Storytelling with data

08 | Design mini-review; critiquing data-driven, visual narratives; encoding uncertainty, estimates, forecasts; pacing for attention

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Write memo pitching idea to Chief Analytics Officer
Present critique of exemplary information graphic
Build interactive graphics for Chief Marketing Officer to explore project and insights
Write critique of peer presentation
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Ideate a data analytics project addressing problem or opportunity for your audience
Write a project proposal to Chief Analytics Officer
Create information graphics of project and insights for an External Audience
Present project and insights to Chief Executive Officer
CONDUCT DATA ANALYSIS

design mini-review

design mini-review | aligning and organizing information reduces cognitive load — *grids*

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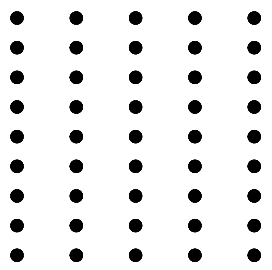

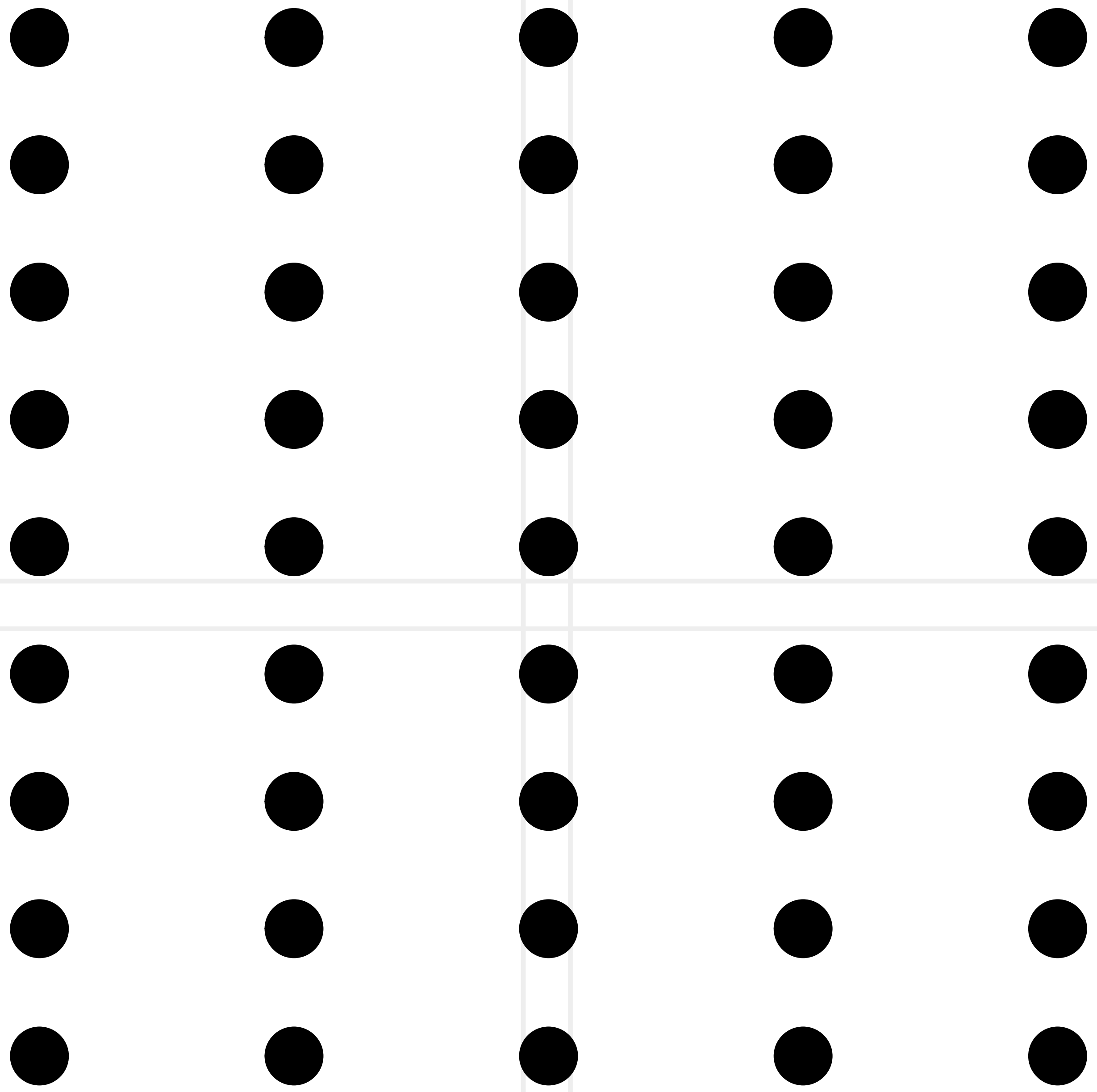

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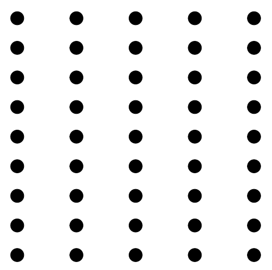

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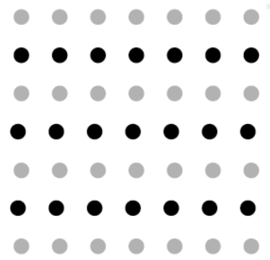

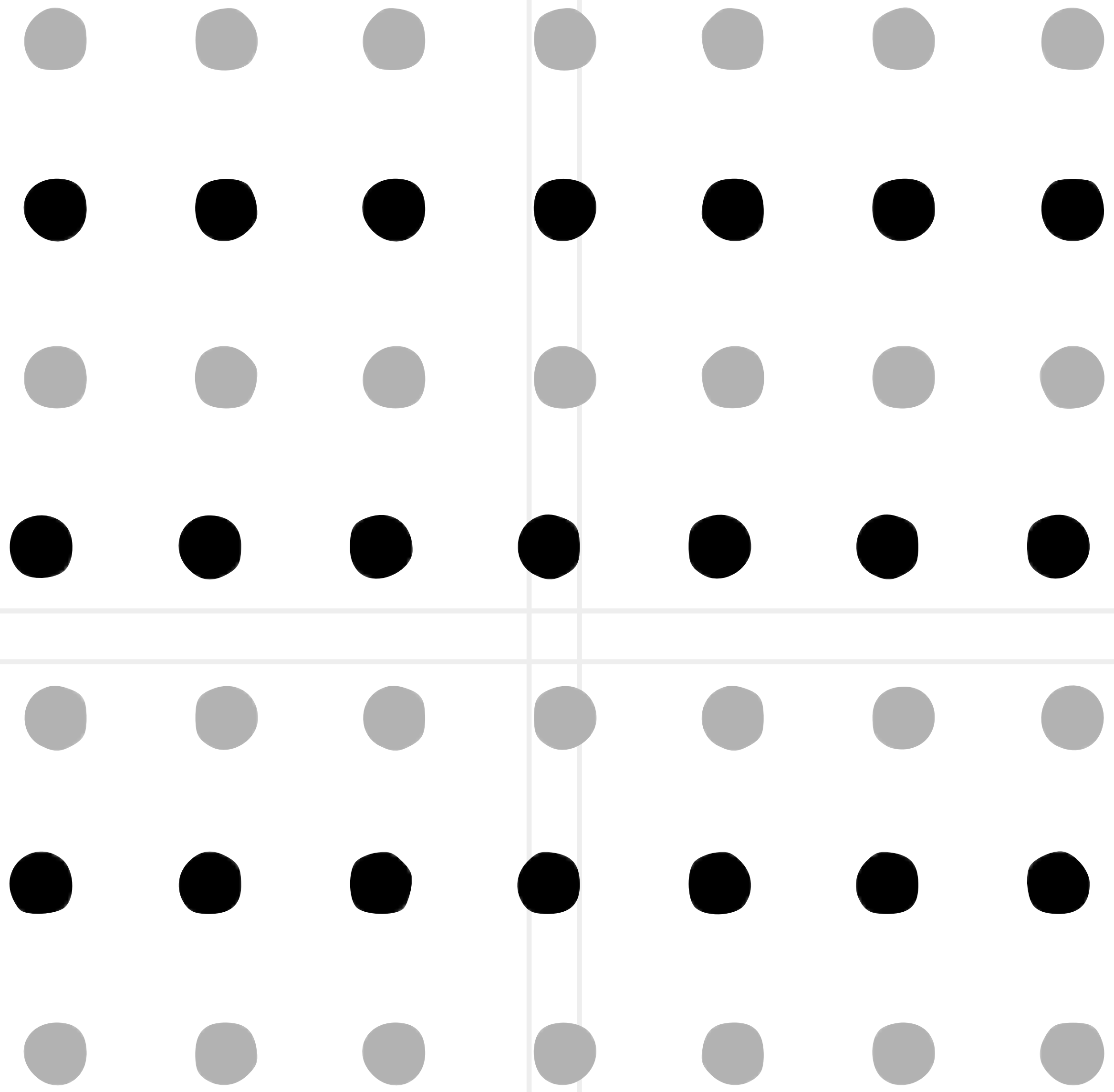

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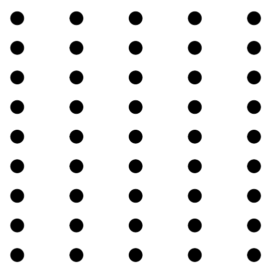

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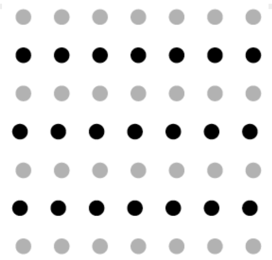

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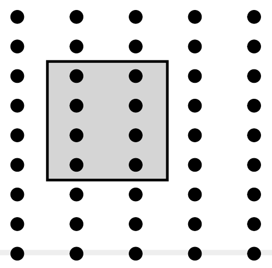

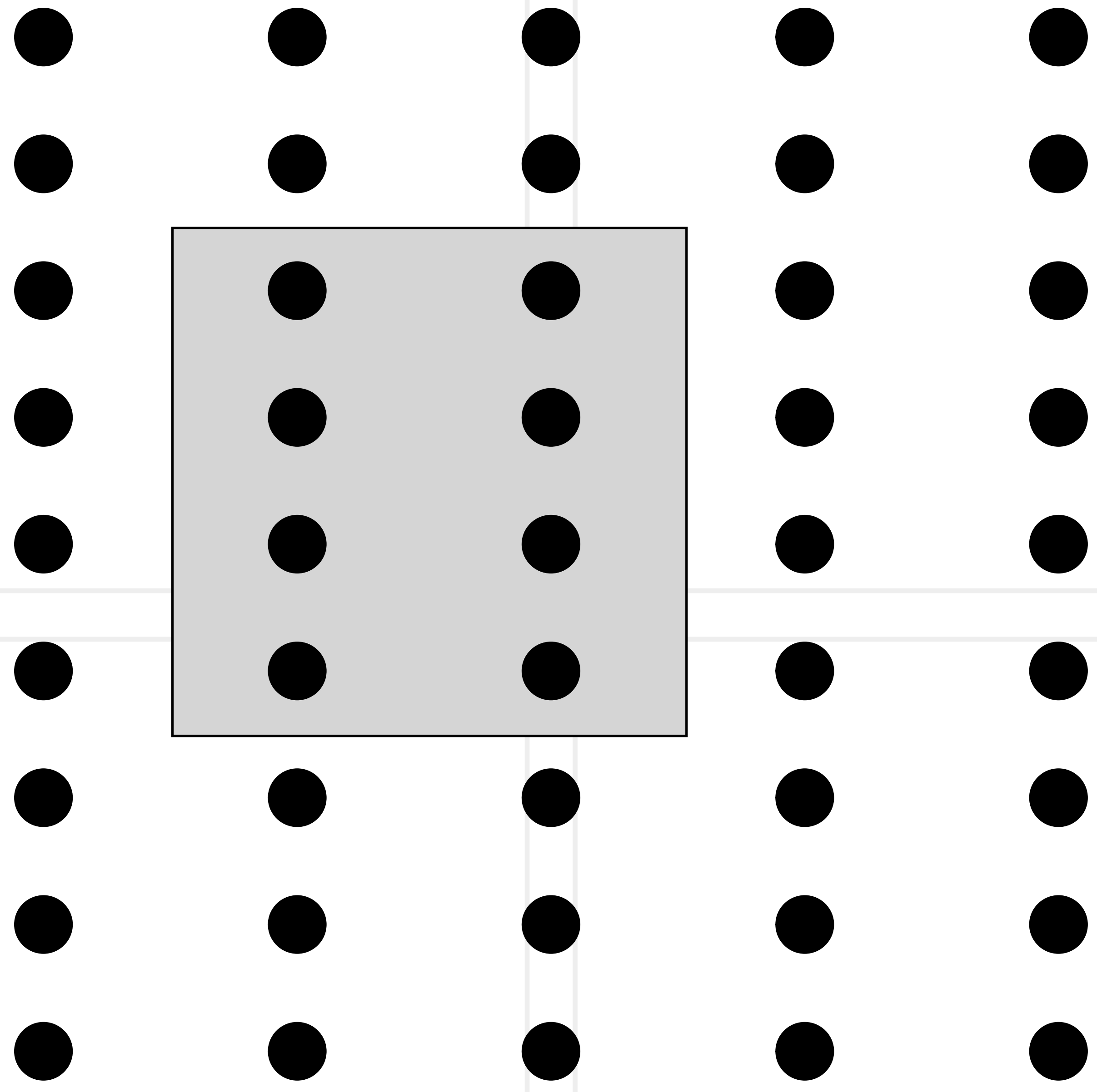

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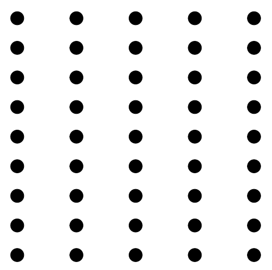

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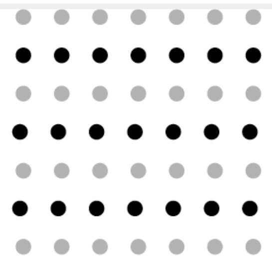

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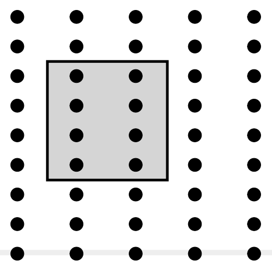

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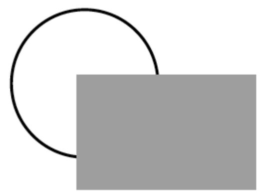

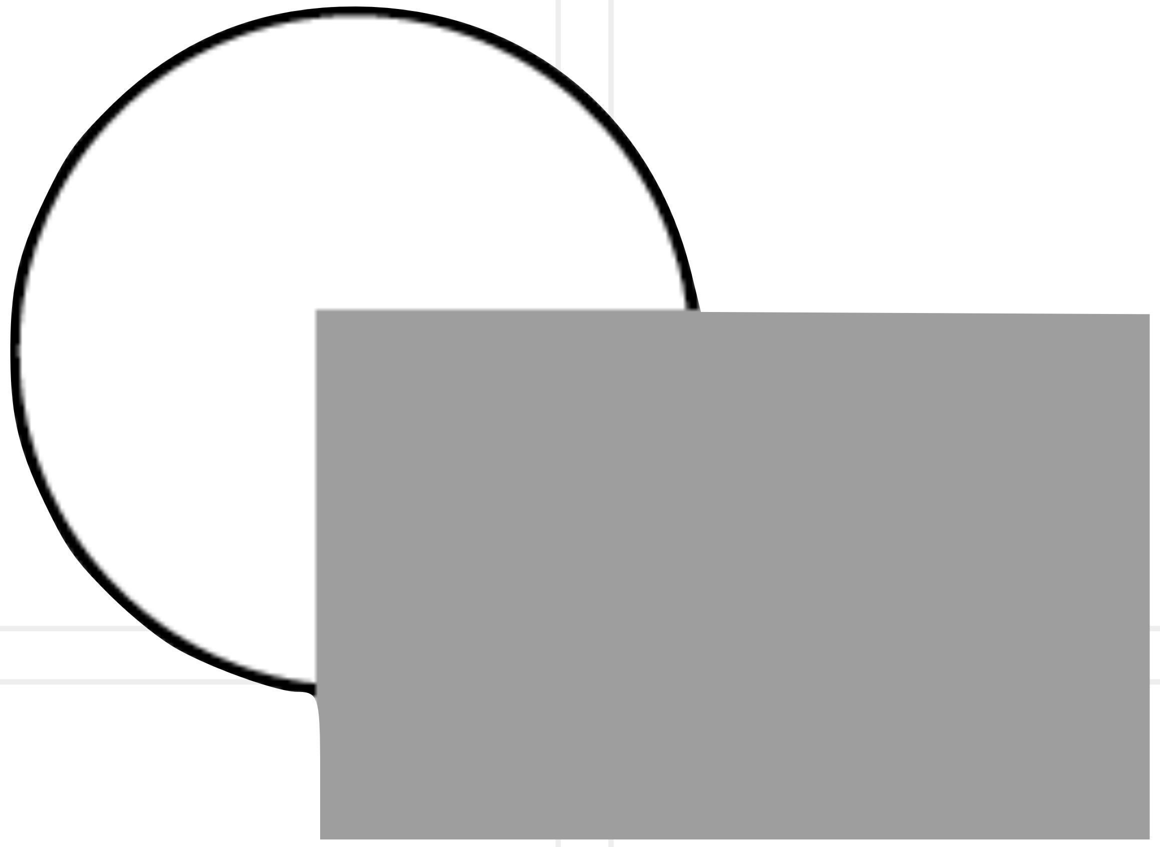

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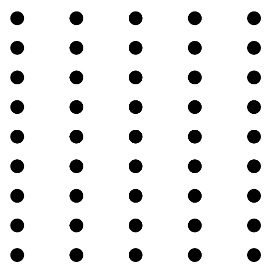

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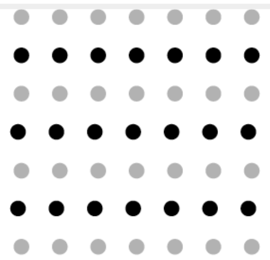

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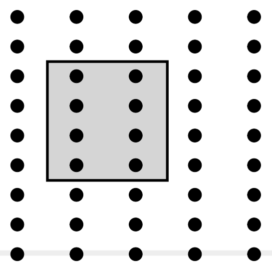

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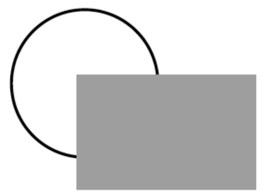

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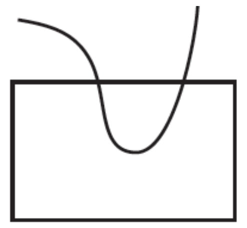

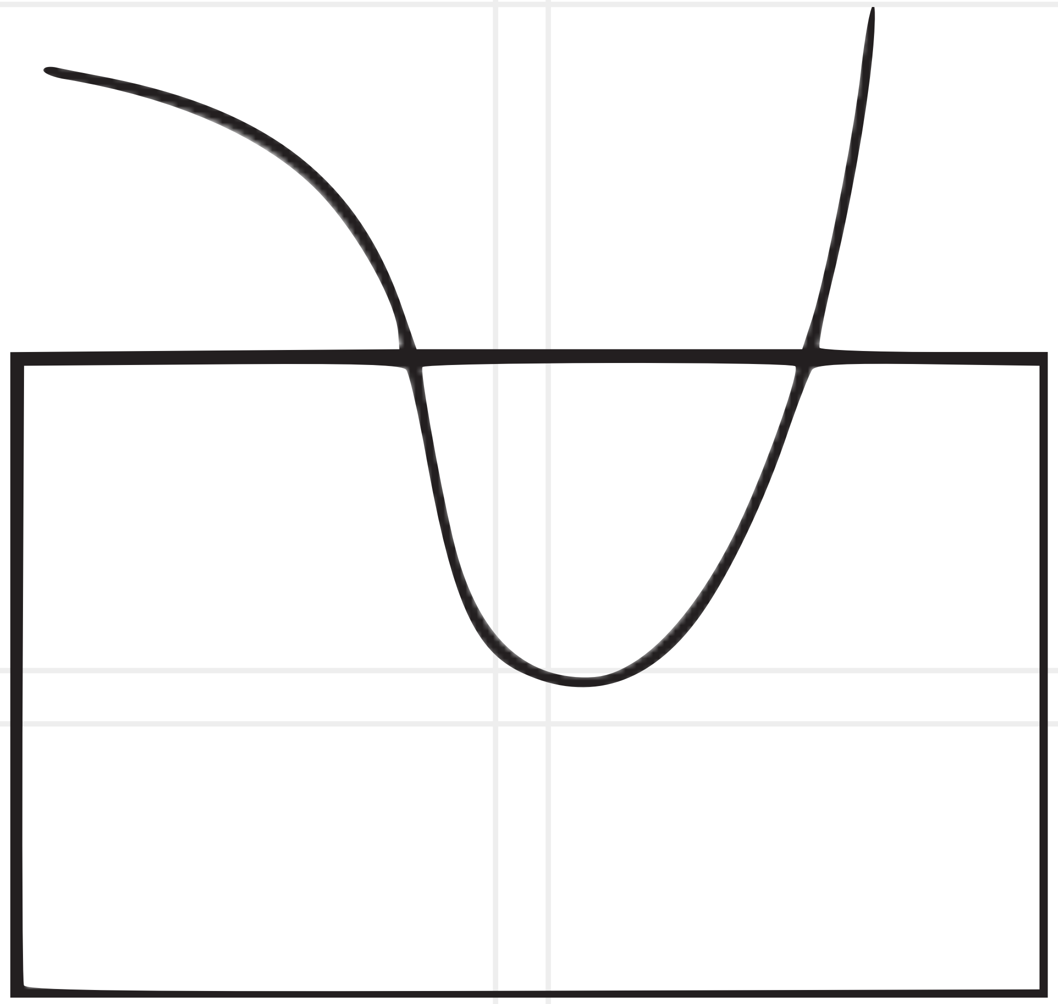

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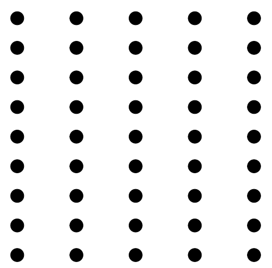

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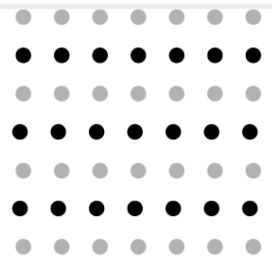

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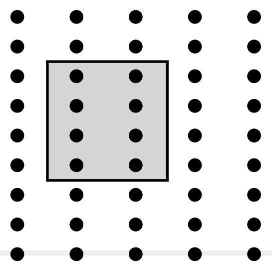

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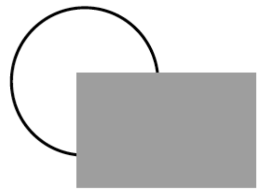

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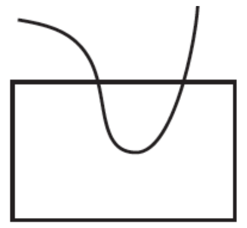

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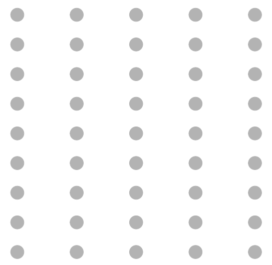
Proximity 

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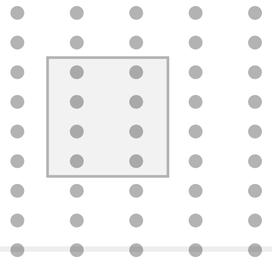
Enclosure 

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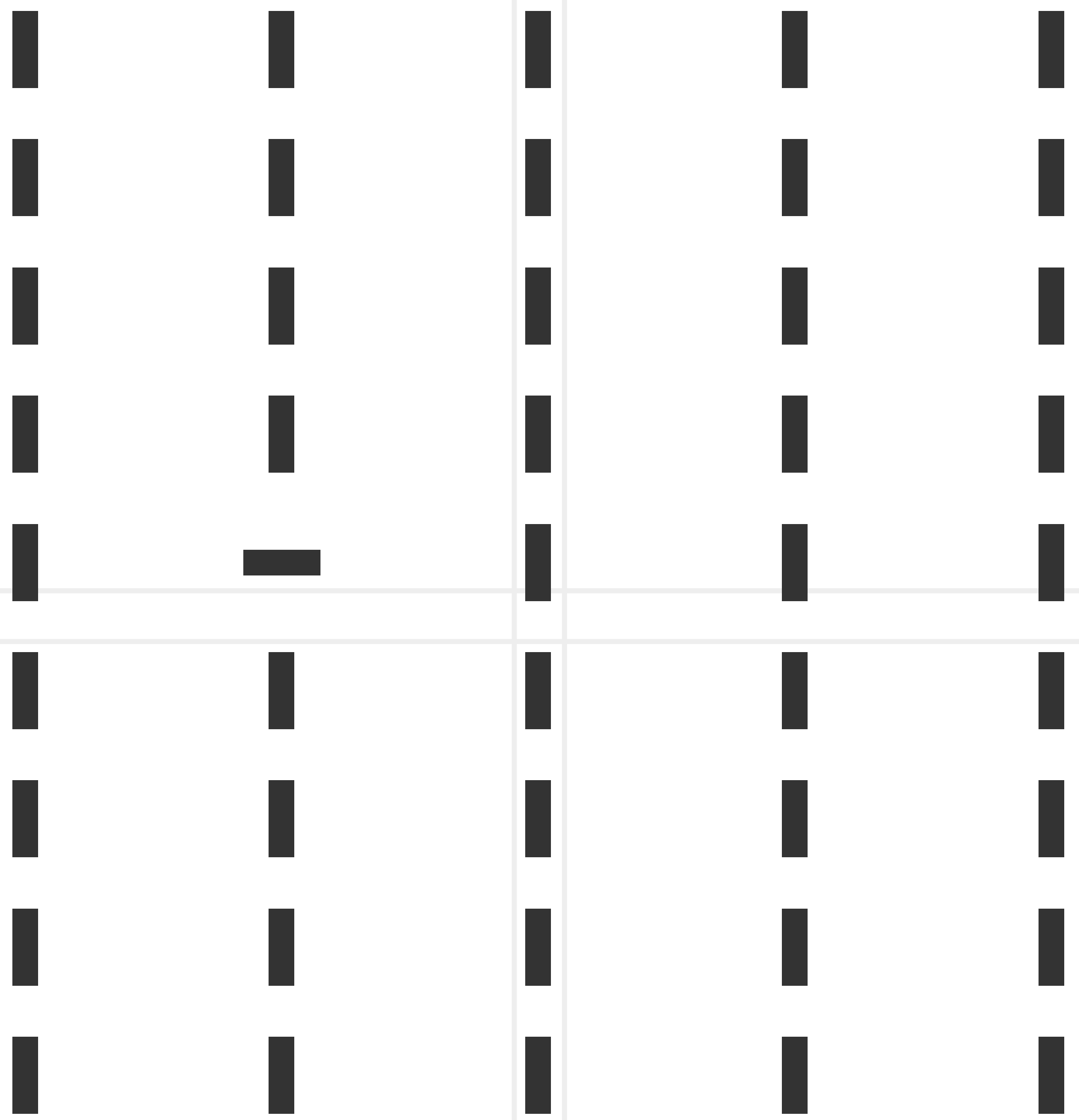

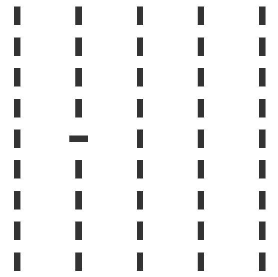 Orientation

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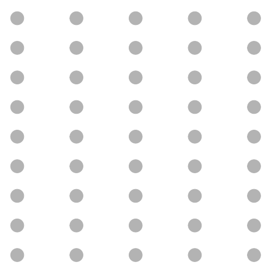

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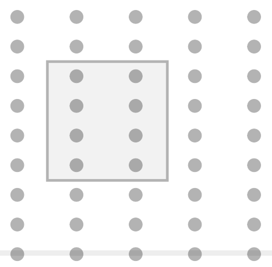

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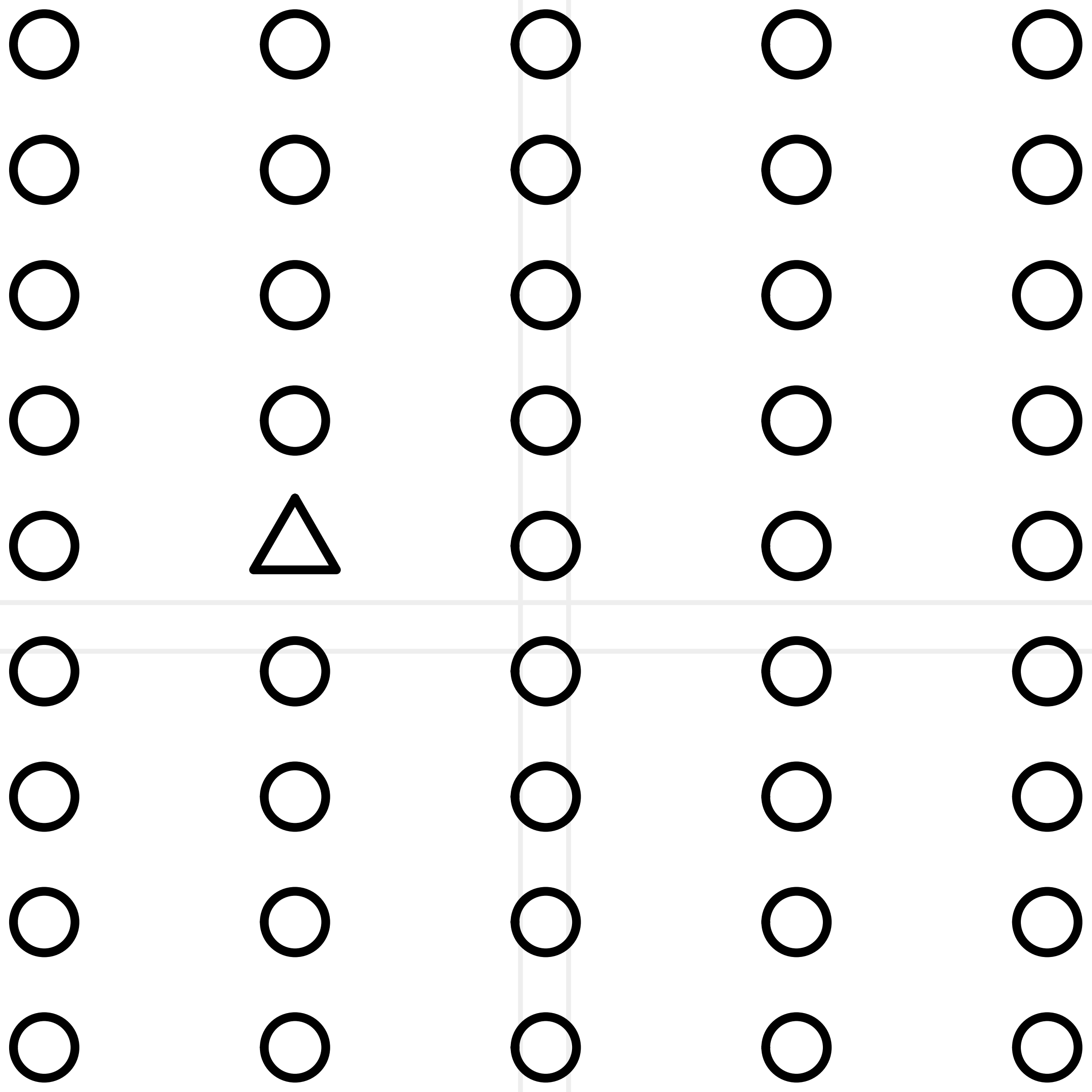

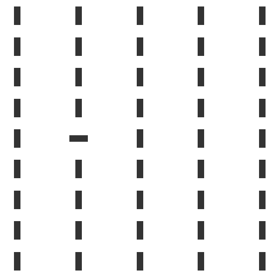

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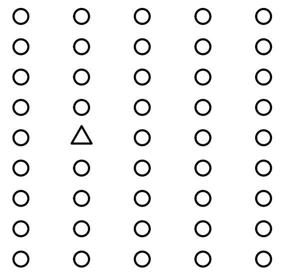

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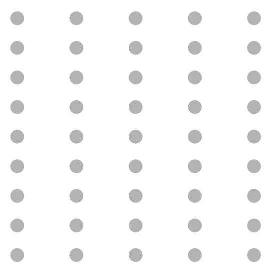

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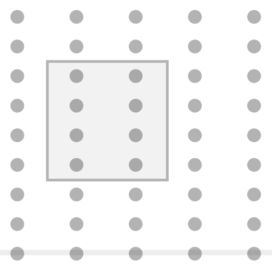

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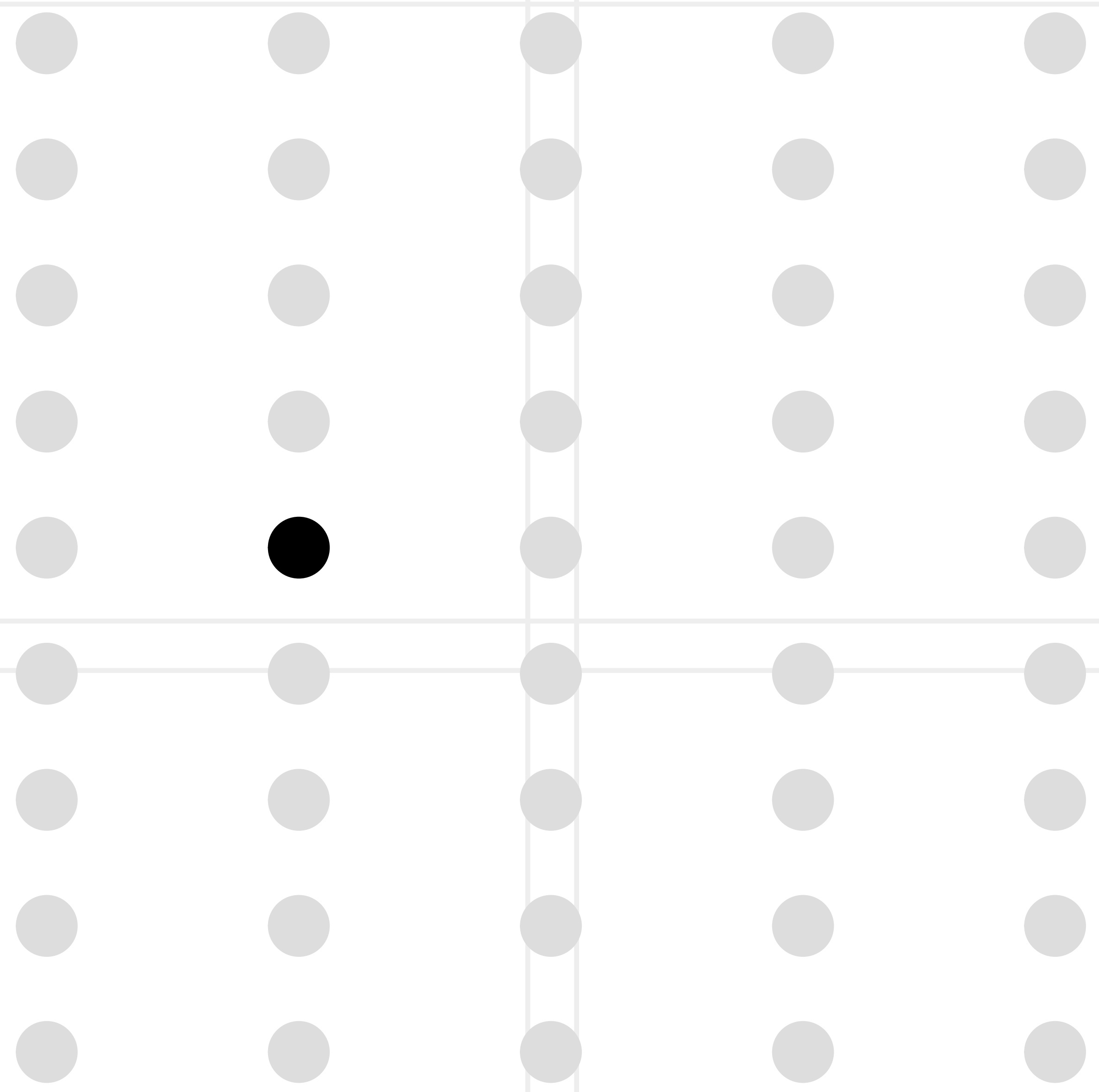

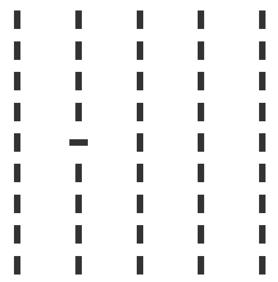

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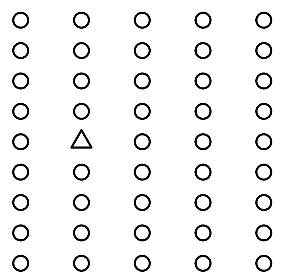

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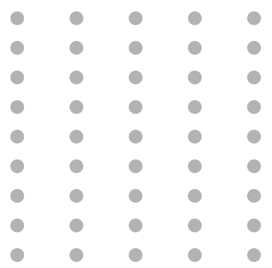

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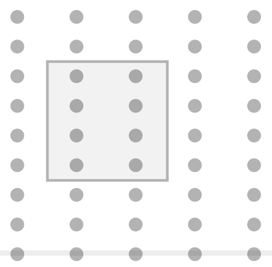

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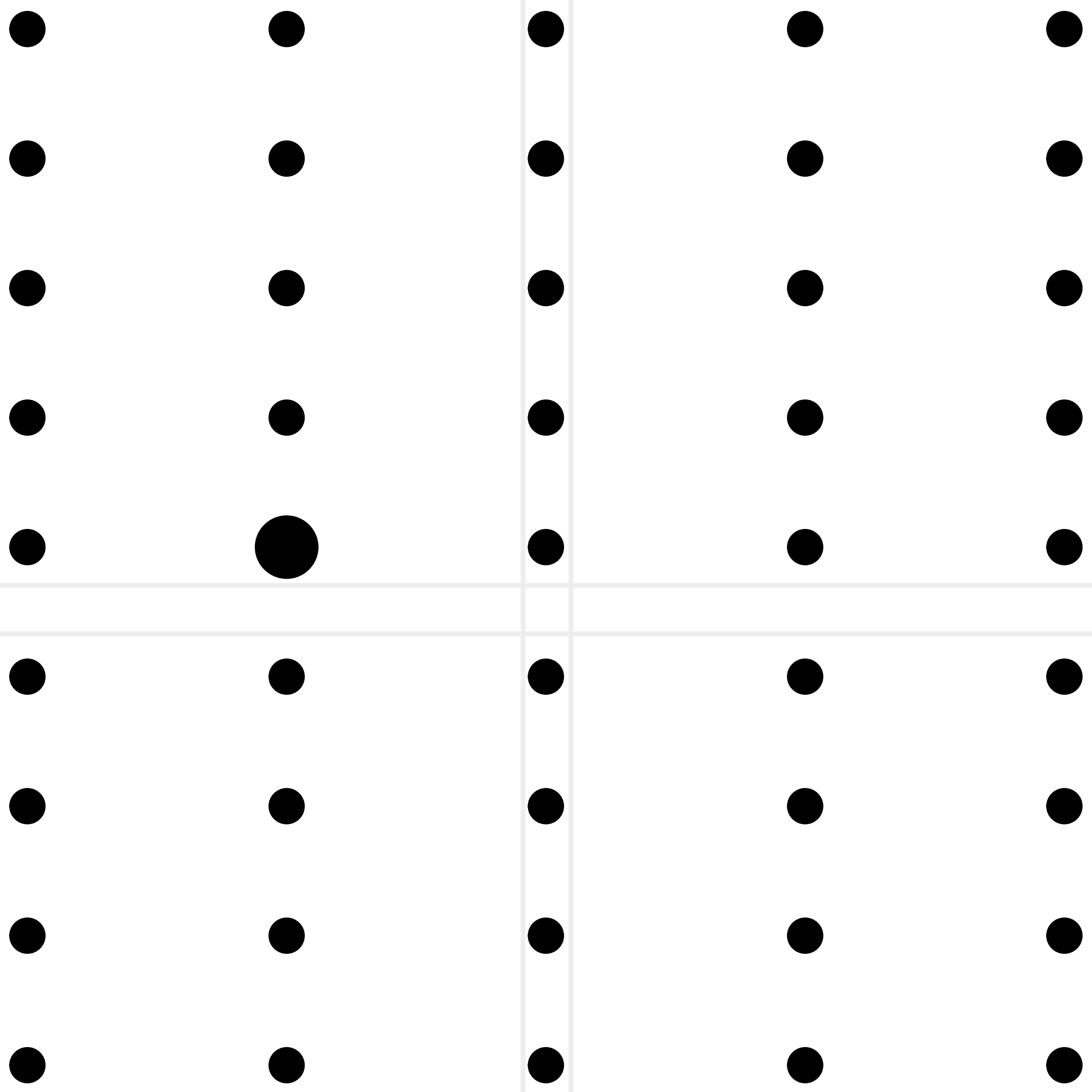

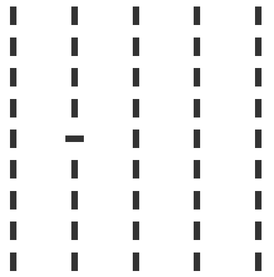
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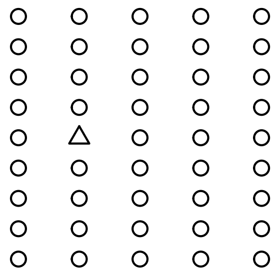
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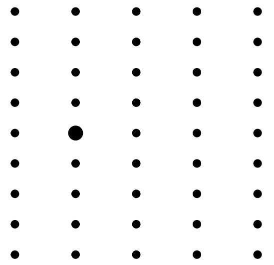
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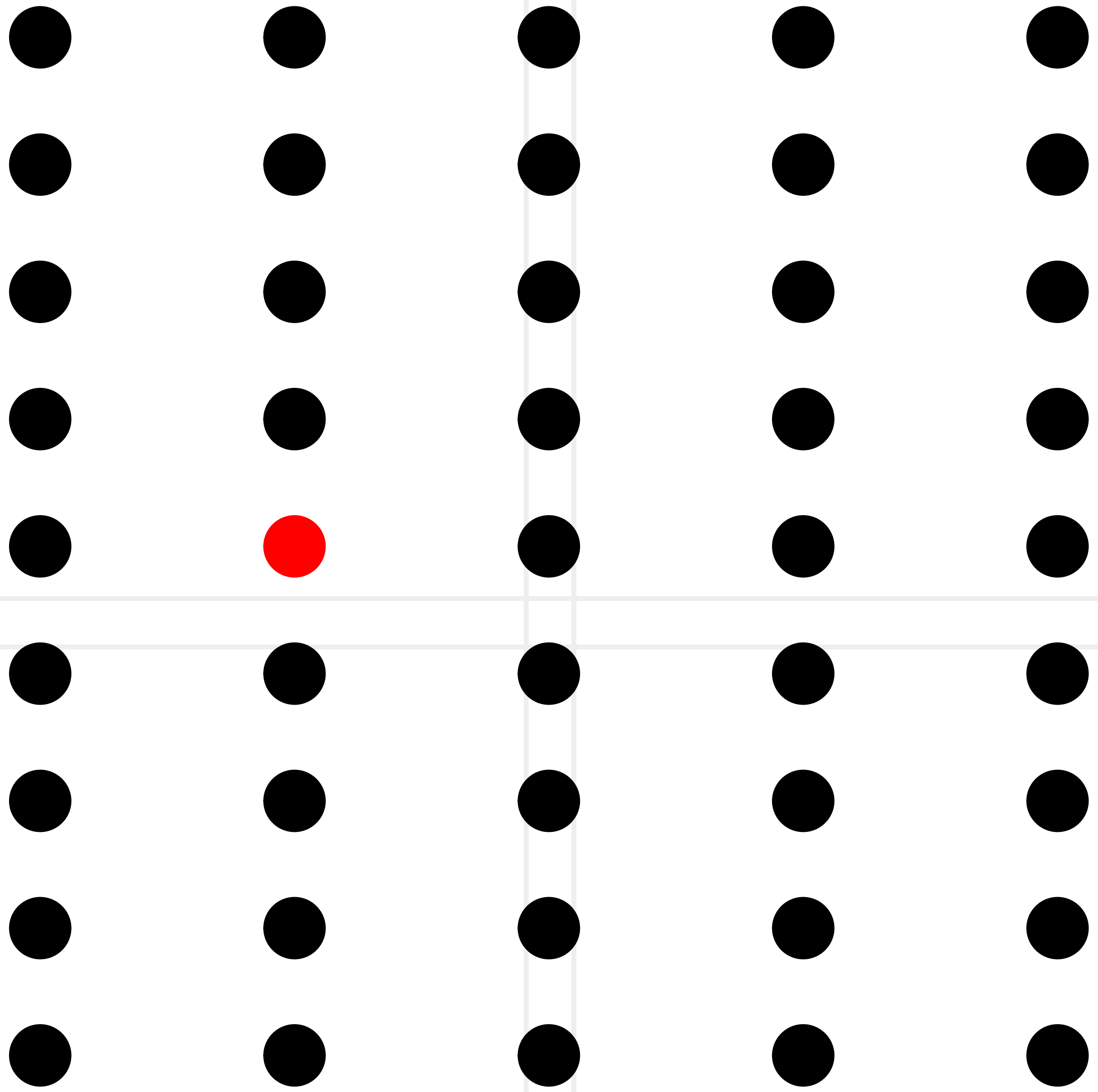

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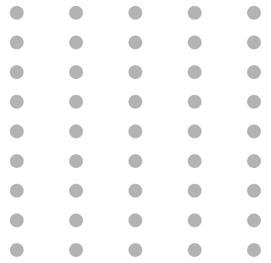

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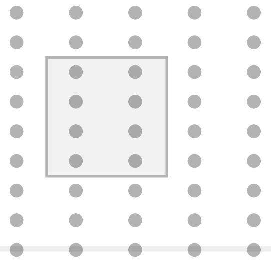

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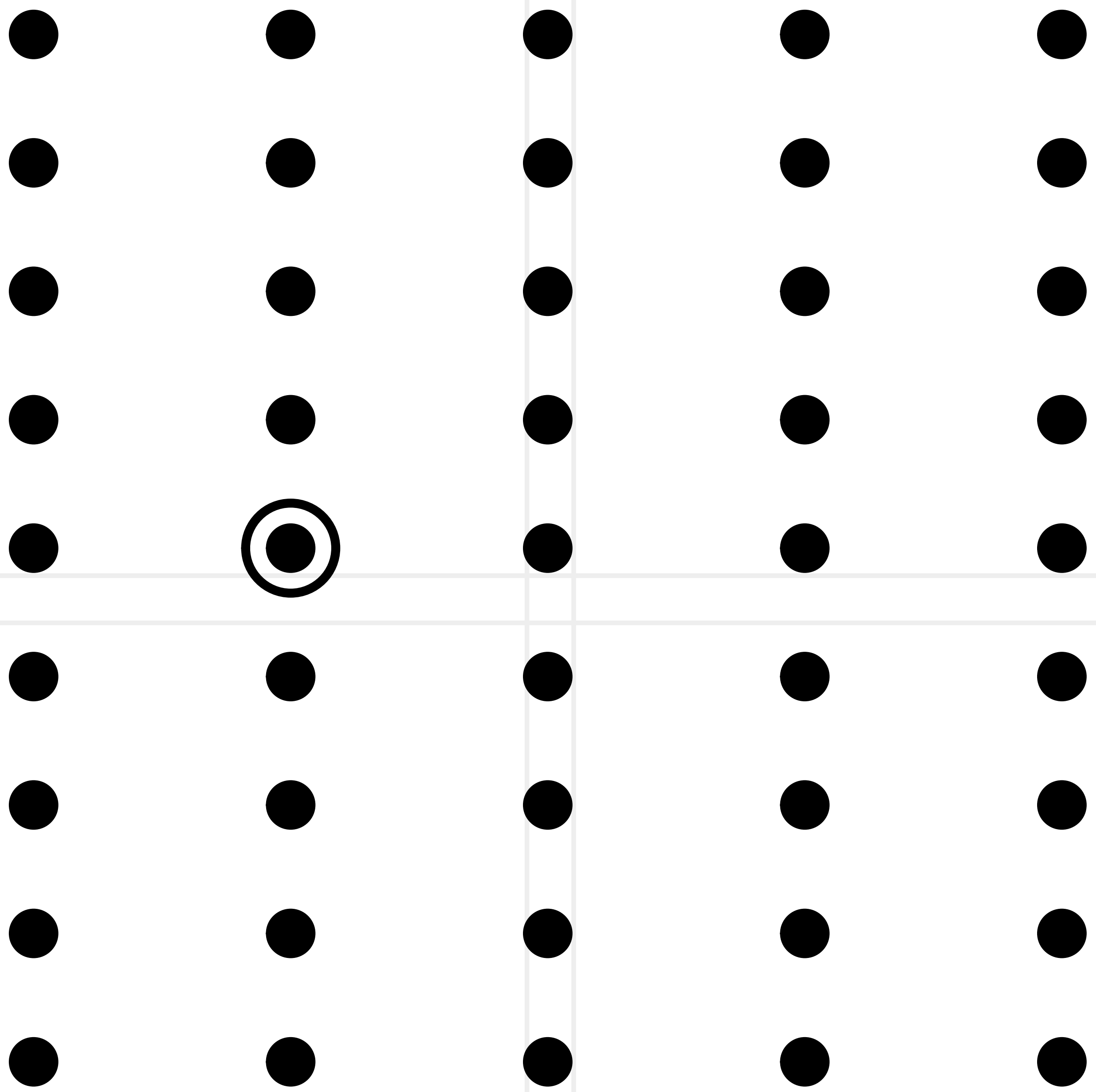

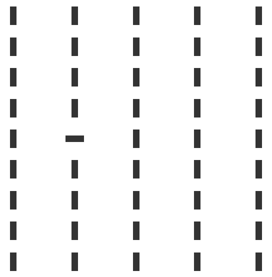

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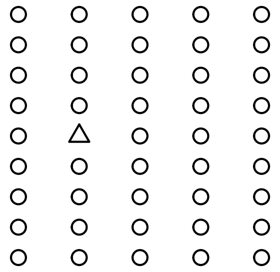

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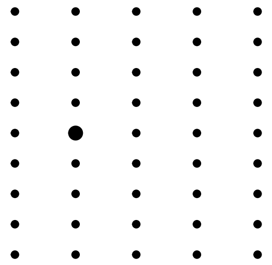

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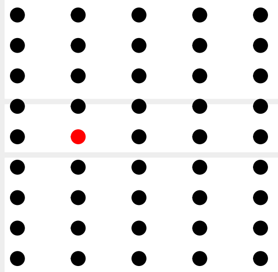

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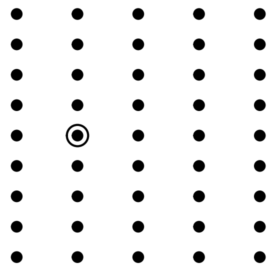

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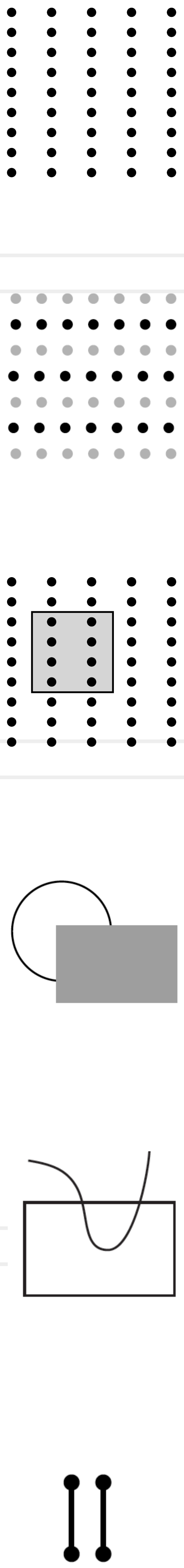
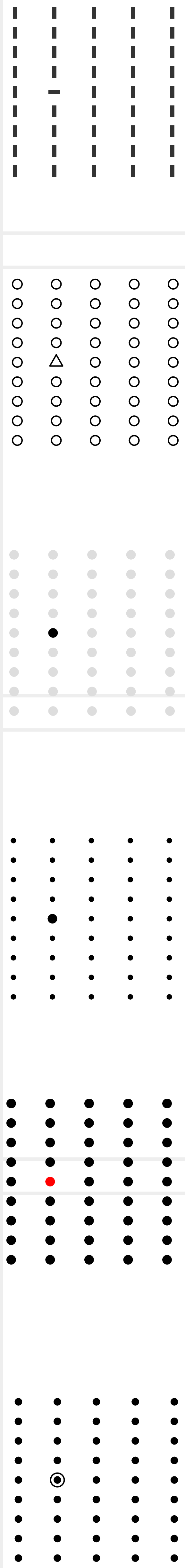


grids, **Gestalt principles**, **and**
preattentive attributes may be combined



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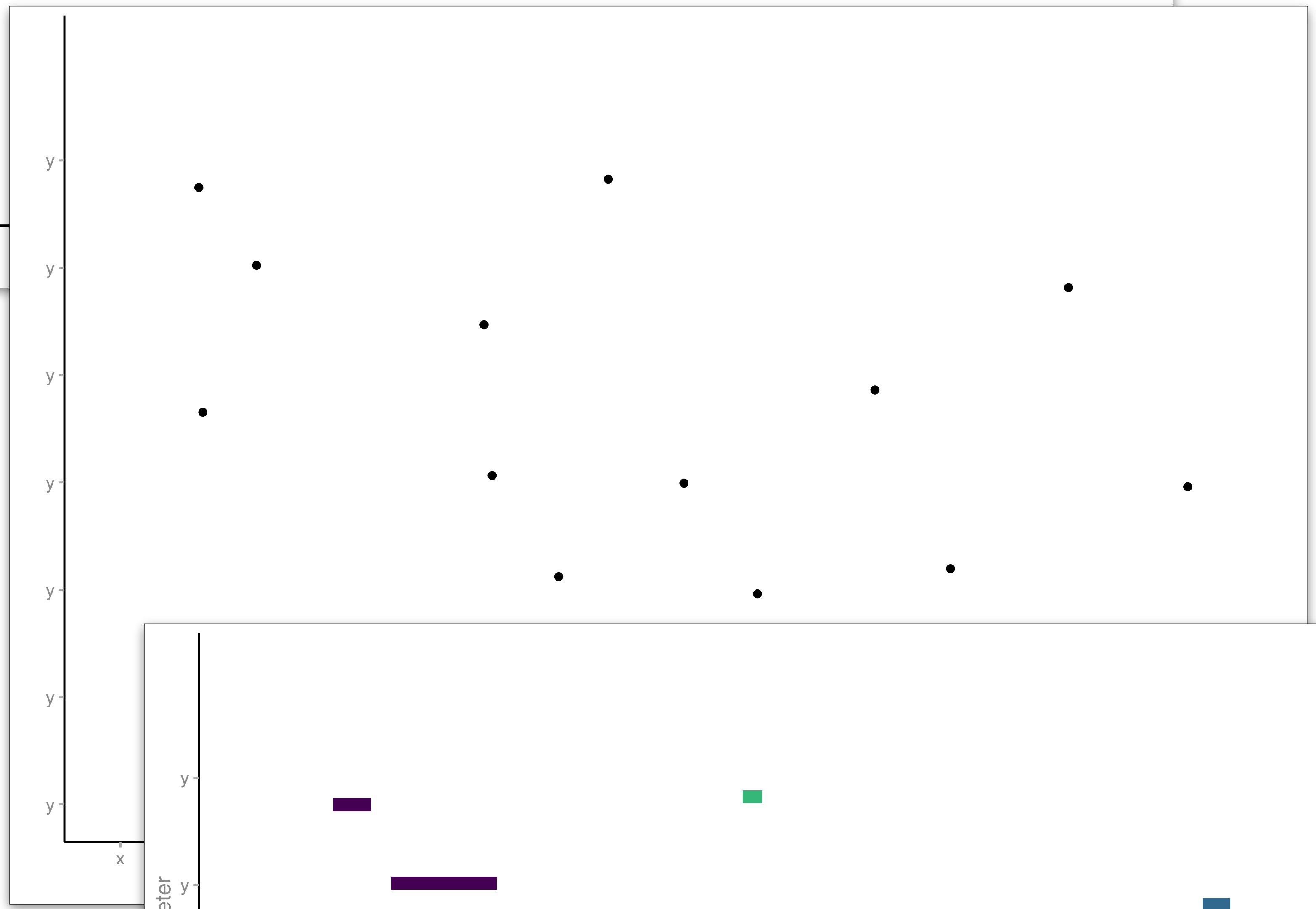
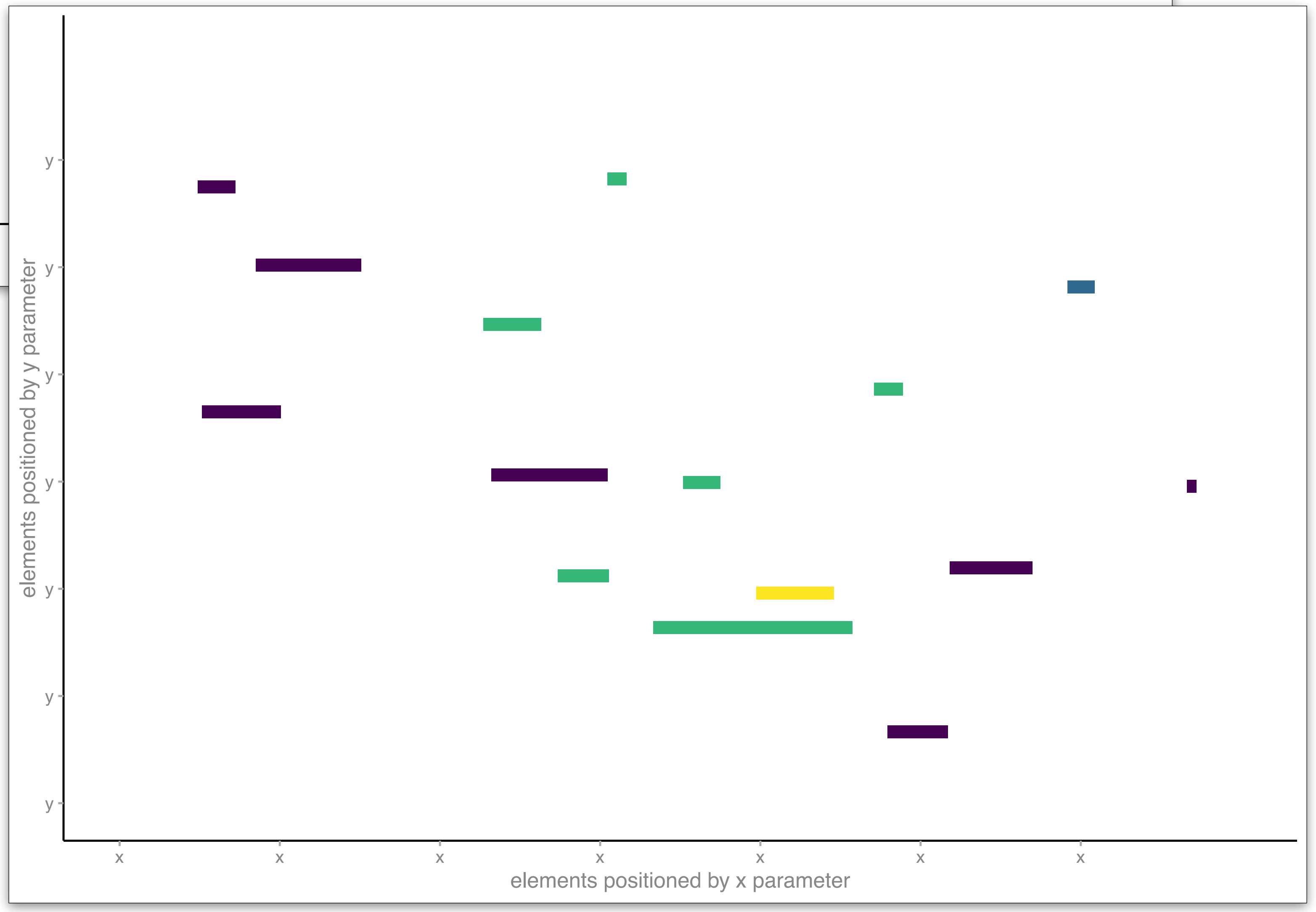
design mini-review | **layer the graphic, encode visual channels, annotate, and make hierarchies clear**

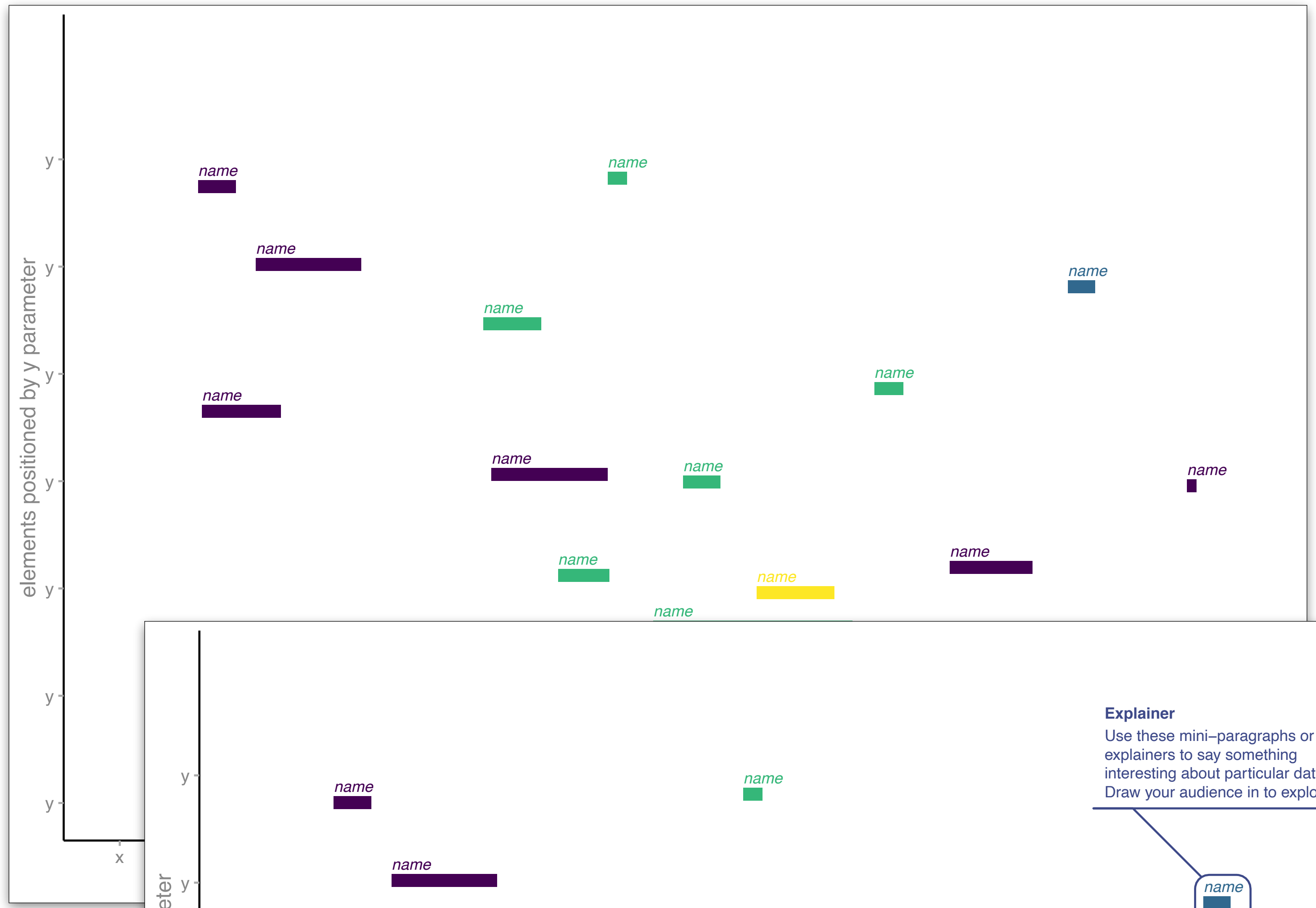
Determine appropriate **scaled axes** for the data architecture.



From data, **position** single elements within the chosen scaled axes.

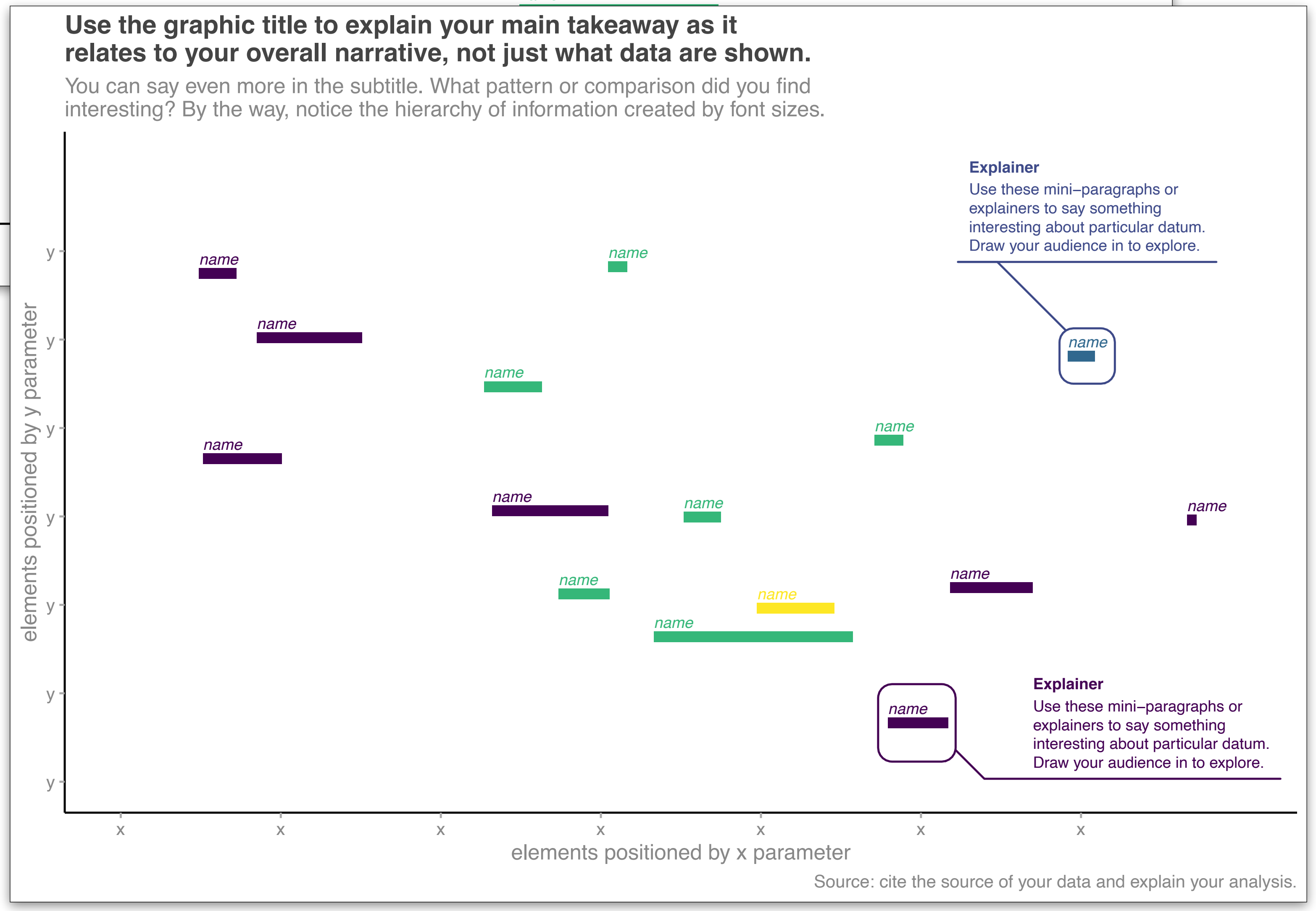


Use **visual channels** and **attributes** to encode data variables at their coordinate positions.



Label elements important to your narrative and audience.

Add **explainers** of interesting data, comparisons, and reference points.



Finish the hierarchy with **insights** and **messages** in title, cite **sources**, other details, like **how to read** the graphic.

Lighten or color elements **gray** that add context but aren't the message focus.

design mini-review | what Gestalt principles are used in this data graphic? How is attention focused?

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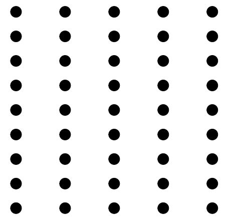

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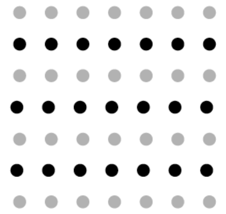

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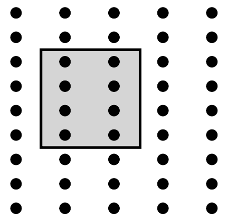

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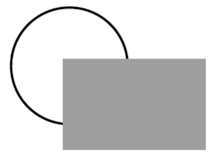

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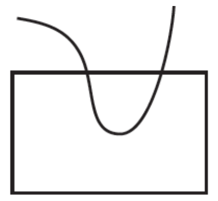

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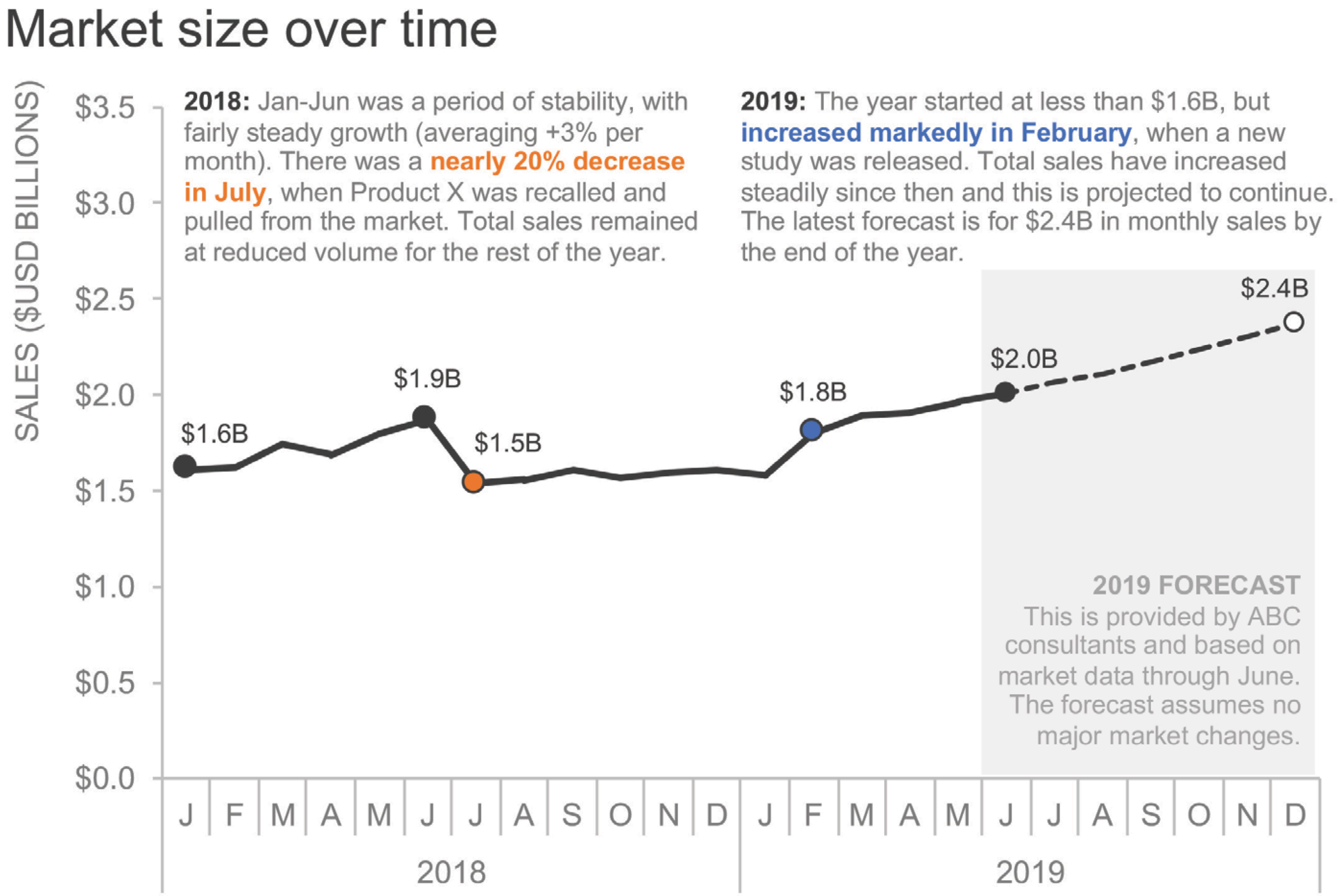

Example from: Knaflic, Cole Nussbaumer. *Storytelling with Data: Let's Practice!* Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 2019.

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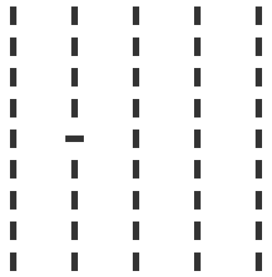

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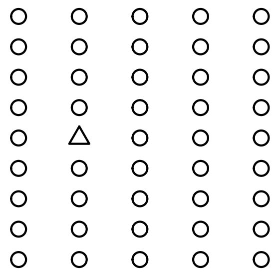

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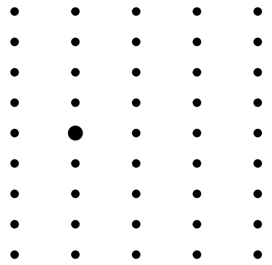

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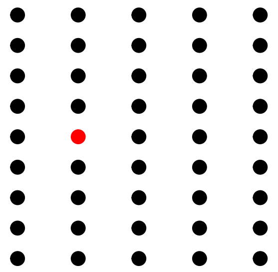

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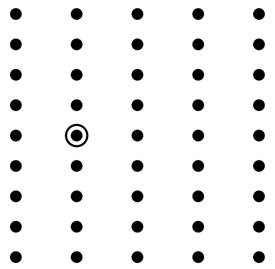

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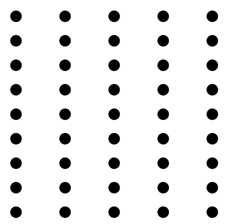

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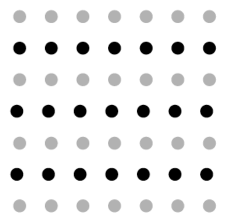

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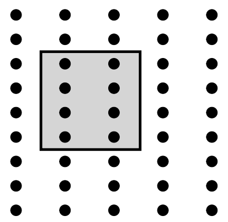

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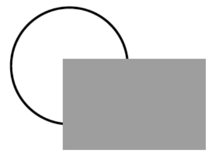

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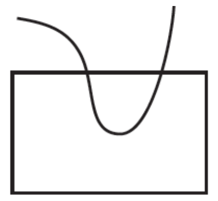

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Time to fill role discussion needed: where do we go from here?

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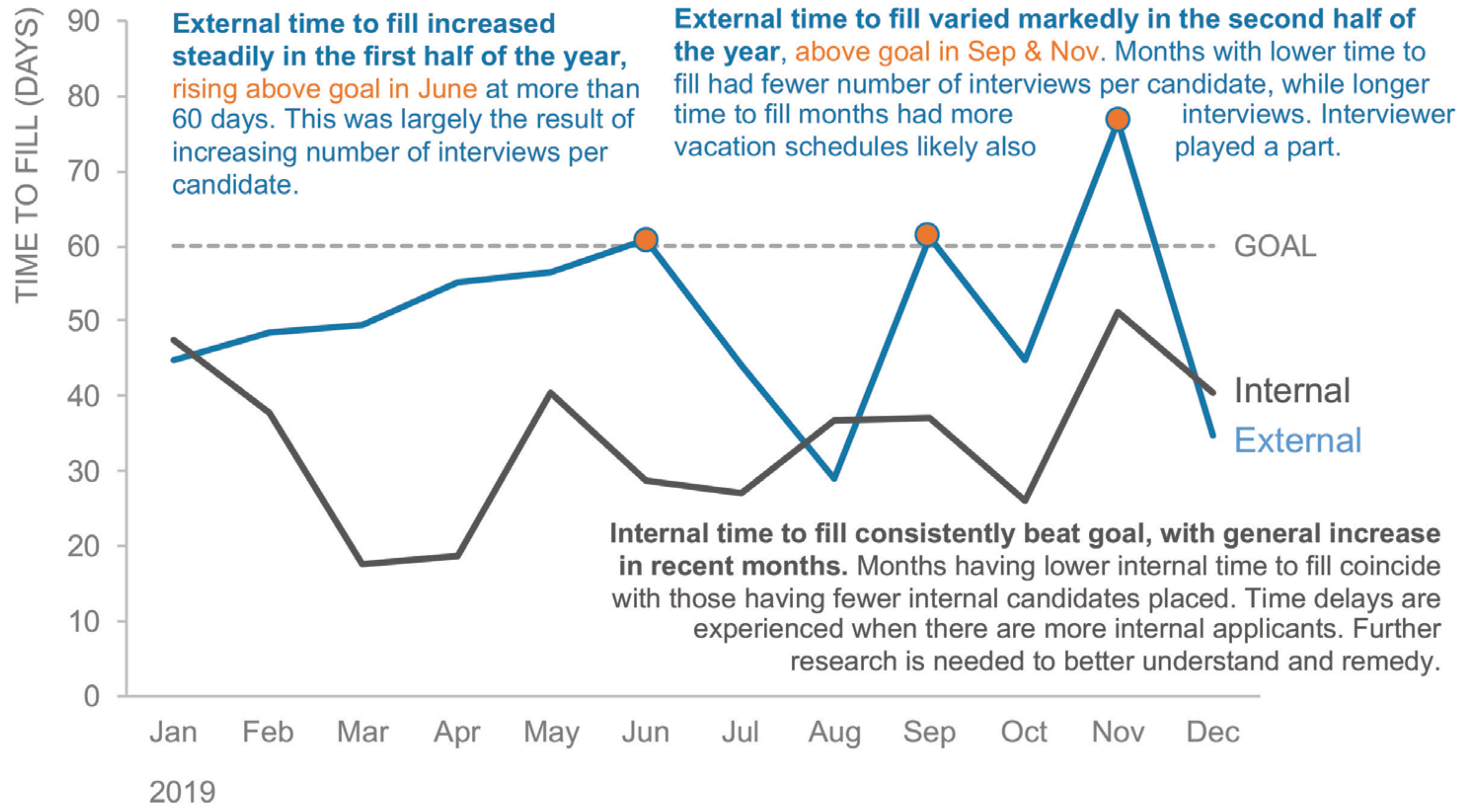

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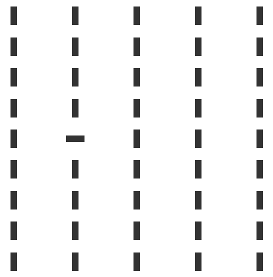

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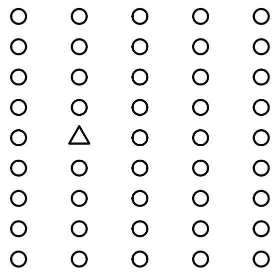

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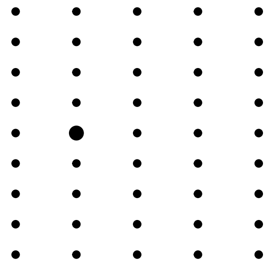

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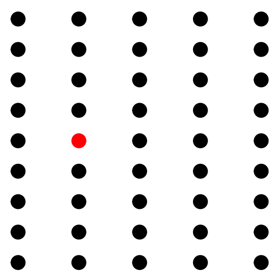

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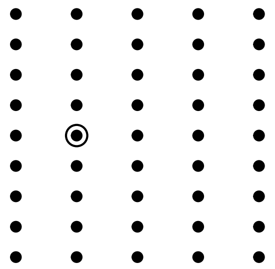

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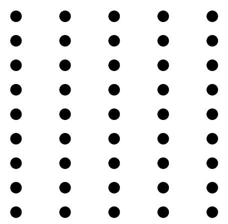

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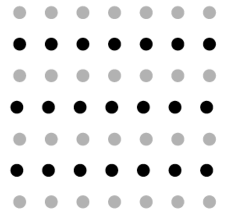

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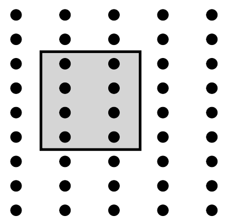

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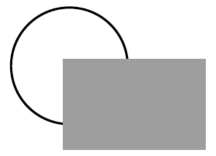

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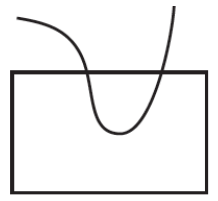

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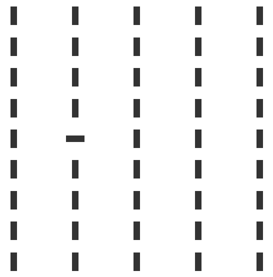

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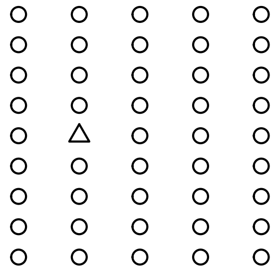

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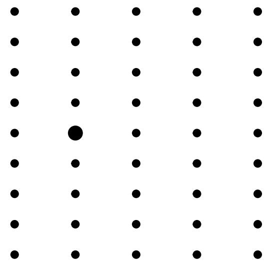

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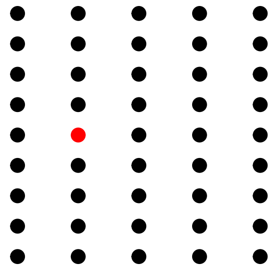

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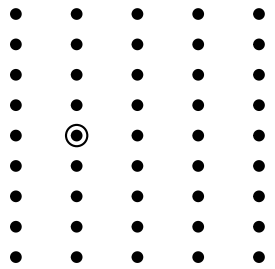


a framework for critiquing data-driven, visual narratives

information graphic : ***a data-driven, visual narrative***

Establish the purpose of the critique

When reviewing someone else's document, center yourself on the **purpose that was agreed upon**, such as clarity, accuracy, or correctness. Should this purpose be multiple, **review one aspect at a time, focusing on content first**.

Offer alternative solutions

In your comments—help, don't judge. A critique must serve the goal. Simply pointing to problems is not enough. The critic must **state an alternative solution** in a way that is clear and complete enough to provide a basis for improvement.

Be objective, well-reasoned

Typos are usually more conspicuous than reasoning flaws, but also less important. Each statement should be **objective**, delivered in **neutral language**, and backed up by **theoretical reasoning** or **empirical evidence**.

Structure the review

First, provide a **global assessment**, to place further comments in proper perspective. As a rule, point out the **weaknesses**, to prompt improvements, but also the **strengths**, to increase the authors' willingness to revise the document and to learn.

criticism for data-driven visual narratives, **using theory and experiment, identify issues *and* suggest solutions**

Get Specific

Audience? | Does the information graphic seem designed to communicate with an *identified* or *particular* audience? If so, who?

Purpose? | Do you see a purpose? If so, is it trying to inform, entertain, or *persuade the audience to act*? Something else?

Encoding, decoding? | What data are encoded? How? Any issues of perception in decoding? Most important measures encoded with most accurately decoded *visual channels* and their *attributes*?

Comparison or change? | Does the information graphic show *comparisons* or *change*? Would other *context* help with *meaning*?

Narrative? | Does it use *messages*, stated first, within a narrative? If so, what structure? An *arc*? With *examples*? *Metaphors*?

Color, coherency? | Is color used? If so, for what purposes are its hue, chroma, or luminance used? How might other uses help?

Hierarchy, annotation? | Does it layer information as a hierarchy? If so, how does that hierarchy separate information? Are data encodings explained? If so, how?

Layering, layout? | How is the information organized? Can a grid, negative space, or Gestalt principles — *proximity*, *similarity*, *enclosure*, *closure*, *continuity*, *connection* — help simplify or focus attention?

Credibility, transparency? | Are data sources identified, explained? Limitations, issues, exceptions discussed?

Learning to *see* — let's critique

criticism for visuals, example — a very basic critique of Scarr's *Hazy days*.

Audience? Published in a newspaper. An external, general audience. Primary audience are the population of readers of the South China Morning Post.

Purpose? To inform or raise awareness through exploration. No explicit call-to-action of its audience.

Data encodings, decodings? Scarr uses multiple visual channels. A heat map encodes each cell as an hour of the year. Day is aligned on the y-axis, hour is aligned on the x-axis, enabling comparisons across either. Luminosity represents air-pollution index. Wind direction is encoded alongside each day by orienting a line segment with an arrow end. But wind direction continually shifts. And data on each hour likely exists. Perhaps we could experiment with placing an oriented line segment inside each square as a layer, creating a vector field?

Comparison or change? Encodings are arranged to allow overall comparisons of pollution by day or hour, and the graphic points to a few specific, interesting patterns.

Narrative? No narrative is developed. Perhaps placing this information graphic into a historical context of pollution in Hong Kong, or in the context of people's lives, would help develop a narrative.

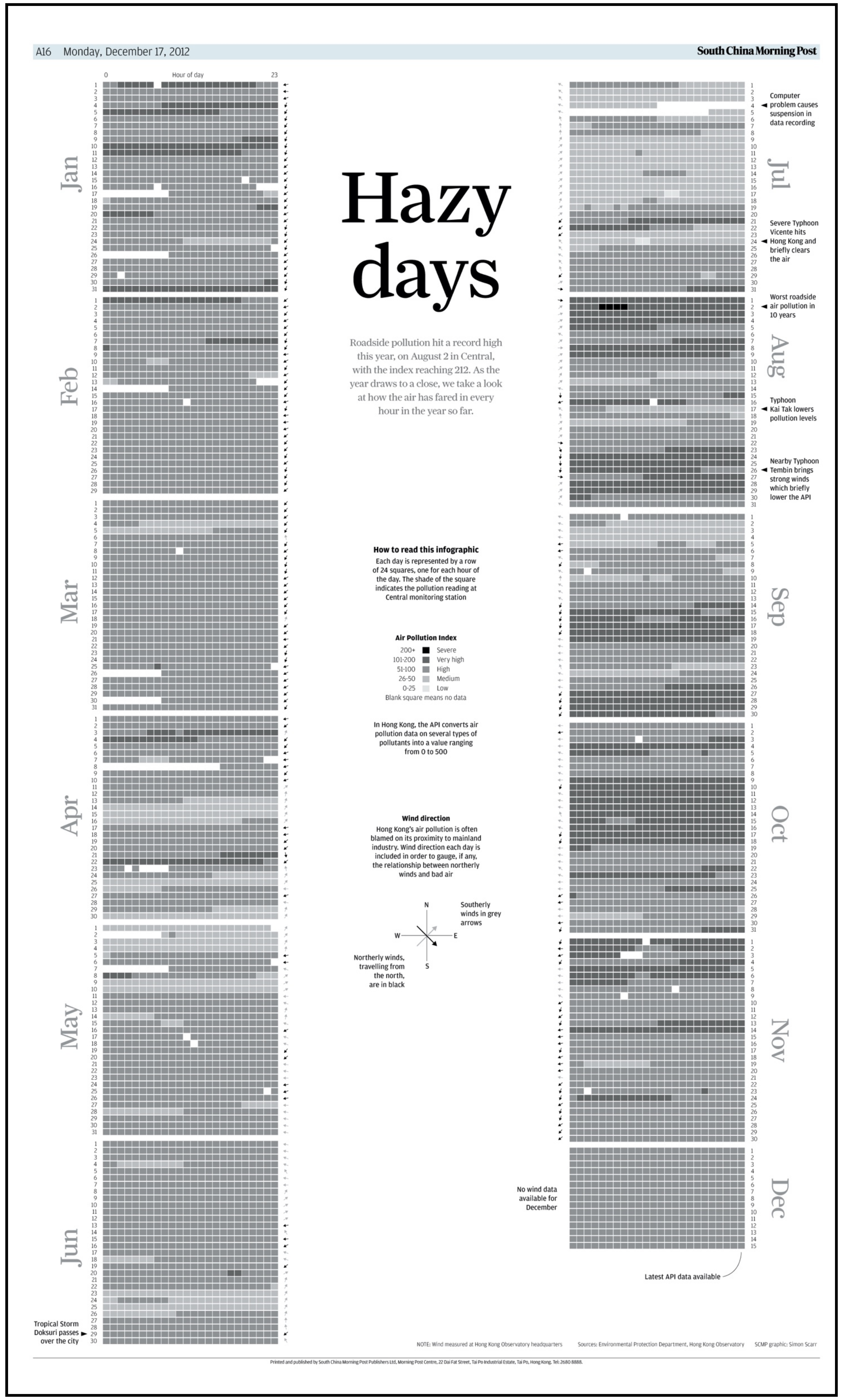
Color, coherency? Only shades of gray encode data, and especially for encoding pollution on a heat map. Notice the gray palette also serves as a visual metaphor as we think of pollution as physically graying our otherwise blue skies. Would a blue-to-gray encoding strengthen the metaphor?

Hierarchy, layering, layout? Scarr uses typography effectively — especially font sizing, bold, leading, and white space — to create a hierarchy that guides the audience's eyes through the graphic, starting at the title, *Hazy days*, and negative space plus the heat maps direct the audience's view towards the encoding explanations. Almost half of the graphic uses negative space, and carefully separates types of information to reduce cognitive load in understanding the information. Mini-explainers are paragraph-aligned towards the side it refers to.

Credibility, transparency? Provides explicit citations to the underlying data — Environmental Protection Department, Hong Kong Observatory — *and* explains missing data encodings: "no wind data available…"

Scarr, Simon. "Hazy days" South China Morning Post, December 17, 2012, sec. Infographics. https://multimedia.scmp.com/culture/article/SCMP-printed-graphics-memory/lonelyGraphics/201212A230.html.

Overall assessment: Scarr's information graphic succeeds for its general audience and purpose, which is primarily to allow exploration of the data. Its use of white space is particularly helpful as an example to our own work. The graphic may become stronger with messaging in the title, rather than just description, encoding wind by the hour, and adding narrative from either a historical perspective, or to show its correlation with something about people's lives. Other purposes would need better narrative and a call to action.



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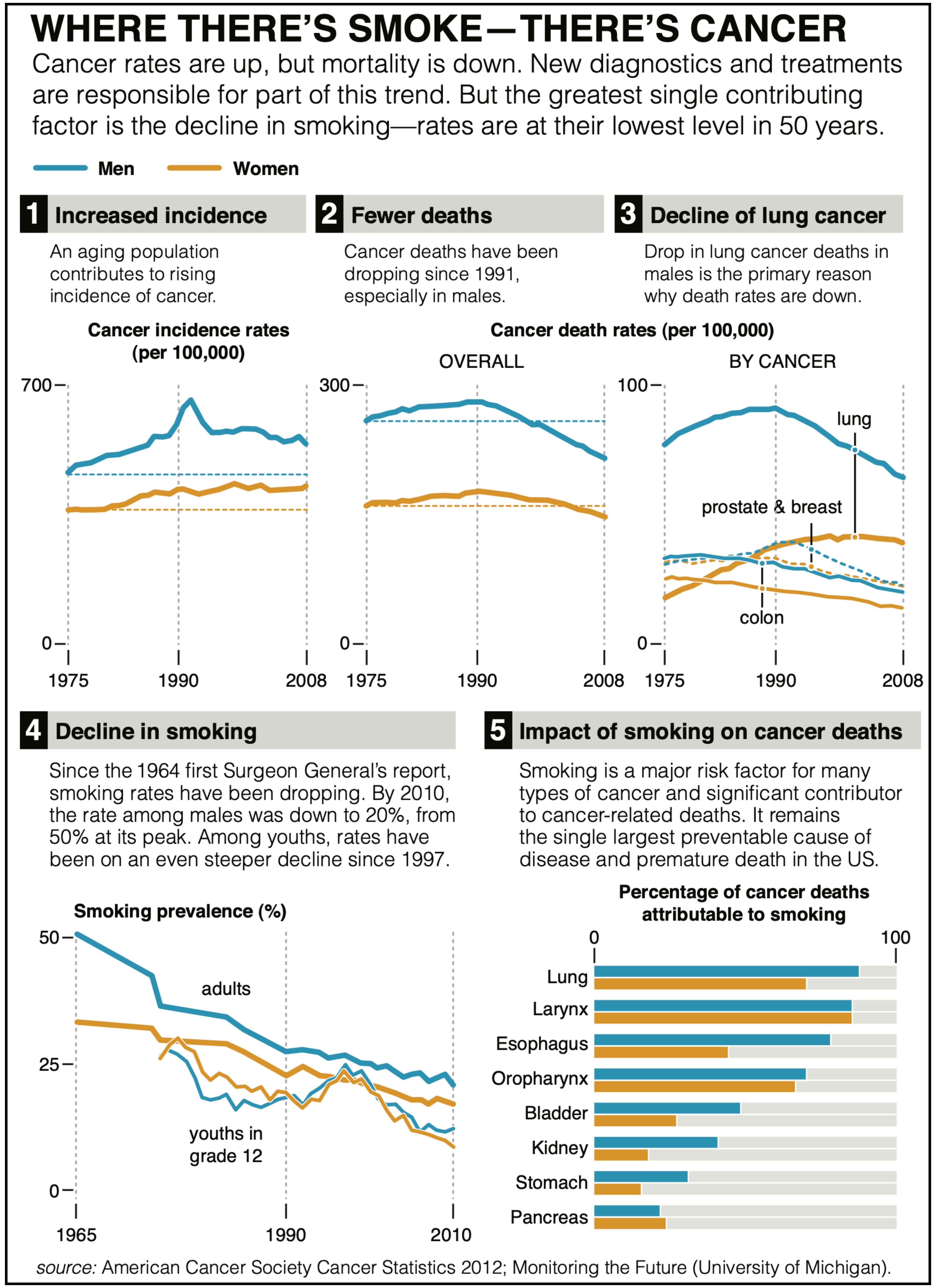

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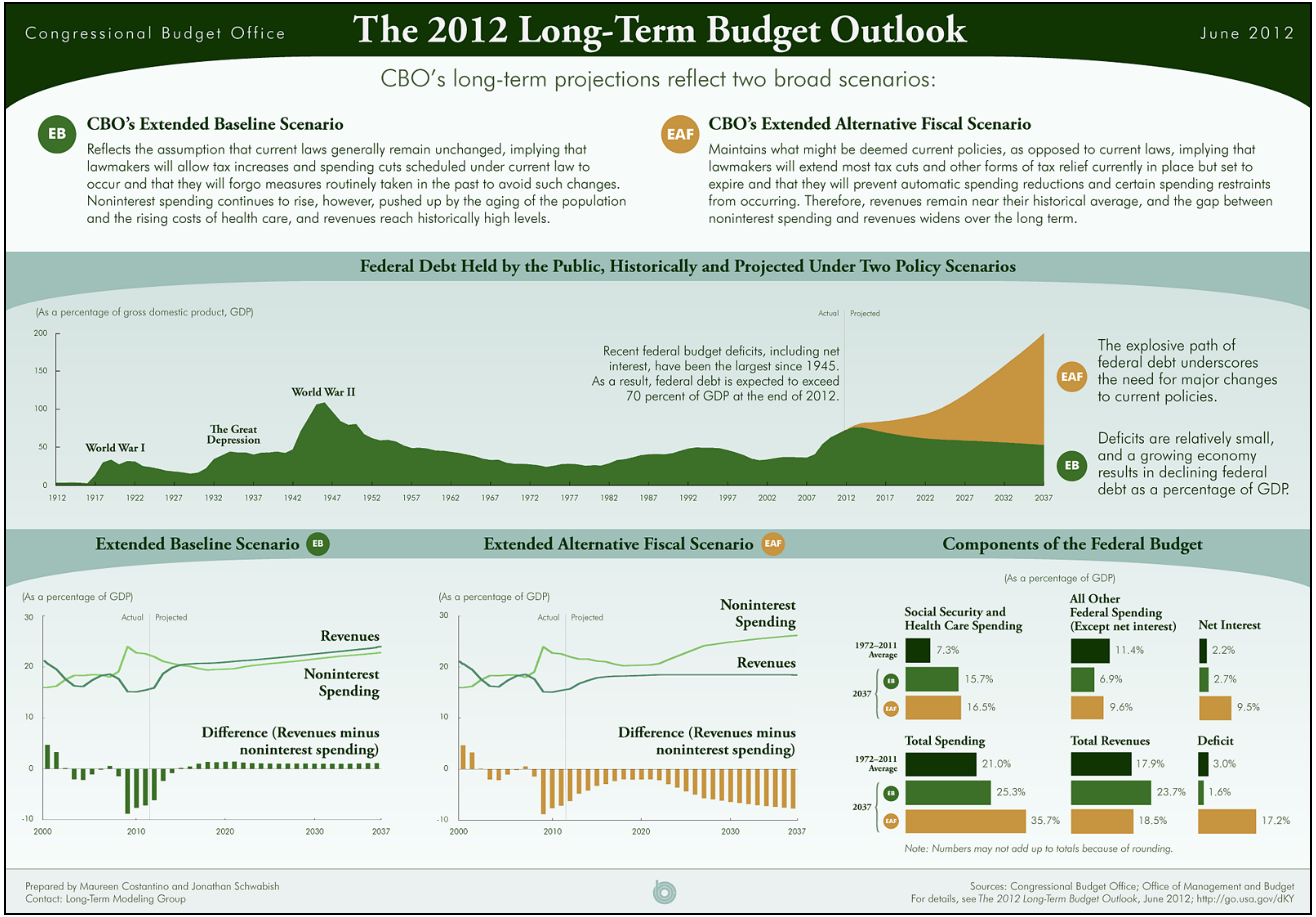

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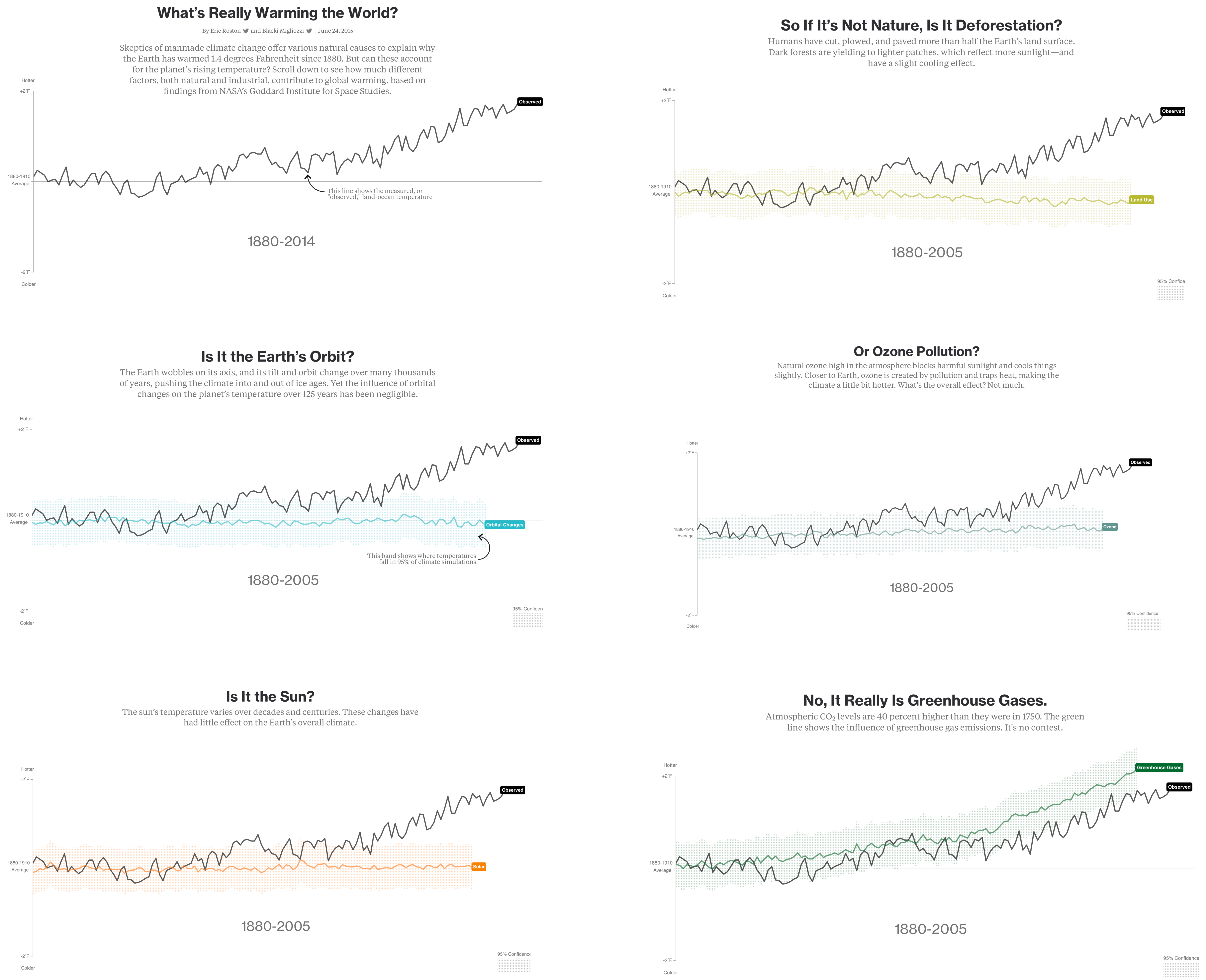

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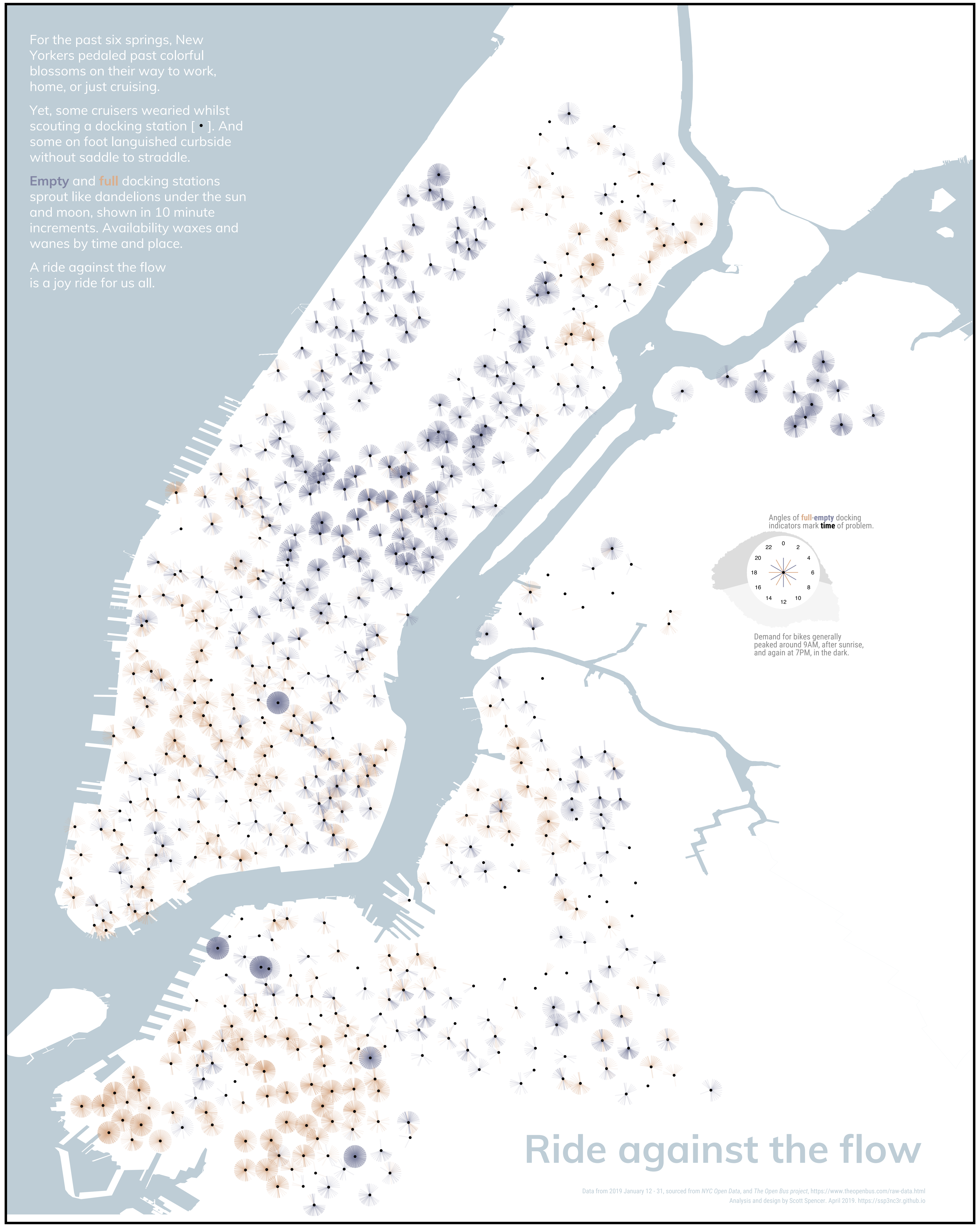

practicing critiques — goals for *your* data-driven, visual narratives

Audience? An external, general audience. Categorically, who are this mixed audience?

Purpose? Decide on your purpose; be specific. *E.g.*, Advertising? Public relations? Investor interest? Get your audience's attention, help them understand, and be able to act on your message's purpose.

Data encodings, decodings? Encode your data, statistics, and modelling estimates using best practices we've discussed. Data encodings should directly support your main messages.

Comparison or change? Encode data to show comparisons or change, add data as context to impart meaning.

Narrative? Think about your narrative arc, and how change drives your narrative forward. Do you use explainers or labels and mini paragraphs on your data graphics to help your audience?

Color, coherency? Purposefully use color for encodings and linking data encodings to textual narrative.

Hierarchy, layering, layout? Your titles, headers, mini-paragraphs, and text should use messages, not just information. Use best practices in typography (size, bold, color, spacing, etc) and grid alignment to focus your audience on your messages.

Credibility, transparency? Cite your sources, briefly mention any important elements of your analysis. Consider whether you need to explain any limitations or exceptions.

help your colleagues — group ideating

encoding uncertainty, estimates, forecasts

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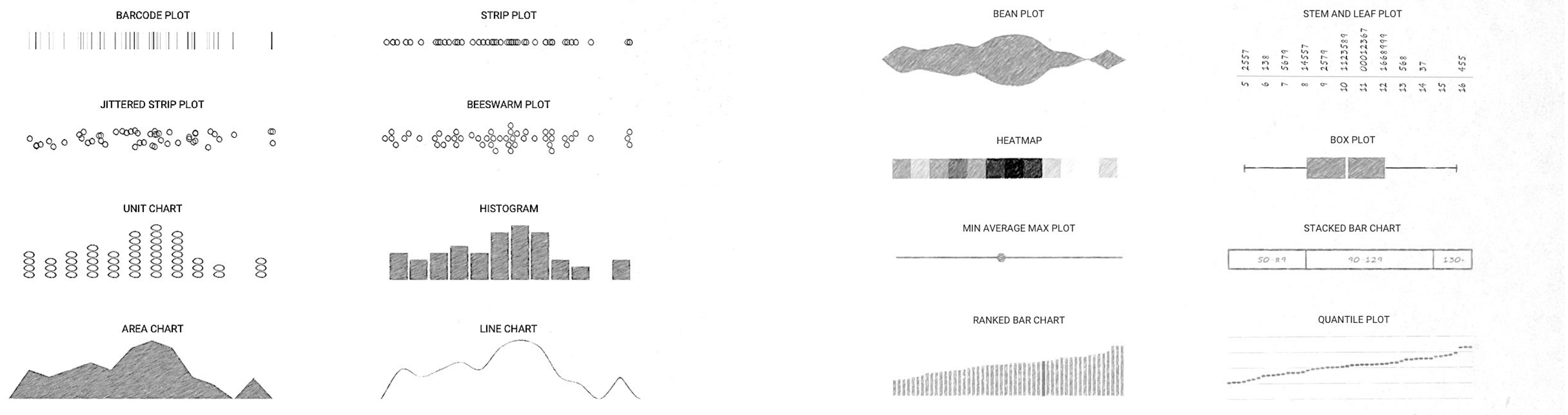

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… but estimates are *not* observed measures — *they are modeled from measures* — be clear about distinguishing them with your encodings and annotations.

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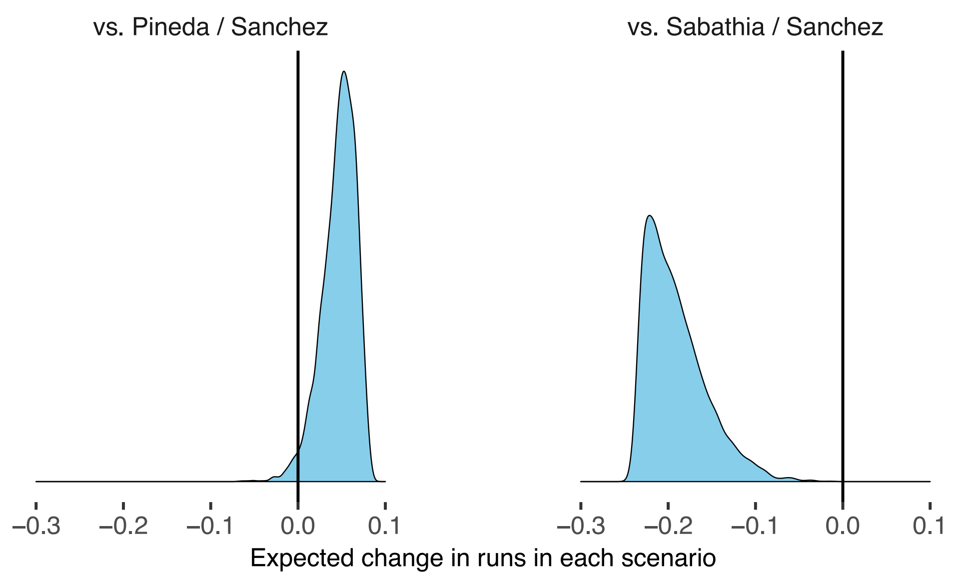

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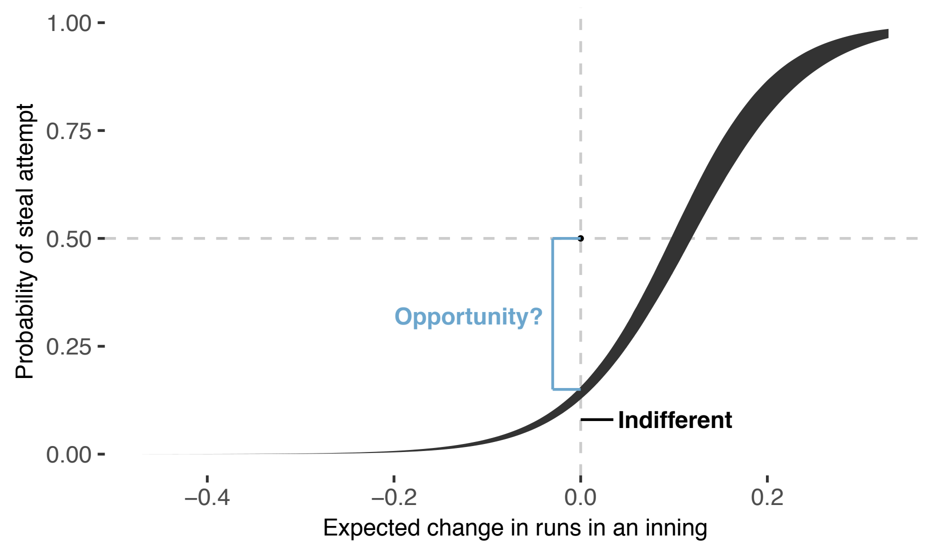

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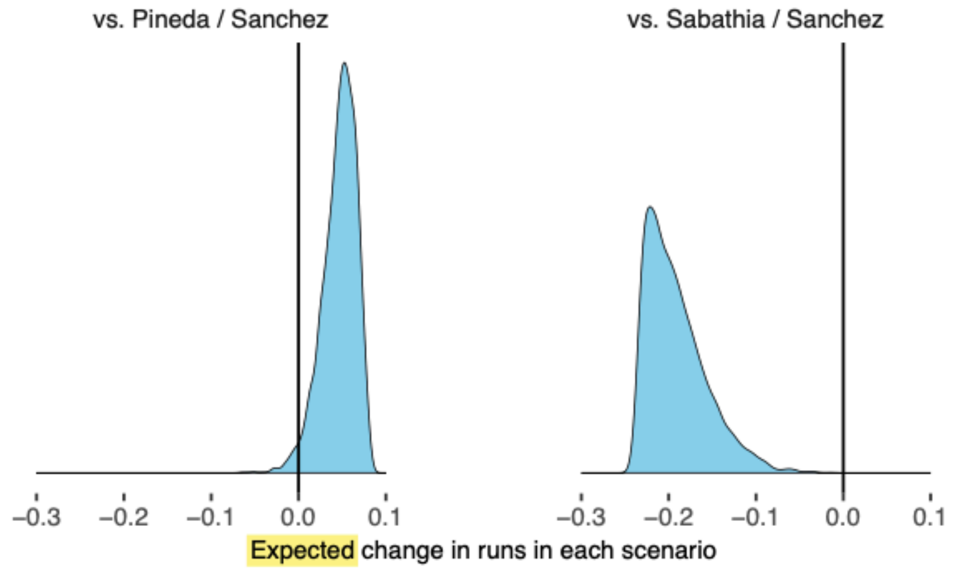

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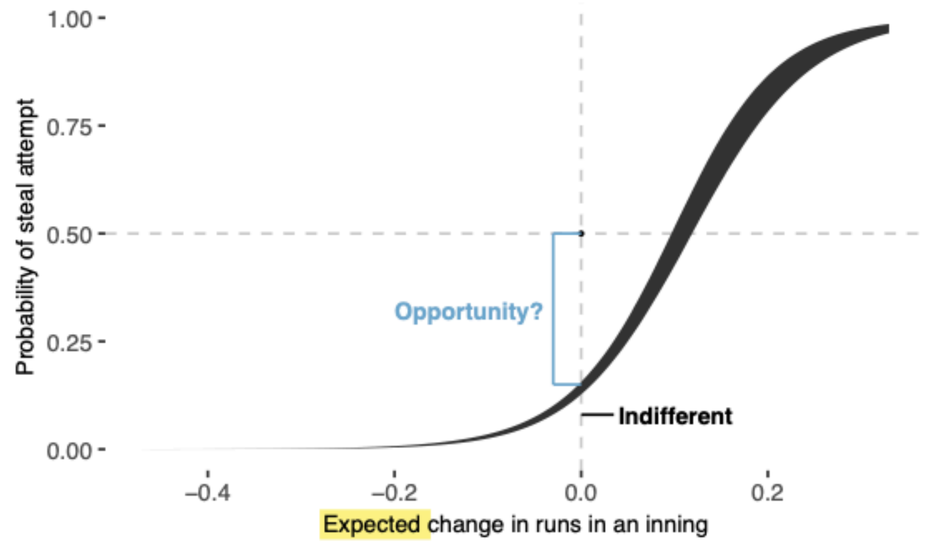

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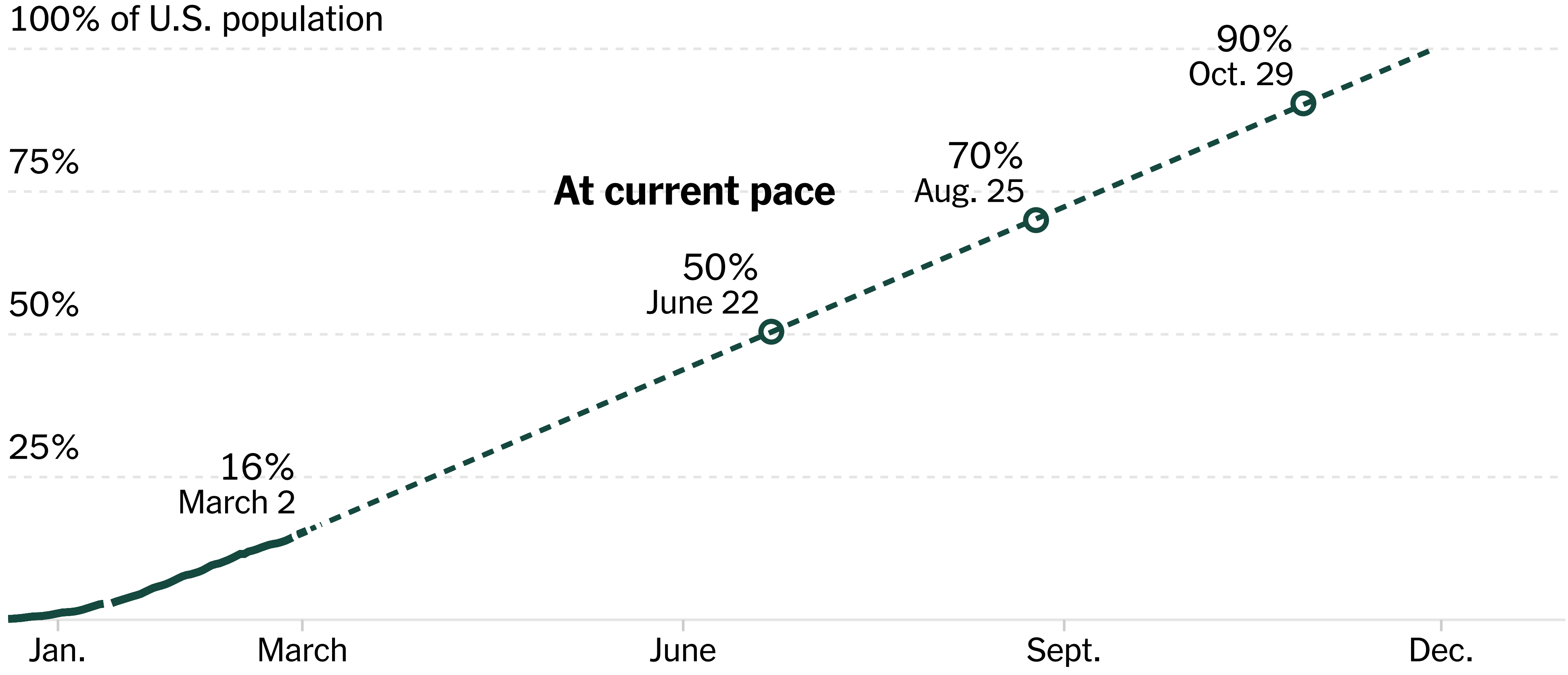

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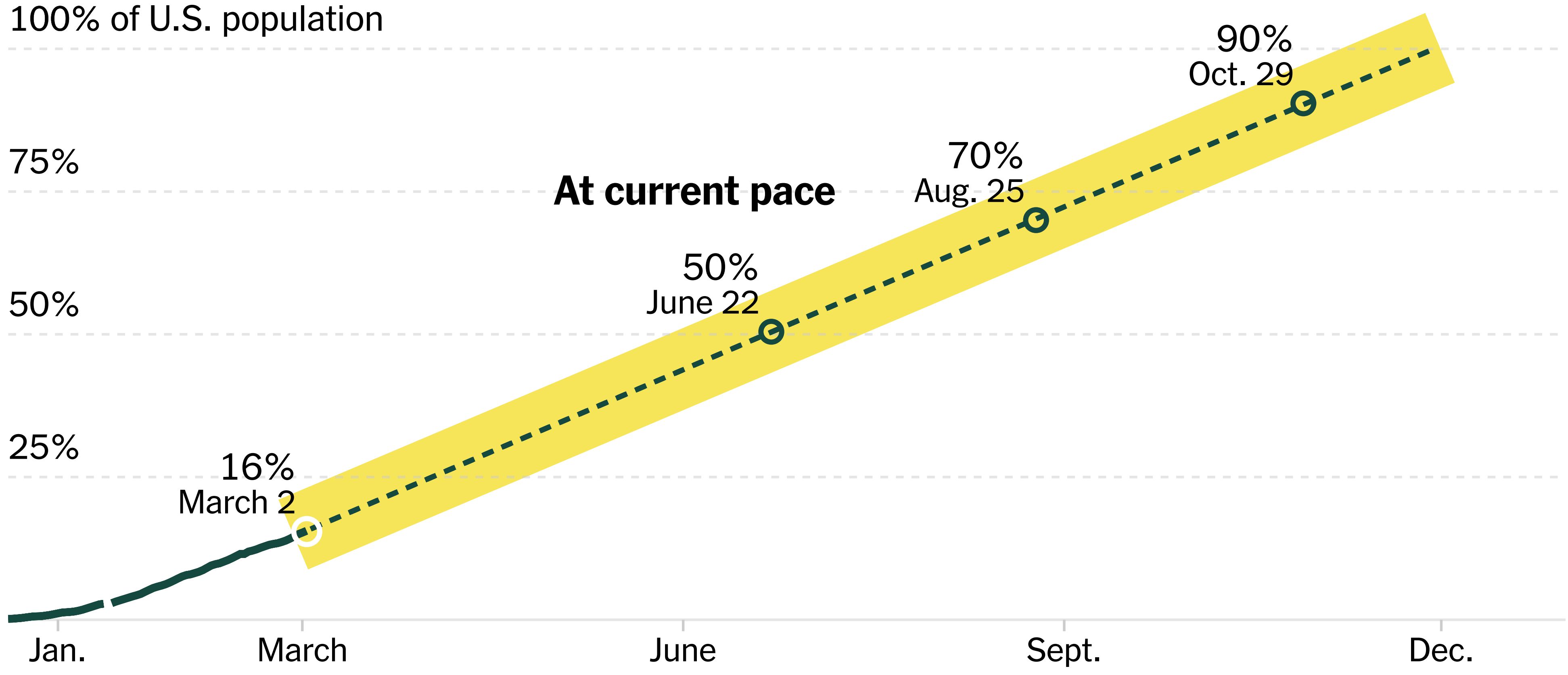

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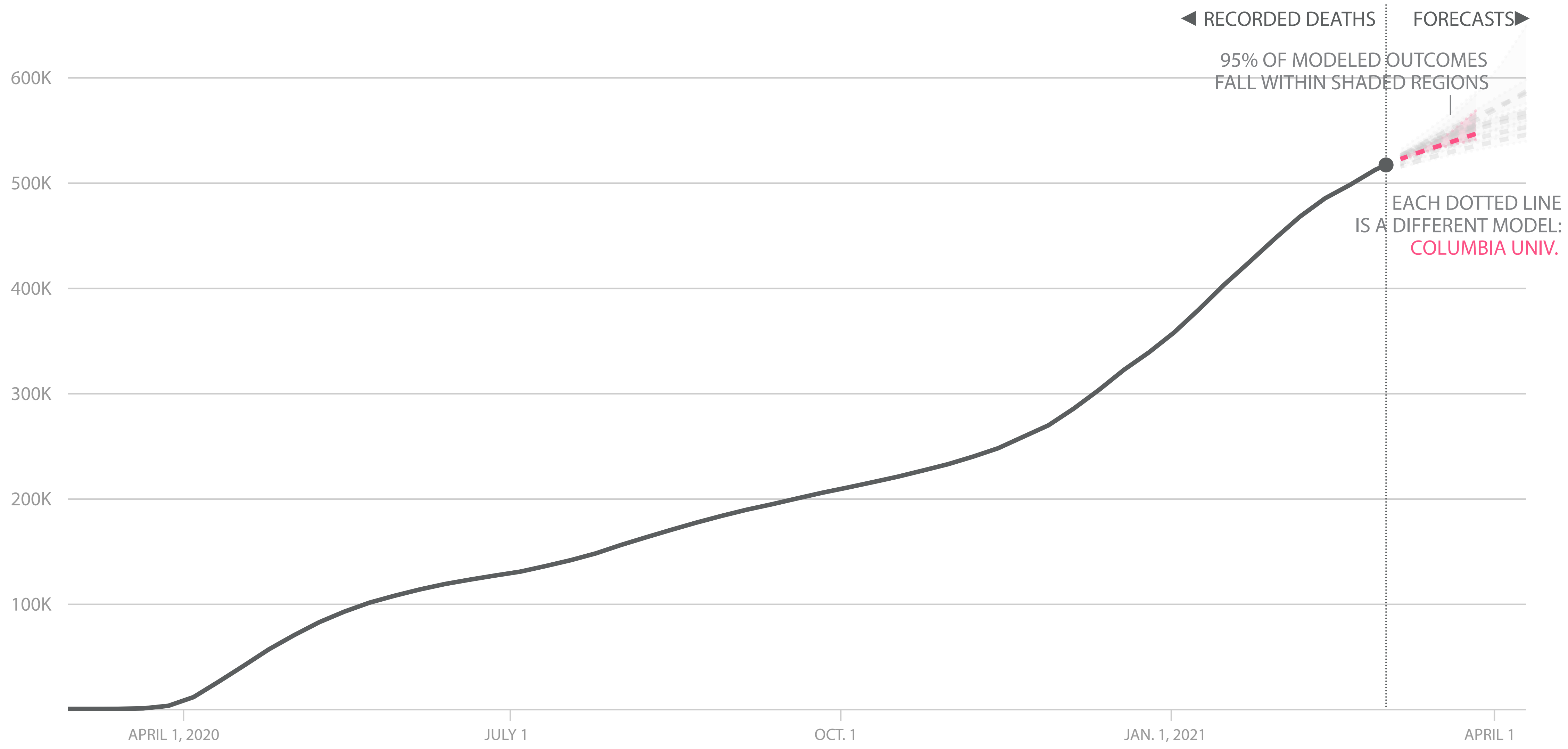

Forecasts like these are useful because they help us understand the most likely outcomes as well as best- and worst-case possibilities — and they can help policymakers make decisions that can lead us closer to those best-case outcomes.

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encoding uncertainty, estimates, forecasts, distinguishing measurements from estimates — examples

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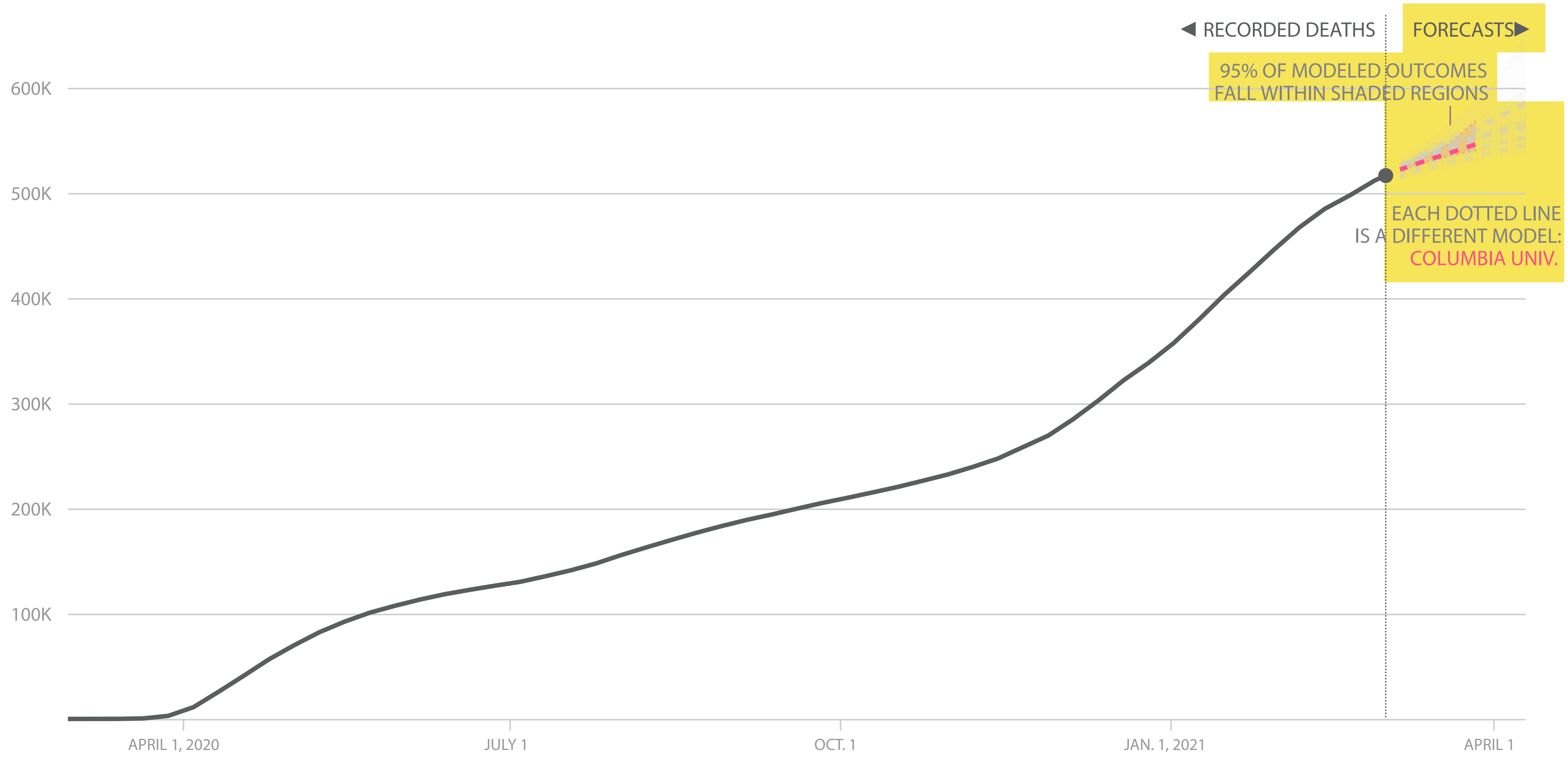
One of their more sober tasks is predicting the number of Americans who will die due to COVID-19. FiveThirtyEight — with the help of data compiled by the COVID-19 Forecast Hub — has assembled 11 models published by scientists to illustrate possible trajectories of the pandemic's death toll. In doing so, we hope to make them more accessible, as well as highlight how the assumptions underlying the models can lead to vastly different estimates. Here are the models' U.S. fatality projections for the coming weeks.



Forecasts like these are useful because they help us understand the most likely outcomes as well as best- and worst-case possibilities — and they can help policymakers make decisions that can lead us closer to those best-case outcomes.

And looking at multiple models is better than looking at just one because it's difficult to know which model will match reality the closest. Even when models disagree, understanding why they are dierent can give us valuable insight.

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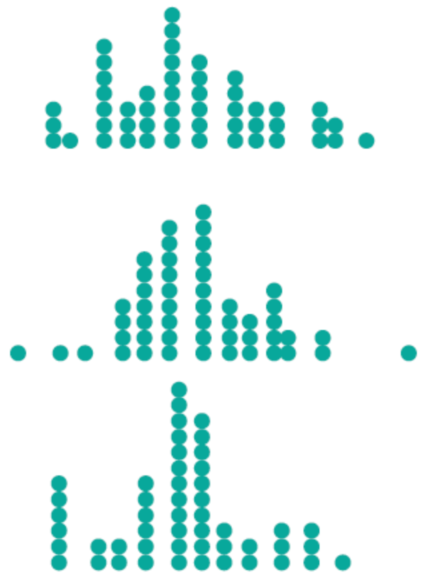
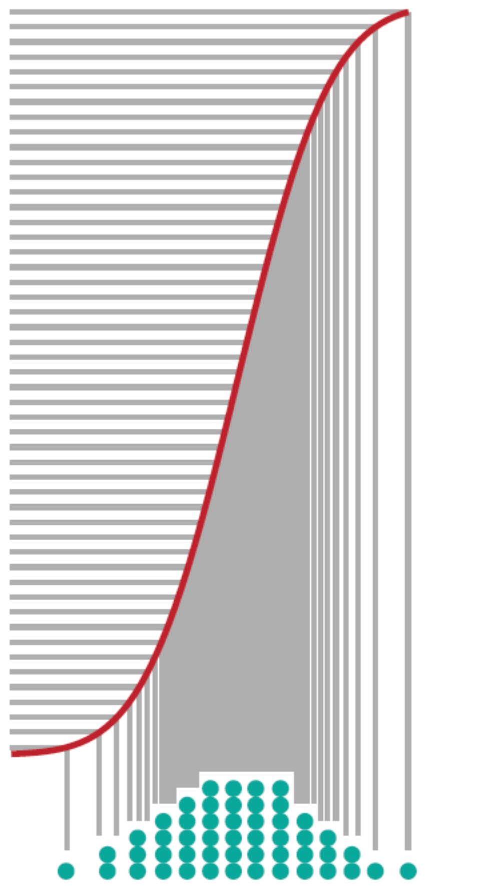
 discretizing distributions to improve decisions — quantile dot plots

Probability density of Normal distribution

To generate a discrete plot of this distribution, we could try taking **random draws** from it. However, **this approach is noisy**: it may be very different from one instance to the next.



Instead, we use the **quantile function (inverse CDF)** of the distribution to generate “draws” from evenly-spaced quantiles.



We plot the quantile “draws” using a Wilkinsonian dotplot, yielding what we call a **quantile dotplot**: a consistent discrete representation of a probability distribution.

By using quantiles we facilitate interval estimation from frequencies: e.g., knowing there are 50 dots here, if we are willing to miss our bus **3/50** times, we can count **3 dots** from the left to get a one-sided **94% (1 – 3/50) prediction interval** corresponding to that risk tolerance.

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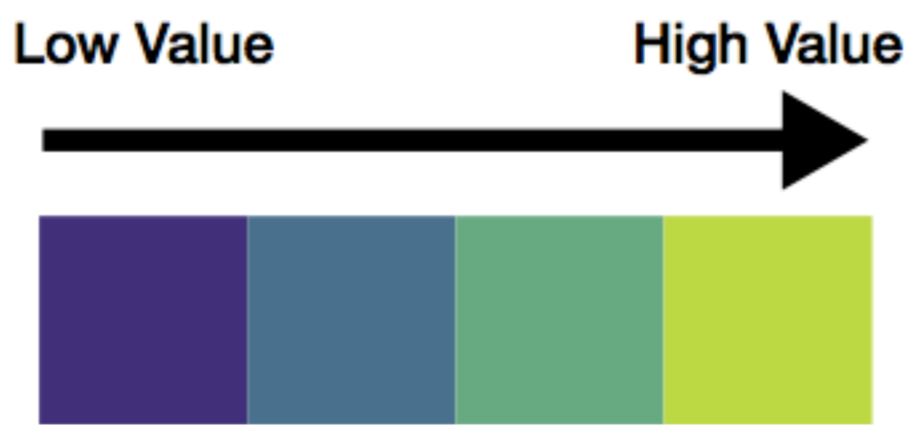

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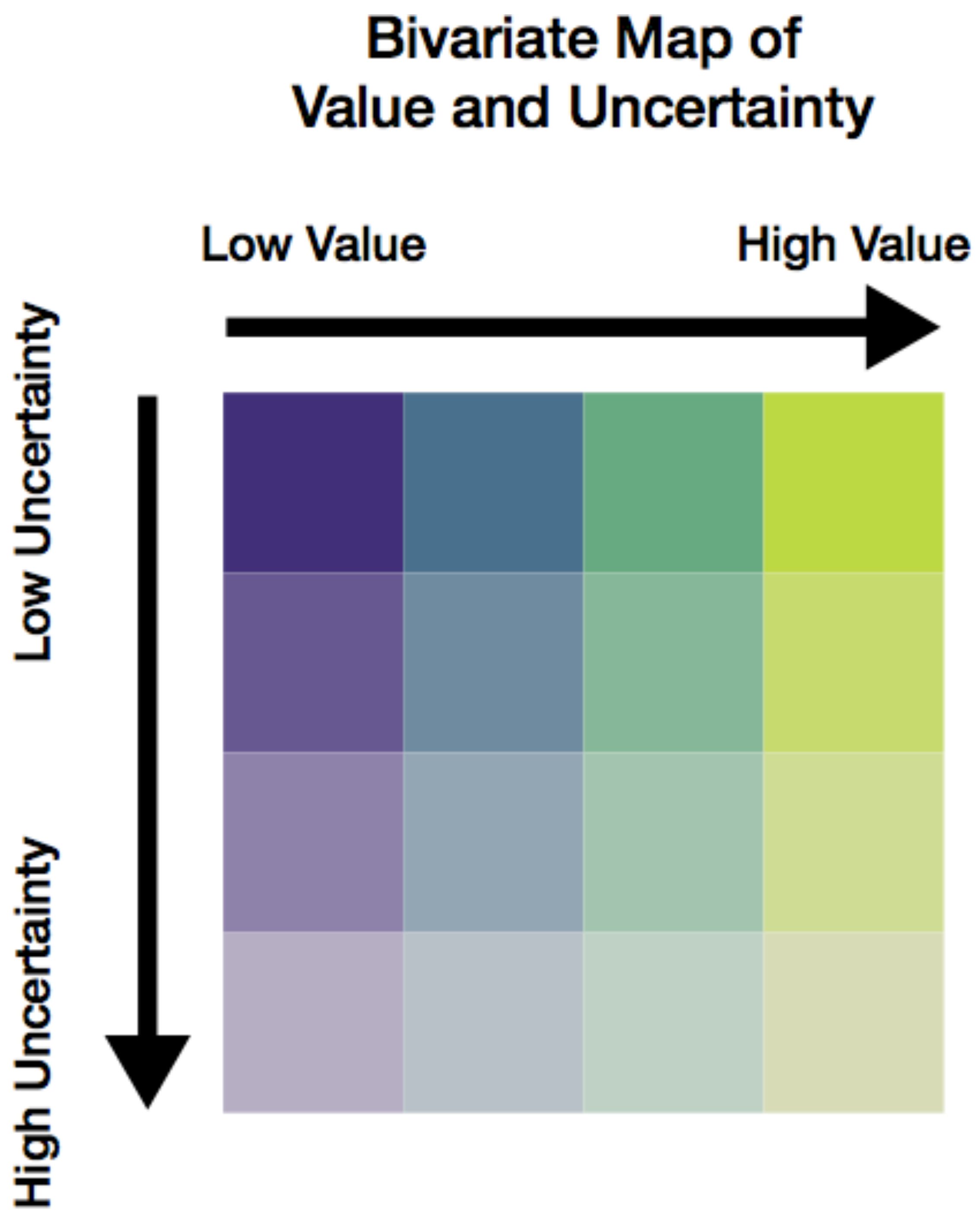

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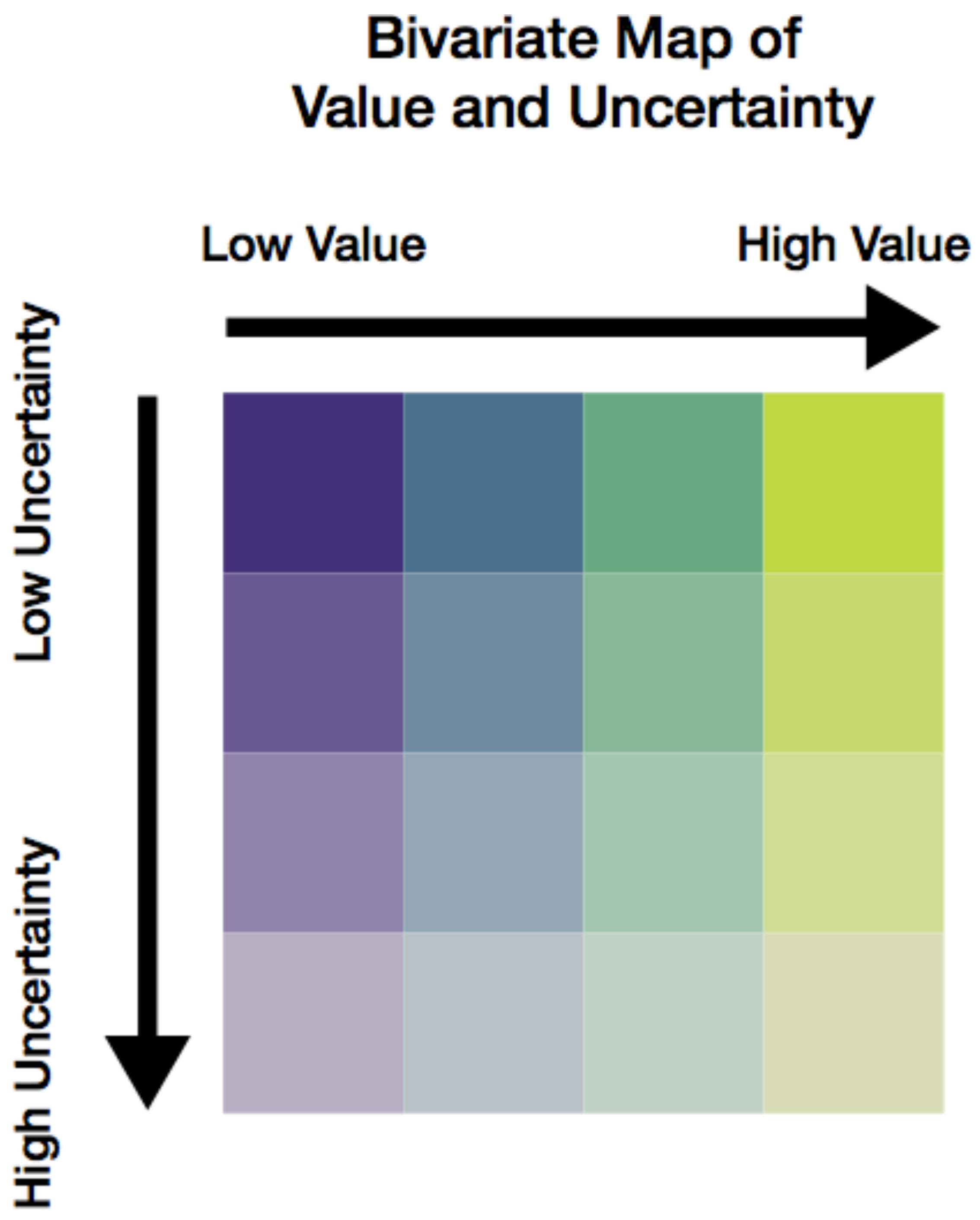

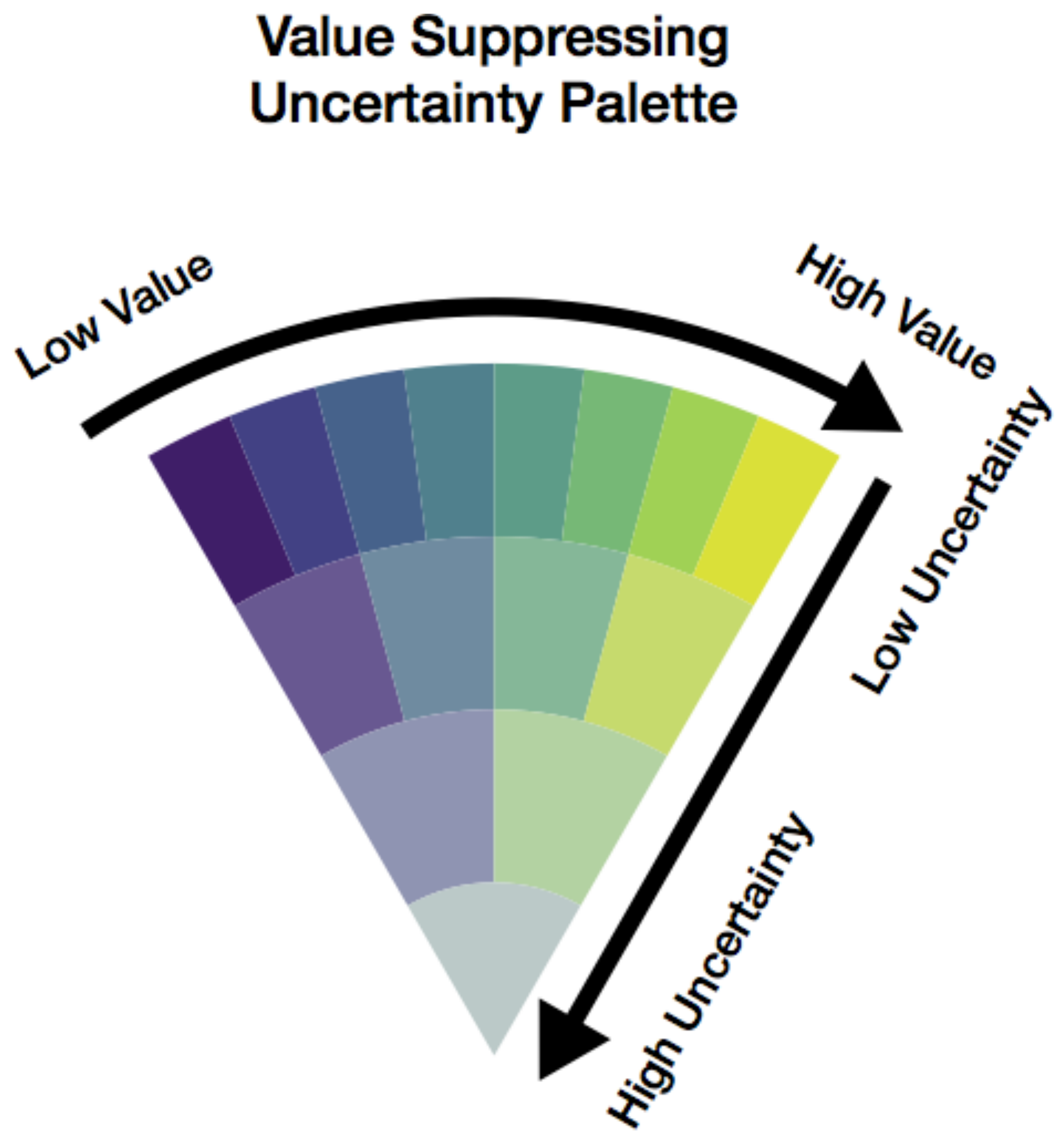

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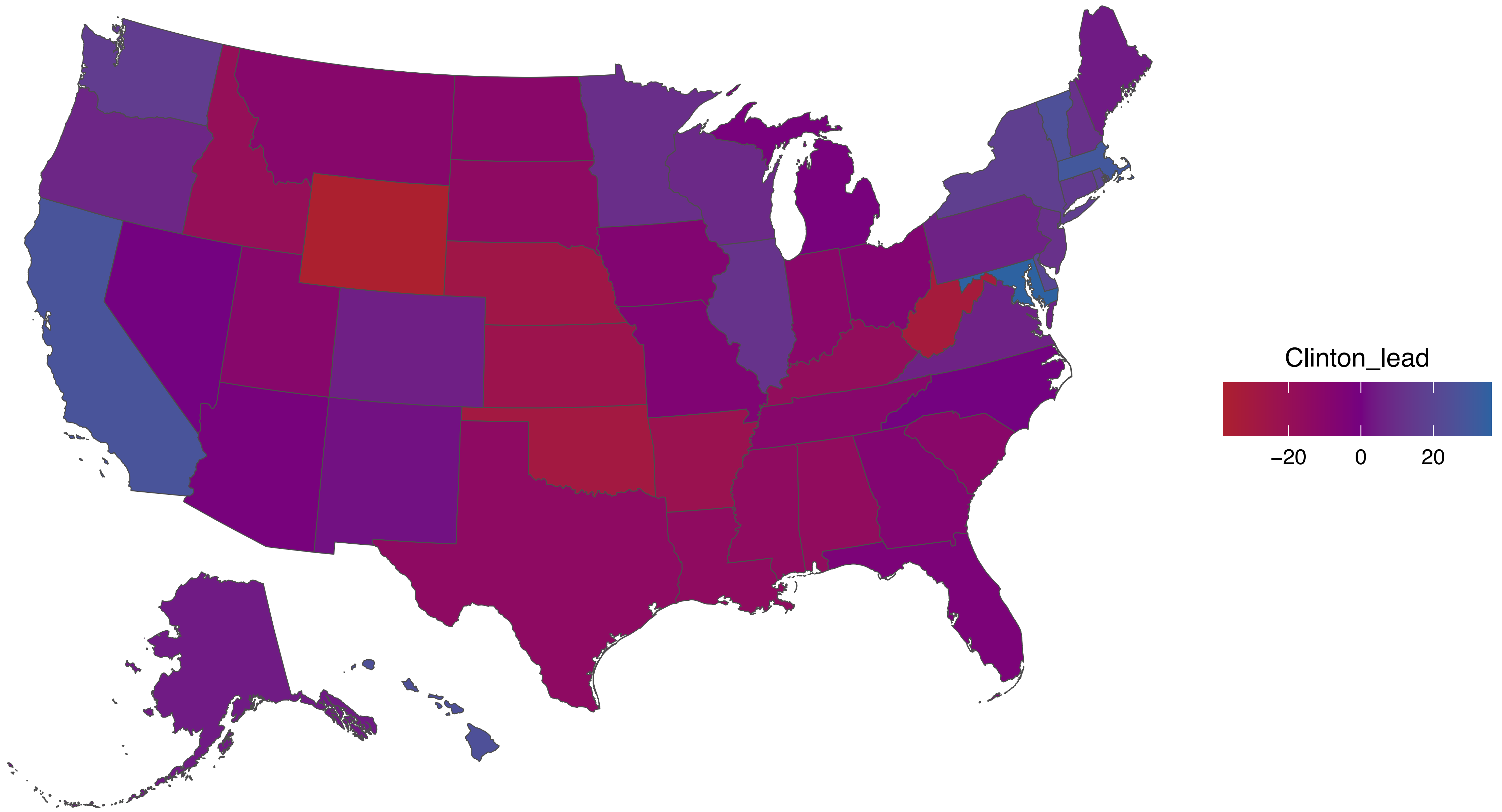

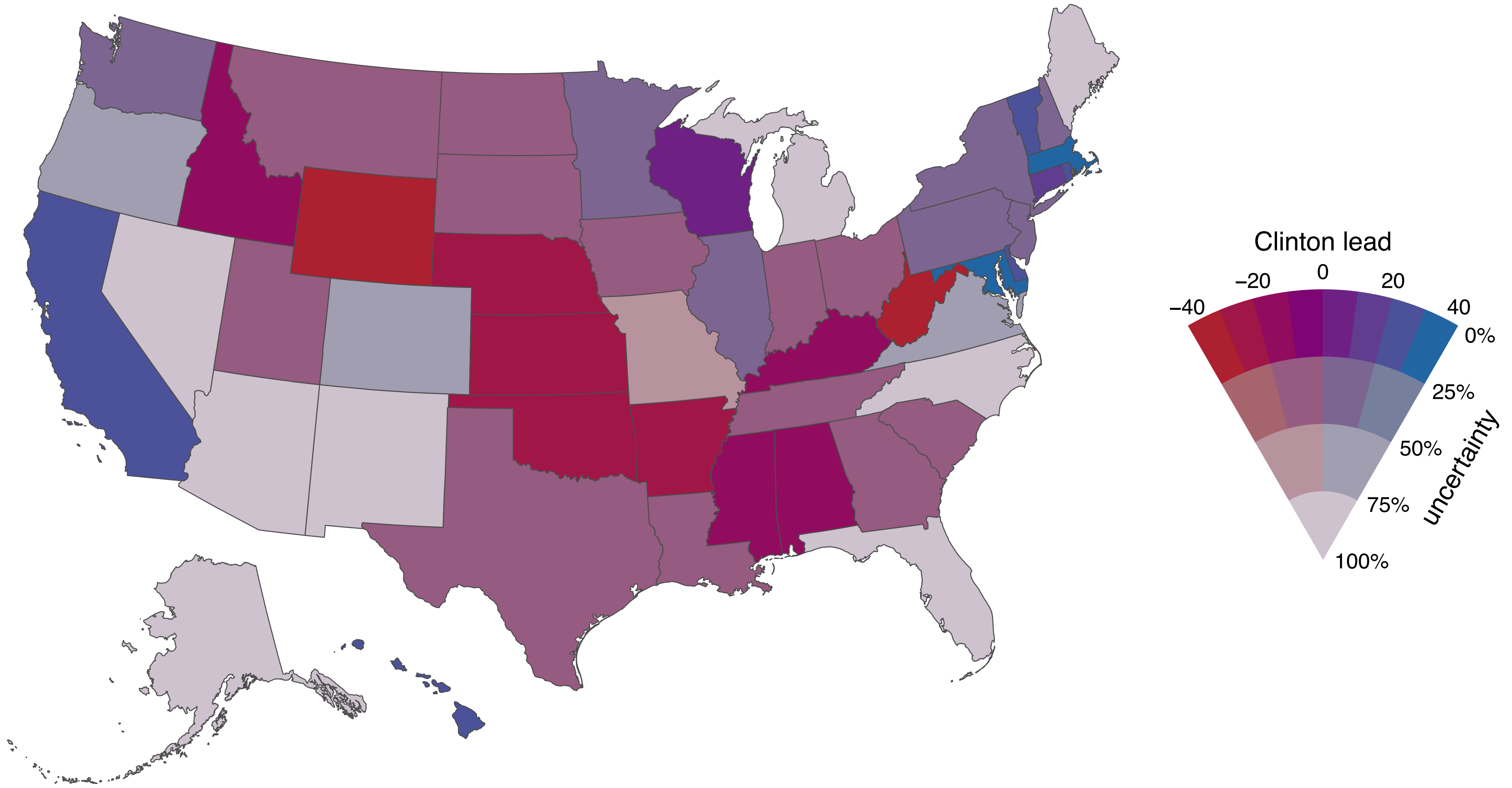

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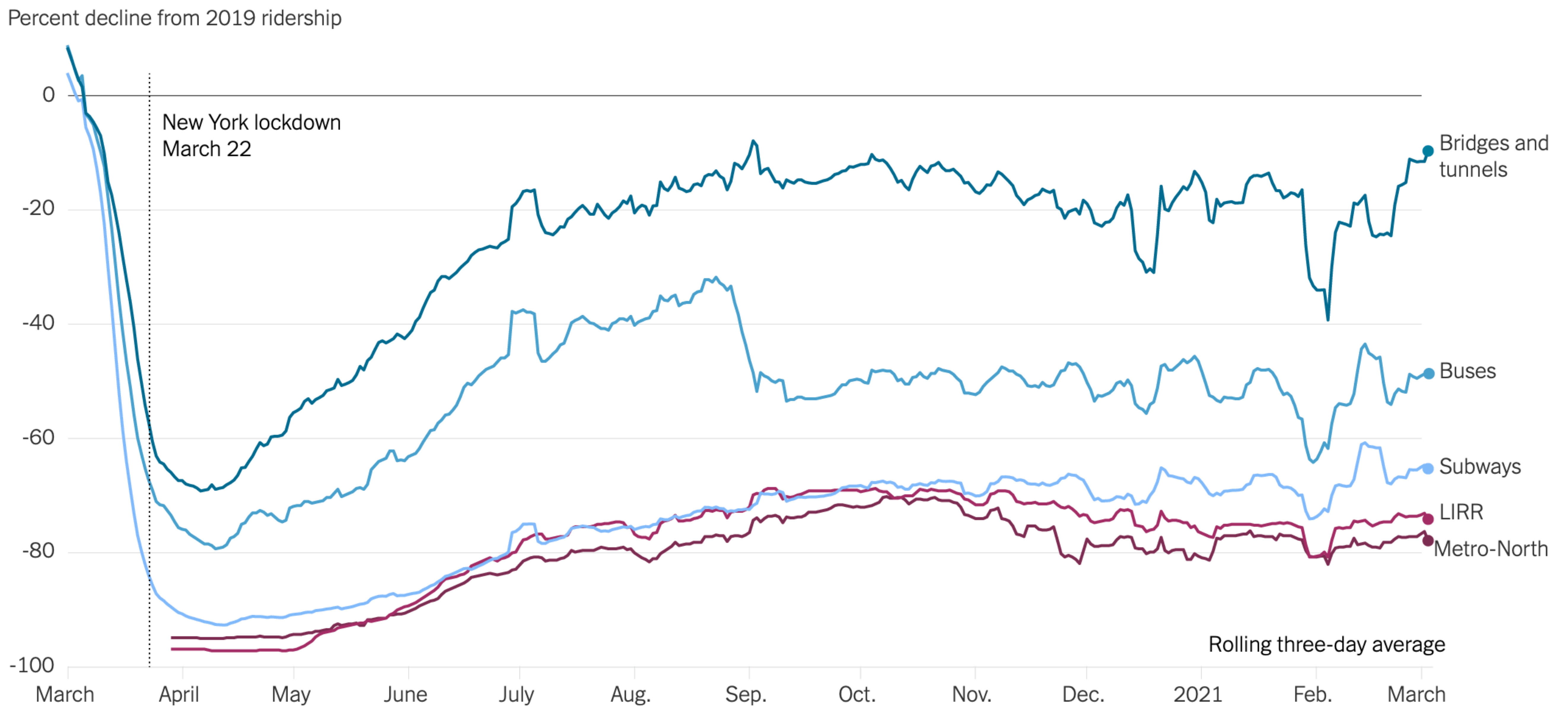

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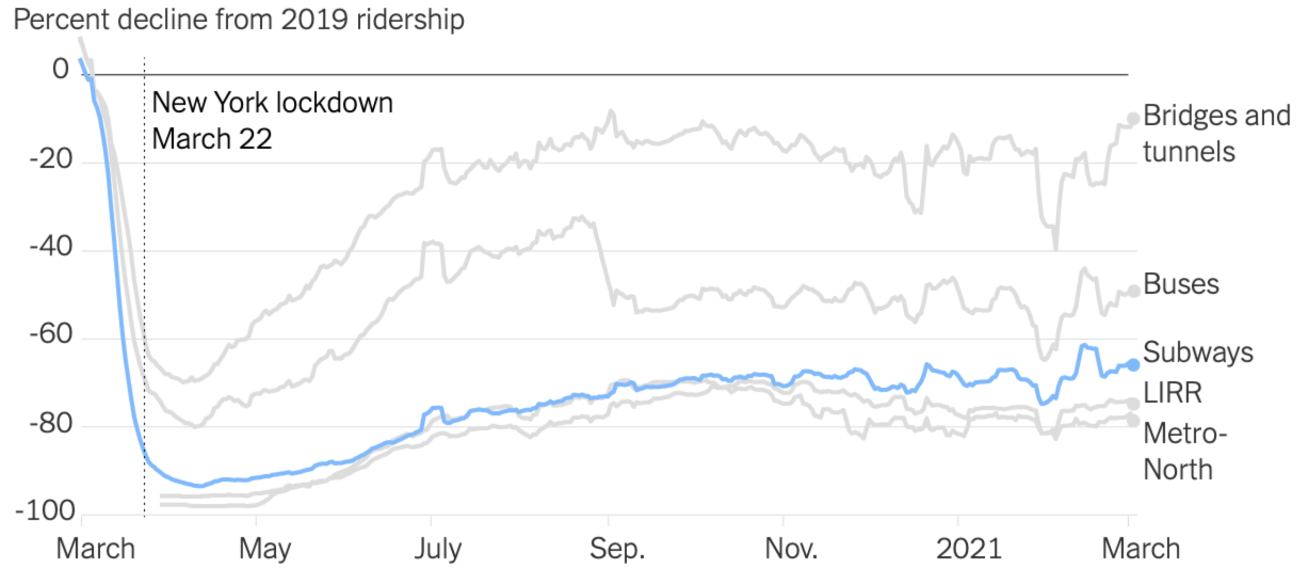

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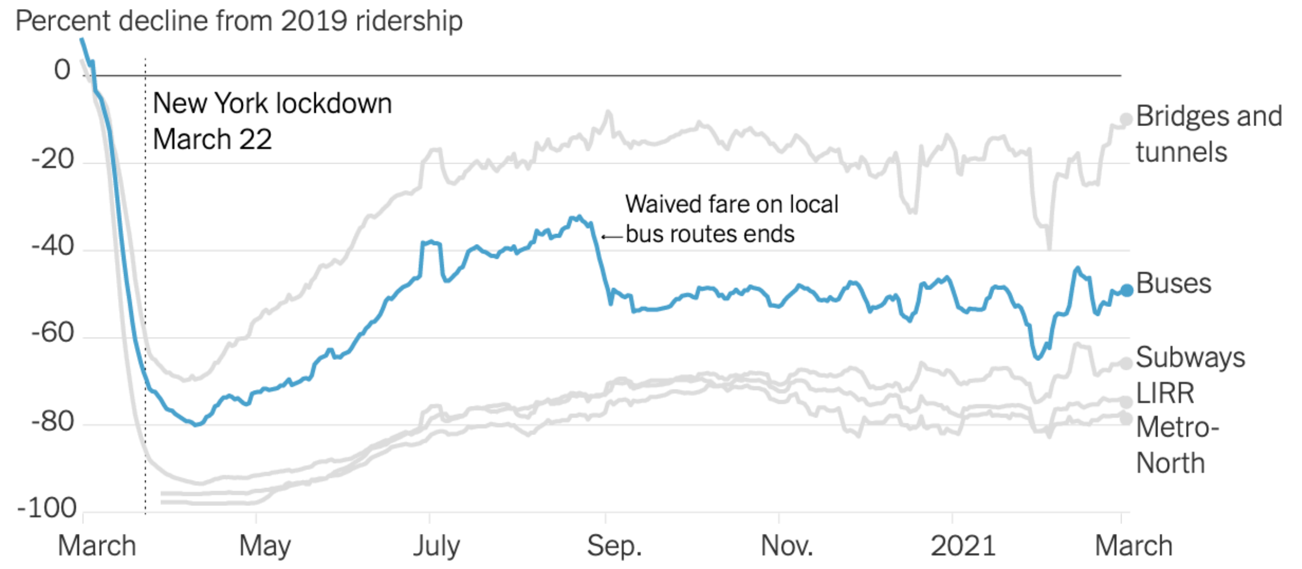

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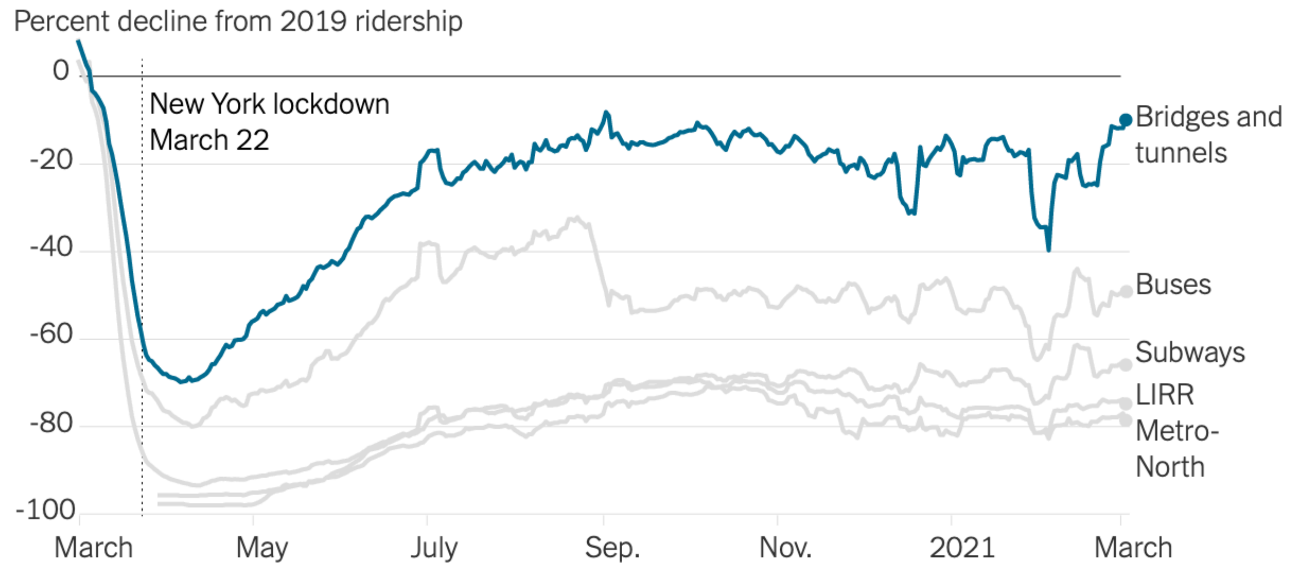

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Build up a plot, layer by layer

Source: `R/transition-layers.R`

This transition gradually adds layers to the plot in the order they have been defined. By default prior layers are kept for the remainder of the animation, but they can also be set to be removed as the next layer enters.

```
transition_layers(
  layer_length = 1,
  transition_length = 1,
  keep_layers = TRUE,
  from_blank = TRUE,
  layer_order = NULL,
  layer_names = NULL
)
```

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Arguments

layer_length	The proportional time to pause at each layer before a new one enters
transition_length	The proportional time to use for the entrance of a new layer
keep_layers	Either an integer indicating for how many following layers the layers should stay on screen or a logical. In the case of the later, `TRUE` will mean keep the layer for the remainder of the animation (equivalent to setting it to `Inf`) and `FALSE` will mean to transition the layer out as the next layer enters.
from_blank	Should the first layer transition in or be present on the onset of the animation
layer_order	An alternative order the layers should appear in (default to using the stacking order). All other arguments that references the layers index in some way refers to this order.
layer_names	A character vector of names for each layers, to be used when interpreting label literals

Label variables

`transition_layers` makes the following variables available for string literal interpretation, in addition to the general ones provided by `animate()`:

- **transitioning** is a boolean indicating whether the frame is part of the transitioning phase
- **previous_layer** The name of the last layer the animation was showing
- **closest_layer** The name of the layer the animation is closest to showing
- **next_layer** The name of the next layer the animation will show
- **nlayers** The total number of layers

Object permanence

`transition_layer` does not link rows across data to the same graphic element, so elements will be defined uniquely by each row and the enter and exit of the layer it belongs to.

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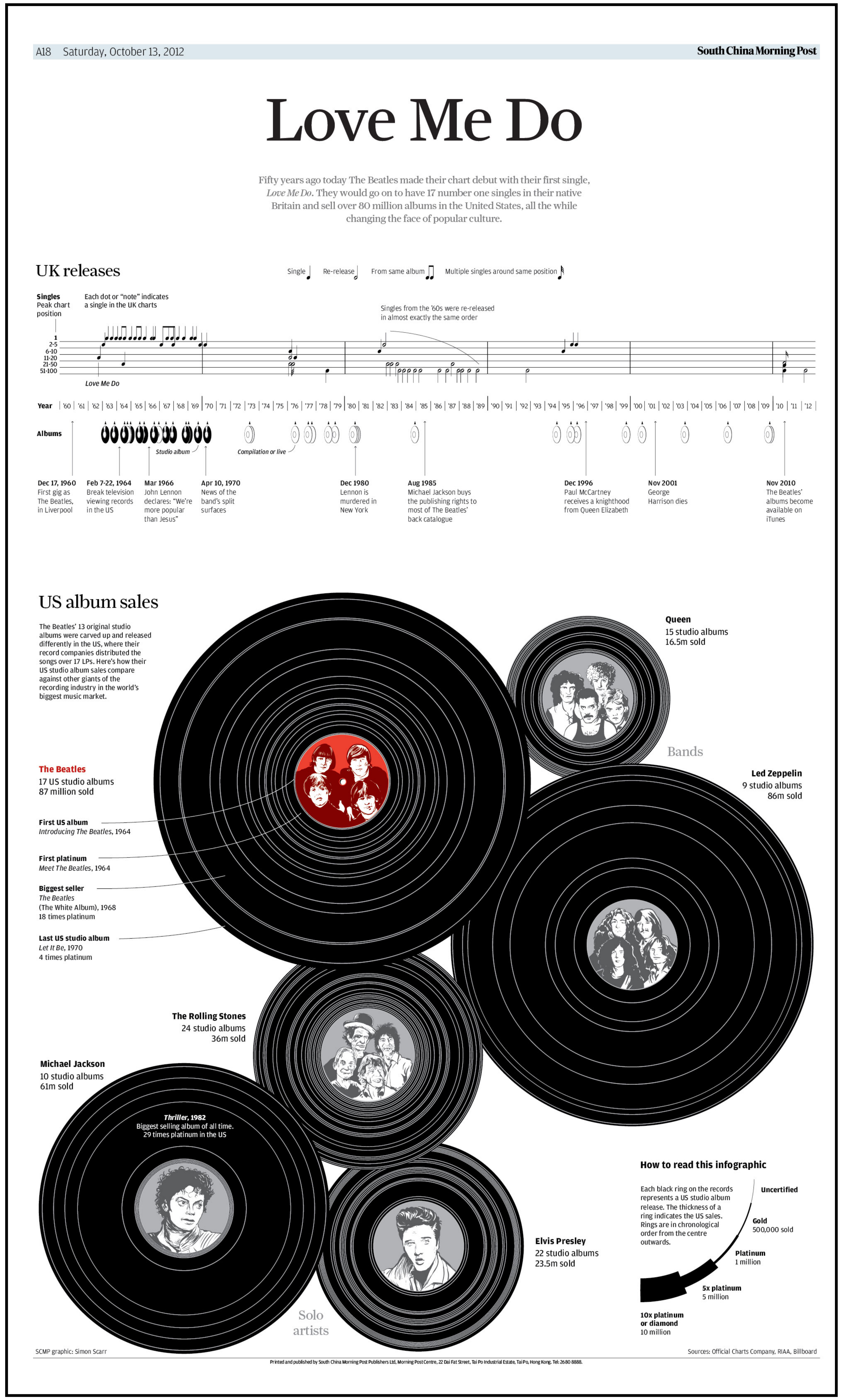

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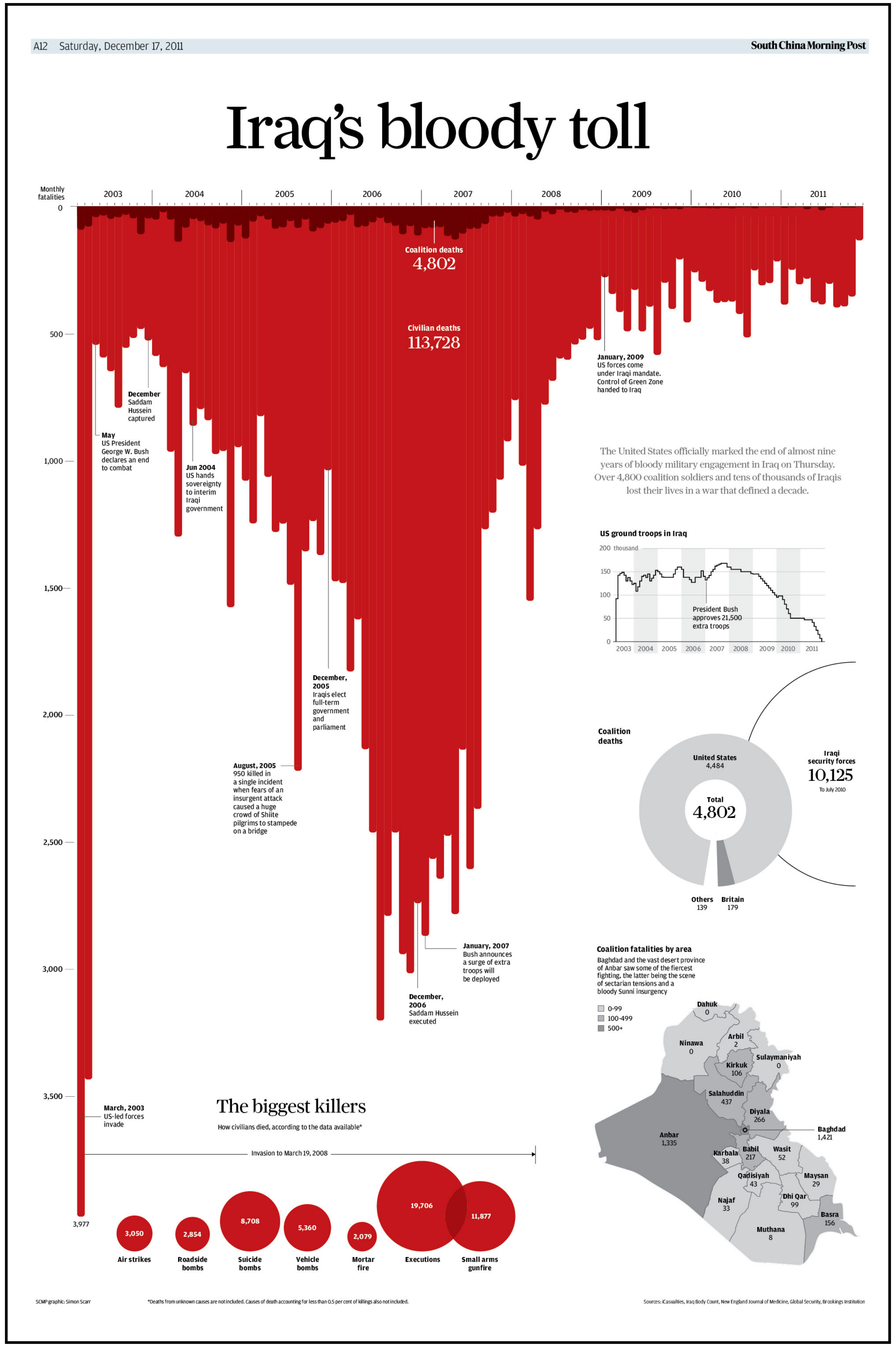

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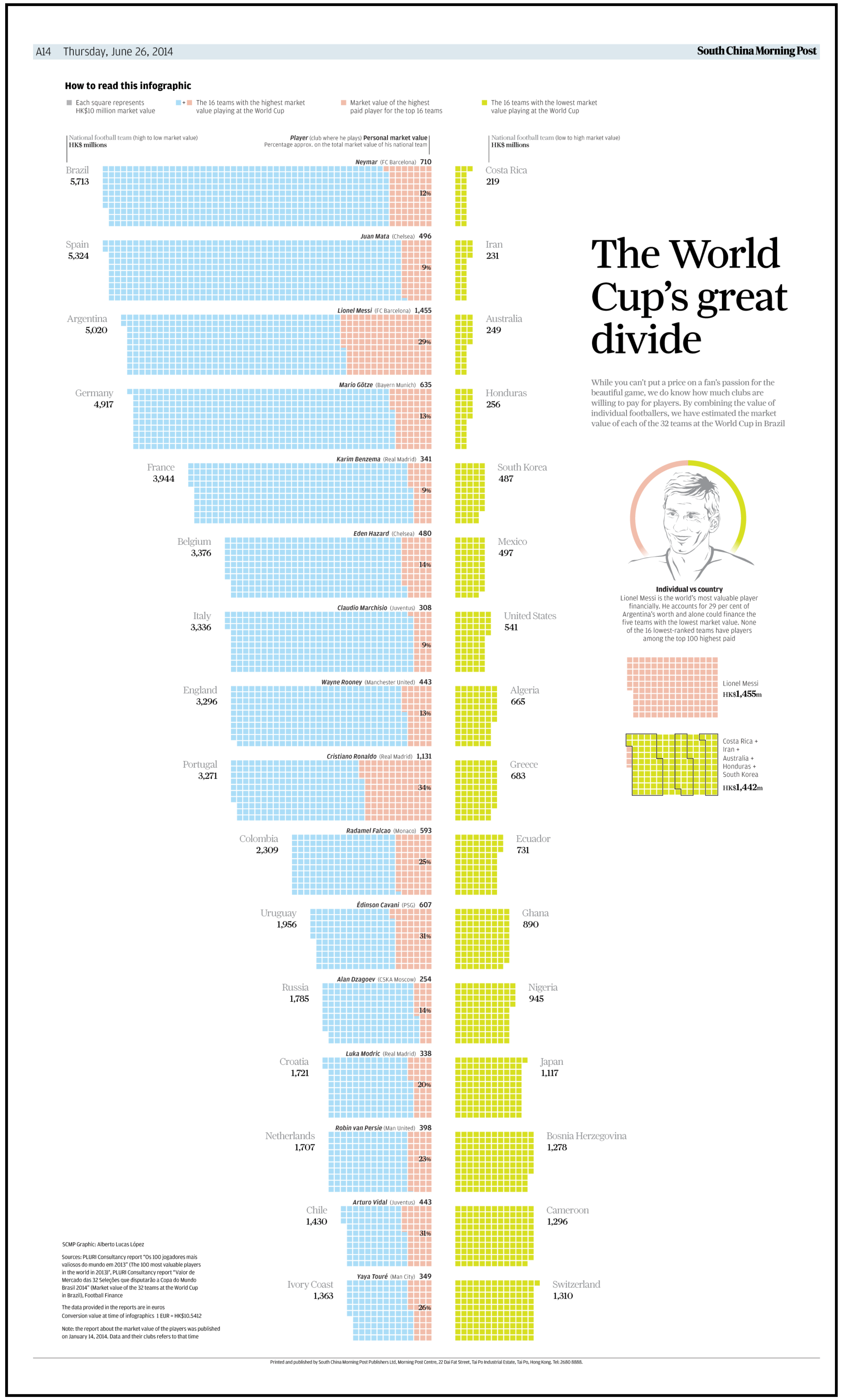

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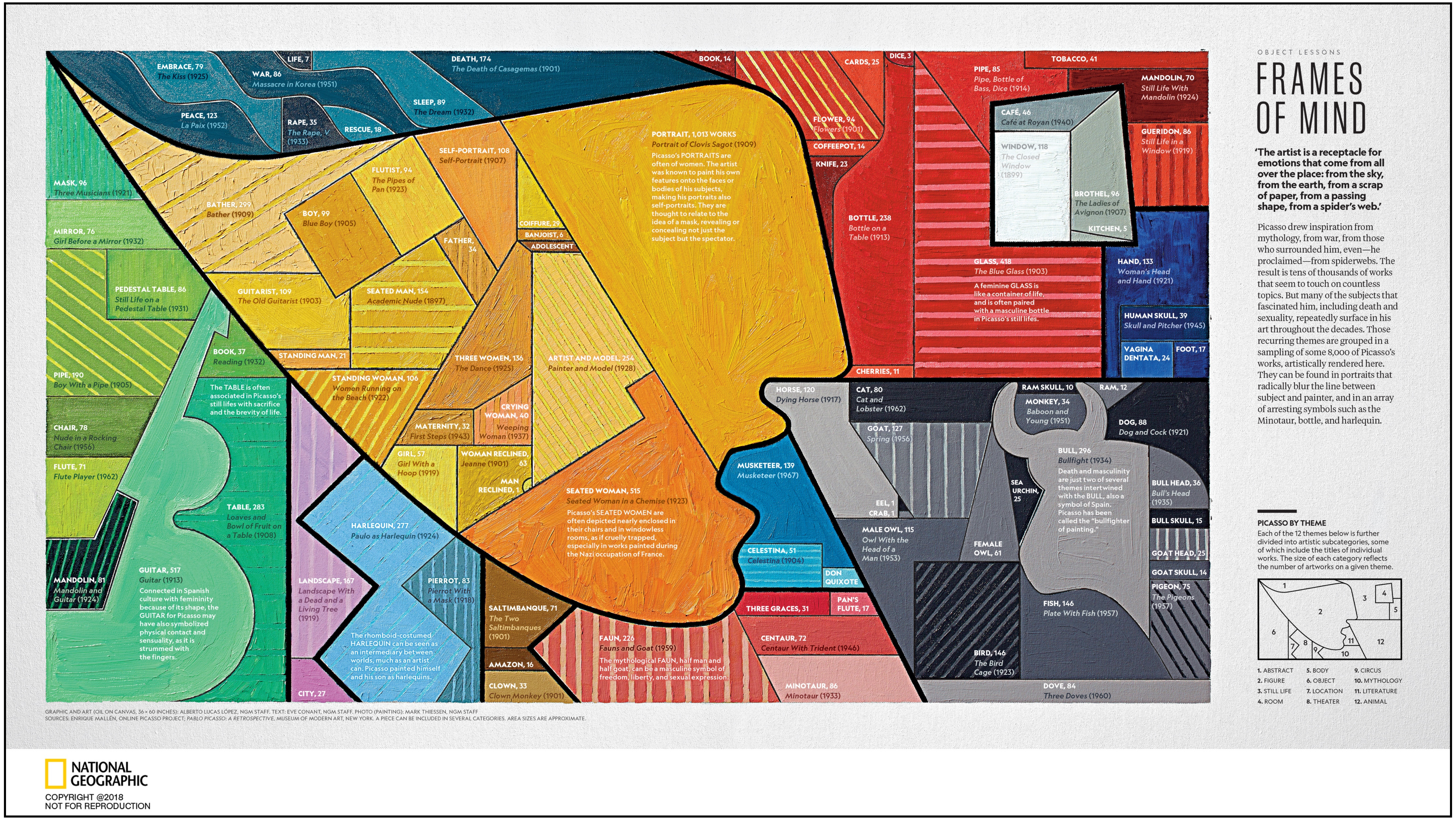

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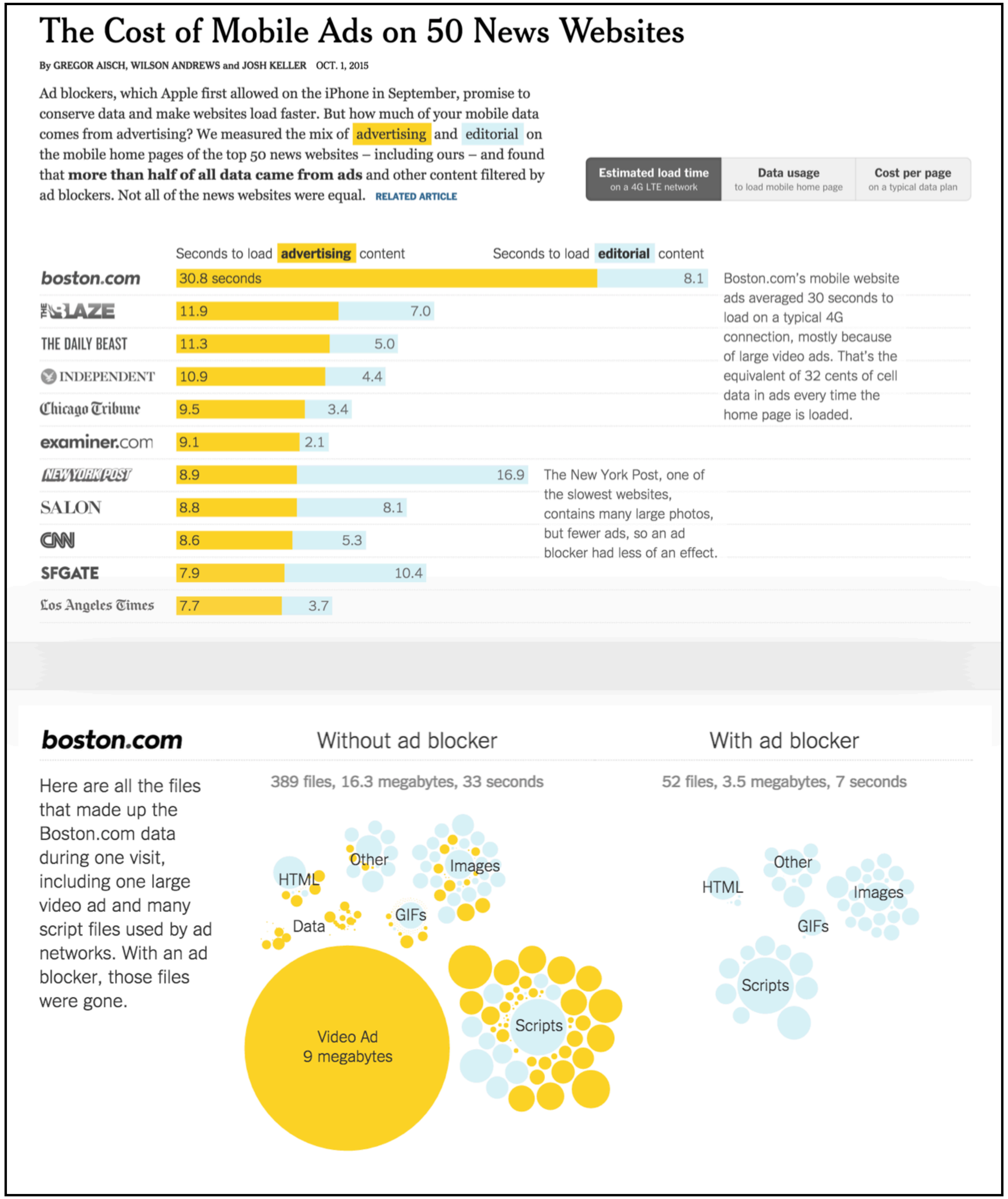

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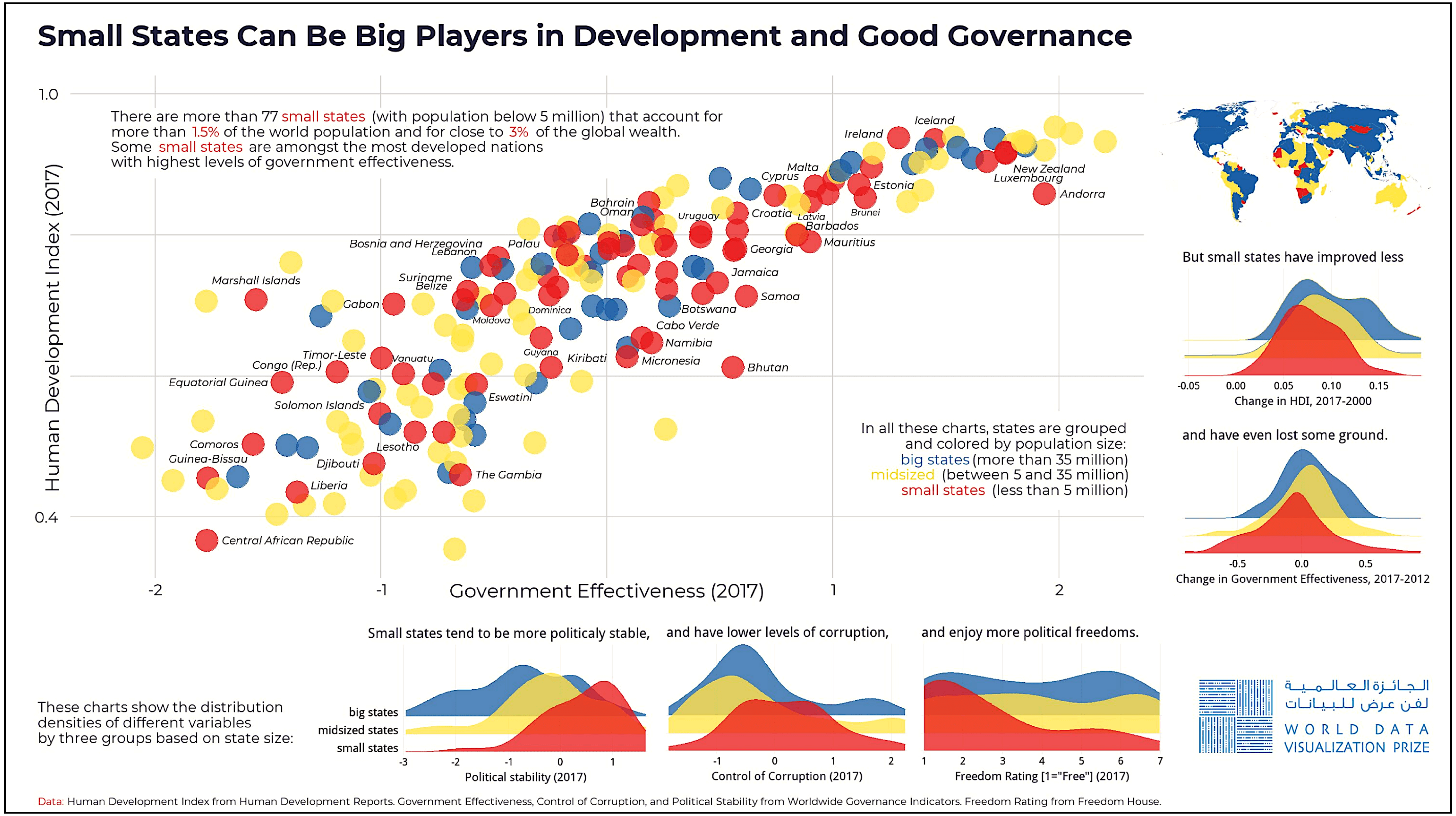

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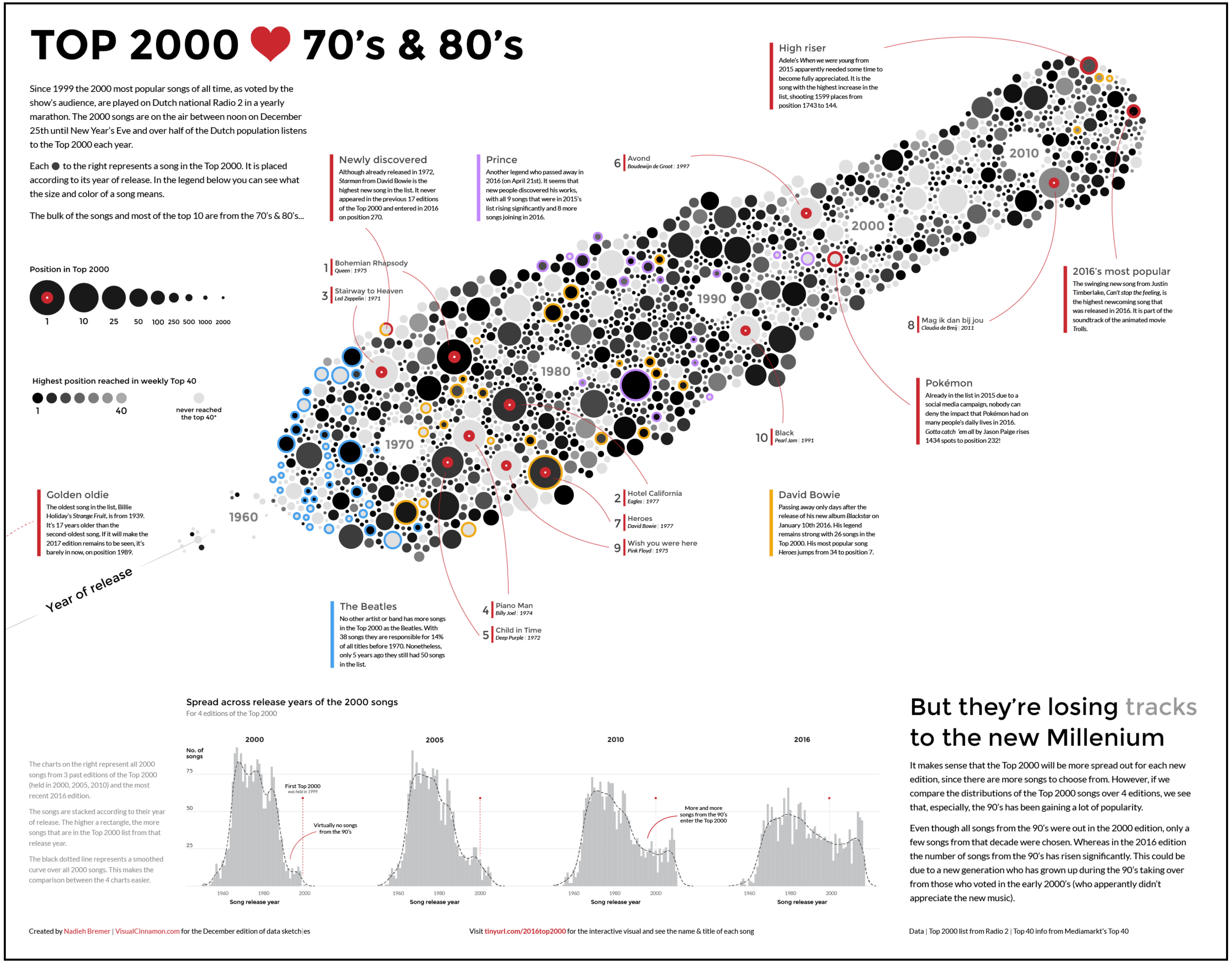

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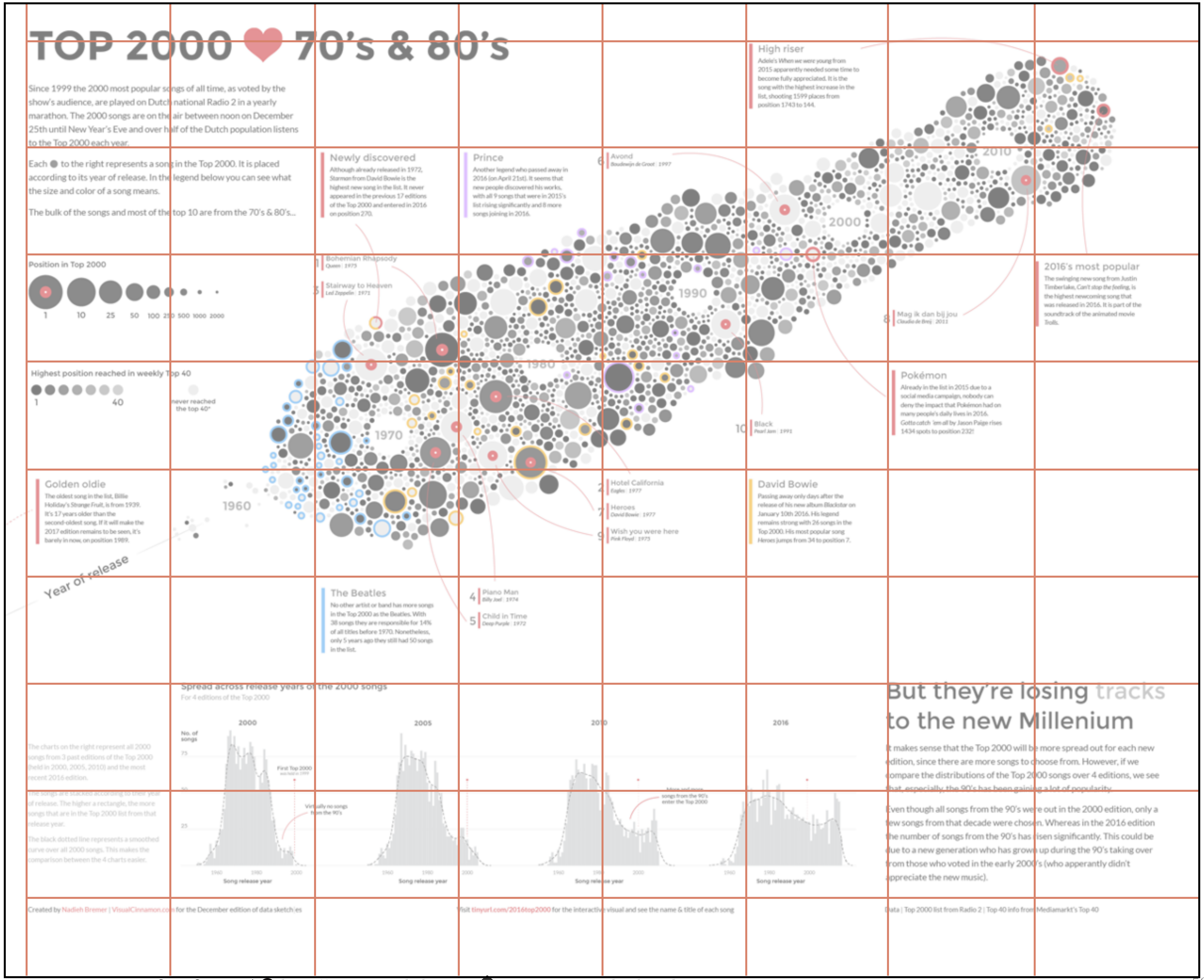

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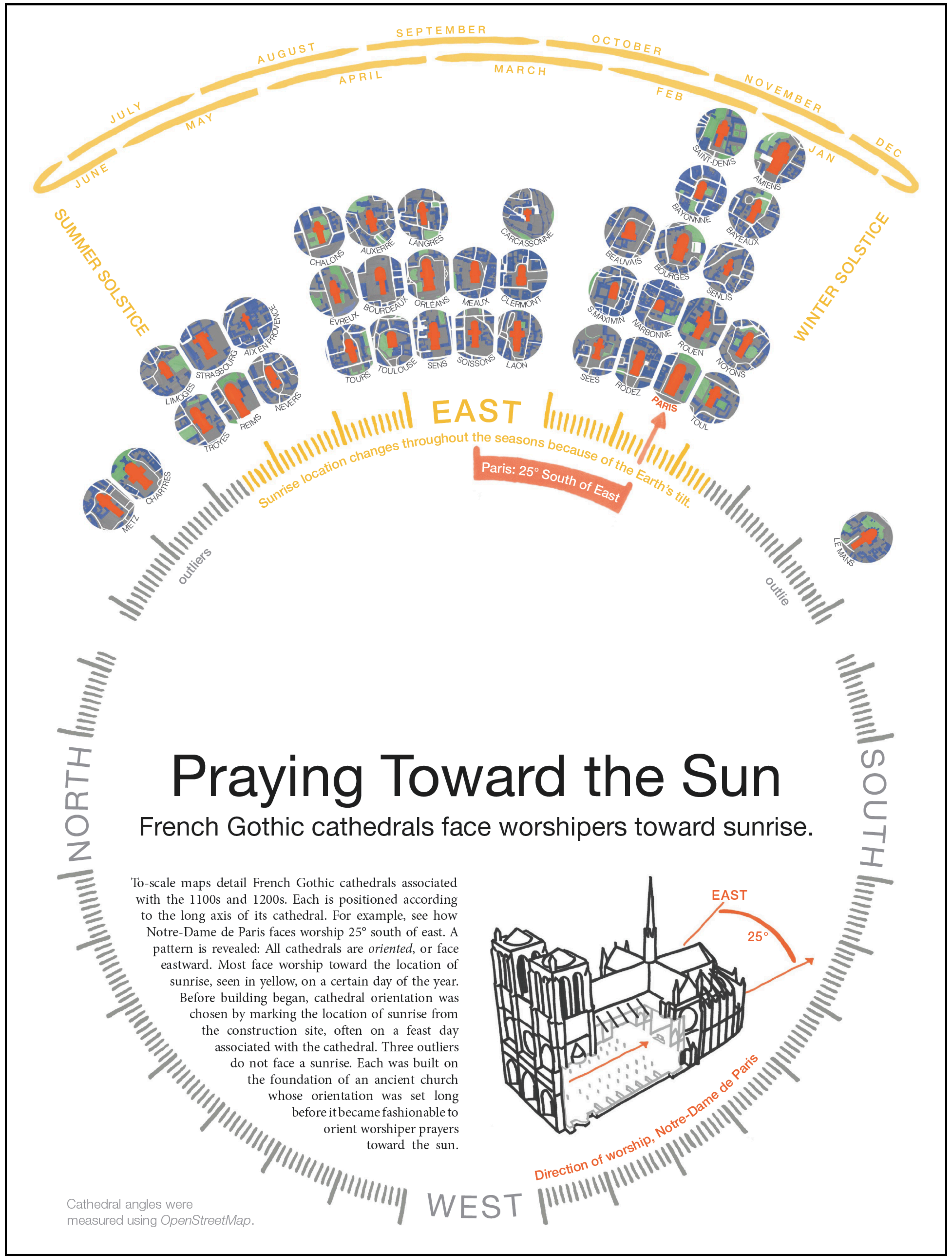

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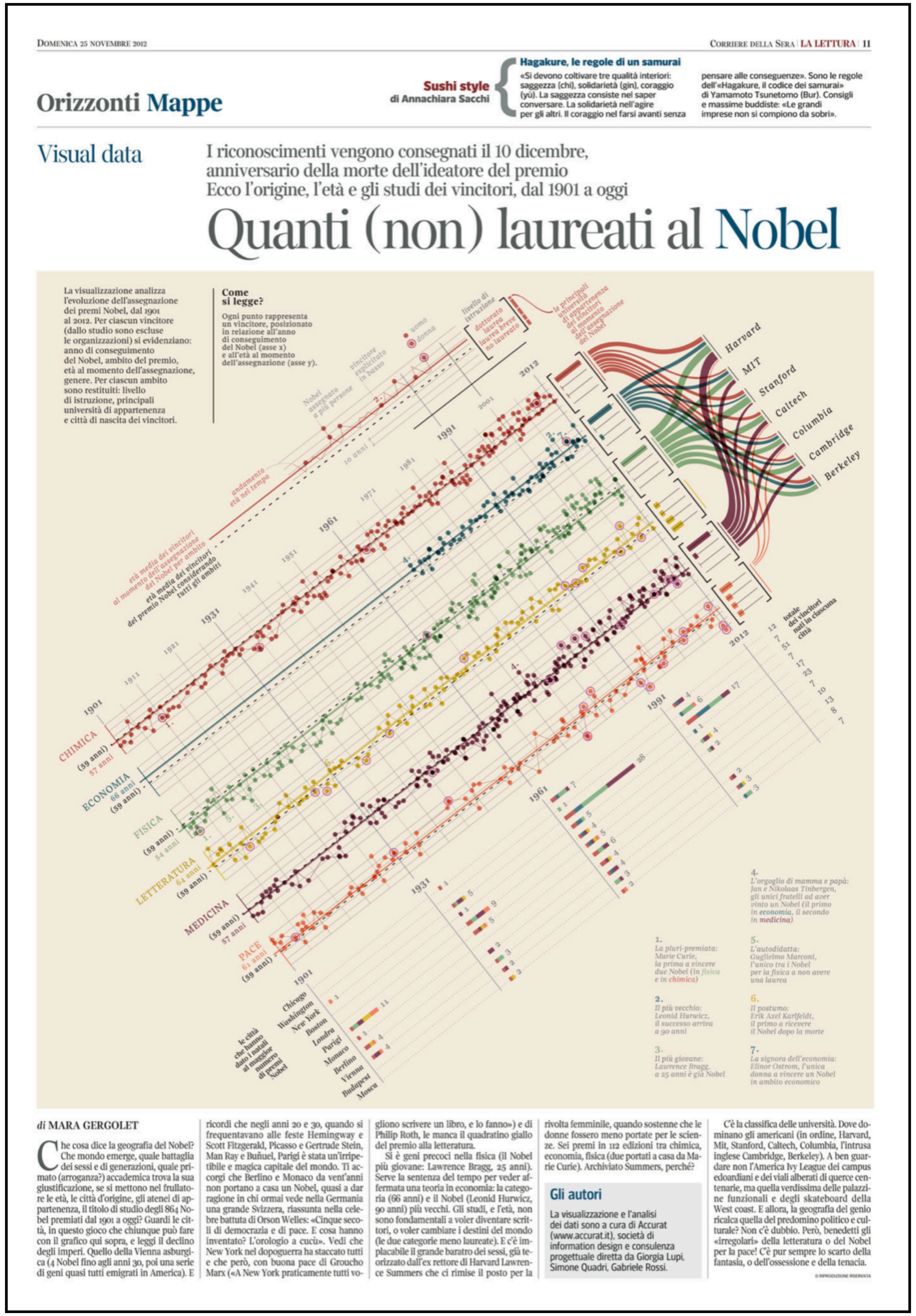
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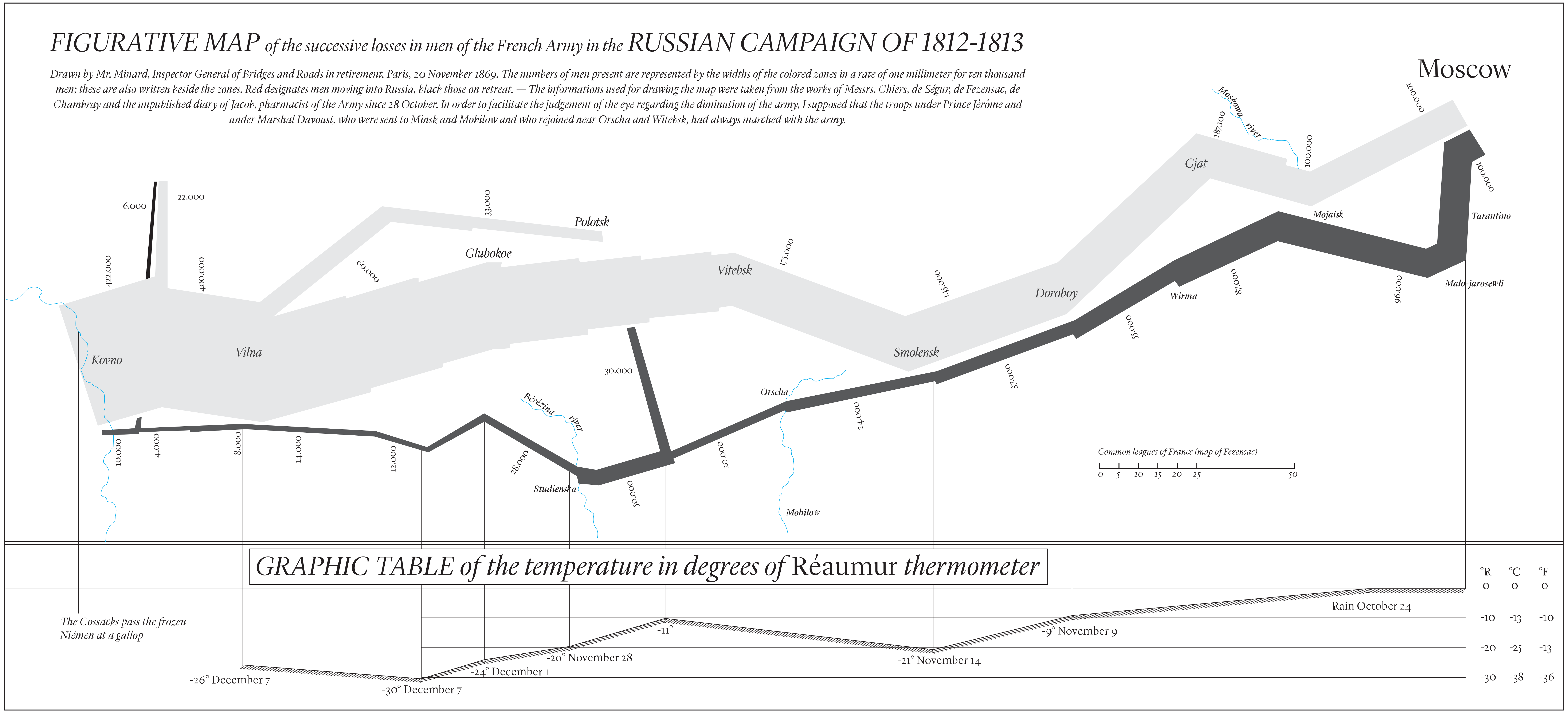

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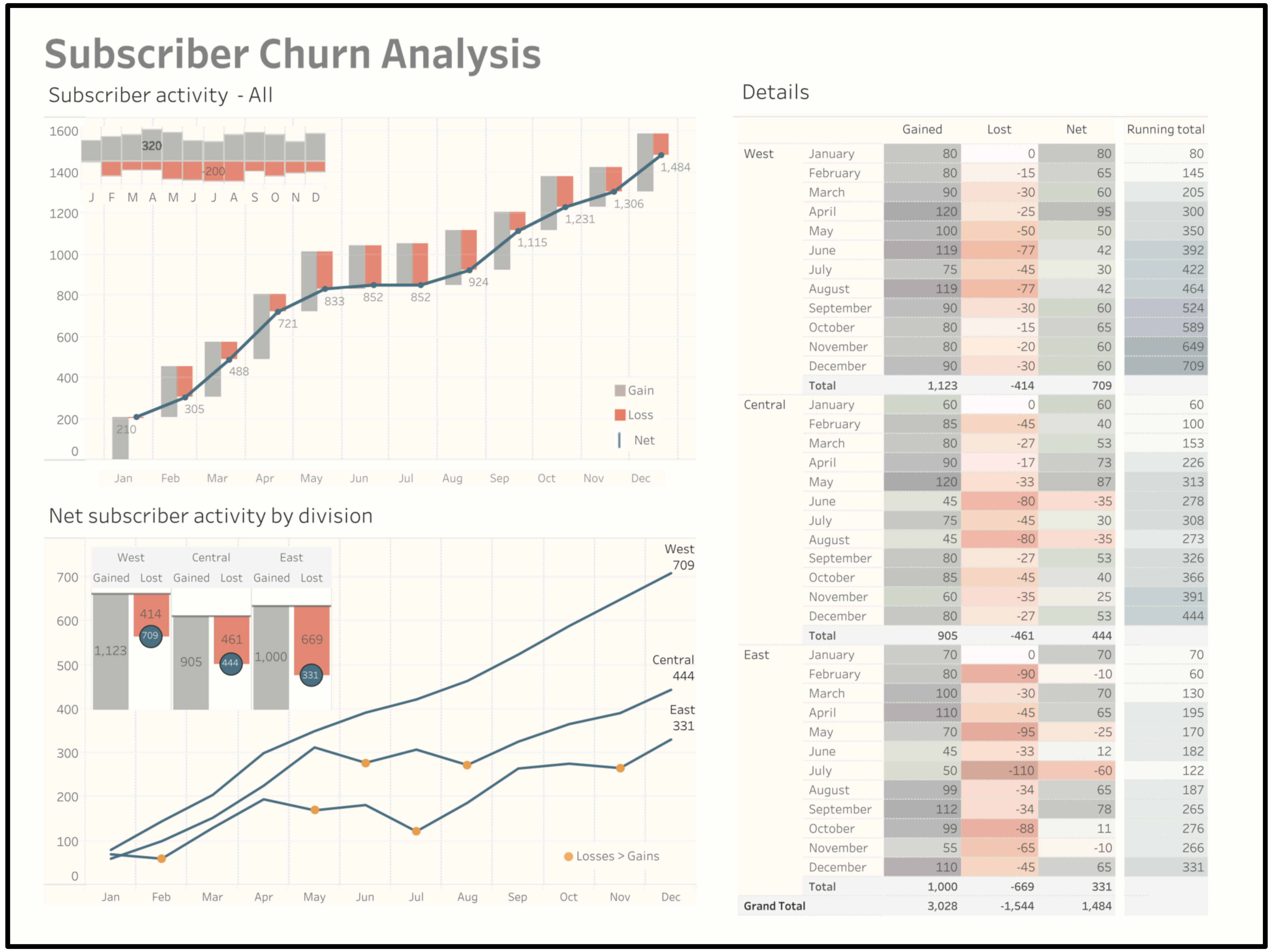

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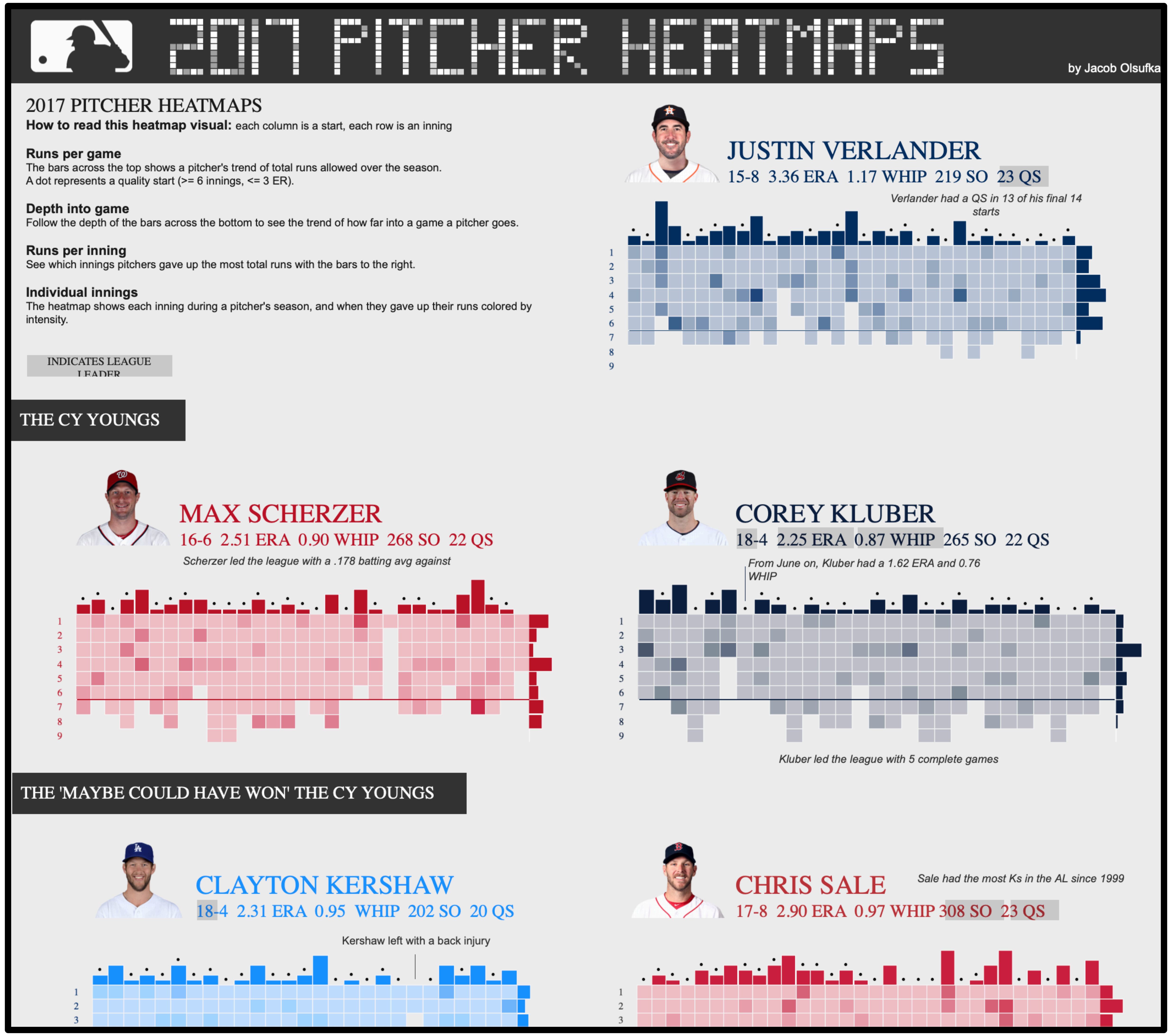

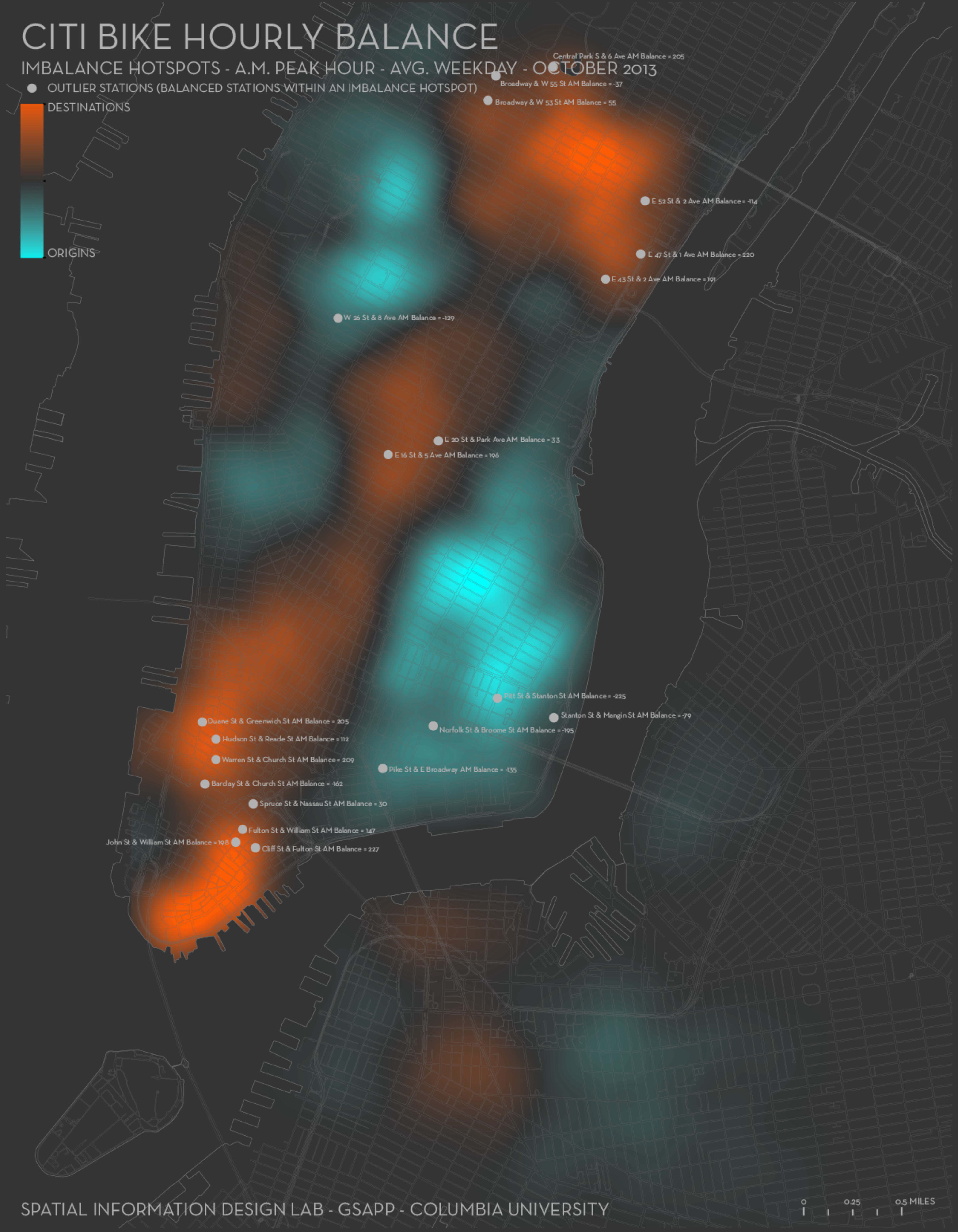
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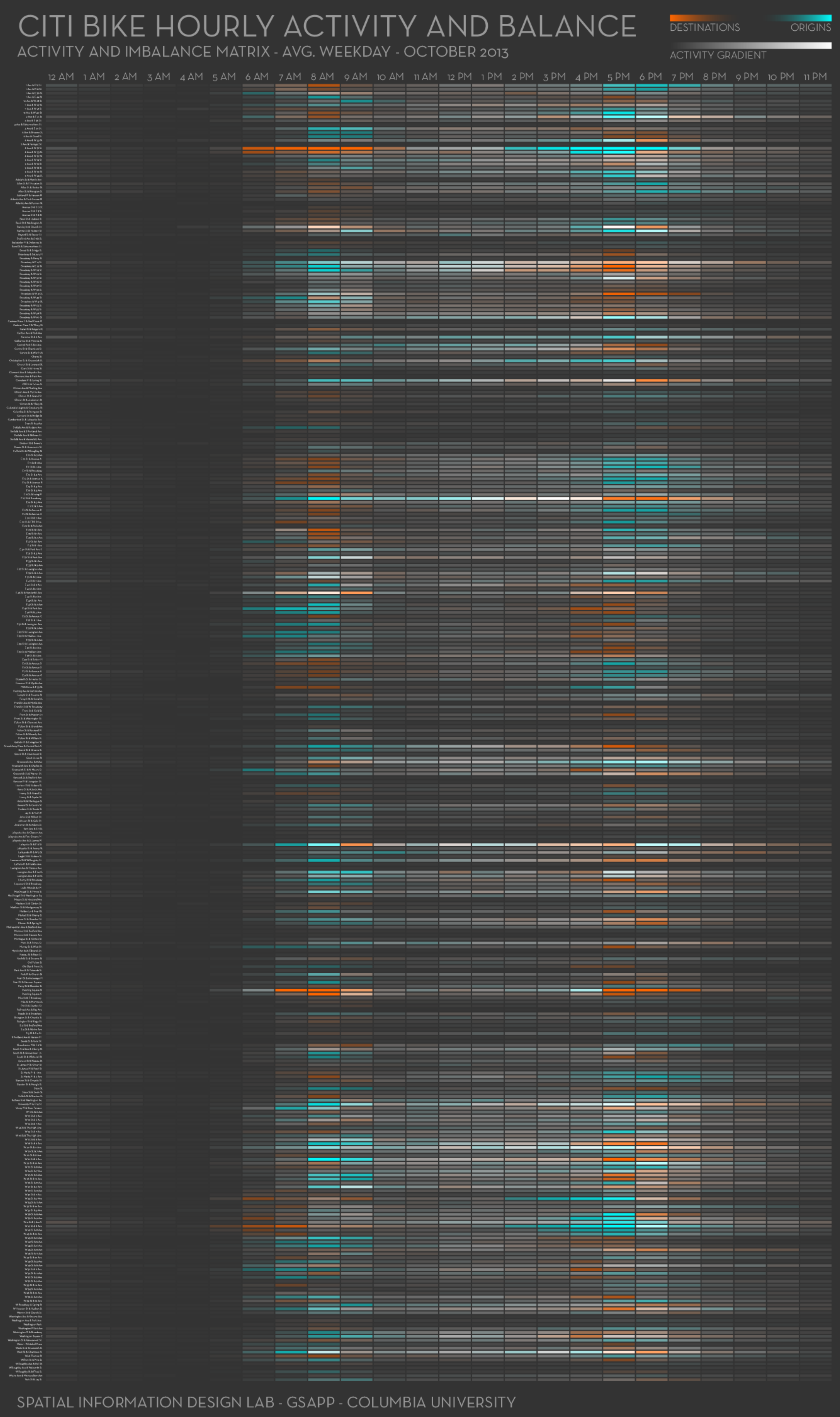
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