

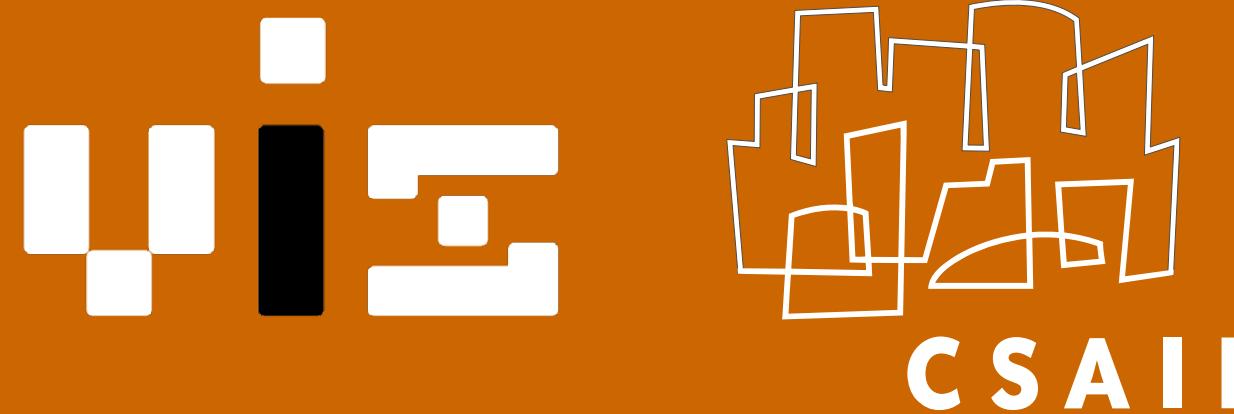
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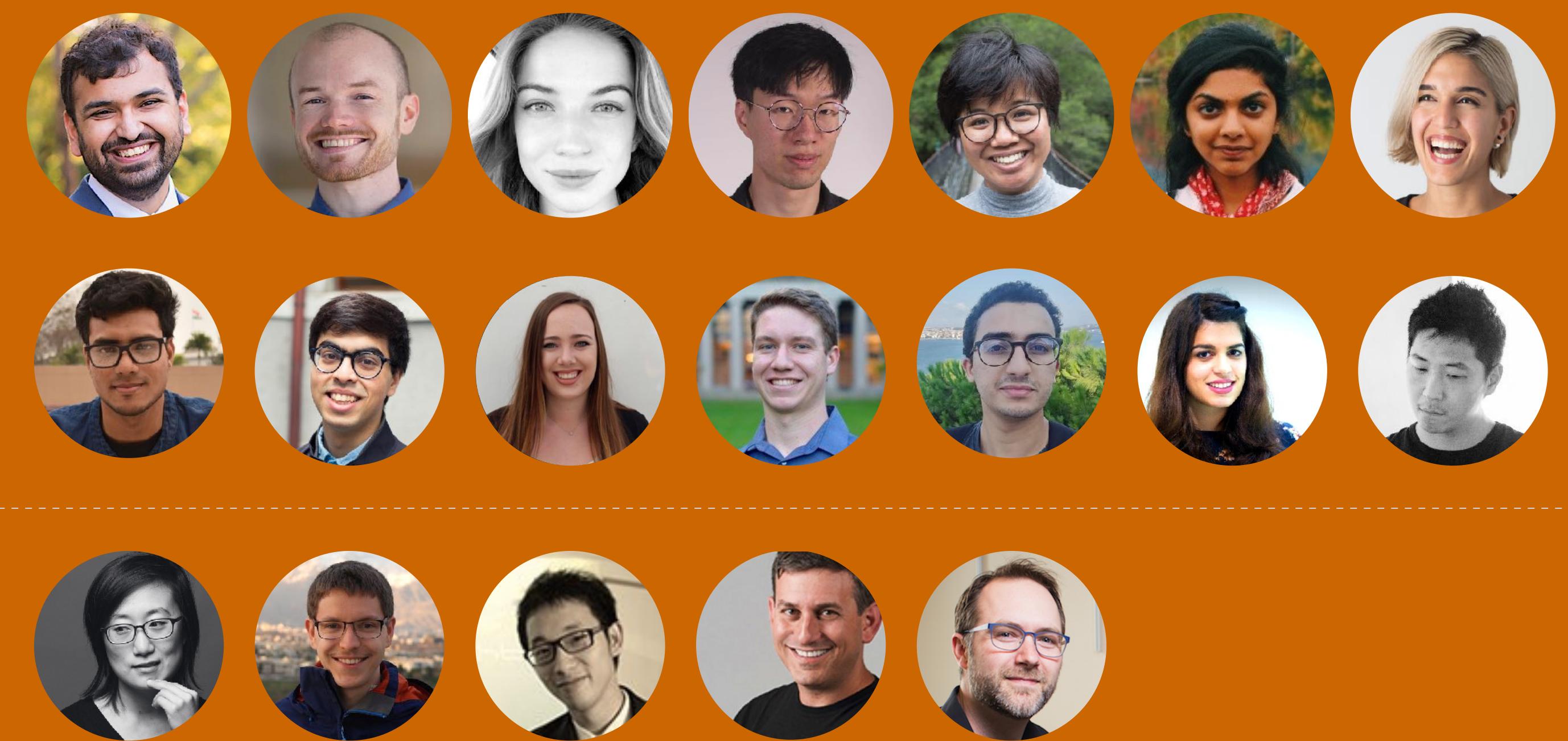
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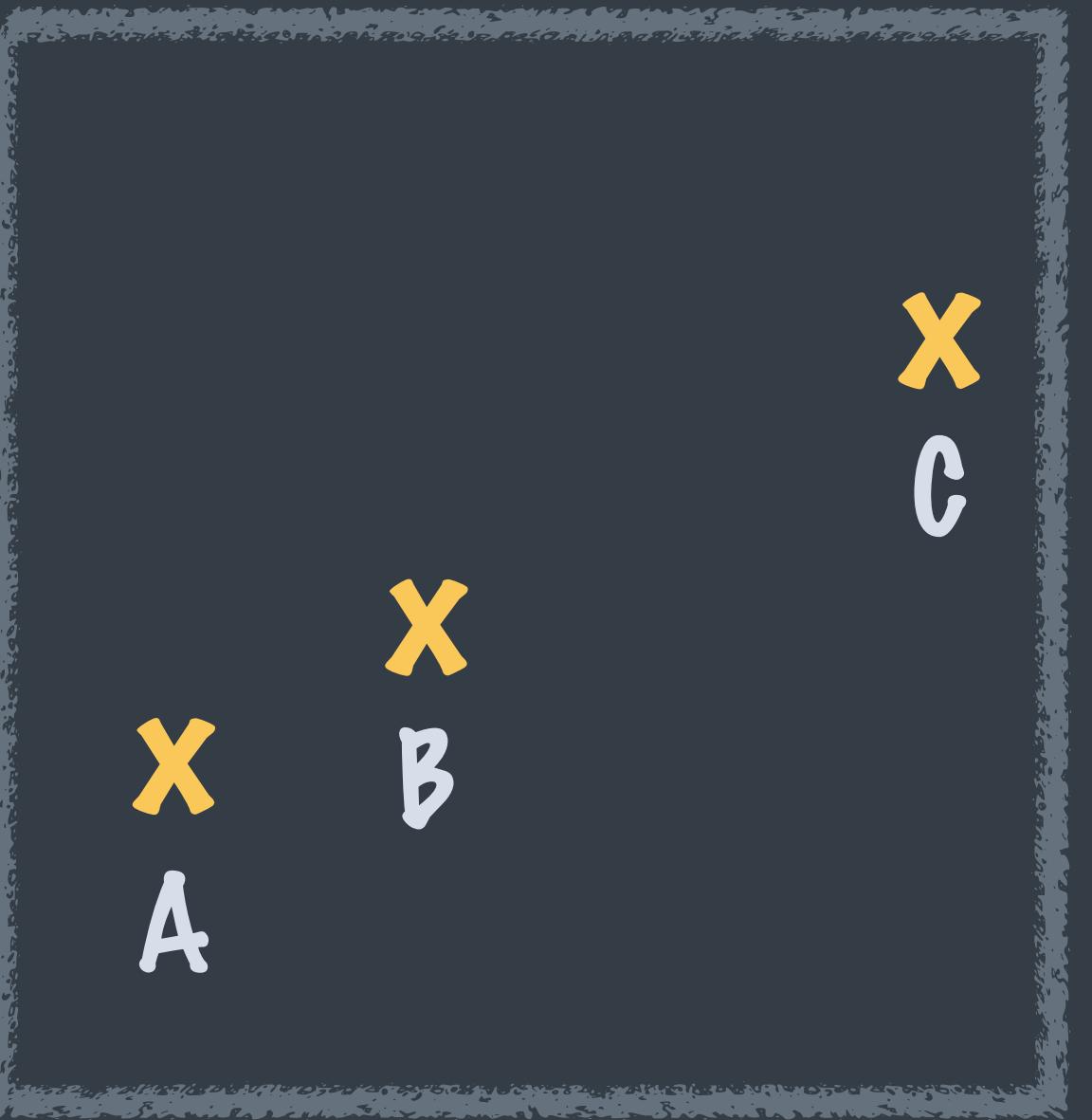
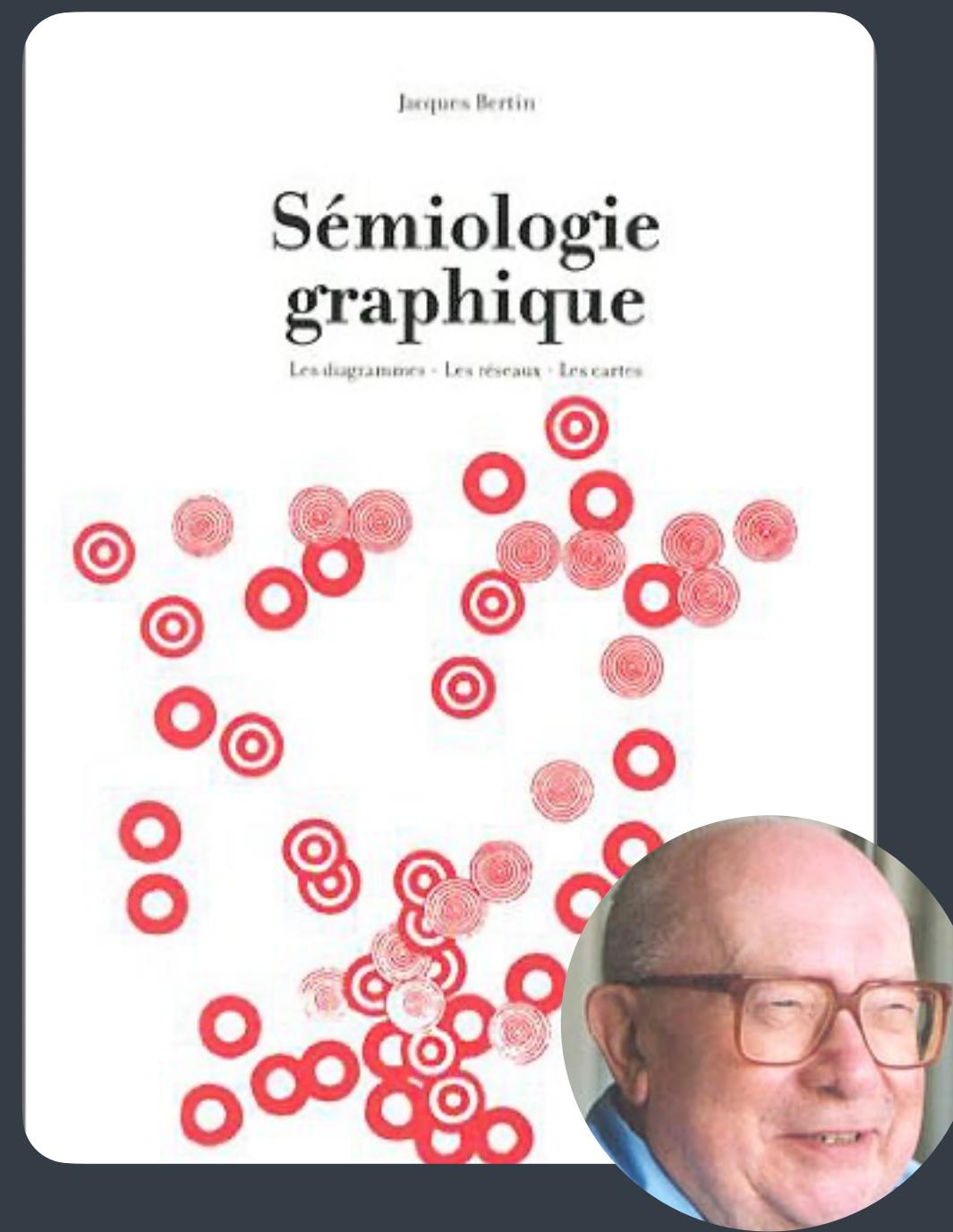
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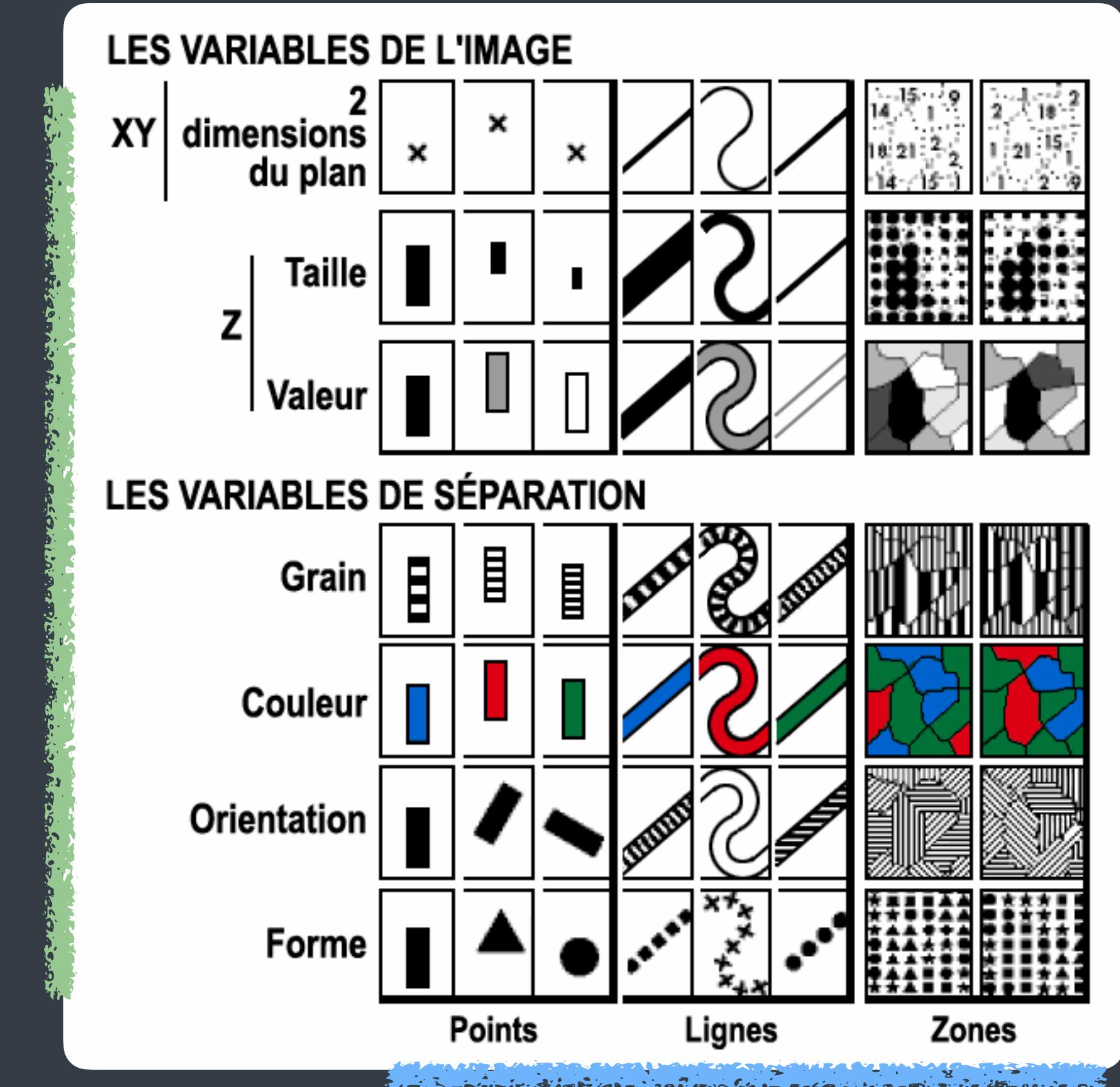


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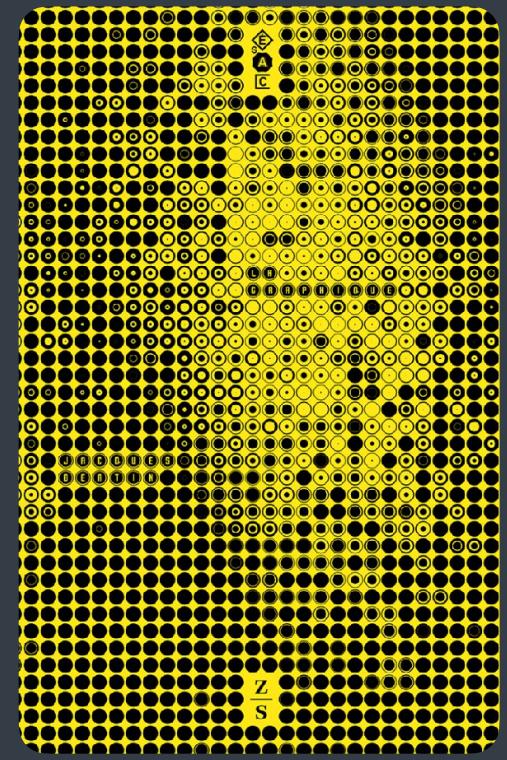
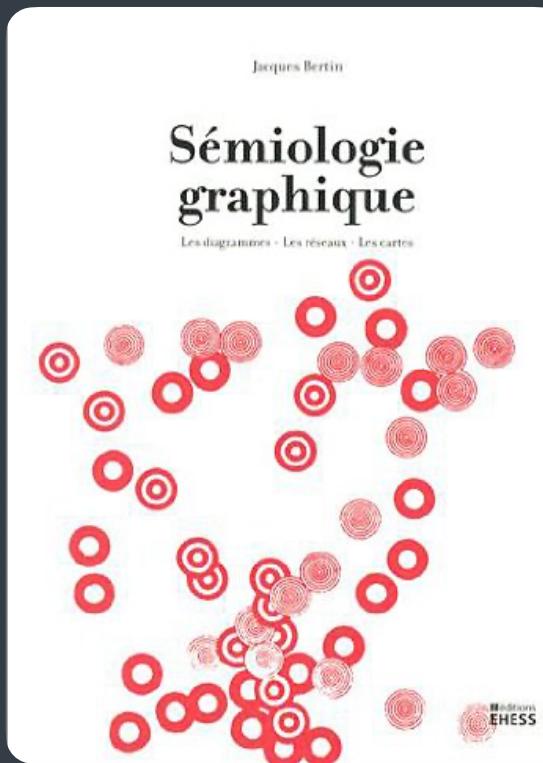




1. A, B, C are distinguishable.
2. B is between A and C.
3. BC is twice as long as AB.



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and Application to the Development of  
Graphical Methods

WILLIAM S. CLEVELAND and ROBERT MCGILL\*

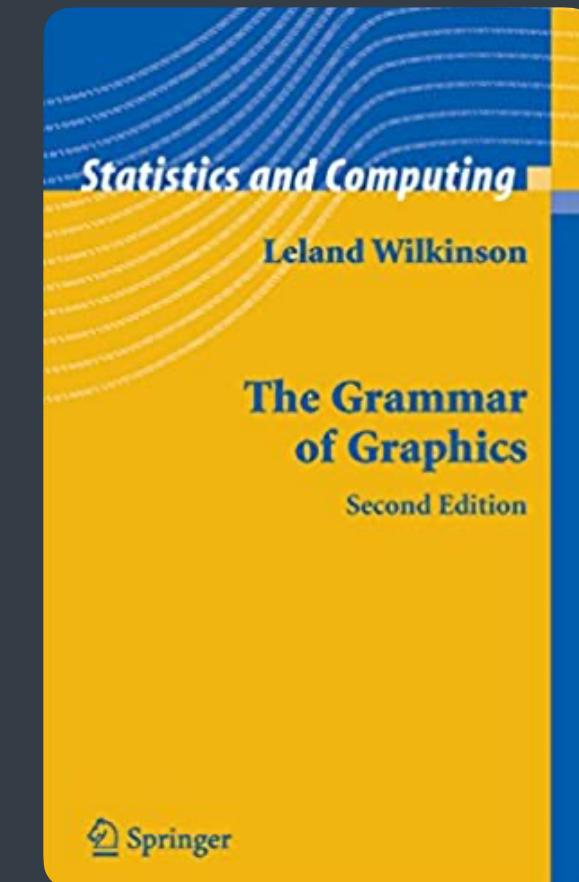
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Stanford University



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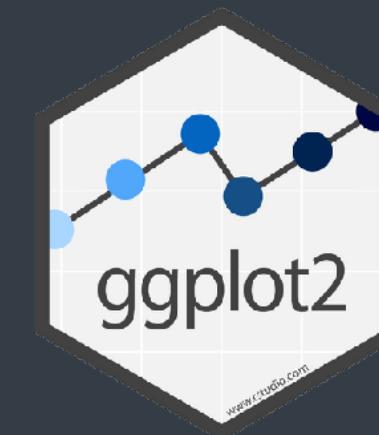
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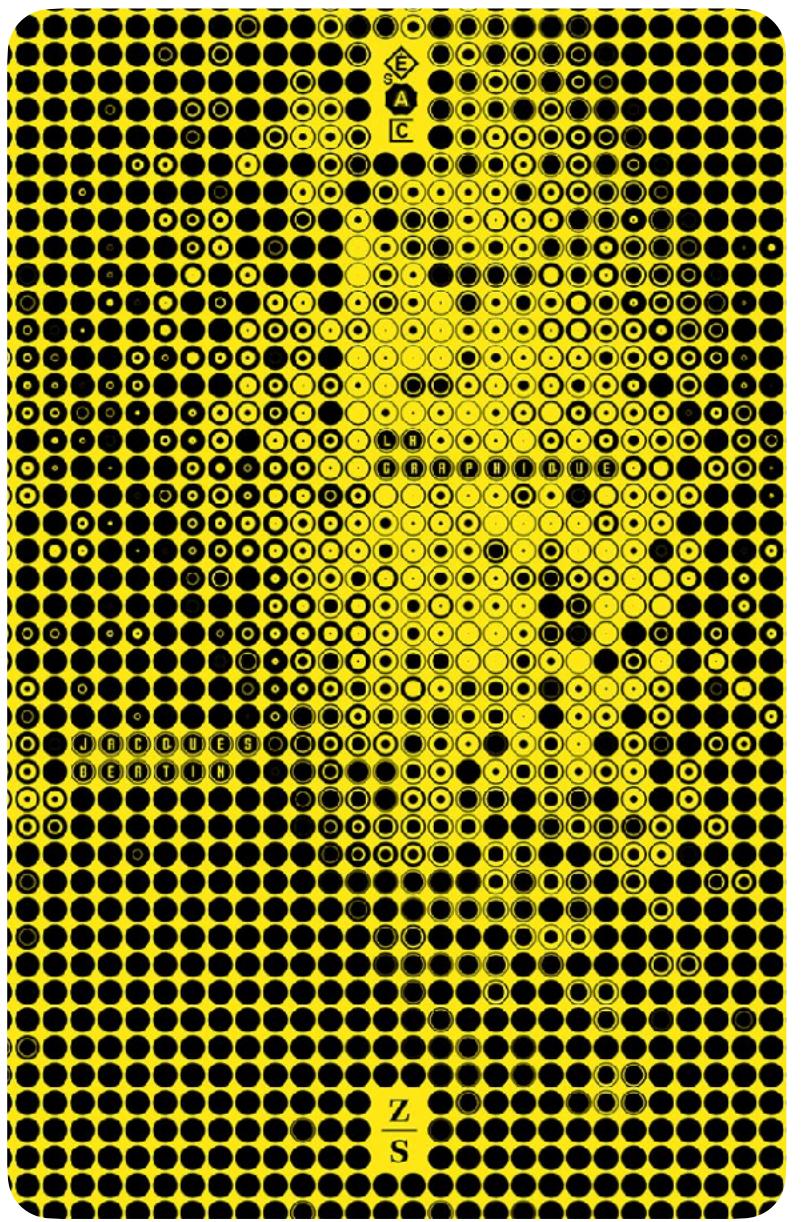


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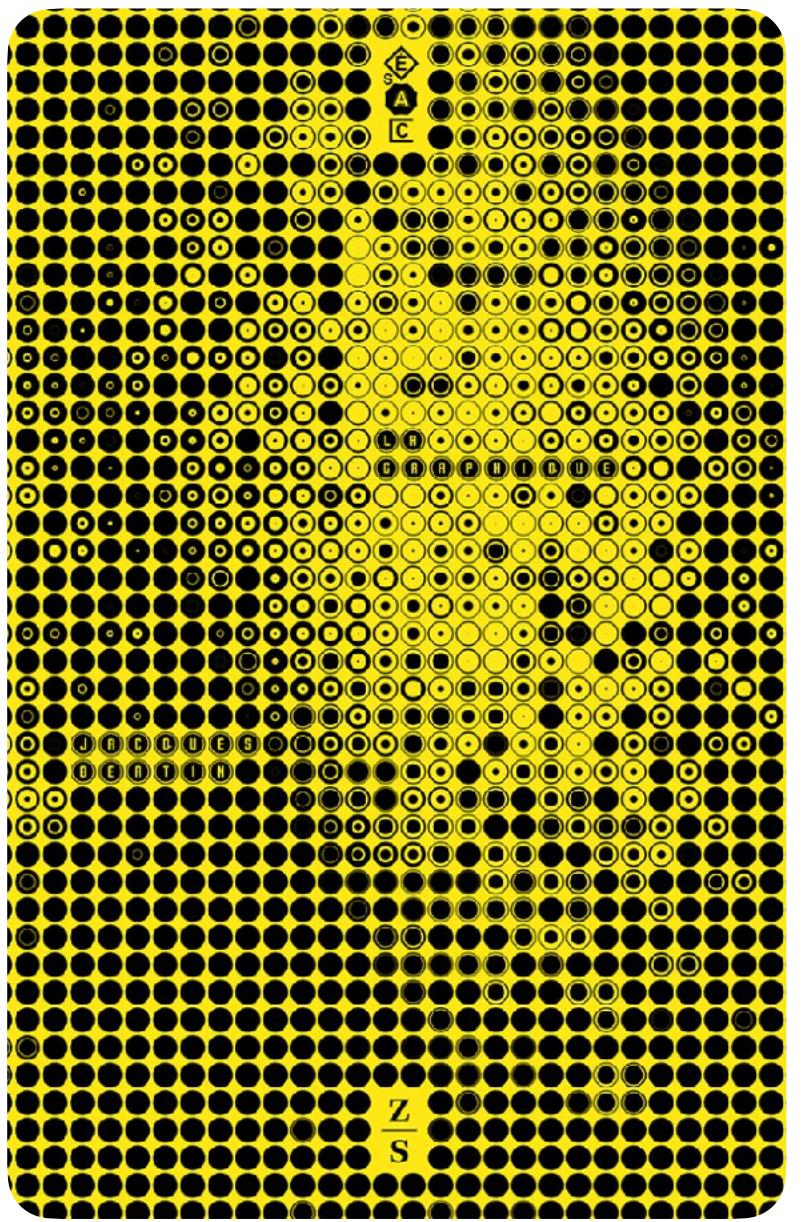


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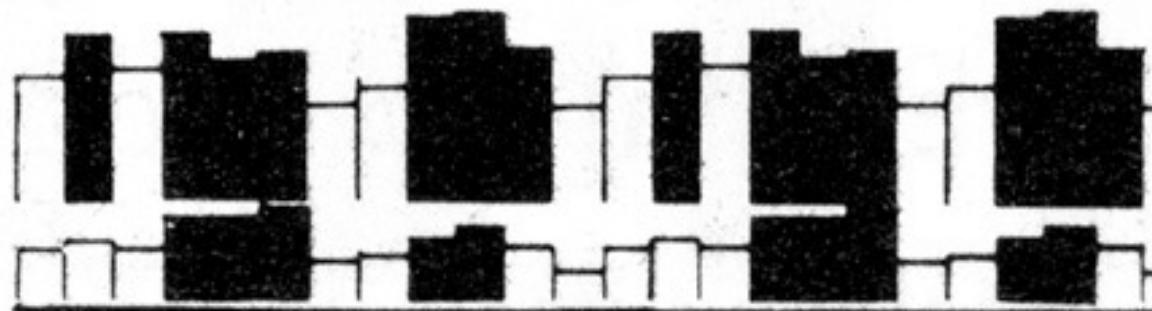


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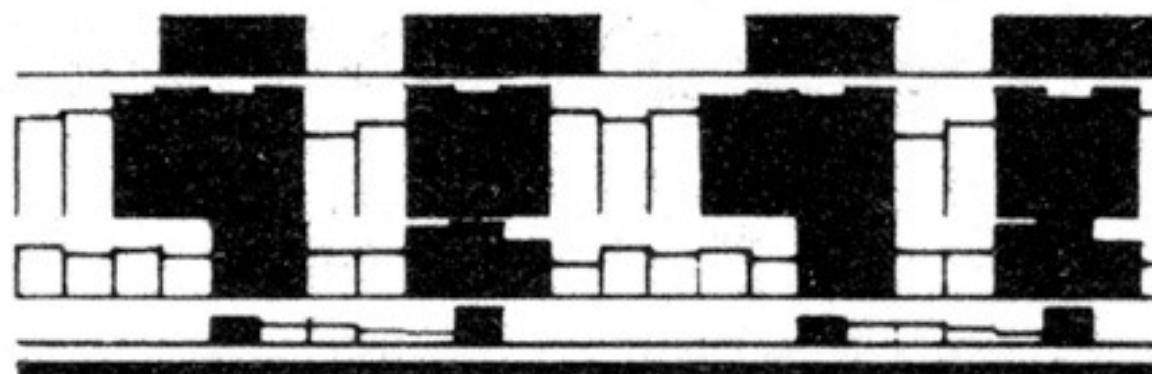
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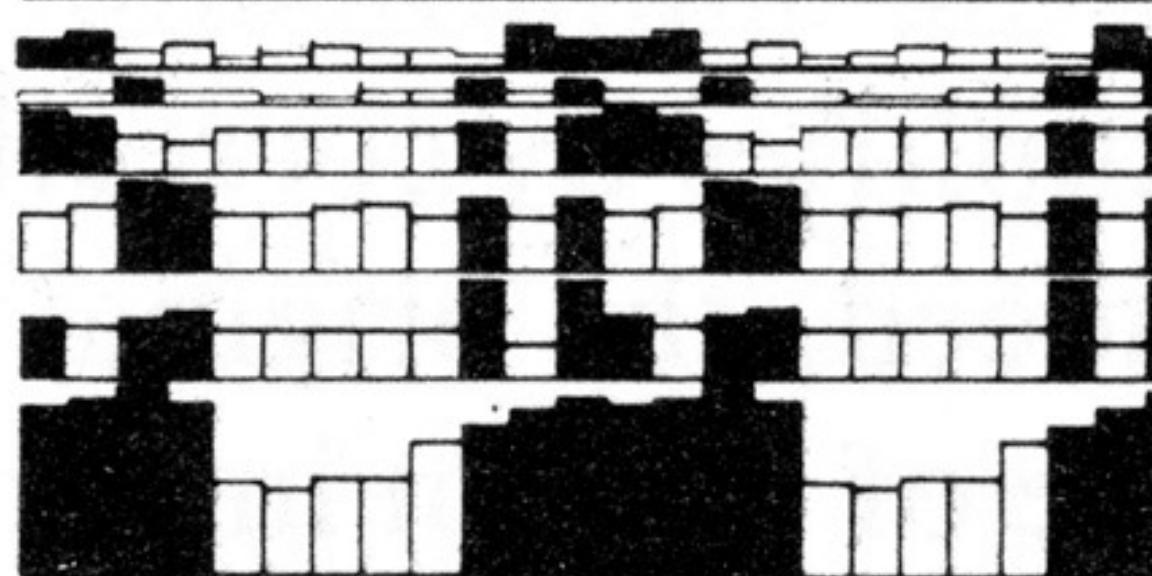
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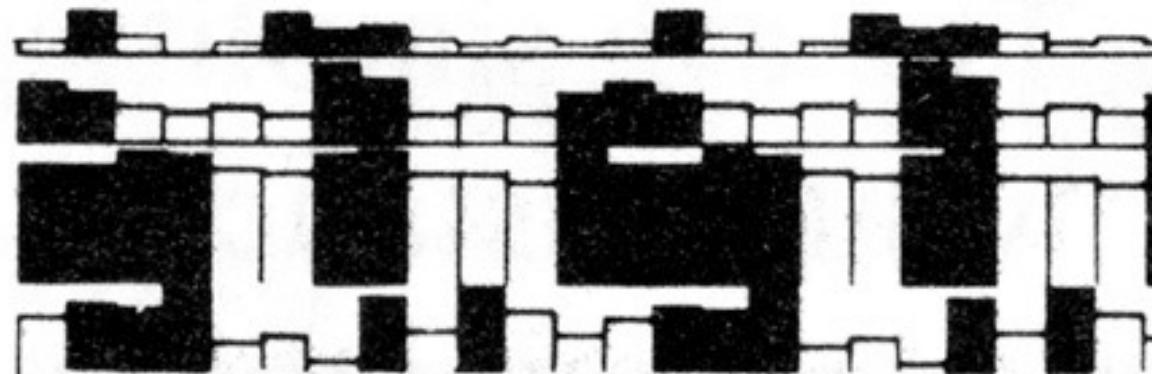
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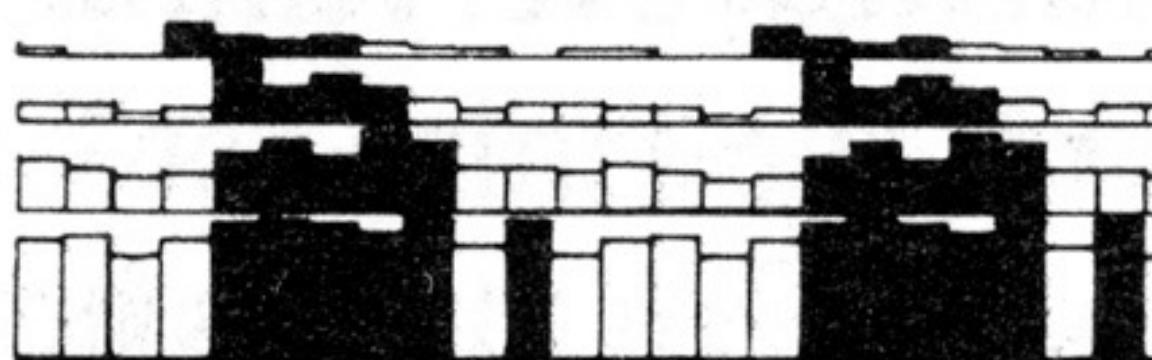
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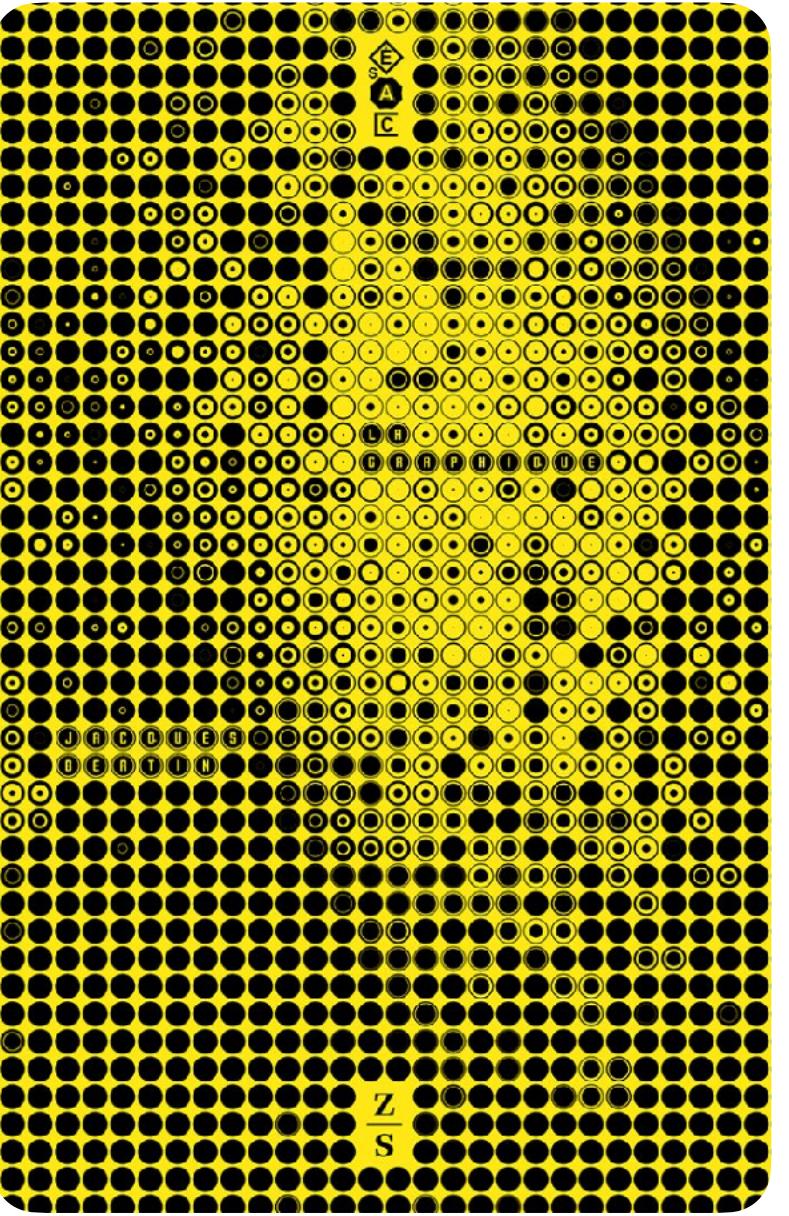
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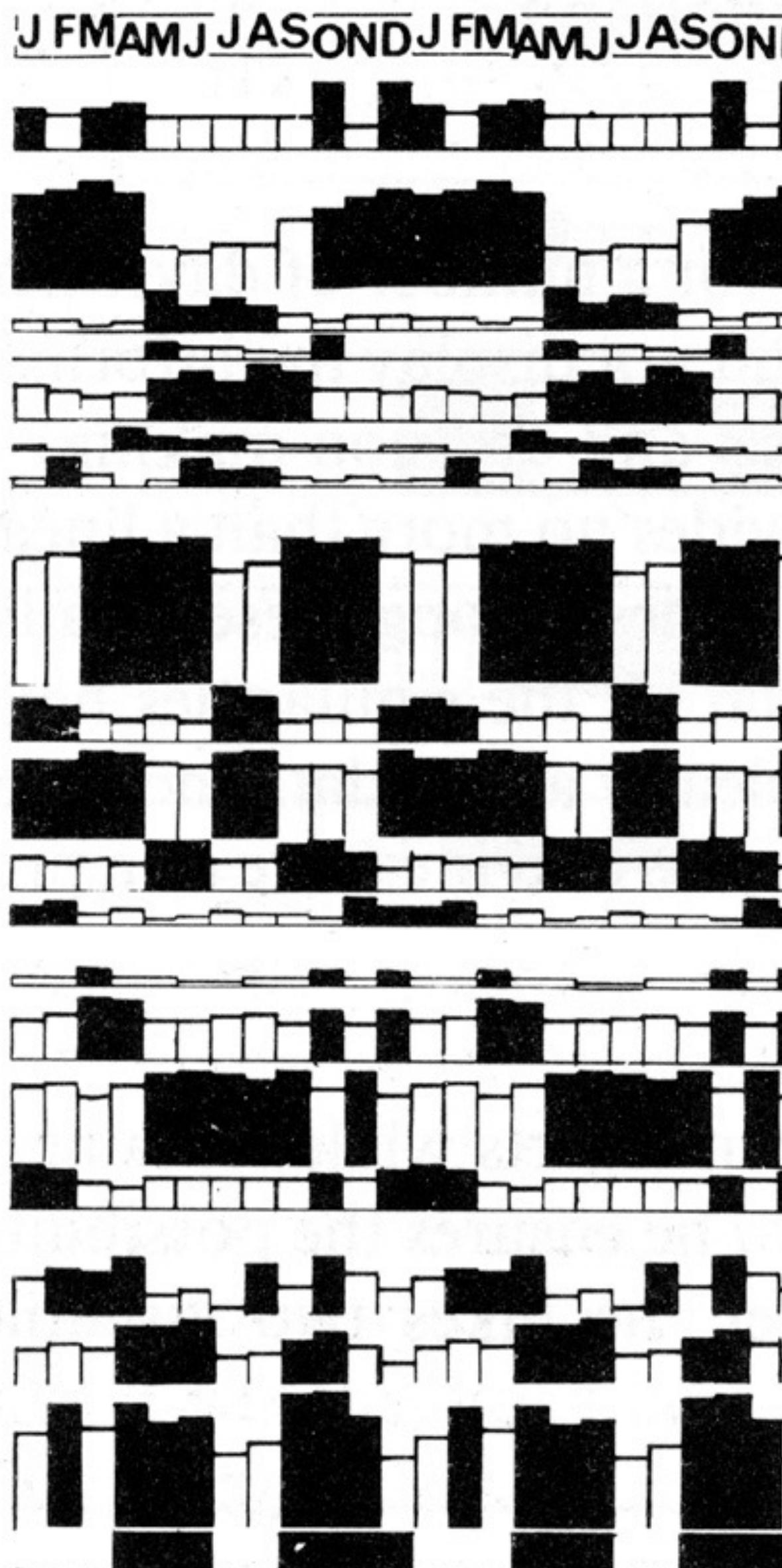
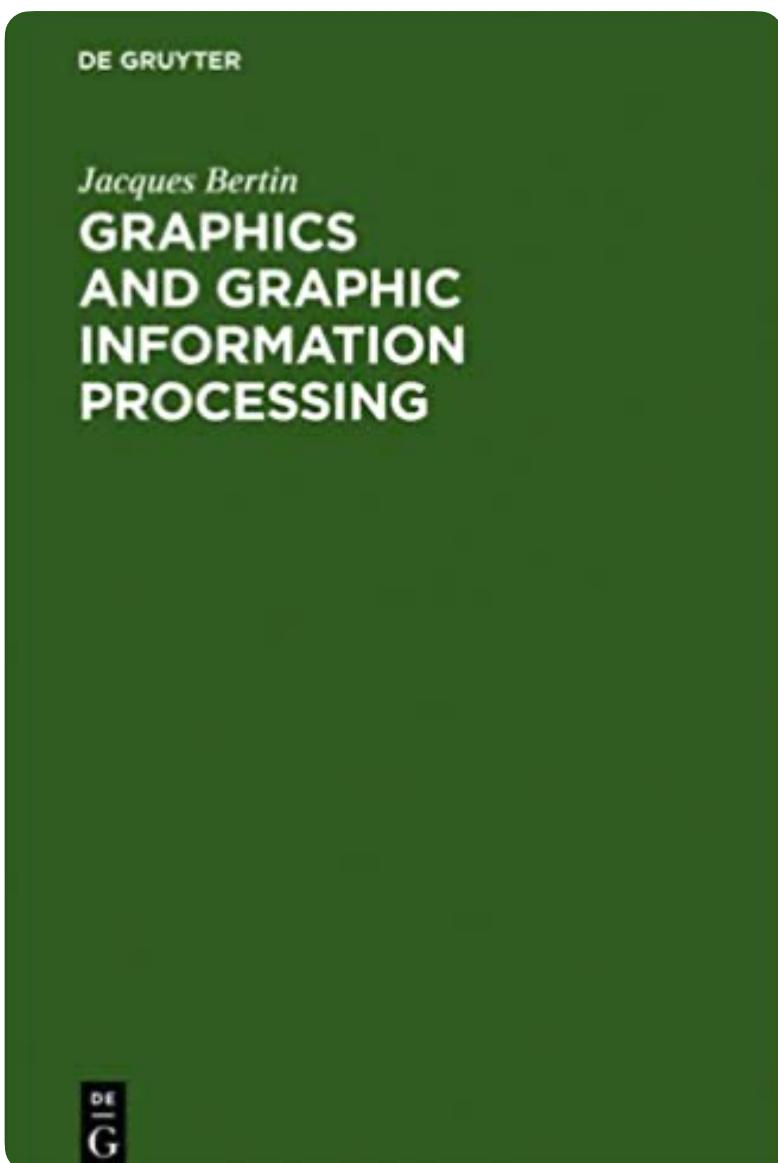
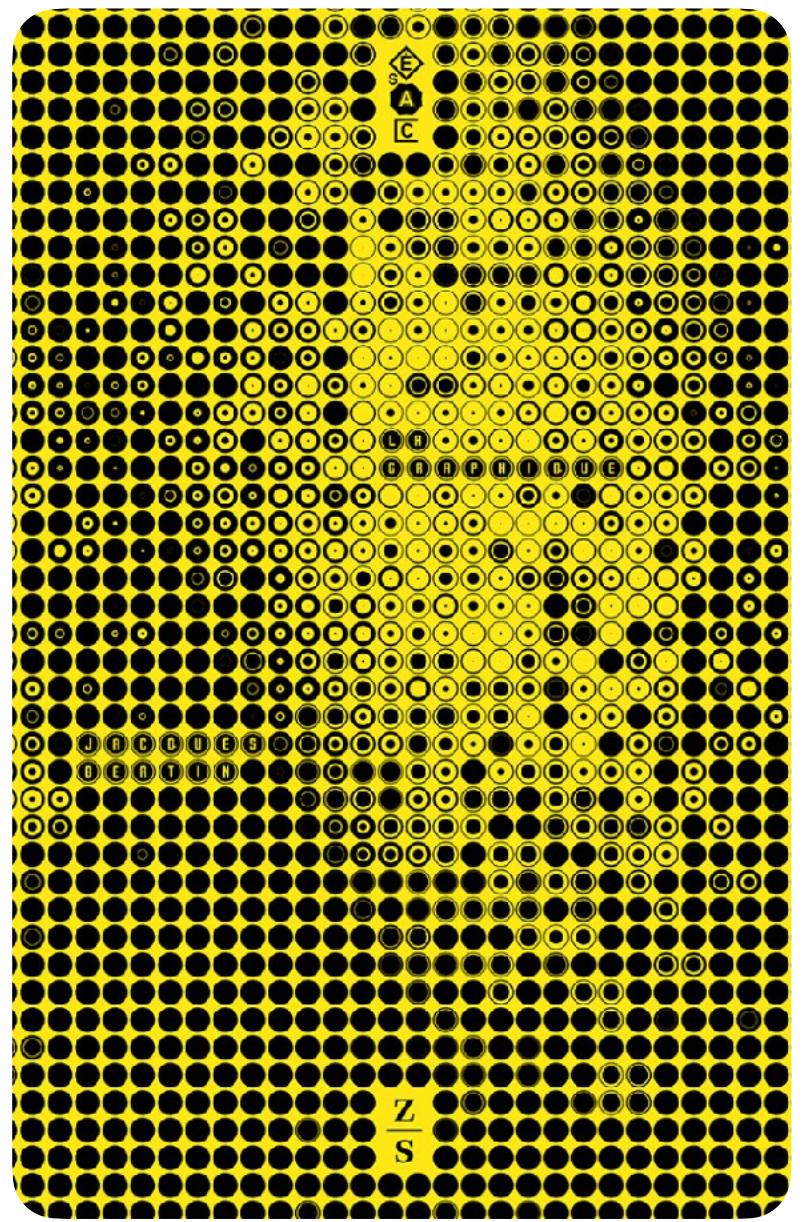


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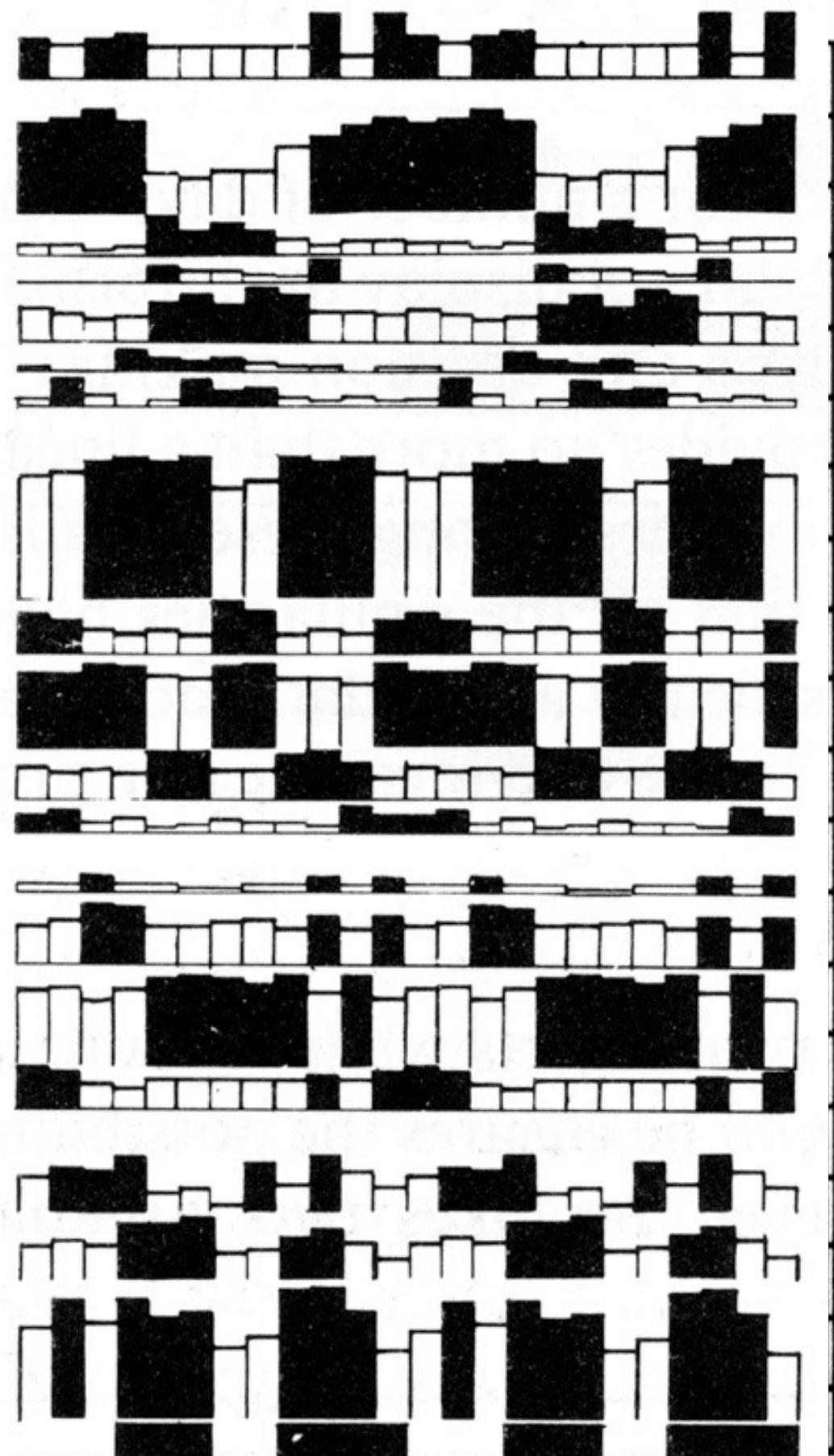
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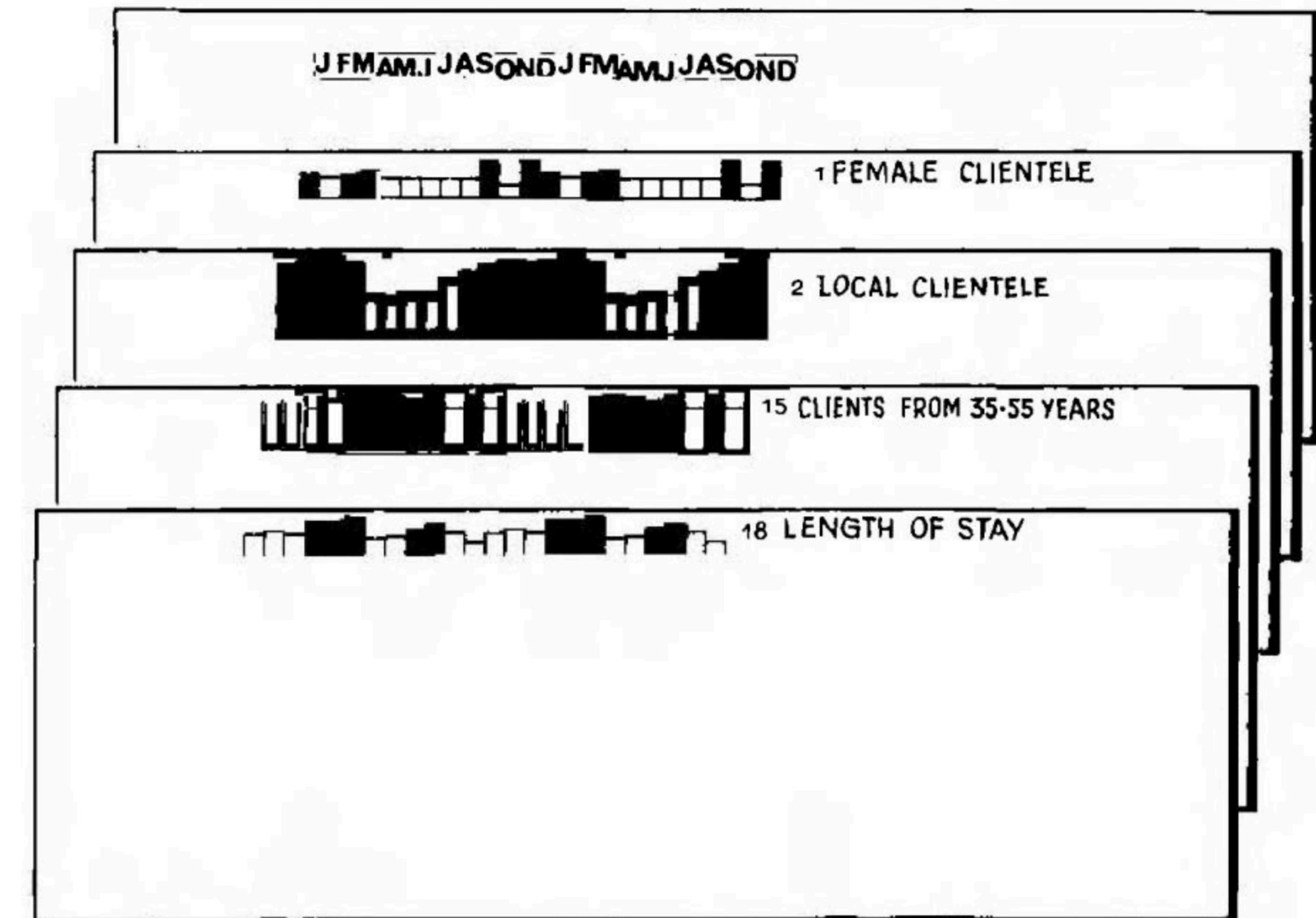
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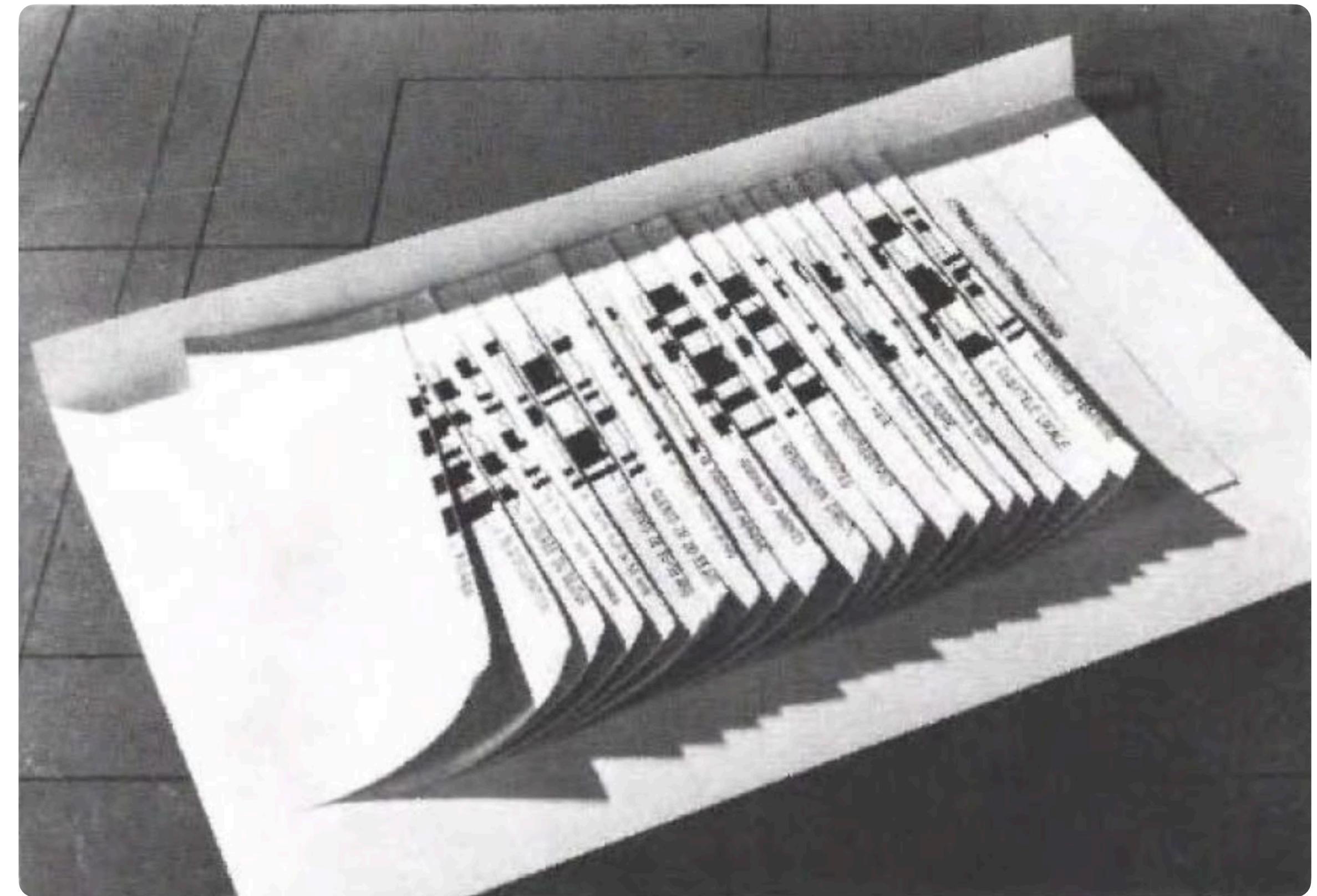
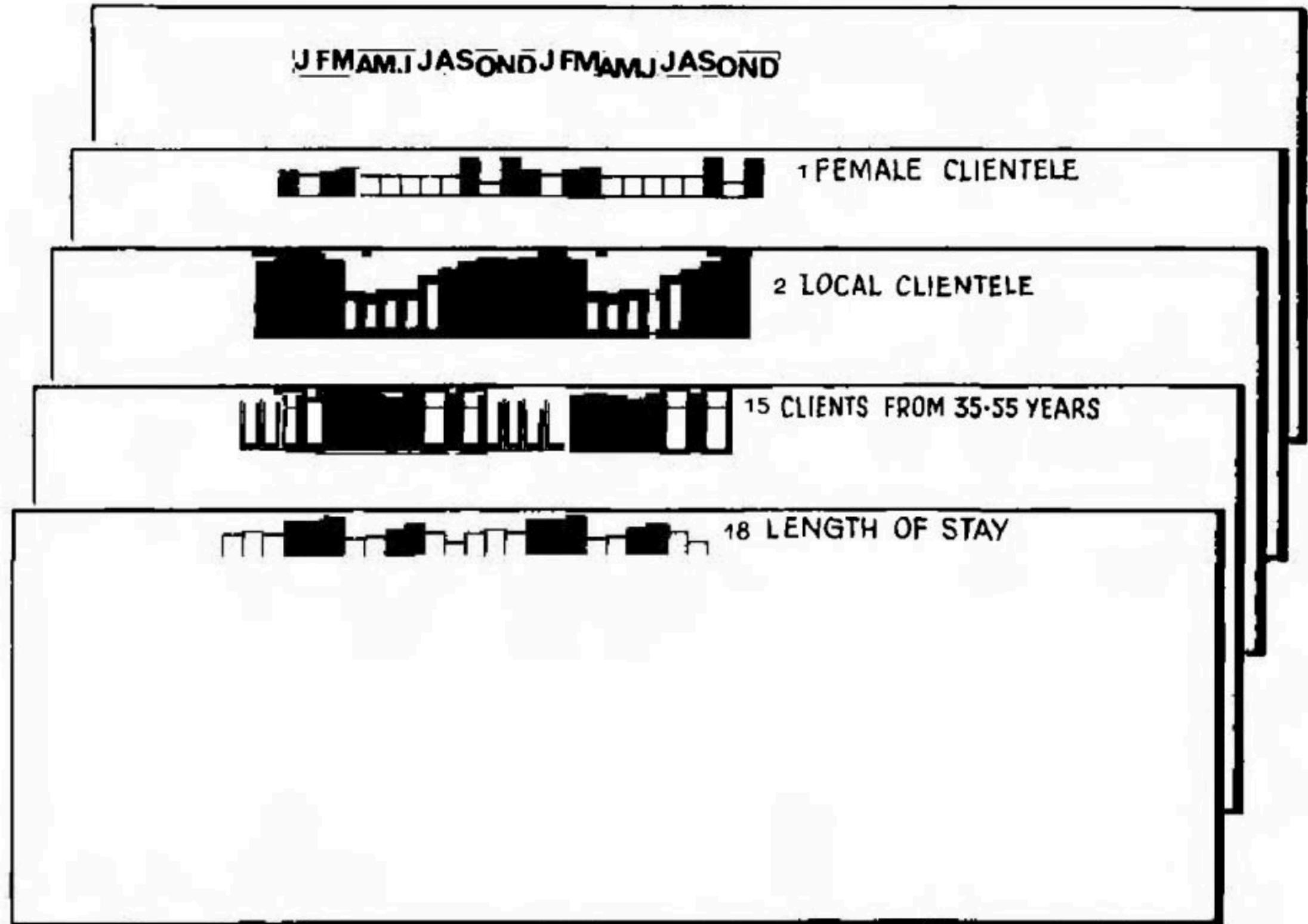
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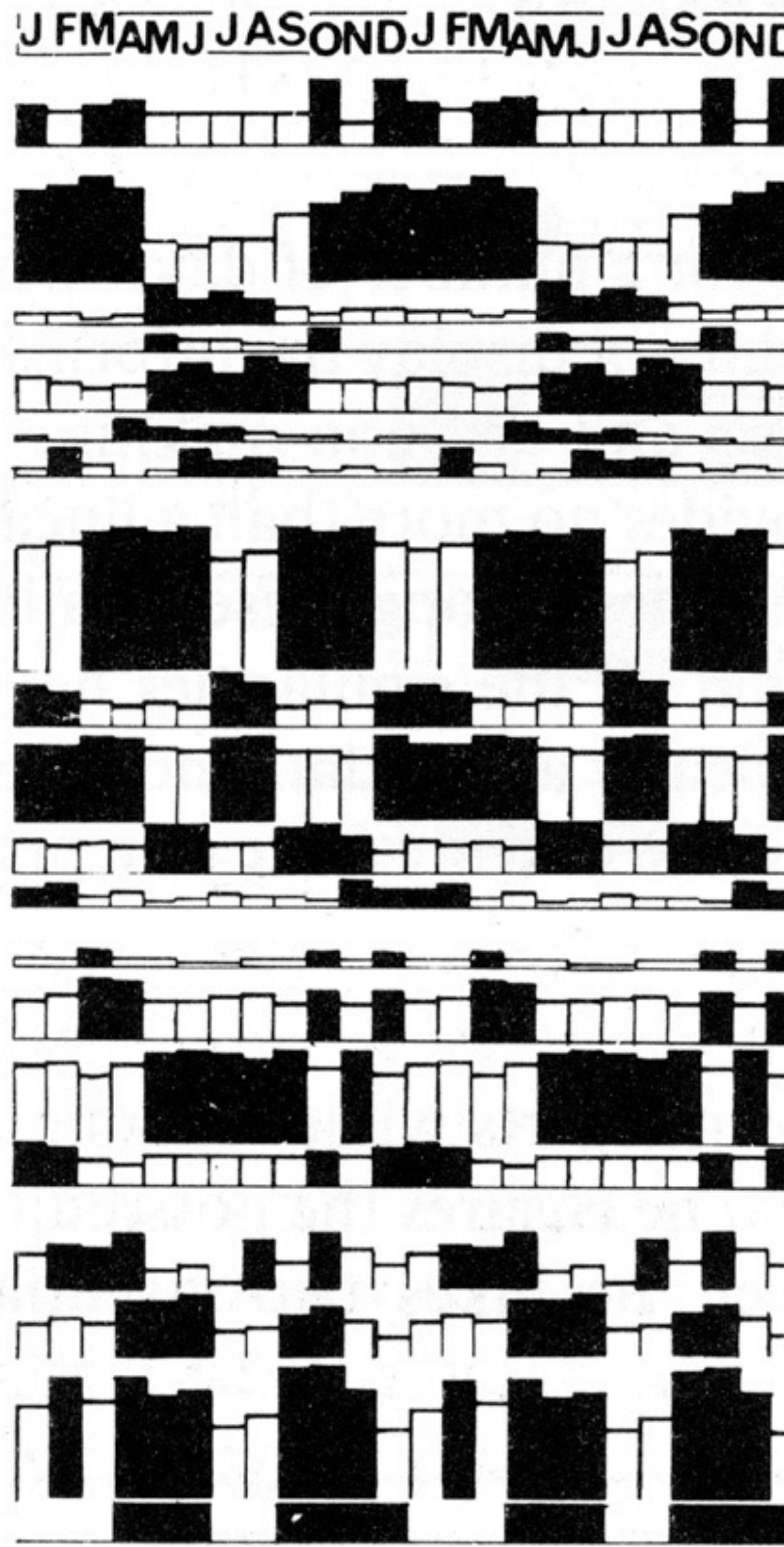
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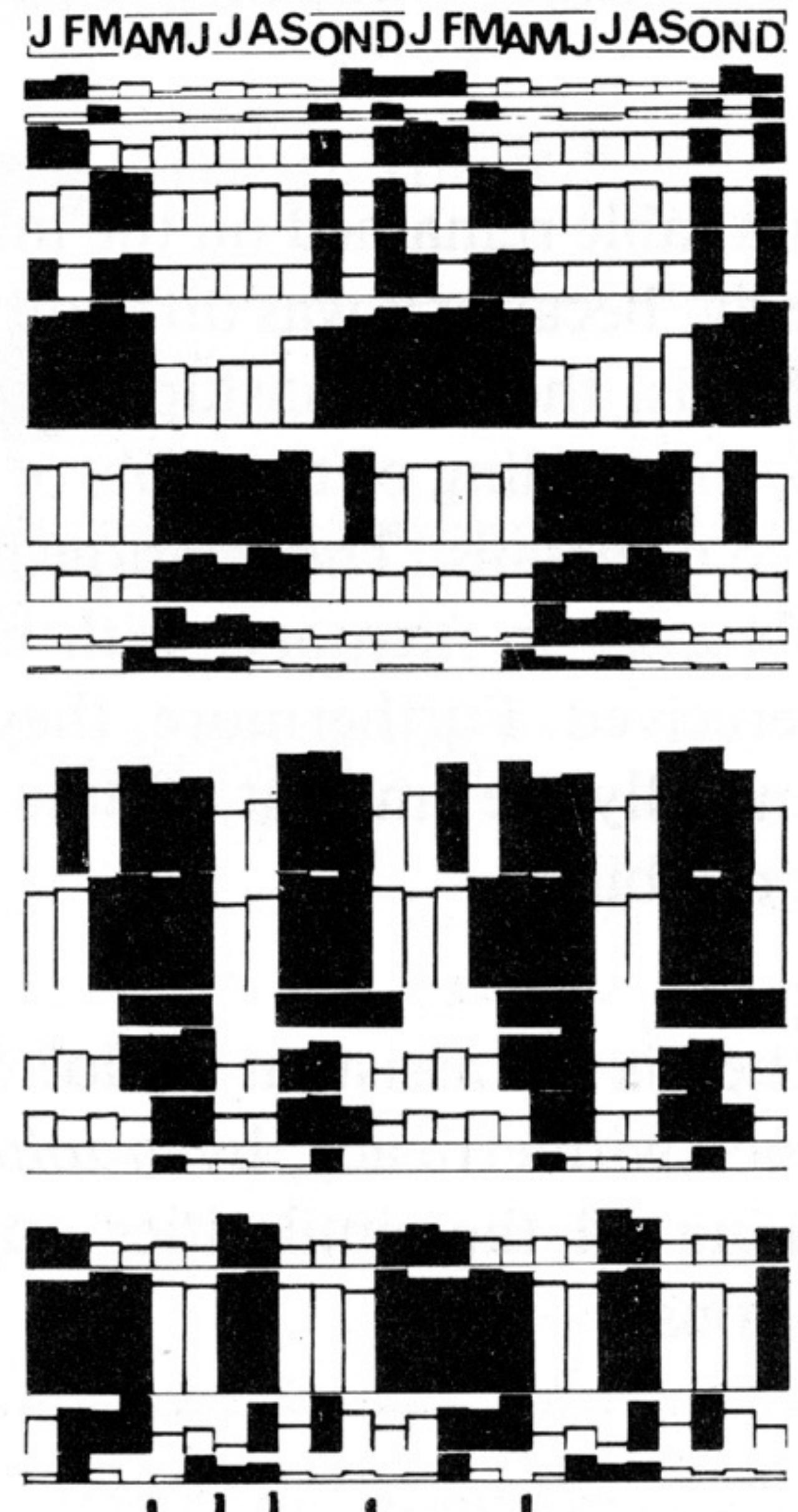




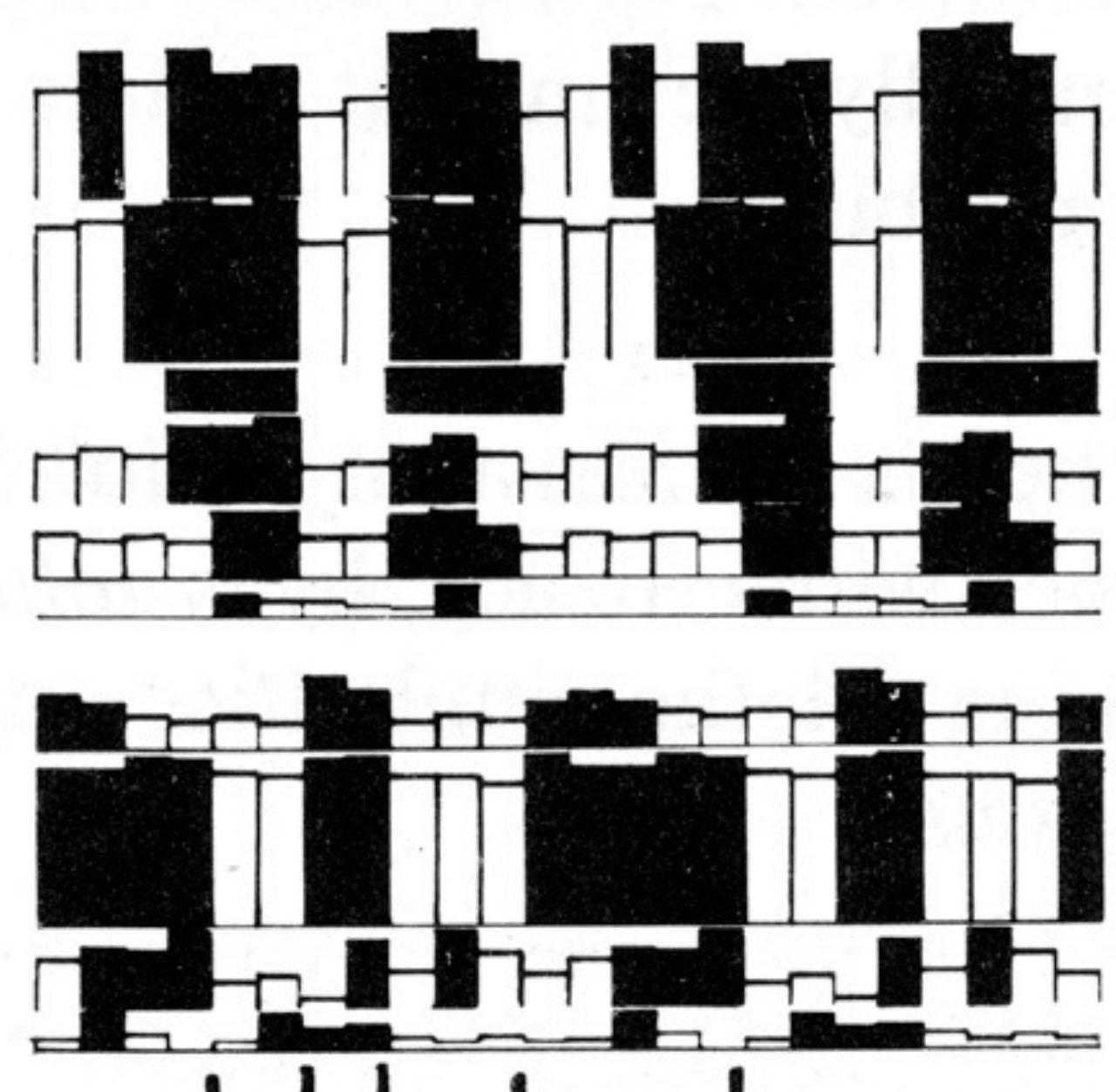
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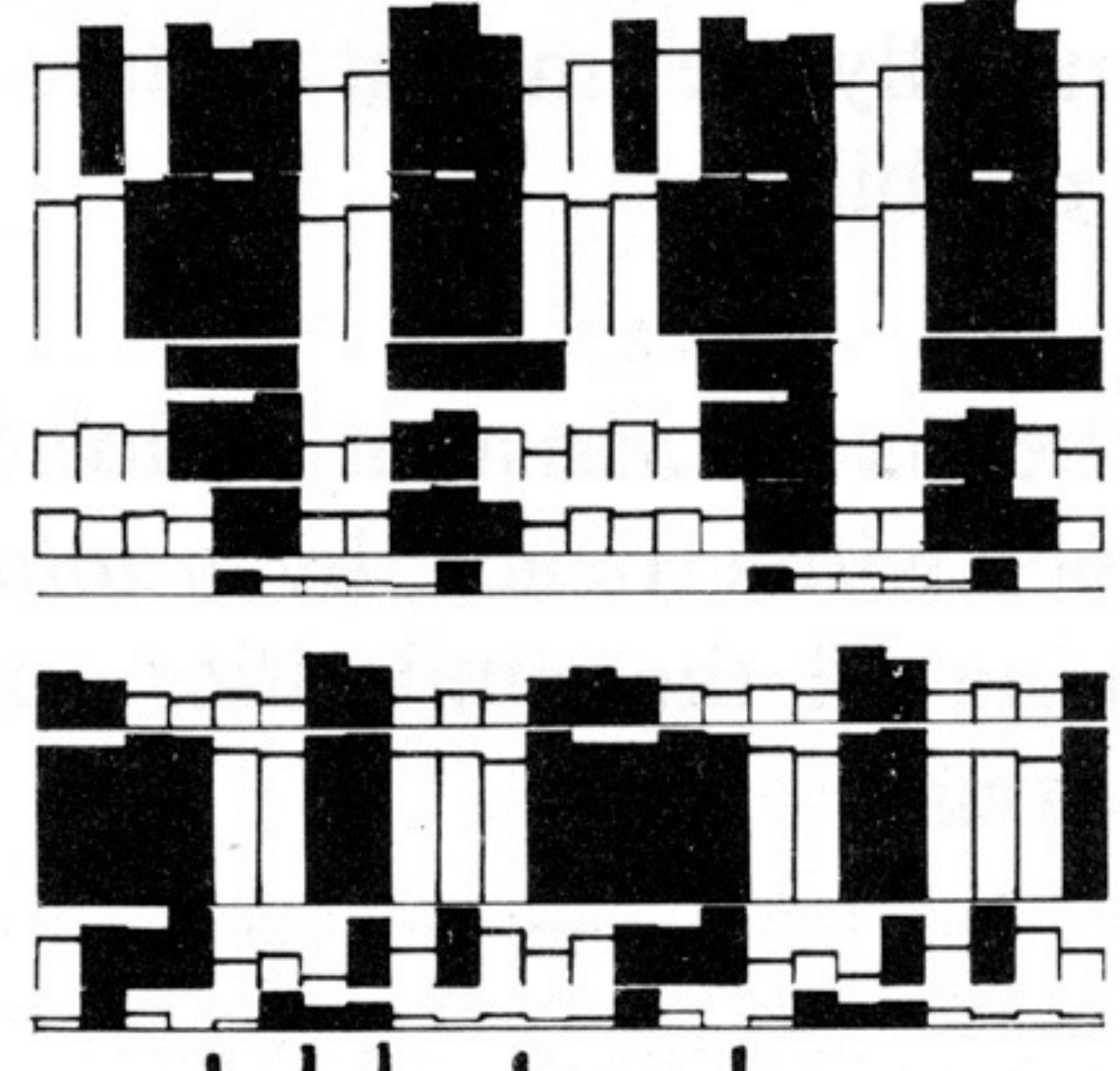
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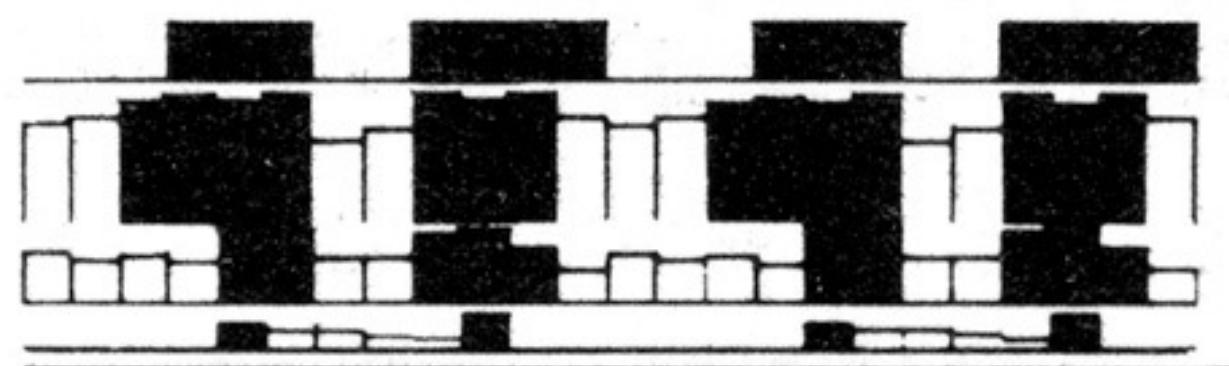
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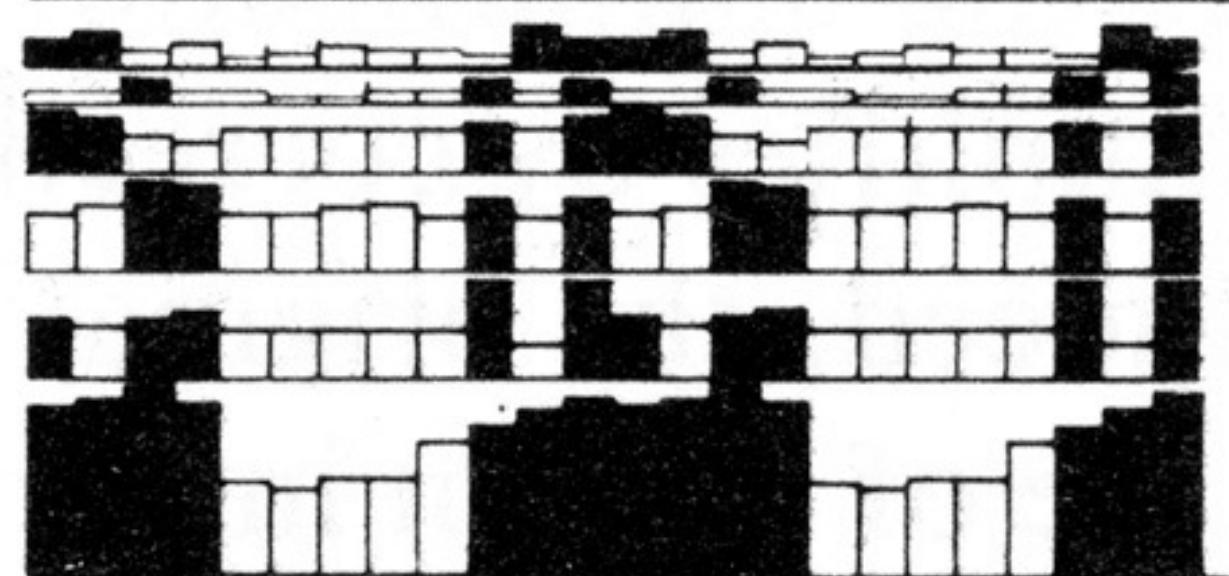
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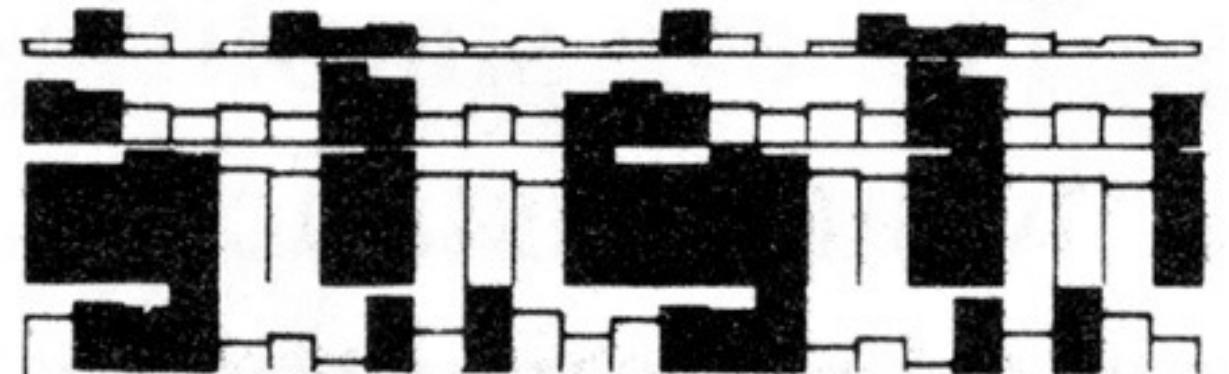
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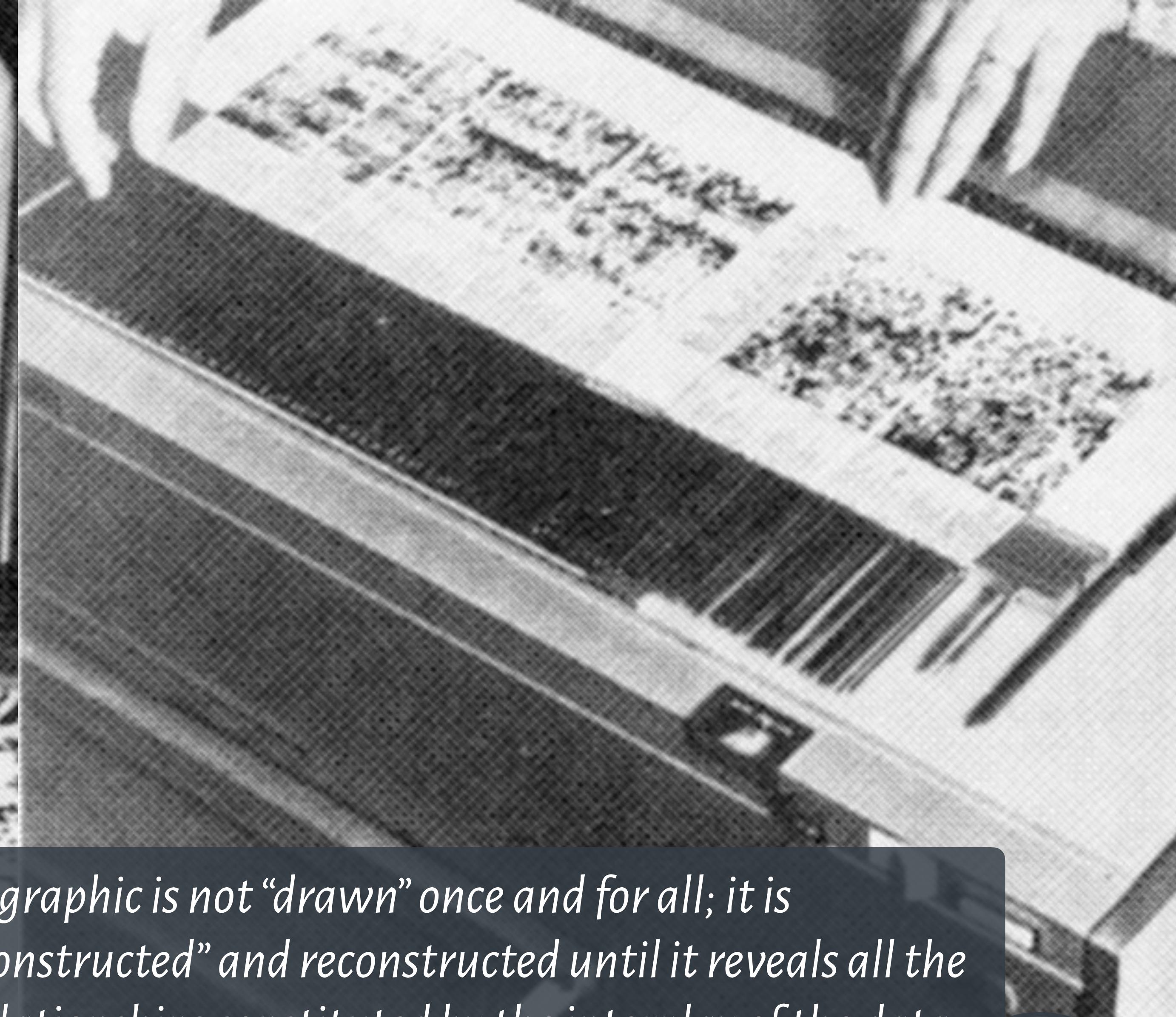
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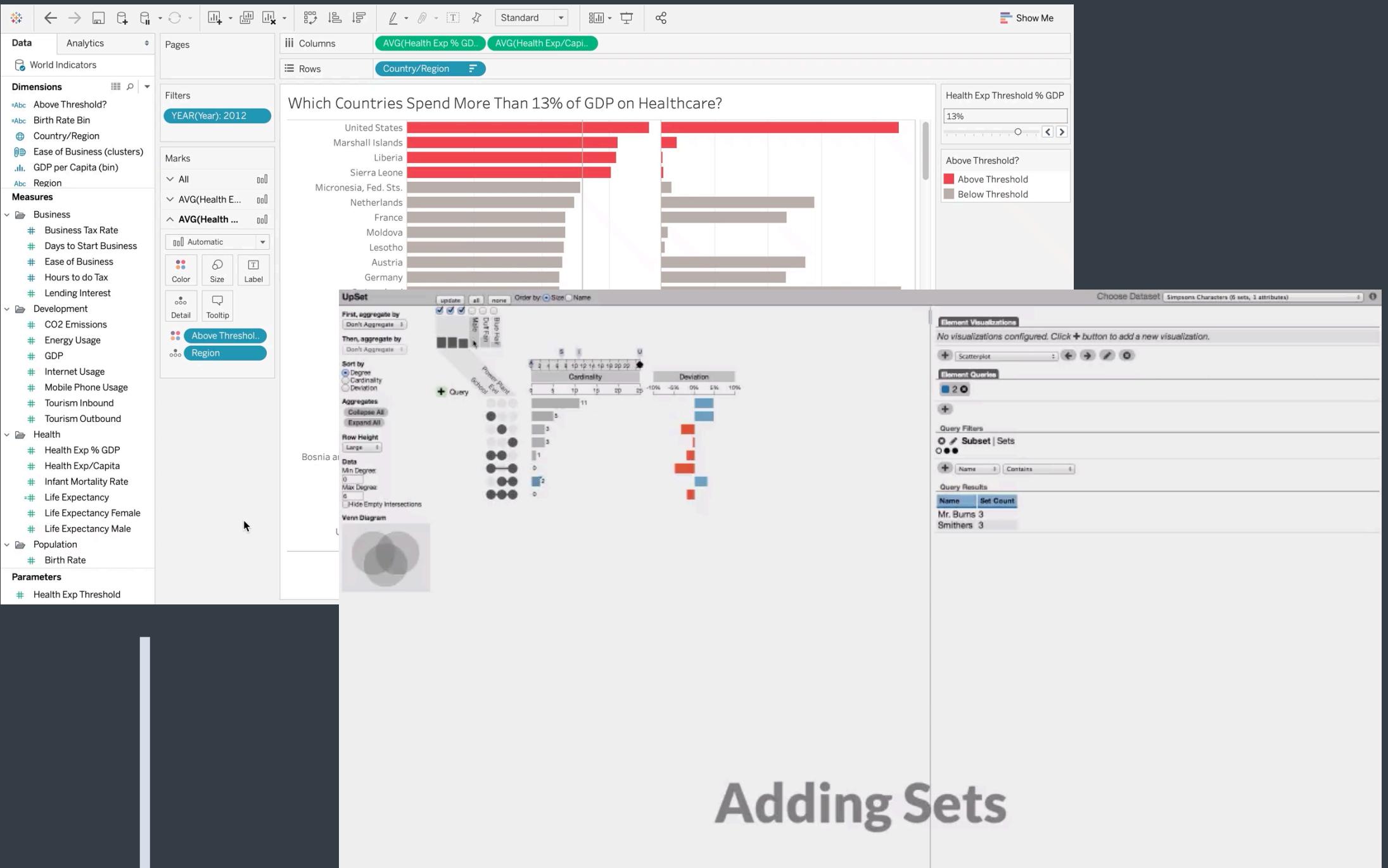


*A graphic is not “drawn” once and for all; it is “constructed” and reconstructed until it reveals all the relationships constituted by the interplay of the data. The best graphic operations are those carried out by the decision-maker [themselves].*

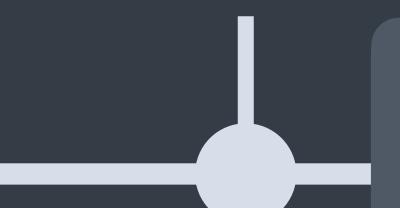


*“Visual representations alone cannot satisfy analytical needs. Interaction techniques are required to support the dialogue between the analyst and the data.”*

[Thomas & Cook, 2005]



Fixed palette of general-purpose techniques

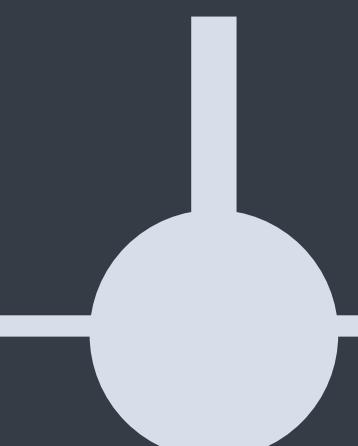
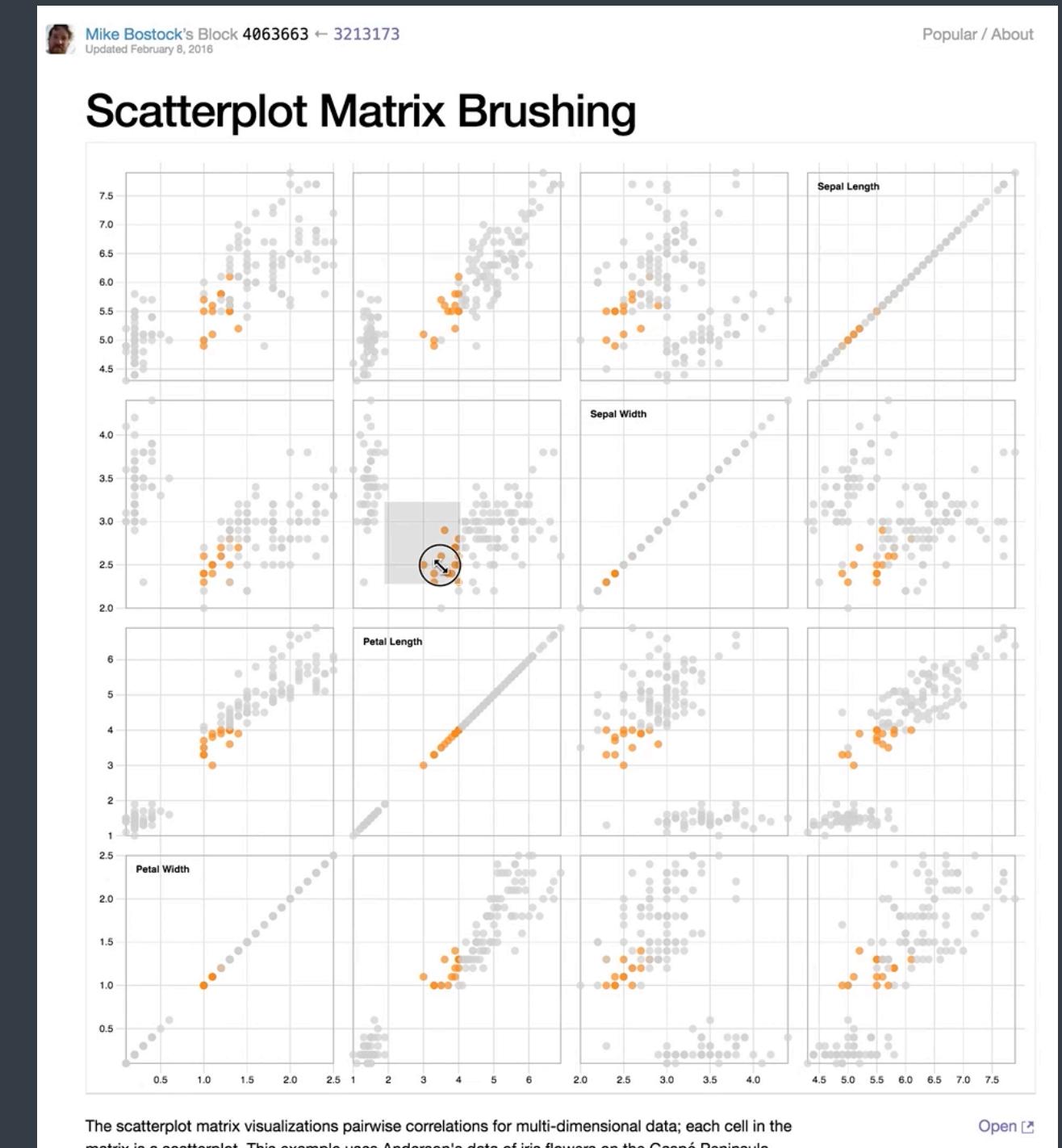


Custom techniques in purpose-built tools

*“It is through the interactive manipulation of a visual interface – the analytic discourse – that knowledge is constructed, tested, refined, and shared.”*

[Pike et al., 2009]

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Programming custom techniques



# Vega-Lite: A Grammar of Interactive Graphics

with



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vegalite (R)

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```

Altair (Python)

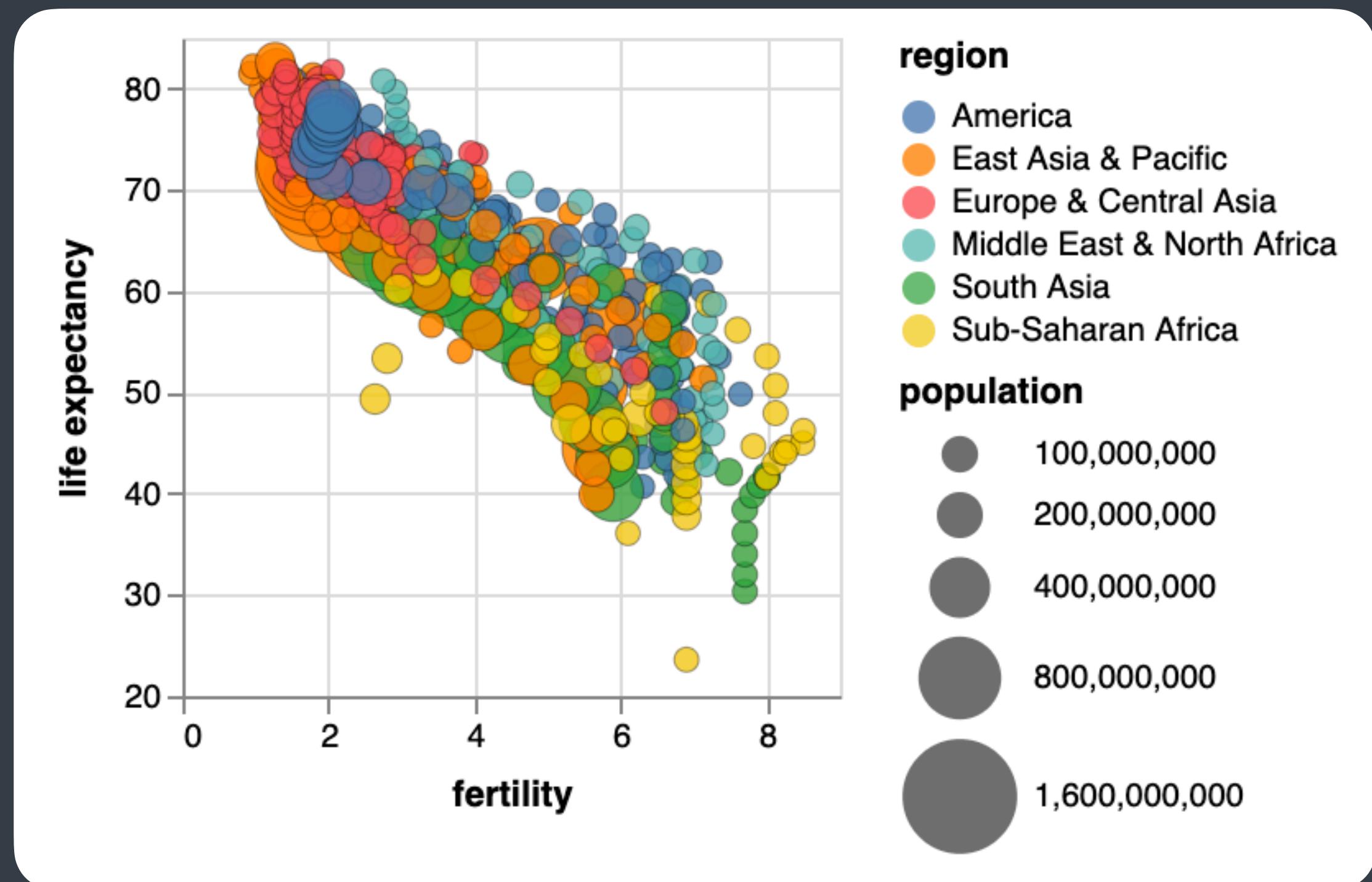
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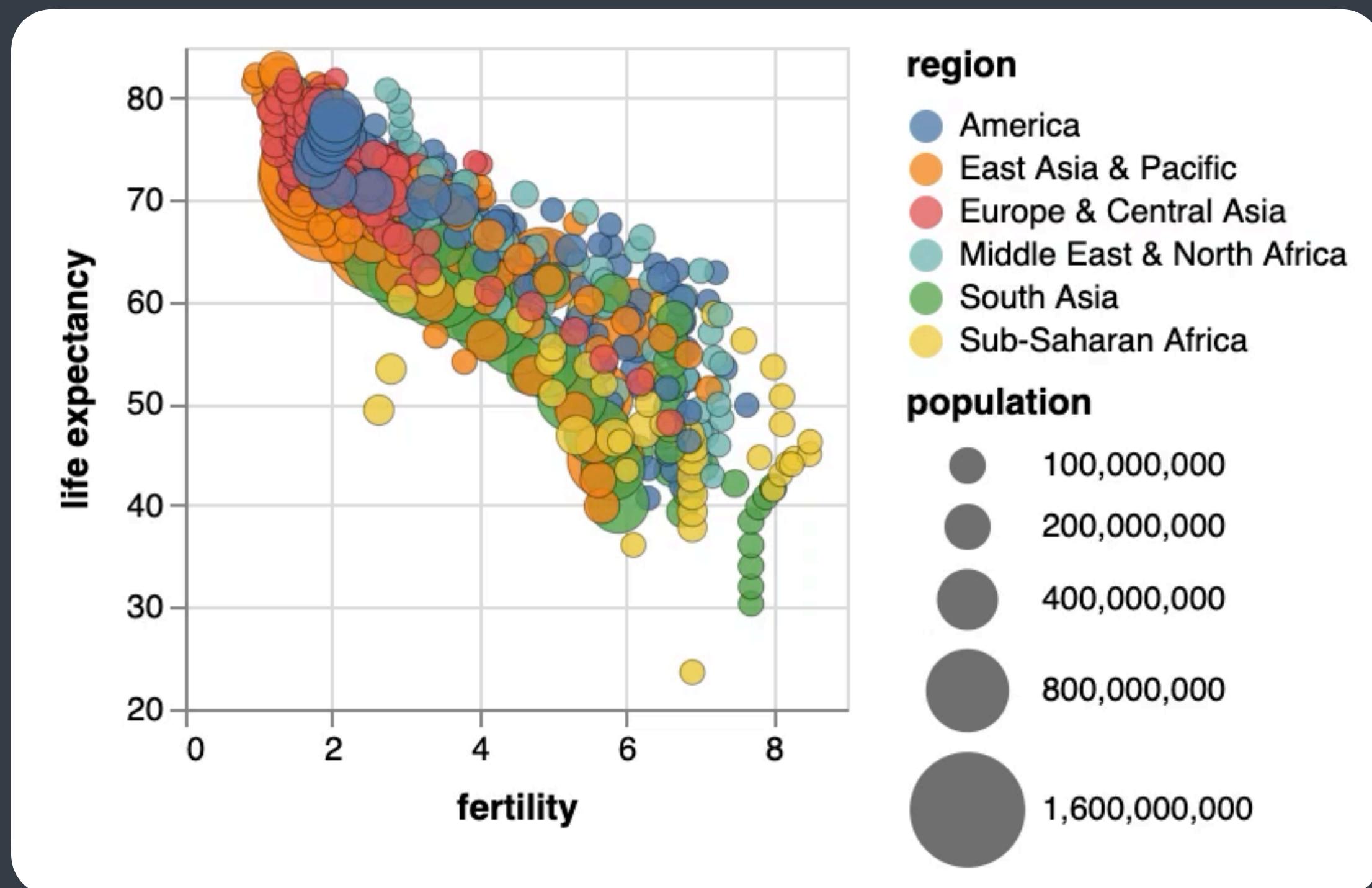
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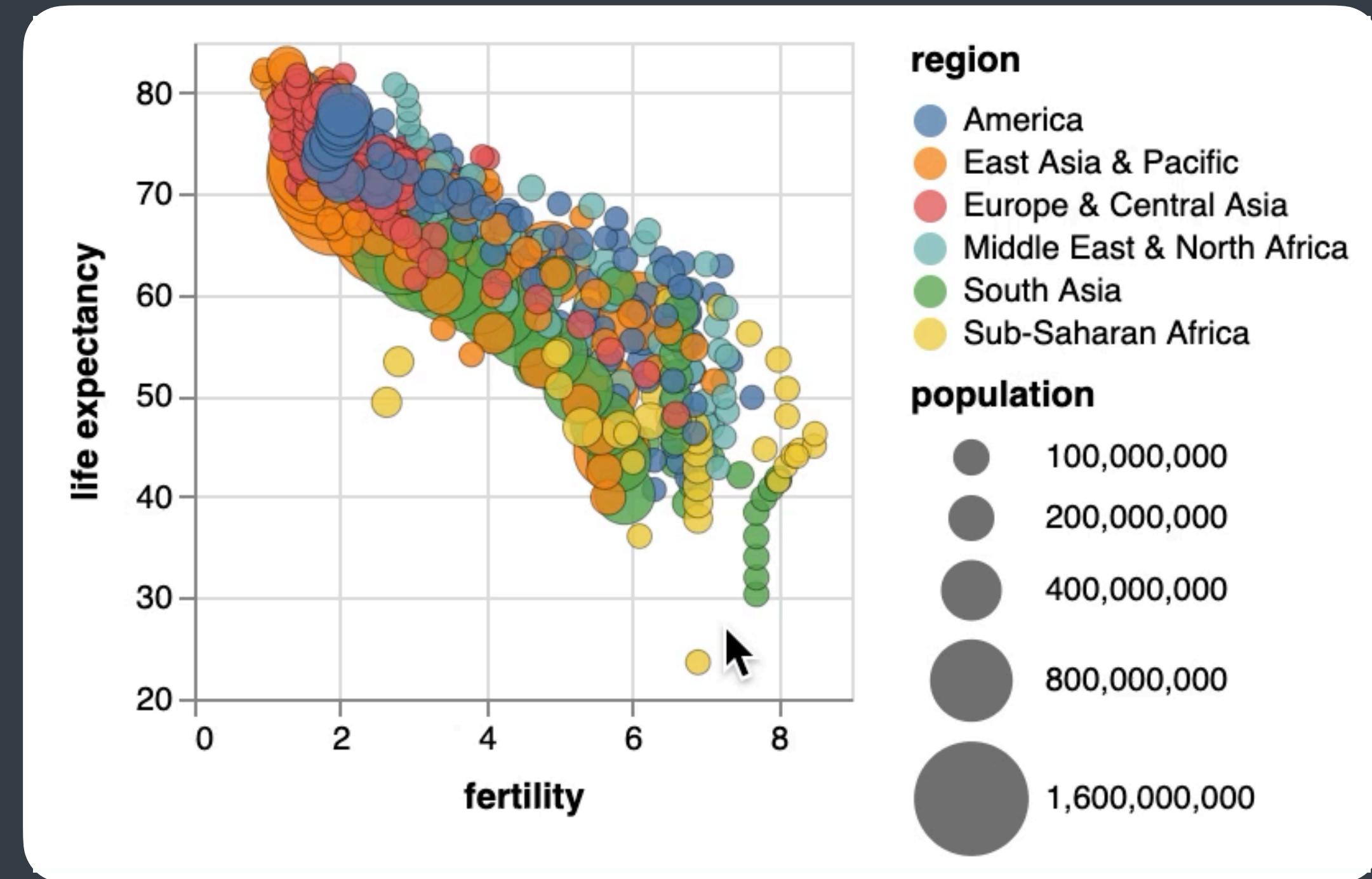
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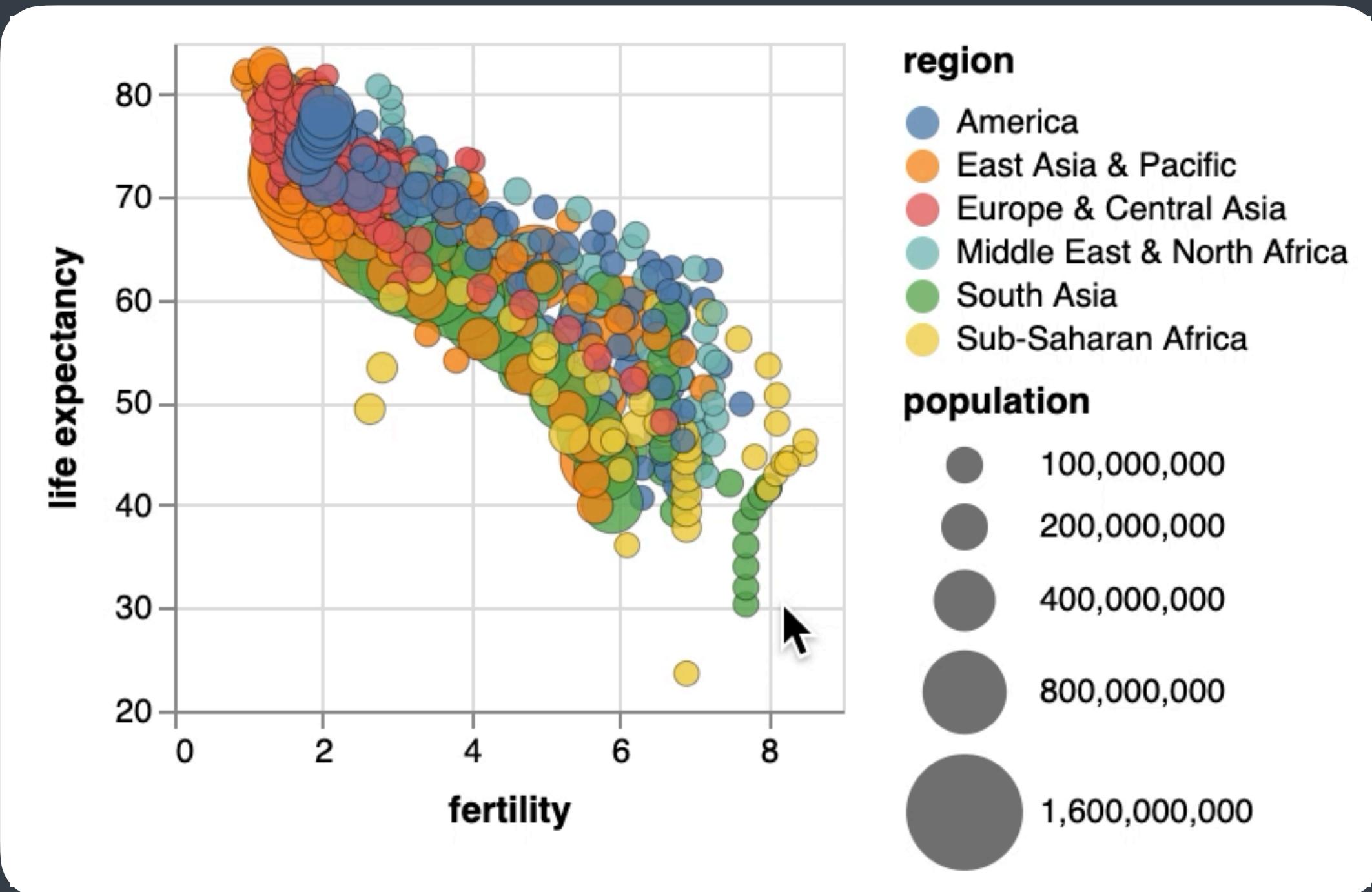
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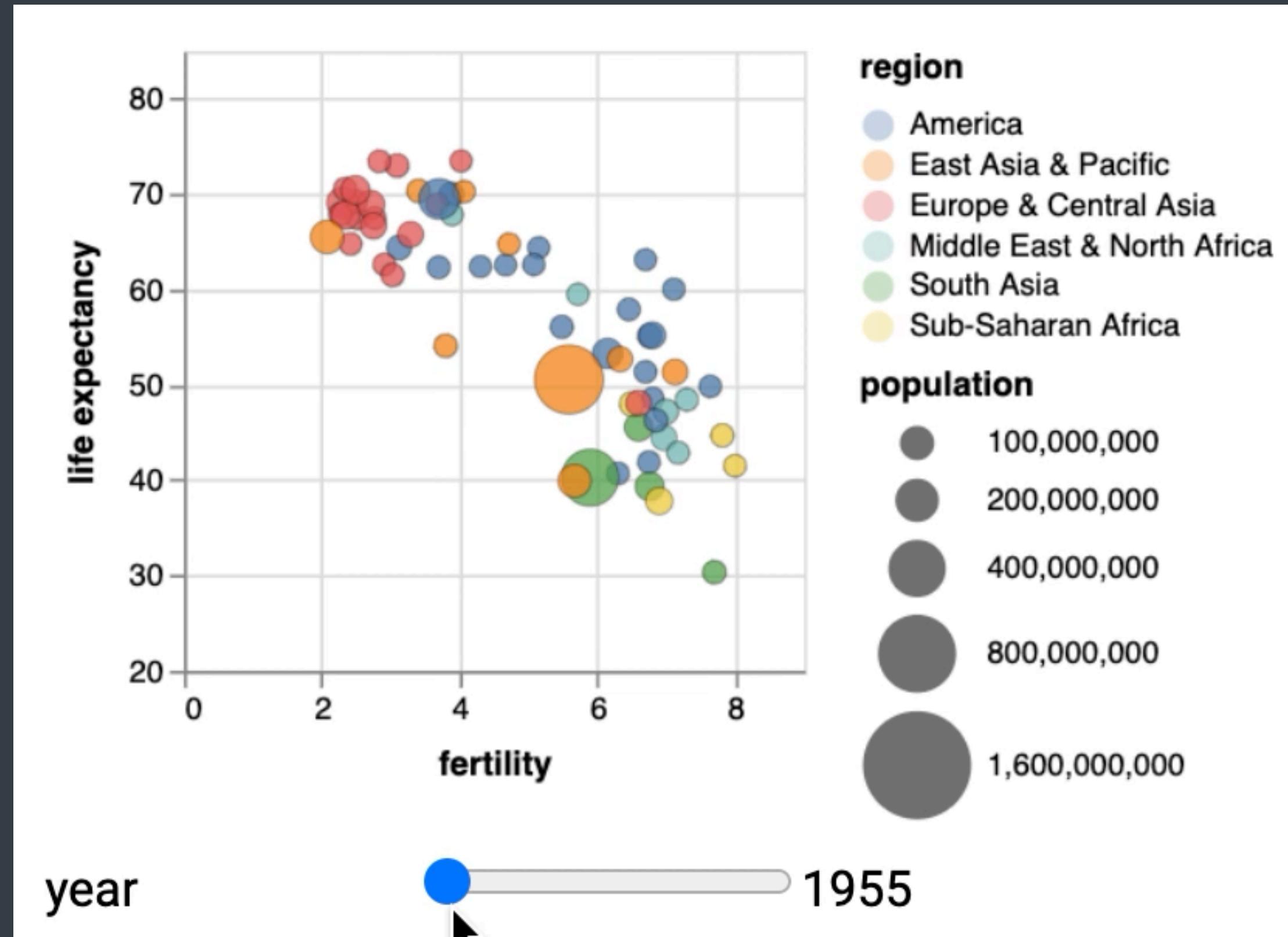
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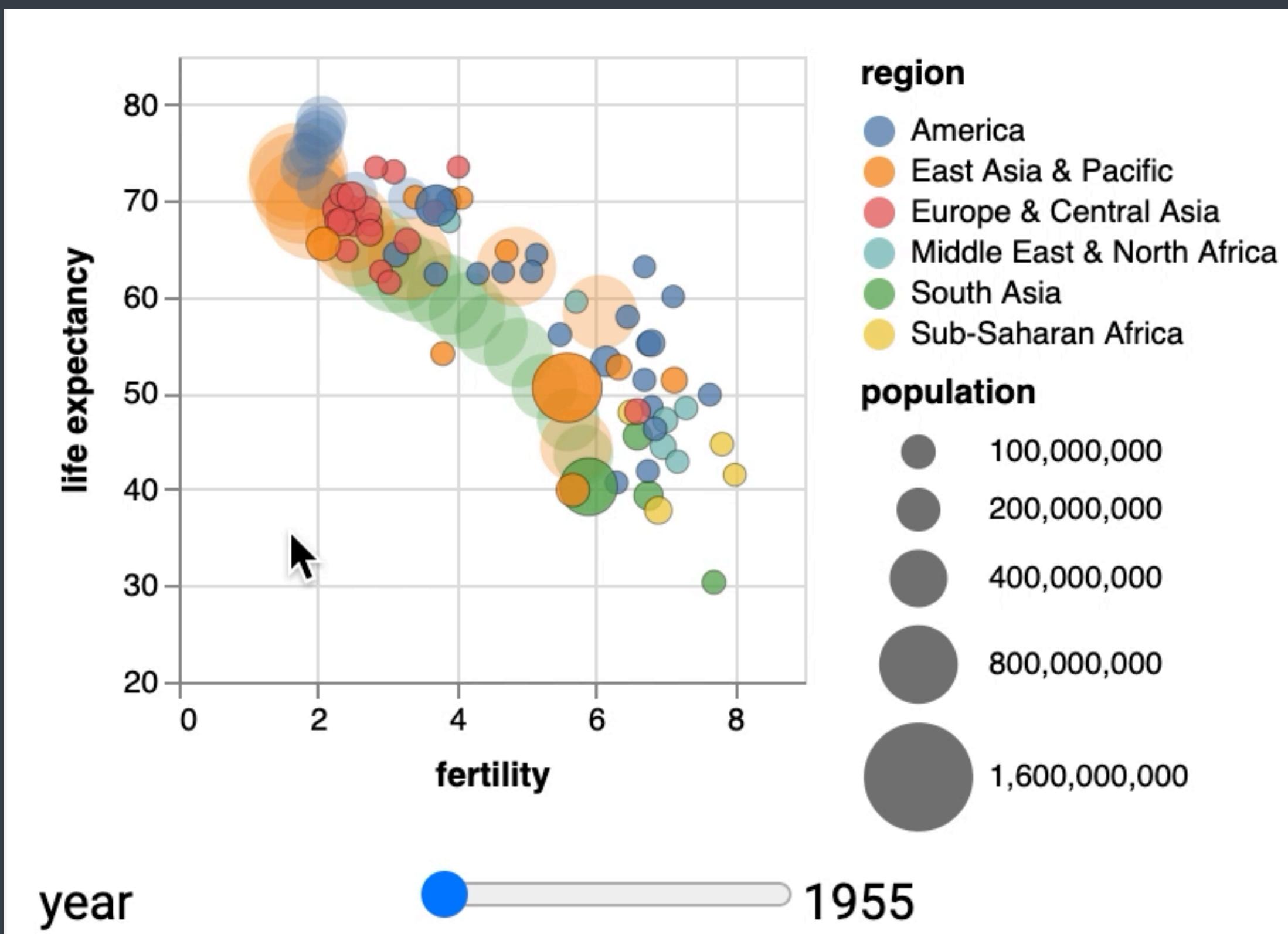
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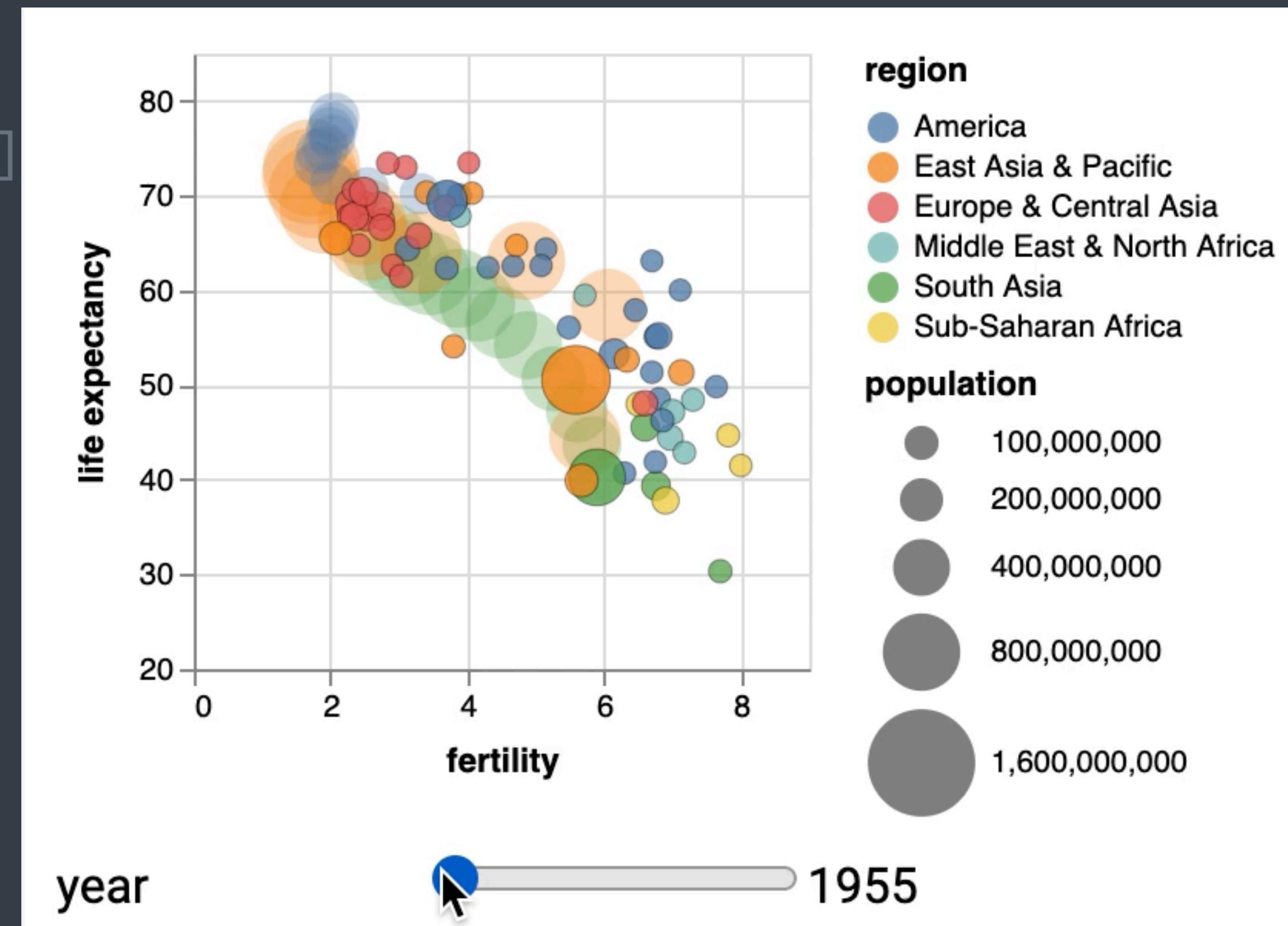


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}]
```



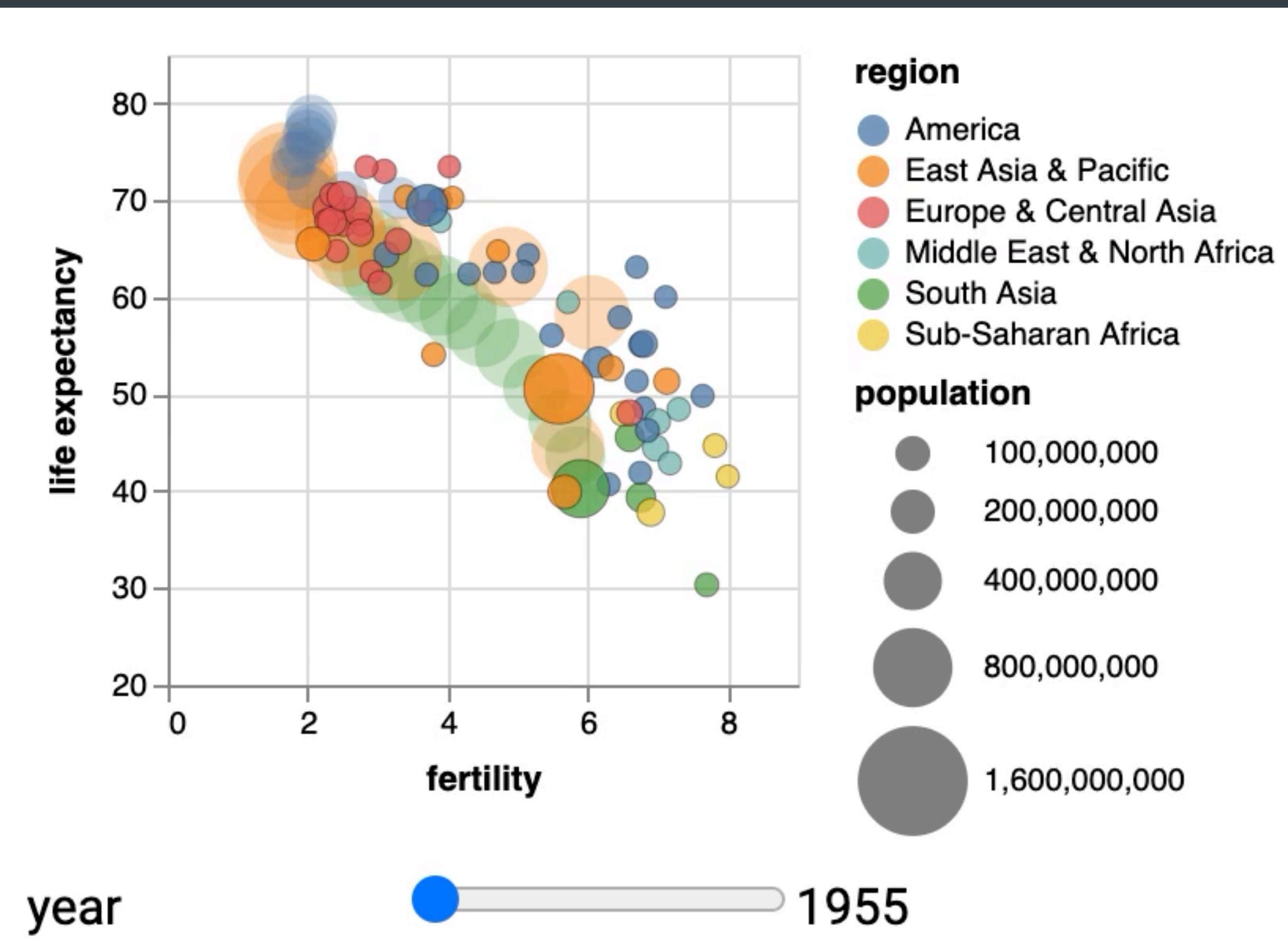
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  ]
}
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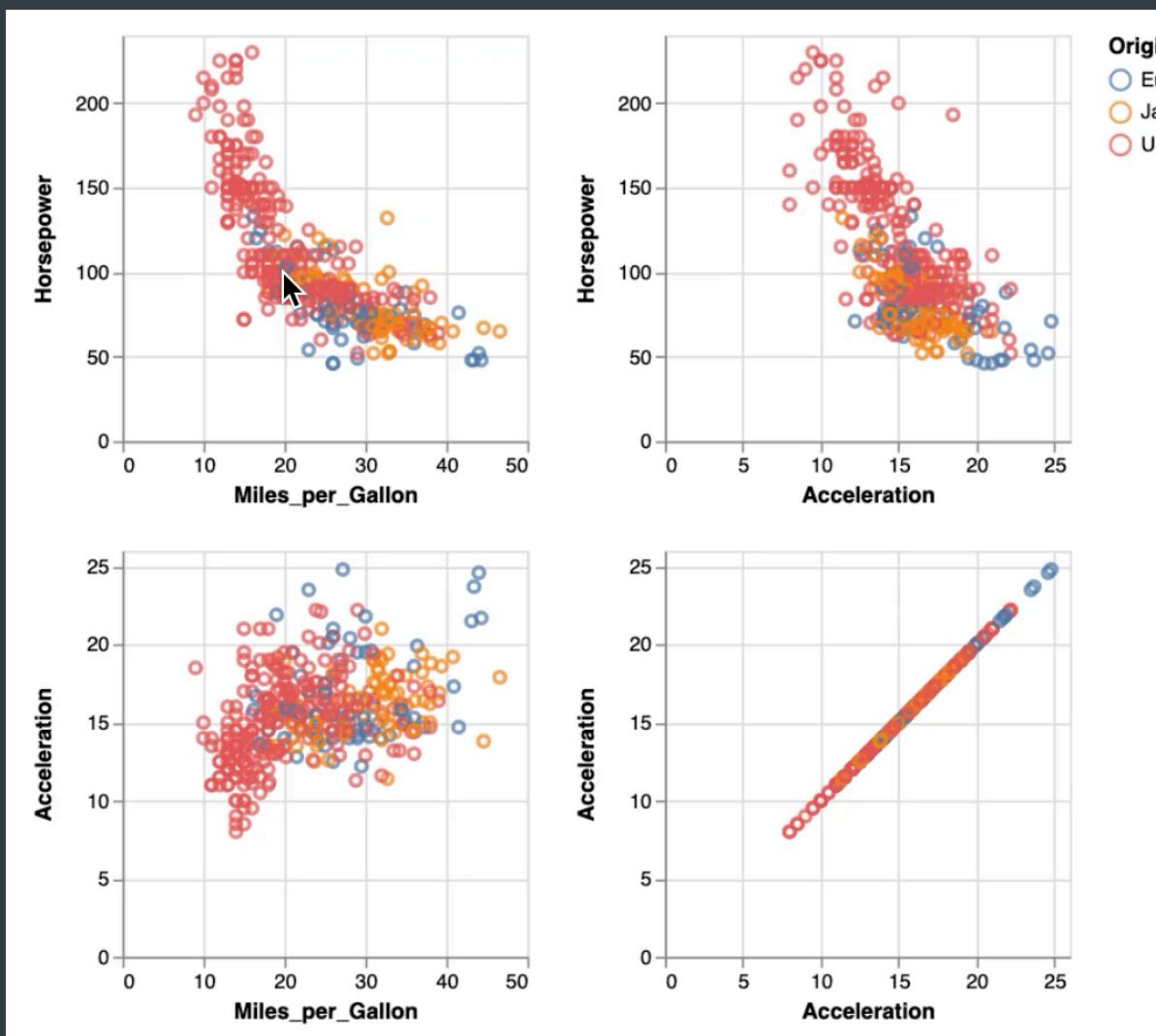


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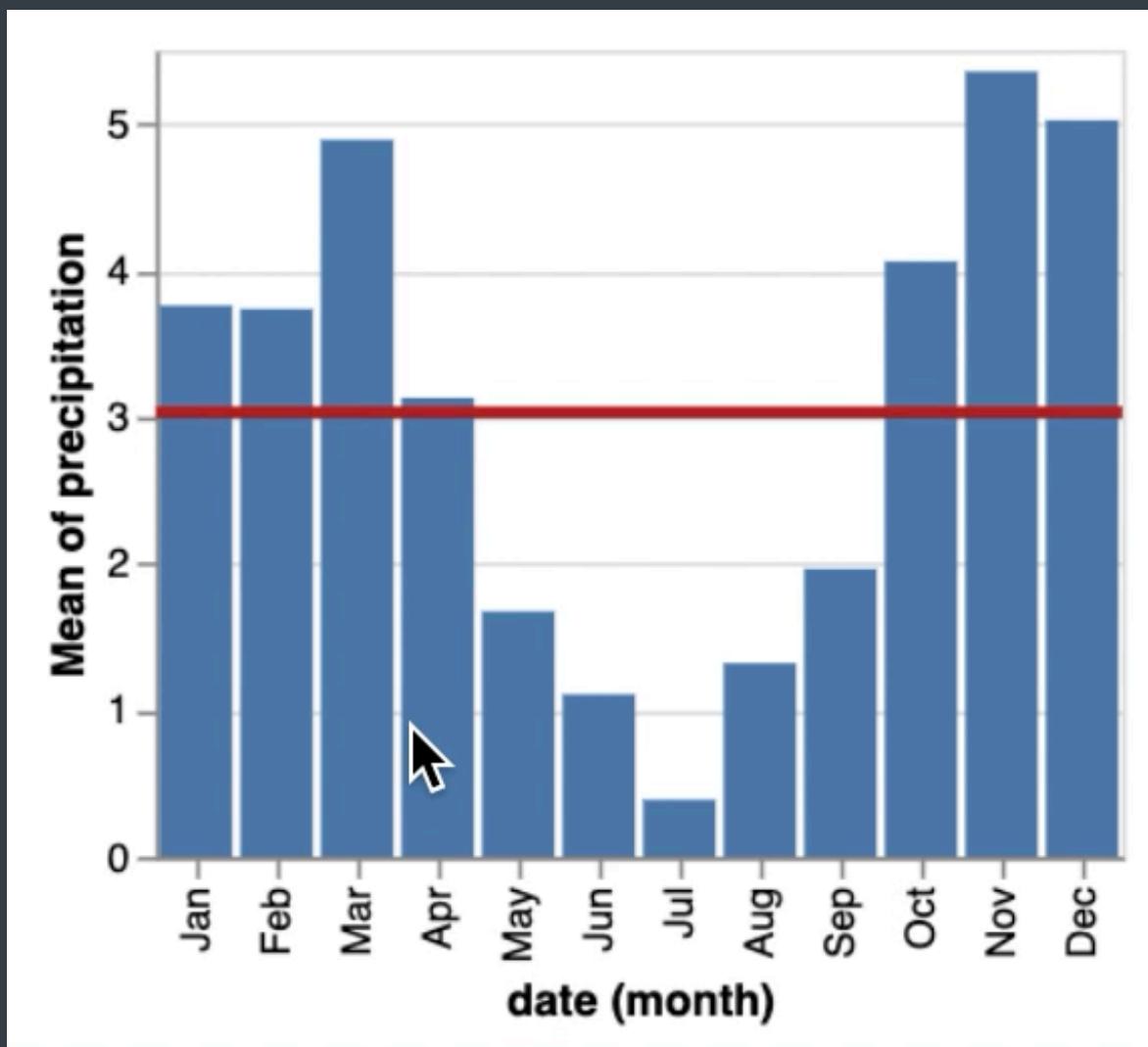
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      },
    }
  ]
}
```



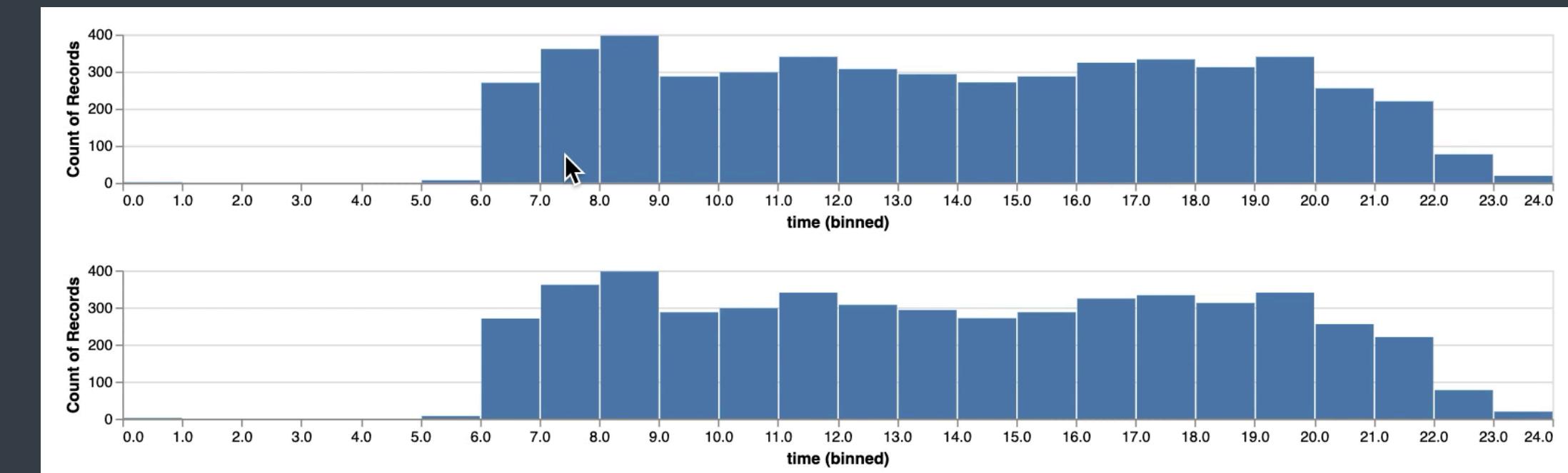
## Panning & Zooming



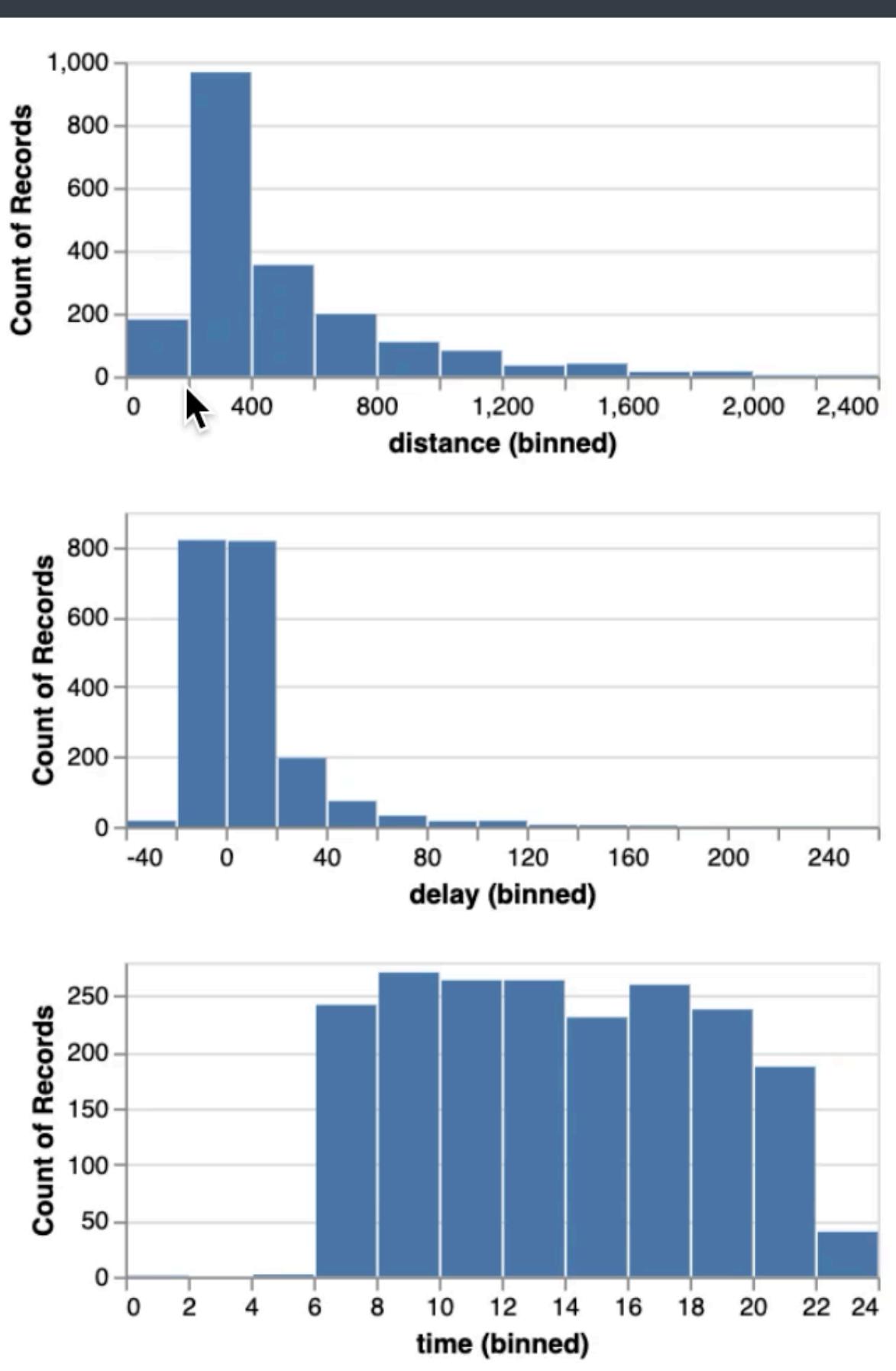
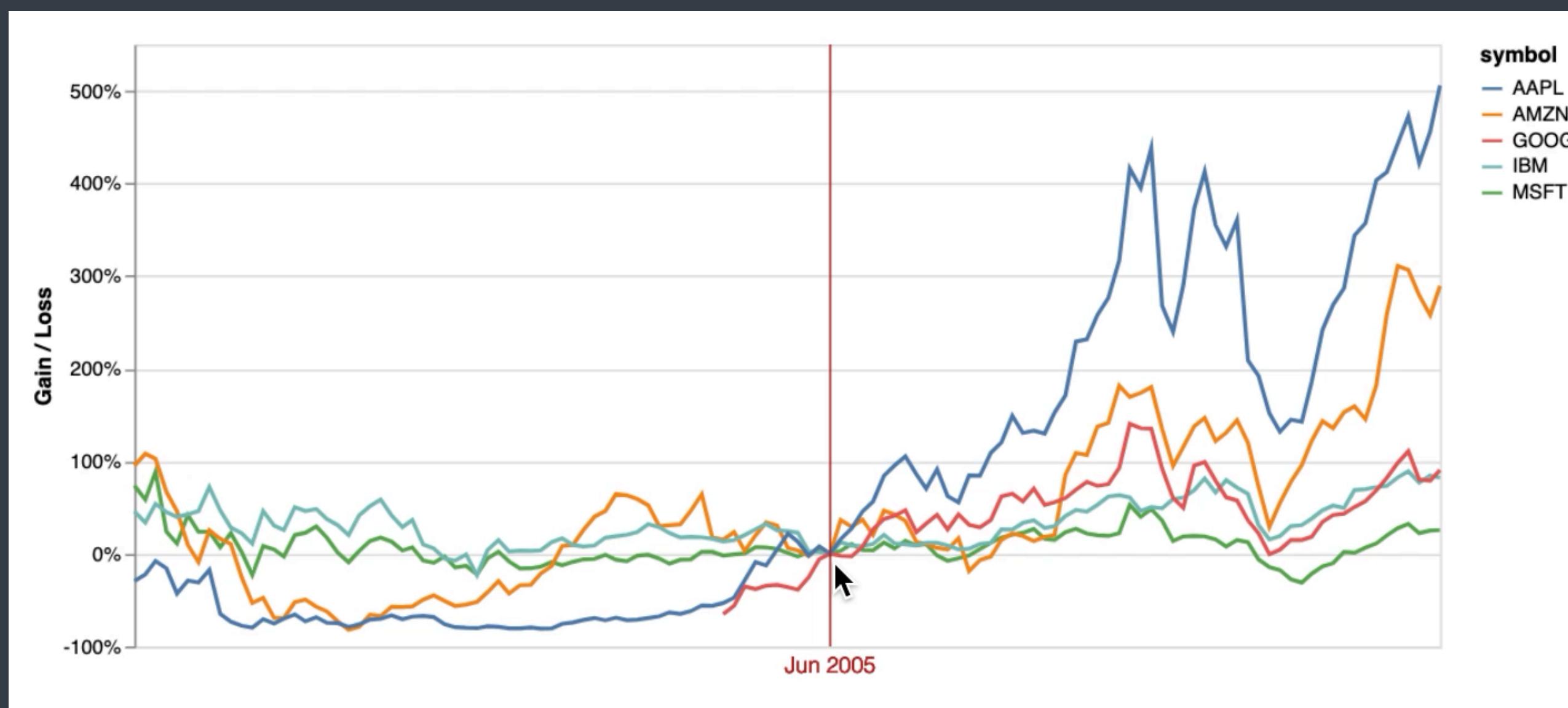
## Interactive Aggregation



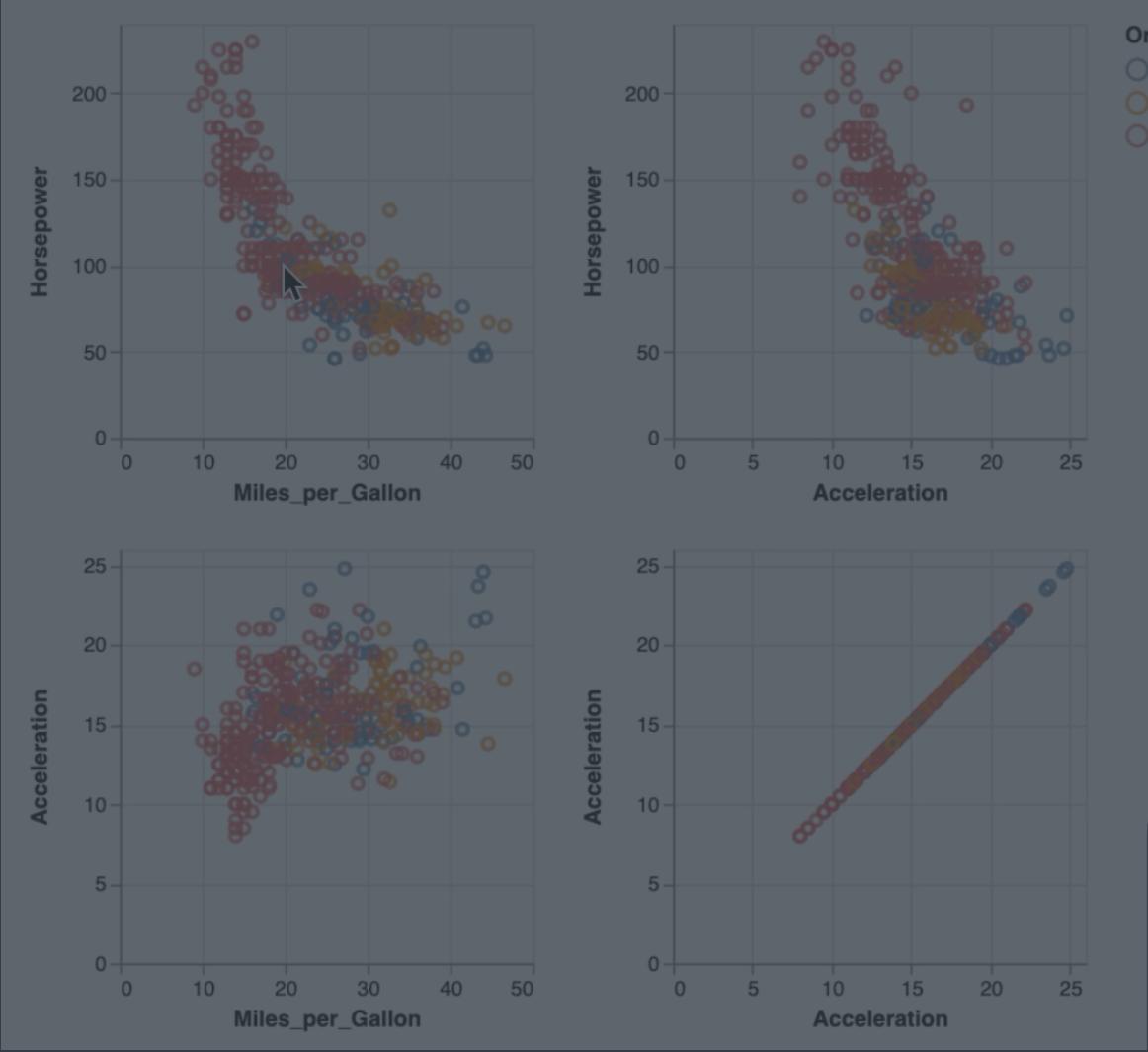
## Overview+Detail Interactive Binning



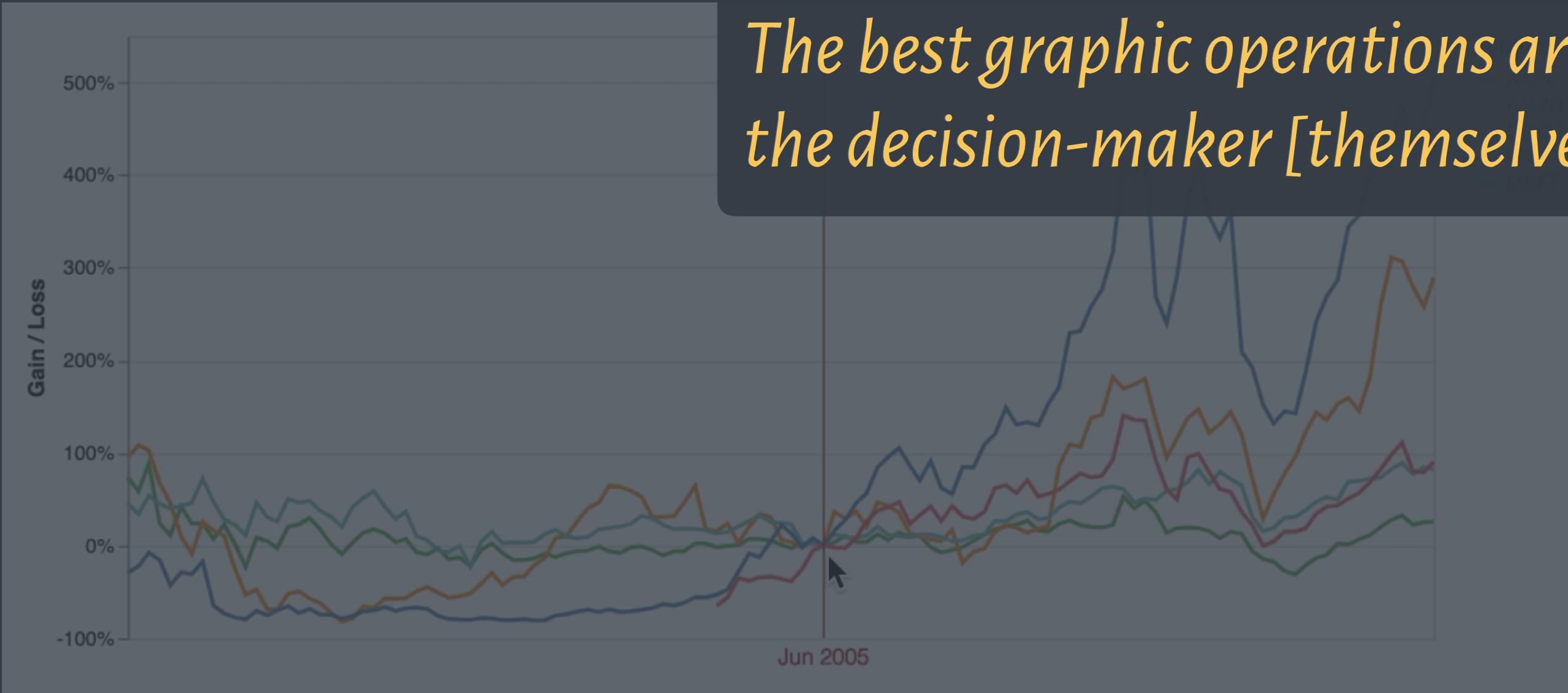
## Interactive Cross Filtering



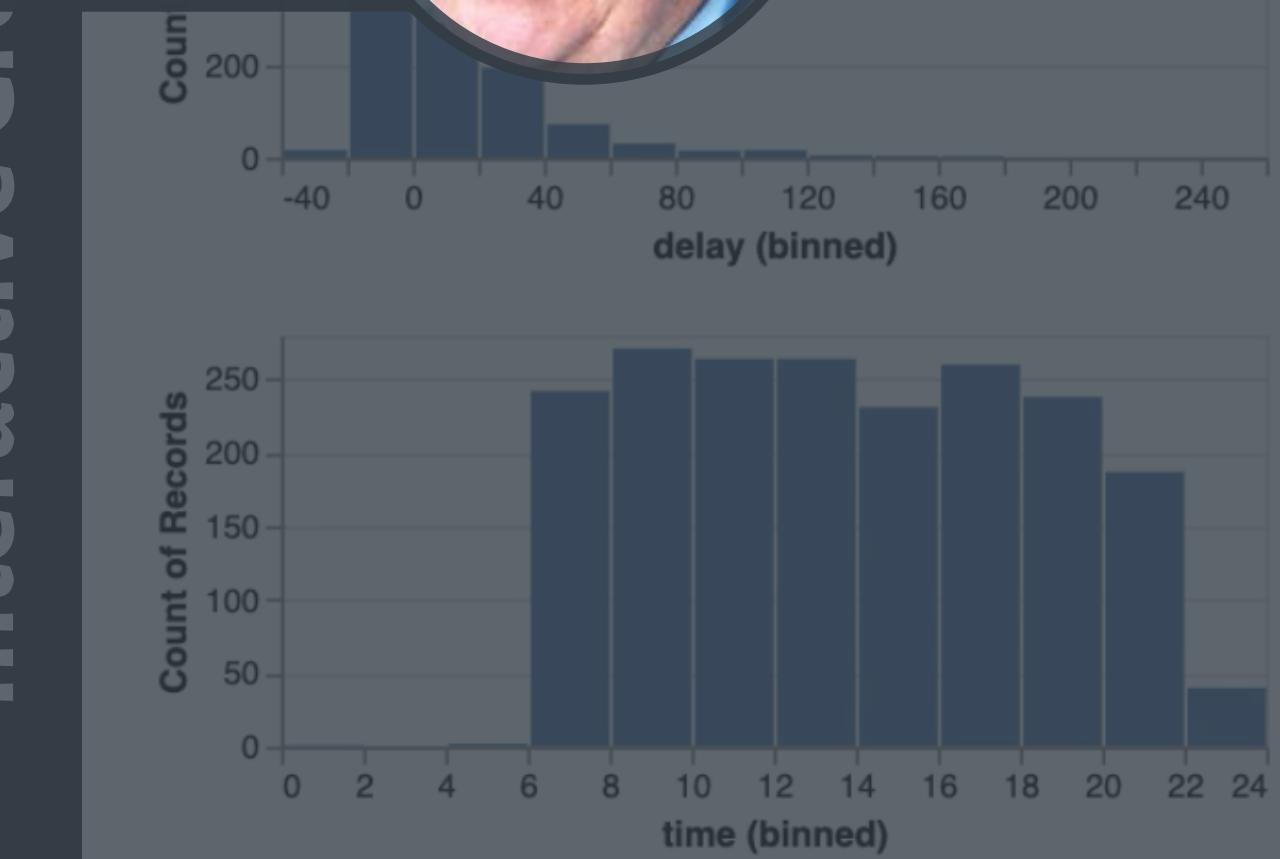
## Panning & Zooming



## Interactive Filtering



## Interactive Crisp



## Union Multiple Brushes

## Interactive Aggregation

## Overview+Detail Interactive Binning

*A graphic is not “drawn” once and for all; it is “constructed” and reconstructed until it reveals all the relationships constituted by the interplay of the data.*

*The best graphic operations are those carried out by the decision-maker [themselves].*



## A *Layout* Gap

Visualizations interleaved with code makes it difficult to coordinate multiple views.

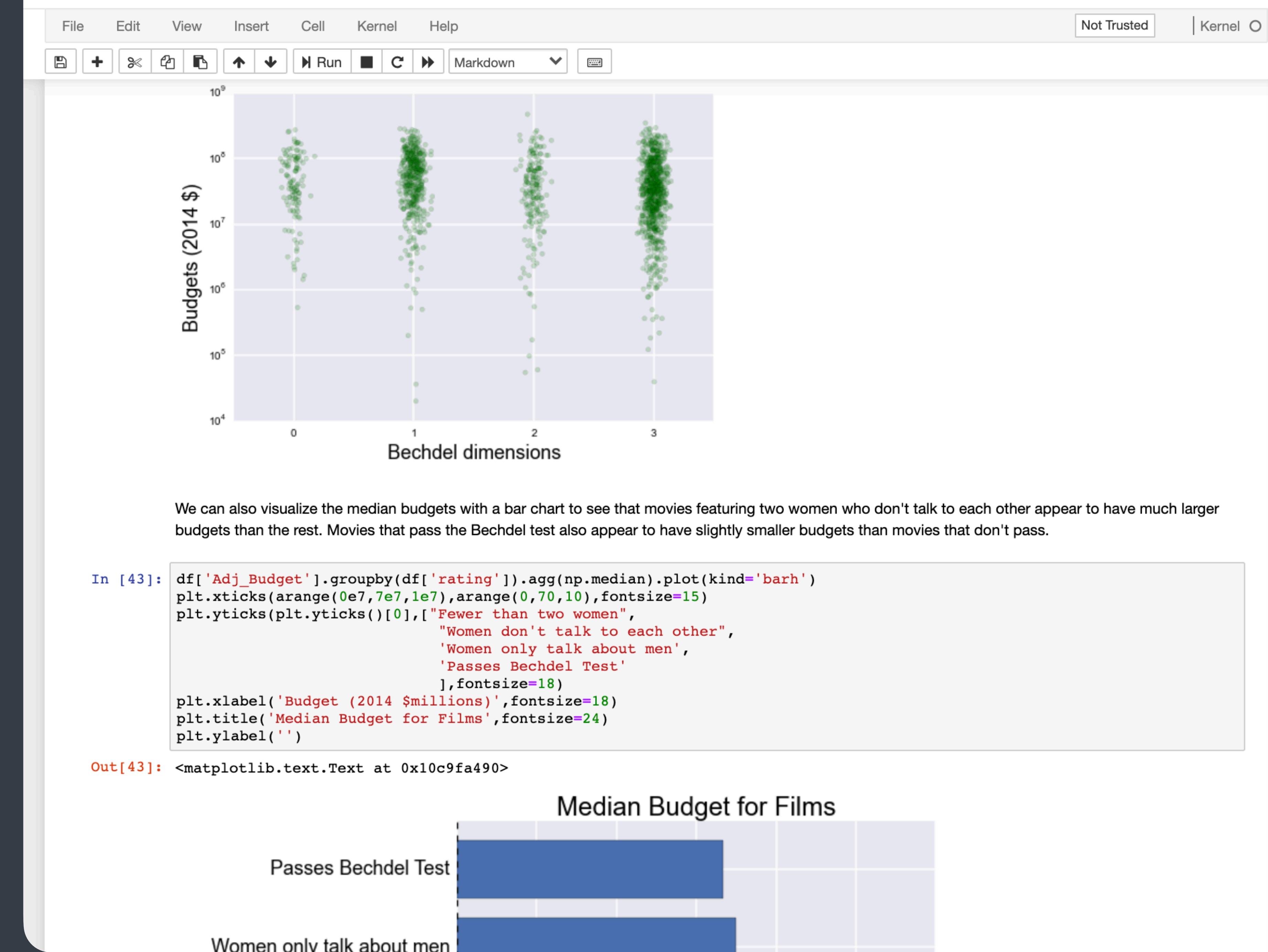
## A *Semantic* Gap

Visualizations need to be manually specified despite the provenance expressed by dataframe transformations.

Interactive results are siloed, and not available for further analysis in code.

## A *Temporal* Gap

Cell execution is persistent, but interaction is transient.



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The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the following details:

- Title Bar:** "jupyter Untitled2 Last Checkpoint: a few seconds ago (unsaved changes)"
- Toolbar:** File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help
- Cell Type:** Trusted | Python 3
- Cell Content:** An empty code cell labeled "In [ ]:" with a cursor at the beginning.

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- Header:** jupyter Untitled2 Last Checkpoint: a few seconds ago (unsaved changes) | Logout
- Toolbar:** File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help, Trusted, Python 3
- Code Cells:** In [1]:  
from midas import B2  
  
# init the env  
b2 = B2()  
  
In [ ]: |
- Right Sidebar:** A yellow sidebar containing documentation for the B2 extension.
  - Load Data:** To load data, use `.from_file("path/to/your_data.csv")`, the columns will show up to the right.
  - Load Charts:** For any dataframes, you can visualize it here with `.vis()`.
  - Making Interactions:** All the loaded charts by default are augmented with interactivity by default. You can select a subset of the data by shift click with a bar chart, or shift-drag to draw the brush, with a scatter plot or line chart.
  - Recording/Restoring Interactions:** By default, your interactions are executed via a "log" in a code cell to the left. You can look at the code to get a sense of what you have interacted with. You can also execute the code by uncommenting the relevant selections.
  - Toggle and Resize Panes:** To toggle this pane (restoring the traditional notebook view), click on **Toggle midas**, from the menu bar on the top. Similarly, you can click **Toggle Column Shelf** to just hide the pane to the right. To resize, you can also drag the left edge of the the main (blue)pane---the resizer will be highlighted with a darker shade of blue when you hover over.
- Column Pane:** Columns of loaded data will show here. You can click on the x symbol to the right to hide the column from view.
- See Distributions:** You can click on the column to get the distribution of the data.

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File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Widgets Help Trusted Python 3

In [2]:

```
# init the env
b2 = B2()
```

In [2]:

```
df = b2.from_file("./data/fire.csv")
df
```

Out[2]:

SourceType	Name	Year	DiscoveryDate	DiscoveryTime	Caus
NONFED	nan	1992	2.44865e+06	1540	Arso
NONFED	nan	1998	2.45091e+06	nan	Debris Burnin
NONFED	nan	1995	2.44983e+06	nan	Childre
FED	MINE	2011	2.45575e+06	1800	Lightnin
NONFED	2013039	2013	2.45648e+06	nan	Equipment Us
NONFED	nan	1994	2.44944e+06	1030	Missing/Undefine
NONFED	nan	2015	2.45706e+06	1352	Debris Burnin
NONFED	nan	2000	2.4517e+06	nan	Equipment Us
FED	WAVES AGAIN	2011	2.45575e+06	2144	Campfir
NONFED	MERCED COUNTY	1993	2.44912e+06	nan	Equipment Us

... (9990 rows omitted)

In [4]:

```
Year_dist = df.groupby('Year')
Year_dist.vis()
```

In [ ]:

Year\_dist

df

- SourceType
- Name
- Year
- DiscoveryDate
- DiscoveryTime
- Cause
- ContDate
- ContDoy
- ContTime
- Size
- SizeClass
- Lat
- Lon
- Owner
- State
- County

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Code Toggle B2 charts Toggle Columns

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In [4]: `Year_dist = df.groupby('Year')  
Year_dist.vis()`

In [7]: `# 12:54 PM  
State_df_dist = df.groupby('State')  
State_df_dist.vis()`

In [8]: `# 12:54 PM  
Cause_df_dist = df.groupby('Cause')  
Cause_df_dist.vis()`

In [ ]:

Year\_dist

State\_df\_dist

Cause\_df\_dist

df

- SourceType
- Name
- Year
- DiscoveryDate
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In [4]: `Year_dist = df.groupby('Year').Year.dist()`

In [7]: `# 12:54 PM`  
`State_df_dist = df.groupby('State').State.dist()`  
`State_df_dist.vis()`

In [8]: `# 12:54 PM`  
`Cause_df_dist = df.groupby('Cause').Cause.dist()`  
`Cause_df_dist.vis()`

In [15]: `# 12:55 PM`  
`b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC", "TX", "GA"]}, "Cause_df_dist": {"Cause": ["Debris Burning", "Miscellaneous", "Lightning", "Arson", "Missing/Udefined", "Equipment Use", "Campfire", "Children", "Smoking", "Railroad", "Powerline", "Fireworks", "Structure"]}}])`

Year\_dist

State\_df\_dist

Cause\_df\_dist

df

- SourceType
- Name
- Year
- DiscoveryDate
- DiscoveryTime
- Cause
- ContDate
- ContDoy
- ContTime
- Size
- SizeClass
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NONFED nan 2000 2.4517e+06 nan Equipment Us

FED WAVES AGAIN 2011 2.45575e+06 2144 Campfir

NONFED MERCED COUNTY 1993 2.44912e+06 nan Equipment Us

... (9990 rows omitted)

In [4]: `Year_dist = df.groupby('Year')  
Year_dist.vis()`

In [7]: # 12:54 PM  
`State_df_dist = df.groupby('State')  
State_df_dist.vis()`

In [8]: # 12:54 PM  
`Cause_df_dist = df.groupby('Cause')  
Cause_df_dist.vis()`

In [18]: # 12:55 PM  
`# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["CA"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["GA"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["TX"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC", "TX"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC", "TX", "GA"]} }])  
b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC", "TX", "GA", ""]} }])`

In [ ]:

Year\_dist

State\_df\_dist

Cause\_df\_dist

df

- SourceType
- Name
- Year
- DiscoveryDate
- DiscoveryTime
- Cause
- ContDate
- ContDoy
- ContTime
- Size
- SizeClass
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- County

# B2: Bridging Code & Interactive Visualization in Notebooks

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File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Widgets Help Trusted Python 3

Code Toggle B2 charts Toggle Columns

NONFED nan 2000 2.4517e+06 nan Equipment Us

FED WAVES AGAIN 2011 2.45575e+06 2144 Campfir

NONFED MERCED COUNTY 1993 2.44912e+06 nan Equipment Us

... (9990 rows omitted)

In [4]: `Year_dist = df.groupby('Year')  
Year_dist.vis()`

In [7]: `# 12:54 PM  
State_df_dist = df.groupby('State')  
State_df_dist.vis()`

In [8]: `# 12:54 PM  
Cause_df_dist = df.groupby('Cause')  
Cause_df_dist.vis()`

In [35]: `# 12:55 PM  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["CA"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["GA"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["TX"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC", "TX"]} }])  
# b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC", "TX", "GA"]} }])  
b2.sel([{ "State_df_dist": {"State": ["NC", "TX", "GA", ""]}}])`

In [37]: `dist": {"Year": [1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003]}},  
st": {"Year": [2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009]}}`

In [ ]:

Year\_dist

State\_df\_dist

Cause\_df\_dist

df

- SourceType
- Name
- Year
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# B2: Bridging Code & Interactive Visualization in Notebooks

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File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Widgets Help Trusted Python 3

Toggle B2 charts Toggle Columns

Children	22
Debris Burning	286
Equipment Use	143
Fireworks	2
Lightning	56
Miscellaneous	219
Missing/Undefined	77
Powerline	2

... (2 rows omitted)

In [40]:  
locs = df.where('State', b2.are.contained\_in(['NC', 'TX']))  
locs.plot\_heatmap(zoom\_start=3, radius=6)

Out[40]:

Leaflet | Data by © OpenStreetMap, under ODbL.

In [42]:  
# 01:16 PM  
# b2.sel([{ "State\_df\_dist": {"State": ["NC", "TX", "GA"]},  
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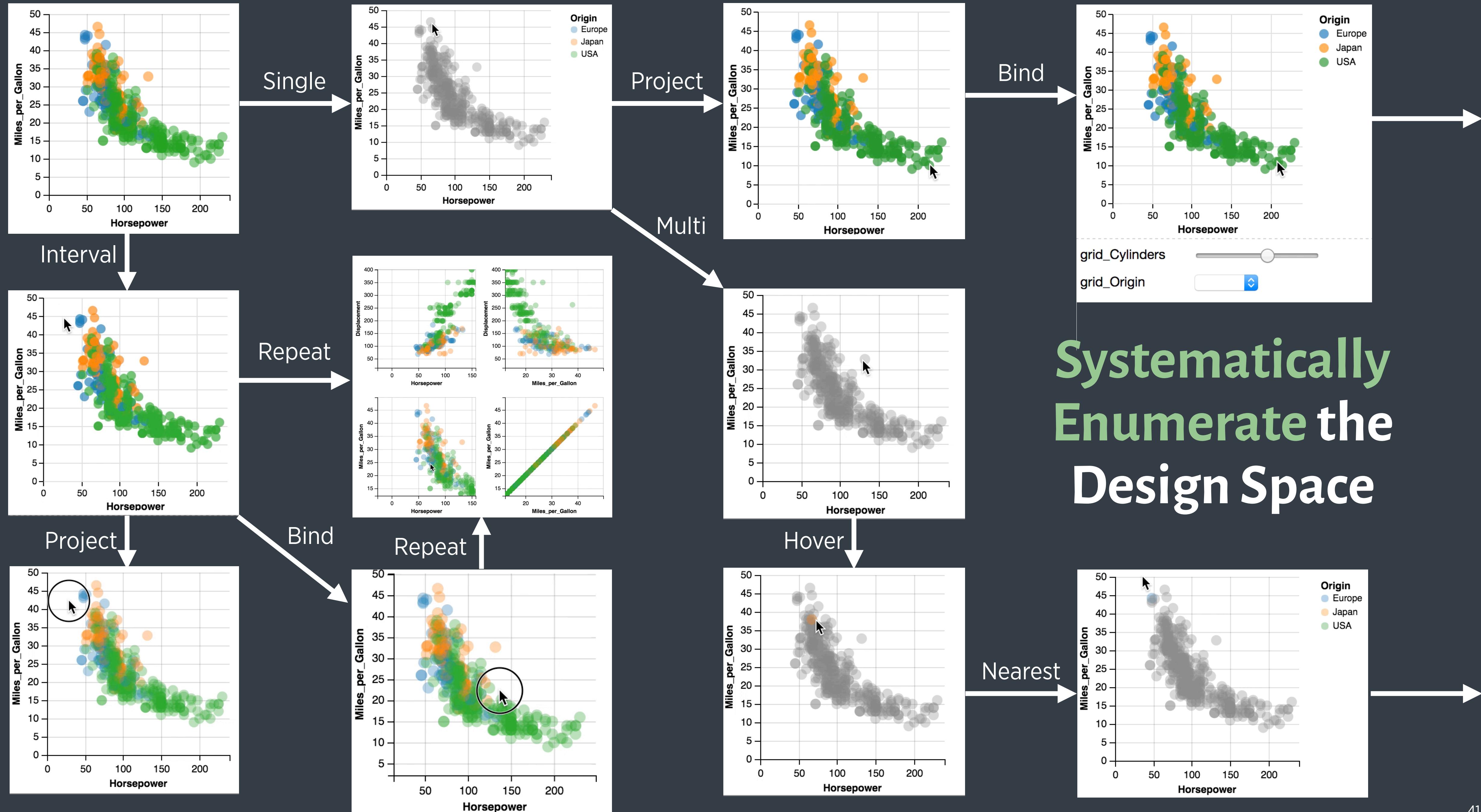
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# Systematically Enumerate the Design Space

# Lyra: Interactive Visualization by Demonstration

with



**GROUPS** + **GROUP 1** **DATA PIPELINES** **World** **+ New**

**Edit Scene** **Pipeline** None

**GUIDES**

**MARKS**

**INTERACTIONS**

**WIDGETS**

**X POSITION**

Left 0  Set to group width

Width 640

**Y POSITION**

Top 0  Set to group height

Height 360

**FILL**

Color transparent

Opacity 1

**STROKE**

Color

Width 0

**SCALES**

**1-20 of 207**

Birth_Rate	0.011	0.019	0.019
Life_Exp...	77	78	77
Life_Exp...	70	68	73
Country/...	Mauritius	Seychelles	Tunisia
GDP_per...	8862	11689	4197
Region	Africa	Africa	Africa
Infant_M...	0.013	0.012	0.014
Year	135433...	135433...	135433...
Life_Exp...	74	73	75

**RECT**

**SYMBOL**

**TEXT**

**LINE**

**AREA**

**C**

**EXPORT**

# Lyra: Interactive Visualization by Demonstration

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**GROUPS** + **SYMBOL 1** **DATA PIPELINES** **World** + New

**Edit Scene** **PIPLINE** None

**GUIDES**

**MARKS**

**Symbol 1** **X** 100 **Y** 100

**INTERACTIONS**

**WIDGETS**

**GEOMETRY**

**Shape** circle **Size** 200

**FILL**

**Color** #4682b4 **Opacity** 1

**STROKE**

**Color** #000000 **Width** 0

**SCALES**

**DATA PIPELINES** **World** + New

**Birth\_Rate** 0.011 0.019 0.019

# \*\*\* Life\_Expectancy\_Female ▾ ⚖

**Life\_Exp...** 70 68 73

**Country/...** Mauritius Seychelles Tunisia

GDP\_per... 8862 11689 4197

# \*\*\* Life\_Expectancy\_Female ▾ ⚖

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**Region** Africa Africa Africa

Infant\_M... 0.013 0.012 0.014

Year 135433... 135433... 135433...

Life\_Exp... 74 73 75

**RECT**

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**EXPORT**

The screenshot displays the Lyra visualization tool's interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with sections for Groups, Data Pipelines, Edit Scene, Guides, Marks, Interactions, and Widgets. Below these are detailed panels for Symbol 1, including Geometry (Shape: circle, Size: 200), Fill (Color: #4682b4, Opacity: 1), and Stroke (Color: #000000, Width: 0). The Data Pipelines section shows a table titled 'World' with four columns: Birth\_Rate, Life\_Expectancy\_Female, and two unnamed columns. A specific row in the table is highlighted with a green border and circled, showing values for Mauritius, Seychelles, and Tunisia. The right side of the interface features a large workspace where a single blue circle is drawn on a white background, connected by a thin blue line to the circled entry in the table.

# Lyra: Interactive Visualization by Demonstration

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**GROUPS** + **SYMBOL 1** **DATA PIPELINES** **World** + New

**Edit Scene** **PIPELINE** None

**GUIDES**

**MARKS**

**Symbol 1**

**INTERACTIONS**

**WIDGETS**

**GEOMETRY**

**Shape** circle **Size** 200

**FILL**

**Color** #4682b4 **Opacity** 1

**STROKE**

**Color** #000000 **Width** 0

**SCALES**

**DATA PIPELINES** **World** + New

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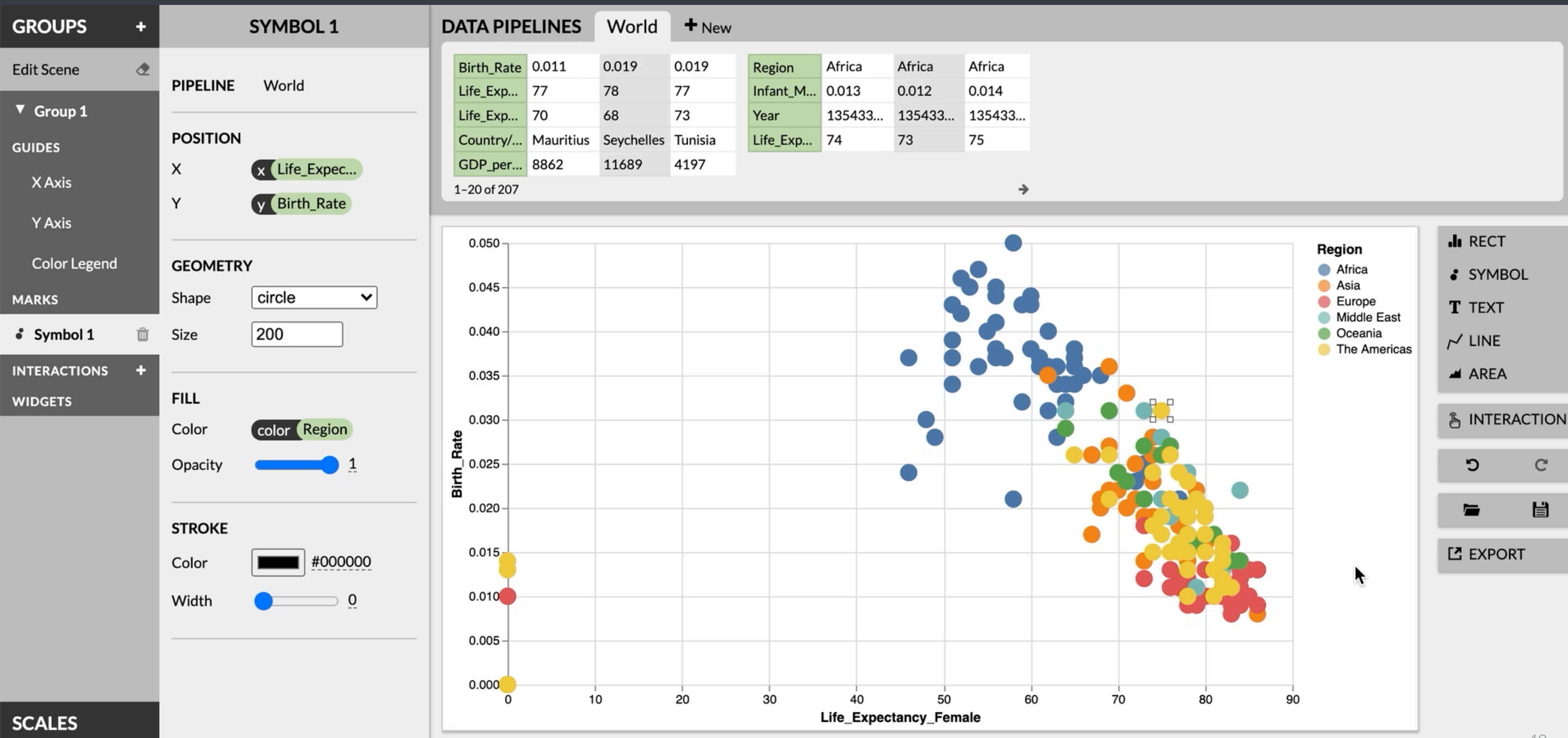
**RECT** **SYMBOL** **TEXT** **LINE** **AREA**

**C** **C**

**EXPORT**

# Lyra: Interactive Visualization by Demonstration

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**PIPELINE** World

**POSITION**

**GEOMETRY**

**FILL**

**STROKE**

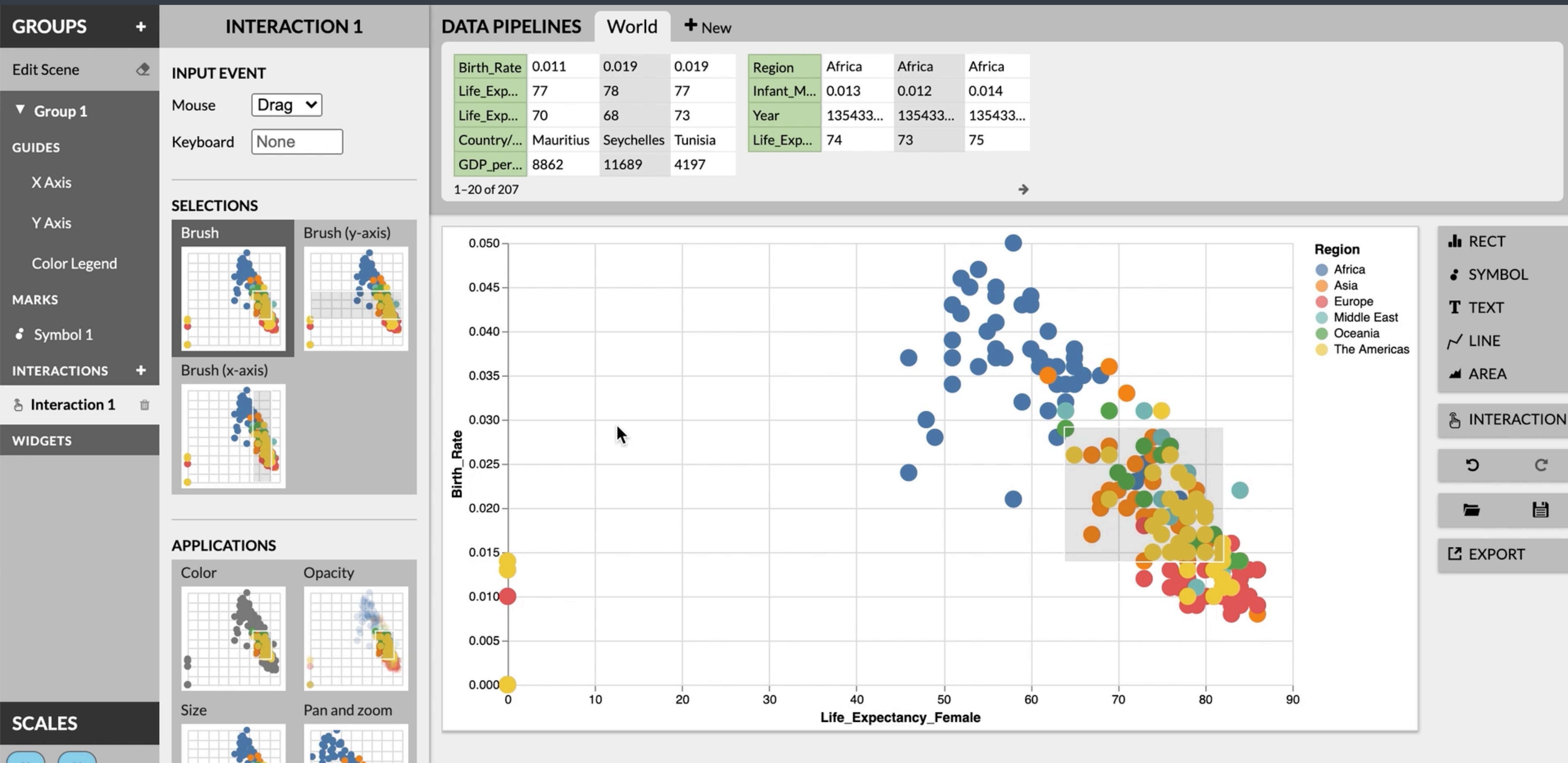
→

**PIPELINE** World

<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; border-bottom: none

# Lyra: Interactive Visualization by Demonstration

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# Towards *Effective* Interaction With Data Visualization

## Empirically Derive Effectiveness "Rankings"

Use an interaction grammar to enumerate alternate techniques for a given analytic task. Test with human subjects.

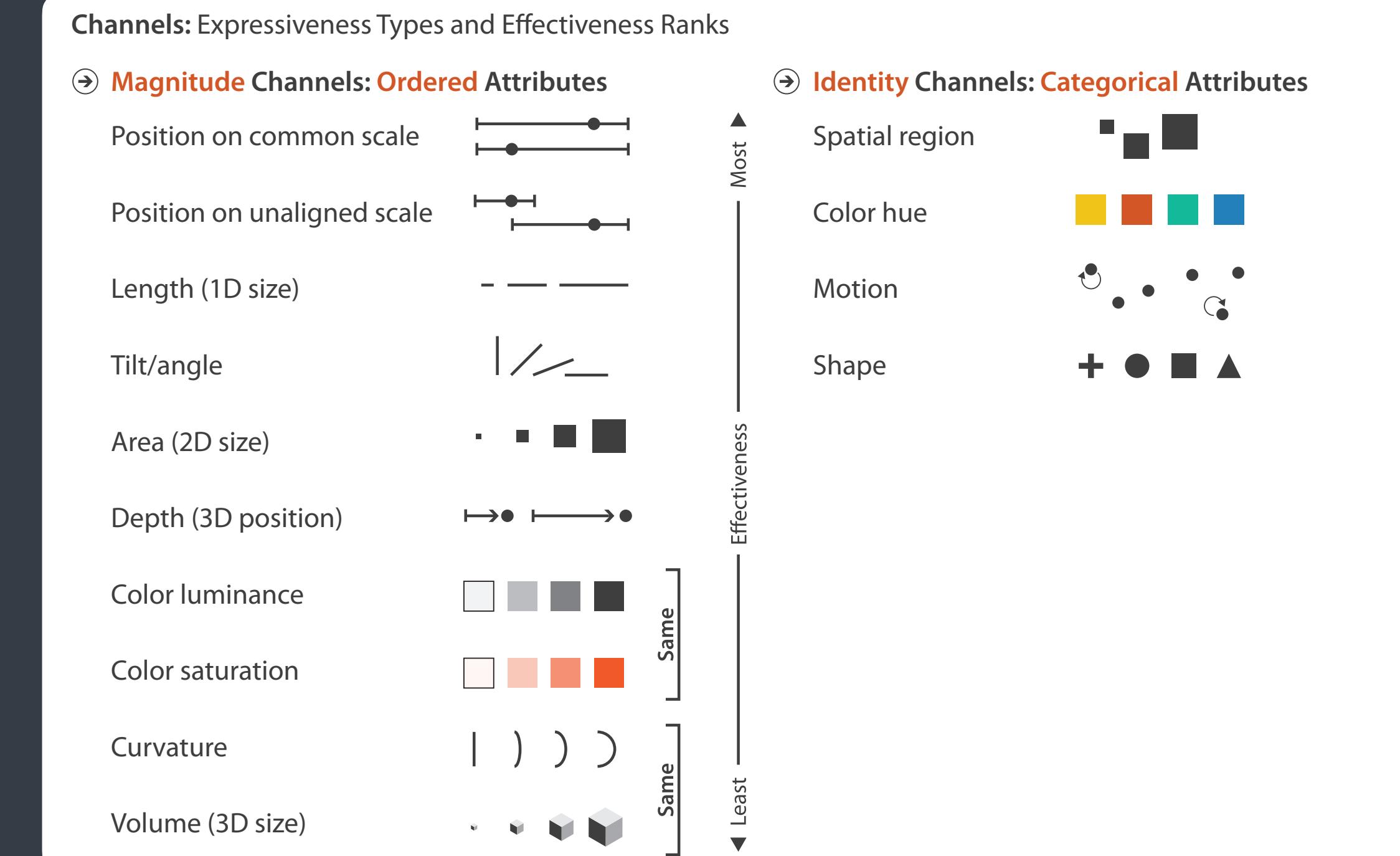
**A key challenge:** measuring effectiveness beyond time/error?

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Mine interaction histories recorded as semantically-meaningful *selections*. Accelerate interactive analysis, suggest unexplored paths.

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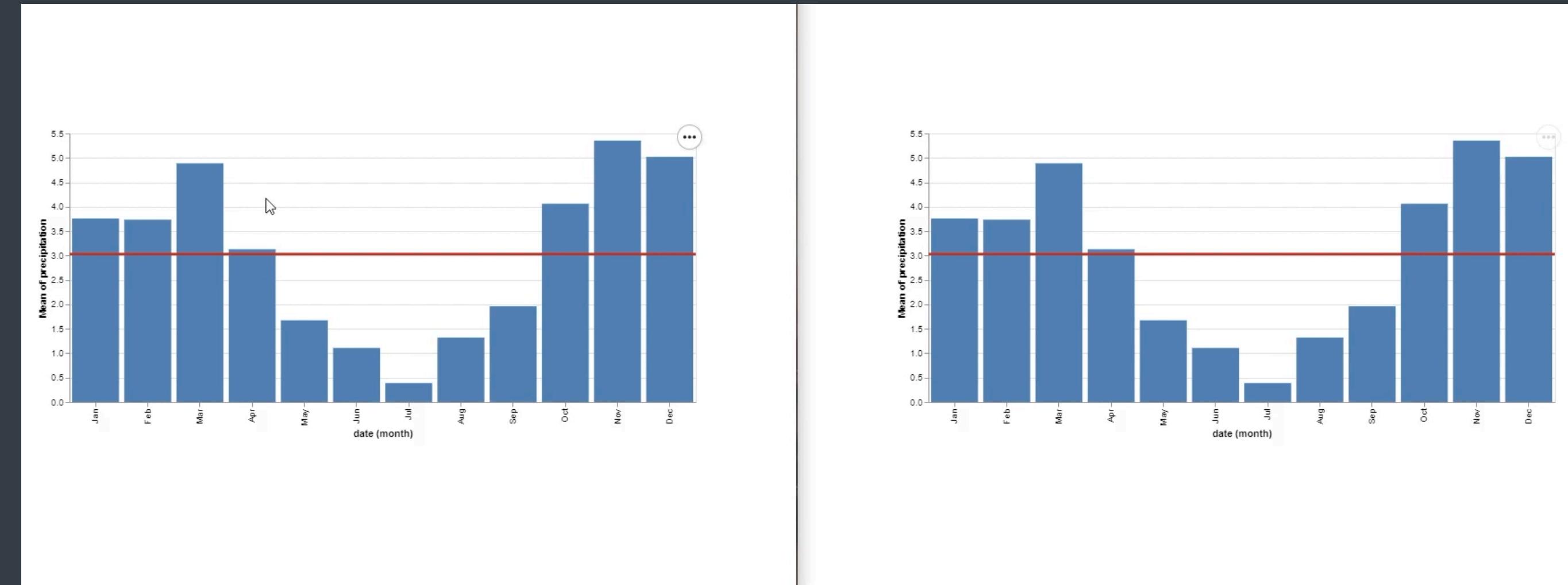
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## Supporting (A)Synchronous Collaboration

Establishing common ground and shared awareness.

**A key challenge:** interactive visualization beyond the desktop?

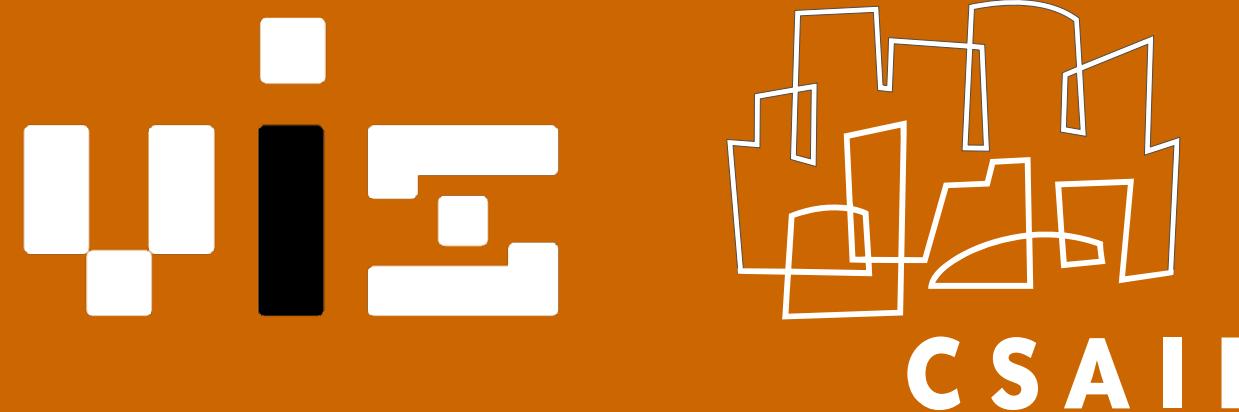
# Towards *Effective* Interaction

## With Data Visualization

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