

R Session 5

Introduction to Plot Techniques

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SOME PACKAGES PROVIDING PLOTS:

Base graphics (in package graphics, always available)

- Easy to construct basic plots; e.g.,
 - histograms, bar charts, box-and-whisker, violin, ...
 - scatterplots, caterpillar plots, density plots
 - time series, line charts, ...
- Often used for exploratory analysis

ggplot2 ("grammar of graphics"):

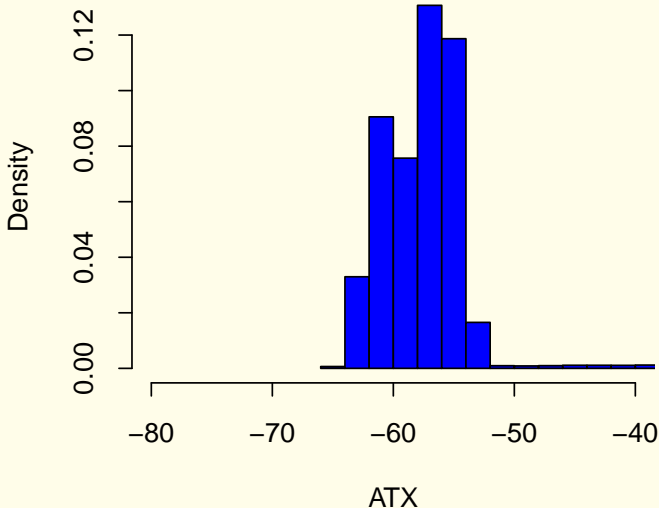
- Often used for final-presentation plots
- Great flexibility and a structured approach
- Can duplicate base-graphics plot functions

lattice graphics

implementation of "trellis" graphics – an alternate structured approach to generating plots, esp. for exploratory analysis

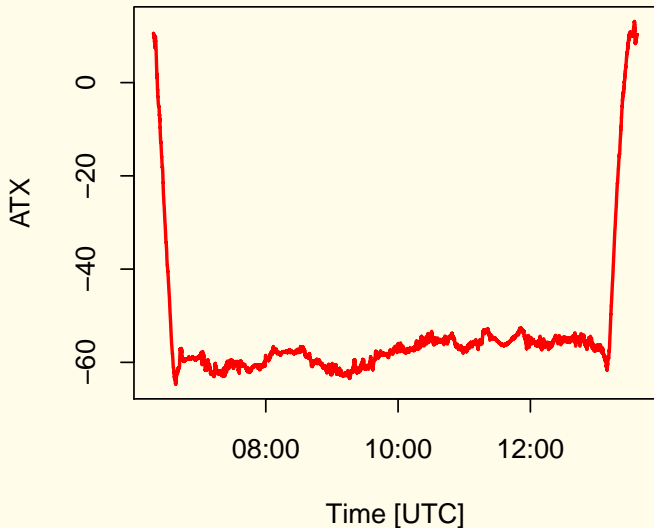
BASE GRAPHICS (console ?hist, or 'hist' in RStudio-help)

```
hist(Data$ATX[Data$TASX > 130], breaks = 40, xlab = "ATX",  
      xlim = c(-80, -40), main = NULL, col = "blue", freq = FALSE)
```



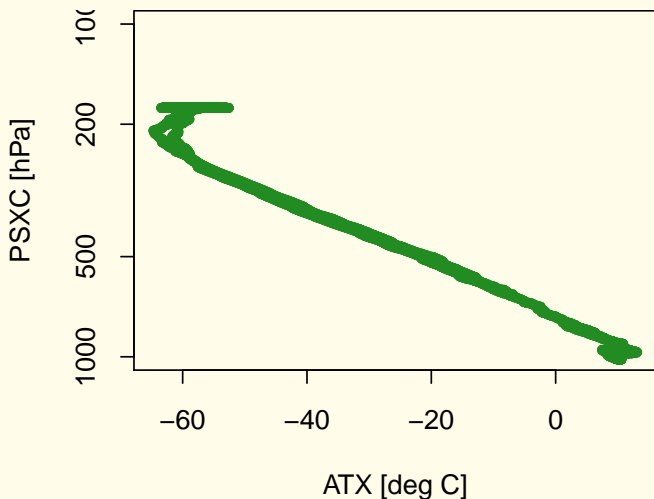
BASE GRAPHICS: line plot'

```
plot(Data$Time, Data$ATX, ylab = "ATX", col = "red",  
      type = "l", xlab = "Time [UTC]", lwd = 2)
```



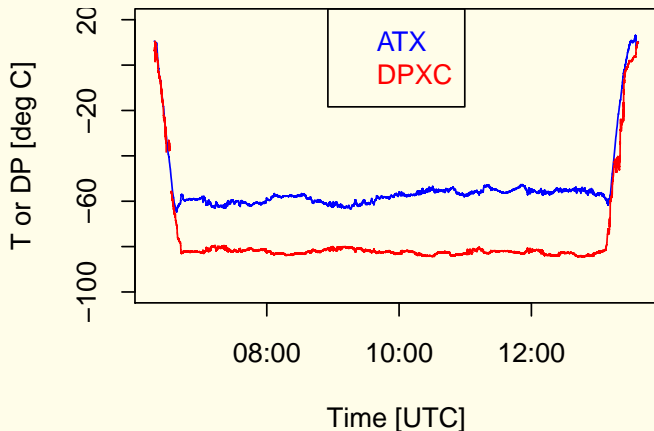
BASE GRAPHICS: scatterplot

```
plot(Data$ATX, Data$PSXC, type = "p", pch = 20, log = "y",  
      xlab = "ATX [deg C]", ylab = "PSXC [hPa]", ylim = c(1000,  
        100), col = "forestgreen")
```



BASE GRAPHICS: multiple lines'

```
plot(Data$Time, Data$ATX, ylab = "T or DP [deg C]", type = "l",  
      col = "blue", ylim = c(-100, 20), xlab = "Time [UTC]")  
lines(Data$Time, Data$DPXC, col = "red")  
legend("top", legend = c("ATX", "DPXC"), text.col = c("blue",  
  "red"))
```

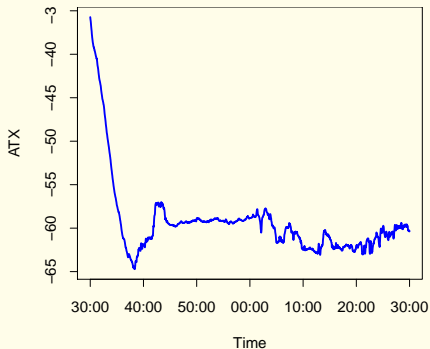


BASE GRAPHICS: adding structure with a data.frame'

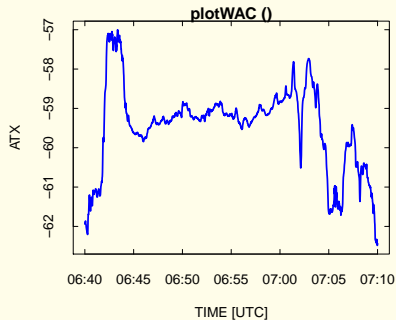
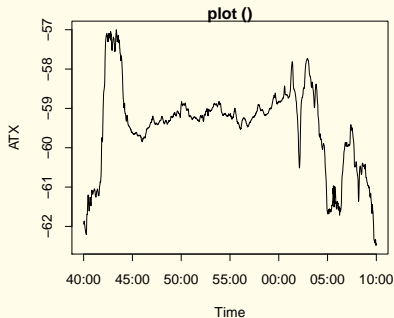
Consider using a data.frame to hold data for a plot:

- subset appropriately
- apply plot operations to this object
- optionally save for archiving
- example:

```
r <- setRange(Data$Time, 63000, 73000)
Plot1Data <- Data[r, c("Time", "ATX")]
plot(Plot1Data, type = "l", col = "blue", lwd = 2)
```



Ranadu GRAPHICS: see 'plotWAC'



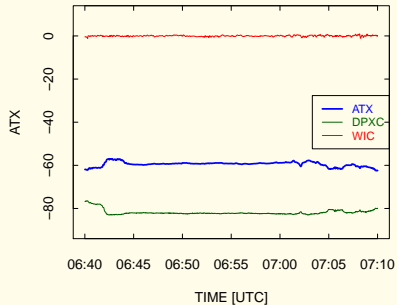
Differences:

- 1 Some differences in time labels
- 2 Default line thickness `lwd=2`
- 3 Ticks inward and duplicated on opposite axis

Ranadu GRAPHICS: another 'plotWAC' feature:

```
r <- setRange(Data$Time, 64000, 71000)
Plot1Data <- Data[r, c("Time", "ATX", "DPXC", "WIC")]
```

```
plotWAC(Plot1Data, legend = "right",
        ylim = c(-90, 10))
```



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 - faceted plots (discussed below) are particularly useful for showing multiple variables.

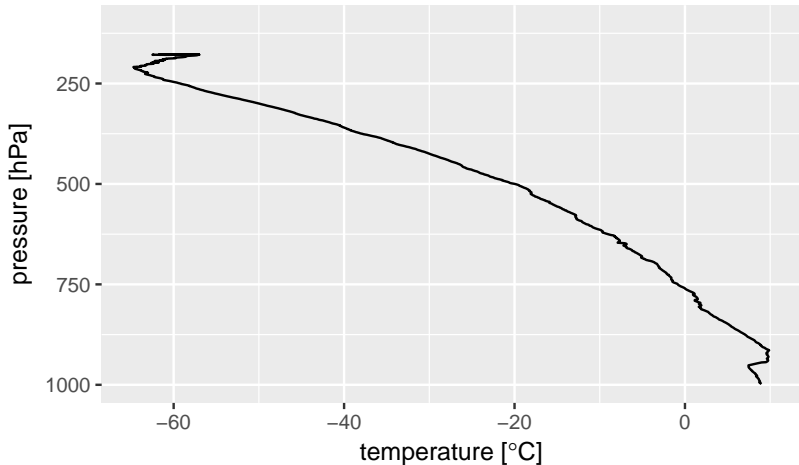
COMPONENTS of a ggplot

Items that can be added, usually via `g <- g + item`

- ❶ An initial definition for the basis of the plot, usually resembling `'g <- ggplot (data=Data, aes(x=Time, y=ATX))'`, containing:
 - (a) The data, specified as a `data.frame`
 - (b) “aesthetic mappings” – e.g., which variables are mapped to the abscissa and to the ordinate
- ❷ 'geom's – data representations visible on the plot like lines, points, etc.
- ❸ 'stat's – fits or creating sub-groups for further analysis as in a violin-plot
- ❹ 'scale's – axes, colors, line-widths, symbol-types, ..., anything that helps retrieve an original datum from information on the plot.
- ❺ 'coord's: the mapping from the data values to the plot. linear or log, e.g.; the mapping itself, vs 'scale's like axes that represent the coords with items appearing on the graph.

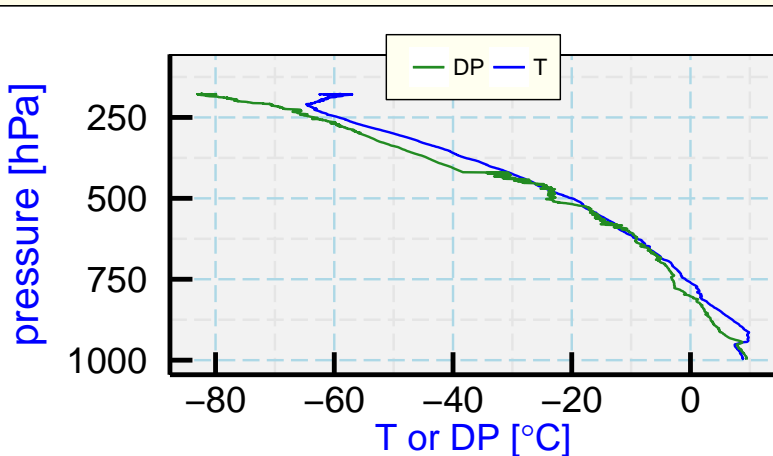
CONSTRUCTING A SIMPLE ggplot:

```
D <- Data[setRange(Data, 61900, 71000), c("Time", "ATX", "PSXC", "DPXC", "WIC")]
ggplot(D, aes(ATX, PSXC)) + geom_path() + ylim(1000, 100) + ylab("pressure [hPa]") +
  xlab(expression(paste("temperature [", degree, "C]")))
```



Multiple Lines With Legend (ggplot):

```
## Using same data frame as for previous plot.  
## Note how cLines and scale_colour_manual() select the colors used, over-riding ggplot defaults  
cLines <- c('blue', 'forestgreen'); names(cLines) <- c('T', 'DP')  
ggplot(D, aes(ATX, PSXC)) + geom_path(aes(colour='T')) + ylab('pressure [hPa]') +  
  geom_path(aes(x=DPXC, colour='DP')) + scale_colour_manual(name='', values=cLines) +  
  ylim(1000, 100) + xlab(expression(paste('T or DP [', degree, 'C]'))) + theme_WAC()
```



Examples of Some Other Types of Plots

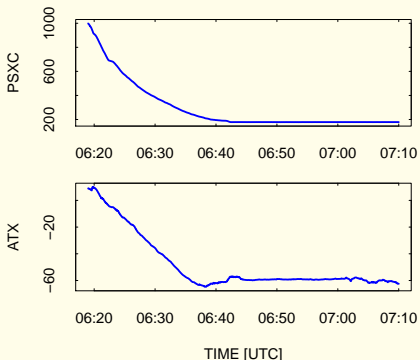
Study These as Guides

Plot Type:

- 1 Stacked plots sharing the same time axis. (But see also the faceted plots below.)

R code and result:

```
layout(matrix(1:2), widths = 1, heights = c(9, 12)) ## 1 col, 2 rows
op <- par(mar = c(2, 4, 1, 2) + 0.1, oma = c(1.1, 0, 0, 0)) ## margins hide top plot abscissa title
with(D, plotWAC(Time, PSXC, ylab = "PSXC"))
op <- par(mar = c(5, 4, 1, 2) + 0.1)
with(D, plotWAC(Time, ATX, ylab = "ATX"))
```



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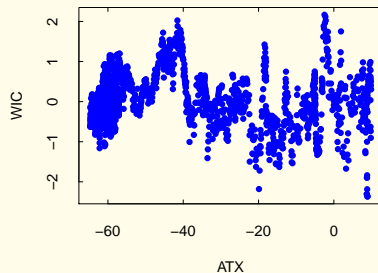
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```
## Note: plotWAC assumes a time series. If the  
## first plot variable is not 'Time', must  
## specify 'xlab='ATX'' or the function will  
## fail trying to interpret 'ATX' as a time.  
## 'type='p'' specifies plotted points for  
## each measurement pair. Can also use  
## 'plot()' similarly.  
with(D, plotWAC(data.frame(ATX, WIC), type = "p",  
  xlab = "ATX", ylab = "WIC"))
```



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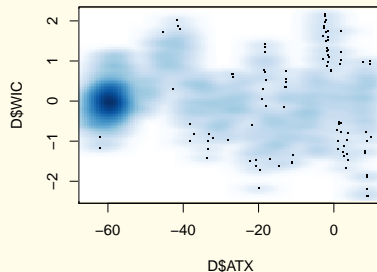
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- 2 Standard scatterplot.
- 3 Density plot

R code and result:

```
## Scatterplots with large numbers of points  
## become hard to interpret. One solution is  
## to use the function 'smoothScatter' to get  
## a representation of the density of points.  
## Here are the same measurements used in the  
## previous plot:  
smoothScatter(D$ATX, D$WIC)
```



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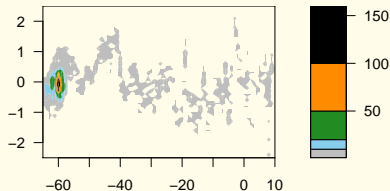
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- 3 Density plot
- 4 Contour plot

R code and result:

```
## Another technique: bin and contour
## Same data as previous plots
colors <- c('gray', 'skyblue', 'forestgreen',
            'darkorange', 'black')
ix <- iy <- rep(0, nrow(D))
xlim <- seq(-65,10,by=1); ylim <- seq(-2.5,2.5,by=0.1)
for (i in 1:nrow(D)) {
  ix[i] <- which(xlim > D$ATX[i])[1]-1
  iy[i] <- which(ylim > D$WIC[i])[1]-1
}
A <- rep(0, length(xlim)*length(ylim))
dim(A) <- c(length(xlim), length(ylim))
for (i in 1:nrow(D)) {
  A[ix[i],iy[i]] <- A[ix[i],iy[i]]+1
}
filled.contour(xlim, ylim, A,
               levels=c(1,10,20,50,100,160), col=colors)
```



Examples of Some Other Types of Plots

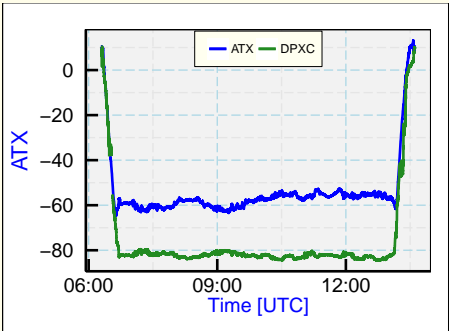
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- 2 Standard scatterplot.
- 3 Density plot
- 4 Contour plot
- 5 `ggplotWAC()` standard plot

R code and result:

```
## ggplotWAC() provides single-command access  
## to some ggplot2 commands often useful for  
## time-series displays. (See also  
## ?ggplot2::qplot as an alternative.)  
## ggplotWAC() requires a data.frame as first  
## argument with Time the first variable and  
## plots histories of all other variables.  
with(Data, ggplotWAC(data.frame(Time, ATX, DPXC)))
```



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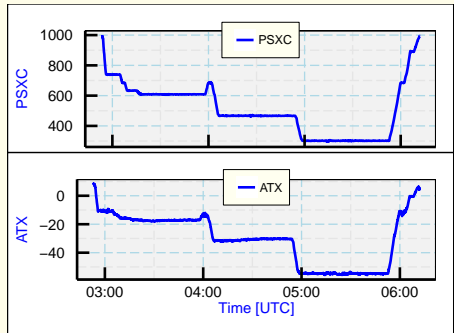
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- 5 ggplotWAC() standard plot
- 6 Multiple plots with ggplotWAC()

R code and result:

```
## first of two ways to generate multiple plots with  
## ggplotWAC():  
grid.newpage()  
ggplotWAC(Data[, c("Time", "ATX")], pos = c(1, 2))  
ggplotWAC(Data[, c("Time", "PSXC")], pos = c(2, 2))  
## note the mis-alignment, fixed by faceting (next), or  
## you can fine-tune margins via elements of 'theme()'
```



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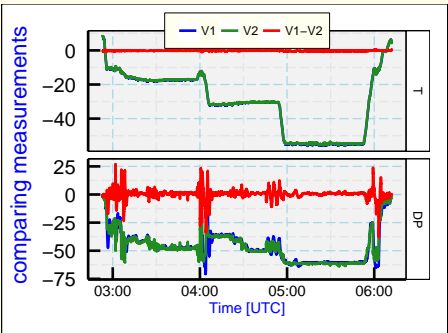
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- 6 Multiple plots with `ggplotWAC()`
- 7 Faceted plots with `ggplotWAC()`

R code and result:

```
## for faceted plots using ggplotWAC, the  
## data.frame order is important; see  
## ?ggplotWAC().  
with(Data, ggplotWAC(data.frame(Time, ATHR1, ATRL,  
  ATHR1 - ATRL, DP_DPL, DP_VXL, DP_DPL - DP_VXL),  
  ylab = "comparing measurements", panels = 2,  
  labelL = c("V1", "V2", "V1-V2"), labelP = c("T",  
    "DP"), legend.position = c(0.5, 1)))
```



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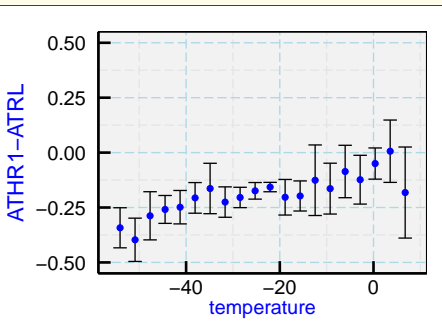
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- 5 ggplotWAC() standard plot
- 6 Multiple plots with ggplotWAC()
- 7 Faceted plots with ggplotWAC()
- 8 Error bars

R code and result:

```
## binStats partitions into bins and
## calculates the mean and standard deviation
## in each bin. See ?Ranadu::binStats
B <- binStats(data.frame(DT = Data$ATHR1 - Data$ATRL,
  ATX = Data$ATX))
ggplot(data = B) + geom_errorbar(aes(x = xc,
  ymin = ybar - sigma, ymax = ybar + sigma)) +
  geom_point(aes(x = xc, y = ybar), colour = "blue",
    size = 2) + ylab("ATHR1-ATRL") + xlab("temperature")
ylim(-0.5, 0.5) + theme_WAC()
```



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