Visualising Data

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Newcastle, England
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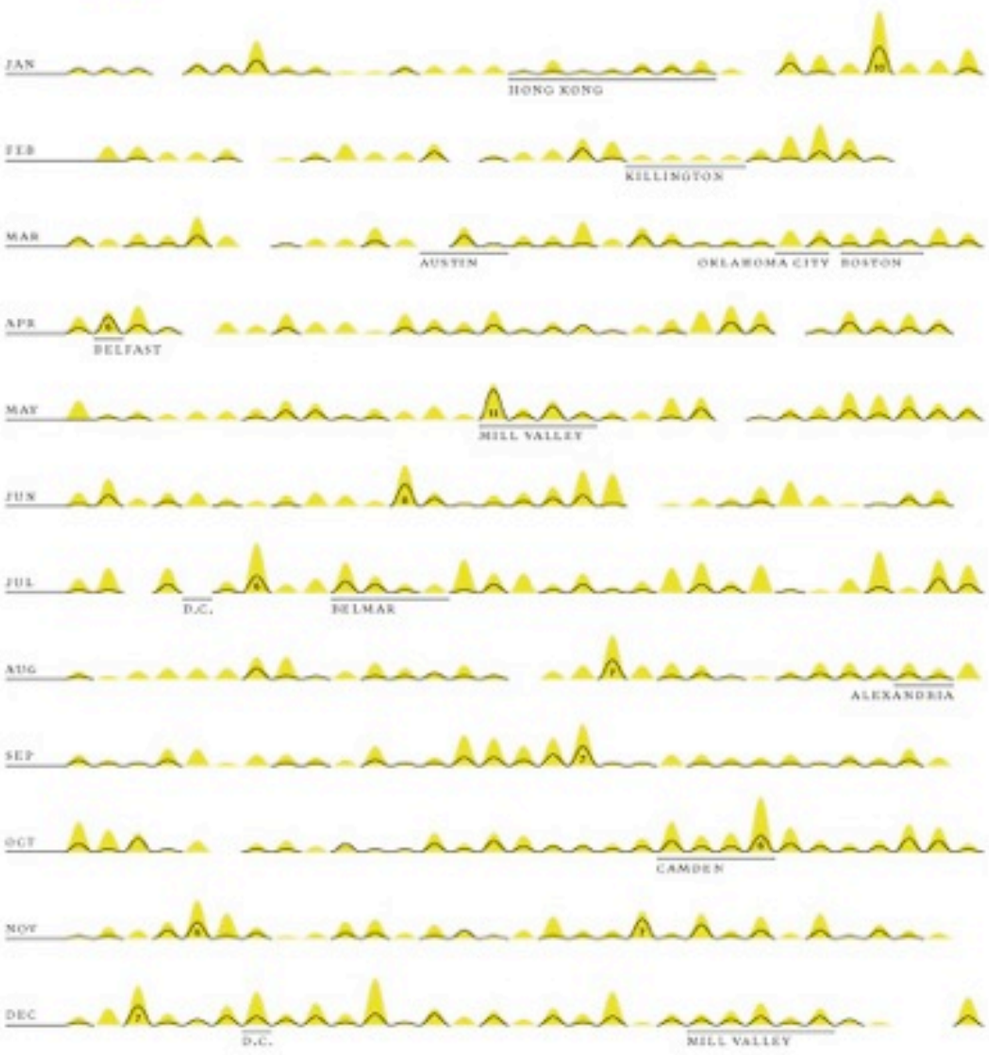
Distribution

Date and location of encounters.

FIGURE 1. ENCOUNTERS / RESPONSES



METHODOLOGY

Throughout 2009, friends, family, co-workers and acquaintances of Nicholas Felton were asked to report on his activities whenever they met.

All data on the following pages was compiled from the responses of these participants to a variety of questions concerning their encounter.

TOTAL ENCOUNTERS

1,761

AVERAGE ENCOUNTERS PER DAY

4.8

SURVEYS COMPLETED

560

CUMULATIVE RESPONSE RATE

32%

COUNTRIES INCLUDED

Three

U.S.A., HONG KONG AND NORTHERN IRELAND

STATES INCLUDED

Nine

CALIFORNIA, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, OKLAHOMA, TEXAS, VERMONT, VIRGINIA, PLUS WASHINGTON D.C.

DAYS WITH REPORTS

254

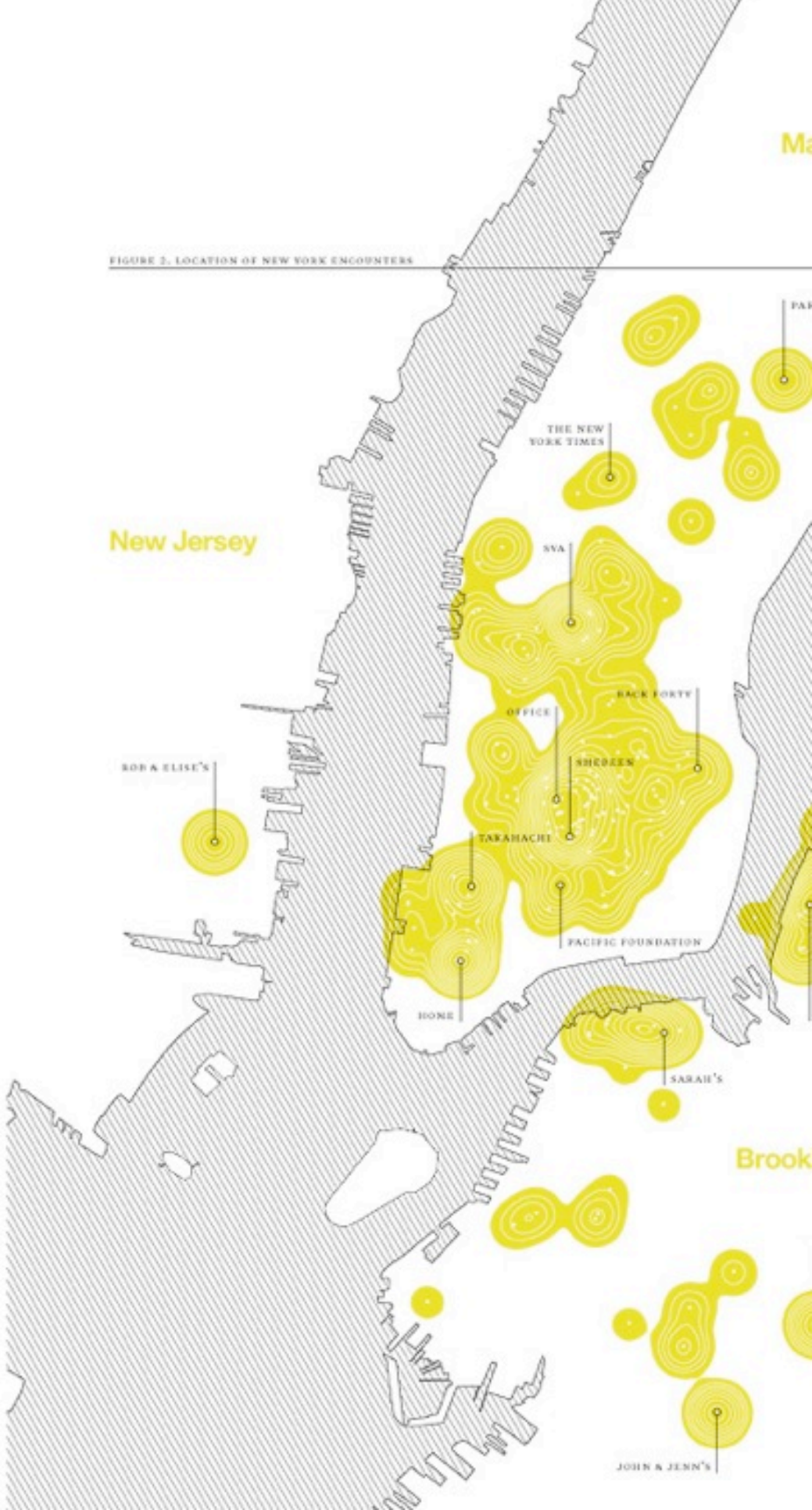
70% OF THE YEAR

CONTRIBUTORS

210

AVERAGE 2.66 REPORTS PER PERSON

FIGURE 2. LOCATION OF NEW YORK ENCOUNTERS



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Each Chart and Graph type tells a different story

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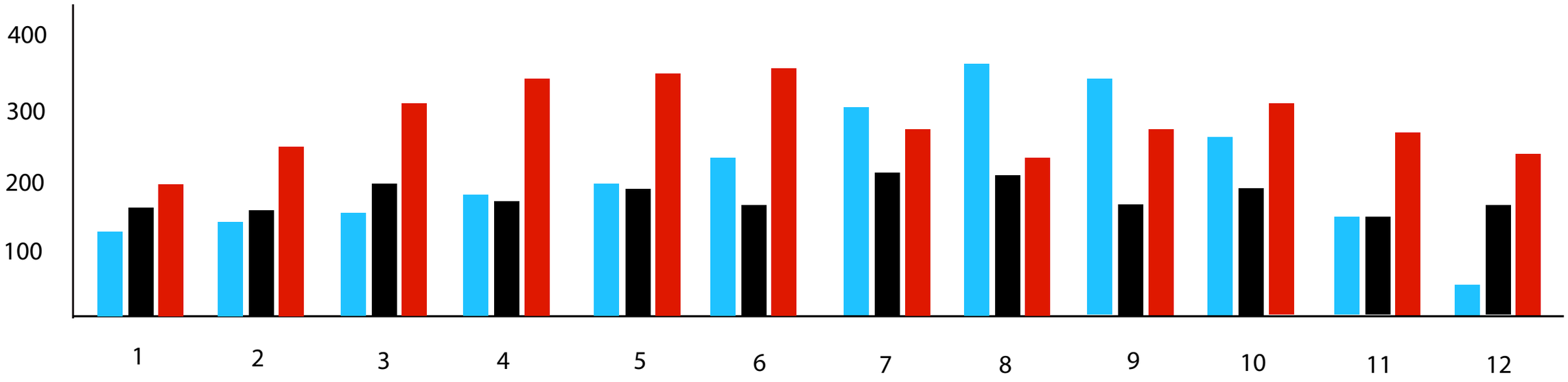

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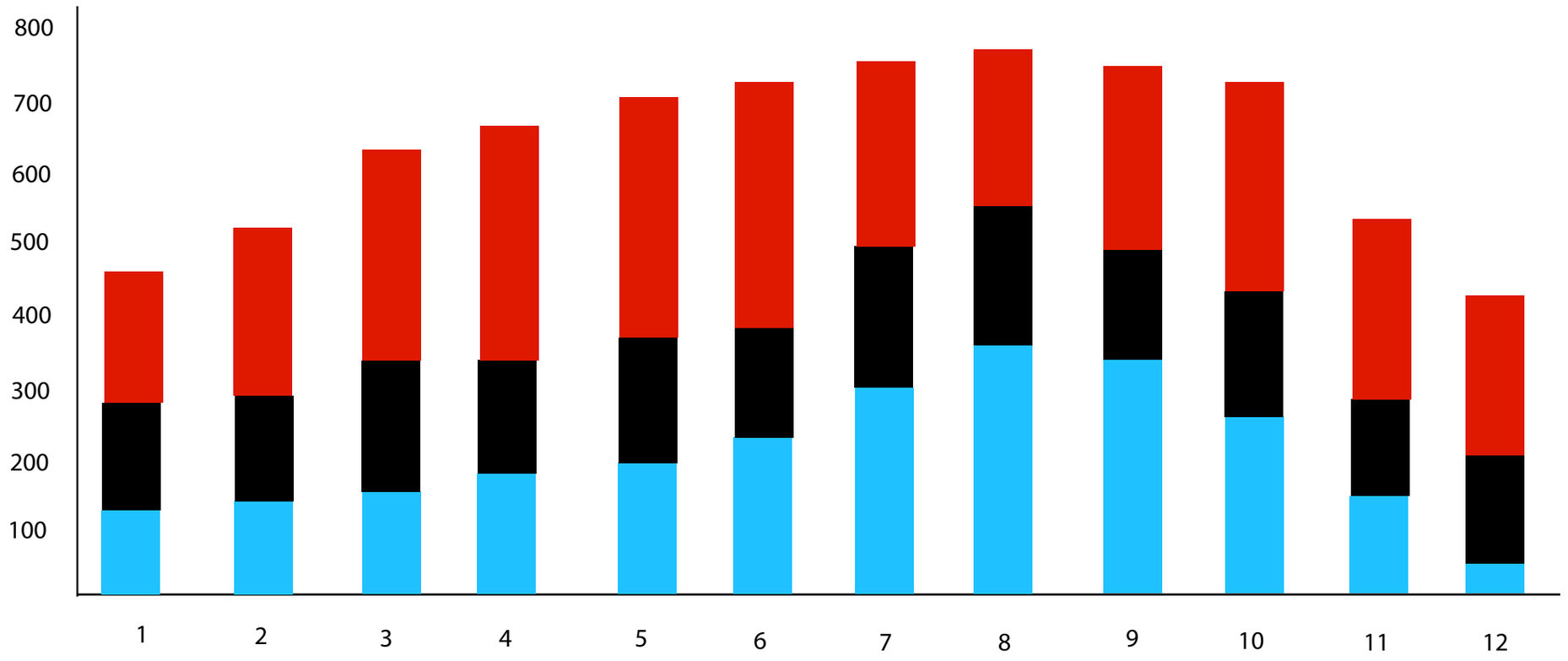

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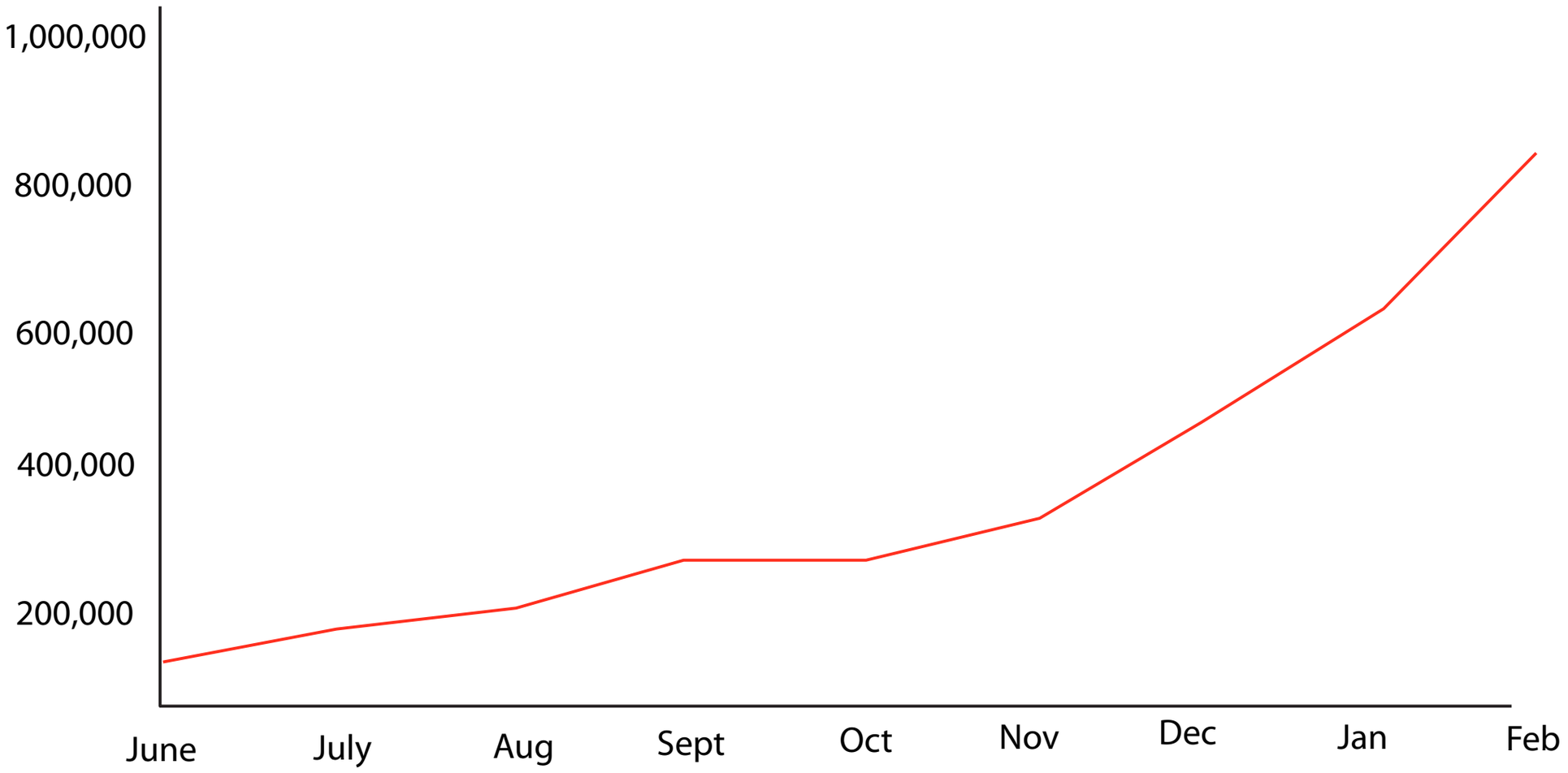
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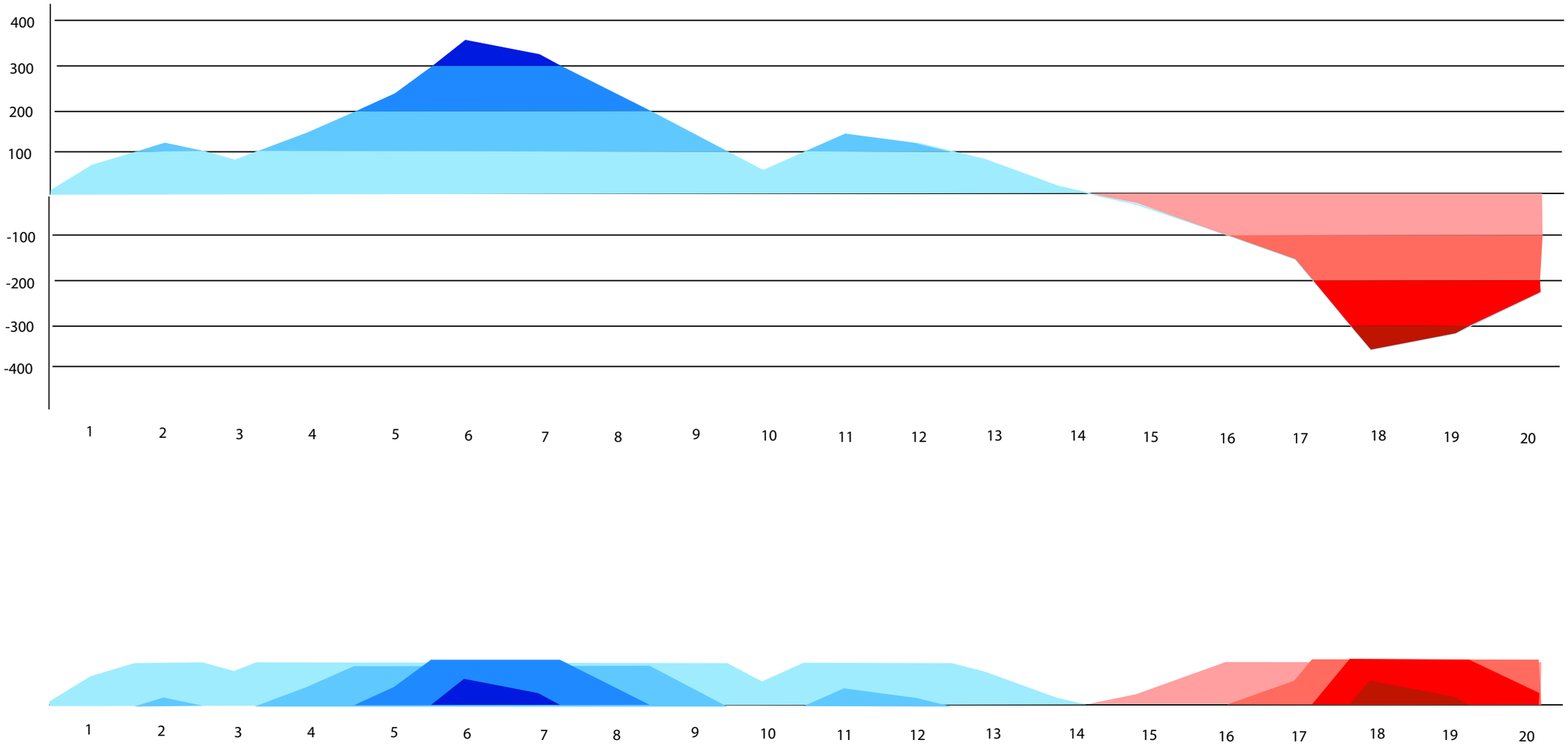

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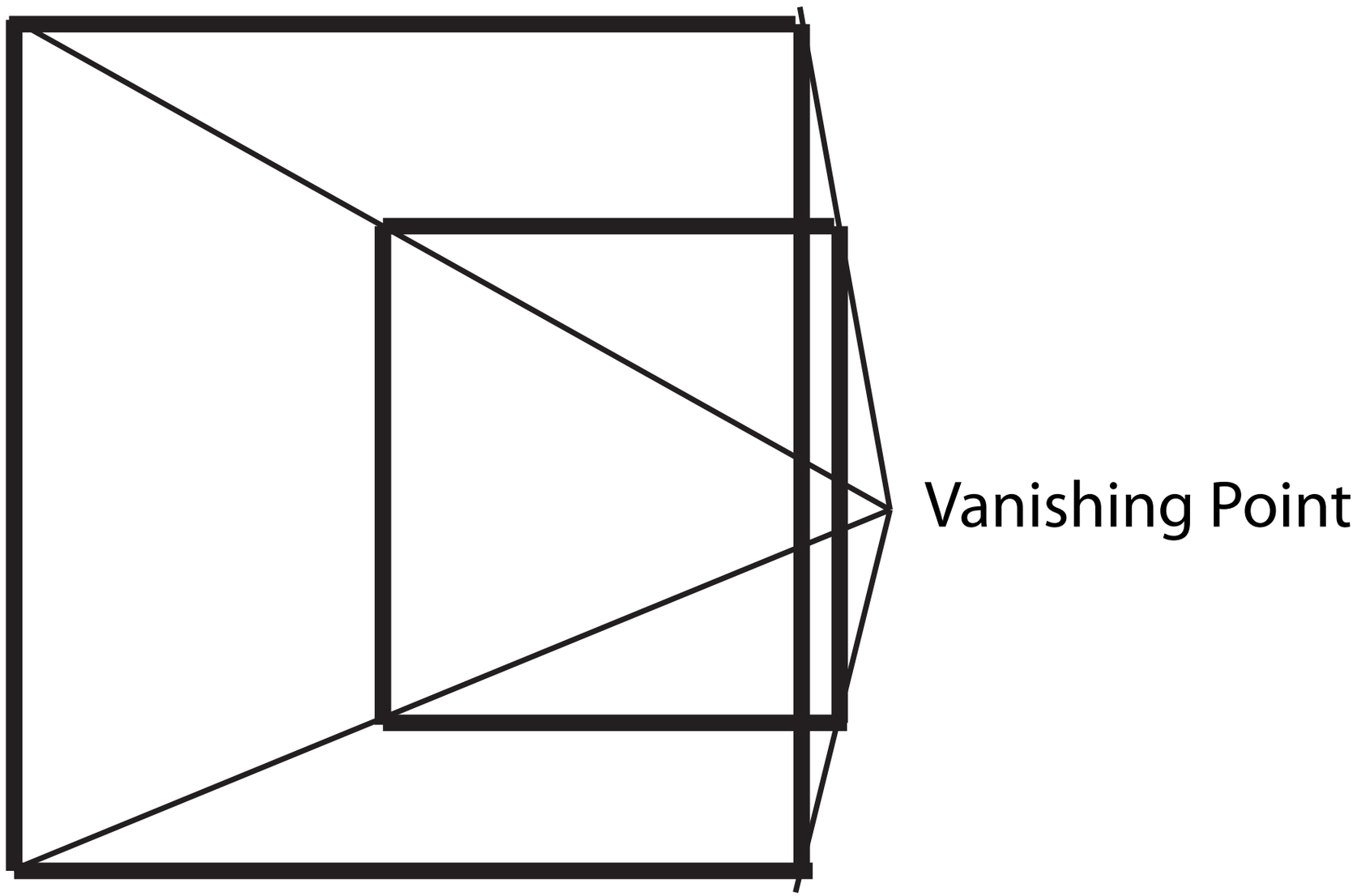

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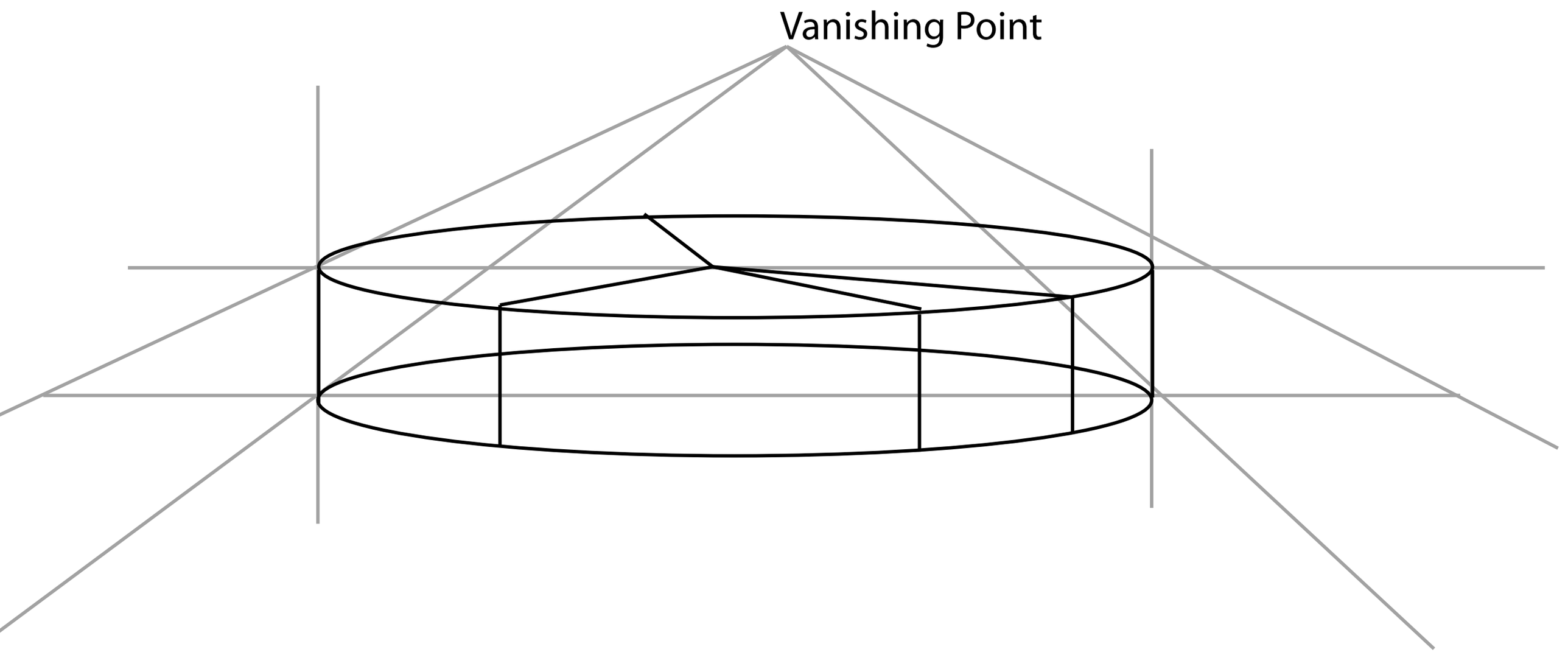

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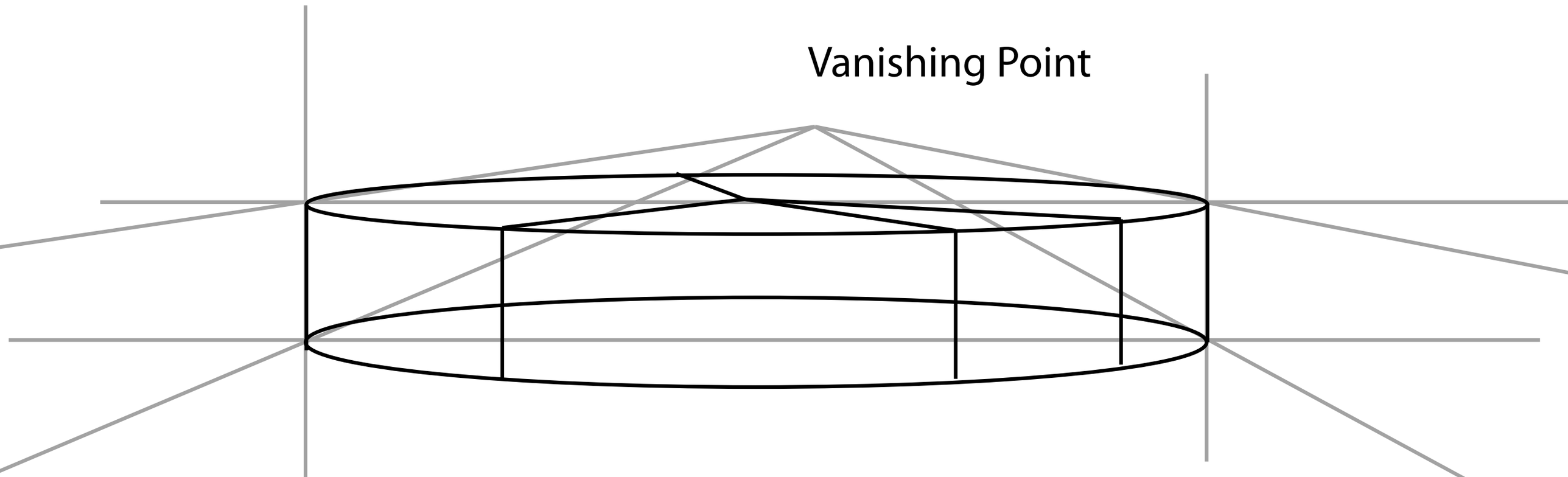

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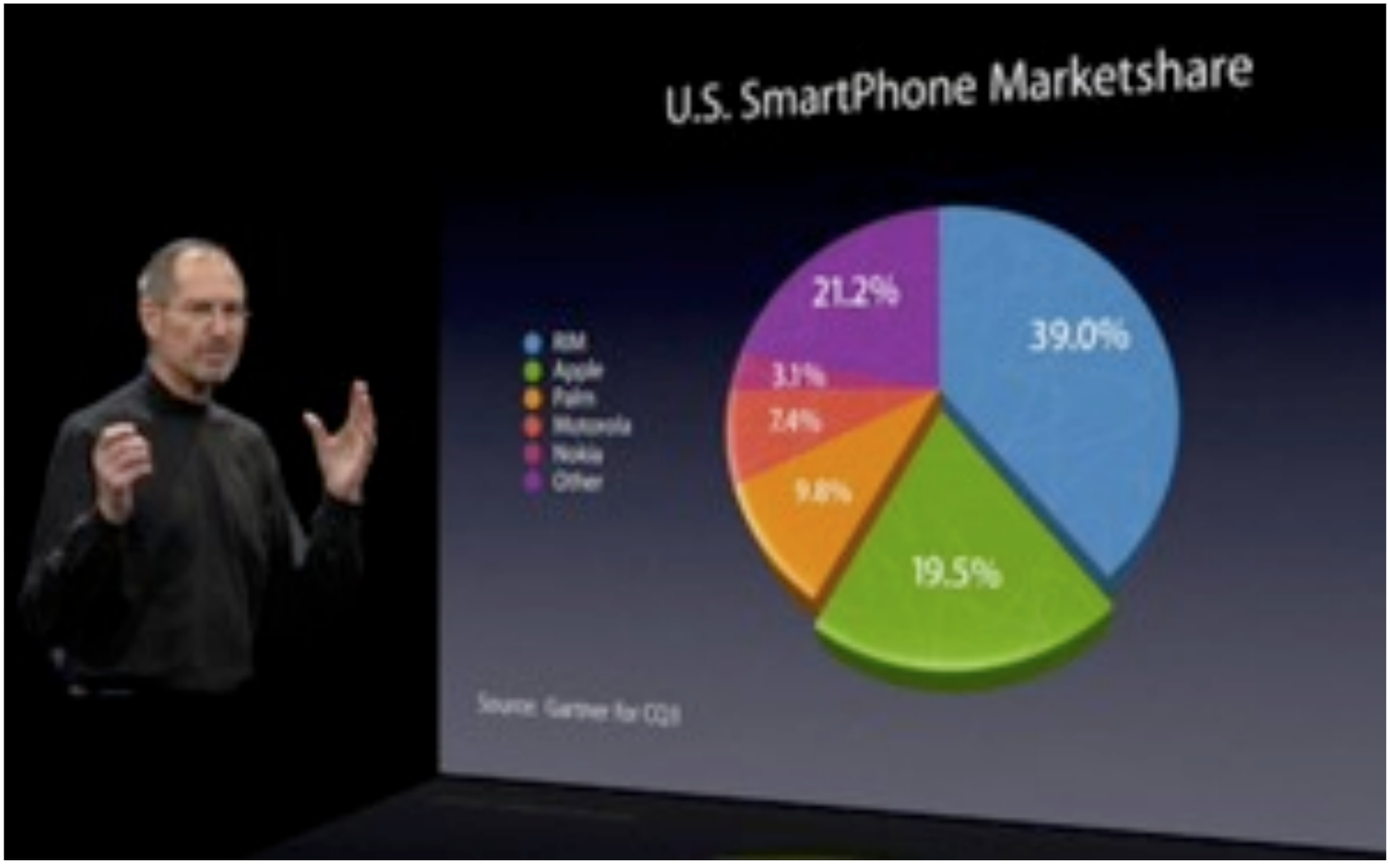
U.S. SmartPhone Marketshare
RIM
Apple
Palm
Motorola
Nokia
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Source: Gartner for CQ3

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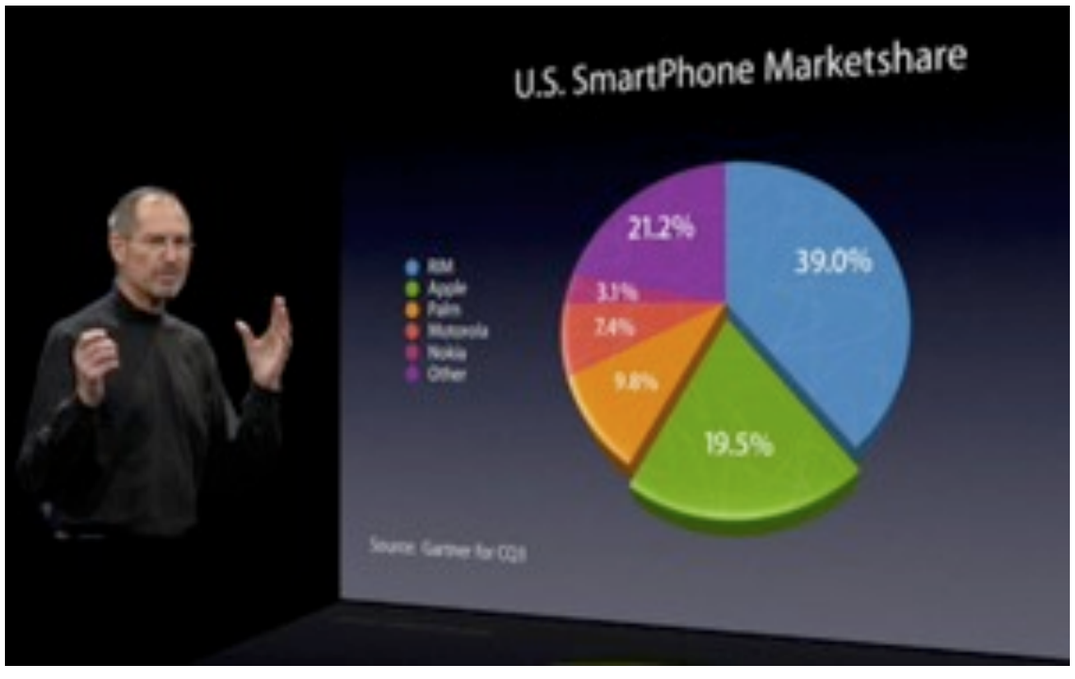

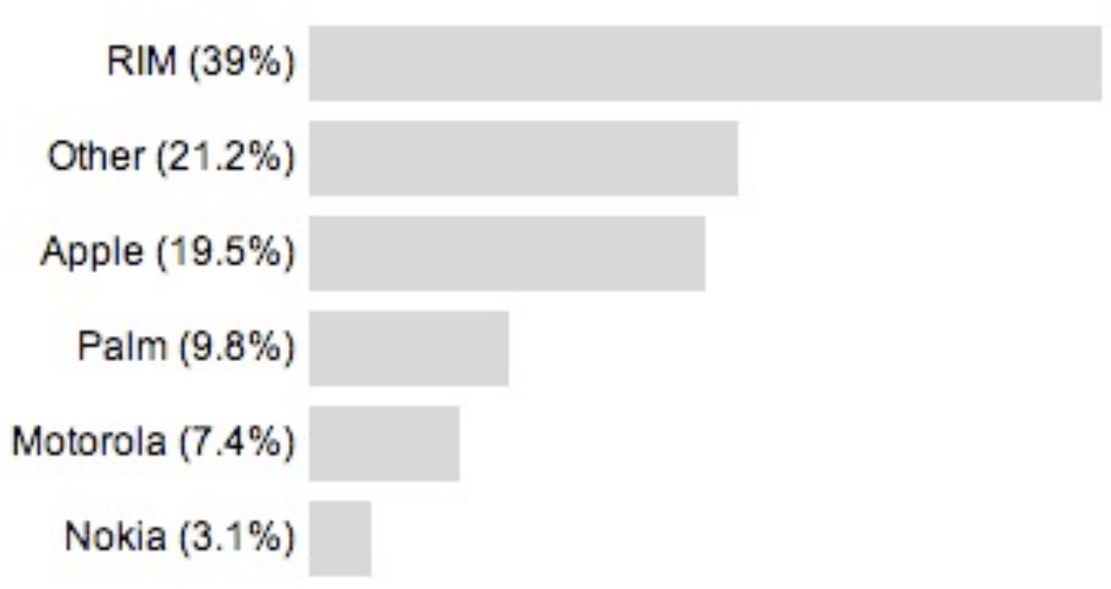

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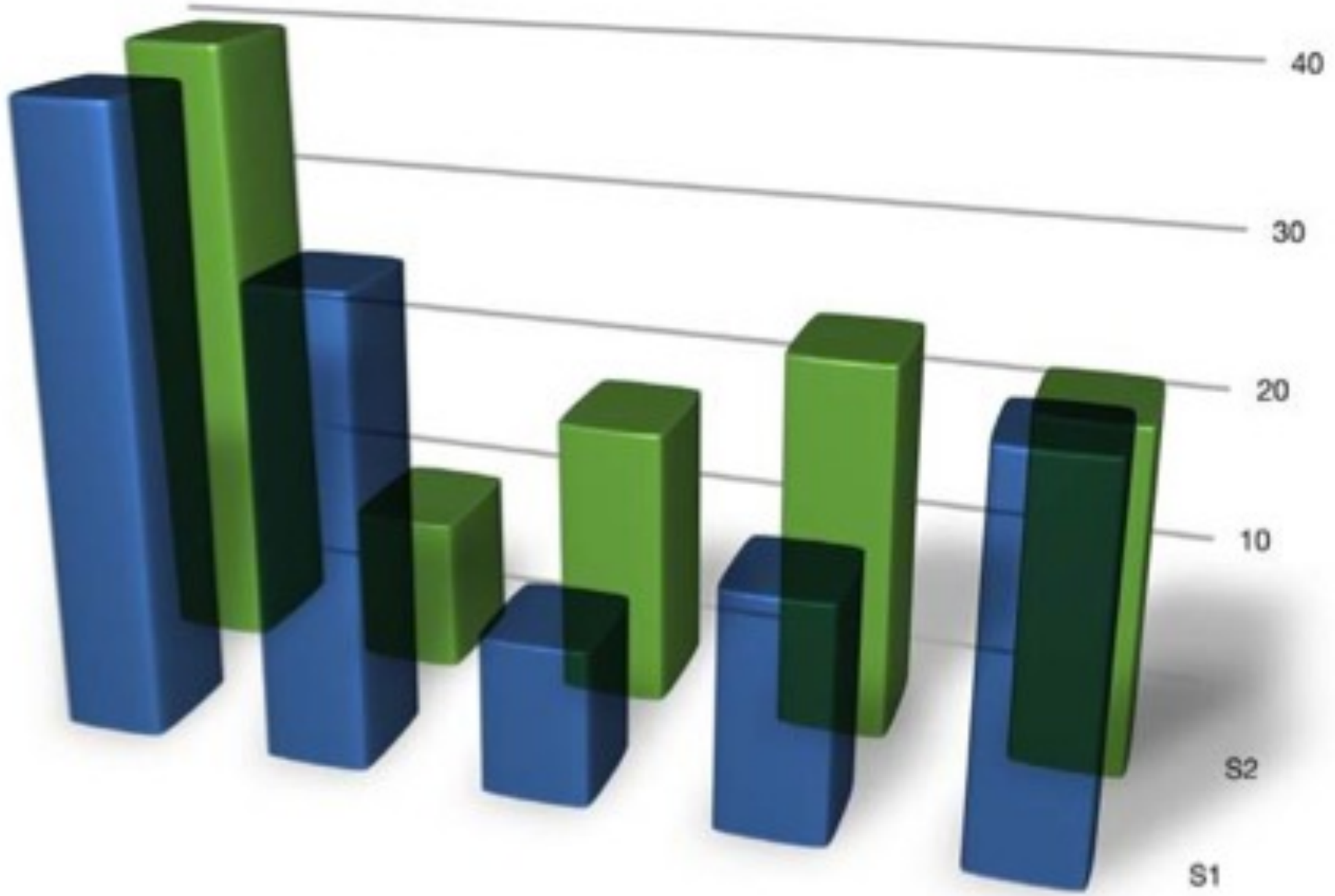
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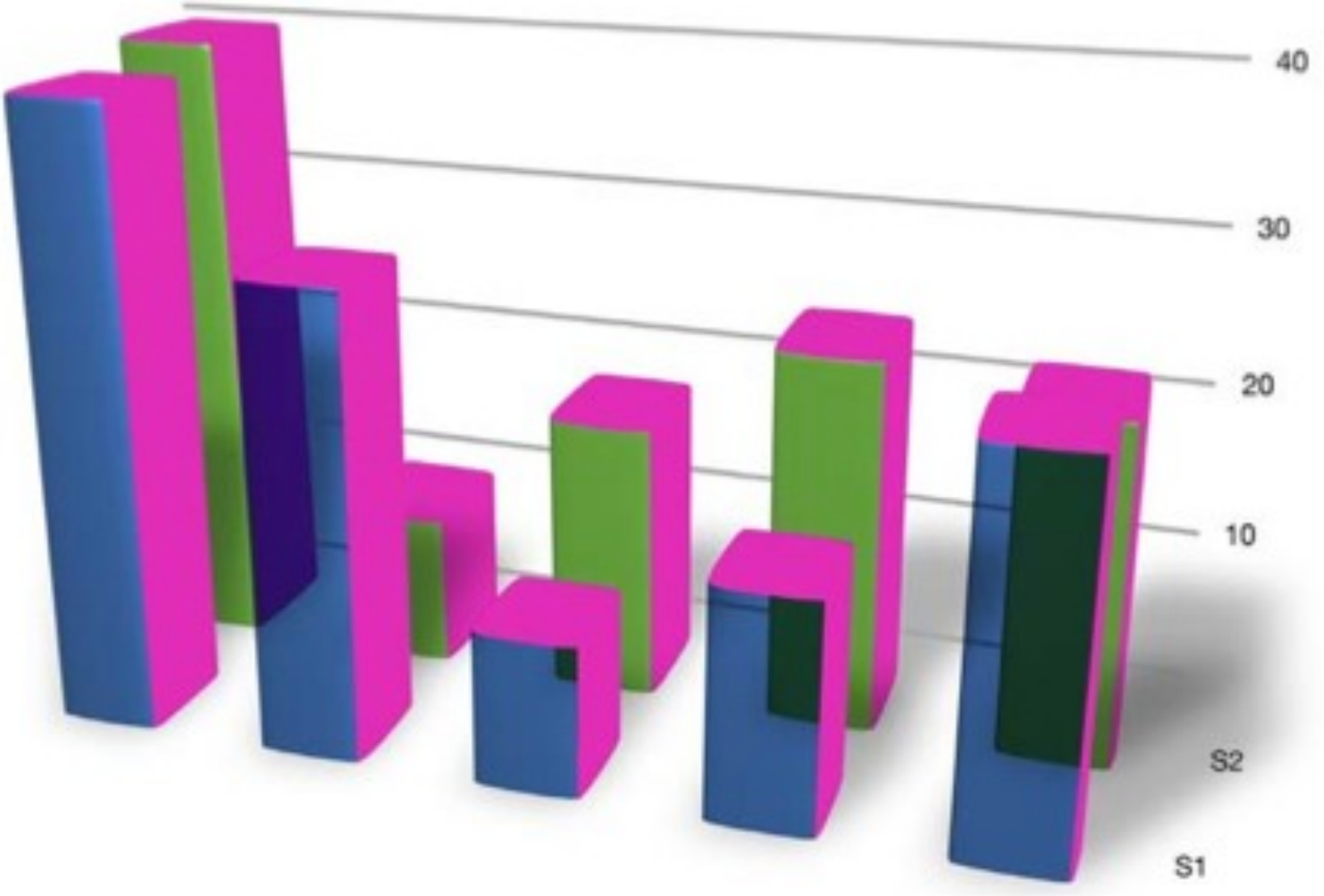
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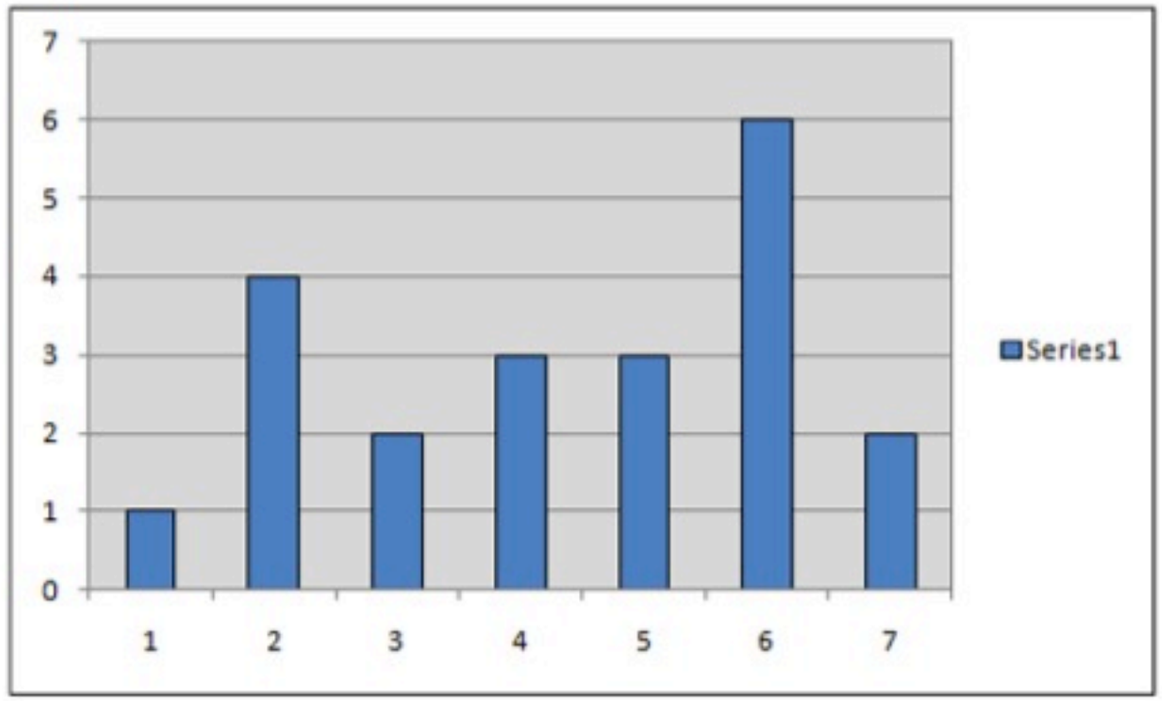
Data to Ink Ratio

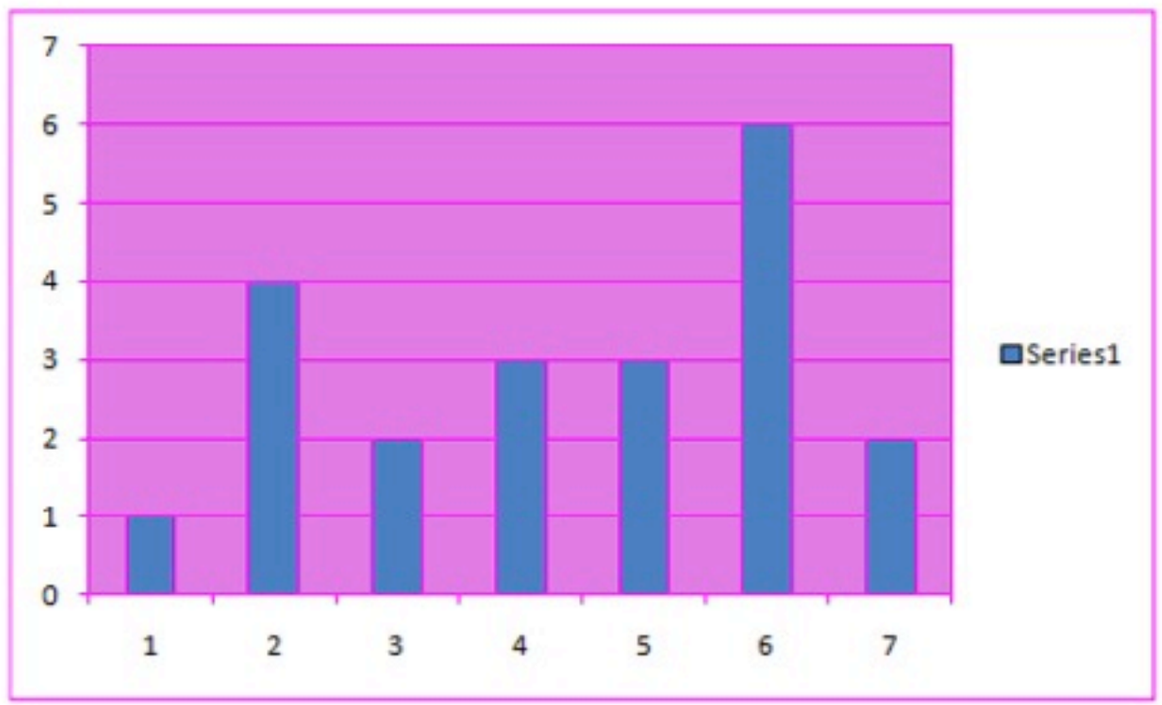
A large share of ink on a graphic should present data-information, the ink changing as the data change. Data-ink is the non-erasable core of a graphic, the non-redundant ink arranged in response to variation in the numbers represented.

Tufte, 1983

Data to Ink Ratio

$$\text{Data to ink Ratio} = \frac{\text{Data Ink}}{\text{Total Ink}}$$





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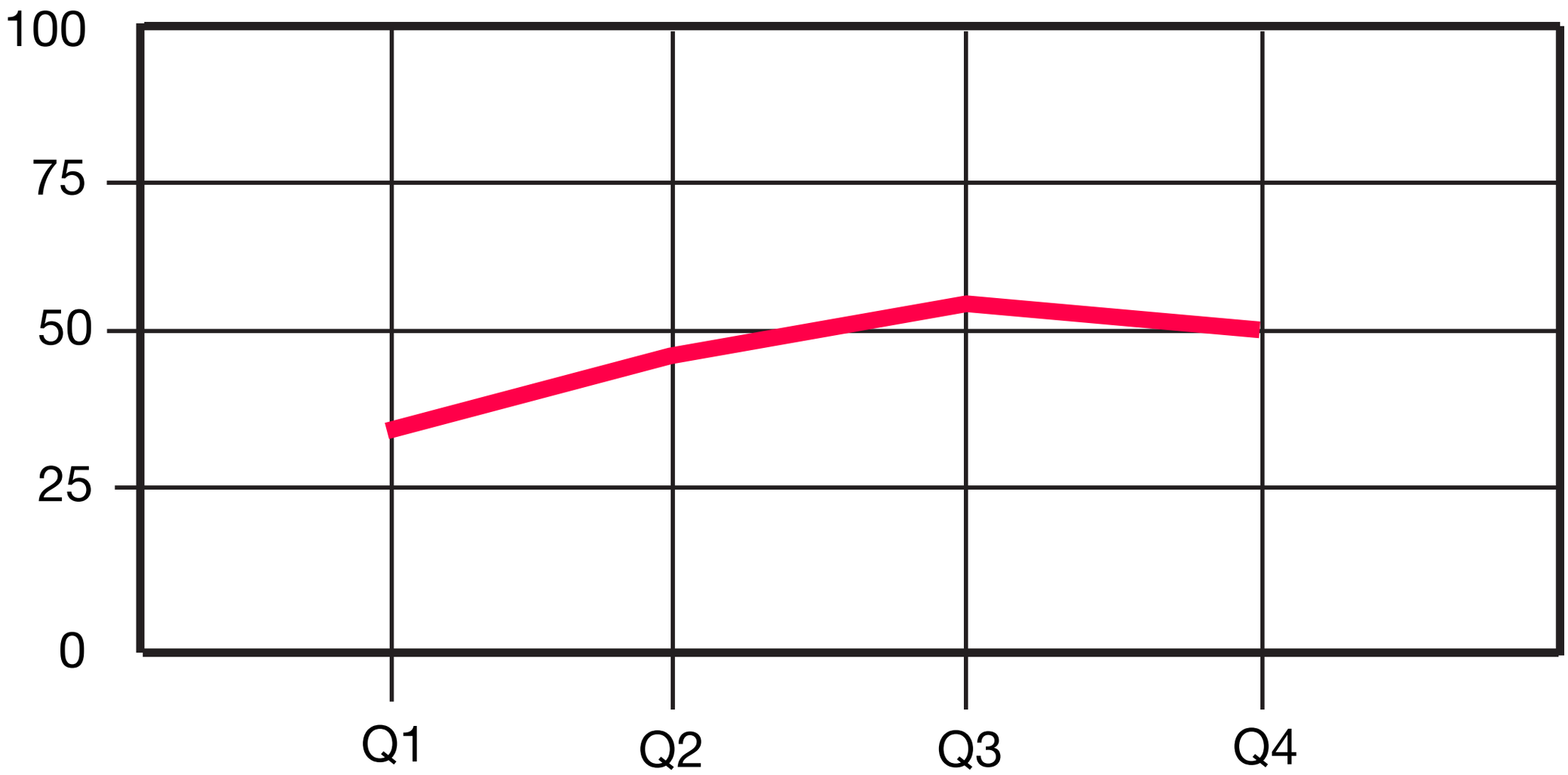

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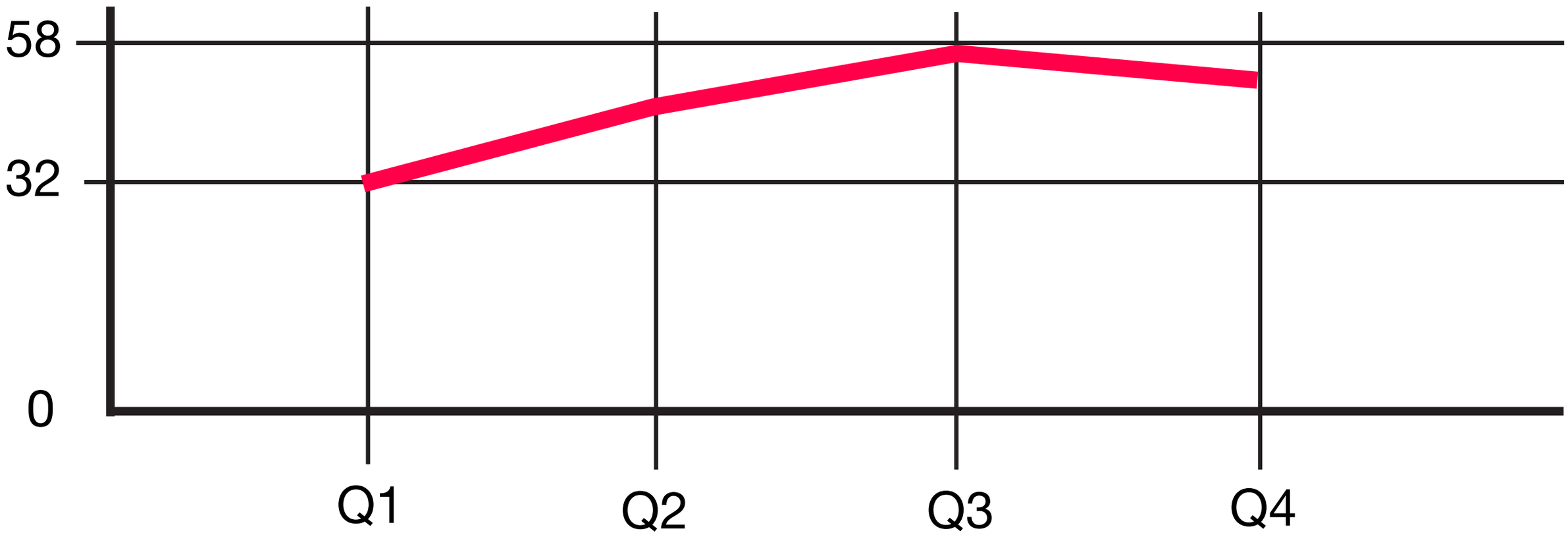

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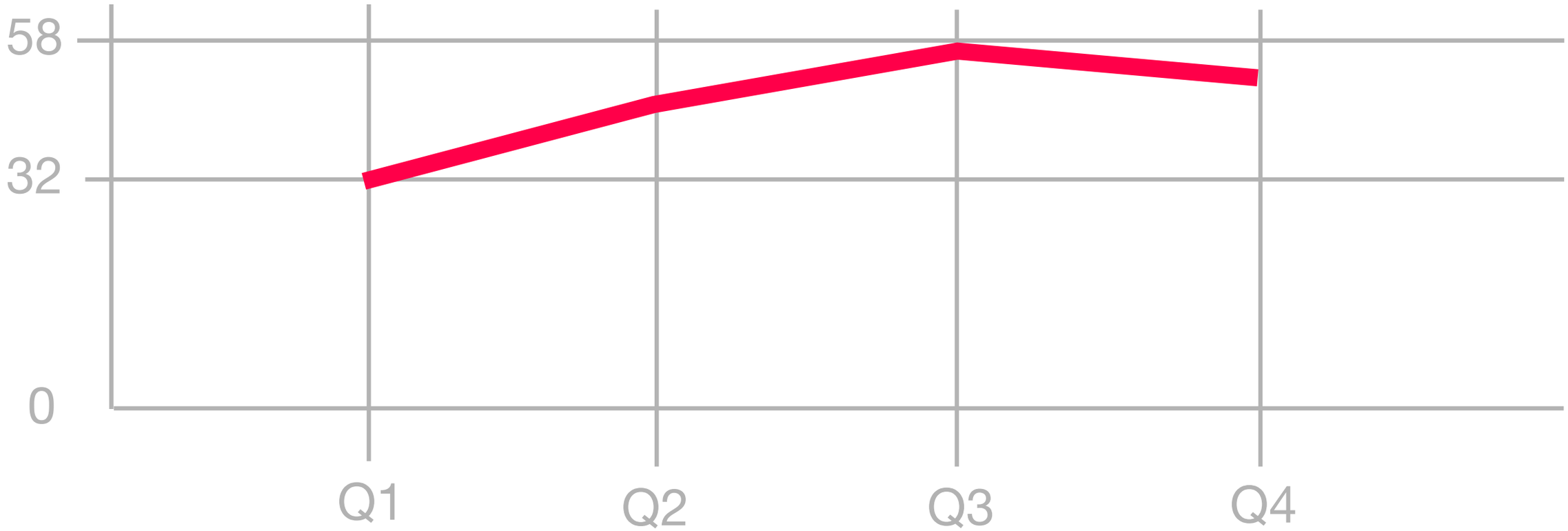

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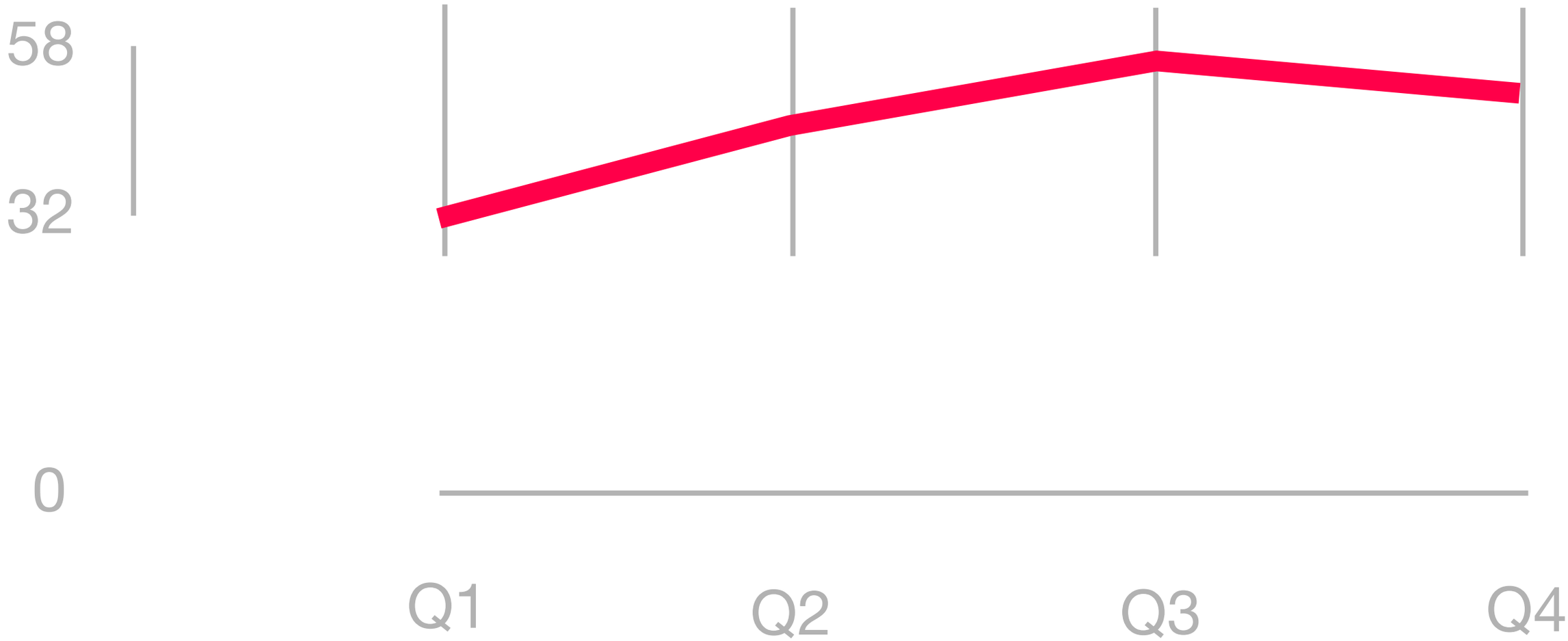

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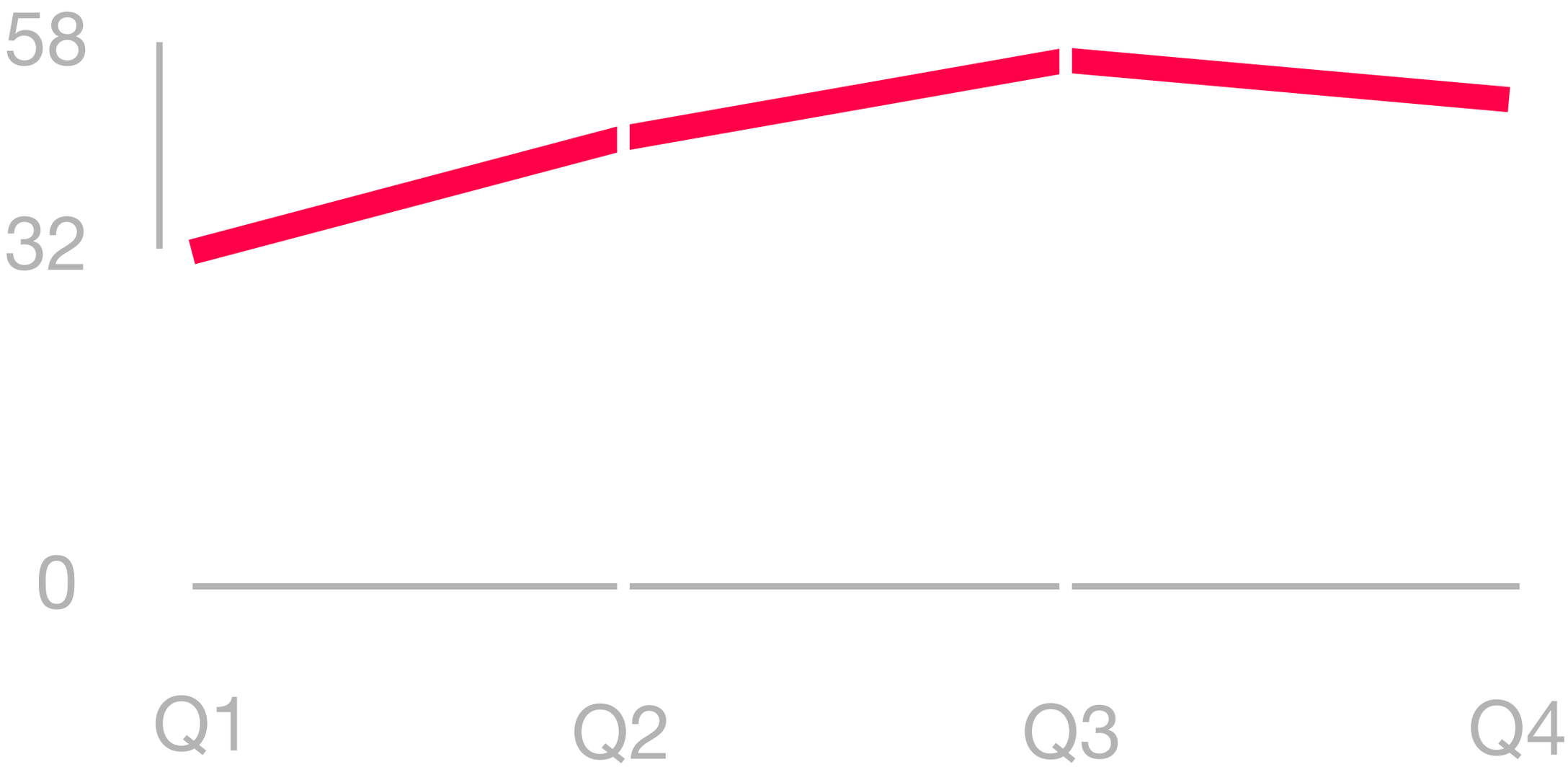

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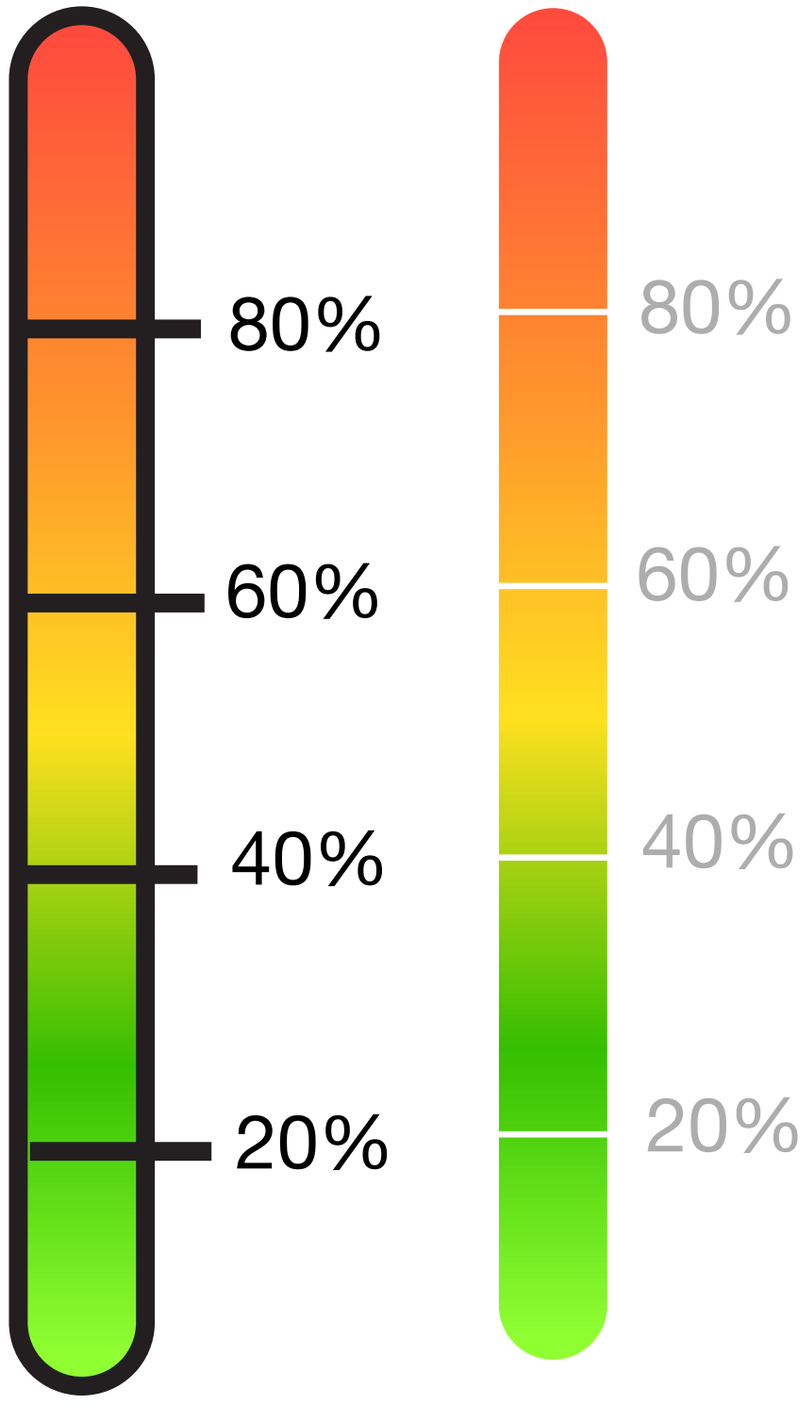

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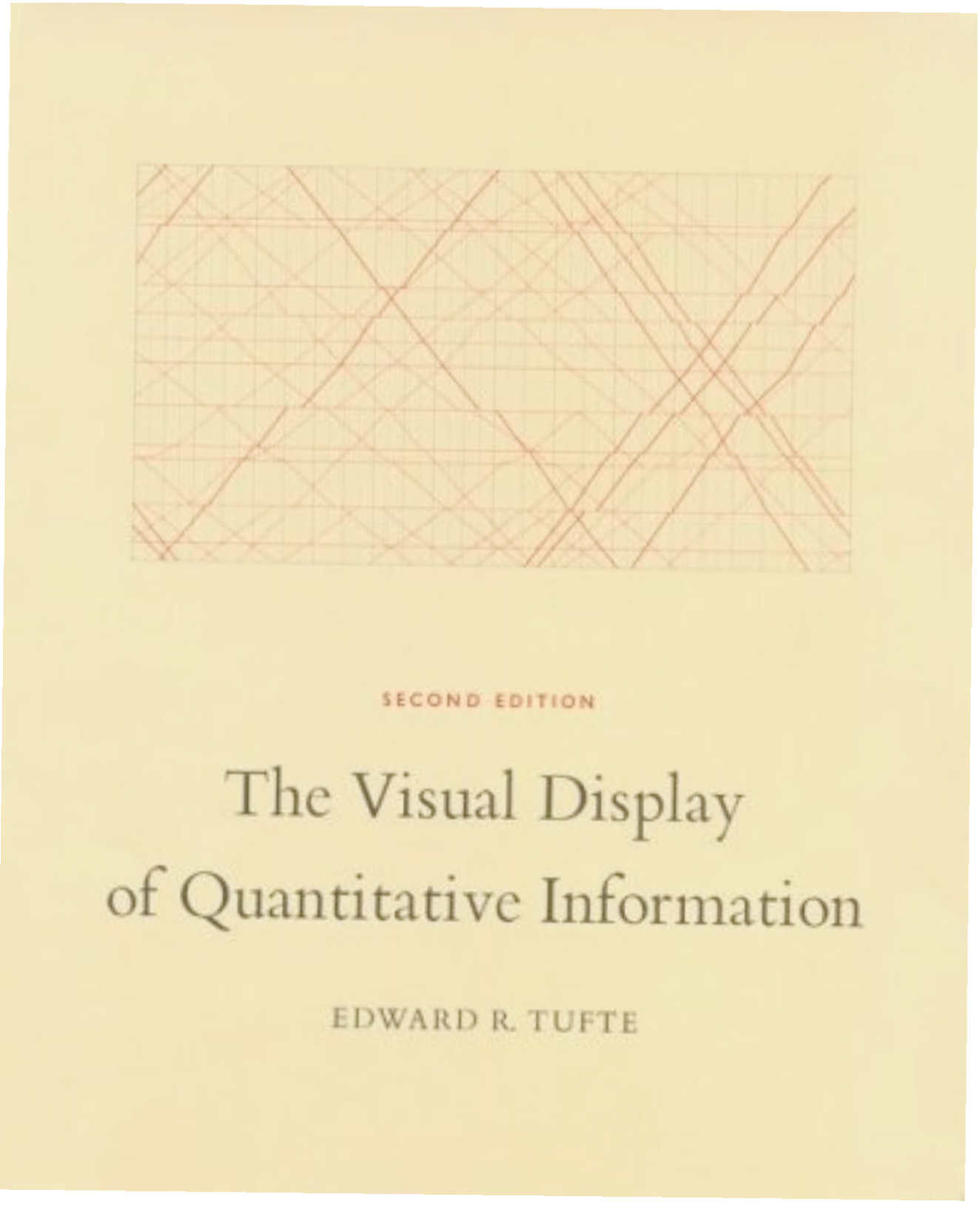
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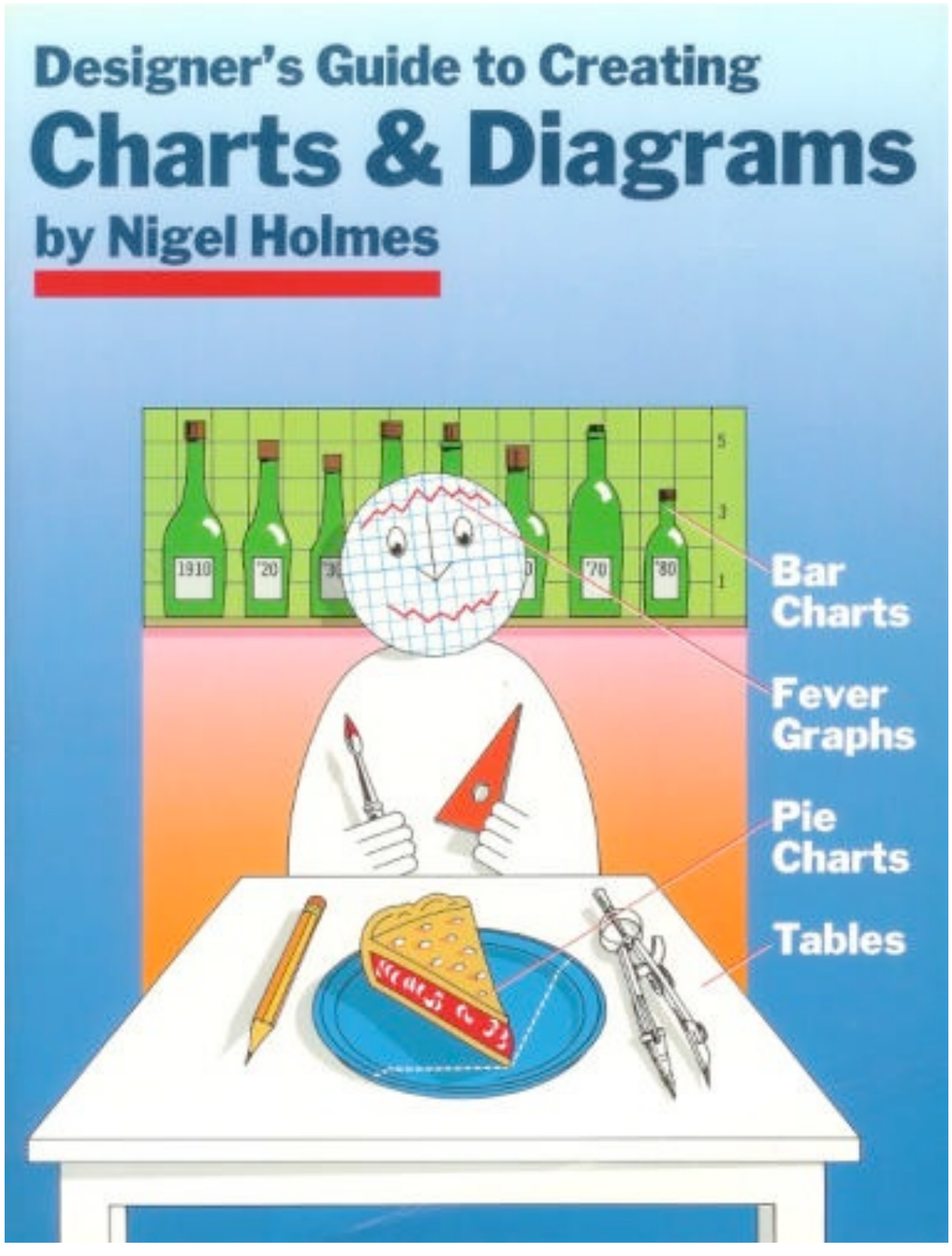
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Chart Junk isn't as bad as you think

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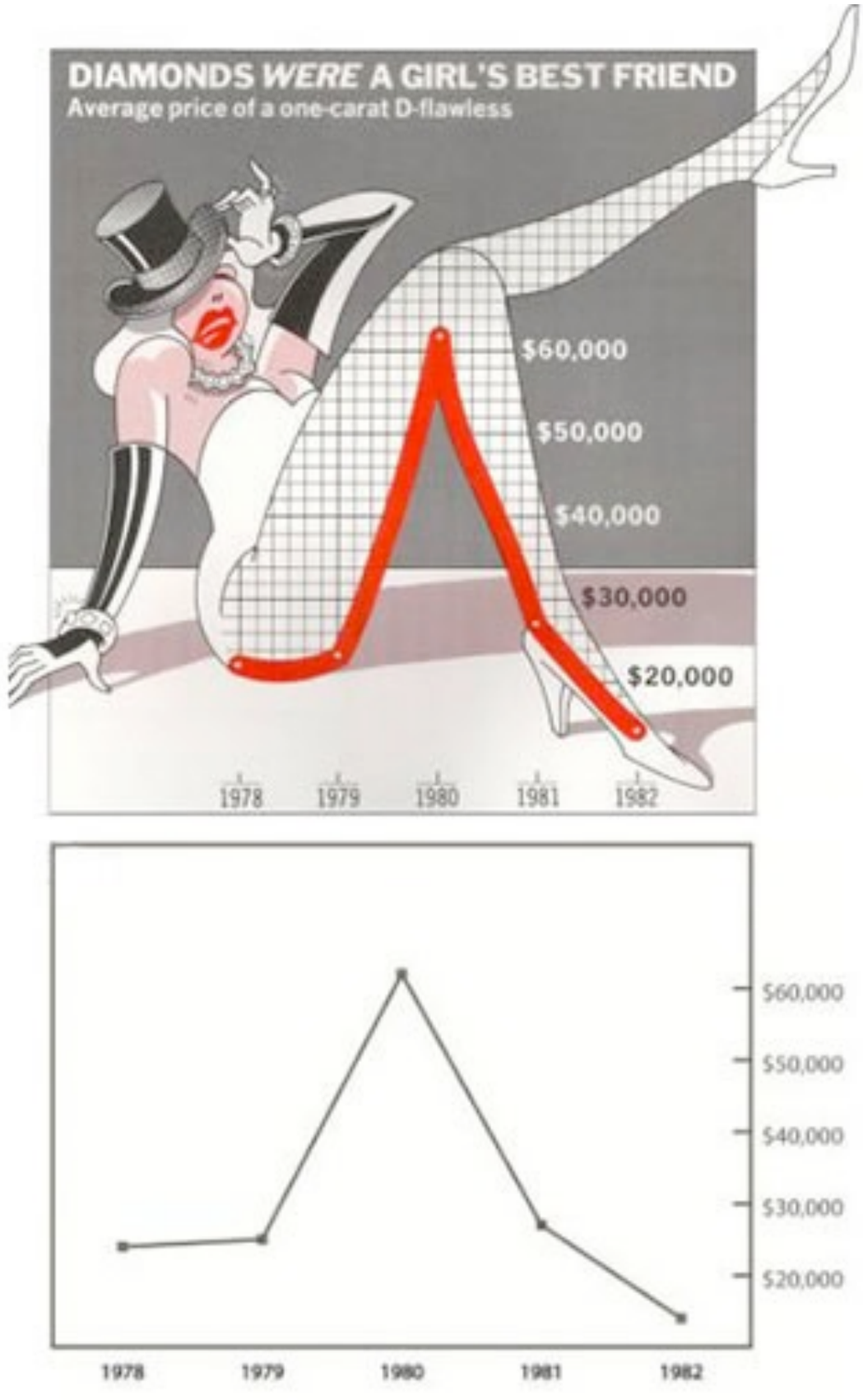

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Needs a friend

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Calculating Color Contrast

ARTICLE COMMENTS 23

by Brian Suda

About the author

Brian Suda is a master informatician working to make the web a better place little by little everyday. Since discovering the Internet in the mid-90s, Brian Suda has spent a good portion of each day connected to it. His own little patch of Internet is http://suda.co.uk, where many of his past projects and crazy ideas can be found.

Photo: Jeremy Keith

Some websites and services allow you to customize your profile by uploading pictures, changing the background color or other aspects of the design. As a customer, this personalization turns a web app into your little nest where you store your data. As a designer, letting your customers have free rein over the layout and design is a scary prospect. So what happens to all the stock text and images that are designed to work on nice white backgrounds? Even the Mac only lets you choose between two colors for the OS, blue or graphite! Opening up the ability to customize your site's color scheme can be a recipe for disaster unless you are flexible and understand how to find maximum color contrasts.

In this article I will walk you through two simple equations to determine if you should be using white or black text depending on the color of the background. The equations are both easy to implement and produce similar results. It isn't a matter of which is better, but more the fact that you are using one at all! That way, even with the craziest of Geocities color schemes that your customers choose, at least your text will still be readable.

Let's have a look at a range of various possible colors. Maybe these are pre-made color schemes, corporate colors, or plucked from an image.

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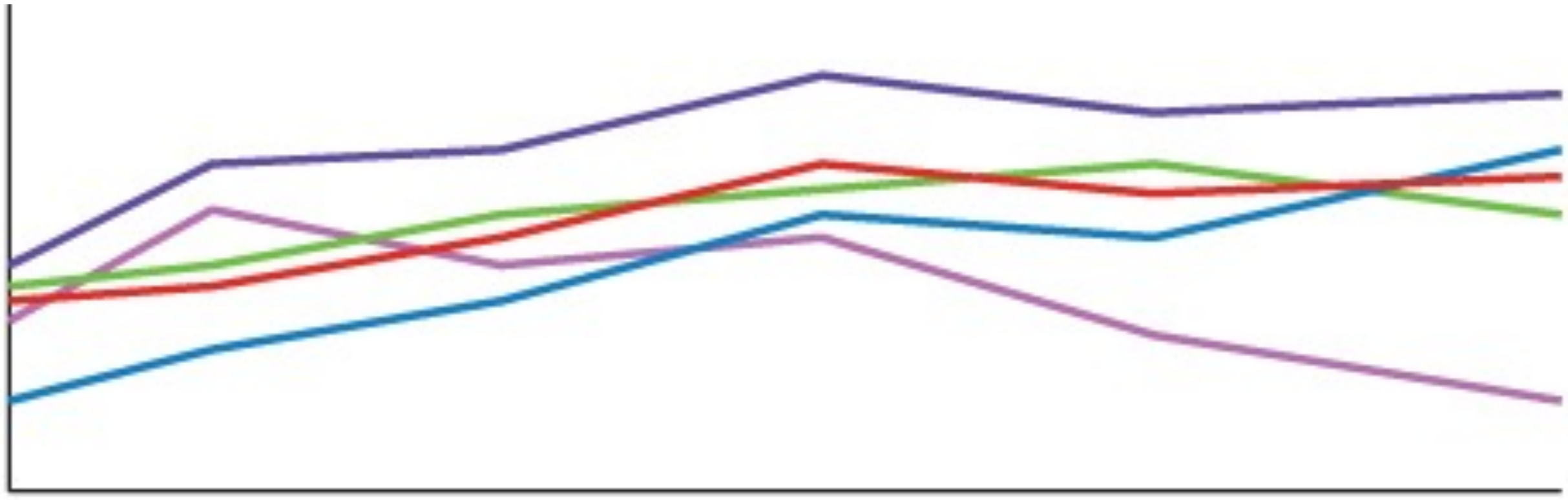
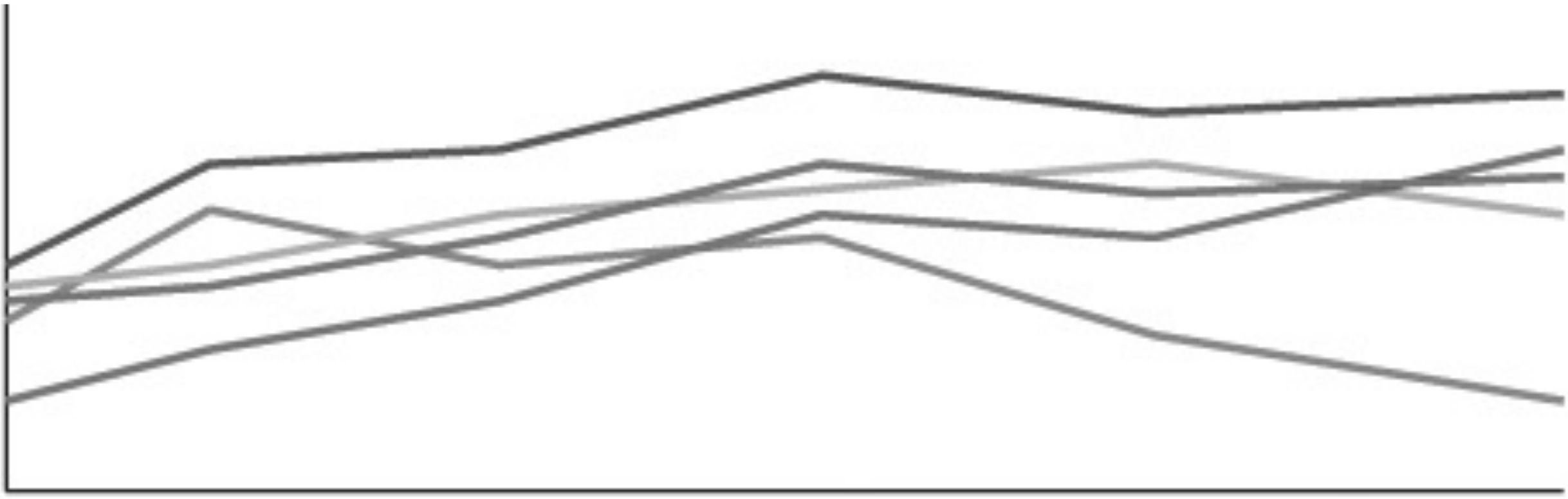
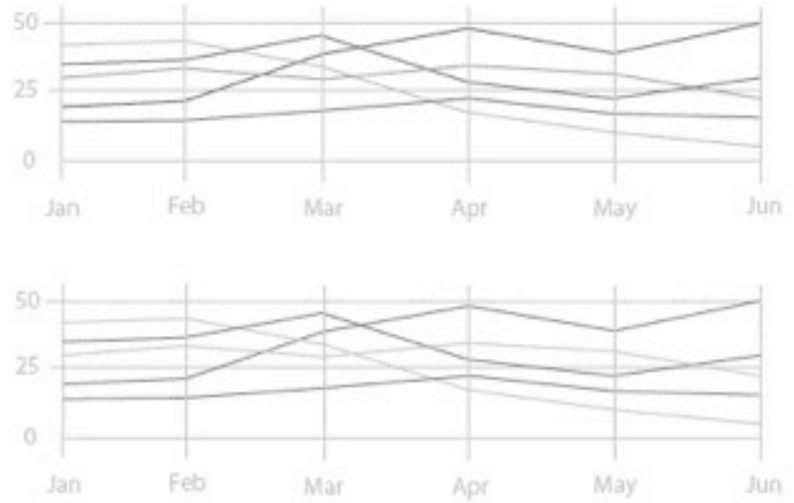




their ink (or paint) supplies.

With graphs and charts, we should take into account that each new colour introduced costs someone money. Knowing this, we also need to make sure that our visualizations work for the lowest common denominator: poor quality black and white inkjet printers. The information needs to convey the same story with or



We've all seen ugly faxes that are so poor in

If your projects revolve around a large set of values that need to be shown in relation to one another, then this algorithm might be a useful tool for you.

Types of color blindness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Cat
Chow

Deuteranopia

Protanopia

Tritanopia


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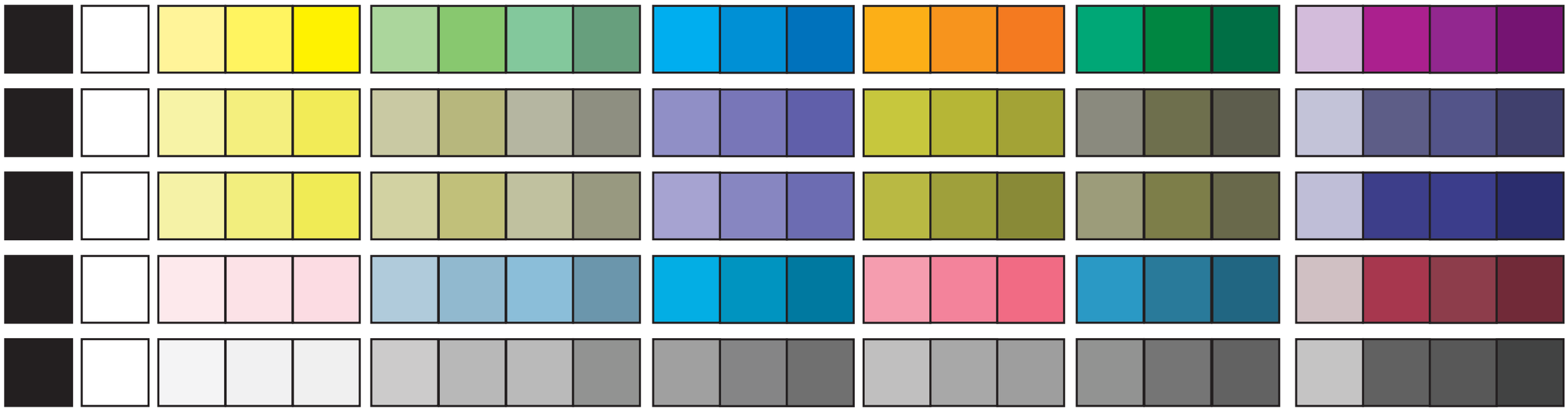

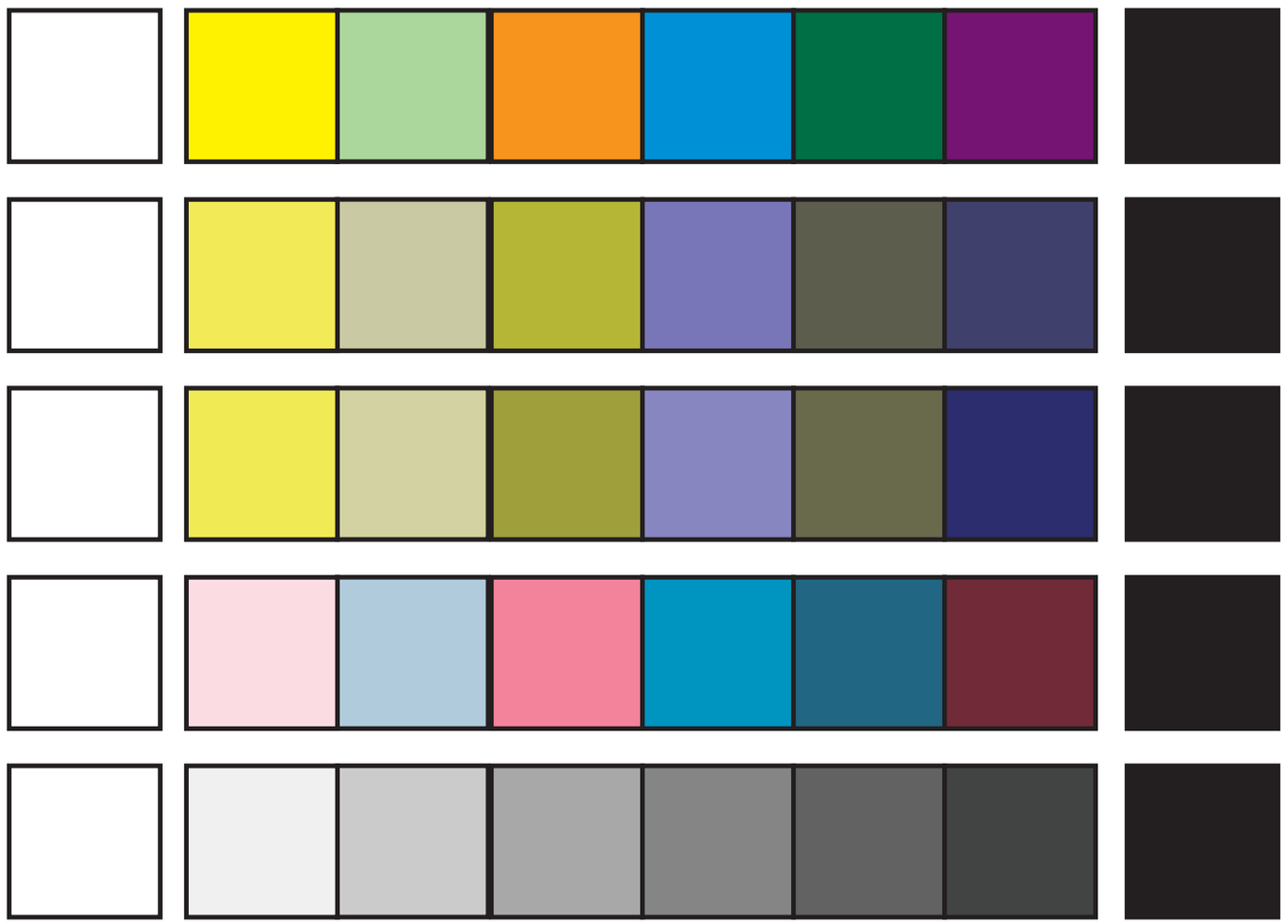

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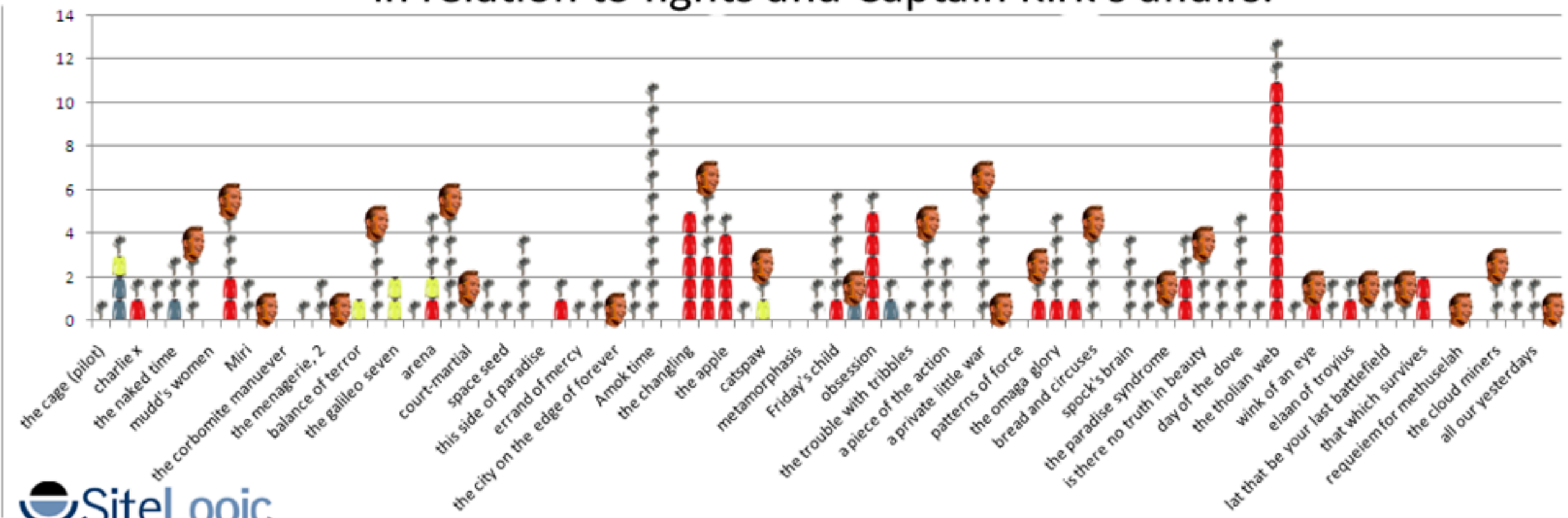
Monopoly Money

Red shirt theory

Crewmember Deaths; by shirt color, by episode, in relation to fights and Captain Kirk's affairs.



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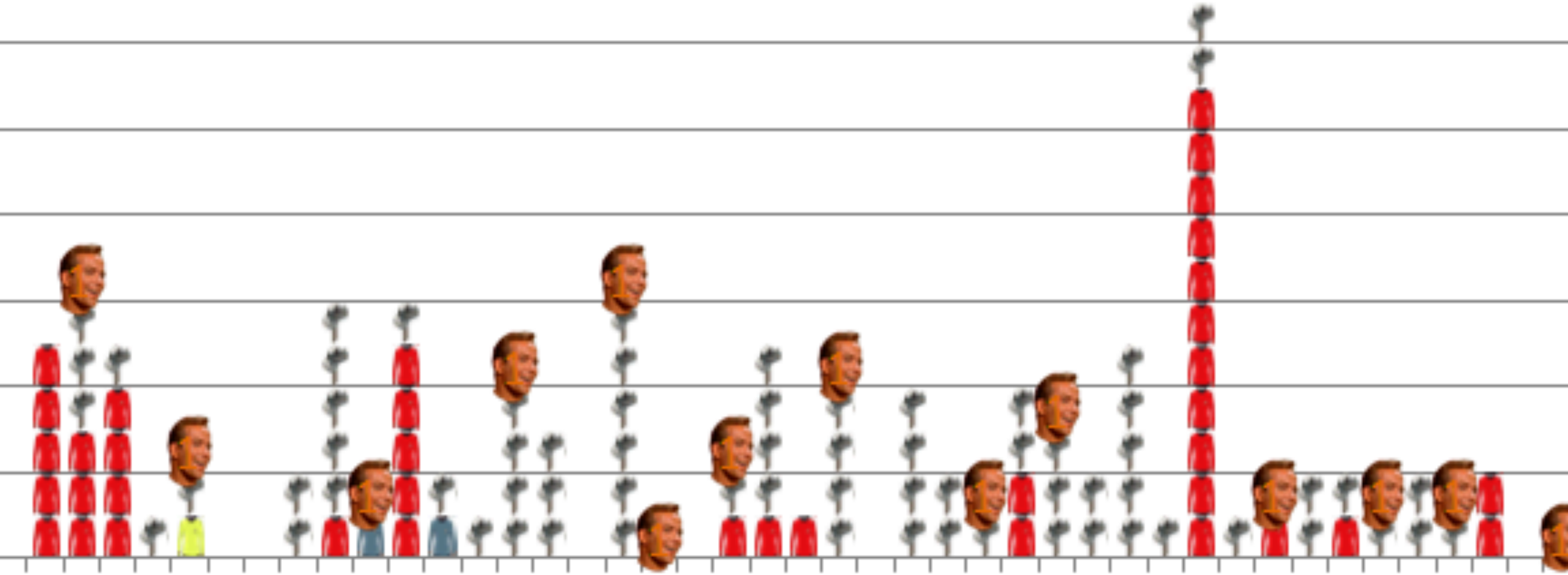

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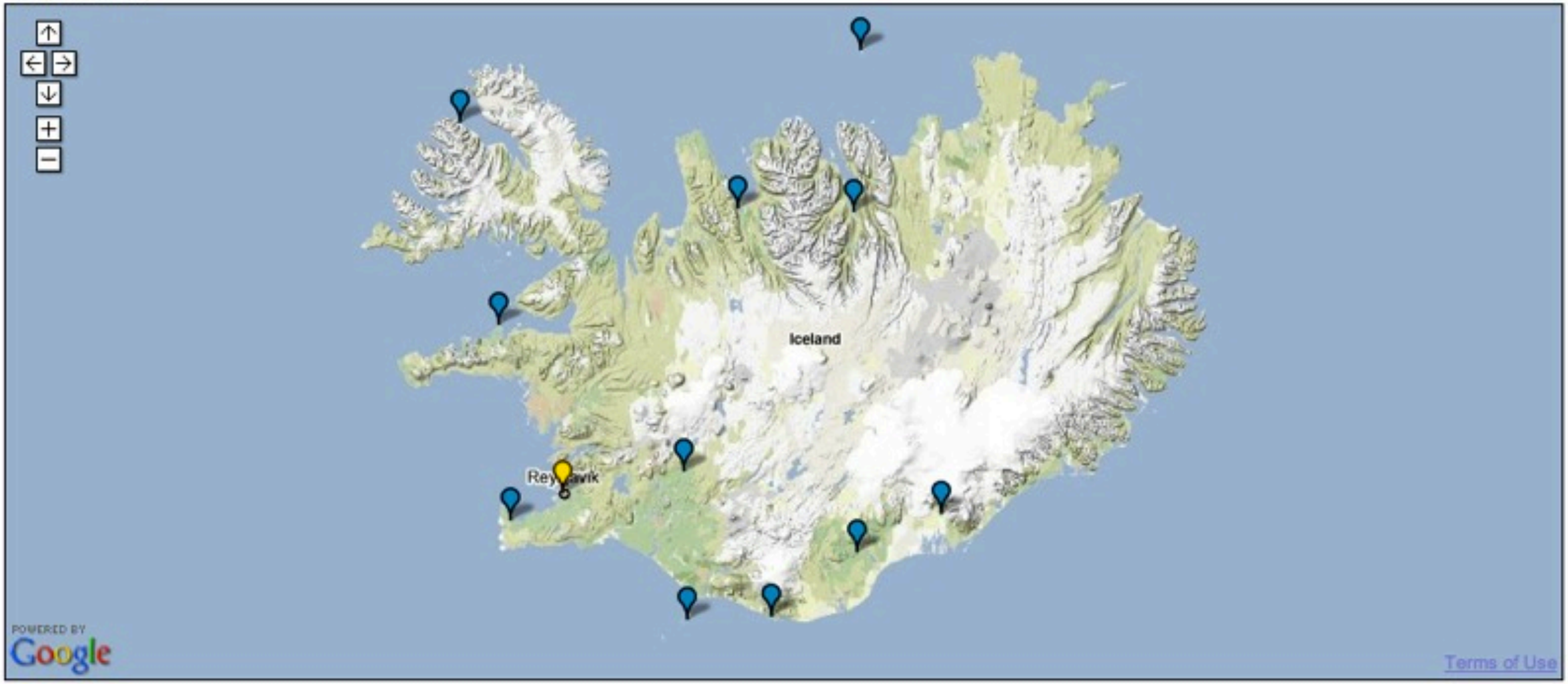

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Keflavík

Select

Mæling

- [ ] Lofthiti
- [x] Vindátt
- [x] Rakastig
- [x] 10 mín. meðalvindhraði
- [ ] Úrkoma

Select Clear

Upprunaleg gildi

Gæðastimplar

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echo '<!DOCTYPE svg PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD SVG 1.1//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/Graphics/SVG/1.1/DTD/svg11.dtd">
<svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" version="1.1">';

$arm_pos = 0;
foreach($dirs as $k=>$v){
  $length = (($v/$counter)*$scaler);
  $x = 100+(sin(deg2rad($k)) * $length);
  $y = 100+(cos(deg2rad($k)) * $length);

  $arm_pos = $k+10;
  if($arm_pos > 360) { $arm_pos = 10; }

  $length = (($dirs[$arm_pos]/$counter)*$scaler);

  $x1 = 100+(sin(deg2rad($arm_pos)) * $length);
  $y1 = 100+(cos(deg2rad($arm_pos)) * $length);

  echo '<polygon points="100,100 '.$x.','.$y.' '.$x1.','.$y1.'" fill="#'.stepper($k).'"/>';
}
echo '</svg>';
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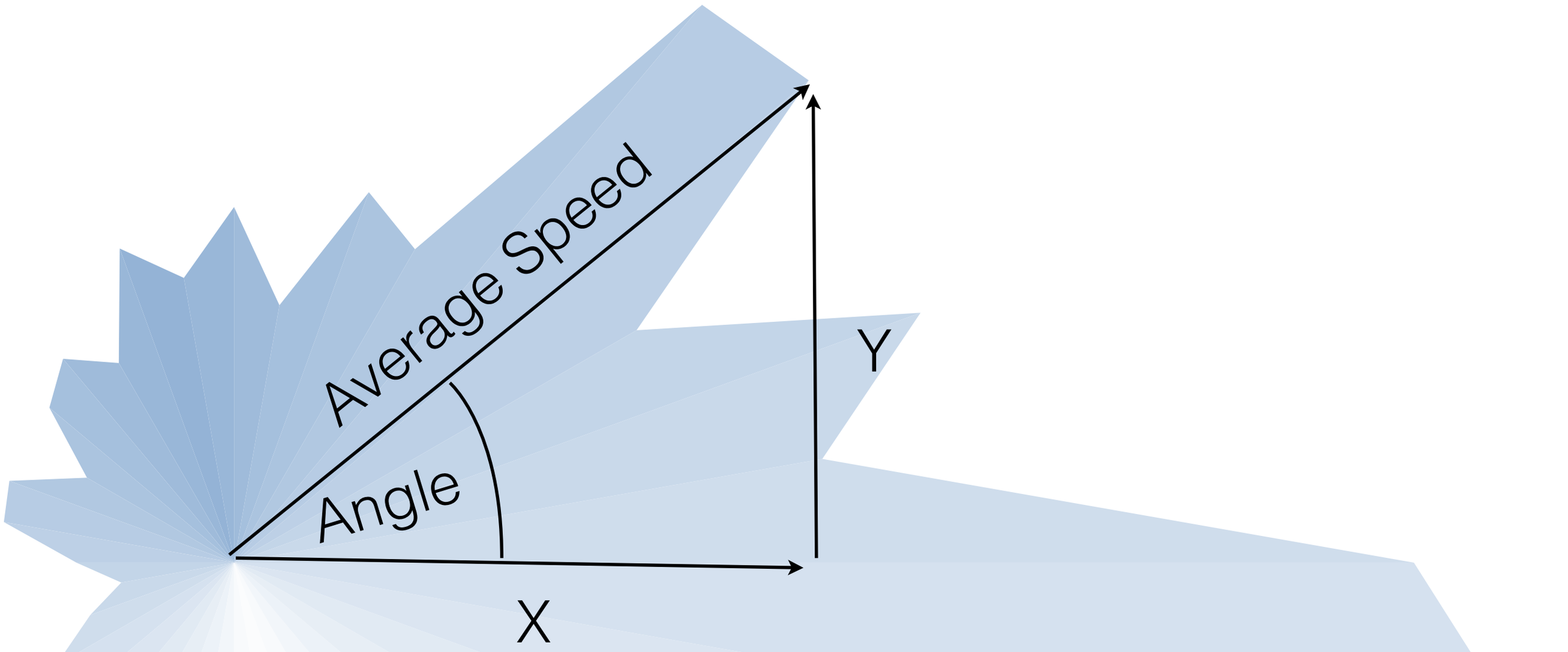

X = sin(Angle) * Average Speed;
Y = cos(Angle) * Average Speed;

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ARCTIC WINTER | ARCTIC SUMMER | EVERYTHING ELSE

The distance is short between the coast and the mountain plain, and the seconds few between the calm and the storm. And when the hunting is successful and the fish are biting, it's easy to choose to travel up here. This is the top, as far north as you can get in mainland Europe and up here nature rules.

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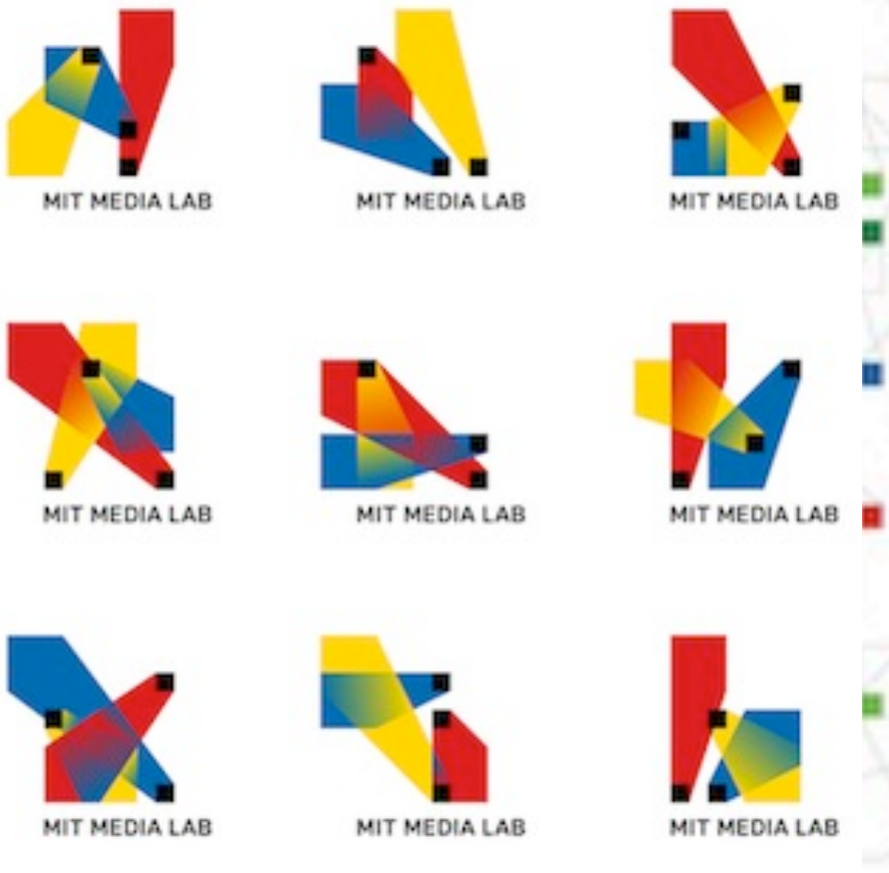
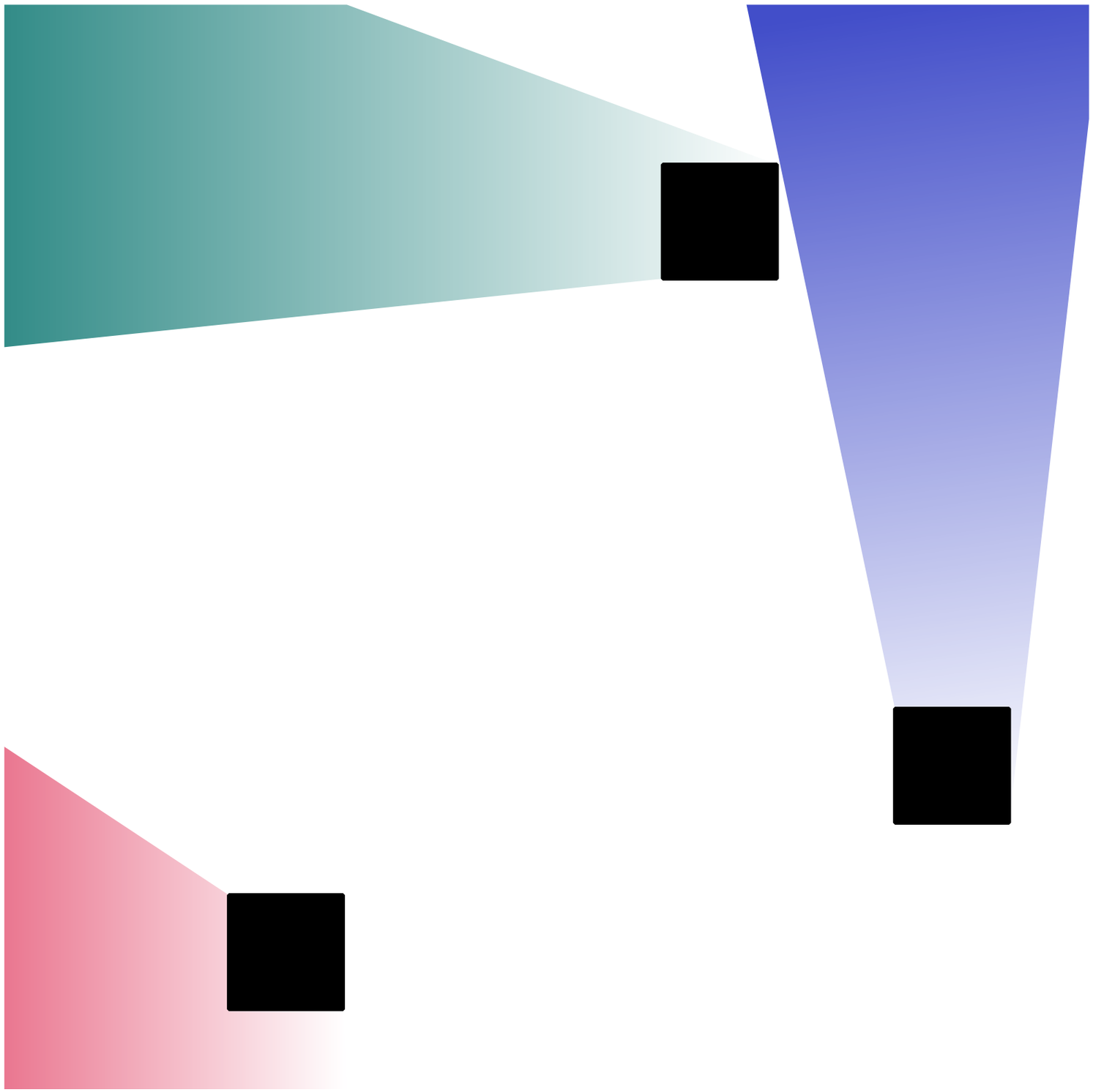


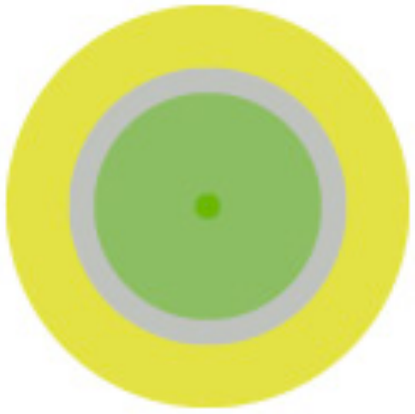


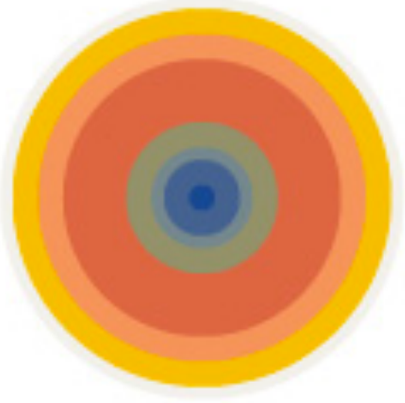
http://mitmedialab.heroku.com/logo?seed=Brian%20Suda

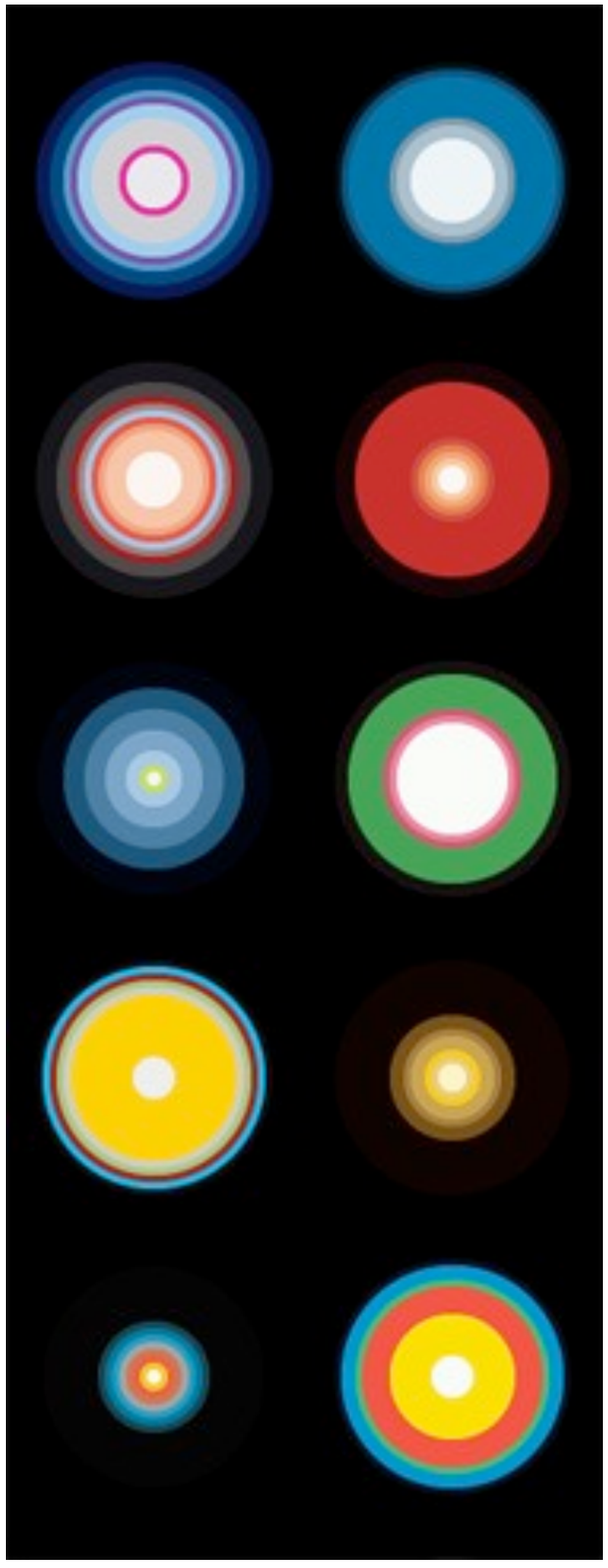
NOTES

This visualization ran as a full page in the June 2008 issue of WIRED.

The custom algorithm in our visualization produces a signature "bull's-eye" pattern for each cover:







http://hint.fm/projects/wired2008/

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xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg">';

$c = (int)(($x*$y)/$scaler);
$prev = 0;
foreach($rgb as $k=>$v){
  if($v > 0) {
    $r = ($k >> 16) & 0xFF;
    $g = ($k >> 8) & 0xFF;
    $b = $k & 0xFF;

    $hex = str_pad(dechex($r),2,'0',STR_PAD_LEFT).str_pad(dechex($g),
2,'0',STR_PAD_LEFT).str_pad(dechex($b),2,'0',STR_PAD_LEFT);
    echo '<circle cx="'.$c.'" cy="'.$c.'" r="'.($c-$prev).'" fill="#'.$hex.'" />';
    echo "\n";
    $prev += (int)($v/$scaler);

  }
}

echo '</svg>';
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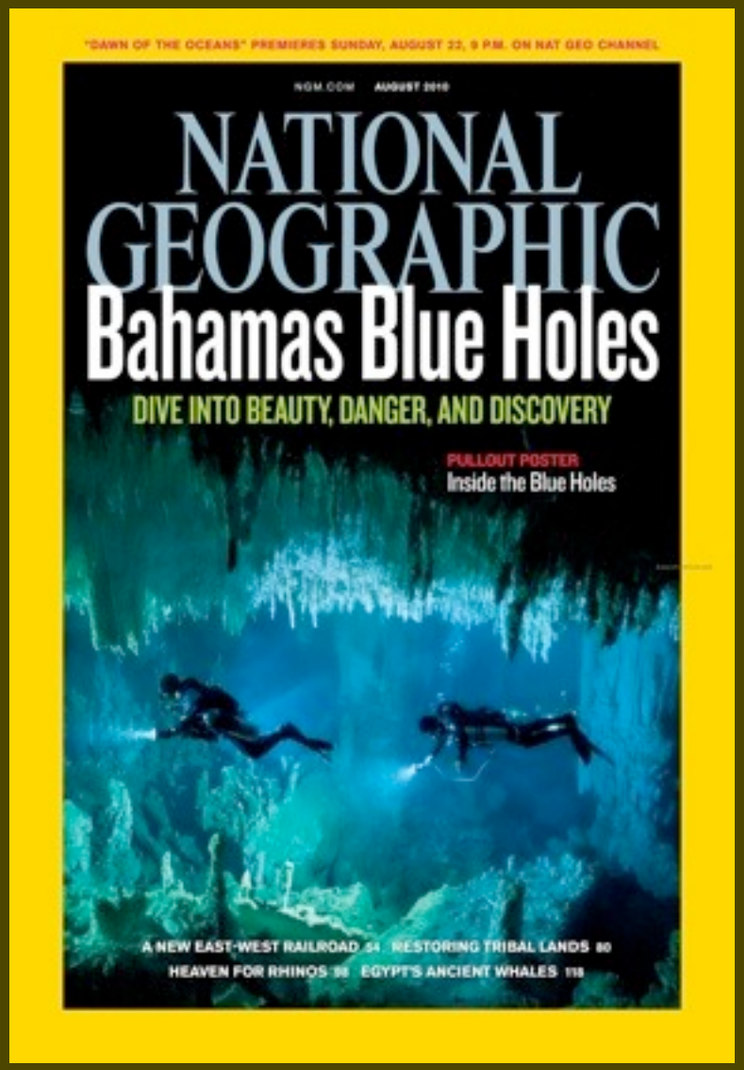
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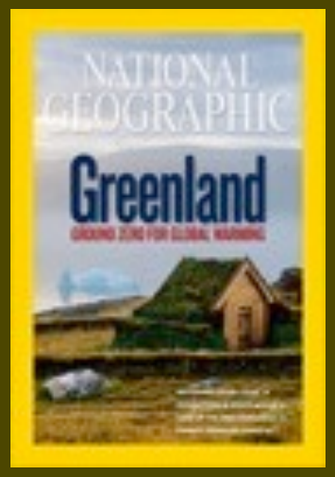
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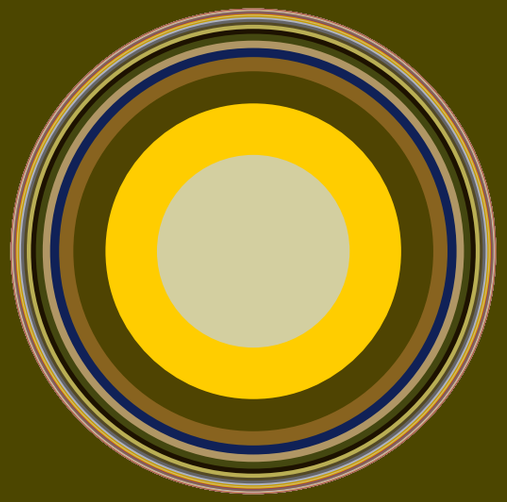

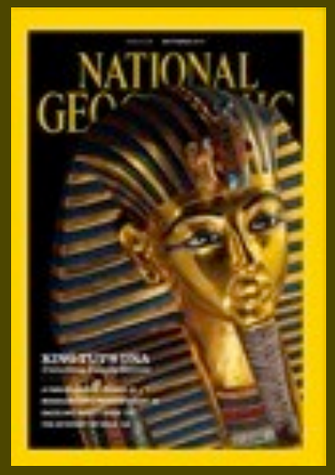
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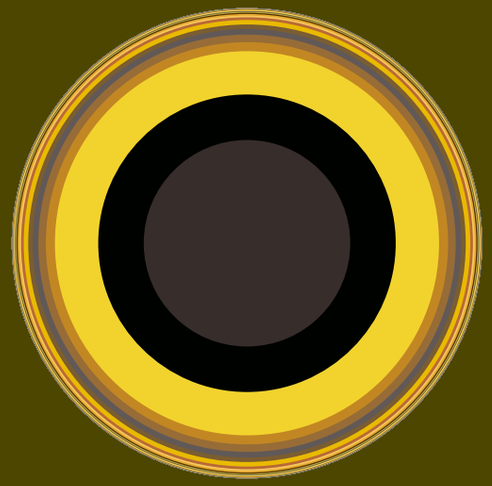

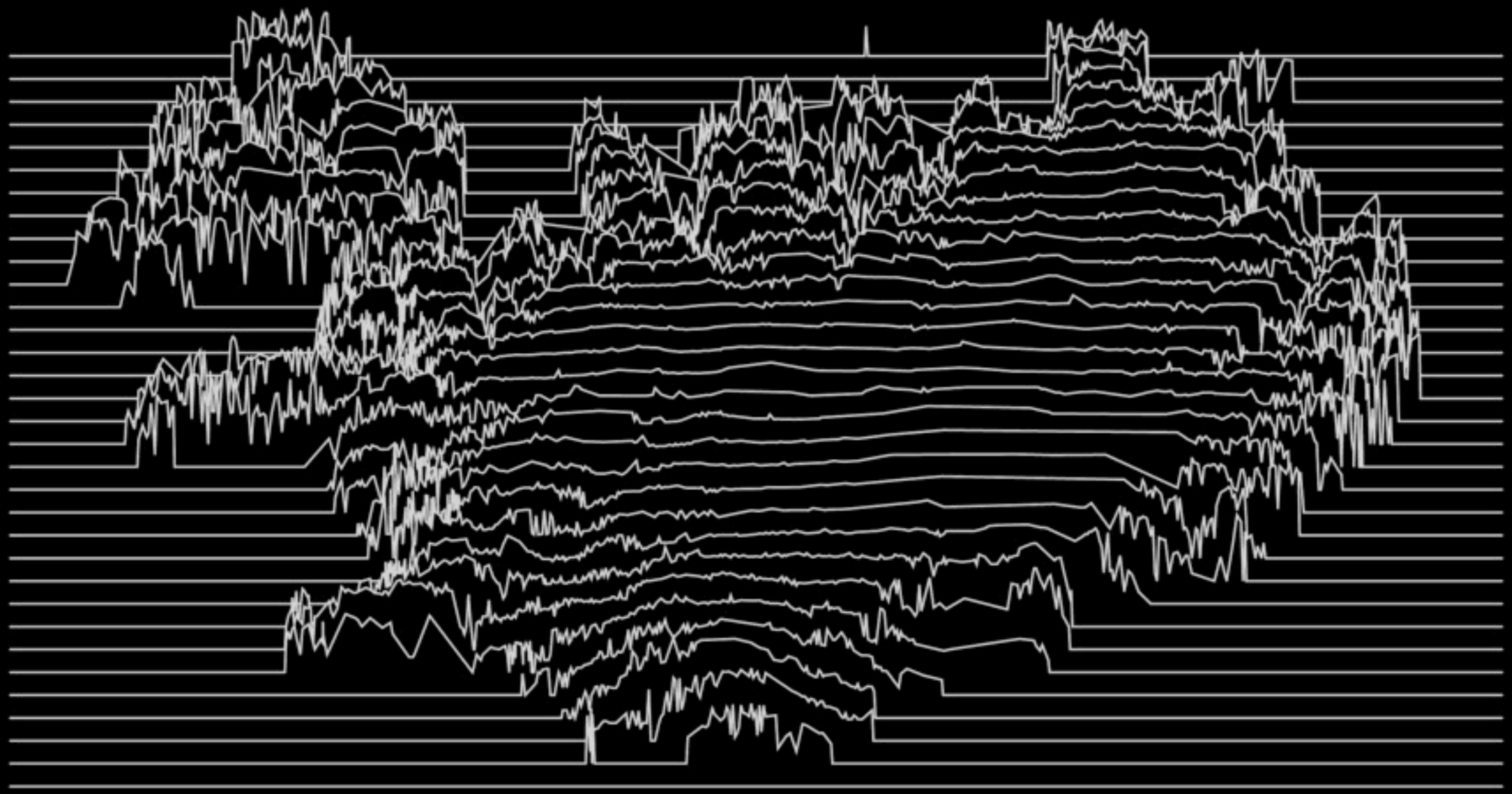

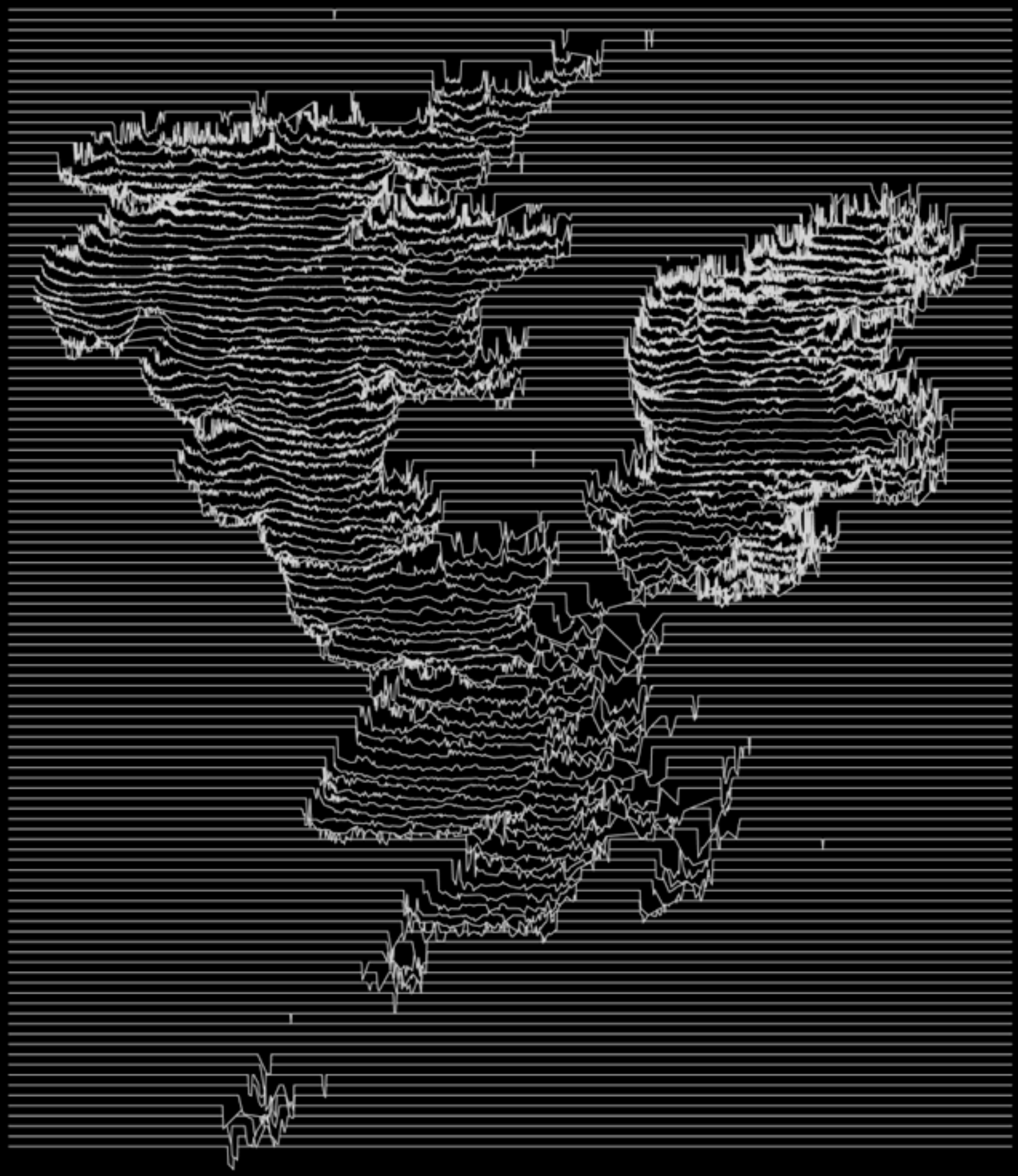

World Cup 2010

Goals Scored

Spain	Netherlands	Germany	Uruguay	Argentina	Brazil	Ghana	Paraguay	Japan	Chile	Portugal	USA	England	Mexico	S.Korea	Slovakia	Ivory Coast	Slovinia	Swiss	S.Africa	Australia	N.Zealand	Serbia	Denmark	Greece	Italy	Nigeria	Algeria	France	HON	CMR	N.Korea
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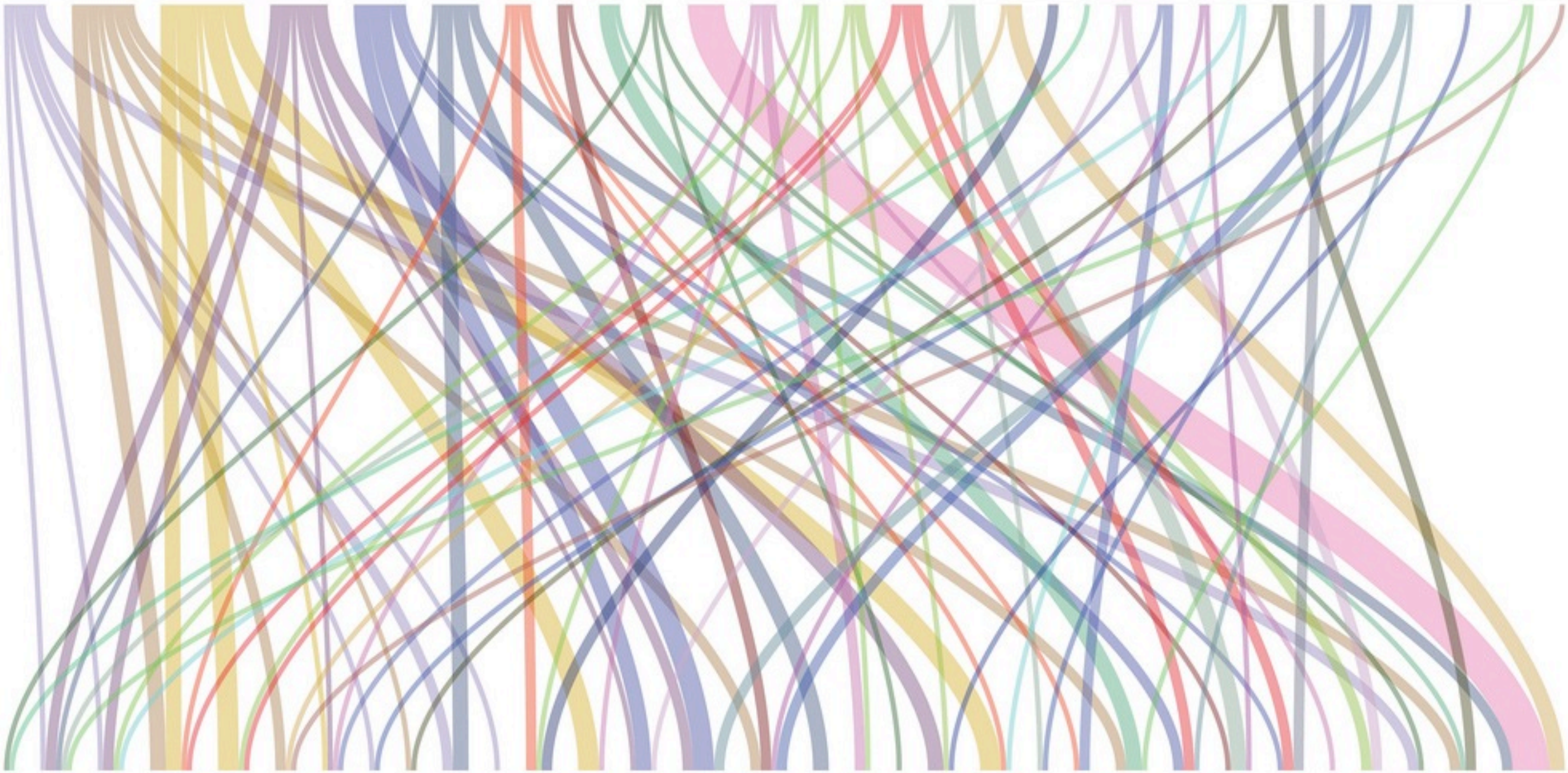

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Out in semi-finals

Out in quarter-finals

Out in round of 16

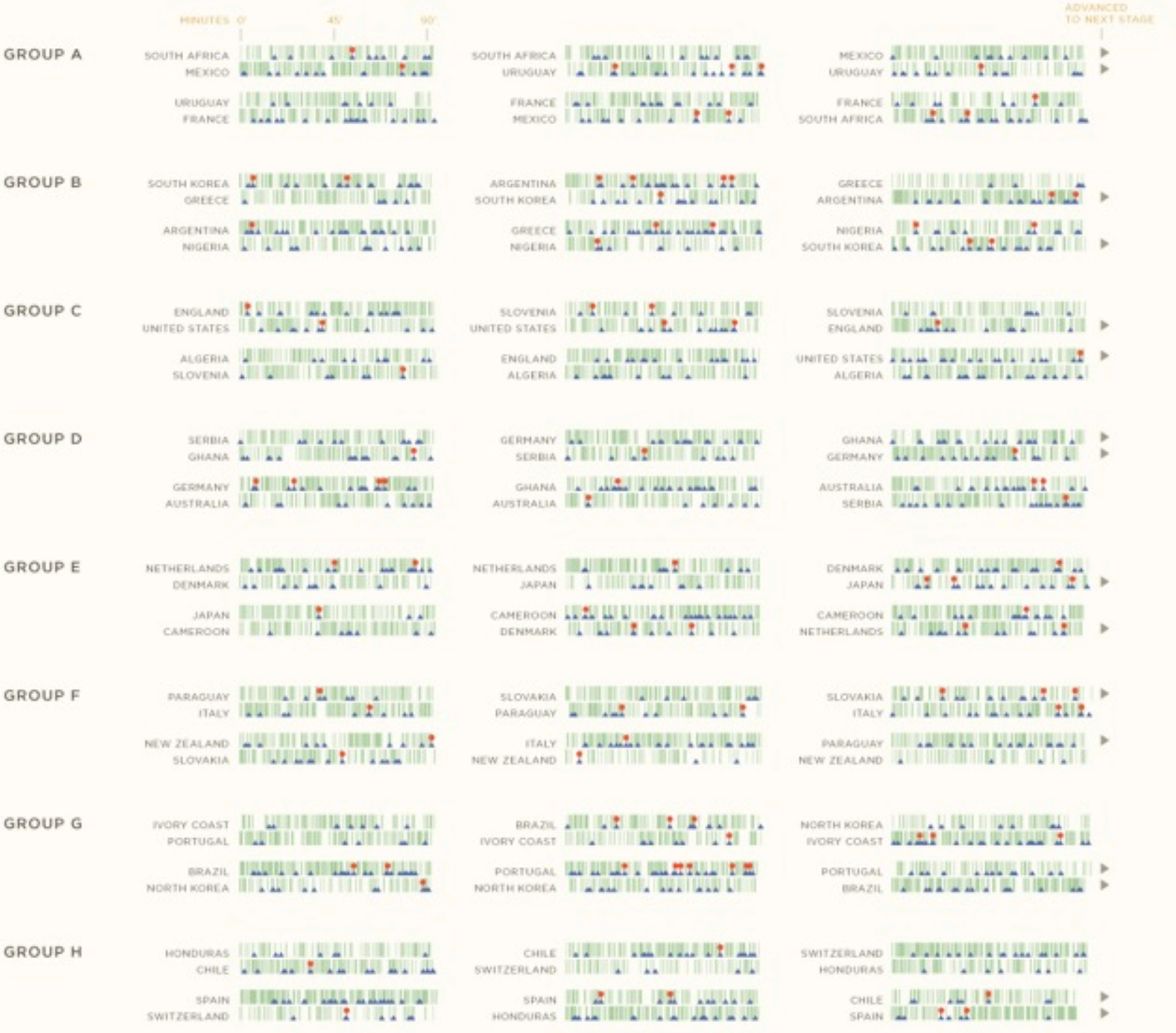
Out in group stage

Goals Conceded

SOUTH AFRICA'S FOOTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONS OF 2010

COMPLETED PASS ▲ SHOT ● GOAL

GROUP STAGE



KNOCKOUT STAGE

NS OF 2010

COMPLETED PASS ▲ SHOT ● GOAL

ADVANCED TO NEXT STAGE

KNOCKOUT STAGE

ROUND OF 16

URUGUAY
SOUTH KOREA

OVERTIME

UNITED STATES
GHANA

NETHERLANDS
SLOVAKIA

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CHILE

ARGENTINA
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JAPAN

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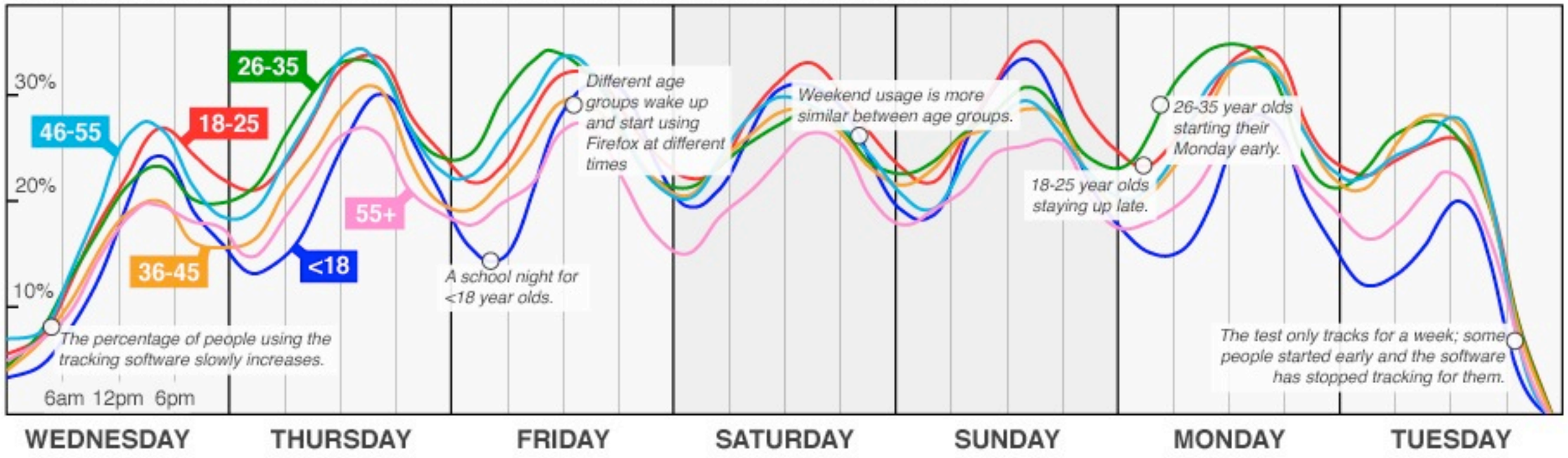

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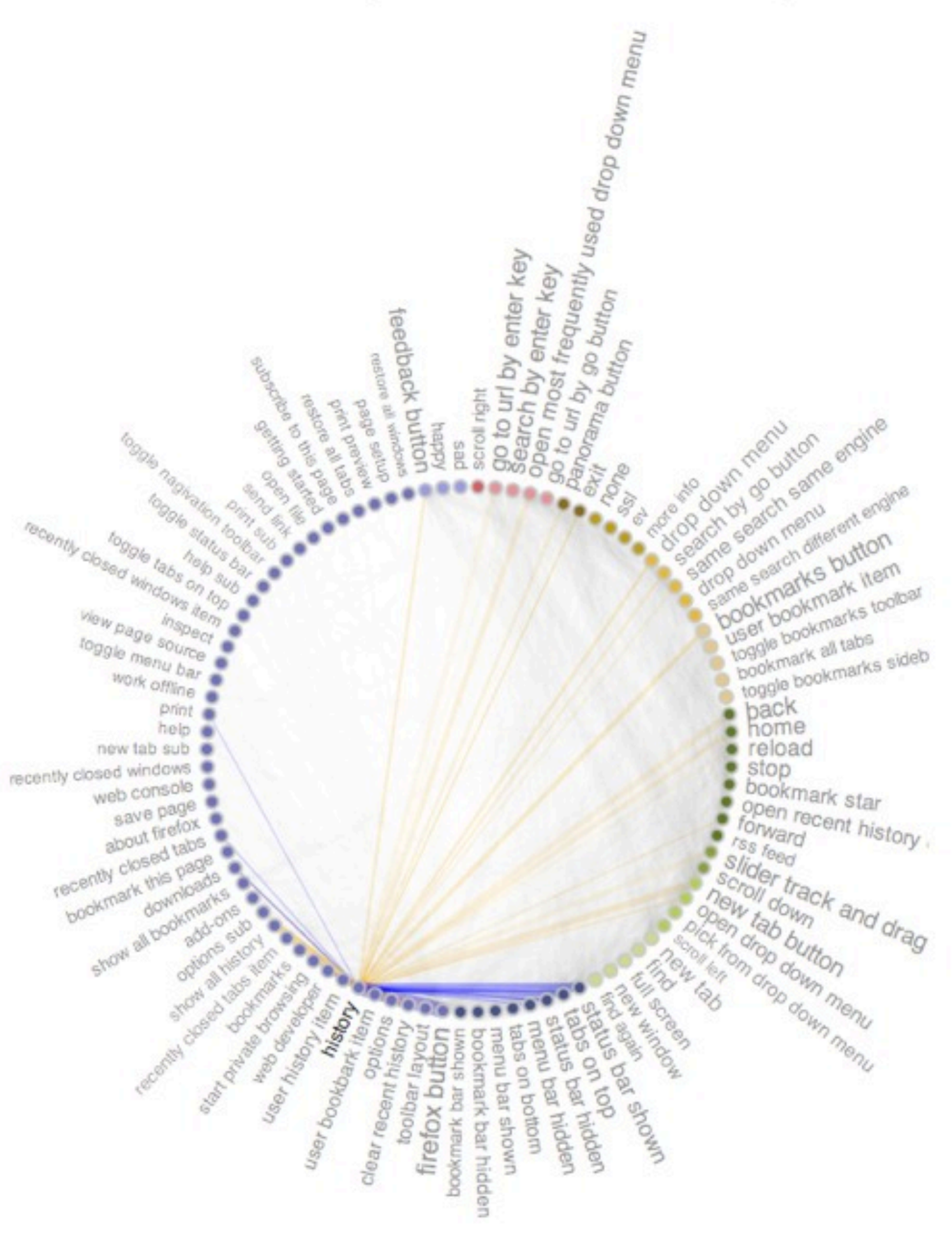
A brief look at Firefox users



Firefox browser - event sequences

Click/hover event types.

Event font size represents its relative frequence.

Blue lines link this event to **preceding events**, orange lines to **following events** types.

Line width represents the **frequency of such event sequence**, whereas line opacity represents **sequence average rapidity**.

Only event sequences under 8secs were considered.

Submission to the Mozilla Open Data Analysis Competition (Fall 2010)

Visualization by B. Pointet, with Protovis.

Tell one story and only one story!

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