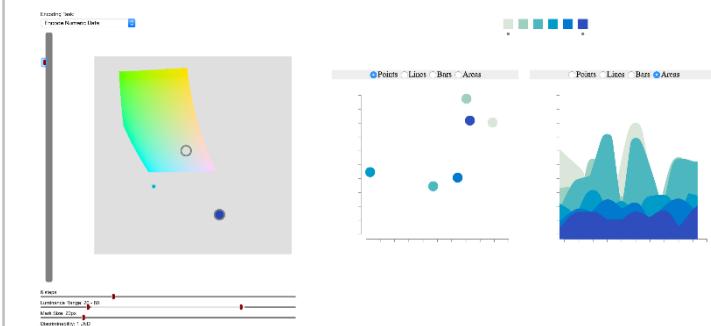
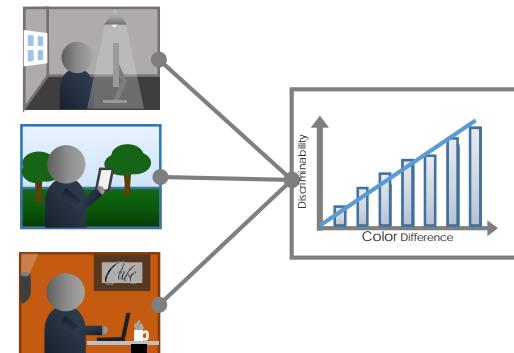
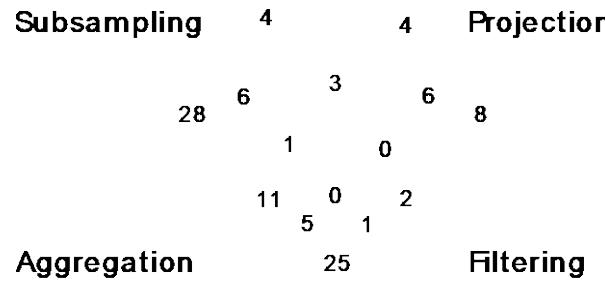
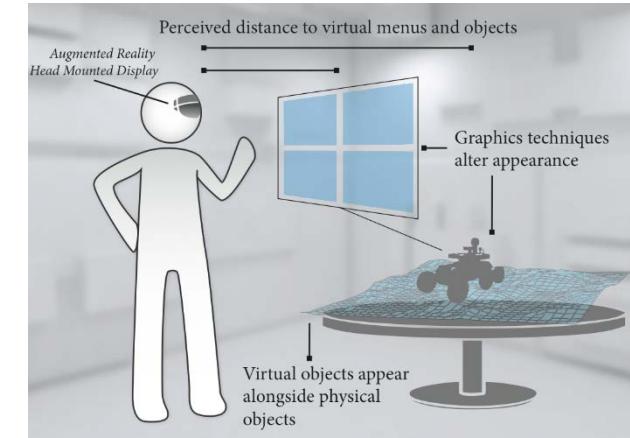
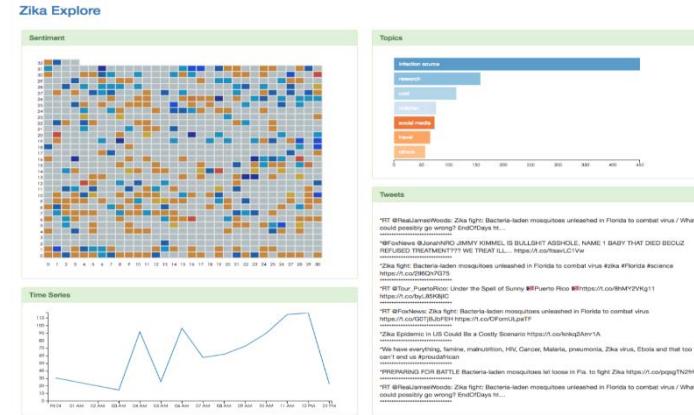
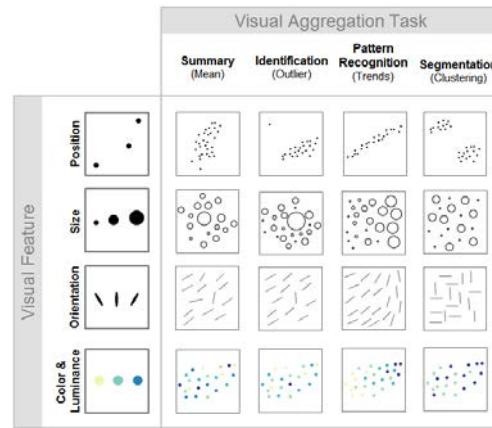
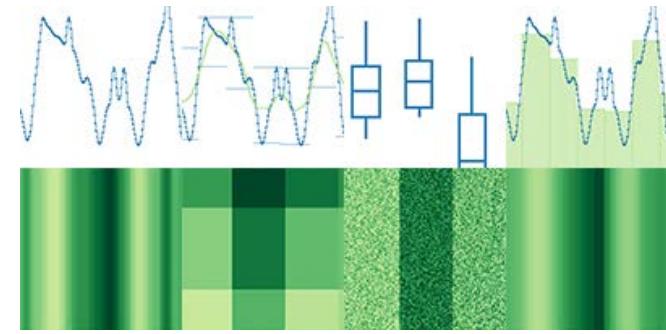
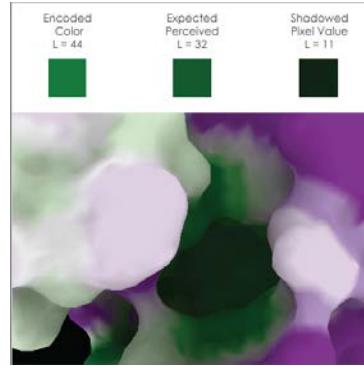
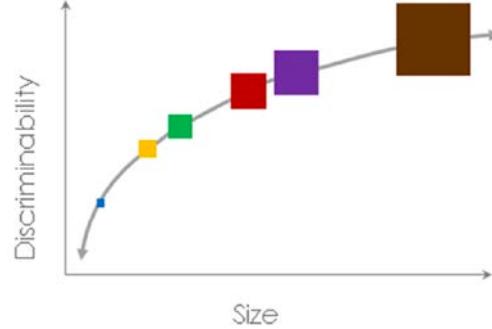
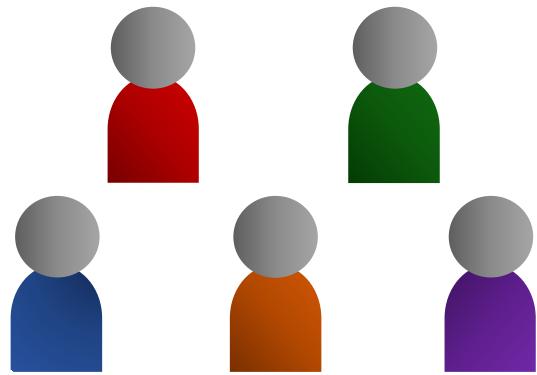


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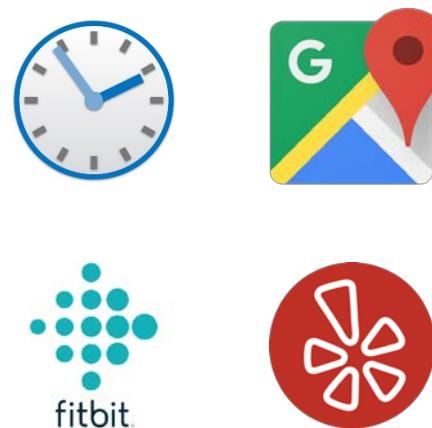
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More Analysts
(& Fewer Experts)



More (& Different) Data



More Questions

Why don't we just compute the answer?

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Variance(x) = 11

Correlation(x, y) = 0.816

Regression: $y = 3 + 0.5x$

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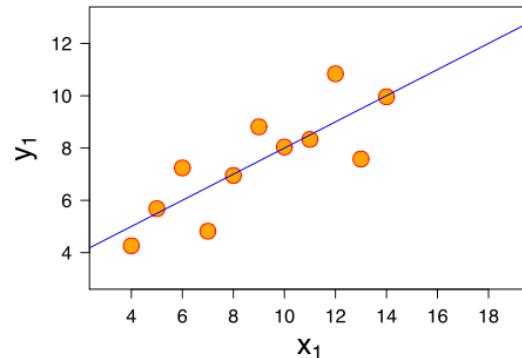
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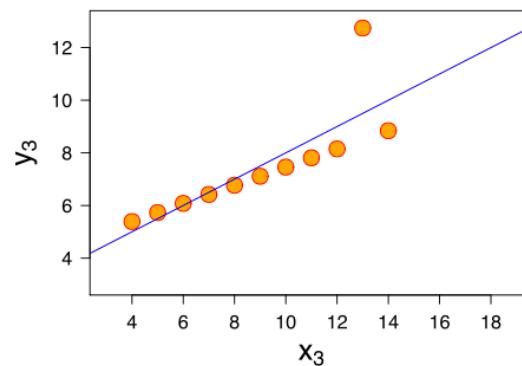
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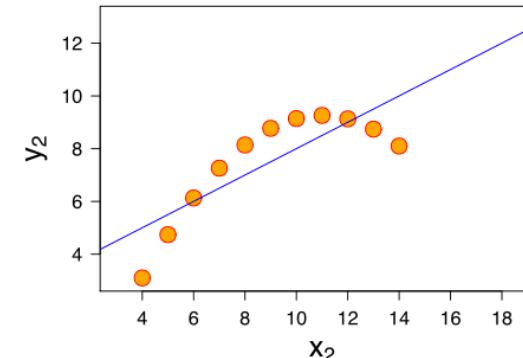
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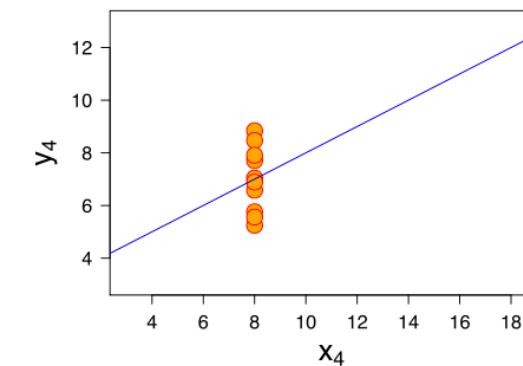
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These questions shift as the available data grows

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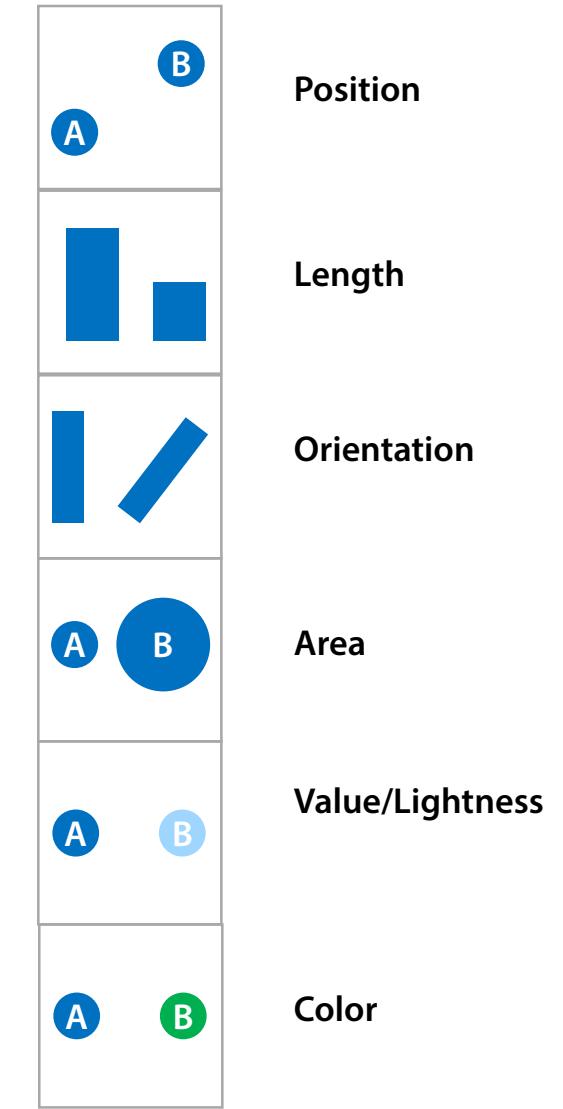
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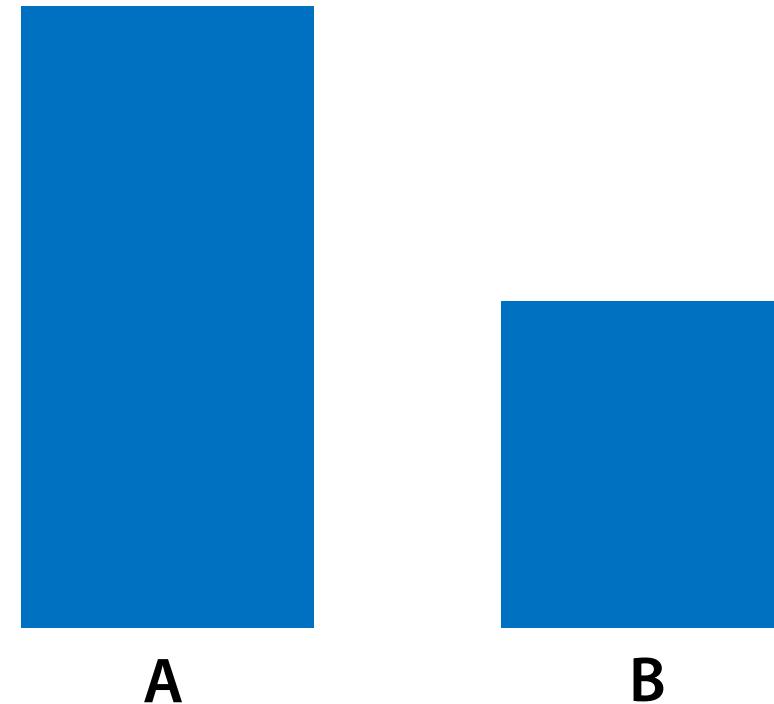
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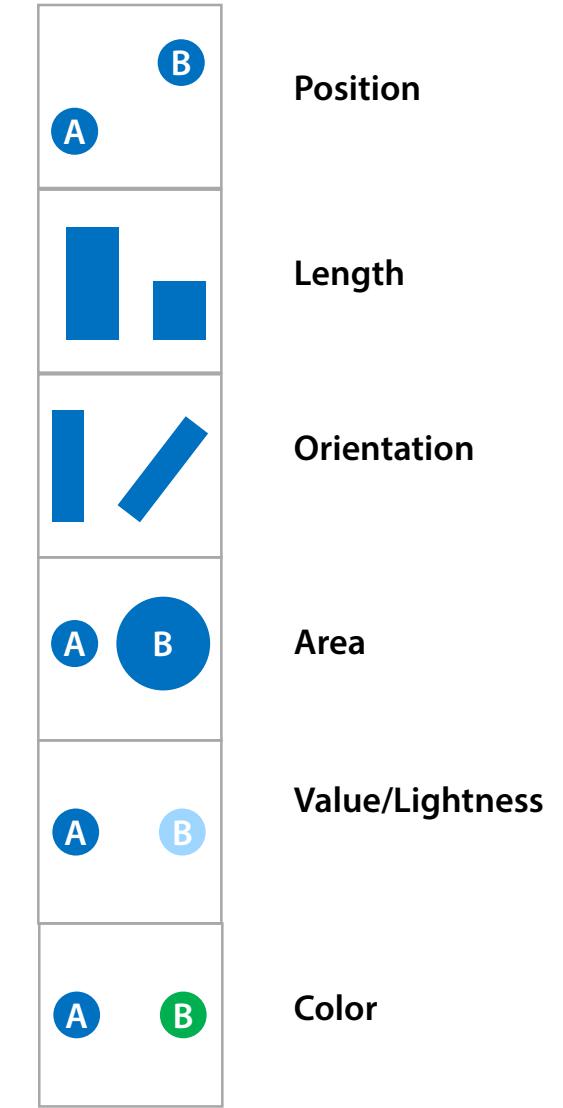
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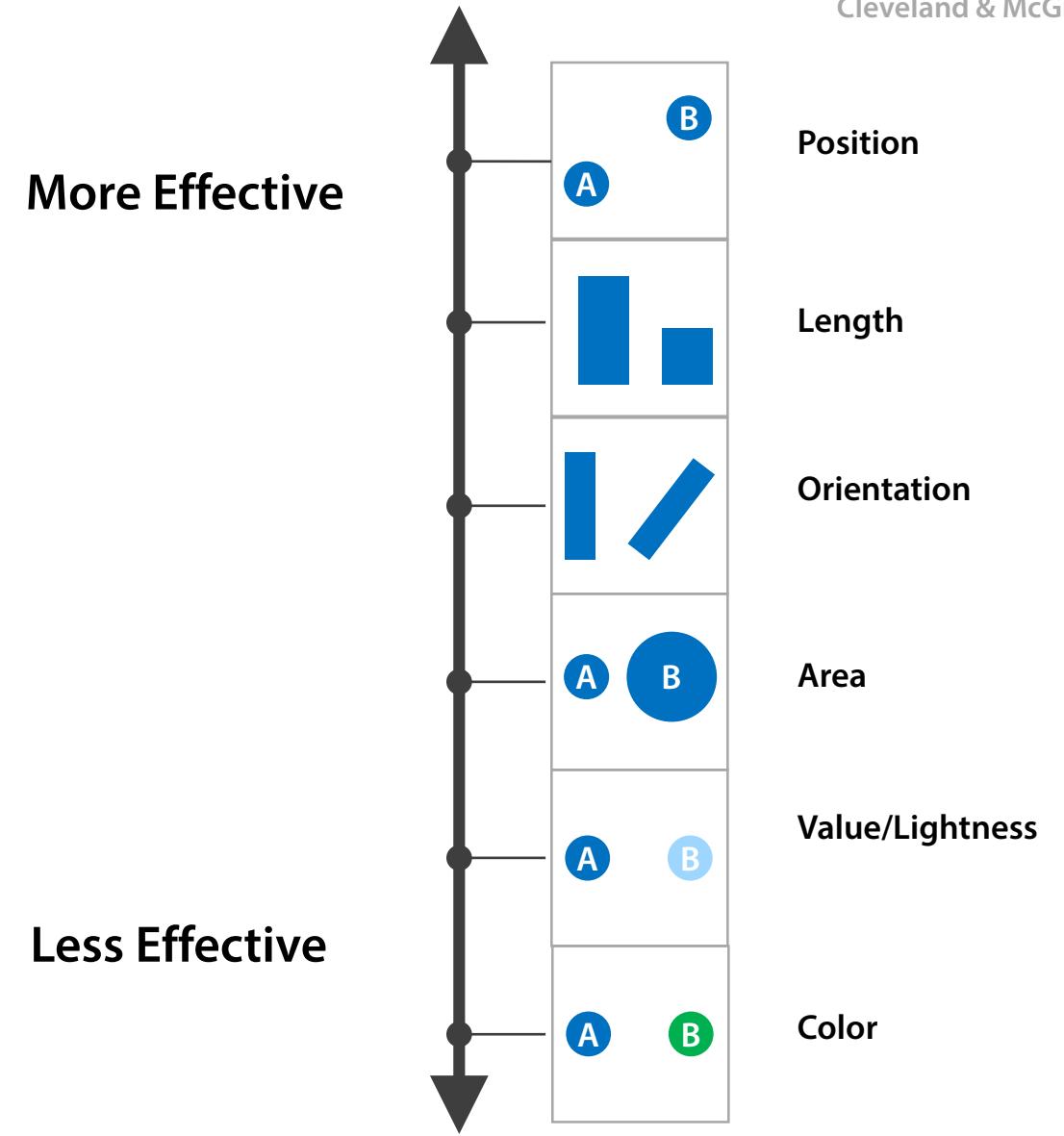
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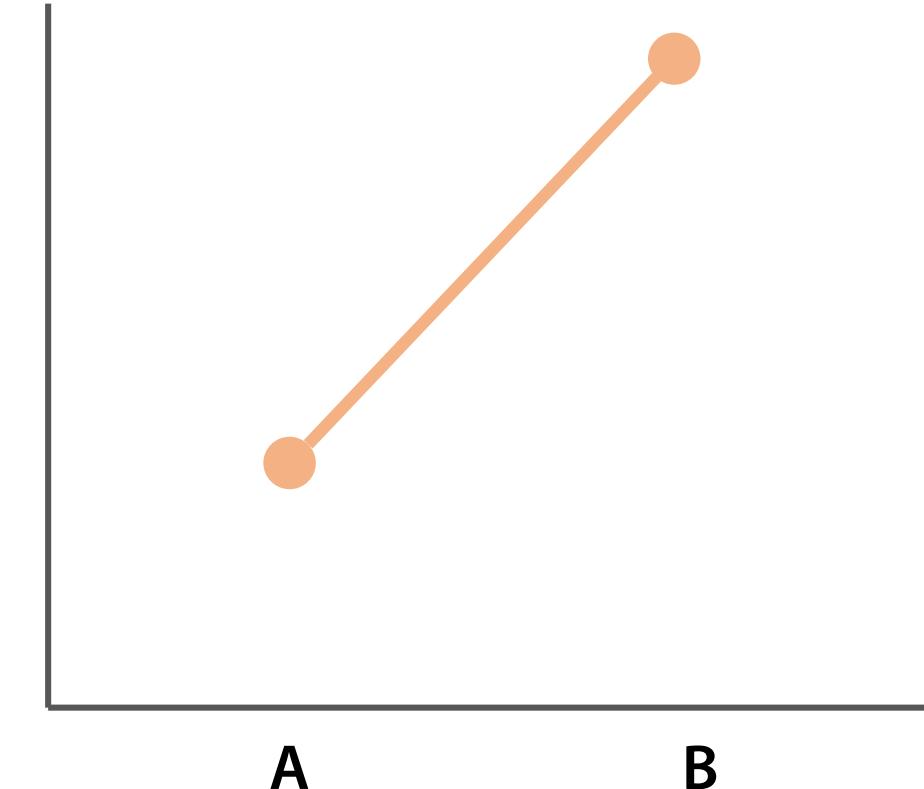
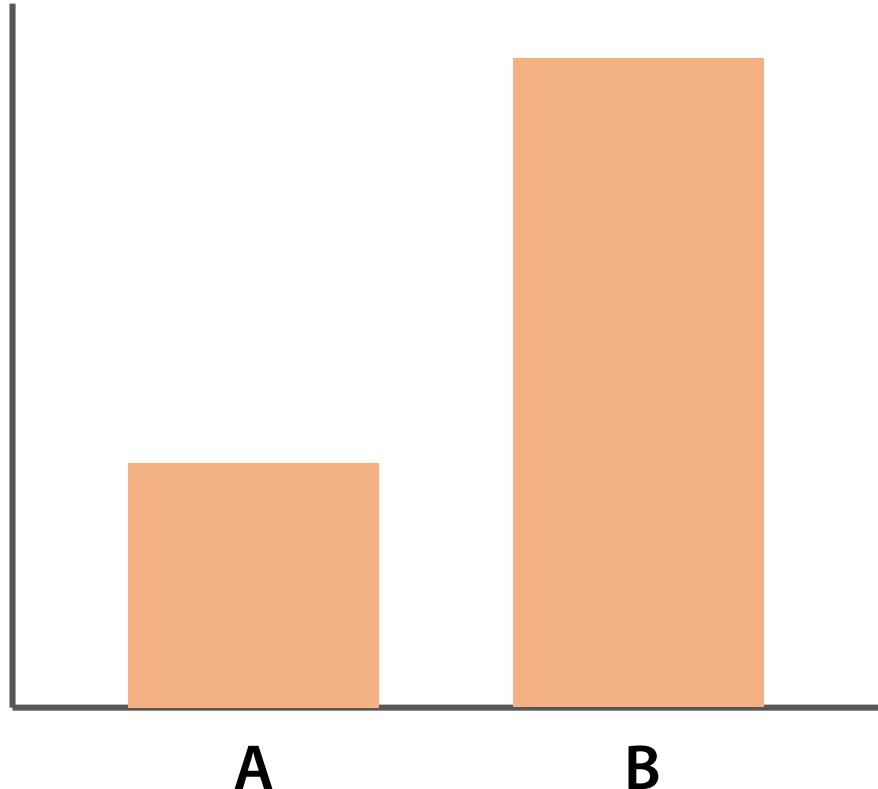




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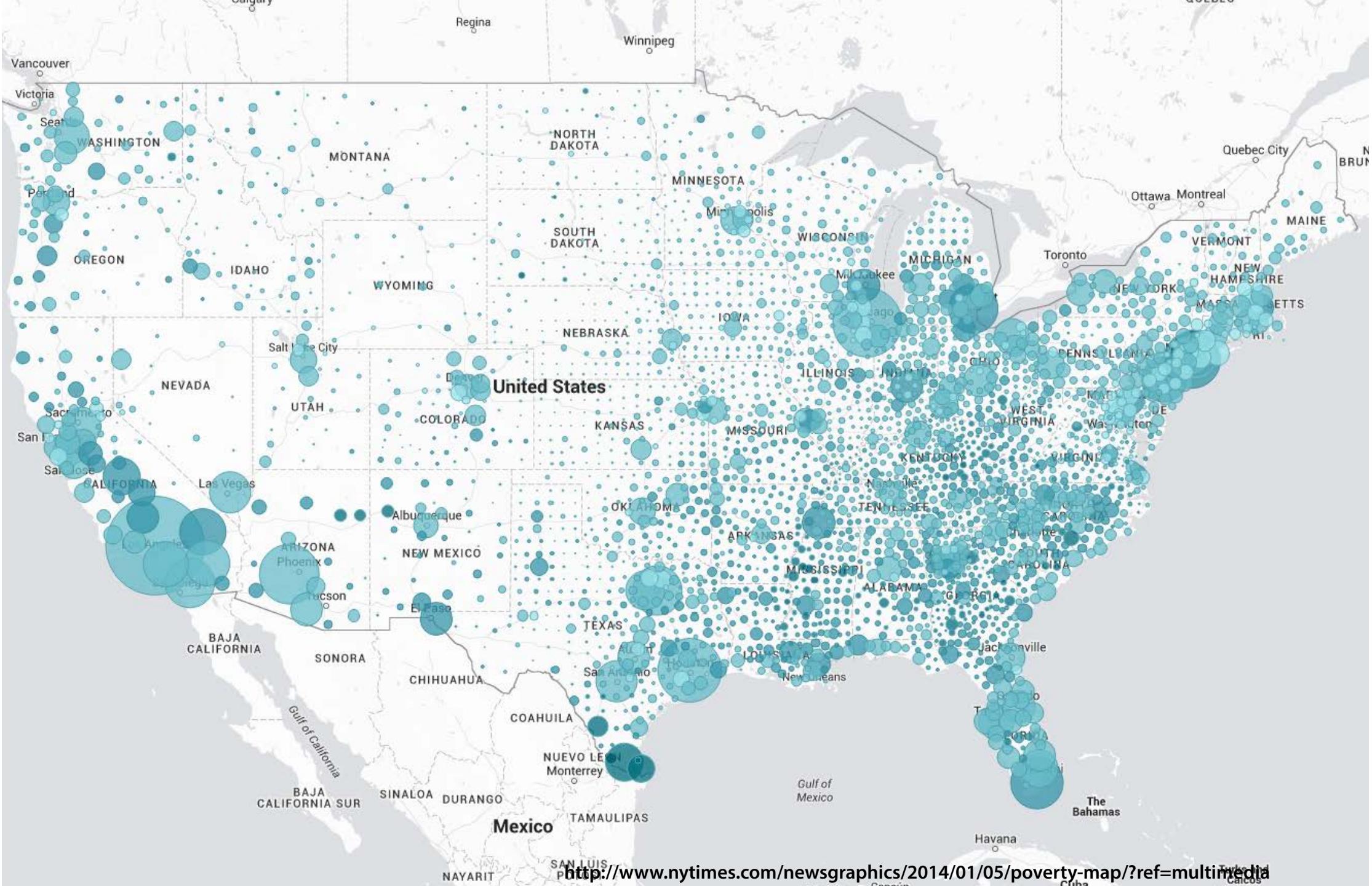
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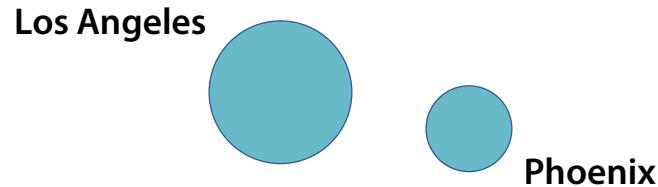
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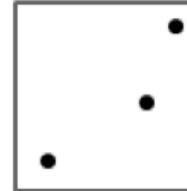
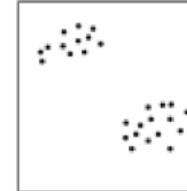
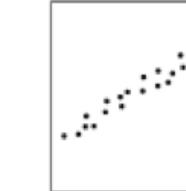
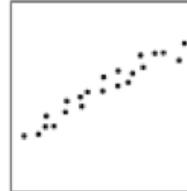
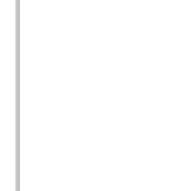
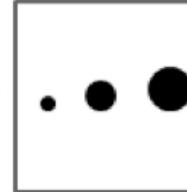
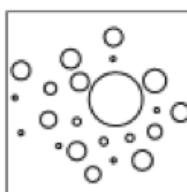
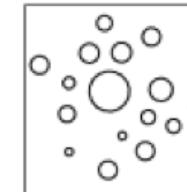
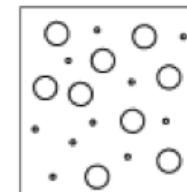
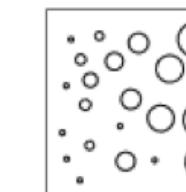
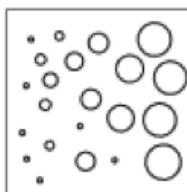
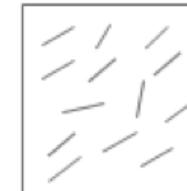
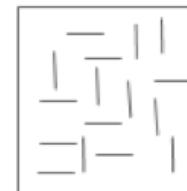
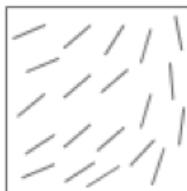
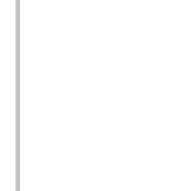
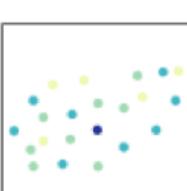
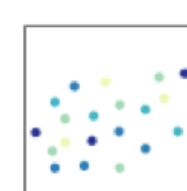
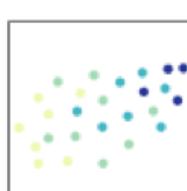
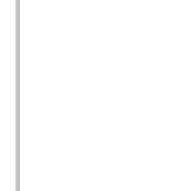
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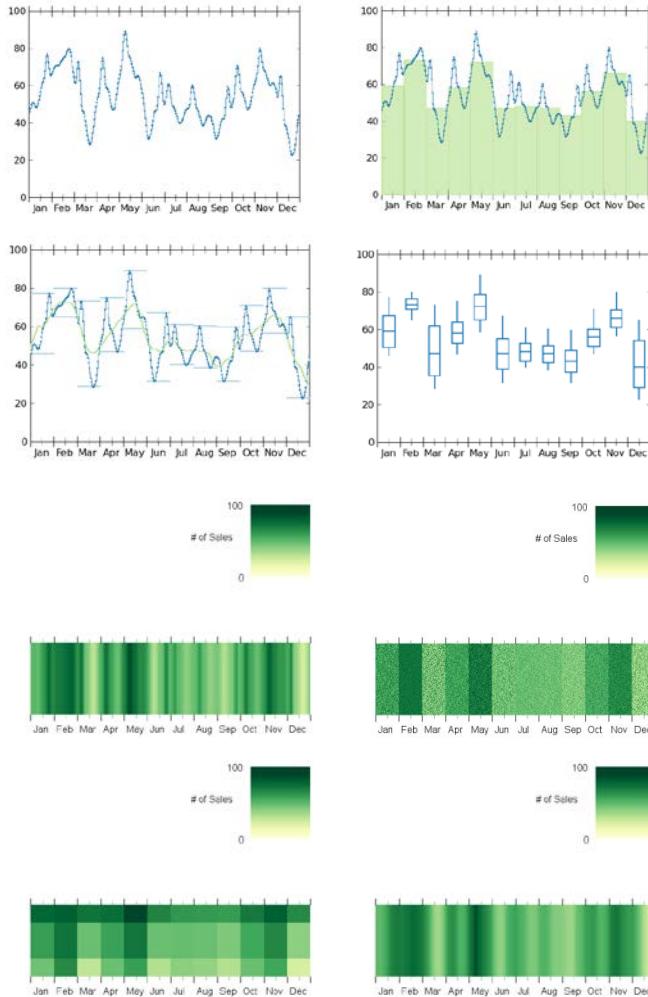
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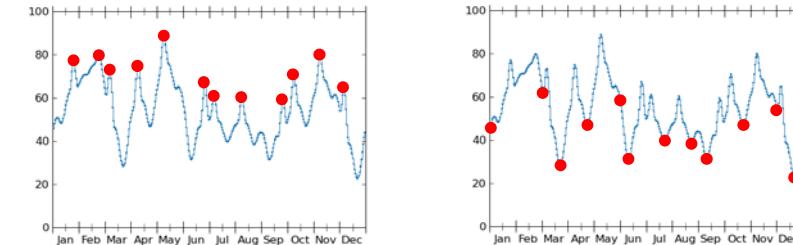
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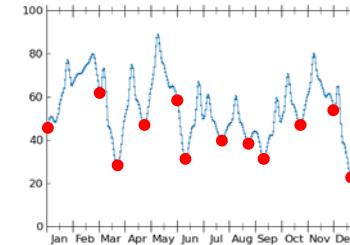


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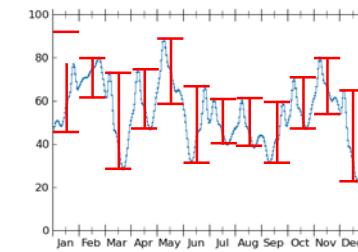
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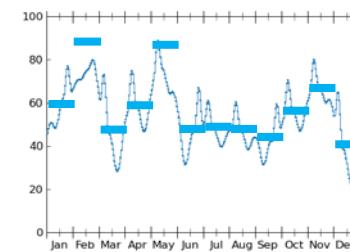
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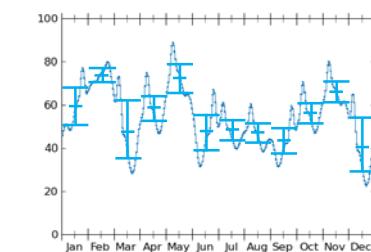
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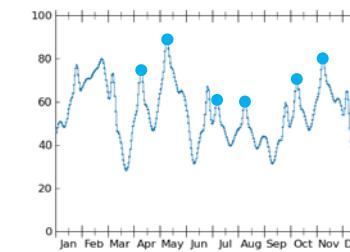
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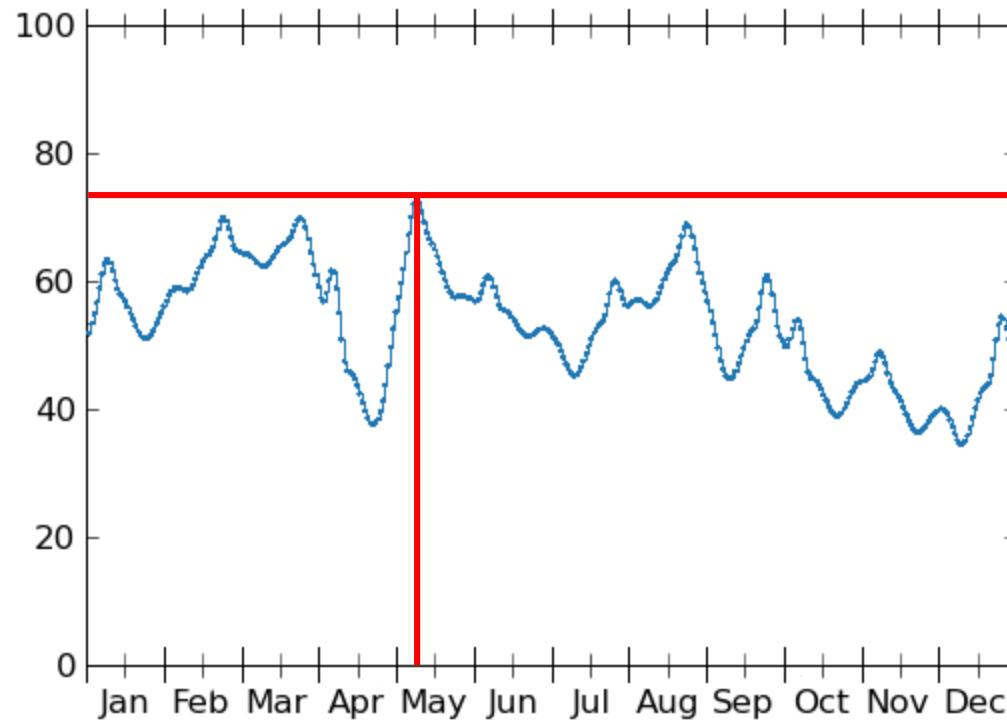
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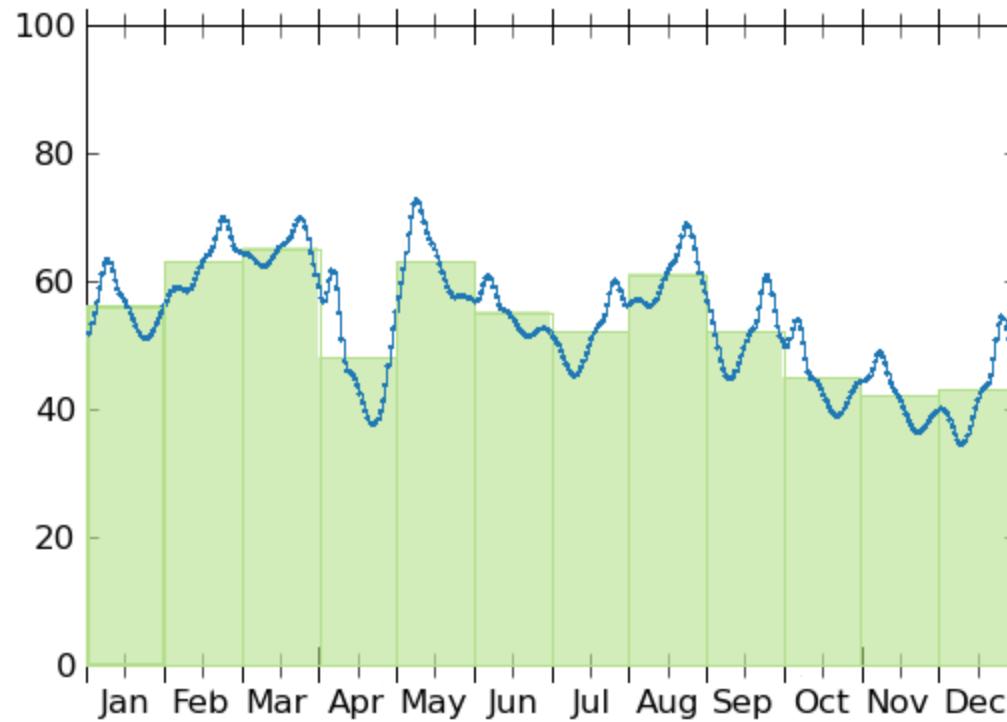
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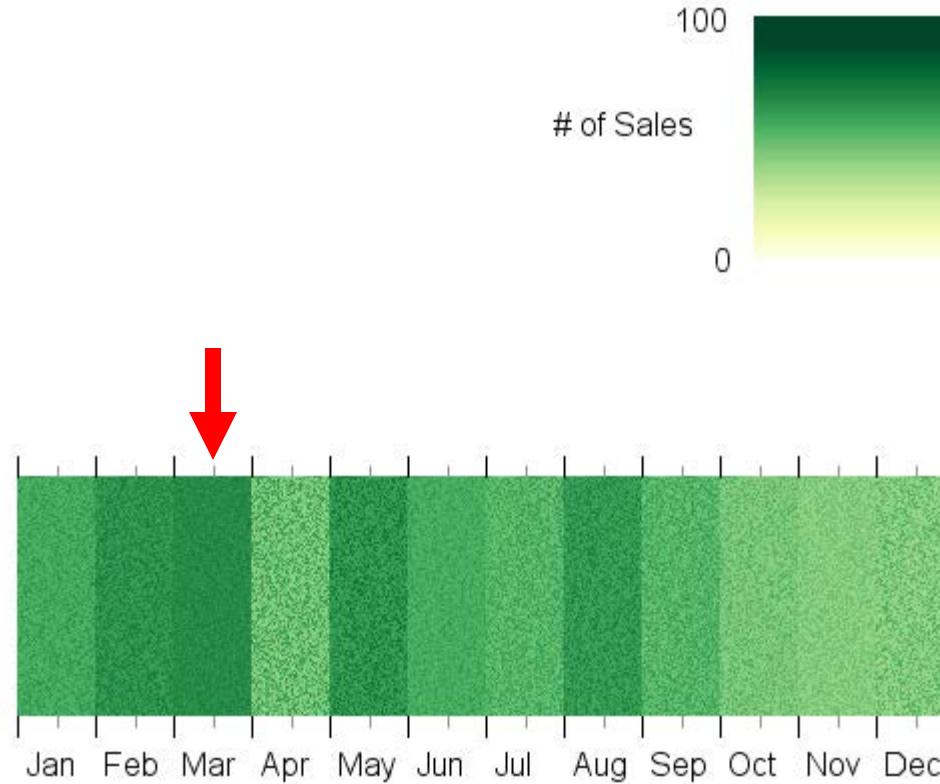
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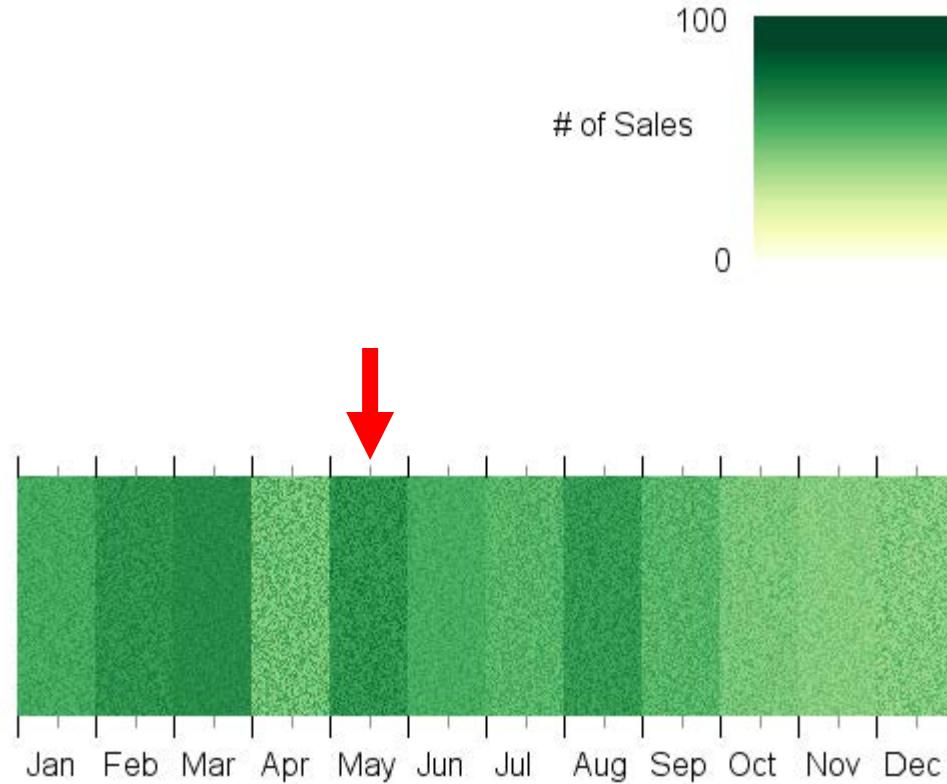
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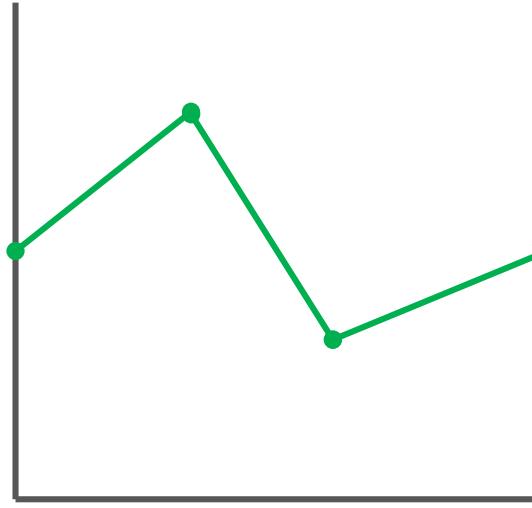
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**Position for
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And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.
And then the whining school-boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad
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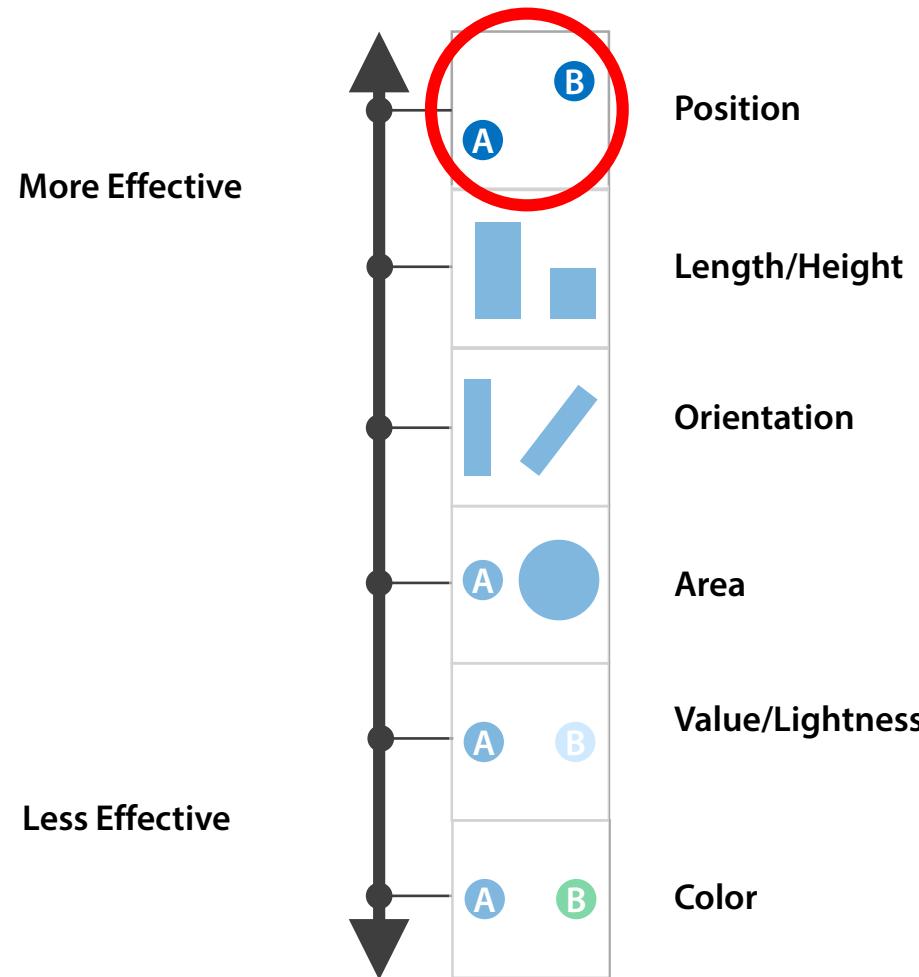
Important Texts

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Large Digitized Collections

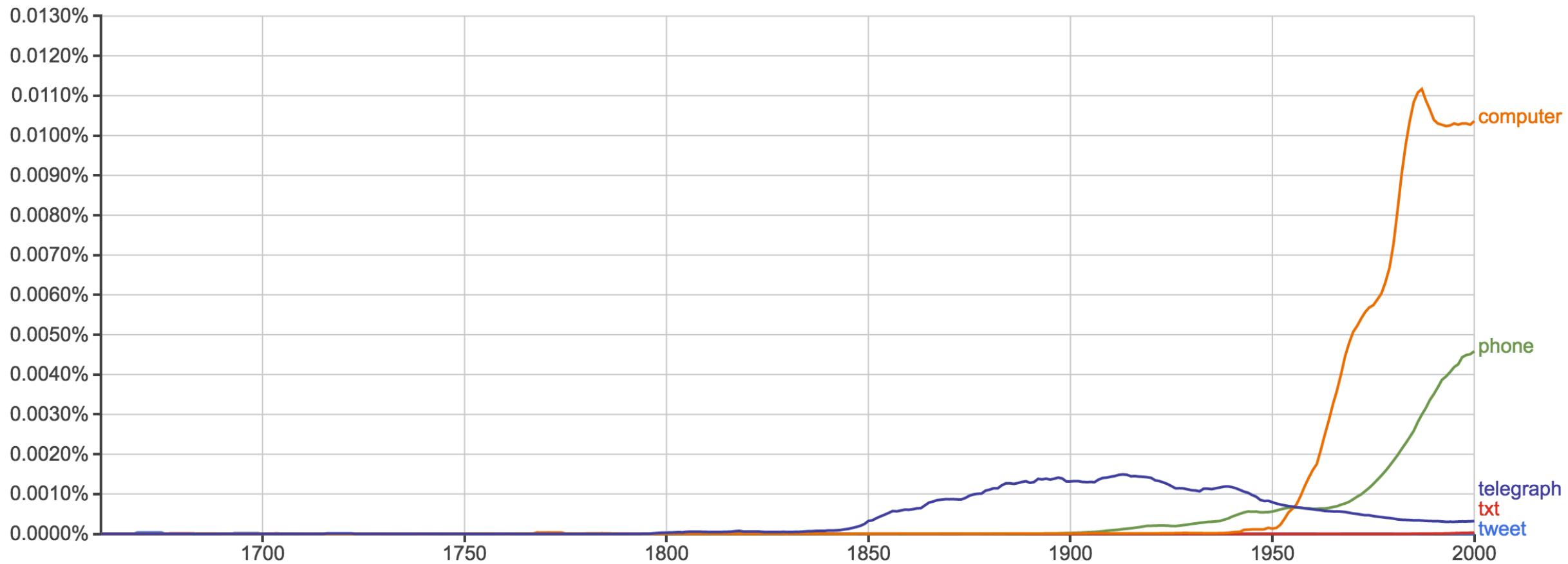
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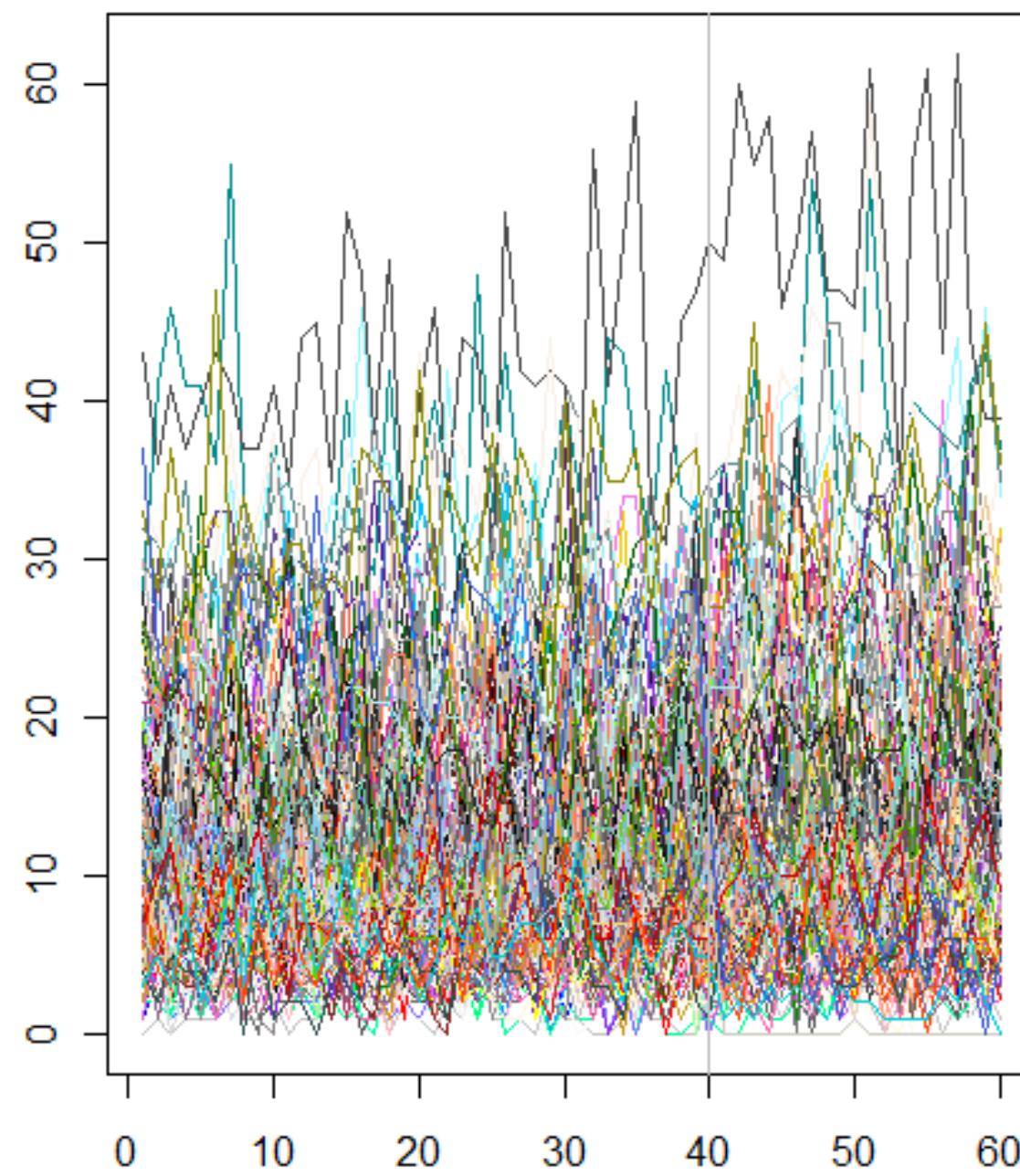


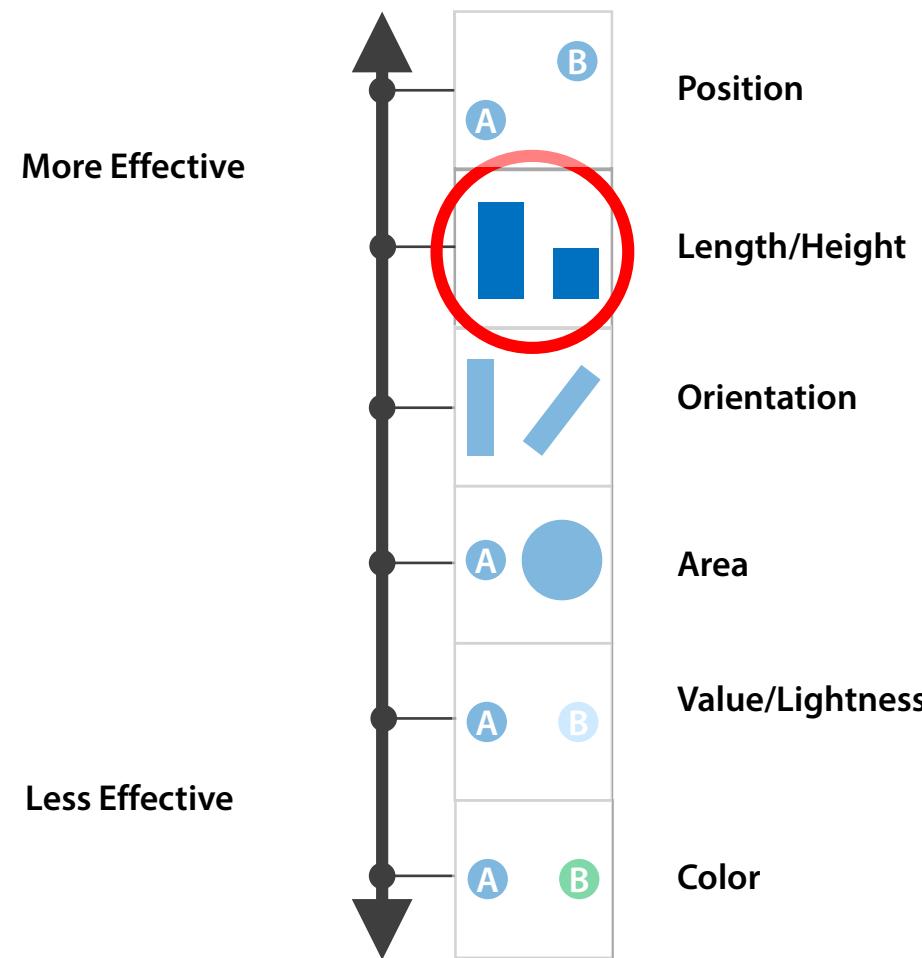
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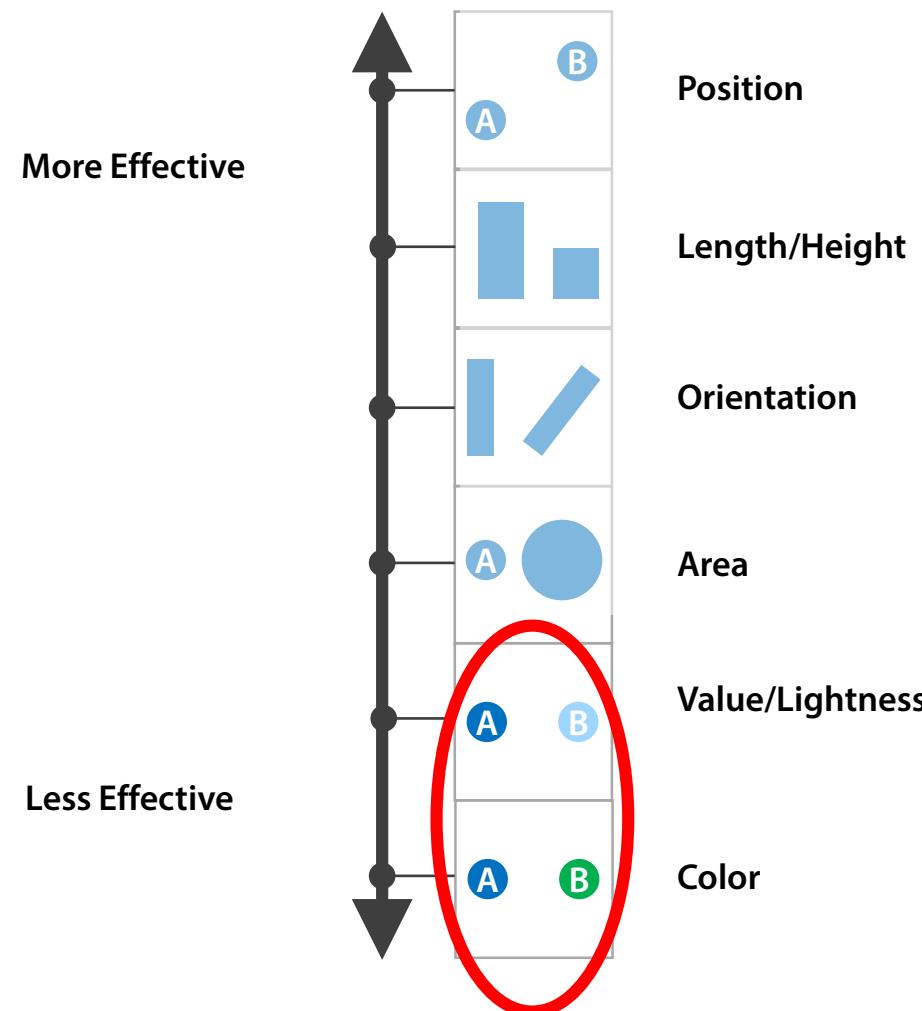
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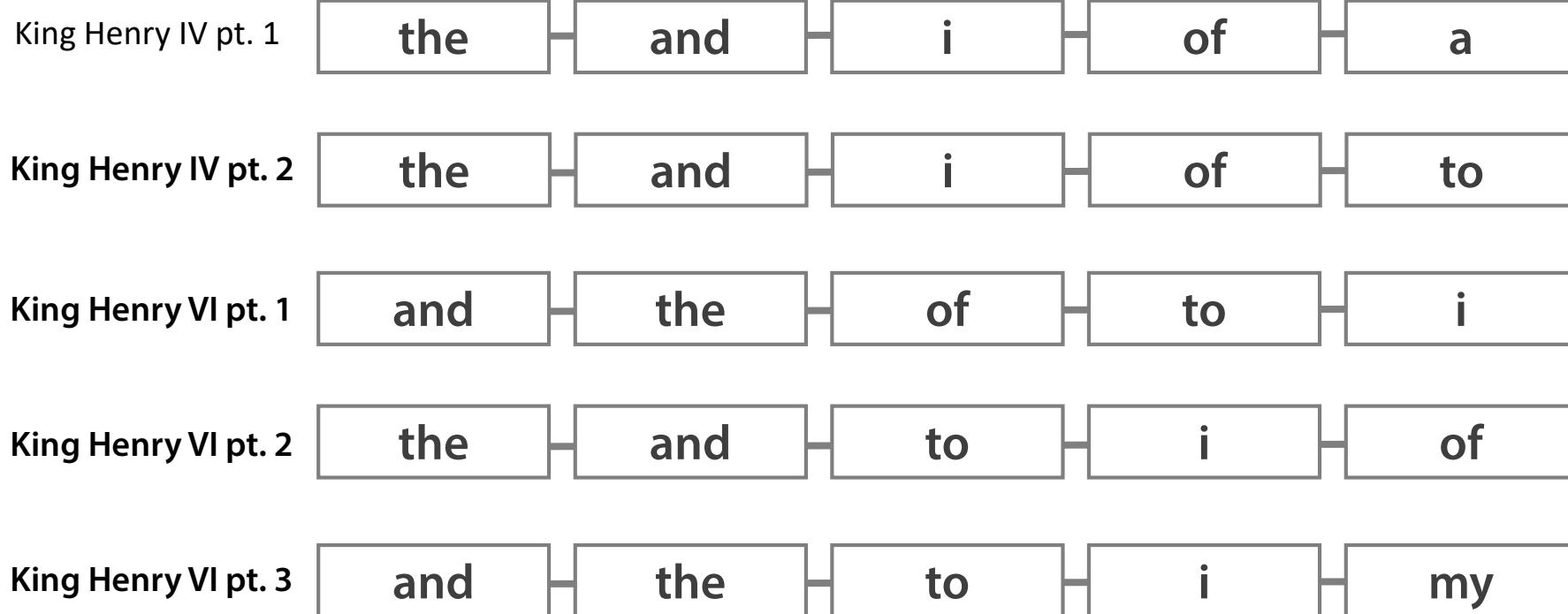


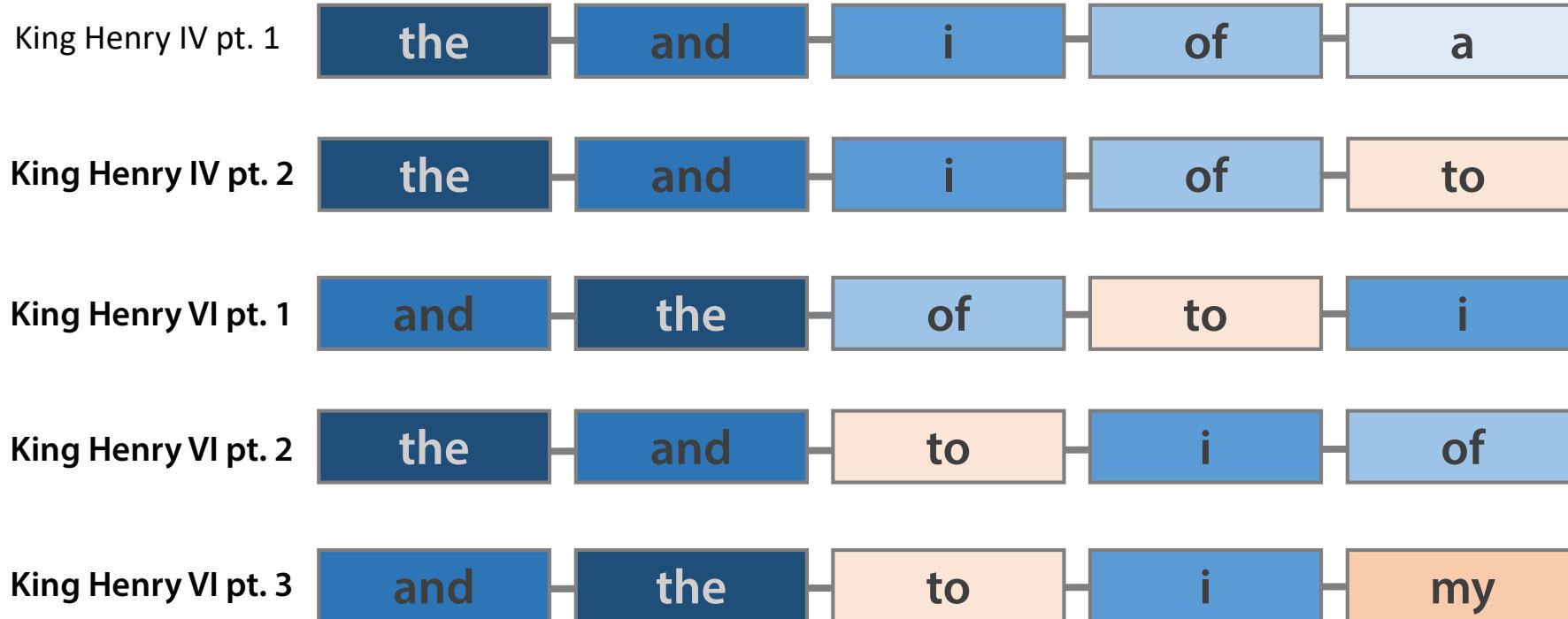
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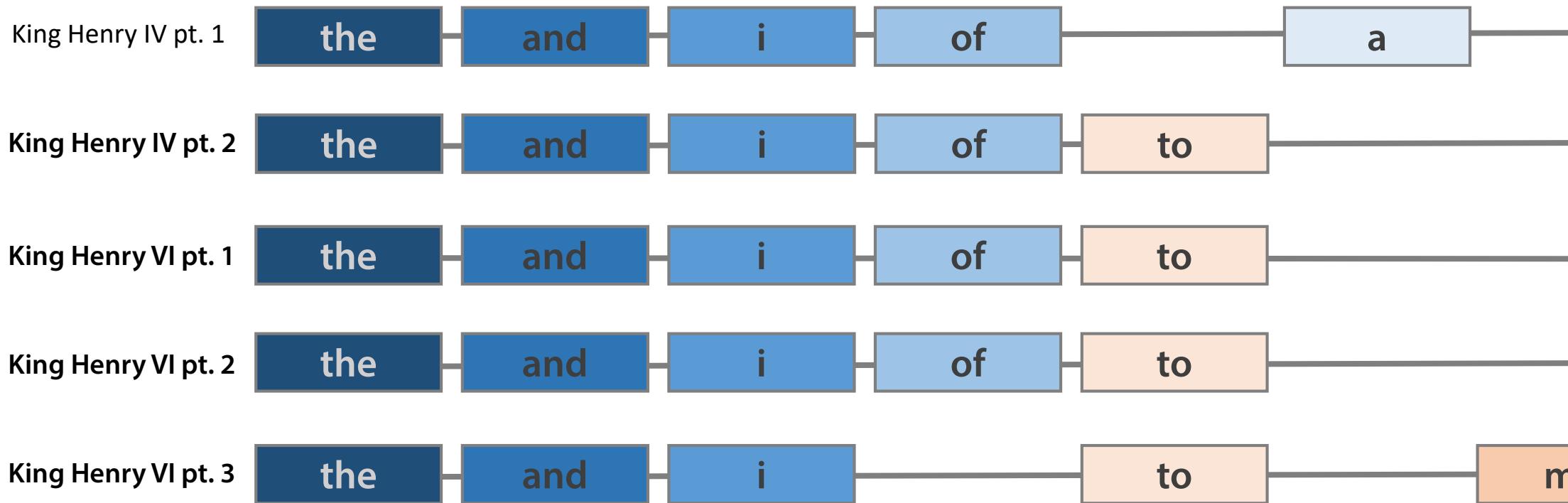
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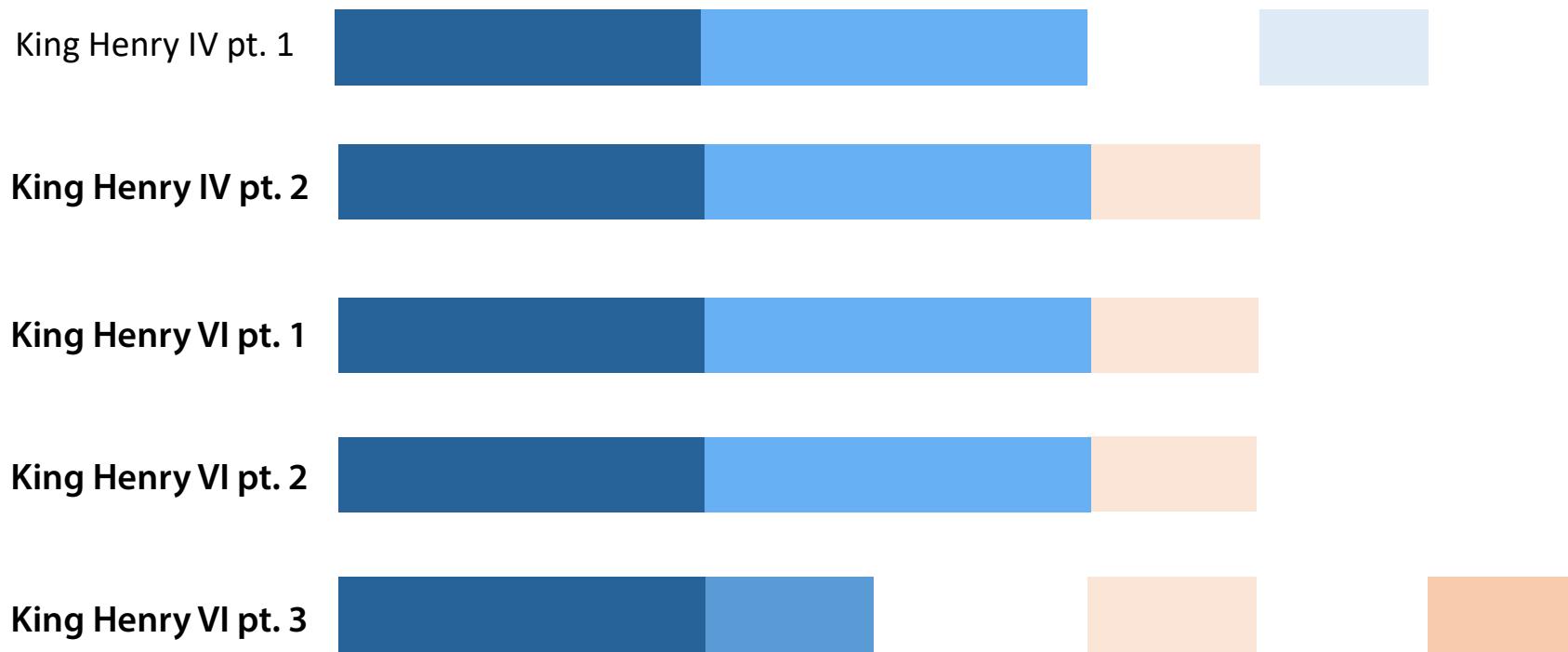
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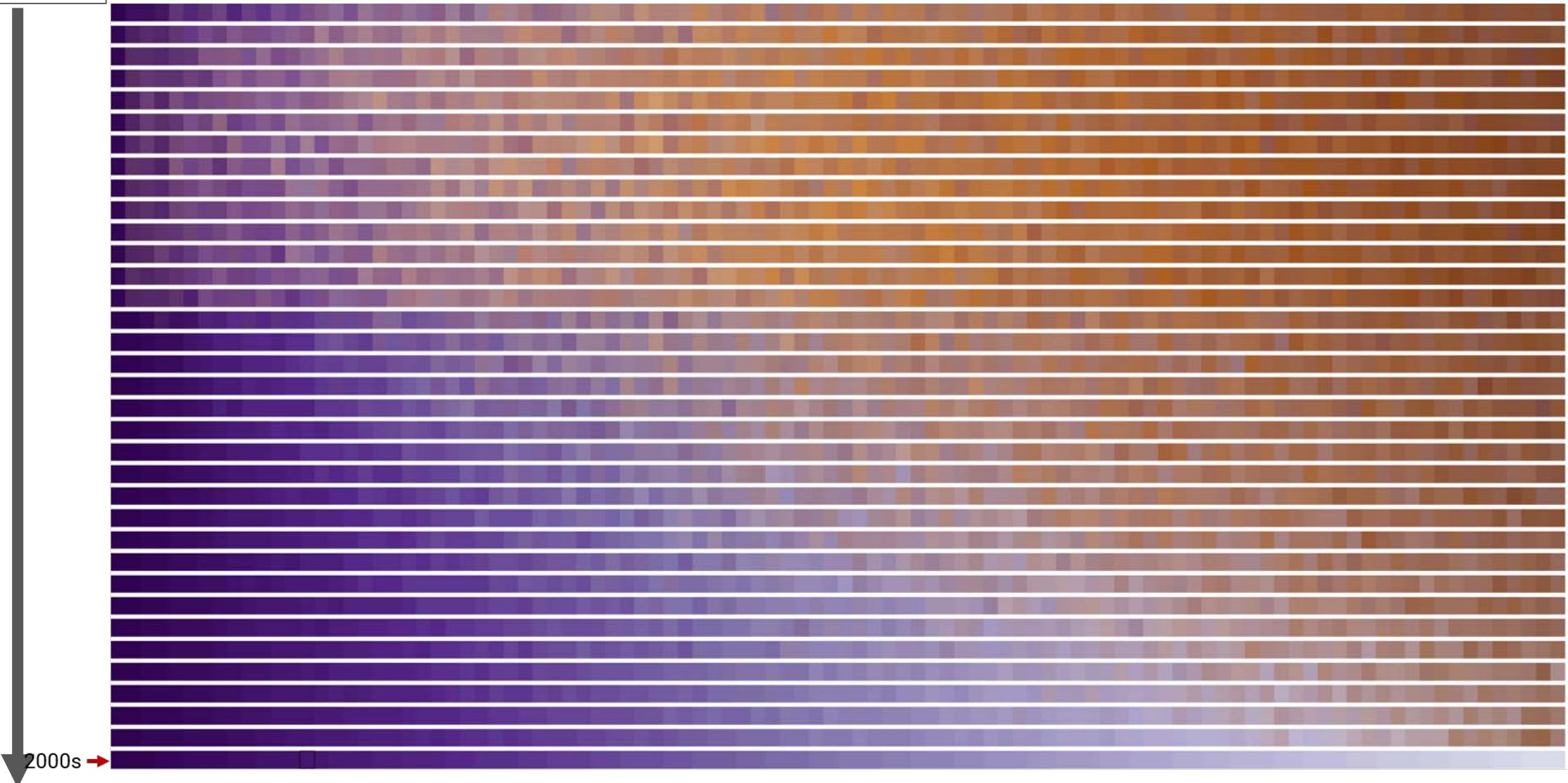






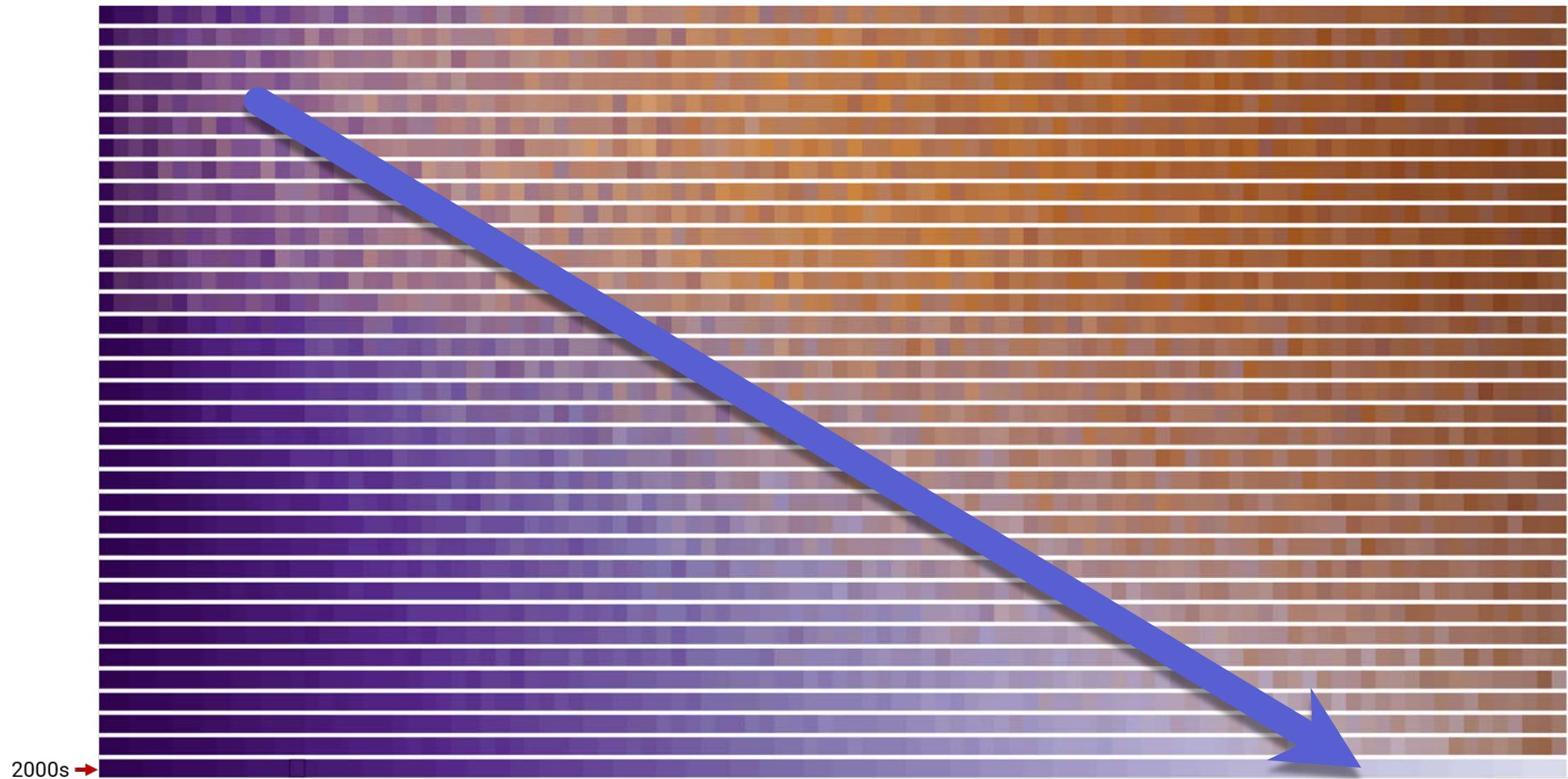


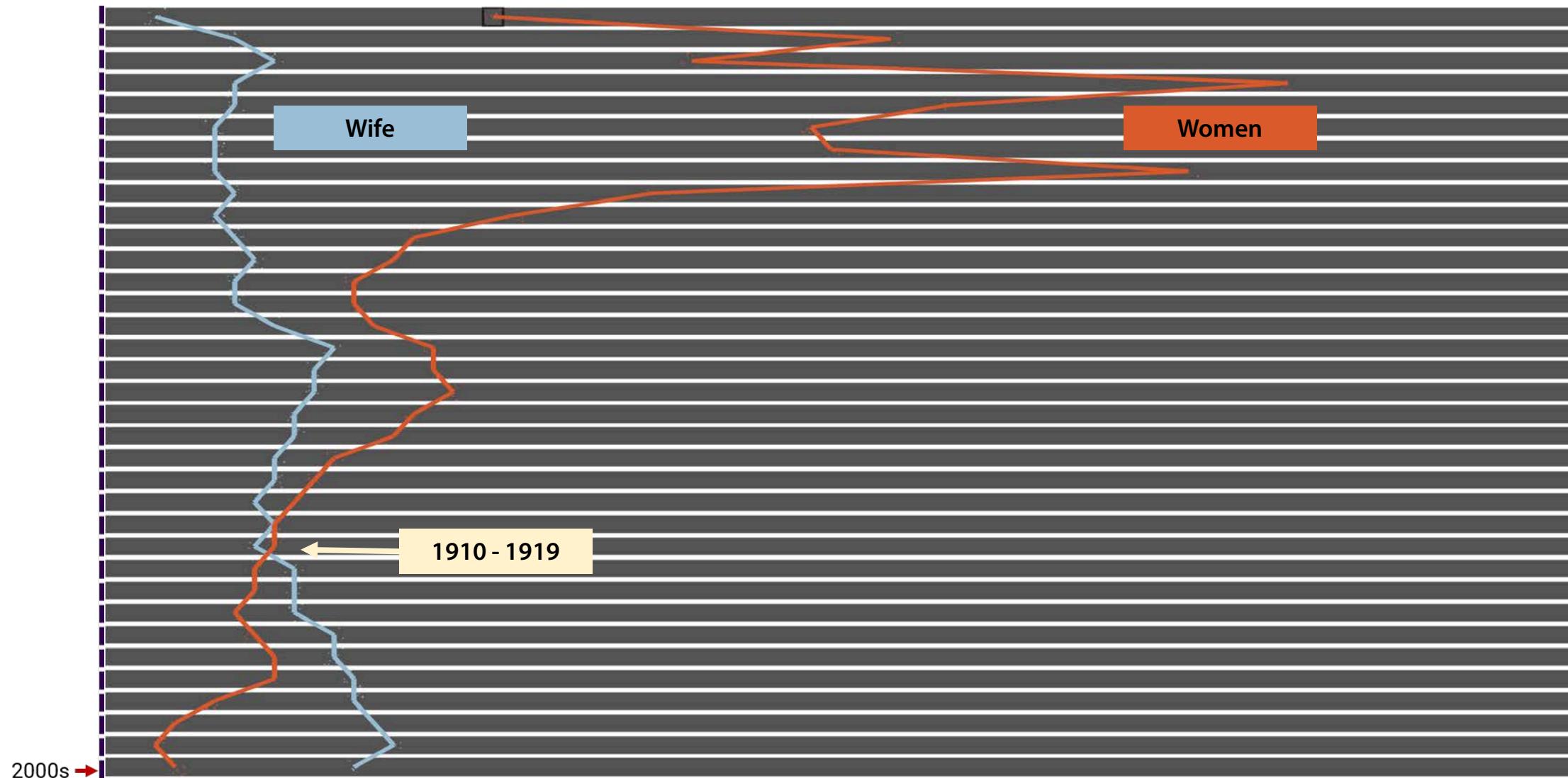
Time



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**Statistical methods scale well, but
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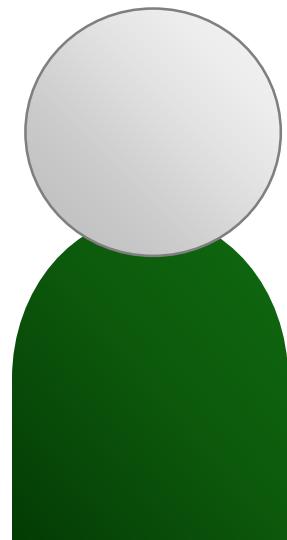
**People bring context and expertise,
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How can we combine statistical scalability with contexts from domain expertise?

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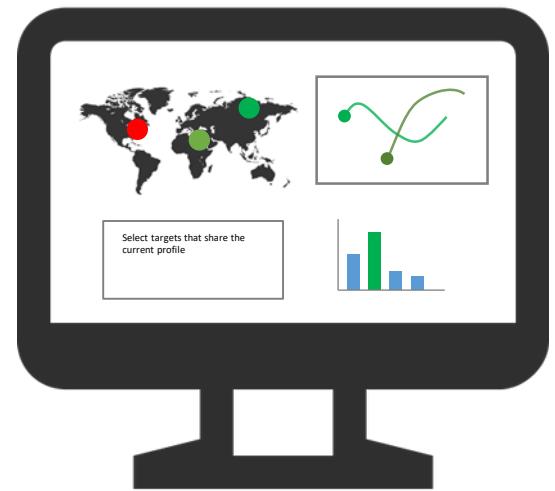


Analysts

Intuitively **push** information to automation

Information Flow

Query analysts to **pull** critical missing data



Automation



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RECENTER VIEW HIDE SATELLITE CONTEXT

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STREAM

PAUSE STREAM

For 10-15 second frame updates,
human + automation can accurately
classify targets ~3 minutes earlier

Stage 1 Stage 2

Flat Field Background Suppression Measure

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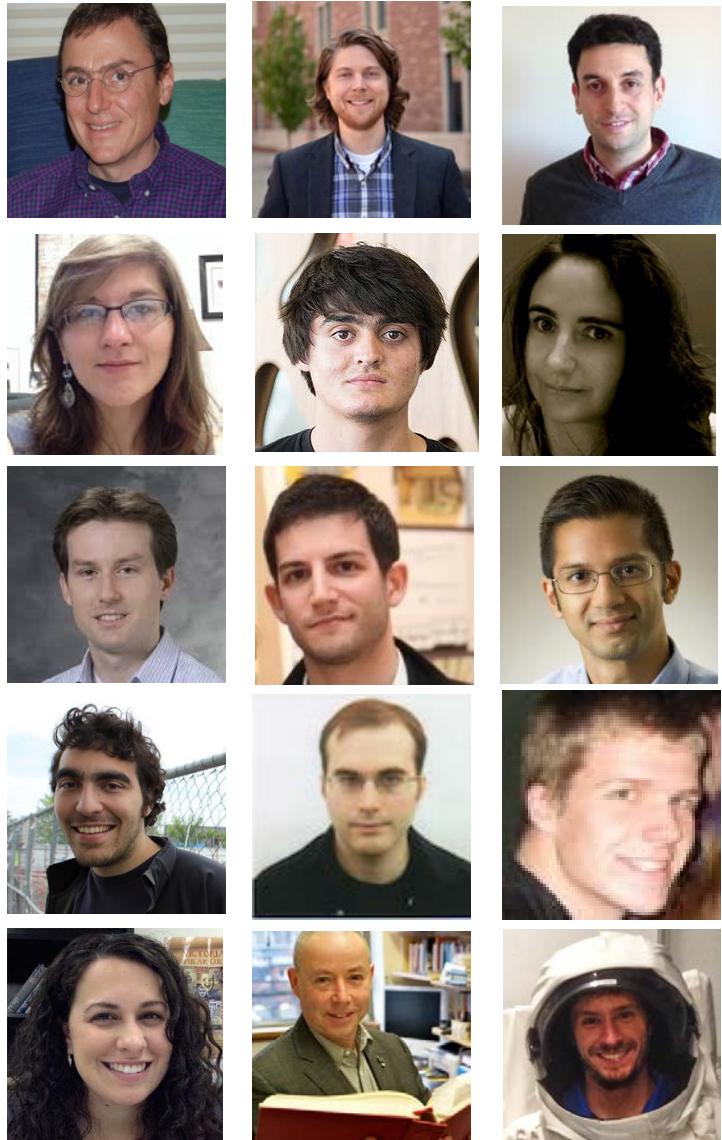
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