



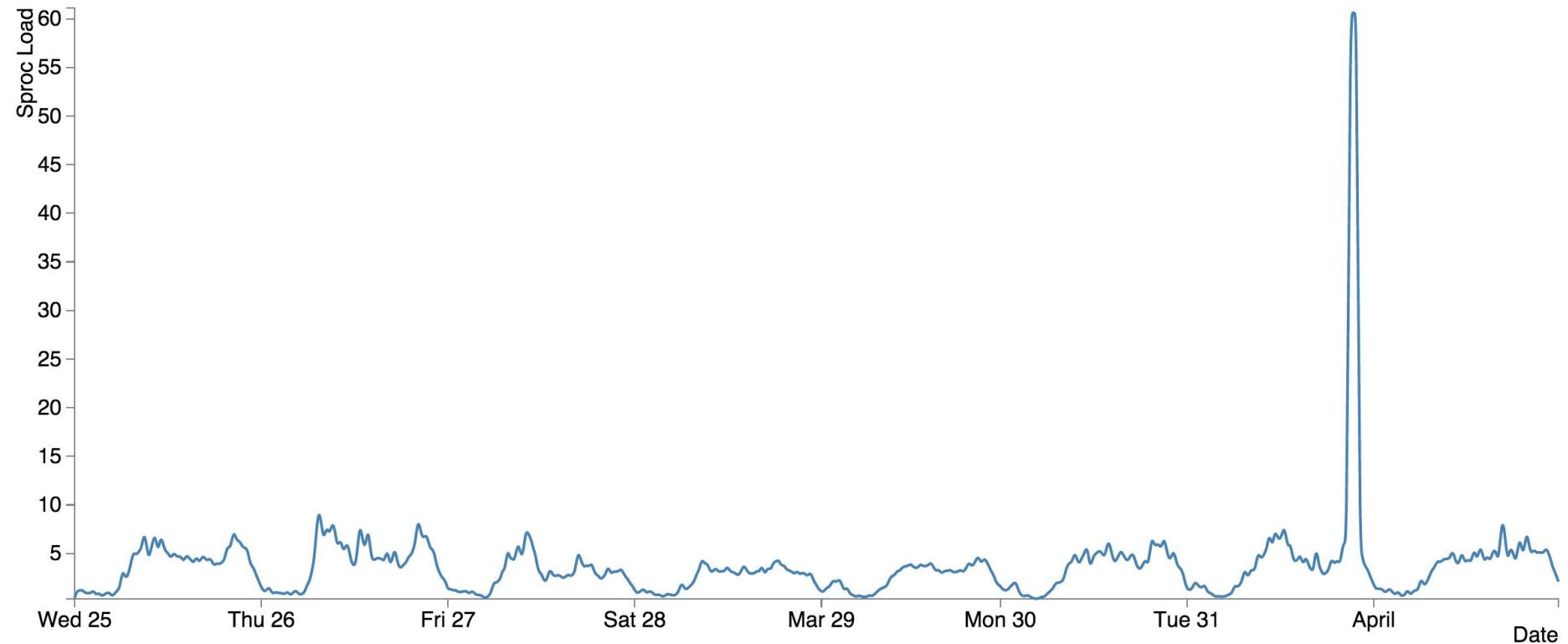
Extreme Distributions in Postgres

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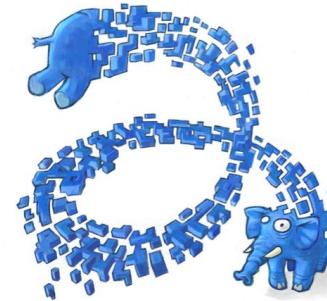
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Phases of Statement Execution

- Parse
- Analyze
- Plan
- Execute



Planning execution

- Cost Model
- Cardinality Model
- Object Statistics

Cost Model

- random_page_cost
- seq_page_cost
- cpu_tuple_cost
- cpu_index_tuple_cost
- cpu_operator_cost

Cardinality Model

Size of intermediate Results

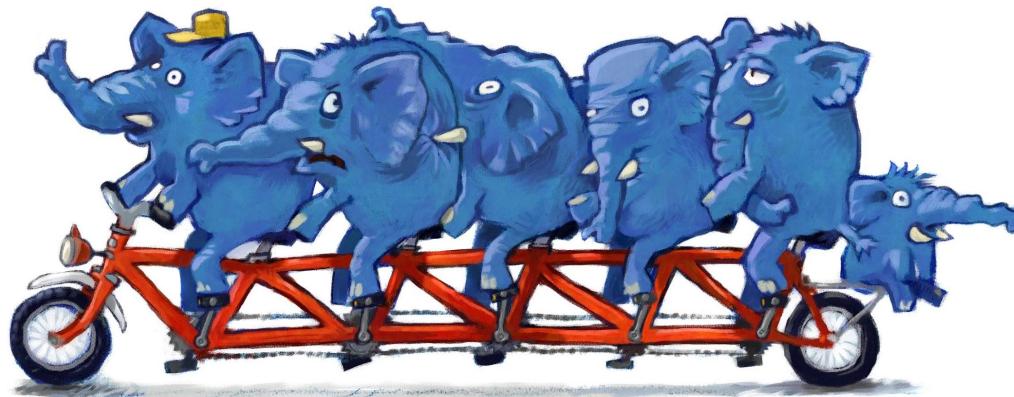
Based on object statistics

Uses probabilistic approach

Selectivity

column1 = a

$S(a) = 1 / \# \text{ keys in column1}$



Independence of Predicates

$c_1 = a \text{ AND } c_2 = b$

- Dependencies in many domains
- Redundant Attributes

$P(a \cap b) = P(a) * P(b)$

brand = “Honda” AND model = “Accord”

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 0.1 * 0.01 \\ &= 0.001 \end{aligned}$$

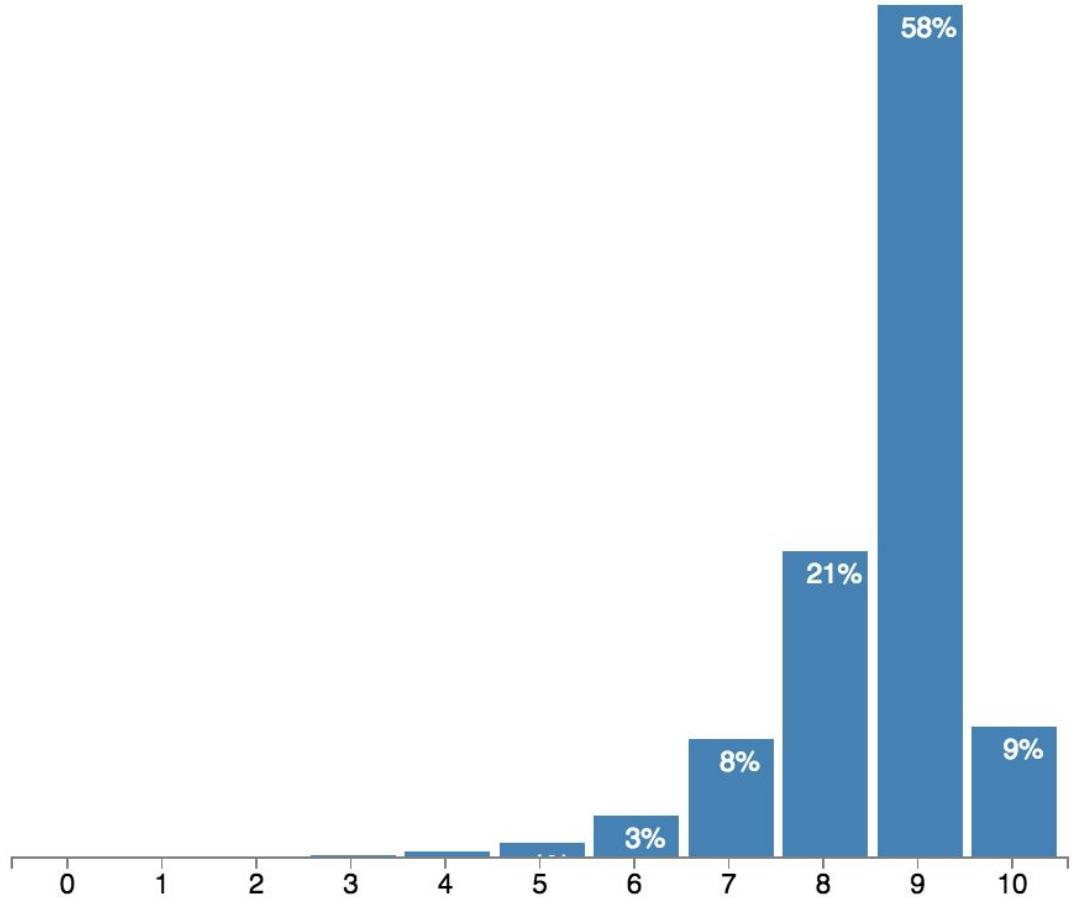


Object Statistics

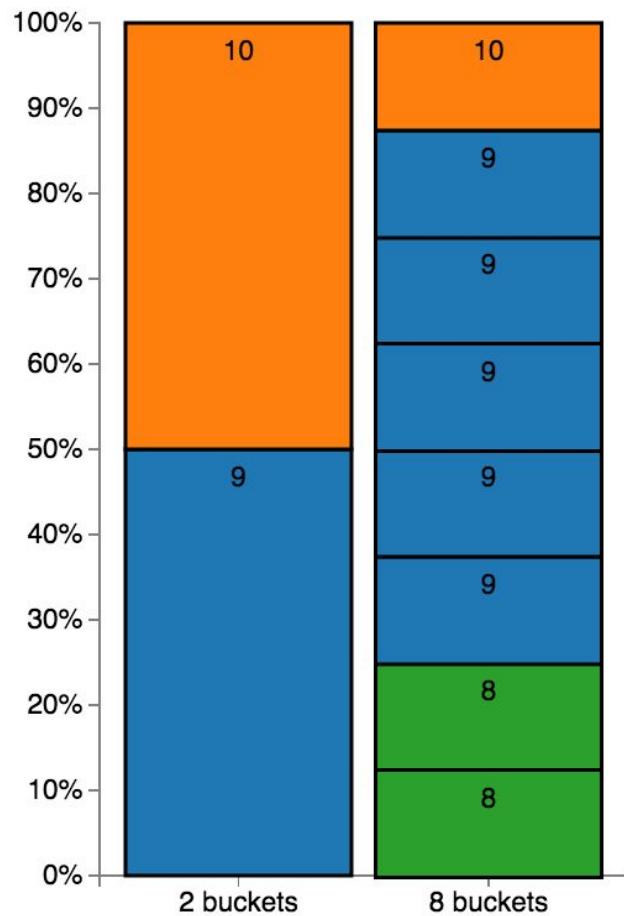
Distribution of data

Importance mentioned always

Auto analyze enabled by default



Mapping of Histogram to Buckets

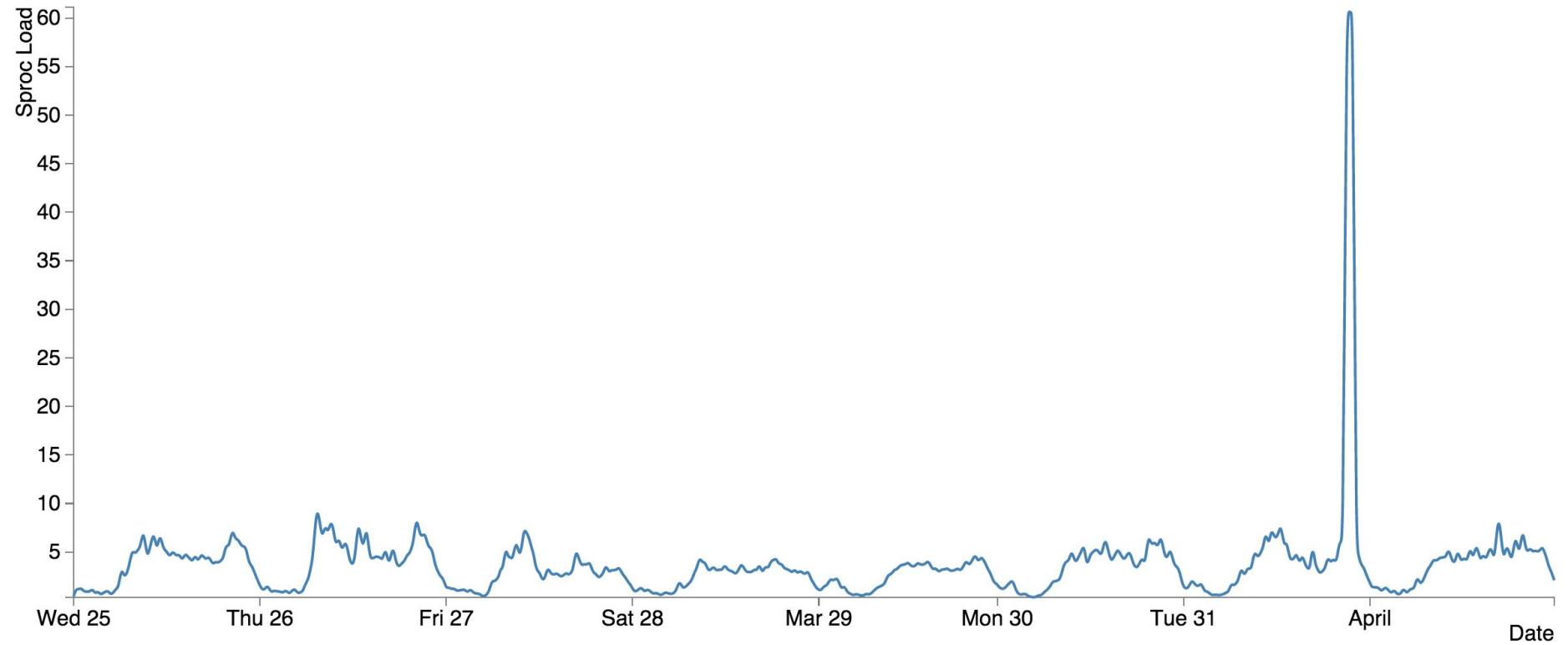


View pg_stats

- uniform distributions
 - histogram_bounds
 - for <, <= ...
 - not =
- not uniform distributions
 - most_common_freqs
 - for =, <, <= ...

`default_statistics_target`

- number of rows inspected
- number of MCV
- number of buckets in histogram bounds



Forensics Before analyze

-[RECORD 1]	
tablename	slitestdata
attname	log4
inherited	f
null_frac	0
avg_width	4
n_distinct	4
most_common_vals	{DONE_A}
most_common_freqs	{0.900733}
histogram_bounds	{NEW,DONE_B,DONE_B}
correlation	0.845195

Forensics After analyze

-[RECORD 1]	
tablename	slitestdata
attname	log4
inherited	f
null_frac	0
avg_width	4
n_distinct	4
most_common_vals	{DONE_A, DONE_B, PROCESSING, NEW}
most_common_freqs	{0.899572, 0.09947, 0.0009475, 1.08333e-05}
histogram_bounds	
correlation	0.845195

Compare Selectivity NEW

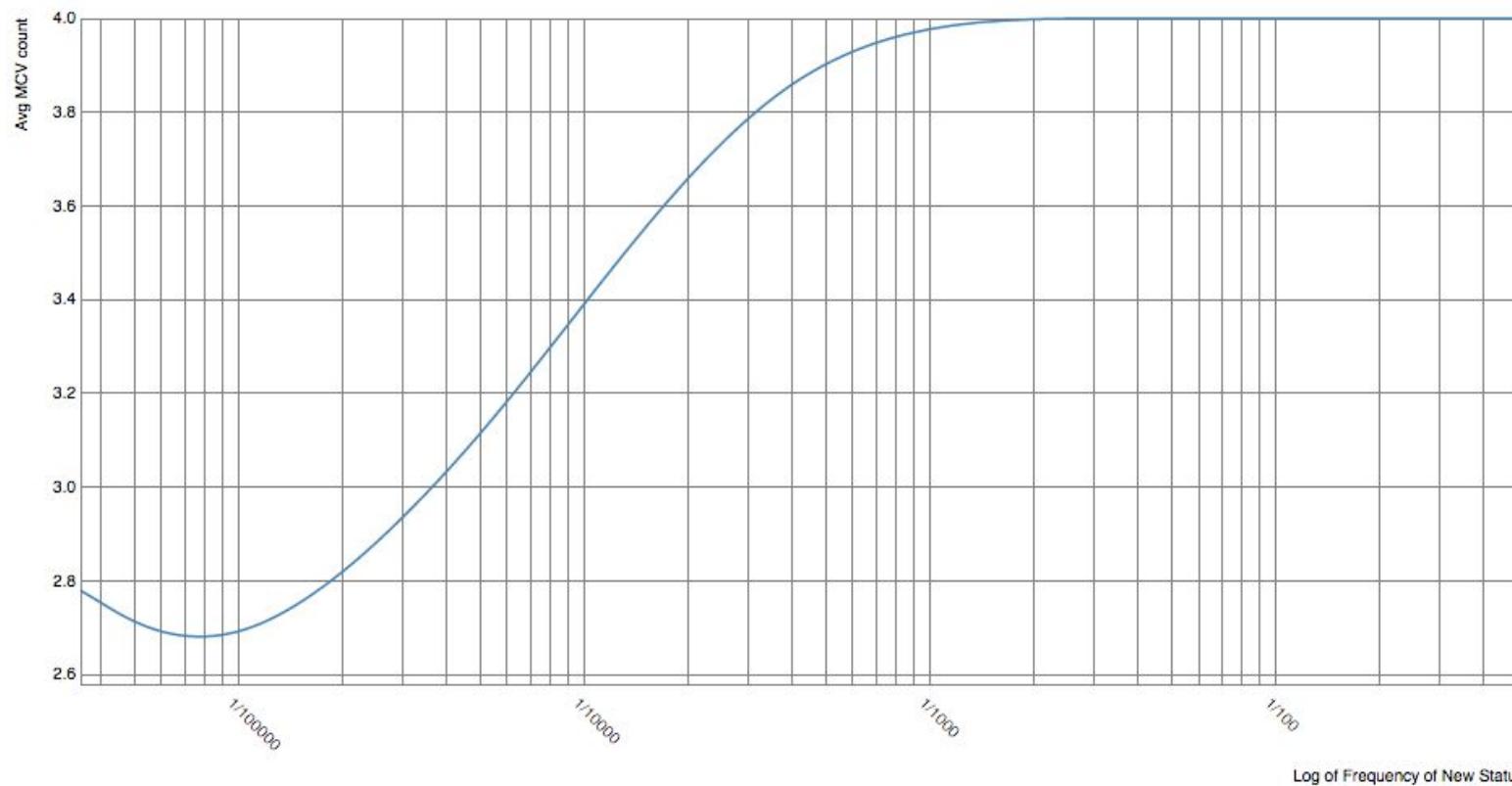
$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{before}} &= (1 - \text{sum}(mvf)) / (\text{n_distinct} - \text{n_mcv}) \\ &= (1 - 0.9) / (4 - 1) \\ &= 0.033 \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{\text{after}} = 0.000,01$$

Test

- Sample Table with
 - 4 different status values
 - different Freq of NEW
- Run 100 times analyze
- Collect pg_stats values

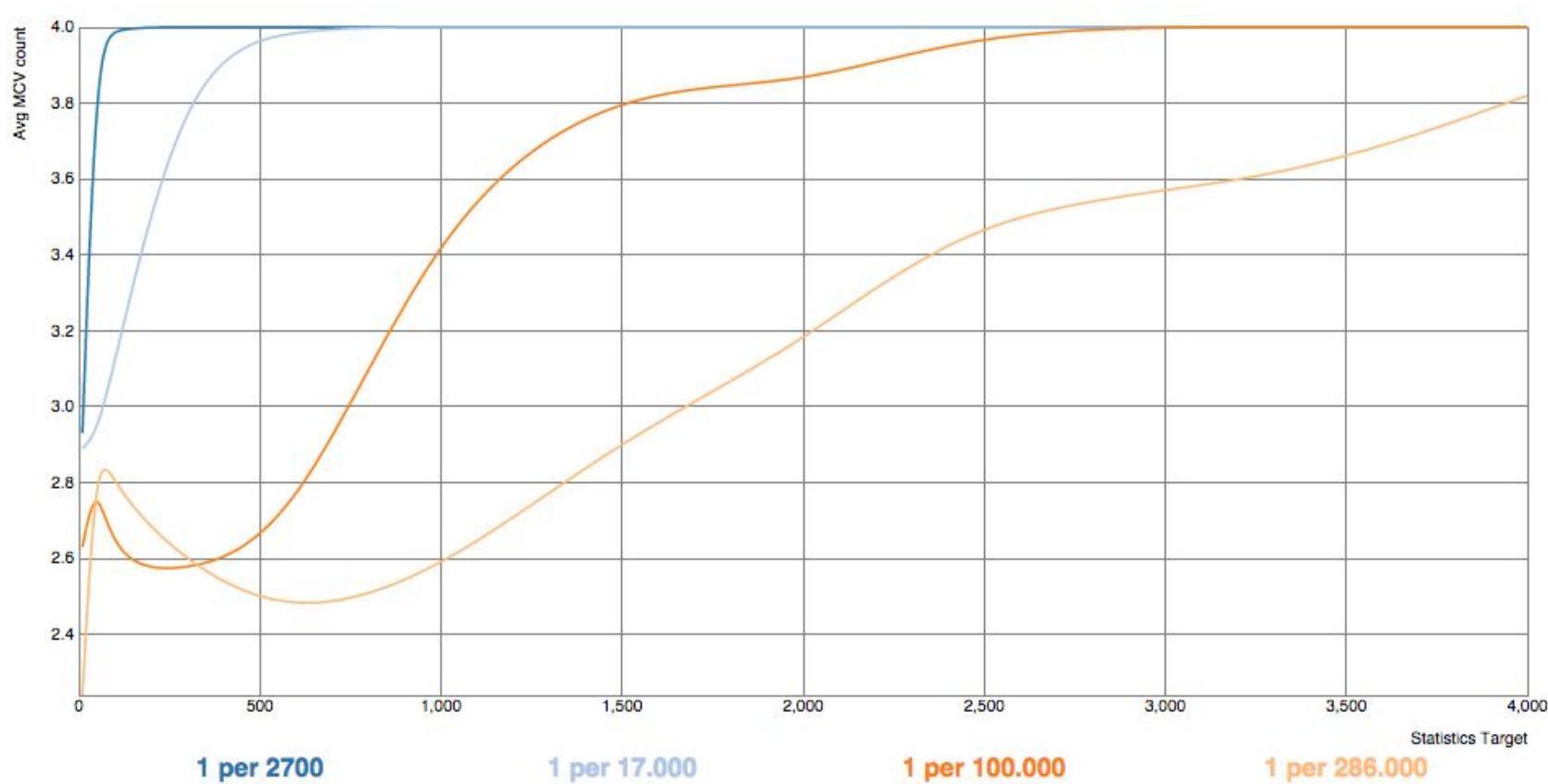
Default Statistics Target



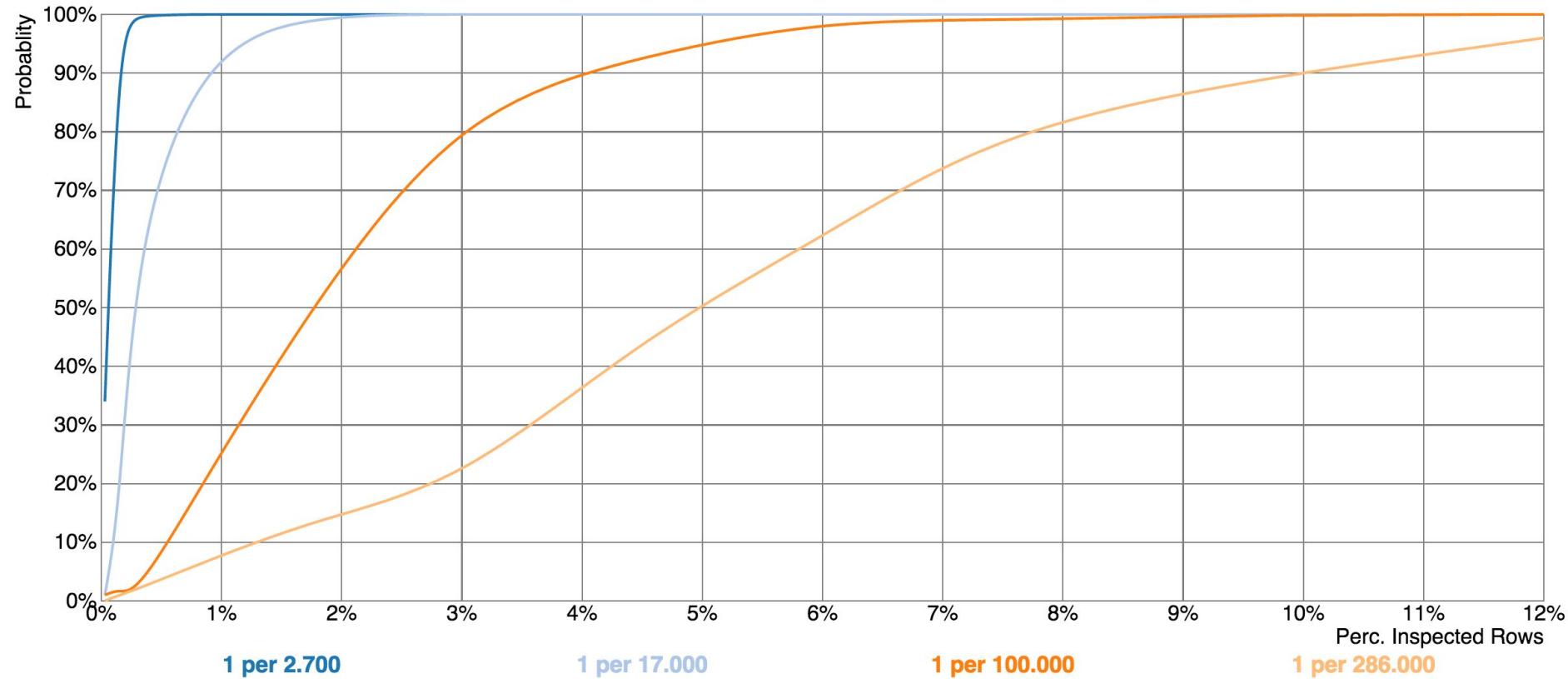
analyze.c

# of NEW in Sample	Most Common Values	Histogram Bounds
0	{DONE_A, DONE_B, PROCESSING}	{ }
1	{DONE_A, DONE_B}	{PROCESSING, NEW}
>1	{DONE_A, DONE_B, PROCESSING, NEW}	{ }

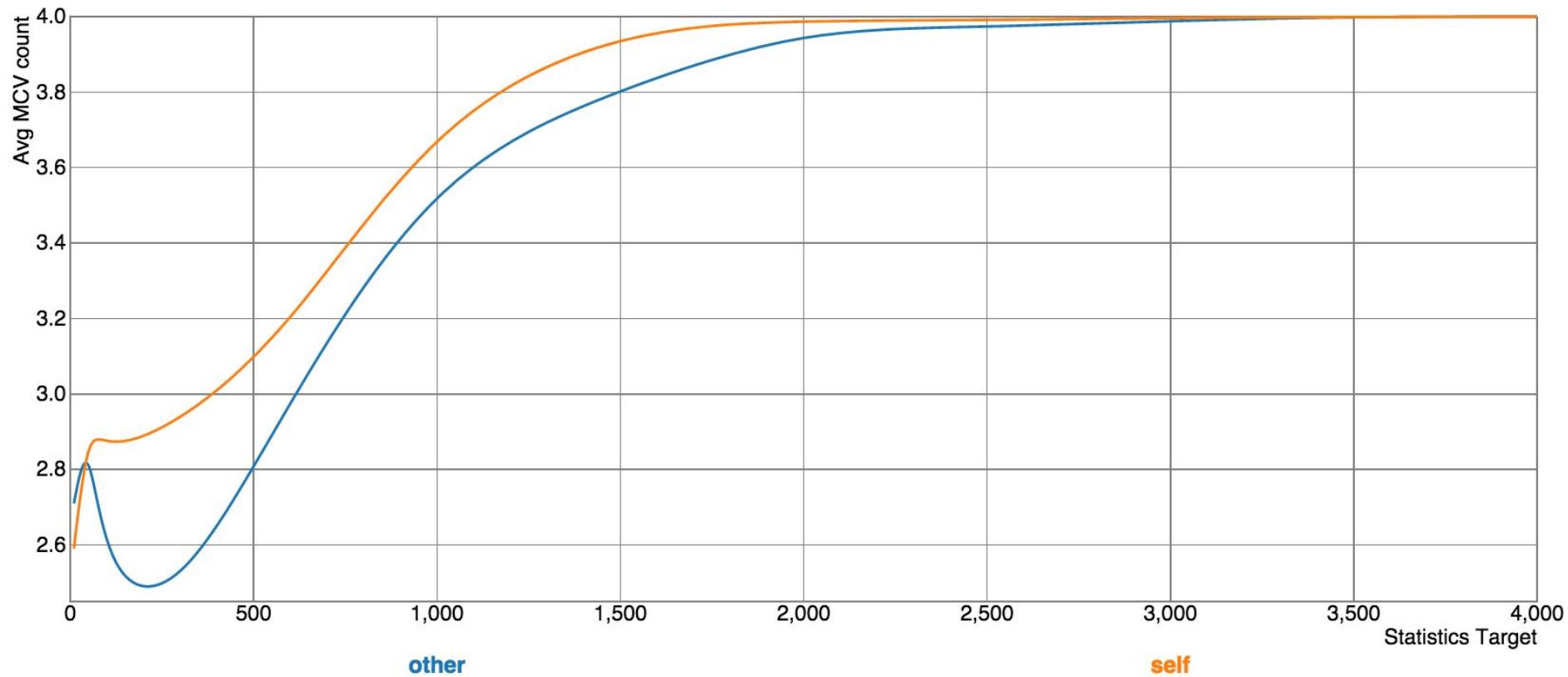
Statistics Target



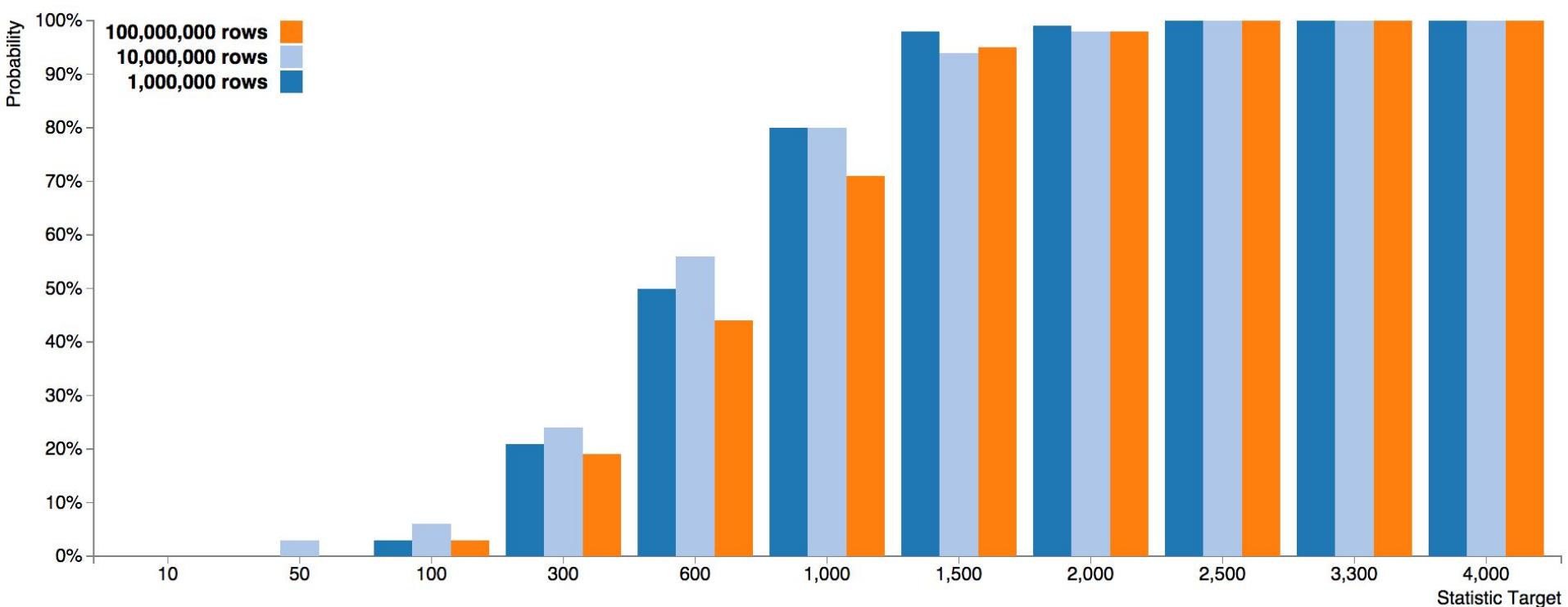
Sample Size



On Which Column



Rowcount



Summary

- Monitor
- Bump Statistics Target
- Archive
- Alternatives



Questions?