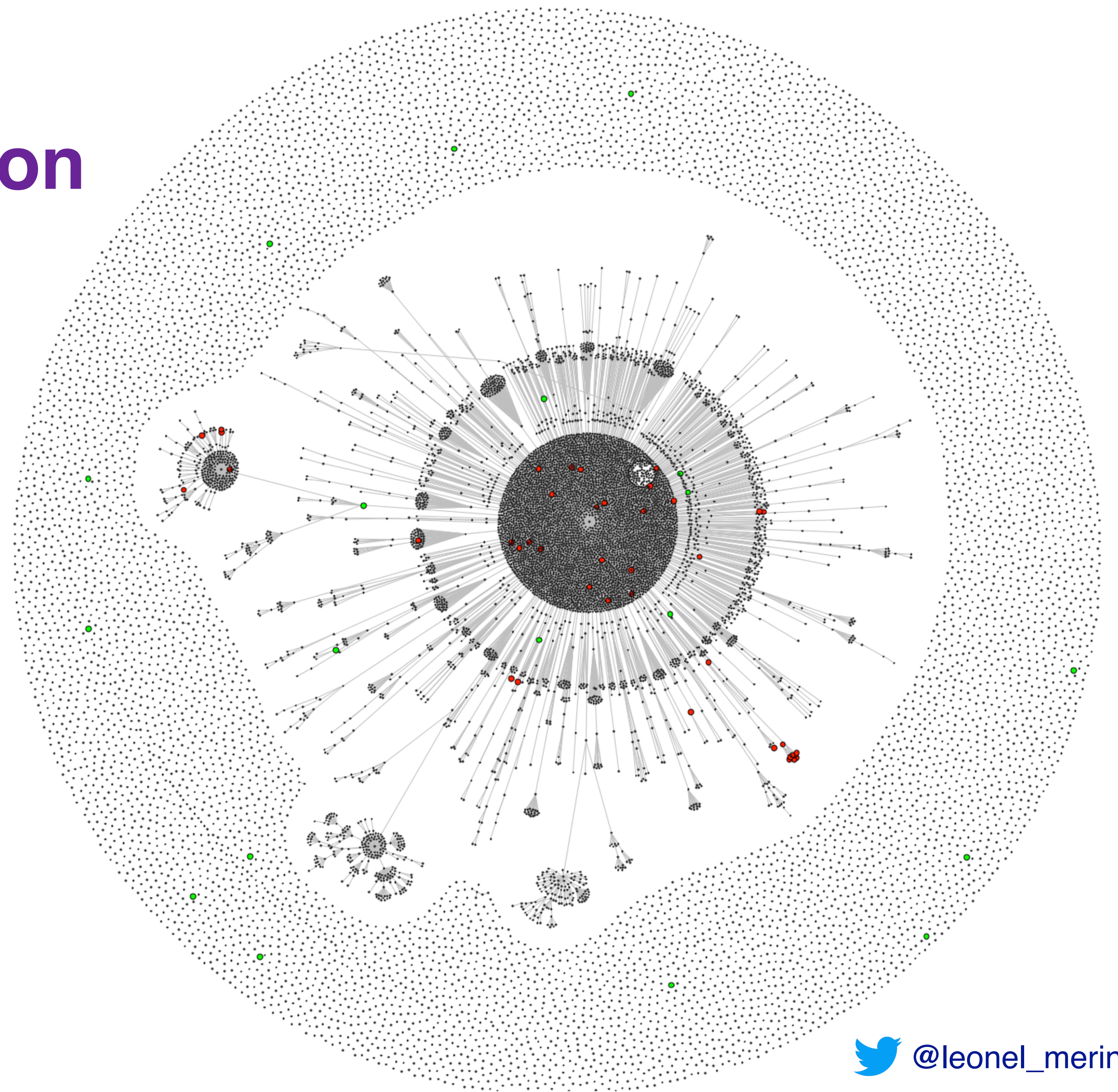


# Software Visualization

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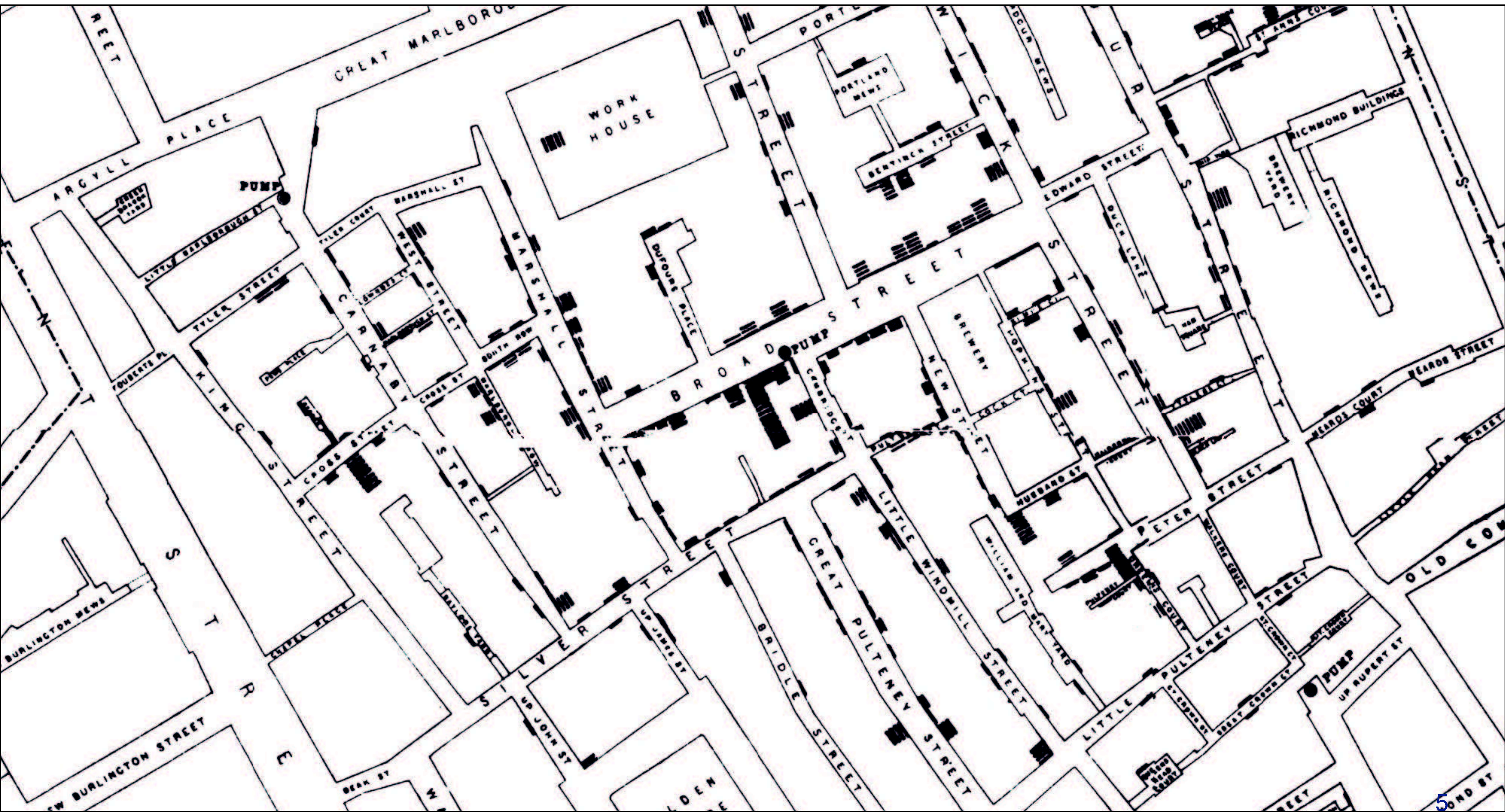




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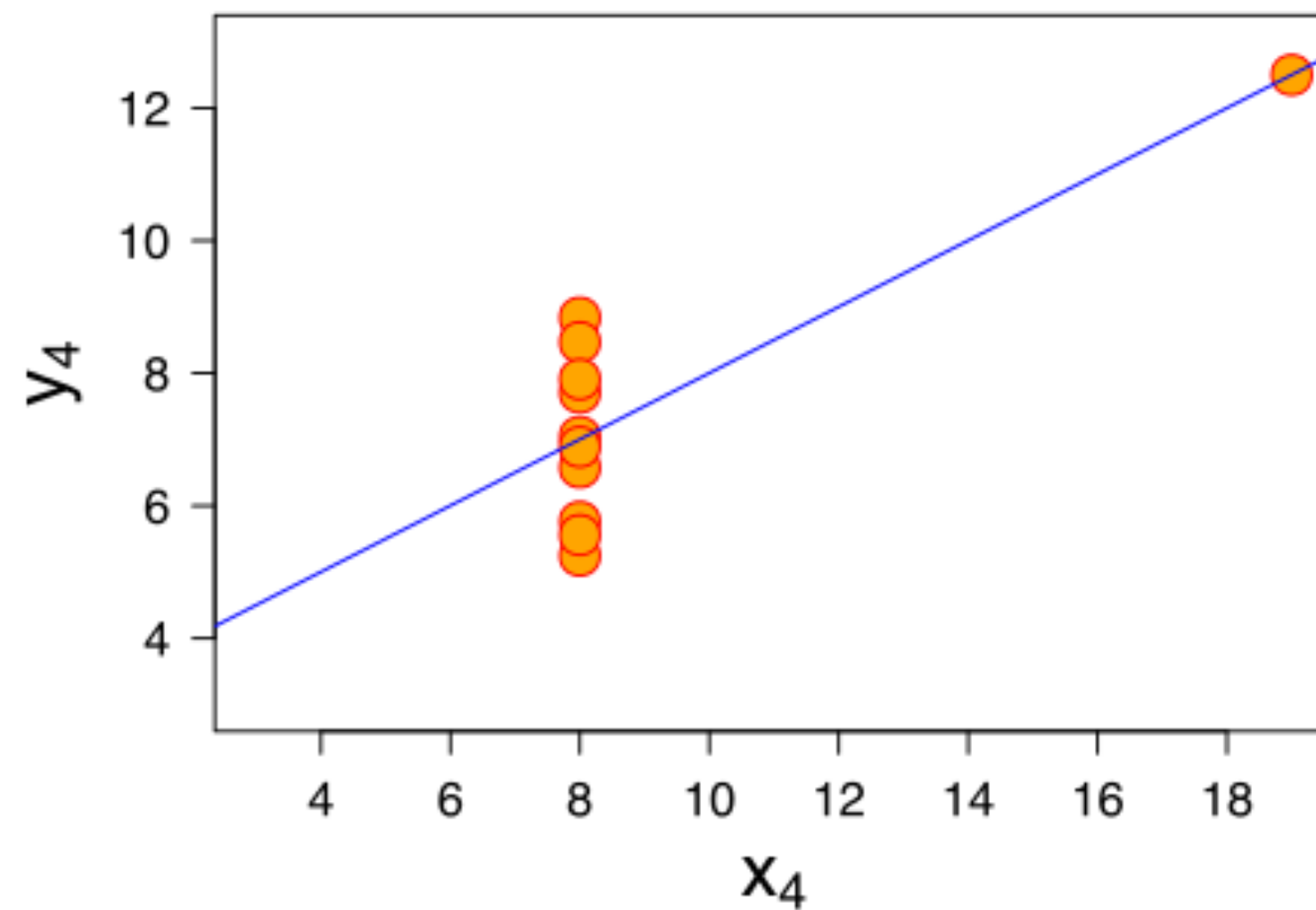
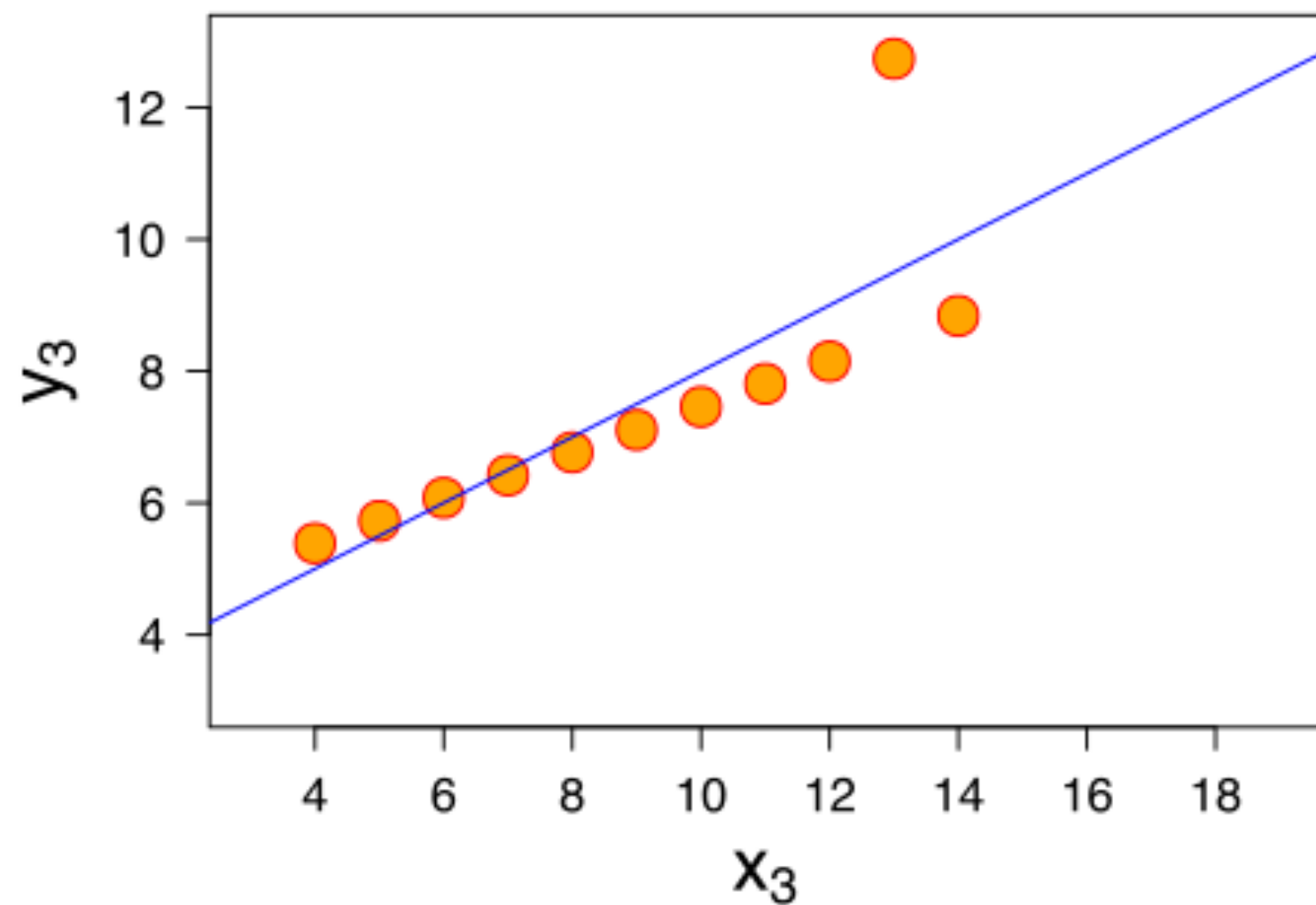
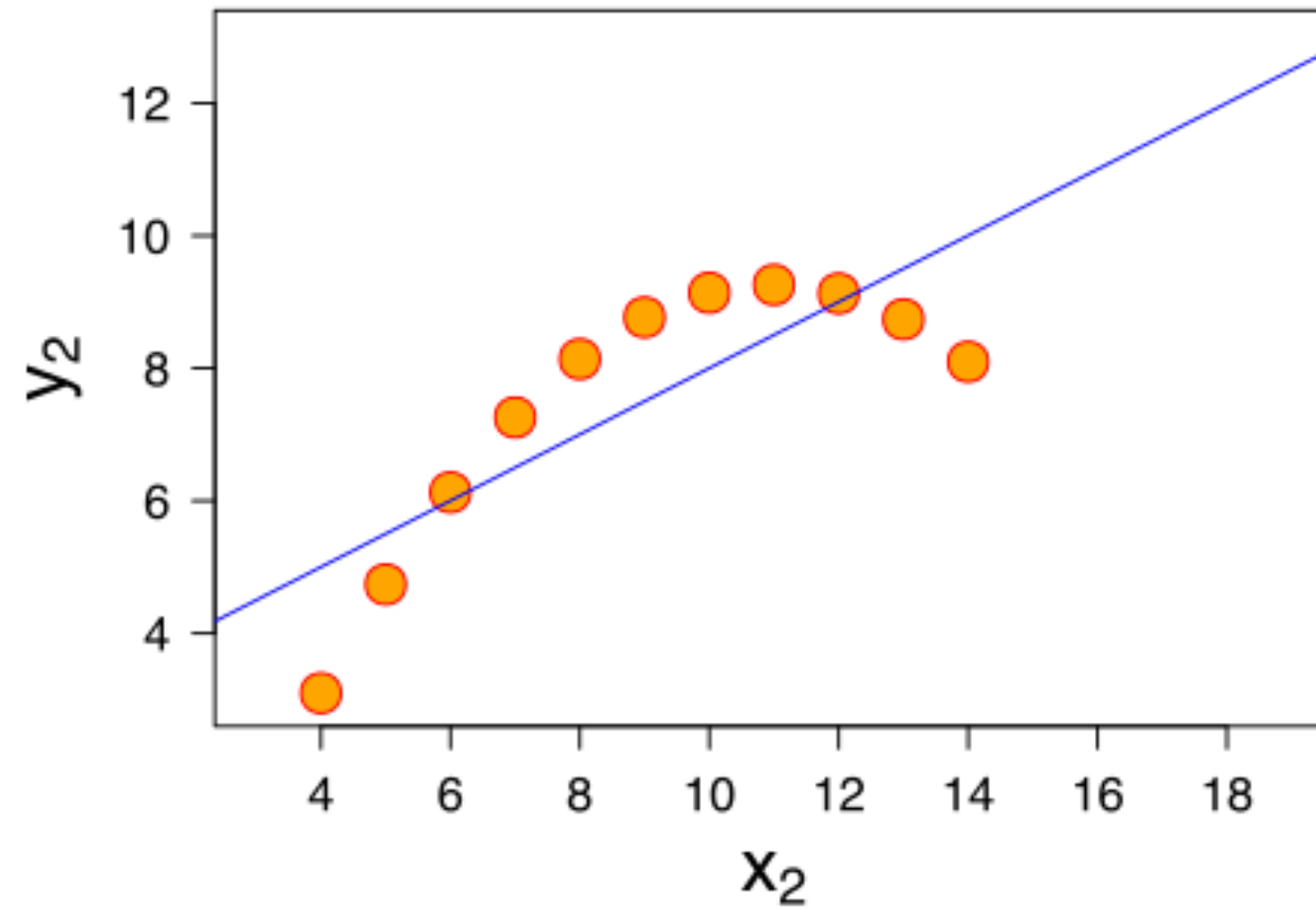
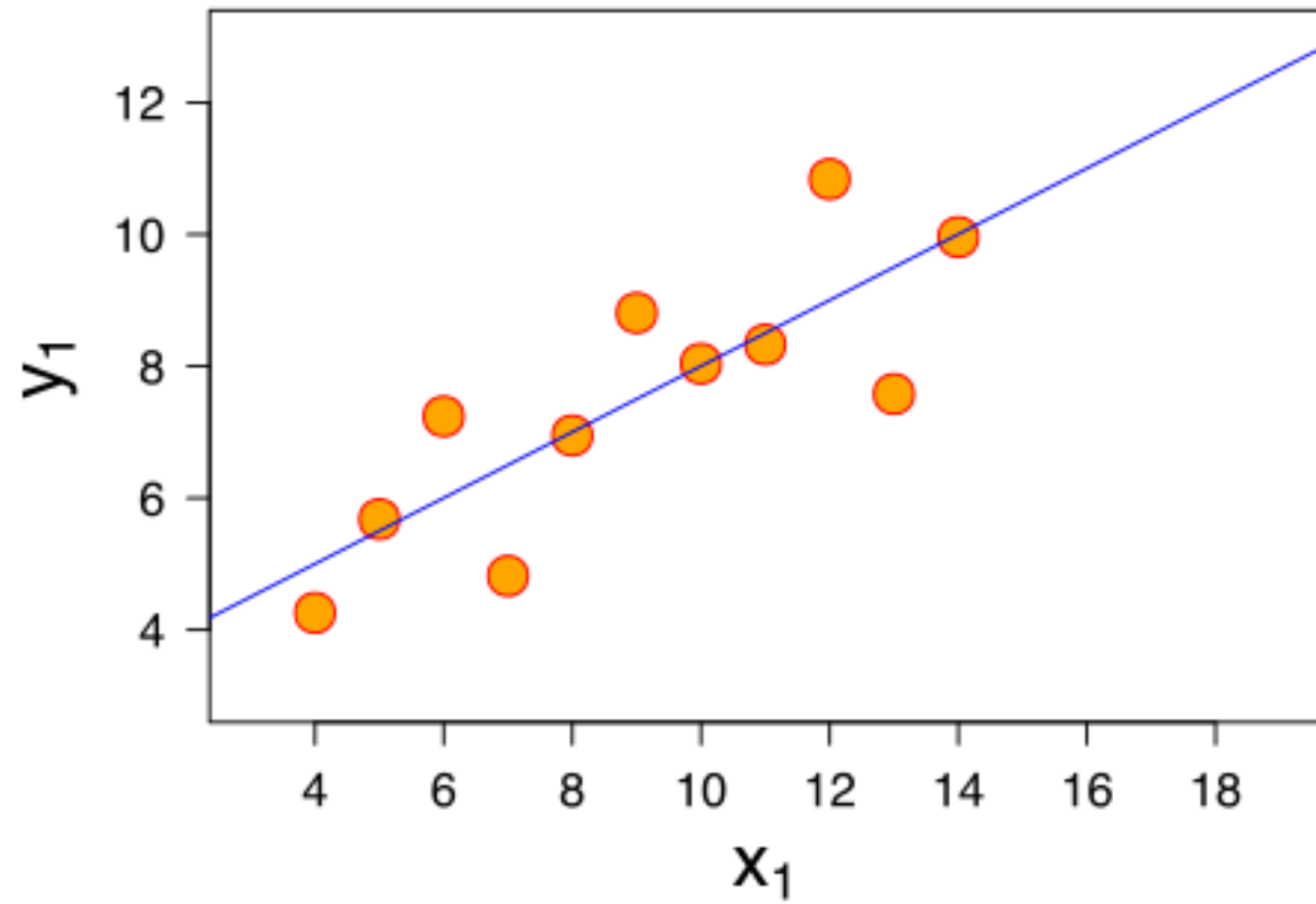
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# Anscombe's Quartet

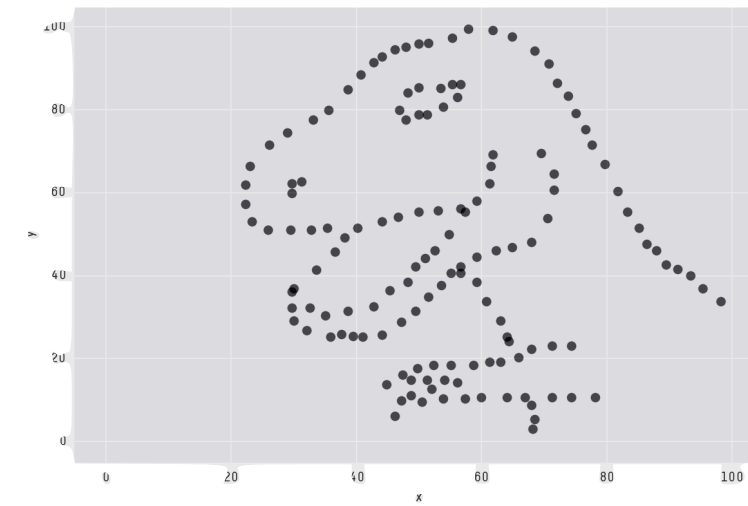


Number of observations ( $n$ ) = 11  
Mean of the  $x$ 's ( $\bar{x}$ ) = 9.0  
Mean of the  $y$ 's ( $\bar{y}$ ) = 7.5  
Regression coefficient ( $b_1$ ) of  $y$  on  $x$  = 0.5  
Equation of regression line:  $y = 3 + 0.5x$   
Sum of squares of  $x - \bar{x}$  = 110.0  
Regression sum of squares = 27.50 (1 d.f.)  
Residual sum of squares of  $y$  = 13.75 (9 d.f.)  
Estimated standard error of  $b_1$  = 0.118

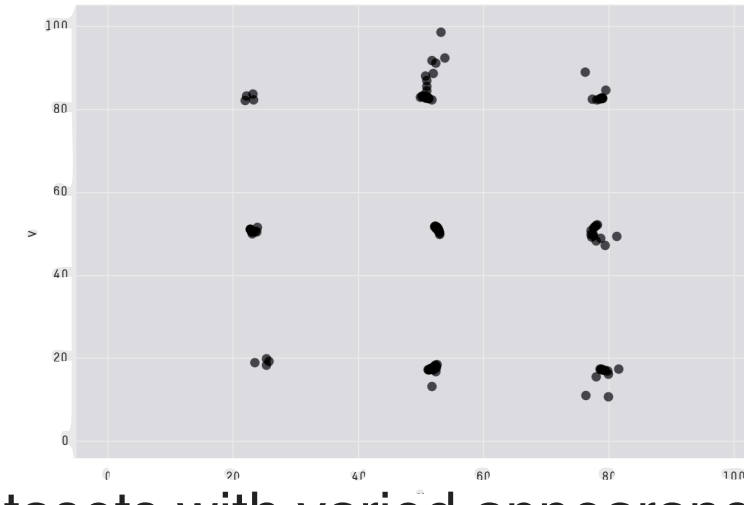
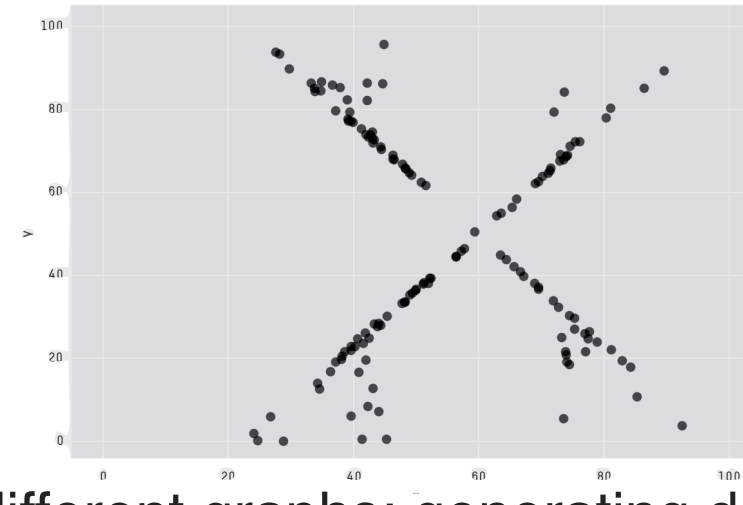
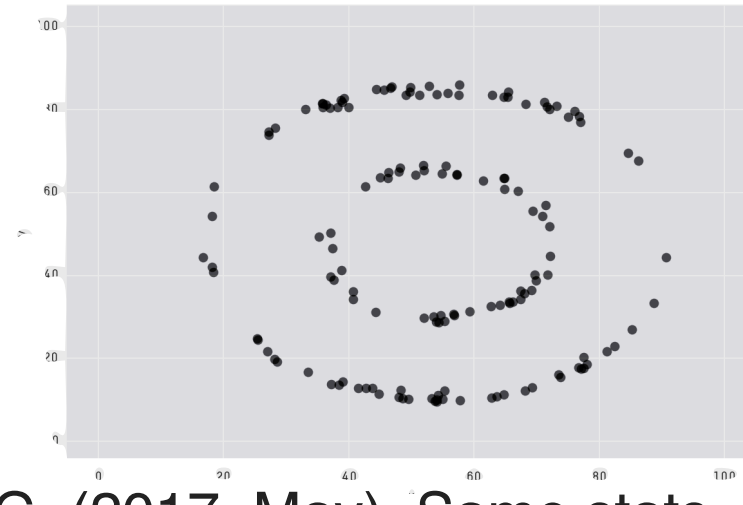
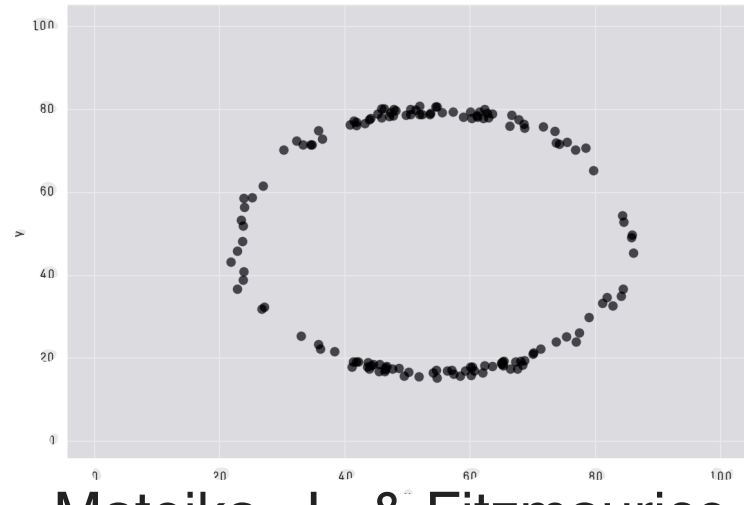
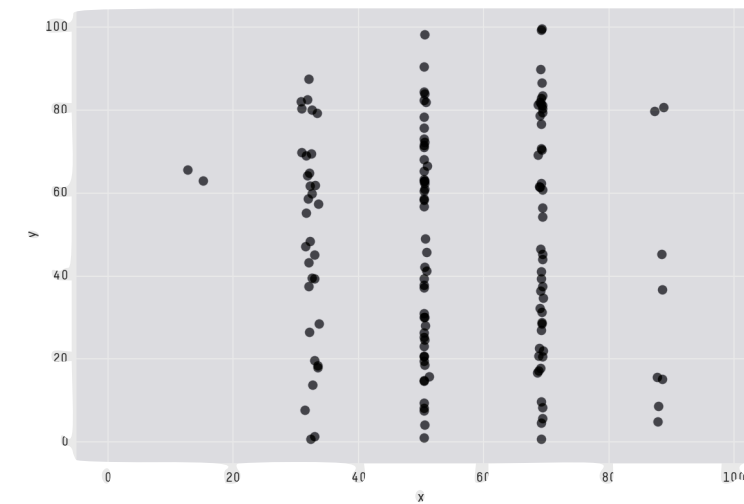
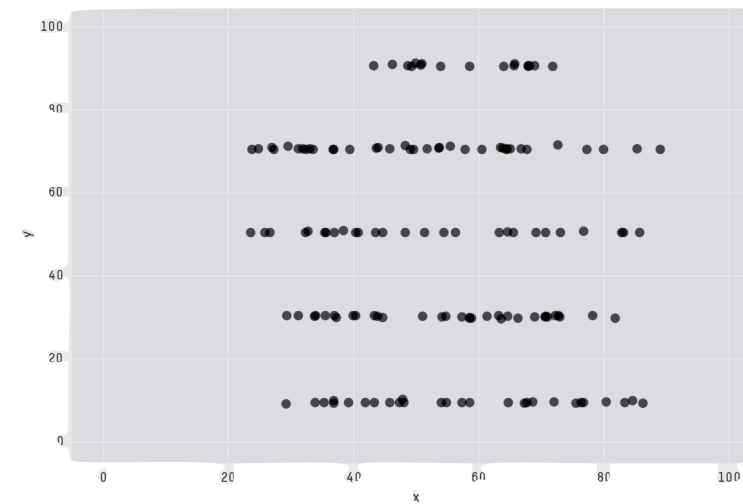
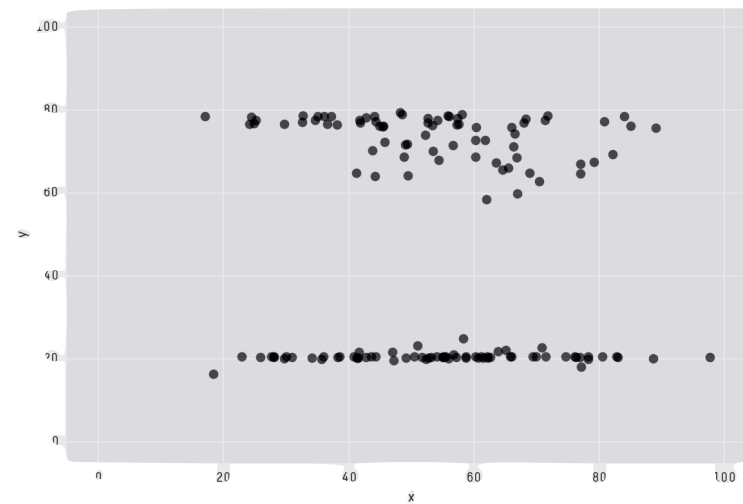
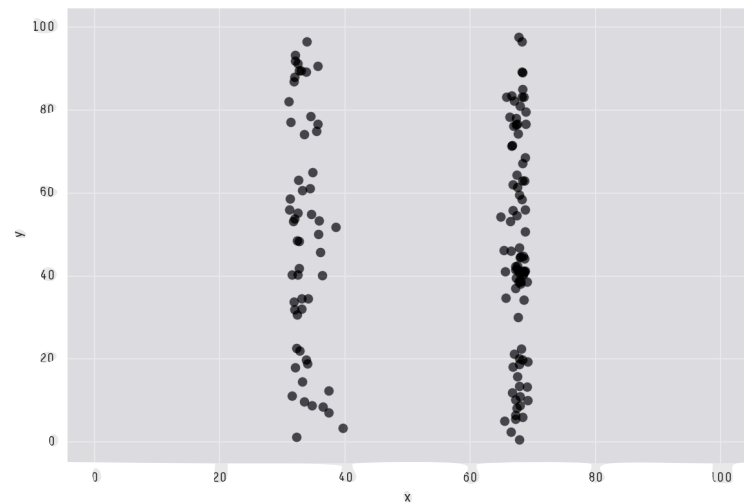
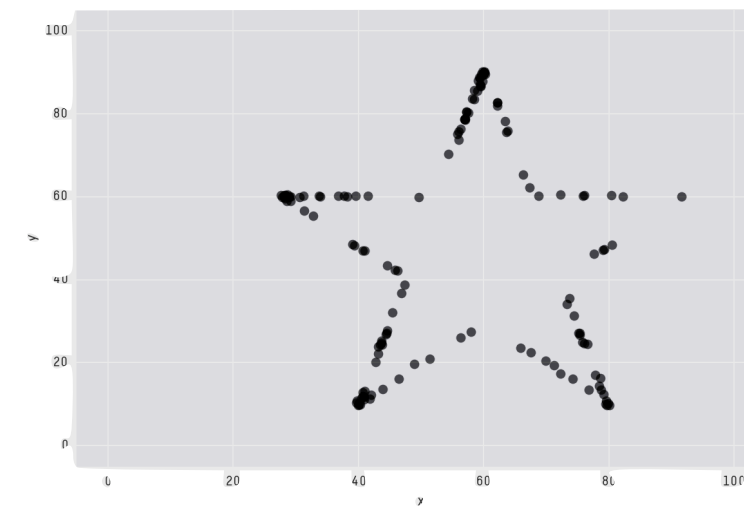
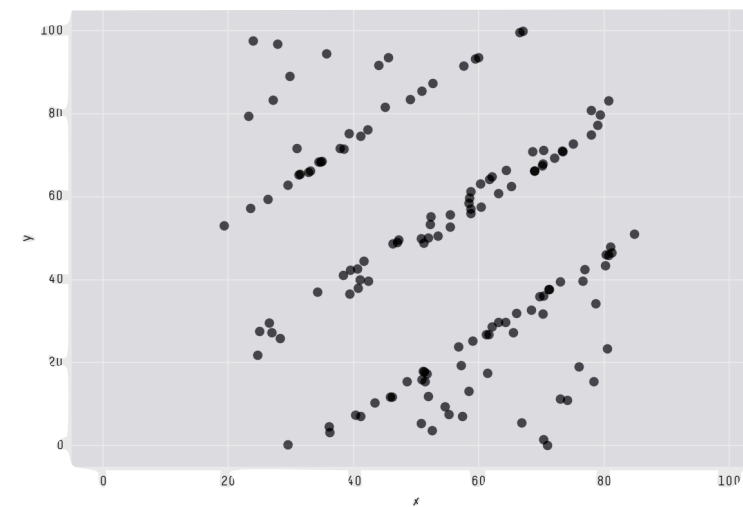
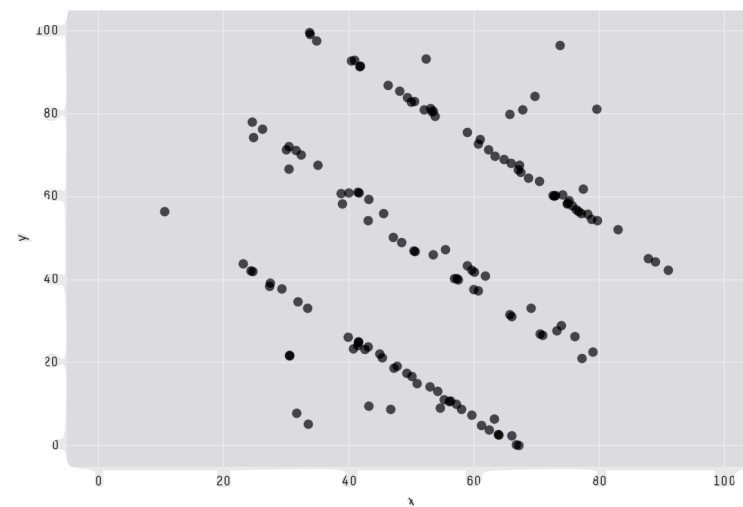
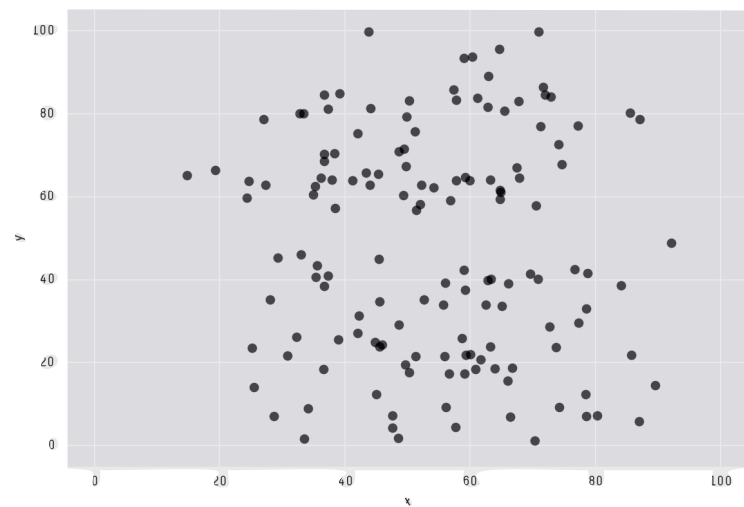
F.J. Anscombe. Graphs in statistical analysis.  
*American Statistician*, 27(1):17–21, Feb. 1973



# Datasaurus data set



X Mean: 54.26  
Y Mean: 47.83  
X SD : 16.76  
Y SD : 26.93  
Corr. : -0.06



Matejka, J., & Fitzmaurice, G. (2017, May). Same stats, different graphs: generating datasets with varied appearance and identical statistics through simulated annealing. In *Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (pp. 1290-1294). ACM.

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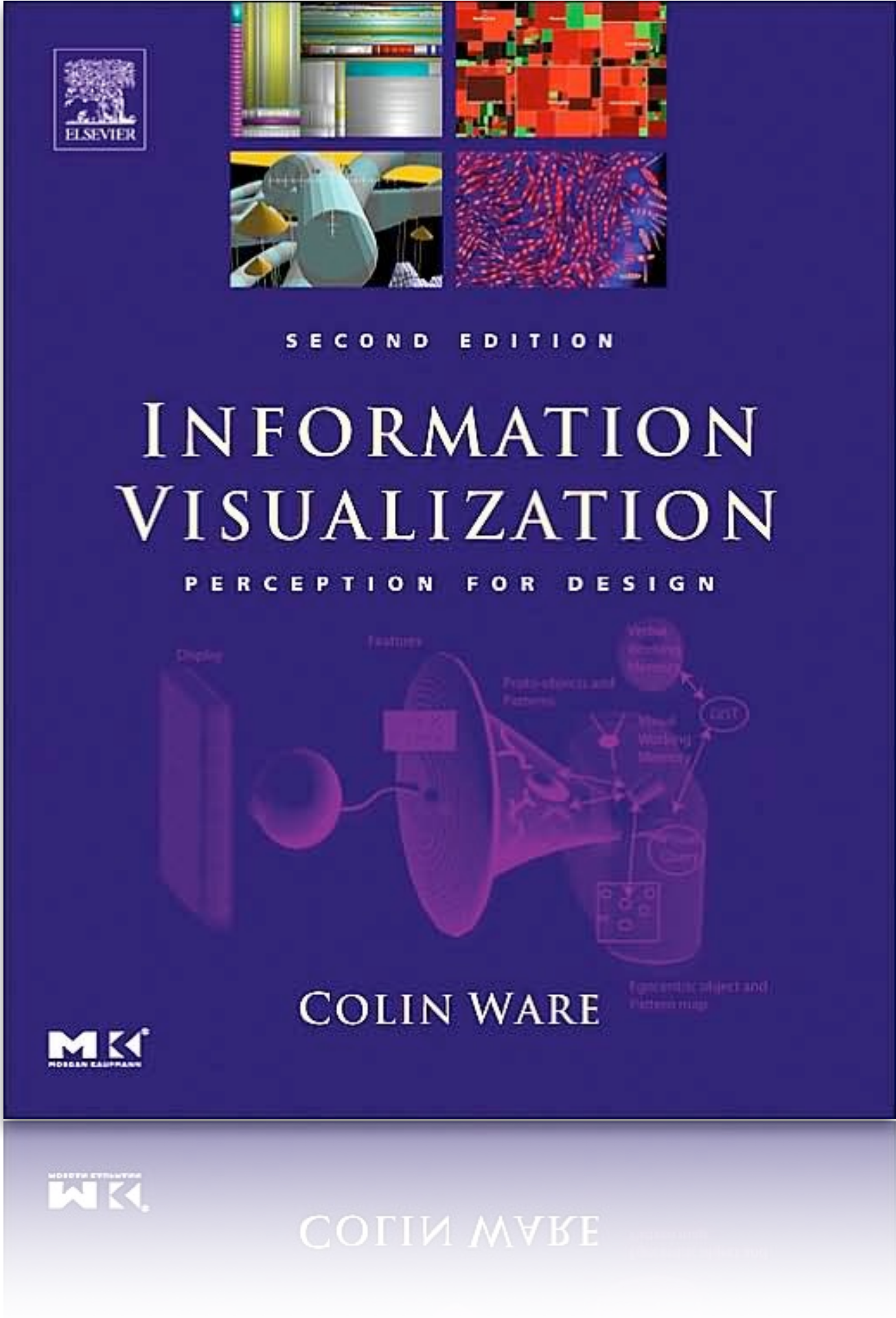
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# Vision

We acquire more information through vision than all the other senses combined

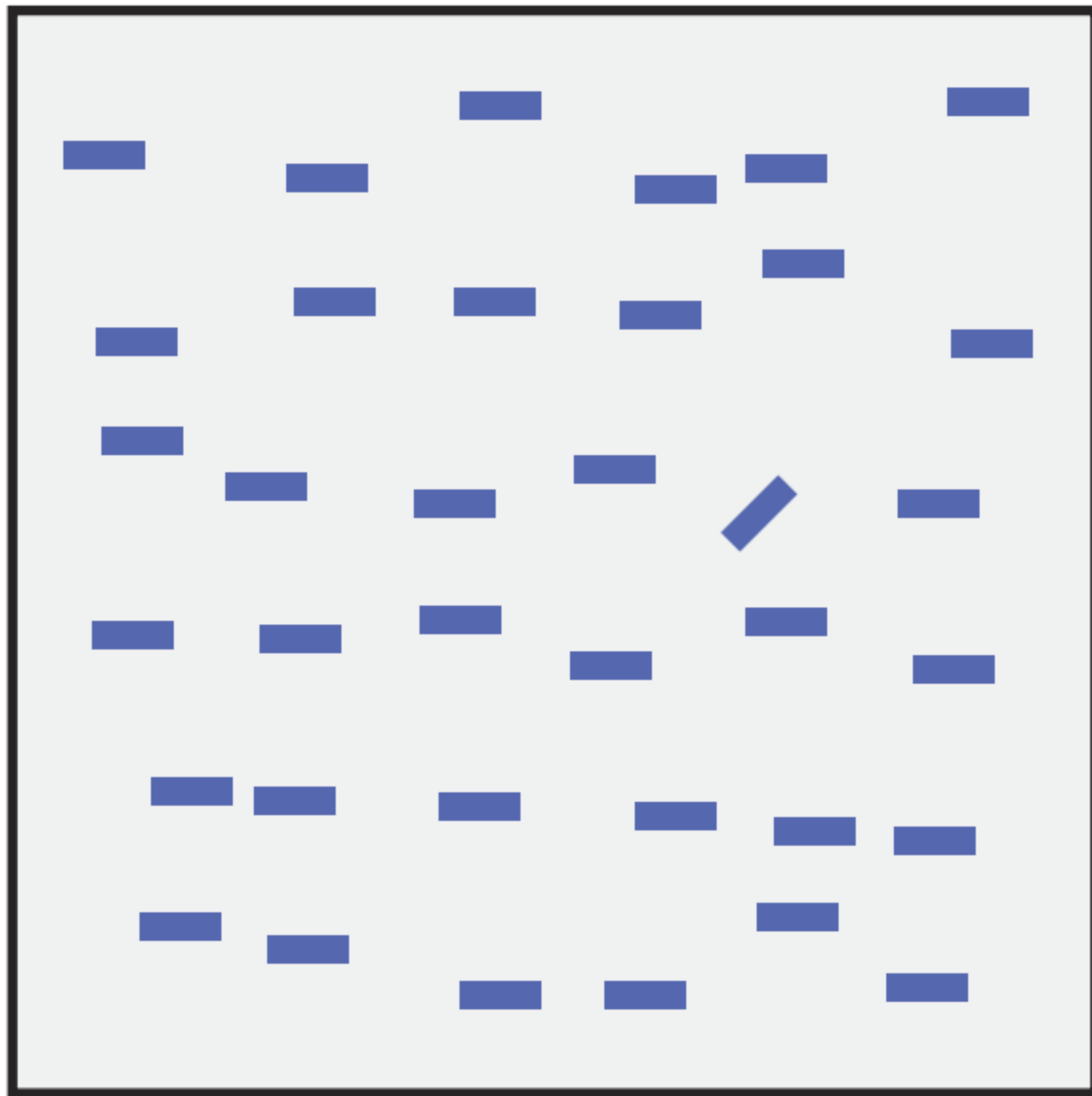


# Pre-attentive Processing

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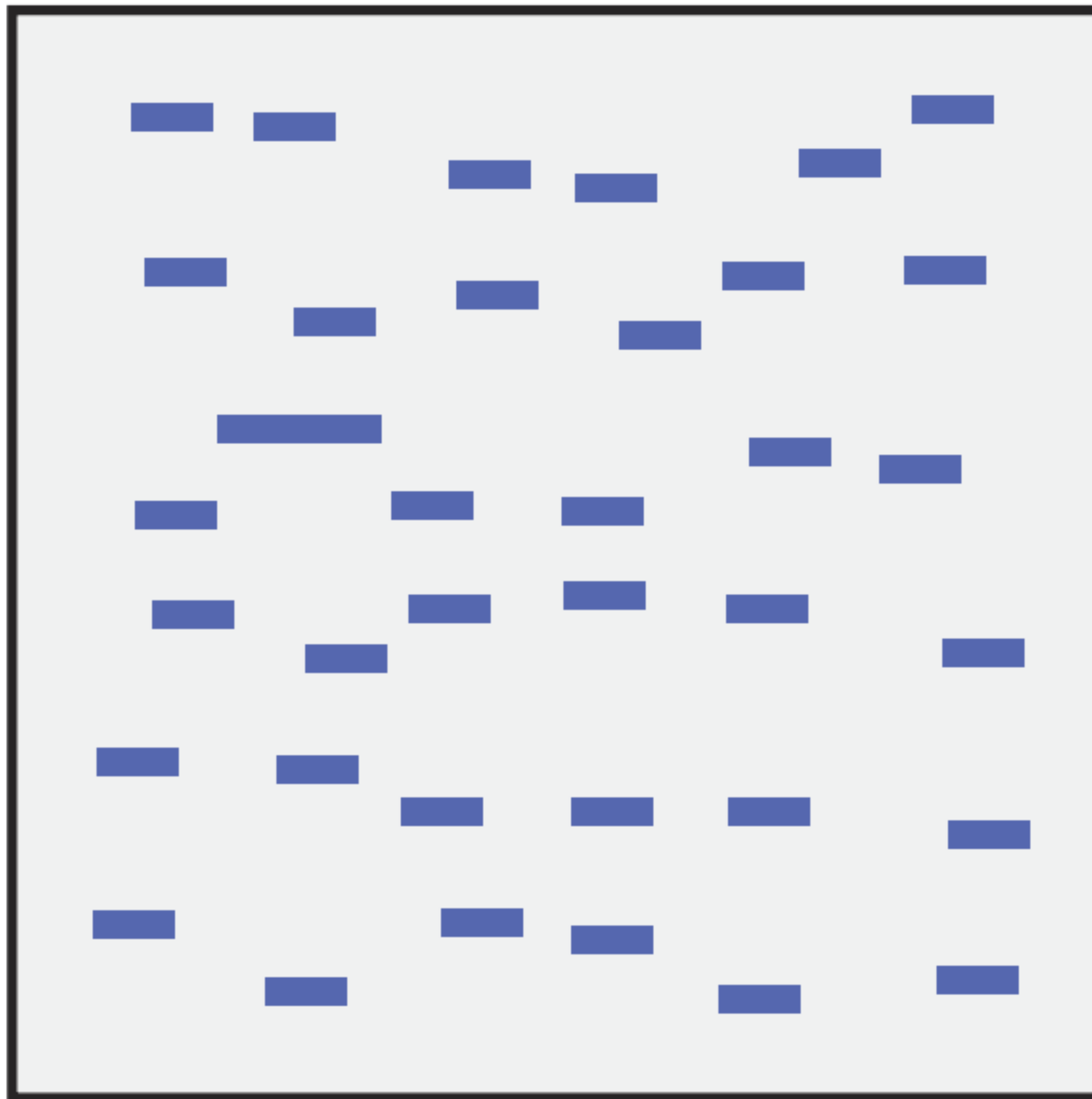
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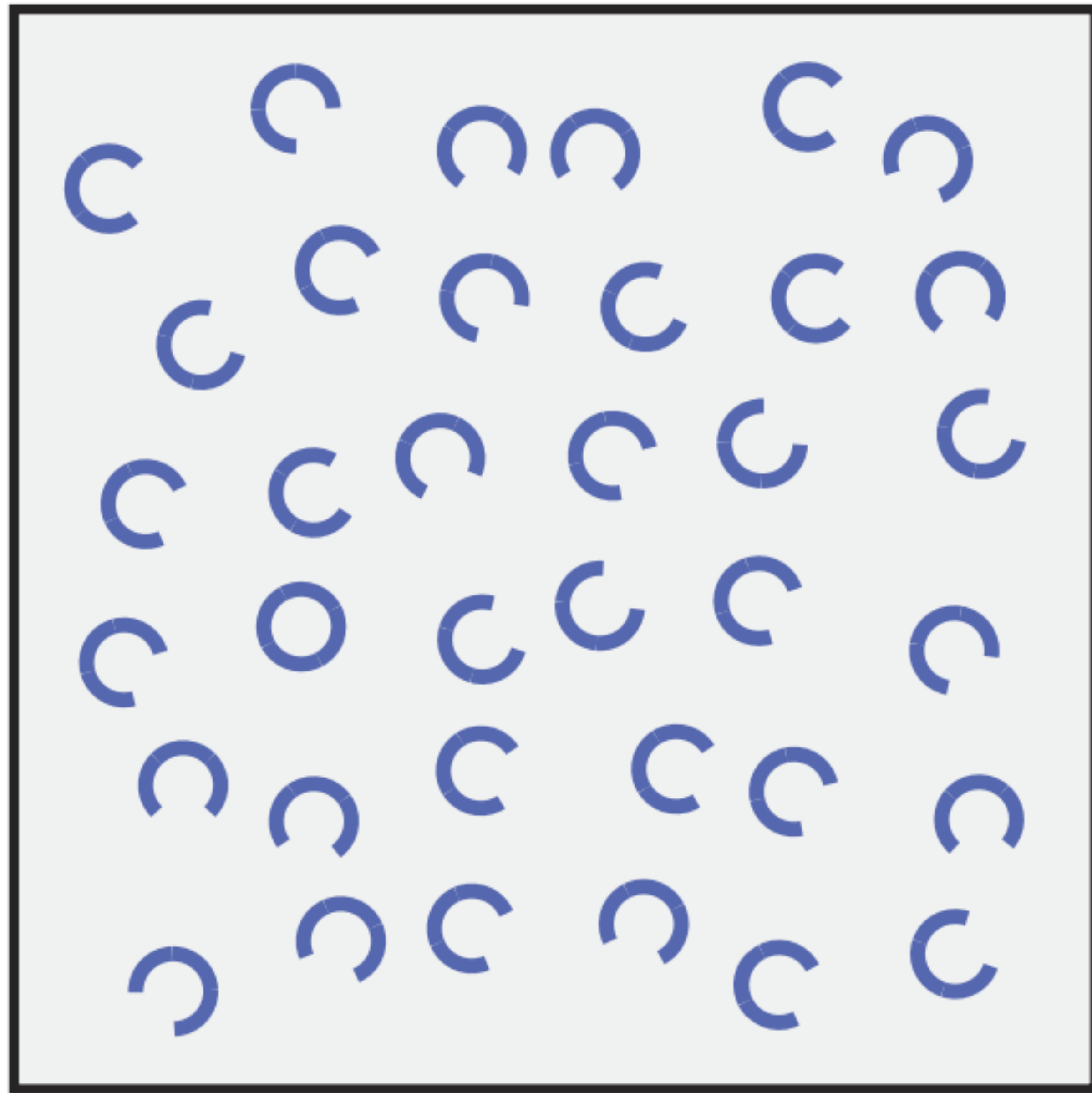
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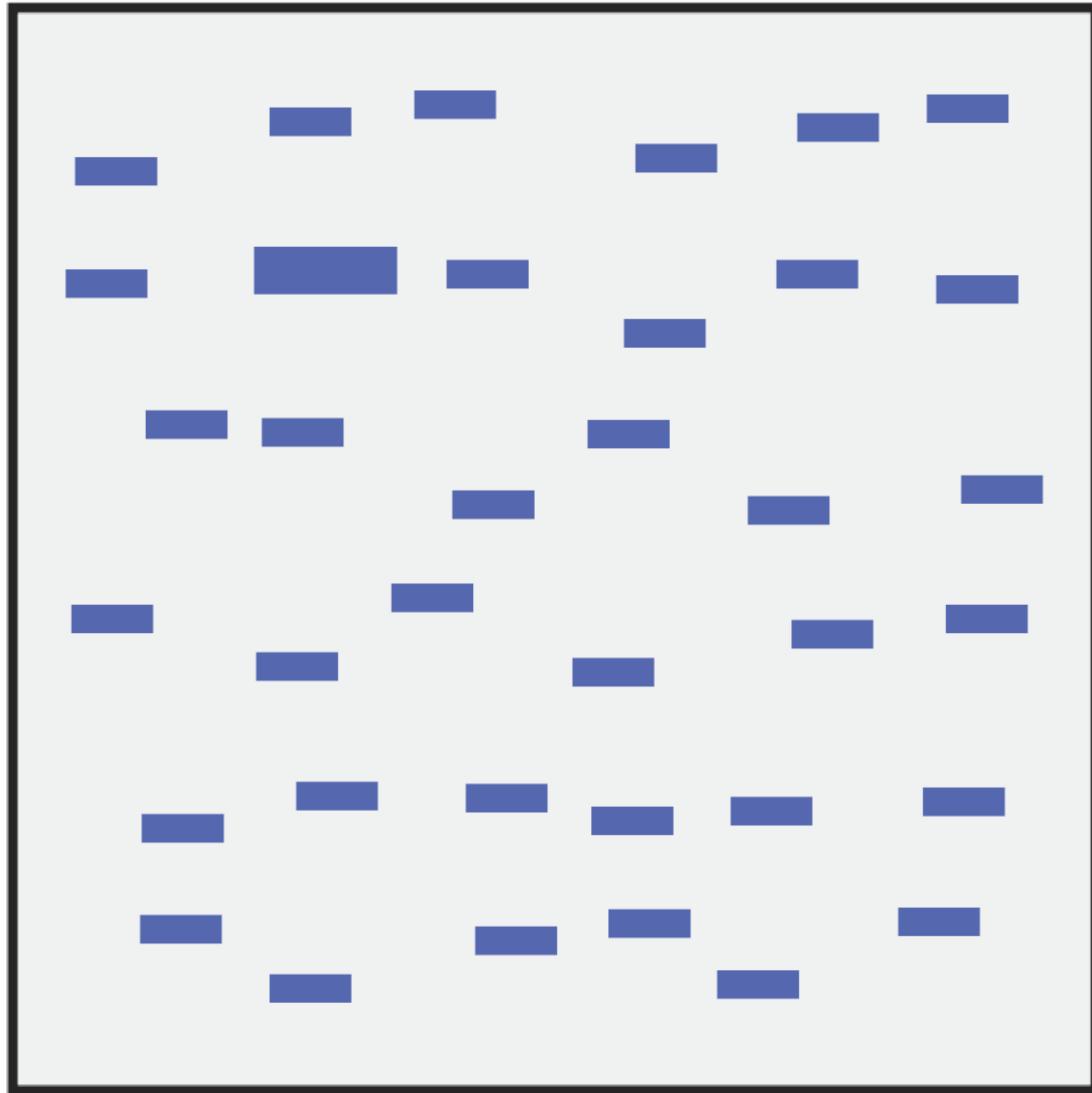
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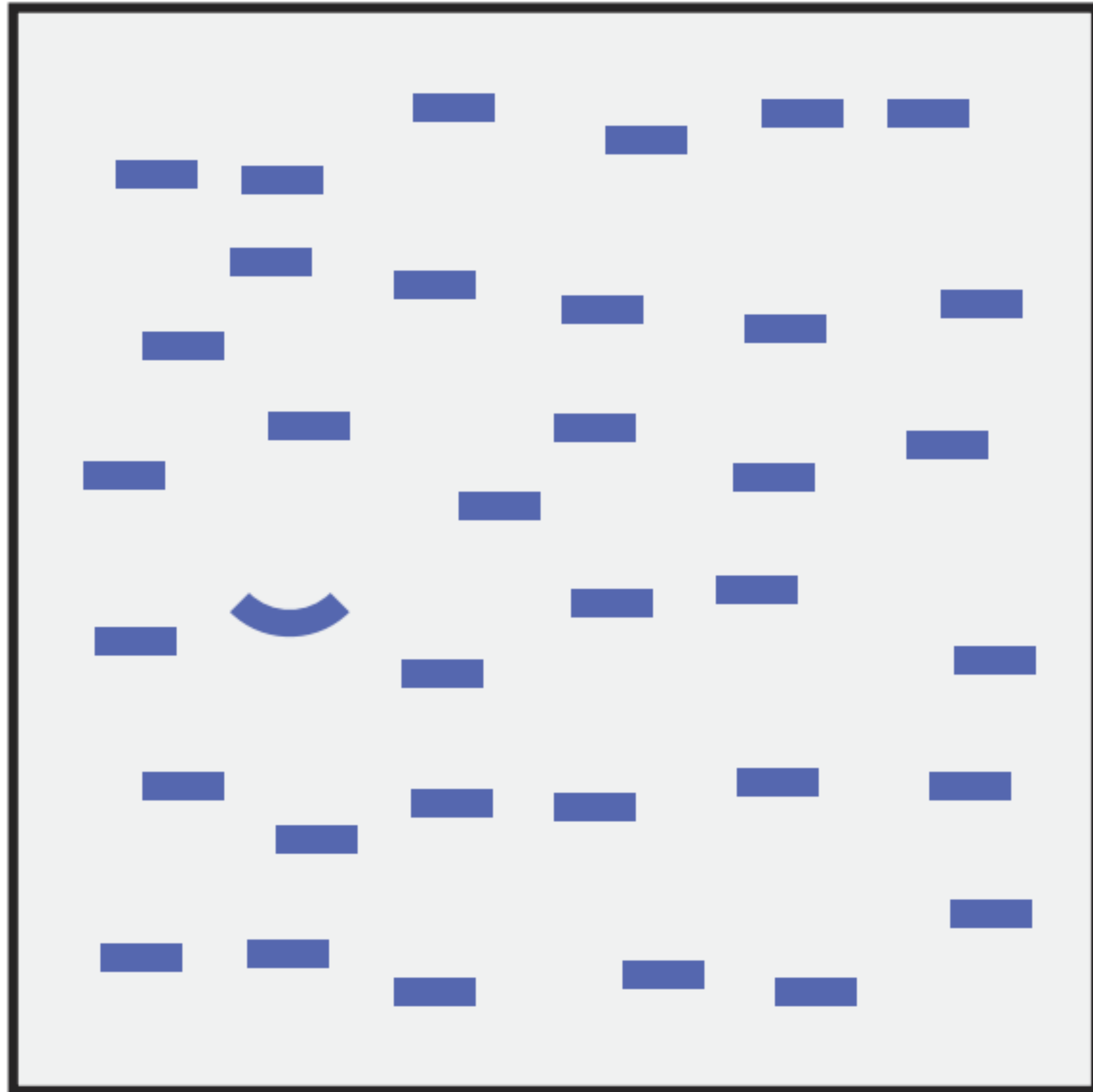
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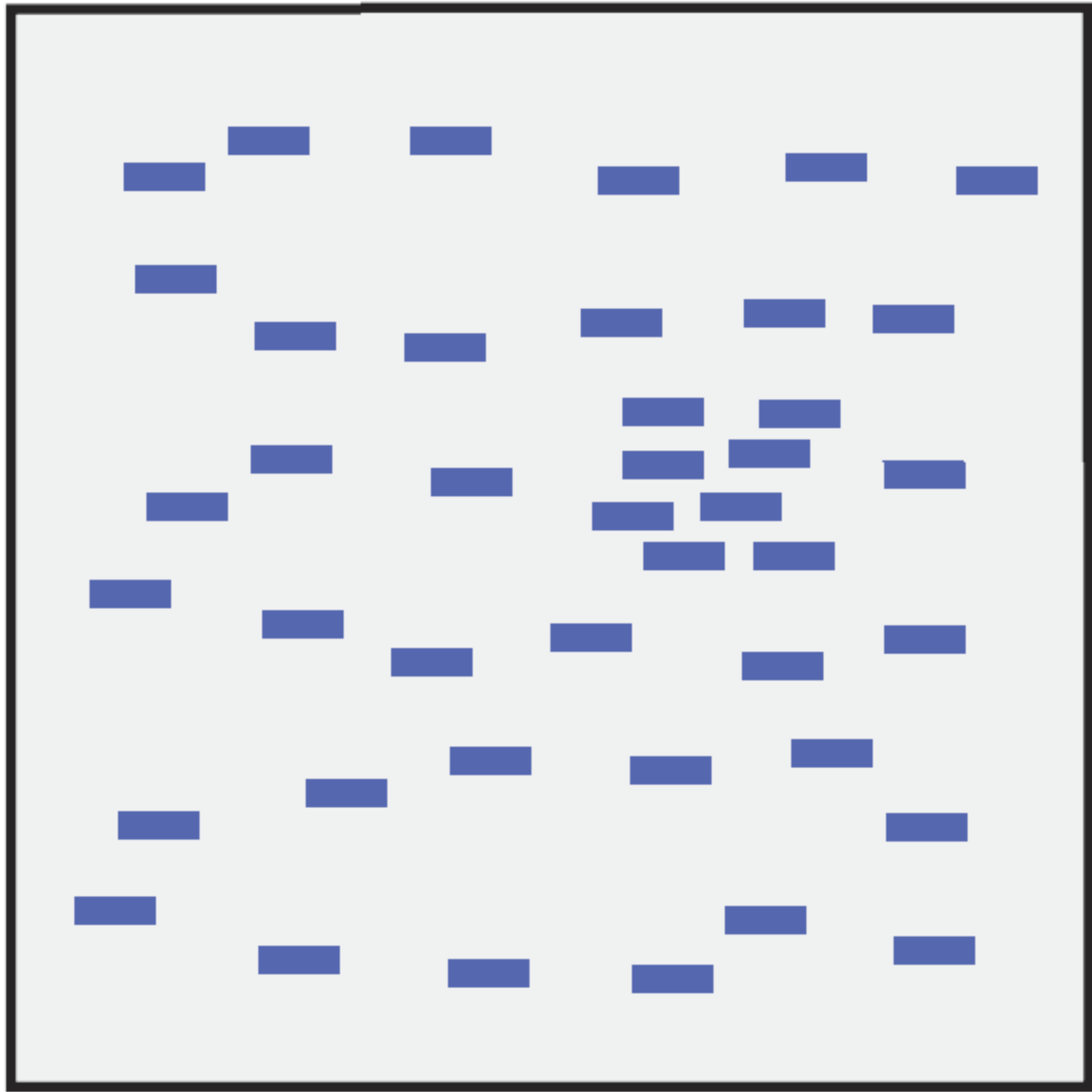
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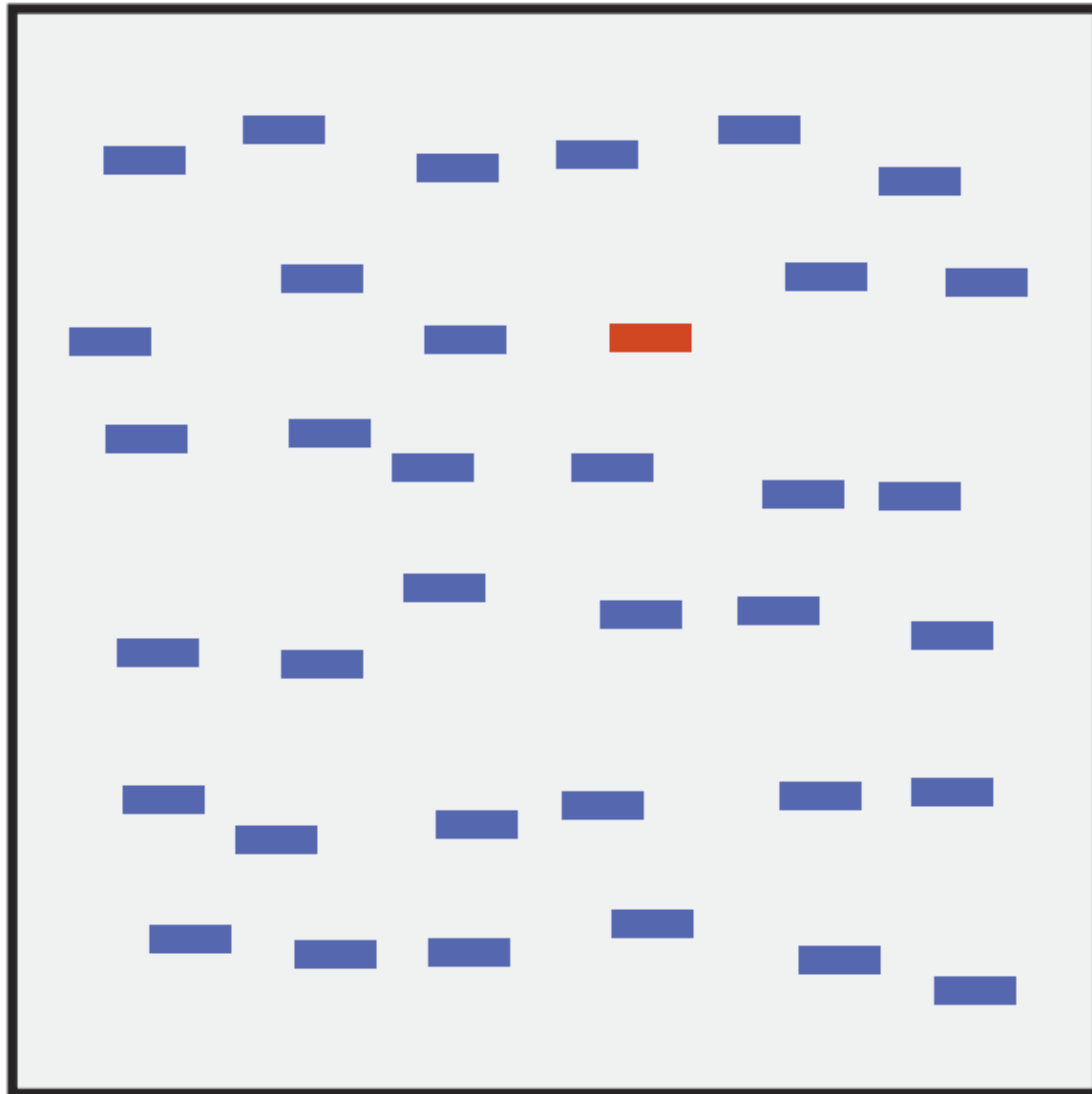
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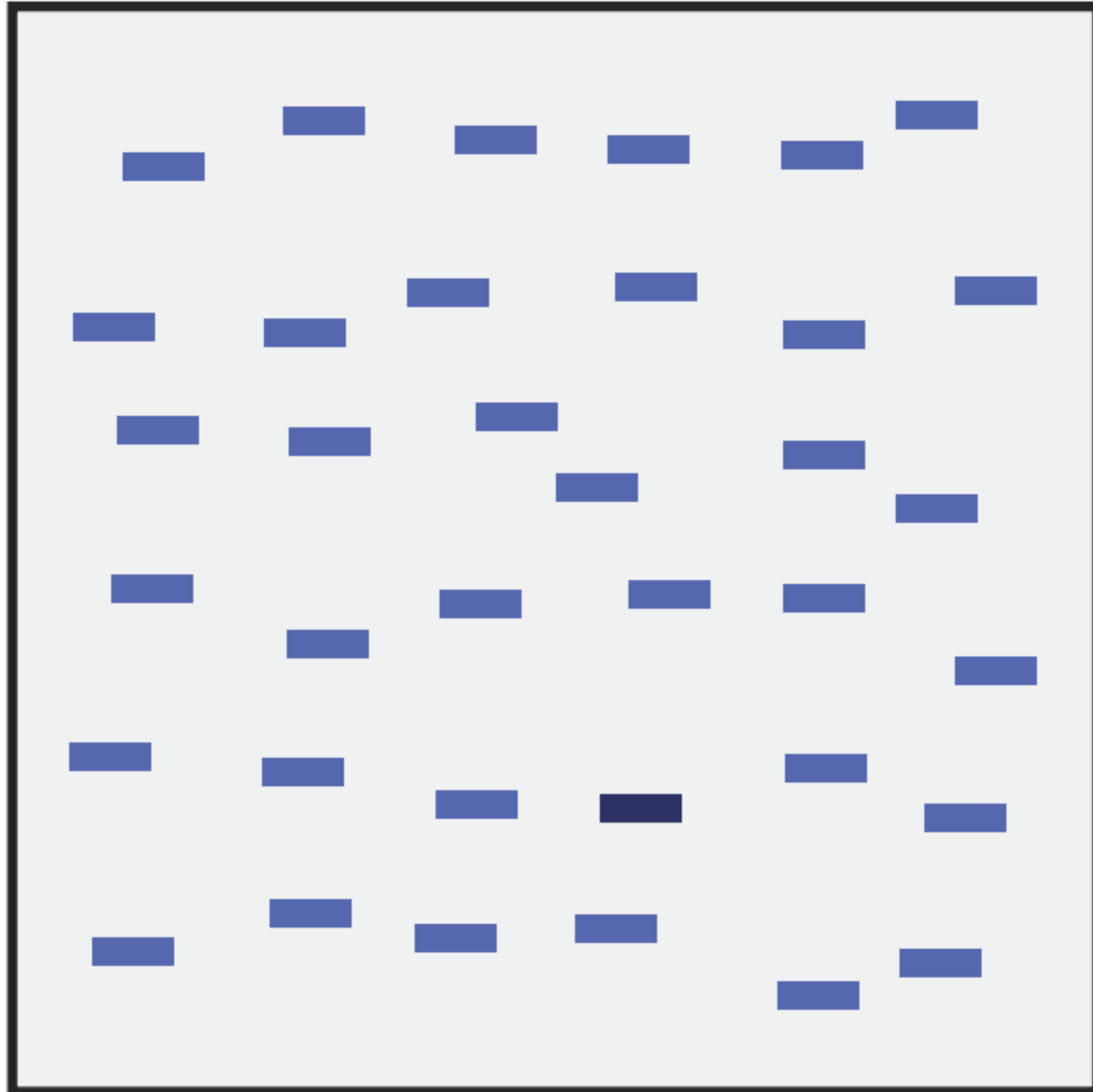


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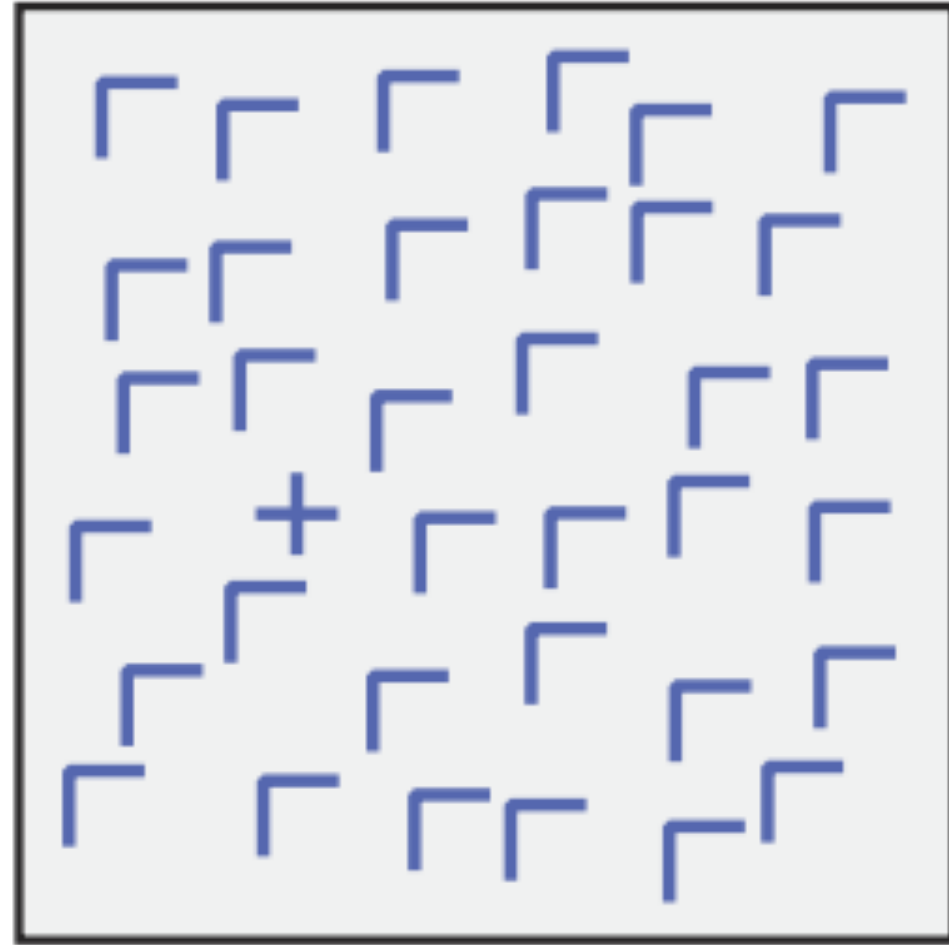
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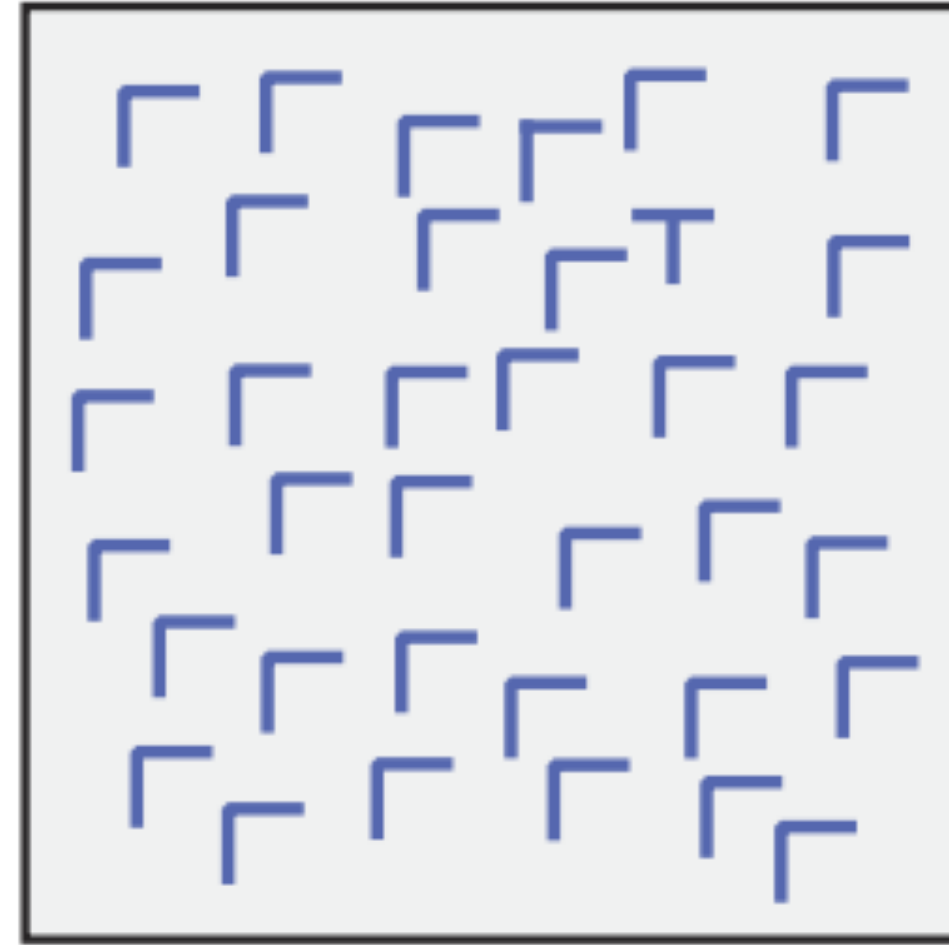
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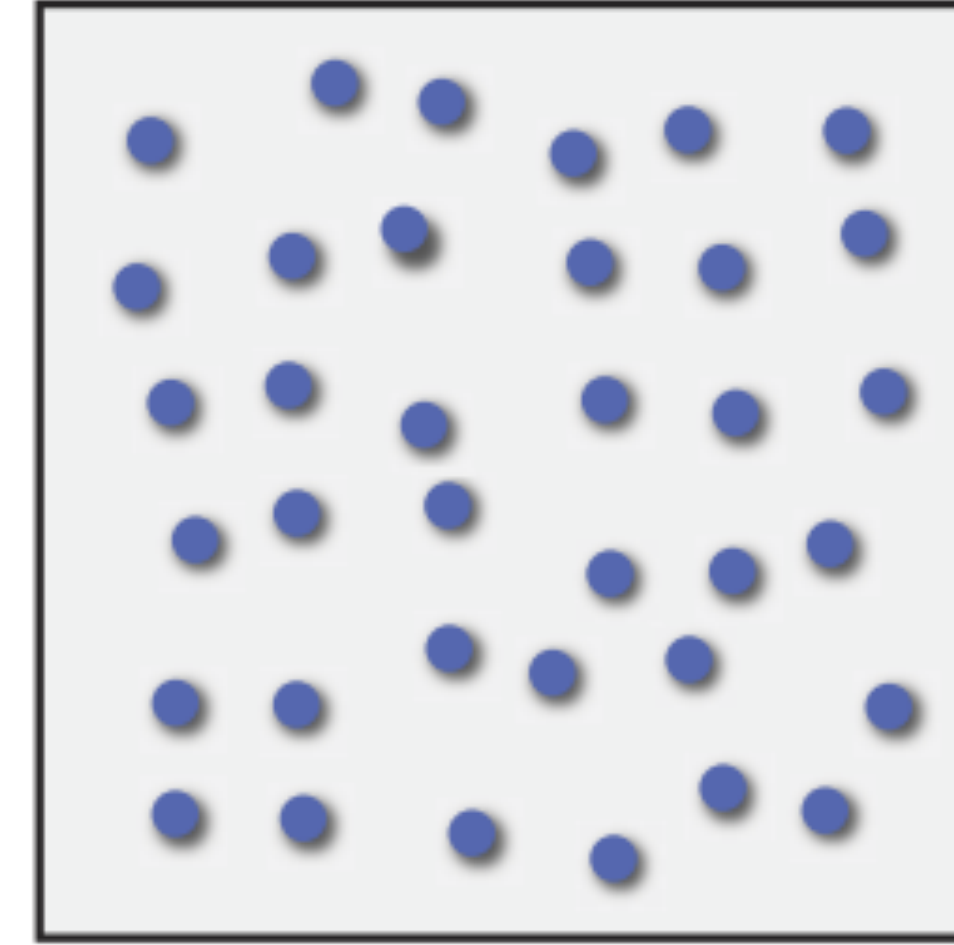
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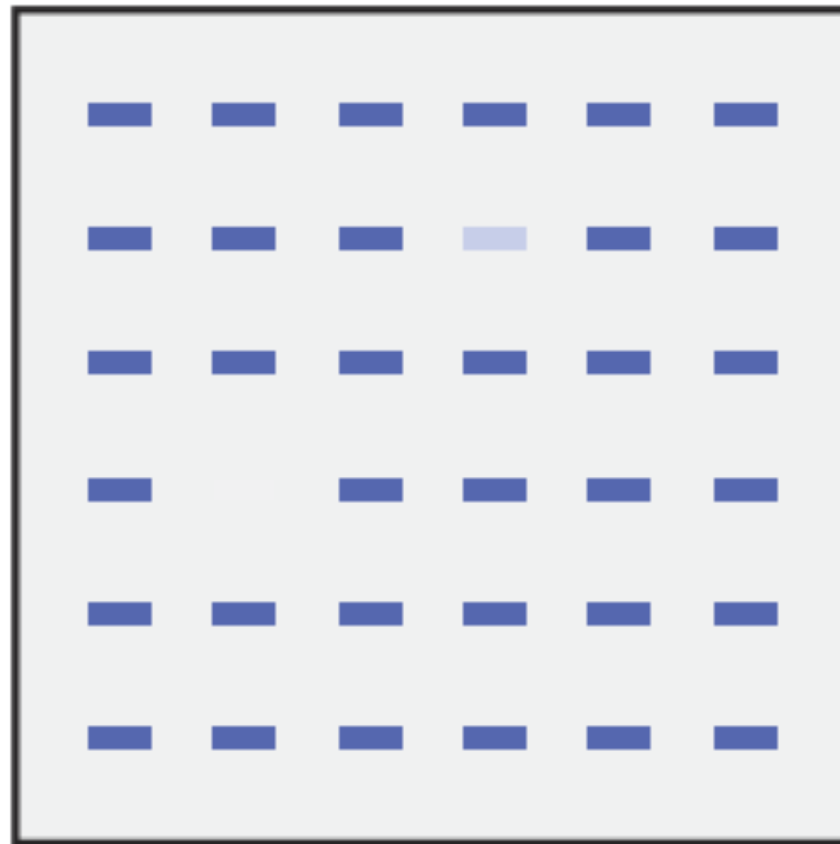
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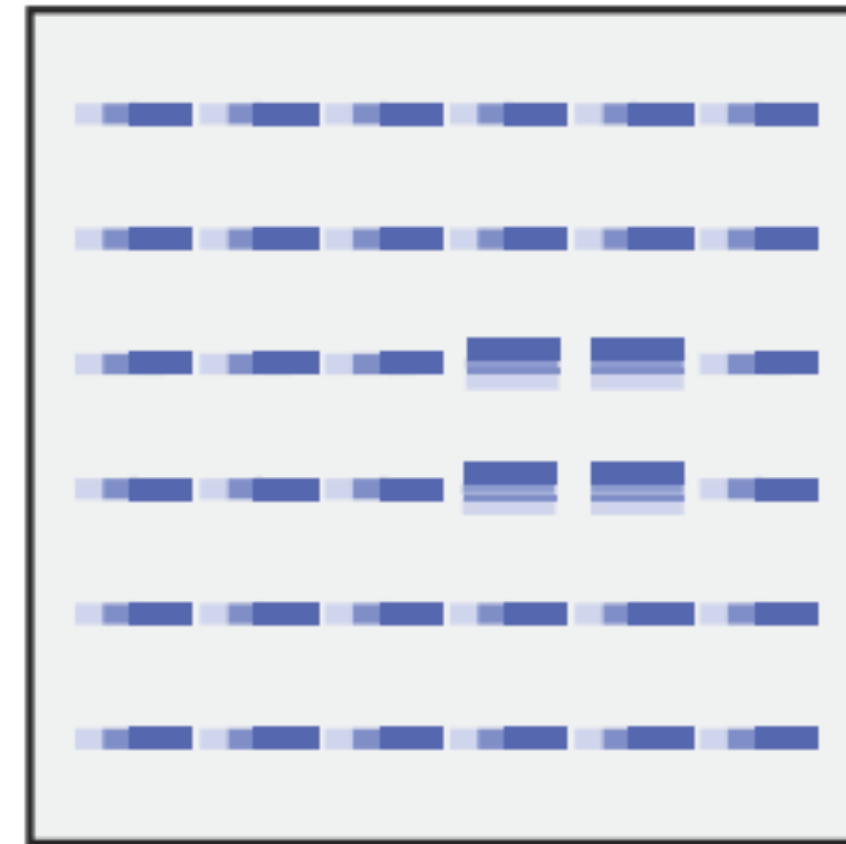
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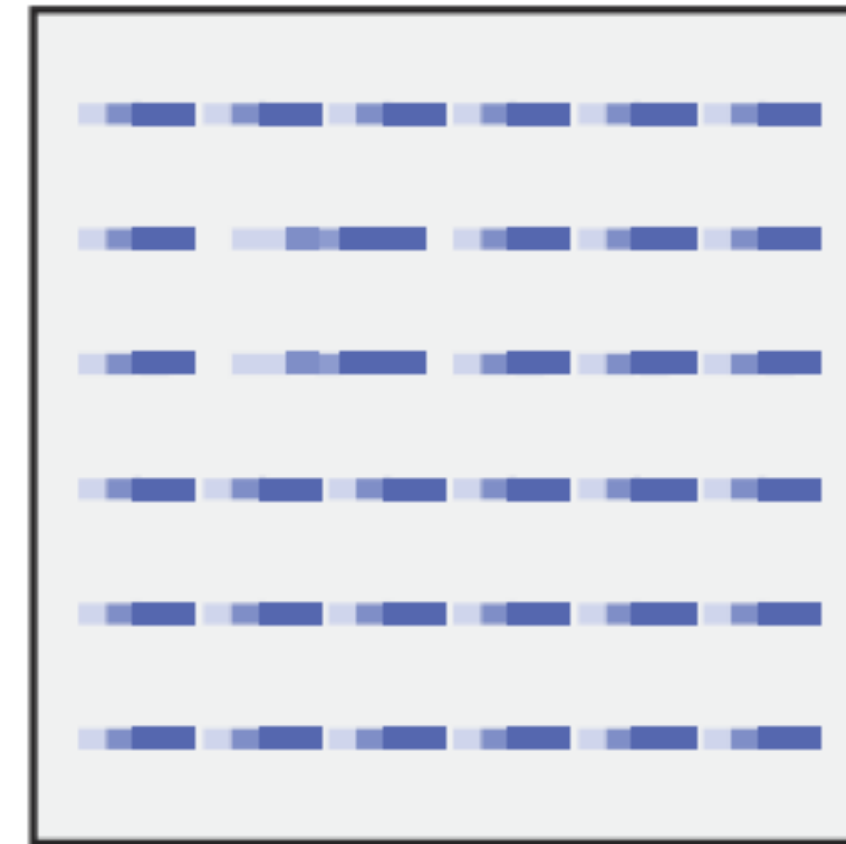
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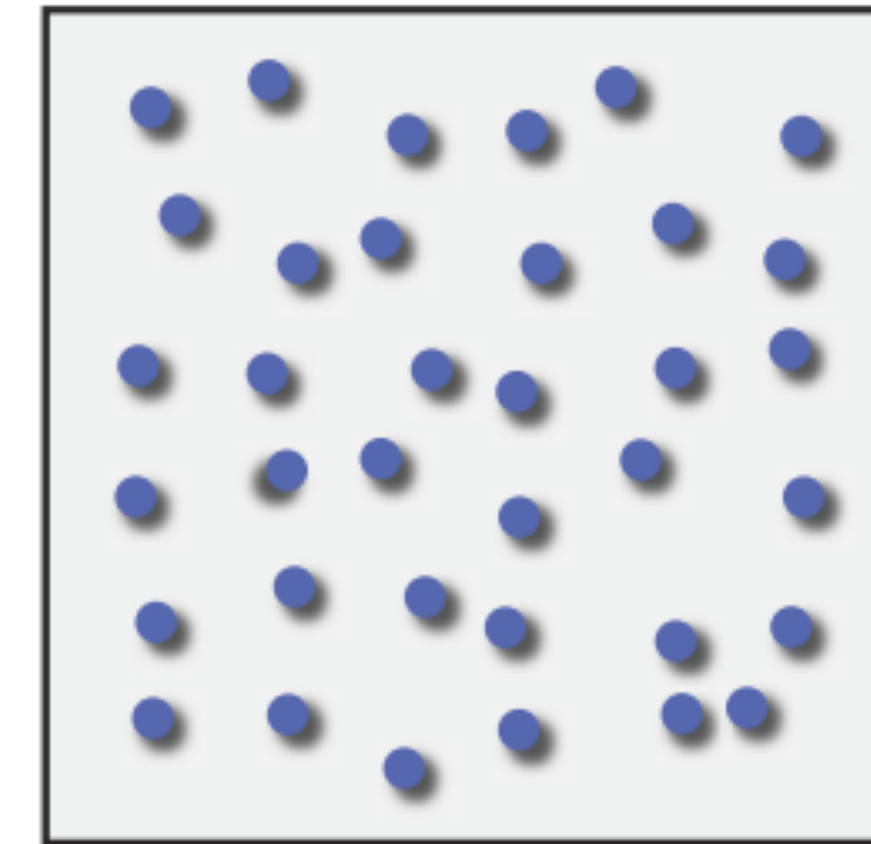
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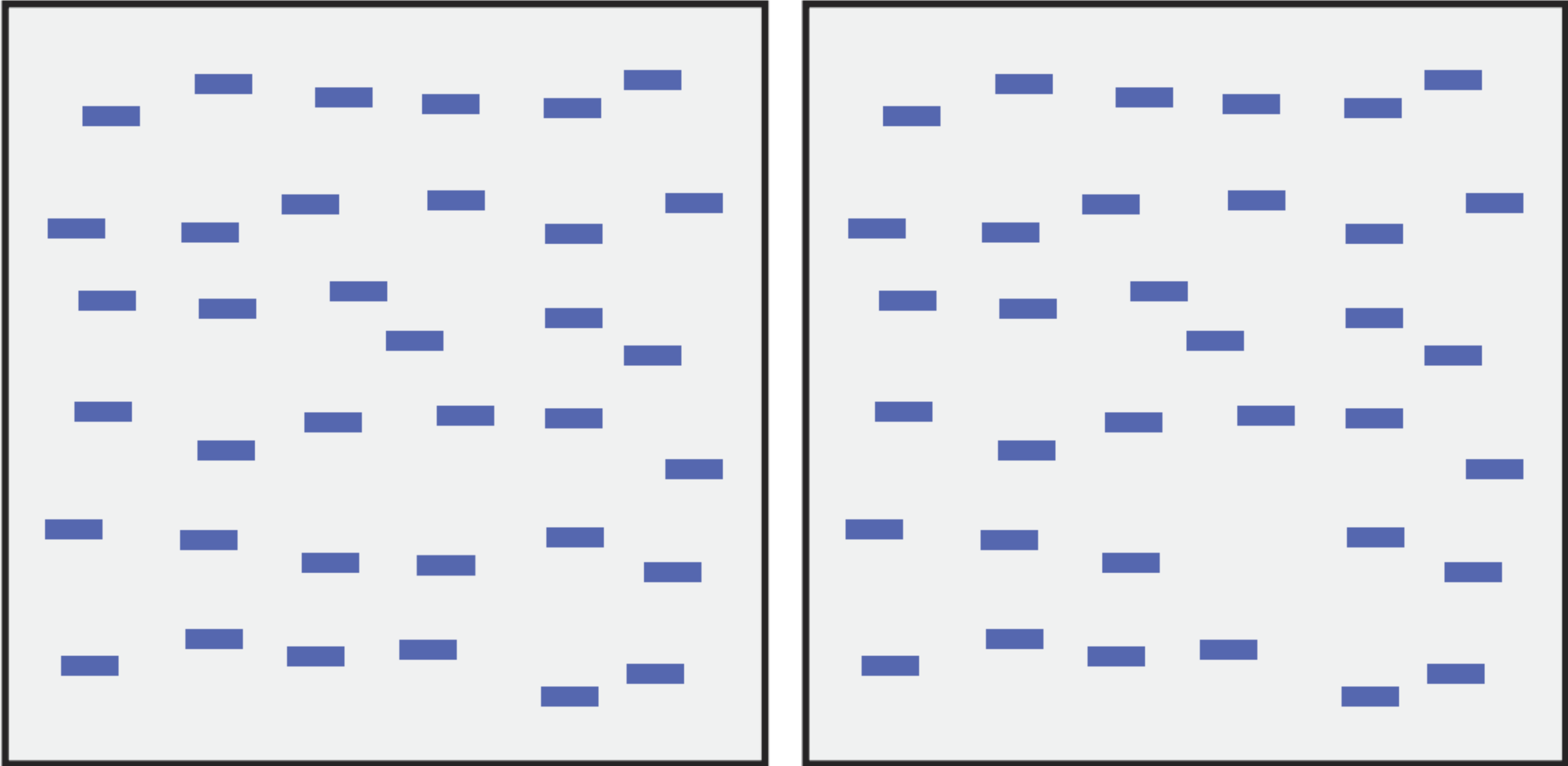


velocity of motion



lighting direction

# Preattentive Processing



deadeye

Krekhov, Andrey, and Jens Krüger. "Deadeye: A Novel Preattentive Visualization Technique Based on Dichoptic Presentation." *IEEE transactions on visualization and computer graphics* (2018).



# Pre-attentive Processing: Color

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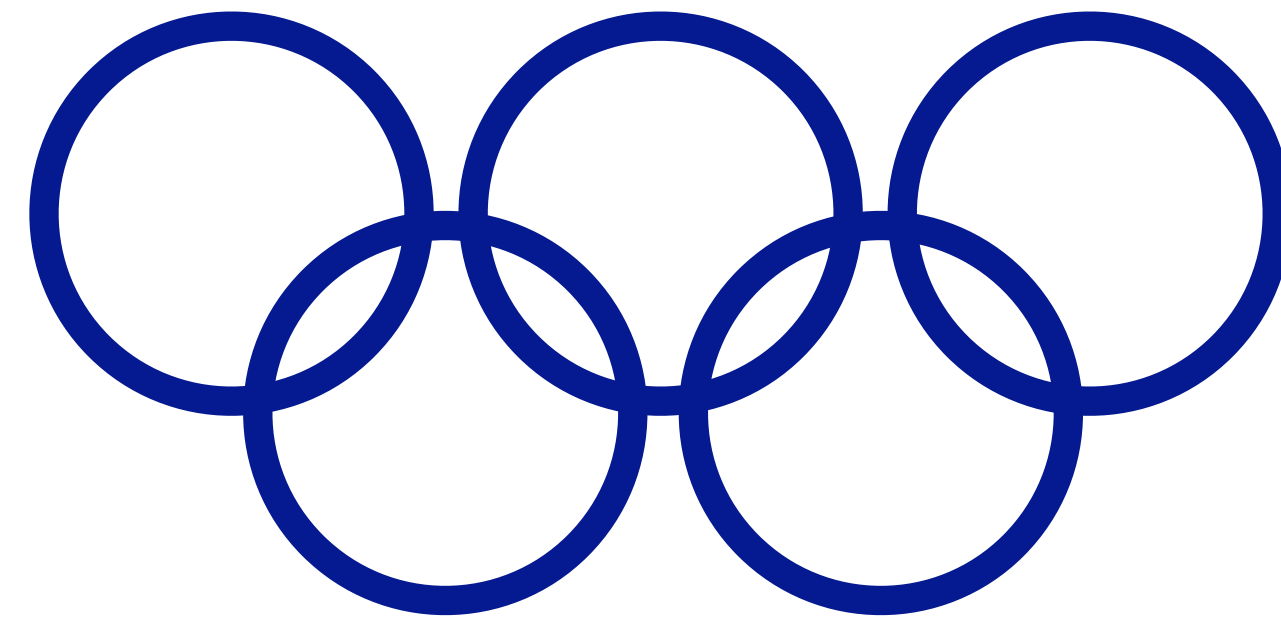
# Gestalt Psychology

## > The Gestalt Laws

1. Simplicity
2. Closure
3. Similarity
4. Proximity
5. Continuity

# 1. Law of Simplicity

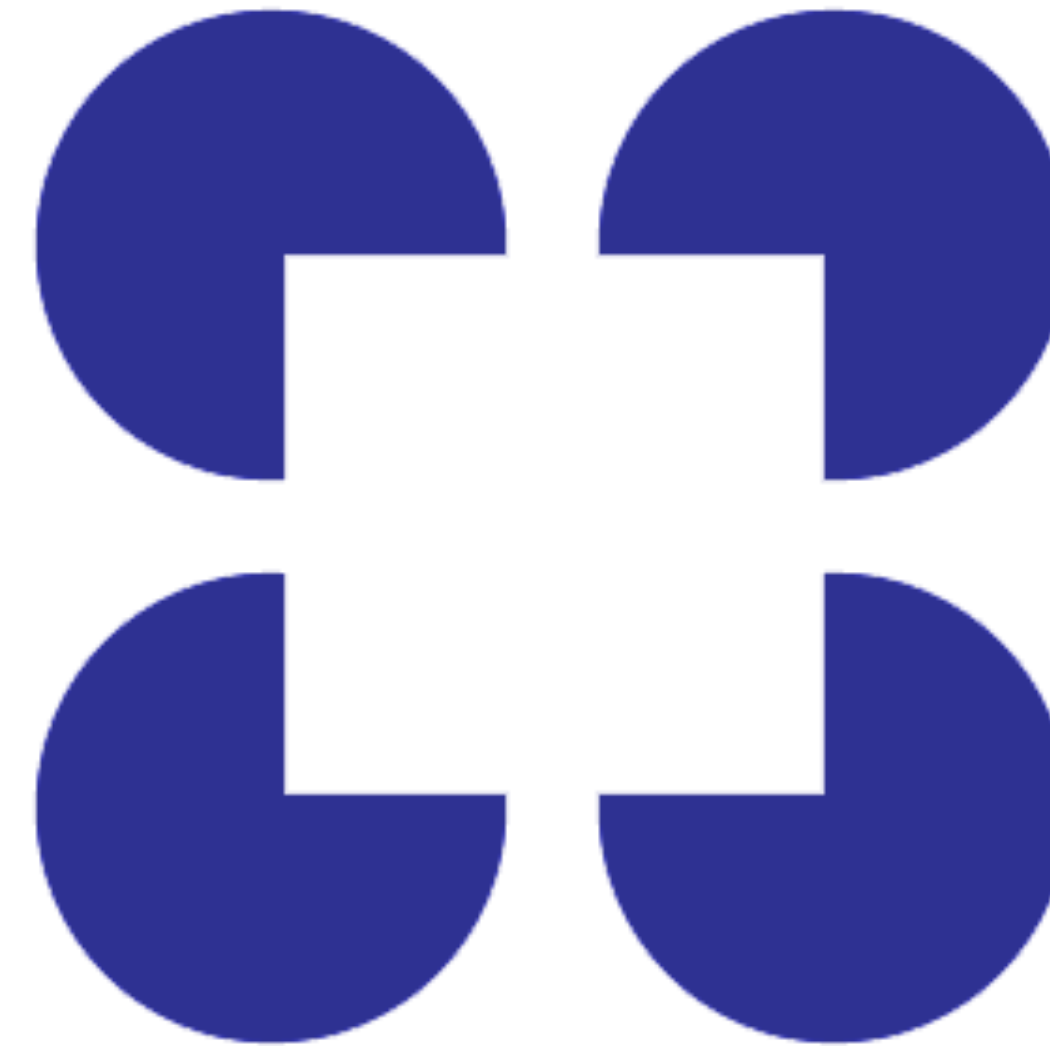
- > Reality is organized and reduced to the simplest form possible





# 1. Law of Closure

- > The mind completes missing parts so it can see a simple image

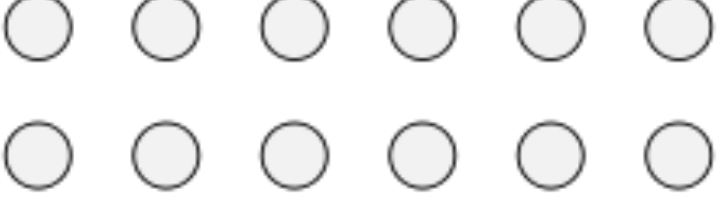
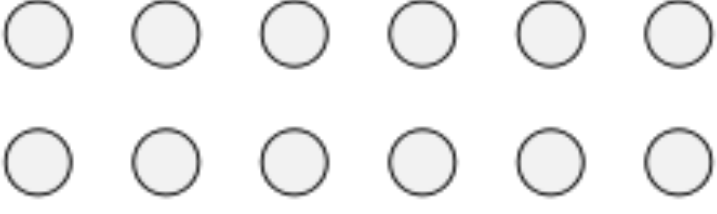
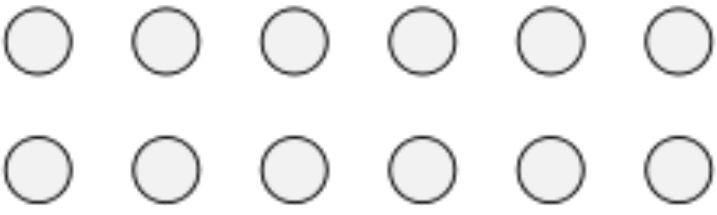
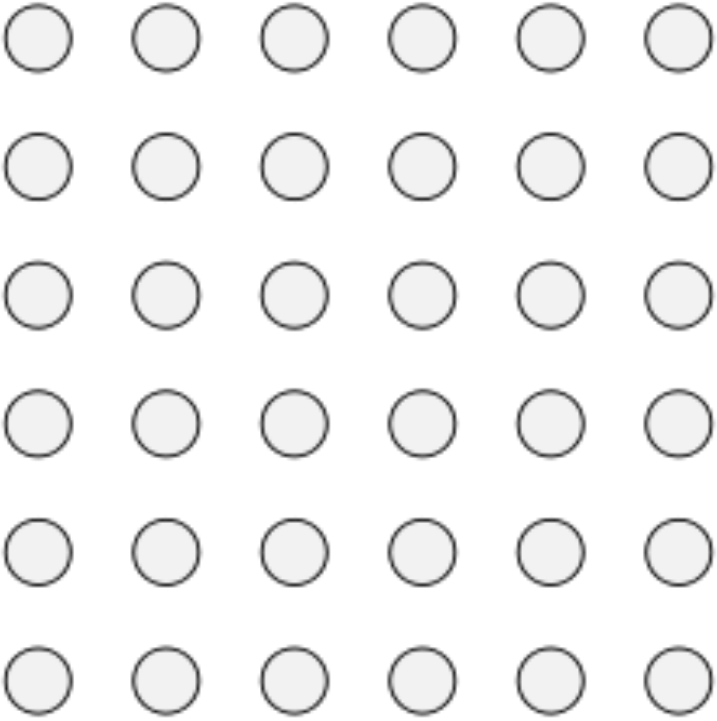


## 2. Law of Similarity

> The mind groups similar elements together



# 3. Law of Proximity

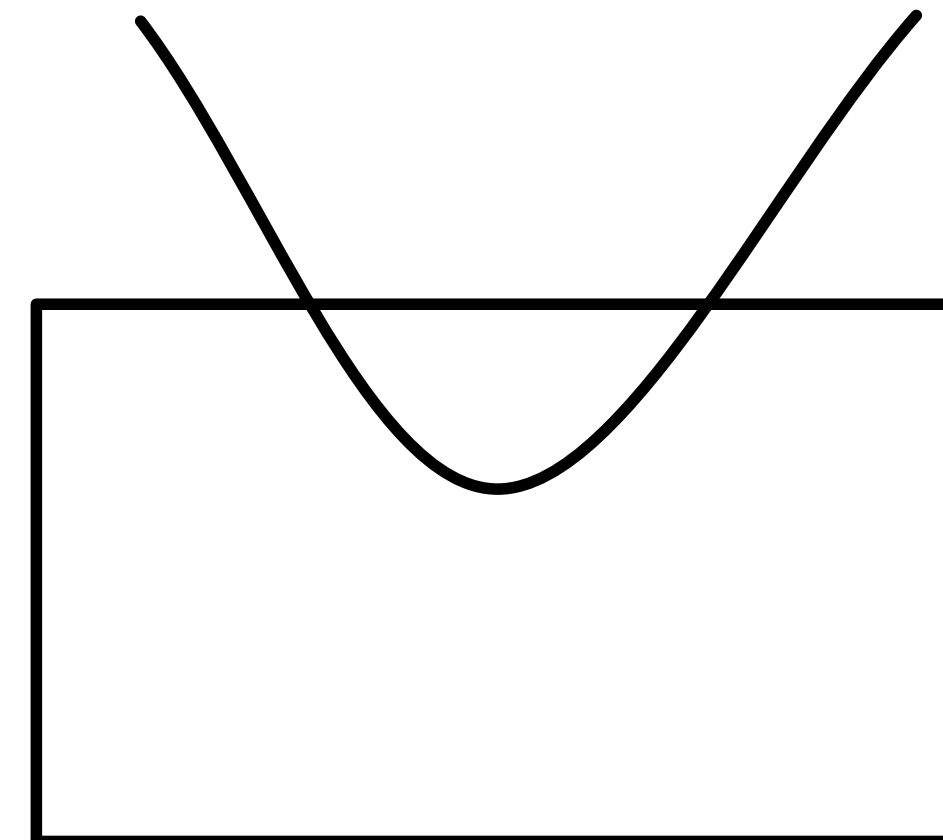


> Spatial (or temporal) proximity induces the mind to see a totality



## 4. Law of Continuity

- > Lines follow the smoothest and simplest path.



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*“The use of computer-supported interactive, **visual representations of abstract data** to amplify cognition.”*

[Card et al., 1999]

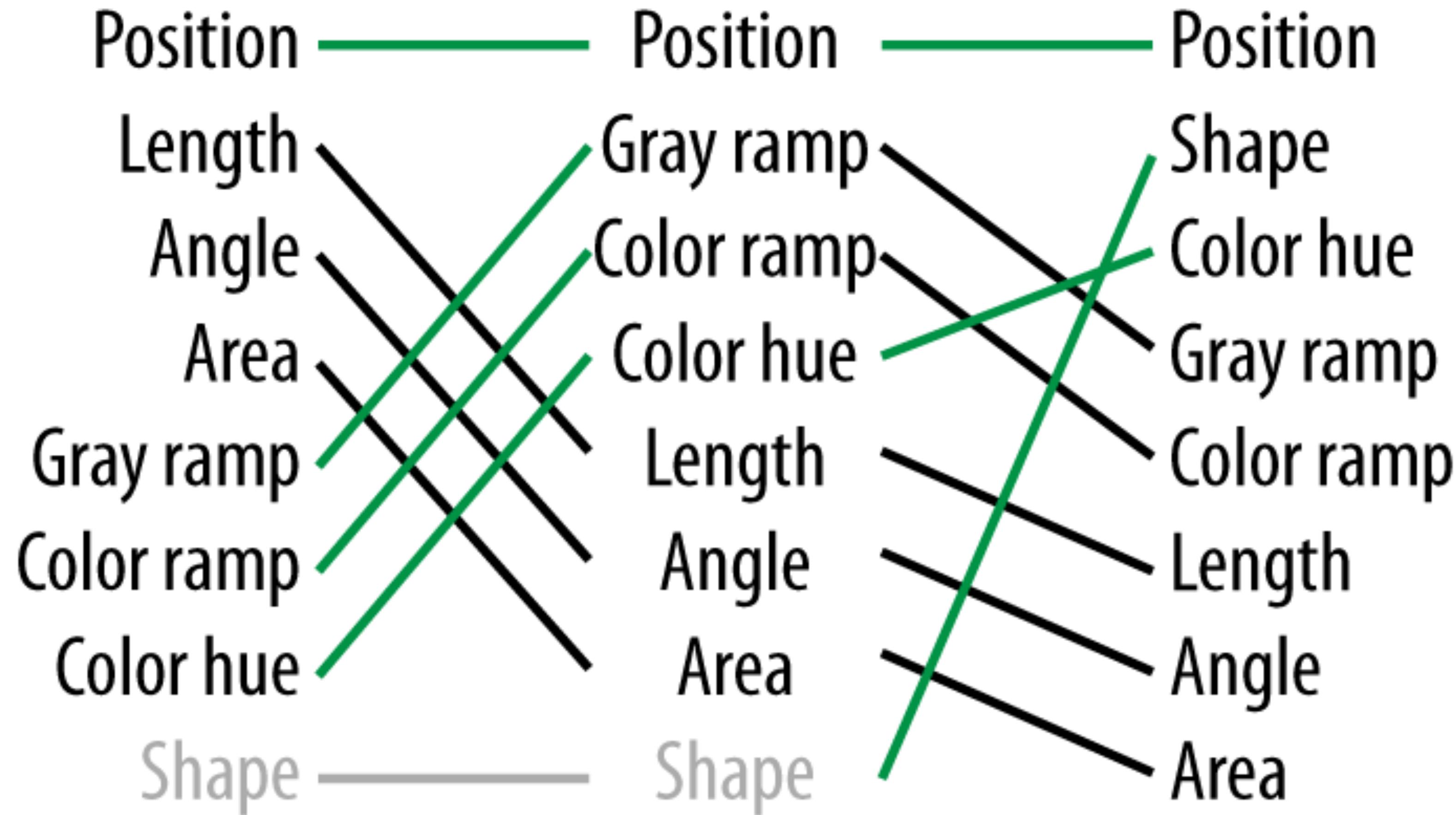


# Data-Driven Principles of Visualization Design

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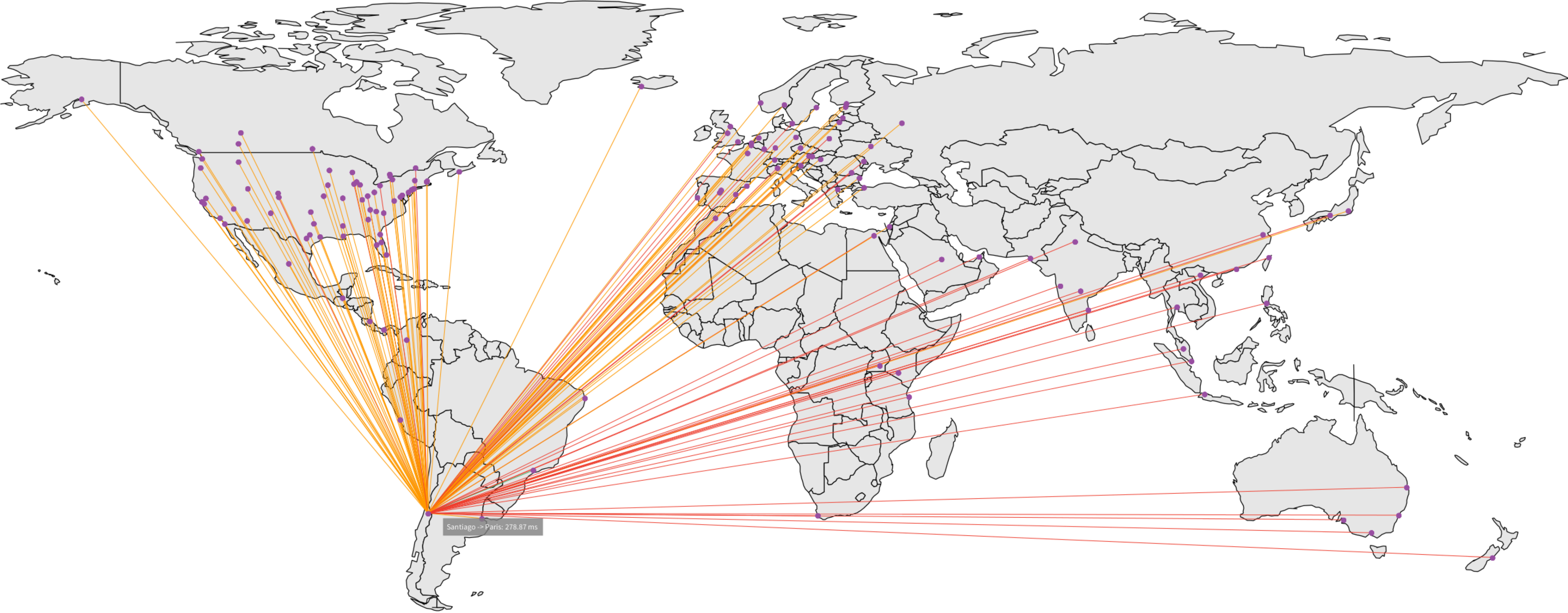
## Ordinal

## Nominal



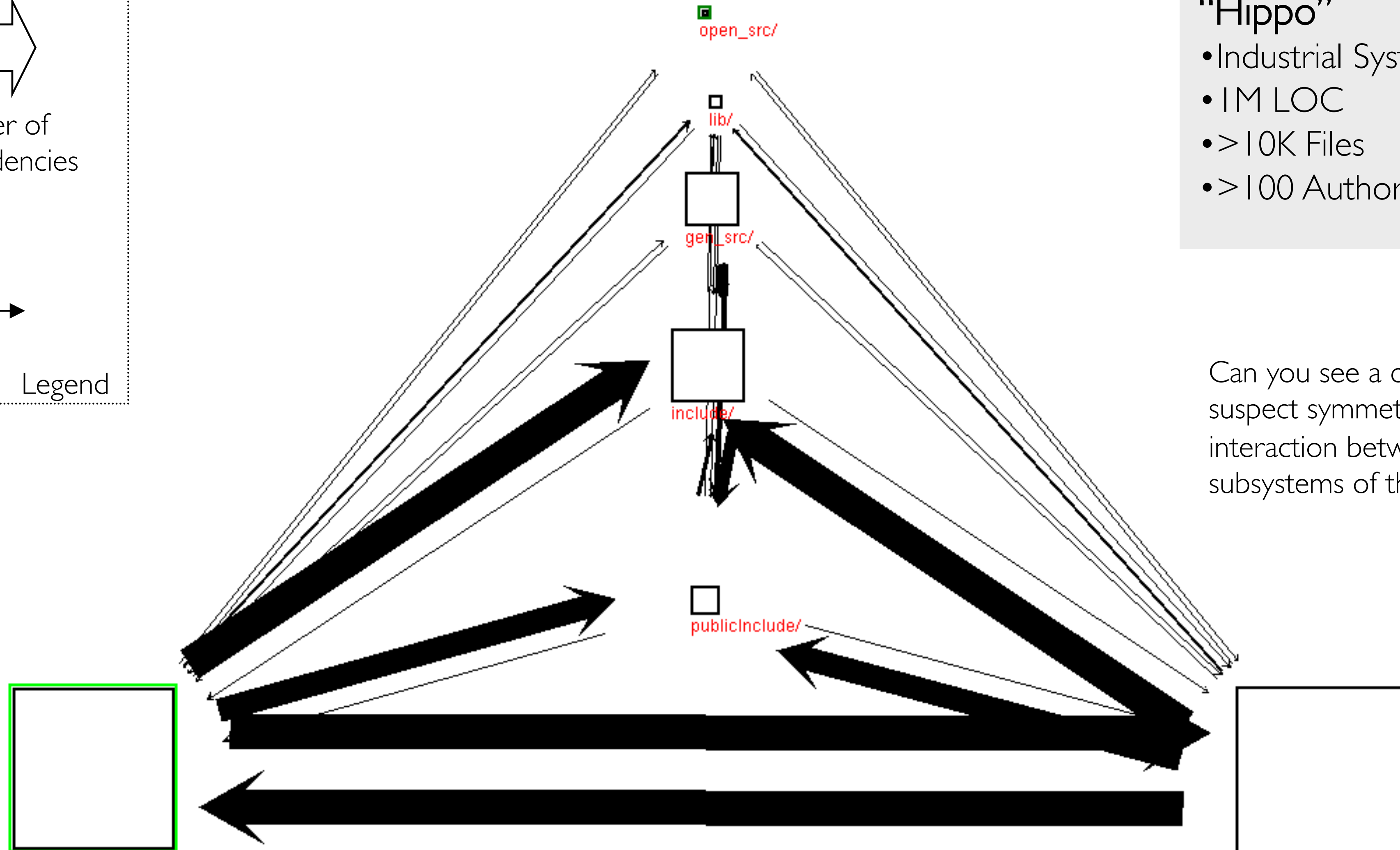
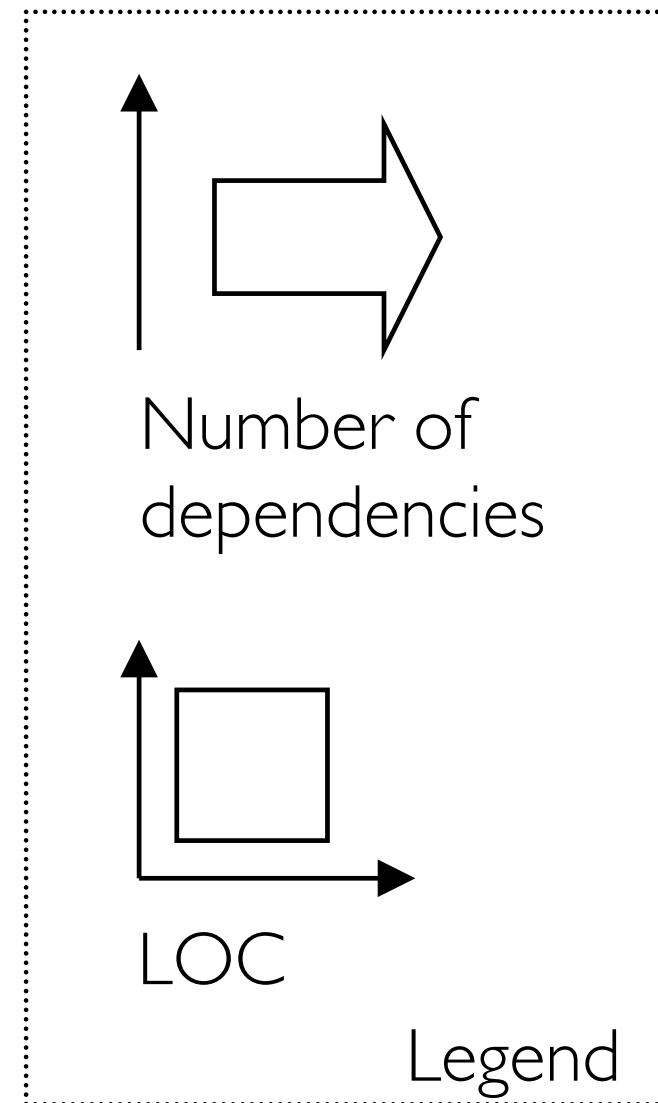
[Mackinlay, 1986]

# Uncovers emergent properties and outliers





# Exposes problems with the dataset



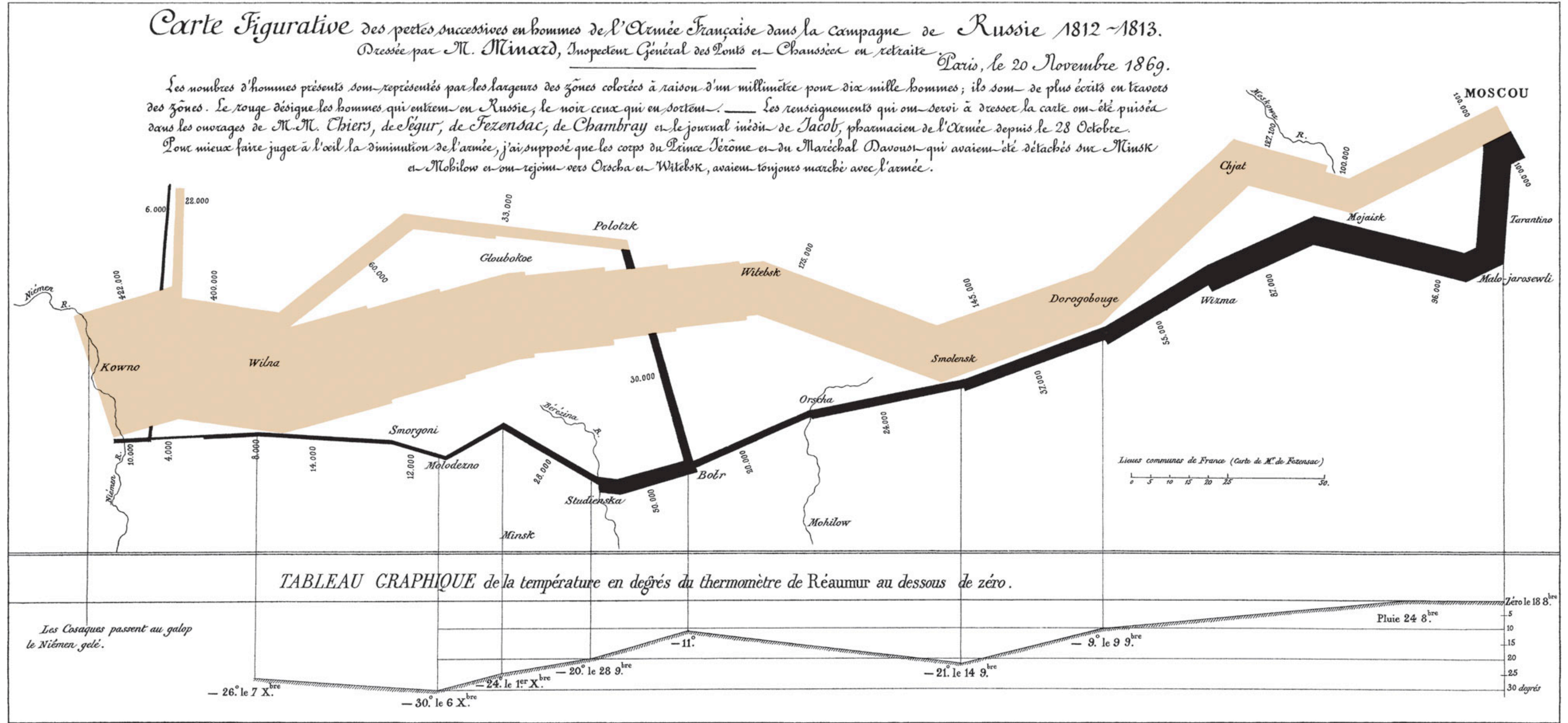
## “Hippo”

- Industrial System
- IM LOC
- > 10K Files
- > 100 Authors

Can you see a certain suspect symmetry in the interaction between the subsystems of this project?



# Enhances communication



# Uses of Information Visualization

- > Supports analysis
  - Uncovers emergent properties and outliers
  - Exposes problems with the data set
- > Enhances communication



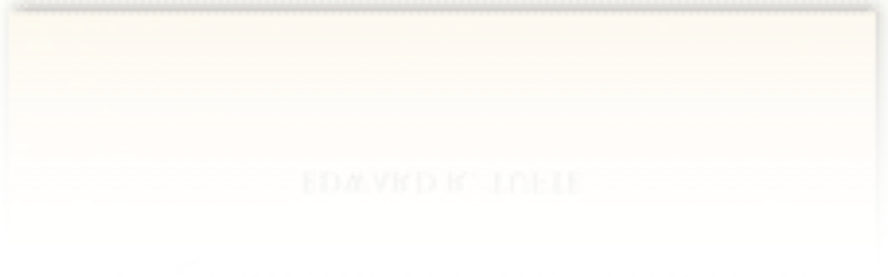
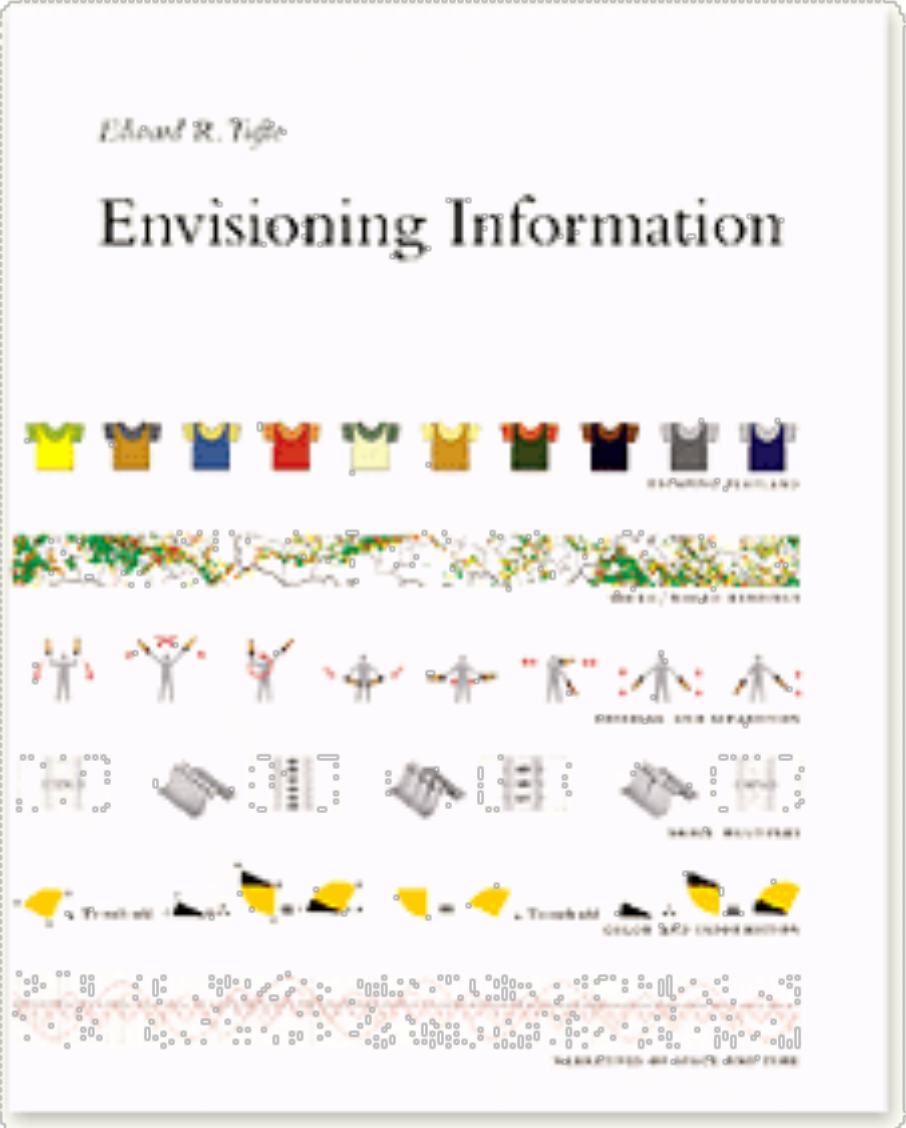
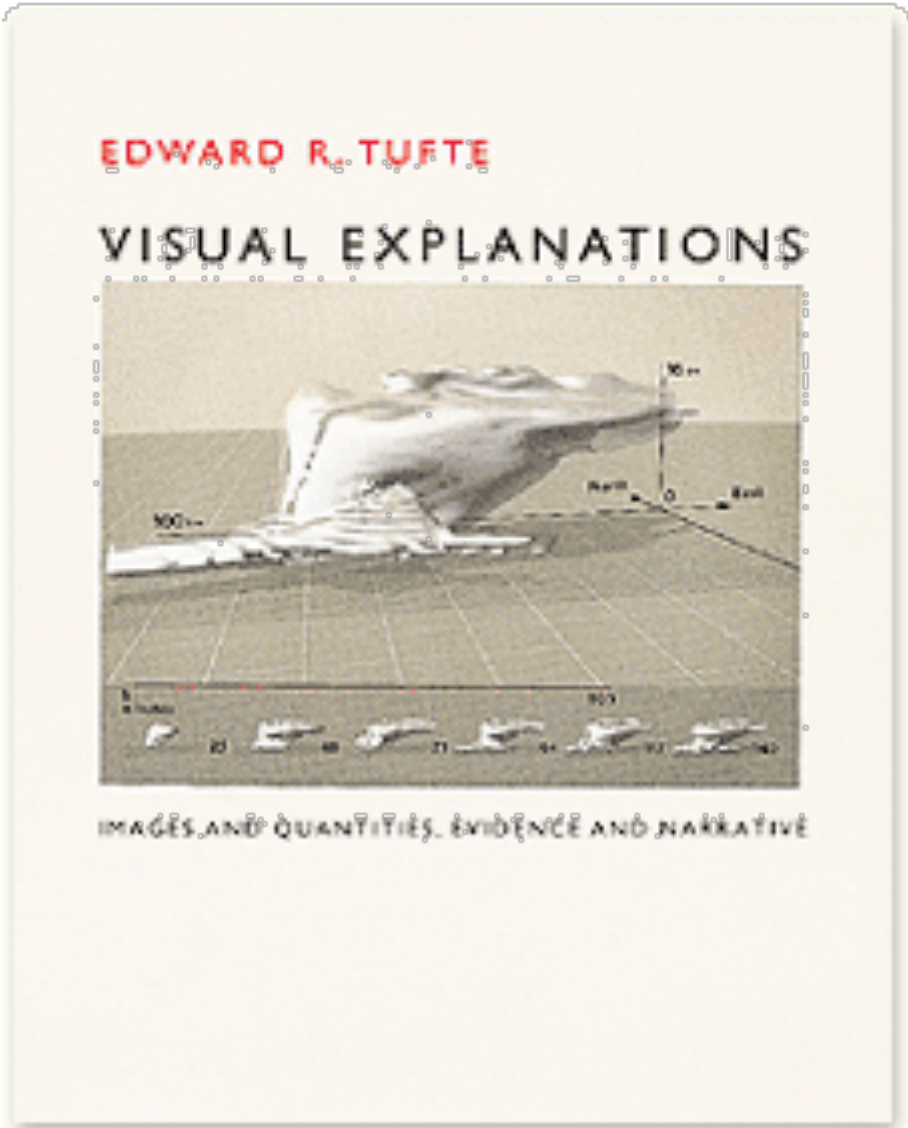
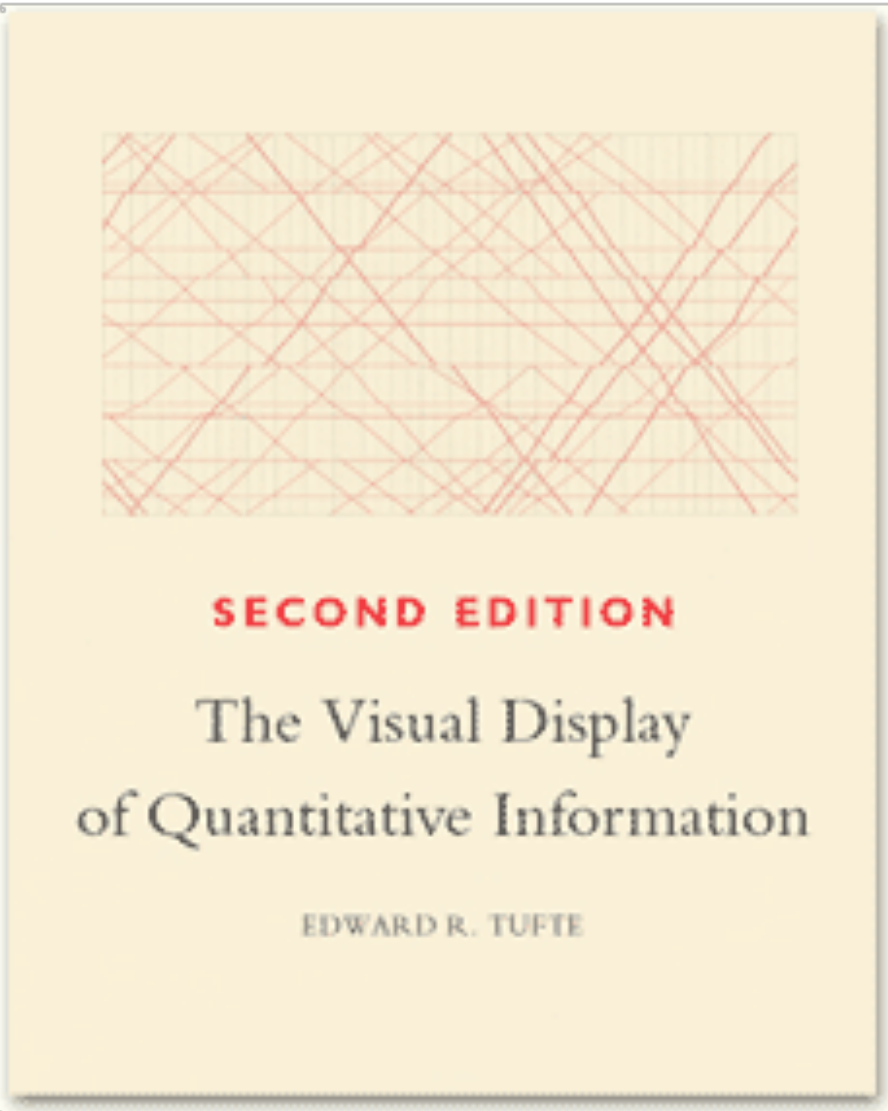
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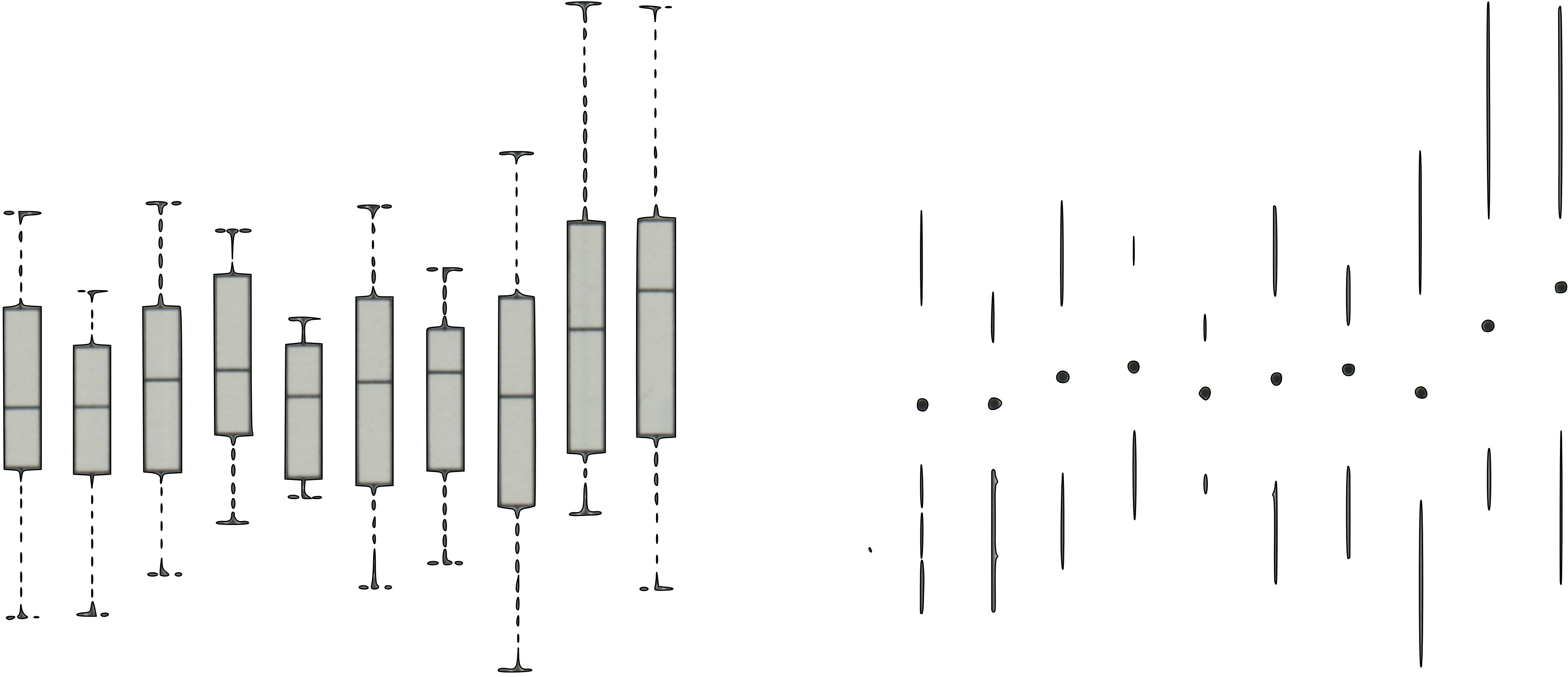




# Guidelines of valuable information visualization can consider style, integrity, and design



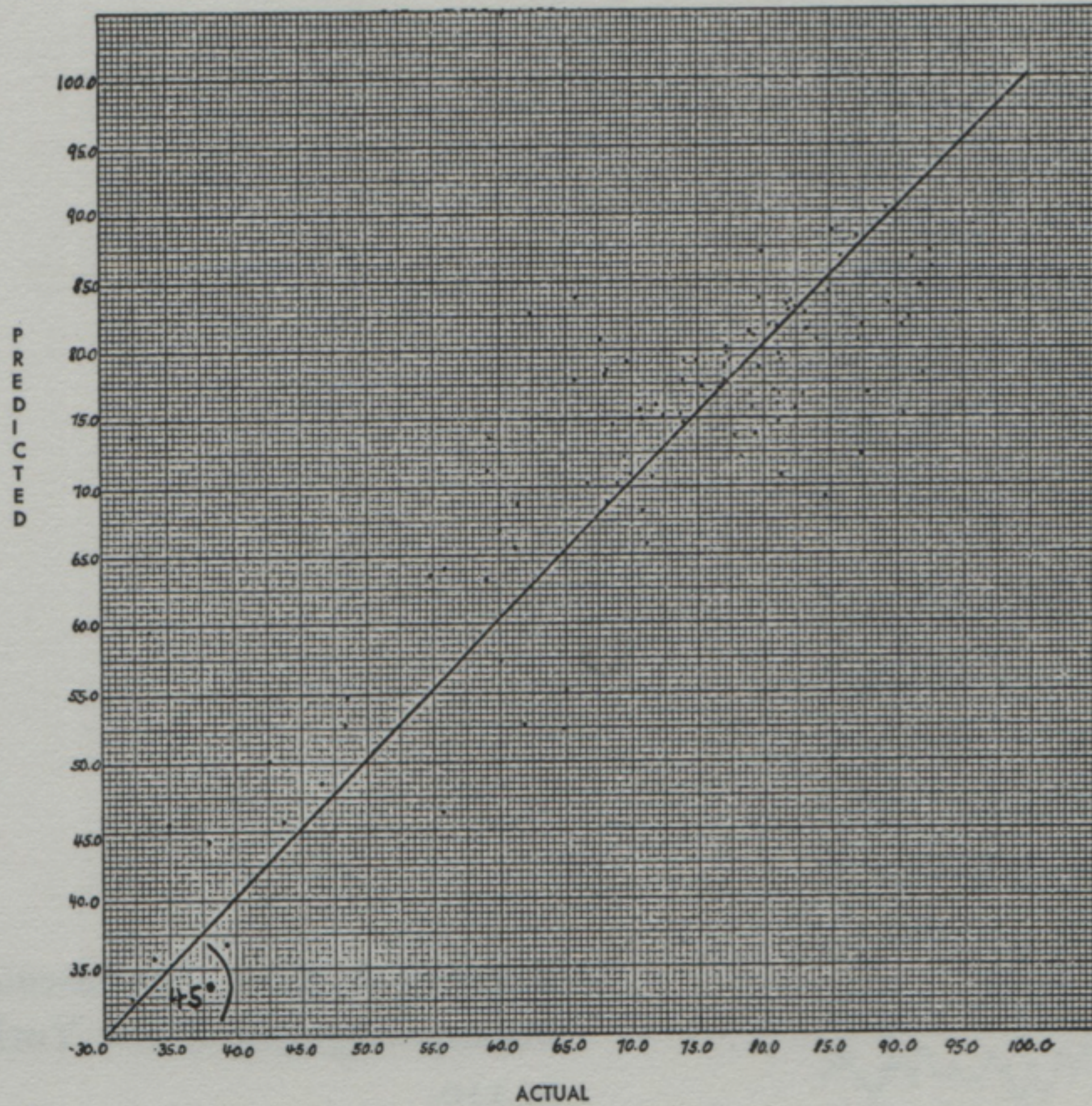
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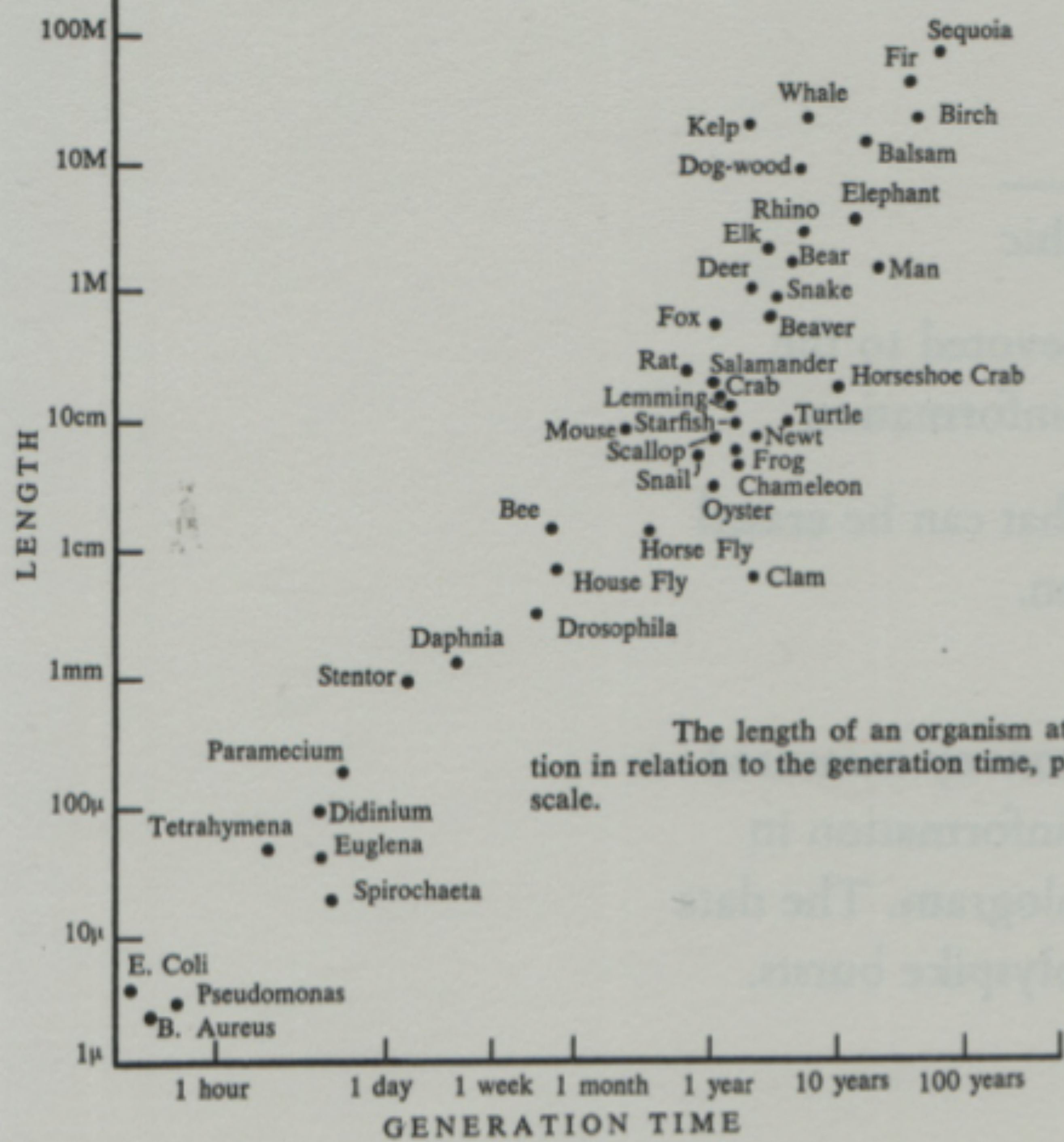
Removing ink from your graph should remove meaning from it.



Relationship of Actual Rates of Registration to Predicted Rates  
(104 cities 1960).





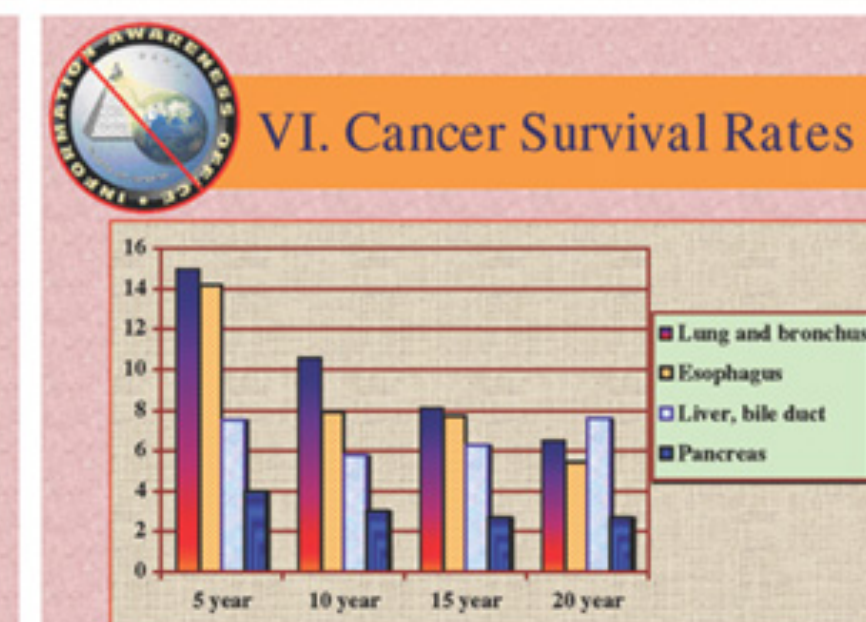
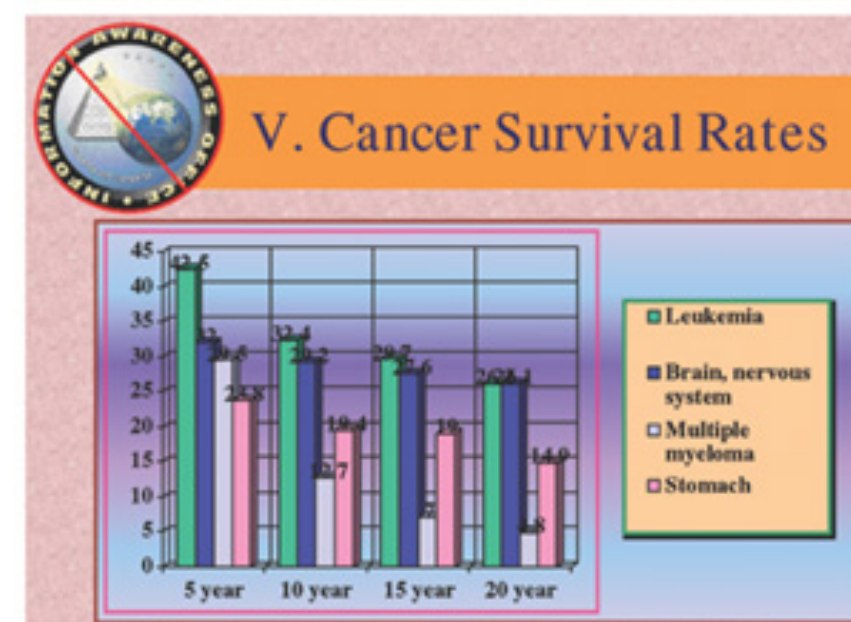
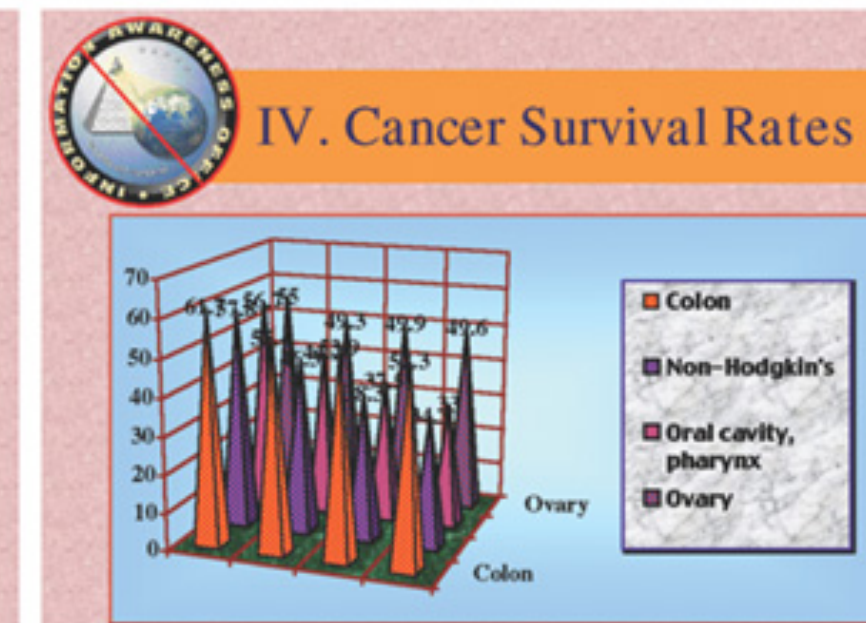
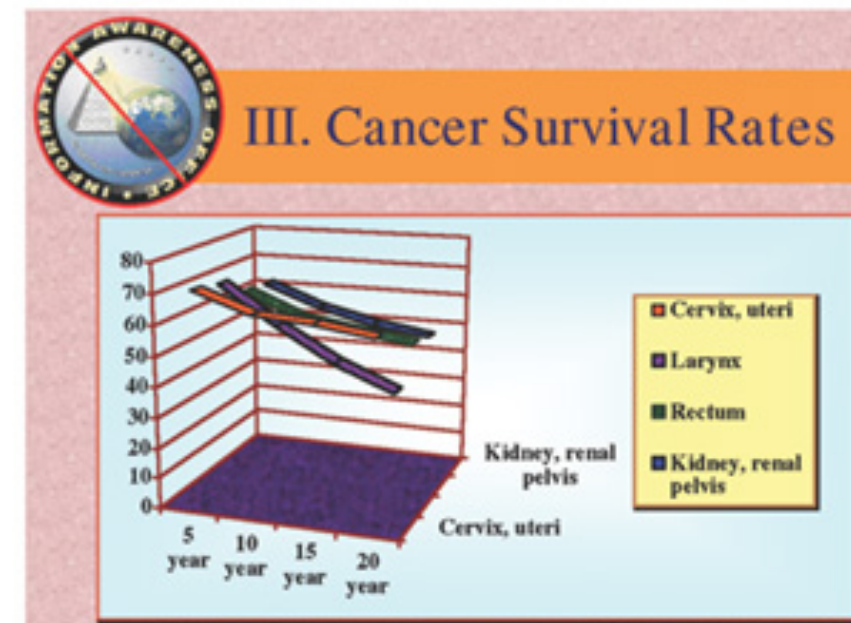
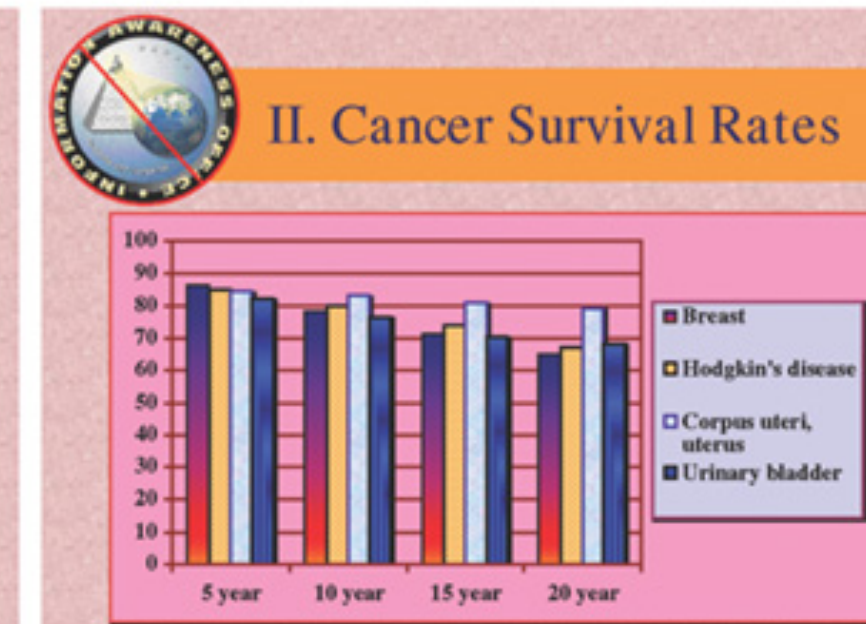
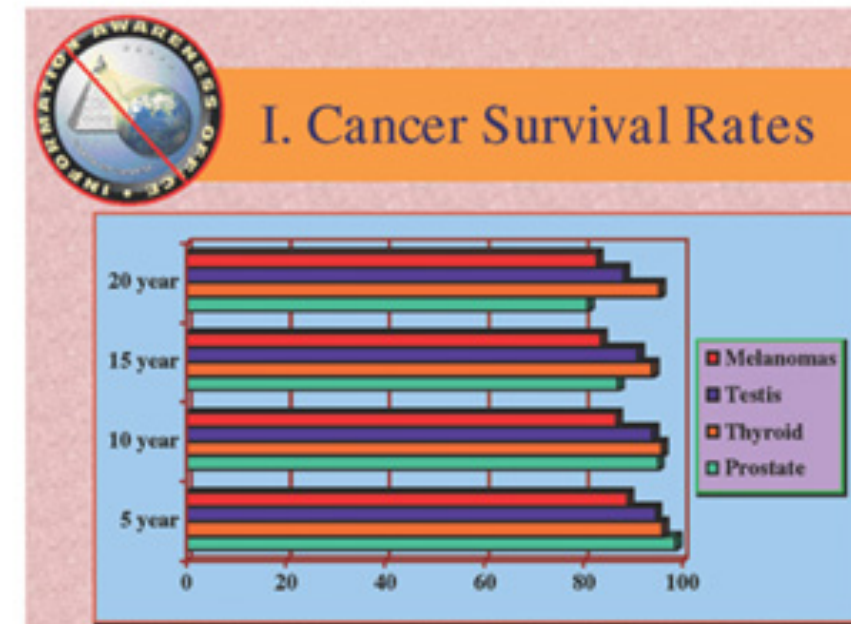




# Design: Choose the appropriate representation

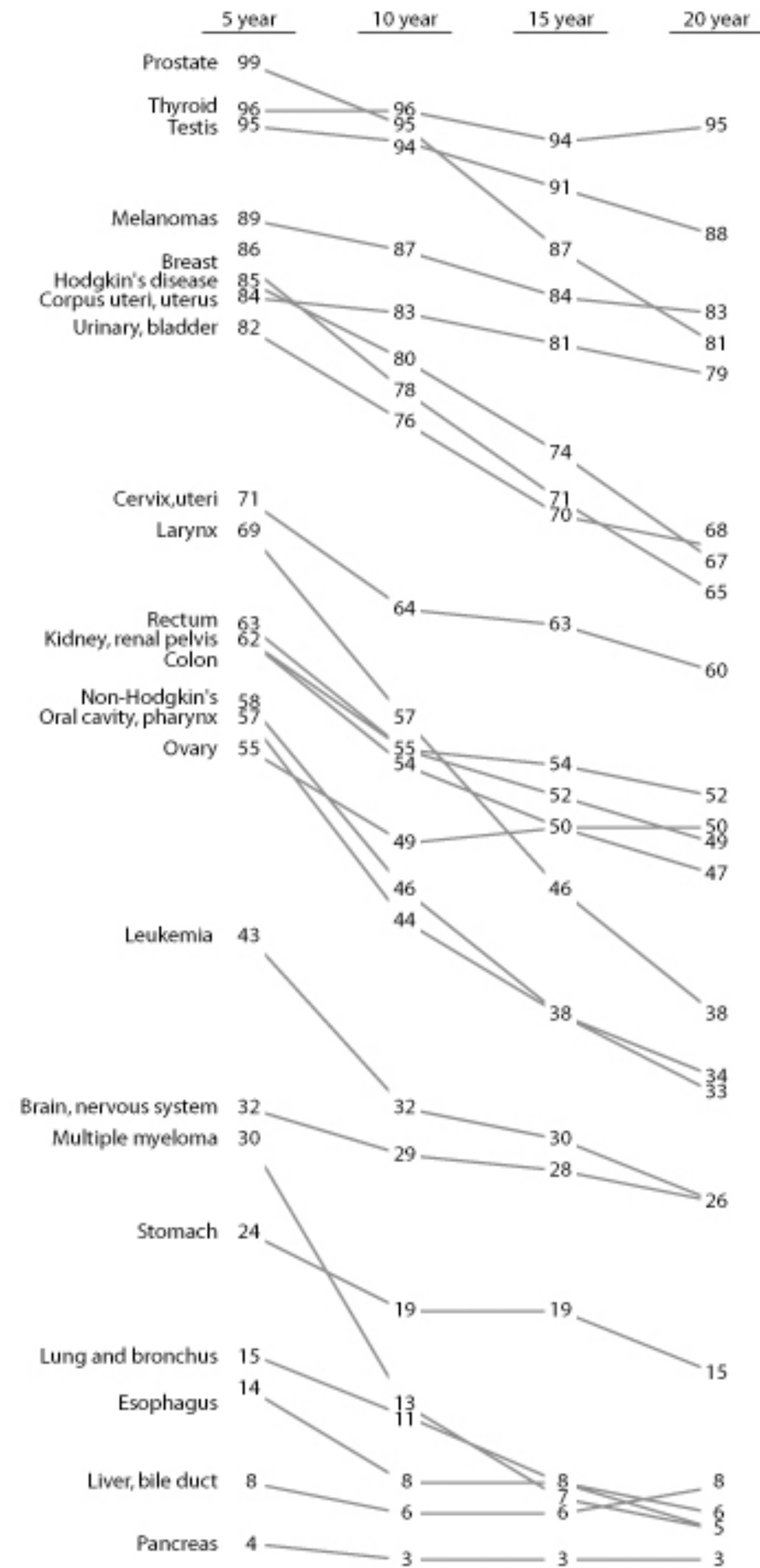
Estimates of relative survival rates, by cancer site

	% survival rates and standard errors							
	5 year		10 year		15 year		20 year	
Prostate	98.8	0.4	95.2	0.9	87.1	1.7	81.1	3.0
Thyroid	96.0	0.8	95.8	1.2	94.0	1.6	95.4	2.1
Testis	94.7	1.1	94.0	1.3	91.1	1.8	88.2	2.3
Melanomas	89.0	0.8	86.7	1.1	83.5	1.5	82.8	1.9
Breast	86.4	0.4	78.3	0.6	71.3	0.7	65.0	1.0
Hodgkin's disease	85.1	1.7	79.8	2.0	73.8	2.4	67.1	2.8
Corpus uteri, uterus	84.3	1.0	83.2	1.3	80.8	1.7	79.2	2.0
Urinary, bladder	82.1	1.0	76.2	1.4	70.3	1.9	67.9	2.4
Cervix, uteri	70.5	1.6	64.1	1.8	62.8	2.1	60.0	2.4
Larynx	68.8	2.1	56.7	2.5	45.8	2.8	37.8	3.1
Rectum	62.6	1.2	55.2	1.4	51.8	1.8	49.2	2.3
Kidney, renal pelvis	61.8	1.3	54.4	1.6	49.8	2.0	47.3	2.6
Colon	61.7	0.8	55.4	1.0	53.9	1.2	52.3	1.6
Non-Hodgkin's	57.8	1.0	46.3	1.2	38.3	1.4	34.3	1.7
Oral cavity, pharynx	56.7	1.3	44.2	1.4	37.5	1.6	33.0	1.8
Ovary	55.0	1.3	49.3	1.6	49.9	1.9	49.6	2.4
Leukemia	42.5	1.2	32.4	1.3	29.7	1.5	26.2	1.7
Brain, nervous system	32.0	1.4	29.2	1.5	27.6	1.6	26.1	1.9
Multiple myeloma	29.5	1.6	12.7	1.5	7.0	1.3	4.8	1.5
Stomach	23.8	1.3	19.4	1.4	19.0	1.7	14.9	1.9
Lung and bronchus	15.0	0.4	10.6	0.4	8.1	0.4	6.5	0.4
Esophagus	14.2	1.4	7.9	1.3	7.7	1.6	5.4	2.0
Liver, bile duct	7.5	1.1	5.8	1.2	6.3	1.5	7.6	2.0
Pancreas	4.0	0.5	3.0	1.5	2.7	0.6	2.7	0.8



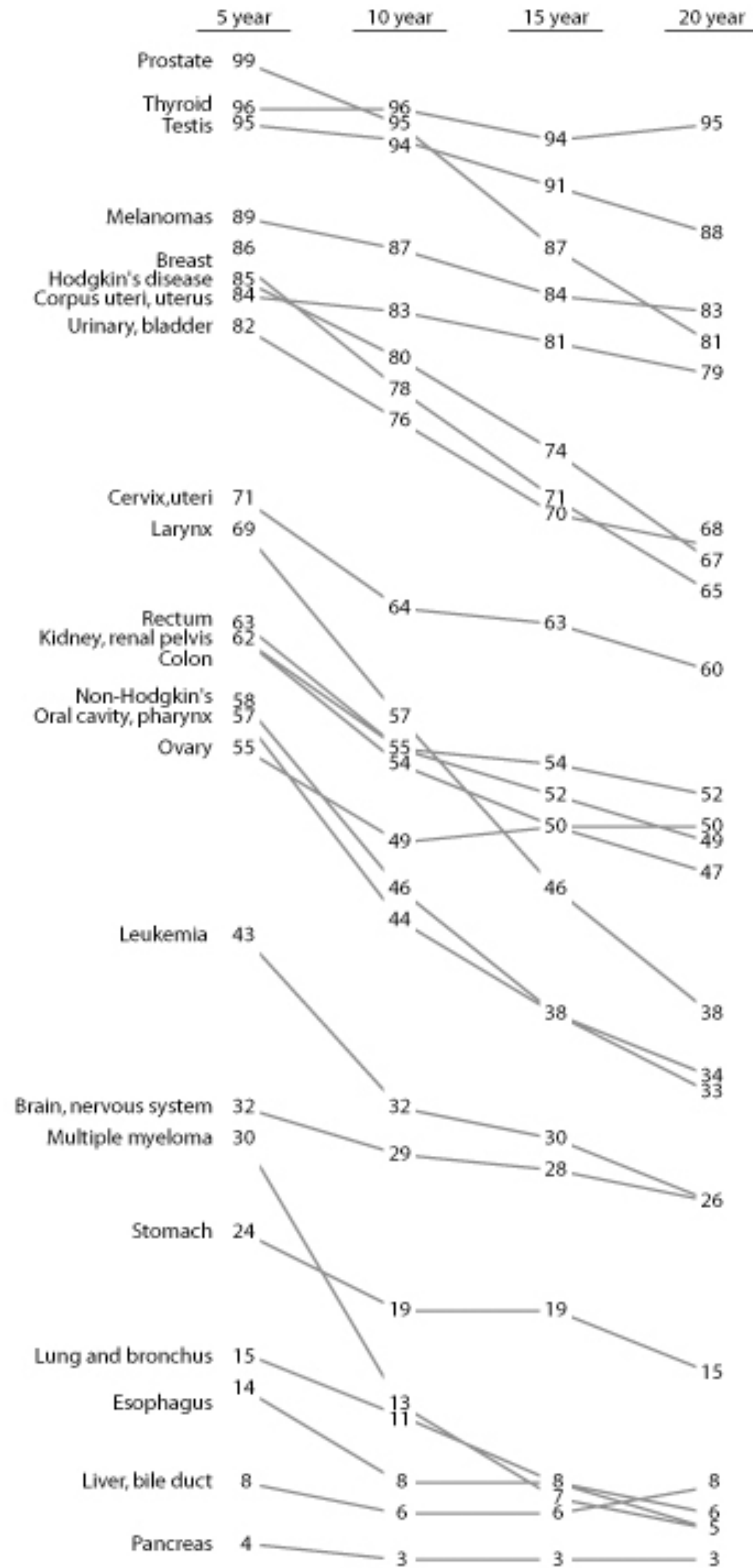


## Estimates of relative survival rates, by cancer site

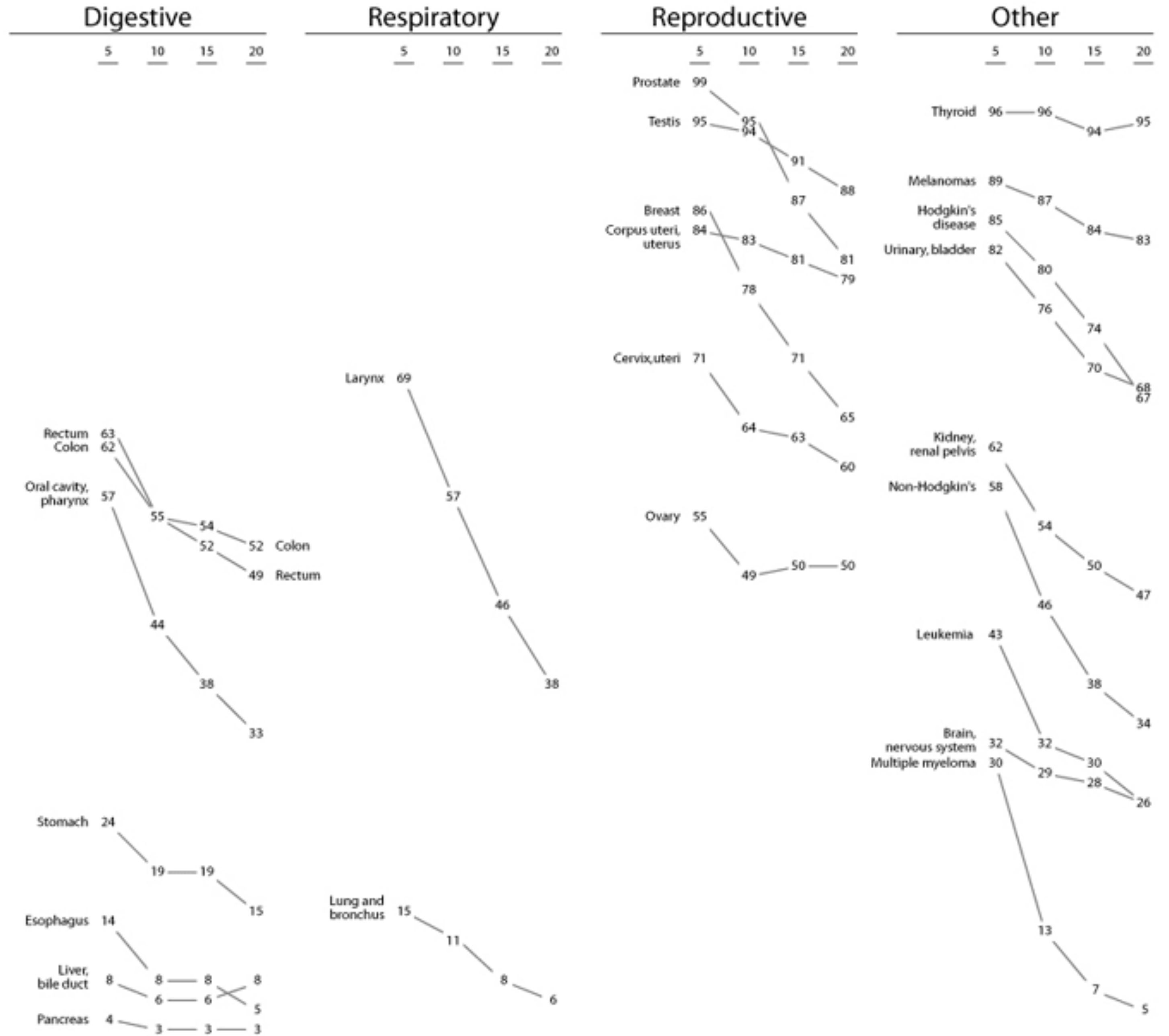




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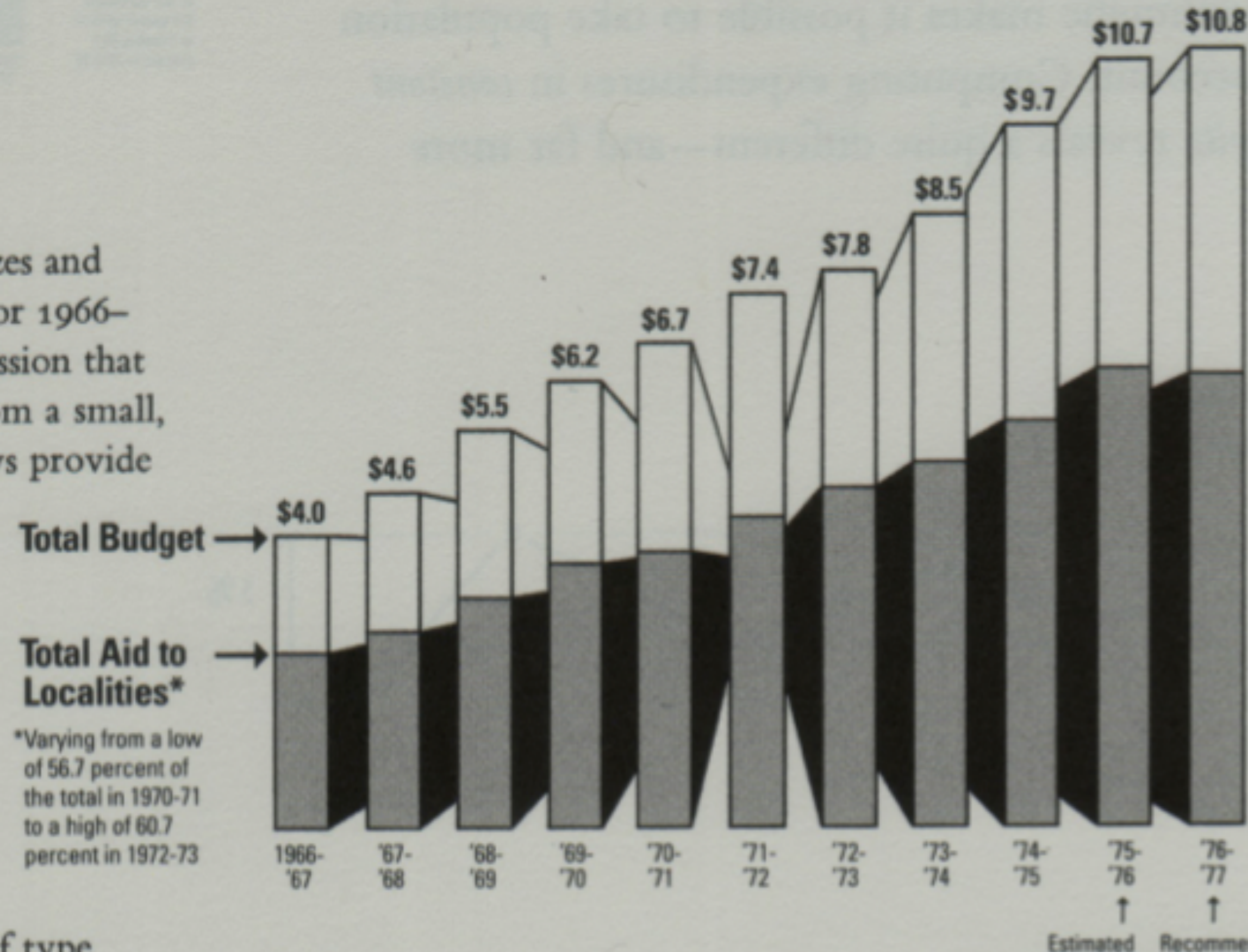
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# Integrity: Present only the data

This cluster of type emphasizes and stretches out the low value for 1966–1967, encouraging the impression that recent years have shot up from a small, stable base. Horizontal arrows provide similar emphasis.



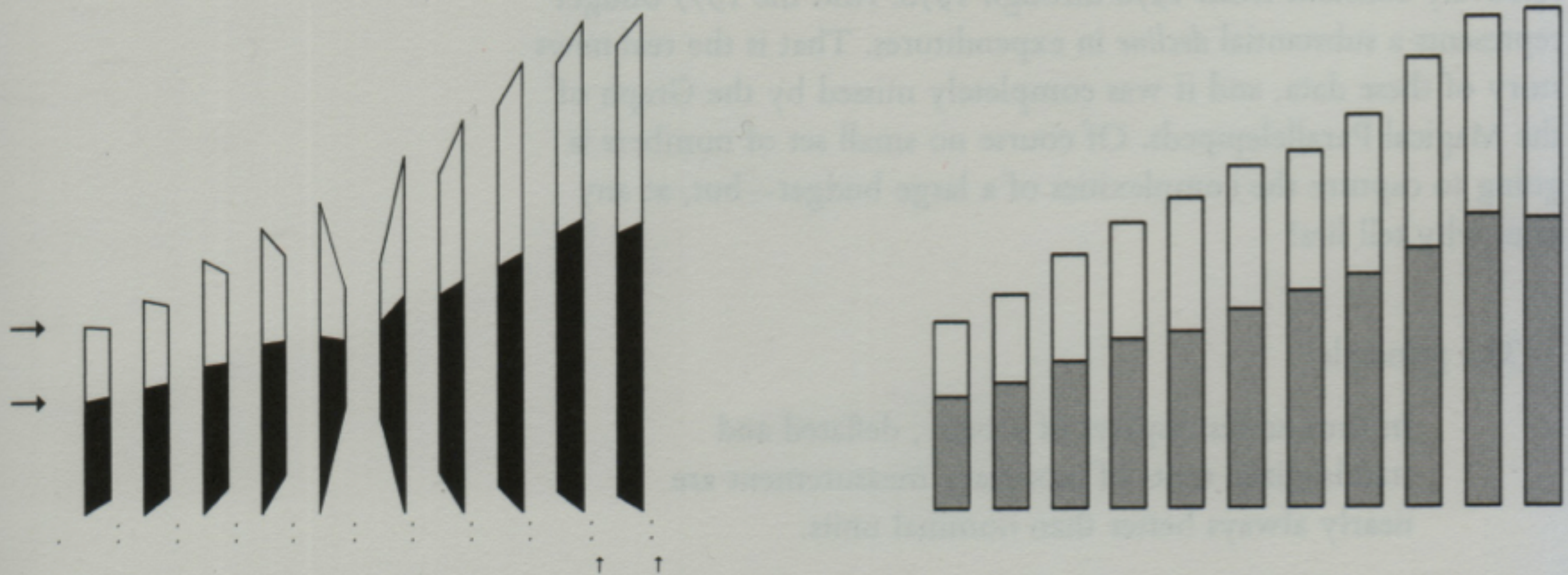
This squeezed-down block of type contributes to an image of small, squeezed-down budgets back in the good old days.

Arrows pointing straight up emphasize recent growth. Compare with horizontal arrows at left.



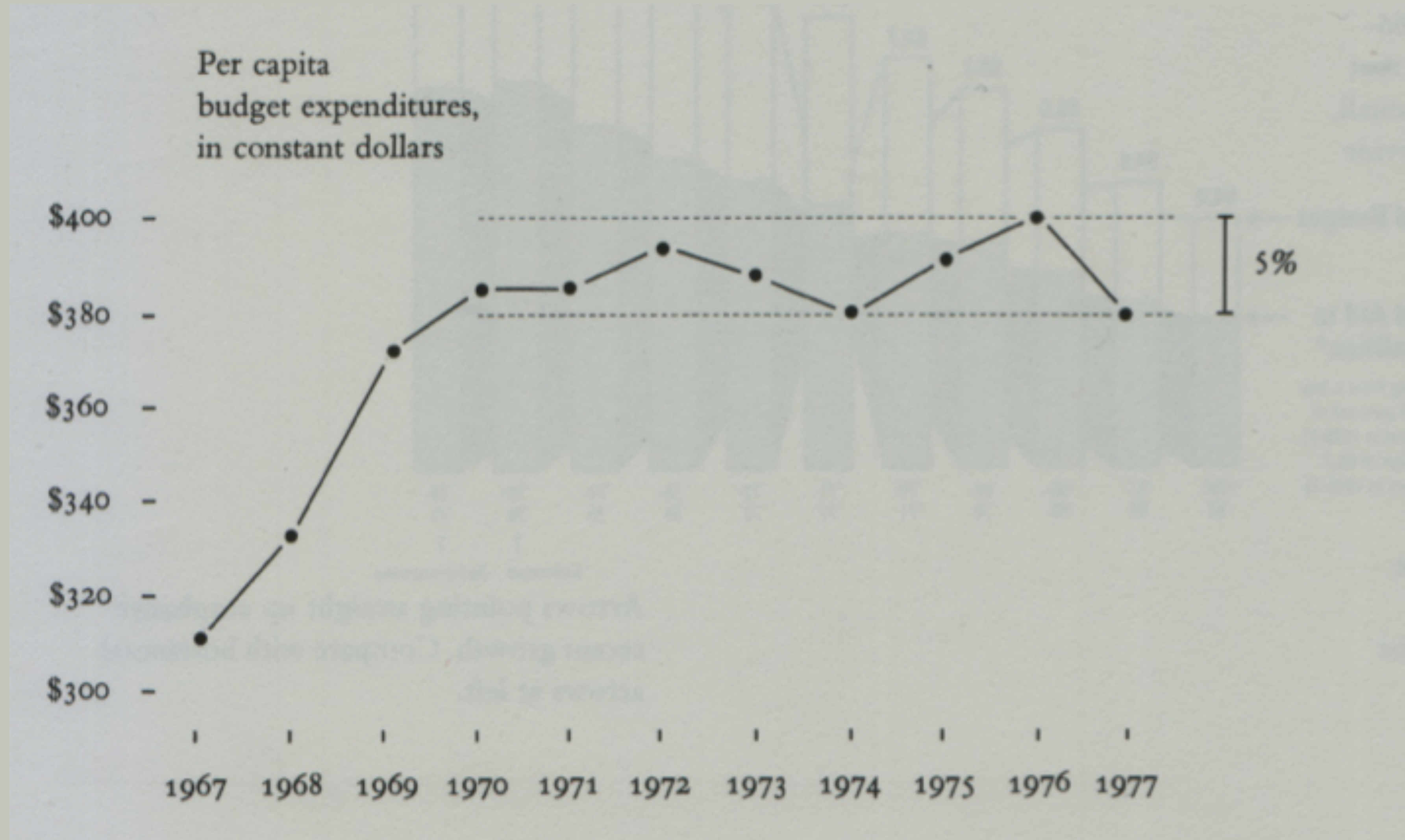
# Improvement 1: Eliminate Chart Junk

Leaving behind the distortion in the chartjunk heap at the left yields a calmer view:





## Improvement 2: Adjust the underlying information...





# Roadmap

- > Motivation
- > Visual Perception
- > Information Visualization
- > **Software Visualization**



*“SV is the use of interactive computer graphics to enhance the interface between users and their programs.”*

[Price, 1992]



# Roadmap

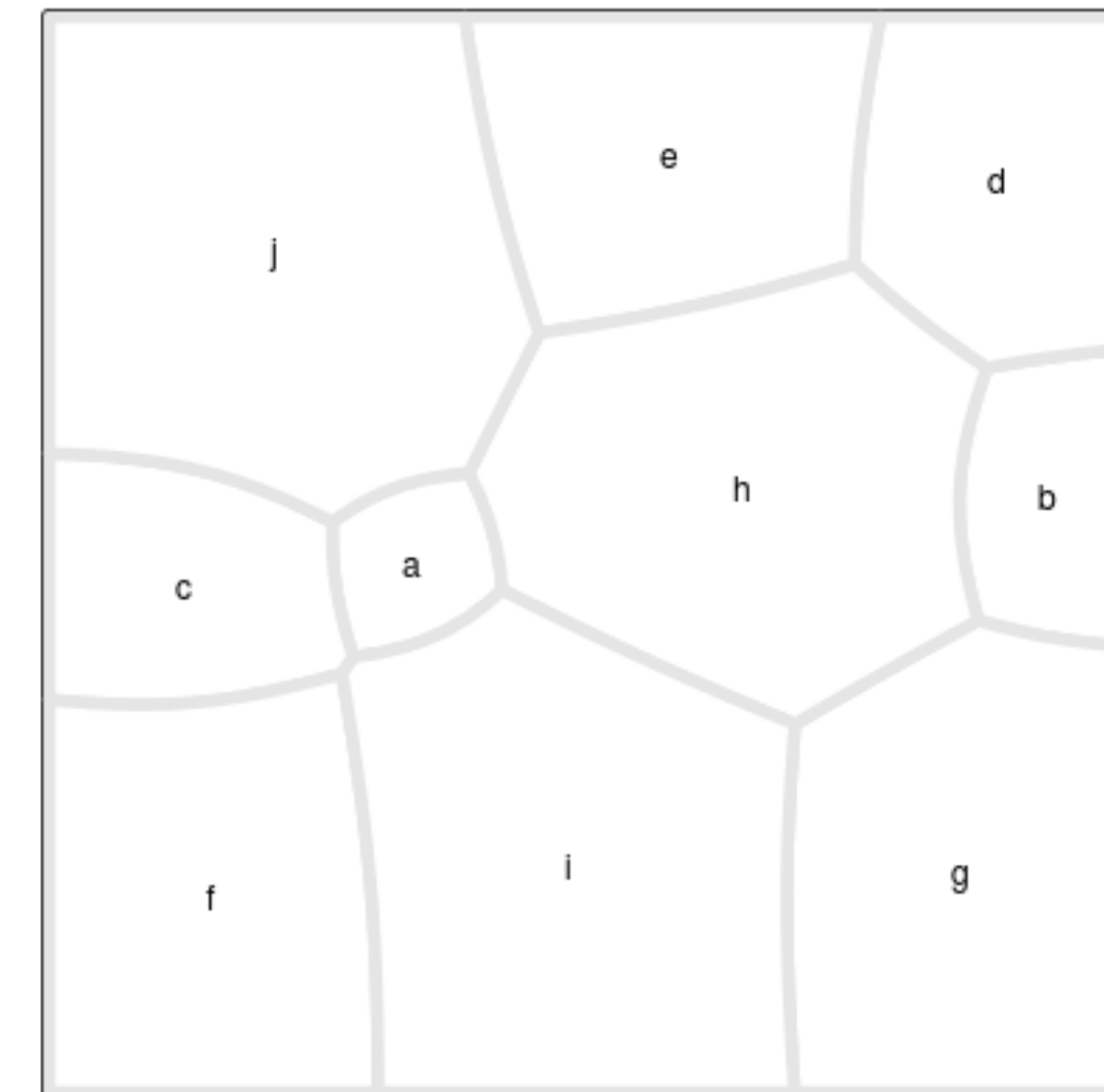
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# Space Filling Techniques

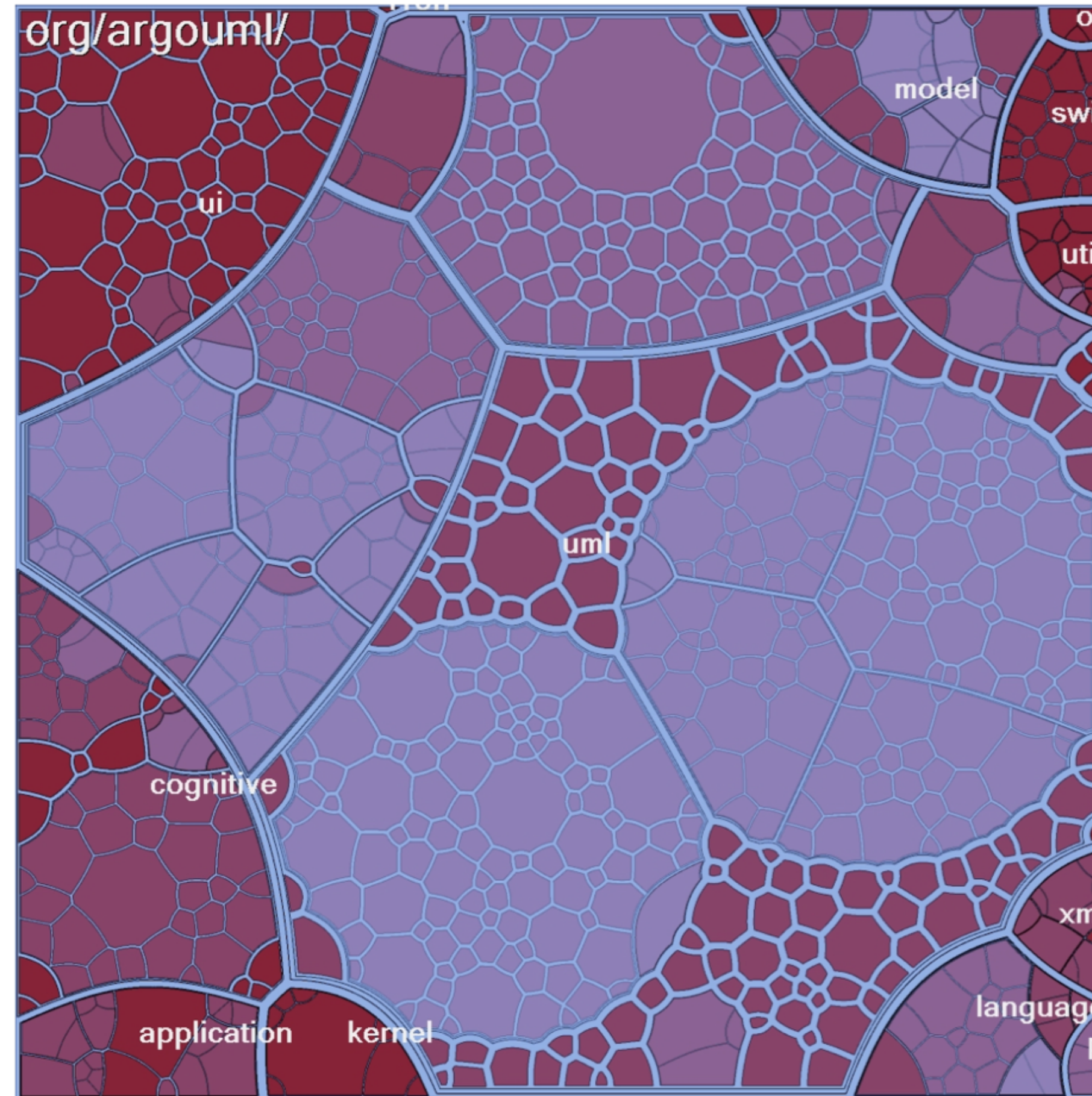
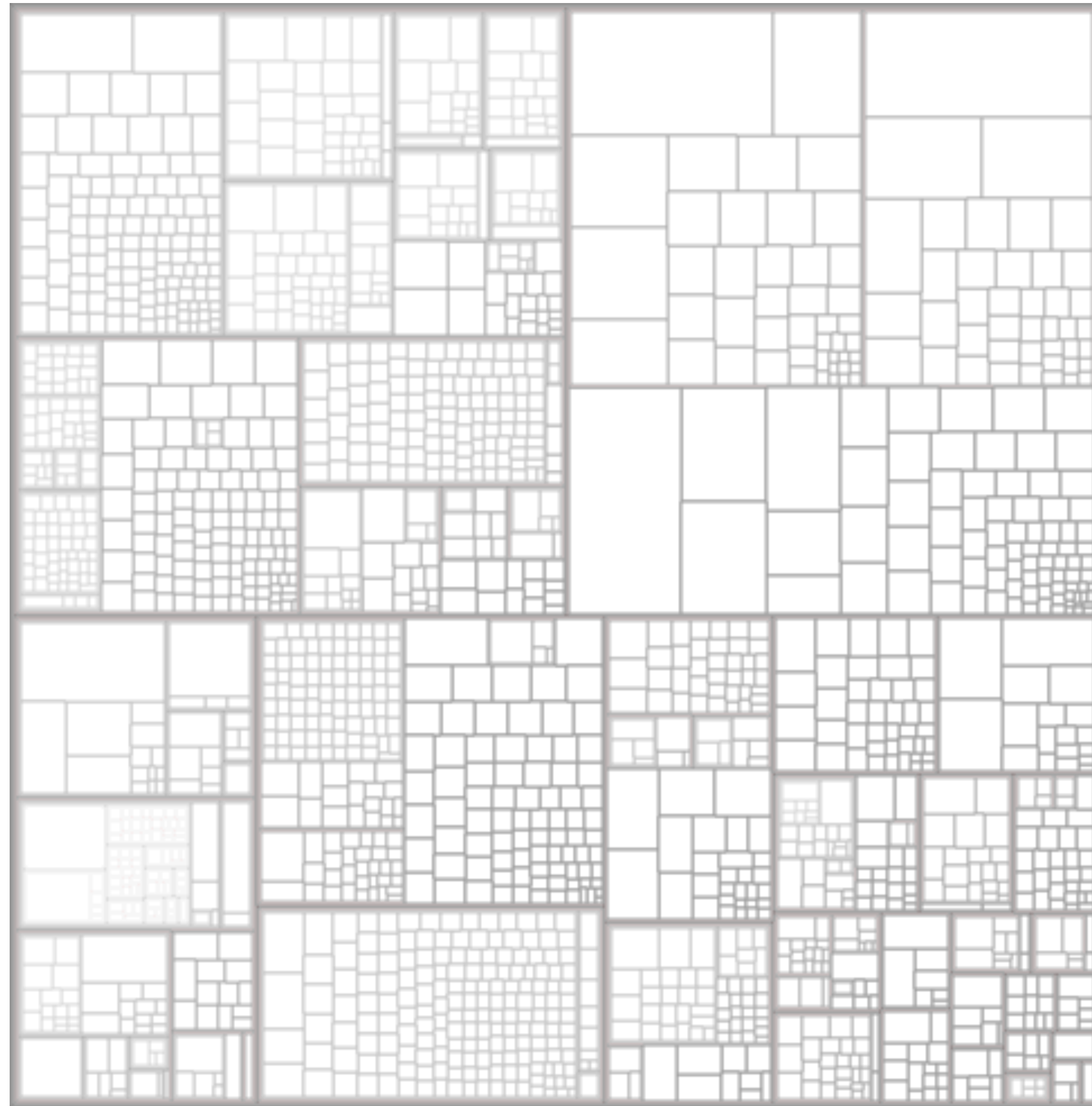
- > Use of pre-attentive processing features of
  - Locality
  - Size
- > Techniques
  - Treemaps
  - Voronoi diagrams

Texas	Nevada	Oregon
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Alaska	New Mexico	Arizona
	California	Montana





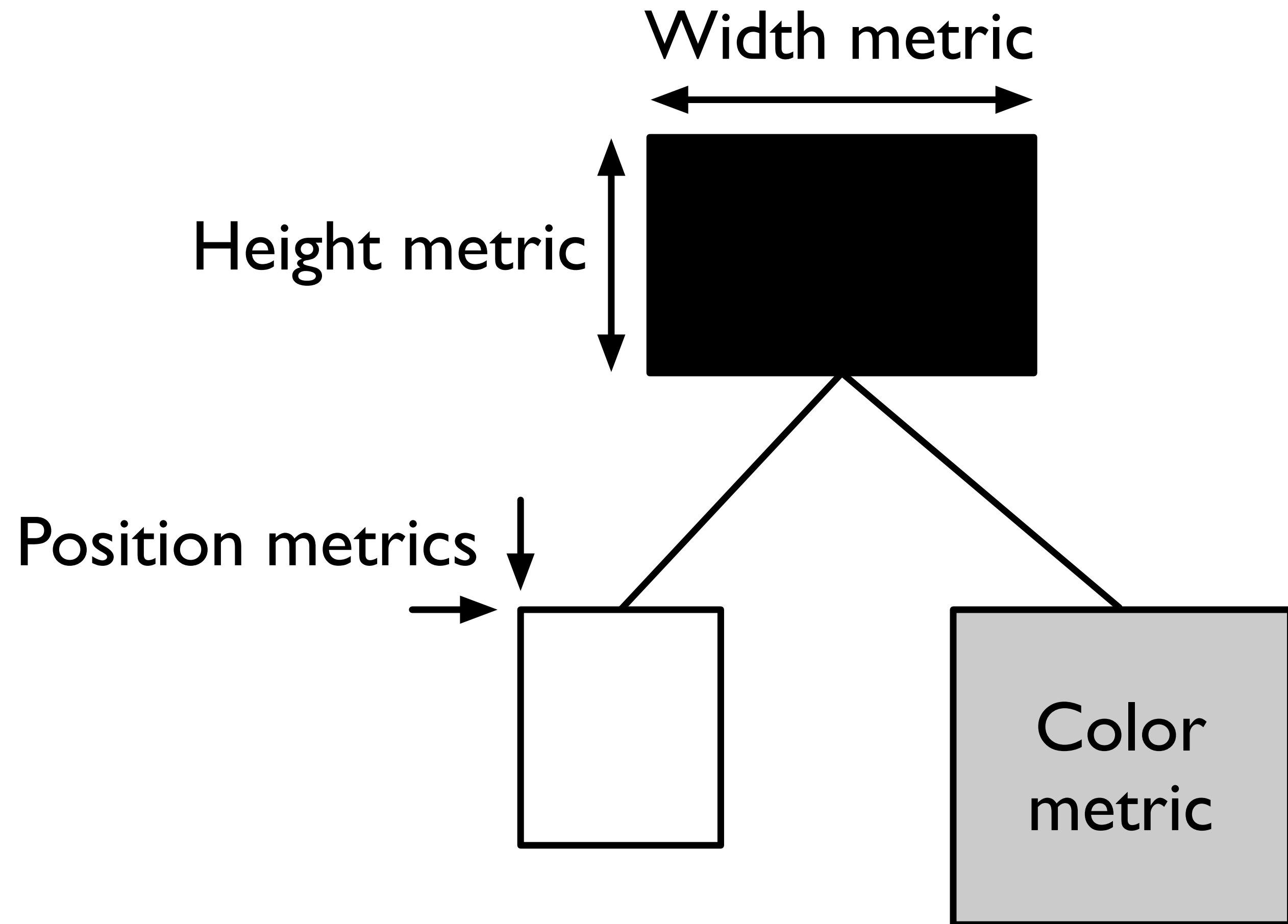
# Providing an overview of size distribution



**ArgoUML**

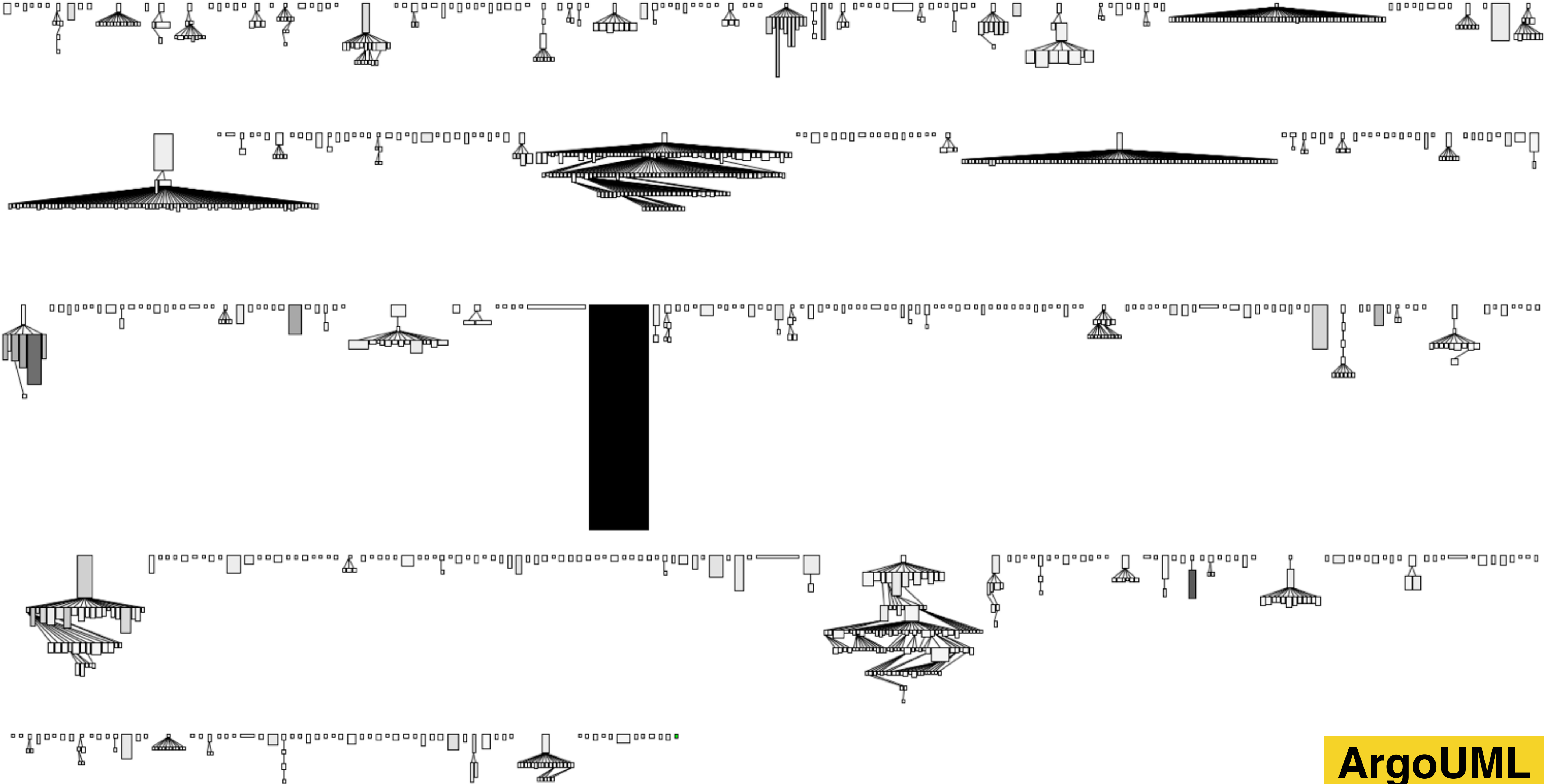
# Polymetric Views

- > Use of pre-attentive processing features
  - Size
  - Color
  - Connectedness
- > Available tools
  - Roassal, Mondrian, XRay



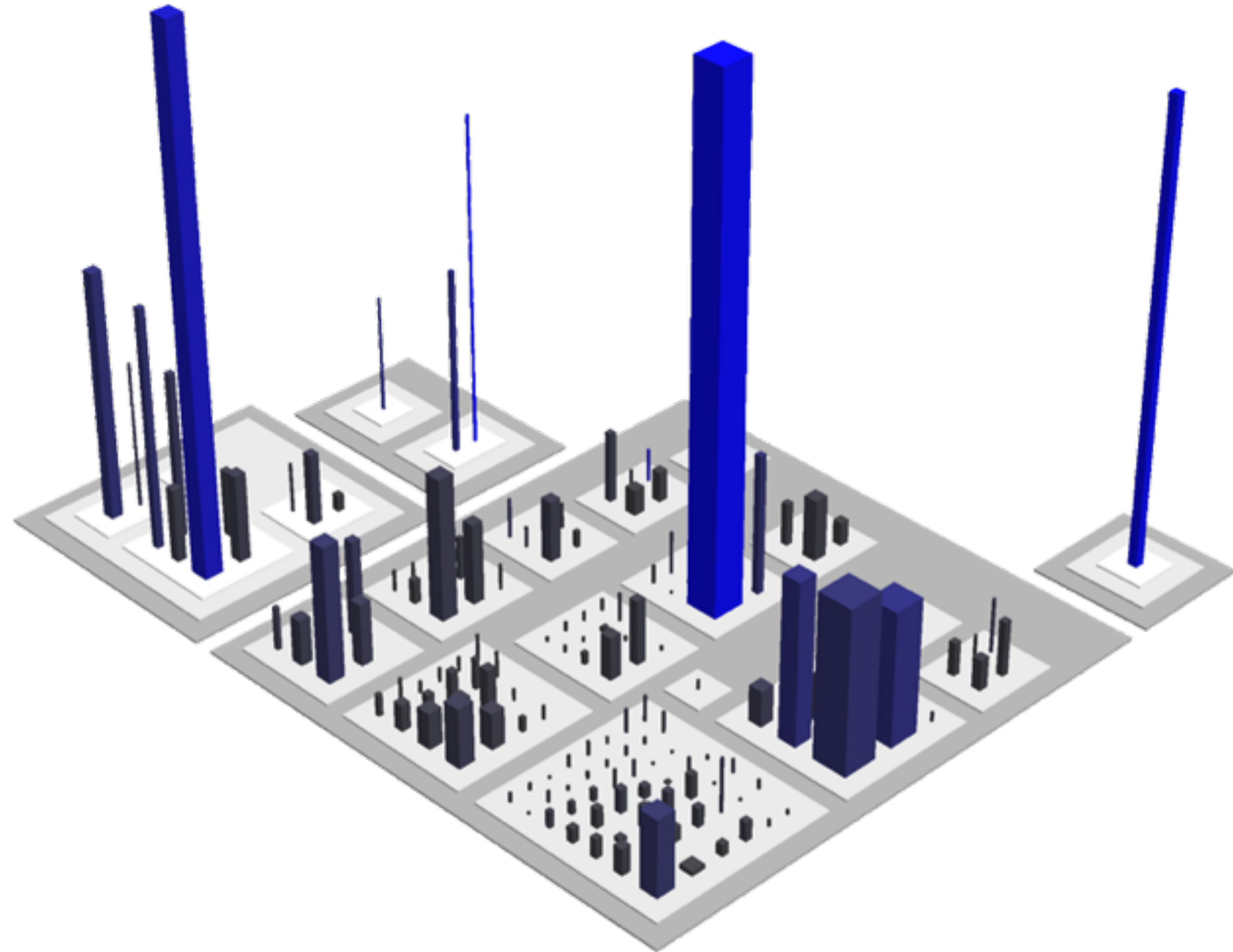


# Providing an overview of inheritance



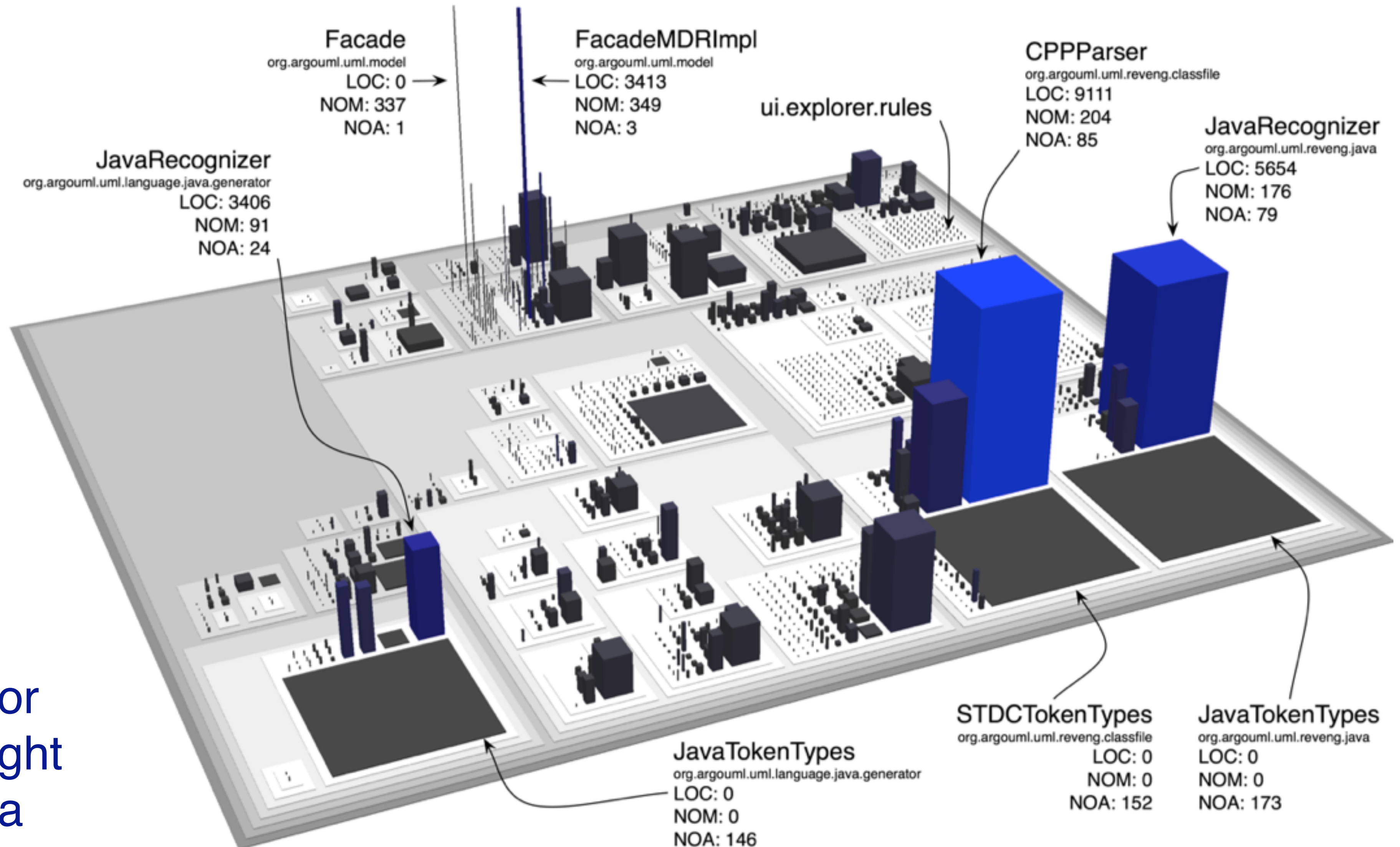
# Metaphor: City

- > Use of pre-attentive processing features of
  - Size
  - Color
  - 3D spatial locality
- > Available tools
  - CodeCity
  - CityVR



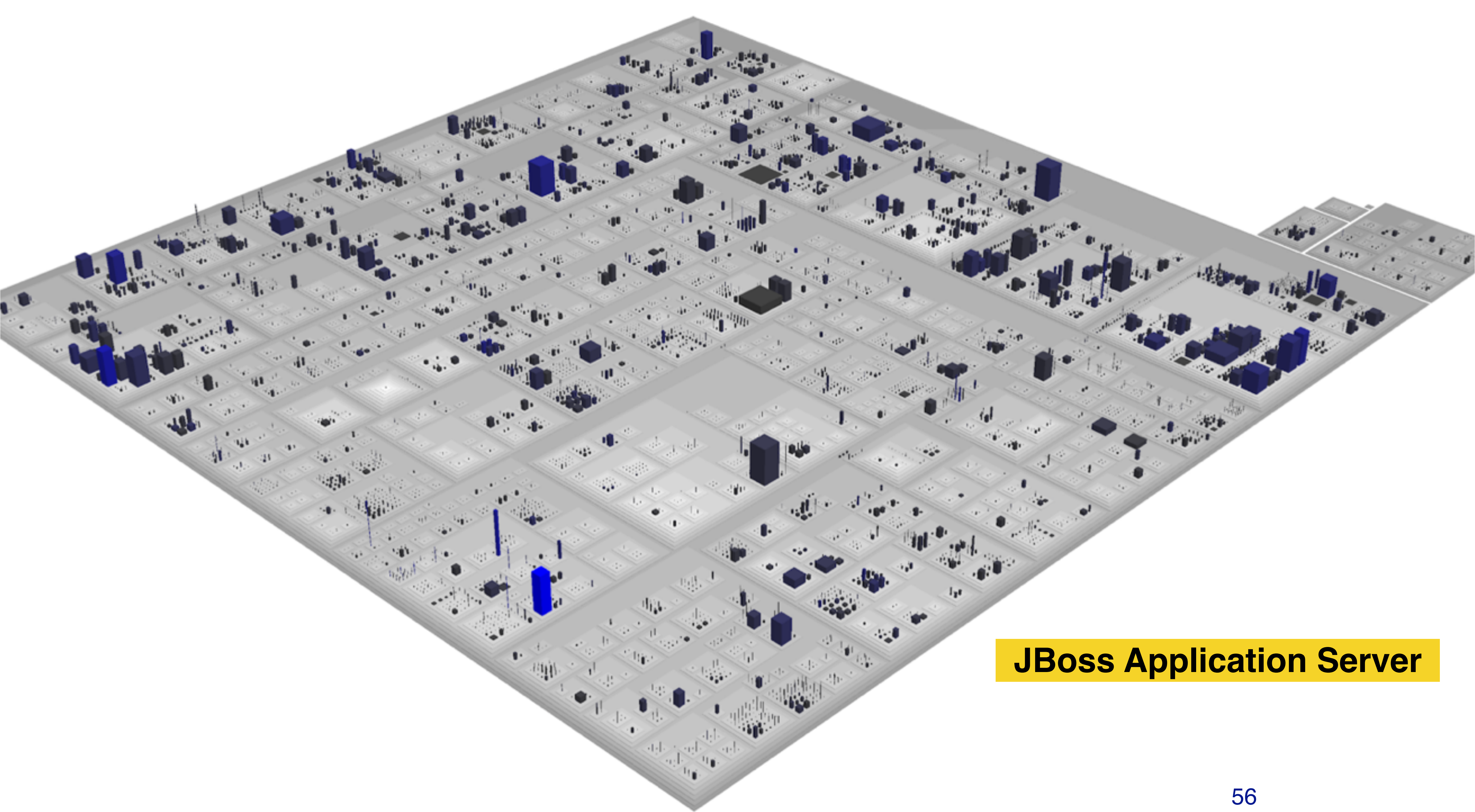


# Detecting Outliers



LOC -> Color  
NOM -> Height  
NOA -> Area





## **JBoss Application Server**



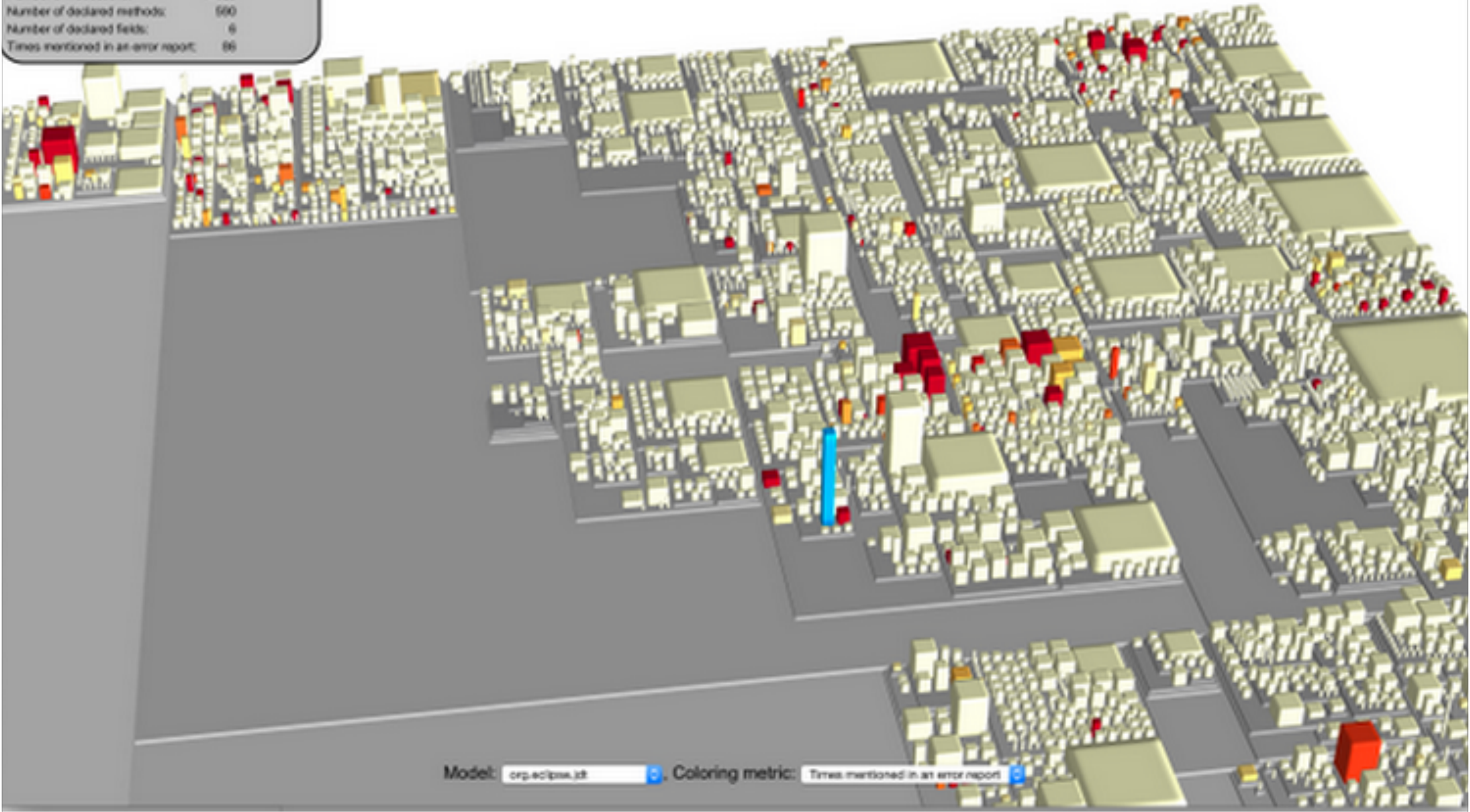
# Communicating the locality of problems

Marcel Bruch @MarcelBruch · 2h

Wanna know which parts of your code cause loads of errors? This is the new 'Sin City of Code':

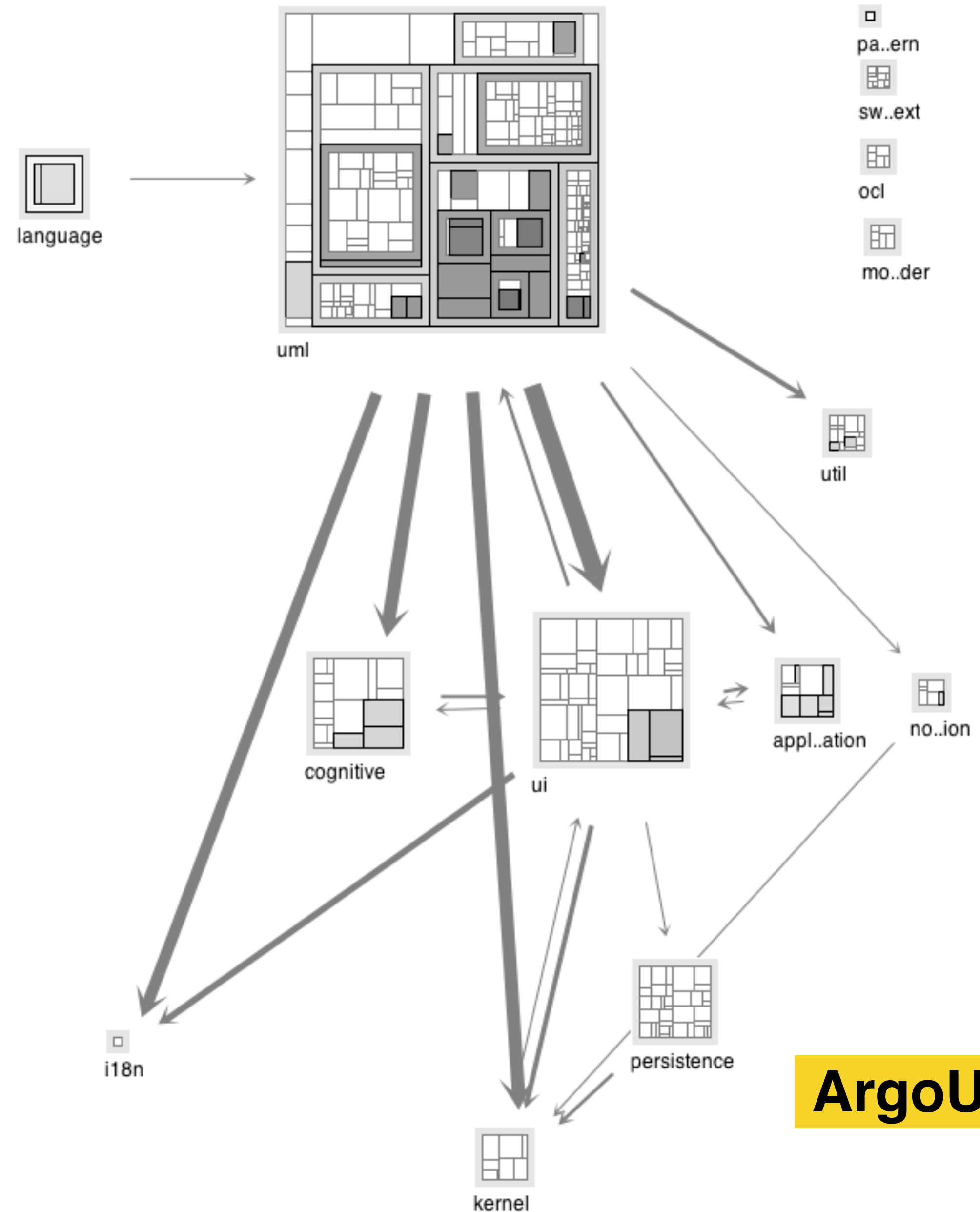
SinCity, featured by three.js and Codetrails

org.eclipse.jdt.internal.compiler.problem.ProblemReporter	
Number of instructions:	14029
Number of declared methods:	500
Number of declared fields:	6
Times mentioned in an error report:	86



# Hierarchical Visualization

- > Use of pre-attentive processing features of
  - Size
  - Spatial locality
  - Connectedness
  - Color
- > Available tools
  - SoftwareNaut, Rigi, Shrimp, etc.





# Structure – Summary

- > Visualized software aspects
  - Inheritance
  - Containment
  - Dependencies
- > Visualization techniques
  - Space filling techniques
  - Polymetric Views
  - Metaphors
  - Hierarchical Visualization

# Roadmap

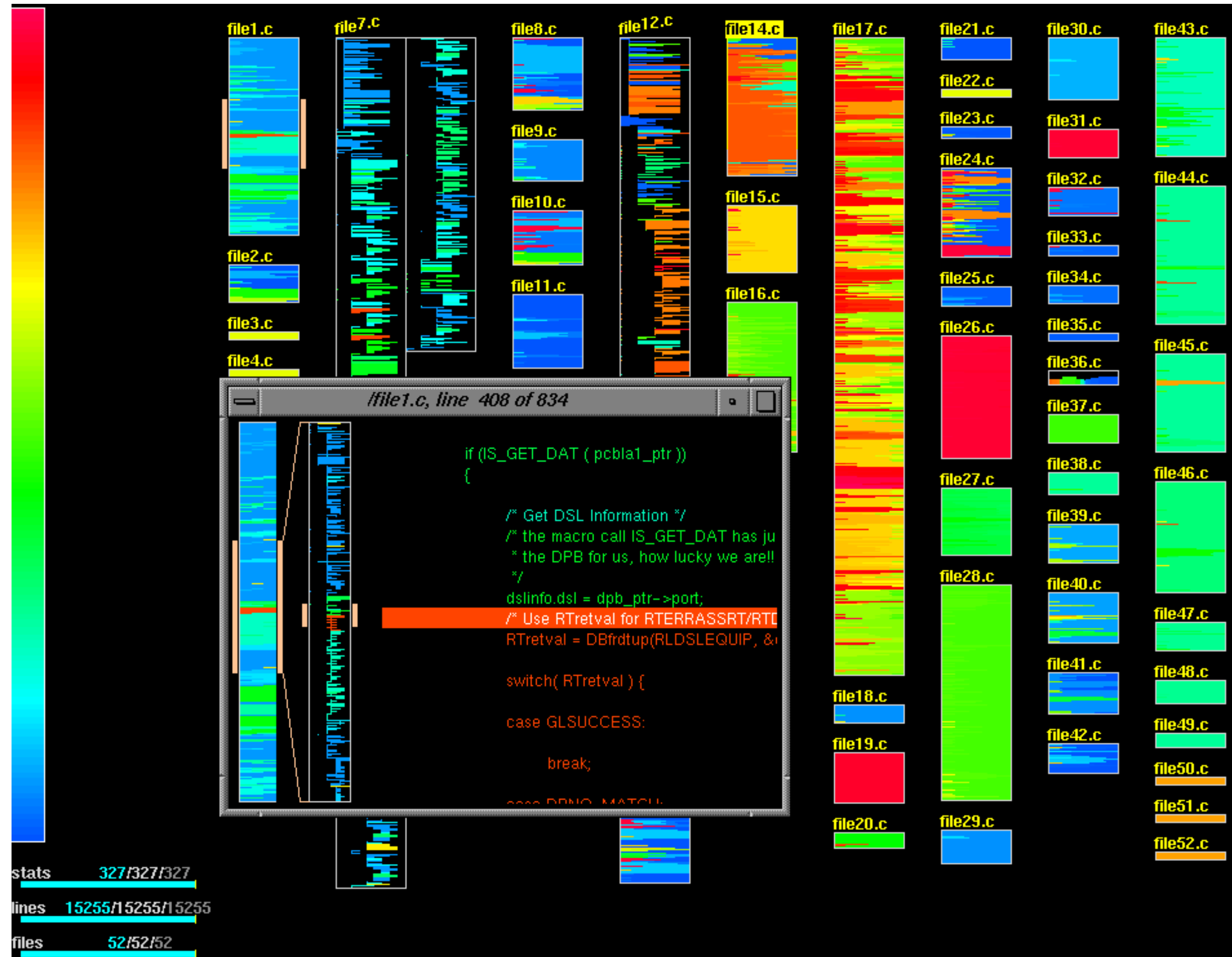
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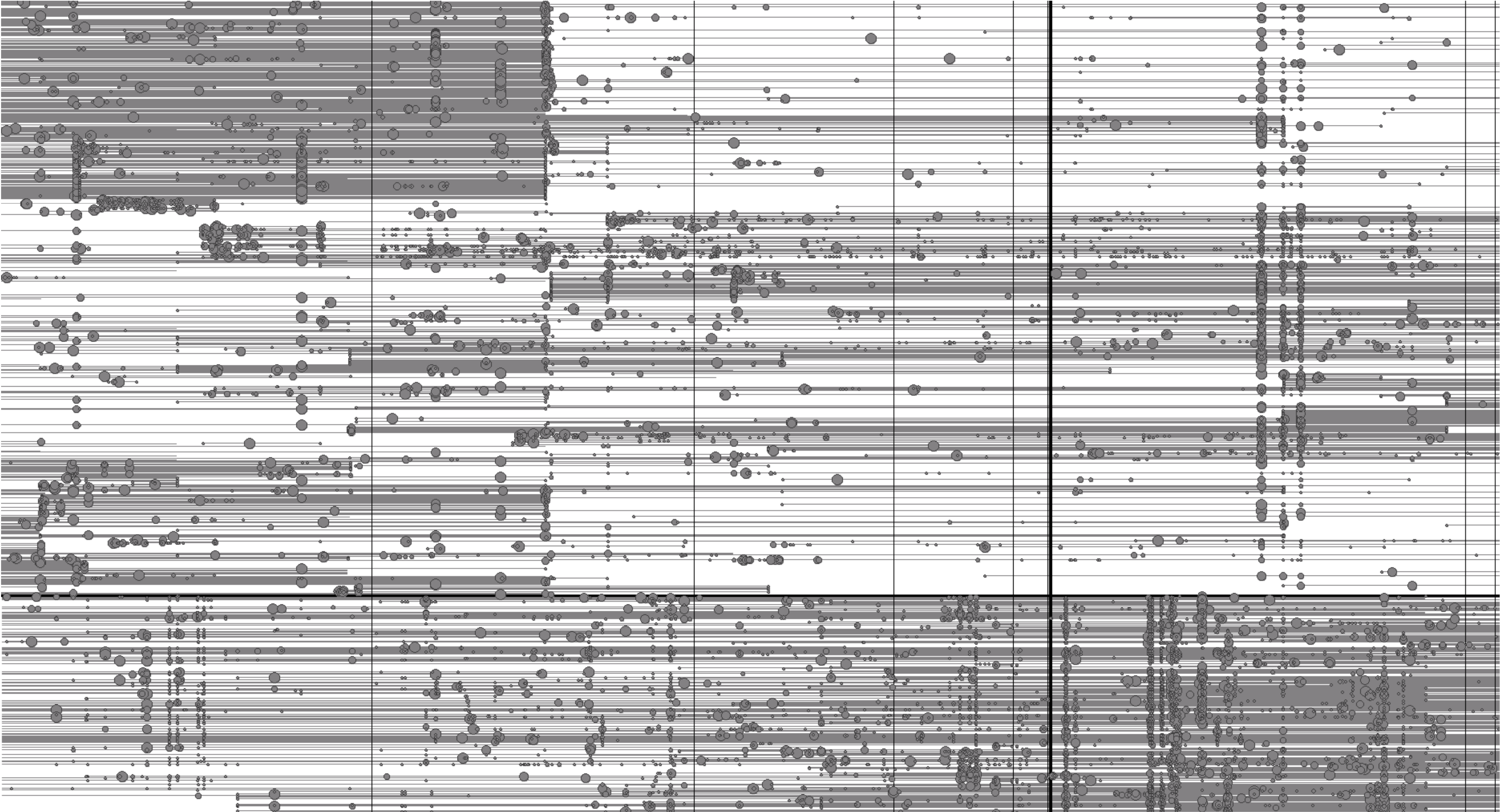
# SeeSoft mapped time on color to visualize churn



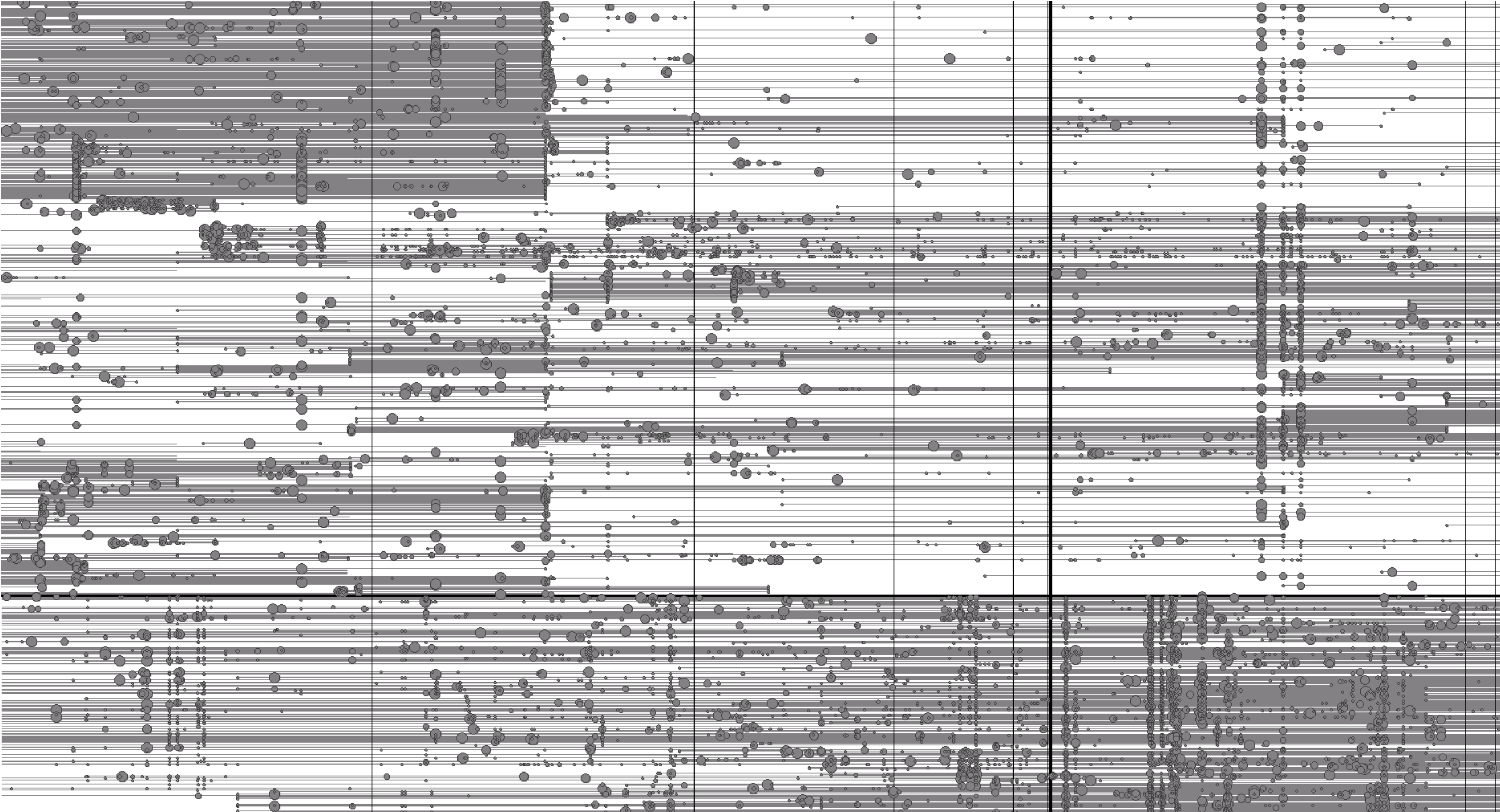
The Seesoft system maps **each line of code into a thin row**. The color of each row indicates a statistic of interest, e.g., **red rows are those most recently changed**, and **blue are those least recently changed**



# Mapping evolution on space (the x-axis)

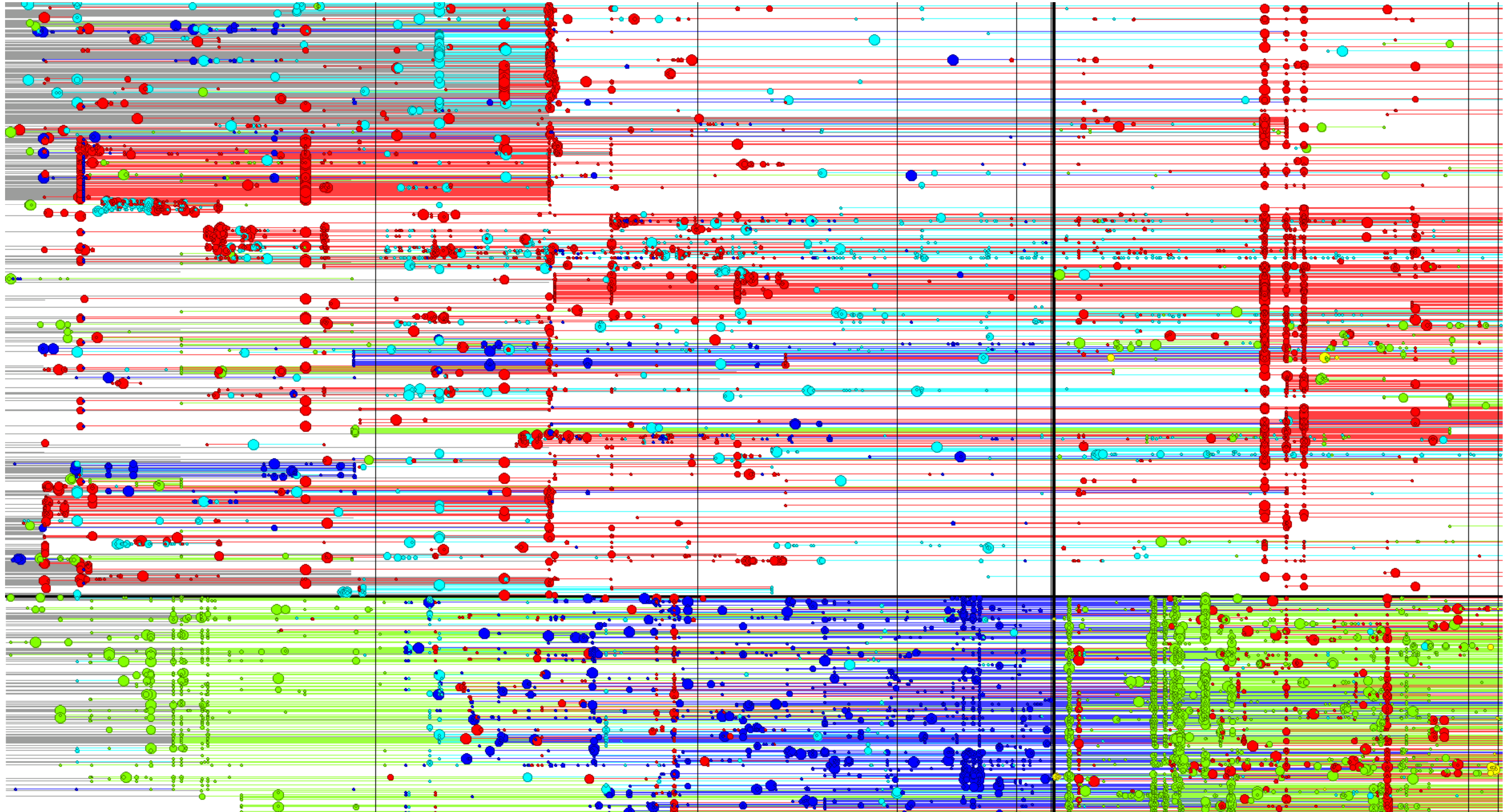


# Y-axis represents individual files sorted alphabetically

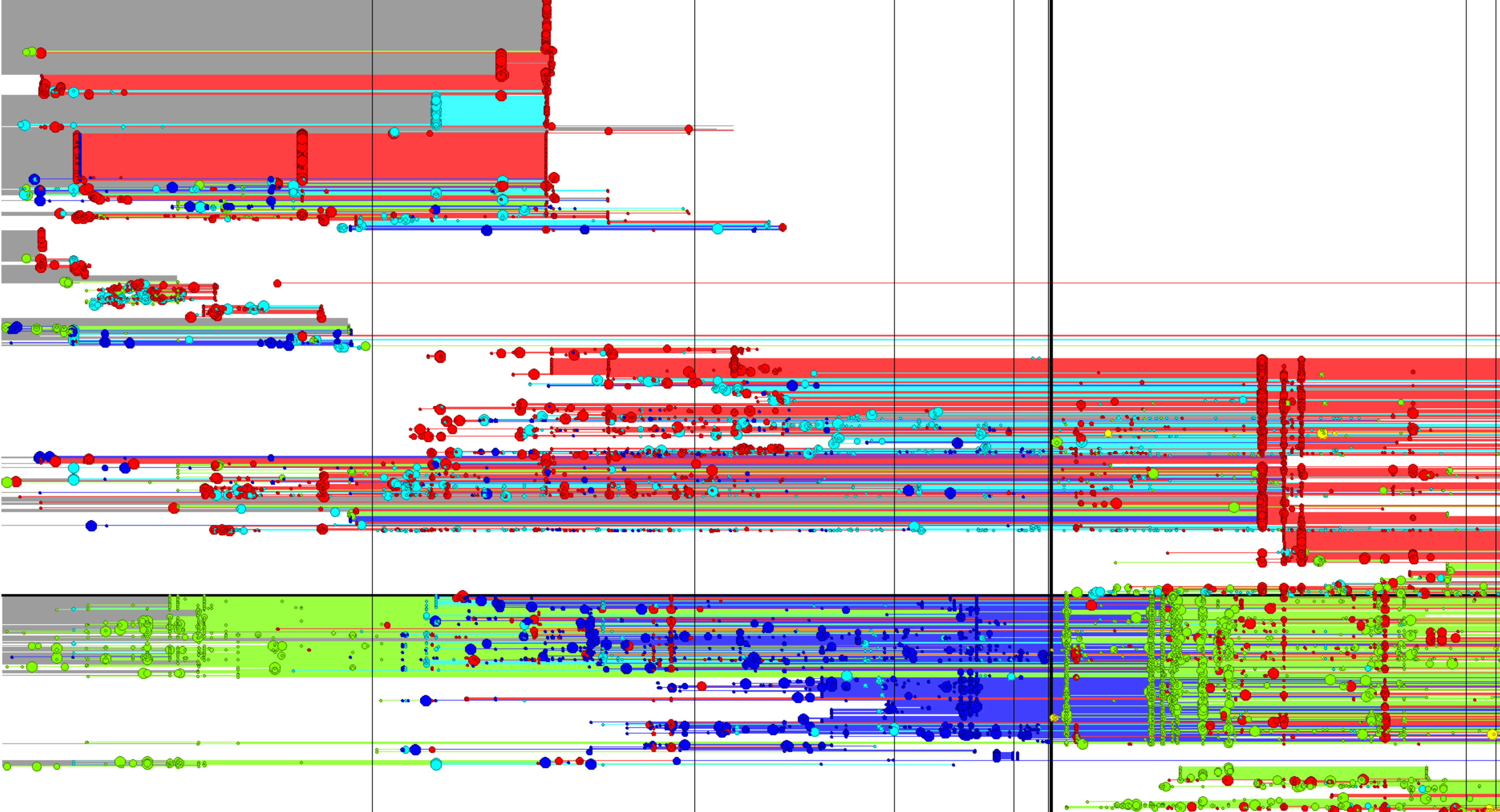




# Map authors on colors and kill alphabetical order

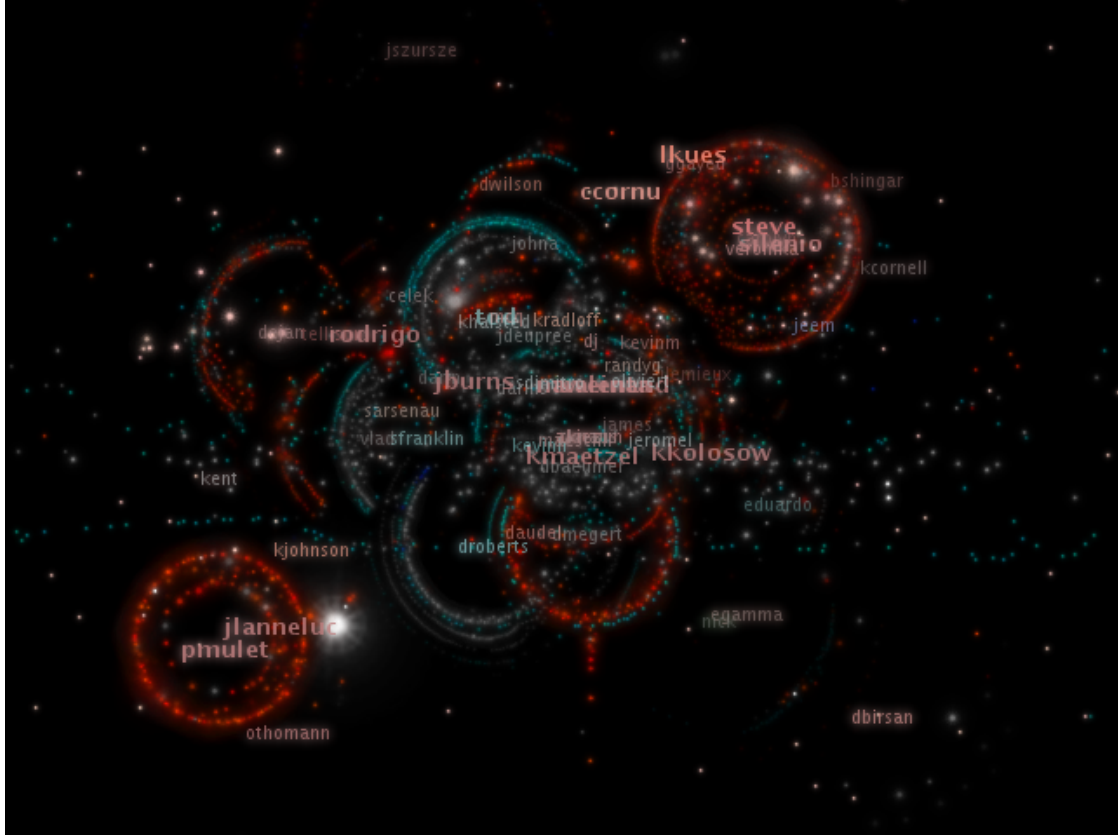


# Alphabetical order must die (J. Nielsen)

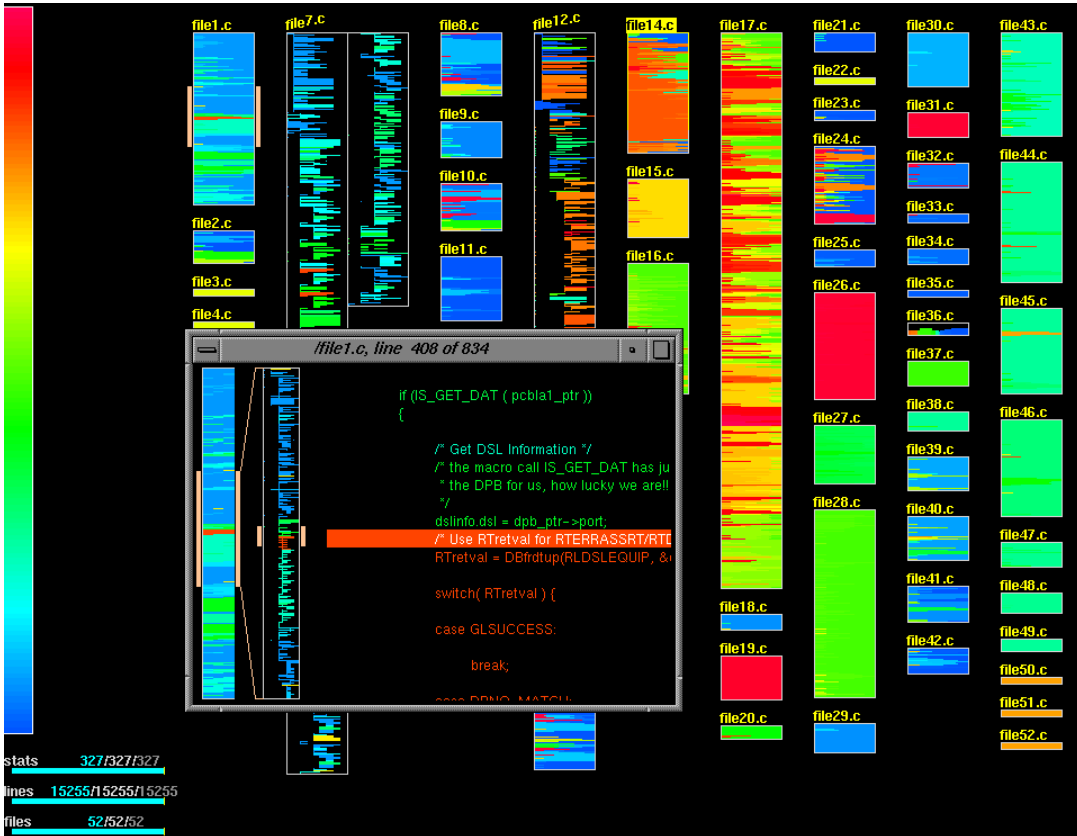




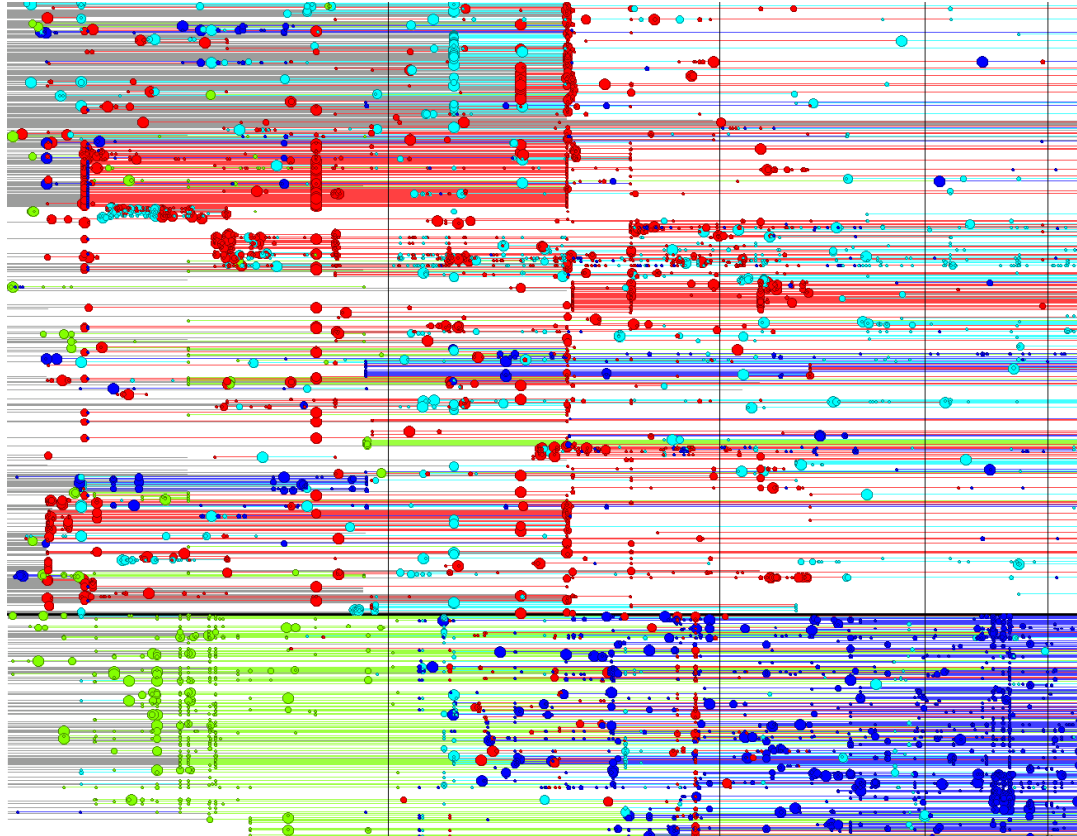
# System evolution can be mapped on



time



color



space

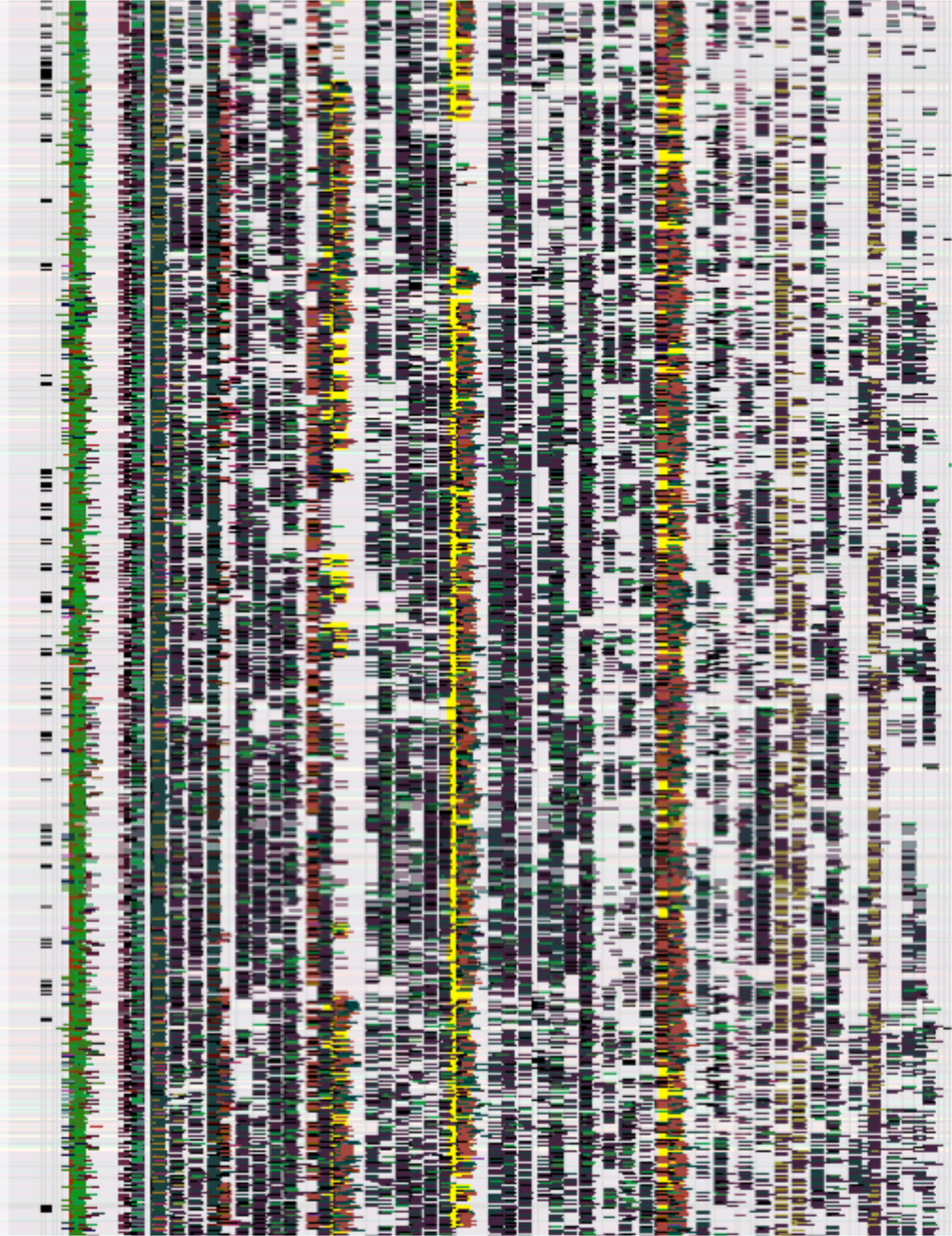
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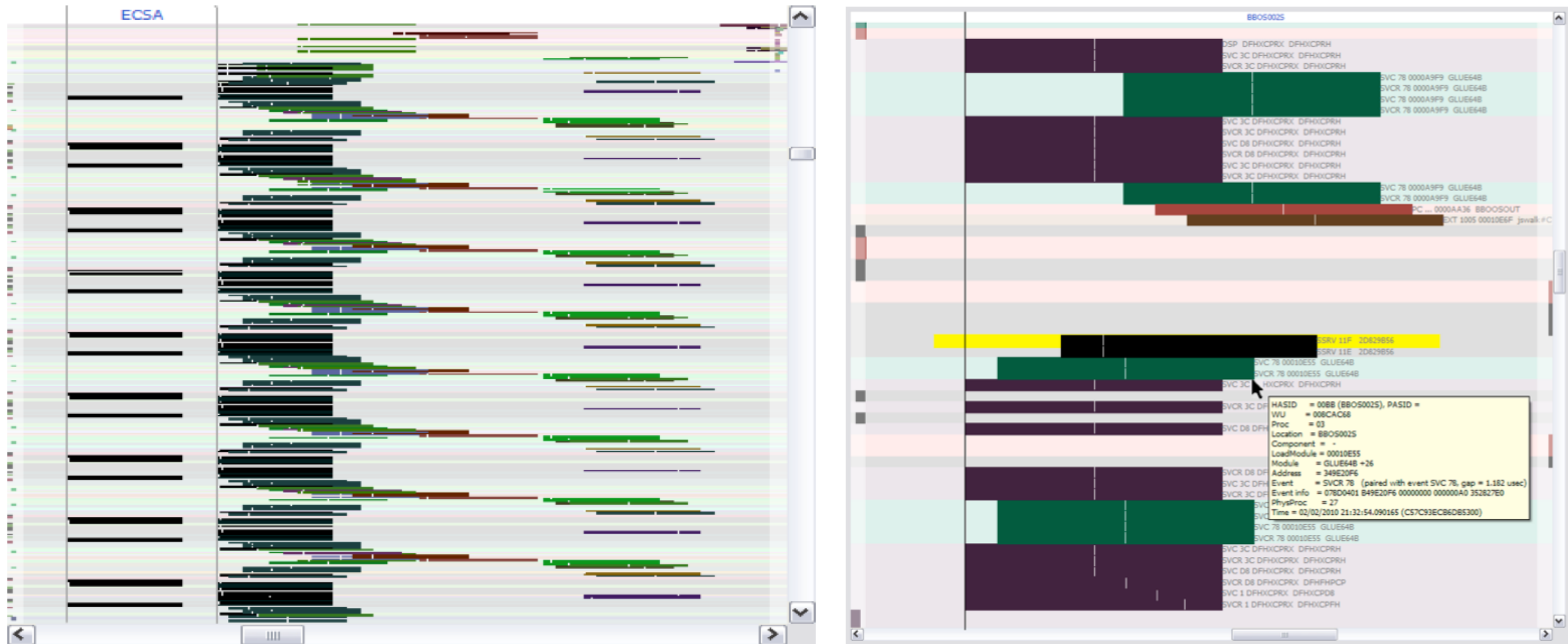


**Zinsight** is a visualization of large event traces using a *pixel based* representation





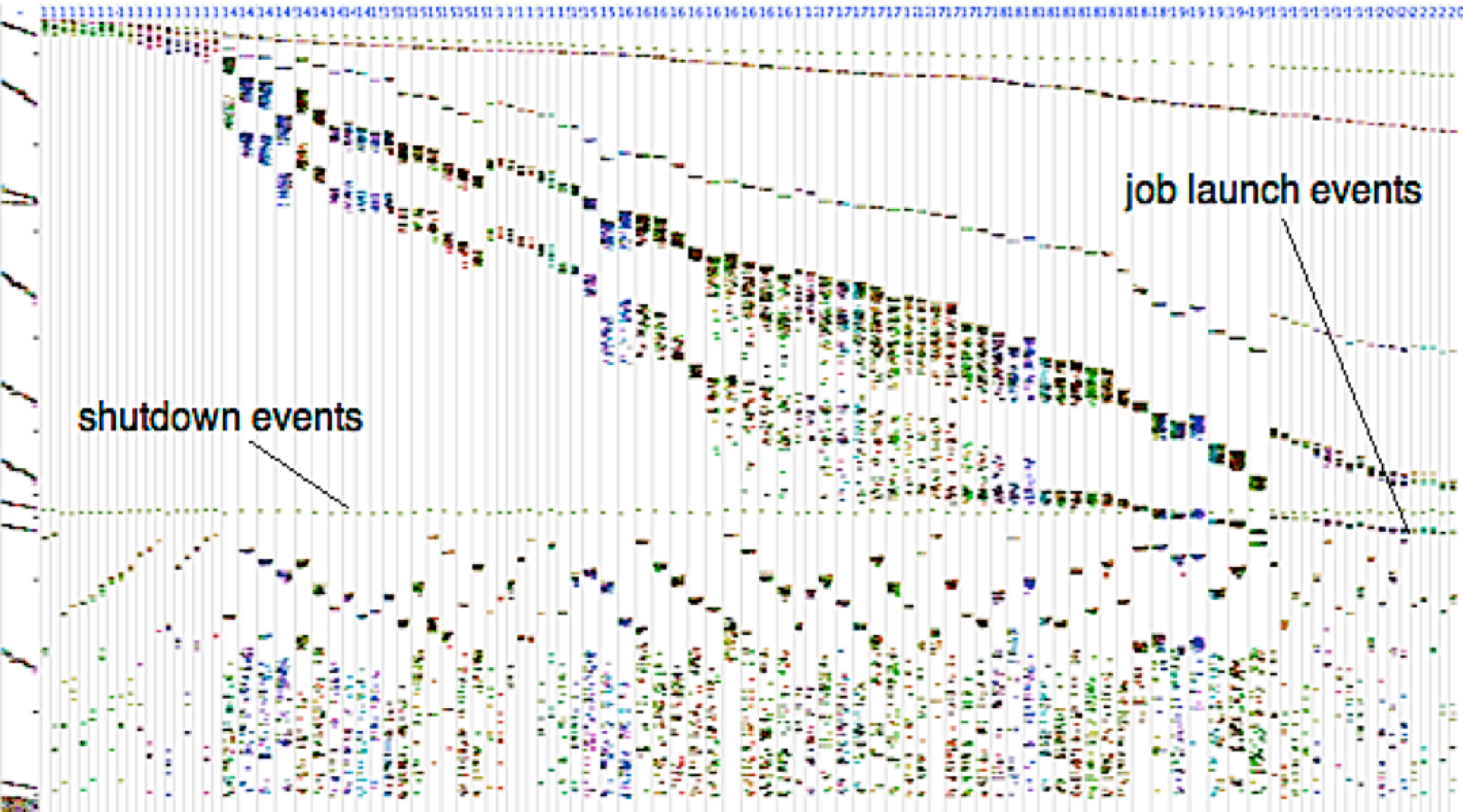
# Massively reliant on visual pattern recognition and interactivity



Semantic Zooming



# Visual detection of bugs



# Present and Future of Software Visualization

> **Novel interaction techniques**



# Present and Future of Software Visualization






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☆ #general

Start of conversation


February 15, 2017


 **stefan** Admin 7:00 PM  
Has joined the channel.


February 17, 2017


 **Sofia** 8:15 PM  
Has joined the channel.

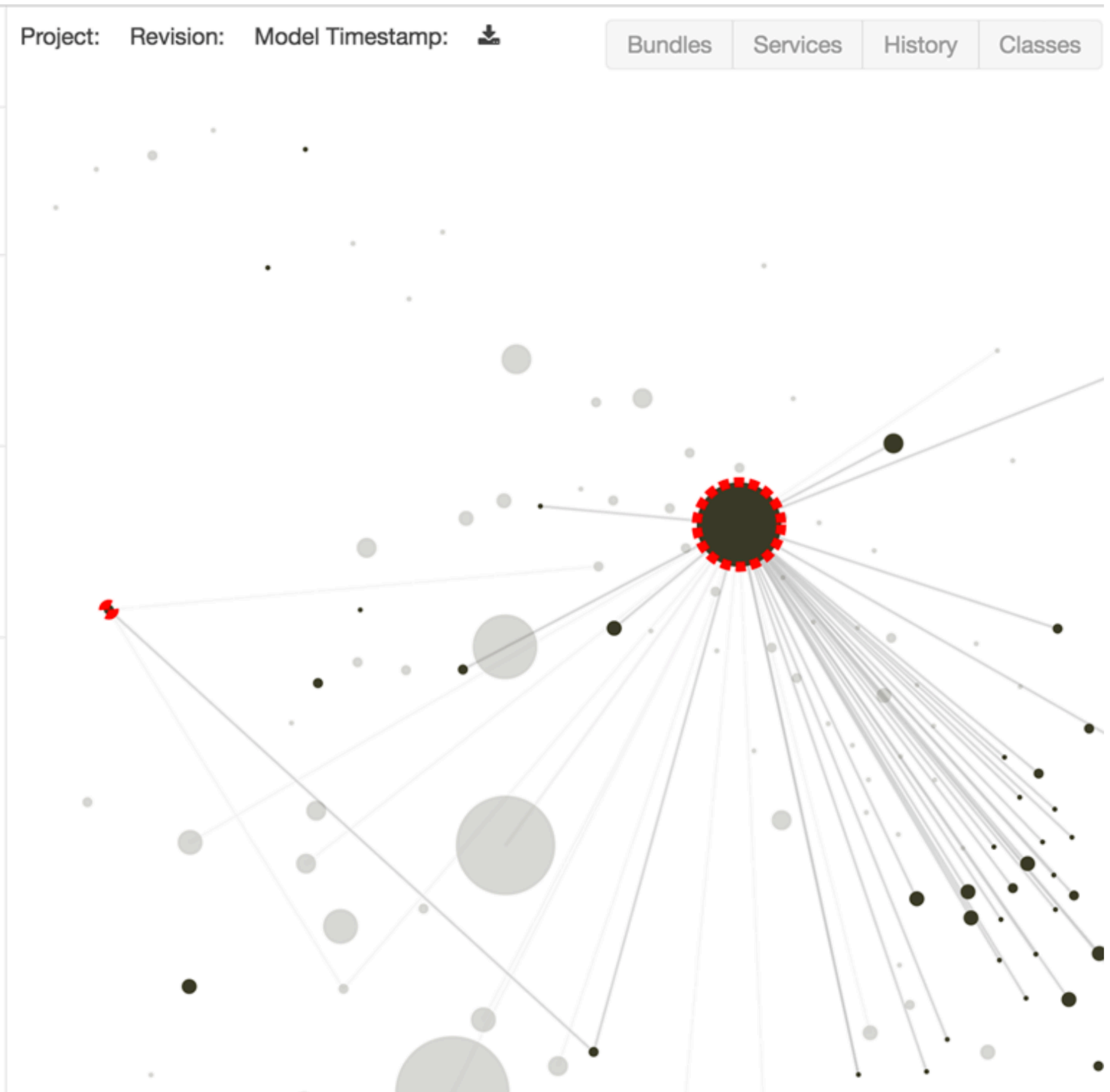
June 21, 2017

 **Bob** 10:06 AM  
Has joined the channel.

 **stefan** Admin 10:07 AM  
I've got a bug (see ticket) that relates to the login function. Did anybody know where I should start to looking for a potential solution?

 **Bob** 10:08 AM  
Oh year you should look into the login bundle and maybe also into the gui bundle

 **stefan** Admin 10:09 AM  
Okay thanks, I will look into the code 😊



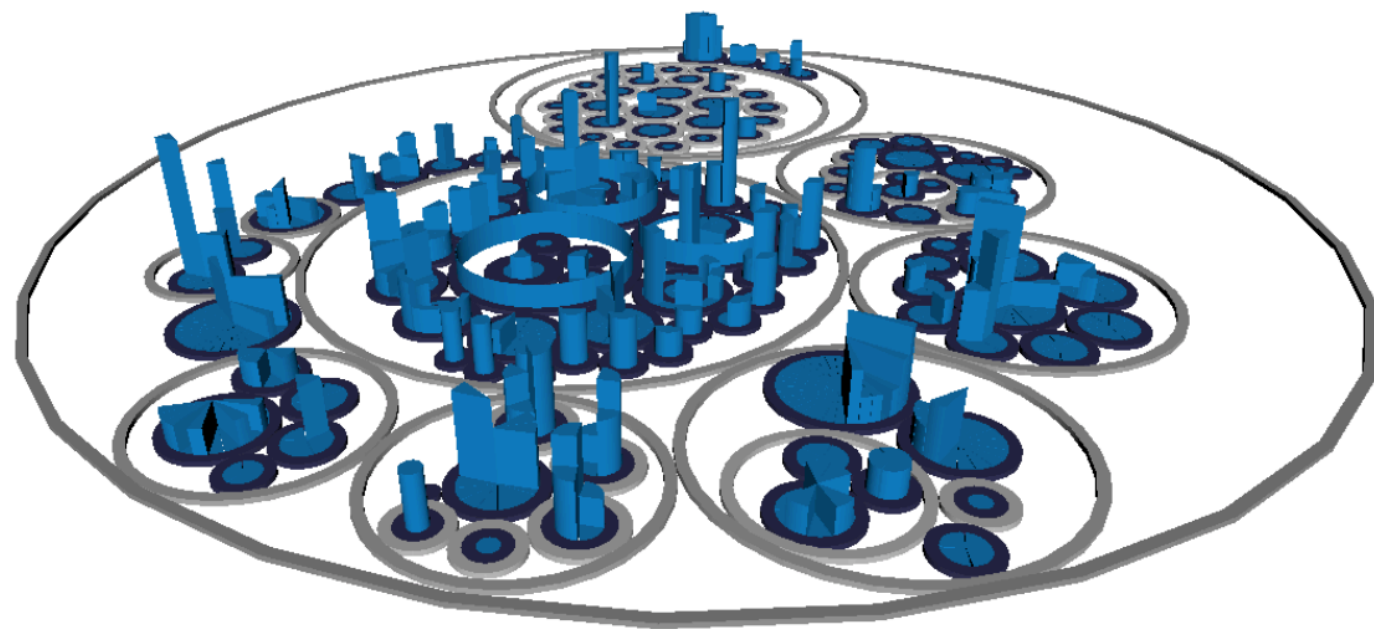


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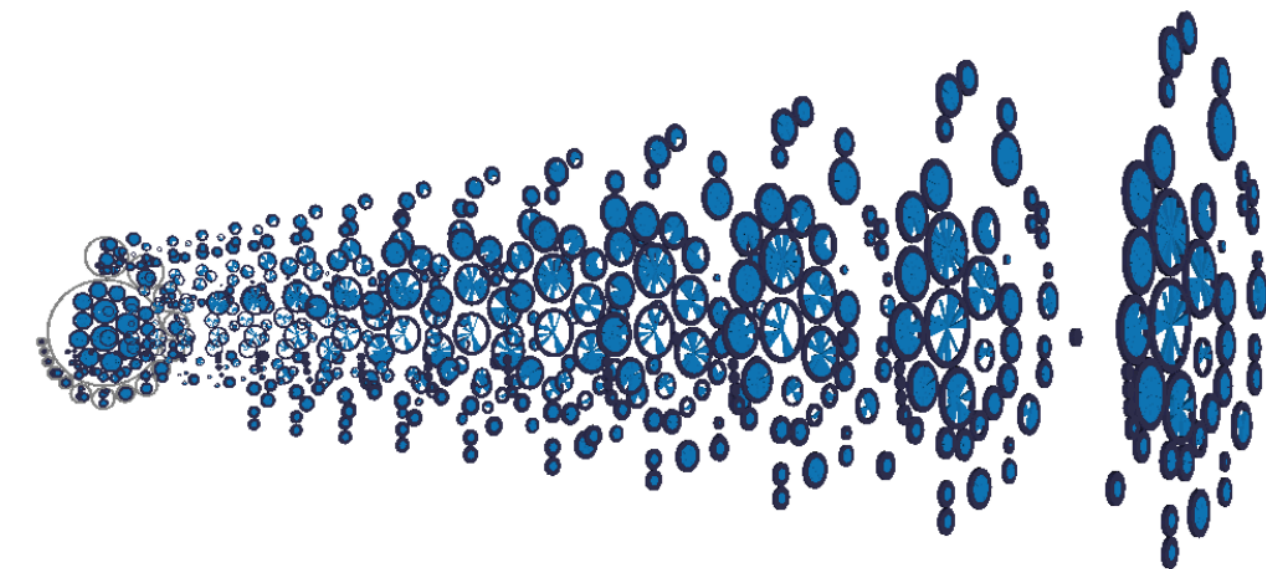
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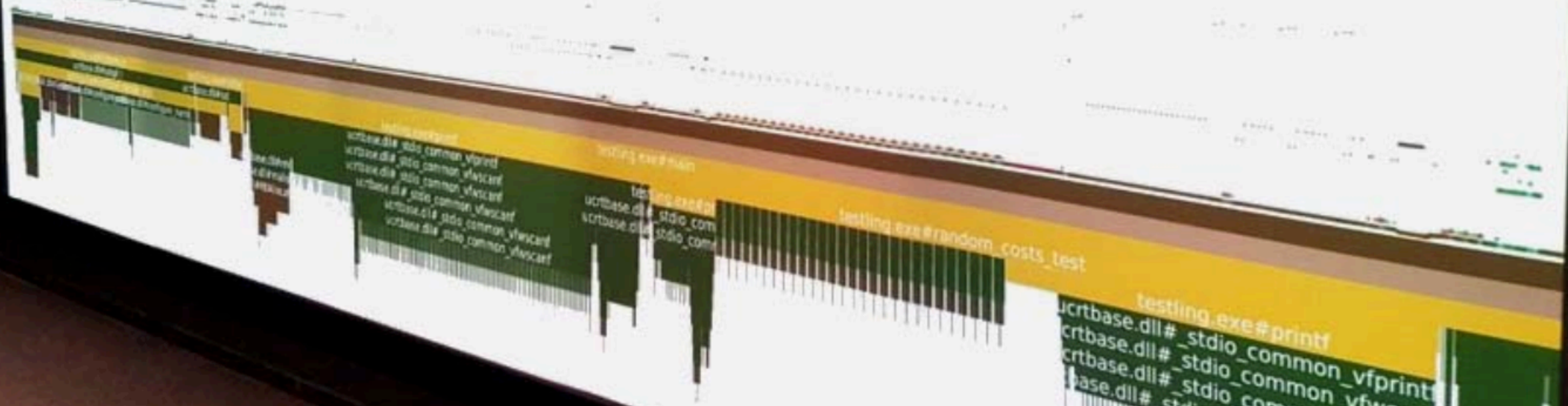
Evolution

Baum, D., Schilbach, J., Kovacs, P., Eisenecker, U., & Müller, R. (2017, September). GETAVIZ: generating structural, behavioral, and evolutionary views of software systems for empirical evaluation. In *Software Visualization (VISSOFT), 2017 IEEE Working Conference on* (pp. 114-118). IEEE.



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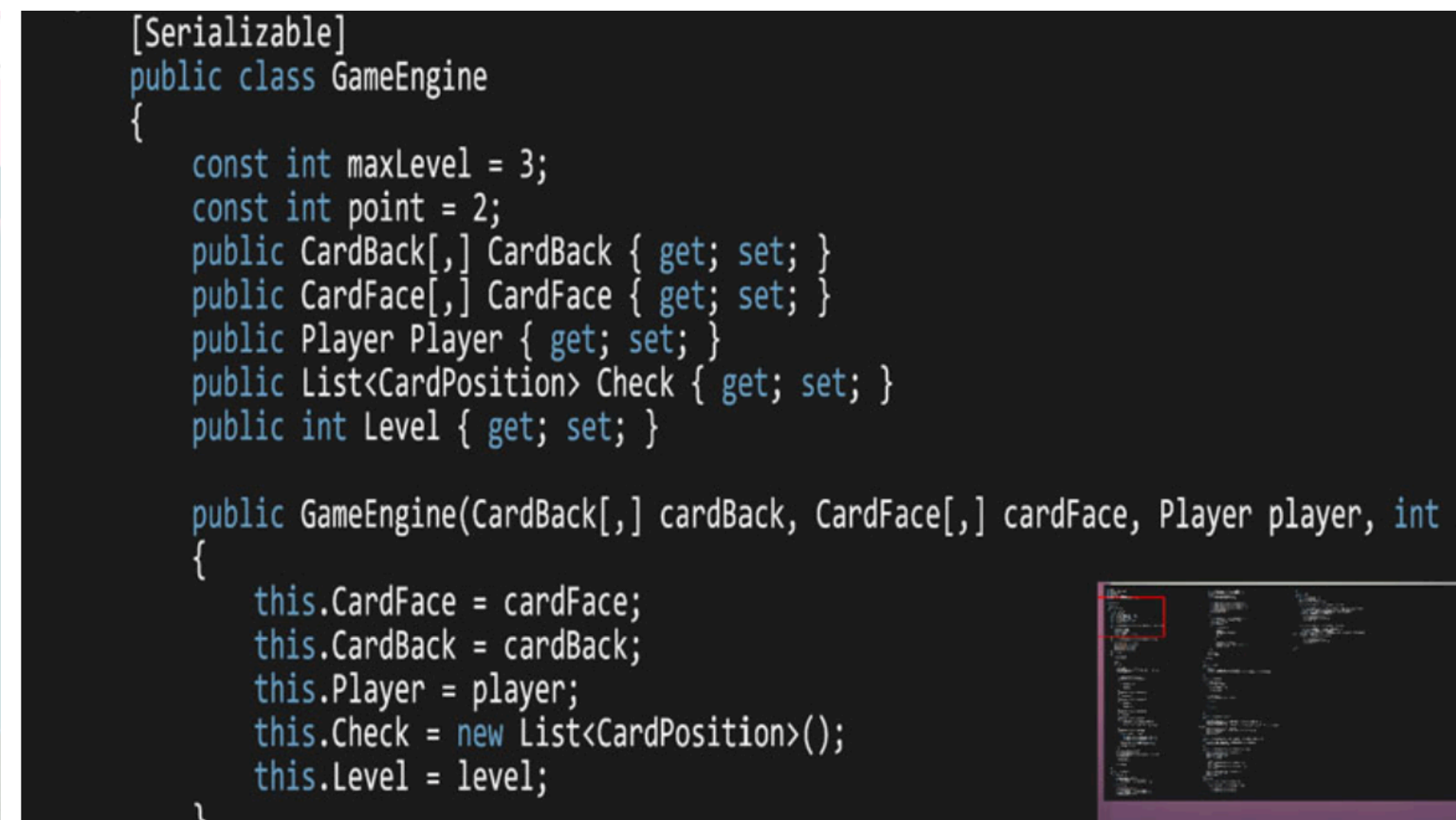
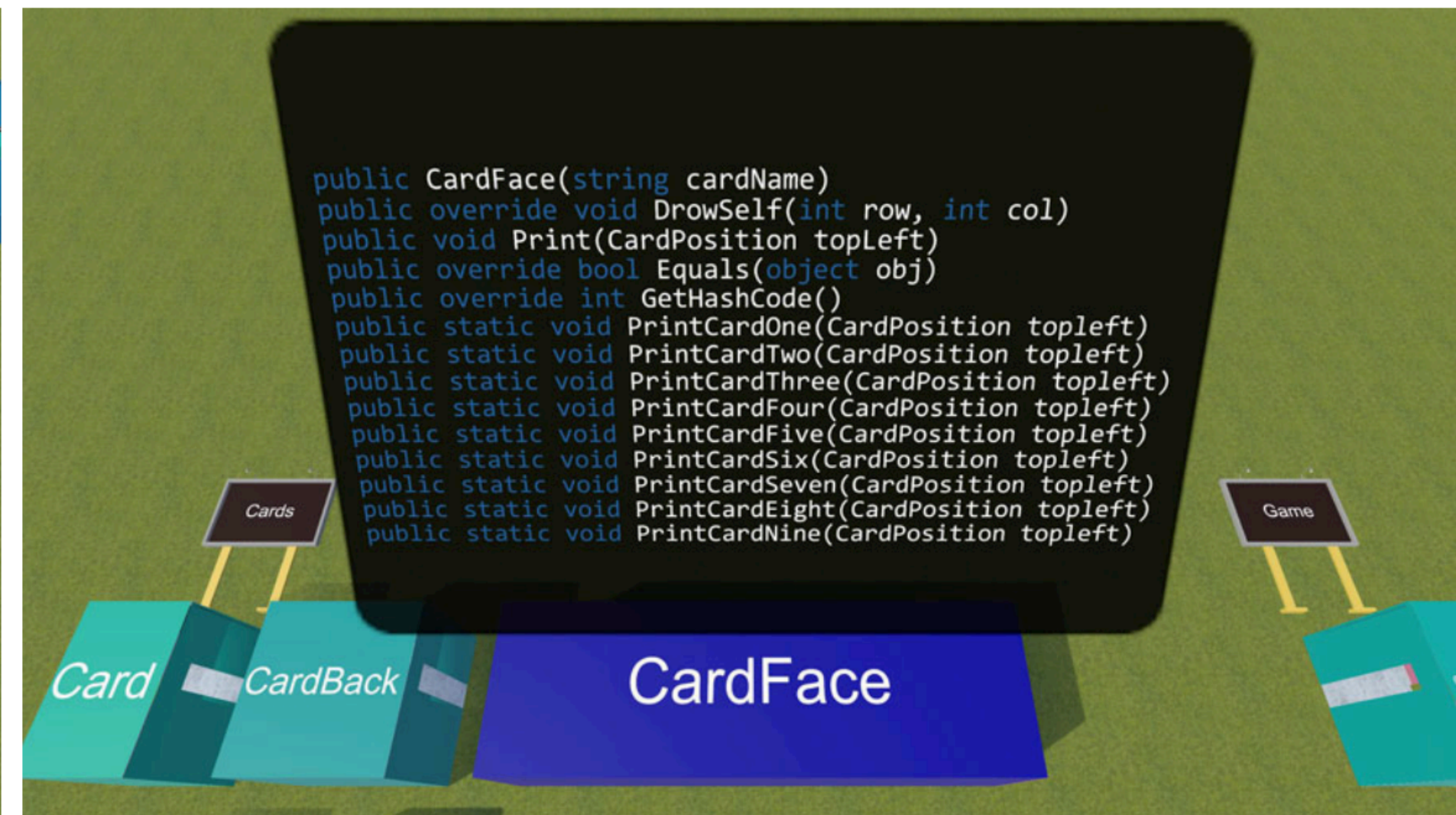
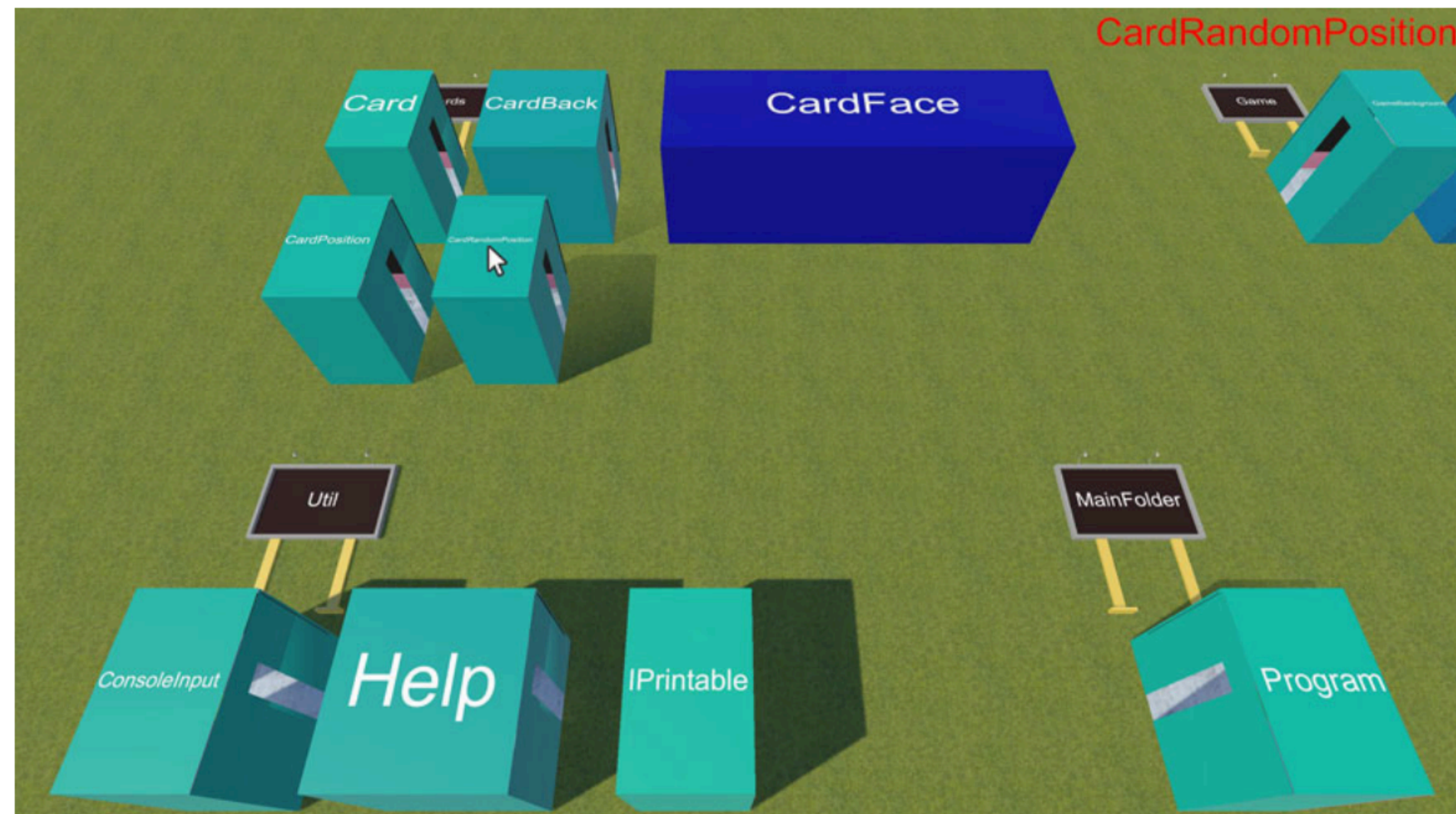


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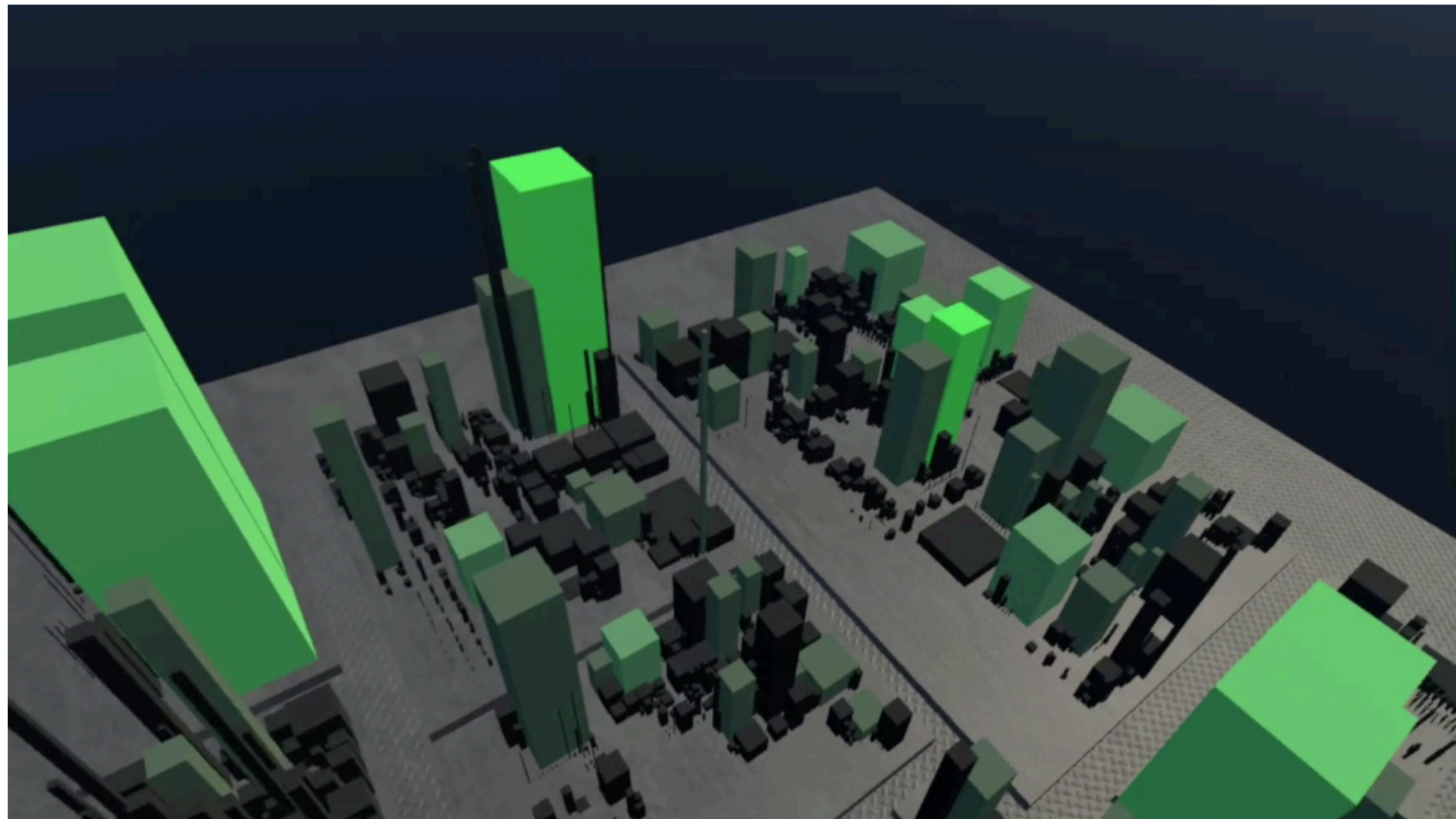
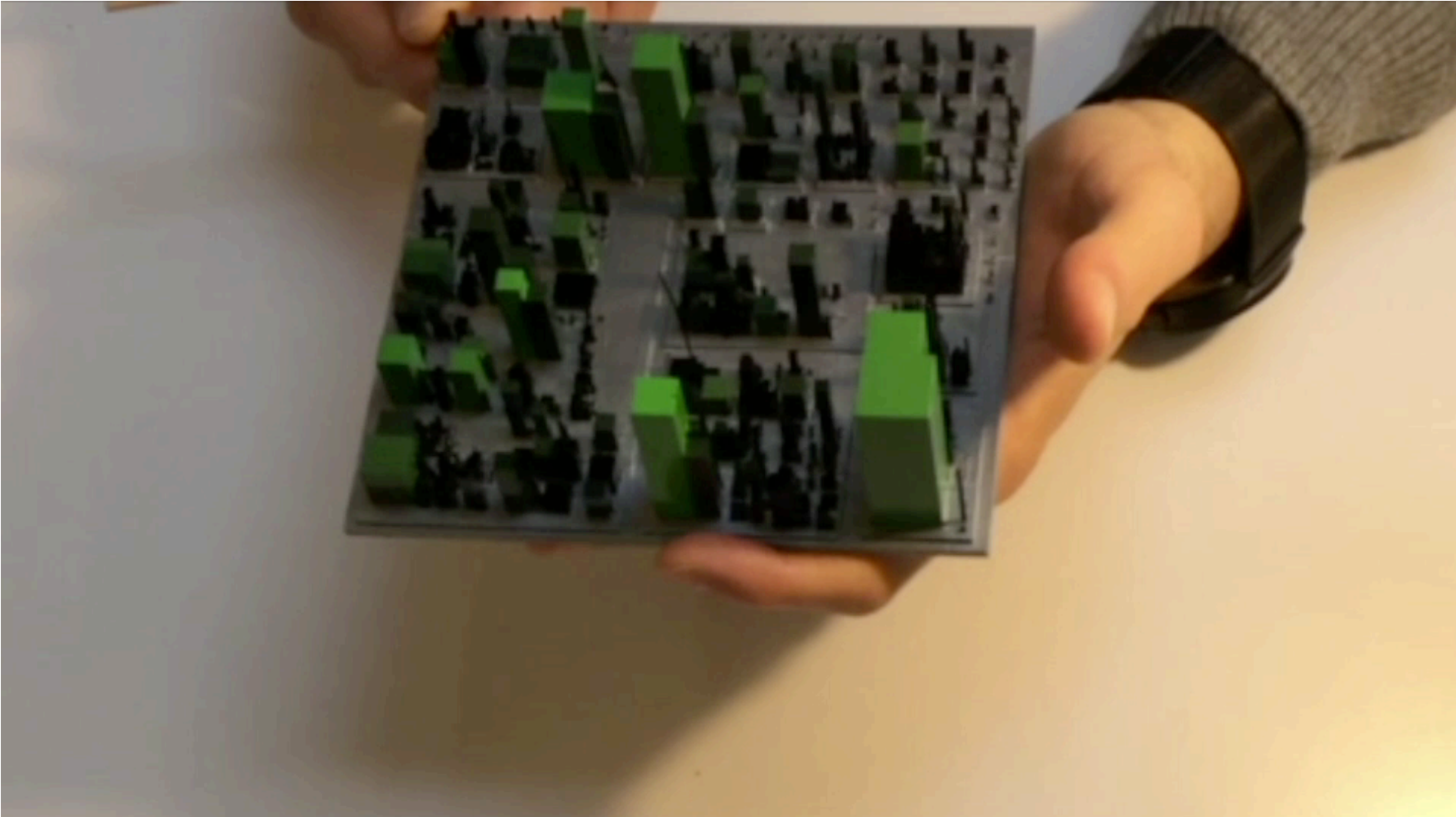
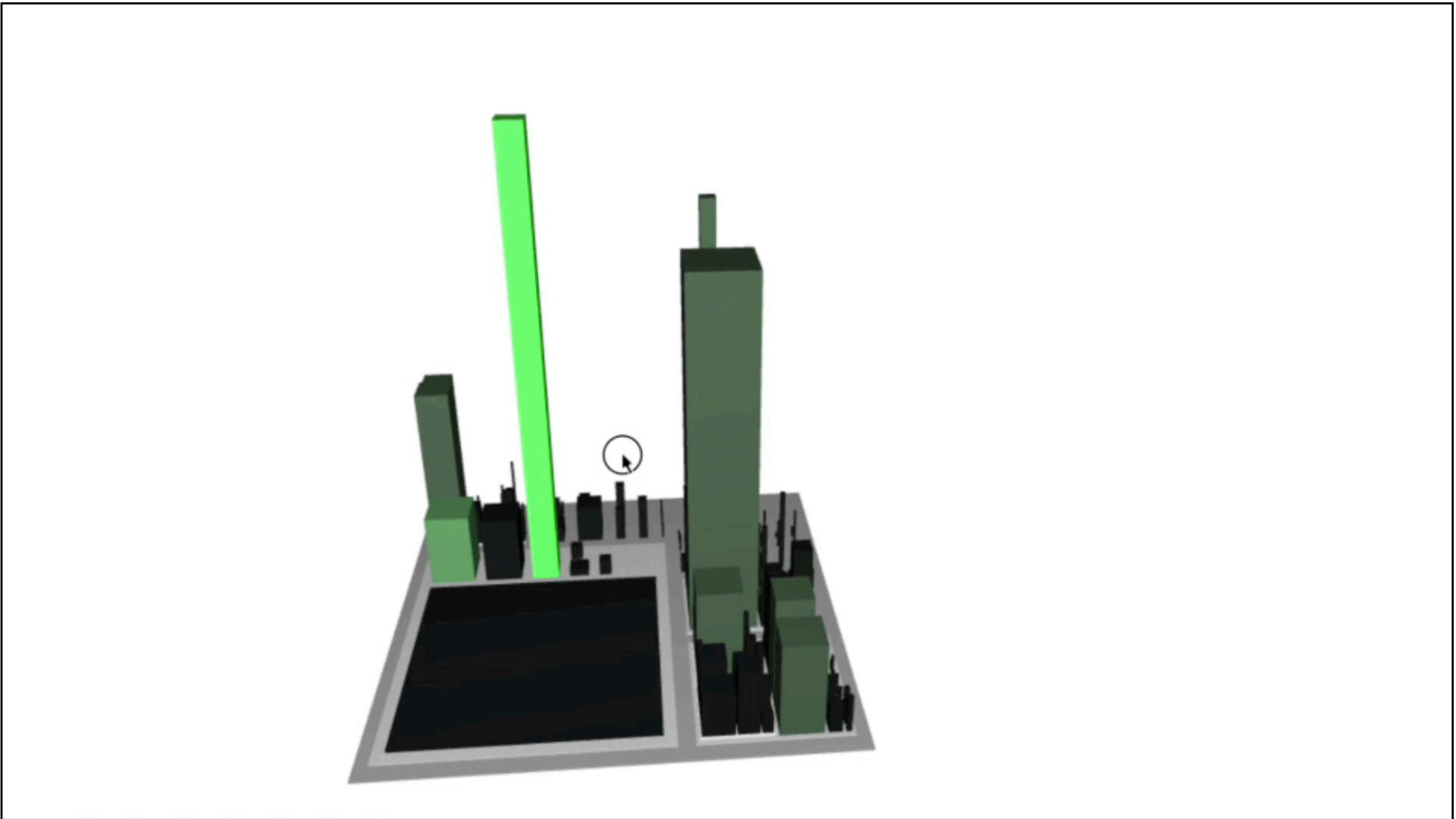


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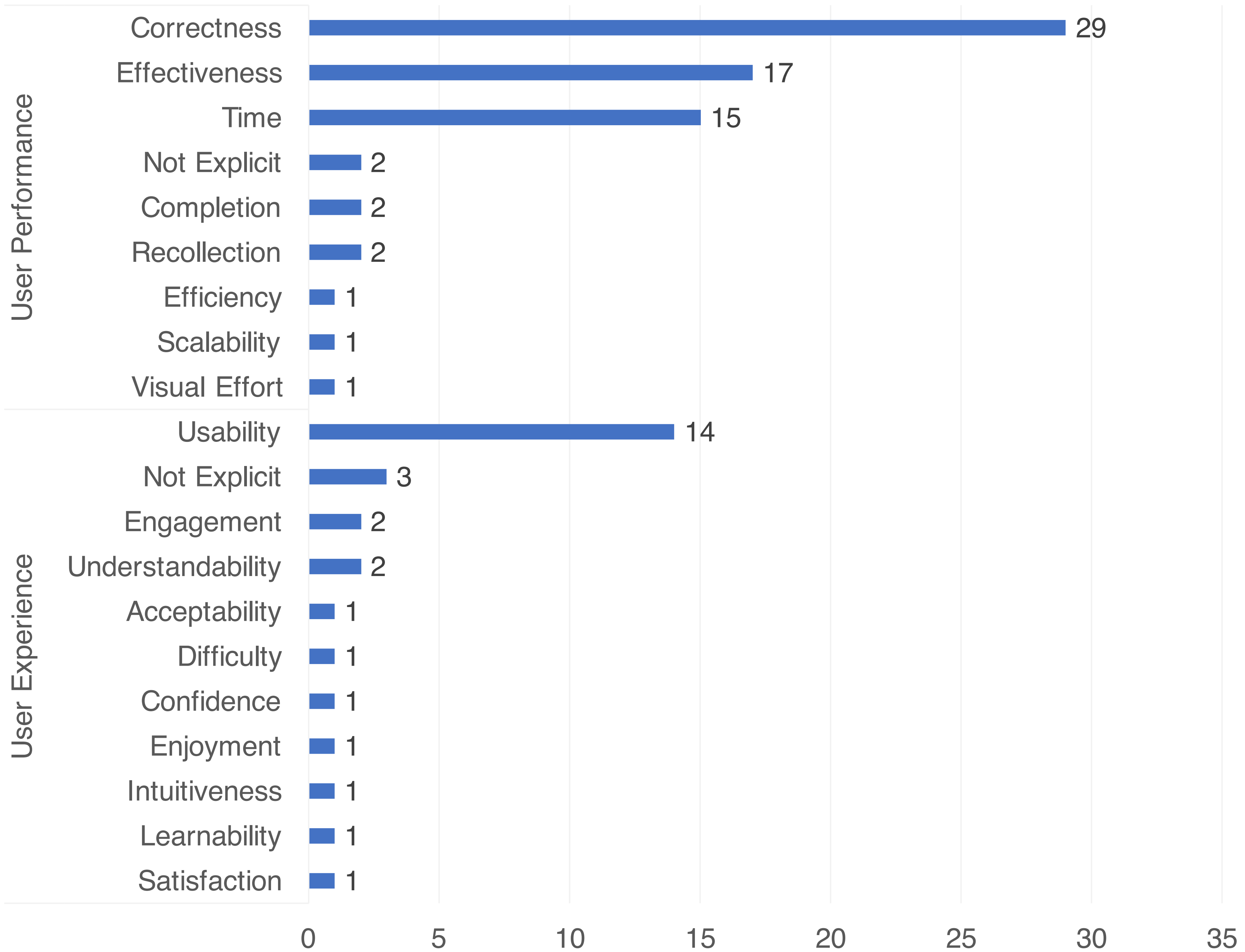
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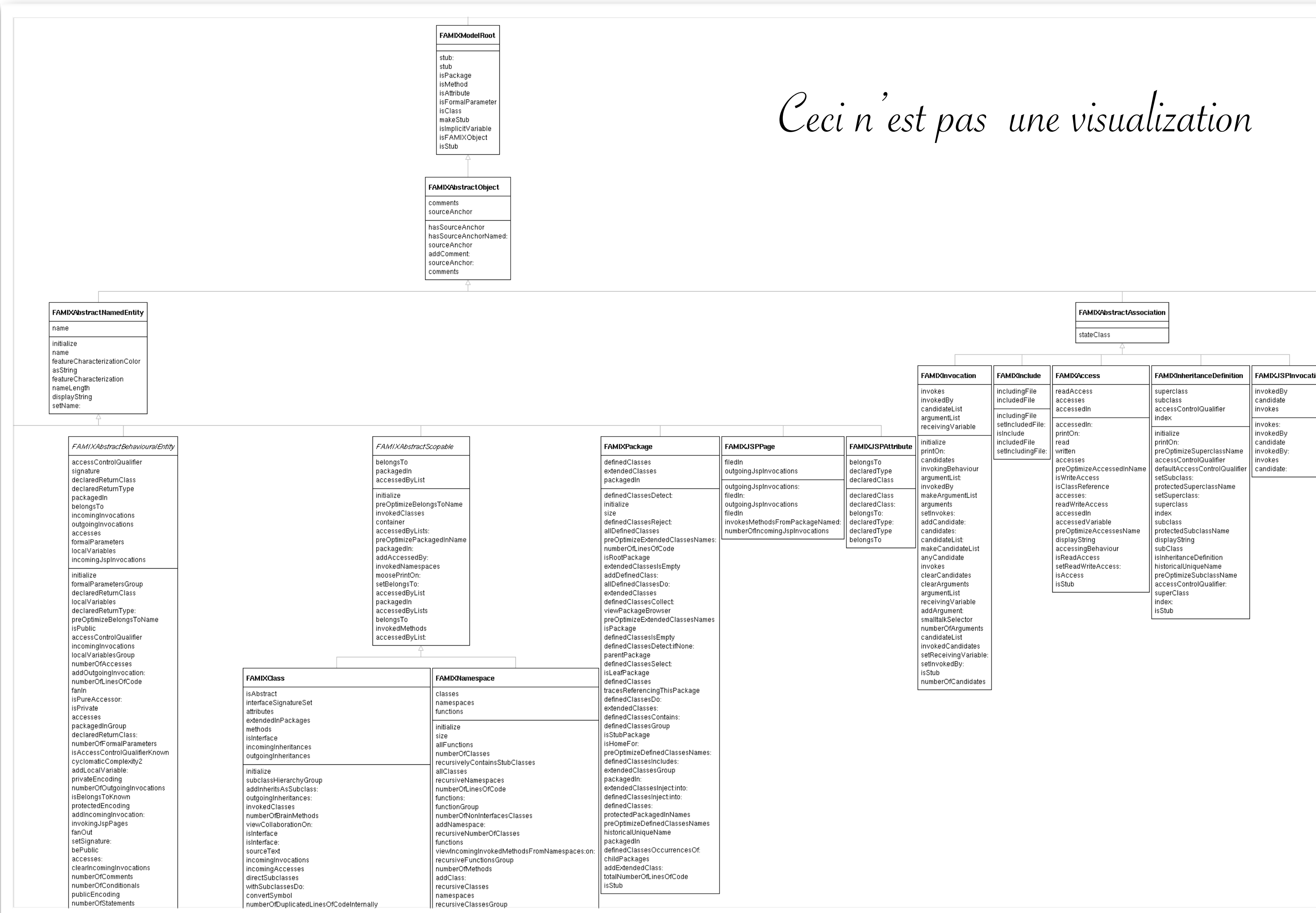
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# Inheritance

*Ceci n'est pas une visualisation*





# What you should know

- > What is pre-attentive processing?
- > What are the laws of Gestalt psychology?
- > What is information visualization?
- > Which aspects of software are usually visualized?
- > Which techniques allow to visualize software structure?
- > On what visualization features can we map evolution?
- > What kinds of problems can be solved with software visualization?



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