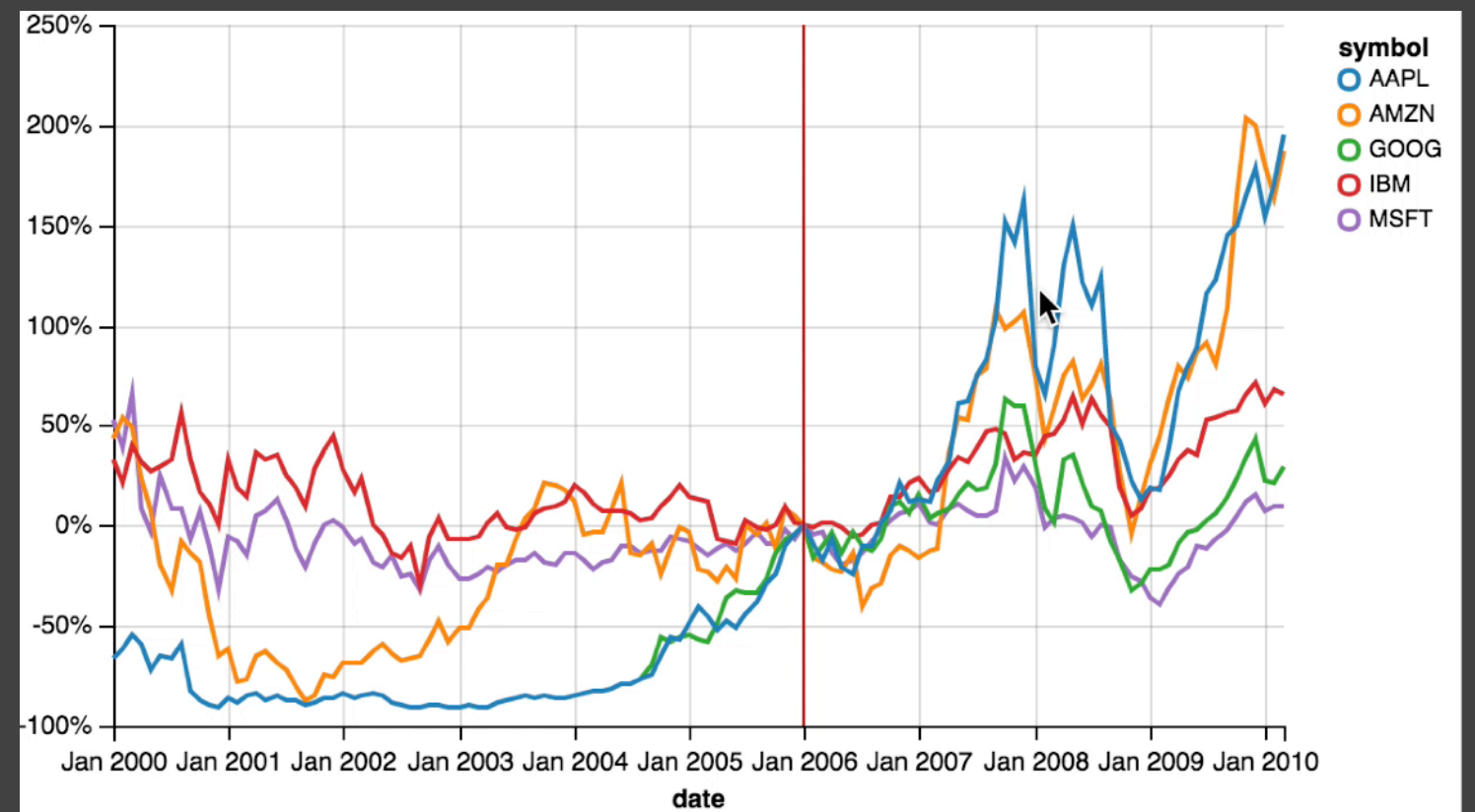
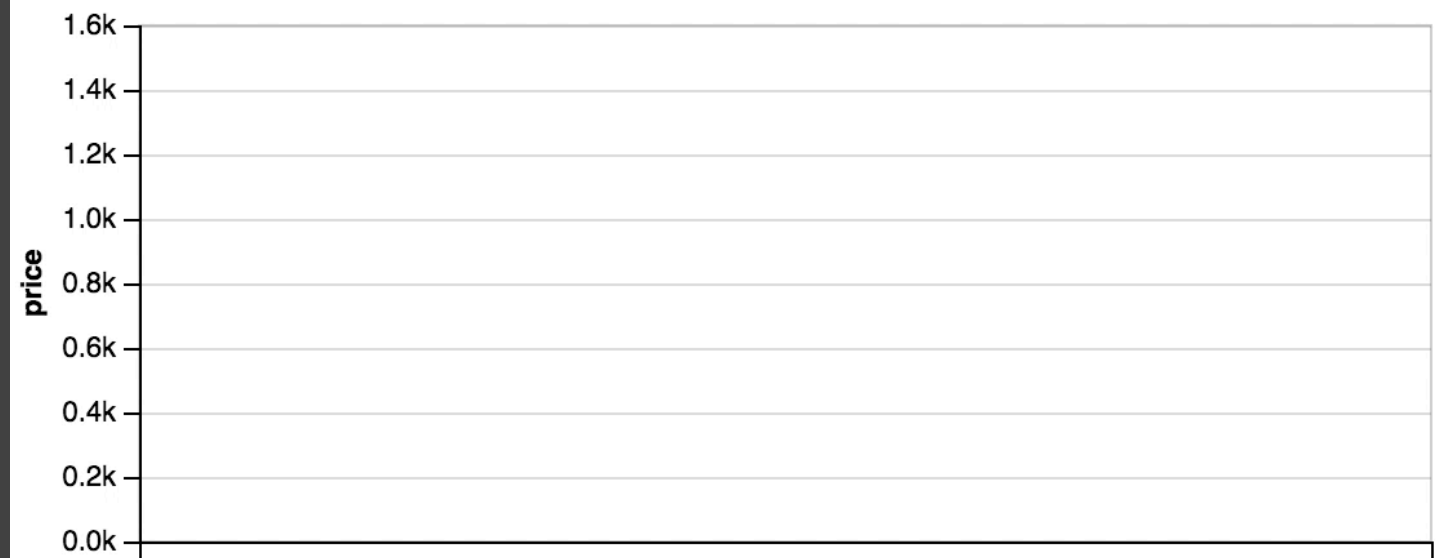
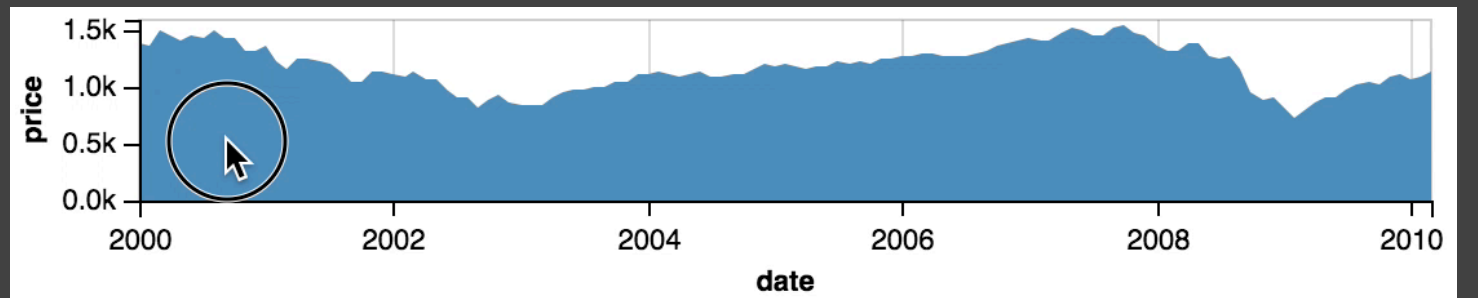
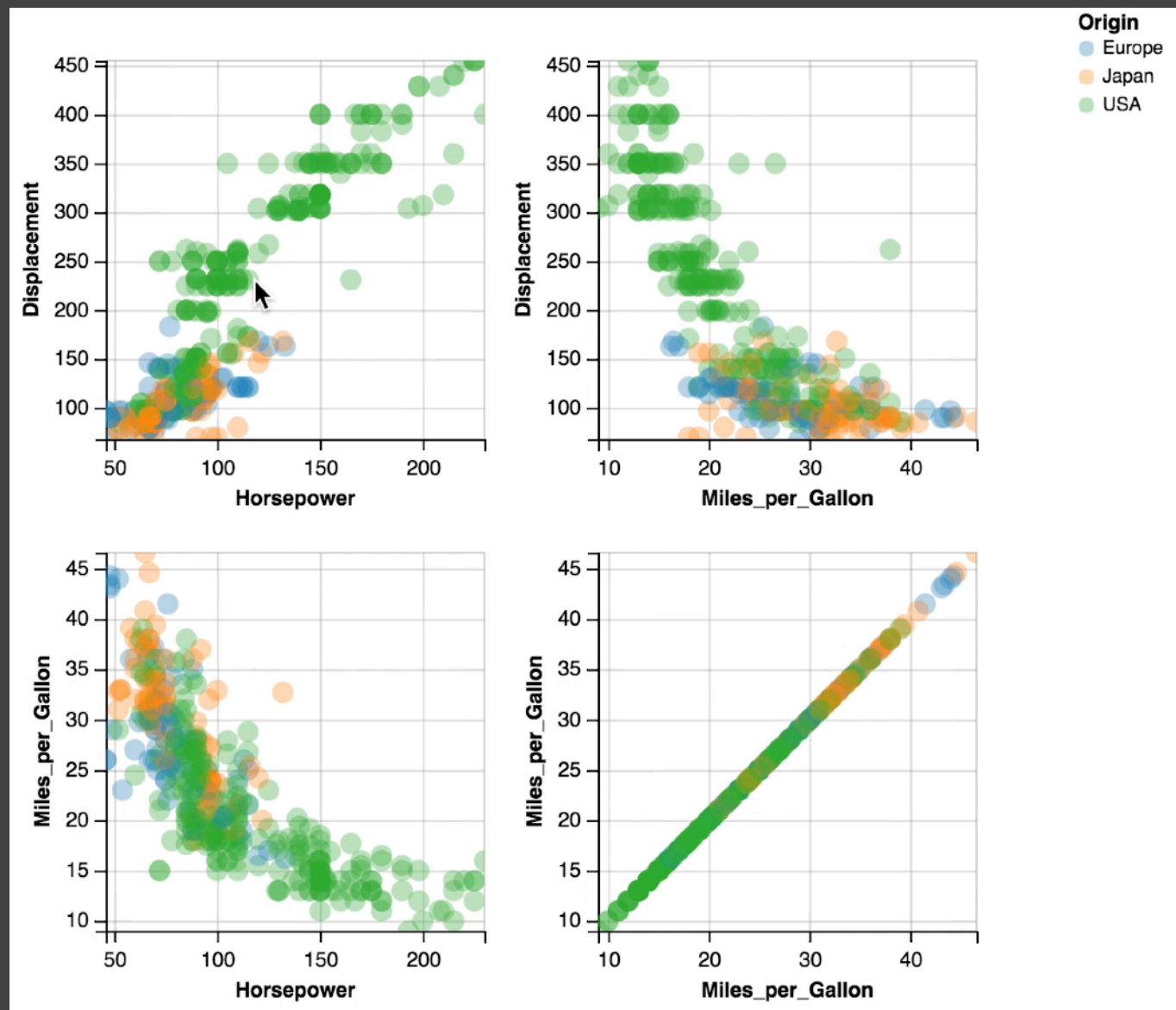


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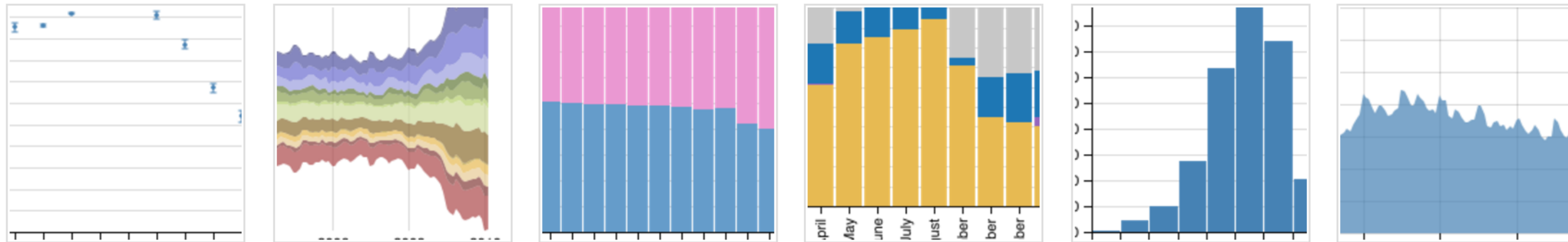
35 Lines
of JSON!



Interactive Selections



Declarative Visualization in Python



Altair is a declarative statistical visualization library for Python, based on **Vega-Lite**.

With Altair, you can spend more time understanding your data and its meaning. Altair's API is simple, friendly and consistent and built on top of the powerful **Vega-Lite** visualization grammar. This elegant simplicity produces beautiful and effective visualizations with a minimal amount of code.

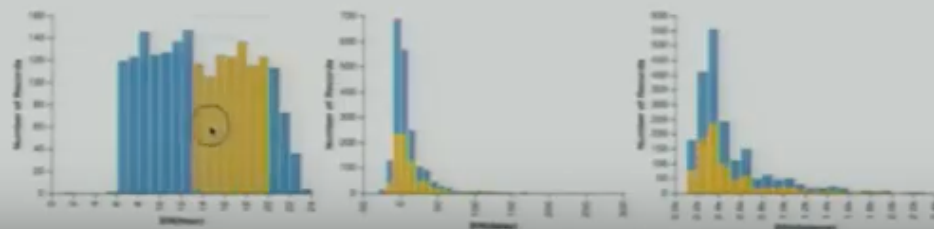
Altair: Vega-Lite in Python

Led by Jake VanderPlas & Brian Granger



Vega-Lite Layered Cross Filtering

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  ]
}
```



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Full screen

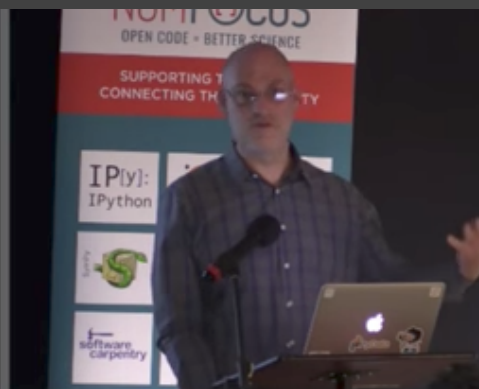
To Learn More...

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

youtu.be/9uaHRWj04D4

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',
)
```



PyData
SF 2016

PyData

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

youtu.be/aRxahWy-ul8

How might we support more
effective data exploration?

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/

datavoyager

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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

MEAN(Miles_per_Gallon)

YEAR(Year)

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

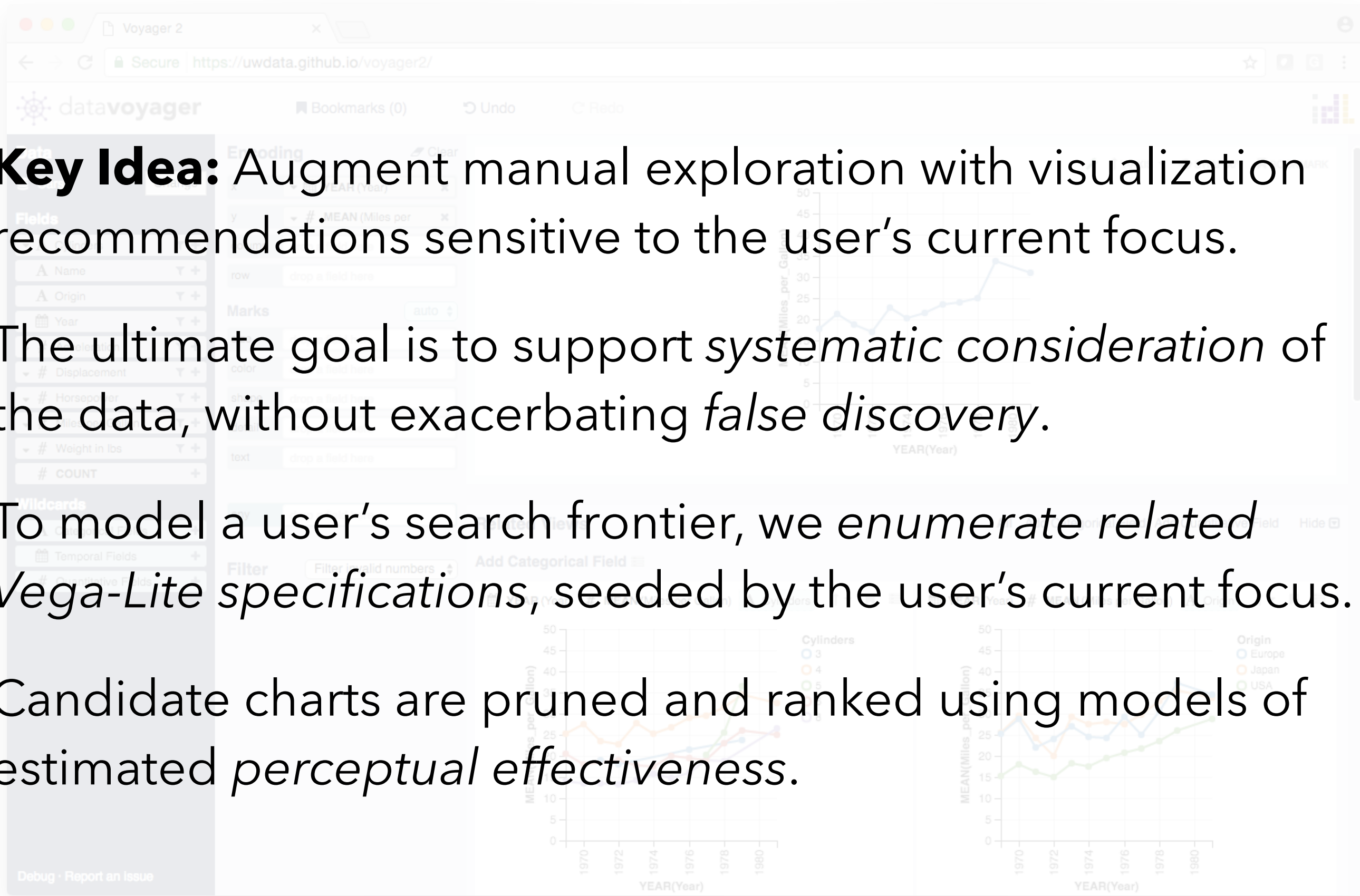
Voyager: Combine Manual Specification with Visualization Recommenders

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."



WORK IN PROGRESS...

Voyager integration with JupyterLab!

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