



What's New in MATLAB

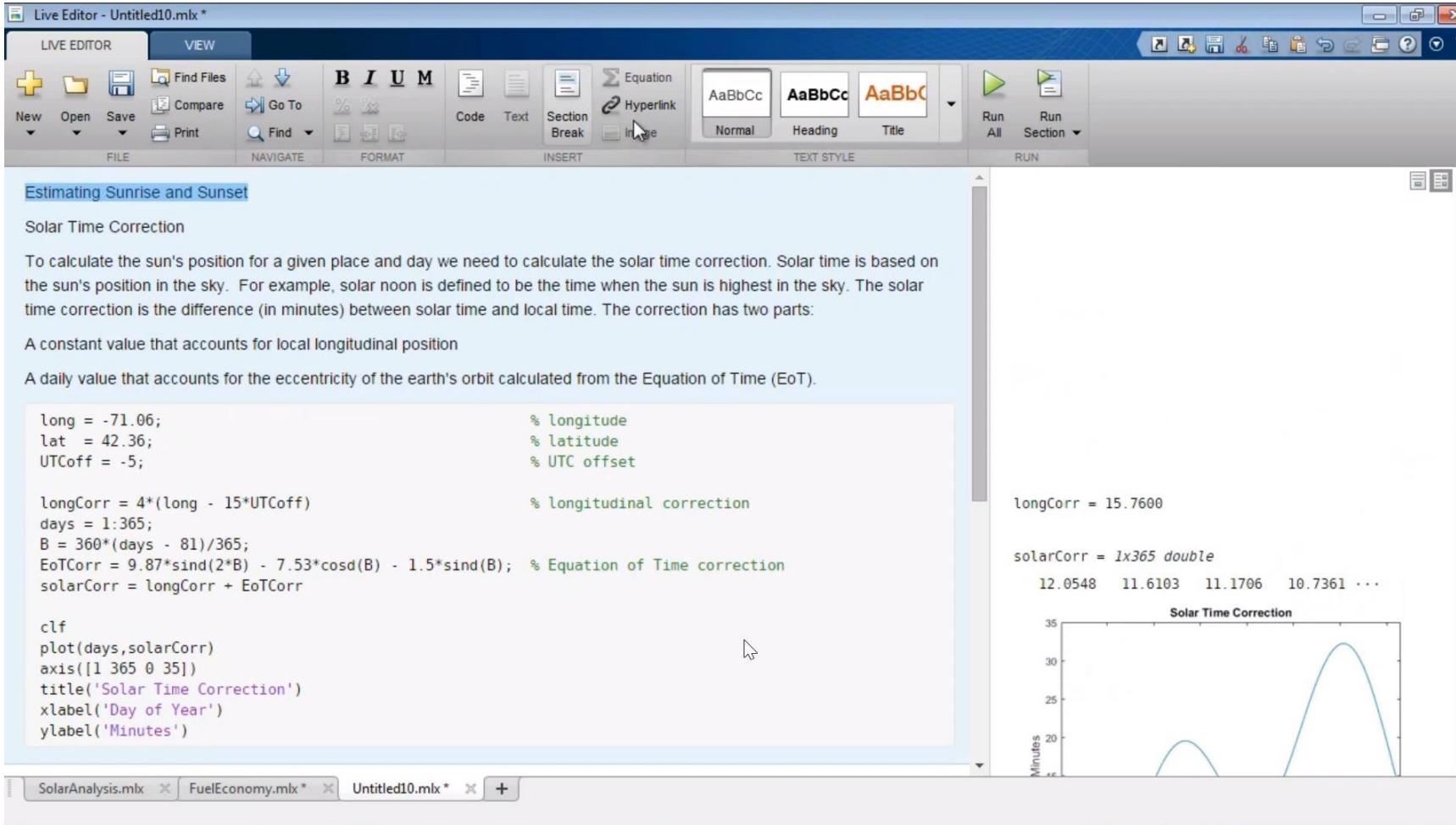
R2018b

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Live Editor

Live Editor

Live scripts are program files that contain your code, output, and formatted text together in a single interactive environment called the Live Editor.



The screenshot shows the MATLAB Live Editor interface with the title 'Live Editor - Untitled10.mlx *'. The interface includes a toolbar with buttons for New, Open, Save, Print, Find, Go To, Insert, Text, Section Break, Equation, and Hyperlink. Below the toolbar are tabs for LIVE EDITOR and VIEW. The main area contains the following content:

Estimating Sunrise and Sunset

Solar Time Correction

To calculate the sun's position for a given place and day we need to calculate the solar time correction. Solar time is based on the sun's position in the sky. For example, solar noon is defined to be the time when the sun is highest in the sky. The solar time correction is the difference (in minutes) between solar time and local time. The correction has two parts:

A constant value that accounts for local longitudinal position

A daily value that accounts for the eccentricity of the earth's orbit calculated from the Equation of Time (EoT).

```
long = -71.06; % longitude
lat = 42.36; % latitude
UTCoff = -5; % UTC offset

longCorr = 4*(long - 15*UTCoff) % longitudinal correction
days = 1:365;
B = 360*(days - 81)/365;
EoTCorr = 9.87*sind(2*B) - 7.53*cosd(B) - 1.5*sind(B); % Equation of Time correction
solarCorr = longCorr + EoTCorr

clf
plot(days,solarCorr)
axis([1 365 0 35])
title('Solar Time Correction')
xlabel('Day of Year')
ylabel('Minutes')
```

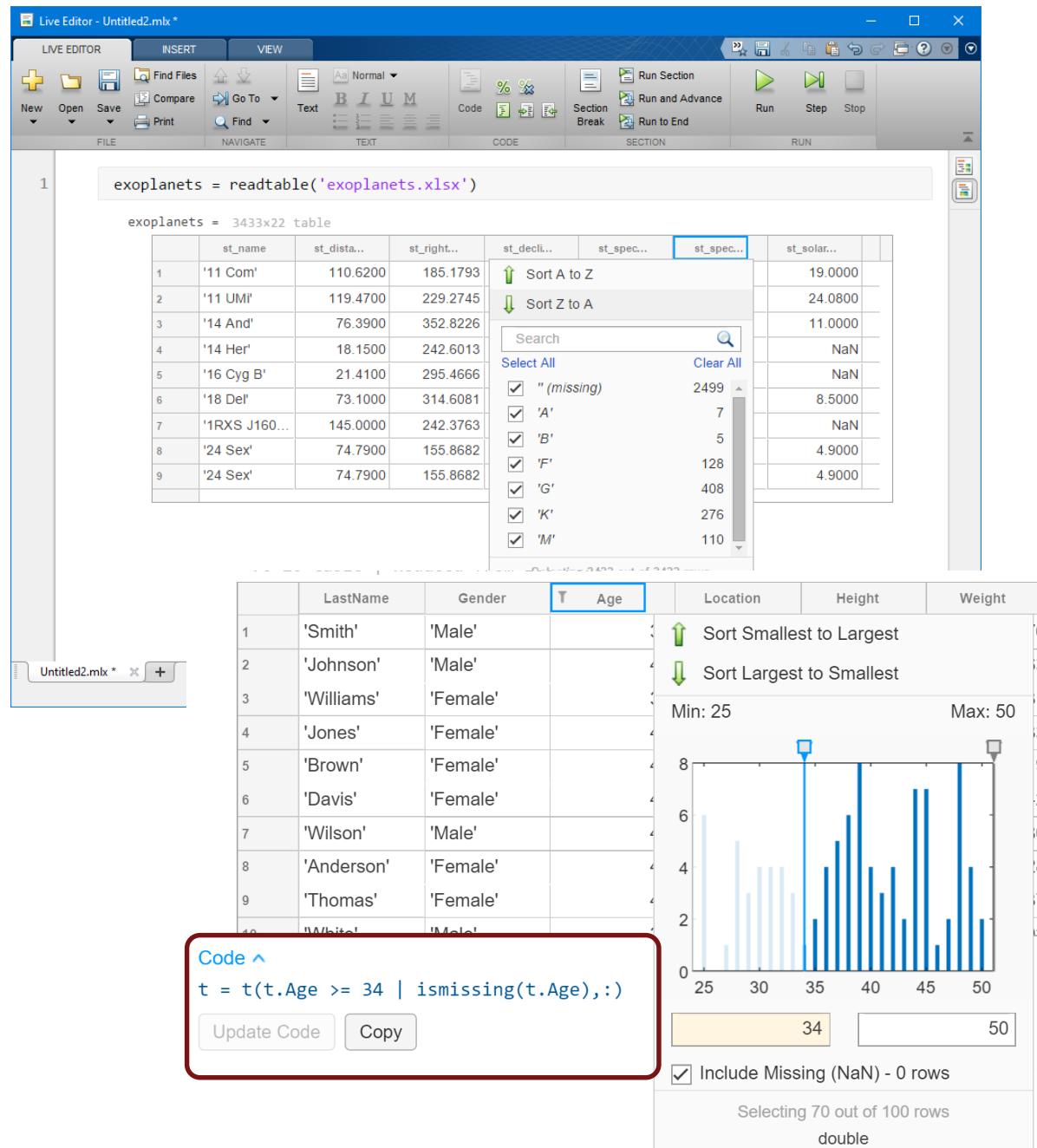
On the right side of the editor, the output of the code is displayed:

```
longCorr = 15.7600
solarCorr = 1x365 double
12.0548 11.6103 11.1706 10.7361 ...
Solar Time Correction
```

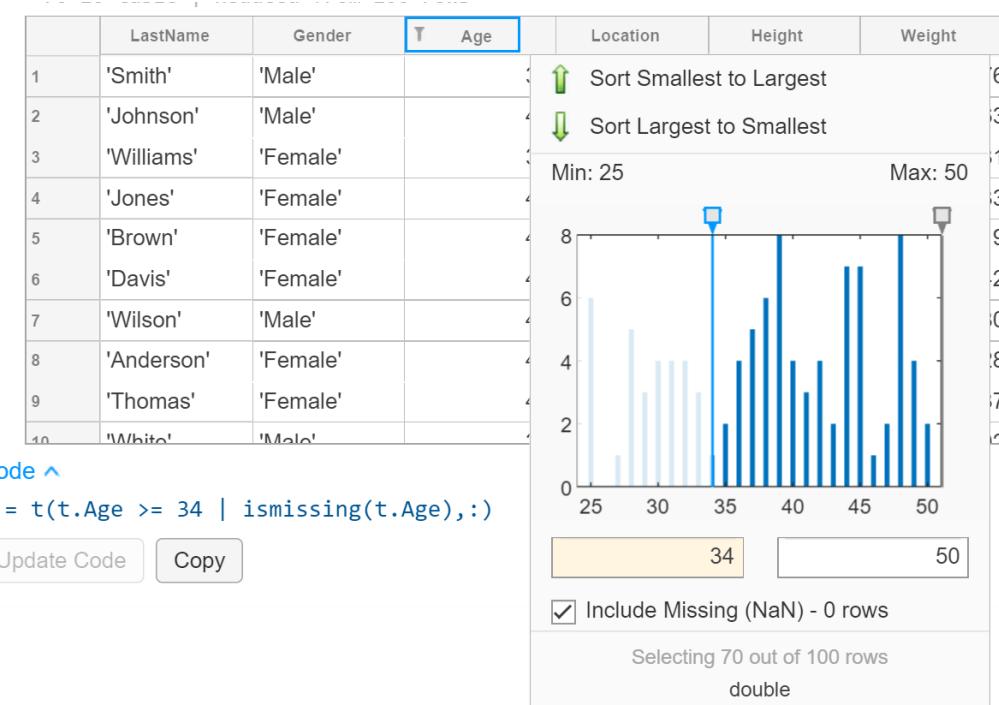
A plot titled 'Solar Time Correction' shows the daily variation of the solar time correction in minutes over a year. The x-axis represents the day of the year (1 to 365), and the y-axis represents the minutes (0 to 35). The plot shows two distinct peaks and two troughs per year, with a maximum value of approximately 33 minutes and a minimum of approximately 18 minutes.

Live Editor

- Filter table output interactively with generated code
- Merge two versions of a live script or function
- Additional subheading styles
- Internal hyperlinks within a live script



Data Analysis



Data Workflows Continue to Improve

Import

```
t1 = readtable("S3://bucket_name/file.txt");
```

Preprocess

```
t1 = removevars(t1,"P");
t1 = convertvars(t1,[ "T", "RH"], "double");
t = synchronize(t1,t2,t3);
t = sortrows(t);
t = fillmissing(t,"linear");
t = rmoutliers(t);
t = smoothdata(t);
t = normalize(t);
t.T = rescale(t.T);
```

Explore

```
[tmin,tmax] = bounds(t.Time);
top5 = topkrows(t,5,"RH");
byTime = groupsummary(t,"Time","year");
g = grouptransform(t,"AQILabel","rescale");
chgpts = islocalmin(t,"MaxNumExtrema",5);
```

Visualize

```
stackedplot(t);
geoplot(t.Lat,t.Lon,t.RH);
heatmap(t,"AQILabel","Year");
scatterhistogram(t.RH,t.DP);
```

Import Data

```
Import
t1 = readtable("S3://bucket_name/file.txt");

Preprocess
t1 = removevars(t1, "P");
t1 = convertvars(t1, ["T", "RH"], "double");
t = synchronize(t1, t2, t3);
t = sortrows(t);
t = fillmissing(t, "linear");
t = addvars(t, "AQILabel", "rescale");


```

- Import from more places
- Support more formats
(**stlread**, **stlwrite**)

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```
t1 = readtable("S3://bucket_name/file.txt");
t2 = readtable("wasbs://container@account/path/file.txt");
```

```
Explore
[tmin, tmax] = bounds(t.Time);
top5 = topkrows(t, 5, "RH");
byTime = groupsummary(t, "Time", "year");
g = grouptransform(t, "AQILabel", "rescale");
chgpts = islocalmin(t, "MaxNumExtrema", 5);

Visualize
stackedplot(t);
geoplot(t.Lat, t.Lon, t.RH);
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Preprocess

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Preprocess

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t = smoothdata(t);
t = normalize(t);
t.T = rescale(t.T);
```

Explore

```
[tmin, tmax]
top5 = topk
byTime = gr
g = grouptr
chgpts = is
```

Visualize

```
stackedplot(t);
geoplot(t.Lat, t.Lon, t.RH);
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```

Explore Data

Import

```
t1 = readtable("S3://bucket_name/file.txt");
```

Preprocess

```
t1 = readtable("S3://bucket_name/file.txt");
t1 = rmmissing(t1);
t = sum(t1);
t = sum(t);
t = f;
t = r;
t = s;
t = n;
t.T = 1;
[tmin,tmax] = bounds(t.Time);
top5 = topkrows(t,5,"RH");
byTime = groupsummary(t,"Time","year");
g = grouptransform(t,"AQILabel","rescale");
chgpts = islocalmin(t,"MaxNumExtrema",5);
```

Explore

```
[tmin,tmax] = bounds(t.Time);
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Visualize

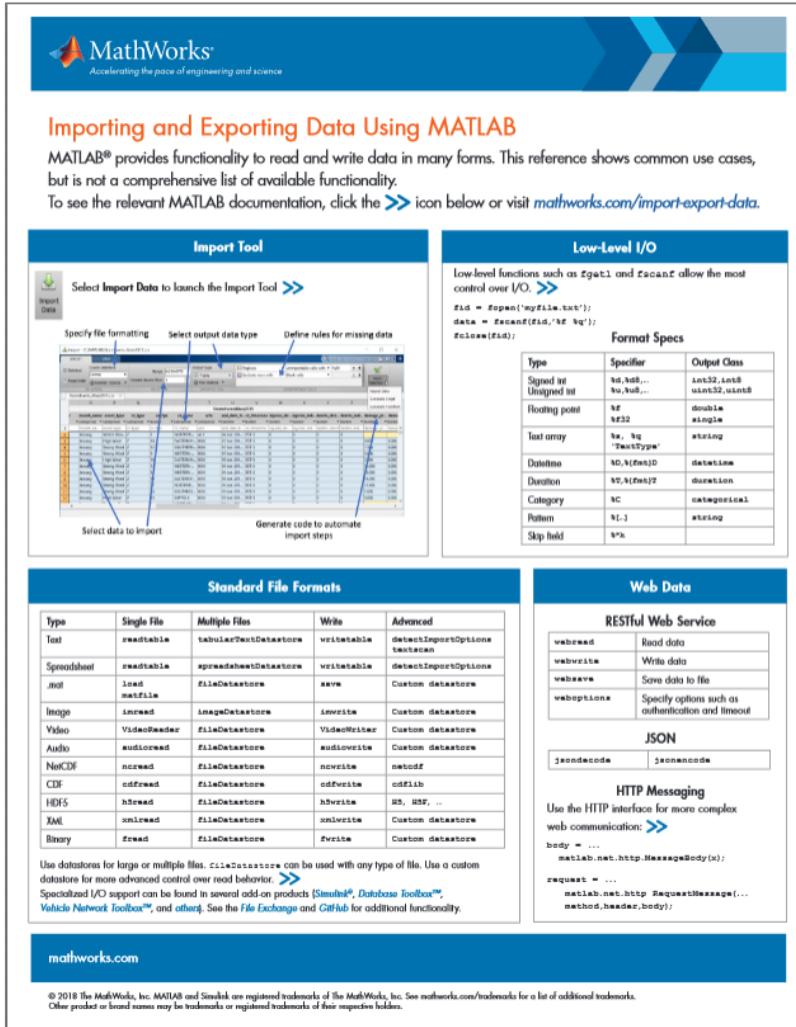
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```

- **grouptransform**

- Perform grouped computations, such as normalization or filling missing data, on table and timetable variables

New Cheat Sheets Available

Importing and Exporting Data Using MATLAB



Import Tool
Select Import Data to launch the Import Tool >>

Specify file formatting, Select output data type, Define rules for missing data, Select data to import, Generate code to automate import steps

Low-Level I/O
Low-level functions such as `fgetl` and `fscanf` allow the most control over I/O. >>

```

fid = fopen('myfile.txt');
data = fscanf(fid,'%f %f');
fclose(fid);

```

Type	Specifier	Output Class
Signed int	%d,%dB...	int32,int8, uint32, uint8
Unsigned int	%u,%Bu...	
Floating point	%f,%B32	double, single
Text array	%s, %q, %TextType%	string
Datetime	%D,%fmsJD	datetime
Duration	%S,%fmsD7	duration
Category	%C	categorical
Pattern	%I-1	string
Skip field	%k	

Standard File Formats

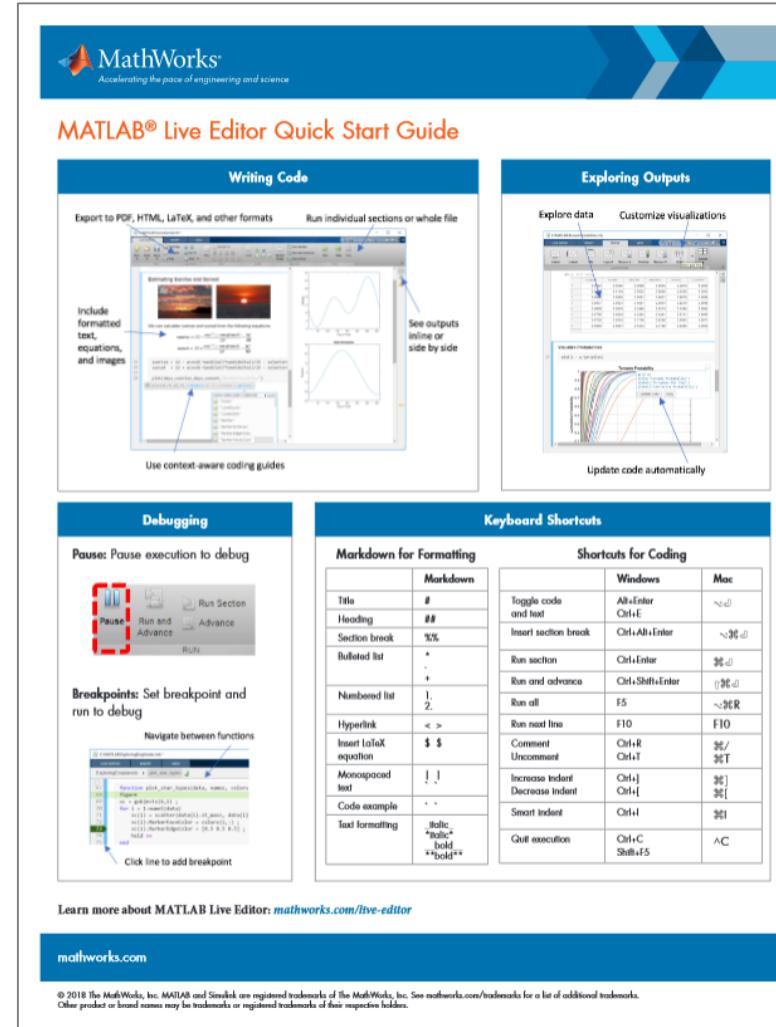
Type	Single File	Multiple Files	Write	Advanced
Text	<code>readtable</code>	<code>table2TextDatastore</code>	<code>writeText</code>	<code>detectImportOptions</code>
Spreadsheet	<code>readtable</code>	<code>spreadsheetDatastore</code>	<code>writeTable</code>	<code>detectImportOptions</code>
.mat	<code>load</code>	<code>fileDatastore</code>	<code>save</code>	Custom datastore
Image	<code>imread</code>	<code>imageDatastore</code>	<code>imwrite</code>	Custom datastore
Video	<code>VideoReader</code>	<code>fileDatastore</code>	<code>VideoWriter</code>	Custom datastore
Audio	<code>audioread</code>	<code>fileDatastore</code>	<code>audiowrite</code>	Custom datastore
NetCDF	<code>ncread</code>	<code>fileDatastore</code>	<code>ncwrite</code>	<code>netcdf</code>
CDF	<code>cdfread</code>	<code>fileDatastore</code>	<code>cdfwrite</code>	<code>cdflib</code>
HDF5	<code>h5read</code>	<code>fileDatastore</code>	<code>h5write</code>	H5, H5R, ...
XML	<code>xmlread</code>	<code>fileDatastore</code>	<code>xmlwrite</code>	Custom datastore
Binary	<code>fread</code>	<code>fileDatastore</code>	<code>fwrite</code>	Custom datastore

Use `fileDatastore` for large or multiple files. `fileDatastore` can be used with any type of file. Use a custom datastore for more advanced control over read behavior. >>
Specialized I/O support can be found in several add-on products [Simulink®, Database Toolbox™, Vehicle Network Toolbox™, and others]. See the [File Exchange](#) and [GitHub](#) for additional functionality.

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MATLAB Live Editor Quick Start Guide



Writing Code

Export to PDF, HTML, LaTeX, and other formats Run individual sections or whole file

Include formatted text, equations, and images Use context-aware coding guides

See outputs inline or side by side

Exploring Outputs

Explore data Customize visualizations

Update code automatically

Debugging

Pause: Pause execution to debug

Breakpoints: Set breakpoint and run to debug

Navigate between functions

Click line to add breakpoint

Keyboard Shortcuts

	Windows	Mac
Title	#	⌘#
Heading	##	⌘##
Section break	%%	⌘%%
Bulleted list	*	*
Numbered list	1.	1.
Hyperlink	< >	⌘< >
Insert LaTeX equation	\$ \$	⌘\$ \$
Monospaced text		⌘
Code example	...	⌘...
Text formatting	<code>italic</code> , <code>bold</code> , <code>italic+bold</code>	⌘ <code>italic</code> , ⌘ <code>bold</code>
Quit execution	Ctrl+C	⌘C

Learn more about MATLAB Live Editor: mathworks.com/live-editor

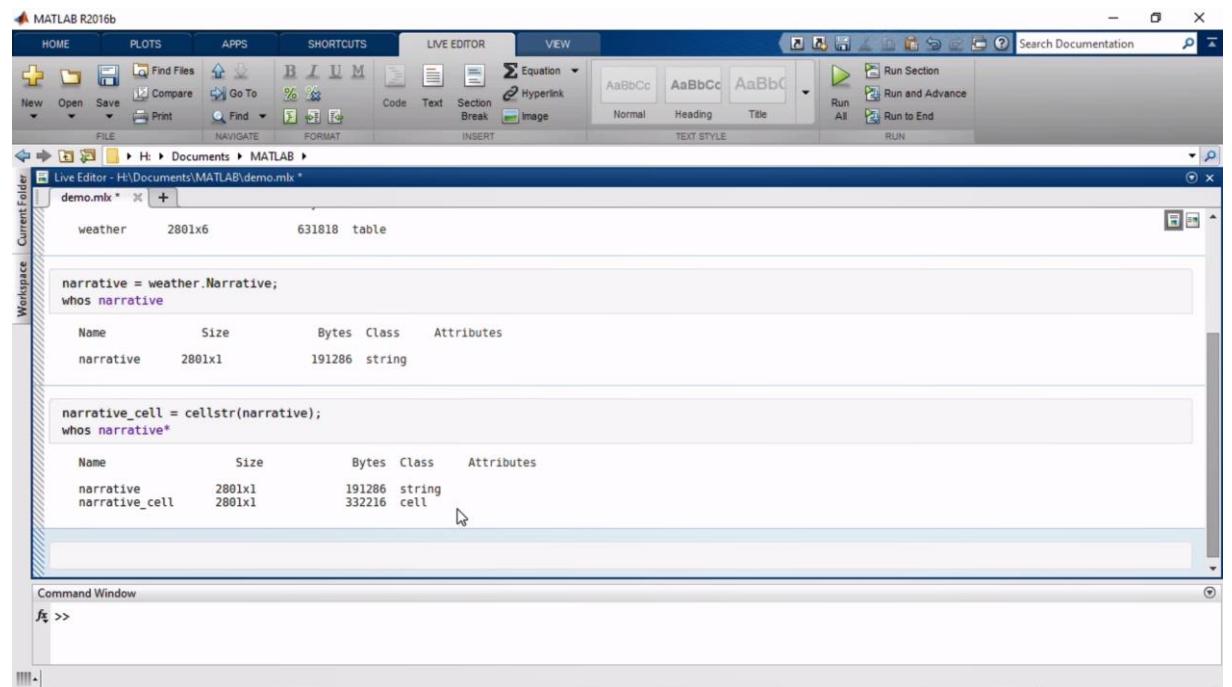
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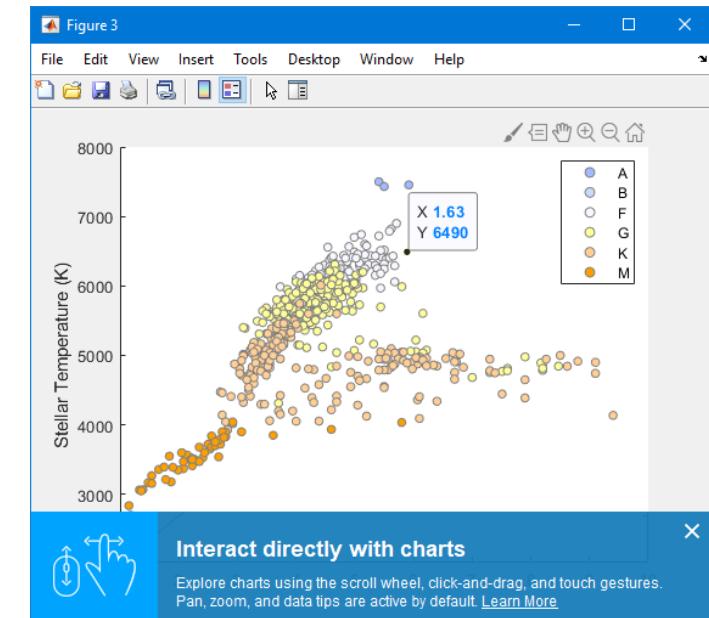
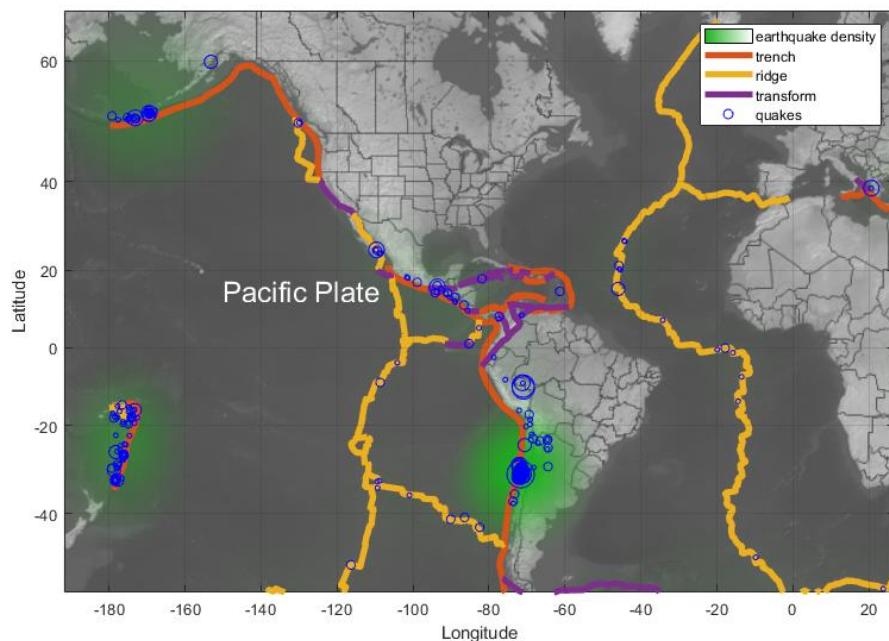
String Arrays

String Arrays

- Introduced in R2016b
 - Designed and optimized for working with and manipulating text
- In R2018b you can use string arrays for data, properties, and name-value pair arguments nearly everywhere in MathWorks products

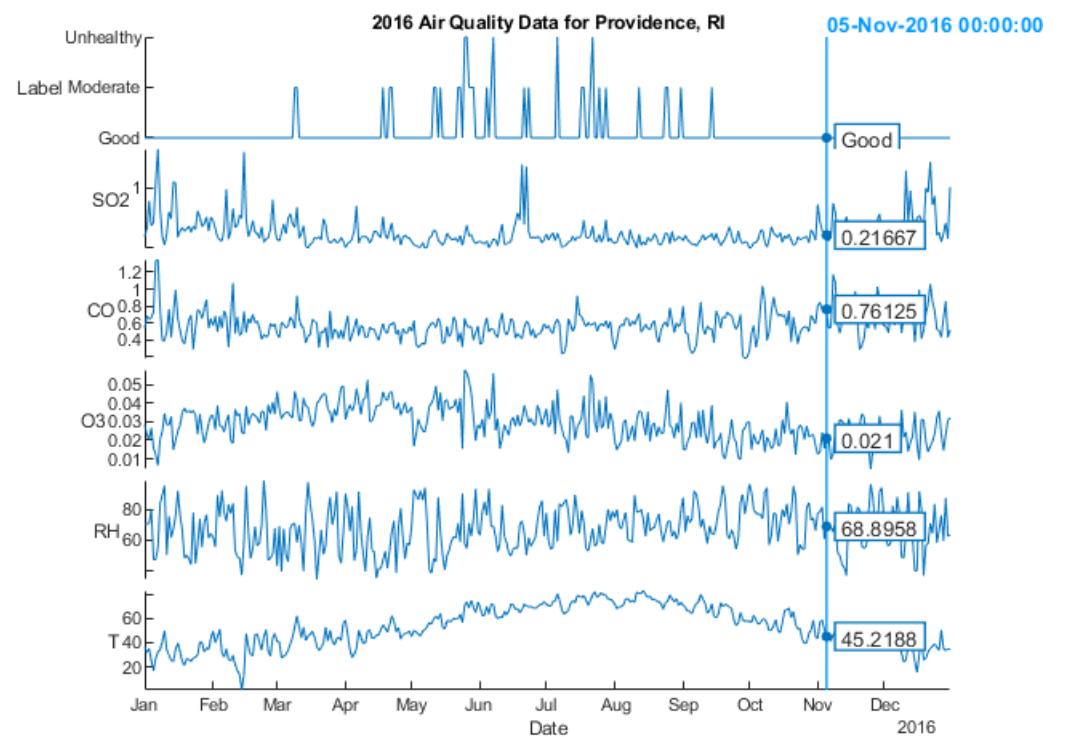
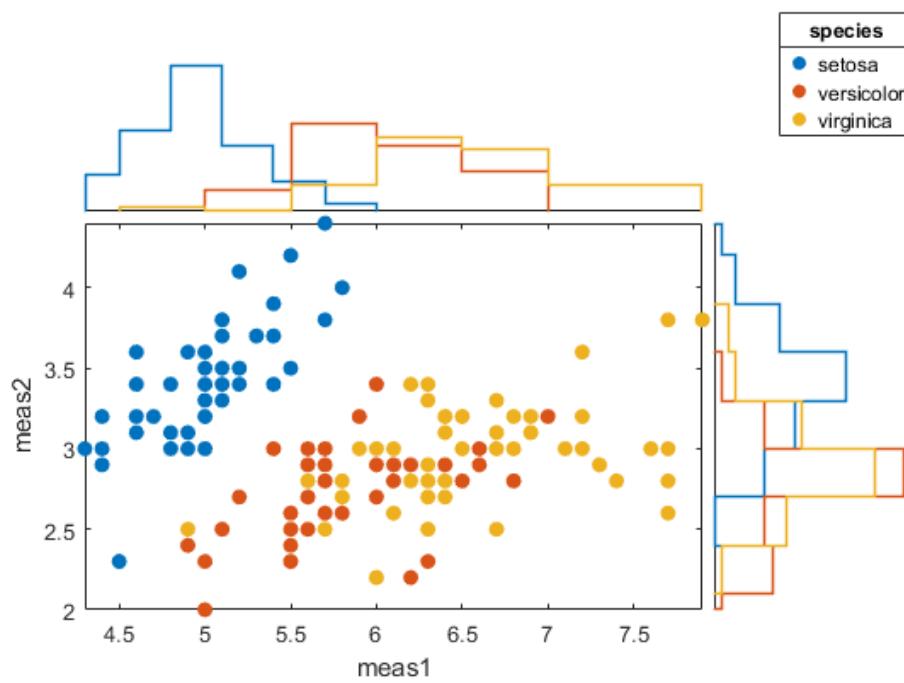


Graphics



New Visualizations

- **scatterhistogram** to create a scatter plot with marginal histograms
- **stackedplot** for visualizing several variables from a table or timetable



Geographic Plots

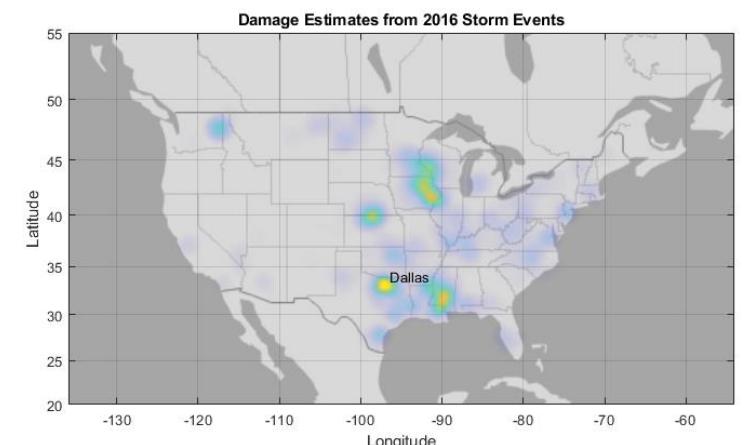
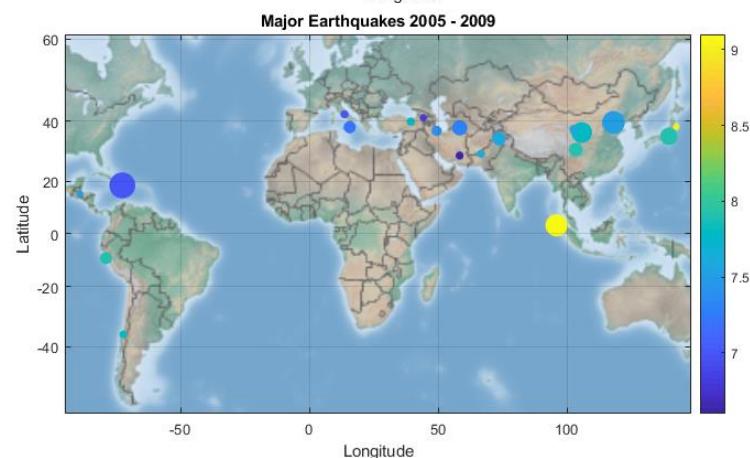
- Three new geographic plots
 - Line plot: **geoplot**
 - Scatter plot: **geoscatter**
 - Density plot: **geodensityplot**
- New **geoaxes** object

```
gx =
```

GeographicAxes with properties:

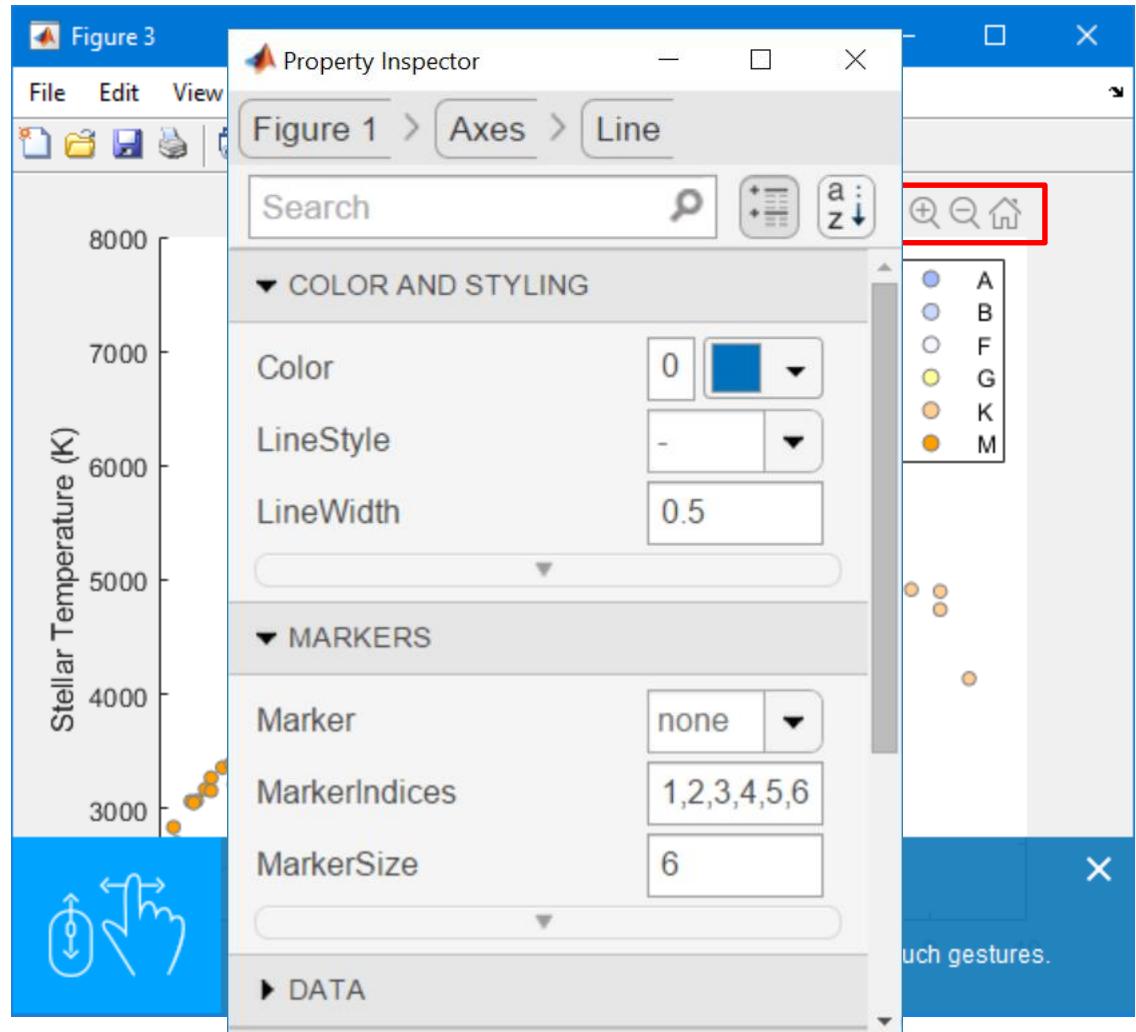
```
    Basemap: 'darkwater'
    Position: [0.1300 0.1100 0.7750 0.8150]
    Units: 'normalized'
```

Show [all properties](#)



Plot Interactions

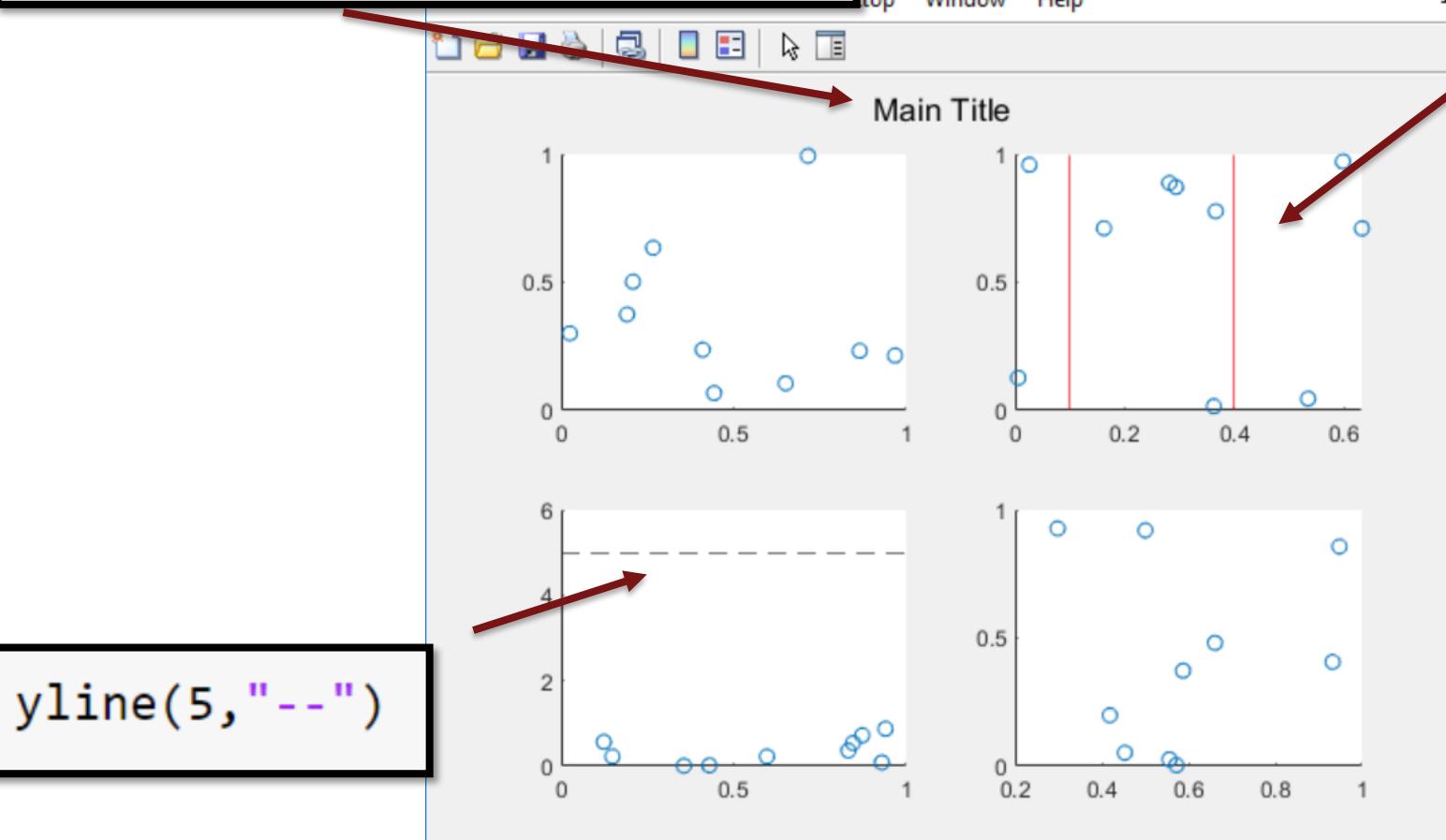
- Axes interactions enabled by default
 - Panning
 - Zooming
 - Data tips
 - 3-D rotation
- Access and customize data exploration toolbar for each axes object
- Opens Property Inspector
- Can still use plot tools:
`plottools ("on")`



Graphics Conveniences

```
subplottitle("Main Title")
```

```
xline(0.1,"r")  
xline(0.4,"r")
```

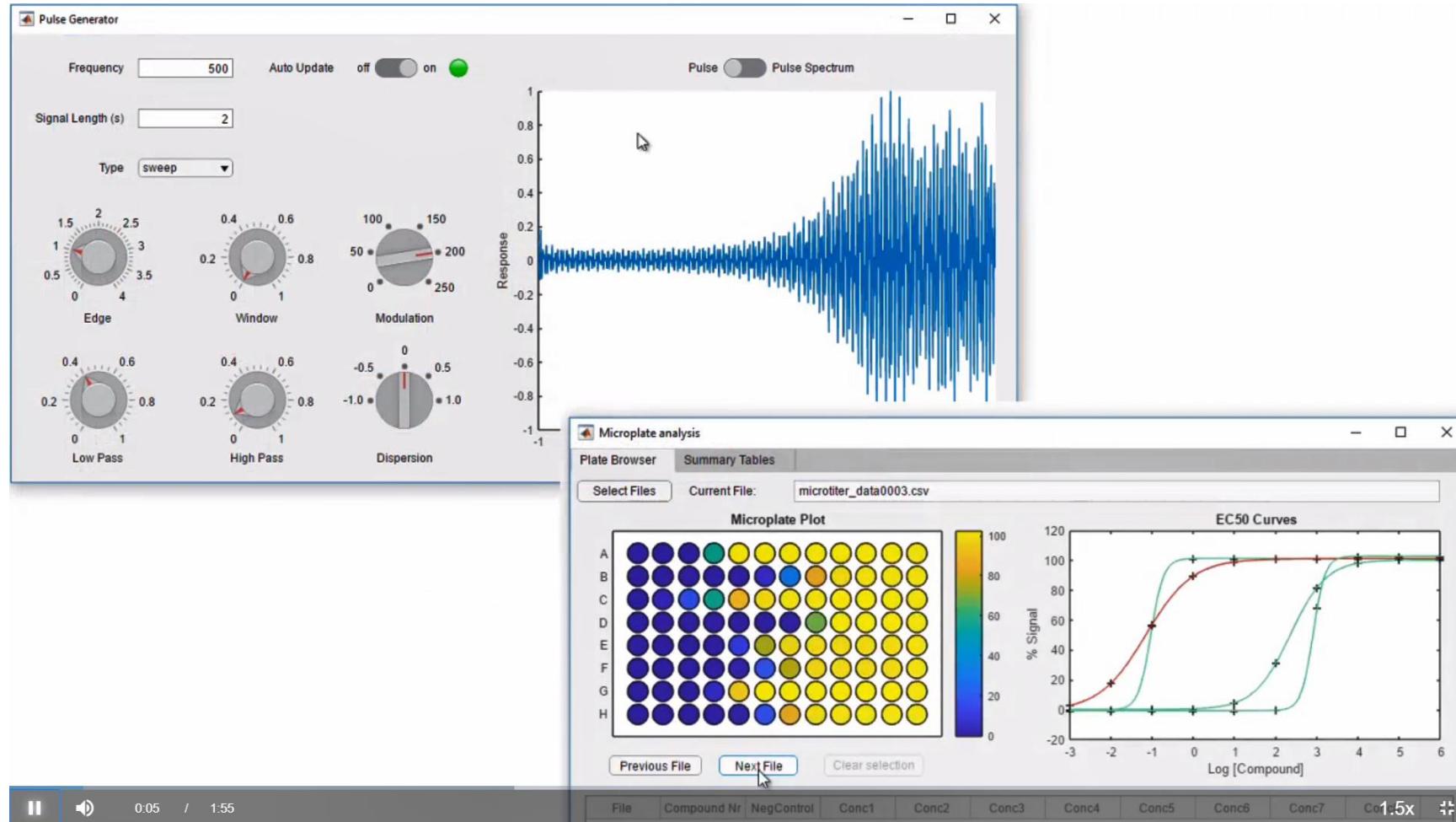


```
yline(5,"--")
```

App Building

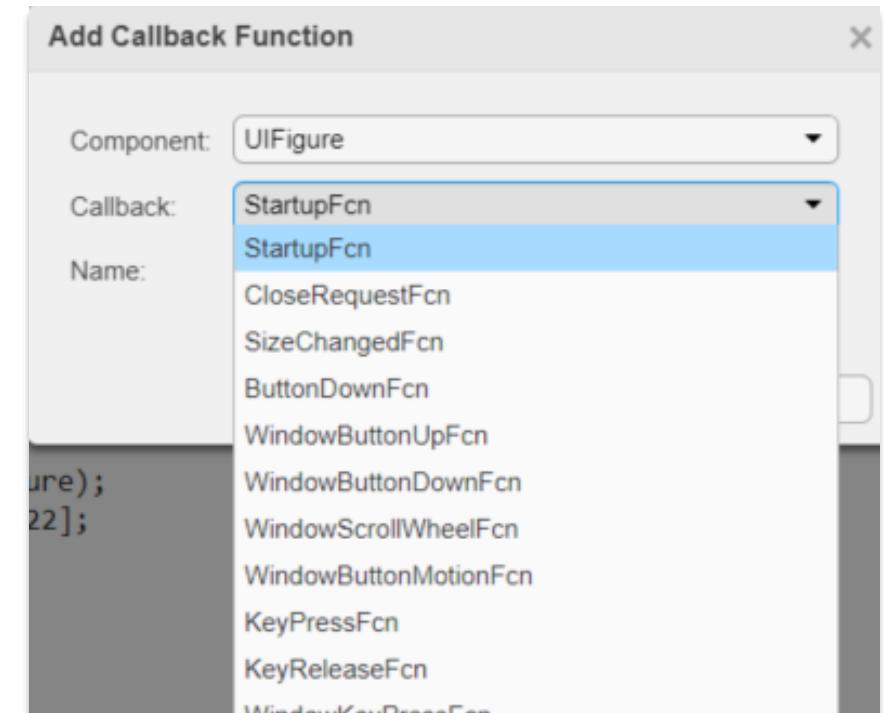
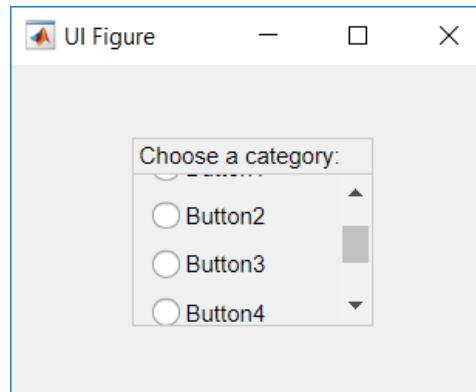
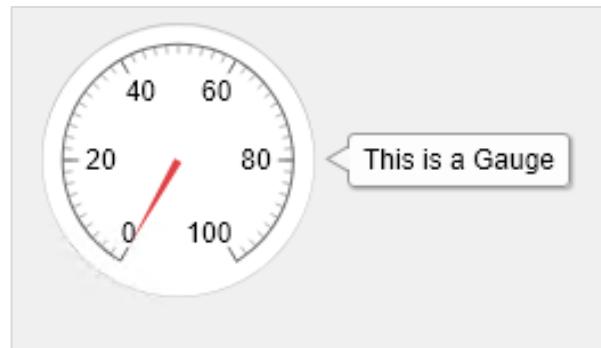
App Designer

App Designer lets you create modern professional looking apps in MATLAB!



App Building

- Custom mouse and keyboard interactions using figures created with the **uifigure** function
- Custom tooltips for UI components in apps
 - Available for UI components in App Designer apps and in figures created with the **uifigure** function
- Scrolling enabled for the following containers:
 - Figure
 - Panel
 - Tab
 - Button group



- Scrolling works only in:
 - App Designer apps
 - Figures created with the **uifigure** function
 - Child containers within those figures
- Scrolling is not available for **axes** objects
 - In this case, you can parent to **uipanel**

App Building

Graphics Support

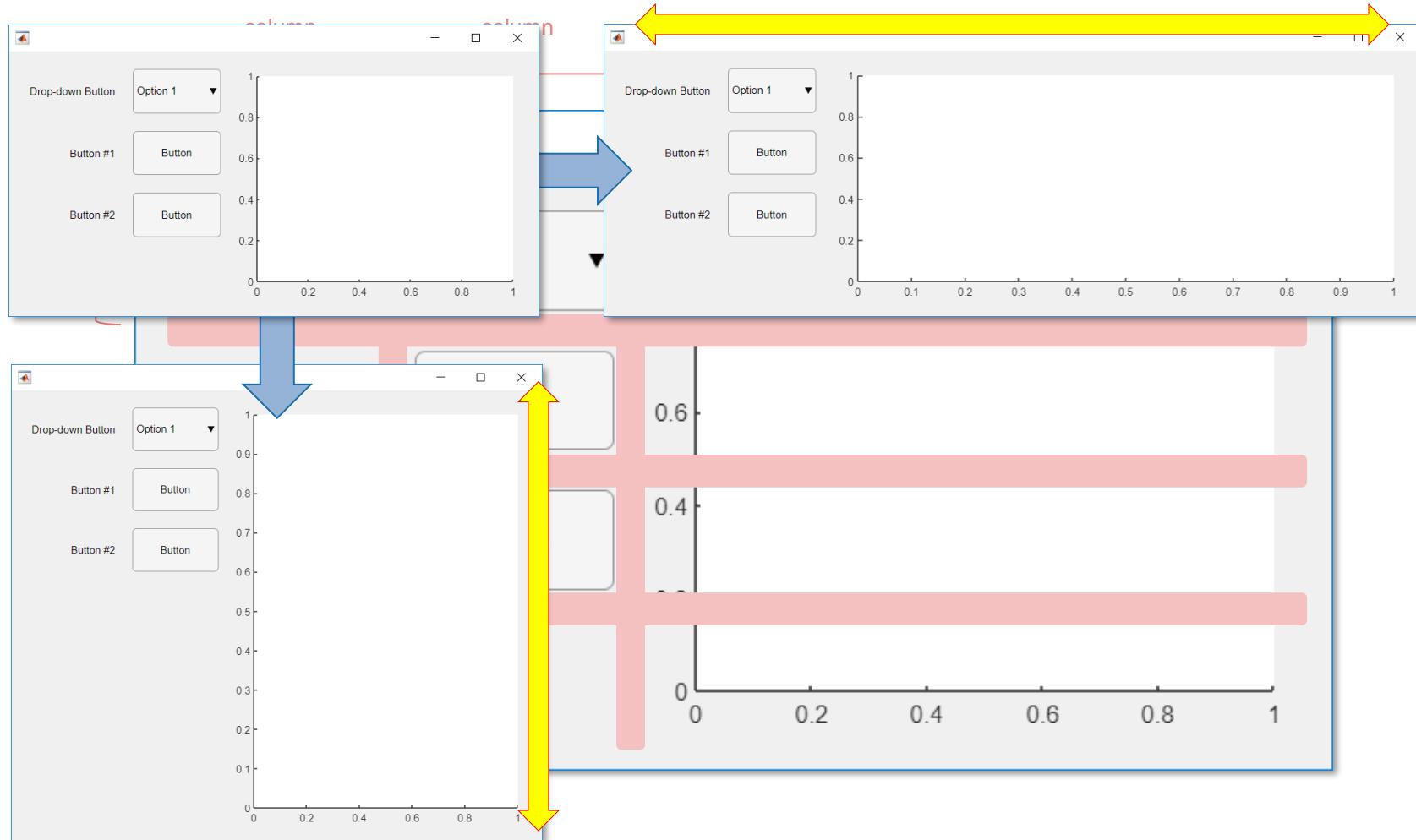
- **uifigure** now supports **uiaxes** AND **axes** objects
 - Integrate plots into an app using the **axes**, **polaraxes**, and **geoaxes** functions
(See example in the R2018b doc)
 - This allows you to display more types of plots
See Displaying Graphics in App Designer

App Building

Grid Layout Manager using `uigridlayout`

Notes

- Only available in apps created with the `uifigure` function
- Not available directly in App Designer; could include the code as part of the startup function



```
% Create figure
F=uifigure;
F.Position = [0 0 600 300];
movegui(F, 'center');

% Create grid layout
g = uigridlayout(F,[4,3]);
g.RowHeight = {50,50,50, '1x'};
g.ColumnWidth = {100,100, '3x'};
g.Padding = [20 20 20 20];
g.ColumnSpacing = 20;

% Create grid layout
g = uigridlayout(F,[4,3]);
g.RowHeight = {50,50,50, '1x'};
g.ColumnWidth = {100,100, '3x'};
g.Padding = [20 20 20 20];
g.ColumnSpacing = 20;
g.RowSpacing = 20;

b1.Layout.Row = [2];
b1.Layout.Column = [2];
b1label = uilabel(g);
b1label.Layout.Row = b1.Layout.Row;
b1label.Layout.Column = b1.Layout.Column - 1;
b1label.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
b1label.Text = {'Button #1'};

b2 = uibutton(g);
b2.Layout.Row = [3];
b2.Layout.Column = [2];
b2label = uilabel(g);
b2label.Layout.Row = b2.Layout.Row;
b2label.Layout.Column = b2.Layout.Column - 1;
b2label.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
b2label.Text = {'Button #2'};

ax = uiaxes(g);
ax.Layout.Row = [1 size(g.RowHeight,2)];
ax.Layout.Column = [3];
```

App Designer

Code View

- Code folding
- Code analyzer message bar
- Export apps as .m files
 - Enables you to change it outside of App Designer
 - NOTE - there is no option for importing changes back into App Designer



The screenshot shows the MATLAB App Designer Code View. The window has tabs for 'Design View' and 'Code View', with 'Code View' selected. The code editor displays the following MATLAB code:

```
1 classdef axesTestApp < matlab.apps.AppBase
2
3 % Properties that correspond to app components
4 properties (Access = public)
5     UIFigure matlab.ui.Figure
6 end
7
8
9 methods (Access = private)
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
```

The code editor features code folding, indicated by small square icons with minus signs on the left margin of lines 1, 4, 10, and 13. A vertical scrollbar is on the right. A red box highlights the code folding icons on the left and the vertical scrollbar on the right. A code analyzer message bar is visible at the bottom of the code editor, showing a warning icon and the text 'function AxesButtonDownFcn(ax, event)'.

Performance

Performance

Start faster:

- Increased speed of MATLAB startup time
 - 18a: general start time improvement
 - 18b: focus on network concurrent configurations
- Create new and open existing Live Scripts faster
- Startup Apps faster

Execute code faster:

- Index into large arrays with improved performance when using `:` operator
- Faster calls to built-in functions due to reduced overhead
- Improved set function performance with enumerations

