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The Missing Matplotlib for Scala/Spark

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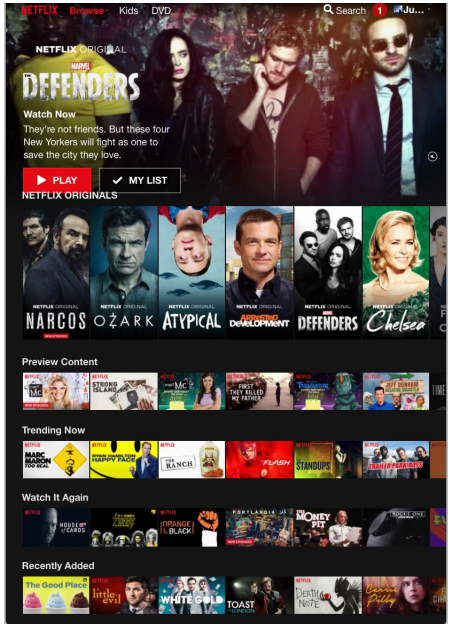

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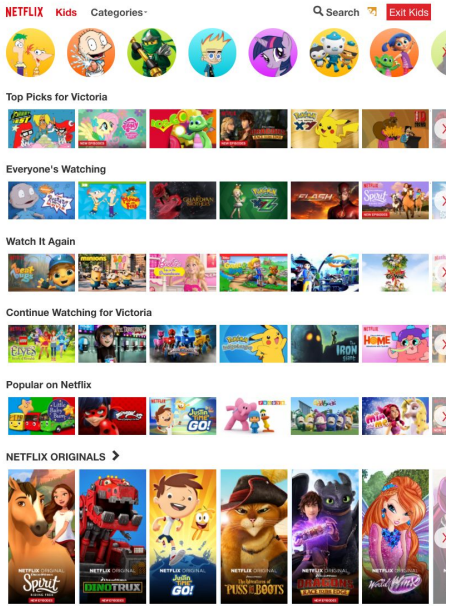

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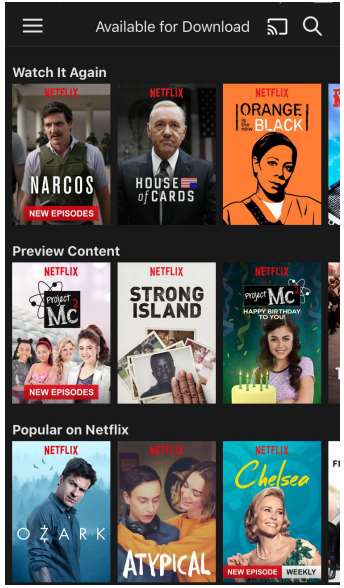

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Every aspect of the Experience is Machine Learned

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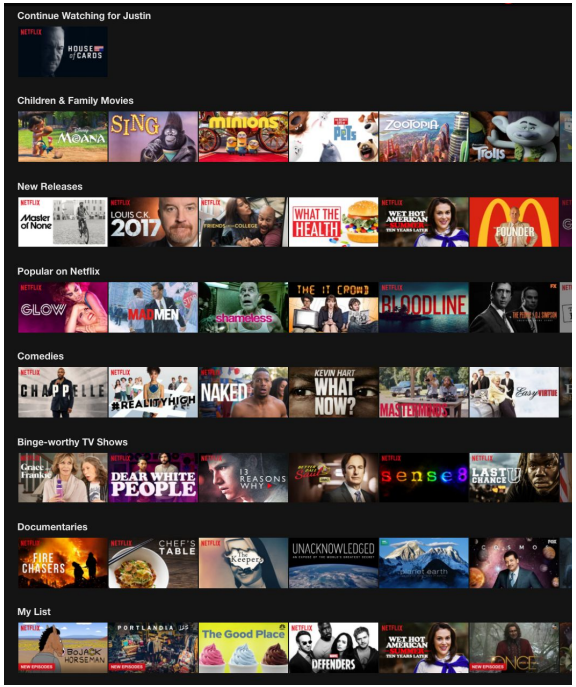
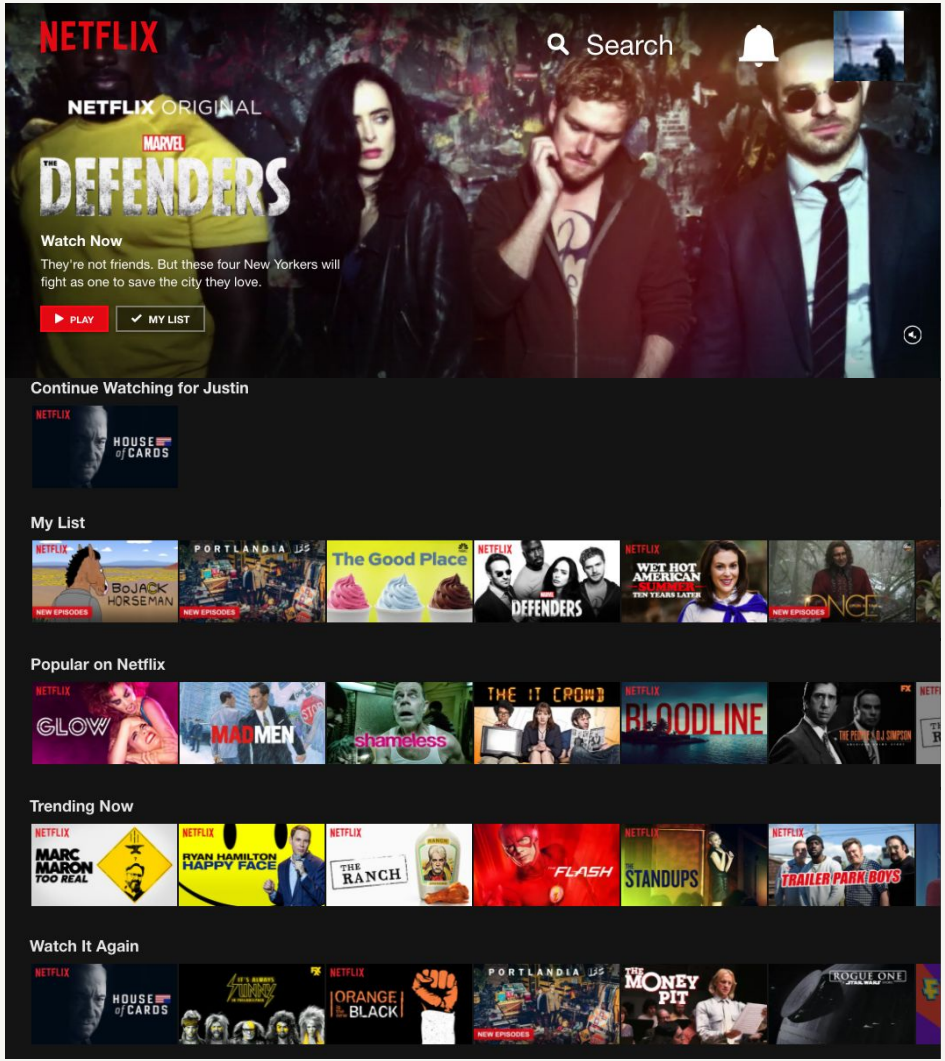
> 100M members

> 190 countries

Multiple Devices

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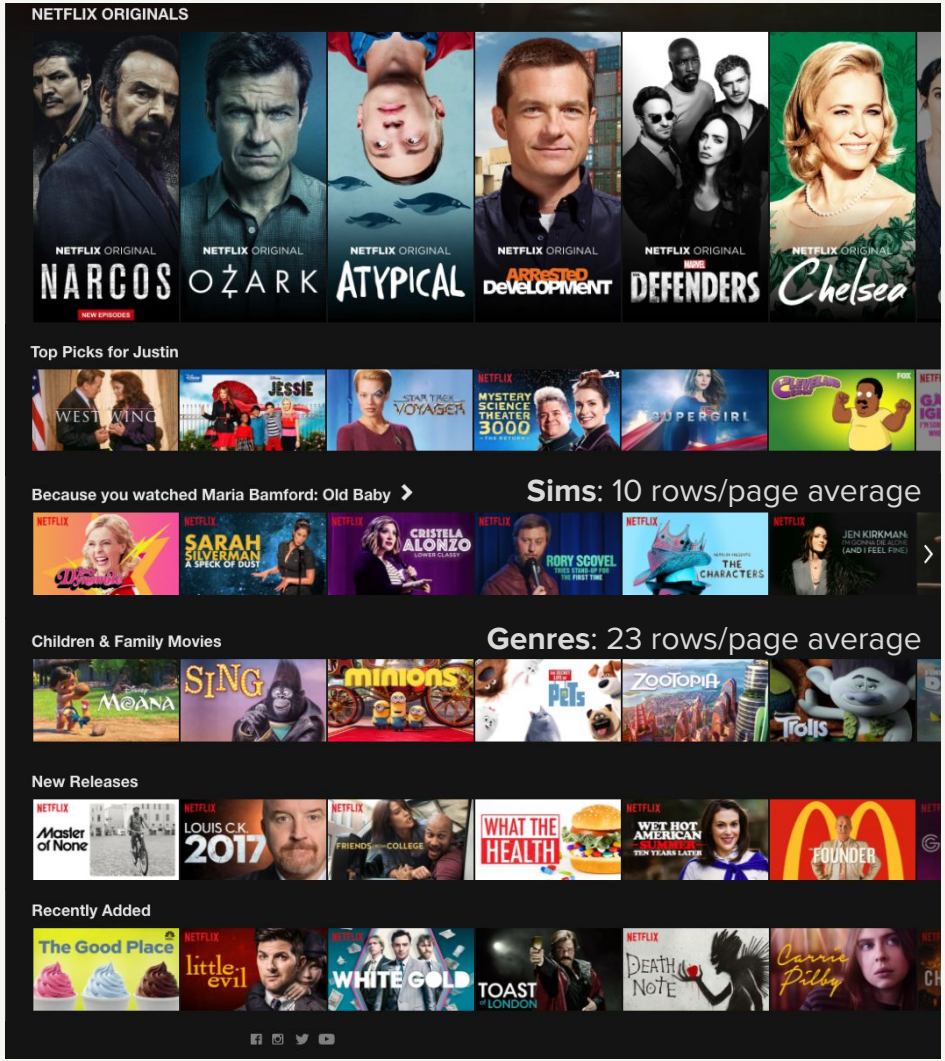
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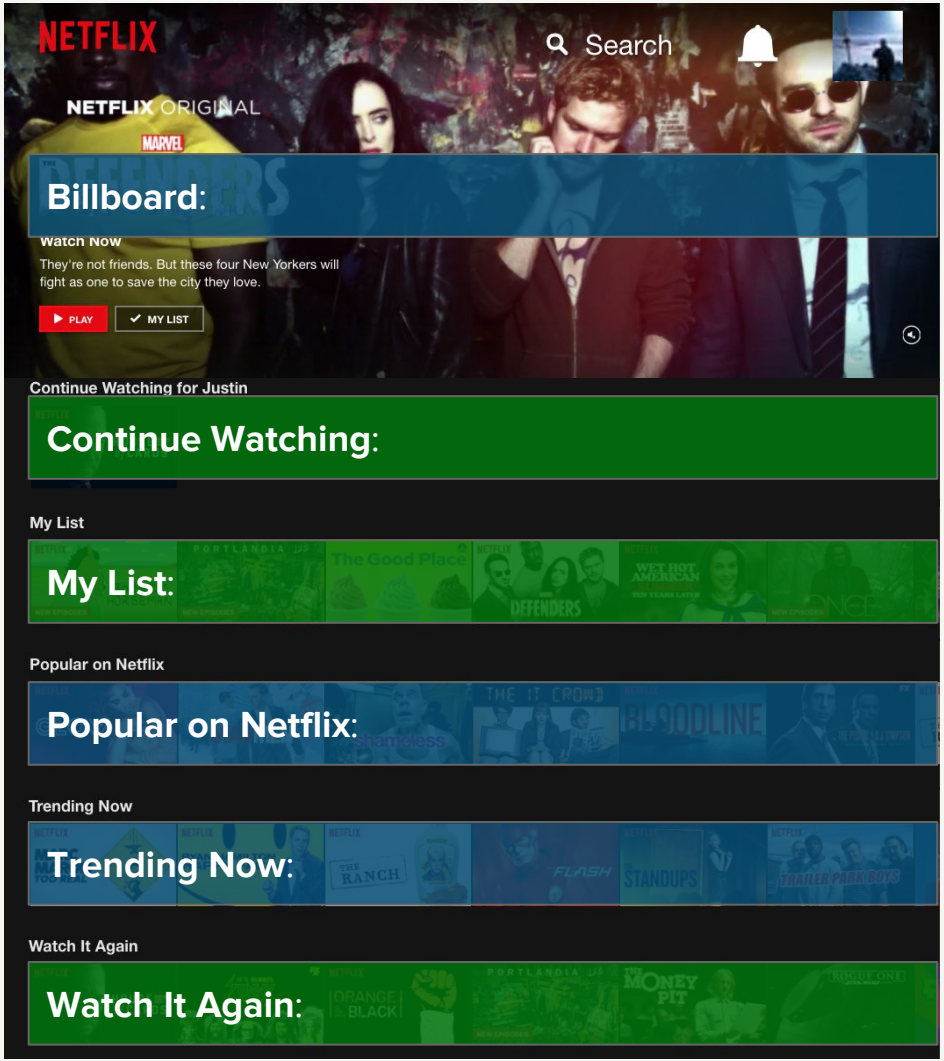
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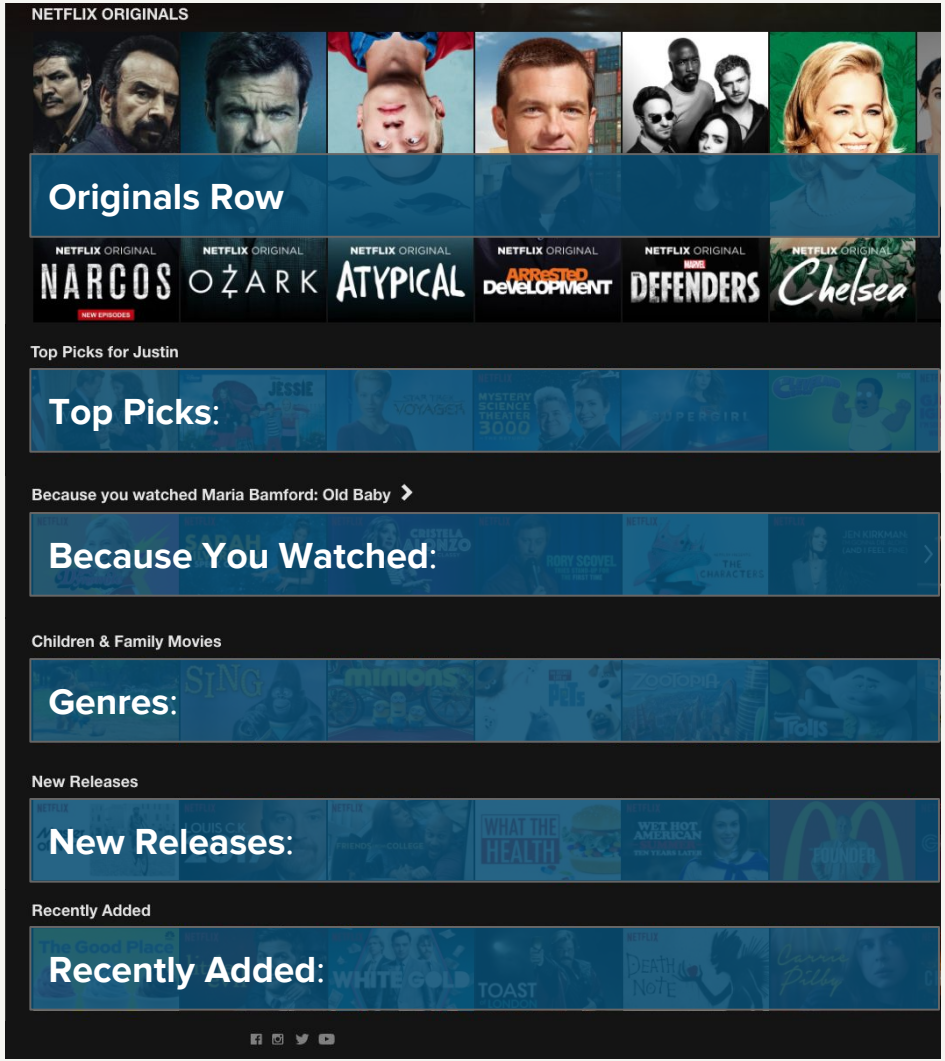
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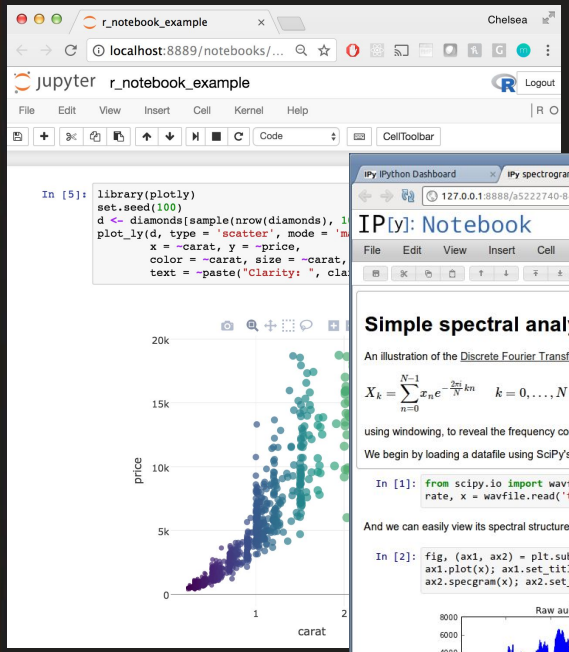
ML at Netflix

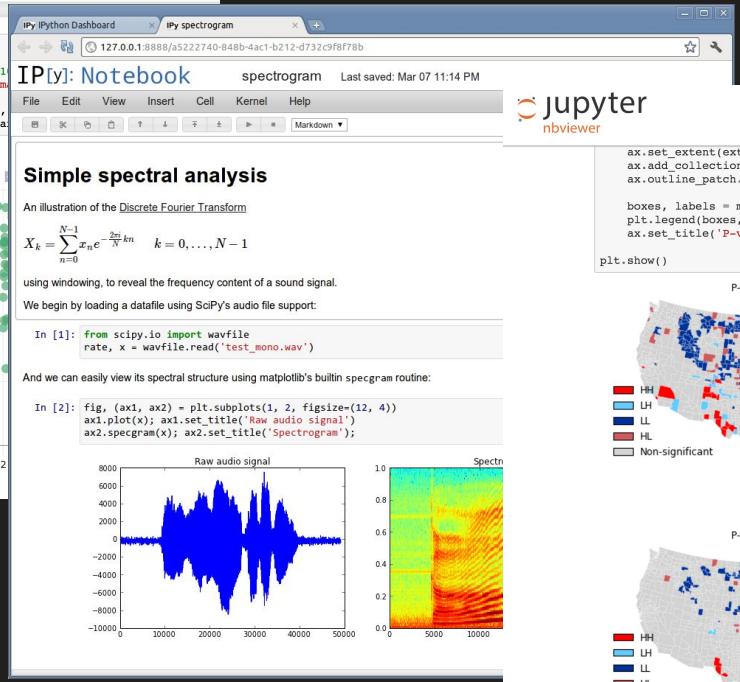
- Optimize the Experimentation usecase vs Productionization
- Experimentation
  - Opportunity sizing, Data Exploration
  - Tweaks to ML algos
  - Feature Selection
  - Model Evaluation

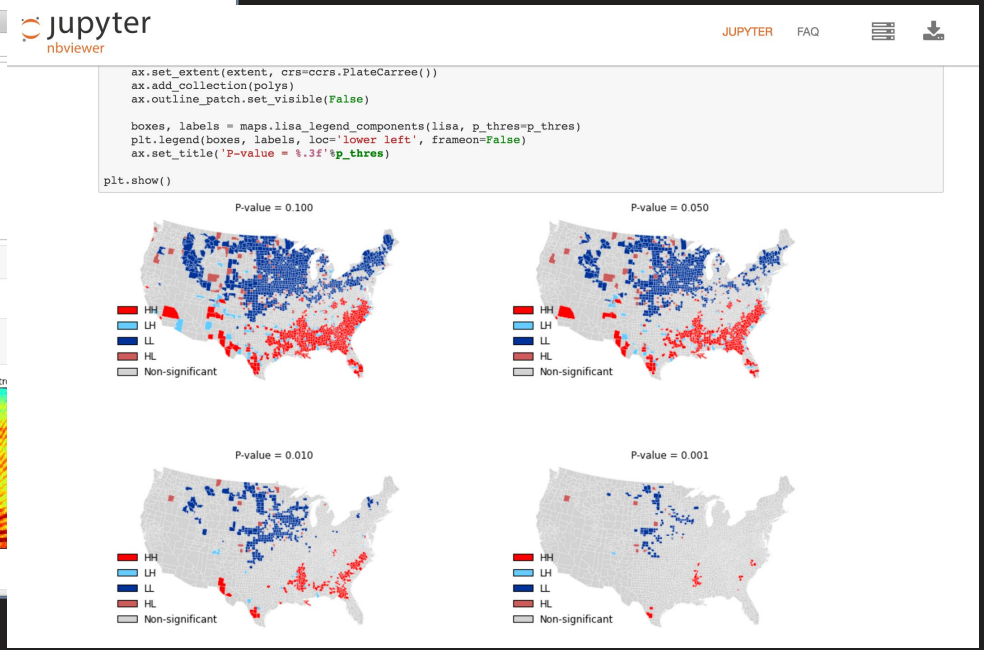
Notebooks

- Optimal for Experimentation
- Sharing reproducible research
  - Facilitates feedback loop with PMs
- End to end ML experiment.
  - Interactivity drives productivity

Python Notebooks







Python Notebooks

- Seamless Experience - ML experimentation
- Well known Scientific computing libraries
- Huge catalog of Visualization plotting libraries
    - Matplotlib, Seaborn, Bokeh, BQPlot, Lightning, etc.

Scala Notebooks

- Zeppelin, Jupyter, Databricks, Spark-Notebooks, ...
- Computing library gap filling up
- Lack of Visualization Libraries
  - Main friction point in adoption
  - End to End ML use case not convincing

Introducing Vegas

- Visualization Library in Scala
- Mainly built for the notebook use case
- Scala wrapper around Vega-Lite
- Missing MatPlotLib for the Scala and Spark world.

VegaLite

- Statistical Visualization
- Design considerations for vega-lite
  - Imperative vs Declarative API

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VEGAS

DECLARATIVE

STATISTICAL

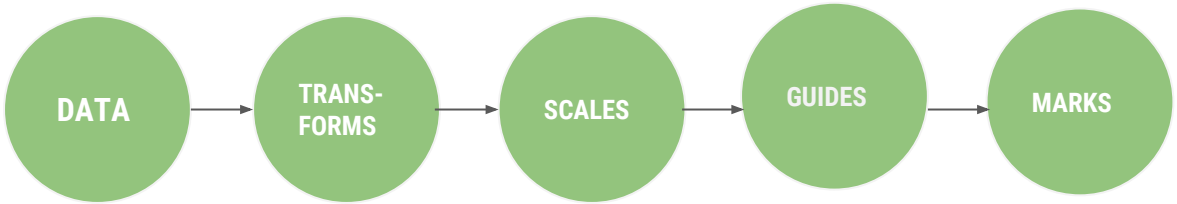
VISUALIZATION GRAMMAR

IN SCALA

You tell it ***WHAT*** should be done with the data, and it knows ***HOW*** to do it!

Operations such as ***filtering***, ***aggregation***, ***faceting*** are built into the visualization, rather than putting the burden on the user to massage the data into shape.

Complex visualizations can be built with a few high level abstractions:



cf : Altair Talk by Brian Granger in PyData 2016 https://youtu.be/v5mrwq7yJc4

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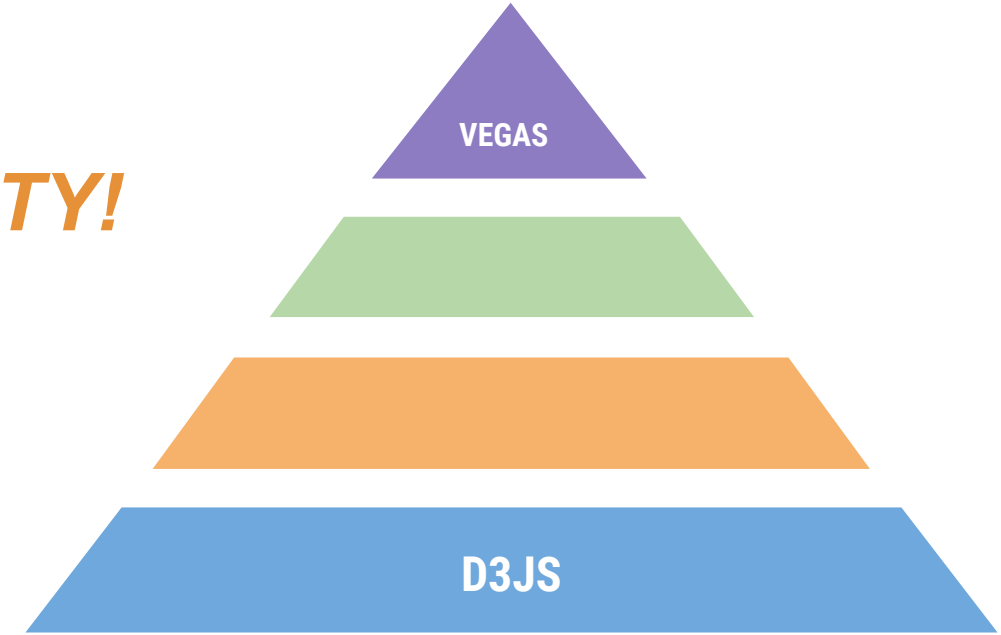
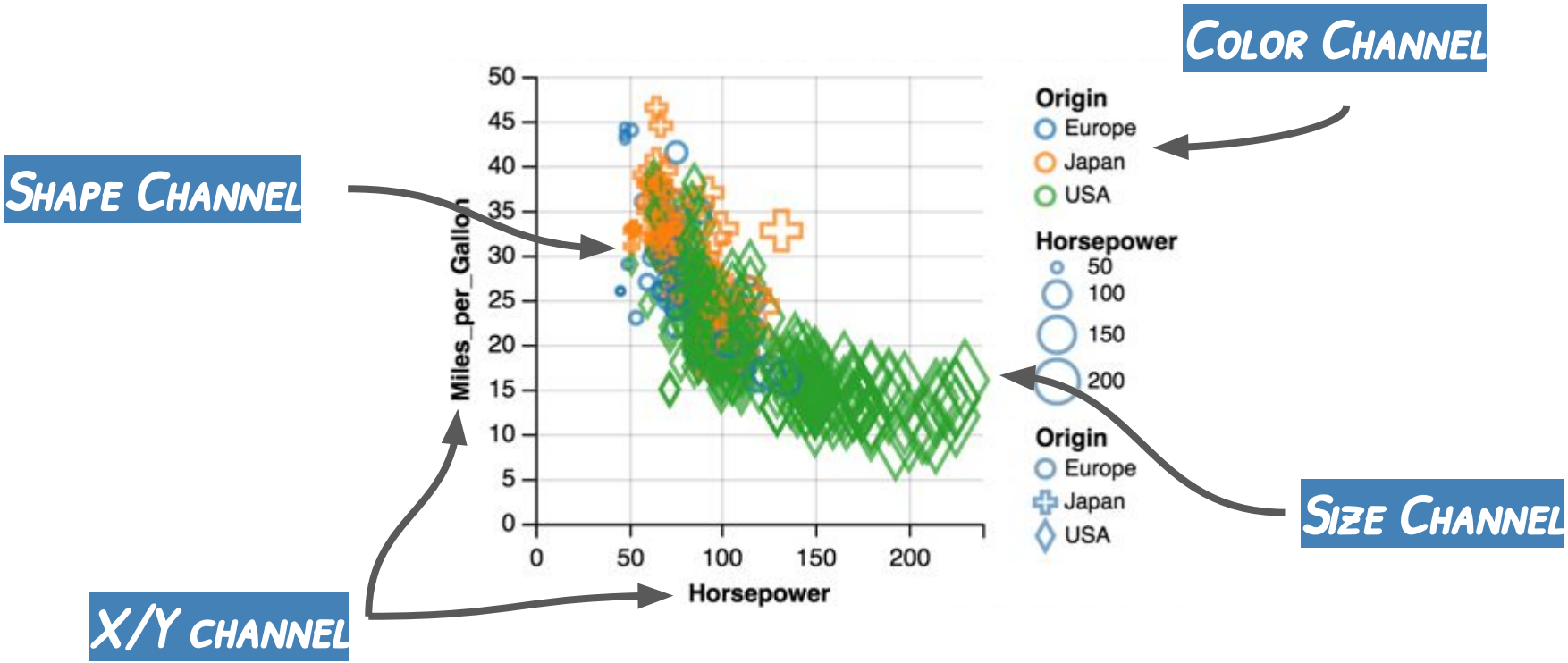
Added Bonus of Declarative Visualizations:

INTERACTIVITY!



VEGAS CODE EXPANDS OUT TO D3JS CODE!

Anatomy of a plot: Channels



Features...

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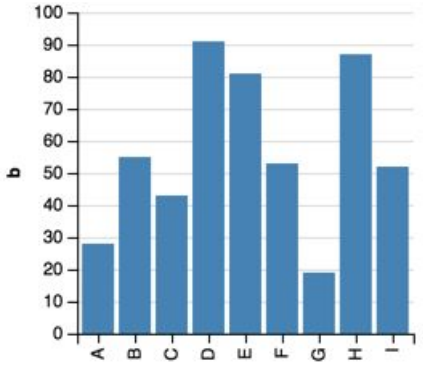

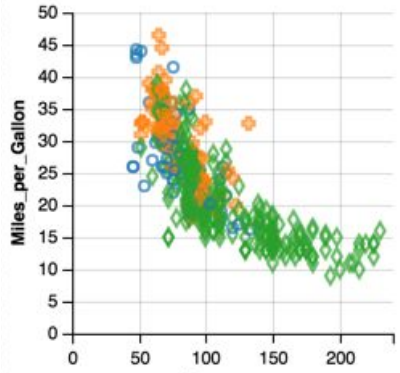

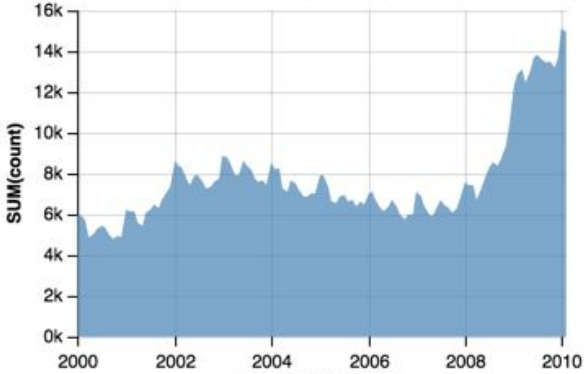

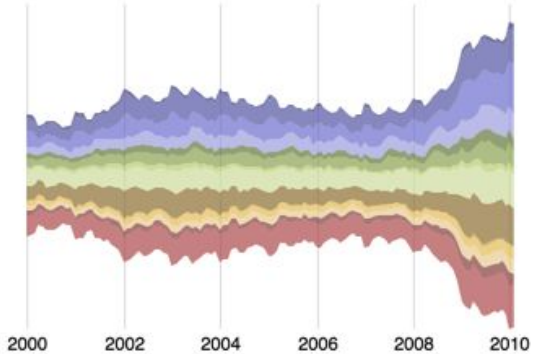

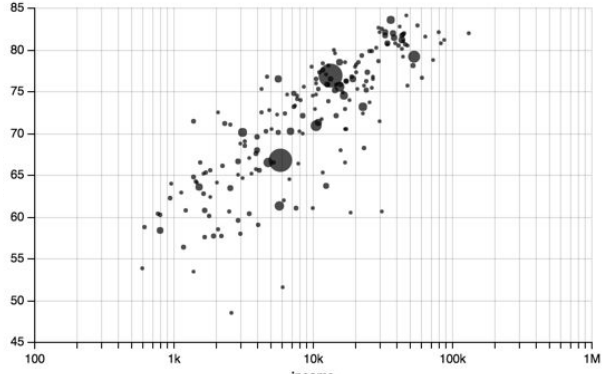

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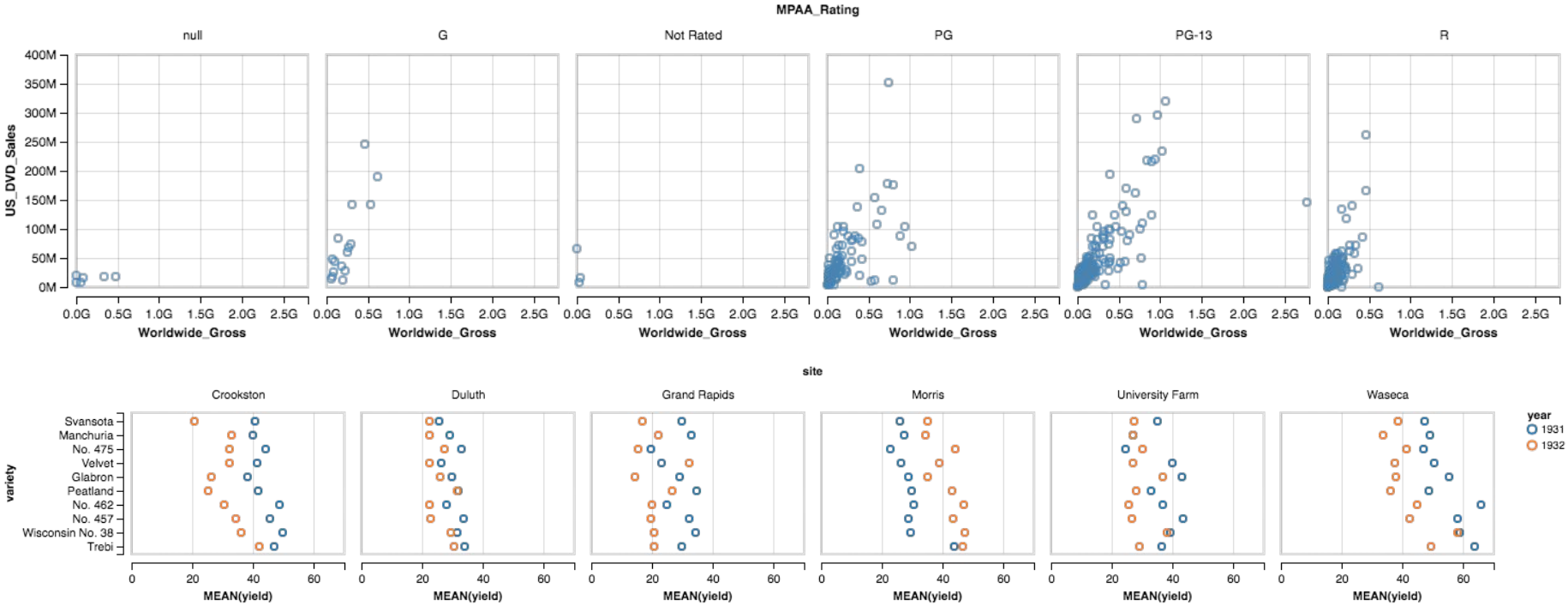

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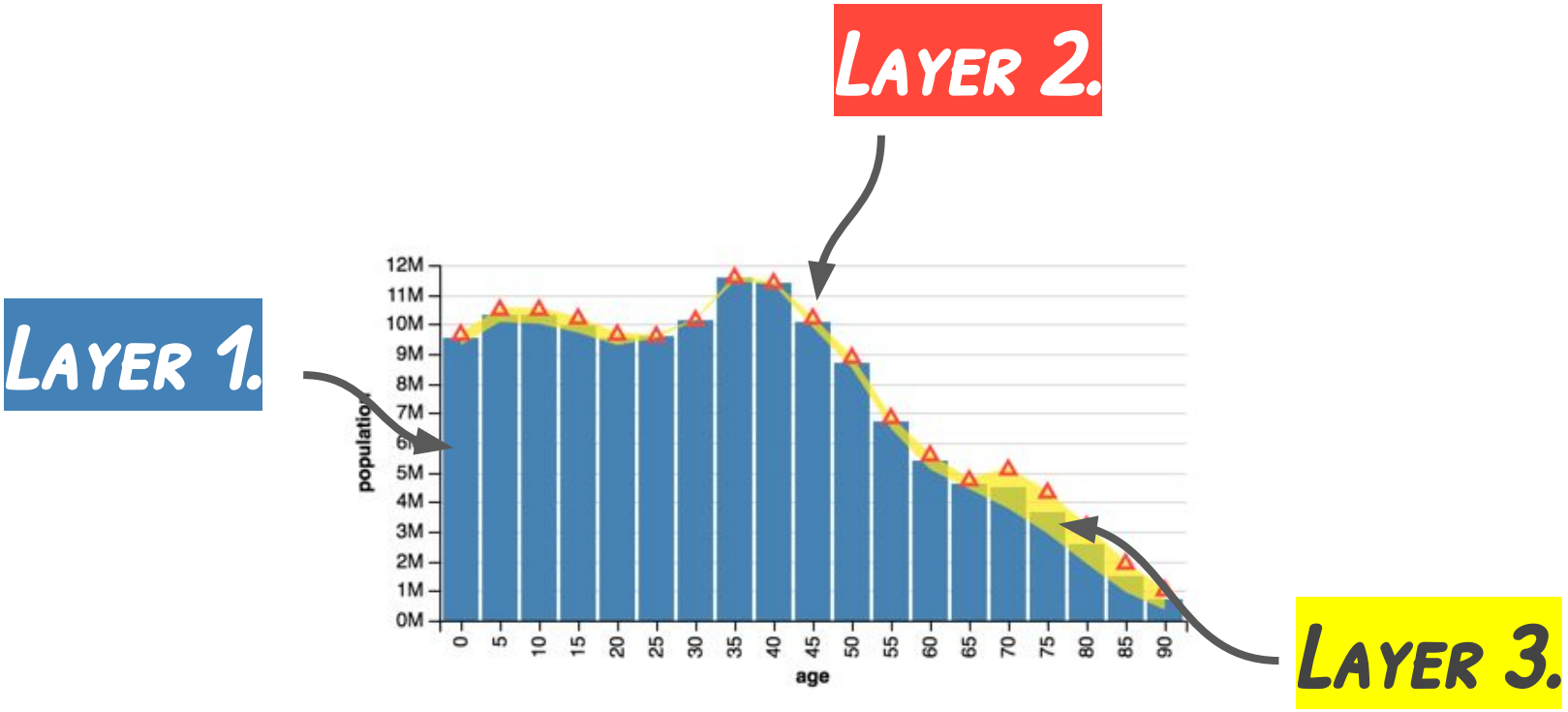
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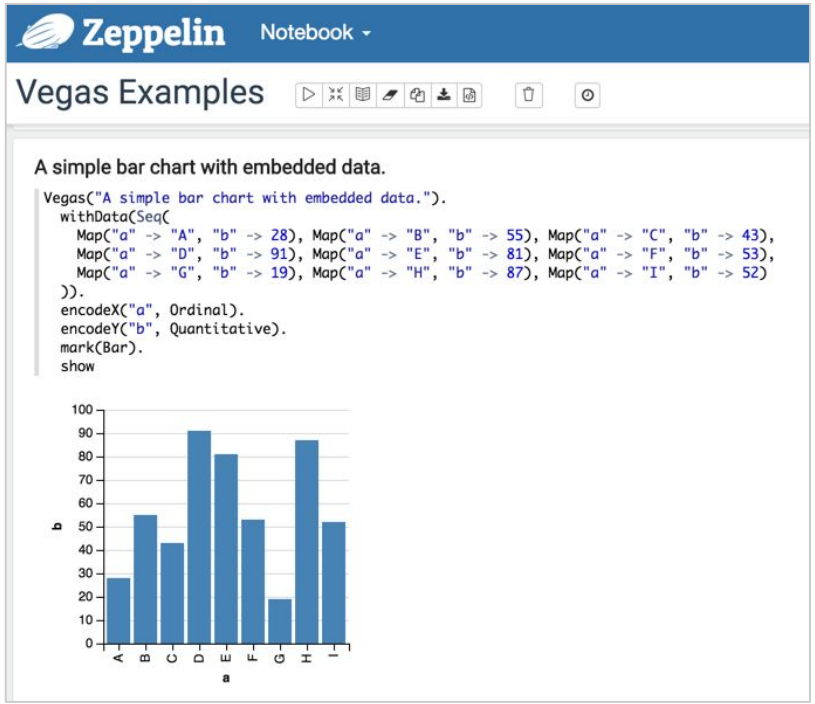

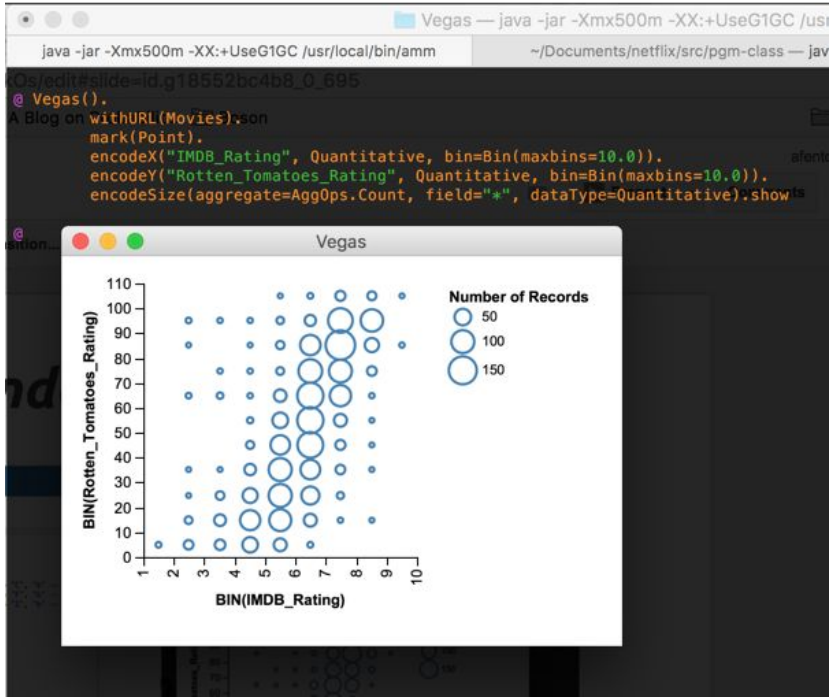

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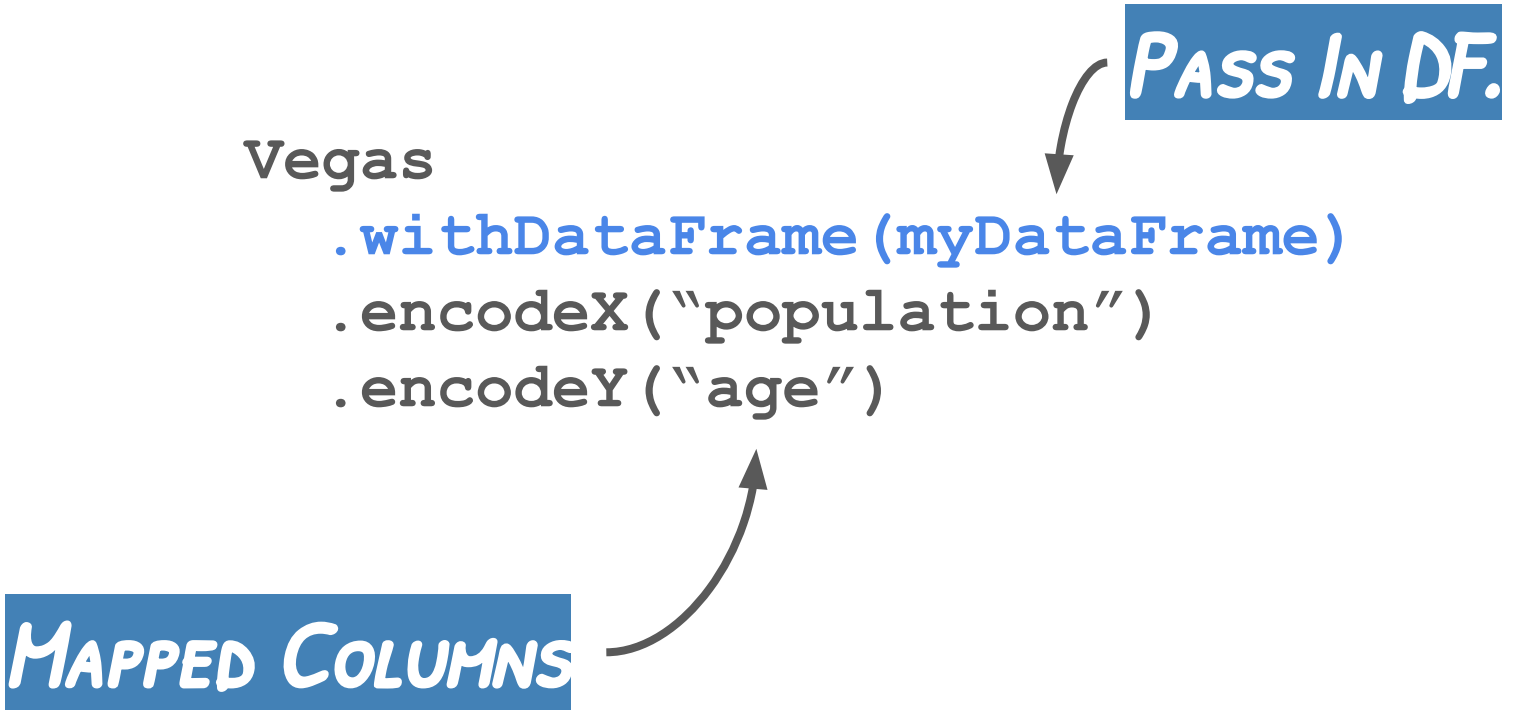
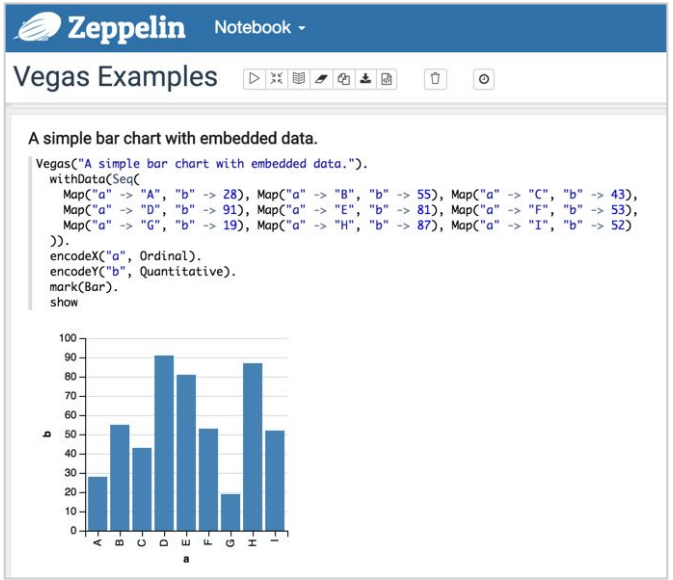


6. Visual statistics

- Advanced Binning
- Sorting
- Scaling
- Custom Transforms
- Time Series
- Aggregation
- Filtering
- Math functions (log, etc)
- Missing data support
- Descriptive Statistics

How It Works !



1. Specify in Scala
2. Embed HTML (iFrame)
3. Render within iFrame using JS

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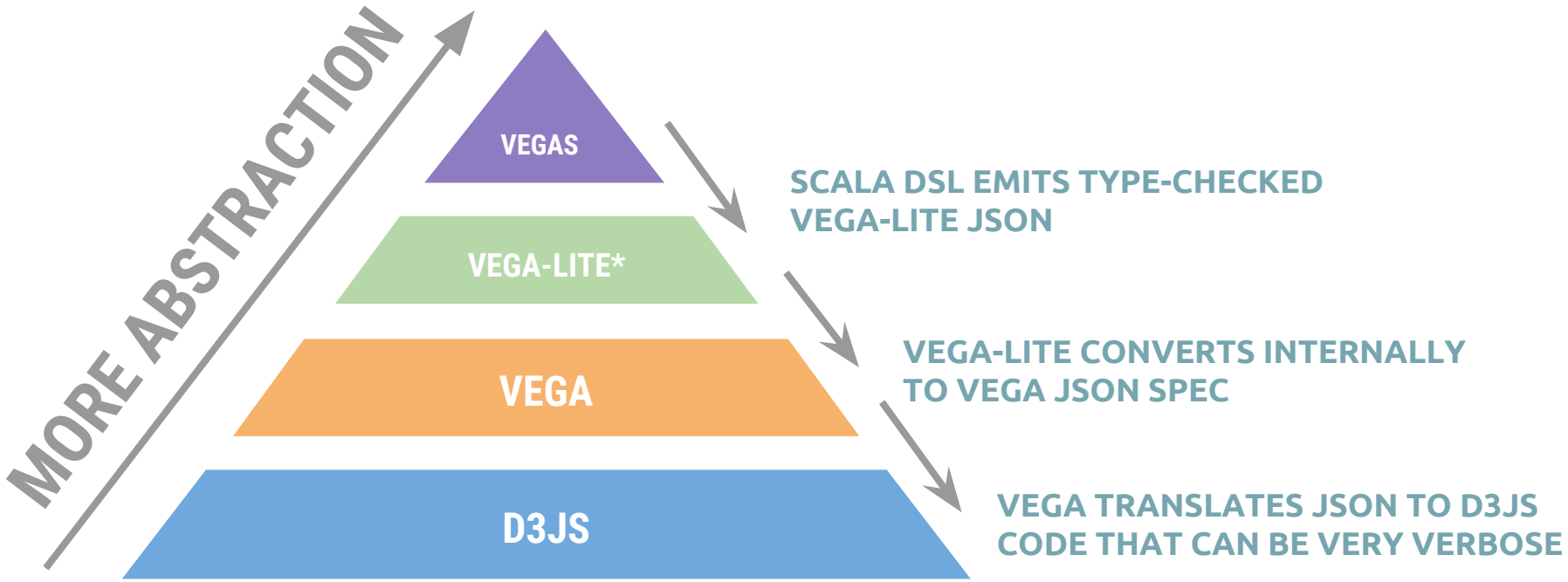
A SCALA DSL FOR VEGA-LITE



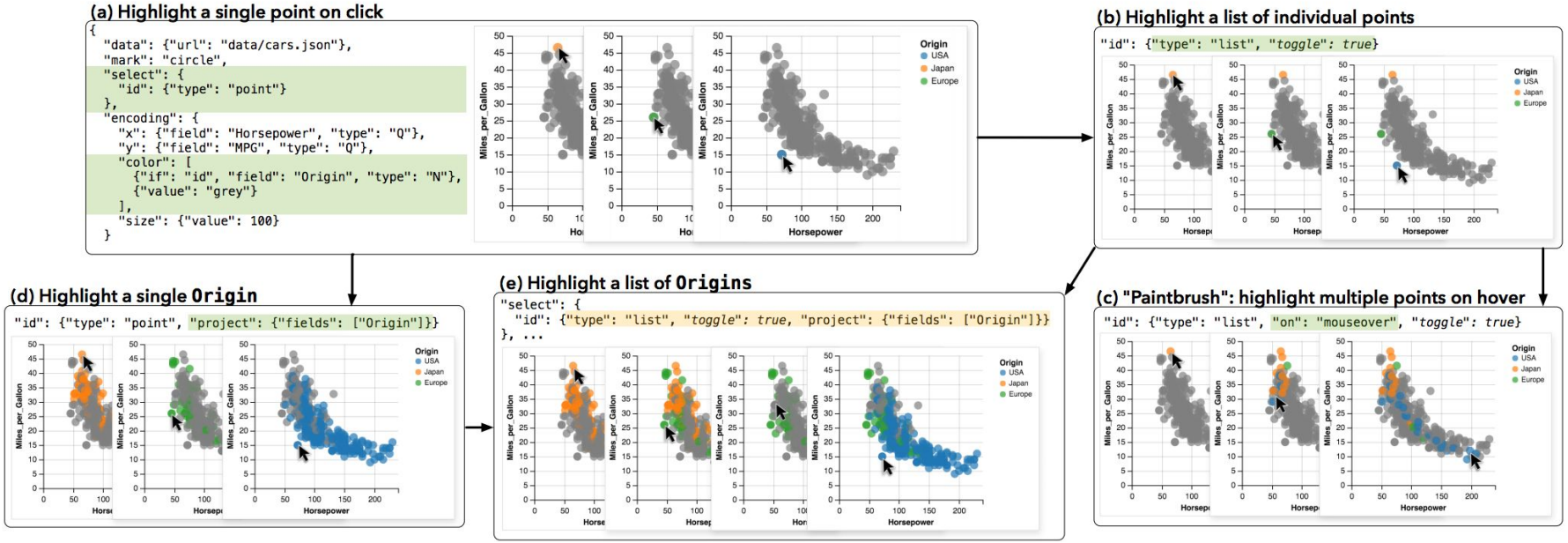
* *Vega-Lite*

Example 3

Other Channels + Transforms

What's coming

1. Interactive selections



2. Selections transforms

(a) Rectangular brush

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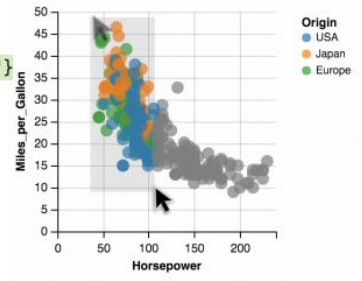

(b) Moving the brush

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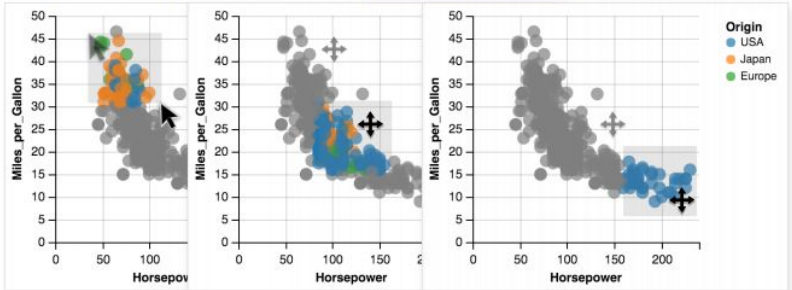

(c) Single-dimension brush

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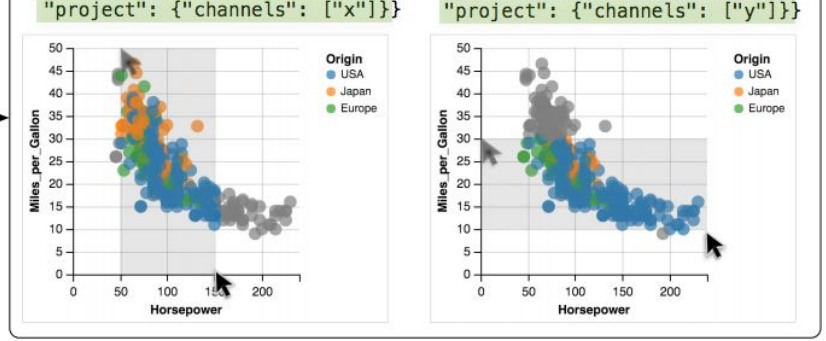

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