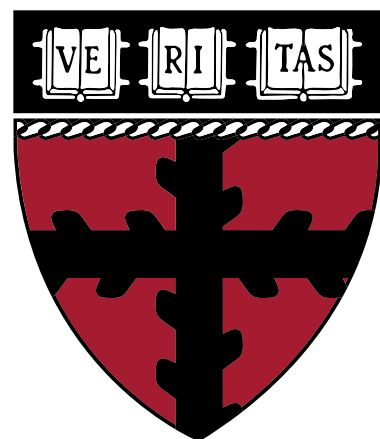


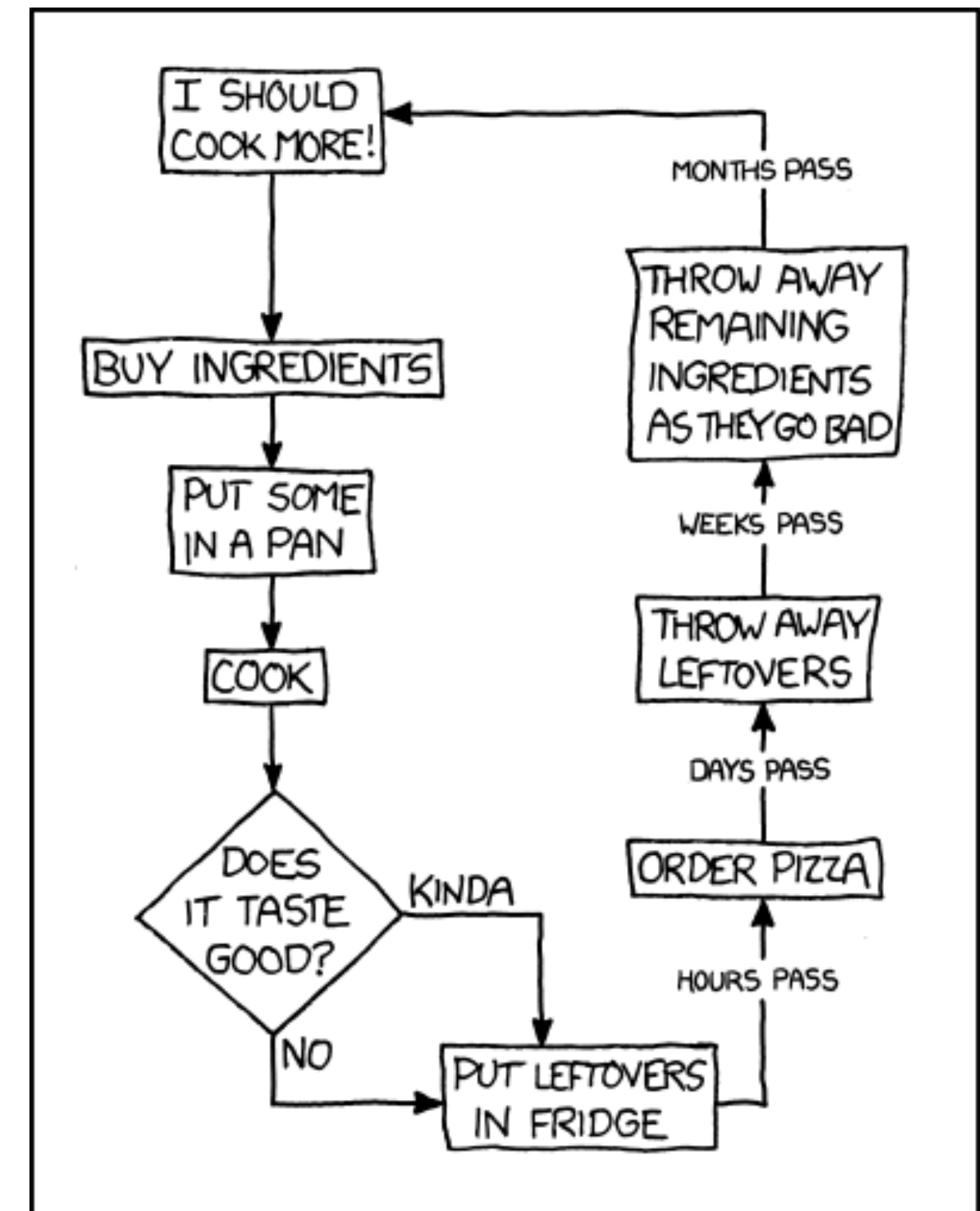
CS171 Visualization

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Tables Part II



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Next Week

Reading: VAD, Chapters 9

Lecture 11: Text & Documents

Lecture 12: Homework 3 Design Studio

Sections: view coordination, linking & brushing

Updates

Design Studio moved to Thursday

Project Proposal moved to HW 4

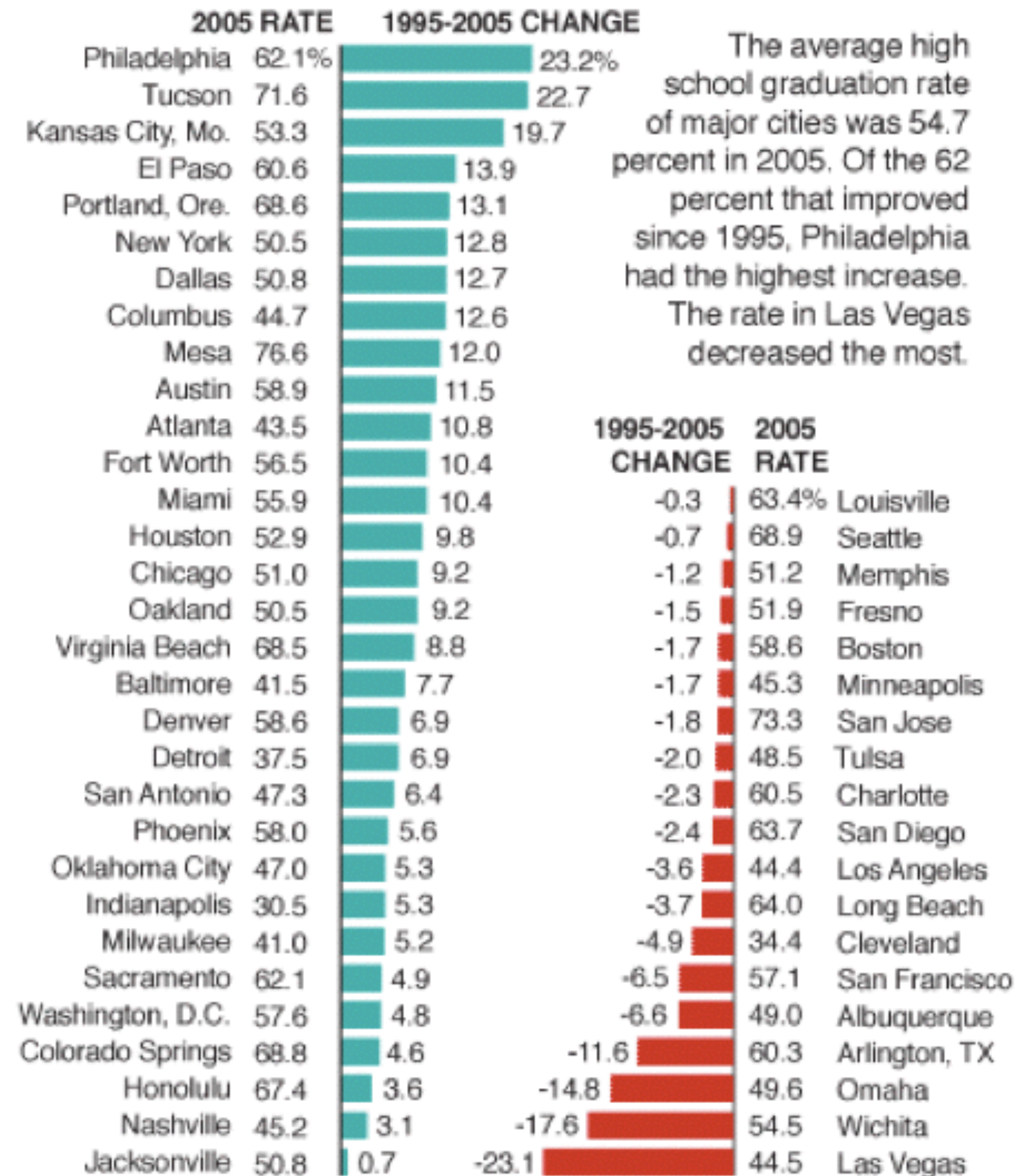
Tables & Multi- Dimensional Data

Comparisons

Direction

Graduation rates up in most cities

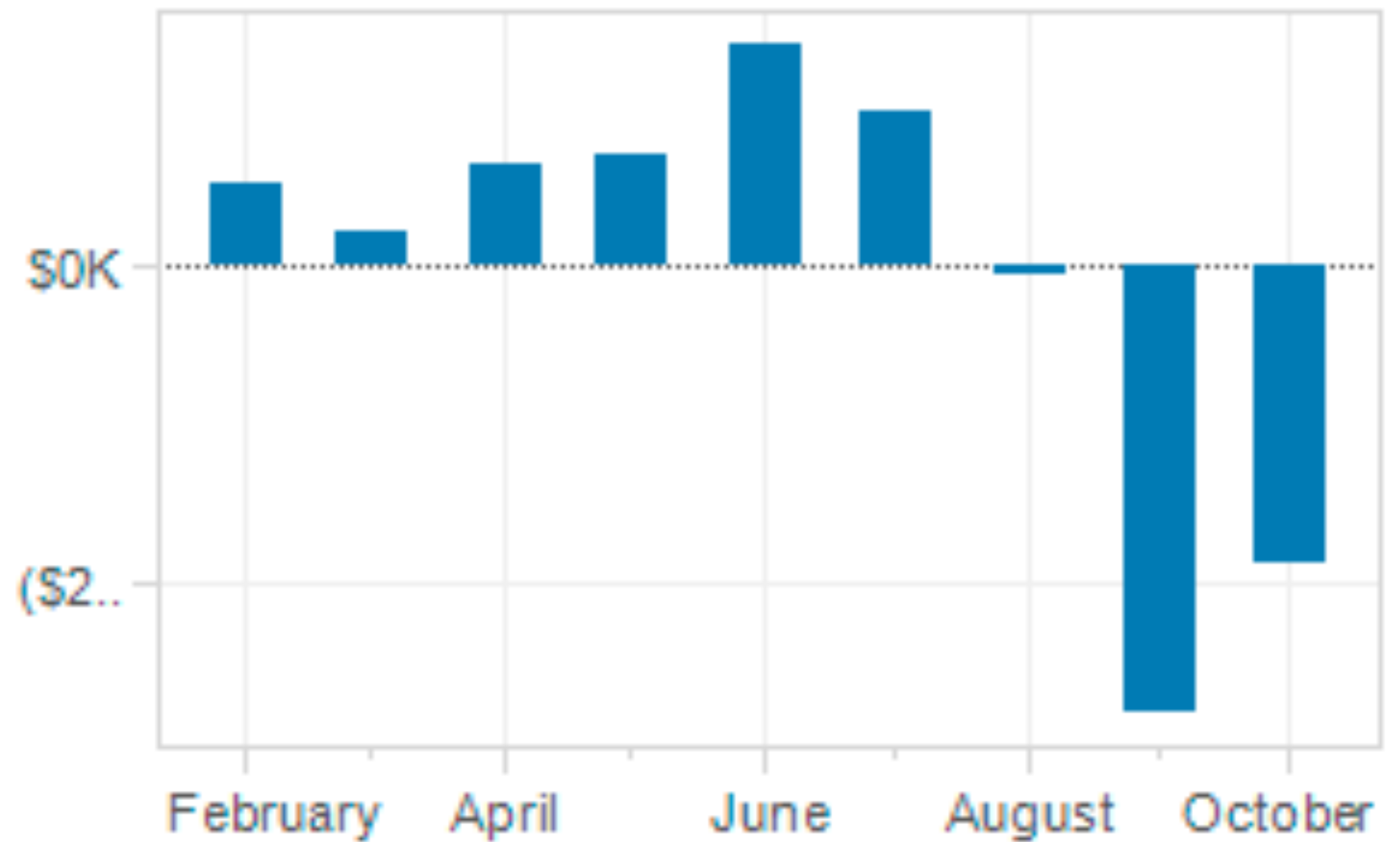
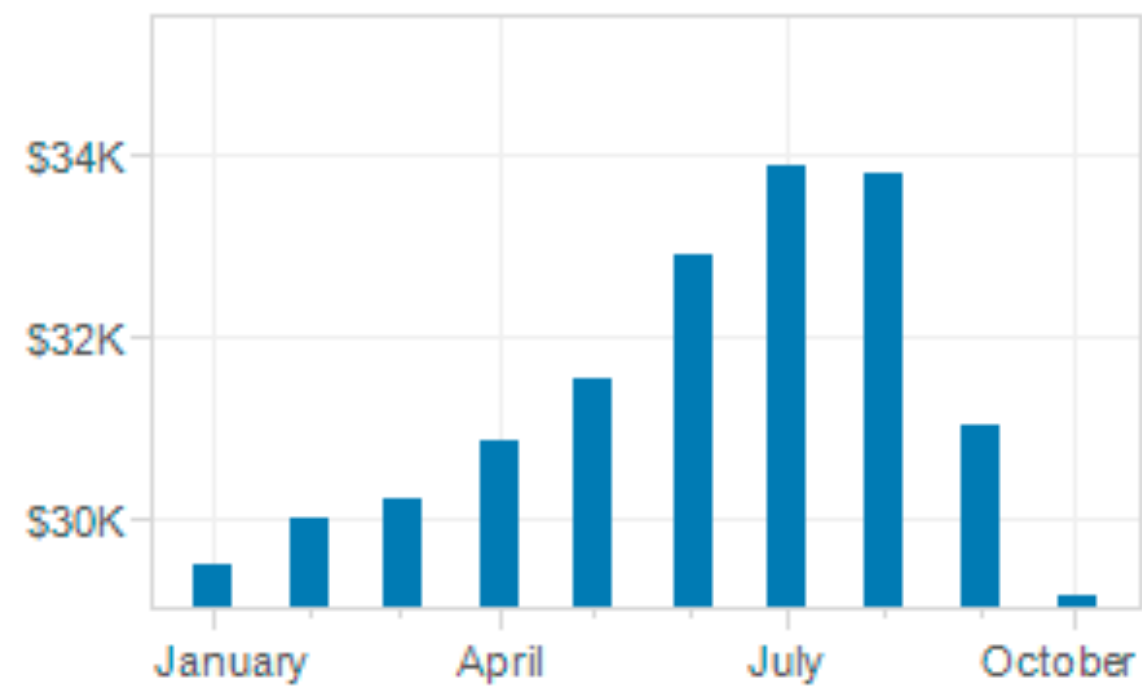
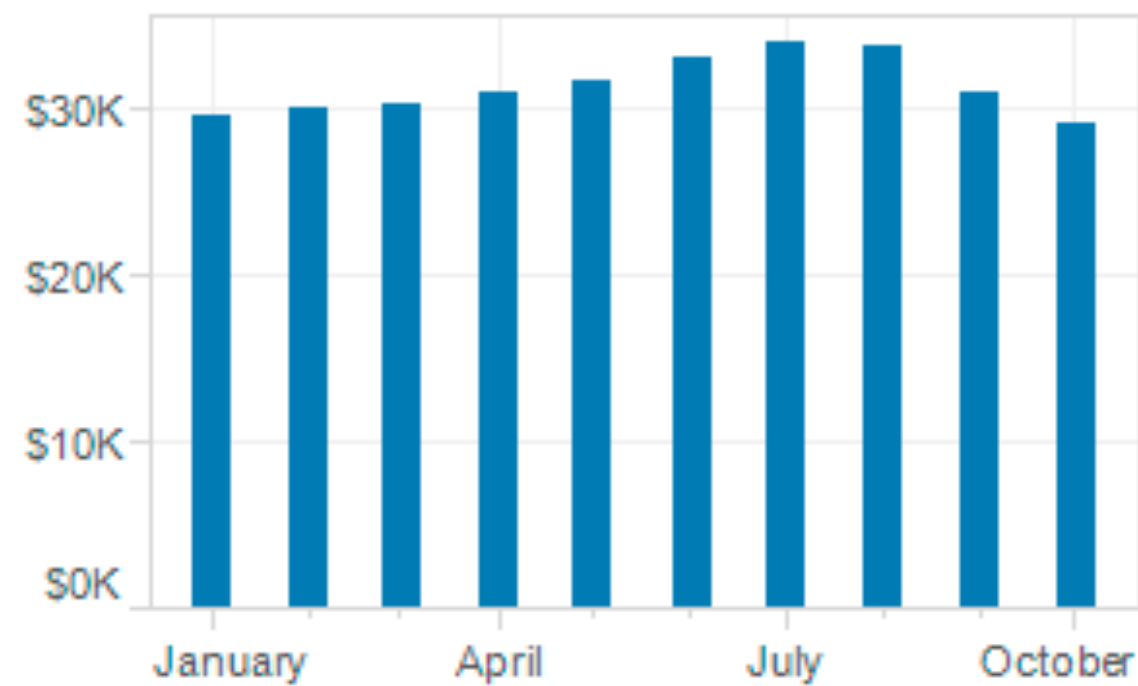
Graduation rate for principal school district of the largest cities



SOURCE: EPE Research Center

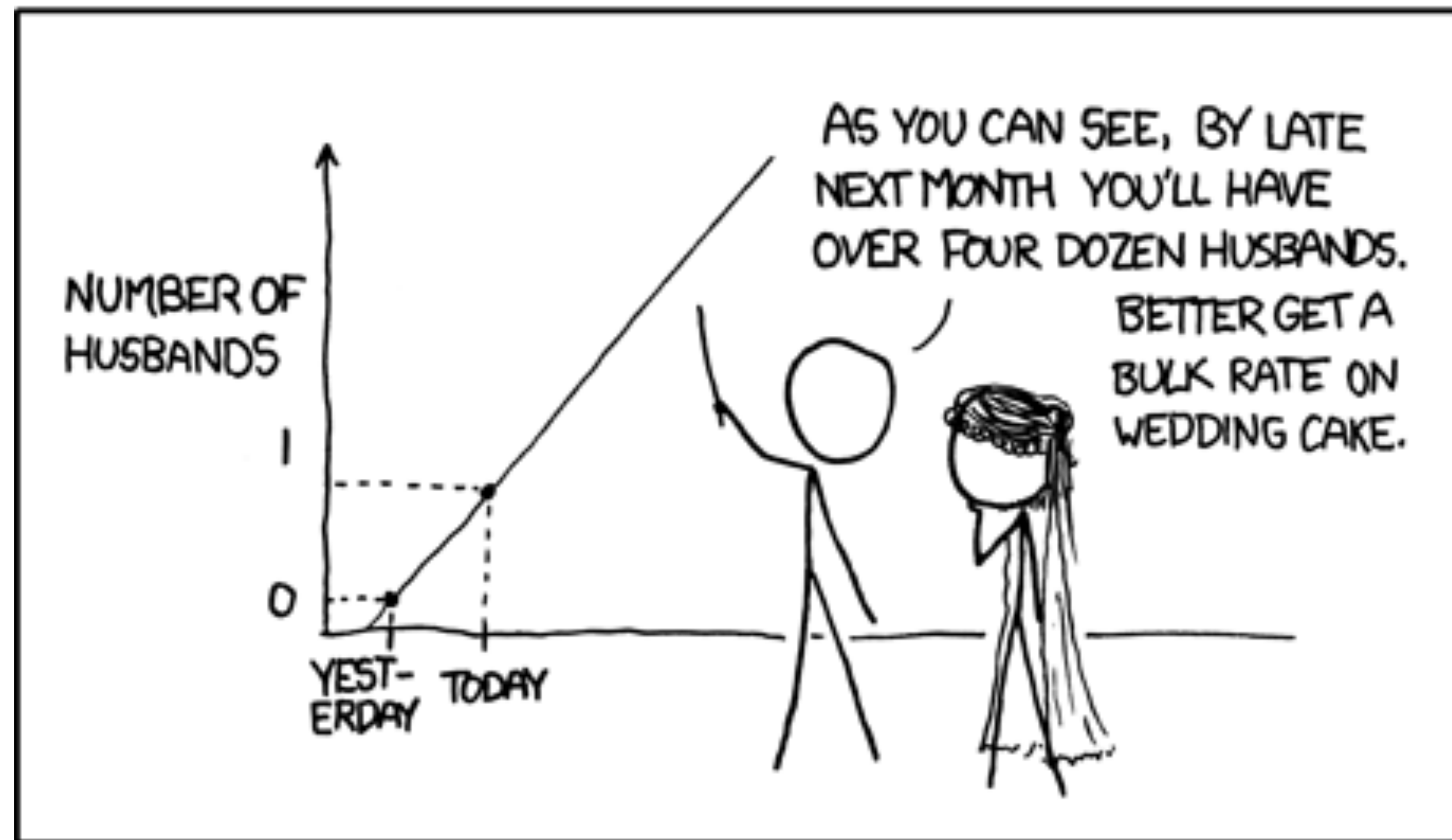
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Plot Change Instead



Trends Over Time

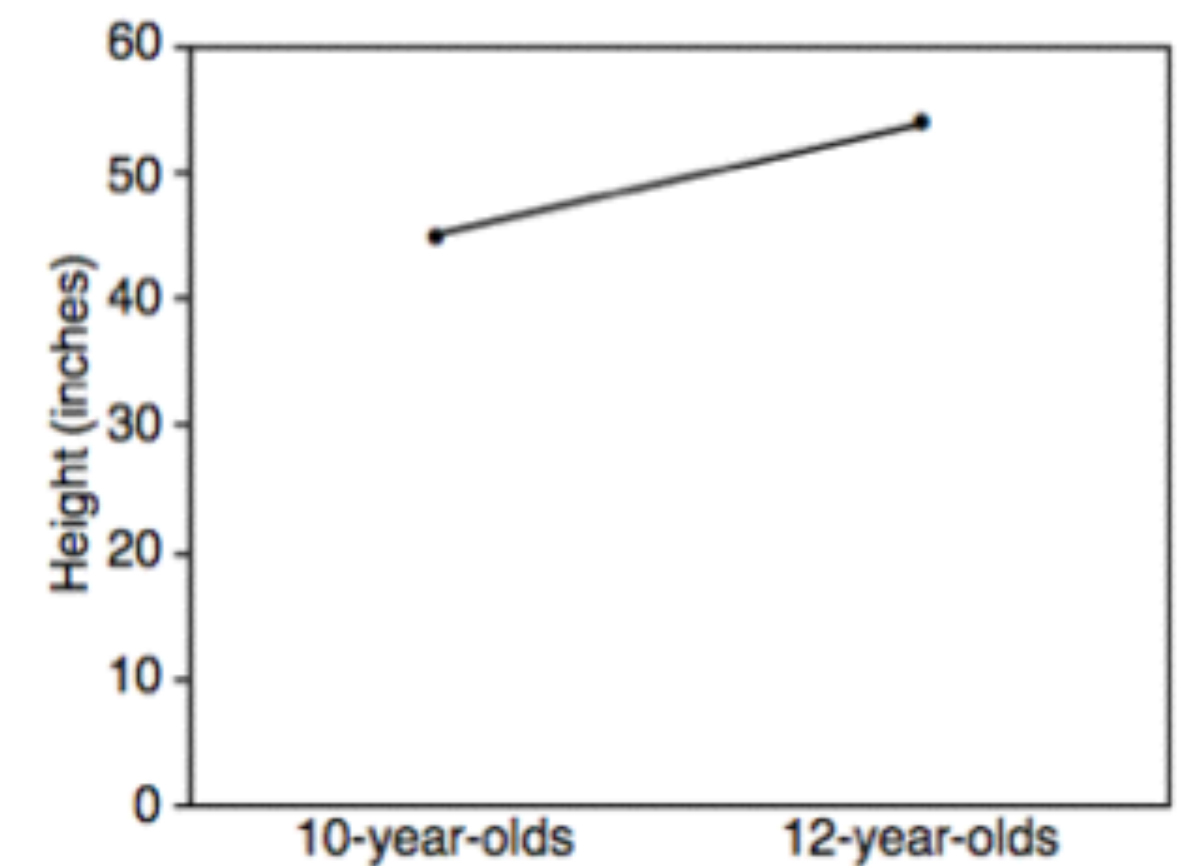
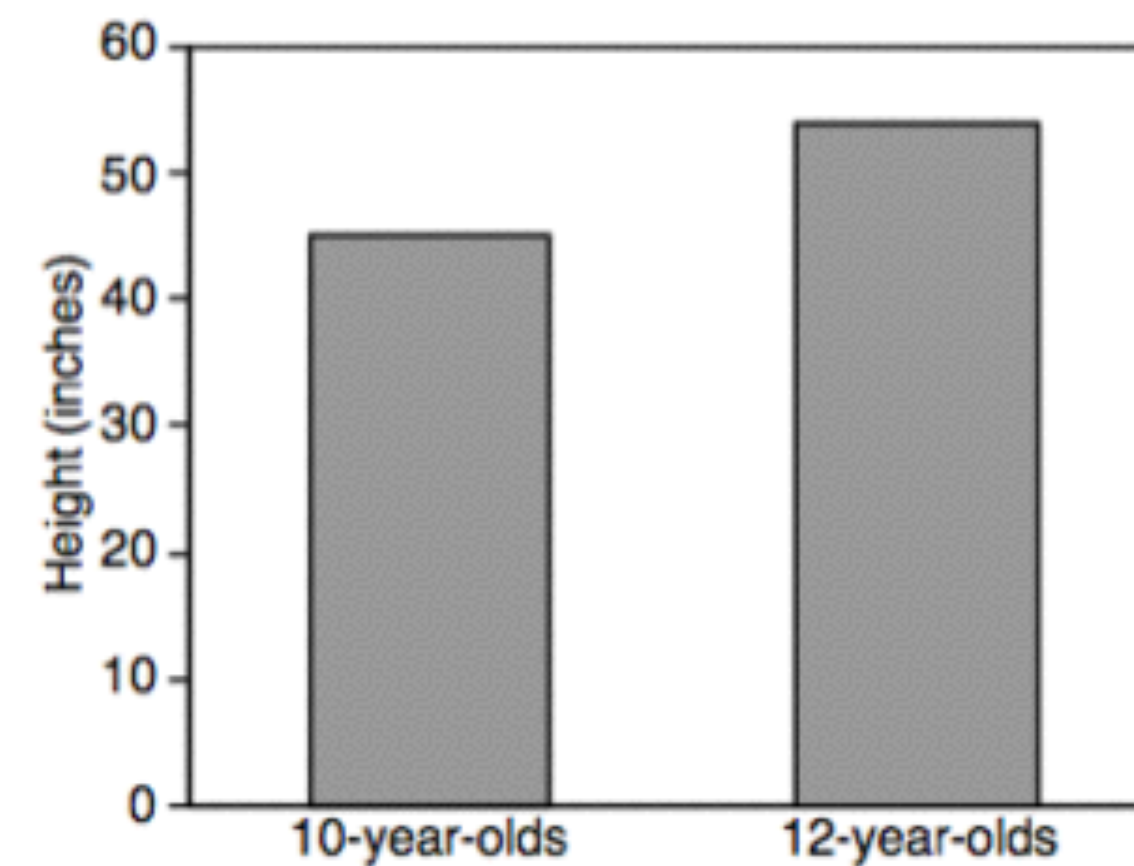
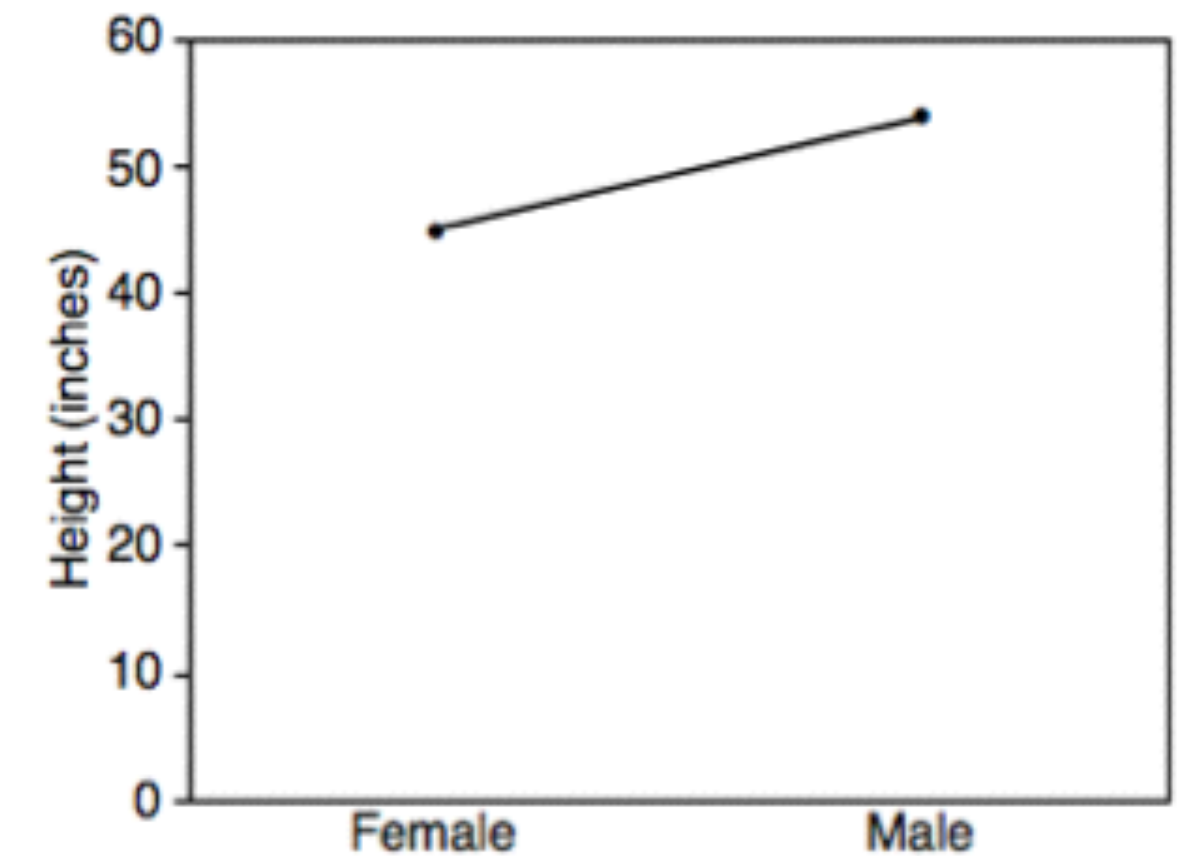
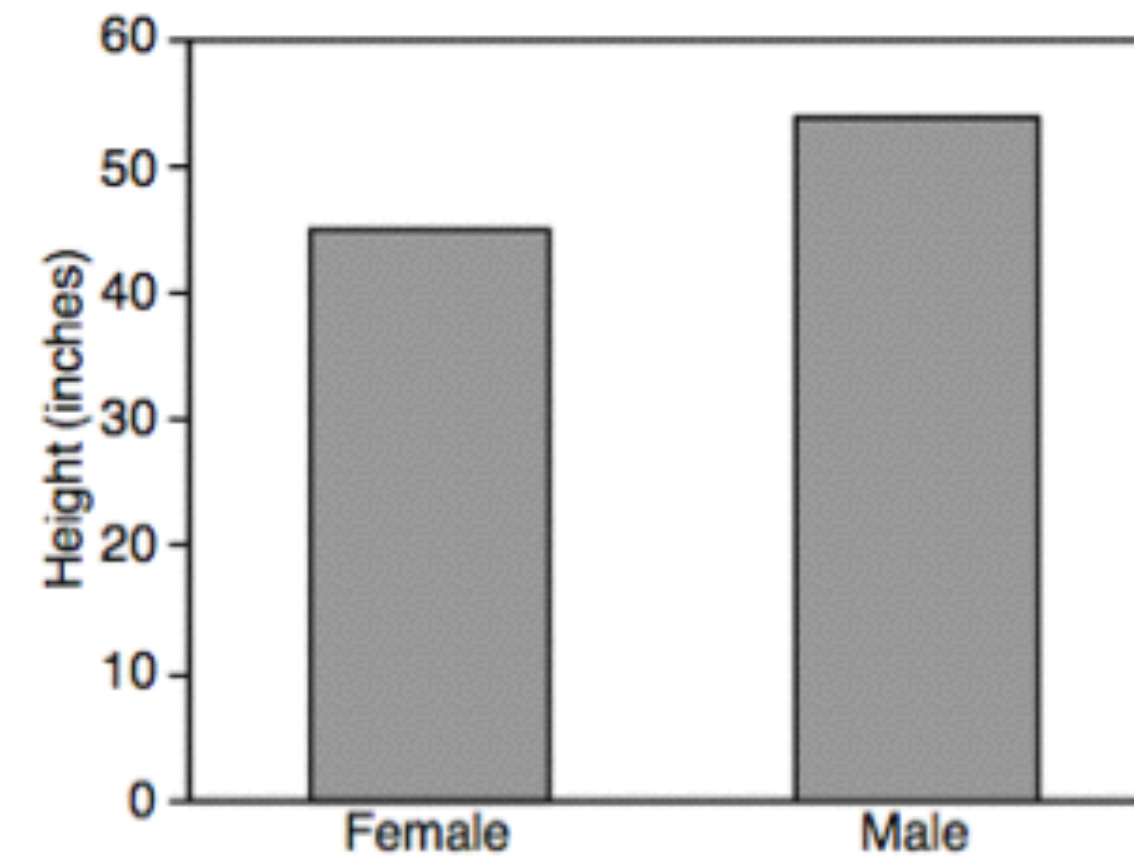
MY HOBBY: EXTRAPOLATING



Bars vs. Lines

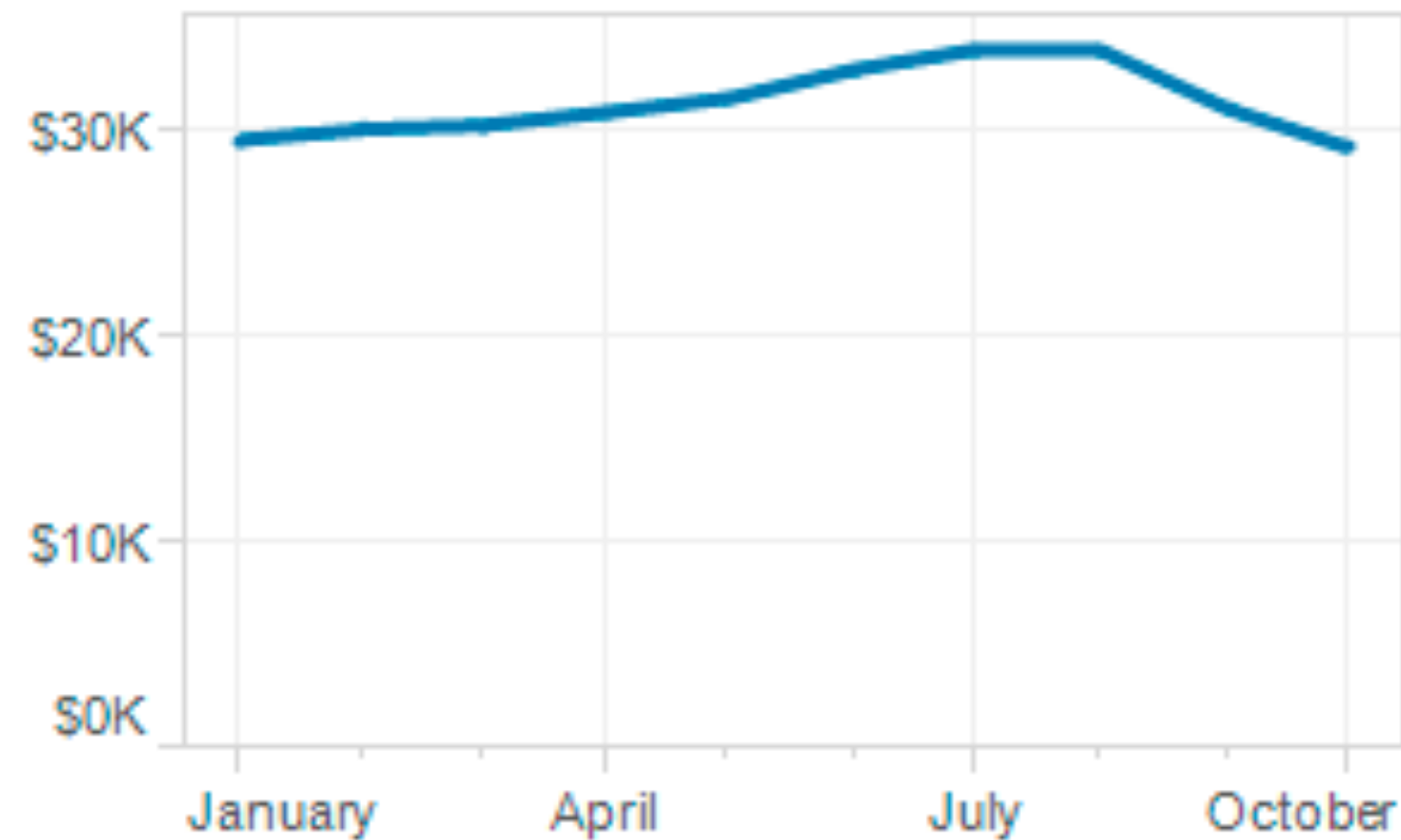
Lines imply connections & sampling from continuous data.

Do not use for categorical data.

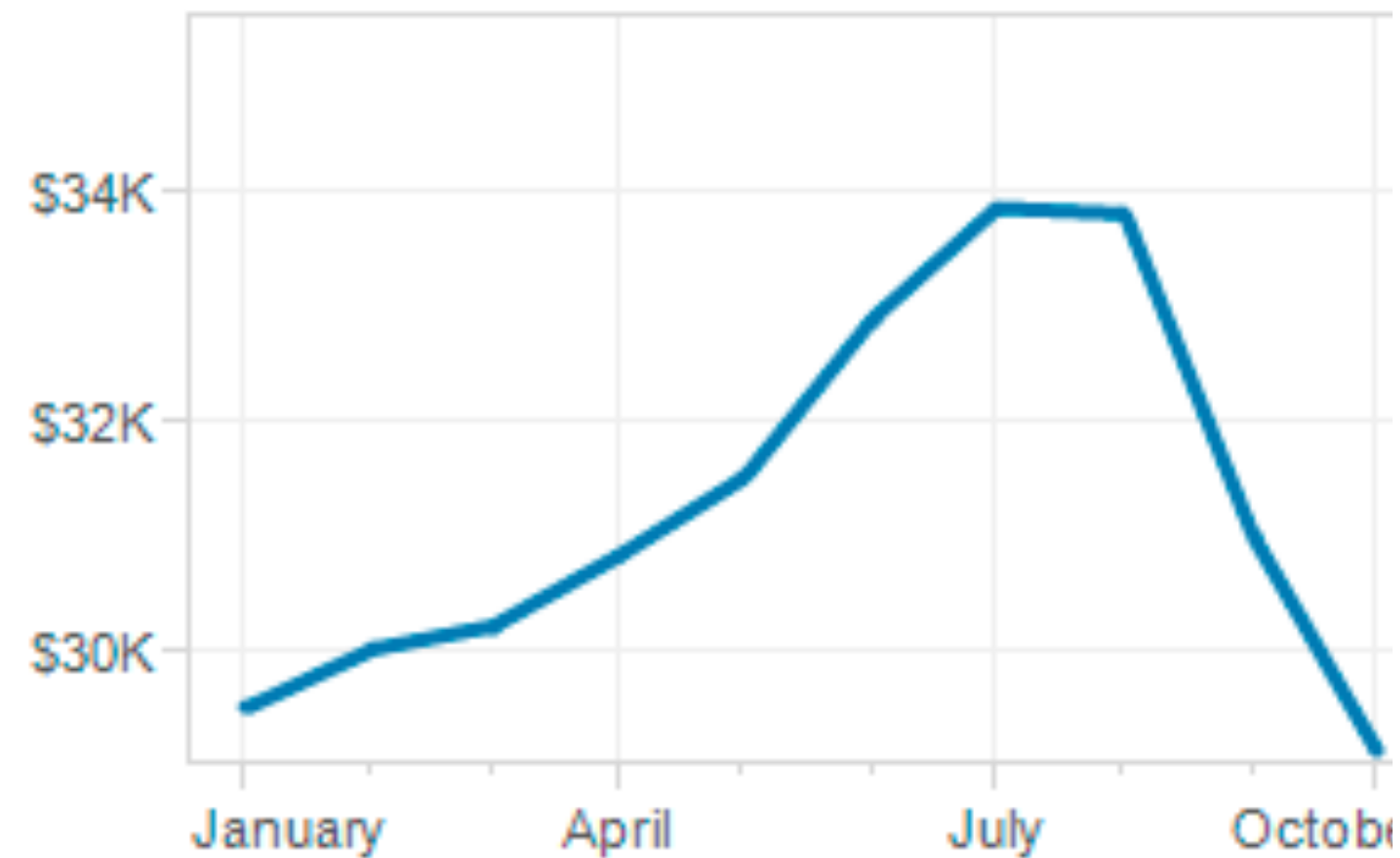


Baseline Problem (again)

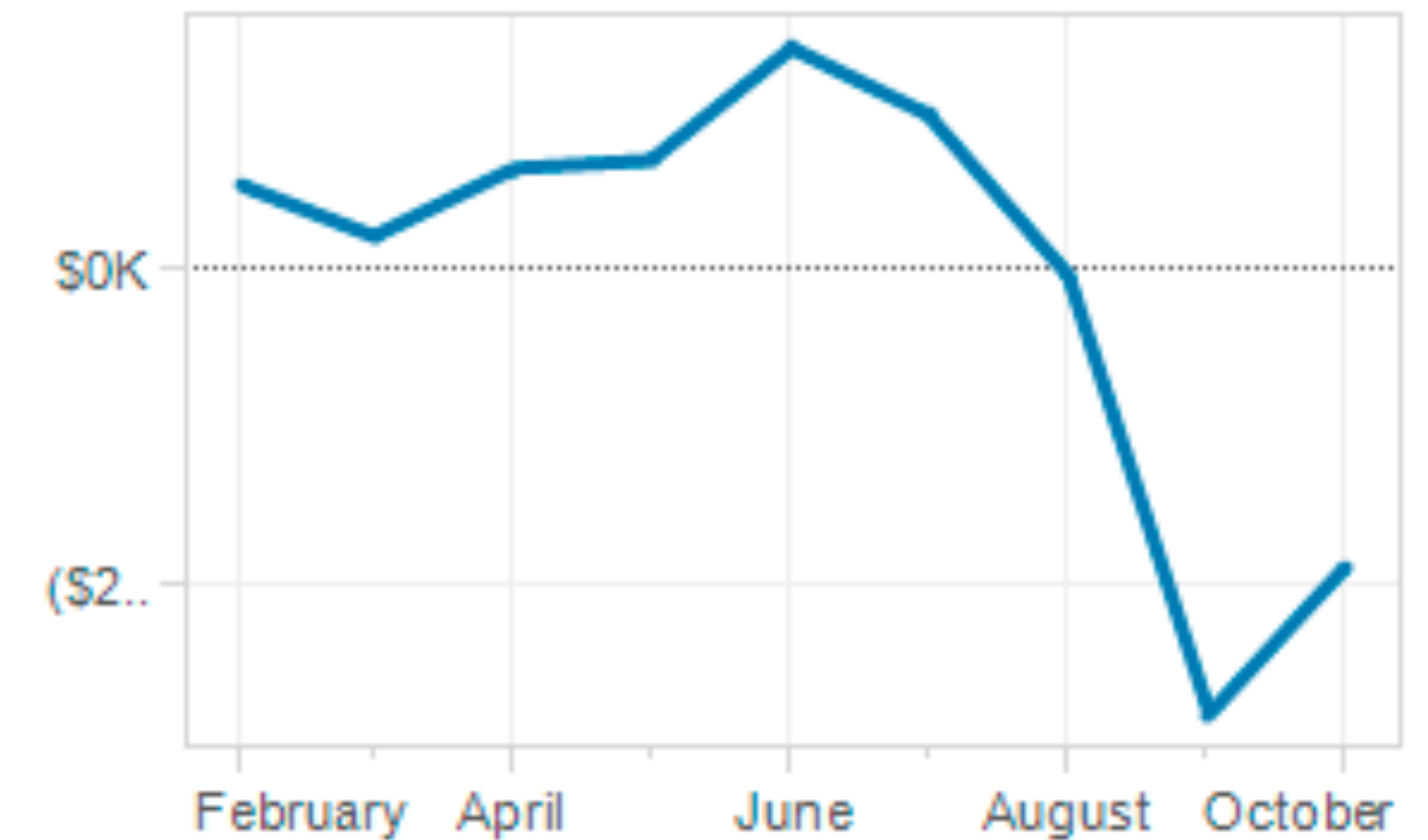
True Baseline



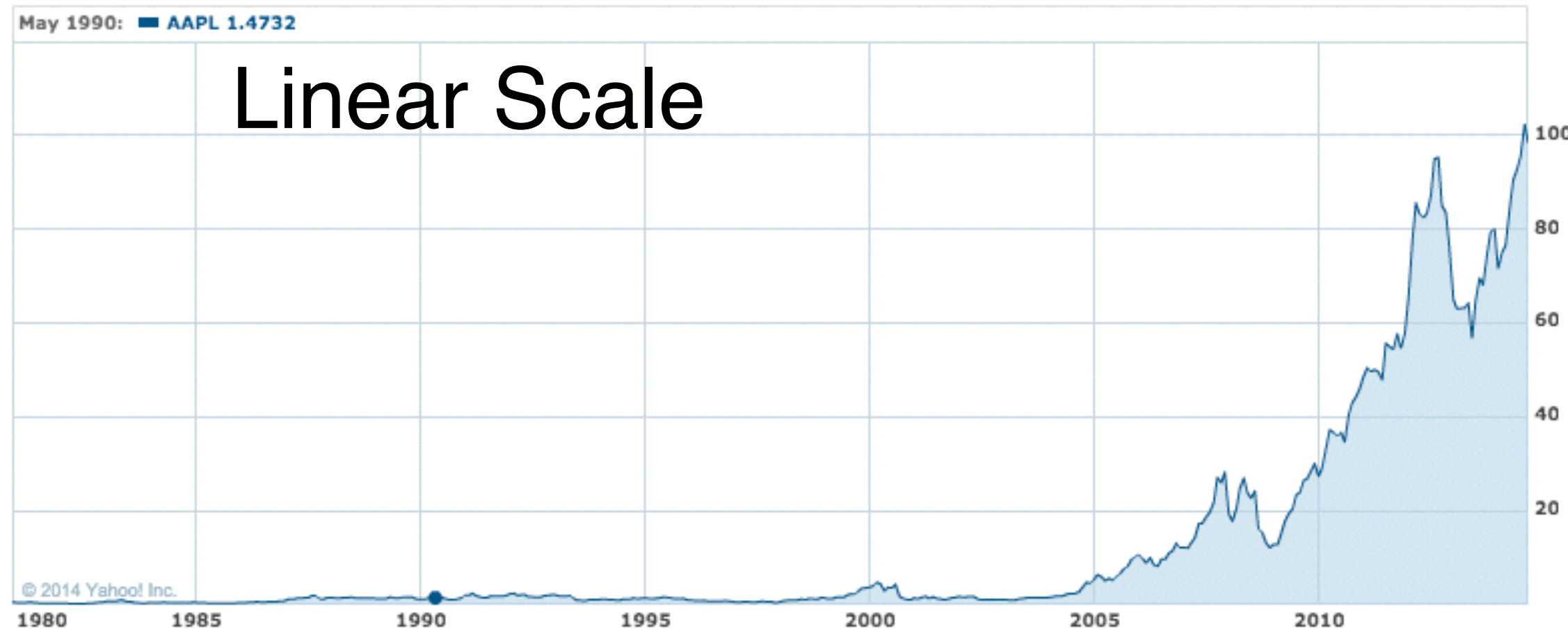
Clipped Baseline



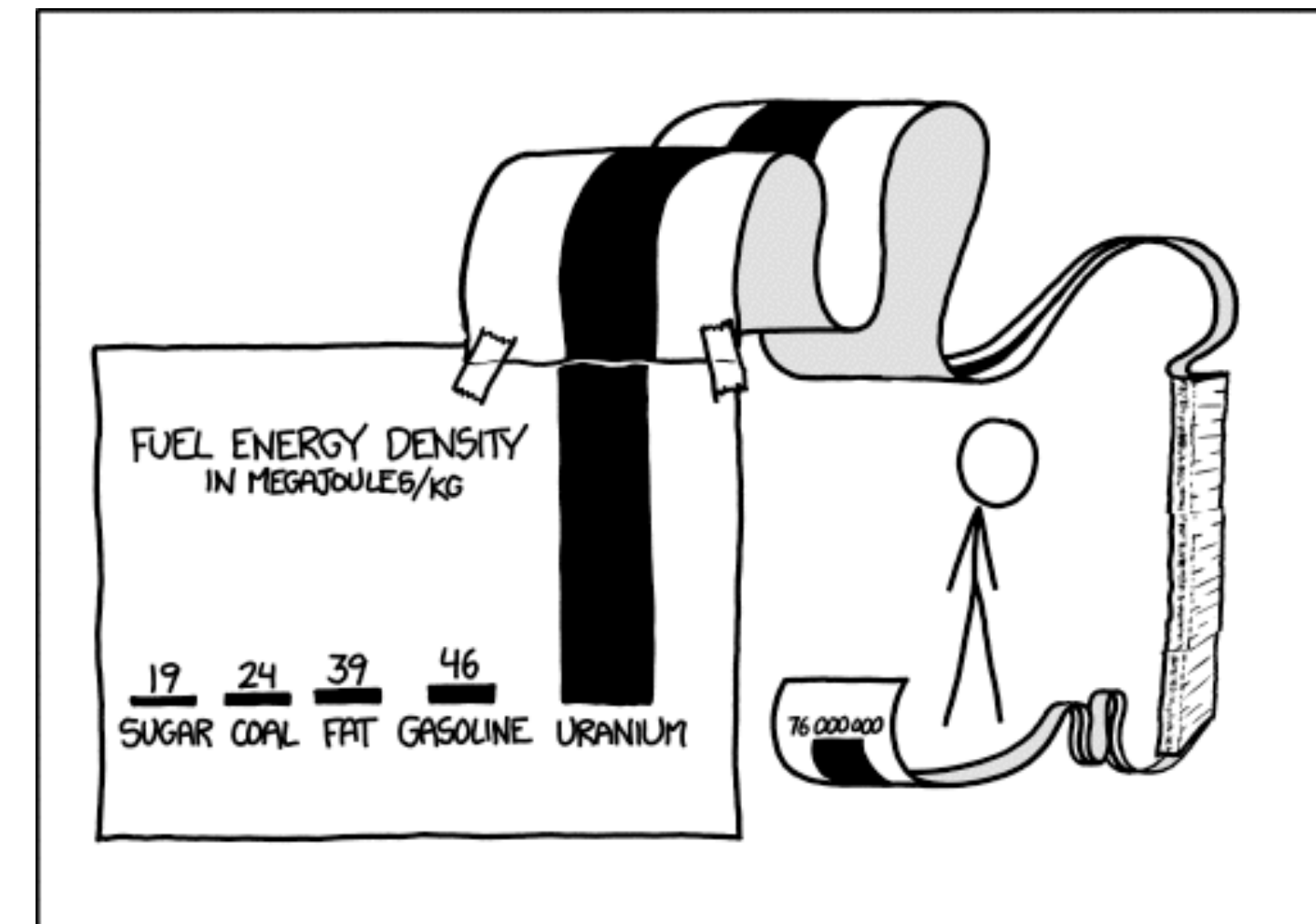
Plotting Change



Linear vs. Logarithmic Scale



Apple Stock Price



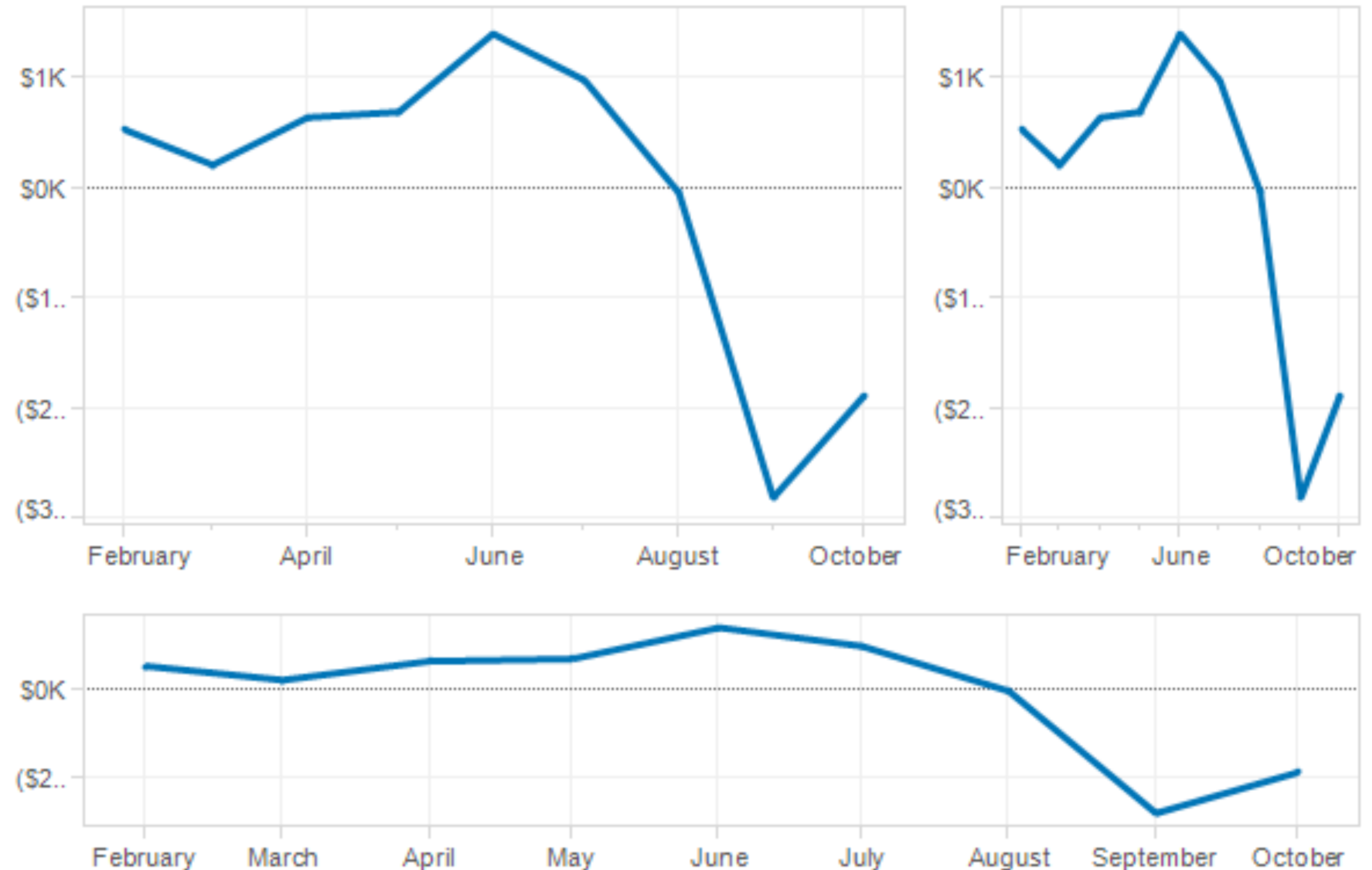
SCIENCE TIP: LOG SCALES ARE FOR QUITTERS WHO CAN'T FIND ENOUGH PAPER TO MAKE THEIR POINT *PROPERLY*.

<http://xkcd.com/1162/>

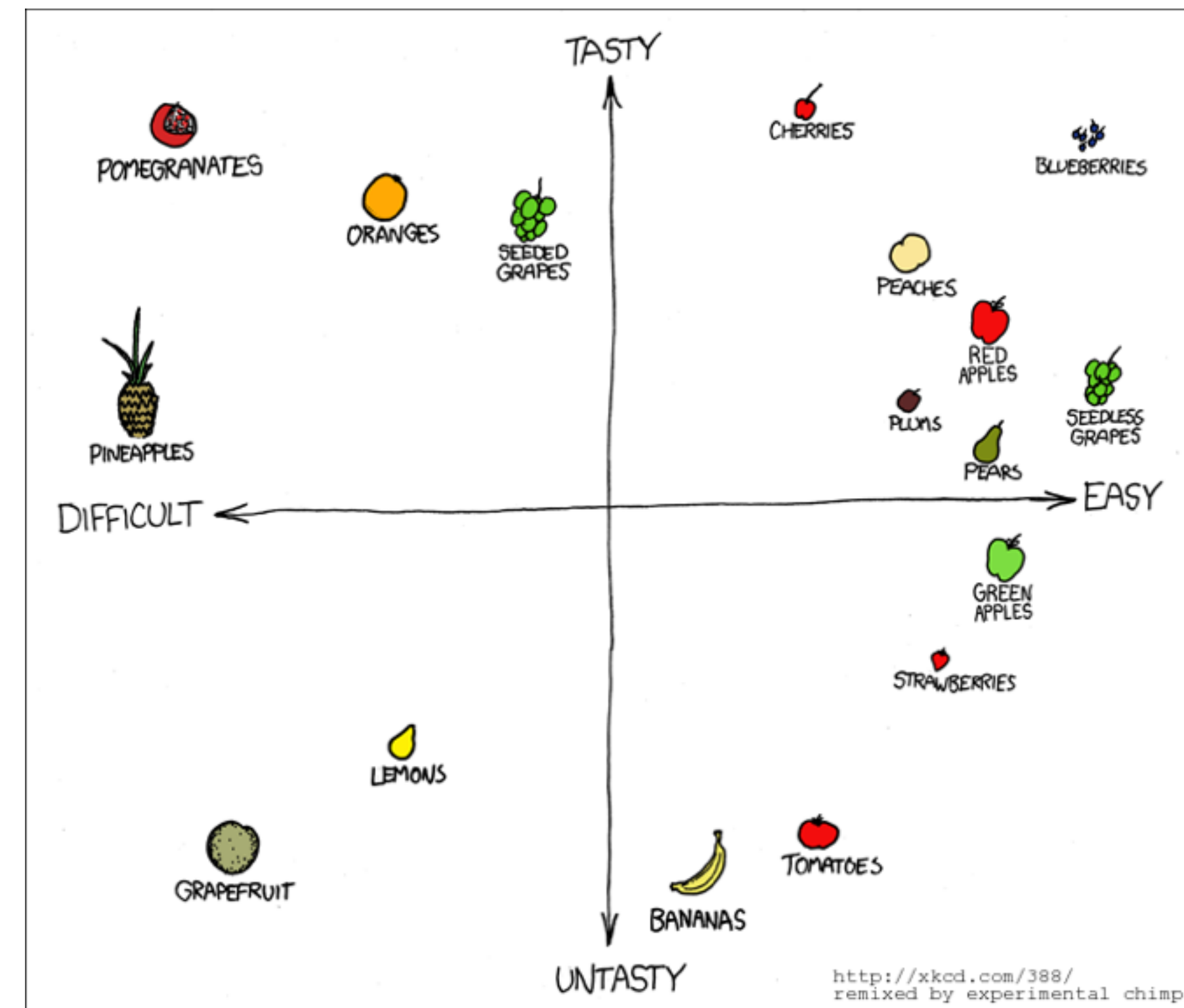
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Aspect Ratios

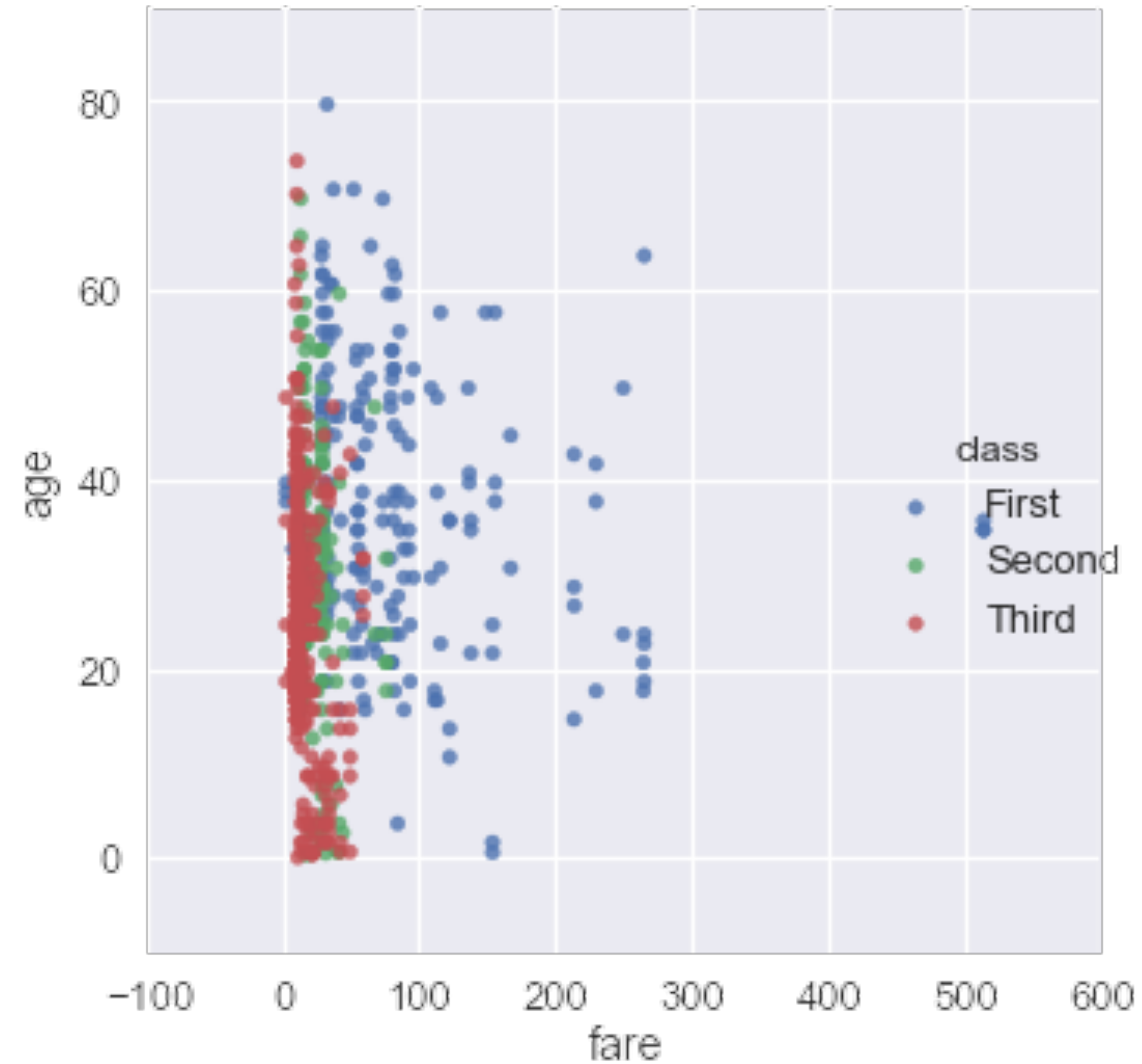
Rule of Thumb:
Banking to 45°
(average line
slope: 45°)



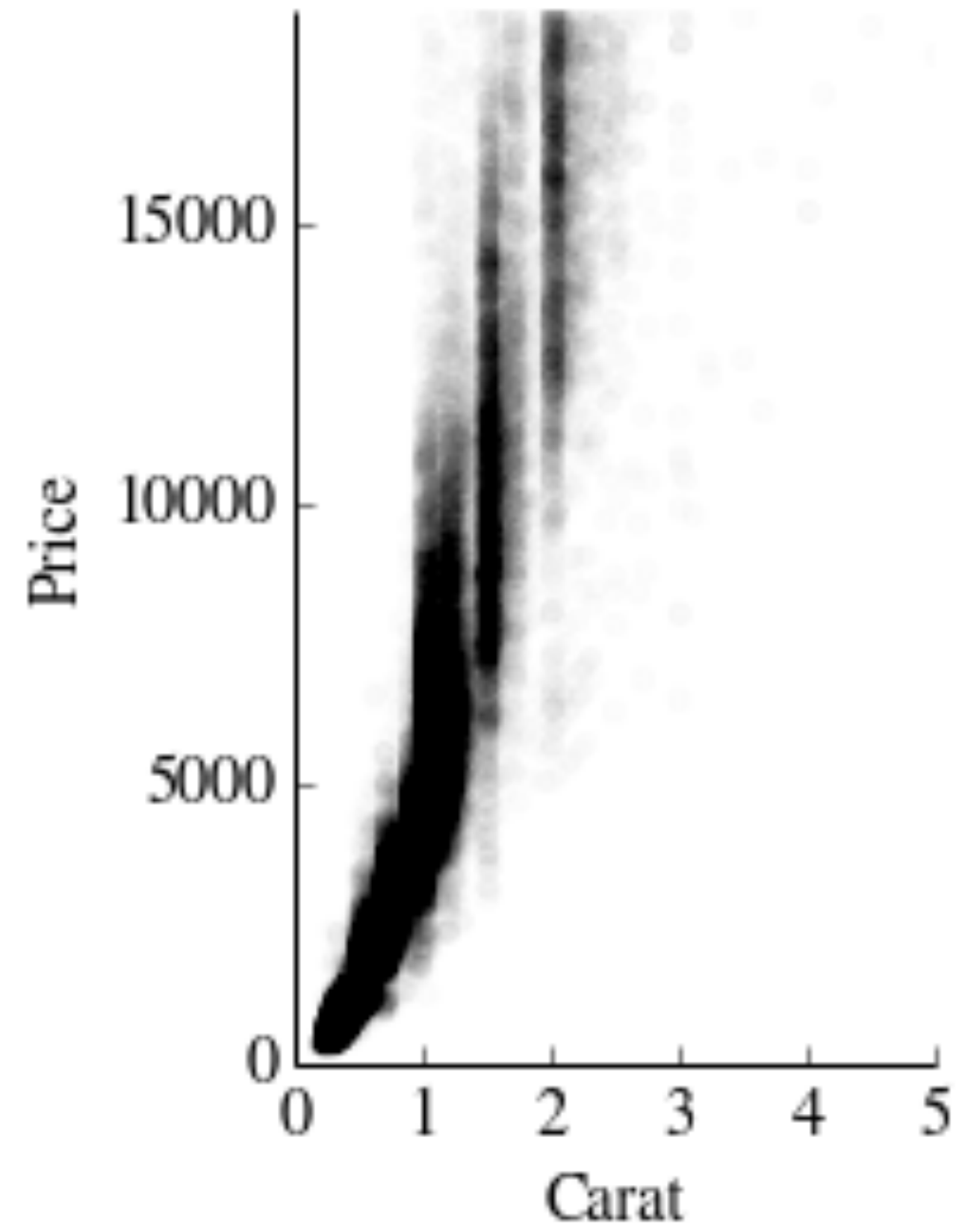
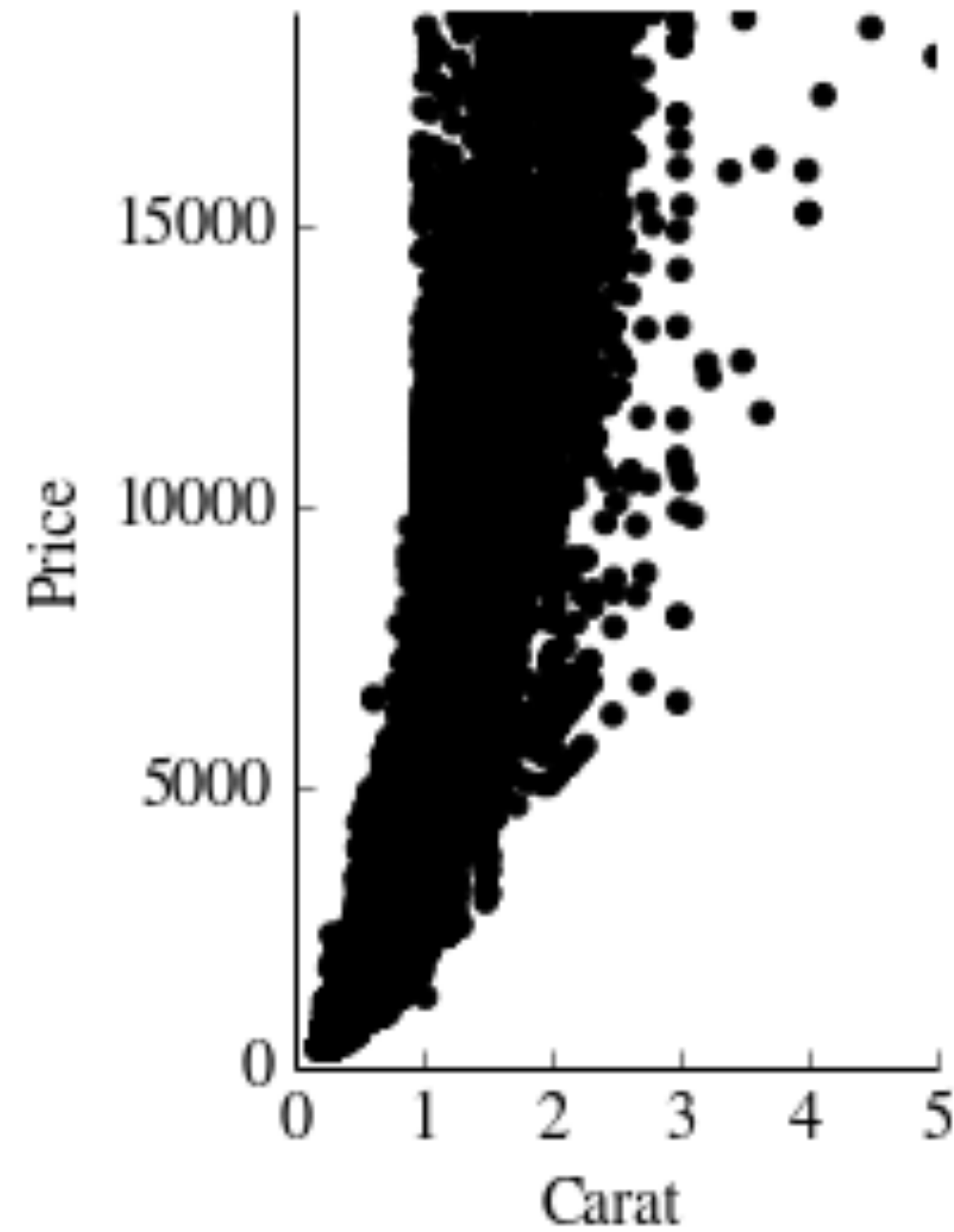
Correlations



Scatterplots



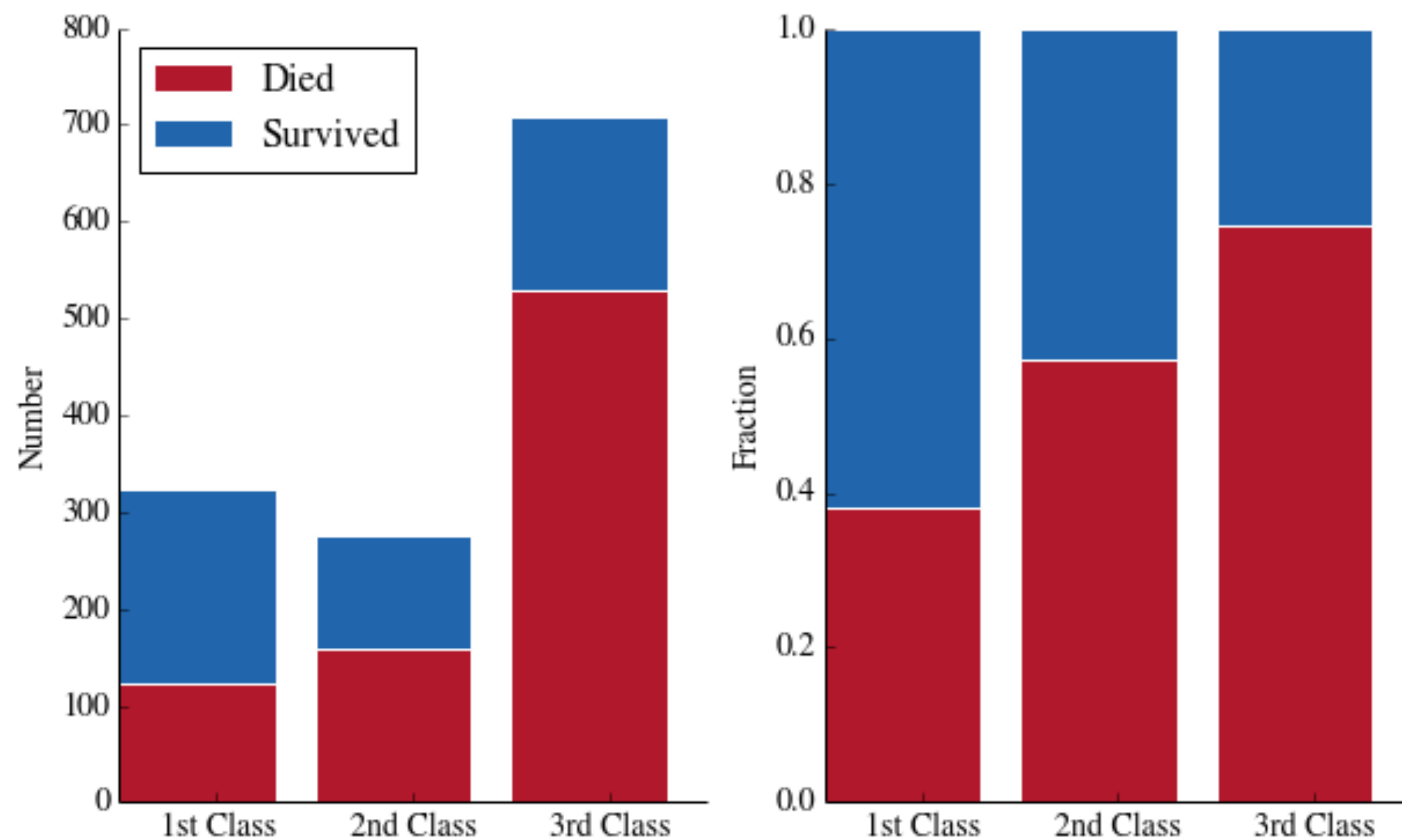
Overplotting



alpha = 1/100

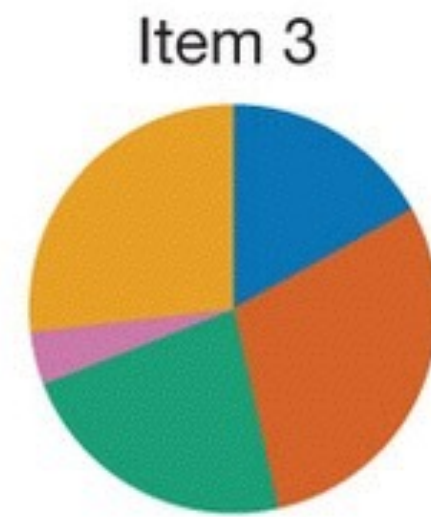
Compositions

Stacked Bar Chart

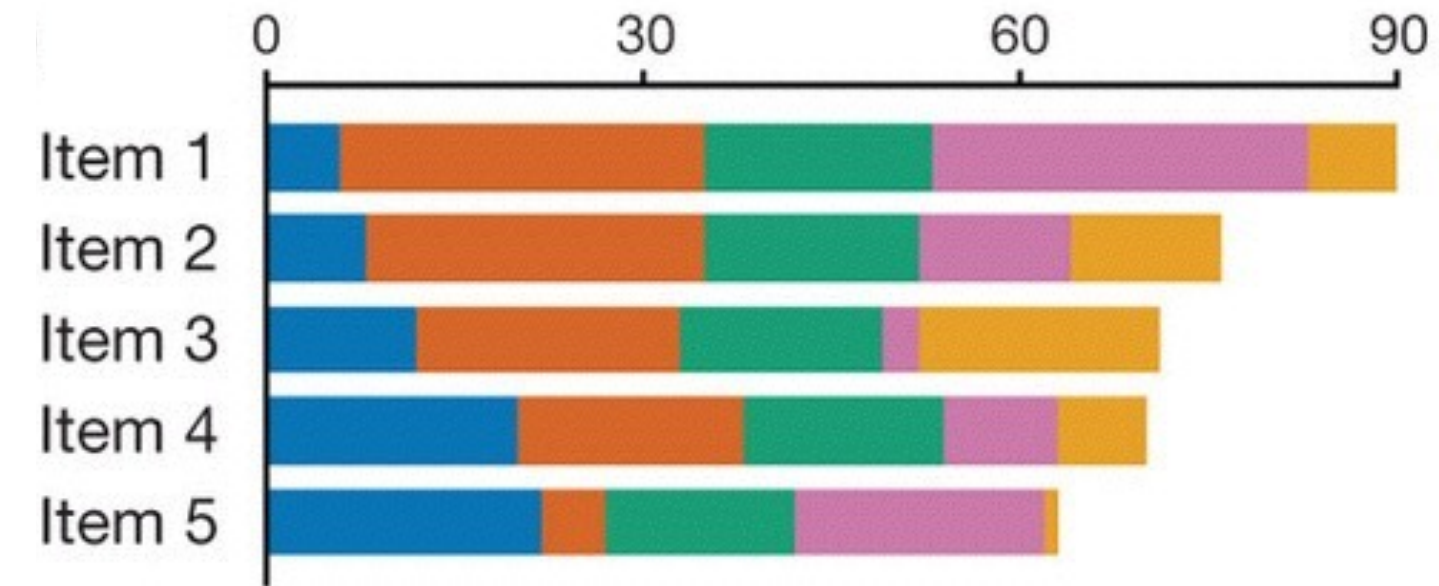


Comparison of bar chart types

Category 1 ●
Category 2 ●
Category 3 ●
Category 4 ●
Category 5 ●

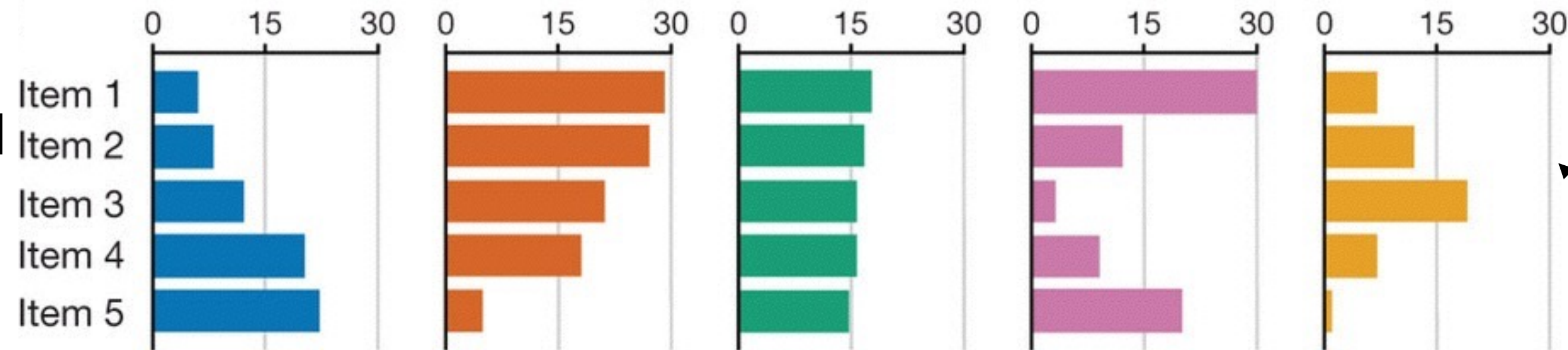


Pie Chart

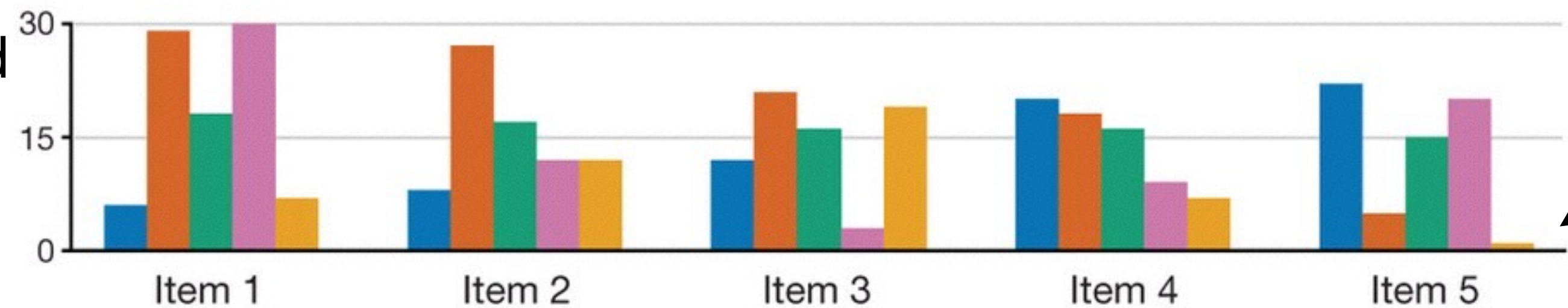


Stacked bar chart

Layered
Bar
Chart

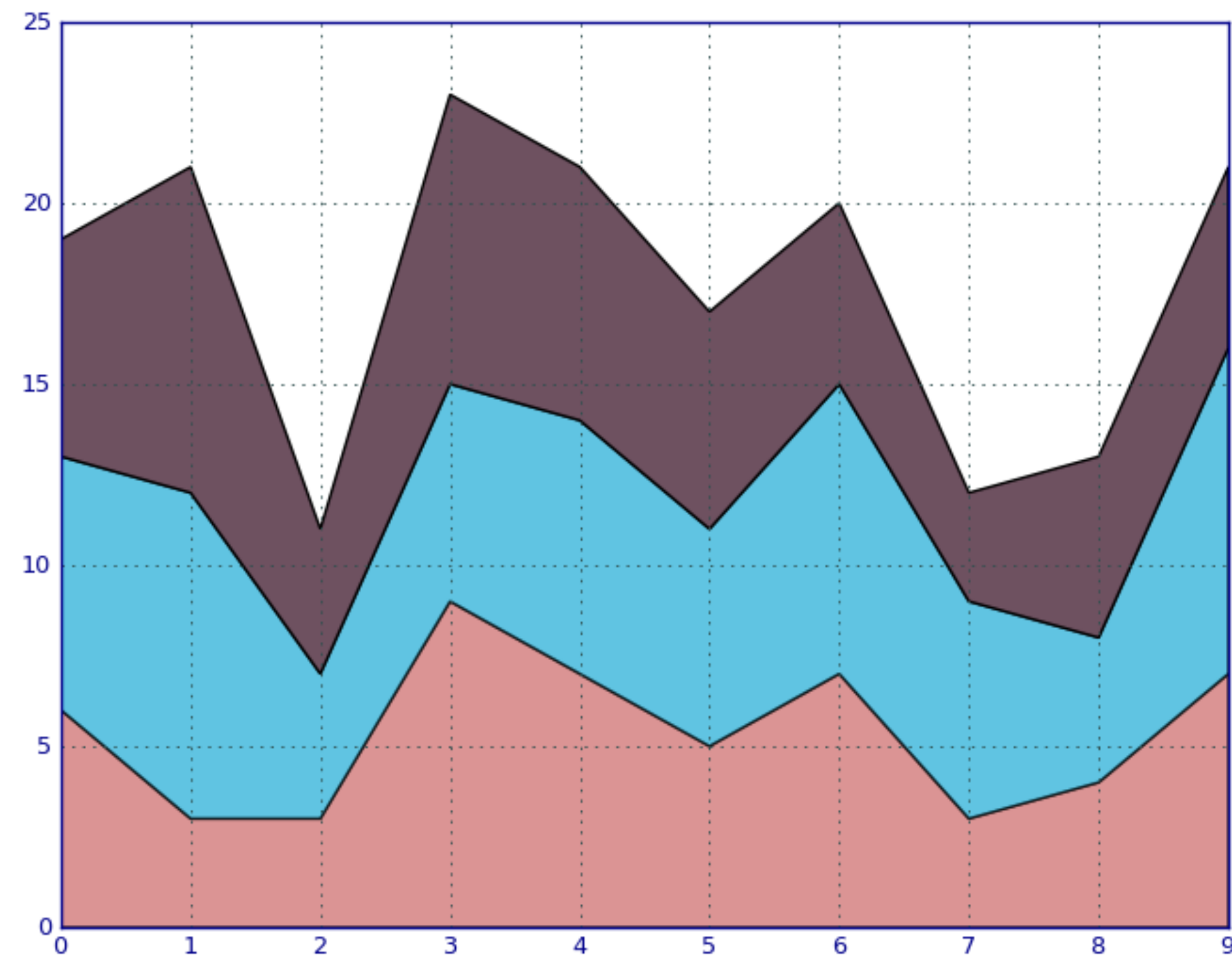


Grouped
Bar
Chart



Small
Multiples

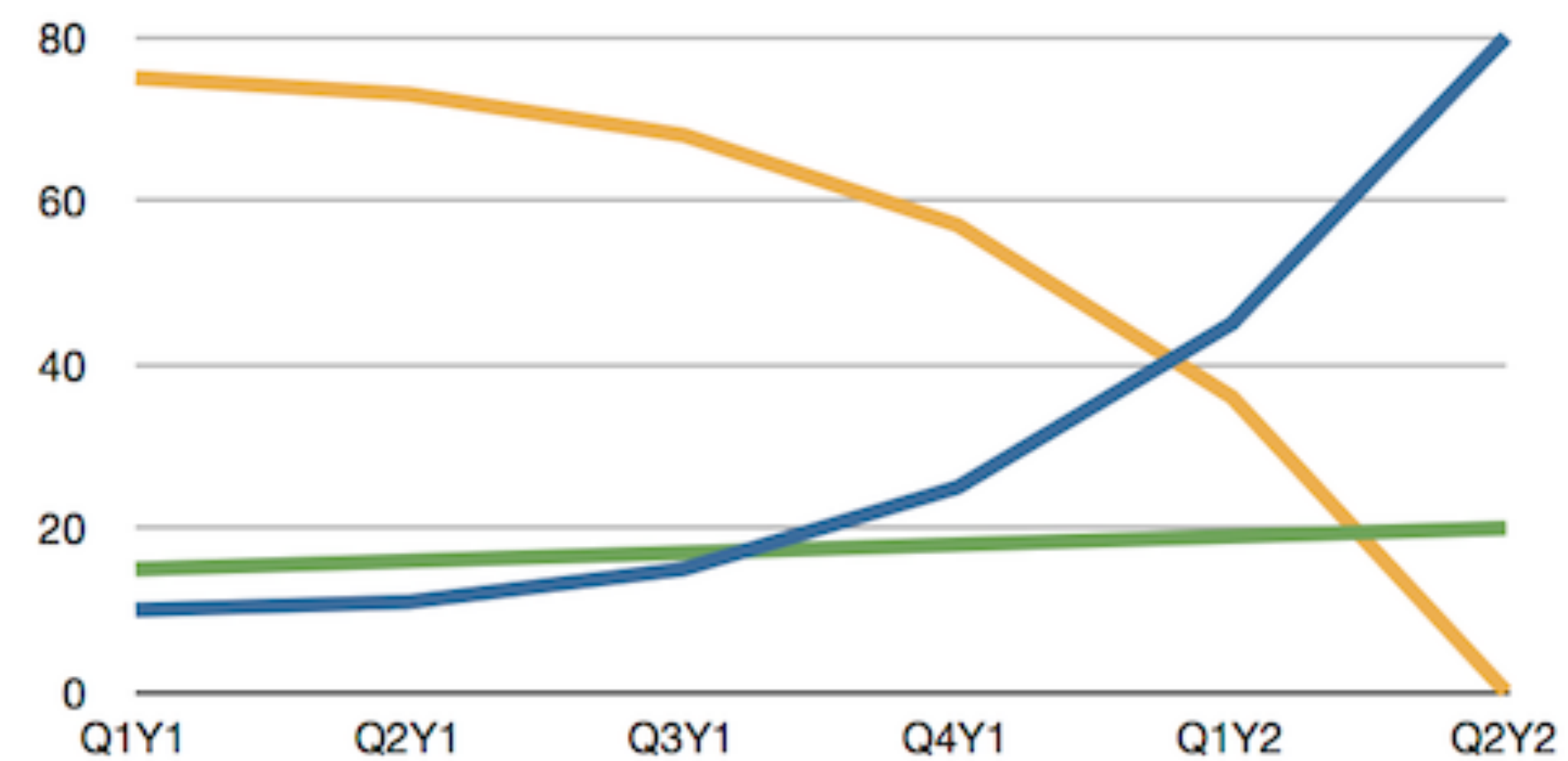
Stacked Area Chart



100% Stacked Area Chart



Stacked Area vs. Line Graphs



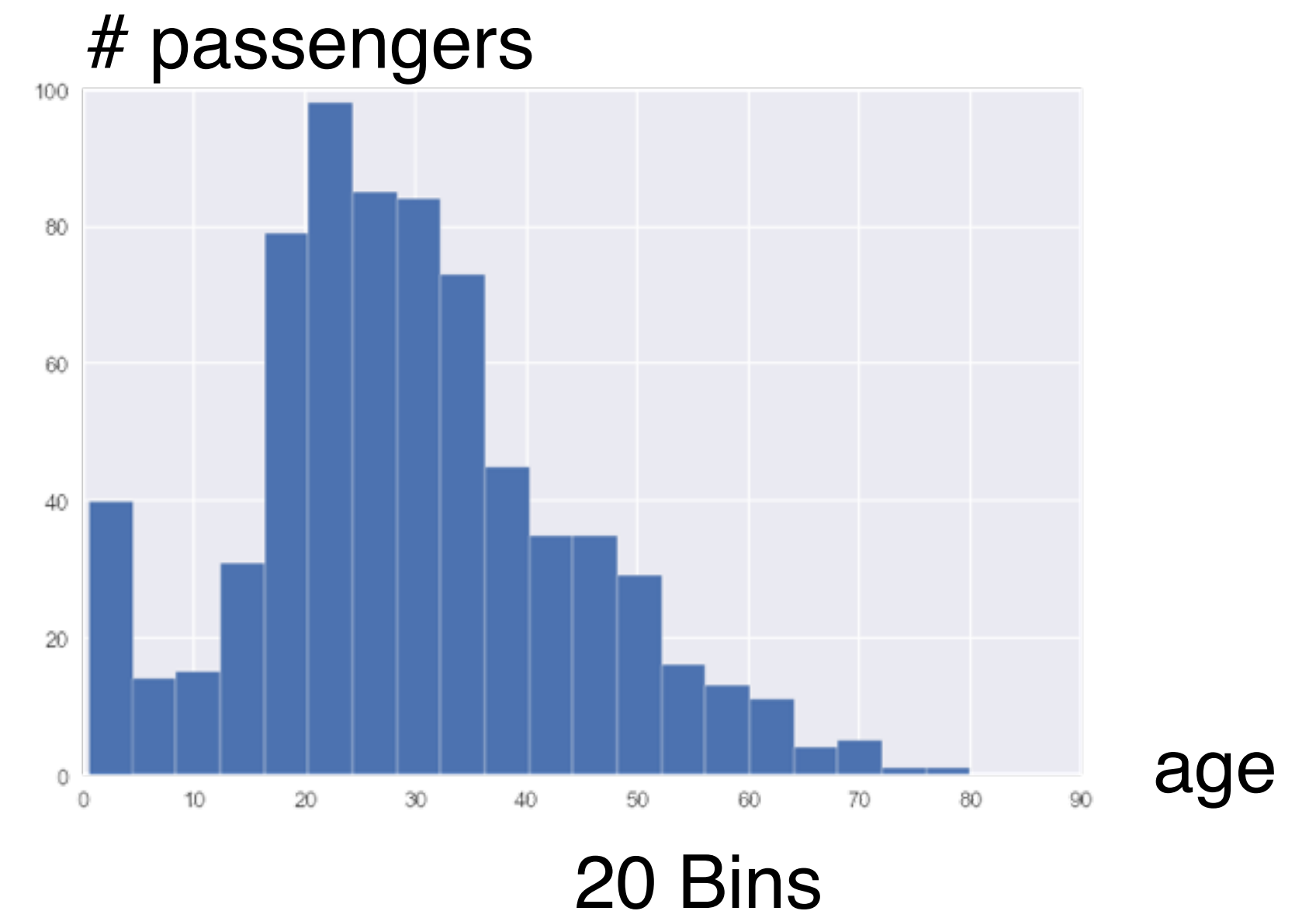
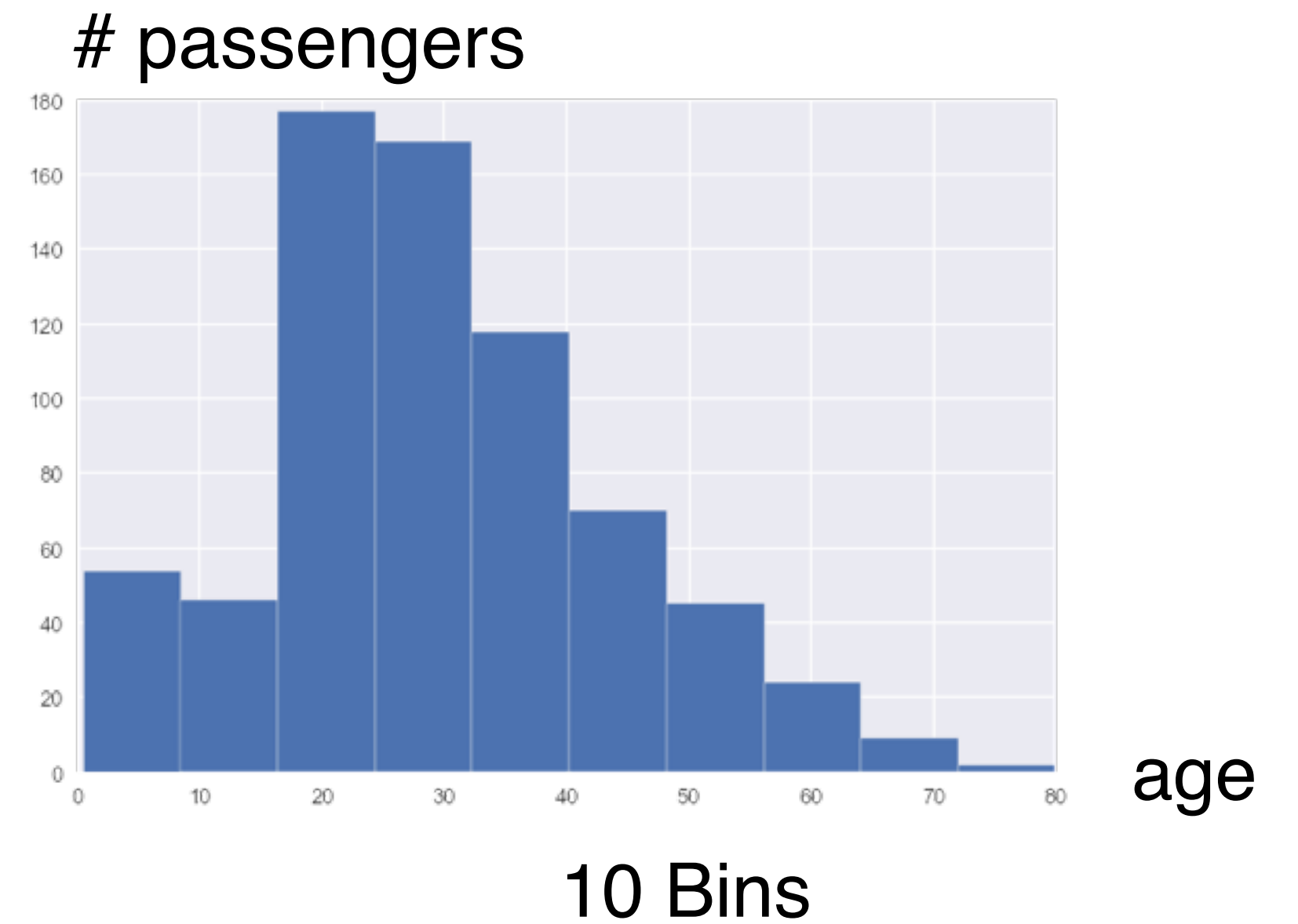
Distributions

Histogram

#bins hard to predict

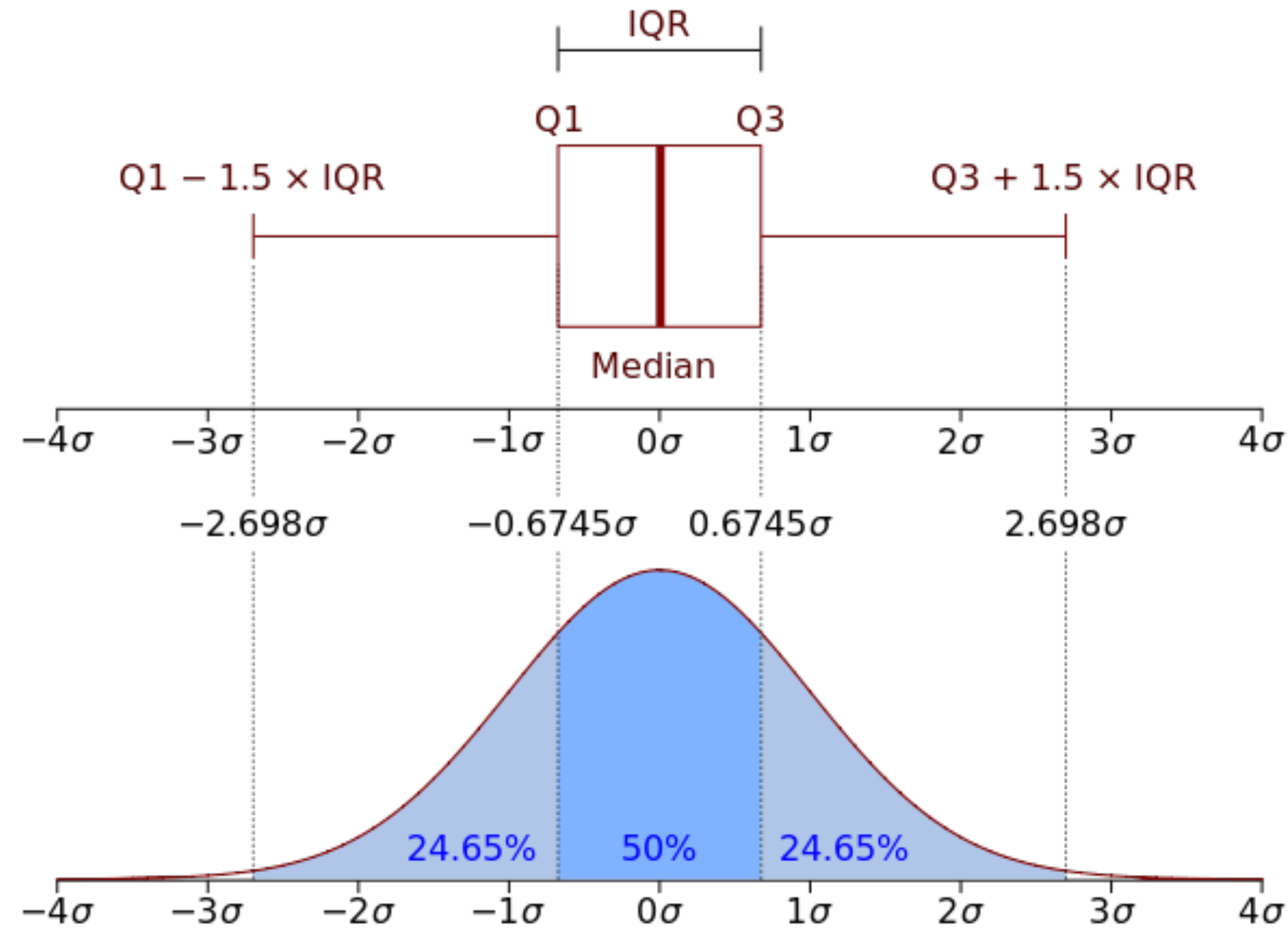
make interactive!

rule of thumb: $\#bins = \sqrt{n}$

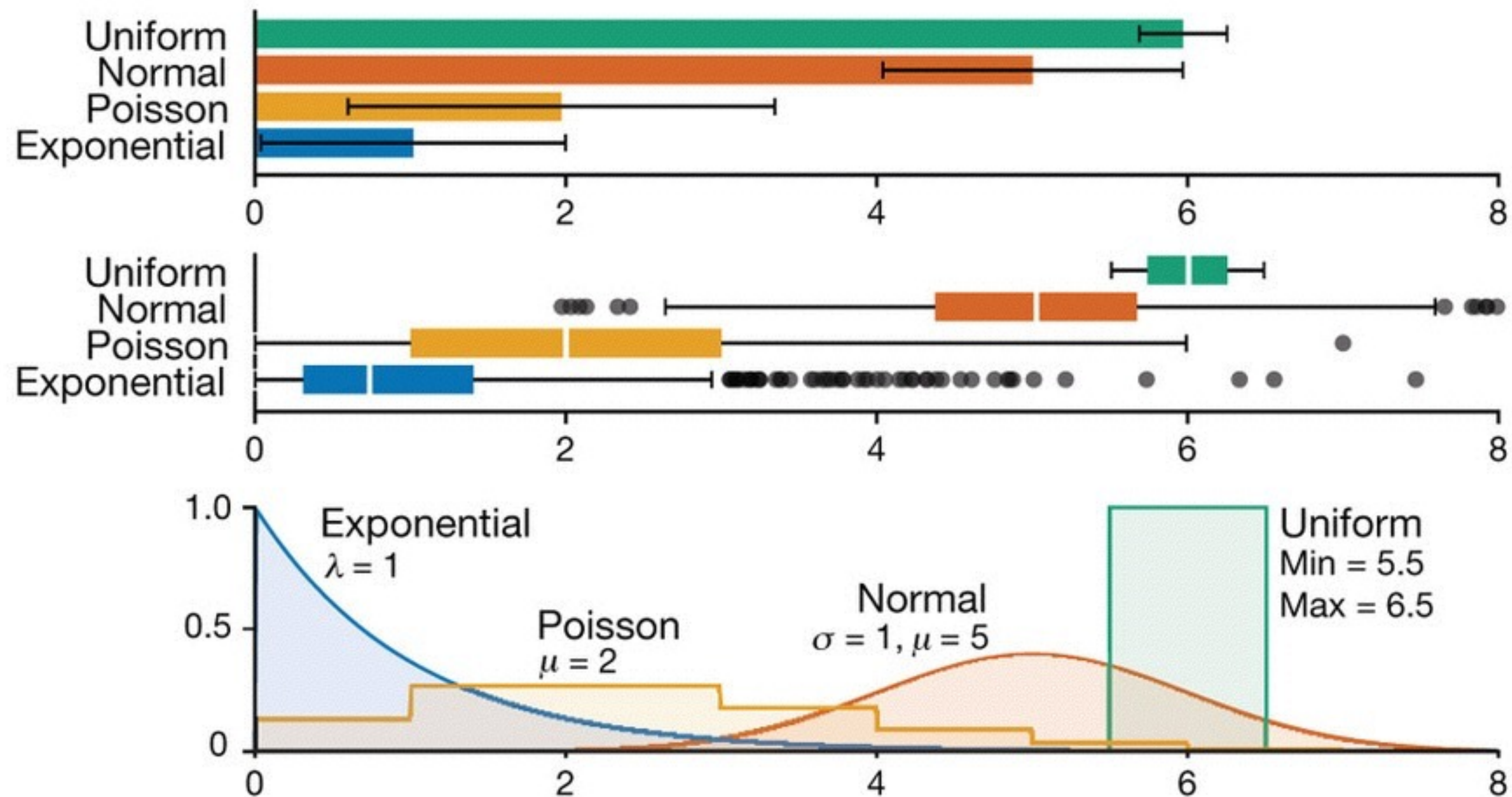


Box Plots

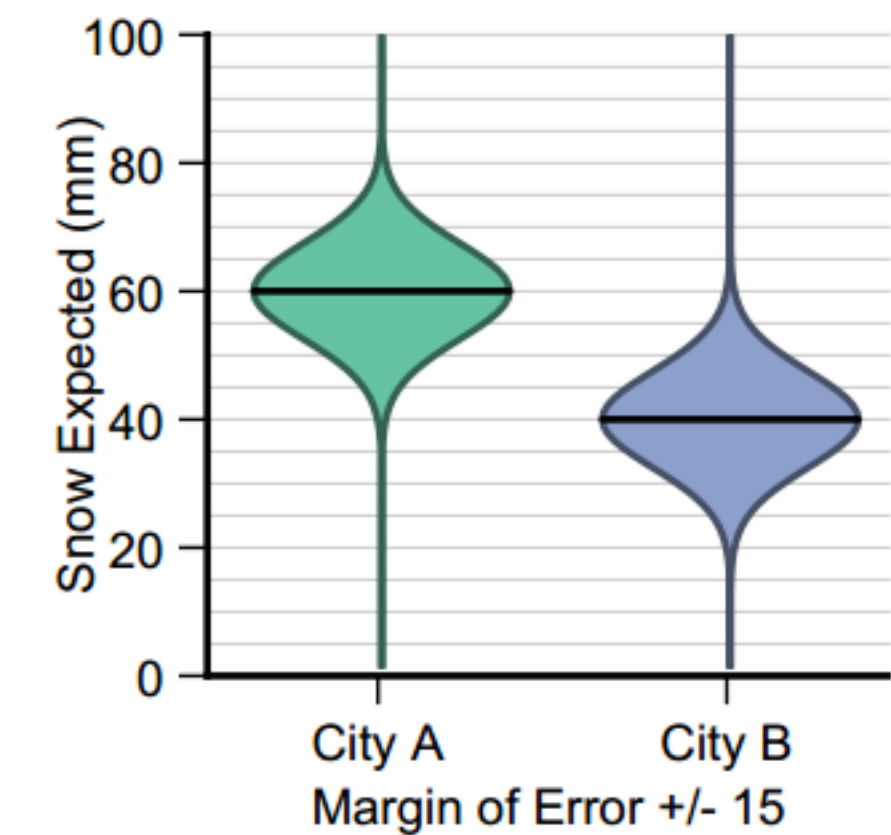
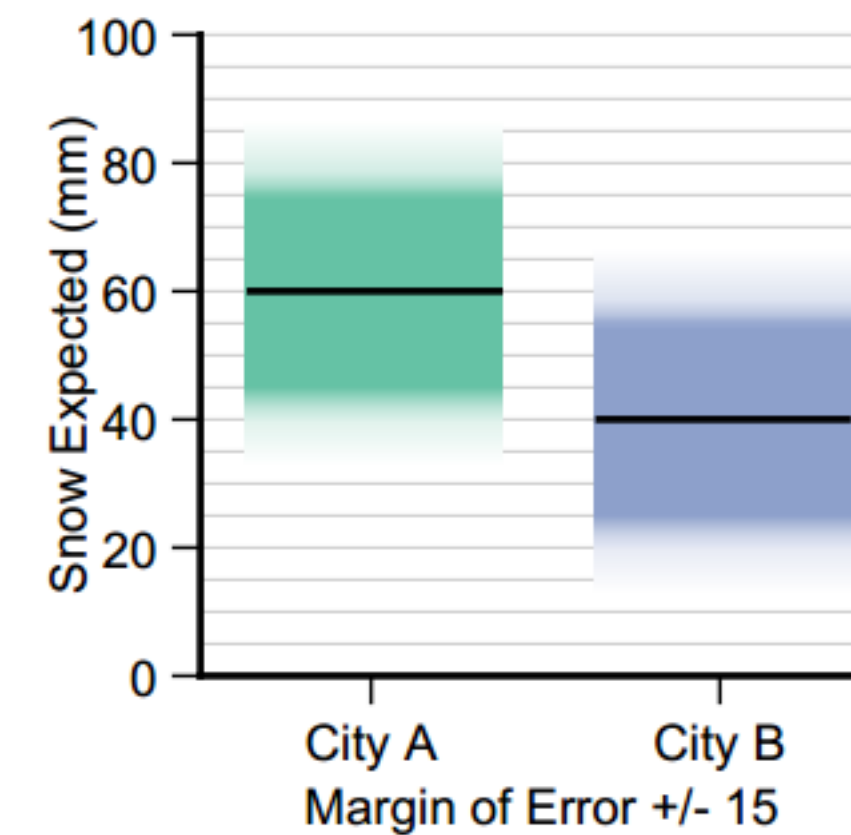
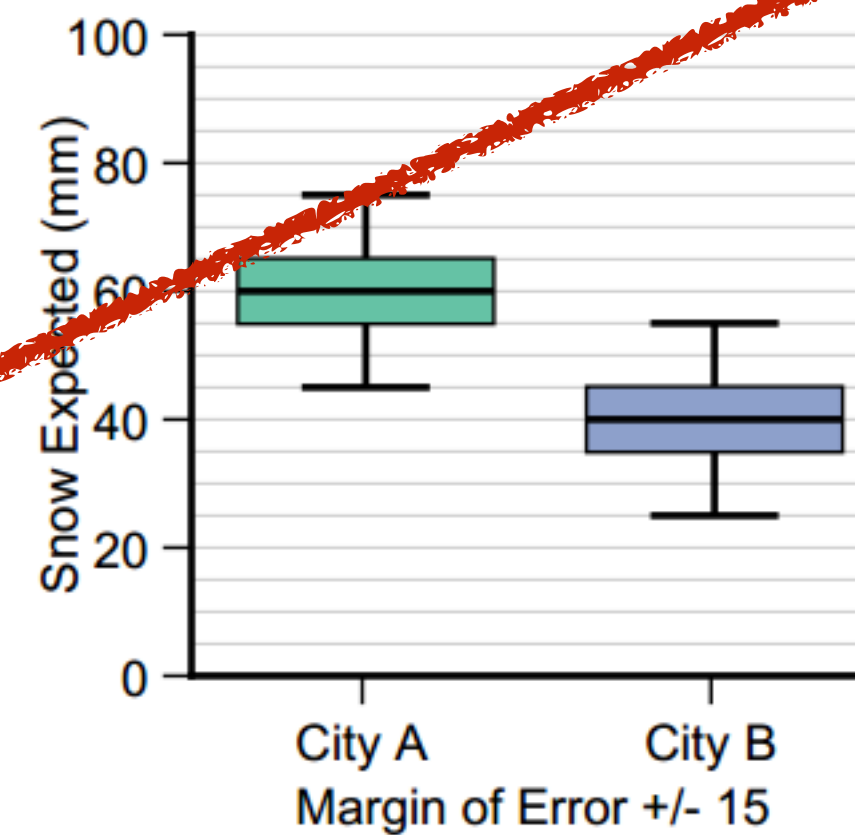
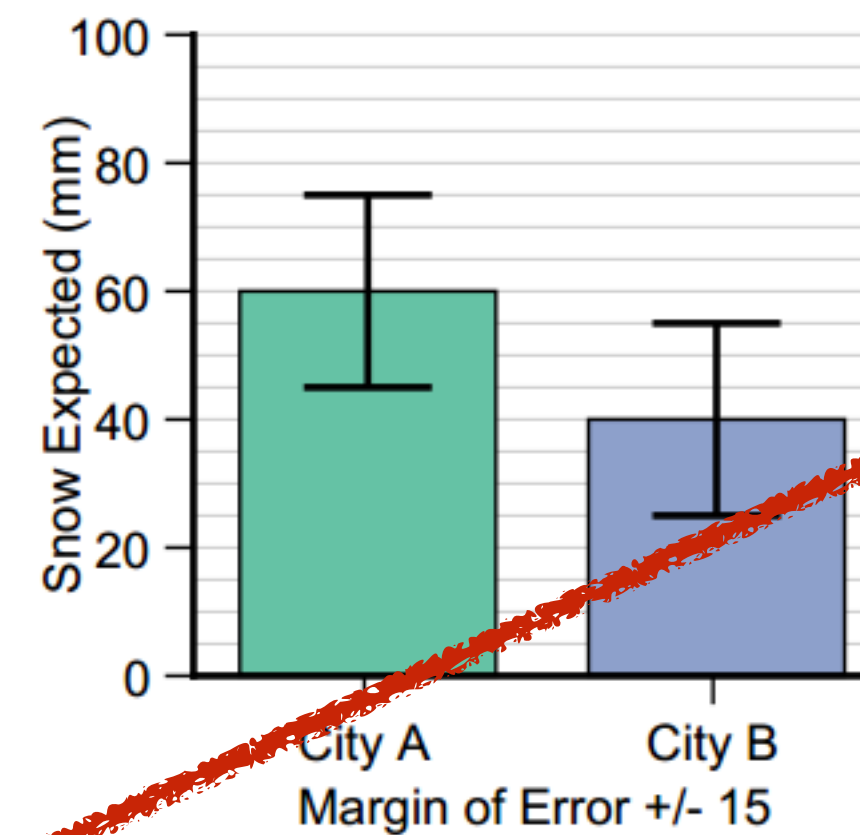
aka Box-and-Whisker Plot



Comparison



Showing Expected Values & Uncertainty



Error Bars Considered Harmful:
Exploring Alternate Encodings for Mean and Error
Michael Correll, and Michael Gleicher

Highdimensional Data

What is High-dimensional Data?

Tabular data, containing

rows (items)

columns (attributes or items)

rows >> columns

	Age	Gender	Height
<i>Bob</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>181</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>185</i>
<i>Chris</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>175</i>

High-Dimensional Data Visualization

How many dimensions?

~50 – tractable with “just” vis

~1000 – need analytical methods

How many records?

~ 1000 – “just” vis is fine

>> 10,000 – need analytical methods

Homogeneity

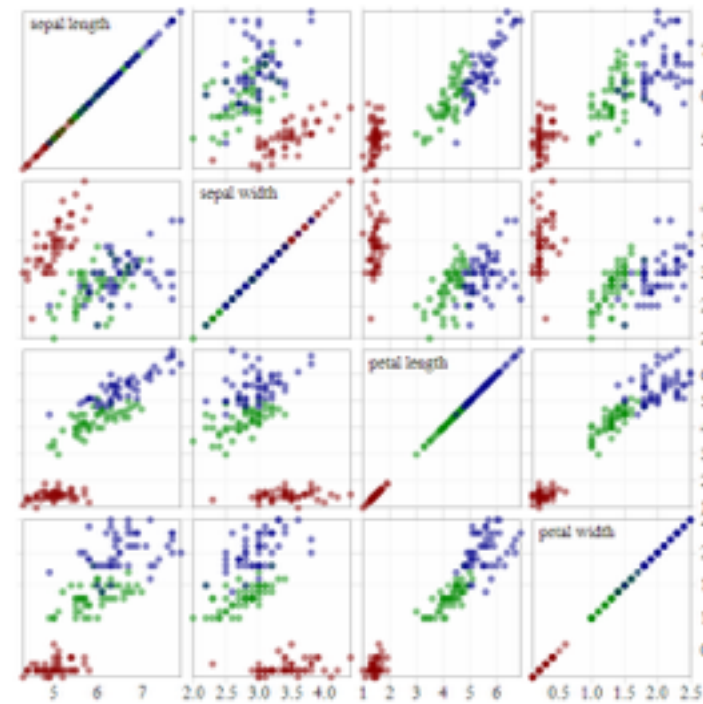
Same data type?

Same scales?

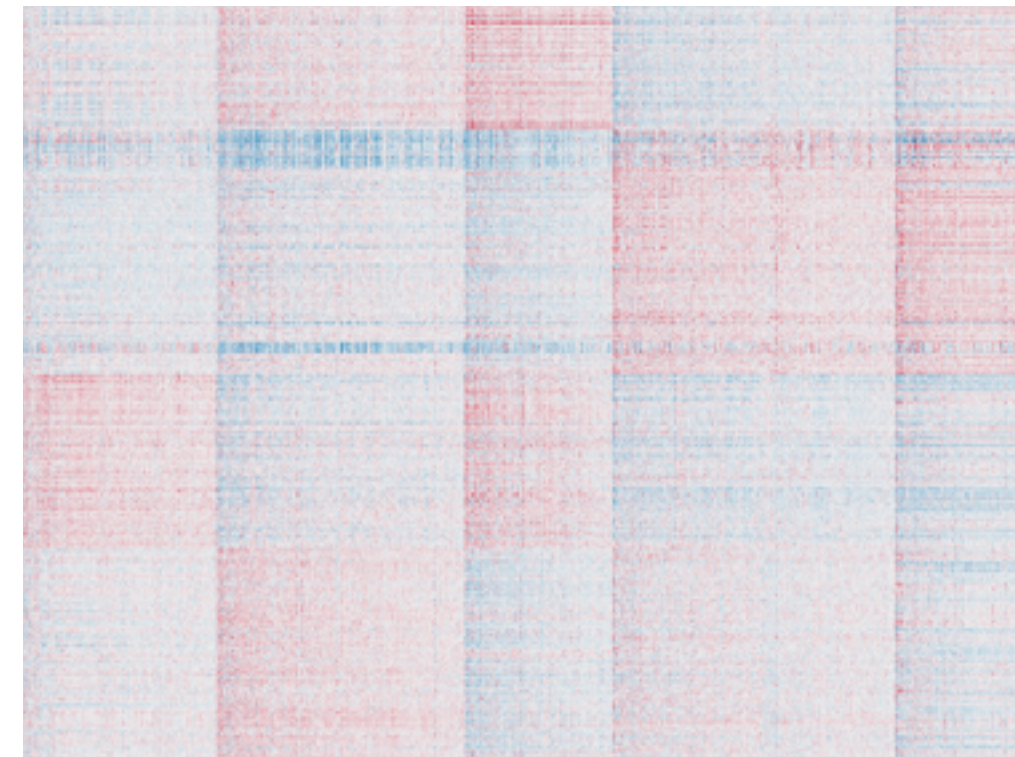
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<i>Chris</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>175</i>

	BPM 1	BPM 2	BPM 3
<i>Bob</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>145</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>185</i>
<i>Chris</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>135</i>

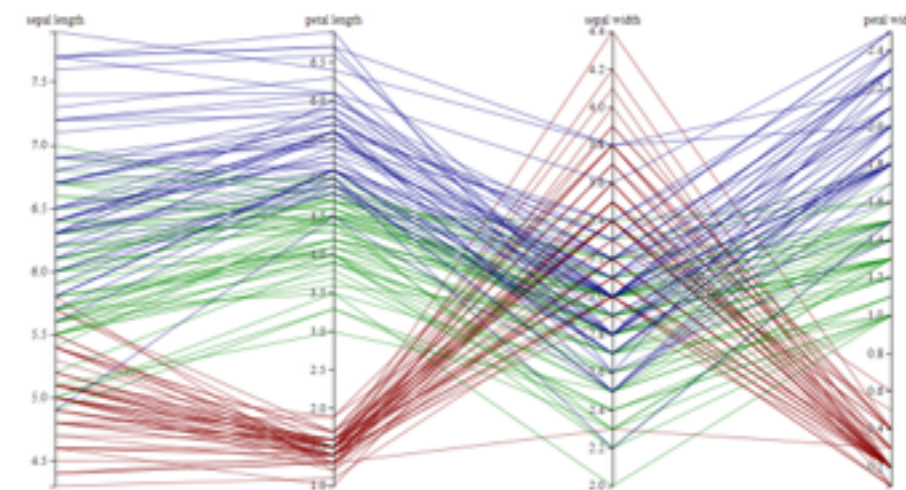
Analytic Component



Scatterplot Matrices
[Bostock]



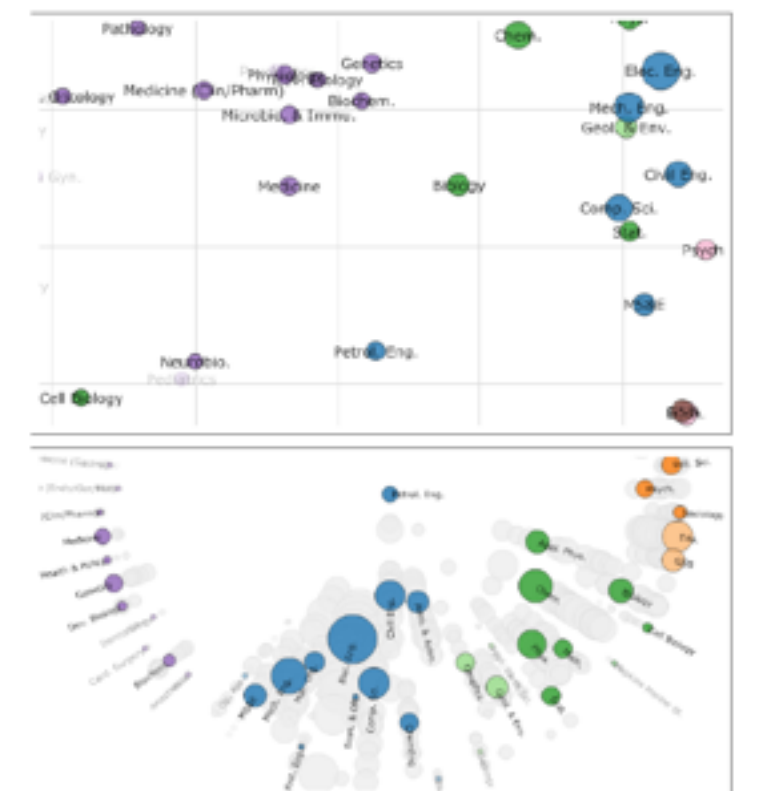
**Pixel-based visualizations /
heat maps**



Parallel Coordinates
[Bostock]



Multidimensional Scaling
[Doerk 2011]



[Chuang 2012]

no / little analytics

**strong analytics
component**

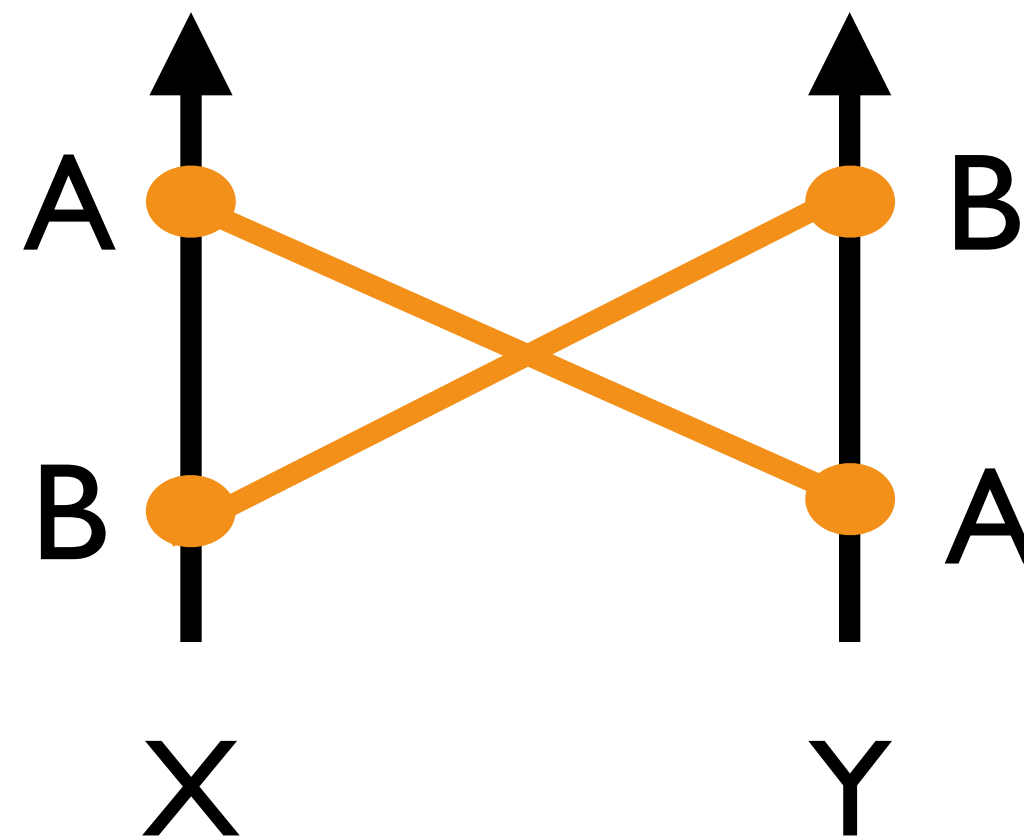
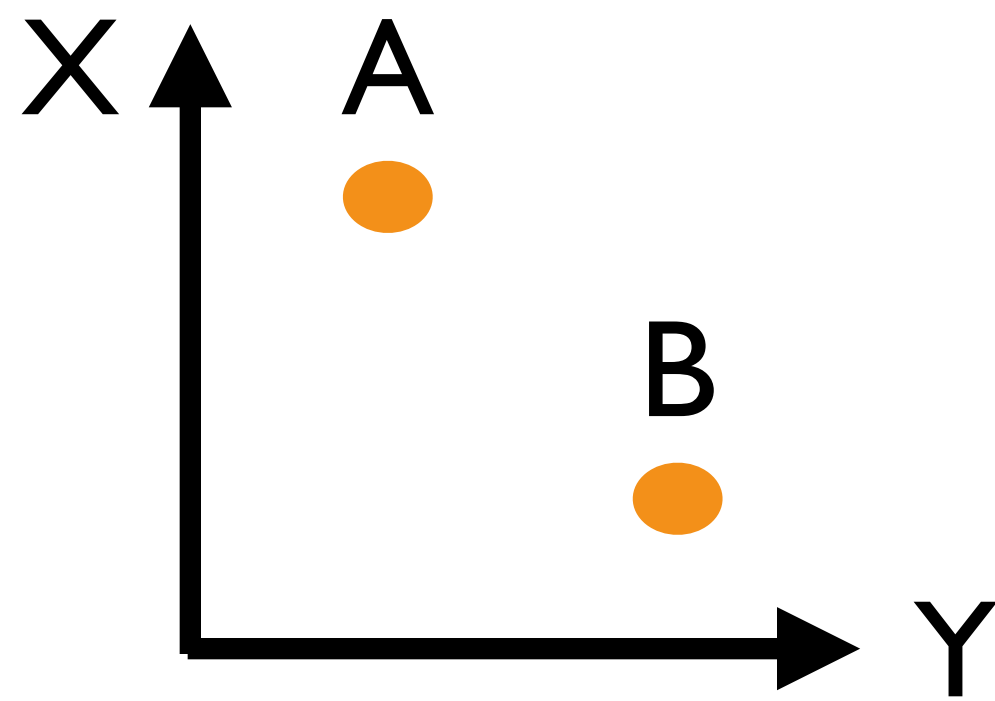
Geometric Methods

Parallel Coordinates (PC)

Inselberg 1985

Axes represent attributes

Lines connecting axes represent items



Parallel Coordinates

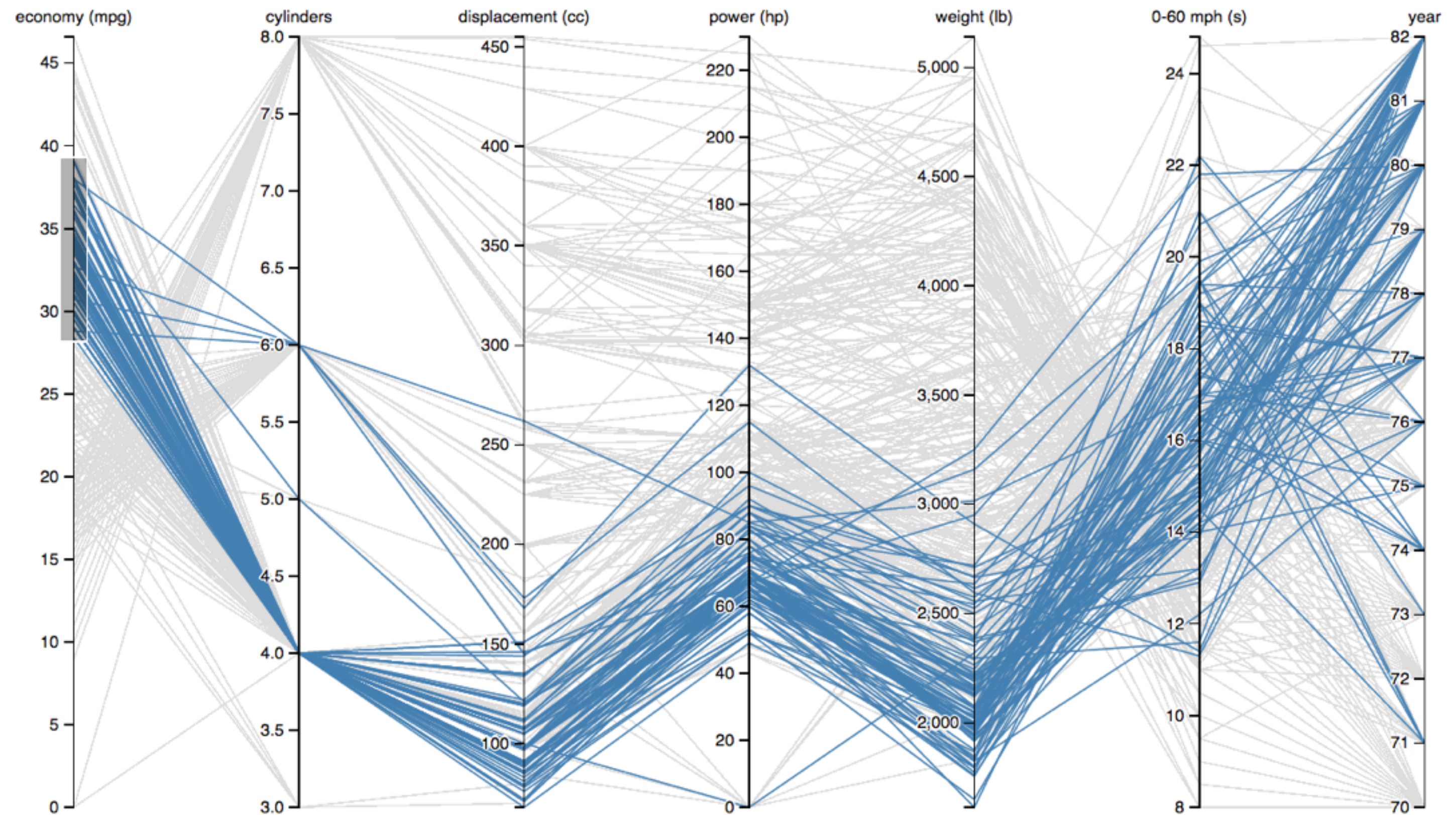
Each axis represents dimension

Lines connecting axis represent records

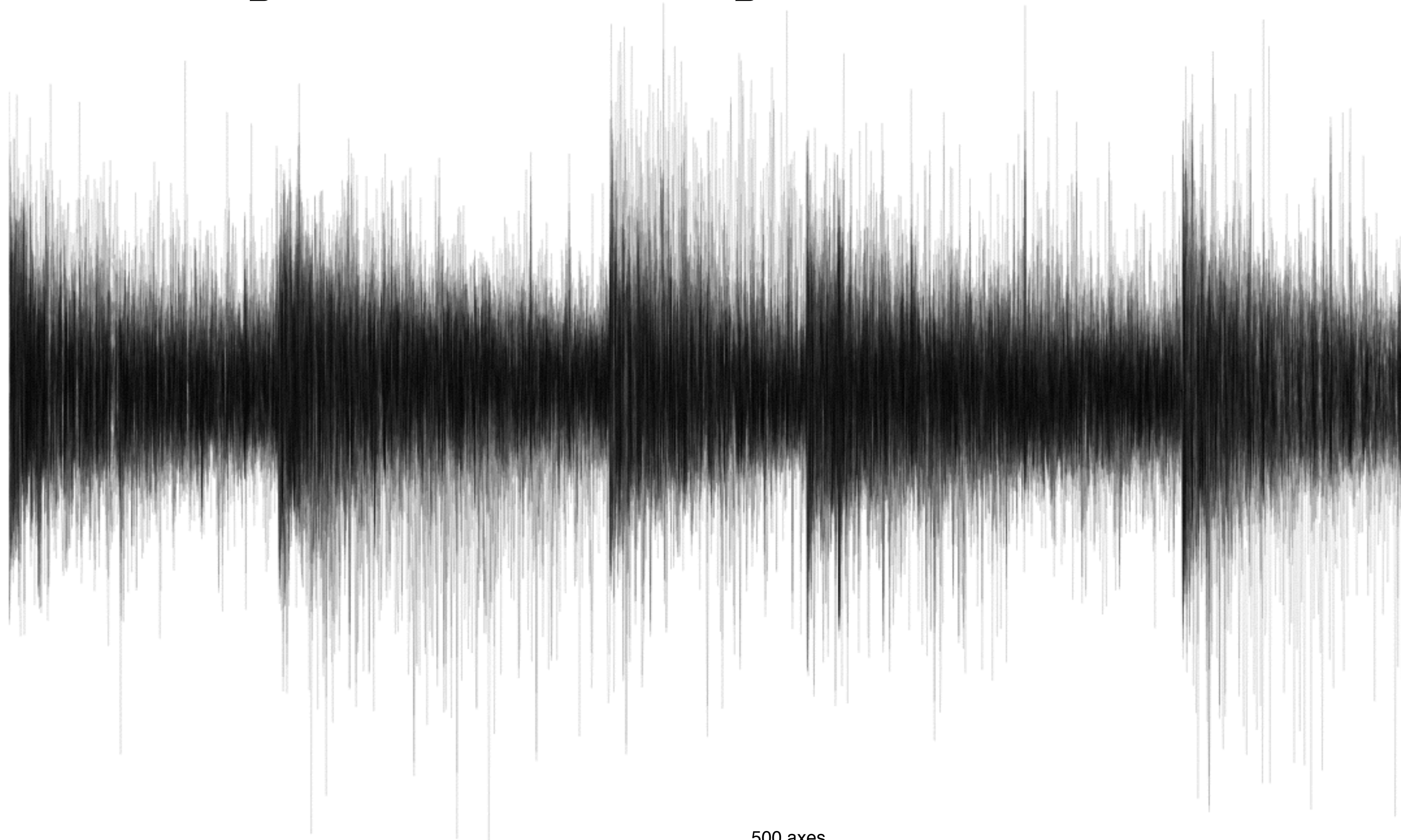
Suitable for

all tabular data types

heterogeneous data



PC Limitation: Scalability to Many Dimensions



500 axes

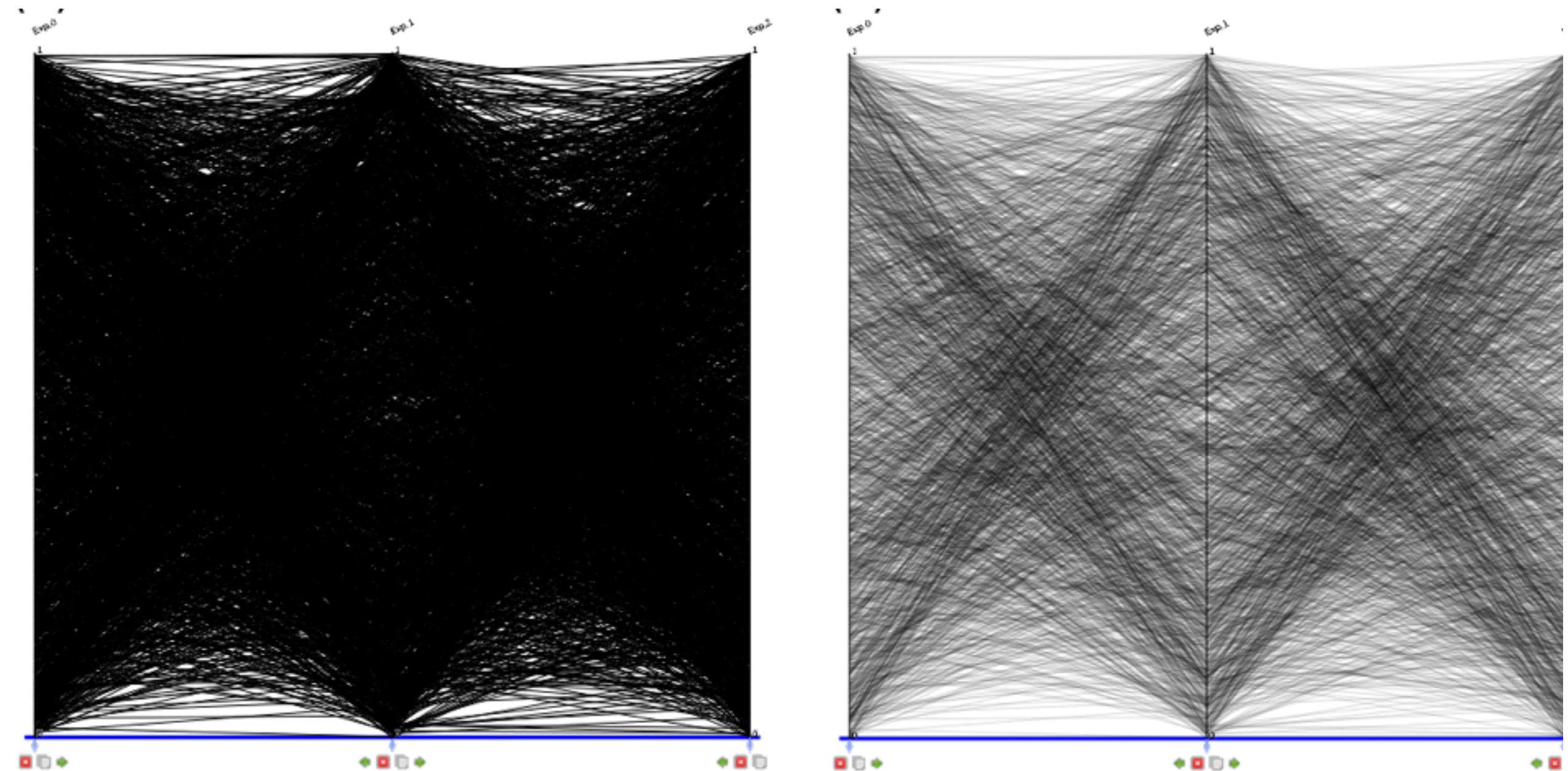
PC Limitation: Scalability to Many Items

Solutions:

Transparency

Bundling, Clustering

Sampling



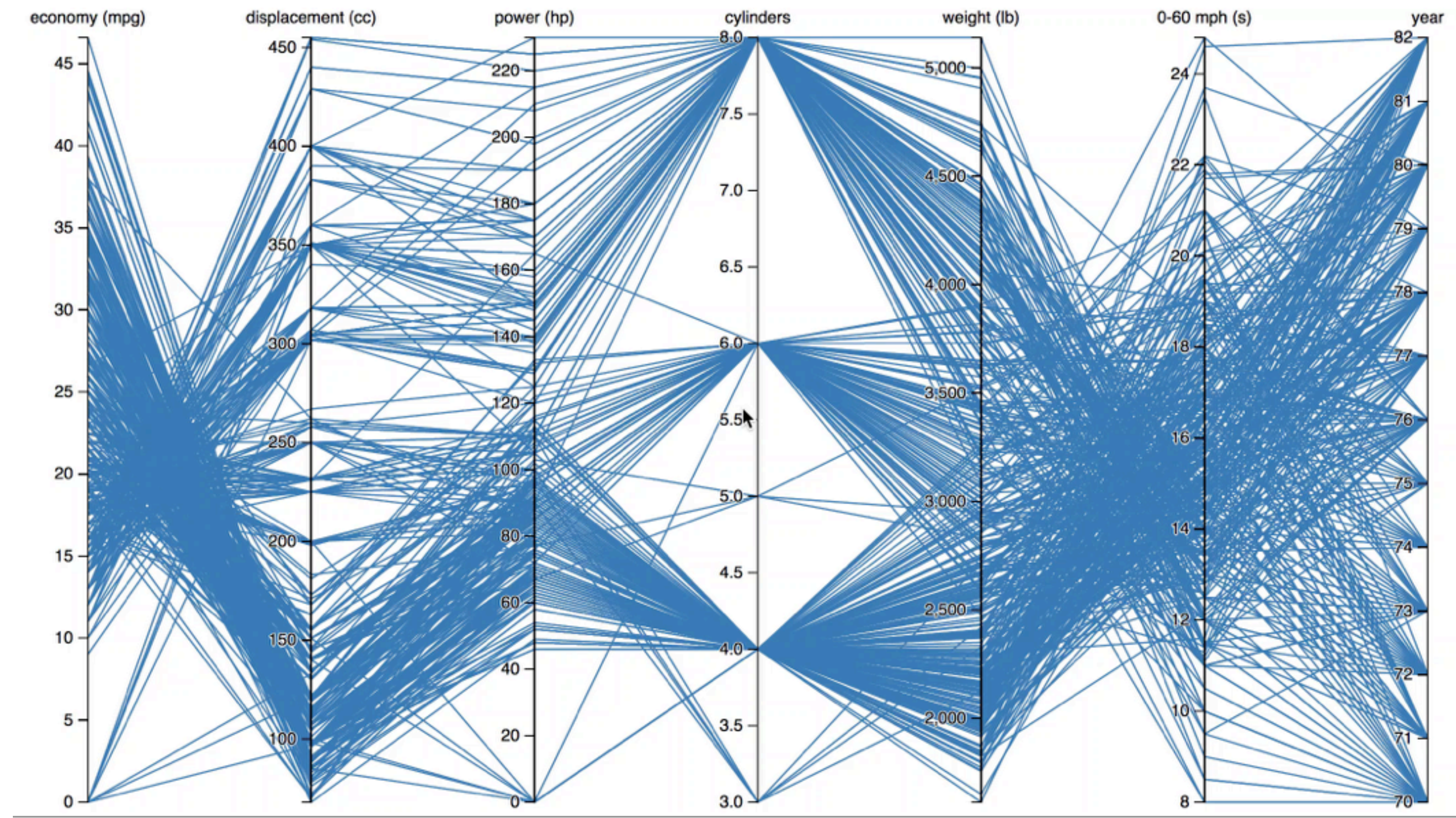
PC Limitations

Correlations only between adjacent axes

Solution: Interaction

Brushing

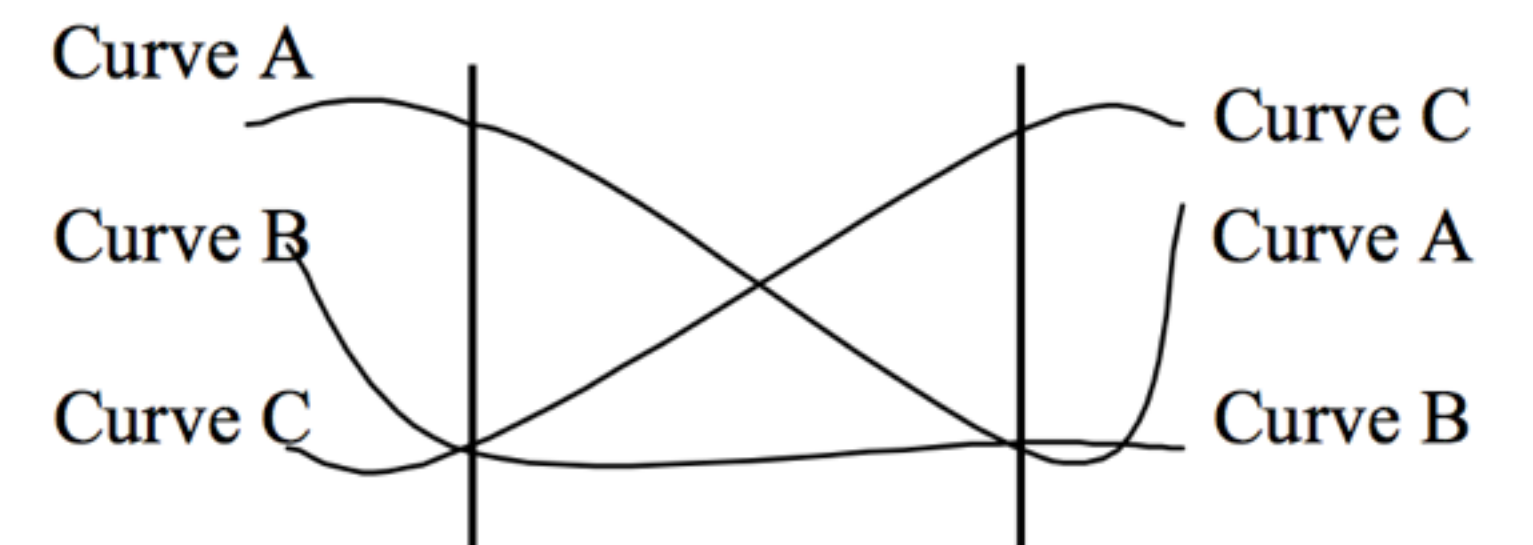
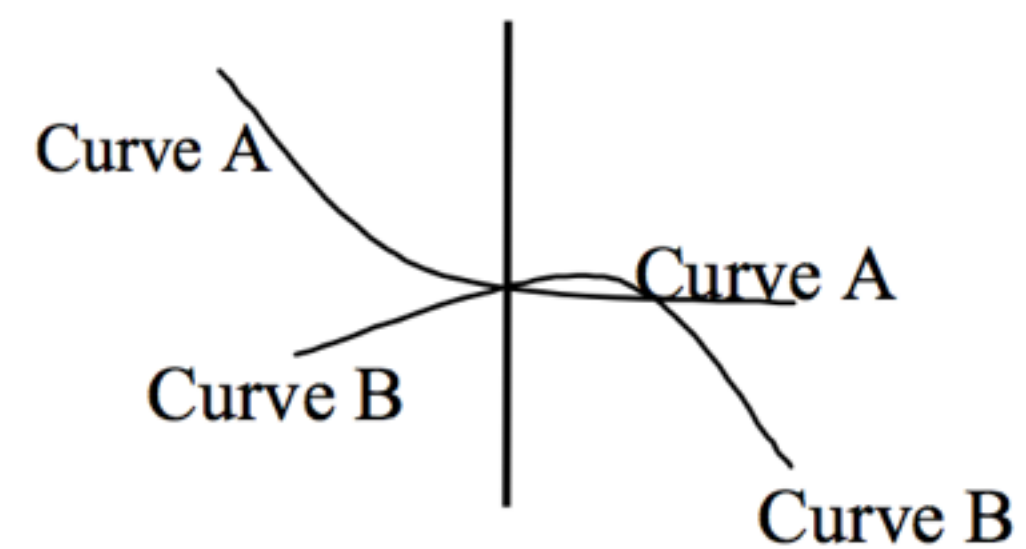
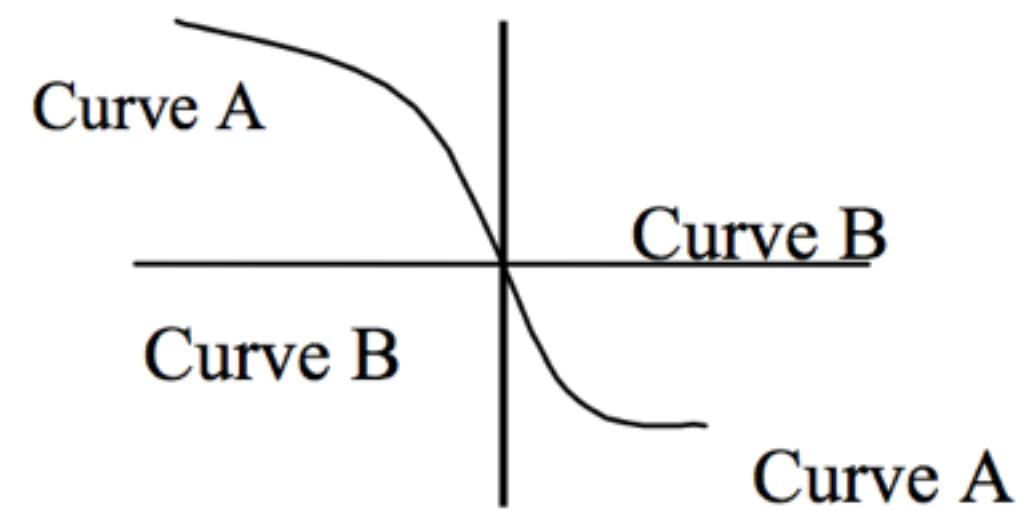
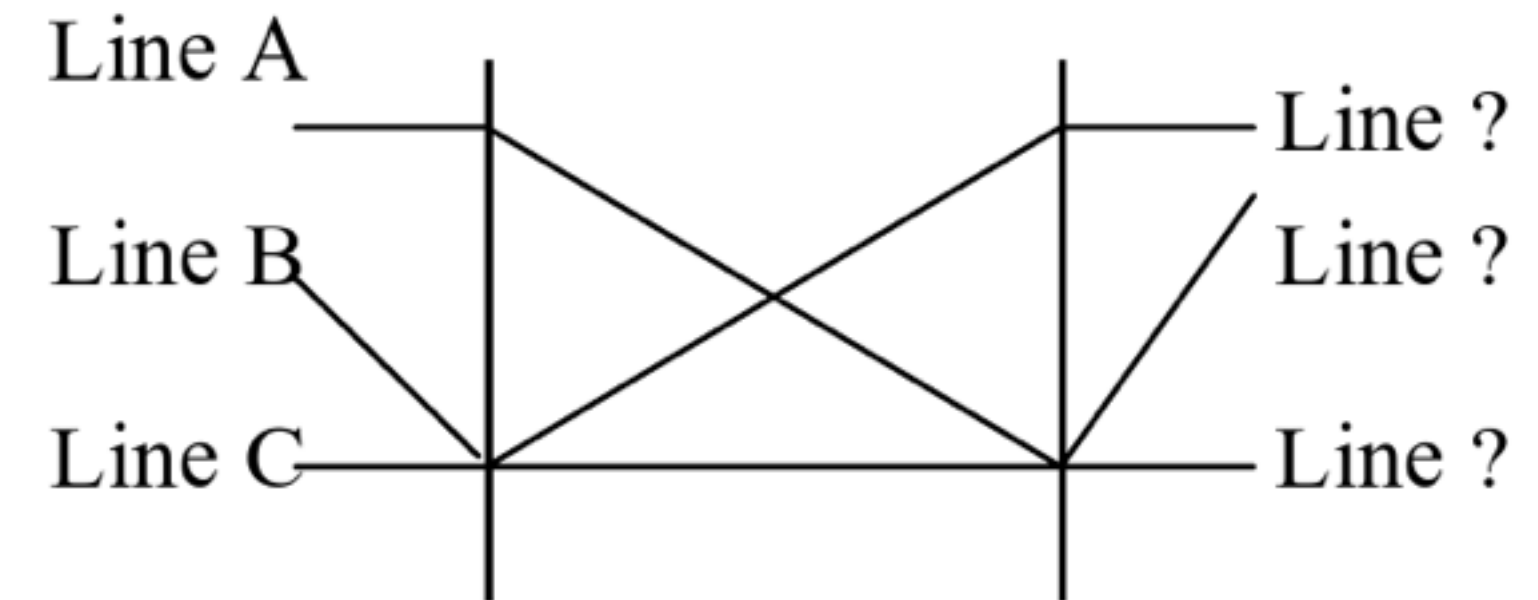
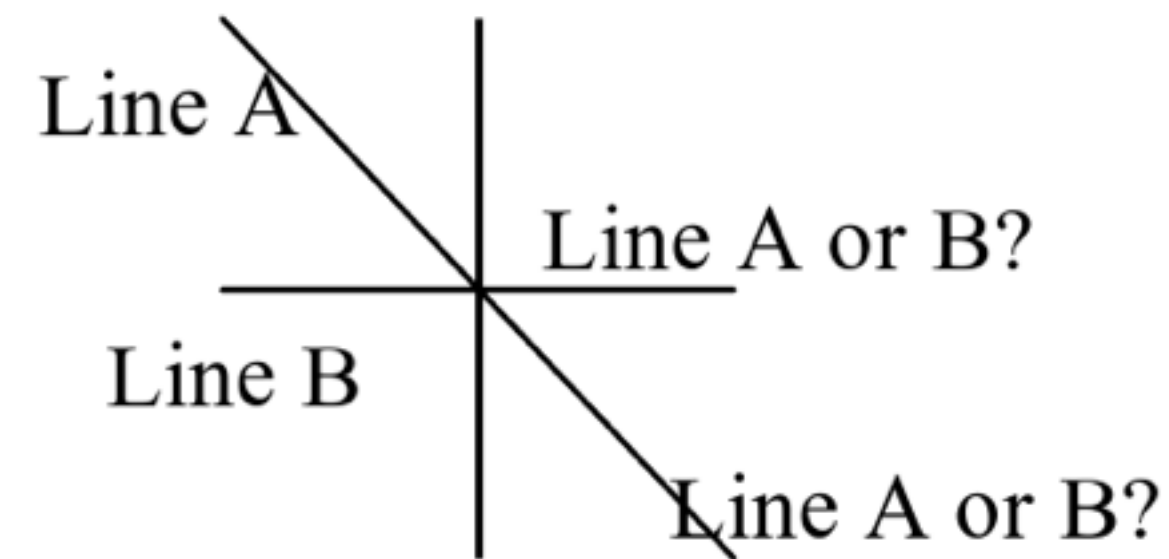
Let user change order



PC Limitation: Ambiguity

Solutions:

Brushing
Curves



Parallel Coordinates

Shows primarily relationships between adjacent axis

Limited scalability (~50 dimensions, ~1-5k records)

Transparency of lines

Interaction is crucial

Axis reordering

Brushing

Filtering

Algorithmic support:

Choosing dimensions

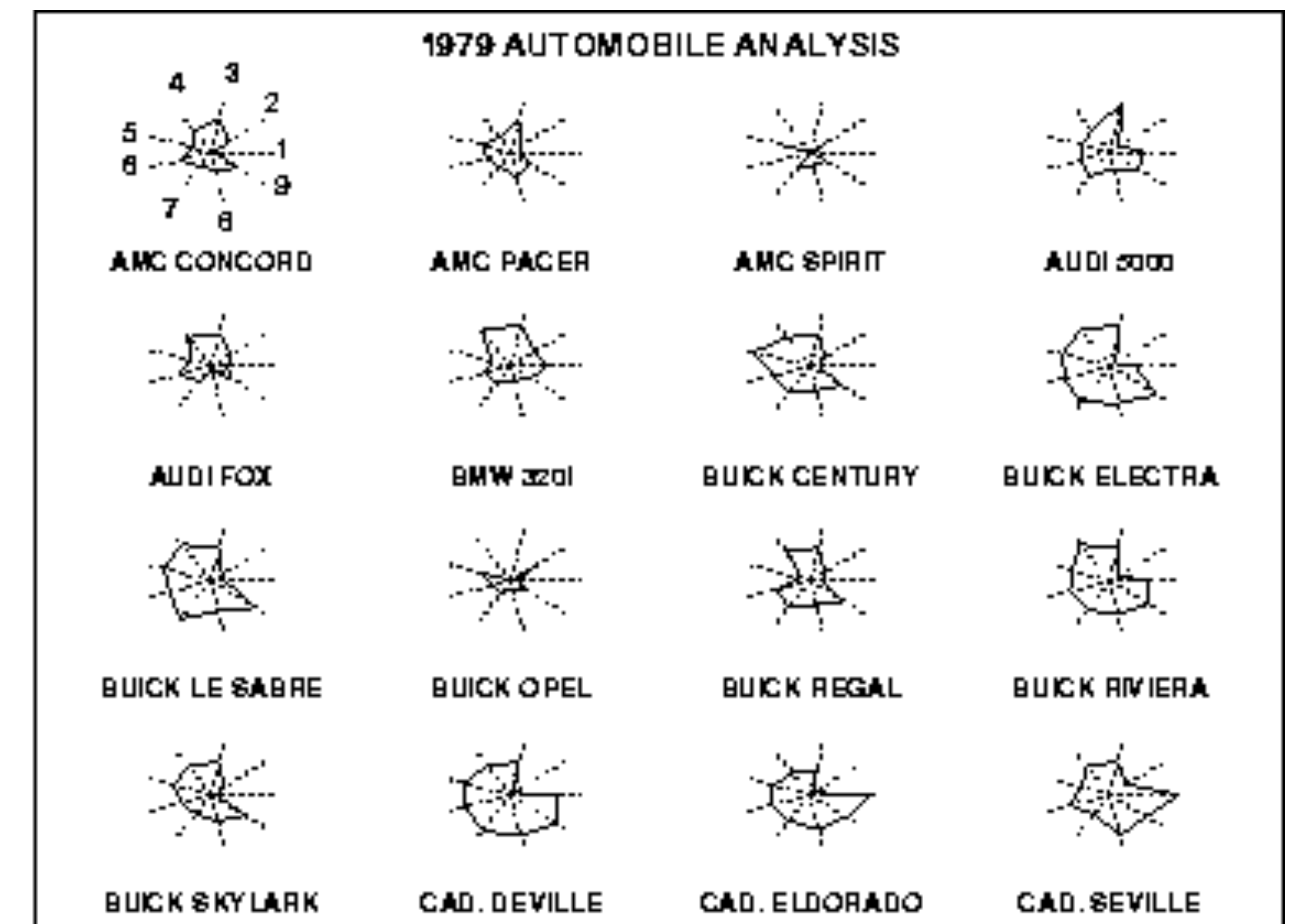
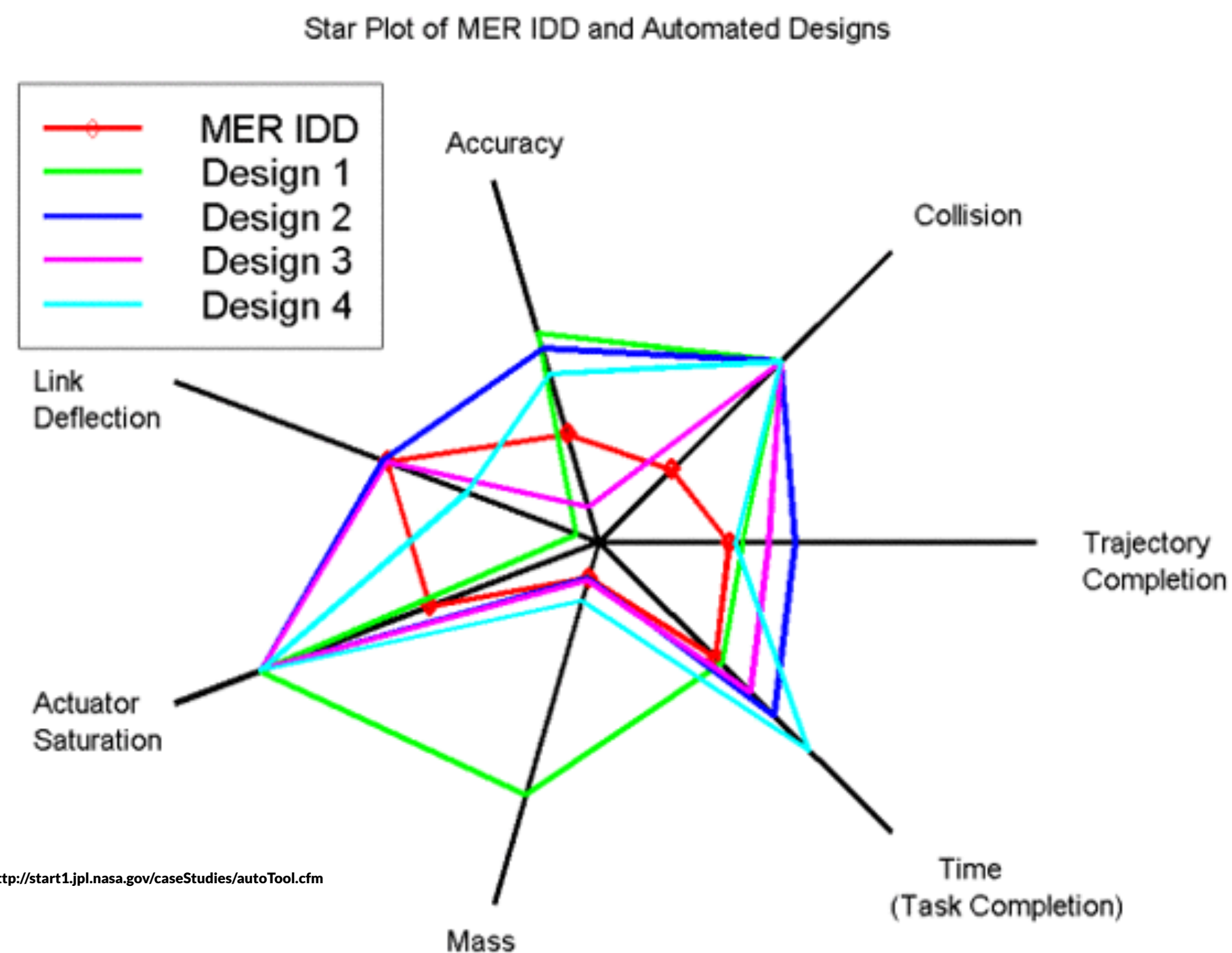
Choosing order

Clustering & aggregating records

Star Plot

[Coekin1969]

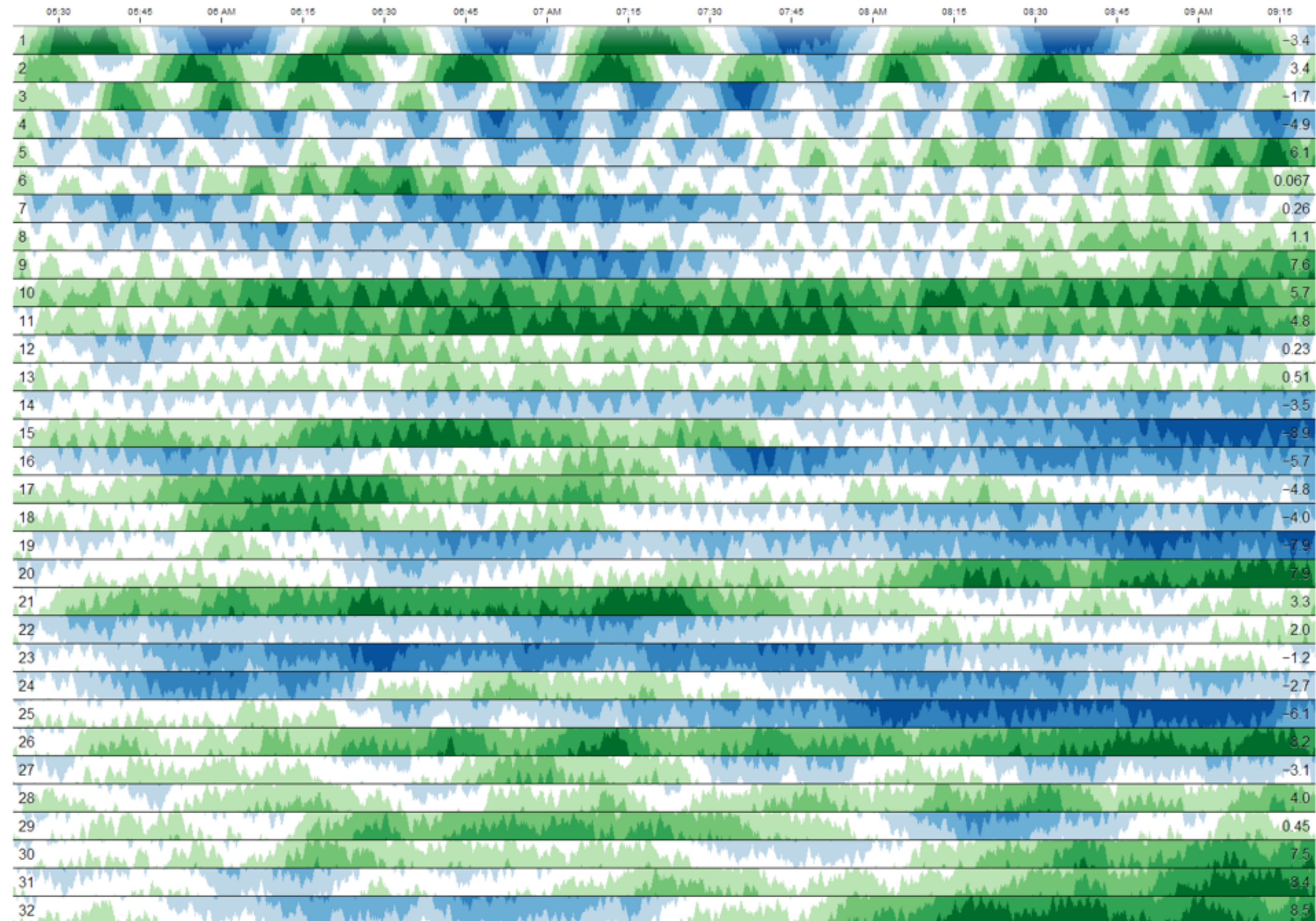
Similar to parallel coordinates
Radiate from a common origin



<http://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/eda/section3/starplot.htm>

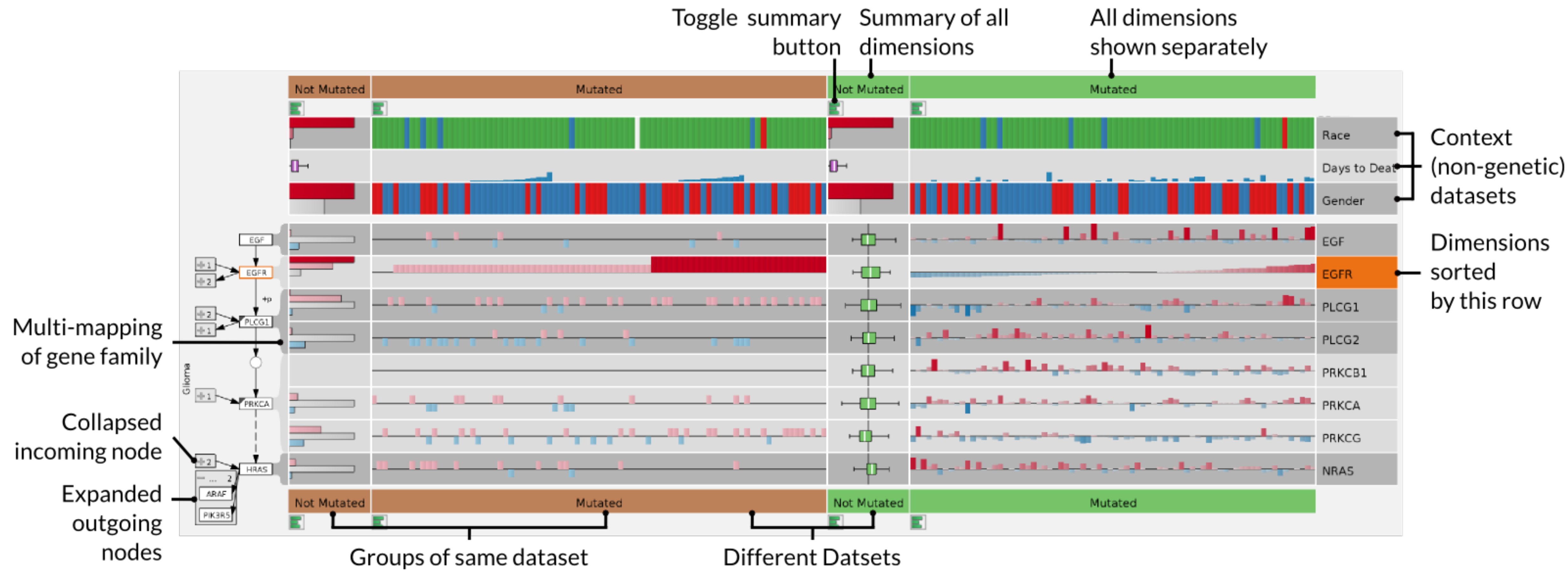
<http://blocks.org/kevinschaul/raw/8833989/>

Multiple Line Charts



<http://square.github.io/cubism/>

Combining Various Charts

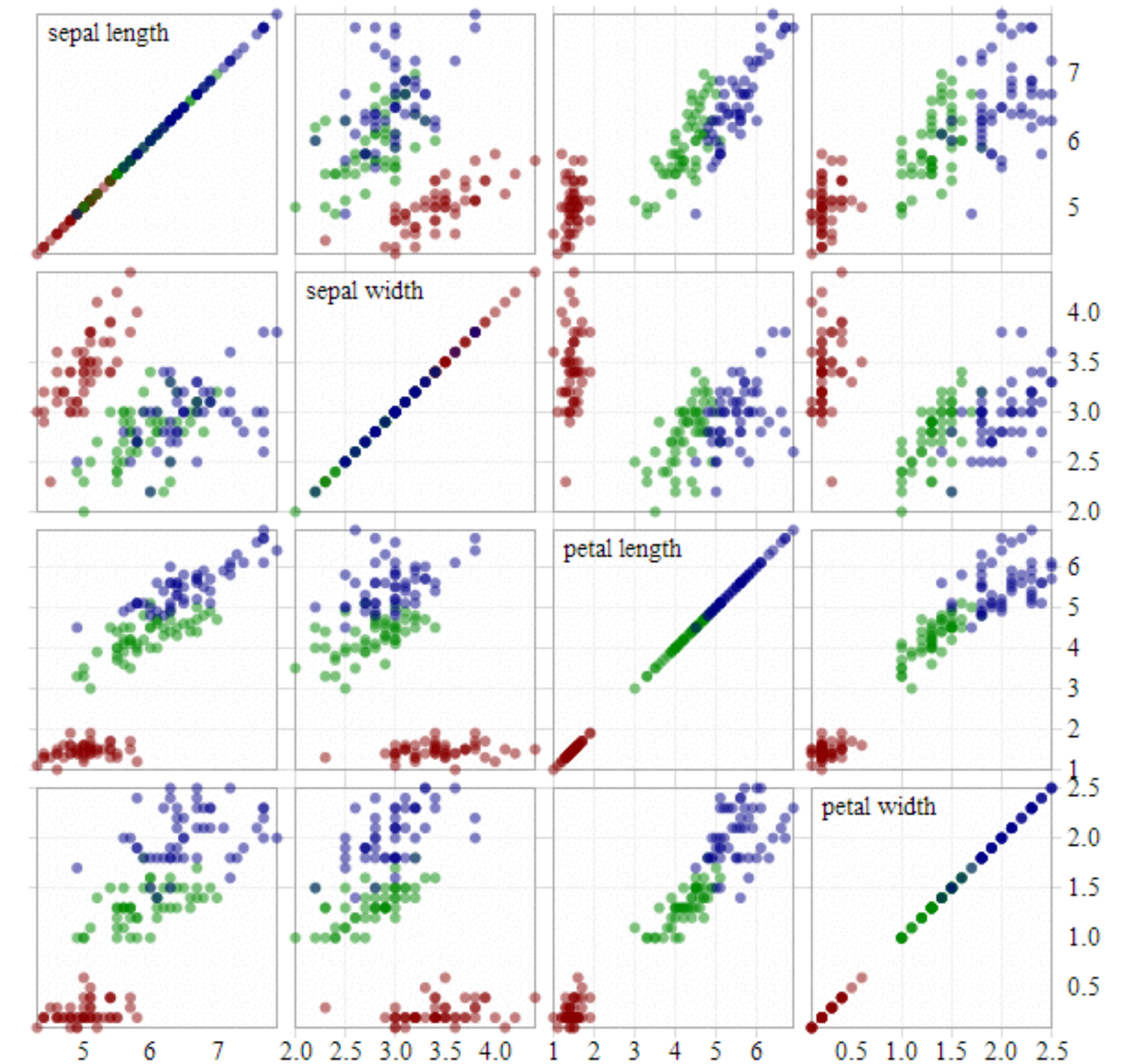


Scatterplot Matrices (SPLOM)

Matrix of size $d \times d$

Each row/column is one dimension

Each cell plots a scatterplot of two dimensions



Scatterplot Matrices

Limited scalability (~20 dimensions, ~500-1k records)

Brushing is important

Often combined with “Focus Scatterplot” as F+C technique

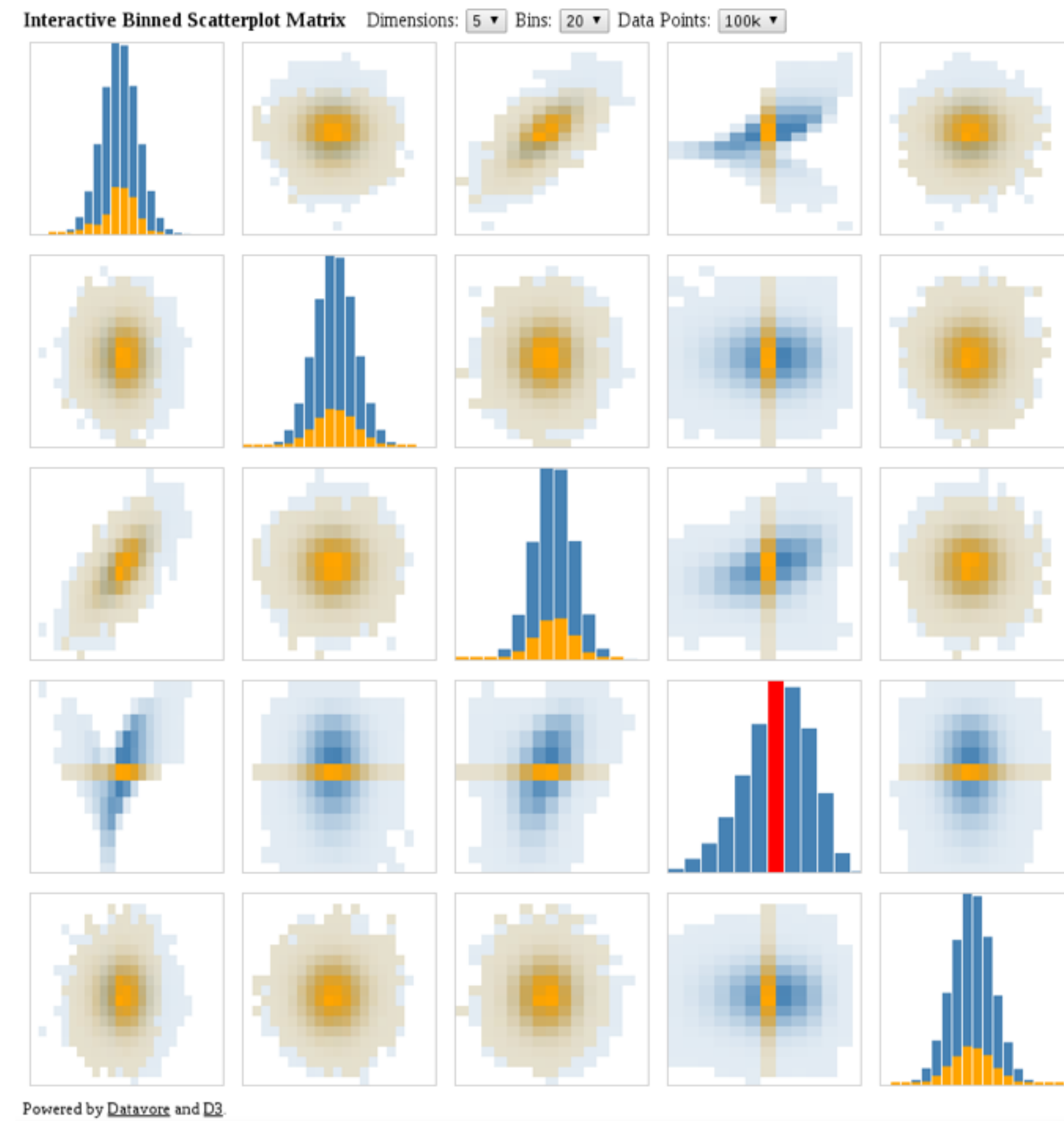
Algorithmic approaches:

Clustering & aggregating records

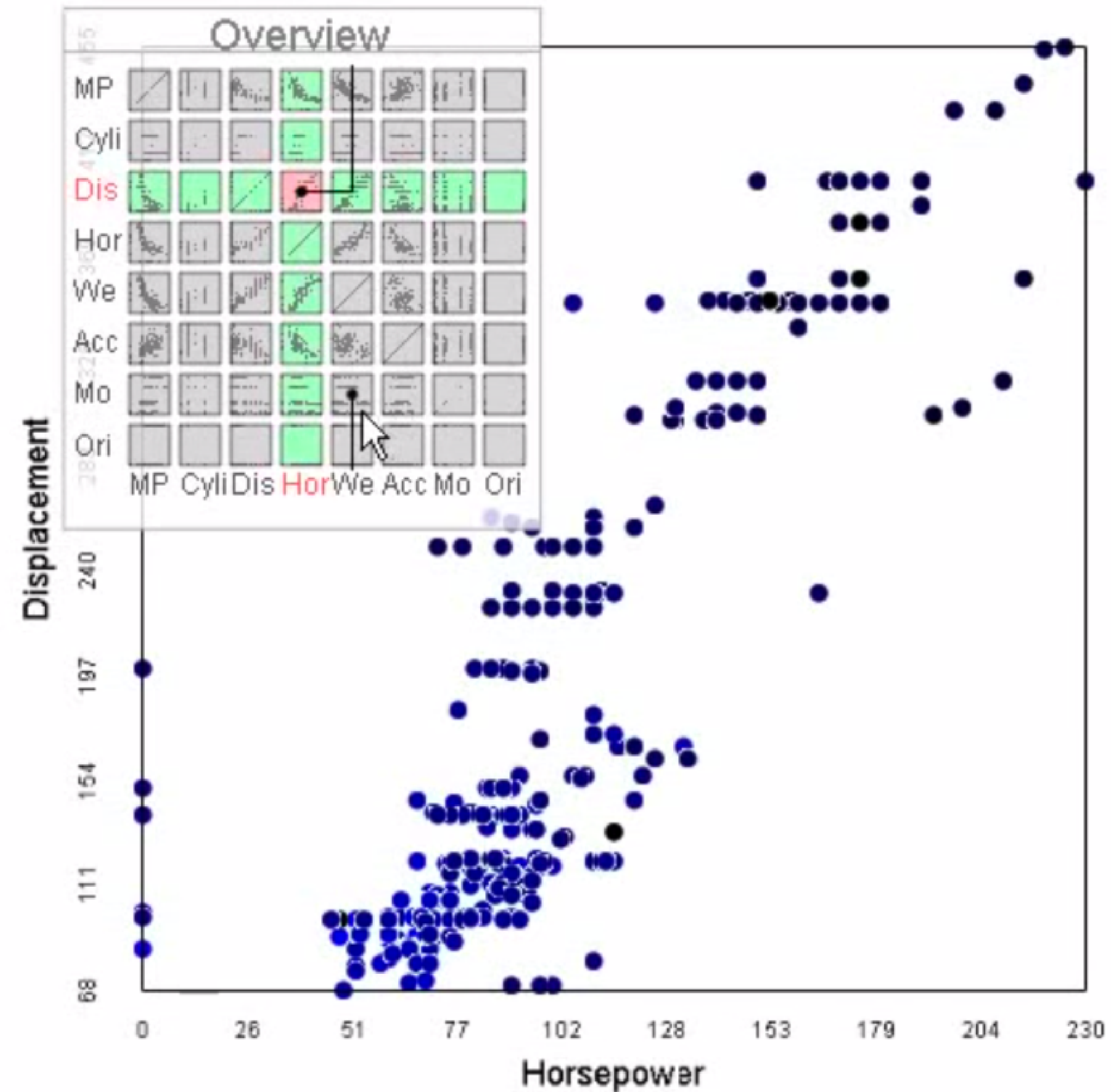
Choosing dimensions

Choosing order

SPLOM Aggregation - Heat Map



SPLOM F+C, Navigation

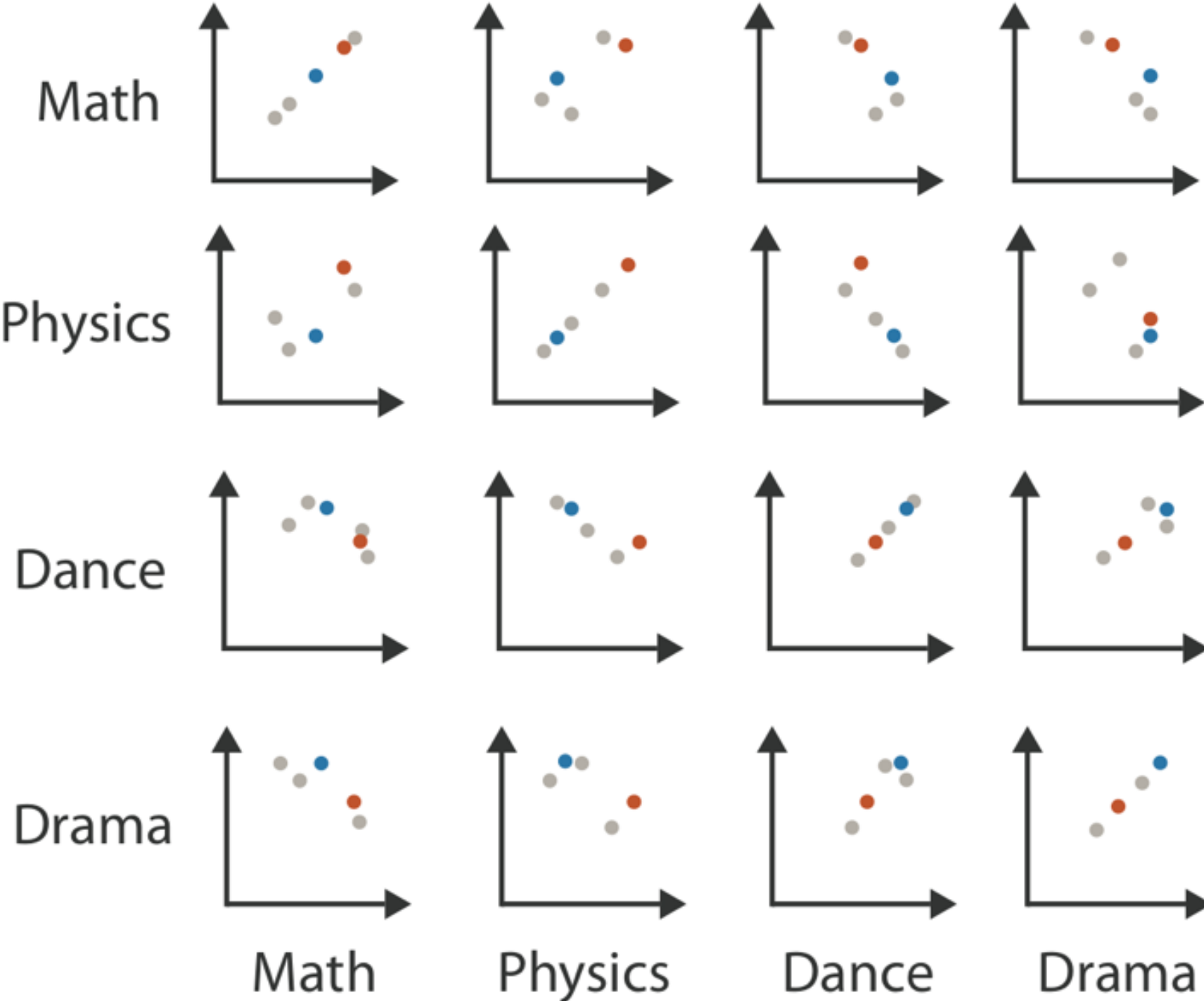


[Elmqvist]

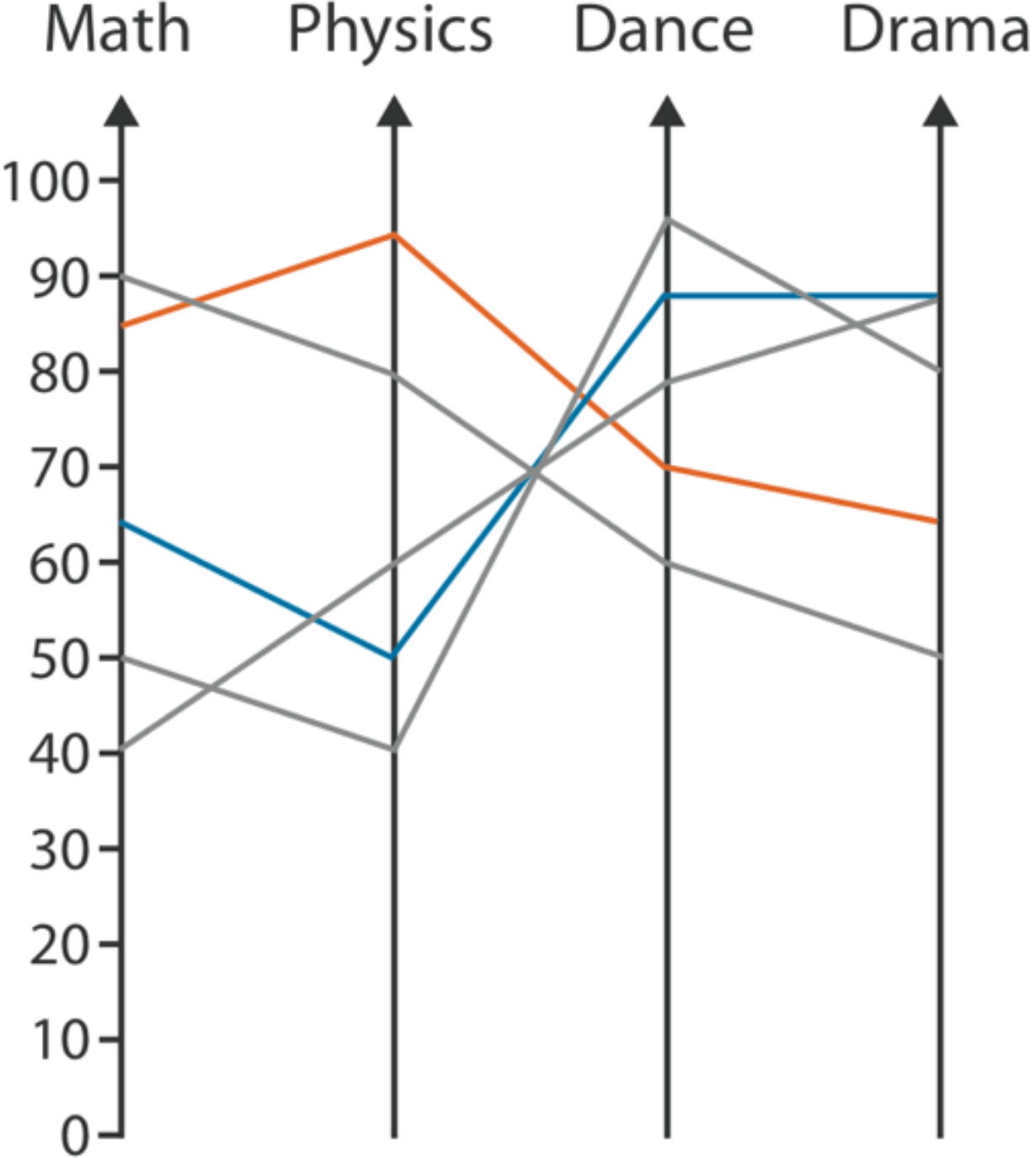
Table

	Math	Physics	Dance	Drama
Math	85	95	70	65
Physics	90	80	60	50
Dance	65	50	90	90
Drama	50	40	95	80
	40	60	80	90

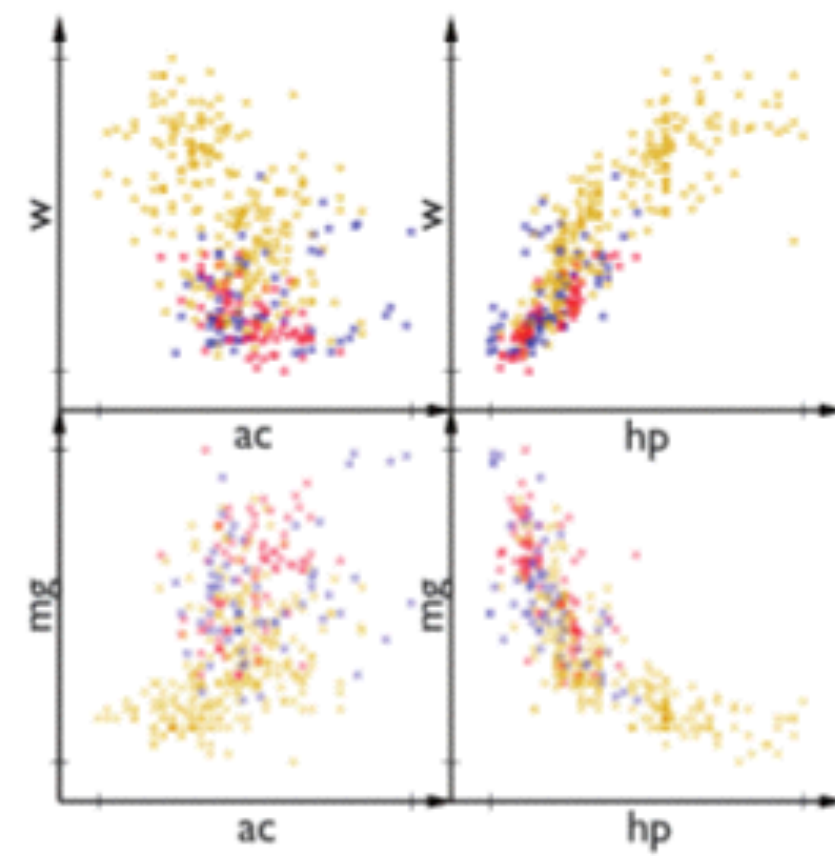
Scatterplot Matrix



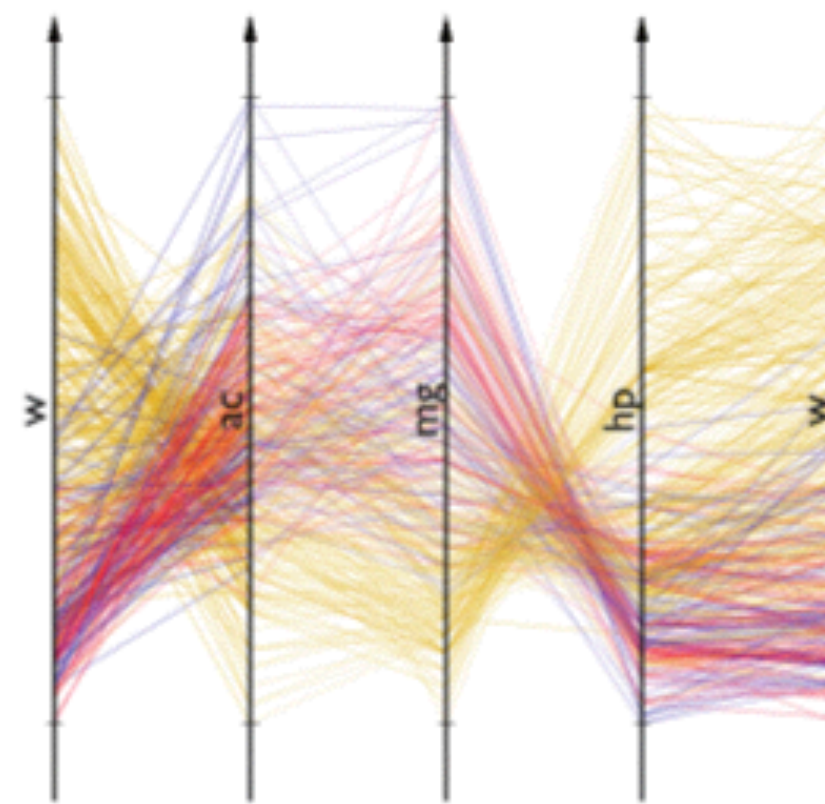
Parallel Coordinates



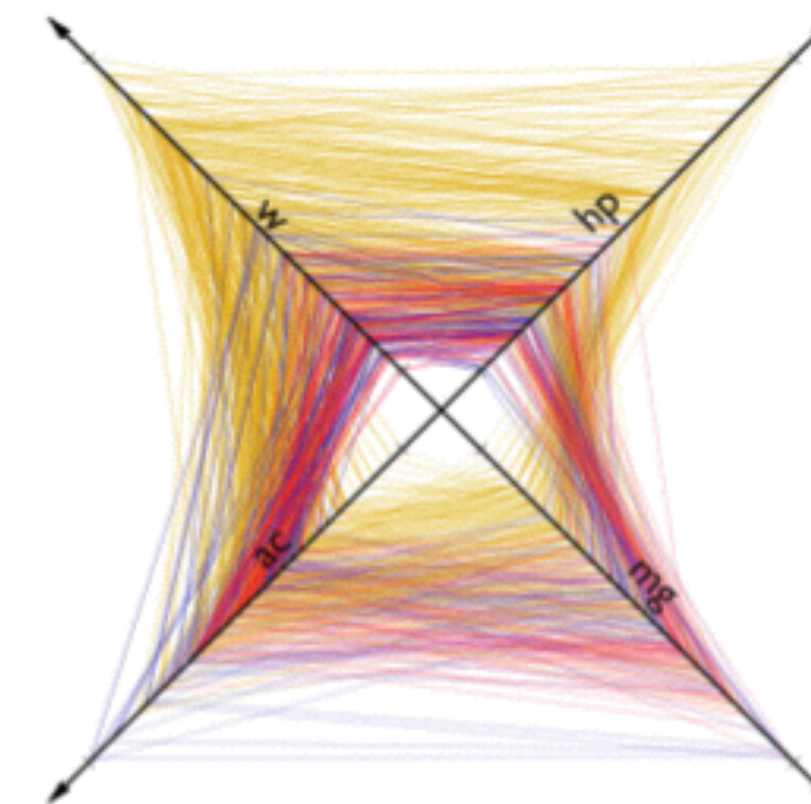
Flexible Linked Axes (FLINA)



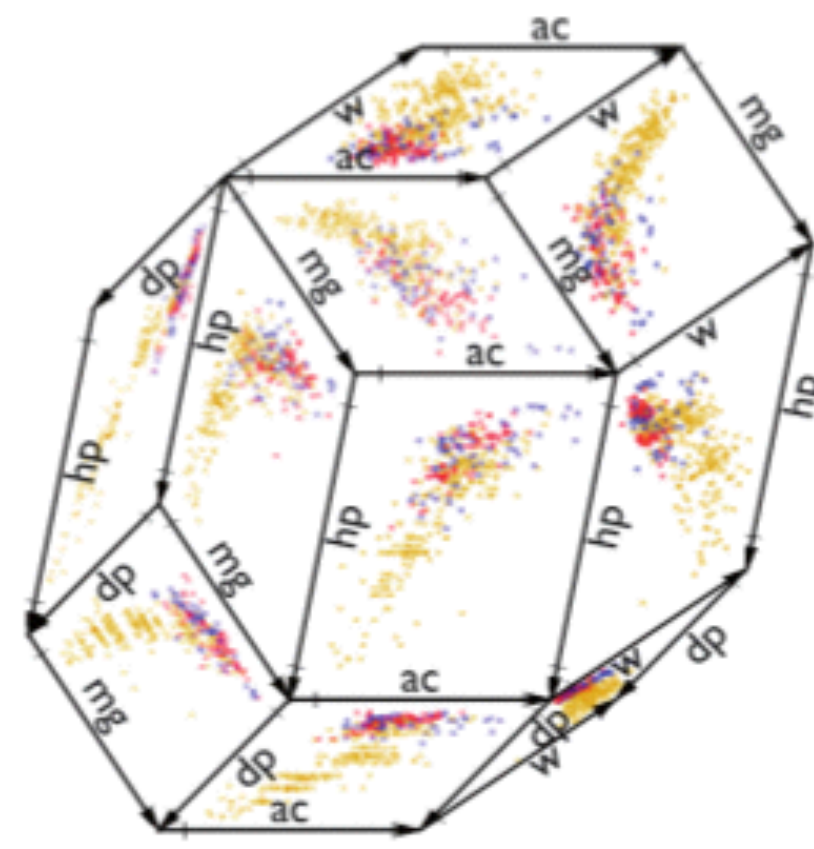
(a) scatterplots



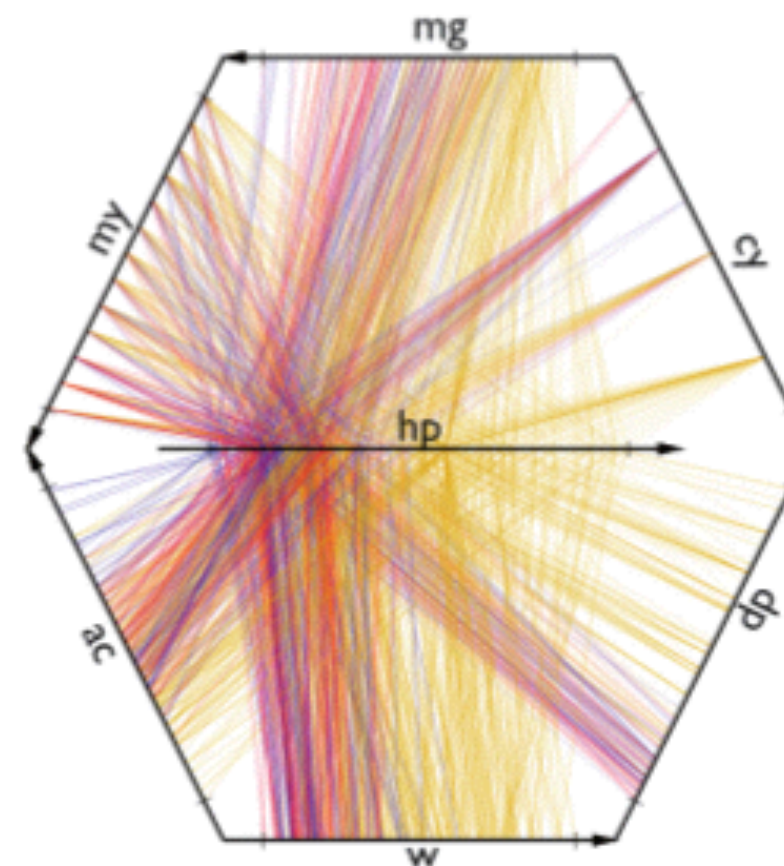
(b) Parallel Coordinates Plot



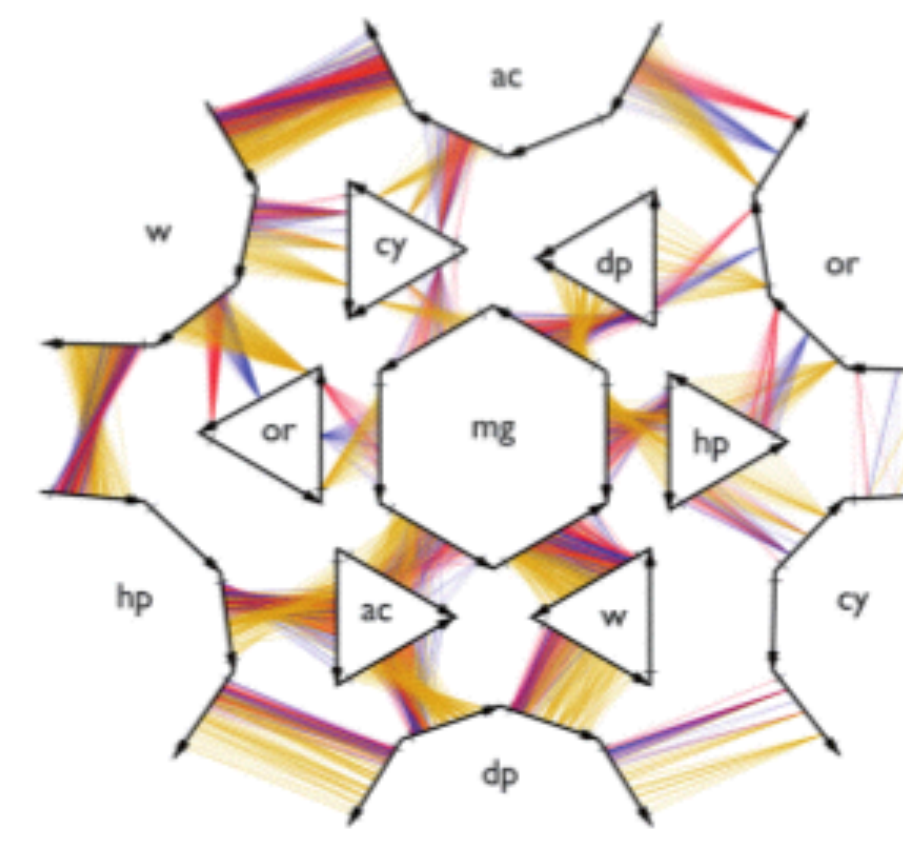
(c) radar chart



(d) Hyperbox

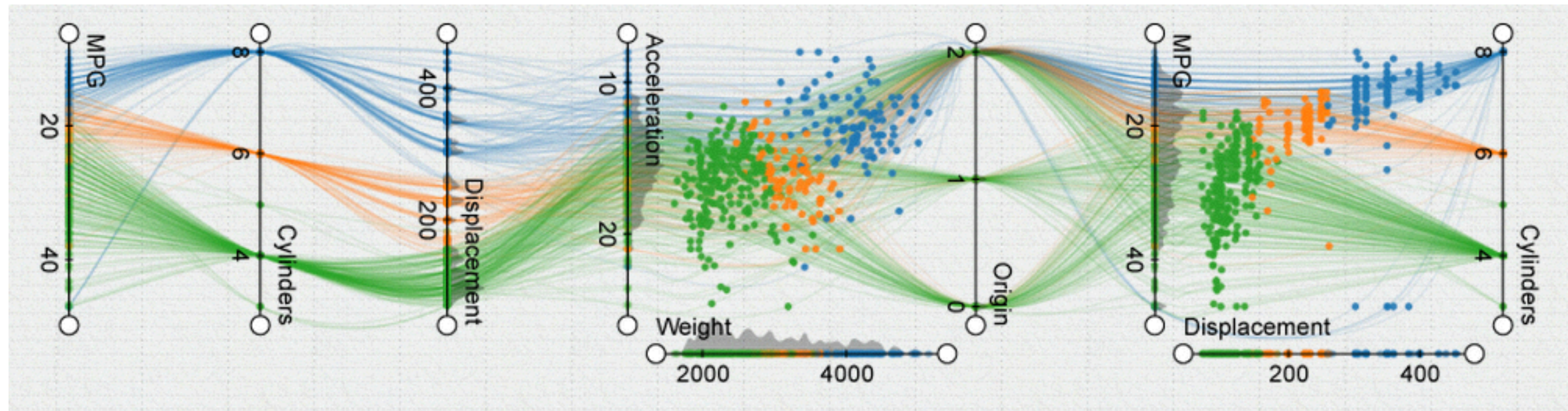


(e) Time Wheel



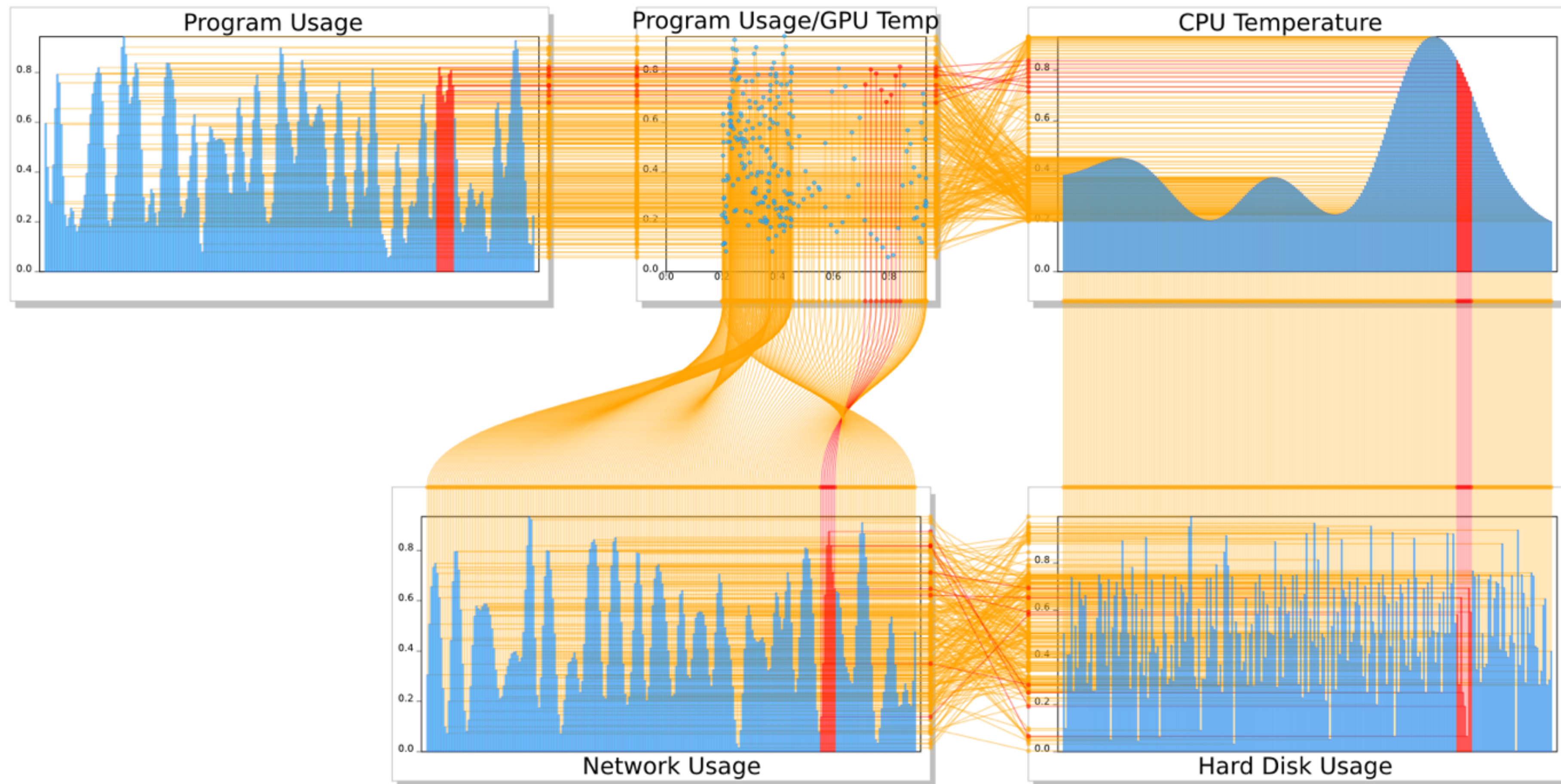
(f) Many-to-many PCP

Web-based implementation of FLINA concept

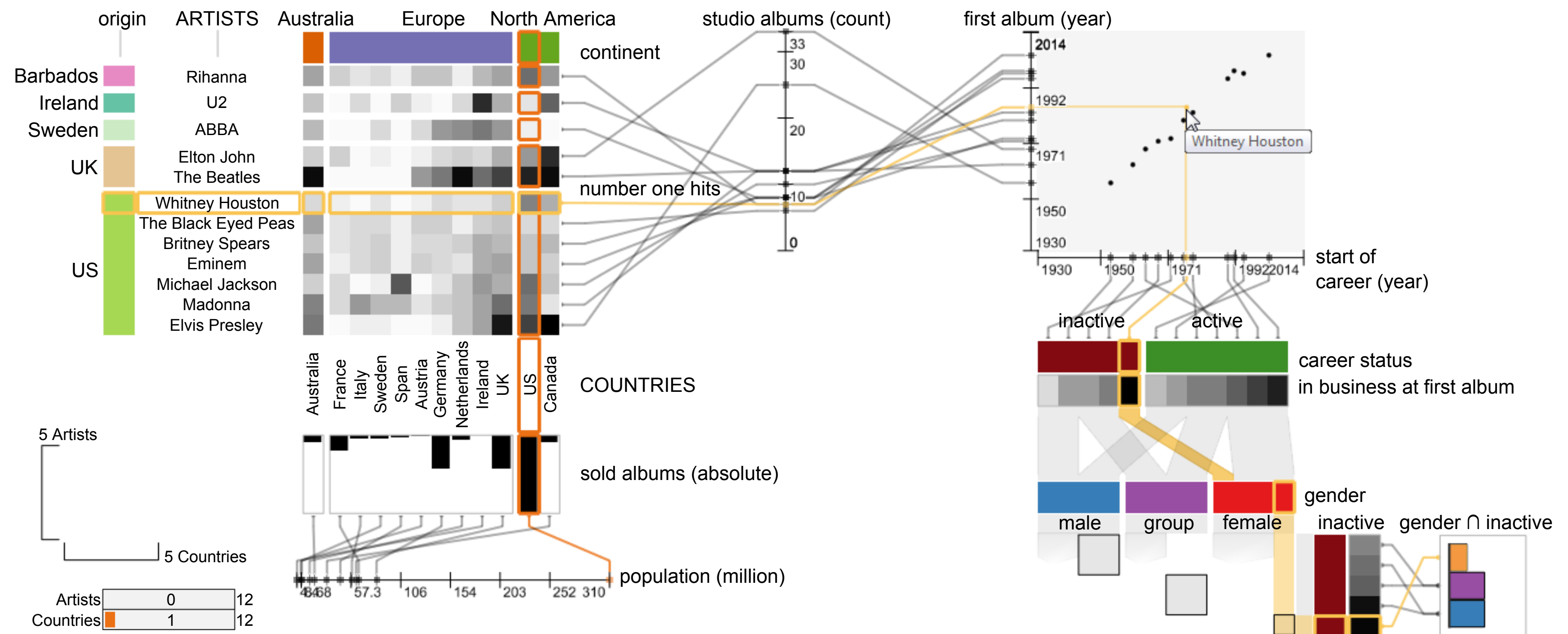


<http://vis.pku.edu.cn/mddv/val/>

Connected Charts



Domino



Data Reduction

Sampling

Don't show every element, show a (random) subset

Efficient for large dataset

Apply only for display purposes

Outlier-preserving approaches

Filtering

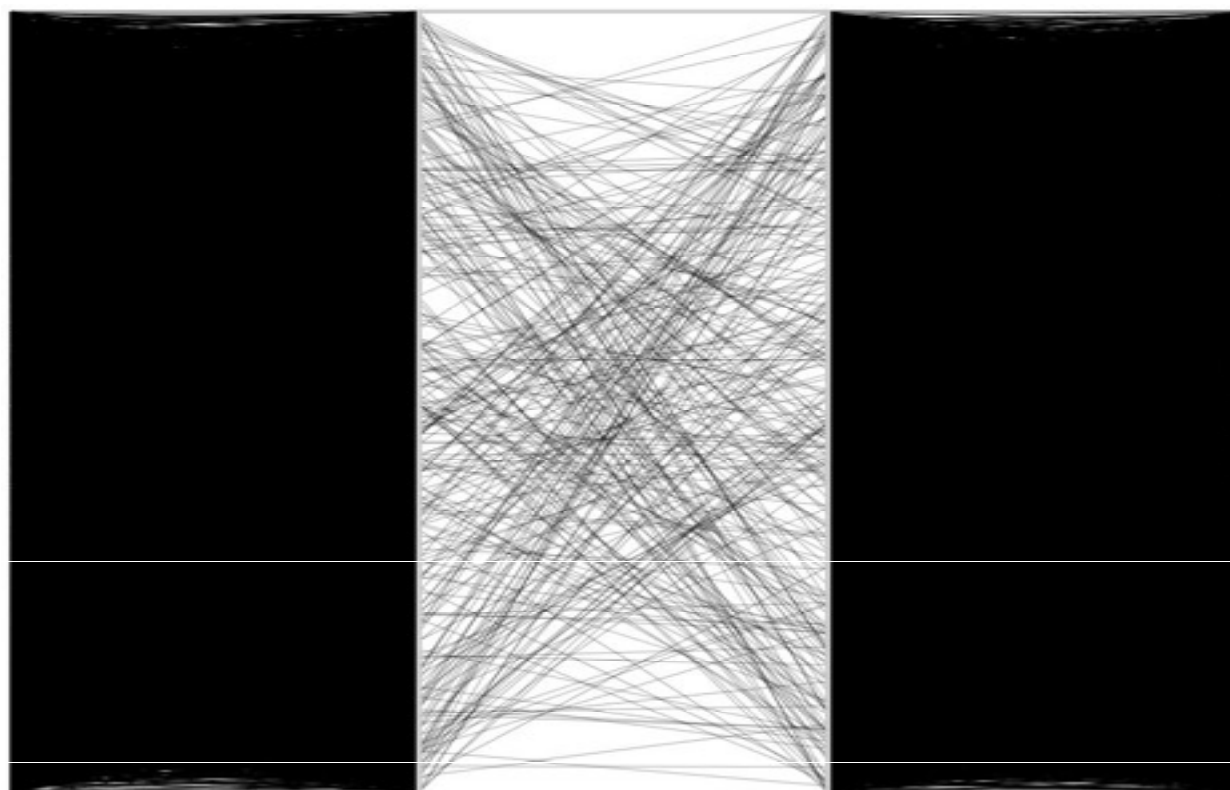
Define criteria to remove data, e.g.,

minimum variability

$> / < / =$ specific value for one dimension

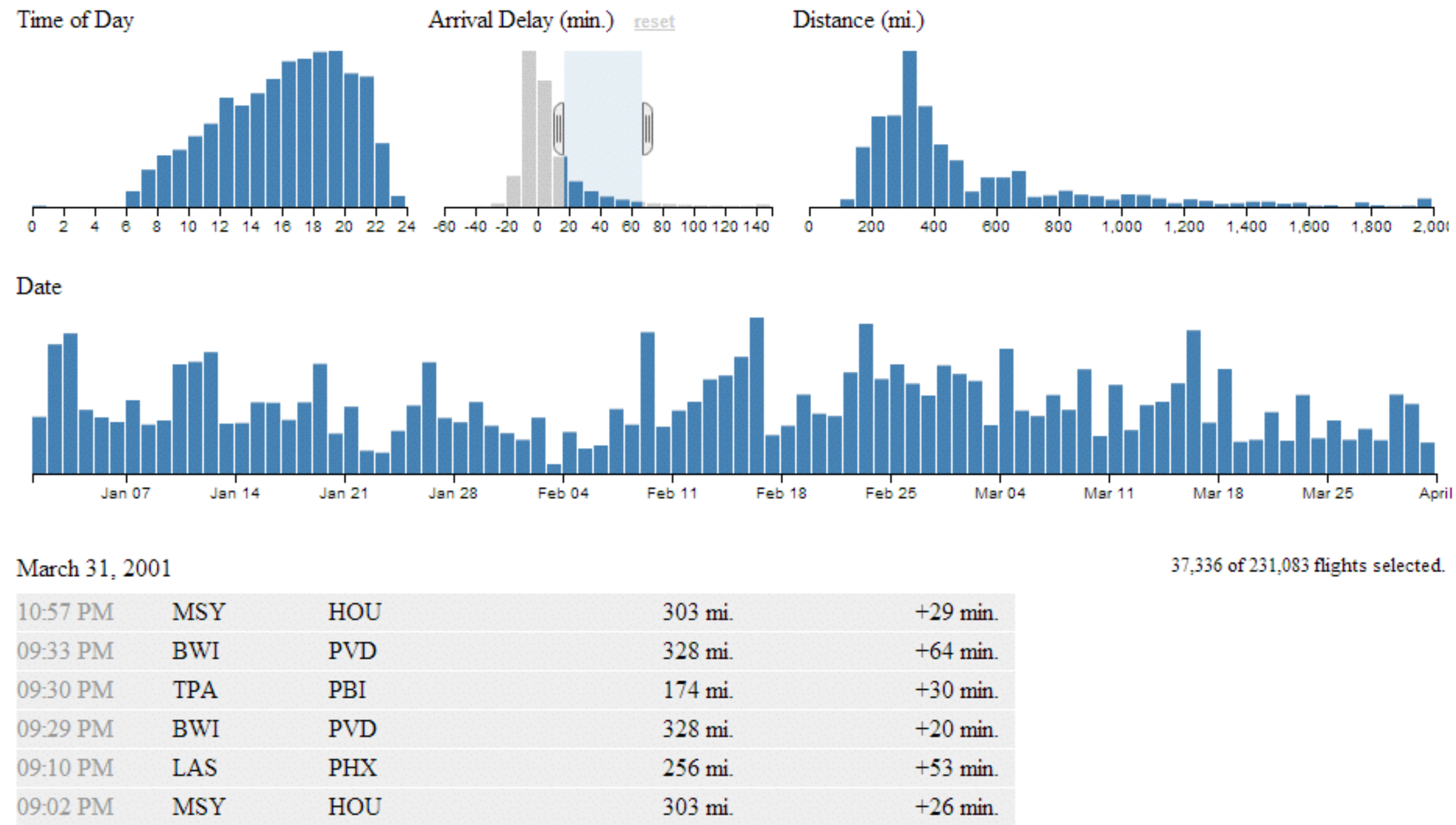
consistency in replicates, ...

Can be interactive, combined with sampling



[Ellis & Dix, 2006]

Filter Example



<http://square.github.io/crossfilter/>

Pixel Based Methods

Pixel Based Displays

Each cell is a “pixel”, value encoded in color / value

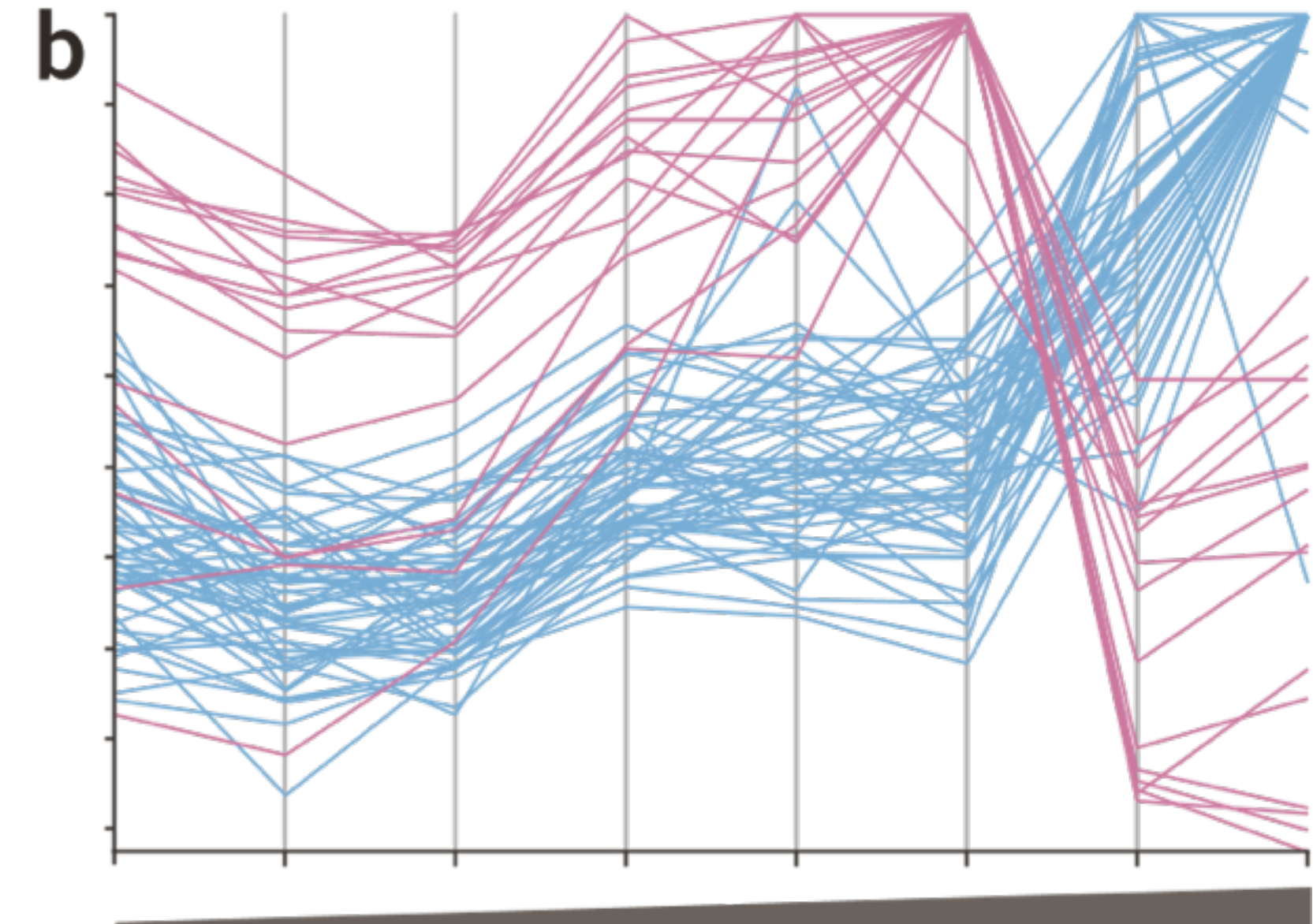
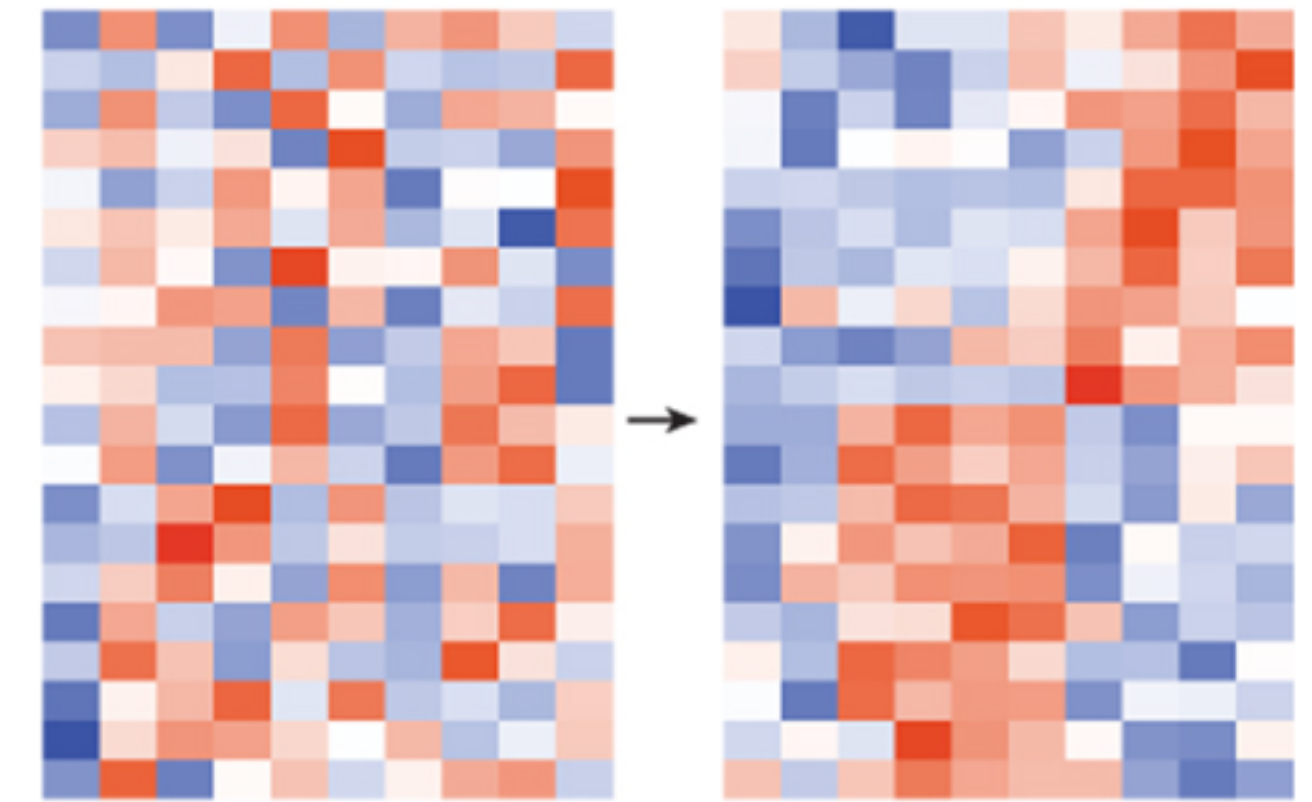
Meaning derived from ordering

If no ordering inherent, clustering is used

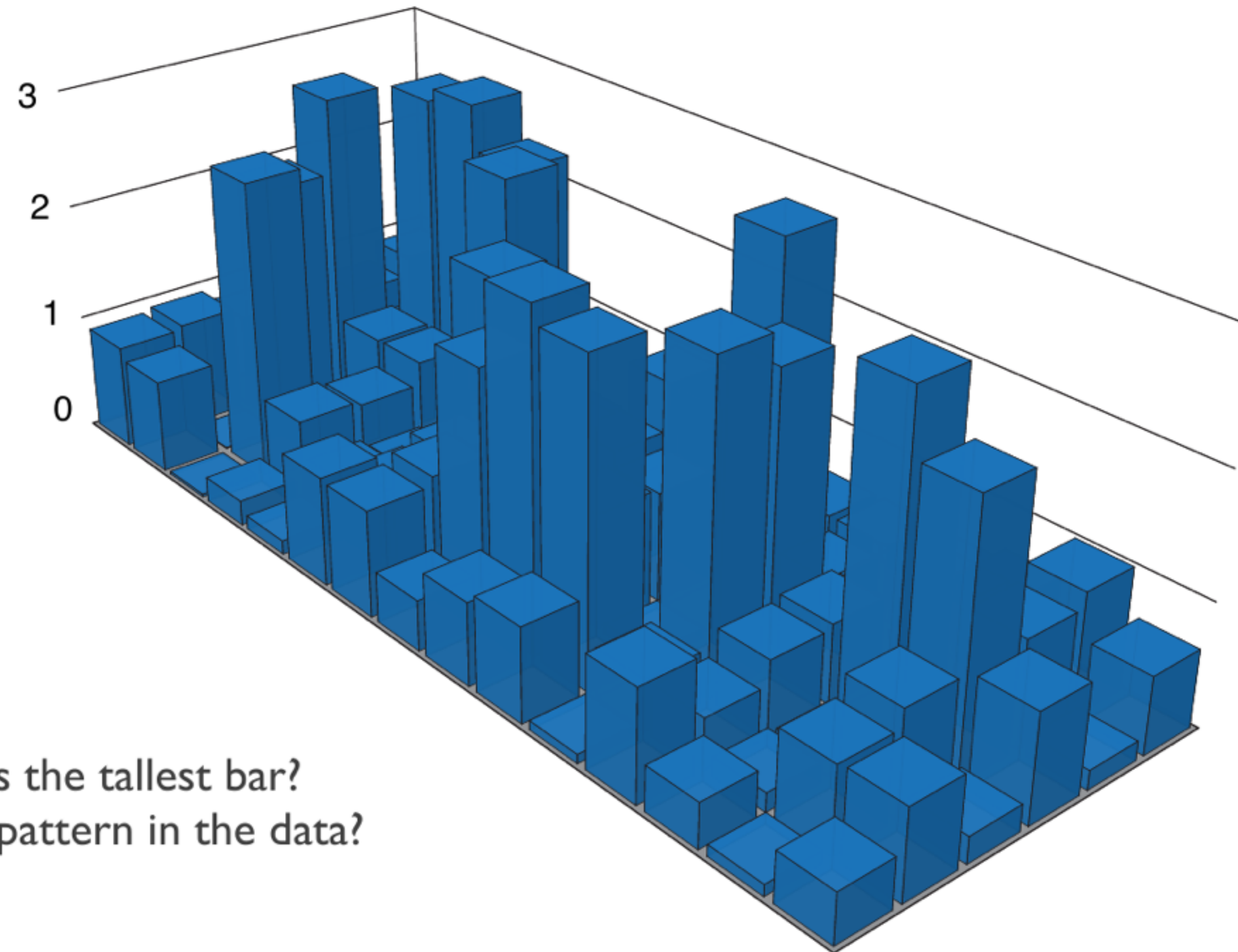
Scalable – 1 px per item

Good for homogeneous data

same scale & type

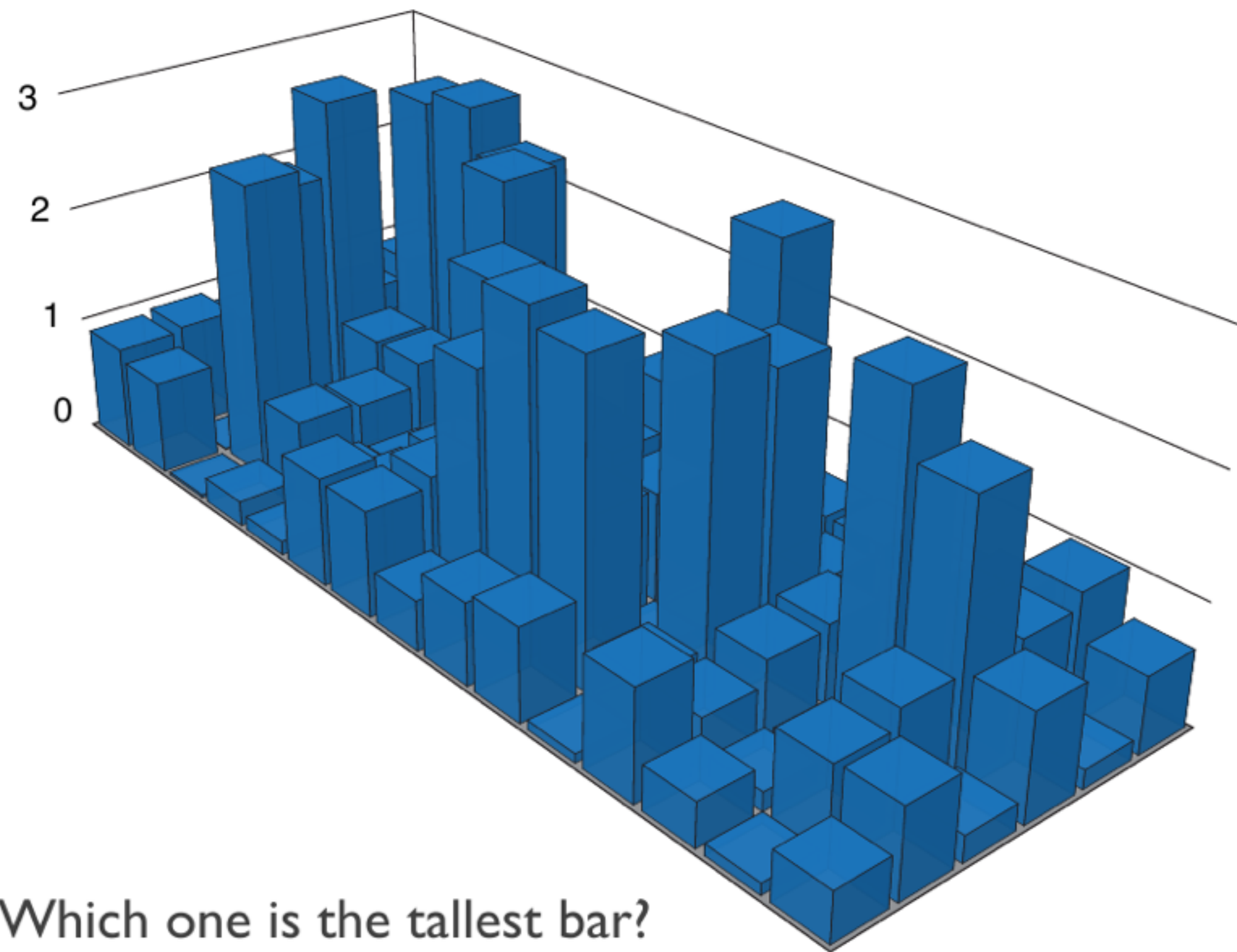


3D Pitfall: Occlusion & Perspective

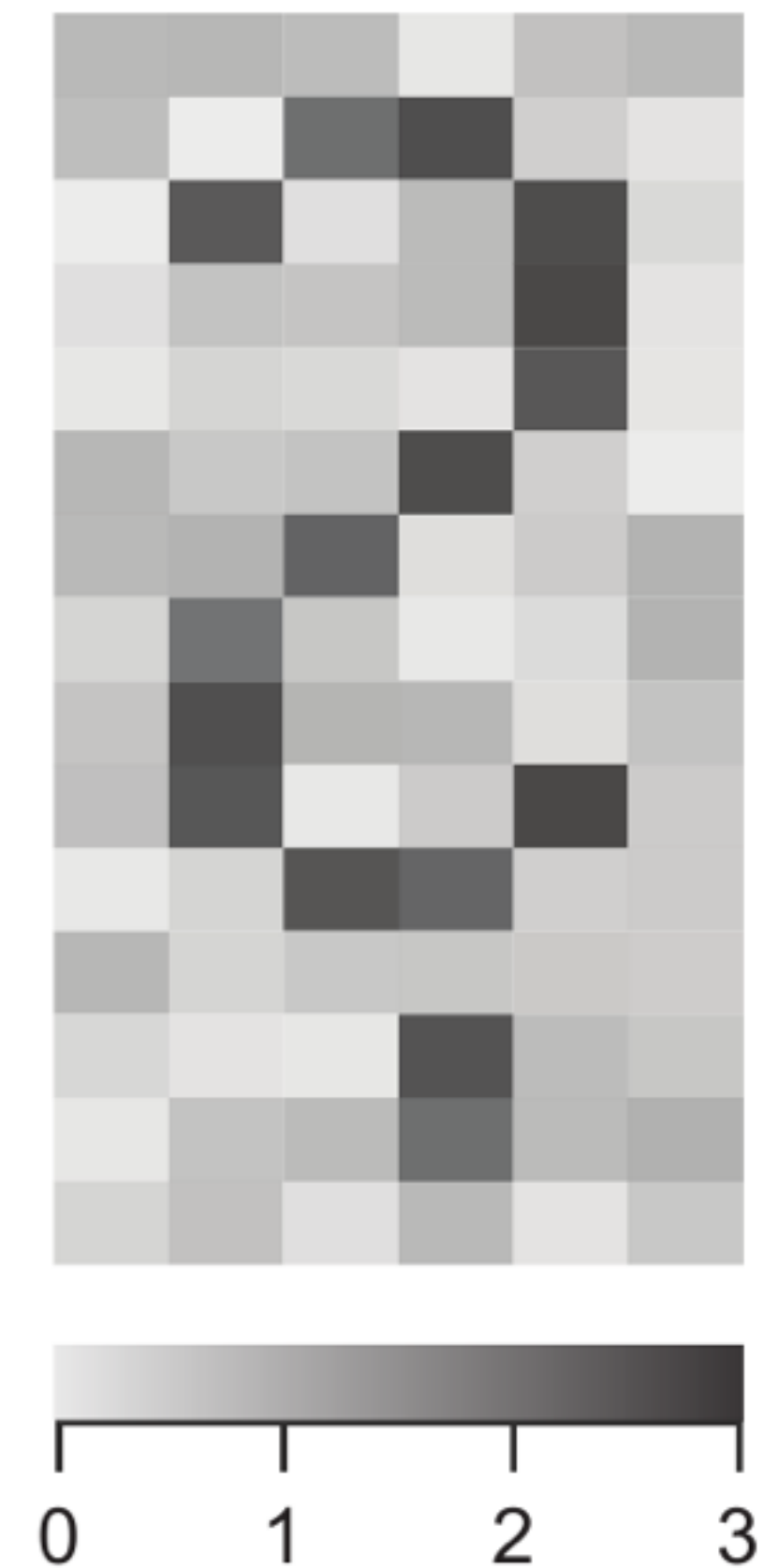


Which one is the tallest bar?
What is the pattern in the data?

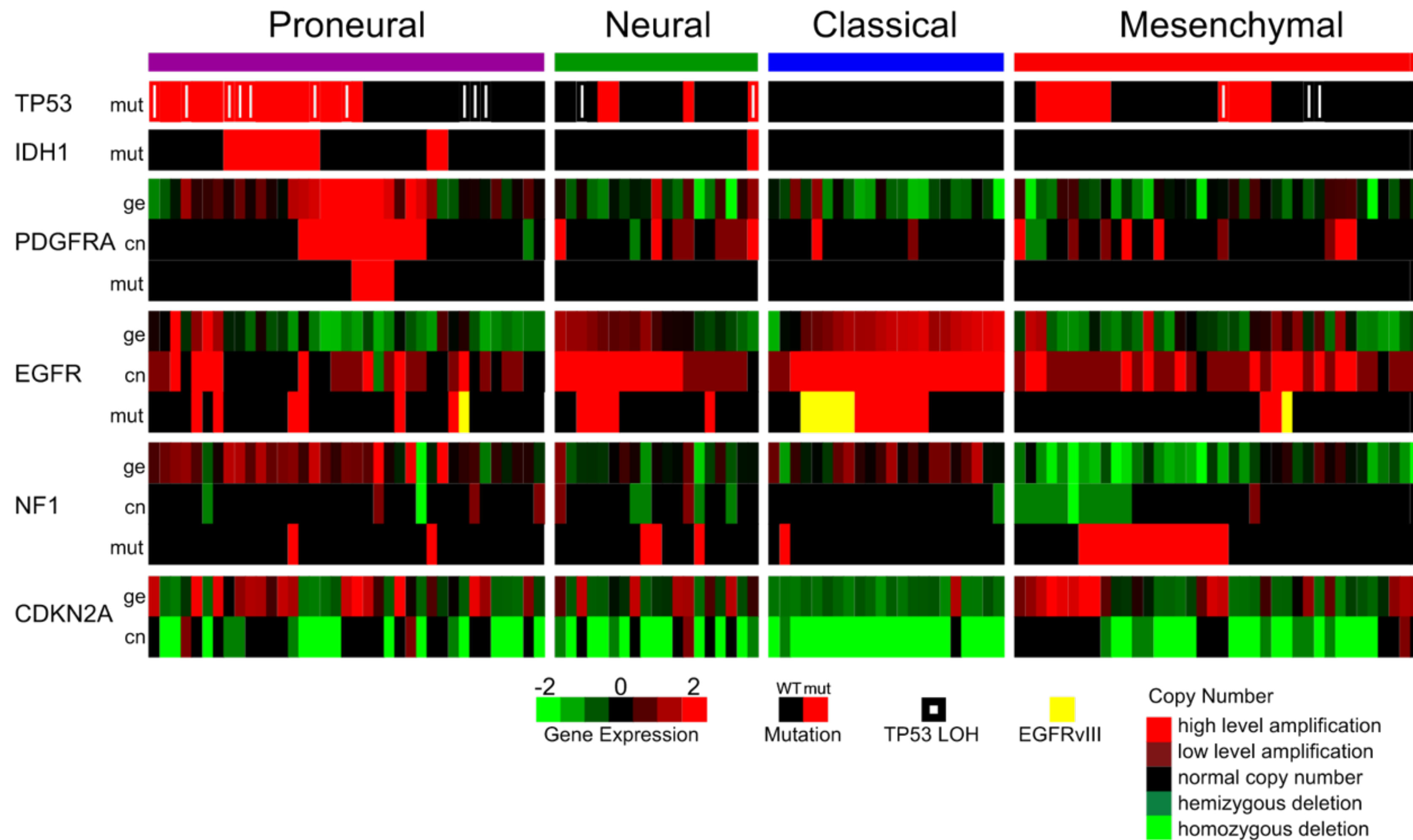
3D Pitfall: Occlusion & Perspective



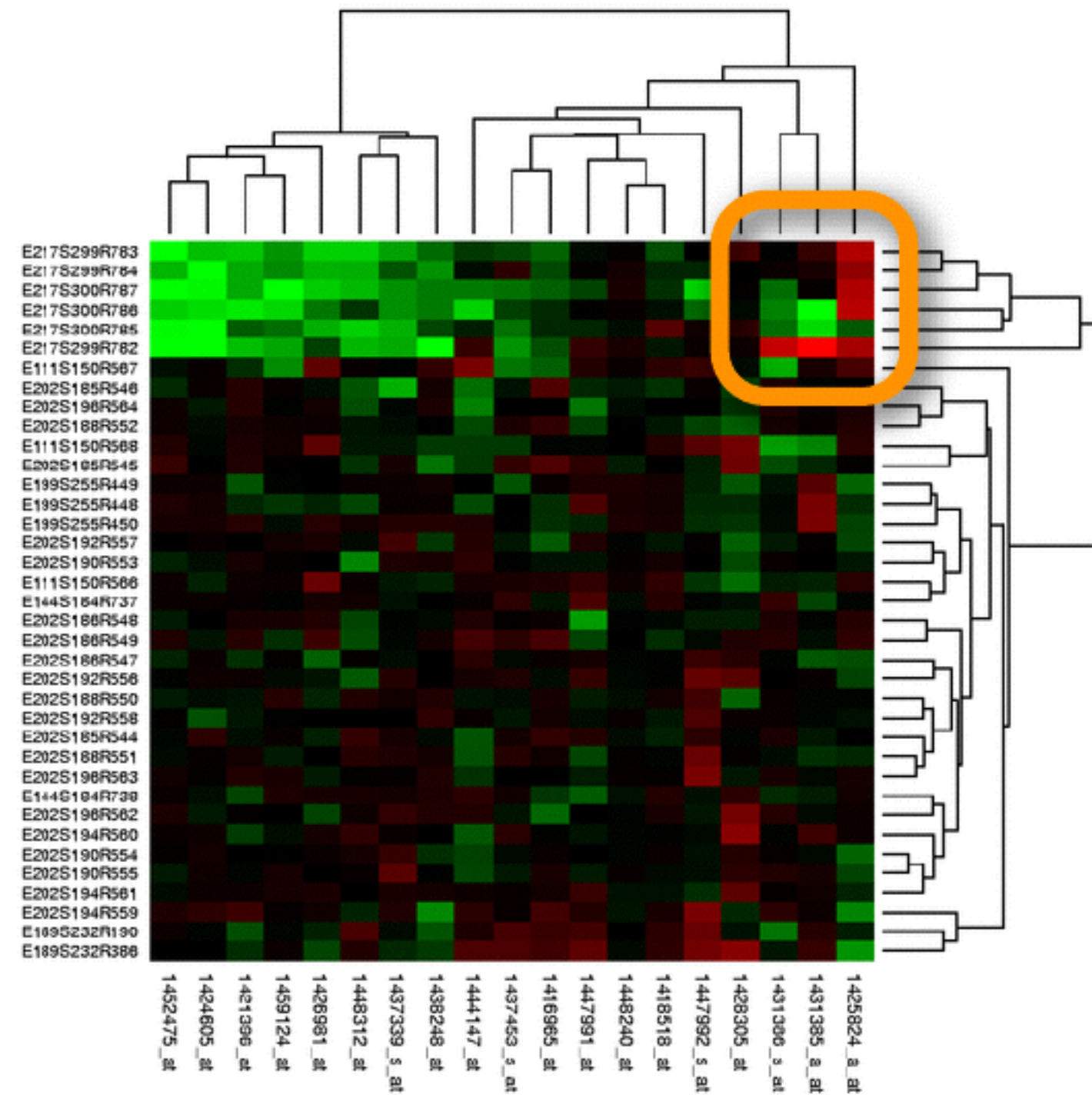
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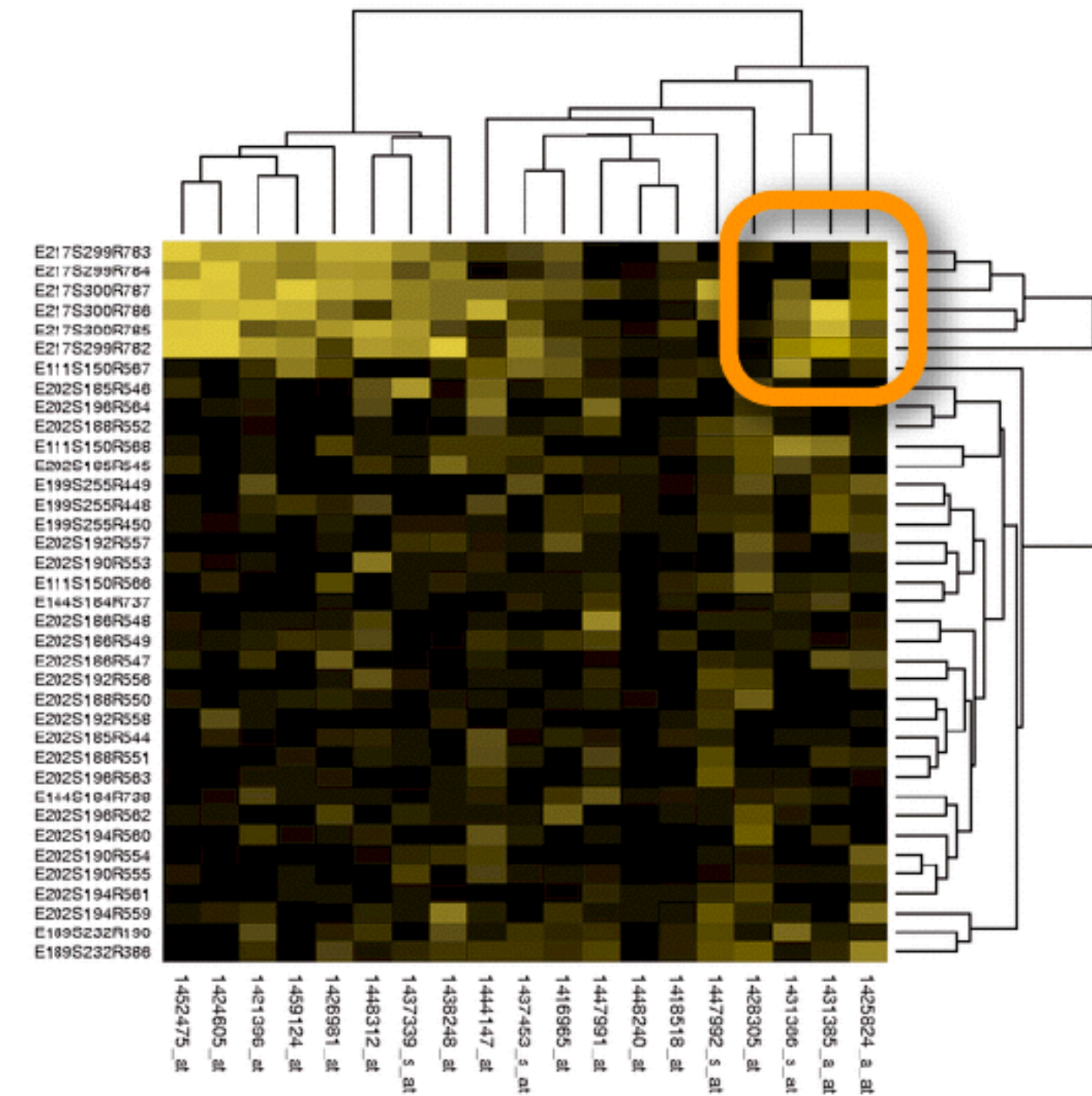
Heterogeneous Data?



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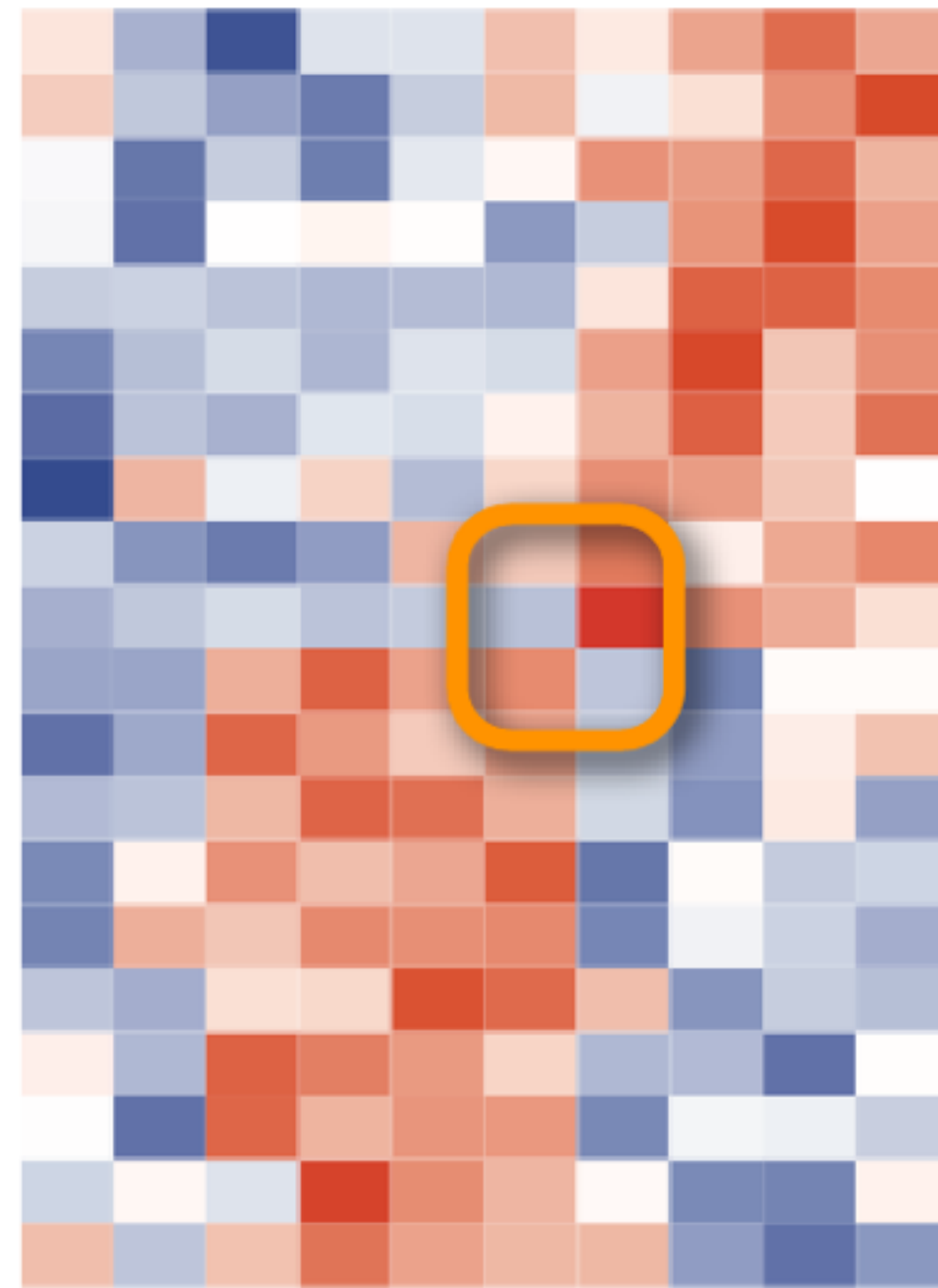


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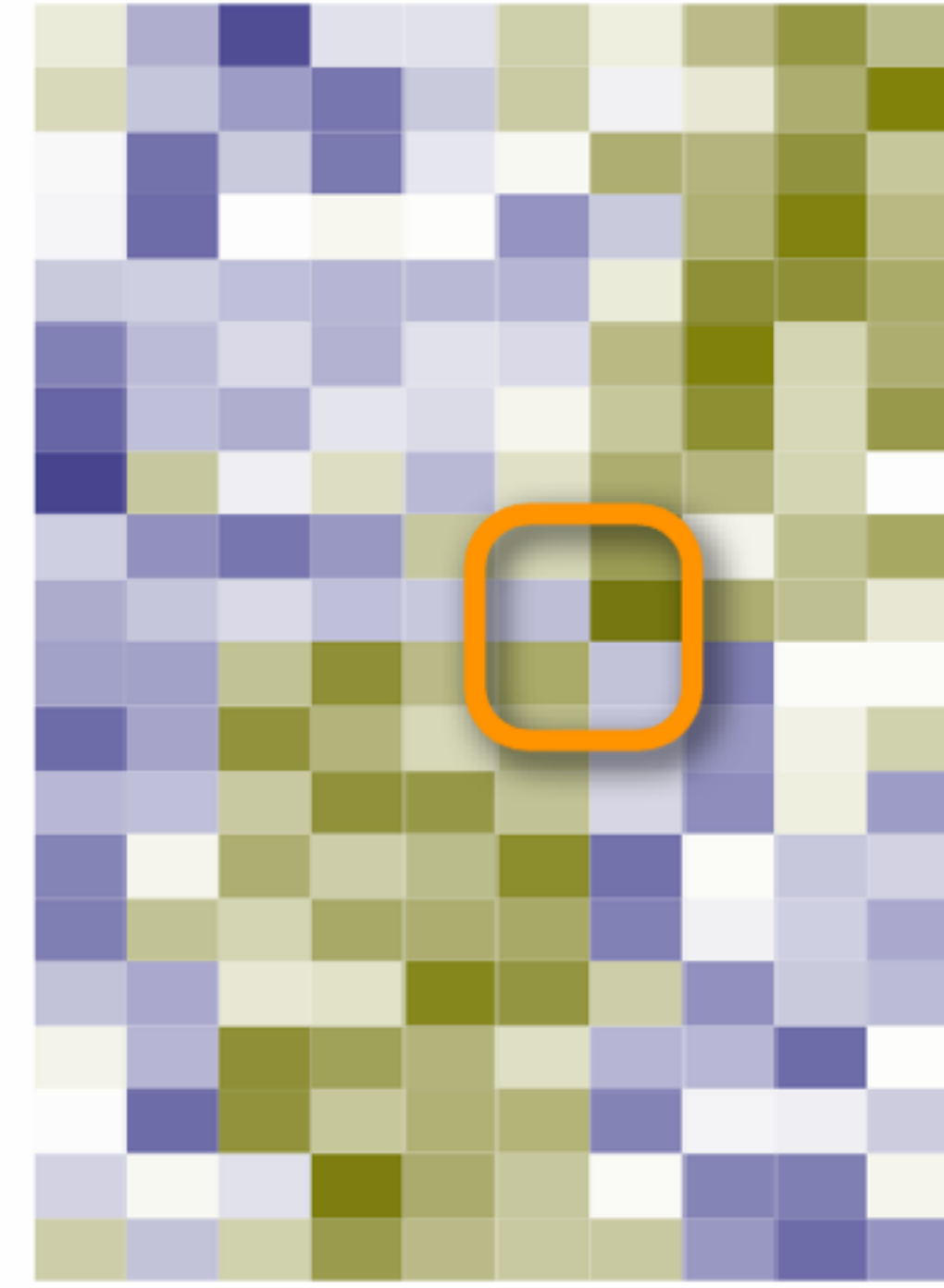


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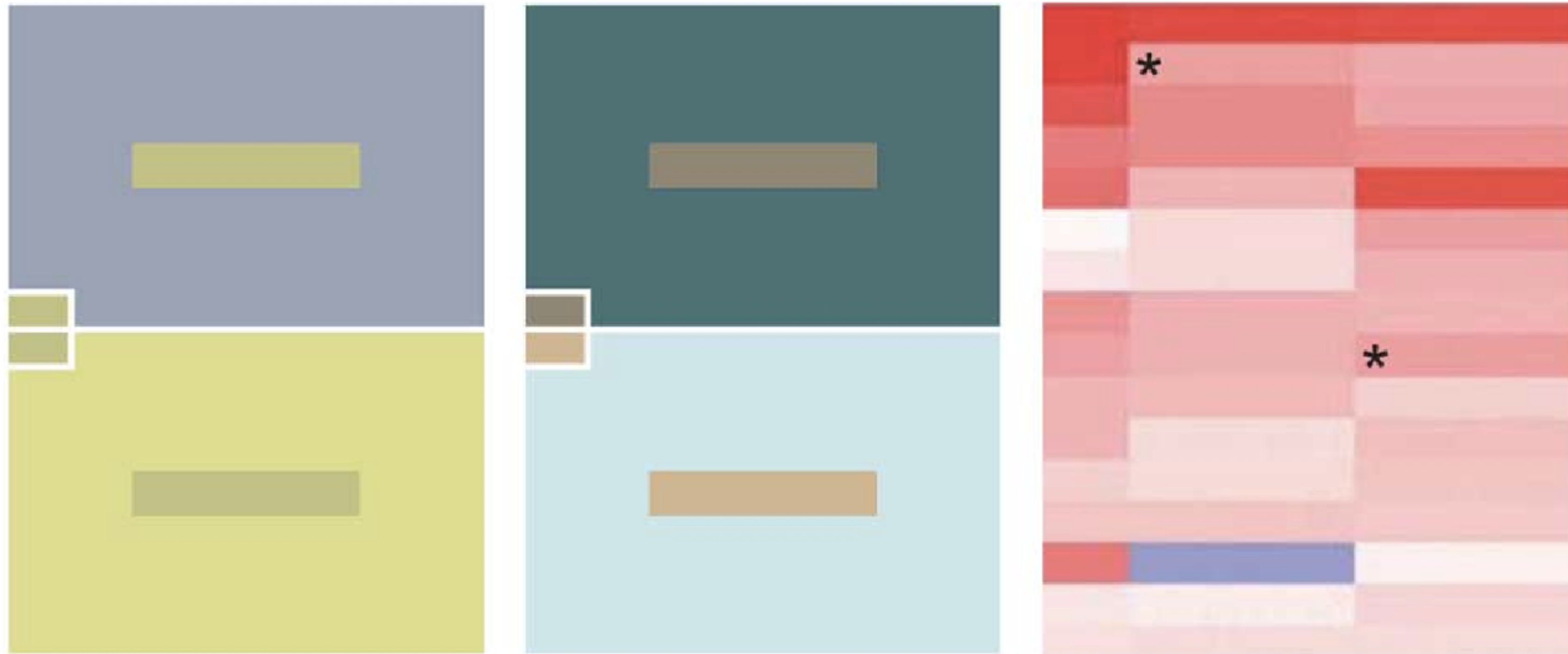


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Color is relative!



Clustering

Classification of items into “similar” bins

Based on similarity measures

Euclidean distance, Pearson correlation, ...

Partitional Algorithms

divide data into set of bins

bins either manually set (e.g., k-means) or automatically determined (e.g., affinity propagation)

Hierarchical Algorithms

Produce “similarity tree” – dendrogram

Bi-Clustering

Clusters dimensions & records

Fuzzy clustering

allows occurrence of elements in multiples clusters

Clustering Applications

Clusters can be used to

- order (pixel based techniques)

- brush (geometric techniques)

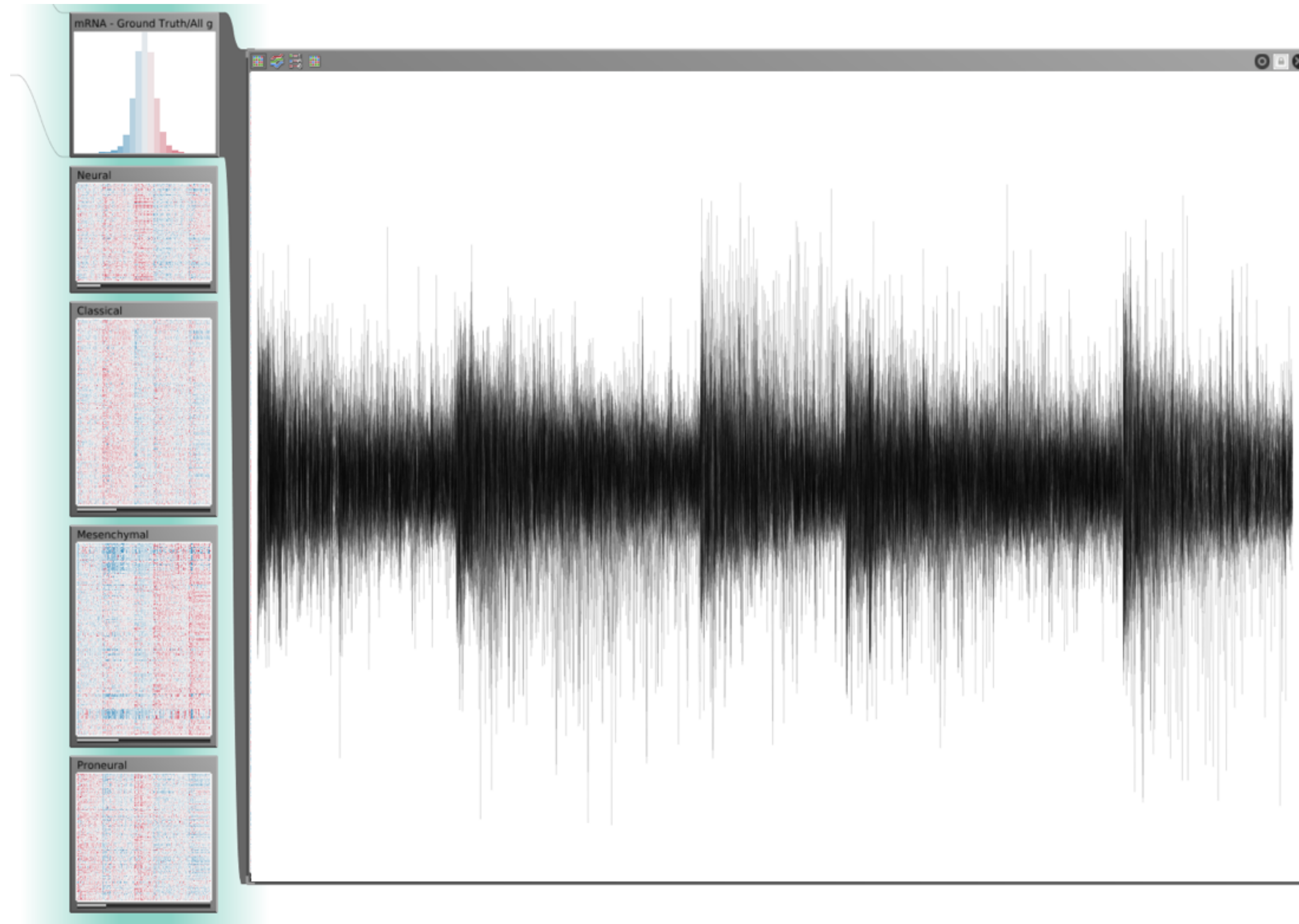
- aggregate

Aggregation

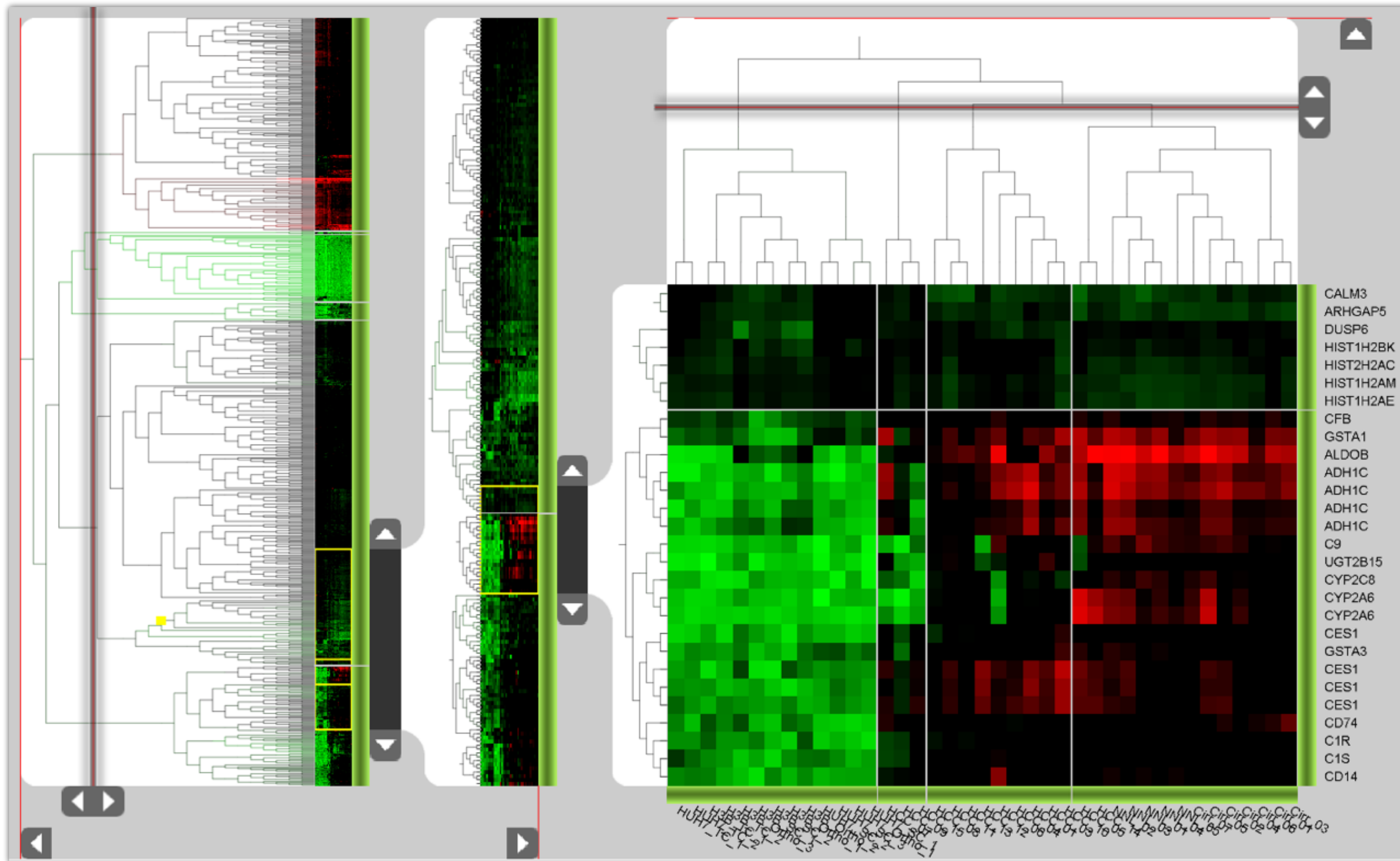
- cluster more homogeneous than whole dataset

- statistical measures, distributions, etc. more meaningful

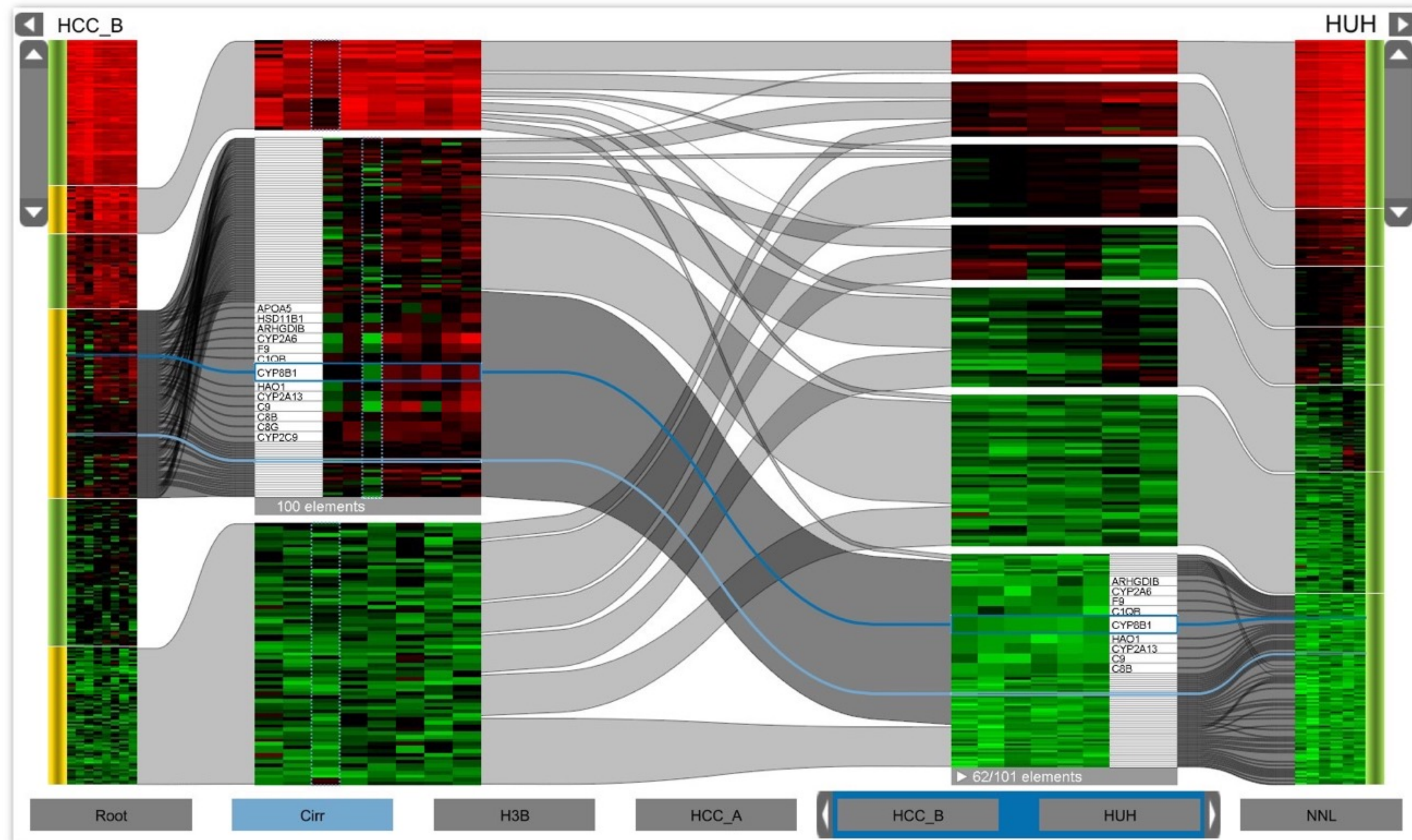
Clustered Heat Map



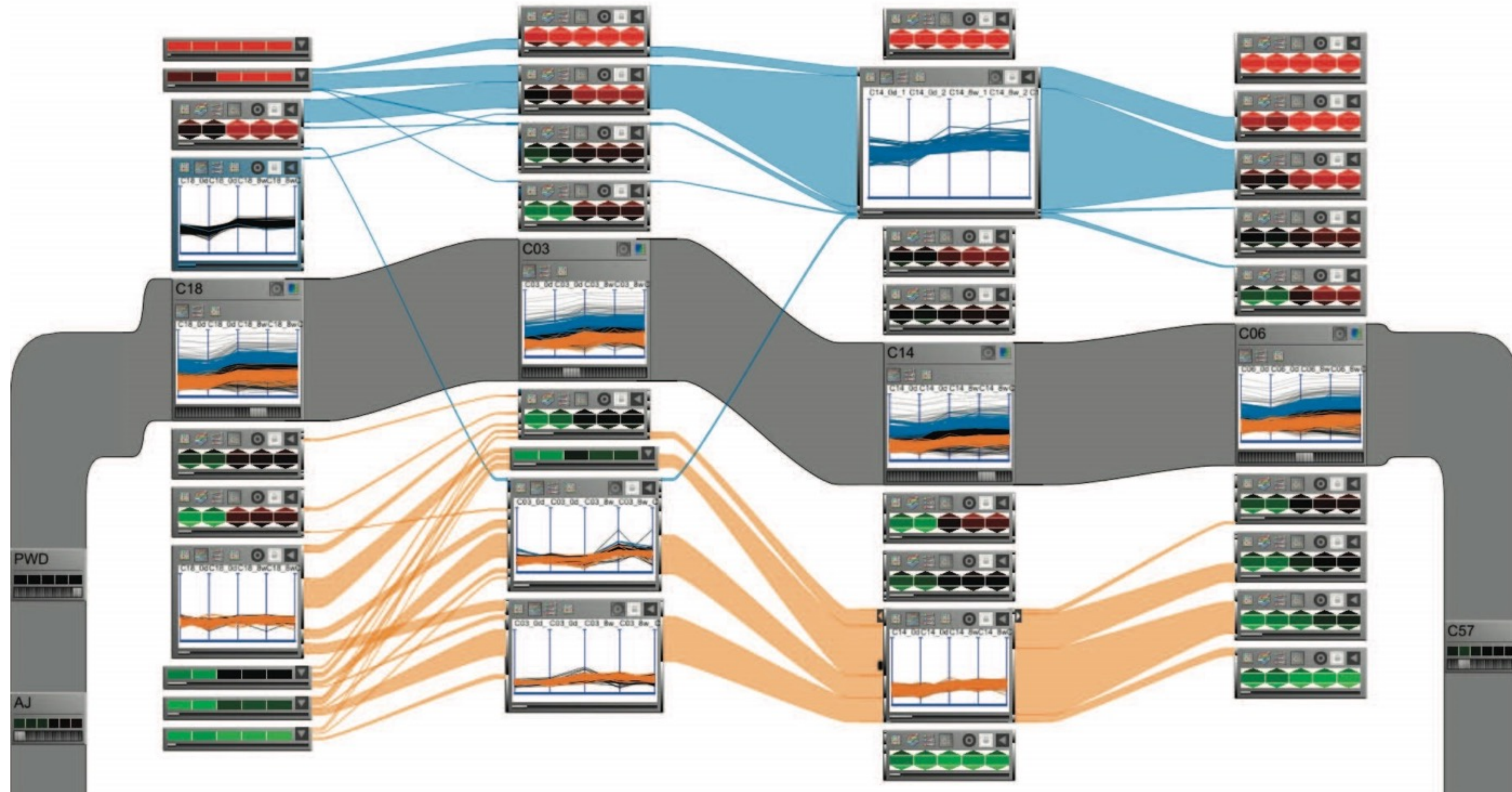
F+C Approach, with Dendrograms



Cluster Comparison

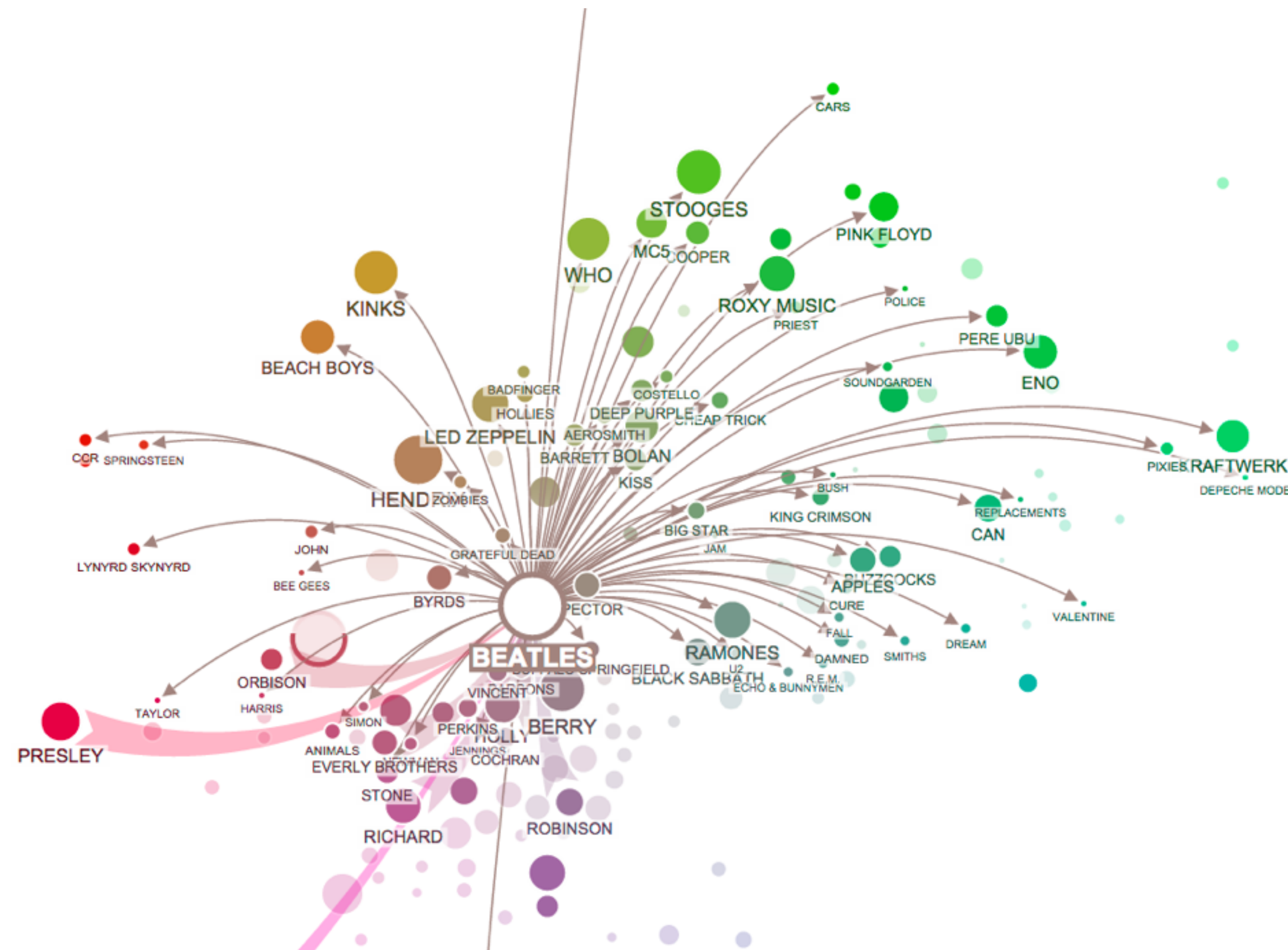


Aggregation



Design Critique

EdgeMaps: <http://goo.gl/q8Cv7t>



<http://mariandoerk.de/edgemaps/demo/#music>

Dimensionality Reduction

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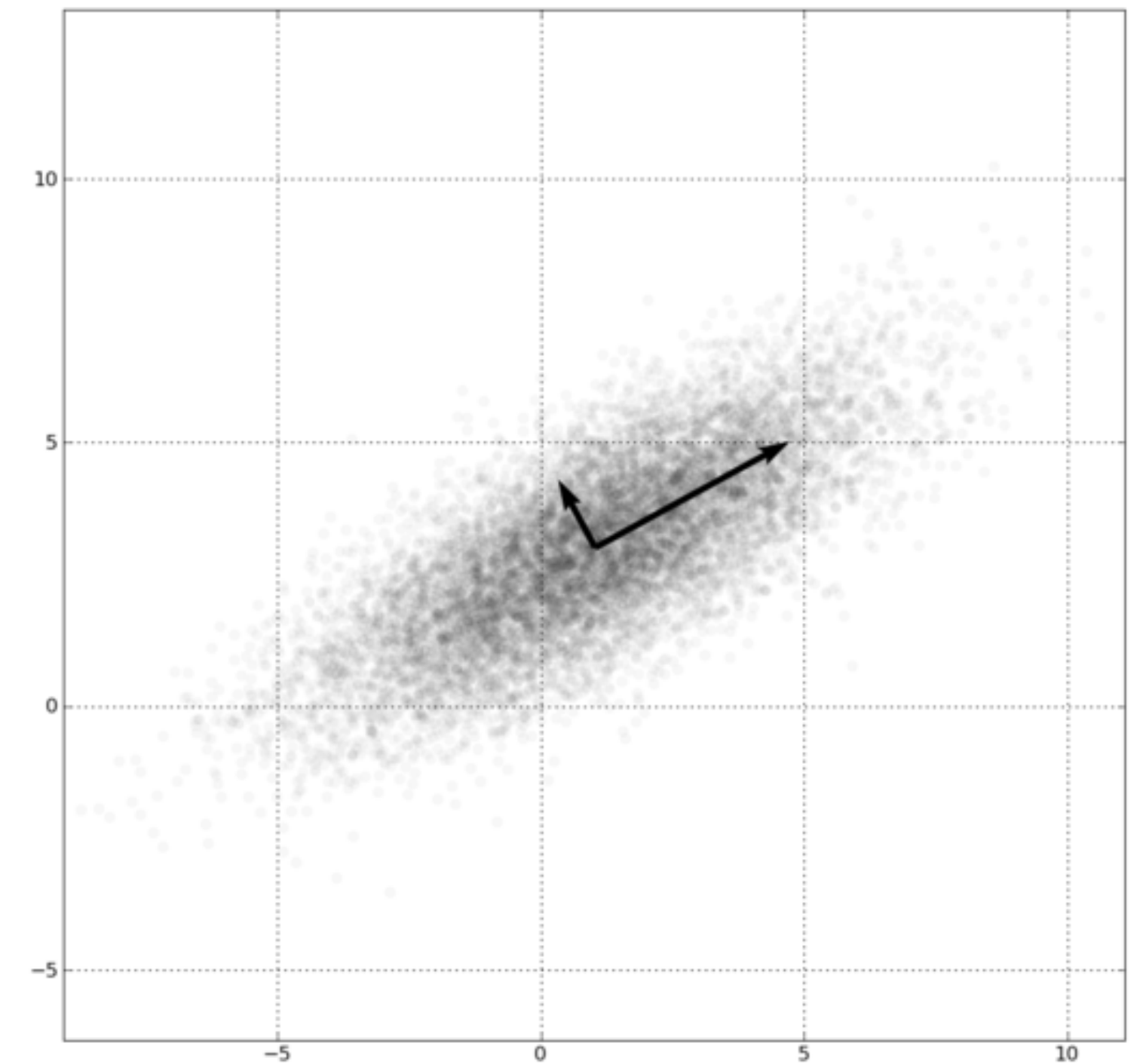
Reduce high dimensional to lower dimensional space

Preserve as much of variation as possible

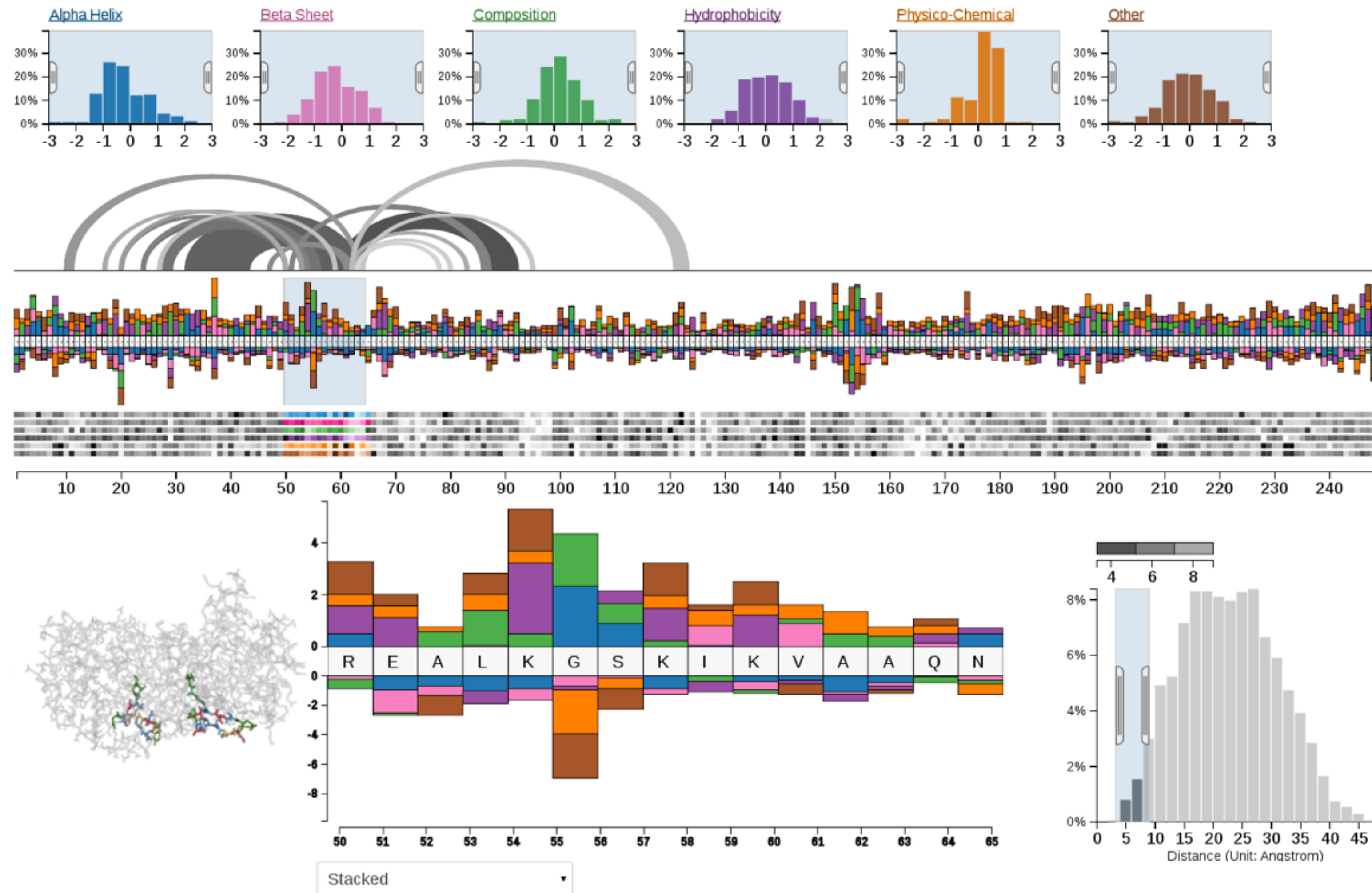
Plot lower dimensional space

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

linear mapping, by order of variance



PCA Example – CS 171 Project 2013



Multidimensional Scaling

Nonlinear, better suited for
some DS

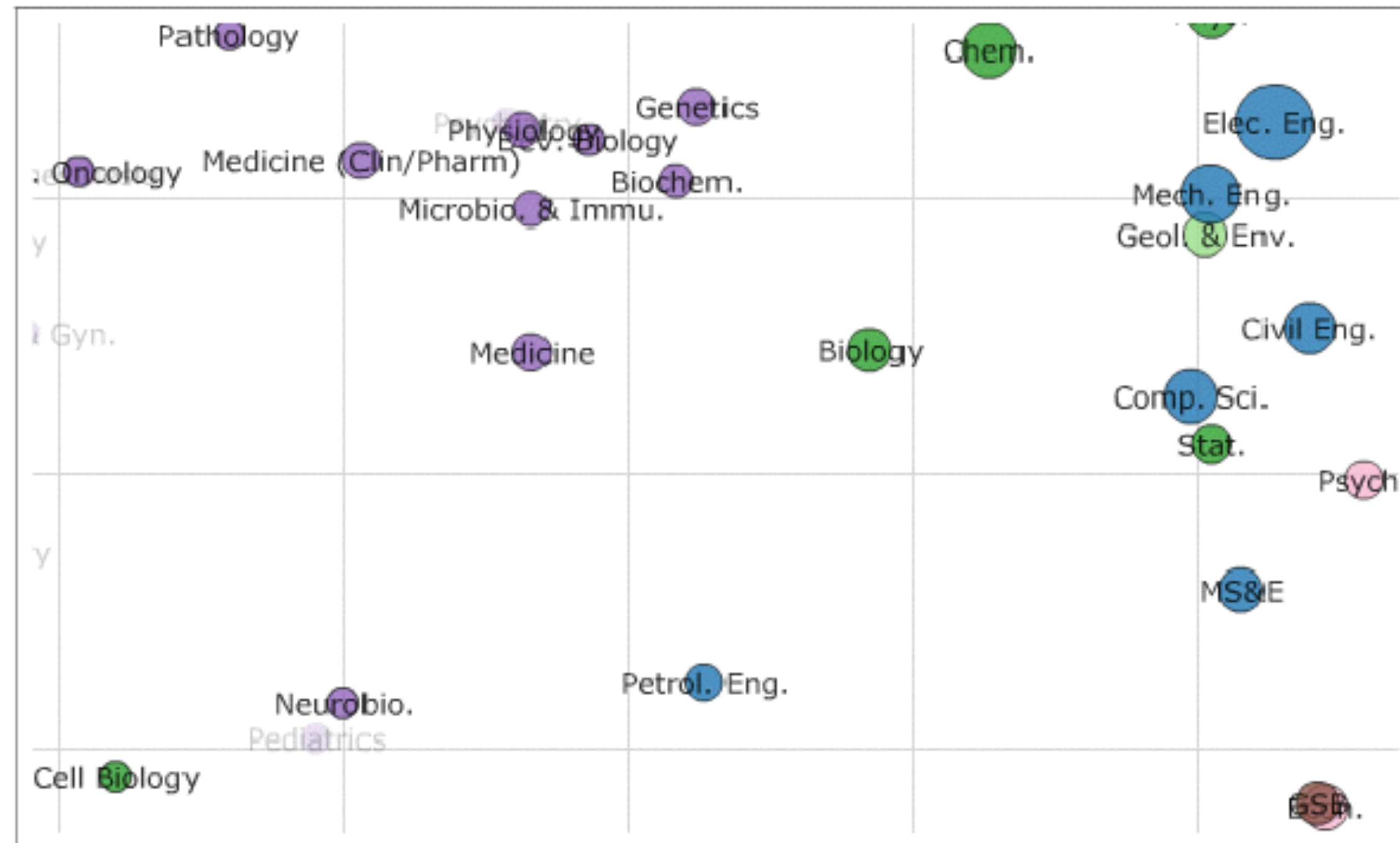
Popular for text analysis



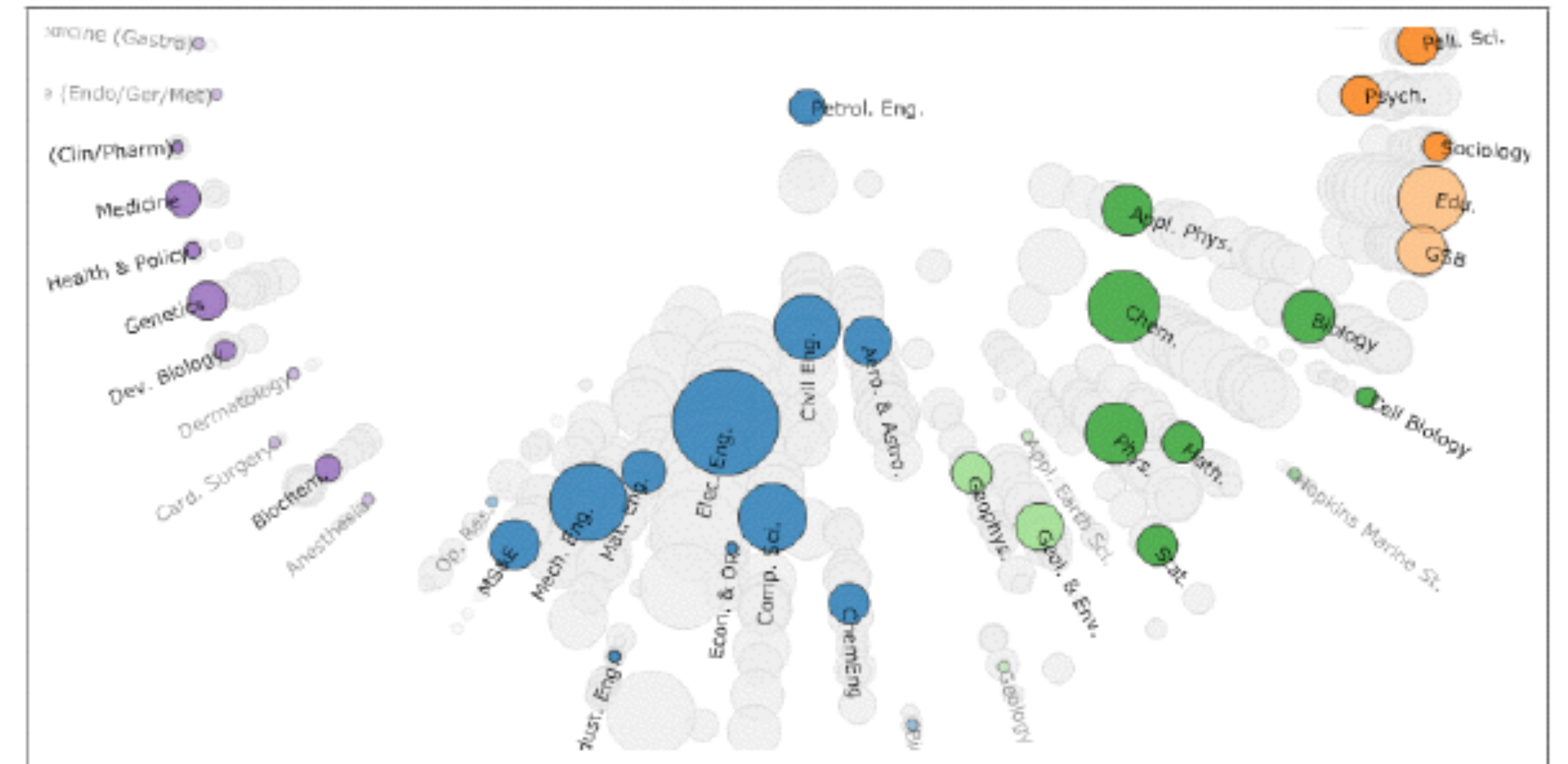
[Doerk 2011]

Can we Trust Dimensionality Reduction?

Topical distances between departments in
a 2D projection



Topical distances between the selected
Petroleum Engineering and the others.



[Chuang et al., 2012]

<http://www-nlp.stanford.edu/projects/dissertations/browser.html>