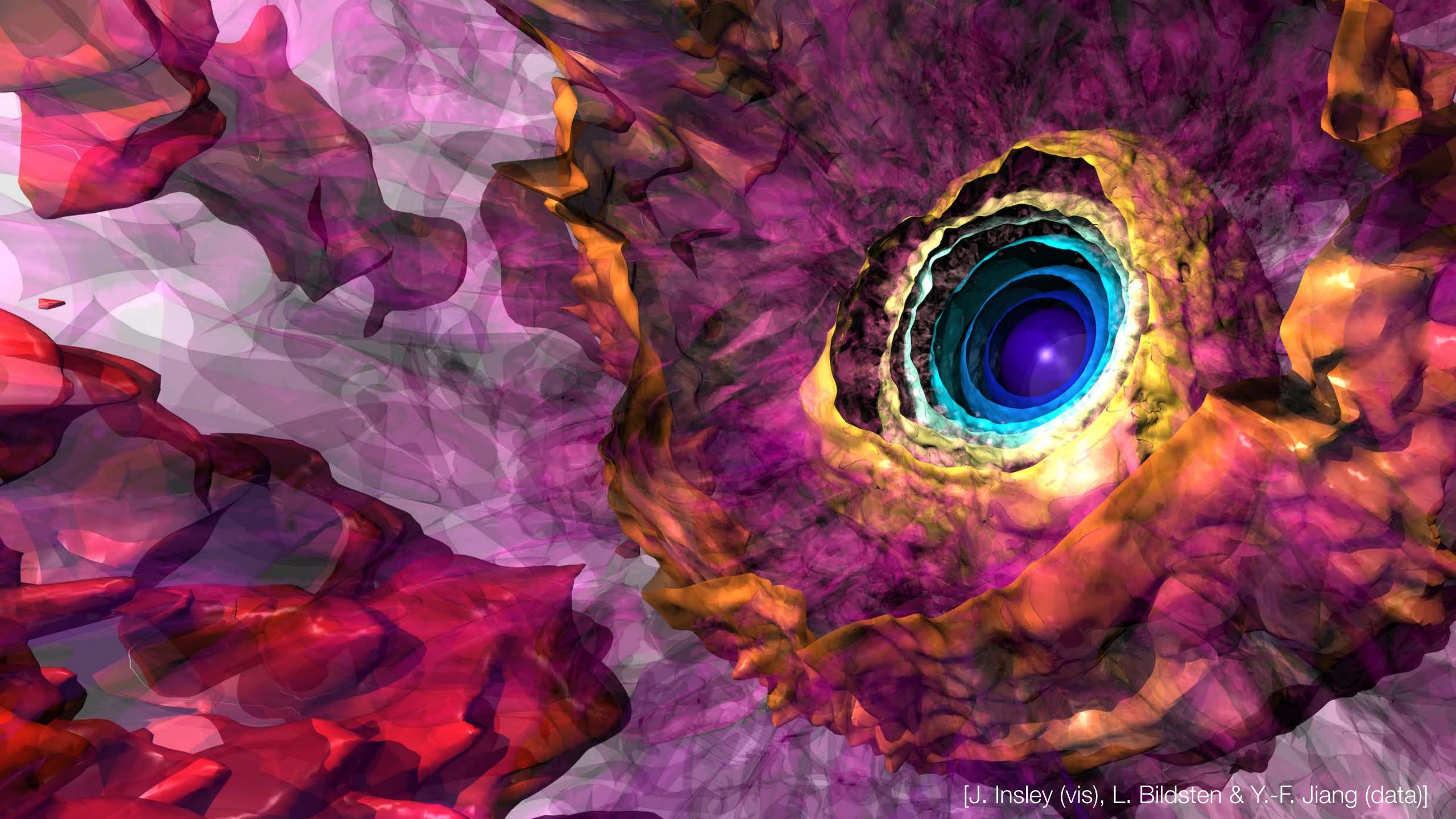
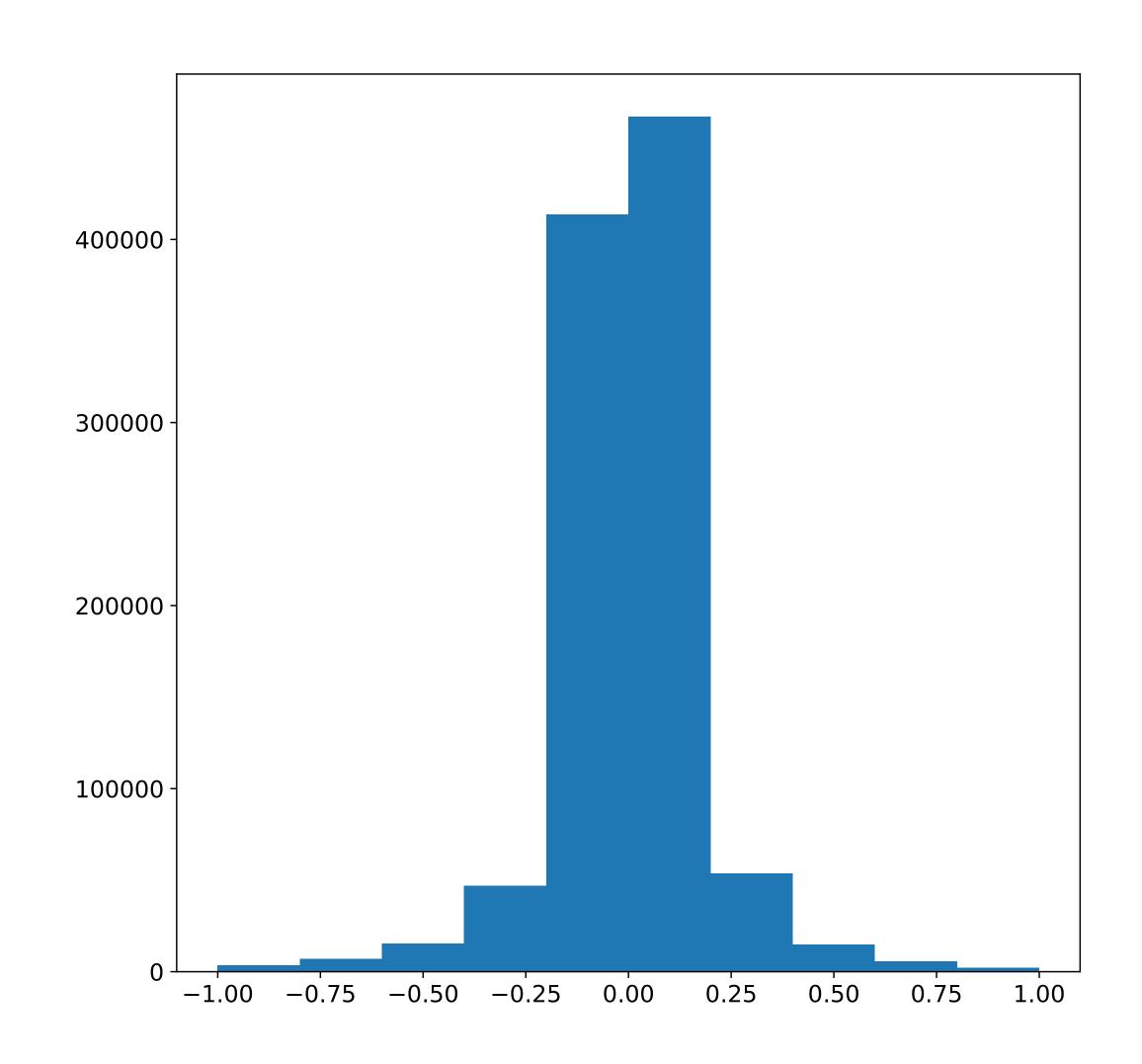
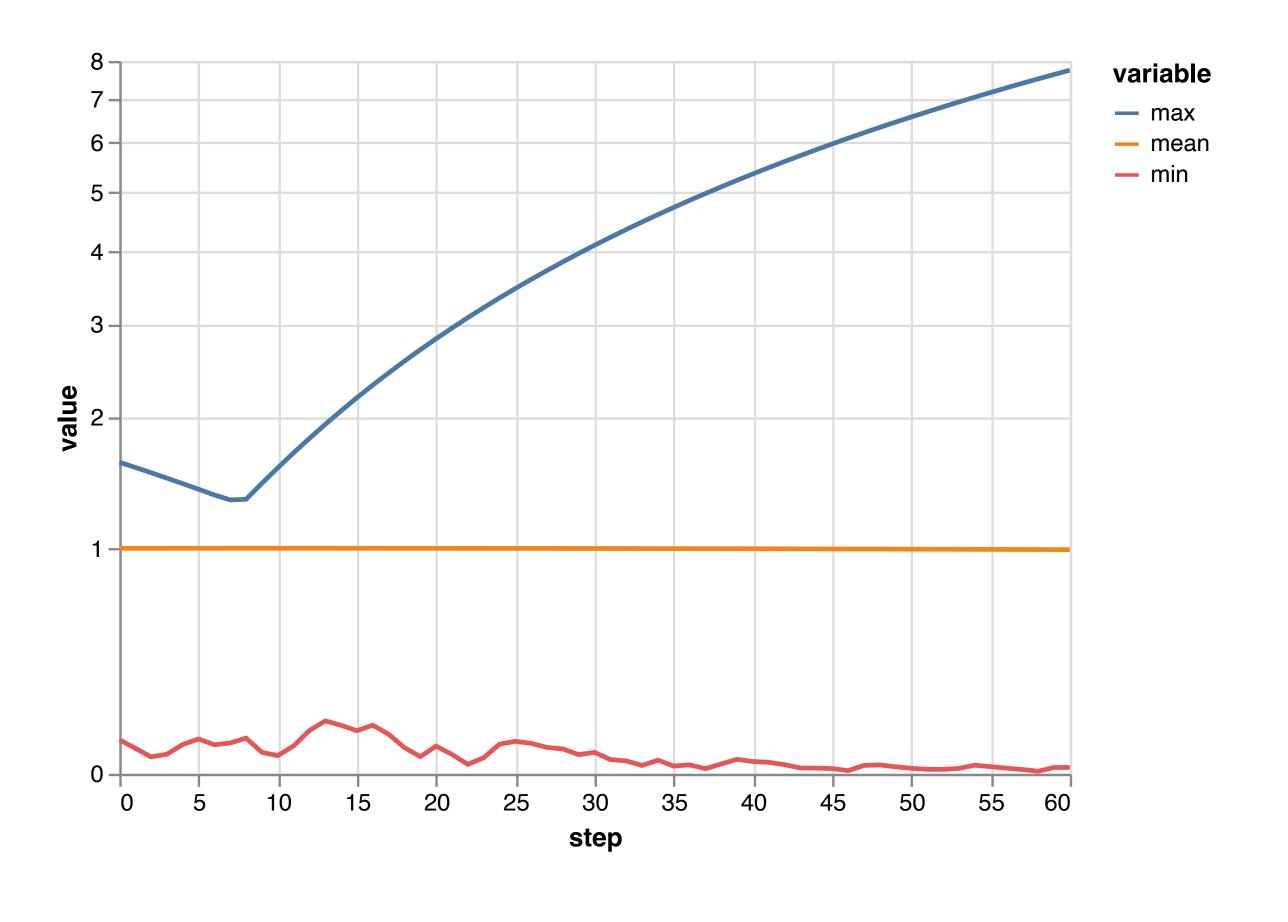
Data Visualization in Notebooks

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Also Visualizations

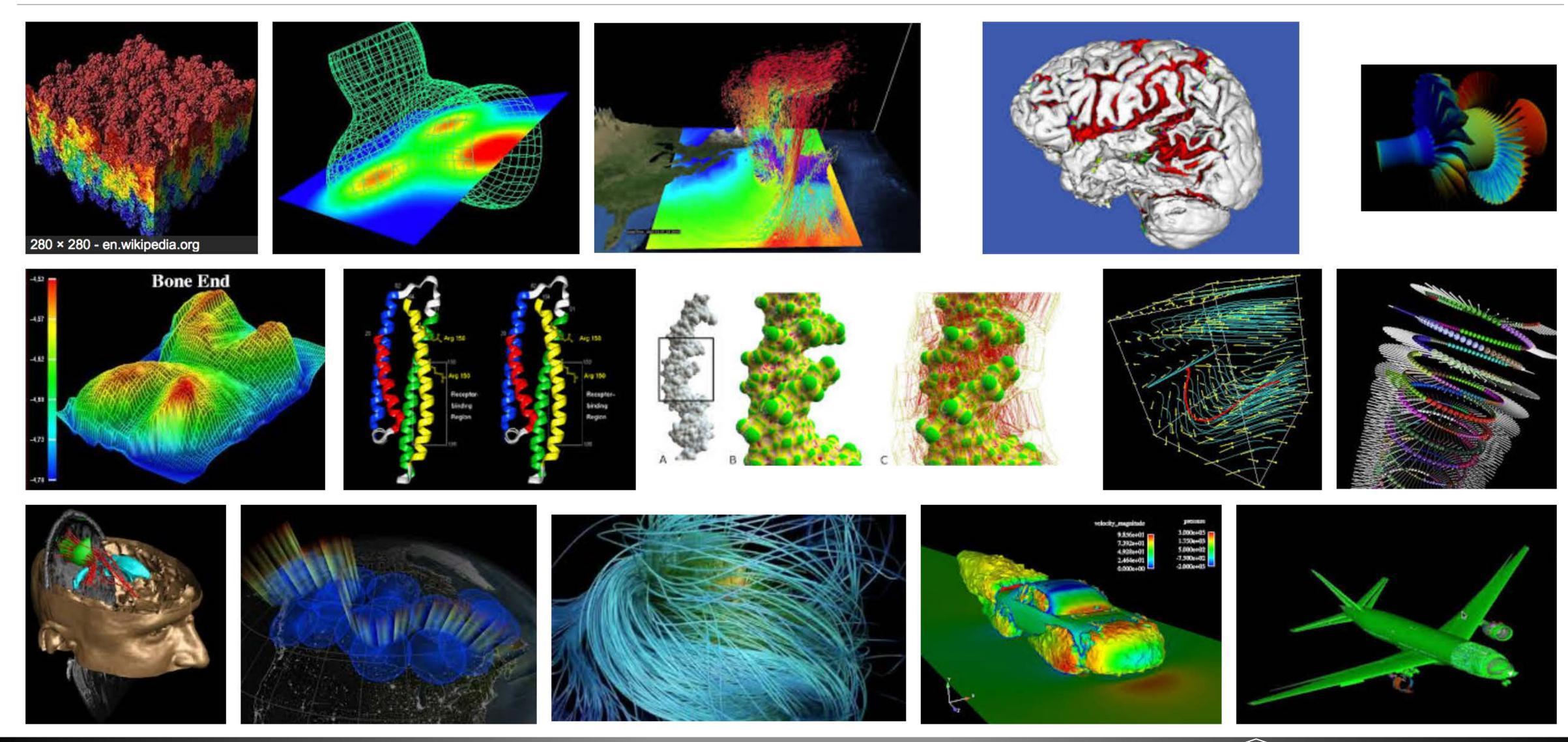




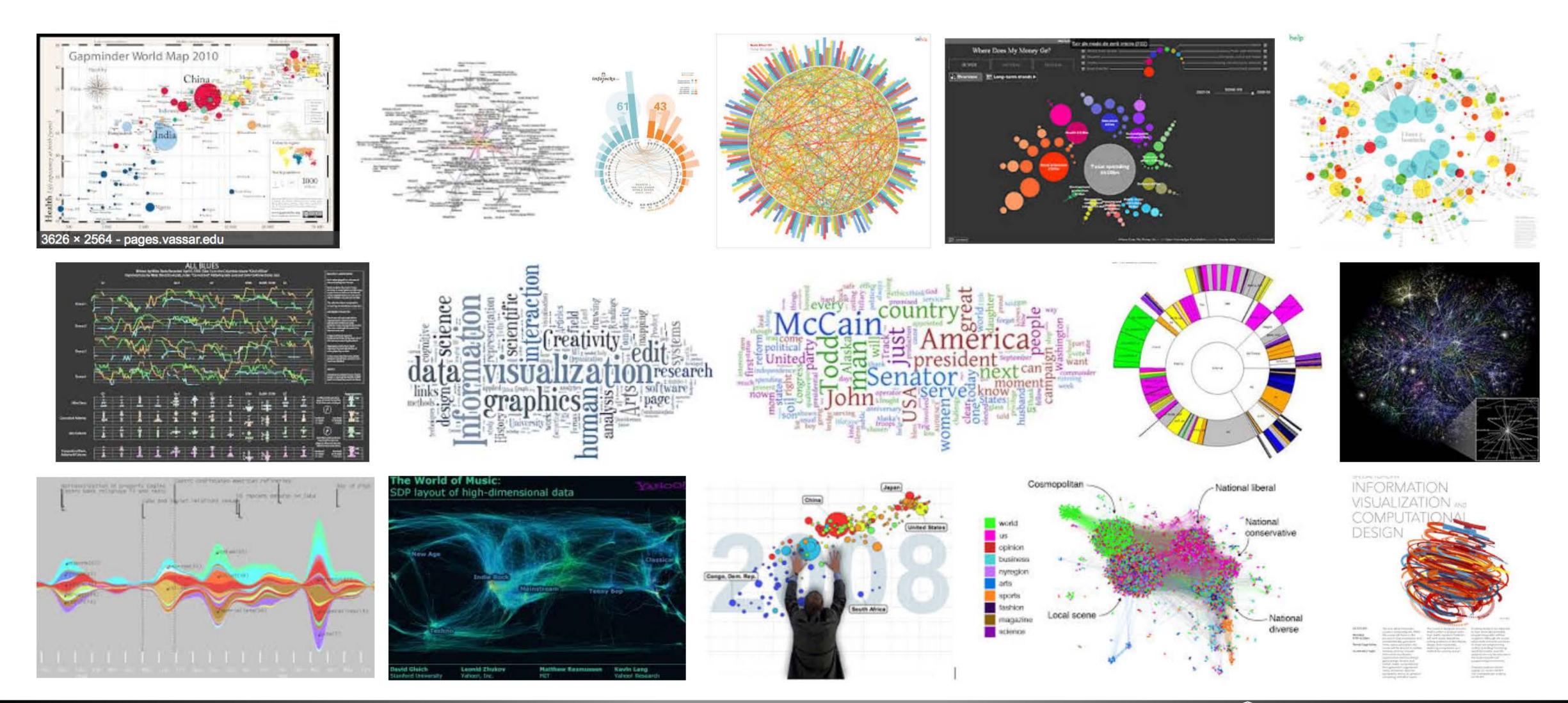
"Scientific" and "Information" Visualization

- Two subfields of visualization
- Scientific visualization (SciVis) deals with data where the spatial position is given with data
 - Usually continuous data
 - Often displaying physical phenonema
 - Techniques like isosurfacing, volume rendering, vector field vis
- Information visualization (InfoVis) deals with data that has no set spatial representation; the designer chooses how to visually represent data

SciVis



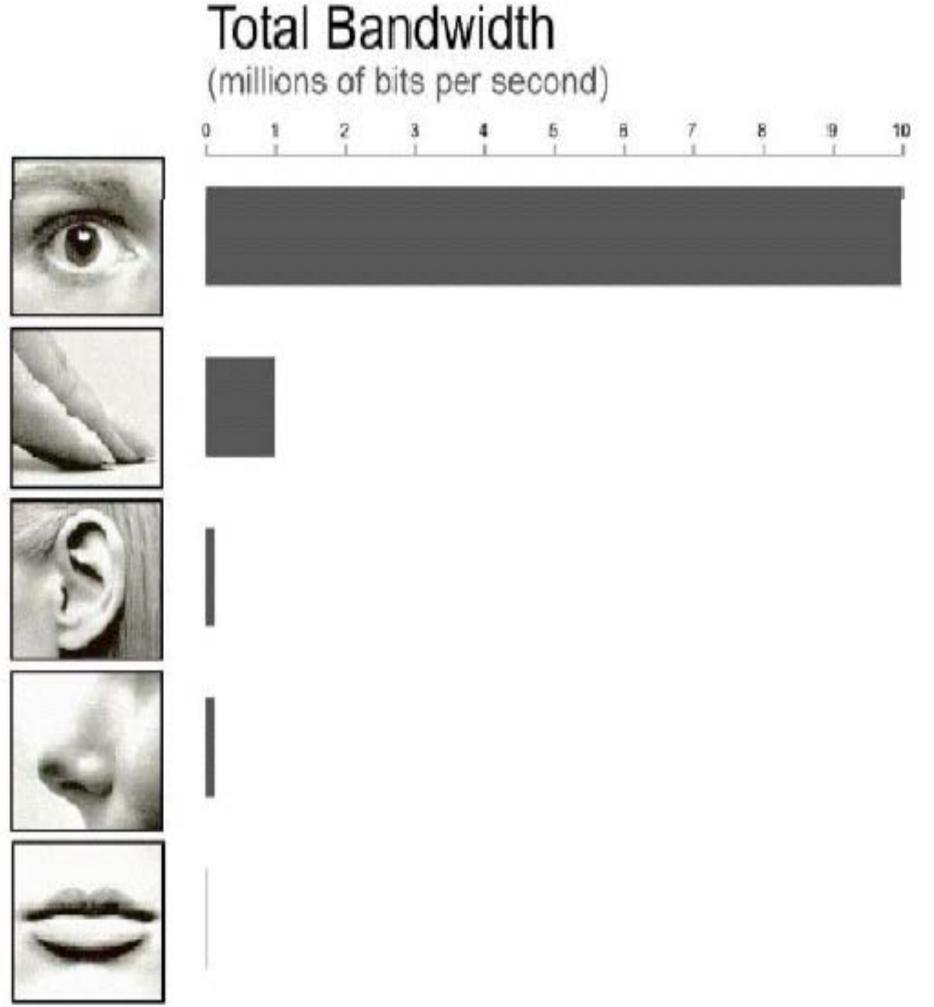
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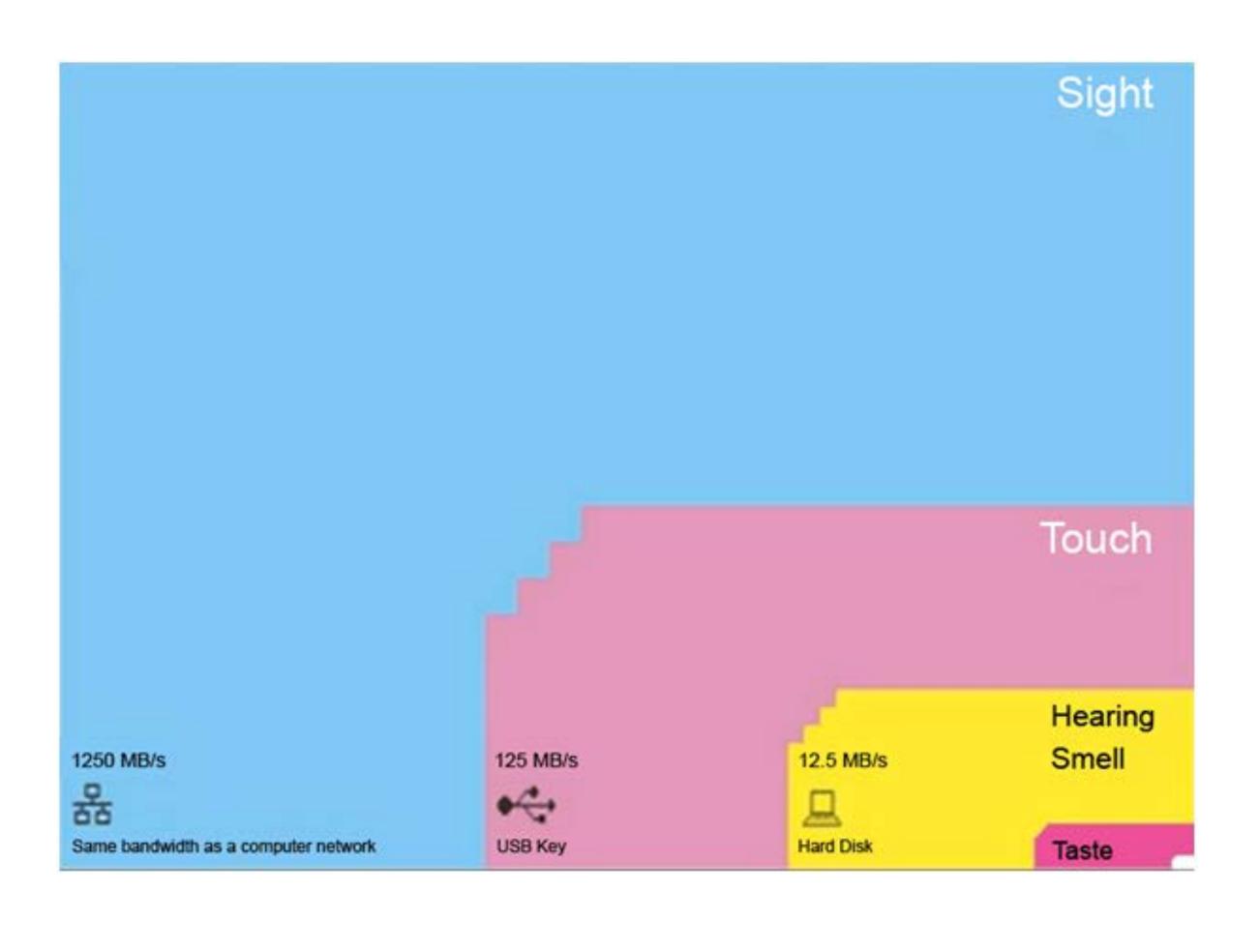


"The purpose of visualization is insight, not pictures"

- B. Shneiderman

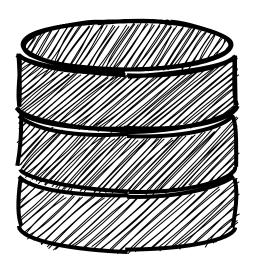
Why do we visualize data?



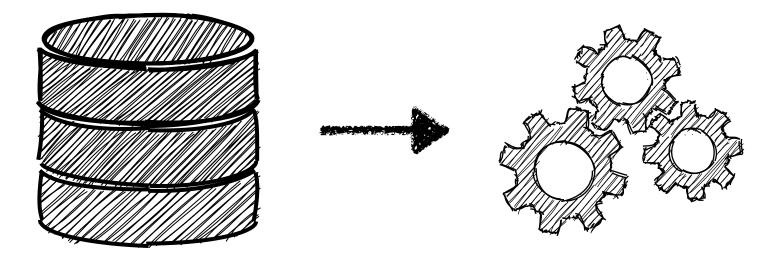


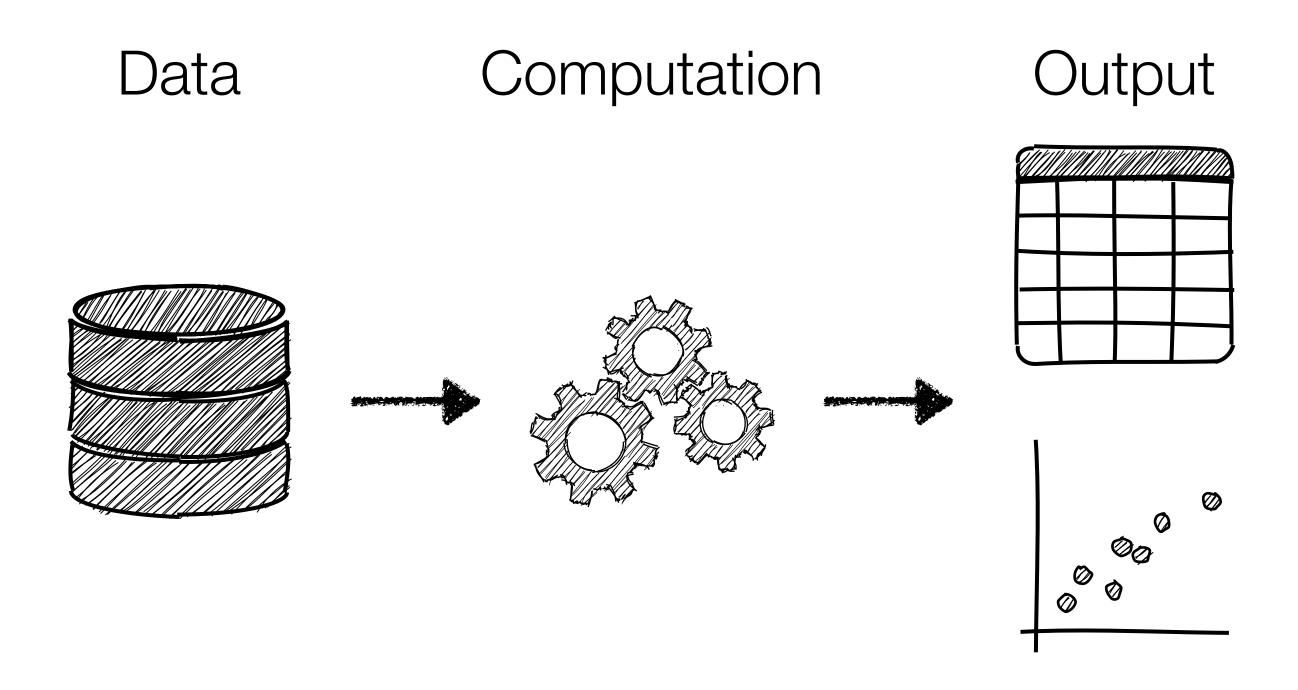
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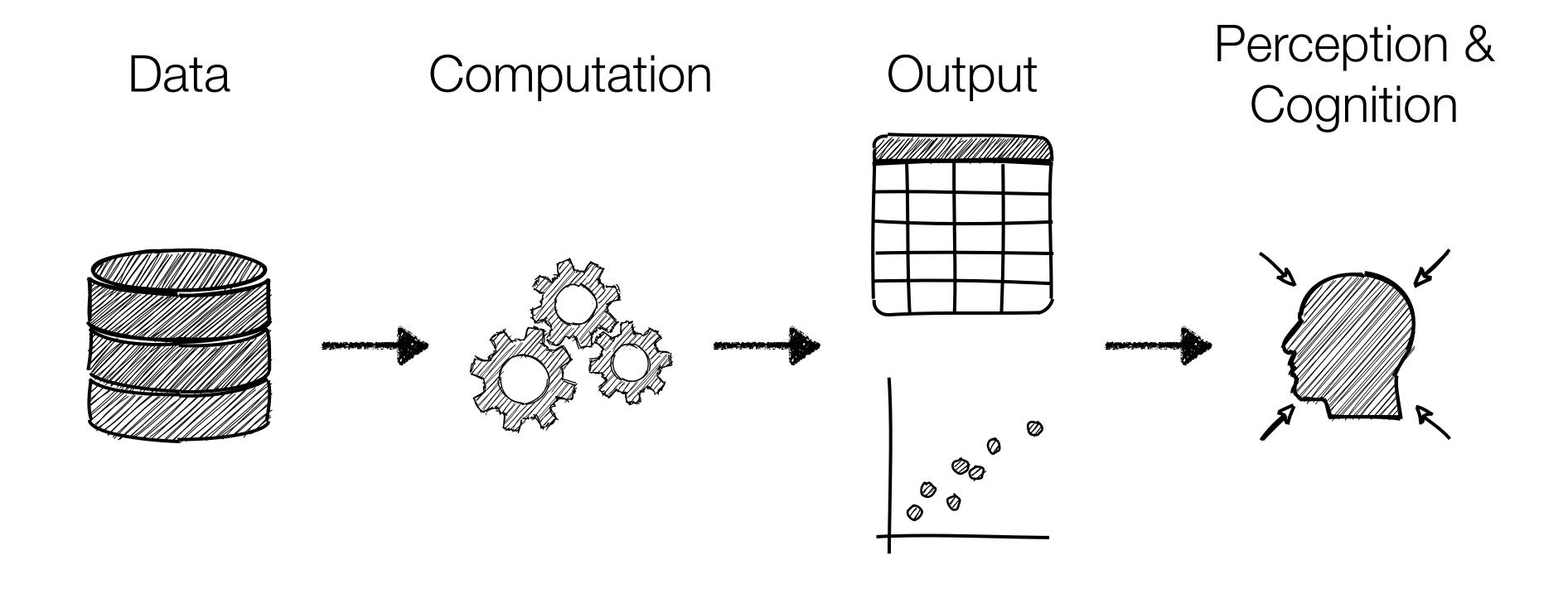
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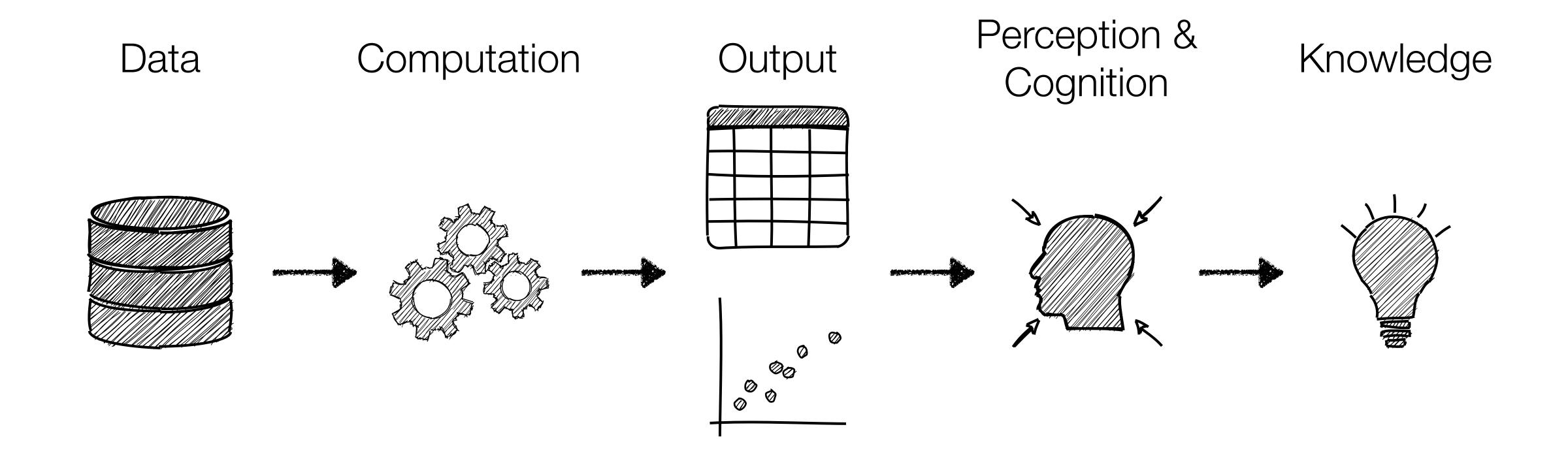


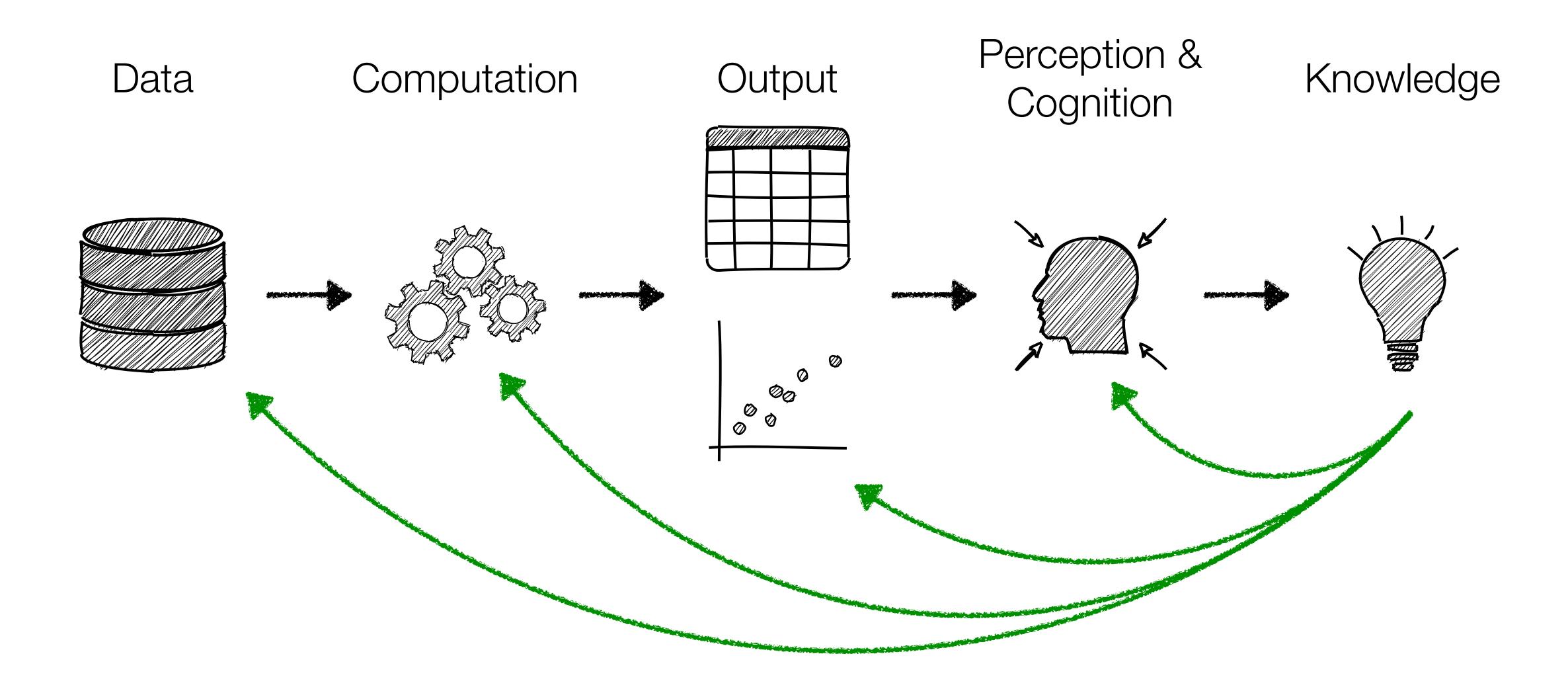
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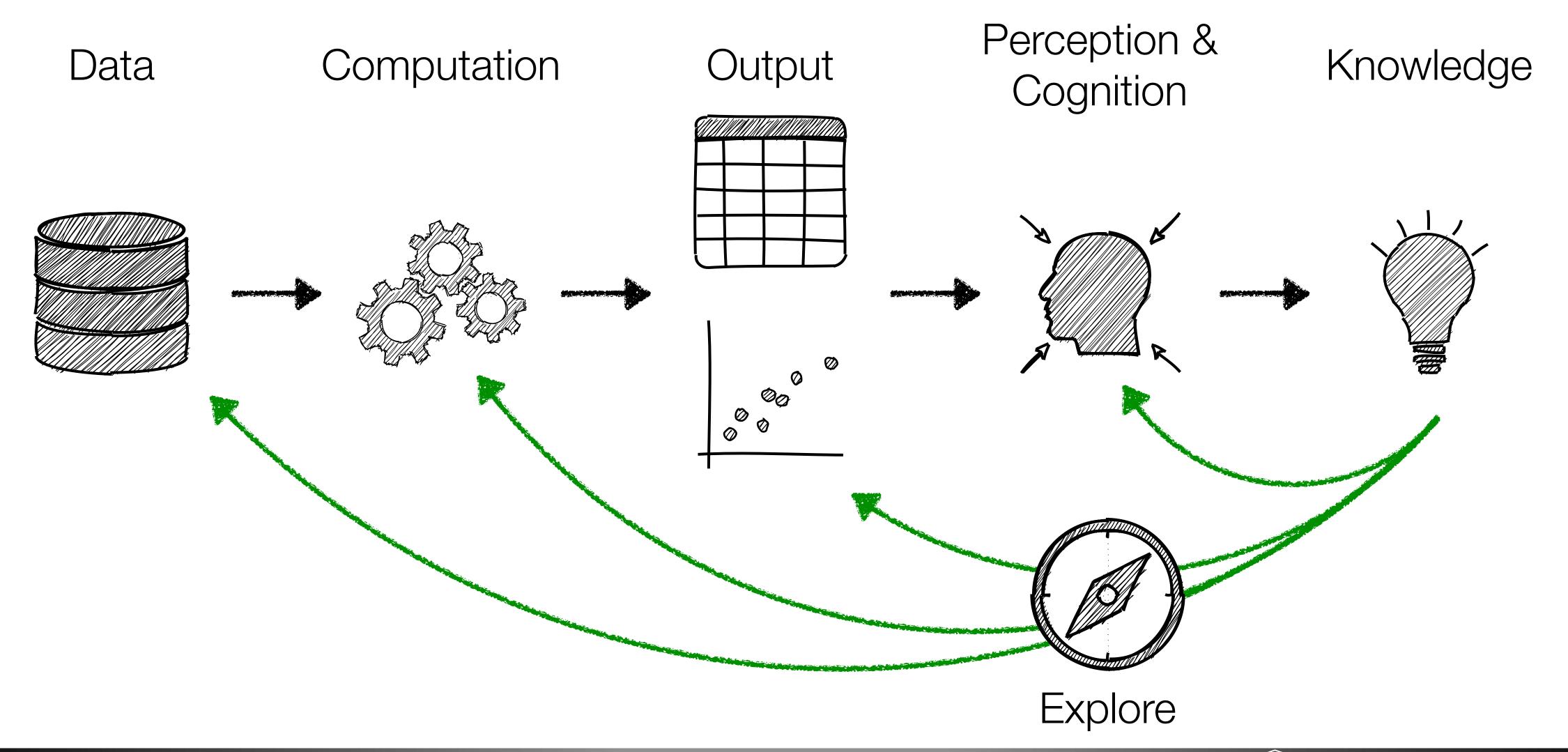


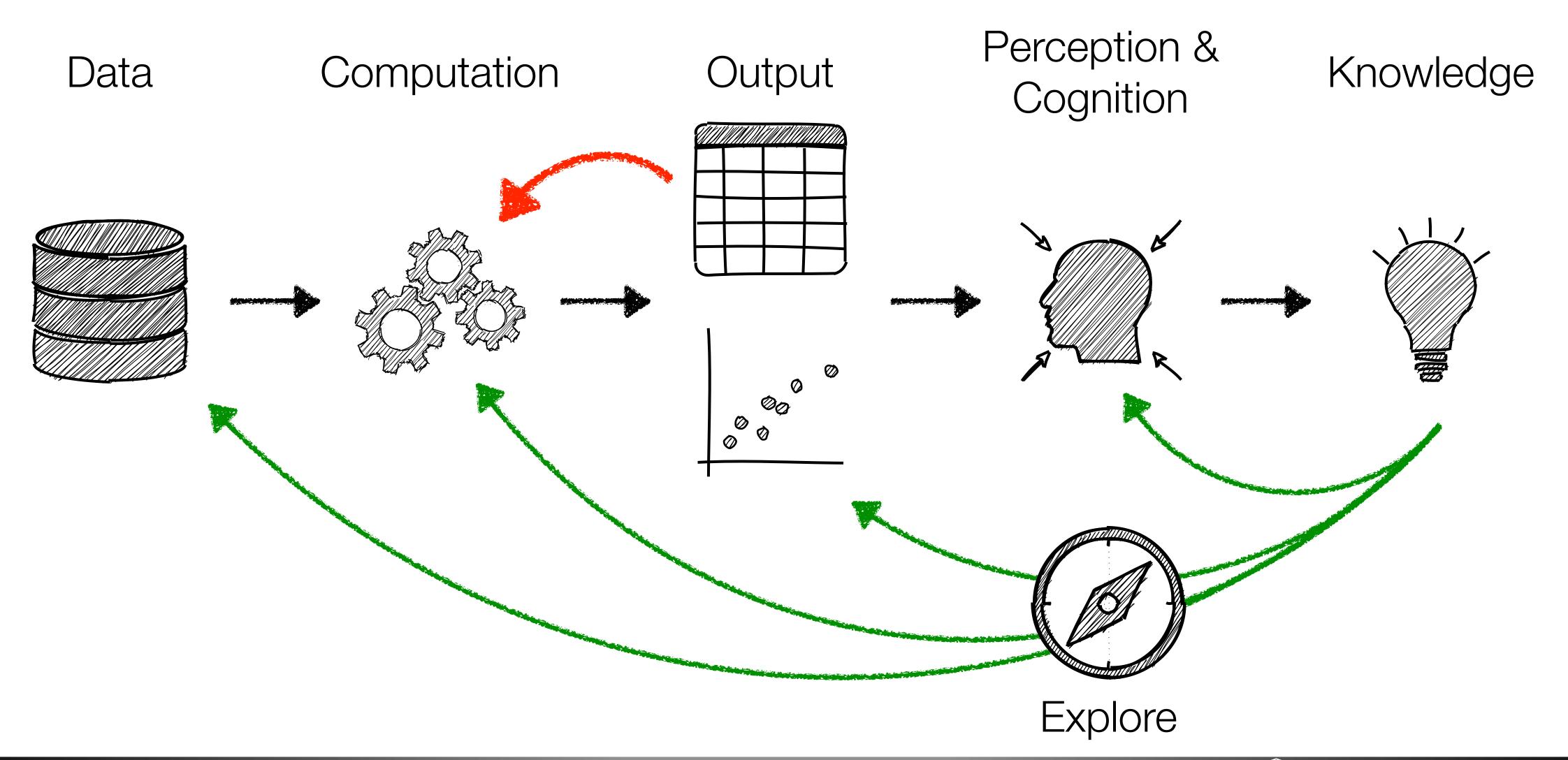




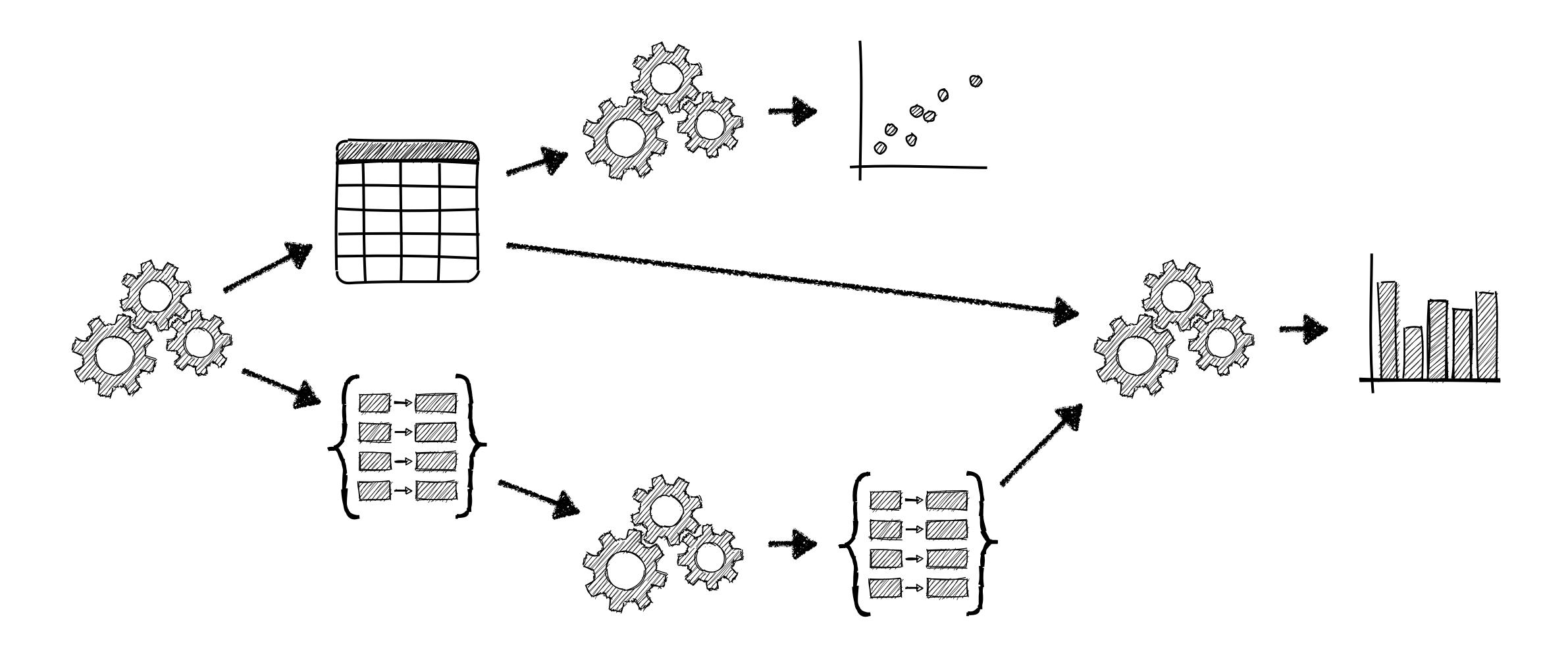




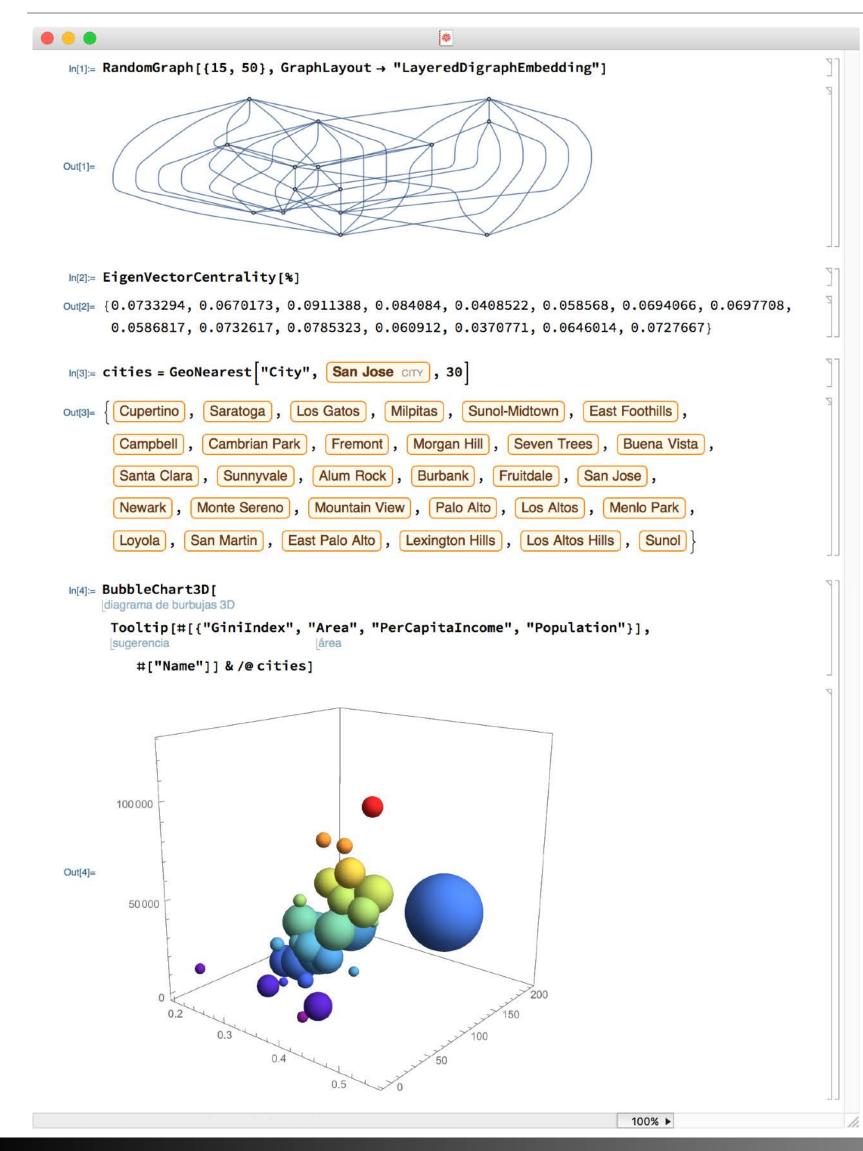




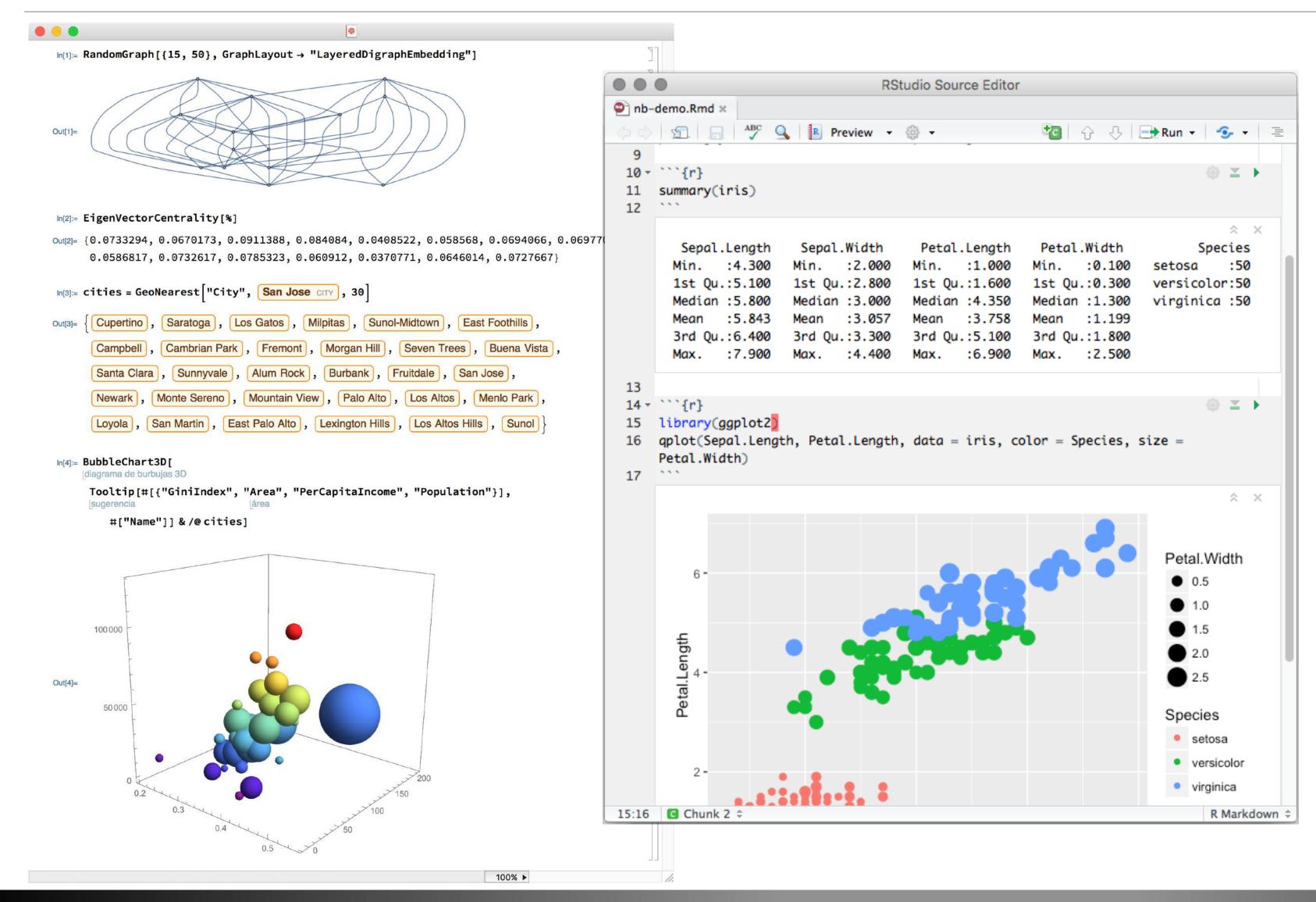
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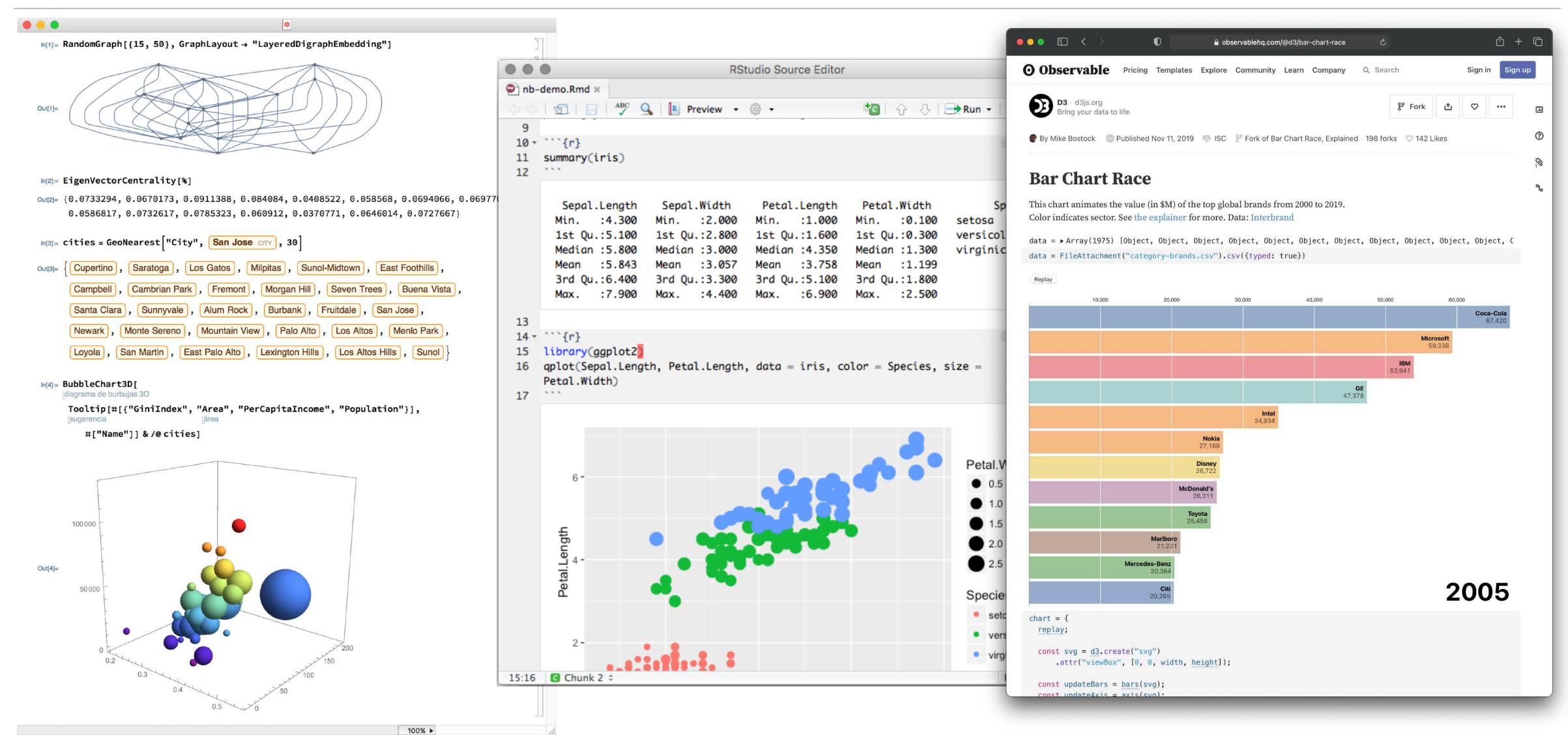
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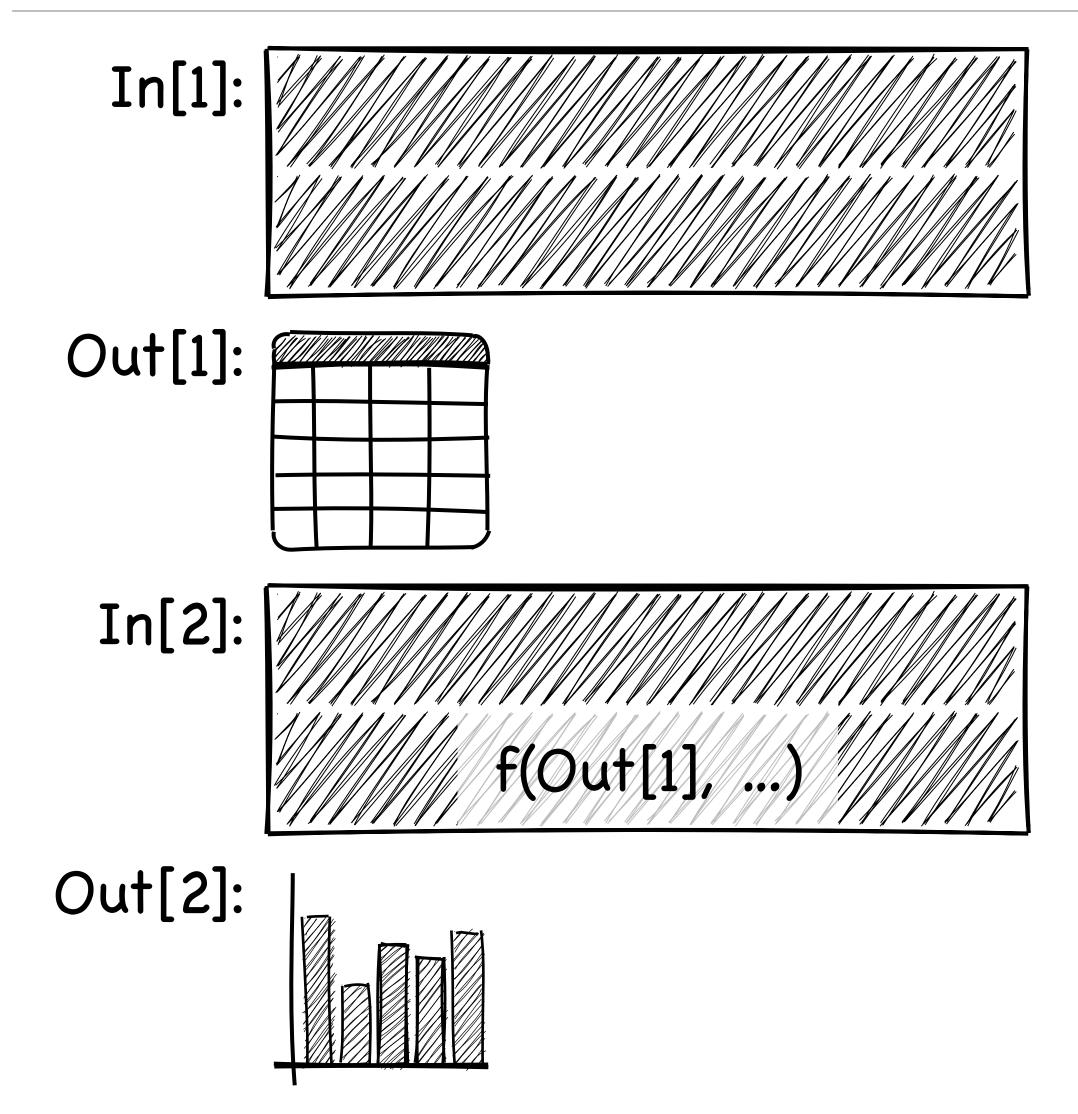


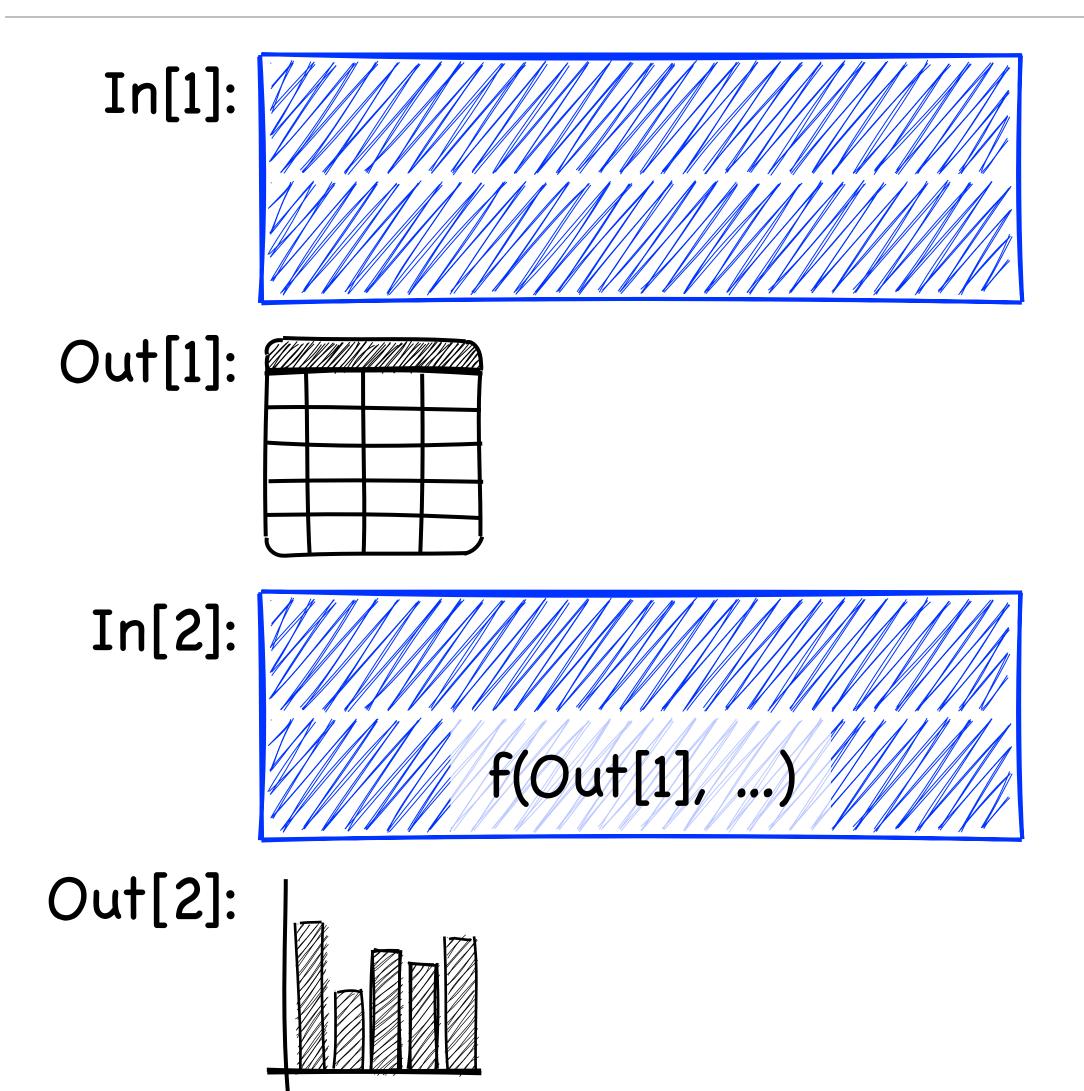
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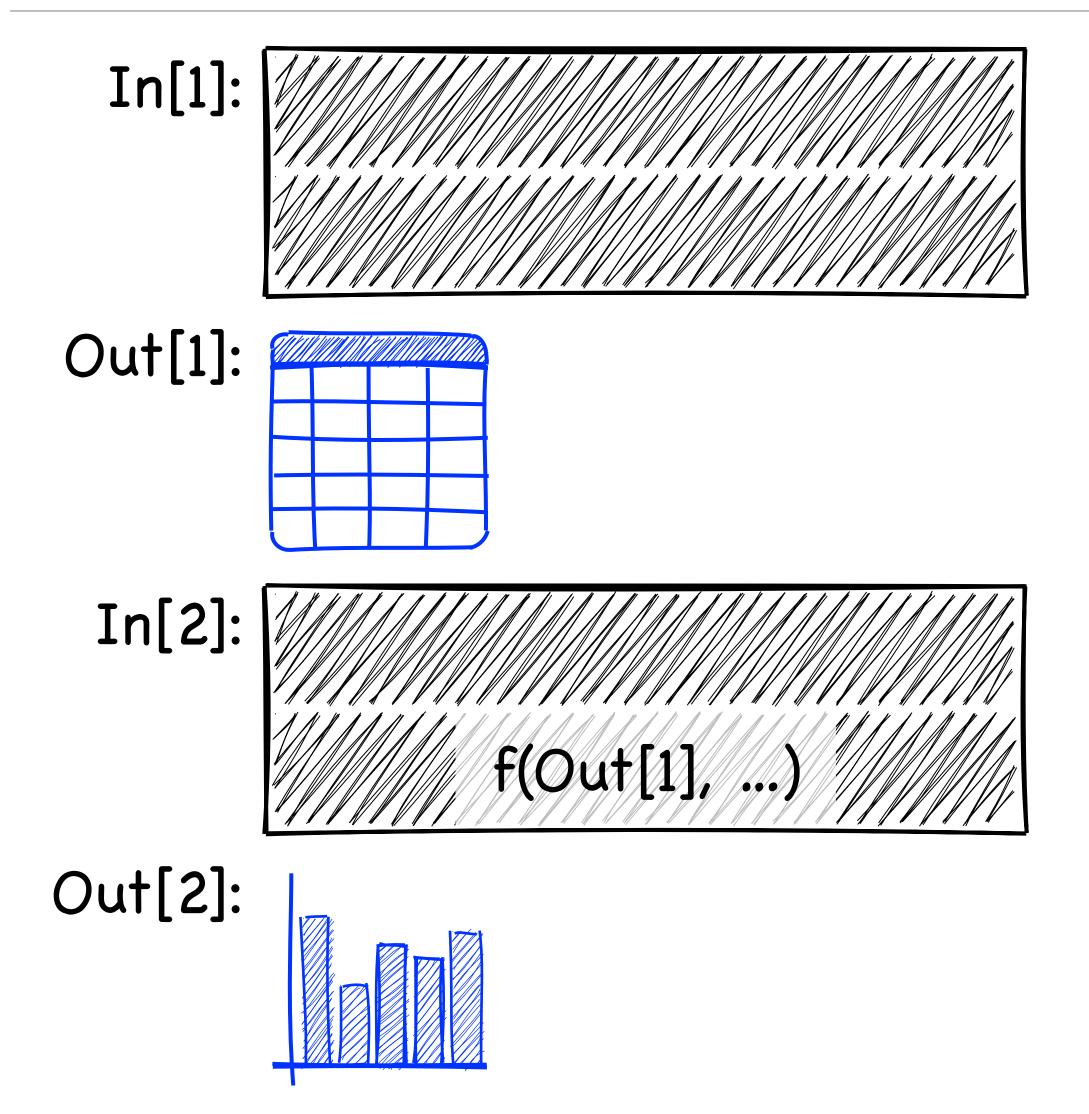
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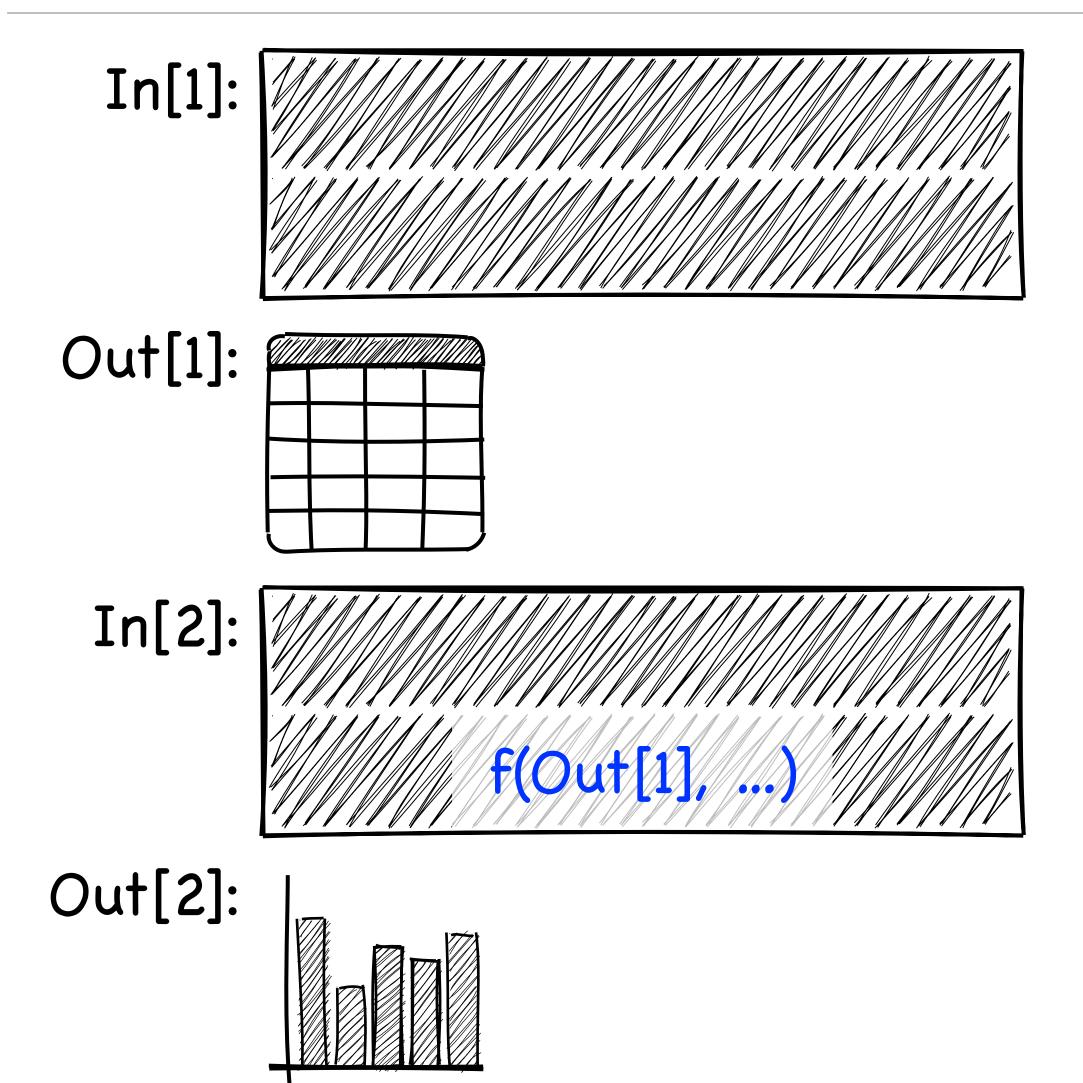




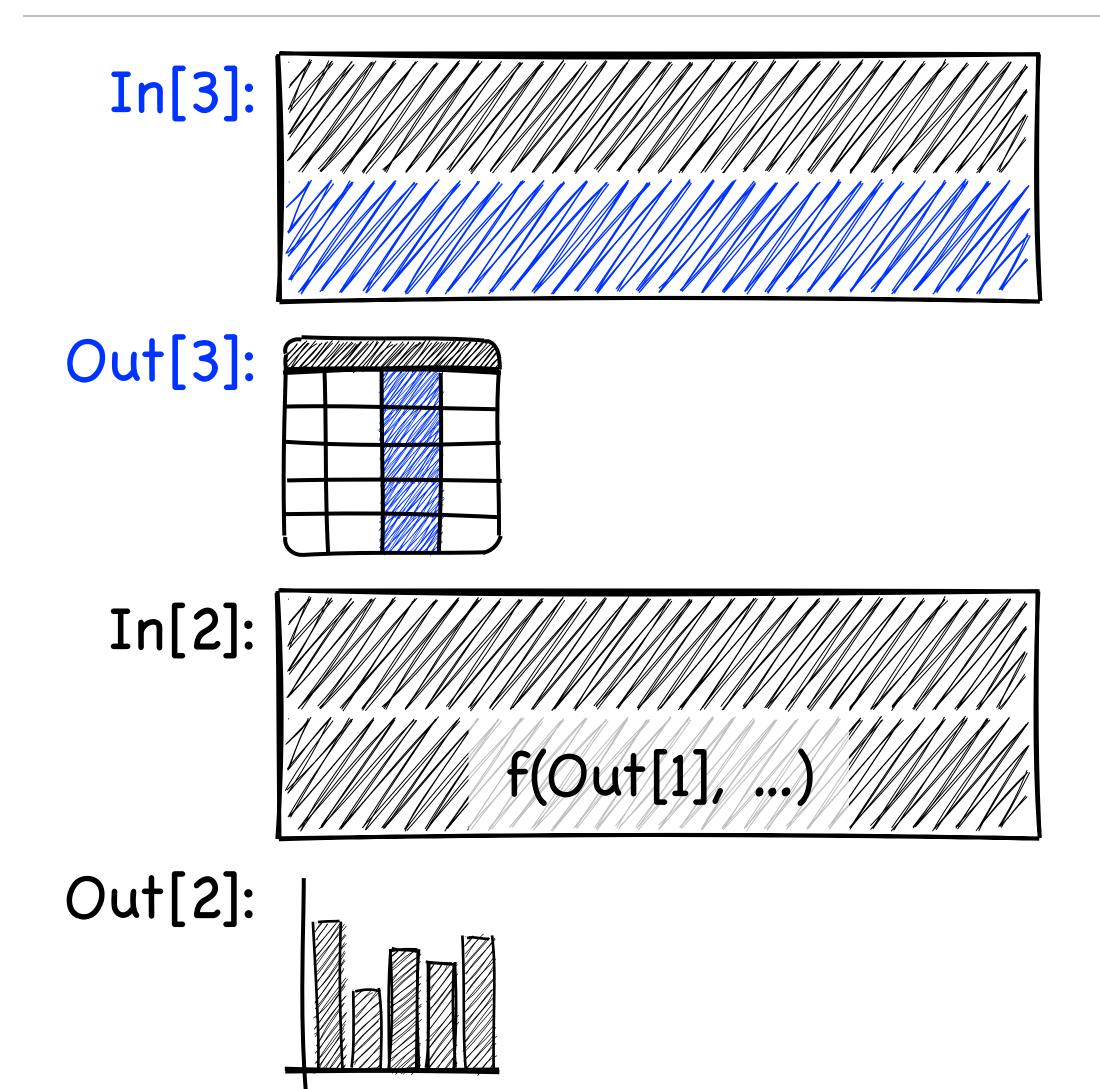
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- Digestible Blocks of Code
- Rich, Inline Outputs (inc. widgets)

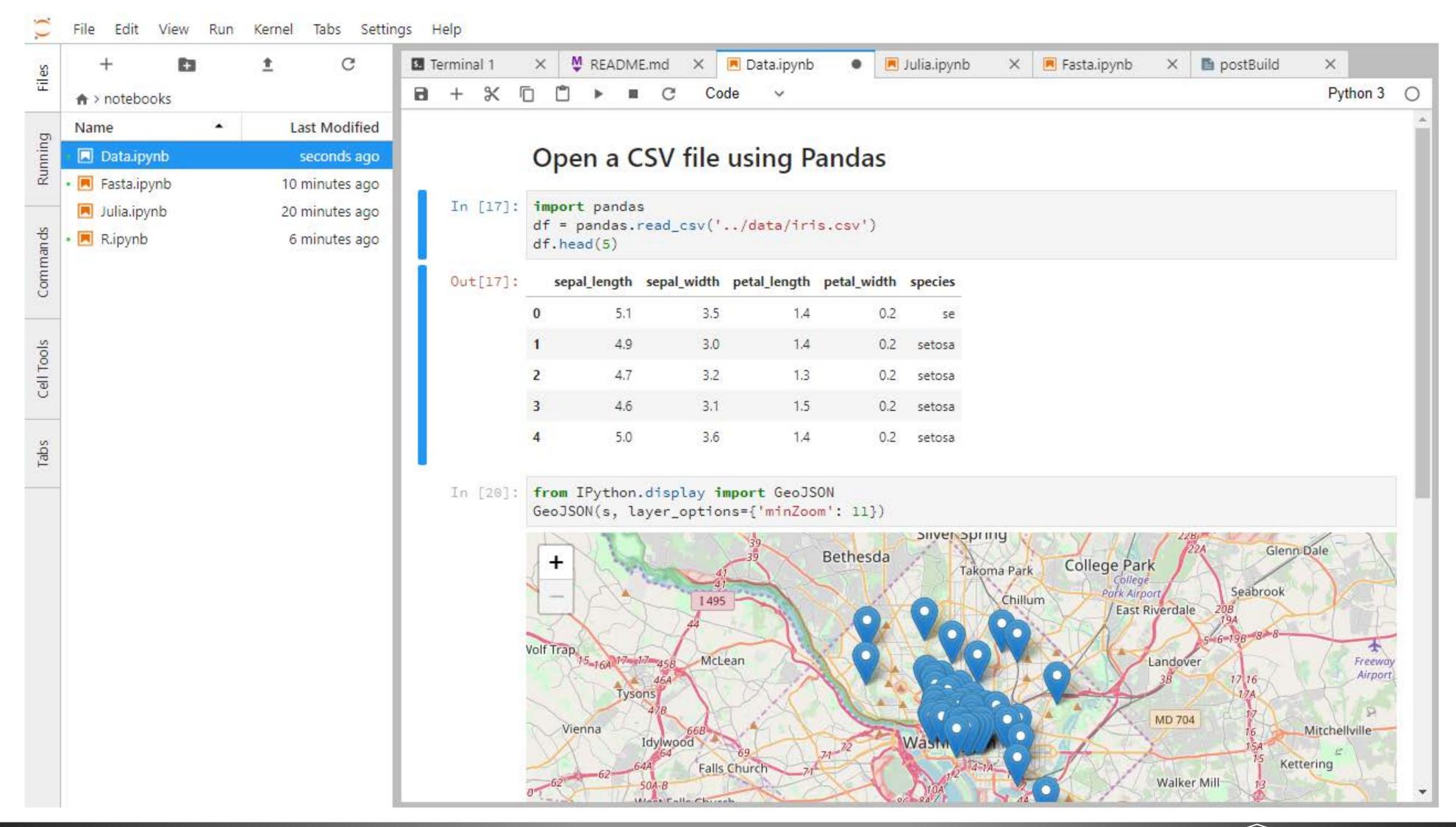


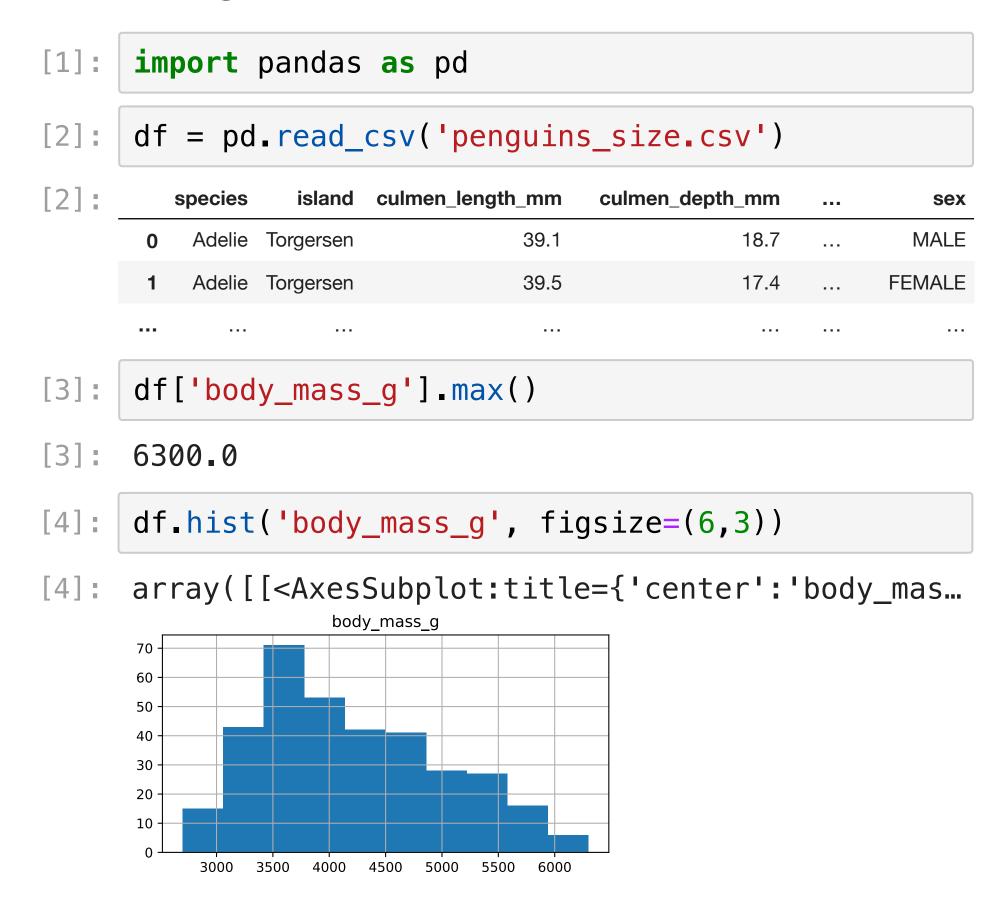
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- Rich, Inline Outputs (inc. widgets)
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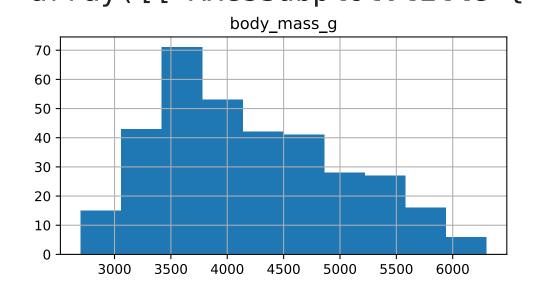
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- Non-linear editing

Focus on Jupyter Notebooks

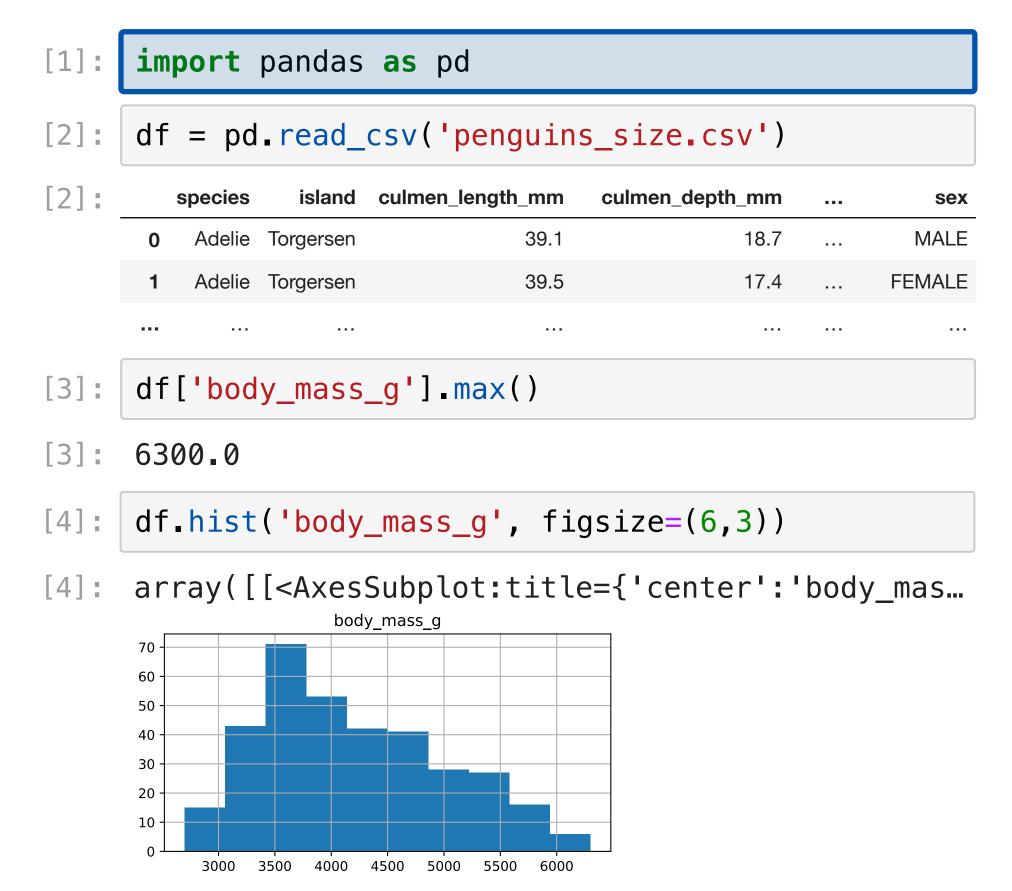




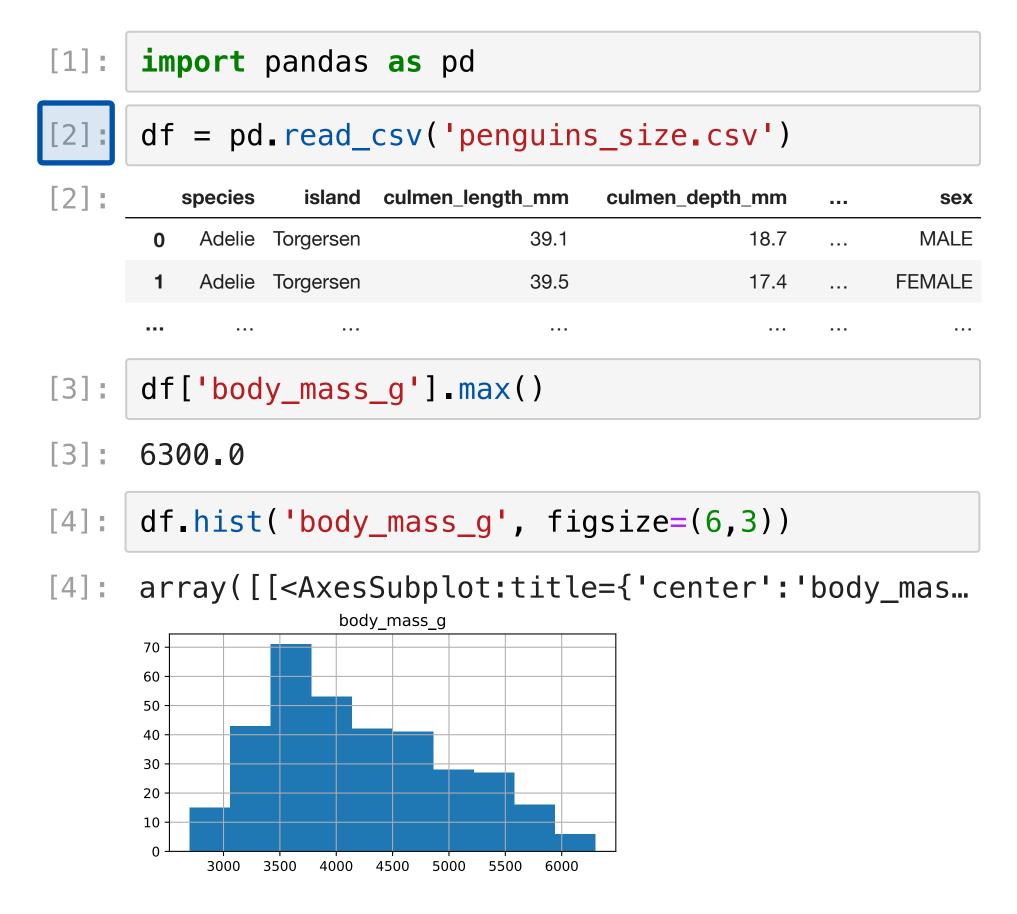
Penguin Data Analysis



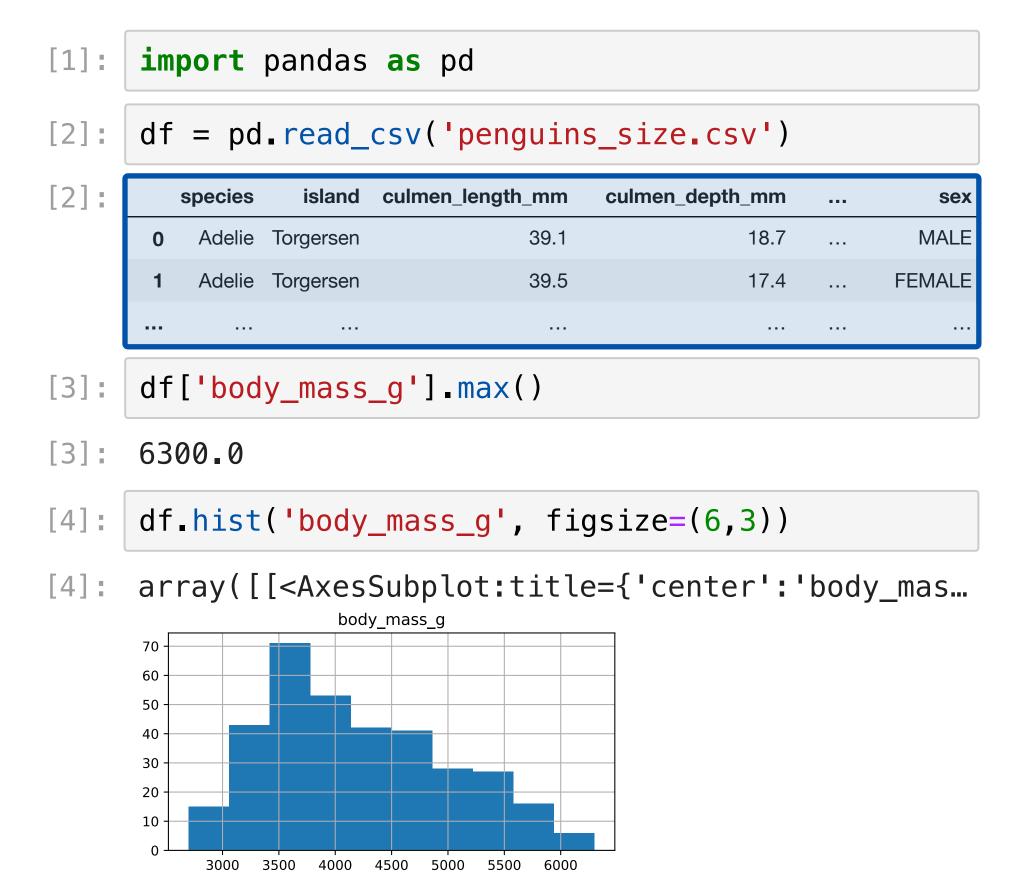
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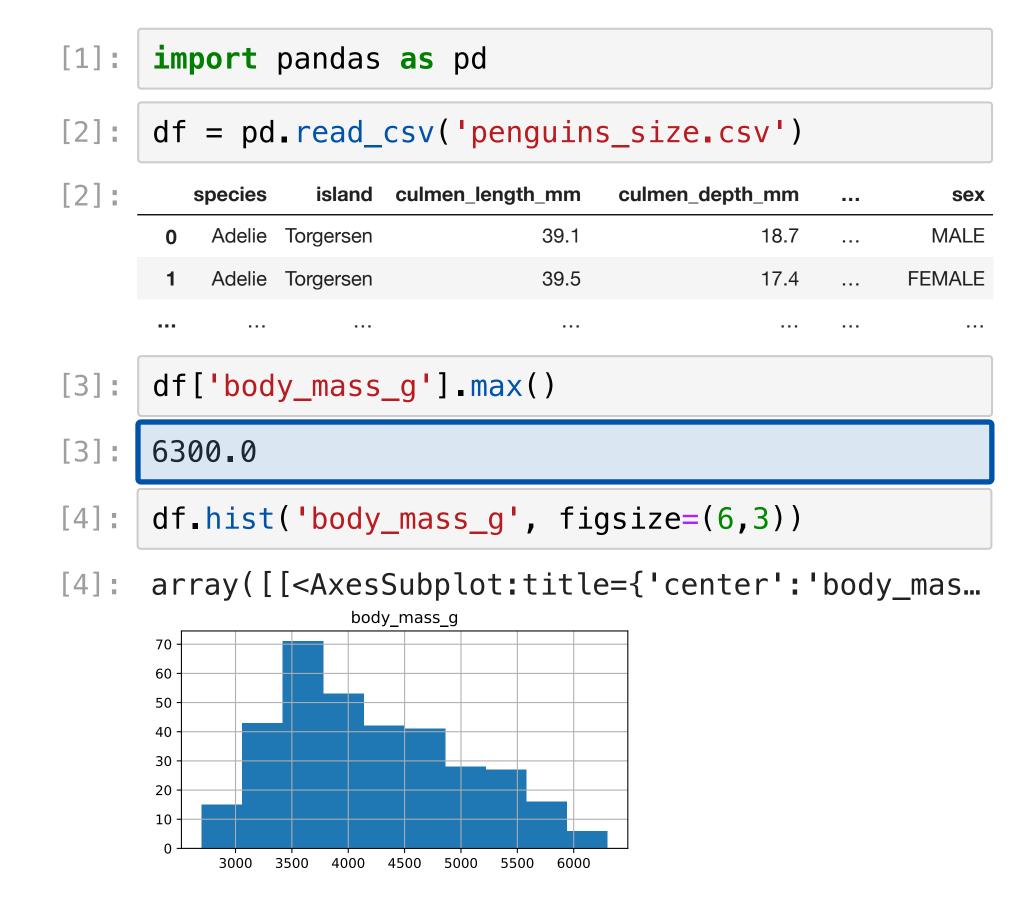
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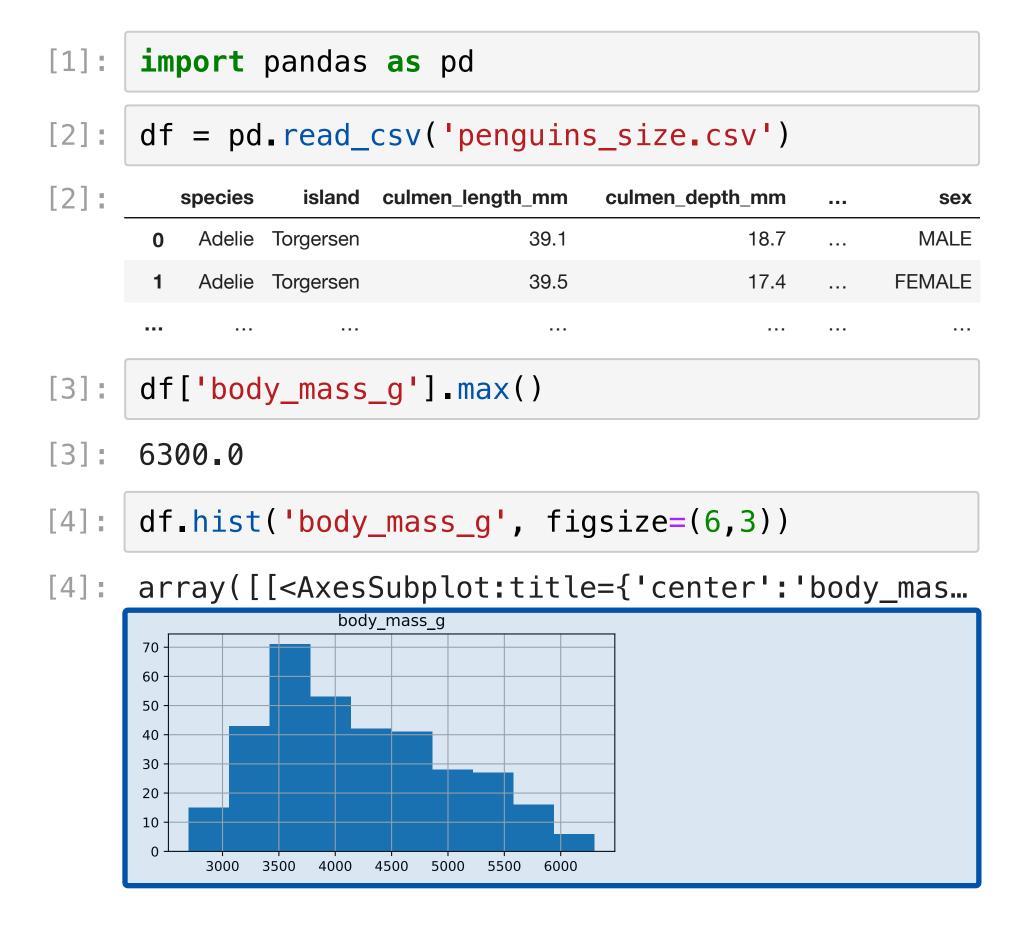
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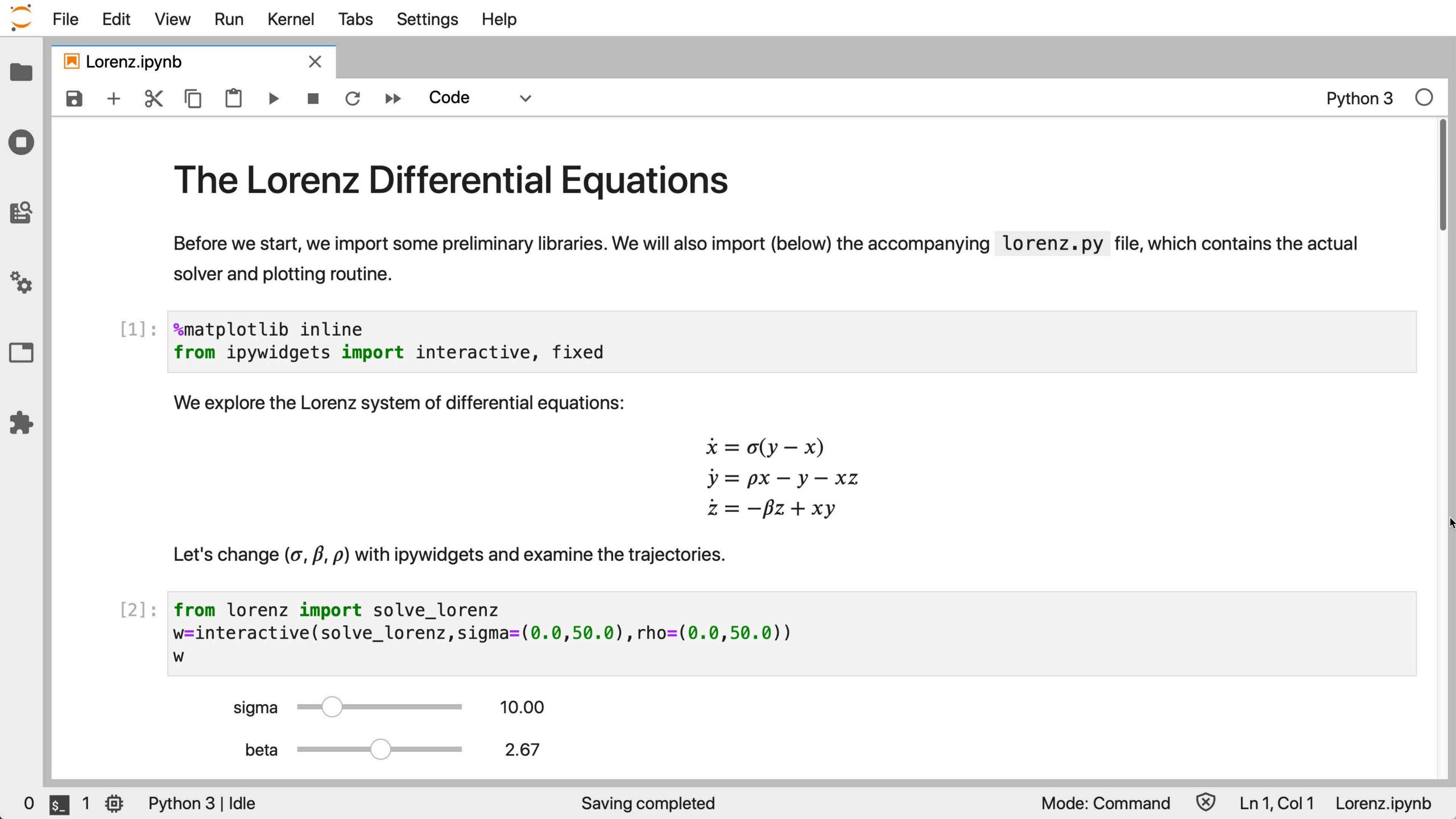
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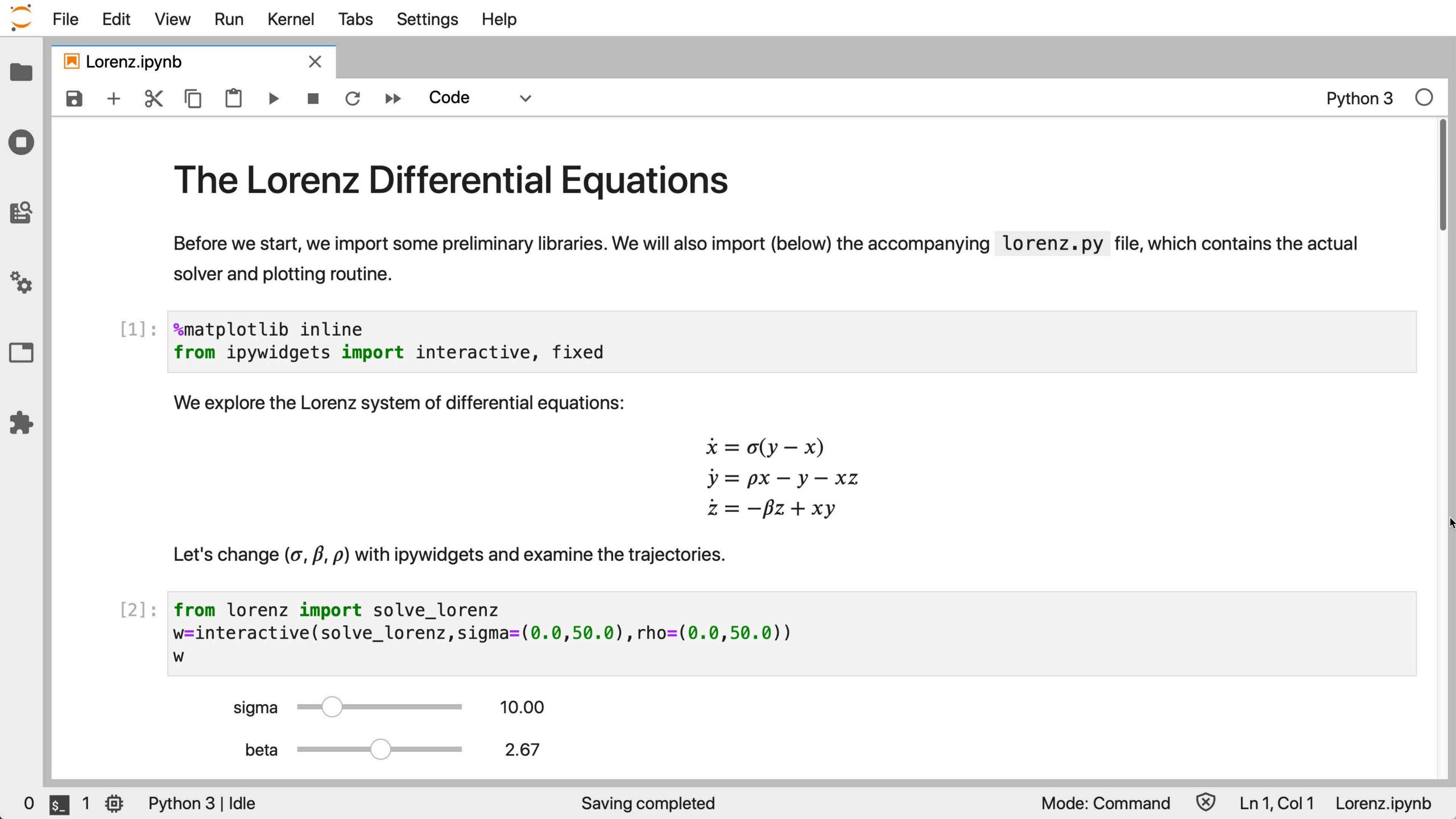


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- Markdown Cells
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 - Output
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 - Text
 - Display
 - Image





Support for Rapid Exploration

- Flexible environment
 - Edit any cell whenever you want
 - Execute whichever cells you want
- Inline views of outputs
 - No context switch
 - Easily compare and trace outputs
- Explore data in situ
 - Notebooks run in browser
 - Kernels can run remotely



Support for Clear Explanation

Gene Expression Data

We obtained gene expression data from the Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia (<u>CCLE</u>) for 37 lung cancer cell lines assayed by our collaborators at CST. This independent dataset can be used to find novel correlations between differentially expressed genes and PTMs as well as determine whether lung cancer cell lines behave similarly in gene-expression-space and PTM-space. The gene expression data was processed in the <u>CST_Data_Processing.ipynb</u> notebook that: kept the top 1000 genes with the greatest variance across the cell lines, and Z-score normalized the genes across the cell lines to highlight differential expression across the lung cancer cell lines.

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In [4]: net.load_file('../lung_cellline_3_1_16/lung_cl_all_ptm/precalc_processed/CST_CCLE_exp.txt')
         print('Expression data shape: ' + str(net.dat['mat'].shape))
         Expression data shape: (1000, 37)
In [5]: net.set cat color('row', 1, 'Data-Type: Exp', 'yellow')
         net.cluster(views=[])
         net.widget()
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Support for Clear Explanation



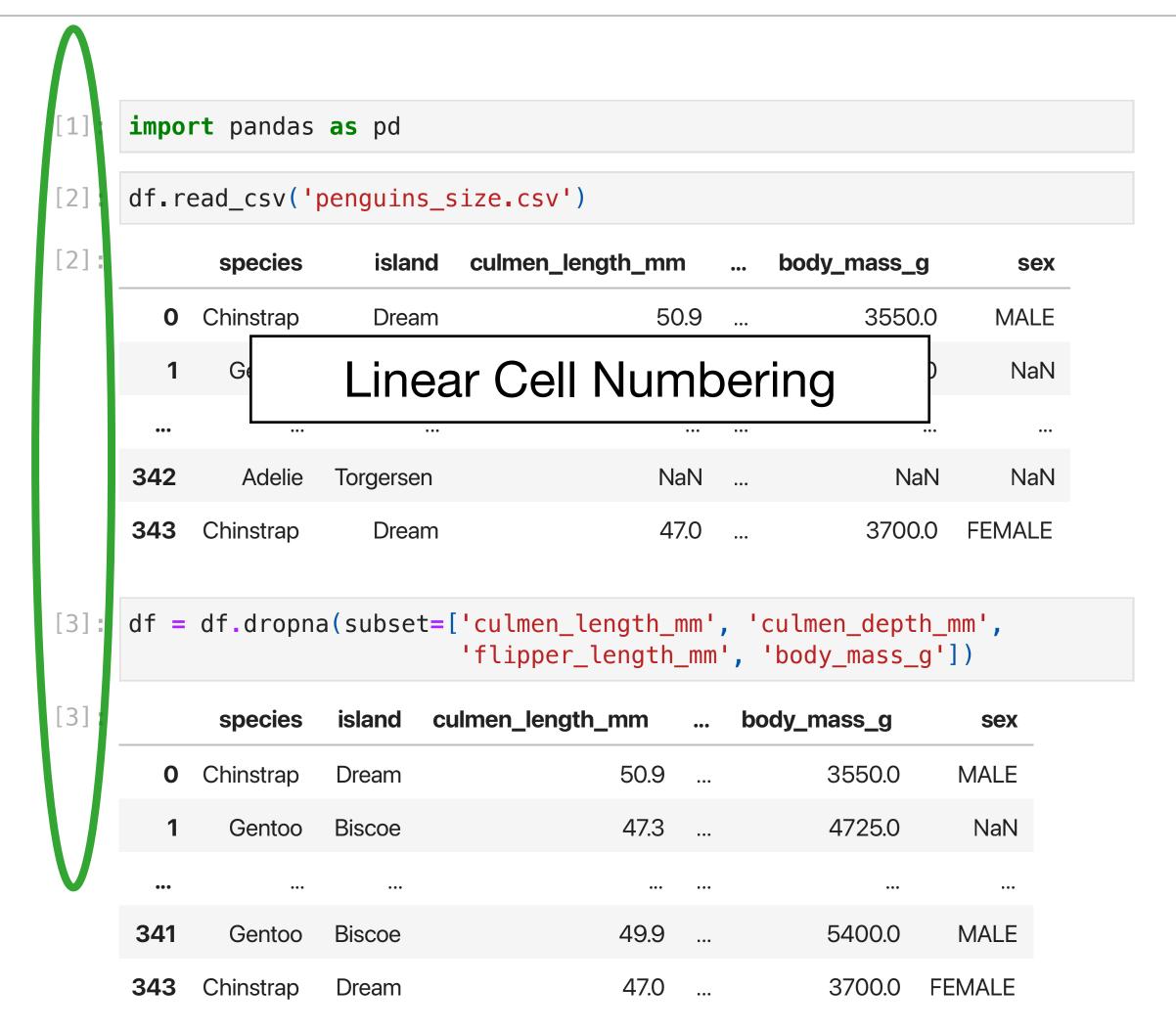
- Textual explanation: markdown cells
- Graphical explanation: inline figures
- Interactive explanation: widgets
- Publishing: Web pages, LaTeX, etc.
- Structure: clear, linear cell layout
- Reproducible

Exemplar Notebook

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import pandas as pd
     df.read_csv('penguins_size.csv')
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     df = df.dropna(subset=['culmen_length_mm', 'culmen_depth_mm',
                               'flipper_length_mm', 'body_mass_g'])
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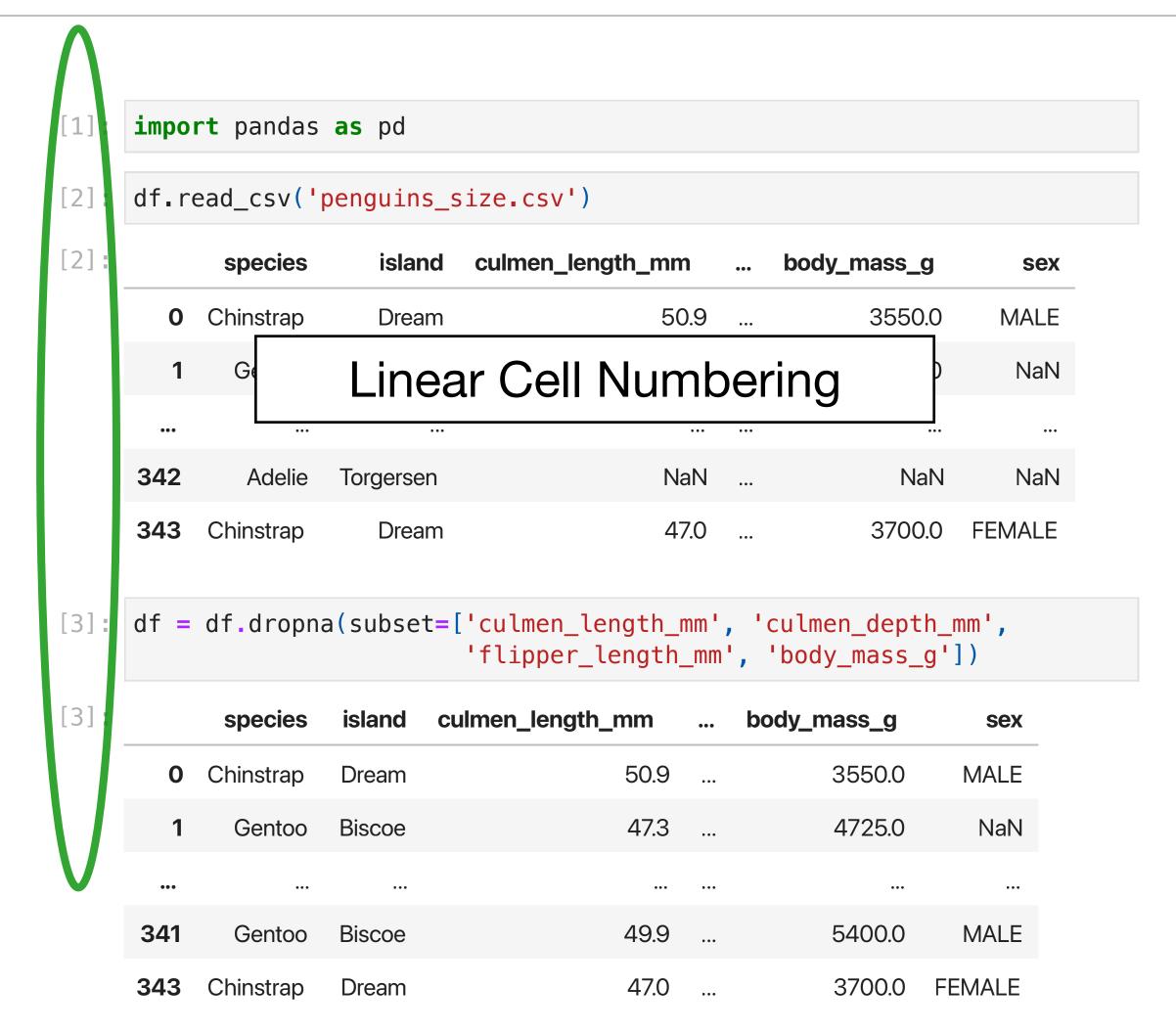
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df.columns
[4]: Index(['species', 'island', 'culmen_length_mm', 'culmen_depth_mm',
             'flipper_length_mm', 'body_mass_g', 'sex'],
           dtype='object')
     df = df.rename(columns={'culmen_length_mm': 'culmen length (mm)',
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     df.groupby('island')['body mass (g)'].median()
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     Name: body mass (g), dtype: float64
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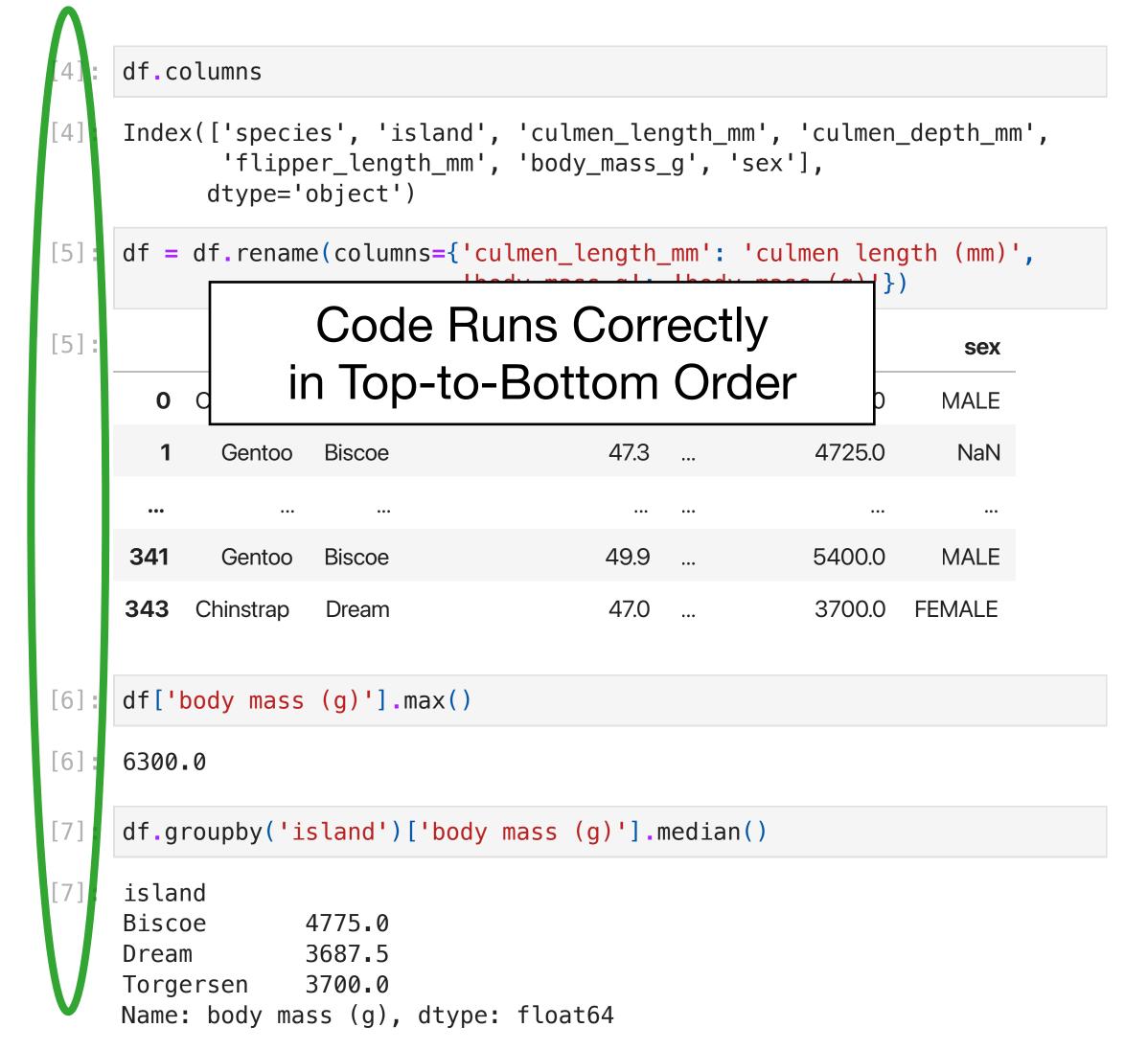
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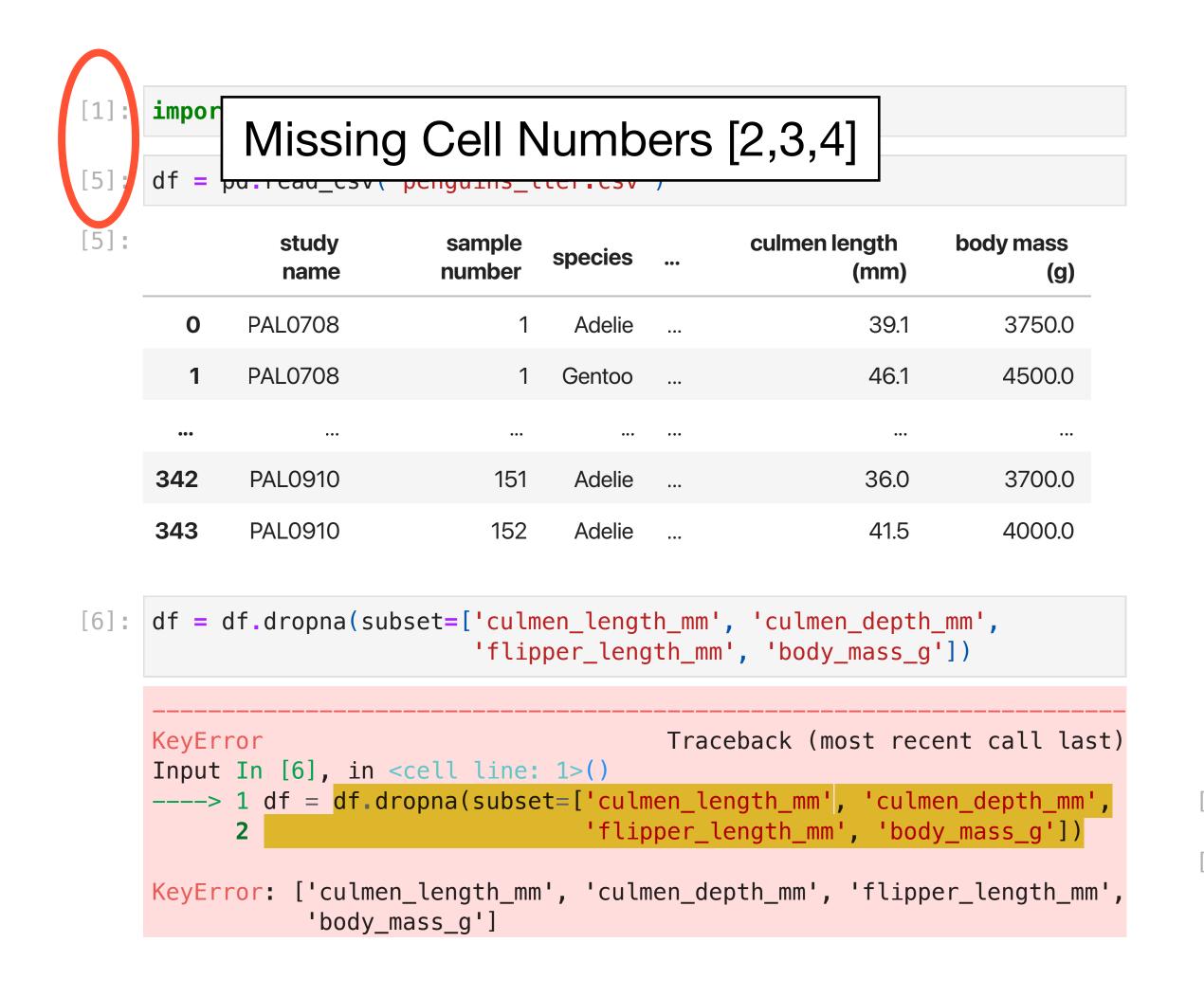




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    df = pd.read_csv('penguins_lter.csv')
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Notebook Reproducibility Potholes

- If you forget to run an edited cell, the result may not match the code
- If you redefine or mutate a variable, another cell may break
- The **order** of cell execution matters



Notebook Problems & Solutions

Problems:

- Users get lost, become less productive
- The notebook may not be re-executable
- The notebook may not be reproducible

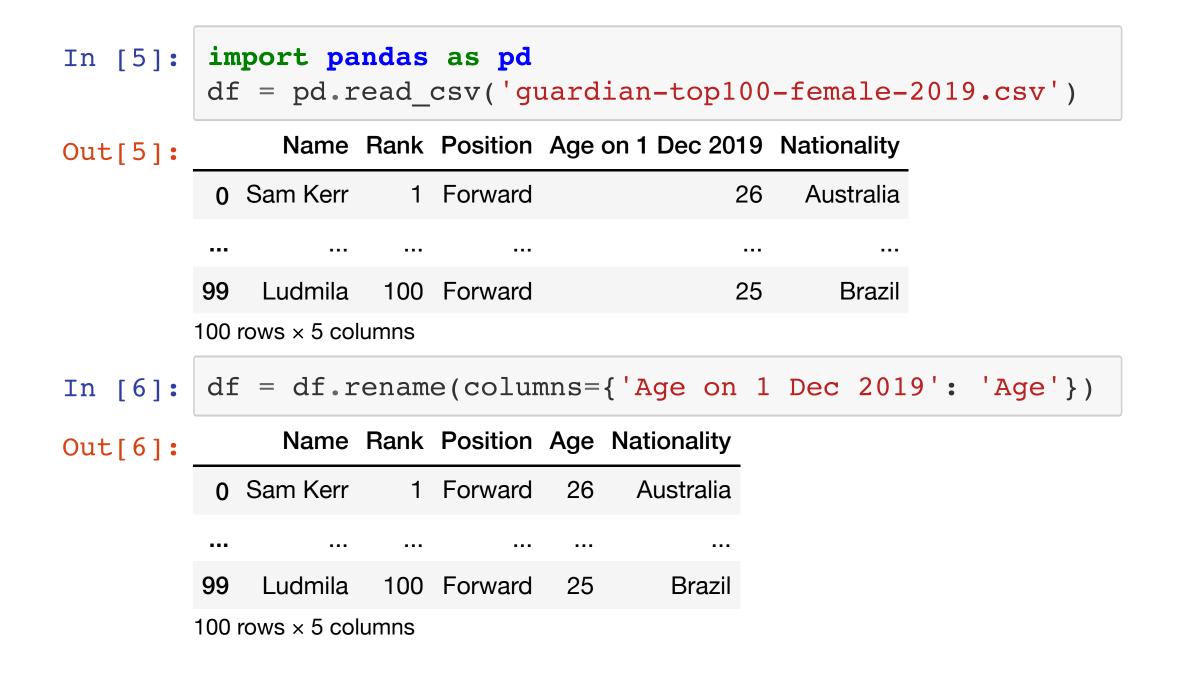
Solutions:

- Improve Notebook Structure [Dataflow Notebook, Koop & Patel, 2017], [Brown & Koop, 2023]
- Best Practices & Linting [Julynter, Pimentel et al., 2021]
- Reactive Execution [ipyflow, Macke et al., 2021], [marimo, 2024]
- Fix Errors [Osiris, Wang et al., 2020]

Improving Notebook Structure and Display

- Improve Reuse
 - Remove ambiguities
 - Enhance recall
- Improve Display

Problem: How do Cells Connect?

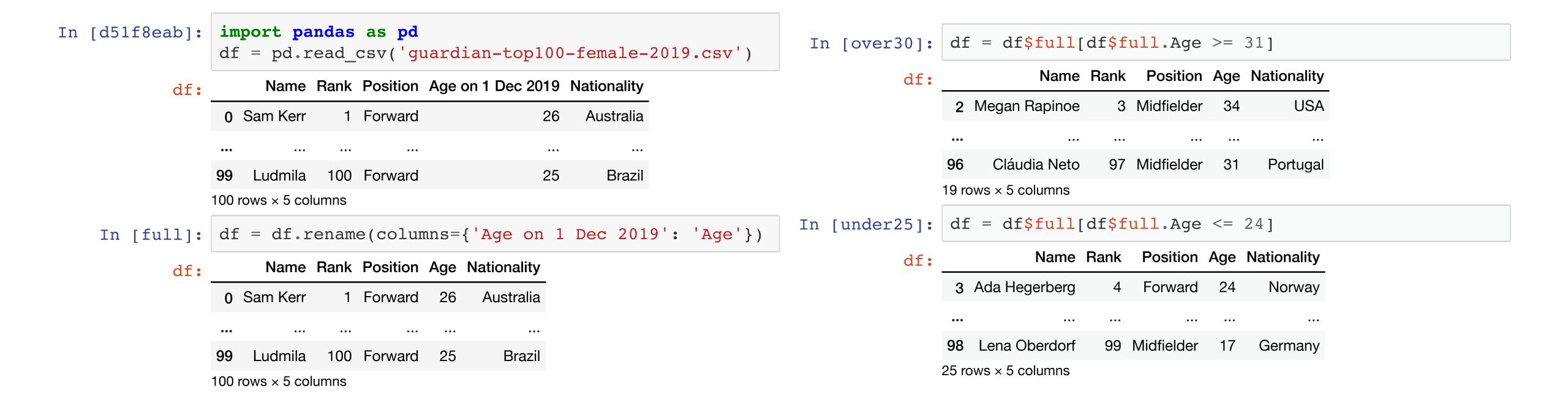




Dataflow Notebook Solution: Links Between Cells

- Make clear what the dependencies are between cells
- One cell's output (side-effect) is required before another cell can run
- If the system knows these:
 - Can automatically execute dependencies before running the current cell
 - Can show users relationships between cells
 - Greater reproducibility

Solution: Remove Ambiguities and Preserve Recall



[dataflownb.github.io]

Problem: Messy Output Representations

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Solution: Improved Output Representations

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[dataflownb.github.io]

Dataflow Notebook

- Computational notebooks facilitate efficient exploration because users can quickly inspect and reuse intermediate outputs
- It is important to show interactive output that summarizes while providing the ability to dig into details
- It is important to be able to recall and reuse past outputs during and after analysis without re-running or re-writing code
- JupyterLab and IPython extensions to improve notebooks
 - Recall and reuse of past outputs (dfnotebook)
 - Output display (ipycollections)

Visualization in Notebooks

Visualization Landscape



• Domain-Specific Apps: VMD APOR





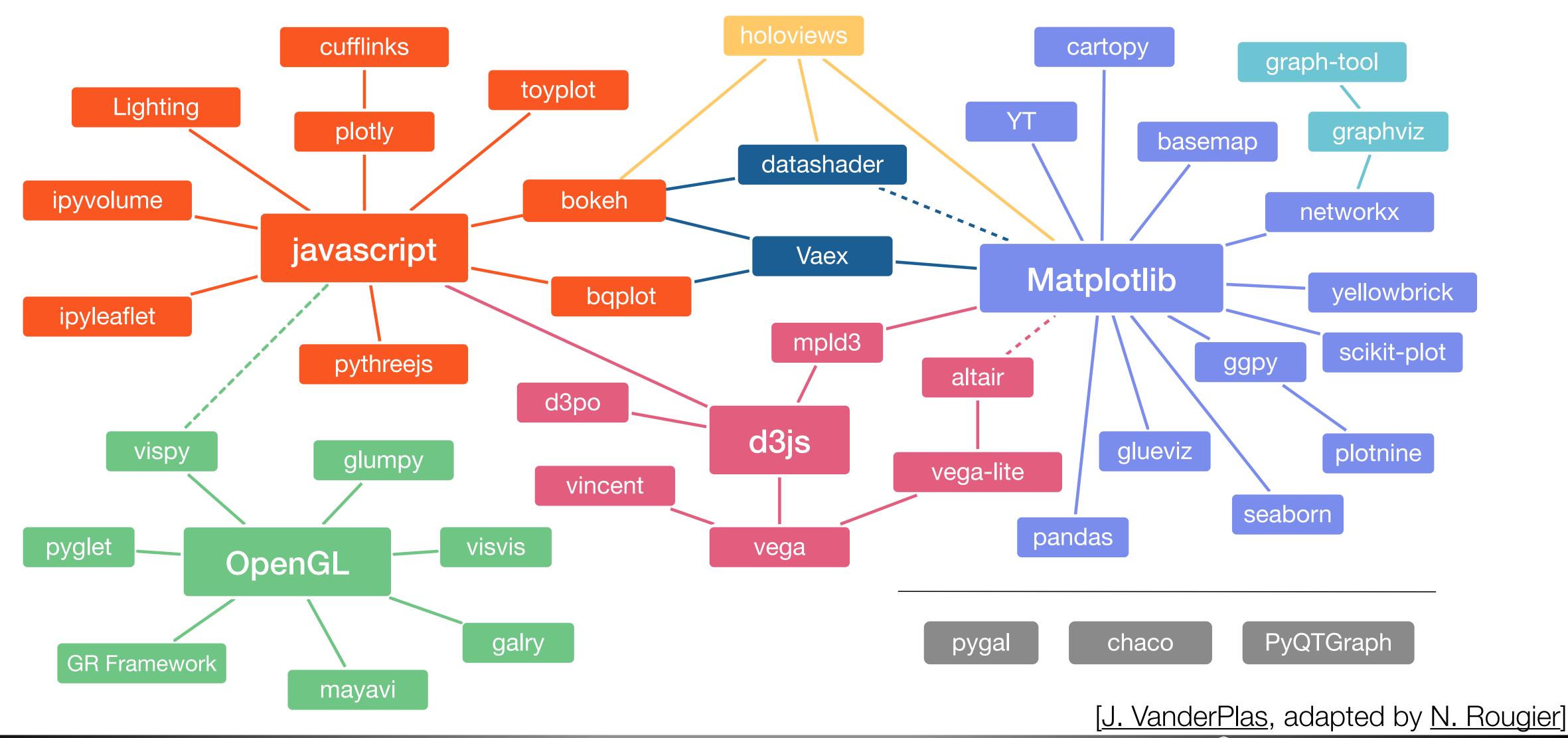
• APIs & Frameworks: VTK, ITK AScent



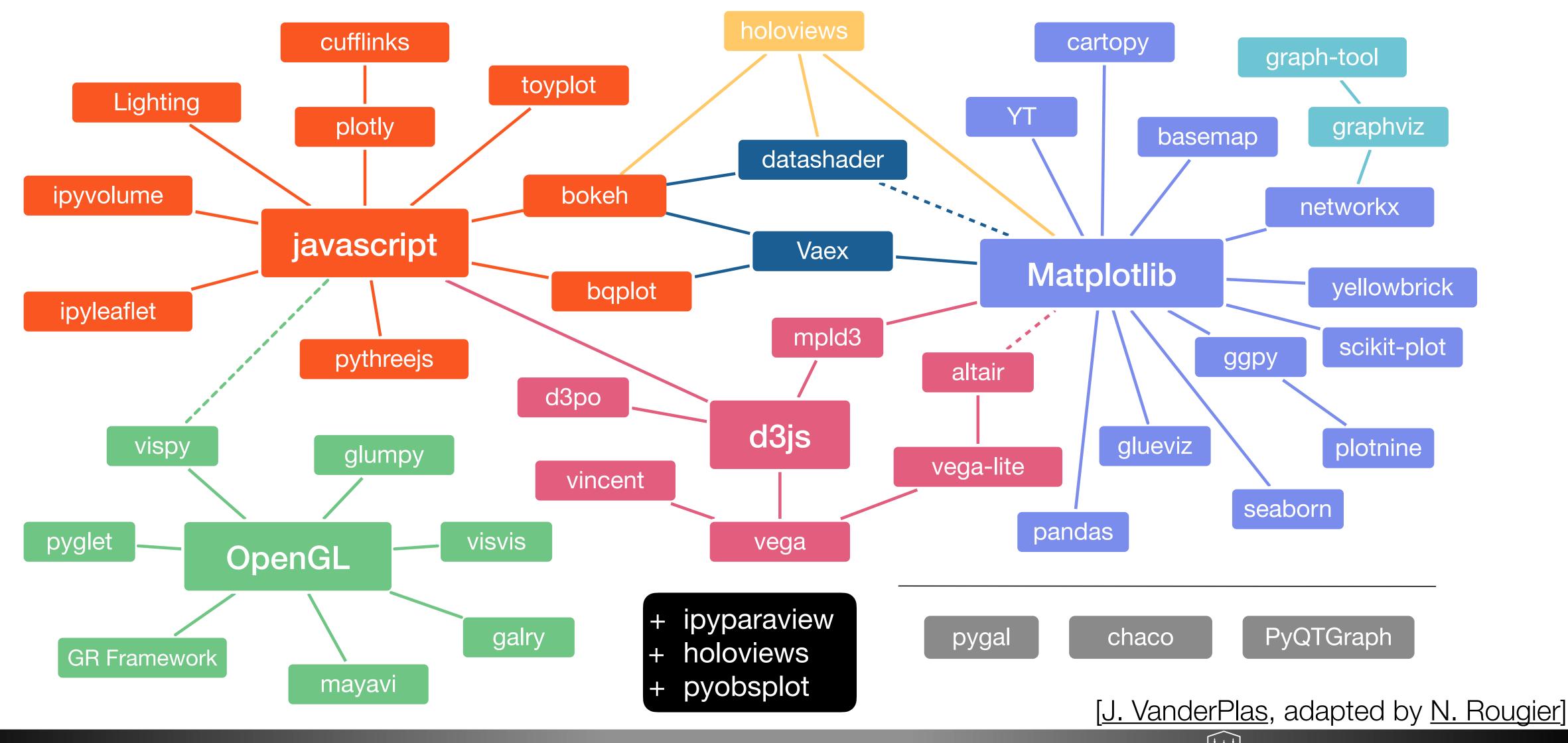
- Also... Data Analysis Tools/Libraries
 - JavaScript: D3, Observable Plot
 - R: ggplot
 - Python: matplotlib, altair, bokeh, ...
 - Matlab, GNUPlot

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The Python Visualization Landscape

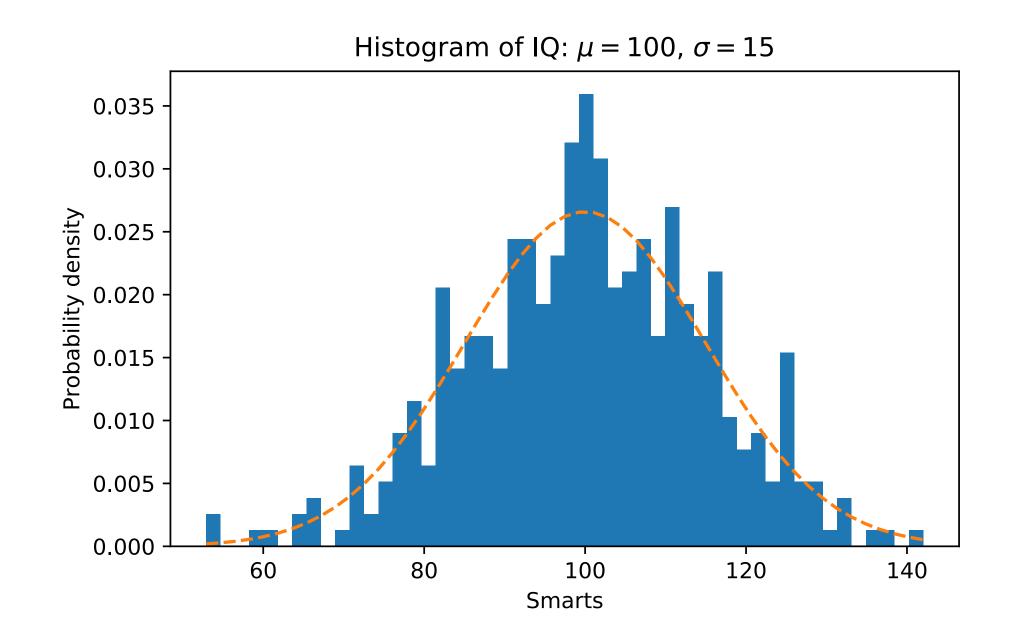


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matplotlib

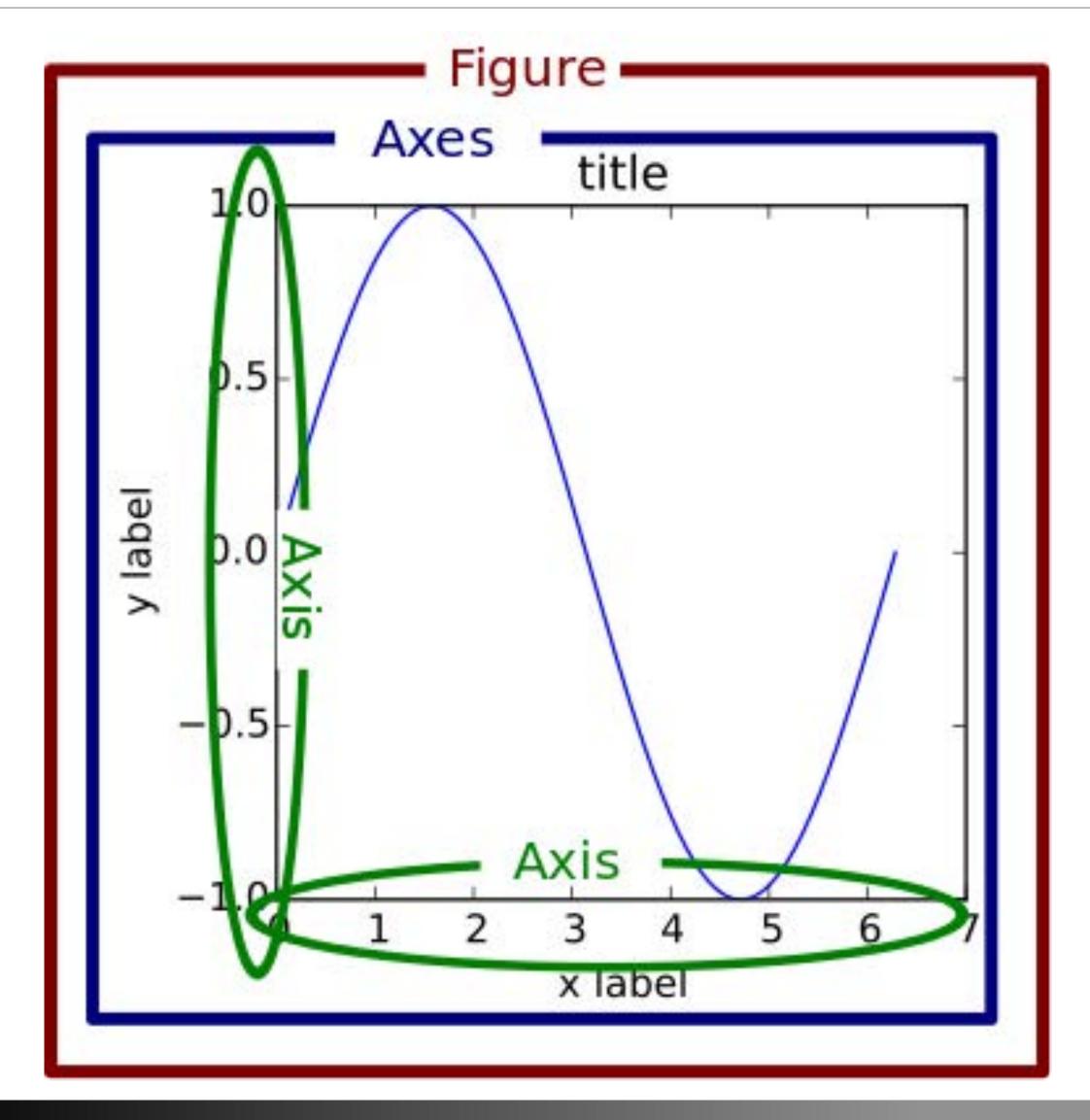
- Strengths:
 - Designed like Matlab
 - Many rendering backends
 - Can reproduce almost any plot
 - Proven, well-tested
- Weaknesses:
 - API is imperative
 - Not originally designed for the web
 - Dated styles

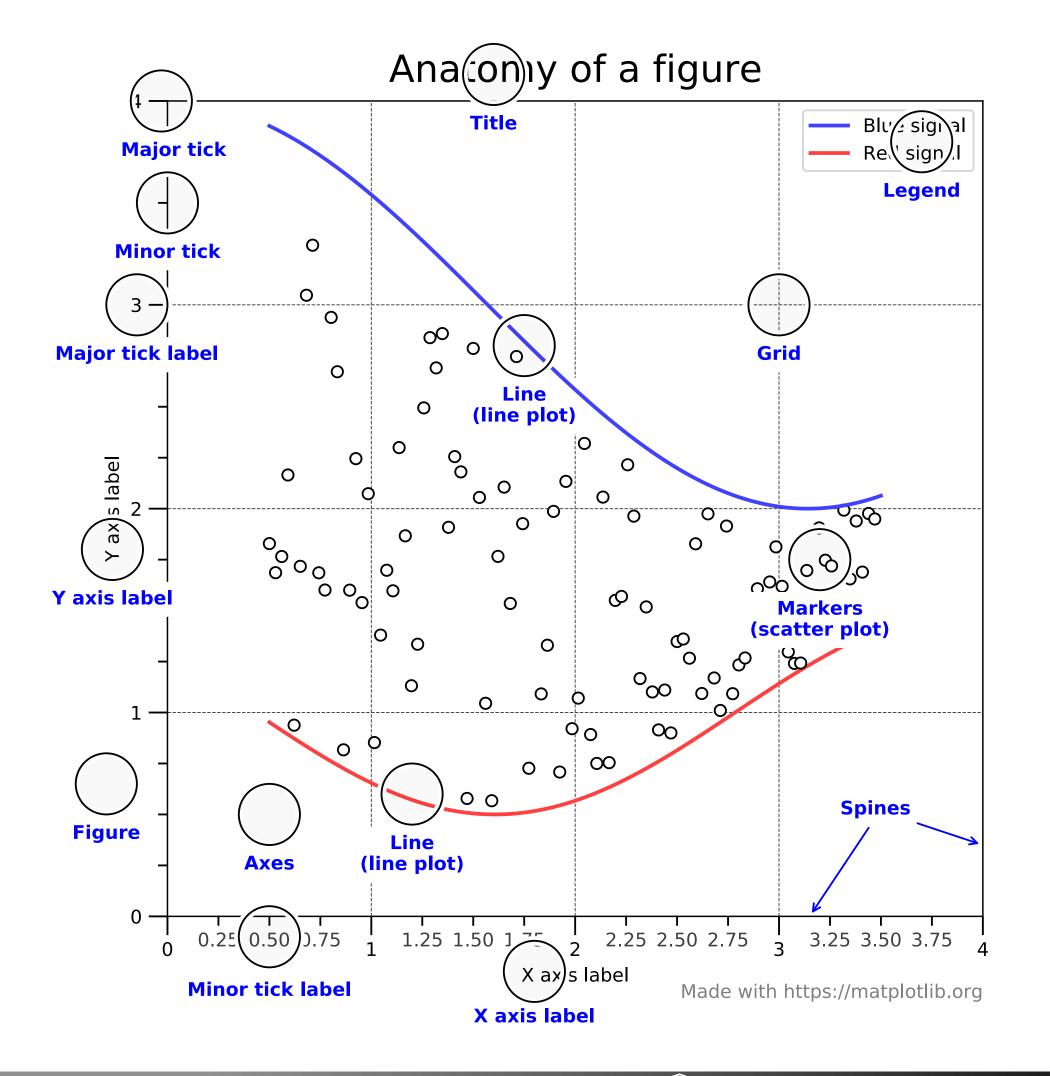


plt.hist(...)

[J. VanderPlas]

Anatomy of a Figure



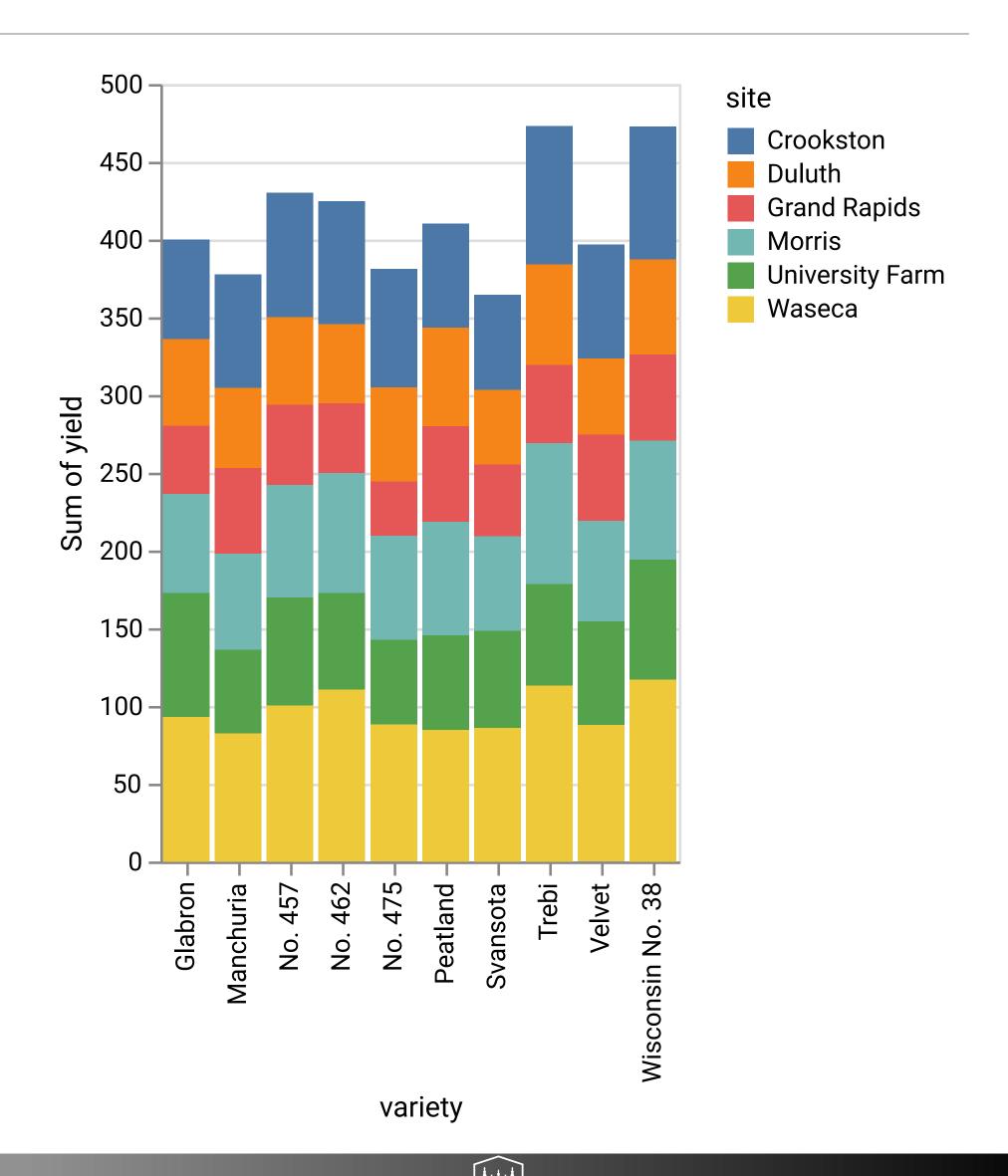


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Altair

- Declarative Visualization
 - Specify what instead of how
 - Separate specification from execution
- Based on VegaLite which is browser-based
- Strengths:
 - Declarative visualization
 - Web technologies
- Weaknesses:
 - Scaling (improved in VegaFusion & Mosaic)
 - Specifications + translate to JavaScript



Data Items Become Visual Marks

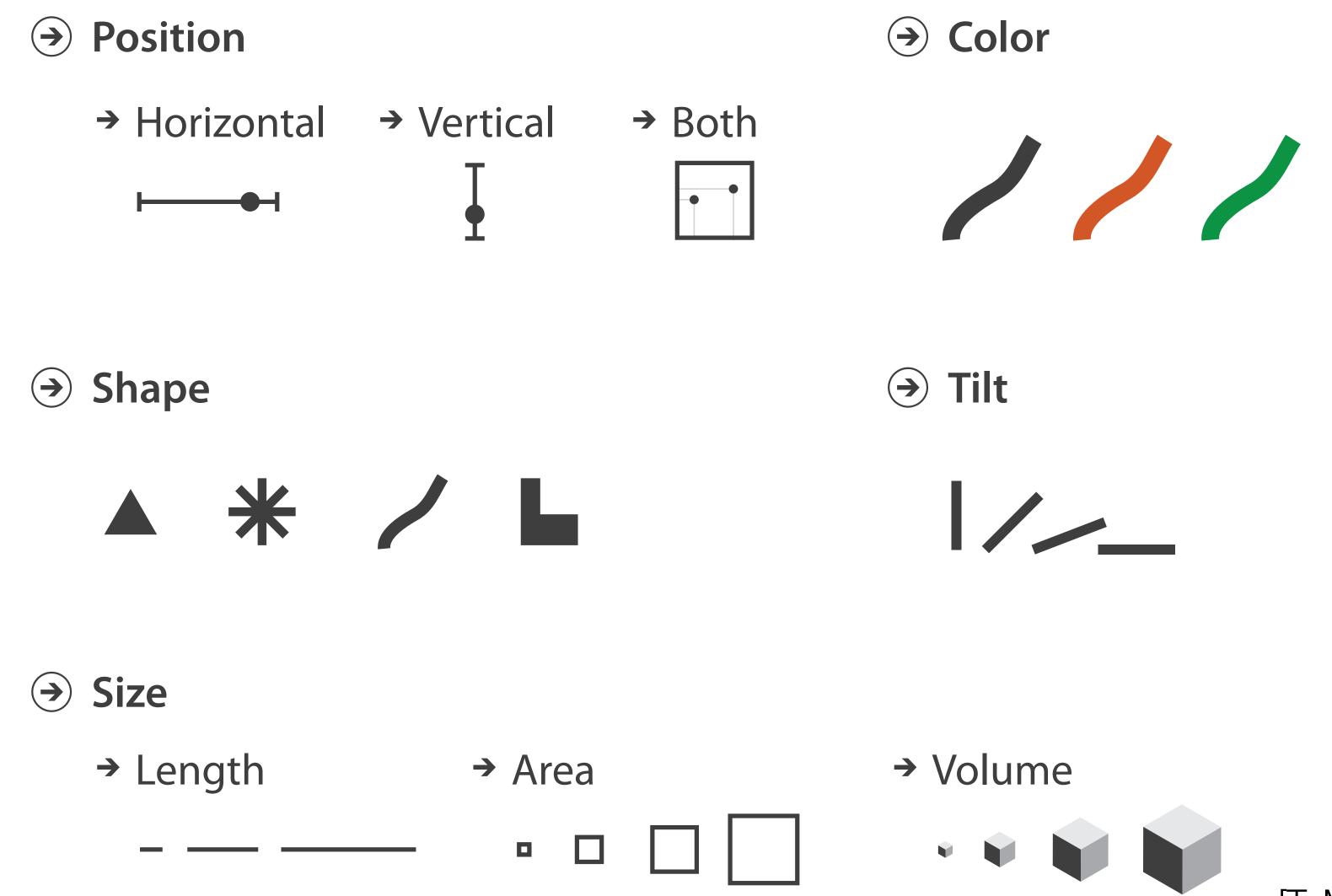
- Marks are the basic graphical elements in a visualization
- Marks classified by dimensionality:



- Also can have surfaces, volumes
- Think of marks as a mathematical definition, or if familiar with tools like Adobe Illustrator or Inkscape, the path & point definitions
- Altair: area, bar, circle, geoshape, image, line, point, rect, rule, square, text, tick
 - Also compound marks: boxplot, errorband, errorbar

T. Munzner, E. Maguire (ill.)]

Encode Attributes via Visual Channels

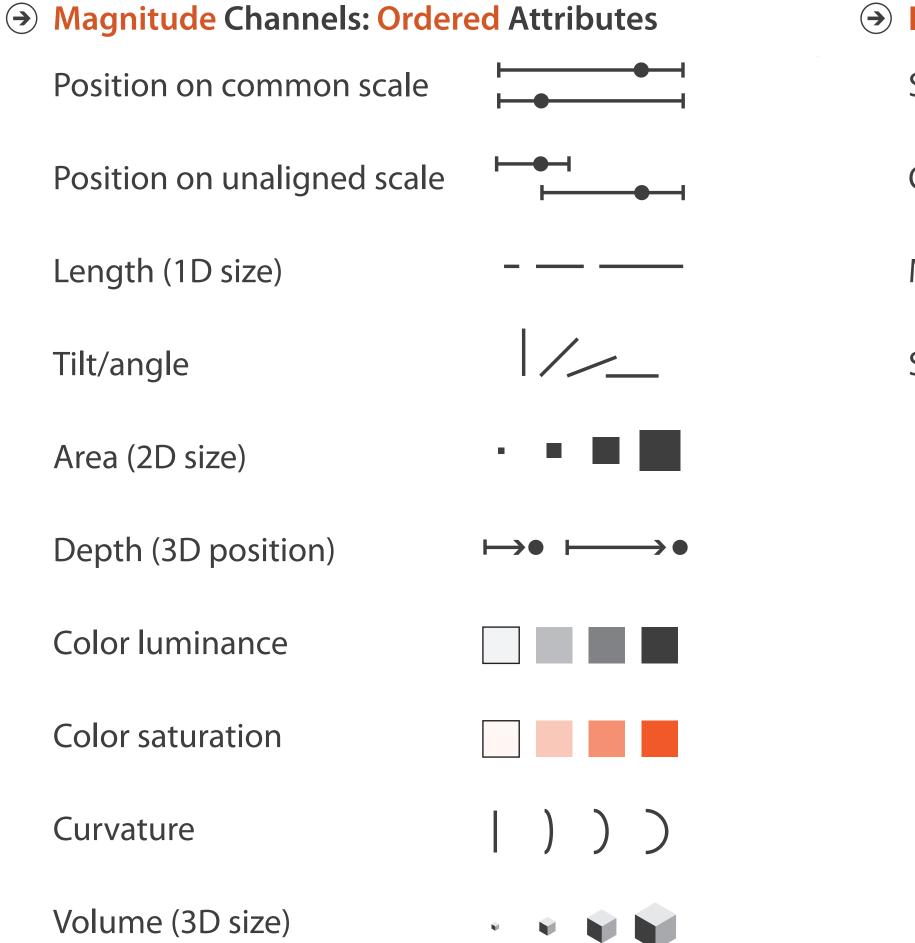


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Channel Types

Identity => what or where, Magnitude => how much



→ Identity Channels: Categorical Attributes Spatial region Color hue Motion Shape

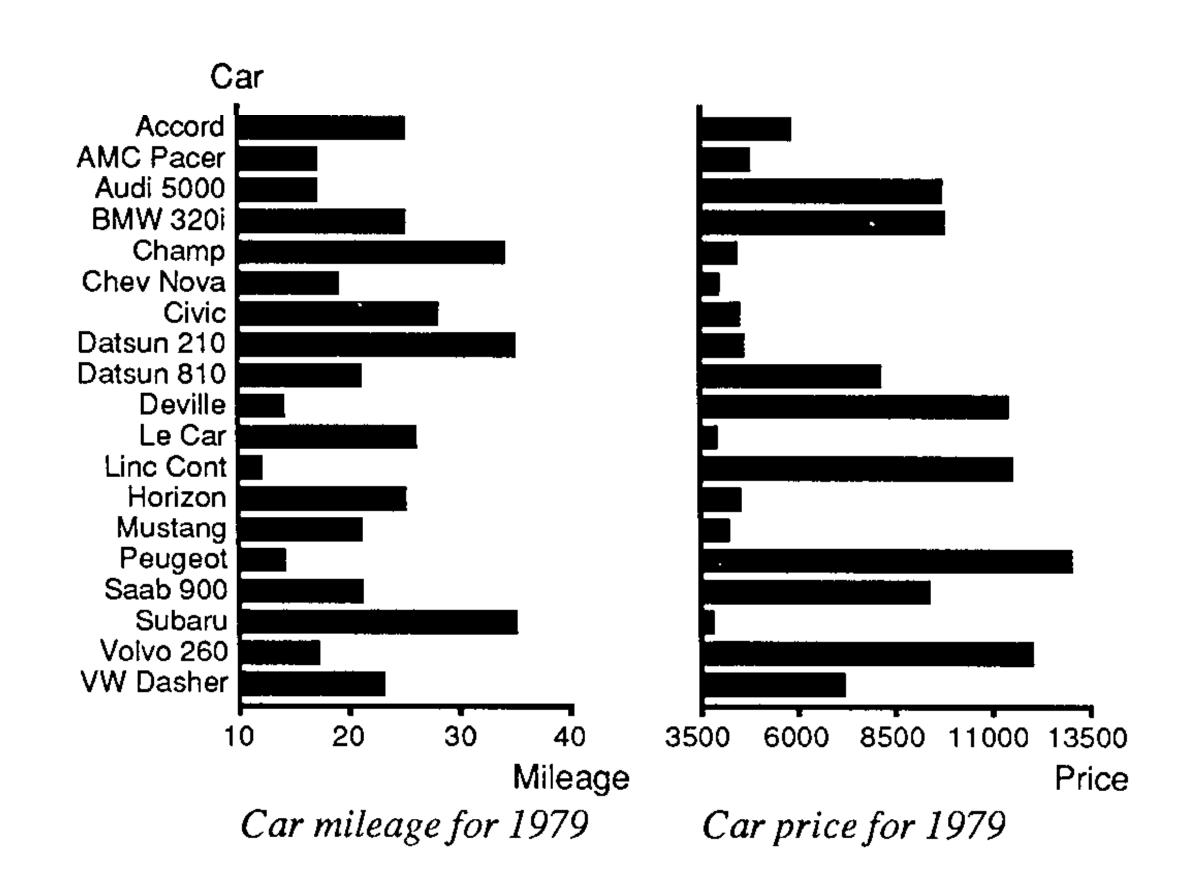
[Munzner (ill. Maguire), 2014]



Expressiveness and Effectiveness

- Expressiveness Principle: all data from the dataset and nothing more should be shown
 - Do encode ordered data in an ordered fashion
 - Don't encode categorical data in a way that implies an ordering
- Effectiveness Principle: most important attributes should be most salient
 - Saliency: how noticeable something is
 - How do the channels measure up?

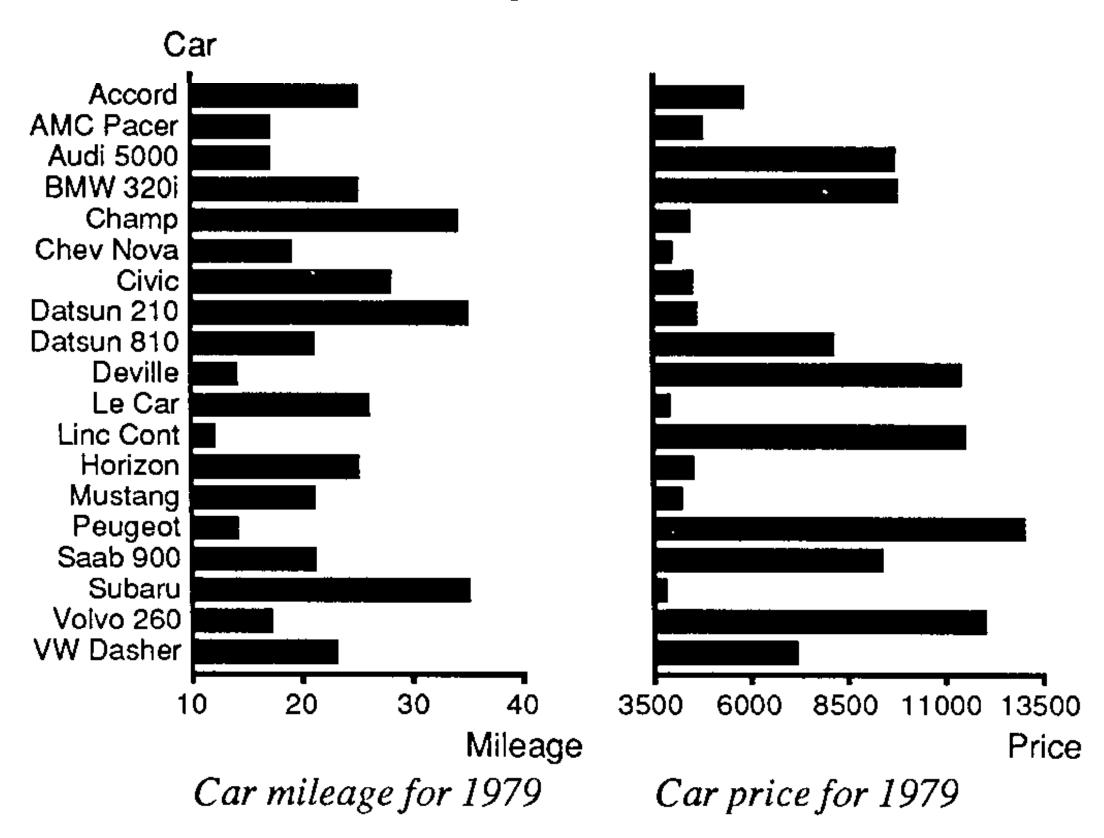
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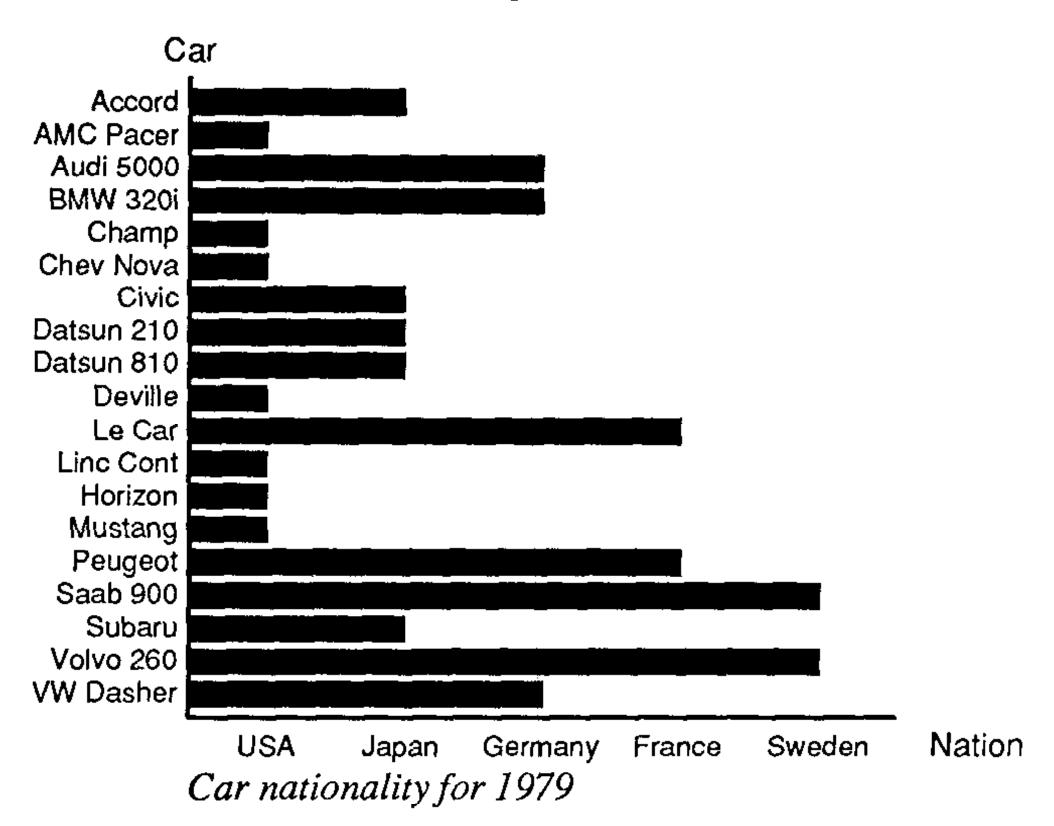
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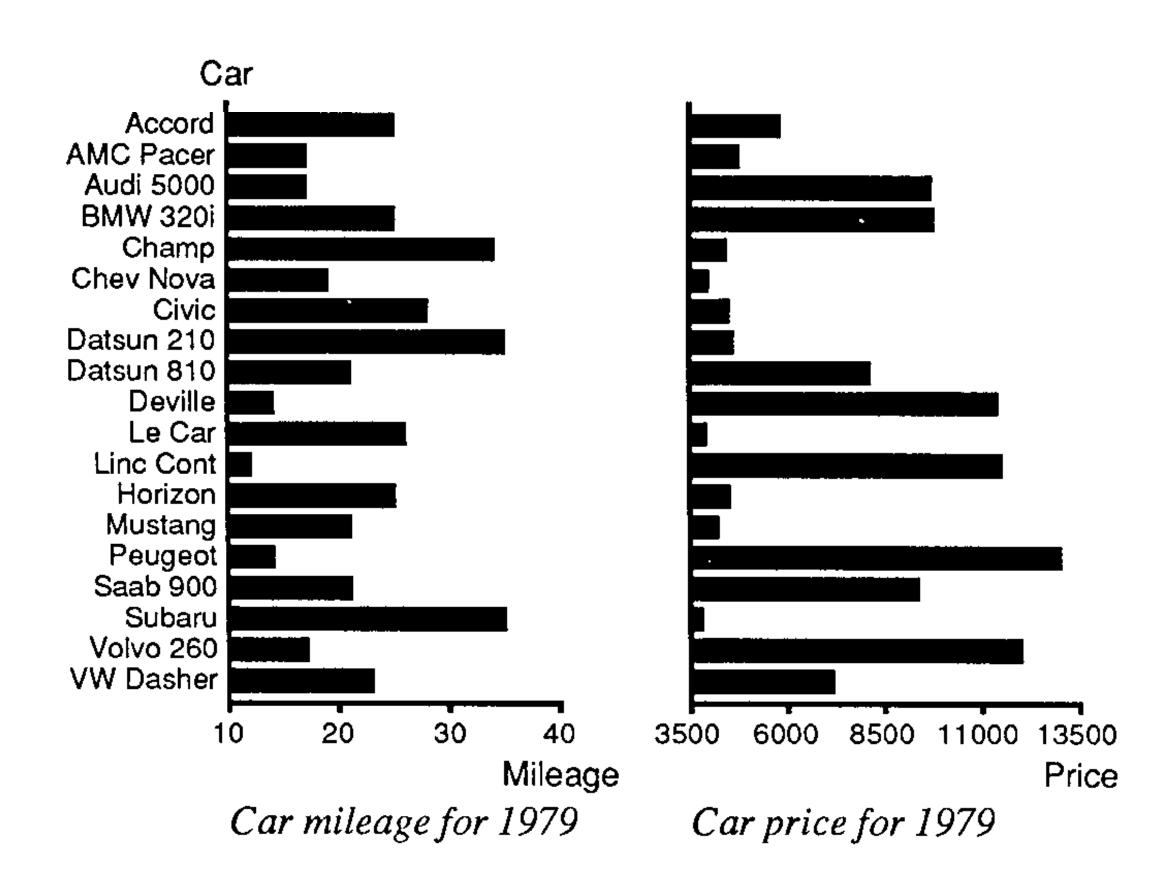


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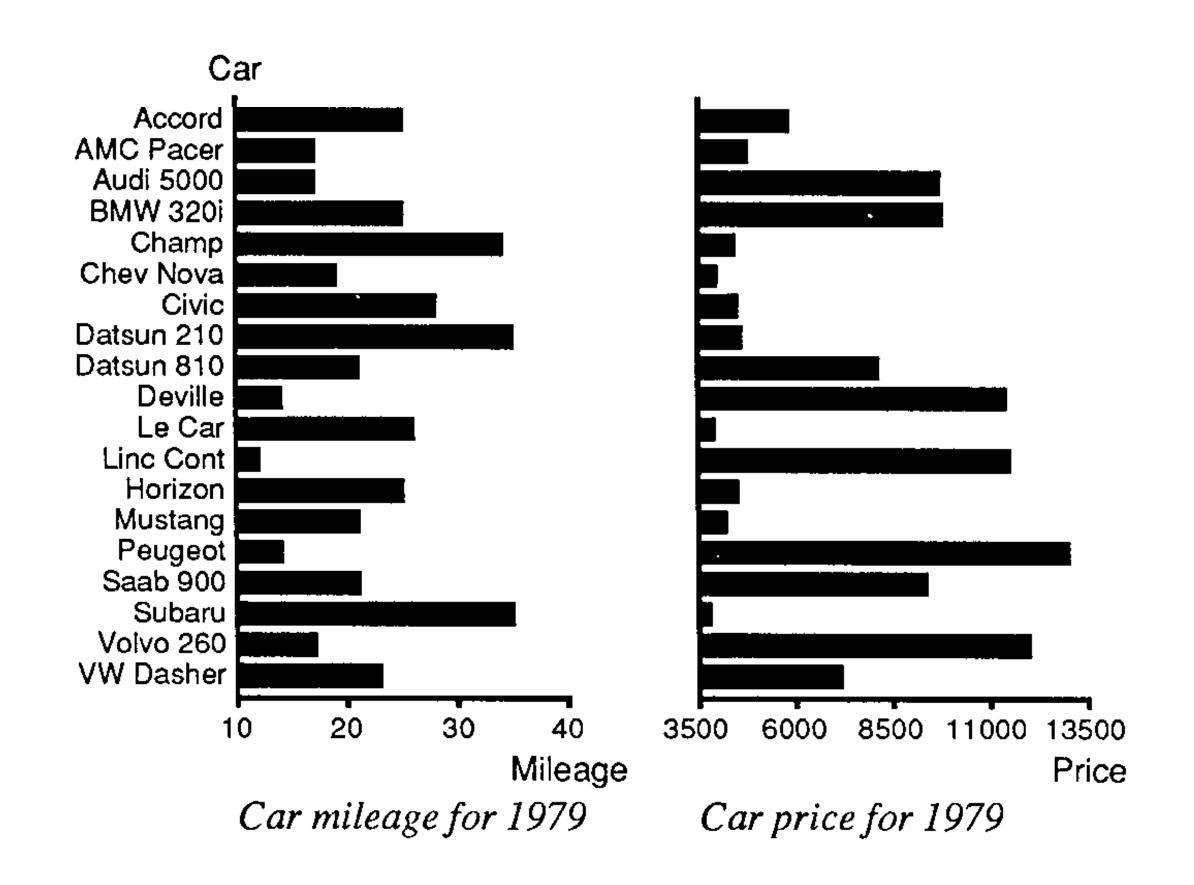
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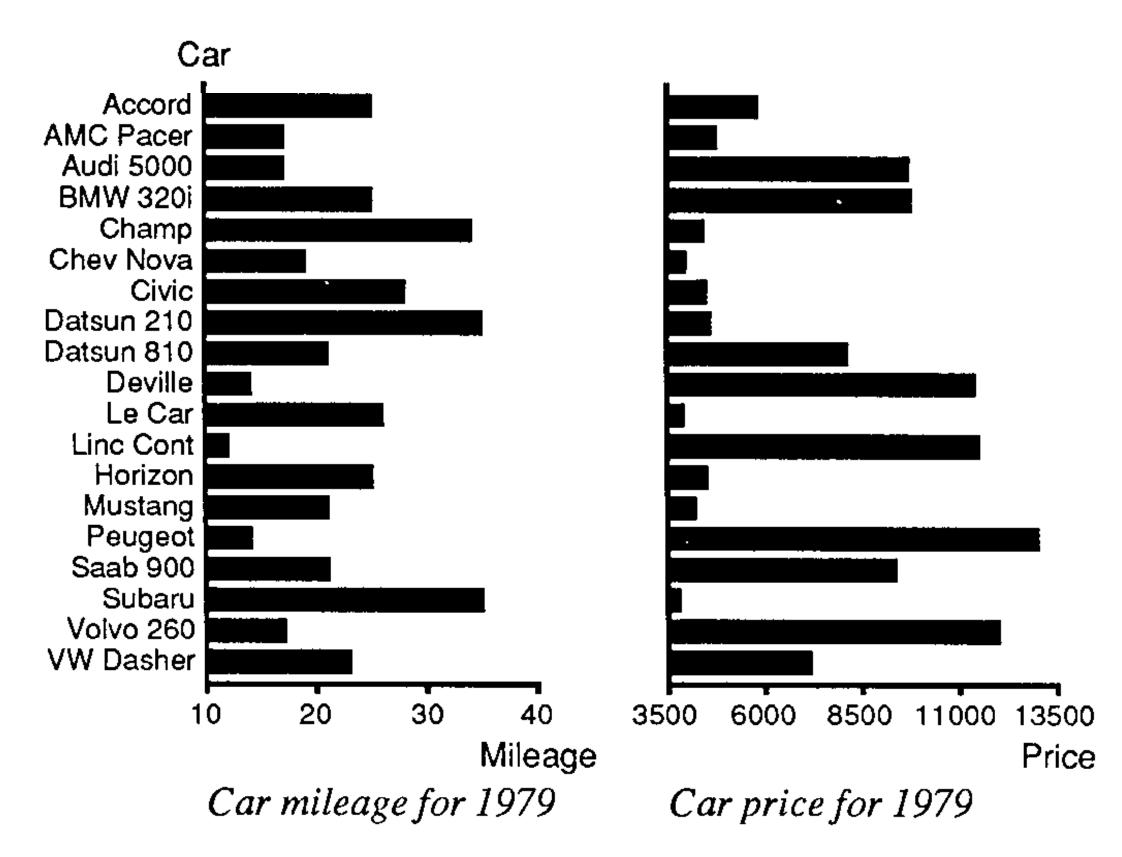
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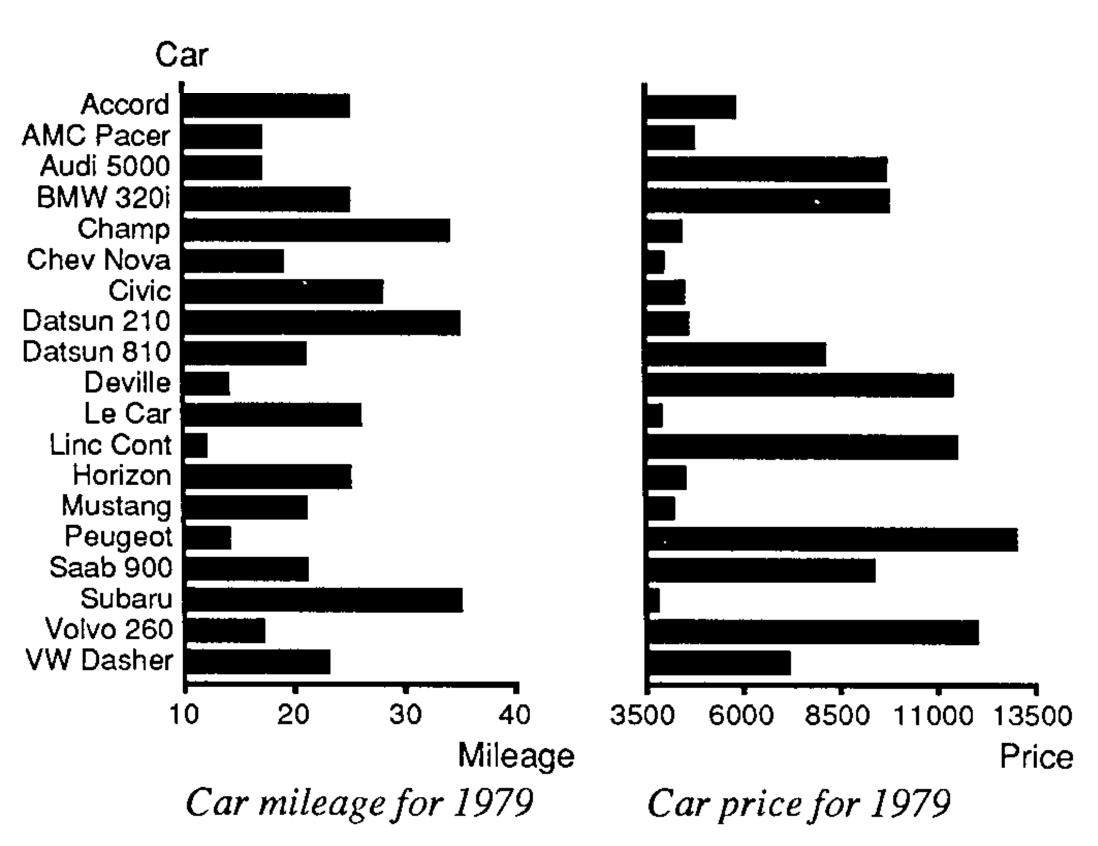
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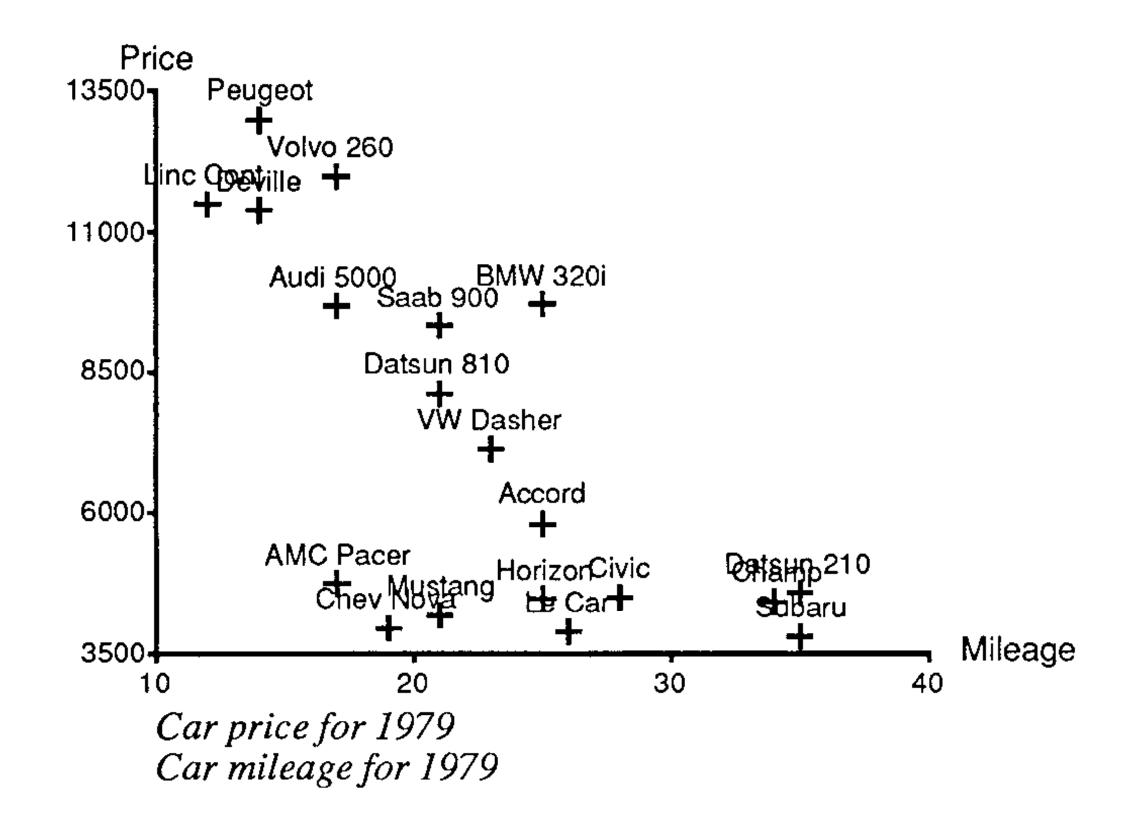


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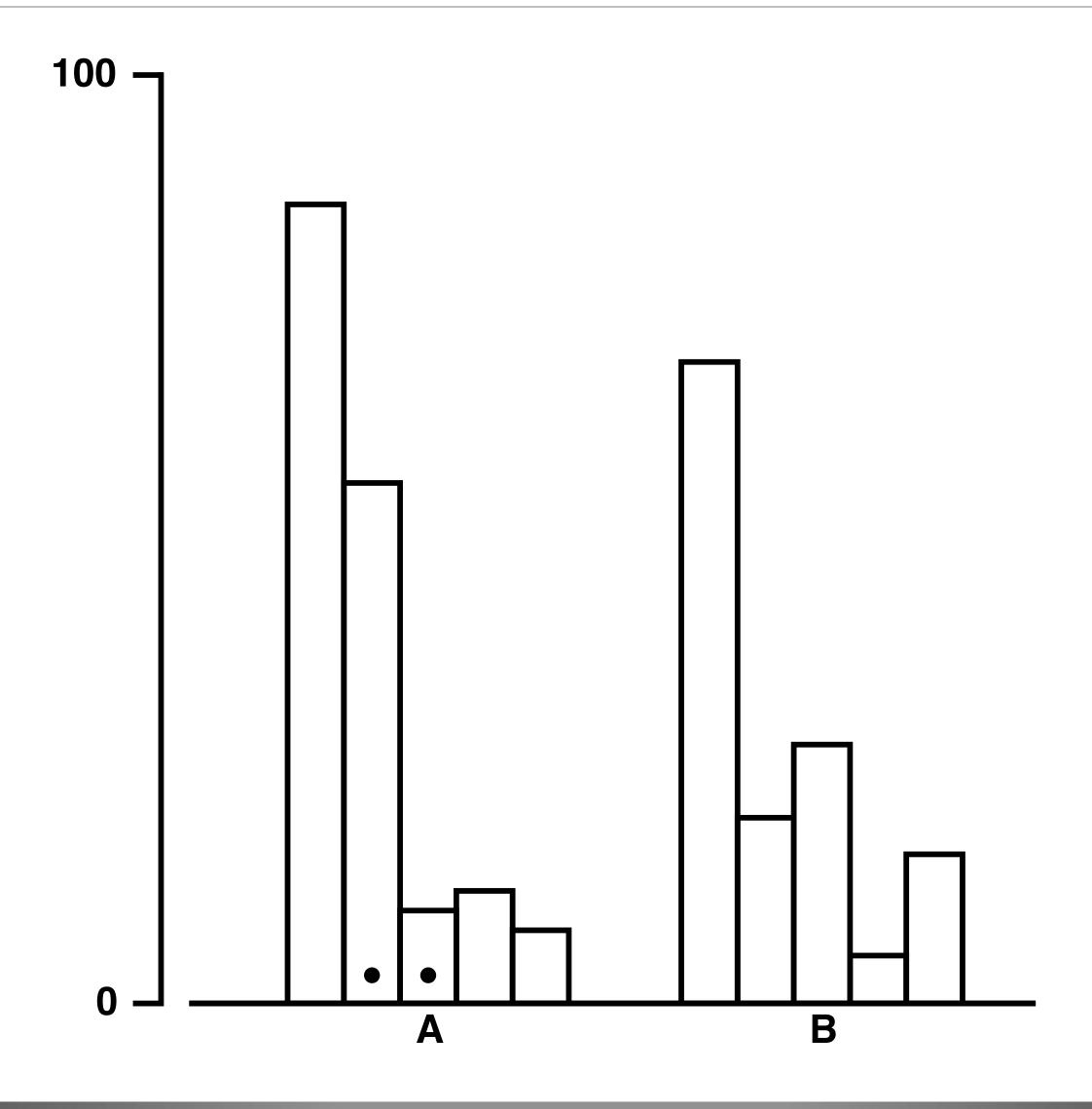
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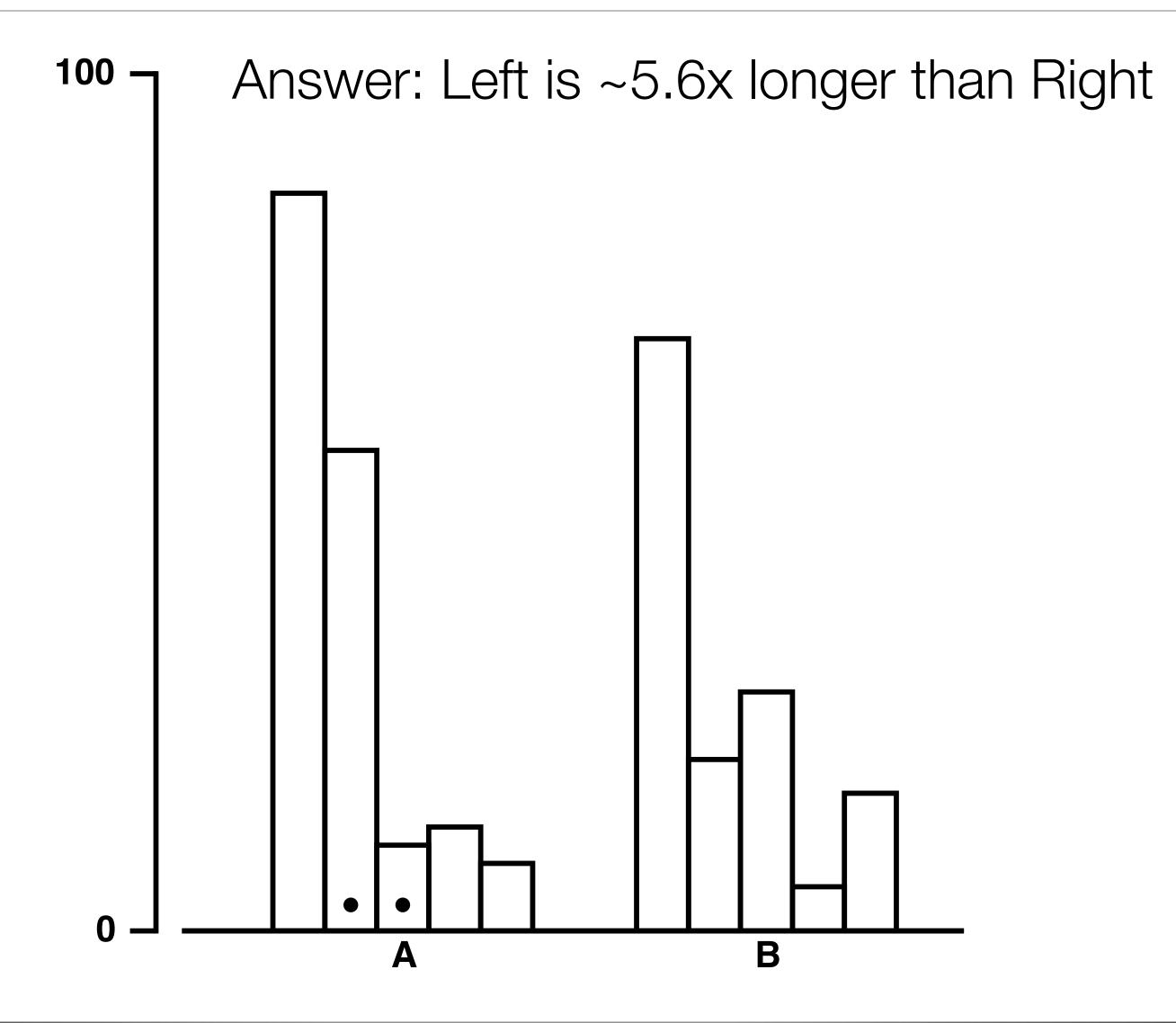


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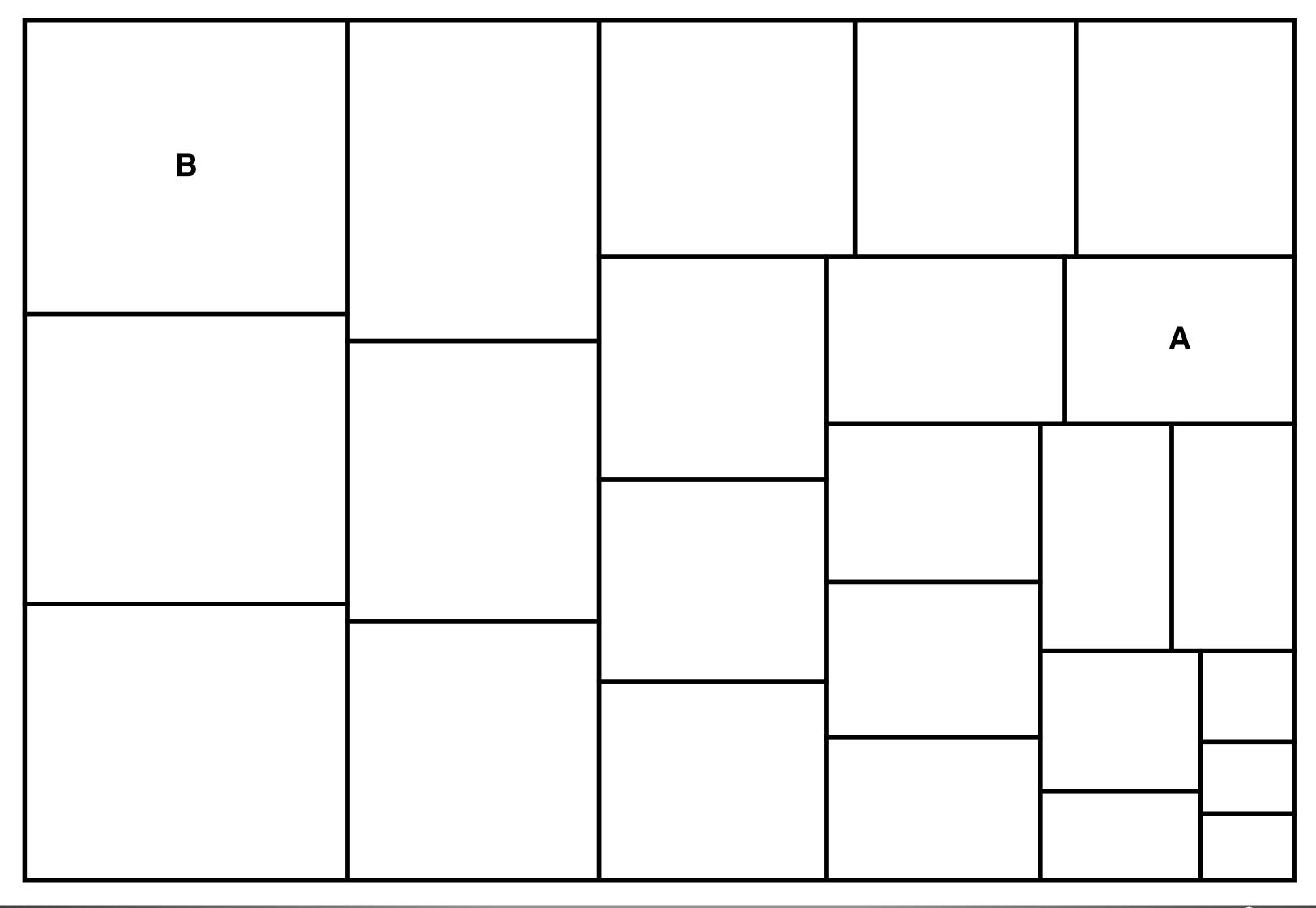
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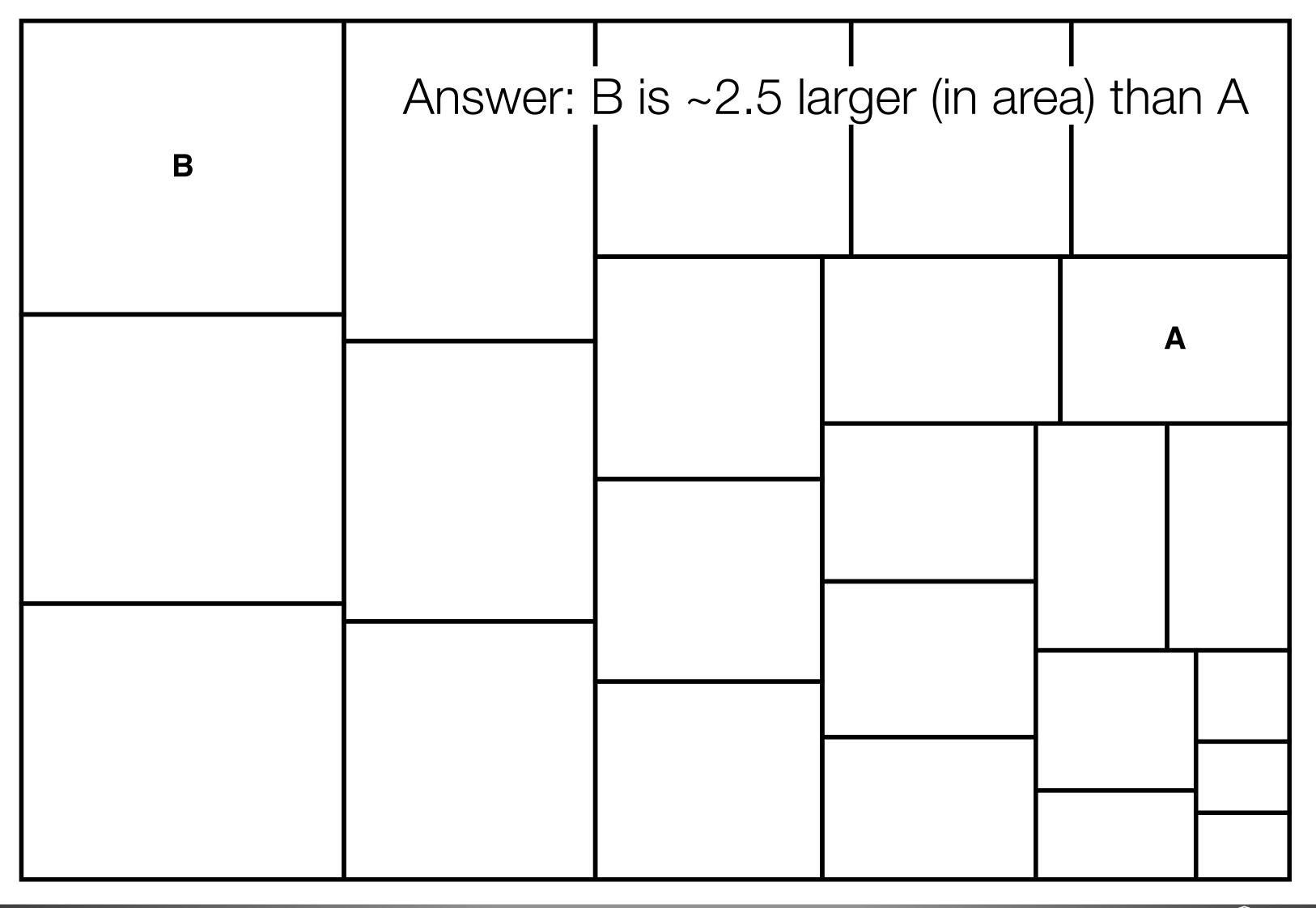
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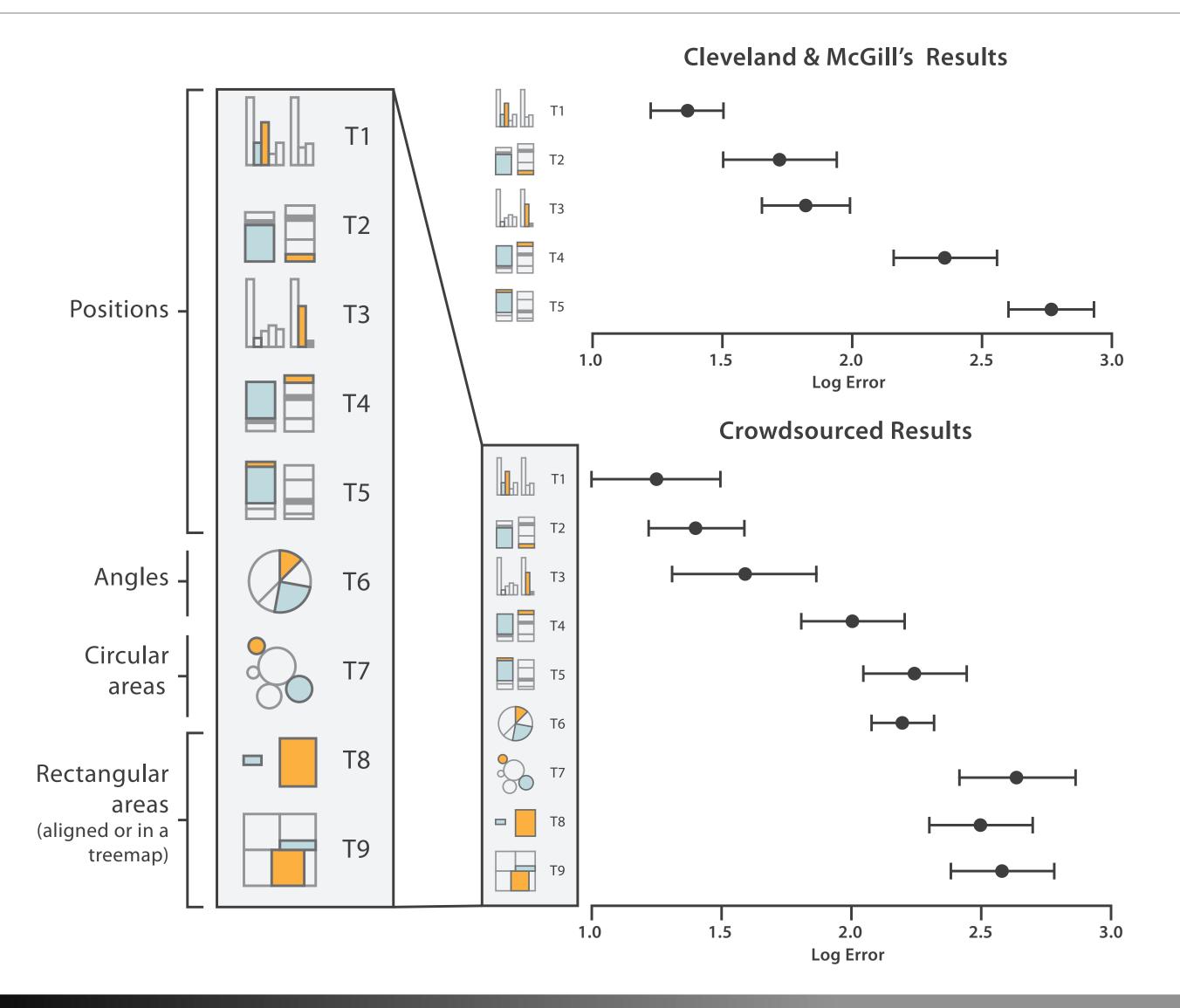
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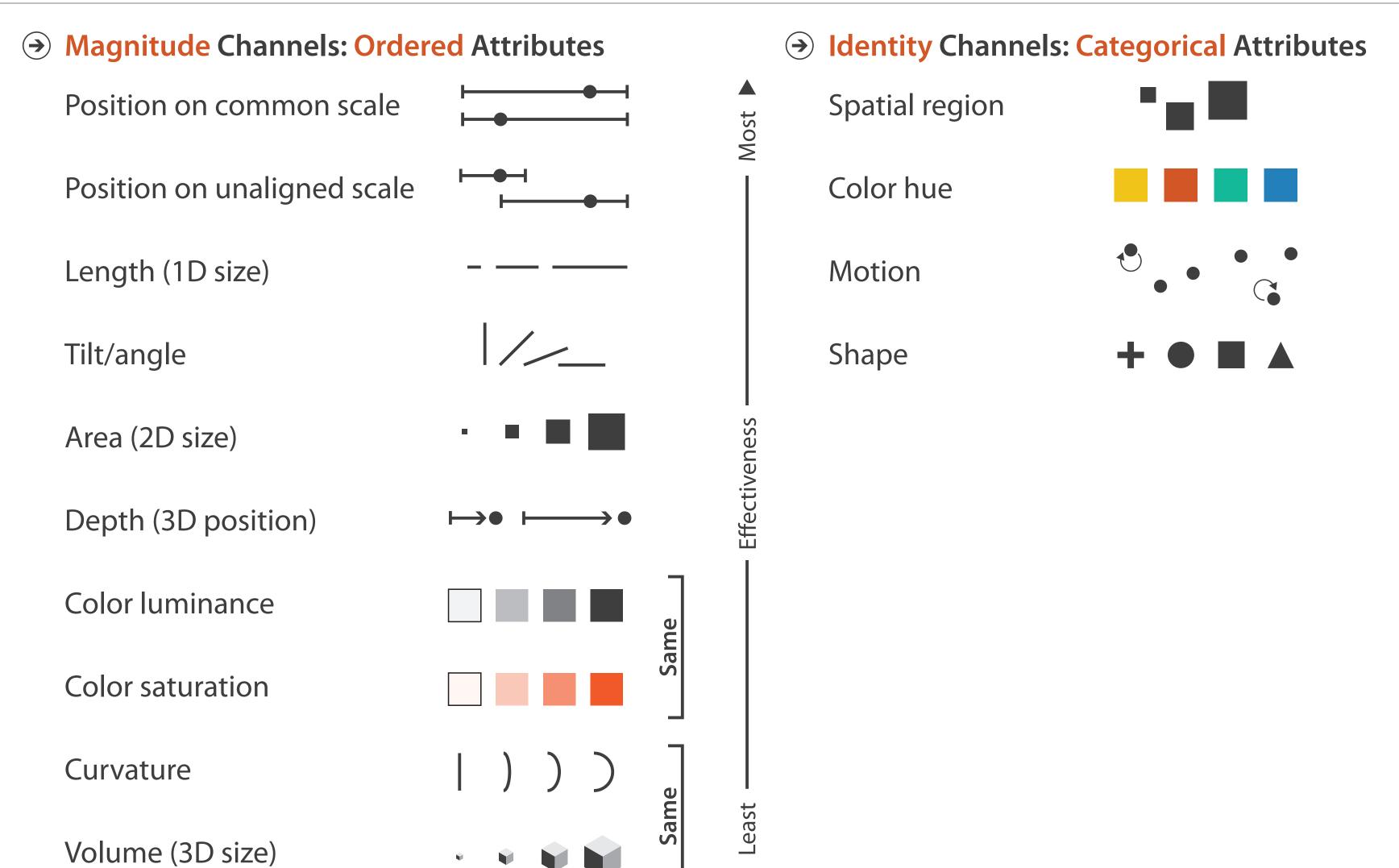
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Results Summary



[Munzner (ill. Maguire) based on Heer & Bostock, 2014]

Ranking Channels by Effectiveness



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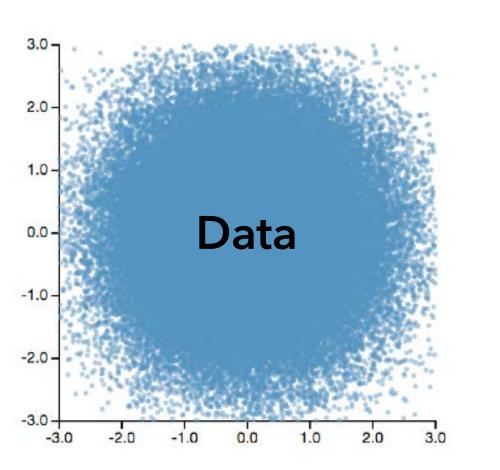
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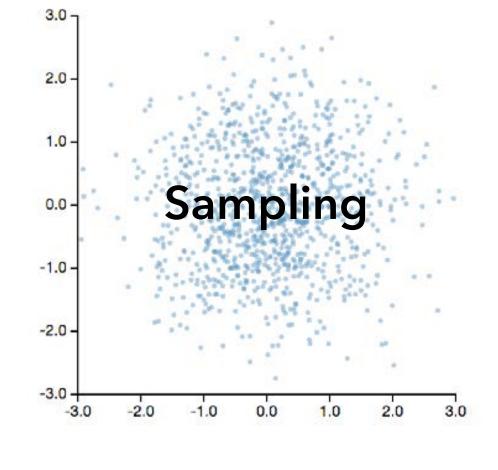
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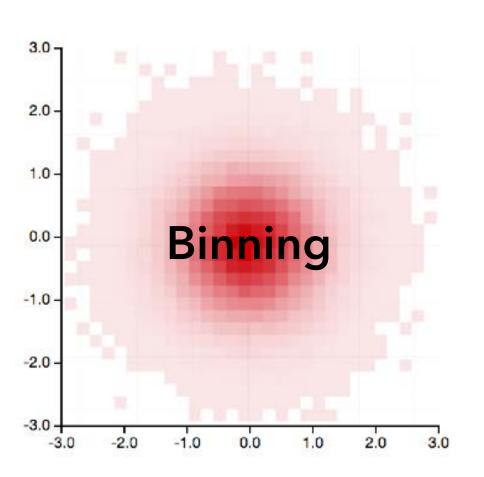
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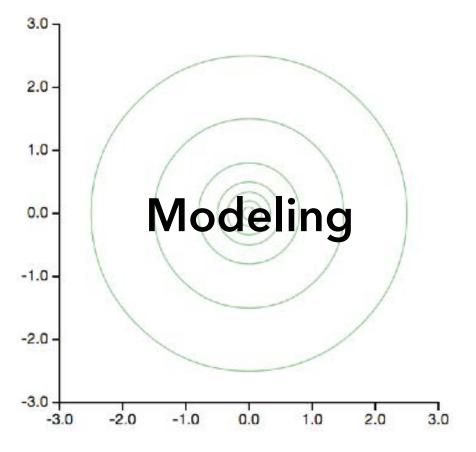
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- Sampling
- Modeling
- Aggregation (Binning)



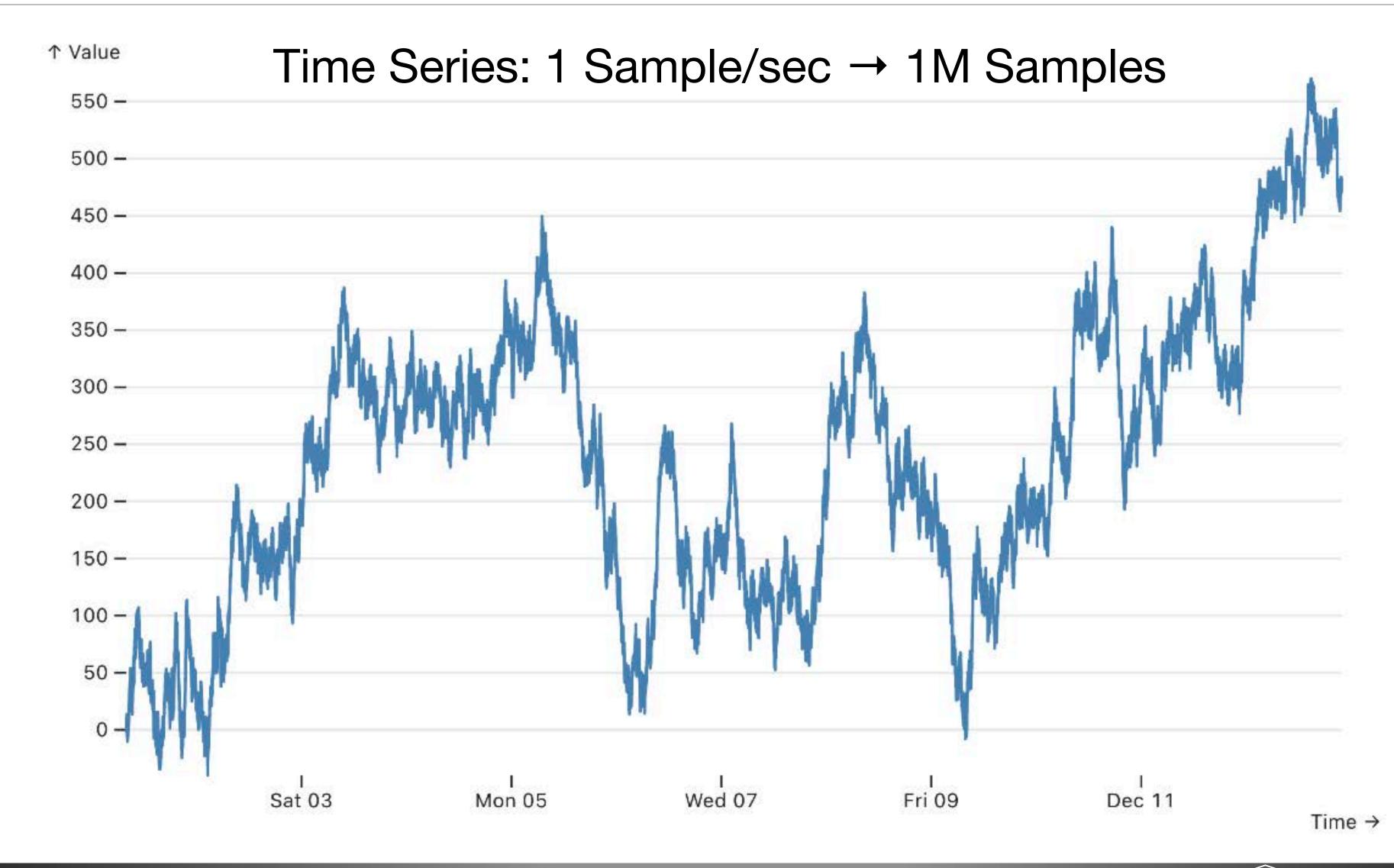






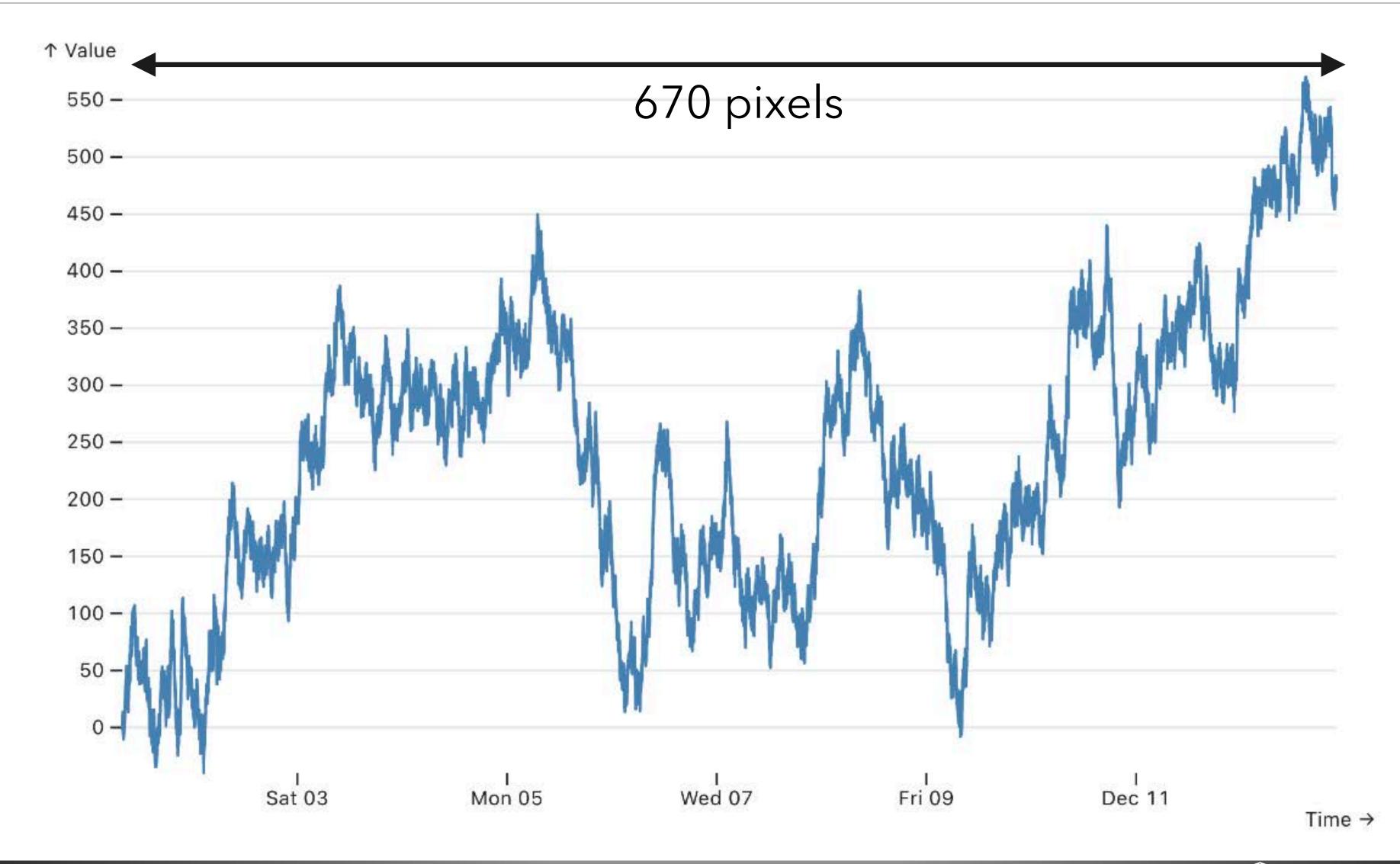


Aggregation





Aggregation: How much do we see?



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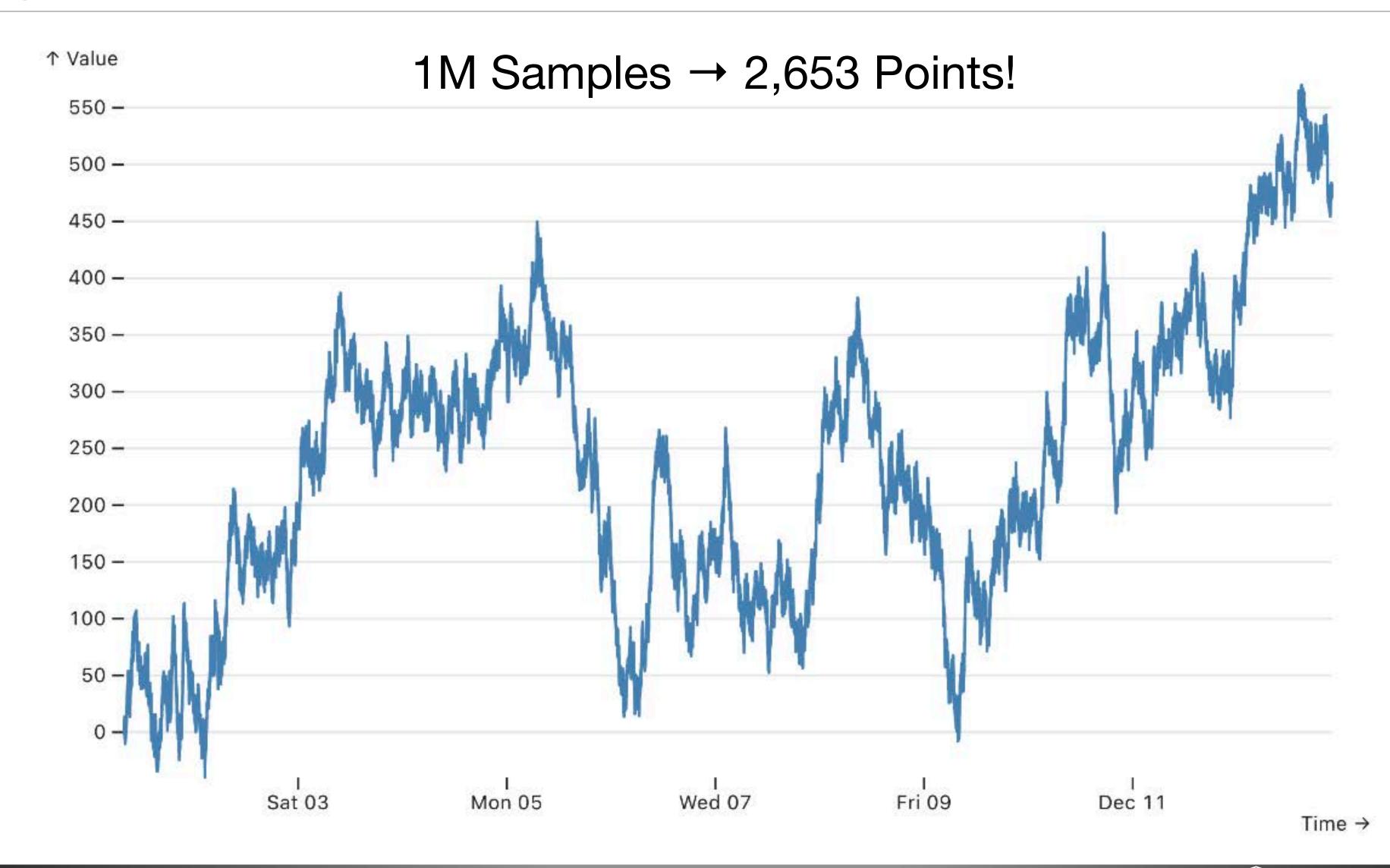
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- M4: min/max values & timestamps (4 points/pixel)
 - ...this provides provable fidelity to the full data!

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Scaling Visualization



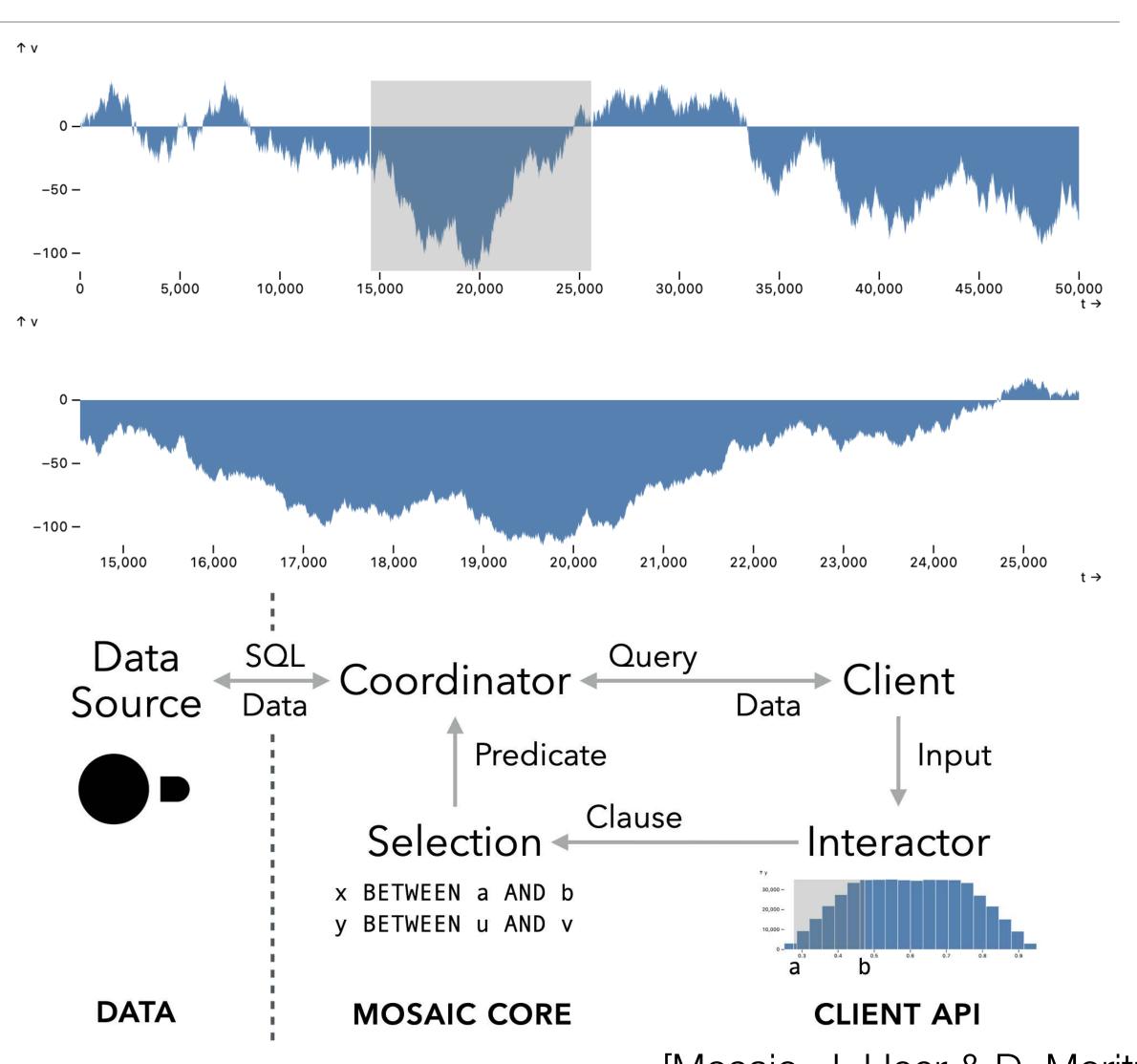


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- Mosaic incorporates a number of these techniques to provide scalable interaction visualization

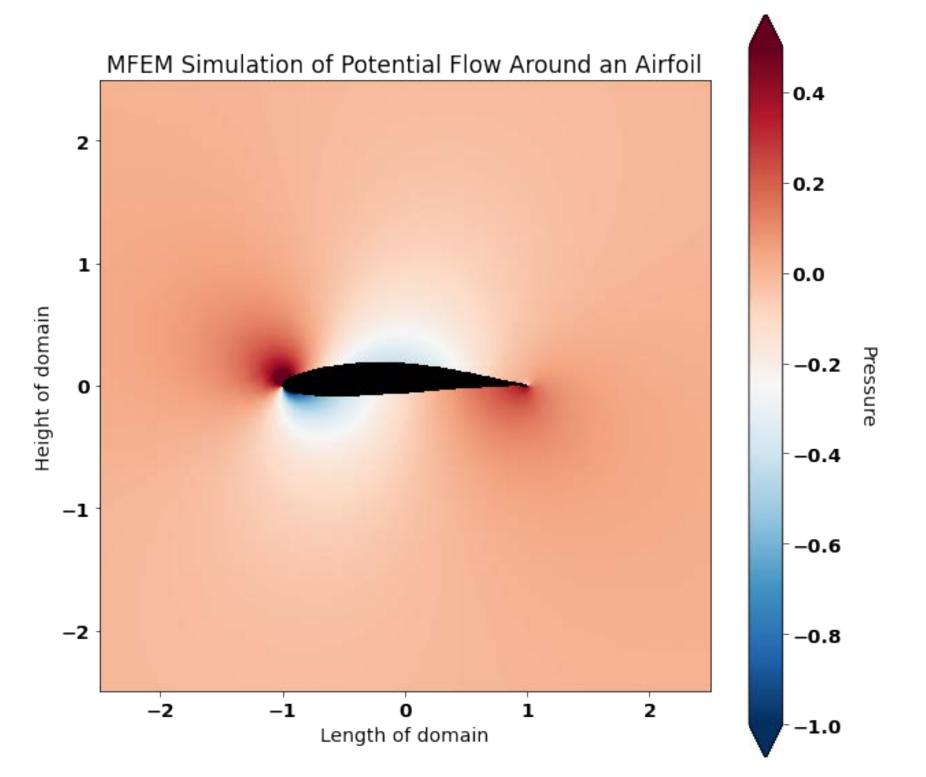


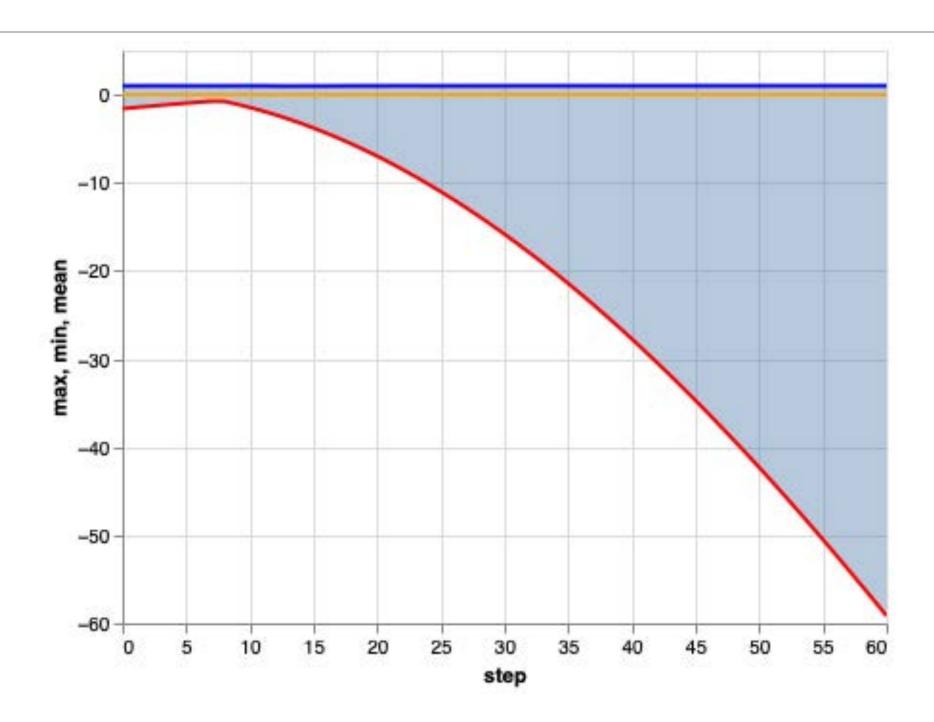
[Mosaic, J. Heer & D. Moritz]



Questions?

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plt.clim(-1.0, 0.5); # for p
plt.title('MFEM Simulation of Potential Flow Around an Airfoil');
plt.ylabel('Height of domain');
plt.xlabel('Length of domain');
cb = plt.colorbar(extend='both');
cb.set_label('Pressure', rotation=270, labelpad=24)
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```
chart = alt.Chart(df).encode(x='step')
area = chart.mark_area(opacity=0.4).encode(y='max', y2='min')
line = chart.mark_line(color='blue').encode(y='max')
line2 = chart.mark_line(color='orange').encode(y='mean')
line3 = chart.mark_line(color='red').encode(y='min')
area + line + line2 + line3
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